

INTERIM REPORT

HORNBACH HOLDING AG GROUP

FIRST NINE MONTHS

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(MARCH 1 – NOVEMBER 30, 2009)

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Key Figures of the HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group (in € million, unless otherwise stated)	3 rd Quarter 2009/2010	3 rd Quarter 2008/2009	Change %	Nine Months 2009/2010	Nine Months 2008/2009	Change %
Net sales	712.1	688.5	3.4	2,311.3	2,214.0	4.4
of which in other European countries	275.8	271.2	1.7	890.8	855.9	4.1
Like-for-like sales growth ¹⁾	1.4%	2.3%		1.6%	2.3%	
Gross margin as % of net sales	35.3%	34.8%		35.7%	35.5%	
EBITDA	39.1	39.8	(1.8)	204.6	216.3	(5.4)
EBIT²⁾	22.5	22.0	2.0	152.6	163.6	(6.7)
Consolidated earnings before taxes	12.2	14.4	(15.3)	123.5	139.3	(11.4)
Consolidated net income ³⁾	9.0	9.3	(3.1)	87.1	105.0	(17.0)
Earnings per preference share in €	1.01	0.97	4.1	8.82	10.70	(17.6)
Investments	16.6	39.4	(57.9)	81.5	100.4	(18.8)

¹⁾ currency-adjusted

²⁾ including non-operating earnings components: net non-operating income of € 25.4 million was reported in the first nine months of 2008/2009. As budgeted, no disposal gains from real estate transactions and net non-operating expenses of € 1.9 million were reported in the first nine months of 2009/2010. Net of non-operating earnings items, operative EBIT improved year-on-year by 11.8% in the first nine months of 2009/2010.

³⁾ pursuant to IFRS including minority interests.

Misc. Key Figures of the HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group (in € million, unless otherwise stated)	November 30, 2009	February 28, 2009	Change %
Total assets	2,112.2	1,995.8	5.8
Equity	861.1	780.5	10.3
Shareholders' equity as % of total assets	40.8%	39.1%	
Number of employees	13,297	13,169	1.0

Rounding up or down may lead to discrepancies between percentages and totals. Calculation of percentage figures based on € 000s.

INTERIM GROUP MANAGEMENT REPORT

Summary

- HORNBAACH Group maintains its growth course in the first nine months of 2009/2010
- Nine-month consolidated sales increase by 4.4% to € 2.3 billion
- DIY stores boost total sales by 4.0% and like-for-like sales by 1.6%
 - German business posts like-for-like growth of 3.0%
 - International stores defend high previous year's level
- Builders' merchant business reports 10.6% increase in sales and disproportionate earnings growth
- EBIT of € 152.6 million in first nine months – year-on-year improvement in operating earnings strength –

Notwithstanding difficult conditions in the retail sector, the overall HORNBAACH HOLDING AG Group managed to maintain its growth course in the first nine months of the financial year (March 1 to November 30, 2009). Sales at the HORNBAACH Group rose by 4.4% to € 2,311.3 million (previous year: € 2,214.0m) in the first nine months of 2009/2010. The 130 DIY megastores with garden centers operated across Europe by HORNBAACH-Baumarkt-AG, the largest operating subgroup, maintained their positive trend, boosting sales by 4.0% to € 2,166.4 million (previous year: € 2,083.3m). On a like-for-like basis, DIY sales grew by 1.6% in the first nine months. The builders' merchant business at HORNBAACH Baustoff Union GmbH posted a sharp increase in sales and disproportionate earnings growth. Cumulative operating earnings (EBIT) at the HORNBAACH HOLDING AG Group amounted to € 152.6 million (previous year: € 163.6m). Net of non-operating earnings components, mainly resulting from real estate transactions in the previous year, operative EBIT increased by 11.8%. The HORNBAACH Group has thus boosted its operating earnings strength in the current financial year in spite of ongoing economic uncertainties.

Particularly pleasing momentum was shown by like-for-like sales at HORNBAACH's DIY megastores with garden centers in Germany, which grew by 2.8% in the third quarter (September 1 to November 30, 2009) and at a rate of 3.0% in the first nine months. HORNBAACH maintained its above-average performance compared with the month-by-month sales performance of the DIY sector in Germany, thus gaining further market share. Other European countries showed disparate developments in sales. While the stores in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Romania witnessed a decline in demand, in some cases severe, due to the weak consumer climate in the wake of the economic crisis, other West European countries in which HORNBAACH operates DIY megastores with garden centers mostly reported pleasing levels of sales growth. Like-for-like sales in the other European countries segment therefore almost matched the high levels seen in the previous year both in the third quarter and in the first nine months as a whole.

The HORNBAACH Baustoff Union GmbH subgroup posted a very dynamic performance in the first nine months of 2009/2010. With sales growth of 10.6% in defiance of developments in the sector, earnings even showed clearly disproportionate growth compared with sales.

