

Year-end report 2008

Q4

- Profit before tax SEK 5,671m (3,462)
- Earnings per share before dilution SEK 32.62 (16.66)
- Proposed dividend SEK 9 per share (9)
- Proposal on authorisation for set-off or non-cash issues to be used at acquisitions
- Satisfactory development in the holdings for the year as a whole
- Hägglunds Drives sold – exit gain SEK 4,405m
- Total return on Ratos shares -20%

Ratos in summary

SEKm	2008 Q 4	2007 Q 4	2008	2007
Profit/share of profits	220	507	1,554	2,550
Exit gains	4,411	-1	4,449	933
Impairments	-92		-92	
Dividends from other companies				71
Profit from holdings	4,539	506	5,911	3,554
Net expenses	-198	8	-240	-92
Profit before tax	4,341	514	5,671	3,462

Important events

■ The sale of Hägglunds Drives to Bosch Rexroth was completed in December. Ratos's exit gain amounted to SEK 4,405m and the average annual return (IRR) was approximately 55%

■ Bisnode acquired the German company WLW in December. The purchase price amounted to SEK 537m and Ratos provided equity of SEK 305m in conjunction with the acquisition

■ In November, Ratos acquired co-owner Gunnar Mannerheim's 40% holding in MCC. The purchase price for the shares amounted to SEK 210m. After this acquisition, Ratos's holding amounts to 100%

■ Medifq Healthcare completed the acquisition of the Swiss company Medisize Medical in April. The company's name has been changed to Medisize Oy. Ratos provided SEK 393m and the holding in the new group amounts to 93%

■ Atle Industri sold its two remaining portfolio companies Moving and Nord-hydraulic. Exit gains amounted to approximately SEK 8m and SEK 100m respectively. The total average annual return (IRR) on Ratos's investment in Atle Industri was 8%

■ Refinancing was carried out in Bisnode, Camfil and GS-Hydro whereby Ratos released a total of approximately SEK 1,500m

■ Dividends received by Ratos included SEK 149m from Arcus Gruppen, SEK 175m from Haendig and SEK 93m from Lindab

■ A number of add-on acquisitions and divestments were carried out in the holdings, among others in Bisnode, Contex Holding, GS-Hydro and MCC

More information about important events in the holdings is provided on pages 8-12.

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CEO's comments

Taken overall, 2008 was a very good year for Ratos. The successful sale of Hägglunds Drives was combined with satisfactory development in the holdings for the year as a whole. Towards the end of the year, however, several of our holdings were affected by the fast-weakening economy, which will be challenging to handle in 2009.

If on the other hand, we look up in a two to five-year perspective, unique business opportunities are now opening up of a kind that we normally only experience once or twice in a lifetime. It will be necessary to both apply the brakes and accelerate in 2009 – the problems that will doubtless arise must be managed, but if this is done successfully the foundation can be laid for several years of favourable development.



Arne Karlsson

Further CEO comments at www.ratos.se

Events after the end of the period

■ In February 2009, Ratos concluded an agreement to acquire an additional up to 48% in the associate DIAB. The seller is 3i and the purchase price for the shareholding amounts to SEK 400m. As a result of this acquisition DIAB will become a subsidiary of Ratos where Ratos's holding will amount to 91-96%, depending on how many shares are subscribed for by minority owners. The acquisition is subject to approval from the relevant competition authorities and is expected to be completed in March.

■ Ratos will provide equity in order to financially strengthen some of the holdings. Equity will be provided in conjunction with new issues in: Contex Holding with approximately SEK 150m, Inwido with SEK 400m and Jøtul with approximately SEK 60m.

Business environment and market

Ahead of 2008 Ratos's general assessment of the economic outlook was that the downturn in the global economy would continue for a large part of the year, but that stimulation from both monetary and financial policies combined with many positive structural trends would gradually give the global economy renewed strength. The most important consequence of this was expected to be that the global economy would be able to avoid a deep recession. Pockets of weak or negative growth were expected to create problems in some areas – the housing sector in the US, new construction in many countries, the automotive industry, etc. – but that this would be compensated by a wide margin by continued strong development in other geographic markets and industries. We summarised this forecast as ST, or “Stay Tuned”.

In many respects and for a large part of the year the fundamental features of these assessments materialised. Right into the fourth quarter total sales in our holdings rose by double-digits while profits exceeded those of the previous year, despite the fact that 2007 was the fourth consecutive year with record profits in the portfolio companies. It can

be noted that a lot was won because we and our holdings were not dragged down by the global pessimism too early – numerous market share gains and cash flows would never have been achieved with a more defensive strategy.

That said, naturally we must still admit that our forecast for the full year, for the first time in the 2000s, was totally wrong, and that several of our holdings were affected by the mounting economic downturn during the final months of the year. Even if the development for the holdings for the whole of 2008 must be described as satisfactory and furthermore Ratos achieved by far its biggest profit for almost 143 years, in both nominal and real terms, we are now entering a 2009 that will be extremely challenging to handle.

As far as the global economy is concerned we believe in a storm but no hurricane. By this we mean that 2009 will be extremely tough – remember that storms can be deadly dangerous as well as containing gusts of wind of hurricane strength – but that we will not experience a 1930s scenario with several years of (sharp) falls in GDP. Sometime during the second half of 2009 or the start of 2010 we believe that the turning point will occur but that subsequently we will have to live with sub par growth for several years.

At the same time, if we look up in a two to five-year perspective, unique business opportunities are now opening up of a kind that we normally only experience once or twice in a lifetime. It will be necessary to both apply the brakes and accelerate in 2009 – the problems that will doubtless arise must be managed, but if this is done successfully the foundation can be laid for several years of favourable development.

Taken overall, Ratos's holdings developed satisfactorily during the year. Total sales for the underlying portfolio at the end of the year rose 9% compared with the previous year. Taking Ratos's different ownership stakes into account, sales rose 11%. The corresponding figures for operating profit were -3% and -1% respectively, and for profit before tax -19% and -23% respectively. If earnings are adjusted for extraordinary expenses in the respective

year, operating profit rose +4% (+7% taking Ratos's holdings into account) while profit before tax changed by -4% (+1%).

During the fourth quarter sales increased by 3% (+4% taking Ratos's holdings into account) while operating profit fell -28% (-17%), or -10% (-4%) if adjustments are made for extraordinary expenses.

To facilitate analysis, an extensive table is provided on page 13 with key figures for Ratos's holdings. A summary of income statements and balance sheets for Ratos's associates and subsidiaries is available at www.ratos.se in downloadable Excel files.

