

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

Key financials:

	2009	2008 (Restated)
Revenue	£1,659.2 million	£1,887.0 million
ESAB	£1,031.4 million	£1,259.8 million
Howden	£627.8 million	£627.2 million
Adjusted operating profit ¹	£125.6 million	£211.2 million
ESAB	£64.5 million	£148.6 million
Howden	£70.5 million	£73.1 million
Central costs	£(12.2) million	£(12.4) million
Exceptional items and other adjusting items	£(26.8) million	£(8.3) million
Operating profit	£96.0 million	£201.0 million
Profit before tax	£92.7 million	£197.7 million
Profit after tax	£74.8 million	£158.7 million
Profit attributable to equity shareholders	£63.5 million	£150.2 million
Earnings per share – adjusted ²	55.0 pence	99.2 pence
Earnings per share – basic	38.1 pence	90.1 pence
Net cash	£50.9 million	£51.8 million
Total equity shareholders' funds	£549.9 million	£578.3 million
Shares in issue (31 December 2009)	166,955,167	
Free float	100%	

¹ before amortisation and impairment of acquired intangibles and goodwill and exceptional items

² before amortisation and impairment of acquired intangibles and goodwill, exceptional items and (losses)/gains on retranslation of intercompany loan balances

Key dates 2010:

Annual General Meeting	29 April 2010
Interim results for the 6 months to 30 June 2010	30 July 2010
IMS2	4 November 2010
Financial year-end	31 December 2010

Board of Directors:***Executive Directors***

Michael Foster	Chief Executive
Robert Careless	Finance Director
James Deeley	Commercial Director

Non-Executive Directors

Lars Emilson	Chairman
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: 11,982 (as at 31 December 2009)

Share price and listing information:

Listing:	London Stock Exchange
FTSE sector:	Industrial engineering

2007 (Charter plc)

High	1265 pence
Low	728 pence

2008 (Charter plc to 22 October)

High	1058 pence
Low	211 pence

2009

High	778 pence
Low	310 pence

Key advisors:

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