

Q2 2015

**Investor Kit January – June 2015** 



# **Summary and Overview**

## Q2: Headline numbers

- Sales increased by 9% to 3,644 MSEK (3,339). In local currencies, sales increased marginally.
- Operating profit from product areas\* increased by 9% to 937 MSEK (862).
  In local currencies operating profit from product areas\* declined by 1%.
- Sales and operating profit from product areas were negatively impacted by Easter calendar effects for snus in Scandinavia, and by low levels of lighter volumes and sales to East Europe (notably Russia).
- Operating profit\*\* amounted to 1,021 MSEK (941) for the second quarter. Excluding a restructuring provision of 42 MSEK related to the relocation of distribution facilities in Sweden, recognized as a larger one-time item, operating profit amounted to 1,063 MSEK (941).
- EPS (basic) for the second quarter amounted to 3.62 SEK (3.27). Adjusted EPS\*\*\* amounted to 3.79 SEK (3.27).

<sup>\*</sup> Operating profit for Swedish Match product areas, which excludes larger one-time items and share of net profit in STG.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Operating profit for the Group includes larger one-time items and share of net profit in STG.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Adjusted for larger one-time item.

## Q2: Strong growth in the US

### Growth driven by solid performance in US, and stronger USD

- Stronger USD increases relative size of US business on a reported basis.

#### Outstanding results across all of the US business segments

- Other tobacco products product area continued its solid growth.
  - Sales up 10% in local currency.
  - Operating profit up 20% in local currency.
  - US cigars exceeded 300 million sticks with higher sales and operating profit in USD.
  - Chewing tobacco volumes declined at a slower rate than in Q1.
- Snus and moist snuff in the US shows growth.
  - Volume increases for snus and for moist snuff pouches and tubs.
  - Sales and operating profit increased in USD.

## Q2: Scandinavian market growth and Swedish Match's share

#### Positive developments in the Scandinavian snus business

- Scandinavian snus market continued to grow, at a faster pace than in Q1.
  - Underlying Scandinavian market growth of more than 3%.
  - Norway market growth at faster pace than in Sweden.
- Swedish Match's share of the total market increased in Sweden vs. Q1
  - Share down only 1 percentage point from prior year's second quarter.
- Market growth driven by Swedish value segment, more than offsetting declines in premium segment.
  - Premium segment in Sweden declined in volume and share of market year-on-year, but is showing signs of stability.
- Market share gains in the growing value segment for snus in Sweden (SM now close to 41% of value segment).
- Share declines in Norway
  - General G.3 has continued share growth.
  - Share gains for *General* G.3 could not compensate for challenging trends for some of the Company's other products and overall market shares continued to decline.



## Q2: Price/Mix and Easter impact Scandinavian snus

#### Swedish Match's underlying snus volumes in Scandinavia up

- Shipment volumes down by close to 3%.
- Volumes estimated to have been up by 1% excluding calendar/Easter effects.

### Price/mix effects reduce average selling price and margins, as expected

- Higher proportion of Swedish Match's volumes are value priced products.
- Kronan price reduction versus prior year (price cut for pouches in April '14 and for loose in Sept '14).
- Negative price/mix effects likely to continue in coming quarters.

#### April XRANGE launch

- Very positive reception of XRANGE.
  - A range of five varieties of premium brands at competitive price point.
  - Innovative longer lasting flavor and better moisture retention, most varieties use fiber technology.
- Part of longer term strategy to strengthen Swedish Match's share across all price segments.

#### Norway

- G.3 range extended in May with four new and modern varieties.
- Norway shipments were also adversely affected by the timing of the Easter.

## Regulatory developments, Lights performance

#### Discussions on plain packaging and other restrictions in Scandinavia

- Norway has a proposal for further restrictions on snus, including standardized packaging.
  - Some debate from certain parts of the government who are opposed to plan.
  - Proposed inclusion of snus under the same strict regulation as cigarettes has continued to cause debate in Norway.
  - If standardized packaging implemented in Norway, might be during 2017 or 2018.
- In Sweden a committee of inquiry instructed by minister of Health to evaluate tobacco control.
  - Tobacco control measures under evaluation include standardized packaging and display ban, with a report from committee due in March 2016.

#### Modified Risk Tobacco Products (MRTP) application process in US

- Swedish Match expects to hear back from FDA during the third quarter, and is confident that applications provide all necessary support for the Company's modified risk status for *General* snus.

#### Performance in the Lights product area was weak

- Good match performance not enough to offset lighters.
- Lighter volumes declined. Low shipments to Russia.

# Detail information and Financials

## Sales performance for Q2

#### Increased sales

- Sales increased by 9% to 3,644 MSEK (3,339) and up marginally in local currencies.

