

A scenic mountain landscape with a hiker in the foreground, a tent, and a person sitting on a rock. The hiker is wearing a red jacket and a large blue Thule backpack, standing on a grassy slope. In the middle ground, a green tent is pitched on a grassy area. To the right, a person is sitting on a large rock, looking towards the camera. The background features steep, rocky mountains with green vegetation and a small waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff. The sky is blue with some clouds.

# Roadshow Presentation

May 2015

**Thule Group**»

# Today's Presenters



**Magnus Welanders**  
Chief Executive Officer

- **Joined Thule Group:** 2006, CEO since 2010
- **Born:** 1966
- **Previous Experience:**  
Business Area President Thule Group  
CEO Envirotainer Group  
Various management positions at Tetra Pak



**Lennart Mauritzson**  
Chief Financial Officer

- **Joined Thule Group:** Rejoined 2011
- **Born:** 1967
- **Previous Experience:**  
CFO Beijer Electronics  
Vice President Finance Thule Group  
Vice President Finance in Cardo

# The Thule Group Vision – Active Life, Simplified



**Thule Group»**



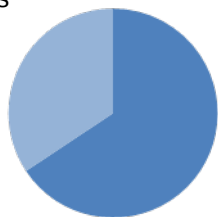
# Thule is a Global Premium Branded Sports&Outdoor Company

## Net Sales by Segment 2014

### Outdoor&Bags

Region  
Americas

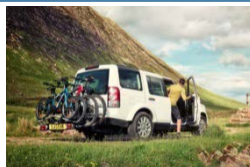
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Region  
Europe and ROW  
66%

Sport&Cargo  
Carriers

60%



Bags for  
Electronic  
Devices

17%



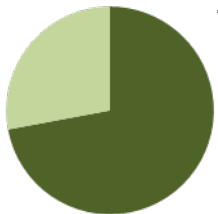
Other  
Outdoor&Bags

13%



### Specialty

Snow  
Chains  
28%



Work Gear  
72%

Work Gear

7%



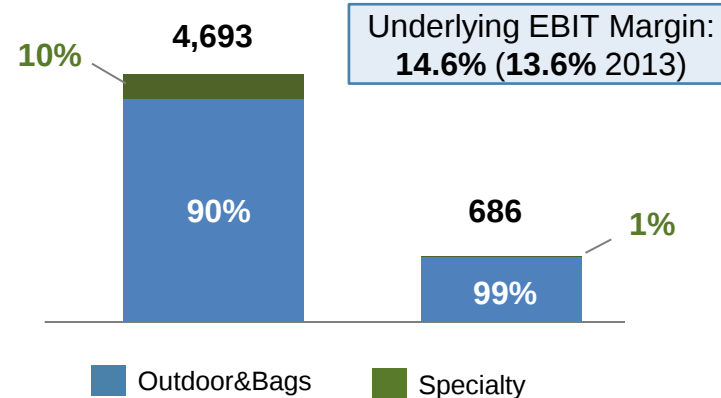
Snow Chains

3%

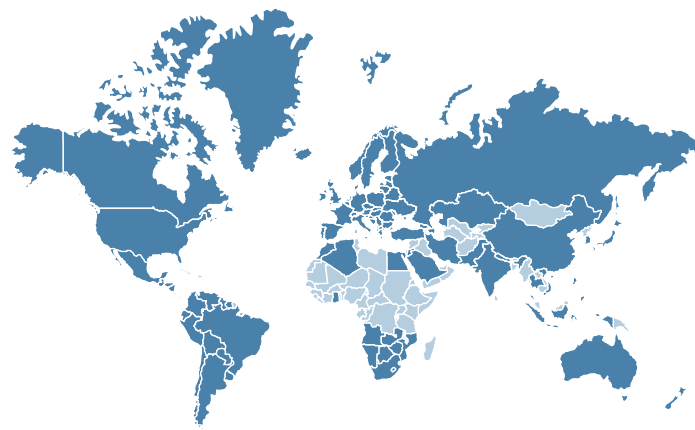


## Net Sales and Underlying EBIT Breakdown

2014 (SEKm)



