

## 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007 Conference Call

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#### **Q4 Results: income statement**

millions €	Q4 2007	Q4 2006	∆ as reported
Net Revenues	51.2	43.1	+18.7%
Gross profit	31.7	26.2	+21.2%
Margin	62.0%	60.7%	
S&M	(10.7)	(10.2)	
R&D	(3.3)	(2.5)	
G&A	(6.9)	(5.7)	
Other operating Income/(Expenses)	0.5	(1.1)	
Ebit	11.4	6.7	69.2%
Margin	22.3%	15.6%	
Net Financial expense	(0.4)	(1.1)	
Tax	(4.8)	(2.3)	
Net Result	6.1	3.3	85.3%
Ebitda	14.9	10.5	42.4%
Margin	29.2%	24.3%	

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### **Accelerated revenues growth**

Revenues increase by 18.7% notwithstanding a negative impact from the €to USD exchange rate (+22.4% at comparable fx). Growth rate keeps accelerating thanks to:

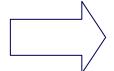
- Steady enlargement of Liaison installed base, grown from around 1672 (31/12/06) to around 2070 (31/12/2007)
- Enriched specialty assay portfolio offer: since 2006 until end of 2007
   13 new assays received CE mark, out of which 10 specialties, and 7
   new assays received FDA approval, all specialties.
- US and EU drove sales growth as well as recent direct initiatives (Mex, Isr and China)

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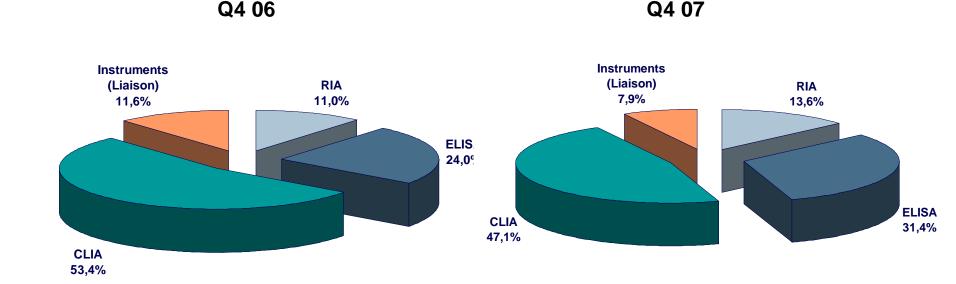
### Revenues break down: by technology

CLIA sales still growing at higher rate than other technologies: +34.5% Q4 07 vs Q4 06



Revenues mix by technology improved towards CLIA kits, from 47.1% in Q4 07 to 53.4% in Q4 07 of total sales.

At 31/12/07 CLIA sales represent more than 50% of total revenues



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### Revenues break down: by geography

millions €	4rd Quarter		
	2007	2006	Δ%
Europe	30.6	26.2	16.9%
North America	11.9	9.3	28.1%
Rest of the World	8.6	7.6	13.5%
Total	51.2	43.1	18.7%

• In <u>Europe</u>, increased market share in consolidated as well as in developing markets:

France	+13.9%	Q4 07 vs Q4 06
Spain	+15.8%	Q4 07 vs Q4 06
UK	+28.2%	Q4 07 vs Q4 06
Nordic	+34.3%	Q4 07 vs Q4 06

- In North America, accelerating growth although affected by exchange rate trend:
  - + 28.1% Q4 07 vs Q4 06 as reported
  - + 43.2% Q4 07 vs Q4 06 at comparable foreign exchange rate
- In Rest of the World, promising growth rate in recent initiatives:

**China** +268.3% Q4 07 vs Q4 06 from €249K to €917K

**Mexico** +41.6% Q4 07 vs Q4 06 **Israel** +150.0% Q4 07 vs Q4 06

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### **Clearly improving profitability**

#### Profitability continuously improved:

<b>Gross Margins</b>	<b>+21.2%</b> Q4 07 vs Q4 06	from 60.7% to 62.0% of tot sales
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**EBITDA** +42.4% Q4 07 vs Q4 06 from 24.3% to 29.2% of tot sales

**EBIT** +69.2% Q4 07 vs Q4 06 from 15.6% to 22.3% of tot sales

#### Thanks to:

- Improved technology mix: CLIA revenues represents 53.4% in Q4 07 vs 47.1% in Q4 06; the positive effect is mitigated by a higher weight of instrument sales with lower margin during Q4 07
- Lower incidence of instrument depreciation on total sales

