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Q1 REPORT

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First quarter highlights

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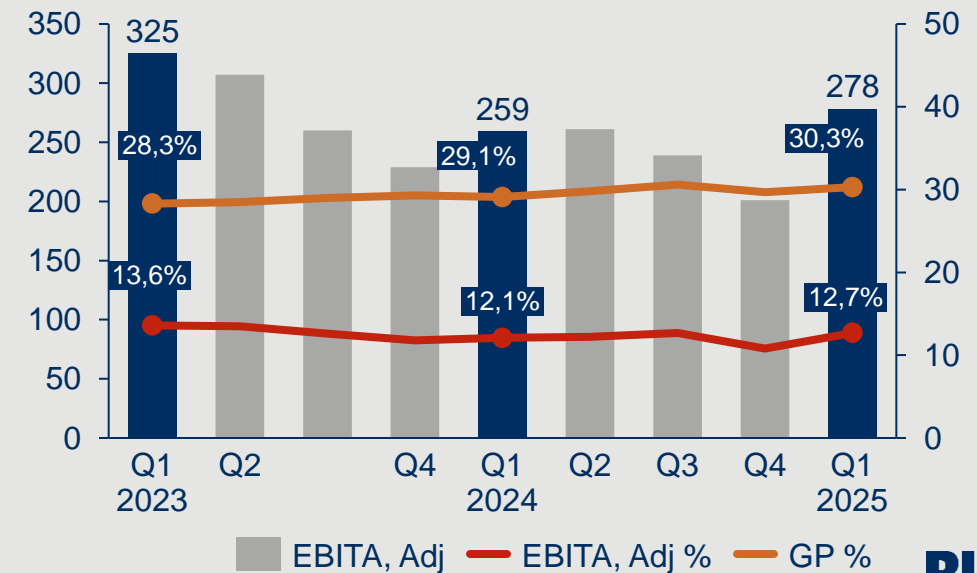
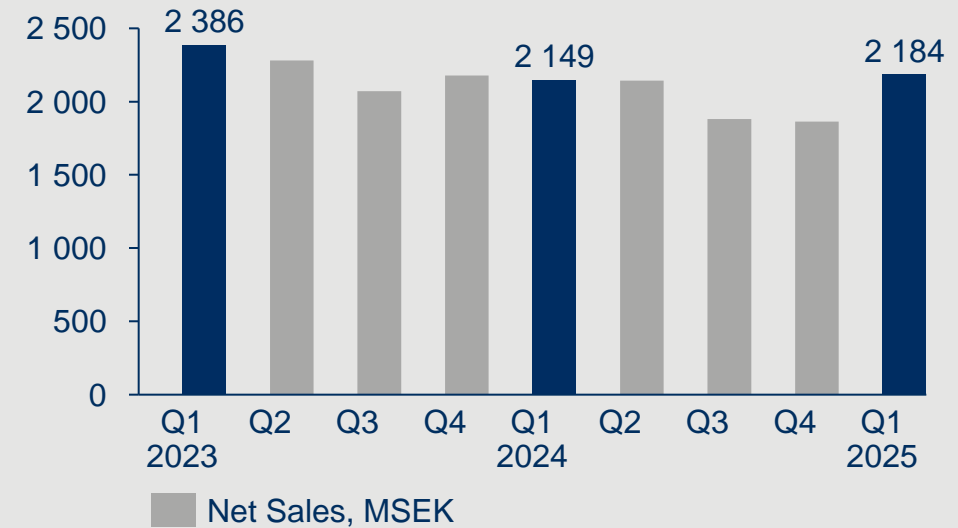


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First quarter highlights – a good start of the year

- Positive sales growth of 1.6% after several quarters of negative growth
- Organic growth of -0.1%, an improvement over Q4 (-1.5)
- Continued cautious market demand and large variation across industries
- Strengthened gross margin, reaching 30.3% (29.1)
- Underlying cost level lower than last year
- Improved adjusted operating margin at 12.7% (12.1), a step in the right direction towards our profitability target



