

Deep-dive, 1 December 2022

#### Our agenda today

#### **EET**

**11:00** Presentation on local learning content businesses

- Printed and digital learning content is the core of our K12 learning services business
- A closer look into our major learning markets: Poland, Spain, Italy and the Netherlands
- The financial perspective of the stable and resilient content business

Chat open for questions

11:45 Roundtable discussion and Q&A

#### Latest

**12:30** End of the event

#### **Speakers**

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# Creating value and growth with learning content

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We are one of the global leaders in K12 education serving more than 25 million students

#### K12 is an attractive business

- Public spending on education is increasing and resilient to crises
- High barriers to entry due to localised nature
- Stable and predictable as teachers only change learning materials every 4-8 years

#### We are #1 in K12 learning services in Europe with benefits of scale

- Operating in 12 countries with learning content offering in seven
- Synergies from harmonised digital platforms and technology across countries
- Further investigating opportunities for shared use of content

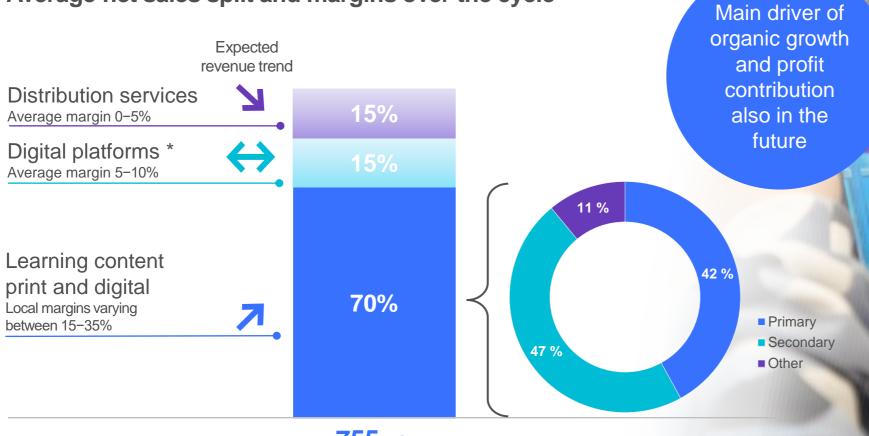
#### Growth and digitalisation support our earnings in the long-term

- Sustained organic growth in-line with our long-term target of 2-5%
- Solid M&A pipeline with an aim to enter new geographies globally and to expand our offering in the current markets
- Efficiency gains from harmonisation and scale in digital

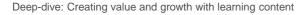


### Learning content is the key value driver for us

Average net sales split and margins over the cycle



**755**m€ (pro forma 2021 incl. acquisitions)





PORQUE LA EDUCACIÓN ES EL MEJOR ESCENARIO PARA CAMBIAR EL MUNDO.













We create best-in-class printed and digital learning content









# To support teachers, we develop learning methods...

#### What is a learning method?

- A comprehensive workflow tool providing the teachers a plan combined with learning materials throughout the curriculum and school year
- Enables the students to reach their annual learning goals, using the frequently updated printed content together with the digital platform
- Based on strong understanding of the curriculum, teachers' insights and local market needs
- Created together with the teachers
- Using our learning methods saves the teachers approx. 8h per week
- > The localised demands create high barriers to entry



### ... that include everything a teacher needs during the school year...



Teachers have about
40 weeks to help their
students to reach their
annual learning goals and
move to the next grade



We provide best-in-class learning methods, including printed and digital teaching and learning materials based on the local curriculum



Clear and method-aligned teaching manual for better facilitated teaching, better insights to learning outcomes, after-sales support during the year



Best possible learning outcomes, students ready to move to the next grade

Start of the school year

Challenge

**Our offering** 

Teaching during the year

Goal

End of the school year

Textbooks Exercises Interactive whiteboard content Teacher materials

Digital learning platforms

Digital teaching platforms Digital admin platforms

# ...resulting in higher satisfaction among teachers and a positive impact on learning outcomes

Share of teachers using learning methods \*

Share of teachers agreeing that our learning methods... \*\*

In primary education

95%

In secondary education

**79%** 

...support them in reaching curriculum objectives

Homework

85%

...help them to be more efficient in their work

**76%** 

...help to engage their students

71%

Using our learning methods saves the teacher approx.

