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Full-Year Result 2024

Increased operational EBIT and strong free cash flow improvement

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FY 2024

Continued progress towards our mid-term targets

Increasing profitability of Learning and Media Finland

Improving cash flow generation

Strengthening the balance sheet

Operational EBIT margin excl. PPA

	2024	Target
Learning	19.2% (18.7%)	> 23% from 2026 onwards
Media Finland	8.2% (6.7%)	12-14%

Group free	145m€	_
cash flow	(105)	

Net debt / Adj. EBITDA	2.2 (2.8)	< 3.0
Equity ratio	45.0% (42.5%)	35-45%

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FY 2024

Increased operational EBIT and strong free cash flow improvement

Net sales

1,345m€

(2023: 1,393)

Organic net sales development

-2%

(2023: 2%)

Operational EBIT excl. PPA

180_{m€}

(2023:175)

Operational EBIT margin excl. PPA

13.4%

(2023: 12.6%)

Free cash flow

145_{m€}

(2023: 105)

Net debt / Adj. EBITDA

2.2

(2023: 2.8)

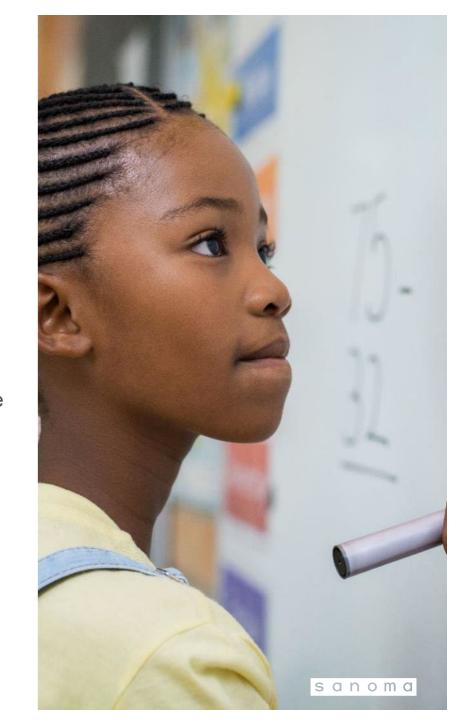
- Net sales declined slightly mainly due to the planned discontinuation of low-value learning material distribution contracts in the Netherlands and Belgium and divestments in both businesses
- Group's operational EBIT excl. PPA improved, higher margins both in Learning and Media Finland
- Strong free cash flow improvement driven by higher EBITDA and lower investments
- Program Solar actions now materially completed
- Continued progress in deleveraging the balance sheet, leverage improved to 2.2
- The Board is proposing a dividend of 0.39€ (2023: 0.37) to be paid in three equal instalments
- Outlook for 2025:
 - 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 FY 2024

Net sales decreased mainly driven by discontinuation of low value contracts

- Net sales amounted to 764m€ (2023: 795)
 - The planned discontinuation of low value distribution contracts in the Netherlands and Belgium had an impact of -28m€
 - Net sales declined by 17m€ in Spain (Q4 stable) driven by the ending of the LOMLOE curriculum renewal
 - This was more than offset by growth in other learning content markets, in particular Poland and the Netherlands, supported by continued above-average price increases
- Divestment of Stark had -14m€ impact (Q4 -5m€)
- In January 2025, a complementary portfolio of secondary learning materials was acquired from Finnish publisher Edita
 - 2024 pro forma net sales 4m€

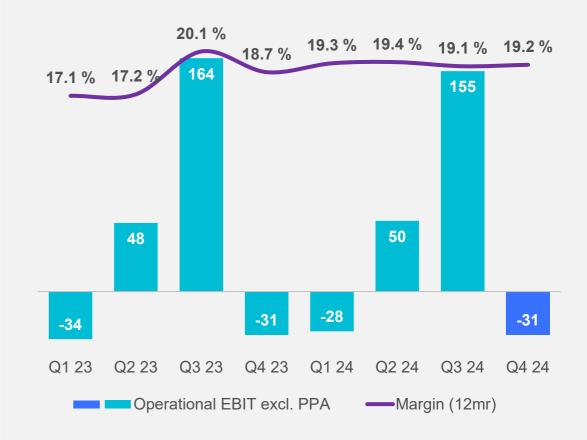


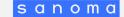
LEARNING FY 2024

Stable operational earnings, margin improved

- Operational EBIT excl. PPA was stable and amounted to 147m€ (2023: 148)
 - Net sales decrease in Spain
 - Lower paper and personnel costs and price increases in other learning content markets supported earnings
 - Divestment of Stark had a minor adverse impact on earnings
- Margin improved to 19.2% (2023: 18.7%)