## Global Reach – Sales in 136 Countries

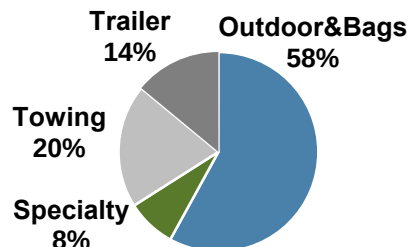


Source: Company information

# Transformation Since 2010 into a Brand-Centric Sports&Outdoor Company

2009

Business and Strategy Clearly Centered around Outdoor Core<sup>1</sup>



Consolidated Brand Platform around the Thule Lifestyle

- Local brand / category approach
- Cars and transport use

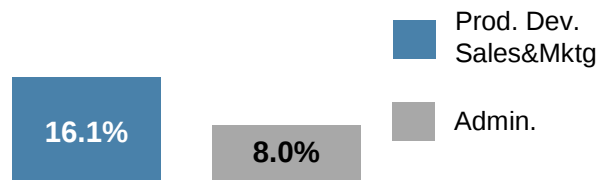


Branded Consumer Driven Execution

- Focus on distributors and wholesalers
- Limited key account management
- Seven different Thule homepages
- No social media approach

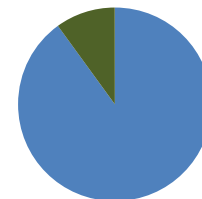
SG&A Focused on Driving the Business

SG&A as % of Net Sales



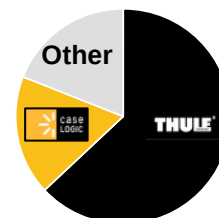
2014

Specialty 10%



Outdoor&Bags 90%

- Centralised brand management
- Focus on consumer / emotional connection

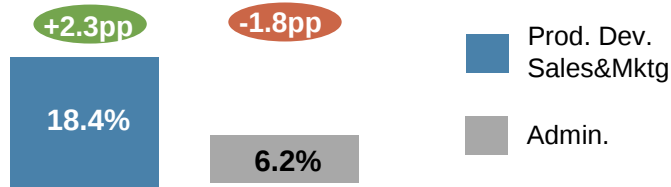


Retail and Distribution

- Forward integration in key markets
- Thule **Retail Partner Program** rolled out in >2,000 stores
- Increased **control of PoS**

Communication

- Bring Your Life** communication concept
- Truly global website**
- New PR approach**



Δ vs. 2009

Source: Company information

<sup>1</sup> Breakdown of net sales by segment.

# A Compelling Story in the Attractive Sports&Outdoor Market

1

## We Operate in an Attractive Market



- Favorable Mega-Trends Driving Long-Term Market Growth

2

## We Are a Global Leader



- Strong New Product Development
- Differentiated Premium Brand
- Global Route-to-Market Strategy and Implementation
- Strong Position in the Value Chain

3

## We Play to Win!



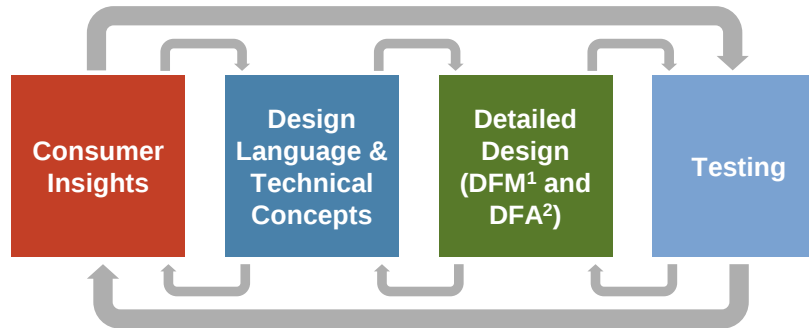
- Management Team with Proven Track-Record
- Multiple Avenues for Growth
- Attractive Financial Performance

## 2 Market Leading Product Development with Strong User Focused DNA

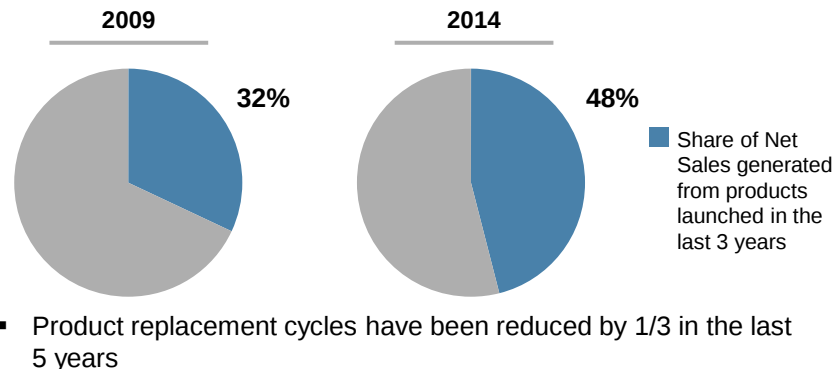
### Product Focus Across Organization

- Top Management focus area
- Passionate users within the company
- 135 FTEs dedicated to product design & development

### Proven Development Processes



### High Share of Sales From New Products



Source: Company information

<sup>1</sup> Design for manufacturing. <sup>2</sup> Design for assembly.

