

## MBS Library Service

### ORBIS: Global Company Information

#### Introduction

Orbis is an International Company information database providing financial data for 215,000 public and private companies across 200 countries. Orbis provides a range of financial data and datacharts including:

- Company overviews: contact details, business descriptions, industry codes and status
- Up to 10 years financial data (varies from country to country): profit/loss, balance sheet, cashflow
- Financial Ratios
- Company shareholders and directors
- Holdings & subsidiaries

#### How can Orbis help me?

The detailed data provided in Orbis can help to:

- Analyse and monitor company financial performance
- Understand company structures
- Research and analyse leading market players
- Compare competitors and create peer analysis reports
- Identify listings of companies by sector, region, company size
- Research company shareholders and directors

#### Accessing ORBIS

- Orbis can be accessed via the E-Resources section of the MBS Library Website:

<http://www.mbs.ac.uk/library>

- Select “Databases”, “Companies”
- Your Central University username and password is required for off-campus access

#### Searching Tips

The database provides two search options:

- Quick Search
- Expert Search

Orbis provides a comprehensive help facility, see the “Support” icon at the top right of the screen.

# Orbis: Quick Search

## Quick Search

Use the quick search to search for a specific company or to search for rankings of companies in a specific region

- Enter Company Name
- Limit by Location, Industry or Company Size
- Use rankings option to search for top companies in specific sectors or regions

The screenshot shows the Orbis website interface with several red callout boxes and arrows pointing to specific search options:

- ENTER COMPANY NAME:** Points to the "Company name" search field.
- SELECT RANKING:** Points to the "Top range of companies" dropdown menu.
- SELECT LOCATION:** Points to the "Location" search field.
- EXPERT SEARCH:** Points to the "Expert search" link in the left sidebar.

The interface includes a navigation bar with tabs for Companies, M&A deals, News, Global Reports, Datamonitor, and SEC filings. The main search area contains various filters such as Company name, Ticker, Location, Industry, Size, Quoted/Private, Ownership, Status, News, and M&A deals. A sidebar on the left provides information about ORBIS (60 million companies worldwide) and links to Expert search and Switch Databases.

## Orbis: Expert Search

### Expert search

Use the **Expert Search** to search for multiple companies and/or find listings of companies. Expert search provides hundreds of variables and provides options to refine your search using:

- Geographic Location
- Industry
- Financials
- Employees

Once you've selected all criteria, the number of companies will be displayed. Select the "List" tab to view the list of companies.

**Search tip:** Each search criteria will list as a search step and Orbis will automatically "and" all your search steps together. Use the "Other Boolean Search" option (displayed when a search step has been conducted) to combine different searches in different combinations using "and", "or" and "not".

The screenshot shows the Orbis Expert Search interface. On the left is a menu with various search criteria categories. The main area displays a 'Search summary' table with three criteria selected. Below the table, there are radio buttons for 'All ANDs', 'All ORs', and 'Other Boolean search'. A search bar contains '1 And 2 And 3' and an 'OK' button. A text box at the bottom right explains the search logic.

	Selected criteria	Specified values or options	Step result
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World region/Country/Region in Country	France (FR), Germany (DE), Italy (IT)	30,068
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NACE Rev. 1.1 Classification	Primary Code : 15 - Manufacture of food products and beverages	7,665
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operating Revenue/Turnover (th. USD)	Last available year, Min = 10,000	172,129
Total number of companies selected:			858

All ANDs   
 All ORs   
 Other Boolean search

Delete the search step  
 Modify the search step  
 Activate or deactivate the search step

1 And 2 And 3

Select search criteria from menu eg: company name, geographic region, industry. Select "+" to view more options

Combine search steps to view total number of companies. Select "List" to view.





## Company Report Icons

By selecting the buttons at the bottom of the “Report” tab page, you can expand the display options, modify the existing report format, or create a custom report in the following ways:



Retrieve an overview company report illustrated with 10 charts when available.



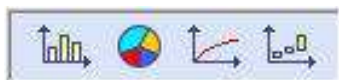
Retrieve standard company's Peer Report, e.g. a report comparing performance of a subject company against a pre-selected group of companies in the same industry group. **Note:** Once a peer report is displayed, you can modify it by selecting a different format, sort criterion, dates, or a number of companies in the comparison set.

- **“GRAPHS”** Select a graph or a chart from the menu of available current and historical graphs, e.g. Evolution of a variable across time, Ownership, etc.
- **“FORMAT”** Modify a standard report or click the “NEW” in the dialog box and create a user-defined report by combining several individual sections in one report
- **“LAYOUT”** Select a standard report layout from the available options, or modify the existing layout, or create a new layout by specifying the dates (relative or fixed), currencies, peer information and more
- **“FILTERS”** Apply a filter to a company's subsidiaries, e.g. by subsidiaries' location, assets, and others. To set up a filter, click the “NEW” in the dialog box. You can also save your filter for future use.
- **“PEER INFO”** Display Quartiles or Deciles for an industry group
- **“VIEW PG”** View the list of companies belonging to the subject company's Industry Peer Group. Available only if the company's Industry Peer Group is composed of less than 500 companies
- **“OTHER ACCOUNTS”** View the company's unconsolidated or consolidated data when available

## Peer Report

Peer Report is accessible by clicking the Peer Report icon on the Company Report page. In Peer Report you can compare the performance of your subject company against a pre-selected group of companies in the same industry. From the drop-down lists at the top, you can select a different financial sort criterion, date, report format, location, or the number of companies in the peer group.

