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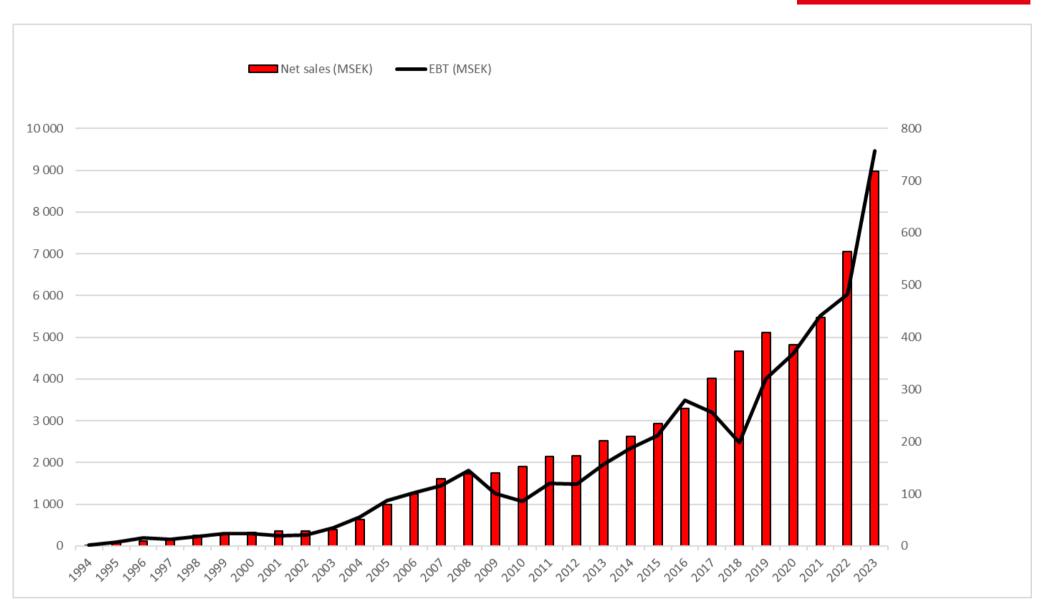
# AO Group Quarter one 2024





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# First Quarter, Jan-Mar 2024 in brief

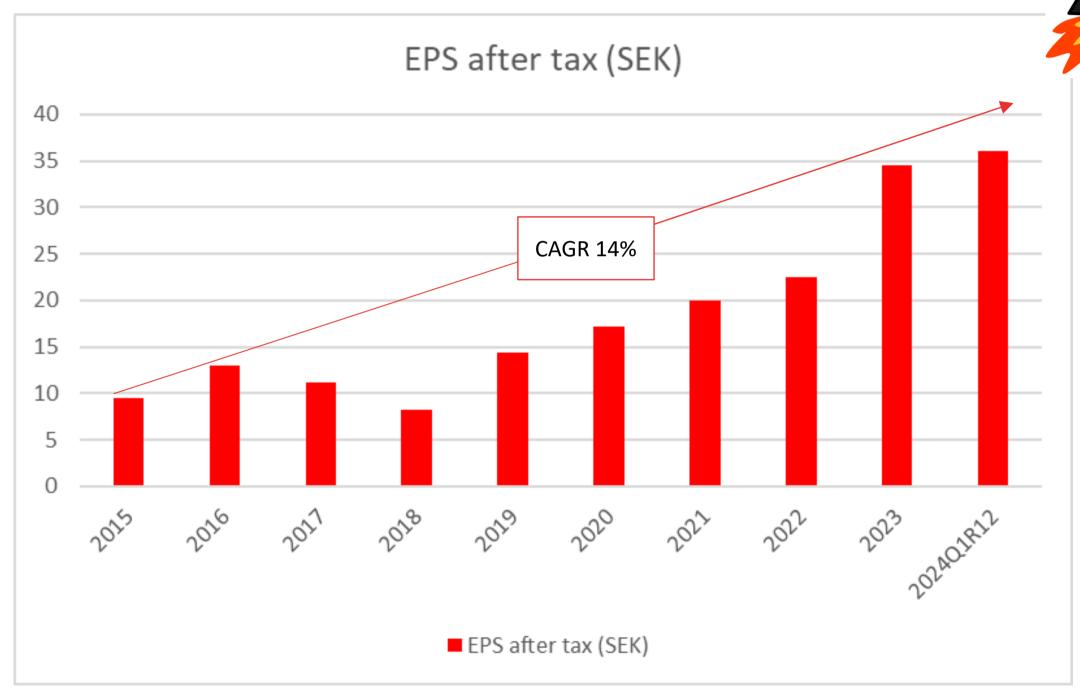
- Net sales decreased by 1% to SEK 2,225 million (2,253) • Goal 15% growth Operating profit (EBIT) increased by 15% to SEK 223 million (194) Profit after financial items (EBT) increased by 20% to SEK 221 million (184) Profit margin before tax (EBT %) was 9.9% (8.2) • Goal 8% EBT margin Profit after tax amounted to SEK 185 million (159) Cash flow from operating activities amounted to SEK 244 million (225) Earnings per share before dilution amounted to SEK 10.06 (8.61)

