# Storskogen Q1 2023

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# Storskogen in brief

Storskogen is an international group of businesses with operations in 28 countries

**SEK 36.5bn** 

in annual LTM net sales<sup>1</sup>

SEK 3.5bn

in annual adj. LTM EBITA<sup>1</sup>

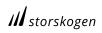
**SEK ~280m** 

Avg. business unit size<sup>2</sup>



~12,900 employees, an operational presence in 28 countries and management teams in 4 market areas





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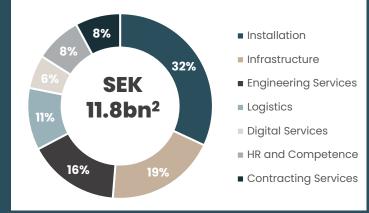
**Services**Peter Ahlgren

NO. OF BUSINESS UNITS<sup>1</sup>

62

NO. OF EMPLOYEES

>5,100





**Trade**Christer Hansson

NO. OF BUSINESS UNITS<sup>1</sup>

33

NO. OF EMPLOYEES

>2,300





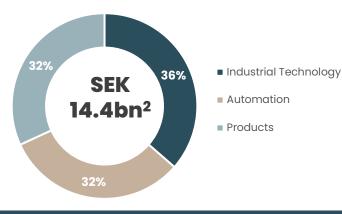
**Industry**Fredrik Bergegård

NO. OF BUSINESS UNITS<sup>1</sup>

39

NO. OF EMPLOYEES

>5,300



### Q1 2023 highlights

Good start to the year with strong sales, earnings and cash flow in a challenging environment

**NET SALES:** 

**SEK 9,213m** 

 $(+33\%^{1})$ 

**ORGANIC NET SALES GROWTH:** 

**3%** (17%<sup>2</sup>)

ADJUSTED EBITA:

**SEK 885m** 

 $(+56\%^{1})$ 

ORGANIC EBITA GROWTH:

6%

 $(7\%^2)$ 

**ADJUSTED EBITA MARGIN:** 

**9.6%** (8.2%<sup>3</sup>)

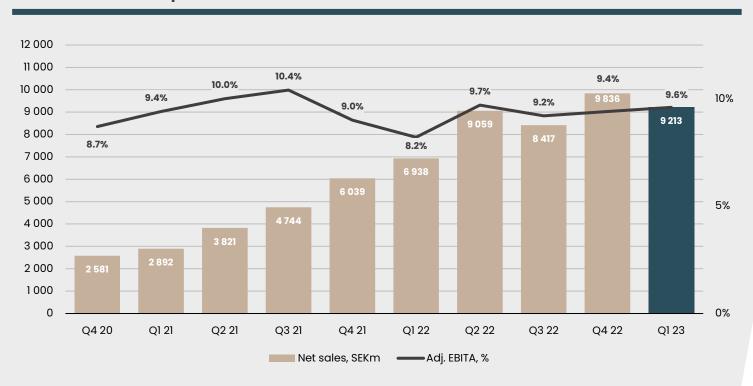
#### **KEY EVENTS**

- Good start to the year with an improved adjusted EBITA margin, with Y/Y EPS growth of 118%
- Y/Y cash flow from operating activities improved by SEK 651m, and LTM adjusted cash conversion was ahead of target at 71%
- Credit facility agreements were extended to 2025
- Interest-bearing net debt/RTM adjusted EBITDA was unchanged at 2.6x despite the seasonally weak Q1
- Three acquisitions were completed with combined net sales of SFK 95m
- One divestment was completed with annual net sales of SEK 50m
- Events since the reporting period:
  - Storskogen has resolved upon a directed share issue in connection with the acquisition of AC Electrical

### Net sales and EBITA margin

Continued good demand and improved profitability despite a seasonally weak first quarter

#### Financial development



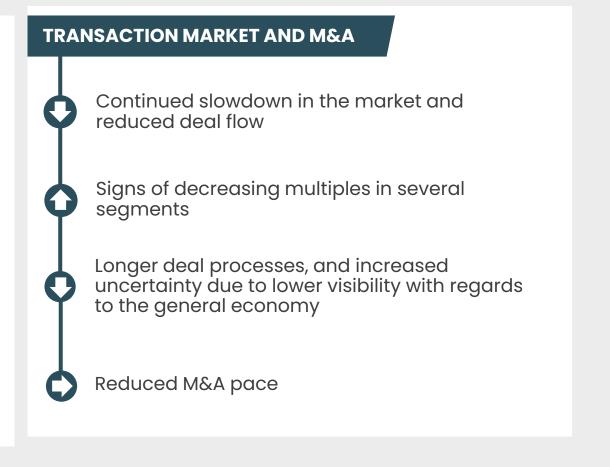
- Good sales in the historically weaker first quarter
- Underlying EBITA margin improving, driven by business area Industry
- Margins protected by price adjustments, productivity measures and continued solid demand



### Market development

Overall good demand with weakness in certain consumer-facing segments. Reasonable short-term outlook and a continued reduction in the acquisition pace in the short to medium term.

