# HKSCAN

# Interim Report Q3 2023

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# Goal-oriented work towards zero accidents at work

Accident frequency, LTIR Continuing operations, rolling 12M average

#### 25\* 20 15 10 5 0 Q3/20 Q3/21 Q3/22 Q3/23

\*lost-time accidents per million working hours



# Q3/2023: HKScan's EBIT showed a clear improvement

#### Net sales

- At comparable exchange rates, net sales increased
- Net sales were weighed down by the weakened Swedish krona by EUR 18.4 million
- Net sales were boosted by higher sales prices than in the comparison period
- Value of retail sales grew clearly in Finland, with the strongest growth coming from HKScan's own branded products

### EBIT

- Profitability improved by the better sales mix, production efficiency improvements and successful commercial measures
- Consumer demand remained at the same level as the previous quarter, but focused in particular, on lower-priced products
- Cost level remained high

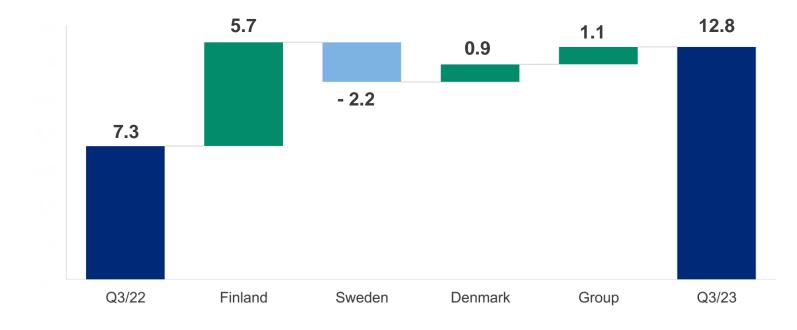


#### Comparable EBIT, M€, continuing operations

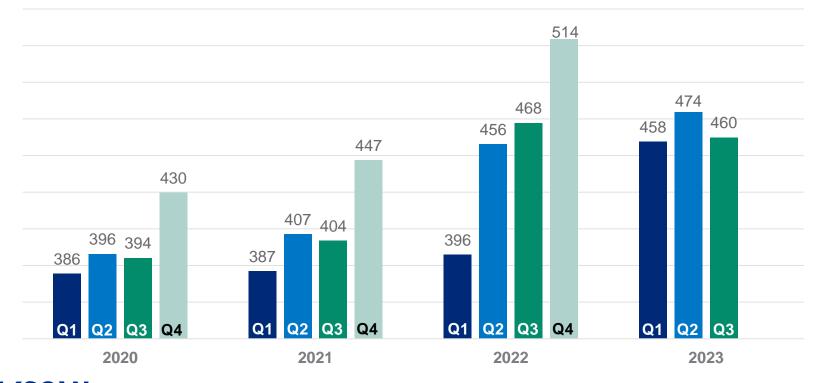


# **Q3 EBIT improved in Finland and Denmark**

Change of comparable EBIT, M€, continuing operations

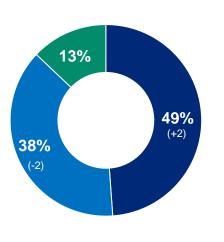


# Quarterly net sales, M€, continuing operations



## Net sales breakdown Q3 2023, continuing operations

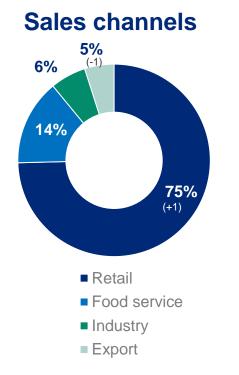
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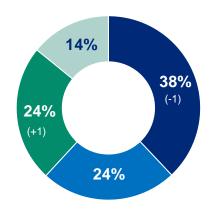
- Finland
- Sweden, incl. Poland
- Denmark

Changes in percentage points vs. Q3/2022 in parantheses

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### Categories



- Beef and pork
- Charcuterie, sausages and bacons
- Poultry
- Meals and meal components

## Quarterly comparable EBIT from continuing operations, M€



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# Annual estimated cost savings of 12.6 M€ from the investments and development measures decided

Unit	Measure	Estimated annual savings	Realisation of savings
Group functions	Change of operating model and development measures, staff adjustments	3 M€	After Q1/2023
Rauma and Eura	Efficiency measures decided in 2022: improving production efficiency and reorganising operations, staff adjustments	3 M€	During 2023
Linköping	Investment of 5 M€ in to increase the efficiency and capacity of beef production	1.6 M€	After Q1/2024
Forssa	Investment of over 5 M€ in meat packaging, reorganisation of operations, staff adjustments and renewal of operating methods	2 M€	During 2024
Rauma	Development investment of 4.6 M€ in poultry cutting department, reorganisation of operations, staff adjustments and renewal of operating methods	3 M€	From H2/2024