8h/week

<sup>\*</sup> Self-reported, 2-5 days a week

<sup>\*\*</sup> Based on Sanoma's European Teacher Survey conducted in 6 European countries in 2021

content

Learning methods also play a key role in our Sustainability Strategy

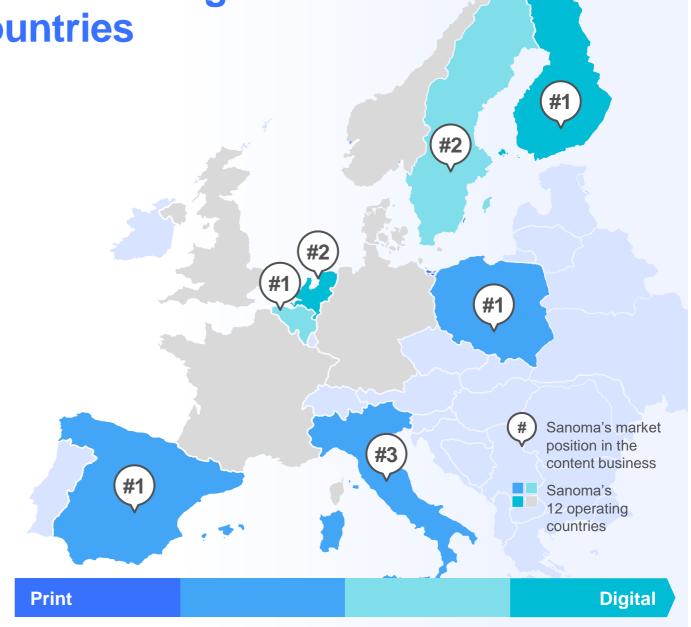
- We develop inclusive learning solutions supporting diversity, accessibility and differentiation
  - To enhance this, we work in-line with our Editorial Guidelines
  - External audits on inclusiveness of the content also conducted
  - Improving accessibility of our digital content to meet the WCAG AA-level guidelines





We provide best-in-class printed and digital learning content in seven countries

- Learning content always adapted to local needs and curriculum
- Use of digital content at different stages in each country
- We have a clear competitive advantage in benefitting from scale across countries esp. through platform harmonisation



## Poland returning to a growth path with next subsidy cycle starting in 2023

- Nowa Era is the leader in Poland's K12 learning content publishing with approx. 40% market share
- The Polish learning content market is approx. 150m€ in 2022, with demand expected to fluctuate driven by the subsidy cycle leading to growth in 2023-24 and lower subsidies in 2025
- Our innovative offering in niches, such as special educational needs and virtual laboratories, supports our position
- Poland's early stage in digital adaptation brings future growth opportunities

Key market factors in 2022

**4.7**m

K12 student population

2.8%

Public spend on K12 education of GDP (2019) 25/50€

Approx.
primary/secondary
education spend per
student

150m€

Approx. market size of K12 learning content

Key competitor

**WSiP** 

and several smaller local players

Sanoma's market position in content business

#1

# In Spain, major educational reform and curriculum renewal LOMLOE\* speeding up the demand

- With Santillana, we are the leader in Spain's fragmented K12 learning content publishing
- Our position is particularly strong in primary education
- The LOMLOE reform is driving fluctuations in 2022-2025
- In 2022, the implementation of LOMLOE has started with different pace per regions
- Content is mostly created centrally, with subsequent adaptations and/or translations to fit the regional needs
- Spain's early stage in digital adaptation brings future growth opportunities

