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#### Purpose of today's discussion

Provide in-depth view of the Group's business areas

- Fiber Solutions
- Harsh Environment
- Data Center

Present restated numbers for 2024 per business area

Update on 2025 priorities



#### Agenda

- 13:00 Introduction
  - Fiber solutions
  - Data Center
  - Harsh Environment
  - Financial overview
  - Summary
  - Q&A
- 15:30 Session ends



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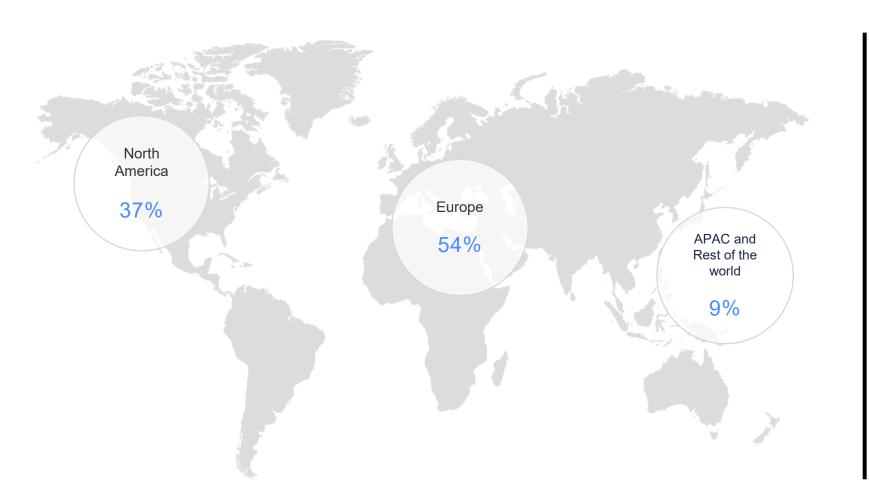


Ben Parker CEO IDS / Hexatronic DC Services EMEA



Philip Ashley CEO, Fibron

## Hexatronic is a global Group with diversified exposure and multiple growth avenues



40 operating units

No single customer accounted for more than 3% of global

18 production facilities, in 9 countries

Approx. 2,000 employees

Sales of SEK 7.6 bn in 2024 with an EBITA margin of 10.6%

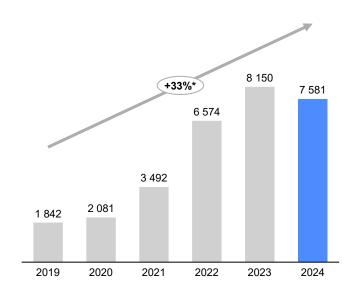
Listed on Nasdaq Stockholm since 2015

#### A history of profitable growth

However, 2024 was a challenging year in our industry

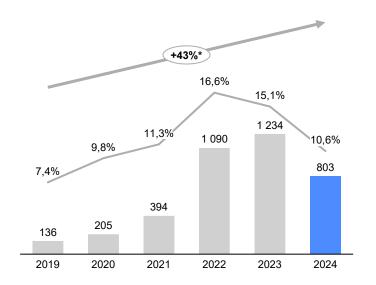
#### Net sales development

Sales, SEK m



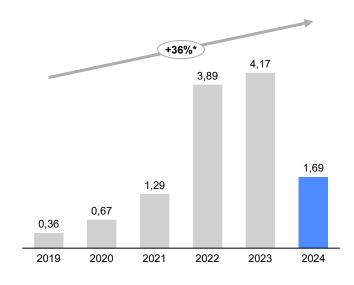
#### EBITA development

EBITA and EBITA margin, SEK m and %



#### **EPS** development

Earnings per share after dilution, SEK



## Establishing new business areas to further focus and power growth strategy





72% of Group sales 2024\*

10.8% EBITA margin 2024





15% of Group sales 2024\*

10.3% EBITA margin 2024





13% of Group sales 2024\*

15.9% EBITA margin 2024

Market drivers

Continued FTTH build out and increased build-out of wireless & security solutions

Capex need

Well-invested facilities

M&A focus

Opportunistic

Investments in offshore energy & defense. Shift from copper to fiber.

Medium

Active

Ever-growing amount of data, digitalization with cloud computing and Al driving traffic

Low

Active





# Hexatronic is well-positioned to leverage global trends and capture growth opportunities

Exposure to attractive growth markets

Complete system solutions

Manufacturing capability and capacity

Strong brands

Sustainable operations

M&A pipeline



#### 2025 priorities

Grow the Fiber Solutions business

- Win in the large US FTTH market
- Leverage CAPEX investments to grow within current footprint
- Explore growth opportunities like submarine cables, Security, Wireless
- Continued focus on operational efficiency and innovation

Margin improvement actions in Harsh Environment

Accelerate growth in Data Center

Execute M&A pipeline - Harsh Environment and Data Center

Review and validate the Group and Business Area strategies to ensure we have a robust plan for the coming years







#### Session overview

- Overview
- The markets
- Customer case Novos Fiber
- Innovation

#### **Presenters**





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#### Broad range of products and solutions that solve customer needs



