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# Financial results briefing – Q2/2015

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# Q2/2015: Improving operating profit on nearly flat net sales

April – June	4-6/2015	4-6/2014	Change
Net sales	277.6	264.5	4.9%
Operating profit	22.5	17.6	27.9%
- Operating profit w/o non-recurring items	23.3	17.1	36.4%

#### **Net sales**

- Persistently weak business environment in Europe affects both Building Solutions and Infra businesses
- Growth in Building Solutions North America driven by healthy markets and market share gains
- Considerable boost from USD/euro translation; growth without currency impact at 0.3%

#### **Operating profit**

- Building Solutions North America's growth is mainly volume driven
- Unsatisfactory trend in Building Solutions Europe
- Modest improvement in Uponor Infra as a result of restructuring benefits; resin scarcity driving manufacturing costs up





#### Developments by segment:

# Building Solutions – Europe

- Flat or declining markets in most of Europe, biggest drops in net sales in Germany, Finland and the UK
  - The Netherlands and Spain as the main positive exceptions
- Profits down driven by business in Germany and some other key markets
  - Cost reduction plans under preparation
  - Costs increase due to start-up issues in German distribution centre and nonrecurring items booked in relation to the streamlining ahead



#### Developments by segment:

## Building Solutions – North America

- Net sales grows in step with healthy market trends
  - customer conversion and penetration into low market share regions help strengthen market share
- Net sales and operating profit roughly doubled in 4 years
  - Careful cost management despite continuous expansion and investments
- Manufacturing expansion on plan, completion by year-end 2015



#### Developments by segment:

# **Uponor Infra**

- Continued decline in net sales, due to weak markets in Europe and the divestments made in Q1
- Resin price volatility with minor impact in Q2, negative effect to be expected during H2
  - Resin availability challenges put pressure on manufacturing costs





#### The new Children's Hospital, Helsinki, Finland

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# Financial statements

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#### Interim January – June 2015:

Key figures

M€	1-6	1-6	Change	1-12
	2015	2014	Y/Y	2014
Net sales, continuing operations	514.7	495.4	+3.9%	1 023.9
Operating profit, continuing operations	33.8	22.4	+50.6%	63.4
Operating profit margin, continuing operations	6.6%	4.5%	2.1% pts	6.2%
Earnings per share (diluted), €	0.23	0.17	+35.3%	0.50
Return on equity, % (p.a.)	11.6%	8.0%	3.6% pts	12.3%
Return on investment, % (p.a.)	14.0%	8.8%	5.2% pts	14.2%
Net interest bearing liabilities	138.8	154.3	-10.0%	82.0
Gearing, %	47.8%	56.9%	-9.1% pts	27.6%
Net working capital of Net sales, % (p.a.)	11.9%	12.8%	-0.9% pts	7.1%
Average number of employees, continuing operations	3 881	4 174	-7.0%	4 127
Number of employees, end of period, continuing operations	3 906	4 225	-7.6%	3 982



#### April – June 2015:

#### Income statement

M€	4-6 2015	4-6 2014	Change Y/Y
Continuing operations			
Net sales	277.6	264.5	+4.9%
Cost of goods sold	179.0	177.8	+0.7%
Gross profit - % of net sales	98.6 35.5%	86.7 32.8%	+13.7% +2.7% pts
Other operating income Expenses	0.0 76.1	0.9 70.0	+8.7%
Operating profit - % of net sales	22.5 8.1%	17.6 6.6%	+27.9% +1.4% pts
Financial expenses, net Share of result in associated companies	1.3 0.0	3.7 0.1	-63.6%
Profit before taxes	21.2	14.0	+51.2%
Profit for the period	13.3	9.4	+42.4%
EBITDA	31.5	26.4	+19.2%

- Net sales growth, adjusted for currency translation (mainly coming from USD), was flat at 0.3%
- Gross profit margin improvement driven by increased share of Building Solutions North America and more favourable product mix there
- Increase in expenses due to Building Solutions North America, driven by dollar-to-euro translation
- Operating profit includes a non-recurring cost of €0.8m from the streamlining programme in Building Solutions – Europe while the comparison year contained a non-recurring net gain of €0.5m. Translation impact on operating profit was €2.7m vs Q2/2014





