

Clas Ohlson increases sales in December 2017

Sales increases by 4 per cent in December to 1,261 MSEK (1,210). In local currencies, sales increases by 7 per cent versus previous year. Sales development in comparable units and in local currency was 3 per cent.

Compared with the same month previous year, the net store portfolio was expanded by 12 stores. At the end of the period, the total number of stores was 225.

Sales in December is distributed as follows:

Countries, MSEK	December 2017/18	December 2016/17	Percentage change	Percentage change, local currency
Sweden	536	513	4	4
Norway	518	506	2	9
Finland	166	148	12	9
Outside Nordic countries*	42	43	-3	-2
	1,261	1,210	4	7

*Effected by store optimization in the UK.

Total sales during the first eight months of the fiscal year (May to December 2017) increases by 2 per cent to 5,932 MSEK (5,838). In local currencies, sales increases by 3 per cent versus previous year.

The third quarter interim report 2017/18 will be published at 07:00 CET on Wednesday 14 March 2018. The report will be presented on the same day at 08:30 CET.

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