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## Q3 Highlights

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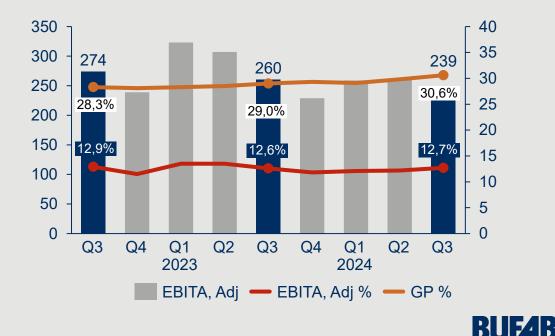
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### **Third quarter highlights**

- Continued large variation in demand across industries
- Organic growth of -2.6%, improvement over Q2
- Net sales in line with order intake adjusted for the divestment of Bufab Lann and Hallborn.
- Gross margin at all-time high, reaching 30.6% (29.0)
- Stable adjusted operating margin at 12.7% (12.6)
- Stable cash flow and improved net debt/EBITDA ratio, and a balance sheet ready for acquisitions
- Continued investments in our customer offering





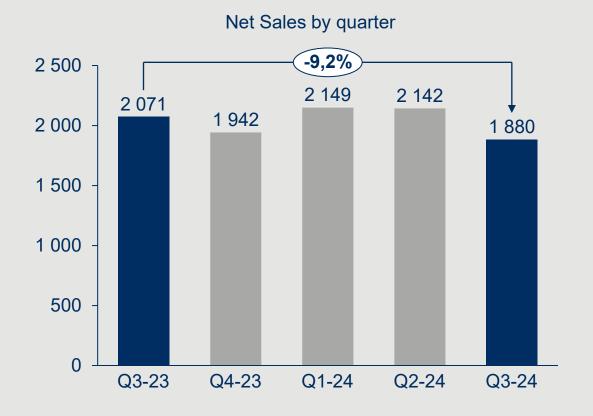
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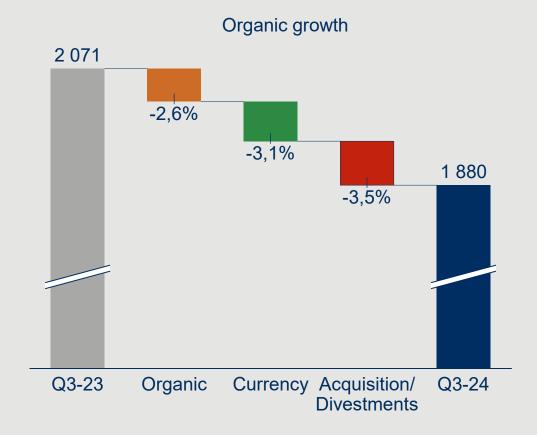
## **Financial Highlights**

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### Continued negative organic growth, however, improvement to previous quarter





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# Improved gross margin by 1.6 pp and stable operating margin



