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Half-Year Report 2025

# Increased operational EBIT driven by Learning

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Net sales

**561**m€

(2024:563)

Organic net sales development

-1%

(2024: 3%)

Operational EBIT excl. PPA

**43**m€

(2024: 37)

Free cash flow

**-52**m€

(2024: -58)

Net debt / Adj. EBITDA

2.5

(2024: 2.9)

- Net sales were stable with growth in Learning offsetting the lower advertising sales in Media Finland
- Operational EBIT excl. PPA improved in Learning driven by net sales growth and improved cost base, while slightly declining in Media Finland
- Free cash flow improved driven by higher operational earnings and lower financial items
- Impacts of Program Solar initiatives continue to show in free cash flow and cost base
- Continued progress in deleveraging the balance sheet
- Outlook for 2025 unchanged:
  - Reported net sales will be 1.28–1.33bn€ (2024: 1.3)
  - Operational EBIT excluding PPA is expected to be 170−190m€ (2024: 180).



#### **LEARNING H1 2025**

### **Growth in net sales**

- Net sales grew by 3% to 281m€ (2024: 272)
  - Growth in the Netherlands, Italy and Poland more than offset the expected lower cycle in Spain
  - In Poland, digital platform sales continued to grow, supported by B2C demand
  - Discontinuation of low-value distribution contracts in the Netherlands

#### ➤ In 2025:

- Growth in other learning businesses more than offsetting the last year of lower cycle in Spain
- Ongoing discontinuation of low value distribution contracts in the Netherlands with expected impact of approx. 25-30m€



#### **LEARNING H1 2025**

## **Operational earnings improved**

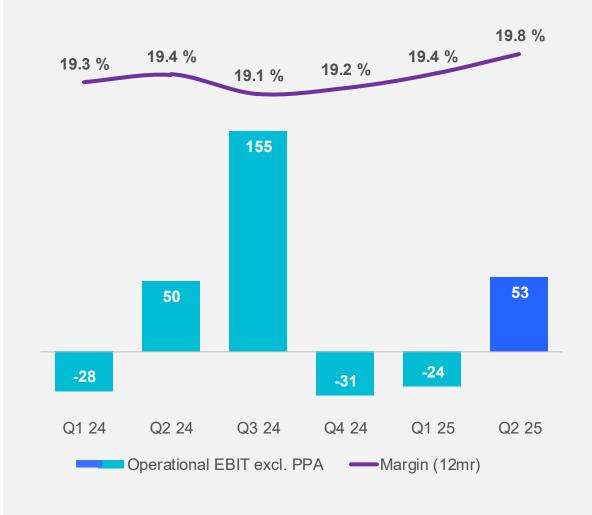
#### Operational EBIT excl. PPA improved to 28m€ (2024: 22)

- Driven by net sales growth and a more digital sales mix
- Improved efficiency with Solar impacts increasingly visible in cost base

#### ➤ In 2025:

 More efficient cost base, largely driven by Solar, leading to slightly improving margin in 2025 vs.
 2024 before larger curriculum renewals in 2026

## Operational EBIT excl. PPA m€



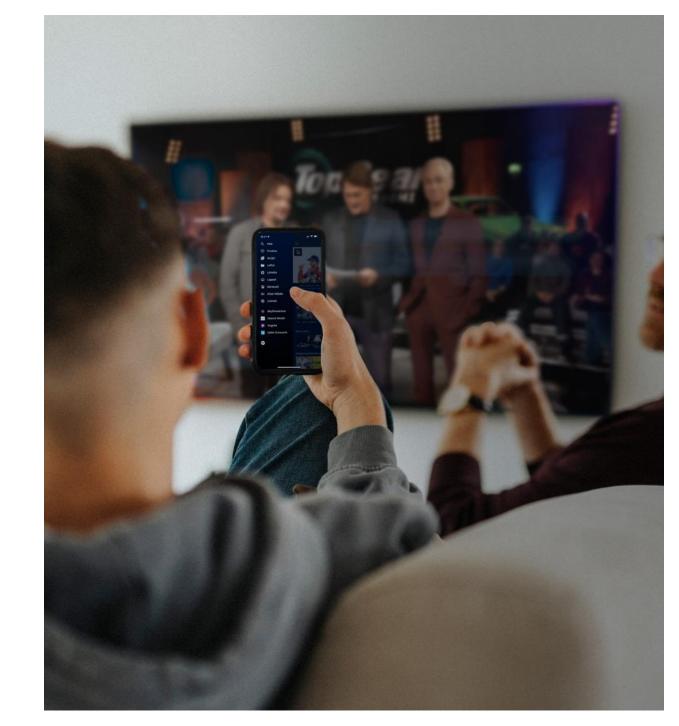
#### MEDIA FINLAND Q2 2025

## Lower advertising sales largely driven by TV

- Net sales were 148m€ (2024: 152)
  - Subscription sales increased slightly driven by Ruutu+
  - Advertising sales continued to decline driven by TV
  - Events sales grew due to higher number of festivals, but with lower attendance

