

Record plc

Half year results

6 months to 30 September 2008

25 November 2008

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Highlights



- Sustained growth in client numbers
- Continued increase in management fees
- Negligible performance fees

- pre-tax profits £15.0m
- basic earnings per share 4.86p
- 2.43p per share dividend proposed



Currency Absolute Return performance





Feb 03 Aug 03 Feb 04 Aug 04 Feb 05 Aug 05 Feb 06 Aug 06 Feb 07 Aug 07 Feb 08 Aug 08

At 30 th September 2008	Value added	Tracking Error	Information Ratio
1 year	-4.13%		
3 years	0.14% p.a.	3.19% p.a.	0.05
Since inception (Feb-03)	1.08% p.a.	3.01% p.a.	0.36

Source: Record Currency Management. Returns of all clients in the composite are weighted in US dollars and scaled to a gearing ratio of one. The volatility of returns will be greater if higher leverage is applied. Client numbers and assets are correct as at 30 September 2008

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- Q1 modestly positive with improved FRB success rate and some trends in favour of investment currencies – correlations and volumes both fell in June
- Q2 strongly negative July's positive performance was more than offset by underperformance of the fund during August (our worst month for the live process since inception in February 2003) and September
- October saw the largest currency moves in some pairs in the history of free-floating exchange rates. It was a negative month for Record's process but losses were contained by the risk management approach



Financial Performance



- Client numbers continued to grow to 150
- AuME declined 14% during H109 67% of reduction due to expressing AuME in US\$
- Management fees continued to grow to £24.6m
- Average fee rates firmed to 17.8 bps
- Operating profit margin 57%
- Pre-tax profit £15.0m
- **£14.9m** cash generated from operating activities
- Interim dividend proposed of 2.43p/share
- Shareholders' funds £24m
- Cash retained after interim dividend £22m circa 2 years overhead cover



Client numbers

	30 Sep 07	31 Mar 08	30 Sep 08
Segregated funds	27	28	27
Pooled funds	79	106	116
Total Absolute Return	106	134	143
Hedging:			
Active	6	7	8
Passive	32	31	30
Less clients with >1 product	(29)	(31)	(31)
Total	115	141	150

Note: total of client numbers by product type is greater than total client numbers due to many clients having more than one account; for currency AuME, pooled fund client numbers look through pooled funds to individual investor level.





AuME attribution







AuME by product (£bn)

Achieved average management fee rates by product

	H108 bps	H208 bps	H109 bps
Absolute Return:			
Segregated funds	25.1	25.5	26.3
Pooled funds	29.0	31.0	31.4
Total Absolute Return	27.2	28.4	29.0
Hedging:			
Active	22.7	22.3	20.6
Passive	1.1	1.5	1.4
Combined average	16.7	17.1	17.8

Financials – revenue analysis







Fees analysed by product and fee type

		H108		
	Management	Total		
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Absolute Return	21.3	0.6	21.9	39.8
Active	2.7	0.1	2.8	2.3
Passive	0.6	-	0.6	0.5
Total Income	24.6	0.7	25.3	42.6
H108 Comparative	20.6	22.0	42.6	

Financials – income statement



Income statement

	H108	H208	H109
AuME at period end	\$54.7bn	\$55.7bn	\$47.8bn
Clients at period end	115	141	150
	£m	£m	£m
Income:			
Management fees	20.6	23.4	24.6
Performance fees	22.0	0.2	0.7
Total Income	42.6	23.6	25.3
Expenditure:			
Operating costs	(4.2)	(4.6)	(4.7)
Variable remuneration	(11.2)	(5.6)	(6.2)
IPO costs	(1.0)	(0.3)	-
Total expenditure	(16.4)	(10.5)	(10.9)
Operating profit	26.2	13.1	14.4
Operating Profit Margin	61.5%	55.5%	56.9%

Financials - earnings



Shareholders earnings			
	H108	H208	H109
	£m	£m	£m
Profit before tax	26.6	13.8	15.0
Тах	(8.3)	(4.2)	(4.3)
Profit after tax	18.3	9.6	10.7
eps – basic	8.33p	4.32p	4.86p
eps – diluted	8.30p	4.32p	4.85p
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Financials – balance sheet



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Balance sheet as at period end			
	H108	H208	H109
	£m	£m	£m
Fixed assets	0.7	0.6	0.6
Current assets			
Trade debtors and other receivables	9.3	8.9	9.7
Cash and cash equivalents	34.2	22.5	26.8
Total current assets	43.5	31.5	36.5
Current liabilities	(14.9)	(13.6)	(13.1)
Net current assets	28.6	17.9	23.4
Net assets	29.3	18.5	24.0
Equity	29.3	18.5	24.0

Financials - cash



CASH BRIDGE FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2008





Business strategy



- Seek to maintain and grow currency absolute return where possible and to exploit expected continued growth in demand for currency hedging
- Further expand penetration in Europe and North America
- Maintain high levels of client service
- Develop both existing and new products within currency investment management
- Achieve intended benefits of the IPO