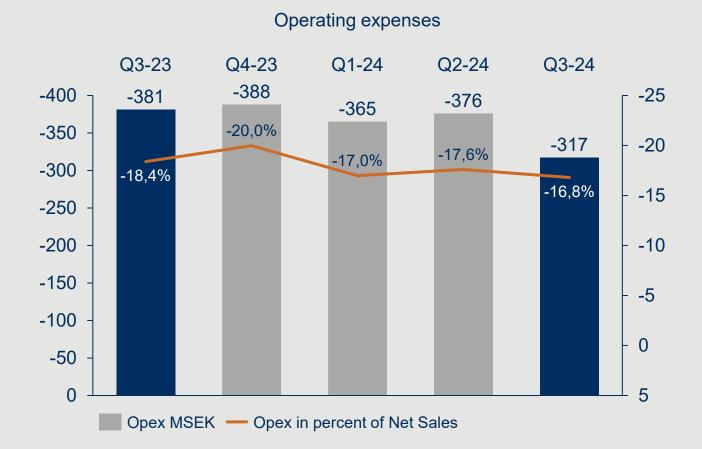
Gross Profit Margin

EBITA adjusted and EBITA margin adjusted





# Reduced operating expenses as a result of focused cost reduction activities

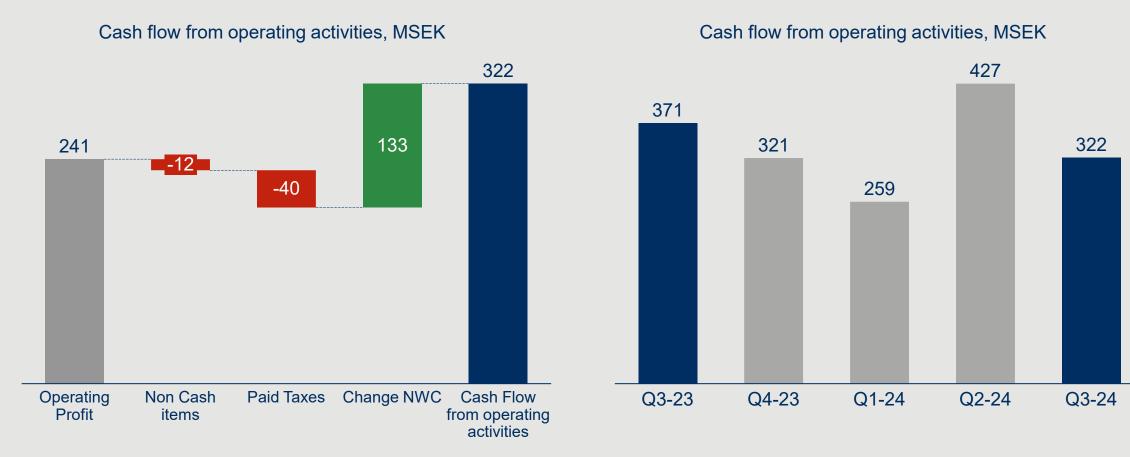


- Operating expenses was positively affected by 8 MSEK in Q3 this year and negatively by 40 MSEK in Q3 last year from revaluation of an additional purchase consideration
- Adjusted for this, the share of OpEx in percent of sales was 17.3 vs 16.5 last year
- The reduced OpEx in absolute terms is mainly the result of focused cost reduction activities



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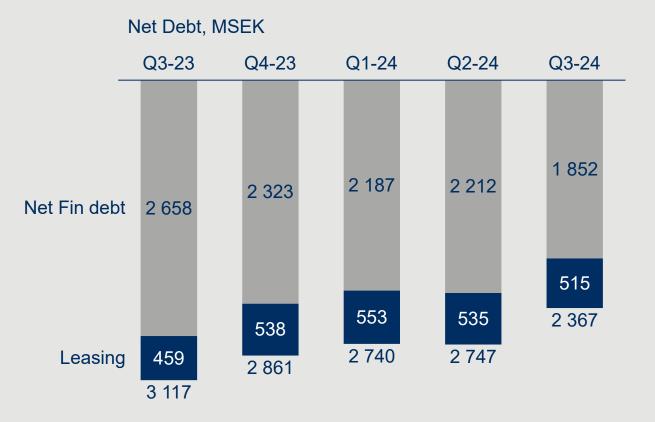
# Stable cash flow by solid operating profit and reduced Net Working Capital



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# Improvement of Net debt/EBITDA ending up at 2.4







