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Speaker: Watson Wyatt Worldwide: They were founded in 1878 and are a worldwide leader in human capital consulting with revenues of approximately \$1.8 billion and operations in 32 countries. And with us today is Roger Millay, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Roger?

Roger: Very good. Thank you. And thanks everyone for coming in to hear about Watson Wyatt and Towers Watson. I'll be making some forward-looking remarks in my statement and ask you to note our Safe Harbor language regarding forward-looking statements.

I also want to let you know that you can find our SEC filings out on the SEC website and also get them through our Investor Relations Department, and I'll introduce Mary Malone, our Director of Investor Relations, in the back. Probably of most interest in the SEC filings is the recently effective registration statement on Form S-4 that we filed to register the shares and which also contains the proxy regarding our pending merger with Towers Perrin.

Most of the time I'm going to talk about the Towers Perrin merger through which we're forming a new company, Towers Watson. I will do one page here on Watson Wyatt since that's the title of the presentation. I didn't want to let you down and give you some background there and talk about our history but use that then to lead into the discussion of Towers Watson.

Watson Wyatt is one of the four global leaders in the actuarial services, human resources consulting space. Again, we've been around quite a while, and we're spread throughout the world to provide services, these types of services, to the large multinational companies that are our principal client base. We perform services such as actuarial services on client benefit pension plans, related administration services for retirement plans and healthcare plans, investment consulting, executive compensation consulting and broader human resource effectiveness consulting type work with clients looking to leverage better their worldwide work forces. We also provide actuarial services to the insurance sector, which needs some of the similar type actuarial services as a general multinational client supporting compliance activities but also transaction services around M&A or capital raising or other projects that an insurance company might be focused on.

We have a very strong history of financial performance in Watson Wyatt, a really good growth record, particularly over the last five years or so and it's a very steady business in general. During the last year or so, four or five quarters and the economic downturn and market turmoil, we've performed particularly well, as would be expected of our type of business in this environment.

Our guidance, we are a June year end, so our guidance is a little bit off from a calendar year. Our fiscal '10 guidance contemplated that we would be about flat to modest growth on the revenue side on constant currency revenues and EPS. We ended fiscal year '09 actually with on a constant currency basis record EPS for the company. And in the last quarter, the September quarter, which is our first quarter of fiscal year '10, we had a very strong quarter actually with operating margins up over last year and a little bit of growth in EPS. So again, through this very difficult period performing quite well financially, consistent with the history of the company.

We've also grown very successfully through acquisition, particularly here in Europe. We expanded broadly our presence in Europe through the acquisition of Watson Wyatt, LLP in 2005 and then expanded our presence in Germany and the Netherlands through acquisitions in 2007.

Of course, the big news is the merger with Towers Perrin, which we just announced in June, and we're preparing to close. So let me turn to that.

The creation of Towers Watson, we think, is a landmark transaction in the industry that will create a strategic presence for the new firm that's much more powerful than either of the two firms has today separately. It's also from a shareholder point of view something that we believe provides significant financial upside from a synergy point of view but also from positioning the firm, the two firms for growth going forward.

First, I'm going to go through a summary of some of the transaction details for those of you who aren't familiar with the deal. This is viewed by the two parties as a merger of equals. The two firms are very close to the same size, very close to the same kind of depth and breadth of services being provided in local markets and around the world.

We are two of the four global players in the industry, really the two pure players left in the industry. The other two major players, Mercer and Hewitt are part of broader public companies that have expanded services outside of this core human resources consulting area. Also, Towers is the last private company left in the industry.

The transaction was structured to be a 50/50 deal and a stock deal, in essence at closing. So Watson Wyatt would double its share count, the base share count at closing except for a provision that we made for a group of employees at Towers Perrin who have expressed interest in retiring at the close of the deal. So we've set aside a \$400 million pool to buyout the stock of these retirees simultaneous with closing. So in essence, there will be a significant cash portion of the deal at the end of the day after it closes as a result of this buyout.

Assuming that that pool is elected and basically the way it works is those retirees when they vote for the deal, they are Towers Perrin shareholders, they have to elect as to whether they're going to retire at closing or not. If they elect to retire at closing, instead of getting Towers Watson stock, they'll get cash and a one-year note. We don't know how many of those folks are going to elect. We do know there is pent up demand. Originally, we sized this pool at \$200 million, and based on our assessment of what the demand will be, we expanded it to \$400 million. If anyone's doing models, I wouldn't model the whole \$400 million as taken at this point. However, we think we'll be somewhere between \$200 million and \$400 million and have good indications of demand for this structure. Should the whole \$400 million be taken, we'd be buying back about nine or ten million shares based on the current stock price at closing and the outstanding shares, instead of 86 million, would be around 76 million.

