

Acquisition of Kurt Salmon Associates

Adding deep sector expertise

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KSA overview

- Long established global management consultancy in the Consumer Products & Retail and US Health Care sectors
- Market leader in both sectors serving 7 of the top 10 global retailers and all of the top 10 US hospital groups
- Business centred on US with European and increasing Asian presence
- c.550 employees of whom 77 are principals
- 2006 revenues of \$153 million
- 2006 operating profit margin of 8.4%
- Current trading showing good progress on 2006:
 - *Year to date revenue up 18%*
 - *Year to date operating profit up 48%*

Acquisition overview

- Acquisition for \$125 million (£62.7 million) comprising:
 - *\$75 million cash payable on completion with approximately \$47.6 million payable to current principals*
 - *48.3 million* of vested MCG shares for current principals*
 - *the grant of options over 6.3 million** MCG shares to rollover existing KSA options*
- Share forfeitures for leavers
- Expected to be earnings enhancing in 2008 (before integration costs and amortisation of intangible assets)
- Subject to shareholders' approval
- Completion expected in October 2007

* Based on an MCG share price of 48.84 and an exchange rate of £1:\$2.01

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2. KSA

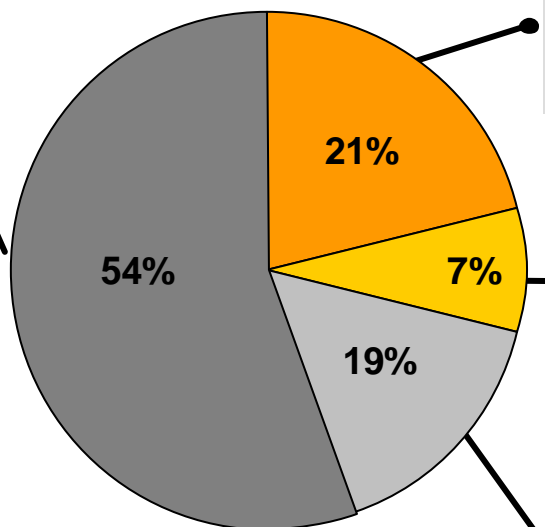
Major practice sectors – year ending 2006

Consumer Products & Retail – North America
Revenue: \$82.6m
Principals: 42
Total Consulting Staff: 190

Consumer Products & Retail – Europe
Revenue: \$31.4m
Principals: 13
Total Consulting Staff: 106

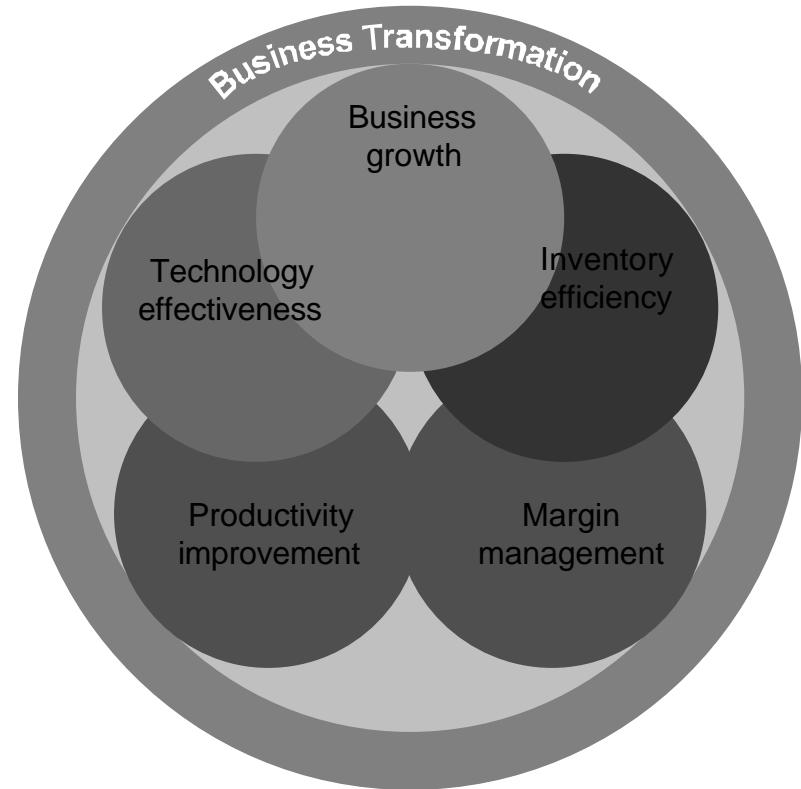
Consumer Products & Retail – Asia Pacific
Revenue: \$10.7m
Principals: 3
Total Consulting Staff: 36

Health Care – North America
Revenue: \$28.2m
Principals: 19
Total Consulting Staff: 68



Consumer Products & Retail Division (CPD) overview

- Similar services worldwide
- Work addresses strategy, process, organisation and technology support
- Core skill set related to merchandising, inventory and supply chain
- Service lines allow for complete transformation projects
- Most projects are cross-service line
- Each individual service line has sub-offerings



CPD – service line detail (example using Business Growth)

**Business Growth
program**

KSA Tailored Solutions

Corporate
growth
strategy

Brand
value
enhancement

Assortment
organization

Store
performance
improvement

Channel/
format
development

New
business
development

M&A

Consumer insight / market insight / channel insights

Target Outcomes

- Accelerated sales
- Increased market share
- Unleashed brand potential
- New market penetration
- Enhanced consumer loyalty
- New business development or acquisition

