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CMD 2024

# Today's program

Time	Topic and presenter	Time	Topic and presenter
09:30	<b>Welcome &amp; practicalities</b> Mikko Heikkilä, VP, Corporate Development <b>Aspo Group Strategy</b> Rolf Jansson, Aspo Group CEO <b>Aspo Group Finance</b> Erkka Repo, Aspo Group CFO <b>Aspo Q&amp;A Session</b> <b>ESL: Creating Infra for Nordic Industries</b> Mikki Koskinen, ESL MD <b>ESL Q&amp;A Session</b>	10:50	<b>Telko: Accelerated Growth</b> Mikko Pasanen, Telko MD <b>Telko Q&amp;A Session</b> <b>Leipurin: Towards full potential</b> Miska Kuusela, Leipurin MD <b>Leipurin Q&amp;A Session</b> <b>Wrap-up &amp; closing remarks</b> Rolf Jansson, Aspo Group CEO <b>Joint Q&amp;A</b>
10:40	<b>Break</b>	12:00	<b>End of streaming, Lunch</b>



# Strategy

Rolf Jansson, Aspo CEO

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# Aspo Capital Markets Day key messages

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**Strategy.** Aspo's businesses have clear and attractive business strategies

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**Financial ambition.** Aspo financial ambition is to reach EUR 1 bn of net sales and 8% EBITA in year 2028

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**Sustainability.** Aspo and its businesses will commit to Science Based Targets by the end of 2024

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**Portfolio vision.** Aspo's portfolio vision is to form two separate companies: Aspo compounder and Aspo Infra. These entities have diverging business models and strategies with different ESG agendas. Approach and timing to be defined, in order to maximise benefits of the shareholders

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**Leadership model.** Aspo Group to lead the transition. Aspo's new leadership model is focused on business reviews and governed by Aspo's board, to drive the transformation efficiently forward (ESL Shipping forms an exception due to the minority ownership)

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**Dividend policy.** Aspo's dividend growth will consider financing needs of growth initiatives with strategic priority and be based on positive profitability development with an aim to pay out annually up to 50% of net profit

**Aspo creates value by owning and developing businesses sustainably and long-term.**

**Our companies aim to be market leaders in their sectors. They are responsible for their own operations, customer relationships and development of these, aiming to be forerunners in sustainability.**

**Aspo sets targets and supports growth and profitability development of its business portfolio.**

## **Aspo today – Sustainable value creation since 1929**

- Three business segments
- ~750 committed employees in 16 countries
- Net sales EUR 536 million
- Comparable operating profit EUR 26.5 million

Year 2023 figures

# Aspo's share has yet not recovered since Russia's attack against Ukraine

Aspo's adjusted share price development vs. OMXH25



Source: Yahoo Finance

# Aspo way of creating value

## Portfolio

- Maximize value of current business portfolio
  - Ambitious growth and profitability targets
  - Develop clear business strategies with focused and resilient business models
  - Pursue full business potential
  - No ambition for operative synergies between the businesses
- To reach Group level financial targets, allocate investments to areas with best returns
- Becoming a forerunner in sustainability within each segment





## Growth

- Long-term growth by re-investing earnings
- Growth to improve profitability and develop resilience
- Complement targeted organic growth with active role in M&A
  - Both bolt-on as well as platform acquisitions into new market segments
  - M&A value generated from screening the right businesses, improving target profitability and expanding valuation multiples
  - New growth platforms beyond existing portfolio not short-term prioritised

## Ownership

- Focus on active portfolio management and long-term strategic development of portfolio companies
- To free up capital, exit low performing businesses with poor fit to Aspo's targets or for which Aspo is not the best owner
- Maintain flexibility for different structural models to maximize value
  - Use of advanced funding opportunities (e.g. pool)
  - Utilise co-ownership structures when appropriate and value adding

# Since the CMD in 2021, Aspo has focused its portfolio, repositioned westwards and invested into the green transition

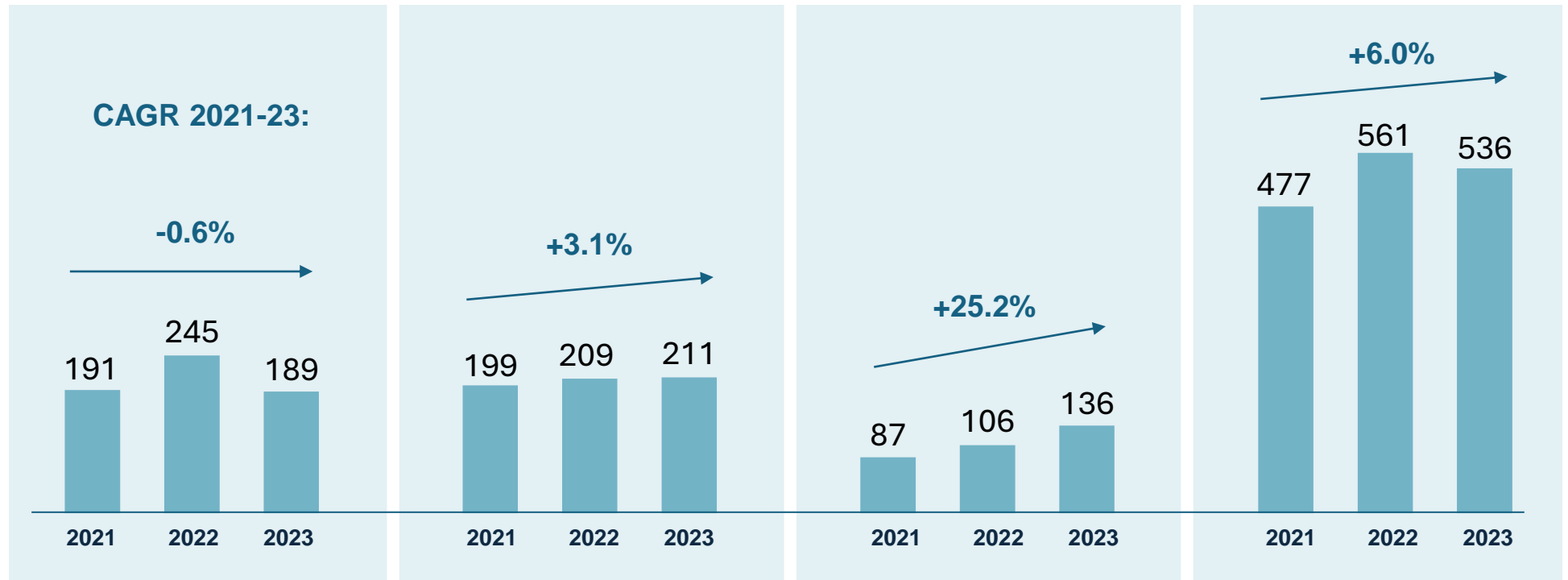
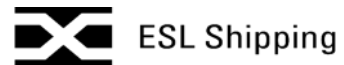
	Sources	Uses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewal of debt</li> <li>• Hybrid loan</li> <li>• Sale of Kauko</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment allocations to the businesses</li> <li>• Dividends</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment pool for next generation electric hybrid vessels</li> <li>• OP Finland Infra and Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company take 21.43% ownership in ESL</li> <li>• Sale of two supramax vessels (closing planned by end of May)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investments in twelve new generation electric hybrid green coasters</li> <li>• Preparations for future in fossil free handies</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exits of Telko Russia and Belarus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisitions of Mentum, Johan Steenks, Eltrex, Optimol, Greenfluid, and Swed Handling (closing planned for Q3)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divestment of Vulganus and the bakery equipment trading business</li> <li>• Sale and lease back of four warehouse properties in Sweden and Lithuania</li> <li>• Exits of Leipurin Russia and Kazakstan (signed transaction and figures deconsolidated)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisitions of Kobia and Kebelco (closing part of Swed Handling)</li> </ul>





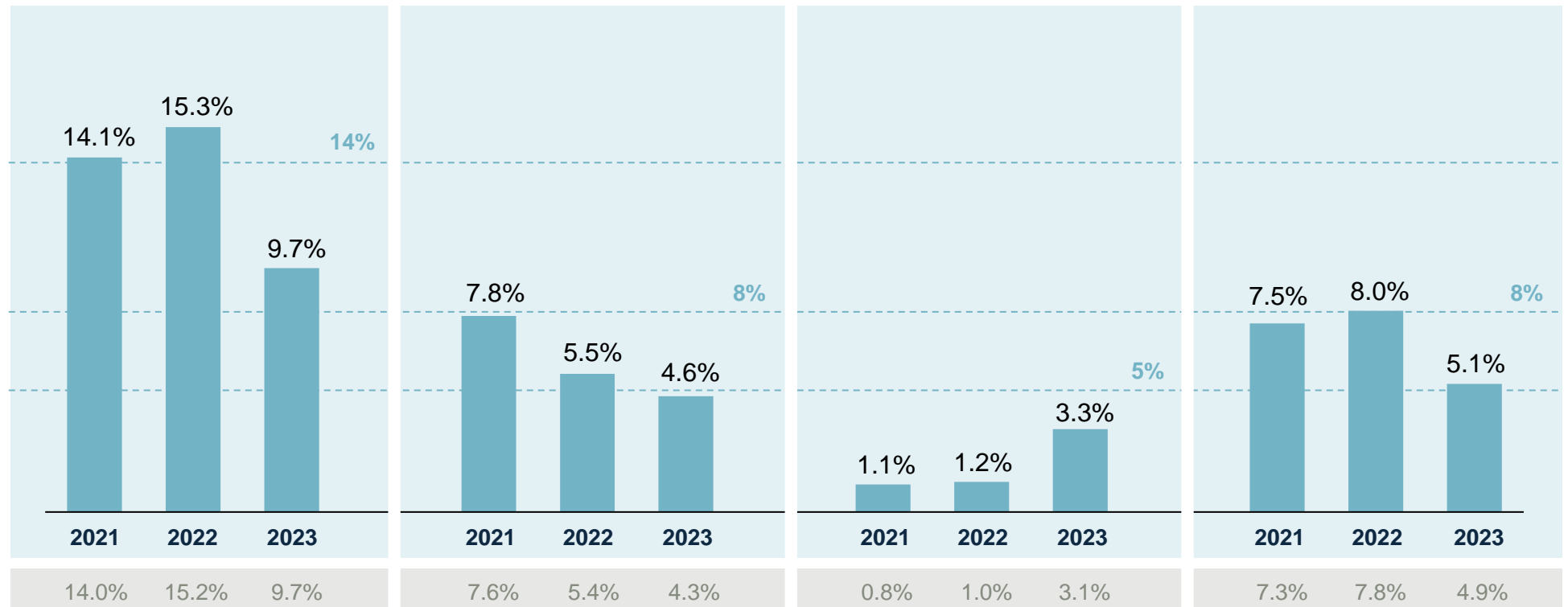
# Aspo grew annually by 6% during 2021-2023, driven by Leipurin and Telko

Net sales EUR million (continued business, comparable figures)



# Aspo's EBITA reached target in 2022, with a decline in 2023 due to softening in especially ESL Shipping's market

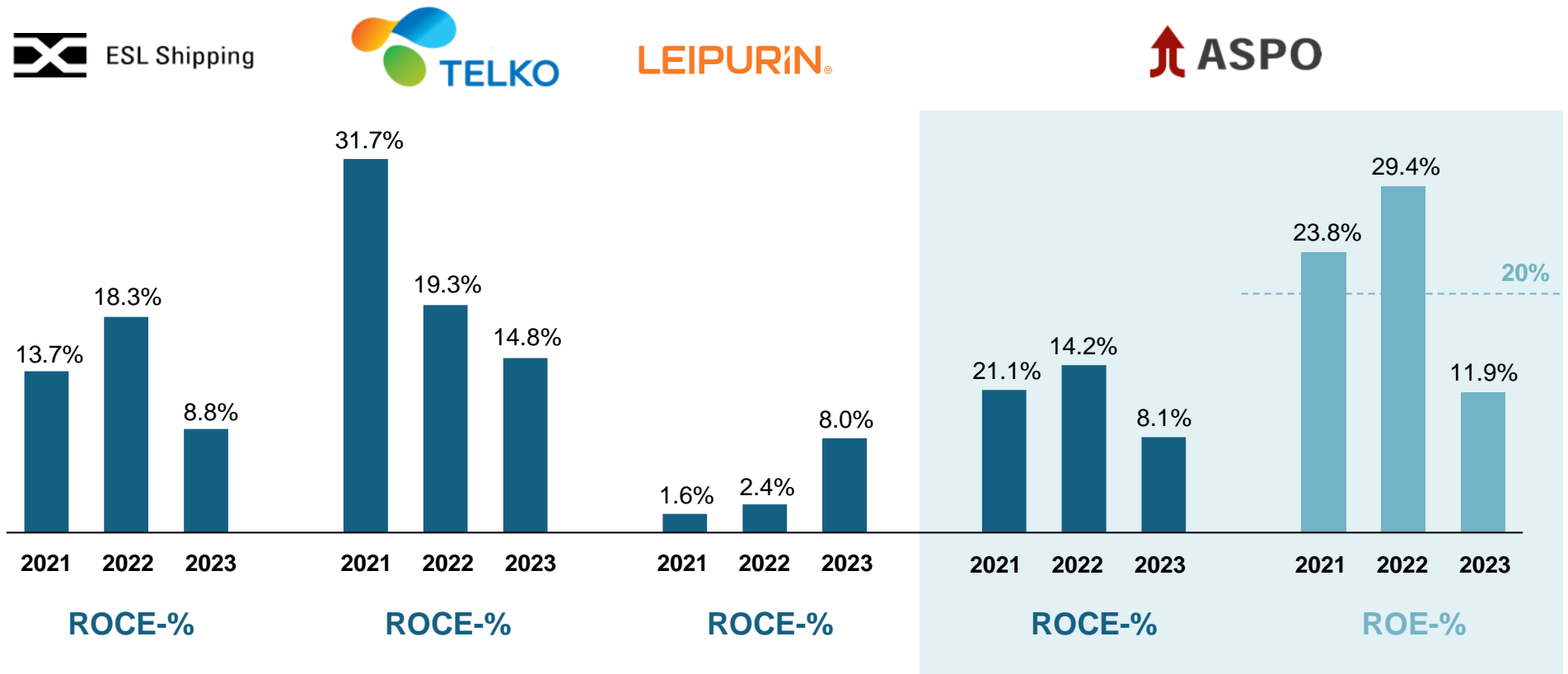
EBITA-% (continued business, comparable figures)



Ebit-% for comparison

# Aspo's ROE-% target was surpassed in 2021 and 2022, decline in 2023 due to the negative profitability trend

ROCE-% and ROE-% (continued business, comparable figures)



# Aspo's targets remain unchanged, but adjusted to consider the compounder strategy, achieve resilience and manage growth financing

## Aspo's long-term targets

**EBITA 8%\***

Telko 8%  
Leipurin 5%  
ELS 14%

**Net sales  
growth  
5–10% per  
year\*\***

**Return on  
equity of  
over 20%**

**Net debt /  
EBITDA  
< 3.0\*\*\***

### Key changes:

**\*) EBIT->EBITA to mitigate M&A impact:** Change from EBIT to EBITA to mitigate the impact of amortization in M&A transactions (will gradually build-up due to the compounder strategy). For the current financial performance, the change in profitability measure plays a minimal role => on an Aspo level moving from EBIT to EBITA improves the profitability margin with 0,2%-points in years 2021, 2022, and 2023. The financial guidance of Aspo for year 2024 updated accordingly, considering the forecasted difference between EBIT and EBITA

**\*\* ) Minimum growth to support resilience:** The 5-10% annual growth target is defined as the minimum annual growth level to be achieved. Such growth rate supports resilience of profitability development over time

