

# Strong organic growth in the first quarter

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- Net sales increased to SEK 1,708 million (1,521), up 12.3 percent. Organic growth totalled 12.8 percent (7.7)
- Net sales from spectacles subscriptions increased 12.5 percent (11.6)
- The gross margin was 74.1 percent (75.7)
- EBITDA<sup>1</sup> rose to SEK 375 million (358) and the EBITDA margin was 21.6 percent (23.3)
- EBITA increased to SEK 206 million (205) and the EBITA margin was 11.9 percent (13.4)
- EBIT increased to SEK 174 million (171) and the EBIT margin was 10.0 percent (11.1)
- Cash flow from operating activities increased to SEK 310 million (218)

- Net debt amounted to SEK 2,944 million (2,756) at the end of the period, compared with SEK 3,002 million at year-end 2024
- Profit after tax increased to SEK 87 million (56)
- Earnings per share before and after dilution increased to SEK 0.60 (0.38)

#### **EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE PERIOD**

 In accordance with the Annual General Meeting's resolution on 23 April 2025, 2,135,506 own shares were cancelled, and the total number of shares subsequently amounts to 147,864,494. See page 16 for more information.

Organic growth,	EBITDA margin,	Organic growth,	EBITDA margin,
quarter <sup>1</sup>	quarter¹	LTM¹	LTM¹
+12.8%	+21.6%	+10.5%	+24.0%

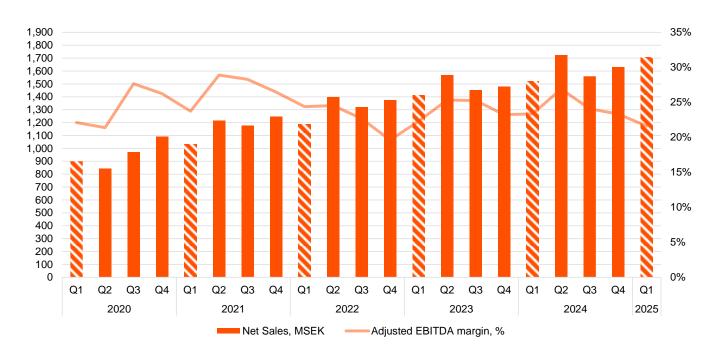
 $<sup>\</sup>overline{1}$  Refer to the Group's financial targets on page 16. Since no items affecting comparability were reported for 2025 or the preceding year, adjusted EBITDA corresponds with EBITDA, and the related margins also correspond with each other.

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES

		Q1		Apr-Mar	Jan-Dec
MSEK	2025	2024	Δ%	24/25	2024
Net sales	1,708	1,521	12.3	6,622	6,435
Organic growth, %1	12.8	7.7		10.5	9.2
Gross margin, %1	74.1	75.7		74.9	75.3
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	375	358	4.6	1,612	1,595
EBITDA margin, %1	21.6	23.3		24.0	24.5
EBITA <sup>1</sup>	206	205	0.4	957	957
EBITA margin, % <sup>1</sup>	11.9	13.4		14.2	14.7
EBIT	174	171	1.7	822	819
EBIT margin, %	10.0	11.1		12.2	12.6
Profit after tax	87	56	54.8	396	366
Earnings per share before and after dilution, SEK <sup>2</sup>	0.60	0.38	57.2	2.69	2.48
Cash flow from operating activities	310	218	42.5	1,025	933
Cash flow from operating activities/EBITDA, %1	82.7	60.7		63.6	58.5
Net debt/Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	1.83	1.86		1.83	1.88

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>For information on the calculation of these alternative performance measures, refer to pages 27-30. The performance measure net debt/Adjusted EBITDA is calculated based on a rolling 12-month basis for January-March. Since no items affecting comparability were reported for 2025 or the preceding year, adjusted EBITDA corresponds with EBITDA, and the related margins also correspond with each other.

#### NET SALES AND ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN PER QUARTER



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>For information on the change in the number of shares and the average number of shares, refer to the section "Other financial information" on page 25.



By focusing on the customer and making it easier for people to access eye health services, Synsam further strengthened its market position during the first quarter of the year. Organic growth was 12.8 percent and like-for-like growth was 8.9 percent, in a market in which consumers generally continued to refrain from spending. Our strategy – based on the right types of establishments, focusing on both Synsam Lifestyle and the cash business, our own House Brands, an efficient organisation and the market's best service offering – is yielding results.

## Continued positive trend in subscriptions and the cash business

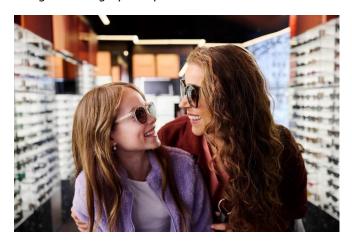
Net sales from the Synsam Lifestyle spectacles subscription increased 12.5 percent during the quarter. The number of Lifestyle customers amounted to approximately 718,000 (approximately 645,000) at the end of the quarter and the churn rate for the first quarter was 2.84 percent. We have overall high levels of customer satisfaction and loyalty among our subscription customers. As of 31 March 2025, the total number of subscription customers (those who have either a Lifestyle subscription or a contact lens subscription) amounted to approximately 858,000.

Growth in net sales from the cash business remained strong during the quarter, increasing 12 percent.

## Quarter characterised by varying market conditions

In Norway, Synsam further increased its market share, with organic growth of 21 percent in the first quarter of 2025 and a stronger EBITDA margin.

The implementation of EyeView, which is now complete, contributes here, as well as a positive impact compared with last year due to the fact that Easter fell in the second quarter this year. Finland also had a strong quarter, successfully generating organic growth of 26 percent and a higher gross margin in a highly competitive market.



After a period of positive development in Denmark, organic growth in the first quarter was negative.

We are strengthening our presence and advancing our position in Denmark by upgrading our stores and expanding our offering. This includes a specific investment in the Copenhagen region, with the opening of a flagship store in central Copenhagen on 21 January. The store is Denmark's largest optical retail store with the widest range of branded frames and a destination for eye health and fashionable eyewear.

Sweden's organic growth was also slightly lower than in the year-earlier quarter. The gross margin and



EBITDA margin also declined compared with the previous year, due in part to the roll-out of Synsam EyeView.

Synsam established five new stores in the Group during the first quarter. Between 9 and 11 new stores will be established in the second quarter.

#### **Building blocks for profitable growth**

We experienced strong organic growth in the first quarter. At the same time the high rate of establishment in 2024, with several stores now being ramped up, had a negative impact on the EBITDA margin for the quarter, as did the introduction of Synsam EyeView in Sweden and a lower gross margin, mainly due to a change of valuation method for lenses in stock with a negative effect of SEK 28 million. We continuously calibrate profitability and growth and our efficiency programs are important building blocks in ensuring sustainable growth and profitability and the effects of our investments will be significant in the long term:

- Our establishments of stores are quickly achieving profitability and are strengthening Synsam in the long term. To calibrate growth and profitability, somewhat fewer establishments are planned in 2025 and 2026 compared to 2024.
- The plan is to fully implement Synsam EyeView in Sweden by summer 2025, followed by anticipated positive effects on optician capacity and costs for consultant opticians as well as a reduction in temporary extra costs associated with the implementation phase. During the first quarter, we noted positive effects in Norway, where the roll-out of Synsam EyeView was completed at the end of 2024. Of the total eye examinations in Sweden during the first quarter, 12 percent were carried out using Synsam EyeView. The corresponding share in Norway was 20 percent.
- We also see potential in strengthening our gross margin, for example through reinforced supplier negotiations and the launch of additional House Brands.
- The third cost programme introduced in 2024 will also largely be realised in 2025.

## Growing e-commerce – new warehouse and second-hand workshop opened

Synsam's e-commerce operations, featuring popular products such as contact lenses and sunglasses, are continuing to expand in line with increasing customer demand for vision aids. To meet these growing volumes, Synsam opened a new, expanded e-commerce warehouse in Spånga, north of Stockholm, during the quarter. The premises also include Synsam's second-hand workshop for its circular second-hand offering. With this new warehouse space spanning 2,700 square metres, twice as much as the previous premises, we have secured long-term capacity and efficiency, enabling better customer service throughout the Nordic region.



We are now further expanding our brand portfolio and will shortly launch a new store destination directed at a new customer group. Every customer gives us a chance to improve eye health for more people.

By making it easier for people to access eye care and high-quality products, in a market largely driven by medical needs and new technical solutions, we are ensuring profitable growth for many years to come. Synsam's journey has only begun.

Håkan Lundstedt President and CEO

## Financial performance

#### **Group net sales**

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Net sales increased 12.3 percent to SEK 1,708 million (1,521). Organic growth amounted to 12.8 percent (7.7) and like-for-like growth to 8.9 percent (5.1). Acquisitions impacted sales in the quarter by SEK 5 million, corresponding to 0.3 percentage points. Currency translation effects impacted net sales negatively by SEK -11 million, corresponding to -0.7 percentage points.

