

Interim report January – June 2023

# Profitability impacted by uncertain market



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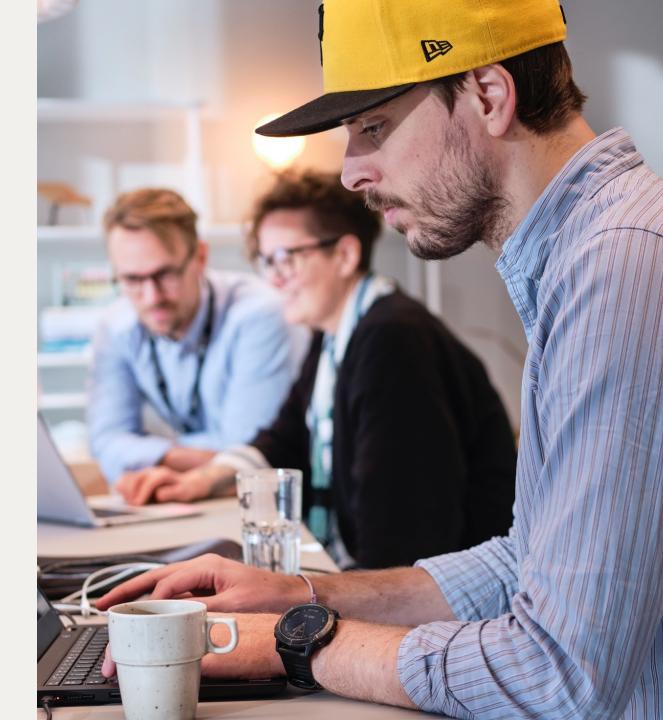
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Q2 in brief:

# Weaker development in an uncertain market

- Trend from 1<sup>st</sup> quarter with longer sales cycles and clients postponing orders have accelerated in Q2
- Impact in utilization and thus growth and margins
- Clients still in need of digitalisation projects, but remain in a "wait-and-see" mode
- High focus on sales activities, cost control and internal efficiency in all business areas
- Challenge to utilize junior or administrative roles, while technical specialist competence still in demand
- Demand in defence, cyber security, AI and legal remain good, where Knowit has a strong position



## Solutions

Nordic market leader in systems development

- Challenged by longer sales cycles and some clients reducing investments
- Utilization rates impacted, primarily in Sweden and Norway
- Planning and implementing measures to reduce costs and increase internal efficiency highly prioritized
- Some improvements towards the end of the quarter

	APR-JUN 2023	APR-JUN 2022	APR-JUN 2022 incl. acquisition <sup>1)</sup>
Sales, SEK, million	961.8	932.7	1,007.2
EBITA, SEK, million	50.3	89.6	90.1
EBITA margin, %	5.2	9.6	8.9
Number of employees at the end of the period	1,892	1,720	1,856

1) Pertains to the acquisition of Miracle A/S from April to June 2022.



### Experience

The largest digital agency in the Nordic region

- Strong position within data driven customer experiences
- Stable revenue development in Denmark and Norway, but challenges in Sweden, impacting overall utilization rate
- Work to reduce capacity and overhead costs initiated for future improvements in profitability
- Shift in focus from recruitment to sales create opportunities also in a weaker market

	APR-JUN 2023	APR-JUN 2022	APR-JUN 2022 incl. acquisition
Sales, SEK, million	395.1	401.5	401.5
EBITA, SEK, million	20.1	38.8	38.8
EBITA margin, %	5.1	9.7	9.7
Number of employees at the end of the period	975	960	960



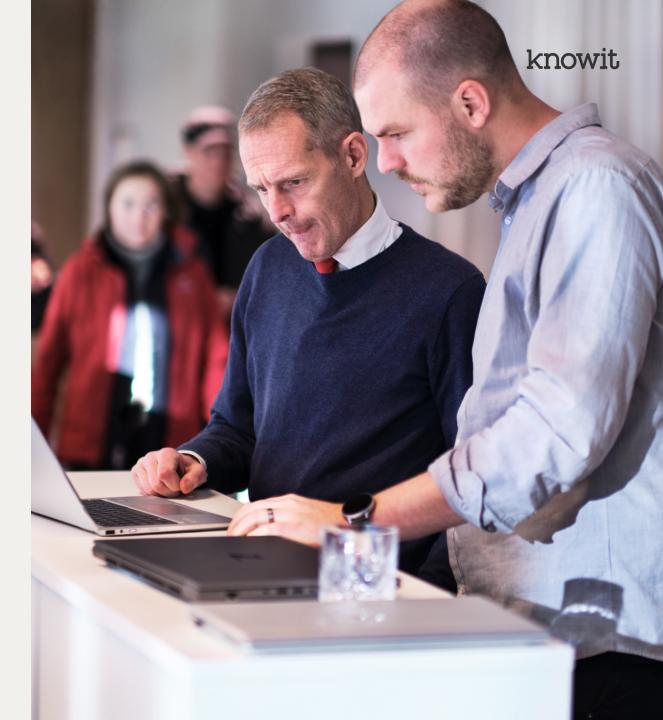
## Connectivity

Supporting a connected world

- Market leader in embedded systems development and secure applications
- Challenged in some sectors, e.g automotive and telecoms industries, while demand in defence sector remain stable
- Successful work to reallocate resources and extend existing customer contracts
- Strong development in Poland thanks to high ability to adapt to market changes

