



## THREE MONTHS REPORT, JAN-MAR 2015

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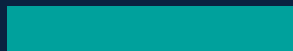
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# AGENDA

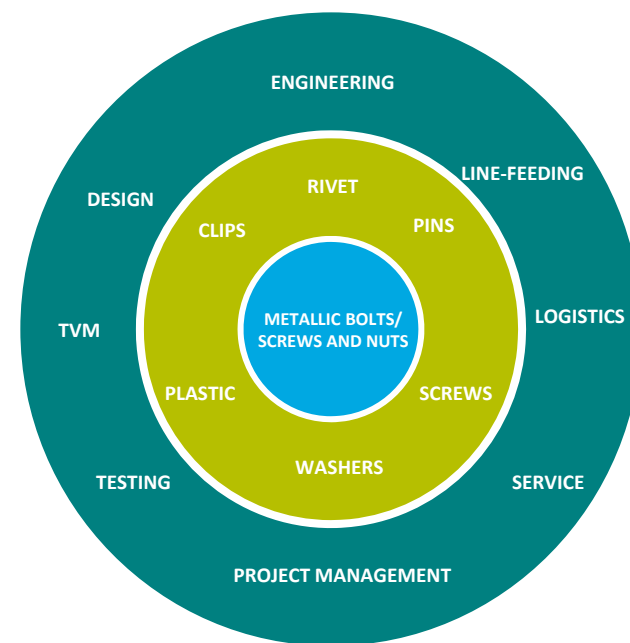
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## BULTEN IS ONE OF THE LARGEST SUPPLIERS OF FASTENERS TO THE EUROPEAN AUTOMOTIVE MARKET

- Development and production of a wide range of metallic fasteners and related services
  - Major player in critical fasteners for engines
  - Customer-specific, special fasteners is a large part of the product range
- Technical development, materials, production know-how and logistics as well as full Full Service Provider (FSP) concept
  - Leading FSP supplier in Europe
- Number of employees approx. 1,200
- Sales SEK 2,4 billion in 2014



- Core products are metallic screws, bolts and nuts
- There are also other types of fasteners including rivets, washers and clips
- Services linked to fasteners



# BULTEN IS A LEADING SUPPLIER OF FASTENERS TO THE INTERNATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

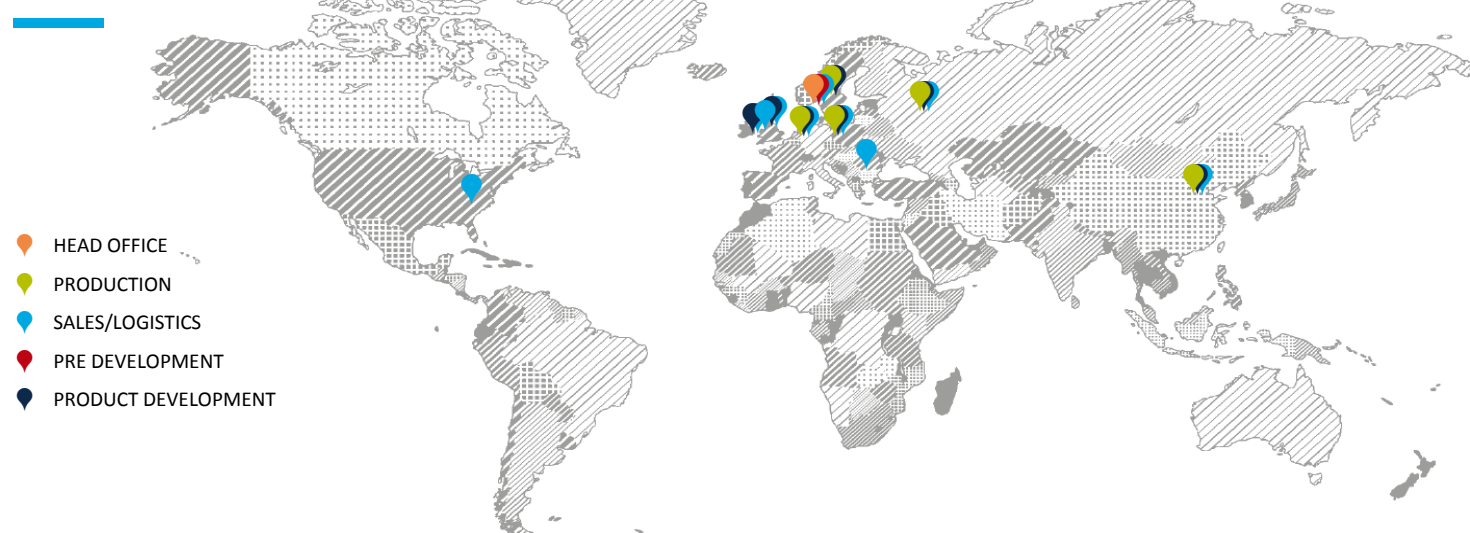
## VISION

Supporting the global automotive industry with state of the art fastener technology and services.

