BTS GROUP AB (PUBL) Interim report January 1–March 31, 2011



Continued growth during the first quarter

- Net turnover amounted to MSEK 143.5 (137.5). Adjusted for changes in foreign exchange rates, growth was 13 percent.
- Profit before tax decreased by 26 percent to MSEK 7.4 (10.0).
- Profit after tax decreased by 26 percent to MSEK 4.8 (6.4).
- Earnings per share decreased by 26 percent to SEK 0.26 (0.36).



NET TURNOVER AND PROFIT BEFORE TAX Rolling 12 months

BTS Group AB (publ) is a leading strategy implementation consultancy that partners with leading companies to accelerate strategy alignment and execution, innovating how organizations learn, grow and improve. BTS is the world leader in customized business simulations and discovery-based learning solutions that enable leading corporations to grow and become successful through change and improvement processes. BTS adds value to its clients through three practice areas: Strategic Alignment & Business Acumen, Leadership & Management, and Sales Force Transformation. BTS also has strong capabilities in Operational Excellence & Project Management and offer an innovative Engage for Change process.

Catalysts for Profitability and Growth

CEO COMMENTS

Continued growth. Substantial investments in recruitment.

BTS continued to grow, for the seventh consecutive quarter. We grew 13 percent during Q1, currency-adjusted.

The market is developing positively. The world's large companies – BTS' main market – are making more money than ever before and the pressure to change is high. BTS is strongly competitive.

The trend was very positive in Europe, Asia and Latin America with rapid growth and strong improvements in earnings.

Earnings decreased overall (like in the first quarter last year), due to substanial investments in recruitments, negative growth in Australia and currency effects.

Full-year earnings are expected to be better than in the previous year.

Henrik Ekelund President and CEO of BTS Group AB (publ)





OPERATIONS

REVENUE DEVELOPMENT BY QUARTER

Group

Turnover

BTS' net turnover amounted to MSEK 143.5 (137.5) during the first quarter. Adjusted for changes in foreign exchange rates, growth was 13 percent.

Growth varied among the units: BTS Europe 27 percent, BTS Other markets 24 percent, BTS USA 9 percent and APG 8 percent (growth figure calculated in local currencies).

▶ Earnings

Operating profit before amortization of intangible assets (EBITA) decreased by 25 percent during the first quarter and amounted to MSEK 8.3 (11.0). Operating profit during the quarter was affected by MSEK 0.7 (0.8) for amortization of intangible assets attributable to acquisitions. Operating profit (EBIT) decreased by 25 percent during the quarter and amounted to MSEK 7.6 (10.2).

The operating margin before amortization of intangible assets (EBITA margin) was 6 (8) percent. The operating margin (EBIT margin) was 5 (7) percent.

The group's profit before tax for the first quarter decreased by 26 percent to MSEK 7.4 (10.0).

Earnings were positively impacted by improved earnings in BTS Europe. Earnings were impacted negatively by changes in foreign exchange rates (negative effect MSEK 1.3 M) and by a decrease in earnings in BTS USA and BTS Other Markets.

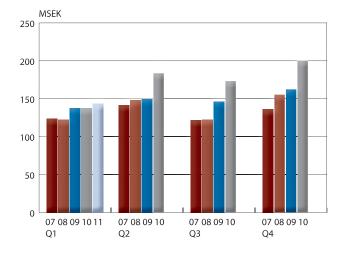
Market development

BTS has grown more rapidly than the competitors for many years. The market is continuing to develop. The world's major companies, which represent BTS' core market, are displaying record profits and are continuing to invest in their human capital. The pressure to change is great and the tempo is high, which results in good demand for BTS' services.

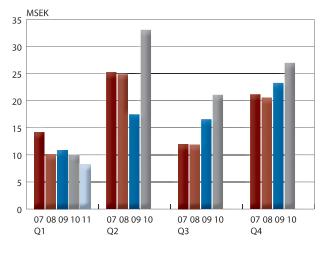
BTS offers the most comprehensive range of tailored simulation solutions on the market today, a well developed sales organisation and at the same time, is the only company in the world that can serve large international companies on a global basis within this area.

