#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: February 25, 2003 (Date of earliest event reported)

#### HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in the charter)

Delaware 000-25837 36-2681268 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 4200 Chicago, Illinois 60606-6303 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

312-496-1200 (Registrant's telephone number including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

#### Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. February 2003 Investor Relations Presentation

#### Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

Additional information of the registrant is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference. The registrant undertakes no obligation to update this information including any forward-looking statements, to reflect subsequently occurring events or circumstances.

NOTE: The information in this report (including the exhibit) is furnished pursuant to Item 9 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The inclusion of the information contained herein will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any of this information.

#### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

/s/ Fritz E. Freidinger

Fritz E. Freidinger, Secretary

Dated: February 25, 2003

# HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES

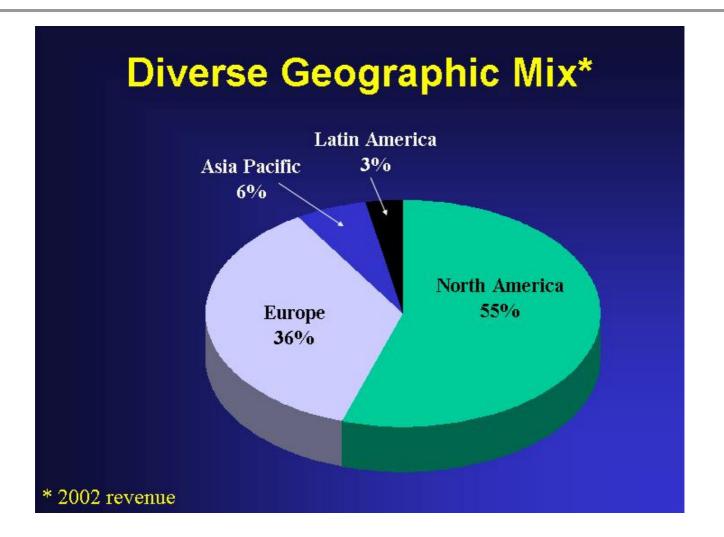
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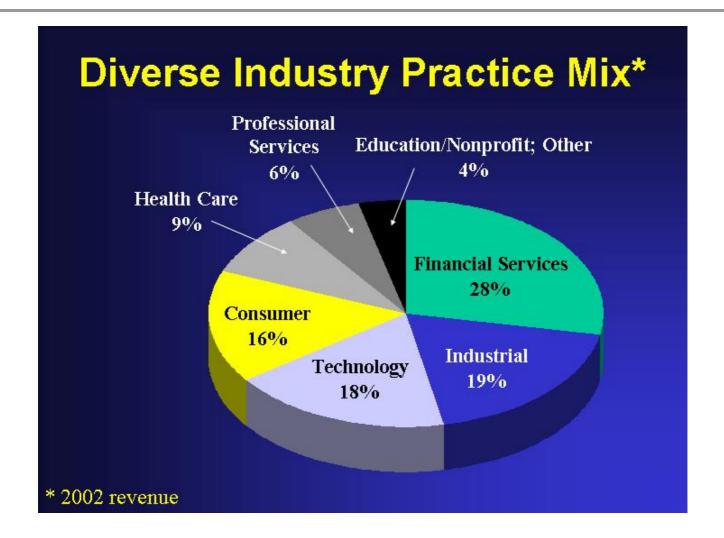
#### Safe Harbor Statement

This presentation contains forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the industry in which we operate and management's beliefs and assumptions. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed, forecasted or implied in the forward-looking statements. Factors that may affect the outcome of the forwardlooking statements include, among other things, our ability to attract and retain qualified executive search consultants; further deterioration of the economies in the United States, Europe, or elsewhere; social or political instability in overseas markets; price competition; an inability to achieve the planned cost savings from our cost-reduction initiatives; an inability to sublease or assign unused office space; our ability to generate profits in order to ensure that our deferred tax assets are realizable; and delays in the development and/or implementation of new technology and systems. We undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### Heidrick & Struggles

- World's premiere executive search and leadership consulting firm
  - Executive Search
  - Leadership Services
    - · Executive assessment and coaching
    - · Interim executive placement
- Global network of approximately 325 consultants working from 52 offices in principal cities of the world





#### **Our Mission**

We help our clients build the best leadership teams in the world

### **Focus on Top-Level Services**

- Board, CEO and other senior-level searches generate the majority of our revenue
- Advantages of top-level searches
  - Provides access and influence with decision makers
  - Strengthens the Heidrick & Struggles brand
  - Generates higher fees per search
  - Establishes barriers to entry
  - Attracts and retains high-caliber consultants
  - Increases probability of downstream work

