

Q4 Report 2023

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Summary 2023

- Successful 2023 thanks to our entrepreneurial companies and balanced diversification.
- Stable high demand with total order intake growth of 13% and 18% for net sales.
- Solid EBITA margin of 15.0%.
- Record high operational cash flow driven by strong result and inventory reductions during the year.
- 9 well-managed and profitable companies acquired during 2023, with a total annual turnover of 1.2 BSEK.
- New Group structure with 5 international business areas.
- Board proposes a dividend of SEK 2.85 (2.60) per share



Highlights fourth quarter 2023

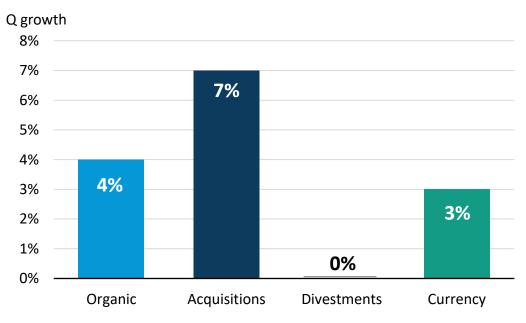
- Strong order intake growth of 14% in total, whereof 4% organically.
 - Strongest order development in Medical technology & Pharmaceutical.
- Net sales growth of 8%, organically unchanged.
- Continued high EBITA margin at 14.6%.
- New all-time-high operational cash flow. Inventory reductions continued.
- 2 acquisitions completed in Q4 and 3 so far in 2024. The inflow of interesting companies to acquire remains good.



Order intake



QUARTERLY GROWTH



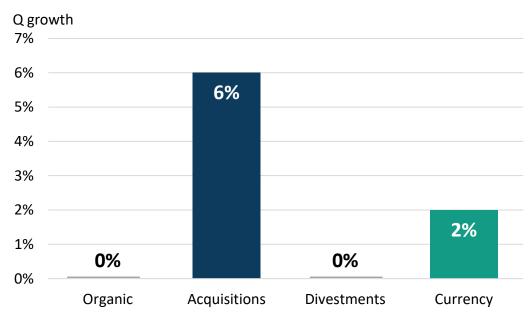
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Net sales



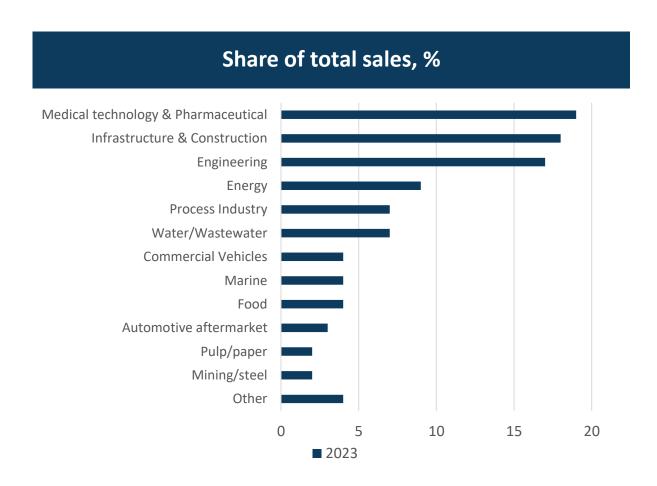
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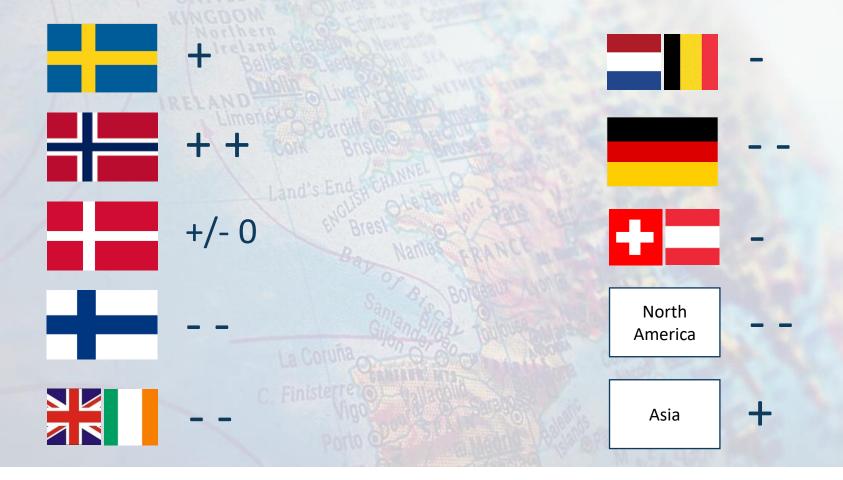
Net sales per customer segment 2023



