

### 2ND QUARTER 2014









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### AGENDA.



- General economic conditions
- Business development in Q2 2014
- The Bechtle share
- Dividends
- Forecast for 2014



### GENERAL CONDITIONS. Q2 2014



### Macroeconomy.

- The EU continues its upwards economic trend. Growth in Bechtle countries ranged from 0.1% in Portugal and 1.1% in Poland.
- Economic growth in Germany slowed slightly with a 0.3 % increase in GDP.

#### Sector.

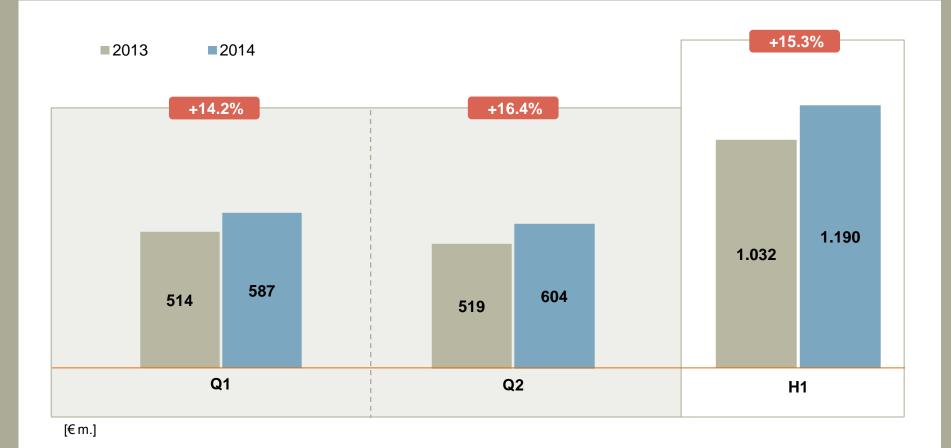
- The IT sector showed consistent improvement throughout the second guarter.
- The PC market in Europe continued its strong growth.
- Sentiment in the IT sector remains optimistic.

#### Conclusion.

Bechtle's performance in this economic context has been excellent. The company has achieved above-average profitable growth in all regions and both business segments.

## REVENUE DEVELOPMENT. Consolidated 2014 vs. 2013

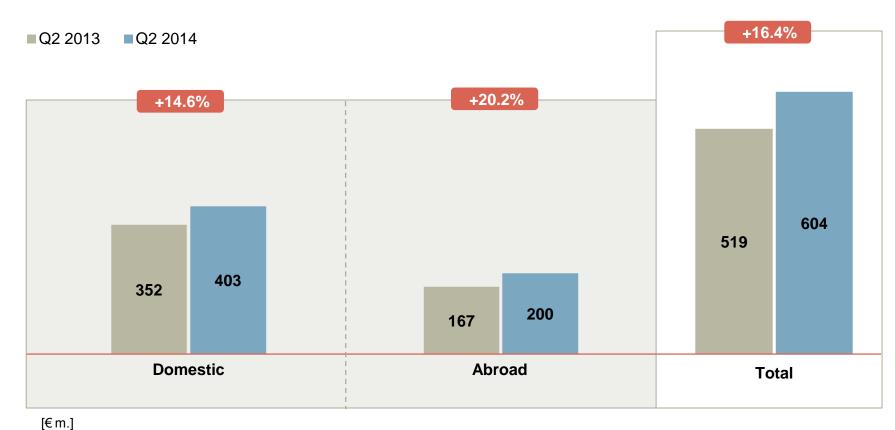




Growth rate has picked up in Q2.

## REVENUE GROWTH. By Region: Q2 2014 vs. Q2 2013



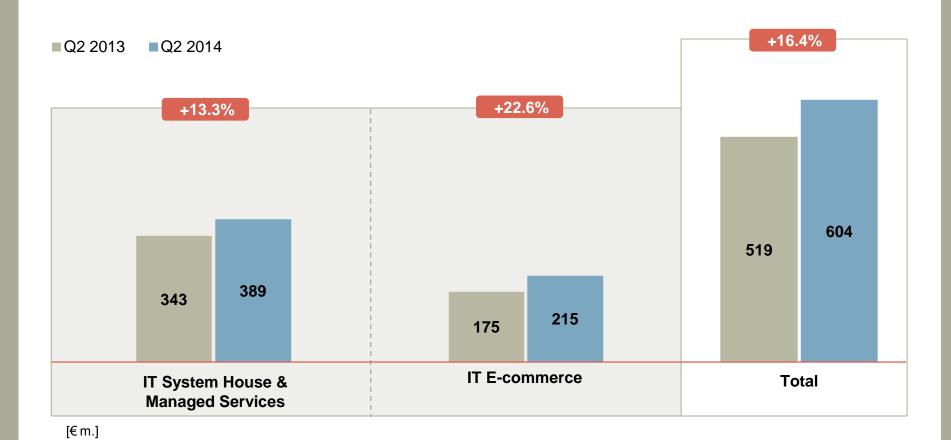


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Two-digit growth abroad and domestically.