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- The board propose a dividend of 6.66 SEK per share (3.33) and a share split of 5:1 aq

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#### **EPS Growth**



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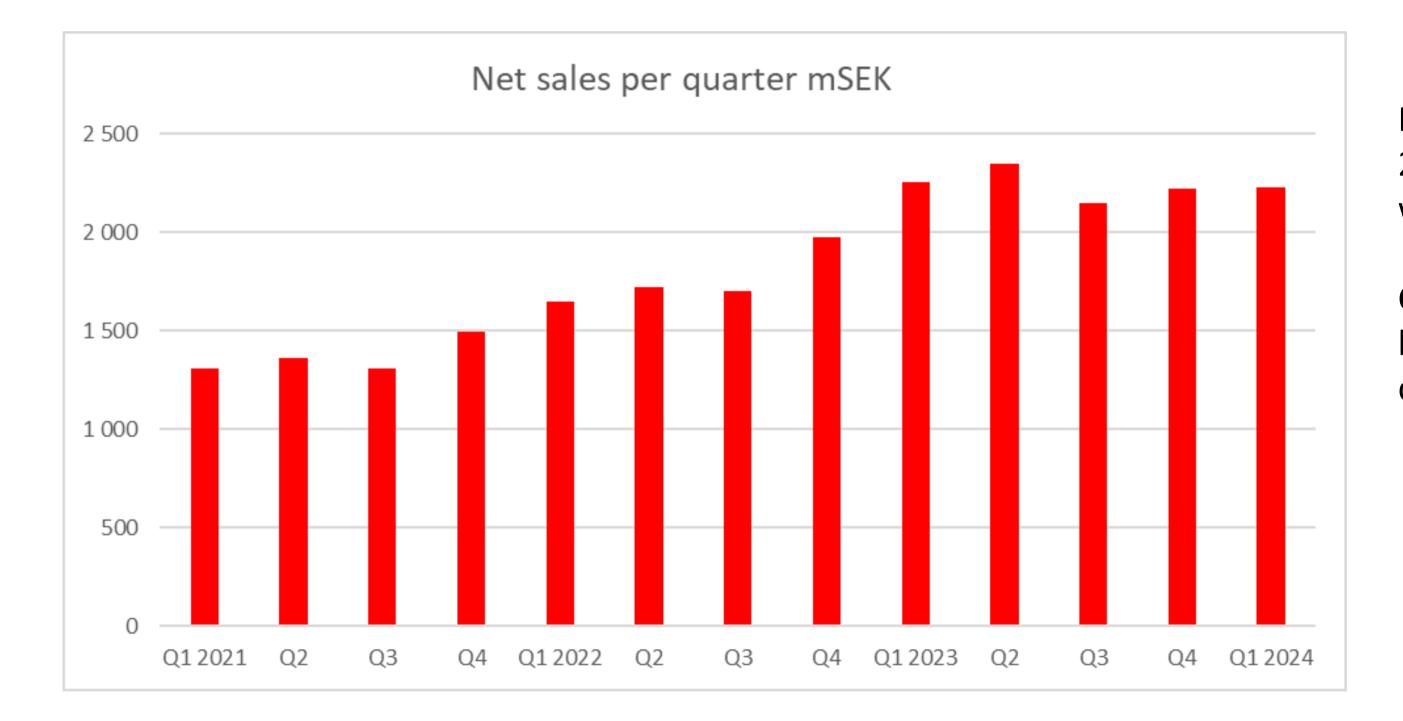




#### 14% CAGR EPS 2015-2024QR12

EPS growth of 17% vs Q1 2023 and 37% vs. Q4 2023.

