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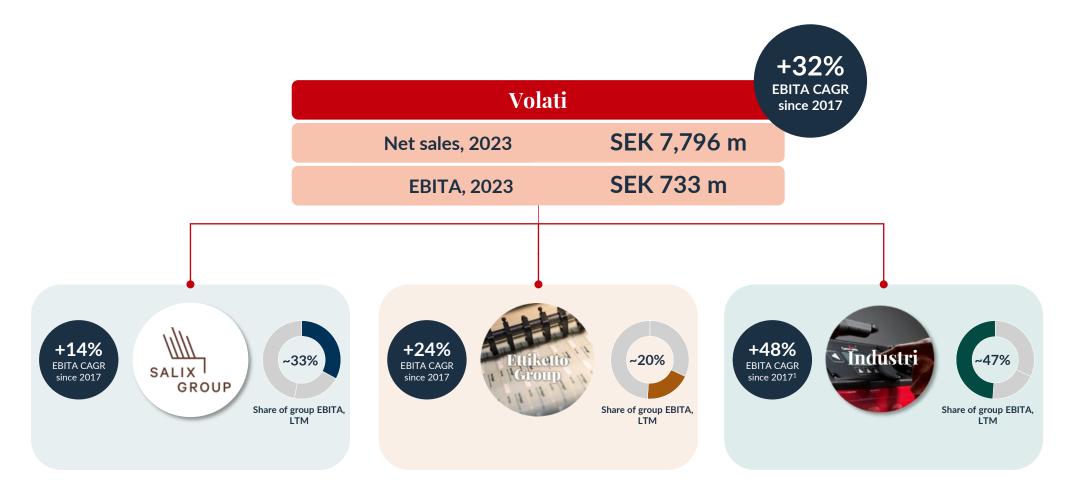


# Interim Report okt-dec 2023

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



## Q4 not reflecting our average earnings potential

- Four out of six platforms showed improved margins and an EBITA in line with or better than last year
  - —Salix Group's EBITA remained at the same level as last year despite an 8% decrease in revenue. Margin increased due to stronger gross margins, structural changes and cost control
  - Ettiketto Group experienced a 7% decline in Q4 revenue, while the EBITA margin increased from 16 to 18%. Synergies and operational improvements from previous acquisitions continue to have a positive effect
  - —Corroventa and Tornum within business area Industry developed well, with improved margins and EBITA
- Platforms Communication and S:t Eriks significantly behind last year's EBITA
  - -Communication continues to se a low demand as a result of a slower 5G rollout, particularly in the US
  - —S:t Eriks experiencing strong demand for infrastructure-related products, while demand in the building-related part of the business remains weak. In addition, the cold weather has had a negative impact
  - —Cost measures initiated in both platforms, expecting to continue to show effect during 2024
- Two value creating add on acquisitions in Q4, contributing with a total of SEK 400 million of annual sales good conditions for a larger contribution from acquisitions in 2024
- Continued strong cash flow totaling SEK 300 million in the quarter. Leaves us with a strong financial
  position to act on acquisition opportunities when they occur

## Financial development, Q4 2023

Net sales

SEK **1,808** m

(Q4 2022: 1,930)

EBITA

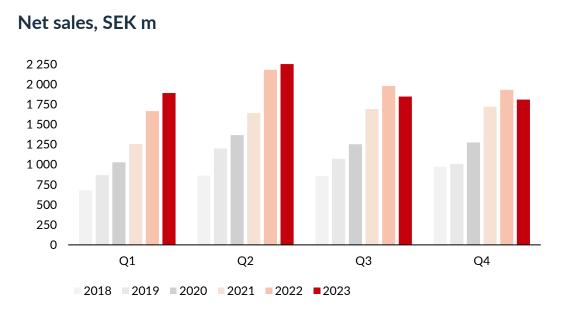
SEK 134 m
(Q4 2022: 179)

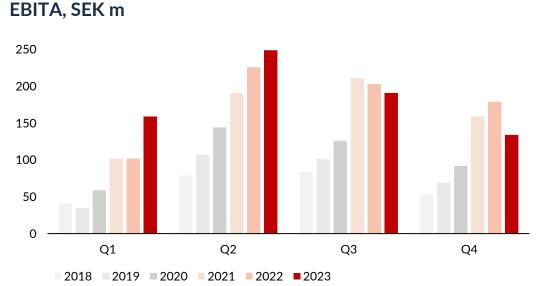
Operating cash flow
SEK 300 m
(Q4 2022: 323)

