



SVOLDER



SHARE PRICE

61.10

SEK

NET WORTH

58.80

SEK/SHARE

YEAR-END REPORT | 2023/2024

CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023-31ST AUGUST 2024 (12 MONTHS)

Results for the financial year

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1st September 2023–31st August 2024 (12 months).

- The company posted a result for the period of SEK 876 million (–525 m), corresponding to SEK 8.60 (–5.10) per share.
- The net worth increased by 17.1%, including reinvested dividend, to SEK 58.80 per share.
- The listed price of the Class B share increased by 9.4%, including reinvested dividend, to SEK 61.10 per share.
- The Carnegie Small Cap Return Index rose by 30.4%.
- Adjusted dividend policy resulting in a dividend proposal of SEK 1.70 (1.00) per share.

Result for current reporting period

1st June–31st August 2024 (3 months).

- The company posted a result for the period of SEK –290 million (–681 m), corresponding to SEK –2.80 (–6.70) per share.
- Net worth decreased by 4.6%.
- The listed price of the Class B share fell by 9.5%.
- The Carnegie Small Cap Return Index rose by 2.9%.

Events after the reporting period

- The net worth on 6th September was SEK 57 per share and the listed price was SEK 58.35.

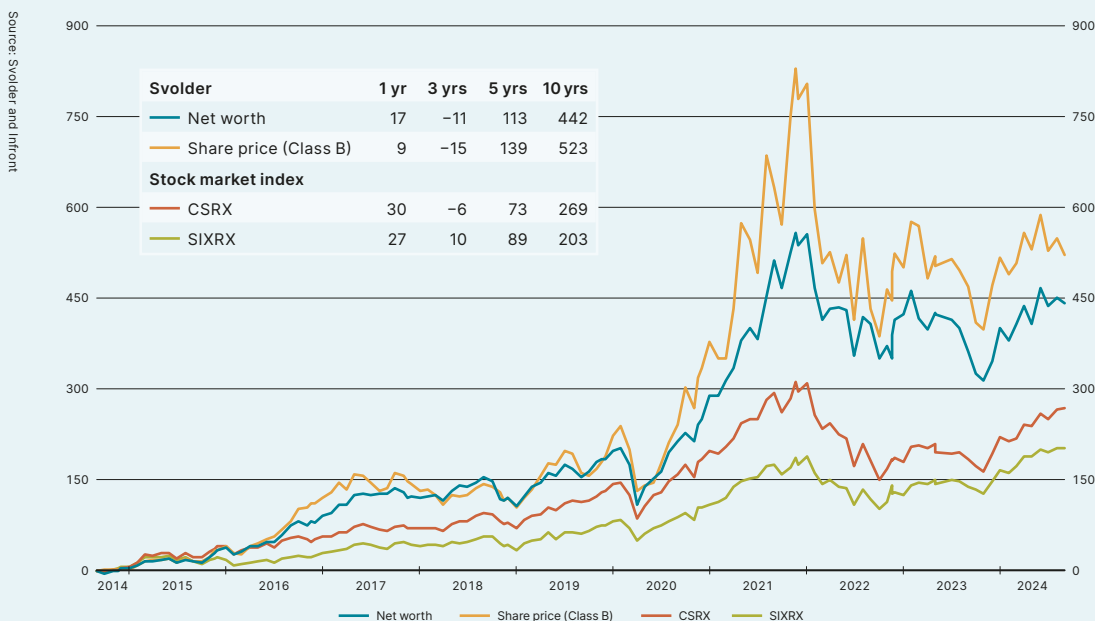
MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO NET WORTH

- + Positive: New Wave, ITAB, engcon.
- Negative: GARO, Ependion, XANO Industri.

MAJOR CHANGES IN THE EQUITIES PORTFOLIO

- + Bought: Scandic Hotels, Arjo, Nolato.
- Sold: New Wave, Troax, engcon.

TOTAL RETURN¹⁾ 10 YEARS IN % ON 31ST AUGUST 2024



1) Total return is calculated using comparable methods to reinvestment indices and funds, i.e. including reinvested dividends.

The Managing Director's comments: **A challenging quarter.**

TOMAS RISBECKER, MANAGING DIRECTOR

During the fourth quarter, Svolder's net worth fell by 4.6 per cent, while the Carnegie small cap index rose by 2.9 per cent. We are not happy with this development, but it does reflect the operational challenges faced by several of our portfolio companies.

