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# Agenda

- Q2 2016/17
- Six months 2016/17
- Events after period-end
- Strategic update
- Q&A

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# High energy and strong position



# Highlights

- Good sales development
- Operating profit negatively effected by currency
- Further steps in international agenda
  - Additional stores and e-com in Germany
  - New franchise store in Dubai
  - Continued store optimisation in UK
- Strong sales in November
  - Positive start in Q3





# Sales Q2

- Sales up 5% in local currencies
- LFL sales 3%
- Sales 1,957 MSEK, up 6%
- 1 additional store net compared to end of period last year (3)
  - 3 store openings and 2 store closures in the quarter

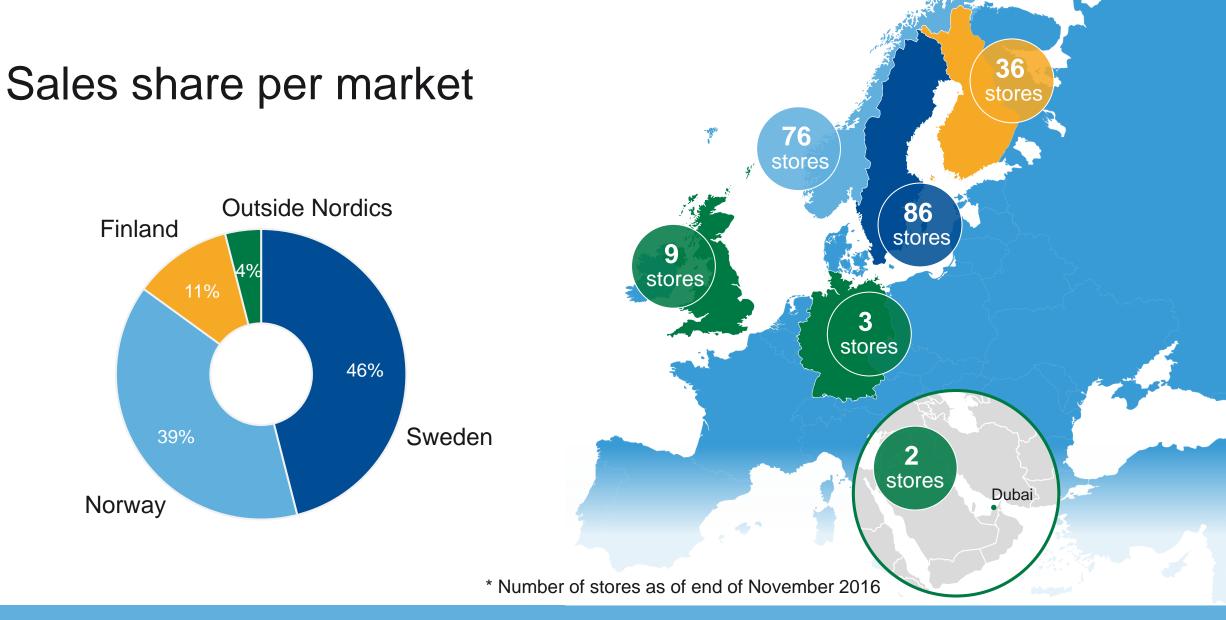


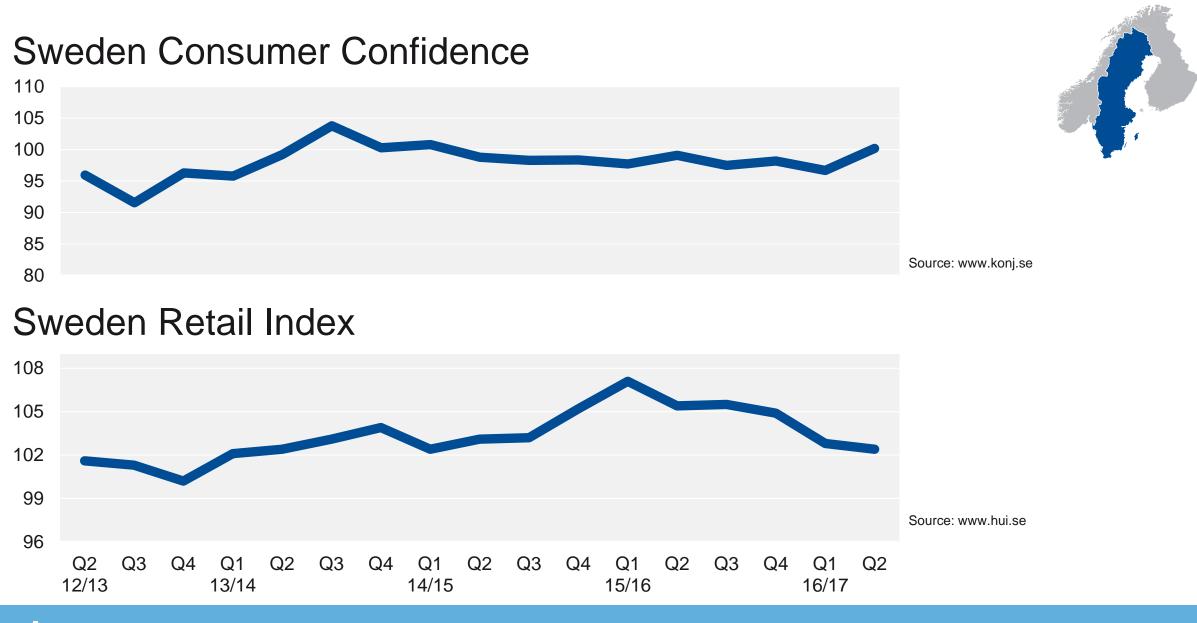


Hamburg – Germany

Oslo – Norway

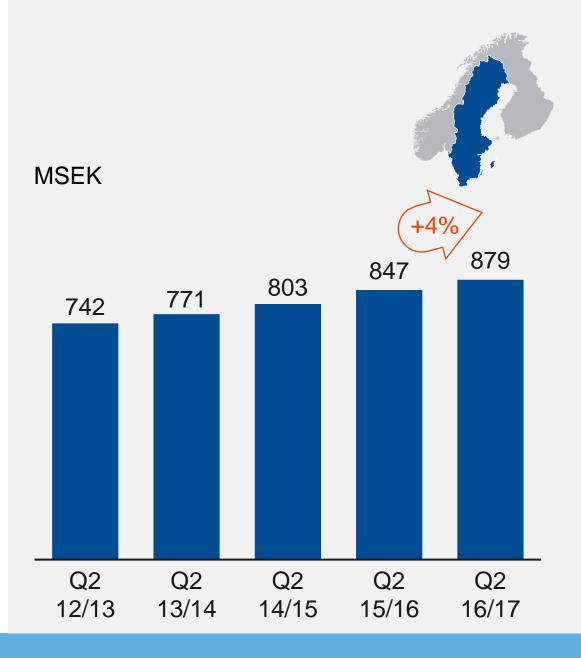
Stockholm – Sweden

