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- We pay a solid dividend
- Sanoma is a sustainable investment with learning and media having a positive impact on society

### Our two focused and leading businesses in brief

#### **LEARNING**

Market leader in European K12 with strong digital footprint and benefits of scale

**500**m€ Net sales 19.2% Oper. EBIT margin excl. PPA ~13% Market share >20m students

- Best-in-class materials, blended methods and common digital platforms and technology across 11 European countries
- Successful expansion of Learning business footprint in recent years including Santillana in Spain, closed at end of 2020
- Long-term target: comparable net sales growth target 2-5% and 'above 23%' operational EBIT margin excl. PPA
- Increase value per student by moving towards a subscription model, with >50% subscription sales target by 2025 (2019: 25%) ensuring increasingly stable cash flows

### MEDIA FINLAND Finland's leading cross media company

**563**m€ Net sales 11.8% Oper. EBIT margin excl. PPA ~50% B2C revenue 97% weekly reach

- Focus on news & feature, entertainment and B2B marketing solutions
- B2C revenue representing already over 50% of net sales, resulting in a more recurring revenue base
- Rapidly increasing digital subscriptions fueled by the corona
- Long-term targets: stable comparable net sales (+/-2%) and improving profitability (12-14%)
- Important role in Finnish society: independent journalism and local entertainment
- Alma Media's Finnish regional news media business acquired on 30 April 2020

### We accelerated our transformation during 2020

≈ 800m€ invested
More than 400m€ new, highly profitable net sales acquired

Four acquisitions in K12 learning services in 2019 Iddink | Itslearning | Clickedu | Essener

Regional news media business in Finland

Santillana, leading provider of K12 learning content in Spain; closed on 31 December

ACQUISITIONS

**DIVESTMENTS** 

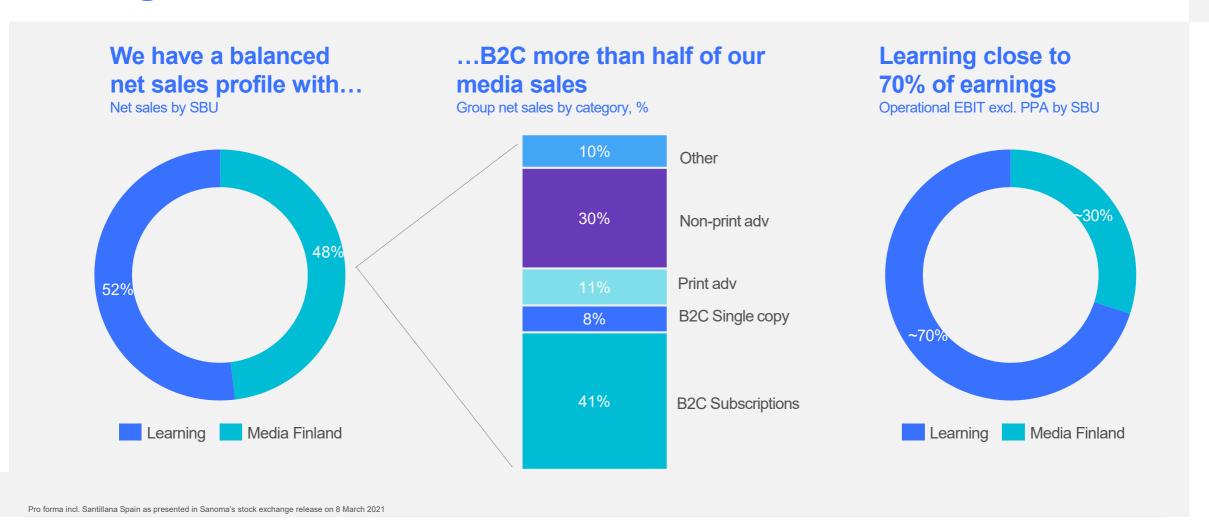
Media Netherlands Online classifieds business Oikotie

≈ 700m€ divestment proceeds received ≈ 400m€ net sales divested

Two focused, leading businesses with solid profitability and cash flows



## Learning is now contributing close to 70% of Group earnings



### SANOMA SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

### Learning and media have a positive impact on society

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

#### 1. INCLUSIVE LEARNING

We develop inclusive learning solutions that help all students to reach their potential

### 6. RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

Good governance, ethical business practices and supply chain integrity are fundamental for us

#### 2. SUSTAINABLE MEDIA

We provide trusted Finnish journalism and inspiring entertainment, now and in the future

#### 3. TRUSTWORTHY DATA

We use the data you trust us with to make learning and media better

#### 5. VITAL ENVIRONMENT

We act to reduce our climate impact and build fact-based awareness of sustainability

#### 4. VALUED PEOPLE

We promote equality and provide an inspiring workplace with excellent opportunities to develop



## We are committed to develop sustainability and our reporting



Solid ESG rating from MSCI on scale AAA-CCC

1

Highest Quality Score in ISS ESG rating's Governance category

### Low

ESG risk rating from Sustainalytics (low = below 20 on scale 0-100)

