

# CONTINUED PROFITABLE GROWTH

Relais Group Plc Interim Report July–September 2024 7 November 2024



#### **PRESENTING TODAY**



**Arni Ekholm** CEO



**Thomas Ekström** CFO



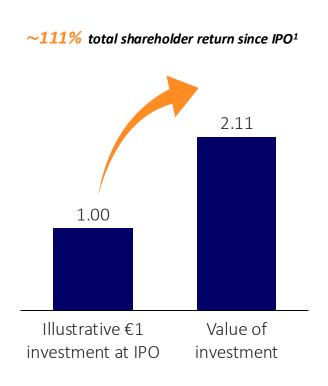


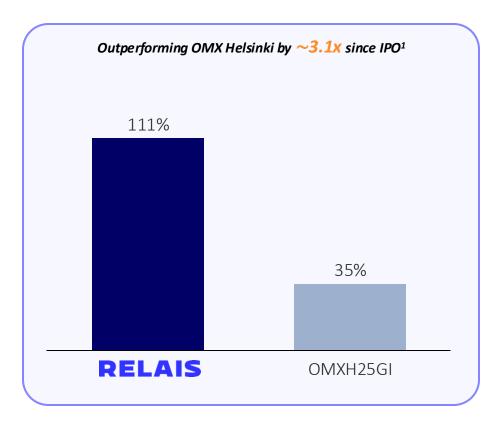
#### **RELAIS GROUP AS AN INVESTMENT**



#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER VALUE CREATION

#### Relais' absolute total shareholder return (TSR) vs. market index





- ✓ Shares have delivered significant shareholder returns since the IPO in October 2019, outperforming the OMX Helsinki 25 GI
- ✓ The success of Relais' past acquisitions has created a strong foundation to generate further M&A opportunities



#### **RELAIS GROUP COMPANIES**

#### **Technical wholesale and products (67%)**

**Spare parts** 











#### **Lighting and equipment**

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#### **Commercial vehicle repair and maintenance (33%)**











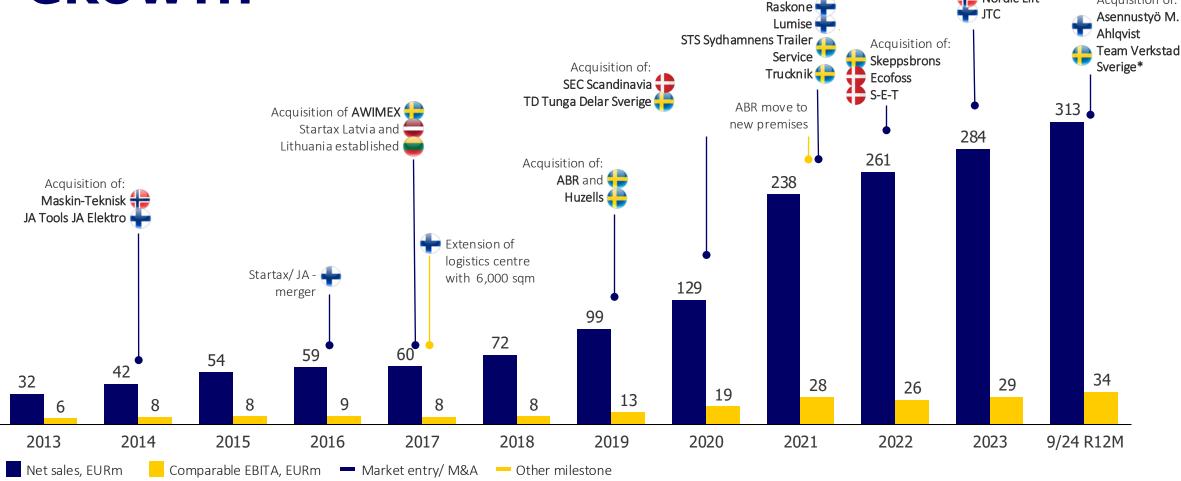






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## STRONG AND PROFITABLE GROWTH





