



# 3Q23

QUARTERLY STATEMENT Q3 FY2023





# HIGHLIGHTS

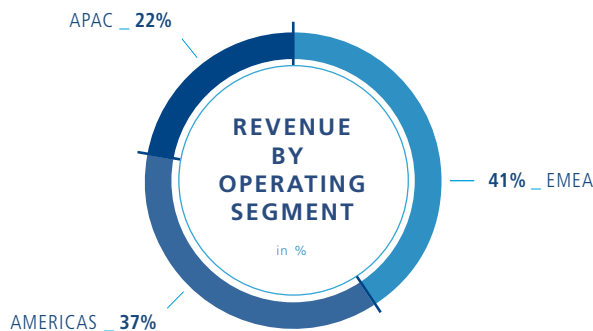
## STABILUS SE AGAIN RECORDS STRONG REVENUE GROWTH

- Total Group revenue climbs by €111.8 million or 14.0% year-on-year to €907.8 million (organic growth rate: +11.6%), the highest revenue for the first nine months in the history of Stabilus
- All three regions contribute to this growth: Revenue in the Americas region up by +23.3% (organic growth rate: +12.8%), APAC up by +12.0% (organic growth rate: +16.1%) and EMEA up by +7.9% (organic growth rate: +8.4%)
- Revenue in the Automotive Powerise® business unit up by +24.7% (organic growth rate: +19.8%), Industrial up by +9.5% (organic growth rate: +8.7%) and Automotive Gas Spring up by +8.2% (organic growth rate: +6.3%)

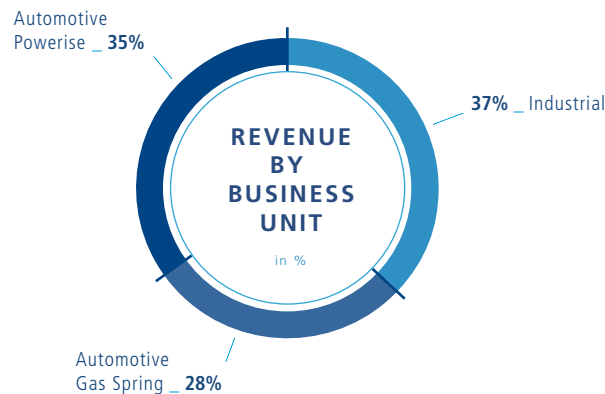
## KEY EVENTS

- Stabilus specifies its outlook for fiscal 2023
  - Revenue of €1.2 billion (previously: range of €1.1 billion to €1.2 billion)
  - Adjusted EBIT margin forecast at 13.0% (previously: range of 13% to 14%), corresponding to adjusted EBIT €156 million

Revenue by segment (i.e. region, location of Stabilus company)



Revenue by business unit























## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OF THE STABILUS GROUP

### ANALYSIS OF REVENUE DEVELOPMENT

The following tables show the development in the Stabilus Group's revenue for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2023 compared with the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2022.

#### Revenue by region and business unit

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IN € MILLIONS	Q3 for the period from April 1 to June 30,		% change	% currency effect	% organic growth
	2023	2022			
<b>EMEA</b>					
Automotive Gas Spring	31.8	29.7	7.1%	0.0%	7.1%
Automotive Powerise®	30.2	23.7	27.4%	(0.1)%	27.5%
Industrial	67.9	65.0	4.5%	(0.8)%	5.3%
<b>Total EMEA <sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>118.4</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>(0.5)%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>
<b>Americas</b>					
Automotive Gas Spring	30.6	25.5	20.0%	4.1%	15.9%
Automotive Powerise®	41.2	36.8	12.0%	10.9%	1.1%
Industrial	38.1	35.3	7.9%	(2.4)%	10.3%
<b>Total Americas <sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>109.9</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
<b>APAC</b>					
Automotive Gas Spring	24.1	21.7	11.1%	(9.2)%	20.3%
Automotive Powerise®	37.1	28.1	32.0%	(10.2)%	42.2%
Industrial	5.5	5.3	3.8%	(8.7)%	12.5%
<b>Total APAC <sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>21.1%</b>	<b>(9.6)%</b>	<b>30.7%</b>
<b>Stabilus Group</b>					
Total Automotive Gas Spring	86.5	76.9	12.5%	(1.2)%	13.7%
Total Automotive Powerise®	108.5	88.6	22.5%	1.3%	21.2%
Total Industrial	111.5	105.6	5.6%	(1.7)%	7.3%
<b>Revenue <sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>306.5</b>	<b>271.1</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>(0.6)%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>