All in all, key operative earnings figures showed positive year-on-year developments at the overall HORNBAACH HOLDING AG Group in the reporting period from March to November 2009. This was chiefly due to like-for-like sales growth in Germany and Western Europe, a slight improvement in the gross margin across the Group, and lower pre-opening and administration expenses. Unlike in the previous year, no disposal gains were incurred in the real estate segment (previous year: € 27.8m). As expected, this led key earnings figures to fall short of the previous year's figures overall in spite of the improved earnings performance in the core operating business. The Group's operating earnings (EBIT) decreased by 6.7% to € 152.6 million (previous year: € 163.6m). Excluding non-operating earnings components, operative EBIT improved by 11.8% in the first nine months of 2009/2010.

Macroeconomic Framework

On an international level, the macroeconomic framework continued to be characterized during the fall by a high degree of uncertainty. Macroeconomic output in the USA, the euro area and Germany has certainly shown positive rates of growth once again since the second and third quarters of the 2009 calendar year. Growth in global industrial output has also strengthened considerably since the middle of the year, leading to a remarkable expansion in global trade. Doubts nevertheless remain as to the sustainability and stability of this upward trend beyond 2009. Setbacks such as the debt crisis in Dubai show that the foundations for the recovery on the financial markets are still shaky. The situation on the labor market also has to be viewed as unfavorable for the foreseeable future. Even once any economic revival has begun, the turnaround in the EU labor market will, based on previous experience, still take time to set in and will thus tend to slow the development in private consumer spending. Consumers have benefited, by contrast, from the continuing stability in consumer prices towards the end of 2009 as well, a factor which can be assumed to have helped consumer confidence remain relatively immune to the economic crisis well into the fall.

The performance of the retail sector across the EU in the course of 2009 has fallen short of the previous year's figures. The promotion of automobile sales with government purchase incentive schemes in various member states has manifestly diverted purchasing power away from traditional retail channels. This is one of the reasons for the decline in retail sales (excluding automobile sales) in virtually all EU countries. Real-term retail sales in the 27 EU countries in September and October 2009 dropped by 2.2% and 0.9% respectively. In terms of HORNBACH's scope of operations across Europe, the retail sectors in Romania and Slovakia were especially hard hit in this respect, with double-digit downturns in sales in some cases. Retail sales in Germany fell by 1.8% in real terms in the period from January to October 2009. As is apparent from official EU statistics, only Austria and Sweden could boast retail sales growth in recent months.

Earnings, Financial and Net Asset Situation

Sales performance

The HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group (HORNBACH Group) comprises the HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG, HORNBACH Baustoff Union GmbH and HORNBACH Immobilien AG subgroups.

Given the prevailing economic climate and the development in sales in the overall retail sector, the business performance of the HORNBACH Group has so far proven to be relatively immune to the crisis in large parts of Europe. The overall HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group thus maintained the growth course already seen in the first half of 2009/2010 in the third quarter as well. Net sales at the Group for the period from September 1 to November 30, 2009 grew by 3.4% to € 712.1 million (previous year: € 688.5m). In the first nine months as a whole, the Group generated sales growth of 4.4% to € 2,311.3 million (previous year: € 2,214.0m). The HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG subgroup accounted for around 94% of this sum.

HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG subgroup

The HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG subgroup was operating 130 DIY megastores with garden centers across Europe as of November 30, 2009 (February 28, 2009: 129). No new retail outlets were opened in the third quarter of 2009/2010 (September 1 to November 30, 2009). The total sales areas at retail outlets amounted to around 1,465,000 m² at the reporting date. The HORNBACH DIY megastores with garden centers have an average size of more than 11,250 m².

In most of the regions where we operate our DIY megastores with garden centers, demand for building, home improvement and garden products has risen compared with the previous year. Our concept, with its focus on project customers, addresses consumers' needs, especially in difficult economic times, when people once again accord greater priority to a higher quality of life within their private living space. With its combination of a broad product range, professional advice, support services and permanently

low prices, HORNBACH has successfully established itself as a competent partner when it comes to helping consumers renovate or enhance the appearance of their own four walls.

Third-quarter net sales grew by 3.0% to reach € 663.5 million (previous year: € 644.2m). For the first nine months as whole, the subgroup's sales rose by 4.0% to € 2,166.4 million (previous year: € 2,083.3m). Like-for-like sales, i.e. excluding sales at newly opened stores, also showed pleasing developments overall. Net of currency factors, we improved our like-for-like sales by 1.4% in the third quarter and by 1.6% on a cumulative basis for the first nine months. Including currency factors, comparable store sales grew by 0.7% in the third quarter and by 1.0% cumulatively.

■ Germany

Our domestic business was the Group's key growth driver in the third quarter of 2009/2010 as well, latching seamlessly onto the pleasing sales performance already seen in previous quarters. We increased our overall sales in Germany by 3.9% to € 387.7 million (previous year: € 373.1m). Sales in the first nine months of 2009/2010 as whole grew by 3.9% to € 1,275.8 million (previous year: € 1,227.5m). On a like-for-like basis, we improved our sales year-on-year by 2.8% in the third quarter. For the first nine months as a whole, like-for-like sales growth amounted to 3.0%. This level of sales momentum means that HORNBACH has once again outperformed the DIY sector average in Germany. According to the BHB sector association, following a respectable race to catch up in the third calendar quarter, German DIY and garden stores posted slight (adjusted) like-for-like sales growth of 0.2% in the period from January to September 2009.

