# Telia Q3 2023

October 19, 2023



# Telco growth accelerated further

#### Strong Q3 financial and operational performance across all Telco operations

- Service revenue growth accelerated further
- Mobile growth improved (+3.8%) as did fixed services (+3.7%)
- Consumer growth was solid (+1.8%) and Enterprise accelerated (+4.7%)
- EBITDA conversion was very strong (+9.3%) even excluding energy tailwind (+7.7%)

**EBITDA from continuing operations returned to growth (+7.6%)** despite a continued weak Ad market **Operational free cash flow delivering to plan**, with H2 acceleration on track

Leverage declined to 2.53x

#### Q3 strategic progress confirms network and technology leadership

- 5G population coverage increased to 87%
- Swedish spectrum position built, and leadership secured for next 25yrs
- Telia Finland network quality perception now almost on par with market leader
- Enterprise digital services "beyond connectivity" growth continued to accelerate

**Telia Denmark sale on track, with SPA now signed** and closing expected at the latest during Q1 2024 **Full year outlook updated** 

+3.9%

Service revenue growth (Telco operations, LFL)

+9.3%

Adjusted EBITDA growth (Telco operations, LFL)

3.7bn

Structural part of OFCF (In SEK billions)



# Four key priorities to drive sustainable growth

1

Restore growth by **inspiring our customers** 

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Lead the build out of digital infrastructure that connects everyone

3

**Transform to** become a more **digita**l telco

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Build the capabilities to **deliver sustainably** and responsibly



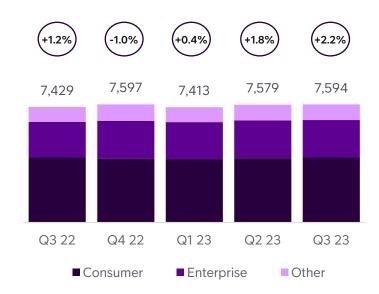
# Telco operations



### Sweden financials

#### Service revenue

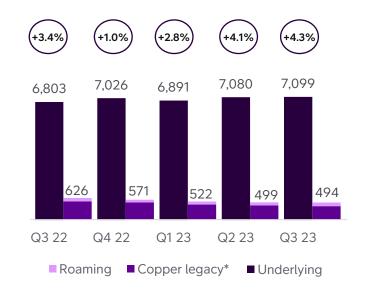
Reported currency, in SEK millions, like for like growth



- Spectrum action resulted in a strengthened and now leading spectrum position for Telia
- Clear 5G leader with pop. coverage now at 77%
- Service revenue growth accelerated
- Broad based growth; Mobile +0.2%, Broadband +3.2%, TV +6.3%, Telia Cygate +42%, IoT +12%

#### Service revenue split

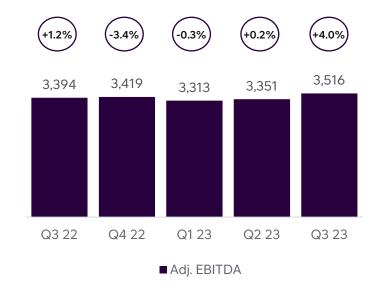
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- Copper legacy headwind reduced to ~ SEK 140m
- Underlying service revenue growth was slightly better than last quarter, with especially strong Enterprise growth

#### Adi. EBITDA

Reported currency, in SEK millions, like for like growth



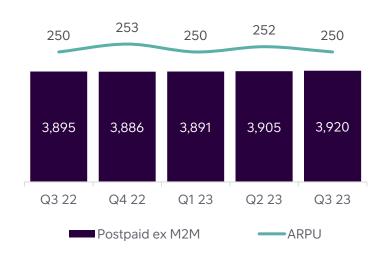
 EBITDA returned to growth driven by revenue, improved channel mix and FX gains



### Sweden KPIs

#### Mobile postpaid subs. and ARPU

Subscriptions '000, ARPU in SEK



- Positive net adds in both Consumer and Enterprise
- ARPU relatively stable as product mix offsets pricing

