



Verkkokauppa.com Oyj January – September 2021 Interim Report

Strong growth in online and corporate sales

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## January-September 2021 results

### **Business review**

- ✓ Development in Q3 and January September 2021
- ✓ Key financials

### Strategic overview

- ✓ Strategic cornerstones
- ✓ Trust, assortment & experience our value proposition
- ✓ Business outlook for 2021 and financial targets
- ✓ Key takeaways



## Solid 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

### Sales

- ✓ On-line sales continued to grow, +18.7% y-on-y
- ✓ Robust B2B sales with increase of +22.0%
- $\checkmark\,$  Good performance in core categories, such as TV and computers
- Also growth in several evolving categories like gaming, sports, toys and home & lighting
- $\checkmark\,$  Export sales turned back to growth path and increased by +4.5%
- ✓ Our sales in GfK reported categories grew by 13.4%, while market grew by 3.7% (GFK data per July-Sep 2021)

### Profitability

- ✓ Tight competitive environment along with sales mix in favor of lower margin categories having an impact on gross margin
- ✓ Operating profit declined by EUR 0.9 million totaling EUR 4.7 million (5.6)
- ✓ Verkkokauppa.com's Board of Directors has decided today to pay fourth dividend instalment of 0.059 euros per share on 2 November



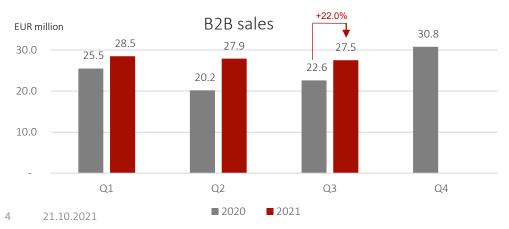
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## In Q3/2021, on-line sales: grew by +18.7%

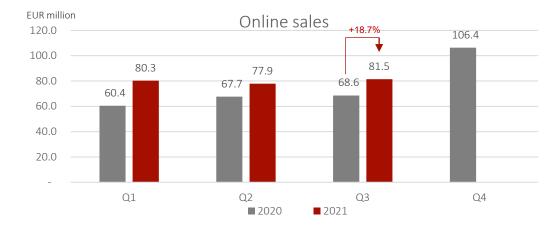
### Market share gains in a competitive market