#### Snus and moist snuff product area: sales flat

- In local currencies sales were down 5 percent.
- Scandinavian sales down, due to the Easter calendar effects and portfolio price/mix effects.
- US sales up for both moist snuff and snus.
  - Higher volumes for moist snuff pouches and tubs.
  - General snus sales significantly higher due to both volume and better realized pricing.

#### Other tobacco products product area: sales up

- Sales up by 41%, and up by 10% in local currency.
- Cigars: Sales increase on 9% higher volumes and improved product mix.
- Chewing tobacco: Favorable pricing offset volume declines.

#### Lights product area: sales up

- Sales up 6%.
- Sales up for matches despite modest volume declines from better pricing and positive currency effects.
- Sales for lighters negatively affected by lower shipment volumes.



## Operating profit performance for Q2

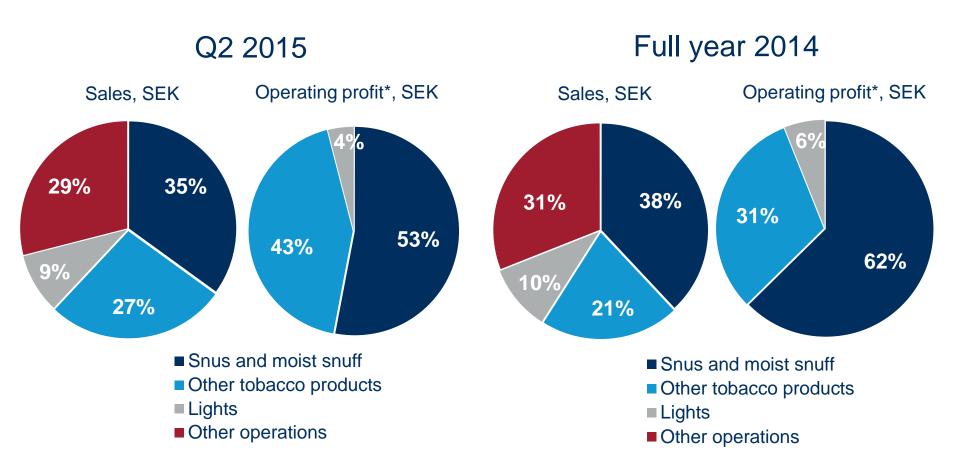
- Operating profit from product areas\* increased by 9% to 937 MSEK (862)
  - In local currencies, operating profit from product areas declined by 1%.
- Snus and moist snuff: operating profit down
  - Negatively affected by calendar effects relating to the timing of Easter.
    - Sweden affected by mix shift toward value priced products in portfolio.
  - Higher operating profit for US moist snuff and snus in both USD and SEK.
- Other tobacco products: operating profit up
  - Operating profit up 49%, up 20% in local currency, driven by cigars.
- Lights: operating profit down
  - Decline in operating profit stems primarily from weak performance for lighters in Russia, impacting both volumes and profitability.
- The reported share of net profit in STG, after interest and tax, amounted to 126 MSEK (78)
  - Positively affected by a reassessment of useful lives primarily of trademarks. Adjusted for this reassessment, the comparable share of net profit in STG amounted to 126 MSEK (92).
- Operating profit excluding larger one-time item increased by 13% to 1,063 MSEK (941)
  - Operating profit, including a larger one-time charge of 42 MSEK relating to the relocation of distribution facilities in Sweden, and including the share of net profit in STG, increased by 9% to 1,021 MSEK (941).
- Currency translation has affected the comparison of the operating profit positively by 89 MSEK (which includes the net profit of STG and excluding larger one-time item).

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## Sales and operating profit

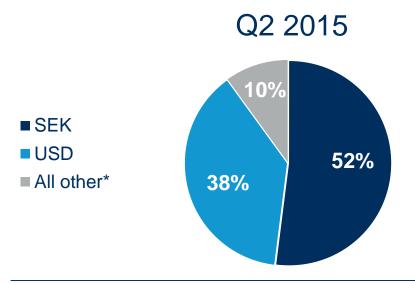
#### Sales and operating profit by product area



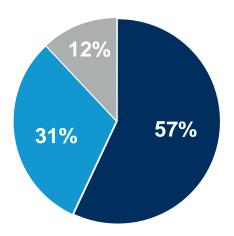
<sup>\*</sup> Excluding Other operations, share of net profit in STG. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

