

Thomson Reuters Reports Third-Quarter 2012 Results

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- Revenues grew 1% before currency
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$864 million with a margin of 27.3%
- Underlying operating profit of \$585 million with a margin of 18.5%
- Adjusted earnings per share were \$0.54, unchanged from the third quarter of 2011
- 2012 Outlook affirmed

NEW YORK – Thomson Reuters (TSX / NYSE: TRI), the world's leading source of intelligent information for businesses and professionals, today reported results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2012. The company reported revenues from ongoing businesses of \$3.2 billion, a 1% increase before currency. Adjusted EBITDA decreased 5% from the prior-year period and the corresponding margin was 27.3% versus 28.5% in the third quarter of 2011. Underlying operating profit decreased 15% and the corresponding margin was 18.5% versus 21.6% in the prior-year period. The third quarter of 2011 was the high-water mark for adjusted EBITDA and underlying operating profit margins last year.

Adjusted earnings per share (EPS) were \$0.54, unchanged from the prior-year period.

"Third-quarter results met our expectations even as the market environment remained challenging," said James C. Smith, chief executive officer of Thomson Reuters. "Our resilient subscription-based businesses performed well, while non-recurring revenues were weaker due to difficult prior-year comparables and lower transaction volumes. That said, we continue to make significant progress toward achieving our operational priorities and we remain on track to achieve our full-year outlook."

"Furthermore, despite what is anticipated to be a continued challenging environment on the top-line, we expect further operational improvements to drive continued efficiencies as we work to achieve sustainable, predictable free cash flow improvement and earnings growth," continued Mr. Smith.

Consolidated Financial Highlights

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
	(Millions of U.S. dollars, except EPS and margins)			
IFRS Financial Measures	2012	2011	Change	
Revenues	\$3,216	\$3,453	-7%	
Operating profit	\$390	\$659	-41%	
Diluted earnings per share (EPS)	\$0.56	\$0.44	27%	
Cash flow from operations	\$607	\$576	5%	
				Change Before Currency
Non-IFRS Financial Measures¹	2012	2011	Change	
Revenues from ongoing businesses	\$3,165	\$3,197	-1%	1%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$864	\$911	-5%	-4%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	27.3%	28.5%	-120bp	-150bp
Underlying operating profit	\$585	\$690	-15%	-14%
Underlying operating profit margin	18.5%	21.6%	-310bp	-320bp
Adjusted earnings per share (EPS)	\$0.54	\$0.54	0%	
Free cash flow	\$376	\$360	4%	
Free cash flow from ongoing operations	\$369	\$319	16%	

¹ These and other non-IFRS financial measures are defined and reconciled to the most directly comparable IFRS measures in the tables appended to this news release. Additional information is provided in the explanatory note at the end of this news release.

- Revenues from ongoing businesses were \$3.2 billion, a 1% increase before currency.
- Adjusted EBITDA decreased 5% and the corresponding margin was 27.3% versus 28.5% in the prior-year period. The

margin declined as the benefit from no integration expenses in the quarter (versus \$39 million in the prior-year period) was offset by lower organic revenue growth; a decrease in high-margin revenues compared to the prior-year period; and anticipated increases in expenses in Financial & Risk related to investments in customer service and customer administration.

- Underlying operating profit decreased 15% and the corresponding margin was 18.5% versus 21.6% in the prior-year period due to higher depreciation and amortization from investments made in prior periods, planned increases in expenses and nominal revenue growth.
- Adjusted EPS was \$0.54, unchanged from the prior-year period. Anticipated lower underlying operating profit was offset by the elimination of integration expenses and a lower tax rate. Foreign exchange had a \$0.01 negative impact on adjusted EPS.

Third-Quarter Business Segment Highlights

Unless otherwise noted, all revenue growth comparisons in this news release are before the impact of foreign currency as Thomson Reuters believes this provides the best basis to measure the performance of its business.

Financial & Risk

- Revenues were flat compared to the prior-year period as the benefit from acquisitions was offset by a decline in organic growth. Growth in Marketplaces and Governance, Risk & Compliance was offset by a decline in the Trading business. Investors revenues were unchanged from the prior-year period.
- Recurring subscription-related revenues decreased 1%. Transactions-related revenues increased 4% solely due to acquisitions. Recoveries revenues decreased 1% and Outright revenues increased 2%.
- By geography, revenues in Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) were flat, revenues in the Americas were up 1% while revenues in Asia declined 1%, primarily related to Japan.
- EBITDA was \$440 million, down 16%, with a related margin of 24.7%. EBITDA margin decreased 370 basis points from the prior-year period due to lower organic revenues, planned investments in customer service and customer administration.
- Operating profit was \$283 million, down 26%, with a related margin of 15.9%. Operating profit margin decreased 480 basis points due to the same items that impacted the EBITDA margin and higher depreciation and amortization from product investments made in prior periods.
- Eikon desktops totaled 25,600 at the end of the third quarter of 2012, up approximately 35% from the end of the second quarter of 2012.

