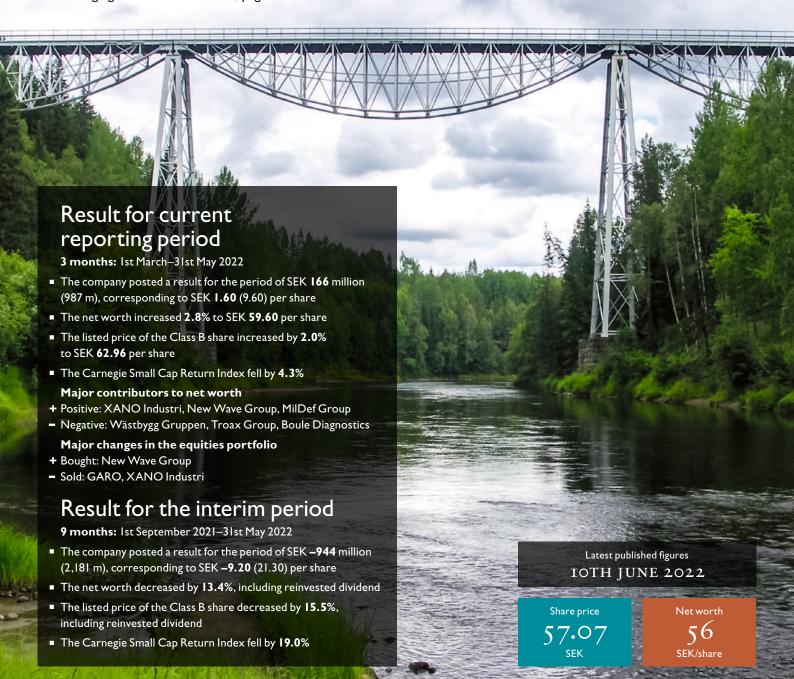


INTERIM REPORT 3 2021/2022

# Positive net worth trend on an uncertain stock market

The Managing Director's comments, page 2



# Source: Morningstar, Svolder and Infront

# Dear Shareholder,

Nine months of Svolder's 2021/2022 financial year have now passed. The most recent quarter was a successful period for Svolder in terms of portfolio management. The company's net worth increased by 2.8 per cent during the three-month period, while the small cap market decreased by 4.3 per cent (CSRX) and the Swedish stock exchange overall (SIXRX) fell by 2.5 per cent. In the same period, Svolder's Class B share rose by two percentage points, and the share therefore continues to trade at a premium to net asset value of almost 6 per cent.

The financial year to date has been an eventful and changeable year, to say the least, with elements both dramatic and severe. Until the end of 2021, world stock exchanges were performing well and an economic recovery following the pandemic seemed assured, although with certain disruptions to supply chains and higher prices for input goods. Rising inflation worldwide was evident in raised bond interest rates. Inflationary impulses were created especially by dramatic rises in energy, commodity, transport and food prices. When the demand for labour in many sectors also led to labour shortages and pay increases, investors around the world started worrying about a tightening of future monetary policy by the central banks, and in the longer run also weaker economic growth. And when Russia then, in

late February, invaded Ukraine, supply chain problems increased and we were suddenly facing an even more insecure geopolitical situation. Economic sanctions against Russia, with clear reductions in commodities such as oil, natural gas and industrial metals, amplified the price movements for many input goods. Moreover, and needless to say, war has a detrimental effect on people's faith in the future and on companies' willingness to invest. This was the situation when the previous interim report was published – indeed my comments were entitled "A great deal of uncertainty".

#### THE UNCERTAINTY REMAINS

Three months later and the uncertainty remains in many areas, although some economic patterns have begun to crystallise. As for the war in Ukraine and relations between Russia and the Western World, the situation is serious and unlikely to be remedied in the near future. This means that as citizens and investors, we must unfortunately accept a new geopolitical world order, with greater tensions and altered flows of goods and materials.

The security situation means higher defence spending and closer collaborations among democratic Western states. It also means that rather than being challenged, the

#### Total return<sup>1)</sup> 10 years in % on 31st May 2022



Dotal return is calculated using comparable methods to reinvestment indices and funds, i.e. assuming that the dividend paid is reinvested at the time of the dividend in underlying types of assets.