**\*\*\* ) Net Debt/EBITDA to manage financing capacity:** Current target for capital structure, i.e. gearing less than 130%, is replaced by a net debt / EBITDA target. Critical to manage the financing capacity of Aspo and develop the balance sheet to enable strategy execution, i.e. growth investments. Financing capacity strongly dependent on financial performance. Short-term, the net debt / EBITDA ratio can exceed the 3.0 level in case of major investments. Aspo net debt / EBITDA has fluctuated between 1.7-3.3 during 2022-2024 ytd

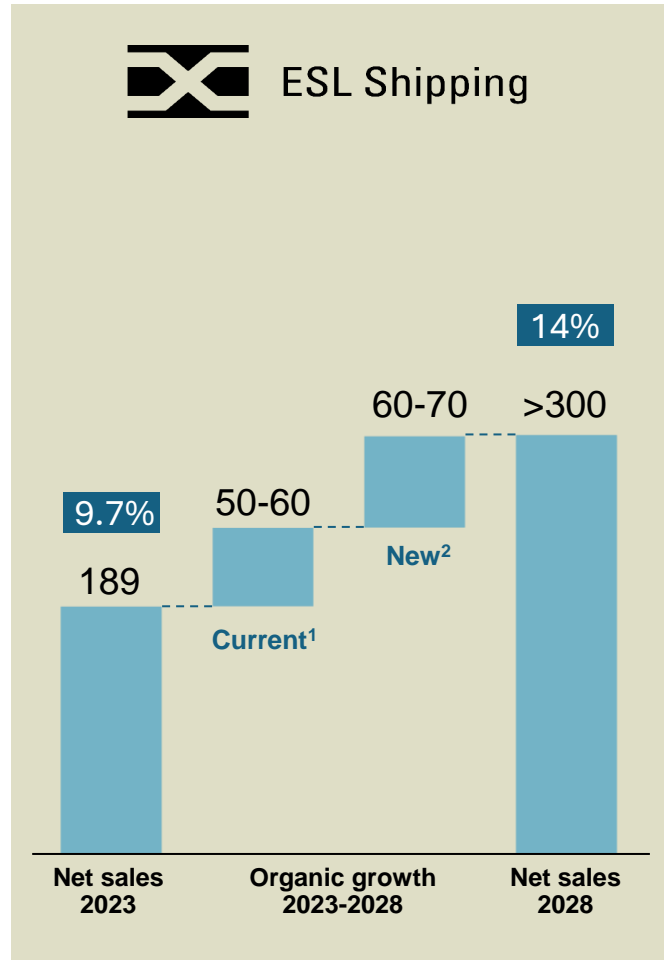
# Clear strategies set for Aspo's businesses to drive growth and profitability improvement going forward



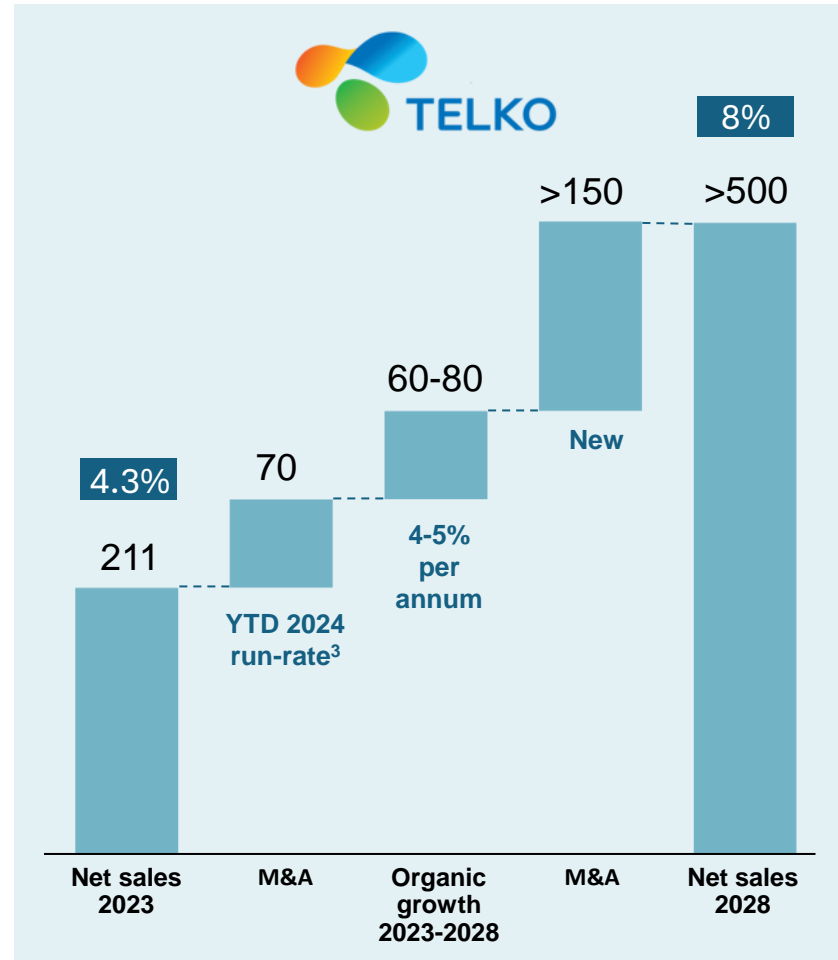
<p><b>Vision</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating infra to enable the green transition of Nordic industrials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leading European specialty products expert and distributor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective and skilled gateway of bakery and food ingredients to Northern Europe</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strategic agenda</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESG driven accelerated growth, combined with commercial and operational excellence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organic growth supported by M&amp;A and scalability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On path to its full profit potential</li> </ul>
<p><b>Growth drivers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green transition of Nordic industrials and partners</li> <li>• Addressable market of ESL Shipping forecasted to double over next 10 years</li> <li>• Investments to be a forerunner in low-carbon technologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong organic growth in specialty products and by widening service offering</li> <li>• Continued M&amp;A growth via both add-ons in existing markets and growth platforms in new markets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stable market development</li> <li>• Growth initiatives in prioritised segments (incl. food industry, industrial bakeries, ready products)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Operational drivers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong capabilities for specific conditions in the Baltic Sea</li> <li>• Business intelligence and operational excellence</li> <li>• Development of commercial activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform business model with commercial and supply chain synergies</li> <li>• Actions for increased scalability and cost efficiency</li> <li>• Specific improvement efforts in supply chain and commercial activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop commercial-, supply chain- and sourcing capabilities</li> <li>• Successful synergy capture across countries</li> <li>• New Leipurin wide management model</li> </ul>

# Aspo's ambition is to reach EUR 1 bn (2023: EUR 536 m) of sales and 8% (2023: 5.1%) of EBITA by 2028

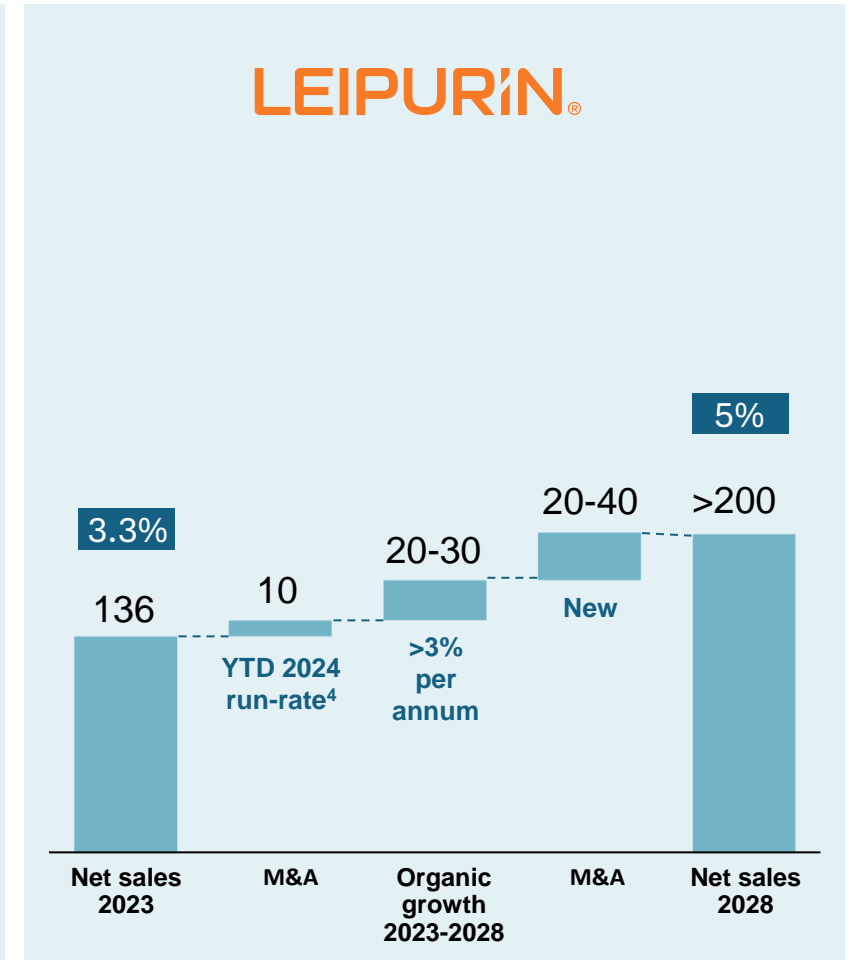
Net Sales EUR m EBITA-%



1) Incl. Green coasters, 2) New investments incl. fossil free handies



3) Optimol, Greenfluid, Swed Handling



4) Kebelco

# Aspo's businesses have different business models – more similarities between Leipurin and Telko vs. ESL Shipping



	ESL Shipping	TELKO	LEIPURIN
Business logic and value creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long term industrial partnerships</li> <li>Solutions for local conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bridging principals and customers</li> <li>Bringing local access and capability to global principals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bridging principals and customers</li> <li>Local presence with wide service offering</li> </ul>
Market resilience and improvement levers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High resilience in typically volatile market. Improved through long-term contracts, customer diversification, green focus, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High resilience that can be improved by focused growth, incl. specialty products, bolt on acquisitions, and scale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High resilience, very stable demand and market development</li> </ul>
Organic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green transition, overall demand</li> <li>Long-term contracts and partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focused growth through specialty products and expansion of service offering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focused growth within sub-segments, incl. food industry, industrial bakeries and ready products</li> </ul>
In-organic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New market entry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compounding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buy and build</li> </ul>
Capital employed and capex needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital employed = primarily vessels</li> <li>High capex need from new builds and to lesser extent maintenance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital employed = working capital</li> <li>Low capex need, depending on M&amp;A roadmap</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital employed = working capital</li> <li>Low capex need</li> </ul>
Business timespan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 years life span of vessel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotation of inventory up to 60 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotation of inventory up to 60 days</li> </ul>
Availability of financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High availability of financing based on strong EBITDA and using vessels as collateral</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverage based on resilient profitability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverage based on resilient profitability</li> </ul>
Financial profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High margins</li> <li>Medium return on capital and high return on equity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium margins</li> <li>High return on capital and equity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low to medium margins depending on segment; High return on capital and equity</li> </ul>

# Sustainability continues to shape Aspo's business strategies, tailored agendas required for the different business models





<p><b>Narrative</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating infra to enable the green transition of Nordic industrials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gradual shifting product mix and improving supply chain to lead way in sustainable transformation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing access to a leading plant-based product offering via a sustainable supply chain</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key focus &amp; scope</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investments in environmentally friendly and fossil-free fleet and technologies. Management of ESG data. Already scope 1 and 2 (direct and indirect emissions from company-owned and controlled resources) offer major opportunity to influence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of product range and management of ESG data as part of service offering. Only scope 3 (all indirect emissions that occur in the value chain of the company, upstream and downstream) perspective offers major opportunity to influence</li> </ul>	
<p><b>KPI's</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emissions per seamile x tn, safety frequency, customer NPS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer and principal NPS, waste, total emissions in the entire value chain, Reach / product data management</li> </ul>	



# Aspo's vision is to form two separate companies considering the differences in business model "before Aspo turns 100 years in 2029"

## ASPO active ownership

	ASPO Infra	ASPO Compounder
Current ASPO segments	 <p>ESL Shipping</p>	 
Business model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green transition and capex investments</li> <li>• Industrial partnership</li> <li>• Forerunner in new sustainable technologies and operating models</li> <li>• High return of equity</li> <li>• Towards strong resilience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organic growth supported with acquisitions</li> <li>• Partnering with principals and customers</li> <li>• Sustainable and efficient value chains</li> <li>• High return of capital employed</li> <li>• Strong resilience</li> <li>• Also, some differences between Telko and Leipurin, incl. market conditions, scalability, etc.</li> </ul>
<p>→ Ambition to shift capex focus towards ASPO Compounder, from traditionally being purely focused on ESL Shipping</p>		

# Key building blocks of the transformation

## Why now?

- The business models between Aspo Compounder and Aspo Infra differ across multiple dimensions and will further diverge when implementing the selected business strategies, incl.
  - Major investments in growth and performance improvement according to the agenda of each business
  - Strong focus on different ESG dimensions
  - Specific funding needs as well as capacity
- Ultimately, the ambition is to create a clear and transparent investment profile of Aspo to the market
- The aim is to create resilient business models, which will deteriorate some benefit of combining businesses under the same umbrella
- Important to communicate this transformation upfront, for Aspo to make for its stakeholders clear and logic steps towards this ambition

## What, when and how?

- Approach and timing not predetermined, in order to maximise value to the shareholders
  - Different approaches will be considered, incl. demerger, IPO, and sales (minority/majority/full)
  - Growth investments, financial performance, and specific market and business conditions to be considered when deciding on timing
- Aspo Group will lead the transformation
- Meanwhile, the focus will lie on executing the business strategies and improving financial performance of the businesses
- Systematic and transparent leadership to build engagement and success. Special focus on communication, both internal as well as external

# Aspo's new leadership model is focused on business reviews and governed by Aspo's board to drive the transformation efficiently

Aspo Board  
of Directors



**Rolf Jansson**  
Aspo CEO

ESL Board  
of Directors



**Matti-Mikael Koskinen**  
ESL MD



**Mikko Pasanen**  
Telko MD



**Miska Kuusela**  
Leipurin MD



**Erkka Repo**  
Aspo CFO



**Taru Uotila**  
Aspo Legal,  
Sustainability & HR



**Mikko Heikkilä**  
Aspo Corporate  
Development, M&A

# To support strategy execution, Aspo's dividend policy is adjusted, better reflecting the strategy and underlying business models



### Current dividend policy:

- Aspo's goal is to annually increase the amount of dividends

### Return profile:

- Strong focus on dividend yield



### Revised dividend policy:

- Aspo's dividend growth is based on positive profitability development with aim to pay-out annually up to 50% of net profit as dividend. The goal is to gradually increase the amount of dividends, while considering financing needs of growth initiatives with strategic priority

### Revised return profile:

- Considering the financial ambition of EUR 1 bn of sales and 8% of EBITA, positive share price development is a key success factor, besides pure dividend yield (i.e. Total Shareholder Return)

## ASPO Infra

Dividends of infra companies are linked to the growth of the underlying asset base. Typically, resilient and gradually growing dividends, with adequate yield

## ASPO Compounder

The compounder model focuses on re-investing stable earnings into company growth. Typically, moderate dividend linked to the net profit for the year



