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Q4 and Year-end report
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#### Full-year 2020/21

- ✓ Operating profit +19% and EBIT margin 6.5%\*
- ✓ Strong cash position & net debt/EBITDA -0.7\*
- ✓ Online sales growth 60%
- Resilient and flexible business model also in difficult market conditions
  - Full-year organic growth in Norway

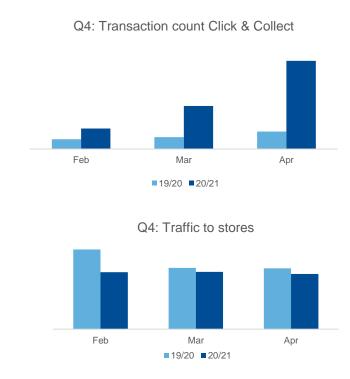
#### Q4 2020/21 in brief

- Organic sales and LFL -6%
- Total sales -6%
  - Impacted by closed stores in Norway
- Online sales +89%
- Gross margin unchanged 39.9% (39.9)
- EBIT-margin decreased -4.2% (-2.5)
  - EBIT-margin excl. IFRS16 -5.3% (-3.7)



#### Covid-19 effects in brief

- Continued work to secure a safe work and shopping environment
- Sales impacted by shifting restrictions and changes in customer behaviour
  - Increase in online sales
  - Temporarily closed stores in Norway
  - Continued severely reduced traffic in city locations and in stores usually benefitting from cross-border sales
- Imbalances in global supply chains







#### **Smartness and simplicity**

- E-com automation project launched in April
- Building digital capabilities
- New purchasing office in Vietnam



#### Unique customer offer

- Positive sales development in destination categories
  - Organize
  - Modern DIY/Give some love
- Continued sales growth on Mathem and Oda platforms



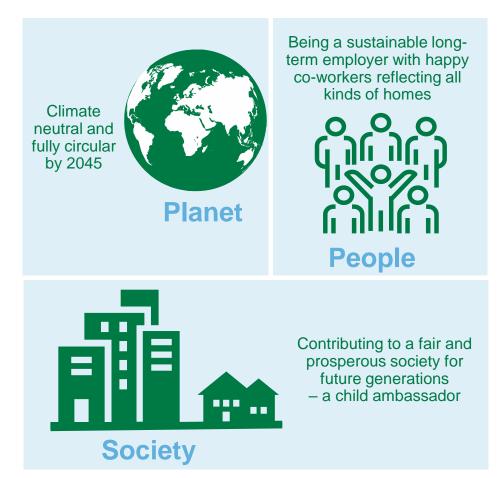
#### **Outstanding customer service**

- 250,000 new Club Clas members in Q4
- Stores in Norway continue to deliver customer value during the lockdown via Click & Collect



#### Progress in our ambitious sustainability agenda

- A sustainable customer offer
  - 23% of total sales from our products for a more sustainable lifestyle\* (target 25%)
  - Now 100% eco-labeled alkaline batteries\*\*
  - More accessible spare parts assortment
- Closing in on our goal of gender balance among all employees



<sup>\*</sup> Products with extra high demands on sustainability

<sup>\*\*</sup> Currently there are no eco-certified button-cell batteries available on the market



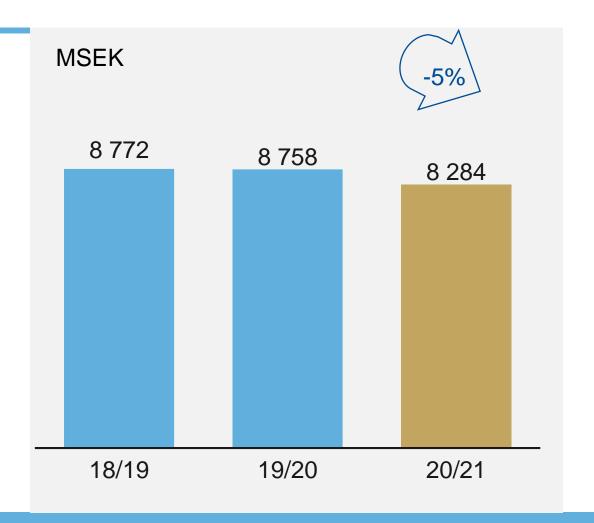
#### Sales development in Q4

- Total sales down 6% to 1,538 MSEK, organic sales down 6% and LFL sales down 6%
  - Sweden -3% organic
  - Norway -11 % organic
  - Finland -2% organic
  - Outside Nordics -13% organic
- Online sales up 89% to 274 MSEK, corresponding to approx. 18% of total sales
- The store network was unchanged compared to end of period last year