### Trade Endorsement

>20 Design and Trade Awards (2013-14)



### Media Endorsement

>100 Test Wins across Categories (2013-14)



Thule EasyFold



10 out of 10

"Simply the best"

### Consumer Endorsement

Highly Rated in Open Consumer Reviews

amazon.com



Thule Helium Aero Hitch Carrier  
★★★★★ (12)



halfords



Thule Profile 991 Roof Mount Bike Carrier  
★★★★★ 4.9

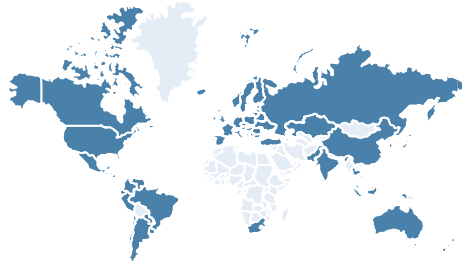


Thule 13" Straps Sleeve for MacBook Pro  
★★★★★

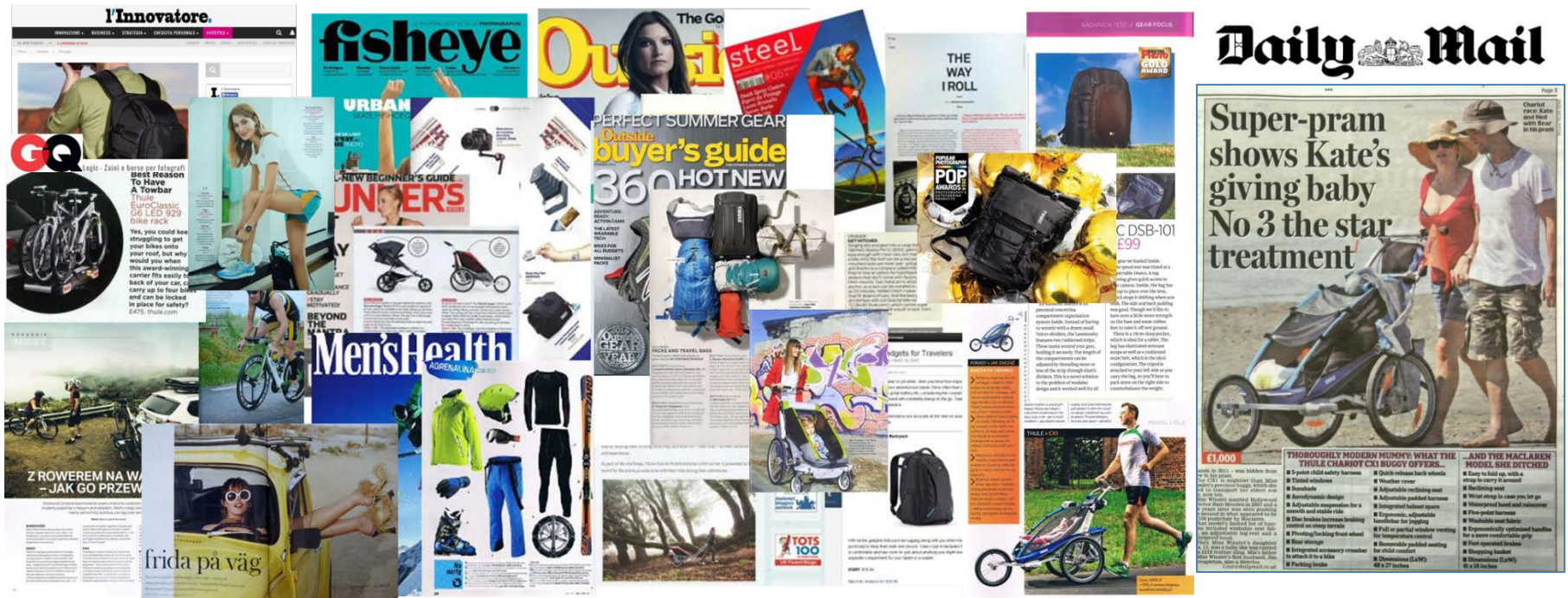


## 2 A Modern Approach to Consumer Communication

Mobile device focused online platform (81 market version in 24 languages)