### REVENUE GROWTH. By Segment: Q2 2014 vs. Q2 2013

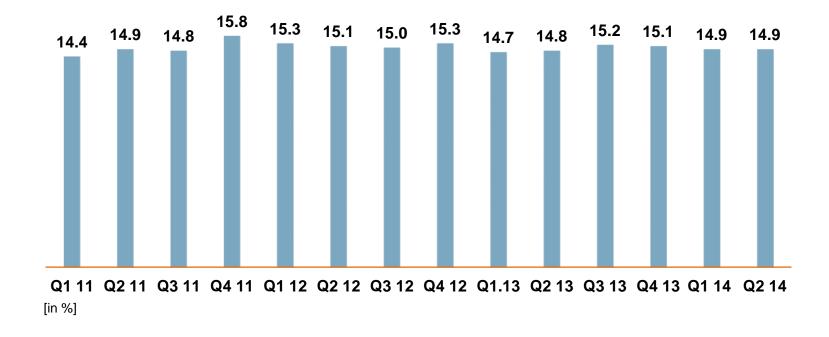




IT e-commerce drives growth.

## GROUP GROSS MARGIN. Development since Q1 2011

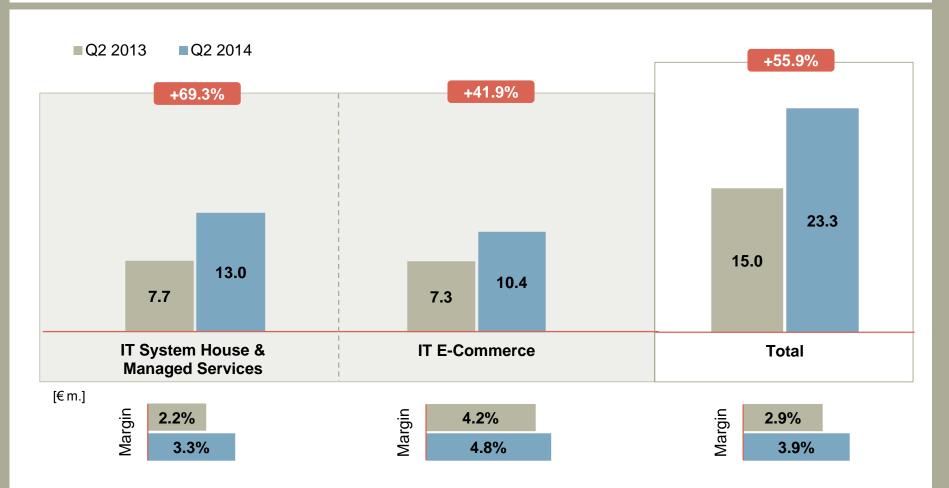




Gross margin remains consistently high.

### EARNINGS GROWTH (EBIT). By Segment: Q2 2014 vs. Q2 2013

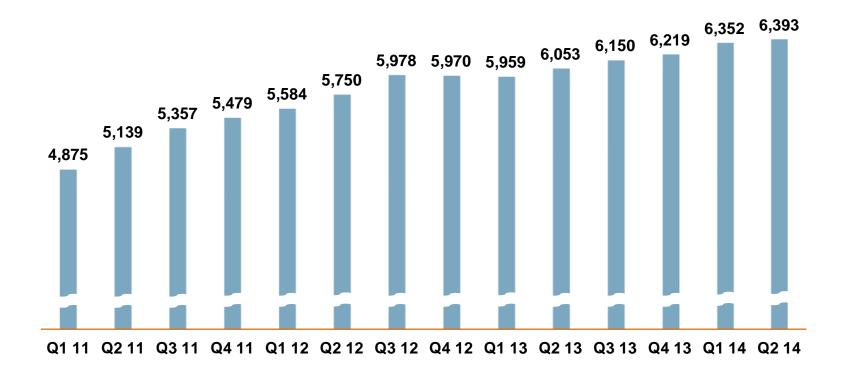




Outstanding margin development in both segments.

## GROUP EMPLOYEE GROWTH. Growth since Q1 2011

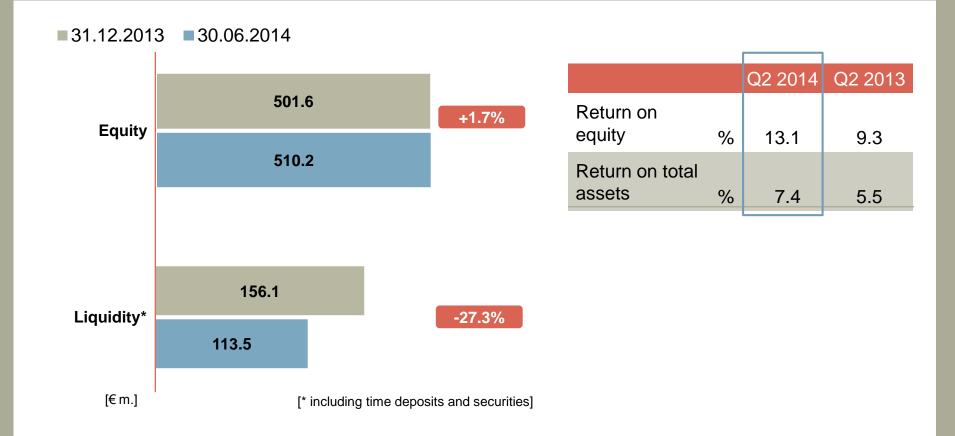




Continued increase in number of hired employees.