Assignments and new clients

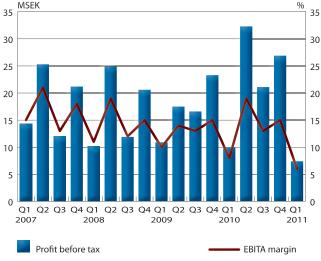
New clients secured during the first quarter included Bangkok Bank, Sweco, Johnson Controls, Prudential and Orange.



PROFIT DEVELOPMENT BY QUARTER Profit before tax



PROFIT BEFORE TAX BY QUARTER AND OPERATING MARGIN before amortization of intangible assets (EBITA)



► Operative units

From 2011, BTS is reporting revenues in a partially new manner, which provides better clarity and reflects the operating structure.

BTS North America includes BTS' operations in North America as well as APG.

BTS Europe includes the operations in Sweden, Finland, the Netherlands, Belgium, the UK and Spain.

BTS Other markets consists of the operations in Australia, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea, China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil and South Africa.

NET TURNOVER PER OPERATIVE UNIT

MSEK	Jan– March 2011	Jan– March 2010	April– March 2010/11	Full-year 2010
North America*	98.1	99.9	485.7	487.5
Europe	28.0	23.4	123.7	119.1
Other markets	17.4	14.2	91.2	88.0
Total	143.5	137.5	700.6	694.6

*North America

Total	98.1	99.9	485.7	487.5
APG	35.0	35.9	140.8	141.7
BTS	63.1	64.0	344.9	345.8
NorthAmerica				

OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE AMORTIZATION OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS (EBITA) PER OPERATIVE UNIT

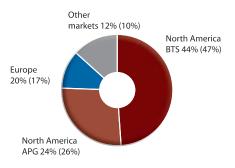
North America*	8.1	12.5	69.3	73.7
Europe	2.3	-0.9	15.6	12.4
Other markets Total	-2.1	-0.6	11.4	12.9
	8.3	11.0	96.3	99.0

*North America

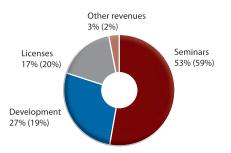
Total	8.1	12.5	69.3	73.7
APG	1.0	2.4	2.9	4.3
BTS	7.1	10.1	66.4	69.4

NET TURNOVER PER OPERATIVE UNIT JANUARY 1-MARCH 31, 2011 (2010)





NET TURNOVER BY SOURCE OF REVENUE JANUARY 1-MARCH 31, 2011 (2010)



OPERATING UNITS

BTS North America

► BTS

Net turnover for BTS'North American operations amounted to MSEK 63.1 (64.0) during the first quarter. Adjusted for changes in foreign exchange rates, revenue increased by 9 percent. Operating profit before amortization of intangible assets (EBITA) amounted to MSEK 7.1 (10.1) during the quarter. The operating margin before amortization of intangible assets (EBITA margin) was 11 (16) percent.

The weaker earnings in the first quarter were due to lower revenue growth of 9 percent, while at the same time costs increased by 15 percent, mainly due to new recruitments.

► APG

Net turnover amounted to MSEK 35.0 (35.9) during the first quarter. Adjusted for changes in foreign exchange rates, revenue increased by 8 percent. Operating profit before amortization of intangible assets (EBITA) amounted to MSEK 1.0 (2.4) during the first quarter. The operating margin before amortization of intangible assets (EBITA margin) was 3 (7) percent.

The weaker earnings during the quarter were due to a change in the product mix which reduced the gross margin.

BTS Europe

Net turnover for Europe amounted to MSEK 28.0 (23.4) during the first quarter. Adjusted for changes in foreign exchange rates, revenue increased by 27 percent. Operating profit before amortization of intangible assets (EBITA) amounted to MSEK 2.3 (-0.9) during the first quarter. The operating margin before amortization of intangible assets (EBITA margin) was 8 (-4) percent.

The growth and improvement in earnings during the first quarter were mainly due to a better performance in Northern Europe.