#### ➤ In 2025:

- Lower B2B advertising sales; growth in digital mostly offsetting lower print and TV
- Continued modest growth in subscription sales driven by digital and price increases

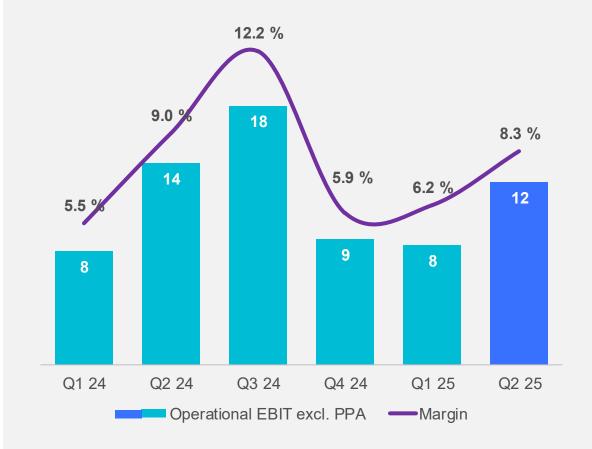


#### MEDIA FINLAND Q2 2025

## Earnings impacted by lower advertising sales

- Operational EBIT excl. PPA decreased to 12m€ (2024: 14)
  - Lower advertising sales and weaker events performance
  - Earnings were supported by higher subscription sales and lower paper and fixed costs
- In 2025, continuing efficiency improvement driving stable operational earnings and slightly improving margin

## Operational EBIT excl. PPA m€





## **Outlook for 2025 (unchanged)**

- In 2025, Sanoma expects that the Group's reported net sales will be 1.28–1.33bn€ (2024: 1.34)
- The Group's operational EBIT excluding PPA is expected to be 170–190m€ (2024: 180)
- The outlook is based on the following assumptions:
  - Demand for learning content will be relatively stable across the Group's main operating markets
  - The advertising market in Finland will be relatively stable



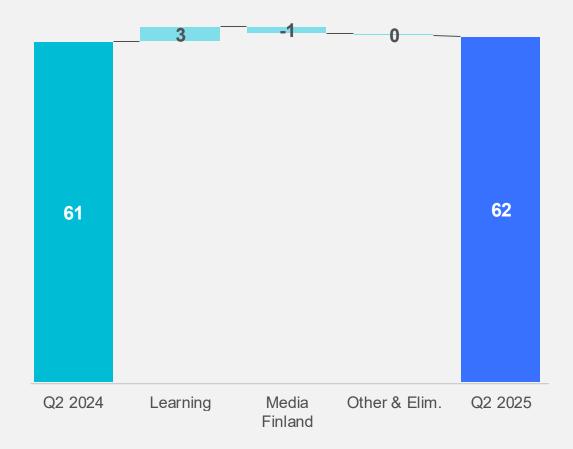


Q2 2025

# Higher operational earnings in Learning

#### Learning + Positive sales mix Improved cost base with lower paper and printing costs Media Growth in digital subscription sales **Finland** + Lower paper and fixed costs Lower advertising sales and weaker events performance Other & > FY 2025 costs expected to be similar to 2024 elim.

## Operational EBIT excl. PPA Q2 2025 vs. Q2 2024 m€



## Improvement across income statement items

- Q2 IACs amounted to -4m€
   (2024: -8) and consisted of
  - Restructuring expenses of 6m€ incl.
     costs related to Program Solar
  - Capital gain of 2m€ related to a property sale in Finland
- Net financial items decreased in Q2 as a result of lower net debt and interest rates
  - Average interest rate of external loans decreased to 3.4% (2024: 5.3%) in Q2 and 3.9% (2024: 4.8%) in H1

