



**Q1 2021**

# **Investor Presentation**

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**SEK 9.7bn**  
revenue in the  
past 12 months

**SEK 968m**  
Adj. EBITDA in the  
past 12 months

**SEK 104bn**  
Market Cap

**2,160**  
people

**47** countries with  
local presence

Customer engagement through mobile technology

**152 billion**  
engagements per year

Publicly listed on  
**NASDAQ**  
in Stockholm



Scalable cloud communications  
platform for messaging, voice and video



Serving 8 of the 10 largest  
U.S. tech companies



Consumer penetration



Growing, global, multi-billion  
USD market



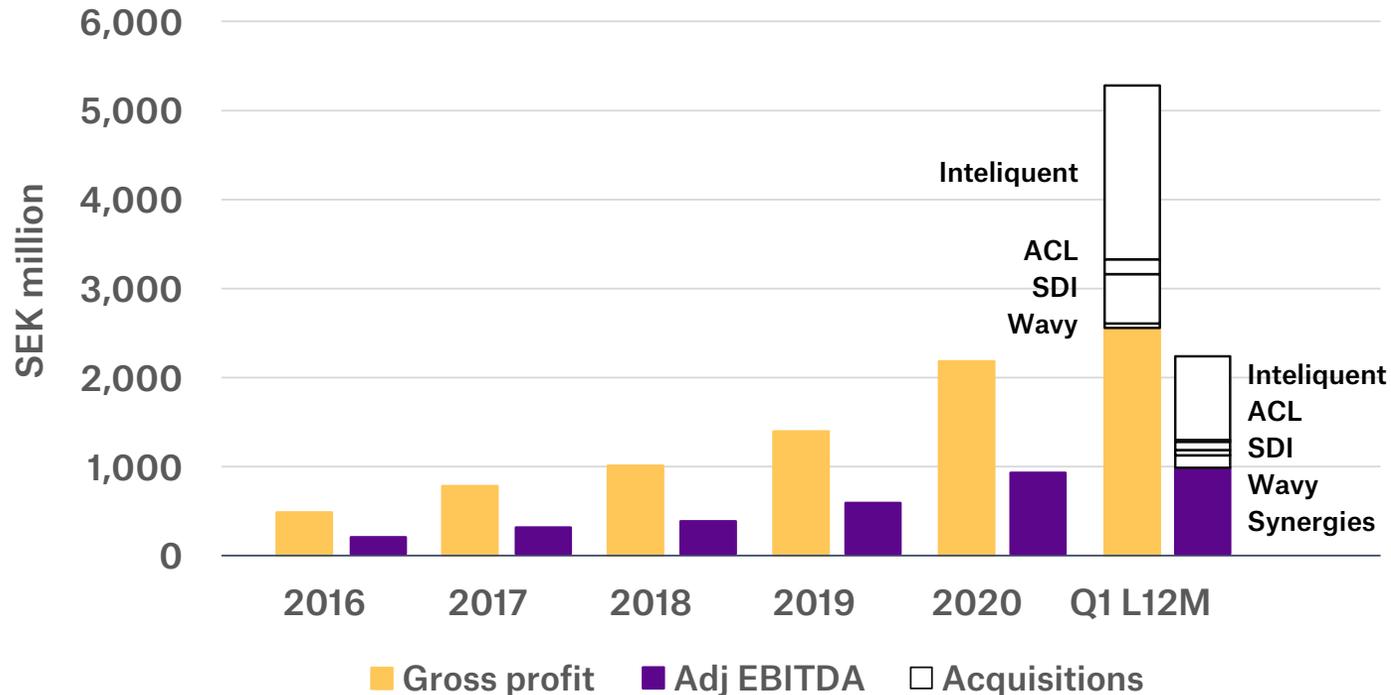
Profitable since our  
foundation in 2008



10x growth in gross profit  
since IPO in 2015

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# Track record of profitable growth



- **Focus on Gross profit since pass-through revenues vary between geographies**
- **Acquisitions of ACL, SDI, Wavy and Inteliquent adding significantly to our scale and profitability**
- **Investing to increase growth in acquired units**



The acquisition of Inteliquent is pending regulatory approval. ACL includes the last 5 months of earnings before the unit was consolidated on 1 September. SDI includes the last 7 months of earnings before the unit was consolidated on 1 November. Wavy includes the last 10 months of earnings before the unit was consolidated on 1 February. Synergies refer to expected synergies for Wavy and SAP Digital Interconnect, estimated mid-point, at full run rate. Exchange rates as of 26 April 2021.

# Growth markets



## Messaging

**Application-to-Person (A2P) messaging is used across the world for ever-more use cases**

- **USD 17 bn** market size for A2P SMS (MobileSquared), other estimates vary between USD 15-50 bn
- **Business usage of SMS continues to grow**
- **>100% growth rates expected in business messaging through next-generation messaging channels like WhatsApp & RCS**

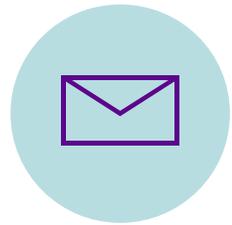
## CPaaS

**Communications Platform as a Service (CPaaS) allows businesses to easily integrate messaging, voice and video services into their own applications**

- **Juniper Research sees a 30% growth CAGR**
- **Gartner expects a 33% growth CAGR**
- **IDC forecasts a 33% growth CAGR**
- **“By 2023, 90% of global enterprises will leverage API-enabled CPaaS offerings, up from 20% in 2020” - Gartner**



# Creating value for businesses & their customers



**Email**



**SMS**



**Next-gen  
messaging**

Rich content  
Limited reach

Limited content  
100% reach

Rich content  
100% reach\*

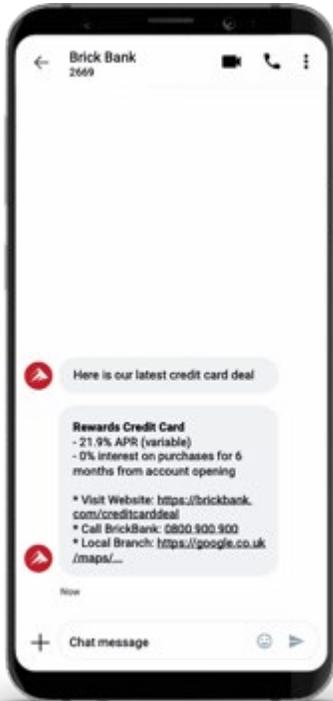
**35x higher open rate**

**App-like experience**

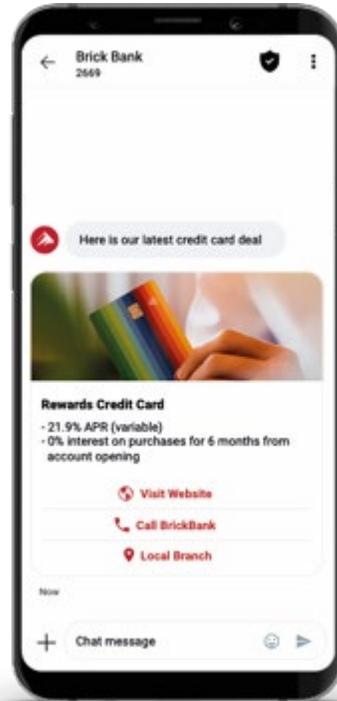
\* Blending multiple channels including RCS, WhatsApp, Messenger and SMS with landing page technology