BTS Other Markets

Net turnover for Other markets amounted to MSEK 17.4 (14.2) during the first quarter. Adjusted for changes in foreign exchange rates, revenue increased by 24 percent. Operating profit before amortization of intangible assets (EBITA) amounted to MSEK –2.1 (–0.6) during the quarter. The operating margin before amortization of intangible assets (EBITA margin) was –12 (–4) percent.

BTS Other markets has generally developed positively with good growth and a strong improvement in earnings, however, with the exception of two units, which account for significantly more than the entire deterioration in earnings during the quarter. Australia experienced large-scale cancellations due to floodings in the Brisbane area and the turnover in Japan has been close to zero during the first quarter.



Financial position

BTS' cash flow from operating activities amounted to MSEK –21.3 (–6.6) during the first quarter. The weak cash flow during the first quarter corresponds well with the seasonal variations of BTS' cash flow with a weaker first half year and a stronger second half year. The deterioration compared with the previous year relates exclusively to a decrease in current liabilities.

Cash and cash equivalents amounted to MSEK 62.5 (67.9) at the end of the period. The company's interest-bearing loans, which relate to previously completed acquisitions, amounted to MSEK 27.3 (52.4) at the end of the period.

BTS' solidity was 68 (66) percent at the end of the period. The company had no outstanding conversion loans at the balance sheet date.

Employees

The number of employees in BTS Group AB as of March 31 was 315 (258).

The average number of employees during the first quarter was 309 (255).

The Parent Company

The company's net turnover amounted to MSEK 1.4 (0.5) and the profit after net financial items amounted to MSEK 0.6 (0.8). Cash and cash equivalents amounted to MSEK 0.1 (0.1).

Outlook for 2011

Profit before tax is expected to be better than the previous year.

Risks and uncertainties

The group's material risks and uncertainties include market and business risks, operational risks as well as financial risks. Business and market risks may relate to larger customer exposures to particular sectors and companies as well as sensitivity to market conditions. Operational risks relate to dependence on people, supply of competence and intellectual property and that BTS meets the high demands imposed by clients in respect of quality. Financial risks mainly relate to foreign exchange and credit risks.

The management of risks and uncertainties is described in the annual report for 2010. BTS is considered to have a good diversification of risks as regards companies and sectors and the operational risks are deemed to be managed in a structured manner through well-established processes. The day-to-day exposure to changes in exchange rates is limited since revenues and costs mainly relate to the same currency in each market and the credit risk is limited as BTS only accepts creditworthy counterparties. No new material risks or uncertainties are deemed to have arisen during the first quarter 2011.

Critical estimates and assumptions

In order to prepare the financial statements in conformity with IFRS the Corporate Management is required make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the accounting policies and the recognized amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and costs. The estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and a number of other factors that are regarded as reasonable under the existing circumstances. Actual outcomes can deviate from these estimates and assessments. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed regularly.

Accounting policies

This interim report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU and the Swedish Annual Accounts Act. The parent company's statements are prepared in accordance with RFR 2.2, Accounting for Legal Entities and the Annual Accounts Act. New or revised IFRS and interpretations from IFRIC have not had any effect on the group's or the parent company's results of operations or financial position.

Future reporting dates

Interim report April–June,August 17, 2011Interim report July–Sep,November 9, 2011Year-end reportFebruary 2012

Stockholm, May 5, 2011

Henrik Ekelund CEO

This report has not been the subject of examination by BTS' auditor.

