

# Q3 2015 Highlights – Strategic focus on growing core business continues

- Net sales of SEK 1 343m (1 182)
  - Thule Group +13.6% (+3.0% excluding currency effects)
  - Outdoor&Bags +12.4% (+2.7% excluding currency effects)
  - Specialty +27.8% (+5.5% excluding currency effects)
- Underlying EBIT of SEK 223m (195), underlying EBIT margin of 16.6% (16.5)
  - Underlying EBIT margin improved by +1.4% in constant currency
  - Outdoor&Bags shows an underlying EBIT of SEK 232m (208), +11.6% vs PY
  - Specialty reports EBIT of SEK 18m (12), +51.4% vs PY
- Net income of SEK 148m (81)
- Earnings per share of SEK 1.48 (0.96)
- Cash flow from operating activities<sup>1</sup> was SEK 412m (387)
- Snow Chain business divested in September
- Thule Test Center expansion (SEK 20m investment) operational in September
- Strong sales in core Sport&Cargo Carriers as well as newer categories Active with Kids and Sport&Travel Bags driven by successful product launches
- Outdoor&Bags Europe and ROW (+6.2% in constant currency)
- Bags for Electronic Devices in Americas decline pulls down Americas region sales development



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on total operations meaning both continuing and discontinued operations.

# Q3 2015 and first three quarters 2015 - Net Sales and EBIT by Segment

## Outdoor&Bags

	Jul-S	бер	Change		Jan-Sep		Change	
SEKm	2015	2014	Rep.	Adjust.1	2015	2014	Rep.	Adjust.1
Net sales	1 224	1 089	12.4%	2.7%	3 998	3 395	17.8%	5.7%
- Region Europe & ROW	776	701	10.8%	6.2%	2 643	2 280	15.9%	9.9%
- Region Americas	448	388	15.4%	-2.7%	1 355	1 115	21.5%	-1.6%
Operating income	218	194	12.4%		820	710	15.4%	
Underlying EBIT	232	208	11.6%	11.2%	841	726	15.8%	12.3%
Operating margin, %	17.8%	17.8%			20.5%	20.9%		
Underlying EBIT margin, %	19.0%	19.1%			21.0%	21.4%		

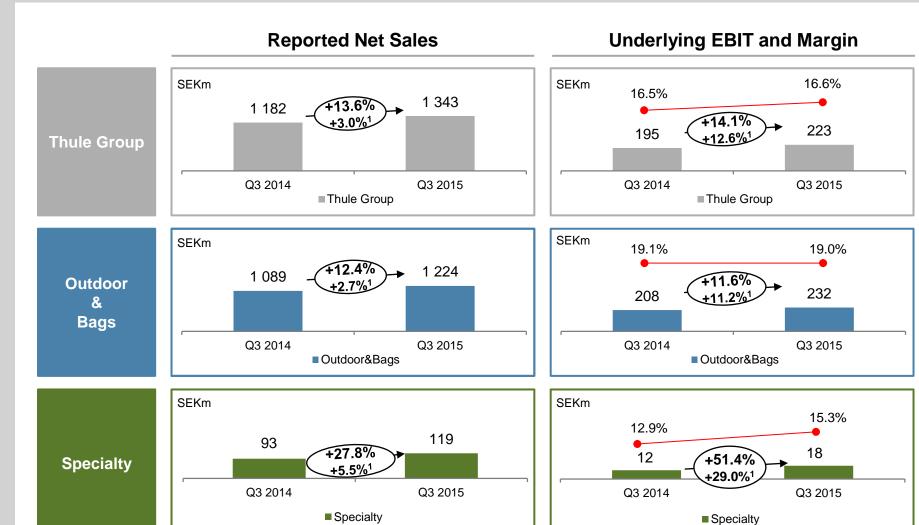
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# **Specialty**

	Jul-Sep Change		nge	Jan-Sep		Change		
SEKm	2015	2014	Rep.	Adjust.1	2015	2014	Rep.	Adjust.1
Net sales	119	93	27.8%	5.5%	342	260	31.3%	4.6%
- Work Gear	119	93	27.8%	5.5%	342	260	31.3%	4.6%
Operating income	18	12	51.4%		42	29	46.3%	
Underlying EBIT	18	12	51.4%	29.0%	42	29	46.3%	22.2%
Operating margin, %	15.3%	12.9%			12.3%	11.0%		
Underlying EBIT margin, %	15.3%	12.9%			12.3%	11.0%		