■ Other European countries

Third-quarter sales at the 38 international HORNBACH DIY megastores with garden centers rose by 1.7% to € 275.8 million (previous year: € 271.2m). Sales in other European countries in the first nine months of 2009/2010 grew by 4.1% to € 890.6 million (previous year: € 855.7m). The international share of consolidated sales at HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG amounted to 41.1% in the first nine months (previous year: 41.1%). Our sales performance outside Germany was highly uneven. We more or less succeeded in compensating for the decline in demand triggered by weak consumer spending in the wake of the economic crisis at our locations in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Romania thanks to pleasing sales growth in the West European countries in our network. Net of currency factors, like-for-like sales in the other European countries segment therefore virtually matched the high previous year's figures both in the third quarter (-0.6%) and in the first nine months as a whole (-0.4%). Including currency factors, the reduction amounted to 2.2% in the third quarter and to 1.9% on a cumulative basis.

Further details about the business performance of the HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG subgroup can be found in the interim report published separately by this subsidiary.

HORNBACH Baustoff Union GmbH subgroup

The HORNBACH Baustoff Union GmbH (HBU) subgroup boosted its sales by 9.6% to € 48.5 million in the third quarter of 2009/2010 (previous year: € 44.2m). Net sales for the first nine months as a whole grew by 10.6% to € 144.7 million (previous year: € 130.9m). On a like-for-like basis, i.e. excluding acquisitions, the subgroup's sales grew by 3.3% in the period under report. As of November 30, 2009, HBU was operating 21 builders' merchant outlets, focusing on South-Western Germany.

Earnings performance

Earnings at the HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group

We achieved year-on-year improvements in the key operative earnings figures of the overall HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group in the reporting period from March to November 2009.

This development was chiefly driven by like-for-like sales growth in Germany and Western Europe, a slight improvement in the gross margin across the Group, and lower pre-opening and administration expenses. Unlike in the previous year, no disposal gains were generated in the non-operating real estate segment (previous year: € 27.8m). As expected, this base effect led the Group's earnings to fall short of the previous year's figure in spite of the improved operative earnings performance.

The gross margin, i.e. gross profit as a percentage of net sales, rose slightly from 35.5% to 35.7% in the first nine months of the year. The Group's selling and store expenses grew to € 600.8 million (previous year: € 568.1m) and thus showed a slightly disproportionate increase compared with sales. The store expense ratio rose from 25.7% to 26.0%. This increase was chiefly due to collectively agreed pay increases, higher rental expenses and increased general operating expenses. The earnings performance benefited, by contrast, from the year-on-year reduction in pre-opening expenses and administration expenses. The pre-opening expense ratio thus decreased from 0.3% to 0.2%, while the administration expense ratio declined from 3.9% to 3.7%.

Other income and expenses dropped year-on-year from € 38.2 million to € 15.6 million in the first nine months of 2009/2010. This expected reduction was mainly due to non-operating earnings items in the real estate segment amounting to a net total of € 27.2 million. Net non-operating income of € 25.4 million was generated from real estate sales in the first nine months of the previous year. In line with the budget, there were no disposal gains from real estate transactions in the current financial year. We rather reported net non-operating expenses of € 1.9 million in the first nine months of 2009/2010. As previously announced, earnings figures for the period under report therefore fell short of the previous year's figures.

In the first nine months of the current financial year, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) declined by 5.4% from € 216.3 million to € 204.6 million. The Group's operating earnings (EBIT) fell by 6.7% to € 152.6 million (previous year: € 163.6m). Net of non-operating earnings components, operative EBIT improved by 11.8% to € 154.4 million (previous year: € 138.2m) and thus showed significantly disproportionate growth compared with sales. Due to lower interest income and currency losses, net financial expenses deteriorated from € 24.3 million to € 29.1 million. Consolidated earnings before taxes dropped by 11.4% to € 123.5 million (previous year: € 139.3m). Net income for the period is reported at € 87.1 million (previous year: € 105.0m). Earnings per preference share amounted to € 8.82 at the end of the first nine months (previous year: € 10.70).

In the third quarter of 2009/2010 (Q3) which, like the equivalent quarter in the previous year, did not include any material non-operating items, the earnings performance of the Group was satisfactory compared with the previous year. At € 39.1 million, EBITDA virtually matched the previous year's figure (€ 39.8m). EBIT showed a slight improvement of 2.0% to € 22.5 million (previous year: € 22.0m). The Group's interest income, which was impeded by developments in interest rates on the capital markets, led to a significant deterioration in net financial expenses in Q3 (€ -10.2m, as against € -7.6m), and thus to a decline in earnings before taxes. Consolidated earnings before taxes thus fell by 15.3% to € 12.2 million (previous year: € 14.4m). Third-quarter net income is reported at € 9.0 million (previous year: € 9.3m) and earnings per preference share at € 1.01 (previous year: € 0.97).

