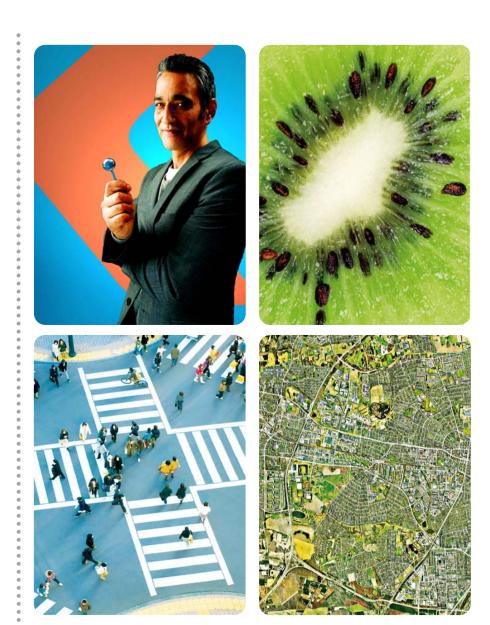
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**2008 Financial year**Presentation



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## The new Valora – a great company





#### Milestones reached in 2008

- New Board
- Key executive management positions successfully filled
- Strategy reviewed
- Strategic core initiatives identified and launched
- Production companies sold, generating book profit
- Cevanova joint venture dissolved
- Share buyback programme completed



## **Board recommendations to 2009 General Meeting**

- Cancellation of 500,000 repurchased shares
- Dividend of CHF 9.- per share
- Valora Holding's registered office to be relocated to Muttenz

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## **Executive Summary**





## 2008 financial year successful

- Top line growth: +3.9% year-on-year (+5.7% at constant exchange rates)
- CHF 63.2 million 2008 EBIT in line with guidance (before restructuring charges)
- Equity cover > 45% provides sound financial framework



## "Valora 4 Success" strategy programme off to a good start

- Improved core businesses, especially k kiosk / P&B
- Growth with avec. on track
- Logistics relocation moving ahead on schedule
- Restructuring costs in line with expectations



## Outlook – expectations confirmed

- 2009 economic climate will be challenging
- Strategy programme to show first results in H2 2009
- Most efficiency gains achieved by 2010

## 2008 results at a glance



## Key metrics

#### in millions

Net revenues	CHF 2 931.7 +3.9%
EBIT (before restructuring costs)	CHF 63.2 +6.9%
EBIT	CHF 38.1
EBIT margin (before restructuring costs)	2.2% +10 bp
EBIT margin	1.3%
Net income (before restructuring costs)*	CHF 65.0 +17.2%
Net income	CHF 39.9
Equity cover	45.1%
Net liquidity * pro forma	CHF 6.0 / CHF +52.0

## **Expected sales and EBIT growth till 2012**



## Summary of VALORA STRATEGY

## Strategic objectives



Competence: sharpen competitive edge



Growth: focus on convenience stores



**Efficiency:** cut recurring costs by CHF 30 mln



**People:** customer focus, leadership



<sup>\*</sup> at constant exchange rates

<sup>\*\*</sup>before restructuring costs

## Overview of strategic core initiatives



## Thirteen initiatives identified. Implementation projects running

























#### V1 Competence





#### GOALS

- Establish clearly defined profiles for the 4 sales formats
- Optimise use of floorspace

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (examples)**

- 4 formats defined
- Development of book format (P&B) completed
- Two P&B pilot sites running in Berne and Basle since March 27, 2009
- Discussions regarding the use of excess space at specific outlets are currently under way
- Focus of k kiosk profile gradually being sharpened



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V1 Competence – 4 formats





#### **GOALS**

- Establish clearly defined profiles for the 4 sales formats
- Optimise use of floorspace



"Treat yourself"

The place for that daily indulgence





"Feeling fresh. 365 days a year"

The most refreshing retailer





"Thought for the journey"

The specialist for a wealth of reading





"I migliori siamo noi"

Specialising in Italian-style coffee bars





#### V1 Competence





#### GOALS

- Optimise product ranges
- Enhance product presentation
- Continue refitting shops

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (examples)**

- Notable product range adjustments (press and non food; further tests being prepared)
- New entry level price line ready for roll out
- Location-specific pricing models being tested
- Further shop design concepts (tests to start in April 2009)
- New services (e.g. public transport ticketing in Zurich)





