



### INTRODUCTION TO THE COMPANY



- GARO develops and manufactures innovative products and turnkey solutions for the electric installation market
- Operations in Sweden, Norway, Finland, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Poland
- Two business areas: GARO Sweden and GARO Other markets
- Broad product assortment and market leading within many product areas
- HQ in Gnosjö, Sweden and employs 394 people
- Production units: Gnosjö, Värnamo, Sweden and Szczecin, Poland



#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- Sales +14%
  - Healthy development in Sweden and Other markets
  - Sales negatively affected by unusually cold weather in March and an early Easter
- EBIT +6%
  - > Sweden +8%
  - > Other markets +3%
- Operating margin of 12.1% (13.0)
  - Temporary lower productivity in Poland



#### **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Good development in all product categories
  - Strong growth in EV Charging and Temporary Power
- Focus on training staff and expanding production in Poland
- Project business: Emedius AB fully integrated in the project business.
- Finland: New MD and strengthened organization
- Outlook: Continued high activity in the construction market in Sweden despite signs of a certain slow down in number of housing starts. Positive view on the market conditions in the other markets



# PRESENTATION OF THE COMPANY PRODUCT AREAS







Temporary power



Electrical distribution products

Gnosjö

Szczecin

49%

(53)



Project business



15% (10) Gnosjö Szczecin



### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Q1

- Net sales +14%, of which organic growth +13%
  - Acquisition of Emedius now fully integrated
  - Acquisition of Web-El contributed with 1 pp to growth
- EBIT margin amounted to 12.1% (13.0)
  - Increased costs in Poland related to the expansion of production
  - Further investments in market- and product development

MSEK	Q1 2018	Q1 2017	Change, %	
Net sales	207.0	181.6	14	
EBIT	25.1	23.6	6	
EBIT margin,%	12.1	13.0	-	
Net income	19.1	18.5	3	
EPS, SEK	1.91	1.85	3	



### **GARO SWEDEN**

- Net sales increased by 14%
  - Market growth for installation products of c. 2% in the quarter
  - Healthy growth in all product areas
  - EV Charging continues to expand. In 18 months the number of rechargeable cars has doubled, now over 50,000 rechargeable cars in Sweden (www.elbilsstatistik.se)
- EBIT increased by 8%
  - A prolonged and relatively severe winter and an early Easter compared with last year led to a lower activity in the market

MSEK	Q1 2018	Q1 2017	Change, %	R12	2017
Net sales	138.6	121.8	14	560.5	543.7
EBIT	17.5	16.2	8	65.8	64.5
EBIT margin, %	12.6	13.3	-	11.7	11.9



#### OTHER MARKETS

- Net sales increased by 14%
  - Construction related product areas in general and especially within EV charging had good volume growth
  - Strong growth in Norway in construction related areas and good development in EV charging
  - Good growth in Ireland as well as in Finland. Increased production and sales in Poland but at reduced productivity
- EBIT increased by 3%
  - Lower operating margins mainly as a result of costs for ramping up production in Poland

MSEK	Q1 2018	Q1 2017	Change, %	R12	2017
Net sales	68.4	59.8	14	260.9	252.3
EBIT	7.6	7.4	3	33.8	33.6
EBIT margin, %	11.1	12.4	-	13.0	13.3



# CASH FLOW AND BALANCE SHEET

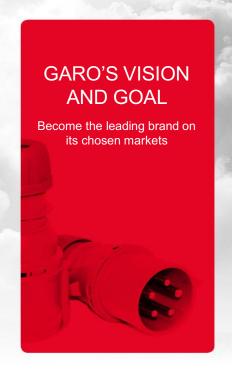
- Cash flow from operating activities of MSEK 10.7 (15.2) in the quarter
  - Due to an increase in net working capital, mainly higher inventories
- Cash flow from investing activities of MSEK -7.8 (-47.4)
- Net debt at MSEK 53.1 (15.1) and net debt / EBITDA at 0.5x (0.1x)

MSEK	Q1 2018	Q1 2017	R12	2017
Cash flow from operating activities	10.7	15.2	47.0	51.5
Cash flow from investing activities	-7.8	-47.4	-55.5	-95.1
Cash flow for the period	-8.2	-17.5	-3.9	-13.2
Net working capital	170.6	127.1	170.6	157.6
NWC / sales (LTM), %	20.8	18.4	20.8	19.8
Net debt(+) / net cash (-)	53.1	15.1	53.1	56.1
Equity / assets ratio, %	51.4	50.8	51.4	47.3



# STRONG GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**ACQUISITIONS** Capital intensive New or additional Companies with Nordic electric New geographical companies products and product an edge markets areas PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT Labour intensive New or additional New business New geographical Current products products and product divisions markets areas Organic growth of current customers and products





# **SUMMARY**

- Continued good expansion in Sweden and Other markets
- Lower operating margin due to:
  - costs related to expansion of production in Poland
  - further investments in market and product development
- Positive outlook for 2018: Continued good construction market in Sweden and high activity in Other markets. Continued development of EVcharging infrastructure.