Earned Media with PR and User Content as Driver



## 2 A New Distribution Strategy Implemented from 2010

### A Structured Go-To-Market Approach

Category Captaincy Approach  
with Key Retail Chains

Thule Retail Partner Program for  
Smaller Stores

Product Assortment Focus and  
Support for Look&Feel in Store

Training of Store Staff

### Creating a Global Thule Retail Presence



#### Outdoor&Bags

- > 2,500 Key Account doors
- > 2,100 Thule Retail Partner doors

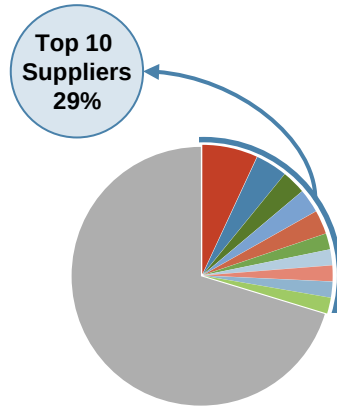


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## 2 We Have a Strong Position in the Value Chain

Broad  
Supply Base

Direct Material Spend by Supplier (2014)

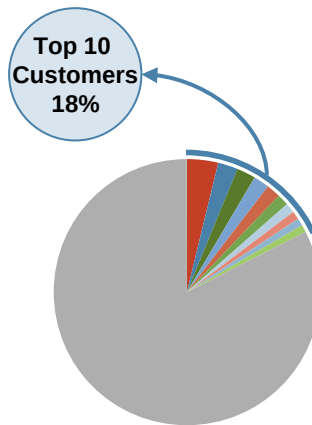


10 Thule Group Assembly Sites

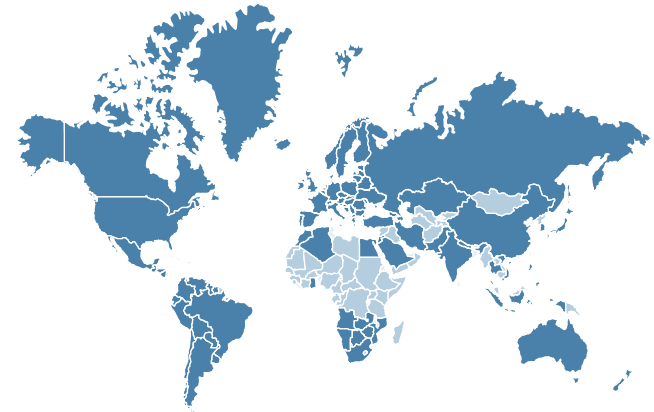


Broad  
Customer Base

Sales by Customer (2014)



Sales in 136 Countries



Source: Company information

### 3 Multiple Avenues for Growth and Margin Expansion

#### Top Line Drivers

##### Exploit Core Product Offering and NPD Capabilities

- Market and market share growth via NPD in existing markets
- Establish leadership position early in new growth markets



##### Product and Category Expansion

- Strengthen position in recently entered categories: Sport&Travel Bags and Active with Kids
- Selectively explore new categories



##### Continued Brand Enhancing Retail Expansion

- Category Captaincy approach with brand focus in all channels
- Strategically increase direct distribution vs. third party distribution
- Strengthen multi-channel capabilities



##### Drive Profitability Enhancements

- Continued focus on costs
- Implementation of efficiency programs
- Room for margin expansion in selected categories



