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## Interim Report okt-dec 2024

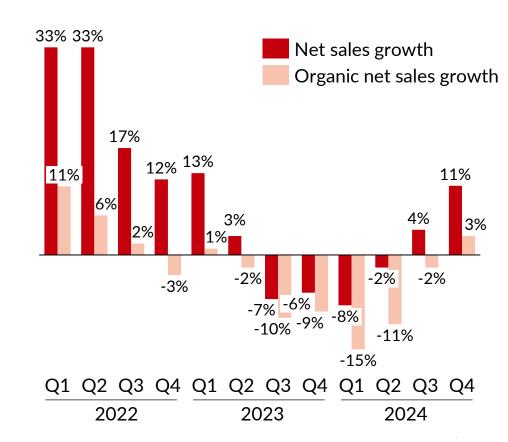
Andreas Stenbäck, CEO Martin Aronsson, CFO 12 February 2025

Volati is a growing group of well-managed companies with strong earnings



### Return of organic growth in Q4

- Sales increased by 11 percent to SEK 2,007 million in the fourth quarter.
- Organic sales growth of 3%, and the first quarter since Q1 2022 with organic sales growth in all business areas
- Margin development in line with or better than last year except for platform Tornum Group within business area industry which has faced challenging market circumstances in combination with low margins in a couple of projects
- Earnings per share increased by 36 percent in the quarter



### Time to close the growth gap

- Cash flow was strong during both the fourth quarter and the full year 2024. Cash conversion in excess of 100% for the second year in a row
- Two strategic acquisitions made after Q3: Salix Group acquired Timberman in Denmark, and Ettiketto Group acquired Clever Etiketten in Germany, adding approximately SEK 710 million in annual revenue.
- After three years of challenging market conditions, we have created a growth gap. Volati's financial goal is to increase EBITA by 15% annually, doubling EBITA in every five years
- We have taken several long term structural measures, for example reviewed the cost base, improved
  organisational efficiency and synergies within the platforms
- We have also during the same period acquired 15 companies totaling SEK 2,2 bn of yearly revenue
- This puts us in a great position to show accelerated growth once the markets starts returning towards normal levels

### Financial development, Q4 2024

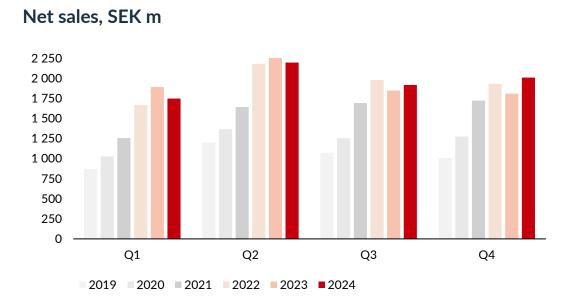
Net sales
SEK **2,007** m
(Q4 2023: 1,808)

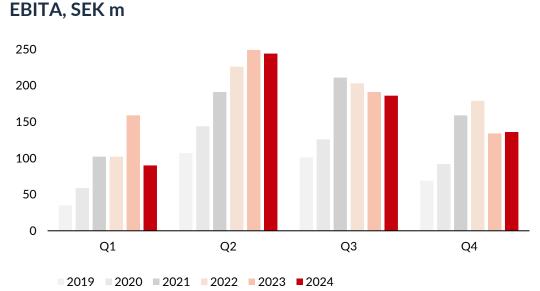
EBITA **136** m
(Q4 2023: 135)

Operating cash flow SEK  $374_{m}$  (Q4 2023: 300)

Net debt/adjusted EBITDA

2,6
(Q4 2023: 2,0x)





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#### Financial development 2024

**Net sales** 

**5EK 7,866** m

(FY 2023: 7,796)

**EBITA** 

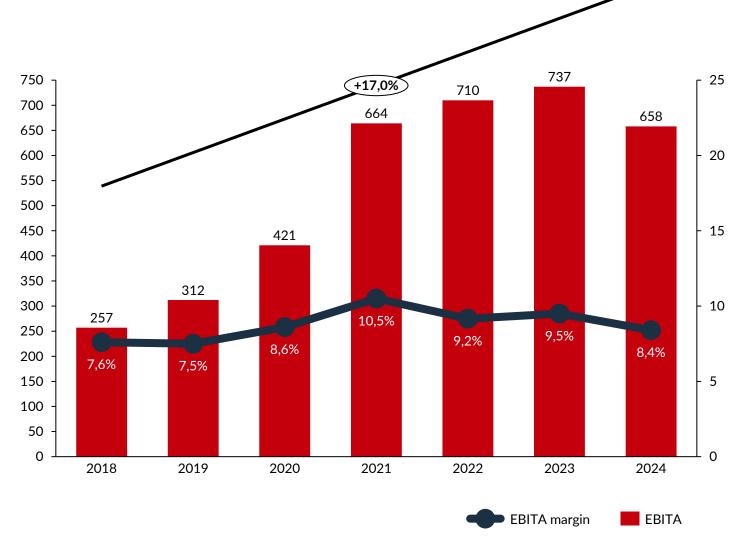
**SEK 658** m

(FY 2023: 737)