<sup>1)</sup> Revenue breakdown by location of Stabilus company (i.e. "billed-from view").





## EARNINGS ANALYSIS

The following tables show the consolidated income statement of the Stabilus Group for the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2023 compared with the third quarter and first nine months of fiscal 2022.

### Income statement

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IN € MILLIONS	Q3 for the period from April 1 to June 30,		
	2023	2022	% change
Revenue	306.5	271.1	13.1%
Cost of sales	(226.2)	(198.6)	13.9%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
Research and development expenses	(7.8)	(6.2)	25.8%
Selling expenses	(24.1)	(22.1)	9.0%
Administrative expenses	(10.4)	(10.9)	(4.6)%
Other income	1.1	1.1	0.0%
Other expenses	(0.9)	(0.2)	> 100.0%
Income / (expense) from equity-accounted investments	0.1	0.2	(50.0)%
<b>Profit from operating activities (EBIT)</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
Finance income	0.9	5.7	(84.2)%
Finance costs	(6.1)	(5.2)	17.3%
<b>Profit / (loss) before income tax</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>(4.9)%</b>
Income tax income / (expense)	(11.5)	(10.6)	8.5%
<b>Profit / (loss) for the period</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>(10.7)%</b>



Income statement

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IN € MILLIONS	9M for the period from October 1 to June 30,		% change
	2023	2022	
Revenue	907.8	796.0	14.0%
Cost of sales	(666.3)	(585.0)	13.9%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>241.4</b>	<b>211.0</b>	<b>14.4%</b>
Research and development expenses	(26.4)	(24.1)	9.5%
Selling expenses	(77.5)	(63.3)	22.4%
Administrative expenses	(32.4)	(31.1)	4.2%
Other income	4.2	3.6	16.7%
Other expenses	(5.2)	(0.2)	> 100.0%
Income / (expense) from equity-accounted investments	0.4	0.1	> 100.0%
<b>Profit from operating activities (EBIT)</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
Finance income	5.4	9.3	(41.9)%
Finance costs	(23.0)	(9.8)	> 100.0%
<b>Profit / (loss) before income tax</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>(9.0)%</b>
Income tax income / (expense)	(7.2)	(27.1)	(73.4)%
<b>Profit / (loss) for the period</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>16.5%</b>

Cost of sales

The cost of sales increased by +13.9%, from €(585.0) million in the first nine months of fiscal 2022 to €(666.3) million in the first nine months of fiscal 2023. In particular, this development is due to the rapid growth in business volumes compared with the previous year. The cost of sales was also affected by inflation in the price of materials (e.g. for steel, plastics and resin), which remained high compared with the same period of the previous year. In addition to these effects, the cost base and the margin were also impacted by the substantial rise in staff costs due to inflation, as well as high energy costs compared with the same period of the previous year in some cases. Although conditions on the procurement markets for individual raw materials and components are continuing to ease slightly, the procurement of materials remains a challenge. Reflecting the key role

played by revenue in capitalized development costs, amortization on these projects is being reported under the cost of sales from fiscal 2023 onwards, and no longer under research and development expenses. The prior-year figures have been restated accordingly to aid comparison. The effect amounted to €10.0 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2023 after €10.8 million in the same period of the previous year. As a percentage of revenue, the cost of sales decreased slightly by (0.1) percentage points, from 73.5% in the first nine months of fiscal 2022 to 73.4% in the first nine months of fiscal 2023, as the efficiency improvement measures initiated in production began to have the desired impact. Accordingly, the gross profit margin also improved slightly from 26.5% in the first nine months of fiscal 2022 to 26.6% in the first nine months of fiscal 2023.