## BUSINESS CONCEPT

- Bulten shall be the leading business partner and the most cost-effective supplier of fasteners and services to the automotive industry.
- Bulten shall with empowered and dedicated people continuously develop its full service concept and actively launch innovations.
- Bulten shall develop long-term relations based on professionalism and good business ethics.

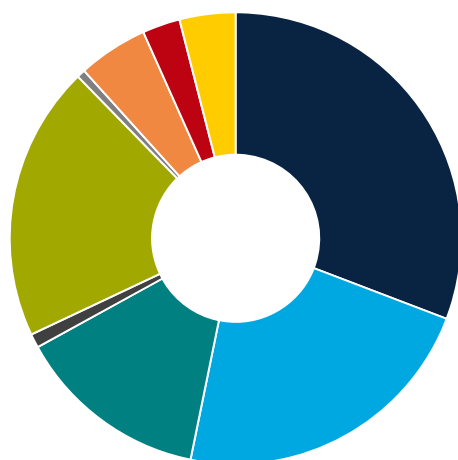
## FOOTPRINT





## BULTEN HAS ITS STRONGEST POSITION IN NORTHERN EUROPE BUT WILL GROW ON EMERGING MARKETS

GEOGRAPHIC SALES DISTRIBUTION  
JANUARY – MARCH 2015



- Great Britain, 30.8%
- Germany, 22.4%
- Sweden, 13.8%
- Poland, 1.0%
- Rest of Europe, 19.7%
- Russia, 0.6%
- US, 5.0%
- China, 2.7%
- Rest of the world, 4.0%



The major part of sales go to production of vehicles in Europe, of which a portion is exported to other markets in for example North America and BRIC.



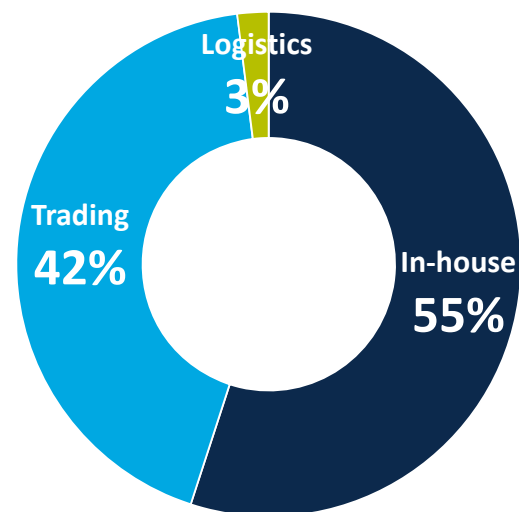
# BULTEN IS EXPANDING ITS MANUFACTURING AND LOGISTIC FOOTPRINT

## LEAN AND WELL POSITIONED MANUFACTURING FACILITIES IN EUROPE AND ASIA



- Production mainly in Western and Eastern Europe
- New establishment in Russia and growth in Chinese plant will strengthen future production footprint and support local content