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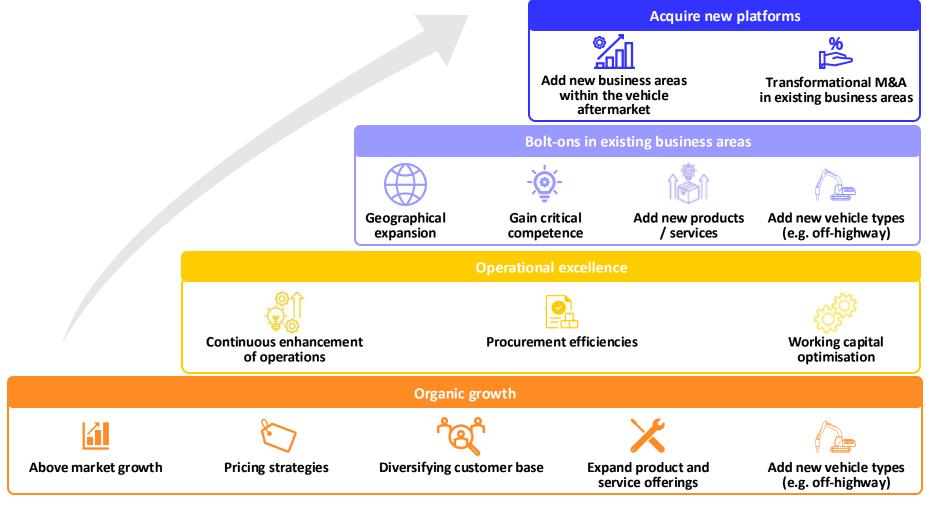
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#### MULTIPLE LEVERS TO CONTINUE A PROFITABLE GROWTH JOURNEY

#### RELAIS

Established leading consolidator in the Northern European vehicle aftermarket

Scalable platform with strong growth potential









	Net sales MEUR	Comparable EBITA MEUR	Earnings per share, basic (EUR)
Q3/ 2024	<b>74.9 +7%</b> vs. Q3/2023	<b>9.2</b> + <b>6%</b> vs. Q3/2023	<b>0.26 0.24</b> in Q3/2023
Q1–Q3/ 2024	<b>231.9</b> +14% vs. Q1-Q3/2023	<b>26.2</b> + <b>24%</b> vs. Q1-Q3/2023	<b>0.65 0.41</b> in Q1-Q3/2023
12 MR	<b>313</b> +10% vs. FY 2023	<b>34.0</b> +18% vs. FY 2023	<b>1.00 0.76</b> in 2023

## Q3: CONTINUED PROFITABLE GROWTH

- EBITA totalled 9,1 MEUR (8,4 MEUR LY), a growth of 9%. EBITA-% grew from last year's 12.0% to 12.2%.
- Net sales grew with 7% from 70.3 MEUR to 74.9 MEUR, the organic growth was +4%. Gross Margin grew from 45.9% to 48.1%
- The strong positive gross margin growth comes mainly from changes in the business mix, as the relative weight of our commercial vehicle repair and maintenance business grew compared to last year.
- On a segment level, the net sales growth was strongest in **Finland** (+10%, organic +3%). In **Scandinavia** the growth was +4% coming entirely from organic growth.