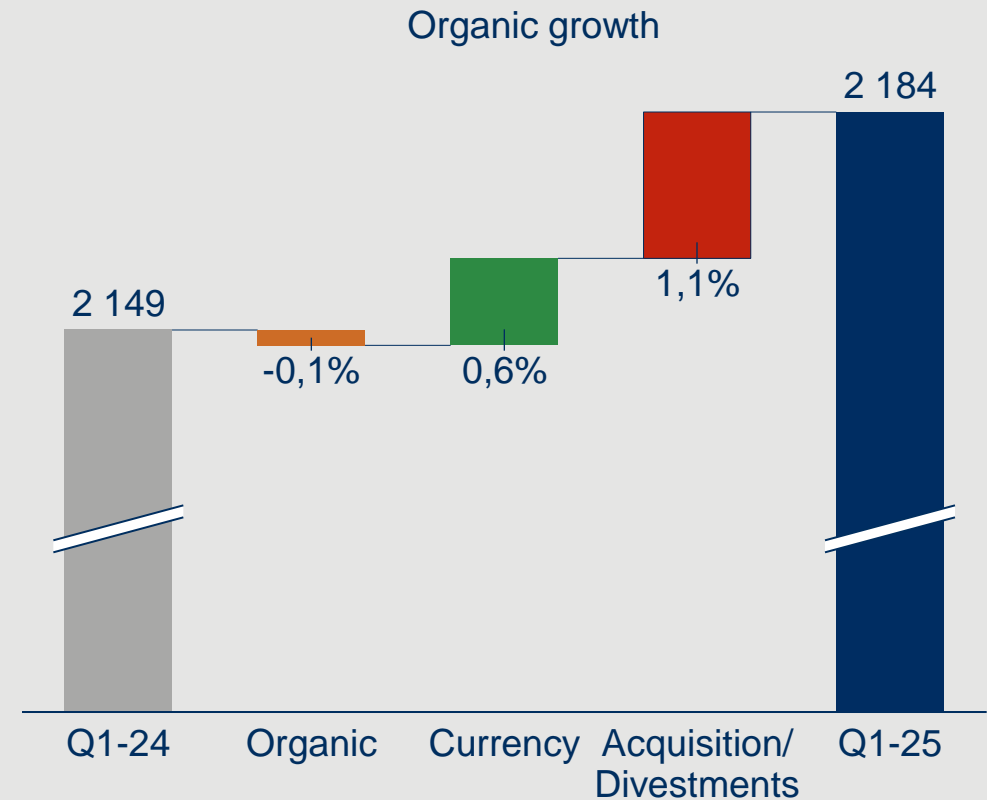
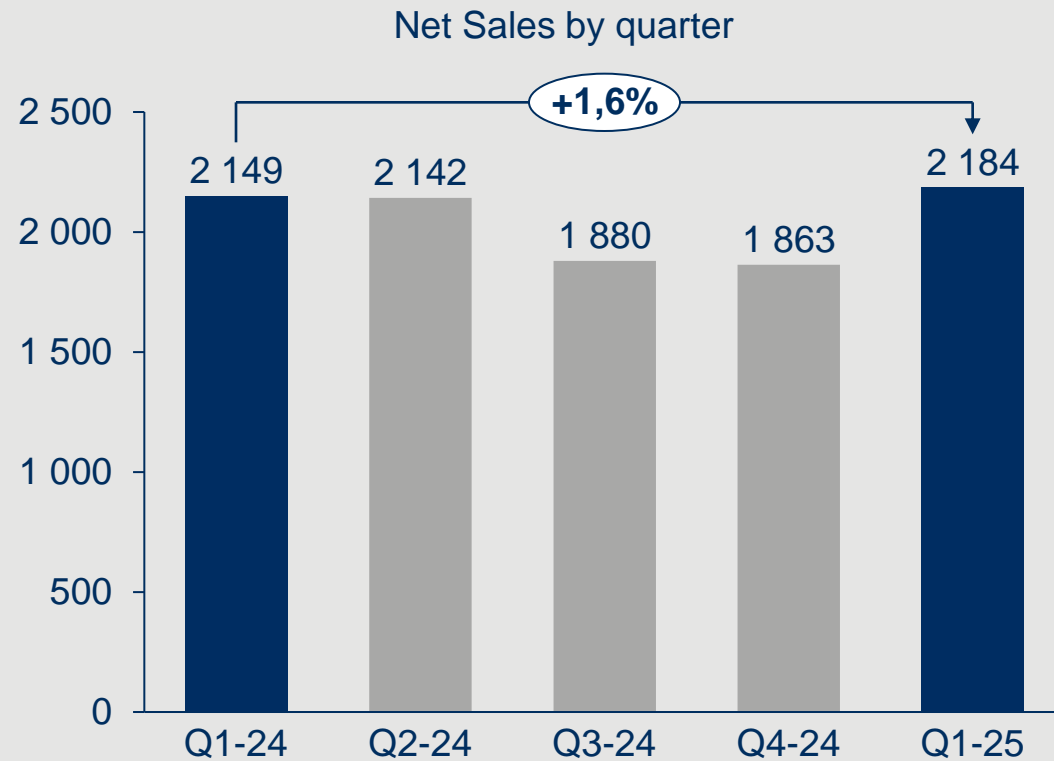
Financial Highlights

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