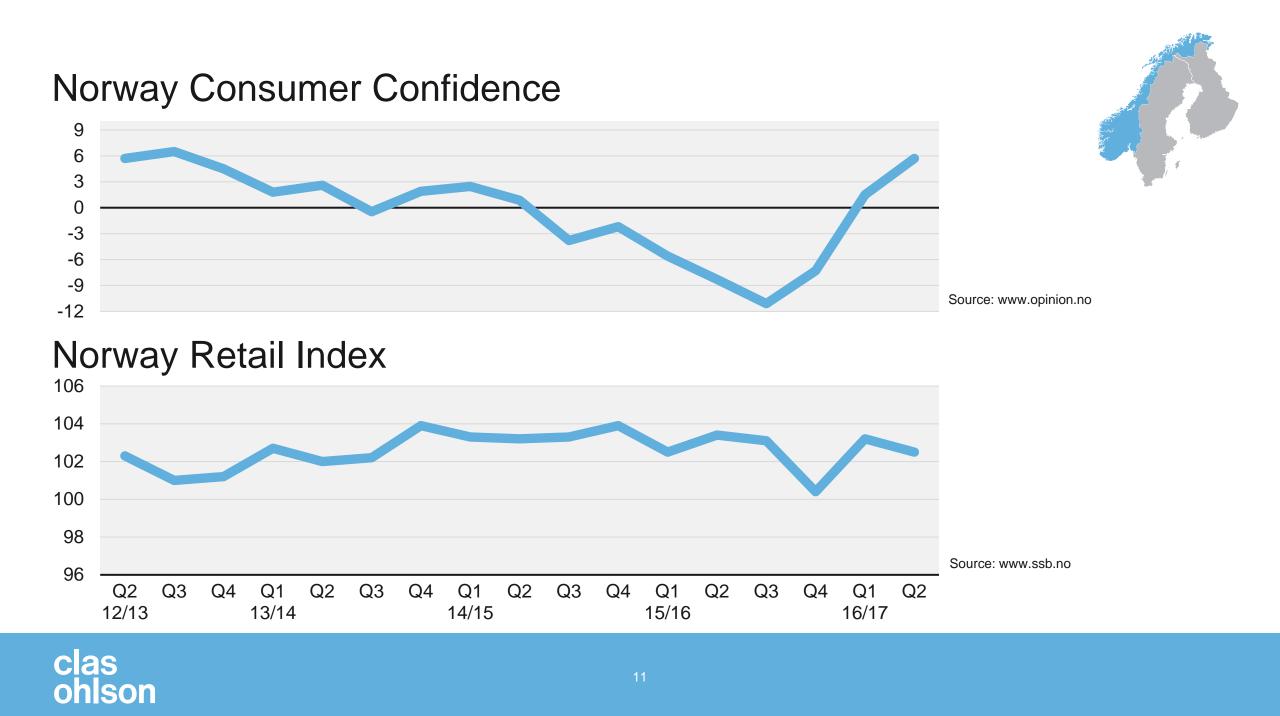




# Sweden Q2

- Sales up 4% to 879 MSEK (847)
- Total 86 stores (82)
  - 1 new store during Q2
  - 4 additional stores net compared to preceding Q2
- Solid position in a stable market



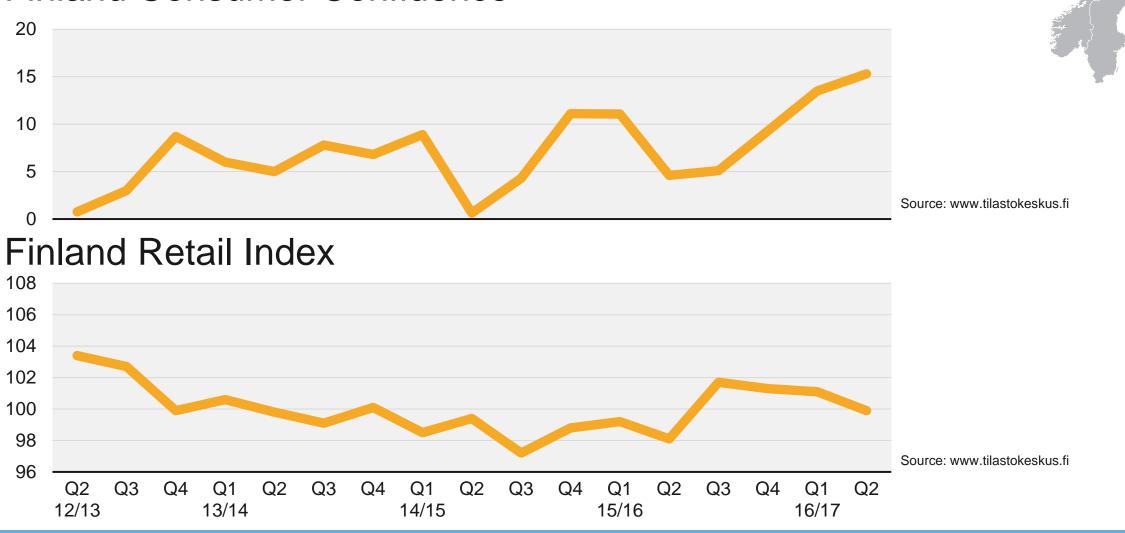


# Norway Q2

- Sales up 6% in local currency
- Sales 779 MSEK (716), up 9%
- Total 76 stores (74)
  - 1 new store during Q2
  - 2 additional stores net compared to preceding Q2
- Increased market share in an improved market

