

## Lehdistötiedote 19.10.2006

# OMX:n osavuosikatsaus tammi– syyskuulta 2006

# Tuloskasvu jatkui kaikilla liiketoiminta-alueilla

- Liikevaihto tammi–syyskuussa kasvoi 13 % ja oli 278,1 (246,3) miljoonaa euroa\*
- Liikevoitto kasvoi 32 % ja oli 92,1 (69,6) miljoonaa euroa
- Tulos rahoituserien jälkeen kasvoi 37 % ja oli 87,4 (63,6) miljoonaa euroa
- Tulos verojen jälkeen parani 73 % ja oli 66,2 (38,3) miljoonaa euroa
- Osakekohtainen tulos kasvoi 71 % ja oli 0,56 (0,33) euroa
- Oman pääoman tuotto nousi 17 (6) %:iin
- Pohjoismainen pörssi lanseerattiin
- Aiesopimus Pohjoismaisen Pörssin ja Islannin Pörssin yhdistymisestä
- Teknologiatoiminnan tilausten kasvu jatkui vahvana

"OMX:n kannalta tuloskasvu oli selvästi vilkkaampaa kuin normaalisti kesäisen rauhallisella kolmannella vuosineljänneksellä. Lämpö on noussut kaikilla liiketoiminta-alueillamme, minkä vuoksi sekä liikevaihto että kulut ovat vastaavaa edellistä vuosineljännestä suuremmat", OMX:n toimitus- ja konsernijohtaja Magnus Böcker kertoo.

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**Tietoja OMX:stä** | **OMX** on johtava arvopaperikaupan ammattilainen. Kööpenhaminassa, Tukholmassa, Helsingissä, Tallinnassa, Riiassa ja Vilnassa olevan Pohjoismaisen Pörssin kautta OMX tarjoaa pääsyn noin 80 prosenttiin Pohjoismaiden ja Baltian arvopaperimarkkinoista. Integroidut teknologiaratkaisut kattavat arvopaperikaupan koko ketjun ja mahdollistavat tehokkaat kaupankäyntitapahtumat pörsseissä, selvitysyhteisöissä, arvopaperikeskuksissa ja eri rahoituslaitoksissa kaikkialla maailmassa. OMX on listattu Pohjoismaisessa Pörssissä Tukholmassa, Helsingissä ja Kööpenhaminassa. Lisätietoja on Internetissä osoitteessa www.omxgroup.com.

<sup>\*</sup> Käytetty valuuttakurssi: 1 EUR = 9,2941 SEK, 29.9.2006

# Increased activity in all business areas

- Revenue during January-September increased to SEK 2,585 m (2,289)
- Operating income increased to SEK 856 m (647)
- Income after financial items grew to SEK 812 m (591)
- Income after tax rose to SEK 615 m (356)
- Earnings per share increased to SEK 5.17 (3.03)
- Return on shareholders' equity rose to 17 (6) percent
- Launch of the Nordic Exchange
- Letter of Intent for merger with Iceland Stock Exchange
- Continued increase in order value in technology operations

CEO comments: Work at OMX was more intense than usual during the normally quiet summer period of the third quarter. The temperature has risen in all of our business areas, which is why both revenue and expenses is up compared to the same period last year.

In our business area Nordic Marketplaces efforts were focused on the creation of the Nordic Exchange. We are very pleased with the positive response we have received from customers, the media and other stakeholders following the launch on October 2. We now hope that the whole market will continue to contribute to the increase in pan-Nordic share trading, and generate the positive performance we expect in the region. As for the exchange trading, volumes during the quarter were as anticipated, with lower level of trading in July, a slight rise in activity in August and strong trading in September, in line with the annual average.

Within the Information Services & New Markets business area, it will soon be time for the introduction of our CompanyNews Service, a communications service for listed companies that will serve as a portal for financial information on all listed companies. We are already observing increasing interest in this service among our customers which, together with other new initiatives, will contribute to a rise in growth in the business area. The market for information services in the Nordic region is a largely unexplored area for OMX.

For our technology operations, Market Technology, this is now the fourth consecutive quarter in which the order intake surpassed revenue, evidence of the increased customer activity we have observed during the past year. Our highest priority in this business area is ensuring that this growth will also lead to higher profitability.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Iceland Stock Exchange, ICEX, to OMX. The merger will further strengthen our Nordic Exchange and we are very proud of the fact that we will soon have merged seven stock exchanges in three years. We will hold an EGM soon after this report is published, at which we hope our shareholders will approve the acquisition that is to take place on the basis of a new share issue. At the EGM we will also decide on an extra dividend of SEK 3 per share. This in order to create a more efficient capital structure, following the additional cash we received from the divestment of our holding in VPC that took place in the beginning of October.

Magnus Bocker President & CEO

# Group income development during the third quarter

During the third quarter of the year, OMX's total revenue rose to SEK 817 m (776), an increase of 5 percent compared with the corresponding period in 2005. The increase in revenue is partly due to higher information revenue, as a result of a greater number of real-time terminals for market data and audit of the actual number of terminals used. Issuers' revenue also rose, due mainly to the higher number of new listings and increase in market capitalization. Revenue from technology operations increased, due mainly to higher facility management services revenues. The order intake and the total order value also rose compared with the year-earlier period as a result of intensified market activity.

The Group's total expenses were SEK 592 m (551) during the quarter, up 7 percent compared with the year-earlier period. Excluding operations being discontinued, expenses rose by 5 percent. This increase in costs is primarily due to heightened market activity and development of new products and services in exchange operations.

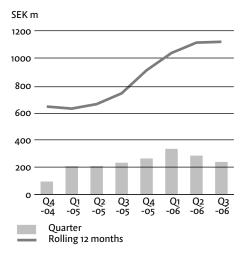
OMX's operating income rose 3 percent to SEK 238 m (232) during the third quarter, compared with the same period in 2005. Participation in earnings from associated companies rose to SEK 13 m (7), primarily due to the increased earnings in Orc Software and EDX London. Operating income before depreciation rose to SEK 296 m (288). Financial items amounted to an expense of SEK 11 m (expense: 23), an improvement mainly attributable to lower long market rates and a writedown that was made in the third quarter of 2005. Income after financial items amounted to SEK 227 m (209), while income after tax rose to SEK 171 (151) m. Earnings per share rose by 13 percent to SEK 1.43 (1.27).