# Conversational messaging



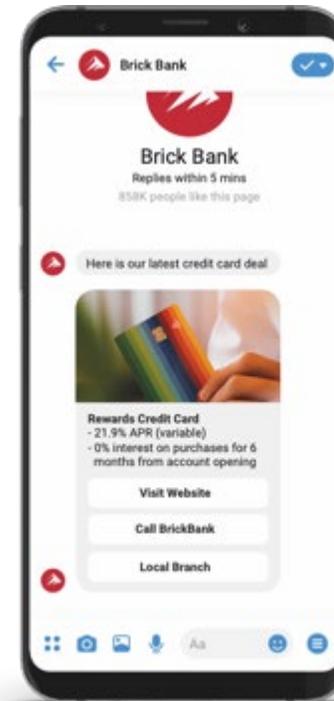
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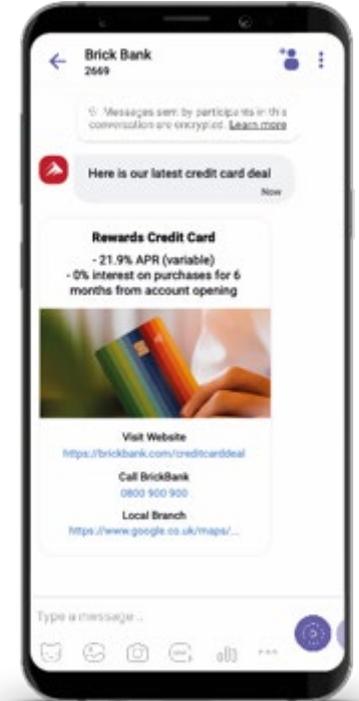
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WhatsApp

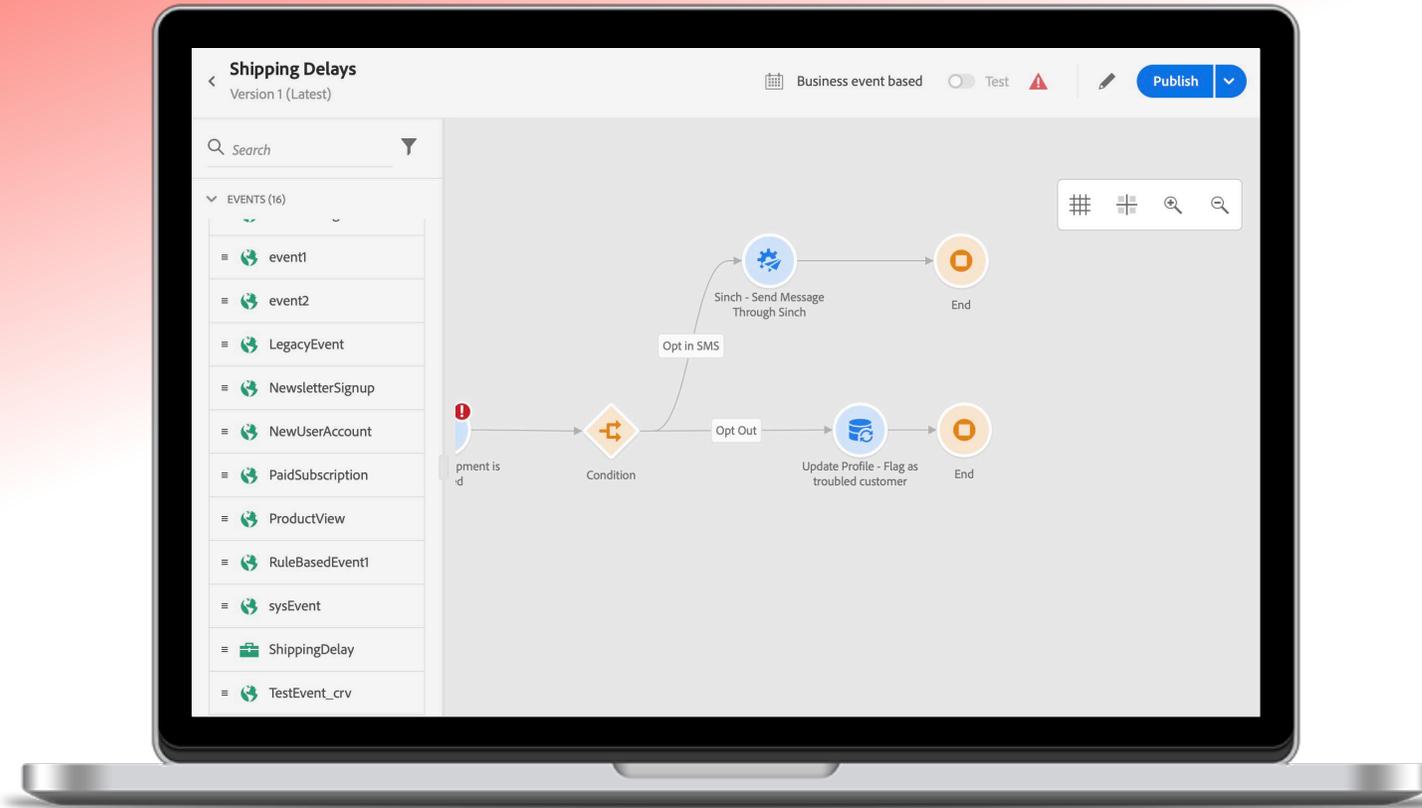


Messenger



Viber

# Strategic partnership with Adobe



- Strategic partnership between Sinch and Adobe
- One and two-way campaigns across multiple next-generation messaging channels
- Leverages Sinch Conversation API
- Available in [Journey Optimizer](#) within Adobe Experience Cloud



# Scaling with Sinch

Sinch acquired Chatlayer in March 2020, a cloud-based software platform that lets businesses create multi-lingual chatbots and voicebots using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Understanding (NLU).

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**year after the acquisition**

**32x increase in messages on platform**

**+330% increase in recurring SaaS revenue**

**3 data locations, up from 1**

**Largest customer in USA, previously in Belgium**

**Intact team adding headcount**

# Playbook for profitable growth

## Software-as-a-Service

- Empower businesses to leverage rich and conversational messaging
- Increase our software value-add (CPaaS) in addition to our connectivity offering
- Increase stickiness with maintained scalability

