

Clas Ohlson increases sales in January 2018

Sales increases by 3 per cent in January to 596 MSEK (578). In local currencies, sales increases by 4 per cent versus previous year. Sales development in comparable units and in local currency was 2 per cent.

Compared with the same month previous year, the net store portfolio was expanded by 11 stores. At the end of the period, the total number of stores was 224.

Sales in January is distributed as follows:

				Percentage
	January	January	Percentage	change,
Countries, MSEK	2017/18	2016/17	change	local currency
Sweden	263	253	4	4
Norway	237	235	1	5
Finland	76	67	12	9
Outside Nordic countries*	19	22	-11	-12
	596	578	3	4

^{*}Effected by store optimization in the UK.

Total sales during the first nine months of the fiscal year (May 2017 to January 2018) increases by 2 per cent to 6,528 MSEK (6,415). 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 in a telephone and web conference.

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