Source: DNB Markets

domestic defence industry is now being treated with trust. The criticism directed – by myself above all, for many years in these comments – at the unwillingness of Swedish institutions to invest in defence company shares for reasons of sustainability, is no longer appropriate. This is also clearly evident on the stock market, where for instance our investment in MilDef, a producer of rugged IT solutions for defence and security companies, has developed very strongly during the current reporting period. Increased defence spending quickly has an impact on order book, sales and results.

# RESTRICTIVE MONETARY POLICY AND ALTERED RISK PROPENSITY

The greatest effect on the capital markets can, however, be traced to an altered view of inflation and applied monetary policy among investors and central banks. The exceptionally loose monetary policy, which in its worst moments has brought negative interest rates on bonds and savings, has long meant that investors have not been compensated for inflation when seeking secure interest rate investments. Investments and savings have therefore been directed towards equities, real estate, homes and high-risk bonds to a greater extent.

As market values rose, the willingness to take risks increased and potential future gains were discounted with increasingly low return requirements. More and more companies in Sweden and elsewhere were publicly listed in 2021, often with untested business models, weak cash flows and no profitability. Valuations of growth companies, particularly in new technology, sustainability and healthcare, rocketed. For those of us who were around in the early 2000s, the reasoning around a 'new economy' sounded familiar, i.e. prioritising very rapid growth at the price of high costs and an ongoing need for further equity financing from investors willing to take risks. New technology is valuable and will always be in demand. Its valuation and financing, however, are subject to global change. In my opinion, there will be a dividing line between 'hope' companies and growth companies, with owners of the former finding it increasingly difficult and expensive to find financing. I believe that this stock market development is at its beginning rather than its end.

#### SERIOUS CONCERN AMONG SWEDISH HOUSEHOLDS

Having said all that, the macroeconomic situation that puzzles myself and my colleagues most is the quite extreme difference in future outlook between businesses and households. Sweden's National Institute of Economic Research's recently published Economic Tendency Survey reveals that manufacturing companies are showing a confidence level well above the historical average, while households are more negative about their own finances than they were in the early pandemic, on a level with the financial crisis of 2008. Sharp rises in fuel, electricity and food prices, combined with higher interest costs for homes and official assessments of lower house prices, as well as the war in Ukraine, are all creating a lot of concern. Even so, the discrepancy in confidence levels between businesses and households is untenable. The fact

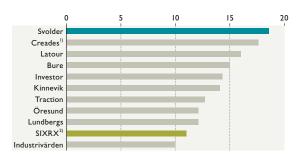
that the rate of economic growth in Sweden is falling is indisputable. The question is rather by how much will it fall and how long the downturn will last.

# STOCK MARKETS ARE LEADING INDICATORS

When thinking in terms of share investments, however, one must always bear in mind that investors tend to look ahead in a completely different way to households and businesses. A lot of the concern that citizens are currently feeling is therefore already discounted in, or priced into, many share prices. The stock market declines that have generally occurred in Sweden and elsewhere are signs of this. So there is always some truth in the idea that 'stock exchange risks are at their lowest when the perceived risks are highest, and vice versa'. Here at Svolder, we think it is too early to start believing in a lasting upswing in the stock markets, and we predict ongoing volatility in a world characterised by uncertainty regarding interest rates, risk premiums and profit development.

For a long-term investor like Svolder, however, there are always opportunities, and we select portfolio companies primarily based on criteria such as underlying growth, profitability, financial balance and proven business performance. The latest quarter is successful in that respect, particularly from a relative perspective, and comes on the heels of a long period of good growth in net worth and share price. In the longer term, we believe that equities will outperform interest rate investments, that shares in small and medium-sized Swedish companies will develop better than those of large companies, and that Svolder's portfolio management capabilities will add further value. In this context, it is also a pleasure to present a chart from DNB Markets on annual growth in net worth over the past 17 years for Swedish investment and portfolio management companies. In addition to Svolder's success, it is also worth noting that almost all of our fellow investors in the industry are outperforming the Stockholm Stock Exchange (SIXRX). This is a fine achievement, and well worth protecting.