## IN-HOUSE VS. TRADING (SALES VALUE)

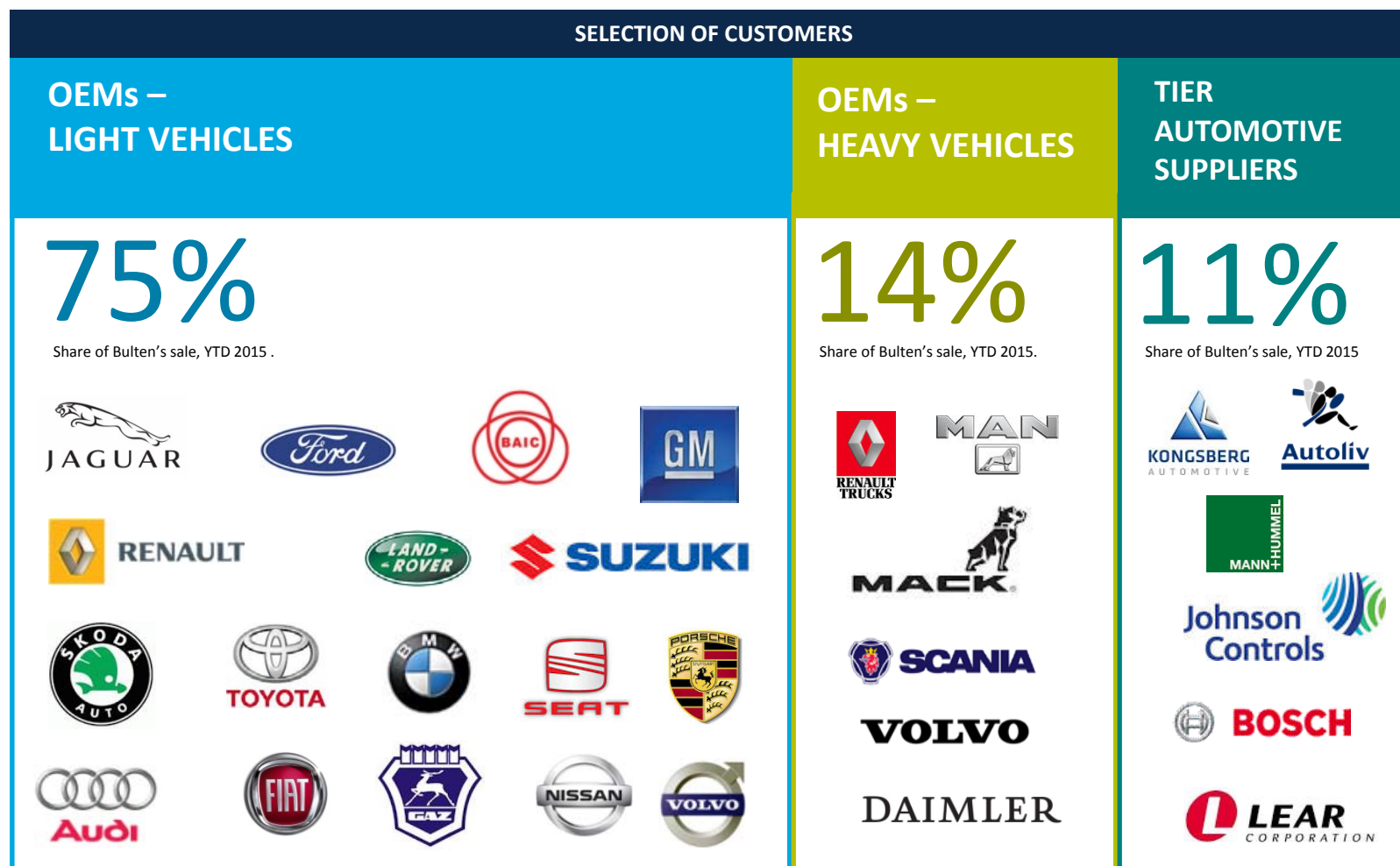


- Bulten produces most products in-house and has a significant trading operation to optimize efficiency
- Strengthened logistic capacity in the US and the UK and planned in Poland





## STRONG CUSTOMER BASE AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH MAJOR LIGHT VEHICLE AND HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OEMS AS WELL AS TIER 1 SUPPLIERS



# MARKET DEVELOPMENT







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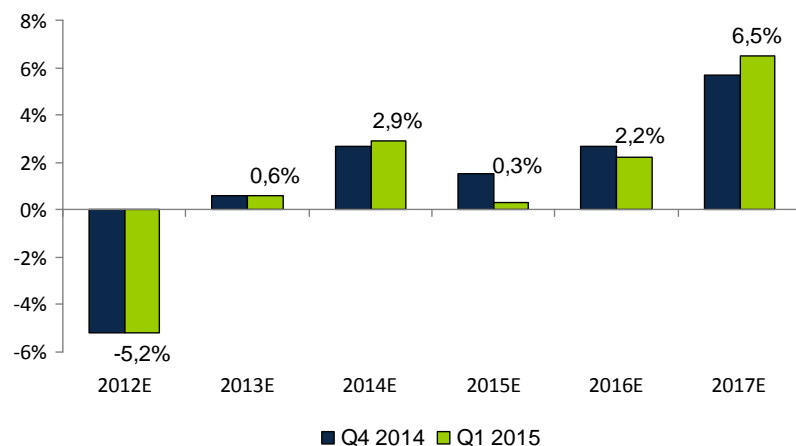
- LMC Automotive reports for automotive production in Europe, 2015:
  - Production of LV in 2015 expected up by 0.3% compared to 2014
  - Production of HCV (>15 t) in 2015 expected up by 4.6% compared to 2014
  - For Bulten's mix, up 0.9%
    - LV stands for ~86% of sales
    - HCV stands ~14% of sales
- ACEA reports for LV sales in Europe Q1, 2015
  - Q1, 2015 European LV sales up 8,6% compared to Q1, 2014