Trading

- Revenues decreased 4% with growth in Commodities & Energy, Data Feeds & Platform and Elektron hosting offset by desktop cancellations in Exchange Traded Instruments and Fixed Income. Omgeo declined by 17% due to low equity transaction volumes.
- Recoveries revenues decreased 2%.

Investors

- Revenues were flat compared to the prior-year period. Investment Management declined 4%, but continued to improve compared to the second quarter (down 5%) and first quarter (down 10%). Investment Management continues to be impacted by weakness in Europe and Asia. Enterprise Content revenues grew 12% (12% of Investors total revenues).
- Corporates revenues were down 1%. Wealth Management and Banking & Advisory were up 1% and down 1%, respectively, versus the prior-year period.

Marketplaces

- Revenues increased 7% due to acquisitions with organic revenues down 2%. Tradeweb was up 13% related to the acquisition of Rafferty in 2011.
- Foreign exchange-related revenues increased 5% due to the acquisition of FXall. Foreign exchange-related organic revenues however declined 2% as overall market volumes declined compared to the prior-year period.

Governance, Risk & Compliance

- Revenues grew 17%, all organic, to \$55 million driven by new sales and continued strong demand for risk and compliance solutions.
- Thomson Reuters GRC business was recently named by Gartner, Inc. to the prestigious "Leaders Quadrant of the Enterprise Governance, Risk and Compliance Platforms Magic Quadrant." The announcement was made following Gartner's evaluation of Thomson Reuters Enterprise GRC solution on completeness of vision and ability to execute.

Legal

- Revenues increased 2% (1% organic). US Law Firm Solutions grew slightly driven by a 13% increase in Business of Law revenues (FindLaw and Elite) while research-related revenues declined 3%. Corporate, Government and Academic revenues rose 1%. Global businesses grew 9% with a strong performance by Latin American operations.
- US print revenues declined 9%, partly timing-related. Excluding US print, revenues grew 5% (3% organic).
- EBITDA was up slightly from the prior-year period and the associated margin increased 10 basis points to 39.4%. Excluding the benefit of currency, the margin declined 40 basis points.
- Operating profit was flat and the associated margin was 30.8% compared to 31.3% in the prior-year period. Excluding the benefit of currency, the margin declined 100 basis points due to the decline in print revenues and higher depreciation and amortization expense.
- 73% of Westlaw revenue is now converted to WestlawNext.

Tax & Accounting

- Revenues increased 10% (3% organic) driven by acquisitions and strong growth in revenues from the ONESOURCE suite and software sales to accounting firms. Organic revenue growth was partly impacted by difficult comparisons to the prior-year period.
- EBITDA increased 3% and the corresponding margin decreased 120 basis points to 24.8% due mainly to acquisition dilution and a change in business mix.
- Operating profit decreased 8% and the corresponding margin decreased 230 basis points to 13.0% due to softer revenue growth and software amortization from acquisitions.
- Tax & Accounting is a seasonal business with a significant percentage of its operating profit traditionally generated in the fourth quarter. Small movements in the timing of revenues and expenses can impact margins in any given quarter for the Tax & Accounting business. Full-year margins are more reflective of the segment's underlying performance.

Intellectual Property & Science

- Revenues were up 3% (flat organic) impacted by strong prior-year comparables. IP Solutions grew 3%, Life Sciences increased 8% and Scientific & Scholarly Research revenues decreased 6% due to strong back-file sales recorded in the prior-year period that did not repeat this year.
- EBITDA decreased 9% with the corresponding margin declining 380 basis points to 32.9% primarily due to acquisition dilution associated with MarkMonitor and a difficult comparison to the prior-year period when the business benefited from significant back-file sales.
- Operating profit decreased 14% with the corresponding margin declining 470 basis points to 25.1%. The decline in the margin reflected the same items that impacted the EBITDA margin as well as an increase in depreciation and amortization due to products released in the second half of 2011.
- Small movements in the timing of revenues and expenses can impact margins in any given quarter for the Intellectual Property & Science business. Full-year margins are more reflective of the segment's underlying performance.