Return on shareholders' equity, calculated on the basis of rolling 12-month earnings, increased to 17 percent (6). OMX's net debt equity ratio amounted to 19 (15) percent at the end of the reporting period.

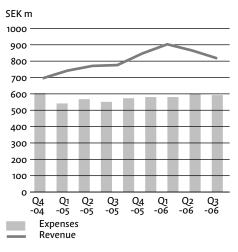
#### SUMMARY EARNINGS, GROUP

		ent quarter ul-Sept		ent period n-Sept	Rolling	Full-year
SEK m	2006	2005	2006	2005	12 months	2005
Total revenue	817	776	2,585	2,289	3,432	3,136
Expenses	-592	-551	-1,771	-1,668	-2,344	-2,241
Participation in earnings of associated companies	13	7	42	26	31	15
Operating income	238	232	856	647	1,119	910
Financial items	-11	-23	-44	-56	-52	-64
Income after financial items	227	209	812	591	1,067	846
Income after tax	171	151	615	356	802	543
Earnings per share, SEK	1.43	1.27	5.17	3.03	6.79	4.66
Return on shareholders' equity, %	17	6	17	6	17	12

#### **OPERATING INCOME**



#### REVENUE AND EXPENSES



# Development in OMX's business areas during the third quarter

# **Nordic Marketplaces**

Within the business area, OMX operates the equity and derivatives exchanges in Stockholm, Helsinki and Copenhagen.

The level of activity in the business area rose compared with the corresponding period in 2005, both in terms of trading and number of new listings. However, activity declined compared with the second quarter of the year, which is a normal seasonal pattern since the third quarter covers the summer months of July and August. Important events in the business area during the quarter included the launch of the Nordic Exchange, which has led to the development of a new pan-Nordic share list, new information services and indexes and the harmonization of listing requirements. At the beginning of September, new derivatives products were also launched based on the OMX Nordic Index, VINX30.

The business area's revenues amounted to SEK 379 m (364) during the quarter, up 4 percent compared with the year-earlier period. The primary reason for this increase is a rise in issuers' revenue. At the same time, the business area's expenses amounted to SEK 201 m (196). The business area's operating income rose to SEK 183 m (174).

In the Nordic Marketplaces business area, there are three main sources of income (see page 12): trading revenue, issuers' revenue and other revenue. Trading revenue amounted to SEK 267 m (266) during the quarter, of which 68 percent derived from trading in cash products, primarily equities, and 32 percent from trading and clearing in derivatives products. During the quarter, the number of equity transactions increased 23 percent to an average of 100,811 (82,223) per day, compared with the year-earlier period. At the same time, turnover in equities trading measured in Swedish kronor rose by 16 percent to a daily average of SEK 30,044 m (25,815). The turnover velocity in equities trading rose to 107 percent (105).

The total number of derivatives contracts traded per day averaged 449,610 (421,275), up 7 percent compared with the third quar-

ter of 2005. Of the total number of contracts per day, Finnish options contracts on the Eurex exchange accounted for 58,988 (61,902) and Nordic derivatives contracts on the EDX in London for 84,467 (73,465). Effective from January 1, 2006, OMX has lowered its fees for certain customer segments mainly regarding trading in Swedish stock options. This reduction was implemented to enable the offering of more competitive fees, which will lead to an increase in trade and larger market shares.

Issuers' revenue amounted to SEK 85 m (75) during the third quarter, up 13 percent compared with the year-earlier period. The increase was mainly attributable to the higher market capitalization of the listed companies and a larger number of new listings. At the end of the quarter, the total number of companies was 578 (578) in the main marketplace and 65 (36) in the alternative marketplace, First North. During the quarter, 17 (4) new companies joined the marketplace, including 10 on First North. 12 (3) companies left the exchange during the quarter, 2 from First North. The total market capitalization of all listed companies in the main marketplace rose to SEK 7,242 billion (6,411) at the end of the third quarter.

Other revenue amounted to SEK 27 m (23) during the quarter.

#### Information Services & New Markets

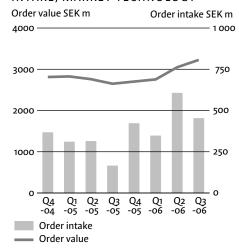
The business area combines all of OMX's information services within the Group's Nordic exchange offering, OMX's securities administration services and OMX's ownership and operation of exchanges and central securities depositories in Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius.

The activity level in the business area increased during the quarter. The market for information services grew, which led to a rise in sales of market data and a higher number of terminals for real-time data. At the same time, the development rate for new products and services within the business area was high and, among other things, a new communications service for listed companies, CompanyNews

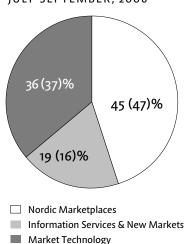
# AVERAGE DAILY TURNOVER, NORDIC MARKETPLACES



# ORDER VALUE AND ORDER INTAKE, MARKET TECHNOLOGY



# REVENUE BY BUSINESS AREA JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2006



Service, will be launched in the fourth quarter. In combination with the new real-time products launched on October 2, this will enable a complete Nordic offering of information services.

The business area's revenue amounted to SEK 156 m (129) during the quarter. This rise compared with the year-earlier period was mainly attributable to increased market activity and growing revenue from information services. At the same time, the business area's expenses amounted to SEK 97 m (72), an increase that was primarily due to the rise in market activity and the launch of new products and services related to the creation of the Nordic Exchange. Operating income for the business area improved to SEK 61 m (57).

Within the Information Services & New Markets business area, there are four main sources of revenue (see page 12): information revenue, revenue from Baltic Markets, revenue from Broker Services and other revenue.