#### **V2** Growth





#### GOALS

- Grow network to 100 outlets
- Re-work product ranges
- Optimise shop design

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (examples)**

- New concept being tested with new CI/CD, layout and product ranges at 2 sites
- 21 operational avec. units taken over from joint venture
- Some 30 additional units identified/secured for re-formatting
- Talks with potential partners at advanced stage
- Tests in Germany from May 2009





## V3 Efficiency





#### GOALS

- Raise service levels
- Speed up throughput times
- Lower logistics costs

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (examples)**

- New Egerkingen logistics facility up and running
- Beverage and tobacco operations already relocated
- New logistics system goes live from April 2009
- New press logistics tests to commence in April 2009





## V3 Efficiency



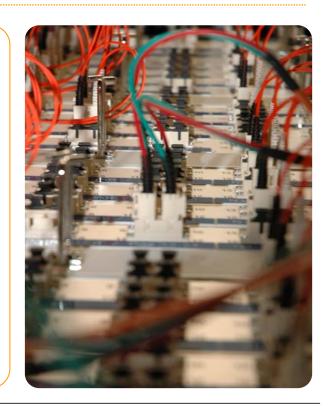


GOALS

- IT Platform
- Intelligent sourcing strategy
- Significant cut in IT costs

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (examples)**

- Closed loop inventory management system running (February 2009)
- SAP HCM application for HR operational
- Centralised Group IT project started
- Internal IT key account management established
- Sourcing strategy in development





#### V4 People





#### GOALS

- New leadership culture
- Get closer to the customer
- Establish a retail mentality

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE (examples)**

- **■** Consolidation of headquarters
- General employment contract signed with Syna union (February 2009)
- Code of conduct and leadership principles developed
- New retail team
- Introduction of long-term incentive programme
- Simplification bonus system structure for all management levels



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## **Valora Group 2008 operating results**



#### Guidance numbers met

in CHF million	2008	2007*	Delta
Net sales	2 931.7	2 821.7	+3.9%
Gross profit	893.3	861.5	+3.7%
Gross profit margin	30.5%	30.5%	0.0%
Operating costs (before restructuring charges)	-837.5	-816.8	+2.5%
Operating costs in % of net sales	28.6%	28.9%	-30 bp
Other income, net	7.3	14.4	-49.1%
EBIT (before restructuring charges)	63.2	59.1	6.9%
EBIT margin (before restructuring charges)	2.2%	2.1%	+10 bp
EBIT	38.1	59.1	-35.5%

#### **Key messages**

- Strong full-year 2008 sales growth (+5.7% at constant exchange rates)
- Euro 2008 products added CHF 46 million to turnover
- H2 y-o-y sales growth of +1.4% (+4.1% at constant exchange rates)
- Operating costs grew by less than net sales
- EBIT and EBIT margin met guidance numbers provided

<sup>\*</sup> restated



A successful 2008 sets the stage for further growth

## Valora Retail 2008 Focus



## Swiss and German units deliver healthy growth

in CHF million	2008	2007*	Delta
Net sales	1 748.9	1 665.3	+5.0%
Gross profit	558.6	539.6	+3.5%
Gross profit margin	31.9%	32.4%	-50 bp
Operating costs (before restructuring charges)	-535.7	-519.3	+3.2%
EBIT (before restructuring charges)	22.9	20.3	+12.6%
EBIT margin (before restructuring charges)	1.3%	1.2%	+10 bp
EBIT	11.0	20.3	-46.0%

<sup>\*</sup> restated

#### **Key messages**

- Solid sales growth at "Kiosk Switzerland" unit (+3.9%)
- Excellent net sales growth in Germany (+10.2%)
- Strong performance in tobacco (+6.4%), food (+8.4%) and non food (+28.8%)
- Higher tobacco turnover and Euro 2008 sales pare gross profit margin slightly
- Operating costs rose less than net sales (+3.2%)
- Restructuring costs impact bottom line by CHF 11.9 million

## **Valora Media 2008 Focus**



## Good growth performance in Austria

in CHF million	2008	2007*	Delta
Net sales	575.8	553.2	+4.1%
Gross profit	162.5	154.3	+5.3%
Gross profit margin	28.2%	27.9%	+30 bp
Operating costs (before restructuring charges)	-133.6	-129.1	+3.5%
EBIT (before restructuring charges)	28.9	25.2	+14.6%
EBIT margin (before restructuring charges)	5.0%	4.6%	+40 bp
EBIT	27.5	25.2	+9.0%

