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Nordic consumer sentiment driven by sustainability, cautious spending, and digital growth

Sustainability-driven consumption patterns

Nordic consumers are increasingly prioritising sustainability in their purchasing decisions, with a growing preference for eco-friendly and ethically produced goods. This trend reflects a broader commitment to environmental responsibility and social values, making sustainability a key factor in brand loyalty and consumer choice



Cautious spending amid economic uncertainty

There is a noticeable trend towards more cautious spending due to concerns about inflation, rising living costs, and economic uncertainty. This cautious approach is leading consumers to prioritize essential purchases and seek greater value in their discretionary spending



Strong preference for local and organic products

Growing trend among Nordic consumers to favor locally sourced and organic products, driven by a desire to support local economies, reduce environmental impact, and pursue healthier lifestyle choices. This preference is particularly strong in the food and beverage sector



High trust in established brands

Nordic consumers exhibit strong brand loyalty, particularly towards established brands that demonstrate transparency, quality and reliability. Trust plays a crucial role in consumer decision-making, with a significant number of consumers preferring to stick with brands that have consistently met their expectations



Health and wellness focus

Health and wellness have become central to consumer sentiment in the Nordics, driving demand for products that promote physical and mental well-being. This trend is evident in the growing popularity of health-conscious food options, fitness products, and wellness services, as consumers increasingly prioritize their overall health in their purchasing decisions

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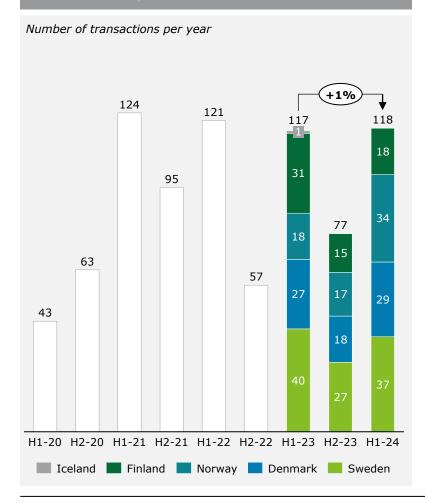
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2024 H1 volume remain relatively high with consumer confidence and multiples gradually improving **Deloitte**.

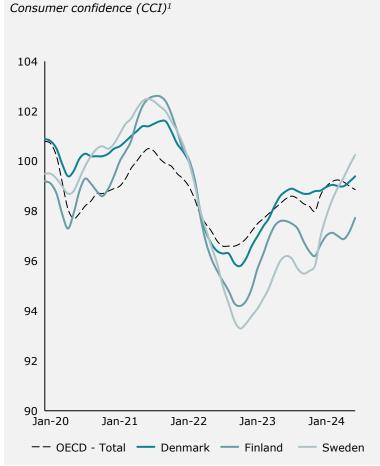
M&A consumer deal volume remain relatively high

Nordic deal volumes remained higher than pre-covid levels in the last 12 months, with a 1% increase from H1-23 to H1-24



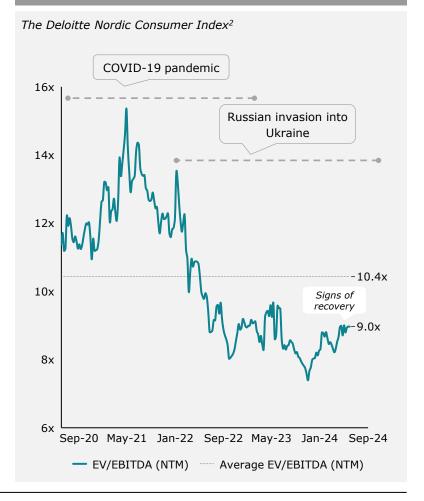
Improvement in Consumer confidence

Recovery in consumer confidence across the Nordics through 2023 and thus far in 2024 after increasingly pessimistic confidence levels during 2022