Information revenue amounted to SEK 119 m (93) during the quarter, a rise of 28 percent compared to the same period last year. This revenue is mainly based on the number of real-time terminals used and reported by the end users. The increase in revenue during the quarter was partly due to the rise in the number of terminals ordered. In addition, an audit of the number of declared terminals was conducted resulting in a positive effect on revenue. At the end of the quarter, OMX had 177 (169) information vendors.

Revenue from Baltic Markets amounted to SEK 15 m (15) during the quarter.

The number of members of the Baltic exchanges was 42 (44), down 5 percent compared with the end of the third quarter in 2005. Of the total number, 15 are members on all three Baltic exchanges. Total equity turnover on the Baltic exchanges was SEK 31 m (34) per day during the quarter. The number of equity transactions amounted to 852 (890) per day.

Compared with the corresponding period in 2005, revenue from Broker Services during the third quarter was favored by the positive market situation on the Nordic exchanges and increased to SEK 19 m (17).

Other revenue amounted to SEK 3 m (4) for the quarter.

# Market Technology

Within the business area, OMX develops and delivers systems solutions, IT services and advisory services for the global exchange industry.

During the quarter, the market for systems and services for the exchange industry continued to be characterized by increased activity. Important driving forces behind this trend are growing trading volumes in global markets, new commercial initiatives from both existing and new players, and regulatory changes in Europe and the US.

The business area's revenue amounted to SEK 302 m (288) during the quarter and expenses was SEK 297 m (272). This increase, in both revenue and expenses, was mainly due to the higher market activity and the acquisition of Computershare's Market Technology operations. The business area's operating income was SEK 11 m (17).

Investments in R&D, including investments involving the next generation trading system for marketplaces, amounted to SEK 34 m (65) during the quarter, corresponding to 11 percent (23) of the business area's revenue. SEK 34 m (35) of total investments in R&D was capitalized.

OMX's order intake during the quarter amounted to SEK 454 m (166), of which SEK 178 m (16) pertained to internal orders. The total order value at the end of the quarter was SEK 3,227 m (2,649), of which SEK 1,155 m (945) is scheduled for delivery within a year. The total order value includes internal orders of SEK 1,051 m (836), of which SEK 335 m (274) is scheduled for delivery within a year. All order statistics include operations that are being discontinued.

Orders secured during the quarter included one with Borsa Italiana for the infrastructure, operation and network services for Borsa Italiana's derivatives market (IDEM). OMX also signed a long-term licensing agreement with International Securities Exchange (ISE) to ensure that ISE is provided with reliable and scalable architecture. Other agreements also signed during the quarter were with Wiener Börse, Swiss Exchange and Malta Stock Exchange.

There are three main sources of revenue within the Market Technology business area (see page 12): license, support and project revenue, revenue from Facility Management Services and other revenue. License, support and project revenue amounted to SEK 183 m (189) during the third quarter of the year.

Revenue from facility management rose to SEK 117 m (91) primarily due to increases in revenue from the exchanges in Oslo and Reykjavik, Nordpool and OMX Nordic Exchange.

Other revenue totaled SEK 2 m (8).

#### SUMMARY REVENUE AND INCOME BY BUSINESS AREA

		Current quarter July-Sept		Current period Jan-Sept		Full-year	
SEK m	2006	2005	2006	2005	12 months	2005	
Revenue							
Nordic Marketplaces	379	364	1,304	1,077	1,737	1,510	
Information Services & New Markets	156	129	439	380	571	512	
Market Technology	302	288	910	848	1,217	1,155	
Operating income							
Nordic Marketplaces	183	174	698	487	900	689	
Information Services & New Markets	61	57	174	148	222	196	
Market Technology	11	17	43	34	70	61	

# Other significant information relating to the reporting period January-September

# Financial position

Total assets at the end of the reporting period amounted to SEK 11,337 m, compared with SEK 10,029 m at the same time in 2005. The equity/assets ratio, excluding the market value of outstanding derivatives positions, was 56 percent (57). At the end of the period, OMX had an interest-bearing net debt of SEK 849 m (699). The increase is attributable to the dividend of SEK 765 m net that was paid to shareholders in the second quarter of 2006. The net debt/equity ratio was 19 percent (15) at the end of the period.

At the close of the period, interest-bearing financial liabilities amounted to SEK 1,971 m (2,213), of which SEK 1,413 m (1,418) was long term. The Group's total approved credit facilities amounted to SEK 3,198 m (2,232), of which SEK 125 m (77) was utilized. Interest-bearing financial assets totaled SEK 1,122 m (1,514), of which SEK 84 m (129) were financial fixed assets.

#### **OMX AB**

The legal entity OMX AB, the Group's Parent Company, comprises the Group's corporate functions and conducts holding company operations on behalf of Group subsidiaries. Revenue totaled SEK 111 m (2,229) for the reporting period. The loss before appropriations and tax was SEK -135 m (income: 2,270). Cash and cash equivalents totaled SEK 0 m (3). Investments amounted to SEK 11 m (57). The high revenues and earnings during the preceding year pertain to the internal sale of Stockholmsbörsen AB to OMX Exchanges Ltd.

# **Accounting principles**

This interim report was prepared in accordance with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting, and recommendation RR 31 of the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council, Interim Reporting for Groups. The same accounting principles and methods of calculation were applied as in the 2005 Annual Report, which was prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU. The new/revised IFRS that came into effect from January 1, 2006 affected only the hedging of cash flows in the OMX Group's income statements, balance sheet, cash-flow statements and shareholders' equity. Effective January 1, 2006, OMX applies hedge accounting of hedging of internally forecast flows in foreign currencies. Earnings from these cash-flow hedges are reported in shareholders' equity.

Since a decision was made in August 2005 to discontinue operations within Banks & Brokers, these operations are reported as discontinued although the discontinuation has yet to be implemented. In the balance sheet, assets attributable to Banks & Brokers are reported separately through December 31, 2005. Figures for the comparison period are not affected in accordance with IFRS 5.

