

### **Relais Group Plc**

## Half-year Financial Report

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Relais in brief



Net sales Q2/2023 (Q2/2022)

**EBITA Q2/2023** (Q2/2022)

**Net sales 1 HY/2023** (1 HY/2022)

**EBITA 1 HY/2023** (1 HY/2022)



#### What is Relais all about

- Relais Group Plc is a consolidator and smart compounder with a sector focus on vehicle aftermarket in the Nordic region
- We serve as a growth platform for our group companies and build them into great businesses
- We consider the value generated during the whole vehicle life cycle and are focused on the sector with the biggest potential for earnings growth and least cyclicality --- the aftermarket.
- We create shareholder value by delivering strong earnings growth through a strategy based on three reinforcing themes:
  - Acquisitions
  - Synergies
  - Operational excellence



## Relais Group Growth Strategy

# Growth by acquisitions

Smart compounder:
Active consolidation of
the Nordic vehicle
aftermarket sector

### **Organic growth**

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Faster than the market average earning growth supported by synergies

## Operational excellence

Continuous development of operations to grow earnings and cash flow

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### Relais Group value creation model



### **Smart compounding**

Sector focus
Competence compounding
Add-on acquisitions
Accelerating organic growth

### **Build great businesses**

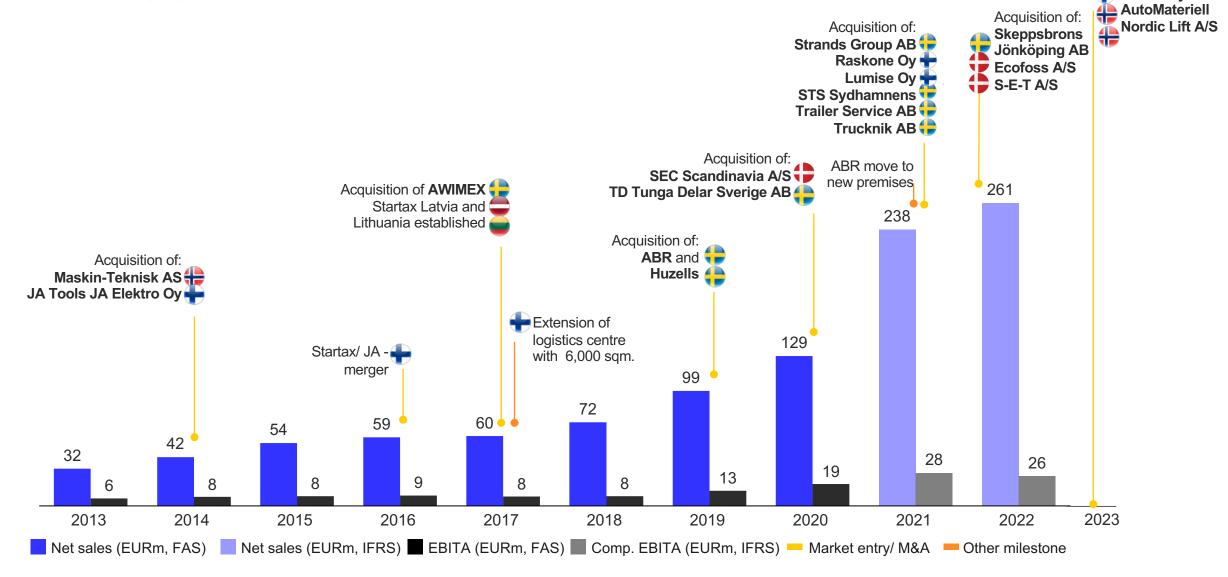
Further development of the acquired companies' operations and capabilities
Full utilization of the synergies
Increase focus on execution and strategy

**Invest right** 

Confirm healthy core: Good management, stable profitability Identify robust and meaningful value creation potential (stand-alone, synergies, M&A) Leverage Relais' deep knowledge of target companies and aftermarket sector Confirm right valuation

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### Strong growth supported by acquisitions





Acquisition of:

ADITA Ov

### Relais Group companies

#### **Technical wholesale and products**























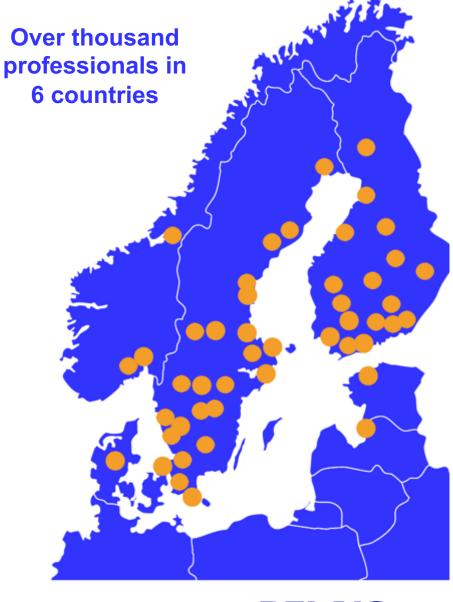


Commercial vehicle repair and maintenance

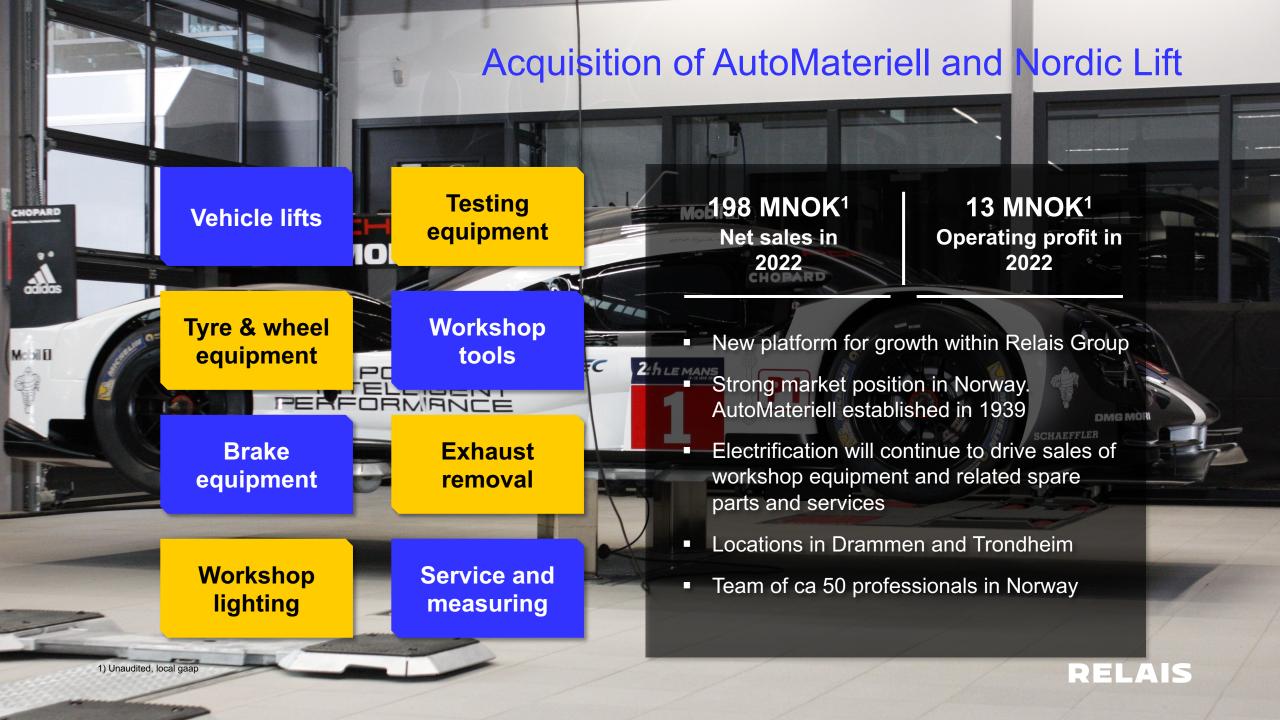




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# RELAIS

# Sustainability



For us, sustainability means above all **practical and meaningful everyday actions**. We take good care of our employees, customers, business partners and the environment.

We have set clear **ESG-related criteria** to our global suppliers and several spare parts we sell are covered by a **refund-and-recycling system**, extending their life cycle after remanufacturing at the production site.

To meet the demands of the rapidly changing mobility landscape, we have increased our **spare part offering** for full **electric and hybrid electric** vehicles. This product range is growing steadily.

In addition, we have increased the capability of our Raskone and STS workshops to also **serve and repair** electrical commercial vehicles.

We published our first **sustainability review** on June 29<sup>th</sup> (available on the Relais-website)

### Volta Trucks cooperation

Relais Group company STS Sydhamnens Trailer Service has been appointed as a Certified Service Partner in the Swedish market by Volta Trucks, the leading and disruptive all-electric commercial vehicle manufacturer and services provider.

Certified Service Partners will play a major role in the Volta Trucks' Truck as a Service (TaaS) offering.