## SELECTED KEY FINANCIAL FIGURES. 30/06/2014 vs. 31/12/2013

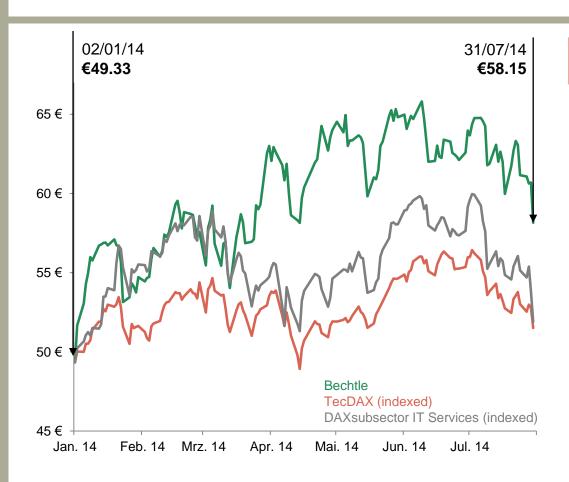




High equity ratio of 57.6%. Return on assets significantly better than previous year.

## THE BECHTLE SHARE. Performance





### Market Figures (31/07/2014)

Market capitalisation 1,221 million euros

### Performance (ytd)

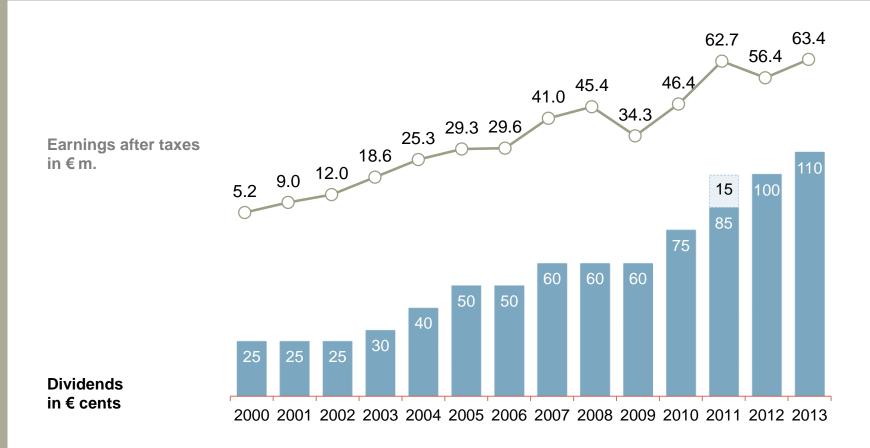
- Bechtle	17.9%

IT Services

### **Share Price Stays High.**

# DIVIDEND POLICY. Continuity





Total shareholder return in 2014: 20%, dividend payout ratio: 36.4%.

## THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AT BECHTLE. News and Updates for Q2 2014.



#### New Subsidiary in Belgium.

Bechtle opened a new ARP e-commerce subsidiary in Belgium.

#### **Outstanding Sales Performance.**

- Deutsche Bahn: general contract for mobile devices and services.
- State of Baden-Württemberg: general contract for the complete portfolio of Apple products, consulting and IT services.

#### International Alliance with ATEA.

- Bechtle gains access to markets in Scandinavia and Baltic states with cooperation agreement with ATEA.
- Second international alliance after agreement with PC Connection in US.
- New deal enables comprehensive customer service across international borders.
- Focus on commerce.
- Further alliances planned.

## THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AT BECHTLE. News and Updates for 2014.



#### **General Meeting and New Appointments.**

- General assembly elects Dr Matthias Metz to supervisory board.
- In turn, the supervisory board appoints Dr Matthias Metz as chairman, who replaces the interim chairman and co-founder Gerhard Schick.
- Board members Michael Guschlbauer and Jürgen Schäfer sign a 5-year contract extension ahead of schedule.

## GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. IT Sector 2014.





Source: EITO (June 2014)

### **DACH Region**

- As a whole, the IT market is projected to grow 2.6 % to €92.7 bn (PY: +1.6 %).
- Hardware is again expected to decrease, this time by -2.8%.
- IT services are expected to grow +3.1%.
- At +5.4%, software is seen as a growth catalyst.

Hardware is expected to decrease, while software and services drive growth.

### FORECAST. 2014 Fiscal Year



#### Revenue.

- Continued growth at an above-market-average rate in 2014.
   Significant gains over the previous year.
- Further expansion of the solutions and service business.

### Earnings.

Increased earnings and improved margin.

#### Employees.

Moderate growth (excluding new employees through acquisitions).

### Expansion.

We remain open to further acquisitions as part of our growth strategy.

#### **Economic Situation.**

Market sentiment is gloomy – the Ifo Business Climate Index has shown a three-month downward trend.
 Despite that, the economic outlook is positive.



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