

# EMBRACER GROUP INTERIM REPORT

Q2 FY 22/23 November 17, 2022



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## Interim Report Q2 FY 22/23

**Net Sales Group** 

YOY GROWTH

**SEK 9,569m** 

190%

**GROUP ORGANIC GROWTH** 

**GROUP PRO FORMA GROWTH** 

35%

18%

**Adjusted EBIT** 

YOY GROWTH

**SEK 2,121m** 

115%

Adjusted EPS AFTER FULL DILUTION

**SEK 1.95** 

(0.91)

#### **Adjusted EBIT forecast**

SEK 8,000 - 10,000 million

FY 22/23

(downward adjustment)

SEK 10,300 - 13,600 million

FY 23/24

(reiterated)



Transformative partnership and licensing deal expected to be closed this Financial Year

Revenue driver







Postponed to 28 April, 2023



released today

On track



Global games market, 2022

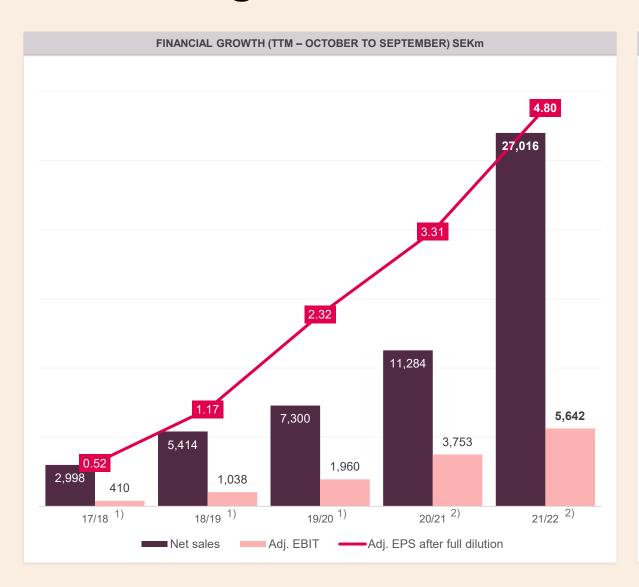
**- 4%** (+2%)

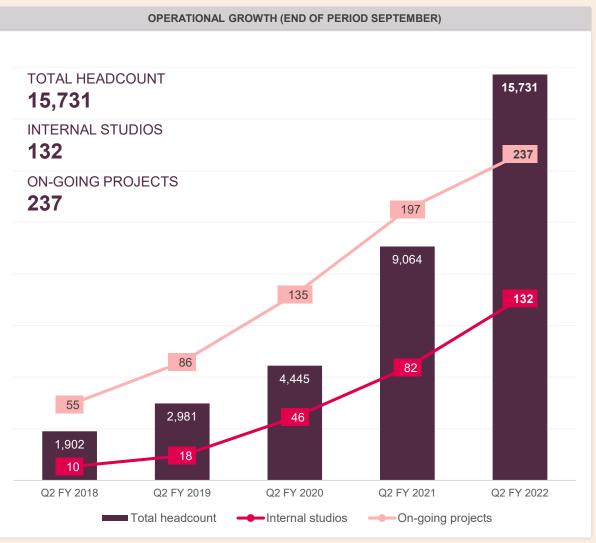
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Special review initiated by the Board of Directors on November 16th, 2022



## **Continued growth**









## 1. Segments



## **Operative Groups by segment**

PC / CONSOLE GAMES

Total Headcount: 11,165 | Internal Studios: 96 | IP: 252



**THQNORDIC** 













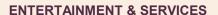
**MOBILE GAMES** 

Total Headcount: 1,135 | Internal Studios: 11 | IP: 41





Easybrain



Total Headcount: 941 | Internal Studios: 3 | IP: 164









**TABLETOP GAMES** 

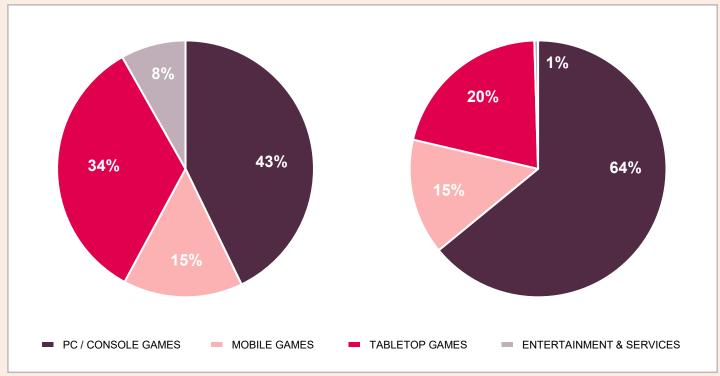
Total Headcount: 2,445 | Internal Studios: 22 | IP: 370



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#### NET SALES SPLIT | Q2 FY 22/23

