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Volue in brief: A leading supplier of software and technology solutions for the energy, power grid and infrastructure markets

Brief overview of Volue

Key target markets





2,000 customers in 44 countries



50 years in green-tech



3rd largest software company in Norway



NOK 818m in revenues (2019)



More than 30 offices in 9 countries



500 employee



Energy production and trading



Energy distribution



Water and wastewater



Construction



Industrial IoT

Integrated technology spanning the entire clean energy value chain

What Volue offer



One-stop shop for optimised business-critical systems driving profitability



Streamlined delivery model and hands-on service offering



Future-proof technical platform that is robust to changing regulatory regimes and market needs



Plug-and-play solution reducing technical complexity through fewer integrations and optimised architecture



Leading R&D capabilities with continuous innovation of core product offerings

Volue serves three market segments



Energy Production & Trading



Help customers master the energy transition by enabling wall-to-wall digitalisation of the green energy value chain

LTM sales	NOK 435m	
ARR share	64%	



Power Grid & Flexibility



Enable power distributors to support electrification of society by unlocking flexibility and digital management of the power grid

LTM sales	NOK 231m	
ARR shares	66%	



Infrastructure

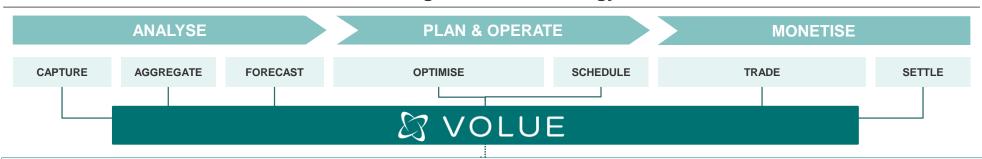


Deliver flexible capabilities for digital water management and help automate processes and machines for the construction industry

LTM sales	NOK 185m			
ARR share	65%			

One-stop-shop with leading competencies and capabilities across the clean energy value chain

End-to-end coverage in the clean energy value chain





Industrial IoT

- Leading market position for sensor technology and data acquisition in Norway
- Long and proven track record in the renewable energy business
- Scalable delivery model



Infrastructure, Energy solutions and Power distribution

- Leading provider of business critical software platform
- Dominant market position in the Nordics with strong customer ties
- Strong position with European tier-1 customers
- Leading R&D environment



Analytics

- Strong European position for forecasting and analytics
- Successful SaaS cloud-based delivery model
- Highly competent IT and R&D team
- Proven ability to scale in Europe



Portfolio management

- Market leader since deregulation of the power industry in the 1990's
- Highly competitive outsourcing partner for trading activities
- In-depth market and regulatory competence
- Operational insight into customer needs / requirements

Volue's integrated offering well received in the marketplace, recent major contract awards sign of step-change in customer adoption of new digital solutions

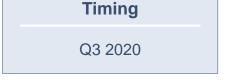
Example 1 – Significant strategic contract with Enel

Example 2 - Significant strategic contract with EnBW

Customer

Timing Q4 2019





Volue's offering

Multi asset/multi market optimisation of all Enel's production facilities in Italy

Customer benefits and rationale

Increase top line through optimisation of production and trading

Volue's offering

Automation of power and gas trading and scheduling solutions

Customer benefits and rationale

Flexibility to scale, compliance with market regulation and increase top line



Place Volue as the market leader in Energy Production & Trading



Major pull towards SaaS offerings

Large international client base a testament to Volue's high-quality service offering

High-quality offering with a strong value proposition



Value-add from improved operational efficiency resulting in high customer stickiness with low churn



Increasing share of SaaS as customers seek flexible, dynamic and efficient solutions



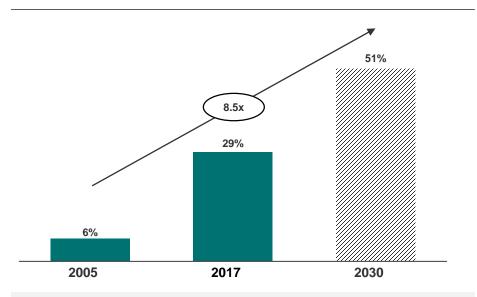
Short lead times require customers to move away from onpremise solutions towards dynamic cloud-based models

International, blue chip customer base



Complexity of EU power trading increases with accelerating trading volumes and more non-controllable power capacity