#### Key income statement related items

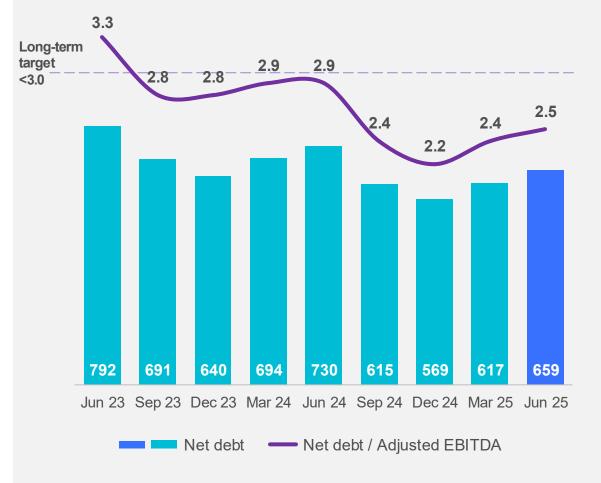
m€	Q2 2025	Q2 2024	H1 2025	H1 2024
Operational EBIT excl. PPA	62.0	61.0	43.3	37.2
IACs	-4.4	-8.4	-8.1	-7.0
PPAs	-8.7	-9.3	-17.6	-18.5
EBIT	48.9	43.2	17.6	11.8
Net financial items	-6.4	-10.7	-12.7	-17.5
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RESULT BEFORE TAXES	42.5	32.5	5.0	-5.8
Income taxes	-9.5	-8.1	-0.4	2.7
RESULT FOR THE PERIOD	33.0	24.4	4.6	-3.1
Operational EPS, €	0.21	0.17	0.04	-0.02
<b>'</b>	0.1			
EPS, €	0.19	0.14	0.00	-0.05



# Continued progress in deleveraging the balance sheet

- Net debt and leverage significantly lower vs. previous year
  - Net debt / Adj. EBITDA improved to 2.5
     (2024: 2.9), below the long-term target of < 3.0</li>
- Equity ratio at 38.5% (2024: 37.4%) within the long-term target range of 35–45%

#### Net debt m€



150m€ hybrid bond, issued in March 2023, is booked as equity, and excluded from net debt and net financial items.

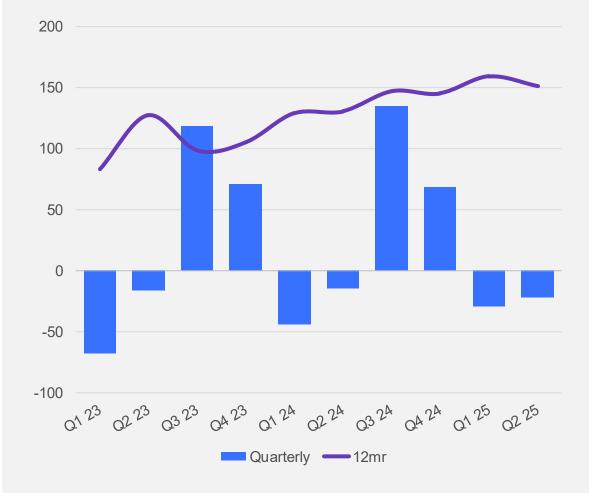
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## Free cash flow improved in H1

- Free cash flow improved to -52m€ (2024: -58) in H1
  - + Higher operational earnings in Learning
  - Lower financing costs
  - Lower investments in Learning
  - Working capital impacted by timing
- > Full-year free cash flow expected to increase further in 2025 vs. 2024 (145m€)