Net sales from the Synsam Lifestyle spectacles subscription increased 12.5 percent to SEK 928 million (824), with the Sweden, Norway and Finland segments contributing to this increase.

The active customer base for Synsam Lifestyle subscriptions increased by approximately 15,000 customers during the quarter to approximately 718,000 customers (approximately 645,000), up 11 percent compared with the previous year. Synsam Group's quarterly churn rate, Synsam Lifestyle is a measure used to express the share of customers who terminated their spectacles subscriptions. The churn rate for the first quarter was 2.84 percent (2.33).

Net sales from the cash business increased 12.0 percent to SEK 780 million (697), of which net sales from Synsam Group's contact lens subscriptions amounted to SEK 98 million (104) and net sales from Synsam Group's online sales increased to SEK 52 million (41). The active customer base for Synsam Group's contact lens subscriptions amounted to approximately 206,000 customers (approximately 187,000) on 31 March 2025, up 10 percent.

#### Total net sales

External net sales per segment and Other and central functions

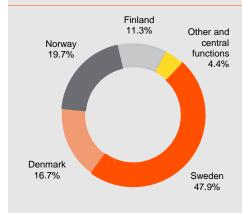
		Q1		Jan-Dec
Breakdown, MSEK	2025	2024	Δ%	2024
Synsam Sweden	818	750	9.1	3,091
Synsam Denmark	286	292	-2.0	1,198
Synsam Norway	337	287	17.4	1,260
Synsam Finland	193	154	25.7	710
Other and central functions	75	39	90.4	176
Group, total	1,708	1,521	12.3	6,435

#### Like-for-like growth<sup>1</sup>

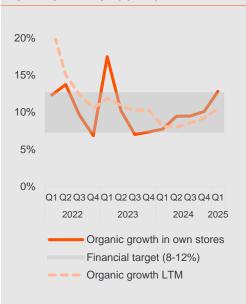
%	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	Group
Jan-Mar 2025	5.8	-37	15.2	16.0	8.9

<sup>1</sup>For information on the calculation of alternative performance measures, refer to pages 27-30.

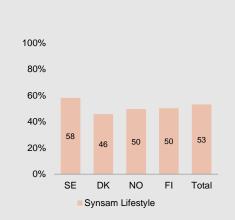
#### Share of net sales per segment and Other and central functions during the quarter



#### Organic growth (%) per quarter



## Share of total net sales, LTM Q1 2025, Synsam Lifestyle



#### Growth<sup>1</sup>

	Q	ı
2025	%	MSEK
Organic growth	12.8	195
Acquisitions	0.3	5
Currency	-0.7	-11
Franchise	-0.2	-2
Total growth	12.3	187

<sup>1</sup>For information on the calculation of alternative performance measures, refer to pages 27-30.

#### **Group earnings**

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## EBIT before depreciation and amortisation of tangible and intangible non-current assets (EBITDA)

EBITDA rose SEK 16 million to SEK 375 million (358), corresponding to an EBITDA margin of 21.6 percent (23.3). The earnings performance for the quarter was a result of the effects impacting the gross margin as well as a large number of new establishments in 2024.

#### **Gross profit**

The gross margin for the first quarter was 74.1 percent (75.7). Thanks to access to more detailed and precise information from suppliers, Synsam has reviewed its calculation models for valuing lenses in stock. The revised estimates and assessments resulted in a change to the valuation method for lenses in stock as of the first quarter of 2025. The transition to the new method had a negative impact on the gross profit of approximately SEK 28 million, which was charged to the first quarter.

## **EBIT** before amortisation of intangible non-current assets (EBITA)

EBITA increased to SEK 206 million (205) and the EBITA margin was 11.9 percent (13.4). The earnings trend was due to the same factors that impacted EBITDA. Depreciation for the quarter increased slightly as a result of a higher pace of greenfield expansion.

#### **Additional earnings information**

EBIT increased to SEK 174 million (171) as a result of the same factors that impacted EBITA. The EBIT margin was 10.0 percent (11.1).

Profit before tax increased to SEK 115 million (77) and profit after tax increased to SEK 87 million (56).

Net financial items amounted to SEK -59 million (-93) for the first quarter. For further information about net financial items, refer to Note 3 Financial income and expenses on page 23.

The Group's tax expense totalled SEK -28 million (-21), corresponding to an effective tax rate of 24 percent (28). Non-capitalised loss carryforwards had a negative impact on tax.

## Active customer base Synsam Lifestyle (thousands), at the end of the period



#### Synsam Group's quarterly churn rate, Synsam Lifestyle



#### Lifestyle sales (%-share) per quarter



		Q1		Jan-Dec
MSEK	2025	2024	Δ%	2024
EBITDA per segment				
Synsam Sweden	240	257	-6.7	980
Synsam Denmark	52	70	-25.8	294
Synsam Norway	62	47	30.5	242
Synsam Finland	26	13	100.8	76
Other and central functions	-4	-28	85.5	3
Total EBITDA	375	358	4.6	1,595
Depreciation of tangible non-current assets	-168	-153		-639
Total EBITA	206	205	0.4	957
Amortisation of intangible non-current assets	-33	-35		-138
EBIT	174	171	1.7	819
Net financial items	-59	-93		-326
Profit before tax	115	77	48.2	493
Income tax	-28	-21		-127
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	87	56	54.8	366

## Earnings per share per quarter, SEK 1.20 1.00 0.80 0.60 0.40 0.20 0.00 2023



#### Cash flow

#### **OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Cash flow from operating activities for the quarter amounted to SEK 242 million (245) before changes in working capital and SEK 310 million (218) after changes in working capital.

Income taxes paid totalled SEK -92 million (-55) for the quarter.

#### **INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Investments in tangible and intangible non-current assets amounted to SEK 91 million (72) in the first quarter. Refer to "Other financial information" on page 25 and "Reconciliation of alternative performance measures" on pages 27–30. No acquisitions were carried out during the quarter (SEK 8 million in the comparative quarter).

#### **FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Cash and cash equivalents totalled SEK 533 million (568) at the end of the period. Cash and cash equivalents on 31 December 2024 totalled SEK 420 million. Exchange rate differences in cash and cash equivalents amounted to SEK 1 million (-10) for the quarter. New bank loans were raised by utilising SEK 100 million (-) of the company's long-term revolving credit facility. No repayments took place during the first quarter. In the first quarter, own shares were repurchased for SEK 102 million (36).

#### **FINANCIAL POSITION**

Loans from financial institutions amounted to SEK 2,672 million (2,526), of which SEK 0 million (470) were current liabilities, compared with SEK 2,608 million on 31 December 2024, of which SEK 0 million were current liabilities. Unutilised credit lines amounted to SEK 290 million (940), compared with SEK 390 million as of 31 December 2024. Lease liabilities totalled SEK 799 million (787), compared with SEK 806 million on 31 December 2024.

Net debt totalled SEK 2,944 million (2,756) at the end of the period and SEK 3,002 million on 31 December 2024. If net debt had been calculated not taking IFRS 16 Leases into account, it would have amounted to SEK 2,158 million (1,980) and to SEK 2,209 million at year-end.

Shares were repurchased for SEK 102 million (36) during the quarter.

Currency effects on loans from financial institutions reduced net debt by SEK 37 million (increase: 31) during the quarter.

#### **Acquisitions and establishments**

See below and the table on page 26 for information on changes in the store portfolio by quarter and by segment.

#### **FIRST QUARTER**

Five directly owned stores were opened during the first quarter. Three stores were also closed during the period.

Synsam Sweden opened one new store – Synsam Smedjebacken.

In Synsam Denmark, a new flagship store opened in central Copenhagen.

Synsam Norway opened one new store – Synsam Rortunet.

In Synsam Finland, a new store opened in Vasa.

In Other and central functions, one audiologist clinic opened in Karlstad. Three audiologist clinics also closed in Täby, Nacka and Halmstad.

## Number of stores and omniconcept

The total number of stores at the end of the quarter was 588 (553), of which 562 (526) were directly owned stores.

For information about the number of stores per segment, refer to pages 22 and 26.

Synsam has created an integrated omni-concept that weaves together Synsam's digital and physical sales and service channels to provide the best product and service offering and purchasing and service experience for customers.

