

# 2008: A YEAR OF INVESTMENTS AND INTEGRATION

HOMAIR Vacances has experienced both another year of dynamic sales growth but also a decrease in EBITDA margin and operating income, during its 2008 fiscal year, closed on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008

(Consolidated and audited accounts)

€m	2007	2008	Growth
			(%)
Net sales	25,9	32,2	+ 24,5 %
EBITDA	9,1	9,9	+ 9,4 %
EBIT	4,4	3,8	- 12,8 %
Current income (pre-tax)	3,3	2,4	- 28,3 %
Net income	3,2	1,3	ns

#### The HOMAIR Vacances' results have been driven by the following five key factors:

- 1. Stability of the revenue per mobile-home, on a like-for-like basis (-0.5%), itself partly driven by a conservative pricing policy on several campsites.
- 2. Slower-than-expected ramp-up of the new campsites, particularly on the Atlantic seaboard.
- 3. Significant investments, with a direct impact on depreciation as well as, in some instances, operating costs:
  - Acquisition and integration of new campsites (six additional campsites acquired during 2008);
  - Strong growth of the mobile-homes portfolio: 5 280 by the end of the 2008 season vs. 4 149 in 2007;
  - Technological enhancements (new booking software; new website);
  - Strengthening of the management structure.
- 4. Two exceptional events with a negative impact on the 2008 margin:
  - Acquisition in the middle of the season of a mobile-home portfolio with only partial commercialisation but operating costs on a full-season basis;
  - Test-launch of the "Résidentiel" activity (sale of mobile-homes to individual customers) with a full impact of launching costs on the 2008 fiscal year.
- 5. Contained financial costs.

As per the previously communicated timetable, the 2008 financial results will be further detailed and explained on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Both the 2008 strategic investments as well as the partnerships and acquisitions signed to date, most particularly in Corsica and Italy, provide solid ground for a confident outlook on 2009 and beyond.



### Next press release:

Detailed 2008 results: January 27th, 2008 (after market closes)

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#### Homair Vacances: a leading specialist in mobile-home holidays

The Group is the French leader of the mobile home holiday market in which it operates exclusively. For the 2008 season the Group offered holidays in 5.280 mobile-homes spread across 103 selected or company-operated campsites. In 2008, the Group reported revenue of €32.2 million, achieving a 24.5% growth over the past year.

A total of c.90% of these stays is sold directly to customers via the Internet, catalogues and the telephone. Internet sales accounted for 63% of direct bookings in 2008, compared to around 34% in 2004.

The Company has leveraged its French customer base to expand its holiday parks offer in major Southern European countries (Spain, Italy, Portugal and Croatia), where it generated 24% of its revenue in 2008. It also sells holidays in Great Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark Italy and Spain.

Note: fiscal year-end is September 30th ("year n" refers to fiscal year ended September 30th, n).

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