Only four of the holdings performed better than the index during the quarter, while 14 companies performed worse. There is no simple explanation for this weak development, but we have identified some common factors. Several companies are still dealing with the aftermath of the pandemic, where previously overheated demand has now normalised or even decreased, resulting in tough comparison figures. Other companies more dependent on project sales have seen some projects continuing for extended periods, and not coming to an end as planned. In addition, this time the smallest companies, which have previously benefited from relative development, have not kept pace with the larger companies in the small cap index.

Since 2015, we have been working with a concentrated equity portfolio, and while this can lead to large quarterly or annual deviations against indices, we strongly believe that long-term focus and meticulous analysis are the keys to success. We have made no changes to Svolder's investment process, and firmly believe the holdings will recover and perform better going forward.

What Svolder has done and how it has affected net worth

During the quarter, additional investments were made in Scandic Hotels and Arjo. Scandic has shown an impressive recovery since the pandemic, and although occupancy levels have not yet reached historical levels, the company has improved its profitability through streamlining and price rises. With a strong financial position after converting much of its debt into shares, we believe Scandic has a positive future with the potential for resumed dividends and share buybacks. Arjo, on the other hand, has had a tougher period, but we are confident that the company is in a good position to reverse the trend. With a low valuation and potential for organic growth and higher margins, the longer-term opportunities are significant.

The two largest holdings, New Wave Group and Ependion, both performed below indices, the Ependion share in particular performing weakly with a 20 per cent decline during the quarter. The company has a strong position in rapidly growing markets in critical infrastructure such as trains, railways, energy generation and power distribution. A somewhat weak report, with operating profit around 30 per cent down on a strong quarter the previous year, contributed to the share's decline. In the short term, demand is expected to be weak, but the company's long-term prospects for returning to profitable growth are very good. The important things now are that order intake increases and cash flow follows suit.

Another company that saw weak performance during the quarter is Troax. The company has to date contributed the second highest amount to Svolder's historical growth in net worth, with a total of SEK 880 million. Troax delivered a result where order intake, turnover and profit were worse than expected, mainly due to the newly acquired Garantell and certain one-off expenses.

GARO continued to tackle challenges in its electric vehicle charging segment, a highly competitive and pressurised market. It is important now that the company can successfully expand geographically, and that volumes increase to ensure the expanded capacity is utilised. Despite a weak share price development, GARO has made a positive contribution to net worth of SEK 280 million since the initial investment in 2016.

We have also seen positive contributions to Svolder's net worth during the quarter. engcon improved its order intake and profitability after a period of challenges. MilDef, which performed weakly in the past, has now turned around and delivered a strong Q2 report. These examples show the importance of our long-term focus and our confidence in the companies' potential, which will deliver results over time.

Outlook and dividend policy

The Q2 reporting period shows that small companies generally are showing earnings growth for the first time in several quarters, giving us reason for cautious optimism for the future. Despite continued economic uncertainty there are signs of recovery, with inflation slowing and real wages rising. These factors, together with the Riksbank's implemented and planned interest rate cuts, lay the foundation for a positive outlook for small companies, especially those focused on the Swedish market.

An important change in this report is the adjustment of Svolder's dividend policy. The purpose of this adjustment is to establish a higher level of dividends while also enabling cost-effective asset management. The adjustment also means that Svolder is expected to remain a reliable dividend-paying share with dividend growth over time.



Focus moving forward

Going forward, we will continue to work intensively on our holdings and actively look for new opportunities where we can see potential for long-term growth. We closely monitor a number of companies outside the portfolio, but for various reasons no suitable investment opportunities arose during the quarter. For some time, we have been developing ownership agendas for each company, which allows us to be clear about our expectations while also supporting the companies in their development.

We are aware that the latest quarter was challenging, but we are confident that our work today is laying the foundation for the future. Svolder's strength lies in long-term vision, careful analysis and the courage to keep moving forward, even in the hardest of times. As Winston Churchill once said: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