## Important events during the year<sup>1</sup>

#### **FIRST QUARTER**

- Synsam opened a flagship store in central Copenhagen on 21 January. The store is Denmark's largest optical retail store with the widest range of branded frames. The Profil Optik by Synsam flagship store is one of the Group's most impressive establishments and a destination for anyone looking for style, quality and innovation in optical retail.
- In accordance with the decision from the Board of Directors of Synsam AB (publ), with the support of the authorisation granted by the Annual General Meeting held on 26 April 2024, 2,135,506 own shares in Synsam have been purchased for SEK 102 million in accordance with the previously communicated share buy-back programme with the aim of adjusting the company's capital structure.
- Synsam was once again ranked as the most sustainable optical retail chain in Sweden. When Sustainable Brand Index™ 2025 presented its annual brand survey, it was clear that Swedish consumers still consider Synsam an industry leader in sustainability.
- To meet growing volumes, Synsam's new, expanded e-commerce warehouse opened during the quarter in Spånga, north of Stockholm. The premises also include Synsam's second-hand workshop for the circular second-hand offering. This new warehouse space totals 2,700 square metres, twice as much as the previous premises, enabling more efficient logistics, higher capacity and better customer service throughout the Nordic region.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Refer to page 16 for events after the end of the period.



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## Performance per segment

Synsam Group comprises four segments: Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland. The segments include the sales derived from the various geographic markets, excluding sales that belong to Other and central functions, and the costs directly attributable to these sales. Certain costs are decided at the Group level and are therefore not included in the individual segments, including certain marketing expenses and other central activities and functions,

such as the treasury, finance and IT functions. These costs are recognised in Other and central functions.

Net sales from external customers come from sales of goods (primarily sales of spectacles, sunglasses and contact lenses) as well as eye examinations (services) and revenue from Synsam Lifestyle. Net sales in the segments are also specifically monitored for Synsam Lifestyle.



#### Synsam Sweden

The increase in sales in the first quarter of 2025 was due to both Synsam Lifestyle subscriptions and the cash business. One new store was established during the quarter.

The gross margin was lower than in the preceding year, partially as a result of the sales mix and stronger campaigns, with the majority of the negative effects isolated to the first quarter. The EBITDA margin was negatively impacted during the quarter by the lower gross margin as well as the rapid introduction of Synsam EyeView, which gave rise to costs that have not yet been offset by lower optician consultant costs. The plan is to fully implement Synsam EyeView in Sweden by summer 2025, followed by anticipated positive effects on optician capacity and costs for consultant opticians as well as a reduction in temporary extra costs associated with the implementation phase.

Approximately 204 thousand eye examinations were carried out in Sweden during the first quarter, of which approximately 25 thousand (corresponding to 12 percent) with Synsam EyeView.

During the first quarter, the churn rate for Synsam Lifestyle amounted to 2.73 percent (2.15).

Net sales for the quarter increased 9.1 percent. Organic growth was 8.6 percent (10.8) and like-for-like growth was 5.8 percent (8.7). EBITDA amounted to SEK 240 million (257).

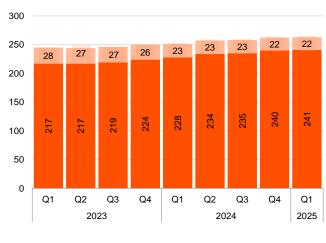
Growth	Q1		
2025	%	MSEK	
Organic growth	8.6	64	
Acquisitions	0.6	5	
Currency	-	-	
Franchise	-0.1	-1	
Total growth	9.1	68	

	Q1			Apr-Mar	Jan-Dec
MSEK	2025	2024	Δ%	24/25	2024
Net sales, Synsam Lifestyle	488	452		1,835	1,798
Net sales, Cash	330	298		1,324	1,293
Net sales, external	818	750	9.1	3,159	3,091
Organic growth, %	8.6	10.8		7.8	8.3
Gross profit	610	588	3.8	2,385	2,363
Gross margin, %	74.2	78.0		75.0	76.0
EBITDA	240	257	-6.7	963	980
EBITDA margin, %	29.2	34.1		30.3	31.5
Number of stores/of which, directly owned	263 / 241	251 / 228		263 / 241	262 / 240

## Net sales and adjusted EBITDA margin



#### Number of stores per quarter Sweden



#### **Synsam Denmark**

Organic growth was negative in the first quarter of the year, in a deeply competitive and weaker consumer market. The Danish Credit Agreement Act was amended on 1 July 2023, impacting credit rating assessments for customers of the Danish Lifestyle offering. The application of regulations as a result of this credit legislation means that in addition to new sales, extensions will also be affected as of the first quarter of 2025. Various measures have been taken, including the introduction of Lifestyle Cash, which offers customers the benefits of the Lifestyle solution without making partial payments. We are also strengthening our presence and advancing our position in Denmark by upgrading our stores and expanding our store offering.

This includes a specific investment in the Copenhagen region, with the opening of a flagship store in central Copenhagen during the quarter.

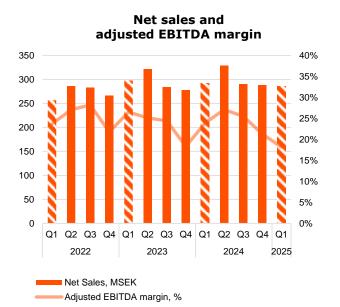
The gross margin was somewhat lower than in the preceding year, partially as a result of the sales mix and stronger campaigns.

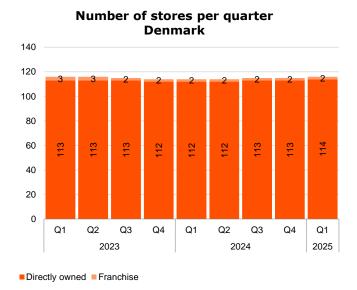
During the first quarter, the churn rate for Synsam Lifestyle amounted to 3.82 percent (3.30).

Net sales for the quarter decreased 2.0 percent. Organic growth amounted to -1.6 percent (-2.6) and like-for-like growth to -3.7 percent (-2.6). DKK currency effects had a negative impact of SEK -1 million on net sales in the quarter. EBITDA for the quarter amounted to SEK 52 million (70).

Growth	Q	1
2025	%	MSEK
Organic growth	-1.6	-5
Acquisitions	-	-
Currency	-0.5	-1
Franchise	0.0	0
Total growth	-2.0	-6

	Q1			Apr-Mar	Jan-Dec
MSEK	2025	2024	Δ%	24/25	2024
Net sales, Synsam Lifestyle	130	141		545	557
Net sales, Cash	156	151		647	642
Net sales, external	286	292	-2.0	1,192	1,198
Organic growth, %	-1.6	-2.6		2.3	2.0
Gross profit	217	225	-3.5	900	908
Gross margin, %	76.2	77.0		75.5	75.7
EBITDA	52	70	-25.8	276	294
EBITDA margin, %	18.2	23.9		23.2	24.6
Number of stores/of which, directly owned	116 / 114	114 / 112		116 / 114	115 / 113





#### **Synsam Norway**

The increase in sales in the first quarter of 2025 was due to both Synsam Lifestyle subscriptions and the cash business. The implementation of Synsam EyeView also contributed to growth during the quarter. Synsam Norway further strengthened its market share. One new store was established during the quarter.

Approximately 84 thousand eye examinations were carried out in Norway during the first quarter, of which approximately 17 thousand (corresponding to 20 percent) with Synsam EyeView.

The gross margin decreased slightly in the first quarter compared with the previous year, partially as a result of planned stronger campaigns and the sales mix.

The EBITDA margin for the first quarter improved compared to the previous year, despite a somewhat lower gross margin, in part as a result of the cost programmes introduced in 2023, which have resulted

in increased efficiency and thereby lower operating expenses as a share of sales.

During the first quarter, the churn rate for Synsam Lifestyle amounted to 2.73 percent (2.31).

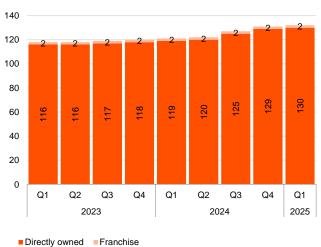
Net sales for the quarter increased 17.4 percent. Organic growth amounted to 20.7 percent (4.2) and like-for-like growth to 15.2 percent (2.3). NOK currency effects had a negative impact of SEK -8 million on net sales in the quarter. EBITDA rose to SEK 62 million (47).

Growth	Q1		
2025	%	MSEK	
Organic growth	20.7	59	
Acquisitions	-	-	
Currency	-2.9	-8	
Franchise	-0.4	-1	
Total growth	17.4	50	

		Q1			Jan-Dec
MSEK	2025	2024	Δ%	24/25	2024
Net sales, Synsam Lifestyle	171	143		649	621
Net sales, Cash	166	144		661	640
Net sales, external	337	287	17.4	1,310	1,260
Organic growth, %	20.7	4.2		13.6	9.6
Gross profit	244	211	15.6	945	913
Gross margin, %	72.3	73.6		72.0	72.2
EBITDA	62	47	30.5	256	242
EBITDA margin, %	18.3	16.5		19.5	19.2
Number of stores/of which, directly owned	132 / 130	121 / 119		132 / 130	131 / 129

#### Net sales and adjusted EBITDA margin 350 30% 300 25% 250 20% 200 15% 150 10% 100 5% 50 0 0% Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 2022 2023 2024 Net Sales MSFK Adjusted EBITDA margin, %

#### Number of stores per quarter Norway



#### **Synsam Finland**

The increase in sales in the first quarter of 2025 was due to both Synsam Lifestyle subscriptions and the cash business. Synsam has been the third largest player in the Finnish market since the fourth quarter of 2024 and continues to advance its position. One new store opened during the quarter.

