## First quarter results 2004

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## Industry shipments and estimated trends in demand, Q1 2004

**Electrolux** 

### **North America**

- Core appliances +10%
- Vacuum +7%cleaners
- Outdoor products<sub>1)</sub>

2)

### Europe

- Core appliances +3%
- Vacuum +15%
   cleaners
- Food- —— service

### **Brazil**

• Core +20%
Appliances

- 1) Consumer Products
- 2) Professional Products, excl. Power Cutters and Diamond Tools
- 3) YTD February

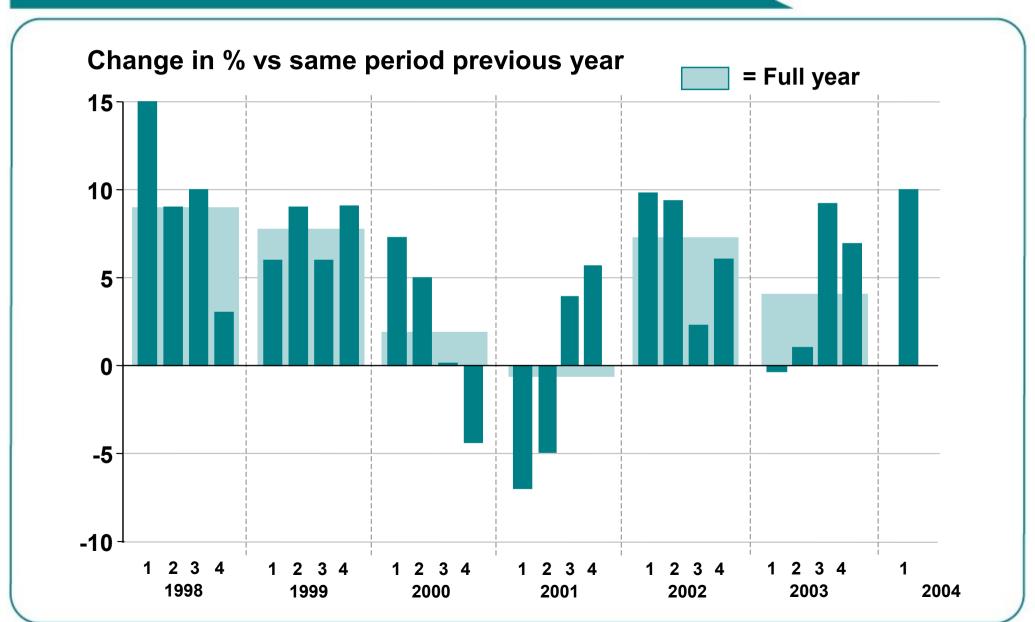
#### Asia

- China +8%
- India --> -1%<sup>3)</sup>

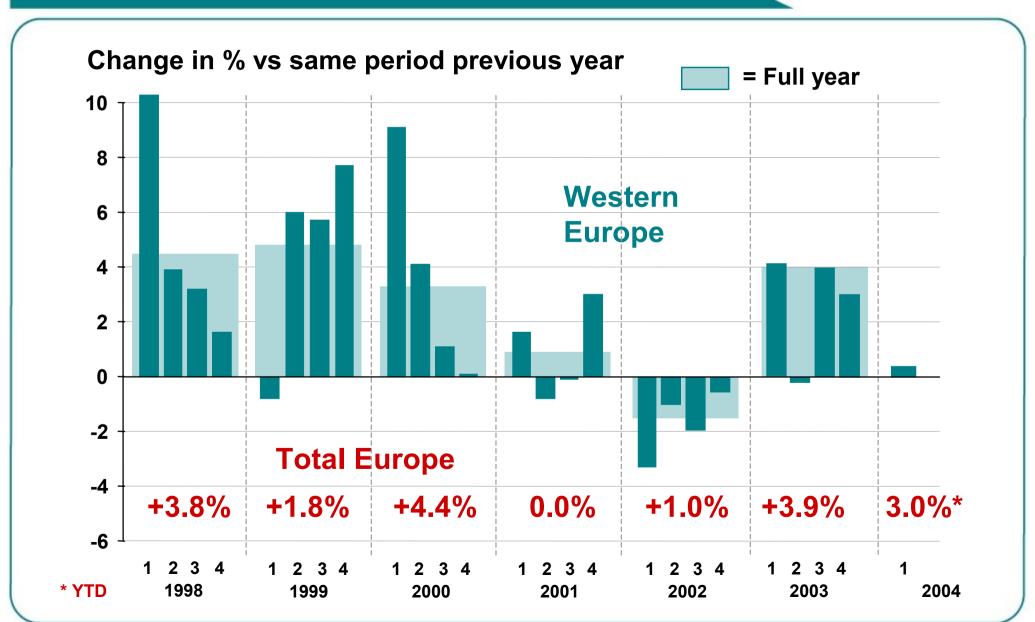
### **Australia**

• Core +13%<sup>3)</sup>
Appliances

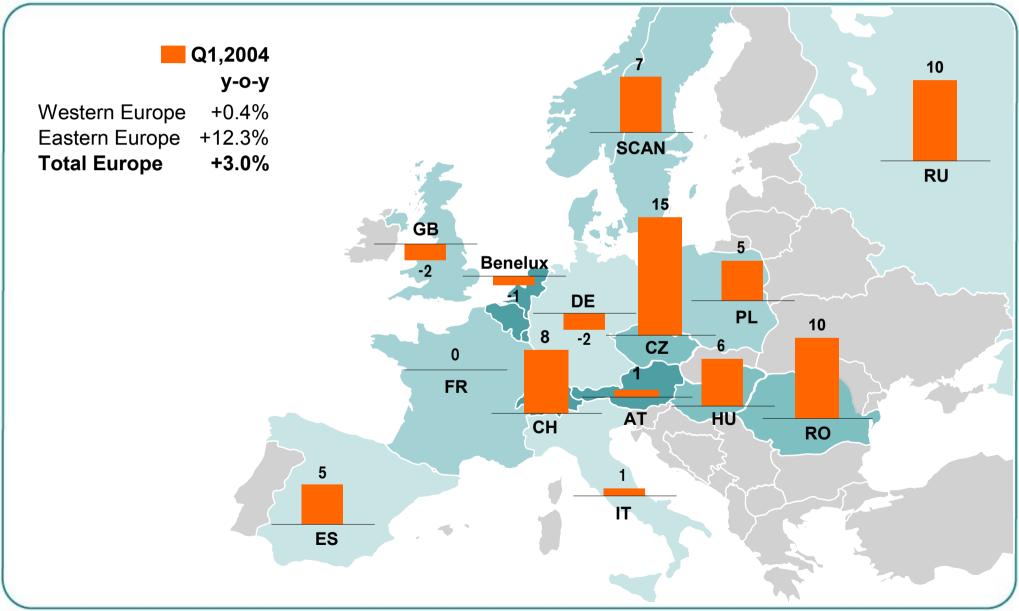