Research and development expenses

R&D costs (less capitalized development costs) increased by +9.5%, from €(24.1) million in the first nine months of fiscal 2022 to €(26.4) million in the first nine months of fiscal 2023. The Stabilus Group is continuing to invest in research and development so that it can keep on offering new products and product applications moving ahead, e.g. in the ongoing development of the Powerise® product range, and to cultivate new innovation potential and forward-facing business areas such as radar technology. This is also reflected by the higher headcount in research and development. The capitalization of development costs (less customer payments) increased from +€11.1 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2022 to +€14.1 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2023. The prior-year figures have been restated on account of the change in the presentation of own work capitalized, which was previously reported under research and development expenses. The effect amounted to €10.0 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2023 after €10.8 million in the same period of the previous year. These costs will be reported under cost of sales moving ahead. As a percentage of revenue, R&D expenses decreased slightly by (0.1) percentage points from 3.0% in the first nine months of fiscal 2022 to 2.9% in the first nine months of fiscal 2023.

Selling expenses

Selling expenses rose by +22.4% in the first nine months of fiscal 2023 compared with the first nine months of fiscal 2022, from €(63.3) million to €(77.5) million. The increase as against the same period of the previous year was mainly due to the steep increase in business volumes and higher freight costs. The costs incurred in connection with the establishment of a warehouse for the independent aftermarket in the US have been reported as selling expenses in fiscal 2023. Furthermore, selling expenses have been affected by the higher headcount and rising expenses for travel and trade fairs, which had been at a low level in the previous year owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a percentage of revenue, selling expenses increased by +0.5 percentage points, from 8.0% in the first nine months of fiscal 2022 to 8.5% in the first nine months of fiscal 2023.















## FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE STABILUS GROUP

### ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

#### Statement of financial position

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IN € MILLIONS	June 30, 2023	Sept 30, 2022	% change
<b>Assets</b>			
Non-current assets	683.3	701.9	(2.6)%
Current assets	572.9	564.7	1.5%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,256.2</b>	<b>1,266.6</b>	<b>(0.8)%</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>			
Equity	679.3	669.7	1.4%
Non-current liabilities	373.8	375.0	(0.3)%
Current liabilities	203.2	221.9	(8.4)%
Total liabilities	577.0	596.9	(3.3)%
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>1,256.2</b>	<b>1,266.6</b>	<b>(0.8)%</b>

#### Total assets

Total assets of the Stabilus Group declined slightly by €(10.4) million or (0.8)%, from €1,266.6 million as of September 30, 2022 to €1,256.2 million as of June 30, 2023.

#### Non-current assets

The non-current assets of the Stabilus Group declined by €(18.6) million or (2.6)%, from €701.9 million as of September 30, 2022 to €683.3 million as of June 30, 2023. Non-current assets were primarily influenced by carrying amount adjustments due to exchange rate effects (e.g. a decrease in goodwill of €(8.2) million). The amortization on other intangible assets of €(22.7) million, which essentially results from purchase price allocation in previous fiscal years, also had an effect on non-current assets, as did depreciation of property, plant and equipment in the amount of €(29.0) million. This was countered by capital expenditure of +€38.6 million,

of which +€8.5 million related to new leases and +€30.1 million to ongoing capacity expansions for projects. Furthermore, a total of +€16.2 million was invested in intangible assets in connection with research and development costs.

#### Current assets

The current assets of the Stabilus Group increased by +€8.2 million or +1.5%, from €564.7 million as of September 30, 2022, to €572.9 million as of June 30, 2023. This was due to the €29.9 million increase in cash and cash equivalents compared with September, which was partially offset by a lower level of trade receivables (€(18.0) million) and a €(4.2) million reduction in income tax receivables. Furthermore, we expanded our inventories slightly by +€1.5 million in order to safeguard our global supply chains and to allow for higher demand. Higher purchase prices for raw materials and components also played a part.