The gross margin also strengthened during the quarter compared with the same quarter last year, partially due to the sales mix.

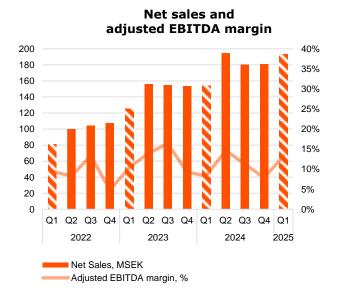
The EBITDA margin improved in the first quarter as a result of increased sales and a stronger gross margin.

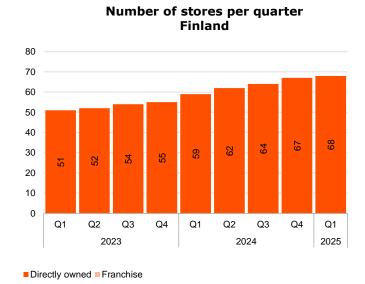
During the first quarter, the churn rate for Synsam Lifestyle amounted to 2.15 percent (1.61).

Net sales for the quarter increased 25.7 percent. Organic growth was 26.2 percent (21.8). Like-for-like growth in the quarter was 16.0 percent (8.0). EUR currency effects had a negative impact of SEK -1 million on net sales in the quarter. EBITDA rose to SEK 26 million (13).

Growth	Q1		
2025	%	MSEK	
Organic growth	26.2	40	
Acquisitions	-	-	
Currency	-0.5	-1	
Franchise	-	-	
Total growth	25.7	39	

		Q1	Apr-Mar	Jan-Dec	
MSEK	2025	2024	Δ%	24/25	2024
Net sales, Synsam Lifestyle	99	78		376	354
Net sales, Cash	94	76		373	356
Net sales, external	193	154	25.7	749	710
Organic growth, %	26.2	21.8		22.0	20.8
Gross profit	138	108	27.1	515	486
Gross margin, %	71.1	70.4		68.5	68.2
EBITDA	26	13	100.8	89	76
EBITDA margin, %	13.3	8.3		11.9	10.7
Number of stores/of which, directly owned	68 / 68	59 / 59		68 / 68	67 / 67





## Other information

#### Material risks and uncertainties

The company has reviewed and assessed its operational and financial risks as well as uncertainties, which are presented in the 2024 Annual Report. For a complete report on the risks deemed to impact the Group, refer to the 2024 Annual Report.

## RISKS RELATED TO THE CURRENT GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION

Synsam has no direct or indirect exposure to Russia or Ukraine. Aside from the impact this conflict had on the business environment in general, it has not had any material financial impact on Synsam. Synsam is monitoring the geopolitical and international security situation.

Synsam is not significantly impacted by increased tariffs on trade with the US.

#### **INFLATION**

The rising inflation around the world has impacted Synsam in the form of higher costs. Synsam is continuing to take action to ensure profitability.

#### **Parent Company**

Synsam AB (publ), corporate identity number 556946-3358, is the Parent Company of the Group. The Parent Company's operations comprise the ownership and management of shares in subsidiaries and certain management activities. The Parent Company's revenue for the first quarter amounted to SEK 3 million (5). The Parent Company's profit after net financial items amounted to SEK 3 million (loss: -85) for the quarter.

Net financial items in the first quarter were positively impacted by exchange-rate effects of SEK 49 million (-33).

#### Other and central functions

External net sales for Other and central functions primarily comprise sales in the Ai Eyewear webshop, Synsam Hearing stores, sales of goods from the central warehouse to Synsam's franchise stores and a central component of sales for Synsam Lifestyle. External net sales for Other and central functions amounted to SEK 75 million (39) for the first quarter.

EBITDA for Other and central functions totalled SEK -4 million (-28) for the quarter. Internal inventory gains for the central warehouse and the production unit are recognised in Other and central functions and had an impact of SEK -12 million (-11) on EBITDA for the quarter. Synsam Group's production and innovation centre in Östersund had a positive effect of SEK 4 million (-4) on EBITDA for the quarter.



#### Financial targets

- Growth rate Synsam Group targets annual organic growth of 8-12 percent in the medium term, depending on the pace of greenfield expansion
- Profitability Synsam Group targets an annual adjusted EBITDA margin of 25 percent or more in the medium term, depending on the pace of greenfield expansion
- Capital structure Synsam Group targets a net debt / adjusted EBITDA ratio of 2.5x, excluding temporary deviations
- Dividend policy Synsam Group aims to pay dividends of 40-60 percent of the net profit for the year

**Employees** 

The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the quarter was 4,075, of whom 3,337 were women (3,521, of whom 2,868 were women). The corresponding figure for full-year 2024 was 3,739, of whom 3,059 were women.

A dividend of SEK 1.80 per share was also approved by the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting also resolved to introduce a new long-term incentive programme (LTIP 2025) for the company's Group management and other selected key individuals.

The Meeting also resolved to reduce the share capital by SEK 14,910 by cancelling the 2,135,506 own shares acquired in the first quarter of 2025 to adjust the Company's capital structure. The total number of shares subsequently amounts to 147,864,494. In conjunction with this, a decision was made to increase the share capital by an equivalent amount through a bonus issue.

 Synsam Finland was named Service Concept of the Year by Nordic Commercial Spaces & Communities at the NCSC Finland Awards 2025.

## Events after the end of the period

 Synsam's Annual General Meeting was held on 23 April 2025. The Annual General Meeting resolved to reelect Peter Törnquist, Håkan Lundstedt, Kenneth Bengtsson, Ann Hellenius, Terje List, Gustaf Martin-Löf, Christoffer Sjøqvist, Anna Omstedt and Petra Axdorff. Peter Törnquist was also reelected as Chairman of the Board, and Deloitte AB was reelected as auditor for the period until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

Stockholm, 16 May 2025 Synsam AB (publ) 556946-3358

#### Håkan Lundstedt

President and CEO

This report has not been reviewed by the company's auditors.



## **Financial statements**

### Condensed consolidated income statement and statement of other comprehensive income

	Q1	Jan-Dec	
MSEK	2025	2024	2024
Net sales	1,708	1,521	6,435
Other operating income	27	15	87
Total revenue	1,735	1,536	6,522
Goods for resale	-442	-369	-1,591
Other external expenses	-191	-174	-711
Personnel costs	-727	-634	-2,624
EBITDA	375	358	1,595
Depreciation of tangible			
non-current assets	-168	-153	-639
EBITA	206	205	957
Amortisation of intangible			
non-current assets	-33	-35	-138
EBIT	174	171	819
Financial income	87	79	326
Financial expenses	-146	-172	-652
Profit before tax	115	77	493
Income tax	-28	-21	-127
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	87	56	366
Other comprehensive income			
Items that have been or may be			
reclassified to profit/loss for the period:			
-Translation differences for the period,			
foreign subsidiaries	-68	36	17
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	19	92	383
Profit for the period attributable to Parent Company shareholders	87	56	366
Comprehensive income for the period attributable to Parent Company shareholders	19	92	383
Earnings per share before and after dilution, SEK¹	0.60	0.38	2.48

<sup>1</sup>For information on the change in the number of shares and the average number of shares, refer to the section "Other financial information" on page 25.

