Four core strategic priorities

Our reason for being, the justification for WPP’s existence, continues to be to add value to our clients’ businesses and our people’s careers. Our goal remains to be the world’s most successful provider of communications services to multinational, regional and local companies, not just the largest.

To that end, we have four core strategic priorities.

1. Increase the combined geographic share of revenues from the faster-growing markets of Asia Pacific, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East, and Central and Eastern Europe to 35-40%.

2. Increase the share of revenues of new media to 35-40%.

3. Increase the share of more measurable marketing services – such as Consumer Insight and direct, digital and interactive – to be more than 50% of revenues, with a focus on the application of new technology, big data and digital.

4. Achieve ‘horizontality’ by ensuring our people work together for the benefit of clients, primarily through two horizontal integrators: client leaders and Country Managers.

If we implement this strategy effectively then our business will be geographically and functionally well positioned to compete successfully and to deliver on our long-term financial targets:

- Revenue and gross margin growth greater than the industry average, supplemented by acquisitions.
- Annual improvement in operating margin of 0.5 margin points or more depending on revenue growth and staff cost to revenue ratio improvement of 0.3 margin points or more.
- Annual PBIT growth of 10% to 15% delivered through revenue growth, margin expansion and acquisitions.