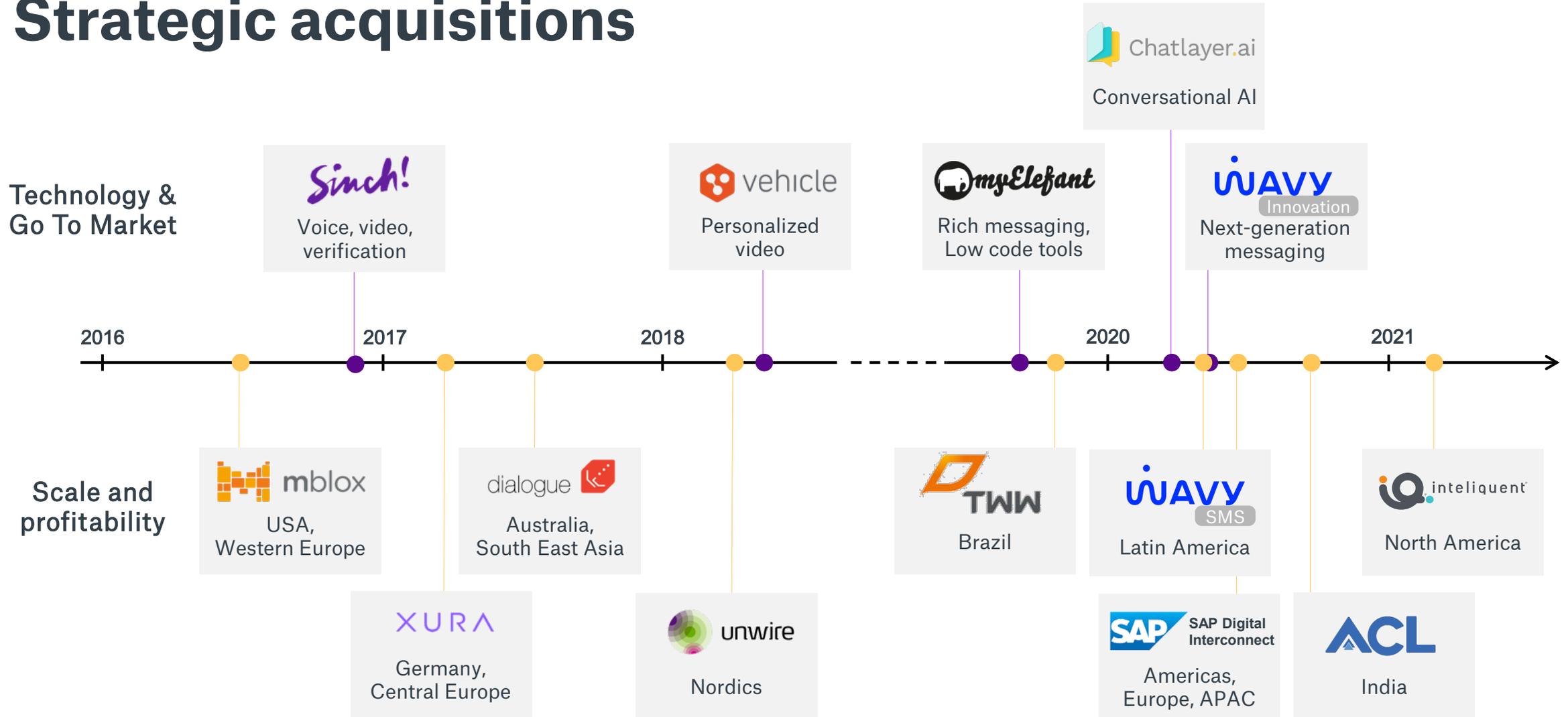
## Connectivity

- Ensure leading direct global connectivity without middlemen
- Differentiate through superior quality, scale and reach
- Benefit from market growth and continue to win market share

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# Strategic acquisitions



# Deal rationale: Inteliquent

## Inteliquent

- Largest independent voice communications provider in the United States
- 300+ billion voice minutes per year and 100+ million active phone numbers
- Around 600 employees including contractors with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois

## Deal rationale

- Establish Sinch as a leader in voice communications selling to the largest US voice customers
- Super network for voice reaching 94% of the US population without middlemen
- Accretive deal that fits Scale and Profitability category

## Integration

- Integration costs estimated to reach USD 25 million over 18 months
- Cross- and upsell combined Sinch+Inteliquent product portfolio
- Reinvest USD 15-20 million of EBITDA to accelerate joint roadmap in CPaaS voice, strengthen enterprise go to market and expand voice offering internationally

## Financials

- Enterprise value of USD 1,140m. Closing is subject to regulatory approval, closing expected in H2 2021
- Reported revenues of USD 533m, gross profit of USD 256m, and EBITDA of USD 135m in 2020
- Revenues of USD 499m, GP of USD 233m and Adj EBITDA of USD 112m excl. temporary Covid uplift
- Underlying year-on-year revenue growth around 11% over the past 2 years driven by growth in CPaaS



## January – March 2021

- Gross profit rising 84% to SEK 820.0 million (446.7)
- Adjusted EBITDA rising 30% to SEK 240.3 million (184.3)
- Adjusted EBIT excl. acquisition-related amortization of SEK 215.0 million (168.8)
- Profit after tax of SEK 140.8 million (96.4)
  
- Organic Gross Profit growth of 24% in local currency
- 52% underlying growth in Adjusted EBITDA excl. currency effects and share incentive plans
- Acquired entities with lower Adjusted EBITDA margin causing lower margin
- COVID-19 causing reduced voice traffic and lengthened sales cycles
- Continued opex investments to prepare our business for future growth, strengthen our go to market and develop new products