*Source: LMC Automotive Q1, 2015. ACEA Q1, 2015*



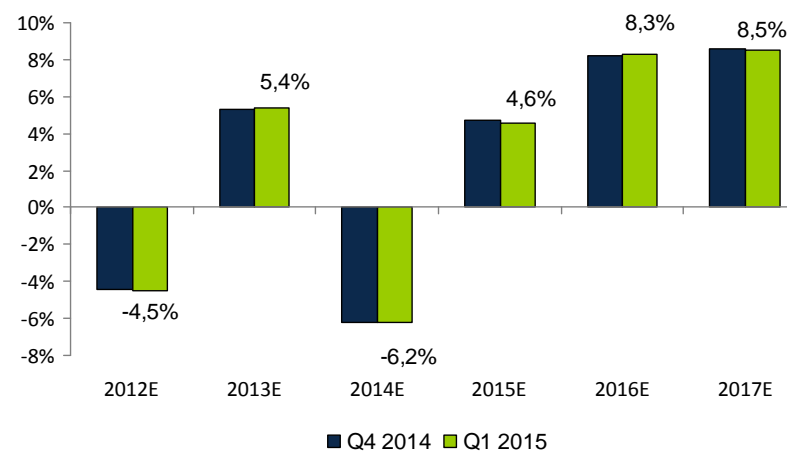
# LMC AUTOMOTIVE REPORTS FOR AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTION IN EUROPE

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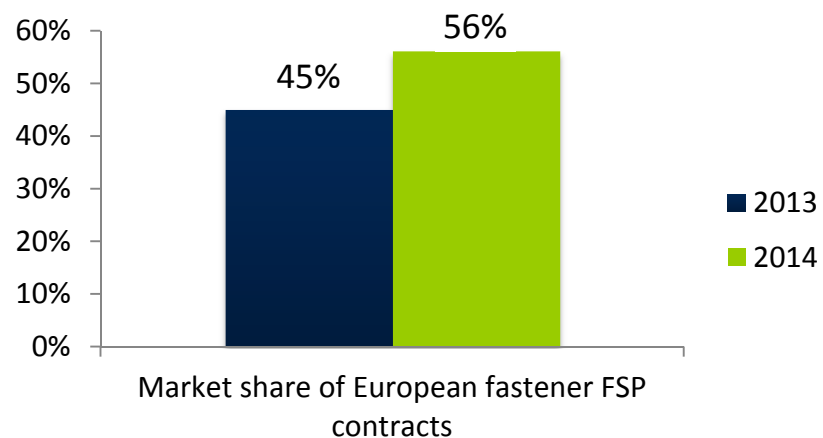
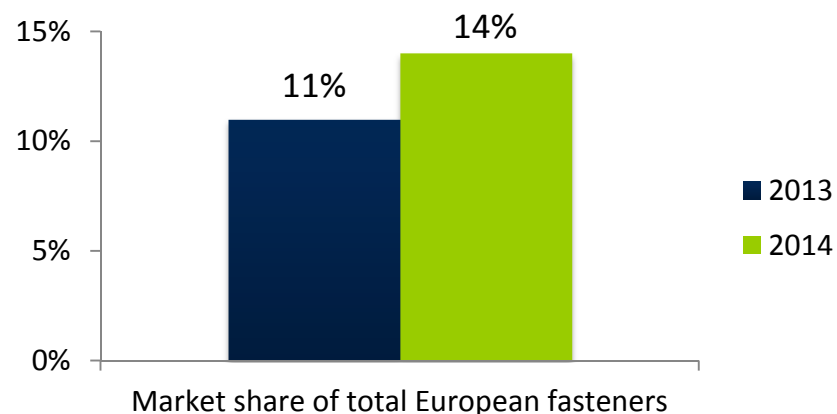


## BULTEN MARKET SHARE DEVELOPMENT

- Management estimates\*:
  - Bultens market share to be 14% of the European market of fasteners for the automotive industry 2014, up 3 pp. since 2013
  - Bulten market share of FSP contracts for the same market to be 56% 2014, up 11 pp from 2013

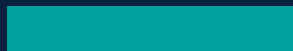
- Continued strong demand and gained market share in Q1

BULTEN MARKET SHARE DEVELOPMENT



\* Based on data from EIFI (European Industrial Fasteners Institute)