Contact informationHenrik Ekelund, CEOPhonStefan Brown, CFOPhonThomas Ahlerup, Senior VicePresident, Investor and CorporatePhonCommunicationsMobi

Phone: +46 8 587 070 00 Phone: +46 8 587 070 62

Phone: +46 8 587 070 02 Mobile: +46 768 966 300

For additional information visit our home page www.bts.com

BTS Group AB (publ) Grevgatan 34 114 53 Stockholm Sweden

Phone: +46 8 587 070 00 Fax: +46 8 587 070 01 Corporate registration number: 556566-7119

GROUP INCOME STATEMENT, SUMMARY

KSEK	Jan–March 2011	Jan–March 2010	April–March 2010/11	Full-year 2010
Net turnover	143,460	137,495	700,615	694,650
Operating expenses	-134,286	-125,693	-600,878	-592,285
Depreciation tangible assets	-860	-793	-3,431	-3,364
Amortization intangible assets	-714	-787	-6,886	-6,959
Operating profit	7,600	10,222	89,420	92,042
Financial income and expenses	-165	-222	-1,568	-1,625
Profit before tax	7,435	10,000	87,853	90,417
Taxes	-2,658	-3,580	-30,258	-31,180
Profit for the period	4,777	6,420	57,595	59,237
attributable to equity holders of the parent	4,777	6,420	57,595	59,237
Earnings per share, before dilution of shares, SEK	0,26	0,36	3,19	3,28
Number of shares at end of the period	18,048,300	18,048,300	18,048,300	18,048,300
Average number of shares before dilution of shares	18,048,300	18,048,300	18,048,300	18,048,300
Earnings per share, after dilution of shares, SEK	0,26	0,35	3,18	3,25
Average number of shares after dilution of shares	18,129,052	18,149,635	18,129,052	18,219,317
Dividend per share , SEK				1.50

GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

KSEK	Jan–March 2011	Jan–March 2010	April–March 2010/11	Full-year 2010
Profit for the period	4,777	6,420	57,595	59,237
Other comprehensive income:				
Income/expenses in shareholders' equity	-19,402	530	-37,230	-17,298
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	-19,402	530	-37,230	-17,298
Total comprehensive income for the period	-14,625	6,950	20,365	41,939
attributable to equity holders of the parent	-14,625	6,950	20,365	41,939

GROUP BALANCE SHEET, SUMMARY

KSEK	March 31, 2011	March 31, 2010	Dec 31, 2010
Assets			
Goodwill	130,611	152,610	140,167
Other intangible assets	12,462	18,113	14,196
Tangible assets	9,663	9,340	9,742
Other fixed assets	3,343	5,320	5,769
Accounts receivable	115,426	110,303	167,122
Other current assets	59,752	39,406	57,556
Cash and cash equivalents	62,482	67,942	88,441
Total assets	393,739	403,034	482,993
Equity and liabilities			
Equity	266,163	266,817	280,146
Interest bearing – non current liabilities	124	149	135
Non interest bearing – non current liabilities	241	294	297
Interest bearing – current liabilities	27,268	52,392	27,815
Non interest bearing – current liabilities	99,943	83,382	174,600
Total equity and liabilities	393,739	403,034	482,993

GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT, SUMMARY

KSEK	Jan–March 2011	Jan–March 2010	Full-year 2010
Cash flow from current operations	-21,319	-6,640	65,107
Cash flow from investment activities	-781	-902	-4,576
Cash flow from financing operations	-68	-264	-44,377
Change in liquid funds	-22,168	-7,806	16,154
Liquid funds, opening balance	88,441	75,412	75,412
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	-3,791	336	-3,125
Liquid funds, closing balance	62,482	67,942	88,441

GROUP CHANGES IN CONSOLIDATED EQUITY

KSEK	Total equity March 31, 2011	Total equity March 31, 2010	Total equity Dec 31, 2010
Opening balance	280,146	259,623	259,623
Dividend to shareholders	-	-	-21,658
Miscellaneous	642	244	242
Total comprehensive income for the period	-14,625	6,950	41,939
Closing balance	266,163	266,817	280,146

GROUP CONSOLIDATED KEY RATIOS

	Jan–March 2011	Jan–March 2010	April–March 2010/11	Full-year 2010
Net turnover, KSEK	143,460	137,495	700,615	694,650
EBITA (Profit before interest, tax and amortization), KSEK	8,314	11,009	96,306	99,001
EBIT (Operating profit), KSEK	7,600	10,222	89,420	92,042
EBITA margin (Profit before interest, tax and amortization margin), %	6	8	14	14
EBIT margin (Operating margin), %	5	7	13	13
Profit margin, %	3	5	8	9
Operational capital, KSEK			246,997	219,653
Return on equity, %			22	22
Return on operational capital, %			36	40
Solidity at end of the period, %	68	66	68	58
Cash flow, KSEK	-22,168	-7,806	1,792	16,154
Liquid funds at end of the period, KSEK	62,482	67,942	62,482	88,441
Average number of employees	309	255	293	276
Number of employees at end of the period	315	258	315	299
Revenues for the year per employee, KSEK			2,395	2,517