Operational EBIT excl. PPA m€



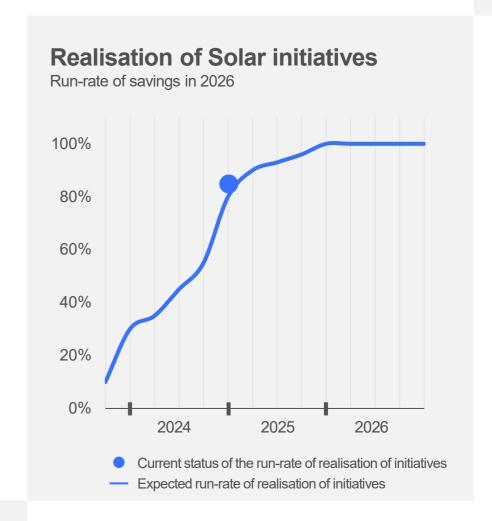


Program Solar actions now materially completed

- More than 80% of the actions related to Program Solar completed as planned by the end of 2024
 - On track to deliver the 55m€ efficiencies in 2026
 - Supports reaching Learning's long-term profitability target of 23% in 2026
 - First impacts visible already in 2024 free cash flow and cost base

Program streams touching our key operations across countries

Post-curriculum renewal optimisation in Spain and Poland **Organisational** optimisation Optimising selected other operations Increasingly leveraging benefits of scale in content creation **Publishing process** (sharing) and production (centres of excellence) improvement Reviewing publishing portfolios and plans Harmonisation of Optimising product development and maintenance through digital platforms outsourcing and nearshoring mainly to Poland and Spain Rightsizing support functions by optimising the overall Other optimisations organisational structure

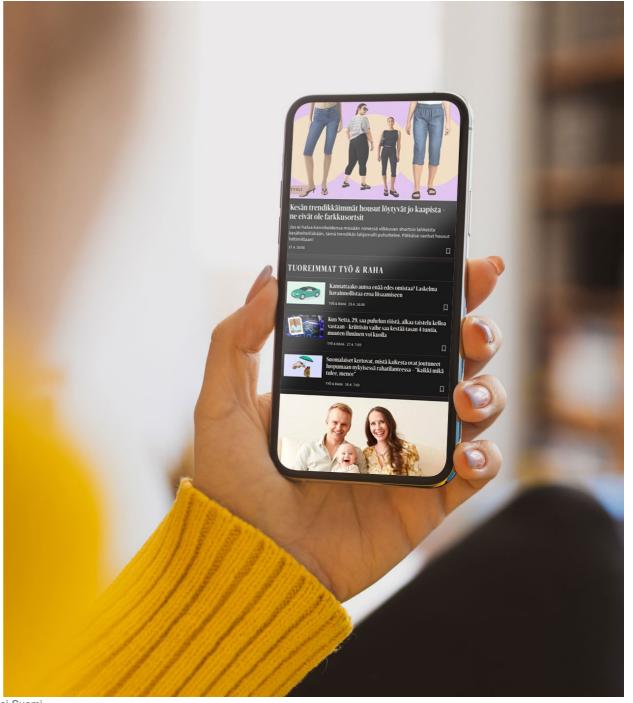




MEDIA FINLAND FY 2024

Continued growth in digital within lower net sales

- Net sales amounted to 581m€ (2023: 598)
- Subscription sales grew by 3%
 - Good development in Ruutu+ throughout the year
 - Continued growth in digital news subscriptions
- Advertising sales declined by 2%
 - Good growth in digital was more than offset by decline in newsprint and TV, visible especially in Q4
- Lower other sales driven by events and external printing sales
- Impact of portfolio changes* -10m€ (Q4 -3m€)



MEDIA FINLAND FY 2024

Improvement in operational earnings and margin

- Operational EBIT excl. PPA improved to 48m€ (2023: 40) and margin to 8.2% (2023: 6.7%)
 - Continued growth in digital subscription sales more than offsetting the decline in print
 - Growth in digital advertising sales offsetting the decline in print
 - Lower paper costs with declining prices and volumes
 - Continuing improvement in operational efficiency had a positive impact especially on personnel costs

Operational EBIT excl. PPA m€







The Board proposes a dividend of 0.39€ per share

- The Board proposes a dividend of 0.39€ (2023: 0.37)
 per share to be paid for 2024
 - Representing a total of approx. 64m€
 - Pay-out of 44% of FCF
- To be paid in three equal parts following the seasonality in Sanoma's free cash flow
 - 0.13€ on 9 May (record date 2 May)
 - 0.13€ in September (record date tbc early September)
 - 0.13€ in November (record date tbc late October)