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# Key growth drivers

**1.**

**Acquisition of SDI,  
TWW, Wavy and  
ACL Mobile**

**2.**

**Volume growth & new  
use cases with US big  
tech companies**

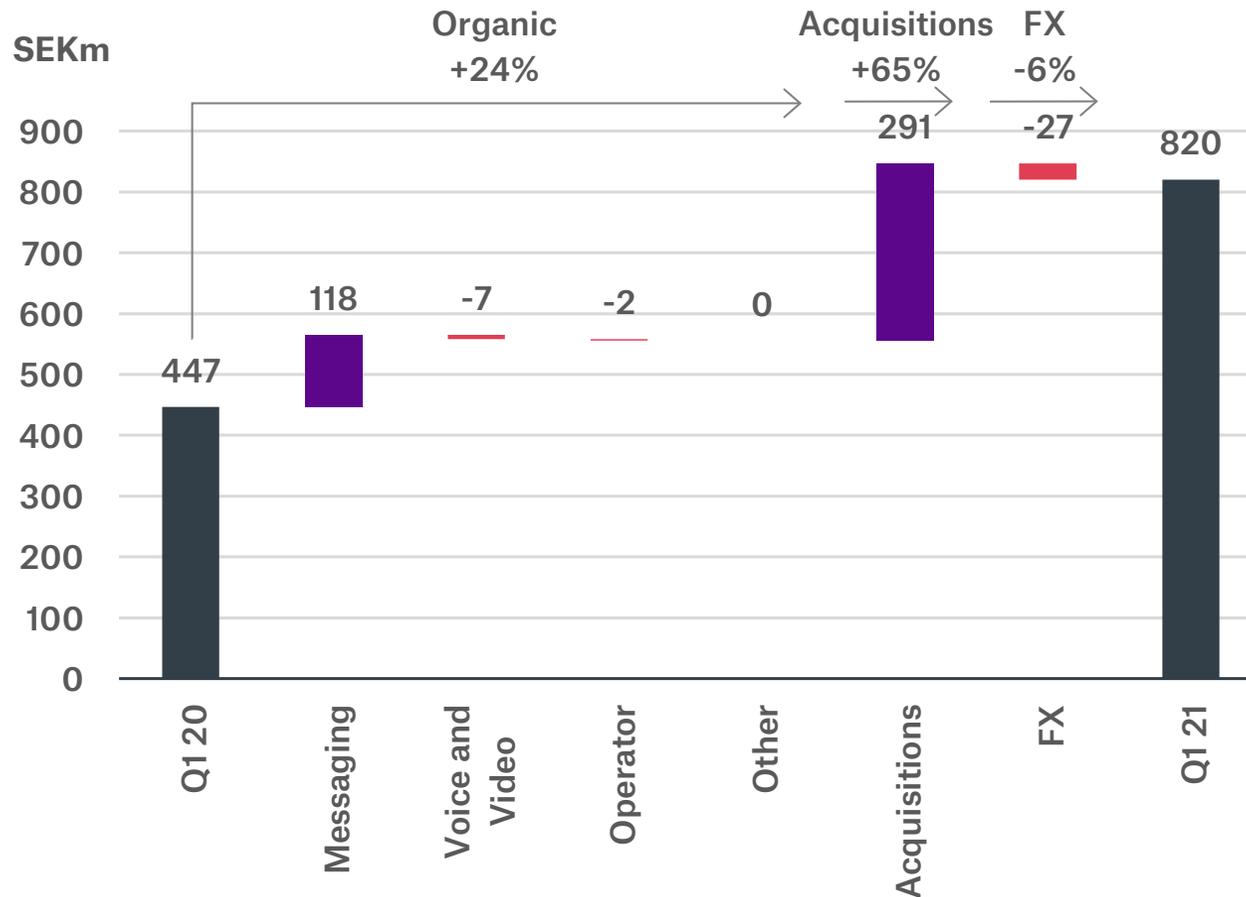
**3.**

**Sales and marketing  
improvements driving  
broader growth**

**Growing both with new and existing customers**

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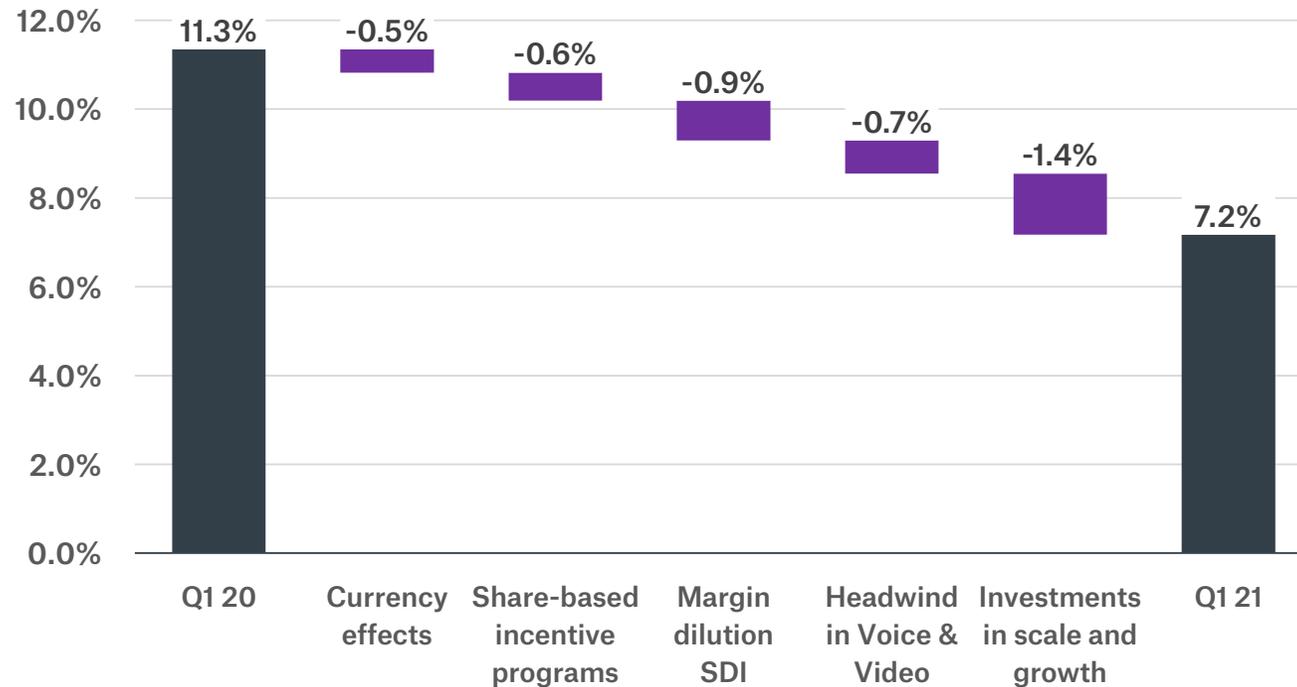
# Gross profit growth



- **Gross profit growth of 84% compared to Q1 2020**
- **24% organic Gross profit growth**
- **Continued strong performance with large US tech companies, but lower percentage growth rate after strong performance in 2020**
- **Broader organic growth across the business due to investments in product and go to market**



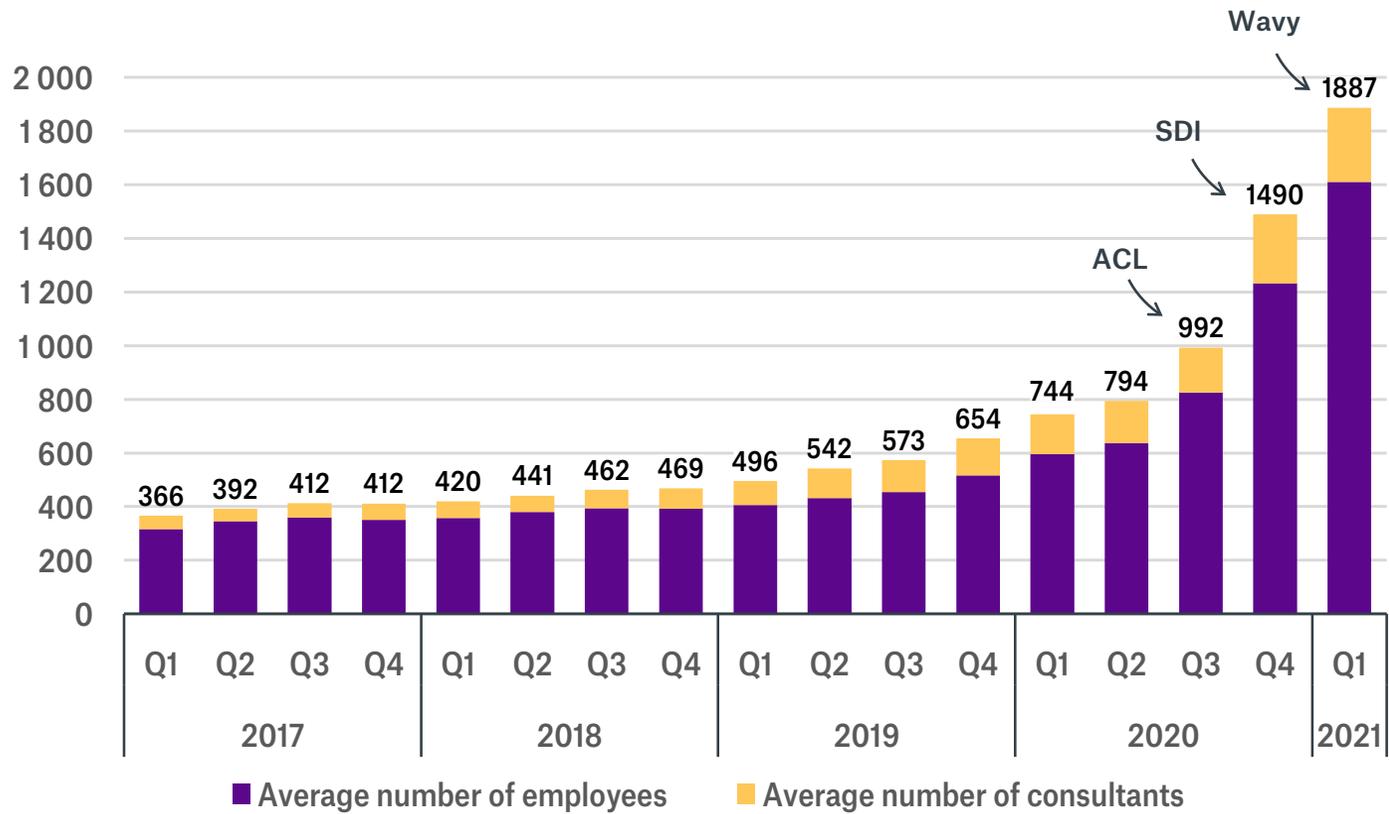
# Adjusted EBITDA margin



- **Large impact from currency effects and costs for share-based incentive programs**
- **Margin dilution from acquired SDI business**
- **Investments in scale and growth**
- **30% growth in Adjusted EBITDA, with 52% growth excluding currency movements and share-based incentive programs**



