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Q2 Report 2013/2014

11 December 2013



# Agenda

- 1. Q2 2013/14 (August-October)
- 2. First six months 2013/14 (May-October)
- 3. Events after period-end
- 4. Update on strategic priorities
- 5. Q&A



High energy and strong position

- Sales of 6.6 billion SEK (R12)
- 182 stores in 4 countries in omni-channel structure
- 71 million visitors and 35 million customers
- 4 500 service-minded employees
- High focus on sustainability agenda
- Most trusted brand and second strongest brand in retail



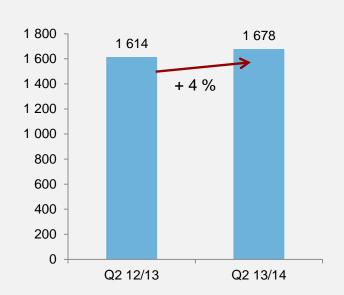
# Q2 2013/14 August - October



### Sales Q2

- Sales increased by 6 % in local currencies
- In SEK, sales increased by 4 % to 1 678 MSEK (1 614)
  - Comparable stores in local currency +1 %
  - New stores +5 %
  - Currency effects -2 %
- 14 additional stores compared to end of October last year (18)
- Positive development in all markets
- Well received autumn product range

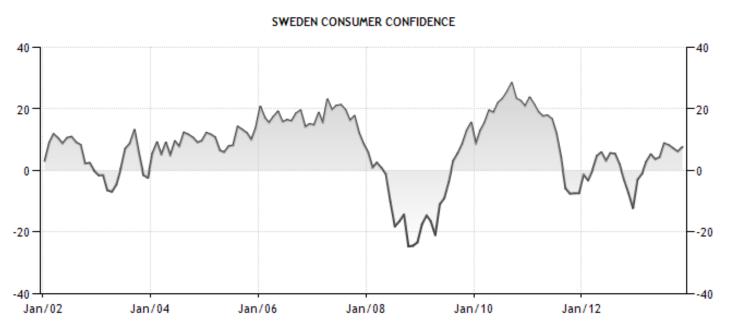
#### Total Group sales, MSEK



# Market development - Sweden



Gradual improvement, still below historical average



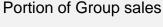
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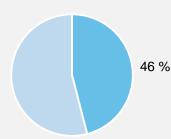
CCI: Consumer Confidence Index November 2013

### Sweden sales Q2



- Sales increased by 4 % to 771 MSEK (742)
- Total number of stores 75
  - 2 new stores during Q2
  - 4 more stores compared to preceding Q2
- Strong market position and strengthened brand due to more efficient marketing and effects from loyalty program





#### Total market sales, MSEK



# Market development - Norway



Signs of weakened market, coming from a high level



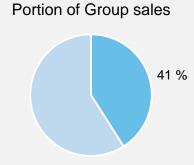
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CCI: Consumer Confidence Index Q4 calendar year 2013

# Norway sales Q2

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- Sales increased by 8 % in local currency
- In SEK, sales increased by 2 % to 684 MSEK (669)
- Total number of stores 64
  - No new stores during Q2
  - 5 more stores compared to preceding Q2
- Gaining market share supported by more efficient marketing
- Negative currency effects







# Market development - Finland



Still at low levels and no signs of improvement



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | STATISTICS FINLAND

CCI: Consumer Confidence Index November 2013

### Finland sales Q2

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- Sales increased by 10 % in local currency
- In SEK, sales increased by 13 % to 158 MSEK (140)
- Total number of stores 30
  - 1 new store during Q2
  - 5 more stores compared to preceding Q2
- Strengthened brand and market position in a soft market