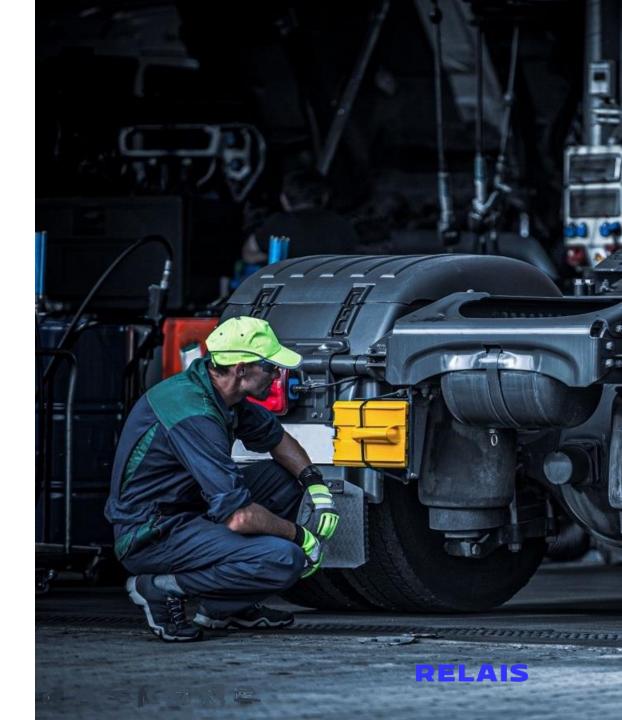
## Q3: TECHNICAL WHOLESALE AND PRODUCTS

- Technical Wholesale and Products had a stable quarter reaching a growth of 1%, all organic.
- The vehicle lighting product season has started 1-2 weeks later this year, as opposed to previous years. This had a temporary decreasing effect in sales during the latter part of Q3.
- The market demand has clearly picked up to normal levels after the end of the review period.

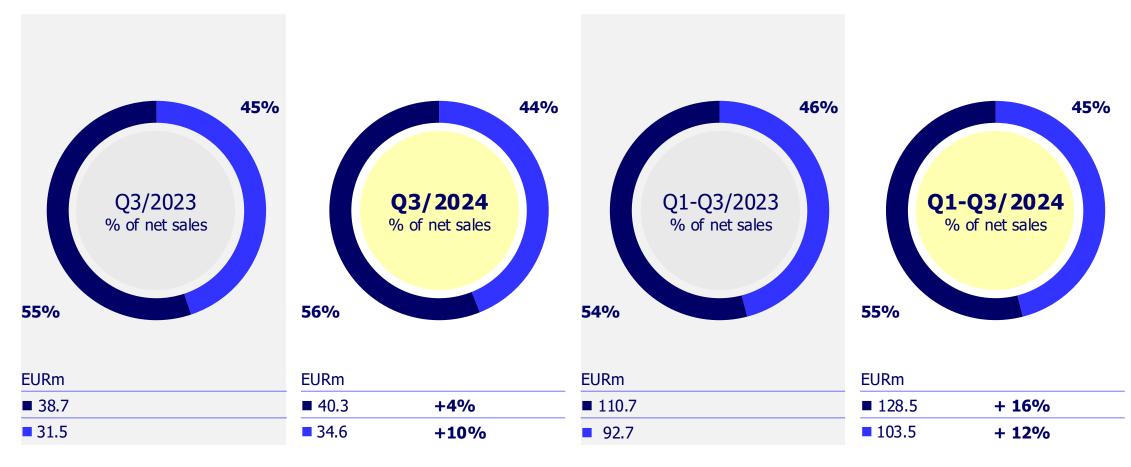


## Q3: REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

- The net sales grew with +19% (organic +9%)
- The growth was especially robust in Finland, where our group company Raskone managed to increase its market share and capacity utilization compared to last year.
- The acquisition of M. Ahlqvist in Finland carried out in May contributed also positively to the result.



