# Strong Newspapers

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#### Sanoma's mission

• The leading media company in Finland, with a significant social dimension; producer of daily contents of an outstanding quality and higher added value to its customers, employees and owner.

#### Sanoma's vision

- The goal: the most profitable Nordic media company whose products are market leaders, most profitable in their respective industries.
- Competitive advantage is based on production and commercialisation of contents to many different channels.

# Sanoma's strategic goals

- 1. Significant profitability improvement achieved by focusing on core operations, streamlining and renewing of operating models and organisation
- 2. Strengthening and utilisation of market position and brand power
- Growth and expansion as content producer in Finland achieved by developing new products and, especially, new models for multi-channel publishing
- 4. Development of the capacities needed for true internationalisation in the next phase

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# Sanoma is a content producer

- Sanoma's core business:
  Contents and their commercialisation for many different channels
- Content priorities: news, culture, sports, entertainment and economic information
- Well-managed divestment of non-core assets

# More than 80% of the population can be reached by newspapers in Finland

Sweden	88%
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Finland 86%

Norway 86%

Japan 80.4%

Germany 78%

Latvia 76%

Switzerland 75%

Denmark 74.1%

Slovakia 73%

Luxembourg 66%

The Netherlands 65.6%

Turkey 62%

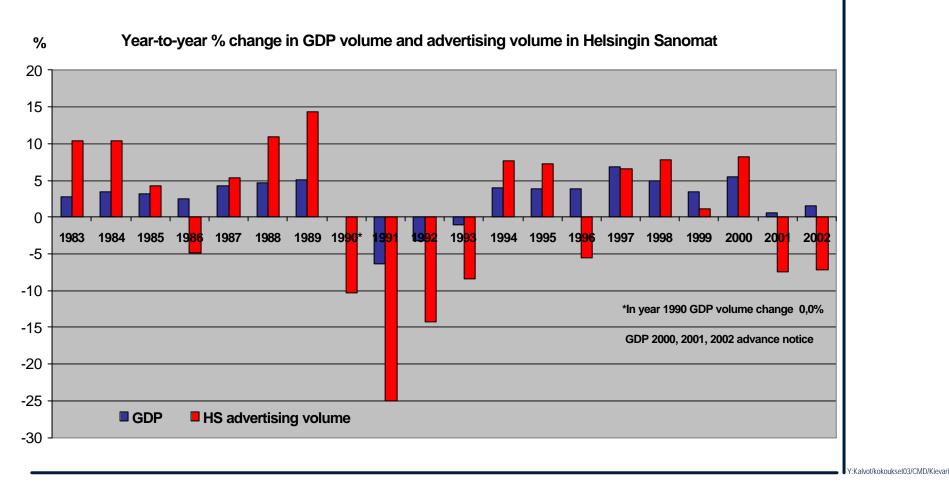
Estonia (National dailies 58%) 62% (Regional papers)

Source: WAN 2002



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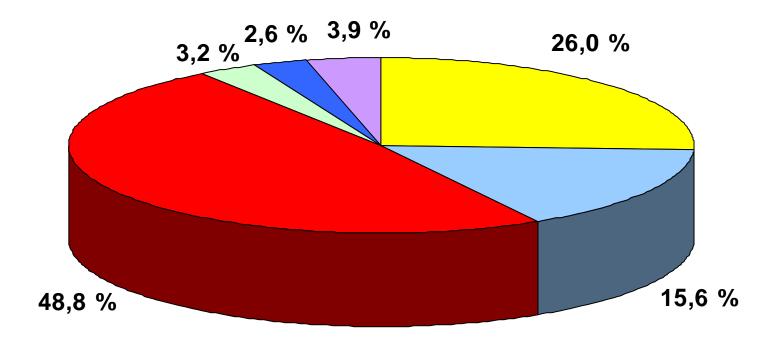
### Our media market very much depends on the trends of GDP and overreacts to changes in economy





#### Sanoma

#### Net sales breakdown 2002



■ Subscription sale Newsstand sal Advertising Printing Distribution Other

# Newspaper publisher

- Sanoma concentrates on its core business newspaper publishing
- Sanoma's share of
  - Finnish newspapers' circulation: 31% \*
  - advertising sales of newspapers issued 4–7 times per week:
    38% \*\*
  - net sales of newspapers issued 4–7 times per week: 38% \*\*\*

The figures are from year 2001. Source Suomen Lehdistö 6/2002 \* Circulations weighted by the number of issues per week \*\*Advertising sales without exchange ads minus discounts \*\*\* Net sales = newspaper sales + ad sales (without exchange ads and discounts)

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## Our market position

- Our papers hold number one positions
- We have to ensure that we can keep our position strong
- We are preparing to take our strong brands to the new distribution channels, too (Multimedia)
- There are good options to develop multimedia within SanomaWSOY
- On intermedia level the splitting of electronic media will strenghten our position

# New printing plant

- The new printing plant will give us added strength in the market with its flexibility and 100% full colour
- We can also achieve significant economies thanks to lower waste levels and a significantly lower need for labour
- The project has made progress on schedule and budget. Trial run has started



# Online operations

- The target of our own online operations is to generate real revenues and profits
- The time of free net services is over Helsingin Sanomat will start charging for its web pages in the near future



# Further opportunities

- There are some although limited opportunities to expand our domestic markets by acquisitions
- Acquisition of the publishing rights of Veikkaaja, IS business unit
- New markets are opening also in the neighbouring countries in the near future

#### Sanoma 2003-

- We go on fine-tuning our profitability
- We aim to be strongly profitable during economic downturn and ready to take full advantage of economic upturn as soon as it starts
- New products and international efforts are naturally also possible options



