

Getinge confirms earnings forecasts for 2012

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For a considerable number of years, the Getinge Group's full-year earnings and volume-trend forecasts have demonstrated a very high level of precision. At the same time, earnings for individual quarters and business areas may present substantial variation in terms of both the volume trend and earnings growth.

In a comparison between the Group's preliminary earnings for the first quarter of 2012 and the market's expected earnings outcome, a significant deviation was confirmed, thus motivating the publication of this press release. The Group's profit before tax for the first quarter of 2012 will be between SEK 560 million and SEK 570 million, which is in line with profit for the year-earlier period. Volume growth for the Group in terms of orders received and invoicing both experienced low single-digit organic growth.

The outcome for the first quarter of the year has in no way impacted the Group's expectations in terms of earnings and volume growth for the full-year 2012. The Getinge Group continues to anticipate an improvement in organic invoicing growth in 2012 compared with 2011, and that profit growth will remain favourable.

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