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## Q4 and full-year report 2024

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## Record overall performance achieved for the full year

#### Q4: Mixed picture for order intake



Q4: Order intake, -23% (-29% org)

- AT decline, weaker battery in all regions
- DCT strong underlying demand, org. growth of 60% in small- and mid sized orders (last year incl. 2 large orders)
- FT increase, strong growth in Digital solutions

#### Q4: Order backlog, +2%

• Mainly orders in DCT- delivered throughout 2025 & 2026

FY: Order intake, +1% (-4% org.)

#### Q4: Positive net sales



Q4: Net sales, +19% (+10% org)

- AT flat, weak battery in Americas offset by growth in EMEA
- DCT increase, successful deliveries on large orders
- FT grew strongly, strong contributions from both Digital solutions & Equipment

Book-to-bill Q4: 1.00

FY: Net sales, +11% (org. +5%) Book-to bill, 0.92

#### Q4: Stable profitability



#### Q4: Adj. EBITA-margin: 12.6%

- + DCT & FT: strong net sales growth
- + all BA:s: effects from lean practices & other operational efficiency initiatives
- AT: under-absorption due to lower demand from battery
- FY: Adj. EBITA-margin, 15.1%

2 AT = AirTech, DCT = Data Center Technologies, FT = FoodTech, BA = business areas 'Large orders announced through press releases

## Americas main driver of growth

#### Regional share Q4



Americas – order intake (FY – OI: 56%, NS: 59%)

- <u>AirTech</u> negative contributions from Industrial (incl. battery) and Service & Commercial, positive development Components
- <u>DCT</u> strong underlying demand; increased hyperscaler orders
- <u>FoodTech</u> good contributions from DS, both software & controllers. Equipment flat, affected by seasonality



EMEA – order intake (FY – OI: 30%, NS: 28%)

- <u>AirTech</u> –good contributions from food and pharma
- <u>DCT</u> slower development; first combined order of CRAH units and Geoclima's chillers
- <u>FoodTech</u> good contributions DS, from controllers. Equipment grew, fueled by broiler & plants sub-segments



#### APAC- order intake

(FY – OI: 14%, NS: 13%)

- <u>AirTech</u> Industrial stable, Components declined, positive effect from food
- <u>FoodTech</u> continued weak demand in Equipment

## Order intake affected by weaker battery market

- $\rightarrow$  Org. Order Intake declined due to weaker battery sub-segment in all regions;
  - Industrial (excl. battery) declined offset by good growth in food across all regions
  - Battery continued headwinds all regions, driven by delayed • greenfield investments, customers placing orders closer to delivery, reduced project volumes and intensified competition
  - Commercial declined, weaker performance in Americas
  - CT<sup>1</sup> declined, mainly within VOC technology, due to weaker battery
  - Components grew in Americas, increased demand of evaporative pads for the data center market

## → Order Backlog decreased

<sup>1</sup>Clean Technologies



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Customer segmen	t	% order int Q4 202	ake Market 4 Outlook *
Industrial		46%	A 1
whereof battery		12%	-
whereof food proc	essing	9%	
whereof commercia	al	10%	A
whereof other		15%	A 1
Clean Technologies	5	11%	
Service & compone	nts	43%	-
whereof service		19%	
whereof componen	ts**	24%	

\* Market outlook and comments are indicative and refer to the coming six months \*\* Dehumidification rotors and humidification pads sold through OEM channels

# Investments and lower volumes affecting margin

# → Org. Net Sales flat, battery weak in Americas, offset by EMEA;

- Industrial (excl. battery) declined, primarily in Americas, partially offset by good growth in EMEA and stable APAC
- Battery growth EMEA, offset by Americas
- Commercial flat, growth primarily in Americas
- Components declined in all regions, due to weaker battery
- Service stable growth, led by Americas

## $\rightarrow$ Adj. EBITA margin declined;

- lower net sales in battery leading to decreased production utilization in all regions, negative effect of approx. -3%
- investments in our global footprint
- + operational & commercial excellence initiatives
- → FY: Order intake flat, net sales decreased, adj. EBITA margin declined

