

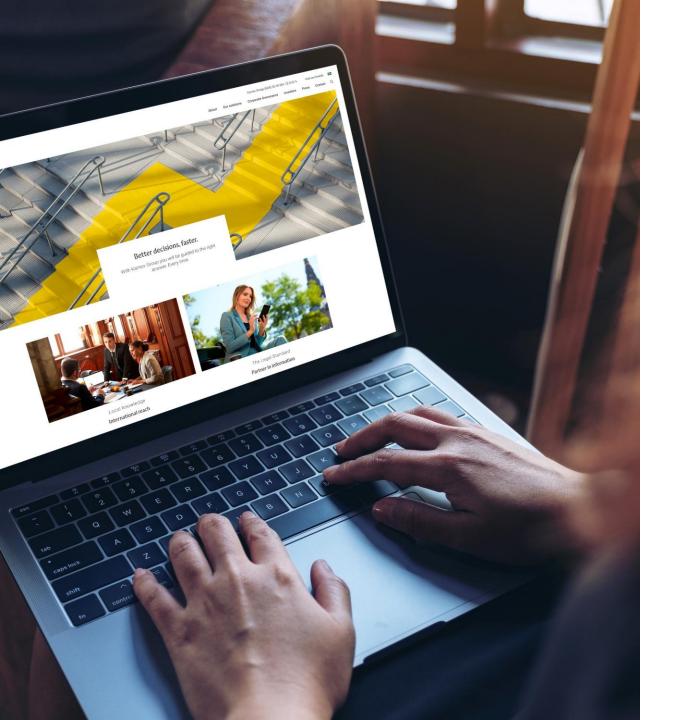
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# Q3 highlights and operational outlook

Pontus Bodelsson, President and CEO





# Highlights Q3

Margin expansion, new AI solutions and launching next phase of the integration in Spain



(619) Net sales (2023)

22%

Adjusted EBITA margin

**3.1x** 

Leverage

(19%)

Adjusted EBITA margin (2023)



Leverage (2023)

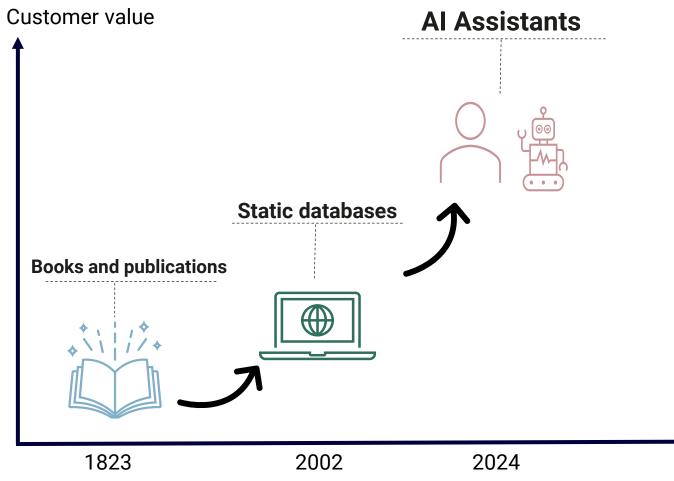


## Group highlights

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  - Delivering on synergies from both initiatives
  - Optimisation of organisation and business portfolio
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  - No tech integration risk remaining
  - Launching next phase to deliver profitable growth
  - Alexandra Åquist new Country Manager in Spain
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  - Co-creation with selected customers
  - Launched in new top-tier Al package in Region North
  - Sold as value-enhancing add-on in Region South



## Transforming the legal path to justice



- From books and libraries to static databases and now to interactive AI assistants
- Launched in Region North in a new top-tier package
  - 87% assess our AI make their work significantly more efficient
  - 70% assess our AI make their work easier
  - Bruun & Hjejle (top 3 law firm) in Denmark has bought the solution for all its lawyers
- Add-on in Region South in line with local market practices