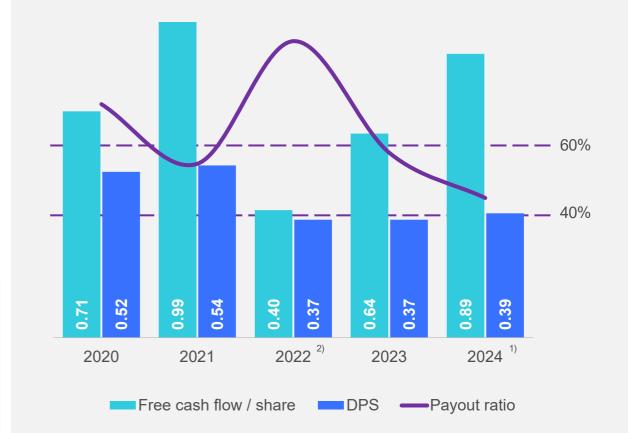
Dividend policy:

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

When proposing a dividend to the AGM, the Board of Directors will look at the general macro-economic environment, Sanoma's current and target capital structure, Sanoma's future business plans and investment needs as well as both previous year's cash flows and expected future cash flows affecting capital structure.

Dividend per share

€



¹⁾ Board's proposal to the AGM



²⁾ Underlying FCF 65m€ excl. operational cash flow of the acquired Italian and German business and the pre-payment of the VAT claim

Key factors influencing 2025 performance

Learning

- Net sales:
 - Growth in other learning content 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€ in 2025
- More efficient cost base, largely driven by Solar, leading to slightly improving margin in the year before larger curriculum renewals

Expected 2025 financial impact y-o-y

- Lower net sales
- Stable operational earnings, slightly improving margin

Long-term targets for SBUs unchanged

- Organic growth 2-5%
- Operational EBIT margin excl. PPA >23% from 2026 onwards

Media Finland

- Net sales:
 - Continued modest growth in subscription sales driven by digital and price increases
 - Slightly lower B2B advertising sales; growth in digital mostly offsetting lower print and TV
- Continuing efficiency improvement driving stable operational earnings and slightly improving margin

- Slightly lower net sales
- Stable operational earnings, slightly improving margin
- Organic growth +/-2%
- Operational EBIT margin excl. PPA 12-14%



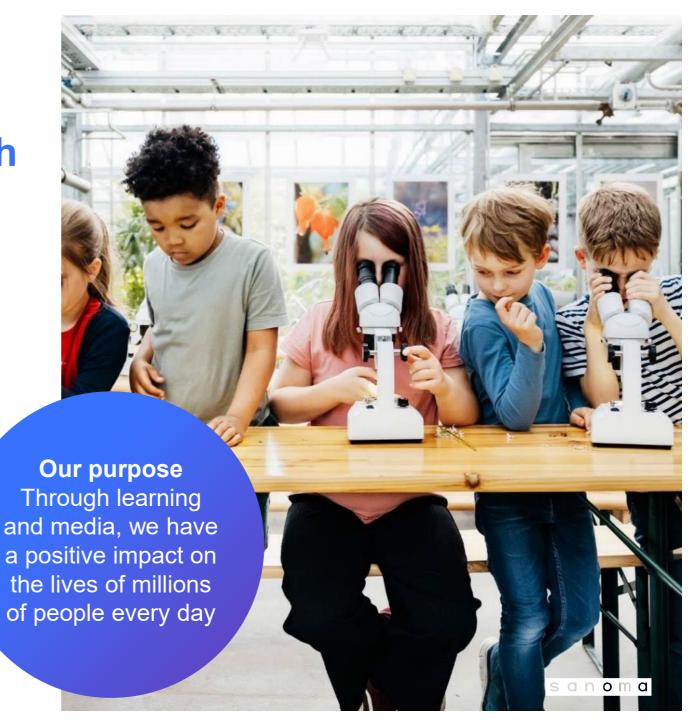
Outlook for 2025

- 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



We continue with our ambitious strategy for sustainable long-term growth

- Increasing profitability and free cash flow
- Growing organically in Learning with curriculum renewals accelerating from 2026
- Successful and accelerating digital transformation in Media Finland
- Expanding through value-creating M&A in K12 learning services
- Meeting leverage and equity ratio targets
- Increasing dividend, equal to 40–60% of annual free cash flow