	Q4	Q4	Change (%)			FY	FY
MSEK	2024	2023	Org.	Struct*	FX	24	23
Order intake	1,821	1,922	-10	5	0	7,365	6,796
Order backlog	2,986	3,250				2,986	3,250
Net sales	2,260	2,136	-1	7	0	8,204	8,226
Adj. EBITA	212	305	-40	9	1	1,113	1,278
Adj. EBITA (%)	9.4	14.3				13.6	15.5



## Solid development in several customer segments



#### Development Q4 2022 – Q4 2024

- Battery Second half of 2024, customers started placing orders closer to delivery, delays in greenfield investments combined with more aggressive competitive environment & price pressure
- CT- stable development, acq. of Airprotech in Q2 2024
- Other industrial good development, mainly in EMEA
- Commercial stable growth, acq. of Zeco in Q4 2023
- Components growth of evaporative pads to the data center market, impacted by lower battery replacements
- Service stable development

# Mission-critical spray drying in food production

- → Italian food producer seeking innovative spray drying solutions to enhance production capabilities
- $\rightarrow$  Munters offering:

PureSystem 4000 dehumidification system:

- specifically developed for spray drying applications
- energy efficient design, food-safe plastics & reliability for maximum uptime

VariMax IFRG heater:

- air heating essential in spray drying process, ideal technology delivers contaminant free process air
- standard heat transfer efficiencies of up to 90% by circulating combustion gases in a separate loop

Spray drying is a key food production technology, efficiently removing moisture while preserving quality and nutrition. It is widely used to produce powdered ingredients like dairy, flavors, and proteins for consumer and industrial use.







PureSystem 4000

VariMax IFRG

## Underlying demand strong & increased order backlog

### $\rightarrow$ Order Intake declined;

- the underlying demand for our cooling solutions remains strong across key markets -> 60% organic increase in small & medium-sized orders
- two large orders of approximately BSEK 2.2 in Q4 2023
- increased hyperscaler orders in Americas ٠
- higher-density data centers and regulations shorten lead times, with customers ordering closer to delivery

### $\rightarrow$ Order Backlog increased;







- Hyperscalers need massive amounts of server space and rely on colocation providers to grow rapidly
- Colocation continued strong demand due to increased build outs and investments, driven by increased leasing demand from hyperscalers
- Telco & enterprises moving away from own facilities, market growth but lower pace

# Continued strong profitability

### $\rightarrow$ Net Sales increased;

- successful execution on deliveries of large orders
- growth in EMEA primarily attributable to acq. of Geoclima

### → Adj. EBITA margin remain strong;

- + strong volume growth
- + benefits from lean practices and high production utilization as well as net price increases
- product mix shifts, organizational ramp-up and integration of Geoclima
- → FY: Order intake decreased, net sales increased, adj. EBIT margin improved strongly

	Q4	Q4 Change (%)		%)	FY	FY	
MSEK	2024	2023	Org.	Struct *	FX	24	23
Order intake	1,787	3,184	-48	4	0	4,088	4,948
Order backlog	7,607	7,206				7,604	7,206
Net sales	1,315	925	33	9	0	4,392	3,408
Adj. EBITA	260	144	67	13	1	920	519
Adj. EBITA (%)	19.8	15.6				20.9	15.2



\* Acquisitions & divestments

## Strong order backlog to be delivered throughout 2025 & 2026



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Medium sized orders not communicated through news item or press releases

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Data Center Technologies

# Offering end-to-end cooling solutions to our customers

- → First integrated cooling order with Geoclima, received from colocator
- Combined product offering: Integration of Munters MCW unit with Geoclima's chiller delivers a complete and efficient air-cooling solution
- Customer benefits: The offering enables improved energy efficiency, reduced operational costs, and a seamless solution from a single provider
- Strategic investments: driving growth and expanding our market opportunities





## FoodTech - a focused digital offering



### Digital solutions

Ambition: become the global leader in connecting and optimizing the supply chain in the food sector

1. Developing existing  $\rightarrow$  2. Replicating into  $\rightarrow$  segments new segments

3. Pioneering data driven optimization in partnership with other tech companies

#### Software growth:



\*ARR = Recurring Revenue in the quarter multiplied by four

## Strong growth from both Digital solutions & Equipment

### $\rightarrow$ Order Intake increased;

- DS strong growth driven by software in Americas
- Equipment growth, fueled by broiler and greenhouse sub-segments in EMEA