## 4. FIRST QUARTER 2015





## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS DURING THE QUARTER

- The two FSP contracts signed in 2013 and the supplementary order received during the autumn 2014 represents a large portion of sales growth
- General improvement in demand for light vehicles in Europe
- Signed a couple of smaller contracts in Russia – outside the GAZ business
  - The Adam Smith Institute appointed the Russian unit to “Best International Newcomer” for the best new project in the Russian automotive component market in 2014





# GROUP SUMMARY

## FIRST QUARTER

- Net sales up 22.7%
- EBIT margin 5.1% (5.7)
- Earnings after tax SEK 29 m (23)
- EPS 1.44 SEK (1.09)

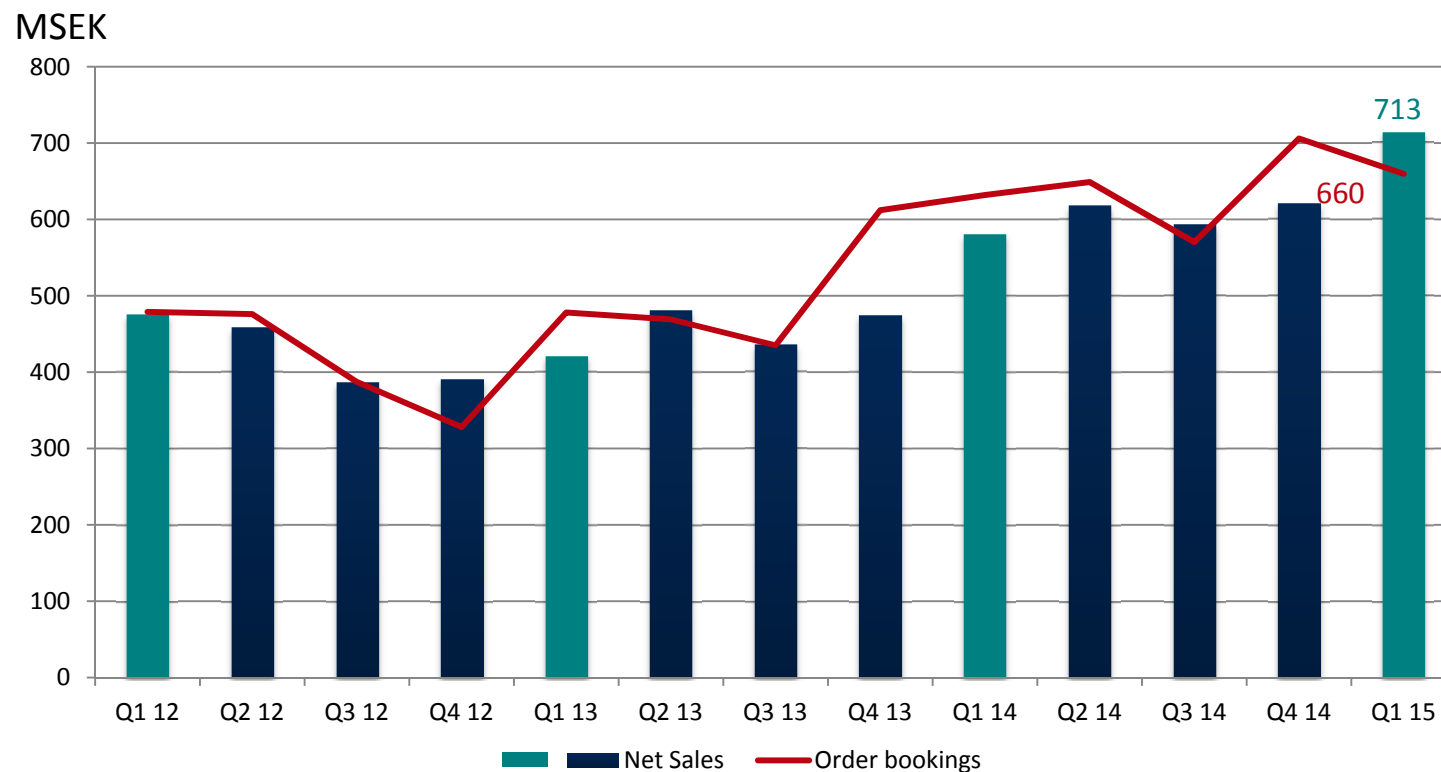
## COMMENTS

- Positive trend in sales and order intake continued in the first quarter
  - FSP and supplementary order + a couple of smaller contracts
- Improved EBIT, but neg effects of currency translation of SEK 13 m
  - Optimization of new contracts gradually improve profitability

