

Interim Report JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2000

High tempo towards focusing on the TIME sector

- The Group's strongest results ever of SEK 2,941M (244)
- The parent company's exit gains amounted to SEK 724M in the third quarter
- The net asset value excluding Capio amounted to SEK 79 per share, a 51 per cent increase since January 2000
- Successful listing of Capio generated significant increased value for Bure's shareholders
- The parent company's strong financial position enables freedom of action equity ratio 89 per cent
- Establishment in Stockholm for more intensive concentration on Bure's business model.

Group Review

Results

Consolidated profit after financial items amounted to SEK 538M (-42) for the third quarter and to SEK 2,941M (244) for the first three quarters, which is Bure's highest ever nine-month profit.

The profit includes income relating to SPP funds of SEK 201M. Capio, which was distributed to the shareholders during October, is only included in the results for the first six months of the year.

Parent company

Results and financial position

In the third quarter, the parent company's profit after tax amounted to SEK 632M (-1). The quarter includes exit gains totalling SEK 724M (-10).

For the first three quarters, profit after financial items amounted to SEK 2,309M (291). This includes total exit gains of SEK 2,657M (37) in the investment operation and SEK 74M (155) in the parent company's stock portfolio.

Expenses, which for the first three quarters amounted to SEK 121M (60), were strongly influenced by the intensive business operations and by expenses for the synthetic options with SEK 33M (-6). Personnel costs amounted to SEK 29M (33).

Expenditure for the stockmarket listing of Capio has been estimated at approximately SEK 57M and has been reported against shareholders' equity.

At the end of the quarter, total assets were SEK 5,485M compared with SEK 6,361M at the start of the year. This is mainly due to the distribution of Capio to Bure's owners. Shareholders' equity rose by SEK 466M to SEK 4,869M compared with the start of the year despite the fact that the distribution of Capio and the dividend reduced shareholders' equity by SEK 1,844M.

The equity ratio was 89 per cent at the end of the quarter compared with 69 per cent on 1 January.

The net loan liability has been turned into receivables of SEK 1,565M compared with a liability of SEK 356M on 1 January. The largest proportion of the net receivables consists of the stock portfolio which had a market value of SEK 952M at the quarter-end.

Divestments and exit gains

The concentration of Bure into a private equity company with an emphasis on unlisted holdings within the TIME sector, i.e. Telecom, IT, Media & information and E-knowledge, is now in its final phase. During August, the remaining holding in Gunnebo was divested. The exit gain amounted to

SEK 332M in the parent company which is equivalent to an annual return of 29 per cent.

At the beginning of September, the holding in Nobel Biocare was divested. The exit gain amounted to SEK 364M which is equivalent to an annual return of 60 per cent since Bure became an active stakeholder in the company at the 1997/1998 turn of the year.

During the third quarter, Nordic Capital divested its holding in Essex which on Bure's part generated an exit gain of SEK 31M on an original investment of SEK 16M, equivalent to an annual return of 56 per cent.

For the first three quarters, the divestments generated total exit gains of SEK 2,657M. Added to this is the distribution of Capio to the shareholders.

Investments

In the first three quarters, the parent company made investments and supplementary investments in 25 companies totalling SEK 796M and decided to participate in funds with SEK 400M.

During the third quarter, Bure increased its ownership in MobileOpinion from 30 to 49 per cent. The investment in MobileOpinion, which totals SEK 13M, is a step in Bure's investment in information services with an international potential.

Strong position for continued growth

The strong results for the first three quarters means that Bure has significantly strengthened its financial position.

Bure is an attractive collaboration partner for innovative growth companies and a large number of investment alternatives are currently being intensively evaluated. The inflow of new projects is large and on the increase. With the objective of increasing the business intensity still further, Bure will establish an investment team in Stockholm. The operation is planned to be up and running at the turn of the year.

The holdings are now being concentrated on the TIME sector in which Bure has continuously built up large values in its investments. The positive price development in the listed subsidiary, Observer, and the sale of Guide/Framfab are examples where very large surplus values have been made visible. Another example is Bure's investment of SEK 3M in Altitun, via InnovationsKapital, which after less then two years resulted in an exit gain of SEK 202M. A further approximately SEK 20M will be added as an exit gain during the fourth quarter when the deal has been completed.

Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting in August changed the name of Investment AB Bure to Bure Equity AB to mark the new orientation as a private equity company with a focus on unlisted holdings within the TIME sector.

Planned sales

The stockmarket introduction of Citat, which had been announced to take place during the autumn, has been postponed due to the current stockmarket situation.

Net asset value - before and after Capio

At the quarter-end, the net asset value per share amounted to SEK 79 compared with SEK 97 on 30 June. The change of SEK 18 is wholly attributable to Capio which at mid-year was included in the net asset value with an estimated market value of SEK 2,000M, or SEK 18 per share.

At end-September, the market value of Bure Equity was SEK 9,164M, compared with SEK 6,328M in 1999. On top of this the shareholders have received a dividend of SEK 327M. The total yield to the shareholders was thus 50 per cent during the first three quarters of the year. In the third quarter, the market value rose by SEK 1,963M, or by 27 per cent.

The investment company index has changed by 16 per cent for the first three months this year and by -1 per cent for the third quarter.

Capio was listed on 16 October, when the market value became approximately SEK 2,900M, or SEK 24.50 per Bure share. This meant an additional value of SEK 6.50 on top of Bure's reported net asset value.

When Capio was listed, Bure and Capio were valued in total at SEK 84 per Bure share. The year high for the Bure share was SEK 94 at the beginning of October.

Tax matters

With reference to the 1993 financial year (Tax 94) Bure is involved in a tax dispute regarding whether or not the Company's investment company status was complied with. Bure has won both in the County Administrative Court and the Administrative Court of Appeal. The National Tax Board has appealed against the judgement of the Administrative Court of Appeal to the Supreme Administrative Court. In the 1999 Annual Report, in which this dispute was reported under Contingent liabilities, Bure's costs were estimated at SEK 187M, including interest, should the litigation be lost. In September 2000, the National Tax Board announced that the Board intends to examine the short-term securities trading in the Swedish investment companies to ensure that it is in agreement with the terms for the investment

companies' tax status. The examination of Bure started during autumn 2000.

Roger Holtback President and CEO

Gothenburg, 30 October 2000 Bure Equity AB

Important events after the end of the period

Successful stockmarket listing of Capio

On 16 October, trading started of the shares in Capio AB (publ). The closing price on the listing date was SEK 49. Thus Bure's shareholders received SEK 24.50 for every share in Bure.

The price paid for Capio on the first listing day meant a total market value of SEK 2,900M. This value can be compared with SEK 2,000M at which Capio was included in Bure's net asset value at 30 June. Thereafter, Capio's price development has strengthened still further, and the value amounted to approximately SEK 4,000M. This means that Capio's value has increased with approximately SEK 2,500M compared to invested capital.

Investment in Newmad Technologies AB

In October, Bure became a shareholder in the high technology research and incubator company, Newmad Technologies AB. The initial holding amounts to 19 per cent with an opportunity to increase the holding to 23 per cent via an option.

Newmad Technologies develops applications for the next generation's mobile IT terminals with a network connection Bluetooth, Wireless-LAN and 3G. Through Newmad, an incubator company with a focus on wireless is added to Bure's network within TIME.

Exit gains after the end of the period

During October, Bure has sold shares in ADC Telecommunications and in Formex. The sale has generated exit gains of SEK 20M and SEK 5M, respectively. Both investments formed part of InnovationsKapital's portfolio.