Earnings by subgroup

The key earnings figures for the overall Group are largely dependent on the earnings performance of the largest operating subgroup, **HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG**. Due to non-operating base effects mainly involving disposal gains of € 14.8 million in the real estate segment in the previous year, the subgroup's operating earnings (EBIT) for the first nine months declined by 5.7% to € 120.1 million (previous year: € 127.3m). Excluding non-operating earnings components, operative EBIT grew by 7.5%.

The **HORNBACH Baustoff Union GmbH** subgroup achieved markedly disproportionate growth in earnings compared with sales in the first nine months. Operating earnings at HBU improved from € 3.3 million to € 5.4 million. Alongside the pleasing momentum shown by sales at the existing network of outlets, this earnings growth was driven above all by a higher gross margin and lower administration expenses.

As expected, the EBIT of the **HORNBACH Immobilien AG** subgroup, by contrast, fell from € 38.5 million to € 29.4 million on account of base effects. This subgroup had generated net non-operating income of € 11.4 million in the first nine months of the previous year, while no disposal gains were generated in the period under report.

Financial and net asset position

The HORNBACH Group invested a total of € 81.5 million in the first nine months of the current financial year (previous year: € 100.4m). Around 66% of this sum was invested in land and buildings, while the rest was primarily channeled into plant and office equipment at new and existing stores, as well as into intangible assets. Investments were financed in full from the cash flow of € 209.7 million from operating activities (previous year: € 170.7m). Further information about financing and investment activities at the overall HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group can be found in the cash flow statement on Page 12.

The total assets of the overall Group grew to € 2,112.2 million as of November 30, 2009, up 5.8% on the balance sheet date as of February 28, 2009. Cash and cash equivalents increased from € 275.2 million to € 405.1 million. Shareholders' equity as reported in the balance sheet rose by 10.3%, or € 80.6 million, since the previous reporting date to its current total of € 861.1 million. As a result, the equity ratio improved from 39.1% to 40.8%. As of November 30, 2009, the net financial debt of the HORNBACH Group had reduced from € 499.4 million as of February 28, 2009 to € 379.8 million.

Employees

At the reporting date on November 30, 2009, 13,297 individuals across Europe were in fixed employment at the HORNBACH Group (February 28, 2009: 13,169).

Outlook

We opened our fifth HORNBACH DIY megastore with a garden center at Galgenen in the Zurich area at the beginning of December 2009. There will be no further store openings in the fourth quarter (December 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010). By the end of the financial year, we will therefore be operating a total of 131 DIY megastores with garden centers in nine countries at the HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG subgroup.

Based on the information currently available, we can confirm the sales and earnings forecast for the current financial year most recently formulated in our half-year financial report for 2009/2010. We expect consolidated sales, i.e. net sales including sales generated at newly opened stores, to grow in a low to medium single-digit percentage range both on the level of the overall HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group and of the HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG subgroup in the current 2009/2010 financial year. We expect like-for-like sales at our DIY megastores with garden centers in Germany to continue to outperform the sector average in the coming months as well. Sales at the HORNBACH Baustoff Union subgroup are also expected to outperform the builders' merchant sector in Germany. In other European countries, we assume that the distribution of risks across our European DIY store network will allow the reduction in sales expected in specific regions to be compensated for at least in part by sales growth in other regions. Mainly as a result of significantly lower earnings in the real estate segment, the operating earnings (EBIT) of the overall HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group for the 2009/2010 financial year as a whole are expected to fall considerably short of the level reported for the 2008/2009 financial year (€ 179.1m), but should nevertheless exceed the EBIT posted for the 2007/2008 financial year (€ 105.5m).

Given the high volume of liquidity available at the Group, there has been a reduction in the medium-term requirement to refinance our future growth by way of sale and leaseback transactions. We therefore plan to execute only one sale of a DIY store property by the end of the financial year, rather than the two such sales previously budgeted. This transaction is expected to generate disposal gains of around € 1 million in the real estate segment, compared with the non-operating earnings of around € 45 million generated at the overall Group in the previous 2008/2009 financial year. The inflow of funds from this sale and leaseback transaction is expected to amount to around € 34 million and is to be reinvested in full.