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## Q3 2015 – Financial highlights



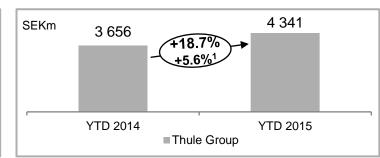
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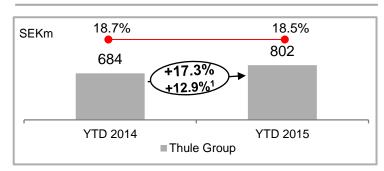
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# First three quarters 2015 – Financial highlights



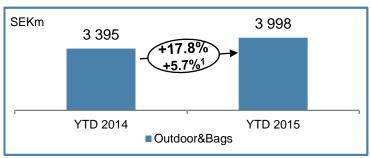
### **Underlying EBIT and Margin**

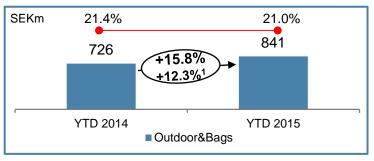




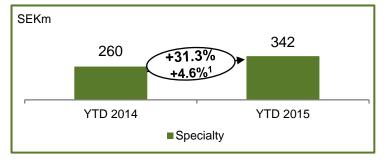


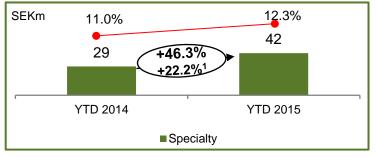
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# **Thule Test Center – Committed to Developing Best-in-Class Products**



# Q3 2015 – Positive feedback on product launches in new categories

### Examples of media feedback on our entry into new categories

### Thule Glide jogging stroller

Leading Norwegian daily newspaper (Sep 2015) Test of best stroller to jog with

"Simply put: Best in Test!"

# Aftenposten



Thule Commuter cycling commuter backpack
Leading UK cycling publication Cycling Weekly
Test of best commuter cycling backpacks (Oct 2015)

"Test winner is Thule - 10 out of 10, it is impossible to fault!"



## Q3 2015 – Positive feedback on product launches in new categories

### Examples of media feedback on our entry into new categories

### Thule Capstone and Thule Guidepost technical backpacks

Leading Brazilian Outdoor publication Outside Gear Guide Summer 2015 (Oct 2015)

Best large trekking pack
Best hiking backpack up to 35L
#2 hiking backpack up to 60L





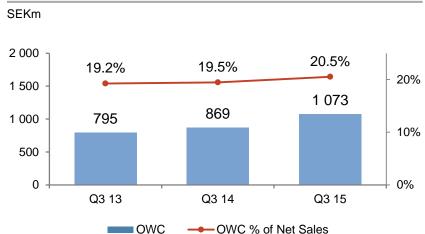
# **Reported Income Statement – Thule Group**

	Q3	Q3	Jan-Sep 、		
SEKm	2014	2015	2014	2015	LTM
Net sales	1,182	1,343	3,656	4,341	5,241
Cost of goods sold	-717	-835	-2,163	-2,631	-3,208
Gross income	465	508	1,493	1,710	2,033
Other operating revenue	-1	-2	5	2	2
Selling expenses	-208	-232	-615	-709	-954
Administrative expenses	-63	-72	-197	-222	-299
Other operating expenses	-20	4	-26	0	-16
Operating income (EBIT)	173	208	659	780	766
Net interest expense/income	-77	-14	-214	-49	-158
Income before taxes	96	194	444	732	608
Taxes	-14	-46	-106	-167	-146
Net income from continued operations	81	148	339	565	463
Net income from discontinued operations	-9	-125	-407	-146	-115
Net income	72	23	-69	419	348
Net income pertaining to:					
Shareholders of Parent Company	74	23	-69	419	348
Non-controlling interest	-2	0	0	0	0
Net income	72	23	-69	419	348

