



Verkkokauppa.com - accelerating the online shift

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Retail in Finland is steadily transitioning to online

Consumer electronics is one of the top -selling categories online and is experiencing fastest shift to online

Total addressable ONLINE market size (meur) and development, Finland 2023-2028



Source: Statista

Online share of sales estimates in consumer electronics, Finland 2022-2027



Consumers preferring to buy electronics online rather than offline in 2023

Offline	Online	Can't say		
34 %	39 %	27 %		

Source: Digital consumer buying journey, Finnish Commerce Federation Finland 9/2023



Fast deliveries are growing globally at a significant pace

Fast deliveries are a top priority for customers, but Finland lags many other countries in this area



The buy now, pay later (BNPL) trend has become increasingly popular worldwide

Finland is no exception, with many consumers opting for this payment method

Majority of Finnish consumers have used BNPL option



Global transaction value of buy now, pay later

(BNPL) in ecommerce 2019-2026 (in billion U.S.

Buy Now Pay Later market in Finland (USD)



Source: Research and Markets

Have you used any "Buy now, pay later" options for purchases in the past 12 months?" (multi-pick)

Yes, in the past 12 months

8% Yes, but longer than 12 months ago

47%

14%

30%

No, but I could imagine using it in the future

No, and I don't consider using it in future

Source: Statista Consumer Insights, 2024, Finnish consumers (n=12 000) Source: Statista

Circular products becoming more important

Finland is one of the world's leading countries in second-hand purchasing



Source: Statista

Share of consumers who have bought second hand products in last 12 months



Majority of Finnish consumers would buy used electronics

"I could buy reliable and serviced used electronics from well-known online stores if there were more available"

Verkkokauppa.com customers

Finnish population

62%

15%

Source: Verkkokauppa.com Consumer Electronics Responsibility Study 04/2024 Finnish population N=1044 Own customer base N=13 347



Our Strategy

For the strategy period 2024 - 2028

OUR STRATEGY FOR 2024-2028

COURAGE

COMMUNITY

Our PURPOSE is

to rewrite

the rules of

retail

PEBEL OF RETAIL ATTITUD

WE WILL ACCELERATE ONLINE TRANSITION WITH FOUR CORNERSTONES LEADING TO PROFITABLE GROWTH

1. FASTEST FULFILMENT

- Blazing delivery speed a new norm of buying
- The most effortless shopping experience
- Automated product flows and intralogistics

2. CURATED ASSORTMENT

- First one to introduce latest products and innovations
- Full assortment with best availability in selected categories
- High-quality Own Brand selection

3. NEW BUSINESS MODELS

- New subscription-based services, new norm of owning
- New profit models e.g. Retail as Media
- New fulfilment operating models

4. OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Most efficient retail operations
- Feature-rich and leading own platform
- Data and AI powered way-of-working

Top line growth (CAGR) of more than 5%, outgrowing the market

Fixed costs below 10% of revenue*

EBIT margin above 5%*

Our VISION is to create a new norm for buying and owning

* by the end of 2028

TRANSPARENCY

AGILITY

In June, our 1-hour deliveries were expanded into all major cities in Finland

The fastest deliveries in Finland

- We expanded ultra-fast One-hour deliveries to all our mega-store areas: Tampere, Turku and Oulu
- Significant strategic milestone achieved, making one-hour deliveries available for over 1.7 million consumers
- The new areas start operations with +5 000 best seller SKUs available for fast delivery from each megastore
- Overall, the share of fast deliveries continued to grow by 26% y-on-y through Q2 in the service area, driven by the capital region



In Q2/2024, key highlights from strategy execution

On Demand

Telefonid

Arvutid

Kaamerad

Meelelahutus

Mänguasjad

Audio ja hifi

Kellad ja lisad

Sport

AI integrations to online experience

New growth through geographical expansion

New categories in Trade-in services



- We are utilizing AI capabilities in product information processes
- Online availability redesigned to represent local store and warehouse availability for fastest deliveries
- We are driving automated dynamic pricing with competitor price analytics



- Piloting fast deliveries in Tallinn, starting in July with 10,500 SKUs
- New market with over 400,000 customers
- Operating with the existing partnership - Wolt, through Wolt online platform
- Direct relationship and integration utilizing current logistic and warehouse capability



- The service now includes also smartwatches
- Phones, laptops and tablets are the most popular items to trade
- The service is provided fully online
- 2/3 of trade-ins are done entirely online







Market recovery postponed

Consumer confidence indicator 9/2022-8/2024

- Consumer confidence was unchanged and weak in August. The confidence indicator stood at -7.2.
- Market recovery seems to be postponed and softer than expected
- Consumers' views of their own economy improved slightly from the previous month
- In August, the time was still regarded as very unfavorable for buying durable goods. Consumers' intentions to spend money on durable goods in the next 12 months continued to be very low.
- The first decrease in interest rates didn't show any boost in demand
- During the summer, the consumer electronics market was heavily driven by stock clearance sales and aggressive pricing





Source: Etu _ erikoiskaupan liitto: <u>https://www.etu.fi/tietopalvelu/tilastot/erikoiskauppa-yhteensa.html</u>, Statista Customer-specific business cycle service

Soft demand in all channels, <u>reven</u>ue declined by -9% in the first half



Q2/2024 development

- Consumer sales accounted for 69% of product sales and declined by -7%
- Season sales got off to a slow start and were softer than expected
- B2B sales declined by -5% and was 32% of product sales
- > Online sales was 66% of sales and declined by -4%
- Offline sales totaled 34% of sales and declined by -11%
- Own brand sales increased by +12% and was 8% of product sales
- Positive performance in home appliances, watches and IT