Stockholm, September 2024
Tomas Risbecker

Equities portfolio

2024-08-31

Share	Number	Share price (SEK)	Market value (SEK m)	% of net worth	% of the company's capital ²⁾	% of the company's votes ²⁾
New Wave Group	7,995,296	113.40	907	15.1	6.0	1.6
Ependion	4,440,702	108.40	481	8.0	15.1	15.3
Elanders	4,280,000	96.00	411	6.8	12.1	8.3
Scandic Hotels Group	5,550,189	68.70	381	6.3	2.9	2.9
Arjo	8,545,200	41.94	358	6.0	3.1	2.0
Troax Group	1,586,965	221.50	352	5.8	2.6	2.6
XANO Industri	4,374,294	79.60	348	5.8	7.3	2.3
MilDef Group	4,178,434	82.20	343	5.7	10.5	10.5
Nolato	5,938,794	57.00	339	5.6	2.2	1.2
ITAB Shop Concept	12,411,235	26.70	331	5.5	5.7	5.8
FM Mattsson Group	6,186,671	53.00	328	5.4	14.6	6.4
engcon	2,700,000	120.80	326	5.4	1.8	0.6
Viva Wine Group	4,188,370	44.60	187	3.1	4.7	4.7
Wästbygg Gruppen	3,314,548	44.80	148	2.5	10.2	11.4
GARO	6,070,000	24.35	148	2.5	12.1	12.1
Arla Plast	2,970,400	49.40	147	2.4	14.2	14.2
Profoto Holding	2,100,000	59.00	124	2.1	5.3	5.3
Boule Diagnostics	4,289,159	8.84	38	0.6	11.1	11.1
Equities portfolio			5,697	94.6		
Net receivable (+)/net debt (-)			324	5.4		
Total/net worth			6,021	100.0		
			58.80 SEK per Svolder share			

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

1) In calculating the market capitalisation (fair value), the last price paid for the securities on Nasdaq Stockholm on the closing day has been used.

2) Based on outstanding shares in the portfolio company.

3) Of the shares in Wästbygg Gruppen, 110,000 are Class A.

The following information, for example, can be obtained from the table. Svolder's largest holding is New Wave Group, which has a market capitalisation of SEK 907 million, corresponding to 15.1 per cent of net worth. A one-per-cent change in New Wave's share price would affect Svolder's net worth by SEK 9 million, which equates to SEK 0.10 per Svolder share.

Year-End Report

CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD:
1ST SEPTEMBER 2023–31ST AUGUST 2024

Market development September 2023 to August 2024

During the year, the Swedish small cap index (CSRX) saw strong development with an increase of 30 per cent. Despite a weak start in autumn 2023, the trend reversed with a significant upturn from late October to early July.

The market was characterised by a range of factors including geopolitical risks, the influence of future AI technologies, economic turmoil, and central banks' struggle against inflation through interest rate policy. At the end of the year, a two-sided picture became evident: on the one hand, interest rate cuts were welcomed both in Sweden and internationally, while on the other hand a weak economic situation was seen, with construction and consumer-oriented companies in particular struggling against headwinds. At the same time, conditions for the interest-rate sensitive real estate sector improved.

This year, again, there was a significant difference in share price development among companies both between and within sectors. The telecom, real estate and technology sectors performed best among the larger sectors, while the industrial, commodity and consumer sectors saw weaker development. Developments in these sectors were varied, but the three largest companies in each sector generally performed the best.



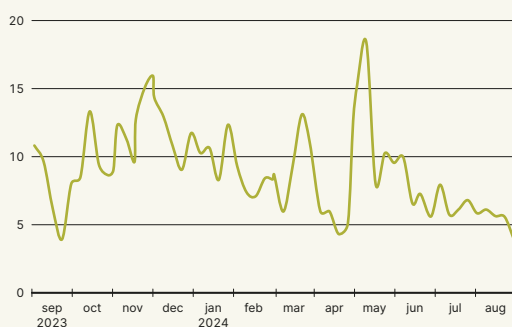
The biggest factor behind the good return was an upward valuation of company profits. The forward-looking P/E ratio for Swedish small companies rose from just over 14x to almost 19x, meaning that small company profits are valued about 15 per cent above the historical average. For the positive trend to continue in the coming year, the growth in earnings needs to pick up. During the year, the anticipated profits of small companies for 2024 were revised downwards by 13 per cent, but are expected to increase by 2 per cent over the year and then to accelerate to 20 per cent growth in 2025.

Despite higher valuations in the small company segment, valuations remain relatively low for companies with Swedish construction-related operations, consumer exposure and the industrial sector, reflecting the market's cautious view of the economic cycle. With a consumer-driven slowdown in this business cycle, an improvement in household finances through lower interest rates and higher real wages could support an economic recovery. Several long-term trends such as energy efficiency, electrification, digitalisation and sustainable societies, despite some cyclical weakness, are still intact and continue to support demand trends among Swedish small companies.