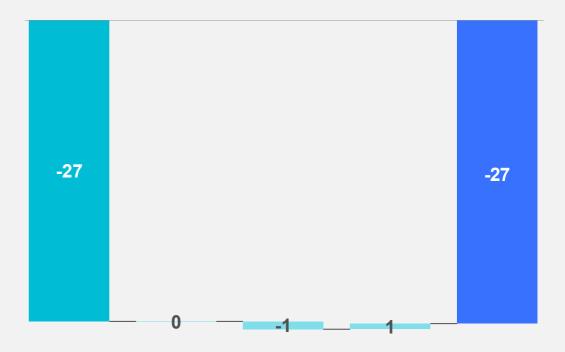


Q4 2024

Stable operational EBIT in both businesses

Learning + Favourable business mix as a result of the discontinuation of low-value contracts in the Netherlands and Belgium Lower variable costs Divestment of Stark Media Growth in digital subscription sales **Finland** + Lower paper, personnel and programme costs Lower advertising sales Relatively stable operating expenses Other & across cost categories elim. > FY 2025 costs expected to be similar to 2024

Operational EBIT excl. PPA Q4 2024 vs. Q4 2023 m€





EBIT improved driven by solid operational performance and lower IACs

- FY 2024 IACs amounted to -62m€ (2023: -82) and consisted of
 - 17m€ restructuring costs related to Program Solar (2023: 22)
 - 29m€ of impairments, mainly linked to the discontinuation of low value distribution contracts
- Net financial items relatively stable in Q4, slightly higher for FY
 - Lower amount of external debt, while average interest rate increased to 4.8% in FY 2024 (2023: 3.6%)

Key income statement related items

m€	Q4 2024	Q4 2023	FY 2024	FY 2023
Operational EBIT excl. PPA	-27.3	-27.0	180.0	175.4
IACs	-10.6	-14.3	-61.5	-82.3
PPAs	-9.0	-10.1	-36.7	-41.3
EBIT	-46.9	-51.4	81.8	51.7
Net financial items	-7.3	-7.0	-33.4	-30.5
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RESULT BEFORE TAXES	-54.1	-58.1	48.4	20.6
Income taxes	13.9	13.5	-7.8	-16.5
RESULT FOR THE PERIOD	-40.3	-44.6	40.6	4.1
Operational EPS, €	-0.21	-0.22	0.46	0.39
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EPS, €	-0.26	-0.29	0.19	-0.03

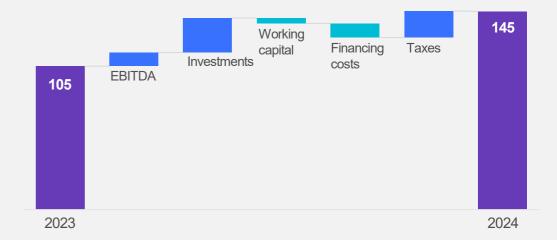


Strong free cash flow improvement

- Free cash flow improved to 145m€ (2023: 105) in 2024
 - Higher operational results
 - Lower investments in prepublication costs partly driven by Solar
 - + Lower investments in TV programme rights
 - Lower taxes paid, partially due to phasing between years
 - Higher financing costs
- > Free cash flow expected to increase further in 2025

Free cash flow

m€



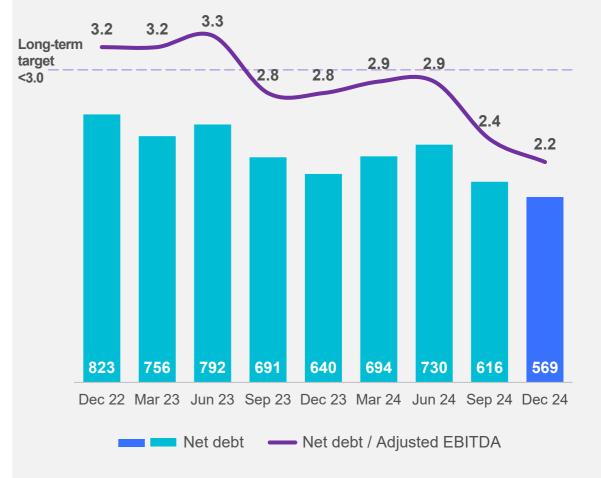


Continued progress in deleveraging the balance sheet

- Net debt and leverage significantly lower vs. previous year
 - Net debt / Adj. EBITDA improved to 2.2
 (2023: 2.8), below the long-term target of < 3.0
- Equity ratio at 45.0% (2023: 42.5%) within the long-term target range of 35–45%

Net debt

m€



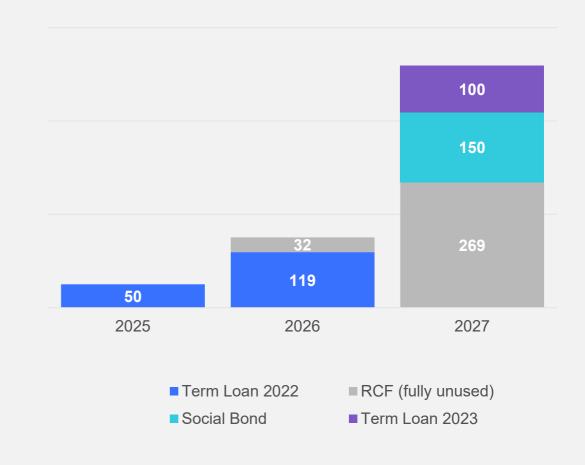
150m€ hybrid bond, issued in March 2023, is booked as equity, and excluded from net debt and net financial items.