Key market factors in 2022

**6.2**m

K12 student population

2.7%

Public spend on K12 education of GDP (2019) 95/80€

Approx.
primary/secondary
education spend per
student

600m€

Approx. market size of K12 learning content

Key competitors

Anaya SM Edelvives Sanoma's market position in content business

#1

\*\* in 2021

# Sanoma Italy is the latest addition to our portfolio

- Italy is one of the largest K12 learning content markets in Europe with an annual spend of approx. 750m€
- 80% of our business comes from secondary education, where we have leading market positions e.g. in philosophy and literature
- Number of students, market size and government expenditure are stable
- Content renewals are continuous and driven by the needs of teachers and the need to meet government learning outcome targets
- Italy's early stage in digital adaptation brings future growth opportunities

Key market factors in 2022

**7.0**<sub>m</sub>

K12 student population

2.8%

Public spend on K12 education of GDP (2019) 35/155€

Approx.
primary/secondary
education spend per
student

750m€

Approx. market size of K12 learning content

Key competitors

Mondadori Zanichelli La Scuola Sanoma's market position in content business

#3

### The Netherlands is the most advanced market in the use of digital content

- The Dutch market is already almost 100% hybrid in both primary and secondary education
- Our market position is particularly strong in primary education
- Share of subscription in our learning material sales currently already ~65% evening out the annual sales cycle
- We have successfully grown our business through market share gains

Key market factors in 2022

**2.8**m

K12 student population

3.2%

Public spend on K12 education of GDP (2019)

120/270€

Primary/Secondary education spend per student

500m€

Approx. market size of K12 learning content

Key competitors **Noordhoff ThiemeMeulenhoff** 

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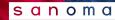
Sanoma's market position in content business

# The best learning outcomes are achieved by combining printed and digital learning content

- The added value of digital content is appreciated among students and teachers
  - Up-to-date content becoming more important in today's world
  - The role of videos is increasing
- Gamification and videos allow for more engaging and motivating education experience
  - They can be rolled out across countries
  - Pedagogy is still at the heart of gamification solutions
  - Visualisation of progress and accomplishments adds value to students
- The increasing use of digital content benefitting us by
  - Spreading the business more evenly across the year and softening the peak around the start of the new school year
  - Scale and harmonisation esp. of the platforms across countries



Fully gamified primary solution with avatars and points





#### Strategic levers support our growth ambitions...

Learning content is the key in all three growth levers driving our performance towards ...

**3. M&A:** enter new geographies in K12 and expand our offering in existing markets

**2.** Increase value per student through extending offerings

**1. Grow market share** by continuing to win in local markets

2021

...Learning's long-term financial targets...