FTTH and transport networks



Submarine cables



Conduit & pipes



Instruments & Tools

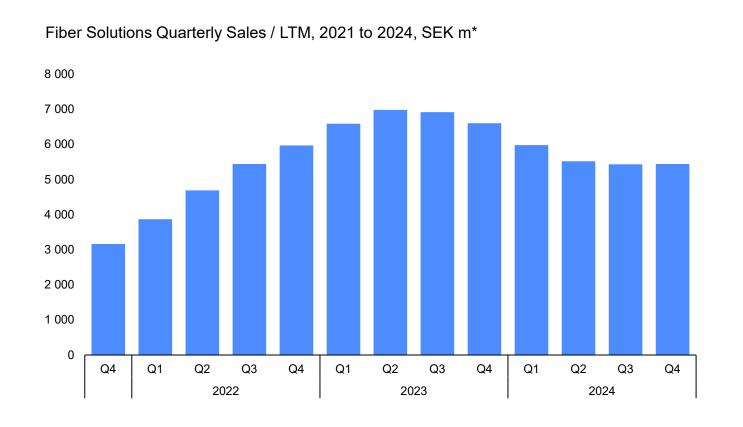


Wireless



Training

# Capacity expansion has enabled sales growth – signs of more stable markets towards the end of last year



5.4 SEK bn sales 2024

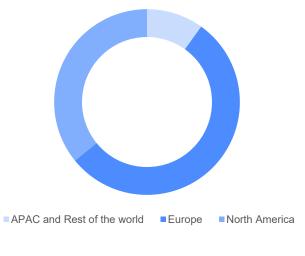
10.8% EBITA margin in 2024

#### Well-balanced portfolio and broad customer base

The leading solution, enabling fast & efficient deployment

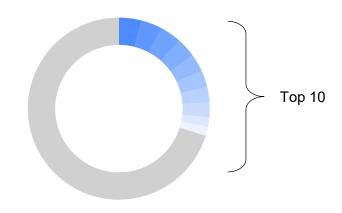


#### Sales per geography



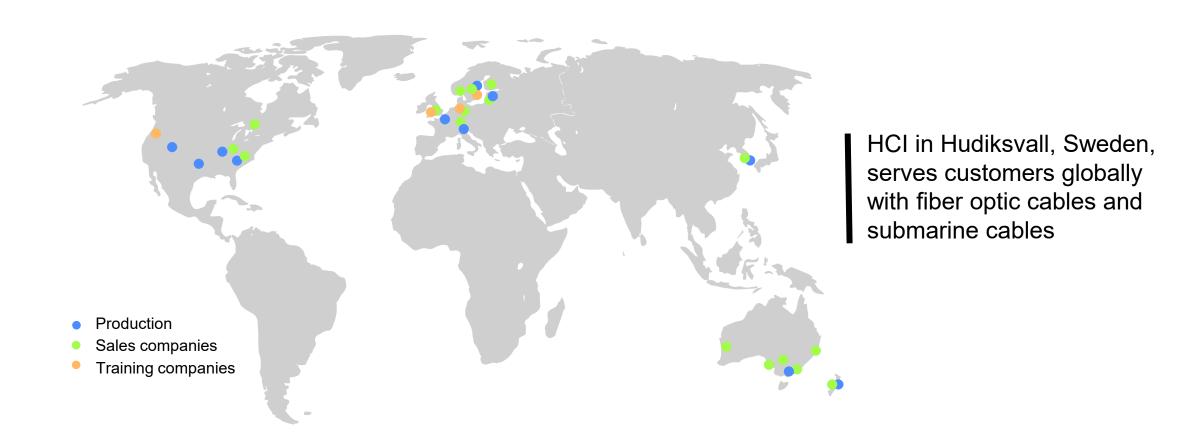
North America 36% of sales and growing

#### **Customer concentration**



Top 10 customers account for ~30% of revenue

## Fiber Solutions has strong presence with local manufacturing in main markets





## The North American fiber infrastructure market represents a major growth potential in the coming years

#### The market

#### Hexatronic position

#### North America

- Market is expected to show good growth in the coming years
- Mix of private and public (BEAD etc) funding for network buildout
- Tariffs and protectionism will give an advantage to local manufacturing

- Strong position within conduits/pipes
- Low share of fiber optic system
- · Opportunity to grow market share

#### Europe

- FTTH market is expected to show flat growth
- Shift from homes passed to connecting customers
- Focus on cost-efficient solutions as price pressure continues

- Leading position in Nordics
- Sizeable positions in the UK and Germany

#### APAC & RoW

- · Expectation of moderate growth
- No universal technology, only network-specific solutions

- Leading position in Australia and New Zealand
- Strong export business from Korea

### Growing demand for submarine cables

- Hexatronic produces submarine cables at the HCI facility in Hudiksvall, Sweden
- Ideally fit for medium distances typically connecting countries in Europe – but also global business
- Growing demand from offshore windmill parks – Europe's green transition



#### Hexatronic's system enables cost-efficient network deployment

#### Complete system solution

- Easy to install
- Optimized for low network TCO
- A sustainable solution

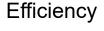
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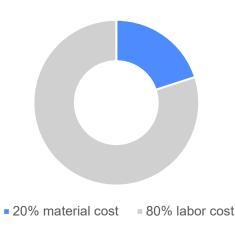
#### Close partnership

- Field support
- Training and certification

#### High-end products

- In-house R&D
- Innovative, high-quality products
- Production across Europe, USA and APAC
- Extensive quality control





All our efforts across the value chain focus on creating sustainable solutions with low TCO.

#### **NOVOS FIBER**

- NOVOS FiBER selected Hexatronic as a strategic supplier for their complete FTTH deployment in the US
- Hexatronic supplies the end-to-end Hexatronic FTTH solution, including site support and training for NOVOS FiBER and their design engineering firms and installers

"We selected Hexatronic based on their value proposition, flexible and cost effective network architecture and ability to meet our aggressive timelines."

- Andrew Snead, CEO of NOVOS FiBER

#### About NOVOS FiBER

- NOVOS FiBER began in 2022 in Texas to provide residential internet broadband service using fiber-to-thehome (FTTH) technology
- Network design & construction to support delivery of affordable, high-speed internet to families and small businesses



## Emerging trends driving the demand for fiber optic solutions

Sustainability

A new dimension added to our value proposition where we help our customer reach their committed sustainability targets.

Digitalization & AI

Massive investments in data centers and edge computing drive the need of new and upgraded transport networks.

Closing the digital divide

Government subsidization programs for fiber to underserved areas exist on most markets.

Electrification

Rising demand for fiber connectivity to manage wind farms, EV fleets, and energy grid upgrades.

Wireless mobility

Investments in 5G small cells and future technologies will drive the densification of mobile networks.