Holdings on 30 September 2000

	Participation, %	Book value SEK M	Net asset value SEK M	O/U value SEK M	NA\ SEK/share
IT-solutions		JER W	JER W	JER W	SLIVSIIAI
Cygate	67.14	343	510	167	4.70
Dimension	69.25	158	569	411	5.20
Systeam	30.00	259	259	-	2.40
Total IT-solutions		761	1 339	578	12.30
Media & Information					
Citat	74.01	52	370	318	3.40
Mobileopinion	49/19	13	13	-	0.10
Observer	38/62	711	2 893	2 182	26.50
Total Media & Information		776	3 276	2 500	30.00
E-commerce					
Buyonet	26.77	28	54	25	0.50
Locus Medicus	28/16	-	-	-	-
Scribona	51/31	713	358	- 355	3.30
Total E-commerce		742	412	- 330	3.80
E-knowledge					
ITG, Informator	100.00	106	281	175	2.60
Mercuri	100.00	291	320	29	2.90
Vendator	100.00	25	25	-	0.20
Vittra	70.00	23	23	-	0.20
Total E-knowledge		445	648	204	5.90
Start-ups & Ventures					
ADC Telecom	-	20	20	-	0.20
Bure Kapital	100.00	4	42	38	0.40
CR&T	65/49	50	137	87	1.30
Enlight	4.00	3	12	8	0.10
Gatespace	4.90	23	23	-	0.20
Kreatel	3.13	15	15	-	0.10
Spotfire	-	2	2	- 422	2 20
Total Start-ups & Ventures		117	251	133	2.30
Indirect investments		50	400	407	4.50
InnKap1o 2	-	56	163	107	1.50
NC funds Total indirect investments		394 450	834 997	440 547	7.60 9.10
Other holdings		.50		•	50
Simonsen	80.00	36	36		0.30
Chematur	100.00	30		-	0.30
Hagabadet	100.00	1	- 1	-	-
Other holdings	100.00	57	69	13	0.70
Total other holdings	-	94	106	13	1.00
Bure Finans *)		1 485	1 594	109	14.60
Total		4 869	8 623	3 754	79.00

^{*)} Bure Finans includes the Parent Company's other securities holdings, in which listed holdings have been entered at market value and the net of all other assets and liabilities at book value.

Valuation principles

Listed holdings have been valued at the latest price paid per balance sheet date.

Unlisted holdings have been valued by application of the European Venture Capital Association's (EVCA) recommendations or valuation made by an external party. EVCA's recommendations mean

that the market value has been determined on the basis of the value at the latest transaction in the security in which an external party has taken part, for example a new share issue. Other unlisted shares are entered at book value.

A selection of holdings on 30 September 2000

IT-Solutions

DIMENSION

Dimension is a leading company within infrastructure solutions for business-critical solutions.

- Profit after net interest income rose by 82 per cent for the first three quarters and amounted to SEK 78M. Sales during the period amounted to SEK 961M which was an increase of 95 per cent.
- Dimension came third on Svenska Dagbladet's och Ahréns & Partners' growth list of the fastest growing companies over the past ten year period. Dimension has grown by 68 per cent per annum on average during the past ten years.

Statement of income, SEK M	9 months 2000	9 months 1999	Rolling 12 months
Net sales	961	494	1 237
Operating profit before goodwill depreciation *)	77	42	110
Key figures			
Growth, %	95	70	-
Cash flow in operations after investments, SEK M	-27	-15	31
Bure's invested capital, SEK M	158	158	-
Ownership of capital, %	69	69	-
Average number of employees	164	111	-

^{*)} Adjusted for exit result

CYGATE

Cygate designs, builds and maintains infrastructure solutions for the new Internet economy. Through scaleable, reliable and safe networks, Cygate makes its customers more competitive. Cygate is established in six countries around the Baltic and has a staff of around 250.

- Cygate was placed first on Svenska Dagbladet's och Ahréns & Partners' growth list of the fastest growing companies over the past ten year period. Cygate has grown by 80 per cent per annum on average for ten years.
- In January, Cygate acquired TAIDE, the leading network integrator in Lithuania.
- During the year, Bure has increased its ownership in Cygate from 61 to 67 per cent.

Statement of income, SEK M	9 months 2000	9 months 1999	Rolling 12 months
Net sales	495	422	644
Operating profit before goodwill depreciation *)	5	-3	-10
Key figures Growth, %	17	23	_
Cash flow in operations after investments, SEK M	-14	-4	-20
Bure's invested capital, SEK M	343	292	-
Ownership of capital, %	67	61	-
Average number of employees	252	193	-

^{*)} Adjusted for exit result

SYSTEAM

Systeam specialises in standardised business systems and IT solutions for small and medium-sized companies. The company is the leader in Sweden in the business systems JD Edwards and Jeeves.

- Microsoft picked Systeam as the winner of the competition, MCSP Challenge, in the category: the Best Net Trading Solution in the Nordic Countries. The winning contribution was an e-commerce solution with supplier connection that Systeam had developed for its customer, Svenska Foder AB.
- Systeam acquired Udac AB from Bure Equity with admission in July. The acquisition means that Systeam strengthens its position as a supplier of IT solutions to the care segment. Systeam has thus carried out 12 acquisitions during the year.
- Operations has been significantly affected by the weak IT consulting market during the year.

