

Cloetta Fazer Interim report

January – June 2008

Second quarter	April – June	
	2008	2007
Net sales, SEK M	738	658
Operating profit, SEK M	-83	33
Operating profit excluding goodwill impairment, SEK M	7	33
Operating margin excluding goodwill impairment, %	1.0	4.9
Profit before tax, SEK M	-74	39
Profit after tax, SEK M	-79	28
Earnings per share, basic and diluted, SEK	-3.31	1.11
First half	January – June	
	2008	2007
Net sales, SEK M	1,520	1,398
Operating profit, SEK M	-36	112
Operating profit excluding goodwill impairment, SEK M	54	112
Operating margin excluding goodwill impairment, %	3.5	8.0
Profit before tax, SEK M	-19	125
Profit after tax, SEK M	-39	91
Earnings per share, basic and diluted, SEK	-1.66	3.72

Our 12 prioritised brands

Karl Fazer	Kexchoklad	Dumle
Geisha	Polly	Center
Marianne	Tutti Frutti	Ässä
Pantteri/Salta katten	Plopp	Tyrkisk Peber



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COMMENTS FROM THE CEO



In mid-June the two principal shareholders in Cloetta Fazer – AB Malfors Promotor and Oy Karl Fazer Ab – announced that they had reached an agreement for a demerger of the company as a solution to a longstanding dispute between the parties.

Cloetta Fazer was formed in 2000 through a merger between Cloetta AB and the Fazer group's confectionery division Fazer Konfektyr. Since then, operating activities have remained successful and the company has realised the expectations set by our owners. This success has been made possible through fruitful cooperation between the respective national organisations and functions. The brands have developed well and are today highly appreciated by consumers in our key markets in Sweden, Finland the other Nordic countries, as well as the Baltic countries and Russia.

The demerger agreement between the principal owners has been motivated by differences of opinion regarding the company's long-term ownership and therefore also its future development. This conflict has come to light in issues where our principal owners have been unable to find a mutually acceptable course of action. However, I am also convinced that a solution to the ownership dispute has been necessary in ensuring that our brands can be guided to their full potential.

The process of dividing the company has started and is being carried out in a careful and organised manner in order to avoid damaging our good relations with the company's customers and the market positions of the various brands. The new companies – the listed Cloetta AB and the Fazer group's new Fazer Confectionary – are expected to commence operations at year-end."

DEMERGER OF CLOETTA FAZER – EFFECTS ON THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

On 16 June 2008 the principal shareholders in Cloetta Fazer AB – AB Malfors Promotor and Oy Karl Fazer Ab – announced a decision for the demerger of Cloetta Fazer AB into a Cloetta part and a Fazer part. The two parts will thus return to the conditions that existed prior to the merger in 2000. A more detailed description of the demerger process, the upcoming IPO of the new Cloetta on the OMX Nordic Exchange Stockholm and Oy Karl Fazer Ab's tender offer for the shares in the remaining Cloetta Fazer AB are provided under the heading "Demerger of Cloetta Fazer".

The demerger of Cloetta Fazer has initiated a new impairment test for goodwill in cash-generating units. Sales in the new Fazer Confectionary will consist of "Fazer products" in the markets where the Finnish sales organisation was previously responsible and, starting in 2009, also those "Fazer products" that were handled by the Swedish organisation. Sales in the new Cloetta will thereby decrease significantly, since the corresponding reallocation of "Cloetta products" from the Finnish organisation will be considerably lower. This will have a negative effect on cash flow in the new Cloetta, which has given rise to a goodwill impairment of SEK 90 million that is recognised in operating profit and reported under "selling and administrative expenses".

SALES AND PROFIT January – June 2008

Net sales rose by 9% to SEK 1,520 million (1,398). On a like-for-like basis (excluding acquisitions in 2007 and 2008) and excluding foreign exchange effects arising on the translation of foreign subsidiaries, sales improved by 4%.

The period's sales growth is explained by rising sales volumes in our main markets in Sweden and Finland. Compared to the preceding year, raw material costs have climbed sharply and it has not been possible to fully compensate for these cost increases through higher sales prices. In addition, a high level of activity in sales and marketing campaigns led to increased overhead expenses compared to the preceding year.