### Robust growth in B2B sales



#### Online shift continues



### Fixed cost<sup>2</sup> to revenue ratio, targeting <10% by 2025



Without Export

2) Excluding advisory costs related to listing

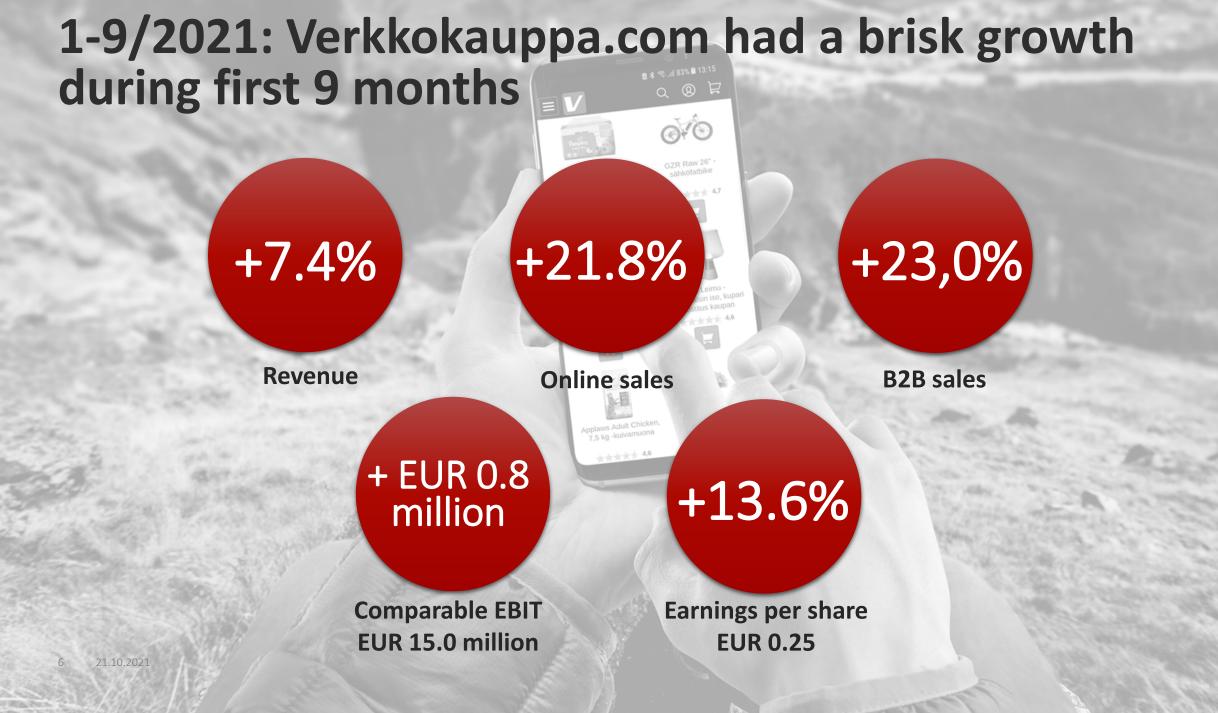
## Q3/2021: Robust revenue growth

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EUR million	7-9/ 2021	7-9/ 2020	Change, %	1-9/ 2021	1-9/ 2020	Change, %	FY 2020
Revenue	141.0	129.3	9.1%	405.6	377.6	7.4%	553.6
Gross profit	20.9	20.9	-0.3%	65.0	61.8	5.3%	88.4
Gross margin, %	14.8%	16.2%		16.0%	16.4%		16.0%
Personnel expenses	-8.5	-8.1	4.5%	-26.9	-25.1	7.0%	-35.6
Other operating expenses	-6.8	-6.1	10.5%	-20.2	-19.9	1.5%	-28.8
Operating profit	4.7	5.6	-17.0%	15.0	13.4	11.8%	19.6
Operating margin, %	3.3%	4.3%		3.7%	3.5%		3.5%
Comparable operating profit	4.7	5.6	-17.0%	15.0	14.2	5.5%	20.4
Comparable operating margin, %	3.3%	4.3%		3.7%	3.8%		3.7%
Net profit	3.5	4.2	-17.9%	11.1	10.0	11.5%	14.6

- ✓ 33<sup>rd</sup> consecutive growth quarter
- ✓ Robust revenue growth of 9.1%
- ✓ Gross margin decreased due to market environment
- ✓ Quarterly growing dividend of EUR 0.059 per share





## **Balance sheet & Cash flow**

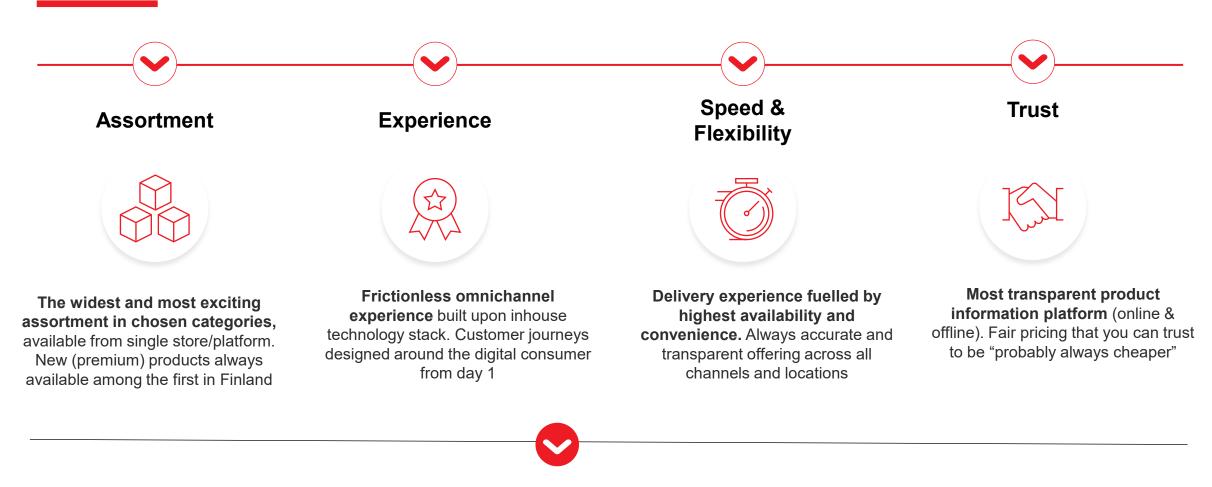
At the end of September 2021:

- Inventories were EUR **79.2** (65.7) million
- Cash flow from operating activities was EUR **2.0** (6.5) million
- Investments during Q1-Q3 were EUR **3.0** (0.9) million
- Cash, EUR **21.8** (36.5) million
- Equity ratio **22.4%** (25.9%)
- Undrawn revolving credit facilities of EUR **20** million





## Strategy execution – developing our operations towards our targets



Our mission is to provide the **best possible customer journey** within Nordic retail for selected categories



### Verkkokauppa ranked as a forerunner in customer experience and loyalty

Customer Relationship Index study is the widest annual survey made to investigate customer experience and loyalty. 3 700 consumers assessed the customer experience and loyalty to customers in different companies.