### 2.1

Net positive score on Upright impact analysis

### CDP

Reporting on our climate action with Climate Disclosure Project

## Aligned with UN SDGs

Sustainable
Development Goals
integrated into our
strategy

## Signatory of UN Global Compact

Committed to the Ten Principles of UN Global Compact

## **Science Based Targets**

Committed to set emission reduction criteria according to SBTi

## **EU taxonomy eligible**

Developing our reporting for the taxonomy

### GRI

Annual third party assured reporting according to Global Reporting Initiative

# We continue to grow Sanoma Learning with strong focus on K12 learning services...

- We focus on growing our K12 learning services
  - K12 being primary, secondary and vocational education
  - Learning services being blended learning content (print & digital), digital
     platforms for teaching and administration as well as content distribution
  - High barriers to entry due to local nature of the business
  - Three growth levers: market share gains, expansion of services and M&A
- We share our best-in-class digital platforms and our European footprint gives us unique benefits of scale
  - Transitioning towards a subscription model
- Long-term financial targets
  - Operational EBIT margin excl. PPA above 23% over time including the acquisition of Santillana
  - Comparable net sales growth 2-5%



... and we are the leading European player in a highly fragmented market

- European K12 learning services market
  - Fragmented market of approx. 4-5bn€
  - Serving a total of about 75 million students
- Our annual net sales of around 600m€ represent a market share of only about 13%
  - Already leading player in the European market, serving over 20 million students
- Opportunity to increase market share in existing markets and by expanding into new markets



### Strategic levers support our growth ambitions



\* Operational EBIT excluding PPA for the whole of Sanoma Learning

## Greater integration of products and digital services creates shift towards attractive subscription model

#### Greater benefits for all through subscription

- For students: more up-to-date materials, books can be retained, notes in books improves learning impact
- For schools: stable and predictable cost of learning materials
- For distributors: lower cost due to absence of return flows.
- For publishers: reduced second-hand market, more efficient content creation and more stable sales and cash flows

### The pace of this shift differs by country, but we aim to move to the subscription model across all our European markets

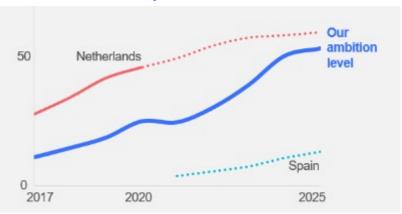
- Currently, subscription sales represent approx. 25% of our net sales
- Ambition supported by various initiatives to raise this to over 50% by 2025
- With countries at different stages of digitalisation the transition will take time

#### State of maturity of the various countries



Sanoma view of the state of maturity of the various countries

#### **Share of subscription in net sales %**





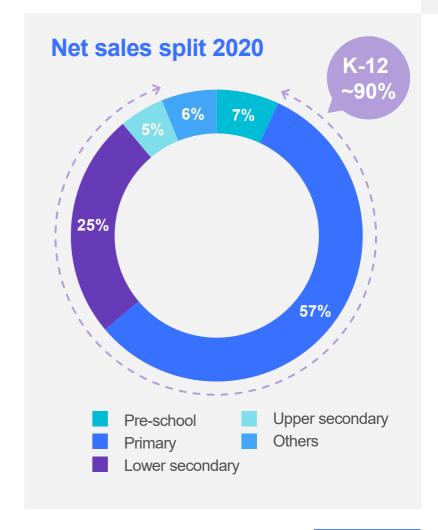
## We continue to grow our learning business through M&A

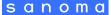
- We have a well-developed pipeline and a good momentum for further acquisitions
  - Focus on European K12 learning services
  - Both learning content and digital platform businesses
  - Entering new geographies and expanding our offering in current markets
- We have increased our leverage target to 'below 3.0'
  - Stable and predictable Learning business now close to 70% of Group earnings
- Our M&A headroom allows us to participate in the ongoing consolidation in the European K12 learning services market



## Early closing and successful start of integration of Santillana

- Acquisition of Santillana, the leading provider of learning materials, primarily textbooks, for primary and secondary education in Spain, was closed on 31 December 2020
- Net sales of 106m€ and standalone operational EBIT 29m€ (margin 27%) in 2020
  - Digitalisation in learning is starting 3% of Santillana's net sales were digital in 2020
- In 2020-2021, a typical cyclical decline in market demand for K-12 learning materials is expected ahead of the introduction of the new curriculum
  - Expected to result in lower net sales and earnings compared to 2019
  - New curriculum is expected to accelerate the demand in 2022-2023
- Strong seasonality in Santillana business: small and loss-making Q1 and Q4, vast majority of the business focused in Q3
- Strict lockdown measures and school closures in Spain due to the coronavirus pandemic had some impact on learning material demand in Q4
  - In case school closures are prolonged, it may also have an adverse impact on the business in 2021





Sanoma is the leading media company in Finland successful in its digital transformation