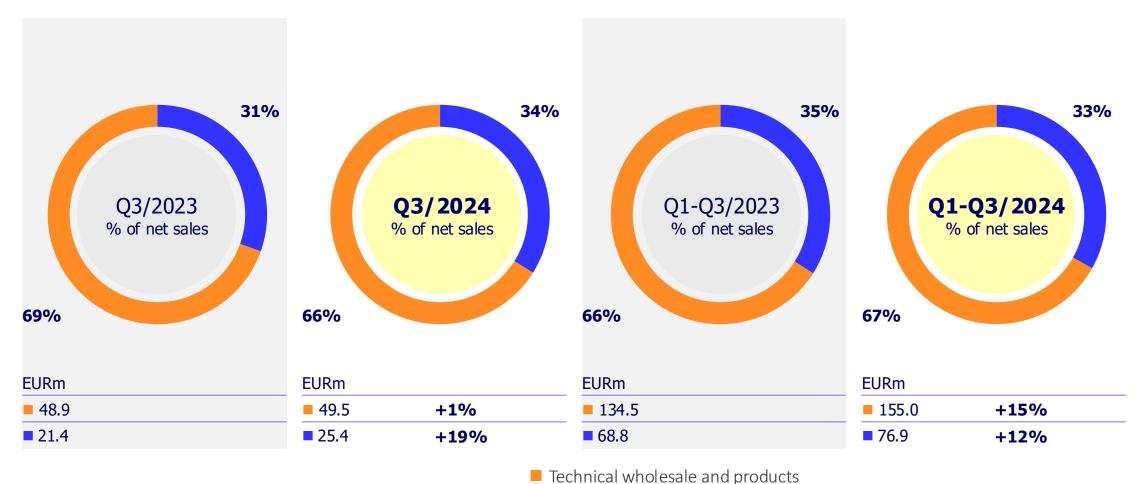
## SALES BY SEGMENT Q3 AND Q1-Q3





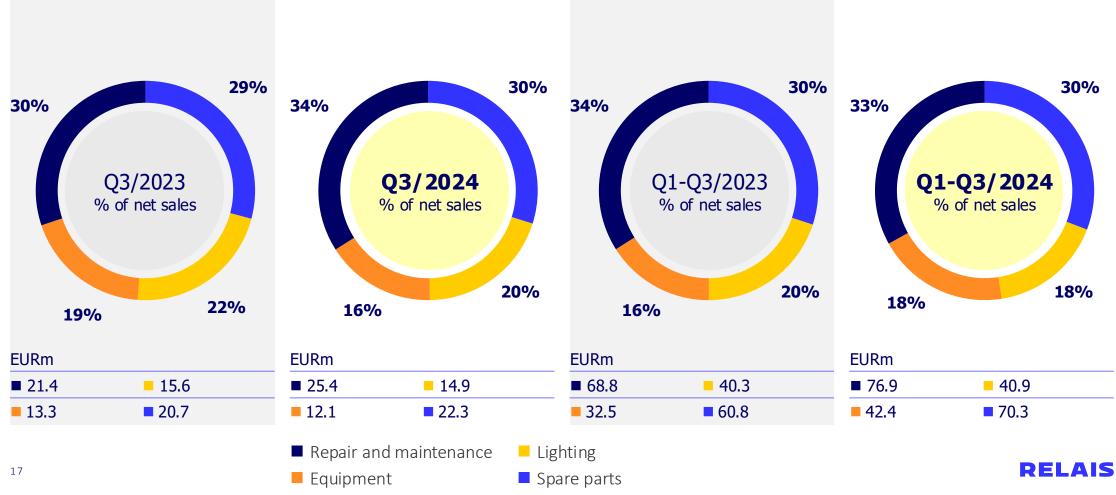


## SALES BY BUSINESS AREA Q3 AND Q1-Q3





#### SALES BY PRODUCT GROUP **Q3 AND Q1-Q3**





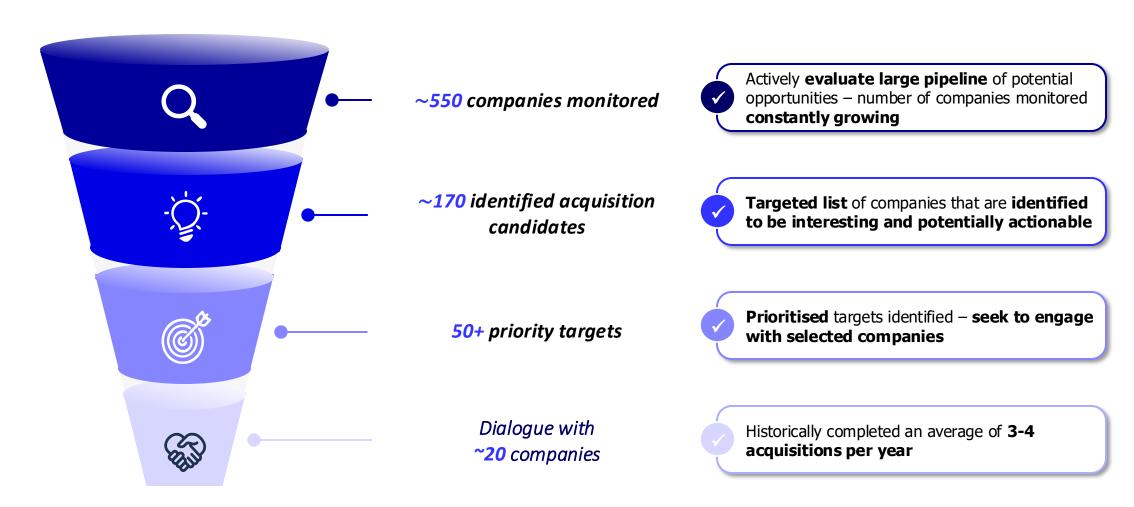


#### **ACQUISITIONS**

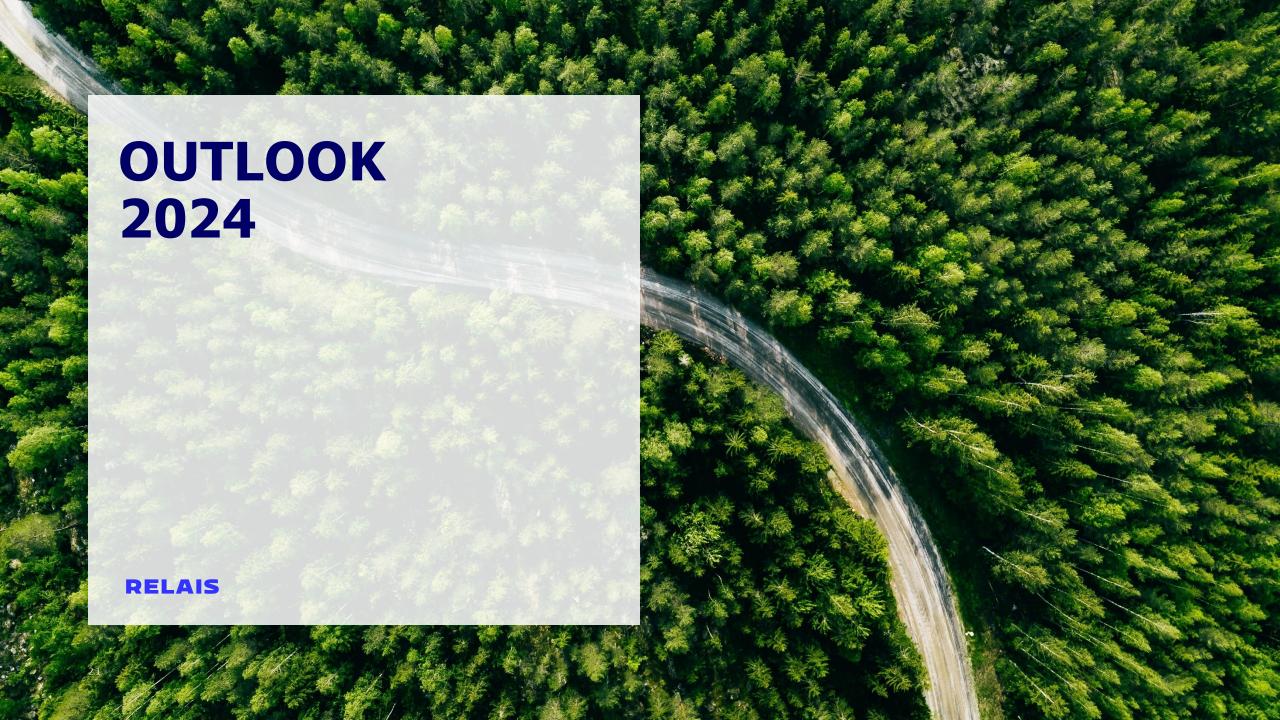
- We continued to actively scan the market for good acquisition opportunities.
- Continuously a number of discussions and dialogues ongoing with different parties.
- There are several interesting targets having a good strategic fit with us.
- We have made two acquisitions within the heavy commercial vehicle repair and maintenance business this year.