#### Interim January – June 2015:

#### Income statement

M€	1-6 2015	1-6 2014	Change Y/Y	1-12 2014
Continuing operations				
Net sales	514.7	495.4	+3.9%	1 023.9
Cost of goods sold	330.9	330.6	+0.1%	683.8
Gross profit - % of net sales	183.8 35.7%	164.8 33.3%	+11.5% +2.4% pts	340.1 33.2%
Other operating income Expenses	0.7 150.7	1.1 143.5	-34.9% +5.0%	2.4 279.1
Operating profit - % of net sales	33.8 6.6%	22.4 4.5%	+50.6% +2.0% pts	63.4 6.2%
Financial expenses, net Share of result in associated companies	6.4 0.1	5.8 0.1	+9.8%	7.4 0.3
Profit before taxes	27.5	16.7	+64.9%	56.3
Profit for the period	17.3	11.2	+55.1%	36.3
EBITDA	52.1	40.3	+29.3%	99.9

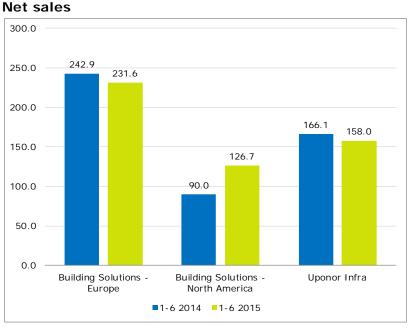
- Net sales growth, adjusted for the currency translation impact (mainly coming from USD), was flat at -0.6%
- Increase in expenses due to Building Solutions North America, driven by dollar-to-euro translation. Comparison figures burdened by €3.0m in NRI
- Operating profit in 2015 includes €0.8m NRI related to streamlining programme in Building Solutions- Europe. Operating profit w/o NRI €34.6m (€25.7m), up 34.6% y-on-y



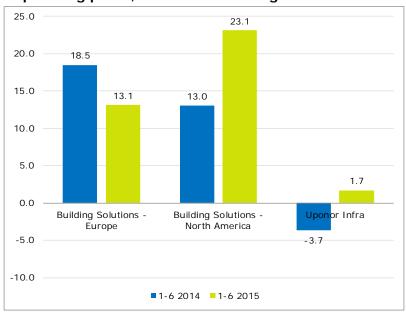
#### Interim January – June 2015:

## Net sales & operating profit by segment

#### Currency: M€



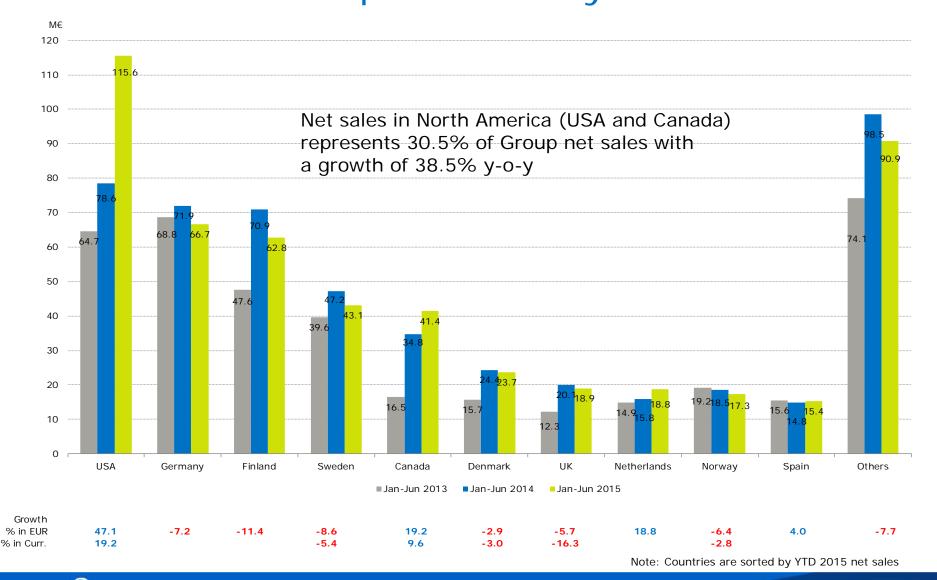
#### Operating profit, w/o non-recurring items



- Building Solutions Europe: operating profit margin (w/o non-recurring items) down from 7.6% to 5.7% driven by declining net sales in key markets
- Building Solutions North America: profit margin up from 14.4% to 18.3 %, driven by solid sales growth and careful cost management. Q2/2015 profit margin 21.6%
- Uponor Infra: profit improved as a result of the restructuring measures during 2013 and 2014. Uponor Infra also benefited from input costs



