

# **KUDELSKI GROUP**

Interim Report

January/June 2002



## Message to the Shareholders

Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

Over the last ten years, the Kudelski Group has been regularly confronted with major challenges in the pay television sector. However, it has multiplied its revenues by a factor of more than twenty during this time frame. The continuous changes in the market environment have not prevented it from implementing a long-term strategy and facing up to changes year after year without significant hitches.

Nevertheless, on Thursday 29 August 2002 the Kudelski Group published the first profit warning in its history. This announcement disconcerted investors and the financial markets, although some observers had expected it. The surprise came from the scale of the revision, which exceeded even the most pessimistic scenarios. It is legitimate to wonder at the reasons for this abrupt turnaround, as even at the beginning of July the Group was anticipating closing a record 2002 financial year despite a difficult first semester in a volatile environment.

Traditionally, the Kudelski Group realizes up to 50% of its turnover in the fourth quarter. With the growing importance of the physical access control activities, this seasonality has not weakened, contrary to initial expectations. In the specific context of 2002, we expected the seasonal effect to be extreme given the significant weakness - which we judged to be temporary - on the digital television market during the first half of 2002.

The revision of forecasts for 2002 was the result of the conjunction of several factors which had a decisive impact on provisional revenues for the period from September to December 2002. Each year, between the end of July and September, we record orders for the end of the year. Historically, these orders were very substantial, yet this year they will be very low.

In addition, we experienced several other difficulties ranging from delays in the negotiation of new contracts through difficulties in the supply of a specific component to postponements of delivery dates by clients. Alongside this sudden fall in expected revenues, costs rose sharply during the first part of 2002 due to the many strategic challenges that await the Kudelski Group from the second half of 2002, including the expected merger of EchoStar and DirecTV.

While such incidents in the life of a company are difficult moments, both in external relations and internally, they present opportunities for improving the organization of a company. Carried away in a trend of uninterrupted growth for almost ten years, we see these difficult times as offering a real opportunity to review the structures of our Group in a fundamental and open-minded way in order to be better equipped to deal with the new market conditions.

While today we perceive only the bad news, it is only in the months and years to come that it will be possible to measure the continuous ability of the Kudelski Group to adapt to a changing environment. We are determined to succeed.

André Kudelski

## Key figures – 1st half-year 2002

In kCHF	January/June 2002	January/June 2001	in %
Total Income	165'736	158'560	4.53%
Gross margin	104'143	90'562	15.00%
Gross margin in % of sales	65.60%	58.24%	
EBITDA	205	26'868	-99.24%
EBITDA in % of sales	0.13%	17.28%	
Operating income (EBIT)	-14'160	19'595	-172.26%
Operating margin in % of sales	-8.92%	12.60%	
Net result	-17'895	21'843	-181.93%
	30.06.2002	31.12.2001	in %
Shareholders' equity including minority interest	559'976	580'851	-3.59%
Gross cash	835'222	415'857	100.84%
Basic earnings per shares	-0.35	1.42	
Fully diluted earnings per share	-0.19	1.42	
Market capitalization	2'433'531	4'526'415	

## Activity in the first half of 2002

### Introduction

During the first half of 2002 the Kudelski Group reached revenues of CHF 165.7 million which represents an increase of 4.5% vs. the first half of 2001. While the business in the US and in Asia was still encouraging, the first six months of 2002 were marked by a sharp fall in the sales of the Group in the digital television sector in Europe. The expansion of business in Asia and in America was insufficient to compensate for the difficulties encountered on what was, historically, Nagravision's primary market. The widening in 2001 of the scope of consolidation allowed a slight income growth during the first half of 2002.

The evolution of the Group's business during the first semester of 2002 did not exclude the possibility of a strong acceleration in sales in the second half of the year. Given that the Kudelski Group was expecting an excellent second semester, it was important to prepare for that by making the necessary investments.

Today, though we realize that the anticipated revenues will not arrive in 2002, all of these investments remain valid as they are essential to address the future needs of our operator clients.

### Results to 30 June 2002

In the physical access control sector, the evolution was in line with expectations. This activity is marked by a significant seasonable variation which also prejudices the first half of the current financial year.

On a financial level, the first half was penalized by several combined factors:

- the weakness of the American Dollar, the growth in the proportion of revenues expressed in this currency and a policy of partial currency exchange in the television sector which negatively impacted both the revenues and the profitability of this sector;
- intensified efforts required for the deployment of a new equipment at EchoStar;
- the integration of Lysis still not meeting expectations;
- the weakness of the Euro against the Swiss Franc had a negative impact on revenues of the physical access control sector;
- revenues from deposits much lower than anticipated (for operations both in Dollars and in Swiss Francs) principally due to a strong decline in the short term interest rates had a significant impact on financial results.