Nordic sales rose to SEK 1,393 million (1,296) and non-Nordic sales to SEK 127 million (102).

Sales in the Nordic market have increased through the acquisitions of Karamellpojarna and Fennobon and higher sales in Sweden and Finland. Sales were unchanged in Denmark, but showed a falling trend in Norway.

In the non-Nordic markets, the previous growth spurt in the Baltic countries has slowed and the increase is mainly attributable to other European countries and Russia.

Sales of the prioritised brands were up by 8% in the first half of the year, led by the sugar confectionery products Ässä and Tutti Frutti. Miscellaneous brands, a category consisting of brands with strong local ties, grew by 10%. Pick-and-mix sales decreased by 10%.

Operating profit amounted to SEK –36 million (112). Excluding the above-mentioned impairment loss of SEK 90 million, operating profit was SEK 54 million (112). This is equal to an operating margin of 3.5%, compared to 8.0% the year before.

Excluding the impairment loss, operating profit in the Nordic market was SEK 55 million, down from SEK 111 million the year before. The decrease is mainly attributable to the Swedish and Finnish markets, where increased raw material costs are reflected in lower gross margins. Furthermore, overhead expenses were pushed up by a high level of sales and marketing activity, particularly in Finland.

Operating profit in the non-Nordic markets weakened by SEK 2 million compared to the previous year, mainly owing to weaker development in the Baltic countries and high overhead expenses in Russia.

Profit after financial items was SEK –19 million (125). Excluding impairment losses, the same figure was SEK 71 million (125). Net financial items totalled SEK 17 million, compared to SEK 13 million the year before. Profit after tax was SEK –39 million (91), equal to earnings per share of SEK –1.66 (3.72). Excluding impairment losses, earnings per share were SEK 2.07 (3.72). The period's income tax expense was SEK 20 million (34), which, excluding impairment effects, corresponded to an effective tax rate of 28% (28%). The impairment of goodwill has no tax effect.

April – June 2008

Net sales increased by SEK 80 million to SEK 738 million. Sales in the Nordic market amounted to SEK 677 million (613) and in the non-Nordic markets to SEK 61 million (45).

Sales of the prioritised brands rose by 14%. The strongest performer was Ässä, which grew by 66% during the period. Ässä is a bagged mix of fruit and liquorice gums that is sold mainly on the Finnish market. Other products that showed robust growth were Karl Fazer and Plopp. Miscellaneous brands grew by 10%, while sales of pick-and-mix were unchanged.

Operating profit for the second quarter was SEK –83 million. Excluding impairment effects, operating profit fell by SEK 33 million to SEK 7 million, equal to an operating margin of 1.0% (4.9%). Like the first quarter, the second quarter was characterised by lower gross margins resulting from increased raw material costs and higher selling and marketing expenses.

Operating profit excluding impairment losses in the Nordic market declined by SEK 26 million to SEK 9 million, while the non-Nordic markets reported an unchanged result of SEK –2 million.

ROLLING 12 MONTHS

Operating profit before one-time items for the period July 2007 – June 2008 was SEK 255 million (337) and operating margin was 8.2% (10.9%). Sales for the same period improved by SEK 291 million (9%) to SEK 3,375.

FINANCING AND LIQUIDITY

Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments fell by SEK 356 million to SEK 691 million (1,047). The decrease is attributable to a lower cash flow, increased capital expenditure and a higher dividend.

Cash flow from operating activities was SEK –8 million (56), a weakening explained mainly by a drop in operating profit compared to the prior year. Net cash of SEK 135 million (93) was utilised for investments in property, plant and equipment. The reported acquisition of subsidiaries for SEK 62 million (0) referred to final settlement of the purchase price for Fennobon Oy. Dividends to shareholders (including minority interests in subsidiaries) amounted to SEK 244 million (158).

Interest-bearing assets exceeded interest-bearing liabilities by a net amount of SEK 593 million (947). The equity/assets ratio at the end of the period was 78% (80%).