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (MSEK)	Q1			12 M ROLLING	FULL YEAR	
	2015	2014	Δ	Apr 2014- Mar 2015	2014	Δ
Net sales	713.5	581.5	22.7%	2,546.3	2,414.3	5.5%
Gross profit	130.6	110.3	20.3	474.9	454.6	20.3
Earnings before depreciation(EBITDA)	50.5	43.9	6.6	186.4	179.8	6.6
Operating earnings (EBIT)	36.4	32.9	3.5	136.9	133.4	3.5
Operating margin, %	5.1	5.7	-0.6	5.4	5.5	-0.1
Adjusted operating earnings (EBIT)	36.4	32.9	3.5	125.7	122.2	3.5
Adjusted operating margin, %	5.1	5.7	-0.6	5.4	5.1	0.3
Earnings after tax	29.5	22.5	7.0	91.4	84.4	7.0
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Order bookings	659.6	632.0	4.4%	2,584.4	2,556.8	1.1%
Return on capital employed, %	--	-	-	9.6	9.6	-



## SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN SALES AND ORDER INTAKE

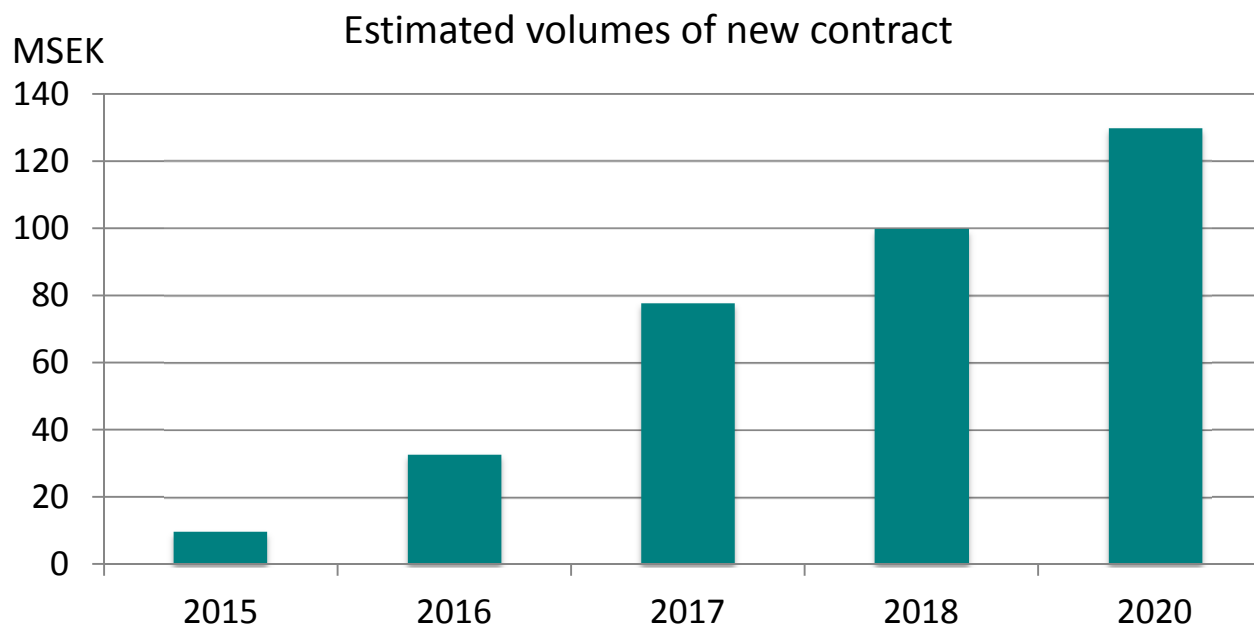


- Sales up 23% in Q1 vs last year
- Order intake up 4% in Q1 vs last year





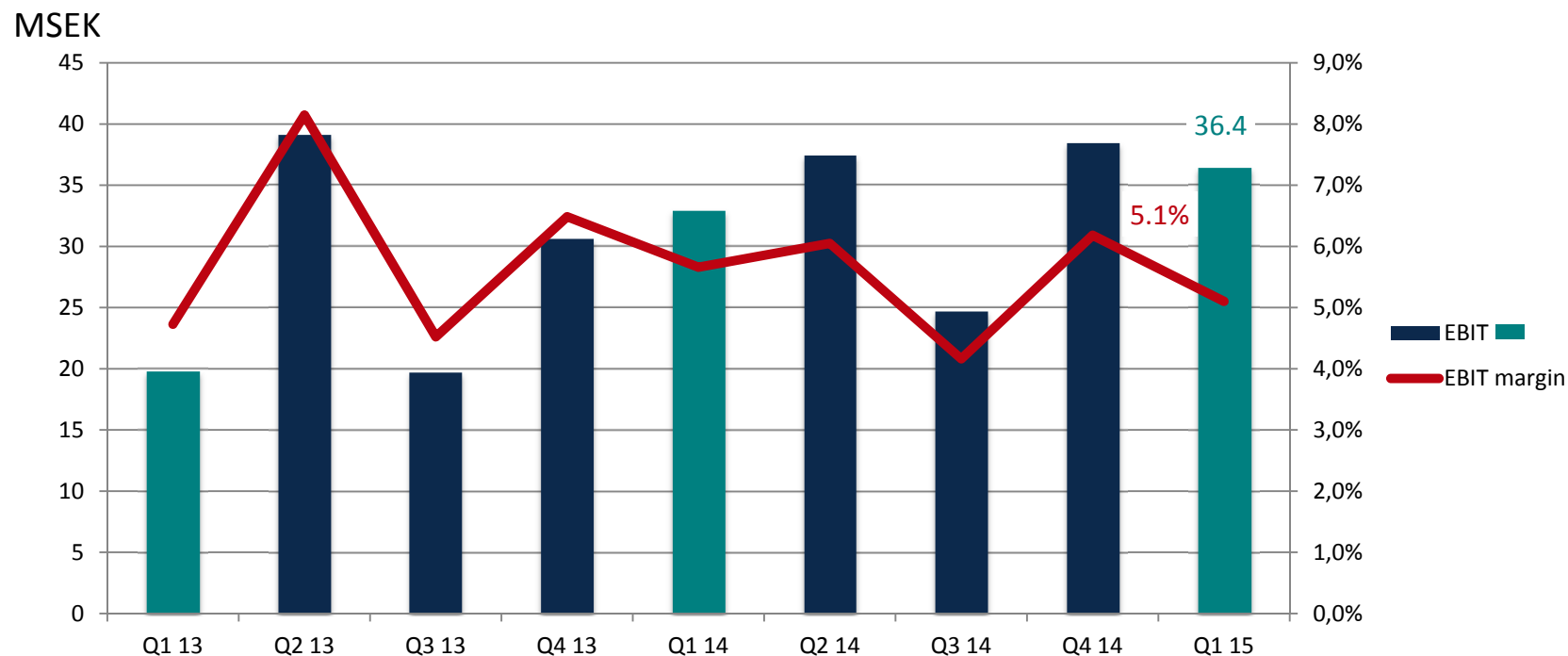
## ORDER RECEIVED IN 2012 IN RAMP-UP 2015-2020



- In February 2012, Bulten announced new business of approximately SEK 130 million projected to go into volume production within two to four years
- These volumes are now going into actual orders of production with gradual ramp-up
- SEK 10 million are calculated in 2015 and in full production in 2020



