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PostNord – Year-end report

Q4/2023



# Improved income despite reduced sales

Income improved as a result of measures taken. PostNord is continuing to adjust its operations in order to boost its long-term competitiveness.

#### Fourth auarter 2023<sup>1</sup>

- Net sales totaled SEK 10,441 million (10,947), a decrease of -5 percent (-2) in fixed currency for like-for-like units
- Parcel volumes decreased by in all -4 percent (-5)
- Mail volumes decreased by -12 percent (-13)
- Operating income (EBIT) totaled SEK 124 million (-20)
- Adjusted operating income (adjusted EBIT) was SEK 328 million (247)
- <sup>1</sup> The report comments on developments in October–December 2023 compared with the same period in 2022, unless otherwise indicated.



The Group maintained its sustainability and climate work at full speed during the quarter. In the climate area, the focus was on updating PostNord's climate change roadmap. The roadmap takes technological and political developments into account, and shows the planning for when and how PostNord's and the vehicles of our transport suppliers are to be converted to fossil-free operation.

	October-	October-December		Like-for-like January—December		
SEKm, unless otherwise indicated <sup>2</sup>	2023	2022	change <sup>3</sup>	2023	2022	Like-for-like change <sup>3</sup>
Net sales	10,441	10,947	-5%	39,301	40,212	-4%
Operating income (EBIT)	124	-20		-564	357	
Adjusted operating income (adjusted EBIT)	328	247		500	666	
Income before tax	137	-134		-592	158	
Net income for the period	89	-169		-664	-23	
Earnings per share (SEK)	0.04	-0.08		-0.33	-0.01	
Cash flow from operating activities	733	1,113		2,033	1,646	
Net debt ratio, % <sup>4</sup>	-20	-37		-20	-37	
Return on capital employed (ROCE), %	-3.8	2.6		-3.8	2.6	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For definitions, see Note 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The term "like-for-like change" refers to the change in fixed currency (previous year's outcome translated at the exchange rates in the period) for like-for-like units, i.e. adjusted to take account of acquisitions/disposals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Net debt ratio, including pensions but excluding lease liabilities.

# **Comments by the President and Group**

### Improved income in the fourth quarter

The Group's sales totaled SEK 10.441 million (10.947) in the fourth quarter, a decrease of -5 percent in fixed currency for like-for-like units. Operating income totaled SEK 124 million (-20) and adjusted operating income SEK 328 million (247). Parcel volumes decreased in all by -4 percent (-5), while mail volumes decreased by -12 percent (-13).

The end of the year, with Black Week and Christmas shopping. is our most intense period. Overall, we are satisfied with how we performed during our peak period, despite challenging weather conditions that affected access.

Work during the year was characterized by ongoing and decisive actions to address lower parcel and mail volumes and high costs arising from high inflation. In the augrter, several of our seaments – and the Group as a whole – report improved income. This is the first time since the end of the pandemic in the second guarter of 2021 that the Group's operating income has increased. Nevertheless, we continue to face a challenging external situation. As a result, we are continuing to focus on adapting prices and capacity, as well as on maintaining a high pace in our improvement programs. We also continue the work of developing the flexibility of our business model.

### **Competitive Nordic parcels business**

PostNord aims to be the market and cost leader in parcels in the Nordic region. We are developing our offer to remain competitive and attractive at all times to customers and consumers. Parcel lockers are a popular option and we are rapidly expanding our network of parcel lockers. At the end of the quarter, we were operating about 17,000 parcel distribution points – parcel lockers and distribution points – that complement our home delivery offering. During the year, we launched a wide-ranging Cost Leadership program that includes a common product portfolio for the Nordic parcels market and that will generate structurally higher profitability over time.

To keep improving our products and services, it is important for us to constantly develop technological solutions that help us work smarter and more efficiently. In Sweden, we have developed a digital copy of production data linked to our terminal in Örebro. This makes it possible to test new flows or have AI identify improvement measures. This project was recognized through an award at Parcel+PostExpo, in the Sorting & Fulfillment Technology of the Year category. In Denmark, we are developing a completely new production model for the delivery of parcels. The model meets to a much greater extent the requirements for flexibility and productivity in the "last mile".

### Financially sustainable mail business

We are the proud provider of the universal postal service in Sweden. During the quarter, we continued to implement quality-enhancing measures to ensure high mail quality, going forward. A year ago, the main report from the Commission of Inquiry on the future scope of and financing for the universal postal service was presented to the government. The report states that the universal service obligation involves a net cost for PostNord as a provider. We want decisions on regulatory relief, in the form of revised quality requirements, to be taken as early as possible. This would defer the time at which the mail business can no longer be operated without State aid.

As of January 1, 2024, the Danish universal service obligation has ceased. Exemptions apply to shipments to small islands, the visually impaired and international mail. The Danish Ministry of Transport has decided that PostNord Denmark must maintain these three specific tasks until procurement exercises have been completed. Compensation for the distribution service will be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Postal Services Act. In Denmark, we are rapidly adjusting our organization, offering and prices to meet the new reality.



Annemarie Gardshol, President and Group CEO

### High pace within our climate agenda

We have set a prioritized climate agenda with the goal of being fossil-free by 2030. The Group maintained its sustainability and climate work at full speed during the quarter. For example, we have focused on updating PostNord's climate change roadmap. The roadmap takes technological and political developments into account, and shows the planning for when and how PostNord's and the vehicles of our transport suppliers need to be converted to fossil-free operation. In the guarter, carbon dioxide emissions decreased by 16 percent, compared with the fourth quarter in 2022.

I would like to thank every one of our employees for their dedicated work during the guarter and in particular for their excellent work over the hectic Christmas period, when the weather put our capabilities to a major test. I would also like to thank our partners. customers and consumers for their excellent cooperation.

Annemarie Gardshol President and Group CEO

# Net sales and income

### **Net sales**

Net sales totaled SEK 10.441 million (10.947) in the fourth quarter. a decrease of -5 percent (-2) in fixed currency for like-for-like units. The change was in the main driven by lower volume on the Business-to-Business side due to weakness in the economy, as well as structurally reduced mail volumes. The negative trend of volume on the mail side was largely offset by necessary price increases.

Mail volumes decreased by in all -12 percent (-13) as a result of the ongoing process of digitalization.

A total of 67 million (70) parcels were handled. A decrease of -4 percent (-5). Business-to-Consumer volumes decreased by -1 percent (-4), while Business-to-Business volumes decreased by -10 percent (-5).

Other operating income totaled SEK 158 million (143), consisting mainly of State compensation of SEK 58 million (48) for the universal service obligation in Denmark and exchange rate gains totaling SEK 43 million (50).

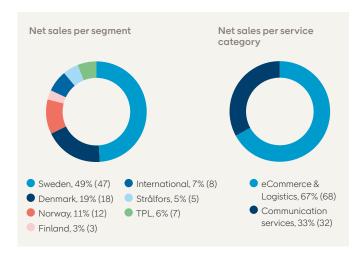
#### Income

Operating income totaled SEK 124 million (-20) in the fourth guarter, representing an operating margin of 1.2 percent (-0.2). Income is charged with impairment losses on property, plant and equipment as a result of changes in conditions for the Danish mail business. The losses consist of SEK –143 million through the provisions of the new Danish Postal Services Act and restructuring costs of SEK -62 million in the Swedish business. Income for the preceding year was charged with restructuring costs in the Swedish, Danish and Norwegian businesses. Items affecting comparability totaled SEK -205 million (-267) and adjusted operating income SEK 328 million (247).