Net debt/adjusted EBITDA

2.0

(Q4 2022: 1.9x)





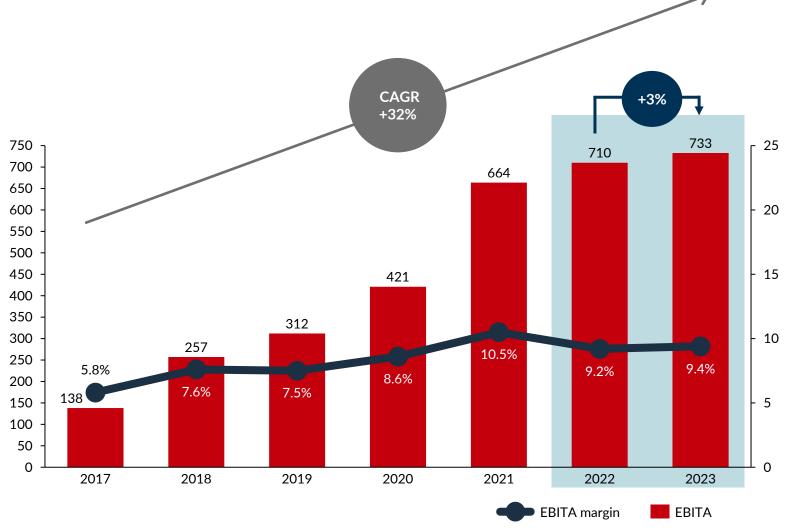
## Leaving 2023 with a strong position for long term value volation creation

- In 2023 we have focused on long term structurally sound measures
  - -Avoid taking measures that improve profitability in the short term but are damaging in a longer perspective
  - Have been a good time to address structural sound measures in order to maximise long term profits and cash flow
  - Significant one-off costs in Q4 and 2023 in order to create better conditions for our platforms to deliver over time
- Currently not not reflecting our average earnings potential
  - -Volati has deliberately, for many years, been an owner of businesses whose earnings vary
  - -Contrarian acquisition approach resulting in excess returns over time
  - —In our diversified group with six platforms the effects of variations often cancel each other out
  - —Currently in a state where we have more platforms than normal that are below what we see as their average earnings