#### Equity

The equity of the Stabilus Group rose by +€9.6 million or +1.4%, from €669.7 million as of September 30, 2022 to €679.3 million as of June 30, 2023. This development was mainly attributable to the profit of +€79.8 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2023, which was partially offset by the dividend payment to our shareholders of €(43.23) million in the second quarter of fiscal 2023. Other reserves (accumulated other comprehensive income) declined by €(26.8) million, from +€14.6 million to €(12.2) million, as a result of unrealized losses from foreign currency translation of €(25.2) million and unrealized actuarial losses from pensions (after tax) of €(1.7) million. There was also a positive effect of +€0.1 million due to the remeasurement in equity of derivatives acquired for hedging purposes.

#### Non-current liabilities

The non-current liabilities of the Stabilus Group declined slightly by €(1.2) million or (0.3)%, from €375.0 million as of September 30, 2022 to €373.8 million as of June 30, 2023. This change is attributable to the pro rata reclassification of the provision for warranties and personnel expenses from current to non-current in the amount of +€11.5 million in order to better reflect the maturity profile of these liability items. Pension obligations increased by +€2.2 million due to slight changes in actuarial assumptions. The change was mainly offset by the application of the restructuring clause, which reduced deferred tax liabilities relating to this matter by €(15.0) million, as well as straight-line amortization on the deferred tax liabilities for purchase price allocations recognized in previous financial years.

#### Current liabilities

The current liabilities of the Stabilus Group declined by €(18.7) million or (8.4)%, from €221.9 million as of September 30, 2022 to €203.2 million as of June 30, 2023. This resulted firstly from the pro rata reclassification of the provision for guarantees and staff costs from current to non-current in the amount of €(11.5) million, and secondly to lower trade payables of €(5.4) million. Furthermore, provisions for revenue risks decreased by





## RECONCILIATION OF FREE CASH FLOW, ADJUSTED FREE CASH FLOW AND NET LEVERAGE RATIO

### Free cash flow

Free cash flow is defined as the total of cash flows from operating activities and cash flows from investing activities. Management reports free cash flow as this alternative performance measure aids in assessing the ability of the Stabilus Group to generate cash flows that can be used, for example, for investment or distributions. Free cash flow changed by +€71.6 million, from +€21.2 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2022 to +€92.8 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2023. The improvement is due to the significantly higher cash flow from operating activities, which mainly resulted from the cash recognized in connection with the restructuring clause in the amount of €12.1 million (see comments on "Restructuring clause", p. 4). Free cash flow was also affected by higher investments not related to acquisitions of €14.6 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2023. The investments in Cultraro Automazione Engineering S.r.l. and Synapticon GmbH in the first quarter of fiscal 2022 impacted free cash flow in the previous year in the amount of €23.2 million. The calculation of free cash flow for the first nine months of fiscal 2023 and fiscal 2022 is shown in the table below.

### Adjusted free cash flow

Adjusted free cash flow is defined as the total of cash flows from operating activities and cash flows from investing activities before acquisitions. Management reports adjusted free cash flow as this alternative performance measure aids in assessing the ability of the Stabilus Group to

generate cash flows from organic growth (i.e. disregarding acquisitions). Adjusted free cash flow increased by +€48.7 million, from +€44.4 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2022 to +€93.1 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2023, largely as a result of the significant change in working capital from operating activities and lower income tax payments due to the cash recognized in connection with the restructuring clause (see comments on "Restructuring clause", p. 4). Higher investments not

related to acquisitions had an offsetting effect on investing activities. The adjustment of €0.3 million in the first nine months of fiscal 2023 relates to the last purchase price payment to Piston from the share purchase (53%) in fiscal 2019. The prior year adjustment relates to investments of €23.2 million in Cultraro Automazione Engineering S.r.l. and Synapticon GmbH. The calculation of free cash flow for the first nine months of fiscal 2023 and fiscal 2022 is shown in the table below.