### Condensed consolidated statement of financial position

	31 Mar	31 Mar				
MSEK	2025	2024	2024			
ASSETS						
Intangible non-current assets	4,372	4,581	4,498			
Tangible non-current assets	787	695	787			
Right-of-use assets	809	812	818			
Financial non-current assets	35	35	37			
Deferred tax assets	91	76	71			
Total non-current assets	6,094	6,199	6,211			
Inventories	836	773	832			
Accounts receivable	516	561	607			
Current receivables	185	206	175			
Cash and cash equivalents	533	568	420			
Total current assets	2,071	2,108	2,033			
TOTAL ASSETS	8,165	8,307	8,244			
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES						
Equity <sup>1</sup>	2,475	2,577	2,555			
Non-current loans from financial institutions	2,672	2,056	2,608			
Non-current lease liabilities	423	440	432			
Other non-current liabilities, interest-bearing	33	46	46			
Deferred tax liabilities	501	512	516			
Non-current liabilities, non interest-bearing	17	7	8			
Total non-current liabilities	3,645	3,060	3,610			
Current loans from financial institutions	-	470	-			
Current lease liabilities	376	348	374			
Other current liabilities, interest-bearing	0	0	0			
Accounts payable	720	966	812			
Other current liabilities, non-interest-bearing	948	886	893			
Total current liabilities	2,045	2,670	2,079			
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	8,165	8,307	8,244			

### Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity

	31	31 Dec	
MSEK	2025	2024	2024
Equity at beginning of year	2,555	2,516	2,516
Dividends	-	-	-266
Share savings program	4	5	7
Repurchase of own shares	-102	-36	-85
Comprehensive income for the period	19	92	383
EQUITY AT END OF PERIOD¹	2,475	2,577	2,555

<sup>1</sup>At the end of the reporting period on 31 March 2025, the share capital amounted to SEK 1 million (1), additional paid-in capital to SEK 4,306 million (4,306), the translation reserve to SEK 44 million (131) and retained losses including the results for the period to SEK -1,876 million (-1,861). Equity is entirely attributable to Parent Company shareholders.

### Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

	Q	Jan-Dec	
MSEK	2025	2024	2024
Operating activities			
Profit before tax	115	77	493
Adjustments for other non-cash items	18	34	58
Depreciation and amortisation	201	188	777
Income taxes paid	-92	-55	-107
Cash flow from operating activities			
before changes in working capital	242	245	1,220
Cash flow from changes in working capital:			
Change in inventories	-52	-56	-118
Change in operating receivables	65	-118	-132
Change in operating liabilities	56	147	-38
Increased (-) / Decreased (+) funds tied up in working capital	68	-27	-288
Cash flow from			
operating activities	310	218	933
Investments in intangible non-current assets	-12	-9	-42
Investments in tangible non-current assets	-79	-63	-335
Other investing activities	0	-10	-21
Cash flow from			
investing activities	-91	-82	-398
Repurchase of own shares	-102	-36	-85
Amortisation of debts to credit institutions	-	-	-470
Amortisation of leasing liabilities	-105	-105	-401
Borrowings	100	-	550
Dividends	-	-	-266
Cash flow from			
financing activities	-107	-140	-672
CASH FLOW FOR THE PERIOD	112	-4	-137
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	420	582	582
Exchange rate differences in cash and cash equivalents	1	-10	-25
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	533	568	420

## **Condensed Parent Company income statement**

	Q1	Q1			
MSEK	2025	2024	2024		
Operating income	3	5	17		
Operating expenses	1	-11	-38		
EBIT	4	-6	-20		
Financial items	-1	-79	-216		
Profit/Loss after financial items	3	-85	-236		
Appropriations	-	-	131		
Profit/Loss before tax	3	-85	-105		
Income tax	-	-	-12		
PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE PERIOD	3	-85	-117		

### **Parent Company comprehensive income statement**

	Q1	Jan-Dec	
MSEK	2025	2024	2024
Profit/Loss for the period	3	-85	-117
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	3	-85	-117

## **Condensed Parent Company balance sheet**

	31	31 Mar				
MSEK	2025	2024	2024			
ASSETS						
Financial non-current assets	6,927	6,927	6,927			
Current receivables	164	52	163			
Cash and cash equivalents	0	0	0			
TOTAL ASSETS	7,091	6,979	7,090			
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES						
Restricted equity	1	1	1			
Non-restricted equity	2,927	3,367	3,022			
Total equity	2,928	3,368	3,023			
Untaxed reserves	28	9	28			
Non-current liabilities	3,090	2,461	3,025			
Other current liabilities	1,031	1,130	1,000			
Accrued expenses and deferred income	14	11	14			
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	7,091	6,979	7,090			

## **Notes**

#### **Note 1** Accounting policies

Synsam Group applies the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) adopted by the EU. This interim report has been prepared pursuant to IFRS, applying IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. The same accounting policies and calculation methods that were used for the 2024 Annual Report have been applied. No new standards, changes or interpretations of existing standards applied from 1 January 2025 are assessed to have had any material impact on the Group's earnings or financial position.

This interim report consists of pages 1–34 and should be read in its entirety. Disclosures according to IAS 34.16A are also presented in other sections of this interim report in addition to the financial statements and associated notes.

The Parent Company prepares its accounts in accordance with the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and RFR 2 and applies the same accounting policies and valuation methods as in the most recent Annual Report. The Parent Company does not apply IFRS 16 Leases in accordance with the exception in RFR 2.



#### **Note 2 Segment information**

#### QUARTERLY DATA, SEGMENTS AND OTHER AND CENTRAL FUNCTIONS

	2025			2024					2023		
MSEK	Q1	FY	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	FY	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
NET SALES											
Synsam Sweden	818	3,091	806	715	820	750	2,835	739	676	751	670
Synsam Denmark	286	1,198	288	290	329	292	1,181	277	284	322	298
Synsam Norway	337	1,260	316	316	342	287	1,175	276	308	307	284
Synsam Finland	193	710	181	180	195	154	590	154	155	156	125
Other and central functions	75	176	40	58	38	39	124	33	27	30	34
GROUP	1,708	6,435	1,631	1,559	1,723	1,521	5,905	1,479	1,450	1,566	1,411
Of which, net sales											
Synsam Lifestyle											
Synsam Sweden	488	1,798	484	395	468	452	1,586	435	370	403	378
Synsam Denmark	130	557	133	139	144	141	558	123	133	150	152
Synsam Norway	171	621	166	152	159	143	546	139	142	130	135
Synsam Finland	99	354	99	88	89	78	290	80	79	70	62
Other and central functions	40	82	20	36	14	12	28	4	4	8	12
GROUP	928	3,411	902	809	875	824	3,008	780	729	760	739
Of which, net sales											
Cash											
Synsam Sweden	330	1,293	323	320	352	298	1,250	304	306	348	292
Synsam Denmark	156	642	155	152	185	151	623	154	150	172	146
Synsam Norway	166	640	149	164	182	144	629	137	166	177	149
Synsam Finland	94	356	82	93	105	76	299	74	76	86	64
Other and central functions	35	94	20	22	24	28	96	29	23	22	21
GROUP	780	3,024	728	750	848	697	2,897	699	721	806	672
EBITDA											
Synsam Sweden	240	980	259	222	241	257	895	252	223	224	196
Synsam Denmark	52	294	61	74	89	70	281	51	69	81	79
Synsam Norway	62	242	49	53	92	47	236	48	61	83	45
Synsam Finland	26	76	14	20	29	13	75	14	25	22	13
Other and central functions	-4	3	3	11	18	-28	-46	-18	-5	-8	-15
Total EBITDA	375	1,595	387	381	469	358	1,440	348	373	401	318
Depreciation and	0.0	.,000					1,110	0.0	0.0		0.0
amortisation of tangible and											
intangible non-current assets	-201	-777	-201	-194	-194	-188	-744	-187	-190	-183	-185
EBIT	174	819	186	187	275	171	696	161	184	218	133
Net financial items	-59	-326	-74	-96	-63	-93	-281	-69	-68	-55	-89
Profit before tax	115	493	112	91	212	77	415	92	115	164	45
	2025			2024					2023		
MSEK	Q1	FY	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	FY	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
EBITDA margin, %											
Synsam Sweden	29.2	31.5	32.0	30.8	29.4	34.1	31.5	34.1	32.8	29.7	29.2
Synsam Denmark	18.2	24.6	21.3	25.5	27.1	23.9	23.7	18.3	24.5	25.1	26.5
Synsam Norway	18.3	19.2	15.6	16.6	27.1	16.5	20.1	17.4	19.6	26.9	15.7
Synsam Finland	13.3	10.7	7.9	11.3	14.7	8.3	12.6	9.2	16.4	14.0	10.4
GROUP	21.6	24.5	23.3	24.1	26.9	23.3	24.1	23.2	25.2	25.3	22.3
Number of stores per quarter, Group											
Directly owned stores	562		560	547	538	526		517	511	504	504
Franchise stores	26		26	27	27	27		30	31	32	33
Total	588		586	574	565	553		547	542	536	537

For further information about the segments, refer to pages 10-14.



#### Note 3 Financial income and expenses

MSEK		Q1		
		2024	2024	
Financial income				
Exchange rate gains <sup>1</sup>	2	-	-	
Interest income, Synsam Lifestyle Leasing	73	71	283	
Interest income, other external	12	9	43	
Total	87	79	326	
Financial expenses				
Exchange rate losses <sup>1</sup>	-	-19	-36	
Interest expenses, credit institution	-35	-41	-167	
Credit expenses, Synsam Lifestyle Leasing	-98	-99	-396	
Interest expenses, IFRS 16 Leases	-10	-10	-40	
Other financial expenses	-2	-3	-13	
Total	-146	-172	-652	
Net financial items	-59	-93	-326	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The group's currency exchange differences regarding accounts receivable and accounts payable are reported in the financial net

#### **Note 4 Financial instruments**

Disclosures on financial instruments measured at fair value.

