

Clas Ohlson increases sales in April 2017

Sales increases by 1 per cent in April to 527 MSEK (520). In local currencies, sales decreases by 1 per cent. Sales in April is negatively affected by a calendar effect of about 7 percentage points, due to less trading days compared with the corresponding period previous year.

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 216.

Sales in April is distributed as follows:

Countries, MSEK	April 2016/17	April 2015/16	Percentage change	Percentage change, local currency
Sweden	242	239	+1	+1
Norway	209	201	+4	-2
Finland	58	56	+3	-2
Outside Nordic countries*	18	24	-23	-22
	527	520	+1	-1

*Effected by store optimization in the UK.

Total sales during the fiscal year (May 2016 to April 2017) increases by 5 per cent to 7,990 MSEK (7,602). In local currencies, sales increases by 4 per cent.

The fourth quarter interim report 2016/17 will be published at 07:00 CET on Thursday 8 June 2017. The report will be presented on the same day at 08:30 CET in a telephone and web conference.

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