#### Free cash flow

m€











## Sanoma in 2024



NET SALES

1,345m€

**NON-PRINT SALES** 



**51%** 

**OPERATIONAL EBIT MARGIN** 



13.4%

PERSONNEL 4,800

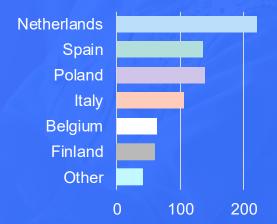
## Learning

764m€ Net sales

46% Non-print

19.2% Margin

#### Net sales, m€



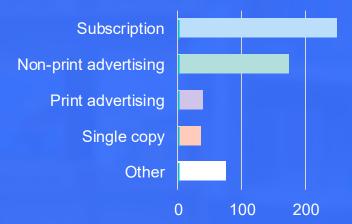
#### **Media Finland**

Net sales 581 m€

Non-print 57%

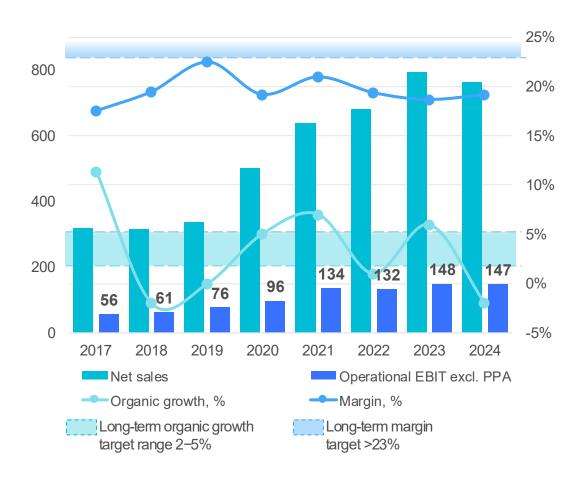
8.2% Margin

#### Net sales, m€

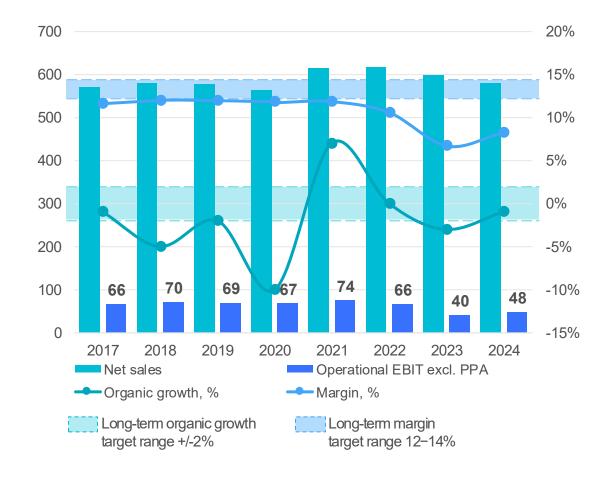


## Unchanged long-term targets in both businesses...

#### Learning



#### **Media Finland**





...and good progress towards the Group's ambitious long-term targets

Our key long-term financial and sustainability targets (FY 2024 in brackets)

Net debt / Adj. EBITDA

< 3.0

(2.2)

Equity ratio

(45.0%)

Increasing dividend

35-45% 40-60%

of free cash flow (44%)

**Employee Experience** Index

**≥7.5** 

by 2030 (7.4)

Management gender balance

50/50

by 2030 (2024: 48 women / 52 men)

Reduction in own operations

**-42**%

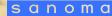
in line with SBTi by 2030 (2024: -44%\*)

Reduction in value chain

-38%

in line with SBTi by 2030 (2024: -38%\*)

95% of our total **GHG** emissions from the value chain (Scope 3)



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## **Group key figures Q2 2025**

m€	Q2 2025	Q2 2024
Net sales	339.8	342.4
Operational EBITDA	107.2	104.4
margin	31.5%	30.5%
Operational EBIT excl. PPA	62.0	61.0
margin	18.3%	17.8%
EBIT	48.9	43.2
Result for the period	33.0	24.4
Free cash flow	-22.1	-14.5
Equity ratio	38.5%	37.4%
Net debt	659.0	729.6
Net debt / Adj. EBITDA	2.5	2.9
Operational EPS, €	0.21	0.17
EPS, €	0.19	0.14

	Q2 2025	Q2 2024
Average number of employees (FTE)	4,655	4,852
Number of employees at the end of the period (FTE)	4,845	4,963



## **Learning: Quarterly key figures**

m€	Q2 25	Q1 25	Q4 24	Q3 24	Q2 24	Q1 24
Net sales	191.5	89.1	96.5	395.9	190.6	81.1
Operational EBITDA	76.5	-0.6	-4.3	178.9	72.2	-5.2
Operational EBIT excl. PPA	52.6	-24.4	-30.6	155.2	49.8	-27.6
margin	27.5%	-27.4%	-31.7%	39.2%	26.1%	-34.0%
IACs	-2.3	-2.3	-5.9	-42.3	-5.8	-3.4
PPAs	-7.3	-7.3	-7.4	-7.7	-7.7	-7.6
EBIT	43.1	-34.0	-43.9	105.2	36.3	-38.5
Capital expenditure	7.1	6.2	7.2	6.8	8.2	8.1
Average number of employees (FTE)	2,498	2,488	2,612	2,627	2,630	2,631



## Current view on curriculum renewals in Learning's major operating countries

Expected development of learning content sales in 2025-2027 is a function of changes in