Time

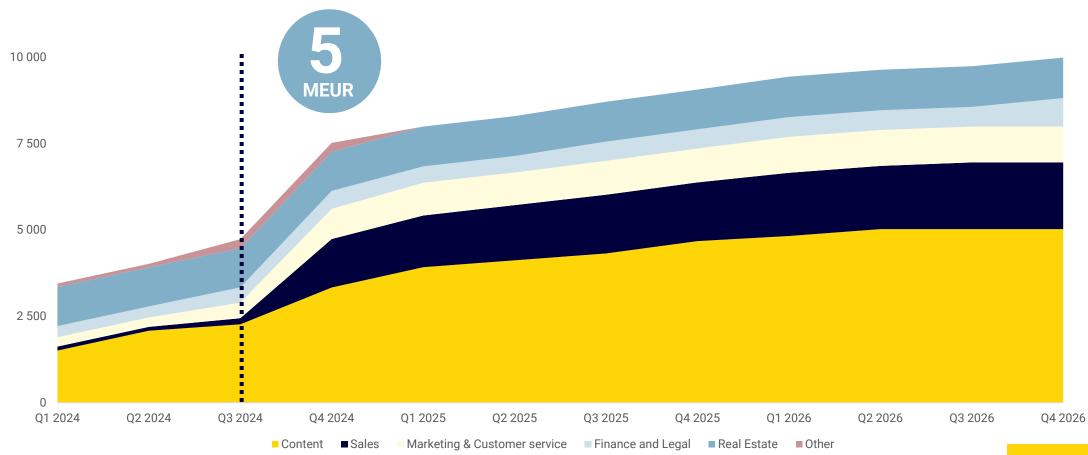
 Positive feedback on newly launched AI solutions in Region South, including Lamyline and Lamy Notaire in France and Aranzadi Digital in Spain

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### Region South cost-synergies effects

Yearly run-rate by category

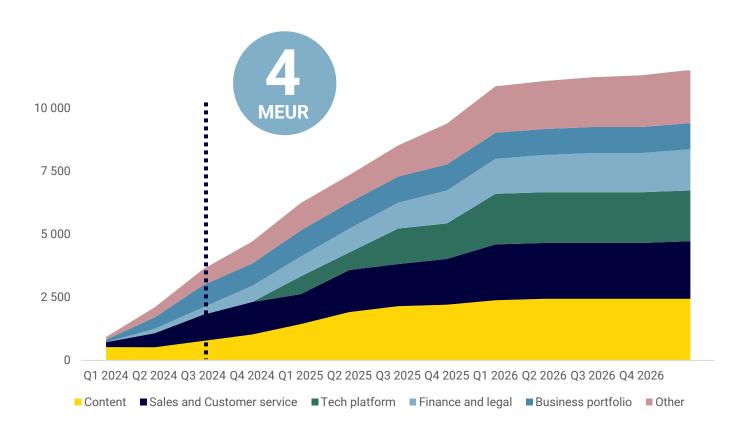


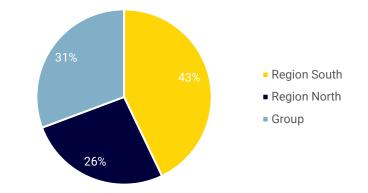
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### Acceleration Initiative cost-synergies effects

Yearly run-rate by category and split between segments

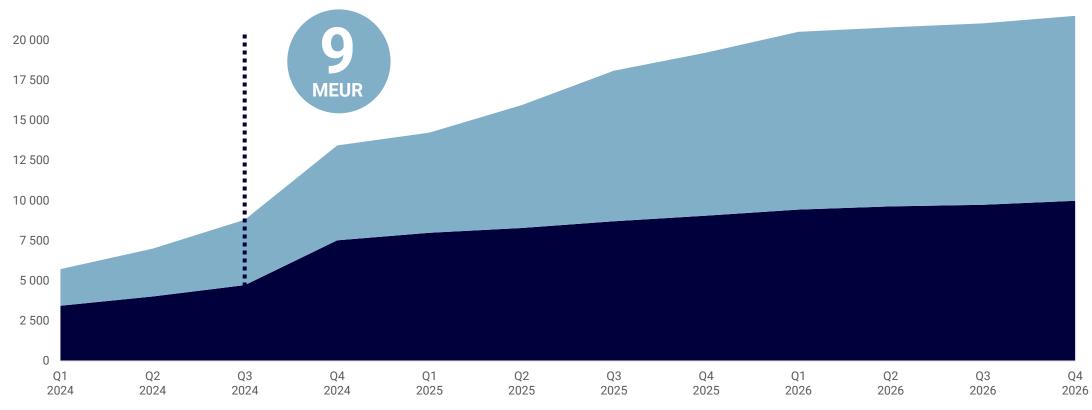






### Initiatives cost-synergies effect

The total cost-synergies of EUR 20 m will come progressively over the period



Region South integration
Acceleration Initiative



## **Region South highlights**

- Stable net sales with France growing and Spain being reshaped following product rationalisations and optimisation of the sales force
- Tech carve-out completed launching new phase of the integration
  - No risks remaining from a technical stand-point
  - Prioritised high speed in integration over sales focus
- New Country Manager in Spain Alexandra Åquist
  - Customer centric leader with proven growth track-record and experience from operating cross-border
  - In addition to her current role as CEO Region North





