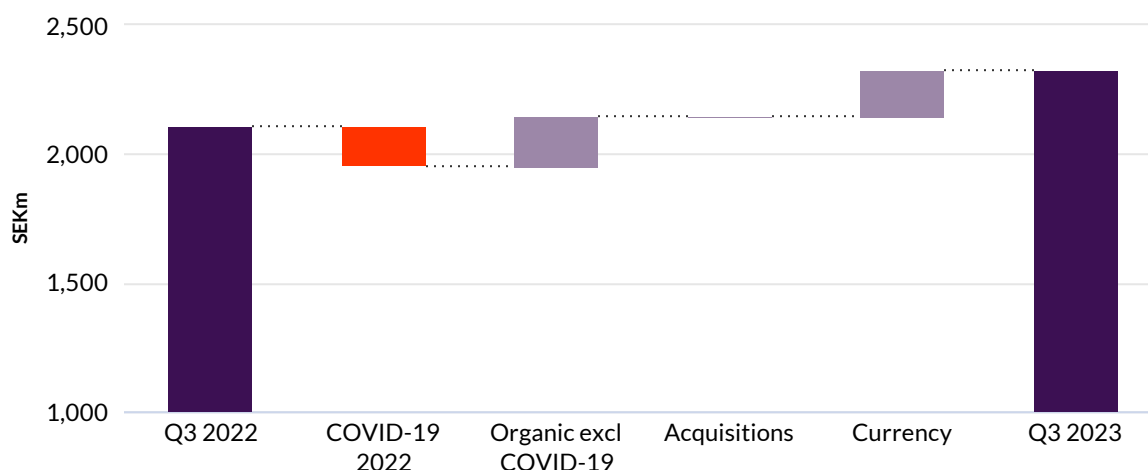


Group Performance in the quarter

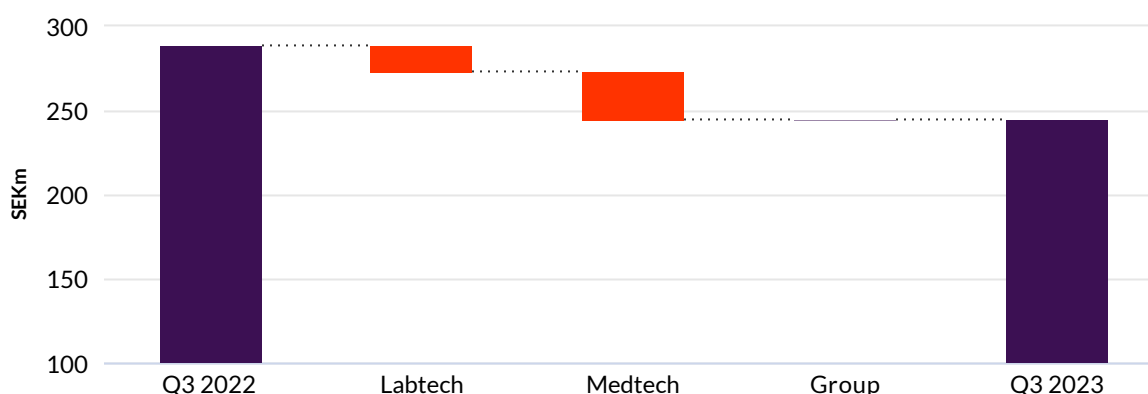
Net sales in the quarter increased by 10 percent to SEK 2,319 m (2,100). Organic growth, excluding COVID-19 and exchange rate changes amounted to 10 percent. Net sales related to COVID-19 has now ceased and is reported as SEK 0 m (151). Exchange rate changes had a positive impact of 8 percent on net sales in the quarter, corresponding to SEK 176 m.

NET SALES 3 MONTHS



Increased commercial activity and strengthened sales organisation have increased sales costs, which has driven sales growth and strengthens the growth potential going forward. EBITA decreased by 15 percent to SEK 244 m (288) and EBITA-margin amounted to 10.5 percent (13.7). The decrease is largely explained by the lack of covid-19 sales. Reversal of previously allowance of contingent consideration has had a positive impact on the operating profit by SEK 18 m (85) in the quarter. Exchange rate changes had a positive effect on EBITA, corresponding to SEK 19 m.

