## SWEDISH MATCH INVESTOR KIT Q2 2016

## A look at the quarter

Swedish Match.

## Q2 HEADLINE BULLETS

- Sales increased by 8 percent to 3,920 MSEK $(3,644)$ for the second quarter. In local currencies, sales increased by 10 percent.
- Operating profit from product areas ${ }^{11}$ increased by 8 percent to 1,008 MSEK (937) for the second quarter. In local currencies, operating profit from product areas ${ }^{1)}$ increased by 11 percent.
- Growth of sales and operating profit from product areas ${ }^{1)}$ was positively affected by calendar effects in Scandinavia (timing of Easter and differences in number of delivery days).
- Operating profit ${ }^{2}$ ) amounted to $1,061 \operatorname{MSEK}(1,021)$ for the second quarter.
- Earnings per share amounted to 4.01 SEK (3.62) for the second quarter. Adjusted earnings per share ${ }^{3)}$ amounted to 4.01 SEK (3.79).
- The outlook has been updated based on the developments during the first six months, but remains broadly the same as the previous outlook for the full year.

3) Adjusted for Swedish Match's larger one-time items in 2015.

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER

- Sales grew in local currencies in all product areas.
- Operating profit in local currencies grew in all product areas except Other operations.
- Continued market growth for snus in Scandinavia and the US, moist snuff in the US and for cigars in the US.
- Swedish Match volume growth (supported by calendar effects) and improved net pricing in local currencies for all markets for Snus and moist snuff.
- Continued strong momentum for cigars but a relatively soft quarter for chewing tobacco.
- Marked improvement for Lights, driven by strong volumes for lighters.
- Several new product initiatives and expanded distribution of existing product innovations.
- EU Tobacco Products Directive in force in Sweden.
- Standardized packaging for tobacco products proposed in Norway.
- FDA regulation of cigars published.
- Swedish Match has initiated legal proceedings to challenge the EU snus ban in the UK.


## Overview by product area

## SNUS AND MOIST SNUFF: Q2 COMMENTARY

## Growth in both sales and operating profit and higher operating margin

- Strong Scandinavia market growth - both in Sweden and Norway.
- Some slowdown in market growth in Sweden toward the latter part of the quarter.
- Strong shipment volumes in Scandinavia positively affected by calendar effects.
- Swedish Match's underlying volumes up by 3\%.
- Sales growth in line with volume development (positive pricing offset by weaker NOK and mix effects).
- US moist snuff sales up.
- Volumes up, more promotional activity than in prior year.
- The average price for moist snuff was higher. List price increases in May 2016 and December 2015.
- Continued investment behind snus outside Scandinavia.
- Snus sales in the US up on higher volumes and better realized pricing.
- ZYN now in about 2,000 stores.

- Operating profit and operating margin higher.
- Operating profit increased in both Scandinavia and the US on higher sales.
- Net operating loss for snus outside Scandinavia was 55 MSEK (70).

|  |  |  |  |  | July 2015- | Full year |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| MSEK | Q2-2016 | Q2-2015 | chg | H1-2016 | H1-2015 | chg | June 2016 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ |
| Sales | 1,338 | 1,271 | 5 | 2,584 | 2,461 | 5 | 5,213 | 5,090 |
| Operating profit | 557 | 514 | 8 | 1,078 | 970 | 11 | 2,180 | 2,071 |
| Operating margin, $\%$ | 41.7 | 40.5 |  | 41.7 | 39.4 | 5 | 41.8 | 40.7 |

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## SNUS AND MOIST SNUFF

Swedish Match's shipment volumes for snus and moist snuff (not adjusted for destocking effects)

|  | $2016$ | April-June | chg | January-June |  | chg | Full year$2015$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2015 | \% | 2016 | 2015 | \% |  |
| Snus, million of cans, Scandinavia | 62.1 | 58.4 | 6 * | 118.4 | 110.7 | 7* | 237.9 |
| Moist snuff, millions of cans, US | 34.0 | 33.2 | 2 | 68.5 | 68.7 | 0 | 132.1 |

* Underlying shipments up 3\% Q2 and up by more than $3 \%$ in H 1 .