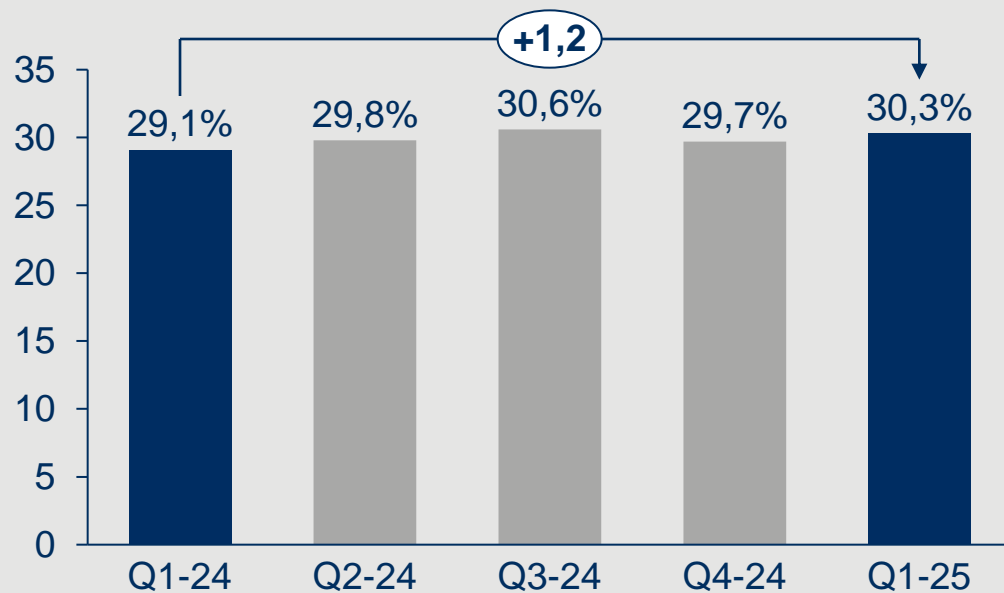
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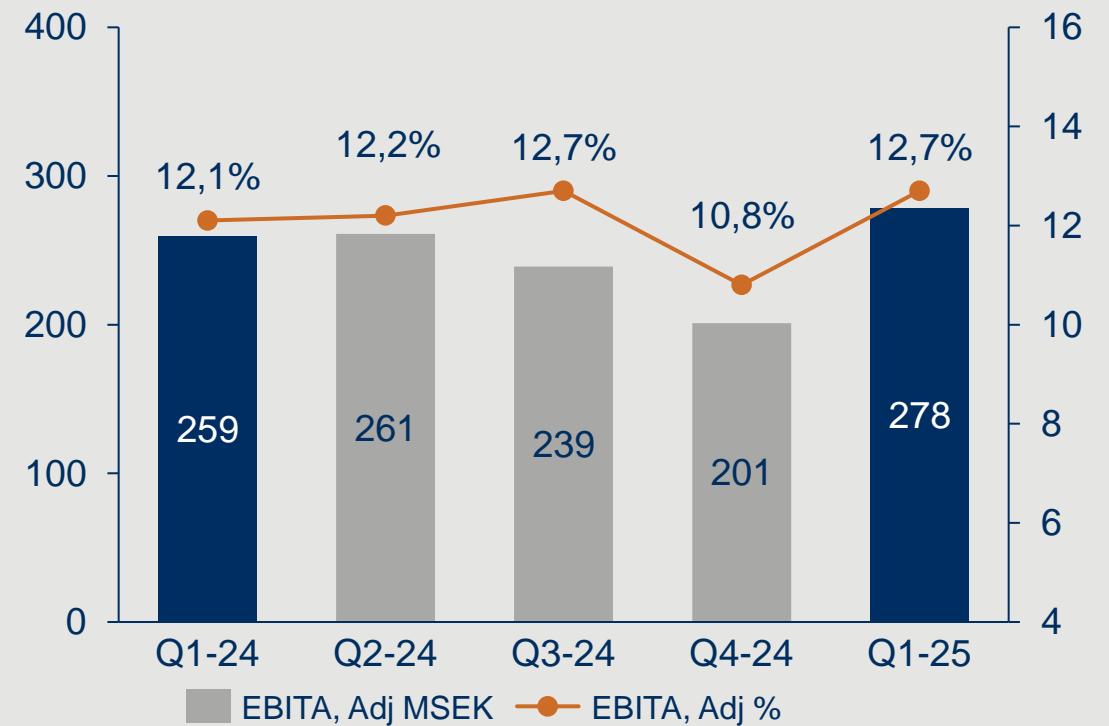