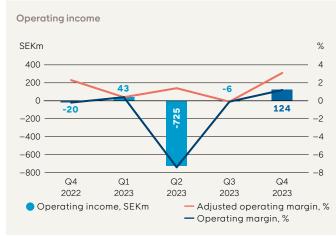
Operating income improved as a result of price adjustments, capacity adjustments and other productivity-enhancing activities

as part of our improvement programs. A majority of the segments report improved income, with Denmark showing high income for the fourth consecutive quarter.

Net financial items totaled SEK 13 million (-113). The improvement relative to the fourth quarter of 2022 is mainly explained by increased interest income. Both financial income and financial expense increased as a result of higher interest rates. Tax for the period totaled SEK -48 million (-35) and income for the period SEK 89 million (-169). Return on capital employed (ROCE) decreased to -3.8 percent (2.6), above all as a result of lower income in the past 12 months.







# Cash flow and financial position

### Cash flow

Cash flow from operating activities totaled SEK 733 million (1.113) in the fourth guarter. The decrease compared to the same period last year arose mainly through changes in working capital and capitalization of SEK 160 (–) million to Postens Pensionsstiftelse in the guarter. Cash flow from investing activities totaled SEK -424 million (-655), consisting above all of investments in vehicles, machinery and parcel lockers. The decrease from the same period last year is mainly due to lower investments in machinery and terminals in Norway and Sweden.

Cash flow from financing activities totaled SEK -412 million (-376), of which amortization of lease liabilities represented the greatest share.

#### Net debt

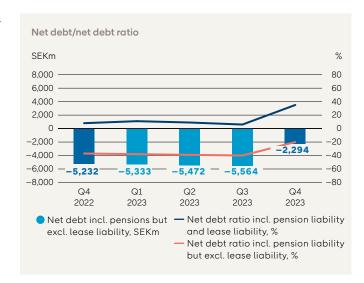
The Group's net debt, including pensions and lease liabilities, increased by SEK 2,970 million in the fourth quarter, mainly due to a decrease in the pension asset. The pension asset decreased by

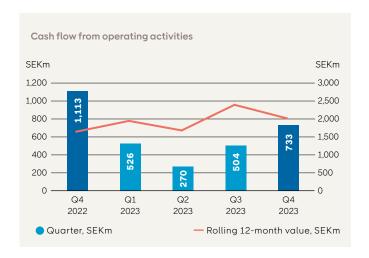
SEK 3.174 million in the quarter, from SEK 4.965 million to SEK 1.791 million. The decrease in the asset was for the most part due to a lower discount rate.

The net debt ratio, including pensions and lease liabilities, was 35 percent (8). The Group's net debt ratio including pensions but excluding lease liabilities was -20 percent (-37). Financial preparedness at the end of the period totaled SEK 5,457 million (7,086), including cash and cash equivalents of SEK 3.457 million (3.886). unutilized credit facilities of SEK 2,000 million (2,000) and an unutilized confirmed loan of SEK - million (1.200).

#### **Equity**

The Group's equity decreased to SEK 11,045 million from SEK 13.683 million on September 30, 2023. The change in the quarter was made up of the net income of SEK 89 million for the period. revaluation of SEK 2.542 million in the pension commitment net after tax and translation differences of SEK –185 million.





SEKm, unless otherwise indicated¹	Dec. 31, 2023	Sept. 30, 2023	June 30, 2023	Mar. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Interest-bearing liabilities	9,325	9,638	10,738	10,873	9,216
Pensions and disability pension plans	-1,791	-4,965	-4,679	-4,144	-3,918
Long- and short-term investments	-259	-263	-270	-271	-276
Cash and cash equivalents	-3,457	-3,564	-4,561	-4,959	-3,886
Net debt incl. pensions and lease liabilities	3,817	847	1,227	1,500	1,137
Net debt ratio incl. pensions and lease liabilities	35%	6%	9%	11%	8%
Net debt incl. pensions but excl. lease liabilities	-2,294	-5,564	-5,472	-5,333	-5,232
Net debt ratio incl. pensions but excl. lease liabilities	-20%	-40%	-39%	-38%	-37%

See specification in Note 8.

# Group

# -January-September period

The Group's net sales totaled SEK 39,301 million (40,212) during the year, a decrease of -4 percent (-4) percent in fixed currency for like-for-like units. During the period, mail volumes decreased by -13 percent (-13) and parcel volumes by -2 percent (-6).

Operating income totaled SEK –564 million (357). The decline in income was mainly due to impairment of SEK 903 million(–) on goodwill in Norway and to the decreased mail and parcel volumes. Adjusted operating income was SEK 500 million (666).

Cash flow from operating activities totaled SEK 2,033 million (1,646). The increase relative to the same period last year was mainly due to changes in working capital.

# **Parent Company**

The Parent Company conducted limited operations, in the form of intra-Group services. No external net sales were recognized during this or the corresponding quarter last year. Net income for the period totaled SEK 103 million (55). The increase in income arose mainly through interest income from bank deposits and short-term investments.

# **Sustainability information**

As a major actor in logistics, PostNord takes responsibility for helping to progress sustainable development in the industry. Our sustainability agenda is intended to help drive positive change for people around us and to radically reduce the climate footprint of road transportation in the Nordic region. One ambition is to lead the mail and logistics industry into the low-carbon economy by becoming fossil-free by no later than 2030. We look after the health and safety of our employees and suppliers and strive for equality and inclusion.

### **Climate impact**

Carbon dioxide emissions for the quarter decreased by 16 percent, compared with the fourth quarter of 2022, to 72,284 tons. PostNord's total energy use in the quarter (for both transportation and use of premises) totaled 515,478 MWh. Renewable energy accounted for 50 percent of total energy use during the quarter. PostNord's climate transition requires the Group's investments to be steered in a green direction.

Read more about our ambitious sustainability work at postnord.com

### **Employees**

The average number of employees (FTEs) totaled 24,560 (25,905). Sickness absence averaged 6.4 percent (7.2) on a trailing 12-month basis, where the impact of each individual month is limited. During the quarter, the proportion of women at management levels 1–3 was 35 percent (37). At levels 4–6, the figure was 30 percent (32).

### Sustainable supply chain

The Responsible Procurement Index (RPI) illustrates how purchasing processes and sustainability in the supply chain are closely linked. RPI consists of three underlying KPIs – central purchasing, national road transport purchasing and supply chain sustainability. The first two KPIs address supplier loyalty and procurement in accordance with our purchasing policy. The last-mentioned KPI addresses the extent to which purchasing volumes from significant suppliers are procured from those who accept and comply with the PostNord Supplier Code of Conduct. The RPI result for the quarter was 96 (91). The target for 2023 is to achieve an index result of 95. Cumulatively for the full year 2023, the RPI value was 93.

	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022
Climate <sup>1</sup>					
Energy use, MWh	515,478	496,138	450,815	510,777	559,277
Proportion of renewable energy, %	50	48	47	47	45
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions, tonnes	72,284	71,557	66,809	75,888	86,434
Employees					
Average number of employees (FTEs)	24,560	24,970	24,587	24,279	25,905
Sickness absence, % <sup>2</sup>	6.4	6.5	6.0	7.2	7.2
Women managers, levels 1–3, %	35	35	35	37	37
Women managers, levels 4–6, %	30	30	31	32	32
Sustainable supply chain					
Responsible Procurement Index	96	94	92	90	91

Our emission figures have been adjusted at incorporation into the Group's Annual and Sustainability Report. Figures for comparison have been restated. For more information, see PostNord's Annual and Sustainability Report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rolling 12-month period.