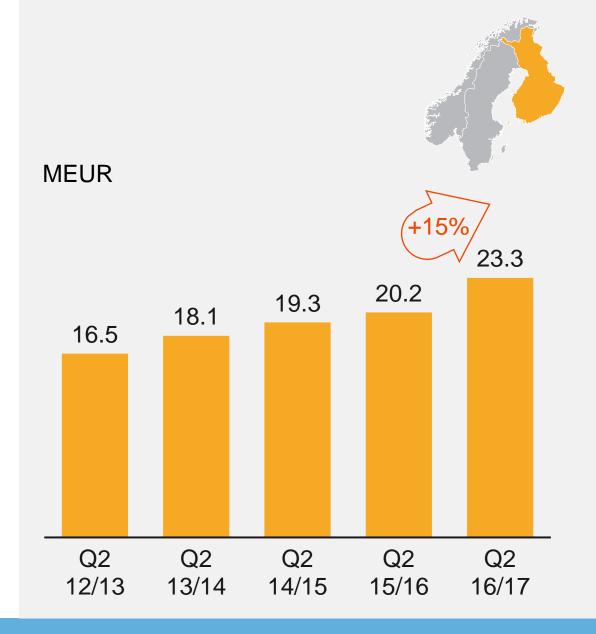


## Finland Consumer Confidence



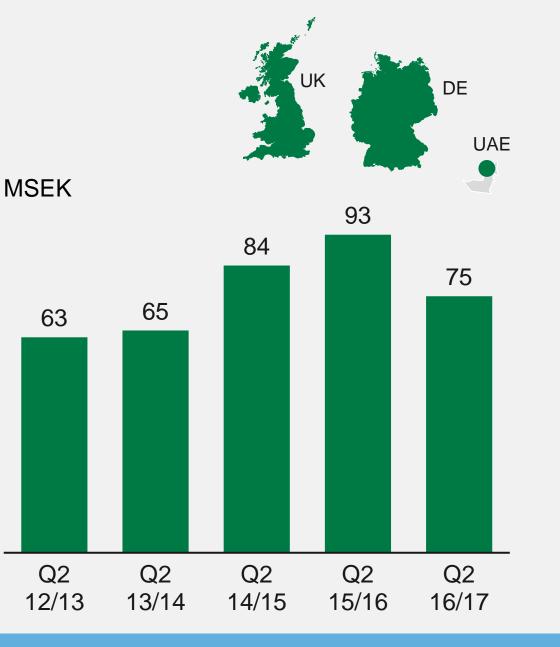
# Finland Q2

- Sales up 15% in local currency
- Sales 223 MSEK (190), up 17%
- Total 34 stores (33)
  - No new stores during Q2
  - 1 additional store net compared to preceding Q2
- Increased market share and strengthened brand position in a soft market



# Outside Nordic countries Q2

- Sales down 8% in local currencies
- Sales 75 MSEK (93)
- Total 12 stores (13), whereof 1 franchise
  - 1 new store during Q2
  - 2 stores closed during Q2
- Soft development in UK influenced by restructuring and currency
- Positive start in Hamburg



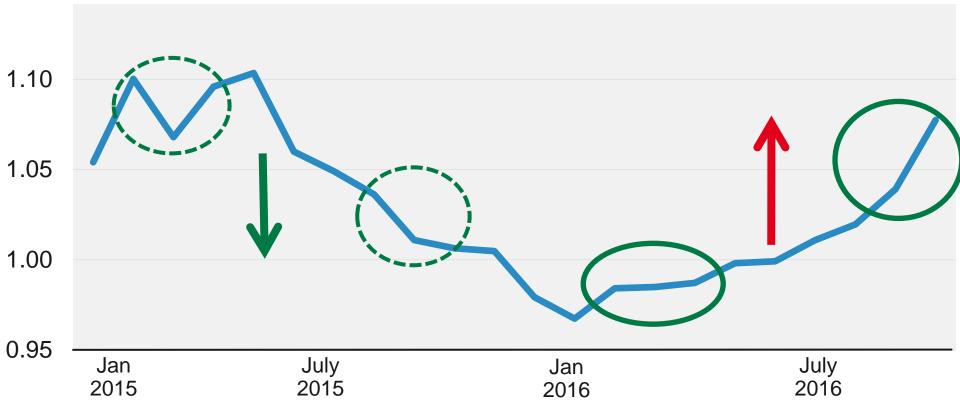
# Gross margin Q2

- Gross margin down 2.4 percentage points to 41.5%
- Negative currency impact (NOK)