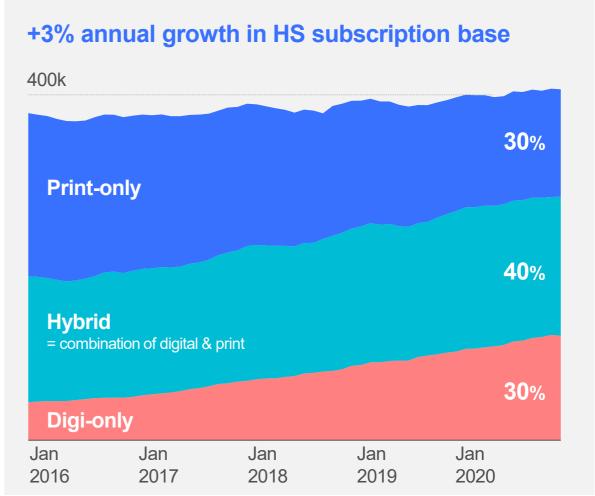
- Focused media company with scale
  - Focus: News & feature, entertainment and B2B marketing solutions
  - Highly synergistic, bolt-on acquisitions could be considered
- Increasing share of consumer income and subscriptions in both news and entertainment
  - B2C sales now ≈ 50% of total net sales (≈ 45% in 2016)
- Proven track record of a successful digital transformation
  - Helsingin Sanomat news subscriptions increasing for 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, now already above 400,000
  - Ruutu+ Video-on-Demand with more than 300,000 subscriptions
- Solid performance towards long-term financial targets
  - Stable comparable net sales growth +/-2%
  - Increasing operational EBIT margin excl. PPA 12-14%



### CASE HELSINGIN SANOMAT

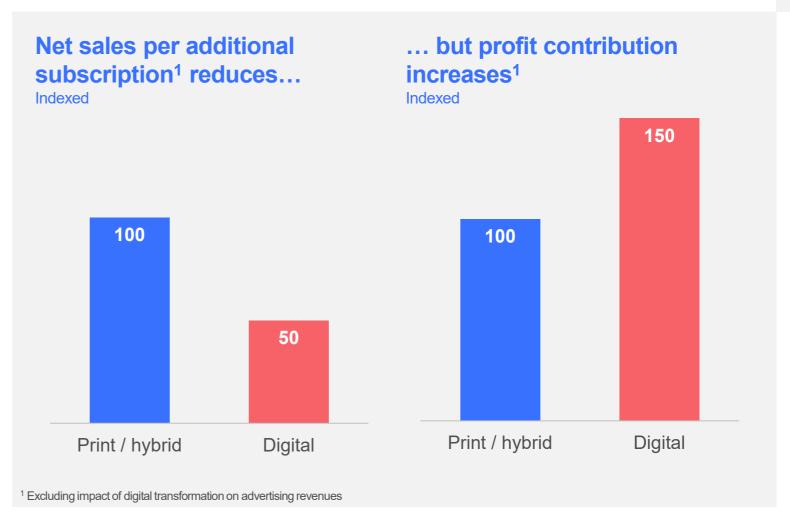
## Subscriptions growing for the fourth year in a row with strong growth in digital

- HS total number of subscriptions over 400k
- Number of digital-only subscriptions well above 100k, 30% of total subscription base
  - Already 70% of all subscriptions include a digital component
  - Appealing digital experience has attracted younger audiences
- Future success in digital requires further scale
- New content areas support subscription growth
  - HS Kids News, successfully launched in August 2020
  - HS Business News to strengthen business reporting, launch in March 2021



## Digital transformation increases profit contribution per incremental subscriber, but reduces net sales

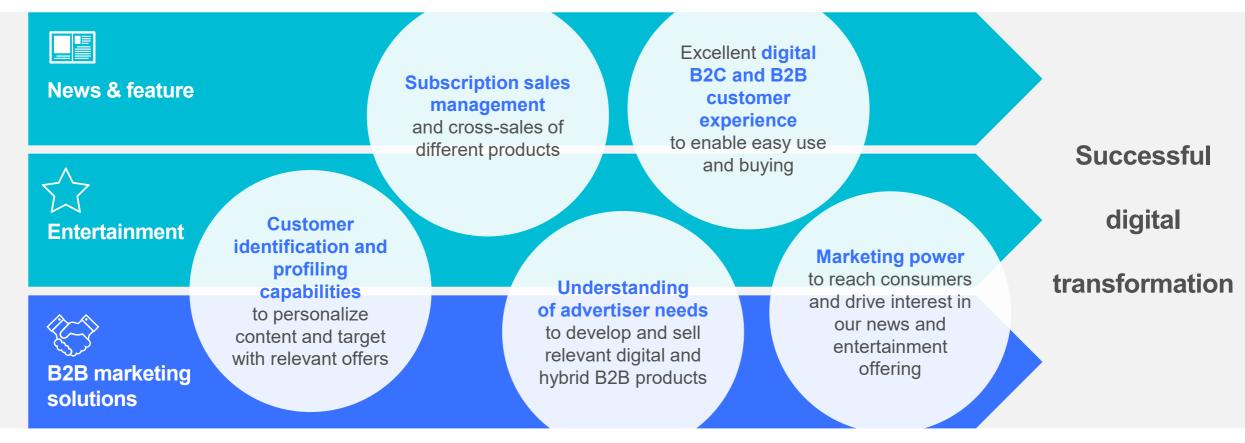
- Acquiring an additional subscriber for digital instead of printed news will
  - Generate 50% the net incremental sales due to lower consumer prices
  - Increase contribution by 50% due to absence of printing and especially distribution costs
- Active conversion of larger number of subscribers from print to digital would not create additional contribution due to
  - Consumer preference for print
  - Stranded costs related to printing and distribution
  - Potential loss of advertising revenues