Refinancing improved the maturity of external debt

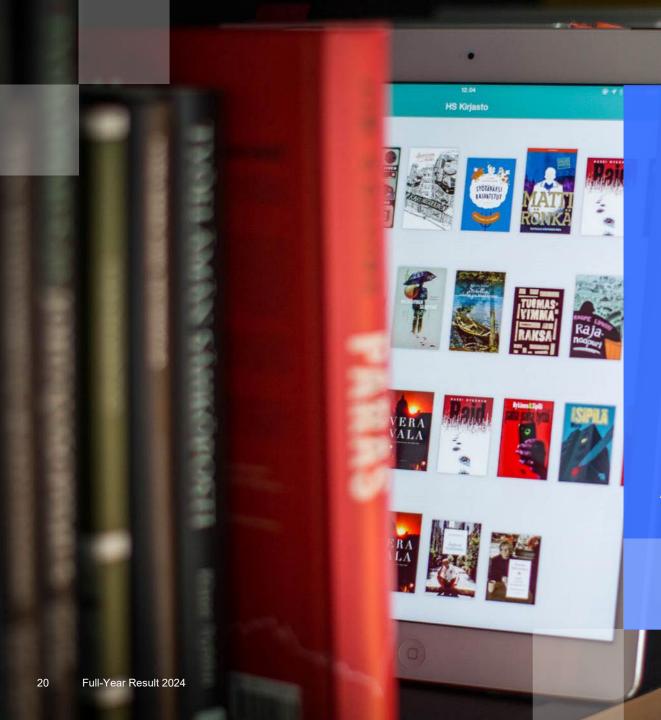
- Maturity of the 300m€ RCF extended to November 2027 with the 2nd and final extension option
- 150m€ Social Bond with a maturity of 3 years issued in September
 - Funds used to finance or refinance expenditures, incl.
 improving access to essential education services
- Solid performance in key ESG ratings during the year
 - ISS improved to Prime B- (earlier C+)
 - S&P Global improved to 51/100 (44)
 - Sustainalytics declined slightly to 11.3 (10.4)

Maturity profile of external debt

m€, 31 December 2024







Financial reporting in 2025

Interim Report Q1 2025 29 April
Half-Year Report 2025 30 July
Interim Report Q3 2025 30 October

