

## **Pricer AB (publ)** First quarter 2020

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### Q1 2020: High Order Intake and Gross Margin of 31.4%



COVID-19: minor negative effect on net sales due to delayed deliveries, primarily in southern Europe

## **High Activity on Several Geographical Markets**



- Order intake of SEK 371\* M for Q1 2020, an increase of 79% YoY.
- Continued strong underlying interest including high activity on several geographical markets.
- Record high order backlog of SEK 933\* M as of March 31.
  - About SEK 820 M is related to the large American follow-up order, of which SEK 760 M is expected to be invoiced 2020 and the remaining part during Q1 2021.
  - The other part of order backlog is expected to be invoiced during Q2, provided that stores re-opens and staff becomes available to do installations.

\* Order intake for the first quarter and order backlog as per March 31, 2020, have been adjusted to reflect the agreement reached with the large American retailer for a reduced scope of the project of 150 stores in accordance with the communication on April 23, 2020.



## **Stable Development of Net Sales, Reduction Year-on-Year**



# • Strong start of the year in several markets, amongst others France, Norway, US and Canada.

- Lower opening backlog for deliveries planned for first quarter compared to last year, which was partly compensated by a high activity in several markets within the quarter.
- Some postponements of store installations in southern Europe, mainly France, due to Covid-19.
- Strengthened sales and marketing organization generates expansion of customer base, including new pilot installations.

\*Exclusive the large US order.

## Favorable Product and Contract Mix Generates Continued Strong Gross Margin of 31.4%





- Favorable product and contract mix, of which the major part of deliveries to small and mid sized customer projects.
- Increased lead-times within supply as a consequence of factory shutdowns in China in February, some recovery in the latter part of the quarter.
- Challenges within logistics, both access to and increased prices, as borders were closed, quarantine requirements were introduced, and air traffic was significantly reduced.



## Lower Sales Combined with Increased Opex, Results in **Temporarily Lower Operating Margin**



#### **Operating margin**, %

15%

10%

5%

0%

Q1

2020

- Strengthened market ٠ presence, amongst others North America, to enable an expansion of our customer base and our services offering.
- High expenses in the ٠ quarter related to market events and trade shows
- Stable foundation for • continued growth and market penetration.

## Ramp-up of Production rate to Deliver on the Record High Order Backlog Reduces the Quarter's Cash Flow



- Positive cash flow from operating activities of SEK 2 M.
- Increased capital tie-up in the quarter due to:
  - Component purchases to deliver on the order backlog.
  - Increased trade receivables as a result of payment terms in customer mix and timing effects of invoicing.
  - Balanced by reduced inventory level and increased trade payables.
- The cash flow should be viewed over time.
- Strong balance sheet enables continued innovation power.
- Cash & cash equivalents of SEK 180 M per March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## The coronavirus' short term impact on our customers

Large variations between countries and retail verticals, but there are challenges common to a large number of retail chains:

- **Rapidly changing demand**; the lack of access to real-time data leads to longer decision times and that decisions are often made on old and thus incorrect information
- Large increase in number of online orders; challenge to quickly increase the capacity for in-store picking of online orders as the process is often labor intense and manual
- **New guidelines for working environment;** focus has been directed inward in the operations to increase the safety for employees and customers in accordance with new regulations
- Limited access to staff; manual processes based on knowledge and experience of the store environment reduce the flexibility of using temporary labor in the event of sick leaves
- Transformation of business models; stores are being shifted into curbside delivery to manage deliver online orders

# **Conversations are changing – indicating acceleration of digital transformation**

- The customer dialogue is shifted from replacing paper labels to finding solutions for:
  - Access to real-time information to ensure better decisions faster
  - Streamlining and digitizing resource-intensive store processes to enable a more flexible model with shorter training time for new staff
  - Conversion to darkstores or curbside service models as more sales is being generated via online channels
  - **Dynamic pricing** to ensure that the price in the store is attractive in relation to online channels and competition to drive sales in the physical store













## **Pricer's customer offering**

- We are a foundational piece for the next stage of digitization of retail.
- We provide the market's fastest, most stable, scalable and energyefficient ESL system that improves the efficiency of several resource intense in-store processes, such as
  - · price updates,
  - · in-store picking,
  - replenishment
  - inventory management.
- We offer a scalable cloud platform to provide additional solutions such as monitoring of the status in the store, sophisticated shelfspace optimization, reduced food waste, etc.
- We have a long experience from supplying complex system solutions to retail.
- Our strong balance sheet and financial stability enable a long-term partnership.





## **Why Invest in Pricer?**

- Strong underlying market growth; digitalization of physical retail considered necessary for maintaining competitiveness.
- Best system on market → Unique and hard to copy technical solution; based on reliable, scalable, energy-efficient and interference-free communication.
- Flash capability in the labels combined with dynamic positioning of products in the store enables cost reductions as well as increased sales and improved customer satisfaction.
- Long experience of developing solutions that work well in retail industry.
- Strong balance sheet  $\rightarrow$  continued innovative strength.
- Global presence with large installed base.