### SIGNIFICANT PIPELINE OF OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED TO ACCELERATE GROWTH











#### LONG TERM FINANCIAL TARGET

Relais Group aims to reach a pro forma\* comparable EBITA of

50

**MEUR** 

by the end of 2025



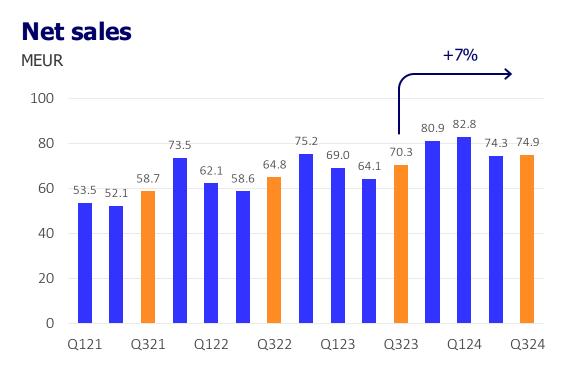
<sup>\*</sup> Including latest 12 months (="run rate") comparable EBITA of acquired businesses

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

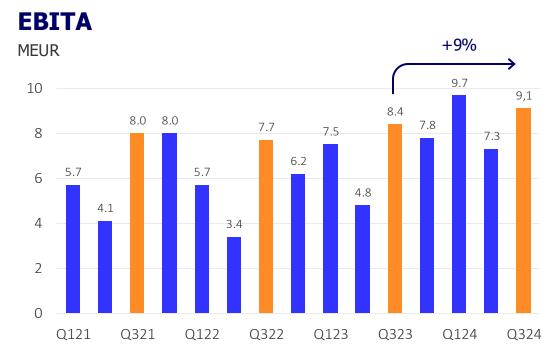
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#### **NET SALES AND EBITA**

#### **CONTINUED STRONG PERFORMANCE; Q3 NET SALES +7%, EBITA +9%**



- + Strong increase in net sales stemming predominantly from Commercial Repair and Maintenance in Finland
- + Commercial Vehicle Repair and Maintenance in Finland grew both organically and through the acquisitions of Jyväskylä Truck Center and Asennustyö M Ahlqvist Oy
- + Significant positive impact from acquisitions in Repair and Maintenance implemented in 2023 and 2024



- + EBITA improved in both businesses with the largest improvement in the Commercial Vehicle Repair and Maintenance
- **±** No material impact from the average EUR/SEK exchange rate. The comparison period was burdened by a EUR 0.5 million negative EUR/SEK translation difference



#### **GROSS PROFIT AND GROSS MARGIN**

#### SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN BOTH GROSS PROFIT AND GROSS MARGIN



- + Strong organic net sales growth
- + Acquisitions in Repair and Maintenance
- + Increased weight of Commercial Vehicle Repair and Maintenance
- + Improved gross margins in Technical wholesale and products
- Price increases especially in Technical wholesale and products
- + More efficient purchasing



#### **OPERATING EXPENSES**

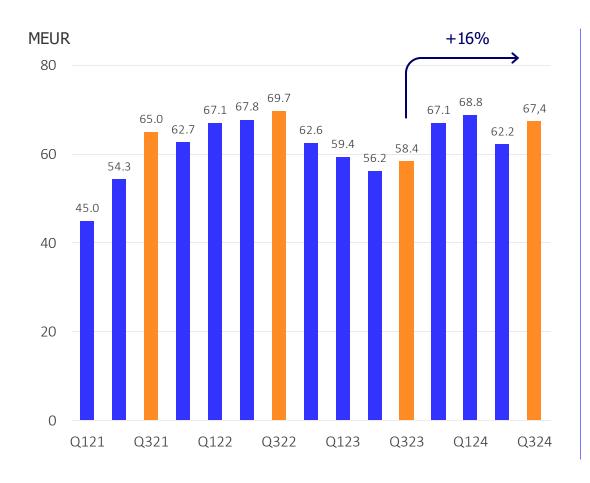
#### INCREASE MOSTLY DRIVEN BY ACQUISITIONS | STABLE OPEX %