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Sanoma in 2024



, NET SALES 1,345m€

NON-PRINT SALES



6 51%

OPERATIONAL EBIT MARGIN



13.4%

PERSONNEL 4,800

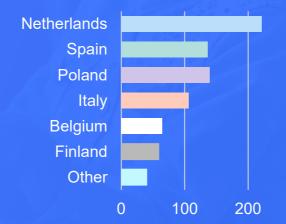
Learning

764m€ Net sales

46% Non-print

19.2% Margin

Net sales, m€



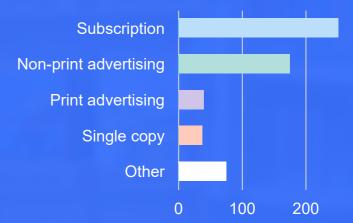
Media Finland

Net sales 581m€

Non-print 57%

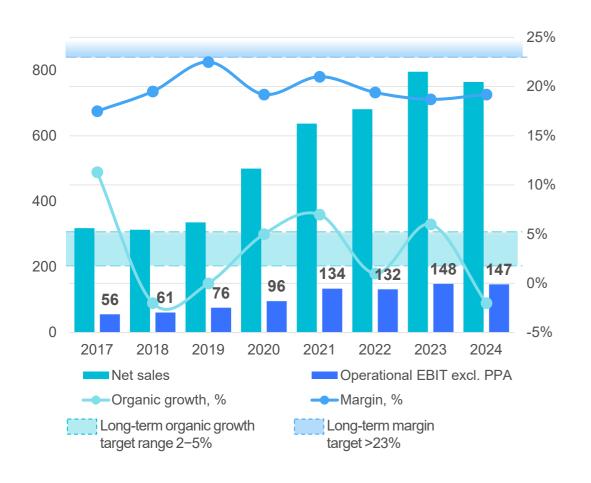
8.2% Margin

Net sales, m€

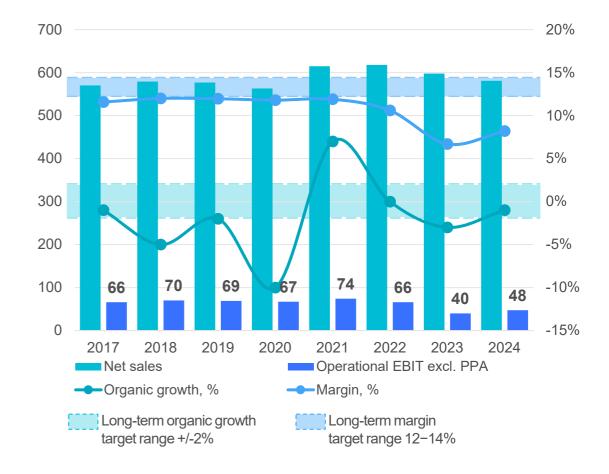


Unchanged long-term targets in both businesses...

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

35-45% 40-60%

(45.0%)

Increasing dividend

of free cash flow (44%, Board's proposal)

Employee Experience Index

>7.5

by 2030 (7.4)

Management gender balance

50/50

by 2030 (2023: 45 women / 55 men)

Annual Scope 1 & 2 emission reductions of

-4.6%

in line with SBTi by 2030 (2023: -31%*)

Annual Scope 3 emission reductions of

-4.2%

in line with SBTi by 2030 (2023: -29%*)

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



Group: Key figures

m€	Q4 2024	Q4 2023
Net sales	241.5	253.4
Operational EBITDA	23.5	27.8
margin	9.7%	11.0%
Operational EBIT excl. PPA	-27.3	-27.0
margin	-11.3%	-10.7%
EBIT	-46.9	-51.4
Result for the period	-40.3	-44.6
Free cash flow	68.6	70.5
Equity ratio	45.0%	42.5%
Net debt	568.5	639.7
Net debt / Adj. EBITDA	2.2	2.8
Operational EPS, €	-0.21	-0.22
EPS, €	-0.26	-0.29

m€	FY 2024	FY 2023
Net sales	1,344.8	1,392.9
Operational EBITDA	360.8	358.3
margin	26.8%	25.7%
Operational EBIT excl. PPA	180.0	175.4
margin	13.4%	12.6%
EBIT	81.8	51.7
Result for the period	40.6	4.1
Free cash flow	145.3	105.1
Equity ratio	45.0%	42.5%
Net debt	568.5	639.7
Net debt / Adj. EBITDA	2.2	2.8
Operational EPS, €	0.46	0.39
EPS, €	0.19	-0.03
Average number of employees (FTE)	4,820	5,119
Number of employees at the end of the period (FTE)	4,648	5,017

Learning: Key figures

m€	Q4 24	Q3 24	Q2 24	Q1 24	Q4 23	Q3 23	Q2 23	Q1 23	FY 2024	FY 2023
Net sales	96.5	395.9	190.6	81.1	100.4	430.4	188.0	76.3	764.2	795.2
Operational EBITDA	-4.3	178.9	72.2	-5.2	-5.5	186.4	69.5	-12.9	241.5	237.6
Operational EBIT excl. PPA	-30.6	155.2	49.8	-27.6	-30.6	164.3	48.3	-33.5	146.9	148.4
margin	-31.7%	39.2%	26.1%	-34.0%	-30.5%	38.2%	25.7%	-43.9%	19.2%	18.7%
IACs	-5.9	-42.3	-5.8	-3.4	-12.2	-23.2	-5.9	-2.0	-57.4	-43.4
PPAs	-7.4	-7.7	-7.7	-7.6	-8.2	-8.7	-9.3	-8.3	-30.4	-34.5
EBIT	-43.9	105.2	36.3	-38.5	-51.1	132.4	33.1	-43.8	59.1	70.6
Capital expenditure	7.2	6.8	8.2	8.1	10.2	6.0	9.5	8.1	30.3	33.8
Average number of employees (FTE)	2,612	2,627	2,630	2,631	2,849	2,863	2,855	2,834	2,612	2,849

