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"During the quarter we launched several innovations in response to important consumer trends, such as a focus on plant-based and natural ingredients."

Henri de Sauvage-Nolting, President and CEO

First quarter, January–March 2021

- **Net sales** for the quarter decreased by 7.9 per cent to SEK 1,398m (1,518), including a negative impact from foreign exchange rates of 3.7 per cent.
- Sales of Branded packaged products increased organically by 2.5 per cent during the quarter: 2.7 per cent in January, -0.1 per cent in February and 3.8 per cent in March.
- Sales of Pick & mix declined organically by 22.9 per cent during the quarter: -38.5 per cent in January, -38.1 per cent in February and 13.4 per cent in March.
- **Operating profit** amounted to SEK 107m (149). Profit for the period amounted to SEK 106m (44). Operating profit, adjusted for items affecting comparability, amounted to SEK 111m (152).

- Operating profit, adjusted, of Branded packaged products amounted to SEK 135m (175).
- Operating profit, adjusted, of Pick & mix amounted to SEK –24m (–23).
- Cash flow from operating activities was SEK 57m (67).
- Net debt/EBITDA ratio was 2.8x (2.4).
- After the end of the quarter, Cloetta refinanced the Group through its existing banks for up to four years. Cloetta has also decided to invest an additional approximately SEK 130m in packaging technology.

Key ratios

		Rolling 12	Full year		
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Change, %	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	2020
Net sales	1,398	1,518	-7.9 ¹	5,575	5,695
Operating profit, adjusted	111	152	-27.0	474	515
Operating profit margin, adjusted %	7.9	10.0	-2.1-pts	8.5	9.0
Operating profit (EBIT)	107	149	-28.2	420	462
Operating profit margin (EBIT margin), %	7.7	9.8	-2.1-pts	7.5	8.1
Profit before tax	127	60	111.7	470	403
Profit for the period	106	44	140.9	343	281
Earnings per share, basic and diluted, SEK	0.37	0.15	146.7	1.20	0.98
Net debt/EBITDA, x (Rolling 12 months)	2.8	2.4	16.7	2.8	2.7
Free cash flow	11	-20	n/a	397	366
Cash flow from operating activities	57	67	-14.9	646	656



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Disruptive launches for growing consumer trends

Strong quarter for Branded packaged products while Pick & mix was still negatively impacted by Covid-19, despite stronger Easter sales.

It has now been more than a year since the full force of the Covid-19-pandemic hit. I am proud that we as a team have navigated these challenging times with a strong focus on health and safety whilst keeping up momentum on the execution of our strategy.

We have increased our emphasis on e-commerce and sustainability as changes have been further catalysed by the pandemic. Our enhanced approach to consumer-focused innovations also ensures that we align with evolving consumer trends.

The restrictions introduced in various countries to reduce the spread of the virus continued to have an impact both on our sales channels and consumer behaviour during the first quarter. Nonetheless, our strong innovations and successful marketing investments enabled us to grow Branded packaged products. Furthermore, the sales of Pick & mix improved during the end of the quarter driven by stronger Easter sales.

While there are promising signs that society will start to open up during this year, we recognise the uncertainty that still exists due to the pandemic.

First quarter development

Sales for the quarter decreased by 7.9 per cent, of which organic growth accounted for -4.2 per cent and exchange rate differences for -3.7 per cent. Sales of Branded packaged products increased organically by 2.5 per cent, driven by successful marketing and innovation, and further fuelled by increased distribution for Red Band on the German market. Sales of Pick & mix declined organically by 22.9 per cent during the quarter due to lower in-store activation and lower consumer demand. Overall, sales were favourably impacted by the timing of Easter compared to the prior year.

The decrease in the adjusted operating profit is attributable to the lower volumes, unfavourable mix with less refreshment sales, under-absorption of costs due to lower production and increased marketing investments. The negative operating profit impact

was partly offset by actions taken to improve Pick & mix profitability and continued tight cost control. To further increase the transparency of the performance of the business, we will disclose net sales and profitability for Branded packaged products and Pick & mix separately going forward.

Strong focus on marketing and innovation

Product development is one of the key drivers of the strength of our brands. During the quarter we launched several innovations within Branded packaged products in response to important consumer trends. such as a focus on plant-based and natural ingredients. As an example, we launched Kexchoklad Vegan, a non-dairy version of our Kexchoklad, Sweden's most popular chocolate wafer bar. Our fruit-based candy is now also available on the shelves. Fruitbased candy, containing 50 per cent fruit, is a major 2021 initiative that is being launched across markets under our existing local candy brand portfolio. We will continue to drive innovations as well as increase investments in our brands and capabilities, enabling us to strengthen our competitive position for the future.

For Pick & mix we continued efforts to re-build volumes during the quarter and made progress on our journey to bring profitability to the segment. In Finland, we successfully launched the revamped CandyKing concept offering consumers an enhanced pick & mix shopping experience. For selected stores we introduced a differentiated premium offer, "CandyKing - The premium mix" with a unique assortment and visual execution. For Easter, we also launched a digital activation platform for CandyKing in Sweden, achieving more than 165,000 visits in four weeks. The platform offers services such as recipes and product information and enables consumers to interact with Candy-King in a fun and engaging way.

We continued to drive our sustainability agenda during the quarter, making progress



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on the roll-out of PlantPack into more brands as well as starting our pilot project with the Rainforest Alliance. We are finalising our commitment to the Science Based Target initiative, which is expected to be completed during the second half of this year.

I am pleased to see that our ongoing VIP+ cost program is delivering according to plan, with several new initiatives taken during the quarter. For instance, we have now centralised our administrative processes for general ledger accounting to a Global Shared Service Centre in the Netherlands and we have started doing the same thing for accounts payable from our manufacturing site in Slovakia.

Cash flow during the quarter was healthy, with positive free cash flow despite the lower operating profit. After the end of the quarter we refinanced the Group through our existing banking group for up to four years. As part of our strategic agenda in relation to the Perfect Factory program we have decided to invest approximately SEK 130m in carton packaging technology phased over 2021 and 2022, in addition to the regular capex.

I am deeply impressed by and proud of how our employees continue to show commitment, perseverance and flexibility during this unprecedented time. For me it confirms that we have the right culture to support our strategy. Combined with our strong brands and market presence, this makes me confident that Cloetta stands strong.

Henri de Sauvage-Nolting President and CEO

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First quarter development

Covid-19

At Cloetta, various measures have been taken to mitigate the shortterm and long-term impact of Covid-19. We are monitoring the situation closely and when needed we are adapting our actions according to local government advice and regulations, whilst at the same time striving to mitigate any disruptions to our business.

Compared to the annual and sustainability report which was issued on 15 March 2021, the risk-profile of Cloetta has not significantly changed although the ongoing Covid-19-pandemic continues to affect the business performance of Cloetta.

For more information on measures taken by Cloetta in relation to Covid-19, please visit www.cloetta.com.

Net sales

Net sales for the first quarter decreased by SEK 120m to SEK 1,398m (1,518) compared to the same period of last year. Organic growth was -4.2 per cent and the impact of changes in exchange rates was -3.7 per cent.

Changes in net sales, %	Jan–Mar 2021
Organic growth	-4.2
Changes in exchange rates	-3.7
Total	-7.9

Monthly organic sales growth, %	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021
Total	-8.5	-11.1	6.0
Branded packaged products	2.7	-0.1	3.8
Pick & mix	-38.5	-38.1	13.4

Gross profit

Gross profit amounted to SEK 465m (540), which equates to a gross margin of 33.3 per cent (35.6). The gross profit decrease was driven by lower sales volumes, unfavorable Branded packaged mix, as well as under-absorption of costs due to lower production, partially offset by various margin-enhancing initiatives in Pick & mix.

Operating profit

Operating profit amounted to SEK 107m (149). Operating profit, adjusted for items affecting comparability, amounted to SEK 111m (152). The operating profit decrease was driven by lower gross profit and increased marketing investments, partly offset by continued strong cost control.