We're currently in the voting process, both for the Towers Perrin voting process for their shareholders, as well as from an SEC point of view. We hope to close the deal at the very beginning of January, basically a 1/1 close and over that holiday weekend, the first real day of business being January 4th.

This is, from our point of view, clearly a strategic transaction. While the two firms are very close in the kinds of core services that they provide or that we provide, there are, over time as the two firms have developed, there are very different strengths and weaknesses that have developed depending on the individual areas of success that each firm has had. So again, we think combined we'll be a much more powerful firm on a combined basis, offsetting some of the weaknesses that each of us has today.

So we think across the board strengthening organizational capabilities, strengthening our global presence and enhancing and expanding services we'll see benefits across the board. Some of the individual areas where we see growth upside as a result of the expansion and service upside with our clients, Towers Perrin is a leader in healthcare consulting, Watson Wyatt historically has not been as strong in that area. That's an area of very good cross-sell opportunity with core defined benefit pension plan actuarial services. However, we just haven't had the scale in Watson Wyatt to leverage that as much as we would have liked and expect that we'll be able to do that with the addition of the Towers Perrin resources.

On the Watson Wyatt side, we're very strong in investment consulting and in the administration services to business areas that Towers Perrin basically isn't in today. And so we see real opportunity from a Watson Wyatt client point of view to cross-sell into their client base and the Towers Perrin client base in benefits and other areas.

We also see some areas that one firm or another has a strength in where there's an opportunity to develop new offerings. One of the primary areas is in risk consulting. We have an insurance consulting practice. Towers does as well. Towers is bigger and more global than we are in that area. But in that practice, as well as in the investment consulting practice, one of the emphases is broader risk management, so going to corporations either insurance or risk companies or other companies with a defined benefit pension plan, helping them analyze their risks, their strategic risks going forward and helping them come up with plans for mitigating and managing those risks. We see that as an area with the combined company that we'll be able to develop new offerings that we'll be able to bring to our clients going forward.

A final area that I'd like to mention in which we think we'll be successful growing is in the reinsurance brokerage area, a business that Watson Wyatt is not in. Towers Perrin has been in that business for a while, expanded into Europe earlier this decade as the number four player. There's still fragmentation in that industry, and we think on a combined basis that's one of the areas we'll look at for growth.

Looking at some of the financials for the deal, when we announced the transaction in June we had some broad guidance, financial guidance that we provided and we've reaffirmed that guidance since we announced the deal. We expect the combined companies to have in excess of \$3 billion of revenue. There are cost synergies. So as you look around the globe, and it varies by region but particularly in the United States, the footprint of the two companies is very, very similar. So there's a lot of overlap of offices, and we'll be rationalizing that as we put the companies together.

We expect in kind of the core originally identified synergies, cost synergies we're able to access early on that we can drive \$80 million of net cost savings in the first three years of the deal. That would be primarily rationalizing the management structure of the two companies and taking out duplicate administration costs, rationalizing systems platforms, accounting, HR staff, IT staff, that sort of activity.

We think that over the first three-year period in accessing those synergies that we'll expend about \$80 million in severance and IT costs to get that rationalization program completed. We're targeting EBITDA margins of 17 percent plus at the time of full integration. That's compared to roughly 15 percent of adjusted EBITDA that the company will start with, we expect. And we expect accretion to GAAP earnings within three years to adjusted EPS or cash EPS within the first two years. We will have some large non-cash expenses, particularly in the first couple of years, on the one hand related to a significant compensation program, one-time compensation program that we're having to

initiate the transaction and then we will have some intangibles, amortization as a result of the deal accounting.

We are currently working on guidance, specific guidance for the first six months of the deal which will be the second half of the fiscal year of the new company. So again, we'll be a June fiscal year end.

This is some data that was included in the original S-4 filing or in our S-4 that looked at the pro forma information as if the company had been combined for the June 30 year end. In that pro forma, we see \$3.3 billion of revenue in the combined company, about \$509 million of combined adjusted EBITDA. The reason for the adjusted term is there are some of these non-cash items that we're adjusting for but particularly to adjust for the compensation program of Towers Perrin, which, again, is a private company. They distribute most of their earnings in cash to their principles every year. So we had to adjust EBITDA back to the compensation program that we'll have as a combined public company.

From an EPS point of view on a pro forma basis, again a number that's rather low, again because we had to do this on the SEC basis, but \$0.62 of EPS which is significantly dampened by that compensation adjustment that I just spoke of that from an SEC point of view is not an appropriate adjustment. So again, to work through to what we really expect from an EPS point of view you have to add back the items that I spoke to earlier, the one-time non-cash costs as well as the compensation adjustment.

