

Interim Report Q1 2016
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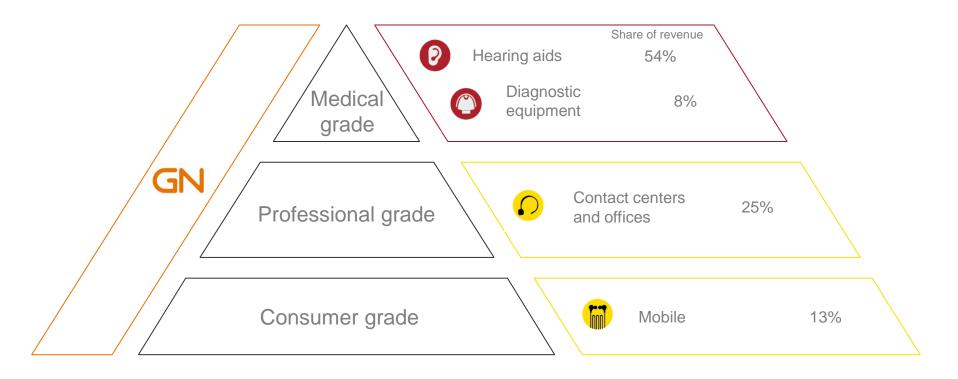
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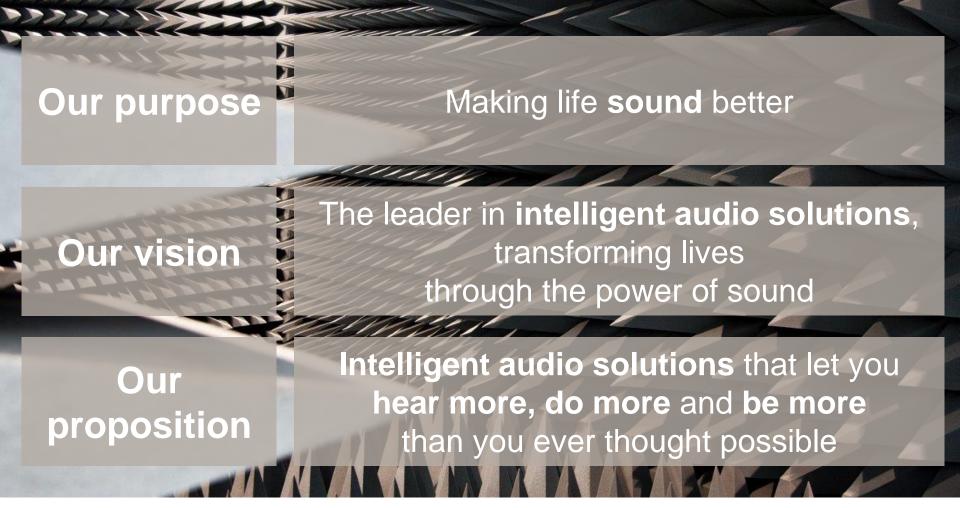
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## World leading sound & audiology expertise – all under one roof



Figures from full year 2015

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# GN Store Nord key highlights in Q1 2016

### Strong revenue growth and improved cash conversion – guidance for 2016 confirmed

11% reported revenue growth	8% organic revenue growth
EBITA of <b>DKK 306m</b>	<b>+5%</b> vs Q1 2015
EPS improvement of 18%	DKK 1.38 in Q1 2016, vs DKK 1.17 in Q1 2015
DKK 98m improvement in free cash flow	DKK (8)m in Q1 2016, vs DKK (106)m in Q1 2015
Full year <b>guidance confirmed</b>	In line with communicated full year expectations, including seasonality in earnings

## Group financial highlights

### Strong organic growth and improved cash conversion

- Strong organic growth driven by Hearing instruments and CC&O
- Gross profit increase due to strong revenue development
  - Gross margin development reflecting, e.g., timing of product launches in GN ReSound and solid CC&O revenue growth
- EBITA increased further
  - Margin development reflecting timing of product launches and investments to support strong current momentum in businesses
  - Positive impact from FX as previously communicated
- Free cash flow increased from DKK (106)m to (8)m in Q1 2016 ...