World volatility & uncertainty

Investments include surveillance, perimeter security, defense (NATO), and police applications

## Growth opportunities and strategic priorities

- Focus on solutions to small and medium-sized customers
- Innovation with easy-to-install, sustainable, and cost-efficient products with best TCO focus
- Drive market share in the US via locally manufactured solutions
- Focus on operational excellence in Europe
- Explore growth opportunities like submarine cables, Security, Wireless





#### Session overview

- Deep dive into the offering
- Growth strategy
- Market overview

#### **Presenters**



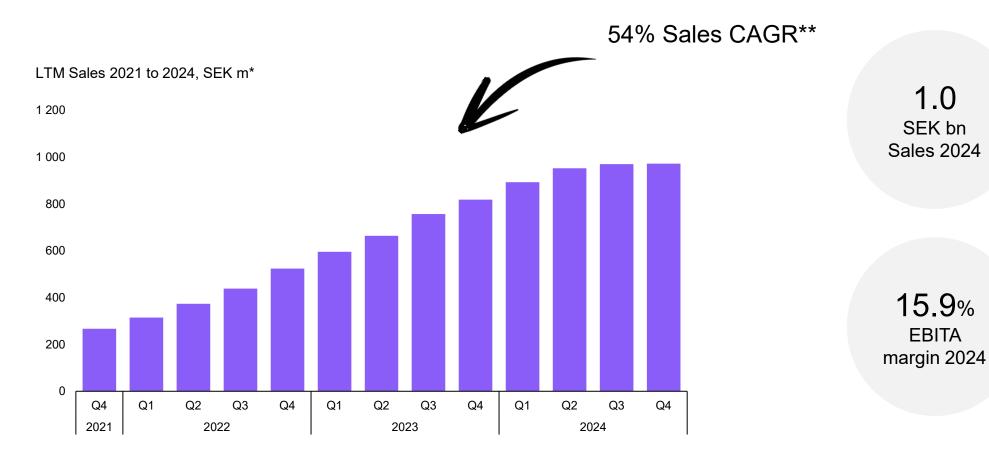


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## On the journey to become an established player with strong profitability



## Hyperscale/Cloud outgrowing Enterprise segment, driven by long-term trends

Continued build out of Al Microsoft Google Hyperscale computing capacity. ORACLE aws Owned Increased adoption of cloud 15-17%\* Hyperscale computing EQUINIX Leased annual growth **CORESITE** CyrusOne. Ever-growing digital storage Colocation DIGITAL needs Non-Hyperscale SAT&T J.P.Morgan 7-9% Digitization drives efficiency Enterprise across industries. On-Premise annual growth verizon



<sup>\*</sup> Source: Dell'Oro Data Center Physical Infrastructure 2025 – 2029
The companies depicted in the above illustration serve as examples within the relevant markets for illustrative purposes only. This depiction does not indicate any commercial relationship between Hexatronic and these companies.

#### **ICT Services**



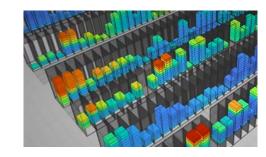
Design, installation, certification and support to transform white space to be "equipment ready"

#### Connectivity



Bespoke connectivity solutions for Data Centers

#### Containment



Passive airflow management designed to reduce energy consumption in Data Centers

#### LAN



Cables for data, video and transmission for LAN applications in commercial buildings and campuses