Just a couple of other kind of more targeted items of note here: One of the biggest areas of management for this type of business is professional liability claims. We do have external insurance coverage, but Towers Perrin and Watson Wyatt also use the same captive insurance company. It's a company called PCIC. Together we own 72 percent. So it was not a consolidated investment before for financial purposes. It will be going forward. So the nature of the P&L is going to change because of the consolidation of that captive insurance company. Again, we'll still have external coverage for that but really the economics of that risk won't change. However, the accounting will change as a result of pulling in that captive company.

Also from a tax point of view, Towers again being a partner or Towers Perrin, being a private company, was not structured in a way to optimize its effective tax rate from a book point of view. They've been going through some restructuring to prepare for that. We'll be doing more international restructuring going forward. The initial tax rate is expected to be about 40 percent and that will come down as we do some of the international restructuring over the first couple of years.

A little bit more about the business here. This is just some demographics that really highlights the fact that you have here two global companies that are well positioned, two companies that serve very deeply broad multinational players, great coverage of large multinational companies and Fortune 500, Fortune 1000 type companies and then both companies that have been recognized as being very well respected by external parties.

From a segment and a geographic profile, we'll have three segments, the largest being the benefits segment, which will comprise over 50 percent of our revenues. Then we'll also have the risk and financial services segment, which, again, is akin to kind of the insurance consulting segment that I mentioned for Watson Wyatt earlier. And then talent and rewards will make up about 20 percent of the business. Our largest geographic presence will be in North America with over 50 percent of revenues and a large presence in the EMEA region.

Just briefly to look at each of those segments, in the benefits segment the two companies are quite similar in this segment, both led by a strong foundational presence in actuarial services for defined benefit pension plans. So that's what's noted here as retirement. Together we will be a leading firm if not the leading firm in major world markets for defined benefit pensions like the US and the UK and Germany and the Netherlands and Brazil.

Both firms are also in healthcare consulting, which I mentioned earlier. The addition to this segment from the way Watson Wyatt looks is we've now folded what we call the technology and administration solutions segment which again provides administration services for these kinds of benefit plans under the benefit segment. This is a very steady business. The core is providing compliance related services, so tax services, accounting support services, compliance related to local statutory requirements governing defined benefit pension plans. It's very annuity like, steady year after year, never really a big growth business but at the same time rarely a business that isn't growing.

And you can see here in calendar 2008 which entering the downturn, actually that's a good period for this type of business because clients are looking at their defined benefit plans and looking to restructure them. At that point, in 2008 we had on a combined basis eight percent constant currency growth. However, that's slowed down this year and in the first half of the year two percent growth and again not unexpected that you'd be closer to kind of flattish to low single digit growth at this point in the cycle. We expect this to be our strongest profitability segment and probably in more stable economic growth times to be kind of mid single digit growth in this segment.

In the risk and financial services segment, again, this is essentially the combination of the two companies' insurance consulting business. In addition, the

Watson Wyatt investment consulting business will fit in here, and that was a separate segment for us before. Also, the reinsurance brokerage business from Towers will be here.

This is a practice that is a little bit more project related, a little bit more cyclical and you can see that in the results. In '08 again, another decent growth year on a combined basis in this segment, and it is softened this year. So actually in the six months through June 30, 2009, a slight decrease in overall revenue. Again, insurance companies, to the extent that we are supporting insurance companies in actuarial compliance related activities in a downturn, it is not unexpected that they might pull some of that work in-house instead of hiring a consultant to support that work.

Going forward, this is a business that we see as a growth opportunity. I think I talked about that a little bit earlier related to the reinsurance brokerage part of the business. Also, regulatory change is the driver of this business so the Solvency II regulations that insurance companies have to comply with here in Europe, that is driving some activity now. Companies have to be compliant with that in 2012. So that will be a driver for the next couple of years. Also, M&A and other transactional activity in insurance companies can drive that business activity here. We think again in more normal economic times that this would be a mid single digit to upper single digit growing segment.

Finally, in the talent segment, the two firms are fairly close here, providing compensation services, particularly executive compensation services, data services, compensation data for clients relative to market practices and then broader organizational effectiveness and change management services. This is about 20 percent or will constitute about 20 percent of the revenues of Towers Watson. It has been a good growth sector the last several years. However, it is the most project-oriented and economically sensitive segment that we will have. It has had a tough year this year. In the March and June quarters, negative revenue comps on a constant currency basis of 20 to 25 percent and now stabilizing, which, again, is what you would expect in this business. A couple quarters clients really pull back on discretionary spending and then it stabilizes and that is what we've seen this year. We still think this is a good growth business and that with improvement in economic times again this will be back to a mid single digit to upper single digit growth business.