Investment companies,
Annual growth in net worth (%, 17 years)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Creades since 2012. <sup>2)</sup> Stockholm Stock Exchange

Yours faithfully

ULF HEDLUNDH
Managing Director

# THE EQUITIES PORTFOLIO

31ST MAY 2022

Share	Number	Share price (SEK) <sup>1)</sup>	Market cap. (SEK m)	% of net worth	% of the company's capital <sup>2)</sup>	% of the company's votes <sup>2)</sup>	
New Wave Group	5,112,715	158.90	812	13.3	7.7	2.1	
Nordic Waterproofing	3,880,000	169.00	656	10.7	16.1	16.1	
GARO	4,171,906	145.30	606	9.9	8.3	8.3	
Troax Group	2,599,000	230.00	598	9.8	4.3	4.3	
XANO Industri	1,700,000	326.50	555	9.1	5.8	1.8	
Elanders	3,087,500	143.40	443	7.2	8.7	6.0	
FM Mattsson Mora Group	2,000,000	216.50	433	7.1	14.2	6.2	
Beijer Electronics Group	4,381,875	65.70	288	4.7	15.1	15.2	
Viva Wine Group	4,188,370	52.00	218	3.6	4.7	4.7	
MilDef Group	2,768,673	78.50	217	3.6	7.6	7.6	
Wästbygg Gruppen	2,833,916	67.90	192	3.2	8.8	7.5	
Profoto Holding	1,597,240	110.20	176	2.9	4.0	4.0	
ITAB Shop Concept	12,172,550	10.86	132	2.2	5.6	5.6	
Lime Technologies	422,665	290.00	123	2.0	3.2	3.2	
Arla Plast	2,639,527	42.60	112	1.8	13.2	13.2	
Serneke Group	2,077,608	41.95	87	1.4	7.2	2.8	
Boule Diagnostics	2,414,194	36.00	87	1.4	12.4	12.4	
Nivika Fastigheter	1,186,000	67.50	80	1.3	2.1	0.4	
AGES Industri	584,000	41.60	24	0.4	8.3	2.5	
Equities portfolio			5,840	95.6			
Net receivable (+)/net debt (-)			268	4.4			
Total/net worth			6,108	100.0			
			59.60	SEK per Svold	er share		

All securities holdings come under level 1 of the value hierarchy.

 $<sup>^{</sup>ij}$  In calculating the market value (fair value), the last price paid for the securities on Nasdaq Stockholm on the closing day has been used.  $^{2j}$  Based on outstanding shares in the portfolio company.

The following information, for example, can be obtained from the table. Svolder's largest holding is New Wave Group, which has a market value of SEK 812 million, corresponding to 13.3 per cent of net worth. A one-per-cent change in New Wave's share price would affect Svolder's net worth by SEK 8 million, which equates to SEK 0.10 per Svolder share.

# INTERIM REPORT 3

# CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD: IST MARCH - 31ST MAY 2022

#### MARKET COMMENTARY

The current reporting period, 1st March to 31st May 2022, was characterised by weak stock markets, although slightly better than the weak start evident at the beginning of the 2022 calendar year. The Swedish stock exchange (SIXRX) fell by 2.5 per cent, slightly less than in Europe (-3.7 per cent) and America (-5.5 per cent). The global stock exchanges decreased by a full 6.7 per cent (DJGI) measured in USD, but by a more moderate 3.8 per cent in SEK. The decline on the technology-heavy American Nasdaq exchange was particularly sharp (-12 per cent). Small Swedish companies, measured as CSRX, fell by 4.3 per cent during the current reporting period. Real estate shares performed weakly, as did the shares of several rapid-acquisition technology companies.

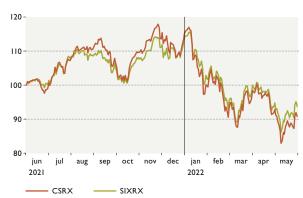
There are several areas that continue to cause concern for investors worldwide. In addition to the geopolitical uncertainty arising from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, changed and stronger military alliances are being established while defence spending in Europe is increasing markedly. Furthermore, extensive sanctions against Russia are causing shortages of raw materials, particularly forms of energy such as oil and natural gas. The price of oil, for example, increased by 18 per cent (Brent) during the quarter. A reduction in farmed crops, fertiliser, steel and other input goods from Ukraine and Russia is also impacting the supply situation in various world markets, the result being higher market prices and supply chain difficulties.