PARENT COMPANY'S INCOME STATEMENT, SUMMARY

KSEK	Jan–March 2011	Jan–March 2010	April–March 2010/11	Full-year 2010
Net turnover	1,375	480	3,525	2,630
Operating expenses	-631	-740	-1,852	-1,961
Operating profit	744	-260	1,673	669
Financial income and expenses	-181	755	32,772	33,708
Profit before tax	563	495	34,445	34,377
Taxes	0	0	88	88
Profit for the period	563	495	34,533	34,465

PARENT COMPANY'S BALANCE SHEET, SUMMARY

KSEK	31 March 2011	31 March 2010	31 Dec 2010
Assets			
Financial assets	129,457	148,653	130,815
Other current assets	7,206	1,031	5,658
Cash and cash equivalents	114	123	118
Total assets	136,777	149,807	136,591
Equity and liabilities			
Equity	108,847	95,993	108,283
Liabilities	27,930	53,814	28,308
Total equity and liabilities	136,777	149,807	136,591

DEFINITIONS

Earnings per share Earnings attributable to the parent company's shareholders divided by number of shares.

EBITA margin (Profit before interest, tax and amortization margin) Operating profit before interest, tax and amortization as a percentage of revenues.

EBIT margin (Operating margin) Operating profit after depreciation as a percentage of revenues.

Profit margin

Profit for the period as a percentage of revenues.

Operational capital

Total balance sheet reduced by liquid funds and other interest bearing assets and reduced by non-interest bearing liabilities.

Return on equity Profit after tax as a percentage of average equity.

Return on operational capital Operating profit as a percentage of average operational capital.

Solidity Equity as a percentage of total balance sheet.

Every care has been taken in the translation of this report. In the event of discrepancies, however, the Swedish original will supersede the English translation.

The global leader in accelerating strategic alignment and execution

Vision

"The global leader in accelerating strategic alignment and execution – innovating how organizations learn, change and improve."

Mission

"We build commitment and capability to accelerate strategy execution and improve business results."

<u>s</u>

Financial Goals

BTS' financial goals shall over time be:

- An organic growth, adjusted for changes in exchange rates, of 20 percent.
- An EBITA margin of 15 percent.
- An equity ratio that does not fall below 50 percent over extended periods.

Value Proposition

"We deliver better results, faster. The unique BTS process offers fast strategic alignment and rapid capability building. Our key differentiators:

- Simulations and experiential solutions the most effective way to help organizations understand, align and execute on strategies and business initiatives.
- In-depth customization to what is relevant and actionable on the job.
- A results-focused approach that comprehensively and efficiently secures and measures business impact."

BTS STOCKHOLM

Grevgatan 34 114 53 Stockholm Sweden Tel. +46 8 58 70 70 00 Fax. +46 8 58 70 70 01

BTS AMSTERDAM

Thomas R. Malthusstraat 1-3 1066JR Amsterdam The Netherlands Tel. +31 6 250958 72

BTS BANGKOK

BTS Business Consulting (Thailand) Co., Ltd. Thai CC Tower, 889 South Sathorn Road, Suite 181 Yannawa, Sathorn Bangkok 10120, Thailand Tel. +66 2 672 3780 Fax. +66 2 672 3665

BTS BILBAO

c/o Simon Bolivar 27-1º, dpt. 19 Bilbao 48013 Spain Tel. +34 94 423 5594 Fax. +34 94 423 6897

BTS BRUSSELS

BTS Brussels NV Rue d'Arenberg 44 1000 Brussels Belgium Tel. +32 (0) 2 27 415 10 Fax. +32 (0) 2 27 415 11