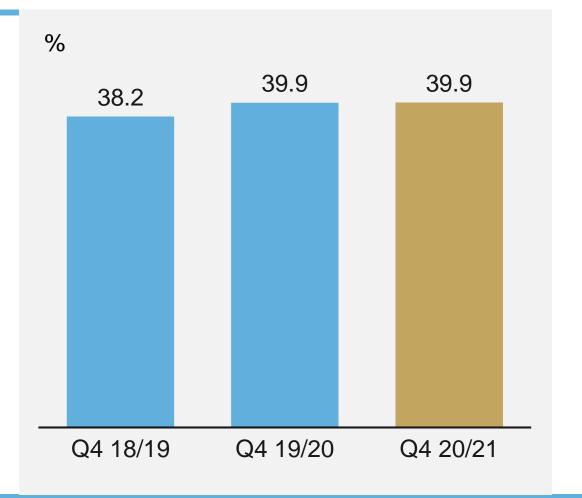
#### Sales development FY

- Total sales down 5% to 8,284 MSEK, organic sales down 1% and LFL down 1%
  - Sweden -6% organic
  - Norway 6% organic
  - Finland -9% organic
  - Outside Nordics -36% organic
- Online sales up 60%
- The store network was unchanged during the period



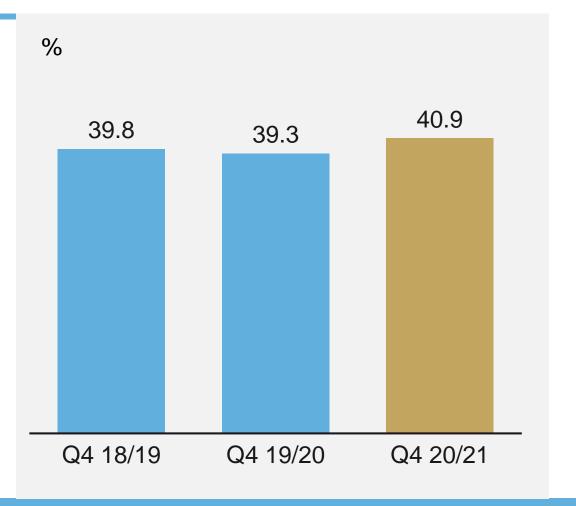
#### Gross margin in Q4

- Gross margin unchanged at 39.9% (39.9)
  - → Positively impacted by an improved product mix, lower campaign intensity and weaker purchasing currency (USD)
  - → Negatively impacted by currency hedging (NOK) from future hedging and exchange rate effects related to inventory delays



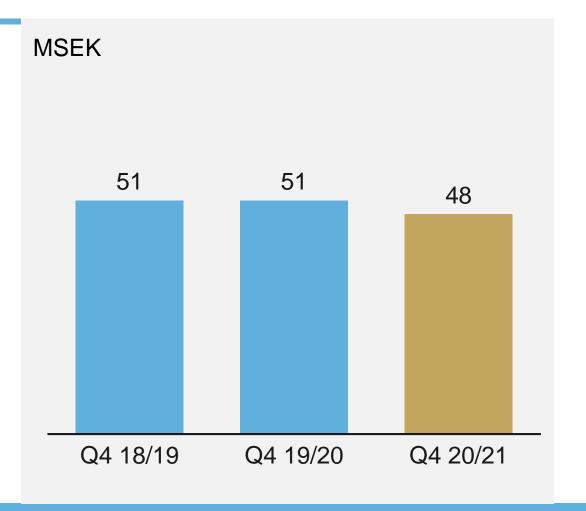
#### Share of selling expenses in Q4

- Share of selling expenses increased by 1.6% to 40.9% (39.3)
- Impacted by lower sales volumes. Cost to support Click & Collect higher due to closed stores in Norway.



