



## 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 segments: GARO Sweden and GARO Other markets
- Broad product assortment and is market leading within many product areas
- HQ in Gnosjö, Sweden and employs 376 people
- Production units: Gnosjö, Värnamo, Sweden and Szczecin, Poland



#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

#### Fourth quarter 2017

- Sales +19%. Strong development in Sweden and Other markets
- Lower operating margin of 13.0% (15.1) due to more sales- and market activities and investments to increase capacity

#### Full year 2017

- Sales +21%. All product areas had a positive development
- Operating margin of 12.3% (13.1\*) due to investments in prioritized areas mainly in the second half of the year
- Proposed dividend per share of 4.00 (2.85)



## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS 2017

- Investments to increase capacity
  - Factory in Poland: Doubling of capacity. Hiring and training of staff
  - ➤ Temporary electric installations: move to larger facility in Värnamo. 50% increase in staff
- Strategic acquisitions
  - Emedius AB within the Project business
  - WEB-EL to obtain expertise for the further development of customized services
- Strengthened product- and market organisation
  - More staff and increased market activities
  - New market: Northern Ireland
- Positive outlook for 2018
  - Continued good construction market in Sweden and high activity in Other markets combined. Continued build-out of EV-Charging infrastructure.



# PRESENTATION OF THE COMPANY PRODUCT AREAS









Electrical distribution products

Gnosjö

Szczecin

51%

(57)



Project business Temporary power



13% (13) Gnosjö Szczecin



#### **ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION PRODUCTS**

- Sales driven by the high activity within the housing construction sector
- Approximately 3,500 products
- The product development team has increased by 50% in 2017
- A new generation controlling sockets for charging stations, engine heaters, camp sites and marinas. GARO is the clear market leader within this area.
- KNX a smart control system for electronic equipment
- Ground mounted meter cabinets to newly built houses
- Solar energy. Increasing demand for panels







#### PROJECT BUSINESS

- The Swedish housing construction sector will require increased capacity in the years to come
  - Increased demand for complete and customized solutions
- Project business strengthened by the acquisition of Emedius
  - GARO is the clear market leader
- E-commerce 24 hours/day. In the app, the installer can configure his project solution of a consumer unit. Orders before 12.00 are assembled at GARO and delivered the same day





## TEMPORARY ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS

- Strong sales of building cabinets and workplace lighting during the year
  - Sensitive for changes in the construction activity
- Operations moved to a new facility in Värnamo with more production space. The organization have been strengthened and the number of employees have doubled

#### Deals during the year:

- New delivery agreement with Derome Byggvaror
- Contract to deliver 1,000 large cabinets to one of the largest rental equipment companies in Sweden.
- 10 000 GARO Ball construction lights to rental equipment company Cramo.
- Lighting and distribution cabinets to Förbifart Stockholm (road construction) together with wholesaler Ahlsell









#### **EV CHARGING**

- The market for chargeable cars increased by 60% in Sweden in 2017
- More than 50% of newly registered cars in Norway were electric or hybrids in 2017
- Increased production capacity in Sweden and Poland
- Will offer customised services together with newly acquired WEB-EL which adds valuable digital knowhow.
- Deals during the year:
  - Multiyear agreement with E.on for chargers in several Northern and Central European countries.
  - Cooperation with an Austrian company regarding sales and distribution of chargers in Austria, Switzerland, Poland and the Baltics
  - Additional order from Fortum
  - Cooperation with Vattenfall has been developed with many common projects
  - Agreement with Swedavia together with Rexel for delivery to 10 Swedish airports.





## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Q4

- Net sales +19%, of which organic growth +13%
- Acquisition of Emedius contributed with 6 pp to growth
- EBIT margin decreased to 13.0% (15.1):
  - Higher costs due to strengthened product and market organisation and increased market activities
  - Initial costs in Poland for expansion of production and training of new staff
- Net income helped by a deferred tax asset of MSEK 1.9 in Poland

MSEK	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	Change, %
Net sales	238,3	200.9	19
EBIT	30.9	30.3	2
Margin,%	13.0	15.1	-
Net income	26.0	21.7	20
EPS, SEK	2.60	2.17	20



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - FULL YEAR 2017

- Net sales +21%, of which organic growth +13%
- Acquisition of Emedius contributed by 8 pp to growth
- EBIT margin increased to at 12.3% (13,1\*):
  - Strengthened product and market organisation, increased market activities
  - Initial costs in Poland for expansion of production
- Net income helped by a deferred tax asset of MSEK 8.9 in Poland

MSEK	2017	2016	Change,%
Net sales	796.0	657.8	21
EBIT (adjusted)	98.1	86.4*	14
Margin,%	12.3	13.1*	12
Net income	85.6	57.0	50
EPS, SEK	8.56	5.70	50

<sup>\*</sup>Adjusted for items affecting comparability of MSEK -12.6 in EBIT and MSEK -9.8 in net income related to the IPO in 2016.



#### **GARO SWEDEN**

#### Net sales increased by 20%

- Market growth for installation products of c. 8% in the quarter and c. 8% in the full-year
- Strong growth in Temporary electric installations and in the Project business, helped by the acqusition of Emedius AB.
- EV Charging continues to expand. The number of rechargeable cars increased by 62% Y/Y (www.elbilsstatistik.se)

#### EBIT increased by 8%

 Operating margins lower due to strengthened product and marketing organisation and increased marketing activities

MSEK	Q4 2017	Q4 2016 Ch	ange, %	2017	2016 Cha	ange, %
Net sales	163.5	135.9	20	543.7	419.0	30
EBIT (adjusted)	20.8	19.3	8	64.5	48.7	32
EBIT margin, %	12.7	14.2	-	11.9	11.6	-



#### OTHER MARKETS

#### Net sales increased by 15%

- 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 Finland

#### EBIT decreased by 8%

 Lower operating margins as a result of initial costs in Poland and a strengthened sales and market organisation.

MSEK	Q4 2017	Q4 2016 Cha	ange, %	2017	2016 Ch	ange, %
Net sales	74.8	65.0	15	252.2	238.8	6
EBIT	10.1	11.0	-8	33.6	37.7	-11
EBIT margin, %	13.5	16.9	-	13.3	15.8	-



## CASH FLOW AND BALANCE SHEET

- Cash flow from operating activities of MSEK 15.3 (33.3) in the quarter
   Due to an increase in net working capital of MSEK 13.9 (-3.7)
- Cash flow from investing activities of MSEK -20.8 (-4.2)
  - Acquisition of WEB-EL MSEK -15.3
- Net debt at MSEK 56.1 (-17.3) and net debt / EBITDA at 0.5x (-0.2x) as a result of the acquisitions of Emedius and WEB-EL and investments in the Polish factory

MSEK	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	2017	2016
Cash flow from operating activities	15.3	33.3	51.5	48.4
Cash flow from investing activities	-20.8	-4.2	-95.1	-11.7
Cash flow for the period	13.1	25.8	-13.2	16.7
Net working capital	157.6	115.9	157.6	115.9
NWC / sales (LTM), %	19.8	17.6	19.8	17.6
Net debt(+) / net cash (-)	56.1	-17.3	56.1	-17.3
Equity / assets ratio, %	47.3	52.0	47.3	52.0



## FINANCIAL TARGETS

	Target	Outcome 2017
Sales growth	GARO's objective is to grow at least 10% organically over a business cycle	13%
Profitability	GARO's target is to have an operating margin (EBIT margin) of at least 10% over a business cycle	12,3%
Capital efficiency	Return of equity of 20% or higher	38.3%
Capital structure	Equity ratio of 30% or higher	47.3%
Dividend policy	GARO's target is to pay approx. 50 percent of its net profit in dividends. The dividend proposal shall take into account GARO's long-term dividend potential and the group's investment and consolidation needs	46.7%



# STRONG GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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





#### **SUMMARY**

- Continued strong expansion in Sweden and Other markets
- Lower operating margins due to more sales- and market activities, product development and investments to increase capacity
- Strengthened organisation within product development, sales and markets
- Strategic acquisitions of Emedius and WEB-EL
- Positive outlook for 2018: Continued good construction market in Sweden and high activity in Other markets combined. Continued development of EV-charging infrastructure.