# **MACRO** Good demand in Industry and Services Successful price increases. Easing cost inflation and supply chain disruptions Continued weakening demand in certain consumer-facing industries and companies early in the construction cycle Solid demand for Q2, macro outlook for 2023 remains uncertain



## Overview of financial targets

Storskogen's focus is on operational excellence, the balance sheet and cash flow in the short to medium term

MEDIUM-TERM TARGETS

Organic EBITA growth:

Real GDP growth + 1-2 percentage points Adjusted EBITA growth including acquisitions:

In line with historical levels

Adjusted EBITA margin (over time):

10%

Adjusted cash conversion on an annual basis:

>70%

Interest-bearing net debt / RTM adjusted EBITDA:

2.0 - 3.0x

**OUTCOME** 



**56%** 

9.5%

**71%** (LTM)

2.6x
(RTM)

### **Services**

Solid sales growth, +21% in Q1 2023, with a positive margin development

#### **NET SALES AND ADJ. EBITA MARGIN (LTM)**



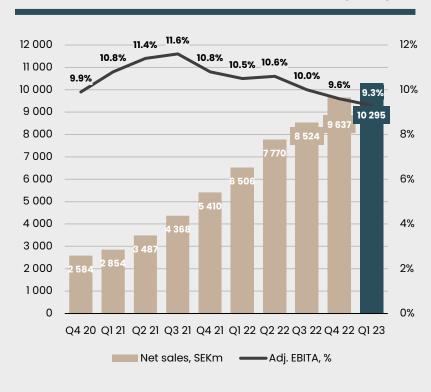
- Organic sales growth of 3% (Q1), organic EBITA growth of 2% (Q1)
- Seasonally weak quarter, but sales and margins improved vs. the comparable quarter
- Installation and Logistics were the main drivers for the improved margins
- Infrastructure and companies with exposure to new construction were affected by cold weather and weaker consumer demand, respectively
- The outlook for Q2 is mixed some companies are seeing good order books, whereas some are experiencing delays due to macro uncertainty
- One add-on acquisition was completed in Sweden (Installation)



### **Trade**

# Solid sales growth, +34% in Q1 2023, but challenging macro environment

#### **NET SALES AND ADJ. EBITA MARGIN (LTM)**



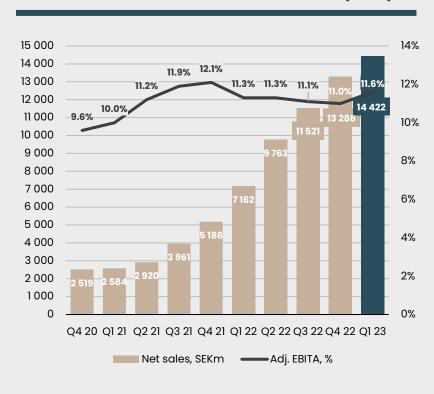
- Organic sales growth of 2% (Q1), organic EBITA growth of -14% (Q1)
- Continued soft demand within consumer-related durable goods and e-commerce. Health and Beauty continued to be robust
- Partial cost inflation offset by price increases, with work to prepare for extended slowdown continuing
- Improved working capital position and further decrease in inventory levels
- Challenging environment due to elevated uncertainty, with the exception of Health and Beauty which is less sensitive to the business cycle
- One divestment was completed in Switzerland (Niche Businesses)



### Industry

Strong sales growth, +42% in Q1 2023, and margin expansion

#### **NET SALES AND ADJ. EBITA MARGIN (LTM)**



- Organic sales growth of 4% (Q1), organic EBITA growth of 24% (Q1)
- Similar to Q4, strong underlying market with good demand and order books, somewhat decreased order inflow
- Strong performance across all verticals, with the only areas of weakness for companies indirectly exposed to consumer weakness
- Strong margin development, with price increases and improved productivity compensating for cost inflation
- Reshoring trend and demand for automation solutions supporting positive market sentiment, albeit with low visibility during 2023
- Two add-on acquisitions were completed in Sweden (Automation)



### **Completed transactions**

Three acquisitions were completed during the quarter, with a further three companies acquired since the end of March. Two divestments were signed.