#### Net sales



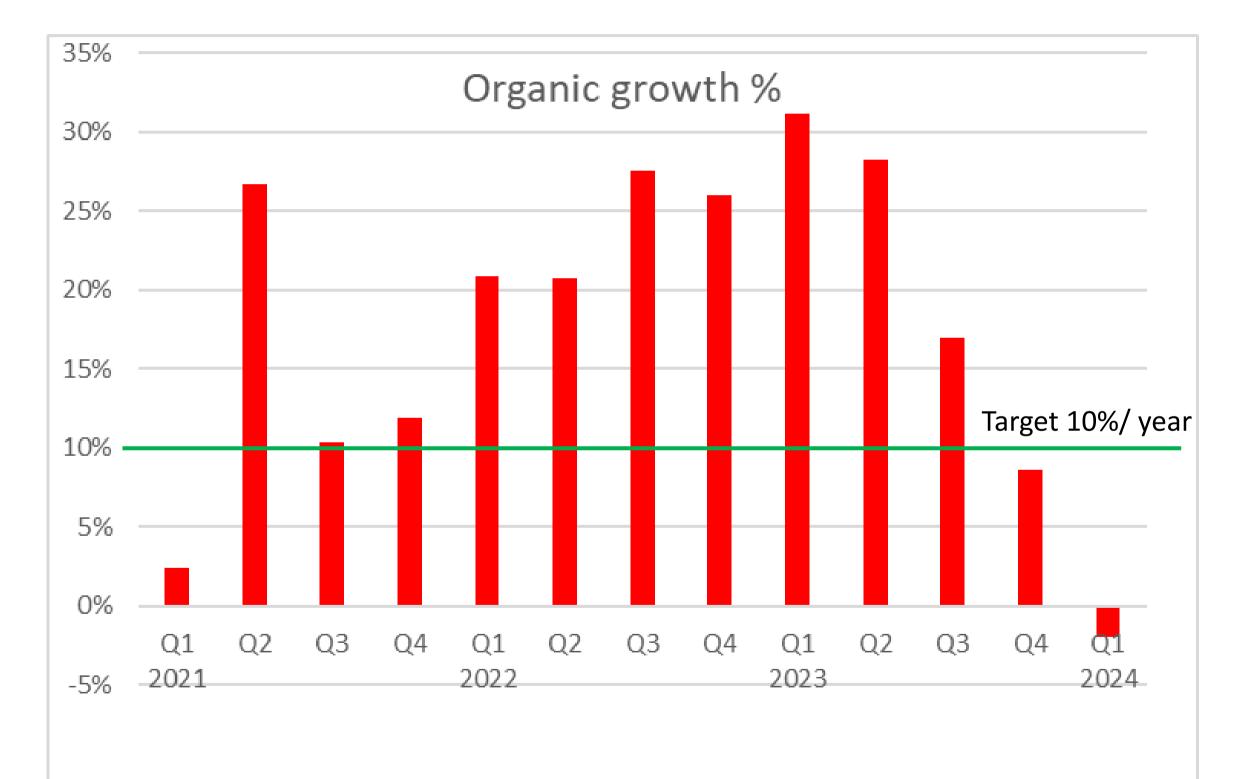
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Flat turnover vs Q1 2023 and Q4 2024. Growth -1% vs Q1 2023. whereof +1% was currency.

Capacity and demand more balanced. Our delayed orders have decreased in the quarter.

