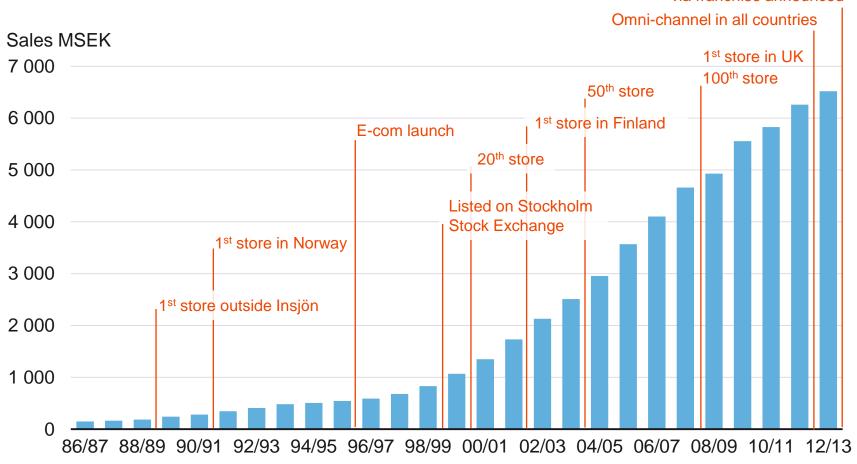


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## Profitable sales development