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### **Regional highlights**

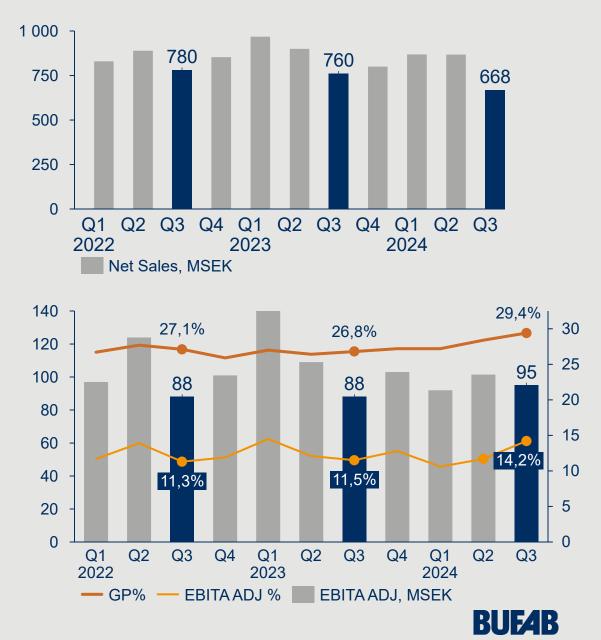
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## Region **Europe North & East**

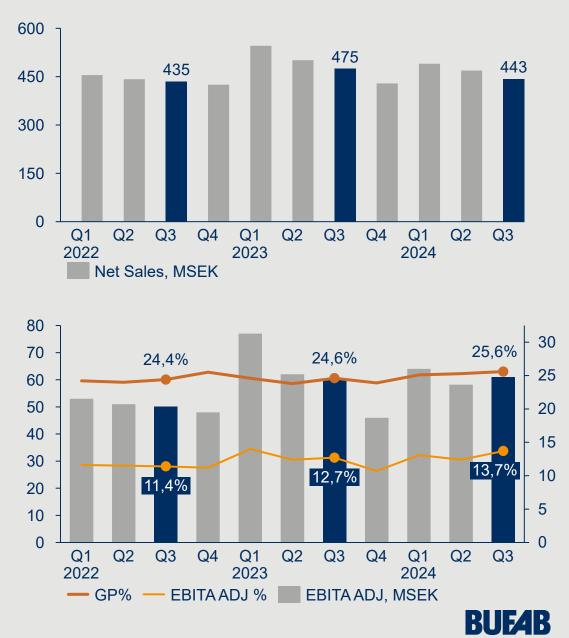
- Total growth was -12.1% and organic growth was -0.9%
- Net sales slightly higher than Order Intake, adjusted for the divestment of Bufab Lann and Hallborn.
- Continued weak demand in Poland and Finland, while improved development in HT Bendix and Bumax
- Gross margin up 2.6 pp reaching 29.4%
- Lower share of OpEx thanks to focused cost reduction activities
- Adjusted operating margin up to a strong 14.2%



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## Region Europe West

- Total growth amounted to -6.8% and the organic growth was -2.0%
- Defense and energy continued to develop well, and higher activity noted from the automotive industry
- Weak demand in Germany, Jenny I Waltle, and Bufab Flos, while strong performance in Czech Republic and France
- Gross margin up 1.0 pp to 25.6%
- Share of OpEx marginally higher than last year
- The adjusted operating margin improved to 13.7% (12.7)



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## Region Americas

- Total growth amounted to -15.9% and the organic growth was -8.9%
- Continued weak demand in in the mobile home and trailer segment, also the automotive segment
- Gross margin improved 1.0 pp and reaching 35.2%
- Higher share of OpEx
- The adjusted operating margin declined to 12.5% (13.4)