Investors are particularly worried by the marked increase in global inflation based on rising prices for input goods, particularly energy. In addition, there is strong demand for labour and wages are increasing. This has meant that the central banks have changed the policy in their market communication, recommending a tighter monetary policy, and in several cases this has also caused a rise in key interest rates, albeit from a low level. During the quarter, interest rates for government bonds have generally increased by more than 100 interest rate points (one percentage point). The higher market interest rates have led investors to raise their return requirements, thereby reducing the value of assets such as equities, bonds and real estate. The stock market effects are greatest for companies with expected profits far in the future. Consequently the slumps for many growth companies, in Sweden and elsewhere, have continued. In addition, the risks of lower profits and profit margins for companies in the future have increased as economists downgraded their growth forecasts for the next few years.

Exchange rate movements have been volatile. During the current reporting period, the SEK weakened by 3.1 per cent against the US dollar and strengthened 1.3 per cent against the euro.

While energy prices continue to rise, the situation varies for industrial metals. The price of aluminium, which is partly produced in Russia and has properties that are of value in a situation where energy prices are rising, rose, while prices for copper and zinc, for instance, fell. The price of gold also declined slightly during the latest three-month period. The effects of the pandemic may be minor in the Western World, but they have had a huge impact in China in particular following city lockdowns and closures of industries and infrastructure. This may have reduced demand for industrial metals, but there is probably also a more cautious attitude towards future economic growth among investors and businesses, whereby they want to make their mark on pricing.

#### Index performance (12 months)



#### SHARE PRICE TRENDS

The closing price for Svolder's Class B share on the balance sheet date was SEK 62.96, corresponding to an increase during the current reporting period of 2.0 per cent. The Class B share's value on the closing day represented a premium of 5.6 per cent on its net worth. The Class B share was traded on all trading days during the period, with an average of approximately 240,000 shares traded each day of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm.

Svolder's Class A share is only traded through three auctions (known as Auction Only Market Segments) during the trading day: one on opening, one at about 13:30 and one when the market closes. The closing price for Svolder's

Class A share on the balance sheet date was SEK 86.00, which means that the Class A share was valued at a premium of 44.2 per cent in relation to net worth.

Under the terms of Svolder's Articles of Association, Class A shareholders wishing to convert Class A shares into Class B shares may do so by application to Svolder's Board of Directors.

#### Total return<sup>1)</sup>%

1/3	nonths 2022– 5 2022	9 months 1/9 2021– 31/5 2022	Rolling 12 months 1/6 2021– 31/5 2022
Share price (Class B)	2.0	-15.5	-3.9
Networth	2.8	-13.4	6.0
Stock market index			
Carnegie Small Cap Return Index	-4.3	-19.0	-9.2
SIX Return Index	-2.5	-13.8	-6.3

 $<sup>^{1)}</sup>$  Total return is calculated using comparable methods to reinvestment indices and funds, i.e. assuming that the dividend paid is reinvested at the time of the dividend in underlying types of assets.

#### **CHANGE IN NET WORTH**

On the closing day, Svolder's net worth amounted to SEK 59.60 per share, equating to SEK 6,108 million, corresponding to an increase in value during the current reporting period of 2.8 per cent. This figure is 7.1 percentage points better than that of the small cap index (CSRX), which decreased by 4.3 per cent during the corresponding period. This can also be compared with the Swedish market as a whole (SIXRX), which decreased by 2.5 per cent.

#### Net worth trend (3 months) Ist March-31st May 2022

		SEK m	SEK/share
Net worth, 28th February 2022		5,942	58.00
Equities portfolio			
Opening value		5,808	56.70
Purchase of shares	37		
Sale of shares	-55		
Change in value, equities portfolio	50	32	0.30
Closing value		5,840	57.00
Net debt (-)/Net receivable (+)			
Opening value		135	1.30
Share dividends received	124		
Management costs	-8		
Net financial items	0		
Sale of shares, net	18	133	1.30
Closing value		268	2.60
Net worth, 31st May 2022		6,108	59.60

Svolder's equities portfolio is not an index portfolio: investment decisions are, instead, based on valuation of the individual shares. The portfolio's results in relation to comparison indices may, therefore, differ substantially from one accounting period to another. Share evaluation is complemented by a certain strategic focus on individual sectors based on macroeconomic factors.