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Income Statement

€ million	3 rd Quarter 2009/2010	3 rd Quarter 2008/2009	Change %	Nine Months 2009/2010	Nine Months 2008/2009	Change %
Sales	712.1	688.5	3.4	2,311.3	2,214.0	4.4
Cost of goods sold	461.0	448.8	2.7	1,485.2	1,427.1	4.1
Gross profit	251.1	239.8	4.7	826.0	786.8	5.0
Selling and store expenses	201.6	189.5	6.4	600.8	568.1	5.8
Pre-opening expenses	2.1	2.4	(12.8)	3.7	7.1	(48.2)
General and administration expenses	29.8	28.4	4.9	84.6	86.3	(2.1)
Other income and expenses	4.9	2.6	85.7	15.6	38.2	(59.2)
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)	22.5	22.0	2.0	152.6	163.6	(6.7)
Other interest and similar income	0.9	4.9	(82.6)	3.3	11.3	(71.3)
Other interest and similar expenses	10.2	12.1	(15.9)	31.0	34.6	(10.1)
Other financial result	(0.9)	(0.3)		(1.3)	(1.1)	22.5
Net financial expenses	(10.2)	(7.6)	34.9	(29.1)	(24.3)	19.9
Consolidated earnings before taxes	12.2	14.4	(15.3)	123.5	139.3	(11.4)
Taxes on income	3.3	5.2	(36.9)	36.3	34.3	5.9
Consolidated net income	9.0	9.3	(3.1)	87.1	105.0	(17.0)
of which: income attributable to shareholders	7.9	7.5	5.0	70.3	85.4	(17.6)
of which: minority interests	1.1	1.8	(37.7)	16.8	19.6	(14.4)
Earnings per share in €	0.95	0.91	4.4	8.76	10.64	(17.7)
Earnings per preference share in €	1.01	0.97	4.1	8.82	10.70	(17.6)

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Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Period

€ million	Nine Months 2009/2010	Nine Months 2008/2009
Consolidated net income	87.1	105.0
Measurement of derivative financial instruments (cash flow hedge)		
Measurement of derivative hedging instruments directly in equity	(2.1)	(0.9)
Gains and losses from measurement of derivative financial instruments transferred to profit or loss	1.9	(1.2)
Exchange differences arising on the translation of foreign subsidiaries	3.9	1.2
Deferred taxes on gains and losses recognized directly in equity	0.1	0.6
Other comprehensive income	3.8	(0.3)
Total comprehensive income	91.0	104.7
of which: attributable to shareholders	73.3	85.1
of which: attributable to minority interests	17.6	19.6

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Balance Sheet

Assets	November 30, 2009		February 28, 2009	
	€ million	%	€ million	%
Non-current assets				
Intangible assets	19.2	0.9	20.3	1.0
Property, plant, and equipment	998.2	47.3	936.1	46.9
Investment property	45.0	2.1	48.9	2.5
Financial assets	2.4	0.1	5.1	0.3
Non-current receivables and other assets	19.0	0.9	23.8	1.2
Non-current income tax receivables	16.0	0.8	16.9	0.8
Deferred tax assets	20.4	1.0	21.1	1.1
	1,120.1	53.0	1,072.1	53.7
Current assets				
Inventories	439.9	20.8	516.2	25.9
Other receivables and assets	102.3	4.8	72.7	3.6
Income tax receivables	8.1	0.4	8.7	0.4
Cash and cash equivalents	405.1	19.2	275.2	13.8
Non-current assets held for sale and disposal groups	36.6	1.7	51.0	2.6
	992.0	47.0	923.7	46.3
	2,112.2	100.0	1,995.8	100.0

Equity and liabilities	November 30, 2009		February 28, 2009	
	€ million	%	€ million	%
Equity				
Share capital	24.0	1.1	24.0	1.2
Capital reserve	130.4	6.2	130.4	6.5
Revenue reserves	554.4	26.3	491.0	24.6
Minority interests	152.3	7.2	135.1	6.8
	861.1	40.8	780.5	39.1
Non-current liabilities				
Long-term financial debt	681.7	32.3	621.2	31.1
Deferred tax liabilities	73.1	3.5	71.7	3.6
Other non-current liabilities	22.1	1.0	20.0	1.0
	777.0	36.8	712.9	35.7
Current liabilities				
Short-term financial debt	103.2	4.9	153.3	7.7
Trade payables and other liabilities	270.1	12.8	248.2	12.4
Income tax liabilities	37.2	1.8	32.5	1.6
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	63.6	3.0	68.5	3.4
	474.1	22.4	502.4	25.2
	2,112.2	100.0	1,995.8	100.0

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Statement of Changes in Equity

Nine Months 2008/2009 € million	Share capital	Capital reserve	Hedging reserve	Cumulative currency translation	Other revenue reserves ^{*)}	Equity attributable to share- holders	Minority interests	Total group equity
Balance at March 1, 2008	24.0	130.4	(1.2)	7.1	410.7	570.9	116.7	687.6
Total comprehensive income			(1.2)	1.0	85.4	85.1	19.6	104.7
Dividend distribution					(8.9)	(8.9)	(3.1)	(12.0)
Capital increase from share option plans							1.4	1.4
Changes in scope of consolidation					(0.5)	(0.5)	0.1	(0.4)
Balance at November 30, 2008	24.0	130.4	(2.5)	8.1	486.6	646.6	134.7	781.3

Nine Months 2009/2010 € million	Share capital	Capital reserve	Hedging reserve	Cumulative currency translation	Other revenue reserves ^{*)}	Equity attributable to share- holders	Minority interests	Total group equity
Balance at March 1, 2009	24.0	130.4	(4.0)	3.3	491.7	645.3	135.1	780.5
Total comprehensive income			(0.1)	3.1	70.3	73.3	17.6	91.0
Dividend distribution					(8.9)	(8.9)	(3.1)	(12.0)
Capital increase from share option plans							2.1	2.1
Changes in scope of consolidation					(1.0)	(1.0)	0.6	(0.4)
Balance at November 30, 2009	24.0	130.4	(4.1)	6.4	552.1	708.8	152.3	861.1

Rounding up or down may lead to discrepancies between totals.