#### **ADJUSTED EBIT SPLIT | Q2 FY 22/23**





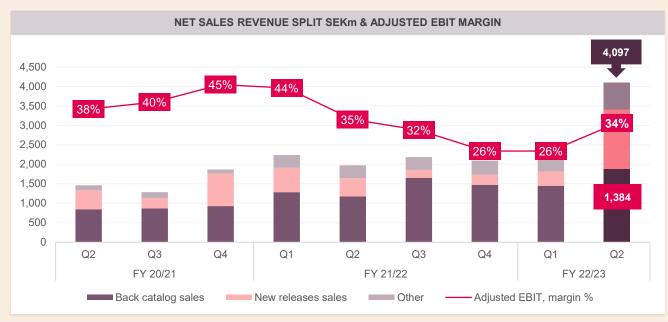


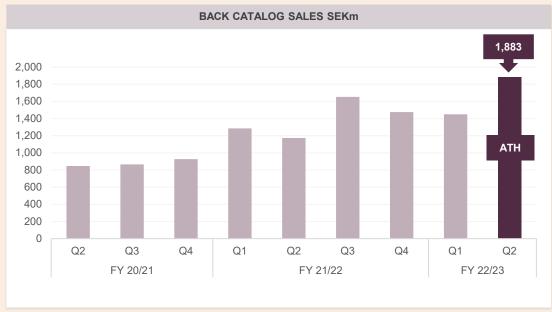


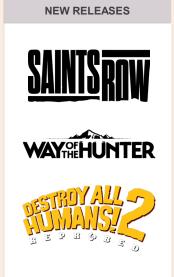


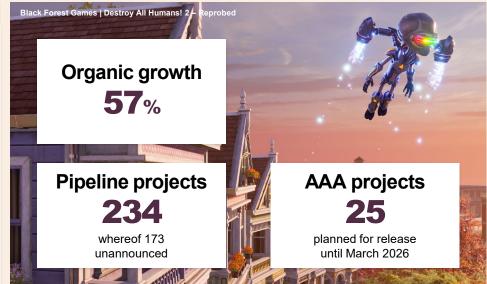
#### PC / Console Games













#### **OPERATIVE GROUPS**



**THQNORDIC** 



PLAION







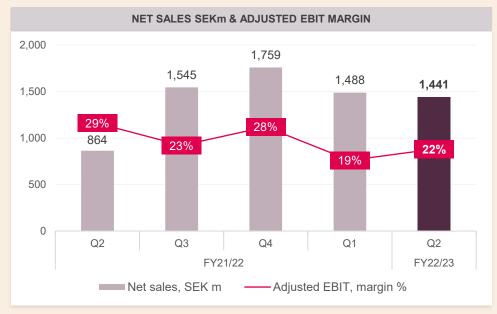




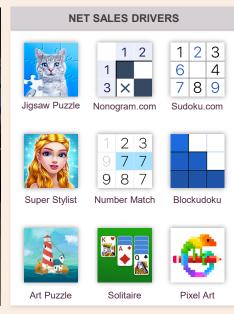


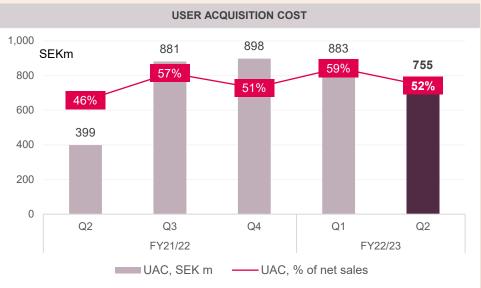
#### **Mobile Games**

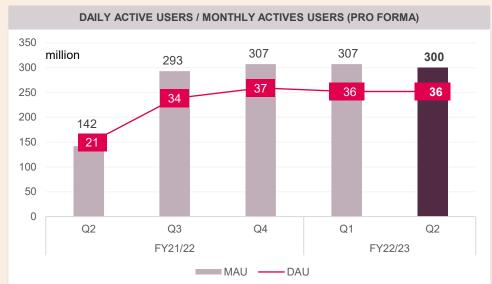




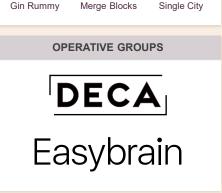














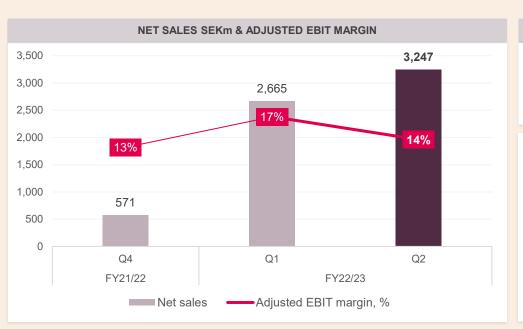






## **Tabletop Games**

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#### STRONG PIPELINE











Acquired VR Group expanding mass market distribution in Australia, New Zealand and the UK



Mantis (Exploding Kittens) was finalist in the 2022 Toy of the Year Awards in the Game of the **Year Category** 



#### **INTERNAL STUDIOS**























**GAMEGEN!C**°





PLAN GAMES























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Access + launched 3 games after the quarter in





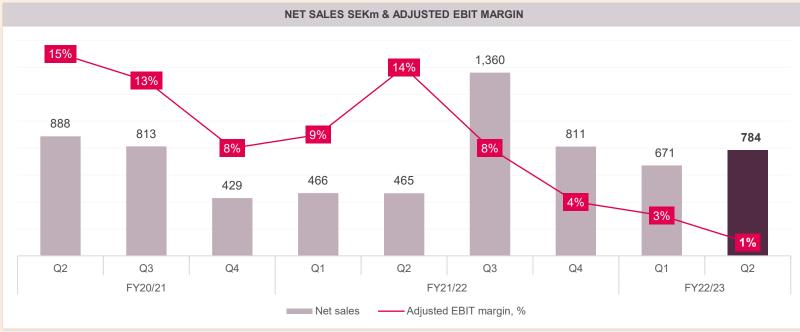






#### **Entertainment and Services**

## **GROUP**



**COMPANIES** 



**OPERATIVE GROUPS** 

























**★GRIMFROST®** 





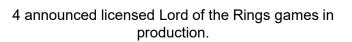
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Middle-earth Enterprises | Lord of the Rings



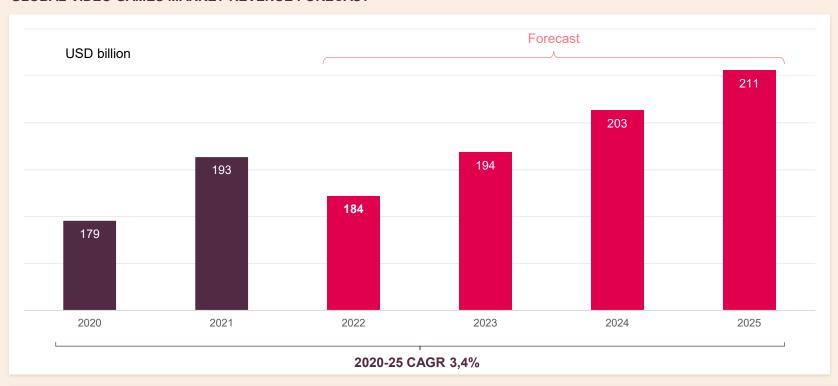
PLAION Pictures acquired Anime Limited, Europe's premiere distributor for Japanese animation.

Source: as of 30 September, 2022 | \* Closed after the quarter

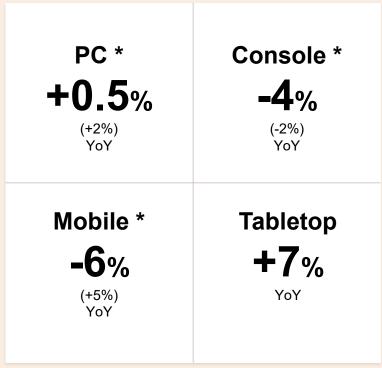


## Market update

#### **GLOBAL VIDEO GAMES MARKET REVENUE FORECAST**



#### **GLOBAL MARKET GROWTH 2022**



- The global video games market is estimated by Newzoo to generate USD 184 billion in 2022, a decrease of -4% YoY (+2%).
- This represents a clear downward revision of previous 2022 forecasts, largely due to a lowering of estimates in the mobile sector.
- The Tabletop games market up by +7% YoY in the April-September due to the Strategic Trading Card Games segment, which was up (in the quarter), by a substantial +25 % YoY. The Board Games (only) segment decreased by –6 % YoY.
- Current "Board Games" consumer purchase intentions\*\* indicate a potential solid fourth calendar quarter. Should the trading levels be similar to the previous two record years, it would put the full CY growth at +4 %\*\*\*.