### → Order Backlog increased



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Customer segment		% order inta Q4 2024	ke Market Outlook *
Equipment		47%	
whereof Broiler		22%	
whereof Swine		5%	
whereof Layer		10%	
whereof Greenhouse		4%	-
whereof Dairy		4%	-
whereof Other		2%	n/a
Digital solutions (Software & Controllers)		53%	

\* Market outlook and comments are indicative and refer to the coming six months

# Strong margin increase from both DS & Equipment

- → Net Sales increased, driven by both DS & Equipment;
  - DS strong growth in software, driven by broiler. Significant growth controllers in EMEA & Americas supported by recent acq.
  - Equipment good growth EMEA & Americas, mainly broiler, layer and dairy sub-segments

### $\rightarrow$ Adj. EBITA margin increased significantly;

- + strong net sales growth in Equipment & DS
- + net price increases
- + integration synergies & operational improvement initiatives
- high investments in DS
- → FY: Order intake growth, net sales increased, adj. EBITA margin improved significantly

	Q4	Change (%)		6)	FY	FY	
MSEK	2024	2023	Org.	Struct*	FX	24	23
Order intake	757	555	21	17	-1	2,874	2,433
Order backlog	1,012	877				1,012	877
Net sales	801	617	13	18	-1	2,918	2,363
- of which SaaS	83	56				288	183
- SaaS ARR	330	226				330	226
Adj. EBITA	117	60	72	24	0	464	222
Adj. EBITA (%)	14.6	9.7				15.9	9.4



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# Global expansion fueling synergies and growth

Controllers manage equipment, collect data, and connect to software for analysis, driving sustainability, efficiency, and profitability.

- Recent acquisitions of three companies InoBram, AEI and Hotraco, spread across three continents and three segments
- Integration process has clear focus on synergy realization in terms of sourcing, ways-of-working & profitability
- In the quarter, synergies contributed positively to improved profitability

### Synergies include: Standardizations

Cloud, Sensors, Components

#### Customer centered footprint

- Brand agnostic service teams, assembly close to endcustomer, shared sales efforts
- Streamlined sourcing
- Suppler consolidation



# Innovating for sustainable growth

In 2024, we advanced innovation through cutting-edge products, strategic partnerships, and operational excellence, driving growth and efficiency.

- Investments in prioritized technologies and digitalization for production & product optimization
- Efficiency improvements, digital transformation, and streamlined processes, driving productivity
- Minority investments to bolster innovation, fostering new technologies, strategic collaborations, and market expansion

Munters vitality index\*





# Financial highlights

#### Group

## FY - Record overall performance

- Net Sales increased;
  - AT flat, impacted by weak battery sub-segment, good growth EMEA
  - DCT strong growth, through successfully delivering on earlier announced orders
  - FT grew strongly, driven by both Digital solutions and Equipment
- Adj. EBITA margin stable;
  - strong net sales growth in DCT & FT
  - AT negatively impacted by under-absorption due to lower demand from battery and investments in footprint
- Net income increased by 205%
- Increased cash flow from operating activities;
  - related to positive development of working capital
- OWC/net sales;
  - within our target range of 13-10%
- Net debt increased;
  - acquisitions financed through debt
- 2024 flat order intake, net sales growth, flat order backlog, stable profitability & improved OWC/net sales

	Q4	Q4	Q4 Change (%)				
MSEK	2024	2023	Organic growth	Structural growth*	Currency effects	FY 24	FY 23
Order intake	4,348	5,651	-29	6	0	14,259	14,116
Order backlog	11,603	11,333				11,603	11,333
Net sales	4,364	3,659	10	9	0	15,453	13,930
Operating profit (EBIT)	342	375				1,841	1,586
Adj. EBITA	548	467	3	13	1	2,330	1,839
Adj. EBITA- margin	12.6	12.8				15.1	13.2
Net income	176	58				1,020	792
Cash flow from operating activities	823	670				2,367	1,066
OWC/net sales (%) <sup>1</sup>	10.2	14.2				10.2	14.2
Net debt	6,364	4,620				6,364	4,620
Net debt/Adj. EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	2.3	2.1				2.3	2.1

<sup>1</sup>Average OWC (Operating Working Capital) last twelve months as % of net sales for the same period <sup>2</sup>Last twelve months