## Our digital transformation is driven by a unique combination of success factors, shared between businesses

#### Success factors across our units





## Solid dividend for our shareholders while growing through M&A

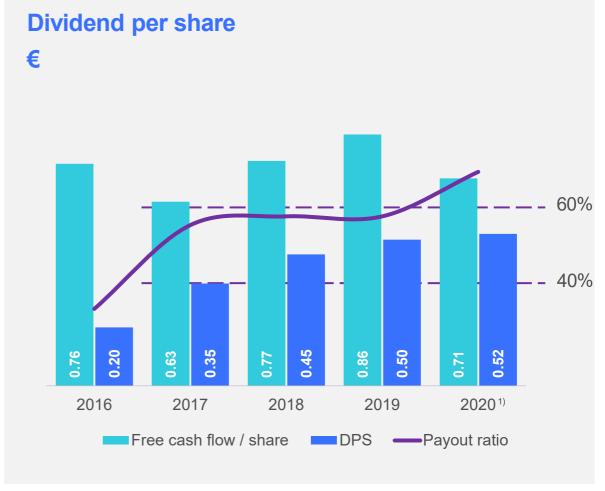
- A dividend of 0.52€ (2019: 0.50) per share is paid for 2020
  - Representing a total of approx. 85m€
- Paid in two parts
  - 0.26€ on 22 April
  - 0.26€ in November (record date tbc in October)

### **Dividend policy:**

Sanoma aims to pay an increasing dividend, equal to 40–60% of annual free cash flow.

Dividend yield

3.6%
as of 31 December 2020



<sup>1)</sup> FCF excl. free cash flow of the divested Media Netherlands, -22m€





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## H1 2021: Strong growth in net sales and operational EBIT in both businesses

Net sales

513<sub>m€</sub>

(2020:434)

Comparable net sales growth

**7**%

(2020: -8%)

Operational EBIT excl. PPA

**55**m€

(2020:46)

Free cash flow

**-51**m€

(2020: -65)

Net debt / Adj. EBITDA

3.1

(2020: 2.6)

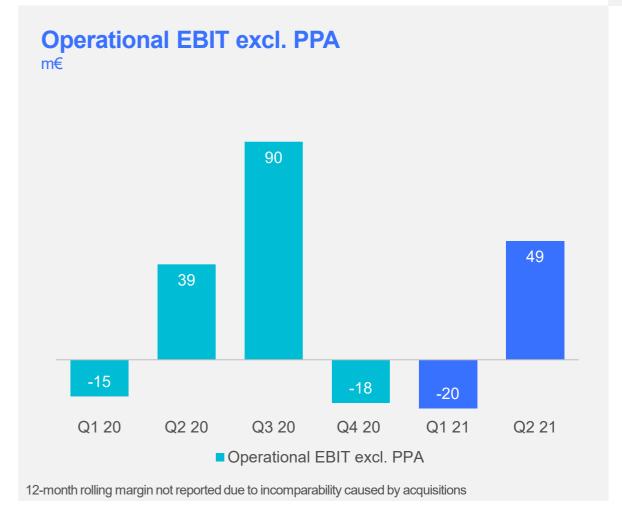
- Net sales grew as a result of acquisitions and organic growth
  - Learning: Santillana acquisition and organic growth of 5%
  - Media Finland: Acquisition of the regional news media business and continued growth of subscription sales with recovering advertising sales
- Operational EBIT excl. PPA improved in-line with the net sales growth
- Leverage at its typical seasonal peak and above last year due to Santillana acquisition
- Outlook for 2021 unchanged



#### **LEARNING H1 2021**

### Net sales and earnings grew ahead of the high season

- Net sales grew to 217m€ (2020: 173)
  - Net sales of Santillana added 35m€ (compared to 34m€ in H1 2020)
  - Comparable growth of 5% driven by higher preordering in the Netherlands and Poland
- For the full year 2021, comparable growth expected to be in-line with the long-term target of 2-5%
- Operational EBIT excl. PPA increased to 29m€ (2020: 24)
  - Positive contribution of the Santillana acquisition
  - Earnings improvement from good organic net sales growth partially offset by higher marketing and sales costs vs. low comparable cost level due to corona savings in Q2 2020





### **MEDIA FINLAND Q2 2021**

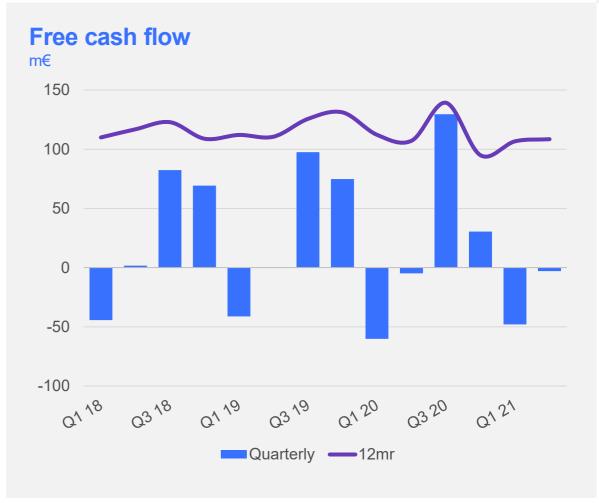
## Solid net sales growth across the business with good profitability