#### **Hyperscale**

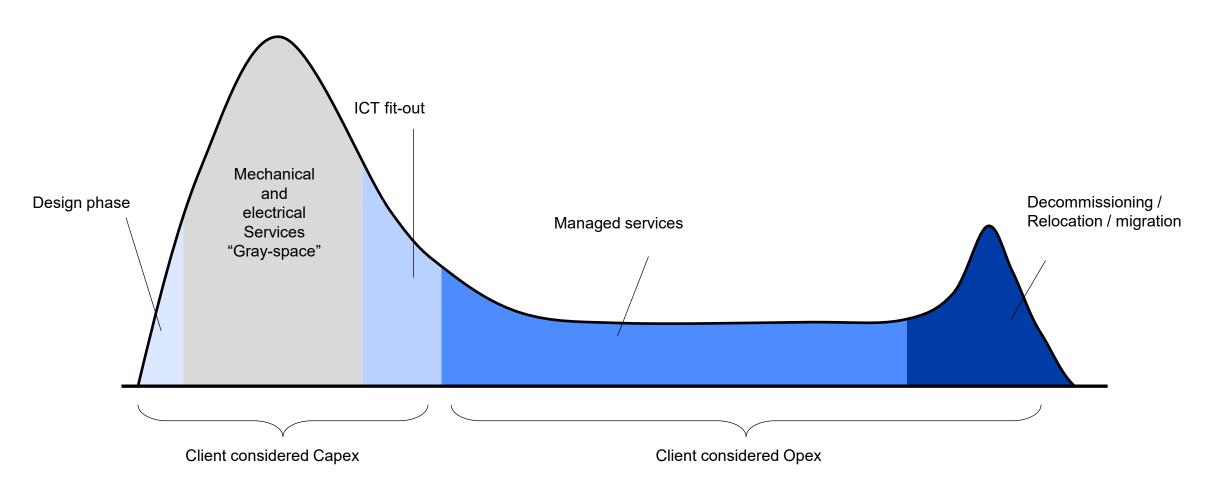
Customer segments

#### Colocation

#### **Enterprise**

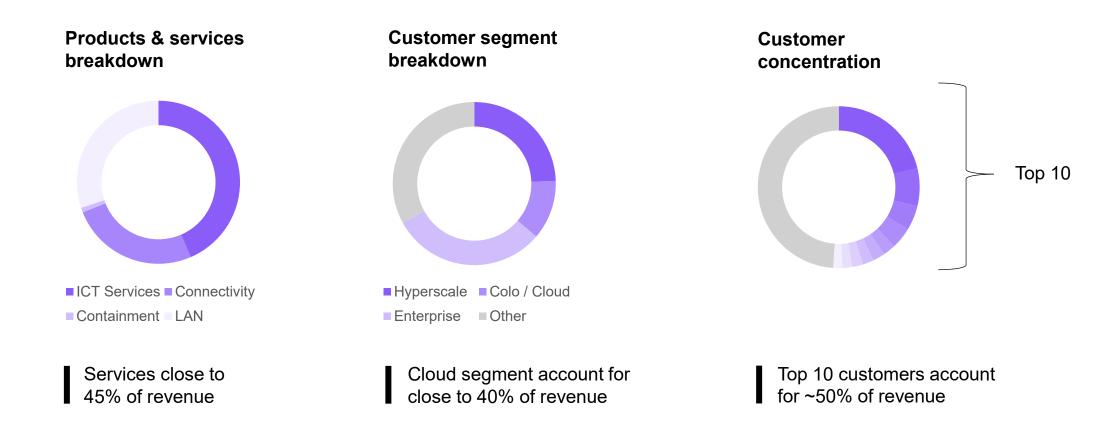
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## Revenue potential for our services throughout the data center life cycle



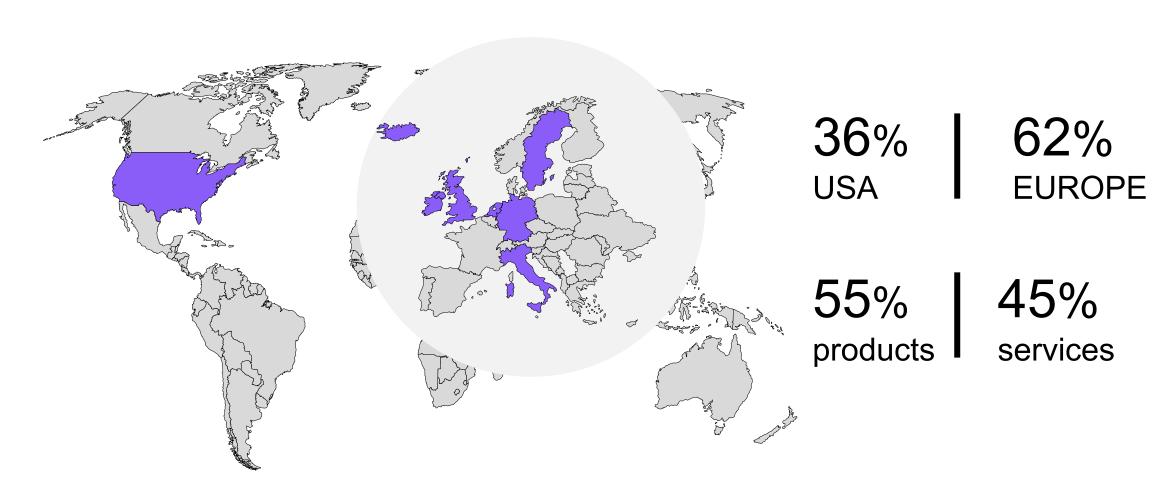


## Revenue generated across several customer segments with a large customer base





Local presence in the US and several European countries, balanced between products and services.



#### Managing EMEA as borderless

- Same team no matter country
- Agility, speed, flexibility
- First to focus on hyperscale services in EMEA
- Projects in close to 15 EMEA countries in 2024
- Design and operations centralized

In EMEA the team has completed +2,500 projects over the past 10 years



#### Expand our service offerings through strategic acquisitions

#### **Applications**



Data center project management, cabling, rack and stack and installation services



High-end commercial, offices and

retail locations and premises

site cabling



Campus voice and data cabling as well audio / visual solutions



Demanding industrial and logistics



Indoor wireless solutions such as DAS



Schools and campus environment



Security and access control installation services for mission critical environments





Primary

focus

segment



#### Low-risk approach

- Strong teams and proven businesses
- Continued focus on North America & EMEA
- Enterprise value of < EUR 50m
- EBITDAx normally 5x to 7x EBITDA
- Management co-ownership or earnout incentives models
- Decentralized governance model

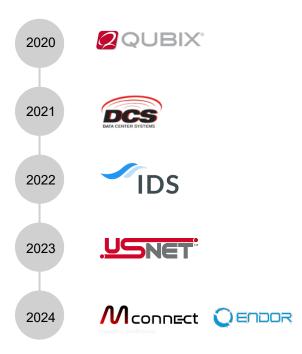
Fragmented service market in North America and EMEA. Mature and consolidated products markets.

>200 small and mid-size companies identified



Ambition to acquire 3-6 companies per year

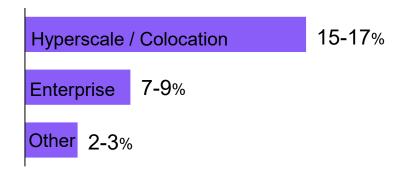
Proven track record in M&A execution





#### Strong market outlook

Annual growth rate 2025-2029, %

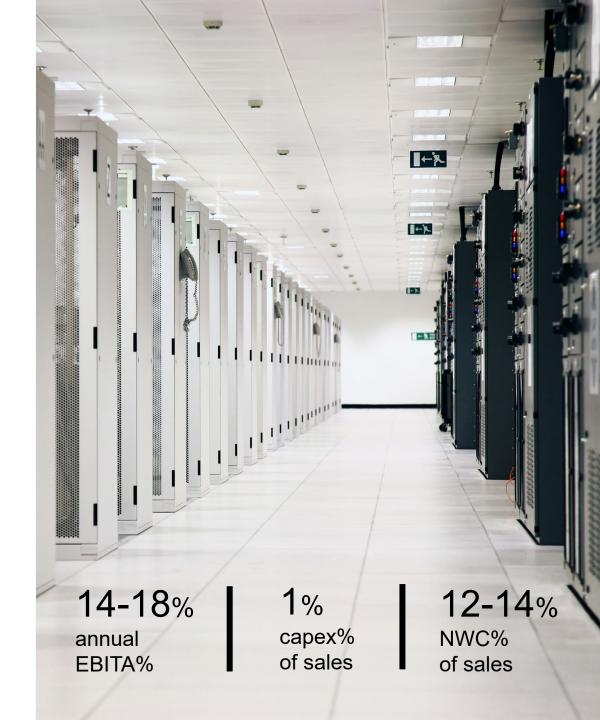


#### Primarily acquisition-driven

- Acquire service companies in Europe & NA
- Continue proven, low-risk acquisition model
- Attractive returns (5-7x EBITDA)