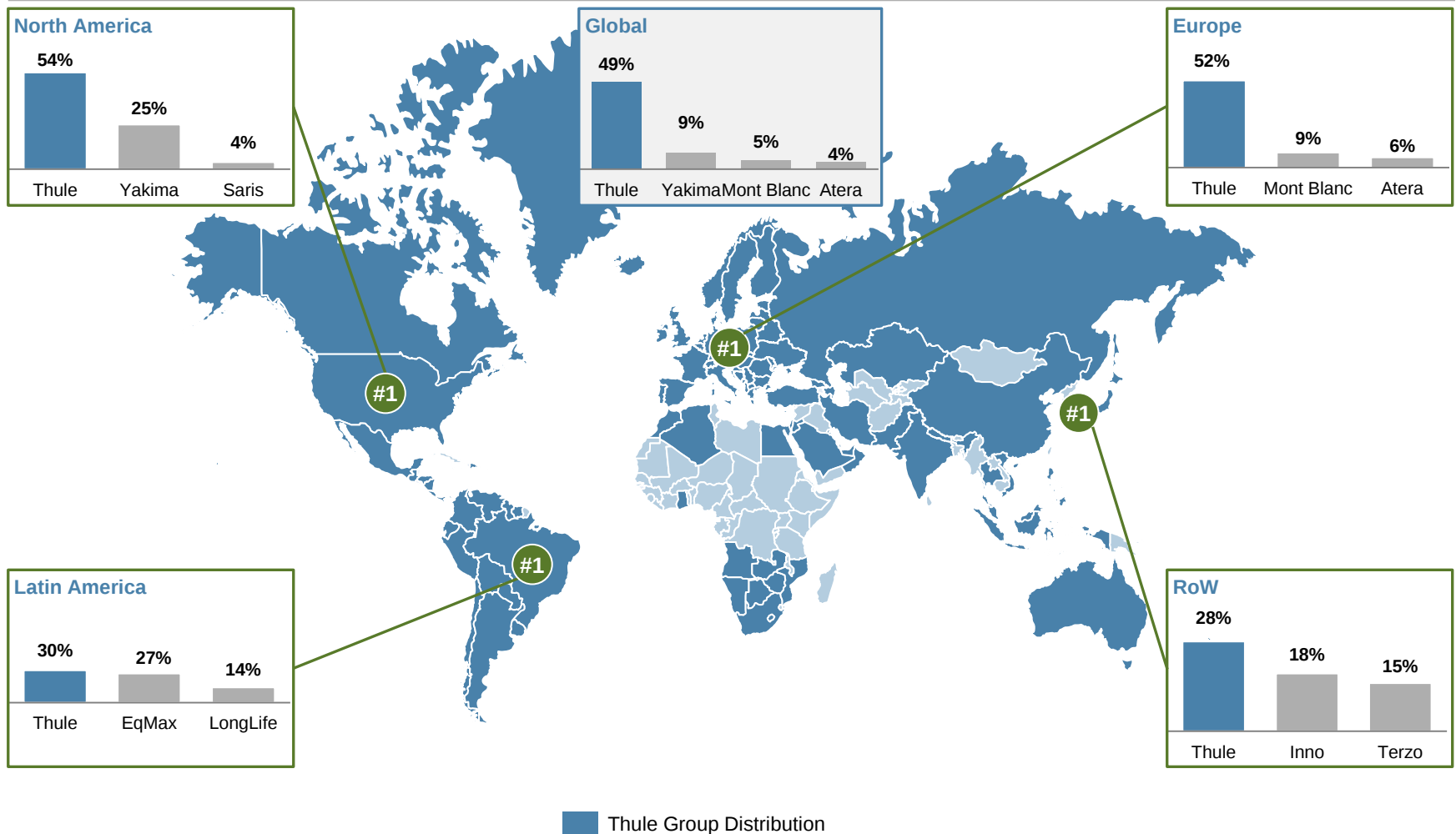
**Firmly Position Thule as a Leading Sports&Outdoor Brand Globally**

- Continue to implement the *Bring Your Life* positioning strategy
- Further deepen the emotional connection with Thule (PR, events, PoS, social media)

Source: Company information

# A Sport&Cargo Carriers – Leading Market Positions in All Regions

Overview of Global Market Shares for Sport&Cargo Carriers



Source: 2013 Estimate, Arthur D. Little analysis

## B Bags for Electronic Devices – Multiple Initiatives to Drive Growth

### Key Focus for Growth 2015-2017

#### Focus on Growth Categories



#### Dual Brand Approach

- Brand refresh at 30-year anniversary
- Mid-price brand
- Broad assortment
- Broad distribution in CE channel
- Young, urban, fashion



- Used in category since 2012
- Premium price brand
- Targeted assortment
- More targeted distribution
- Protective, outdoor/sport inspiration



Use Economies of Scale in Sourcing

## C Other Outdoor&Bags – Broad New Product Expansions 2014-2015



Source: Company information

## 2015 Q1 Results



## Q1 2015 Highlights – Strong performance in Outdoor&Bags in Europe

- **Net sales** of SEK 1 366m (1 075)
  - Outdoor&Bags +23.2% (+9.0% excluding currency effects)
  - Specialty +65.2% (+33.4% excluding currency effects)
- **Underlying EBIT** of SEK 210m (156), underlying EBIT margin of 15.4% (14.5)
  - Negative currency effect of SEK 0.7m on underlying EBIT
  - Outdoor&Bags an underlying EBIT of SEK 224m (186), +20.8% vs PY (in constant currency), effect of increased sales
  - Specialty EBIT of SEK 16m (-6), positive effect from Snow Chains and continued improvements within Work Gear
- **Net income** of SEK 142m (77)
- **Earnings per share** of SEK 1.42 (0.92)
- **Cash flow from operating activities**<sup>1</sup> was SEK -151m (-125)
- Strong sales start in Outdoor&Bags Europe and ROW (+12.8% in constant currency)
- Thule Technical Backpacks in store as of 2<sup>nd</sup> half of March
- Thule wins prestigious IF Product Design Gold Award (Thule RideAlong Mini bike child seat)

