

Clas Ohlson increase sales in September 2016

Sales increased by 4 per cent in September to 610 MSEK (584). In local currencies, sales increased by 4 per cent.

Compared with the same month previous year, the net store portfolio was expanded by 7 stores. At the end of the period, the total number of stores was 207.

Sales were distributed as follows:

Countries, MSEK	Sept 2016/17	Sept 2015/16	Percentage change	Percentage change, local currency
Sweden	274	268	+2	+2
Norway	237	224	+6	+3
Finland	70	62	+14	+12
Outside Nordic countries*	28	31	-8	+2
	610	584	+4	+4

*Effected by store optimization in the UK.

Total sales during the first five months of the fiscal year (May to September 2016) increased by 2 per cent to 3,039 MSEK (2,965). In local currencies, sales increased by 4 per cent.

The second quarter interim report 2016/17 will be published at 07:00 CET on Wednesday 7 December 2016. The report will be presented on the same day at 08:30 CET in a telephone and web conference.

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