# PostNord Sweden

Net sales totaled SEK 5,716 million (5,840), a change of -2 percent (-2) for like-for-like units. Sales were adversely affected by the weak economy, especially in Business-to-Business, where volumes decreased. At the same time, Business-to-Consumer parcel volumes increased by 1 percent (1). Otherwise, sales decreased as a result of the discontinuation of the Unaddressed Direct Mail service.

Mail volumes decreased by -13 percent (-14) in the quarter. The decline is in line with the structural trend of digitalization.

Operating income totaled SEK 251 million (91). Adjusted operating income totaled SEK 314 million (278). Items affecting comparability include costs related to the closure of the mail terminal in Årsta, Greater Stockholm, Income increased due to positive price impacts, especially in the mail business, as well as realignment of production capacity and reduced administrative costs.

The positive trend in mail delivery quality was reversed in the fourth quarter, due to challenging weather conditions. Delivery quality for mail was recorded at 93.4 percent (93.0). PostNord Sweden continues with quality-enhancing measures. It is of great importance to ensure that the legal requirement of 95 percent is achieved going forward. Delivery quality for parcels was 94.3 percent (94.4).





Delivery quality, mail

93.4%

Period October-December 2023 Legal requirement 95%

_	October-D	ecember	Like-for-like =	January-D	ecember	Like-for-like
SEKm, unless otherwise indicated	2023	2022	change	2023	2022	change
Net sales	5,716	5,840	-2%	21,162	21,178	0%
- Communication Services (external)	2,230	2,278	-2%	8,140	8,563	-5%
– eCommerce & Logistics (external)	3,001	2,938	2%	10,703	10,426	3%
– Intra-Group	485	624	-22%	2,319	2,189	69
Operating income (EBIT)	251	91		669	752	
Operating margin, %	4.4	1.6		3.2	3.6	
Items affecting comparability <sup>1</sup>	-62	-187		-19	-230	
Adjusted operating income (adjusted EBIT)	314	278		688	982	
Adjusted operating margin, %	5.5	4.8		3.3	4.6	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For further information, see Note 8.

# PostNord Denmark

Net sales totaled SEK 2,253 million (2,257), a change of -5 percent (-3) in fixed currency for like-for-like units. Mail volumes decreased by -4 percent (-7). The guarter was marked by a continued decrease in domestic mail, which is in line with the long-term trend of digitalization. Mail volumes in the fourth quarter of 2022 were positively affected by the parliamentary elections in November.

Parcel volumes decreased by -4 percent (-4) as a result of lower demand from both Business-to-Consumer and Business-to-Business customers due to the impact of the weak economy.

Operating income amounted to SEK -68 (-70) million through the impact of items affecting comparability totaling SEK -143 (-71) million, arising from impairment of fixed assets in the mail business due to changes in the universal postal service. The item affecting comparability in the preceding year related to restructuring costs. Adjusted operating income was SEK 75 million (1). The trend of income is mostly attributable to personnel reductions in both production and administration. These actions are part of the ongoing improvement programs and the continuous adaptation to declining mail volumes.

Compensation for the universal service obligation (USO) was also higher in the quarter, at SEK 58 million (48).

Delivery quality for the "Brevet" service in the guarter was measured at 93.2 percent (94.9). Delivery quality for parcels in the quarter was 94.1 percent (92.8).





Delivery quality, "Brevet"

93.2%

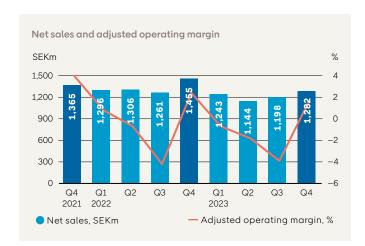
October-December 2023 Legal requirement 93%

	October-December		Like-for-like	January—[	December	Like-for-like
SEKm, unless otherwise indicated	2023	2022	change	2023	2022	change
Net sales	2,253	2,257	-5%	8,285	8,003	-4%
<ul> <li>Communication Services (external)</li> </ul>	702	716	-7%	2,457	2,519	-10%
<ul><li>– eCommerce &amp; Logistics (external)</li></ul>	1,206	1,239	-7%	4,576	4,372	-3%
– Intra-Group	345	302	9%	1,252	1,112	5%
Operating income (EBIT)	-68	-70		-168	-286	
Operating margin, %	-3.0	-3.1		-2.0	-3.6	
Items affecting comparability <sup>1</sup>	-143	-71		-143	-71	
Adjusted operating income (adjusted EBIT)	75	1		-25	-215	
Adjusted operating margin, %	3.3	0.0		-0.3	-2.7	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For further information, see Note 8.

# **PostNord Norway**

Net sales totaled SEK 1,282 million (1,455), a decrease of -6 percent (3) in fixed currency for likefor-like units. Parcel volumes decreased in the quarter by -10 percent (-16) due to reduced parcel imports. Operating income totaled SEK 21 million (27), declining as a result of lower profitability in the parcel business. At the same time, results for the quarter suffered negative impacts from high inflation, reduced Business-to-Business volumes and challenges in adjusting production capacity to the continued sharp decline in volumes. Delivery quality for parcels was 91.8 percent (94.0) for the quarter.



	October-December		Like-for-	January-D	ecember	Like-for-
SEKm, unless otherwise indicated	2023	2022	like change	2023	2022	like change
Net sales	1,282	1,455	-6%	4,868	5,318	-4%
- Communication Services (external)	27	22	34%	97	79	29%
– eCommerce & Logistics (external)	1,010	1,172	-8%	3,917	4,297	-5%
– Intra-Group	246	261	0%	853	942	-5%
Operating income (EBIT)	21	27		-958	-24	
Operating margin, %	1.6	1.9		-19.7	-0.4	
Items affecting comparability <sup>1</sup>	_	-8		-903	-8	
Adjusted operating income (adjusted EBIT)	21	35		-56	-16	
Adjusted operating margin, %	1.6	2.4		-1.2	-0.3	

# PostNord Finland

Net sales totaled SEK 406 million (407), a decrease of -5 percent (1) in fixed currency for like-for-like units. Parcel volumes increased by 3 percent (-3), through increased domestic volumes on the Business-to-Consumer side. Operating income totaled SEK -5 million (-18). The level of costs remains high as a result of investments in a modified production model based on expanded terminal capacity for future growth. This, too, created challenges with regard to maintaining delivery quality in parcels, which declined to 88.1 percent (88.7) for the auarter.

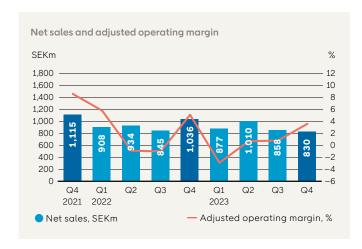


	October-December		Like-for-	January-I	December	Like-for-
SEKm, unless otherwise indicated	2023	2022	like change	2023	2022	like change
Net sales	406	407	-5%	1,604	1,525	-3%
– Communication Services (external)	_	-	-	-	-	-
– eCommerce & Logistics (external)	282	276	-3%	1,116	1,059	-2%
– Intra-Group	124	131	-10%	488	466	-3%
Operating income (EBIT)	-5	-18		-25	-43	
Operating margin, %	-1.2	-4.4		-1.6	-2.8	
Items affecting comparability <sup>1</sup>	_	-		_	_	
Adjusted operating income (adjusted EBIT)	-5	-18		-25	-43	
Adjusted operating margin, %	-1.2	-4.4		-1.6	-2.8	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For further information, see Note 8.

