

# Q3 Report 2010/2011

9 March 2011

# Agenda

- Q3 2010/11 (Nov-Jan)
- Nine month 2010/11 summary (May-Jan)
- Events after period-end
- Update on strategic priorities
- Q&A



# Clas Ohlson today

- A retail chain with 138 stores in four countries
- Sales of SEK 5,7 billion
- 3,500 employees
- 57 million visitors 29 million customers
- Product range that solves small practical problems of everyday life





### Q3 2010/11 (November-January)

#### **Cotech Reciprocating Saw.**

Powerful all-purpose saw for wood, plastic, and metal. Soft-grip handle. Adjustable shoe. Smooth acceleration: 300-2700 spm. Stroke length: 30 mm. Cutting capacity: wood 115 mm, metal 90 mm. Power: 850 W. Weight: 3.4 kg. Product number 40-7944 **Price: SEK 499**  COTTERN



# Sales – Q3





# Sweden – Q3

- Sales up 5%
  - 2 new stores. Total of 61
  - 7 more stores compared to preceding Q3
- Majority of new stores double establishments
- Highly competitive and overall volatile market



# Norway – Q3

- Sales in SEK +3%
  - +11% in local currency
  - 3 new stores during Q3. Total of 47
  - 6 more stores compared to preceding Q3
- Strong Christmas sales
- Large variations in monthly traffic and sales growth



Portion of sales

# Finland – Q3

- Sales in SEK -8%
  - +5% in local currency
  - One new store during Q3. Total of 17
- First new store opening in 24 months and 3 new contracts signed
- Positive sales trend in local currencies
- Increased market share



# UK – Q3

- Sales in SEK +69%
  - +84% in local currency
  - 4 new stores during Q3.
     Total of 11 stores
  - 6 more stores compared to preceding Q3
- UK-market burdened by weak economy, financial pressure on households and increased VAT



# Gross margin – Q3



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- + Increased share of direct purchasing
- Currency effects (NOK)

### Currency effects: Q3 10/11 vs. Q3 09/10

Sales: Instant

NOK/SEK





Purchasing: Time lag





### Share of sales costs – Q3



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Share of sales costs up 1.9 percentage points to 25.9%

- Higher share of sales costs new markets (UK)
- Higher start up costs (10 new stores vs. 5 stores 2009/2010)



# Profit after financial items & EPS – Q3





### Nine-months 2010/11 summary (May-Jan)

#### **Cotech 5 t Log Splitter**

with adjustable splitting length 35-52 cm. Two hand operating system. Preset auto return. Splitting force 5 tonnes. 230 V/ 1500 W motor. Weight 50 kg. Size 122x25x48 cm.

Product number 30-8710

Price: SEK 1999



### Sales – nine months 2010/11



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- Sales +4% to SEK 4 664 M,
  +7% in local currencies
  - Comparable stores in local currencies -2%
  - New stores +9%
  - Currency effects -3%
- Mailorder/Internet SEK 69 M (74 M)

# Profit after financial items & EPS – nine months 2010/11





### Cash flow – nine months 2010/11



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- Cash flow from operating activities SEK 485 M (827)
- Inventory: SEK 1 375 M (1 066)
  - Average inventory R12 +19%
  - 20 new stores compared to 2009/10
  - Increased direct purchasing from Asia with earlier inbound delivery and more goods in transit
  - Cash flow for the period SEK 92 M (66)

Cash flow from operating activities, SEK M

### Investments – nine months 2010/11



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- Investments of SEK 243 M (262)
  - New/refurb. Stores: SEK 183 M (79)
  - Distribution Center: SEK 9 M (138)
  - Other investments: SEK 51 M (45)

### Events after period-end

#### Adax VV 20 Ceramic Fan Heater.

Upright heater with glass foot. Touch control display. Two power settings: 1200 W and 2000 W. Oscillation feature for a more even heat distribution. Timer for up to 7.5 hours. Safety tip-over switch and remote control. Size: 850x180x110 mm.

Product number 36-4159

Price: SEK 799





# Sales – February



- Sales up to SEK 383 M (354) +8%.
  +14% in local currencies
- 22 (14) more stores vs. Feb 2010
- Sales in local currencies +14%
  - Sweden +10%
  - Norway +14%
  - Finland +12%
  - UK +63%
- Mail order/Internet: SEK 7 M (7)

# Spring events

- Launch spring catalogue End of March (95<sup>th</sup> edition)
- Over 1 000 product news
- Nominated: Best print catalogue (Dagens Media)

- Nominated: Retail Chain of the year (Sweden)
- Nominated: Store concept of the year (Sweden)





# Update on strategic priorities

#### **Trend Micro™ Internet Security.**

Complete protection for your mini-PC, netbook or laptop on a USB memory. Protects up to three computers from viruses, spyware and other Internet threats. Automatically blocks harmful malware before it invades your system. Scans and cleans up attached e-mail files, SMS text messages and material downloaded from the Internet.

Product number 38-3573

Price: SEK 349



# UK – New stores

- Four new stores during Q3 to total of 11 stores:
  - Birmingham
  - Cardiff
  - Norwich
  - Doncaster

**Clas ohson** from homeware to hardware since 1918

- home
  multimedia
- electrical
- leisurehardware



# UK – Market

- Pressure on UK retail market
- Fiscal budget cuts
- Increasing unemployment rates
- VAT-increase
- Recent events in UK-retail market
  - HMV (Closing 60 stores)
  - 02 Retail (Closing 40 stores)
  - LFL-decline for competition





# UK – update and expansion plans

- Overall positive feedback from customers regarding range, stores, prices and service
- Number of visitors and customers in line with group average. Conversion rate and average purchase lower
- Focus on further development of existing stores
- Balancing expansion plans to market development
- Plans for additional 1-4 stores during 2011/12



# New store concept

- Easier navigation & improved competitiveness
- Stronger growth rate among stores with new concept
- 40 new stores (to date)
- 12 refurbished (to date)
- 52 of 138 stores with new concept (38%)





# Potential in new formats and e-com

- Different formats to match local potential
  - Large (3)
  - Standard (126)
  - Small (9)
- E-commerce/Multichannel



# Store expansion – pipeline and plans



### Contract pipeline

- 19 new stores (14) of which 4 in the UK during 2010/11
- Target of 17-22 new stores during 2011/12 of which 2-4 in Finland and 1-4 in UK
- 17 new stores contracted of which 1 opening in 2010/11, 12 in 2011/12 and 4 in 2012/13
  - Sweden: 6
  - Norway: 8
  - Finland: 3



# Outlook

- Continued focus on long term profitable growth in Europe in accordance with financial targets
- Positive development and strong position in our established markets
- Business plan to invest in new markets (currently UK)
   annual impact of up to 2-3 percentage points on EBIT-margin
- Further potential to increase sales via developed product assortment and sales channels in the Nordic region



# Summary

- 10% growth in local currencies
- Improved gross margin through increased share of direct imports
- Profit affected by
  - Negative currency effects
  - Continued expansion in the UK with increased costs
  - Increased start up costs
- Continued focus to expand and develop Clas Ohlson in established and new markets





### Q&A

#### **Cocraft Cross-Line Laser Level**

Self-levelling system. Horizontal and/or vertical line projection. Can project a perfectly right-angled cross onto the wall. Ideal for tiling, hanging pictures, etc. Tripod, max height: 117 cm. Laser class II, 635 nm. Accuracy:  $\pm$  0.5 mm/m. Comes with laser safety glasses, tripod and carrying case.

Product number 40-7534

Price: SEK 699





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