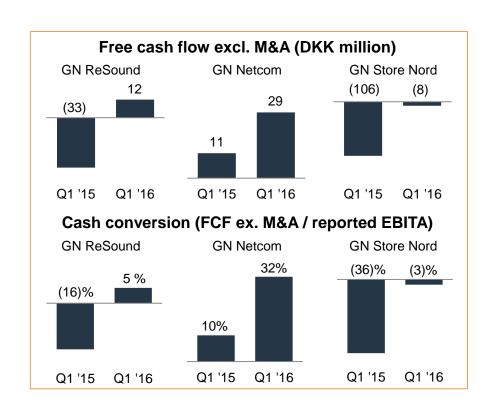
DKK million	Q1 2015	Const. curr. growth	FX effect incl. hedging	Q1 2016
Revenue	1,885	+9%	+2%	2,093
Organic growth	4%			8%
Gross profit	1,158	+8%	+1%	1,267
Gross margin	61.4%	(0.4)%-p	(0.5)%-p	60.5%
EBITA	291	+0%	+5%	306
EBITA margin	15.4%	(1.3)%-p	+0.5%-p	14.6%
Profit before tax	252			276
Net profit	185			208
EPS	1.17			1.38
ROIC*	17.7%			18.1%
Free cash flow excl. M&A	(106)			(8)
NIBD/EBITDA	1.6x			1.7x

<sup>\*</sup> Reported EBITA (rolling four quarters) / avg. invested capital

## Group cash flow

### Free cash flow improved by DKK 98 million

- Both GN ReSound and GN Netcom delivered free cash flow improvements in Q1 2016
- The free cash flow was DKK 98 million higher in Q1 2016 compared to Q1 2015
- The improvements are the result of GN's continuous focus on free cash flow
  - DSO level decreased in both divisions compared to Q1 2015
- Net cash inflow from financial support arrangements in Q1 2016 of DKK 29 million in GN ReSound
- Reflecting the strong cash generation, GN initiated a new one-year share buyback program of DKK 1.5bn in March 2016



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## GN ReSound key highlights in Q1 2016

### Strong revenue growth and improved cash conversion – guidance for 2016 confirmed

10% organic growth

Hearing Instruments organic growth acceleration to 11%

EBITA of DKK 234m

+17% vs Q1 2015. Margin development reflects product launch timing and investments to support strong momentum

Solid cash generation

**DKK 45m improvement** in free cash flow vs Q1 2015. 5% cash conversion (vs (16)% in Q1 2015)

**Strong platform** for profitable growth

Broad based growth.

Next generation products in place

## GN ReSound financial highlights

### Further market share gains and improved cash conversion

- 10% organic growth in GN ReSound in Q1 2016 driven by strong performance in Hearing Instruments
  - 23nd consecutive quarter where GN ReSound gained market shares
- Strong growth in gross profit, but slightly lower margin
  - Strong performance of ReSound Enya<sup>™</sup> in the essential category
- EBITA improved by 17%
  - Continued investments in growth opportunities
  - Challenging comparison base from Q1 2015
- Cash conversion turned positive in Q1 2016 and continues the solid development from 2015

DKK million	Q1 2015	Const. curr. growth	FX effect incl. hedging	Q1 2016
Revenue	1,191	+12%	+3%	1,373
Organic growth	9%			10%
- Hearing Instruments	10%			11%
- Otometrics	0%			5%
Gross profit	784	+10%	+4%	896
Gross margin	65.8%	(1.1)%-p	+0.6%-p	65.3%
EBITA	200	(1)%	+18%	234
EBITA margin	16.8%	(1.9)%-p	+2.1%-p	17.0%
ROIC*	15.3%			15.4%
Free cash flow excl. M&A	(33)			12