# Interim January – June 2015: Net sales development in key markets





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#### Interim January – June 2015:

#### Balance sheet

M€	30 Jun	30 Jun	Change	31 Dec
	2015	2014	Y/Y	2014
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Property, plant and equipment	209.5	197.5	+12.0	207.8
Intangible assets	96.3	100.2	-3.9	98.4
Securities and long-term investments	10.8	11.2	-0.4	11.2
Inventories	131.2	130.8	+0.4	117.4
Cash and cash equivalents	16.5	17.9	-1.4	60.2
Other current and non-current assets	252.5	240.3	+12.2	186.8
Total equity	290.6	271.2	+19.4	297.9
Non-current interest-bearing liabilities	100.4	130.3	-29.9	126.3
Provisions	17.4	20.7	-3.3	16.2
Non-interest-bearing liabilities	253.5	233.8	+19.7	225.5
Current interest-bearing liabilities	54.9	41.9	+13.0	15.9
Balance sheet total	716.8	697.9	+18.9	681.8

- Net interest-bearing liabilities at €138.8m, down by €15.5m from LY
- Non-controlling interest at Uponor Infra represents €65.2m of the total equity at €290.6m



#### Interim January – June 2015:

#### Cash flow

M€	1-6	1-6	Change	1-12
	2015	2014	Y/Y	2014
Net cash from operations	+47.1	+37.4	+9.7	+99.0
Change in NWC	-50.2	-44.3	-5.9	-3.5
Net payment of income tax and interest	-16.7	-11.8	-4.9	-19.8
Cash flow from operations	-19.8	-18.7	-1.1	+75.7
Cash flow from investments	-12.5	-10.3	-2.2	-30.6
Cash flow before financing	-32.3	-29.0	-3.3	+45.1
Dividends and buy backs	- 30.7	-27.8	-2.9	-27.8
Other financing	+18.5	+21.2	-2.7	-9.9
Cash flow from financing	-12.2	-6.6	-5.6	-37.7
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-43.7	-35.8	-7.9	+6.5

- Gross CapEx (€18.5m) at depreciation level and up €6.1m from LY, driven by investment in Building Solutions – North America
- Cash flow from investments includes a cash flow effect of €+5.9m from the divestments of the Thai infrastructure business and Extron Engineering Oy in Finland. The comparison year includes €1.7m in proceeds from the sale of fixed assets in Finland related to Uponor Infra's integration





# Outlook for the future

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Apartment building, Veendaal, the Netherlands

# Leading indicators in major markets

	Indicator	% change YTD	Data through	Trend since Q4 update
USA	Housing starts <sup>1)</sup>	+27%	June 2015	
Germany	Housing permits	-1%	May 2015	-
Finland	Building starts	-10%	April 2015	-
Sweden	Housing starts	+29%	March 2015	-
Canada	Housing starts <sup>1)</sup>	-2%	June 2015	-
Denmark	Housing starts	-30%	March 2015	•
UK	Housing starts <sup>2)</sup>	+9%	March 2015	-
Netherlands	Housing permits	+105%	March 2015	
Norway	Housing permits	+11%	May 2015	-
Spain	Housing permits	+23%	March 2015	<b>*</b>

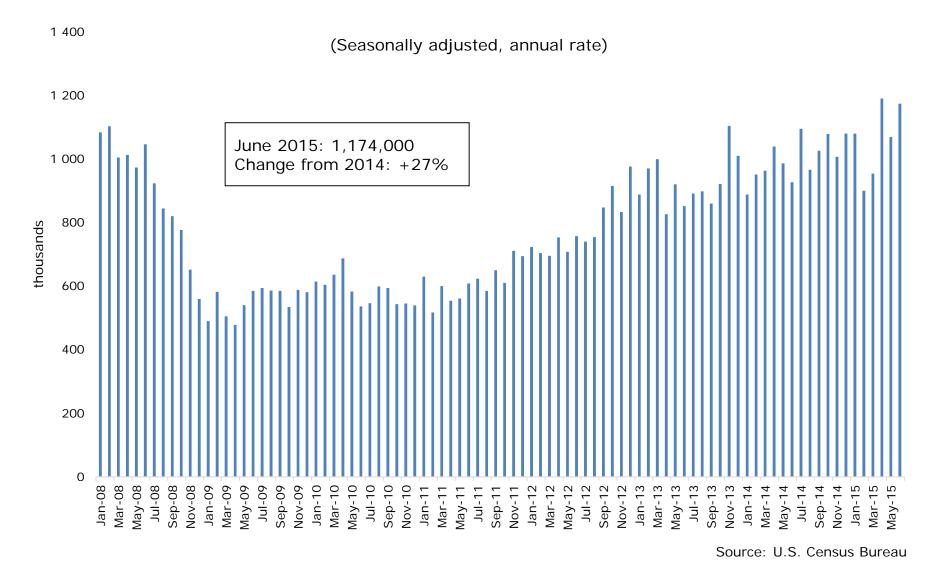
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Seasonally adjusted, annualised rate vs. same month in 2014; <sup>2)</sup> England only



