

# PRESS RELEASE

# **ARCADIS TRADING UPDATE Q1 2018**

#### Arcadis continues organic net revenue growth of 3%

- Net revenues at €599 million (Q1 2017: €628 million); organically +3%, currency impact -8%
- Operating EBITA of €43 million (Q1 2017: €47 million), currency impact -6%
- Operating margin at 7.2% (Q1 2017: 7.4%); impacted by fewer working days in Europe and a decline in other segments, offset by margin improvement in the Americas
- Net working capital improved to 19.5% (Q1 2017: 19.9%)
- Net debt at €474 million (Q1 2017: €556 million)
- Good progress in market consultation process for CallisonRTKL
- Plan for divestment of clean energy assets in Brazil is on track
- Sarah Kuijlaars nominated as new CFO; subject to appointment at AGM (24 April '18)
- Confirms revenue growth and improved operating margin in 2018

Amsterdam, 19 April 2018 – Arcadis (EURONEXT: ARCAD), the leading global Design & Consultancy firm for natural and built assets, reported a 3% organic increase in net revenues for Q1 2018. Operating margin at 7.2% (Q1 2017: 7.4%); impacted by fewer working days in Europe and a decline in other segments, offset by margin improvement in the Americas

Peter Oosterveer, CEO Arcadis, comments: "Our focus on clients allowed us to win more work and deliver on the growth pillar of our strategy, and I am therefore pleased with the 3% organic net revenue growth in Q1 2018. The change in our leadership structure, announced in March 2018, creates a stronger alignment with our strategic priorities, and will help us to further improve on project delivery and financial performance. I look forward to working with our new CFO Sarah Kuijlaars to advance our strategic objectives and strengthen our financial discipline. I am convinced that Arcadis has a strong foundation to deliver revenue growth and operating margin improvement in the years ahead."

#### **KEY FIGURES**

in € millions	FIRST Q		
Period ended March 31	<b>2018</b>	2017	change
Gross revenues	767	818	-6%
Net revenues	599	628	-5%
Organic growth	3%	-1%	
EBITDA	47	52	-10%
EBITA	37	42	-12%
EBITA margin	6.2%	6.7%	
Operating EBITA <sup>1)</sup>	43	47	-8%
Operating EBITA margin	7.2%	7.4%	
Net working capital %	19.5%	19.9%	
Free cash flow	-60	-63	-4%
Net debt	474	556	-15%
Backlog net revenues (billions)	2.1	2.3	-8%
Backlog organic growth (year-to-date)	2%	5%	

<sup>1)</sup> Excluding restructuring, acquisitions & divestments costs

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# **REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE**

# AMERICAS

(30% of net revenues)			
in € millions	FIRST QUARTER		
Period ended March 31	<b>2018</b>	2017	change
Gross revenues	263	297	-11%
Net revenues	177	196	-10%
Organic growth	2%	-6%	

Organic net revenue growth of 2% included 3% growth in North America and 3% decrease in Latin America. North America achieved an improvement in the water business and continued solid results in environment, infrastructure and buildings. Latin America's operating result was break-even for the first time in six quarters.

#### **EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST**

(49% of net revenues)			
in € millions	FIRST QUARTER		
Period ended March 31	<b>2018</b>	2017	change
Gross revenues	348	350	-1%
Net revenues	292	288	1%
Organic growth	4%	3%	
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Organic net revenue growth of 4% included an increase of 3% in Continental Europe and 14% in the UK, which more than compensated for an 11% decrease in the Middle East. The strong revenue increase in the UK was mainly driven by large infrastructure projects.

# ASIA PACIFIC

FIRST QUARTER		
<b>2018</b>	2017	Change
88	91	-4%
80	83	-4%
7%	-2%	
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Organic net revenue growth in Asia Pacific of 7%, driven by continued strong growth in Australia (21%), due to ramp up of large metro projects. Flat revenue development in Asia, with growth across the region, offset by project write-downs.

#### CALLISONRTKL

(8% of net revenues)			
in € millions	FIRST QUARTER		
Period ended March 31	<b>2018</b>	2017	change
Gross revenues	68	80	-15%
Net revenues	50	61	-17%
Organic growth	-7%	-6%	

Organic net revenues declined by -7% driven by lower activity levels in the retail, workplace and healthcare practices. The results in the commercial business improved compared to last year.

#### **OPERATING EBITA**

Operating EBITA decreased by 8% to €43 million (Q1 2017: €47 million), negatively impacted by currency effects (-6%). Operating margin was 7.2% (Q1 2017: 7.4%); impacted by fewer working days in Europe, selective bidding in Middle East and project write-downs in Asia, were almost offset by margin improvement in the Americas. Latin America achieved break-even results, continuing a positive trend. Non-operating costs amounted to €6 million (Q1 2017: €5 million), relating to restructuring and acquisitions & divestments. EBITA at €37 million (Q1 2017: €42 million).

### CASH FLOW AND WORKING CAPITAL

EBITDA in Q1 was €47 million (Q1 2017: €52 million). Net working capital as a percentage of gross revenues improved to 19.5% (Q1 2017: 19.9%), days of sales outstanding decreased to 94 days (Q1 2017: 96 days). Net debt of €474 million showed the seasonal increase during the quarter, but was sharply lower year-on-year (Q1 2017: €556 million) due to cash generation and a lower US Dollar. In Q1 2018 Arcadis collected €6 million on overdue receivables in KSA.

#### BACKLOG

Backlog at the end of Q1 2018 stood at €2.1 billion (Q1 2017: €2.3 billion), representing 10 months of net revenues, including a currency impact of -9%. Backlog increased organically year-to-date by 2%, and was flat year-on-year.

#### STRATEGIC REVIEW CALLISONRTKL

In September 2017, we announced the decision to perform a strategic review of CallisonRTKL, our architectural business. This review is part of our effort to sharpen our strategic focus. We evaluated a range of strategic options to optimize the value of CallisonRTKL, within or outside of Arcadis, and to provide the best prospects for our people, clients and shareholders. While a final decision has not been made yet, the process is on track, and we are making good progress in the market consultation process to assess the viability of a sale.

# BRAZILIAN CLEAN ENERGY ASSETS

Plan for divestment of clean energy assets in Brazil is on track. The largest gas-to-gas plant has been relocated and will enter into operation by the end of April. Two gas-to-power plants are scheduled to be in operation in August and September. The loss from associates in Q1 was €2 million. The intention is to divest all six plants once in operation, this process will be initiated in the second half of 2018.

#### **PRIORITIES 2018**

We will execute our strategy against the background of a positive market outlook. We confirm our expectation to grow revenues and improve operating margin in line with our financial objectives as communicated in our strategic update.

Our priorities are:

- Deliver financial objectives as per the strategic framework 2018-2020
- Select projects, businesses and geographies where we can lead
- Improve project delivery
- Continue to invest in people and culture to build the workforce of the future
- Innovate to become a digital frontrunner in the industry
- Contribute significantly to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- Conclude the strategic review process of CallisonRTKL
- Initiate the divestment of all clean energy assets in the second half of 2018

#### **FINANCIAL CALENDAR 2018**

24 April 2018 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders26 July 2018 First half year results 201824 October 2018Trading update Q3 2018

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#### ABOUT ARCADIS

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