# Executive summary: Aspo Capital Markets Day key messages

- 1 Strategy.** Aspo's businesses have clear and attractive business strategies:
- ESL Shipping: ESG driven accelerated growth, combined with commercial and operational excellence (key actions: minority shareholders on-board, green coaster investment program, divestment of supramax vessels, pooling financing)
  - Telko: Organic growth supported by M&A and scalability (key actions: Optimol, Greenfluid, and Swed Handling acquisitions, ongoing actions to improve cost efficiency)
  - Leipurin: On path to its full profit potential (key actions: divestment of non-core machine businesses and real estate, Kobia and Kebelco acquisitions, prioritised organic growth, development of commercial, supply chain and sourcing capabilities)

**2 Financial ambition.** Aspo's financial ambition is to reach EUR 1 bn of net sales and 8% EBITA in year 2028. Aspo's financial targets unchanged, but adjusted to consider the compounder strategy (from EBIT-% to EBITA-%), achieve resilience (minimum net sales growth of 5-10%), and manage financing of growth investments (net debt / EBITDA to replace gearing target)

**3 Sustainability.** Aspo Group level sustainability ambition: Aspo and its businesses will commit to Science Based Targets by end of 2024. Each business of Aspo aims to be a sustainability forerunner in its industry

**4 Portfolio vision.** Aspo portfolio vision is to form two separate companies: Aspo Compounder and Aspo Infra

- Diverging business models and strategies with different ESG agendas
- Approach and timing to be defined, in order to maximise value for the shareholders

**5 Leadership model.** Aspo Group to lead the transition. Aspo's new leadership model is focused on business reviews and governed by Aspo's board to drive the transformation efficiently forward (ESL Shipping forms an exception due to the minority ownership)

**6 Dividend policy.** Dividend policy adjusted to reflect company strategy and growth ambition, the ongoing transition and specific business characteristics

- Dividend growth will consider financing needs of growth initiatives with strategic priority and be based on positive profitability development with an aim to pay-out annually up to 50% of net profit as dividend
- Strong focus on Total Shareholder Return



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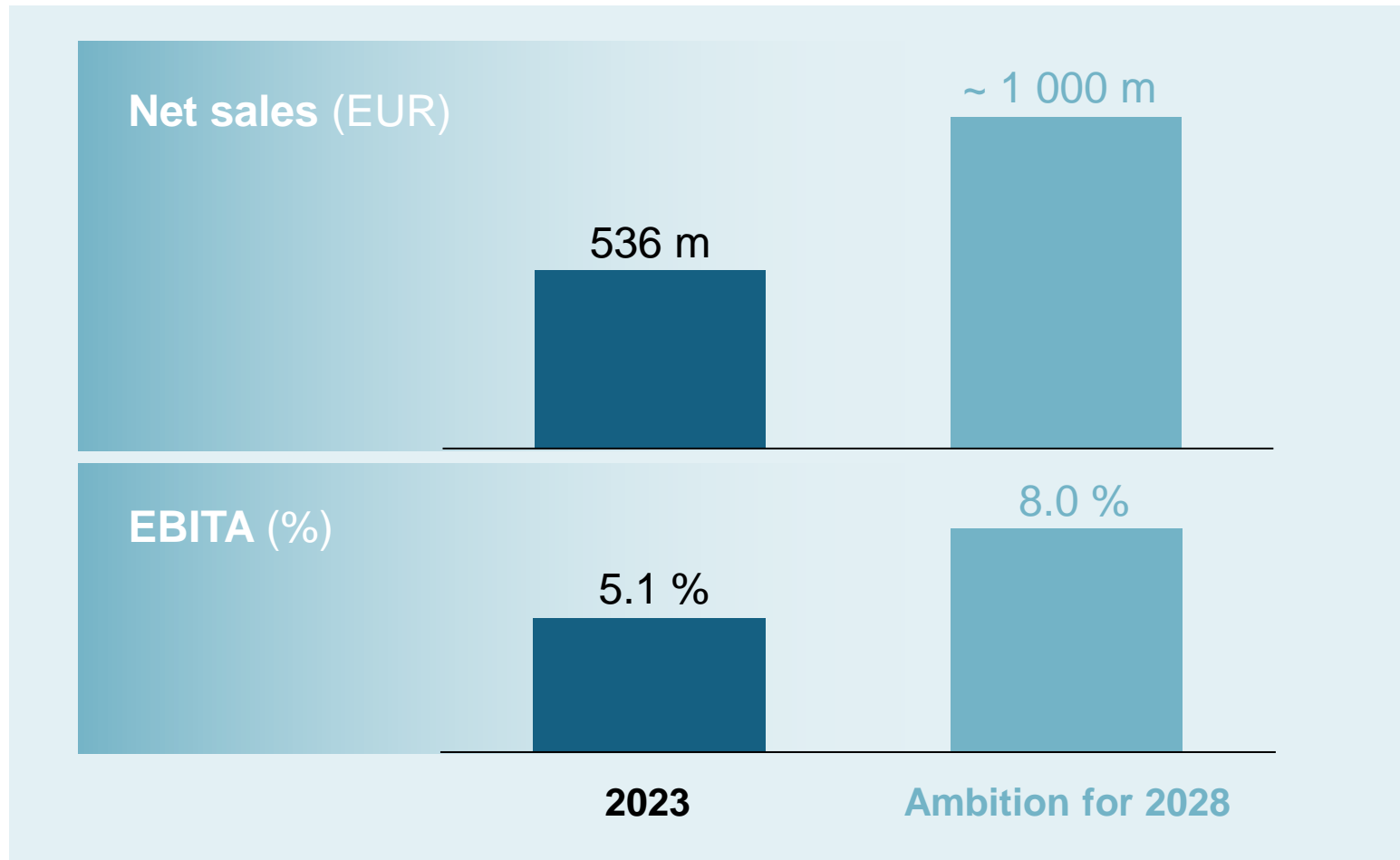
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# Ambition for growth and profitability going forward

## Aspo Group continued businesses



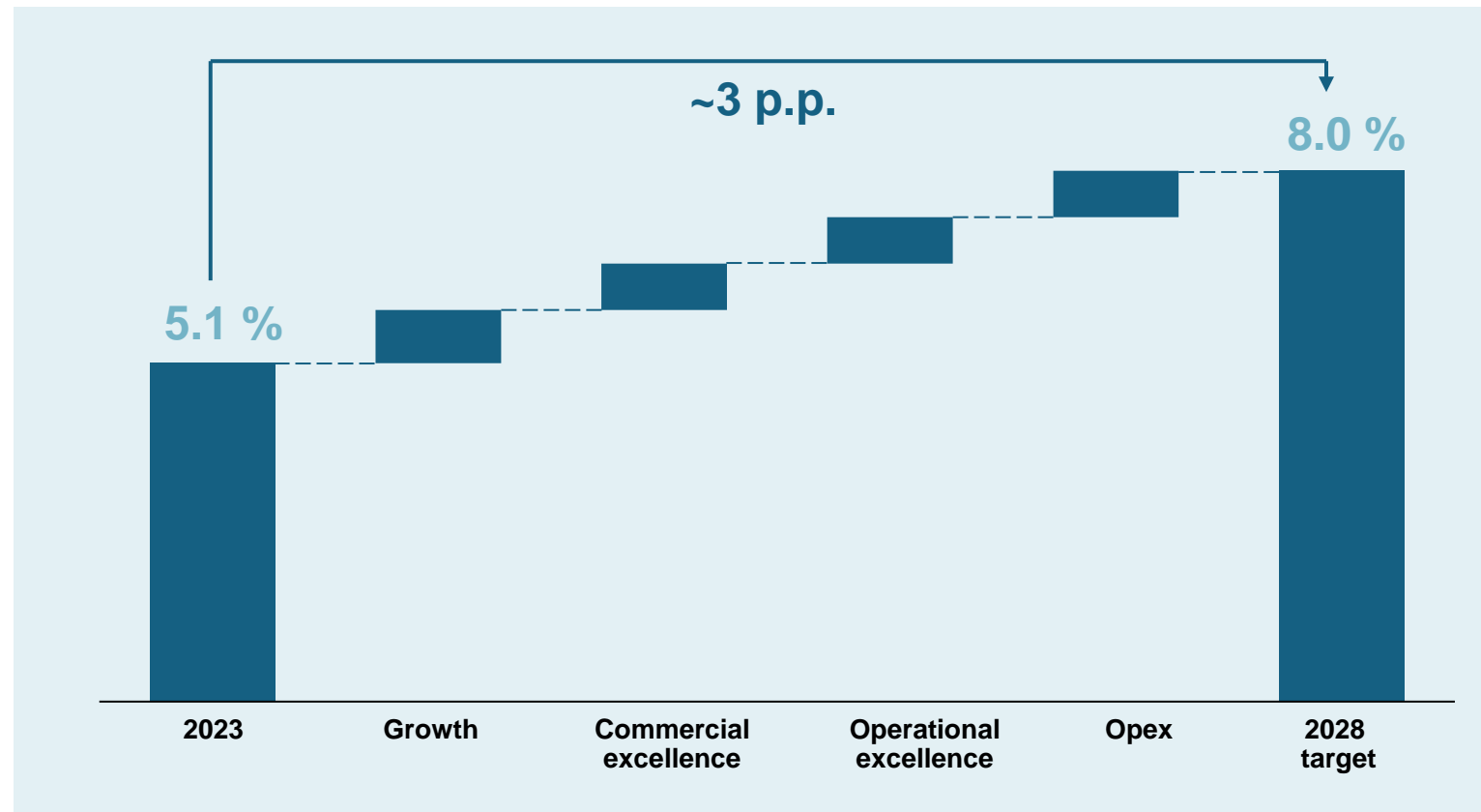
We aim to double our business by end of the strategy period 2024-2028

Profitability to reach and sustain 8%



# Full profit potential to be reached with systematic implementation of improvement actions together with synergies from growth and M&A

## Levers for comparable EBITA improvement



- Growth impact delivered by scale benefits of organic growth, M&A synergies and cost-efficiency of new fleet
- Commercial excellence from pricing and sourcing actions, product mix optimisation, differentiation by customer segmentation
- Supply chain efficiency, process development and automation
- Initiatives across all three business segments and in Aspo Group

Illustrative, not an exact plan or forecast

# Significant earnings growth from current Green coaster investment in ESL to fully materialize only in 2027

## Construction phase

- Green Coaster pool of 12 vessels
- ESL investment of EUR 70 m for 6 vessels
  - of which EUR 23 m paid
- Assets under construction
  - 2024: EUR 35 m
  - 2025: EUR 20 m
  - 2026: EUR 10 m

## Commercial ramp-up

Full year average:





- 2024: 15%
- 2025: 50%
- 2026: 80%
- 2027: 100%

## Expected EBITDA impact

- EUR 15 m / year
- Once fully commercialized

# Telko profitability run-rate will be significantly higher after the planned closing of Swed Handling

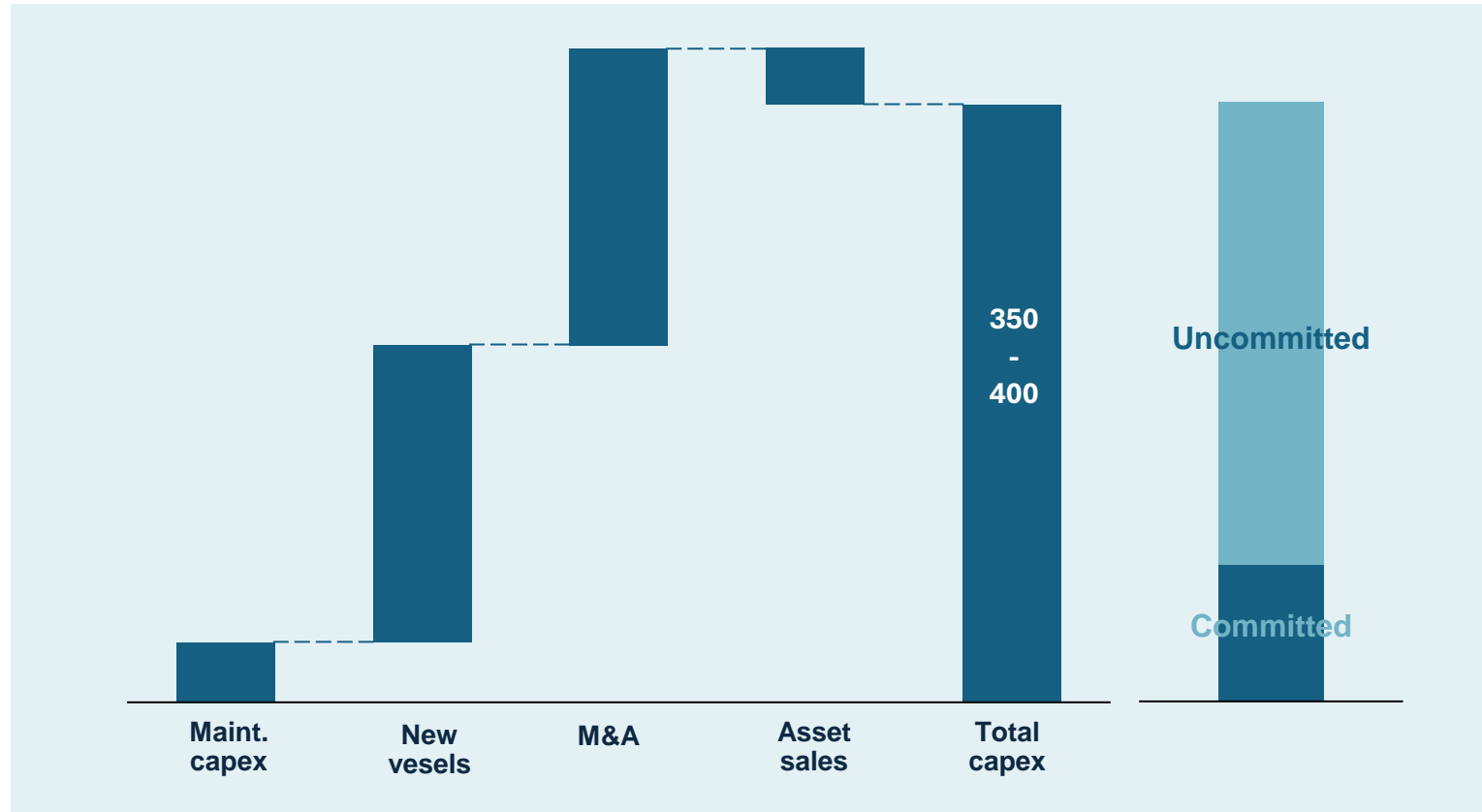
## M&A items affecting Telko's profitability, EUR million

	Q1 2024	Quarterly run rate after closing	
Telko run-rate profitability before M&A impact	3.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Profit improvement actions</li> </ul>
M&A process costs	-0.7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2023 level more representative</li> </ul>
Reversal of fair value allocation to inventory	-0.2	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reversal impact in a magnitude of two months EBITA after closing</li> </ul>
Optimol & Greenfluid	–	<b>0.55</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on 2023 result, not a forecast</li> </ul>
Swed Handling	–	<b>1.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on 2023 result, not a forecast</li> </ul>
M&A Synergies	–		
Telko comparable EBIT	2.2		

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# Potential capex for 2024-28 is in the magnitude of EUR 350-400 m