Aside from these unfavourable elements, the Kudelski Group endeavoured to systematically reduce total outstanding receivables and was able to bring down a certain number of operational expenses within a constant scope of consolidation (operating and administrative expenses, cost of sales) during the first six months. These efforts will be intensified in the course of the second half.

## Activity in the first half of 2002

### Television sector

The first six months of 2002 were marked by a sharp reduction in revenues from digital television operators in Europe in general and in the UK and Spain in particular. This evolution had been anticipated, though it proved to be more unfavourable than expected, particularly with regard to revenues generated by system upgrades.

While sales in America were in line with expectations, they grew very sharply in Asia, where Nagravision installed several new systems and won new clients, particularly in China, Taiwan, Japan and Indonesia.

Furthermore, a more refined credit management system that takes into account the specific financial situation of each operator client led the Group to forego some sales opportunities which were judged to be too risky. A similar approach resulted in improvements in the quality of revenues, namely an increase in the relative gross margin.

### Physical access control sector

During the first semester, the results of the physical access control sector were in line with forecasts, although a certain slowdown was felt on several European markets. Activities in the parking sector developed well and several major sites were installed. Globally, a rigorous cost control policy allowed this sector – which is subject to strong seasonality - to maintain its profitability.

### Structure of the Group

Since the third quarter of 2001, Kudelski's management has worked on the integration of the various acquisitions within the Group. Lysis was integrated with Nagravision during the second half of 2001, however without producing the expected effects yet. In addition, SkiData took over the entirety of the physical access control activities in the first semester of 2002, with first results that look promising.

In 2001, the Kudelski Group decided to implement a new reporting system which has now been operational since the end of June 2002. In the next few months, an upgrade of this system will allow the automatic integration of the various management processes of the digital TV activities. Additionally, Nagravision's activity is being reorganized; this should be finalized by early 2003.

### Convertible bond issue

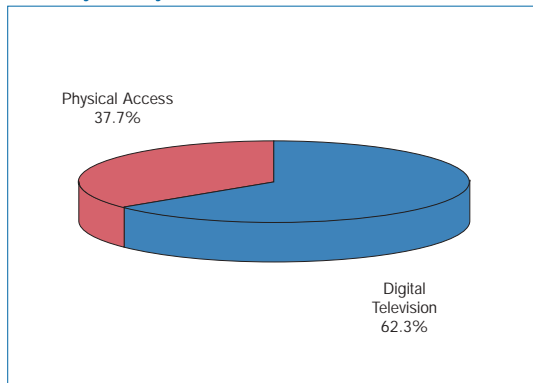
At the end of January 2002, the Kudelski Group issued a convertible bond of USD 325 million with the aim of investing in the company EchoStar in view of the expected merger between EchoStar and Hughes (DirecTV). As at 30 June 2002, the Kudelski Group had not yet made any firm commitment as to the use of the funds raised.

### Outlook

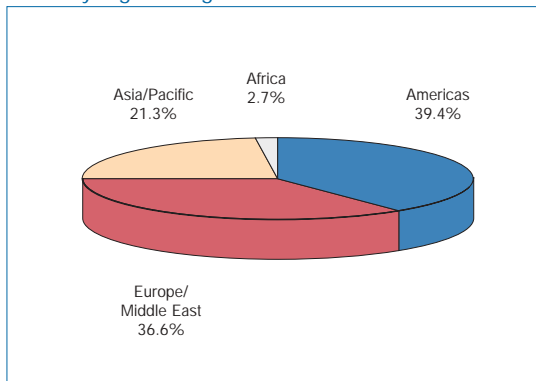
Contrary to initial expectations, the 2002 financial year will record a lower performance than the previous year. At the end of August 2002, the sharp deterioration in the short-term order book in the digital TV sector will have a disproportionately negative effect on the year 2002. In reaction to the new situation, the management of the Kudelski Group is taking all the steps needed in order to mitigate the negative consequences while at the same time safeguarding the growth opportunities of the Group in the medium and long term. It is totally determined to overcome this challenge.