# Region North highlights

- Strong online sales growth and margin expansion
  - Growth driver is the public sector in Sweden
  - Schultz acquisition contributed with SEK 24 m

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- Acceleration Initiative synergies coming through
- Integration of carved-out Schultz business
  - Based on the Karnov playbook
  - Adding municipality customers



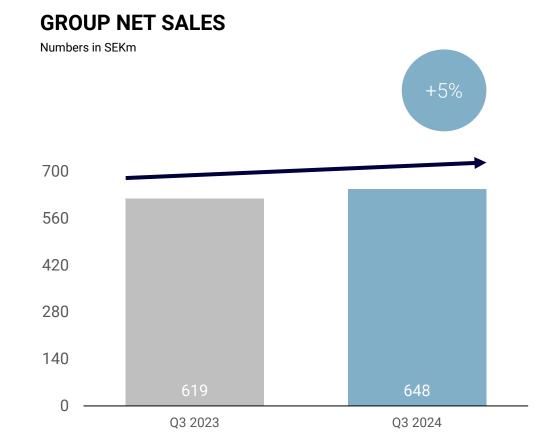
### Q3 financials

Magnus Hansson, CFO



### Net sales

### Growth driven by online sales



Net sales growth of 5% in the quarter
Driven mainly by new customers

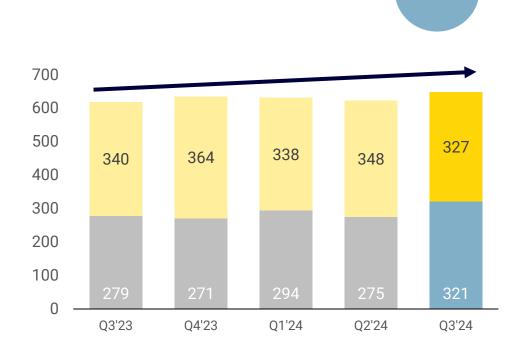
- FX impacted growth negatively with -2.4% (SEK -15 m)
- New customers from Schultz acquisition
  - Net sales contribution of SEK 24 m
- Strong performance within EHS across the Group
  - Successful with new sales and low churn



### Net sales per segment

Strong growth in Region North

- Group net sales were SEK 648 m (619)
  - Organic growth (constant currency) was 2.4% and the FX effect was -2.4%
    - Organic growth in Region North was 7.4%
- Organic growth driven by online sales within public sector and supported by EHS and T&A
- Stable sales in Region South adjusted for FX
  - FX impact was SEK -9 m
  - France growing and Spain reshaping following product rationalisation and optimised sales force



Region North

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**GROUP NET SALES** 

Numbers in SEKm

Region South

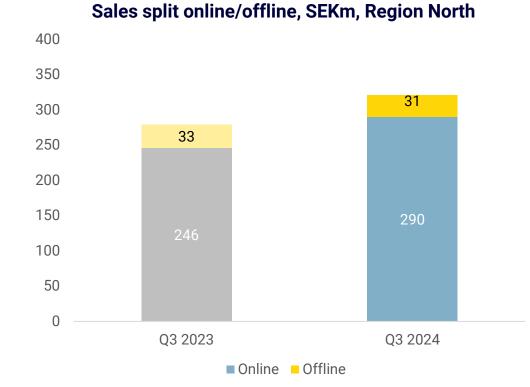
Region South

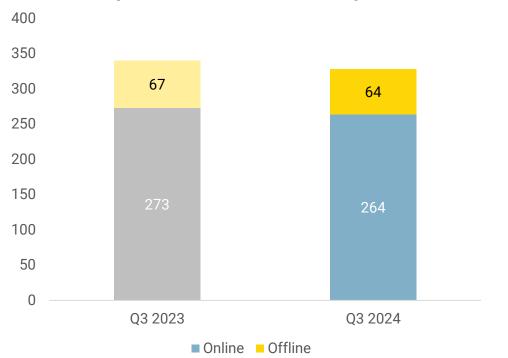


+5%

### Strong development in online sales

Strong growth in online sales in Region North supported by stable sales in Region South



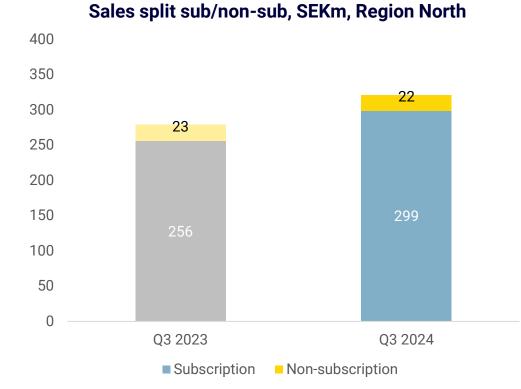


#### Sales split online/offline, SEKm, Region South



### High portion of subscriptions paid in advance

400



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#### Sales split sub/non-sub, SEKm, Region South