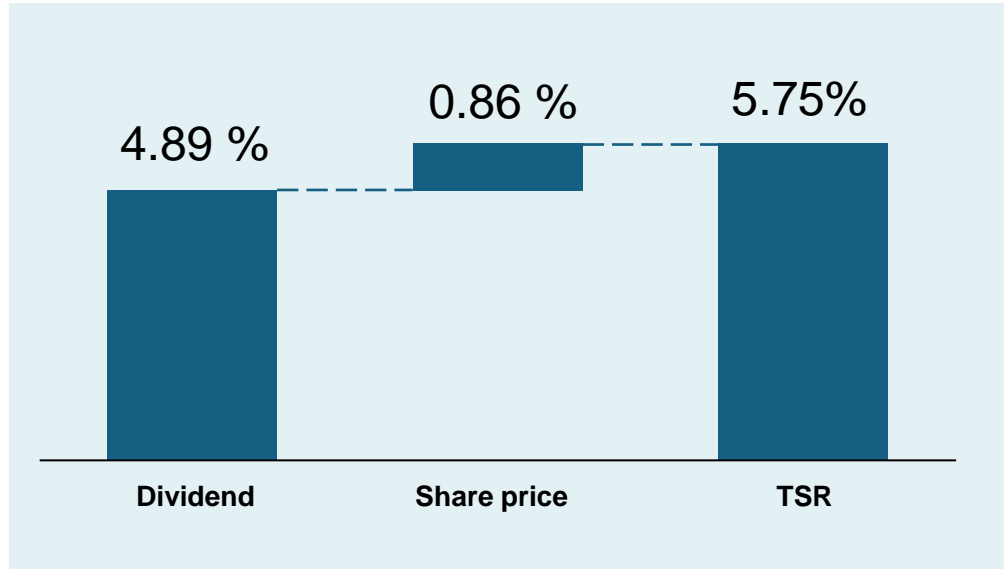
## Capex allocation 2024-28 (EUR million)



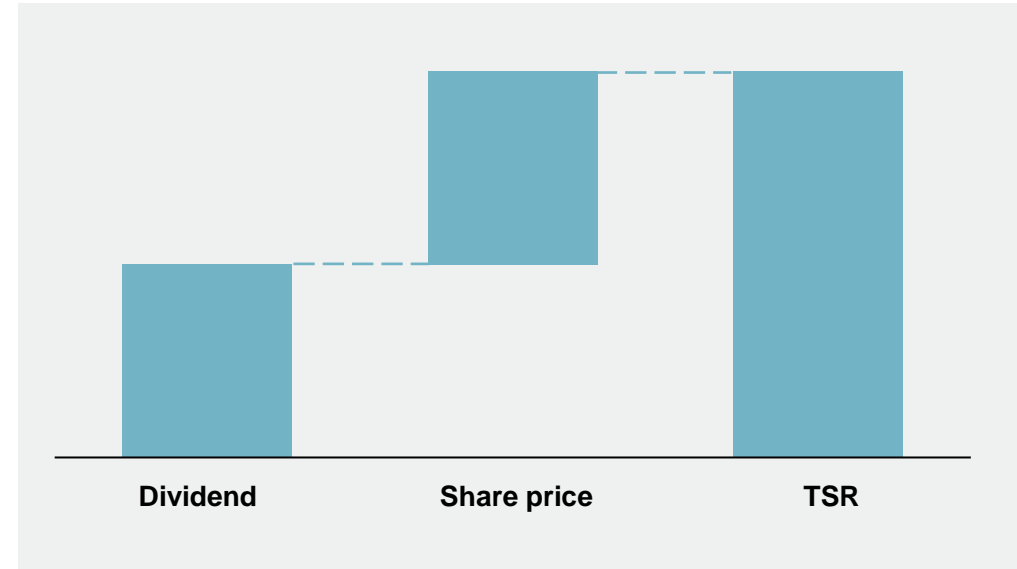
- Capex allocation based on maximising value creation in each business and delivering highest return for Aspo
- Return threshold for each investment of reaching 20% ROE
- Capex expected to be divided on new green vessels for ESL and on acquisitions for Telko
- Investment into Handy size vessels assumed to be in magnitude of EUR 150+ m

# Updated dividend policy to reflect growth ambition

## 10-year annualized shareholder value creation (April 5, 2024)



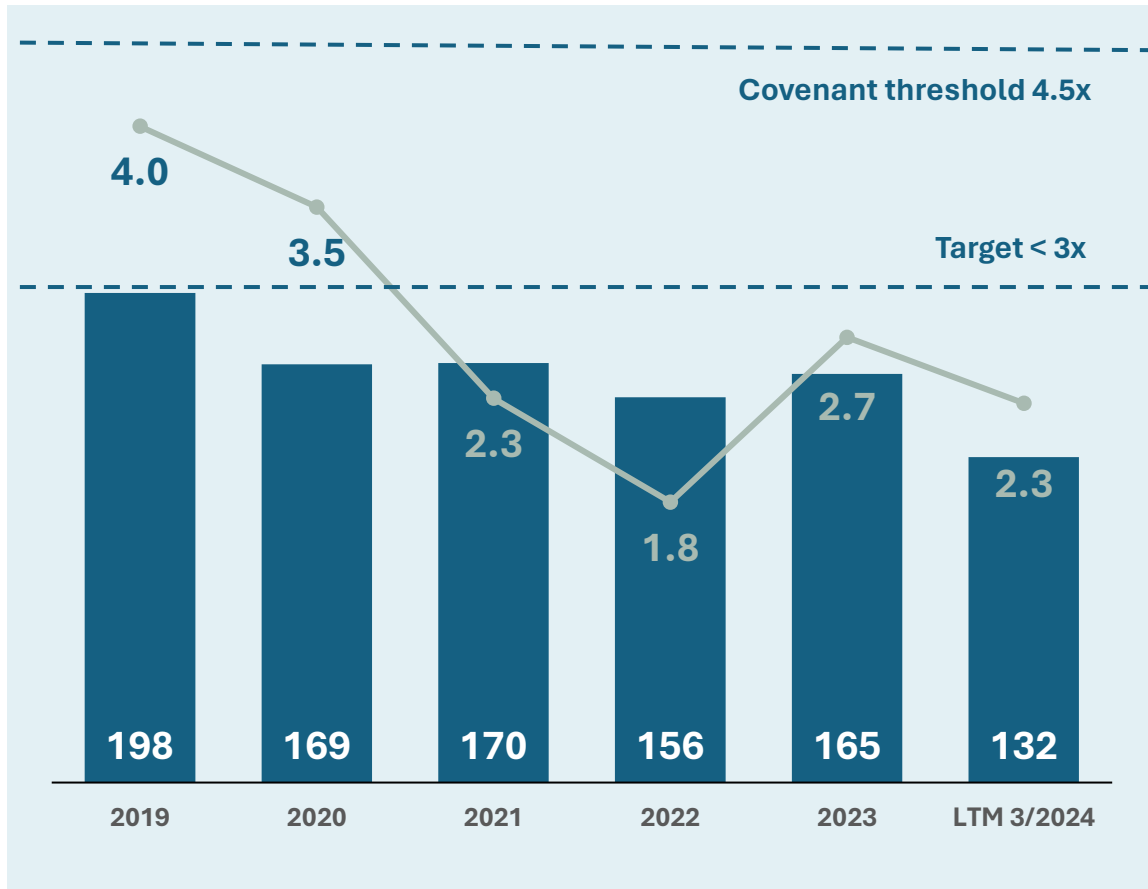
## Ambition for shareholder value creation



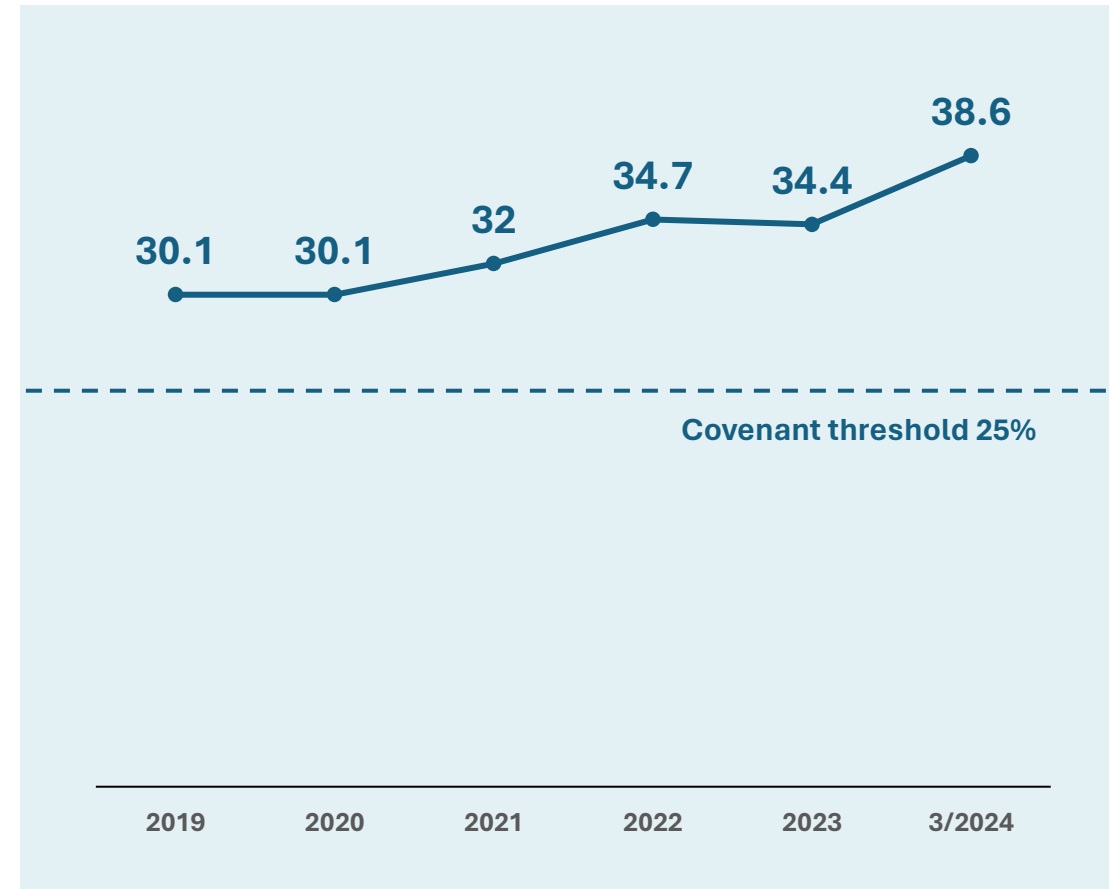
- Aspo's dividend growth is based on positive profitability development with the aim to pay-out annually up to 50% of net profit as dividend. The goal is to gradually increase the amount of dividends, while considering financing needs of growth initiatives with strategic priority
- Growth investments expected to deliver significant part of the future value creation
- On longer term aim not to have hybrid loan

# Aspo is committed in maintaining a strong balance sheet with Net Debt / Comparable EBITDA below 3x

Net Debt, EUR million and Net Debt / Comp. EBITDA



Equity ratio %



# Approximately 2/3 of the planned growth investments to be financed by operative cash flow

Maintain strong balance sheet, Net debt / comp. EBITDA <3x

## Cash Sources

**Strong cashflow**  
from performance  
improvement

**Debt**

**Portfolio  
development**



## Cash Uses

**Updated dividend  
policy**  
Growth based on profit  
improvement

**Growth  
investments**  
with high returns  
EUR ~350-400 m

# Key performance metric to be changed from EBIT to EBITA to better reflect the compounder business profitability

## No significant difference between EBIT and EBITA on the past reported results

- Amortizations for year 2024 expected to be about EUR 2 m
- As Telko compounding acquisitions will progress the difference between EBIT and EBITA will start to build up
- No major impact expected for ESL and Leipurin
- Quarterly EBITAs for Aspo Group and segments for comparative periods of 2022 and 2023 will be published during Q2 2024

## Guidance for year 2024 unchanged. Guidance updated to the new performance metric EBITA

New guidance for the year 2024:

- Aspo Group's comparable EBITA is expected to exceed EUR 32 million in 2024 (EUR 27.9 million in 2023)

Previously:

- Aspo Group's comparable operating profit is expected to exceed EUR 30 million in 2024 (EUR 26.5 million in 2023)





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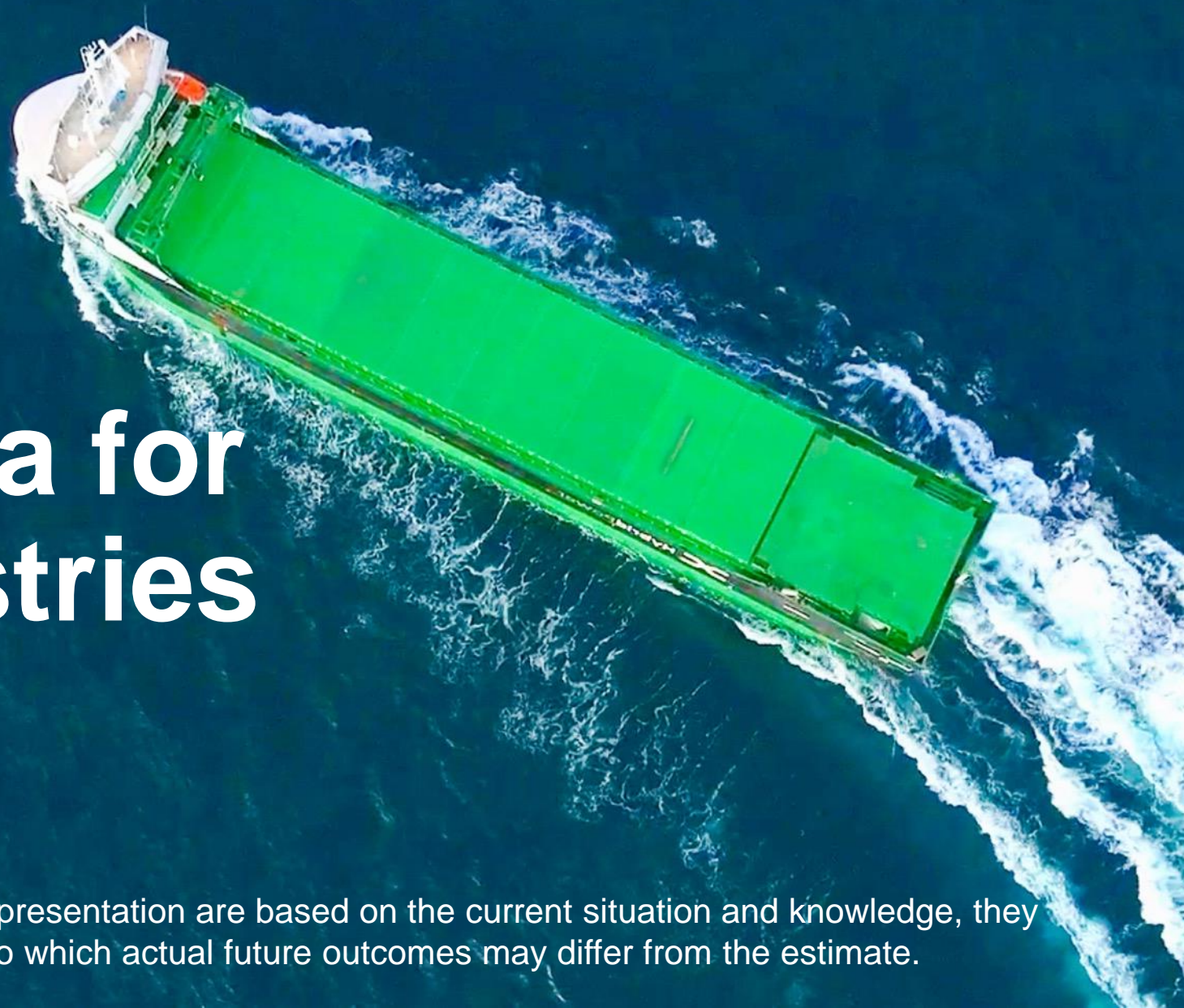


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# Creating infra for Nordic industries

Mikki Koskinen, ESL MD

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# ESL strategy

# 1

## ESL is the leading dry-bulk shipping company in Northern Baltic Sea

- Highly contractual business with long term customer relationships

# 2

## We have a track-record of long-term value creation

- Grown 2.5x in scale with improved profitability and strategic position during last 10 years