#### Broadband subs. and ARPU

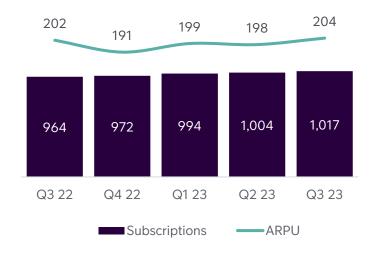
Subscriptions '000, ARPU in SEK



- Subscriber base stable despite copper shutdown
- Fiber and FWA compensating for copper decline
- ARPU supported by pricing, with fiber service revenue growth remaining strong (+10%)

#### TV subs. and ARPU

Subscriptions '000, ARPU in SEK



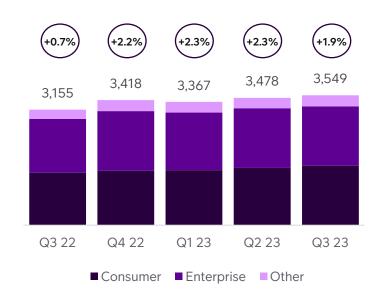
- Telia TV was again awarded "best TV service"
- Subscriber base growth continued
- APRU increased slightly as a result of pricing implemented in September



### **Finland**

#### Service revenue

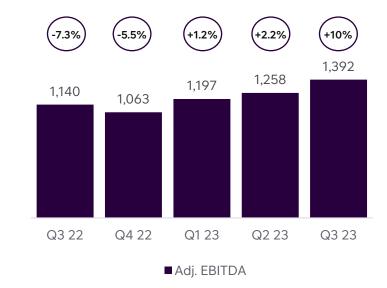
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- 5G pop. coverage now at 90%
- Network quality perception now almost on par with market leader
- Mobile growth improved further (+2.9%)
- Fixed growth (+1.1%) driven by momentum in IT/Business solutions

#### Adj. EBITDA

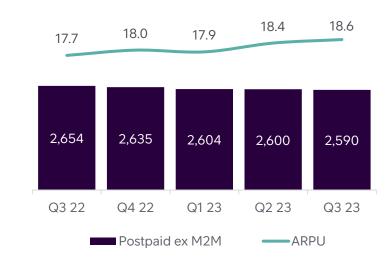
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 EBITDA growth improved as a result of lower energy costs and structural benefits from transformation initiatives

#### Mobile postpaid subs. and ARPU

Subscriptions '000, ARPU in EUR



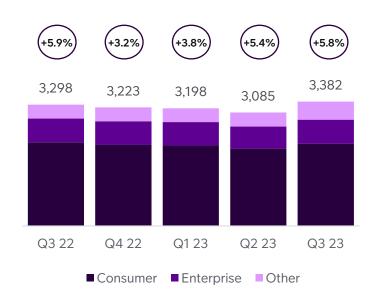
- Churn fell to a record low (16.0%)
- Subscriber base remains relatively stable despite pricing and value focussed channel strategy
- Strong Consumer ARPU growth (+10%) but weaker in Enterprise from Public sector mix (-2%)



# Norway

#### Service revenue

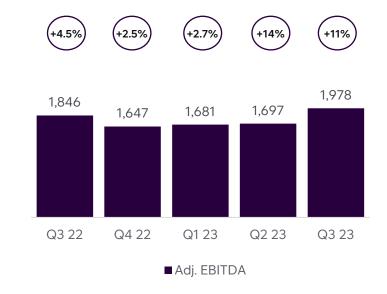
Reported currency, in SEK millions, like for like growth



- 5G pop. coverage now at 93%
- Broad based growth in all segments, Consumer (+1.6%), Enterprise (+3.3%) and Wholesale (+33%) including Fjordkraft

#### Adj. EBITDA

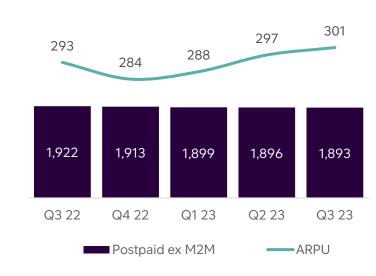
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- EBITDA growth remains very strong due to excellent service revenue development
- Lower marketing and energy costs also contributing to the EBITDA development

