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# Agenda

- Initial reflections new CEO
- Business update
- Financial development
- Events after the reporting period
- Summary and Q&A



# Initial reflections

- Compelling company purpose
  - Passionate about simplifying life in all kinds of homes by offering smart, relevant and inspiring solutions
- Strong brand position in home markets
- Customer centric culture & proactive organization
- Broad household penetration and loyal customer base
- Financially stable platform
- Realizing growth potential important focus going forward



# BUSINESS UPDATE



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# Q3 2020/21 in brief

- Organic sales and LFL -5%
- Total sales -9%
  - Impacted by higher Covid-19 restrictions
  - Impacted by weak NOK
- Online sales +59%
- Gross margin improved 41.3% (40.1)
- EBIT-margin improved 13.6% (13.0)
  - EBIT-margin excl. IFRS16 13.0% (12.2)



# **Current Covid-19 situation**

- All markets affected by restrictions
  - New restrictions in Sweden before Christmas, new limitations to visitors in stores
  - Lockdowns in Norway in January
  - Finland declares state of emergency on March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Continued severely reduced traffic in city locations and in stores usually benefitting from cross-border sales
- Macro environment
  - Increasing freight costs



# A different kind of quarter

- The safety of co-workers and customers a top priority
  - Black week became Gift week
- Increase in online sales
  - Stores as logistic hubs: Click & Collect
  - Flexible home delivery options
- Decrease in store traffic
  - Sharper restrictions in all markets



Q3: Transaction count Click and Collect





Dec

Jan

Nov

# Clear strategy for future profitable growth



- Continue to capitalize on the transformation made and a lower cost level
- Focusing on actions within our circle of influence: growth initiatives and cost control

### Continuously striving for efficiency

#### New European purchasing office in Warsaw

- A more agile global sourcing strategy
- Shorter lead times and time to market
- Decreased environmental impact
- Goal to double procurement in Europe in the upcoming 3 years
- Leveraging physical stores in e-com customer journey
- Streamlined and efficient organisation delivers cost savings
  - Modern inventory management system
  - New investments in e-com automation





# Seizing business opportunities for organic growth

#### Relevant assortment

- Consumer insight driven development
- Capturing feedback: ratings & reviews
- Availability of core assortment
- A new take on hardware and DIY
  - "Give some love": Offering a complete solution as problem solvers and DIY advisors
- Develop service offering
  - Next level of delivering on purpose





# Strengthening relations with existing customers and growing our customer base

- Awarded 1st prize for best customer service within retail in Sweden
  - Based on 2.5 million customer surveys during 2020
  - 135 competing companies



- Club Clas development
  - Omni customer most profitable
  - Membership build up in Norway 375,000 in Q3 (315,000 Q2)





# New steps in line with our sustainability goals

- Organization-wide sustainability training and strategy rollout
- Clas Ohlson received grade B in CDP:s global sustainability index
- Developing sustainable business models:
  - Launch of Clas Video Service direct contact with specialists working in Clas Ohlson's repair centres
- More than 86,000 packs of Childhood plasters sold



# A continued clear direction more important than ever

Next phase: Making necessary prioritizations to further elevate customer and shareholder value

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Passionate about simplyfing life in all kinds of homes Mission Values Sustainable profitable growth Outstanding customer service ...to achieve Clas Ohlson's financial targets



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



Operating margin of 6-8% within a five-year period as from 20/21



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# FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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# Sales development in Q3

- Total sales down 9% to 2,635 MSEK, organic sales down 5% and LFL sales down 5%
  - Sweden -12% organic
  - Norway +5% organic
  - Finland -12% organic
  - Outside Nordics -24% organic
- Online sales up 59% to 288 MSEK, corresponding to approx. 11% of total sales
- Net decrease of three stores compared to end of period last year



# Sales development Q1-Q3

- Total sales down 5% to 6,746 MSEK, unchanged in organic sales and LFL
  - Sweden -7% organic
  - Norway +11% organic
  - Finland -10% organic
  - Outside Nordics -41% organic
- Online sales up 50%
- Net decrease of 1 store during Q1-Q3



# Gross margin in Q3

- Gross margin up to 41.3% (40.1)
  - Positively impacted by an improved product mix, lower campaign intensity and lower sourcing costs
  - Negatively impacted by weaker sales currency (NOK)
  - Marginal impact of weaker purchasing currency (USD), effects from currency hedging (NOK) from futures hedging and exchange rate effects related to inventory delays
- Reviewing and reducing purchasing prices
- Continuously reviewing product offerings and pricing on products



# Share of selling expenses in Q3

- Share of selling expenses increased by 0.7 percentage points to 25.9% (25.2)
- Impacted by lower sales volumes, almost counterbalance by lower cost level



# Administrative expenses in Q3

- Administrative expenses decreased by 13% compared to Q3 last year
- Trend in line with expectations after implemented CO100+ activities
- Objective to maintain and continuously improve the level over time



# Operating profit in Q3

- Operating profit decreased to 358 MSEK (378)
  - -Positive IFRS 16 effect of +17 MSEK
- EBIT-margin improved to 13.6% (13.0)
  - Positive IFRS 16 effect of +0.6 percentage points (0.8)
  - -EBIT-margin excl IFRS 16 13.0 % (12.2)
- Earnings per share was 4.18 SEK (4.47)



# Operating profit in Q1-Q3

- Operating profit significantly improved to 672 MSEK (590)
  - -Positive IFRS 16 effect of +53 MSEK
- EBIT-margin improved to 10.0% (8.3)
  - Positive IFRS 16 effect of +0.8 percentage points (1.1)
  - -EBIT-margin excl IFRS 16 9.2% (7.2)
- Earnings per share was 7.67 SEK (6.68)



## Investments Q1-Q3

- Total investments 160 MSEK (147)
- New stores and refurbishments 36 MSEK (33)
- IT systems 67 MSEK (100)
- Other investments mainly related to improved distribution system



# Inventory level

- Inventory level decreased to 1,575 MSEK (1,821) at the end of the period
- Average inventory level LTM was 1,757 MSEK (2,007)
  - Inventory turnover rate DC 5.8 (5.7)

Value of inventories end of period, MSEK



# Cashflow Q1-Q3 and financial position

- Cashflow from operating activities excl. IFRS 16
  was 1,106 MSEK (943)
  - Cash flow from operating activities was 1,513 MSEK (1,318)
- Cash flow from investments and financing activities was –635 MSEK (-1,191)
- Net debt/EBITDA excl. IFRS 16 was -1.2 times (-0.3)
- Approved credit facilities of 1,100 MSEK





Q1-Q3 18/19 Q1-Q3 19/20 Q1-Q3 20/21

# EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

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# February sales development

- Total sales down 13% to 494 MSEK, organic sales down 11% and LFL down 11%
  - Sweden -9% organic
  - Norway -9% organic
  - Finland -20% organic
  - Outside Nordics +9% organic
- Negative calendar effect of 4%
- Online sales up 112%
- Reduction of 2 stores net compared to end of February 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



ALL STREET SLOW

# Way forward – focusing on what we can influence

- Clear strategy for future profitable growth
  - No changes of current financial targets
- Prioritize initiatives driving revenue growth
  - Customer centric: relevant offer, right experience and convenient delivery
  - Continued digital and e-com transformation
- Increasing efficiency and optimizing costs
  - Stable foundation: strong financial position and financial preparedness
- Humble about future development













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