Improved gross margin by 1.2 pp driven by our trading business

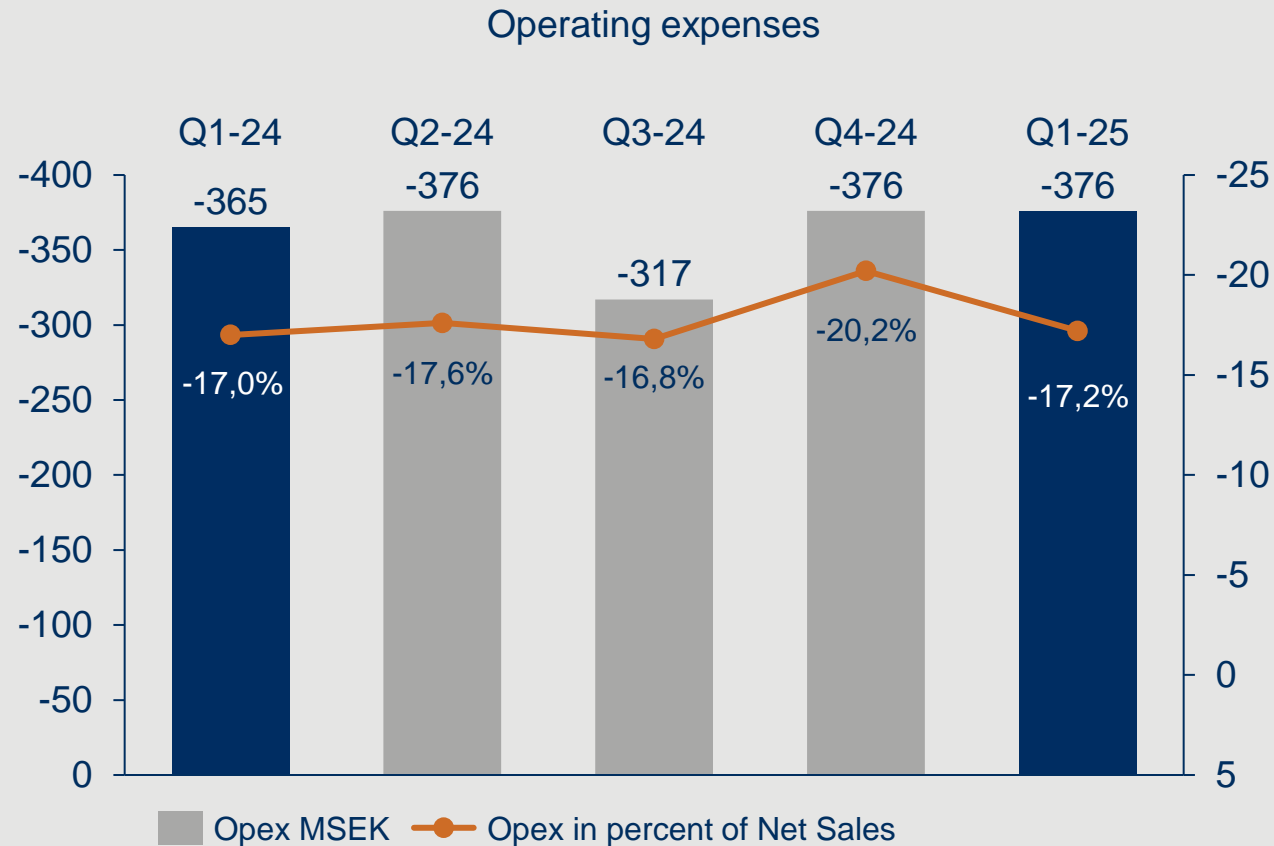
Gross Profit Margin



EBITA adjusted and EBITA margin adjusted



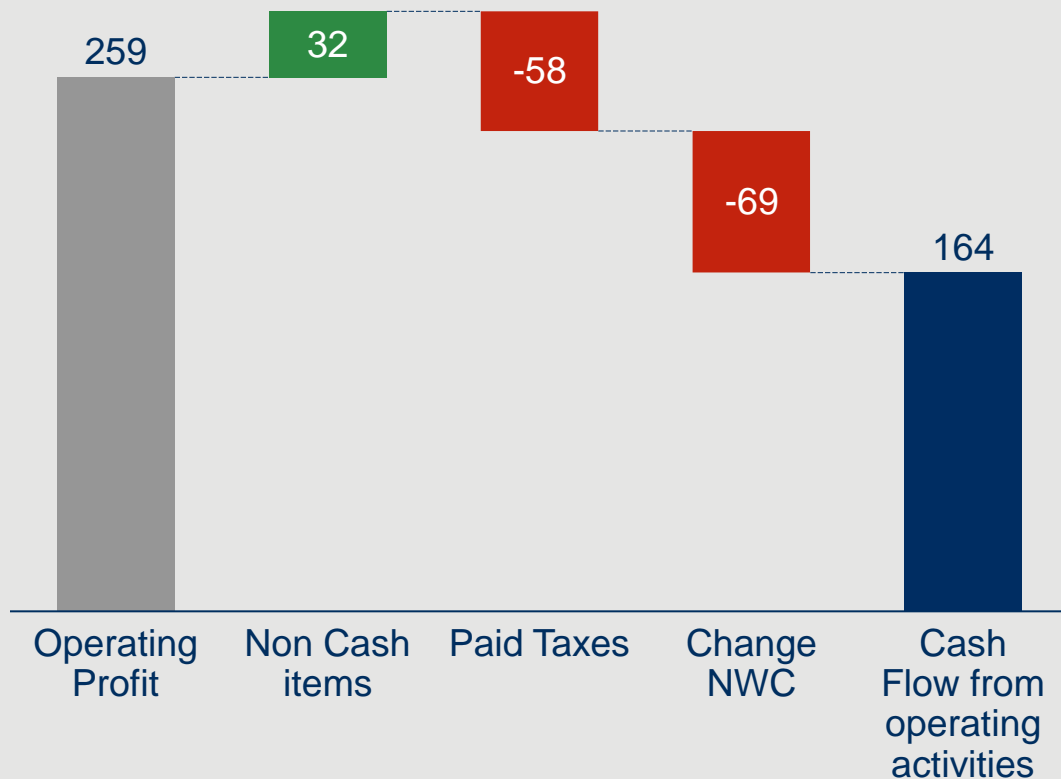
The underlying cost level lower than last year when adjusted for one-offs, restructuring costs and currency effects



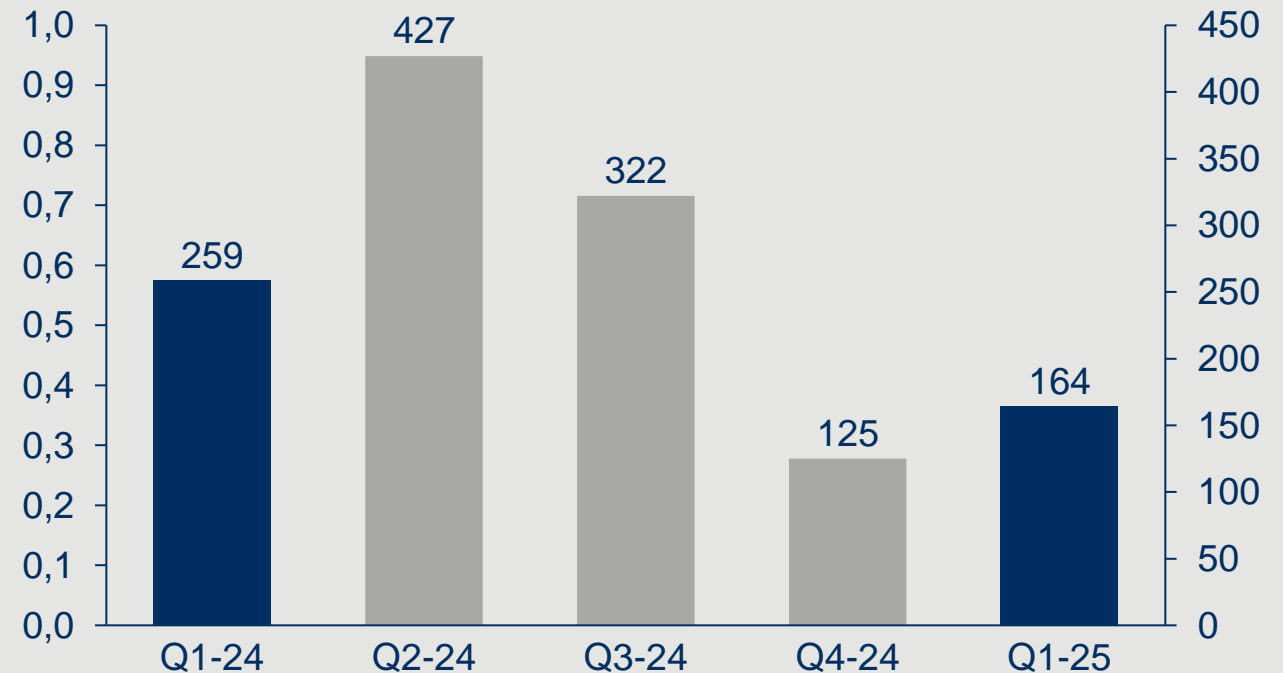
- Higher level of operating expenses vs Q1 2024
- Mainly due to one off's & restructuring cost, bad debt, acquisition of Vital and negative currency translation effects
- Underlying cost base slightly lower than last year (16.7%)
- We continue to place a strong focus on cost control across the organisation and several measures have been implemented to reduce our cost base
- We will have additional minor restructuring cost during the upcoming quarters

Cash flow from operations lower than last year due to the lower inventory reduction compared to Q1 2024