BTS CHICAGO

33 N. LaSalle Street Suite 1210 Chicago, IL 60602 USA Tel. +1 312 263 6250 Fax. +1 312 263 6110

BTS HELSINKI

Kalevankatu 3A 45 00100 Helsinki Finland Tel. +358 9 8622 3600 Fax. +358 9 8622 3611

BTS JOHANNESBURG

272 West Avenue Lakefield Office Park, Building C Centurion, Gauteng South Africa Tel. +27 12 663 6909 Fax. +27 12 663 6887

BTS LONDON

346 Kensington High Street London W14 8NS UK Tel. +44 207 348 18 00 Fax. +44 207 348 18 01

BTS LOS ANGELES

2029 Century Park East Suite 1400 Los Angeles, CA 90067 USA Tel. +1 424 202 6952

BTS MADRID

Paseo General Martínez Campos, 53 Bajo Derecha 28010 Madrid Spain Tel. +34 91 417 5327 Fax. +34 91 555 2433

BTS MELBOURNE

Suite 404, 198 Harbour Esplanade Docklands VIC 3008 Australia Tel. +61 3 9670 9850 Fax. +61 3 9670 9569

BTS MEXICO CITY

Luis G.Urbina No. 4-Desp. 201 Col. Polanco Chapultepec C.P.11560. México, D.F., Mexico Tel. +52 (55) 5281 6972 Fax. +52 (55) 5281 6972

BTS NEW YORK

60 E. 42nd Street Suite 2434 New York, NY, 10165 USA Tel. +1 646 378 3730 Fax. +1 646 378 3731

BTS PHILADELPHIA

6 Tower Bridge, Suite 540 181 Washington Street Conshohocken, PA 19428 USA Tel. (toll free) +1 800 445 7089 Tel. +1 484 391 2900 Fax. +1 484 391 2901

BTS SAN FRANCISCO

456 Montgomery Street Suite 900 San Francisco, CA 94104 USA Tel. +1 415 362 42 00 Fax. +1 415 362 42 70

BTS SAO PAULO

BTS Consultoria E Serviços Ltda. Rua Oscar Freire, 379, 12º floor, cj. 121, CEP 01426-001, São Paulo, Brazil Tel: +55 11 3443 6295 Fax: +55 11 3443 6201

BTS SCOTTSDALE

9455 E. Ironwood Square Drive, Ste. 100 Scottsdale, AZ 85258 USA Tel. +1 480 948 2777 Fax. +1 480 948 2928

BTS SEOUL

949-8, 3F Sewon Building, Daechi-dong Gangnam-gu, Seoul South Corea 135-280 Tel. +82 2 539 7676 Fax. +82 2 553 3700

BTS SHANGHAI

BTS Consulting (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Suite 506B, West Office Tower Shanghai Centre 1376 Nanjing Road West Shanghai 200040 China Tel. +86 21 6289 8688 Fax. +86 21 6289 8311

BTS SINGAPORE

BTS Asia Pacific Pte Ltd 37B Kreta Ayer Road Singapore 089001 Tel. +65 9750 3598 Tel/Fax. +65 6221 2870

BTS STAMFORD

300 First Stamford Place Stamford, CT 06902 USA Tel. +1 203 316 2740 Fax. +1 203 316 2750

BTS SYDNEY

Level 4, 61 York St, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia Tel. +61 2 9299 6435 Fax. +61 2 9299 6629

BTS TAIPEI

BTS Asia-Pacific Pte. Ltd., Taiwan Branch 12F Building A No. 25, Ren Ai Road, Section 4, Taipei, Taiwan Tel. +886 987 80 29 30

BTS TOKYO

Embassy of Sweden Compound 1-10-3-901 Roppongi Minato-ku Tokyo 106-0032, Japan Tel. 03-3560-3692 Fax. 03-3560-3693

Advantage Performance Group

700 Larkspur Landing Circle, Suite 125 Larkspur, CA 94939 USA Tel. 1-800-494-6646 Fax. 1-415-925-9512