## Country overview- USA

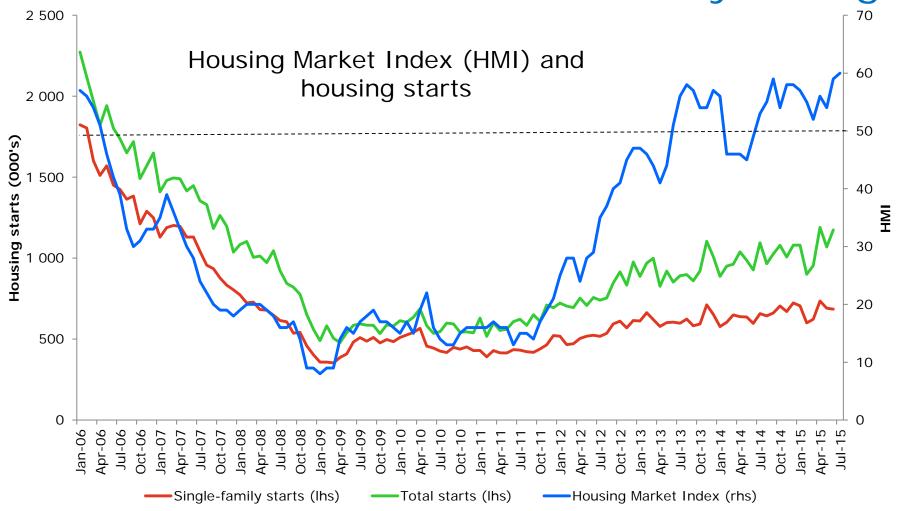
- After a harsh winter that clearly influenced the slow start to the year, gains have been made in most fundamental economic indicators
- Within the construction industry:
  - Housing starts rebounded in June after disappointing May starts
  - Other leading indicators of construction activity, such as permit levels and builder confidence, are positive and have reached pre-crisis levels
  - Non-residential construction has grown versus last year, with businesses increasingly investing in offices, commercial properties and manufacturing facilities

# U.S. housing starts





# U.S. starts rebounded in June and builder confidence rose to a 10-year high

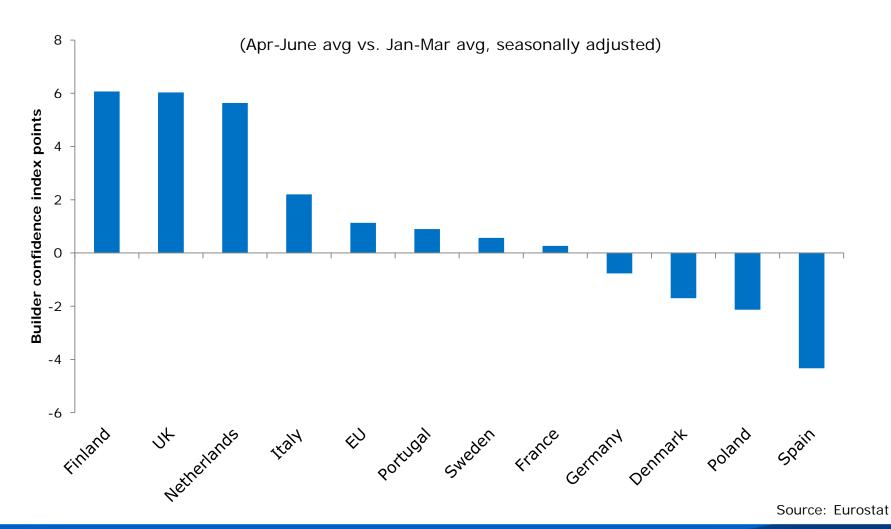


Source: US Census, NAHB/Wells Fargo

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# Europe: Change in builder confidence