- Medical technology and Pharmaceutical is now the largest customer segment – up 1 percentage point from 2022
- Good sales growth in most segments, except infrastructure & construction (down 1 percentage point from 2022)

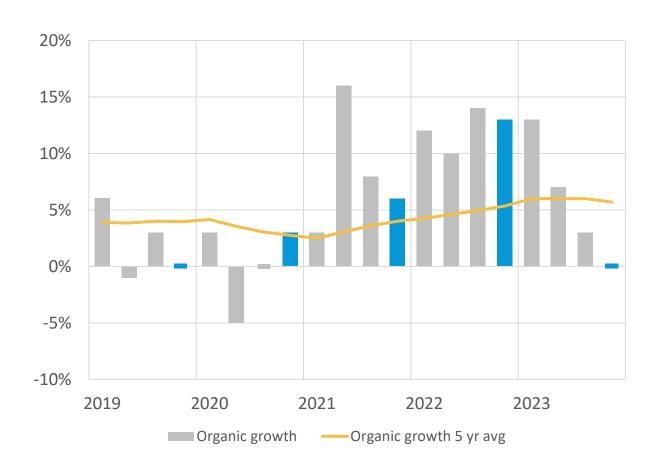


Sales Growth – major countries



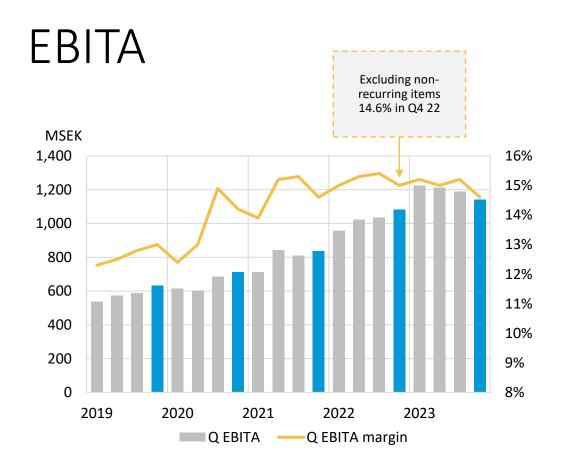


Organic Sales Growth trend

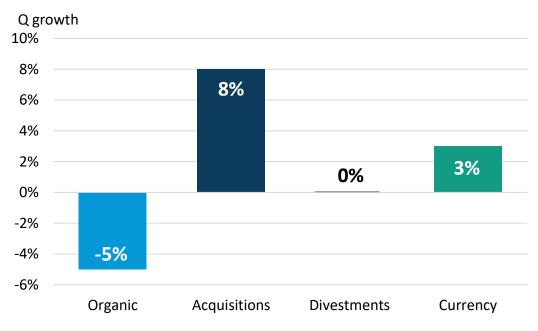


- Flat or growing organic sales 14 consecutive quarters
- Majority of companies grew sales in the quarter
- Organic growth in 3 out of 8 Business Areas
- Back-log is normalised