### Free cash flow

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IN € MILLIONS	9M for the period from October 1 to June 30,		% change
	2023	2022	
Cash flow from operating activities	137.9	75.1	83.6%
Cash flow from investing activities	(45.1)	(53.9)	(16.3)%
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>&gt; 100.0%</b>

### Adjusted free cash flow

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IN € MILLIONS	9M for the period from October 1 to June 30,		% change
	2023	2022	
Cash flow from operating activities	137.9	75.1	83.6%
Cash flow from investing activities	(45.1)	(53.9)	(16.3)%
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>&gt; 100.0%</b>
Acquisition of assets and liabilities within the business combination, net of cash acquired	0.3	–	n/a
Payment for equity-accounted and other investments	–	23.2	n/a
<b>Adjusted FCF</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>&gt; 100.0%</b>





### Net leverage ratio

The net leverage ratio is defined as net financial debt divided by adjusted EBITDA for the last twelve months (LTM). Net financial debt is the nominal amount of financial liabilities, i.e. current and non-current financial liabilities less cash and cash equivalents. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as adjusted EBIT before depreciation/amortization and before extraordinary non-recurring items (e.g. restructuring expenses or non-recurring consulting expenses). Management reports the net leverage ratio as this alternative performance measure is a useful indicator for assessing the debt and financing structure of the Stabilus Group. The net leverage ratio declined from 0.6x in the first nine months of fiscal 2022 to 0.3x in the first nine months of fiscal 2023 (September 30, 2022: 0.4x). This is mainly due to the strong increase in adjusted EBITDA and the further reduction in financial liabilities. The calculation of the net leverage ratio for the first nine months of fiscal 2023 and fiscal 2022 is shown in the table on the right.

### Net leverage ratio

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IN € MILLIONS	9M as of June 30,		% change
	2023	2022	
Financial debt	255.2	256.9	(0.7)%
Cash and cash equivalents	(198.3)	(135.0)	46.9%
Net financial debt	56.9	121.9	(53.3)%
Adjusted EBITDA (LTM, June 30)	220.6	194.2	13.6%
<b>Net leverage ratio <sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>0.3x</b>	<b>0.6x</b>	

<sup>1)</sup> The net leverage ratio is defined as net financial debt divided by adjusted EBITDA for the last twelve months (LTM).

### Financial debt

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IN € MILLIONS	9M as of June 30,	
	2023	2022
Financial liabilities (non-current)	253.5	252.5
Financial liabilities (current)	1.7	1.6
Adjustment carrying value	–	2.8
<b>Financial debt</b>	<b>255.2</b>	<b>256.9</b>

### Adjusted EBITDA (LTM, June 30)

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IN € MILLIONS	9M as of June 30,		% change
	2023	2022	
<b>Profit from operating activities (EBIT)</b>	<b>150.7</b>	<b>126.6</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
Depreciation	39.4	38.0	3.4%
Amortization	16.4	15.7	4.5%
PPA adjustments – depreciation and amortization	14.0	13.9	0.6%
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>220.4</b>	<b>194.2</b>	<b>13.5%</b>
Earn-out (purchase price adjustment)	0.2	–	n/a
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>220.6</b>	<b>194.2</b>	<b>13.6%</b>











## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as of June 30, 2023

### Consolidated statement of financial position

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IN € THOUSANDS	June 30, 2023	Sept 30, 2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	229,628	228,879
Goodwill	208,630	216,806
Other intangible assets	205,161	216,857
Investments in entities accounted for using the equity method and other investments	23,102	23,099
Other assets	849	1,413
Deferred tax assets	15,916	14,850
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>683,286</b>	<b>701,904</b>
Inventories	168,939	167,451
Trade and other receivables	179,636	197,656
Income tax receivables	3,889	8,074
Other financial assets	615	600
Other assets	21,578	22,536
Cash and cash equivalents	198,274	168,352
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>572,931</b>	<b>564,669</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,256,217</b>	<b>1,266,573</b>