Items affecting comparability

Operating profit for the first quarter includes items affecting comparability of SEK –4m (–3) that are related to costs for restructuring.

Net financial items

Net financial items for the quarter amounted to SEK 20m (-89). Interest expenses related to external borrowings were SEK -8m (-7), exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents were SEK 31m (-78) which mainly related to the development of the Swedish and Norwegian krona and the Great Britain pound against the euro during the quarter. Other financial items amounted to SEK -3m (-4). Of the total net financial items SEK -21m (-47) is non-cash in nature.

Profit for the period

Profit for the period was SEK 106m (44), which equates to basic and diluted earnings per share of SEK 0.37 (0.15). Income tax for the period was SEK -21m (-16).

The effective tax rate for the quarter was 16.5 per cent (26.7) and was positively impacted by the utilisation of unrecognised tax losses carried forward in one of the countries. International tax rate differences, non-deductible expenses and an adjustment in prior year filing position had a negative impact on the effective tax rate for the quarter.

Free cash flow

The free cash flow was SEK 11m (–20). Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital was SEK 125m (166). The reduction compared to last year is mainly due to the lower operating profit. The cash flow from changes in working capital was SEK –68m (–99).

The cash flow from investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets was SEK –46m (–87).

Cash flow from changes in working capital

Cash flow from changes in working capital was SEK -68m (-99). The cash flow from changes in working capital was negatively impacted by the increase in receivables for an amount of SEK -117m (-60) partly offset by a decrease in inventories of SEK 28m (-184) and the increase in payables amounting to SEK 21m (145).

Cash flow from other investing activities Cash flow from other investing activities was SEK 2m (0).

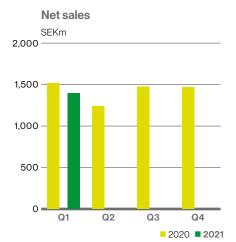
Cash flow from financing activities

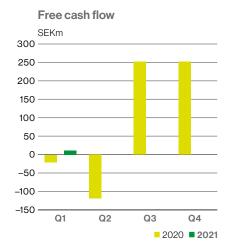
Cash flow from financing activities was SEK -17m (93). The cash flow from financing activities was related to payments of lease liabilities of SEK -18m (-18) and net proceeds and repayments of loans from credit institutions and commercial papers of SEK 1m (111).

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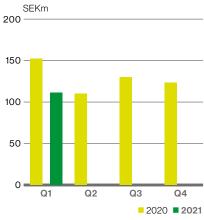
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Financial position

Consolidated equity at 31 March 2021 amounted to SEK 4,419m (4,445), which equates to SEK 15.3 (15.4) per share. Net debt at 31 March 2021 was SEK 2,097m (2,420).

Long-term borrowings totaled SEK 98m (912) and consisted of SEK 98m (112) in non-current lease liabilities and SEK 0m (800) in gross non-current loans from credit institutions.

Total short-term borrowings amounted to SEK 2,388m (2,055) and consisted of SEK 2,080m (1,693) in gross current loans from credit institutions, SEK 250m (300) in commercial papers, SEK 58m (61) in current lease liabilities, SEK –2m (–1) in capitalised transaction costs and accrued interest on borrowings from credit institutions and commercial papers for an amount of SEK 2m (2).

The current loans from credit institutions mature in the third quarter of 2021. Cloetta agreed on refinancing the Group through its existing banks for up to four years. The terms as agreed in the new multicurrency term and revolving facilities agreement will come into effect on 30 June 2021.

SEKm	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020	31 Dec 2020
Gross non-current loans from credit institutions	-	800	-
Gross current loans from credit institutions	2,080	1,693	2,054
Commercial papers	250	300	250
Lease liabilities	156	173	176
Derivative financial instruments (non- current and current)	53	71	54
Interest payable	2	2	1
Gross debt	2,541	3,039	2,535
Cash and cash equivalents	-444	-619	-396
Net debt	2,097	2,420	2,139

Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2021 amounted to SEK 444m (619). At 31 March 2021 Cloetta had an unutilised credit facility of SEK 1,229m (1,017) and the possibility to issue additional commercial papers for an amount of SEK 750m (700).

Performance by business segment

Cloetta has made a reassessment of its operating segments. Based on the reassessment made it is Cloetta's conclusion that the "Branded packaged products" business and the "Pick & mix" business are identified as Cloetta's operating segments. Reference is made to page 23 for further information regarding this reassessment.

The chief operating decision-maker (CODM), which is the CEO and President of the Group, primarily uses external net sales and operating profit, adjusted for items affecting comparability, to assess the performance of its operating segments. Net financial items and income tax are not allocated to segments, as these types of activities are driven by the central treasury department and central tax department respectively.

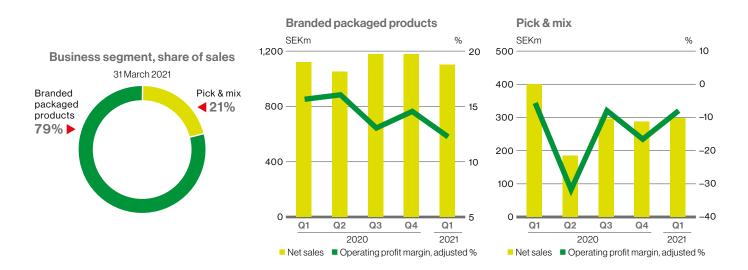
No segment information is provided to or assessed by the CODM on assets and liabilities and therefore these are not separately disclosed.

Information related to each reportable segment (business segment) is set out below. For more information regarding the determination of reportable segments reference is made to page 23.

Jan–Mar 2021 SEKm	Branded packaged products	Pick & mix	Total
Net sales	1,101	297	1,398
Operating profit, adjusted	135	-24	111
Items affecting compa- rability			-4
Operating profit			107
Net financial items			20
Profit before tax			127
Income tax			-21
Profit for the period			106

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Jan–Mar 2020 <mark>SEKm</mark>	Branded packaged products	Pick & mix	Total
Net sales	1,118	400	1,518
Operating profit, adjusted	175	-23	152
Items affecting comparability			-3
Operating profit			149
Net financial items			-89
Profit before tax			60
Income tax			-16
Profit for the period			44

Business segments

The Cloetta group comprises two segments: "Branded packaged products" and "Pick & mix". The Pick & mix net sales and adjusted operating profit relate to Cloetta's complete offering in Pick & mix including products, displays and accompanying store and logistic services. All other activities within the Cloetta group are reflected in the "Branded packaged products" segment.

Segment Branded packaged products

First quarter development

Net Sales

Net sales for the first quarter decreased by SEK 17m to SEK 1,101m (1,118) compared to the same period of last year for Branded packaged products. Organic growth was 2.5 per cent.

Operating profit, adjusted

Operating profit, adjusted for items affecting comparability, amounted to SEK 135m (175). The decrease in adjusted operating profit was driven by unfavorable product mix, under-absorption of costs, increased marketing investments and costs related to a product recall, partly offset by continued strong cost control.

Segment Pick & mix

First quarter development Net Sales

Net sales for the first quarter decreased by SEK 103m to SEK 297m (400) compared to the same period of last year. Organic growth was –22.9 per cent.

Operating profit, adjusted

Operating profit, adjusted for items affecting comparability, amounted to SEK –24m (–23). The decrease in adjusted operating profit, was driven by lower volumes with under-absorption of costs, partly offset by various margin-enhancing initiatives.

Other disclosures

Seasonal variations

Cloetta's sales and operating profit are subject to some seasonal variations. Sales in the first and second quarters are affected by the Easter holiday, depending on in which quarter it occurs. In the fourth quarter, sales are usually higher than in the first three quarters of the year, which is mainly attributable to the sale of products in Sweden in connection with the holiday season.

Employees

The average number of employees during the quarter was 2,609 (2,709). The decrease in number of employees is mainly related to changes in the Swedish organisation and the outsourcing of the manufacturing of nuts.