## Sales by currency block

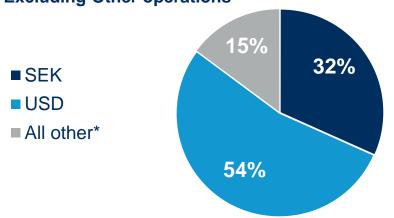
## **Percent of sales, MSEK**



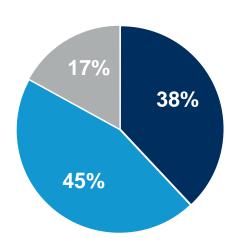
## Full year 2014



#### **Excluding Other operations**







## Snus and moist snuff

- Leading position for snus in Scandinavia
- The third largest producer of moist snuff in the US
- General is the second largest and fastest growing snus brand in the US
- Production in Sweden and the US



## Snus and moist snuff (Q2 commentary)

#### Progress in defending and developing market positions

#### Scandinavia snus sales and profits down on 3% lower volumes

- Volumes negatively impacted by Easter underlying volumes estimated to be up by 1%.
- Underlying sales down on lower average portfolio pricing, stemming from higher proportion of value priced products, price reduction on *Kronan* and success for *XRANGE*.
- Very positive reception of XRANGE.
- Operating profit lower due to price/mix and lower volumes.

#### US moist snuff/snus sales and operating profit up

- Continued good volume growth for moist snuff pouches and tubs.
- Snus volumes up, sales up, net losses reduced.

#### Continued investment behind snus outside Scandinavia

- In total, net costs for snus expansion outside Scandinavia. (primarily US) was 76 MSEK (72), impacted by the stronger USD.



<sup>\*</sup> Price segmentation using Swedish Match estimates.

MSEK	Q2-2015	Q2-2014	chg	H1-2015	H1-2014	chg	July 2014- June 2015	Full year 2014	chg
Sales	1,271	1,267	0	2,461	2,421	2	5,041	5,001	1
Operating profit	514	562	-9	970	1,067	-9	2,109	2,207	-4
Operating margin, %	40.5	44.4		39,4	44.1		41.8	44.1	

## Scandinavian market growth and share estimates

# Scandinavian snus market up more than 3% in volume on an underlying basis\*

- Scandinavian snus market continued to grow, at a faster pace than in Q1.
- Swedish Match increased market share in growing value segment\* in Sweden.
- Total market share increase in Sweden vs. Q1 (68.8), and down only 1 percentage point from prior year's second quarter.
- Norwegian market grew at a faster pace than the Swedish market.
  - Share gains for *General* G.3 could not compensate for challenging trends for some of the Company's other products and overall market shares continued to decline.

#### Swedish Match's market shares\*\*

Percent	Ар	<b>April-June</b>		Janua	ary-June	Chg	Full year
	2015	2014	ppts	2015	2014	ppts	2014
Snus, Sweden, total	69.1	70.1	-1.0	68.9	70.1	-1.2	69.9
Snus, Sweden, premium	93.5	94.1	-0.6	93.5	94.2	-0.7	94.0
Snus, Sweden, value	40.7	37.5	3.2	40.3	37.4	2.9	38.1
Snus, Norway, total	56.8	60.5	-3.7	57.6	61.1	-3.5	60.1

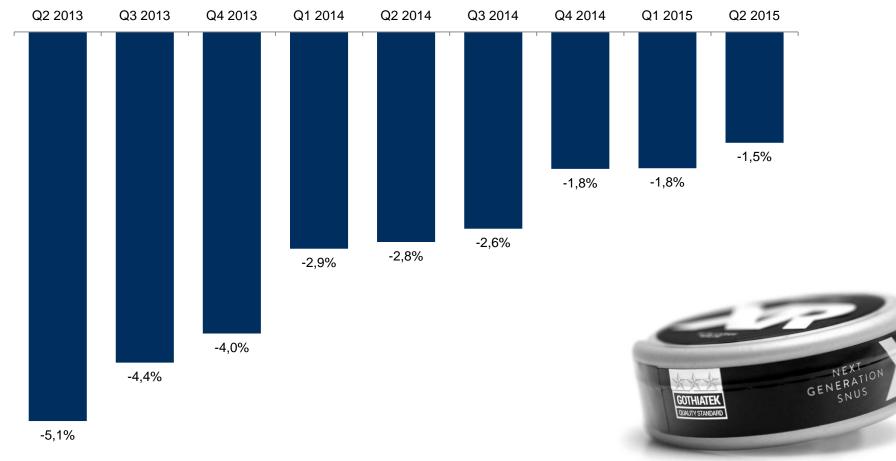
<sup>\*\*</sup> Swedish Match estimates using Nielsen data (excl. tobacconists due to small sample of tobacconists in Nielsen data).13 weeks and YTD to June 28, 2015.



<sup>\*</sup> Source: Swedish Match estimates.

## SM Sweden and Norway market share y-o-y development (weighted)

## Change in Swedish Match volume market share year on year; percentage points of total market Sweden and Norway



Source: Nielsen DVH+SVH excluding tobacconists, ending June 28, 2015. Adjusted for more representative weight on Nielsen coverage in Norway vs Sweden.