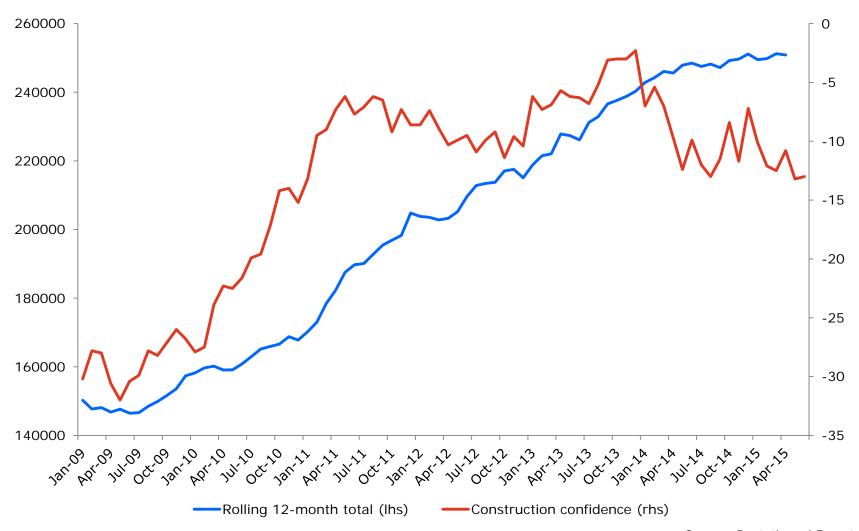




# Country overview- Germany

- A very strong labour market coupled with consumer confidence at a 13-year high has continued to drive growth in the economy, despite the headwinds created by external factors
- Within the construction industry:
  - Building permit levels to-date are on par with 2014, with the multifamily segment outperforming the single-family segment
  - Builder confidence has weakened somewhat, but remains relatively robust
  - Non-residential spending continues to be restrained as businesses remain cautious

# German housing permits and builder confidence





Source: Destatis and Eurostat

## Management agenda for the near term

- Focus on cost and pricing management as demand and input costs remain volatile in the European markets
- Execution of North American expansion in building solutions, and tapping into growth opportunities partly created by the tailwind in the building markets
- September marks a one-year anniversary of the most recent restructuring programmes in Uponor Infra
  - follow the initiatives through and get stability in the supply/demand situation
- Building Solutions Europe's streamlining programme



# **Guiding forward**

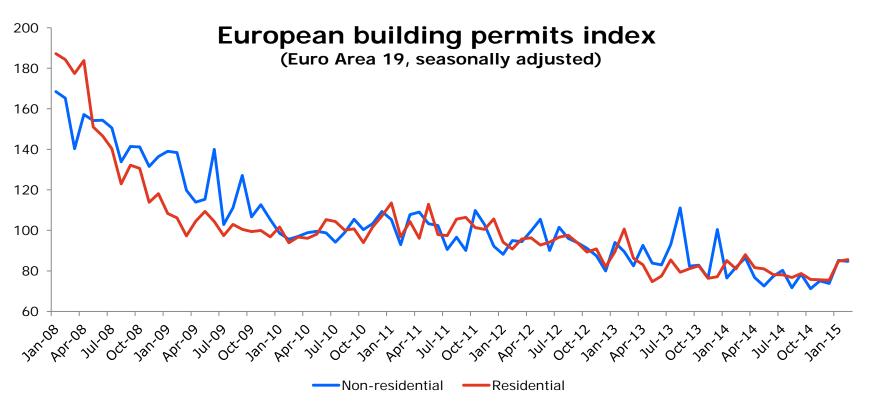
- Macro-economic challenges and the geopolitical situation remain difficult and have not improved
- Plastic resin availability challenging although it may be easing after the summer
  - Main impact on Uponor Infra
- The guidance issued on 12 February 2015 remains intact:

The Group's net sales and operating profit (excluding any non-recurring items) are expected to improve from 2014

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## Building permits in Europe