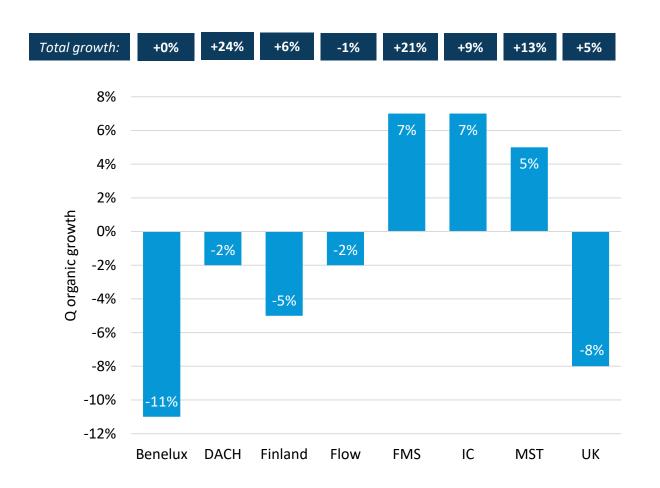








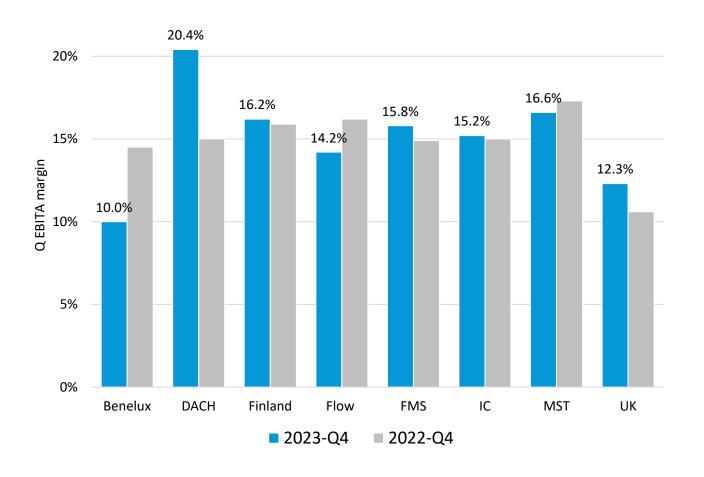
Organic sales growth Q4 by Business Area



- Organic sales growth in 3 out of 8 Business Areas
- Strongest growth in Business Areas Industrial Components and Fluids & Mechanical Solutions
 - MedTech and automotive aftermarket customer segments strong contributors
- Largest decline in Business Area Benelux and UK
 - Impacted by strong references in energy and pharma in combination with weak demand in infrastructure and construction



EBITA margin by Business Area



- Improved EBITA margin in 5 Business
 Areas largest improvements in DACH
- Stable gross margins
- Flat organic sales and cost inflation dampens margin development in many companies
- Strong contribution from newly acquired companies
- Largest EBITA margin decline in Business Area Benelux driven by strong references in energy and pharma, in combination with weak demand in infrastructure and construction



Acquisitions

Acquisitions 2023			Business Area	Annual Sales	
		Sax Lift A/S	FMS	130 MSEK	
Q1		Hobe GmbH	DACH	80 MSEK	
		Siersema Komponenten Service B.V.	Benelux	390 MSEK	
		Safematic A/S	FMS	55 MSEK	
Q2	+	Labema Oy	Finland	70 MSEK	
		I-tronik S.r.l.	DACH	165 MSEK	
Q3	#	Noby A/S	IC	60 MSEK	
04		Powerpoint Engineering	UK	150 MSEK	
Q4	+	TSE Troller	DACH	90 MSEK	
		Total		1 190 MSEK	

Acquisitions 2024

pure! GmbH

Business area: Industrial & Engineering Annual sales: 110 MSEK

SDT Scandinavian Drive Technologies ABBusiness area: Industrial & Engineering
Annual sales: 55 MSEK