Volati is best evaluated over time

## Financial development 2023

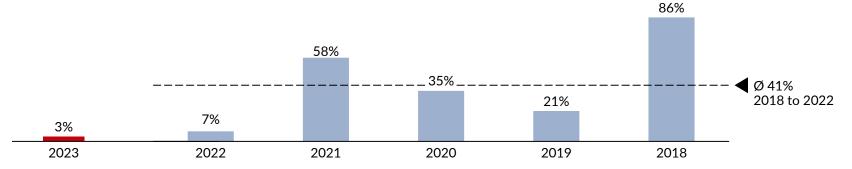




## Proven track record of long-term value creation

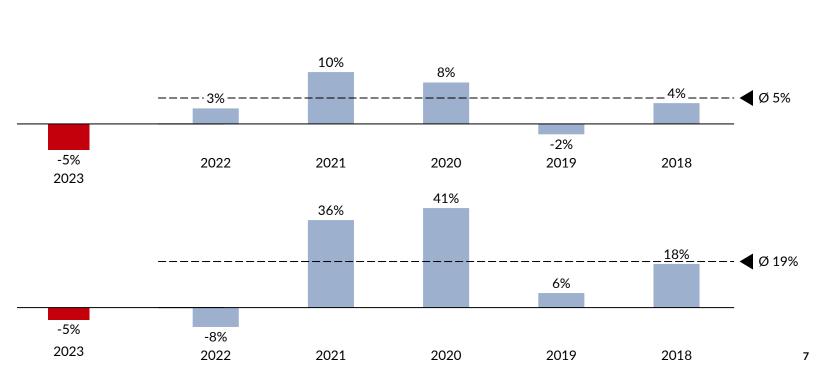
Continued operations, Growth, Percent

**EBITA** growth



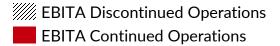
Organic net sales growth

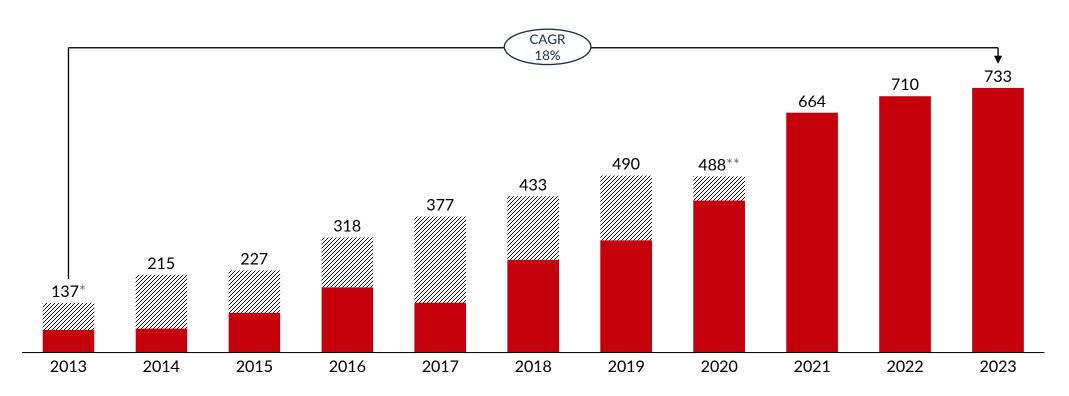
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## Proven track record of long-term value creation (cont.)

**SEKm** 





<sup>\*</sup> Excluding capital gain of SEK 189 m

<sup>\*\*</sup> For years 2012-2019 EBITA is excluding IFRS 16 effect (22 MSEK effect in 2019), years thereafter are including IFRS 16 effect

## Financial targets

#### **EBITA growth**

The target is an average annual growth in EBITA<sup>2)</sup> 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>2)</sup> of 20 percent<sup>1)</sup>.

#### **Capital structure**

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

Growth in EBITA per ordinary share, LTM

3%

(2022: 7%)

Return on adjusted equity

22%

(2022: 32%)

Net debt/adjusted EBITDA

2,0x

(2022: 1,9x)

1) Including divested operations. 2) See pages 127-132 of the 2021 Annual Report for definitions of alternative performance measures.

## 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.



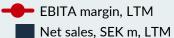
Four businesses with leading market positions in their niches; Products and solutions for grain management. Products for dampness and water damage management. Infrastructure for telecom, lighting and solar panels. Stone and cement products for infrastructure and construction.

## Salix Group

- Q4 EBITA in line with Q4 last year, despite a sales decline of 8%.
- Increased margin by 1pp in the quarter which marks the second quarter with higher margin compared to last year.
- The demand in the quarter continues to be hampered due to the current economic environment.
- Positive currency effect in the quarter, along with reduced freight costs and prices on some raw materials.
- When demand recovers, Salix Group is in a good position to capitalise on the growth.
- An agreement to acquire all shares in Trejon Försäljnings AB was signed during the quarter.

	Oct-Dec 2023	Oct-Dec 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022
Net sales, SEK m	759	823	3,402	3,598
EBITA, SEK m	45	45	269	296
EBITA-margin, %	6	5	8	8
ROCE excl. goodwill, %	25	26	25	26

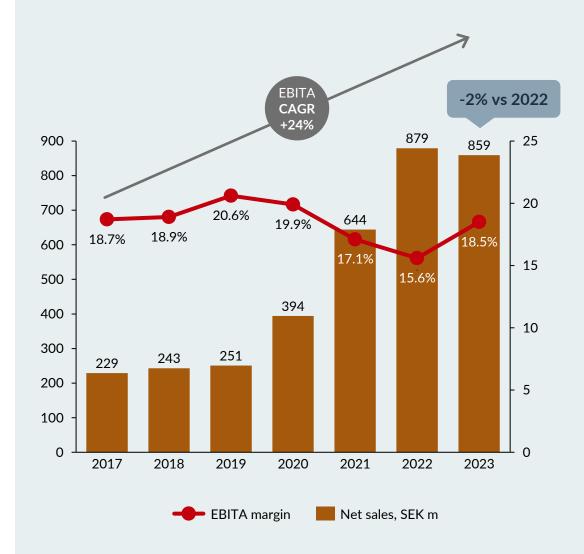




### **Ettiketto Group**

- Net sales decline of 7% in the quarter compared to a strong comparative quarter in 2022
- Demand still relatively good, but the company is experiencing some volume declines, especially in Norway.
- The EBITA margin for Q4 increased by 2pp, and full year margins increase with 3pp, driven by synergy realisation and focus on operational improvements
- Well-positioned for continued acquisition-driven growth, both in its Nordic home markets and in the rest of Europe.

