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Computacenter plc ('Computacenter', the 'Company' or the 'Group'), a leading independent technology and services provider, today publishes a trading update, based on unaudited financial information, for the third quarter to 30 September 2024 ('the quarter').

Overview

Our performance for the Group during Q3 was broadly in line with the prior year. After a strong start to the quarter, Technology Sourcing volumes in September were below our expectations reflecting a more cautious corporate spending environment and slower completion of committed product orders in North America. Our overall performance in Germany met our expectations with the UK ahead of last year but below our expectations.

During the quarter Technology Sourcing revenue increased driven by North America, as we continued to execute the orders won during the first half. However, certain US shipments are now expected to be completed in Q4 and early 2025. We are encouraged by further good order intake in the US during the period.

Services revenue during the quarter increased year on year with strong revenue growth in Professional Services outweighing a decline in Managed Services.

We have made good progress with the £200m share buyback programme, which commenced in late July, and have completed £191.7m to date. Following the completion of the buyback we expect to maintain a strong balance sheet with positive adjusted net funds.

Group outlook

Looking to the full year, Q4 is our largest quarter of the year and our committed product order backlog remains healthy having grown since the end of the first half. We continue to expect to deliver a second half that is comfortably ahead of last year, however, after a softer end to Q3 than anticipated and a backdrop of prudent corporate spending, we now expect adjusted profit before tax on a constant currency basis for the full year to be modestly behind last year. At current exchange rates we expect a negative £7-8m translation impact on adjusted profit before tax in FY 2024.

Looking further ahead, the combination of the strength of our integrated Technology Sourcing and Services model and our geographic diversity, gives us continued confidence in our long-term growth prospects.

Our next scheduled trading update is the announcement of our Pre-close Trading Update on 28 January 2025.

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