Source: Swedish Match and industry estimates.
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## SCANDINAVIAN MARKET GROWTH AND SHARE ESTIMATES

- Scandinavian snus market up by 5\% in volume in Q2 on an underlying basis*.
- Norwegian market grew at a faster pace than the Swedish market, which showed signs of slower growth during Q2.
- Continued share gains for XRANGE in Sweden and General G. 3 in Norway.
- Strong initial trial for General G. 3 Super Slim Mint.
- Swedish Match's market share in Sweden was down primarily due to share loss in value segment.
- The value segment's share of the market was only slightly higher than a year ago.
- Swedish Match's market share in Norway continued to decline.

Swedish Match's market shares**

| Percent | April-June |  | chg | January-June |  | chg | Full year |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | ppts | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | ppts | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ |
| Snus, Sweden, total | 68.2 | 69.3 | -1.0 | 68.3 | 69.1 | -0.8 | 69.2 |
| $\quad$ Snus, Sweden, premium | 93.2 | 93.6 | -0.3 | 93.2 | 93.7 | -0.5 | 93.5 |
| $\quad$ Snus, Sweden, value | 39.1 | 40.3 | -1.2 | 39.4 | 39.9 | -0.4 | 40.2 |
| Snus, Norway, total | 53.6 | 56.8 | -3.3 | 54.1 | 57.6 | -3.5 | 56.7 |

* Source: Swedish Match estimates.
** Swedish Match estimates using Nielsen data (excl. tobacconists due to small sample of tobacconists in Nielsen data). 13 weeks and YTD to June 26, 2016. All figures for the Swedish market have been restated to include nicotine free products (i.e. Onico etc.).


## SWEDEN - MARKET SHARE DYNAMICS - VOLUME SHARES

Q2 2015 $\qquad$ Q3 2015 $\qquad$ Q4 2015 $\square$ Q1 2016 $\square$ Q2 2016


Source: Nielsen DVH+SVH excluding tobacconists.

## SWEDEN - MARKET SHARE DYNAMICS - SEK SHARES

$\square$
$\square$ Q2 2016


Source: Nielsen DVH+SVH excluding tobacconists.

## NORWAY - MARKET SHARE DYNAMICS - VOLUME SHARES

$\qquad$ Q3 2015 $\qquad$ Q4 2015 $\square$ Q1 2016 $\square$ Q2 2016


Source: Nielsen DVH+KBS.

## Q2: SCANDINAVIAN PRODUCT LAUNCHES CONTINUED TO DRIVE VOLUME

## - XRANGE in Sweden

- Continued share growth for XRANGE, with more than $6.5 \%$ of the market.
- Contributed to growth of premium brands and a more stable premium segment.
- OMNI in Sweden
- All white portion snus.
- Still in very limited distribution.


## - Norway

- General G. 3 range continued to gain share in the second quarter, with more than $8 \%$ of market.
- New super slim pouch products for General G. 3 recently launched.



## MOIST SNUFF MARKET GROWTH AND SHARE ESTIMATE

- US moist snuff market volume estimated to be up by approximately $3 \%$ for the second quarter.
- Category growth continues to be driven by pouches.
- Swedish Match estimates its moist snuff volume market share at $9 \%$.
- Growing share in pouches


Source: Swedish Match and industry estimates.
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## US MOIST SNUFF CATEGORY DEVELOPMENT

Category by segment: loose vs. pouches


## 13.0\%

 CAGR 2010-2015 POUCHES2.0\% CAGR 2010-2015 LOOSE

Source: Swedish Match and industry estimates.
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## REGULATORY NEWS

- The Swedish Parliament on April 6 adopted the new tobacco legislation that implements the revised European Tobacco Directive into Swedish law.
- For snus the most notable changes are a somewhat more strictly worded warning label that will have to be put on two sides of the can as well as some new reporting requirements.
- Products produced after August 30 can only be sold at retail if fulfilling the new packaging requirements.
- Norwegian Ministry for Health and Care Services published legislative proposal on June 10.
- Requirement for standardized packaging, among other items.
- Parliamentary vote expected before yearend.
- Transition period for full implementation likely.
- Swedish Match filed legal challenge in UK concerning EU ban on July 1.
- Intention is that the UK court shall refer case to ECJ.
- Indeterminant timing.


## OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS (OTP): Q2 COMMENTARY

## Cigar volumes reached a record level

- In local currency, OTP sales were up 8\% and operating profit was up 5\%.
- Sales, operating profit, and volumes up for cigars.
- Operating profit increased on higher cigar volumes.
- Cigar volume growth of $15 \%$ from continued strong volume development of Game by Garcia y Vega and 1882 natural leaf cigars, as well as volume growth for the Jackpot brand.
- Planned factory downtime for cigars in Q4 around Christmas likely to skew H2 shipments.
- Chewing tobacco sales lower, operating profit declined.
- Positive pricing partially offset volume declines.
- Volume declined by 8\% for own brands in quarter.
- US FDA deeming regulations effective August 8.
- Fees from October 1, 2016.

|  |  |  |  |  |  | July 2015- | Full year |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| MSEK | Q2-2016 | Q2-2015 | chg | H1-2016 | H1-2015 | chg | June 2016 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | chg |
| Sales | 1,031 | 982 | 5 | 2,026 | 1,915 | 6 | 3,939 | 3,829 | 3 |
| Operating profit | 425 | 414 | 3 | 825 | 798 | 3 | 1,580 | 1,554 | 2 |
| Operating margin, \% | 41.2 | 42.2 |  | 40.7 | 41.7 |  | 40.1 | 40.6 |  |

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## Swedish Match's shipment volumes for cigars and chewing tobacco

|  | Aprill-June |  |  | chg | January-June |  | chg |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | Full year



AARNING: SMOKELESS TOBACCO IS ADDICTIVE

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Mass market cigar shipment (million sticks)


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## REGULATORY NEWS

- US FDA published deeming regulation of cigars on May 5.
- Effective from August 8, 2016.
- Substantial equivalence filings within 18 months.
- New product introductions after August 8 will require either a pre-approved substantial equivalence application or a pre-approved new product application.
- Warning label changes, ban on sampling.
- User fees from October 1, 2016 of approximately 2 MUSD in the fourth quarter.


## LIGHTS: Q2 COMMENTARY

## Strong volume growth for lighters and moderating declines for matches

- 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
- Flat sales.
- Lighter sales up on $11 \%$ higher volumes.
- Match volume declines moderated, down only 4 percent. Sales down somewhat.
- Operating profit notably higher.
- Higher lighter volumes.
- Reduced OPEX.


|  |  |  |  |  | July 2015- | Full year |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| MSEK | Q2-2016 | Q2-2015 | chg | H1-2016 | H1-2015 | chg | June 2016 | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ |
| chg |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales | 318 | 318 | 0 | 621 | 649 | -4 | 1,267 | 1,295 |
| Operating profit | 54 | 36 | 50 | 96 | 93 | 3 | 193 | 190 |
| Operating margin, $\%$ | 17.0 | 11.4 |  | 15.5 | 14.3 |  | 15.2 | 14.7 |

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## Overview of tax, cash flow and financing

## TAX, CASH FLOW AND FINANCING (FIRST SIX MONTHS)

- The tax rate, excluding associated companies and joint ventures and non-taxable one-time items was $24 \%$.


## - Cash flow

- Cash flow from operating activities for the first six months was 1,872 MSEK ( 1,741 ). A dividend received from STG of 191 MSEK (261).
- Increased investments in property, plant and equipment driven primarily by Other tobacco products.
- Full year investments in property, plant and equipment expected to be in line with prior year.
- Investments in patent rights for nicotine pouch without tobacco reported as part of investments for intangible assets.
- Swedish Match received 2,172 MSEK from the sales of share in STG in conjunction with the IPO and another 145 MSEK from the sale of a distribution center.
- Cash distributed to shareholders
- Share repurchases of 1.6 million shares for 449 MSEK.
- Dividend of 3,764 MSEK, consisting of an ordinary dividend of 1,506 MSEK and a special dividend of $\mathbf{2 , 2 5 8}$ MSEK due to partial divestment of STG shares.