# 3

## Our strategy is to respond to growing demand and customer needs

- Defend our position through renewal and expansion of our fleet to environmentally leading vessels
- Increased projectability of business through balancing of contractual portfolio and enhanced risk management

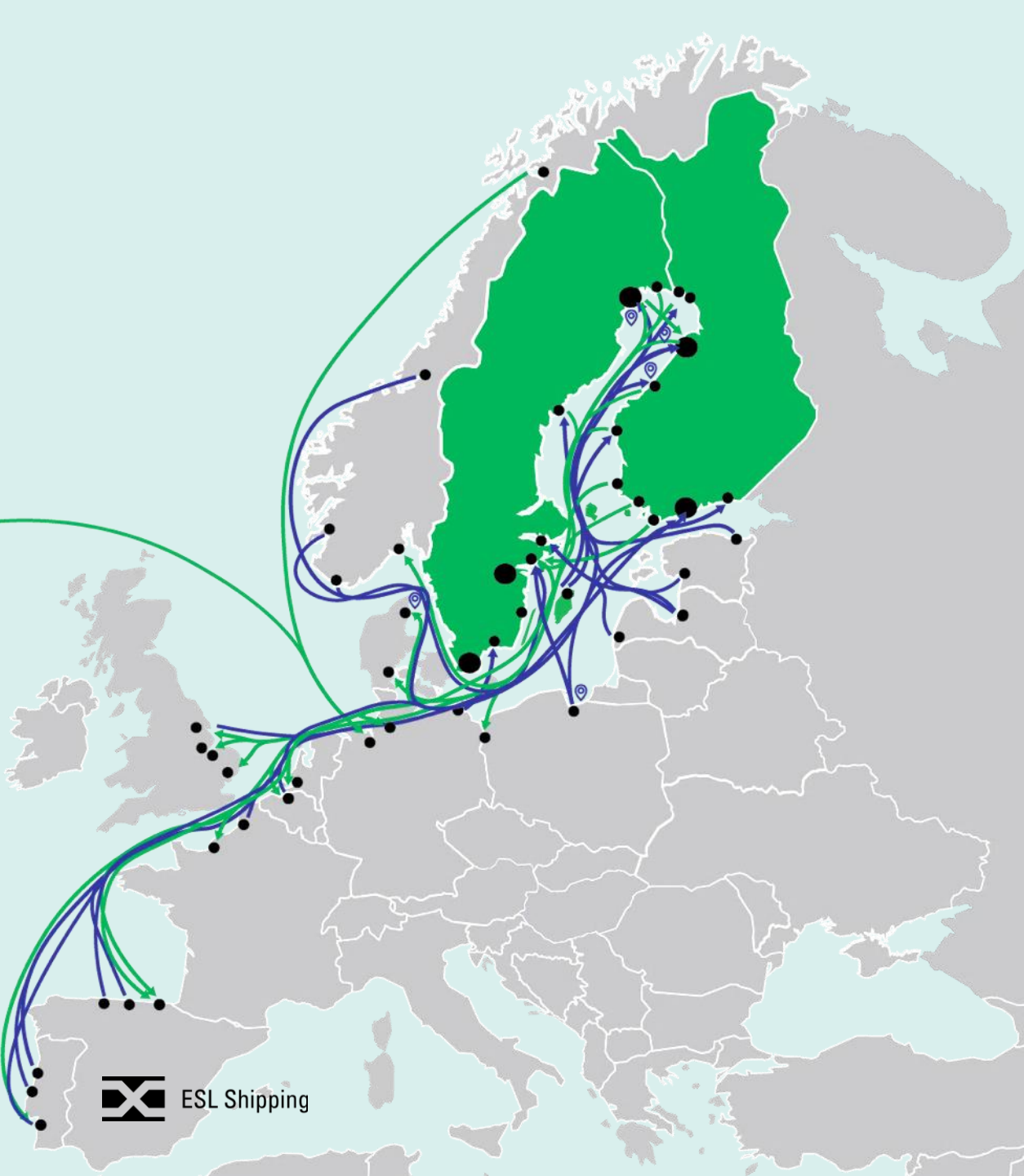
# 4

## Green transition drives substantial growth for “green shipping” in our home turf

- Major industrial companies executing multi-billion growth investments
- Customers increasingly committed to sustainability while regulation simultaneously tightening

# 5

## Our ambition is an EUR 300+ million business with 14% EBITA by 2028



# ESL is the leading dry-bulk player in Northern Baltic Sea with a well protected business set-up

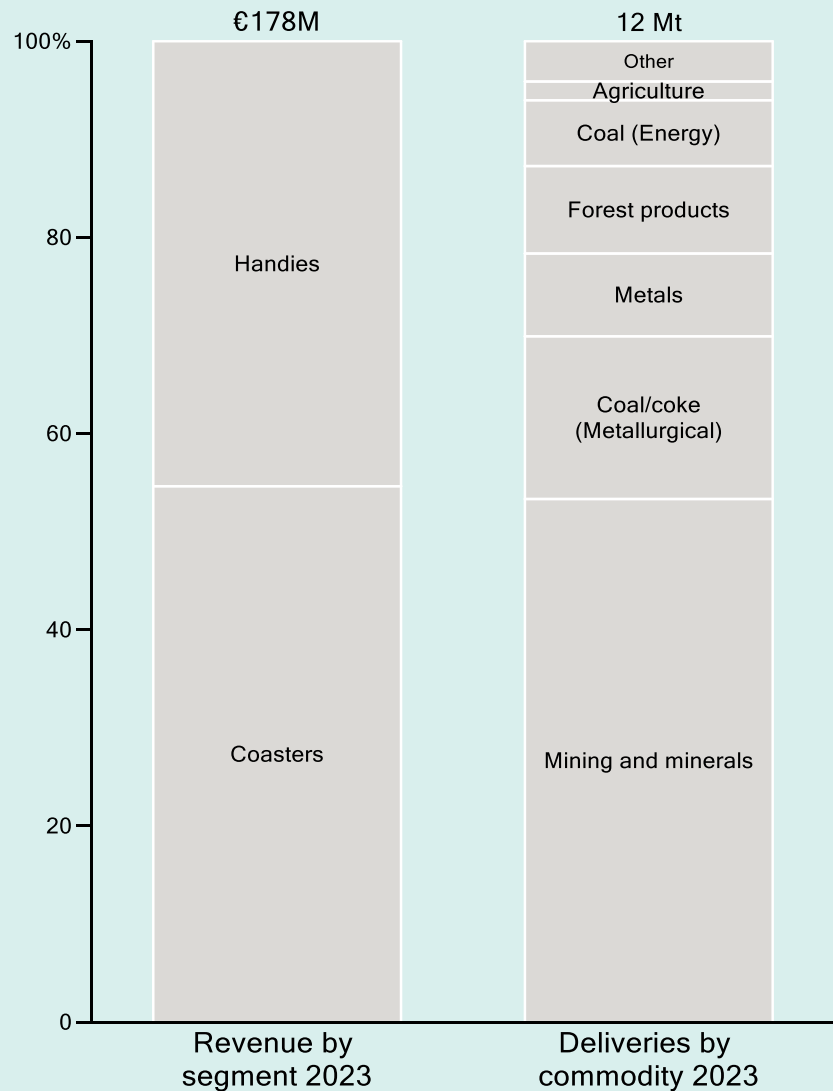
## #1 dry-bulk shipping company in Northern Baltic Sea

- Leader position both in Coasters and Handies

## Well-equipped, high quality vessel fleet for core markets

- 40+ ice-class 1A or 1A Super vessels
- Continental and intra-Baltic main routes
- Mixture of own and time-chartered, targeting higher share of owned for improved profitability
- All handies geared with industry leading ship-to-ship capabilities

Note: excluding Supra business



# ESL is the leading dry-bulk player in Northern Baltic Sea with a well protected business set-up

## Long-term customer base – Nordic industrials as core

- 80% of business contractual with decades long relationships
- High customer satisfaction (NPS=42)

## Industry leading environmental performance

- >60% of customers view ESL to be ahead of competition in sustainability and Green transition (vs. <3% behind)
- 2 leading performance LNG-fueled Handies in fleet; 12 vessel Green coaster investment program under way; Next wave of investments in fossil free Handies designed

Note: excluding Supra business

# Cornerstones of ESL Shippings business model

<b>Business logic and value creation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long term industrial partnerships</li><li>• Solutions for local conditions</li></ul>
<b>Market resilience and improvement levers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High resilience in typically volatile market. Improved through long-term contracts, customer diversification, green focus, etc.</li></ul>
<b>Organic growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Green transition, overall demand</li><li>• Long-term contracts and partnerships</li></ul>
<b>In-organic growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New market entry</li></ul>
<b>Capital employed and capex needs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capital employed = primarily vessels</li><li>• High capex need from new builds and to lesser extent maintenance</li></ul>
<b>Business timespan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25 years life span of vessel</li></ul>
<b>Availability of financing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High availability of financing based on strong EBITDA and using vessels as collateral</li></ul>
<b>Financial profile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High margins</li><li>• Medium return on capital and high return on equity</li></ul>

# ESL has a strong track record of value creation with a crystallized strategy

## Early 2010s

### Financial performance

- EUR 80 m revenue
- Solid profitability and return on capital employed
- Solid cash generation over cycles

### Strategic position

- Strong position in Handies, niche player in Supras
- High customer concentration
- Iron ore and coal focus

**Continued dividend payments**

**Investments in sustainable fleet**

**Acquisition of AtoB@C (Coasters)**

**Broadened contractual portfolio**

## Early 2020s

- EUR 200 m revenue
- Strong, industry leading profitability incl. improved capital return
- Continued solid cash generation over cycles

- Leader in Handies and Coasters
- More balanced customer and commodity portfolio
- Industry leading environmental performance

# Industrial players investing heavily in Green transition within our home market – logistical service demand for products and raw materials



Greenfield steel plant  
+2.5 MT (2025)



Conversion to Green Steel  
+2.5 MT (2028)



Pulp mill  
+1.5 MT (2023)

Board expansion  
+0.2 MT (2024)



Board conversion  
+0.7-0.8 MT (2025)



Fossil free fertilizers (2028)



ReeMAP – mine waste recycling



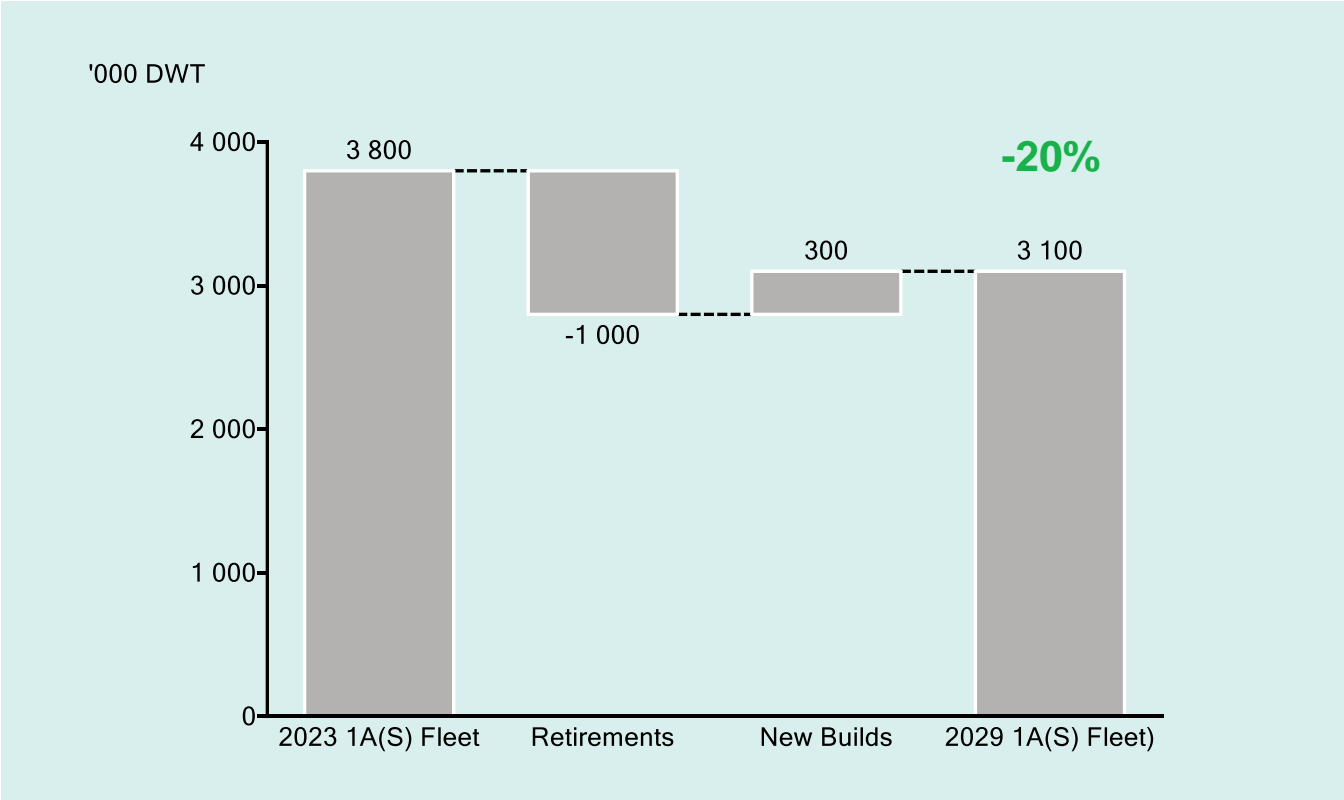
Wind energy (FI/SE) to grow  
25 GW → 50 GW by 2030





# Simultaneously ice-classed Bothnia Bay capacity projected to decline by 20% in our core segments

## Bothnia Bay IA(S) dry bulk fleet, 2 500 – 40 000 DWT



Source: Shipbroker market data and management estimates

### Current active fleet aging across segments

- 20-40% of fleet reaching 25 years within next 5 years, age profile most challenging in Coasters

### Known newbuilds <10% of current capacity

- Given heavy load at shipyards, further additional capacity possible to earliest 2027

# Industrial players are committing towards ambitious sustainability targets and green regulation is tightening

## Tightening regulation

### EU Emission Trading System (ETS)

- Extended to cover large ships January 2024 onwards, with concrete cost of emissions

### EU Fuel Maritime

- Starting January 2025, ever tightening emission targets towards 2050 (in 2050, 80% reduction in GHG intensity required)

### IMO - Carbon Intensity Indicator (since 2023)

- Setting demands for vessel specific emissions

## Environmental targets of select clients



- Commitment to 1.5 degrees global warming target
- Encourage the suppliers to set targets for reducing their emissions to mitigate climate change
- Metsä Board – Share of suppliers having set Science Based Targets: 70% by 2024



- **Absolute Scope 1 GHG emissions:** Reduce 35% by 2032 compared to 2018
- **Absolute Scope 2 GHG emissions:** Reduce 35% by 2032 compared to 2018
- **Scope 3 emissions:** Target to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the supply chain (targets TBD)



- **Scope 1 GHG emissions:** Reduce 42% per ton of stainless steel by 2030 compared to 2016
- **Scope 2 GHG emissions:** Reduce 42% per ton of stainless steel by 2030 compared to 2016
- **Scope 3 GHG emissions:** Reduce 42% per ton of stainless steel by 2030 compared to 2016

# Our strategy is to strengthen our position by being front runner in green shipping

## Shipping Investment

Best available ship design and power train capable of shifting to drop-in fossil free fuels

- LNG fueled vessels Viikki & Haaga
- Green Coasters
- Next generation fossil free Handies