### Consolidated statement of financial position

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IN € THOUSANDS	June 30, 2023	Sept 30, 2022
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>		
Issued capital	24,700	24,700
Capital reserves	201,395	201,395
Retained earnings	456,681	421,129
Other reserves	(8,756)	18,301
<b>Equity attributable to shareholders of Stabilus</b>	<b>674,020</b>	<b>665,525</b>
Non-controlling interests	5,239	4,165
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>679,259</b>	<b>669,690</b>
Financial liabilities	253,517	255,118
Other financial liabilities	25,659	25,678
Provisions	13,632	2,690
Pension plans and similar obligations	39,343	37,158
Deferred tax liabilities	41,613	54,370
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>373,764</b>	<b>375,014</b>
Trade accounts payable	114,816	120,257
Financial liabilities	1,668	1,730
Other financial liabilities	7,585	7,877
Income tax liabilities	14,233	14,231
Provisions	30,484	48,203
Other liabilities	34,408	29,571
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>203,194</b>	<b>221,869</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>576,958</b>	<b>596,883</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>1,256,217</b>	<b>1,266,573</b>









## SEGMENT REPORTING

The Stabilus Group is organized and managed primarily on a regional level. The three reportable operating segments of the Group are EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa), the Americas (North and South America) and APAC (Asia-Pacific). Based on Stabilus' guiding strategy of "in the region, for the region", we have established our facilities in the proximity of the Group's customers and have done so continuously over past years. Management reporting is based on the segment reporting structure. The customer structure, products and services offered (product portfolio) are largely the same in all three regional segments.

The Group measures the performance of its operating segments through a measure of segment profit or loss (key performance indicator) which is referred to as "adjusted EBIT". Adjusted EBIT represents EBIT adjusted for exceptional non-recurring items (e.g. restructuring or one-time advisory costs) and depreciation/amortization of fair value adjustments resulting from purchase price allocation (PPA).

The column "Other/Consolidation" includes the effects from the purchase price allocation for the April 2010 business combination. The effects from the purchase price allocation for the June 2016 and April 2019 business combinations are included in the regions.

Segment information for the first nine months as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

### Segment reporting

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IN € THOUSANDS	EMEA		Americas		APAC	
	9M for the period from October 1 to June 30,		9M for the period from October 1 to June 30,		9M for the period from October 1 to June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
External revenue <sup>1)</sup>	376,212	348,737	333,027	270,088	198,537	177,201
Intersegment revenue <sup>1)</sup>	27,545	24,897	24,546	22,952	1,123	211
Total revenue <sup>1)</sup>	403,757	373,634	357,573	293,040	199,660	177,412
Depreciation and amortization (incl. impairment losses)	(25,664)	(26,356)	(13,233)	(12,767)	(9,362)	(8,467)
EBIT	36,776	33,390	35,889	31,535	35,386	34,623
Adjusted EBIT	41,245	37,658	38,520	34,069	35,500	34,743
	Segment total		Other / consolidation		Stabilus Group	
	9M for the period from October 1 to June 30,		9M for the period from October 1 to June 30,		9M for the period from October 1 to June 30,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
External revenue <sup>1)</sup>	907,776	796,026	–	–	907,776	796,026
Intersegment revenue <sup>1)</sup>	53,214	48,060	(53,214)	(48,060)	–	–
Total revenue <sup>1)</sup>	960,990	844,086	(53,214)	(48,060)	907,776	796,026
Depreciation and amortization (incl. impairment losses)	(48,259)	(47,590)	(3,493)	(3,493)	(51,752)	(51,083)
EBIT	108,051	99,548	(3,493)	(3,493)	104,558	96,055
Adjusted EBIT	115,265	106,470	–	–	115,265	106,470

<sup>1)</sup> Revenue breakdown by location of Stabilus company (i.e. "billed-from view").





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