CPD – example clients



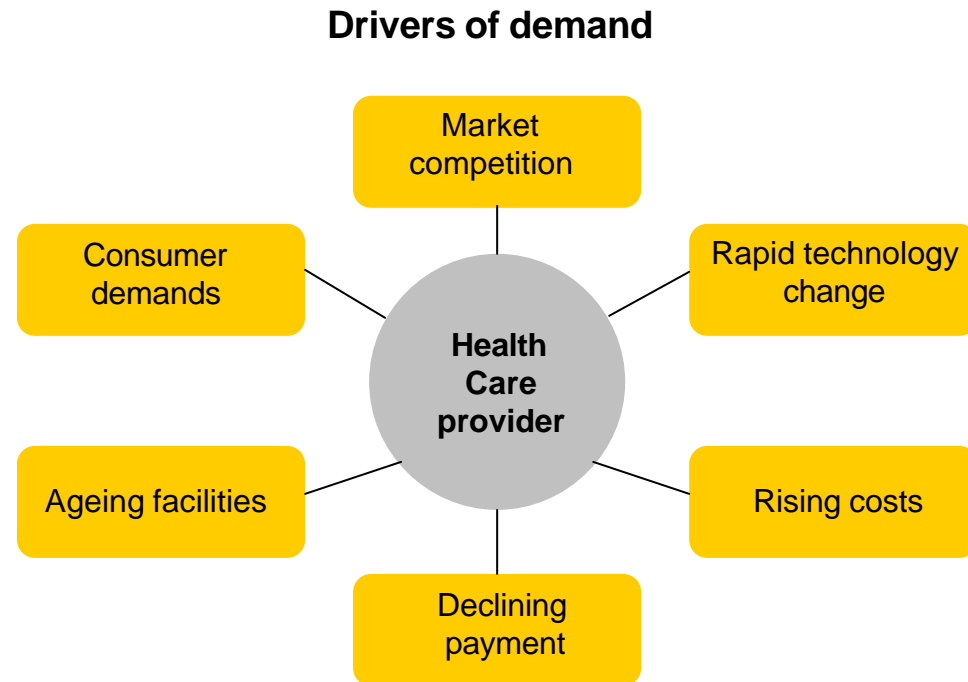
CPD – Benchmarking database

- KSA maintains a market-leading benchmark and best practice database
- Data is provided directly to KSA by over 250 Consumer Products & Retail companies (see table for example data providers)
- This asset generates recurring revenues

Department/chain/ mass/discount		Manufacturers/wholesalers	
May Co	Burberry	Maidenform	
JC Penney	Carhartt	Mamiye Brothers	
Target	Champion	Nike	
Saks	Delta Galil	North Face	
Sears	Donna Karan	Norton McNaughton	
Kmart	Jaeger	OshKosh B'Gosh	
Wal-Mart	Jones Apparel	Polo Ralph Lauren	
	Kellwood	Reebok	
	Jockey	Sara Lee	
	Lacoste	Stride Rite Corp	
	Levi's	Timberland	
	Liz Claiborne	VF Corp	
	London Fog	Warnaco	
Specialist retailers			
Abercrombie & Fitch	Gap	Old Navy	
Aeropostale	Guess	Orvis	
Ann Taylor	H&M	PacSun	
Bed Bath & Beyond	J Crew	Pottery Barn	
Banana Republic	J Jill	REI	
Casual Male	Levi's	Staples	
Chico's	Limited	Talbots	
Children's Place	Limited Too	Victoria's Secret	
Eddie Bauer	LL Bean	Williams Sonoma	
	Nine West	Zara	

Health Care Services Division (HSD) overview

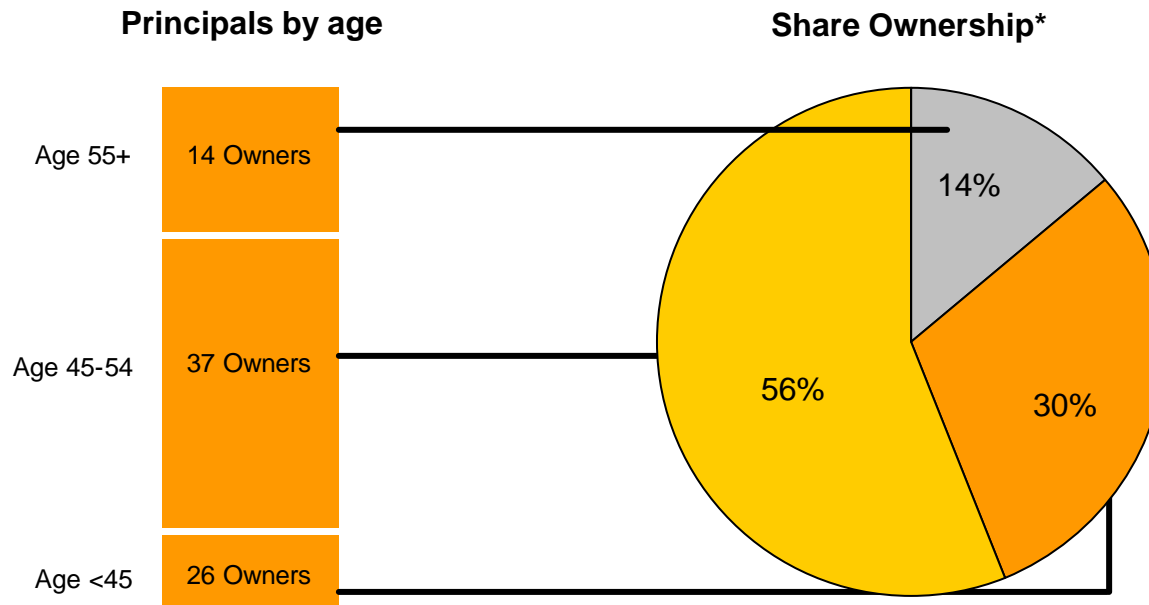
- Combines unique management consultancy (not medical) expertise with best known client base
- Strategy is: 'to be the best, for the best, with the best'
- Service lines
 - *Strategy Services*
 - *Facility Services*
 - *IT Services*
- Focus on Health Care providers (i.e. hospitals and organised physician groups)
- Strong use of thought leadership and national speaking platforms to expand reach