## TAX, CASH FLOW AND FINANCING

## - Financial policy

- Dividend policy: 40-60\% of earnings per share.
- 2015 dividend: ordinary dividend of 8.00 SEK per share (7.50) and special dividend of 12.00 SEK per share, in total 20.00 SEK per share.
- Net debt not to exceed 3 times EBITA*.


## - Financing

- The net finance cost for the first six months declined to 197 MSEK (230), due to decreased average debt and lower interest rates.
- During the first six months new bond loans of 497 MSEK were issued.
- Repayments of bond loans for the same period amounted to 363 MSEK.
- As of June 30, 2016 Swedish Match had 8,199 MSEK of interest bearing debt excluding retirement benefit obligations compared to 8,064 MSEK at December 31, 2015.
- In December 2016, 310 MSEK of debt falls due for payment.
- Defined pension and benefit obligations increased to 2,033 MSEK as of June 30, 2016, from 1,591 MSEK at December 31, 2015, due primarily to lower discount rates.
- Cash and cash equivalents amounted to 1,475 MSEK at the end of the period, compared to 1,732 MSEK at December 31, 2015.
- Net debt/EBITA* per June 30 was at 2.3 compared to 2.1 at December 31, 2015.


## MATURITY PROFILE OF INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES

Debt as of June 30, 2016



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## Financials

## SALES AND OPERATING PROFIT

## Sales and operating profit by product area

## Q2 2016

Full year 2015


* 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

Q2 2016

- SEK
- USD
- All other*


Full year 2015


Excluding Other operations

- SEK
- USD
- All other*

* Primarily NOK and BRL. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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## P\&L IN SUMMARY

| MSEK | Q2-2016 | Q2-2015 | $\begin{gathered} \text { chg } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | H1-2016 | H1-2015 | $\begin{gathered} \text { chg } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | July 2015June 2016 | Full year 2015 | $\begin{gathered} \text { chg } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales | 3,920 | 3,644 | 8 | 7,477 | 7,011 | 7 | 14,951 | 14,486 | 3 |
| Cost of goods sold | -2,115 | -1,929 |  | -3,987 | -3,681 |  | -8,004 | -7,697 |  |
| Gross profit | 1,804 | 1,715 | 5 | 3,489 | 3,330 | 5 | 6,947 | 6,789 | 2 |
| Selling and administrative expenses | -798 | -771 |  | -1,543 | -1,512 |  | -3,096 | -3,065 |  |
| Share of profit/loss in associated companies and joint ventures* | 55 | 119 |  | 122 | 259 |  | 190 | 327 |  |
| Sale of STG shares |  |  |  | 560 | - |  | 560 |  |  |
| Sale of distribution facility |  |  |  | 145 | - |  | 145 | - |  |
| Relocation of distribution facilities | - | -42 |  | - | -42 |  |  | -42 |  |
| Operating profit* | 1,061 | 1,021 | 4 | 2,772 | 2,035 | 36 | 4,746 | 4,008 | 18 |
| Finance income | 10 | 4 |  | 18 | 8 |  | 32 | 22 |  |
| Finance costs | -100 | -119 |  | -215 | -238 |  | -436 | -486 |  |
| Net finance cost | -90 | -115 |  | -197 | -230 |  | -431 | -463 |  |
| Profit before income tax | 971 | 906 | 7 | 2,575 | 1,805 | 43 | 4,315 | 3,545 | 22 |
| Income tax expense | -220 | -200 |  | -420 | -379 |  | -783 | -742 |  |
| Profit for the period* | 752 | 705 | 7 | 2,155 | 1,426 | 51 | 3,532 | 2,803 | 26 |
| Earnings per share, basic, SEK | 4.01 | 3.62 |  | 11.45 | 7.31 |  | 18.59 | 14.48 |  |
| Earnings per share, adjusted, basic, SEK* | 4.01 | 3.79 |  | 7.71 | 7.19 |  | 14.88 | 14.36 |  |

* For full detail, please refer to notes in the January-June 2016 report.