## Organic growth



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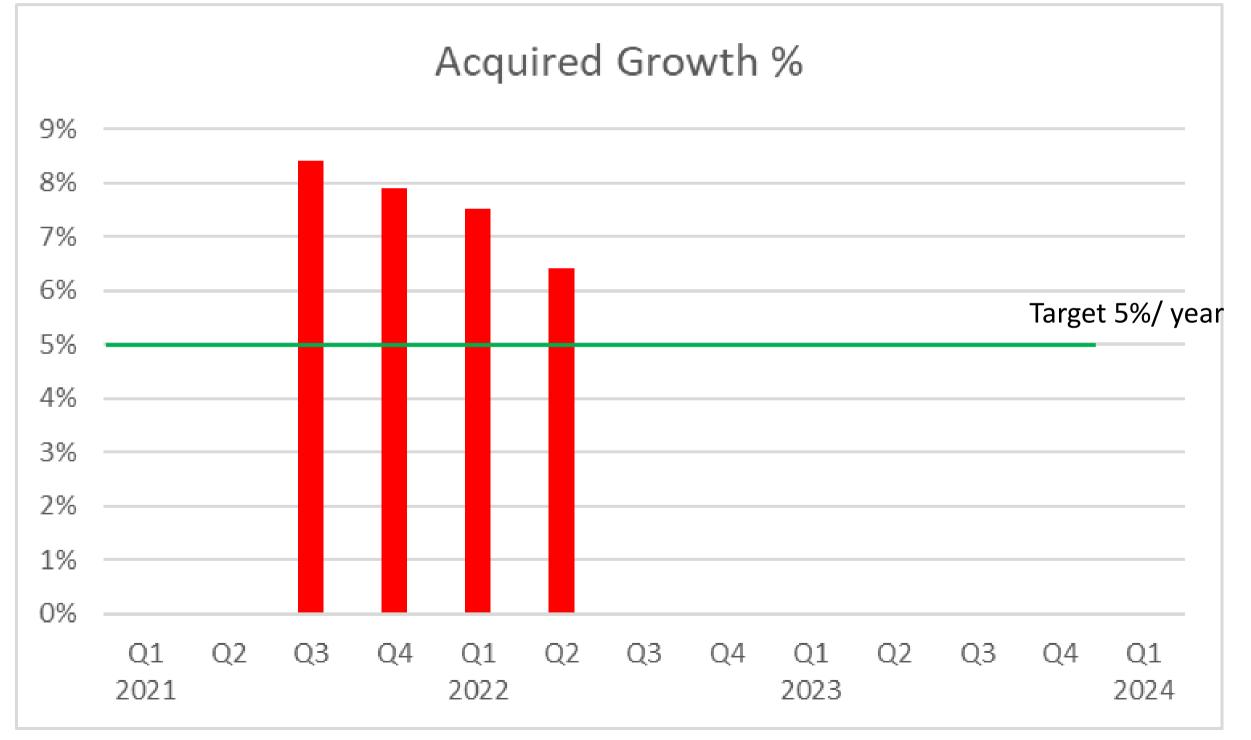
Organic growth was -2%, below our target of 10%.

Lost business for battery systems. Also lower volumes in some market segements.

Decrease in inductors for frequency drives, components for contruction vehicles.

Increases in the quarter mainly in electrification, defence industry, railway, & marine.