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Gross expenditure on property, plant and equipment was SEK 136 million (95), of which SEK 67 million referred to ongoing investments in new chocolate moulding lines in Ljungsbro and Vantaa and a mogul line (foam and gum products) in Lappeenranta. Other investments consisted primarily of capacity and replacement investments in the existing production lines.

Depreciation amounted to SEK 74 million (62).

EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees during the period was 1,573 (1,493), where the increase is mainly attributable to the newly acquired subsidiaries.

PARENT COMPANY

Net sales in the Parent Company are reported at SEK 36 million (31) and consisted mainly of intra-group services and rents. Profit after financial items was SEK 238 million (161).

Net financial items amounted to SEK 251 million (171) and include subsidiary dividends of SEK 169 million (156) and distributions of SEK 61 million (0) from the liquidation of subsidiaries. Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments totalled SEK 671 million (943).

SHARE DATA

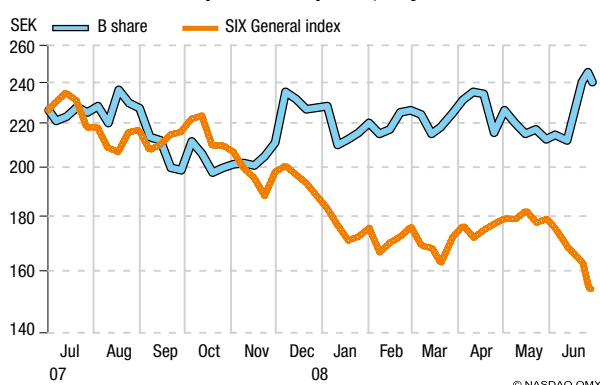
Cloetta Fazer's class B share is quoted on the OMX Nordic Exchange Stockholm. A round lot consists of 50 shares. A total of 775,145 shares were traded during the period January–June 2008.

The highest bid price was SEK 251 and the lowest was SEK 200. At 30 June the share was quoted at SEK 240 (last price paid).

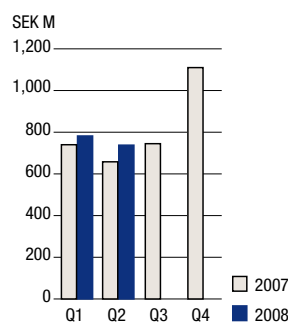
SHAREHOLDERS

On 30 June 2008, Cloetta Fazer had 3,633 shareholders. The principal shareholders and institutional investors held approximately 95.8% of the votes and around 88.7% of the share capital.

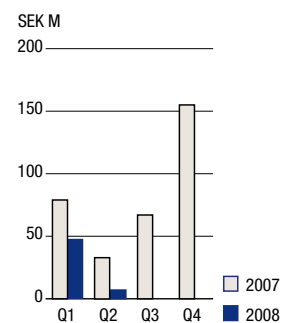
Cloetta Fazer's share price development, July 2007 – June 2008



Net sales



Operating profit ¹⁾



¹⁾ Excluding restructuring charges

DEMERGER OF CLOETTA FAZER Implementation

As announced in a press release dated 16 June 2008, the principal shareholders in Cloetta Fazer AB – AB Malfors Promotor and Oy Karl Fazer Ab – have signed an agreement regarding the demerger of Cloetta Fazer AB. The parties have a combined shareholding equal to 78.5% of all votes in the company.

At the Extraordinary General Meeting on 25 July 2008, the shareholders in Cloetta Fazer AB passed a decision in principle to approve the demerger of Cloetta Fazer in accordance with the conditions previously presented by the principal shareholders.

The demerger will result in the formation of a “new Cloetta” and a “new Fazer Confectionary”. According to the agreement between the principal shareholders, the demerger will be implemented through the transfer of operations in the Cloetta Fazer Group, including the assets, rights, liabilities and obligations contributed by Cloetta AB in connection with the merger with Fazer’s confectionery division in 2000, to the “new Cloetta” while the remaining portion will comprise the “new Fazer Confectionary”. The demerger will take place on 31 August 2008, at which time the new Cloetta will be formed as a sub-group to Cloetta Fazer AB. The Parent Company of the sub-group will change name to Cloetta AB. Before year-end 2008, the shares in Cloetta AB will be distributed to the shareholders in Cloetta Fazer AB according to the Lex Asea rule, after which Cloetta AB will apply for a listing on the OMX Nordic Exchange Stockholm. The shares in Cloetta AB will be distributed to the shareholders in Cloetta Fazer AB in proportion to their registered shareholdings on the record date, to be announced at a later time.