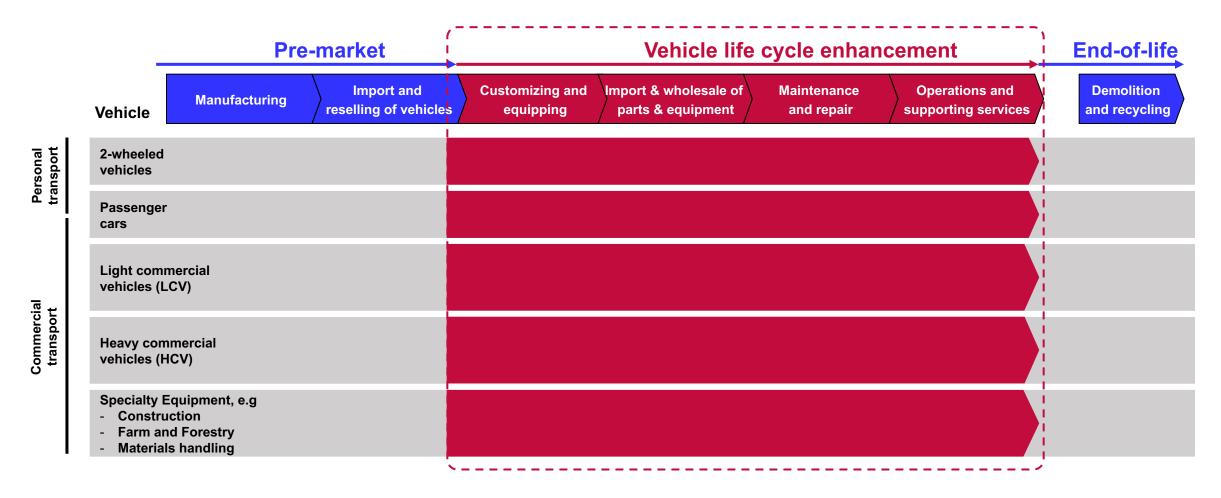


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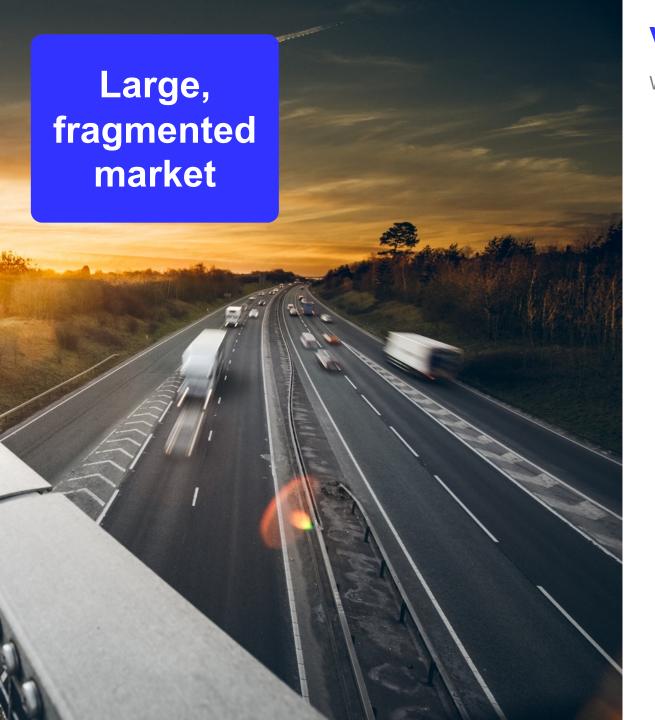
The vehicle aftermarket

### Vehicle aftermarket defined

Relais Group target market: vehicle life cycle enhancement







#### **Vehicle aftermarket**

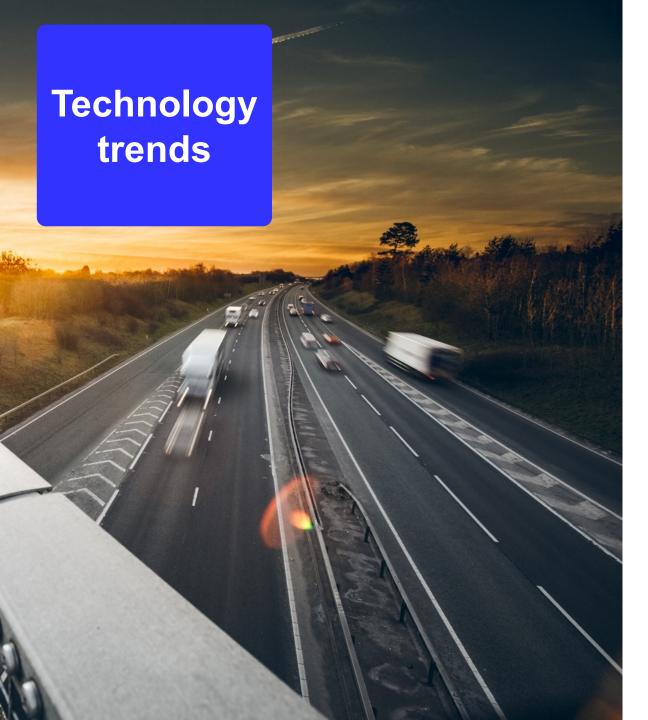
Why is the vehicle aftermarket attractive from a value creation perspective?

The Nordic assessed market assessed to be at least MEUR **20 billion** in yearly turnover

Large and **fragmented** market with many companies in different sectors

Several interesting acquisition targets → opportunities for further consolidation





#### **Vehicle aftermarket opportunity**

Why is the vehicle aftermarket attractive from a value creation perspective?