# PostNord International

Sales for PostNord International, which comprises Direct Link and the German logistics business, amounted to SEK 830 million (1,036). This was a decrease of -23 percent (-17) in fixed currency for like-for-like units. Sales for Direct Link decreased compared to the previous year but income increased, largely driven by a change in product mix. In Germany, parcel volumes decreased by -16 percent (-11), as a result of lower exports to the Business-to-Consumer market in the Nordics. Operating income for the segment totaled SEK 30 million (53). Operating income includes realized and unrealized gains/losses of SEK 6 million (-5) on forward exchange contracts.



	October-I	December	Like-for-	January-D	ecember	Like-for-
SEKm, unless otherwise indicated	2023	2022	like change	2023	2022	like change
Net sales	830	1,036	-23%	3,575	3,724	-11%
– Communication Services (external)	_	_	_	-	_	_
– eCommerce & Logistics (external)	827	1,033	-23%	3,562	3,713	-11%
– Intra-Group	3	3	-11%	13	11	-4%
Operating income (EBIT)	30	53		19	89	
Operating margin, %	3.6	5.1		0.5	2.4	
Items affecting comparability <sup>1</sup>	_	_		-	_	
Adjusted operating income (adjusted EBIT)	30	53		19	89	
Adjusted operating margin, %	3.6	5.1		0.5	2.4	

# **PostNord Strålfors**

Net sales totaled SEK 534 million (553), a decrease of -4 percent (-3) in fixed currency for like-for-like units. The lower sales were mainly the result of changes in the product mix in favor of higher-profitability services. Operating income totaled SEK 53 million (16), with productivity improvements and price and mix effects contributing to a continuation of a very positive income trend in both physical and digital businesses.



	October-December		Like-for-	January-I	December	Like-for-
SEKm, unless otherwise indicated	2023	2022	like change	2023	2022	like change
Net sales	534	553	-4%	2,201	2,076	4%
– Communication Services (external)	489	484	0%	1,999	1,833	6%
– eCommerce & Logistics (external)	_	-	_	-	-	_
– Intra-Group	45	68	-33%	202	244	-17%
Operating income (EBIT)	53	16		163	100	
Operating margin, %	9.9	2.9		7.4	4.8	
Items affecting comparability <sup>1</sup>	_	-		-	-	
Adjusted operating income (adjusted EBIT)	53	16		163	100	
Adjusted operating margin, %	9.9	2.9		7.4	4.8	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For further information, see Note 8.

# PostNord TPL

Net sales totaled SEK 679 million (805), a decrease of -16 percent (2). The decrease in sales was attributable mainly to weakness in the economy and lower demand from the end customer. lower prices for agency sea freight and liquidation of the operation based in Jordbro, south Greater Stockholm. Operating income totaled SEK –8 million (18). Income was adversely affected by the decrease in demand. Efforts to optimize capacity in line with the lower demand are ongoing.



	October-December		Like-for-	January-D	ecember	Like-for-	
SEKm, unless otherwise indicated	2023	2022	like change	2023	2022	like change	
Net sales	679	805	-16%	2,773	3,396	-19%	
- Communication Services (external)	-	-	_	-	-	-	
– eCommerce & Logistics (external)	672	794	-15%	2,751	3,369	-19%	
– Intra-Group	7	11	-42%	22	26	-15%	
Operating income (EBIT)	-8	18		54	110		
Operating margin, %	-1.2	2.2		1.9	3.2		
Items affecting comparability <sup>1</sup>	_	-		_	-		
Adjusted operating income (adjusted EBIT)	-8	18		54	110		
Adjusted operating margin, %	-1.2	2.2		1.9	3.2		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For further information, see Note 8.

# Other information

### **Delivery quality**

Delivery quality in Sweden failed to meet the legal requirement of 95 percent for "Brev", which must be delivered to the intended recipient within two working days. Quality in Sweden was measured at 93.4 percent (93.0) for the guarter. In Denmark, delivery quality exceeded the legal requirement of 93 percent, with quality for the "Brevet" service in the quarter showing at 93.2 percent (94.9). Overall delivery quality for parcels in the Group was measured at 93.7 percent (93.5) for the quarter.

### Major events in October-December 2023

On October 24, 2023, Anja Bach Eriksson resigned from the Board at her own request. PostNord will convene an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in connection with the shareholders' proposal to elect a new member to the Board of Directors.

On November 20, 2023, it was announced that Kim Pedersen had been appointed as new Deputy CEO of PostNord, CEO of PostNord Denmark and Head of PostNord International. He took up his post on December 1, 2023.

On November 30, 2023, the Danish Parliament passed a new Postal Services Act in Denmark. The new act entered into force on January 1, 2024 and marks the end of the Danish universal service obligation. Exemptions apply to shipments to small islands, the visually impaired and international mail. The Danish Ministry of Transport has decided that PostNord Denmark must maintain these three specific tasks until procurement exercises have been completed. Compensation for the distribution service will be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Postal Services Act.

On December 6, 2023. Mathias Krümmel resigned from his position as CEO of PostNord Sweden and member of the Group Leadership Team. Ylva Ekborn, former Head of PostNord Accelerate and CEO of PostNord Strålfors has taken over as Acting CEO of PostNord Sweden, Ylva Ekborn has been a member of PostNord's Group Leadership Team since 2018. Annemarie Gardshol, President and Group CEO of PostNord, is serving as Acting Head of PostNord Accelerate.

An account of major events in the January – September period is provided in the first, second and third quarter interim reports for 2023.

No major events have taken place after the reporting period.

The Board of Directors proposes that no dividend be paid for the 2023 financial year.

Solna, February 1, 2024

PostNord AB (publ), CIN 556771-2640

### **Annemarie Gardshol**

President and Group CEO

# **Income statement**

		October-December		January-E	December
SEKm	Note	2023	2022	2023	2022
	1				
Net sales		10,441	10,947	39,301	40,212
Other operating income		158	143	651	843
Operating revenue	3	10,599	11,089	39,952	41,055
Personnel expenses		-4,119	-4,469	-15,408	-16,093
Transportation expenses		-2,981	-3,306	-11,394	-12,465
Other expenses		-2,481	-2,634	-9,692	-9,447
Depreciation and impairments		-896	-702	-4,023	-2,694
Operating expenses		-10,477	-11,110	-40,517	-40,699
OPERATING INCOME	3	124	-20	-564	357
Financial income		79	-10	279	58
Financial expenses		-66	-103	-307	-256
Net financial items		13	-113	-28	-198
Income before tax		137	-134	-592	158
Tax		-48	-35	-72	-181
NET INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		89	-169	-664	-23
Attributable to					
Parent Company shareholders		89	-170	-665	-25
Non-controlling interests		0	1	1	2
Earnings per share, SEK		0.4	-0.08	-0.33	-0.01

# **Statement of comprehensive income**

	October-	December	January-December		
SEKm	2023	2022	2023	2022	
NET INCOME	89	-169	-664	-23	
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME					
Items that cannot be transferred to net income					
Revaluation of pension liabilities	-3,201	-1,775	-2,341	5,378	
Change in deferred tax	659	366	480	-1,108	
Total	-2,542	-1,409	-1,862	4,270	
Items that have been or may be transferred to net income					
Cash flow hedging after tax	_	0	_	0	
Translation differences	-185	95	-171	366	
Total	-185	95	-171	366	
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	-2,727	-1,314	-2,033	4,636	
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	-2,638	-1,482	-2,697	4,613	
Attributable to					
Parent Company shareholders	-2,638	-1,483	-2,698	4,611	
Non-controlling interests	0	1	1	2	