Total market sales, MSEK

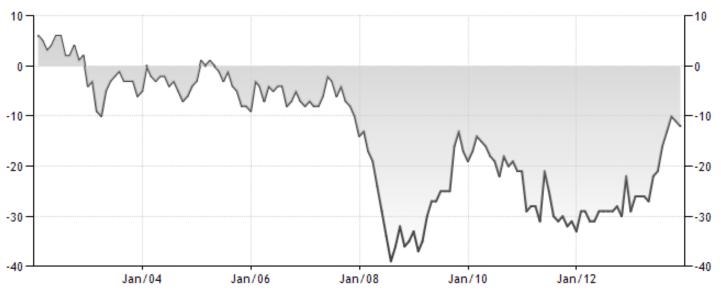


# Market development - UK



Improvement in consumer confidence, but still at low levels

#### UNITED KINGDOM CONSUMER CONFIDENCE



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | GFK NOP (UK)

CCI: Consumer Confidence Index November 2013

### UK sales Q2



- Sales increased by 6 % in local currency
- In SEK, sales increased by 3 % to 65 MSEK (63)
- Total number of stores 12
  - No new store during Q2
- Continued positive sales trend
- Improved brand awareness

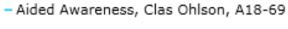


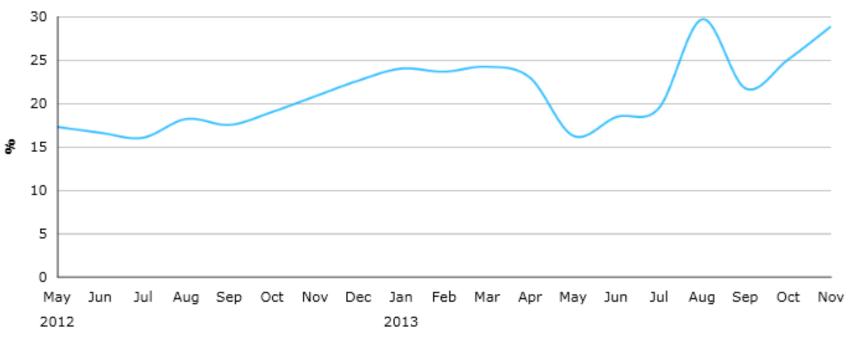
Total market sales, MSEK



# Improved brand awareness



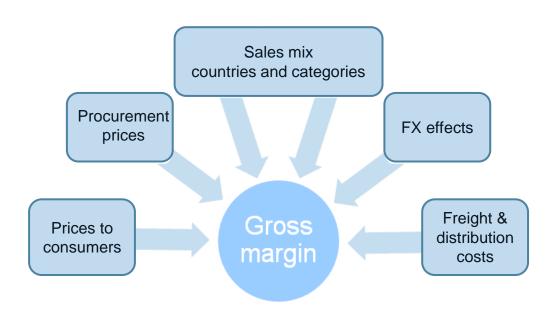




## Gross margin Q2



- Gross margin increased 1.3 percentage points to 43.3 %
  - Positive sales mix
  - Lower sourcing costs
  - Currency effects (-NOK, +USD)