- Net sales grew to 154m€ (2020: 131)
  - Solid continued growth in subscription sales driven by strong development of Helsingin Sanomat (HS) and Ruutu+
    - 3% growth y-o-y in the number of HS subscriptions
  - Comparable advertising sales grew by 33% y-o-y while being 6% below the 2019 level
  - The regional news media business added 21m€ net sales, offset by 5m€ due to the Oikotie divestment
- Operational EBIT excl. PPA improved to 19m€ (2020: 16) driven by good net sales growth and synergies of the regional news media business
- The events business made a small loss compared to positive earnings in Q2 2020 as a result of the insurance compensation
- Overall operational expenses including TV programming costs increasing in-line with recovering net sales



### Free cash flow improved

- Free cash flow improved to -51m€ (2020: -65)
  - Negative free cash flow of divested Media Netherlands in the comparison period
  - + Improved EBITDA and working capital in Media Finland
  - Seasonally negative cash flow in Learning including the impact of Santillana
- Taxes, penalties and interests of 25m€ related to the VAT claim for 2015-2018 were paid on 1 July
  - Sanoma considers the claims completely unjustified and has appealed the decisions; no provisions have been made
  - Amount paid will be reported as a receivable in Q3 21 financial reporting
  - Group's free cash flow will be adjusted for the payment for dividend calculation purposes



Free cash flow = Cash flow from operations less capital expenditure



### Leverage seasonally at its peak

- Net debt / Adj. EBITDA increased to 3.1 (2020: 2.6)
- Equity ratio was 32.9% (2020: 34.4%)
- Net financial expenses decreased to -3m€ (2020: -4) in Q2 2021
  - The improvement was due to a foreign currency translation loss in the comparison period and lower financial expenses of external loans during the quarter
  - Average interest rate of external loans increased to
     1.1% (2020: 0.7%) at the end of June as a result of the
     3-year 200m€ bond issued in March





### Outlook for 2021 (unchanged)

- In 2021, Sanoma expects that the Group's reported net sales will be 1.2–1.3bn€ (2020: 1.1 bn€).
- The Group's operational EBIT margin excluding PPA is expected to be 14–16% (2020: 14.7%).
- Regarding the operating environment and its implications for the business and financials Sanoma expects that:
  - Net sales of the events business will be approximately half of the 2019 level (2019: 35m€) and profitability around break-even.
  - The advertising demand will be weighted towards the second half of the year.
  - The learning business will not be significantly impacted by prolonged school closures in its main operating countries.

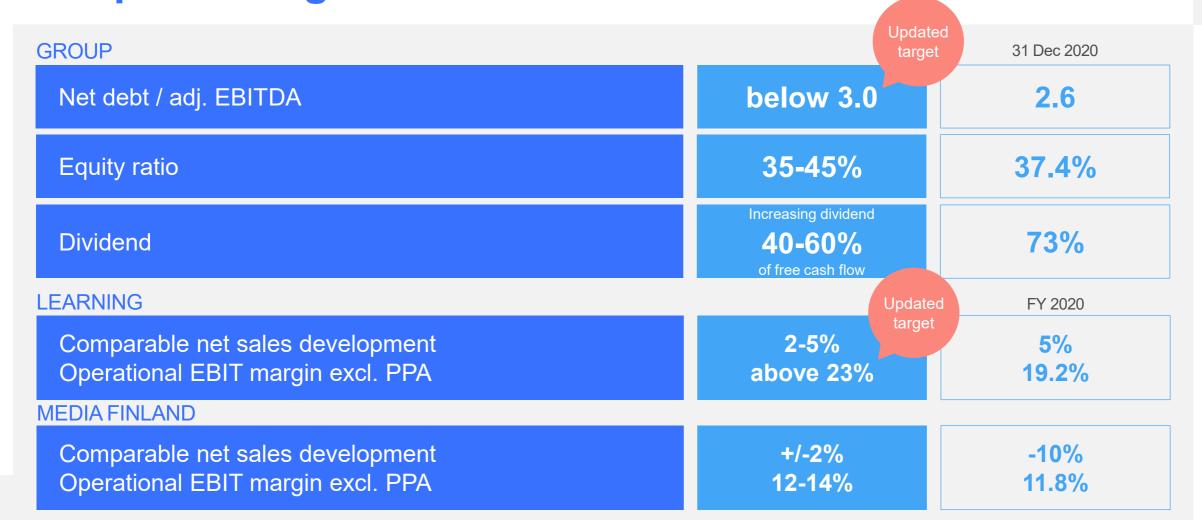




## Financial reporting in 2021

27 October Q3 2021 Interim Report

We raised long-term targets for Learning's profitability and Group's leverage in December