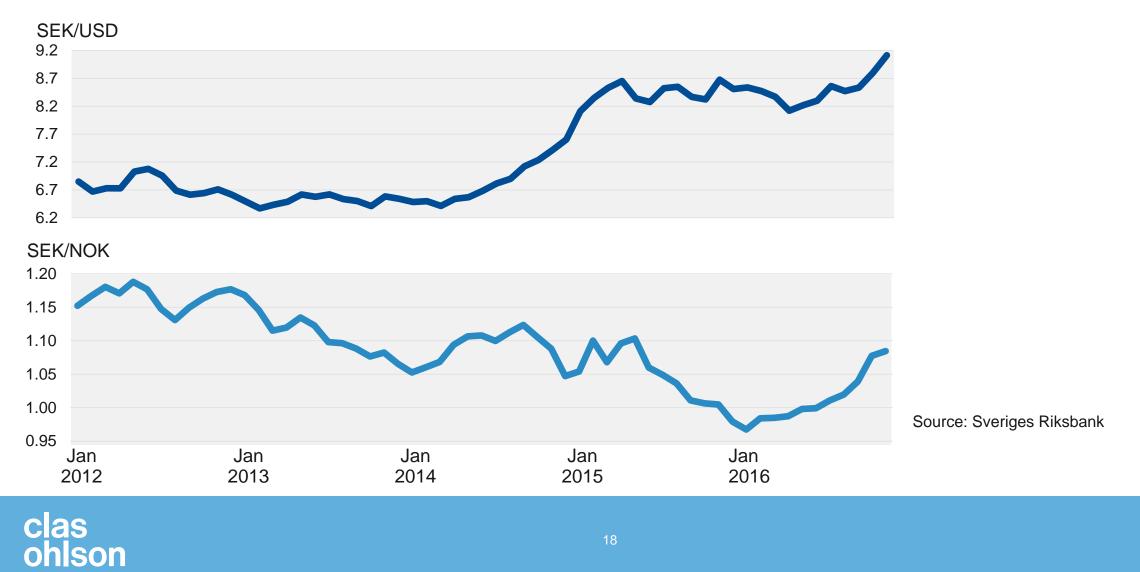


# Negative hedging effects in NOK

SEK/NOK

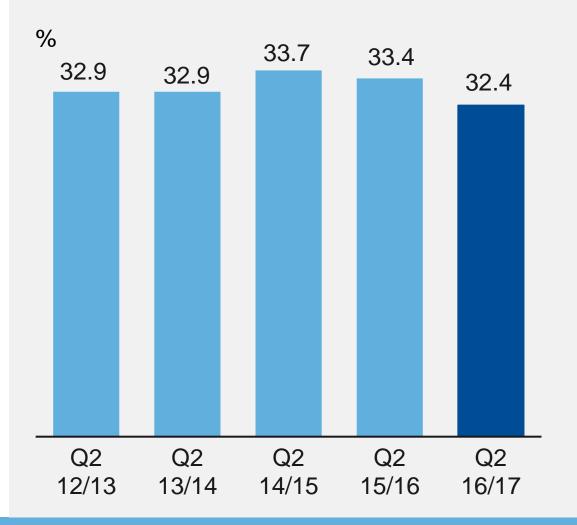


# Currency development



# Share of selling expenses

- Share of selling expenses 32.4%, down 1.0 p.p. in the quarter
  - + Lower cost in UK
  - Partly offset by costs for establishment in Germany
  - + Somewhat lower marketing spend to be balanced out during 2016/17



# Profit Q2

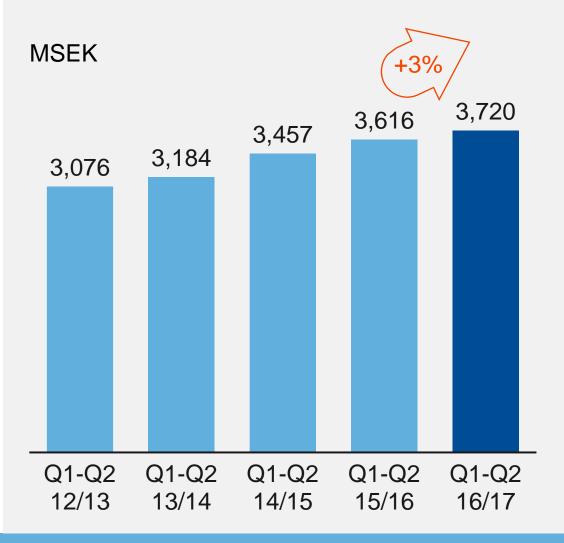
- Operating profit amounted to 127 MSEK
  - Effected by negative currency hedging NOK
- Operating margin amounted to 6.5%
- Earnings per share 1.53 SEK





# Sales Q1-Q2

- Sales up 4% in local currencies
- LFL sales 1%
- Sales 3,720 MSEK, up 3%
- 6 additional stores net compared to end of period last year (10)