# Headcount increase

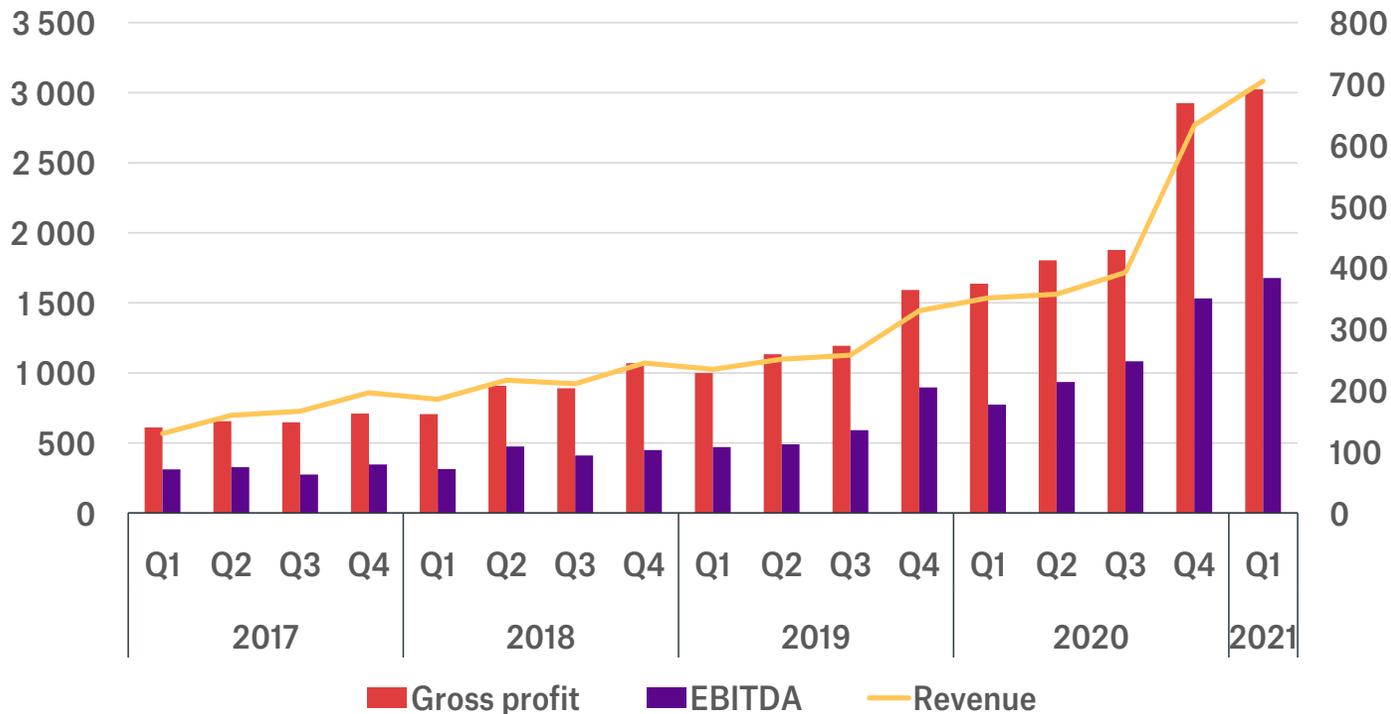


- **Headcount rises with recruitment and acquisitions**
- **Added 382 people in Q1, of which 305 people joined from Wavy**
- **2,160 people in Sinch at end of Q1**



# Strong growth in Messaging

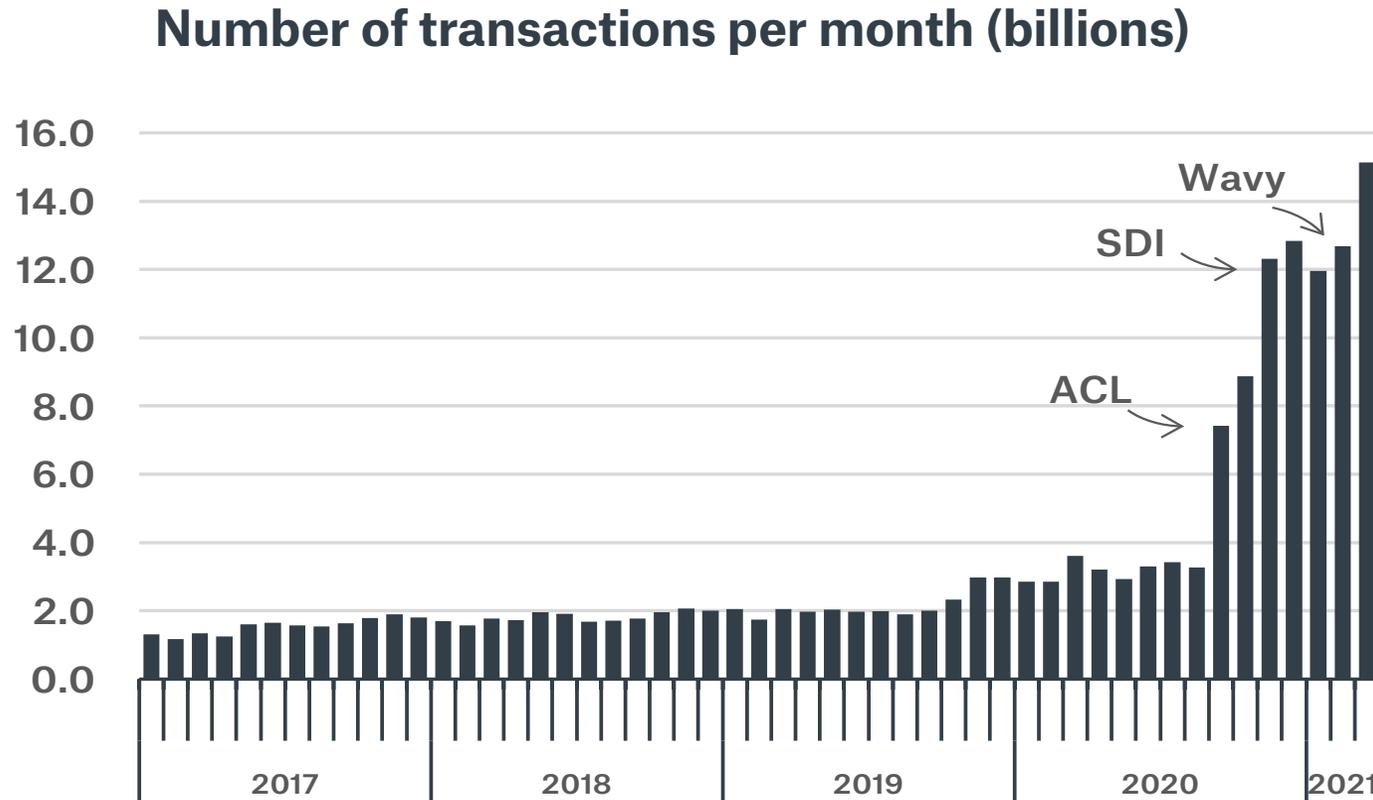
Messaging (SEKm)



- **Total Gross profit growth of 85% with organic growth at 32%**
- **SDI contributing from 1 November 2020 & Wavy from 1 February 2021**
- **Growth broadening beyond US tech companies**
- **Tough comparable figures in 2021 after strong performance in 2020**