### External debt portfolio on 30 June 2021





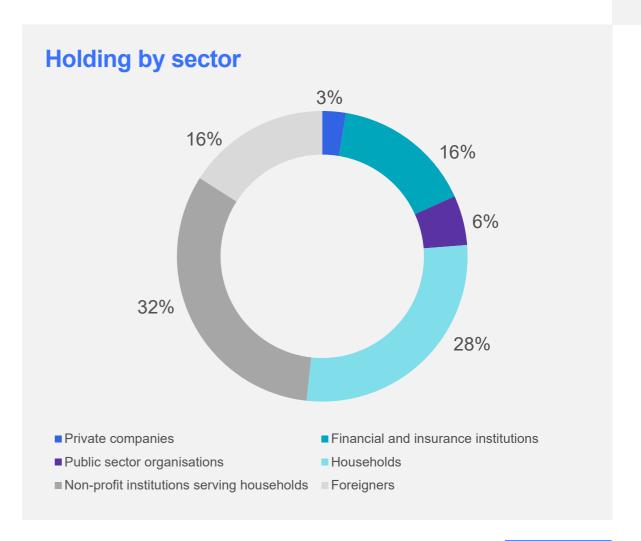
### **Largest shareholders**

30 June 2021

### **Largest shareholders**

	Number of shares	
1. Jane and Aatos Erkko Foundation	39,820,286	24.4%
Antti Herlin     Holding Manutas Oy: 12.06% personal: 0.02%	19,761,800	12.1%
3. Robin Langenskiöld	12,273,371	7.5%
4. Rafaela Seppälä	10,273,370	6.3%
5. Helsingin Sanomat Foundation	4,701,570	2.9%
6. Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance Company	4,514,800	2.8%
7. Alex Noyer	1,903,965	1.2%
8. Lorna Aubouin	1,852,470	1.1%
9. The State Pension Fund	1,760,000	1.1%
10. Foundation for Actors' Old-Age Home	1,700,000	1.0%
10 largest shareholders total	98,561,632	60.3%
Foreign holding *	21,745,998	13.3%
Other shareholders	43,258,033	26.4%
Total number of shares	163,565,663	100.0%
Total number of shareholders	23,221	

<sup>\*</sup> Including nominee registered shares

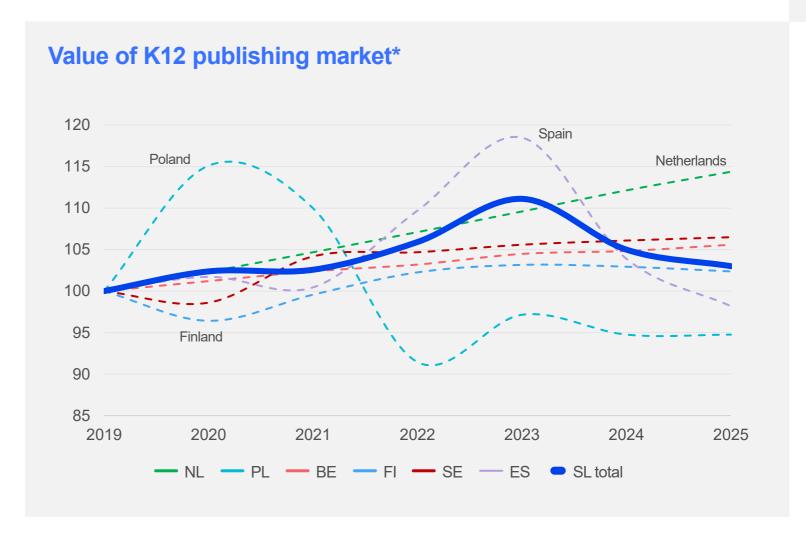






### In learning materials, modest market growth expected over the cycle

- In **Poland**, fluctuations due to the educational reform ending in 2020-2021
- In Spain, the LOMLOE reform is driving fluctuation in 2022-2024
- Dutch market will be modestly growing due to increased value per student
- In Finland, with the upper secondary reform of 2021 the market will rebound, similarly in Sweden







#### **LEARNING:**

# Market leader in European K12 with strong digital footprint and benefits of scale

- Upgrading long-term profitability target to 'above 23%' operational EBIT margin excl. PPA
- Successfully executing on M&A strategy
- Increasing attractiveness due to conversion from single product to subscription model
- Best-in-class materials, blended methods and common digital platforms and technology
- Positive impact on society by better learning outcomes

## We are a focused European provider of K12 learning products and services

Pre-school

**Primary** 



learning

learning

education

#### **Key market sectors**

#### **School infrastructure**

- ICT and other equipment
- Distribution & Maintenance services

#### **Learning products & services**

- Learning content
- Material distribution
- Digital platforms

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**Secondary** 

### **School management**

#### **Additional services**

- Supplying personnel
- Boot-camps
- Tutoring



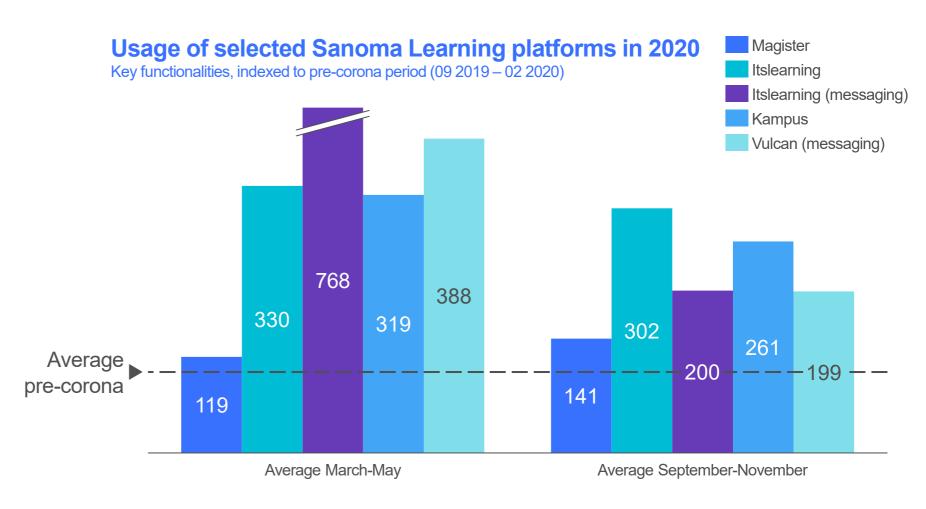
Vocational

## We have developed as a publisher of learning materials into an integrated provider...

				Confinercial Contact	
Learning products & services	Net sales share*			Teachers	Administrators
Blended learning content	60%	bingel	Kampus		
Material distribution	25%	IDDI\K GROUP	nowa <b>era</b>		
Digital platforms for teaching	5%	Magister	its Learning		
Digital platforms for administration	5%	Magister	VULCAN		
Testing and analytics	5%				