<sup>\*</sup> restated

#### Key messages

- Euro 2008 products boost net sales in a declining overall market
- Media Austria benefits from gaining new publishers → 8.3% advance of press sales at constant exchange rates
- Higher costs largely due to increased logistics expense
- Restructuring charges total CHF 1.4 million

#### Valora Trade 2008 Focus



#### Strong growth in Switzerland, Denmark, Norway and Finland

in CHF million	2008	2007*	Delta
Net sales	788.0	791.0	-0.4%
Gross profit	157.8	153.1	+3.1%
Gross profit margin	20.0%	19.4%	+60 bp
Operating costs (before restructuring charges)	-139.9	-136.0	+2.9%
EBIT (before restructuring charges)	17.9	17.1	+4.6%
EBIT margin (before restructuring charges)	2.3%	2.2%	+10 bp
EBIT	17.8	17.1	+4.0%

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#### **Key messages**

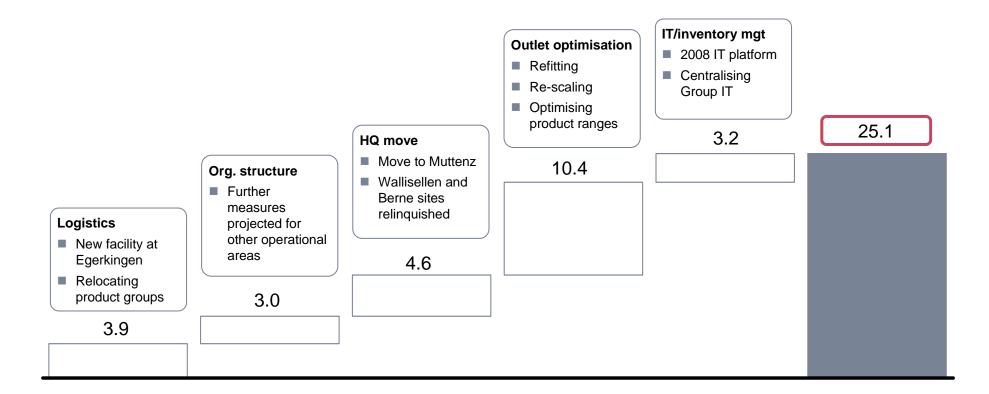
- Raw material costs make for difficult market conditions
- Solid growth at constant exchange rates (+3.3%)
- Switzerland (+5%), Denmark (+4%), Norway (+16%) and Finland (+34%) post strong revenue gains from new and existing principals (at constant exchange rates)
- Principal defections dented sales in Sweden and Austria
- Significant currency moves reduced net sales by CHF 29 million overall
- Improved margins and product mixes, plus higher prices, boosted operating results

## Restructuring costs by project



## In line with expectations

in CHF million



## 2008 net income



## Restructuring charges rise significantly

in CHF million	2008	2007*	Delta
EBIT (before restructuring charges)	63.2	59.1	+6.9%
EBIT	38.1	59.1	-35.5%
Financial income, net	-7.6	-2.3	n.a.
Share of JV and associates net income	1.1	1.8	-37.4%
Earnings before income tax	31.6	58.6	-46.0%
Income tax	-6.5	-12.6	-48.8%
Net income from continuing operations	25.2	46.0	-45.3%
Net income from discontinued operations	14.7	9.5	+55.5%
Group net income (before restructuring charges)**	65.0	55.5	+17.2%
Group net income	39.9	55.5	-28.0%
Effective tax rate	20.4%	21.5%	-110bp

## Key messages

- CHF 65 million of net income before restructuring charges (CHF +9.5m)
- Financial income, net: positive → net interest expense negative → currencies
- Effective tax rate down slightly on year

restated

<sup>\*\*</sup> pro forma

## **Key balance sheet metrics**



## Sound balance sheet, ample equity cover and no net debt

in CHF million	2008	2007*	Delta
Cash and cash equivalents	158.4	153.4	+3.3%
Shareholders' equity	493.9	599.3	-17.6%
Equity cover	45.1%	45.2%	-10 bp
Net liquidity	6.0	-46.0	CHF +52.0
Net working capital (NWC)	129.7	119.2	+8.8%
NWC in % net sales (annualised)	4.4%	4.2%	+20 bp

<sup>\*</sup> restated

## **Key messages**

- Share repurchases reduced equity by CHF - 85 million
- Currency translation cost CHF - 32 million
- Very high level of equity cover
- Valora is dept-free

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#### The most refreshing convenience retailer

#### **Vision**

avec. to become most refreshing convenience retailer.