# **Acquired Growth**



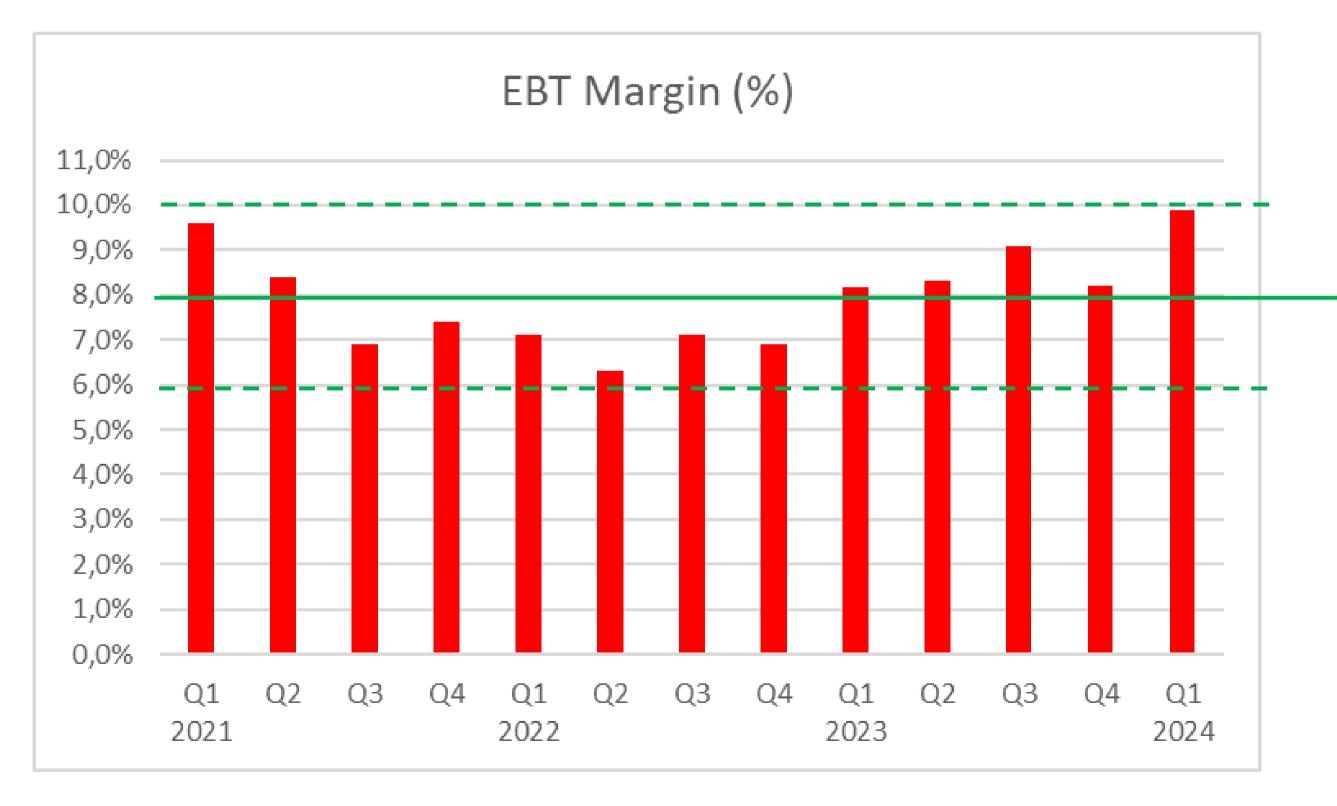
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We have signed agreement with JIT Mech to purchase their two factories in Robertfors and Örnsköldsvik. It will add +1% growth in 2024.

We have more prospects in the pipeline but are as always very strict in what we pay and what we buy.

# **EBT Margin**



EBT Margin (%) goal is 8%

The margin shall consistently be within 8±2% every quarter.

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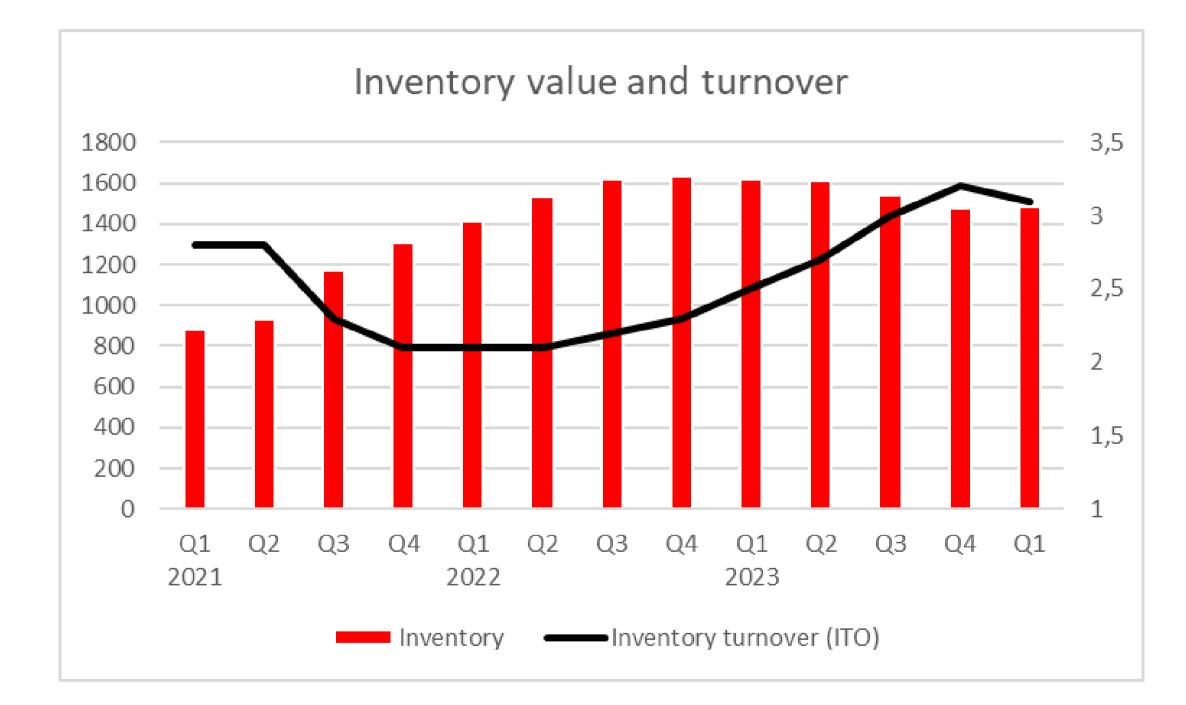
Happy with margin in the quarter.