- Growing number of EV:s → value of spare parts and components increases
- Circular economy and sustainability aspects → battery recycling and power train conversion opportunities (EV, hydrogen, gas)
- Change in ownership: Private leasing, fleets → new business model opportunities
- Technology & digitalization (e.g. ADAS\*, connected car, autonomous driving etc.) → need for more sensors and cameras
- Powertrain development and alternative fuels for ICE (synthetic, bio-fuel) → more sustainable future for commercial vehicles. Requires investments in competence and equipment → will drive further consolidation of the independent workshop field





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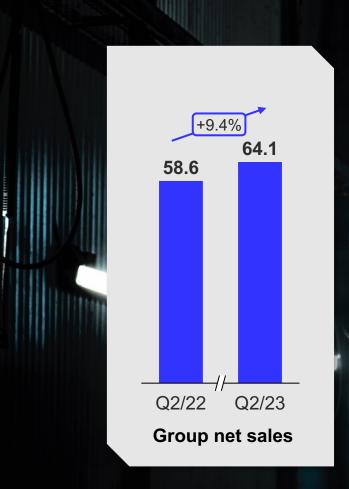
- Large and 'inert' installed base, over 19 million vehicles → stable and defensive market
- Lower/delayed deliveries of new vehicles means that the existing vehicles are used more and longer → drives the need for repair & maintenance and spare parts
- Growing demand for last mile deliveries >
   growing need for repair & maintenance,
   power management, and lighting for
   commercial vehicles
- Product range extension opportunities (e.g. connectivity, lighting, sensors, BEV/PHEV spare parts, tires, windshields, workshop equipment etc.)
- "Personal and urban mobility" → e.g. 2-wheel sector projected to grow



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# Business review: Continued strong and profitable growth

### Q2 - Continued strong and profitable growth



+9.4%
Group sales
growth

7.5%<sup>1</sup>
Comparable
EBITA-%

6.7 EURM
Net cash flow from operations

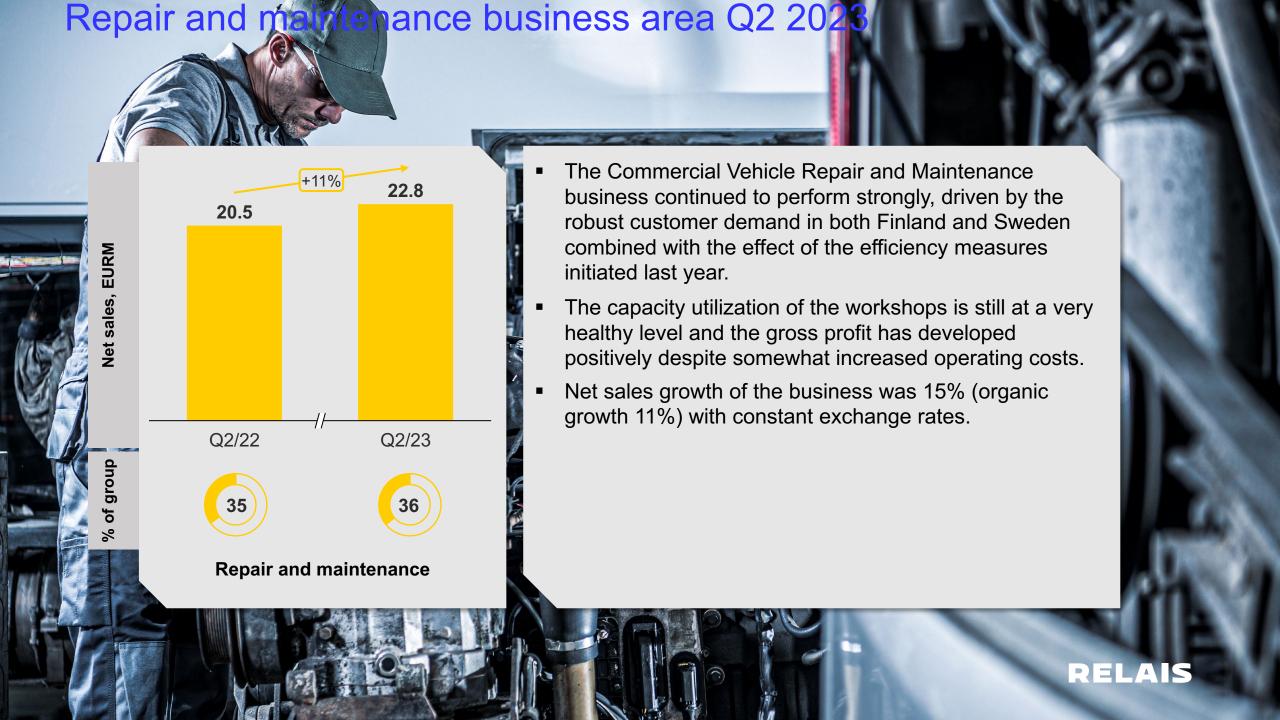
- Strong growth: Net sales grew by 15%<sup>2</sup> and EBITA by 50% with constant exchange rates
- The main growth drivers: continued positive development of the Group's Commercial Vehicle Repair and Maintenance business together with acquisitions

### Technical wholesale and products business area Q2 2023



- Technical Wholesale and Products business in Scandinavia grew 10% organically with constant exchange rates.
- The strongly weakened Swedish krona had a negative effect on the reported profitability, which was offset by the positive effect of the acquisition of SET A/S in Denmark.
- In Finland and Baltics net sales were largely in line with last year, but profitability was weakened by the sluggish consumer demand especially affecting the on-line business in Finland.
- The sales of the Lighting product group continued to grow, especially driven by the successful export of Strands Group products in Central Europe.
- Strands lighting products are now also available in Australia where we are partnering with a major local distributor.