Oy Karl Fazer Ab will then complete the tender offer for the shares in Cloetta Fazer AB according to the conditions stated in the press release on 16 June 2008. Under these conditions, each share in Cloetta Fazer AB will be redeemed for a cash amount of SEK 202 and 0.92% of one share in Cloetta AB. The latter comprise those shares to be allocated to Oy Karl Fazer Ab in the distribution of Cloetta AB.

Change in the financial year and reduction of the statutory reserve

The Extraordinary General Meeting also resolved to adopt new Articles of Association in which the main amendment was a change in the company’s financial year to cover the period from 1 September to 31 August. The decision was conditional on permission from the Swedish Tax Agency, which approved the decision on 28 July 2008. The first financial year will be an abbreviated year covering the period from 1 January to 31 August 2008.

Furthermore, the EGM resolved to reduce the company’s statutory reserve by an amount of SEK 688,815,581.70 that will be transferred to a non-restricted reserve for use according to the decision of the general meeting. The motive for reducing the statutory reserve is to provide scope for an intended distribution

of the shares in the new Cloetta AB (the new Cloetta) to the shareholders in Cloetta Fazer AB. The decision was conditional on permission for a reduction in the statutory reserve from the Swedish Companies Registration Office or, in the event of dispute, from a court of law.

New dates for reporting of financial information

As announced in a previously published press release, due to the change of financial year the Board of Directors of Cloetta Fazer has decided to change the company’s reporting of financial information according to the following.

The year-end report for the financial year 1 January – 31 August 2008 will be published on 14 October 2008 and the interim report for the period 1 September – 30 November 2008 will be published on 30 January 2009.

The Annual General Meeting of Cloetta Fazer will be held on 25 November 2008. A notice of the AGM will be published by 28 October 2008 at the latest.

Impairment testing of cash generating units

Goodwill and most of the carrying amount of brands in the new Cloetta are attributable to the acquisition of Candelia AB in 1998. Through the acquisition, the then group gained a large number of important brands and a wider range of products that strengthened the group’s market share primarily in Sweden. The products are sold mainly in the Swedish and Norwegian markets, but to a certain extent also in Denmark. The goodwill that arose on the acquisition is attributable to the at that time estimated value of the future synergies, market position and enhanced competitiveness. Because the new Cloetta’s sales will be significantly lower after the demerger of Cloetta Fazer, it has been necessary to recalculate the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit comprising the new Cloetta Group.

The estimated recoverable amounts of brands and goodwill, which consist of value in use for the respective category, are based on a cash flow forecast with an indefinite useful life. The forecasted operating margin is based on a pro forma level of 6% as stated in the press release. During a transitional period the operating margin will also fall below this level, which, together with the decrease in sales, will have a negative impact on cash flow. The carrying amount of net assets in the new Cloetta at 30 June 2008 was estimated to exceed the recoverable amount by SEK 90 million, for which reason a corresponding impairment loss has been recognised. The impairment loss has been allocated to goodwill.

The most important assumptions in the calculations are based on anticipated sales growth, profit margins and investment requirements. Historically, the industry’s general growth in the geographical markets where the new Cloetta’s products are sold has been around 2% annually. The assumed growth targets, which are somewhat higher, are in line with the Group’s long-term goal for organic growth and management’s judgement. The discount rate before tax has been set at 9.5%.

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL RISKS IN THE GROUP AND PARENT COMPANY

Through its operations, Cloetta Fazer is exposed to both operating and financial risks. The operating risks are managed by the operating units and the financial risks by the central finance function. The Group's manufacturing costs account for approximately 65% of the total cost mass. Of total manufacturing costs, raw materials and packaging make up approximately 60%. The most significant raw materials in terms of value are cocoa, sugar and milk products. Compared to the previous year, prices for the majority of raw materials have risen sharply. The price development for raw materials is monitored and analysed continuously.