## Energy Sourcing

Access to low emission and future no emission fuels

- Market leading use of LBG
- Continued fuel cooperation with Neste (co-pro)
- Participation in projects aiming at industrial scale production of hydrogen-based e-fuels

## Transport Demand

Customer commitment and building common future vision for low emission shipping

- Long term cooperation with leading Nordic industrials



# We will enhance our business model as we progress towards Green leadership

**Broader variety of commodities**

**Enhanced customer portfolio**

**Committed to Science Based Targets**  
(net zero by 2040)

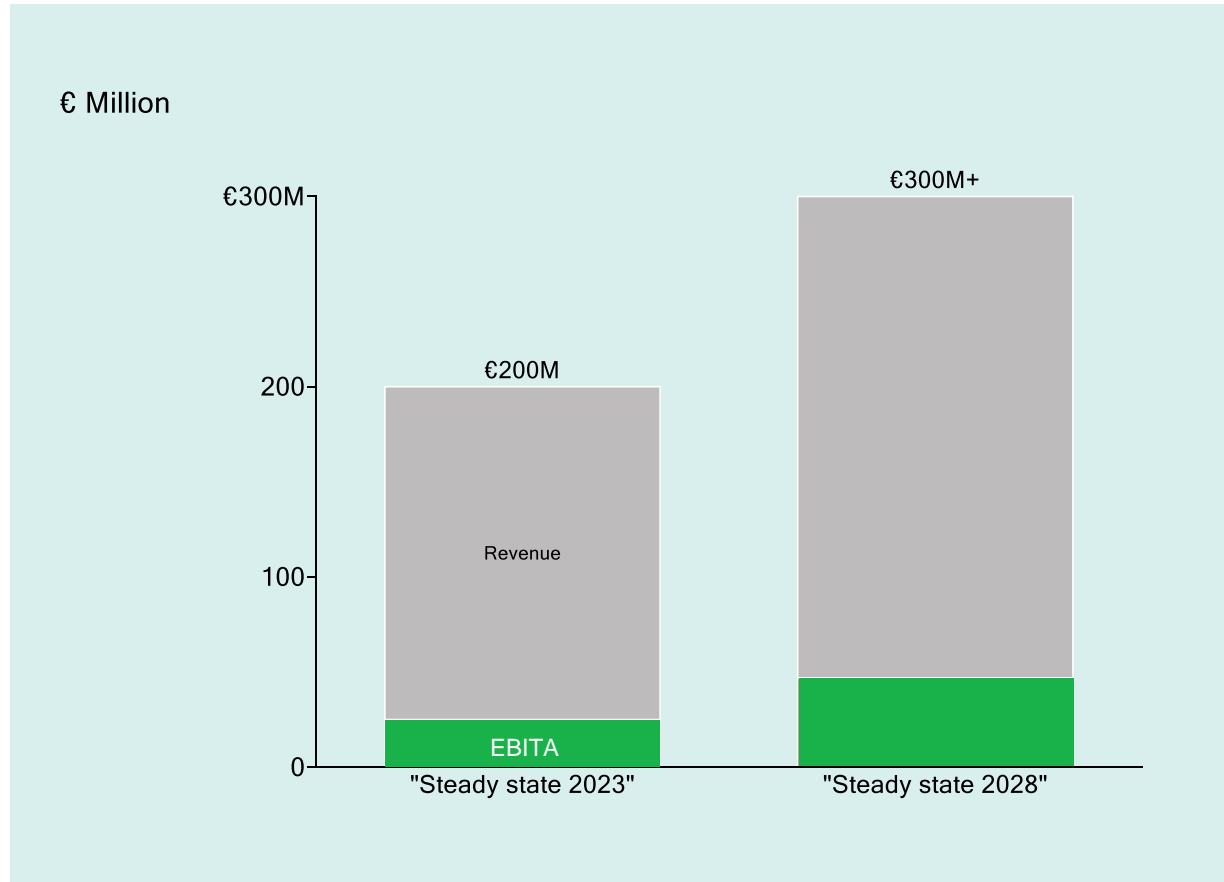
**Stronger contractual risk sharing**

**Higher energy and fuel efficiency**

**50% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2030**

# We are on track to pursue an EUR 300+ million business with strengthened profitability by 2028

## Cornerstones of ESL strategy 2023-2028



### Protected business model

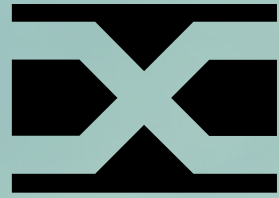
- Strong customer relationships
- Leadership positions
- Leading environmental performance

### Invest to reinforce strategic position in fast growing core markets

- Market size to double within next decade
- Green transition the main growth driver
- Fleet reinforcing investments in execution and under preparation
- Green coaster capex for 2021-2026 is EUR 70 million and expected EBITDA impact is EUR 15 million / year
- Fossil free handy capex 2024-2028: EUR 150+ million (estimated)

### Substantial growth and value creation in ambition

- EUR 300+ million business with 14% EBITA by 2028
- Substantial capex investments to make the growth happen



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**Thank you!**



# Accelerated Growth

**Mikko Pasanen, Telko MD**

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**We operate in three business segments**

## **Plastics**

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**Wide range of plastic raw materials and additives for various applications and industries.**

## **Chemicals**

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**Broad portfolio of chemicals for different industry segments, such as paints and coatings, personal care and food.**

## **Lubricants**

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**Industrial, marine and automotive lubricants, own production of car chemicals.**



# We act as a bridge between thousands of industrial customers and hundreds of principals

## Principals

- 400 suppliers



## Customers

- 7000 customers

# The Telko Effect:

## As a leading expert serving multiple industries, we're also in a unique position to improve our customers'

### Sustainability

- Our wide range of products and in-depth technical expertise help our customers find sustainable solutions that make business sense.

### Productivity

- Our long-standing and close relationships with suppliers help the requested material to be delivered promptly and on budget.

### Operational quality

- We are the bridge on between suppliers and our customers.

We empower you to innovate and expand into new markets and product applications.

# Telko's business is future-proof

**1** Chemical market grow faster than GDP

**2** Specialties will grow faster than commodities

**3** Distributors will grow faster than demand (change of channel)

**4** Small and medium size distributors will grow faster than large ones

**5** Regional and focused distributors will grow faster than generalists

# Clear strategy to drive growth and profitability

<b>Vision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leading European specialty products expert and distributor</li></ul>
<b>Strategic agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organic growth supported by M&amp;A and scalability</li></ul>
<b>Growth drivers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong organic growth in specialty products and by widening service offering</li><li>• Continued M&amp;A growth via both add-ons and growth platforms in new markets</li></ul>
<b>Operational drivers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uniform business model with commercial and supply chain synergies</li><li>• Actions for increased scalability and cost efficiency</li><li>• Specific improvement efforts in supply chain and commercial</li></ul>

# Cornerstones of Telko's business model

<b>Business logic and value creation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridging principals and customers</li> <li>• Bringing local access and capability to global principals</li> </ul>
<b>Market resilience and improvement levers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High resilience that can be improved by focused growth, incl. specialty products, bolt on acquisitions and scale</li> </ul>
<b>Organic growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused growth through specialty products and expansion of service offering</li> </ul>
<b>In-organic growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bigger platforms in new /and existing) markets, Add-ons in existing markets</li> <li>• Possibility to increase shareholder value utilizing modest valuation</li> </ul>
<b>Capital employed and capex needs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital employed = mainly working capital</li> <li>• Low capex need, depending on M&amp;A roadmap</li> </ul>
<b>Business timespan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash Conversion Cycle and Rotation of inventory up to 60 days</li> </ul>
<b>Availability of financing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage based on resilient profitability</li> </ul>
<b>Financial profile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher margins on specialty products, big variety</li> <li>• High return on capital and equity on all businesses</li> <li>• Synergies and scalability enable increased OPEX efficiency</li> </ul>

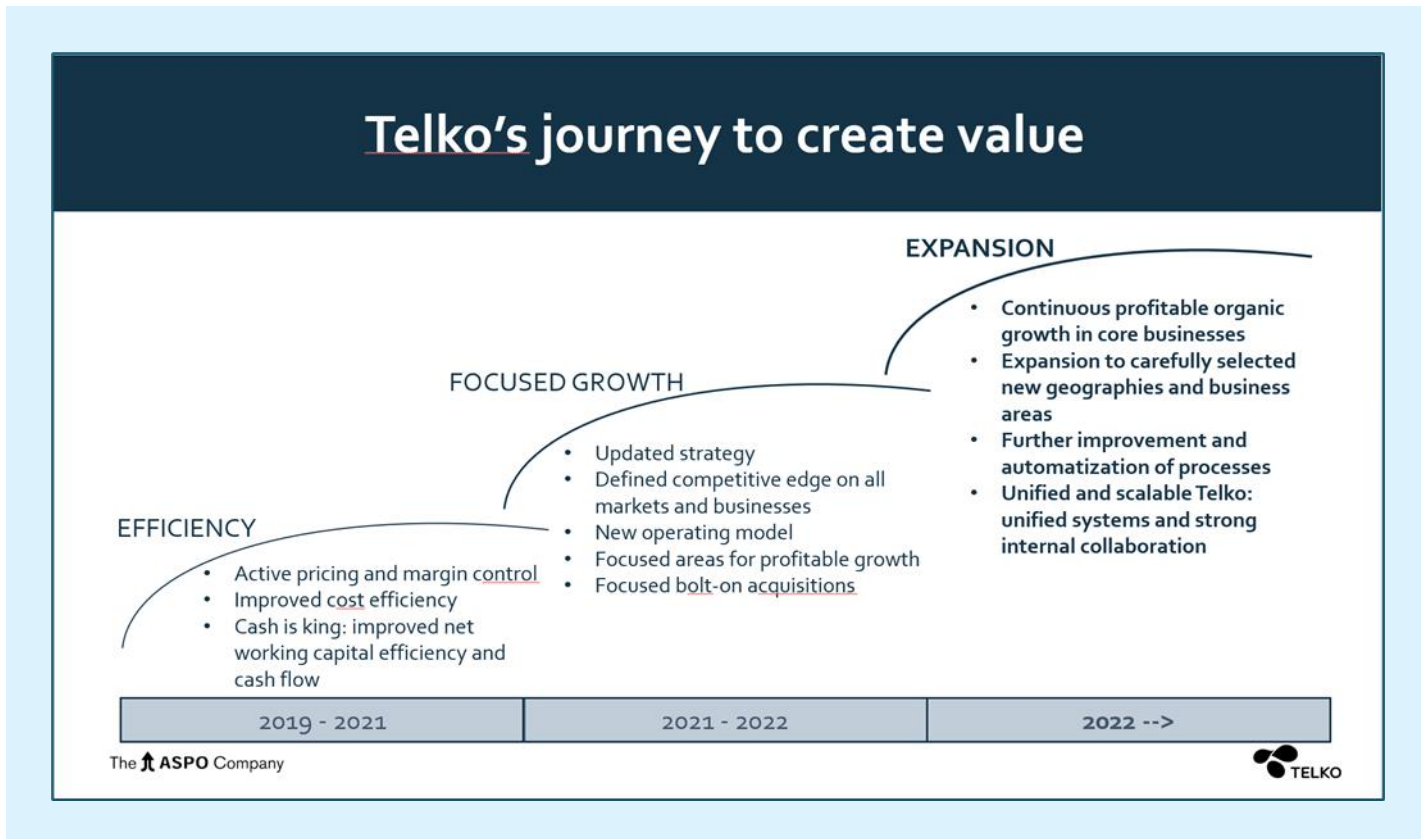
# Our ESG approach: Committed to Science Based targets by end of 2024

Our sustainability vision is to make our industry better for the environment and society as a whole

We aim to be a sustainability forerunner by addressing critical issues beyond the minimum requirements of laws and regulations

While we nurture a culture that values and promotes sustainable and ethical operations, we deliver application expertise and solutions that help improve the sustainability performance of the entire value chain

# Telko's strategy execution is progressing



- In 2021 at Aspo CMD Telko presented its then updated strategy
- The direction and cornerstones of Telko's strategy remain unchanged
- Expansion phase is full in speed
- War in Ukraine and following exit from Russia slowed down progress by 1-2 years

# Years 2021-2023: Exit from Russia and first acquisitions

- **Exit from Russia and Belarus significantly reduced the size and profitability of the company**
- **Management resources were tied to exit for some time**
- **Telko started systematic preparations for faster growth**
  - Readiness to simultaneously take over new companies and continuously improve existing businesses
  - New management model
  - Unified processes and scalability of operation
  - Systematic integration methodology

- **Telko started to grow inorganically. Several acquisitions were carried out during the period:**
  - ILS & Autolubes
  - Mentum
  - Johan Steenks
  - Eltrex

**ILS Nordic**



**Johan Steenks AS**





# Telko's geography

- "Old" countries
- New countries in 2024
- Strengthened position 2021-24

## Poland as an example:

- First Plastics
- Then Chemicals (Eltrex)
- Now Lubricants (organic)
- Further development of all businesses

FINLAND | SWEDEN | NORWAY | DENMARK | ESTONIA | LITHUANIA | LATVIA |  
POLAND | FRANCE | BELGIUM | THE NETHERLANDS | LUXEMBOURG | ROMANIA |  
UKRAINE | KAZAKHSTAN | UZBEKISTAN | CHINA

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## Optimol & Greenfluid

- In March 2024 Telko expanded its lubricants business to Western Europe through acquisition in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Netherlands, making Telko one of the strongest industrial lubricants distributors in Europe
- The transaction strengthened the weight of the lubricants business in Telko's business portfolio and increased Telko's lubricant sales by 36%
- The acquisition opens new markets for Telko and enables a platform for further growth in the area
- This acquisition was a key milestone in Telko's compounder strategy, focusing on high value-added products and growth in Western Europe
- Integration has started well. Synergy potential confirmed
- During first two months sales and profitability has been in line with expectations



# Swed Handling

CHEMICALS

## Swed Handling

- April 29 2024, Aspo informed that Telko expands its chemicals business in Sweden by acquiring Swed Handling AB, a leading Swedish chemical distributor. Closing of the transaction is expected during the third quarter of 2024
- Another significant step in Telko's compounder strategy execution. The acquisition doubles net sales in chemicals segment and significantly strengthens Telko's presence in Nordic markets
- Sweden becomes Telko's largest country of operation in terms of total net sales and personnel
- Swed Handling's customer focused business model combines high quality processed chemical products with exceptional customized service
- Synergies are expected in sales, purchases, supplier relationships, business model transfer, IT and logistics

After completing the acquisition of Swed Handling, Telko will be bigger than before exit from Russia.

And the journey continues...