### Sales breakdown

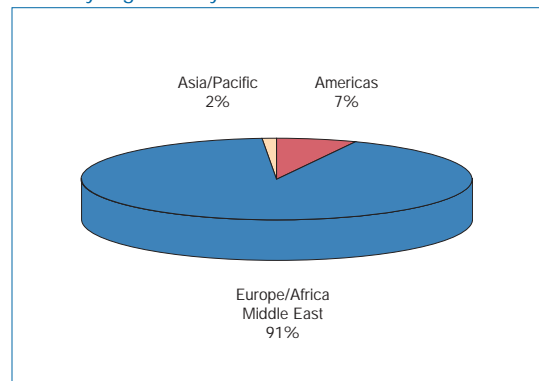
Sales by activity



Sales by region - Digital television



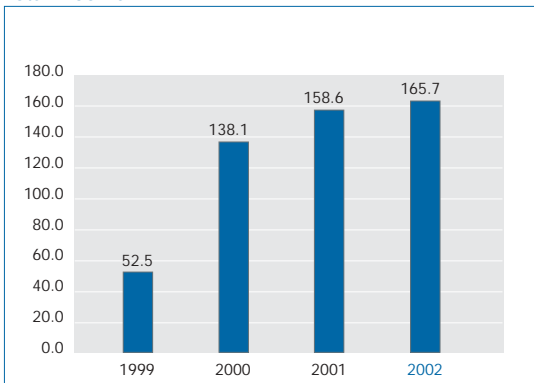
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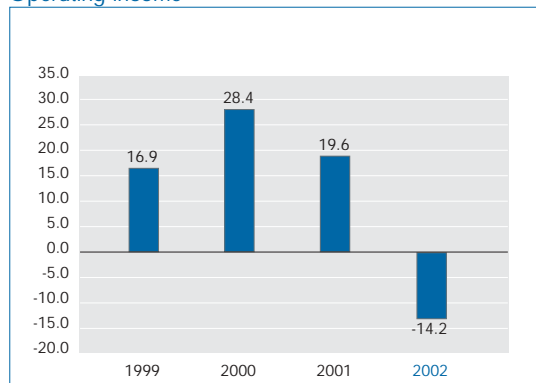
4 year comparison January/June

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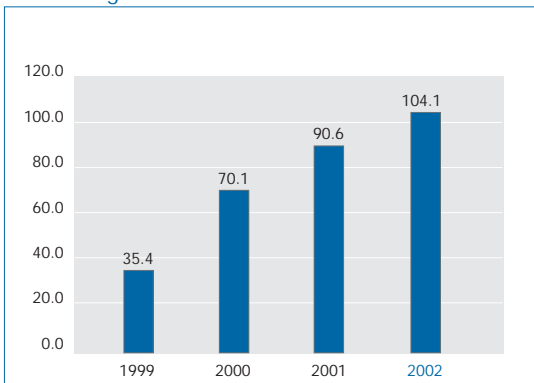
Total Income



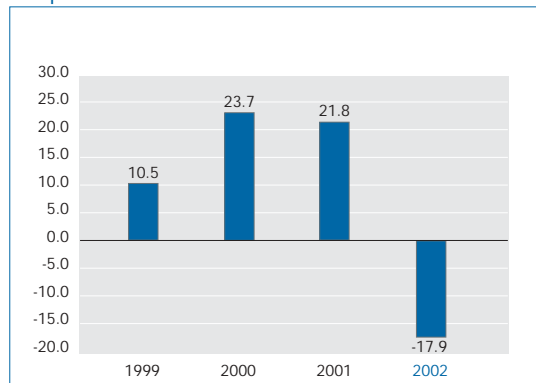
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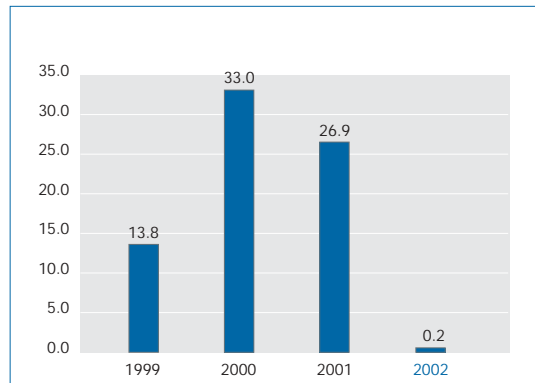
Gross margin