Operating cash flow

SEK **779** m

(FY 2023: 836)



### **Financial targets**

#### **EBITA** growth

The target is an average annual growth in EBITA per ordinary share of at least 15 percent over a business cycle.

#### Return on adjusted equity

The long-term target is a return on adjusted equity<sup>1)</sup> of 20 percent.

#### **Capital structure**

The target is a net debt/adjusted EBITDA ratio of 2 to 3 times, and not exceeding 3.5 times.

**Growth in EBITA per ordinary share, LTM** 

-11%

2023: 4%

Five year average<sup>2</sup>: 19%

Return on adjusted equity

16%

2023: 22 %

Five year average: 32%

Net debt/adjusted EBITDA

2.6<sub>x</sub>

2023: 2,0x

Five year average: 1,4x

1) See pages 137-141 of the 2023 Annual Report for definitions of alternative performance measures. 2) Excluding divested operations.

### Three business areas with growth focus



Products and materials for builder's hardware, consumables, construction, home & garden, packaging and forestry & agriculture.



Self-adhesive labels and machines for various applications; from decorative labels to technically advanced labels in medical technology.

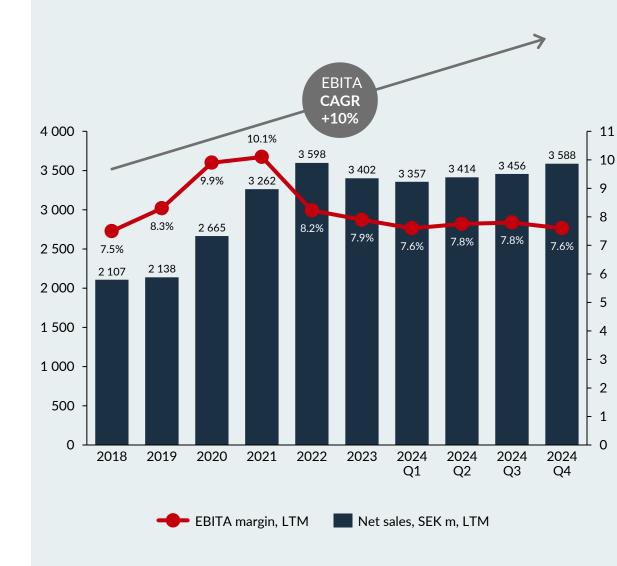


Four businesses with leading market positions in their niches; Products and solutions for grain management. Products for dampness and water damage management. Infrastructure for telecom, lighting and solar panels. Stone and cement products for infrastructure and construction.

### Salix Group

- Sales increase of 17 percent in the quarter, mainly driven by acquisitions but also through organic growth, with slightly lower EBITA margin.
- Continued challenging market, however signs of increased activity from building hardware store customer.
- Full year 2024 revenue increase of 5 percent.
- Visible benefits from cost control measures, coordination benefits, synergy realisation and active market development.
- Construction market growth expected in 2025.
- The acquisition of Timberman A/S was completed in Q4 2024, a market-leading flooring supplier in Denmark.
- Well positioned for further acquisitions.

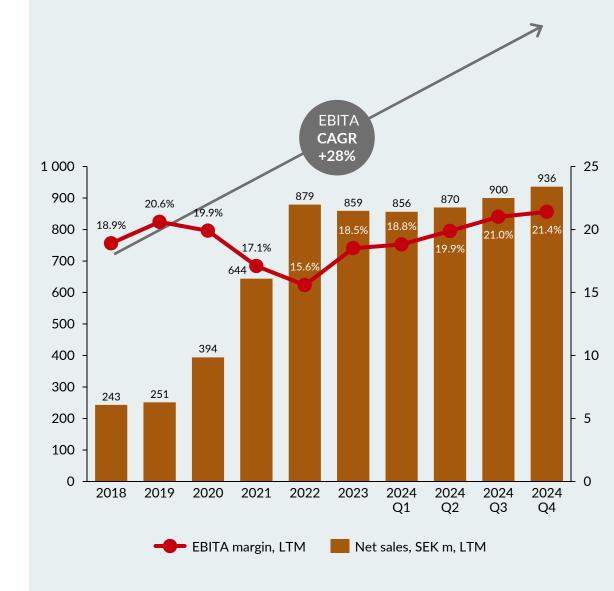
	Oct-Dec 2024	Oct-Dec 2023	FY 2024	FY 2023
Net sales, SEK m	892	759	3588	3402
EBITA, SEK m	50	45	273	269
EBITA-margin, %	6	6	8	8
ROCE excl. goodwill, %	24	25	24	25