Number of students



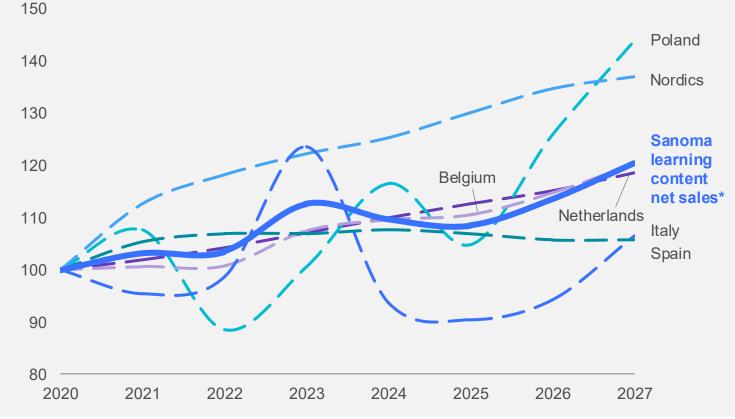
Expenditure



Market share









## Media Finland: Quarterly key figures

m€	Q2 25	Q1 25	Q4 24	Q3 24	Q2 24	Q1 24
Net sales	148.3	132.1	145.0	144.1	151.9	139.9
Operational EBITDA	33.4	28.8	32.7	35.3	34.5	29.9
Operational EBIT excl. PPA	12.4	8.1	8.5	17.6	13.7	7.7
margin	8.3%	6.2%	5.9%	12.2%	9.0%	5.5%
IACs	-1.8	0.2	-3.3	-1.5	-2.5	4.4
PPAs	-1.5	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6
EBIT	9.1	6.8	3.6	14.5	9.6	10.5
Capital expenditure	2.3	2.7	2.8	1.2	1.2	2.0
Average number of employees (FTE)	2,053	2,005	2,109	2,131	2,121	2,101



## Finnish advertising market development

#### Finnish measured media advertising markets

	Q2 25	Q1 25
Newspapers	1%	-12%
Magazines	-10%	-19%
TV	-2%	-4%
Radio	-3%	-3%
Online (excl. search and social media)	-0%	-2%
Total market	-1%	-3%

Q4 23	Q3 23	Q2 23	Q1 23
-16%	-17%	-17%	-20%
-10%	-12%	-9%	-12%
-2%	3%	2%	3%
-3%	-5%	3%	-4%
-2%	3%	4%	-2%
-6%	-1%	-1%	-6%

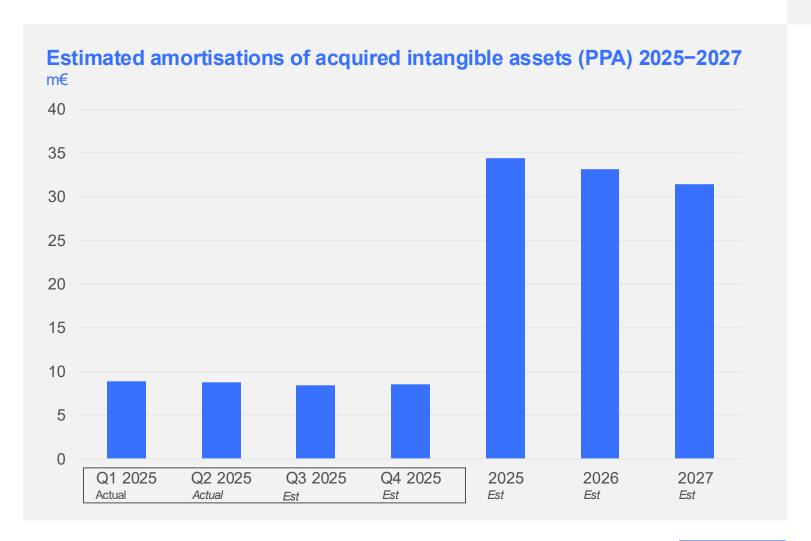
Source: Kantar TNS, Media Advertising Trends, June 2025