- Clear actions to improve profitability and efficiency
- Focus on achieving synergies and organic growth in existing business
- There is a solid pipeline of recognized targets for coming years
- Telko has built capabilities to take over several companies each year



## Telko after announced acquisitions

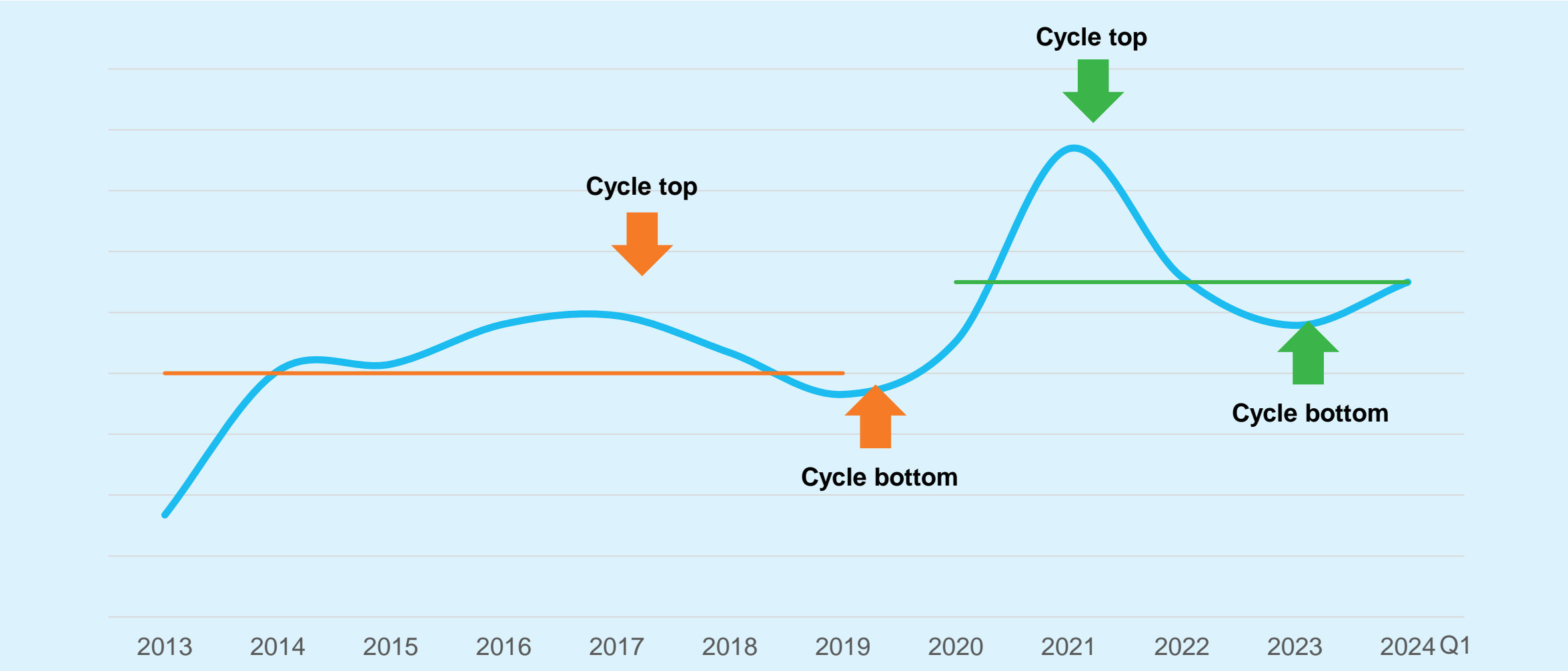
- Net sales > EUR 280 million
- Comparable EBITA ~EUR 18 million
- 16 countries  
(3 new countries)
- 350 employees  
(over 100 new employees)

Illustrative 2023 figures assuming acquisitions announced in 2023 and 2024 included for full year 2023

# Focused acquisitions create significant value

- Currently very fragmented industry is facing rapid consolidation driven by good growth opportunities, tightening regulation and family-owned companies' generation change
  - Willingness to sell has increased
  - Valuations currently on a reasonable level
  - Telko's acquisitions are focused: specialized products and value-added services
  - Platforms in new markets, add-ons in current markets
- Telko as an owner: preferred buyer over big multinationals, stronger opportunity to develop operations than previous owners, synergies
  - Platform for further organic growth and enables entry for other Telko's business segments
  - Telko aims to accelerate its organic growth through acquisitions to achieve its strategic goals in all three business areas and it has a solid pipeline of potential acquisition candidates

# Continuous improvement of EBITA performance over cycles

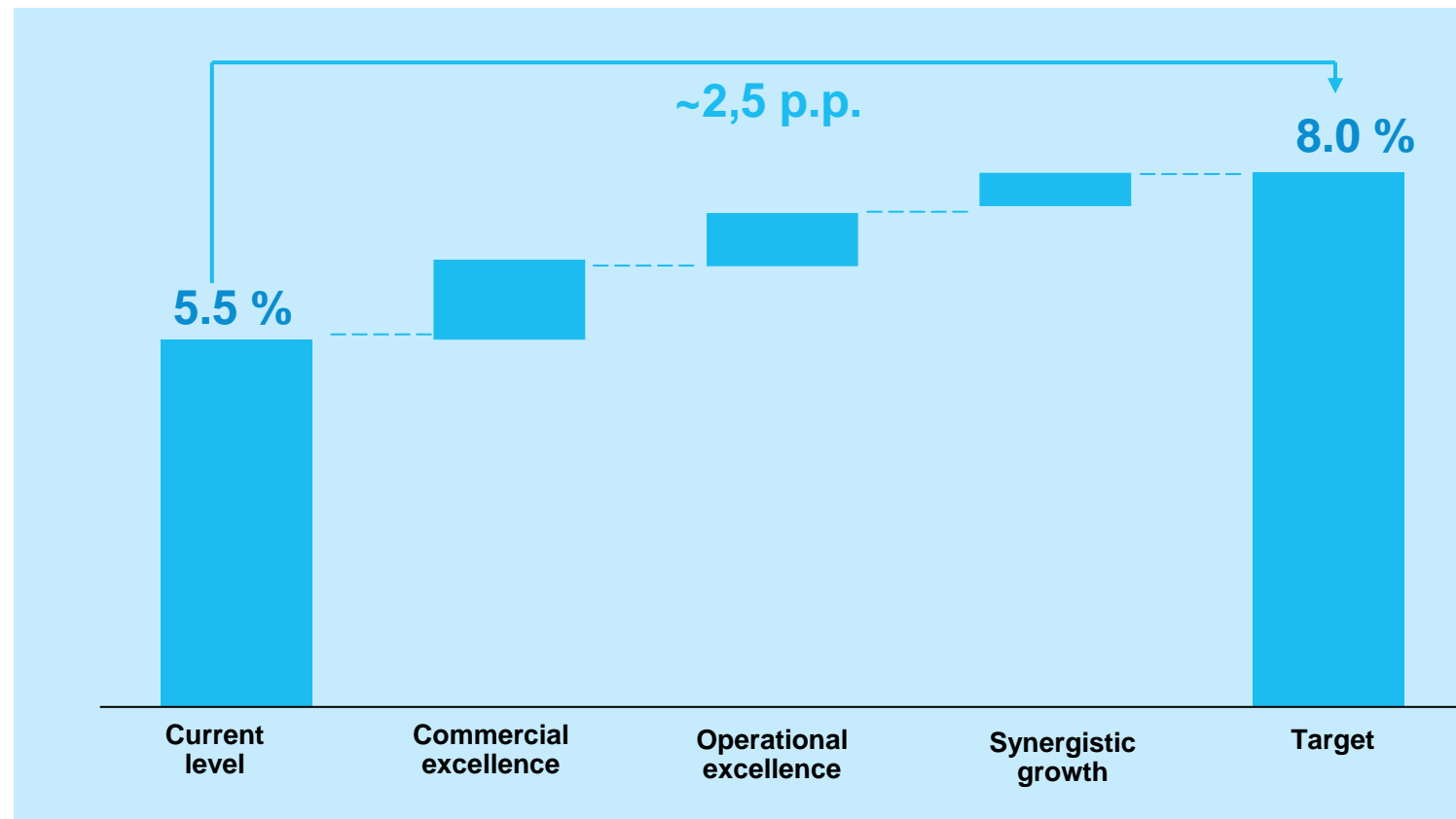


Current business portfolio of Telko



# Full profit potential to be reached with systematic implementation of improvement actions together with synergies from growth and M&A

## Levers for comparable EBITA improvement



- We continue to develop our segment and product portfolio to support shift in portfolio profitability
- We develop new organic commercial opportunities and optimize pricing
- We continue to achieve scale benefits through our compounder strategy
- We access new geographies throughout Western Europe, with focused add-ons to strengthen local platforms
- We implement process efficiency measures especially related to supply chain rationalization to adapt to new footprint after M&A

Illustrative, not an exact plan or forecast

## Telko's ambition for 2028

- By the end of 2028 Telko has repositioned itself on European distribution market and is recognized as all-European player
- Plastics EUR 200-300 million
- Chemicals EUR 200-300 million
- Lubricants EUR 100-150 million
- Clear improvement of profitability due to efficiency of scale, improved sales mix and improved performance

- Net sales > EUR 500 million
- Comparable EBITA > EUR 40 million
- Clearly Positive Free Cash Flow
- ROCE ~20%





**Thank you!**



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# Towards full potential

**Miska Kuusela, Leipurin MD**

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# Resilient market offering growth opportunities going forwards

# 1

## Bakery segment provides a large, resilient core for Leipurin

- Ingredient sales to bakeries is Leipurin's core market
- We estimate it to be EUR ~0.5 bn, stable and resilient to market changes with opportunities in new geographies

# 2

## The food industry is ~20x the size of bakeries and creates new opportunities

- Leipurin is already active in this segment, but significant growth potential for further growth organically and through focused M&A
- Value-add products offer attractive margins

# 3

## Transition towards plant-based alternatives offers synergistic growth

- Our offering is to the most part fully plant-based already
- We have needed competences to expand towards rapidly growing alternative proteins

# 4

## Growing demands for end-to-end supply chain transparency

- Customers are increasingly demanding product data to ensure the sustainability of supply chains
- We see data is becoming a license to operate in our industry and are ready to serve

# Leipurin today

- Leading B2B ingredients supply to bakeries, the food industry and food service customers
- 157 Committed employees across six countries
- Net sales EUR 136 million
- Comparable operating profit EUR 4.2 million

Year 2023 figures



# Gateway to the Northern Europe: Leipurin connects a broad range of suppliers to local customers

## Suppliers

- Direct access to a broad customer spectrum through relationships that have been built over decades
- Efficient warehousing and last mile delivery
- Knowledge of local preferences and trends

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## Customers

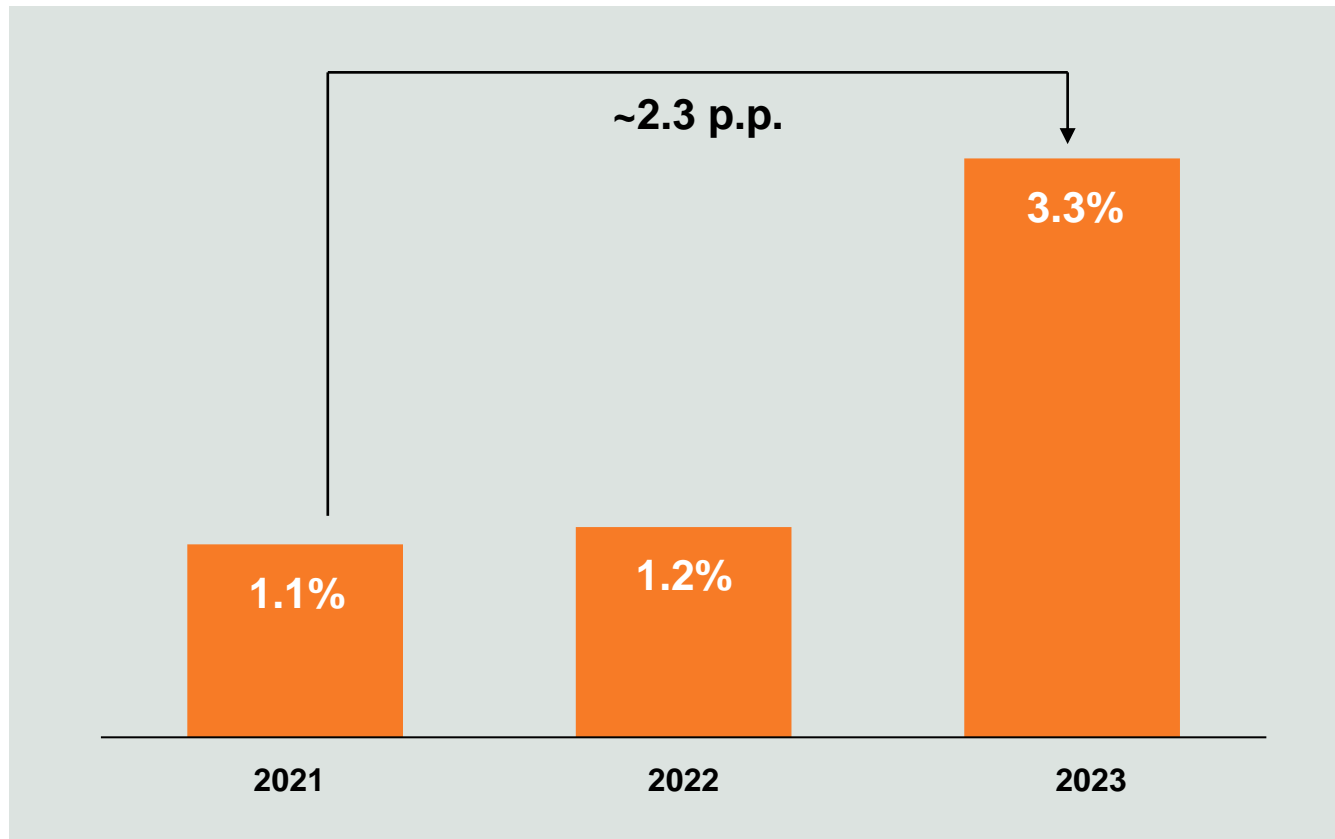
- Managing the long product tail (with hundreds or thousands SKUs)
- Ensuring availability and logistics for products reducing own tied up capital
- Competence to offer new solutions and products
- Ensuring quality of products and reliability of suppliers
- Up-to-date understanding on latest product innovations in the market
- One stop shop for smaller customers who can focus on their core operations

# Cornerstones of Leipurin's business model

<b>Business logic and value creation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bridging principals and customers</li><li>• Local presence with wide service offering</li></ul>
<b>Market resilience and improvement levers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High resilience, very stable demand and market development</li></ul>
<b>Organic growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focused growth within sub-segments, incl. food industry, industrial bakeries and ready products</li><li>• We expect to grow organically &gt; 3% p.a.</li></ul>
<b>In-organic growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Buy and build</li><li>• Gradual shift towards high margin specialty ingredients</li></ul>
<b>Capital employed and capex needs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capital employed = working capital</li><li>• Low capex need</li></ul>
<b>Business timespan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rotation of inventory up to 60 days</li></ul>
<b>Availability of financing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leverage based on resilient profitability</li></ul>
<b>Financial profile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low to medium margins depending on segment</li><li>• High return on capital and equity</li></ul>

