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# Interim report Jan-Dec 2014 13 February 2015

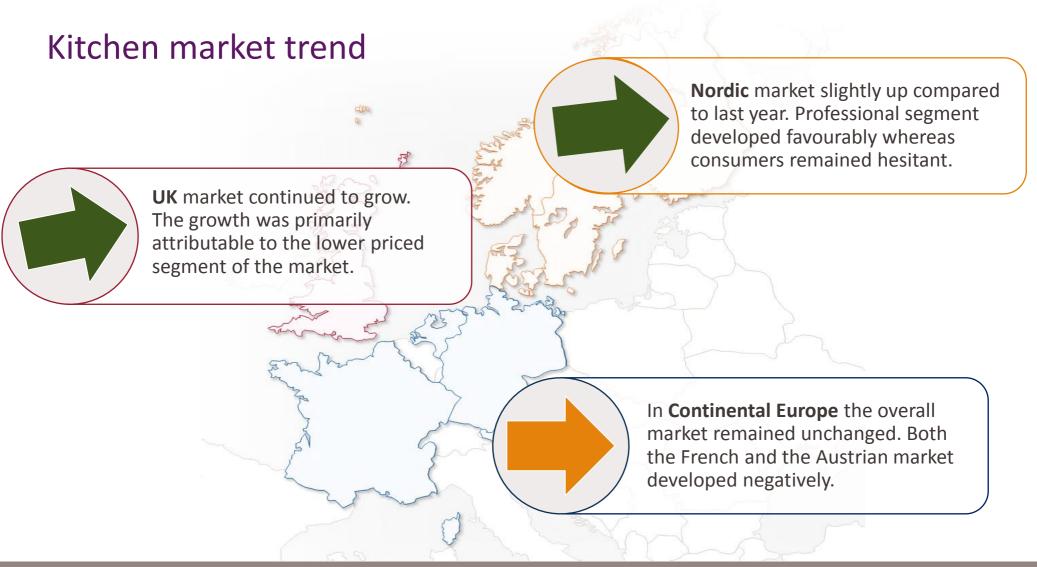


# Q4 highlights

- Net sales SEK 3,231 m (2,909)
- Organic growth 3% (-1)
- Gross margin 41.4% (42.0)
- EBIT margin\* 7.4% (6.8)
- EBIT\* SEK 240 m (199)
- Profit after tax\*\* SEK 57 m (98)
- Operating cash flow SEK 301 m (210)
- Board of Directors proposes a dividend of SEK 1.75 per share

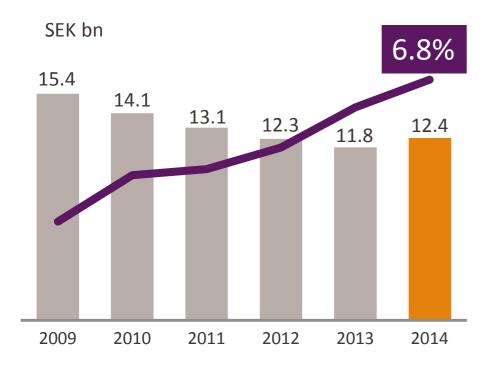


<sup>\*</sup> Excluding restructuring costs of SEK 107 m \*\* Afffected by restructuring costs of SEK 87 m



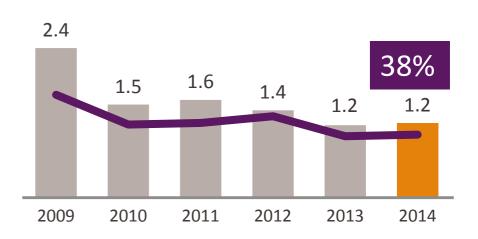
## Improved margins and strong financials