HSD – example clients

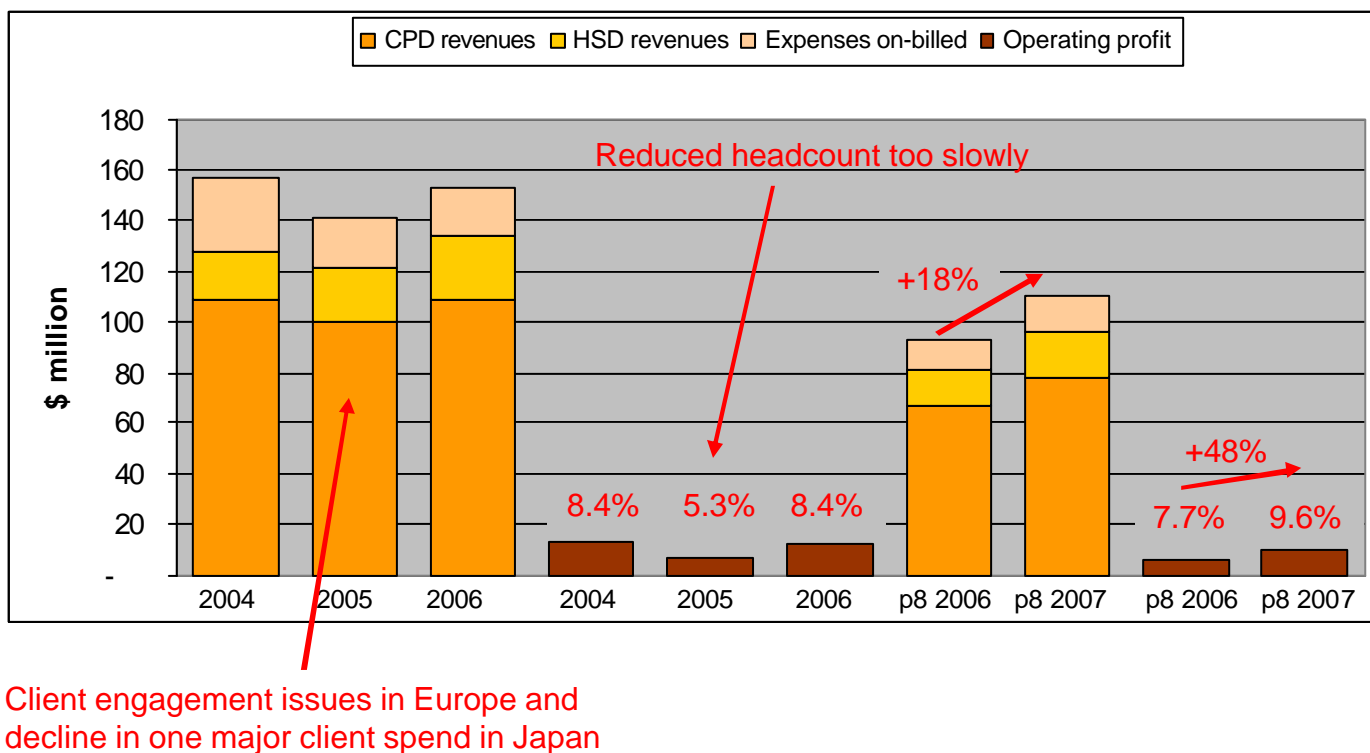


Equity ownership profile



* fully diluted

Historical underlying trading performance



Note - Period 8 (P8) 2007 ended 11 Aug and is unaudited

Financial accounts

	2004	2005	2006	P8 2006	P8 2007
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Revenue	156.9	141.1	152.9	94.8	111.8
Underlying operating profit	12.6	7.5	12.8	7.3	10.8
Restructuring and bad debts	(4.2)	(5.7)	(2.2)	(2.2)	
Operating profit	8.4	1.8	10.6	5.1	10.8

- ERP implementation project issues in 2004 prompted the withdrawal from that business line for risk management reasons. High-end IT consultancy is retained in France (only).
- The restructuring was a drawn-out process over three financial years; no one-off charge was taken.
- In 2004 steps commenced to align the headcount with the size of the business but the project was undertaken gently over a number of years.
- 2005 had revenue decline in Europe and Japan which was partly attributable to withdrawal from ERP projects. Management changes were made in 2005.
- 2006 had revenue growth in the US and a reduction in salary costs due to retirements and better utilisation management.
- 2007 has seen strong growth in the US, particularly in Health Care and an improving European performance. There are no restructuring charges.

