## Q4 report

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## Agenda

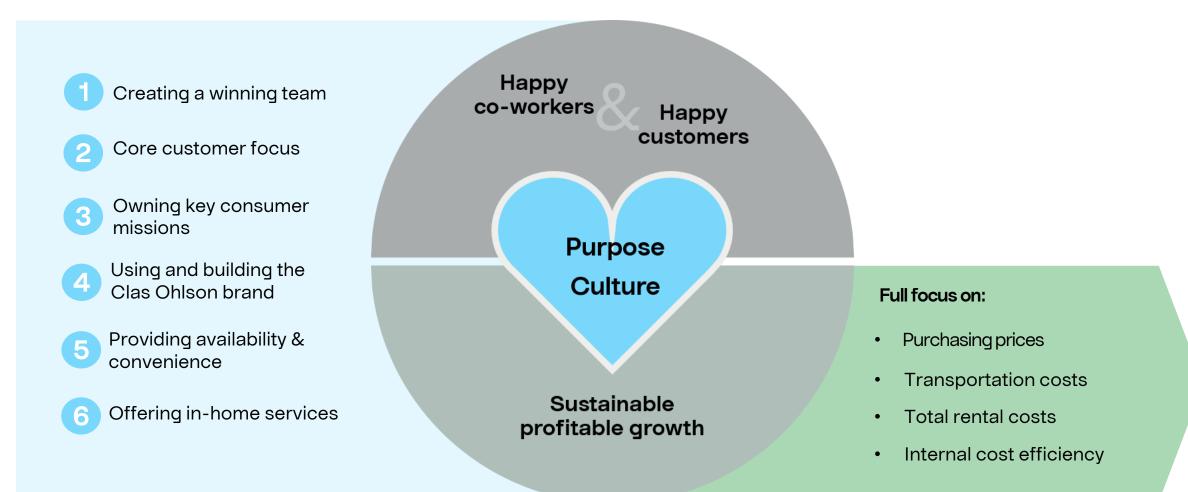
- Business update
- Financial development
- Events after the reporting period
- Strategy update & summary
- Q&A

#### ✓ Closing the year with 2% organic growth in Q4 and +1% for the year in a challenging market

- ✓ Improvements in Gross Margin, EBIT and entering Q1 with a healthy cash flow and inventory
- $\checkmark$  Proactively addressing overhead costs a new base established
  - ✓ Cost efficiency and flexibility important as macro is still volatile
- ✓ Assortment relevance prioritized categories driving growth & price perception
- ✓ Strong start to the new year with +8% organic growth in May

## **Busin**ess update

#### **Clas Ohlson strategic framework**



#### **Growth drivers**



Owning key consumer missions

- Need based shopping
- Continued strong performance for mission "Tidy up your home"



#### Providing availability & convenience

- Good conversion rate stores/online
- Positive LFL
  development
- Customer Satisfaction (NPS) improved to 58
- Feeder stores awarded for innovative logistics solution



**Core customer focus** 

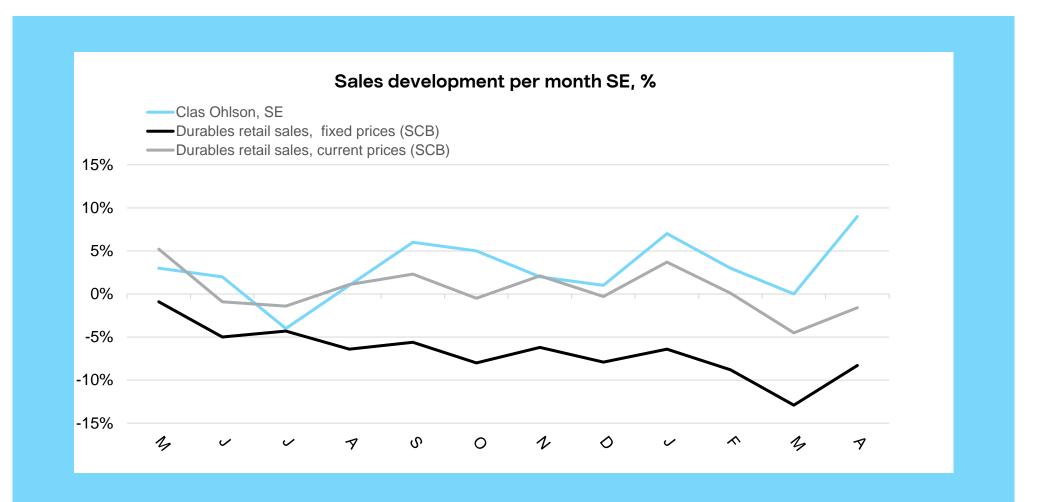
- Continued member
  growth in Club Clas
- Member share of sales 66%