In preparing this report in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice, the Board and senior management make assessments and assumptions affecting the company's income and position, as well as other information disclosed. These assessments and assumptions are based on historic experience and are reviewed at regular intervals.

# Acquisition of operations from Computershare

On January 31, OMX agreed to acquire Computershare Ltd's Market Technology operations. The operations are consolidated within OMX effective February 1, 2006.

OMX acquired the operations by paying SEK 250 m to Computershare in the form of purchase price and license payments, of which SEK 85 m was paid on implementation of the transaction and the remainder evenly distributed over a five-year period. Discounted to net present value, the acquisition price is SEK 244 m, see preliminary acquisition calculation on page 14.

For the period July 2004 through June 2005, the operations reported revenues of approximately SEK 100 m. Based on the level of operations in 2005, OMX estimates that the acquisition will add approximately SEK 25 m in operating income on a yearly basis, including immediately realized cost synergies, but excluding transaction-related depreciation. The transaction provided a positive contribution to OMX's operating income during the reporting period.

## Sale of shares in NOS

In February, OMX sold its entire shareholding in Norsk Oppgørssentral ASA (NOS), totaling 1,749,700 shares.

The gain from the sale was SEK 22 m, which was reported as other revenue in the first quarter.

# Cooperation with TietoEnator

In December 2005, OMX and TietoEnator announced their intention to form a joint venture company for the development and maintenance of systems for securities management.

At the end of March 2006, the parties agreed to cooperate on IT operation, although not establishing a jointly owned company. As part of the cooperation, TietoEnator acquired an IT operation with 21 employees.

# Operations being discontinued

In August 2005, OMX announced the focusing of its technology operations through the divestment of operations targeting banks and brokerages within the former Banks & Brokers business area. The continuing operations not yet divested are included among operations being discontinued. These primarily comprise the Swedish portion of the operations targeting banks and brokerages, which offer development and maintenance of systems for securities management, and UK operations in securities administration services.

Revenue from operations being discontinued amounted to SEK 205 m (194) during the period January-September, while expenses amounted to SEK 264 m (216). The operating loss was SEK 59 m (loss: 22). The weakening in earnings compared with the year-earlier period is mainly attributable to fewer customer projects in the Swedish operations and new projects in the UK operations that have yet to reach full profitability.

OMX's aim is to identify a long-term solution with clear advantages for the remaining parts of the former Banks & Brokers business area. Discussions are currently in progress with potential partners

# New organization

Effective January 1, 2006, OMX has a new organization. The two former divisions, OMX Exchanges and OMX Technology, were replaced by three business areas: Nordic Marketplaces, Information Services & New Markets and Market Technology. Nordic Marketplaces comprises OMX's exchange operations in Denmark, Finland and Sweden. Information Services & New Markets comprises exchange-related operations pertaining to information services, OMX's Baltic marketplaces in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and the unit for securities administration, Broker Services. Market Technology is based on the recently reorganized OMX Technology division.

# Share Match Program – decision by AGM of OMX

OMX's Annual General Meeting on April 6 resolved to approve the proposed Share Match Program 2006 regarding approximately 30 senior executives and key individuals. The program runs over a period of three years and is based on the employee's long-term confidence in OMX and provides an incentive to continue to work for a successful OMX. Participants in the program invest in OMX shares and, given that OMX achieves performance targets related to earnings per share and how OMX performs in comparison to its competitors, after three years, participants may obtain a maximum of five matching shares per invested share. The number of shares that the participant may buy in the program is limited.

At the close of the period, the number of shares invested totaled 26,855. OMX AB has signed a share-swap agreement amounting to 57,000 shares, as a result of the program that is reported as a shareholders' equity instrument in accordance with IAS 32. The cost of the program for the period amounted to SEK 0.9 m, including social security expenses, and the cost of the program's entire term is estimated at SEK 9.3 m.

## Dividend – decision by AGM of OMX

OMX's Annual General Meeting on April 6, 2006 approved a dividend to shareholders of SEK 6.50 per share, comprising an ordinary dividend of SEK 3.00 and an extraordinary dividend of SEK 3.50. The dividend was distributed on April 18, 2006.

## Disputes

On February 23, 2005, OMX announced that a court jury had rejected eSpeed's claim regarding patent infringement and declared eSpeed's patent invalid. eSpeed's claim was approximately USD 100 m on January 25, 2005. In December 2005, the court rejected eSpeed's motion to overturn the jury's ruling regarding invalidity. In April 2006, eSpeed appealed the court decision.

During the second quarter of 2004, OMX rejected a legal claim for additional repayment of VAT amounting to approximately EUR 5 m, excluding interest. The Helsinki City Court announced an interim ruling on the case on June 9, 2006, in favor of OMX. The City Court also found that OMX was entitled to receive compensation for its legal costs. The court's ruling has been appealed by the plaintiffs.

A dispute regarding a system delivery is in progress in the Market

Technology business area. In May 2006, OMX requested an arbitration process, which is expected to be concluded in the end of 2007.

OMX has not made any provisions for the disputes in progress or changes in contingent liabilities during the period.

# Letter of Intent regarding ICEX

At the beginning of September, it was announced that a Letter of Intent had been signed with Eignarhaldsfelagid Verdbrefathing hf (EV), the owner of the Iceland Stock Exchange ICEX, and the Icelandic Securities Depository (ISD) regarding the acquisition of EV. The consideration to EV's shareholders shall comprise an issue of approximately 2.07 million new OMX shares and the transaction is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

#### Sale of shares in VPC

At the beginning of October, after the reporting period, OMX announced that its entire holding of 443,700 shares in VPC AB (the Swedish Central Securities Depository) had been sold for a total of SEK 575 m. Operating profit of approximately SEK 80 m from this transaction will be reported as other revenue in the fourth quarter. In addition, a joint development project concerning a shared Nordic platform for the safekeeping of securities was discontinued, which is expected to have only minor effects on OMX's operating activities.

