## Q3 Report 2018/19

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## Retail in change - Christmas 2018, pace increasing

- Rapidly changing landscape
- Customer behaviour is changing
- Tough competition for share of customers' wallet



## Q3 2018/19 in brief

- Organic growth 4\%. Growing both in stores and online in a challenging market climate
- Growth better than market, but lower than internal target, affects profitability for the current year
- Improving underlying operating profit, stable gross margin
- Inventory levels reduced
- Full focus on lower costs- important steps in Q3
- On track with growth initiatives in the ongoing transition



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## Growing in both stores and online in a tough market

- Well prepared for Christmas
- Attractive customer offerings
- Increased digital capacity
- More and better online delivery options
- Organic sales up 4\%. Better than market, lower than internal target
- Sustaining gross margin at $40.4 \%$ (40.8)
- Improving underlying results - Underlying EBIT 363 MSEK (359)

MSEK Sales in Q3


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## Online growth initiatives produce results

MSEK
Online sales growth:
51\% Q3 2018/19
$51 \%$ first nine months 2018/19

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## Black Week to Christmas <br> - online performance 2018 vs 2017

Visitors:
$+23 \%$
organic search:
$+22 \%$
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Conversion rate:
$+42 \%$

Online sales 18 vs 17:
+56\%
Healthy growth even with last Black Friday
Transactions:
$+74 \%$

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## Breakthrough for Click \& Collect in December*

Share of online sales:<br>$30 \%$

Top Click \& Collect stores:

- Drottninggatan, Stockholm
- Jumbo, Vantaa
- Täby
- Alingsås

Online shoppers buys more.
Average Transaction Value
Click\&Collect:
+82\%
(vs in stores)
*Collect in Store available until 14 December.



## Strategy defined in CO100+ action programme

## ..to achieve Clas Ohlson's financial targets

## ..focusing on strategic initiatives...

## Cost savings initiatives 200-250 MSEK

$\checkmark$ More efficient organisation
$\checkmark$ More optimised assortment

## An action programme...

1-2\% of the underlying operating margin invested in sales growth and cost savings initiatives during FY18/19 and FY19/20
$\checkmark$ Indirect purchasing, sourcing and logistics more systemised

## Growth initiatives

$\checkmark$ Sales per customer increases
$\checkmark$ Sales per square meter increases


Operating margin of 6-8\% from FY20/21 and onward

## Focus on implementation - <br> Cost savings initiatives totalling 200-250 MSEK

More efficient organisation
More optimised assortment
More systemisation

- Organisational review to reduce costs and create a more efficient organisation
- sCORE - an enabler for significant efficiency measures

- More optimised assortment
- Efforts to reduce COGS
- Significant cost savings within indirect purchasing
- Implement supply chain optimised for all channels



## Focus on implementation - <br> Growth initiatives for continued 5\% organic growth


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## Focus on implementation New market strategy outside the Nordics

- Focus on online outside the Nordics
- Closing of store network in the UK and Germany according to plan
- Total cost for closure 210 MSEK


By reducing complexity we can increase focus on creating continued profitable growth in the Nordics, growing online in line with target and adapting our cost base to a more competitive level

## Strategy implementation effect on EBIT FY 2018/19




## Sales Q3

- Q3 sales increased by $6 \%$ to 2,915 MSEK
- Growth in both stores and online
- Significant growth in online sales - up by $51 \%$
- Organic sales up 4\%, LFL up 2\%
- 14 additional stores net compared to Q3 last year (11)



## Sales trend per market


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## Sales Q1-Q3

- Sales up by $8 \%$ to 7,030 MSEK
- Online sales up by $51 \%$
- LFL sales up 2\%
- Organic sales up $5 \%$
- 9 additional stores net compared to end of period last year (8)



## Gross margin Q3

- Gross margin maintained at 40.4\% (40.8)
- Positive effects from strong NOK, FX-hedges and weaker purchasing currency
- Impacted by commercial intiatives and increased sourcing costs



## Share of selling expenses Q3

- Share of selling expenses $27.4 \%$ up 1.7 pp. according to plan
- CO100+ programme
- Commercial activities, marketing and brand building



## Administrative expenses Q3

- Administrative expenses decreased compared to previous year and amounted to 62 MSEK (65)

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## Profit Q3

- Operating profit 105 MSEK (349)

MSEK

- Operating margin 3.6\%
- Non-recurring costs, costs for action programme CO100+ and closing of stores in UK/Germany totalling 260 MSEK (10)
- *Underlying EBIT 363 MSEK (359)
- Underlying EBIT margin 12.4\%
- Earnings per share 1.24 SEK (4.28)



## Profit Q1-Q3

- Operating profit 171 MSEK (574)
- Operating margin 2.4\%
- Costs totalling 380 MSEK (25) relating to non-recurring costs, action programme CO100+, sCORE and closing of stores in UK/Germany
- *Underlying EBIT 549 MSEK (599)
- Underlying EBIT margin 7.8\%
- Earnings per share was 2.11 SEK (7.02)

MSEK


## Investments

- Total investments 174 MSEK (422)
- New stores and refurbishments 41 MSEK (67)
- IT systems 88 MSEK (89)
*Including the acquisition of MatHem of 224 MSEK.

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## Financial position

- Positive cash flow from operating activities in Q3 of 728 MSEK (585)
- Inventory 1,983 MSEK $(1,880)$
- Cash flow after investments and financing activities of 70 MSEK (-40)
- Net cash of 185 MSEK (584, net cash)
- Approved credit facilities of 750 MSEK



## Events after reporting period

## February sales

- Sales 545 MSEK, up 5\%

MSEK

- Organic sales up 2\%
- LFL sales unchanged
- Online sales up 47\%
- 13 additional stores net compared to end of February last year (12)




## Q3 in summary

- Growing both in stores and online in a challenging market climate
- Growth better than market, but lower than internal target, affects profitability for the current year
- Improving underlying operating profit, stable gross margin
- CO100+ on track
- Investing 1-2 per cent of the underlying operating margin in 2018/19 and 2019/20
- Full focus on lower costs
- On track with growth initiatives



## Going forward

- Market changing, faster than expected
- CO100+ action program designed to meet the change
- A more unique customer offer
- Grow online business \& Optimise store network
- Challenging the cost structure
- We take, and will take, the actions needed to deliver long-term profitable growth




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