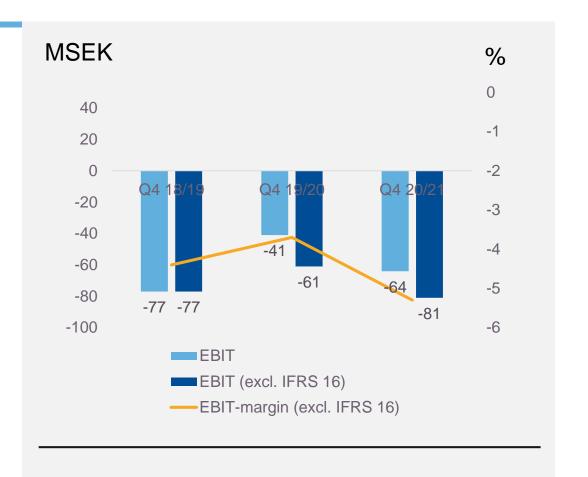
#### Administrative expenses in Q4

- Administrative expenses decreased by 3 MSEK compared to Q4 last year
- An effect of more optimized organization and more efficient work methods
- Objective to maintain and continuously improve the level over time



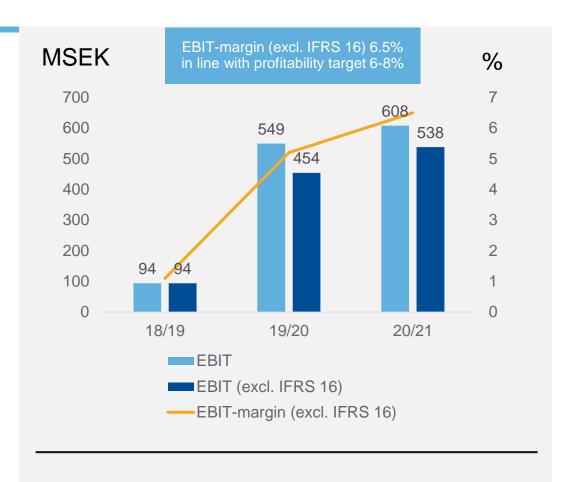
#### Operating profit in Q4

- Operating profit decreased to -64 MSEK (-41)
  - -Positive IFRS 16 effect of +17 MSEK (+20)
- EBIT-margin decreased to -4.2% (-2.5%)
  - Positive IFRS 16 effect of +1.1 percentage points (1.2)
  - -EBIT-margin excl IFRS 16 -5.3% (-3.7)
- Earnings per share was -1.02 SEK (-0.73)



#### Operating profit in FY

- Operating profit significantly improved to 608 MSEK (549)
  - -Positive IFRS 16 effect of +70 MSEK (+95)
- EBIT-margin improved to 7.3% (6.3)
  - Positive IFRS 16 effect of +0.9 percentage points (1.1)
  - -EBIT-margin excl IFRS 16 6.5% (5.2)
- Earnings per share was 6.65 SEK (5.94)



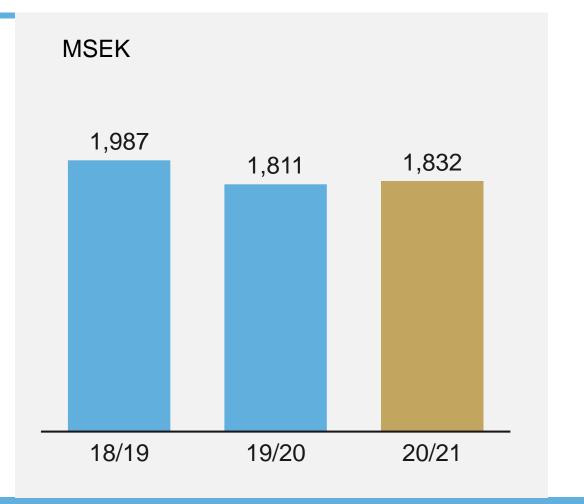
#### Investments FY

- Total investments 228 MSEK (231)
- New stores and refurbishments 60 MSEK (42)
- IT systems 83 MSEK (143)
- Other investments mainly related to improved distribution system



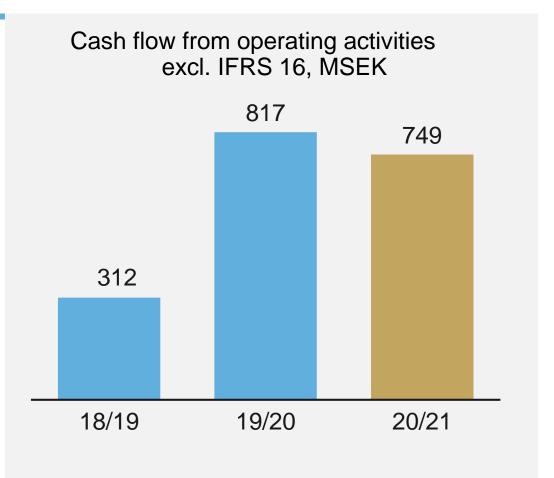
#### Inventory level

- Inventory level increased to 1,832 MSEK (1,811) at the end of the period
- Average inventory level LTM was 1,731 MSEK (1,968)
  - Inventory turnover rate DC 5.8 (5.6)