# Representative CEO/Board Searches in 2002

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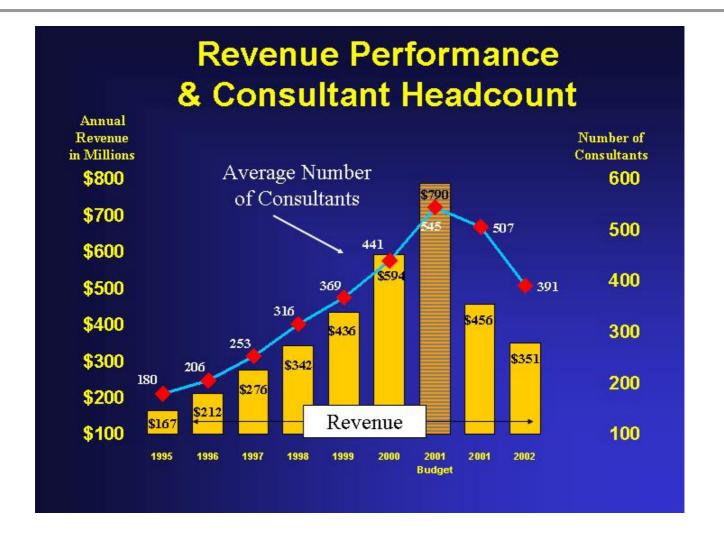








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## **Realigned Cost Structure**

- Reduced costs by over \$200 million
  - Reduced workforce by 40%
  - Eliminated excess real estate, bringing the number of offices down from a high of 80 in 2001 to 52 today
  - Reduced management roles by 30%
  - Implemented centralized purchasing programs

# 2002 Q4 Actions & Charge

- Fourth quarter charge of \$25.4 million
- Reduced excess capacity
  - 236 positions eliminated, including 61 executive search and management search consultants
  - Majority in Europe: 156 total positions eliminated
- Closed or consolidated additional offices

### 2002 Accomplishments

- Achieved marginal profitability on a pro forma basis despite a \$100 million decrease in revenue
- Ended 2002 with more cash than we had at the end of 2001
- Improved the payout rate of consultants' performance-based compensation to aid retention
- Invested in some important initiatives
  - Leadership Services
    Quality Programs
  - China Joint Venture
- Hiring of 30 Consultants
- Key Account Management training

## **Pro Forma Financial Results\***

(Dollars in millions, except per share data)

Fourth Quarter Ended	Dec. 31, 2002	Dec. 31, 2001	YOY Change
Net Revenue	\$78.2	\$88.5	\$(10.3)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 1.7	\$ (4.9)	\$ 6.6
Per Share	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.27)	\$ 0.36
Twelve Months Ended	Dec. 31, 2002	Dec. 31, 2001	YOY Change
Net Revenue	\$350.7	\$455.5	\$(104.8)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 0.9	\$ (1.0)	\$ 1.9
Per Share	\$ 0.05	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.10

<sup>\*</sup> Pro forma results exclude special charges primarily for severance and office closings, gains and losses on the company's equity and warrant portfolio, and write-downs on investments in technology venture capital funds. Also excluded are goodwill amortization and reimbursements of out-of-pocket expenses.

## **Strong Balance Sheet**

- Ended 2002 with \$110 million cash and no debt
- Expect a minimum of \$70 million cash at end of first quarter 2003
- Cash flow positive in 2002 despite significant restructuring activity
- Cash flow should improve due to margin improvement in 2003

#### **Outlook**

#### 2003 Year

- Revenue flat to down modestly vs. 2002
- Better revenue performance expected in second half of 2003
- Operating margin will range from 3% to 5%

#### First Quarter 2003

- Expected revenue range of \$75-\$85 million
  - Corresponding pro forma results would range from a loss per share of \$0.15 to diluted earnings per share of \$0.07

# **Strategic Initiatives**

- Expand share of senior-level services to client organizations
- Build broader, deeper client relationships
- Attract and retain consultants
- Improve profitability, cash flow

#### **This Is A Growth Business**

- The past four years have been aberrations
  - 1999 and 2000 saw hyper-growth
  - 2001 and 2002 saw severe contraction
- 1993-1998 CAGR was 24%
- Double-digit growth rates should return when the economy improves
- Fundamentals remain strong

# **Fundamentals Are Strong**

- Shortage of management talent
- Higher-caliber talent is aspirant and mobile
- Executive management tenures are at an all time low
- Focus on corporate governance will create opportunities
- Cash compensation of placements will continue to rise

### **Summary**

#### **Strengths**

- Premier brand name in executive search
- Unparalleled group of consultants
- Outstanding client base
- Strongest balance sheet in the sector

#### Goals

- Capitalize on our strengths
- Improve margins and cash flow
- Continue to invest in people and initiatives

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