

## Charter International plc

### Corporate fact sheet:

Charter International plc is the ultimate owner of two international engineering businesses, being ESAB, which is focussed on welding, cutting and automation, and Howden, which is focussed on air and gas handling.

Charter International plc is registered in Jersey and has its headquarters and tax residence in the Republic of Ireland. It is listed on the London Stock Exchange.

### Head office:

27 Northwood House  
Northwood Park  
Santry  
Dublin 9  
Ireland

### Registered office:

22 Grenville Street  
St Helier  
Jersey  
JE4 8PX

Website: [www.charter.ie](http://www.charter.ie)

### Key financials:

	2010	2009
Revenue	£1,719.6m	£1,659.2m
ESAB	£1,157.6m	£1,031.4m
Howden	£562.0m	£627.8m
Adjusted operating profit <sup>1</sup>	£145.9m	£125.6m
ESAB	£89.3m	£66.0m
Howden	£67.8m	£71.5m
Central costs	£(11.2)m	£(11.9)m
Exceptional items and other adjusting items	£(7.5)m	£(29.6)m
Operating profit	£138.4m	£96.0m
Profit before tax	£144.1m	£92.7m
Profit after tax	£118.9m	£74.8m
Profit attributable to equity shareholders	£106.6m	£63.5m
Earnings per share – adjusted <sup>2</sup>	66.1 pence	55.0 pence
Earnings per share – basic	63.9 pence	38.1 pence
Net cash	£1.8m	£50.9m
Total equity shareholders' funds	£635.7m	£549.9m
Shares in issue (31 December 2010)	167,021,060	
Free float	100%	

<sup>1</sup> before exceptional items, acquisition costs and amortisation and impairment of acquired intangibles and goodwill

<sup>2</sup> before exceptional items, acquisition costs, amortisation and impairment of acquired intangibles and goodwill, net financing charge on retirement benefit obligations and net gains/(losses) on retranslation of intercompany loan balances

**Key dates 2011:**

Annual General Meeting	20 April 2011
Interim results for the 6 months to 30 June 2011	26 July 2011
IMS2	15 November 2011
Financial year-end	31 December 2011

**Board of Directors:**

Lars Emilson	Chairman
Gareth Rhys Williams	Chief Executive
Robert Careless	Finance Director
James Deeley	Commercial Director
Grey Denham	Senior Independent Non-Executive Director
John Biles	Independent Non-Executive Director
John Neill CBE	Non-Executive Director
Andrew Osborne	Independent Non-Executive Director
Manfred Wennemer	Independent Non-Executive Director

**Company Secretary and General Counsel**

Michael Hampson

**Number of employees:** 12,407 (as at 31 December 2010)

**Share price and listing information:**

Listing: London Stock Exchange  
FTSE sector: Industrial engineering

**2008 (Charter plc to 22 October)**

High 1058 pence  
Low 211 pence

**2009**

High 778 pence  
Low 310 pence

**2010**

High 855 pence  
Low 563 pence

**Key advisors:**

Registrars	Computershare Investor Services (Jersey) Limited
Auditors	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (London)
Corporate brokers	RBS Hoare Govett JP Morgan Cazenove Goldman Sachs
Principal bankers	HSBC
Legal advisors	Slaughter and May Mourant du Fen & Jeune Arthur Cox
Financial PR advisors	Brunswick