# High energy and strong position

182 stores in4 countriesin omni-channel structure

**72** million visitors

**36** million customers

**4,500** service-minded employees

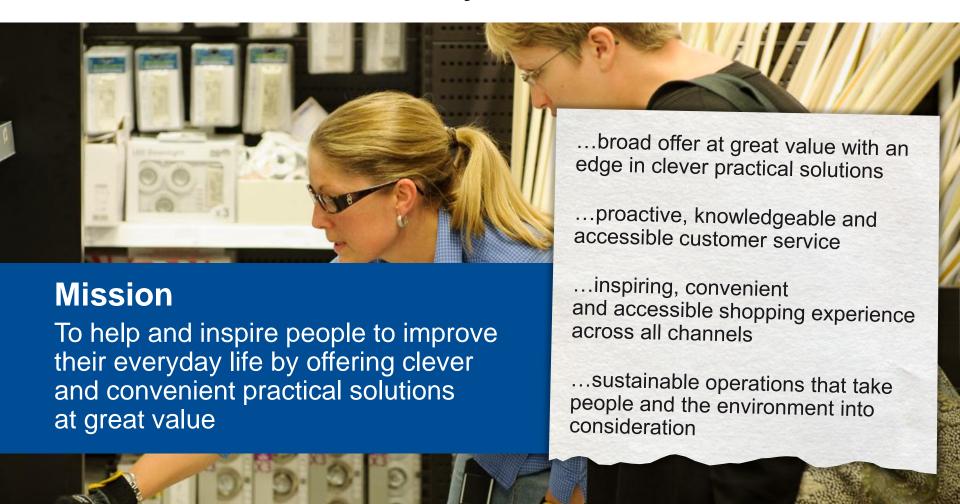
High focus on sustainability agenda

R12 sales

**6.7** billion SEK

Most trusted brand and one of the strongest brands in retail in the Nordics

## The Clas Ohlson way





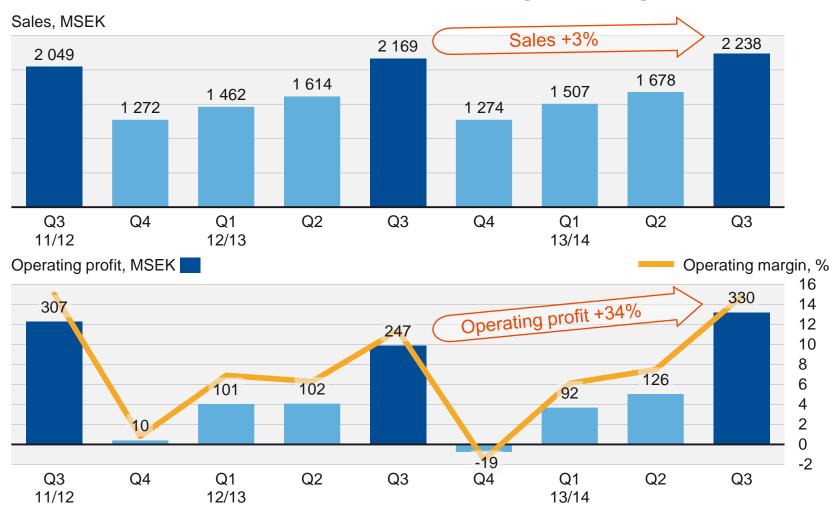
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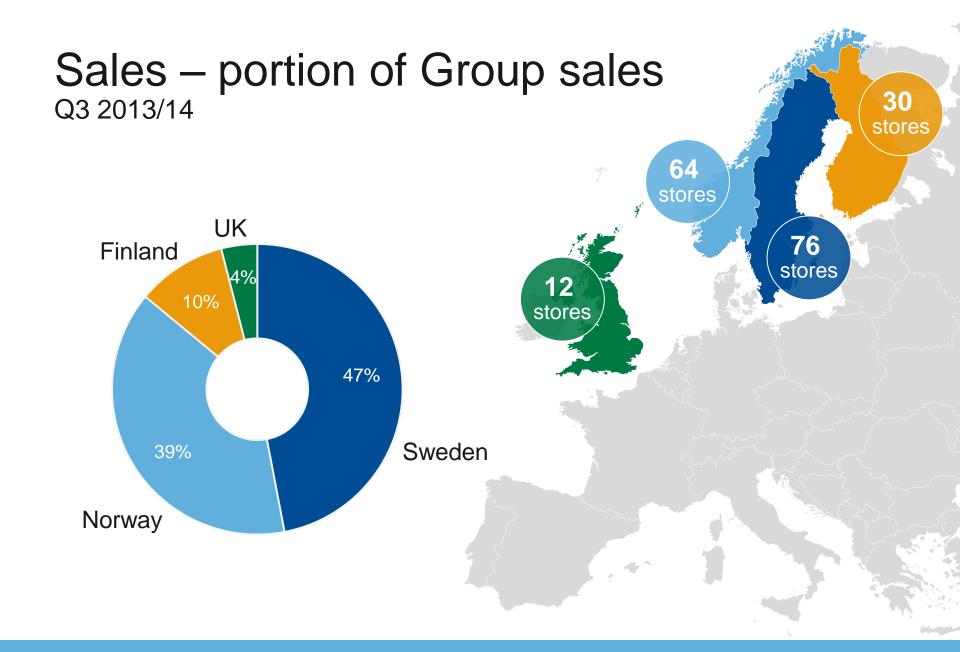
# Highlights Q3

- Sales +7% in local currency
- Strong LFL sales +3%
- Negative currency effect
- Improved gross margin
- Strongest ever operating profit in a quarter



## Sales, profit and operating margin





#### Sweden consumer confidence







Improving, balancing historical average

Source: www.tradingeconomics.com

#### Sweden sales Q3

- Sales +4% to 1,042 MSEK
- 76 stores
  - 1 new store during Q3
  - 4 more stores compared to preceding Q3
- Strong market position and strengthened brand