From a financing perspective Ratos has to a great extent been able to avoid the hurricane that swept over the world due to:

- stable, long-term relationships with Nordic banks
- only normal bank loans, i.e. loans that normally keep running and do not need to be refinanced. The proportion of loans in Ratos's portfolio that must be refinanced in 2009 and 2010 respectively is zero
- an overall limited financial risk (ratio between the holdings' net debt and operating profit, EBITDA, at 31 December 2008 was 3.3 – also taking the parent company's net cash into account the ratio was 2.3).

In some of the portfolio companies, however, developments in the fourth quarter meant that they breached their covenants, or that financing questions of different type arose. This was in no way dramatic since the companies on the whole did not have any problems meeting interest payments or amortisation, but naturally this led to discussions with the banks involved. These discussions have now resulted in new agreement with the banks, which include capital contributions being provided to three companies (Contex Holding, Inwido and Jøtul) during 2009 totalling SEK 610m, that new covenants, adjusted to the new economic situation, have been received and interest rate margins raised. This last item, however, is largely offset by the general fall in interest rates. The size of the capital contributions is so limited that the long-term impact on our return forecasts is small.

Performance Ratos's holdings

	2008	
	100%	Ratos's share
Sales	+9%	+11%
EBITA	-3%	-1%
EBITA adjusted for extraordinary expenses	+4%	+7%
EBT	-19%	-23%
EBT adjusted for extraordinary expenses	-4%	+1%
2008 Q 4		
	100%	Ratos's share
Sales	+3%	+4%
EBITA	-28%	-17%
EBITA adjusted for extraordinary expenses	-10%	-4%

In addition to this, SEK 66m has been provided to Superfos. In this case, however, this is not related to a breach of covenant or bank negotiations, but because the owners (IK Investment Partners and Ratos) decided to strengthen the company in a tough market situation where at the same time opportunities are opening up for long-term structural deals.

Ratos's results

Profit before tax for 2008 amounted to SEK 5,671m (3,462), which is the highest result in Ratos's history and is largely attributable to the sale of Häggglunds Drives which was completed in December. The result includes profit/share of profits from the holdings of SEK 1,554m (2,550) and exit gains of SEK 4,449m (933). Earnings were charged by an impairment loss on the holding in Jøtul of SEK 92m.

Central income and expenses

Ratos's net income and expenses amounted to SEK -240m (-92), of which personnel costs amounted to SEK 261m (254). The variable portion of personnel costs amounted to SEK 161m (186). Other management costs were SEK 286m (95). Net financial items amounted to SEK +307m (+257).

Tax

Ratos's consolidated tax expense comprises subsidiaries' and Ratos's share of tax in associates. The tax rate in the consolidated income statement is affected, among other things, by the parent company's investment company status, capitalisation of loss carry forwards and by non-taxable capital gains.

Financial position

Cash flow from operating activities and investing activities was SEK 3,587m (-103) and the Group's cash and cash equivalents at year-end was SEK 7,485m (4,240), of which short-term interest-bearing investments comprised SEK 5,060m (2,282). Interest-bearing liabilities including pension provisions amounted to SEK 15,927m (13,834).

Parent company

The parent company's profit before tax was SEK 4,438m (1,285). The parent company's cash and cash equivalents, including short-term interest-bearing investments, amounted to SEK 5,700m (2,296). Taking into account financial

Ratos's results

SEKm	2008	2007
Profit/share of profits before tax ¹⁾		
AH Industries (66%)	83	23
Anticimex (85%)	84	69
Arcus Gruppen (83%)	132	858
Bisnode (70%)	15	331
Camfil (30%)	81	93
Contex Holding (98%)	2	27
DIAB (48%)	88	100
EuroMaint (100%)	33	-29
GS-Hydro (100%)	104	133
Haglöfs (100%)	40	14
HL Display (29%)	39	44
Inwido (96%)	67	296
Jøtul (63%)	-57	-21
Lindab (22%)	222	264
MCC (100%)	115	50
Medisize (93%)	-45	-44
Scandinavian Business Seating (85%)	31	45
Superfos (33%)	14	24
Other holdings ²⁾	127	27
Bluegarden		-9
Hägglunds Drives ³⁾	379	255
Total profit/share of profits	1,554	2,550
Exit gains		
Alimak Hek		727
Bluegarden		160
DIAB	31	
Hägglunds Drives	4,405	
Other holdings ⁴⁾	13	46
Total exit gains	4,449	933
Impairment, Jøtul	-92	
Dividend from Other holdings ⁴⁾		71
Profit from holdings	5,911	3,554
Net expenses	-240	-92
Consolidated profit before tax	5,671	3,462

¹⁾ Subsidiaries' profits included with 100% and associates' profits with respective holding percentage.

²⁾ Relates to subsidiaries BTJ Group and Hafa Bathroom Group and associate Atle Industri. Previous year's figures include the entire Haendig Group.

³⁾ Hägglunds Drives is included in consolidated earnings until the end of November. Entire holding sold in December 2008.

⁴⁾ Relates to holdings in Overseas Telecom and IK Investment Partners.

transactions agreed but not yet carried out, at today's date Ratos has an investment capacity of approximately SEK 5.4 billion without needing to utilise existing credit facilities.

Risks and uncertainties

A description of the Group's and parent company's material risks and uncertainties is provided in the Director's report and in Note 31 and Note 39 in the 2007 Annual Report. An assessment for the coming months is provided in the *Business environment and market* section on pages 2-3.

Related-party transactions

Shareholder contributions and shareholder loans were granted to subsidiaries. The parent company received dividends from subsidiaries and associates of SEK 757m (276), of which SEK 757m (165) was recognised in profit. In addition, Superfos carried out a SEK 200m new issue where Ratos's share amounted to SEK 66m.

Ratos shares

Earnings per share before dilution amounted to SEK 32.62 (16.66). The total return on Ratos shares in 2008 was -20%, compared with the performance of the SIX Return Index which was -39%.

Buy-backs and number of shares

During 2008, 1,045,800 B shares were repurchased at an average price of SEK 161. The number of call options exercised during the year corresponded to 494,500 shares. At year-end Ratos owned 3,411,397 B shares, corresponding to 2.1% of the total number of shares repurchased for an average price of SEK 121. The average number of B treasury shares owned by Ratos in 2008 was 2,773,222 (2,519,986 in the full-year 2007). The total number of shares outstanding at 31 December was 157,937,855.