# Rising message volumes

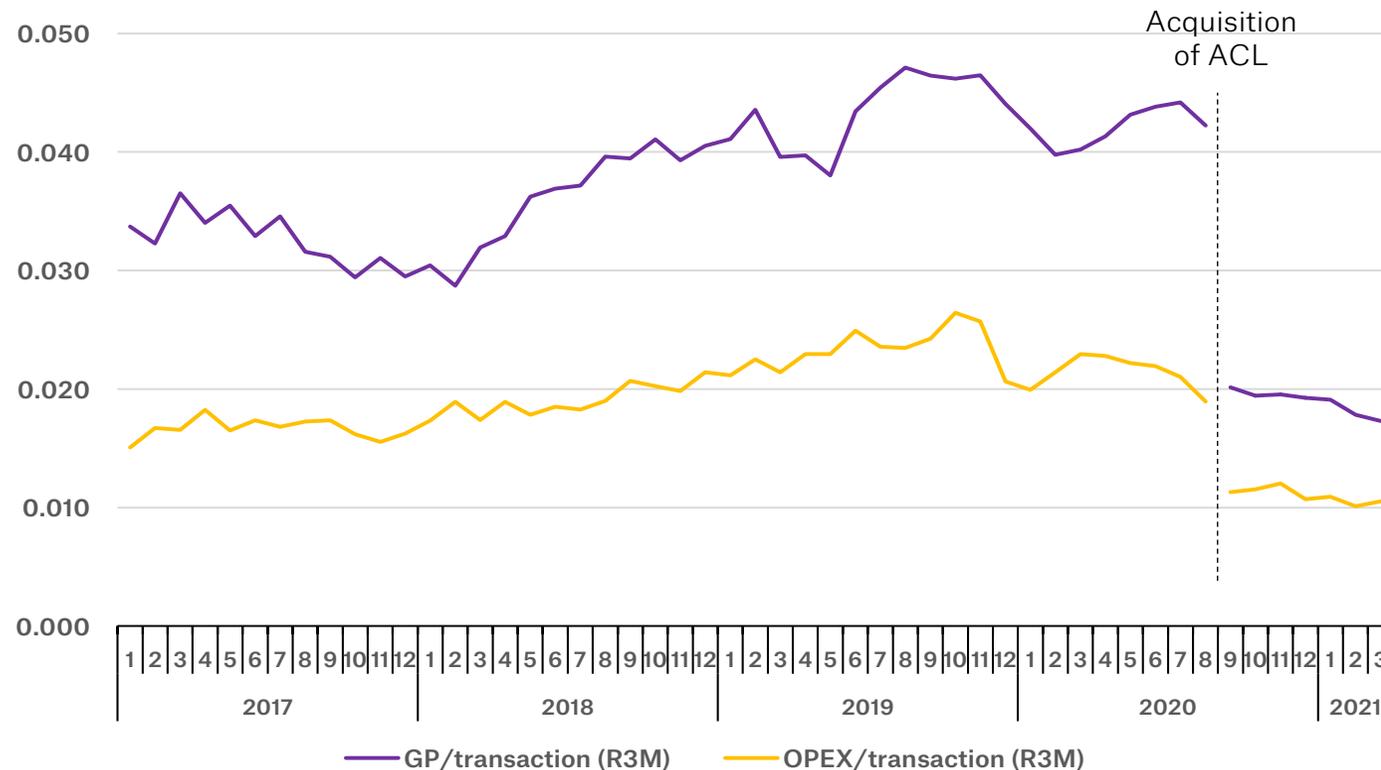


- Large increase in September 2020 due to ACL acquisition in India
- 327% year-on-year growth in transactions in Q1 with 47% growth in comparable units
- Seasonal uptick in March due to end of financial year in India
- Growth from existing customers, new customers, new use cases



# Gross profit per transaction

## OPEX/transaction & Gross profit/transaction (SEK)

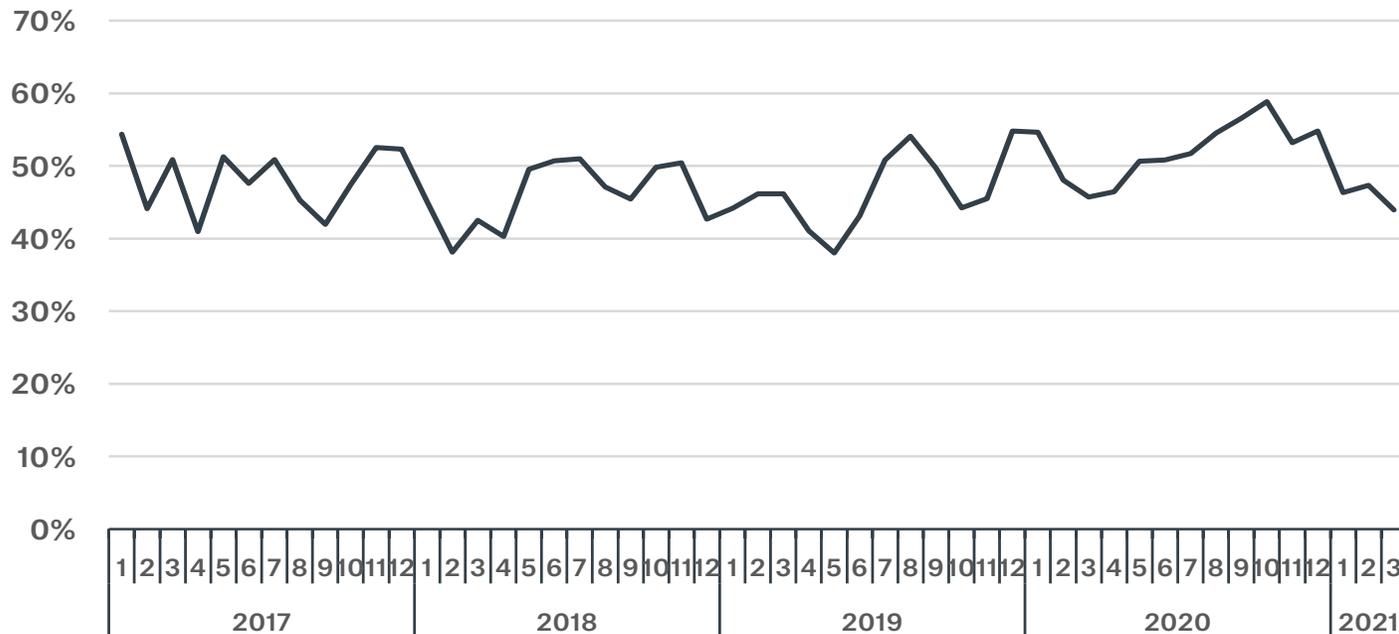


- **Gross profit is the primary bottom line driver**
- **Per-transaction measures relevant to track profitability and economies of scale**
- **ACL Mobile has significantly lower GP and OPEX per transaction, skews overall measures from September 2020**



# Messaging margin affected by M&A

Messaging EBITDA/Gross profit

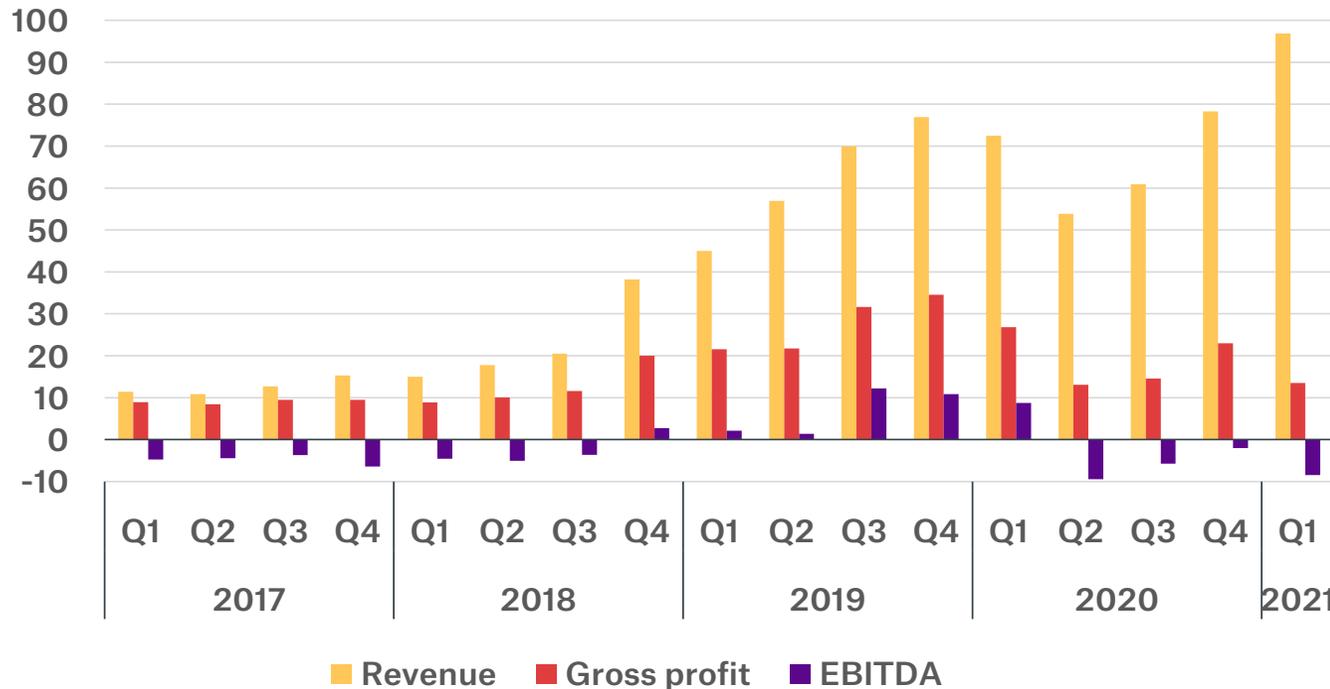


- Revenue and gross margin depend on mix of terminating markets
- EBITDA/Gross profit shows margin excluding mobile operator charges
- Acquisition of SDI causing 3.3% dilution to Adj EBITDA/Gross profit in Messaging
- Investing to support future growth