^{*)} the income and expenses recognized under other revenue reserves relate to the net income for the period attributable to shareholders.

Cash Flow Statement

€ million	Nine Months 2009/2010	Nine Months 2008/2009
Consolidated net income	87.1	105.0
Depreciation and amortization of non-current assets	52.4	52.7
Change in provisions	3.0	0.6
Gains/losses on disposals of non-current assets and of non-current assets held for sale	(0.1)	(26.9)
Change in inventories, trade receivables and other assets	50.3	0.6
Change in trade payables and other liabilities	14.8	40.0
Other non-cash income/expenses	2.2	(1.3)
Cash flow from operating activities	209.7	170.7
Proceeds from disposals of non-current assets and of non-current assets held for sale	8.2	30.1
Payments for investments in property, plant, and equipment	(64.3)	(92.8)
Payments for investments in intangible assets	(2.6)	(1.7)
Payments for investments in financial assets	(1.0)	(4.1)
Payments for acquisitions of shareholdings and other business units	(13.8)	(1.9)
Cash flow from investing activities	(73.3)	(70.3)
Proceeds from capital increases	2.1	1.3
Dividends paid	(12.0)	(12.0)
Proceeds from taking up long-term debt	87.5	25.2
Repayment of long-term debt	(34.9)	(35.2)
Payments for transaction costs	(0.8)	0.0
Change in short-term debt	(48.9)	17.4
Cash flow from financing activities	(7.0)	(3.2)
Cash-effective change in cash and cash equivalents	129.4	97.1
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to changes in exchange rates	0.5	0.0
Cash and cash equivalents at March 1	275.2	196.0
Cash and cash equivalents at November 30	405.1	293.1

Rounding up or down may lead to discrepancies between totals.

The cash flow from operating activities was reduced by € 29.2 million on account of income tax payments (previous year: € 18.8m) and by € 36.4 million on account of interest payments (previous year: € 36.2m) and increased by € 3.3 million on account of interest received (previous year: € 11.4m).

The other non-cash income/expenses item largely consists of unrecognized foreign currency differences and deferred taxes.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Notes to the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Accounting principles

This unaudited group interim report of HORNBAACH HOLDING AG and its subsidiaries for the nine-month period as of November 30, 2009 has been prepared in accordance with Section 315a of the German Commercial Code (HGB) based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in the form requiring mandatory application in the European Union.

The HORNBAACH Group has implemented all International Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) requiring mandatory application in the European Union for the first time from the 2009/2010 financial year. Specifically, these involve:

- IAS 1 "Presentation of Financial Statements": the initial application of the new version of this standard has mainly resulted in a change in the presentation of components of the financial statements.
- IAS 23 "Borrowing Costs (revised)": the revised standard has abolished the previous option of not capitalizing borrowing costs. From January 1, 2009, borrowing costs directly or indirectly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets must be capitalized as a cost component. As this option was already drawn on in the past, the initial application has not had any implications for the group interim report.
- IFRS 8 "Operating Segments" replaces IAS 14 and bases segment reporting on application of the management approach. The initial application of IFRS 8 has resulted in a restructuring of the segment report. The business segments of the HORNBAACH HOLDING AG Group requiring report correspond to the "DIY Stores", "Builders' Merchants" and "Real Estate" segments previously included in the primary segment report. Moreover, the transition from total segment earnings (EBIT) to consolidated earnings before taxes has been presented.

The application of the other International Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee requiring initial application in the 2009/2010 financial year has not had any implications for the net asset, financial and earnings position of the Group.

Otherwise, the accounting principles applied when preparing the interim report correspond to those applied in the consolidated financial statements as of February 28, 2009. The Group has made additional application of IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". This interim report is to be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of HORNBAACH HOLDING AG for the 2008/2009 financial year. Reference is made to these financial statements on account of the additional information they contain as to the specific accounting and valuation methods applied. The notes included therein also apply to this interim report, unless any amendments are expressly indicated. Moreover, this interim report also complies with German Accounting Standard No. 16 (DRS 16) - Interim Reporting - of the German Accounting Standards Committee (DRSC).

(2) Adjustments to enhance presentation

Recognized foreign currency gains and losses and income and expenses from the measurement of primary receivables and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies were recognized under net financial expenses for the first time in the consolidated financial statements as of February 28, 2009. Previously, these items were presented under other income and expenses, while IFRS required the measurement of derivative foreign currency hedging instruments to be reported under net financial expenses. As these components of earnings are closely related in economic terms, the amended reporting method has led to a more accurate presentation of foreign currency gains and losses.