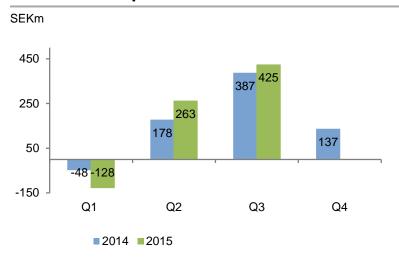
Source: Company information

# **Operating Working Capital and Operational Cash Flow**





### **Operational Cash Flow**



Source: Company information

### Comments

- Operating working capital as of 30 September 2015 was as follows:
  - Inventory: SEK 694m (529)
  - Accounts receivables: SEK 745m (683)
  - Accounts payable: SEK 366m (343)
- Currency effect SEK 119m vs prior year

### **Comments**

- Q3 Operational cash flow SEK 425m (387)
- Positive effect this year due to
  - Higher EBIT
  - Less CapEx
- Following prior years' pattern
  - Negative in Q1
  - Positive flows start mid-way through Q2

# First three quarters 2015 in Summary – Sales growth generating strong EBIT

#### Sales

- Thule Group growth of +5.6% (excl. Fx)
- Outdoor&Bags (92% of sales YTD) growth of +5.7% (excl. Fx), driven by strong performance in Europe overall and successful product launches in both regions
- Specialty (8% of sales YTD) growth of +4.6% (excl. Fx), stable growth within Work Gear
- Positive signals on initial sales in new product categories

#### **Operational**

- E. European Distribution Center in Huta, Poland, operating smoothly
- W. European Distribution Center in Venlo, the Netherlands, operational for Bags for Electronic devices and Sport&Cargo Carriers without any disruptions
- Efficiency gains in operational and back-office processes enable savings via staff reductions

#### **Financial**

- Gross Margin decreases 140bp to 39.4 percent, as currencies boost sales, but not gross profit, negative currency effect 150 bp
- Underlying EBIT margin at 18.5 percent, an improvement currency adjusted by 120 bp.
- Cash flow from operating activities at SEK 509m (432)
- Net debt / Underlying EBITDA at 2.4x
- Dividend of SEK 2.00 paid in two occasions SEK 1.00 was paid in May, and SEK 1.00 was paid in October



# Thule Group – First three quarters 2015 Performance vs. Financial Targets

		Constant Currency Net Sales Growth					
Organic Growth ≥ 5%		5.6% Thule Group	5.7% Outdoor&Bags	4.6% Specialty			
Underlying EBIT Margin	≥ 15%	18.5%	First nine months 2014 (*  LTM at 16.0%	18.7%)			
Net Debt / EBITDA	c. 2.5x	2.4x	3.3x (YE 2014)  Strong cash flow generation in Q3 in line with plans				
Dividend Policy	≥ 50%	51%	Dividend of SEK 2.00 per share in 2015				

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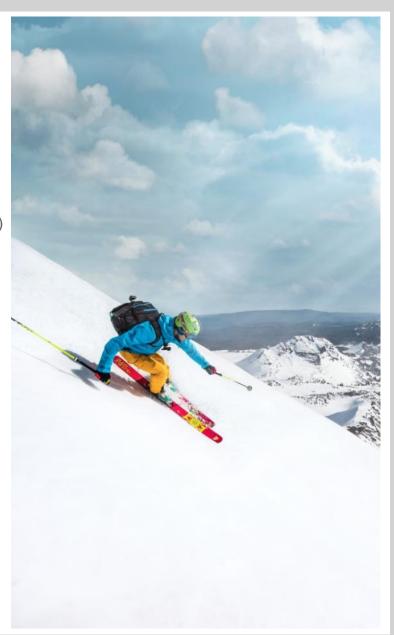
# Focus for rest of 2015: Capture Profitable Growth and Prepare for 2016 Season

### Continue to Drive Profitable Organic Growth

- Continued strong performance in traditional categories Sport&Cargo Carriers with broader and deeper product offer than ever for season 2016
- Grow sales in Other Outdoor&Bags via new products
  - Continued market share gains in strong motorhome market
  - Sales push with broader Active with Kids products portfolio
  - New product additions in Sport&Travel Bags (Technical Backpacks)
- Slow down and turn around the negative trend in Bags for Electronic Devices with new products and retail listings

### Continue to manage Specialty cost efficiently

- Focus on production efficiencies in Work Gear to drive profitable growth
- Carry out strategic review of category
- Capture gains from Operational Efficiency and prepare for 2016 season
  - Ramp-up W. European Distribution Center
  - Prepare for production ramp-up in new US box site
  - Capture gains from more efficient supply chain and back-office process efficiency gains





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