### **Ettiketto Group**

- Organic revenue increase of 16 percent and an EBITA-margin increase of 2pp in the quarter.
- Full year organic revenue increase of 9 percent.
- The LTM EBITA margin has consistently increased over the past nine quarters and is now at 21 percent
- The margin expansion stem from Ettiketto Group systematically improving the operational efficiently and realising synergies in the companies they have acquired.
- Good order intake in the Swedish operations where capacity expansions ensure that Ettiketto Group can meet the demand.
- The acquisition of Clever Etiketten GmbH in Q1 2025 opens a new platform in Central Europe, enabling continued acquisition-driven growth.

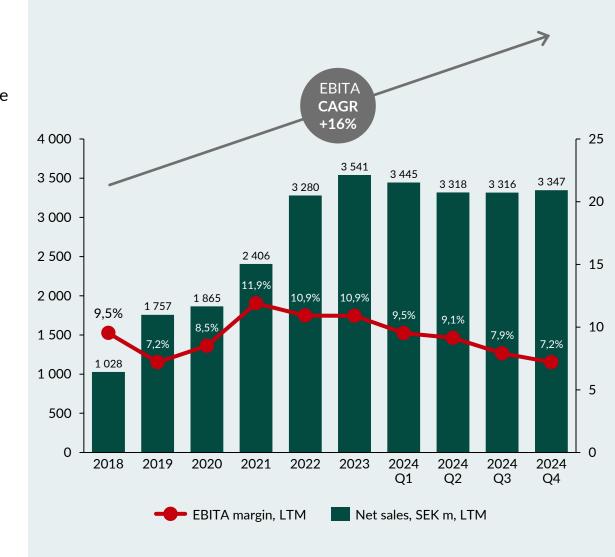
	Oct-Dec 2024	Oct-Dec 2023	FY 2024	FY 2023
Net sales, SEK m	252	216	936	859
EBITA, SEK m	51	39	200	159
EBITA-margin, %	20	18	21	18
ROCE excl. goodwill, %	78	67	78	67



### **Industry**

- Revenue growth of 4 percent in the quarter with an EBITA-margin decline to 7 percent from 10 percent in Q4 last year.
- Corroventa performed well in the quarter but lowered the result compared to the strong Q4 2023.
- Tornum Group faced a challenges with lower demand in the agricultural segment and low profitability in a few Spanish projects.
- S:t Eriks continues to face a challenging construction market, while the demand in the infrastructure segment is stable.
- Good growth for Communication due to increased demand and to some extent due to weak comparison figures from last year.

	Oct-Dec	Oct-Dec	FY	FY
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Net sales, SEK m	864	834	3347	3541
EBITA, SEK m	59	81	240	385
EBITA-margin, %	7	10	7	11
ROCE excl. goodwill, %	20	34	20	34



### 26 acquisitions and SEK 4,2 billion of annual sales

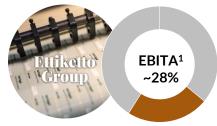
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**Timberman** 

December 2024

**since 2020** 



Egitetto EBITA ~28%	



Heco January 2020	180
Pisla September 2020	240
Duschy March 2021	100
Gunnar Eiklio March 2022	SALES 40
Nibu/SkanCo May 2022	150
Embo Import November 2022	SALES 25
Sweja May 2023	100
<b>Trejon</b> December 2023	SALES 300