Low costs for for late deliveries and quality non conformaties in the quarter. Implemented process improvements have increased delivery precision and quality. Big improvements in Finland and China in the quarter.

Hard work from our purchasing team also have an impact in the quarter.

Opportunities to improve operationally in one site in India, Mexico and one site in<sub>8</sub> Sweden.

### **Inventory value & turnover development**



#### Inventory turnover:

Raw materials R12 + Goods for resale R12 + Change in Inventories and prod in progress R12 Total Inventory YTD

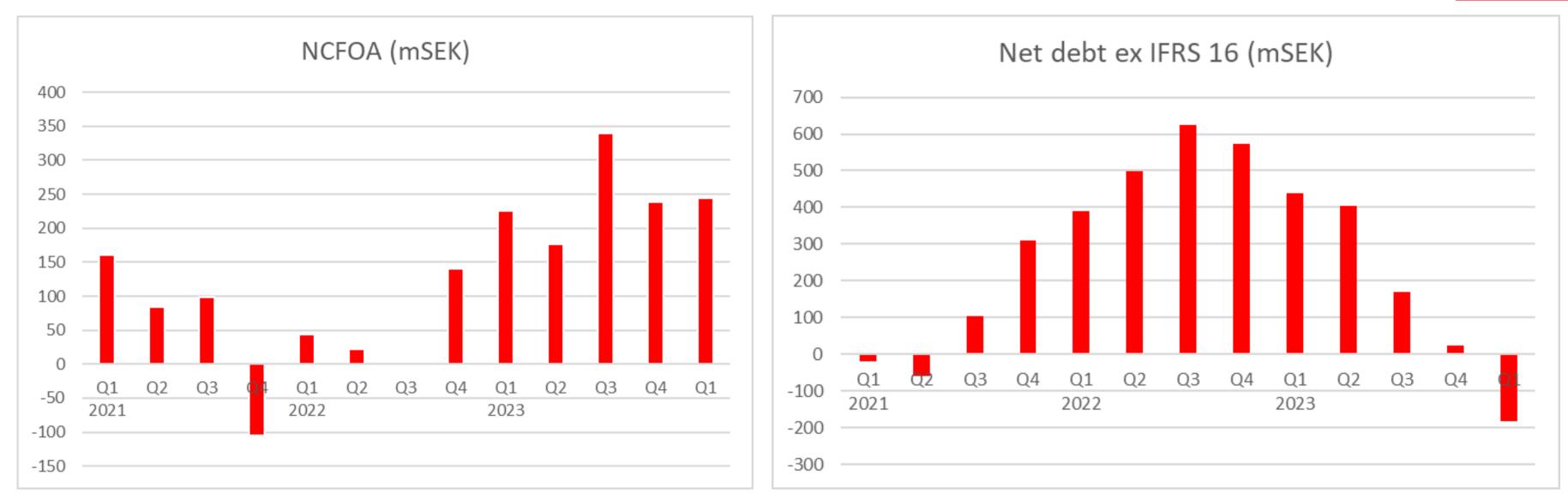
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Inventory turnover target is 3.5 turns/year.