## Moist snuff market growth and share estimate

- US moist snuff market volume up by 3% in Q2 versus year ago\*
  - Category growth has improved vs. Q1, but still lower than longer term trend.
  - Category growth continues to be driven by pouches.
- Swedish Match moist snuff market share in the US
  - Swedish Match estimates its market share based on industry shipments to be approximately 9%.



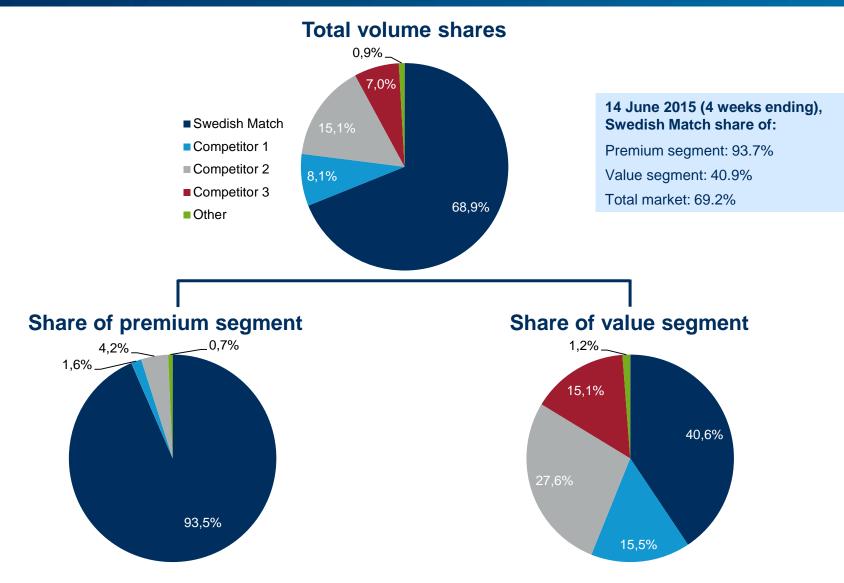






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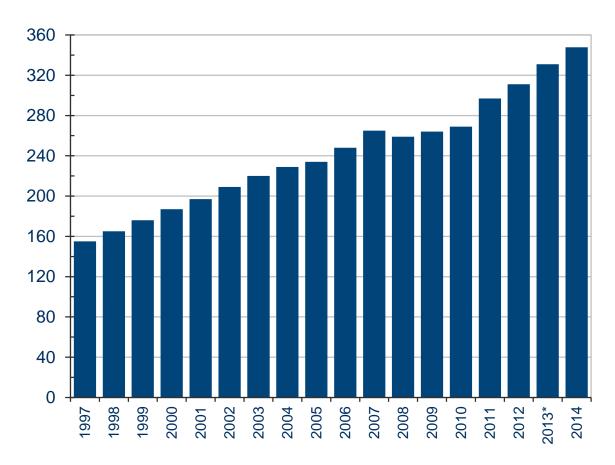
## Manufacturer share by price segment to June 14, Sweden



Source: Nielsen (excluding tobacconists), 12 weeks ending 14 June 2015.

## Estimated snus consumption, Scandinavia

#### Million cans



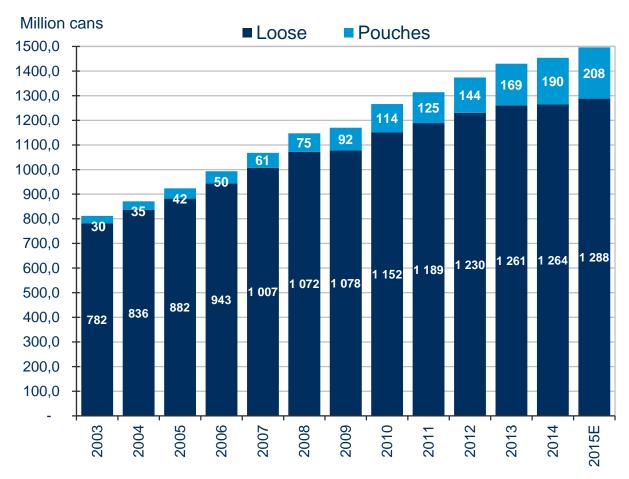


Source: Swedish Match estimates, adjusted for hoarding in Sweden.

<sup>\* 2013</sup> figure rebased.

## US moist snuff category development

#### Category by segment: loose vs. pouches





Estimates have been restated by Swedish Match. Source: Swedish Match and industry estimates.

