

PRESS RELEASE

**CONTINUING BUOYANT SALES GROWTH IN Q1 2008:
+31.6% TO €160.1m**

INCREASE IN ORGANIC GROWTH: +11.7%

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The ORPEA group, a leading player in Long-Term Care (nursing homes), Post-Acute Care and Psychiatric Care, today announced its sales for the 1st quarter of 2008 to March 31st.

<i>In €m</i>	Q1 08	Q1 07	Δ
France	143.9	111.9	+28.6%
<i>% of total sales</i>	90%	92%	
International	16.2	9.8	+66.5%
<i>% of total sales</i>	10%	8%	
Belgium	4.4	1.6	
Spain	6.3	5.4	
Italy	3.6	1.1	
Switzerland	1.9	1.7	
Total sales	160.1	121.7	+31.6%
<i>Organic growth</i>			+11.7%

Yves Le Masne, Chief Operating Officer, commented: “*This remarkable progression (sales growth of +31.6% in the first quarter of 2008) emphasises the ORPEA performance factors: virtually all facilities with 80 beds or more, very high percentage of private single bedrooms, highly centralised organisation structure, solid integrated development structure (with close to 7,000 beds under construction or being renovated), proven skill to integrate acquisitions, structural ability to develop solid organic growth (+11.7%).*”

These performances were achieved both in France (sales up +28.6%) and abroad (sales up +66.5%), where ORPEA continues its sensible European expansion strategy in countries with strong barriers to entry. ORPEA is fully confident that it will achieve sales of more than €665m in 2008 whilst maintaining buoyant profitability”

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About ORPEA (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 1st March 2008, the Group has a unique European network of healthcare facilities, with 21,403 beds (17,283 of them operational) across 229 sites, including:

- 17,173 beds in France: 13,886 operational (including 2,440 being renovated) + 3,287 under construction, spread across 189 sites.
- 4,230 beds in Europe (Spain, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland): 3,483 operational (including 404 being renovated) + 747 under construction, spread across 40 sites.

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