Slight increase in inventory in Q1. Work continues to improve further to reach our target in 2024.

# Net cash from operating activities and Net debt



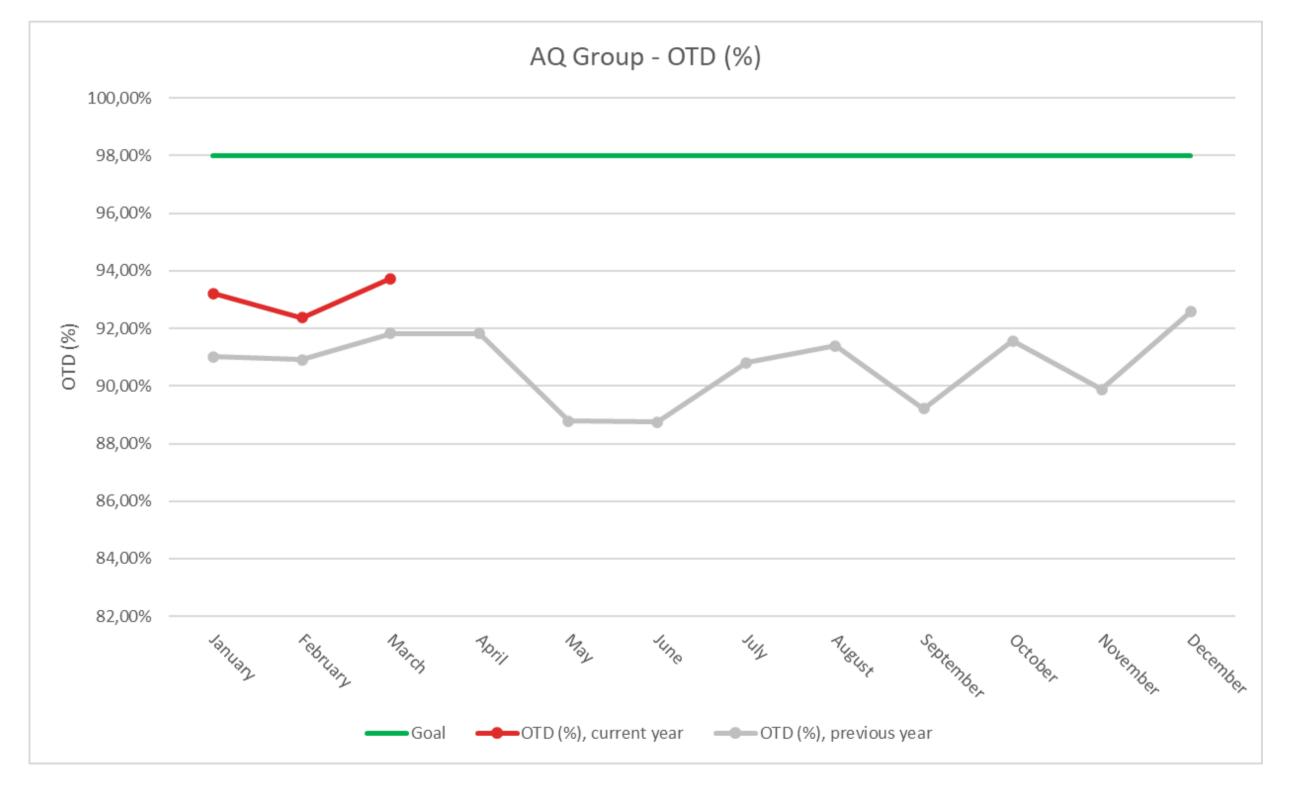
Good operating cash flow of **244** mSEK in the quarter which results in net debt (ex IFRS 16) of -**181** mSEK. Mainly driven by good profit level and inventory turnover. Note, in Q2 planned dividend of 122 mSEK and the payment for JIT Mech (40 mSEK).



#### Quality and delivery precision



#### **On-time Delivery (OTD) Jan- Mar - Goal 98%**



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#### Result Q1: 93.1%

Improvement in several companies.

Currently we still have three companies with bigger problems. We focus on getting them back on track. By end of Q2 I expect that there will only be two companies left with delivery issues.