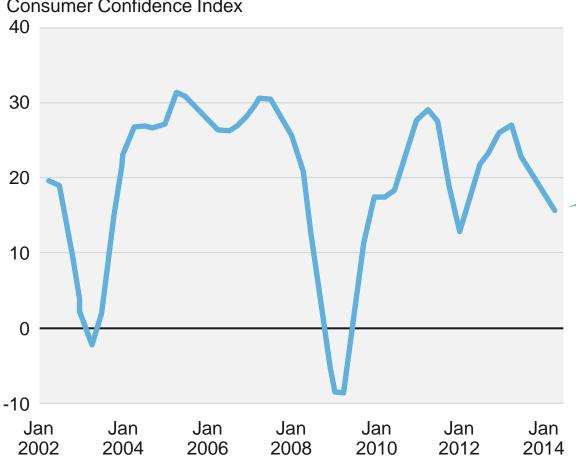




# Norway consumer confidence





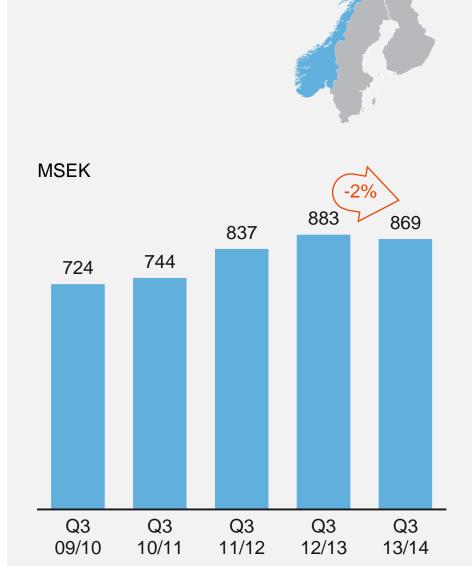


Weakened confidence, coming from a high level

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### Norway sales Q3

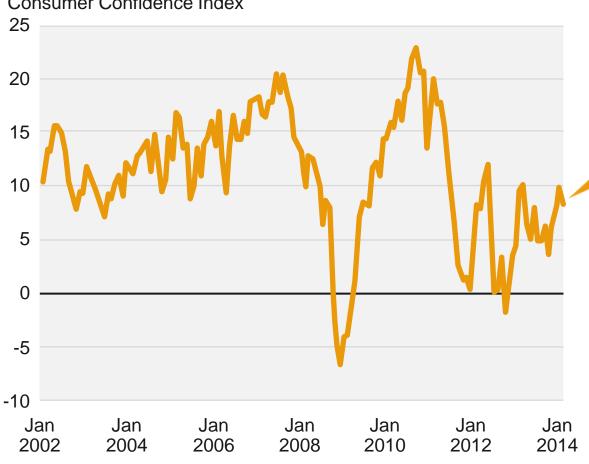
- +8% in local currency
- Sales 869 MSEK
- 64 stores
  - No new stores during Q3
  - 3 more stores compared to preceding Q3
- Substantial negative currency effects
- Strong market position and strengthened brand



#### Finland consumer confidence







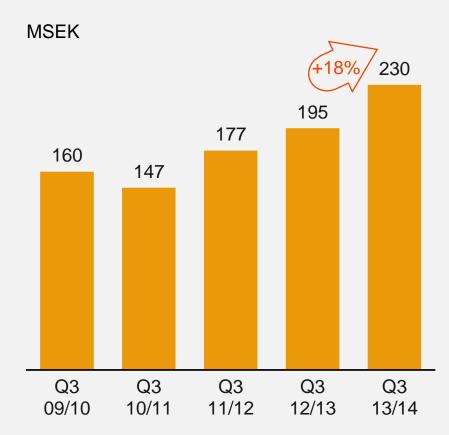
Still at low levels, below historical average

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#### Finland sales Q3

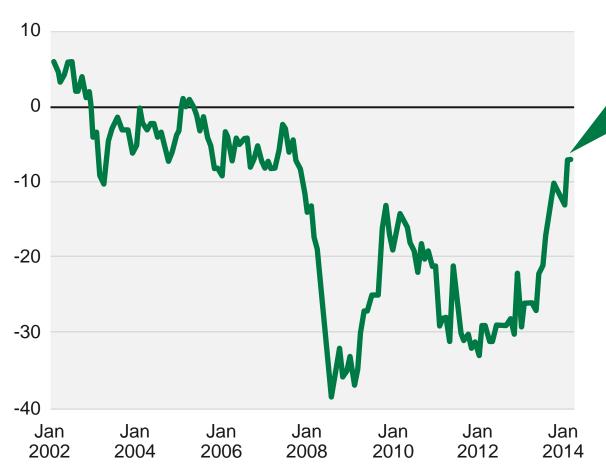
- +14% in local currency
- Sales 230 MSEK
- 30 stores
  - No new stores during Q3
  - 3 more stores compared to preceding Q3
- Strengthened brand and market position in a soft market