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## GN ReSound business highlights

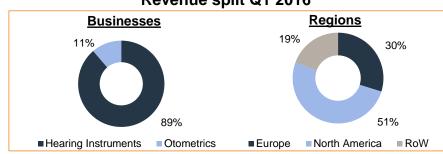
### Strong momentum across regions, channels and customers

- Combination of leading technology and commercial excellence resulting in a very strong momentum
- Hearing Instruments driving organic growth
  - 11% organic growth in Hearing Instruments is considerably faster than the market, which is estimated to have grown 4-5% in value in Q1 2016
  - Otometrics growth is also off to a positive start to the vear
- The solid performance was achieved despite a strong comparison base from Q1 2015
- Again in Q1 2016, growth was broad based across regions, channels and customers ...

#### Revenue Q1 2016

	Revenue (DKKm) Q1 2016	Revenue (DKKm) Q1 2015	Organic growth Q1 2016	Organic growth Q1 2015
Hearing Instruments	1,218	1,042	11%	10%
Otometrics	155	149	5%	0%
GN ReSound	1,373	1,191	10%	9%

#### Revenue split Q1 2016



### Growth continues in 2016

### Leading technology and commercial excellence is driving very strong momentum

#### **North America**

Strong organic growth driven by, among other, 65% growth YOY in VA leading to all-time high market share

### **Europe**

Double digit organic growth in Europe with broad based abovemarket growth rates, with double digit growth in among other Germany, France and UK

#### **Rest of World**

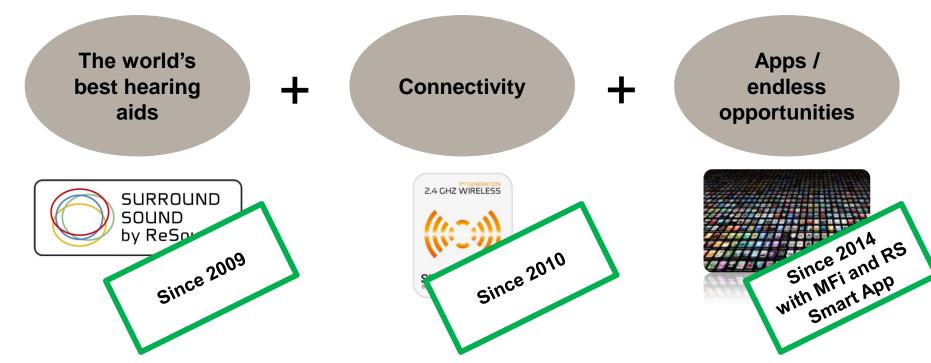
Strong organic growth after solid performance in a number of important emerging markets, with double digit growth in among other China, Australia and India

GN ReSound continues to deliver strong growth in all 3 regions on top of strong growth in Q1 2015

GN ReSound is well underway to **outgrow the market** again in 2016

## GN ReSound has created a new standard

### Innovation framework has set the direction for the industry



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# 5<sup>th</sup> hearing aid generation based on 2.4 GHz is coming

### A glimpse of one of the new exciting user benefits: Smart fitting

#### 1st obstacle: Preferred Fit

- Today a one way process, without real-life input
- Very little user involvement, not getting full value of the hearing system

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> obstacle: Fitting Process

- Fitting takes too much time passive non-value adding time
- Too little time spent on counseling and counseling leads to higher satisfaction

### Solution

#### A **smarter fitting** that...

- Brings new dimensions in the partnership between the audiologist and the user
- Focuses much more on user involvement, audiologist counseling and real life adaptation to improve user satisfaction
- Solves the key obstacles for optimal hearing today

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## GN Netcom key highlights in Q1 2016

### Solid CC&O growth and improved cash generation – guidance for 2016 confirmed

9% organic growth in CC&O

Solid development, with UC as continued growth driver

EBITA of DKK 90m

Gross margin expansion, however, offset by FX and quarterly fluctuations in operating expenses