Trading multiples are improving

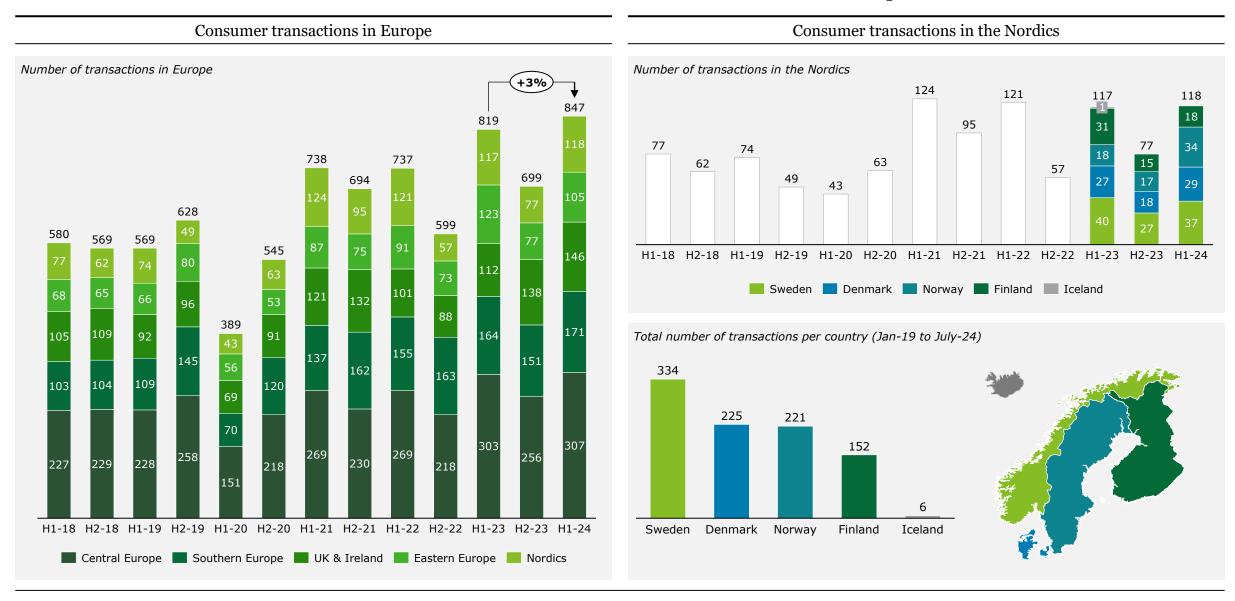
Listed consumer companies across the Nordics trading at 9.0x EBITDA; still below historical average of 10.4x



1) Amplitude adjusted, Long-term average = 100, No data available for the Norwegian market; 2) Deloitte's Nordic Consumer Index comprises 74 Nordic listed consumer companies MergerMarket; S&P Capital IQ; Deloitte analysis, OECD data



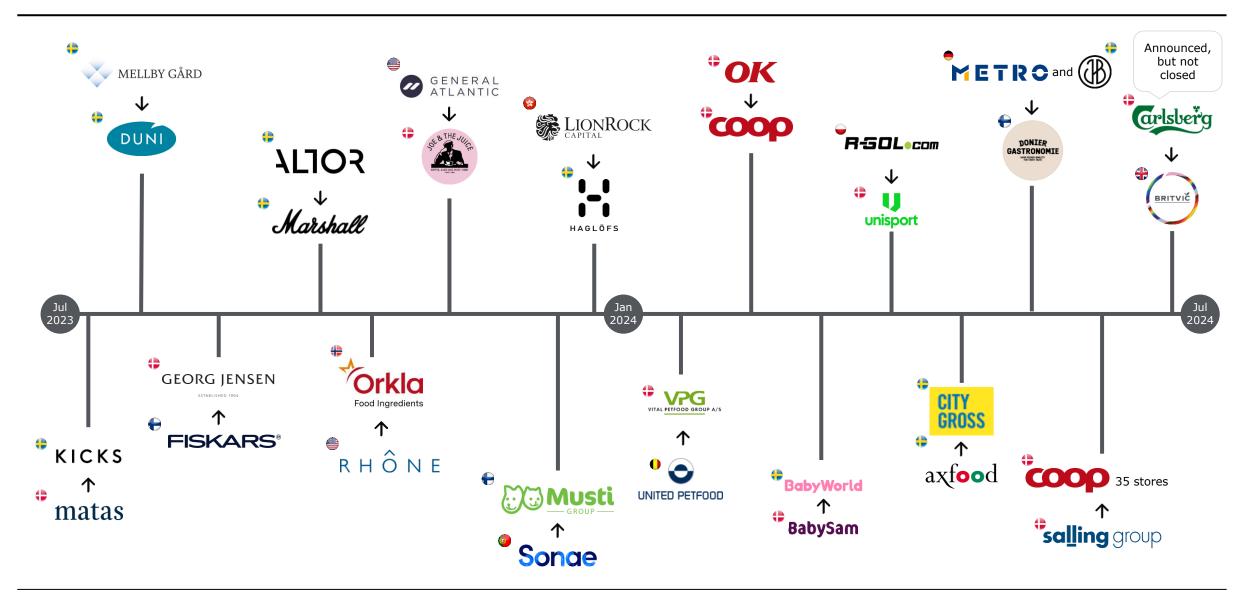
First half of 2024 witnesses an increase in transaction volumes both in the Nordics and Europe as a whole