## Adjusted EBITA

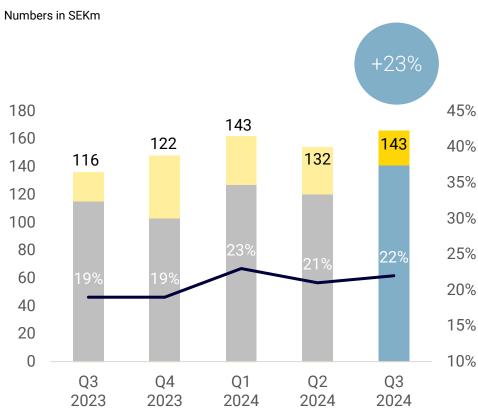
### Margins improvement from synergies

- Adjusted EBITA amounted to SEK 143 m (116)
- Group adjusted EBITA margin was 22.1% (18.7)
- Synergies coming through as expected
  - Synergies effect in Q3 was EUR 1.9 m
  - Realised annual run-rate synergies from our initiatives amounted to EUR 9 m
  - Divestment of Ante, LCB and Procurementlink
- Strong cost control
  - Lower COGS due to product mix

### **GROUP ADJUSTED EBITA**

Region South

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### **Region North**

### Strong growth and margin expansion

- Organic growth (constant currency) was 7.4%
  - Growth driven by online sales of legal information solutions, mainly in the public sector in Sweden
- Carved-out Schultz business contributed with SEK 24 m in net sales and SEK 6 m in adjusted EBITA
- Continuous tailwind within EHS and T&A markets
  - EHS businesses and DIBkunnskap continue to perform well
- Adjusted EBITA margin 44.1% (41.4)
  - Margin improvement due to synergies from the Acceleration Initiative as well as product mix and good cost control
  - Effect from the Acceleration Initiative was EUR 0.8 m in Q3



Adjusted EBITA, SEKm and margin %





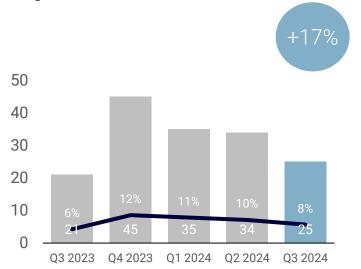
### **Region South**

Synergies coming through as expected

- Organic growth -1.6%
  - Growing in France due legal training and increased commercial focus
  - Product rationalisation and optimised sales force has a short-term impact on sales in Spain
- Adjusted EBITA margin 7.5% (6.2)
  - Synergies coming through according to plan and amount to 1.1 MEUR in the quarter
  - Launching next phase of integration
- Annual run-rate synergies of EUR 4.9 m from the integration



Adjusted EBITA, SEKm and margin %



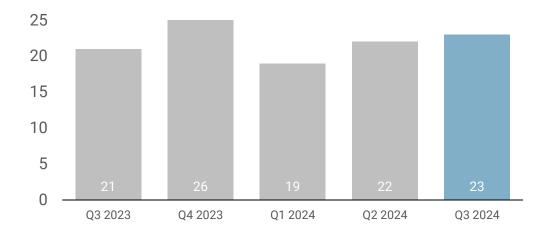


### Group functions

Units managing Group wide tasks

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### Adjusted EBITA, SEKm and margin, %



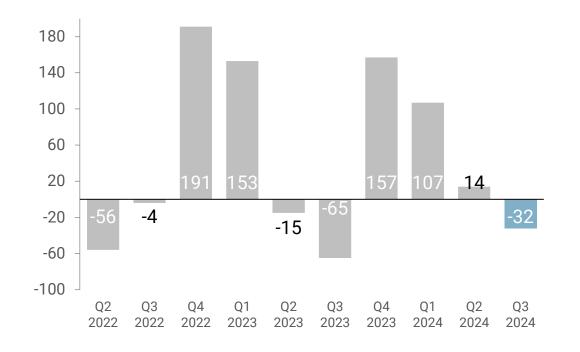


### Cash flow and leverage

Robust capital capacity from free cash flow

- Adjusted free cash flow amounted to SEK -32 m (-65)
  - Flat Q-o-Q excluding IAC with timing of leasing payments the main deviation
- Leverage of 3.1x due to negative FX
  - Karnov Group invest in the cost-efficiency initiatives for improved profitability while improving leverage

#### Adj. free cash flow, SEKm





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# Thank you

Q&A





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