Events after the balance sheet date

After the end of the reporting period, Cloetta agreed on refinancing the Group through its existing banks for up to four years. The terms as agreed in the new multicurrency term and revolving facilities agreement will come into effect on 30 June 2021 and comprise, in short, of:

- a SEK 800m term loan repayable on 30 June 2023, with the possibility of extending the facility for an additional two years;
- a EUR 125m term loan repayable on 30 June 2024, with the possibility of extending the facility for an additional two years; and
- a EUR 60m revolving credit facility (currently EUR 120m), available up to 30 June 2025, with the possibility of extending the facility for an additional two years.

After the end of the reporting period, no other significant events have taken place that could affect the company's operations.

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Key business priorities

Prioritised activities for achieving organic growth and a 14% adjusted operating profit margin.



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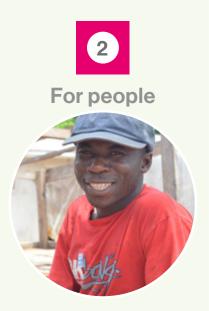
For you, for people and for the planet.

Our three pillars



We provide choices for you

• We create joyful moments through our products. We aim to meet the variety of consumer preferences.



We care about people

• We support our employees, our suppliers and farmers, as well as our communities.

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For the planet



We improve our planet footprint

• Our business depends on the environment. We take responsibility for our impacts; from sourcing to packaging.

Q1 highlights

Innovations to last

- Fruit-based candy launched in Finland
- Vegan alternative to classic Kexchoklad launched in Sweden

Learning together

- Kick-off meeting with partners of the Living Income Module Pilot Project.
- Feasibility study for Gum Arabic partnership

Climate footprint baseline

- Calculating our baseline year for our total climate footprint
- Connecting brands to our sustainability work

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The Board of Directors hereby gives its assurance that the interim report provides a true and fair view of the business activities, financial position and results of operations of the Group and the Parent Company, and describes the significant risks and uncertainties to which the Parent Company and the Group companies are exposed.

Stockholm, 23 April 2021

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The information in this interim report has not been reviewed by the company's auditors.

Henri de Sauvage-Nolting President and CEO

Examples of new launches during the first quarter



Sweden & Denmark LÄKEROL – Red orange licorice

LÄKEROL YUP- Cranberry caramel LÄKEROL YUP-Licorice







The Netherlands

RED BAND - Wine gum mix, 30% less sugar SPORTLIFE - This product gives the consumer extra Focus, Energy and Recovery with functional ingredients such a vitamin B, C and caffeine. VENCO CHOCO DROPS - is a unique flavour sensation of Chocolate and Liquorice. Enjoy the best of both worlds! Available in 5 different flavours



Sweden

AHLGRENS BILAR – Radiobilar CLOETTA – Egg mini

MALACO - GOTT & BLANDAT - Choco Loco CLOETTA KEXCHOKLAD - Vegan



MINI LAKUSEKOITUS - Liquorice mix MINI TV MIX CHOCO - Mixed bag with wine gum and

MINI TV MIX SUOLAINEN - Mixed bag with salmiac and salty wine gum

JENKKI PASTILLI - Chewy xylitol pastille in four different flavours

MYNTHON BLACK MENTHOL - Chewing gum with zinc to refresh your mouth

TUPLA - Double layer, white nougat

LÄTKÄLIIGA – Legendary salmiac bag from 70's

AAKOSET KUNINGATAR CHOCO - Mixed bag with white chocolate coated wine gum, choco-toffee and fruit wine gum



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Consolidated profit and loss account

	First q	uarter	Rolling 12	Full year
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan–Dec 2020
Net sales	1,398	1,518	5,575	5,695
Cost of goods sold	-933	-978	-3,673	-3,718
Gross profit	465	540	1,902	1,977
Selling expenses	-211	-237	-925	-951
General and administrative expenses	-147	-154	-557	-564
Operating profit	107	149	420	462
Exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents in foreign currencies	31	-78	99	-10
Other financial income	1	1	3	3
Other financial expenses	-12		-52	
Net financial items	20	-89	50	-59
Profit before tax	127	60	470	403
Income tax	-21	-16	-127	-122
Profit for the period	106	44	343	281
Profit for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Parent Company	106	44	343	281
Earnings per share, SEK				
Basic and diluted ¹	0.37	0.15	1.20	0.98
Number of shares at end of period	288,619,299	288,619,299	288,619,299	288,619,299
Average number of shares (basic) ¹	286,633,680	286,538,416	286,614,627	286,590,993
Average number of shares (diluted) ¹	286,870,774	286,764,134	286,707,493	286,805,203

1 Cloetta entered into forward contracts to repurchase own shares to fulfil its future obligation to deliver the shares to the participants of the longterm share-based incentive plan. The outstanding contracts at the reporting date consist of one contract for 1,985,619 shares at a share price of SEK 24.90. n Financial ent overview Sustainability

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Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

	First	quarter	Rolling 12	Full year
SEKm	Jan-Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan-Dec 2020
Profit for the period	106	44	343	281
Other comprehensive income				
Remeasurement of defined benefit pension plans	60	-18	68	-10
Income tax on remeasurement of defined benefit pension plans	-12	4	-14	2
Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss for the period	48	-14	54	-8
Currency translation differences	111	286	-368	-193
Hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation	-24	-91	120	53
Income tax on hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation	5	19	-25	-11
Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss for the period	92	214	-273	-151
Total other comprehensive income	140	200	-219	-159
Total comprehensive income, net of tax	246	244	124	122
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:				
Owners of the Parent Company	246	244	124	122

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Net financial items

	First o	quarter	Rolling 12	Full year	
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan–Dec 2020	
Exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents in foreign currencies	31	-78	99	-10	
Other financial income, third parties	0	1	1	2	
Unrealised gains on single currency interest rate swaps	1	-	2	1	
Other financial income	1	1	3	3	
Interest expenses third-party borrowings and realised losses on single currency interest rate swaps	-8	-7	-33	-32	
Amortisation of capitalised transaction costs	-1	0	-3	-2	
Unrealised losses on single currency interest rate swaps	-	0	0	-	
Other financial expenses	-3	-5	-16	-18	
Other financial expenses	-12	-12	-52	-52	
Net financial items	20		50		

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Condensed consolidated balance sheet

SEKm	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020	31 Dec 2020
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	5,633	5,883	5,563
Property, plant and equipment	1,566	1,629	1,560
Deferred tax asset	23	14	20
Other financial assets	4	3	3
Total non-current assets	7,226	7,529	7,146
Current assets			
Inventories	937	1,104	952
Other current assets	890	1,008	763
Cash and cash equivalents	444	619	396
Total current assets	2,271	2,731	2,111
TOTAL ASSETS	9,497	10,260	9,257
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity	4,419	4,445	4,179
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term borrowings	98	912	111
Deferred tax liability	868	814	837
Derivative financial instruments	-	3	0
Provisions for pensions and other long-term employee benefits	453	519	512
Provisions	-		5
Total non-current liabilities	1,419	2,248	1,465
Current liabilities			
Short-term borrowings	2,388	2,055	2,368
Derivative financial instruments	53	68	54
Other current liabilities	1,190	1,437	1,167
Provisions	28	7	24
Total current liabilities	3,659	3,567	3,613

Condensed consolidated statements of changes in equity

	First q	uarter	Full year	
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	2020	
Equity at beginning of period	4,179	4,197	4,197	
Profit for the period	106	44	281	
Other comprehensive income	140	200	-159	
Total comprehensive income	246	244	122	
Transactions with owners				
Share-based payments	-6	4	3	
Dividend ¹	-	_	-144	
Dividend on outstanding shares in forward contracts to repurchase own shares	-	-	1	
Total transactions with owners	-6	4	-140	
Equity at end of period	4,419	4,445	4,179	