	Acquisitions completed during Q1		Acquisitions comp	Divestments	
	Business units	Add-ons	Business Units	Add-ons	S
Services		<b>HSV Hässleholms Sot &amp; Vent</b> joins SoVent within Installation	AC Electrical  Electrical Contractors  joins Installation  Specialises in commercial building fitouts, LED installation and refurbishments, and facility management.		
Trade				Modern Design joins Vox Hair within Hair & Beauty  Guardio Safety joins Båstadgruppen within Niche Businesses	Medkoh AG <sup>1</sup> Subsidiary of Hilpert Electronics within Niche Businesses Company to be disclosed <sup>2</sup>
Industry		Höga Kusten Teknikresurs joins ARAT within Automation  Loginor joins ARAT within Automation			



## Key financial performance, Q1 2023

Adj. EBITA margin improved vs. Q1 2022. Price increases and cost efficiency partly offset cost inflation and currency headwinds.

SEKm	Q1 2023	Q1 2022	Chg., %	LTM Q1 2023	RTM <sup>1)</sup>
Net sales	9,213	6,938	33	36,525	37,704
Adj. EBITA	885	568	56	3,461	3,627
Adj. EBITA margin, %	9.6	8.2	-	9.5	9.6
EPS, SEK	0.28	0.13	118	1.01	_
ROE (LTM), %	10.0	8.9	-	10.0	-
ROCE (LTM), %	10.7	8.9	-	10.7	_
Cash flow from operating activities	467	-184	_	2,278	_
Cash conversion, %	79	15	-	71	
Interest-bearing net debt / adj. RTM EBITDA, x	2.6	1.8	-	2.6	2.6

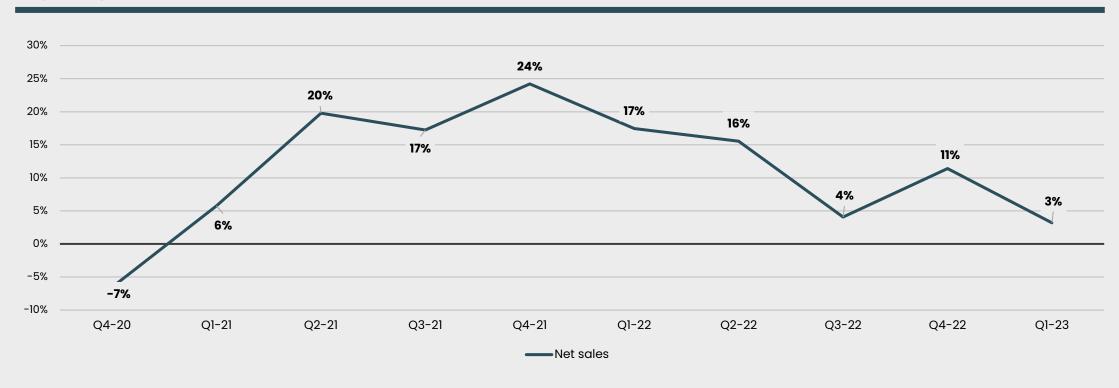
- Net sales growth of 33% with corresponding adj. EBITA growth of 56%
- Q/Q improvement in cash conversion – ahead of target
- Operating cash flow improved by SEK 651m Y/Y
- EPS growth of 118%
- ROE of 10.0% and ROCE of 10.7% diluted by growth
- Net of cash, ROCE was 11.8% (11.5%). Net of goodwill, ROCE was 24.2% (18.5%)



## Organic growth

### Positive organic growth in a challenging environment

### Organic growth (QTD1)

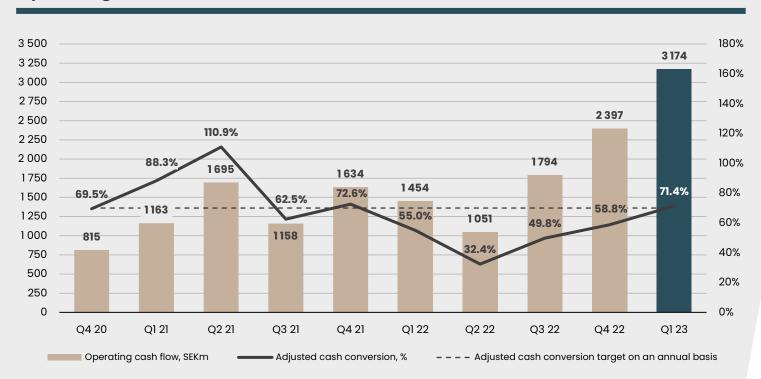




### Operating cash flow and cash conversion

Improved working capital efficiency supported cash flow in Q1. LTM cash conversion ahead of the target level.