#### Mobile postpaid subs. and ARPU

Subscriptions '000, ARPU in NOK



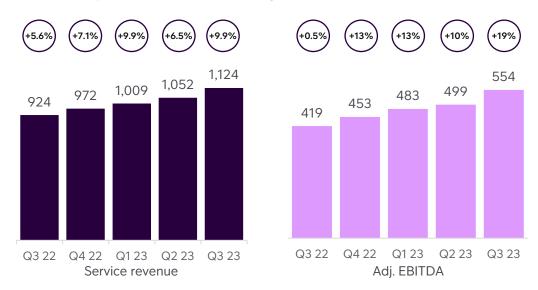
- Flat subscriber base in relatively stable market
- ARPU improvement (+2.7%) driven by the Consumer segment



### Lithuania & Estonia

#### Lithuania

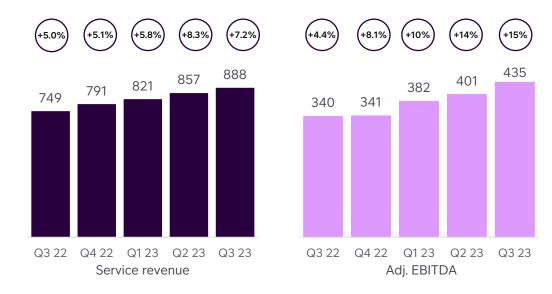
Reported currency, in SEK millions, like for like growth



- 5G pop. coverage now at >99% and the clear market leader
- Strong service revenue growth in both mobile (+8.7%) and fixed (+10.6%)
- Continued strong conversion to EBITDA, partly from lower energy costs

#### **Estonia**

Reported currency, in SEK millions, like for like growth



- 5G pop. coverage now at 73%
- Strong service revenue growth in both mobile (+7.2%) and fixed (+7.4%)
- Continued strong conversion to EBITDA, partly from lower energy costs



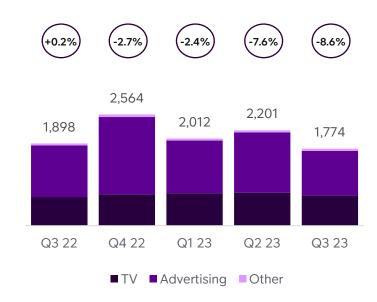
# TV & Media



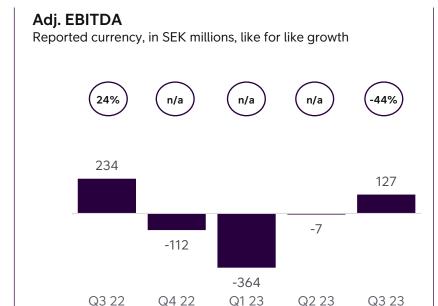
# TV & Media

#### Service revenue

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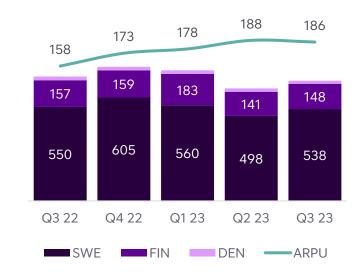


- Advertising revenue declined further in a continued weak market (-16%)
- Direct OTT revenue increased (+9%) while wholesale remained stable



EBITDA declined due to the lower Advertising revenues

### **Direct OTT subs. and ARPU** Subscriptions '000, ARPU in SEK



- Subscriber base grew due to sports seasonality and HVOD launch in Sweden
- ARPU increased from both pricing and mix



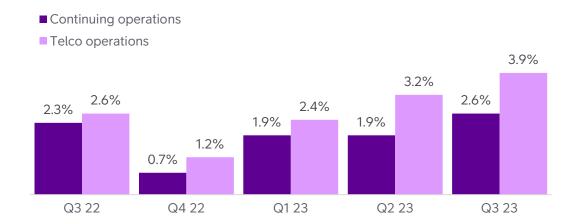
# Financials



# Service Revenue & EBITDA

#### Service revenue

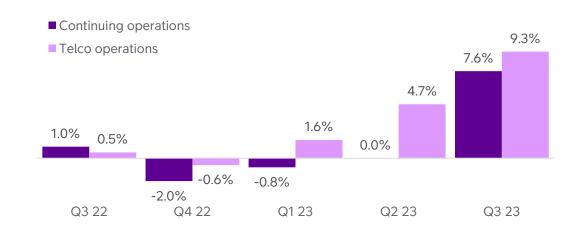
Like for like growth



- All Telco markets continued to grow service revenue
- Growth in both Telco Consumer (+1.8%) and Enterprise (+4.7%)
- Continuing operations service revenue growth hampered by lower advertising revenue in TV & Media