# Continued Covid impact on Voice and Video

Voice and Video (SEKm)

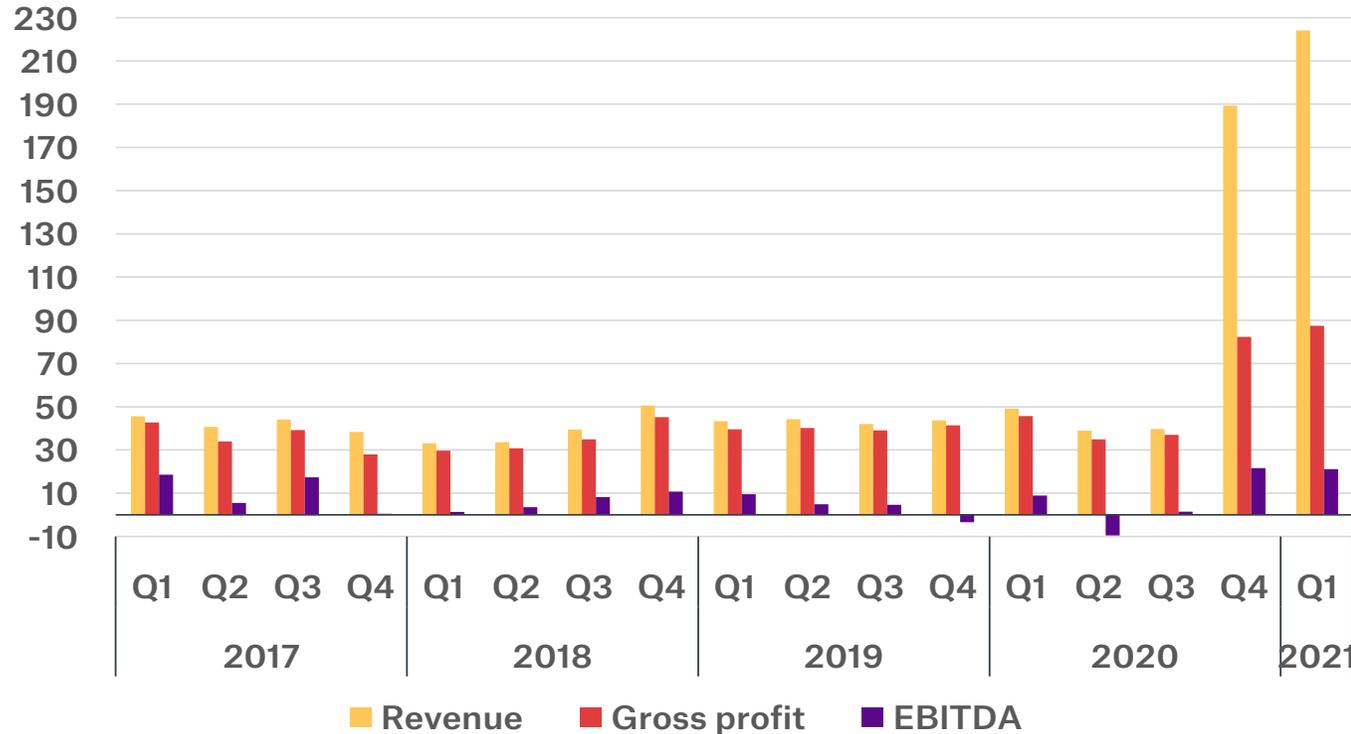


- Sharp decrease in demand for Number masking from ride hailing customers as Covid-19 reduces travelling
- Increase in traffic with low gross margin contributing revenue with limited gross profit
- Planning for integration ahead of Inteliquent closing



# Broadened product offering to Operators

Operators (SEKm)



- **Sinch and SDI operator organizations united in early 2021**
- **High margins in Operator Software business**
- **SDI person-to-person (P2P) messaging hub operating at lower gross margin**
- **Stable underlying performance**





# Integration



## Integration planning

- Deal signed in February 2021
- Regulatory approval process is ongoing
- Expected to close H2 2021
- Integration planning together with Inteliquent management, as applicable under competition rules

## Integration

- TWW closed October 2019
- Wavy closed February 2020
- Jointly rebranded as Sinch just 8 weeks after Wavy closed
- New LatAm website with localized content
- Defined customer and supplier migration plans
- Initiatives to scale Wavy's Conversational Messaging business

## Integration

- Deal closed September 2020
- Deployed cross-functional go to market-teams based on Wavy learnings to accelerate growth in Conversational Messaging
- Selling Chatlayer Conversational AI

## Integration

- Deal closed November 2020
- Sales teams merged with Sinch across 19 countries
- New joint Product organisation
- Integrated global Operations teams
- P2P Messaging products for Operators aligned with Sinch Operator software offering
- Initiated customer and supplier migrations to shared global platform



# Q1 2021 Financials



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# Income statement

Sinch Group, SEK million	Q1 2021	Q1 2020	2020	R12M
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>3,349.9</b>	<b>1,624.2</b>	<b>8,023.3</b>	<b>9 749,0</b>
Cost of goods sold and services	-2 529,8	-1,177.5	-5,840.0	-7 192,4
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>820.0</b>	<b>446.7</b>	<b>2,183.3</b>	<b>2,556.6</b>
Other operating income	32.6	32.9	197.8	197.5
Work performed by the entity and capitalized	18.7	15.2	69.4	72.9
Other external costs	-238.1	-110.7	-683.0	-821.7
Employee benefits expenses	-400.0	-184.2	-869.4	-1 085,2
Other operating expenses	-40.7	-24.7	-183.2	-188.0
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>192.5</b>	<b>175.2</b>	<b>714.9</b>	<b>732.1</b>
Depreciation, amortization, and impairment	-95.5	-56.6	-262.0	-300.9
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>118.6</b>	<b>452.9</b>	<b>431.3</b>
Finance income	216.4	24.2	5.7	209.2
Finance expenses	-127.4	-12.1	-79.2	-205.9
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>185.9</b>	<b>130.8</b>	<b>379.4</b>	<b>434.6</b>
Current tax	-76.5	-42.0	-142.5	-177.0
Deferred tax	31.4	7.7	209.1	239.9
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>140.8</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>446.0</b>	<b>490.5</b>

- **Non-recurring items in EBITDA reflect recent M&A activity**
- **SEK 30.6 million integration cost related primarily to SDI and Wavy**
- **Adjusted EBIT excludes non-recurring items as well as amortization of acquisition-related assets**
- **Adjusted EBIT of SEK 215.0 million (168.8) in Q1 21**



# Reconciling Cash flow with EBITDA

<b>SEK million</b>	<b>Q1 2021</b>	<b>Q1 2020</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>R12M</b>
Adjusted EBITDA	240.3	184.3	912.5	968.5
Paid interest	-11.1	-6.9	-29.7	-33.9
Paid taxes	-48.1	-3.0	-101.3	-146.4
Other	44.7	1.2	-179.4	-135.9
<b>Cash flow before changes in working capital</b>	<b>225.8</b>	<b>175.6</b>	<b>602.1</b>	<b>652.3</b>
<b>Cash flow before changes in working capital / Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>67%</b>

- **High conversion of Adjusted EBITDA to cash flow**
- **“Other” captures non-recurring items in EBITDA and revaluation of balance sheet items**