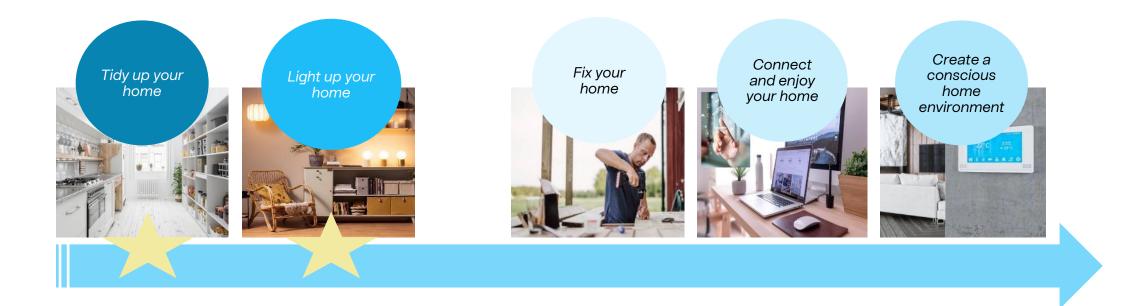
- Ongoing optimization of store network
- Member sales up 12%

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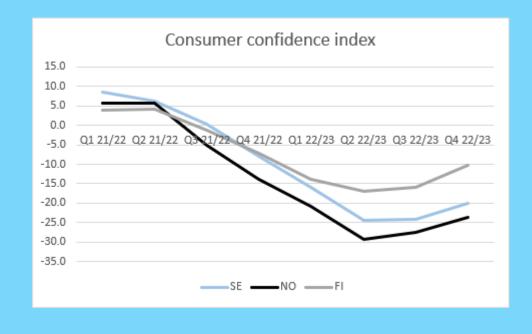
#### Sales development per month (SE)



### Prioritized categories driving growth



#### Consumers cautious and price sensitive – Clas Ohlson continue to stay ahead





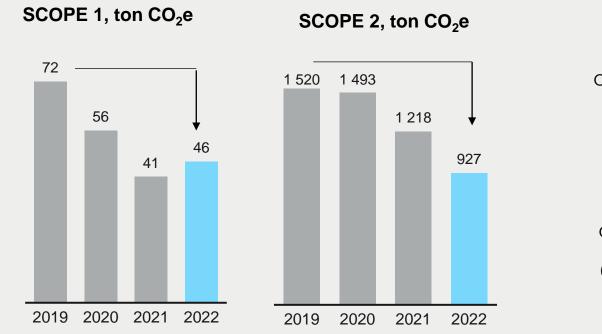
\*Source: Clas Ohlson brand tracker. 0 = cheap, 100 = expensive

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## Helping customers to a more sustainable life



## Significant $CO_2$ emission reductions in own operations





CO2 emission decrease in own operations (Scope 1+2) in 2022 (calendar year)

#### -39%

CO2 emission decrease in own operations (Scope 1+2), (from base year 2019) In Q4 22/23 Clas Ohlson has committed to the Science Based Targets initiative



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#### Targets:

Climate neutral and fully circular by 2045 Climate neutral in own operations (Scope 1+2) by 2026