## Other tobacco products

#### **US** cigars

- Swedish Match is a major player in the US cigar market
- Production takes place in Santiago,
  Dominican Republic and Dothan, Alabama

#### **Chewing tobacco**

Nearly all chewing tobacco sales are in the US.
 Swedish Match is the largest producer and production takes place in Owensboro, Kentucky





## Other tobacco products (with Q2 commentary)

#### Cigar volume growth, driven by natural leaf cigars

- In local currency, sales were up 10% while operating profit was up 20%
- Sales, operating profit, and volumes up for cigars
  - Operating profit increased on higher volumes, positive mix and the absence of tobacco buy-out quota fee.
  - Cigar volumes up 9%, and up 7% year to date.
  - Continued strong volume development of Game by Garcia y Vega natural leaf cigars. Volume growth also for the Jackpot brand.
- Chewing tobacco sales and operating profit up in SEK
  - Positive pricing offset volume declines.
  - In US dollars, sales up slightly while operating profit decreased.
  - Volume declined by 3% for own brands in quarter.
    - Year to date volume down 6%.



MSEK	Q2-2015	Q2-2014	chg	H1-2015	H1-2014	chg	July 2014- June 2015	Full year 2014	chg
Sales	982	699	41	1,915	1,385	38	3,362	2,832	19
Operating profit	414	279	49	798	546	46	1,361	1,109	23
Operating margin, %	42.2	39.9		41.7	39.4		40.5	39.2	

## Other tobacco products

## US shipment volumes for cigars and chewing tobacco

	April-June		chg	Janua	January-June		Full year
	2015	2014	%	2015	2014	%	2014
Cigars, millions of sticks	314	289	9	626	588	7	1,125
Chewing tobacco, thousands of pounds							
(excl. contract manufacturing)	2,028	2,099	-3	3,863	4,091	-6	7,856







## Lights (with Q2 commentary)

## Strong performance for matches not enough to offset weak lighter result

- Swedish Match is market leader in many markets.
   The brands are mostly local and hold a strong position in their respective markets
- Main markets EU, Brazil, Asia and East Europe
- Production in Brazil, the Netherlands, the Philippines and Sweden

- Lower lighter volumes, especially to Russia
  - Significantly lower volumes to East Europe, and most notably to Russia impacted lighter profits.
  - Indications of an improved picture in Russia late in the quarter.
- Good performance for matches
  - Higher sales.
  - Higher operating profit.
  - Somewhat lower volumes.



MSEK	Q2-2015	Q2-2014	chg	H1-2015	H1-2014	chg	July 2014- June 2015	Full year 2014	chg
Sales	318	299	6	649	614	6	1,330	1,295	3
Operating profit	36	49	-26	93	104	-11	207	218	-5
Operating margin, %	11.4	16.4		14.3	17.0		15.5	16.8	

## Scandinavian Tobacco Group (STG) - second quarter

- STG sales up 14%
  - Adjusted for currency translation effects and the Verellen acquisition, sales were also higher.
- Gross profit up in local currencies for all product areas
  - Machine made cigar sales and gross profit up with contribution from Verellen and lower production costs per cigar.
  - Handmade cigar sales and gross profit up on strong volume development and positive mix effects.
  - For both the fine cut and the pipe tobacco business, positive country mix contributed to increases in sales and gross profit.
- Operating expenses during the quarter increased primarily as a result of currency translation effects and the acquisition of Verellen
- Reported EBITDA amounted to 376 MDKK (286)
- Net financial costs for the quarter increased to 32 MDKK (11) reflecting exchange losses due to currency fluctuation between the quarters
- Net profit for the quarter amounted to 206 MDKK (163)
- Swedish Match's reported share of net profit in STG amounted to 126 MSEK (78)
  - Including the positive effect of the reassessment of useful lives in the 2014 comparable figures, Swedish Match's share of net profit would have increased from 92 MSEK in 2014 to 126 MSEK in 2015.





## Tax, cash flow and financing

#### Tax rate for the Group was 21.0% for the first half of 2015

- Includes profit and loss impact from associated companies.
- The reported tax rate, excluding associated companies and joint ventures, was 24.5%.

#### Cash flow

- Cash flow from operating activities for the first six months was 1,741 MSEK (1,921), negatively affected by changes in working capital impacted by timing effects.
- Net cash used in investing activities amounted to 155 MSEK (158) during the first six months.

#### Cash distributed to shareholders

- During the first six months, Swedish Match made share repurchases of 659 MSEK.
- During the same period the Company sold treasury shares of 141 MSEK as a result of option holders exercising options.

## Tax, cash flow and financing

#### Financial policy

- Dividend policy: 40-60% of earnings per share.
- 2014 dividend: 7.50 SEK per share (7.30).
- Net debt not to exceed 3 times EBITA\*.