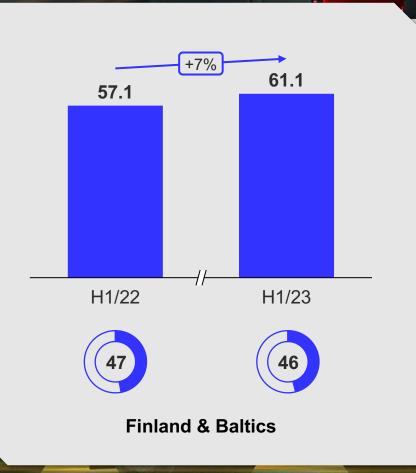




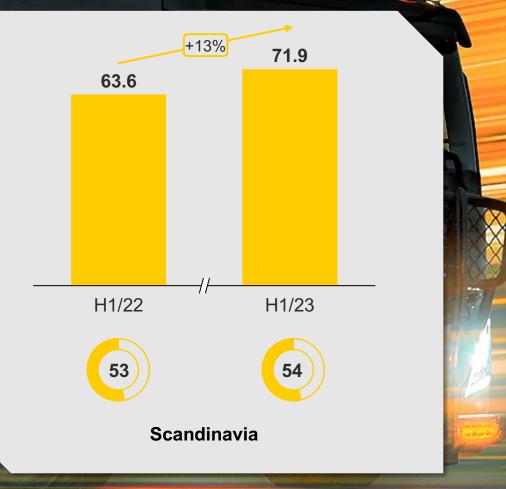
### Reported sales by product group Q2 2023