Net sales and EBIT margin\*



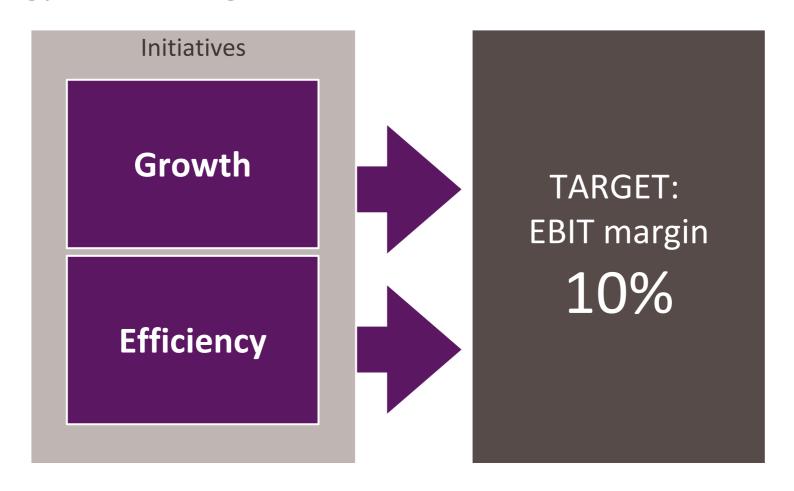
Net debt and debt/equity ratio

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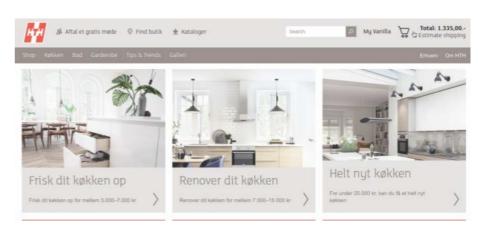
## Strategy for a strong Nobia remains



### **Growth initiatives**

- Focus on innovation to bring small and larger innovations faster to market
  - New product launches around opportunity areas
     "Size 0 kitchen" and "Inspirational storage"
- Investments in digital to improve footfall
  - 9 new web sites launched
  - E-commerce platform in place
- Nobia-wide front end excellence programme
  - Common process and KPIs to follow up performance
  - Tools and coaching for store managers
- Structure for acquisitions and partnerships
- New stores in selected markets and areas





### M&A activities

Divestment of Hygena



Acquisition of Rixonway



### **UK** region

- Organic sales growth primarily attributable to increased B2B sales
- Gross margin declined due to channel mix
- EBIT improved, despite seasonally low volumes in Rixonway
- Simply Magnet well-received

### 37% of net sales in Q4

	2013 Oct-Dec	2014 Oct-Dec
Net sales (SEK m)	1,029	1,222
Organic growth	8%	1%
Gross margin	41.0%	40.6%
EBIT* (SEK m)	73	86
EBIT margin*	7.1%	7.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Excluding restructuring costs









# Nordic region

- Organic sales growth primarily in professional segment
- Gross margin declined due to currency and channel mix
- EBIT improved as a result of higher sales values and cost savings
- Norema Best Price was launched

### 43% of net sales in Q4

	2013 Oct-Dec	2014 Oct-Dec
Net sales (SEK m)	1,275	1,382
Organic growth	-3%	6%
Gross margin	40.9%	40.0%
EBIT* (SEK m)	162	193
EBIT margin*	12.7%	14.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Excluding restructuring costs

















### Continental Europe region

- Organic sales decline growth in Poggenpohl could not compensate for French and Austrian sales decline
- EBIT improved primarly due to cost savings and higher sales values, which offset negative mix effects and lower volumes
- Hygena declined year on year

### 20% of net sales in Q4

	2013 Oct-Dec	2014 Oct-Dec
Net sales (SEK m)	632	659
Organic growth	-9%	-1%
Gross margin	43.8%	43.4%
EBIT* (SEK m)	2	10
EBIT margin*	0.3%	1.5%

<sup>\*</sup>Excluding restructuring costs













## Financial position, Q4

#### Strong operating cash flow

- Positive change in working capital
- Higher cash generating earnings

#### Lower net debt

- Lower net borrowings
- Pension debt increased mainly due to lower discount rate
- Net debt/equity ratio almost flat despite acquisition of Rixonway

SEK m	Q4 2013	Q4 2014
Operating profit including restructuring cost	199	133
Change in working capital	85	160
Investments in fixed assets	-90	-109
Operating cash flow	210	301
SEK m	2013 31 Dec	2014 31 Dec
Net debt	1,176	1,206
<ul><li>of which pensions</li></ul>	654	869
<ul> <li>of which net borrowings</li> </ul>	522	337
Net debt/equity	37%	38%

### Financial targets

### **Profitability**

EBIT margin >10% over a business cycle. Organic growth 2-3% higher than market growth, and also growth via acquisitions.

#### **Financing**

Net debt/equity ratio <100%. A temporary elevation of net debt/equity ratio is acceptable in conjunction with acquisitions.

#### Dividend

Average dividend shall be 40-60% of net profit after tax. The capital structure is to be taken into consideration

>10%

<100%

40-60%