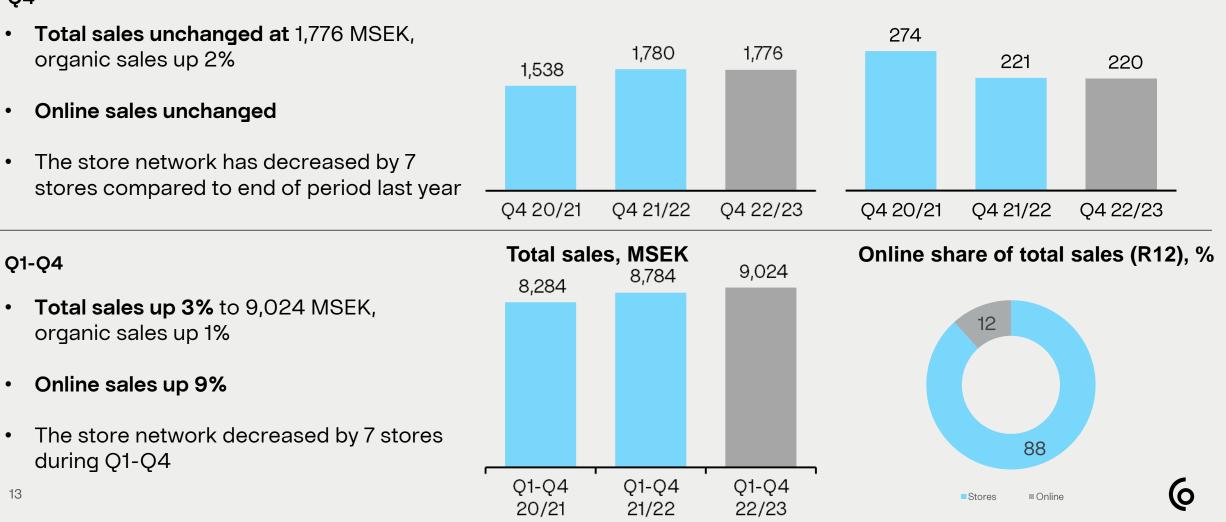
## **Financial development**

### Sales development

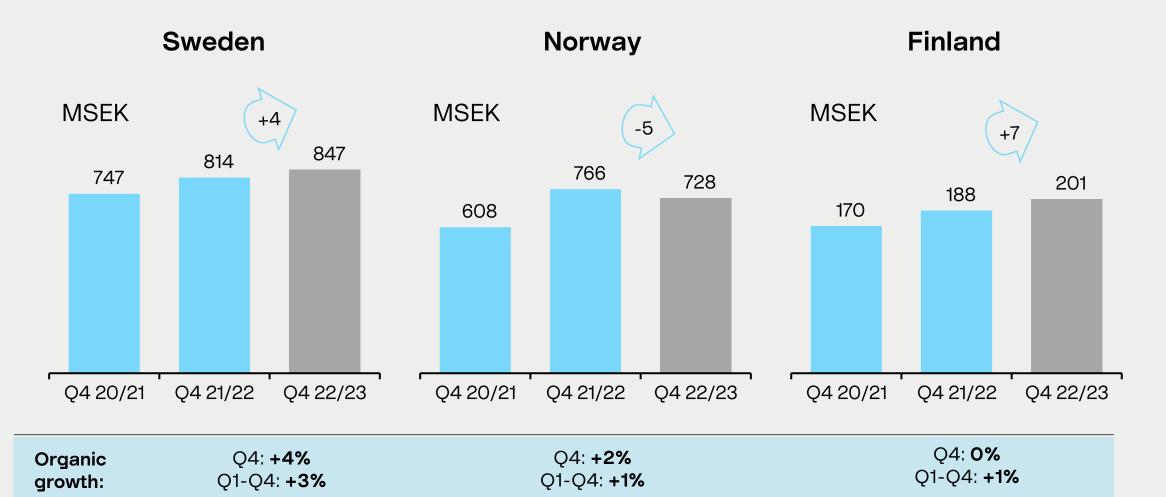
Total sales, MSEK

**Online sales, MSEK** 

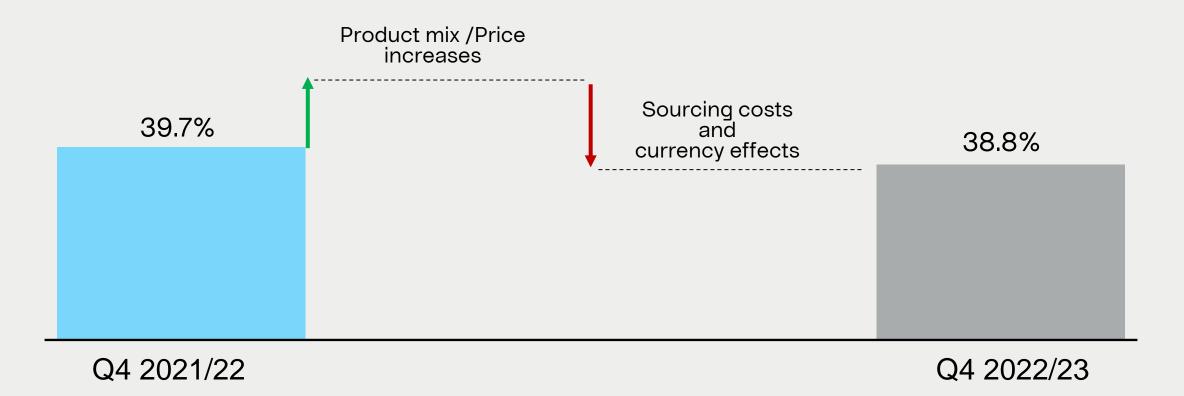
#### Q4



#### Sales per market



#### Gross margin affected by macro related factors - essentially offset by price increases and favourable product mix



#### **Financial overview**

MSEK	Q4 22/23	Q4 21/22	Q1-Q4 22/23	Q1-Q4 21/22
Operating profit	-7	-10	305	719
One-off items	-	-	154	-25
Operating profit excl. one-off items	-7	-10	459	695
Profit after financial items	-22	-25	242	656
Profit for the period	-23	-16	181	523
<sub>6</sub> EPS before dilution, SEK	-0.36	-0.25	2.85	8.25



#### **Effective inventory management**

**MSEK** 

- Inventory level: 2,177 MSEK (2,199) at the end of the period
- Average inventory level LTM: 2,397 MSEK (1,986)