# Core appliances, USA Industry unit shipments



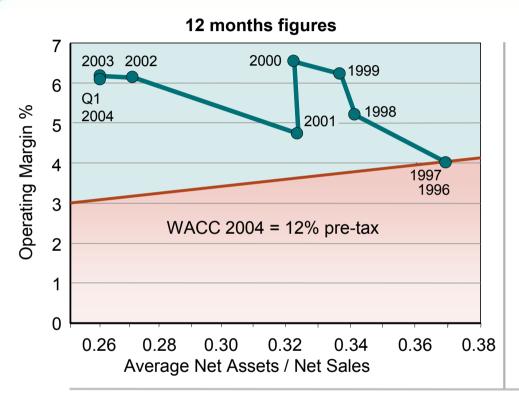
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## **Key data, Q1 2004**

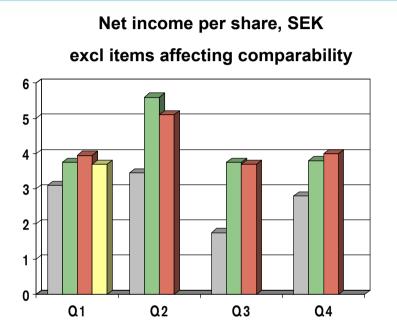


Q1 2004*	SEKm	Change
Sales	30,493	-4.9%
EBIT	1,705	-5.2%
Value creation	on 776	+45
In comparabl	e currency	
Sales		+1.1%
EBIT		+0.5%

- \* Excluding items affecting comparability
- Sales increased 4.2%, adjusted for changes in exchange rates and in Group structure
- Operating income adversely affected by a charge of SEK -979m for closure of the Greenville plant in the US, and changes in exchange rates in the amount of SEK -125m
- Savings from restructuring amounted to SEK 49m in the quarter

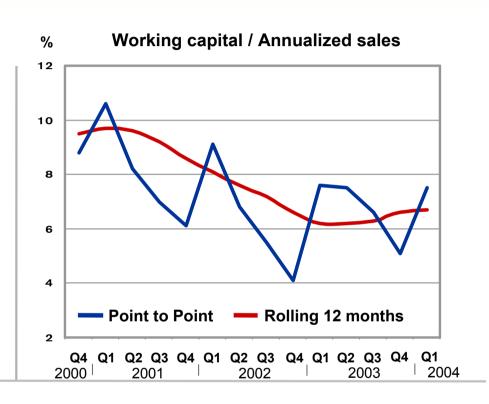
## Net income per share and trend in working capital