Industrial group XANO's share performed strongly during the reporting period and was a significant contributor to net worth. XANO develops, acquires and runs niche tech companies that offer production and development services for industrial products and automation equipment. XANO's Q1 report was strong, with continued high growth in sales and an improved operating margin. The company did however note a slight drop in activity among certain customers towards the end of the quarter, following a long period of high demand and increasing order intake. To balance what could be a weaker market moving forward, XANO is continuing to take proactive measures in new, closely related business areas such as battery manufacturing for electric vehicles, and on new markets such as in the US. XANO also has a solid financial position and a long history of successfully acquiring small, niche industrial companies that complement the group well.

The XANO share is, as mentioned previously, illiquid and may therefore experience volatile price movements during individual quarters. When index provider MSCI conducted its six-monthly review in May, XANO was awarded a place on the MSCI Global Small Cap index. The index is monitored by a number of passively managed funds globally, and the XANO share price increased dramatically, at which point Svolder chose to sell a small part of its holding.

Brand group New Wave Group (NWG) continued with positive profits and operating margins during early 2022, having established the trend in 2021. The company issued a reverse profit warning on 12 April, stating that the results for Q1 2022 significantly exceeded stock market expectations. Sales rose by 36 per cent adjusted for currency differences and operating profit more than doubled, leading to an operating margin of 11.8 per cent. This was therefore yet another record quarter for the company. For the past 12 months the operating margin has been 15.4 per cent, higher than the 15 per cent target.

Just a couple of years ago this seemed like an unachievable level of profitability for NWG, but thanks to a praise-worthy effort to reduce costs and increase productivity, among other things, a new benchmark appears to have been established. Meanwhile, relaxed COVID-19 restrictions and new product launches have contributed to strong sales – a situation that looks set to continue. The stock market welcomed the company's communication, and the share was a major contributor to net worth during the current reporting period. The judgement is that the valuation remains attractive and growth opportunities are good. In addition, current market values for both listed and unlisted companies with roughly the same focus as sport and leisure company Craft indicate far higher valuations than the indirect valuation the company has via its listed parent company NWG.

Source: Svolder, Infront and Morningstar

MilDef Group is a provider of tactical IT for demanding environments with customers in the global security and defence market, as well as other areas critical to society. Svolder acted as an anchor investor in connection with the company's IPO in June 2021. MilDef's business is often impacted by major procurements and projects, and consequently the company should be valued over longer periods than single quarters. In addition there are relatively large seasonal variations. Initially the stock market found it hard to value the company, as it was also hit by a shortage of key components for its products, like many other manufacturing companies.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine changed MilDef's circumstances dramatically. Defence spending rocketed in various European countries, critical social functions were made a higher priority, and procurement was accelerated. These developments have benefited the company and are expected to continue in the years ahead. Moreover, stock market views of companies with defence-related business have changed from an ESG perspective. Certain players that could not previously invest in these companies have now realised the value for democratic nations in having a stable, working defence. The share performed very well during the current reporting period and was a major contributor to net worth.

#### Biggest contributors to changes in net worth Ist March–31st May 2022

(Based on net worth of SEK 5,942 million or SEK 58.00/share on 28th February 2022)

Share	SEK m	SEK/share
XANO Industri	119	1.20
New Wave Group	97	0.90
MilDef Group	91	0.90
Beijer Electronics Group	36	0.40
Profoto Holding	22	0.20
Nordic Waterproofing	17	0.20
Total, six positive	381	3.70
Wästbygg Gruppen	-67	-0.70
Troax Group	-48	-0.50
Boule Diagnostics	-41	-0.40
ITAB Shop Concept	-27	-0.30
Total, four negative	-184	-1.80
Other shares	-23	-0.20
Shares, total	174	1.70
Other	-8	-0.10
Change in value	166	1.60

The portfolio holding in Wästbygg Gruppen was the largest detractor from net worth during the current reporting period. The company's Q1 report was slightly below the market, and indeed Svolder's expectations. Cost increases for various construction projects continue to impact on results, even though the group has shown positive results and has had a strong financial position since being listed in 2020. The fact that the founder, major owner and CEO has decided to step down and take on a more business-focused role in the group does raise questions in an organisation that has undergone several changes in management since its IPO. The 2021 acquisition of Norrland-focused construction company REKAB appears attractive in a group that otherwise has an expansion strategy based on organic growth. Order development remains good and the order book significant. The share is cheap from most valuation perspectives, but it is uncertain whether a change in investor attitudes will happen before the company can achieve and sustain it financial profit and profitability goals.

