

Q4 2014 results – 13 February 2015

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Q4 highlights

Increased sales, improved operating profit (EBIT) and very strong cash flow

- Net sales for the quarter increased by 9.6 per cent to SEK 1,579m (1,441), including a positive impact from foreign exchange rates of 3.1 per cent.
- Operating profit was SEK 262m (175)
- Underlying EBIT was SEK 244m (231)
- Cash flow from operating activities was SEK 290m (116)
- Net debt/EBITDA was 3.97x (4.19). In the quarter, loans of SEK 34m were repaid.
- No dividend payout proposed for the year in line with financial strategy to reduce net debt.





Overall market and sales development

Sales growth of 9.6 per cent

- Flat to slightly positive total market developments, except Finland and Denmark
- Organic growth +1.7 per cent for the quarter
- Particularly strong sales trend in Denmark
- Sales grew or remained flat in all markets, except Italy, Germany and the UK
- Decline in sales and weak market conditions in Italy makes it necessary to adapt the Italian organisation
- Sales of nuts under Nutisal brand grew, while sales of contract manufacturing decreased substantially





Net sales and EBIT

SEKm	Oct-Dec 2014	Margin %	Change %	Oct-Dec 2013	Margin %	Full year 2014	Full year 2013
Net sales	1,579		9.62)	1,441		5,313	4,893
Underlying EBIT 1)	244	16.8	5.6	231	16.1	609	591
Operating profit (EBIT)	262	16.6	49.7	175	12.1	577	418
Profit for the period	158		-15.1	186		242	264

- 1) Based on constant exchange rates and current group structure, excluding acquisitions and items affecting comparability related to restructurings.
- 2) Organic growth at constant exchange rates and comparable units 1.7 per cent for the quarter.





Changes in Net sales

Changes in net sales, %	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2013	Full year 2014	Full year 2013
Organic growth	1.7%	1.6%	1.0%	-1.0%
Structural changes	4.8%	0.0%	4.3%	2.1%
Changes in exchange rates	3.1%	1.0%	3.3%	-0.4%
Total	9.6%	2.6%	8.6%	0.7%

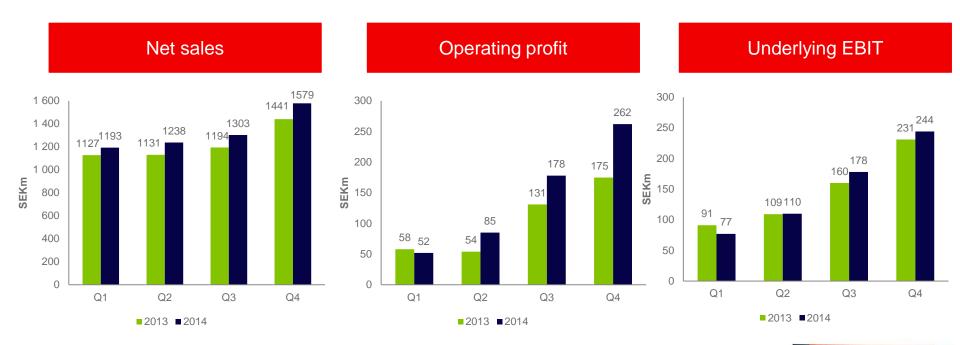








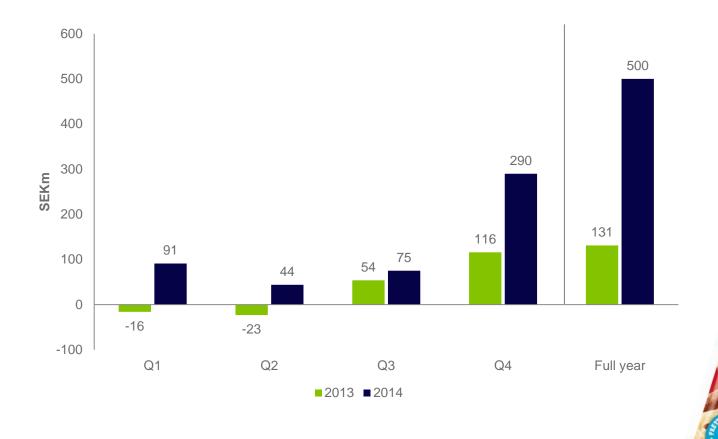
Net Sales, Operating profit and Underlying EBIT







Cash flow from operating activities





Cash Flow

SEKm	Oct-Dec 2014	Oct-Dec 2013	Full year 2014	Full year 2013
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital	267	232	492	408
Cash flow from changes in working capital	23	-116	8	-277
Cash flow from operating activities	290	116	500	131
Cash flows from investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	-64	-61	-182	-211
Cash flow from other investing activities	4	0	-187	9
Cash flow from investing activities	-60	-61	-369	-202
Cash flow from operating and investing activities	230	55	131	-71





Decreased Net debt/EBITDA

- Ambition to continue to repay loans, but also provide financial flexibility for complementary acquisitions and share dividends
- Net debt/EBITDA decreased to 3.97x (4.19)
- The long-term target of a net debt/EBITDA of 2.5 remains







New pick-and-mix concept in Coop

- Roll-out of the new pick-and-mix concept is proceeding according to plan
- The vast majority of Coop's approximately 700 stores have implemented the new candy concept. Natural snacks under implementation
- The aim is to refit all stores ahead of the Easter peak



















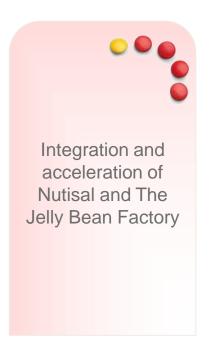


In focus











Q4 selection of product launches



Juleskum Gingerbread Launched in Sweden



Venco
Black Schoolkrijt
Launched in the Netherlands



Red Band Cola Sleutels Launched in the Netherlands







Venco
Tikkels Fruit, Dropmint, Drop and Cola
Launched in the Netherlands



Sperlari
Strawberry & Champagne
Launched in Italy





Rum raisin Launched in Finland

HopeaToffee
Box
Launched in Finland

Q&A

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