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# Half year financial report



# Q2/2016: European demand picks up, savings from transformation programmes visible

April - June, M€	4-6/ 2015	4-6/ 2016	Change
Net sales	277.6	299.5	7.9%
Operating profit	22.5	26.5	18.0%
Comparable operating profit	23.2	30.7	31.8%

#### **Net sales**

- Demand picking up in parts of Europe, Building Solutions grew by double-digit numbers in several countries
  - Non-organic growth at €8.6 million
- Strong tailwinds supported the U.S. growth: Building Solutions North America reports over five years of y-o-y growth
- Despite emerging stability in Europe, Uponor Infra declined, mainly due to weak North America and Poland

#### **Operating profit**

- Building Solutions Europe benefited from higher net sales and savings from the ongoing transformation programme
- Building Solutions North America's performance at prior year level, curbed by fittings transition and JV transaction costs
- Uponor Infra benefited from transformation savings and changes in product/channel mix



## Market overview: second quarter 2016



#### **Nordic countries**

- Sweden continues to outpace its neighbours, especially in the new residential segment
- Other markets are generally stable, with signs of a fragile recovery in Finland

#### **Central Europe**

- The regions largest market, Germany, continues to see improvements in the construction market
- In the Netherlands, activity has moderated

#### **Southern Europe**

 A dynamic situation, with a recovery in Spain, continued stagnation in Italy and significant uncertainty surrounding the UK

#### **North America**

- The U.S. construction market has continued to improve across nearly every building segment, but at a reduced pace
- In Canada, weak energy markets hold back non-residential activity while house building is more resilient



## Developments by segment: Building Solutions – Europe

- Positive signals from a number of European markets support marketing initiatives
- Transformation programme advances as planned in most markets
  - Jobs reduced by 140 by end of June (116 in Q1)
- The KaMo/Delta integration progressing
- Good market response of recent product launches continues (such as Smatrix Aqua, prefabricated assembly units, seamless composite pipe Uni Pipe Plus)





## Developments by segment: Building Solutions – North America

- Strong sales growth in a healthy market maintained across the U.S.; Canadian demand softened in Q2
- Sales driven by the lively U.S. plumbing market
- Financial performance burdened by costs related to the temporary EP fittings replacement by metal fittings, the Canadian currency impact and costs related to the joint venture transaction





# Developments by segment: Uponor Infra

- Emerging stability in much of Europe
- Net sales declined as a result of
  - Weak North America due to poor PE pipe market
  - Poland suffers from delayed EU funding
- Changes in product/channel mix supported performance development
- Manufacturing footprint optimisation and cost savings progressing as planned. In Finland, reinstallation of 3 out of 8 lines in progress.





## New terminology

Uponor begins to follow the new recommendation from the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) concerning Alternative Performance Measures. Thus, the term "non-recurring items" (NRI) will be changed to "items affecting comparability" (IAC).

The disclosed comparable operating and gross profit excludes IAC.

See the table section in the release for more details.



## Key figures

M€	1-6 2015		Change Y/Y	1-12 2015	All numbers in M€, unless otherwise noted
Net sales, continuing operations	514.7	546.4	+6.2%	1,050.8	
Operating profit, continuing operations	33.8	38.4	+13.6%	71.4	
Comparable operating profit	34.6	45.6	+31.7%	75.8	
Comparable operating profit margin	6.7%	8.3%	1.6% pts	7.2%	
Earnings per share (diluted), continuing operations, €	0.23	0.28	+21.7%	0.51	
Return on equity, % (p.a.)	11.6%	13.9%	2.3% pts	12.1%	
Return on investment, % (p.a.)	14.0%	15.3%	1.3% pts	15.5%	
Net interest bearing liabilities	138.8	175.1	+26.2%	91.3	
Gearing, %	47.8%	58.5%	+10.7% pts	29.3%	
Net working capital of Net sales, % (p.a.)	11.9%	11.9%	+0.0% pts	8.1%	1.5% excluding
Number of employees, end of period, continuing operations	3,906	3,964	+1.5%	3,735	German acquisitions



#### April – June 2016:

### Income statement

M€	4-6 2015	4-6 2016	Change Y/Y
Continuing operations	2013	2010	171
Net sales	277.6	299.5	+7.9%
Cost of goods sold	179.0	194.0	+8.3%
Gross profit	98.6	105.5	+7.2%
% of net sales	35.5%	35.2%	-0.2% pts
Other operating income	0.0	1.4	
Expenses	76.1	80.4	+5.8%
Operating profit	22.5	26.5	+18.0%
% of net sales	8.1%	8.8%	+0.8% pts
Financial expenses, net	1.3	2.1	+63.8%
Share of result in associated companies	0.0	0.0	-0.0%
Profit before taxes	21.2	24.4	+15.2%
Profit for the period	13.3	15.4	+15.2%
EBITDA	31.5	36.2	+15.1%