Balance sheet

	P7 2007
Assets	\$m
Fixed assets	3.2
Other non-current assets	14.2
Deferred tax assets	12.3
	<u>29.7</u>
Debtors	40.5
Tax recoverable	4.3
Cash	8.0
	<u>52.8</u>
Liabilities	
Trade and other payables	45.4
Tax	1.0
Other short term liabilities	2.4
	<u>48.8</u>
Retirement liabilities	8.0
Debt and financial liabilities	18.7
Provisions	14.6
	<u>41.3</u>
Tangible net liabilities	<u>(7.6)</u>

- Other non-current assets comprise investments related to pensions and provisions
- Debtor days are typically 80 days
- Peak bonus accruals are at year end
- Net debt to be refinanced out of MCG's revolver
- Retirement liabilities are primarily in Germany
- Debt and financial liabilities are settled out of the consideration
- Provisions are primarily in the US

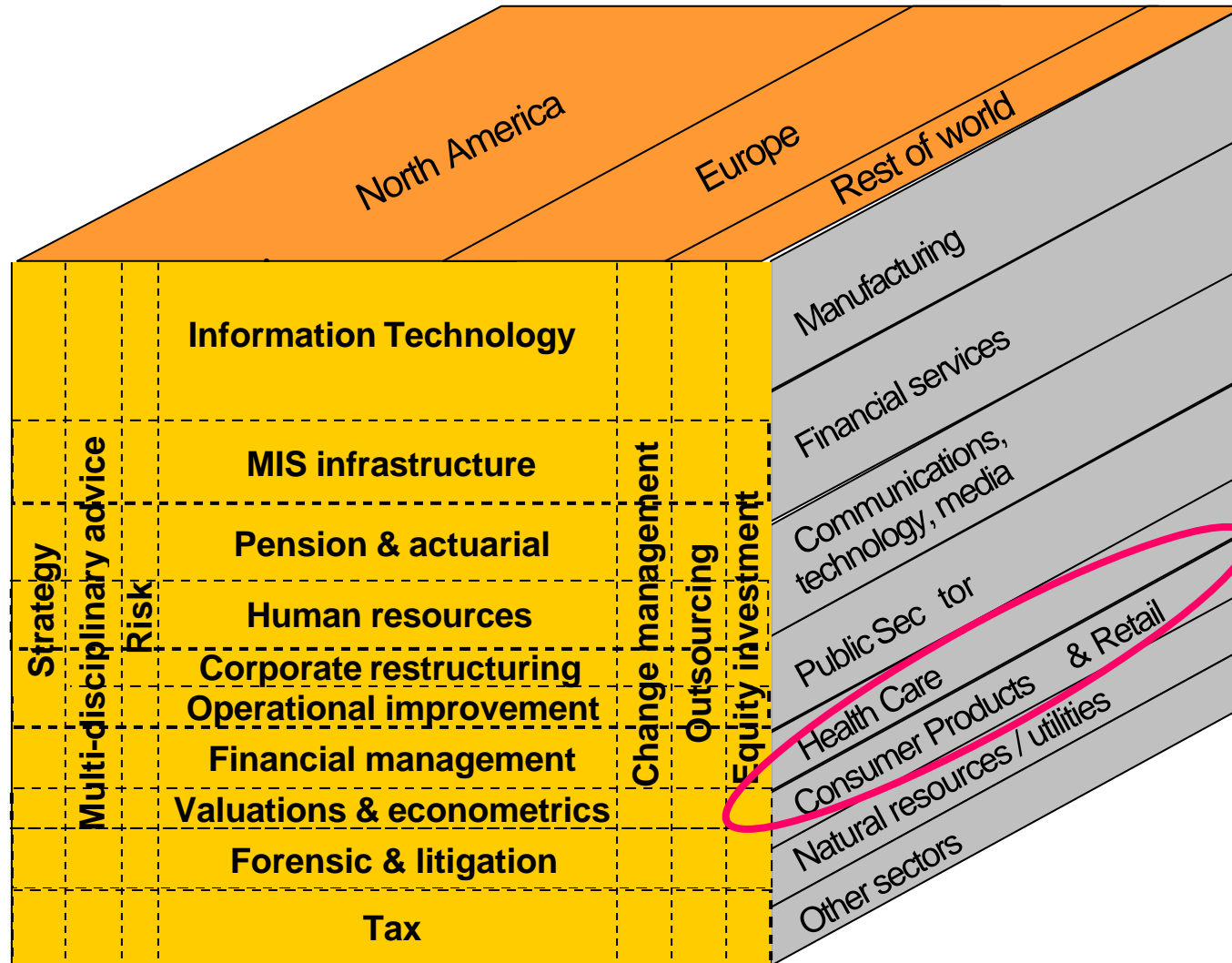
Other financial information

- In 2006, KSA's largest client accounted for 5% of total revenues (on a pro forma basis this would be 2% of MCG's overall revenues)
- Largest clients vary from year to year
- In 2006, the top 10 clients accounted for 25% of total revenues (on a pro forma basis this would be approximately 10% of MCG's overall revenues)
- Typical engagement size is approximately \$750,000
- 63% utilisation in US on average; 10% pts lower in Europe and 10% pts higher in Asia

3. Strategic rationale

MCG strategy

- MCG's strategy is to be a multidisciplinary consulting service group that is delivering revenue and margin growth through broadening and deepening its consulting offerings in existing and new geographies
- MCG services clients that buy by:
 - *Functional expertise*
 - *Industry knowledge*
 - *Geographical coverage*