# **Statement of financial position**

SEKm	Note	Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
ASSETS	1, 6		
Goodwill		1,684	2,639
Other non-current intangible assets		452	438
Property, plant and equipment		7,965	8,400
Right-of-use assets		6,079	6,329
Participations in associated companies		158	154
Non-current interest-bearing receivables		248	264
Other non-current receivables		2,022	4,160
Deferred tax assets		221	261
Total non-current assets		18,828	22,645
Inventories		81	93
Tax assets		309	356
Trade receivables		5,105	5,481
Prepaid expenses and accrued income		1,522	1,287
Other current receivables		80	133
Current interest-bearing receivables		11	11
Cash and cash equivalents		3,457	3,886
Total current assets		10,565	11,247
TOTAL ASSETS		29,393	33,892

SEKm	Note	Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity		11,045	13,744
Liabilities			
Non-current interest-bearing liabilities		2,274	1,892
Non-current lease liabilities		4,637	5,001
Other non-current liabilities		64	71
Other provisions	5	466	686
Deferred tax liabilities		852	1,317
Total non-current liabilities		8,293	8,968
Current interest-bearing liabilities		870	874
Current lease liabilities		1,544	1,449
Trade payables		2,981	3,383
Tax liabilities		65	476
Other current liabilities		1,070	1,026
Accrued expenses and deferred income		3,379	3,529
Other provisions	5	146	444
Total current liabilities		10,055	11,180
TOTAL LIABILITIES		18,348	20,148
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		29,393	33,892

# Statement of cash flows

		October-December		October-December January-De		December
SEKm	Note	2023	2022	2023	2022	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Income before tax		137	-134	-592	158	
Adjustments for non-cash items <sup>1</sup>		570	1,102	3,019	2,302	
Income tax paid		18	-47	-470	-75	
Cash flows from operating activities before changes in working capital		725	920	1,957	2,384	
Change in working capital						
Increase(-)/decrease(+) in inventories		9	10	11	-9	
Increase(-)/decrease(+) in other operating receivables		-285	-172	589	275	
Increase(+)/decrease(-) in other operating liabilities		284	355	-524	-1,004	
Total change in working capital		8	193	76	-738	
Cash flow from operating activities		733	1,113	2,033	1,646	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-447	-624	-1,117	-1,701	
Divestment of property, plant and equipment		63	11	71	50	
Acquisitions of non-current intangible assets		-40	-43	-186	-167	
Acquisition of subsidiary, effect on cash and cash equivalents	4	_	_	_	-226	
Divestment of subsidiary, effect on cash and cash equivalents	4	_	-	23	_	
Increase (-)/decrease (+) in other financial assets		_	1	2	7	
Cash flows from investing activities		-424	-655	-1,207	-2,037	

		October-December		January-	December
SEKm	Note	2023	2022	2023	2022
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
New loans		-	-	1,200	-
Amortized loans		-3	-3	-819	-513
Amortized lease liabilities		-409	-373	-1,633	-1,466
Dividend paid		_	_	-2	-2
Cash flows from financing activities		-412	-376	-1,254	-1,981
CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD		-103	82	-428	-2,372
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of period		3,564	3,809	3,886	6,242
Translation difference in cash and cash equivalents		-4	-6	-1	15
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of period		3,457	3,886	3,457	3,886
<sup>1</sup> Adjustments for non-cash items:					
Depreciation and impairments		896	702	4,023	2,694
Change in pension liability		-195	132	-415	-85
Other provisions		7	257	-309	-168
Capital gain/loss, divestment of assets		-57	40	-50	20
Other		-81	-30	-230	-160
Total		570	1,102	3,019	2,302

# Statement of changes in equity

January—December 2022	Equity attributable to the Parent Company's shareholders					
SEKm	Share capital <sup>1</sup>	Other contribu- ted equity	Translation reserve	Retained earnings	Non-control- ling interests	Total equity
Equity, opening balance, Jan. 01, 2022	2,000	9,954	-1,597	-1,226	2	9,133
Comprehensive income for the period						
Net income for the period	-	_	_	-25	2	-23
Other comprehensive income for the period	_	_	366	4,270	_	4,636
Total comprehensive income for the period	_	_	366	4,245	2	4,613
Dividend	_	_	_	_	-2	-2
Shareholders' equity, closing balance Dec. 31, 2022	2,000	9,954	-1,231	3,019	2	13,744

January-December 2023	Equity	attributable t shar				
SEKm	Share capital <sup>1</sup>	Other contribu- ted equity	Translation reserve	Retained earnings	Non-control- ling interests	Total equity
Equity, opening balance, Jan. 1, 2023	2,000	9,954	-1,231	3,019	2	13,744
Comprehensive income for the period						
Net income for the period	_	_	_	-665	1	-664
Other comprehensive income for the period	_		-171	-1,862		-2,033
Total comprehensive income for the period	_	_	-171	-2,527	1	-2,697
Dividend	_	-	-	-	-2	-2
Shareholders equity, closing balance Dec. 31, 2023	2,000	9,954	-1,402	492	1	11,045

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Number of shares 2,000,000,001, comprising 1,524,905,971 ordinary shares and 475,094,030 series B shares.

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# **Income statement**

		October-	December	January-	December
SEKm	Note	2023	2022	2023	2022
	1				
Other operating income		2	3	17	24
Operating revenue		2	3	17	24
Personnel expenses		-8	-7	-27	-27
Other expenses		12	-1	-11	-9
Operating expenses		4	-8	-38	-36
OPERATING INCOME		6	-5	-20	-12
Interest income and similar items		98	51	357	121
Interest expenses and similar items		-33	-16	-135	-51
Financial items		65	35	222	70
Income after financial items		71	30	201	58
Appropriations		5	20	5	20
Income before tax		76	50	206	78
Tax		-27	5	-2	-0
NET INCOME		103	55	204	78

# **Statement of comprehensive income**

	October-	December	January-December		
SEKm	2023	2022	2023	2022	
Net income for the period	103	55	204	78	
Other comprehensive income for the					
period	-	_	-	-	
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	103	55	204	78	

## **Balance sheet**

SEKm Note	Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
1		
ASSETS		
Participations in Group companies	10,861	10,861
Interest-bearing receivables	44	40
Interest-bearing receivables from Group companies	5,000	6,000
Total non-current assets	15,905	16,901
Interest-bearing receivables from Group companies	2,784	1,234
Other receivables from Group companies	15	32
Other current receivables	91	5
Total current assets	2,890	1,272
TOTAL ASSETS	18,794	18,173
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity	15,905	15,701
Interest-bearing liabilities	2,042	1,639
Other non-current liabilities	11	10
Total non-current liabilities	2,053	1,649
Interest-bearing liabilities	800	800
Other current liabilities	36	23
Total current liabilities	836	823
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	18,794	18,173

# Notes to the financial statements

# Note 1 Accounting principles

The consolidated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the EU-approved International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The interim report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and supplementary rules in the Swedish Annual Accounts Act. The provisions of Chapter 9 of the Swedish Annual Accounts are applied in the Parent Company. Other disclosures in accordance with IAS 34.16A are presented in both the financial statements and other parts of the interim report.