The Board has decided to propose that the 2009 Annual General Meeting gives the Board a renewed mandate to buy back shares in the company, during the period until the next Annual General Meeting. Share buy-backs are to be effected on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm and are limited so that the company's holding of treasury shares at any time may not exceed 7% of the total number of shares in the company. The purpose of share buy-backs is to give the Board greater freedom of action in its efforts to create value for Ratos's shareholders. This includes hedging of call options issued within the framework of Ratos's incentive programme.

Ratos's equity ¹⁾

SEKm	31 Dec 2008	% of equity
AH Industries	415	3
Anticimex	711	4
Arcus Gruppen	648	4
Bisnode	1,210	8
Camfil	189	1
Contex Holding	779	5
DIAB	467	3
EuroMaint	448	3
GS-Hydro	-151	-1
Haglöfs	109	1
HL Display	295	2
Inwido	1,374	9
Jøtul	180	1
Lindab	752	5
MCC	565	4
Medisize	685	4
Scandinavian Business Seating	842	5
Superfos	475	3
Other holdings ²⁾	387	2
Total	10,380	66
Other net assets in central companies	5,445	34
Equity (attributable to equity holders of the parent)	15,825	100
Equity per share, SEK	100	

¹⁾ Holdings are shown at consolidated figures, which correspond to the Group's share of the holdings' equity, any residual values on consolidated surplus and deficit values minus any intra-group profits. Shareholder loans and capitalised interest on such loans are also included.

²⁾ Other holdings include the subsidiaries BTJ Group and Hafa Bathroom Group and the holdings Overseas Telecom and IK Investment Partners.

Equity

At 31 December 2008, Ratos's equity (attributable to equity holders of the parent) amounted to SEK 15,825m (SEK 11,391m at 30 September 2008) corresponding to SEK 100 per outstanding share (SEK 72 at 30 September 2008).

Credit facilities

Since 2002 the parent company has had a five-year (rolling since 2005) credit facility amounting to SEK 1.3 billion including a bank overdraft facility. In April 2008 the parent company was granted an increase in the credit facility to SEK 3.2 billion including a bank overdraft facility. The background to this increase is that since 2002 Ratos has grown into a considerably larger company and the fact that SEK 3.2 billion today corresponds to the financial preparedness provided by the 2002 credit facility. The purpose of the facility is to be able to use it when bridging financing is required for acquisitions, and to be able to finance dividends and day-to-day running costs in periods of few or no exits. The parent company should normally be unleveraged. The credit facility was unutilised at the end of the period.

Conversion of shares

The 2003 Annual General Meeting resolved that a conversion clause allowing conversion of A shares to B shares should be added to the articles of association. This means that owners of A shares have an ongoing right to convert them to B shares. During 2008, 240 A shares were converted into B shares.

Other

Proposal for ordinary dividend

The Board of Directors proposes an ordinary dividend for 2008 of SEK 9 per share (9). The record date for dividends is estimated as 7 April and dividends are thus expected to be paid through Euroclear Sweden (formerly VPC) on 14 April 2009.

Incentive programme for key people

The Board has decided to propose that the Annual General Meeting decides on the issue of a maximum of 650,000 call options on repurchased Ratos class B shares. It is proposed that the call options be offered to a maximum of approximately 30 key people working in the company. The call option programme comprises between 5,000 and 100,000 options per person. The exercise price will be set at 125% of the average for each trading day during the period 8 – 14 May 2009 of the highest and lowest prices for Ratos B shares on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm according to the official price list. The options will remain valid until and including 20 March 2014. The price of the options will be determined as their assessed market value

taking the share price during the measurement period into account. Purchasers of options will receive an extra remuneration, allocated over five years, corresponding to a maximum of 50% of the option premium, provided the person concerned is still working at Ratos and still holds options acquired from Ratos or shares acquired through options.

In addition, as in the previous year the Board intends to propose to the Annual General Meeting an option programme related to the company's investments in portfolio companies. It is proposed that the programme be carried out through the issue of synthetic options.

Additional information on the option programmes will be provided in the notice of the Annual General Meeting which will be published on 24 February 2009.

Proposal on authorisation for set-off or non-cash issues to be used at acquisitions

The Board of Ratos AB proposes that the 2009 Annual General Meeting resolves, during the period until the next Annual General Meeting, to authorise the Board in conjunction with company acquisitions, on one or several occasions, deviating from the pre-emptive rights of shareholders, through set-off or non-cash, to make a decision on a new issue of class B shares in the company. This authorisation shall comprise a maximum of 30 million class B shares. The issue price will be determined in accordance with current market conditions. Maximum dilution of the number of votes is less than 10%.

This mandate will apply solely to possible acquisitions and if no acquisitions are made where all or parts of the payment takes the form of Ratos shares, no new issue will be made and the mandate will thus not be utilised.

Summary of background and reasons for the proposal:

Ratos's Board has for several years discussed the possibility of using treasury shares as payment in conjunction with company acquisitions, partly because of a wish from sellers of companies to receive shares as payment at acquisition, and partly because Ratos's relative value in relation to the outside world has improved considerably over the last ten years. The Board's assessment is that unique investment opportunities will arise over the next few years, where Ratos shares may be an attractive means of payment.

The Board is of the opinion that a mandate to issue shares to be used at acquisitions will give Ratos:

- the possibility to carry out acquisitions where the seller does not wish payment in cash
- the possibility to structure acquisitions in a optimal manner

- prerequisites to carry out larger and more deals
- improved opportunities for choice when handling Ratos's cash assets and from a risk perspective.

The reasons for an open mandate are (i) that it is not possible to determine when and to what extent it may be of interest to make acquisitions with shares as a means of payment and (ii) the long time axis for carrying out an issue would make it impossible to use Ratos shares without an open mandate.

Nomination Committee's proposal regarding the Board of Directors

Ahead of the 2009 Annual General Meeting, Ratos's Nomination Committee proposes that the Board be expanded by one member. Board members Olof Stenhammar, Lars Berg, Staffan Bohman, Arne Karlsson (CEO), Annette Sadolin, Jan Söderberg and Per-Olof Söderberg are proposed for re-election.

Margareth Øvrum, currently Executive Vice President at StatoilHydro in Bergen, Norway, is proposed as a new member of the Board. Margareth Øvrum, born 1958, has an MSc in Engineering from the Norwegian Institute of Technology (NTH), specialising in technical physics. Previously she held management positions in the Statoil Group within purchasing, production, projects, health, safety and the environment and was Statoil's first female platform manager. In addition to the proposed assignment for Ratos, Margareth Øvrum is a member of the boards of Atlas Copco, Elkem and the Norwegian Research Council. Margareth Øvrum is a Norwegian citizen and lives in Norway.