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#### 4Q Results: balance sheet & cash flow

millions €	31/12/07	31/12/06
Total tangible asset	34.1	35.5
Total intangible asset	65.2	62.8
Other non-current asset	9.2	8.7
Net Working Capital	46.0	38.3
Other non-current liabilities	(22.1)	(22.9)
Net Capital Employed	132.4	122.4
Net Debt	(12.2)	(34.7)
Total shareholder's' equity	(120.3)	(87.7)

	Q4 07	Q4 06
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(14.1)	(7.7)
Cash and equivalents at the end of the period	8.4	8.7

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#### Solid financial structure

- Operating cash flow (after investment activities) in Q4 07 €6.6 MM vs €
   7.2 MM in Q4 06: net working capital increased due to business growth
- Negative impact on Cash flow from financing activities due to reimbursement (€13.5 MM) of part of Interbanca long term debt
- Net debt of €12.2 MM in Q4 07 vs €34.7 at the end of 2006
- Cash and equivalents at the end of the period amount to €8.4 MM.

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#### **FY07E** Results: income statement

millions €	2007E	2006	∆ as reported
Net Revenues	202.3	179.8	+12.6%
Gross profit	128.0	109.2	+17.2%
Margin	63.3%	60.8%	
S&M	(42.4)	(39.6)	
R&D	(11.4)	(9.2)	
G&A	(24.6)	(20.3)	
Other operating Income/(Expenditure)	(3.6)	0.0	
Out of which non recurring	(4.5)	1.9	
Ebit	46.1	40.2	+14.5%
Margin	22.8%	22.4%	
Ebit ex exceptional items	50.0	38.3	+30.8%
Margin	24.7%	21.3%	
Net Financial expense	(3.3)	(3.9)	
Tax	(17.6)	(14.0)	
Net Result	25.2	22.3	+13.0%
Ebitda	60.0	54.5	+10.1%
Margin	29.7%	30.3%	
Ebitda ex exceptional items	64.0	52.6	+21.8%
Margin	31.6%	29.2%	

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### **Clearly improving profitability**

Profitability strongly improved, although non recurring expenditures, due to IPO process:

**Gross Margins** +17.2% FYE 07 vs FY 06 from 60.8% to 63.3% of tot sales

**EBITDA** + 10.1% FYE 07 vs FY 06 from 30.3% to 29.7% of tot sales

**EBITDA** ex excep.\* +21.8% FYE 07 vs FY 06 from 29.2% to 31.6% of tot sales

**EBIT** +14.5% FY 07E vs FY 06 from 22.4% to 22.8% of tot sales

**EBIT ex excep.\*** +30.8% FY 07E vs FY 06 from 21.3% to 24.7% of tot sales

#### Thanks to:

- Improved technology mix: CLIA revenues represents 50.7% in FY 07 vs 43.9% in FY 06
- Lower incidence of instrument depreciation on total sales
- Opex under control

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<sup>\*</sup> In 2007 €4.0 of not recurring expenditure, in 2006 €1,9 of not recurring income



### Research and development from 2007 ...

#### New tests

Liaison pipeline enriched of new specialties:

8 new products received CE mark, out of which 7 specialties

82 assays, out of which 34 specialties, available on Liaison menu

3 new products received FDA approval, all specialties.

14 assays, out of which 13 specialties, available in USA

#### New instrument

Liaison XL development on track:

- Prototype testing phase started during second half 2007
- Confirmed launch in late 2009.

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#### ...onwards

#### New IVD segment

Entering in molecular diagnostics segment by 2011 to complete current extensive Liaison product offering in the field of immunodiagnostic:

- License option agreement signed in December with Eiken Chemical for LAMP (Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification) technology, combined with expertise built since the acquisition of Gamida Sense's assets in 2003 assure all the necessary technological assets and know-how to develop a <u>fully automated platform for NAT</u>
- Focus at first on <u>infectious disease</u> and leverage on strong commercial relationship, built on current Liaison install base

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### Forthcoming events

February 20 – 21 London Roadshow

March 5 – 6
STAR Conference MILAN

March 19th 2007 Annual Report approval

April 24th Shareholders' Meeting

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