### New and revised accounting principles

The new or revised IFRS that entered into force in 2023 have not had any impact on the consolidated financial statements. A number of new or revised IFRS that will come into effect in the financial years ahead have not been adopted early in the preparation of these financial statements. These are not expected to have any material effect on the future consolidated or parent company financial statements, other than in the case of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements, regarding accounting principles. The amendment concerned requires changes to disclosures regarding the Group's accounting principles, but the Group has not yet assessed the effects of the amendment.

#### Significant assessments and estimates

When preparing the financial statements, management has made assessments and estimates that affect the Group's reporting. These assessments and estimates are based on what was known at the time the accounts were presented, and on historic experience and the assumptions that management considers reasonable in the given circumstances. The deterioration in the macroeconomic situation adversely affected volumes and income in Norway and consequently a review of carrying amounts in the second quarter. Combined with the effect a higher cost of capital (WACC), the review resulted in an impairment loss for goodwill. The Danish government has passed a new Postal Services Act in Denmark. The act entered into force on January 1, 2024. The act abolishes the universal postal service, with the exception of shipments to small islands, the visually impaired and international mail. The new act is expected to increase the pace of digitalization and reduce future cash flows from the mail business, leading to a reduction in the expected recoverable amount for the cash-generating unit Denmark. As a result, PostNord recognizes impairment of property, plant and equipment in the fourth quarter. Otherwise, no significant assessments have changed.

# Note 2 Risks

The Parent Company and the Group are exposed to strategic, operational and financial risks. PostNord works continuously to identify, evaluate, manage and monitor risks in the world around us and within the business. Risk management is an integral part of the Group's strategy work and business planning. Agreed risk control activities are followed up continuously and reported back to the Group Leadership Team and Board of Directors. The Group is continuously monitoring the world situation in order to identify direct risks and macro factors that could adversely affect PostNord. The external situation in Europe and the Middle East, and their ongoing wars, is uncertain. The energy crisis and high inflation present challenges. Consumers' purchasing power and confidence in the economy are feeling the pressure of continued high interest rates. The rapid implementation of the new Danish Postal Services Act represents a risk of financial impact on the company going forward.

# **Note 3** Operating segments

The Group's division into segments is primarily based on the companies' geographical domicile, plus the segments PostNord Strålfors, PostNord TPL and PostNord International, which are controlled and coordinated according to the nature of their operations. Market pricing is applied to legal transactions between PostNord's segments. The operating segments reflect the Group's operational structure.

On April 1, 2023, PostNord changed the way its segments are classified. PostNord's third-party logistics operations in Sweden and Denmark were separated from the PostNord Sweden and PostNord Denmark segments, and from April 1 will form a separate segment, PostNord TPL. The Svensk Adressändring and Adresspoint businesses were transferred from the former Other business activities segment to PostNord Sweden. The former Other business activities segment was discontinued and a new segment, PostNord International, consisting of PostNord's parcel and logistics operations outside the Nordic region, along with Direct Link and PostNord Germany, was formed. All figures presented for comparison have been restated in accordance with the new segment classification.

PostNord Sweden operates in mail, logistics and e-commerce in the Swedish market. PostNord Denmark operates in mail, logistics and e-commerce in the Danish market. PostNord Norway and PostNord Finland operate in logistics and e-commerce in the Norwegian and Finnish markets, respectively.

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PostNord Strålfors operates in information logistics. The company develops and offers communication solutions for companies with a large customer base. PostNord Strålfors operates in Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland.

PostNord TPL operates in third-party logistics in Sweden and Denmark, offering logistics solutions all the way from producer to consumer.

PostNord International consists of Direct Link and PostNord's e-commerce and logistics business in Germany. Direct Link operates in global distribution of marketing communications and lightweight goods, mainly for e-retailers. The business is conducted in the USA, the UK, Germany, Poland, Singapore, Hong Kong, China and Australia. Operations in Australia are being wound down.

The segment Other consists of shared services and corporate functions including the Parent Company and Group adjustments. Group adjustments regarding IFRS valuation of pensions in accordance with IAS 19 Employee Benefits are recognized in the segment Other and in the segment PostNord Sweden, where the defined benefit pension obligations are located. Group adjustments, including for FRS 16 Leases, are recognized in full in the segment Other.

**Eliminations** consists of the elimination of internal transactions.

## Net sales per segment<sup>1</sup>

SEKm	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022
PostNord Sweden	5,716	4,851	5,324	5,271	5,840
– of which, internal	485	577	662	595	624
PostNord Denmark	2,253	1,937	2,041	2,053	2,257
– of which, internal	345	283	338	287	302
PostNord Norway	1,282	1,198	1,144	1,243	1,455
– of which, internal	246	213	208	187	261
PostNord Finland	406	399	409	391	407
- of which, internal	124	123	126	116	131
PostNord Strålfors	534	503	571	594	553
– of which, internal	45	43	56	58	68
PostNord TPL	679	652	716	726	805
– of which, internal	7	5	5	6	11
PostNord International	830	858	1,010	877	1,036
– of which, internal	3	3	3	4	3
Other	-1	-7	-4	-4	-4
Eliminations	-1,258	-1,242	-1,398	-1,252	-1,401
Group	10,441	9,149	9,812	9,899	10,947

<sup>1</sup> Net sales and income for all periods in this report have been restated in accordance with the new segment classification of PostNord Sweden, PostNord Denmark, PostNord International and PostNord TPL.

## Operating income per segment<sup>1</sup>

SEKm, unless otherwise indicated	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022
PostNord Sweden	251	42	223	151	91
– Operating margin, %	4.4	0.9	4.2	2.9	1.6
PostNord Denmark	-68	-48	-35	-18	-70
– Operating margin, %	-3.0	-2.5	-1.7	-0.9	-3.1
PostNord Norway	21	-47	-923	-9	27
– Operating margin, %	1.7	-3.9	-80.7	-0.7	1.9
PostNord Finland	-5	-7	-3	-10	-18
– Operating margin, %	-1.3	-1.7	-0.7	-2.6	-4.3
PostNord Strålfors	53	43	39	28	16
– Operating margin, %	9.9	8.7	6.8	4.7	2.9
PostNord TPL	-8	21	22	19	18
<ul><li>Operating margin, %</li></ul>	-1.2	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.2
PostNord International	30	7	8	-26	53
– Operating margin, %	3.6	0.9	0.7	-3.0	5.1
Other	-150	-19	-54	-94	-138
Operating income	124	-6	-725	43	-20
-Operating margin, %	1.2	-0.1	-7.4	0.4	-0.2

<sup>1</sup> Net sales and income for all periods in this report have been restated in accordance with the new segment classification of PostNord Sweden, PostNord Denmark, PostNord International and PostNord TPL.