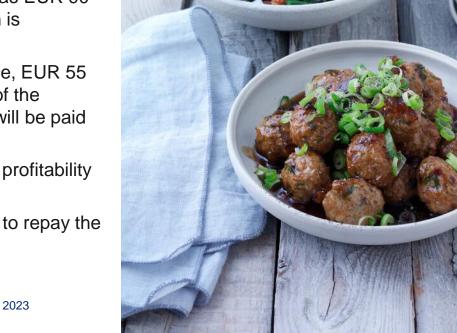
# Outlook for 2023 unchanged

In 2023, HKScan expects the Group's comparable EBIT from continuing operations to improve compared to 2022. The full-year performance will be significantly affected by inflation and the development of consumer purchasing power in the company's home markets. On the other hand, in the beginning of 2023, energy and logistics costs were on a more moderate level than in the peak of 2022.



# The divestment of Baltic businesses completed

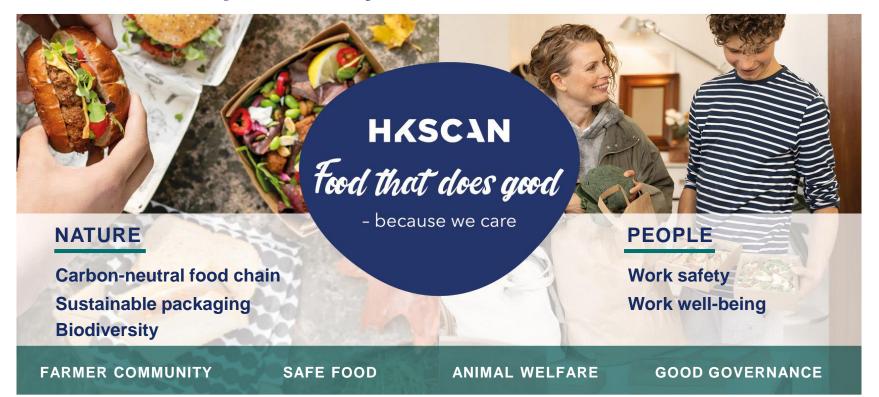
- HKScan sold its Baltic businesses to the Estonian AS Maag Grupp on 31 August 2023
  - The debt-free purchase price was EUR 90 million, of which EUR 20 million is conditional
  - Of the EUR 70 million fixed price, EUR 55 million was paid at the closing of the transaction and the remainder will be paid over the next three years
- The divestment improved HKScan's profitability and strengthened its balance sheet
- The proceeds of the sale were used to repay the company's loans



# Strategic renewal requires better profitability and stronger balance sheet



### **HKScan's responsibility work themes**

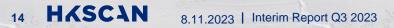


# HKScan was awarded the prestigious CSR People Prize 2023 in Denmark

- HKScan received the CSR People Prize 2023 in Denmark for its significant work in promoting diversity and inclusion in the workplace
- For many years, HKScan has employed people whose employment is challenging for various reasons and has invested in diversity and inclusion



# **Financial review**



# Key figures, continuing operations

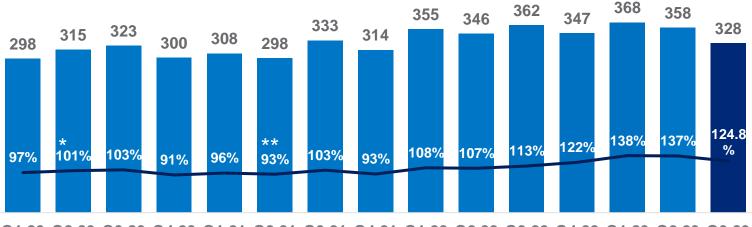
EUR million	7-9/2023	7-9/2022	2022
Net sales	459.9	467.9	1 833.8
EBITDA	25.2	18.3	55.8
EBIT	13.3	6.3	10.1
- EBIT margin, %	2.9	1.3	0.5
Comparable EBIT	12.8	7.3	9.7
- EBIT margin, %	2.8	1.6	0.5
Profit for the period	4.8	2.7	-4.9
EPS, EUR	0.04	0.02	-0.11
Comparable EPS, EUR	0.03	0.03	-0.11