Maintain and grow AuME



Absolute return

- Manage consequences of unfavourable market conditions
- Clients' consultants continue to advocate currency absolute return
- Continue to promote currency absolute return in the US and continental Europe, in particular as a manager-independent asset class

Hedging

- Growth in demand for active and passive hedging
- ✓ US demand for active hedging recent wins

ABSOLUTE RETURN NET FLOWS (US\$bn)



ACTIVE NET FLOWS (US\$bn)





- High levels of client service are supporting the business through a period of disappointing investment performance
- Significant effort being devoted to keeping clients and their consultants informed



Existing products

- ✓ No changes to investment philosophy or process
- ✓ Continue to enhance diversification of pair selections in the absolute return process
- ✓ Risk limitation mechanisms temporarily implemented

New products

- Promoting currency absolute return as a manager-independent asset class may require new 'currency beta' products
- Emerging Markets: continue to explore opportunities to apply Record's investment processes, appropriately amended, to emerging market currencies, although with caution



Higher profile to aid business development and recruitment

✓ Three new senior hires since April 2008 (two in client team)

Maintain long-term business continuity

- ✓ Management succession now a formal goal
- ✓ 'Fast track' stream planned to provide potential senior management
- ✓ Intern programme



Focus in Absolute Return on maintaining existing clients

- Consistency of investment process
- Communicate and maintain relationships with clients and consultants
- Long-term opportunities strong with 'asset class project'
- Hedging providing diversified growth, in particular from US
- Both existing and new products under development
- Benefits of the IPO being delivered



Appendix

Management and Board



Executive Management	t	
Name	Position	Experience
Neil Record	Chairman Chief Executive	 Founded Record in 1983. Principal shareholder and Executive Chairman ever since (25 years at Record) Acknowledged as one of the leading figures in the currency investment management industry
Peter Wakefield	Managing Director Chief Operating Officer	Joined Record in 1999 and was appointed Director responsible for product and strategy development and consulting in 2000 (9 years at Record)
		Previously worked at Morgan Grenfell from 1984 to 1999 in various roles in the export financing, structured banking transactions, interest rate swap and options and credit derivatives side
Bob Noyen	Managing Director	Joined Record in 1999 with responsibility for Investment & Research (9 years at Record)
	Chief Investment Officer	Previously worked as Assistant Treasurer for Minorco (now part of Anglo American plc)
Leslie Hill	Managing Director	Joined Record in 1992 and was appointed Head of Sales and Marketing in 1999 (16 years at Record)
	Head of Client Team	Prior experience includes working at Wells Fargo, Lloyds Bank and Merrill Lynch where she was Director and Head o Corporate Foreign Exchange Sales worldwide
Mike Timmins	Director	Joined Record as Finance Director in 1992 and was appointed to the Group Board in 1995 (16 years at Record)
	Chief Financial Officer	Previously served in financial roles at Cadbury Schweppes and as Group Treasurer, Premier Brands Limited
Paul Sheriff	Director Chief Financial Officer [elect]	Previously Group Finance Director for Arbuthnot Banking Group PLC and prior to that Commercial Finance Director of the Prudential's UK and European business

Non-Executive Directors

Name	Position	Experience
Cees Schrauwers	Senior Independent Director	Formerly director, Aviva International; managing director, CGU Insurance; Partner, Coopers & Lybrand
		Currently senior independent director, Brit Insurance Holdings; Chairman, Drive Assist UK; Chairman, Alio Limited
Andrew Sykes	Non-Executive Director	Formerly Chairman, Schroders & Co. Limited
		Currently non-executive director, Gulf International Bank (UK); Smith & Williamson Holdings; JP Morgan Fleming Asian Investment Trust

AuME



Currency for absolute return mandates:

 the maximum aggregate nominal amount of outstanding forward contracts for each client, plus

• Active hedging mandates:

 total amount of clients' investment portfolios denominated in liquid foreign currencies, and hence capable (under the terms of the relevant mandate) of being hedged, plus

Passive hedging mandates:

 the aggregate nominal amount of passive hedges actually outstanding in respect of each client, plus

Cash:

= the total set aside by clients and managed and/or 'equitised' using futures by Record

AuME analysis

Split of AuME by client type — 30 September 2008

Split of AuME by country/region —30 September 2008





Total: US\$47.8 billion





Fee structure analysed by AuME as at 30 September 2008

	Segregated	Pooled	Total	
	\$ billion	\$ billion	\$ billion	
Management only	9.2	5.4	14.6	61%
Management with Performance	2.8	6.6	9.4	39%
Absolute Return	12.0	12.1	24.1	100%
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Largest clients by H109 fees

	AuME	Management	Performance	Total	
	\$bn	£m	£m	£m	%
Clients 1-10	15.6	8.3	-	8.3	33%
Clients 11-20	7.9	7.2	-	7.2	23%
Other clients	24.3	9.1	0.7	9.8	44%
Total Income	47.8	24.6	0.7	25.3	100%
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Financials - expenses





Remuneration analysis

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Absolute Return track record Sep 98-Oct 08



Note: the simulated returns are for information only