Annual General Meeting

Ratos's Annual General Meeting will be held on 2 April 2009 at 17.30 CET in City Conference Centre, Barnhusgatan 12-14, Stockholm. Shareholders who wish to participate in the meeting must be entered in the share register kept by Euroclear Sweden (formerly VPC) no later than 27 March 2009, and notify their intention to attend no later than 16.00 CET on 27 March 2009. Complete company documentation and basis for decision will be available at the company's offices at Drottninggatan 2 in Stockholm and on the company's website www.ratos.se from 10 March 2009. The notice of the Annual General Meeting will be published on 24 February 2009. Notification of attendance may be made by writing to Ratos, Box 1661, SE-111 96 Stockholm, by telephoning +46 8 700 17 00 or via the website www.ratos.se.

Accounting principles in accordance with IFRS

The consolidated accounts are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The interim report is prepared in accordance with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting. Pertinent regulations in the Annual Accounts Act and the Swedish Securities Exchange and Clearing Operations Act are also applied. The parent company prepared the interim report in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and the Swedish Securities Exchange and Clearing Operations Act which are in accordance with the regulations in RFR 2.1 Accounting for Legal Entities. Both the Group's and the parent company's accounting principles are unchanged compared with the most recent annual report.

The key accounting principles applied by Ratos are described below.

Associates

As previously, Ratos applies the equity method for consolidation of associates.

Purchase price allocations

Purchase price allocations (PPAs) are preliminary until adopted, which must take place within 12 months from the acquisition. In cases where a PPA is changed, income statements and balance sheets are adjusted for the comparative period. During the period final PPAs were adopted for AH Industries, Contex Holding and EuroMaint. These confirmations did not result in any changes from preliminary PPAs prepared previously.

Ratos's subsidiary Medifiq Healthcare acquired 100% of Medisize Medical in April. Ratos provided SEK 393m in a new issue which increased Ratos's holding to 93%. The name of the new group was changed to Medisize Oy.

The Swedish Library Association's shares in BTJ Group were acquired in April. Ratos thus increased its holding in BTJ Group from 59% to 66%.

At the end of November, Ratos acquired the remaining 40% of MCC, after which the holding amounted to 100%. The purchase price amounted to SEK 210m.

In all three cases the difference between cost and fair value was attributable to goodwill since the companies are already included in the Ratos Group at fair value.

Ratos's holding in GS-Hydro was refinanced in September, when Ratos received a cash payment of SEK 473m. Ratos's holding in the new holding company GS-Hydro Holding amounts to 100%.

Goodwill and intangible assets

IFRS represents a requirement to identify and measure intangible assets at acquisition. To the extent intangible assets can be identified and measured, goodwill decreases correspondingly. Goodwill is not amortised but is subject to an annual test for impairment. Other intangible assets are amortised to the extent an amortisation period can be determined. In such cases, testing for impairment is only carried out when there is an indication of a decline in value. If the amortisation period cannot be determined and amortisation is therefore not effected, an annual impairment test must be performed regardless of whether or not there is any indication of impairment. When testing for impairment goodwill and other intangible assets with an indeterminable useful life are attributable to cash-generating units, which constitute separate subsidiaries (holdings). All holdings' carrying amounts, including the value of goodwill and intangible non-current assets, attributable to the acquisition are tested by calculating the recoverable amount for the holdings. Holdings are tested for impairment annually regardless of whether or not there is any indication of impairment. Testing is conducted between annual periods if there is any indication of impairment.

Holdings

AH Industries

- Sales SEK 751m (553) and EBITA SEK 110m (97)
- Good sales development but weaker earnings growth due to production disruptions and volatile raw material prices
- Major investments during the year to meet long-term growth potential
- Increased market uncertainty in the short term due to financial anxiety, although positive long-term prospects for wind power industry

Ratos's holding in AH Industries amounted to 66% and the consolidated book value was SEK 415m at 31 December 2008.

AH Industries is a Danish leading supplier of metal components and services to the wind power, offshore and marine industries. The company is specialised in the manufacture and machining of heavy metal components with high precision requirements. Operations are conducted in four business areas: AH Flanges, AH Components, AH Projects and AH Transport.

Anticimex

- Sales SEK 1,688m (1,508) and EBITA SEK 181m (162)
- Continued good sales growth, +12% (organic growth +7%), where Sweden in particular developed well, while Germany saw weaker development
- Continued good earnings trend within pests operations
- Strong development for energy inspections in Sweden
- Services related to property transfers were affected by the reduced number of property transactions towards the end of the year

Ratos's holding in Anticimex amounted to 85% and the consolidated book value was SEK 711m at 31 December 2008.

Anticimex is a service company that offers a broad range of services for healthy and safe indoor environments. Services include pest control, food hygiene, insurance, dehumidifying, as well as property transfer and energy inspections. The Group is currently represented in Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Germany and the Netherlands.

Arcus Gruppen

- Sales SEK 1,532m (1,407) and EBITA SEK 168m (SEK 91m, SEK862m including capital gain from property sale). Earnings were positively affected by SEK 61m by a one-time effect of transfer to a new pension plan
- Strong earnings improvement, despite increased raw material prices and weakened currency
- Good sales trend for spirits in Norway and wine in Sweden
- Agreement signed on acquisition of strategic brands from Pernod Ricard (including Grönstedts Cognac and Star Gin)
- Dividend in April of SEK 178m, of which Ratos received SEK 149m

Ratos's holding in Arcus Gruppen amounted to 83% and the consolidated book value was SEK 648m at 31 December 2008.

Arcus Gruppen is Norway's leading wine and spirits producer. The company was formed in 1996 on the initiative of the Norwegian government and privatised in 2001. The group's best-known brands include Braastad Cognac, Vikingfjord Vodka, Løiten and Linie Aquavit.

Bisnode

- Sales SEK 4,534m (3,899) and EBITA SEK 528m (580)
- Continued good sales growth, due among other things to acquisitions. Earnings include items affecting comparability of SEK -17m (including capital gains and write-downs on IT investments made earlier). In 2007 the corresponding figure was SEK +104m
- During 2008, 7 add-on acquisitions and 6 divestments were carried out. The biggest acquisition is the German company WLW (EUR 35m in sales for 2008) which was completed in December. In conjunction with this acquisition Ratos provided equity of SEK 305m
- Johan Wall took over as the new CEO in September
- Refinancing carried out at the beginning of the year where Ratos received SEK 605m

Ratos's holding in Bisnode amounted to 70% and the consolidated book value of the holding after completed refinancing was SEK 1,210m at 31 December 2008.

