

**Press release**  
**2009 first-quarter sales**

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**Consolidated group sales (IFRS):**

In thousands of euros	2009	2008	Change
<b>Total first quarter</b> .....	<b>79,031</b>	<b>75,573</b>	<b>+4.6%</b>

**Consolidated sales by region**

In thousands of euros	2009	2008	Variation
Europe	64,279	61,132	+5.1%
Other markets	14,753	14,441	+2.2%
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>79,031</b>	<b>75,573</b>	<b>+4.6%</b>

**2009 first-quarter sales and outlook**

Sales in the first quarter of 2009 grew 4.6% over the same period last year on gains in Europe where Xenetix has resumed growth (+10% in volume and +2.9% in value) and Dotarem has continued to advance (+22.5% in volume and +15.0% in value).

In other world markets, Group sales have continued to underperform relative to their potential and were adversely affected by a negative currency effect of 4.3% on sales in relation to the 2008 first quarter, particularly in Brazil and South Korea.

For the full year, the Group confirms its forecast for annual sales growth comparable to that of the prior year.

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