The Synsam Group's financial instruments are recognised and measured at amortised cost or at fair value through profit or loss. Measurement at fair value takes place by dividing the measurements into three levels. Synsam does not have any financial instruments measured at fair value.

The existing financial instruments are of the same character and belong to the same measurement categories as those described in the 2024 Annual Report. The fair value of financial instruments essentially corresponds to the carrying amount since they either have short maturities or, in the case of financial instruments with longer maturities, variable interest or other terms that enable the repayment of liabilities without additional fees. No hedge accounting is applied. The carrying amount of accounts receivable, other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable and other liabilities constitutes a reasonable approximation of the fair value.

#### **Note 5 Related-party transactions**

The nature and scope of the related-party transactions that took place during the period are in line with the description in the 2024 Annual Report.

#### Note 6 Events after the end of the period

For information on events after the end of the period, refer to page 16.

#### Note 7 Acquisitions and establishments

For information on acquisitions and establishments during the period, refer to page 9.

#### **Note 8 Provision for tax dispute**

One of the subsidiaries in the Group has an ongoing tax dispute with the Swedish Tax Agency related to the deductibility of intra-Group interest for the 2014 and 2015 income-tax returns. At the end of the first quarter of 2025, a provision corresponding to the reconsideration decision was reserved for a total of SEK 52.8 million, plus penalty interest. The legal process is ongoing, and Synsam's assessment is that the provision is sufficient to fully cover the dispute and the remaining risk pertains to a possible liquidity flow in the event that the subsidiary loses the tax dispute.

The Group is also engaged in a tax dispute in Finland regarding VAT and arrears of an amount totalling approximately SEK 2.8 million for the tax years 2015 and 2016. The Finnish subsidiary appealed the Finnish tax authority's decision to the administrative court, but the appeal was rejected on 9 June 2021. An application for leave to appeal as well as the appeal was then submitted to the Supreme Administrative Court of Finland on 5 August 2021. In November 2022, the Supreme Administrative Court of Finland handed down a judgement, leading the Tax Agency to submit questions to Synsam in December 2022 that the company was asked to answer. Synsam submitted its answers to the Tax Agency in January 2023. In March 2023, Synsam received a proposed decision from the Tax Agency in which Synsam received a certain degree of support for its reasoning. Synsam submitted its answers to the Tax Agency in May 2023. Also in May, Synsam received a decision from the Tax Agency that did not differ from the proposed decision. The decision led to a decline in exposure for the second quarter of 2023. In July 2023, Synsam submitted an appeal of the decision to the Tax Agency. In March 2025, Synsam received a decision from the Tax Agency that is currently under analysis. The Group has made a provision of SEK 2.1 million in the accounts for 2015 and 2016, including interest on overdue payments.

In addition, the Group has made a provision of SEK 0.7 million in the accounts for 2017 and onwards, including interest on overdue payments. The Finnish subsidiary has adjusted its VAT reporting for 2017 and the following years according to the Group's interpretation of the tax authority's new guidelines on the matter pertaining to the VAT audit of the 2015 and 2016 financial years. The subsidiary's adjustment is in line with the position advocated for by the vision and eye health sector organisation in Finland (NÄE ry). If the subsidiary were to adjust its VAT reporting for 2017 and the following years according to the tax authority's interpretation of these guidelines, for example due to a disadvantageous outcome in the aforementioned tax dispute in Finland, this could have a negative effect of SEK 1.5 million on the Group's profit or loss. The total possible negative effect on the Group's income statement, including 2015 and 2016, amounts to SEK 2.1 million.

## Other financial information

#### **QUARTERLY DATA**

	2025			2024					2023		
MSEK	Q1	FY	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	FY	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
Total revenue	1,735	6,522	1,659	1,583	1,744	1,536	5,985	1,497	1,479	1,584	1,425
EBITDA	375	1,595	387	381	469	358	1,440	348	373	401	318
EBITA	206	957	219	220	312	205	850	200	222	257	171
EBIT	174	819	186	187	275	171	696	161	184	218	133
Net financial items	-59	-326	-74	-96	-63	-93	-281	-69	-68	-55	-89
Profit before tax	115	493	112	91	212	77	415	92	115	164	45
Income tax	-28	-127	-37	-26	-44	-21	-105	-30	-25	-24	-25
Profit for the period	87	366	76	66	168	56	311	61	90	140	19
EBITDA margin, %	21.6	24.5	23.3	24.1	26.9	23.3	24.1	23.2	25.2	25.3	22.3
EBITA margin, %	11.9	14.7	13.2	13.9	17.9	13.4	14.2	13.3	15.0	16.2	12.0
EBIT margin, %	10.0	12.6	11.2	11.8	15.8	11.1	11.6	10.7	12.4	13.8	9.4
Investments, excluding acquisitions <sup>1</sup>	94	385	113	94	106	73	259	76	49	54	79
Maintenance investments	67	198	55	52	54	37	166	48	24	45	50
Expansion investments	21	163	53	40	38	31	75	25	20	6	24
Strategic investments	5	24	5	1	13	4	18	4	5	3	5
Earnings per share, SEK <sup>2</sup>	0.60	2.48	0.51	0.44	1.14	0.38	2.08	0.41	0.61	0.94	0.13

¹Investments in this table include leases for tangible non-current assets, such as cars and optical equipment. However, these have not been included in the Group's cash flow as cash flow from investing activities.

#### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

	Q	Jan-Dec	
MSEK	2025	2024	2024
Sales measures			
Net sales	1,708	1,521	6,435
Net sales growth, %	12.3	7.8	9.0
Organic growth, %	12.8	7.7	9.2
Earnings measures			
EBITDA	375	358	1,595
EBITA	206	205	957
EBIT	174	171	819
Margin measures			
Gross margin, %	74.1	75.7	75.3
EBITDA margin, %	21.6	23.3	24.5
EBITA margin, %	11.9	13.4	14.7
EBIT margin, %	10.0	11.1	12.6
Cash flow measures			
Cash flow from operating activities	310	218	933
Cash flow from operating activities / EBITDA, %	82.7	60.7	58.5
Capital structure			
Net debt	2,944	2,756	3,002
Net debt/Adjusted EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	1.83	1.86	1.88
Equity/assets ratio, %	30.3	31.0	31.0
Return			
Return on equity, % <sup>2</sup>	15.7	13.7	14.5
The share			
Number of shares at end of period <sup>1</sup>	144,513,242	147,600,000	146,648,748
Average number of shares during the period <sup>1</sup>	145,462,189	147,731,415	147,657,015
Earnings per share before and after dilution, SEK <sup>1</sup>	0.60	0.38	2.48

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The total number of shares at the end of the period amounts to 150,000,000, of which 5,486,758 are repurchased shares in own costody. During the first quarter of 2025, 2,135,506 own shares have been purchased under the previously communicated share buy-back programme with the aim of adjusting the company's capital structure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The performance measures net debt/Adjusted EBITDA and Return on equity is calculated based on a rolling 12-month basis for January-March. Since no items affecting comparability were reported for 2025 or the preceding year, adjusted EBITDA corresponds with EBITDA.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>For information on the change in the number of shares and the average number of shares, refer to the following table "Performance measures."

#### **NUMBER OF STORES**

	Grd 31 I	•	Swed 31 N		Denn 31 N		Norv 31 M	•	Finla 31 N		Other cent functi 31 N	ral ions
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Directly owned	562	526	241	228	114	112	130	119	68	59	9	8
Franchise	26	27	22	23	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
Total	588	553	263	251	116	114	132	121	68	59	9	8

Change in number of stores						Other and central
Jan-Mar 2025	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	functions
Number of stores at the beginning of the						
period	586	262	115	131	67	11
New stores	5	1	1	1	1	1
Acquisition franchise	-	-	-	-	-	-
Terminated franchise	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closed stores/Mergers <sup>1</sup>	-3	-	-	-	-	-3
Total, net change	2	1	1	1	1	-2
Number of stores at the end of the period	588	263	116	132	68	9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Merger into taking over store.

#### **AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**

	Q	1	Q1	
	2025	of whom, women	2024	of whom, women
Synsam Sweden	1,928	1,634	1,701	1,448
Synsam Denmark	589	481	549	441
Synsam Norway	839	673	663	533
Synsam Finland	420	368	351	303
Other and central functions	299	181	257	144
Total	4,075	3,337	3,521	2,868

Average number of employees during the period, full-time equivalents (FTEs).