Bisnode is a leading European provider of digital business information with services within market, credit and product information with information about consumers and companies. Operations are conducted in 20 countries in Europe.

Camfil

- Sales SEK 4,361m (4,115) and EBITA SEK 400m (352)
- Continued good order bookings in most sub-markets
- Good margins and earnings development in fourth quarter
- Refinancing carried out which resulted in a cash payment to Ratos of approximately SEK 460m

Ratos's holding in Camfil amounted to 30% and the consolidated book value after completed refinancing was SEK 189m at 31 December 2008.

Camfil is a world leader in clean air technology and air filters. The Group's products and services contribute to a good indoor climate and protect sensitive manufacturing processes and the surrounding environment. Manufacture takes place in 23 plants on four continents and the Group is represented by subsidiaries and agents in over 50 countries.

Contex Holding

- Sales SEK 818m (831) and EBITA SEK 92m (106)
- Sales for the full year rose by 1% in local currency
- The economic downturn had a negative impact on sales for all operating areas, particularly in the fourth quarter
- Consolidated market position through product launches and strengthened distribution

Ratos's holding in Contex Holding amounted to 98% and the consolidated book value was SEK 779m at 31 December 2008.

The Danish company Contex Holding is a world-leading developer and manufacturer of innovative 2D and 3D digital imaging solutions. The Group has three operating areas: Contex A/S is the world's largest manufacturer of wide-format scanners; Z Corporation manufactures 3D printers; Vidar Systems Corporation manufactures products for medical imaging. The Group's products are sold throughout the world.

DIAB

- Sales SEK 1,414m (1,354) and EBITA SEK 220m (255)
- Sales increased by 5% in local currency. Growth in the wind segment was positive while a weak marine market had a negative impact
- Cost adjustments were implemented in production, especially in the US, following a weak sales trend in the final months of the year
- Investment programme for expanded global production capacity and new technology completed. Deliveries started of new material adapted for new market segments
- After the end of the period, Ratos concluded an agreement to acquire 3i's holding in DIAB. Ratos's holding will increase from 48% to 91-96%, depending on minority's shares

Ratos's holding in DIAB amounted to 48% and the consolidated book value was SEK 467m at 31 December 2008.

DIAB is a world-leading company that manufactures and develops core materials for composite structures including blades for wind turbines, hulls and decks for boats, and components for aircraft, trains, buses and rockets. The material has a unique combination of characteristics such as low weight, high strength, insulation properties and chemical resistance.

EuroMaint

- Sales SEK 2,324m (2,067) and EBITA SEK 122m (69, including SEK 44m for action programme)
- Organic growth 12%, very favourable development within both EuroMaint Rail and EuroMaint Industry
- EuroMaint Rail received extension to key contract with Swedish Railways (SJ) as well as a new contract for refurbishment of SJ's intercity trains
- Strong focus on operational and organisational improvements
- From the start of the year, EuroMaint Industry takes over Husqvarna's maintenance and tools operations in Huskvarna
- Ole Kjörrefjord, formerly chairman of EuroMaint, appointed new CEO from start of the year

Ratos's holding in EuroMaint amounted to 100% and the consolidated book value was SEK 448m at 31 December 2008.

EuroMaint is one of Sweden's leading maintenance companies and offers advanced maintenance services to the rail transport sector and manufacturing industry. Operations are conducted in two subsidiaries: EuroMaint Rail and EuroMaint Industry. Operations are conducted at 18 locations in Sweden, Latvia and the US.

GS-Hydro

- Sales SEK 1,528m (1,311) and EBITA SEK 169m (184 including SEK 32m capital gain from property sale)
- Good growth within marine and offshore segments
- Accumulated order bookings in 2008 amounted to SEK 1,588m, an increase of 15% compared with 2007
- Restructuring in North America and Asia had negative impact on earnings
- Refinancing carried out in September whereby Ratos received SEK 473m

Ratos's holding in GS-Hydro amounted to 100% and the consolidated book value in Ratos after completed refinancing was SEK -151m at 31 December 2008.

GS-Hydro is a leading supplier of non-welded piping systems. Products are mainly used in the marine and offshore industries as well as in the pulp and paper, metals and mining, automotive and aerospace and defence industries. The head office is located in Finland.

Haglöfs

- Sales SEK 495m (428) and EBITA SEK 53m (22)
- Strong demand for Haglöfs' products and favourable weather conditions contributed to a continued strong development in the fourth quarter
- Most markets showed positive development in 2008, including Germany and Switzerland which both posted sales increases of approximately 30%
- Order backlog ahead of spring 2009 shows a good increase over previous year

Ratos's holding in Haglöfs amounted to 100% and the consolidated book value in Ratos was SEK 109m at 31 December 2008.

Haglöfs is a Nordic market leader in equipment and clothes for an active outdoor life. The company develops and markets high-quality clothes, sleeping bags, footwear, and rucksacks. Haglöfs has sales in 15 countries in the Nordic region and the rest of Europe.

HL Display

- Sales SEK 1,536m (1,571) and EBITA SEK 130m (161)
- Weak market development in fourth quarter had negative impact on earnings
- Target for sales in 2009 on a par with 2008

Ratos's holding in HL Display amounted to 29% and the consolidated book value was SEK 295m at 31 December 2008.

HL Display is a global, market leading supplier of products and systems for merchandising and in-store communication with operations in 33 countries. Manufacture takes place in China, the UK, Sweden and the US. HL Display is listed on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm, Small Cap list.

Inwido

- Sales SEK 5,639m (5,057) and EBITA SEK 323m (481)
- Continued weak new construction market in the Nordic region, the UK and Ireland had a negative impact on earnings. Organic growth amounted to -4%
- Action programme carried out comprising capacity adjustments through staff cutbacks and closure of seven factories, as well as measures within prices and purchasing. All other things being equal, these measures are expected to improve profitability by SEK 400m on an annual basis. Costs of measures carried out charged against EBITA with SEK 107m in 2008
- Increased market shares in several important markets, primarily Finland
- Håkan Jeppsson, formerly CEO of BE Group, will take over as CEO on 1 March 2009
- Financial target: EBITA margin 12% in a few years' time

Ratos's holding in Inwido amounted to 96% and the consolidated book value was SEK 1,374m at 31 December 2008.

Inwido develops, manufactures and sells a full range of windows and doors to the building trade, construction companies and modular home manufacturers. Operations are conducted in all the Nordic countries as well as in the UK, Ireland, Poland and Russia. The company's brands include Elitfönster, SnickarPer, Tiivi, KPK, Lyssand and Allan Brothers.