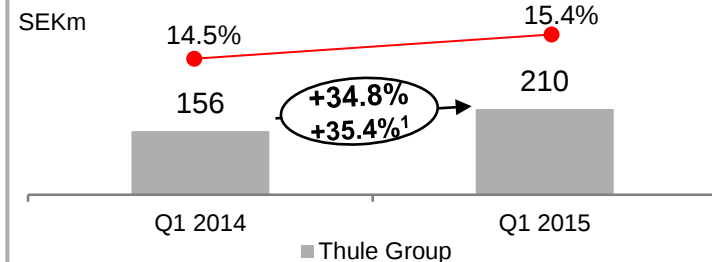
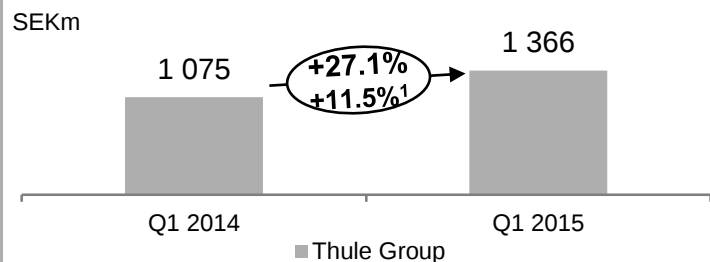
<sup>1</sup> Comparison period pertains to total operations meaning both continuing and discontinued operations.

# Q1 2015 – Financial highlights

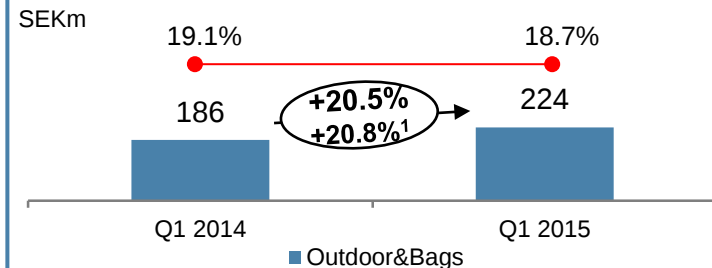
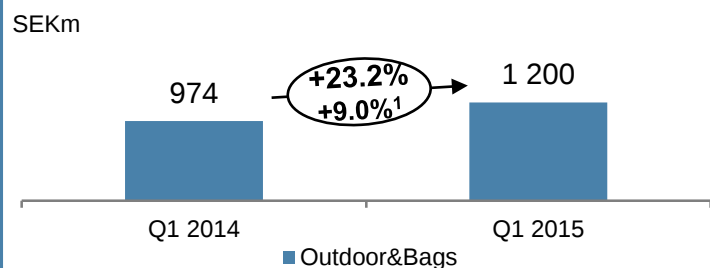
## Reported Net Sales

## Underlying EBIT and Margin

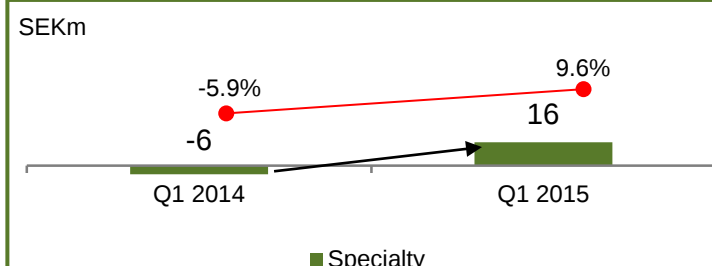
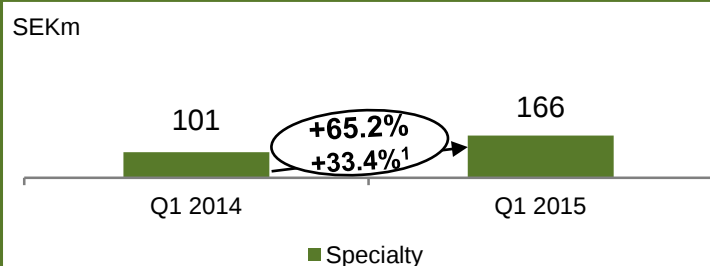
### Thule Group



### Outdoor & Bags



### Specialty



Note: EBIT adjusted for non-recurring items & depr/amort on excess values

<sup>1</sup> Constant currency adjustment based on average FX rates 1 January-31 March 2015