### Change in net worth in SEK million per month (12 months)



Excluding dividends of SEK 64.0 million (SEK 0.63/share) paid in November 2021.

#### LIQUIDITY/BORROWING

The equities portfolio was unpledged on the closing day. The net receivable, which includes liquid assets and the share trading's unliquidated transactions etc., was SEK 268 million on the closing day, corresponding to 4.4 per cent of the company's net worth. This is to be compared with a net receivable of SEK 135 million at the beginning of the current reporting period.

During the current reporting period, Svolder signed an agreement for a credit facility with a Nordic business bank, totalling a maximum of SEK 500 million with collateral in pledged shares. The credit facility was unutilised on the closing day, 31st May 2022.

#### THE EQUITIES PORTFOLIO

Shares were acquired for a total of SEK 37 million (gross) during the current reporting period. Shares for a gross amount of SEK 55 million were sold during the corresponding period, and net sales hence totalled SEK 18 million.

There were no new holdings during the three-month period, and no holdings were sold in their entirety. On the closing day, the equities portfolio thus still comprised 19 holdings.

Svolder has committed to subscribe for shares equivalent to SEK 250 million (3.6 per cent of the company's capital) in the IPO of **engcon AB**, which is being listed on Nasdaq Stockholm on 17th June 2022.

### Major net purchases for the equities portfolio (3 months) 1st March–31st May 2022

Share	Number	SEK m	$SEK/share^{I)}$
New Wave Group	131,295	19	146.60

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> The purchase price per share is arrived at on the basis of the aggregate purchase price for all shares of the same class acquired during the period.

The current reporting period is characterised by minor changes in the equities portfolio.

## Major net sales from the equities portfolio (3 months) 1st March–31st May 2022

Share	Number	SEK m	SEK/share <sup>1)</sup>
GARO	192,647	29	148.40
XANO Industri	50,810	16	316.20

<sup>1)</sup> The sales proceeds per share are arrived at on the basis of the aggregate market value for all shares of the same class sold during the period.

#### THE PARENT COMPANY

The results for the Group and the Parent Company correspond in full. The Parent Company balance sheet is the same as for the Group with the exception of the Parent Company's holdings in subsidiaries, worth SEK 0.1 million, and a current liability of SEK 0.1 million.

# RISKS AND UNCERTAINTY FACTORS

The identified risks and uncertainties for the Group and the Parent Company are presented on page 69 and in note 17 on page 82 of the 2020/2021 Annual Report. The market risk (the equities portfolio's price risk) is adjudged to be the most significant of the risks listed. No significant changes are deemed to have occurred subsequently. Risks are analysed on an ongoing basis.

#### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

As reported in a press release on 13th May 2022, a Nominations Committee has been formed in accordance with a decision at the 2021 Annual General Meeting. The Nominations Committee has appointed Christoffer Lundström (Lundström family/StrategiQ Capital AB) as its Chairman. Other members are Ludwig Malm (Förvaltnings AB Magnentus/Magnentus Capital AB/Magnus Malm), Jörgen Wärmlöv (Spiltan Fonder AB) and Fredrik Carlsson (Chairman of the Board and convener).

Shareholders wishing to submit proposals to the Nominations Committeemay doso by e-mail to info@svolder.se or by postto: Nominations Committee, Svolder AB, Box 70431, SE-107 25 Stockholm, Sweden.

# EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

The net worth on 10th June was SEK 56 per share and the listed price was SEK 57.07.

#### YEAR-END REPORT

A Year-End Report for the financial year 1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022, encompassing the three-month report for 1st June – 31st August 2022, will be published on 16th September 2022.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

The AGM will take place in Stockholm on Thursday 17th November 2022.