Attractive financial profile







#### Session overview

- The business area footprint
- Deep dive into the offering
- The Dynamics offering

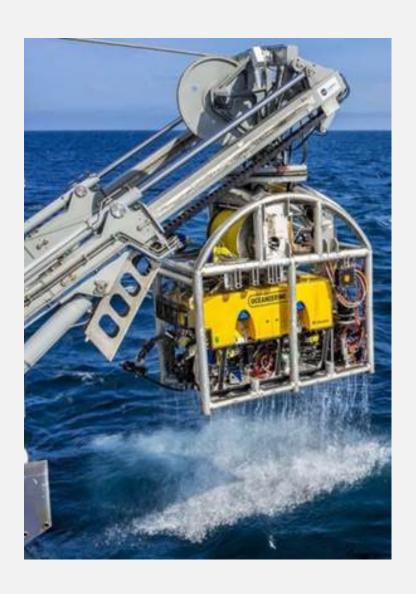
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**Dynamic cables**Rochester Cable and Fibron Cable



**Connectivity solutions**Hexatronic Norway and Tech Optics





**Critical sensing solutions**Proximion

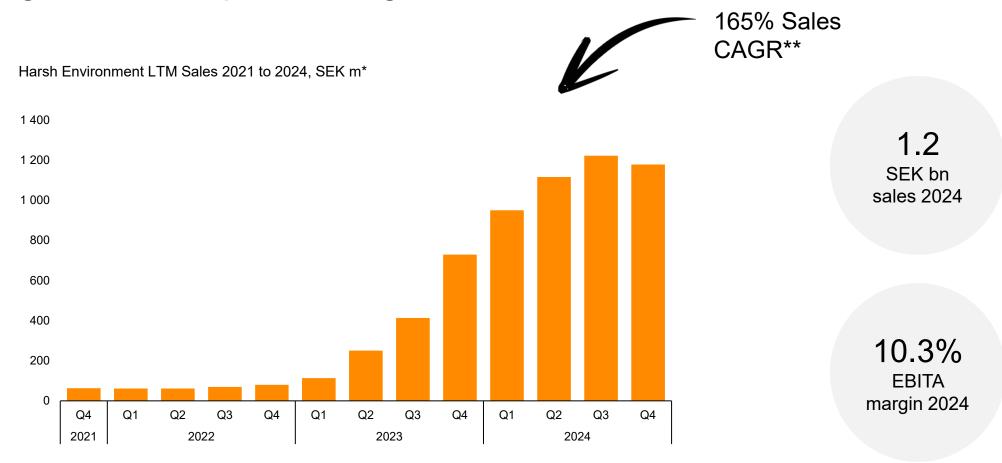




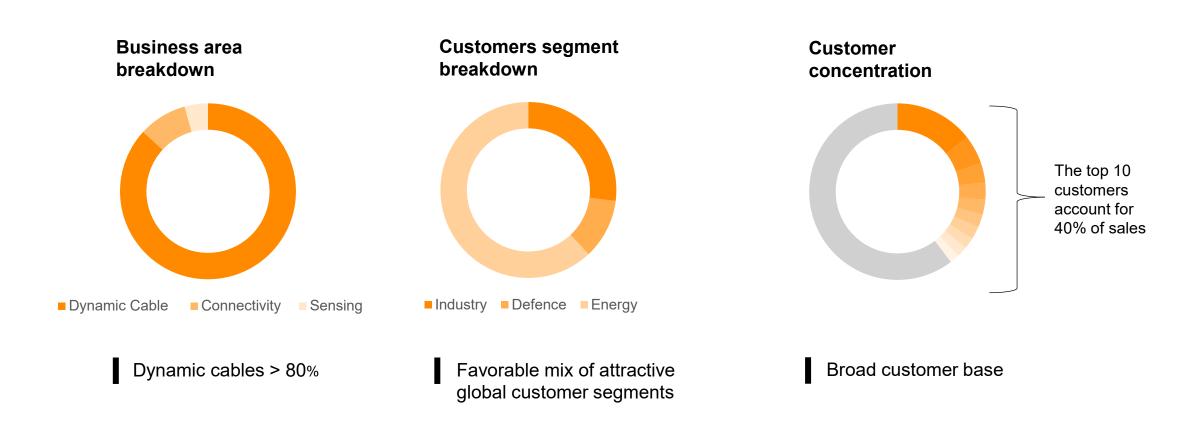
**Products** 

Applications

## A strong global niche player positioned to grow and expand margins



## Revenue generation from markets with long investment cycles and recurring customers





## Energy and defense markets expected to remain strong, driven by long-term global trends

**Energy markets** 

- Renewables
- Oil & Gas
- Services & Subsea engineering

Growing global demand and quest for more regional independence CAGR\* to 2030: 5-8%

Defense

Naval

Increased defense spending, including the construction of new submarines and vessels

**Industries** 

- Wiring
- Oceanography
- Infrastructure

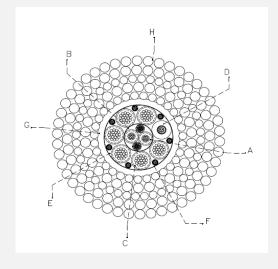
Asset integrity monitoring and backbone network infrastructure