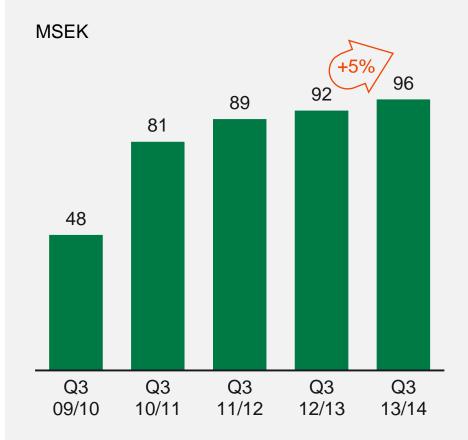
Improvement, but still at low levels

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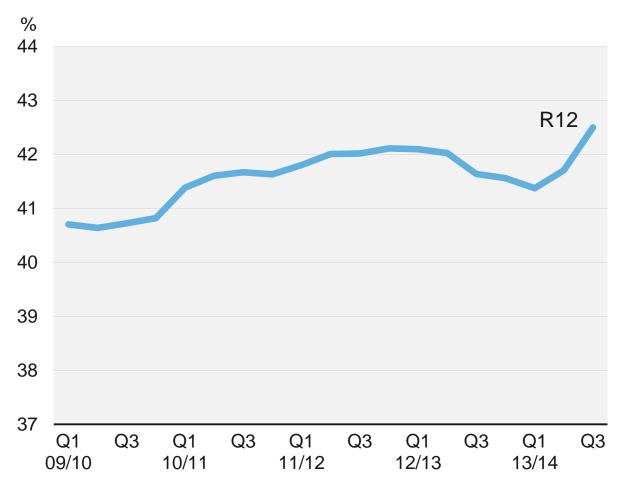
#### UK sales Q3

- +5% in local currency
- Sales 96 MSEK
- 12 stores
  - No new store during Q3
- Continued positive sales trend
- Improved brand awareness





## Gross margin long-term development



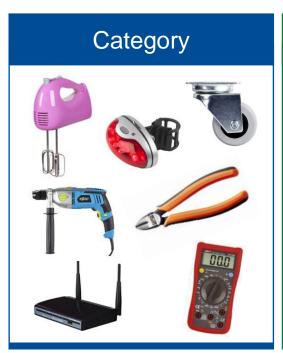
- Lower sourcing costs
- Positive sales mix
- Increased share of private label
- Improved distribution efficiency

# Impacting gross margin



### Positive sales mix









#### Promotion mix

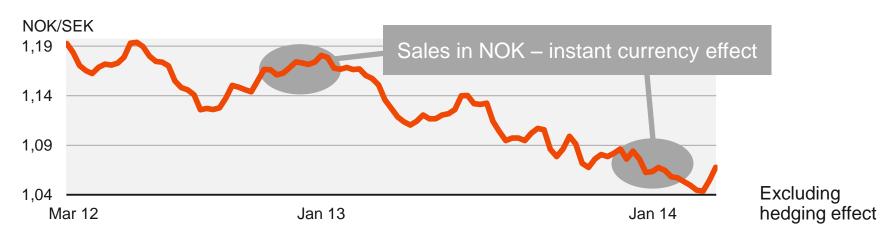
- Lower share of campaign priced products
- Lower level of price adjustments in campaigns
- Lower level of sell outs