	APR-JUN 2023	APR-JUN 2022	APR-JUN 2022 incl. acquisition <sup>1)</sup>
Sales, SEK, million	266.8	259.4	268.0
EBITA, SEK, million	19.3	25.4	27.2
EBITA margin, %	7.2	9.8	10.1
Number of employees at the end of the period	764	740	740

1) Pertains to the acquisition of Swedspot AB from April to May 2022.



## Insight

Management consultants from strategy to implementation

- Strong offering especially within cybersecurity and digital transformation
- Accelerated challenges to utilize pure management consultants
- Good demand in defence and energy sectors remain as well as cybersecurity and legal
- Increased focus on sales combined with reductions of overhead costs set for margin improvements

	APR-JUN 2023	APR-JUN 2022	APR-JUN 2022 incl. acquisition <sup>1)</sup>
Sales, SEK, million	235.7	170.7	233.7
EBITA, SEK, million	17.9	24.0	37,7
EBITA margin, %	7.6	14.1	16.1
Number of employees at the end of the period	552	370	483

1) Pertains to the acquisition of Marketing Clinic Oy, Ascend AB and Ionic AB from April to June 2022.





# Q2 in figures

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### The quarter in figures

# **7** 1,758.8

Net sales increased by 7% (1,644.7 million)

76.8

Adjusted EBITA decreased compared to last year (140.5 million)

4.4%

The adjusted EBITA margin was 4.4% (8.5)

### The half-year in figures

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Net sales increased by 12% (3,340.0 million)

274.9

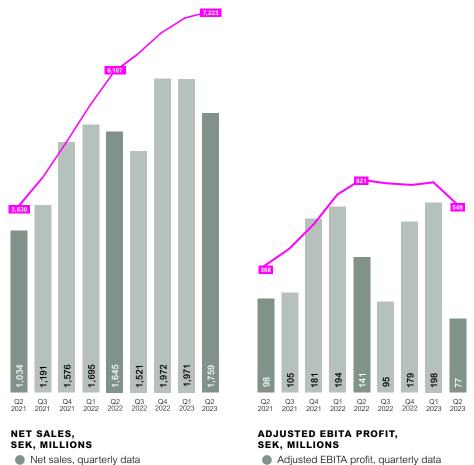
Adjusted EBITA decreased compared to last year (334.7 million)



The adjusted EBITA margin was 7.4% (10.0)

### Revenues and EBITA Adjusted development

SEK, millions



Rolling 12 months

Adjusted EBITA profit, quarterly data
Rolling 12 months

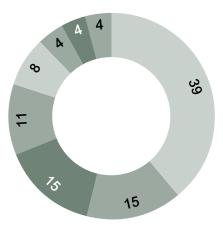
### Net debt development

- ✓ Healthy balance sheet and solid financial position
- ✓ Net debt of 1,017 MSEK
- Within the frame of our financial target of maximum 2x EBITDA
- Leases of new premises impact other liabilities (IFRS 16)
- Increase of net debt following acquisition activities in 2021 and 2022

SEK, MILLION	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022
Cash eqvuivalents	365	445	498	639	716
Used credit facilities	700	600	700	800	550
Future considerations and additional considerations (aqcuisitions)	90	253	251	219	190
Other liabilities (IFRS 16)	592	629	643	448	451
TOTAL NET DEBT	-1,017	-1,037	-1,096	-828	-475
Net Debt/EBITDA	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.1	0,6

### Strong and diversified important in unsecure market

- Strong growth in the past years have created a solid and broad platform
- Public sector, the single largest segment with 39% of revenues. The increase compared to 2022 explained by an increase in the defence industry.
- In other parts of the public sector, we notice greater caution than previous quarters
- Clients remain focused on business critical projects that support transition to a digital world also in an economic downturn



#### SALES PER CLIENT INDUSTRY APRIL – JUNE 2023

Public sector	39%	(37)
Retail and service companies	15%	(18)
Industry	15%	(15)
Banking, finance and insurance	11%	(10)
Telecommunications	8%	(9)
Energy	4%	(4)
Media, education and gaming	4%	(4)
Other	4%	(3)

### Summary and outlook

- Longer sales cycles and some clients postponing investments impact utilization and margins in Q2
- Reallocating resources to sectors with high demand, e.g defence, energy, cyber security
- Prioritizing sales and internal efficiency, reduction of costs and overhead
- Measures to strengthen profitability in the second half of the year and in the beginning of 2024
- Uncertain market outlook for the remain of 2023 but Knowit is strongly positioned to continue deliver digitalisation projects to Nordic companies







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