#### **Electrolux**



**2001** 

**2002** 



 Net income per share, excluding items affecting comparability down -6,3%, to SEK 3.70 (3.95)

**2003 2004** 

- Cash flow from operations and investments improved mainly due to:
  - lower increase in working capital, particularly accounts receivable
  - lower spending in the restructuring programs

## Consumer Durables, Europe

#### **Electrolux**

- Margin improved from first quarter 2003
- Appliance sales up in Eastern Europe and Scandinavia, but down in several markets in Central and Southern Europé
- Appliances sales adversely impacted by divestment of holding in Vestfrost (Q1, 2003:SEK 322m) and lower deliveries for less profitable product segments
- Operating income and margin up for appliances, despite increased investments in brand building and product development

Q1 2004*	SEKm	Change
Sales	10,386	-4.2%
EBIT	641	+0.3%
Margin	6.2%	
In comparable currency		
Sales		-3.0%
EBIT		+1.4%

\* Excluding items affecting comparability





## Consumer Durables, North America

- Substantial decline in income and margin for floor-care products compared to strong first quarter in 2003
- Higher sales and operating income for appliances in USD
- Appliance margin maintained while increasing investment in brand-building and product development
- Good growth in refrigerators, washers, dryers and cookers

Q1 2004*	SEKm	Change
Sales	7,365 277	-7.0% -29.2%
Margin 3.8% In comparable currency		
Sales EBIT		+6.0% -21.2%

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding items affecting comparability



# Shop display of the Electrolux Icon range



# New upmarket range showed at trade show in Chicago in April



- High-end range beyond the ICON line
- Launch planned for 2005





## Consumer Durables, Rest of the World

- Appliance sales in Brazil up on new products, strong retailer relationships
- Operating income for Brazilian operation improved and was positive
- Appliance sales in India up strongly, operating loss substantially reduced as a result of restructuring
- China operating loss reduced by restructuring and cost cutting

Q1 2004*	SEKm	Change
Sales	3,147	+9.0%
EBIT	5	+104.3%
Margin	0.2%	
In comparable currency		
Sales		+8.0%
EBIT		+101.9%

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding items affecting comparability



## Consumer Durables, Outdoor products

- European demand flat
- Sales and income for European operation largely unchanged
- North American garden demand up
- Strong sales growth in most product areas in US, operating income up substantially in USD

Q1 2004*	SEKm	Change
Sales	5,611	-1.9%
EBIT	507	+0.4%
Margin	9.0%	
In comparable currency		
Sales		+9.0%
EBIT		+13.7%

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding items affecting comparability

## **Professional Indoor Products**

- Lower sales mainly due to divestment of compressor operation (Q1 2003:SEK 685m)
- Sales up for food service operation in Southern Europe and US
- Operating income for foodservice operation increased, margin improved
- Sales for laundry equipment declined due to exchange rates and lower volumes, operating income and margin down

Q1 2004*	SEKm	Change
Sales EBIT	1,558 94	-28.0% -32.0%
Margin	6.0%	
In comparable currency Sales EBIT		-26.5% -32.1%

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding items affecting comparability



## **Professional Outdoor Products**

- Market demand estimated to have been unchanged in most categories
- Strong sales growth for chainsaws, but mainly for lowerspecified models
- Substantial decline in sales for lawn & garden due to later preseasonal shipments
- Sales of diamond tools and power cutters up in local currencies
- Overall, operating income down, partly due to less favorable exchange rates

Q1 2004*	SEKm	Change
Sales EBIT	2,409 343	-3.6% -17.2%
Margin	14.2%	
In comparable currency		
Sales		+1.4%
EBIT		-16.3%



## Summary of Q1, 2004

#### **Electrolux**

## **Negatives**

- SEK 979m charge to EBIT for closure of Greenville plant
- Unfavorable currency trends
- Downturn in income for floor-care in US
- Lower income for Professional Products

## **Positives**

- Continued strengthening Group through increased focus on products and brand
- Group's EBIT margin unchanged, excl. Greenville charge, despite brand investments
- Good performance for appliances in Europe and US
- Improvement for appliances in Rest of the World

## Unchanged outlook for full year 2004

- Some growth in market demand in both Europe and North America
- Increased investment in R&D and brand building
- Negative currency movements
- 2004 operating income somewhat lower than 2003 excluding items affecting comparability

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