# Acquisition of 10% of the shares in Oslo Stock Exchange

On October 6, after the reporting period, it was announced that OMX had acquired 10 percent of the shares in the Oslo Stock Exchange. The price for 500,000 shares was NOK 287.5 m.

## EGM – new share issue and extra dividend

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on October 23, 2006 at OMX's head office in Stockholm. The purpose of the meeting is to resolve on the Board of Directors' proposal for a new share issue in conjunction with the acquisition of the Iceland Stock Exchange, and to decide on an extra dividend to shareholders of SEK 3 per share, to be paid on October 31, 2006.

# Outlook for the fourth quarter

Revenues in OMX's exchange operations are largely dependent on trading performance and trading volumes on the exchanges in Stockholm, Helsinki and Copenhagen. Revenue in the Market Technology business area is expected to increase slightly during the fourth quarter compared with the third quarter of the year. The Group's expenses are expected to be some-what higher compared with the third quarter of 2006.

OMX AB (publ) Stockholm, October 19, 2006

**Board of Directors** 

This report has not been the subject of a comprehensive auditor's examination.

		Current quarter July-Sept						
		2006			2005			
SEK m	Continuing operations	Operations being dis- continued	Total OMX	Continuing operations	Operations being dis- continued	Total OMX		
REVENUE								
Net sales	727	72	799	698	50	748		
Own work capitalized	18	-	18	20	8	28		
Other revenue 1)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total revenue	745	72	817	718	58	776		
EXPENSES								
External expenses								
Premises	-47	-3	-50	-43	-3	-46		
Marketing expenses	-9	-	-9	-9	-	-9		
Consultancy expenses	-70	-6	-76	-67	-4	-71		
Operations and maintenance, IT	-61	-20	-81	-38	-19	-57		
Other external expenses	-28	-18	-46	-50	-9	-59		
Personnel expenses	-230	-42	-272	-215	-38	-253		
Depreciation and impairment	-58	-	-58	-55	-1	-56		
Total expenses	-503	-89	-592	-477	-74	-551		
Participation in earnings of associated companies	13	-	13	7	-	7		
Operating income	255	-17	238	248	-16	232		
Financial items	-8	-3	-11	-23	-	-23		
Income/loss after finanicial items	247	-20	227	225	-16	209		
Tax	-61	5	-56	-63	5	-58		
Net income/loss for the period	186	-15	171	162	-11	151		
of which attributable to shareholders in OMX AB	185	-15	170	156	-5	151		
of which attributable to minority interests	1	-	1	6	-6	0		
Average number of shares, millions			118.474			118.474		
Number of shares at period end, millions			118.474			118,474		
Average number of shares after full conversion, millions			118.760			118.760		
Number of shares after full conversion at period end, millions			118.760			118.760		
Earnings per share, SEK 2)	1.56		1.43	1.32		1.27		
Earnings per share, SEK after full conversion 2)	1.56		1.43	1.32		1.27		

 $<sup>^{1)}</sup>$  Other revenue pertains to the sale of shares in NOS ASA during the period January-September 2006.

## Notes to the income statement

Total revenue during the reporting period January-September amounted to SEK 2,585 m (2,289), including SEK 22 m in gains on the sale of shares in NOS during the first quarter. The Group's net sales were SEK 2,497 m (2,193). Capitalized work on own account amounted to SEK 66 m (96) during the reporting period, mainly relating to system development. See pages 4-5 for revenue per business area.

The Group's total expenses amounted to SEK 1,771 m (1,668) during the reporting period. The increase in expenses is primarily attributable to higher operations and maintenance/IT expenses and personnel costs, on the basis of increased market activity.

The Group's share in the earnings of associated companies was SEK 42 m (26) and derived from NCSD, EDX London, Orc Software,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> Earnings per share are calculated on the weighted average number of shares during the period. Based on OMX AB's shareholders' share of earnings for the period.

		Current Perio	od Jan-Sept			Ro	lling 12 months		F	ull-year 2005	
	2006			2005							
Continuing operations	Operations being dis- continued	Total, OMX									
2,292	205	2,497	2,031	162	2,193	3,064	251	3,315	2.803	208	3.011
66	-	66	64	32	96	94	1	95	92	33	125
22	-	22	-	-	-	22	-	22	-	-	-
2,380	205	2,585	2,095	194	2,289	3,180	252	3,432	2.895	241	3.136
-144	-10	-154	-135	-10	-145	-187	-13	-200	-178	-13	-191
-32	-	-32	-28	-	-28	-44	-	-44	-40	-	-40
-204	-22	-226	-168	-21	-189	-264	-26	-290	-228	-25	-253
-133	-60	-193	-119	-54	-173	-171	-81	-252	-157	-75	-232
-99	-47	-146	-151	-23	-174	-154	-48	-202	-206	-24	-230
-727	-125	-852	-683	-105	-788	-975	-158	-1,133	-931	-138	-1.069
-168	-	-168	-168	-3	-171	-223	-	-223	-223	-3	-226
-1,507	-264	-1,771	-1,452	-216	-1,668	-2,018	-326	-2,344	-1.963	-278	-2.241
42	-	42	26	-	26	31	-	31	15	-	15
915	-59	856	669	-22	647	1,193	-74	1,119	947	-37	910
-37	-7	-44	-56	-	-56	-45	-7	-52	-64	-	-64
878	-66	812	613	-22	591	1,148	-81	1,067	883	-37	846
-215	18	-197	-241	6	-235	-287	22	-265	-313	10	-303
663	-48	615	372	-16	356	861	-59	802	570	-27	543
660	-48	612	368	-10	358	857	-53	804	565	-15	550
3	-	3	4	-6	-2	4	-6	-2	5	-12	-7
		118.474			117.986			118.474			118.108
		118.474			118.474			118.474			118.474
		118.760			118.272			118.760			118.394
		118.760			118.760			118.760			118.760
5.57		5.17	3.12		3.03	7.23		6.79	4.78		4.66
5.57		5.17	3.12		3.03	7.23		6.79	4.78		4.66

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3)</sup> The income statement for operations to be discontinued was adjusted on comparison with the annual report due to organizational changes entailing a certain part of the area of operations being retained.