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## BALANCE SHEET IN SUMMARY

| MSEK | June 30, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Intangible assets | 1,176 | 1,048 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 2,365 | 2,240 |
| Investments in associated companies and joint ventures | 3,148 | 4,845 |
| Other non-current financial receivables* | 1,967 | 1,739 |
| Current operating assets | 3,659 | 3,220 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1,475 | 1,732 |
| Total assets | $\mathbf{1 3 , 7 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 , 8 2 4}$ |
| Equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent | $-2,002$ | $\mathbf{2 5 1}$ |
| Non-controlling interests | 1 | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| Total equity | $\mathbf{- 2 , 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 2}$ |
| Non-current provisions | 1,334 | 1,223 |
| Non-current loans | 8,214 | $\mathbf{7 , 6 1 3}$ |
| Other non-current financial liabilities* | 2,266 | 1,882 |
| Current provisions | 122 | 147 |
| Current loans | 315 | 653 |
| Other current liabilities | 3,542 | $\mathbf{3 , 0 5 4}$ |
| Total equity and liabilities | $\mathbf{1 3 , 7 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 , 8 2 4}$ |

* For full detail, please refer to notes in the January-June 2016 report.


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## CASH FLOW IN SUMMARY

|  | Jan-Jun | Jan-Jun |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| MSEK | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ |
| Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital* | $\mathbf{1 , 8 8 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 8 4 4}$ |
| Cash flow from changes in working capital | -12 | -103 |
| Net cash from operating activities | $\mathbf{1 , 8 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 7 4 1}$ |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment* | -225 | -139 |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | 145 | 1 |
| Purchase of intangible assets | -122 | -7 |
| Divestments in associated companies and joint ventures* | 2,172 | - |
| Investments in associated companies and joint ventures* | -5 | -10 |
| Changes in financial receivables etc. | 0 | 0 |
| Net cash from investing activities | $\mathbf{1 , 9 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{- 1 5 5}$ |
| Changes in loans | 135 | 360 |
| Dividend paid to equity holders of the Parent | $-3,764$ | $-1,464$ |
| Repurchase of own shares | -449 | -659 |
| Stock options exercised | - | 141 |
| Other | -28 | -21 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | $\mathbf{- 4 , 1 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{- 1 , 6 4 4}$ |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | $\mathbf{- 2 6 9}$ | $\mathbf{- 5 7}$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | 1,732 | 2,312 |
| Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents | 12 | 89 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period | $\mathbf{1 , 4 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 3 4 3}$ |

* For full detail, please refer to notes in the January-June 2016 report.


## KEY RATIOS

|  | Jan-Jun | Jan-Jun |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| MSEK | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ |
| Operating margin, \% | 27.7 | 29.6 |
| Operating capital, MSEK | 6,634 | 8,519 |
| Return on operating capital, \% (12 months ended June 30, 2016) | 53.3 |  |
| EBITDA, MSEK* | 2,230 | 2,236 |
| EBITA, MSEK* | 2,093 | 2,099 |
| Net debt, MSEK | 8,757 | 8,412 |
| Investments in property, plant and equipment, MSEK* | 225 | 139 |
| EBITA interest cover | 11.1 | 9.2 |
| Excluding share of net profit in STG | 1,972 | 1,825 |
| EBITA, MSEK* | 2.3 |  |
| Net debt/EBITA* (12 months ended June 30, 2016) | 187.3 | 193.8 |
| Share data | 188.2 | 195.2 |
| Shares outstanding, end of period (Mio) |  |  |
| Average number of shares outstanding, basic (Mio) |  |  |

## Further information

## ESTIMATED SNUS CONSUMPTION IN SCANDINAVIA



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


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## MANUFACTURER SHARE BY PRICE SEGMENT, SWEDEN



Source: Swedish Match estimates based on Nielsen (excluding tobacconists), 13 weeks ending June 26, 2016.
All figures for the Swedish market have been restated to include nicotine free products (i.e. Onico etc.).