MCG's objectives

- Clients
 - *To provide a multidisciplinary service to clients through specialist consultancies*
 - *To provide management oversight for major client relationships across all group consultancies*
 - *To ensure group colleagues are aware of the group offerings and introduce clients to the MCG range of services*
 - *To increase the depth and breadth of the consultancies to increase revenue synergies*
- Strategy
 - *To shape the group strategy and provide strategic and directional challenge to group consultancies*
 - *To prioritise and provide support for investment opportunities*
 - *To support the development of diverse and appropriate corporate cultures*
- Infrastructure
 - *To provide specialist expertise in financial disciplines, human resource management, legal and secretarial, IT, marketing and knowledge management*
 - *To decrease the infrastructure costs through economies of scale*
 - *To provide cost effective access to capital*
- Value
 - *To deliver revenue and earnings growth*

Strategic rationale: Operational

- Adds well-managed business to MCG's portfolio of offerings
- Secures a world leading Consumer Products & Retail consultancy
- Secures the US's leading institutional Health Care consultancy
- Broadens the Group's industry consulting expertise building on Ineum Consulting
- Quality and strength of client base
- Opportunities to cross-refer to and from other businesses within the Group
- Strong KSA brand raises the Group's profile particularly in the US
- Deepens the Group's talent pool with internationally experienced principals

Strategic rationale: Geographical and sectoral

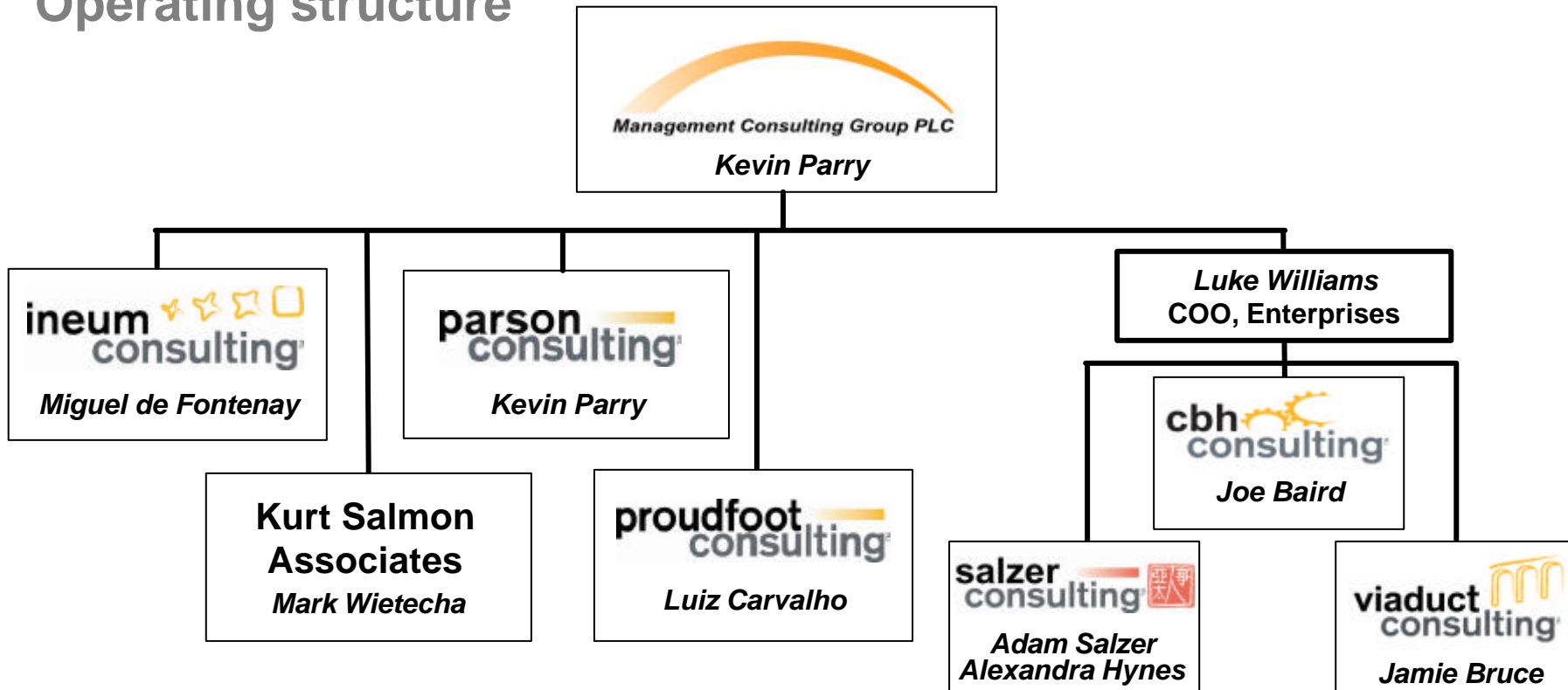
- Increases exposure to the world's largest consulting market place
- Rebalances the Group's revenue towards the demand from the consulting market place
- Provides access to large consulting industry sectors
- Increases Group's Asian presence and opportunities
- Significant foothold in world's leading Health Care market place
- Opportunity to expand Health Care offering outside the US