**Beslag Design** February 2024

160
170
190
SALES 70
SALES 30
290







SALES
60
SALES <b>190</b>
SALES 80

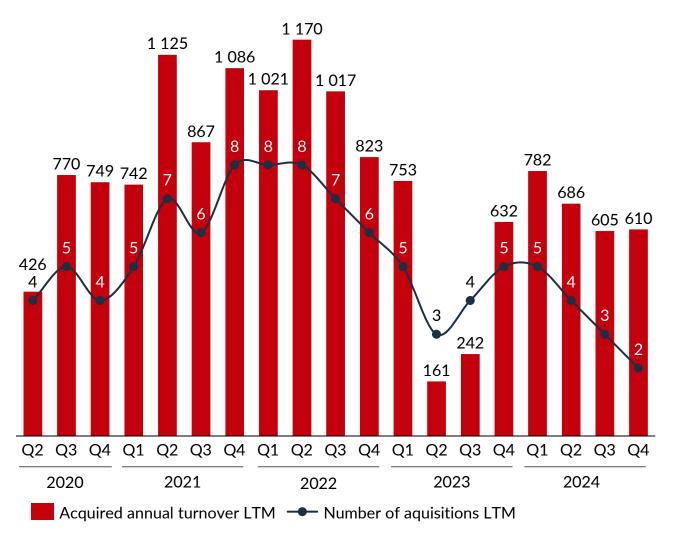


	Commu	mication
	Scanmast June 2021	SALES <b>290</b>
)	MAFI April 2022	SALES 330

SALES

420

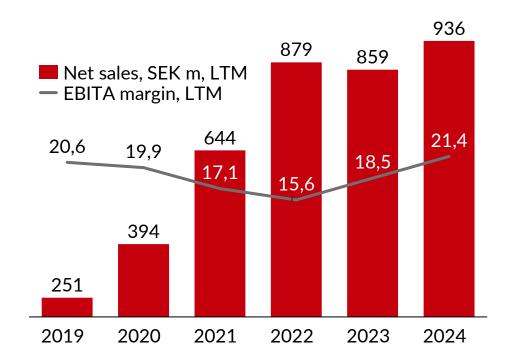
# Add-on acquisitions are an important value driver for volati. Volati and our platforms



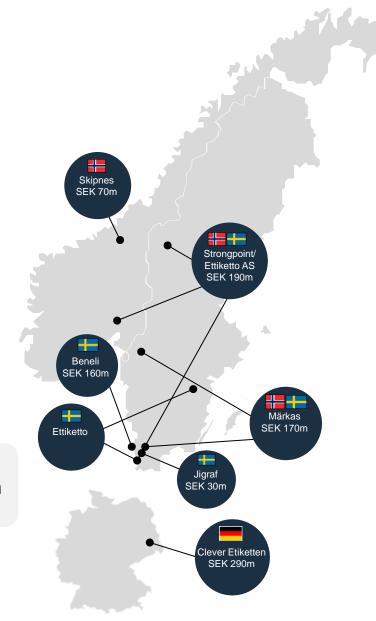
- M&A have over time contributed with annual sales of SEK 600-1,200 million
- Annual pace of 6-8 acquisitions
- Majority of the acquisitions are value creating add-on acquisitions, enabling substantial synergy realisation
- Platforms, financial capacity and processes in place to continue to grow through acquisitions

## Ettiketto Group is an example of how Volati builds strong platforms

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Ettiketto has significantly improved the margins in the acquired companies resulting in an EBITA growth of approximately SEK 50 million to SEK 200 million the last five years.



#### **Clever Etiketten GmbH**

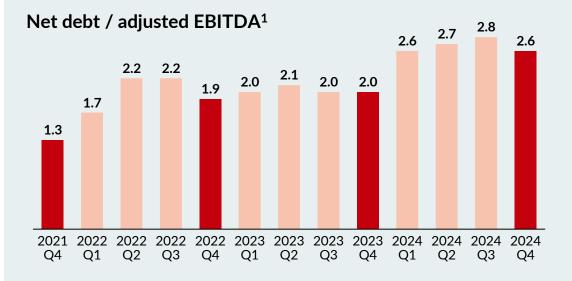
- Annual sales of SEK~290 million
- Clever is a leading supplier of label solutions in Germany with approximately 200 employees, founded in 1992
- The acquisition marks the entry into the German market for Ettiketto Group
- Potential to further develop Clever through operational improvements and synergy realisation
- A platform in Central Europe is established where Ettiketto Group can leverage their proven ability to generate profitable growth through acquisitions



# Well positioned for further acquired growth

- Operational cash flow of SEK 374 million in Q4 2024 compared to SEK 300 million same period last year
- FY2024 Cash flow of SEK 779 million
- Total cash generation of 104% during last twelve months.
- Net debt decrease with SEK 84 million in the quarter due to
  - Operating cash flow of SEK +374 million
  - Acquisitions SEK -287 million
  - Tax, interest, dividend outflow and other net debt items of SEK -4 million
- Once markets normalise, we will see a positive effect on our net debt / EBITDA ratio





1) See pages 137–141 of the 2023 Annual Report for definitions of alternative performance measures.

## Summary

- Returning to organic sales growth in Q4
- Two acquisitions since the end of last quarter
- In a great position to show accelerated EBITA growth once the markets starts returning towards normal levels

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