# Adjusted operating income per segment<sup>1</sup>

SEKm, unless otherwise indicated	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022
PostNord Sweden	314	42	180	151	278
<ul><li>Adjusted operating margin, %</li></ul>	5.5	0.9	3.3	2.9	4.8
PostNord Denmark	75	-48	-35	-18	1
<ul><li>Adjusted operating margin, %</li></ul>	3.3	-2.5	-1.7	-0.9	0
PostNord Norway	21	-47	-21	-9	35
<ul> <li>Adjusted operating margin, %</li> </ul>	1.7	-3.9	-1.8	-0.7	2.4
PostNord Finland	-5	-7	-3	-10	-18
<ul><li>Adjusted operating margin, %</li></ul>	-1.3	-1.7	-0.7	-2.6	-4.3
PostNord Strålfors	53	43	39	28	16
<ul><li>Adjusted operating margin, %</li></ul>	9.9	8.7	6.8	4.7	2.9
PostNord TPL	-8	21	22	19	18
<ul><li>Adjusted operating margin, %</li></ul>	-1.2	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.2
PostNord International	30	7	8	-26	53
<ul><li>Adjusted operating margin, %</li></ul>	3.6	0.9	0.7	-3.0	5.1
Other	-150	-19	-54	-94	-138
Adjusted operating income	328	-6	135	43	247
– Adjusted operating margin, %	3.2	-0.1	1.4	0.4	2.3

<sup>1</sup> Net sales and income for all periods in this report have been restated in accordance with the new segment classification of PostNord Sweden, PostNord Denmark. PostNord International and PostNord TPL.

# Net sales per operating segment and service category<sup>1</sup>

	Service category							
	Communication Services October-December			erce & stics December				
SEKm	2023	2022	2023	2022				
PostNord Sweden	2,230	2,278	3,001	2,938				
PostNord Denmark	702	716	1,206	1,239				
PostNord Norway	27	22	1,010	1,172				
PostNord Finland	-	_	282	276				
PostNord Strålfors	489	484	_	-				
PostNord TPL	-	_	672	794				
PostNord International	-	_	827	1,033				
Other	-	_	-4	-4				
Total	3,448	7,447						

<sup>1</sup> Net sales and income for all periods in this report have been restated in accordance with the new segment classification of PostNord Sweden, PostNord Denmark. PostNord International and PostNord TPL.

The above table shows PostNord's external net sales per service category and operating segment.

PostNord's revenue is mostly recognized at one point in time. The main items in revenue recognition over time are third-party logistics, subscription services and mail services. The relative shares of income recognized at one point in time were 97 percent (97) and over time 3 percent (3). Services in e-Commerce & Logistics consist of logistics services for deliveries to, from and within the Nordic region. The focus is on distribution of parcels, groupage cargo, pallet goods and bulk logistics (part loads), as well as third-party logistics. The services in Communication Services consist of services in business and market communications, newspaper distribution and a postal service for individual customers.

For a more detailed description of PostNord's services, see the Annual Report.

# Note 4 Acquisitions and divestments

	January-Dec	cember 2023	January-Dec	ember 2022
Effect of acquisitions and divestments on assets and liabilities, SEKm	Acquisitions	Divestments	Acquisitions	Divestments
Property, plant and equipment	_	-22	253	_
Current assets	_	0	1	_
Total assets	_	-22	254	-
Other current liabilities	_	21	-117	-
Total liabilities	_	21	-117	_
Net asset	_	-1	137	
Purchase consideration paid/received	-	23	-227	-
Cash and cash equivalents acquired/disposed of	_	-	1	-
Net effect on cash and cash equivalents	_	23	-226	_

### Acquisitions and divestments of subsidiaries

No acquisitions or disposals took place in the first, third or fourth quarter of 2023. In the second quarter of 2023, 100 percent of the shares in Randmärket logistikfastighet AB were sold. In the first quarter of 2022, 100 percent of the shares in PostNord Terminal Bergen AS were acquired. No acquisitions or disposals took place during the second to the fourth quarters of 2022.

# Note 5 Other provisions

January-December 2023, SEKm	Opening balance	Provisions	Reversals	Utilization	Other <sup>1</sup>	Closing balance
Transformation measures	587	114	-120	-330	7	258
Non-vested pension commitments	493	22	_	-249	38	303
Other	50	0		-3	4	51
Total	1,130	136	-120	-582	49	612
of which current	444					146
of which non-current	686					466

January—December 2022, SEKm	Opening balance	Provisions	Reversals	Utilization	Other <sup>1</sup>	Closing balance
Transformation measures	729	372	-1	-556	43	587
Non-vested pension commitments	732	20	_	-253	-6	493
Other	56	0	_	-6	0	50
Total	1,517	392	-1	-815	37	1,130
of which current	562					444
of which non-current	955					686

<sup>1</sup> Miscellaneous includes translation effect of currency fluctuations, revaluation effect in pensions, discounting effect in provisions and reclassifications.

# **Note 6 Financial instruments**

	December 31, 2023							
Carrying amount and fair value of financial assets and liabilities, SEKm	Financial assets measured at fair value via income	Financial assets measured at amortized cost	Financial liabilities measured at fair value via income	Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost	Carrying amount	Fair value		
Assets	295	10,319	_	_	10,614	10,614		
of which, derivatives	47	_	_	_	47	47		
Liabilities	-	_	-72	-9,068	-9,140	-9,137		
of which, loan liabilities	-	-	-	-2,965	-2,965	-2,962		
of which, derivatives	-	_	<b>-</b> 72	_	-72	-72		
Total financial assets and liabilities, by category	295	10,319	-72	-9,068	1,474	1,477		

	December 31, 2022							
Carrying amount and fair value of financial assets and liabilities, SEKm	Financial assets measured at fair value via income	Financial assets measured at amortized cost	Financial liabilities measured at fair value via income	Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost	Carrying amount	Fair value		
Assets	303	10,556	_	-	10,859	10,859		
of which, derivatives	39	-	-	-	39	39		
Liabilities	-	-	-50	-8,124	-8,174	-8,162		
of which, loan liabilities	_	-	-	-2,581	-2,581	-2,569		
of which, derivatives	_		-50	_	-50	-50		
Total financial assets and liabilities, by category	303	10,556	-50	-8,124	2,685	2,697		

The Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at amortized cost and consist above all of the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at amortized cost and consist above all of the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at amortized cost and consist above all of the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at amortized cost and consist above all of the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at amortized cost and consist above all of the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at amortized cost and consist above all of the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at amortized cost and consist above all of the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at amortized cost and consist above all of the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at a financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at a financial instruments (assets) and the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at a financial instruments (assets) and the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured at a financial instrument (assets) and the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured (assets) and the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured (assets) and the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured (assets) and the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured (assets) and the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured (assets) and the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured (assets) and the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured (assets) and the Group's financial instruments (assets) are mainly measured (assets) and (assets) are mainly measured (assets) and (assets) are mainly measured (assets) are mainly measured (assets) and (assets) are mainly measured (assets) are mainly measured (assets) are mainly measured (assets) are mainly measaccounts receivable, cash and cash equivalents and terminal fees. The Group's assets in currency derivatives are measured at fair value via income.

The Group's financial instruments (liabilities) largely consist of non-current and current loan liabilities, trade payables and terminal fees, which are recognized at amortized cost. Liabilities for currency derivatives are recognized at fair value via income.

# **Note 7** Related parties

Compensation for the universal service obligation from the Danish State was recognized in the amount of SEK 58 million (48) in Post Danmark A/S in the quarter. The amount has been recognized in accordance with IAS 20, Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance.

The December 2020 agreement with the Danish State for the January–August 2021 period, the August 2021 agreement for the September 2021–December 2022 period and the December 2022 agreement for the January–December 2023 period are subject to approval by the European Commission. The claim on the Danish State for compensation for the universal service obligation in the period January 2021 to December 2023 amounted to SEK 689 million (471) on December 31, 2023.