#### Financing

- The net finance cost for the first six months decreased to 230 MSEK (251), mainly due to decreased average debt.
- During the first six months new bond loans of 498 MSEK were issued.
- Repayments of bond loans for the same period amounted to 139 MSEK.
- As of June 30, 2015 Swedish Match had 9,063 MSEK of interest bearing debt excluding retirement benefit obligations compared to 8,703 MSEK at December 31, 2014.
- During the remainder of 2015, 1,000 MSEK of this debt falls due for payment.
- Cash and cash equivalents amounted to 2,343 MSEK at the end of the period, compared to 2,312 MSEK at December 31, 2014.
- Net debt/EBITA per June 30 was at 2.3\* (2.3\* for 12 months to December 31, 2014).



<sup>\*</sup> Excluding share of net profit in STG. Operating profit adjusted for amortization and write-downs of intangible assets.

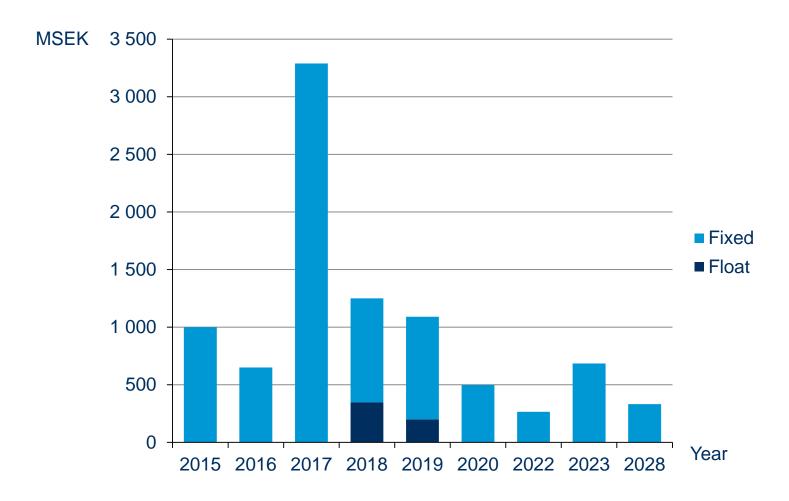
## Other events and events after the reporting period

- SMD Logistics AB reached an agreement to sell its distribution facility in Solna, Sweden, and reached an agreement to acquire a new distribution center located in Upplands-Bro, Sweden
  - The new distribution center is planned to be taken into operation during the first quarter of 2016. At the same time, SMD Logistics AB's current distribution center will be consolidated into the new distribution center.
  - The sale of the distribution center in Solna is planned to be closed at the end of the first quarter 2016 for approximately 150 MSEK at which time a capital gain estimated to be in excess of 140 MSEK will be recognized. The plan is to also divest the Hisings Backa distribution facility in the future.
  - The investment in the new distribution center is estimated at approximately 150 MSEK and is expected to be paid in the fourth quarter of 2015.
  - Restructuring costs of 42 MSEK related to the relocation project were recognized as a larger one-time item during the second quarter.
- On July 16, it was announced that Swedish Match and Philip Morris International (PMI) have mutually agreed to dissolve the joint venture SMPM International
  - Swedish Match and PMI will now focus on independent strategies for the commercialization of snus in the former joint venture territory. Trademark licenses will revert to the original owners, and separate transitional agreements have been signed whereby Swedish Match will supply snus products to PMI for certain markets and PMI will perform distribution services on behalf of Swedish Match in Canada and in Russia.



## Maturity profile of interest bearing liabilities

#### **As of June 30, 2015**



## P&L in summary

MSEK	Q2-2015	Q2-2014	Chg %		H1-2014	Chg %	July 2014- June 2015	Full year 2014	Chg %
Sales	3,644	3,339	9	7,011	6,353	10	13,964	13,305	5
Cost of goods sold	-1,929	-1,784		-3,681	-3,345		-7,444	-7,109	
Gross profit	1,715	1,555	10	3,330	3,007	11	6,520	6,197	5
Selling and administrative expenses	-771	-681		-1,512	-1,318		-2,897	-2,703	
Share of profit/loss in associated									
companies and joint ventures*	119	67		259	109		435	285	
Relocation of distribution facilities	-42	-		-42	-		-42	-	
Operating profit*	1,021	941	9	2,035	1,798	13	4,016	3,780	6
Finance income	4	8		8	16		20	27	
Finance costs	-119	-133		-238	-267		-508	-537	
Net finance cost	-115	-125		-230	-251		-488	-510	
Profit before income tax	906	816	11	1,805	1,547	17	3,528	3,270	8
Income tax expense	-200	-165		-379	-316		-707	-644	
Profit for the period*	705	651	8	1,426	1,231	16	2,821	2,626	7
Earnings per share, basic, SEK Earnings per share, adjusted,	3.62	3.27		7.31	6.18		14.35	13.23	
basic, SEK*	3.79	3.27		7.19	6.18		14.23	13.23	
Earnings per share, diluted, SEK Earnings per share, adjusted,	3.62	3.27		7.30	6.18		14.35	13.22	
diluted, SEK*	3.79	3.27		7.18	6.18		14.23	13.22	

<sup>\*</sup> For full detail, please refer to notes in the January-June 2015 report.