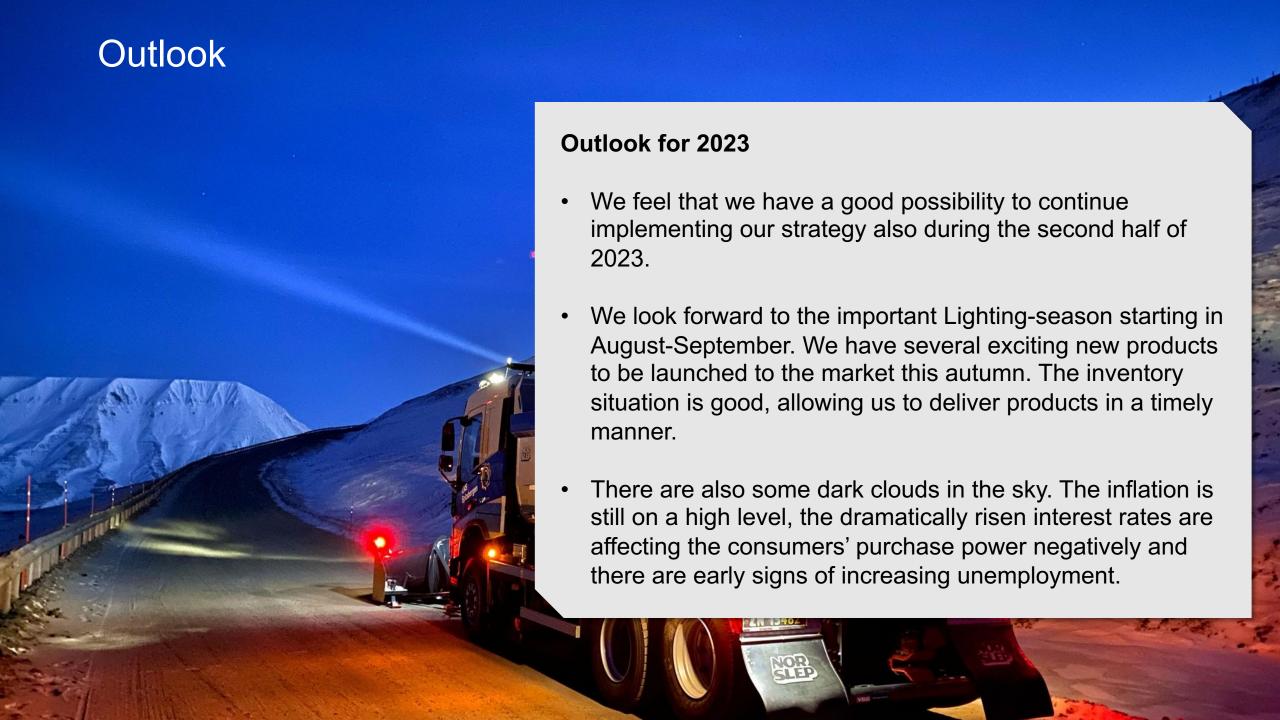


## Reported sales by segment H1 2023



External revenue, EURM



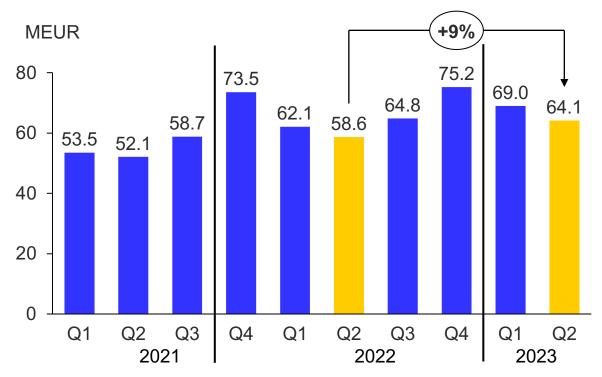


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## Financial review

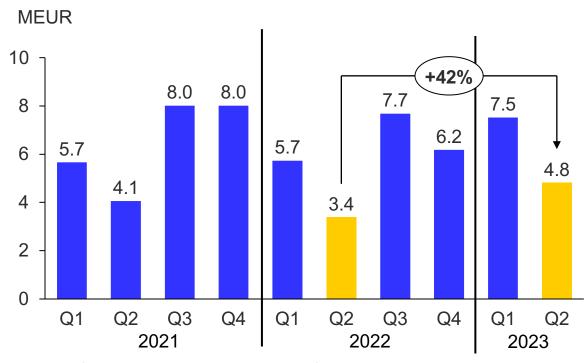
### Net sales and EBITA development

#### **Net sales**



- + Significant organic sales increase in the Commercial Vehicle Repair and Maintenance business in Finland and Sweden
- + Acquisitions made in Sweden, Denmark, and Finland in both main businesses

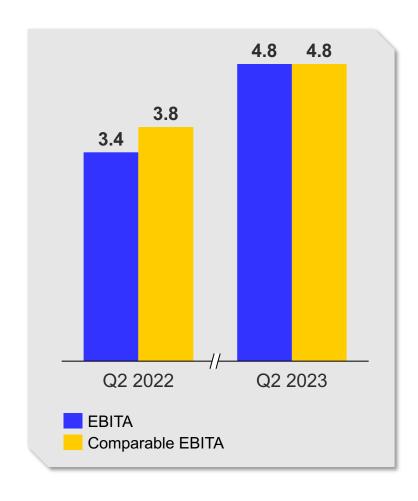
#### **EBITA**

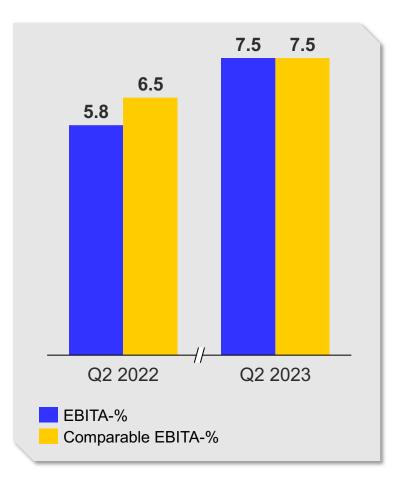


- + Profitability improvement in the Commercial Vehicle Repair and Maintenance business
- + Acquisitions made in 2022 and 2023
- Sluggish consumer demand in Finland and the Baltics impacted negatively on the Technical Wholesale and Products business
- EUR/SEK exchange rate due to further weakening of the SEK