NLK and the Lithuanian securities depository CSDL. The increase is mainly due to improved earnings for Orc Software and EDX London.

Net financial items for the Group amounted to an expense of SEK 44 m (expense: 56), an improvement that primarily resulted from the earnings for the current quarter being positively affected by lower long-term market interest rates, and the fact that the year-earlier

period was negatively affected by several nonrecurring items. Tax expenses for the period amounted to SEK 197 m (235), corresponding to a tax rate of 24 (40) percent. For the second quarter 2005, an additional tax expense of SEK 67 m regarding NLK was included.

Currency effects had only a small impact on the Group's operating revenue and operating income during the reporting period.

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

SEK,m	Sept 2006	Sept 2005	Dec 2005
Goodwill	3,054	2,939	2,924
Other intangible fixed assets	973	886	853
Tangible fixed assets	305	374	354
Financial fixed assets, non-interest-bearing	822	1,022	1,004
Financial fixed assets, interest-bearing	84	129	90
Total fixed assets	5,238	5,350	5,225
Market value outstanding derivative positions	3,250	2,013	2,312
Current receivables 1)	1,663	1,282	1,714
Financial assets available for sale	789	442	328
Liquid assets	230	942	915
Assets held for sale	167	-	118
Total current assets	6,099	4,679	5,387
Total assets	11,337	10,029	10,612
Shareholders' equity	4,501	4,550	4,749
Long-term liabilities, non-interest-bearing	298	192	199
Long-term liabilities, interest-bearing	1,413	1,418	1,409
Total long-term liabilities	1,711	1,610	1,608
Market value outstanding derivative positions	3,250	2,013	2,312
Current liabilities, non-interest-bearing	1,317	1,061	1,445
Current liabilities, interest-bearing	558	795	498
Total current liabilities	5,125	3,869	4,255
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	11,337	10,029	10,612

In addition to assets and debt reported in the balance sheet, OMX has deposits on a client funds account that totaled SEK 2,809 m at September 30, 2006, SEK 0 m at September 30, 2005, and SEK 0 m at December 31, 2005.

1) Of which interest-bearing receivables accounted for SEK 19 m as at September 30, 2006, SEK 1 m as at September 30, 2005 and SEK 1 m as at December 31, 2005.

## Notes to the balance sheet

Consolidated goodwill amounted to SEK 3,102 m (2,939) at the end of the period, including assets held for sale of SEK 48 m. Consolidated goodwill pertains primarily to the Nordic Marketplace business area, and refers to strategic acquisitions of operations with a long history and stable and strong cash flow. During the period, investments in goodwill amounted to SEK 190 m, of which SEK 174 m was attributable to the acquisition of operations from Computershare.

Other intangible assets of SEK 1,083 m (886), including assets held for sale, consist mainly of capitalized development costs for system products that are amortized over a period of 3-10 years and valued on a current basis against prevailing market conditions, as well as intangible assets attributable to the acquisition of CSE. Assessment to ascertain possible impairment of intangible fixed assets is conducted on an ongoing basis.

At the end of the period, the Group's deferred tax assets amounted to SEK 153 m (286). Provisions were utilized in an amount of SEK 39 m (104) during the period.

The Group's investments in other intangible assets during the period were SEK 176 m (187), plus assets of SEK 75 m identified on the acquisition of operations from Computershare. Investments in tangible fixed assets amounted to SEK 34 m (70).

The market value of OMX's holding in the associated company Orc Software (4.5 million shares) was SEK 308 m (310) at the end of the period, while the carrying amount was SEK 70 m (60).

# CHANGE IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

SEK m	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Dec 2005
Shareholders' equity – opening balance	4,749	3,859	3,859
Minority interests	-1	26	-16
Newissue	-	232	232
Dividend to shareholders	-765	-	-
Share swap for share-investment program	-8	-	-
Cash-flow hedging	-14	-	-
Translation differences	-67	67	125
Reassessments reported against shareholders' equity	-12	17	12
Changes in shareholders' equity of associated company	4	<b>-</b> 7	-6
Net income in reporting period 1)	615	356	543
Shareholders' equity – closing balance	4,501	4,550	4,749

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Of which, the minority share was SEK 3 m for January-September 2006, a negative amount of SEK 2 m for January-September 2005 and a negative amount of SEK 7 m for January-December 2005

#### CASH-FLOW STATEMENT

	Current quarter July-Sept			Current period Jan-Sept		Full-year
SEK m	2006	2005	2006	2005	12 months	2005
Cash flow from current operations before changes in working capital	240	215	760	466	1102	808
Change in working capital	-103	-188	-38	-178	-113	-253
Cash flow from current operations	137	27	722	288	989	555
Cash flow from investing activities	-159	-59	-711	-1,122	-728	-1,139
Dividend to shareholders	-	-	-765	-	-765	-
Cash flow from financing activities	-220	15	69	1,002	-267	666
Change in liquid assets	-242	-17	-685	168	-771	82
Liquid assets – opening balance <sup>1)2)</sup>	472	1,018	915	833	1001	833
Liquid assets – closing balance <sup>1)2)</sup>	230	1,001	230	1,001	230	915

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and bank balances, and financial investments with a term of less than three months. Short-term investments with a term exceeding three months are reported as cash flow from investing activities.

# Notes to changes in shareholders' equity

Shareholders' equity was SEK 4,501 m (4,550), of which the minority share was 16 (23) at the end of the period. The change in shareholders' equity compared with the end of the corresponding period in 2005 is mainly due to the profit for the period and the dividend to shareholders paid in April 2006.