Solid cash generation

**DKK 29m** free cash flow and 32% cash conversion, close to 3x that in Q1 2015

Re-positioning of **Mobile** continues

Negatively impacted by global consumer electronic slowdown and by continued negative mono headset development

## GN Netcom financial highlights

### CC&O driving topline growth and gross margin expansion

- GN Netcom delivered 4% organic revenue growth in Q1 2016
  - The growth was driven by solid CC&O performance
  - Mobile growth of (7)%, impacted by global consumer electronic slowdown and by continued negative mono headset market
- Improved gross margin in constant currencies, driven by the strong performance in CC&O
- Reported EBITA margin was down in Q1 2016 primarily due to FX and quarterly OPEX fluctuations
- Continuously improved cash conversion, partly due to a positive development in net working capital

DKK million	Q1 2015	Const. curr. growth	FX effect incl. hedging	Q1 2016
Revenue	694	+4%	+0%	720
Organic Growth	(3)%			4%
- CC&O	3%			9%
- Mobile	(16)%			(7)%
Gross profit	374	+4%	(5)%	371
Gross margin	53.9%	+0.3%-p	(2.7)%-p	51.5%
EBITA	110	+0%	(18)%	90
EBITA margin	15.9%	(0.7)%-p	(2.7)%-p	12.5%
ROIC*	50.3%			41.9%
Free cash flow excl. M&A	11			29

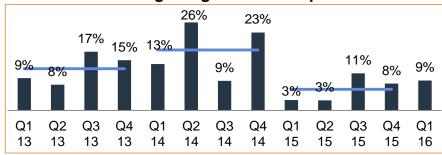
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## Solid CC&O development

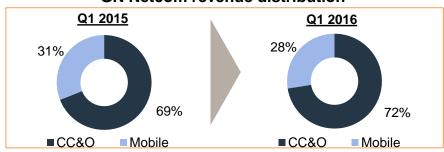
### Organic growth of 9% driven by Unified Communication (UC)

- Strong 9% organic growth in CC&O in Q1 2016
- The growth continues to be driven by strong development in the UC segment
- The Jabra Evolve<sup>TM</sup> series continues to sell well and is well-recognized by users
- The development in the quarter underlines the continued highly attractive opportunities in the CC&O market
- Broad based growth, with particularly strong performance in North America and Rest of World ...

#### **CC&O** organic growth development



#### **GN Netcom revenue distribution**



# CC&O growth was broad based

### Strong 9% organic growth in Q1 2016

#### North America

Double digit organic growth in Q1 2016

Won attractive orders in the UC segment

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GN Netcom continues to strengthen its position in the important US market

### Europe

Modest organic growth in Q1 2016

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Quarterly timing, growth to return in coming quarters

Market conditions remain attractive

#### **Rest of World**

Double digit organic growth in Q1 2016

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Growth investments are delivering results

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The UC products are driving growth and creating good market conditions

GN Netcom confirms its expectation to deliver double digit organic growth in CC&O in 2016

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## Financial guidance for 2016

### Confirmation of outlook – accelerated profitable growth during 2016

- Maintained financial guidance for 2016 after strong start of the year
  - Strong organic growth of "around 7%" expected in 2016, up from 6% in 2015
  - EBITA guidance of "around DKK 1,720 million" reflects constant currency margin expansion in both divisions
  - Profit before tax expected to end "around DKK 1,520 million"
- As communicated in February 2016 in connection with release of the 2015 annual report, earnings are expected to be more seasonal in 2016 compared to 2015 due to among others investments in growth

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DKK million	Organic revenue growth	EBITA	Profit before tax	Effective tax rate
GN ReSound	Around 6%	Around 1,200		
GN Netcom	7 - 10%	Around 590		
- CC&O	More than 10%			
- Mobile	0 - 6%			
Other		Around (70)		
GN Store Nord	Around 7%	Around 1,720	Around 1,520	25-26%

## Capital Markets Day 2016

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**September 26, 2016** 

**Strategy update** 

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