## Balance sheet in summary

MSEK	June 30, 2015	<b>December 31, 2014</b>
Intangible assets	1,050	1,030
Property, plant and equipment	2,073	2,074
Investments in associated companies and joint ventures	5,350	5,233
Other non-current financial receivables	1,685	1,669
Current operating assets	3,257	4,255
Cash and cash equivalents	2,343	2,312
Total assets	15,759	16,573
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent	118	277
Non-controlling interests	1	1_
Total equity	119	279
Non-current provisions	1,129	1,081
Non-current loans	8,042	7,803
Other non-current financial liabilities*	2,036	2,063
Current provisions	145	98
Current loans	1,256	1,141
Other current liabilities	3,032	4,109
Total equity and liabilities	15,759	16,573

<sup>\*</sup> For full detail, please refer to notes in the January-June 2015 report.

## Cash flow in summary

MSEK	Jan-Jun 2015	Jan-Jun 2014
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital	1,844	1,655
Cash flow from changes in working capital	-103	266
Net cash from operating activities	1,741	1,921
Purchase of property, plant and equipment*	-139	-134
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	1	0
Purchase of intangible assets	-7	0
Investments in associated companies and joint ventures*	-10	-25
Changes in financial receivables etc.	0	0
Net cash used in investing activities	-155	-158
Changes in loans	360	-484
Dividend paid to equity holders of the Parent	-1,464	-1,453
Repurchase of own shares	-659	-68
Stock options exercised	141	53
Other	-21	-1
Net cash used in financing activities	-1,644	-1,953
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	-57	-190
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	2,312	3,164
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	89	48
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	2,343	3,022

<sup>\*</sup> For full detail, please refer to notes in the January-June 2015 report.

## Key ratios

MSEK	Jan-Jun 2015	Jan-Jun 2014
Operating margin, %	29.6	28.3
Operating capital, MSEK	8,519	7,596
Return on operating capital, % (12 months ended June 30, 2015)	50.4	
EBITDA, MSEK*	2,236	1,942
EBITA, MSEK*	2,099	1,819
Net debt, MSEK	8,412	8,214
Investments in property, plant and equipment, MSEK*	139	134
EBITA interest cover	9.2	7.3
Excluding share of net profit in STG		
EBITA, MSEK*	1,825	1,692
Net debt/EBITA* (12 months ended June 30, 2015)	2.3	
Share data		
Shares outstanding, end of period (Mio)	193.8	199.1
Average number of shares outstanding, basic (Mio)	195.2	199.1

<sup>\*</sup> For full detail, please refer to notes in the January-June 2015 report.