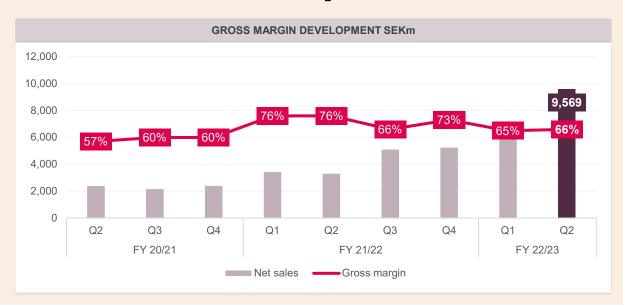
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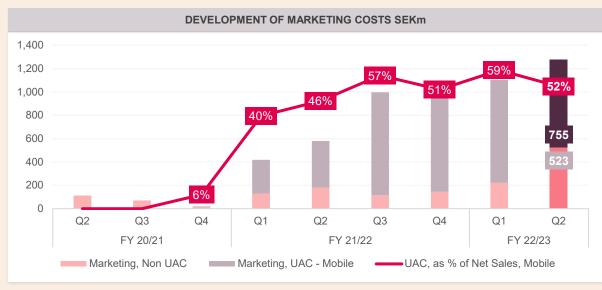
## **Key PNL Metrics**

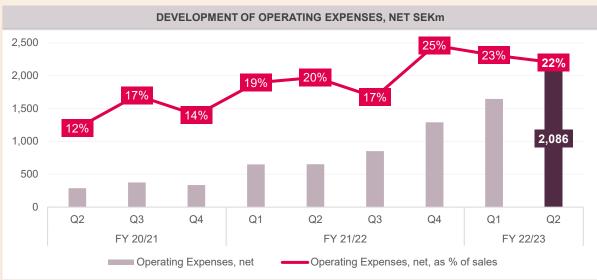
SEK million	Q2 FY22/23	Q2 FY21/22	YOY GROWTH	YOY ORGANIC GROWTH	YOY PRO FORMA GROWTH
Net sales	9,569	3,305	190%	35%	18%
Net sales – PC / Console Games	4,097	1,976	107%	57%	39%
Net sales – Mobile Games	1,441	864	67%	8%	5%
Net sales – Tabletop Games	3,247	-	-	-	9%
Net sales – Entertainment & Services	784	465	69%	-15%	-2%
Adjusted EBIT (margin %)	2,121 (22%)	986 (30%)	115%	-	
Adjusted EBIT – PC / Console Games	1,384 (34%)	695 (35%)	99%	-	-
Adjusted EBIT – Mobile Games	315 (22%)	254 (29%)	24%	-	-
Adjusted EBIT – Tabletop Games	451 (14%)	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBIT – Entertainment & Services	7 (1%)	66 (14%)	-90%	-	-
Adjusted EPS, SEK	2.12	0.95	123%		
Adjusted EPS after full dilution, SEK	1.95	0.91	114%		

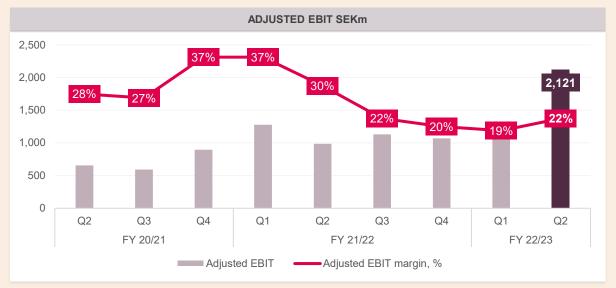
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## Financial development











## **Cash flow and investments**

SEK million	FY22/23 Q2	FY21/22 Q2	TTM Q2
Adjusted EBITDA	3,056	1,299	7,992
Cash Tax	-203	-213	-602
Other non-cash items	-162	-6	356
Operating Cash flow	2,691	1,080	7,747
Net investment in intangible assets	-1,572	-916	-4,743
Net investment in tangible assets	-124	-98	-391
Net investment in financial assets	10	-3	-94
Net Investment	-1,686	-1,018	-5,228
Free Cash Flow before WC	1,005	62	2,519
Change in working capital	-1,936	-20	-3,550
Free Cash Flow after WC	-931	42	-1,031
Cash Flow from financing activities	3,199	138	33,171
Net investment in acquired companies	-3,799	-2,723	-33,588
Cash Flow for the period	-1,531	-2,543	-1,448

#### Net debt and Financing

- At the end of September Net debt amounted to SEK 11.2 bn and available funds amounted to SEK 10.2 bn.
- Increased receivables in the Tabletop segment driven by increased sales in the quarter. Cash inflow from new releases and notable customer contracts after quarter end.
- Increase in inventory mainly related to inventory build-up in the Tabletop segment.
- Actions have been initiated to focus on working capital reduction and management expects to see tangible results during the remainder of the fiscal year with emphasis on the fourth quarter.
- During the quarter, Embracer Group AB made a voluntary loan prepayment of SEK 6.2 billion. The financial leverage target of 1.0x is expected to be reached by the end of the financial year.
- Embracer Group has substantial headroom to its financial covenants.

Cash & credit facilities

SEK 5.7b

by the time of this report



## **Forecast**

#### **MARKET**

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#### **OUR FORECAST**

We now expect a reduced forecast\* in FY 2022/23 while we reiterate the forecast FY 2023/24.

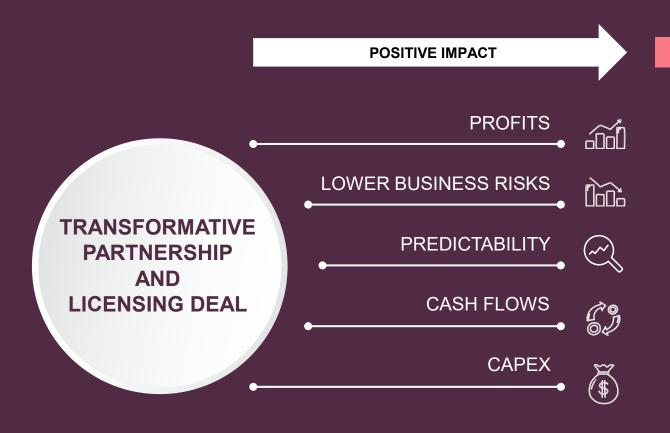
ADJUSTED EBIT	CURRENT FORECAST	PREVIOUS FORECAST
Financial Year 22/23	seк <b>8,000 – 10,000 million</b>	seк <b>9,200 - 11,300 million</b>
Financial Year 23/24	seк 10,300 – 13,600 million	seк 10,300 - 13,600 million

#### Our reduced forecast reflects:

- A mixed reception to some of our key Q2 PC/console releases impacting catalog sales in the coming quarters
- Shifts in the PC/Console pipeline (including Dead Island 2)
- A more cautious view on the current macroeconomic situation, particularly related to the Mobile Games and Tabletop Games segments
- It also includes a range of outcomes from partnership- and licensing deals with several industry partners expected to be completed during financial year 22/23.



## Transformative partnership and licensing deal



#### **ENABLES**

- Further investments into making even greater games based on both established and new IPs
- Even further organic growth by hiring of even more developers across the group
- Factor in our forecasted Adjusted EBIT range for this and next financial year



## **Special review**

## Turbulent times create new opportunities

- We continue our long-term mindset in building enduring, innovative and profitable businesses in a creative industry.
- We need to adapt to the challenges of geopolitical and social issues around the world and the new macroeconomic reality.
- The increased cost of capital will impact our business going forward. The adjustments in the cost of capital will, compared to before, require current and future investments, both organic and in-organic, to have a higher minimum hurdle with a safety margin to justify the capital allocation.
- We need to continue our sharp focus on the execution of our ongoing business around the world.