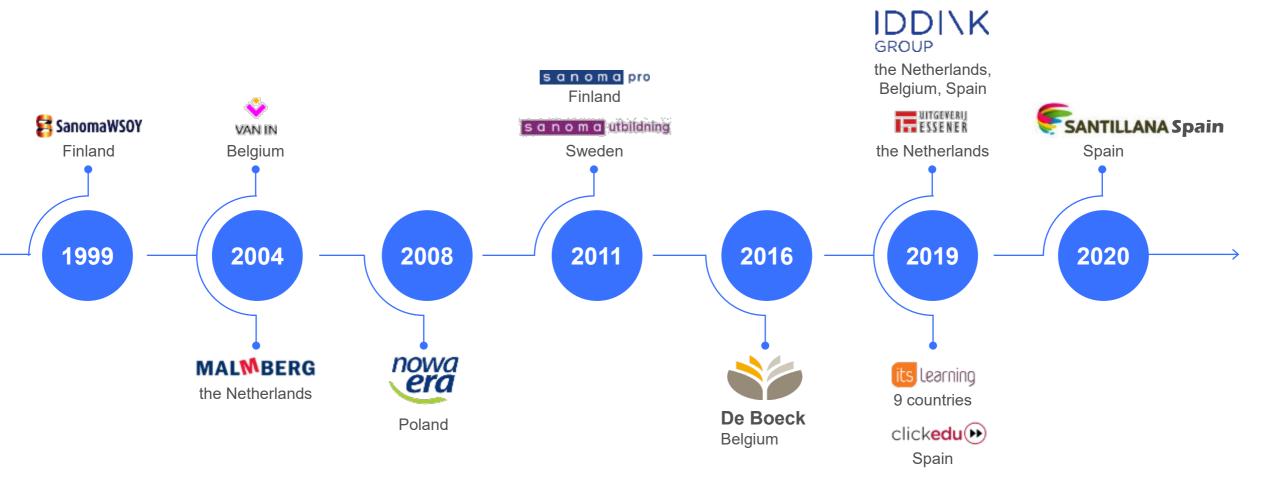
## ... with significant increase in usage on platforms supporting teachers during the corona pandemic

- Platforms performed well to deal with increased usage
- Previously less digitized markets like Poland have escalated to intense usage levels
- Integrations of MS
   Teams and Google for education supports
   teachers and students

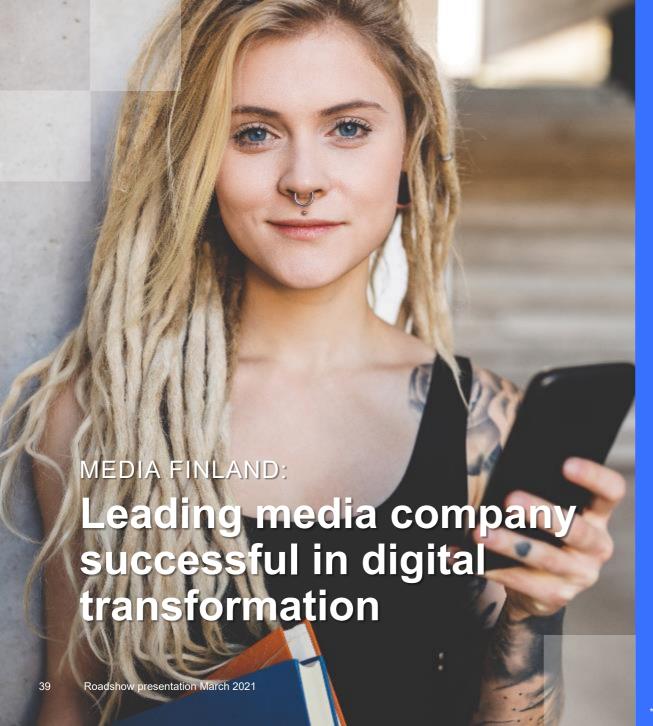




## Sanoma Learning has been successfully built through M&A







- Leading positions in news & features, entertainment and B2B marketing solutions
- Rapidly increasing digital subscriptions
- Stable net sales (+/-2%\*) and improving profitability (12-14%\*)
- Important role in Finnish society: independent journalism and local entertainment

# We have leading positions in news & feature, entertainment and B2B marketing solutions



**News & feature** 

- Sustainable demand
- Our strong history and position
- Proven track record in digital transformation

#1 in domestic, independent journalism



**Entertainment** 

- Increasing consumer revenue
- Unique combination of strengths across media types
- Important role in total advertising portfolio