H1/2024 development

 Total revenue declined by -9.1% and totaled EUR 213.5 million (234.8)



Gross margin impacted by highly price driven and campaign-oriented market



Q2/2024 development

- In a low-demand market, we made active pricing decisions to ensure campaign products' inventory turnover pressuring product margins
- Also increased logistics costs impacting margins >
- Dynamic pricing activities and supplier negotiations mitigating a bigger drop in margins
- Good demand in consumer financing services impacting gross margin positively

Sales mix

- Solid performance within own brands, sales increased by +12% (8% share of all product sales), positive impact on gross margin
- Core categories share of sales increasing to 87%, negative impact on margin
- Other product categories declined by -20%, mainly due to assortment optimization

H1/2024 development

- Gross margin, +0.2pp, 16.8% (16.6%)
- Comp. EBIT: EUR -1.2 million (2.3) >



Active inventory management continued



Balance sheet and cash flow on 30 June 2024

- Inventory on a solid level, staying flat yoy, and totaled EUR 70.5 million
- Investments during the first half of the year were EUR 0.9 million (1.3)
 - mainly related to logistics, business automation and the improvement of online customer experience
- January—June operating cash flow totaled EUR -10.8 million (-0.4)
- > Cash at hand was EUR 16.3 million (15.5)
- > Equity ratio at the end of June was 15.7% (16.5%)
- At the end of June, the group had a total of EUR 20 million in loans from financial institutions (22.6)





Markeboutlook & Consumer trends

Market & consumer tailwinds contributing to future growth and strengthening our position



 Consumer confidence and expectations concerning the development of general unemployment remained on a weak level



- A gradual recovery seems to be later and slower than expected
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- Company's addressable market continues transitioning online, cannibalizing traditional brick & mortar



- Fast and convenient shopping is becoming a new norm for buying
- New ways of buying and owning are becoming more relevant
- Rising importance of sustainability and circularity







Key takeaways

- Consumer confidence has remained low, and the market has been challenging due to high campaign orientation and intense price competition
- In a challenging operating environment, we focus on improving operational efficiency and we have started streamlining of our organizational structures
- The company's strategic growth drivers

 online sales and own-brand sales,
 fared better than average during H1

- > We have reached a significant milestone as we extended one-hour deliveries available to more than 1.7 million customers
- We will succeed in taking advantage of the online shift and gain market share in chosen product categories
- We will ensure that we are ready for growth as the market picks up







More information



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Upcoming Financial events

- Investor presentation in Helsinki on 19 August, arranged by Nordea
- Helsinki Stock Exchange open doors / Pörssin avoimet ovet
- Nordea Retail Day in Helsinki on 13 September 2024
- Interim report for January September 2024 on Thursday 24 October 2024
- Investor 2024 event in Messukeskus on 28 November 2024 in Helsinki
- Financial statements bulleting for the year 2024 on Thursday 6 February 2025.

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> Quarterly Key Figures

Quarterly Key Figures

	2024					2023			
	Q1	Q2	H1 2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY 2023	
Revenue, eur million	108	105.5	213.5	122	112.8	117.4	150.6	502.9	
Gross profit, eur million	18.7	17.3	35.9	20.2	18.8	18.7	23.1	80.9	
Gross margin-%	17.3 %	16.4%	16.8%	16.6%	16.7%	15.9%	15.3%	16.1%	
EBITDA, eur million	1.3	-0.2	1.1	1.6	2.3	3.7	3.5	11.1	
EBITDA-%	1.2%	-0.2%	0.5%	1.3%	2.1%	3.1%	2.3%	2.2%	
Operating result, eur million	-0.4	-2	-2.4	0	0.8	2.1	1.8	4.7	
Operating margin-%	-0.4%	-1.9%	-1.1%	0.0%	0.7%	1.8%	1.2%	0.9%	
Comparable operating result, eur million	0.5	-1.7	-1.2	1.4	1	2.2	1.6	6.1	
Comparable operating margin-%	0.5%	-1.6%	-0.6%	1.1%	0.8%	1.9%	1.1%	1.2%	
Net result, eur million	-1	-2.1	-3.1	-0.4	0.2	1.1	1.2	2.1	
Interest-bearing net debt, eur million	20.1	18.5	18.5	25.6	22.8	20.3	6.1	6.1	
Investments, eur million	0.3	0.6	0.9	1	0.3	0.4	0.2	1.9	
Equity ratio, %	16.7%	15.7%	15.7%	15.8%	16.5%	16.9%	16.2%	16.2%	
Gearing, %	72.7%	72.2%	72.2%	98.2%	87.2%	74.2%	21.5%	21.5%	
Personnel at the end of period*	644	694	694	720	695	640	677	677	
Basic earnings per share, euros	-0.02	-0.05	-0.07	-0.01	0	0.03	0.03	0.05	
Diluted earnings per share, euros	-0.02	-0.05	-0.07	-0.01	0	0.03	0.03	0.05	
Number of issued shares, 1,000 pcs	45,355	45,355	45,355	45,355	45,355	45,355	45,355	45,355	
Number of treasury shares, 1,000 pcs	133	119	119	258	171	159	146	146	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding, 1,000 pcs	45,222	45,235	45,235	45,096	45,183	45,195	45,209	45,209	
Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding, 1,000 pcs	45,372	45,386	45,386	45,354	45,252	45,264	45,277	45,277	