## IMPROVED EBIT – BUT NEGATIVE CURRENCY TRANSLATION EFFECTS



- Improved EBIT of SEK 36.4 m (32.9), EBIT margin of 5,1% (5.7)
  - Negative currency effect from translation of working capital of SEK 13.1 m
  - No long-term impact on profitability or competitiveness
- Optimization of new contracts continues to gradually strengthen profitability
  - Adjusted for currency translation effects Q1 EBIT margin of 6,9%



# CASH FLOW

CASH FLOW STATEMENT, MSEK	Jan-Mar	FULL YEAR	
	2015	2014	2014
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital	48.8	34.5	136.7
Cash flow from operating activities	48.7	-25.8	-59.8
Cash flow from investing activities	-87.6	-39.0	-132.0
Cash flow from financing activities	-4.1	97.4	-70.6
Cash flow for the period from continued operations	-43.0	32.6	-262.4
Cash flow for the period from discontinued operations	-2.5	-1.4	411.2
Cash flow for the period	-45.5	31.2	148.8
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	209.5	131.7	255.5

- Working capital has been balanced after the strong expansion in 2014, and cash flow has stabilized following a more normalized rate of investment
- Change in working capital was affected positively by SEK 65 m from a refinancing of JV BBB, and cash flow financing activities was affected negatively by the same amount