EBITA 3 MONTHS

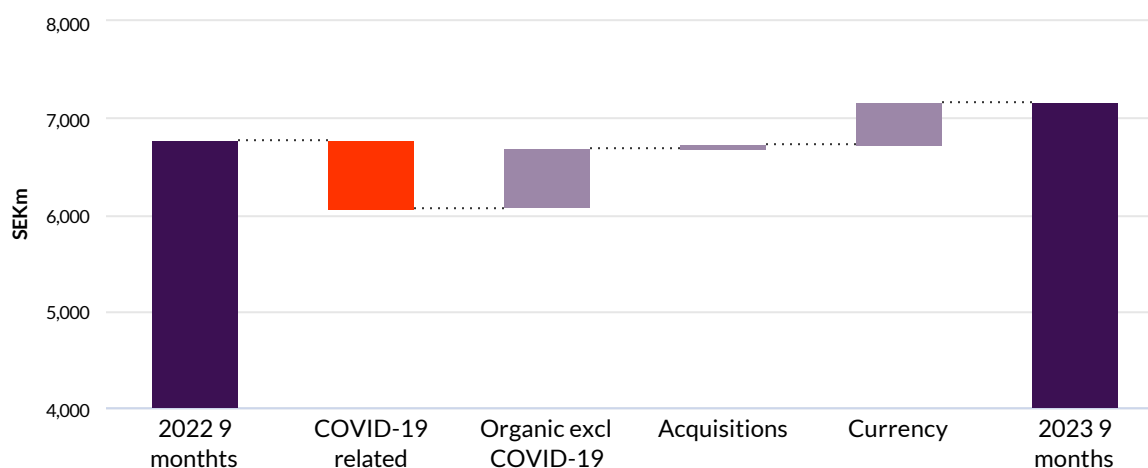


Net financial items amounted to SEK -71 m (-41) and profit after financial items amounted to SEK 61 m (142). Net financial items include interest costs related to financing of previous acquisitions and exchange rate fluctuations. Interest expenses amounted to SEK 72 m (22) and exchange rate gains to SEK 5 m (-17). Exchange rate changes are related to recalculation of loans and contingent considerations in foreign currencies. Profit after tax for the quarter amounted to SEK 26 m (120) and the effective tax rate was 57 percent (15). The higher effective tax rate in the quarter is attributable to the total effect of non-deductible interest and non-capitalized losses, but it does not impact the cash flow.

Group Performance in the interim period

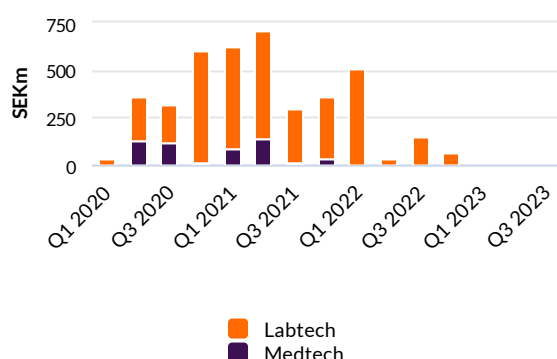
Net sales in the interim period increased by 6 percent to SEK 7,141 m (6,758). Acquired growth totalled 1 percent and organic growth, excluding COVID-19 amounted to 10 percent. Net sales related to COVID-19 has now ceased and reported as SEK 0m (696). Exchange rate changes had a positive impact on net sales of 7 percent, corresponding to SEK 430 m.