Jøtul

- Sales SEK 1,060m (938) and EBITA SEK 46m (54)
- Market development in the US and France was favourable during the year, while the trend in the Nordic countries remained weak
- Earnings were charged with costs for employee cutbacks in Norway and Denmark. Further cost adjustments will be carried out in 2009
- New products from Jøtul's Danish brand Scan were very well received

Ratos's holding in Jøtul amounted to 63% and the consolidated book value in Ratos was SEK 180m at 31 December 2008.

The Norwegian company Jøtul is Europe's largest manufacturer of stoves and fireplaces with production facilities in Norway, Denmark, France, Poland and the US. The company dates back to 1853 and the products are sold worldwide, primarily through speciality stores, but also through the DIY trade.

Lindab

- Sales SEK 9,840m (9,280) and EBITA SEK 1,172m (1,318)
- Growth in the fourth quarter was -12%, adjusted for currency effects and restructuring. Growth in the commercial construction segment, which is Lindab's main market, weakened during the quarter
- Cost-cutting and efficiency enhancement programme initiated
- David Brodetsky took over as new CEO on 1 October

Ratos's holding in Lindab amounted to 22% and the consolidated book value in Ratos was SEK 752m at 31 December 2008.

Lindab is a leading European company within development, production, marketing and distribution of systems and products in sheet metal and steel for the construction industry. The group is established in 30 countries. Approximately 60% of sales go to countries outside the Nordic region. Lindab is listed on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm Large Cap List.

MCC

- Sales SEK 1,024m (698) and EBITA SEK 167m (118)
- Strong organic growth of approximately 20% due to favourable development in North America
- Strategic acquisition of operations from American company ACME, with sales in 2006/2007 of SEK 410m. ACME is included in earnings from 1 September
- Production relocation from Norrköping to new plant in Poland completed
- Ratos increased its holding from 60% to 100% in November. Purchase price amounted to SEK 210m

Ratos's holding in MCC amounted to 100% and the consolidated book value in Ratos was SEK 565m at 31 December 2008.

Mobile Climate Control (MCC) offers complete climate comfort systems for three main customer segments: buses, off road and military vehicles. Approximately 70% of the company's sales take place in North America and 30% in Europe. Major production plants are located in Toronto (Canada), Goshen (USA), Norrköping and Norrtälje (Sweden), and Wrocław (Poland).

Medisize

- Sales SEK 1,021m (953) and EBITA SEK 18m (27)
- Earnings charged with acquisition and restructuring costs of SEK 41m
- Extended assignment from sanofi-aventis for large-scale production of insulin pens. Sales estimated to about to approximately SEK 150m per year. Production will reach full capacity during first quarter of 2010
- Acquisition of Medisize Medical completed in April 2008

Ratos's holding in Medisize amounted to 93% and the consolidated book value in Ratos was SEK 685m at 31 December 2008.

Medisize is an international contract manufacturer specialised in medical devices for delivery and administration of drugs and pharmaceutical packaging (Development & Manufacturing) as well as development, manufacture and distribution of single-use plastic products for anaesthesia and intensive care (Airway Management).

Scandinavian Business Seating (formerly HÅG/RH/RBM)

- Sales SEK 1,509m (1,489) and EBITA SEK 242m (219)
- Rapid weakening of economy during fourth quarter had negative impact on sales
- Effects of ongoing integration programme contributed to EBITA increase of 10%
- Increased market shares in several sub-markets as a result of successful product launches during the year

Ratos's holding in Scandinavian Business Seating amounted to 85% and the consolidated book value in Ratos was SEK 842m at 31 December 2008.

Scandinavian Business Seating develops and produces ergonomic seating solutions in Scandinavian design for companies and public environments. The group markets three strong brands: HÅG, RH and RBM which are mainly sold through retail outlets. The group is represented today in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, the UK, Benelux and France.

Superfos

- Sales SEK 3,481m (3,332) and EBITA SEK 180m (175)
- Cost reductions within purchasing, production and organisation had a good effect but were offset to some extent by higher transport and raw material costs
- The weak European construction market had a negative impact on the paint segment. The food market was only slightly affected by the business climate resulting in a more stable development
- Several new products were launched during the year, including packaging with special barrier properties for the food industry
- SEK 200m new issue carried out in December, of which Ratos's share was SEK 66m

Ratos's holding in Superfos amounted to 33% and the consolidated book value in Ratos was SEK 475m at 31 December 2008.

Superfos is an international Danish group with operations in 18 countries in Europe and the US. The company develops, produces and sells injection moulded packaging for the food, paint and chemical industries.

Other holdings

- Atle Industri sold its two remaining holdings, Moving och Nordhydraulic. Exit gains for Ratos were approximately SEK 8m and SEK 100m respectively. Subsequently, no portfolio companies remain in Atle Industri which therefore ceases to be reported as a Ratos holding. The average annual return (IRR) on the investment in Atle Industri amounted to 8%
- Weak earnings trend in BTJ Group due to restructuring costs. Ratos increased its holding to 66%. Jonas Arvidsson took over as the new CEO on 1 February 2009
- Significant improvement in earnings and margins for Hafa Bathroom Group. Sales SEK 391m (410), EBITA SEK 41m (16), EBITA margin 10% (4%)
- Divestments in IK Investment Partners (formerly Industri Kapital) contributed SEK 13m to Ratos's exit gains
- Continued disturbances and considerable competition in the market in Sri Lanka led to some decline in earnings for Overseas Telecom

The total consolidated book value of Other holdings in Ratos was SEK 387m at 31 December 2008.

Other holdings comprise four holdings: BTJ Group, Hafa Bathroom Group, IK Investment Partners and Overseas Telecom.