Just a bit more on synergies: I think I alluded earlier to the fact that the \$80 million of net synergies that we've targeted really is just the activities that we can initiate and control early on in the business, so some of the kind of obvious restructuring activities that we can undertake. A couple of areas not included in our number: One is the consolidation of offices, so as leases expire in some cases over the next six to eight years, we will be rationalizing real estate, and we expect

savings there. At this point we haven't sized what we expect financially out of that. Second, on the revenue synergy side, again I alluded to a number of areas where we see real cross-sell enhanced opportunity. Both companies are very excited about that. Those kinds of synergies are hard to size at this point. We haven't given any indication and haven't included that in the \$80 million, but we do expect it to contribute to growth and we will be proactively driving towards that.

Just briefly on integration, obviously there's a lot of integration to go on here with companies that overlap geographically and business-wise as much as these two companies do. We were positioned upon announcement of the deal with an external service provider to help us organize integration. We had teams on the ground in July after announcing the deal in June beginning the integration activity. We started with the activities like the finance-type activities and some of the backroom things and now have teams across all areas of the business initiating the process change. So it's a tremendous challenge but we feel like we have a very well-orchestrated and well-controlled process and are doing everything that we need to do to hit the ground running effectively as a combined company in January.

So really, a few slides in summary here. One that we think this is a very compelling strategic transaction that benefits all of our key stakeholders, clearly our clients from a broadened capability point of view, our associates from the point of view of career opportunity and our shareholders from the point of view of the attractive both growth and margin enhancement opportunities that we're driving towards.

So the key takeaways here: Not only are we now a leader from a human resources consulting point of view, but we think we're creating one of the world's leading professional services firms, well positioned for sustained growth and profitability. The business has a very attractive financial profile with very consistent free cash growth characteristics. The strategic fit of the firms are really excellent, driving both cost synergies and top line synergies over time. And we think we're going to be very well positioned to serve effectively our target multinational client base.

And with that, I'll turn it over to questions. Yes?

Q: Where do we see the highest risks for the company in the future?

Roger: Well, I think certainly from a risk point of view you have to point to probably numbers one, two and three, all the integration activities. We are a people business. We need to have a very well-orchestrated process here that really starting on day one that our clients know who's serving them, the client teams are teams that understand what they're supposed to do and understand their

orientation in the company and their roles. There has been a tremendous focus on the integration activities on the client-facing nature of the integration and setting the management structure and putting the teams in place.

The integration activities will take a while. A lot of the client things are being focused on now, but, again, the IT rationalization will be like an ERP project and that'll take 18 to 24 months to execute.

So I would say that's number one. Going forward and once we're past that, probably the area on the revenue and kind of the client side that we're paying the most attention to today is executive compensation which is obviously an area very much in the news and on the one hand it's something that should drive demand, increased demand for our area of focus, but, on the other hand, particularly in the US, there's a lot of discussion and focus on the role of the compensation consultant and the independence of that consultant relative to their client. So that's something that could impact us. So that's probably the client service area that we're focused on the most from a risk management point of view.

Q: If you knew that so much of the Towers Perrin insiders would be selling and retiring would you have changed the price?

Roger: Well, we did know that so that was part of the negotiation really upfront. Now the size of the pool has been expanded. That's mostly because we think that they actually have an option not only to elect retirement but in the levels of cash and notes versus stock, so they can take a combination of the two. And originally we kind of thought basically because they had a 50 percent option that we'd just size the \$200 million assuming they'd take 50 percent. At this point our sense is that probably on the whole they'll take closer to 100 percent cash and notes versus stock. So again, the increase in the pool is more due to the proportion change than the number of people that we think are going to retire.

Q: They just happen to be electing ?

Roger: Yes. Our inclination is and the signs we get is that in the election it's going to be closer to 100 percent than 50/50.

Q: [inaudible]

Roger: Well, I think again so we thought it was going to be

Q: [inaudible]

Roger: It's based on the market price of the stock, so again what we understand, these are 100 to 110 people. Towers Perrin had been talking about going public and so

people, they basically didn't have any retirees in the last three or four years. They were waiting for an event. So the number of people is fixed. The price I think, I mean certainly they're thinking about the stock price, but what we understand really is motivating people more is the prospect of tax changes.

Well, thank you very much and we're available to talk more about Towers Watson.

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