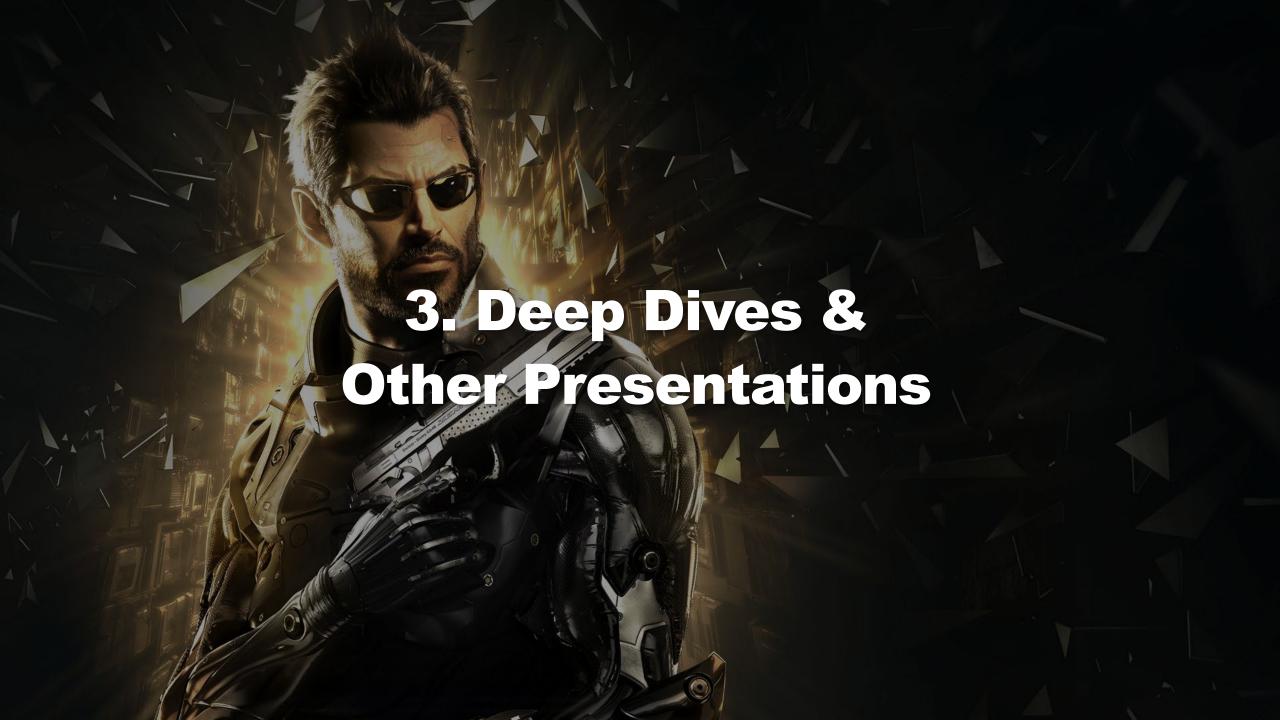
### The Board of Directors decided on November 16 to launch a special review of our business to navigate:

- The new market conditions
- How we both make sure all businesses have all the tools to succeed and maximize the long-term shareholder value creation



The outcome of this review may, for example, lead to board recommendations to make spin-off/s (under Lex Asea) into separate publicly listed companies in the future, if that is deemed to be the best for its employees, create higher shareholder value and improve our strategic flexibility.

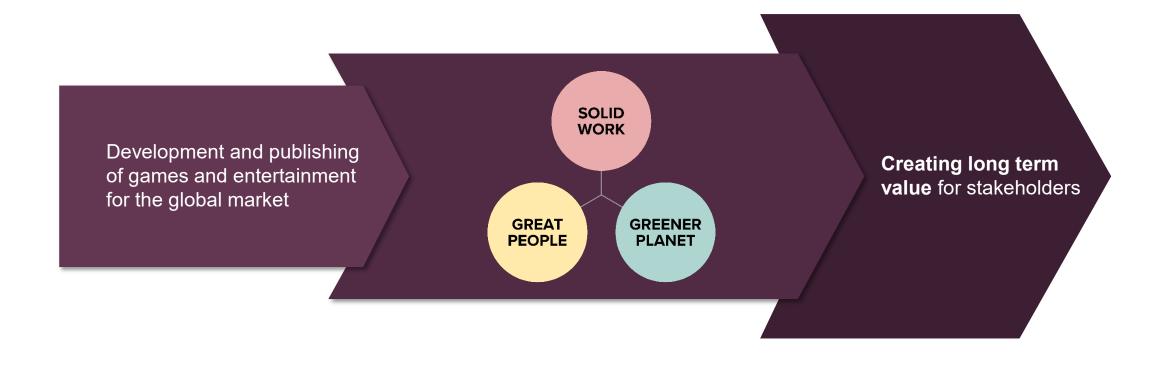








## **Sustainability - Part of our business**



- Provide entertainment
- Hiring people
- Paying tax
- Suppliers

- MORE entertainment
- Hiring MORE people
- Paying MORE tax
- Providing MORE suppliers with business



## **Embracer and Sustainability**



Our global presence



EMBRACER GROUP HQ Karlstad, Sweden

**OPERATIVE GROUPS** 

**12** 

**TOTAL HEADCOUNT** 

15 731

**INTERNAL STUDIOS** 

132



Source: as of 30 September, 2022 | \* Formerly known as Koch Media

## Asmodee – Access +

EQUAL AND INCLUSIVE ACCESS TO GAMES











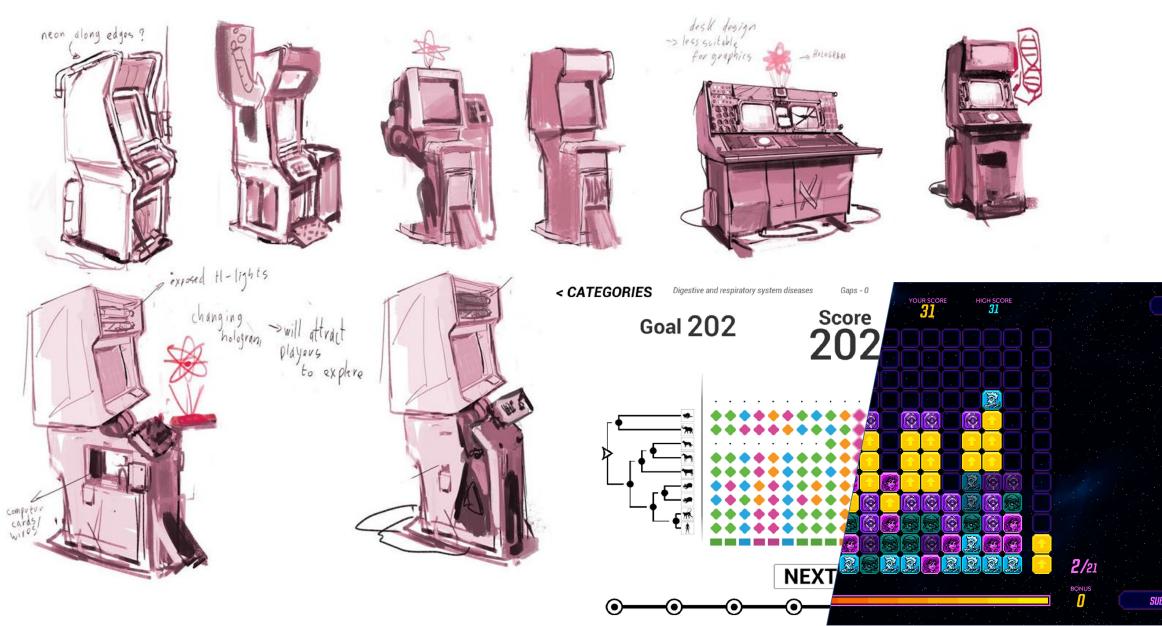
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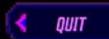
Winner