- Financial performance development in Q2/2016 much as in Q1/2016
- Organic net sales growth at +4.8%, improved from Q1/2016
- Gross profit margin stable
- Expenses up due to IAC, German acquisitions and Building Solutions -North America, offsetting the favourable progress in cost saving from the European transformation programmes
- Comparable operating profit €30.7m (10.2%), up 31.8%
- Increase in net financial expenses due to FX



## Income statement

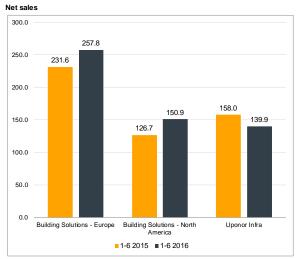
M€	1-6 2015	1-6 2016	Change Y/Y	1-12 2015
Continuing operations			-	
Net sales	514.7	546.4	+6.2%	1,050.8
Cost of goods sold	330.9	353.1	+6.7%	680.6
Gross profit	183.8	193.3	+5.2%	370.2
% of net sales	35.7%	35.4%	-0.3% pts	35.2%
Other operating income	0.7	2.0	+180.7%	2.4
Expenses	150.7	156.9	+4.1%	301.2
Operating profit	33.8	38.4	+13.6%	71.4
% of net sales	6.6%	7.0%	+0.5% pts	6.8%
Financial expenses, net	6.4	5.5	-14.0%	8.9
Share of result in associated companies	0.1	0.1	+0.0%	0.3
Profit before taxes	27.5	33.0	+20.0%	62.8
Profit for the period	17.3	20.8	+20.1%	37.1
EBITDA	52.1	57.9	+11.2%	110.5

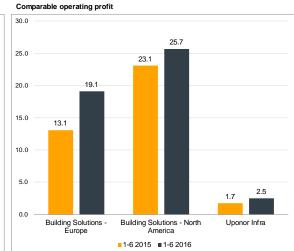
- Comparable gross profit at €194.8m (35.7%) against €184.2m (35.8%) in 2015
- Comparable operating profit at €45.6m (8.3%) against €34.6m (6.7%) in 2015, up €11m



## Net sales & comparable operating profit by segment

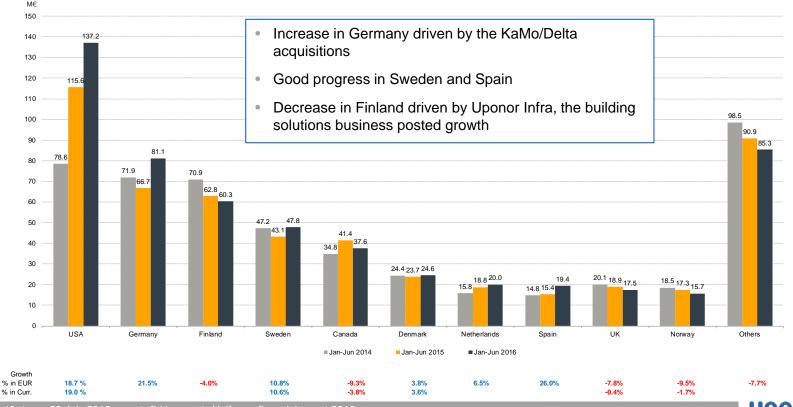
#### Currency: M€





- Building Solutions Europe: net sales growth driven by the German acquisitions.
   Comparable operating profit margin at 7.4%, up from 5.7%
- Building Solutions North
  America: strong sales growth
  continued, +19% in euro terms.
  Comparable operating profit
  margin 17.0%, down by 1.2%-pts
  from the very high level in 2015
- Uponor Infra: net sales down by 11.5%. Improved comparable operating profit driven by reduced operational cost levels in Finland

## Net sales development by key markets





## Balance sheet

M€	30 Jun 2015	30 Jun 2016	Change Y/Y	31 Dec 2015
Property, plant and equipment	209.5	221.7	+12.2	221.4
Intangible assets	96.3	121.4	+25.1	94.7
Securities and long-term investments	10.8	21.6	+10.8	21.0
Inventories	131.2	133.6	+2.4	112.4
Cash and cash equivalents	16.5	24.8	+8.3	49.2
Other current and non-current assets	252.5	269.4	+16.9	209.1
Total equity	290.6	299.2	+8.6	311.7
Non-current interest-bearing liabilities	100.4	139.1	+38.7	91.2
Provisions	17.4	26.4	+9.0	25.0
Current non-interest-bearing liabilities	253.5	267.0	+13.5	231.6
Current interest-bearing liabilities	54.9	60.8	+5.9	48.3
Balance sheet total	716.8	792.5	+75.7	707.8