Customer loyalty, retail 60 70 65 Verkkokauppa IKEA Motonet Yliopiston Apteekki Musti&Mirri S-ruokakaupat Zalando Lidl K-ruokakaupat Biltema Sokos Clas Ohlson Tokmanni XXL Gigantti Amazon Ellos 21.10.2021

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1st position in customer loyalty among retail

Great improvement in our positioning regarding customer experience



ASML, Suomen Asiakkuusmarkkinointiliitto (Data & Marketing Association of Finland) survey is conducted annually since 2009. Asiakkuusindeksi 2021: https://www.asml.fi/seminar/asiakkuusindeksi-2021-tutkimus/



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## Our assortment is expanding

- We are expanding our assortment at a record pace
- Up to 100 new product launches daily
- We evaluate new possibilities on a daily basis pursuing to meet the evolving consumer demand
- We use growth hacking to find new trends to utilize in product development
- Currently up to 80 000 products in our assortment



# New innovations released

New Search User interface

- ★ Hundreds of new search filters
- ★ Clear performance benefits
- ★ Improved conversion for both mobile and desktop users

### **Product recommendations**

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- ★ Based on image similarity
- ★ Find and recommend items that looks the same
- ★ Allow customer to easily find interesting items to mach his style preference

#### **Customer care**

- ★ Order splitting, when all the items in the order are not immidiately available
- ★ AI bot for emails increase speed in customer service

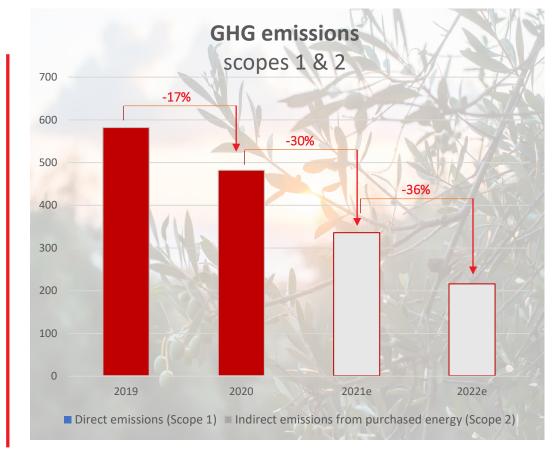
## **Continuous progress in sustainability work**



- We promote responsible working conditions and environmental practices throughout the supply chain
  - By joining amfori BSCI, we are able to further develop this aspect especially in private label sourcing

We aim to minimize our impact on the climate

- We show notable downward trend in GHG emissions from our own operations (scope 1&2)
- We are prepraring emissions calculation for indirect (scope 3) emissions, which cause majority of our climate impact



Our Greenhouse gas emissions (scopes 1 & 2) intensity is very low comparing to peer group: **0.87 tonne CO<sub>2</sub>/ million euros** in 2020



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## Business outlook



## Short-term market outlook

Our operations are	We believe to significantly	As travelling opens, we will
estimated to develop	grow our market share in	see a gradual opening of
positively	evolving categories	export business
We expect to further benefit from the shift in consumer behavior to online sales	Component shortages and congested freight services, may have an impact on the availability of some products in the remainder of the year	The strong balance sheet enables us to expand our operations in accordance with our strategy



## Financial targets and dividend policy - unchanged

### **Guidance for 2021**

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Revenue: EUR 570–620 million (2020: EUR 554 million) Comparable operating profit: EUR 20–26 million (2020: EUR 20.4 million)

## Targets by the end of 2025

Revenue: EUR 1 billion EBIT margin: 5% Fixed costs: <10% of revenue

### **Dividend policy**

Our goal is to continue to pay out a quarterly growing dividend

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## Key takeaways from 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter



Solid performance in our B2B business, sales +22,0%



The online shift in retail continued, our online sales increased by +18.7%



Strong market share gains in a tight competitive environment and a softer market, with +3.7% market growth

(GFK data per July-September 2021)



All focus on upcoming season and ensuring attractive campaigns fueled by good availability



Our investment on automated Jätkäsaari logistics hub progress as planned



We are executing our strategy towards long-term financial targets by the end of 2025



## **More Information**



### Upcoming events in 2022-23

- 2021 Financial statements on 10 February 2022
- The Financial Statements for 2021 during the week starting on 28 February (week 9) in 2022
- AGM on 24 March 2022
- Interim report for January March 2022 on Thursday 28 April 2022
- Half-year financial report for January June 2022 on Thursday 14 July 2022
- Interim report for January September 2022 on Thursday 27 October 2022
- Financial statements bulletin for the year 2022 on Thursday 9 February 2023.

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