Large Company Winner Gearbox Quebec







## TARGET SCORE





#### HELP

## **NUCLEOTIDES:**

- **C**ytosine
- Guanine
- **A**denine
- <u>T</u>hymine

**Human Gut Microbiome Bacteria DNA** 



WITH OUR PARTNERS







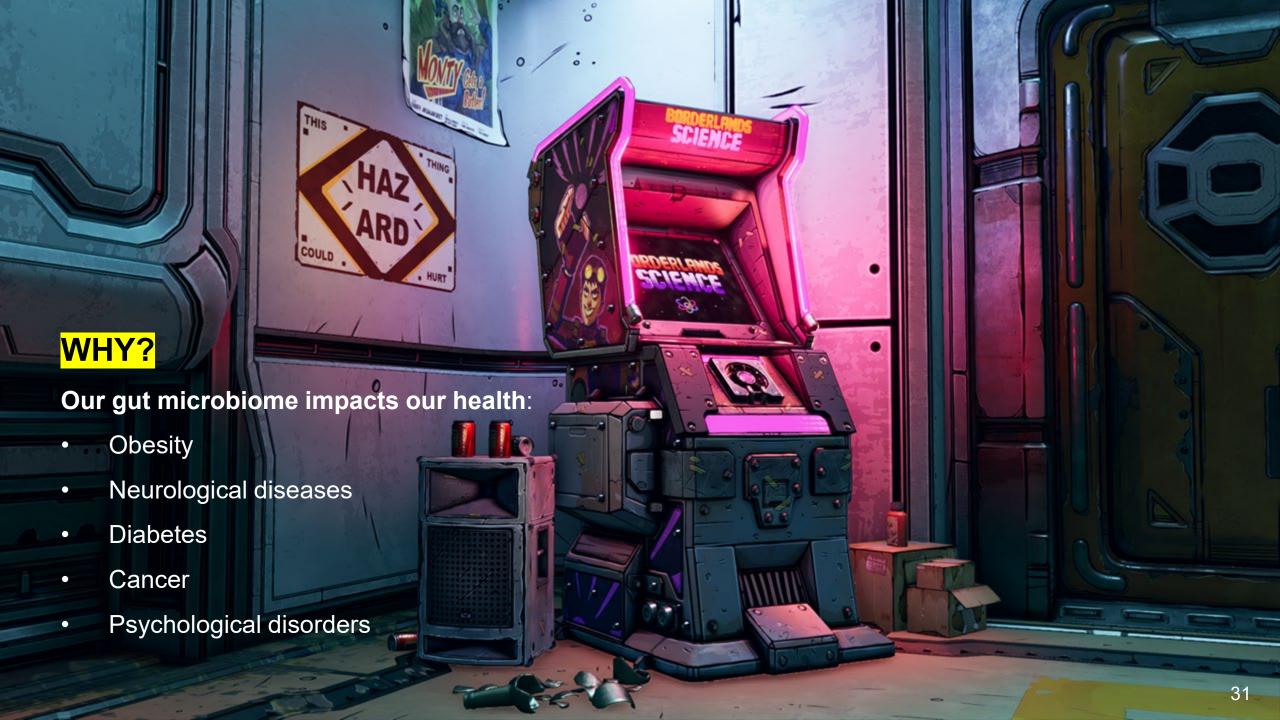
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Step 2

puzzles

Alignment

Packaged

solutions

Puzzle

#### **Academic Team**

Step 1

Filtered

Step 6

Improved

alignments

#### **Activity 1**



- 1. Collect and build clean microbiome data sets
- 2. Leverage results generated from project
- R. Knight (co-PL)

**Research Collaborator** (case study)

#### **Activity 2**



- 1. Build puzzles microbiome from data
- 2. Aggregate solutions to improve alignments
- 3. Learn customized algorithms from solutions
- J. Waldispühl (PL) M. Blanchette (co-PL)

**Academic Project Leader** 

#### **Activity 3**



- 1. Distribute puzzles to gamers
- 2. Collect puzzle solutions from gamers
- A. Szantner (PL)

Step 3 Ranked puzzles



Step 4 Puzzle solutions

#### **Activity 4**



Video game design and deployment

Sébastien Caisse (co-PL) Amélie Brouillette

Receptor consortium member

D. McDonald



**Receptor Leader** 





- More than 6 million puzzles completed, or 4,100+ puzzles solved every minute;
- More than 150,000 active players;
- Each player completed, on average, 40 puzzles;
- Our top player completed 519 puzzles!

Our optimistic forecast was to reach one million completed puzzles by the end of the 1st week...

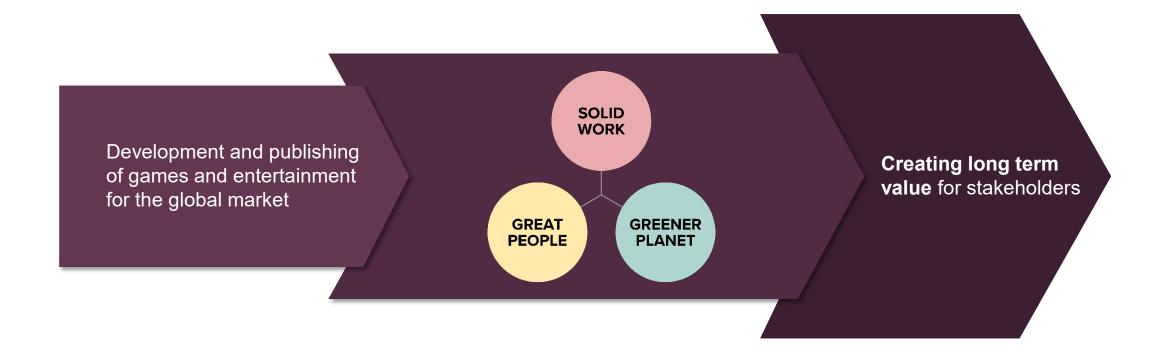


Tech Titans' 2021 Corporate Innovation Award





### **Create Value for the World**



- Provide entertainment
- Hiring people
- Paying tax
- Suppliers

- MORE entertainment
- Hiring MORE people
- Paying MORE tax
- Providing MORE suppliers with business