# Successful turnaround taking shape since 2021

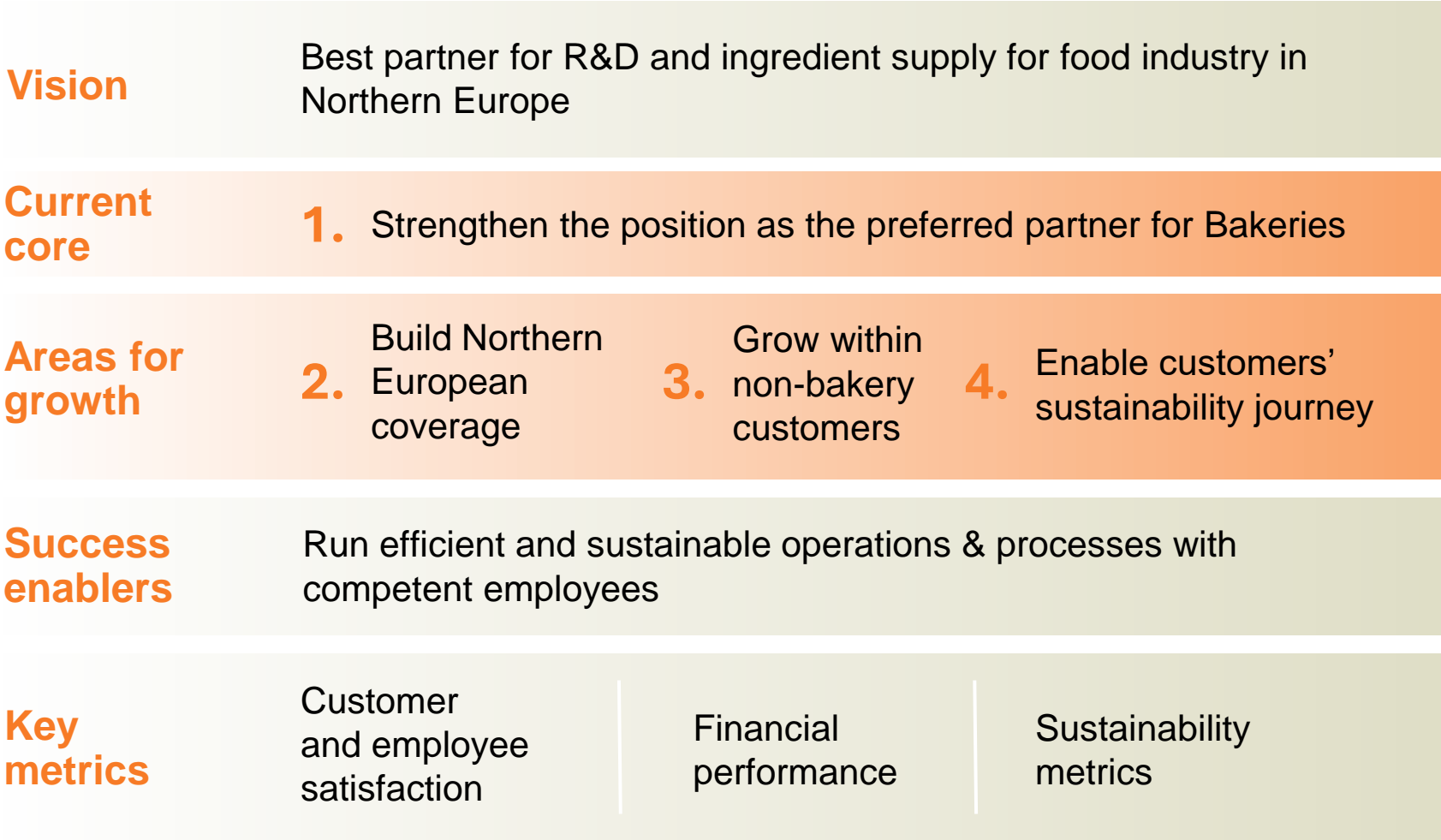
## EBITA improvement 2021-2023



### Key milestones

1. Clarity and cost efficiency through country-based operating model
2. Focus on efficient processes, capability development and operative performance
3. Divestment of non-performing businesses and selected changes to customer and product portfolio
4. Synergistic M&A to shift geographical focus (from East) to West

# Our vision is to become the leading partner for R&D and ingredient supply for the broader food industry in Northern Europe



Net sales  
> EUR 200 million

EBITA  
5%



# 1. Our core strengths supporting our strong position within the Bakery segment

## LEIPURIN® Trusted and well-known brand

### Sales and customer service

- Great customer experience based on technical competence and customer centric approach.
- Regular customer feedback to ensure continuous improvement

### Assortment & Category mgmt

- Competitive offering to meet our customers' expectations
- Access to best brands but also continuously develop offering

### R&D capability

- Trusted partner for product development and innovation, with in-house baking centers, leveraging also suppliers' R&D capabilities
- Close collaboration with customers

### Commercial excellence

- Optimized pricing and service models
- Suitable digital tools (e.g. CRM) and channels (e.g. eStore) to increase efficiency and customer experience

### Supply chain excellence

- Broad supplier network
- Efficient warehousing and transportation operations with cross-country scale

### Admin efficiency

- Skilled in supporting the success of commercial and supply chain teams
- Analytical insight to facilitate decision making

## 2a. We want to expand our geographic coverage and market footprint

### What we do

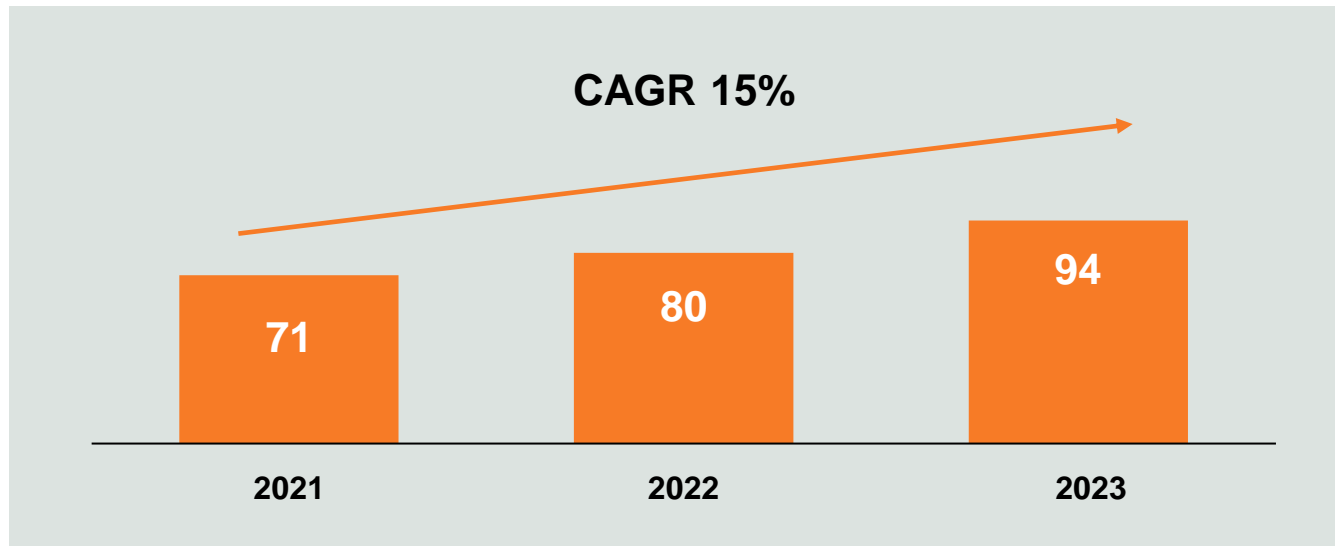
- We are preparing for growth throughout Northern Europe, geographically and through expansion towards higher margin products
- We deploy Leipurin core strengths to realize synergies as one common platform
- Buy & build approach -> shift towards high margin specialty ingredients through organic development or synergistic additions once large enough platform is in place in new market

### How we do it

1. **We actively look for organic and inorganic growth opportunities throughout Northern Europe**
2. **We have a tested recipe deployed e.g. during the Kobia acquisition**
3. **Our most recent acquisition Kebelco as an example**

## 2b. Our most recent acquisition Kebelco

### Net Sales (SEK millions)



### Product focus

- Bakery
- Beverages
- Confectionery
- Dairy
- Farm dairy
- Ice cream
- Health Food
- Prepared food
- Nutrition
- Other food

- Kebelco is a distributor of ingredients to the food and beverage industry
- The company is situated in Gothenburg, Sweden
- Product focus is on ingredients for dairy, confectionary and sports nutrition segments – such technical products support margin development
- The assortment is complementary to Leipurin and Kobia, with new opportunities to expand the existing value-add / technical product portfolio
- We see significant opportunities for further growth of Kebelco by leveraging the Leipurin Group platform

### 3. Growth within the food industry is a strategic priority

#### Profitable growth opportunity

- Leipurin has during its over 100-year history operated in the bakery niche, which we estimate to be an EUR 0.5 bn market for Leipurin in current markets
- We estimate the food industry market to be significantly bigger, about 20x vs. current bakery segment
- Leipurin has grown within the food industry in Finland and new growth is targeted across all countries
- Growth within the food industry provides new opportunities for focused growth with a value-add product portfolio

#### What we have done

1. **We have developed new talent and capabilities in-house to serve the food industry**
2. **We have acquired Keibelco to broaden our food industry offering**
3. **The food industry as a new business segment represents now about EUR 20 million in net sales for Leipurin**

# 4. We want to enable our customers' sustainability journey

## What we target

**Sustainable and responsible own operations with minimal environmental footprint**

## How we do it

- We are committing to the Science Based Targets (SBTi) initiative
- Our Scope 1 and 2 emissions are low. We are in the process of compiling our GHG inventory and defining priorities for targets and actions for Scope 3.
- We will minimize food waste in our operations.
- Health and safety are at good levels. We will keep it that way.
- Employee satisfaction has improved from moderate to great. We will keep it that way.
- Food safety has been the main focus throughout the food chain in past decades. We have audited systems and processes in place.

**Sustainable product offering and platform that can be leveraged in plant-based transformation**

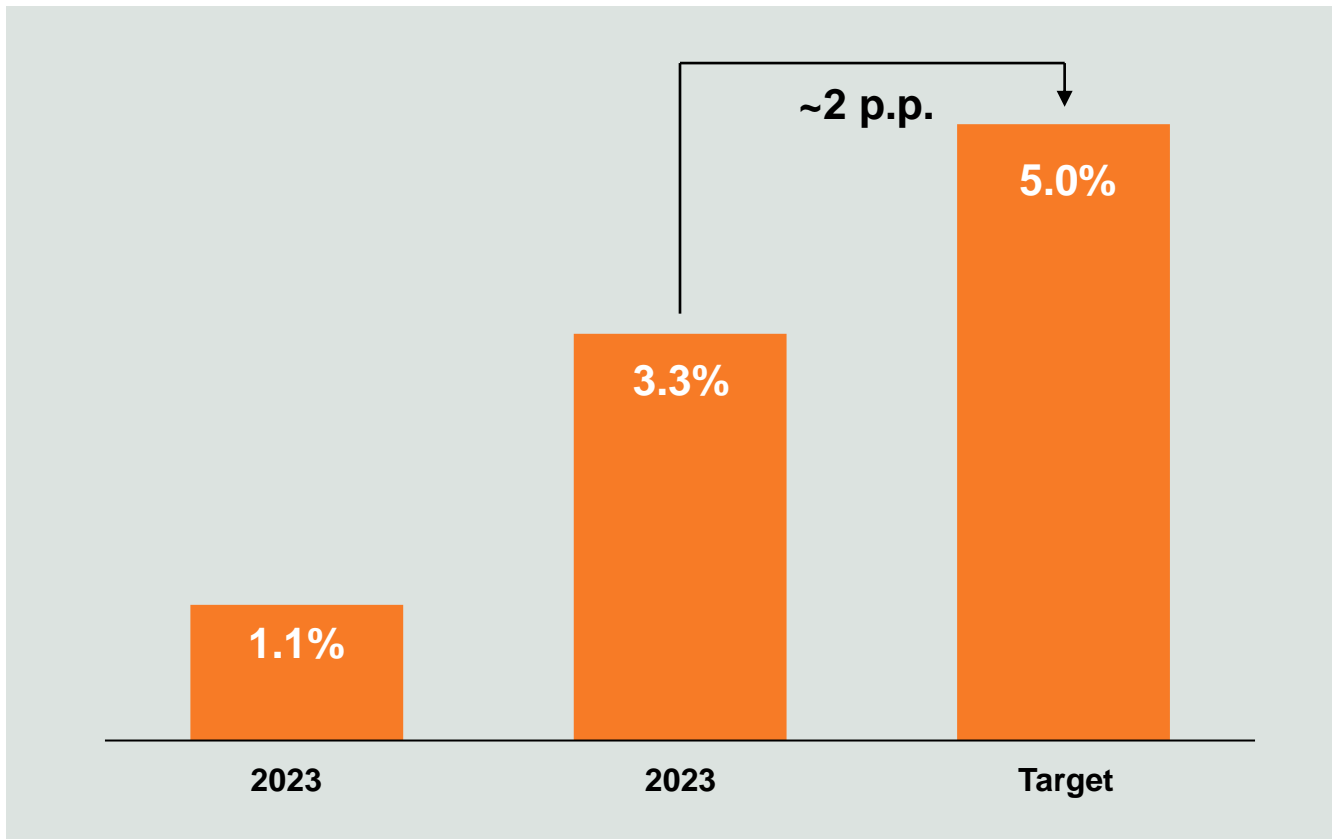
- Our offering is already sustainable and about 90% plant-based. We are developing our offering and competence also for the growing market of plant-based alternative proteins, and the upcoming microbe-based foodstuffs.
- The challenge of plant-based alternatives is to get the taste, texture and appearance of the product acceptable for consumers. Leipurin can leverage its current competences, i.e. broad supplier and R&D network, to find and develop product offering and solutions for this challenge.

**Capability to deliver needed sustainability information from the supply chain and products**

- Leipurin customers are developing more sustainable products, and for that they need broad and accurate sustainability and transparency data of the ingredients they choose and use.
- Firstly, Leipurin needs to ensure that all its suppliers operate ethically and fulfill Leipurin's code of conduct. Target is to build full transparency and validate the status through supplier audits.
- Secondly, Leipurin needs to collect all relevant and commensurate sustainability data of the products it sells and provide this to the customers.

# Leipurin is on track to reaching target of 5% EBITA

## EBITDA improvement going forwards



### Key success factors

- We continue to deliver improvements to run efficient operations – special focus on the Swedish supply chain, where we see significant opportunities
- We develop new commercial opportunities in all locations
- Focused growth investments, incl. organic and/or M&A to support shift in profitability
- We continue to strengthen our position as the preferred partner within the bakery segment
- We leverage our position and know-how to enable our customers' sustainability journey
- We access new geographical markets



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Thank you!

# Executive summary: Aspo Capital Markets Day key messages

- 1 Strategy.** Aspo's businesses have clear and attractive business strategies:
- ESL Shipping: ESG driven accelerated growth, combined with commercial and operational excellence (key actions: minority shareholders on-board, green coaster investment program, divestment of supramax vessels, pooling financing)
  - Telko: Organic growth supported by M&A and scalability (key actions: Optimol, Greenfluid, and Swed Handling acquisitions, ongoing actions to improve cost efficiency)
  - Leipurin: On path to its full profit potential (key actions: divestment of non-core machine businesses and real estate, Kobia and Kebelco acquisitions, prioritised organic growth, development of commercial, supply chain and sourcing capabilities)

**2 Financial ambition.** Aspo's financial ambition is to reach EUR 1 bn of net sales and 8% EBITA in year 2028. Aspo's financial targets unchanged, but adjusted to consider the compounder strategy (from EBIT-% to EBITA-%), achieve resilience (minimum net sales growth of 5-10%), and manage financing of growth investments (net debt / EBITDA to replace gearing target)

**3 Sustainability.** Aspo Group level sustainability ambition: Aspo and its businesses will commit to Science Based Targets by end of 2024. Each business of Aspo aims to be a sustainability forerunner in its industry

**4 Portfolio vision.** Aspo portfolio vision is to form two separate companies: Aspo Compounder and Aspo Infra

- Diverging business models and strategies with different ESG agendas
- Approach and timing to be defined, in order to maximise value for the shareholders

**5 Leadership model.** Aspo Group to lead the transition. Aspo's new leadership model is focused on business reviews and governed by Aspo's board to drive the transformation efficiently forward (ESL Shipping forms an exception due to the minority ownership)

**6 Dividend policy.** Dividend policy adjusted to reflect company strategy and growth ambition, the ongoing transition and specific business characteristics

- Dividend growth will consider financing needs of growth initiatives with strategic priority and be based on positive profitability development with an aim to pay-out annually up to 50% of net profit as dividend
- Strong focus on Total Shareholder Return





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