#### Mission

To enthuse our customers every day, by offering them fresh ideas that make them feel good.

## **Objectives**

- Enhance our market presence in Switzerland
- Differentiate avec. from its market, through new "365 days of refreshing enjoyment" concept
- Become the market's quality leader thanks to brand image/shop design

## Trends driving avec.

- Peak shopping hours shift to the margins (early/late) and weekends (also in the evening)
- Consumer disaffection with "imposed" shopping habits and desire for spontaneity
- Increased 24/7 consumer demand for all product groups (incl. services)





## Feeling fresh, 365 days a year





## Fresh expertise

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"fresh" innovations



Up-to-the-minute freshness



## **Outlet profile**







## **Customer needs**





"Expect someone to be there when you need them."



"You mean a lot to us! That's why we reward your loyalty."



#### **Fact sheet**



#### The specialist for a wealth of reading

#### **Vision**

P&B to become Europe's leading retail concept for combined press & book sales.

#### Mission

To offer customers a wealth of items and editions **which changes every day** and whose presentation is both **clear and inspiring**.

## **Objectives**

- Fine-tune concept till it is ready for roll out
- To achieve dominant market position by late 2012
- To establish attractive service offerings for publishers and customers

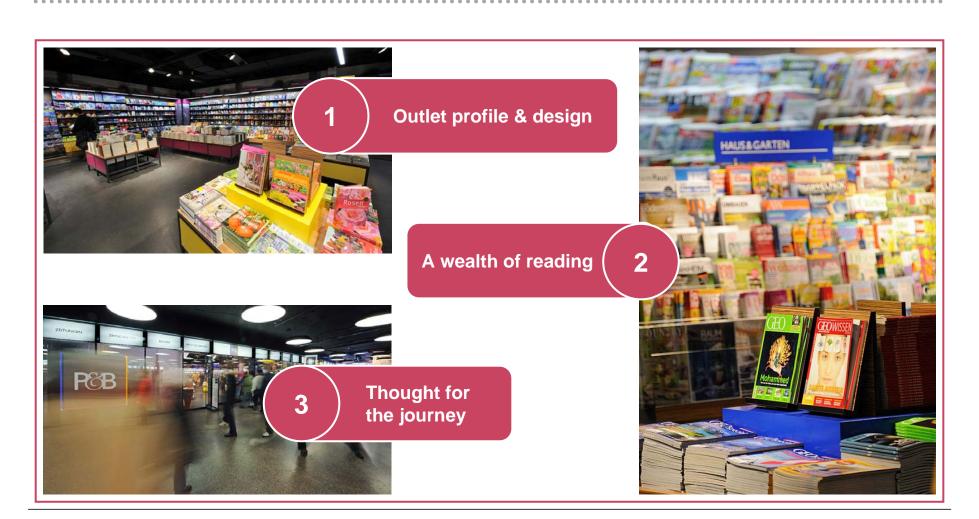
## **Trends driving Presse & Buch**

- Retail clusters around public transport nodes gaining popularity
- Books will remain one of the major and widest-read print media
- Interest in the printed word counteracting the hype of online communities and cyberworlds



## Thought for the journey







## Outlet profile & design











## A wealth of reading









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#### Financial outlook



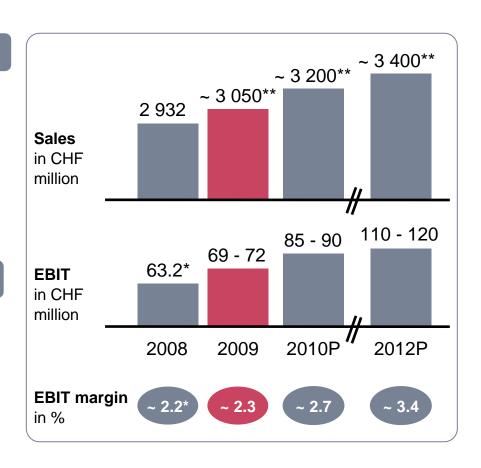
## Objectives confirmed

## 2009 ... uncertainty is a feature

- Demanding economic conditions
- Significant currency fluctuations
- Cost-savings to kick in from H2
- Outlook for 2009 nevertheless positive