MeHow Medical Ireland Ltd. Business area: Life Science Annual sales: 160 MSEK

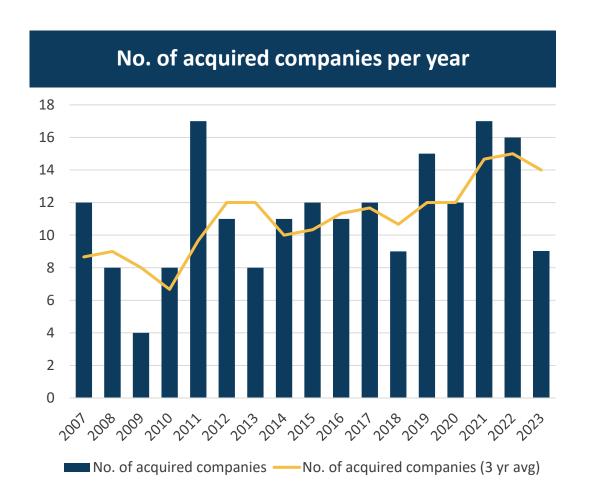


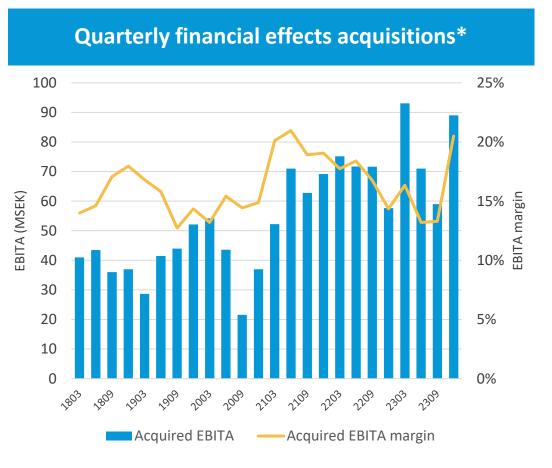






Successful acquisition track record





^{* &}quot;bridge effects" from acquisitions last 12 months from date of closing, in respective quarter

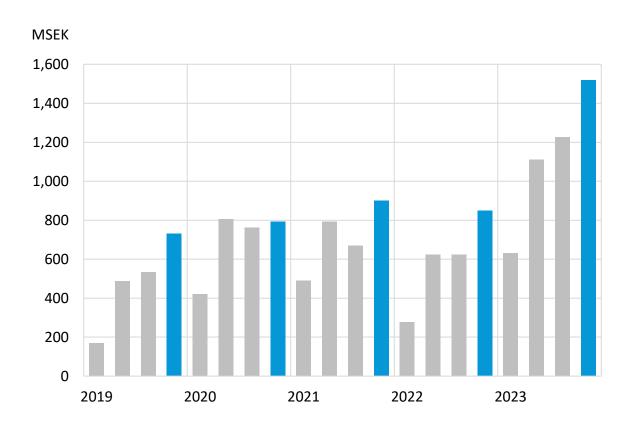


Key data summary

MSEK	2023-Q4	2022-Q4	Change	2023	2022	Change
Order Intake	8,044	7,052	14%	31,211	27,701	13%
Net Sales	7,821	7,228	8%	31,835	27,016	18%
Gross margin, %	34.8	34.9		34.7	34.7	
EBITA	1,141	1,081	6%	4,769	4,098	16%
EBITA-margin, %	14.6	15.0		15.0	15.2	
Net financial items	-113	-66	71%	-467	-180	159%
Tax	-164	-208	-21%	-825	-759	9%
Earnings per share (before dilution), SEK	1.95	1.86	5%	7.86	7.36	7%
Return On Capital Employed, %	21	23		21	23	
Cash Flow from operating activities	1,520	850	79%	4,491	2,372	89%
Net debt / EBITDA, times	1.4	1.8		1.4	1.8	