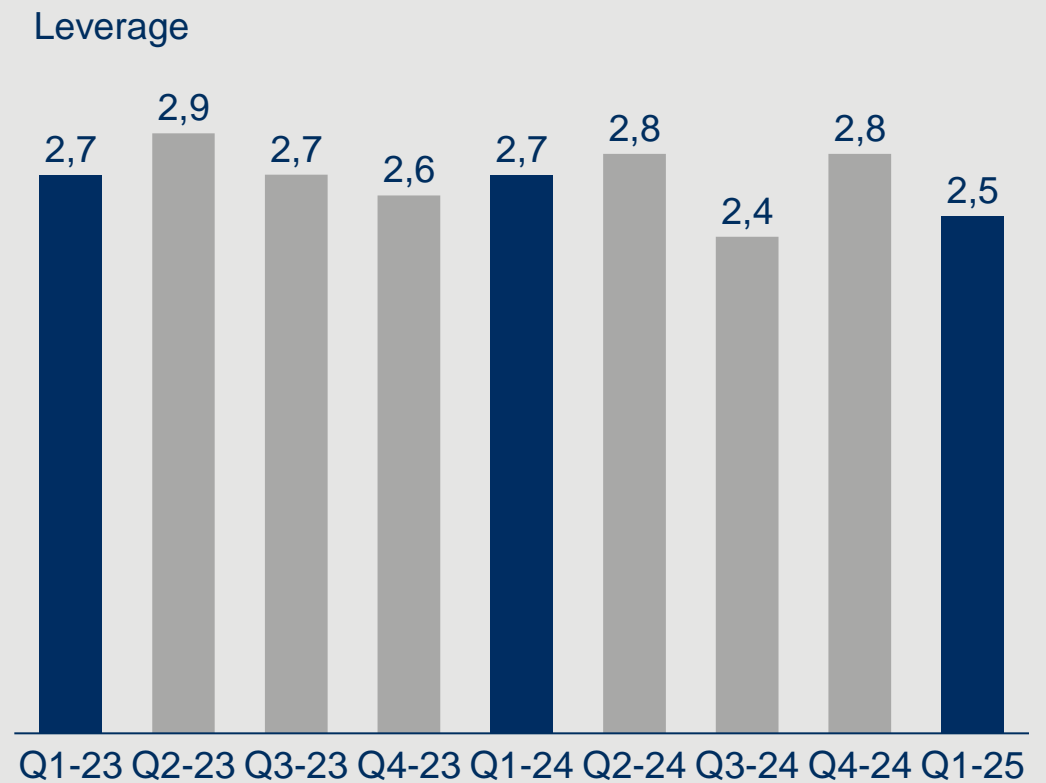
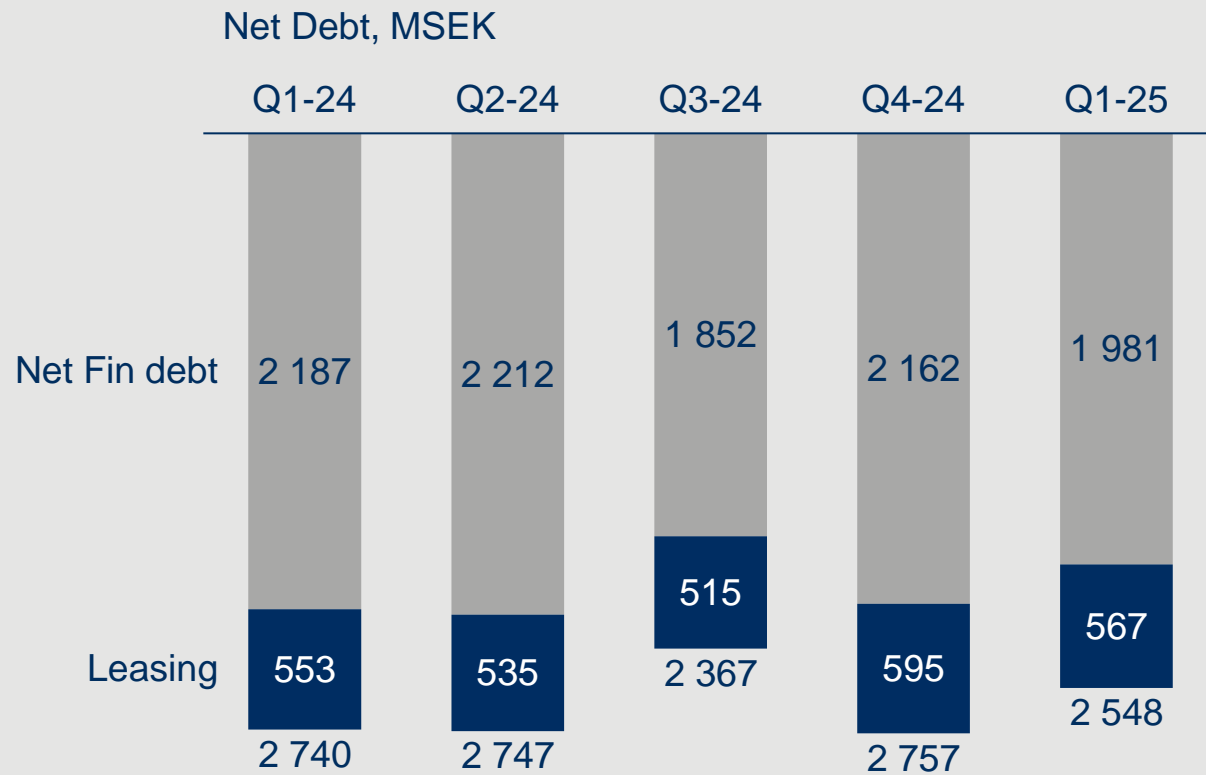
Cash flow from operating activities, MSEK



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Net debt reduced to previous quarter mainly due to reduction of loans. Net debt/EBITDA was 2.5