- Inventory turnover rate DC: 4.5 (5.5)



## **Cash flow and financial position**

MSEK	Q1-Q4 22/23	Q1-Q4 21/22	Approved credit facilities
Cash flow from operating activities, before change in working capital	1,001	1,295	Of which utilized 244 MSEK
Change in working capital	-60	-309	Dividend pay-out
Cash flow from operating activities	941	986	<b>624</b> (396 MSEK)
Cash flow from investing activities	-123	-158	
Cash flow from financing activities	-1,129	-909	Net debt/EBITDA excl IFRS 16
Cash flow for the period	-311	-81	(-0.5x)

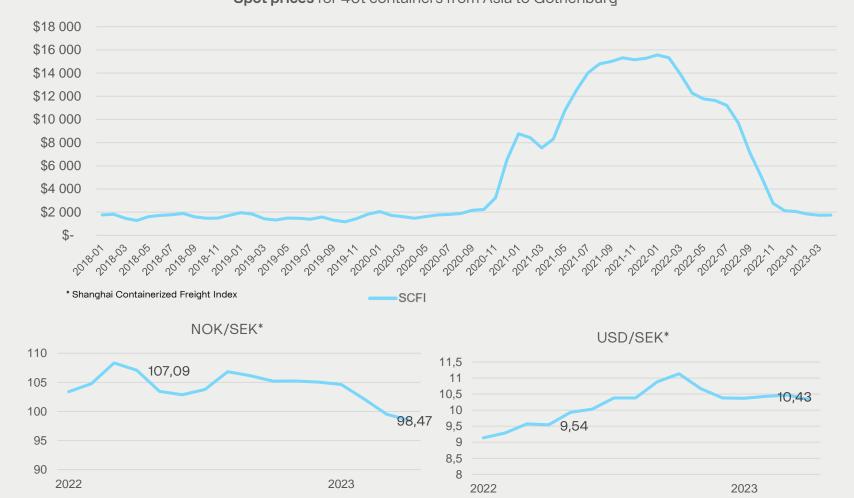
### Macro trends with business impact

#### Factors impacting Clas Ohlson:

- Container shipping costs and raw material and commodity prices
- Translation/transaction effects sales instant effects and purchasing with a time lag
- Hedging policy/effects
- Pricing effects