#### **Adjusted EBITDA**

Like for like growth



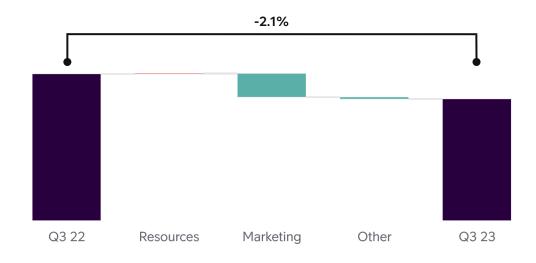
- EBITDA growth accelerated supported by strong Telco momentum
- Energy costs turned to a tailwind of ~ SEK 120 million in the quarter
- Continuing operations EBITDA negatively impacted by TV & Media
- Full year outlook updated to low single digit growth



### **OPEX & CAPEX**

#### OPEX excl. energy

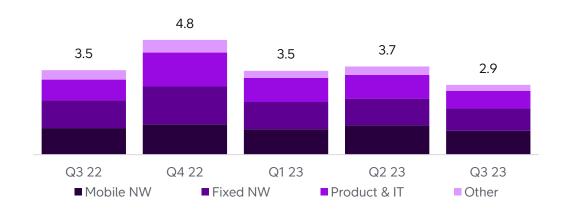
Like for like growth



- OPEX declined mainly driven by a group-wide proactive shift towards own channels, reducing sales and marketing costs
- Cumulative reductions since 2021 are ~ SEK 1bn, driven mainly by lower resource and IT costs
- The cost agenda remains a priority, but challenging to come close to the full net SEK 2bn ambition due to higher-than-expected inflation

#### **CAPEX** excl. licenses

Reported currency, in SEK billions



- Reduction of SEK 0.6bn compared to Q3 last year driven mainly by lower investments in mobile and fixed network
- CAPEX expected to decline further in Q4 vs. last year
- Full year outlook updated to ~SEK 13.5bn



# Cash Flow

Reported currency, in SEK billions	Q3 23	Q3 22	Change
Adjusted EBITDA	8.5	7.7	0.7
Restructuring and other adj. items	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
Repayment of leasing liabilities	-0.7	-0.6	-0.1
Cash CAPEX excl. licenses	-3.0	-3.3	0.3
Interest paid net	-0.7	-0.7	0.0
Taxes paid	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Other items	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
Structural part of OFCF	3.7	2.6	1.1
Working capital	-0.3	-0.7	0.4
Operational free cash flow	3.4	1.9	1.5

- EBITDA improved from strong Telco performance
- Cash CAPEX declined as planned
- Leasing increased by SEK 0.1bn driven mainly by inflation
- Interest costs unchanged, with higher interest offset by interest received and phasing
- Working capital contribution remained somewhat negative due to seasonality and phasing
- Operational free cash flow increased by SEK 1.5bn to SEK 3.4bn
- Full year outlook updated to ~ SEK 7.5bn



### Cash Flow trends

#### Operational free cash flow

Reported currency, in SEK billions, illustrative Q4

- Operational free cash flow
- Structural part of OFCF



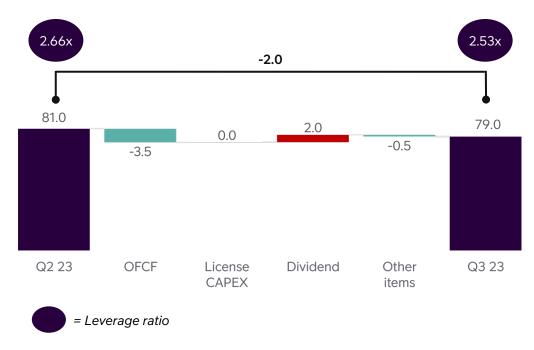
- Strong EBITDA growth supported OFCF in Q3, with continued positive development expected in Q4
- OFCF generation for the full year to be H2 weighted and especially Q4
  - Cash CAPEX to be significantly lower in Q4 relative to last year's elevated level
  - Working capital expected to have a material positive impact to OFCF in Q4, as previously stated
  - Vendor financing balance expected to end the year at ~ SEK 11bn