- Increase in the balance sheet driven by the German acquisitions and a growing business in Building Solutions - North America
- Non-controlling interest represents €63.8m of the total equity at €299.2m



## Cash flow

M€	1-6	1-6	Change	1-12
	2015	2016	Y/Y	2015
Net cash from operations	+47.1	+55.1	+8.0	+105.6
Change in NWC	-50.2	-41.9	+8.3	-15.0
Net payment of income tax and interest	-16.7	-16.6	+0.1	-32.4
Cash flow from operations	-19.8	-3.4	+16.4	+58.2
Cash flow from investments	-12.5	-44.4	-31.9	-41.7
Cash flow before financing	-32.3	-47.8	-15.5	+16.5
Dividends and buy backs	-30.7	-32.2	-1.5	-30.7
Other financing	+18.5	+56.5	+38.0	+2.3
Cash flow from financing	-12.2	+24.3	+36.5	-28.4
Conversion differences	+0.8	+0.1	-0.7	-0.1
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-43.7	-23.4	+20.3	-12.0

- Improved cash flow from operations
- Cash flow from investments includes cash flow-out related to the German acquisitions (€31.4m)
- Gross CapEx (€15.7m) below depreciation and slightly down year-on-year
- Cash flow from investments in the comparison period includes a net cash flow effect of €+5.9m from the divestments of Uponor Infra's Thai business and Extron Engineering Oy in Finland



## Leading indicators: stable market outlook overall

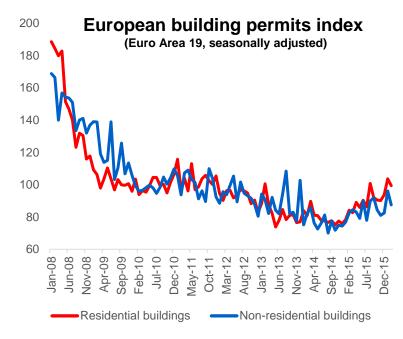
	Indicator	YTD % Change	Rolling 12-month % Change	Data through	Trend since Q1 update
USA	Housing starts <sup>1)</sup>	-2%	N/A	June 2016	<b>1</b>
Germany	Housing permits	+29%	+18%	May 2016	<b>→</b>
Finland	Housing permits	+10%	+7%	April 2016	
Sweden	Housing starts	+47%	+30%	Q1 2016	<b>→</b>
Canada	Housing starts <sup>1)</sup>	+14%	N/A	June 2016	
Denmark	Housing starts	+13%	-11%	March 2016	
Netherlands	Housing permits	-42%	-15%	April 2016	•
Spain	Housing permits	+42%	+32%	April 2016	<b>→</b>
UK	Housing starts <sup>2)</sup>	-9%	+2%	Q1 2016	•
Norway	Housing starts	+11%	+14%	May 2016	<b>→</b>

<sup>1)</sup> Seasonally adjusted, annualised rate vs. same month in 2015 2) England only



## Building permits in Europe have continued to make gains from all-time lows

- Permit activity has continued to slowly trend upwards in both the residential and non-residential segments (data through February 2016)
- Comparing the first months of 2016 to 2015, the largest gains were made in Germany, Spain, and Norway



Source: Eurostat (Base year = 2010)

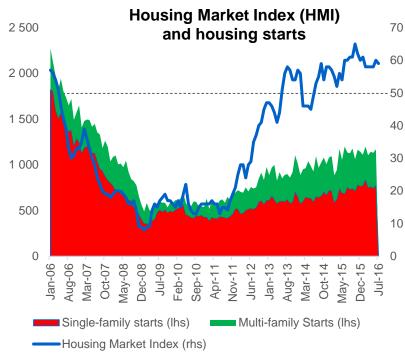


## Country overview- USA

The economy continues to post modest growth, but at significantly reduced rates from last autumn

#### Within the construction industry:

- Housing starts are on a similar level as last year, having lost some momentum from earlier in the year
- Residential builder confidence has softened, but remains clearly in expansionary territory
- Construction spending has risen across nearly all residential and non-residential building segments compared to the same period in 2015