Other income of € 56.5 million and other expenses of € 17.3 million were reported in the group interim report for the first nine months of 2008/2009 as of November 30, 2008. These items included income of € 9.0 million and expenses of € 8.0 million from exchange differences. The net income of € 1.0 million has been reclassified in line with the new presentation. As a result, other income and expenses are € 1.0 million lower and net financial expenses are correspondingly higher than stated in the interim report as of November 30, 2008. Accordingly, EBIT and EBITDA for the first nine months of 2008/2009 are also € 1.0 million lower.

(3) Scope of consolidation

Development OVA South a.s., Opava (Czech Republic) was included in the consolidated financial statements for the first time in the first nine months of 2009/2010.

(4) Seasonal influences

Due to weather conditions, the HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group generally reports a weaker business performance in the autumn and winter than in the spring and summer months. These seasonal fluctuations are reflected in the figures for the first nine months of the year. The business performance in the first nine months as of November 30, 2009 does not necessarily provide an indication of the results to be expected for the 2009/2010 financial year as a whole.

(5) Other income and expenses

Other income and expenses are structured as follows:

€ million	3 rd Quarter 2009/2010	3 rd Quarter 2008/2009	Change %
Other income	6.0	7.0	(14.5)
Other expenses	1.1	4.4	(75.1)
Other income and expenses	4.9	2.6	85.7

€ million	Nine Months 2009/2010	Nine Months 2008/2009	Change %
Other income	22.2	47.5	(53.2)
Other expenses	6.6	9.3	(28.3)
Other income and expenses	15.6	38.2	(59.2)

Percentages calculated on basis of € 000s. Rounding up or down may lead to discrepancies between totals.

The other income reported for the first nine months of 2009/2010 consists of operating income of € 21.3 million (previous year: € 18.9m) and non-operating income of € 0.9 million (previous year: € 28.6m). Operating income mainly consists of advertising grants and income from reversals of provisions. Non-operating income for the first nine months of 2009/2010 mainly consists of retrospective income of € 0.5 million from the sale of real estate in the 2008/2009 financial year and a write-back of € 0.3 million on a piece of land in the real estate segment. The non-operating income for the first nine months of 2008/2009 chiefly results from the disposal of a DIY store property and of pieces of land not required for operations (€ 27.8m in total). These disposals were handled partly as disposals of real estate companies and partly as disposals of assets. The DIY store property was leased back

on a long-term basis within the framework of an operating lease. There is the option of extending the letting period following expiry of the fixed term. Moreover, the previous year's figure also includes income of € 0.8 million from the reversal of a provision for onerous contracts.

The other expenses for the first nine months of 2009/2010 consist of operating expenses of € 3.8 million (previous year: € 6.1m) and non-operating expenses of € 2.8 million (previous year: € 3.2m). Operating expenses mainly involve write-downs on receivables, losses incurred for damages, and losses on the disposal of non-current assets. Non-operating expenses for the first nine months of 2009/2010 chiefly result from an allocation of € 1.9 million to provisions for onerous contracts (previous year: € 0.1m) and from the reclassification of a property previously held for sale. As the intention to sell no longer applies, the property has been reclassified to property, plant and equipment and measured at its amortized original carrying amount. The retrospective recognition of scheduled depreciation led to expenses of € 0.7 million. Moreover, this item also includes expenses of € 0.2 million in connection with investment projects not subject to further development (previous year: € 1.9m). The previous year's figure also includes impairment losses of € 0.7 million resulting from the write-down of a building not used for operations (IAS 40) and of € 0.5 million resulting from the write-down of a piece of land held for sale. The impairment losses result from the difference between the carrying amount and the expected net sale proceeds and relate to the real estate segment.

(6) Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are calculated pursuant to IAS 33 (Earnings per Share) as the quotient of the income attributable to the shareholders of HORNBACK HOLDING AG for the period under report and the weighted average number of shares issued.

	3 rd Quarter 2009/2010	3 rd Quarter 2008/2009
Consolidated net income in € million	7.9	7.5
Additional dividend for preference shares in € million	0.2	0.2
Consolidated net income adjusted to account for additional dividend claims in € million	7.6	7.3
Number of ordinary shares issued	4,000,000	4,000,000
Number of preference shares issued	4,000,000	4,000,000
	8,000,000	8,000,000
Earnings per share in €	0.95	0.91
Additional dividend claim per preference share in €	0.06	0.06
Earnings per preference share in €	1.01	0.97

Rounding up or down may lead to discrepancies between totals.

	Nine Months 2009/2010	Nine Months 2008/2009
Consolidated net income in € million	70.3	85.4
Additional dividend for preference shares in € million	0.2	0.2
Consolidated net income adjusted to account for additional dividend claims in € million	70.1	85.1
Number of ordinary shares issued	4,000,000	4,000,000
Number of preference shares issued	4,000,000	4,000,000
	8,000,000	8,000,000
Earnings per share in €	8.76	10.64
Additional dividend claim per preference share in €	0.06	0.06
Earnings per preference share in €	8.82	10.70

Rounding up or down may lead to discrepancies between totals.