Share price trends

The closing price for Svolder's Class B share on the balance sheet date was SEK 61.10, which corresponds to an increase during the financial year of 9.4 per cent, including reinvested dividend. The Class B share's value on the closing day represented a premium of 3.9 per cent on its net worth. The Class B share was traded on all trading days during the period, with an average of just over 140,000 shares traded each day of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm.

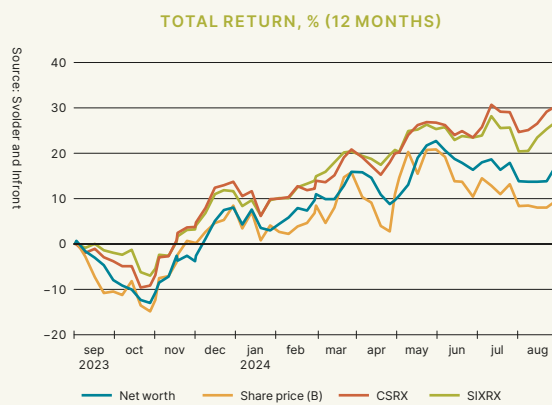
NET WORTH DISCOUNT (-) / PREMIUM (+) (12 MONTHS)



Svolder's Class A share is only traded through five auctions (known as Auction Only Market Segments) during the trading day: one on opening, followed by intraday auctions at 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00, and finally a closing auction. The closing price for Svolder's Class A share was SEK 90.00, which means that the Class A share was valued at a premium of 53.1 per cent in relation to net worth on the closing day.

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. No shares were converted during the financial year.

On the closing day, the total number of shares in Svolder equalled 102,400,000, of which 4,982,568 were Class A shares and 97,417,432 were Class B shares. The number of shareholders decreased by approximately 5,000, and amounted to 57,000 according to the most recently published share register on 30th June 2024.



	12 months 230901– 240831	12 months 220901– 230831
Svolder		
Share price (Class B)	9.4	7.0
Net worth	17.1	-9.0
Stock market index		
Carnegie Small Cap Return Index	30.4	0.3
SIX Return Index	26.9	10.0

1) 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 58.80 per share, equating to SEK 6,021 million. The increase during the financial year was thus 17.1 per cent including reinvested dividend. This figure is 13.3 percentage points below that of the CSRX comparison index, which increased by 30.4 per cent during the corresponding period. This can be compared with the stock market as a whole (SIXRX), which increased by 26.9 per cent.

NET WORTH TREND (12 MONTHS) 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023–31ST AUGUST 2024

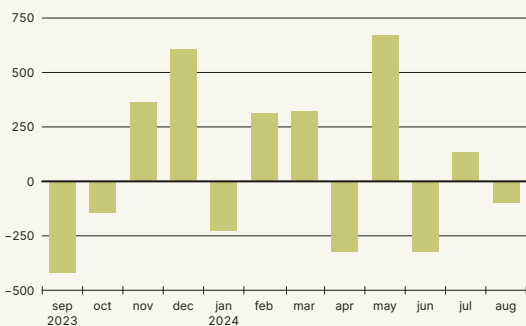
	SEK m	SEK/ share
Net worth, 31st August 2023	5,248	51.20
Equities portfolio		
Opening value	5,074	49.50
Purchase of shares	993	
Sale of shares	-1,143	
Change in value, equities portfolio	773	624
Closing value	5,697	55.60
Net debt (-)/net receivable (+)		
Opening value	174	1.70
Share dividends received	122	
Dividend paid	-102	
Management costs	-28	
Net financial items	8	
Sale of shares, net	150	1.50
Closing value	324	3.20
Net worth, 31st August 2024	6,021	58.80

BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGES IN NET WORTH ACCUMULATED FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023–31ST AUGUST 2024 (12 MONTHS)

(Based on net worth of SEK 5,248 million or SEK 51.20/share on 31st August 2023)

Share	SEK m	SEK/share
New Wave Group	384	3.70
ITAB Shop Concept	241	2.40
engcon	132	1.30
Troax Group	129	1.30
Nolato	82	0.80
Scandic Hotels Group	59	0.60
Viva Wine Group	50	0.50
Total, seven positive	1,076	10.50
GARO	-153	-1.50
Ependion	-90	-0.90
XANO Industri	-56	-0.50
Total, three negative	-299	-2.90
Other shares	118	1.10
Shares, total	895	8.70
Other	-19	-0.20
Change in value before dividend	876	8.60