## COMPETING WITH CIGARETTES IS NOT NEW TO SWEDISH MATCH

Volume development for cigarettes and snus in Sweden since 1916


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## SCANDINAVIAN TOBACCO GROUP (STG)

- On February 10, 2016, STG began trading on Nasdaq Copenhagen.
- In conjunction with the listing, Swedish Match sold 17.9 million shares including a partial exercise of an overallotment option, resulting in an ownership in STG of 31.1 million shares.
- Swedish Match has from the reporting period ending December 31, 2015 started to report its share of STG's net profit with a one quarter lag.
- Swedish Match's reported share in STG's net profit was 53 MSEK (126) for the second quarter and 121 MSEK (274) for the first six months.
- For the second quarter 2016, Swedish Match's reported share of net profit in STG represented a 31.1 percent share of STG's net profit for the first quarter 2016. For the first six months 2016, Swedish Match's reported share of net profit in STG represented a 31.1 percent share of STG's net profit for the fourth quarter 2015 and the first quarter 2016.
- For the first six months 2015, Swedish Match's reported share of net profit in STG represented a 49 percent share and included a positive adjustment of 56 MSEK for a reassessment of useful lives of certain assets (primarily trademarks).
- A tax-free capital gain of 560 MSEK from the partial divestment of STG was recognized as a larger one-time item in the first quarter of 2016.
- A dividend from STG of 191 MSEK was received during the second quarter.


## LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS

As of June 30, 2016

| 10 largest shareholders |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Standard Life Investment Funds | $3.3 \%$ |
| Nordea Funds | $2.2 \%$ |
| Second Swedish National Pension Fund | $2.2 \%$ |
| First Swedish National Pension Fund | $2.0 \%$ |
| Invesco Funds | $1.7 \%$ |
| SEB Funds | $1.2 \%$ |
| Vanguard Funds | $1.0 \%$ |
| UBS Funds | $1.0 \%$ |
| Swedbank Robur Funds | $0.9 \%$ |
| Third Swedish National Pension Fund | $0.9 \%$ |

## 50,766 shareholders



## 2016 Q2 REPORT OUTLOOK STATEMENT:

For 2016, on a full year basis, we expect Scandinavian snus as well as US moist snuff consumption to grow as measured in number of cans. In Scandinavia, we expect the market to continue to grow during the second half albeit at a more modest rate compared to the first half of the year, primarily as a result of lower growth in the Swedish market. Timing and calendar effects have favorably impacted the growth in Swedish Match's shipments in Scandinavia in the first half of the year. During the second half timing and calendar effects could negatively impact shipment growth.
In our Scandinavian snus business, the average net selling price per can during 2016 is now expected to be largely in line with 2015. We expect the competitive activity level in the Scandinavian snus market to continue to remain high for the remainder of the year. Swedish Match is working hard to defend its market shares for snus in Scandinavia and for moist snuff in the US. In Scandinavia costs related to market initiatives are expected to be higher than the previous year. For our US moist snuff business, we expect higher prices to more than compensate for negative mix effects during the year.
For cigars in the US, Swedish Match expects the market to continue to grow in 2016 but to remain highly competitive. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has published the regulation of cigars and the cigar industry, including Swedish Match, will start paying volume based user fees to FDA from October 1, 2016. For Swedish Match, we estimate these fees to amount to approximately 2 MUSD for the fourth quarter. For our Other tobacco products area we expect sales and operating profit in local currency in the second half to be higher than in the prior year. Due to the FDA user fees, timing of promotions and some planned factory downtime, the performance for Other tobacco products is expected to be notably stronger in the third quarter than in the fourth quarter.
Swedish Match will continue to invest in growth outside Scandinavia in 2016. We expect a reduced operating loss as the SMPM International joint venture has been dissolved and the US snus business is expected to continue to grow and to deliver increased gross profit.
Swedish Match generates a substantial share of its sales and operating profit in the US. During 2015, the stronger US dollar compared to 2014 had a significant positive effect on both sales and operating profit growth. For 2016, Swedish Match expects a much less pronounced currency translation impact.
The effective corporate tax rate, excluding associated companies and non-taxable larger one-time items, is expected to be somewhat higher for 2016 than for 2015.
The Company maintains its financial strategy and dividend policy, and we remain committed to returning cash not needed in operations to shareholders.

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[^0]:    Source: Swedish Match estimates.