By selecting the buttons and icons at the bottom of the page, you can modify the existing report format in the following ways:



Present report data in graph or chart format.

**“REMOVE”** Remove any number of companies from the group.

**“PRESENTATION”** Modify the standard report or create a new format by selecting financial parameters, dates or formatting options.

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Peer Report

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Select the companies that are the closest to the subject company according to: Operating Revenue/Turnover Last avail year Format 1

Select the reference year: Last avail year

Select the format: International Regional National

Select the type or size of the PG: Standard Group (20 comp.)

Peer group: Standard Group (20 comp.), International  
BALANCE SHEET AND P/L ACCOUNTS ITEMS

Company Name	City	Type of account	Tem plate	Year	Operating Revenue/Turnover th EUR	P/L before Tax th EUR	P/L for Period [= Net Income] th EUR	Cash Flow th EUR	Total Assets th EUR	Shareholders Funds th EUR
Median			LY		26,478	9,649	6,594		2,856,839	155,365
FORETHOUGHT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	US	U1	INS	2007	52,918	1	28,734	7	1,977,788	19
ANZ LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED	AU	U1	INS	2003	52,496	2	67,639	2	3,193,862	6
ALLIANZ VERSÖRGUNGSKASSE VERSICHERUNGSV	DE	U1	INS	2009	51,521	3	3,624	15	4,033,078	4
R+V PENSIOENSVERSICHERUNG AUF GEGENSEIT	DE	U1	INS	2009	50,331	4	5,080	14	2,230,771	14
ANTONIANA VENETA POPOLARE VITA SPA	IT	U1	INS	2009	49,881	5	56,086	5	2,856,839	11
MML BAY STATE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	US	U1	INS	2009	43,385	6	9,649	11	3,016,103	10
VERKA KIRCHLICHE PEISSIONSKASSE VVAG	DE	U1	INS	2008	42,700	7	800	18	1,797,200	21
GENERALI PAINEUROPE LIMITED	IE	U1	INS	2009	33,439	8	892	17	3,154,076	7
HSBC VIDA E PREVIDENCIA (BRASIL) SA	BR	U1	INS	2009	28,597	9	2,832	16	2,801,708	12
CAIXA DE BARCELONA SEGUROS DE VIDA SA	ES	U1	INS	2009	26,997	10	17,144	10	6,099,072	2
QUADRIFOGLIO VITA SPA	IT	U1	INS	2009	26,478	11	23,552	9	2,118,464	16
AURORA NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY	US	U1	INS	2009	25,823	12	26,933	8	2,082,326	18
PATEROSTER UK LIMITED	GB	U1	INS	2009	23,359	13	8,172	12	3,207,728	5
CAIXA VIDA E PREVIDENCIA SA	BR	U1	INS	2009	17,709	14	61,901	4	43,714	3
BROOKE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	US	U1	INS	2009	15,400	15	125,920	1	1,056,309	2
NORDEA LIVFORSÄKRING 1 SVERIGE AB	SE	U1	INS	2008	14,177	16	31,996	6	17,203	8
AIG LIFE (IRELAND) LIMITED	IE	U1	INS	2008	11,569	17	-38,581	19	-39,432	19
FIRST AUSA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	US	U1	INS	2003	7,126	18	62,708	3	90,816	2
AGC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	US	U1	INS	2009	2,013	19	-162,155	20	-112,939	20
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN LIFE LIMITED	GB	U1	INS	2009	749	20	5,616	13	704	17
MBL LIFE ASSURANCE CORPORATION	US	U1	INS	1998	-6,893,227	21	-255,330	21	-227,303	21

RATIOS

Company Name	City	Type of account	Tem plate	Year	Current Ratio (x)	Profit Margin (%)	Return on shareholders Funds (%)	Return on Capital Employed (%)	Solvency Ratio (%)	Employees
3										of 231,570

Remove Presentation Save Close

## Peer Analyses

Benchmark the performance of a subject company against the companies which remain on the List page or against a custom company set. Peer analysis is limited to 500 companies.

By selecting buttons and icons at the bottom of the "Peer Analyses" page, you can modify the existing report format in the following ways:



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For Peer Analyses, you can create a custom group of companies or use the saved group by doing the following:

- 1) Click on the **Search** tab. On the **Search** page, click on the **Expert Search** link.
- 2) On the **Expert Search** page, clear the previous search if needed by clicking the **"New Search"** button.
- 3) Click the **Peer Analyses** tab.
- 4) In the dialog box click OK and on the next screen start searching for companies based on the keyword search in company name.

## Other Analyses Page

On the Other Analyses page you can perform the following types of statistical analyses for the companies that remain on the List page: **Segmentation, Aggregation, Distribution, Concentration** and **Linear regression**. You can select different variables such as dates and create reports in data or graph format.

## Orbis: Research Support & Contact Details

### Further Support

A full research and enquiry service is available across the Eddie Davies Library & Precinct Library during core hours. You can contact us in person, or alternatively by telephone or email.

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