Phil Rogers, CEO

# C R Y S T A L DYNAMICS









### **THQNORDIC**





Talent
Expertise
Synergy







Easybrain





EMBRACER\*
GROUP

### First 90 Days

1. PEOPLE

2. STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

3. BROADENING REVENUE SOURCES





INSPIRING THE GREAT STORYTELLERS OF THE FUTURE



THE ICONIC SECRET AGENT HEROINE RETURNS



**UNREAL FEST: SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE** 





UNREAL FEST: THE PATH TO EXCEPTIONAL DESIGN AND CRAFTSMANSHIP

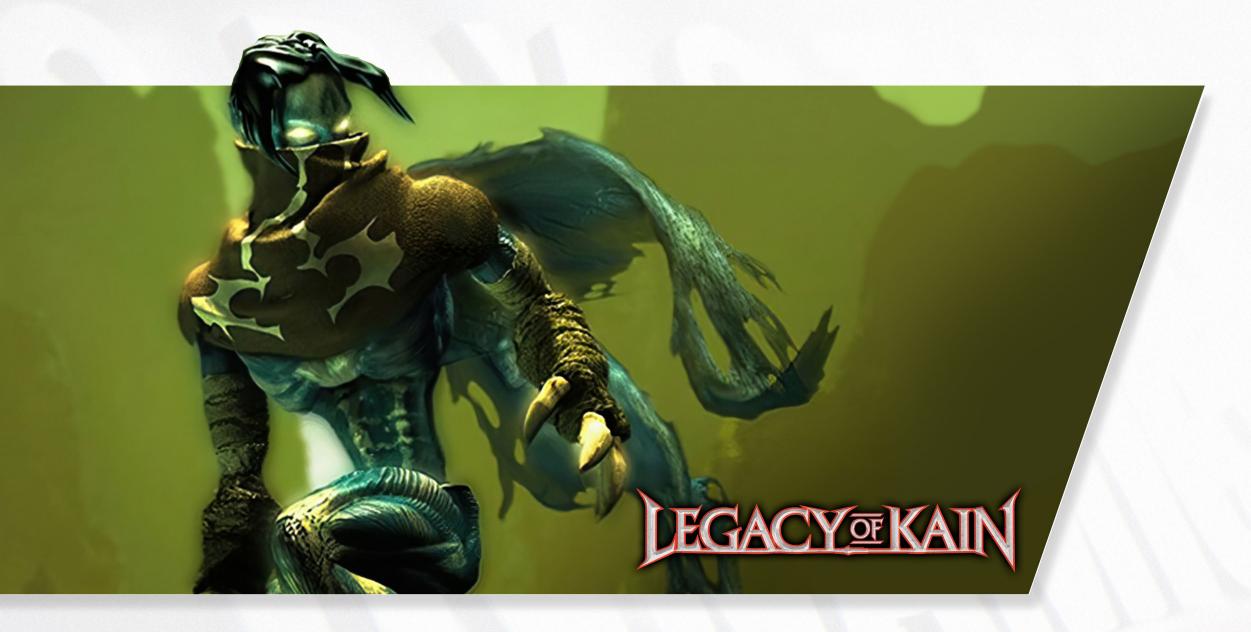


MULTI AWARD-WINNING GAME CELEBRATES ITS 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY – 8M PLAYERS AND COUNTING





**NEW HERO - LAUNCHING NOVEMBER 29th** 



73,000 SURVEY RESPONSES FROM GAMERS – WE HEAR YOU!





## Müge BOUILLON

Group CFO, Asmodee Group

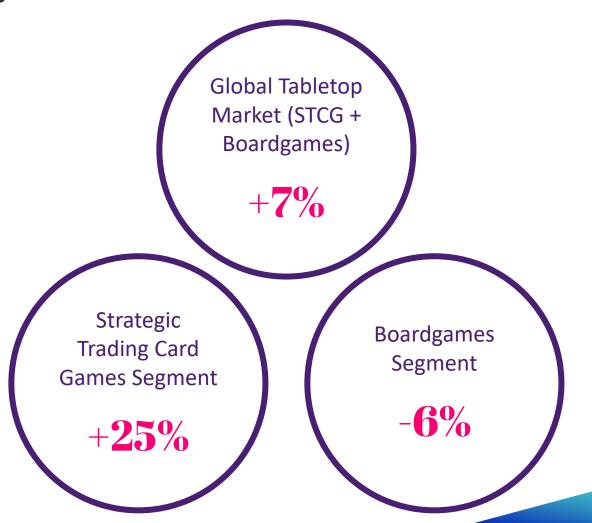




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Adj. EBIT delivered in line with last year despite temporary product mix impact and a challenging inflationary environment.

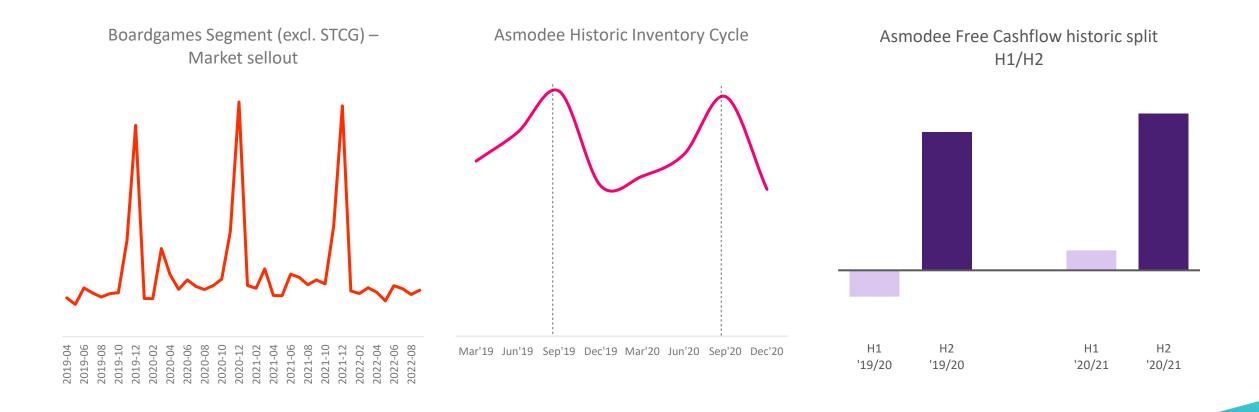






# September is the peak of seasonal driven working capital investment...

Strong seasonal trend in market demand drives seasonality in boardgame inventory levels and distinct H1/H2 split in cash generation





# ...while boardgames inventory is also impacted by temporary factors driving a timing impact on cash generation



We expect seasonal unwinding of the stock position to year end, with temporary effects unwinding over the next 12 months as we normalize coverage of evergreen/bestseller titles.

After H1 investment, seasonal unwinding is to generate strong H2 cash generation even after accounting for a partial phasing to next year due to the temporary inventory effects.

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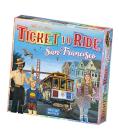
# Strong release pipeline, exciting opportunities and further geographic expansion

Exciting new releases in H1...

















... and many more in the months to come

















Many exciting opportunities with other operating units

### 25 projects in discussion

Including use of Asmodee IP's by Embracer studios...

...collaboration with Dark Horse on novels, comics, merchandising and media development...