#### Operating cash flow<sup>1</sup> (LTM)



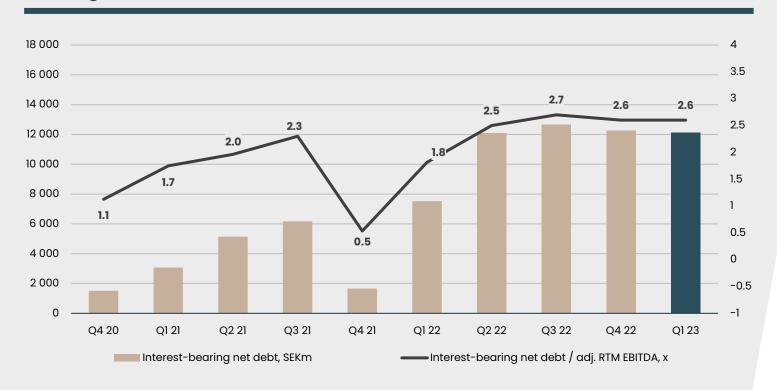
- LTM operating cash flow of SEK 3.2bn
- LTM cash conversion of 71% above the target level
- Q1 cash conversion of 79%
- Focus on reducing working capital, a structured process that will take some time
- Capex/sales of 1.4% in Q1 and 1.5% LTM



### Net debt and leverage

Leverage unchanged at 2.6x, within the target range of 2-3x, and maturities extended in the seasonally weak Q1. Plan to further reduce leverage in the short to medium term.

#### Leverage ratio



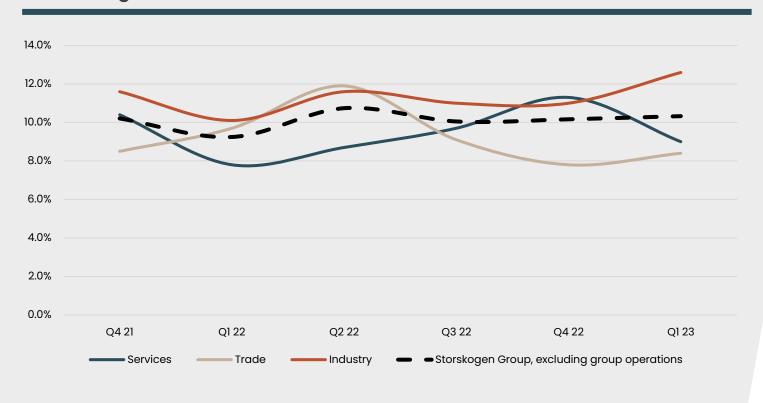
- Interest-bearing net debt of SEK 12.1bn, a decrease of SEK 135m
- Unsecured credit facilities extended by a year to March and September 2025
- Interest-bearing leverage of 2.6x, within the target range of 2-3x – focus on further reductions
- Total available liquidity amounted to SEK 9bn;
  - SEK 2.6bn was cash
  - SEK 6.4bn was unutilised credit facilities



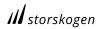
### Solid margins across business areas

Our three business areas across the 14 verticals provide a resilient and diversified mix

#### **EBITA margin, QTD**



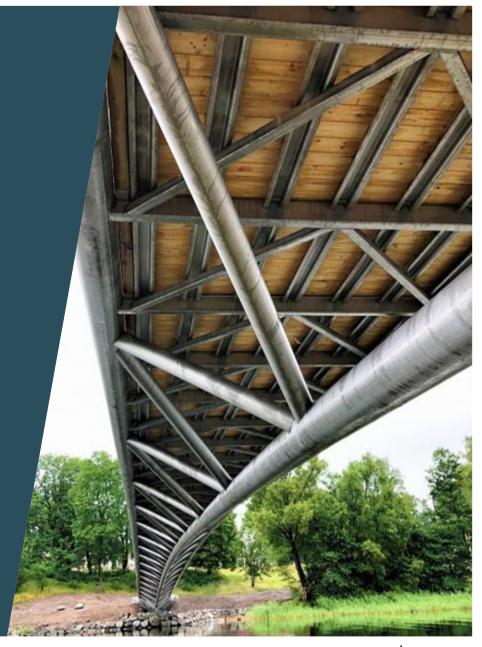
- Diversified mix of portfolio companies providing a layer of profitability protection
- Challenging year, but overall improvement for the Group
- Q1 seasonally weak in Services
- Trade historically sensitive early in the business cycle, whereas the effects in Industry are somewhat delayed



### Key takeaways

Good start to the year despite the seasonally weak quarter

- Strong start to the year with improved margins and positive organic sales and EBITA growth
- Similar to Q4, strong trend in Industry, Services stable and Trade weaker
- Unchanged leverage ratio at 2.6x despite the seasonally weak quarter, and extended maturity on unsecured credit facilities
- Continued focus on operational excellence, cash flow and the balance sheet
- Once leverage is reduced, free cash flow will be deployed for M&A growth



# Q&A

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