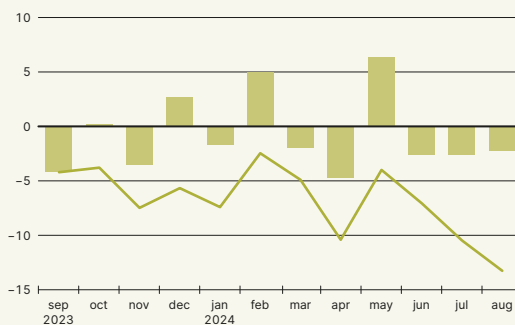
CHANGE IN NET WORTH IN SEK MILLION PER MONTH (12 MONTHS)



Excluding dividends of SEK 102.4 million (SEK 1.00/share) paid in November 2023.

Svolder's equities portfolio is not an index portfolio, but a series of investment decisions based on the valuations of individual equities. The portfolio's results in relation to comparison indices may, therefore, differ substantially from one accounting period to another.

CHANGE IN NET WORTH RELATIVE TO CSRX (12 MONTHS) IN PERCENTAGE POINTS PER MONTH AND ACCUMULATED



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 324 million on the closing day, corresponding to 5.4 per cent of the company's net worth. This can be compared with a net receivable of SEK 174 million at the beginning of the financial year.

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 August 2024.

Equities portfolio

Shares were acquired for a gross amount of SEK 993 million during the financial year. Shares for a gross amount of SEK 1,143 million were sold during the corresponding period, and net sales hence totalled SEK 150 million. A dividend of SEK 102.4 million was paid to shareholders in November 2023 for the 2022/2023 financial year. The number of holdings in the equities portfolio on the closing day totalled 18 (20).

MAJOR NET PURCHASES FOR THE EQUITIES PORTFOLIO 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023–31ST AUGUST 2024 (12 MONTHS)

Share	Number	SEK m	SEK/share
Scandic Hotels Group	5,550,189	322	58.10
Arjo	4,878,358	204	41.70
Nolato	2,738,794	116	46.30
MilDef Group	1,309,761	92	70.40
Elanders	684,887	67	98.40

Comments on the majority of purchases and sales have been continuously reported in Svolder's interim reports. Transactions, along with the prevailing investment philosophy, will be presented in detail in the forthcoming Annual Report which will be published at the end of October.

MAJOR NET SALES FROM THE EQUITIES PORTFOLIO 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023–31ST AUGUST 2024 (12 MONTHS)

Share	Number	SEK m	SEK/share
New Wave Group	2,285,311	250	108.80
Troax Group	1,058,035	235	220.80
engcon	2,330,200	208	89.00
Lime Technologies	422,665	132	311.20
Nordic Waterproofing	458,474	75	163.40

Management costs

Total management costs for the financial year amounted to SEK 28 million (41 m), which equated to 0.5 (0.7) per cent of average net worth.

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 uncertainties

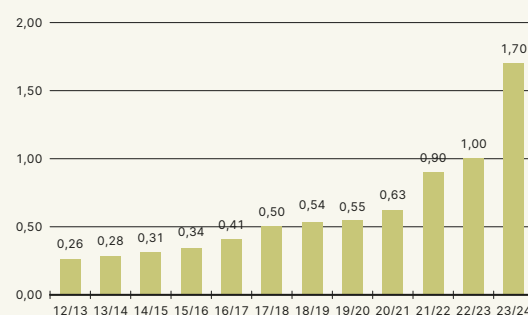
The identified risks and uncertainties for the Group and the Parent Company are presented on page 66 and in note 17 on page 80 of the 2022/2023 Annual Report. The market risk (the equities portfolio's price risk) is adjudged to be the most significant of the risks listed. No significant changes are deemed to have occurred subsequently.

Dividend

As of 12th September 2024, the Board of Directors of Svolder has decided to adopt an adjusted dividend policy that reads: Svolder's goal is to provide shareholders with an increasing dividend over time.

At the 2024 Annual General Meeting the Board will propose a share dividend of SEK 1.70 (1.00) per share for the 2023/2024 financial year, which equates to SEK 174 million (102 m). The proposal equates to 2.9 (2.0) per cent of the closing net worth and a yield of 2.8 (1.8) per cent based on the share price on the closing day. The proposed dividend is in line with Svolder's adjusted dividend policy and the ambition for long-term dividend growth.