#### Reconciliation of alternative performance measures

Synsam applies the ESMA Alternative Performance Measures Guidelines. An alternative performance measure is a financial measure of a company's past or future earnings performance, financial position or cash flow that is not defined in accordance with IFRS. Detailed calculations of the following alternative performance measures are presented below: organic growth, like-for-like growth, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, EBITDA margin, adjusted EBITDA margin, EBITA, adjusted EBITA, EBITA margin, adjusted EBITA margin, gross profit, gross margin, the churn rate for Synsam Lifestyle, net debt and investments. These alternative performance measures are used by the management to monitor the Group's operations. Synsam is of the opinion that these performance measures provide valuable supplementary information to enable management, investors and other stakeholders to assess the company's performance. EBIT provides information about the Group's operating profitability. EBITDA and EBITA also provide information about the Group's operating profitability but before the non-cash items of depreciation and amortisation of tangible and intangible non-current assets with respect to EBITDA and before amortisation of intangible noncurrent assets with respect to EBITA. Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITA provide better information about the Group's capacity to generate

earnings than EBITDA and EBITA since the adjusted measures do not include items affecting comparability. Gross profit is a performance measure that shows the Group's profit in the form of total revenue less costs for goods for resale. Organic growth provides information about the Group's capacity to generate growth through its concepts, excluding acquisitions, currency effects and franchise sales, but including the opening of new stores. Like-for-like growth provides information about the Group's capacity to generate growth in comparable stores. Churn rate, Synsam Lifestyle is an important tool for measuring customer loyalty in the subscription business. Net debt provides the most relevant information concerning the Group's financial position and is also included as a component of the Group's financial target. Investments provide information about the types of investments the Group makes and a reconciliation against cash flow.

For reconciliations of the alternative performance measures for full-year 2024, see complete reconciliations and detailed calculations in Synsam's year-end report for 2024 (pages 30–35) on our website

https://www.synsamgroup.com/en/investor-relations/reports-and-presentations/

#### Organic growth, %

Jan-Mar 2025	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	
Net sales growth	12.3	9.1	-2.0	17.4	25.7	
Net effect of acquisitions <sup>1</sup>	-0.3	-0.6	-	-	-	
Currency	0.7	-	0.5	2.9	0.5	
Franchise stores	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	-	
Organic growth	12.8	8.6	-1.6	20.7	26.2	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Adjustment for acquisitions where the sales of the acquired businesses are deducted from sales for the current year.

#### Organic growth, %

Jan-Mar 2024	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	
Net sales growth	7.8	11.9	-2.1	1.0	22.7	
Net effect of acquisitions <sup>1</sup>	-0.5	-1.1	-	-	-	
Currency	0.5	-	-0.5	3.3	-0.9	
Franchise stores	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	
Organic growth	7.7	10.8	-2.6	4.2	21.8	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Adjustment for acquisitions where the sales of the acquired businesses are deducted from sales for the current year.

#### Like-for-like growth, %

Jan-Mar 2025	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	
Net sales growth	12.3	9.1	-2.0	17.4	25.7	
Franchise stores	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	-	
Net effect of acquisitions <sup>1</sup>	-0.3	-0.6	-	-	-	
Adjustments for stores not open for 12						
months	-3.9	-2.7	-2.1	-5.6	-10.2	
Currency	0.7	-	0.5	2.9	0.5	
Like-for-like growth	8.9	5.8	-3.7	15.2	16.0	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Adjustment for acquisitions where the sales of the acquired businesses are deducted from sales for the current year.

#### Like-for-like growth, %

Jan-Mar 2024	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	
Net sales growth	7.8	11.9	-2.1	1.0	22.7	
Franchise stores	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	
Net effect of acquisitions <sup>1</sup>	-0.5	-1.1	-	-	-	
Adjustments for stores not open for 12						
months	-2.7	-2.1	-	-2.0	-13.8	
Currency	0.5	-	-0.5	3.3	-0.9	
Like-for-like growth	5.1	8.7	-2.6	2.3	8.0	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Adjustment for acquisitions where the sales of the acquired businesses are deducted from sales for the current year.

EBITDA						Other and central
Jan-Mar 2025, MSEK	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	functions
EBIT	174	168	24	32	-6	-45
Amortisation of intangible assets	-33	-1	0	0	0	-31
Depreciation of tangible assets	-168	-71	-28	-29	-31	-9
EBITDA	375	240	52	62	26	-4

EBITDA margin						
Jan-Mar 2025, %	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	
EBIT margin	10.0	20.5	8.3	9.6	-2.9	
Amortisation of intangible assets	-1.9	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	
Depreciation of tangible assets	-9.7	-8.6	-9.8	-8.7	-16.1	
EBITDA margin	21.6	29.2	18.2	18.3	13.3	

ЕВІТА						Other and central
Jan-Mar 2025, MSEK	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	functions
EBIT	174	168	24	32	-6	-45
Amortisation of intangible assets	-33	-1	0	0	0	-31
EBITA	206	169	24	32	-5	-13

EBITA margin						
Jan-Mar 2025, %	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	
EBIT margin	10.0	20.5	8.3	9.6	-2.9	
Amortisation of intangible assets	-1.9	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	

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Gross profit Jan-Mar 2025, MSEK	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	Other and central functions
Net sales	1.708	818	286	337	193	75
Other operating income	27	3	0	1	0	23
Total revenue	1,735	821	285	337	193	98
Goods for resale	-442	-211	-68	-93	-56	-14
Gross profit	1.293	610	217	244	138	84

**EBITA** margin

Gross margin						Other and centra
Jan-Mar 2025, %	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	functions
Net sales, MSEK	1,708	818	286	337	193	75
Goods for resale, MSEK	-442	-211	-68	-93	-56	-14
Total, MSEK	1,266	607	218	243	137	60
Gross margin	74.1	74.2	76.2	72.3	71.1	80.7
EBITDA						Other and
Jan-Mar 2024, MSEK	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	centra
EBIT	171	191	45	20	-15	-71
Amortisation of intangible assets	-35	-1	0	0	-13	-71
Depreciation of tangible assets	-35 -153		-25	-27	-28	
EBITDA	-153 <b>358</b>	-65 <b>257</b>	-25 <b>70</b>	-2 <i>1</i>	-20 <b>13</b>	-9 <b>-28</b>
BITUA	336	251	70	41	13	-20
EBITDA margin	0	Consider	Danmank	Namusu	Finland	
an-Mar 2024, %	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	
EBIT margin	11.1	25.4	15.5	7.1	-9.7	
Amortisation of intangible assets	-2.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	
Depreciation of tangible assets	-10.0	-8.6	-8.4	-9.3	-17.9	
EBITDA margin	23.3	34.1	23.9	16.5	8.3	
						Other and
EBITA Ian-Mar 2024, MSEK	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	centra functions
BIT	171	191	45	20	-15	-71
mortisation of intangible assets	-35	-1	0	0	0	-33
BITA	205	192	45	21	-15	-38
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EBITA margin Jan-Mar 2024, %	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	
BIT margin	11.1	25.4	15.5	7.1	-9.7	
Amortisation of intangible assets	-2.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	
EBITA margin	13.4	25.5	15.5	7.2	<b>-9.6</b>	
-DITA margin	10.4	25.5	13.3	1.2	-5.0	
Gross profit						Other and centra
Jan-Mar 2024, MSEK	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	functions
Vet sales	1,521	750	292	287	154	39
Other operating income	15	2	1	0	-	11
otal revenue	1,536	752	292	287	154	51
Goods for resale	-369	-165	-67	-76	-45	-17
Gross profit	1,166	588	225	211	108	34
Gross margin						Other and
Jan-Mar 2024, %	Group	Sweden	Denmark	Norway	Finland	centra functions
Net sales, MSEK	1,521	750	292	287	154	39
Goods for resale, MSEK	-369	-165	-67	-76	-45	-17
Total, MSEK	-369 <b>1,152</b>	-165 <b>585</b>	-67 <b>225</b>	-76 <b>211</b>	-45 <b>108</b>	-17 <b>23</b>
Gross margin						
Bross margin	75.7	78.0	77.0	73.6	70.4	57.6
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Churn				Q1	2024	Jan-De
6	a al. Ala a composit			2025	2024	202
Active customer base at beginning of period	oa, tnousands			703	620	620
Departing customers, thousands				20	14	6
Churn rate, %				2.84	2.33	10



Net debt	Q.	31 Dec	
MSEK	2025	2024	2024
Loans from financial institutions	2,672	2,526	2,608
+ Lease liabilities	799	787	806
+ Bank guarantees	6	11	8
- Cash and cash equivalents	-533	-568	-420
+ Pledged cash and cash equivalents	-	-	0
Net debt	2,944	2,756	3,002

Investments	Q	Jan-Dec	
MSEK	2025	2024	2024
Maintenance investments	67	37	198
Expansion investments	21	31	163
Strategic investments	5	4	24
Investments, excluding acquisitions	94	73	385
Leasing of tangible non-current assets, not affecting cash flow	-3	-1	-8
Total investments, intangible and tangible non-current assets	91	72	377
Other investment activities, financial non-current assets including acquisitions	0	10	21
Total investments, affecting cash flow	91	82	398