# Notes to the cash-flow statement

Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital comprises operating income with depreciation and capital gains (other revenues) reversed, plus adjustments for financial items and paid tax. The change in working capital during the quarter is primarily due to a reduction in vacation pay liabilities and decreased accounts payable. During the reporting period January - September, investments in other intangible assets affecting cash flow amounted to SEK 322 m (187), of which the acquisition of operations from Computershare accounted for SEK 85 m.

Investments in tangible assets amounted to SEK 34 m (70) during the period January - September. Cash flow from investing activities also includes changes in financial investments with a term of more than three months amounting to SEK 461 m, which were transferred from cash and cash equivalents.

<sup>2)</sup> Cash and cash equivalents not available to the Group amounted to SEK 102 m at the end of the period. Funds set aside for operations under supervision totaled SEK 946 m.

REVENUES, EXPENSES AND OPERATING INCOME BY BUSINESS AREA

		t quarter -Sept		nt period -Sept	Rolling	Full-year
SEK m	2006	2005	2006	2005	12 months	2005
Nordic Marketplaces						
Trading revenue	267	266	958	777	1,287	1,106
Issuers' revenue	85	75	255	228	337	310
Other revenue	27	23	91	72	113	94
Total revenues	379	364	1,304	1,077	1,737	1,510
Total expenses	-201	-196	-619	-614	-836	-831
Participation in earnings of associated companies	5	6	13	24	-1	10
Operating income	183	174	698	487	900	689
Operating margin, %	48	48	54	45	52	46
Information Services & New Markets						
Information sales	119	93	320	269	416	365
Revenues from Baltic Markets 1)	15	15	45	46	62	63
Revenue from Broker Services	19	17	59	53	75	69
Other revenue	3	4	15	12	18	15
Total revenue	156	129	439	380	571	512
Total expenses	-97	-72	-272	-232	-356	-316
Participation in earnings of associated companies	2	o	7	o	7	o
Operating income	61	57	174	148	222	196
Operating margin, %	39	44	40	39	39	38
Market Technology						
License-, support- and project revenue	183	189	550	520	760	730
Facility Management Services	117	91	319	286	408	375
Other revenue	2	8	41	42	49	50
Total revenue	302	288	910	848	1,217	1,155
Total expenses	-297	-272	-889	-816	-1,171	-1,098
Participation in earnings of associated companies	6	1	22	2	24	4
Operating income	11	17	43	34	70	61
Operating margin, %	4	6	5	4	6	5
Operations being discontinued						
Total revenue	72	58	205	194	252	241
Total expenses	-89	-74	-264	-216	-326	-278
Operating income	-17	-16	-59	-22	-74	-37
Group eliminations	92	62	273	210	345	282
Total Group						
Revenue	817	776	2,585	2,289	3,432	3,136
Expenses	-592	-551	-1,771	-1,668	-2,344	-2,241
Participation in earnings of associated companies	13	7	42	26	31	15
Operating income	238	232	856	647	1,119	910

 $Earlier periods \ are \ reported \ proforma\ in\ accordance\ with\ the\ new\ organization\ that\ came\ into\ operation\ on\ January\ 1,\ 2006.$ 

 $<sup>{\</sup>tt 1)}\ Comprises\ trading\ revenues, is suers'\ revenues\ and\ revenues\ from\ the\ central\ securities\ depositories\ in\ Tallinn\ and\ Riga.$ 

# Sources of revenue in OMX's business areas

#### **NORDIC MARKETPLACES**

#### TRADING REVENUE

Trading revenues comprise trading and clearing revenues from the spot and derivatives products traded on the exchanges included in Nordic Marketplaces. Of the trading revenues during the third quarter, 68 percent was from spot trading (mainly equities) and 32 percent was from trading and clearing related to derivatives products.

With respect to trading revenues from share trading, the two most important parameters are the value of the share turnover and the number of share transactions. A change in value of the average trading volume of 1 percent on an annual basis (assuming an unchanged number of transactions) will affect trading revenues by +/- SEK 7.4 m, calculated on the basis of trading during the third quarter of 2006.

With respect to revenue from trading and clearing related to derivatives products, the two most important parameters are the number of derivatives contracts and the size of the options premiums. A change of the average daily derivatives turnover of 1,000 contracts on an annual basis (assuming unchanged options premiums and product mix) will affect trading revenue by +/- SEK 0.8 m, calculated on the basis of trading during the third quarter of 2006.

#### **ISSUERS' REVENUE**

Issuers' revenues derive from the fees that listed companies pay and are directly related to the listed companies' market capitalization. A ten percent change in the total market capitalization of Nordic Marketplaces will affect issuers' revenue by +/- SEK 6.1 m, calculated on an annual basis from 2005 levels and based on the business conducted during the year.

#### OTHER REVENUE

Other revenues consist primarily of line connection fees for members and operation reimbursement fees regarding the derivatives clearing link with the Oslo Stock Exchange. Other revenues also include possible capital gains from the sale of operations.

# **INFORMATION SERVICES & NEW MARKETS**

#### INFORMATION REVENUE

Information revenues are generated through the sale and distribution of trading information based on the data generated through trading on OMX's exchanges, as well as training services. Customers comprise information vendors, exchange members and private individuals.

Trading information, which is the largest source of revenue, is sold to close to two hundred companies that distribute the information to a large number of end users. These information vendors are invoiced in arrears. The size of the fee depends on the number of end users.

## REVENUE FROM BALTIC MARKETS

Revenues from the Baltic Markets comprise trading revenues and issuers' revenues from the exchanges owned by OMX in Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius. The revenue model is similar to that within Nordic

Marketplaces. Also included are revenues from the central securities depositories in Tallinn and Riga – the number of register accounts as well as cleared and settled accounts are the most important parameters.

#### REVENUE FROM BROKER SERVICES

Revenues from Broker Services derive from securities administration and corporate finance. The most important parameters are the number of transactions carried out and the value of the securities in the managed accounts.

#### OTHER REVENUE

Other revenues consist primarily of training revenues, sales of information materials and line connection fees for members. Other revenues also include possible capital gains from the sale of operations.