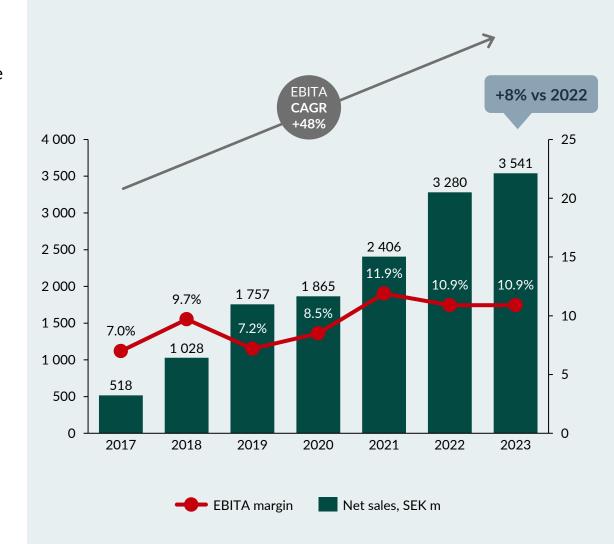
	Oct-Dec 2023	Oct-Dec 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022
Net sales, SEK m	216	234	859	879
EBITA, SEK m	39	38	159	137
EBITA-margin, %	18	16	18	16
ROCE excl. goodwill, %	67	57	67	57



## **Industry**

- Sales declined by 5% in the quarter, and EBITA margin by 3pp, while sales for full year is up 8% and EBITA margin flat.
- Corroventa positively affected by several late storms in Europe
- Tornum Group increases both the margin and result in the quarter.
- S:t Eriks is meeting a good demand in the infrastructure segment, while demand in the construction segment is weak.
- The platform Communication is negatively affected by a slow-down in the 5G rollout, especially in the US, along with challenging comparables from Q4 2022.
- During the quarter the add-on acquisition of SIMEZA to the platform Tornum Group was completed.

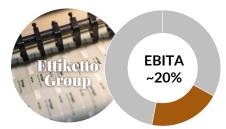
	Oct-Dec 2023	Oct-Dec 2022	FY 2023	FY 2022
Net sales, SEK m	834	875	3,541	3,280
EBITA, SEK m	81	113	385	358
EBITA-margin, %	10	13	11	11
ROCE excl. goodwill, %	34	34	34	34



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### 23 acquisitions totalling SEK 3,3 billion of annual sales **since 2020**





SALES 180 msek
SALES 240 MSEK
SALES 100 MSEK
SALES 40 <sub>MSEK</sub>
SALES 150 MSEK
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SALES 100 MSEK
SALES 300 MSEK







**EBITA** 

~47%

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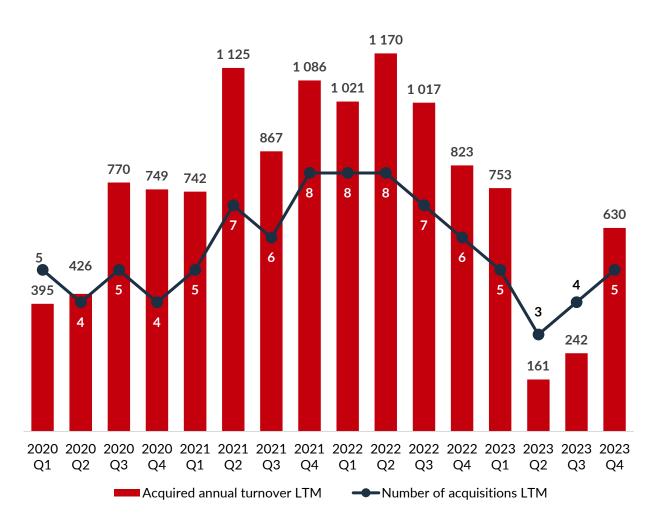
### **Case SIMEZA Silos**

- Spanish company, founded in 1975
- Annual sales of ~ EUR 10 million
- Leading European manufacturer of storage silos for the grain industry
- SIMEZA and Tornum Group complement each other and strengthening Tornum Groups product range and adds access to in-house manufactured storage silos
- The acquisition enables realisation of significant synergies within the platform
- Tornum Group, acquired by Volati in 2004, is a prime example of how we aim to build robust platforms and foster long-term value growth





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



- M&A have over time contributed with annual sales of SEK 700-1,200 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
- Two acquisition Q4 2023

## Summary

- Q4 and 2023 not reflecting our average earnings potential. More platforms than normal are below what we see as their average earnings
- Structurally sound measures taken during 2023. Leaving us with a strong position for long term value creation once conditions improve
- Two add-on acquisitions during Q4 and a strong financial position leaves us with good conditions for a larger contribution from acquisitions



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