

PRESS RELEASE

**Strong increase in Q3 2009 sales: +20.3% to €17.9m**

**Buoyant organic growth of +12.1%**

**Puteaux, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

ORPEA, a leading player in Long-Term Care (nursing homes), Post-Acute Care and Psychiatric Care, today announced its sales for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

In €m IFRS	Quarterly			9 months		
	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Δ	2009	2008	Δ
<b>France</b> <i>% of total sales</i>	<b>190.0</b> 87%	156.5 86%	+21.4%	<b>542.7</b> 87%	450.6 88%	+20.4%
<b>International</b> <i>% of total sales</i>	<b>28.0</b> 13%	24.6 14%	+13.7%	<b>78.3</b> 13%	60.7 12%	+29.0%
<b>Belgium</b>	12.4	11.0		36.0	24.0	
<b>Spain</b>	7.4	7.0		21.4	19.9	
<b>Italy</b>	5.7	4.5		13.7	10.9	
<b>Switzerland</b>	2.6	2.0		7.4	5.9	
<b>Total sales</b> <i>Organic growth</i>	<b>217.9</b>	181.1	+20.3%  +12.1%	<b>621.1</b>	511.3	+21.5%  +11.2%

Yves Le Masne, Deputy CEO, commented: “Third-quarter activity, up +20%, reaffirms the momentum that has been ORPEA’s for almost 10 years now, with continuing buoyant, healthy and lasting growth. Organic growth, up 12.1%, even accelerated compared to the first half of the year.

The Group is fully confident that it will meet its targets: 2009 annual sales of €840m, 2011 sales of significantly over a billion euros and further solid profitability.

Following the optimisation of the Group’s financial profile in recent months through the €217m OBSAAR bond issue and the €62.4m capital increase, ORPEA will pursue its development strategy, notably seizing strategic acquisition opportunities that arise, in order to further strengthen its position as a selective consolidator of the Care sector. Actively participating in a useful need for the community whilst creating value is, day in day out, a motivating action for all of the Group’s teams.”

**Next Press Release: Full-year 2009 sales**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 before market opening**

**About ORPEA** ([www.orpea.com](http://www.orpea.com)): Listed on Euronext Paris since April 2002 and recently promoted to the Deferred Settlement Service, the ORPEA group is a leading player in the Long-Term Care and Post-Acute Care sectors. As of September 2009, the Group has a unique European network of healthcare facilities, with 26,526 beds (21,565 of them operational) across 284 sites, including:

- 21,585 beds in France: 17,619 operational (including 3,021 being renovated) + 3,966 under construction, spread across 238 sites.
- 4,941 beds in Europe (Spain, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland): 3,946 operational (including 508 being renovated) + 995 under construction, spread across 46 sites.

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