Strategic rationale: Financial

- Adds business which has grown profits and is now growing revenue and profits
- Expected to be earnings enhancing in 2008 (before integration costs and amortisation of intangible assets)
- Creates opportunity to reduce unit infrastructure costs
- Further increases size of MCG
- Further diversifies risk through wider offerings and geographies
- Reduces risk through the Health Care practice which is not aligned to the macro economic cycle

4. MCG and KSA combined

Operating structure

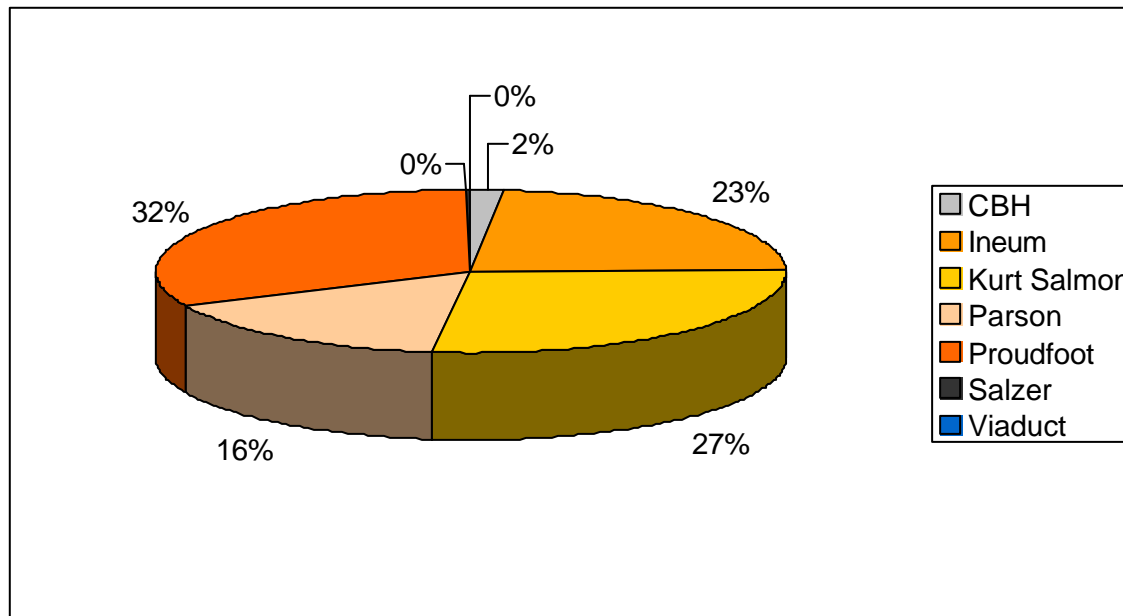


Global Accounts: *Miguel de Fontenay*

Central Services: *Simon Glynn*

Finance: *Craig Smith*

2006 pro forma revenue



2006 pro forma revenue was £280 million

Integration

- KSA to develop links with Group consultancies
- Key elements
 - *Maintain two divisions in KSA*
 - *Office combination as possible and in line with leases*
 - *High interaction from the outset*
 - *Inclusion in the Global Accounts programme*
 - *Dedicated integration team and CEO sponsorship*
- Exceptional costs related to integration and future synergies estimated at £4.0 million to be incurred as:
 - *£0.75 million in 2007*
 - *£2.25 million in 2008*
 - *£1.0 million in 2009*

Opportunities

- Margin growth
- Growth of CPD outside the US
- Growth of HSD globally
- Scope for cross-referrals
- Unit cost savings

No synergy benefits have been taken into account in determining earnings enhancement

5. Capital structure

Capital structure

- Size of group now supports higher levels of debt finance reducing need for equity

	June 2007 £'m	Acquisition £'m	Post acquisition £'m
<u>Capital structure</u>			
Issued share capital and premium	67.8	24.8	92.6
Other reserves	48.0	0.0	48.0
	<u>115.8</u>	<u>24.8</u>	<u>140.6</u>
<u>Facilities</u>			
Term loan	30.0		50.0
Revolver	20.0		60.0
	<u>50.0</u>		<u>110.0</u>

- Ineum shareholders reduced from 30% to 25%* and locked up until Sep 2009 and Sep 2010
- Kurt Salmon shareholders will represent 15% of the equity and locked up until Oct 2011 and Oct 2012

* - to be finalised at closing

Funding

- Debt
 - *Cash requirement met out of new facilities totalling £110 million, comprising c.£50 million 5 year Euro and Dollar term loans and c.£60 million multicurrency revolving facilities*
 - Initial cost of borrowings is LIBOR plus 1.5%, ratcheting down from 31 December 2008 to 0.8% as the company deleverages
 - Average net debt in 2008 approximately £75m
 - Arrangements and other fees 1.25%
 - Pro forma debt/EBITDA of approximately 2x and interest cover of approximately 7.0x for 2008
- Equity
 - *48.3m new MCG shares issued to KSA vendors at 48.84 pence per share* subject to dollar price adjustment in a 10% collar based on share price and exchange rate at completion*
 - *Shares locked up for four years (50%) and five years (50%) to act as a retention mechanism*
 - *Penalties for leavers in first four years of up to 75% of shares*
 - *Options act as retention mechanism particularly for key managers*

