

Positive profit warning: Puuiilo raises its guidance for the financial year 2022

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Puuiilo raises its guidance for the financial year 2022 (1 February 2022 – 31 January 2023). Puuiilo's preliminary net sales for May-July (Q2) was EUR 89.2 million (EUR 79.8 million) and it was up by 11.9%. Strong sales growth also continued in August, which falls in the third quarter (Q3) of Puuiilo's financial year. Despite the difficult operating environment, the company forecasts that sales will also increase during the rest of the financial year. In addition, the company has been able to control the gross margin and operating expenses. Together, these above-mentioned factors lead to a stronger financial performance for the entire financial year than previously forecasted.

New guidance for the financial year 2022

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Previous guidance for the financial year 2022 published on 25 May 2022

Puuiilo forecasts that net sales will increase. However, net sales growth is forecast to be below the long-term annual growth target for the current financial year (net sales annual organic growth in excess of 10%). Puuiilo forecasts adjusted EBITA to be EUR 35–45 million.

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In the financial year 2021, Puuiilo's net sales was EUR 270.1 million and adjusted EBITA was EUR 48.4 million.

Puuiilo will publish its February-July Half-year Financial Report 2022 on 15 September 2022 approx. 8:30 EET.

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