Sources: Mergermarket, Deloitte analysis



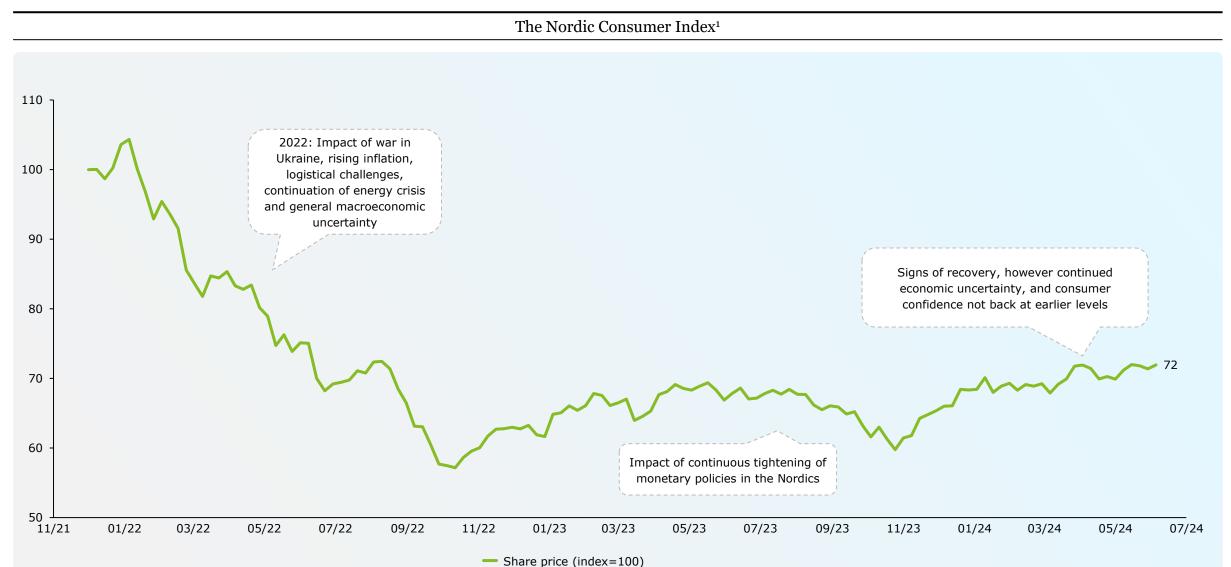
Several notable Nordic brands acquired during H2 23 and H1 24 by both strategic and financial buyers