## Currency effects

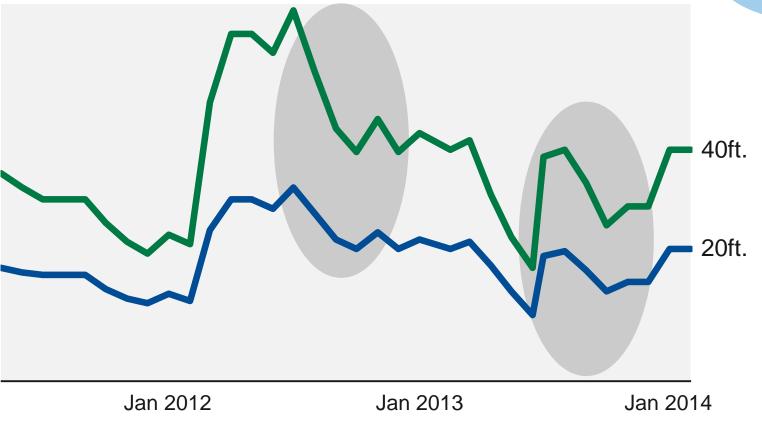




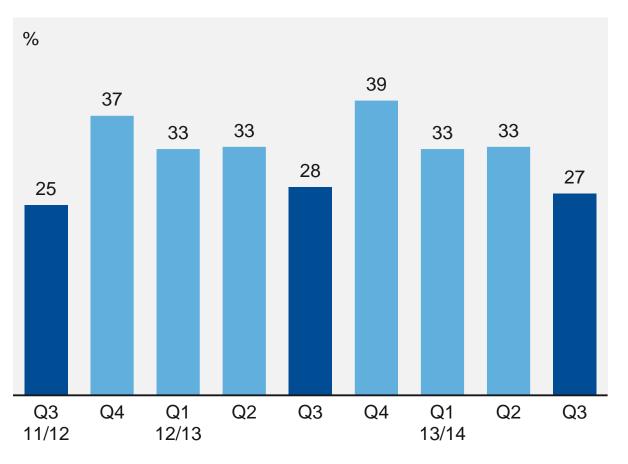
## Lower sourcing costs

Example price development sea freight costs



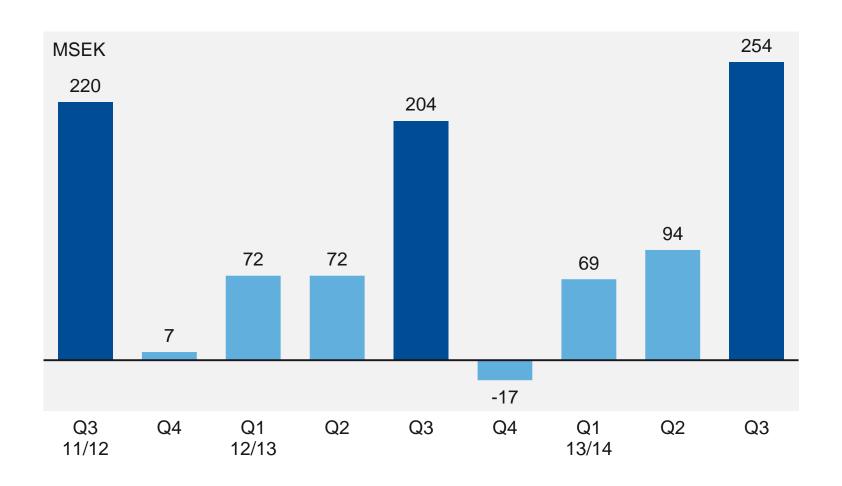


#### Share of sales costs



- Share of sales cost 27%
- · Decrease due to
  - positive LFL sales
  - lower start up cost
  - lower marketing cost

# Record high profit after tax

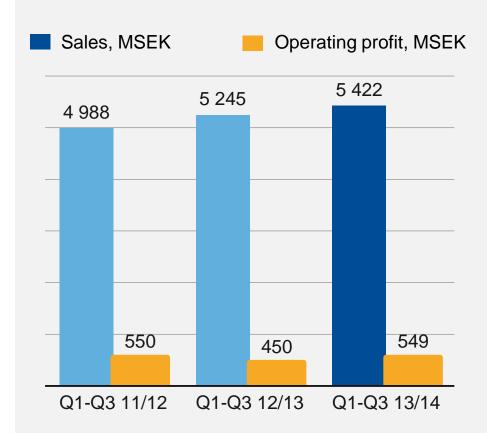




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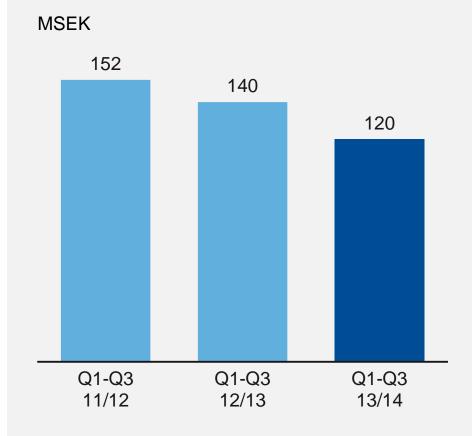
#### First nine months

