

Clas Ohlson increases sales in March 2018

Sales increases by 9 per cent in March to 584 MSEK (537). In local currencies, sales increases by 7 per cent versus previous year. Sales in March is negatively affected by a calendar effect of about 3 percentage points, due to less trading days compared with the corresponding period previous year. Sales development in comparable units and in local currency was 5 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 227.

Sales in March is distributed as follows:

Countries, MSEK	March 2017/18	March 2016/17	Percentage change	Percentage change, local currency
Sweden	265	238	12	12
Norway	228	217	5	4
Finland	70	63	10	3
Outside Nordic countries*	21	19	12	7
	584	537	9	7

*Effected by store optimization in the UK.

Total sales during the first eleven months of the fiscal year (May 2017 to March 2018) increases by 2 per cent to 7,630 MSEK (7,463). In local currencies, sales increases by 3 per cent versus previous year.

The fourth quarter interim report 2017/18 will be published at 07:00 CET on Friday 8 June 2018. The report will be presented on the same day at 08:30 CET in a telephone and web conference.

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