# Note 8 Definitions and alternative key performance indicators

The Group's financial information has been prepared in accordance with IFRS. References are made to a number of alternative financial key performance indicators that are not defined in IFRS. These key performance indicators provide additional information and are used as guidance for the Group Leadership Team, Board of Directors and external stakeholders in their analysis of the Company's operations. Because not all companies calculate financial measures in the same way, these indicators are not always comparable with indicators used by other companies.

The alternative key performance indicators used by PostNord are important in underpinning focus areas and linking from business model and strategy.

#### **Definitions:**

#### Operating margin

Operating income in relation to net sales.

### Items affecting comparability

Items that are not recurring, or that do not relate directly to operating activities. The items must be of a material nature. For example, capital gains/losses on sales of assets, on impairment of assets and on major restructuring measures.

	October-	December	January-December		
Segment, SEKm	2023	2022	2023	2022	
PostNord Sweden	62	187	19	230	
PostNord Denmark	143	71	143	71	
PostNord Norway	_	8	903	8	
PostNord Group	205	267	1,064	310	
of which, personnel expenses	56	267	12	310	
Of which, impairments of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment	149	_	1,052	_	

Positive items are a decrease in costs, negative items a decrease in revenue.

### Adjusted operating income

Operating income excluding items affecting comparability.

#### Adjusted operating margin

Adjusted operating income in relation to net sales.

#### Net debt

Interest-bearing liabilities, provision for pensions, lease liabilities less cash and cash equivalents, financial investments, financial receivables, as described in IAS 19, that are recognized as other non-current receivables and short-term investments.

SEKm	Dec. 31, 2023	Sept. 30, 2023	June 30, 2023	Mar. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Non-current interest-bearing liabilities	2,274	2,277	2,284	2,887	1,892
Non-current lease liabilities	4,637	4,895	5,166	5,332	5,001
Current interest-bearing liabilities	870	878	1,678	1,075	874
Current lease liabilities	1,544	1,588	1,609	1,579	1,449
Non-current interest-bearing receivables	-189	-191	-195	-193	-195
Non-current interest-bearing receivables, leases	-58	-61	-64	-67	-70
Other non-current receivables <sup>1</sup>	-1,791	-4,965	-4,679	-4,144	-3,918
Current interest-bearing receivables, leases	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11
Cash and cash equivalents	-3,457	-3,564	-4,561	-4,959	-3,886
Net debt	3,817	847	1,227	1,500	1,137

<sup>1</sup> The amount is the portion of non-current receivables that is attributable to funded defined-benefit disability pension plans and defined-benefit pension plans measured in accordance with IAS 19.

#### Net debt ratio

Net liability in relation to equity.

#### Net debt excluding leases in accordance with IFRS 16

Interest-bearing liabilities, provision for pensions less cash and cash equivalents, financial investments, financial receivables as described in IAS 19 that are recognized as other non-current receivables and short-term investments.

## Equity excluding leases in accordance with IFRS 16

Equity excluding effect of leasing in accordance with IFRS 16.

### **Reconciliation with financial statements**

SEKm	Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Equity as per Statement of financial position	11,045	13,744
Accumulated effect of leases in accordance with IFRS	302	313
Equity excluding leases in accordance with IFRS	11,347	14,057

### Net debt ratio excluding leases in accordance with IFRS 16

Net debt excluding leases in accordance with IFRS 16 in relation to equity excluding leases in accordance with IFRS 16.

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### Note 8 (cont.)

## Financial preparedness

Cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and unutilized committed credit line.

## Operating income over the 12 months to the end of the period

Total operating income for four quarters.

## Operating capital

Non-interest-bearing assets, less non-interest-bearing liabilities.

SEKm	Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
ASSETS		
Goodwill	1,684	2,639
Other non-current intangible assets	452	438
Property, plant and equipment	7,965	8,400
Right-of-use assets	6,079	6,329
Participations in associated companies	158	154
Other non-current receivables excl. funded disability pensions	230	242
Deferred tax assets	221	261
Inventories	81	93
Tax assets	309	356
Trade receivables	5,105	5,481
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	1,522	1,287
Other current receivables	80	133
Other non-current liabilities	-64	-71
Other provisions, long-term	-466	-686
Deferred tax liabilities	-852	-1,317
Trade payables	-2,981	-3,383
Tax liabilities	-65	-476
Other current liabilities	-1,070	-1,025
Accrued expenses and deferred income	-3,379	-3,529
Other provisions, short-term	-146	-444
Total capital employed	14,863	14,881

## Return on capital employed (ROCE)

 $Operating\ income\ for\ a\ rolling\ 12-month\ period,\ in\ relation\ to\ average\ operating\ capital.$ 

### Core staff

Refers to all full- and part-time regular employees.

### Average number of employees (FTE)

The total number of paid employee hours divided by the standard number of hours for a full-time employee during the cumulative period from the beginning of the year. The quarterly figure is calculated by weighting aggregated values such that the most recent quarter is the one most heavily weighted.

# **Quarterly data**

SEKm, if not otherwise stated	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Q1 2022	Q4 2021
Group									
Net sales	10,441	9,149	9,812	9,899	10,947	9,456	10,037	9,772	10,843
Other operating income	158	143	239	111	143	221	194	285	294
Operating expenses	-10,477	-9,298	-10,775	-9,967	-11,110	-9,613	-10,016	-9,960	-10,374
of which, personnel expenses	-4,119	-3,528	-3,837	-3,924	-4,469	-3,595	-3,970	-4,059	-4,132
of which, transportation expenses	-2,981	-2,747	-2,727	<i>–2,</i> 939	-3,306	-3,092	-3,115	-2,952	-2,960
of which, other expenses	-2,281	-2,276	-2,565	-2,370	-2,634	-2,259	-2,268	-2,286	-2,615
of which, depreciation and impairments	-896	-747	-1,646	-734	-702	-667	-661	-664	-666
Operating income (EBIT)	124	-6	-725	43	-20	65	214	98	762
Operating margin, %	1.2	-0.1	-7.4	0.4	-0.2	0.7	2.1	1.0	7.0
Adjusted operating income (Adjusted EBIT)	328	-6	135	43	247	108	214	98	653
Cash flow from operating activities	733	504	270	526	1,113	-228	536	225	1,524
Net debt	3,817	847	1,227	1,500	1,137	-806	-15	2,987	3,885
Return on capital employed (ROCE), %	-3.8	-4.8	-4.4	2.1	2.6	8.5	10.6	13.0	19.2
Operating capital	14,862	14,529	14,835	15,281	14,881	14,420	13,608	13,568	13,018
Average number of employees (FTE)	24,560	24,970	24,587	24,279	25,905 <sup>2</sup>	27,271	26,693	27,015	28,655 <sup>2</sup>
Staffing numbers (basic) at end of period	23,908	24,070	24,275	24,828	25,401	25,413	25,690	26,316	26,582
Volumes, millions:									
Sweden, mail <sup>1</sup>	215	183	209	228	248	216	238	258	288
Denmark, mail	47	35	36	43	49	41	47	47	53
Group, parcels (volumes between countries eliminated) <sup>1</sup>	67	56	61	58	70	57	62	60	73

<sup>1</sup> During the second quarter 2023, a small letter service (Skicka lätt) was reclassified as a parcel service. The amounts recognized have been restated for the reporting periods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> FTE disclosure for Q4 2022 and Q4 2021 has been recalculated.

### Financial calendar

March, 2024 Annual and Sustainability Report 2023 Interim report January – March 2024 April 23, 2024 April 23, 2024 2024 Annual General Meeting Interim report January-June 2024 July 19, 2024

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