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### ✓ A very strong quarter

- ✓ Strong organic growth (+7%)
- ✓ Significantly improved EBIT margin (7.1%)\*
- ✓ Solid financial position net debt/EBITDA -0.5\*
- Continued strategy execution increasing competitiveness

\*Excl IFRS 16

## Agenda

- Business update
- Financial development
- Events after the reporting period
- Summary and Q&A



## Covid-19 effects in brief

- The safety of coworkers and customers top priority
- Reduced traffic in city stores in larger cities in Sweden and Finland
- Increased online shopping
- Balancing high sick leave with short-term layoffs
- Marginal disruptions in supply chain
- Spending more time for work and holiday in our homes creates new needs and demands



## Meeting different customer demands this spring/summer season

Top three categories

Homeware Garden Cooking Top three categories

Outdoor living Kitchen appliances Lighting Top three categories

Garden Cooking Hand tools

## Q1 2020/21 in brief

- Organic sales up 7% and LFL up 8%
- Total sales +1%
  - Impacted by weak NOK and closure of stores outside the Nordics
- Online sales +63%
- Gross margin improved 38.7% (38.1)
- EBIT-margin significantly improved 8.0% (3.9)
- EBIT-margin (excl. IFRS16) 7.1% (2.6)



## BUSINESS UPDATE

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## The first two-year phase of strategy implementation ended in Q4 2019/20 gave us a stable platform



#### Cost savings

- ✓ Cost level reduced 225-250 MSEK
- Goods not for resale, 70-75 MSEK
- Sourcing, 110-120 MSEK
- Smart and simple organization and logistics, 45-55 MSEK

#### **Growth initiatives**

- ✓ Sales per customer up
- ✓ Sales per square meter up
- ✓ Online sales up 84%

- Lower cost level 225-250 MSEK
- Expected P&L-effect of approx. 150-160 MSEK in 2020/21
- Platform for profitable growth

## A clear direction more important than ever

Next phase: Capitalizing on our stronger competitiveness and customer insight to further elevate customer and shareholder value... ...to achieve Clas Ohlson's financial targets



Average annual organic sales growth of 5% during the current five year period



## Continuously striving for best in class efficiency

- Streamlined and efficient organisation
- New and enhanced capabilities
- Global sourcing strategy update an Eastern European based purchasing office is being established
- Increased level of systemation and automation



## Continuously strengthening relations with existing customers and growing our customer base

- Better availability and convenience
- Customized advise services
- Preparing for launch of Club Clas in Norway during autumn
- Online driver for fast growth
- Stores hub for sustainable growth



## 228 customer centers and efficient logistics hubs





## Strategic collaborations generating new revenue streams

- Valuable experience gained
- Building relations with new customer groups
- Continuously evaluating assortment/service and delivery options
- Drives cross selling, increases own brands share of sales and support sales per customer and sqm



## Continuously seizing business opportunities for continued targeted organic growth

- Focused product offering for all channels
- Smart services for problem solution in all types of homes
- Enabling a sustainable life a business opportunity



## FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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## Sales development in Q1

- Total sales up 1% to 2,074 MSEK, organic sales up 7% and LFL sales up 8%
  - Sweden -1% organic
  - Norway 22% organic
  - Finland -4% organic
  - Outside Nordics -55%
- Online sales up 63% to 184 MSEK, corresponding to approx. 9% of total sales
- Four stores less net compared to end of period last year



## Gross margin in Q1

- Gross margin up to 38.7% (38.1)
  - Positively impacted by currency hedging (NOK), improved product mix, lower campaign intensity, lower sourcing costs
  - Negatively impacted by weakened sales currency (NOK) and stronger purchasing currency (USD)
- Reviewing and reducing purchasing prices
- Continuously reviewing product offerings
  and pricing on products



## Share of selling expenses in Q1

- Share of selling expenses decreased by 3.3 percentage points to 28.1% (31.4)
- Impacted by lower costs operating the store network, no costs related to the two-year CO100+ action programme completed in the last quarter and lower costs in the UK and Germany

% 33,7 31,4 28,1 Q1 18/19 Q1 19/20 Q1 20/21

## Administrative expenses in Q1

- Administrative expenses decreased by 14% compared to Q1 last year
- Trend in line with expectations after implemented CO100+ activities
- Objective to maintain and continuously improve the level over time



## Operating profit in Q1

- Operating profit significantly improved to 166 MSEK (79)
  - -Positive IFRS 16 effect of +19 MSEK
- EBIT-margin improved to 8.0% (3.9)
  - -Positive IFRS 16 effect of +0.9 percentage points
  - -EBIT-margin excl IFRS 16 7.1% (2.6)
- Earnings per share was 1.84 SEK (0.77)



### Investments

- Total investments 65 MSEK (22)
- New stores and refurbishments 11 MSEK (8)
- IT systems 33 MSEK (11)
- Other investments mainly related to improved distribution system



## Inventory level

- Inventory level decreased to 1,701 MSEK (1,955) at the end of the period
- Average inventory level LTM was 1,902 MSEK (2,062)
  - Inventory turnover rate DC 5.7 (5.7)

Value of inventories end of period, MSEK



## Cashflow Q1 and financial position

- Cashflow from operating activities excl. IFRS 16
  was 414 MSEK (187)
  - Cash flow from operating activities was 580 MSEK (310)
- Cash flow after investments and financing activities of 283 MSEK (1)
- Net debt/EBITDA excl. IFRS 16 was -0.5 times (0.0)
- Approved credit facilities of 1,100 MSEK of which used 0 MSEK

Cash flow from operating activities excl. IFRS 16, MSEK 414 187 -28 Q1 18/19 Q1 19/20 Q1 20/21

## EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD



## August sales development

- Total sales down 7% to 689 MSEK, organic sales down 2% and LFL sales down 1%
  - Sweden -7% organic
  - Norway +6% organic
  - Finland -9% organic
  - Outside Nordics -44%
- Negative calendar effect of 2%.
- Online sales up 35%
- New store opened in Trondheim, Norway
- Reduction of three stores net compared to end of August last year



## **Currency situation**

Future impact on Clas Ohlson will depend mainly on these factors:

- Translation/transaction effects Sales instant effects and Purchasing with a time lag
- Hedging policy/effects
- Pricing effects



#### Counteracting measures:

- Pricing We expect the long term currency effects to be reflected in consumer pricing over time in the market
- Sourcing Continuously improve sourcing
- Optimize Sales mix –Private label, Product and category mix



#### NOK/SEK\*

## SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

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## Clear strategy for profitable growth and a very strong first quarter – stable platform going forward

- Continuous monitoring, evaluation and adaption to Covid-19 situation
- Impact depending on future development
  - Macro development
  - Currency
  - Customer behavior
- Focusing on areas with own impact and cost control
- Continue to capitalize on the transformation made and a significantly lower cost level
- Strong financial position and financial preparedness





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