Non-controllable power capacity becoming majority in Europe



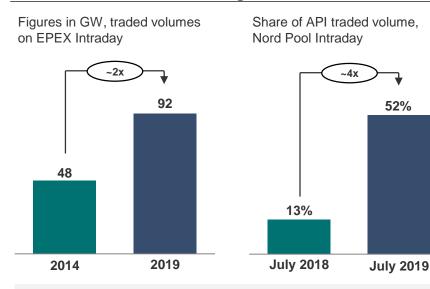


Sun & wind are not controllable production sources, with production changing in seconds and low predictability - only c. 30% of capacity on average utilized



Physical markets; few and expensive storage or switchoff alternatives to delivery to the grid

Intra-day power trading volumes accelerating, increasingly based on algo-traders





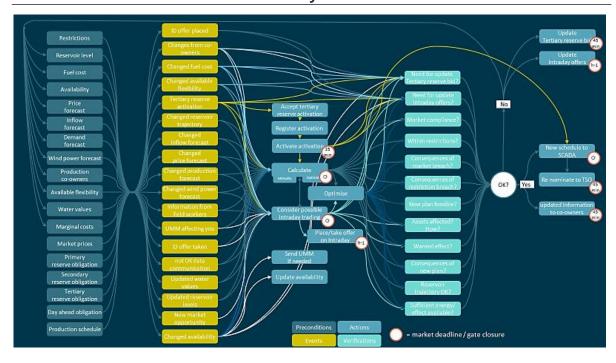
Intraday trading close to doubled since 2014 and is expected to continue growing – though still only making up 17% of trading volumes



Algorithmic trading gaining traction in an increasingly high speed and data intensive environment, now comprising >50% of volumes

Producers must evaluate a large number of decision factors every 15 minutes (5 minutes), to re-position through trading

The producer's new reality – highly complex routines requiring state-ofthe-art systems



Complex process to model for optimisation

- On-premise hardware/software and complex integration of 20+ software and data packages
- Need to evaluate large number of factors in real-time:
 - Price forecasts by market and country from next minutes to months
 - Water, wind, sun and temperatures
 - Storage capacity
 - Production asset optimisation
- Often manual elements in linking operations, trading and external/internal data

Completely new architecture needed for faster optimisation

In response, market participants are transforming its organisations, business models and technology systems

Changing landscape

Levers to stay competitive



Higher pace of operations

Data access & processing capabilities

Infrastructure to support big data and analytics crucial to facilitate profitability and reduce risk



Increased complexity of "asset" base and trading options

Optimisation

Efficient combined optimisation of assets and market positions necessary to stay competitive



Continuous optimisation – need for direct market access linked with operations

Trading capabilities

Real-time trading essential for value creation: algorithmic trading and 24/7 operation are key levers



Exponential growth in flows of information

Consolidation and scale

Consolidation of highly fragmented market to build scale and one-stop-shop offering

Profitability of industrial commodity companies depends on ability to adapt in real-time to market movements

Trading is becoming a stronger competitive differentiator for companies – and is higher on the corporate agenda

Supportive market trends affecting Volue across all industry verticals

Key market trends



Increasing ESG focus and the green shift



 Stakeholders across society increasingly focus on ESG issues Transition to renewable energy and electrification of societies



Changing market regulations



 Changing market regulations result in higher time resolution for trading which leads to a greater need for trading automation



Cyber security



 Cyber security becoming a key concern amongst all public and private players, increases expectations to Volue operations and product offerings



Changing market structures



 Highly fragmented market with significant opportunities for larger players to drive consolidation to improve scale and product offering at attractive multiples





Big data and digitalisation



Amount of data and operational complexity increases



Large infrastructure investments



Access to data and efficient, automated solutions is critical for growth and competitiveness



 Customers across Volue's addressable markets are experiencing large infrastructure investments, driven by ageing infrastructure, new market requirements or governmental investment strategies

Volue's ambition is to provide an industrial platform for sustainable energy and robust infrastructure construction & management

Volue's customer offering focuses on delivering customer value trough four key elements



Customer profit

Optimising customer profit by developing a future proof technology platform with automated decision support system



Flexibility

Provide customers flexibility by offering *wall-to-wall digitalisation of business processes* with openness to third-party solutions