### Positive sales mix











# Lower sourcing costs

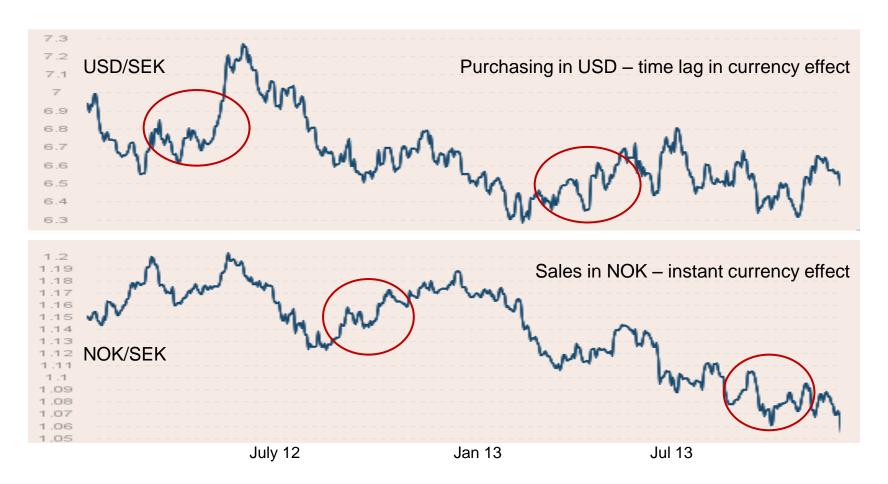


Example price development sea freight costs



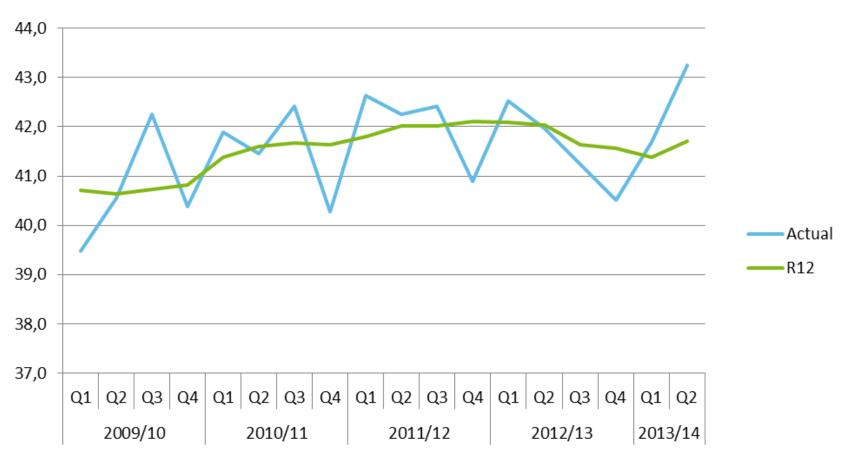
# Currency effects





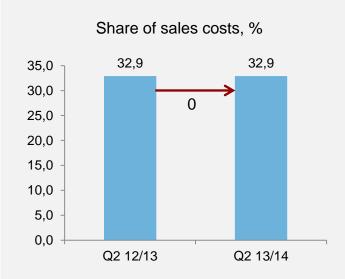
# Gross margin development





### Share of sales costs Q2

- Share of sales cost unchanged
- Increased cost (rent and salary) balanced by
  - lower start up cost
  - increased productivity
  - positive LFL sales



### Profit Q2

- Operating profit increased by 23 % to 126 MSEK (102)
- Operating margin increased to 7.5 % (6.3)
- Profit after financial items increased by 25 % to 125 MSEK (100)
- EPS increased by 31 % to 1.49 SEK (1.14)

#### Operating profit, MSEK



Earnings per share, SEK



# First six months 2013/14 May - October

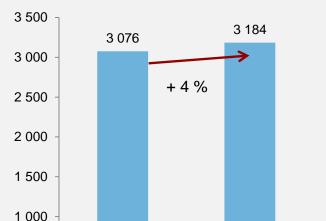




36-4270 Lamp holder with fabric covered lead, 69 SEK

### Sales first six months

- Sales increased by 6% in local currencies
- In SEK, sales increased by 4 % to 3 184 MSEK (3 076)
  - Comparable stores in local currency +1 %
  - New stores +5%
  - Currency effects -2%
- 14 additional stores compared to end of October last year (18)



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Q1-Q2 12/13

Total Group sales, MSEK

Q1-Q2 13/14

### Profit first six months

- Operating profit increased by 8 % to 218 MSEK (203)
- Operating margin increased to 6.8 % (6.6)
- Profit after financial items increased by 9 % to 217 MSEK (199)
- EPS increased by 13 % to 2.59 SEK (2.29)

#### Operating profit, MSEK



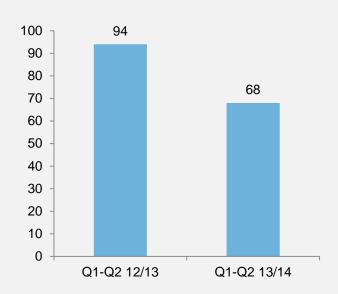
Earnings per share, SEK



### Investments

- Investments of 68 MSEK (94)
  - New stores and refurbishments 34 MSEK (62)
  - Investments in IT-systems 9 MSEK (22)