## 2010/2012 unleashing full potential

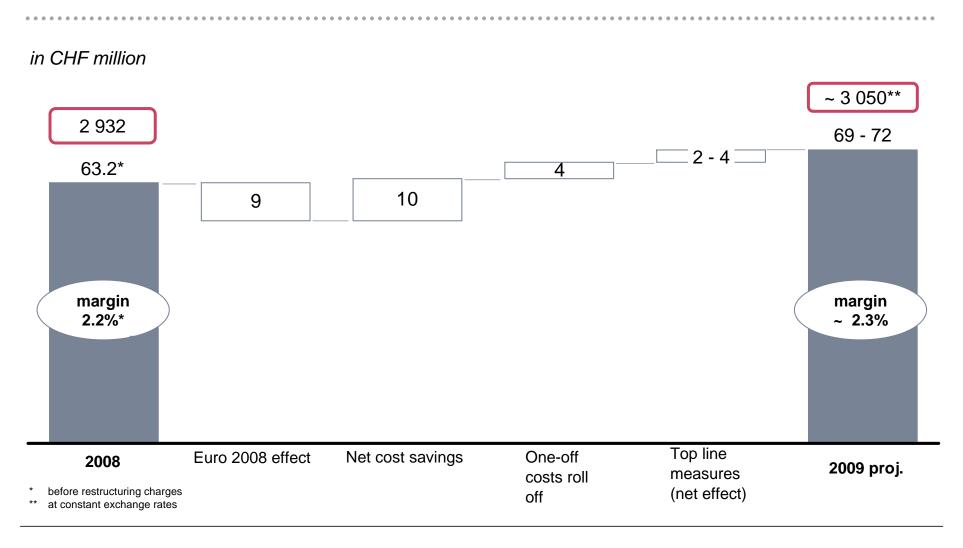
- 2010: 80% of "Efficiency" costs benefits achieved
- 2010: Marked EBIT improvement to 2.7%
- 2012: "Growth" initiative boosting sales
- 2012: EBIT target of 3 4% achieved



- before restructuring charges
- \*\* at constant exchange rates

## **EBIT** projections for 2009

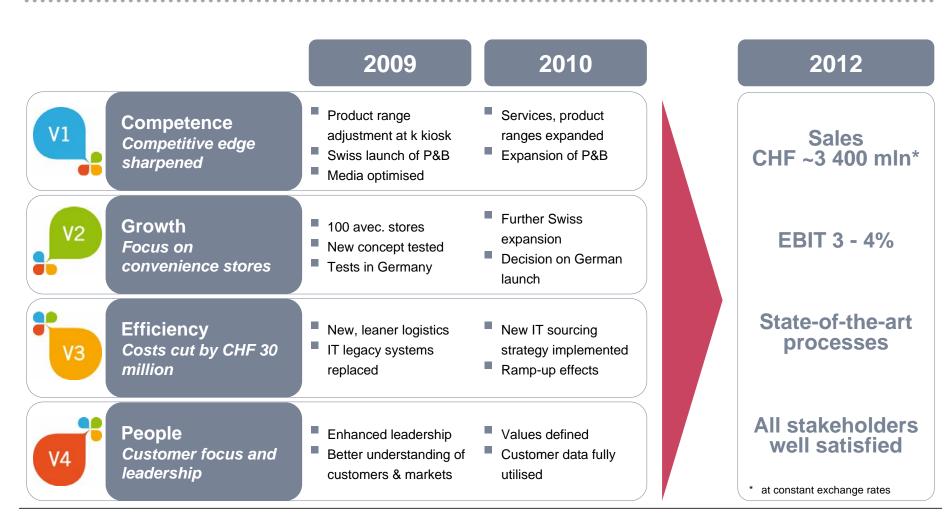




## Strategic outlook



#### Key developments in 2009 and 2010



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## **Summary**



- Consistent focus on core businesses
  - Own Brands sold
- Profitability enhancement initiated
  - Product range adjustments
  - Format adjustments (mainly P&B)
- 3 Driving convenience expansion forward
  - Initial tests started
- Cost-cutting and efficiency boost both off to good start
  - Egerkingen operational
  - IT centralisation/integration in full swing
- 5 Establishing a new leadership culture

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