# Profit Q1-Q2

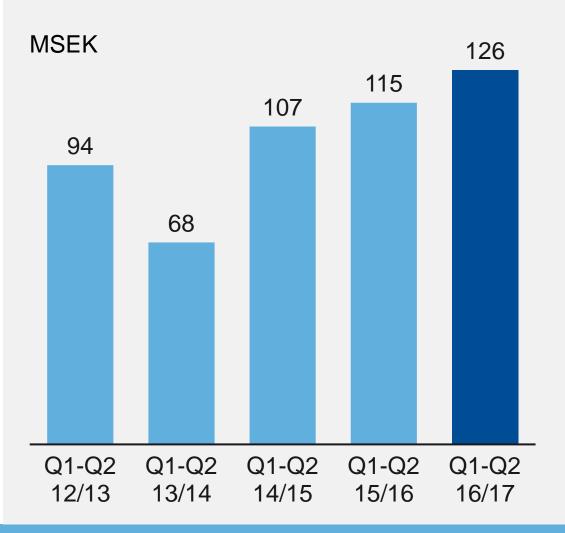
- Operating profit 202 MSEK
  - Effected by negative currency hedging
  - Impacted by start-up cost for Germany
- Operating margin 5.4%
- Earnings per share 2.44 SEK





## Investments

- Total investments 126 MSEK (115)
- New stores and refurbishments 64 MSEK (40)
- IT-systems 44 MSEK (56)



# **Financial position**

- Cash flow from operating activities was 44 MSEK (322)
  - Inventory 1,989 MSEK (1,764)
  - Inventory turnover rate DC 6.4 (6.4)
- Cash flow after investments and financing activities of -389 MSEK (-155)
- Net cash holdings of 100 MSEK (354) after dividend payout in September



# Events after period-end

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# November sales

- Sales 908 MSEK, up 12%
- Sales up 9% in local currencies
  - Sweden +10%
  - Norway +10%
  - Finland +9%
  - Outside Nordic countries -20%\*
- 7 additional stores net compared to end of November last year (9)

\*Effected by store optimization in the UK





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#### Dubai – UAE

## Hamburg – Germany

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# Christmas gift of the year

- HUI Research assigned the VR headset the Christmas Gift of the Year Award
- Clas Ohlson carries headsets from 29 SEK to 999 SEK
- Sales boost the week of the announcement with 1,500 per cent



# Christmas gift favourites

- Broad range of gifts for the whole family
- Products for the smart home a strong category this Christmas
- Increasing interest in head phones with volume limiter
- Best-selling stove fan popular in the Nordic markets

#### ...and much more





# New store concept

- The first smaller format store in Sweden opened in October in Stockholm
  - Retail space of approx. 300 square meters
- New name Clas Ohlson Compact Store
- Great reception by customers



# New rental concept

- New rental concept "Rent at Clas Ohlson" under evaluation
  - 4 pilot stores in Sweden, 2 in Norway
  - Hand tools and power tools from the Cocraft PRO Edition series



# New product initiative

- Crowd sourcing of innovative products that support a more sustainable lifestyle
  - Directed towards inventors, entrepreneurs, start-ups and students
- More than 120 sustainable product innovations submitted
  - Ten finalists announced mid December
  - Winning products announced end of January
- The winning products will be sold and marketed in all our channels

#### clas ohlson Product Innovation Challenge

from here to sustainability

# Is your product our next bestseller?

Compete with your innovative product. The winning product will be sold by **Clas Ohlson!** 

**Register now** 

# Update UK development

- New smaller store format cluster in London
  - Positive sales development month by month
- Optimising store network
  - Norwich and Cardiff closed in Q1
  - Doncaster and Leeds closed in Q2
  - Watford to close in March 2017 at the latest
  - Croydon to close (date to be confirmed)
  - 1 additional store to close (date subject to negotiations)



# Update Dubai expansion

- New franchise store opened in Mercato shopping centre in November
  - 140 stores in shopping centre
  - 5 million visitors per year



# Update German expansion

- Three stores opened in Hamburg
  - Central Hamburg, Jungfernstieg, in May
  - Altona in September
  - Alstertal in November
- E-com launched in October
- Promising start
  - ATV and conversion rate
  - In-depth shopping of our range offer
  - Private label highly appreciated



# Update new business system

- Continued development and implementation of new ERP platform
  - Improved inventory planning
  - Benefits from true omnichannel platform
  - Scalable platform for future growth
- Estimated annual investment of 50-70 MSEK during a five year period (year 2013/14 to 2018/19)
  - Updated estimate suggests outcome in the higher range
- Scope of sCORE has expanded
  - Related to warehouse and transportation system
  - Related to customer data and e-com
- Additional annual investment of approximately 75 MSEK during a two-year period



# Summary

- Solid sales growth
- Currency impact
- Strong start to Christmas sales
- High energy for future growth

# Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Q&A

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