1 The dividend paid in 2020 comprised a dividend of SEK 0,50 per share.

Condensed consolidated cash flow statement

	First	quarter	Rolling 12	Full year
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan–Dec 2020
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital	125	166	577	618
Cash flow from changes in working capital	-68	-99	69	38
Cash flow from operating activities	57	67	646	656
Cash flows from investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	-46	-87	-249	-290
Cash flow from other investing activities	2		3	1
Cash flow from investing activities	-44	-87	-246	-289
Cash flow from operating and investing activities	13	-20	400	367
Cash flow from financing activities	-17	93	-586	-476
Cash flow for the period	-4	73	-186	-109
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	396	579	619	579
Cash flow for the period	-4	73	-186	-109
Exchange difference	52	-33	11	-74
Total cash and cash equivalents at end of period	444	619	444	396





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Condensed consolidated key figures

	First q	uarter	Rolling 12	Full year
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan–Dec 2020
Profit				
Net sales	1,398	1,518	5,575	5,695
Net sales, change, %	-7.9	-2.6	-13.6	-12.3
Organic net sales, change, %	-4.2	-4.0	-11.3	-11.2
Gross margin, %	33.3	35.6	34.1	34.7
Depreciation	-62	-66	-261	-265
Amortisation	-3	-3	-10	-10
Impairment loss other non-current assets	-	-2	-11	-13
Operating profit, adjusted	111	152	474	515
Operating profit margin, adjusted %	7.9	10.0	8.5	9.0
Operating profit (EBIT)	107	149	420	462
Operating profit margin (EBIT margin), %	7.7	9.8	7.5	8.1
EBITDA, adjusted	176	223	745	792
EBITDA	172	220	702	750
Profit margin, %	9.1	4.0	8.4	7.1
Segments				
Branded packaged products				
Net sales	1,101	1,118	4,510	4,527
Operating profit, adjusted	135	175	629	669
Operating profit margin, adjusted %	12.3	15.7	13.9	14.8
Pick & mix				
Net sales	297	400	1,065	1,168
Operating profit, adjusted	-24	-23	-155	-154
Operating profit margin, adjusted %	-8.1	-5.8	-14.6	-13.2
Financial position				
Working capital	614	713	614	540
Capital expenditure	50	92	330	372
Net debt	2,097	2,420	2,097	2,139
Capital employed	7,411	8,002	7,411	7,224
Return on capital employed, % (Rolling 12 months)	5.5	9.1	5.5	6.3
Equity/assets ratio, %	46.5	43.3	46.5	45.1
Net debt/equity ratio, %	47.5	54.4	47.5	51.2
Return on equity, % (Rolling 12 months)	7.8	10.0	7.8	6.7
Equity per share, SEK	15.3	15.4	15.3	14.5
Net debt/EBITDA, x (Rolling 12 months)	2.8	2.4	2.8	2.7
Cash flow				
Cash flow from operating activities	57	67	646	656
Cash flow from investing activities	-44	-87	-246	-289
Cash flow after investments	13	-20	400	367
Free cash flow	11	-20	397	366
Free cash flow yield (Rolling 12 months), %	5.4	6.0	5.4	5.2
Cash flow from operating activities per share, SEK	0.2	0.2	2.2	2.3
Employees				

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Reconciliation of alternative performance measures key figures

	First o	quarter	Rolling 12	Full year	
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan–Dec 2020	
Items affecting comparability					
Acquisitions, integration and restructurings	-4	-3	-54	-53	
of which: impairment loss other non-current assets	-	-	-11	-11	
Items affecting comparability	-4	-3	-54	-53	
*Corresponding line in the condensed consolidated profit and loss account:					
Cost of goods sold	-	-	-19	-19	
Selling expenses	-	-	-12	-12	
General and administrative expenses	-4	-3	-23	-22	
Total	-4	-3	-54	-53	
Operating profit, adjusted					
Operating profit	107	149	420	462	
Minus: Items affecting comparability	-4		-54	-53	
Operating profit, adjusted	111	152	474	515	
Net sales	1,398	1,518	5,575	5,695	
Operating profit margin, adjusted%	7.9	10.0	8.5	9.0	
EBITDA, adjusted					
Operating profit	107	149	420	462	
Minus: Depreciation	-62	-66	-261	-265	
Minus: Amortisation	-3	-3	-10	-10	
Minus: Impairment loss other non-current assets		-2	-11	-13	
EBITDA	172	220	702	750	
Minus: Items affecting comparability (excl. impairment loss other non-current assets)	-4	-3	-43	-42	
EBITDA, adjusted	176	223	745	792	
Capital employed					
Total assets	9,497	10,260	9,497	9,257	
Minus: Deferred tax liability	868	814	868	837	
Minus: Non-current provisions	-	-	-	5	
Minus: Current provisions	28	7	28	24	
Minus: Other current liabilities	1,190	1,437	1,190	1,167	
Capital employed	7,411	8,002	7,411	7,224	
Capital employed comparative period previous year	8,002	7,654	8,002	7,576	
Average capital employed	7,707	7,828	7,707	7,400	



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Reconciliation alternative performance measures, continued

	First o	luarter	Rolling 12	Full year
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan-Dec 2020
Return on capital employed				
Operating profit (Rolling 12 months)	420	712	420	462
Financial income (Rolling 12 months)	3	2	3	3
Operating profit plus financial income (Rolling 12 months)	423	714	423	465
Average capital employed	7,707	7,828	7,707	7,400
Return on capital employed, %	5.5	9.1	5.5	6.3
Free cash flow yield				
Cash flow from operating activities (Rolling 12 months)	646	637	646	656
Cash flows from investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (Rolling 12 months)	-249	-230	-249	-290
Free cash flow (Rolling 12 months)	397	407	397	366
Number of shares	288,619,299	288,619,299	288,619,299	288,619,299
Free cash flow per share (Rolling 12 months), SEK	1.38	1.41	1.38	1.27
Market price per share, SEK	25.56	23.52	25.56	24.52
Free cash flow yield (Rolling 12 months), %	5.4	6.0	5.4	5.2
Changes in net sales				
Net sales	1,398	1,518	5,575	5,695
Net sales comparative period previous year	1,518	1,559	6,452	6,493
Net sales, change	-120	-41	-877	-798
Minus: Changes in exchange rates	-56	21	-147	-70
Organic growth	-64	-62	-730	-728
Organic growth, %	-4.2	-4.0	-11.3	-11.2

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SEKm	Q1 2021	Q4 2020	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q1 2020	Q4 2019	Q3 2019	Q2 2019	Q1 2019
Profit and loss account									
Net sales	1,398	1,466	1,474	1,237	1,518	1,722	1,629	1,583	1,559
Cost of goods sold	-933	-923	-1,040	-777	-978	-1,073	-1,042	-1,004	-993
Gross profit	465	543	434	460	540	649	587	579	566
Selling expenses	-211	-253	-248	-213	-237	-271	-244	-253	-243
General and administrative expenses	-147	-169	-99	-142	-154	-169	-148	-167	-159
Operating profit	107	121	87	105	149	209	195	159	164
Exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents in foreign currencies	31	34	-11	45	-78	13	-8	-12	-12
Other financial income	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
Other financial expenses	-12	-13	-13	-14	-12	-9	-13	-18	-22
Net financial items	20	22	-24	32	-89	4	-20	-30	-33
Profit before tax	127	143	63	137	60	213	175	129	131
Income tax	-21	-60	-17	-29	-16	-41	-45	-32	-32
Profit for the period	106	83	46	108	44	172	130	97	99
Profit for the period attributable to:									
Owners of the Parent Company	106	83	46	108	44	172	130	97	99
Key figures									
Profit									
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	-65	-72	-77	-68	-71	-74	-75	-77	-77
Operating profit, adjusted	111	123	130	110	152	216	200	161	166
EBITDA, adjusted	176	196	195	178	223	290	275	238	243
EBITDA	172	193	164	173	220	283	270	236	241
Operating profit margin, adjusted %	7.9	8.4	8.8	8.9	10.0	12.5	12.3	10.2	10.6
Operating profit margin (EBIT margin), % Earnings per share, SEK	7.7	8.3	5.9	8.5	9.8	12.1	12.0	10.0	10.5
Basic and diluted ¹	0.37	0.29	0.16	0.38	0.15	0.60	0.45	0.34	0.35
Segments									
Branded packaged products									
Net sales	1,101	1,179	1,178	1,052	1,118	1,261	1,187	1,130	1,131
Operating profit, adjusted	135	171	154	169	175	207	189	167	167
Operating profit margin, adjusted %	12.3	14.5	13.1	16.1	15.7	16.4	15.9	14.8	14.8
Pick & mix									
Net sales	297	287	296	185	400	461	442	453	428
Operating profit, adjusted	-24	-48	-24	-59	-23	9	11	-6	-1
Operating profit margin, adjusted %	-8.1	-16.7	-8.1	-31.9	-5.8	2.0	2.5	-1.3	-0.2
Financial position									
Share price, last paid, SEK	25.56	24.52	26.00	23.72	23.52	31.70	28.26	30.20	24.00
Return on equity, % (Rolling 12 months)	7.8	6.7	8.4	10.5	10.0	11.9	11.8	12.3	11.9
Equity per share, SEK	15.3	14.5	15.2	15.0	15.4	14.5	14.2	13.7	14.2
Net Debt/EBITDA, x (Rolling 12 months)	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.4
Cash flow									
Free cash flow	11	252	252	-118	-20	269	199	-41	111
Cash flow from operating activities per share, SEK	0.2	1.1	1.1	-0.1	0.2	1.1	0.9	-0.0	0.5