* 30 day average pre-announcement

6. Expected timetable

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19 September

- Announce transaction

21 September

- Prospectus and class 1 circular posted

11 October

- EGM to approve Acquisition

w/c 15 October

- Completion

7. Summary

Summary

- Strong strategic rationale: operational, geographical, sectoral and financial
- Excellent acquisition following many years of dialogue with a high quality firm
- Former KSA principals' interests fully aligned with MCG
- Integration planning is underway
- Expected to be earnings enhancing in 2008 (before synergy benefits)
- Major step forward in group's size providing a platform for further growth

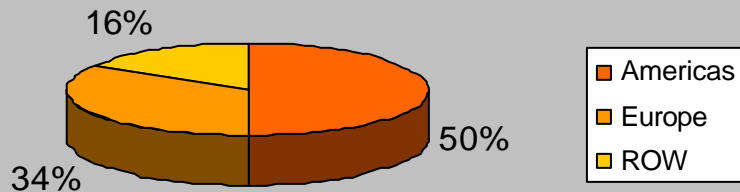
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Strategic rationale supporting slides

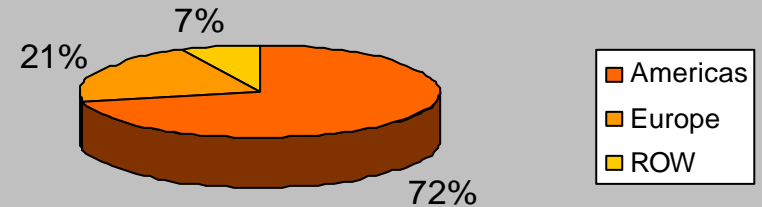


Increasing exposure to the world's largest consulting market place

Global consulting spend by geographic region

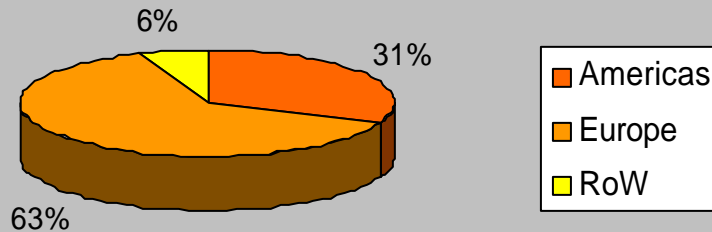


KSA 2006 revenue by geographic region

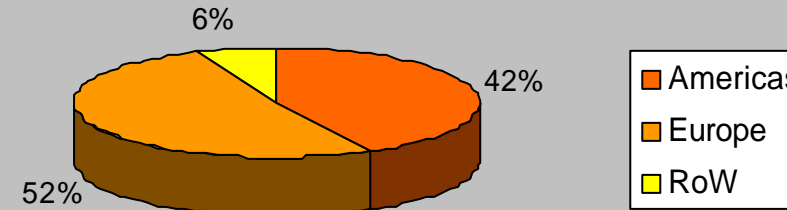


Rebalances the Group's revenue towards the demand from the consulting market place

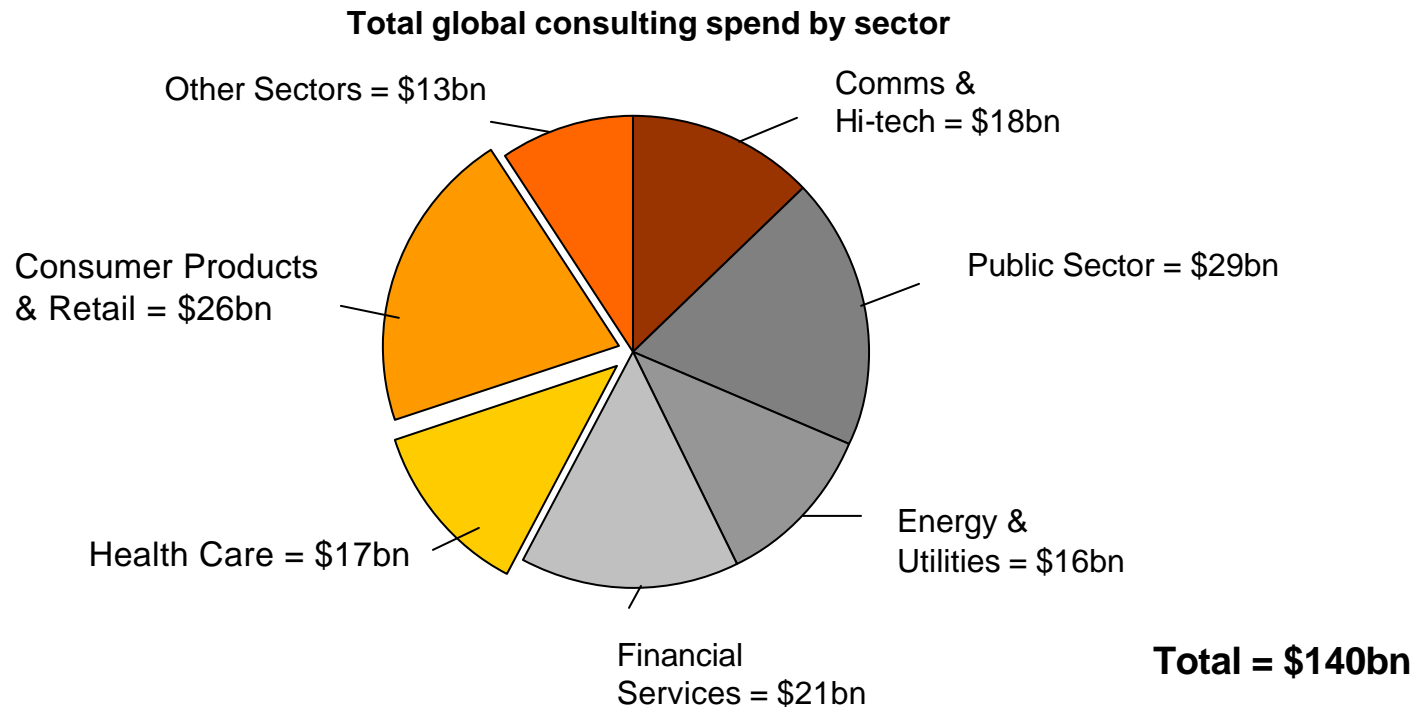
2006 pro forma including full year Ineum