Regional highlights

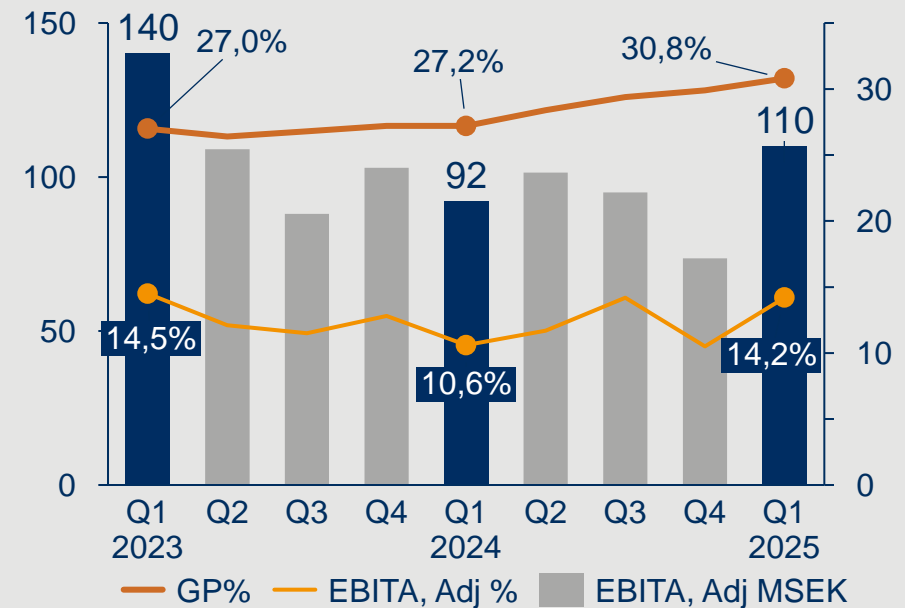
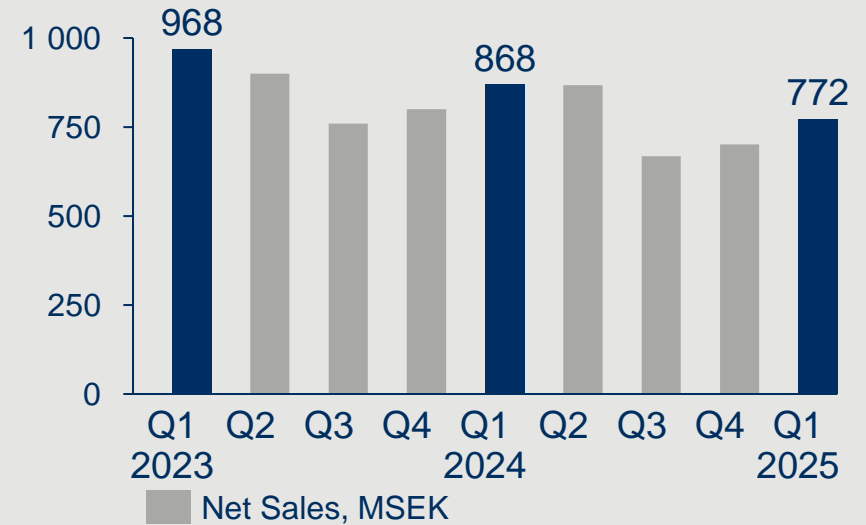


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Region

Europe North & East

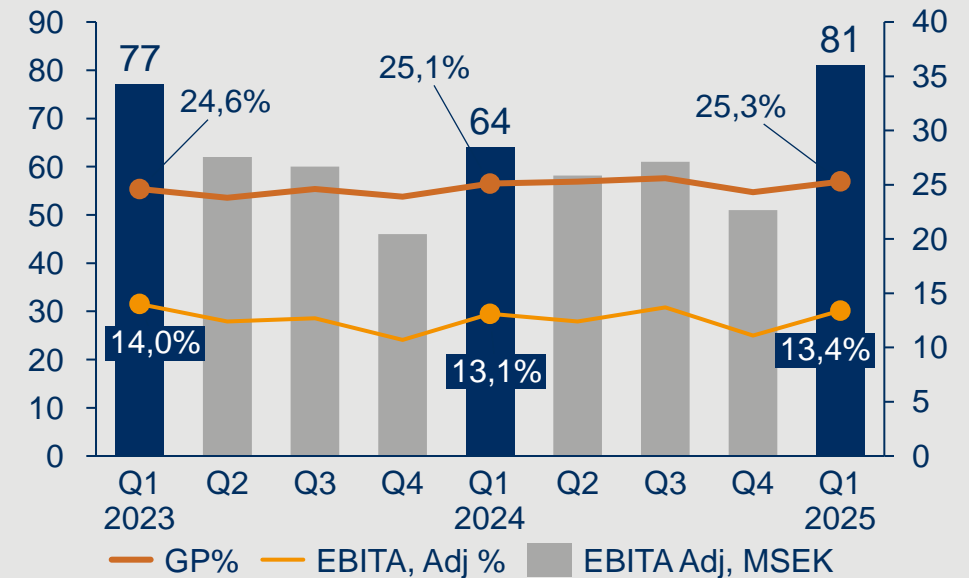
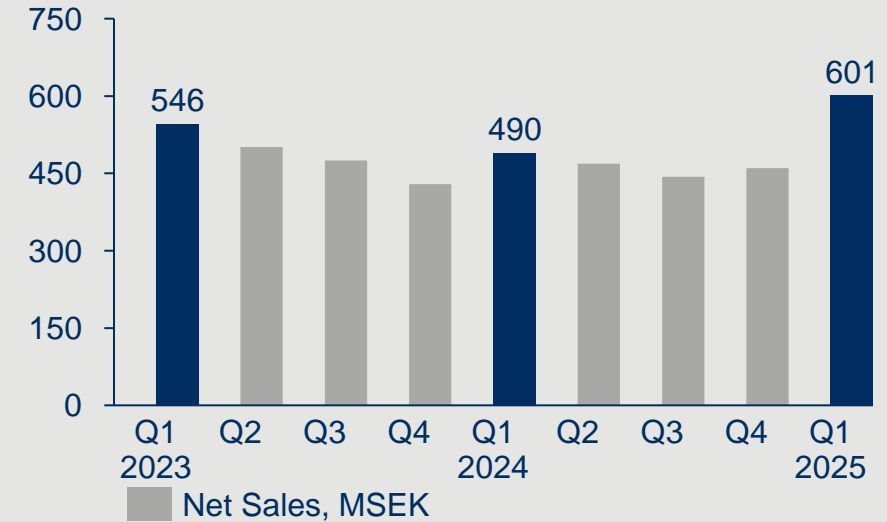
- Total growth was -11.0% and organic growth was 0.8%
- Bufab Finland noted continued weak development, while Bufab Poland saw improved demand
- Gross margin up by 3.6 pp
- Lower share of OpEx mainly due to revaluation of additional purchase considerations, the divestment of Bufab Lann and Hallborn Metall, and currency
- Adjusted operating margin improved to 14.2% (10.6)



