### Q2 report

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## Agenda

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

- $\checkmark$  Continued strong sales development in Q2 with +10% organic growth
- $\checkmark$  Significantly improved gross margin and operating profit
- Continued focus on efficiency and flexibility
- Prioritized categories and product news driving growth
- $\checkmark$  H1 operating cash flow 520 MSEK (-201)
- ✓ +7% organic growth in November

## **Busin**ess update

### Strategy execution – growth plan 24/25



Industry leading in sustainability – deliver on our people agenda and 2045 commitments





People

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### Strategy execution – overview Q2 23/24

Make assortment relevant 12 months/year.	A profitable and growing online business.	Expand the store network.			
<ul> <li>✓ All prioritized categories driving growth</li> <li>✓ Assortment more adaptive to shifting customer needs</li> <li>✓ Product news significant driver of sales growth</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Online sales +15% Q2         ~50% of online orders         delivered via stores</li> <li>✓ Improved product availability</li> <li>✓ Exclusive product news online</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ 10 new stores 23/24 on track</li> <li>✓ 3 new and 4 rebuilt/moved stores opened so far 23/24</li> <li>✓ New contracts signed ahead of 24/25</li> </ul>			
Efficient customer       - Increasingly efficient digital marketing         communication.       - Continued strong growth of Club Clas members					
A competitive - Work on recost base.					
Execution on our - Clas Ohlson assortment of spare parts rolled out to all stores sustainability agenda.					

## Assortment relevance – all consumer missions driving growth



## Product news creates interest in Clas Ohlson and stands for significant share of growth



## Value for money position and customer satisfaction key in uncertain market



## Spares – a leading company within spare parts and accessories for electronics as well as batteries

- The acquisition of Spares finalized on 8 November 2023
  - Consolidated into the CO Group as from 1 November 2023, i.e. Q3
- Category expert in spare parts and accessories for electronic devices
  - track record of profitable growth
  - annual sales of ~820 MSEK, EBITA 49 MSEK
  - attractive position in growing market segment
- B2C and B2B customers in Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands



EPS accretive upon closing



### **BATTERIEXPERTEN**

**SPARES** 



### **Financial development**

### Strong sales development in stores and online Total sales, MSEK Online sales, MSEK

#### Q2

- Total sales up 9% to 2,460 MSEK, organic sales up 10%, LFL up 10%
- Online sales up 15%
- The store network has decreased by 3 stores compared to last year





#### Q1-Q2

- Total sales up 8% to 4,653 MSEK, organic sales up 9%, LFL up 10%
- Online sales up 12%
- The store network decreased by 1 store during Q1-Q2



#### Online share of total sales (R12), %

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### Increasing sales in all markets



### 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

NOK/SEK\*







\* Monthly average, The Riksbank/Nasdaq

## Improved gross margin – great contribution from sourcing and transportation



### **Financial overview**

MSEK	Q2 23/24	Q2 22/23	Q1-Q2 23/24	Q1-Q2 22/23
Operating profit excl. one-	277	112	431	131
<b>off items</b> One-off items	-31	0	-202	-35
Operating profit	245	112	230	96
Profit after financial items	227	96	195	65
Profit for the period	173	69	147	45
EPS before dilution, SEK	2.74	1.10	2.32	0.72



### Well balanced inventory

**MSEK** 

- Inventory level: 2,614 MSEK (2,811) at the end of the period
- Average inventory level LTM: 2,280 MSEK (2,319)
- Inventory turnover rate DC: 5.1 (4.7)



### Strong cash flow and solid financial position

MSEK	Q2 23/24	Q2 22/23	Approved credit facilities*
Cash flow from operating activities, before change in working capital	375	243	<b>6000</b> MSEK
Change in working capital	-183	-410	Net debt/EBITDA excl IFRS 16
Cash flow from operating activities	192	-167	<b>0.0</b> x
Cash flow from investing activities	-26	-46	(O.8x)
Cash flow from financing activities	-157	43	
Cash flow for the period	9	-169	

\*After the end of the reporting period, in connection with the acquisition of Spares Europe AB on 8 November 2023, the credit facility was increased by 510 MSEK to 1,110 MSEK, of which 506 MSEK was utilised after the closing of the acquisition.

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

### November sales development

- Total sales, excluding Spares, up 4% to 1,130 MSEK, organic sales up 7% and LFL up 6%
   MSEK Total
  - Sweden +7% organic
  - Norway +7% organic
  - Finland +6% organic
- Online sales, excluding Spares, +12%
- Total sales, including Spares, 1,196 MSEK
  - Online sales, including Spares, 239 MSEK
- Decrease of 1 store compared to end of November last year



**MSEK** 

Online

### Summary



# Executing on our strategic plan

- Challenging market and continued
   uncertainty around consumer spending
- Relevant assortment, value for money and increased flexibility is key
- Developing our sales channels
  - Expanding the store network
  - Growing online sales
- Continued cost focus and simpler ways of working going forward