- Sales +6% in local currency
- Sales +3% to 5,422 MSEK
  - Comparable stores in local currency +2%
  - New stores +4%
  - Currency effects -3%
- Operating profit +22%
- 10 additional stores compared to end of January last year (20)



#### Investments

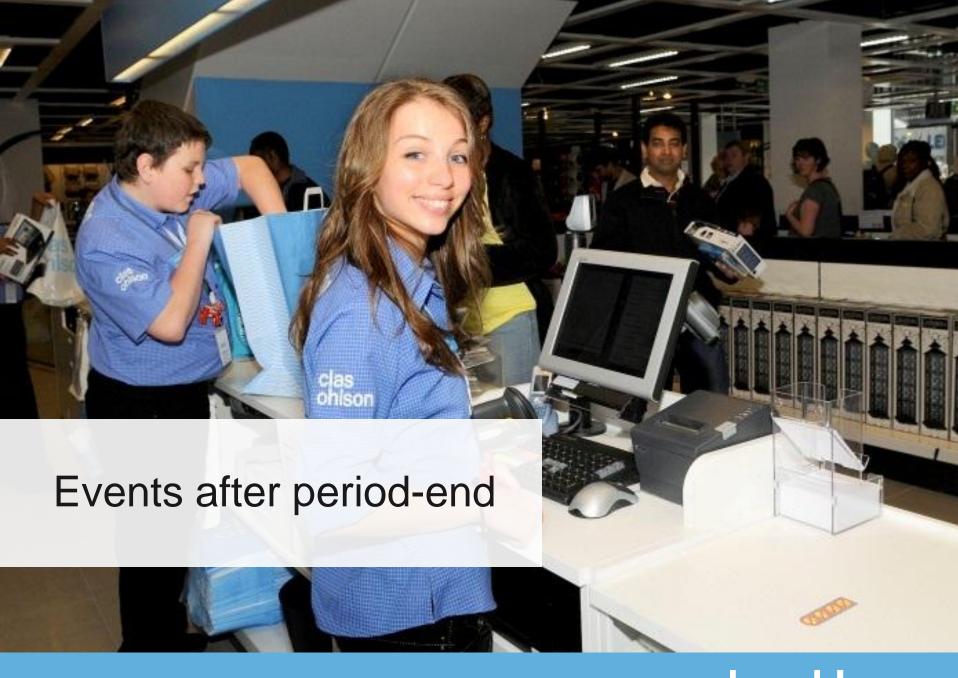
- New stores and refurbishments 44 MSEK (86)
- IT-systems 26 MSEK (33)
- Preparation for new IT-platform



#### Cash flow

- Cash flow from operating activities was 652 MSEK (625)
  - Inventory 1,326 MSEK (1,256)
  - Inventory turnover rate DC 6.9 (6.9)
- Cash flow after investments and financing activities was 246 MSEK (151)
- Net cash holdings of 367 MSEK (261)





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## Sales February

- Sales +8% in local currency
  - Sweden +6%
  - Norway +7%
  - Finland +12%
  - Outside Nordics\* 42%
- Sales +6% to 438 MSEK
- 10 additional stores compared to end of February last year (18)

Sales, MSEK 438 427 413 Feb 11/12\* Feb 12/13 Feb 13/14 \* Leap year effect

<sup>\*</sup> Of which 6 MSEK during February 2014 pertains to sales to franchisee for stock build-up

## Launch of paint assortment

- High quality paint range launched in Norway
- All other markets to follow during spring 2014
- Quality branded with EU Ecolabel





## The battery hunt

- Initiative in Sweden and Norway aiming to educate fourth graders on recycling
- More than 1,700 classes and 40,000 children will participate
- Target set to recycle more than 100 tons of batteries







## New distribution agreement

- Long-term cooperation agreement for in-bound and out-bound transportation
- More efficient transport solutions
- Reduced carbon dioxide footprint







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## Trends implicating strategic priorities