#### **MARKET TECHNOLOGY**

## LICENSE, SUPPORT AND PROJECT REVENUE

License, support and project revenue derive from the system solutions developed and sold by OMX. After Market Technology has developed and sold a system solution, the customer licenses the right to use the software. Each project involves individual adaptations to the specific requirements of the customer, for instance, relating to functionality and capacity. This development, testing and installation work generates project revenue that is invoiced continually according to degree of completion. When Market Technology provides a system solution, it undertakes to continually upgrade, develop and maintain the system and receives regular support revenues for this work.

With regard to major system solutions for customers such as exchanges and clearing organizations, license and project revenue is mostly fixed and recognized in relation to the degree of completion.

Support revenue is mainly fixed and contracts usually extend for five years. A certain portion of license revenue can also be recurring, and contracts can extend for a longer period.

#### **FACILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES REVENUE**

Facility Management Services involve OMX assuming responsibility for the continuous operation of a system platform for a customer, for which OMX receives recurring facility management revenue. Revenue from Facility Management Services can be both fixed and volume-based. Contract periods vary between one and seven years.

#### OTHER REVENUE

Other revenues comprise mainly revenue form consulting services and exchange-rate differences. Other revenues also include possible capital gains from the sale of operations.

## DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT BY BUSINESS AREA

	Current quarter Current period July-Sept Jan-Sept		Rolling	Full-year		
SEK m	2006	2005	2006	2005	12 months	2005
Nordic Marketplaces	17	21	53	61	75	83
Information Services & New Markets	5	6	16	16	21	21
Market Technology	36	28	99	91	127	119
Total	58	55	168	168	223	223

## INVESTMENTS

	C	Current quarter July-Sept		urrent period Jan-Sept	Rolling	Full-year
SEK m	2006	2005	2006	2005	12 months	2005
Goodwill	-	22	190	929	185	924
Other intangible assets	46	63	176	187	301	312
Tangible assets	8	9	34	70	49	85
Assets acquired through acquisitions1)	-	-	75	359	114	398
Total	54	94	475	1 545	649	1,719

<sup>1)</sup> Concerns other intangible assets

# INVESTMENTS IN R&D

		Current quarter Current period Jul-Sept Jan-Sept		Rolling	Full-year	
SEK m (of which expensed)	2006	2005	2006	2005	12 months	2005
Nordic Marketplaces	8(2)	12(1)	16(4)	15(3)	26(4)	25(3)
Information Services & New Markets	o(o)	1(1)	7(1)	5(4)	11(1)	9(4)
Market Technology <sup>1)</sup>	34(0)	65(30)	129(12)	166(46)	192(22)	229(56)
Total	42(2)	78(32)	152(17)	186(53)	229(27)	263(63)

<sup>1)</sup> The period January-September 2005 includes investments in operations to be discontinued in an amount of 49 (4) and for the period January-December 2005 in an amount of 45 (5).

# PRELIMINARY ACQUISITION CALCULATION REGARDING COMPUTERSHARE

SEK m	
Cash <sup>1)</sup>	244
Acquisition costs	5
Acquisition price	249
Fair value of acquired net assets 2)	75
Goodwill	174

<sup>1)</sup> Payment will be made over a period of five years. The acquisition price is discounted to net present value.

<sup>2)</sup> Acquired net assets comprise marketplace systems.

	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Dec 2005
Earnings per share, SEK <sup>2)</sup>	5.17	3.03	4.65
Share price at period-end, SEK	142	96	110.5
Average number of OMX shares traded daily, thousands	708	309	335
P/E ratio <sup>9</sup>	21	41	23
Shareholders' equity per share, SEK	38	38	40
Share price/Shareholders' equity per share, SEK	3,7	2,5	2.75
Return on equity, % <sup>3)</sup>	17	6	12
Return on capital employed, % 4)	18	11	14
Net debt/equity,%	19	15	12
Equity/assets ratio, % 5)	56	57	57
Number of employees at period-end	1,326	1,320	1,288
Average number of employees during the period	1,309	1,357	1,370
Personnel expenses, SEK m	852	788	1,069

Definitions of key ratios are presented on page 93 of OMX's Annual Report for 2005. Net debt/equity ratio is calculated on the basis of interest-bearing net debt divided by shareholders' equity.

# Financial targets

OMX endeavors to generate profitable growth with a return exceeding the market's return requirement. To achieve this target in a medium-term perspective, the following financial targets have been established as a guide for OMX: return on shareholders' equity shall amount to at least 15 percent annually, while the net debt/equity ratio shall not exceed 30 percent.

# Number of employees and contracted consultants

The number of employees and consultants in the Group was 1,448 (1,377) at the end of the reporting period. The increase in the number of employees and consultants was primarily due to increased activity within Market Technology. The number of employees was 1,326 (1,320) at the close of the reporting period, of which 296 (297) were employed within Nordic Marketplaces, 203 (192) in Information Services & New Markets and 827 (831) in Market Technology. Of the total number of employees, 92 (107) were on long-term leave, mainly parental leave.

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

	Number of shares	Share capital and votes, %
Investor AB	12,950,507	10.9
The Swedish state	7,993,466	6.7
Robur funds	6,932,716	5.9
Nordea Bank	6,239,097	5.3
AMF Pension	5,537,000	4.7
Didner & Gerge aktiefond	5,003,200	4.2
Fidelity funds	4,548,500	3.8
Svenska Handelsbanken	2,997,647	2.5
SEB funds	2,628,717	2.2
SHB/SPP funds	2,239,454	1.9
Other swedish shareholders	28,026,902	23.7
Other foreign shareholders	33,377,101	28.2
Total number of shares	118,474,307	100

Source: SIS Ägarservice

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> Based on OMX AB's shareholders' share of earnings for the period.

<sup>3)</sup> Calculated on the basis of rolling 12-month results.

d) 12-month rolling income before interest expenses and tax in relation to average shareholders' equity plus interest-bearing liabilities.

<sup>5)</sup> Calculated excluding market value of outstanding derivative positions.