(7) Other disclosures

The personnel expenses of the HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group amounted to € 348.2 million at the end of the first nine months as of November 30, 2009 (previous year: € 334.3m).

Depreciation and amortization totaling € 52.4 million was recognized on non-current intangible assets and property, plant and equipment at the HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group in the first nine months of the 2009/2010 financial year (previous year: € 52.7m).

(8) Dividends

As proposed by the Board of Management and Supervisory Board of HORNBACH HOLDING AG, following approval by the Annual General Meeting on July 10, 2009 dividends of € 1.08 per ordinary share and € 1.14 per preference share were distributed to shareholders for the 2008/2009 financial year.

(9) Share option plans

Within the framework of the 1999 share option plan of HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG, a total of 86,435 subscription rights were exercised in accordance with the terms and conditions of the share option plan during the exercise windows in the first nine months of 2009/2010. In addition, a total of 7,480 share options within the 2003 phantom stock plan of HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG and 2,800 share options within the share option plan of HORNBACH HOLDING AG were exercised over the same period.

(10) Employee shares

On August 10, 2009, the Board of Management of HORNBACH-Baumarkt-AG resolved pursuant to Section 71 (1) No. 2 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) to acquire up to 20,000 treasury stock shares for the (annual) issue of employee shares. The buyback of shares was concluded on November 12, 2009. A total of 17,810 treasury stock shares were acquired.

The repurchase of shares pursuant to this management board resolution was undertaken in accordance with the safe harbor regulations set out in Section 20a (3) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) in conjunction with Regulation (EC) No. 2273/2003 of the Commission dated December 22, 2003.

The employee shares were all issued to employees in November 2009.

(11) Contingent liabilities and other financial obligations

These mainly involve rental, hiring, leasehold and leasing contracts for which the companies of the HORNBAACH HOLDING AG Group do not constitute the economic owners of the assets thereby leased pursuant to IFRS regulations (Operating Lease). These amounted to € 826.5 million at the end of the first nine months of 2009/2010 (February 28, 2009: € 911.2m).

(12) Relationships to closely related companies and persons

In addition to the subsidiaries included in the consolidated financial statements, HORNBAACH HOLDING AG also has direct or indirect relationships with associated companies when performing its customary business activities. Apart from the transactions reported in the annual financial statements, no major transactions were undertaken with closely related companies and persons during the first nine months of 2009/2010.

(13) Segment report

Nine Months 2009/2010 in € million Nine Months 2008/2009 in € million	DIY stores	Builders' merchants	Real estate	Headquarters and consolidation	HORNBACH HOLDING AG Group
Segment sales	2,165.7	144.7	135.6	(134.7)	2,311.3
	2,082.6	130.9	128.2	(127.7)	2,214.0
Sales to third parties	2,165.6	142.9	0.0	0.0	2,308.5
	2,082.5	128.9	0.0	(0.1)	2,211.3
Sales to affiliated companies	0.1	1.8	0.0	(1.9)	0.0
	0.1	2.0	0.0	(2.1)	0.0
Rental income from affiliated companies	0.0	0.0	132.9	(132.9)	0.0
	0.0	0.0	125.5	(125.5)	0.0
Rental income from external third parties	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	2.7
	0.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	2.7
Segment earnings (EBIT)	105.7	5.4	55.2	(13.7)	152.6
	99.3	3.3	77.2	(16.3)	163.6
Depreciation and amortization/write-ups	26.0	3.0	17.1	6.0	52.0
	27.7	2.4	16.4	6.2	52.7
EBITDA	131.7	8.4	72.3	(7.7)	204.6
	127.0	5.7	93.6	(10.1)	216.3
Segment assets	712.5	104.1	968.4	282.7	2,067.7
	715.2	88.7	903.6	280.0	1,987.5
of which: credit balances at banks	81.1	0.9	53.5	248.6	384.1
	39	0.4	9.1	209.4	257.9

Reconciliation in € million	Nine Months 2009/2010	Nine Months 2008/2009
Segment earnings (EBIT) before "Headquarters and consolidation"	166.3	179.8
Unallocated activities	(12.9)	(15.7)
Consolidation adjustments	(0.8)	(0.5)
Net financial expenses	(29.1)	(24.3)
Consolidated earnings before taxes	123.5	139.3

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Neustadt an der Weinstrasse, December 22, 2009

The Board of Management of HORNBACH HOLDING AG

FINANCIAL CALENDAR 2009/2010

December 22, 2009	Interim Report for the 3 rd Quarter of 2009/2010 as of November 30, 2009
March 18, 2010	Trading Statement
May 27, 2010	Annual Results Press Conference 2009/2010 Publication of Annual Report
July 1, 2010	Interim Report as of May 31, 2010
July 9, 2010	Annual General Meeting, Festhalle Landau/Pfalz
September 30, 2010	Half-Year Financial Report as of August 31, 2010 DVFA Analysts' Conference

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