...and further development of our longstanding relationship with MEE









Expanding geographic footprint and mass market distribution









Australia

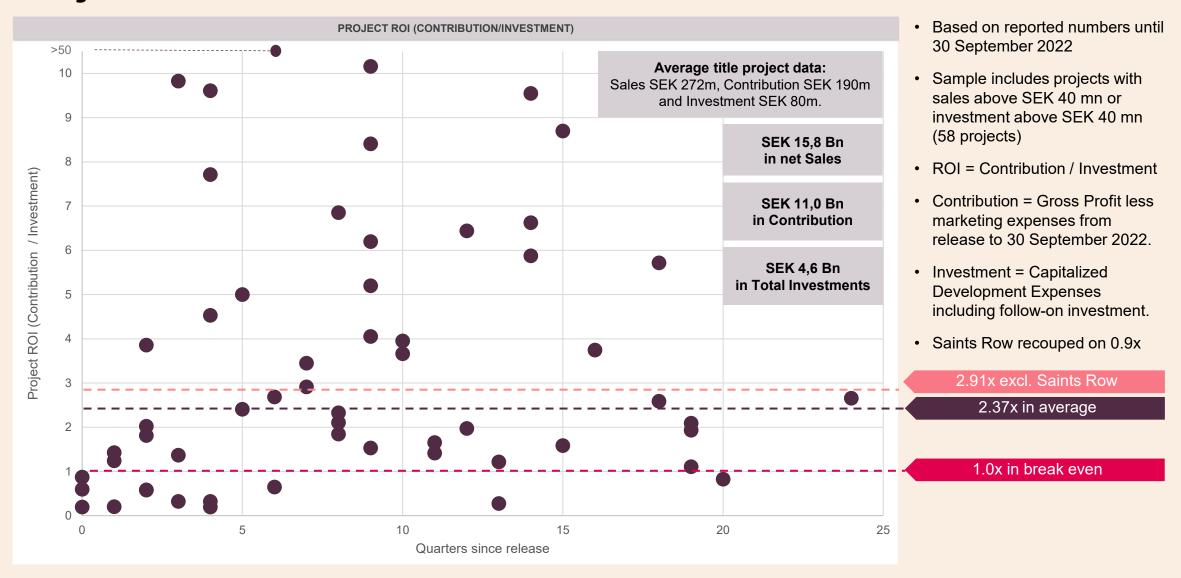
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### Project ROI - PC/Console

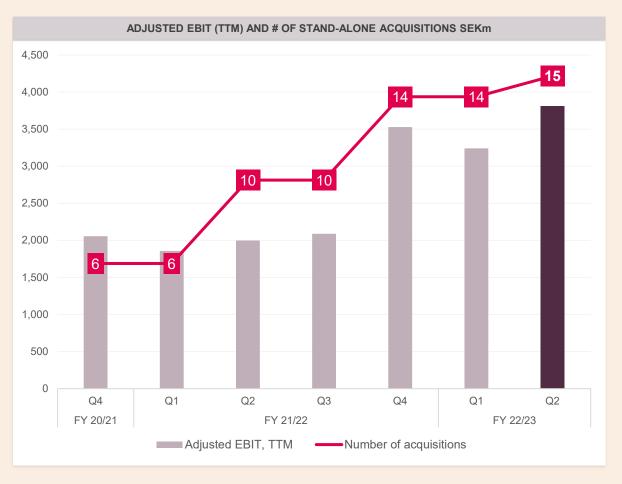


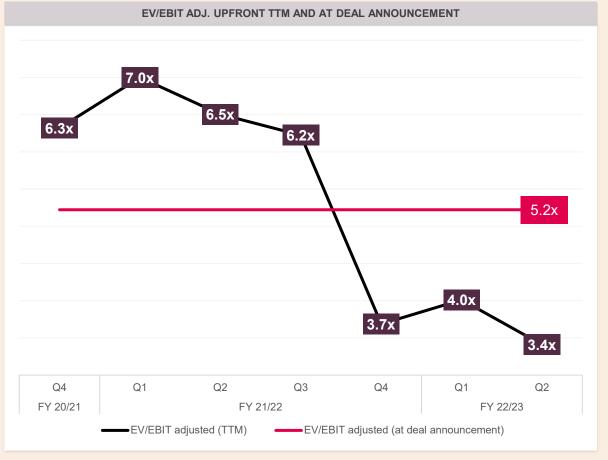




### **M&A follow-up**

- Operative units & Standalone companies 19 deals included, or 15 excluding integrated companies
- The study include acquisitions since 2018, with a minimum of four quarters since acquisition
- On a trailing twelve-month basis, adjusted EBIT has grown by over 50% since deal announcement
- The weighted average upfront Adjusted EV/EBIT multiple for has decreased from 5.2x to 3.4x





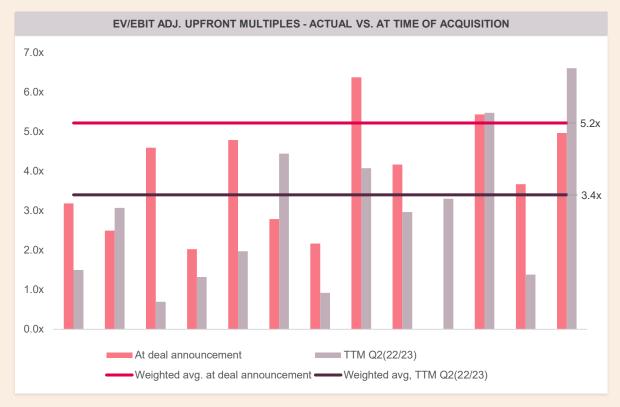


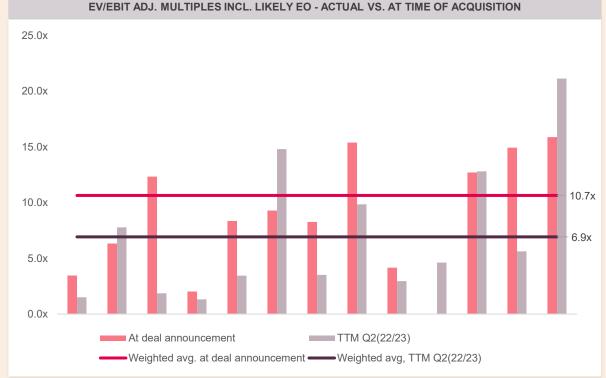
### M&A follow-up

#### FINANCIALS | RATIONALE

- Day 1 EV = SEK 13,0 bn | Likely E/O = SEK 13,5 bn\*
- Total purchase price = SEK 26.5bn
- Adjusted EBIT at closing = 2.49bn
- Adjusted EBIT TTM = +53%
- Upfront EV/Adjusted EBIT 5.2x at deal announcement --> 3.4x TTM

- Adding developing, publishing and other capabilities (5,945 people)
- ≥ 2,415 people (+41%) organically since acquisition, totaling 8,360 end of quarter
- Adding IPs, Studio network and publishers





### **Amplifier**



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Platforms	Mobile	PC	PC / Console	PC / Console	PC	PC / Console	Mobile / VR	PC / Console	PC / Console	-	-	-	-	PC / Console	PC / Console	PC / Console
Team size	5-10	5-10	10-25	5-10	10-25	5-10	10-25	5-10	10-25	5-10	10-25	10-25	10-25	50-100	25-50	10-25

#### **AMPLIFIER BUSINESS CASE**

- Attractive and unique business model that has become increasingly successful. Last quarter alone the Amplifier team had 195 incoming opportunities.
- Successful acquisition of Amplifier made in 2019 for in total 42 SEKm.
   Minority portfolio alone has generated 110 SEKm in net profits in exits.
- Successful Tarsier acquisition in 2019. Little Nightmares has been generating notable royalties. We are highly confident in their future pipeline.
- Total net investments into Amplifier are 550 SEKm whereof 315 SEKm in Capex.
- We are confident in Amplifier's future pipeline with 15 projects across close to 300 developers. Without taking further deals into account we believe the current pipeline could generate 500-1000 SEKm in FY 24/25 alone and be a notable contributor to organic growth in the group.