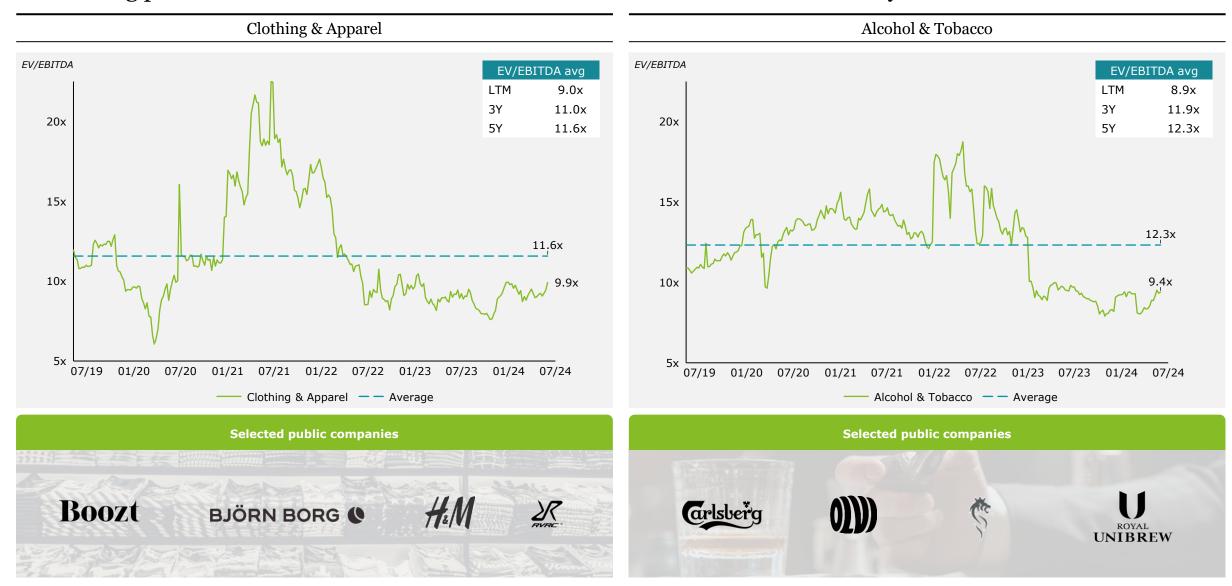
2. Nordic consumer market development

The Nordic Consumer Index trading at Index 72, however signs of recovery during early 2024



1) Deloitte's Nordic Consumer Index comprises 74 Nordic listed consumer companies. The index EV/EBITDA (NTM) is calculated based on average price of the companies included. Please find list of companies included in the Appendix Note: S&P Capital IQ; Deloitte analysis

Sources:





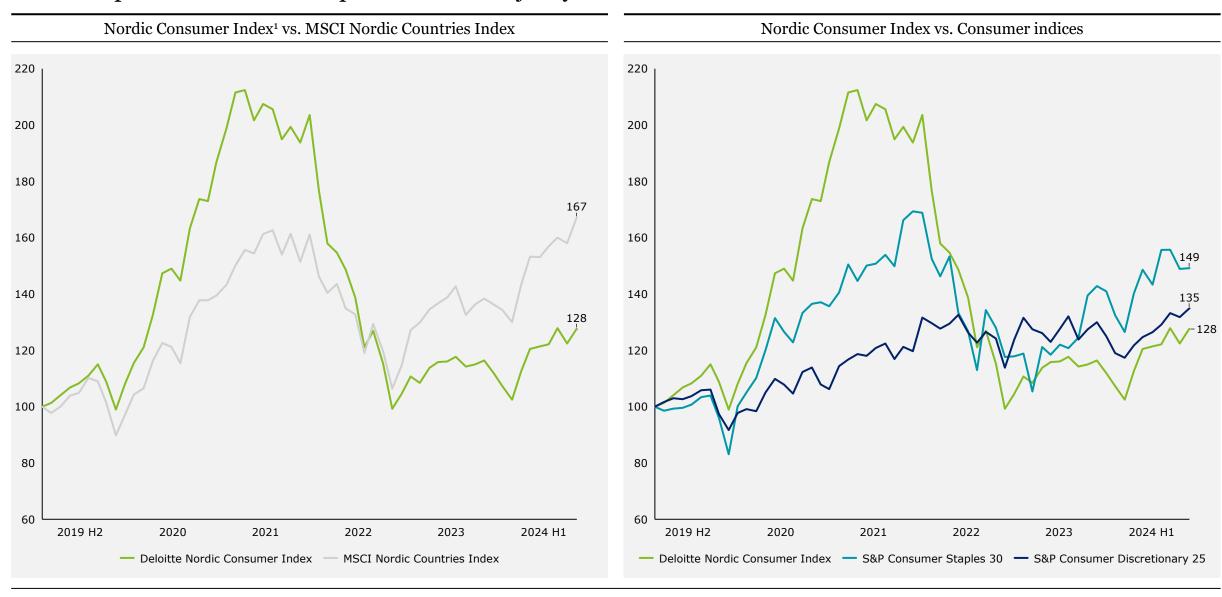








General upward trend in stock prices for the majority of consumer indices



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3. Deloitte Nordic consumer team & credentials

Deloitte is an experienced M&A adviser in the Nordic consumer market

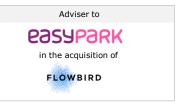
Selected Deloitte Nordic Consumer M&A deal credentials





























































Deloitte acted as an exclusive financial adviser in the sale of Maskinpakking to Hawk Infinity

Successful sale of Maskinpakking Group with closing in May 2024

Target

Acquirer

MASKINPAKKING

Norwegian co-manufacturer of dry food products within the Nordics



Private investment company focusing on long-term strategic investments

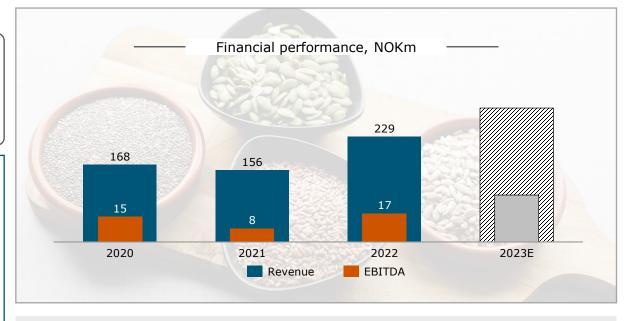
Maskinpakking Group is a leading provider of production and packaging of dry foods, targeting grocery chains and brand owners in the Nordics



Extensive experience with ~70 years of operations, with a strong customer base and long-lasting relationships



Portfolio of more than 100 products within cocoa, nuts & seeds, bakery & desserts and ready meals



Selection of key customers



Following a period of significant investments over the last few years. Maskinpakking Group decided to explore the opportunity to find a new partner



Deloitte Corporate Finance was appointed as exclusive financial adviser to Maskinpakking Group in the sales process



The process led to Hawk Infinity successfully acquiring a 90.1% stake in Maskinpakking Group













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Global State of the Consumer Tracker

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The Deloitte Consumer
Industry Center has been
tracking consumer
sentiments by country,
providing a compact view of
timely data and trends,
highlighting evolving trends
such as consumer anxiety,
net spending intent and
consumption patterns

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Retail Trends 2024

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2023 was a year marked by economic downturns. Despite this, there was reason for optimism caused by exponential technological advances, including generative AI. 2024 will offer significant progress in technology that will reduce costs, improve productivity, and enhance customer experience.

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Digital Consumer Trends 2023. The Scandinavian 'cut'

Digital Consumer Trends

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Global Economic Outlook for 2023

What can retailers expect from the global economy in 2023? It seems likely that during the year, the rapid rise in inflation and the surge in commodity prices will stabilize or reverse. It also looks like we'll see less global supply chain disruption than in the previous year.

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Deloitte. Sustainability in retail

Sustainability in retail

The last few years have seen a continuing focus on sustainability, but the focus of retailers' efforts is shifting into new areas. Key themes include the resale market, the need to embed sustainability practises across supply chain operations, the role of technology in sustainability, and the adherence to ESG-related regulations and frameworks.