# Cash flow

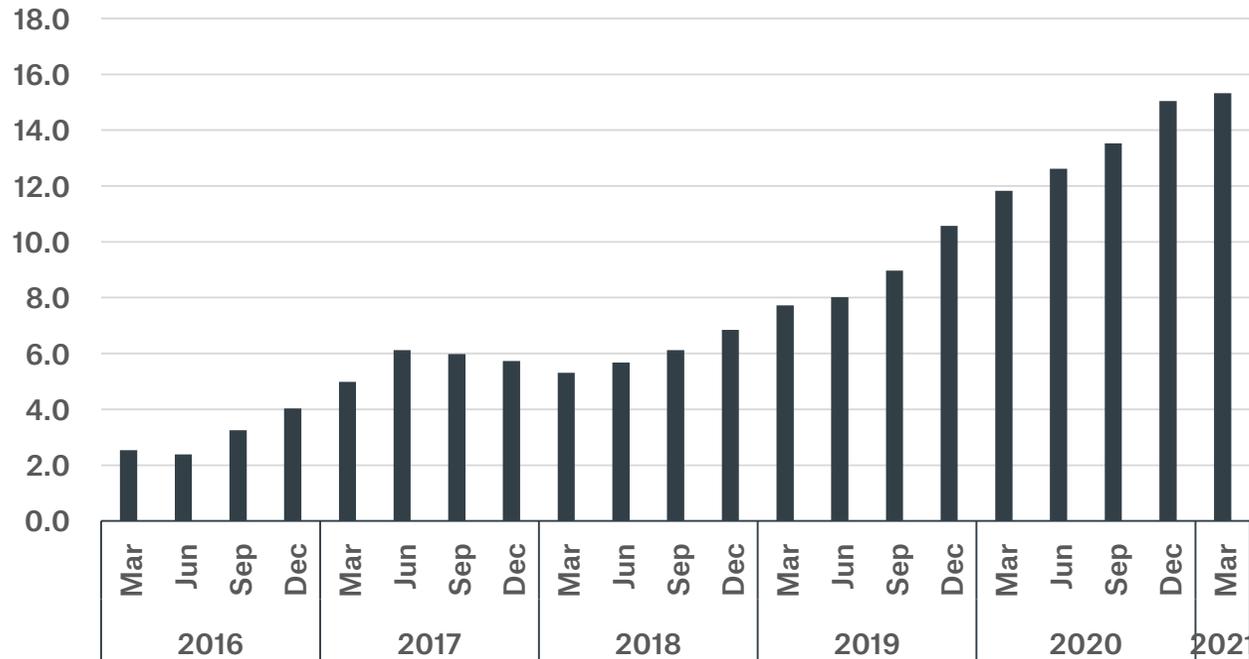
Sinch Group, SEK million	Q1 2021	Q1 2020	2020	R12M
Cash flow before changes in working capital	225.8	175.6	602.1	652.3
Changes in working capital	361.3	-40.9	-148.2	254.0
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>587.1</b>	<b>134.7</b>	<b>453.9</b>	<b>906.3</b>
Net investments in tangible and intangible assets	-302.4	-20.0	-85.6	-108.1
Change in financial receivables	5.8	-0.9	-2.2	4.5
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-691.5	-44.3	-2,884.6	-3,791.8
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>-988.1</b>	<b>-65.1</b>	<b>-2,972.4</b>	<b>-3,895.4</b>
Amortization of bank loan	-17.1	-1.4	-267.2	-282.9
Amortization lease liability	-9.9	-6.9	-30.4	-33.4
New share issue/warrants	482.6	1,511.2	5,529.0	4,500.4
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>455.6</b>	<b>1,502.9</b>	<b>5,231.4</b>	<b>4,184.1</b>
<b>Cash flow for the period</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>1,572.5</b>	<b>2,712.9</b>	<b>1,195.0</b>

- **Positive change in working capital due to shortened payment cycle in SDI and acquisition of Wavy**
- **Acquisition of subsidiary and new share issue relates to the acquisition of Wavy**



# Financial targets

Adjusted EBITDA per share, rolling 12 months



## Targets:

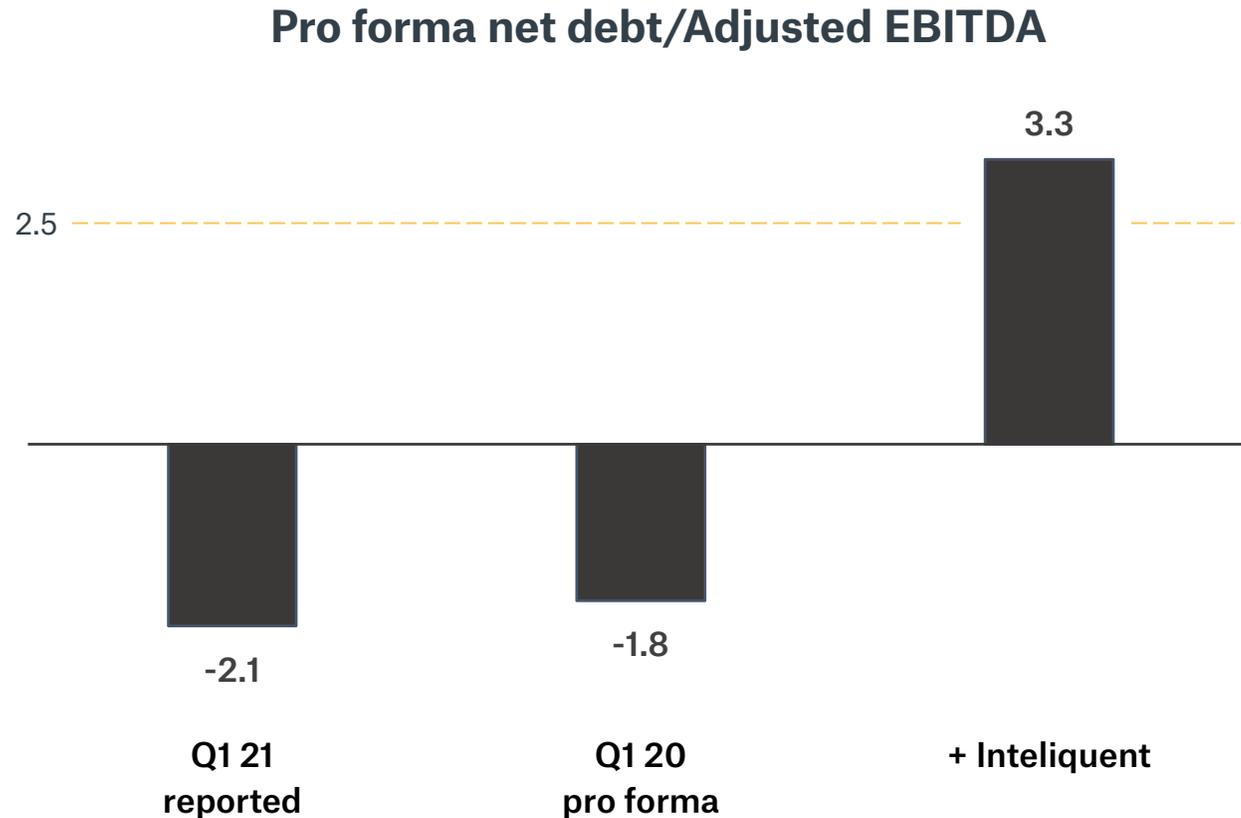
- Adjusted EBITDA per share to grow 20% per year
- Net debt < 2.5x adjusted EBITDA over time

## Performance:

- Adjusted EBITDA per share grew 30% in Q1 21, measured on a rolling 12 month basis
- Net debt/EBITDA of -2.1x, measured on a rolling 12 month basis



# Financial leverage



- Pro forma calculation includes last 12 months of Adj EBITDA for acquired entities
- Financial target is to maintain Net debt < 2.5x adjusted EBITDA over time



# Key priorities ahead



**Build on momentum for broadened growth across the base**

**Continued growth with US-based, global tech companies**

**New customer wins in Conversational messaging**

**Integration of recently acquired entities & initiatives to increase growth and margins**

**Preparation for future organic & acquired growth**

**Continued strengthening of our connectivity offering**

**Investment in SaaS products for advanced, Conversational messaging**

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