Net profit



EBITDA





## Consolidated balance sheet

In kCHF			
Assets	30.06.2002	31.12.2001	in %
	unaudited	audited	
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets	27'935	24'757	
Long-term investments	11'578	11'704	
Loans	18'563	34'266	
Land and buildings	35'315	35'622	
Fixtures and fittings	28'272	24'278	
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>121'663</b>	<b>130'627</b>	<b>-6.86%</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	62'609	54'129	
Work in progress	0	412	
Trade accounts receivable	235'250	292'279	
Other receivables	28'359	28'469	
Cash and cash equivalents	835'222	415'857	
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1'161'440</b>	<b>791'146</b>	<b>46.80%</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1'283'103</b>	<b>921'773</b>	<b>39.20%</b>
Shareholders's equity and liabilities	30.06.2002	31.12.2001	in %
	unaudited	audited	
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>			
Share capital	512'941	512'941	
Share premium and reserves	28'652	47'989	
<b>Total shareholders' equity, Group's interest</b>	<b>541'593</b>	<b>560'930</b>	<b>-3.45%</b>
Minority interests	18'383	19'921	
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>559'976</b>	<b>580'851</b>	<b>-3.59%</b>
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>			
Provisions	39'621	41'276	
Convertible bond	472'884	0	
Other long-term loans	4'575	3'800	
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>517'080</b>	<b>45'076</b>	<b>1047.13%</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Bank overdrafts	36'552	51'743	
Trade accounts payable	80'276	111'445	
Advances received from clients	5'003	13'600	
Other payables	13'975	33'692	
Short-term provisions	25'732	31'645	
Accrued liabilities	44'509	53'721	
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>206'047</b>	<b>295'846</b>	<b>-30.35%</b>
<b>Total Shareholders's equity and liabilities</b>	<b>1'283'103</b>	<b>921'773</b>	<b>39.20%</b>

## Consolidated income statements (unaudited)

In kCHF	January/June 2002	January/June 2001	in %
Sales	137'087	104'469	
Sales on long-term contracts	21'668	51'017	
Capitalization of new product development costs	6'981	3'074	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>165'736</b>	<b>158'560</b>	<b>4.53%</b>
Cost of goods and components sold	-61'593	-67'998	
<b>Gross margin</b>	<b>104'143</b>	<b>90'562</b>	<b>15.00%</b>
Salaries and wages	-63'378	-29'965	
Operating expenses	-16'651	-15'161	
Sales and administration costs	-23'909	-18'568	
<b>EBITDA, Operating income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>26'868</b>	<b>-99.24%</b>
Change in provisions	-4'401	-762	
Depreciation and amortization	-9'964	-6'511	
<b>EBIT, Operating income</b>	<b>-14'160</b>	<b>19'595</b>	<b>-172.26%</b>
Financial income	11'653	10'160	
Financial expenses	-15'566	-3'155	
<b>Net result before tax and minority interests</b>	<b>-18'073</b>	<b>26'600</b>	<b>-167.94%</b>
Income tax	-98	-3'090	
<b>Net result of the Group</b>	<b>-18'171</b>	<b>23'510</b>	<b>-177.29%</b>
Minority interests	276	-1'667	
<b>Net result</b>	<b>-17'895</b>	<b>21'843</b>	<b>-181.93%</b>
<b>As a percentage of income</b>			
EBIT, Operating income	-9%	12%	
Net result	-11%	14%	

## Consolidated statements of cash flows (unaudited)

In kCHF	January/June 2002	January/June 2001
<b>Net income, Group's interest</b>	<b>-17'895</b>	<b>21'843</b>
Interest income	-6'954	-10'167
Interest expense	7'512	3'155
Income tax	98	3'090
Depreciation and amortization	9'964	6'511
Issuance cost and bond discount amortization	2'609	0
Change in long-term provisions	-706	2'115
Change in deferred tax liability	31	0
Minority interest in net income	-276	1'667
<b>Cash flow</b>	<b>-5'617</b>	<b>28'214</b>
Change in inventories	-8'480	-5'812
Change in work in progress	412	-771
Change in trade accounts receivable	57'029	-21'610
Change in other assets	1'599	4'829
Change in trade accounts payable	-31'169	-3'386
Change in other liabilities	-36'548	-9'454
Change in short-term provisions	-5'080	-7'910
<b>Operating cash flow</b>	<b>-27'854</b>	<b>-15'900</b>
Interest paid	-2'509	-438
Interest received	5'465	10'320
Tax paid	-8'688	-5'131
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>-33'586</b>	<b>-11'149</b>
Investment of intangible assets	-6'792	-3'423
Investment of tangible assets	-10'037	-8'166
Investments in financial assets	126	-8'815
Repayment of loans	15'703	0
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	0	-23'585
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>-1'000</b>	<b>-43'989</b>
Increase in share capital	0	4'980
Change in long-term loans and banks	-14'416	-325
Convertible bond, net of issuance costs	472'884	0
Payment from minority shareholders	0	250
Dividends paid to minority interests	0	-1'000
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<b>458'468</b>	<b>3'905</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-4'517	1'930
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>419'365</b>	<b>-49'303</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at January 1	415'857	554'395
Cash and cash equivalents at June 30	835'222	505'092
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>419'365</b>	<b>-49'303</b>