Organic growth

2-5%

Margin

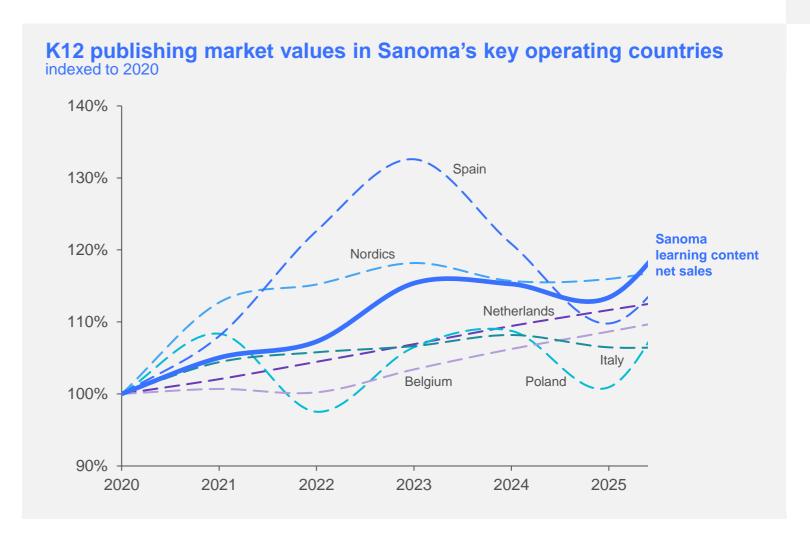
above 23%

...and the Groupwide growth ambition

Group net sales
over 2bn€
by 2030,
at least 75%
from Learning

#### ...and curriculum renewals contribute to that growth

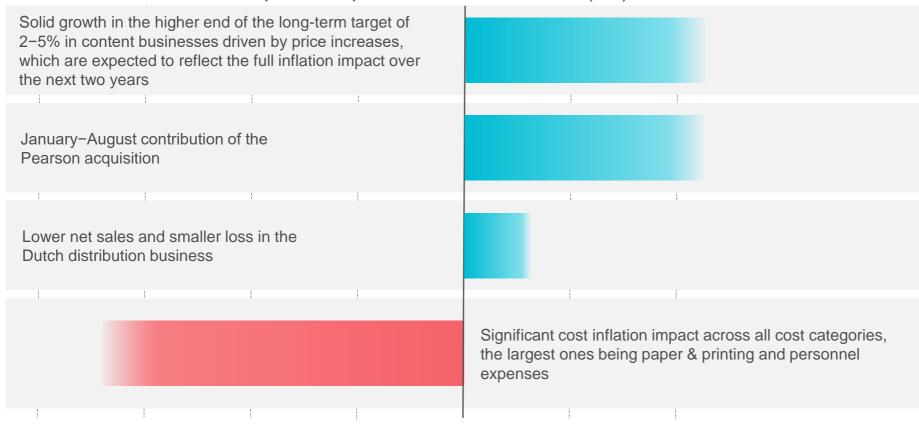
- Long-term growth over the cycle driven by wider geographical presence and position in both key segments (primary & secondary) regardless of local market fluctuations
- In Spain, the LOMLOE reform is driving fluctuations in 2022-2025
- In **Poland**, fluctuations driven by primary subsidy cycle
- Dutch market growing due to shift to subscription increasing the value per student
- Italy is a sizeable market and softens overall fluctuations



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### As referred to in Q3 2022, profitability in Learning will be temporarily affected by the challenging operational environment in 2023

Estimated impact on Operational EBIT excl. PPA (m€) in 2023 vs. 2022



#### Free cash flow 2023 lower vs. PY due to

- Timing of the Italian acquisition in 2022
- Continued

   investments in
   business
   development and
   Italian integration

...in addition to increased financing costs for the Group

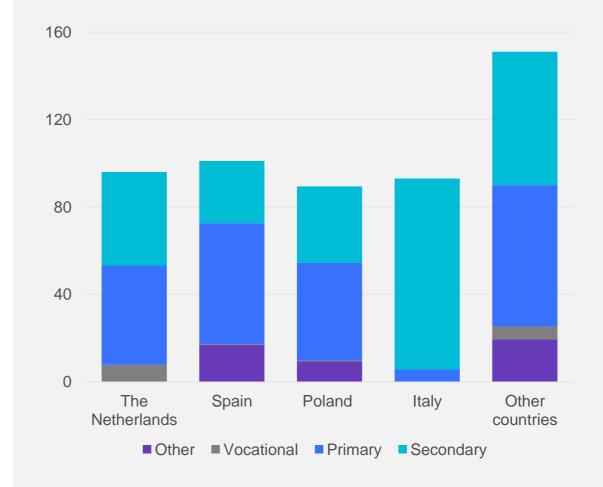
# Country-level profitability of the learning content business varies between 15–35%

### Factors impacting financial success of local content businesses

- Primary education typically more profitable, secondary has a wider range of subjects resulting in lower volumes per subject
- The degree of digitalisation
  - More stable revenue streams and in general better profitability
  - Moderates phasing between quarters
  - Offers better scalability and synergies

#### We have a balanced portfolio across K12

Learning content sales, m€, pro forma 2021



# Creating value and growth with learning content

Printed and digital learning content is the strategic core and growth driver of our K12 learning services business

Our high-quality and inclusive learning content and digital platforms support good learning outcomes and provide us a strong competitive advantage