Read the report



Global Powers of Luxury Goods

This annual report delves into the 100 largest luxury goods companies, assessing their performance across geographies

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Consumer index descriptions

Index name	Description		
Deloitte Nordic Consumer Index	Comprises of 74 listed Nordic consumer companies with the aim of capturing the Nordic consumer market		
MSCI Nordic Countries Index	Captures large and mid cap representation across four Developed Markets countries: Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland		
S&P Consumer Staples 30	Comprises companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® consumer staples sector		
S&P Consumer Discretionary 25	Comprises companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® consumer discretionary sector		

Sources: S&P Capital IQ; Deloitte



Deloitte Nordic Consumer Index consists of 74 listed companies divided into 12 sub-sectors

Deloitte Nordic Consumer Index companies and categorisation

Sub-sector	Company	Sub-sector	Company
Alcohol & Tobacco	Anora Group Oyj	Food & Grocery	Fodelia Oyi
Alcohol & Tobacco	Carlsberg A/S	Food & Grocery	HKFoods Ovi
Alcohol & Tobacco	Mackmyra Svensk Whisky AB (publ)	Food & Grocery	Cheffelo AB (publ)
Alcohol & Tobacco	Olvi Oyj	Food & Grocery	Orkla ASA
Alcohol & Tobacco	Royal Unibrew A/S	Food & Grocery	Raisio plc
Alcohol & Tobacco	Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S	Food & Grocery	AAK AB (publ.)
Automotive & Transport	Bilia AB (publ)	Healthcare products	Midsona AB (publ)
Automotive & Transport	GreenMobility A/S	Healthcare products	Nosium AB (publ)
Automotive & Transport	Kamux Oyj	Healthcare products	Suominen Oyj
Automotive & Transport	Nimbus Group AB (Publ)	Healthcare products	Swedencare AB (publ)
Casino & Gaming	Acroud AB (publ)	Home & Furniture	BHG Group AB (publ)
Casino & Gaming	Betsson AB (publ)	Home & Furniture	Duni AB (publ)
Casino & Gaming	Evolution AB (publ)	Home & Furniture	Fiskars Oyj Abp
Casino & Gaming	Fantasma Games AB (publ)	Home & Furniture	Harvia Oyj
Casino & Gaming	G5 Entertainment AB (publ)	Home & Furniture	Husqvarna AB (publ)
Casino & Gaming	Game Chest Group AB (publ)	Home & Furniture	Martela Oyj
Casino & Gaming	Paradox Interactive AB (publ)	Home & Furniture	Nobia AB (publ)
Casino & Gaming	Thunderful Group AB	Home & Furniture	Orthex Oyj
Clothing & Apparel	Bambuser AB (publ)	Home & Furniture	Rugvista Group AB (publ)
Clothing & Apparel	Björn Borg AB (publ)	Leisure & Hospitality	Spotlio AS
Clothing & Apparel	Boozt AB (publ)	Leisure & Hospitality	NoHo Partners Oyj
Clothing & Apparel	H & M Hennes & Mauritz AB (publ)	Leisure & Hospitality	Sats ASA
Clothing & Apparel	Marimekko Oyj	Leisure & Hospitality	Scandic Hotels Group AB (publ)
Clothing & Apparel	Pierce Group AB (publ)	Leisure & Hospitality	SkiStar AB (publ)
Clothing & Apparel	RVRC Holding AB (publ)	Other retail	Byggmax Group AB (publ)
Clothing & Apparel	Lindex Group Oyj	Other retail	Clas Ohlson AB (publ)
Cosmetics & Luxury	Lyko Group AB (publ)	Other retail	Europris ASA
Cosmetics & Luxury	Matas A/S	Other retail	Kesko Oyj
Cosmetics & Luxury	Pandora A/S	Other retail	Kid ASA
Electronic equipment	AB Electrolux (publ)	Other retail	Musti Group Oyj
Electronic equipment	Bang & Olufsen a/s	Other retail	New Wave Group AB (publ)
Electronic equipment	GN Store Nord A/S	Other retail	Puuilo Oyj
Electronic equipment	Komplett ASA	Other retail	Spinnova Oyj
Electronic equipment	Verkkokauppa.com Oyj	Other retail	Thule Group AB (publ)
Electronic equipment	Xplora Technologies AS	Other retail	Tokmanni Group Oyj
Food & Grocery	Apetit Oyj	Other retail	XXL ASA
Food & Grocery	Atria Oyj		
Food & Grocery	Axfood AB (publ)		

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