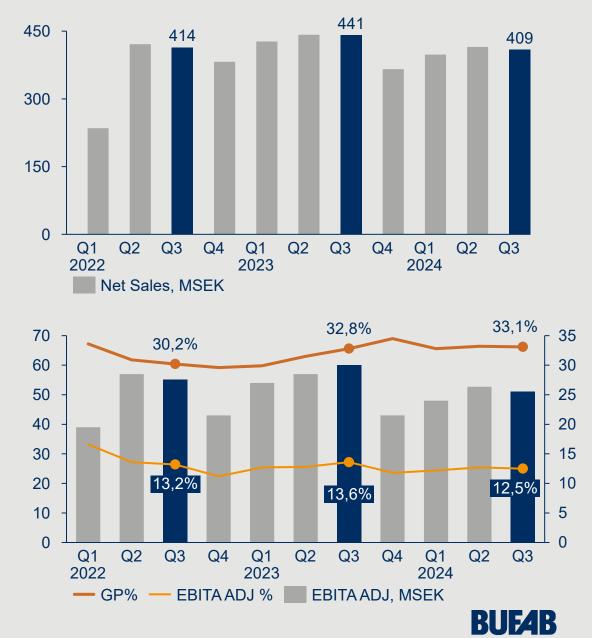




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## Region UK & Ireland

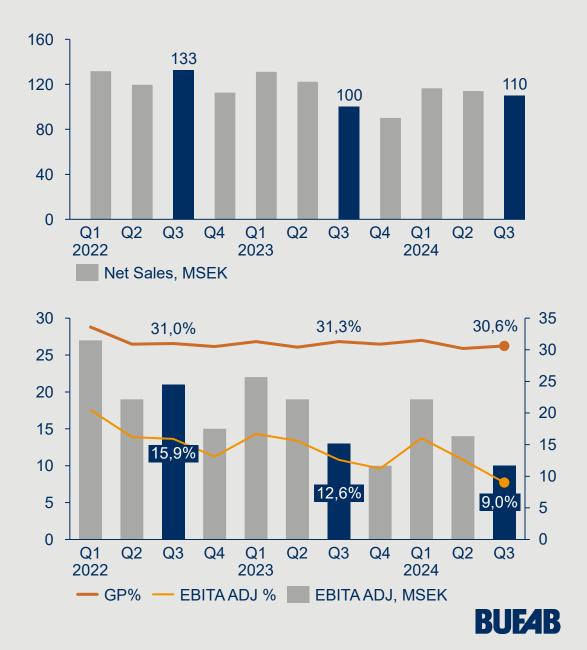
- Total growth amounted to -7.2% and the organic growth was -5.9%
- Lower market prices in mainly Apex and TIMCO, while good demand noted in Ireland and the UK
- Gross margin marginally higher than last year at 33.1%
- Lower share of OpEx due to revaluation of an additional purchase consideration last year
- The adjusted operating margin was 12.5% (13.6)



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## Region **Asia-Pacific**

- Total growth amounted to 10.4% and the organic growth was 13.2%
- Strong demand in the region, and especially China
- Gross margin lower than last year at 30.6%
- Higher share of OpEx mainly due inflationary effects
- The adjusted operating margin declined to 9.0% (12.6)



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## **Bufab Insights**







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### Carefree replenishment and secured stock level

- With our Logistics Solutions we create *Peace of Mind* for our customers.
- We source, purchase, and deliver each component to match our customers' consumption, eliminating the need for forecasts, manual ordering, and endless inventory counts.
- With our Logistics Solutions our customers enjoy a carefree replenishment, allowing them to focus on their core business.
- Our customers appreciate our tailor-made Logistics solutions, and we grow twice as fast with a Logistics Solution in place. Those solutions strengthen our customer cooperation and increase our "stickiness".
- 2024 a record year. We have never installed as many Logistics Solutions as we done in 2024.

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### **Bufab tailormade Logistics Solutions**



EasyTrack "The heart of our solutions in the cloud"



EasyScan



EasyScale



**RFID Solutions** 



EasyLabel



Local niche sister solutions



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# Summary, Outlook & Priorities

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### Summary, Outlook & Priorities

- Strong gross margin and stable operating margin, in the quarter, given the continued cautious market
- Stable cash flow and improved net debt/EBITDA ratio, and a balance sheet ready for acquisitions
- Uncertainty remains, however, indications of improved demand from the general industry, but likely not until the first half of 2025
- 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 improve our NWC and secure strong cash flow



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