### EBITA development Q2/2023

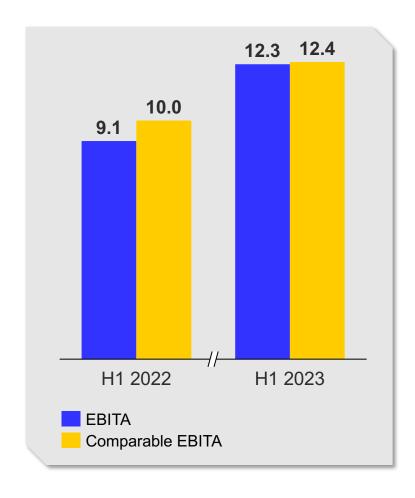


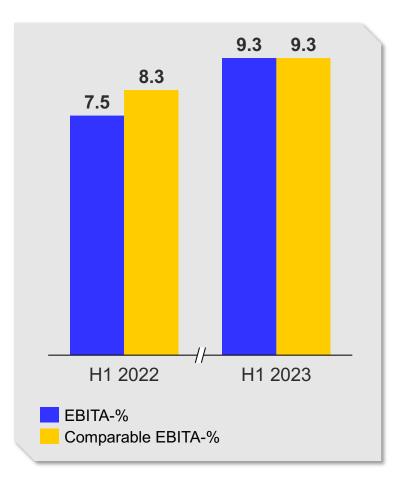


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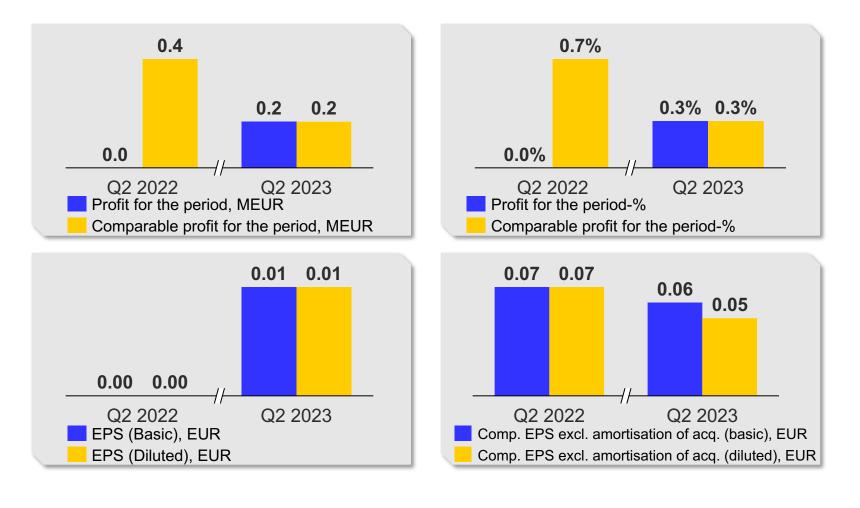
### **Net financials**

MEUR		Q2	H	1	FY
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2022
Interest income and expenses	-1.3	-0.7	-2.5	-1.2	-2.6
Interest expenses, lease liabilities	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8	-0.7	-1.4
Foreign exchange gains and losses	-1.1	-1.2	-1.5	-1.4	-2.5
Other financial income and expenses	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
Changes in fair values		0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3
Total net financial items	-2.8	-1.9	-5.0	-3.1	-6.5
% of net sales	4.4%	-3.3%	3.7%	2.6%	2.5%

- Net interest expenses increased due to the increase in reference interest rates on loans from financial institutions
- FX net losses originate in unrealized losses of unhedged foreign currency loans



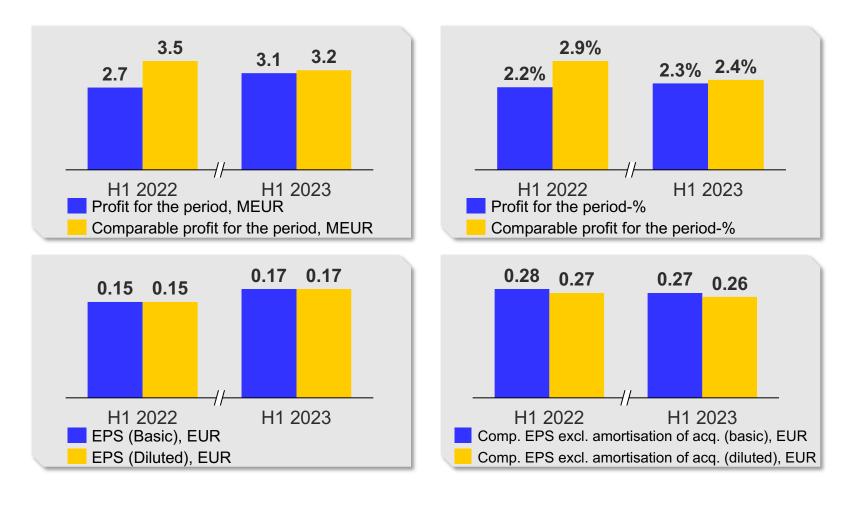
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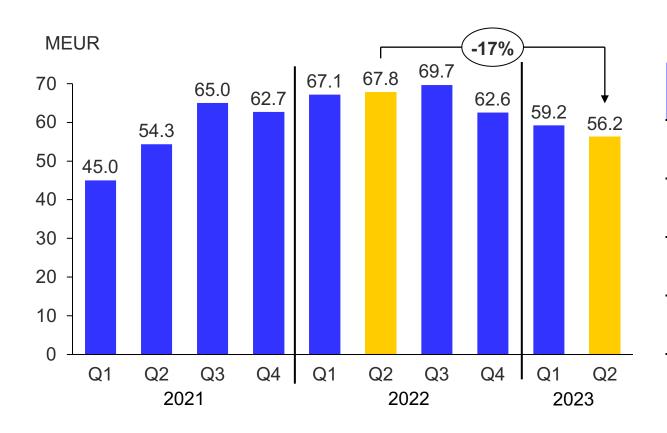
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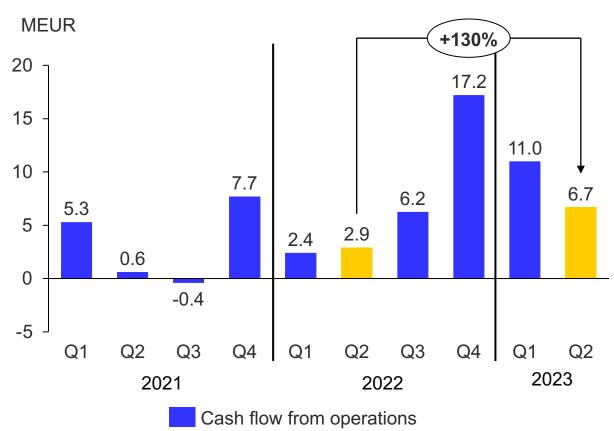
### Net working capital