# **Net Debt & Leverage**

#### Net debt and leverage

Reported currency, in SEK billions and leverage ratio



- Net debt decreased by SEK 2.0bn driven by OFCF generation partly offset by dividend distribution
- Leverage declined to 2.53x, and is expected to come down further in Q4 from improved cash flow generation
- Proceeds from the divestment of Telia Denmark is expected to reduce leverage by ~0.2x during Q1 2024



# Outlook



# Outlook 2023 updated

#### Service revenue\*

Low single digit growth

#### **Adjusted EBITDA\***

Low single digit growth (Previously: Flat to low single digit growth)

#### CAPEX excl. licenses and spectrum\*\*

~ SEK 13.5bn

(Previously: In the range of SEK 13-14bn)

#### Structural part of Operational free cash flow

~ SEK 7.5bn

(Previously: In the range of SEK 7-9bn)



# Delivering successfully on all our strategic priorities

**Telco growth momentum built further,** supported by pricing, solid Consumer trends, a further acceleration in Enterprise and structural cost benefits

**Digital infrastructure leadership built further** with network modernization proceeding ahead of key competition, underpinning Telia's premium market position

**Leading Swedish spectrum position secured for next 25yrs** as a result of highly successful auction

TV & Media brand consolidation and restructuring is on track for a 2024 turnaround, subject to market conditions improving

**Progress on sustainability agenda** continues with our 2040 net zero target now approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)

Improvement in structural cash flow secures the turn around we expected in H2

Denmark sale progressing according to plan with binding SPA signed

Full year outlook updated

Restore growth by inspiring our customers

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Transform to become a more digital telco

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# Q&A



# Thank you



# Appendix



# Sustainability overview and key highlights

Three impact areas in focus





Digital inclusion



Privacy and security

Our ambitions

Net zero by 2040 CO2 emissions halved by 2030 Zero waste by 2030 2 million individuals reached through digital inclusion initiatives between 2021-2025

Top tier positions/ preferred supplier in all markets

2022 selected highlights

- CDP score: A- (up from D in 2018)
- Strong growth in IoT solutions for energy efficiency (within transport, real estate and utility sectors)
- 2025 target for digital inclusion achieved: 1 million individuals reached since 2021
- Ranked 11 out of 150 ICT companies in global digital inclusion rating (by World Benchmarking Alliance)
- Ranked No 1 or 2 on privacy in 4 out of 6 markets
- Several contract-wins with elevated security requirements (e.g. Norwegian Military and Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency)

Q3 2023 highlights

- Telia Company's 2040 net zero target approved by the Science Based Target initiative
- 50% of supply chain emissions now covered by science-based targets (up from 35% EoY'22)
- **Expanding digital skills amongst vulnerable groups,** ~ 200k
  individuals reached in the year, with
  focus on seniors, children, SMEs and
  immigrants
- Ranked No 1 or 2 on privacy in 3 out of 6 markets
- White House recognition for Telia's high security standards during the NATO meeting in Vilnius

### Telia's climate commitments





Achieve Net Zero by reducing value chain CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3) by 90%, in line with the new SBTi Net Zero Corporate Standard, and offset (neutralize) residual emissions\*





- Reduce  $CO_2$ e emissions in the whole value chain (scope 1, 2 and 3) by at least 50%, offset the rest Reduce  $CO_2$ e emissions in own operations (scope 1 and 2) by 90%

Science Baset Targets (near-term) – approved by SBTi in 2020 (baseline 2018):

- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions in Telia's own operations by 50%
- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions related to use of sold and leased products by 29%
- 72% of supply chain emissions covered by Science Based Targets





Climate neutral in Telia own operations



> 100% renewable electricity



Reduce energy consumption/ subscription equivalent by 5%

**Achieved** 

For a full overview of progress, please refer to the **Annual and Sustainability** Report 2022



# **ESG** awards and ratings

#### MSCI ESG rating

"AAA" (highest)



#### **EcoVadis**

"Platinum supplier" rating



#### **Sustainalytics**

19.5 Low Risk, Industry rank 12 out of 228



#### **CDP Climate Rating**

A-



#### **ISS ESG rating**

-B (Prime status)



#### FTSE4Good

(Included in FTSE4Good)