#### **Proactive measures:**

- Pricing continuously optimizing prices
- Sourcing diversified sourcing strategy
- Flexible freight contracts
- Optimize sales mix private label, product and category mix
- Products and packaging



Spot prices for 40t containers from Asia to Gothenburg

#### **Events after the reporting period**

# Continued focus on internal cost efficiency by simplifying ways of working

#### 2022/23

- ✓ Reduced office functions by approx. 85 FTEs
- ✓ Re-assessment of ITsystems
- ✓ Reducing office space

One-off costs Q3 20222/23: 119 MSEK

#### 2023/24

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- Reduced office functions by approx. 75 FTEs
- ✓ Re-assessment of ITsystems finalized

One-off costs 2023/24: approx. 180 MSEK Major part non cash effect

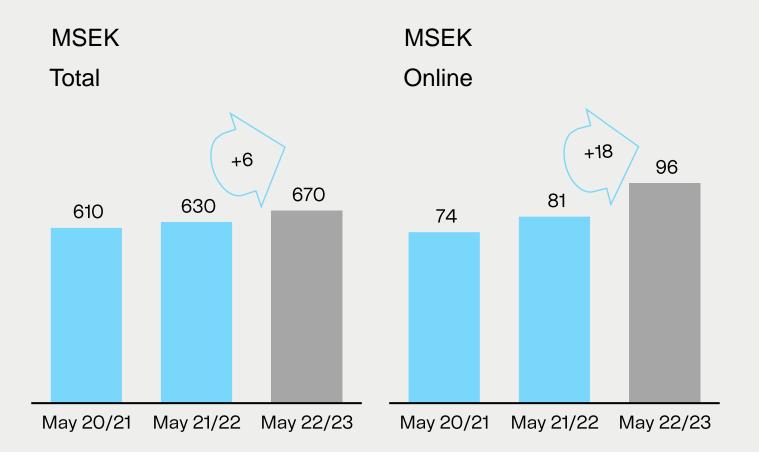
#### Cost savings and reduced depreciation of:

approx. **110 MSEK** with full effect from 2023/24

2 approx. **100 MSEK** on a full year basis

### May sales development

- Total sales up 6% to 670 MSEK, LFL up 11% and organic sales up 8%
  - Sweden +13% organic
  - Norway +8% organic
  - Finland -3% organic
- Online sales up 18%
- Decrease of 6 stores compared to end of May last year



### **Proposed dividend**

• Proposed dividend 1.50 SEK per share

In line with dividend policy: At least 50 per cent of earnings per share after tax, with consideration for the financial position

#### **Strategy update and summary**

#### Financial targets and framework - unchanged



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## Focus areas 2023/24 for profitable growth

Make assortment relevant 12 months/year



Drive profitable growth with five customer missions that builds our position as the #1 choice for home fixing A profitable and growing online business



Drive profitable growth by a developing the online channel and a broader assortment adapted to online customers shopping behavior Expand the store network



Drive profitable growth by opening new stores in the right location at the right cost

Efficient customer communication



Drive profitable growth via optimised marketing and value creation through Club Clas

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A competitive cost base Execution on our sustainability agenda

### **Expansion of store network**

- Solid current store network with positive LFL
- Reduced cost base an enabler for profitable growth by store expansion going forward
- Stores & e-com supporting each other
- Recently opened stores performing well
- Ongoing and constructive dialogue with landlords
- As of today, two new rental leases have been signed
  - we are planning for expanding the store network by approx. a net total of 10 stores during the financial year



#### Positioned for sustainable and profitable growth

- Solid development in a tough retail market
- Continued uncertainty around consumer spending
- Relevant assortment, value for money and increased flexibility is key
- Improved customer satisfaction and a strong price position
- Executed on cost saving measures continued cost focus going forward
- Full focus on capitalizing on our unique strengths