#1 in domestic entertainment with most attractive brands and stars



- A unique, multimedia offering to build effective marketing solutions
- Strong digital advertising growth supported by improved data and targeting capabilities
- Strong sales organisation with superior knowledge of local market and customers

#1 marketing partner helping companies to grow in Finland

# In 2020, we continued to implement our digital transformation strategy

## Strong digital growth

- Helsingin Sanomat (HS) 70% out of over 400k subscriptions include a payable digital element (+8% YoY)
- → Ruutu+ SVOD subscriptions over 300K (+16% YoY)
- → Ilta-Sanomat (IS) average weekly visits over 43M (+17% YoY)

### Focus on core business

- Combined News & Features organisation settled in and showing strategic benefits of close cooperation across the brands
- Integration of the acquired regional news media business proceeding according to plan
- Online classifieds business
   Oikotie divested to Schibsted



### **NEWS & FEATURE**

## #1 in Finnish journalism, further strengthened by acquired regional news media

Leading national and regional news media



TIEDE

menaiset ruoka&viini

#### Focus on

- **Growing digitally** active subscription base
- **Growing daily** national reach



### CASE REGIONAL MEDIA

## Integration and synergy capture proceeding to plan

## **Background**

 On 30 April 2020, Sanoma acquired Alma Media's regional news media business in Finland

#### **Deal rationale**

- Highly synergistic bolt-on acquisition
- Strengthening one of our strategic core businesses, news & feature
- Growing our digital subscription base
- Efficiency in shared operations
- Better financial returns on digital investments
- Supporting our long-term profitability target (12-14% operational EBIT margin excl. PPA)

Synergy realization on track to achieve full run rate net synergies of 13m€ by 2022

Integration proceeding well e.g. harmonised ways of working and IT systems



## **ENTERTAINMENT**

## We have leading positions in our selected areas

TV & video

Radio & audio

Live events

Our market positions

#1-2

#1

ruutu Sim Cliv Suomipop SUPla

helmi RADKOROCK

Suomipop FESTIVAALI ROCKFEST SOLARSOUND FESTIVAL

TIKKURILAFestivaali



**MANAJA** 

### **B2B MARKETING SOLUTIONS**

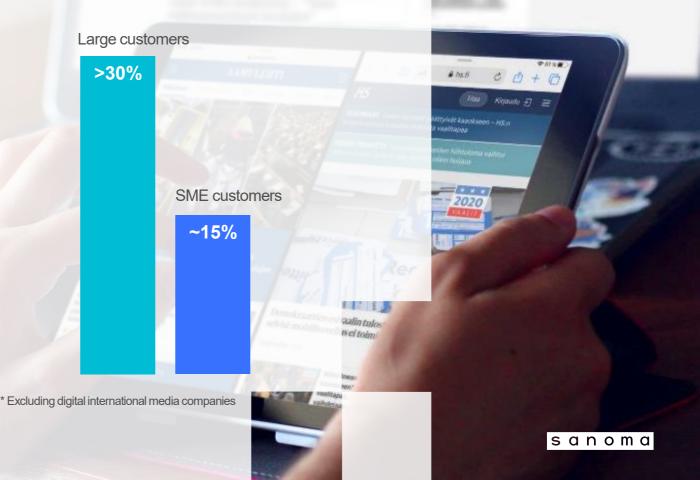
# Increasingly stronger position also in the SME segment

## SME (small and mid-size enterprise) customers – significant potential to grow

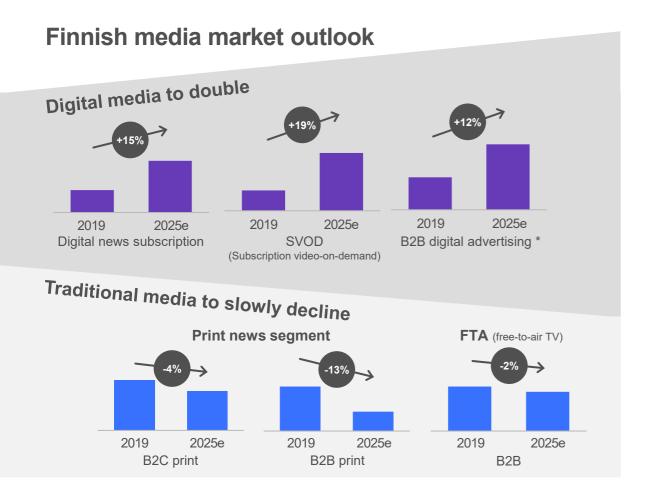
- Our market share in SME is relatively low (~15% vs. over 30% in large customers)
- Position further strengthened through regional news and regional radio acquisitions as well as digital offering
- Already large customer base and superior sales organisation

## Large customers – grow market share

 Multimedia offering provides competitive advantage and supports market share growth Market share per customer segment\* 2020



## Long-term digital transformation of media continues – corona accelerating digital adoption both in B2C and B2B



### Market drivers long-term

- Consumer willingness to pay for high-quality news,
   video and audio on a subscription basis is growing
- Increasing interest in lifestyle and feature content if placed on news platforms
- Transformation from linear TV to on-demand continues with growth driven by increased penetration and stacking behavior
- Advertising spend is shifting towards digital and customer data is a prerequisite for selling digital advertising
- FTA more resilient to traditional media decline since
   FTA and digital complement each other well



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