\* Acquisitions & divestments

# Stable profitability supported by strong volume growth in FoodTech and DCT

Group adj. EBITA margin impact					
Q4 2023 adj. EBITA %	12.8				
Volume	++				
Product mix and net pricing	=				
Operational excellence	-				
Strategic initiatives -					
Q4 2024 adj. EBITA %	12.6				

Main factors affecting adj. EBITA margin in Q4:

- Volume had a positive impact, strong net sales growth in DCT & FT. Whereas AT was impacted by weak battery sub-segment
- Good net price increases in DCT & FT, whereas DCT was somewhat negatively affected by product mix shifts
- Negative operational excellence effects due to under-absorption in AT, offset by positive contributions in all business areas from lean & similar initiatives
- Strategic initiatives for scalability in digitization and automation continues

### Adj EBITA margin of 15.1% for the full year

 positive effects from volume growth in DCT & FT as well as product mix in AT & DCT

# IACs related to our strategic portfolio management



 $\rightarrow$  IACs for the quarter:

- Restructuring activities MSEK -66,
  - mainly related to measures taken in AirTech as a result of the weak demand in the battery market
- M&A activities MSEK -25
  - driven by the active M&A agenda
- Other IACs totaled MSEK -26
  - mainly costs for the strategic review of the Equipment offering in FoodTech
- $\rightarrow$  IACs for the full year MSEK -240

## Enhanced cash flow management



Cash flow from changes in working capital						
	Q4 2024	Q4 2023				
Change in accounts receivable	-209	149				
Change in inventory	194	188				
Change in accrued income	263	11				
Change in accounts payable	333	111				
Change in advances from customers	-130	-126				
Change in other working capital	49	56				
CF from changes in working capital	500	389				

## → Q4: Cash flow for the period, mainly impacted by

- positive development of working capital
- acquisitions & increased capital expenditures

# Investments supporting the next growth wave

- → Continued investments aiming at strengthening competences, upgrades, digitalize & automize
  - DCT: new plant in Cork, Ireland Q4 2024. Ramp-up during H1 2025
  - AirTech: new major plant in Amesbury, US during H1 2025
- → Capital allocation priorities to drive growth agenda organic and M&A:
  - innovation and plan for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
  - operational and commercial excellence
  - M&A and minority investments
  - dividends



#### CAPEX (quarterly)



CAPEX (LTM)





Operating working capital

## Maintaining a stable leverage ratio



Development of leverage & net debt

- $\rightarrow$  Leverage ratio increased to 2.3x
- → Net debt increased mainly related to:
  - interest-bearing liabilities driven by acquisitions financed through debt
- $\rightarrow$  During the first half of 2025;
  - MTech option with a fair value of MSEK 1,142
  - lease for new major plant in Amesbury, America

# Service & Components growth of 10% (org) during the year

### Munters ambition:

- AirTech
  - grow our large globally installed base
  - continuous innovation
- DCT
  - develop remote service optimization
  - grow through commissioning, installation and retrofitting
- FoodTech
  - investing and developing more software to grow our portfolio

### Service & Components\* >1/3 of Group net sales

<sup>\*</sup> Service includes: After-market service in all business areas (sales of spare parts, commissioning & installation,

<sup>24</sup> inspections & audits, repairs & other billable service) and SaaS revenues in FT Components include: units to control moisture and cooling, sales in AT



2021

2022

2023

2024

#### \* of Group net sales,

2019

2020

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### Service & Components Q4 2024\*



<sup>2</sup> Excluding acquisitions, % of women in workforce amounted to 25% and women leaders to 24% 25

<sup>3</sup> 100% employee training in CoC, fulfillment measured over a two-year period, 100% compliance for the Supplier CoC (Direct material) and continuous increasing compliance for the Customer CoC



# Summary

# Progression towards our financial targets & dividend policy



Note: Change in net sales compared to the previous period, adjusted for currency translation effects

Note: Average OWC (Operating Working Capital) last twelve months as % of net sales for the same period Note: Dividend policy: aim to pay annual dividend of 30-50% of net income for the year

\*Board of directors proposed dividend for 2024. Represents 30% of net income.

## Full year highlights

Strengthening the foundation for future growth

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Overall record performance achieved for the year

Investing to stay ahead of the curve

Enhancing our sustainability commitment

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