#### Cashflow FY and financial position

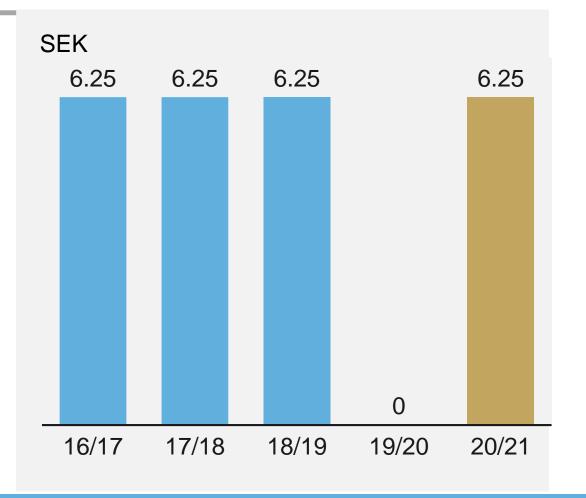
- Cashflow from operating activities excl. IFRS 16 was 749 MSEK (817)
  - Cash flow from operating activities was 1,288
     MSEK (1,284)
- Cash flow from investments and financing activities was -834 MSEK (-1,304)
- Net debt/EBITDA excl. IFRS 16 was -0.7 times (0.0)
- Approved credit facilities of 1,100 MSEK



#### Proposed dividend

- Proposed dividend 6.25 SEK per share (0.00), to be distributed as two separate payments of 3.125 SEK
- In line with dividend policy and guidance

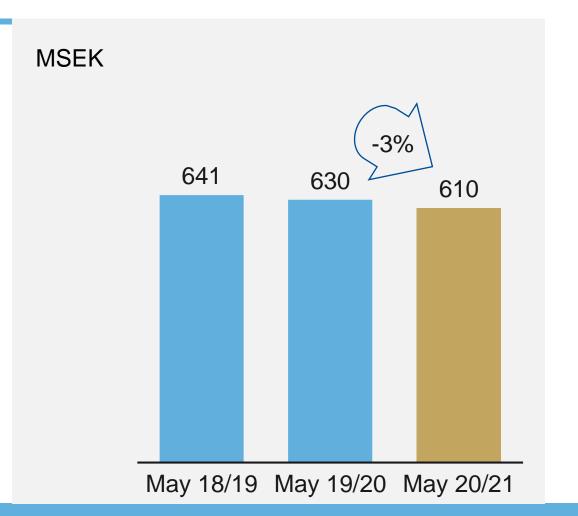
  At least 50 per cent of earnings per share after tax,
  with consideration for the financial position



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#### May sales development

- Total sales down 3% to 610 MSEK, organic sales down 5% and LFL down 5%
  - Sweden -4% organic
  - Norway -7% organic
  - Finland -2% organic
  - Outside Nordics +20% organic
- Negative calendar effect of 4%
- Online sales up 21%
- Increase of 1 store net compared to end of May last year





#### A continued clear direction more important than ever

**Building on our strengths...** Attractive 90 SEKbn home improvement market Strong financial record An industry leader within sustainability Strong brand/market position Compelling growth opportunities Equipped with relevant competencies for the future





# Focus areas 2021/2022

Strengthen key product categories

- Capitalize on increased importance of the home
- Continue to move from seasons to destinations
- Solve our customers' most relevant problems



**Capture traffic** 

- Leverage our brand & optimize marketing
- Capture increasing traffic to stores
- Capture increasing online traffic
- Club Clas membership & loyalty

**Grow e-com** 

- Shorten lead times
- Continue to develop the digital customer meeting
- Integrate with personal service in-store

#### Way forward – focusing on what we can influence

- Execute on our strategy
  - Deliver on our financial targets
- Prioritize initiatives driving revenue growth
  - Strengthen key product categories
  - Capture traffic
  - Grow e-com
- Increasing efficiency and optimizing costs
  - Stable foundation: strong financial position and financial preparedness
- Preparing for a market without Covid-19 restrictions as from September





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