DIVIDEND IN SEK PER SHARE



23/24: dividend proposed by the Board of Directors.

Events after the reporting period

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AGM and financial reporting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 15th November 2024 in Stockholm. Further information will be provided in the notice to attend, which will be announced on around 15th October with a press release, presentation on Svolder's website, and an advertisement in *Dagens Industri*.

The Annual Report will be available on Svolder's website at the end of October and distributed in printed form in early November to shareholders who registered with the company to receive printed information. The interim report for the period 1st September–30th November 2024 will be published on 13th December 2024.

Q4 Report

CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD:
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- The Carnegie Small Cap Return Index increased by 2.9%.

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MAJOR CHANGES IN THE EQUITIES PORTFOLIO

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- Sold: engcon, Troax, Nolato.



Market development from June to August 2024

Swedish small companies (CSRX) recorded a positive development of 2.9 per cent during the quarter, which was in line with European small companies, but below American ones which grew by 7 per cent. During the quarter, the Riksbank announced its second cut in the key interest rate to 3.50 per cent (previously 3.75 per cent), and the company reports for the second quarter were published. As both Swedish consumers and small companies are sensitive to interest rates, this is welcome news that should support both demand and profit outlook going forward.

Of the larger sectors, telecom, services and real estate developed most strongly, while the energy, finance, commodities and technology sectors all showed negative development. During the period, the larger small companies (market value above SEK 20 billion) developed slightly more strongly (+3 per cent) than the smaller ones, while small companies with a market value of SEK 5 billion or less showed a sideways trend.

The outcome of the reporting period can be seen as twofold, with marginally negative adjustments to forecasts for the full-year profits of small companies (-2 per cent), even though profits for the quarter exceeded expectations. The P/E ratio for Swedish small companies rose from just over 18x to close to 19x, and small company profits are now valued about 15 per cent above the historical average. Taking into account the current interest rate situation, this can be considered somewhat high compared to previous valuations of small companies in the 2000s. The market is thus pricing in continued interest rate cuts and/or accelerated growth in profits. Currently, small company profits for 2024 are expected to grow by 2 per cent and increase to 20 per cent growth in 2025.

TOTAL RETURN¹⁾ %

	3 months 240601– 240831	12 months 230901– 240831	12 months 220901– 230831
Svolder			
Share price (Class B)	-9.5	9.4	7.0
Net worth	-4.6	17.1	-9.0
Stock market index			
Carnegie Small Cap Return Index	2.9	30.4	0.3
SIX Return Index	1.2	26.9	10.0

1) 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.

Source: Svolder and Infront

Change in net worth

On the closing day, Svolder's net worth amounted to SEK 58.80 per share, equating to SEK 6,021 million. This corresponds to a decrease in value during the current reporting period of 4.6 per cent. This figure is 7.5 percentage points below that of the CSRX comparison index, which increased by 2.9 per cent during the corresponding period. This can be compared with the stock market as a whole (SIXRX), which increased by 1.2 per cent.

NET WORTH TREND (3 MONTHS) 1ST JUNE–31ST AUGUST 2024

	SEK m	SEK/ share
Net worth, 31st May 2024	6,311	61.60
Equities portfolio		
Opening value	6,067	59.20
Purchase of shares	90	
Sale of shares	-174	
Change in value, equities portfolio	-286	-3.60
Closing value	5,697	55.60
Net debt (-)/net receivable (+)		
Opening value	245	2.40
Management costs	-6	
Net financial items	2	
Sale of shares, net	84	0.80
Closing value	324	3.20
Net worth, 31st August 2024	6,021	58.80

engcon's share price rose after the company's Q2 report and thus became the largest contributor to net worth in the current reporting period. One reason for the price increase was probably that for the first time in a few quarters, the company showed increasing incoming orders in all market areas. Profitability remained good, albeit slightly lower than in the corresponding quarter of 2023. For valuation reasons, Svolder chose to reduce the holding somewhat in connection with the price increase.

MilDef Group developed strongly after the company presented a Q2 report that was significantly better than the stock market's expectations for incoming orders, sales and profit level. The company also reported a record order book, which bodes well for continued growth in the business. Towards the end of the quarter, the company also announced several new orders and presented updated financial targets; this meant a maintained growth target, but also an increased ambition as regards margin, which was positively received by the stock market. Svolder believes that MilDef is well positioned to deliver attractive sales and profit growth given its strong market position combined with a favourable environment with increased defence spending. The raised financial ambitions further strengthen this view.