## BALANCE SHEET

BALANCE SHEET, MSEK	2015-03-31	2014-03-31	2014-12-31
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Total fixed assets	699.3	815.5	622.9
Total current assets	1,238.9	1,400.1	1,262.0
Total assets	1,938.2	2,215.5	1,884.9
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
Total equity	1,312.6	1,150.9	1,272.7
Total non-current liabilities	115.9	342.0	119.7
Total current liabilities	509.7	722.6	492.5
Total equity and liabilities	1,938.2	2,215.5	1,884.9
<b>MSEK</b>	<b>2015-03-31</b>	<b>2014-03-31</b>	<b>2014-12-31</b>
Net cash (+)/Net debt (-), MSEK	95.2	-250.2	137.3

- Net cash of SEK 95.2 million by the end of the quarter
- A strong financial position to support further growth



## KEY INDICATORS – CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND RETURN INDICATORS

THE GROUP, 12 MONTHS	12 M ROLLING		FULL YEAR
	Apr 2014- Mar 2015	Apr 2013- Mar 2014	2014
<b>RETURN INDICATORS</b>			
Return on capital employed, %	9.6	8.6	9.6
Return on equity %	13.3	11.8	15.0
Return on equity, adjusted %	12.6	10.8	13.1
<b>CAPITAL STRUCTURE</b>			
Capital turnover, times	1.7	2.3	1.7
Net cash (+)/Net debt (-)/EBITDA	0.5	-1.5	0.8

THE GROUP	2015-03-31	2014-03-31	2014-12-31
<b>CAPITAL STRUCTURE</b>			
Net debt/equity ratio, times	0.1	-0.2	0.1
Equity/assets ratio, %	67.7	51.9	67.5

- Balance sheet not recalculated

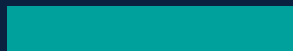


## FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

THE GROUP	12 M ROLLING Q1	FULL YEAR 2014	GUIDELINES
Net working capital as % of sales	20.5	21.4	20
CAPEX as % of sales	3.9	4.7	2-3
Depreciation as % of sales	1.9	1.9	2-3
Tax rate as % of sales	28.1	28.8	27-29

- Net working capital currently slightly higher due to the new business that has not been a part of the turnover for the whole period
- Capex mirrored by the high activity this period
- Tax rate going forward is estimated to 27-29%. The tax rate will fluctuate between quarters

### 3. SUMMARY AND GOING FORWARD







## SUMMARY OF Q1 2015

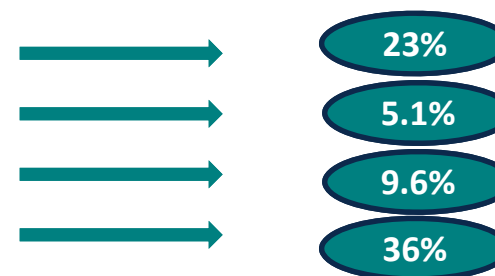
### ■ During Q1:

- Continued strong sales growth and market share gains
- Production in Russia has started and are expanding, a couple of smaller contracts signed
- Improved demand for light vehicles in Europe
- Currency translation of working capital affected EBIT margin negatively
  - EBIT margin 6,9% adjusted for currency effects
- Optimization of new volumes ongoing

### Bulten financial targets:

- profitable organic growth in excess of the market
- EBIT margin of at least 7%
- ROCE exceeding 15%
- Dividend: 1/3 of net income after tax

### Bulten Q1 2015





## OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

- Bulten's opportunities ahead are:
  - Continued organic growth potential
    - New FSP contracts and supplementary order drives growth
    - Continued path of gaining market share in Western Europe
    - Significant opportunities in emerging markets
  - Ongoing optimization gives improvements in EBIT
  - Platform for production and logistics continues to improve
  - Strong financial position
    - Current cash positions opens up for further growth initiatives
    - Prospects of growth with solid operating margins

Bulten has taken significant steps forward in the market and has created a high credibility in the automotive industry.



# BULTEN – A STRONGER SOLUTION

*APPENDIX*





## **BOARD PROPOSAL OF HIGHER DIVIDEND AND SHARE BUYBACK PROGRAM OF IN TOTAL SEK 150 M OF OUTSTANDING SHARES**

- Bulten's dividend policy over time is to pay out a dividend of approximately one third of net earnings after tax. Consideration shall however be given to Bulten's financial position, cash flow and outlook
- The Board proposes to the Annual General Meeting a dividend of SEK 3.00 per share (2.00), an increase of 50%
- It is further proposed that a share buyback program should be initiated with a mandate to buyback shares of a total value of SEK 150 million
- The purpose of the share buyback program is to optimise the company's capital structure, to bring shareholder value and still support further growth