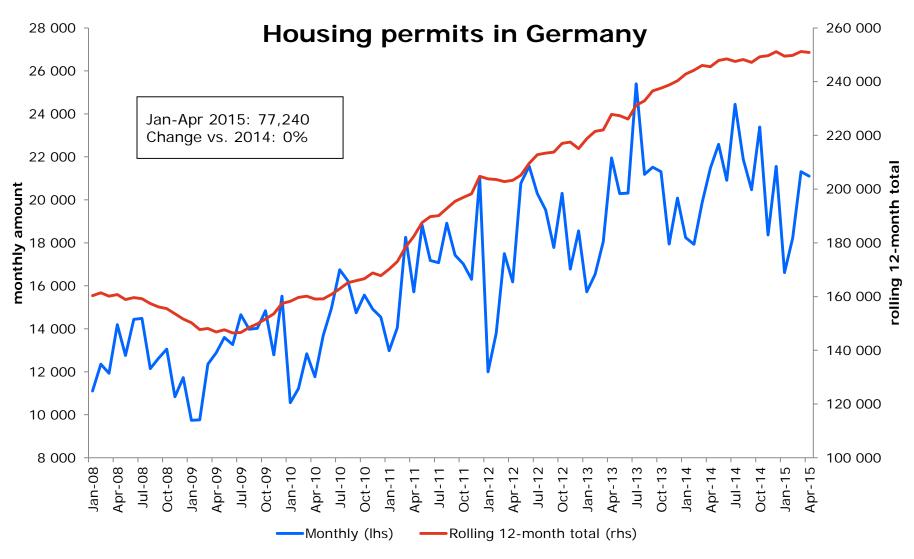
 Building permits data through February indicates that permit levels have improved slightly from the all-time lows at the end of 2014, largely as a result of increased activity in Spain and Sweden



Source: Eurostat (Base year = 2010)



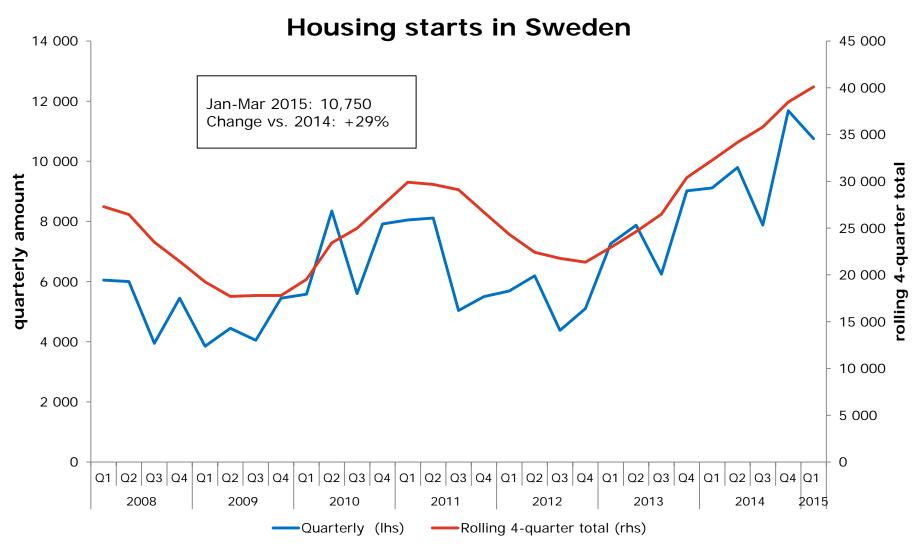
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Source: Destatis