Learning services is a stable and resilient business

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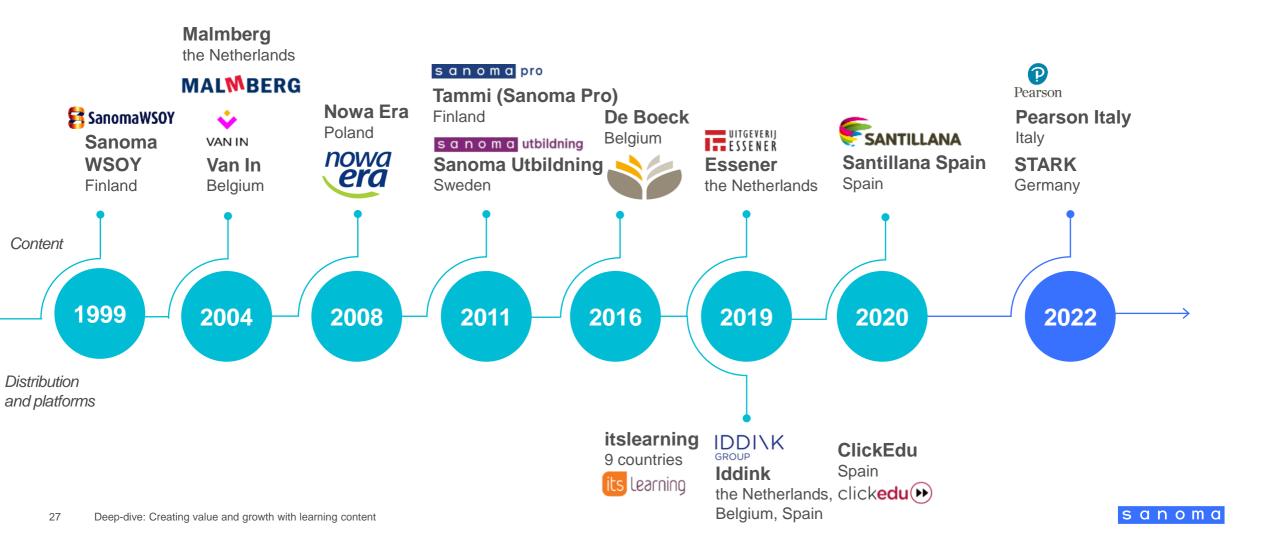
### **Appendix**

### Key market features in our major learning content countries

	Sanoma market position in learning content	K12 student population	Annual spend per student primary/secondary	Total annual spend	Public spend on education of GDP	Level of digitalisation	Funding mechanism
Poland	#1	4.7m	25/50€	150m€	2.8%	Early	Mainly publicly funded through different local mechanisms
Spain	#1	6.4m	95/80€	600m€	2.7%	Early	
Italy	#3	7.0m	35/155€	750m€	2.8%	Early	
The Netherlands	#2	2.8m	120/270€	500m€	3.2%	Advanced	



## We have built our unique position during the past 20 years through acquisitions...



## ...and we aim to continue to grow our K12 learning business through M&A



### We aim to grow in K12 learning content by

- Strengthening our position in current operating countries
- Entering new geographies where spending on education is stable or increasing
- Expanding also outside
   Europe as long as the
   market and the target fits
   our criteria



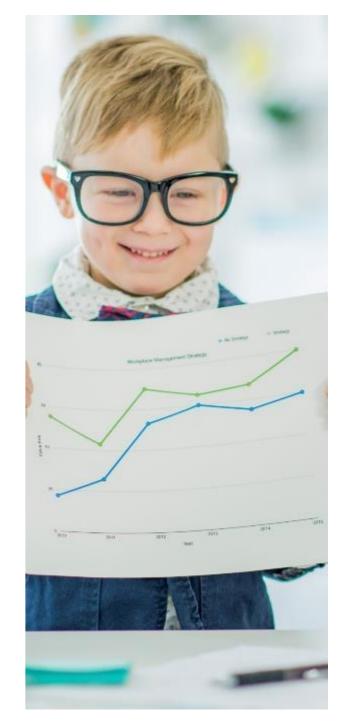
### We aim to acquire companies that

- Focus on K12 learning content
- Have leading #1−3 market positions
- Operate in markets with high barriers to entry
- Are growing, profitable and cash generative
- Provide opportunities for synergies



### Our M&A pipeline is healthy

- Market consolidation driven by accelerating digitalisation
- Majority of potential target companies owned by families, foundations or private equity
- Experienced in complex separations and integrations



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