NET SALES 9 MONTHS



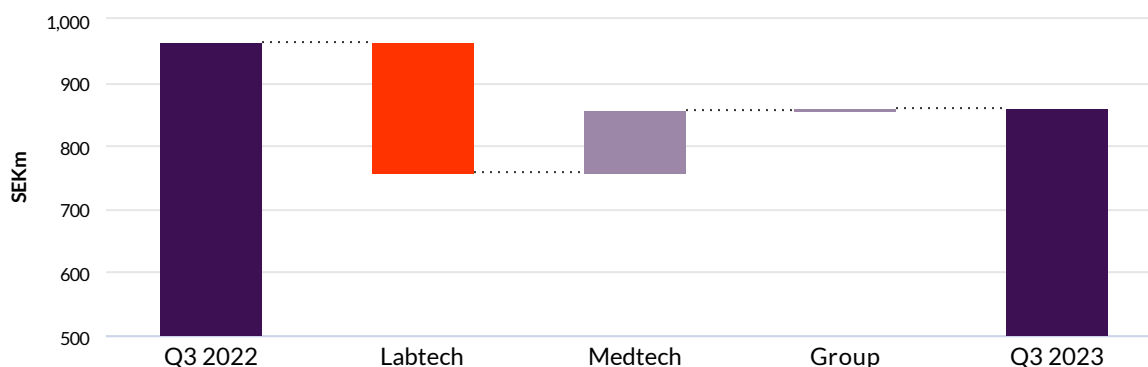
Increased commercial activity and strengthened sales organisation have increased sales costs. EBITA decreased by 11 percent to SEK 857 m (963) and EBITA-margin amounted to 12.0 percent (14.3). The decrease is largely explained by the lack of covid-19 sales. Reversal of previously allowance for contingent consideration has had a positive impact on the operating profit of SEK 101 (85) m in the interim period. Exchange rate changes had a positive effect on EBITA with 5 percent, corresponding to SEK 49 m.

COVID-19 RELATED SALES



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, AddLife has supplied large volumes of products to the healthcare sector. Sales since the first quarter of 2020 have varied based on the spread of infection and restrictions in the society. The volume of COVID-19 specific tests has now decreased to the point where separate reporting is no longer relevant going forward.

EBITA 9 MONTHS



Net financial items amounted to SEK -189 m (-134) and profit after financial items amounted to SEK 337 m (525). The net financial items is due to interest costs related to the acquisitions as well as exchange rate changes. Interest expenses amounted to SEK 199 m (65) and exchange rate gains to SEK 14 m (-69). Exchange rate changes are related to recalculation of loans and contingent considerations in foreign currencies. Profit after tax amounted to SEK 233 m (421) and the effective tax rate was 31 percent (20).

The war in Ukraine has not had a significant economic impact on the financial reports, but it can not be ruled out that this will happen in the future. We follow market developments closely, where we notice rising inflation, higher raw material, component costs, shipping costs and energy costs and greater uncertainty about interest rate developments. We follow the development in the Middle East but, at this point in time, our assessment is that this don't have a significant impact on the group.

Financial position and cash flow

At the end of the interim period, the equity ratio stood at 39 percent (38). Equity per share totalled SEK 42,63 (40.76) and the return on equity at the end of the interim period was 6 percent (10). Return on working capital, P/WC (EBITA in relation to working capital) amounted to 49 percent (61). The lower yield is partly due to a slightly lower result and relatively higher working capital.

The group's interest-bearing net debt at the end of the interim period totalled SEK 5,600 m (5,410), including pension liabilities of SEK 59 m (60), leasing liabilities of SEK 355 m (351) and contingent considerations corresponding to SEK 146 m (266). Outstanding bank loans at the end of the interim period amounted to SEK 5,145 m (4,968), whereof short-term bank loans amounted to SEK 2,558 m (2,432). The credit facility of SEK 1,000 m due in the first quarter of 2024 has been extended after the end of the interim period and runs for another 12 months until the first quarter of 2025. The credit facility of EUR 98.2 m, which also matures in the first quarter of 2024, has an extension option of another 12 months which we intend to use. The group has a good margin in the covenants applicable under the banking agreements, which stipulate an interest coverage ratio of at least 4.0 times and an equity ratio exceeding 25 percent.

As of the end of the interim period, the interest coverage ratio amounted to 6.3 times, as defined in the bank agreements.

