

2020 Q1 revenue growth

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Positive outlook for 2020 and beyond

PARIS, France – 12 May 2020 | Sidetrade (Euronext Growth: ALBFR.PA), the Artificial Intelligence platform, dedicated to accelerating company revenue and cashflow, announces a steep 14% increase in revenue in the first quarter of 2020.

Olivier Novasque, CEO of Sidetrade had this to say:

“Our Q1 performance was very satisfying, and for this I would like to thank all of the Sidetrade teams, 100% of whom teleworked so brilliantly to continue our business and provide flawless service to our clients. In the unprecedented context of a pandemic with uncertain economic repercussions, there are nonetheless two significant trends which could have a positive effect on Sidetrade's business in the months ahead. Firstly, the pandemic is acting as a catalyst for digital transformation, accelerating investment in SaaS and AI to optimize business processes. Secondly, the tidal wave of unpaid invoices is focusing the attention of every CFO on cash flow security. In this new paradigm, Sidetrade solutions are ideally positioned to deal with these issues that have become more critical than ever. This is why, despite the crisis, we have every confidence in our ability to make 2020 a new year of growth. We are well-positioned to embrace the future with optimism.”

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Sidetrade (millions of euros)	2020 Q1	2019 Q1	Variation
Revenue	6.8	6.0	+ 14%

2020 information from unaudited consolidated data.

In the first quarter of 2020, Sidetrade generated €6.8m in revenue, organic growth of 14% vs. 2019 for the same period (which was already up 14 vs. Q1 2018). In fact, Q1 growth was not impacted by the covid-19 pandemic.

The recurrence of Sidetrade's SaaS business model partially shields Sidetrade from the economic crisis. Let us recall that 89% of Sidetrade's revenues are recurrent, based on multi-year contracts (initial period of 41.1 months, on average), and that the company has an extremely low churn rate of 3.9%.

Optimistic outlook for 2020 and beyond

As the unpaid invoices surges, Sidetrade provides invaluable data

The pandemic has resulted in an unparalleled increase in late payment. In UK, for example, unpaid invoices have risen a worrying 42% on 04/04/2020. To monitor the impact of the pandemic on overdue invoices, Sidetrade has launched an open-access tracker which anonymously shows payment behavior trends for 3.7m businesses in six European countries (France, the UK, Spain, Italy, Belgium, and the Netherlands).

Sidetrade's exclusive technology is used to analyze over 26 million invoices, issued since 1 January 2020, totalling to €54bn in B2B transactions. The tracker is made possible by Sidetrade's unique B2B transactions database, confirming the company's leadership position.

See the Sidetrade tracker weekly on <https://invoice-tracker.sidetrade.com/>.

Seeing small and medium enterprises through the crisis

Faced with an explosion of late payments, SMEs are hit hard by the pandemic, threatening their very survival. In response, Sidetrade decided to scale down their technology, initially designed for larger companies, and offer it free of charge to smaller businesses (sales of €10m to €500m) during the crisis. CashControl controls and secures cashflow (see press release of 31 March 2020). Backed by powerful machine-learning algorithms, the technology features unlimited digital dunning letter, as well as management of payment schedules. The success of the special CashControl offer could be a springboard for Sidetrade to break into a new market segment.

Covid-19 quickening the pace of digital transformation

Crisis conditions have visibly pushed companies to more readily adopt new technologies and cloud-based tools, pushing the world more quickly toward a digital economy. Virtualization, robotic process automation and AI technologies are not in the pipeline; they are *here and now*. For SaaS editors like Sidetrade, accelerated digital transformation is an awesome growth opportunity. A further growth opportunity comes from the need of businesses squeezed by the crisis to shorten the order-to-cash process and get the revenue in. Sidetrade is extremely well positioned to help them. Let us recall that this is a high-growth market estimated at \$3bn by the year 2024, according to a [Research & Markets](#) study.

With a SaaS model that has proven its resilience, Sidetrade is set to make a name for itself in the global AI market. Management is looking forward to yet another year of growth.

Next communications

AGM: 18 June 2020, Sidetrade headquarters (11:00-12:30, closed-door session)
2019 H1 Revenue: 21 July 2020 (after stock market closes)

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Sidetrade (Euronext Growth: ALBFR.PA) accelerates company revenue and cashflow. Its Artificial Intelligence, Aimie, is able to recognize and anticipate customer behavior in order to recommend, in real time, the best strategies for sales and finance teams. Aimie reinforces three pillars of the customer journey: sales development, loyalty and collection speed. Sidetrade has a global reach, thanks to its 250 talented employees based in Paris, London, Birmingham, Dublin, and Amsterdam. Used in 80 countries, Sidetrade's technology enables more than 2,700 businesses of all sizes and from all sectors to be more competitive.

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