Consolidated Financial Highlights – Nine Months

Nine Months Ended September 30,

(Millions of U.S. dollars, except EPS and margins)

IFRS Financial Measures	2012	2011	Change	
Revenues	\$9,879	\$10,230	-3%	
Operating profit	\$2,094	\$1,888	11%	
Diluted earnings per share (EPS)	\$2.04	\$1.41	45%	
Cash flow from operations	\$1,750	\$1,655	6%	
				Change
				Before
				Currency
Non-IFRS Financial Measures¹	2012	2011	Change	
Revenues from ongoing businesses	\$9,541	\$9,435	1%	3%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$2,581	\$2,516	3%	4%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	27.1%	26.7%	40bp	30bp
Underlying operating profit	\$1,747	\$1,895	-8%	-6%
Underlying operating profit margin	18.3%	20.1%	-180bp	-180bp
Adjusted earnings per share (EPS)	\$1.52	\$1.42	7%	
Free cash flow	\$1,030	\$933	10%	
Free cash flow from ongoing operations	\$969	\$785	23%	

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- Revenues from ongoing businesses were \$9.5 billion, a 3% increase before currency.

- Adjusted EBITDA increased 3% and the corresponding margin was 27.1% versus 26.7% in the prior-year period as higher revenues and the elimination of integration expenses in 2012 offset the planned investments in customer service and customer administration.
- Underlying operating profit decreased 8% and the corresponding margin was 18.3% versus 20.1% in the prior-year period due to higher depreciation and amortization expense related to new product launches and planned increases in expenses.
- Adjusted EPS was \$1.52 compared to \$1.42 in the prior-year period. The increase was primarily attributable to the elimination of integration expenses and a lower tax rate, partly offset by lower underlying operating profit.
- Free cash flow was \$1.03 billion, up 10% compared to the prior-year period. Free cash flow from ongoing operations was \$969 million, up 23% from the same period in 2011.

Corporate & Other (Including Media)

Third-quarter Media revenues were \$79 million, up 1% from the prior-year period (organic growth of 1%). Third-quarter Corporate & Other costs were \$43 million compared to \$48 million in the prior-year period.

Media revenues for the first nine months of 2012 were \$244 million, up 1% from the prior-year period (1% organic). Corporate & Other costs for the first nine months of 2012 were \$178 million compared to \$186 million in the same period of 2011.

Business Outlook (Before Currency)

Thomson Reuters today reaffirmed its business outlook for 2012 that was previously communicated in February. The company continues to expect its:

- revenues to grow low single-digits in 2012;
- adjusted EBITDA margin to range between 27% and 28% in 2012;
- underlying operating profit margin to range between 18% and 19% in 2012 due to higher depreciation and amortization expense; and
- reported free cash flow to grow 5% to 10% and free cash flow from ongoing operations to grow 15% to 20% in 2012.

The information in this section is forward-looking and should be read in conjunction with the section below entitled "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements, Material Assumptions and Material Risks."

Dividend and Share Repurchases

As previously announced, Thomson Reuters increased its 2012 annual dividend by \$0.04 per share to \$1.28 per share. A quarterly dividend of \$0.32 per share is payable on December 17, 2012 to common shareholders of record as of November 21, 2012.

Year-to-date through November 1, 2012, the company repurchased 5.9 million shares for an aggregate cost of approximately \$168 million pursuant to its Normal Course Issuer Bid (NCIB). The company repurchased 4.3 million shares under the current NCIB program which was renewed in May 2012 and authorizes the company to purchase up to 15 million shares.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, MATERIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND MATERIAL RISKS

Certain statements in this news release, including, but not limited to, statements in the "Business Outlook (Before Currency)" section and Mr. Smith's comments, are forward-looking. These forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions and reflect our company's current expectations. As a result, forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations. There is no assurance that the events described in any forward-looking statement will materialize. A business outlook is provided for the purpose of presenting information about current expectations for 2012. This information may not be appropriate for other purposes. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements which reflect expectations only as of the date of this news release. Except as may be required by applicable law, Thomson Reuters disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

The company's 2012 business outlook is based on various external and internal assumptions. Economic and market assumptions include, but are not limited to, positive GDP growth in the countries where Thomson Reuters operates led by rapidly developing economies and a continued increase in the number of professionals around the world and their demand for high quality information and services. Internal financial and operational assumptions include, but are not limited to, the successful execution of the company's ongoing product release programs, globalization strategy, other growth initiatives and efficiency initiatives.

Some of the material risk factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by forward-looking statements in this news release include, but are not limited to, changes in the general economy (including the current European Union debt crisis); actions of competitors; failure to develop new products, services, applications and functionalities to meet customers' needs, attract new customers or expand into new geographic markets; increased accessibility

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Thomson Reuters will webcast a discussion of its third-quarter 2012 results today beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). You can access the webcast by visiting the "Investor Relations" section of <http://thomsonreuters.com>. An archive of the webcast will be available following the presentation.

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