	9 months	9 months	Rolling
Statement of income, SEK M	2000	1999	12 months
Net sales	490	429	685
Operating profit before goodwill depreciation *)	-11	52	19
Key figures			
Growth, %	14	43	-
Bure's invested capital, SEK M	259	214	-
Ownership of capital, %	30	30	-
Average number of employees	646	470	-

^{*)} Adjusted for exit result

Media & Information

CITAT

Citat is one of the leading communication companies in Sweden, which supplies services and system solutions aimed at making the market communication process more efficient. Citat increases the profitability of companies by creating structure, flexibility and short lead times within market communication.

- Start-up of the strategy company, Citat Communication Management with offices in Stockholm, Gothenburg and London.
- Launch of NetStudio, an Internet-based system solution and service for production of communication materials.
- Acquisition of the data consulting company, Data Unit. The company has 30 employees and offices in Stockholm and Västerås.
- The board of directors has decided to apply for a stockmarket listing during the first half of 2001, subject to favourable market conditions.

Statement of income, SEK M	9 months 2000	9 months 1999	Rolling 12 months
Net sales	206	132	281
Operating profit before goodwill depreciation *)	-9	4	-8
Key figures			
Growth, %	57	22	-
Cash flow in operations after investments, SEK M	-21	16	-15
Bure's invested capital, SEK M	52	32	-
Ownership of capital, %	74	76	-
Average number of employees	298	165	-

^{*)} Adjusted for exit result

E-knowledge

ITG

Informator Training Group is the only complete training house in Sweden which specialises in IT and project management, and trains approximately 85,000 individuals per annum.

ITG consists of four business areas: Informator Professional carries out advanced competence development within IT and project management. Informator Enduser (formerly Nordisk Datautbildning) is involved with user training within IT. Informator Interactive provides e-learning for both end-users and professionals. Informator Competence Management specialises in services and products for strategic competence development within the IT sector.

• Through the agreement during the spring with the American company, DigitalThink Inc and the investment during the summer in the Norwegian elearning company, Boxer Technologies, ITG has strengthened its position as the most complete supplier of web-based interactive IT training in the Nordic countries.

• Investments carried out by ITG during the year and its now fully-comprehensive business model will form the basis for future acquisitions and investments with the aim of becoming the leader in Europe in competence development within IT and project management.

Statement of income, SEK M	9 months 2000	9 months 1999	Rolling 12 months
Net sales	147	125	211
Operating profit before goodwill depreciation *)	8	8	11
Key figures			
Growth, %	18	455	-
Cash flow in operations after investments, SEK M	-8	3	6
Bure's invested capital, SEK M	106	75	-
Ownership of capital, %	100	100	-
Average number of employees	119	125	-

^{*)} Adjusted for exit result

Incubator/Spin-offs

CR&T

CR&T develops start-ups and ventures within the IT sector in collaboration with universities and industrial companies. Through advanced research and consulting work, CR&T identifies, explores and commercialises business ideas. CR&T is a leading incubation company in the Nordic countries within this sector.

- During 2000, Bure has increased its ownership in CR&T from 49 to 65 per cent.
- The portfolio companies, Appgate, Spotfire, Gatespace and Pilotfish, are included in CR&T's incubator portfolio which according to external valuations has a value of SEK 1,535M, of which CR&T's own share amounts to SEK 258M.
- Spotfire's objective is to be listed on the Nasdaq next year.

Indirect investments

Bure's indirect investments are made through the funds: InnovationsKapital, Nordic Capital and Bure Kapital.

INNOVATIONSKAPITAL

InnovationsKapital consists of the two venture capital funds, InnKap1 and InnKap2, in which Bure Equity has a 23 per cent investment undertaking or SEK 125M of a total of SEK 550M. The funds contain start-ups within IT and medical.

InnovationsKapital's portfolio consists of investments in the following companies: ADC, Formex, Radians, Arexis, Bioinvent, MedEikonos, Mitra, Samba Sensors, AppGate, Carmen, MathCore, Simtra Aero, Spotfire, Incirco, Red Message, Intermezzon, Printeurope, Kreatel and Pangea.