# **Key figures**

EUR million	7-9/2023	7-9/2022	2022
Cash flow from operating activities, incl. discontinued operations	3.5	-6.2	18.9
Cash flow after investing activities, incl. discontinued operations *	34.9	-12.1	-21.9
Return on capital employed (ROCE) before taxes, %, incl.			
discontinued operations	0.0	-0.5	-6.4
Interest-bearing net debt	327.8	362.5	347.2
Net gearing, %	124.8	112.6	121.6

\* The closing of the Baltic transaction generated a positive cash flow on investments EUR 38 million

### Interest-bearing net debt and net gearing



Q1 20 Q2 20 Q3 20 Q4 20 Q1 21 Q2 21 Q3 21 Q4 21 Q1 22 Q2 22 Q3 22 Q4 22 Q1 23 Q2 23 Q3 23

Interest-bearing net debt (EUR million)

-----Net gearing (%)

\* Q2/2020 includes the investment to the plot of the Vantaa unit EUR 37.7 million.

\*\* Q1/2021 includes the sale of Vantaa property (land and buildings) with EUR 76.1 million and a lease liability in accordance with IFRS.

### Debt profile and maturity structure as of 30 September 2023



160 10.9 3.9 2.0 2.1 120 89.6 80 100.0 40 36.0 0 Total interest-bearing debt without IFRS 16: 2023 2024 2025 2026 >2026 EUR 244.5 million Bonds Bank loans Pension loans ECA loans Commercial papers Other borrowing \*Without lease liabilities RCF (used) RCF (unused)

Interest-bearing debt by credit type, M€\*

EUR 26 million hybrid bond is treated as equity

The company intends to redeem the hybrid loan in 2024.

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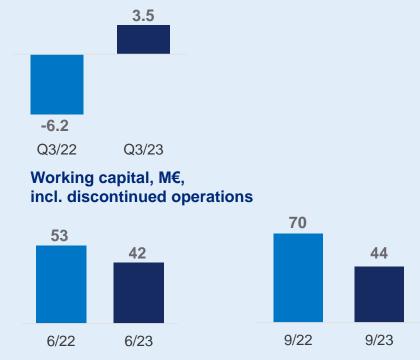
### Investments

Group investments, M€, continuing operations



# Cash flow and working capital

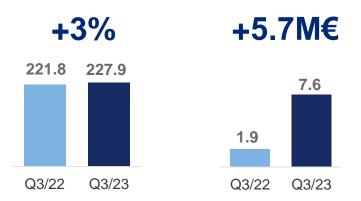
Cash flow from operating activities, M€, incl. discontinued operations



# Finland Q3/2023

Net sales, M€

Comparable EBIT, M€



- Retail sales value increased clearly especially in higher added-value branded products
- Better sales structure and higher sales prices increased net sales
- Rauma and Forssa units' investments to improve the competitiveness and cost-efficiency of production progressed as planned

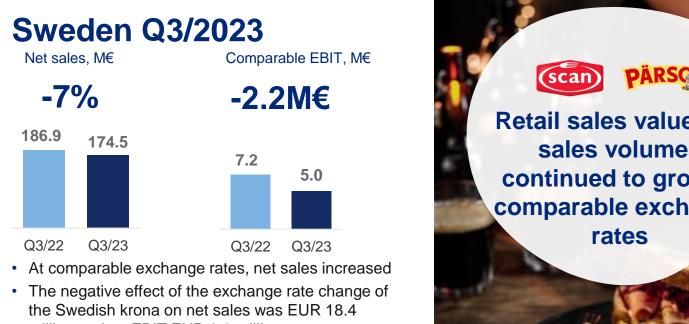


EBIT improved by better sales mix, production efficiency improvements and successful commercial measures

### Examples of novelties in Finland Kariniemen Wingfest<sup>®</sup> products and HK<sup>®</sup> pizzas







- the Swedish krona on net sales was EUR 18.4 million and on EBIT EUR 0.6 million
- Particularly sales of private label brands and the share of promotional sales increased
- Food service sales continued to grow
- EBIT weakened by high price of meat raw material and general cost inflation



### Examples of novelties in Sweden Scan brand sausages made from plant-based protein



# Denmark Q3/2023

Net sales, M€

Comparable EBIT, M€

**Good demand for** 

poultry products

continued in

Denmark



- Food service sales increased by 15%
- Cost inflation levelled off in the spring and remained moderate
- EBIT improved through successful commercial measures, strong consumer demand and long-term improvements in production efficiency
- Production on the new poultry cooking line started in August

### Examples of novelties in Denmark

Higher value-added poultry products from the cooking line