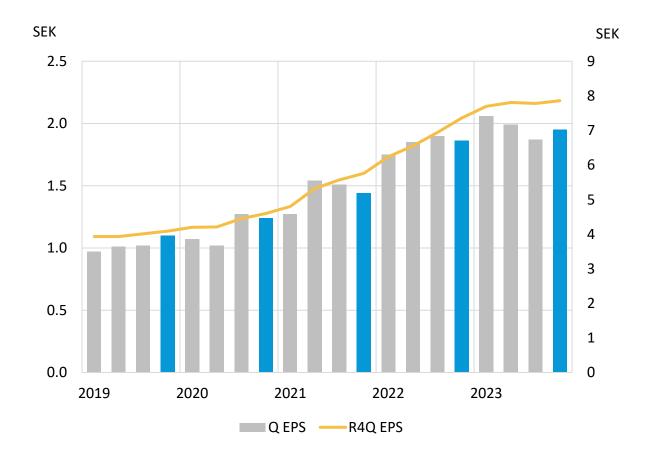
Cash Flow from operating activities



- All-time-high operating cash flow during the quarter of 1,520 (850) MSEK
- The increase versus last year was mainly related to a more favorable working capital development
- Continued inventory reduction during the quarter
- The working capital efficiency* improved versus Q3-2023 but remains lower than last year



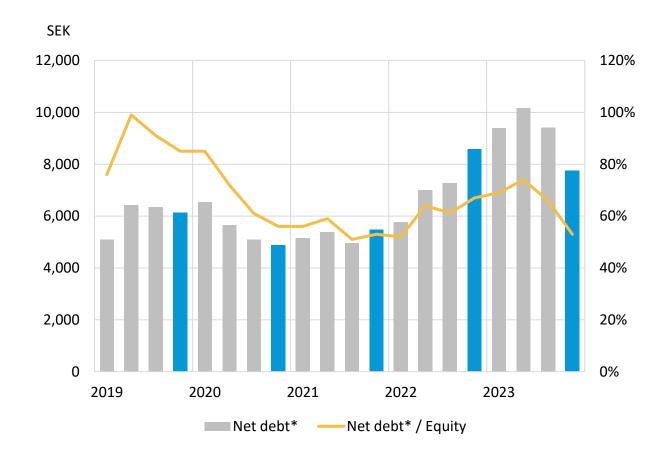
Earnings per share



- EPS increased 5% in the quarter to SEK
 1.95 (1.86) per share and with 7%
 during the year to SEK 7.86 (7.36) per share
- The improvement in EBITA was somewhat offset by higher interest costs and amortisations
- 3- and 5-year rolling 4Q earnings per share CAGR, were 20% and 16%



Net debt



- The interest-bearing net debt declined both sequentially and versus last year to 7,747 (8,580) MSEK
- The decline is mainly due to stronger operational cash flow, fewer acquisitions and revaluation of earnouts
- Net debt/equity ratio was 53% (67%)
- Net debt/EBITDA was 1.4x (1.8).
 Excluding earn-out liabilities 1.3x (1.5)



New Group structure for future growth

Moving from a geographic and product-based structure to a market and customer-based structure