The Group's financial risks consist primarily of currency risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. Cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments at 30 June 2008 amounted to SEK 691 million. The Group's investment strategy is based on the guidelines set out in the Board's finance policy.

In connection with acquisitions, a risk assessment of the acquired unit is carried out as part of the due diligence process preceding the transaction.

For more information about risk management, see the related sections of the 2007 annual report. No significant changes have taken place compared to the information provided in the annual report.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND OTHER INFORMATION General

Cloetta Fazer complies with the International Financial Accounting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations of

these (IFRIC) that have been endorsed for application in the EU. This interim report is presented in accordance with IAS 34. The accounts of the Parent Company have been prepared in accordance with the Swedish Financial Reporting Board's recommendation RFR 2.1 Accounting for Legal Entities. The accounting and valuation standards applied in this report the same as those used in the annual report for 2007. The estimates and assumptions applied by the board and management in preparation of the financial statements are evaluated on a regular basis. The new interpretations from IFRIC effective as of 1 January 2008 are IFRIC 11, 12 and 14. The latter two have not yet been endorsed by the EU and are not applied by Cloetta Fazer.

IFRIC 11 IFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions, has not had any impact on the Group's profit, financial position or cash flow.

Related party transactions

Sales of goods to companies in the Fazer Group made up 1.0% (3.4%) of total sales. Of other operating income (excluding capital gains), 14.0% (16.8%) referred to services sold to companies in the Fazer Group. Purchases from related parties were negligible. Buying and selling of goods and services between closely related companies has been carried out at market-based prices. Transactions with these companies amounted to a net receivable of SEK 1 million (11) and a liability of SEK 1 million (1).

This interim report provides a true and fair picture of the business activities, financial position and results of operations of the Parent Company and the Group, and describes the significant risks and uncertainties to which the Parent Company and the Group companies are exposed.

Ljungsbro, 20 August 2008
Cloetta Fazer AB (publ)

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The information in this report has not been reviewed by the company's independent auditors.

Summary consolidated profit and loss accounts

SEK M	Second quarter		First half		Rolling	Full year
	2008	2007	2008	2007	12 months	2007
Net sales	738	658	1,520	1,398	3,375	3,253
Cost of goods sold	-500	-439	-1,031	-922	-2,260	-2,151
Gross profit	238	219	489	476	1,115	1,102
Other operating income	12	11	23	22	54	53
Selling and administrative expenses	-331	-197	-542	-386	-996	-840
Other operating expenses	-2	0	-6	0	-8	-2
Operating profit	-83	33	-36	112	165	313
Financial items	9	6	17	13	34	30
Profit before tax	-74	39	-19	125	199	343
Income tax expense	-5	-11	-20	-34	-79	-93
Profit for the period	-79	28	-39	91	120	250
Profit for the period attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Parent Company	-80	27	-40	90	119	249
Minority interest	1	1	1	1	1	1
Earnings per share, basic and diluted	-3.31	1.11	-1.66	3.72	4.93	10.31
Number of shares at end of period ¹⁾	24,119,196	24,119,196	24,119,196	24,119,196	24,119,196	24,119,196

1) Which also corresponds to the average number of shares during the period.

Comparative information

Significant items affecting comparability between years:

<i>Cost of goods sold</i>						
Staff reduction in Sweden	-	-	-	-	-13	-13
Total cost of goods sold	-	-	-	-	-13	-13
<i>Selling and administrative expenses</i>						
Impairment loss on goodwill in Sweden	-90	-	-90	-	-90	-
Staff reduction in Sweden	-	-	-	-	-9	-9
Total selling and administrative expenses	-90	-	-90	-	-99	-9
Effect on operating profit	-90	-	-90	-	-112	-22
Income tax expense	-	-	-	-	6	6
Effect on profit for the period	-90	-	-90	-	-106	-16