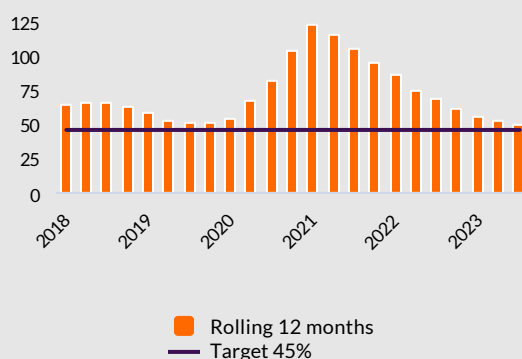
The net debt/equity ratio totalled 1.1 compared to 1.1 at the beginning of the interim period. The intention is to reduce indebtedness through self-generated cash flow.

Cash and cash equivalents, consisting of cash and bank balances, together with approved but non-utilised credit facilities, totalled SEK 661 m (890) on September 30, 2023.

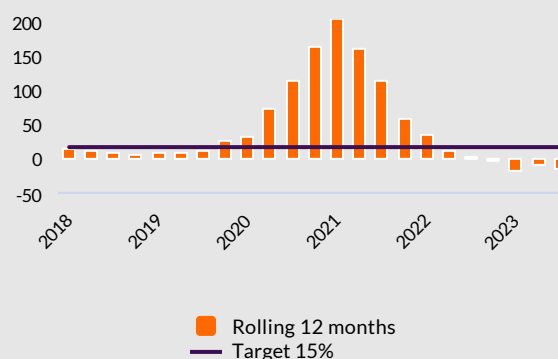
Cash flow from operating activities reached SEK 325 m (558) during the interim period. The change is mainly due to increased capital tie-up in stock and accounts receivables, above all driven by increased net sales and broadening of the product portfolio which temporarily increased the inventory. Paid out contingent consideration related to acquisitions of companies in previous years amounted to SEK 16 m (818). Net investments in non-current assets during the interim period amounted to SEK 195 m (186) and is mainly attributable to investments in instruments for rental to customers. Repurchase of treasury shares amounted to SEK 0 m (49). Exercised, issued and repurchased call options amounted to SEK -9 m (23). A dividend of SEK 146 m (243) has been paid to the parent company's shareholders.

Long term financial goals

PROFITABILITY P/WC (%)



PROFIT GROWTH (%)



Acquisitions

Acquisitions completed from the 2022 financial year are distributed among the group's business areas as follows:

Acquisitions	Time	Net Sales, SEKm*	Number of employees*	Business area
MBA Incorporado S.L, Spain	January, 2022	670	285	Medtech
Business from Telia Health Monitoring, Sweden	March, 2022	4	8	Medtech
O'Flynn Medical Ltd, Ireland	April, 2022	64	36	Medtech
BioCat GmbH, Germany	April, 2022	90	20	Labtech
JK Lab Nordic AB, Sweden	July, 2022	24	6	Labtech
Emmat Medical Ltd, Great Britain	September, 2023	28	4	Medtech
		880	359	

* Refers to conditions at the time of acquisition on a full-year basis.

During the interim period, one acquisition has been completed.

On September 1 2023, AddLife acquired all shares in the company Emmat Medical Ltd for the Medtech business area. Emmat is active in surgical products in Great Britain and has a turnover of approximately SEK 28 m and has four employees. The company is integrated into the Healthcare 21 Group.

Revaluation of liabilities for contingent considerations regarding previous acquisitions has resulted in income of SEK 100 m of which SEK 82 m relates to the acquisition of AddVision and SEK 15 m relates to the acquisition of Bio-Connect. During the interim period, this has been reversed and reported in other operating income. Contingent considerations amounted to SEK 16 m have been paid during the interim period regarding Ropox, which was acquired in 2020.

Employees

At the end of the interim period, the number of employees was 2,314, compared to 2,219 at the beginning of the financial year. The average number of employees for the last 12-month period was 2,269 (2,048).