Region

Europe West

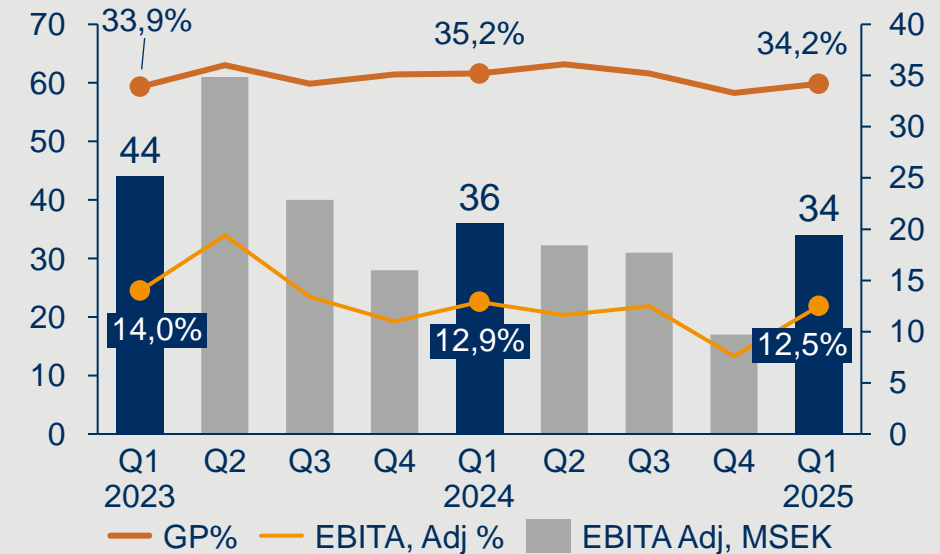
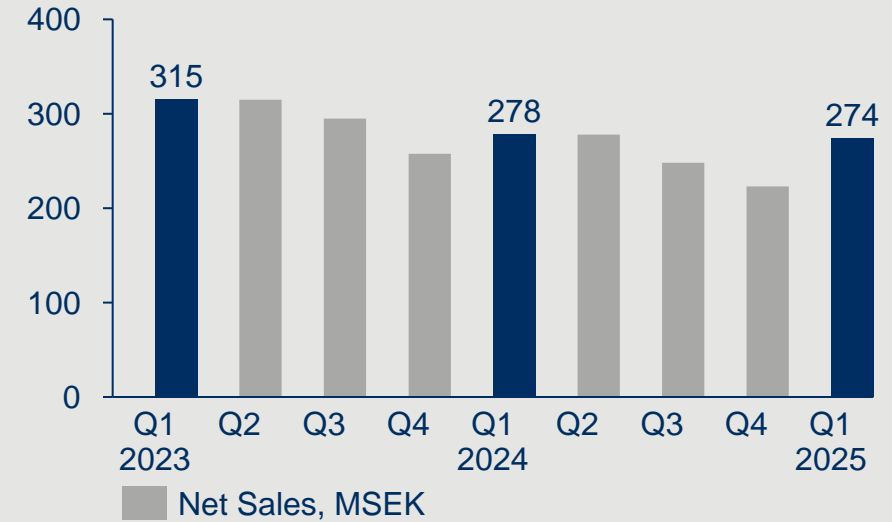
- Total growth amounted to 22.7% and the organic growth was -2.3%
- The organic growth decrease is due to lower activity levels in the automotive and construction industries
- Gross margin up 0.2 pp
- Share of OpEx in line with last year
- The adjusted operating margin improved to 13.4% (13.1)



Region

Americas

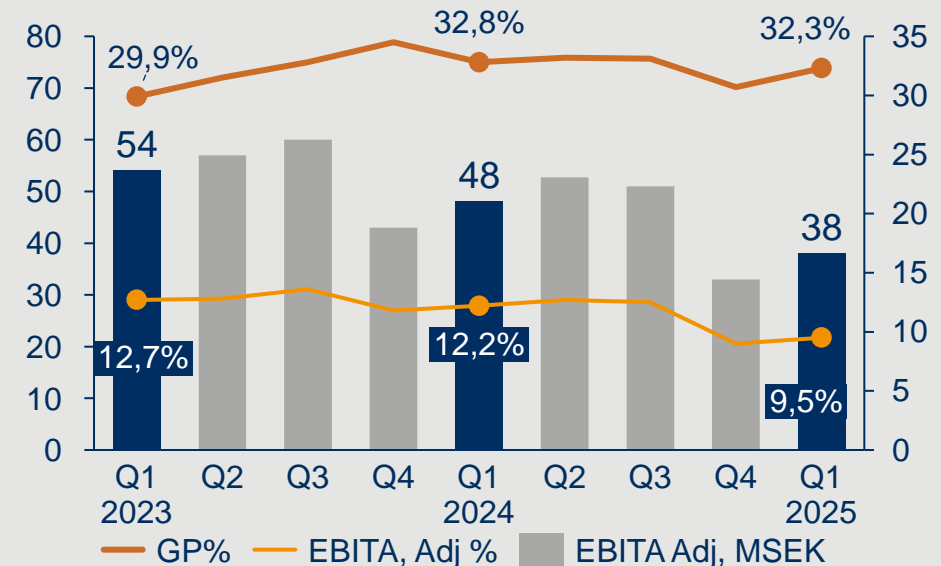
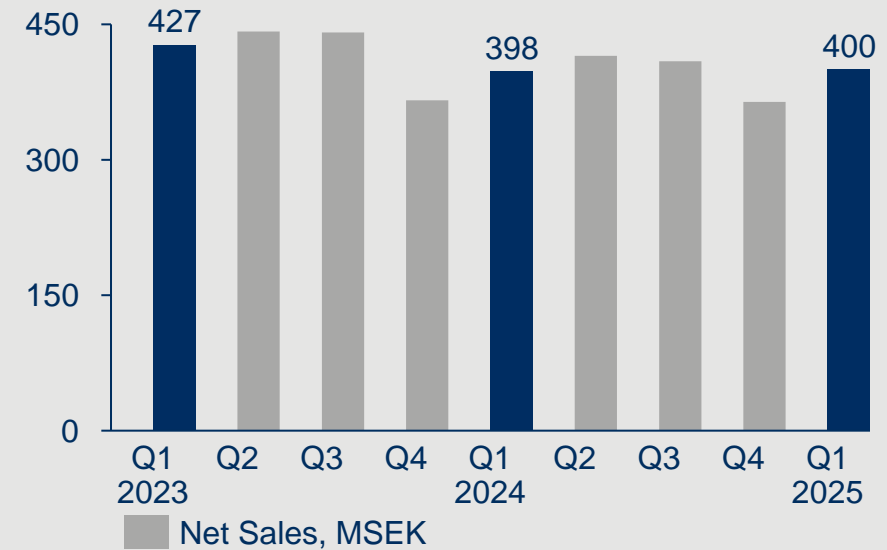
- Total growth amounted to -1.5% and the organic growth was -4.2%
- Demand was stable for the important RV and trailer market, but low demand was noted in the automotive industry
- Gross margin decreased by 1 pp driven by the automotive industry and general uncertainty in the market
- Lower share of OpEx due to good cost control
- The adjusted operating margin was 12.5% (12.9)