# Q1 2015 - Net Sales and EBIT by Segment

## Outdoor&Bags

| SEKm                      | Jan-Mar |       | Change |                      |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|--------|----------------------|
|                           | 2015    | 2014  | Rep.   | Adjust. <sup>1</sup> |
| Net sales                 | 1 200   | 974   | 23.2%  | 9.0%                 |
| - Region Europe & ROW     | 828     | 684   | 21.1%  | 12.8%                |
| - Region Americas         | 371     | 290   | 28.1%  | 1.3%                 |
| Operating income          | 221     | 183   | 20.6%  |                      |
| Underlying EBIT           | 224     | 186   | 20.5%  | 20.8%                |
| Operating margin, %       | 18.4%   | 18.8% |        |                      |
| Underlying EBIT margin, % | 18.7%   | 19.1% |        |                      |

<sup>1</sup> Adjustment for changes in exchange rates

## Specialty

| SEKm                      | Jan-Mar |       | Change |                      |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|--------|----------------------|
|                           | 2015    | 2014  | Rep.   | Adjust. <sup>1</sup> |
| Net sales                 | 166     | 101   | 65.2%  | 33.4%                |
| - Snow Chains             | 57      | 21    | 175.6% | 160.7%               |
| - Work Gear               | 109     | 80    | 36.3%  | 6.1%                 |
| Operating income          | 16      | -6    |        |                      |
| Underlying EBIT           | 16      | -6    |        |                      |
| Operating margin, %       | 9.6%    | -5.9% |        |                      |
| Underlying EBIT margin, % | 9.6%    | -5.9% |        |                      |

<sup>1</sup> Adjustment for changes in exchange rates



## Q1 2015 – Selection of Consumer Launches



Thule VeloCompact tow-bar mounted bike carrier



Thule Capstone hiking pack



Thule RideAlong Mini bike child seat – Winner of IF Product Design Gold Award



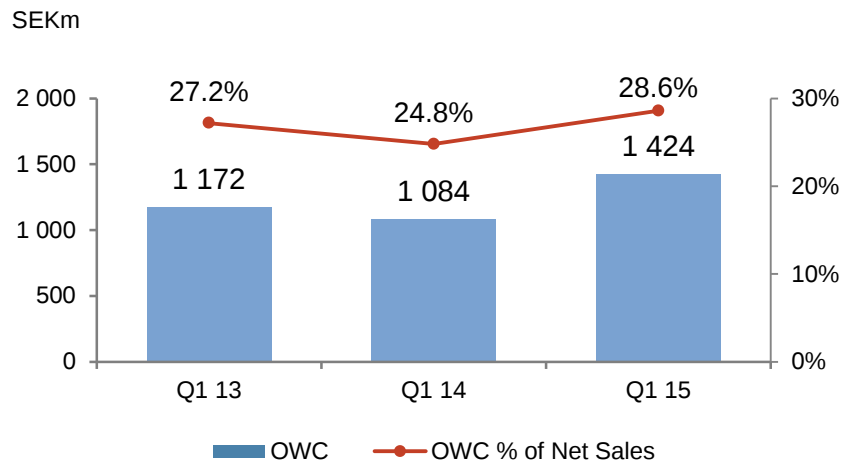
# Reported Income Statement – Thule Group

| SEKm                                          | Q1<br>2014   | Q1<br>2015   | Jan-Dec<br>2014 | LTM          |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Net sales</b>                              | <b>1,075</b> | <b>1,366</b> | <b>4,693</b>    | <b>4,984</b> |
| Cost of goods sold                            | -646         | -829         | -2,861          | -3,043       |
| <b>Gross income</b>                           | <b>429</b>   | <b>538</b>   | <b>1,832</b>    | <b>1,941</b> |
| Other operating revenue                       | 4            | 2            | 5               | 3            |
| Selling expenses                              | -201         | -246         | -897            | -941         |
| Administrative expenses                       | -72          | -83          | -298            | -308         |
| Other operating expenses                      | -7           | -5           | -44             | -42          |
| <b>Operating income (EBIT)</b>                | <b>152</b>   | <b>206</b>   | <b>599</b>      | <b>653</b>   |
| Net interest expense/income                   | -50          | -20          | -324            | -294         |
| <b>Income before taxes</b>                    | <b>101</b>   | <b>185</b>   | <b>275</b>      | <b>358</b>   |
| Taxes                                         | -24          | -44          | -75             | -95          |
| <b>Net income from continued operations</b>   | <b>77</b>    | <b>142</b>   | <b>199</b>      | <b>264</b>   |
| Net income from discontinued operations       | 14           | 0            | -340            | -354         |
| <b>Consolidated net income</b>                | <b>92</b>    | <b>142</b>   | <b>-140</b>     | <b>-90</b>   |
| <i>Consolidated net income pertaining to:</i> |              |              |                 |              |
| Shareholders of Parent Company                | 90           | 142          | -140            | -89          |
| Non-controlling interest                      | 1            | 0            | 0               | -1           |
| <b>Consolidated net income</b>                | <b>92</b>    | <b>142</b>   | <b>-140</b>     | <b>-90</b>   |