## ROV's facilitate deployment of subsea survey vessel

- High-strength ROV cable designed for our customer Ocean Infinity's lean-crewed vessels
- Unique five-layer armor cable tailored for underwater vehicles
- Initial order of six cables, extended to ongoing supply
- Fibron Cables support CPT (Cone Penetration Testing) for seabed surveys

#### A ROV cable in cross-section

Five-layer armor package
Six 7 mm power conductors, two 2.5
mm power conductors, and one 12x
fiber in steel tube



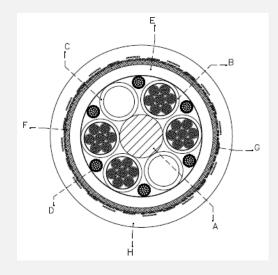


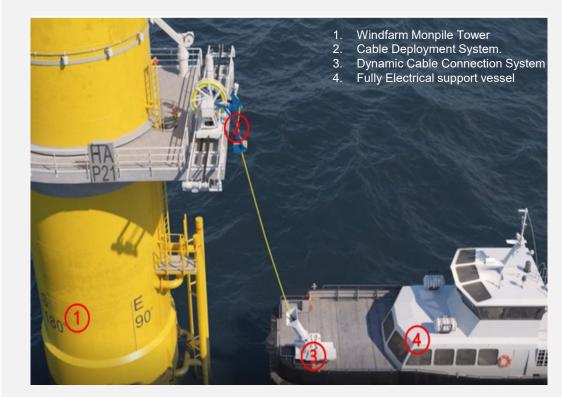
# Offshore windfarm charging cable - supports low-carbon operations

- Dynamic and flexible bespoke design cable
- Specific components including unique power cable and hoses used for cable cooling
- Delivered in just a few months, providing a reliable prototype test
- Enabling technologies are gaining a more significant foothold in the windfarm market

#### A charging cable in crosssection

Polyester fiber braid and solid polyurethane jacket of 3 mm. Four 35 mm power conductors and two 8 mm ID hydraulic "cooling" tubes





## Growth strategy includes acquisitions – targets mainly dynamic cable and connector businesses

For example, companies that are present in the following areas

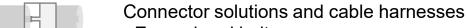
Applications	Segments



Umbilical and specialty fiber cables

- Bolt-on and consolidate

Off-shore energy services



- Expand and bolt-on

Defense, energy and industries



Critical sensing system vendors

- Bolt-on and next platform

**Process industries** 



## Strong market outlook beyond 2030

- Underlying demand in the energy sector remains
- Defense markets remain buoyant during the strategy period
- Industries are increasingly embracing fiber optic solutions thanks to intrinsic properties
- Dynamic cables
  - Improve profitability in Rochester Cable
  - Continued investments in infrastructure
- Connectivity
  - Continue to approach defense, energy, and process industries with hybrid solutions



## Financial overview



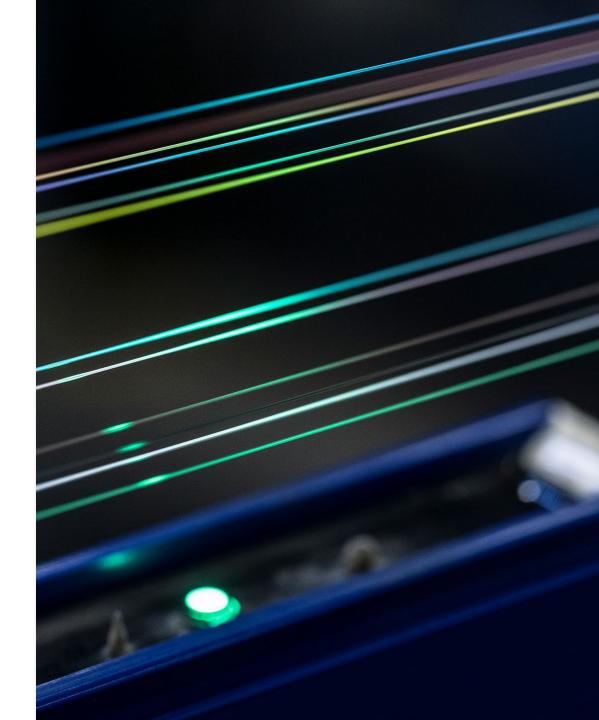
### Session overview

- Segment reporting
- Financial overview

### Presenter



Pernilla Lindén Group CFO



#### Reason for segment reporting

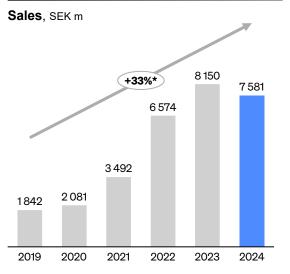


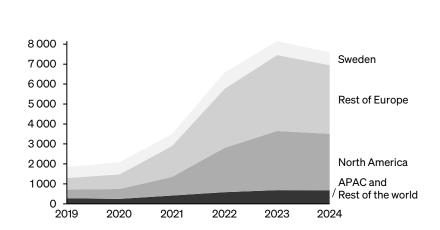
### Net sales – per region

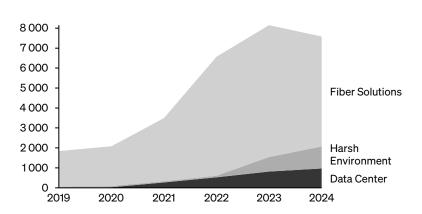
#### Net sales – per business area\*\*

Sales, SEK m

Sales, SEK m







- CAGR of 33% driven by both organic and acquisition driven growth
- Expansion in Fiber solutions in NAM and Europe has been the main contributor to this growth
- Rochester Cable and Fibron Cable acquisition in 2023, we established a significant position in the market for advanced subsea cables
- The offer aimed at the data center market has been gradually developed since 2020.
- In 2024, Hexatronic starts sharing Sales per focus area
- In Feb 2025 Hexatronic introduces new segment reporting and implements changes in executive Management.
- Reflecting the increased focus and clarity in our business while contributing to increased transparency

<sup>\*\*</sup> CAGR calculated over five years

<sup>\*</sup> Estimated historical net sales based on focus area sales 2021-2023 Net Sales for 2024 reported based on updated segment reporting.