1 Cloetta entered into forward contracts to repurchase own shares to fulfil its future obligation to deliver the shares to the participants of the long-term sharebased incentive plan. The outstanding contracts at reporting date consist of one contract for 1,985,619 shares at a share price of SEK 24.90. Financial Sustainability

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Operating profit. adjusted Operating profit Minus: Items affecting comparability Operating profit, adjusted		-2		-5	-3	-3	-3	-5	-1
Operating profit Minus: Items affecting comparability Operating profit, adjusted	107		-43	-5	-3	-7	-5	-2	-2
Minus: Items affecting comparability Operating profit, adjusted	107								
Operating profit, adjusted		121	87	105	149	209	195	159	164
	-4	-2	-43	-5	-3	-7	-5	-2	-2
Net sales	111	123	130	110	152	216	200	161	166
	1,398	1,466	1,474	1,237	1,518	1,722	1,629	1,583	1,559
Operating profit margin, adjusted, %	7.9	8.4	8.8	8.9	10.0	12.5	12.3	10.2	10.6
EBITDA, adjusted									
Operating profit	107	121	87	105	149	209	195	159	164
Minus: Depreciation	-62	-70	-64	-65	-66	-69	-73	-74	-74
Minus: Amortisation	-3	-2	-3	-2	-3	-3	-2	-3	-3
Minus: Impairment loss other non-current assets	_	0	-10	-1	-2	-2	_	-	_
EBITDA	172	193	164	173	220	283	270	236	241
Minus: Items affecting comparability (excl. impairment loss other non-current assets)	-4	-3	-31	-5	-3	-7	-5	-2	-2
EBITDA, adjusted	176	196	195	178	223	290	275	238	243
Capital employed									
Total assets	9,497	9,257	9,619	9,384	10,260	9,660	9,676	9,410	9,854
Minus: Deferred tax liability	868	837	814	798	814	803	801	792	768
Minus: Non-current provisions	-	5	6	-	-	5	5	6	6
Minus: Current provisions	28	24	28	6	7	5	7	11	19
Minus: Other current liabilities	1,190	1,167	1,235	1,124	1,437	1,271	1,349	1,239	1,407
Capital employed	7,411	7,224	7,536	7,456	8,002	7,576	7,514	7,362	7,654
Capital employed comparative period previous year	8,002	7,576	7,514	7,362	7,654	7,027	6,904	6,833	7,319
Average capital employed	7,707	7,400	7,525	.,	.,	.,-=-	2,2 5 1	-,	.,





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Reconciliation of alternative performance measures, continued

SEKm	Q1 2021	Q4 2020	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q1 2020	Q4 2019	Q3 2019	Q2 2019	Q1 2019
Return on capital employed									
Operating profit (Rolling 12 months)	420	462	550	658	712	727	677	662	658
Financial income (Rolling 12 months)	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	6
Operating profit plus financial income (Rolling 12 months)	423	465	552	661	714	729	680	664	664
Average capital employed	7,707	7,400	7,525	7,409	7,828	7,302	7,209	7,098	7,487
Return on capital employed, %	5.5	6.3	7.3	8.9	9.1	10.0	9.4	9.4	8.9
Free cash flow yield									
Cash flow from operating activities (Rolling 12 months)	646	656	659	601	637	724	694	689	811
Cash flows from investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (Rolling 12 months)	-249	-290	-276	-271	-230	-186	–185	-173	-186
Free cash flow (Rolling 12 months)	397	366	383	330	407	538	509	516	625
Number of shares	288,619,299	288,619,299	288,619,299	288,619,299	288,619,299	288,619,299	288,619,299	288,619,299	288,619,299
Free cash flow per share (Rolling 12 months), SEK	1.38	1.27	1.33	1.14	1.41	1.86	1.76	1.79	2.17
Market price per share, SEK	25.56	24.52	26.00	23.72	23.52	31.70	28.26	30.20	24.00
Free cash flow yield (Rolling 12 months), %	5.4	5.2	5.1	4.8	6.0	5.9	6.2	5.9	9.0
Changes in net sales									
Net sales	1,398	1,466	1,474	1,237	1,518	1,722	1,629	1,583	1,559
Net sales comparative period previous year	1,518	1,722	1,629	1,583	1,559	1,646	1,538	1,472	1,562
Net sales, change	-120	-256	-155	-346	-41	76	91	111	-3
Minus: Changes in exchange rates	-56	-44	-36	-11	21	33	25	27	44
Organic growth	-64	-212	-119	-335	-62	43	66	84	-47
Organic growth, %	-4.2	-12.3	-7.3	-21.2	-4.0	2.6	4.3	5.7	-3.0

Parent company

Condensed parent company profit and loss account

	First o	quarter	Rolling 12	Full year
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan-Dec 2020
Net sales	12	22	69	79
Gross profit	12	22	69	79
General and administrative expenses	-28		-85	81
Operating loss	-16	-2	-16	-2
Net financial items	-3	-2	49	50
Profit/loss before tax	-19	-4	33	48
Income tax	4	0	-7	-11
Profit/loss for the period	-15	-4	26	37

 $\operatorname{Profit}/\operatorname{loss}$ for the period corresponds to comprehensive income for the period.

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Condensed parent company balance sheet

SEKm	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020	31 Dec 2020
ASSETS	_		
Non-current assets	5,356	5,358	5,354
Current assets	90	85	77
TOTAL ASSETS	5,446	5,443	5,431
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity	3,079	3,204	3,100
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	138	936	137
Derivative financial instruments	-	2	-
Provisions	1	1	1
Total non-current liabilities	139	939	138
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	1,050	500	1,050
Derivative financial instruments	3	2	3
Other current liabilities	1,175	798	1,140
Total current liabilities	2,228	1,300	2,193
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	5,446	5,443	5,431

Condensed parent company statement of changes in equity

	First quarter				
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	2020		
Equity at beginning of period	3,100	3,204	3,204		
Profit/loss for the period	-15		37		
Total comprehensive income	-15	-4	37		
Transactions with owners					
Share-based payments	-6	4	Э		
Dividend ¹	-	-	-144		
Total transactions with owners	-6	4	-141		
Equity at end of period	3,079	3,204	3,100		

1 The dividend paid in 2020 comprised a dividend of SEK 0,50 per share.

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Accounting and valuation policies, disclosures and risk factors

Accounting and valuation policies

Compliance with legislation and accounting standards The consolidated financial statements are presented in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) established by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) which have been endorsed by the European Commission for application in the EU. The applied standards and interpretations are those that were in force and had been endorsed by the EU at 1 January, 2021. The consolidated interim report is presented compliant with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting, and in compliance with the relevant provisions in the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and the Swedish Securities Market Act. The interim report for the Parent Company has been prepared in accordance with the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and the Swedish Securities Market Act, which are consistent with the provisions in recommendation RFR 2, Accounting for Legal Entities. For lease accounting the company makes use of the exemption under RFR2 to treat all leases as operating lease.