MEUR	06 2023	06 2022	12 2022
Inventories	68.6	75.5	67.8
Trade and other receivables	35.9	33.0	36.9
Trade and other payables	48.3	40.6	41.9
Total net working capital	56.2	67.8	62.7

 The reduction in net working capital originated in implemented operative efficiency improvement measures especially relating to inventories. Working capital and inventories decreased especially and spare part wholesale business

### Cash flow from operations and cash conversion



MEUR	Q2		H1		FY
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2022
CF before change in NWC	8.8	6.5	20.2	15.7	38.6
Change in NWC	1.3	-0.9	3.3	-5.8	-0.1
CF from net financials	-3.4	-2.7	-5.8	-4.6	-9.7
CF from operations	6.7	2.9	17.7	5.3	28.8

+ Improved profitability especially in the Commercial Vehicle Repair and Maintenance business

69%

5.9

2.3

36%

15.5

79%

- + Operative efficiency improvement measures especially relating to net working capital
- + Acquisitions made in 2022 and 2023

Free Cash Flow

Cash conversion



3.3

21%

24.1

66 %

### Cash flow summary H1/2023

Cash flow from operations EUR 17.7 (5.3) million

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- Working capital and inventories decreased especially in the spare part wholesale operations
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Cash flow from investing activities

EUR **-4.0** (-9.6) million

- Acquisition of the shares in Adita Oy in March 2023
- Additional purchase price of SEK 25 million paid to the previous owners of Strands Group AB in May in line with the share purchase agreement
- Investments in machinery and equipment were made at an aggregate amount of EUR -1.0 (-0.8) million

Cash flow from financing activities

EUR **-13.4** (-0.7)

- Repayments of lease liabilities
   EUR -6.2 (-5.1) million
- Repayments of non-current loans of EUR -3.5 (-3.3) million
- Dividend payments EUR -3.6 (-6.5) million
- + Proceeds from non-current loans EUR 0.0 (16.5) million



### Balance sheet and financial position 30.6.2023

The Group's balancesheet total EUR **307.3** (308.8) million

Total equity
EUR **96.3** (98.5)
million

Net debt excl. lease liabilities

EUR **85.3** (101.3) million

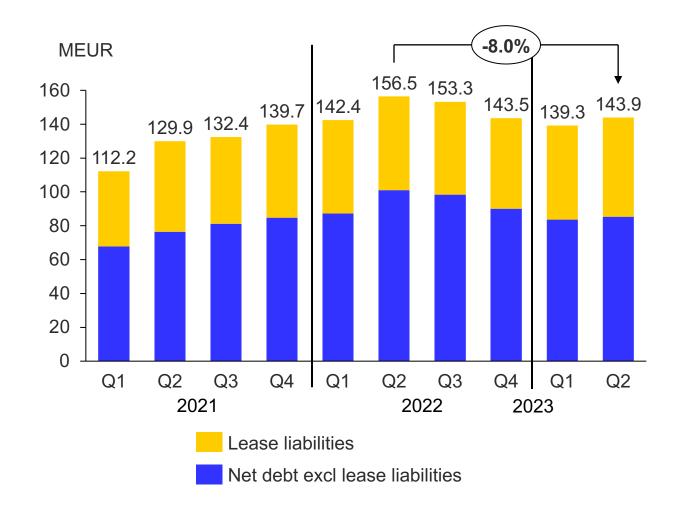
Net gearing excl. lease liabilities 88.6 (102.6) %

Equity ratio **31.3** (31.9) %

Cash assets
EUR **13.5** (6.8)
million



### Interest-bearing net debt



Relais Group (IFRS) MEUR	06 2023	06 2022	12 2022
Loans from financial institutions, I-t	90.3	101.3	95.7
Loans from financial institutions, s-t	6.9	6.5	7.2
Lease liabilities	58.6	55.4	53.5
Other liabilities	1.6		0.7
Gross debt	157.4	163.2	157.1
Cash and bank	13.5	6.8	13.5
Net debt	143.9	156.4	143.6
Net debt excl. lease liabilites	85.3	101.0	90.1
Undrawn RCF	5.6	4.8	4.8
Undrawn uncommitted facility	15.5	25.0	15.5
Cash+unused credit facilities	34.6	36.6	33.8





### Long term financial target

Relais Group aims to reach a pro forma EBITA of

**50** 

MEUR by end of 2025



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Summary: Relais as an investment

- Active, sector focused consolidator with a strong track record of successful acquisitions
- Solid cash flow and profitability track record
- A growing underlying market with defensive characteristics
- Growing lighting business with own brands
- Efficient and decentralized operating model