Hotel operator **Scandic Hotels** developed well after the group reported improved results compared to previous years. The hotel sector has recovered much of the loss since the pandemic, although occupancy levels remain at a lower level than historically. Despite this, Scandic continues to deliver strong financial results, driven by improved efficiency and increased prices. After the majority of the company's convertible debt has been converted into shares, the company is in a good situation with a strong financial position, paving the way for resumed dividends and potential share buybacks going forward. During the quarter, Svolder continued to increase its position in Scandic Hotels. Svolder judges that Scandic is in excellent condition, and as the valuation is also relatively low, we feel that the company has not yet been fully rewarded for its good development in recent years, and the accompanying continued high potential for yield in the equity.

BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGES IN NET WORTH 1ST JUNE–31ST AUGUST 2024 (3 MONTHS)

(Based on net worth of SEK 6,311 million or SEK 61.60/share on 31st May 2024)

Share	SEK m	SEK/share
engcon	76	0.70
MilDef Group	53	0.50
Scandic Hotels Group	36	0.40
Total, three positive	166	1.60
Ependion	-117	-1.10
Troax Group	-49	-0.50
GARO	-45	-0.40
Elanders	-43	-0.40
ITAB Shop Concept	-42	-0.40
XANO Industri	-37	-0.40
Arjo B	-36	-0.40
Total, seven negative	-369	-3.60
Other shares	-83	-0.80
Shares, total	-286	-2.80
Other	-4	0.00
Change in value	-290	-2.80

The **Ependion** holding was a negative contributor during the reporting period. The company's Q2 report showed mixed development compared to the record quarter delivered by the group last year. Free cash flow developed strongly and doubled during the quarter. At the same time, both order intake and profits declined, although sequential development was stable. The operating margin amounted to just over 10 per cent, which despite a weaker quarter still represents a significant improvement for the company historically. Management feels that the decline in demand is temporary and firmly assert that market share is being maintained. Despite a weaker market, Ependion continues to focus on growth initiatives through a high pace of product development, establishment in India and investments in new technologies.

Troax presented a Q2 report that did not quite live up to stock market expectations. The share price was volatile for a period before the report was published. In response to a rising share price, a small portion of the holding was sold. Between mid-July and the end of August the share declined, making Troax the second largest negative contributor in the current reporting period.

Since the second quarter of 2022, **GARO** has shown weak development in profit and profitability, mainly due to the GARO E-mobility business area (electric vehicle charging products). This trend continued in the company's second quarter, due among other things to weak demand and great overcapacity in production. The company's largest business area, Electrification, reported rising profits and margin, despite weak activity in the Nordic construction sector. Previously implemented cost savings and price increases made a positive contribution. The group showed continued loss during the quarter, reducing the stock market's confidence in the company's potential for future growth and profitability. The share therefore declined and was once again a negative contributor to net worth during the reporting period.

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 324 million on the closing day, corresponding to 5.4 per cent of the company's net worth. This is to be compared with a net receivable of SEK 245 million at the beginning of 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 August 2024.

Equities portfolio

Shares were acquired for a total of SEK 90 million (gross) during the current reporting period. Shares for a gross amount of SEK 174 million were sold during the corresponding period, and net sales hence totalled SEK 84 million.

On the closing day, the equities portfolio thus still comprised 18 holdings.

MAJOR NET PURCHASES FOR THE EQUITIES PORTFOLIO 1ST JUNE–31ST AUGUST 2024 (3 MONTHS)

Share	Number	SEK m	SEK/share
Scandic Hotels Group	1,038,055	63	61.10
Arjo	600,000	26	43.90

The holding in **Arjo** was increased during the interim period. Arjo has a market-leading position in the global med-tech industry, and offers products in areas such as patient transfer, hygiene solutions and medical beds. The company's Q2 report showed stable development for both sales and profits, albeit marginally lower than the market's increasingly high expectations for the company. Despite good organic growth and operating profit rising above 10 per cent, the share fell on the reporting day and over the subsequent period. Svolder believes that the stock market considers Arjo too short-term and that the company's profit is likely to increase stably in the years to come. In response to the weaker price trend, Svolder took the opportunity to further increase its holding.