### Segment reporting structure

#### REPORTABLE OPERATING SEGMENTS

The Group's reportable operating segments have been identified from a management perspective. This, the segment information disclosed is based on internal reporting to the chief operating decision maker, which at Hexatronic has been equated with Group Management. The Group's operations are managed and reported by three business segments, Fiber Solutions, Harsh Environment and Data Center.

Business segment consolidation is performed applying the same policies as the Group as a whole. Transactions between business segments are conducted on market terms. Key control and reporting concepts are, Net sales, EBITDA, EBITA, capex investments and number of employees.

**Fiber Solutions** is the Group 's business in fiber optic cables, pipes and network products for FTTH connectivity, 5G, transport networks, local city networks and submarine cables. Customers are mainly telecom operators, network owners, and distributors.

Harsh Environment provides advanced cables and solutions adapted to withstand connectivity in the most challenging environments. Customers are mainly companies in the energy sector (offshore), marine technology, defense, and aerospace. Manufacturing of dynamic cables capable of transporting various combinations of electricity, air, gas, liquid chemicals, and data. This also includes the business of advanced fiber optic sensor systems.

**Data Center** offers tailor-made products and services for the data center market, such as cables and networking products as well as design, installation and project management. Customers include major global cloud companies, co-location operators, and large enterprises such as banks, automotive manufacturers, and industrial companies.

**Group functions/Elimination** refers mainly to central functions such as group staff and departments, as well as other operations outside the core business within each segment.

	Fiber	Harsh	Data	Group functions/	
SEK million	Solutions	<u>Environment</u>	Center	Elimination	Total
Net sales	5 441	1178	972	-11	7 581
EBITDA	826	159	172	-57	1099
EBITDA%	15,2%	13,5%	17,7%	n.a.	14,5%
EBITA	587	121	154	-60	803
EBITA%	10,8%	10,3%	15,9%	n.a.	10,6%
Other disclosures					
Investments Number of	286	34	5	0	325
employees	1358	371	208	30	1967



### Business Area Fiber Solutions

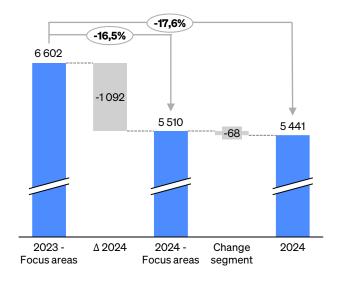
- 28 operating units based in US, Europe and APAC
- Challenging 2024
- A broad range of products and solutions that solve customer needs
- Seasonality Q1 and Q4 weaker, mainly due to weather conditions
- Major capacity investments finalized (2022-2024)
- Capital investments 3-4% going forward
- Continued need for building fiber optic networks to increase coverage and penetration

Net Sales 5 441 SEK m

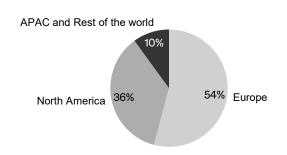
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10.8%

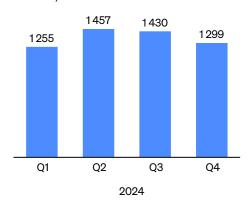
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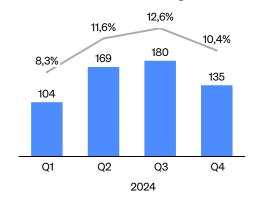
#### Geographical split, sold to (% of sales)



#### Sales, SEK m



#### EBITA and EBITA margin, SEK m and %





## Business Area Harsh Environment

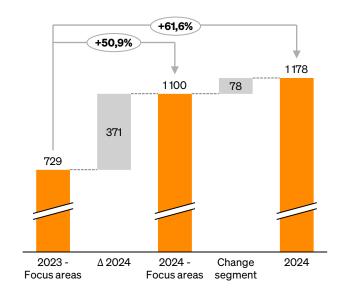
- 5 operating units based in US and Europe
- More than 80% of total sales dynamic hybrid cables
- Favourable mix of attractive market segments in Defense and Energy
- Capital investments around 5%
- Improve profitability in Rochester
- Active M&A agenda
- Strong market outlook beyond 2030

## Net Sales 1 178 SEK m EBITA 121 SEK m

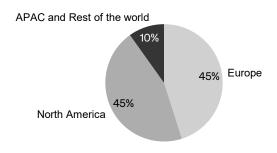
**EBITA** 

10.3%

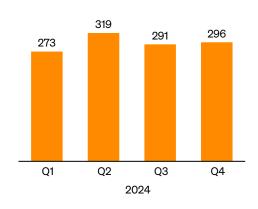
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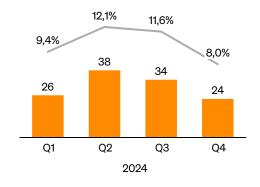
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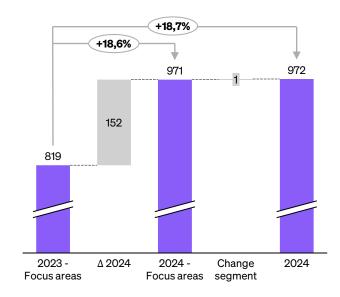


### Business Area Data Center

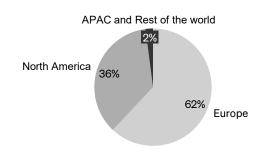
- 3 operating units based in US and Europe
- 55% product sales and 45% service sales
- Cloud segment account for close to 40%
- Seasonality effect H1 normally stronger than H2
- Capital light business model
- Active M&A agenda
- Strong market outlook