## Change in Shareholders' equity (unaudited)

In kCHF	Share capital	Share premium	Other reserves	Goodwill	Consolidated shareholders' equity, Group's interest	Minority interest	Total shareholders' equity
At January 1, 2001	499'310	49'798	145'984	-21'119	673'973	19'183	693'156
Shares issued for employees	617				617		617
Change in scope of consolidation	13'014			-196'426	-183'412	1'842	-181'570
Dividends paid to minority interests					0	-1'000	-1'000
Currency translation adjustment			-548		-548	388	-160
Write down on long-term investments			-1'786		-1'786		-1'786
Net income			72'086		72'086	-492	71'594
At December 31, 2001	512'941	49'798	215'736	-217'545	560'930	19'921	580'851
Currency translation adjustments			-1'442		-1'442	-1'262	-2'704
Net loss			-17'895		-17'895	-276	-18'171
At June 30, 2002	512'941	49'798	196'399	-217'545	541'593	18'383	559'976

## Notes to the consolidated financial statements at June 30, 2002 (unaudited)

## General comments and principles of consolidation

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER and give a true and fair view of the financial position and results of the Group. The accounting conventions and accounting policies are the same as those applied in the end 2001 Consolidated accounts.

## Modification of the scope of consolidation

During the 1st semester 2002, the scope of consolidation of the Kudelski Group has not been changed. For information, in 2001 the scope of consolidation was modified by the inclusion of the following entities:

- e-prica AG, Lyss, Switzerland, 50% (January)
- Livewire Communications Inc., Gainesville, USA, 100% (April)
- Lysis International SA, Lausanne, Switzerland, 100% (April)
- Lemman Consulting SA, Nyon, Switzerland, 100 % (May)
- TicketCorner AG, Rümlang, Switzerland 100% (May)
- SkiData Group, Gartenau, Austria, 100% (September)
- Nagra ID SA and Thermoplex F. Droz SA, La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland 100% (October)

## Bonds

Face value kUSD	Interest rates		Year of issue / Maturity	June 30, 2002 in kCHF
	Nominal	To maturity		
325'000	2.25 %	3 %	2002 / 2009	472'884

At the end of January 2002, Kudelski Financial Services Holding S.C.A (the issuer), a 100 % subsidiary of Kudelski SA, issued an unsubordinated convertible bond of kUSD 325'000. The initial conversion price is CHF 127.50 per bearer share of Kudelski SA. Kudelski SA guarantees this issuance unconditionally and irrevocably.

The bonds have a denomination of USD 1'000 each, the issue price was 100%; the interest rate is 2.25% per annum, calculated on the nominal amount of the bonds and payable semi-annually in arrears on January 31, and July 31, in each year commencing on July 31, 2002. The yield to maturity is 3% per annum on a semi-annual basis.

At the January 31, 2009 maturity date, the issuer will redeem the bonds at 105.79% of their nominal amount. The issuer may at any time after January 31, 2005 until January 31, 2007 redeem all of the bonds.

The convertible bond is quoted at the Luxembourg stock exchange, the ISIN value is XS0140968842.

## Notes to the consolidated financial statements at June 30, 2002 (unaudited)

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**Principal exchange rates**

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CHF for	1 USD	1 EUR	1 GBP
Average January / June 2002	1.64	1.47	2.37
Average January / June 2001	1.70	1.53	2.45
Rates for end of June 2002	1.48	1.47	2.27
Rates for end of December 2001	1.68	1.48	2.42
Rates for end of June 2001	1.80	1.52	2.53

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**Legal and arbitration proceedings**

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The Group is subject to three lawsuits – alleged infringement of patents – before the American and German Courts. Provisions have been made for these legal proceedings. No notable evolution has to be noticed by today, as from December 31, 2001.

### Agenda 2003

Release of 2002 financial results	26th March, 2003
Annual general meeting	23rd May, 2003

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