Basis of accounting

The same accounting policies and methods of computation are applied in the interim financial statements as in the most recent annual financial statements except for the changes in segment reporting as described below. Reference is made to Note 1 'General information and accounting and valuation policies of the Group' and Note 31 'Changes in accounting policies' in the annual and sustainability report 2020 at www.cloetta.com. No new standards are effective as from 1 January 2021 which have been endorsed by the EU.

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Segment reporting

In the years after the acquisition of the Candyking Group in 2017, the Pick & mix business became a significant part of Cloetta's total business with its own focus, operational organisation, management responsibilities and reporting flows. Following the changes in the business, also the management structure of the group evolved with the introduction of a Chief Pick & mix officer (CPMO) responsible for the development of the Pick & mix business and a Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) being responsible for the marketing of the Branded packaged business. Both officers are members of the executive committee and are accountable within their own business lines and report directly to the President and CEO.

Cloetta has reassessed the operating segments with an increased focus on the impact of the changes in the organisation as indicated above. The reassessment has been performed with the intention to come to a sustainable structure taking into account the current organisation, operating model and initiated initiatives related to the direction of the company.

In the assessment it has been considered that both the Branded packaged business and the Pick & mix business have their own specific characteristics. Both business lines generate their own external revenues and incur expenses and for both business lines a different company wide business and investment strategy has been developed and is in place.

The character of the more profitable Branded packaged business requires investments in the brands (A&P) with consumer visibility (traditional media, social media) to generate long term strength of our own brands, leading to value creation for the company. Cloetta manufactures nearly all products sold in this business in its own production facilities.

The much lower margin Pick & mix business is predominantly a wholesale business where Cloetta sells its own products and its competitors' products to retailers under their own private brand or under the CandyKing concept. The Pick & mix business is driven by volumes and requires investments in the pick & mix concept including investments in the fixtures in which the products are offered to the consumer.

Operating segments have been identified in accordance with the guidance provided in IFRS 8 paragraph 5–10.

The overall focus on revenues, profitability, and strategy specifically for the Branded packaged products business versus the Pick & mix business is reflected as such in Cloetta's external financial reporting going forward and this split is aligned with the interest of Cloetta's investors.

Definitions

Disaggregation of revenue

from contracts with customers

Cloetta generates revenues from the transfer of goods and services at a point in time and over time in the following major sales categories and performance obligations:

Disaggregation of revenue

	First	quarter	Rolling 12	Full year	
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan–Dec 2020	
Net sales					
Branded packaged products	1,101	1,118	4,510	4,527	
Pick & mix	297	400	1,065	1,168	
Total	1,398	1,518	5,575	5,695	

Breakdown of net sales by category

	First	quarter	Rolling 12	Full year
%	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan–Dec 2020
Net sales				
Candy	59	59	59	59
Chocolate	20	17	18	17
Pastilles	11	12	12	12
Chewing gum	6	7	6	7
Nuts	2	3	3	3
Other	2	2	2	2
Total	100	100	100	100

Breakdown of net sales by country

	First	quarter	Rolling 12	Full year	
%	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan-Dec 2020	
Sweden	31	29	31	31	
Finland	21	21	22	22	
The Netherlands	14	15	15	15	
Denmark	9	10	9	9	
The UK	4	7	4	5	
Norway	9	6	7	6	
Germany	6	5	6	6	
Other countries	6	7	6	6	
Total	100	100	100	100	

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Leases

Right-of-use assets			
SEKm	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020	31 Dec 2020
Land and buildings	90	89	95
Transportation	49	55	52
Other equipment	14	29	23
Total right-of-use assets	153	173	170

Additions to the right-of-use assets were SEK 3m (5) during the quarter.

Lease liability

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SEKm	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020	31 Dec 2020
Current	58	61	64
Non-current (between 1 and 5 years)	97	111	110
Non-current (over 5 years)	1	1	2
Total Lease liability	156	173	176

The non-current lease liability of SEK 98m (112) is reflected in the 'long-term borrowings'. The current lease liability of SEK 58m (61) is reflected in the 'short-term borrowings'.

Depreciation charge right-of-use assets

	First	quarter	Rolling 12	Full year
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan–Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan-Dec 2020
Land and buildings	-7	-8	-33	-34
Transportation	-7	-8	-29	-30
Other equipment	-2	-2	-9	-9
Total depreciation charge right-of-use assets	-16	-18	-71	-73

Cloetta makes use of the exemptions under IFRS 16 for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets, except for any leases of vehicles with a remaining lease term at implementation date of less than 12 months. For a number of lease arrangements Cloetta cannot reliably separate the lease- and non-lease elements. For these lease arrangements the non-lease elements have been included in the calculation of the right-of-use asset.

Other disclosures

	First qu	uarter	Rolling 12 Full year		
SEKm	Jan–Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2020	Apr 2020– Mar 2021	Jan-Dec 2020	Recognised in:
Interest expense	-1	-1	-3	-3	net financial items, in the profit and loss account
Impairment of right-of-use assets	-	-	-4	-4	cost of goods sold, in the profit and loss account
Expense relating to leases of low-value assets that are not short-term leases	0	0	–1	–1	cost of goods sold, selling expenses and general and administrative expenses, in the profit and loss account
Expense relating to short-term leases, where no right-of-use asset has been recognised	-2	-2	-8	-8	cost of goods sold, selling expenses and general and administrative expenses, in the profit and loss account
Expense relating to variable lease pay- ments not included in lease liabilities	-4	-4	-17	-17	cost of goods sold, selling expenses and general and administrative expenses, in the profit and loss account
Total cash outflow for leases	-18	-19	-74	-75	cash flow from operating activities and financing activities, in the cash flow statement

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Taxes

The net effect of international tax rate differences and rate changes, changes in filing positions and non-deductible expenses impacted the effective tax rate of the Group unfavourably. Cloetta's deferred tax balances have been calculated applying the tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the end of the reporting period.

Fair value measurement

The only items recognised at fair value after initial recognition are the interest rate swaps categorised within level 2 of the fair value hierarchy in all periods presented.

The fair values of financial assets (loans and receivables) and liabilities measured at amortised cost are approximately equal to carrying amounts, with the exception of the forward contract to repurchase own shares which has a fair value of SEK Om (asset) while the carrying amount is SEK 49m (liability).