Source: US Census, NAHB/Wells Fargo

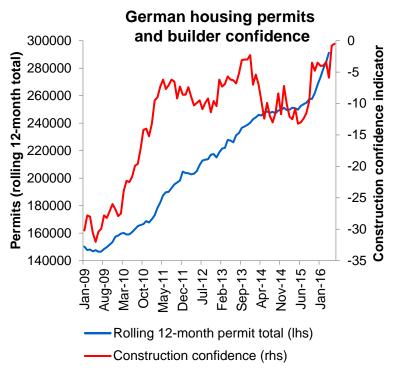


## Country overview- Germany

The economy has so far continued to brush off external uncertainties, with households driving economic growth

Within the construction industry:

- Builder confidence has reached another postreunification high
- Order book development has remained generally positive in both the residential and non-residential segments
- Permit levels continue to develop positively across most building segments



Source: Destatis and Eurostat



# Management agenda for 2016 – No change in focus since Q1

- Complete the broad-based transformation in Europe, including manufacturing footprint optimisation, targeting a clear growth in net sales
- Start the manufacture of indoor climate and plumbing products in China
- Uphold customer satisfaction and sales growth in North America, while continuously upgrading manufacturing capacity
- Boost investment in research, technology and corporate development in order to maintain lead in sustainable building technology



### Guidance 2016

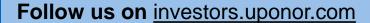
- Despite recent encouraging stability, volatility in the market is expected to continue
- No sign of changes in the market place in the near future, which could materially affect demand in 2016 from our earlier forecast
  - Direct impact of 'Brexit' not meaningful due to Uponor's low exposure to the UK market
  - Wider political and economic repercussions remain to be seen
- In 2016, the Group's capital expenditure will temporarily increase from that experienced in the last few years and reach circa €58 million, against €50 million in 2015 (excluding any investment in shares)
- Assuming that economic development in Uponor's key geographies continues undisturbed, Uponor reiterates earlier guidance from February 2016:

The Group's net sales and comparable operating profit are expected to improve from 2015



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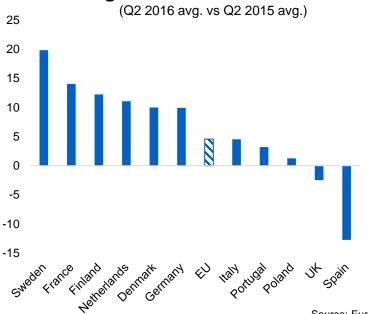
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## Builder confidence in Europe has strengthened in most markets compared to last year

#### **EU** construction confidence



#### Change in construction confidence





## Country overview- Finland

While the economy has likely returned to growth, significant challenges continue to be present

#### Within the construction industry:

- Construction volumes and permit activity have increased compared to last year (from a very low base)
- However, the positive trend witnessed in builder confidence has halted during recent months



Source: Statistics Finland & Eurostat

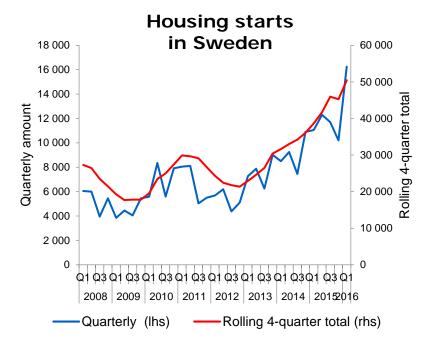


## Country overview- Sweden

While some measures of trade have slowed, nearly every component of the economy continues to grow

Within the construction industry:

- The residential new-build segment continues to grow significantly, reaching a 25-year high
- However, builder confidence has moderated in recent months and non-residential and civil engineering activity remain more constrained



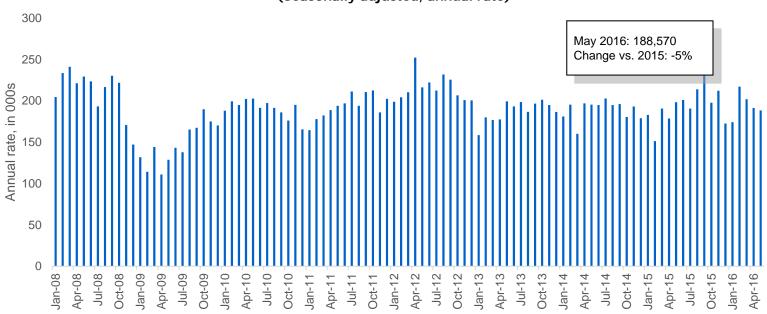
Source: Statistics Sweden



## Canada

#### **Housing starts in Canada**

(Seasonally adjusted, annual rate)



Source: CMHC/ Statistics Canada