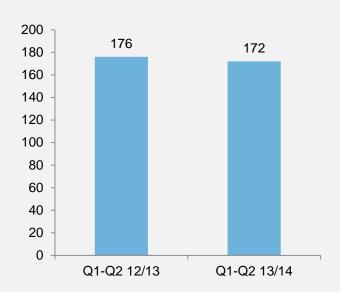
#### Investments, MSEK



### Cash flow

- Cash flow from operating activities was 172 MSEK (176)
  - Inventory 1 599 MSEK (1 496)
  - Improved turnover rate DC 6.9 (6.6)
- Cash flow after investments and financing activities was 14 MSEK (-5)
- Net debt of 63 MSEK (142)

Cash flow from operating activities, MSEK



# Events after period-end



### Sales November



- Sales increased by 9 % in local currencies
  - Sweden 7 %
  - Norway 11 %
  - Finland 14 %
  - UK 2 %
- In SEK, sales increased by 6 % to 702 MSEK (662)
- 11 additional stores compared to end of November last year (19)
- Positive start on Christmas sales



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Nov 12/13

Nov 13/14

# Update on strategic priorities



# Omni-channel strategy



Loyalty program



**Stores** 



Catalogue/Phone



Social media



## Store development



Catalogue/Phone

Social media

- Continued focus on converting stores into new store concept
- Optimising current locations and move stores locally
- Optimising store formats
  - Small, Medium, Large
- Continue to develop and improve sales solutions
- Target set to 12-17 new stores during 2013/2014
  - 8 stores opened so far
  - 9 stores in pipeline contracted for opening during 2013/14 and 2014/15

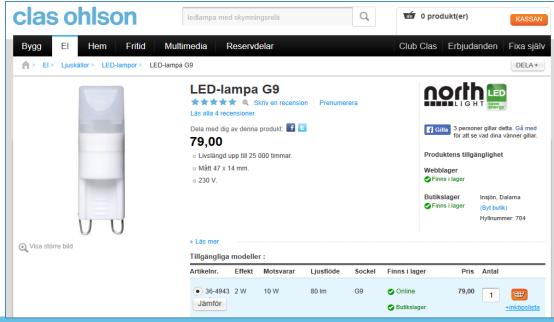


### Online



- Traffic growth up + 30 % versus last year
- Inspirational pre shopping
- Drives traffic and sales to stores

Continued focus on increasing traffic and commercial trading



# Loyalty program



- Successful launch in Sweden
- Above 600 000 members since March 2013
- Positive sales and marketing effects
  - More frequent visits, increased ATV and loyalty
  - Higher marketing efficiency
- Continued focus on increasing number of members
- Further launch in other markets



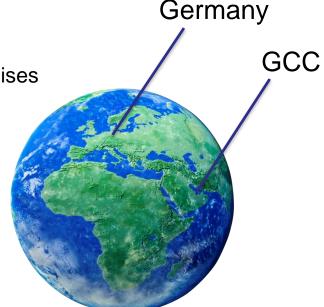
# Growth into new customer segments

- B2B offering creates leverage on strong retail brand
- Attractive range at great value
- Easily accessible via store network, internet and phone
- Trusted brand in Sweden and Norway with 98 % brand awareness
- Estimated total SME Nordic market value of 6 billion SEK
- Preparations according to plan
- Launch in Sweden and Norway planned for first half of 2014



### Growth into new markets

- Entry into Germany
  - 1-2 stores in northern part of Germany
  - Ongoing range adaptation and search for store premises
  - Store opening earliest during 2014
- Entry into GCC-region\* via franchising
  - 2 stores in Kuwait or UAE
  - Ongoing range adaptation and search for store premises
  - Store opening during 2014
  - Potential for minimum 20 stores during 2014-2019



<sup>\*</sup> United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain

# Summary

- Continued growth in all markets
- Strengthened market position
- Increased profit
- Strong cash flow and financial position
- Further potential to increase sales and profit
  - new customer segment (B2B)
  - new markets
  - franchising model



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