## Largest shareholders\*

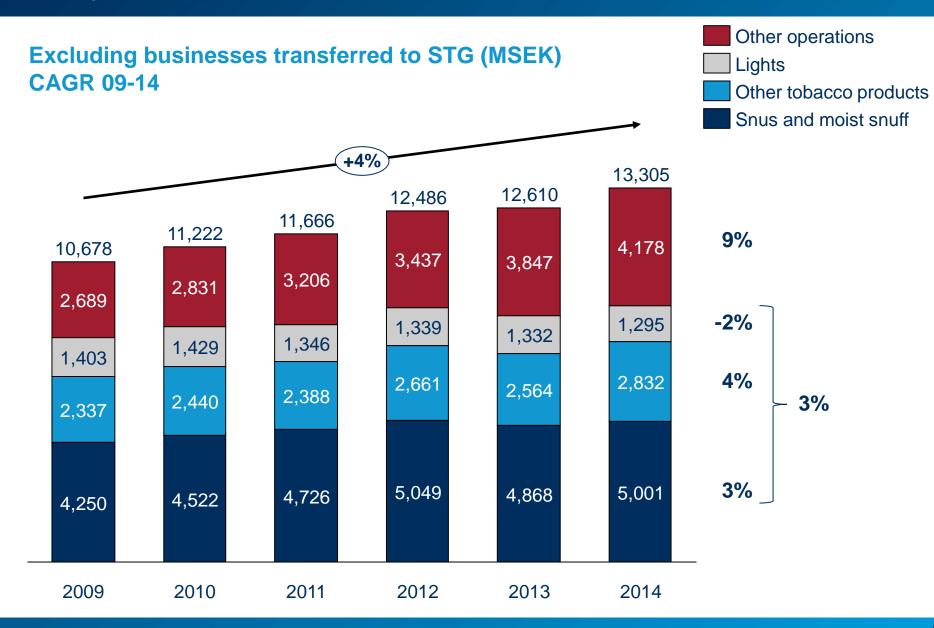
#### **As per June 30, 2015**

#### 48,989 shareholders Largest shareholders Nordea Funds 3.0% SEB Funds 3.0% Standard Life Investment Funds 2.9% 2.3% Didner & Gerge Funds Sweden Second Swedish National Pension Fund 2.2% 29% Outside 1.5% Invesco Funds Sweden Fourth Swedish National Pension Fund 1.2% 71% First Swedish National Pension Fund 1.0% SHB Funds 0.8% UBS (Lux) Funds 0.8% 18.7%

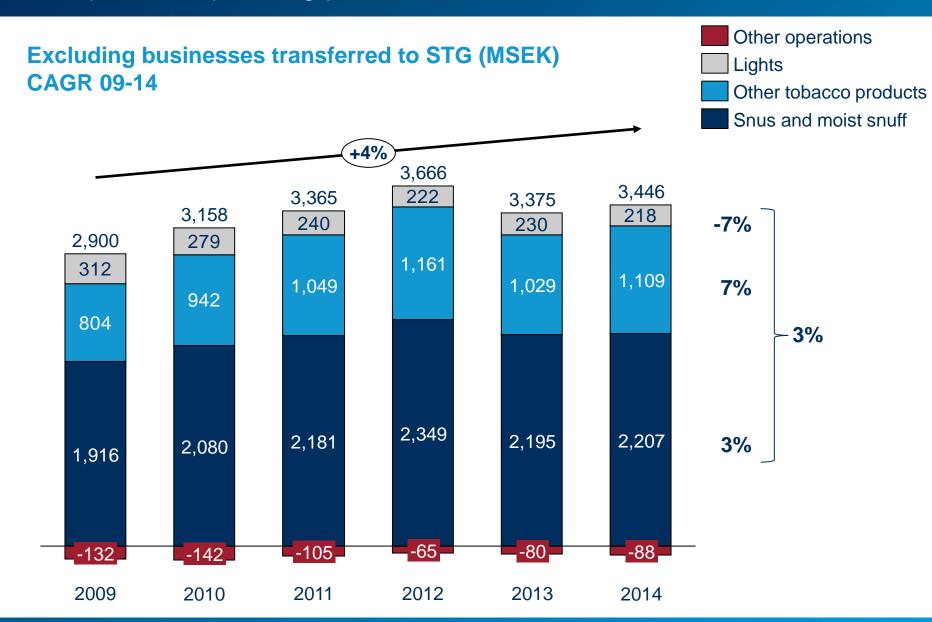
Source: Euroclear, official registry and SIS Ägaranalys.

<sup>\*</sup> Percent split of share capital held, excluding Swedish Match shares held in treasury.

## Comparable sales

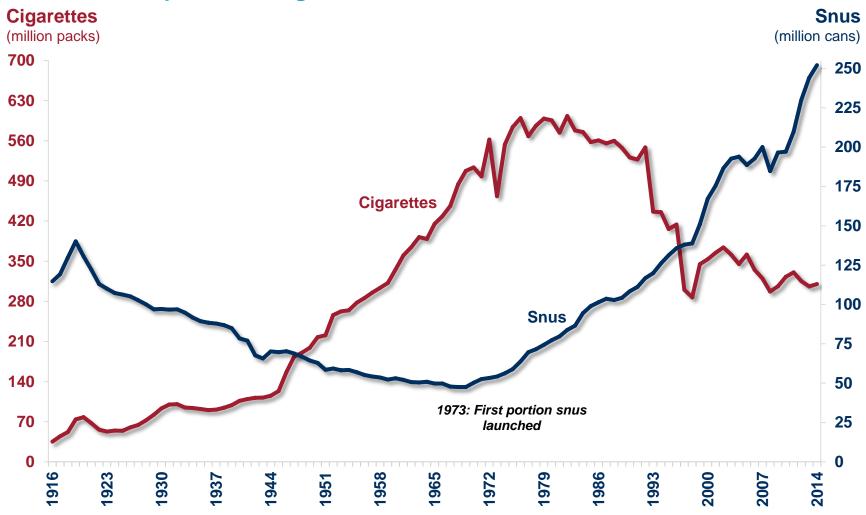


## Comparable operating profit



## Competing with cigarettes is not new to Swedish Match

#### Volume development for cigarettes and snus in Sweden since 1916



Source: Swedish Match estimates.