### Examples of projects for future growth



# JIT Mech + AQ - Background

#### JIT Mech:

- Supplier of big welded and machined components for demanding industrial customers
- Low volume high mix
- High technical competence that work closely with customers R&D.
- Good, well-maintained equipment
- Factories in Robertsfors and Örnsköldsvik
- 75 employees
- Net sales in 2023 was SEK 130 million with profitability in line with AQ Group
- Cash out SEK 40 million at closing
- Included in AQ Group in Q2









### **Customers and typical products**















# **Electrification – Inverters - HVDC + Storage + Charging**







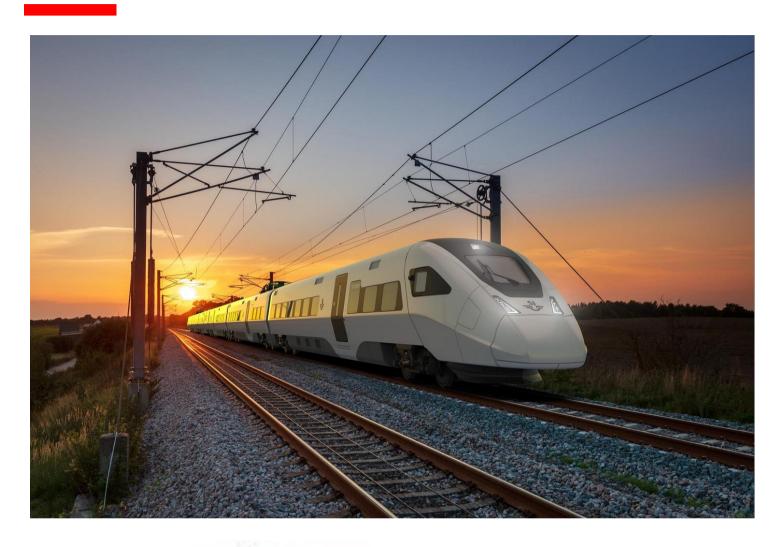








# Electrical cabinets and Inductive components for railway













# Electrical cabinets & Inductive components for Ro-Ro and other marine vessels

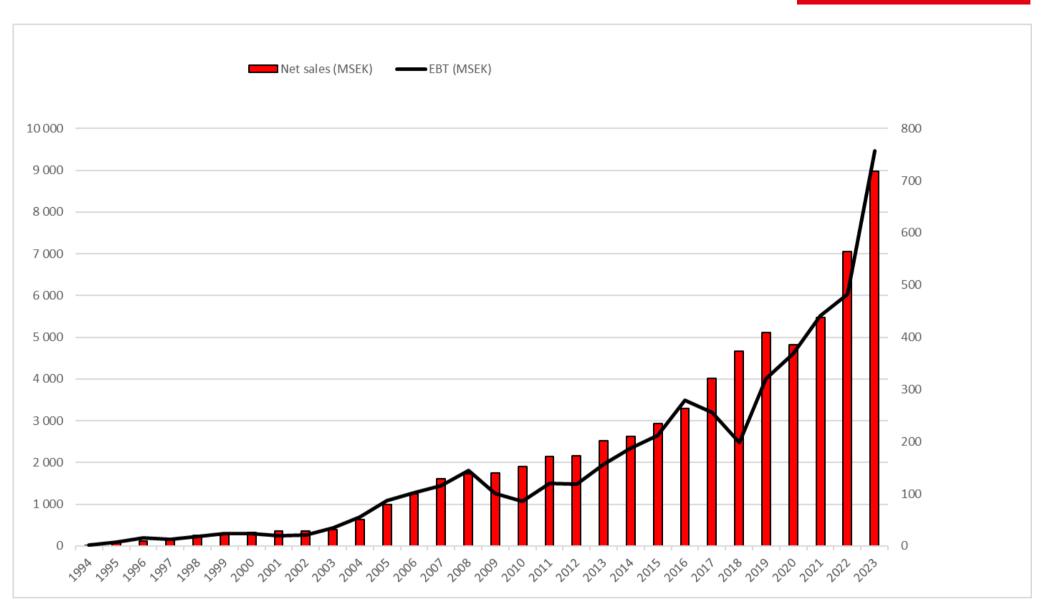






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