#### **AMPLIFIER STRATEGY**

- Full acquisition including with long-term earnouts
- Geography At our discretion biased towards Scandinavia, EU & NA
- Platforms PC & Console, dabbling with Mobile, VR, and more
- Games Genre agnostic, finding gaps or overlaps with our portfolio
- **Team Size -** 5-20 FTE, we are looking at different sizes
- Budget Game Budget 3 5 M€

ROI: 3x inv. hurdle for all inv., but aim for outlier returns of >10x

### Coffee Stain & Ghost Ship Games



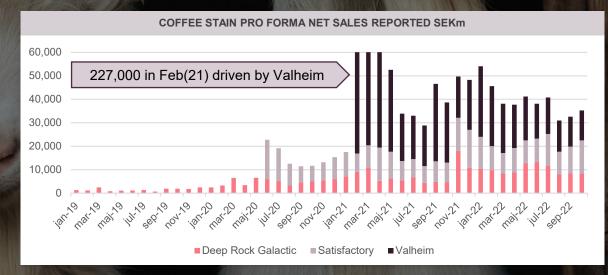
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City	Skövde	Malmö	Stockholm	Göteborg	Trollhättan	Göteborg	Göteborg
Platforms	PC / Console	Mobile	PC / Console	PC / Console / Mobile	PC / Console	PC	PC
Team size	25-50	>5	25-50	>5	5-10	5-10	5-10
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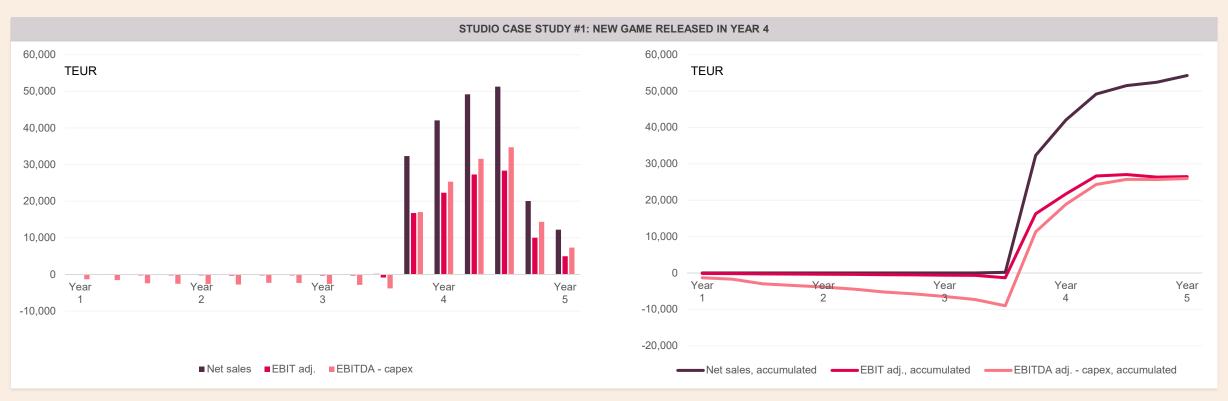
- In total we have invested SEK 2.69 bn in acquisitions since 2018 to create the Operating Group. This includes likely earn-outs until 2029
- Pro forma Net Sales TTM Q2 FY 22/23: 1,300 SEKm
- Pro forma Adjusted EBIT TTM Q2 FY 22/23: 835 SEKm or 64.2% Adjusted Ebit margin
- We expect the Goat Simulator 3 release in Q3 and Valheim Xbox release in Q4 to grow the business further
- Notable unannounced pipeline 2023 onwards
- Significant free cash flow generation since 2018 due to low Capex





### Studio case #1

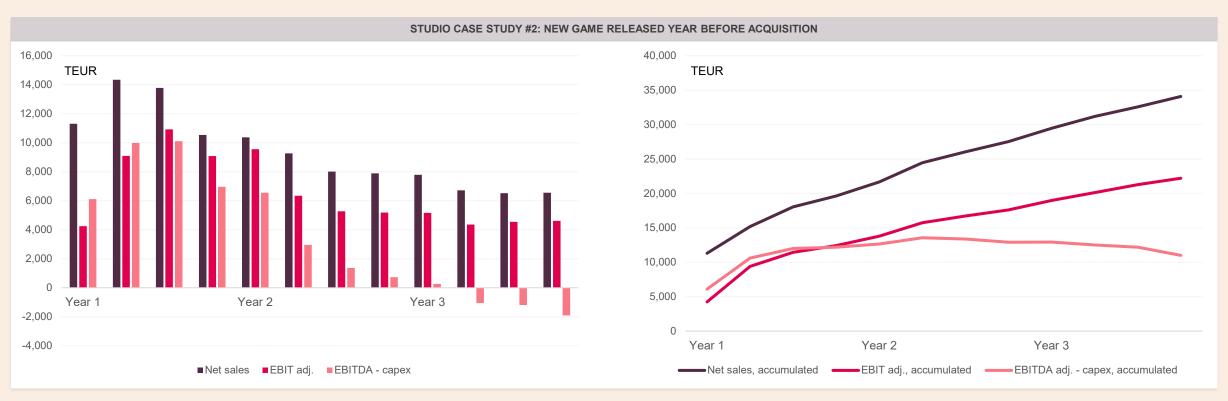
- New and only game released in year 4 after acquisition
- Negative cash flow before tax (EBITDA minus capex) for three years
- Strong earnings and cash flow contribution at release
- Adjusted EBIT and operating cash flow converge one year post-release
- New game now under development



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### Studio case #2

- New and only game released one year before acquisition
- Strong earnings and cash flow contribution first two years post-acquisition
- Negative cash flow in most recent quarters one year ahead of promising sequel
- EBIT and cash flow expected to converge post-release, depending on success









### Change of listing Venue to regulated market

The project for changing listing venue is progressing according to time plan, where we have the ambition to be ready for listing at the regulated Nasdaq Stockholm Main Market by the end of 2022, provided that certain milestones are reached as planned.

#### Rationale

- Broader shareholder base with increased liquidity.
- Company will be better known worldwide; listing on Nasdaq Stockholm gives an extra stamp of quality
- Allows for share buy-back programs
- Valuable governance and control structures, including ESG, which will continue to develop the group's existing structures

#### **About**

- Large project involving 12 operative groups and ~300 legal entities in ~50 jurisdictions.
- Seven project workstreams, 140+ activities in action plan and 53 milestones.
- Key milestones include; Transition to IFRS reporting, Financial Manual update, Proforma preparations for prospectus, legal and tax DD, stock exchange audit, documentation and monitoring of control activities (incl IT), prospectus, dataroom, steering documents, policies, instructions, guidelines.





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