## **Definitions**

#### **Financial definitions**

Return on equity <sup>1</sup>	Profit/loss for the period as a percentage of average equity. Average equity is calculated as total equity for the five most recent quarters divided by five.
Gross margin <sup>1</sup>	Net sales less the cost of goods for resale as a percentage of net sales.
Gross profit <sup>1</sup>	Total revenue less the cost of goods for resale.
EBIT margin <sup>1</sup>	EBIT as a percentage of total revenue.
EBITA <sup>1</sup>	EBIT after depreciation of tangible non-current assets, including right-of-use assets, but before amortisation of intangible non-current assets.
Adjusted EBITA <sup>1</sup>	EBITA adjusted for items affecting comparability.
EBITA margin <sup>1</sup>	EBITA as a percentage of total revenue.
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	EBIT before depreciation of tangible non-current assets, including right-of-use assets, and amortisation of intangible non-current assets.
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	EBITDA adjusted for items affecting comparability.
EBITDA margin¹	EBITDA as a percentage of total revenue.
Equity per share <sup>1</sup>	Equity in relation to the number of shares at the end of the period.
Net debt¹	Loans from financial institutions plus lease liabilities plus bank guarantees less

capitalised borrowing costs less cash and cash equivalents plus any pledged cash and

In order to improve comparability and clarify the development of the underlying

operations between years, different performance measures are presented excluding

**Items affecting** 

comparability1

cash equivalents.

items affecting comparability. Items affecting comparability refer to major items that impact comparability insofar as they do not recur with the same regularity as other items. These items include, for example, restructuring costs due to a major change in the operations, transaction costs and related costs in conjunction with acquisitions, divestments or changes in ownership, and impairment of non-current assets. In addition, owner-related expenses that would not exist in a new ownership structure have been recognised as items affecting comparability since 2014. Costs related to restructuring or changes to the operations may pertain to a period of several years, provided they are included in a clearly defined project with a start and end date.

#### Like-for-like growth<sup>1</sup>

Growth in net sales adjusted for, in the Group, the sales of recently opened stores in the current year for the months in which these stores were not open in the preceding year and for currency, franchise stores and acquisitions.

## Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash, cash equivalents and bank deposits.

Organic growth<sup>1</sup>

Organic growth in directly owned stores: Growth in net sales adjusted for the net effect of acquisitions, currency and franchise stores and items affecting comparability that impact net sales.

Earnings per share

Profit/loss for the period in relation to the average number of shares. The average number of shares is calculated as the number of shares at the end of the period multiplied by the number of days this number existed during the period plus any other number of shares during the period multiplied by the number of days this number existed during the period. The total is then divided by the number of days during the period.

Equity/assets ratio<sup>1</sup>

Equity as a percentage of total assets.

#### Company-specific glossary and definitions

Accumulated number of Lifestyle subscriptions ordered

Accumulated number of Lifestyle subscriptions ordered since the Lifestyle offering started. This is a gross measure and does not include the effect of terminated subscriptions, but pertains to unique customers, meaning that individuals who have terminated their subscriptions and later ordered again are not counted twice.

Ai complements Synsam's current customer offering by clearly addressing a younger target group with high demands in terms of flexibility, availability and choice.

**Active customer base** 

The number of Lifestyle subscription customers including Lifestyle subscription customers in franchise stores, excluding cancelled orders and customers who terminated their orders within 30 days, or 40 days in Sweden (right of withdrawal).

**Frames** 

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Frames for spectacles and sunglasses.

Synsam EyeView

Software and hardware, in combination with changes to processes and ways of working, for carrying out eye examinations, which increase optician capacity and improve customer accessibility.

Facing fee

Facing fee refers to payments from certain suppliers for the products included in Synsam Group's central range, which are displayed on store shelves.

**Flagship Stores** 

Flagship Stores are Synsam's largest stores. They are centrally and attractively located in so-called AAA locations in major cities. They have a floor space of at least 400 square metres, offer approximately 3,000–5,000 different products and are fully equipped, modern eye health centres. Flagship Stores offer a range of more exclusive products that cannot be found in other Synsam stores. Customers have access to a complete optical retail and eye health range.

**Franchise stores** 

Stores that are not directly owned but operate under the Group's brands/store concepts.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Alternative performance measures.

**Glass** The glass used for spectacles or sunglasses, with or without corrective properties.

**House Brands** Brands designed in house.

**Investments**<sup>1</sup> Investments, excluding acquisitions, are divided into maintenance investments,

strategic investments and expansion investments, with maintenance investments pertaining to the maintenance of operating activities, and also include investments related to moving stores. Strategic investments pertain to investments related to strategic initiatives, including but not limited to the refurbishment of the majority of stores to reflect Synsam's new concept and investments in new IT systems to support the strategic plan. Expansion investments pertain to investments related to the

establishment of new stores, referred to as greenfields.

**Lifestyle Cash** Synsam Lifestyle subscriptions in Denmark that are sold without partial payments.

Revenue from Lifestyle Cash is recognised as a normal sale of goods.

**Contact lens**A contact lens subscription is a contract involving recurring purchases with the right to terminate the contract at the latest one week before the next delivery.

**Contact lenses** Contact lenses that are placed directly on the eye.

LTIP Long-term incentive programme that allows members of Group management and

other select key individuals to participate in shareholding in Synsam.

**Market share** Share of the optical retail market, based on external market information in Sweden

and management's assessment in other countries.

**Net sales, Cash**Cash sales comprises net sales from the categories of in-store sales, contact lens

subscriptions and online sales, meaning all net sales aside from Synsam Lifestyle

spectacles subscriptions.

**Online sales**Sales to end customers that are carried out entirely online where delivery takes place

directly to end customers. However, online sales of contact lens subscriptions are

categorised as contact lens subscriptions, i.e. not as online sales.

Synsam Group's quarterly churn rate, Synsam Lifestyle<sup>1</sup>

The number of customers in Synsam Group who terminated their Lifestyle subscriptions during the quarter divided by the active customer base in Synsam

Group at the beginning of the quarter.

Synsam Group's annual churn rate, Synsam Lifestyle<sup>1</sup> The number of customers in Synsam Group who terminated their Lifestyle subscriptions during the year divided by the active customer base in Synsam Group

at the beginning of the year.

**Synsam Hearing** Synsam Hearing includes hearing exams and the opportunity to try out hearing aids

in selected stores.

**Synsam Lifestyle** Spectacles subscription and related services, including both Synsam Lifestyle and

Profil Optik Lifestyle.

**Synsam Megastores** Synsam Megastores are one step down from Flagship Stores in terms of size but are

larger than regular stores. Megastores are situated in highly attractive areas for optical retail stores in the local market, known as AA locations. Megastores have a broader range, approximately 2,700 different products compared with regular stores that have about 1,000 different products, and extra rooms for eye examinations.

**Synsam Outlet** Synsam Outlet stores offer a smaller, simpler business concept. The stores are part of

Synsam's sustainability agenda and primarily offer second-hand and recycled

spectacles from Synsam's Lifestyle subscriptions and recycling boxes.

**Eye examinations** Examination of the customer's eyesight to identify potential visual defects, changes in

visual defects or eye diseases.

**Total number of eye** Total number of eye examinations that can be performed by opticians. **examinations** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Alternative performance measures.



## **Synsam Group's House Brands**

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#### **WEB BROADCAST**

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Information	Period	Date
Interim report	January – June 2025	22 August 2025
Interim report	January – September 2025	18 November 2025
Year-end report	January – December 2025	20 February 2026



#### SYNSAM GROUP IN BRIEF

Synsam is a leading and profitable lifestyle company in optical retail and eye health in the Nordics, with regards to adjusted EBITDA margin. The Group conducts its operations in local stores in Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland as well as online/omnichannel in each of these countries. Stores are operated both as directly owned stores and by franchisees, which also exist in Iceland and the Faroe Islands. The stores in Sweden, Norway and Finland are operated under the Synsam brand and under the Profil Optik brand in Denmark and Iceland, except Synsam Outlets which are always operated under the Synsam brand. Synsam has a unique offering of eye examinations, spectacles, sunglasses, sports spectacles, contact lenses and accessories in optical retail as well as spectacles subscriptions and related services under the name Synsam Lifestyle. Synsam offers a mix of well-known external brands as well as House Brands.

#### VISION

We are the leading and most sustainable lifestyle company in optical retail and eye health.

#### **BUSINESS CONCEPT**

We are a customer-driven and sustainable lifestyle company that offers affordable eyewear, fashion and eye health solutions for the whole family through unique and innovative concepts for all moments of life.



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