Ratos's holdings at 31 December 2008

SEKm	Net sales		EBITA		EBT ¹⁾	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
AH Industries ¹⁾	751	553	110	97	83	72
Anticimex	1,688	1,508	181	162	111	91
Arcus Gruppen ²⁾	1,532	1,407	168	91	132	95
Bisnode ³⁾	4,534	3,899	528	580	70	364
Camfil ⁴⁾	4,361	4,115	400	352	357	313
Contex Holding ¹⁾	818	831	92	106	2	18
DIAB ⁵⁾	1,414	1,354	220	255	178	155
EuroMaint ¹⁾	2,324	2,067	122	69	60	12
GS-Hydro ⁶⁾	1,528	1,311	169	184	83	110
Haglöfs	495	428	53	22	40	14
HL Display	1,536	1,571	130	161	136	155
Inwido	5,639	5,057	323	481	107	312
Jøtul	1,060	938	46	54	-23	9
Lindab	9,840	9,280	1,172	1,318	989	1,175
MCC ^{1) 7)}	1,024	698	167	118	115	75
Medisize ⁸⁾	1,021	953	18	27	-34	-7
Scandinavian Business Seating ¹⁾	1,509	1,489	242	219	104	137
Superfos	3,481	3,332	180	175	43	75
Other holdings ⁹⁾	1,233	1,233	34	21	21	12
Total	45,788	42,024	4,355	4,492	2,574	3,187
Change		9%		-3%		-19%

SEKm	Depreciation 2008	Investments ^{**) 2008}	Cash flow ^{***) 2008}	Equity ^{****) 31 Dec 2008}	Interest-bearing net debt ^{****) 31 Dec 2008}	Average number of employees 2008	Consolidated value 31 Dec 2008	Ratos's holding 31 Dec 2008
AH Industries ¹⁾	26	32	46	614	563	253	415	66%
Anticimex	35	36	128	821	807	1,175	711	85%
Arcus Gruppen ²⁾	34	21	166	815	-78	461	648	83%
Bisnode ³⁾	161	206	324	2,276	3,148	3,182	1,210	70%
Camfil ⁴⁾	114	179	35	1,841	783	3,321	189	30%
Contex Holding ¹⁾	32	60	-26	799	1,134	467	779	98%
DIAB ⁵⁾	77	81	-3	976	1,263	1,280	467	48%
EuroMaint ¹⁾	38	41	87	447	732	1,793	448	100%
GS-Hydro ⁶⁾	23	-	-	300	883	641	-151	100%
Haglöfs	5	5	-1	253	106	100	109	100%
HL Display	36	29	131	542	-117	973	295	29%
Inwido	141	205	319	1,963	2,932	4,115	1,374	96%
Jøtul	55	56	-51	385	729	781	180	63%
Lindab	216	280	436	3,346	2,774	5,456	752	22%
MCC ^{1) 7)}	8	41	17	592	706	727	565	100%
Medisize ⁸⁾	75	20	106	754	391	994	685	93%
Scandinavian Business Seating ¹⁾	47	70	68	893	993	633	842	85%
Superfos	254	187	67	1,157	1,441	1,549	475	33%
Other holdings ⁹⁾	19	13	61	169	85	479	225	-

¹⁾ Earnings with restored interest expenses on shareholder loan.

²⁾ Investments excluding company acquisitions.

³⁾ Cash flow refers to cash flow from operating activities including interest paid and investing activities before acquisition and divestment of companies.

⁴⁾ Equity includes shareholder loan. Interest-bearing debt excludes shareholder loan.

⁵⁾ A new parent company was formed in conjunction with Ratos's acquisition, which partly loan-financed the acquisition. Earnings for the acquisition year are pro forma taking this leverage into account.

⁶⁾ 2007 is calculated pro forma taking sale of property into account.

⁷⁾ Earnings for 2007 are calculated pro forma taking the cost of new financing into account. Earnings for 2008 include items affecting comparability of SEK -17m (including capital gains and write-downs of IT investments made earlier). SEK +104m for 2007.

⁸⁾ Ratos refinanced its holding in Camfil during 2008. At 31 December 2008, Ratos had a debt of SEK 482m which is not included in Camfil's income statement and balance sheet. Ratos's consolidated book value was restated taking the refinancing into account.

⁹⁾ DIAB was refinanced in December 2007. Earnings for 2007 are calculated pro forma taking the new financing into account.

¹⁰⁾ GS-Hydro was refinanced in September 2008. Earnings for 2008 and 2007 are calculated pro forma taking new financing and group structure into account.

¹¹⁾ Earnings for 2008 include ACME with effect from 1 September.

¹²⁾ Earnings and average number of employees are pro forma taking acquisition of Medisize Medical into account.

¹³⁾ "Other holdings" include subsidiaries BTJ Group and Hafa Bathroom Group.

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Consolidated income statement

SEKm	2008 Q 4	2007 Q 4	2008	2007
Net sales	7,170	6,784	26,836	21,179
Other operating income	82	94	237	223
Change in inventories	-25	-60	-12	18
Raw materials and consumables	-2,584	-2,450	-10,047	-8,171
Employee benefit costs	-2,126	-2,159	-8,286	-6,694
Depreciation and impairment of tangible and intangible non-current assets	-368	-182	-949	-622
Other costs	-1,848	-1,395	-5,928	-4,257
Profit on sale of group companies	4,406	12	4,412	995
Profit on sale of associates		-3	31	741
Share of profit of associates	60	119	582	559
Operating profit	4,767	760	6,876	3,971
Financial income	74	41	264	370
Financial expenses	-500	-287	-1,469	-879
Net financial items	-426	-246	-1,205	-509
Profit before tax	4,341	514	5,671	3,462
Tax	-57	-210	-382	-516
Profit for the period	4,284	304	5,289	2,946
Attributable to				
Equity holders of the parent	4,283	238	5,172	2,646
Minority interests	1	66	117	300
Earnings per share, SEK				
– before dilution	27.11	1.50	32.62	16.66
– after dilution	27.10	1.49	32.54	16.56
Number of shares outstanding				
– average before dilution	157,964,071	158,572,777	158,576,030	158,829,266
– average after dilution	158,071,701	159,251,621	158,919,119	159,764,583

Summary consolidated balance sheet

SEKm	31 Dec 2008	31 Dec 2007
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Goodwill	17,621	16,225
Other intangible assets	2,065	1,841
Property, plant and equipment	3,378	3,091
Financial assets	3,435	2,778
Deferred tax assets	471	291
Total non-current assets	26,970	24,226
Current assets		
Inventories	2,802	2,941
Current receivables	5,493	5,375
Cash and cash equivalents	7,485	4,240
Total current assets	15,780	12,556
Total assets	42,750	36,782
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity including minority interests	17,290	13,870
Non-current liabilities		
– interest-bearing	13,643	11,113
– non-interest bearing	508	418
– pension provisions	486	627
– other provisions	679	413
– deferred tax liabilities	780	750
Total non-current liabilities	16,096	13,321
Current liabilities		
– interest-bearing	1,798	2,094
– non-interest bearing	7,097	7,068
– provisions	469	429
Total current liabilities	9,364	9,591
Total equity and liabilities	42,750	36,782