SaaS

Offering robust, scalable and repeatable Software as a Service solutions

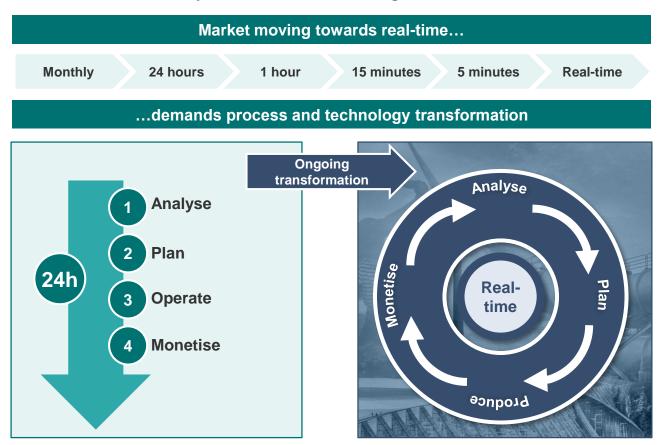


Increased sustainability

Offering IT solutions for a greener and more sustainable future

Energy markets are moving towards real-time – increasing the complexity and need for digital optimisation solutions

Key rationale for establishing Volue



Comments

- Changes in the energy sector is a key rationale behind the creation of Volue
- Increased share of nonregulated production, electrification of society combined with market harmonisation is driving new technology needs
- Digitalisation across the entire value chain is opening new areas of value realisation for those able to seize the opportunities

Volue's digital solutions, from sensors to trading, enabling transition to 15 minutes markets, and eventually real-time

Optimising production positions and pricing

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Trading

- ✓ Outsourcing partner of trading activities
- Transforming to algo-trading as market increasingly trade in seconds

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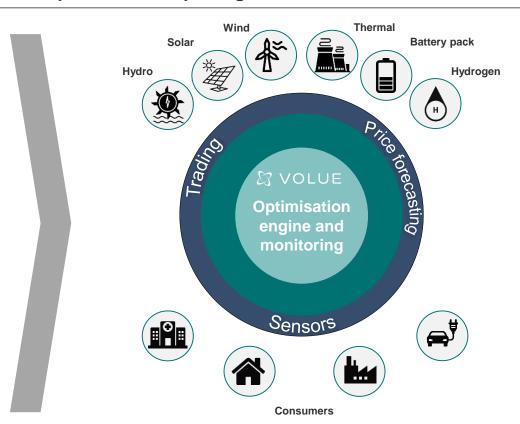
Price forecasting

- ✓ Delivering price forecasts ranging from years to minutes
- ✓ Big data analytics to improve forecasting

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Sensors

- ✓ Data capturing and formatting
- ✓ Water, snow, wind, temperature, sun etc. HW
 devices and SW to format and relay data



Example offering: Production Planning as a Service

Profit optimisation by: Advanced optimisation service 24/7 Maintenance Planning Service Access to participation in multiple markets Algo-trading

- Many customers want to maintain focus on the core activities of being an energy producer
- For decades we have helped our customers optimise their portfolio of assets and monetise energy production
- With an integrated cloud platform and a centralised 24/7 team, Volue will grow market footprint by increasing the value of customer partnerships



Revenue growth and margins strengthening in H1 2020 despite Covid-19, supportive of Volue's ambitious mid to long-term targets

Financial performance and targets

H1 2019	H1 2020 ¹	2019A	LTM¹	Mid to long-term financial ambitions
409	443	818	852	
60	85	103	128	
29	50	38	59	
12%	15%	15%	9%	
2%	8%	2%	7%	15% p.a.
14%	19%	13%	15%	25-30%
61%	63%	62%	65%	75-80%
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Key highlights

- Revenue growth of 8% year-to-date, despite Covid-19
- Annual recurring revenue (ARR) at 63% of total revenue in H1 2020
- 15% growth in ARR year-to-date based on H1 2020 figures
- H1 2020 EBITDA margin of 19%, including adjustment for R&D capex

¹⁾ In 2020, Volue decided to capitalise R&D-related capex in order to harmonise its accounting principles. This impacts the comparability between the 2019 and 2020 figures as presented herein

Key takeaways



Renewable energy and green transition triggering need for digitalisation and increased requirements for system uptime, security and performance



Volue uniquely positioned with integrated offering and business critical software across energy asset and operations value-chain



Recent contract wins and customer response to the creation of consolidated group underpinning Volue's differentiation





Volue's leading market position and well-defined SaaS roadmap coupled with high customer stickiness facilitate high growth in ARR and margin expansion