#### **NET WORKING CAPITAL**

#### INVENTORY AND NWC TURNOVER STABLE | ACQUISITIONS, DELAYMENT OF LIGHTING SALES SEASON AND INFLATION INCREASE NWC EURO VALUE

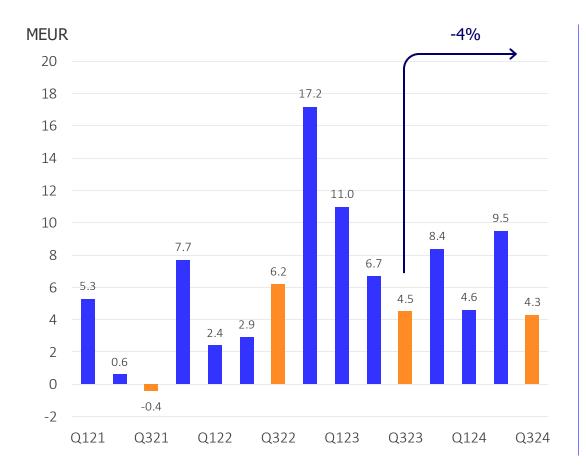


MEUR	9/24	9/23	12/23
Inventories	84.3	73.9	74.1
Trade and other receivables	47.5	42.7	45.4
Trade and other payables	64.4	58.3	52.5
Total net working capital	67.4	58.4	67.1
Inventory turnover	4.0	4.0	4.0
NWC turnover	4.7	4.7	4.7

- + Inventory and NWC turnover stable
- Increased inventories caused by delayment in the vehicle lighting sales season impacting
- Inventories acquired in connection of the acquisition of M Ahlqvist
- Increased sourcing and sales unit prices inflated NWC value

#### **CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

#### IMPROVEMENT DRIVEN BY IMPROVED PROFITABILITY | NEGATIVE NWC DEVELOPMENT



MEUR	7-9/ 24	7-9/ 23	1-9/ 24	1-9/ 23	2023
CF before change in NWC	13.4	12.3	38.6	32.5	44.4
Change in NWC	-8.0	-6.8	-11.0	-3.5	-2.4
CF from net financials	-1.1	-0.9	-9.1	-6.8	-11.4
CF from operations	4.3	4.5	18.5	22.2	30.6

#### Q3

- + Improved profitability
- Development in net working capital
- CF from net financials due increased interest and tax payments

#### Q1-Q3

- + Improved profitability
- Development in net working capital
- CF from net financials due increased interest and tax payments



#### CASH FLOW SUMMARY 1-9/2024

#### Cash flow from operations

18.5

#### **EUR** million

(22.2)

- Development in net working capital
- Improved profitability

#### Cash flow from investing activities

-3.7

#### **EUR** million

(-6.6)

- Decrease due lower amount used to acquire subsidiary shares, EUR
   -1.7 (-4.1) million
- Investments in intangible and tangible assets

#### Cash flow from financing activities

-15.4

**EUR** million

(-16.5)

- Normal repayments of lease liabilities EUR -9.8 (-9.0) million
- Dividends paid EUR -4.0 (-3.6) million
- + Proceeds from non-current loans and borrowings of EUR 3.0 (0.0) million



#### INTEREST-BEARING NET DEBT

#### **REDUCED LEVERAGE**



MEUR	9/24	9/23	12/23
Loans from financial institutions, I-t	87,7	91,2	88.8
Loans from financial institutions, s-t	7,0	6,9	7.1
Lease liabilities	60,2	61,4	63.1
Other liabilities	0,6	1,6	1.7
Gross debt	155,6	161,1	160.7
Cash and bank	9,1	12,6	9.7
Net debt	146,6	148,5	151.0
Net debt excl. lease liabilities	86,3	87,1	87.9
Net debt to LTM EBITDA (leverage)	2,97	3,55	3.47
Undrawn RCF	5,6	5,6	5.6
Undrawn uncommitted facility	12,5	15,5	15.5
Cash+unused credit facilities	27,2	33,7	30.8