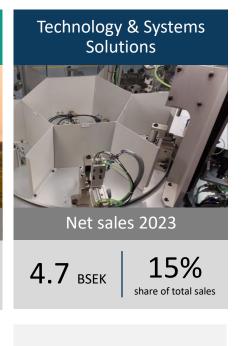








Process, Energy & Water



~60 companies

~40 companies

~30 companies

~45 companies

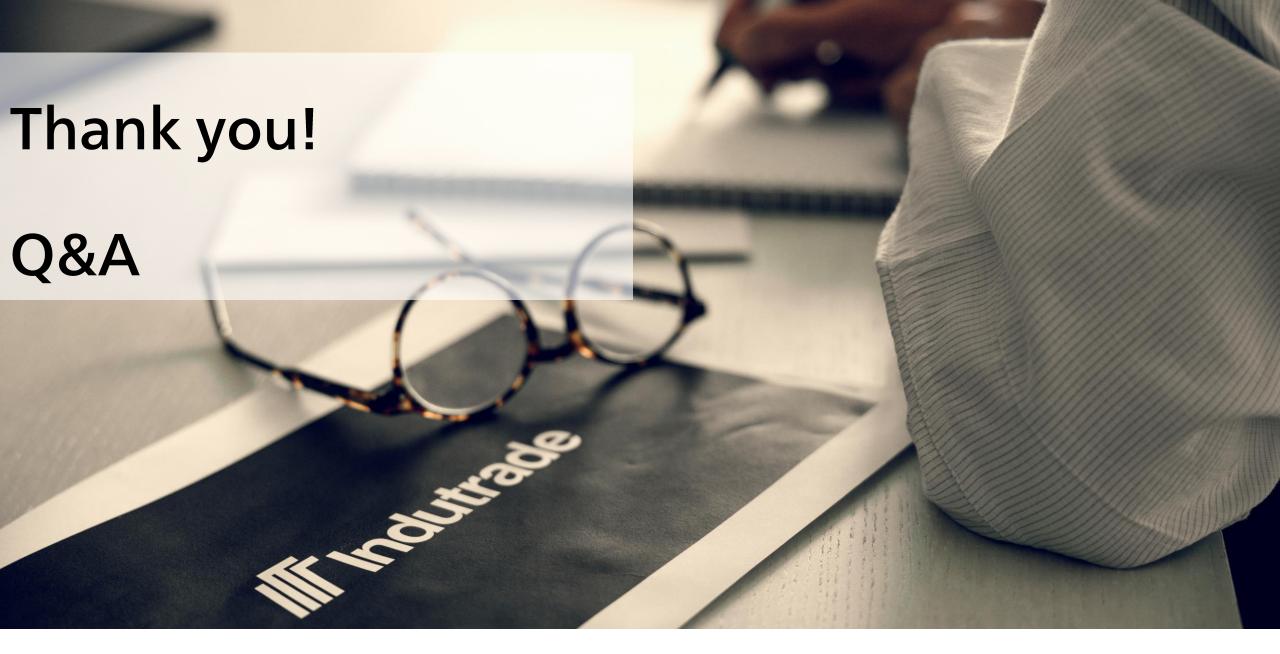
~30 companies



Key takeaways

- Summarising a successful 2023 with a strong Q4.
- Continued high and stable demand situation. The uncertainty around the general state of the economy remains for the coming quarters and we face tough references.
- Strong underlying market drivers, not least linked to the green technology transition and a growing MedTech and Pharma sector, where many of our companies are well positioned.
- Solid EBITA-margin and all-time-high operational cash flow.
- 9 acquisitions in 2023, with combined annual sales of SEK 1.2 billion. Good pace so far in 2024.
- New Group structure for future growth!







Financial calendar & contact details

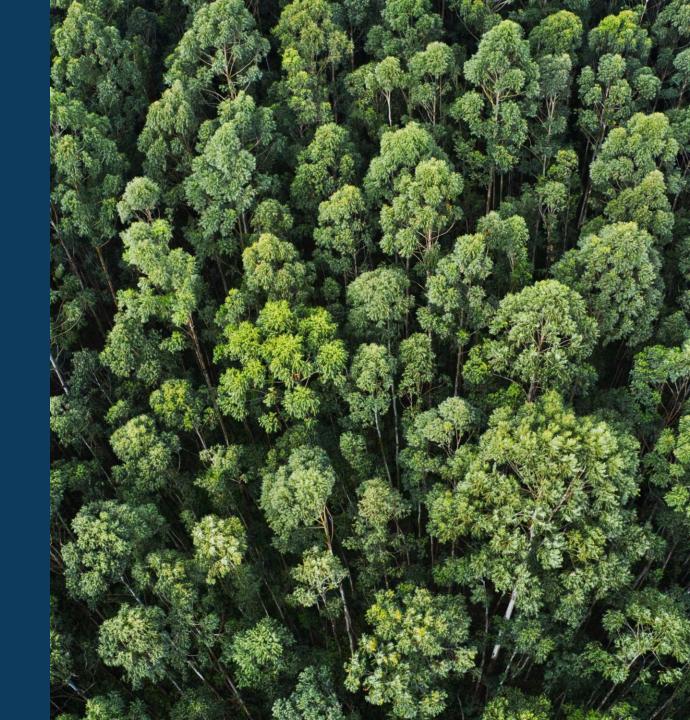
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