#### More conscious customers

- · Shop with a clean and green conscience
- Demand higher quality and level of service



#### Demand for accessibility and information

- Mobile technology allows us to fulfil basic needs
- Increasing demands on information access



#### **New competition**

- Increased level of shopping centres
- More retailers and more stores per retailer
- Global competition in online sales channel

### Omni-channel strategy



## Sales channel development

#### **Stores**

- Continued focus on converting stores into new store concept
- Optimising current locations and store formats
- Continue to improve sales solutions

#### **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





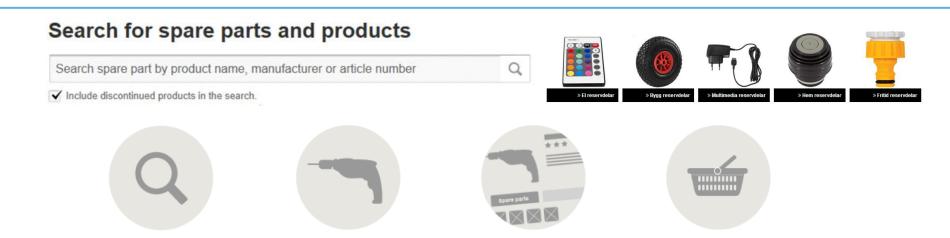
### Loyalty program

- Successful launch in Sweden
- 800,000 members since March 2013
- Positive sales and marketing effects
  - More frequent visits
  - Increased ATV and loyalty
  - Higher marketing efficiency
- Launch in other markets will follow



#### Sustainable offer

- Sustainable sourcing
- Strong position in energy-saving products
- "Wear and NOT tear" attitude in customer offer
- Increased sales in spare parts
- Workshops serving all markets



# Growth into new customer segments

- B2B offering creates leverage on strong retail brand
- Easily accessible via store network, internet and phone
- Estimated total SME Nordic market value of 6 billion SEK
- Launch planned for 2014, starting in Sweden and Norway



## Growth into new markets – GCC\*

- Entering the GCC\*-region via franchise with SYH Retail, Al Homaizi Group
- Potential for minimum 20 stores during 2014-2019
- First store to open before summer in Mirdif City Centre, Dubai
  - Number of stores: 430
  - Number of visitors: 20,000,000



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

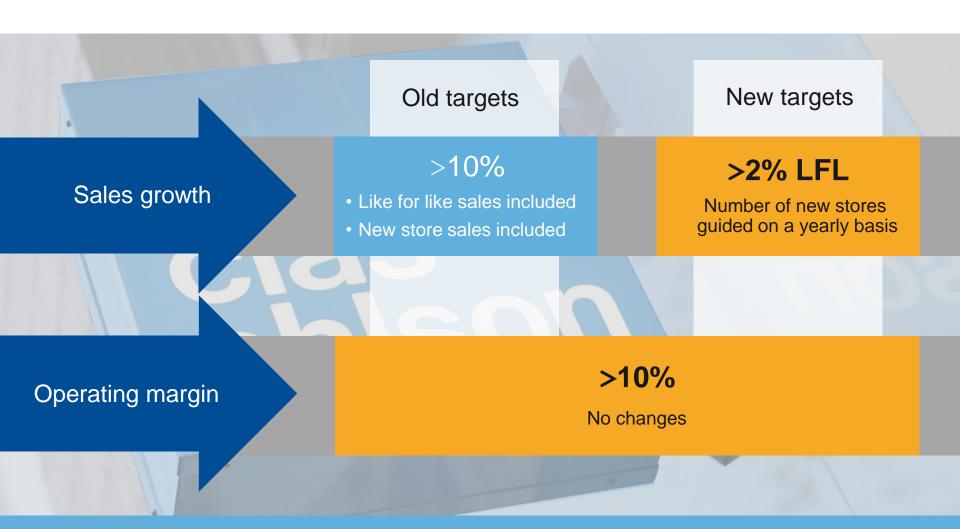
## Growth into new markets – Germany

- 1-2 stores in northern part of Germany and online shopping
- Ongoing range adaptation and search for store premises
- Store opening planned for calendar year 2015





#### Adjusted long-term financial targets







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