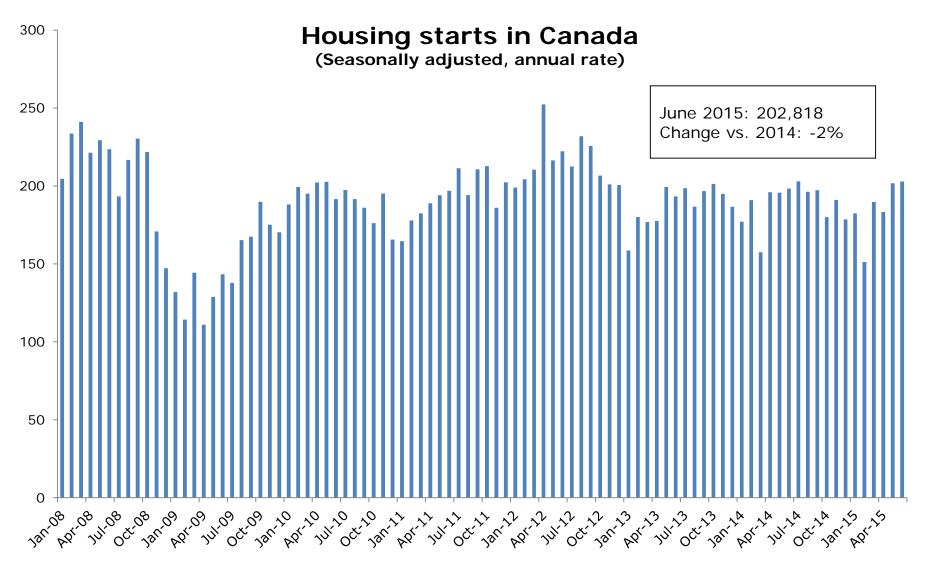
#### Sweden



Source: Statistics Sweden



#### Canada

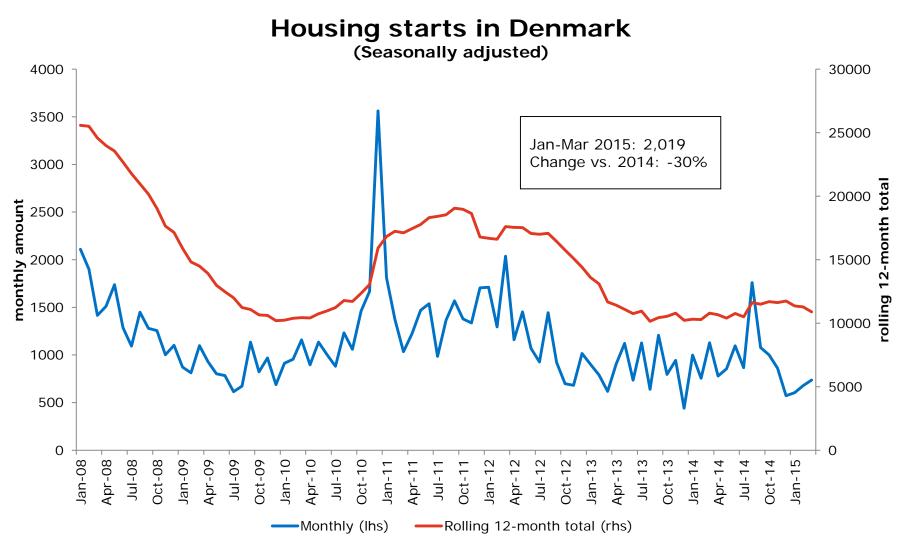


Source: CMHC/ Statistics Canada

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#### Denmark

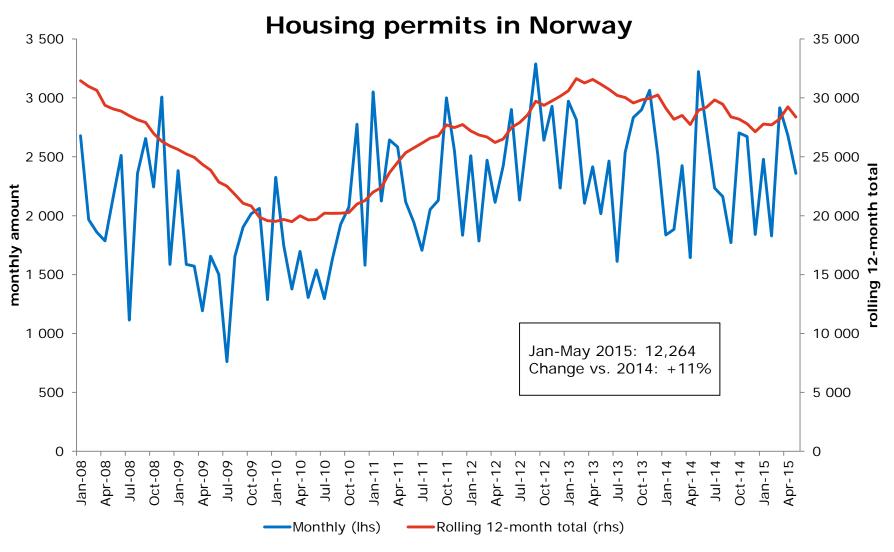




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# Norway



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