Region

UK & Ireland

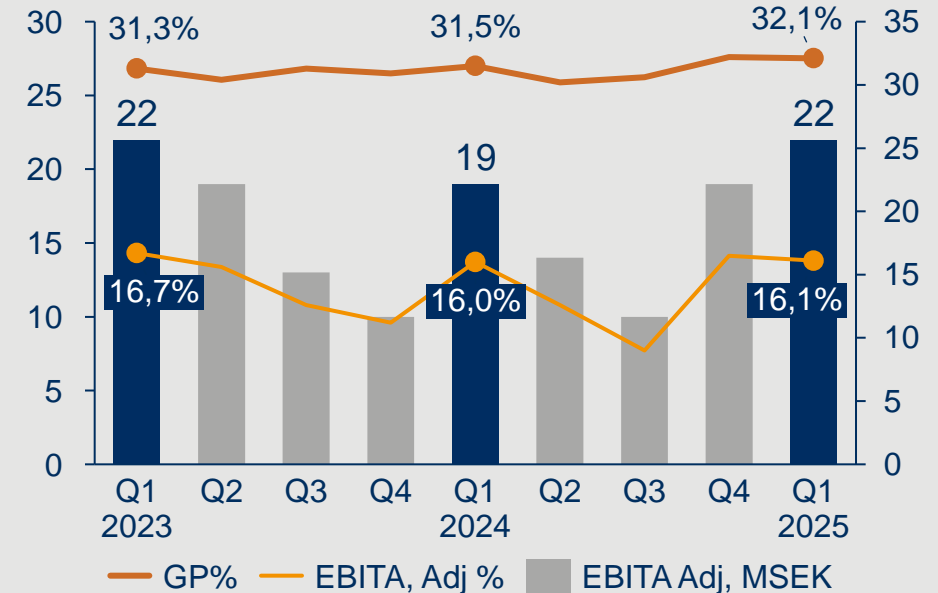
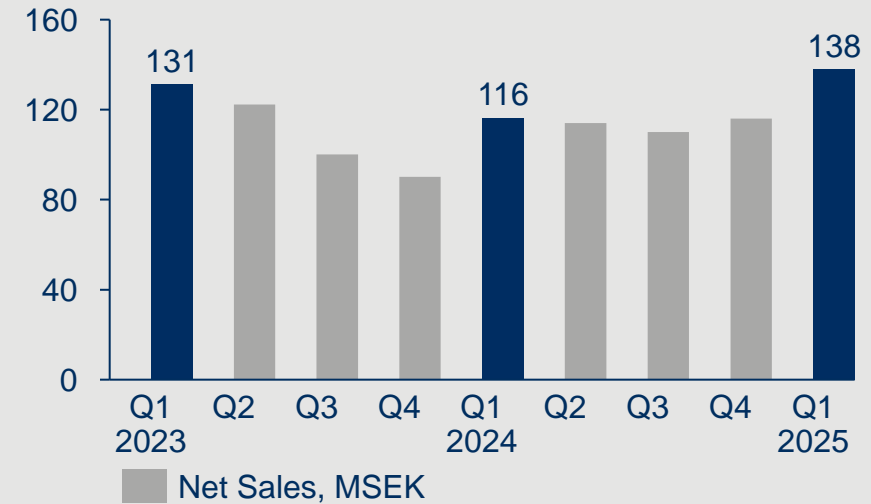
- Total growth amounted to 0.4% and the organic growth was -1.7%
- Lower market prices in mainly Apex and low demand from the manufacturing industry
- Gross margin declined by 0.5 pp, mainly driven by price pressure on stainless components
- OpEx higher than last year impacted by a bad debt expense of SEK 6 million and restructuring costs
- The adjusted operating margin was 9.5% (12.2)



Region

Asia-Pacific

- Total growth amounted to 19.0% and the organic growth was 17.2%
- Strong demand in all companies, led by Bufab Shanghai
- Gross margin improved by 0.6 pp
- Higher share of OpEx than last year
- The adjusted operating margin was 16.1% (16.0)



US business & impact from tariffs

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Our US business and impact from US tariffs

Our US business

- Two niche companies: American Bolt & Screw and Component Solution Group
- ABS – mobile home and trailer market
- CSG – automotive market, i.e., EV-vehicles, SUV's and trucks
- 12% of Bufab's total sales 2024 in US

Impact from US tariffs

- ABS source ~ 38% and CSG ~ 8% from China
- No impact on Bufabs margin but might lead to lower demand in the US
- Lower prices from China to the rest of the world – Buyers market
- The main risk is the overall impact on the global economy
- As a large and stable supplier Bufab can manage these disruptions better than smaller competitors

Mitigating actions

- Price increases passed on to customers
- Prepared for different tariff scenarios
- Using alternative sources when needed (US sourcing generally not an option)
- Working closely with different stakeholders such as suppliers, customers and boarder control

Summary, Outlook & Priorities

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- Improved gross margin and operating margin, and the organic growth continues to strengthen
- Several measures to reduce the cost base have been implemented and more to come, will give effect in 2025/2026
- Despite the uncertain market climate, we remain optimistic about the future – Focus on things within our control
- Continue to execute on our strategy – *Discovering the Next Solution*
 - 1) Continue securing new business and taking market shares
 - 2) Improve our margin - focused work on strengthening our gross margin and on cost savings
 - 3) Continuing to improve our NWC and secure strong cash flow

Q&A