#### **NET FINANCIALS**

#### INCREASE IN NET INTEREST EXPENSES | FX NET GAINS IN Q3 AND LOWER NET FX LOSSES IN JANUARY-SEPTEMBER

(EUR 1,000)	7-9/2024	7-9/2023	1-9/2024	1-9/2023	1-12/2023
Financial income					
Foreign exchange gains/losses	10	-998	1,477	2,068	1,289
Interest income	57	29	121	90	121
Other financial income	25	0	163	1	27
Changes in fair values	_	_	_	_	-
Financial income total	91	-968	1,761	2,159	1,436
Financial expenses					
Foreign exchange gains/losses	236	1,456	-1,888	-3,111	-1,145
Interest expenses	-2,130	-1,975	-6,202	-5,369	-7,415
Other financial expenses	-66	-63	-386	-218	-313
Changes in fair values	_	_	_	-4	-4
Financial expenses total	-1,960	-582	-8,476	-8,701	-8,876
Net financial expenses	-1,868	-1,550	-6,715	-6,543	-7,440

- Net interest expenses increased due to the increase in reference interest rates on interest-bearing loans
- Exchange rate net income in Q3 due to strengthening of SEK
- Exchange rate net loss in Jan-Sept but significantly lower than in 2023
- FX net gains originate in the net exchange rate difference of SEK denominated interest-bearing loans and SEK denominated group internal interestbearing loan receivables



### BALANCE SHEET AND FINANCIAL POSITION 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

**Total assets** 

337.7

**EUR** million

(326.6)

**Total equity** 

112.8

**EUR million** 

(101.9)

**Interest-bearing net debt** 

146.6

**EUR million** 

(148.5)

**Net gearing** 

130.0%

(145.7)

**Equity ratio** 

33.4%

(31.2)

**Cash assets** 

9.1

**EUR million** 

(12.6)



#### **RETURN**

#### SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN ALL KEY CAPITAL RETURN METRICS

**RONWC** 

**51.1%** 

(45.6)

**ROCE** 

**12.7%** 

(10.3)

**ROE** 

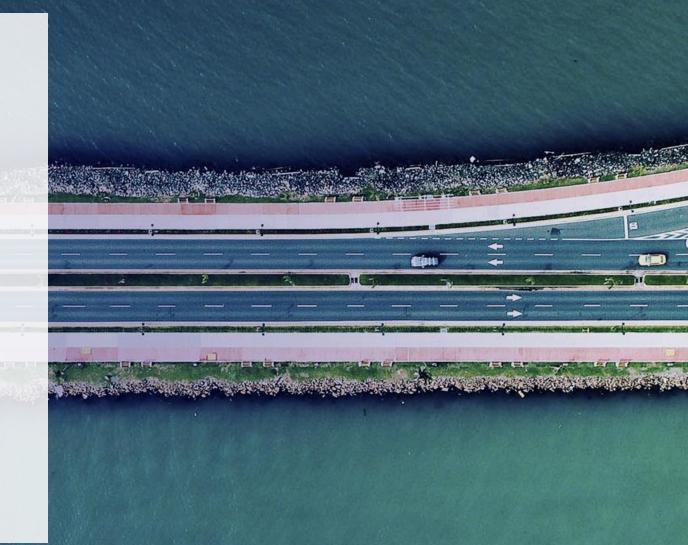
14.1%

(9.6)



# EVENTS AFTER THE REVIEW PERIOD

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#### Completion of the Acquisition of Team Verkstad Sverige AB

On 1 October 2024 Relais Group notified that its' group company STS Sydhamnens Trailer Service AB has successfully completed the acquisition of the entire share capital of Team Verkstad Sverige AB from Vy Buss AB, as announced on 5 July 2024.

#### Ending of share buy-back program

On 5 November 2024 Relais Group notified that it has completed the share buy-back program initiated on 8 May 2024.

A total of 71,735 shares were repurchased at a total value of EUR 999,971.55. The average purchase price per share was EUR 13.94.

The repurchased 71,735 shares will be cancelled in accordance with the procedure set out in the Finnish Limited Liability Companies Act.

Following the repurchases, Relais Group holds a total of 71,785 own shares, which represents approximately 0.40 per cent of the total number of the Company's shares, which is 18,132,308.





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