<sup>\*</sup> Total market also includes media groups not relevant to Sanoma

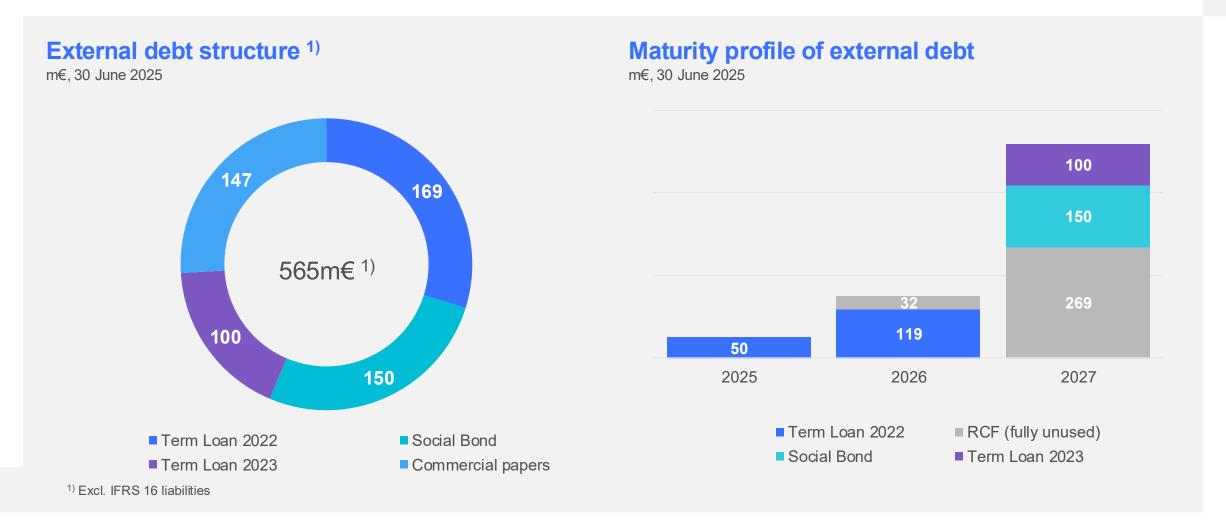
# Estimated amortisations of acquired intangible assets (PPA) of the Group

- Acquired subsidiaries are consolidated using the acquisition method, whereby the cost is allocated to the acquired assets and liabilities assumed at their fair value on the date of acquisition
- With regard to the acquisition of new assets, the Group assesses the expected useful life of the intangible right and determines the useful life on the basis of the best knowledge available on the assessment date
- Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method
- In FY 2025, the PPA is estimated to total to approx. 35m€
- More information about the accounting policies related to intangible assets can be found in the Financial Statements 2024





## **Group debt portfolio, June 2025**

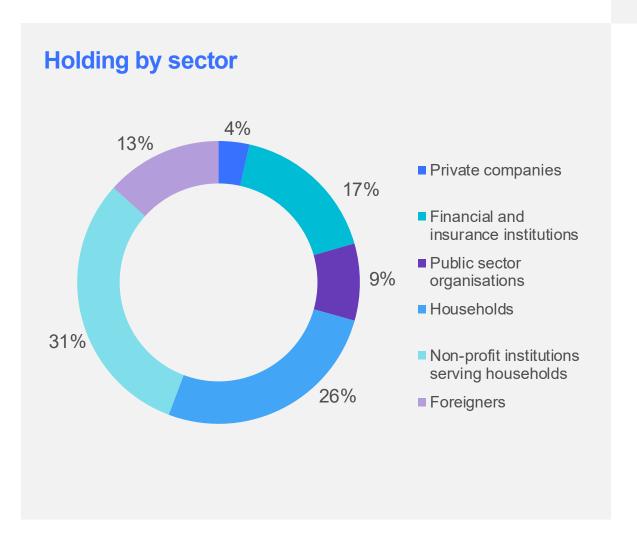


## **Largest shareholders**

30 June 2025

#### Largest shareholders

	Shareholders	Number of shares	% of shares
1.	Jane and Aatos Erkko Foundation	39,820,286	24.35
2.	Holding Manutas Oy	21,870,000	13.37
3.	Langenskiöld Robin	12,273,371	7.50
4.	Seppälä Rafaela	7,654,746	4.68
5.	Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company	5,538,352	3.39
6.	Helsingin Sanomat Foundation	4,701,570	2.87
7.	Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance Company	4,103,424	2.51
8.	Noyer Alex	3,213,277	1.96
9.	Elo Mutual Pension Insurance Company	2,556,000	1.56
10.	Bernardin-Aubouin Lorna	1,852,470	1.13
	10 largest shareholders, total	103,583,496	63.32
	Nominee registered	16,459,328	10.06
	Other shareholders	43,522,839	26.62
	Total number of shares	163,565,663	100.00
	Total number of shareholders	24,013	



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