For measurement purposes, the fair value of financial assets and liabilities is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Group for similar financial instruments. The fair value measurements by level according to the fair value measurement hierarchy are as follows:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2).
- · Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

The following table presents the carrying amounts and fair values of the Group's financial assets and liabilities, including their levels in the fair value hierarchy:

31 Mar 2021	Carrying amount				Fair value			
SEKm	Mandatorily at FVTPL	Financial assets at amortised cost	Other financial liabilities at carrying value	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets								
 Trade and other receivables, excluding other taxes and social security receivables and prepaid expenses and accrued income 	-	779	-	779				
Forward contract to repurchase own shares	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0
 Cash and cash equivalents 	-	444	-	444				
Total assets	-	1,223	-	1,223	-	0	-	0
Financial liabilities								
Loans from credit institutions	_	-	2,080	2,080				
Commercial papers	-	-	250	250				
 Forward contract to repurchase own shares 	-	-	49	49	-	-	-	-
Single currency interest rate swaps	4	-	-	4	-	4	-	4
Lease liabilities	_	-	156	156				
• Trade and other payables, excluding other taxes and social security payables and excluding contingent consideration	-	-	1,026	1,026				
Total liabilities	4	-	3,561	3,565	_	4	-	4

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31 Dec 2020		Carrying a	mount			Fair v	alue	
SEKm	Mandatorily at FVTPL	Financial assets at amortised cost	Other financial liabilities at carrying value	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets								
Trade and other receivables, excluding other taxes and social security receivables and prepaid expenses and accrued income	-	663	-	663				
Cash and cash equivalents		396	-	396				
Total assets	-	1,059	-	1,059	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities								
Loans from credit institutions	-	-	2,054	2,054				
Commercial papers	-	-	250	250				
 Forward contract to repurchase own shares 	-	-	49	49	-	2	-	2
Single currency interest rate swaps	5	-	-	5	-	5	-	5
Lease liabilities	-	-	176	176				
Trade and other payables, excluding other taxes and social security payables and excluding contingent consideration	_	-	982	982				
Total liabilities	5	_	3,511	3,516	_	7	-	7

31 Mar 2020	Carrying amount			Fair value				
SEKm	Mandatorily at FVTPL	Financial assets at amortised cost	Other financial liabilities at carrying value	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets								
 Trade and other receivables, excluding other taxes and social security receivables and prepaid expenses and accrued income 	-	895	-	895				
Cash and cash equivalents	_	619	-	619			_	
Total assets	-	1,514	-	1,514	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities								
Loans from credit institutions	-	-	2,493	2,493				
Commercial papers	-	-	300	300				
 Forward contract to repurchase own shares 	-	-	65	65	-	17	-	17
Single currency interest rate swaps	6	-	-	6	-	6	-	6
Lease liabilities	-	-	173	173				
• Trade and other payables, excluding other taxes and social security payables and excluding contingent consideration	-	-	1,236	1,236				
Total liabilities	6	_	4,267	4,273	-	23	-	23

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No transfers between fair value hierarchy levels has occurred during the financial year or the prior financial year. The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, overthe-counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity-specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to determine the fair value of an instrument are observable, the instrument is included within level 2.

The valuation of the instruments is based on quoted market prices, but the underlying swap amounts are based on the specific requirements of the Group. These instruments are therefore included within level 2. The valuation techniques and inputs used to value financial instruments are:

- Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments.
- The fair value of interest rate swaps is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows based on observable yield curves.
- The fair value of forward foreign currency contracts is calculated using the difference between the exchange rate on the spot date with the contractually agreed upon exchange rates.
- Other techniques, such as discounted cash flow analysis, are used to determine the fair value of the remaining financial instruments.

Parent Company

Cloetta AB's primary activities include head office functions such as group-wide management and administration. The comments below refer to the period from 1 January to 31 March 2021. Net sales in the Parent Company amounted to SEK 12m (22) and relate mainly to intra-group services. Operating loss was SEK -16m (-2). Net financial items totalled SEK -3m (-2). Loss before tax was SEK -19m (-4) and loss for the period was SEK -15m (-4). Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments amounted to SEK 0m (0).

The Cloetta share

Cloetta's class B share is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm, Mid Cap. During the period from 1 January to 31 March 2021, a total of 64,448,815 shares were traded for a combined value of SEK 1,648m, equivalent to around 24 per cent of the total number of class B shares at the end of the period. The highest quoted bid price during the period from 1 January to 31 March 2021 was SEK 26.10 (29 March) and the lowest was SEK 22.02 (28 January). The share price on 31 March 2021 was SEK 25.56 (last price paid). During the period from 1 January to 31 March 2021, the Cloetta share increased by 4.2 per cent while the Nasdaq OMX Stockholm PI index increased by 13.7 per cent. Cloetta's share capital at 31 March 2021 amounted to 1,443,096,495. The total number of shares is 288,619,299, consisting of 5,735,249 (5,735,249) class A shares and 282,884,050 (282,884,050) class B shares, equal to a quota value of SEK 5 per share.

Shareholders

On 31 March 2021, Cloetta AB had 36,921 shareholders. The largest shareholder was AB Malfors Promotor with a holding corresponding to 39.5 per cent of the votes and 28.7 per cent of the share capital in the company. La Financière de l'Echiquier was the second largest shareholder with 2.8 per cent of the votes and 3.3 per cent of the share capital. The third largest shareholder was Dimensional Fund Advisors with 2.6 per cent of the votes and 3.1 per cent of the share capital.

Risk factors

Cloetta is an internationally active company that is exposed to a number of market and financial risks. All identified risks are monitored continuously and, if needed, risk mitigating measures are taken to limit their impact. The most relevant risk factors are described in the annual and sustainability report 2020 and consist of industry and market-related risks, operational risks and financial risks.

Compared to the annual and sustainability report which was issued on 15 March 2021, the risk-profile of Cloetta has not significantly changed although the ongoing pandemic of the Covid-19 virus continues to affect the business performance of Cloetta.



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General	All amounts in the tables are presented in SEK millions unless comparative figures for the same period of the prior year, unless	
Margins	Definition/calculation	Purpose
Gross margin	Net sales less cost of goods sold as a percentage of net sales.	Gross margin measures production profitability.
Operating profit margin, adjusted	Operating profit, adjusted for items affecting comparability, as a percentage of net sales.	Adjusted operating profit margin excludes the impact of items affecting comparability, enabling a comparison of operational profitability.
Operating profit margin (EBIT margin)	Operating profit expressed as a percentage of net sales.	Operating profit margin is used for measuring the operational profitability.
Profit margin	Profit/loss before tax expressed as a percentage of net sales.	This metric enables the profitability to be compared across locations where corporate taxes differ.
Return	Definition/calculation	Purpose
Free cash flow	Sum of the cash flow from operating activities and cash flow from investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets.	The free cash flow is the cash flow available to all investors consisting of shareholders and lenders.
Free cash flow yield	Free cash flow of the last 12 months divided by the number of shares at the end of the period and consequently divided by the market price per share at the end of the period.	This metric is an indicator for the return on investment of investors in the company.
Return on capital employed	Operating profit plus financial income as a percentage of average capital employed. The average capital employed is calculated by taking the capital employed per period end and the capital employed by period end of the comparative period in the previous year divided by two.	Return on capital employed is used to analyse profitabil- ity, based on the amount of capital used. The leverage of the company is the reason that this metric is used next to return on equity, because it includes equity, but takes into account borrowings and other liabilities as well.
Return on equity	Profit from continuing operations for the period as a per- centage of total equity.	Return on equity is used to measure profit generation, given the resources attributable to the owners of the Parent Company.
Capital structure	Definition/calculation	Purpose
Capital employed	Total assets less interest-free liabilities (including deferred tax).	Capital employed measures the amount of capital used and serves as input for the return on capital employed.
Equity/assets ratio	Equity at the end of the period as a percentage of total assets. The equity/assets ratio represents the amount of assets on which shareholders have a residual claim.	This ratio is an indicator of the company's leverage used to finance the firm.
Gross debt	Gross current and non-current borrowings, credit overdraft facilities, lease liabilities, derivative financial instruments and interest payable.	Gross debt represents the total debt obligation of the company irrespective of its maturity.
Net debt	Gross debt less cash and cash equivalents.	The net debt is used as an indication of the ability to pay off all debts if these became due simultaneously on the day of calculation, using only available cash and cash equivalents.
Net debt/EBITDA	Net debt at the end of the period divided by the EBITDA, adjusted, for the last 12 months, taking into consideration the annualisation of EBITDA for acquired or divested companies.	The net debt/EBITDA ratio approximates the company's ability to decrease its debt. It represents the number of years it would take to pay back debt if net debt and EBITDA were held constant, ignoring the impact of cash flows from interest, tax and capital expenditure.
Net debt/equity ratio	Net debt at the end of the period divided by equity at the end of the period.	The net debt/equity ratio measures the extent to which the company is funded by debt. Because cash and overdraft facilities can be used to pay-off debt at short notice, the leverage takes into account net debt instead of gross debt.
Working capital	Total inventories and trade and other receivables adjusted for trade and other payables.	Working capital is used to measure the company's abil- ity, besides cash and cash equivalents, to meet current operational obligations.
Data per share	Definition/calculation	Purpose
Cash flow from operating activities per share	Cash flow from operating activities in the period divided by the average number of shares.	The cash flow from operating activities per share measures the amount of cash the company generates per share from the revenues it brings in, irrespective of the capital investments and cash flows related to the financing structure of the company.
Earnings per share	Profit for the period divided by the average number of shares adjusted for the effect of forward contracts to repurchase own shares.	The earnings per share measures the amount of net profit that is available for payment to shareholders per share.
Equity per share	Equity at the end of the period divided by number of shares at the end of the period.	Equity per share measures the net-asset value backing up each share of the company's equity and determines it a company is increasing shareholder value over time.