Summary consolidated profit and loss accounts in Euro

EUR M	Second quarter		First half		Rolling	Full year
	2008	2007	2008	2007	12 months	2007
Net sales	78.8	71.0	162.0	151.6	362.0	351.6
Cost of goods sold	-53.4	-47.4	-109.9	-100.0	-242.4	-232.5
Gross profit	25.4	23.6	52.1	51.6	119.6	119.1
Other operating income	1.2	1.2	2.4	2.4	5.7	5.7
Selling and administrative expenses	-35.3	-21.3	-57.8	-41.9	-106.6	-90.7
Other operating expenses	-0.2	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.8	-0.2
Operating profit	-8.9	3.5	-3.9	12.1	17.9	33.9
Financial items	0.9	0.6	1.8	1.4	3.6	3.2
Profit before tax	-8.0	4.1	-2.1	13.5	21.5	37.1
Income tax expense	-0.5	-1.2	-2.1	-3.7	-8.5	-10.1
Profit for the period	-8.5	2.9	-4.2	9.8	13.0	27.0
Profit for the period attributable to:						
Equity holders of the Parent Company	-8.6	2.8	-4.3	9.7	12.9	26.9
Minority interest	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

Summary consolidated profit and loss account by segment

SEK M	Second quarter		First half		Rolling 12 months	Full year 2007
	2008	2007	2008	2007		
Net sales						
Nordic countries	677	613	1,393	1,296	3,079	2,982
Other markets	61	45	127	102	296	271
Total net sales	738	658	1,520	1,398	3,375	3,253
Operating profit						
Nordic countries ¹⁾	-81	35	-35	111	164	310
Other markets	-2	-2	-1	1	1	3
Total operating profit	-83	33	-36	112	165	313
¹⁾ Of which, restructuring charges	-90	-	-90	-	-112	-22

Quarterly data ¹⁾

SEK M	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Full year
	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007
Net sales	782	738	740	658	745	1,110	3,253
Operating profit	47	-83	79	33	46	155	313
Operating profit ¹⁾	47	7	79	33	67	156	335
Operating margin, % ¹⁾	6.0	1.0	10.7	4.9	9.0	14.1	10.3
Earnings per share, SEK	1.65	-3.31	2.61	1.11	1.60	4.99	10.31
Cash flow from operating activities	3	-11	-5	61	32	251	339

¹⁾ Excluding restructuring charges

Summary consolidated balance sheets

SEK M	2008 30 June	2007 30 June	2007 31 Dec
Intangible assets			
Goodwill	155 ¹⁾	181	181
Other intangible assets	75	67	66
Tangible assets	1,202	1,021	1,111
Financial assets	25	18	66
Inventories	432	374	331
Current receivables	432	358	474
Short-term investments	287	420	454
Cash and cash equivalents	404	627	695
Total assets	3,012	3,066	3,378
Equity	2,361	2,465	2,647
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liability	196	189	189
Other provisions	142	118	138
Current liabilities	313	294	404
Total equity and liabilities	3,012	3,066	3,378

¹⁾ Carrying amount at 31 March 2008 245
Less impairment loss -90
Carrying amount at 30 June 2008 155

Summary statement of changes in equity

SEK M	2008 30 June	2007 30 June	2007 31 Dec
Equity at 1 January	2,647	2,513	2,513
Translation differences	-3	19	42
Profit for the period	-39	91	250
Total recognised income and expense excluding transactions with shareholders	-42	110	292
Dividends	-244	-158	-158
Equity at end of period	2,361	2,465	2,647
Minority interest in equity	2	3	3