Shareholders wishing to have an issue discussed at Svolder's 2022 AGM must make a written request to the Board of Directors by 3rd October 2022 at the latest to: Svolder AB (publ), Board of Directors, Box 70431, SE-107 25 Stockholm, Sweden.

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#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

					Rolling		
	3 months 1/3 2022–	3 months 1/3 2021—	9 months 1/9 2021–	9 months 1/9 2020–	12 months 1/6 2021–	12 months 1/9 2020–	
(SEK m)	31/5 2022	31/5 2021	31/5 2022	31/5 2021	31/5 2022	31/8 2021	
Management operations							
Dividend income	123.8	77.5	142.6	88.9	146.9	93.2	
Management costs	-8.2	-6.9	-24.3	-21.2	-31.0	-27.9	
Earnings from securities	50.2	914.7	-1,061.7	2,111.5	244.8	3,418.0	
Other operating income	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.9	0.0	1.9	
Operating profit/loss	165.8	986.7	-943.4	2,181.1	360.7	3,485.2	
Profit on financial investments							
Financial income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	
Financial expenses	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.0	
Profit/loss after financial items	165.6	986.7	-943.7	2,181.3	360.4	3,485.4	
Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Profit/loss for the period	165.6	986.7	-943.7	2,181.3	360.4	3,485.4	
Other comprehensive income							
Comprehensive income for the period	165.6	986.7	-943.7	2,181.3	360.4	3,485.4	
Earnings per share, SEK	1.60	9.60	-9.20	21.30	3.50	34.00	

#### CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(SEK m)	3 months 1/3 2022– 31/5 2022	3 months 1/3 2021– 31/5 2021	9 months 1/9 2021– 31/5 2022	9 months 1/9 2020– 31/5 2021	Rolling 12 months 1/6 2021– 31/5 2022	12 months 1/9 2020— 31/8 2021
Cash flow from operating activities	117.8	74.5	118.7	74.3	118.1	73.8
before changes in working capital	117.8	/4.5	118.7	74.3	118.1	/3.8
Changes in working capital						
Increase (+)/decrease (-) in current liabilities	0.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4
Cash flow from operating activities	117.8	74.1	118.6	74.0	118.0	73.4
Investing activities						
Purchase of securities	-37.3	-199.6	-804.3	-619.6	-1,116.2	-931.4
Sale of securities	49.6	120.1	593.2	600.9	1,091.0	1,098.7
Investment in machinery and equipment	-	-	-0.1	-	-0.1	-
Cash flow from investing activities	12.3	<b>–79.5</b>	-211.3	-18.7	-25.4	167.2
Financing activities						
Dividend paid	-	-	-64.0	-56.3	-64.0	-56.3
Cash flow from financing activities	0.0	0.0	-64.0	-56.3	-64.0	-56.3
Increase (+)/decrease (–) in liquid assets	130.1	-5.4	-156.7	-1.0	28.7	184.3
Liquid assets at beginning of period	143.1	249.9	429.9	245.6	244.6	245.6
Liquid assets at end of period	273.2	244.6	273.2	244.6	273.2	429.9

#### CONSOLIDATED KEY RATIOS PER SHARE

	3 months 1/3 2022– 31/5 2022	3 months 1/3 2021– 31/5 2021	9 months 1/9 2021– 31/5 2022	9 months 1/9 2020– 31/5 2021	Rolling 12 months 1/6 2021— 31/5 2022	12 months 1/9 2020— 31/8 2021
Change in net worth, SEK	1.60	9.60	-9.80	20.80	2.90	33.50
Dividend paid during the period, SEK	-	-	0.63	0.55	0.63	0.55
Earnings per share, SEK	1.60	9.60	-9.20	21.30	3.50	34.00
Number of shares, million	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4

Definitions as in the Annual Report for 2020/2021. Amounts per share have been rounded off to the nearest SEK 0.1 throughout the Interim Report, except for share prices and dividends. The company has no ongoing programmes of financial instruments that entail any dilution in the number of shares. The number of outstanding shares equals 102,400,000. The historical number of shares and key ratios per share have been adjusted for the 4:1 share split of January 2022.

#### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

#### Assets

(SEK m)	31/5 2022	28/2 2022	31/8 2021	31/5 2021	28/2 2021	31/8 2020	
Non-current assets							
Property, plant and equipment							
Equipment	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Financial assets							
Securities holdings	5,840.0	5,807.5	6,676.1	5,575.1	4,578.5	3,452.1	
Current assets							
Current receivables	5.5	0.3	20.1	0.2	2.7	2.3	
Cash and bank balances	273.2	143.1	429.9	244.6	249.9	245.6	
Total assets	6,118.9	5,951.2	7,126.2	5,820.0	4,831.2	3,700.2	

#### Shareholders' equity and liabilities

(SEK m)	31/5 2022	28/2 2022	31/8 2021	31/5 2021	28/2 2021	31/8 2020	
Shareholders' equity	6,107.6	5,942.0	7,115.3	5,811.2	4,824.5	3,686.2	
Liabilities							
Current liabilities	11.3	9.1	10.9	8.8	6.7	14.0	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	6,118.9	5,951.2	7,126.2	5,820.0	4,831.2	3,700.2	

#### CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(SEK m)	3 months 1/3 2022– 31/5 2022	3 months 1/3 2021– 31/5 2021	9 months 1/9 2021– 31/5 2022	9 months 1/9 2020– 31/5 2021	12 months 1/9 2020 – 31/8 2021	
Opening balance	5,942.0	4,824.5	7,115.3	3,686.2	3,686.2	
Dividend paid	-	-	-64.0	-56.3	-56.3	
Comprehensive income for the period	165.6	986.7	-943.7	2,181.3	3,485.4	
Closing balance	6,107.6	5,811.2	6,107.6	5,811.2	7,115.3	

#### CONSOLIDATED KEY RATIOS PER SHARE

	31/5 2022	28/2 2022	31/8 2021	31/5 2021	28/2 2021	31/8 2020	
Net worth per share, SEK	59.60	58.00	69.50	56.70	47.10	36.00	
Share price (Class B), SEK	62.96	61.72	75.00	65.95	46.00	35.20	
Net worth, premium (+)/discount (-), %	6	6	8	16	-2	-2	
Liquidity (+)/Borrowing (-), %	5	2	6	4	5	6	
Equity/assets ratio, %	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Number of shares, million	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4	

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#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This Interim Report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, Interim Reporting. The consolidated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) adopted by the EU and in accordance with Sweden's Annual Accounts Act.

The Parent Company accounts follow Sweden's Annual Accounts Act and Swedish Financial Reporting Board recommendation RFR 2.

Otherwise the same accounting policies and bases for assessment have been used as in the most recent Annual Report.

# AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

Auditor's report on the review of the financial information in the interim report in summary (interim report), drawn up in accordance with IAS 34 and Chapter 9 of the Annual Accounts Act.

#### Introduction

We have reviewed the summarised interim financial information (Interim Report) for Svolder AB (publ), corporate ID no. 556469-2019 as of 31st May 2022 and for the ninemonth period then ended. The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for the preparation and presentation of this Interim Report in accordance with IAS 34 and the Annual Accounts Act. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this Interim Report based on our review.

#### Focus and scope of the review

We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2410, Review of Interim Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. A review consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review has a different focus to and is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and other generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. The procedures performed in a review do not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. The expressed conclusion based on a review does not, therefore, have the same certainty as an expressed conclusion based on an audit.

#### Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Interim Report is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 and the Annual Accounts Act, regarding the Group, and with the Annual Accounts Act, regarding the Parent Company.

STOCKHOLM 14TH JUNE 2022 ÖHRLINGS PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS AB

HELENA KAISER DE CAROLIS

Authorised Public Accountant



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COVER PHOTO: THE TALLBERG BRIDGES ARE THREE BRIDGES THAT CROSS THE ÖRE RIVER AND WERE ALL ORIGINALLY PART OF THE NORTHERN MAIN LINE RAILWAY THROUGH UPPER NORRLAND. THE BRIDGE PICTURED IS A STEEL TRUSS BRIDGE AND IS THE OLDEST OF THE THREE, ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1891 BUT LATER CONVERTED INTO A ROAD BRIDGE IN 1938.

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