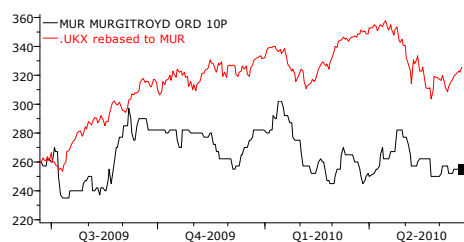


Murgitroyd Group PLC 255.0p

Activity Levels Satisfactory

24 June 2010

Share Price: 255.0p



Source – Fidessa

12m High: 302.5p

12m Low: 235.0p

Market Cap: £21.7m

Shares in Issue: 8.5m diluted

Gearing: 43%

Interest Cover: 18.5x

EPIC Code: MUR.L

Sector: Support Services

Market: London AIM

Nominated Advisor & Broker: Brewin Dolphin

PR: Cardew Group

Website: www.murgitroyd.com

Description: European Trade Mark and Patent Attorney practice headquartered in Glasgow with offices in Aberdeen, Belfast, Dublin, Edinburgh, Helsinki, London, Milan, Muenster, Munich, Newcastle, Nice, Tokyo, York and a sales office in the US.

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Murgitroyd, the European Patent and Trade Mark Attorney, has confirmed that activity levels and business levels to date remain satisfactory and that as a result its earnings for the current financial year should be in line with market expectations.

We are currently forecasting net profit before tax of £3.5m for the full year to 31 May 2010 and earnings per share of 27.9p. At 255p this puts Murgitroyd shares trading on a forward p/e ratio of circa 9x and yielding close to 4%.

In March Murgitroyd opened a new office in Helsinki, Finland and this has been followed closely by the opening of a new office in Tokyo, Japan. New staff, both professional and paralegal, are being actively recruited and the company is adding new staff in its business development office in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In recognition of the potential for growth out of North Carolina, Ian Murgitroyd, Murgitroyd's founder and Executive Chairman, has taken up the role of Global Head of Business Development, and is to relocate to the North Carolina office. Meanwhile, David Castle, Murgitroyd's Deputy Chairman, has indicated an intention to retire at Murgitroyd's next AGM, scheduled for October of this year.

This geographical emphasis is important for Murgitroyd given that close to 30% of all international Patent filings in 2009 came out of the US, followed by Japan, with close to 20% of all international Patent filings.

There is no doubt that the economic crisis will have impacted expenditure on both Patents and Trade Marks – 2009 saw a decline in international patent filings, the first one since the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) came into effect in 1978.

According to the June 2010 issue of the ITMA Review (Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys Review) Murgitroyd's Community Trade Mark (CTM) filings were down 5.9%. The average for the top ten companies is down 11.1% and Murgitroyd – ranked 3rd highest on the list - appears to have held its own well.

With Patent and Trade Mark decisions tending to be made long term the full extent of the economic crisis may not yet have been felt. Murgitroyd's full year results are expected to be released on or around 6 September and we will review the outlook for 2011 at this time. We note though that Murgitroyd's management remain "confident" in the Group's future prospects.

Y/E	Sales	Declared Profit	Adjusted Profit	Adjusted EPS	P/E Ratio	Div	Yield
May	£m	£m	£m	p.	X	p.	%
2008A	25.7	2.9	3.1	25.3	10.1	9.5	3.7
2009A	28.9	3.1	3.4	27.0	9.4	9.5	3.7
2010E	30.4	3.5	3.5	27.9	9.1	10.0	3.9
2011E	31.1	3.8	3.8	30.0	8.5	10.5	4.1

Murgitroyd Group

24 June 2010

Management	Major Shareholders												
<p>Chairman: Ian Murgitroyd</p> <p>Deputy Chairman: David Castle</p> <p>CEO & Finance Director: Keith Young</p>	<table> <tr> <td>Ian George Murgitroyd</td> <td>29.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State Street Nominees Ltd</td> <td>5.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G Edward Murgitroyd</td> <td>4.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elizabeth-Anne Thomson</td> <td>4.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lion Nominees Ltd</td> <td>4.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pershing Nominees Ltd</td> <td>3.4%</td> </tr> </table>	Ian George Murgitroyd	29.1%	State Street Nominees Ltd	5.4%	G Edward Murgitroyd	4.6%	Elizabeth-Anne Thomson	4.6%	Lion Nominees Ltd	4.1%	Pershing Nominees Ltd	3.4%
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<p>Next Full Year Results: September 2010</p> <p>AGM: October 2010</p> <p>Next Interim Results: February 2011</p>	<p>1975 Ian Murgitroyd & Co founded in Glasgow as a sole Proprietor</p> <p>1977 Murgitroyd & Company created as a partnership</p> <p>1993 Murgitroyd & Company Limited incorporated</p> <p>2001 Murgitroyd Group PLC formed and listed on AIM Existing offices in Glasgow, Aberdeen, London, Munich, Belfast and Dublin</p> <p>2002 Offices opened in Nice</p> <p>2003 Expands Nice office with acquisition of Cabinet Bonneau Office opened in Muenster</p> <p>2005 Acquires London based Castles and opens office in York</p> <p>2006 Acquires Glasgow based Fitzpatrick's</p> <p>2007 Offices opened in Edinburgh and in Milan US sales presence established</p> <p>2008 Acquires Kennedys, a European Patent and Trade Mark Attorney practice headquartered in Glasgow and with offices in Aberdeen and Newcastle</p> <p>2009 Acquires Raworth Moss & Cook, London based European Patent and Trade Mark Attorney Practice</p> <p>2010 Opens offices in Helsinki, Finland and Tokyo, Japan</p>												

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