## Net Sales 972 SEK m EBITA 154 15.9%

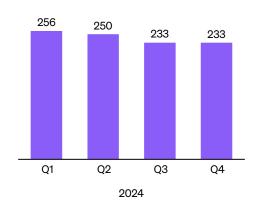
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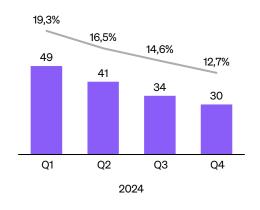
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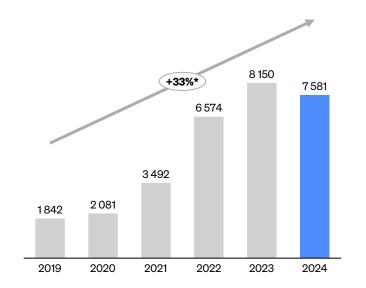


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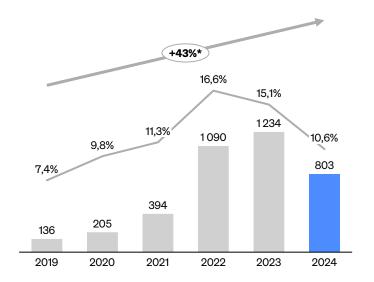
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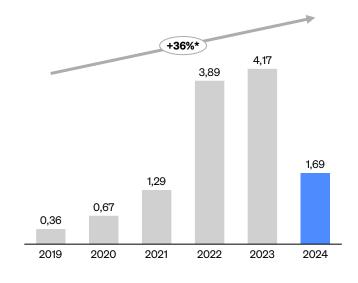
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#### **EPS** development

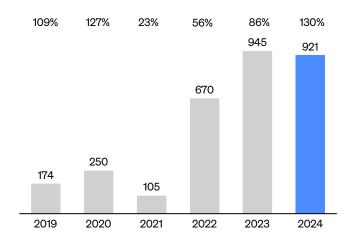
Earnings per share after dilution, SEK



### Solid financial position

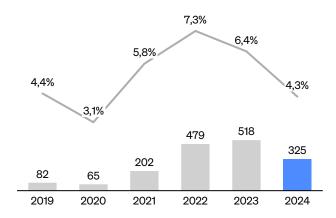
#### Continued good cash conversion

Operating cash flow after WC changes (SEK m), % of Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital



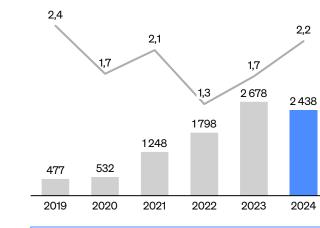
### Investments are in the latter part of the cycle

Capex investments (SEK m), % of net sales



### Leverage increased due to lower EBITDA proforma

Net debt (SEK m) / EBITDA proforma incl. IFRS 16\*



Leverage excl. lease liabilities at 1.9x\*\*

633 MSEK of cash and 1,256 MSEK of unutilized back-up facilities gives a liquidity of 1,889 MSEK



<sup>\*</sup> Net debt including lease liabilities / R12 EBITDA proforma

<sup>\*\*</sup>Interest-bearing net debt / R12 EBITDA proforma (excluding IFRS 16, bank covenant)

#### **Operating Segments**

SEK million	Q12024	margin %	Q2 2024	margin %	Q3 2024	margin %	Q4 2024	margin %	Full Year	margin %
Net Sales		_		_		_				
Fiber Solutions	1255		1457		1430		1299		5 441	
Harsh Environment	273		319		291		296		1178	
Data Center	256		250		233		233		972	
Corporate / Elimination	-3		-2		-3		-3		-11	
Total	1781		2 024		1951		1824		7 581	
EBITDA										
Fiber Solutions	162	12,9%	230	15,8%	238	16,7%	195	15,0%	826	15,2%
Harsh Environment	34	12,6%	48	15,0%	43	14,8%	34	11,4%	159	13,5%
Data Center	53	20,9%	46	18,2%	39	16,5%	34	14,7%	172	17,7%
Corporate / Elimination	-10		-25		-16		-6		-57	
Total	240	13,5%	298	14,7%	304	15,6%	258	14,1%	1099	14,5%
EBITA										
Fiber Solutions	104	8,3%	169	11,6%	180	12,6%	135	10,4%	587	10,8%
Harsh Environment	26	9,4%	38	12,1%	34	11,6%	24	8,0%	121	10,3%
Data Center	49	19,3%	41	16,5%	34	14,6%	30	12,7%	154	15,9%
Corporate / Elimination	-11		-26		-17		-6		-60	
Total	168	9,4%	222	11,0%	230	11,8%	182	10,0%	803	10,6%

### REPORTABLE OPERATING SEGMENTS

The Group's reportable operating segments have been identified from a management perspective. This, the segment information disclosed is based on internal reporting to the chief operating decision maker, which at Hexatronic has been equated with Group Management. The Group's operations are managed and reported by three business segments, Fiber Solutions, Harsh Environment and Data Center.

Business segment consolidation is performed applying the same policies as the Group as a whole.
Transactions between business segments are conducted on market terms.



## Summary



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- Continued focus on small and medium-sized customers
- Innovate for easy-to-install, sustainable, and cost-efficient systems that optimize customer TCO
- Leverage growth opportunities in the US – local fiber cable production from Q2 2026
- Improve operational excellence in Europe
- Explore investments in growth avenues like submarine, wireless, and security sectors



- · Improve Rochester's profitability
- Continue to approach defense, energy, and process industries with optical solutions
- · Acquisitions to accelerate growth



- Expand our service offerings through organic growth initiatives
- Focus on Europe and North America
- Acquisitions to accelerate growth



## Key takeaways

- Hexatronic is a global business with diversified exposure and multiple growth avenues
- New business areas enable us to further focus and power our growth strategy
  - Fiber Solutions
  - Harsh Environment
  - Data Center
- Attractive M&A pipeline focus on Harsh Environment and Data Center

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## Q&A

You are welcome to ask your questions in the chat.



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