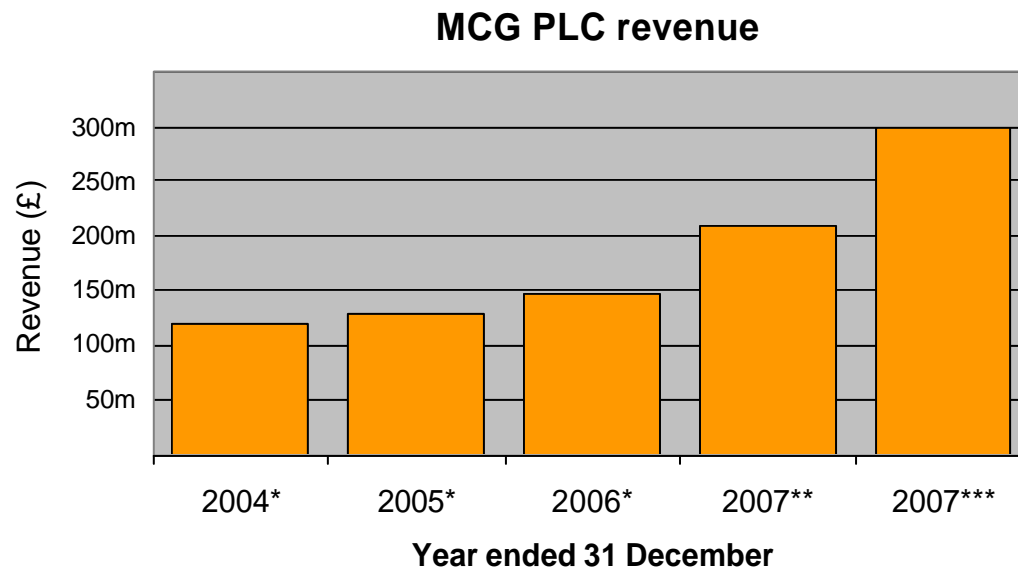
2006 pro forma with full year CBH and KSA



Provides access to large consulting industry sectors



Further increases the size of MCG



* Actual, per annual report

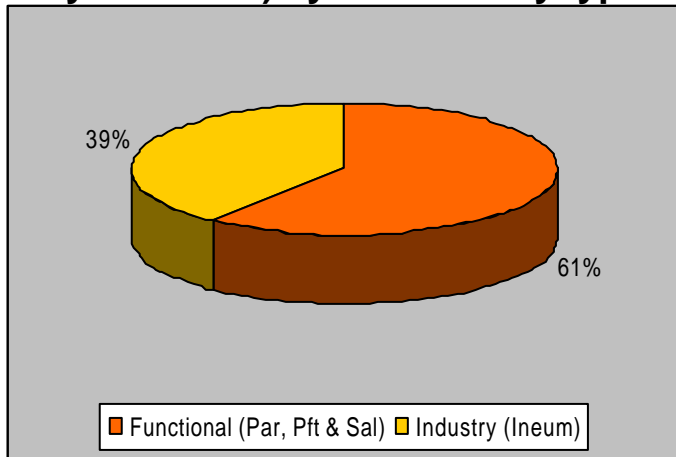
** 2007 analysts' forecast

*** Pro forma, 2007 analyst forecast plus KSA 2007 ytd annualised revenue

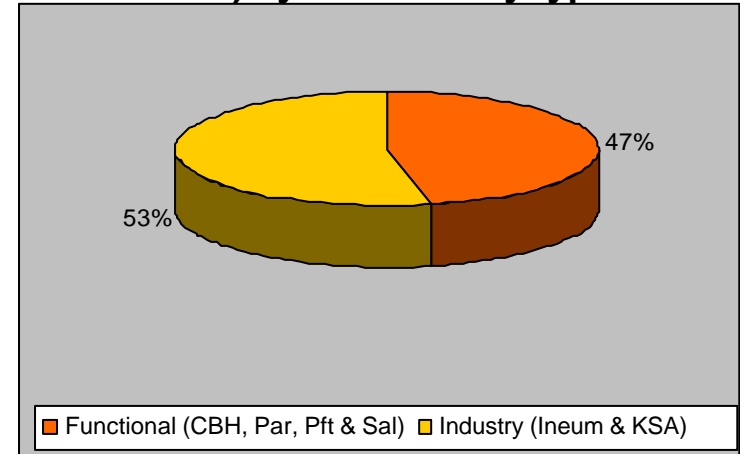
**2007 pro forma suggests
MCG is approximately
23rd in the global
consulting revenue
league table**

Further diversifies risk through wider offerings and geographies

Pro forma 2006 revenue (with full year Ineum) by consultancy type



Pro forma 2006 revenue (including KSA) by consultancy type



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