Summary statement of changes in consolidated equity

SEKm	31 Dec 2008			31 Dec 2007		
	Equity holders of the parent	Minority	Total	Equity holders of the parent	Minority	Total
Opening balance	11,905	1,965	13,870	10,875	939	11,814
Change in translation reserves	724	145	869	203	57	260
Change in fair value reserve/ hedging reserve after tax	-348	-63	-411	34	-1	33
Total income recognised directly in equity, excluding transactions with equity holders	12,281	2,047	14,328	11,112	995	12,107
Profit for the year	5,172	117	5,289	2,646	300	2,946
Total income excluding transactions with equity holders	17,453	2,164	19,617	13,758	1,295	15,053
Dividend	-1,430	-175	-1,605	-1,754	-5	-1,759
Purchase/transfer of treasury shares	-141		-141	-121		-121
Purchase of treasury shares in associates	-78		-78			
New issue	11	228	239		327	327
Redemptions/impairment		-405	-405		-94	-94
Option premiums	10		10	23	1	24
Acquired minority		-320	-320		-5	-5
Minority at acquisition		4	4		445	445
Minority in sold company		-31	-31			
Reallocation of capital contribution				-1	1	0
Closing equity	15,825	1,465	17,290	11,905	1,965	13,870

Consolidated cash flow statement

SEKm	2008	2007
Operating activities		
Consolidated profit before tax	5,671	3,462
Adjustment for non-cash items	-3,193	-1,238
	2,478	2,224
Income tax paid	-514	-379
Cash flow from operating activities before change in working capital	1,964	1,845
Cash flow from change in working capital		
Increase (-)/Decrease (+) in inventories	-76	-719
Increase (-)/Decrease (+) in operating receivables	-389	232
Increase (+)/Decrease (-) in operating liabilities	471	633
Cash flow from operating activities	1,970	1,991
Investing activities		
Acquisition, group companies	-1,854	-3,590
Divestment, group companies	4,245	1,445
Acquisition, shares in associates and other holdings	-108	-103
Sale and redemption, shares in associates and other holdings	148	1,708
Acquisition, other intangible/tangible assets	-937	-842
Sale, other intangible/tangible assets	161	18
Investment, financial assets	-71	-826
Sale, financial assets	33	96
Cash flow from investing activities	1,617	-2,094
Financing activities		
Purchase of treasury shares	-168	-189
Transfer of treasury shares	27	68
Option premiums	15	23
Minority share in new issue/capital contribution	238	30
Dividends paid	-1,430	-1,754
Dividend paid/redemption, minority	-580	-93
Loans raised	6,645	1,913
Amortisation of loans	-5,095	-724
Cash flow from financing activities	-348	-726
Cash flow for the year	3,239	-829
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	4,240	5,009
Exchange differences in cash and cash equivalents	6	60
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7,485	4,240

Consolidated key figures

	2008	2007
Return on equity, %	37	23
Equity ratio, %	40	38
Interest-bearing net debt, SEKm	8,255	9,444
Key figures per share		
Total return, %	-20	14
Dividend yield, %		5.1
Market price, SEK	135.00	176.00
Dividend, SEK	9.00 ¹⁾	9.00
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent, SEK	100	75
Total number of registered shares	161,349,252	161,349,252
Number of shares outstanding	157,937,855	158,489,155
– of which A shares	42,328,530	42,328,770
– of which B shares	115,609,325	116,160,385

¹⁾ Proposed

Parent company income statement

SEKm	2008 Q 4	2007 Q 4	2008	2007
Other operating income		1	4	3
Other external costs	-207	-29	-267	-90
Personnel costs	-53	-51	-248	-251
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment			-1	-1
Other operating expenses	-1	-2	-5	-4
Operating profit/loss	-261	-81	-517	-343
Profit on sale of participations in group companies	2,936	-1	3,556	316
Dividends from group companies		14	639	73
Impairment of shares in group companies	-197		-197	
Profit from sale of interests in associates			551	800
Dividends from associates			118	92
Impairment of interests in associates		-2	-13	-2
Result from other securities and receivables accounted for as non-current assets	67	39	242	257
Other interest income and similar profit/loss items	22	31	89	124
Interest expenses and similar profit/loss items	6	-23	-30	-32
Profit after financial items	2,573	-23	4,438	1,285
Tax				
Profit for the period	2,573	-23	4,438	1,285

Summary parent company balance sheet

SEKm	31 Dec 2008	31 Dec 2007
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	38	14
Financial assets	9,111	9,185
Total non-current assets	9,149	9,199
Current assets		
Current receivables	22	396
Cash and cash equivalents	5,700	2,296
Total current assets	5,722	2,692
Total assets	14,871	11,891
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity	13,988	11,168
Non-current provisions		
– pension provisions	2	3
– other	178	
Non-current liabilities		
– non-interest bearing	193	202
– interest bearing	228	188
Current provisions		
– other	57	
Current liabilities		
– non-interest bearing	223	163
– interest-bearing	2	167
Total equity and liabilities	14,871	11,891
Pledged assets and contingent liabilities	none	none

Summary statement of changes in parent company's equity

SEKm	31 Dec 2008	31 Dec 2007
Opening equity	11,168	11,712
Change in fair value reserve for the year	-63	27
Total income recognised directly in equity excluding transactions with equity holders	11,105	11,739
Profit for the year	4,438	1,285
Total income excluding transactions with equity holders	15,543	13,024
Dividend	-1,430	-1,754
Purchase of treasury shares	-168	-189
Transfer of treasury shares	27	68
Option premiums	16	19
Closing equity	13,988	11,168

Parent company cash flow statement

SEKm	2008	2007
Operating activities		
Profit before tax	4,438	1,285
Adjustment for non-cash items	-3,887	-1,053
	551	232
Income tax paid	–	–
Cash flow from operating activities before change in working capital	551	232
Cash flow from change in working capital		
Increase (-)/Decrease (+) in operating receivables	106	16
Increase (+)/Decrease (-) in operating liabilities	-79	-108
Cash flow from operating activities	578	140
Investing activities		
Acquisition, shares in subsidiaries	-953	-1,685
Sale and redemption, shares in subsidiaries	5,024	910
Acquisition, shares in associates and other holdings	-87	-25
Sale and redemption, shares in associates and other holdings	497	1,597
Acquisition, other property, plant and equipment	-25	-2
Acquisition, financial assets	-115	-1 074
Sale, financial assets	25	152
Cash flow from investing activities	4,366	-127
Financing activities		
Purchase of treasury shares	-168	-189
Transfer of treasury shares	27	68
Option premiums	15	19
Dividend paid	-1,430	-1,754
Loans raised	32	229
Amortisation of loans	-16	-97
Cash flow from financing activities	-1,540	-1,724
Cash flow for the year	3,404	-1,711
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year	2,296	4,007
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	5,700	2,296

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