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



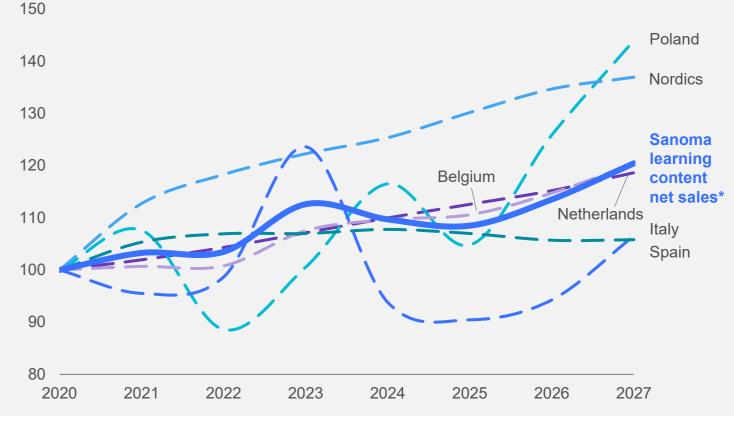
Expenditure >



Market share









Media Finland: Key figures

m€	Q4 24	Q3 24	Q2 24	Q1 24	Q4 23	Q3 23	Q2 23	Q1 23	FY 2024	FY 2023
Net sales	145.0	144.1	151.9	139.9	153.1	149.9	153.4	141.5	580.9	597.8
Operational EBITDA	32.7	35.3	34.5	29.9	38.6	35.9	31.3	26.6	132.5	132.4
Operational EBIT excl. PPA	8.5	17.6	13.7	7.7	9.2	16.8	8.7	5.1	47.5	39.8
margin	5.9%	12.2%	9.0%	5.5%	6.0%	11.2%	5.7%	3.6%	8.2%	6.7%
IACs	-3.3	-1.5	-2.5	4.4	-2.3	-0.5	-36.5	-1.9	-3.0	-41.3
PPAs	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.8	-1.6	-1.7	-1.7	-1.6	-1.8
EBIT	3.6	14.5	9.6	10.5	5.1	14.6	-29.5	1.5	38.2	-8.4
Capital expenditure	2.8	1.2	1.2	2.0	1.9	1.3	2.7	2.7	7.2	8.6
Average number of employees (FTE)	2,109	2,131	2,121	2,101	2,144	2,148	2,132	2,093	2,109	2,144

Finnish advertising market development 1/2

Finnish measured media advertising markets

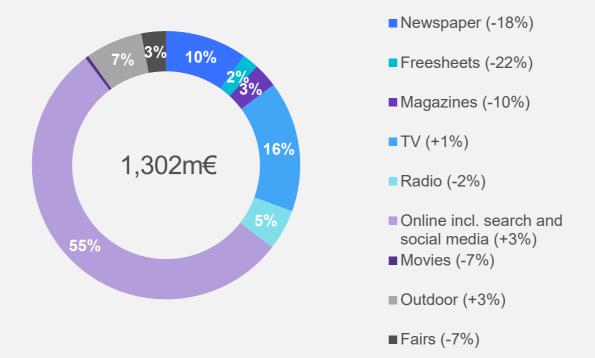
	Q4 24	Q3 24	Q2 24	Q1 24
Newspapers	-16%	-17%	-17%	-20%
Magazines	-10%	-12%	-9%	-12%
TV	-2%	3%	2%	3%
Radio	-3%	-5%	3%	-4%
Online (excl. search and social media)	-2%	3%	4%	-2%
Total market	-6%	-1%	-1%	-6%

Q4 23	Q3 23	Q2 23	Q1 23	F'	Y 2024	FY 202
-13%	-14%	-11%	-7%		-18%	-13%
-14%	-17%	-22%	-6%		-10%	-15%
-6%	-5%	-4%	-1%		1%	-4%
-4%	0%	-8%	5%		-2%	-2%
-1%	-2%	-4%	0%		1%	-2%
-5%	-6%	-6%	1%		-3%	-4%

Source: Kantar TNS, Media Advertising Trends, December 2024

Finnish advertising market development 2/2

Share of media advertising groups and development in 2024 (change % vs. 2023)