Source: Company information

# Operating Working Capital and Operational Cash Flow

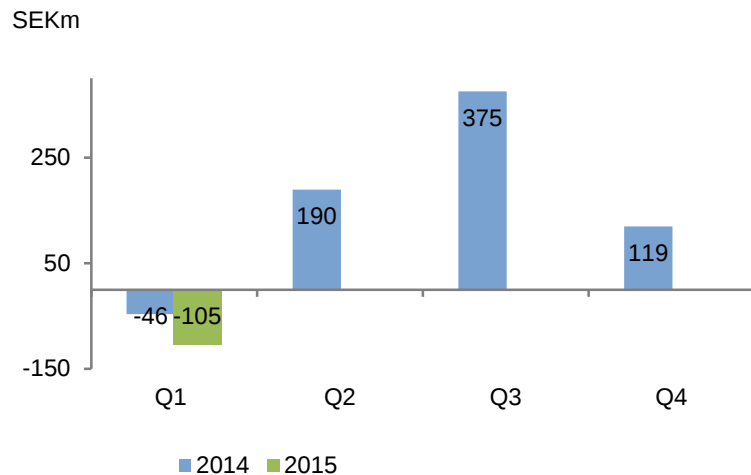
## Operating Working Capital



## Comments

- Operating working capital as of 31 March 2015 was as follows:
  - Inventory: SEK 954m (749)
  - Accounts receivables: SEK 1 027m (781)
  - Accounts payable: SEK 558m (446)
- Unfavorable Fx effect SEK 152m vs prior year

## Operational Cash Flow



## Comments

- Operational cash flow SEK -105m in Q1 (-46)
- Negative effect this year due to
  - Inventory build up
  - Ramp up Distribution Center East
  - New product launches
  - Increased sales
- Following prior years' pattern, with negative effect in Q1

Source: Company information

# Q1 2015 in Summary – A good start to the year

## Sales

- Thule Group growth of +11.5% (excl. Fx)
- Outdoor&Bags growth of +9.0% (excl. Fx), driven by strong performance in Europe
- Snow in Alp-region gives sales boost in Specialty, compared to very weak winter previous year
- Positive early signals on initial sales in new product categories

## Operational

- E. European Distribution Center operational

## Financial

- Gross Margin decreases 60bp to 39.3 percent, as currencies boost sales, but not gross margin
- Underlying EBIT margin grows 90bp to 15.4 percent
- Cash flow from operating activities at SEK -151m
- Net debt / Underlying EBITDA at 3.4x
- Board proposes SEK 2.00 dividend.  
Paid in two occasions, SEK 1.00 in May and SEK 1.00 in October



# Thule Group – 2015 Performance vs. Financial Targets

|                        |         |                                                                                                                            |              |              |
|------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Organic Growth         | ≥5%     | Constant Currency Net Sales Growth                                                                                         |              |              |
|                        |         | <b>11.5%</b>                                                                                                               | <b>9.0%</b>  | <b>33.4%</b> |
|                        |         | Thule Group                                                                                                                | Outdoor&Bags | Specialty    |
| Underlying EBIT Margin | ≥15%    | <p>Increase from 14.5% (Q1/2014)<br/>LTM at 14.9%</p> <p><b>15.4%</b></p> <p>In line with plans to reach goal mid-term</p> |              |              |
| Net Debt / EBITDA      | c. 2.5x | <p>3.4x (YE 2014)</p> <p><b>3.4x</b></p> <p>In line with plans to reach goal mid-term</p>                                  |              |              |
| Dividend Policy        | ≥50%    | <p><b>51%</b></p> <p>Dividend of SEK 2.00 per share proposed by the Board</p>                                              |              |              |

Source: Company information

# Focus 2015 is to Capture Profitable Growth

## 2015 Focus

- Continue to Drive Profitable Organic Growth in Outdoor&Bags Segment
  - Continued strong performance in Sport&Cargo
  - Roll-out of new Active with Kids products portfolio
  - Roll-out of Technical Backpacks
  - Get growth in Bags for Electronic Devices
- Continue to manage Specialty cost efficiently
  - Further steps in lean set-up in Snow Chains
  - Production efficiencies in Work Gear
- Capture gains from Operational Efficiency
  - Ramp-up of Eastern European distribution center
  - Closing of W. European bags distribution center
  - Capture gains from more efficient supply chain



# Q&A



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