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Other definitions	Definition/calculation	Purpose
Amortisation	Amortisation of intangible assets except for amortisation on software which is included in "Depreciation".	Amortisation deviates from depreciation where amorti- sation has the purpose to spread capitalised expenses over the useful lifetime of these expenses.
Depreciation	Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and amorti- sation of software.	Depreciation deviates from amortisation where depreci- ation has the purpose to spread the cost of a non- current asset over the useful lifetime of these assets.
EBITDA	Operating profit before depreciation, amortisation and impairments of other non-current assets.	EBITDA is used to measure the cash flow generated from operating activities, eliminating the impact of financing and accounting decisions.
EBITDA, adjusted	Operating profit, adjusted for items affecting comparability, before depreciation, amortisation and impairments of other non-current assets.	Adjusted EBITDA increases the comparability of EBITDA.
Effective tax rate	Income tax as a percentage of profit before tax.	This metric enables the income tax to be compared across locations where corporate taxes differ.
Items affecting comparability	Items affecting comparability are those significant items which are separately disclosed by virtue of their size or incidence, in order to enable a full understanding of the Group's financial performance. These include items such as restructurings, impact from acquisitions or divestments.	Items affecting comparability increases the comparability of the Group's financial performance.
Net financial items	The total of exchange differences on cash and cash equiv- alent in foreign currencies, other financial income and other financial expenses.	The net financial items reflects the company's total costs of external financing.
Net sales, change	Net sales as a percentage of net sales in the comparative period of the previous year.	Net sales, change reflects the company's realised top-line growth over time.
Operating profit (EBIT)	Operating profit consists of comprehensive income before net financial items and income tax.	This metric enables the profitability to be compared across locations where corporate taxes differ, irrespec- tive the financing structure of the company.
Operating profit (EBIT), adjusted	Operating profit adjusted for items affecting comparability.	Operating profit, adjusted increases the comparability of operating profit.
Organic growth	Net sales, change excluding acquisition-driven growth and changes in exchanges rates.	Organic growth excludes the impact of changes in group structure and exchange rates, enabling a comparison on net sales growth over time.
Structural changes	Net sales, change resulting from changes in group structure.	Structural changes measure the contribution of changes in group structure to the net sales growth.

Glossary

Branded packaged products	Products that are mainly sold under brands and are packaged.
FVTPL	Fair Value Through Profit and Loss.
Pick & mix	Cloetta's range of candy and natural snacks that are picked by the consumers themselves.
Pick & mix concept	Cloetta's complete concept in pick & mix including products, displays and accompanying store and logistic services.

Exchange rates

SEK	31 Mar 2021	31 Mar 2020	31 Dec 2020
EUR, average	10.1291	10.6920	10.4880
EUR, end of period	10.2383	11.0613	10.0343
NOK, average	0.9893	1.0164	0.9757
NOK, end of period	1.0243	0.9610	0.9584
GBP, average	11.6117	12.4128	11.7868
GBP, end of period	12.0155	12.4785	11.1613
DKK, average	1.3620	1.4312	1.4070
DKK, end of period	1.3766	1.4813	1.3485



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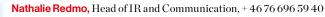
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Our purpose

"We believe in the Power of True Joy"

Business model

Cloetta's business model is to offer strong local brands in confectionery and nuts and provide effective sales and distribution to the retail trade. Together, this will ensure continued positive development of the company's leading market positions.

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We provide choices for you

We create joyful moments through the quality of our products. We aim to meet the variety of consumer preferences.

We care about people

We support our employees, suppliers, and farmers, as well as our communities.

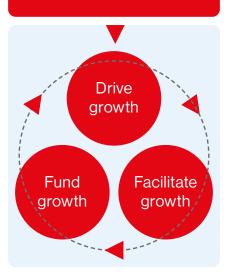
We improve our footprint

Our business depends on the environment. We are responsible for the impact we have from sourcing to packaging.

Long-term financial targets

- Cloetta's target is to increase organic sales at least in line with market growth.
- Cloetta's target is an EBIT margin, adjusted for items affecting comparability, of at least 14 per cent.
- Cloetta's long-term target is a net debt/EBITDA ratio of 2.5x.
- Cloetta's long-term intention is a dividend payout of 40–60 per cent of profit after tax.

Strategies

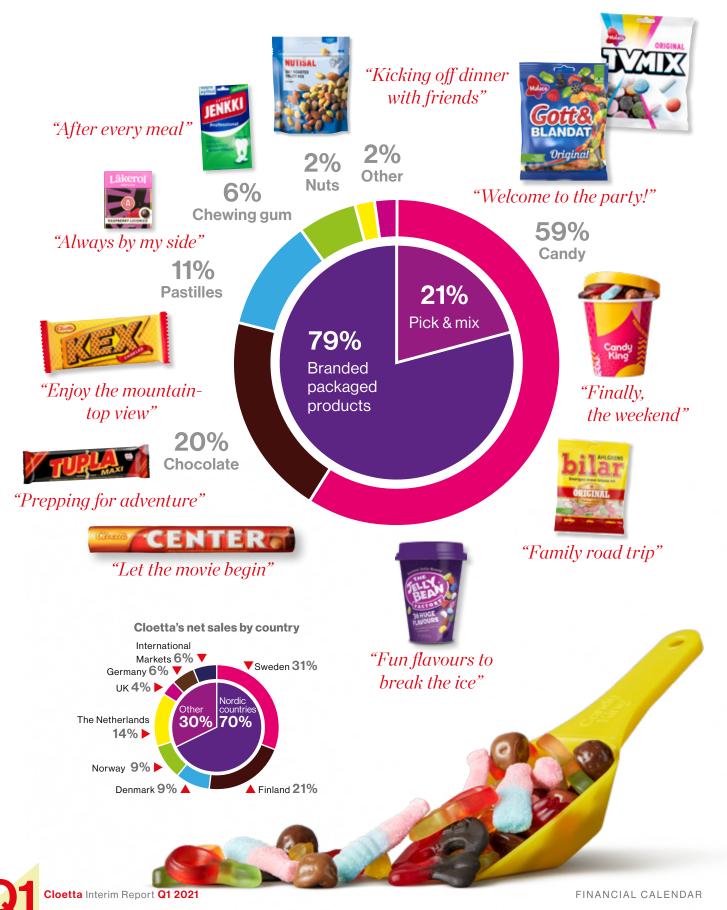


Value drivers

- Strong brands and market positions in a non-cyclical market.
- Excellent availability in the retail trade with the help of a strong and effective sales and distribution organisation.
- Good consumer knowledge and loyalty.
- Innovative product and packaging development.
- Effective production with high and consistent quality.

A joyful product portfolio

Cloetta's net sales by category, Q1 2021



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"We believe in the Power of True Joy"

Cloetta, founded in 1862, is a leading confectionery company in Northern Europe. In total, Cloetta products are sold in more than 50 countries worldwide. Cloetta owns some of the strongest brands on the market, such as Läkerol, CandyKing, Jenkki, Kexchoklad, Malaco, Sportlife and Red Band. Cloetta has seven production units in five countries. Cloetta's class B shares are traded on Nasdaq Stockholm.



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