MAJOR NET SALES FROM THE EQUITIES PORTFOLIO 1ST JUNE–31ST AUGUST 2024 (3 MONTHS)

Share	Number	SEK m	SEK/share
engcon	694,868	72	104.30
Troax Group	213,035	52	244.80
Nolato	500,000	30	60.90
New Wave Group	100,000	12	119.50

Following a strong development in share price, the holding in Nolato was reduced slightly.

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.

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Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

(SEK m)	3 months 240601– 240831	3 months 230601– 230831	12 months 230901– 240831	12 months 220901– 230831
Management operations				
Dividend income	0.0	0.0	122.1	110.4
Management costs	-6.4	-9.0	-27.6	-41.4
Earnings from securities	-285.6	-673.1	773.2	-599.5
Other operating income				0.3
Operating profit/loss	-292.0	-682.1	867.8	-530.1
Profit on financial investments				
Financial income	2.2	0.9	8.4	4.6
Financial expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Profit/loss after financial items	-289.8	-681.2	876.2	-525.5
Tax	-	-	-	-
Profit/loss for the period	-289.8	-681.2	876.2	-525.5
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Comprehensive income for the period	-289.8	-681.2	876.2	-525.5
Earnings per share, SEK	-2.80	-6.70	8.60	-5.10

Consolidated cash flow statement

(SEK m)	3 months 240601– 240831	3 months 230601– 230831	12 months 230901– 240831	12 months 220901– 230831
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital	-6.5	-6.5	86.8	77.1
Changes in working capital				
Increase (+)/decrease (-) in current liabilities	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.5
Cash flow from operating activities	-6.4	-6.8	86.5	77.6
Investing activities				
Purchase of securities	-103.5	-87.1	-993.0	-970.9
Sale of securities	179.5	135.1	1,142.7	441.7
Investment in machinery and equipment	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Cash flow from investing activities	75.9	48.0	149.5	-529.3
Financing activities				
Dividend paid	-	-	-102.4	-92.2
Cash flow from financing activities	0.0	0.0	-102.4	-92.2
Increase (+)/decrease (-) in liquid assets	69.5	41.3	133.6	-543.9
Liquid assets at beginning of period	254.4	149.0	190.2	734.1
Liquid assets at end of period	323.9	190.2	323.9	190.2

Consolidated key ratios per share

(SEK m)	3 months 240601– 240831	3 months 230601– 230831	12 months 230901– 240831	12 months 220901– 230831
Change in net worth, SEK	-2.80	-6.70	7.60	-6.00
Dividend paid during the period, SEK	-	-	1.00	0.90
Earnings per share, SEK	-2.80	-6.70	8.60	-5.10
Number of shares, million	102.4	102.4	102.4	102.4

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Consolidated balance sheet

ASSETS

(SEK m)	240831	240531	230831	230531	220831
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment					
Equipment	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Financial assets					
Securities holdings	5,697.4	6,066.6	5,073.8	5,841.0	5,146.0
Current assets					
Current receivables	6.4	9.7	5.0	4.2	0.4
Cash and bank balances	323.9	254.4	190.2	149.0	734.1
Total assets	6,027.8	6,330.8	5,269.2	5,994.3	5,880.7

SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

(SEK m)	240831	240531	230831	230531	220831
Shareholders' equity	6,021.4	6,311.2	5,247.7	5,928.8	5,865.3
Liabilities					
Current liabilities	6.4	19.6	21.6	65.5	15.4
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	6,027.8	6,330.8	5,269.2	5,994.3	5,880.7

Changes in shareholders' equity

(SEK m)	3 months 240601– 240831	3 months 230601– 230831	12 months 230901– 240831	12 months 220901– 230831
Opening balance	6,311.2	5,928.8	5,247.7	5,865.3
Dividend paid	-	-	-102.4	-92.2
Comprehensive income for the period	-289.8	-681.2	876.2	-525.5
Closing balance	6,021.4	5,247.7	6,021.4	5,247.7

Consolidated key ratios per share

(SEK m)	240831	240531	230831	230531	220831
Net worth per share, SEK	58.80	61.60	51.20	57.90	57.30
Share price (Class B), SEK	61.10	67.50	56.90	60.30	53.97
Net worth, premium (+)/discount (-), %	4	10	11	4	-6
Liquidity (+)/Borrowing (-), %	5	4	4	2	12
Equity/assets ratio, %	100	100	100	100	100
Number of shares, million	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 recommendation RFR 2. Otherwise the same accounting policies and bases for assessment have been used as in the most recent Annual Report.

STOCKHOLM, 13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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