Summary consolidated cash flow statements

SEK M	Second quarter		First half		Rolling	Full year
	2008	2007	2008	2007	12 months	2007
Cash flow from operating activities	-11	61	-8	56	275	339
Investing activities						
Net expenditure on property, plant and equipment	-88	-43	-135	-93	-233	-191
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	-	-62	-	-107	-45
Investments/disinvestments in short-term investments	155	39	161	-47	128	-80
Acquisition of long-term investments	-	-	-1	-	-7	-6
Cash flow from investing activities	67	-4	-37	-140	-219	-322
Financing activities						
Dividends to shareholders including minority	-244	-158	-244	-158	-244	-158
Repayment of debt	-2	-	-2	-	-35	-33
Cash flow from financing activities	-246	-158	-246	-158	-279	-191
Cash flow for the period	-190	-101	-291	-242	-223	-174
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	594	728	695	866	627	866
Translation difference in cash and cash equivalents	0	0	0	3	0	3
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	404	627	404	627	404	695
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments < 3 months	404	627	404	627	404	695
Short-term investments > 3 months	287	420	287	420	287	454
	691	1,047	691	1,047	691	1,149

Key ratios

	First half 2008	First half 2007	Full year 2007	Full year 2006
Operating profit, SEK M	-36	112	313	346
Operating margin, %	neg	8.0	9.6	11.3
Restructuring charges with an effect on operating profit, SEK M	-90	-	-22	-7
Operating margin excluding one-time items, %	3.5	8.0	10.3	11.5
Profit before tax, SEK M	-19	125	343	360
Earnings per share, basic and diluted, SEK	-1.66	3.72	10.31	10.81
Earnings per share, basic and diluted, SEK ¹⁾	2.07	3.72	10.96	11.03
Return on capital employed, % ^{1,2)}	13.0	15.0	14.6	14.6
Return on equity after tax, % ^{1,2)}	9.1	10.7	10.2	10.8
Cash flow from operating activities, SEK M	-8	56	339	333
Cash after investments in PPE, SEK M	-143	-37	148	189
Net asset, SEK M	593	947	1,054	1,148
Equity/assets ratio, %	78.4	80.4	78.4	78.1
Equity per share, SEK	97.84	102.11	109.60	104.10
Average number of employees	1,573	1,493	1,560	1,600
Number of shares at end of period ³⁾	24,119,196	24,119,196	24,119,196	24,119,196

1) Excluding restructuring charges affecting comparability between years.

2) Refers to rolling 12-month period.

3) Which also corresponds to the average number of shares during the period.

Summary parent company profit and loss accounts

SEK M	Second quarter		First half		Full year
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2007
Net sales	18	16	36	31	66
Costs for property management and sold services	-17	-14	-33	-29	-63
Gross profit	1	2	3	2	3
Administrative expenses	-7	-7	-11	-12	-26
Other operating income and expenses	-1	0	-5	0	5
Operating profit	-7	-5	-13	-10	-18
Result from participations in group companies	230	40	230	156	156
Other financial income and expenses	11	8	21	15	35
Profit after financial items	234	43	238	161	173
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-5
Income tax expense	-1	-1	-2	-2	-4
Profit for the period	233	42	236	159	164

Summary parent company balance sheets

SEK M	2008	2007	2007
	30 June	30 June	31 Dec
Intangible assets	1	2	2
Tangible assets	63	60	58
Financial assets	1,687	1,581	1,637
Current receivables	480	459	253
Short-term investments	287	420	454
Cash and cash equivalents	384	523	602
Total assets	2,902	3,045	3,006
Equity	2,410	2,410	2,415
Untaxed reserves	27	22	27
Non-current liabilities	57	48	59
Current liabilities	408	565	505
Total equity and liabilities	2,902	3,045	3,006

Cloetta Fazer is the Nordic region's leading confectionery company, with a market share of around 22%. The company has production facilities in Sweden and Finland. Cloetta Fazer's strength lies in its many popular brands, such as Karl Fazer, Kexchoklad, Dumle, Geisha, Polly and Center. The average number of employees is around 1,600 and net sales in 2007 were approximately SEK 3.3 billion.

Financial calendar 2008

Due to the company's change of financial year the Board of Cloetta Fazer has decided, according to the previously published press release, to change the company's reporting of financial information as follows:

- Year-end report
1 Jan – 31 August 2008 14 October 2008
- Notice of AGM by 28 October 2008
- Annual report
1 Jan – 31 August 2008 11 November 2008
- Annual General Meeting 25 November 2008
- Interim report
1 Sept – 30 Nov 2008 30 January 2009

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