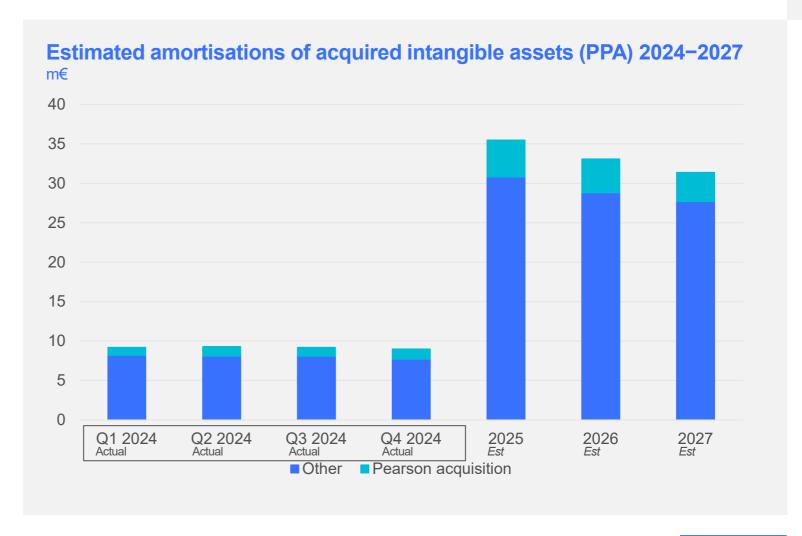


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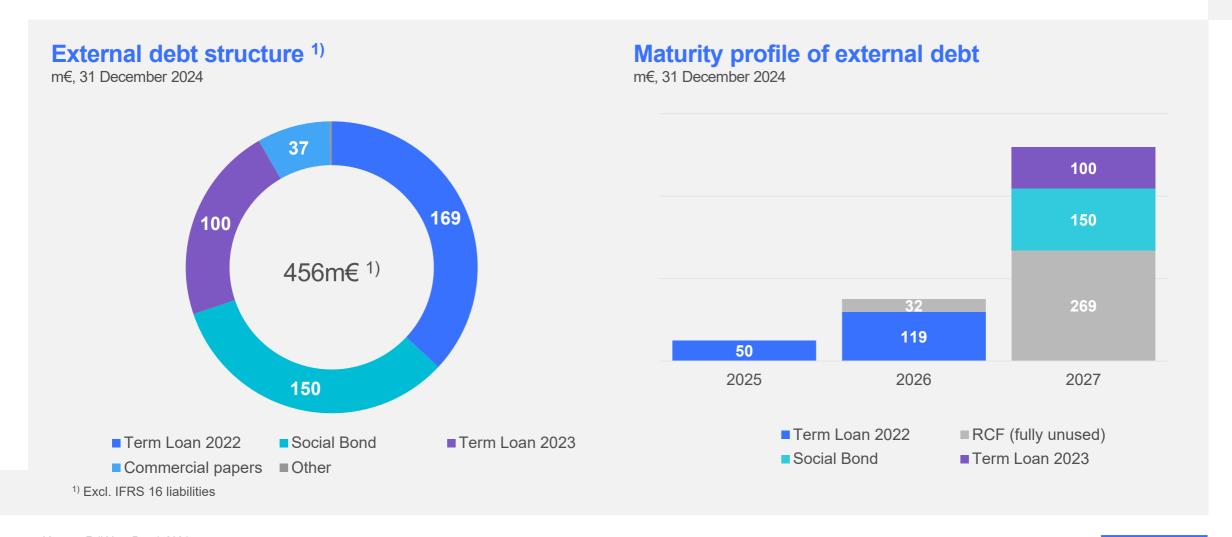
Estimated amortisations of acquired intangible assets (PPA) of the Group

- 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 2023





Group debt portfolio, December 2024

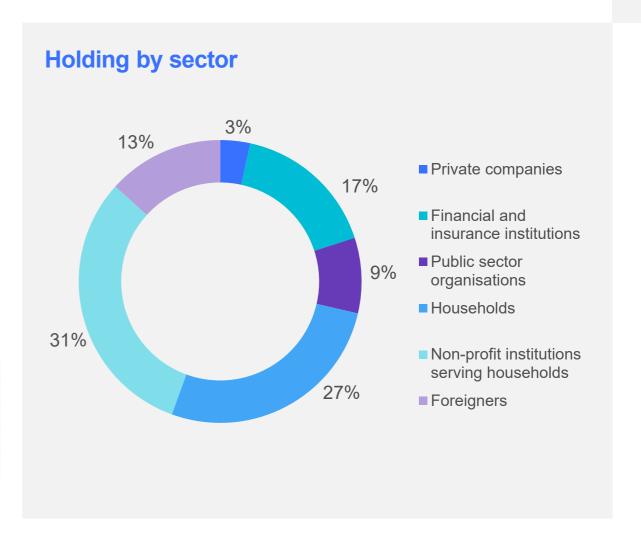


Largest shareholders

31 December 2024

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	4,073,424	2.49
8.	Noyer Alex	3,213,277	1.96
9.	Elo Mutual Pension Insurance Company	2,284,722	1.40
10.	Bernardin-Aubouin Lorna	1,852,470	1.13
	10 largest shareholders, total	103,282,218	63.14
	Nominee registered	16,374,195	10.01
	Other shareholders	43,909,250	26.85
	Total number of shares	163,565,663	100.00
	Total number of shareholders	24,315	





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