On 30 September, Bure's investments within InnovationsKapital amounted to SEK 56M. The market value of these investments, calculated in accordance with the recognised EVCA model, amounted to SEK 163M. The figure does not include the holding in Altitun, which was divested during the year and has so far generated an exit gain of SEK 202M. InnovationsKapital's portfolio companies are mainly developing strongly and a stockmarket listing for several of them is planned during next year.

NORDIC CAPITAL

Nordic Capital is a diversified fund portfolio which consists of holdings in the following companies: Elmo-Calf, Gislaved Folie, Hilding Anders, Mölnlycke Health Care, Kirk Acoustics, Mictronic, Nopco Paper, Nybron, Nycomed Pharma, Trenor and Wilson Logistics.

From the funds six companies have been listed so far at which surplus values have been made visible which, on the part of Bure Equity, amount to SEK 556M.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME, SEK M	Bure Group in	ncl Capio 6 i 9 months	months Full-year		re excl Cap	
OF INCOME, SER M	2000	1999	1999	2000	1999	1999
Net sales	5 769	10 815	15 444	4 064	9 252	13 177
Operating expenses	-5 748	-10 628	-15 262	-4 104	-9 143	-13 115
Exit result	2 935	45	276	2 935	45	275
Shares in results of associated companies	85	44	77	84	43	75
Refund from SPP ¹	201			56		
Operating profit before goodwill depreciation	3 242	276	535	3 035	197	412
Goodwill depreciation	-352	-150	-235	-313	-105	-173
Operating profit ²	2 890	126	300	2 722	92	239
Interest income	51	118	147	52	130	162
Profit after financial items	2 941	244	447	2 774	222	401
Minority interest	-312	-31	-64	-281	-33	-59
Taxes	-175	-95	-159	-164	-77	-111
Net profit	2 454	118	224	2 329	112	231

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, SEK M	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec	30 Sep	31 Dec
	2000	1999	1999	2000	1999
Assets					
Fixed assets	6 121	6 699	8 448	6 121	6 924
Of which goodwill	2 911	2 651	4 193	2 911	3 253
Current assets	3 612	4 451	2 913	3 612	2 094
Total assets	9 733	11 150	11 361	9 733	9 018
Equity and liabilities					
Equity	4 831	3 950	4 054	4 831	2 885
Minority interest	1 067	601	264	1 067	218
Provisions	323	237	331	323	275
Long-term liabilities	1 320	1 635	2 171	1 320	1 921
Current liabilities	2 192	4 727	4 541	2 192	3 719
Total equity and liabilities	9 733	11 150	11 361	9 733	9 018

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW ANALYSIS,	9 months	9 months	Full-year	9 months	
SEK M	2000	1999	1999	2000	
Cash flow from current operations	866	117	386	603	
Investment operations	3 759	-393	-2 911		
Cash flow after investments	4 625	-276	-2 525		
Financial operations	-3 776	-138	2 729		
The period's cash flow	849	-414	204		

Refund from SPP also includes Bure's share of refund to associated companies.
 Consolidated operating profit includes write-downs of SEK 272M.

PARENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF INCOME,	9 months	9 months	Full-year
SEK M	2000	1999	1999
Results of investment operations	2 342	177	386
Administrative expenses	-121	-60	-104
Asset management	88	174	230
Profit before taxes	2 309	291	512

PARENT COMPANY BALANCE SHEET, SEK M	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
	2000	1999	1999
Assets			
Fixed assets	4 387	5 444	6 010
Current assets	1 098	451	351
Total assets	5 485	5 895	6 361
Equity and liabilities			
Equity	4 869	4 182	4 404
Provisions	37	37	37
Long-term liabilities	44	210	220
Current liabilities	535	1 466	1 700
Total equity and liabilities	5 485	5 895	6 361

AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	9 months	9 months	Full-year
	2000	1999	1999
Parent company	35	28	31
Group	7 221	8 340	6 813

This report has not been the subject of examination by the company's auditors.

Future Reports

Preliminary Accounts Report 2000	21 February 2001
Annual General Meeting	26 April 2001
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Telephone conference in Swedish

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Telephone conference in English

Bure's President and CEO, Roger Holtback will hold a telephone conference in English on 30 October 2000 at 15.30 CET, 14.30 GMT, which will include a presentation of Bure's Interim Report January-September. Journalists and professional operators on the capital market are invited to take part. Link up by telephoning +44 208 240 8242 and stating "Bure".