

Posco Green Building in Yeonsu, Republic of South Korea, features Uponor heating and cooling system with ceiling comfort panels

# Financial statements 2014 briefing

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# Q4/2014: All segments improved y-o-y against a weak comparison period

Uponor Group	10-12/ 2014	10-12/ 2013	Change
Net sales	251.5	237.6	5.9%
Building Solutions – Europe	112.7	112.0	0.6%
Building Solutions – North America	56.1	43.6	28.4%
Uponor Infra	84.9	83.7	1.5%
Operating profit (without NRI)	12.7	0.1	n/m
Building Solutions – Europe	5.3	0.3	n/m
Building Solutions – North America	9.3	5.8	59.9%
Uponor Infra	-0.6	-5.1	n/m

- Group figures driven mostly by the continued strong growth in North America
- Building Solutions Europe's performance improved from 2013, which was impacted by the temporary product approval issue in 2013
- Uponor Infra suffered from declining net sales in Finland, but successfully offset this through positive trends in North America, technology sales and increased project business in Asia

# Full year 2014: Sustained positive progress despite diverse challenges

Uponor Group	1-12/ 2014	1-12/ 2013	Change
Net sales	1,023.9	906.0	13.0%
Building Solutions – Europe	479.1	479.5	-0.1%
Building Solutions – North America	200.8	171.5	17.1%
Uponor Infra	351.3	261.4	34.4%
Operating profit (without NRI)	67.7	55.2	22.6%
Building Solutions – Europe	38.7	32.7	18.3%
Building Solutions – North America	31.5	24.7	27.4%
Uponor Infra	0.1	2.7	n/m

- Building Solutions Europe reported growth in profits despite flattish markets and the softer German market in particular
- Building Solutions North America stayed steady on the growth path, thanks to advances in both the residential and commercial markets and the expanded geographical presence across the U.S.
- Uponor Infra, consolidated for the first full year, declined in like-for-like terms, mainly driven by a currency impact but also due to plummeting demand and sales in some key markets

# Developments by segment: Building Solutions – Europe

47%

- Renovation driving brisk growth in Finland despite the overall weak building market
- The unique seamless aluminium composite pipe (SACP) launch started in major markets after a successful launch in Iberia in 2013
- Good progress in Russia so far, despite political and economical crisis affecting Russia and parts of Eastern Europe
- New Central European distribution centre relocation on time and in budget, targeting cost savings, customer service improvements and lower environmental footprint from Q2/2015 onwards
- Softening German demand in H2/2014 after a strong weather-supported H1, as a contrast to improvements in some neighbouring markets



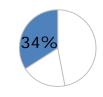
# Developments by segment: Building Solutions – North America

19%

- Continued market share gain in the single-family residential market
- Good continued penetration into the commercial segments of the market, especially plumbing, in the hospitality, institutional, and apartment segments
- Execution of the manufacturing expansion to meet demand growth



# Developments by segment: Uponor Infra



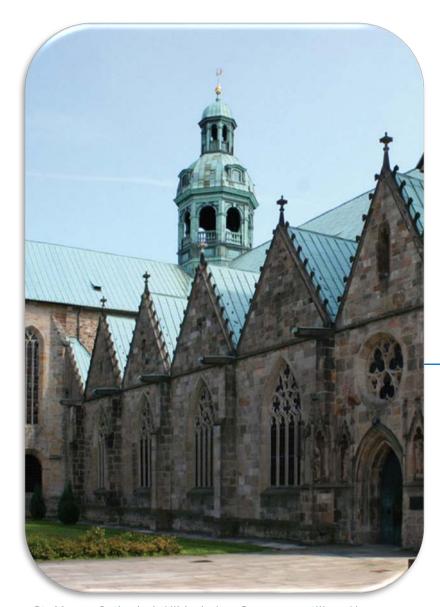
- Execution of original integration plan, the targeted benefits already visible
- Rapid reaction as a response to the weak developments in Finland
- Stabilisation of distributor relationships
- Market share loss to alternative business models continued
- Offering integration harmonisation still ongoing



# Sustainable progress in CSR targets

- Sustainability and environmental management ambitions are key drivers for a 'greener' construction industry
- Uponor engages with various professional bodies, incl. partners, customers, suppliers, trade organisations
- Uponor's targets for 2015 have been renewed and extend to 2020

Environmental target 2020	Progress by 2014
Reduce CO <sub>2</sub> emissions by 20%	Achieved a 15% reduction from 2009
100% green electricity	German production 100% certified green electricity
Continued improvement from the current 130g/km fleet average target	New fleet in 2014 at 124g/km, below EU targets
Zero waste to landfill	Already reduced to below 5%



St. Mary's Cathedral, Hildesheim, Germany, utilises Uponor Ecoflex Thermo Twin system to transport heating energy

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# January – December 2014 Key figures

M€	1-12 2014	1-12 2013	Change Y/Y
Net sales, continuing operations	1,023.9	906.0	+13.0%
Operating profit, continuing operations	63.4	50.2	+26.3%
Operating profit margin, continuing operations	6.2%	5.5%	0.7% pts
Earnings per share (diluted), €	0.50	0.38	+31.6%
Return on equity, % (p.a.)	12.3%	10.8%	1.5% pts
Return on investment, % (p.a.)	14.2%	12.5%	1.7% pts
Net interest bearing liabilities	82.0	96.9	-15.4%
Gearing, %	27.6%	33.7%	-6.1% pts
Net working capital of Net sales, % (p.a.)	10.6%	12.1%	-1.5% pts
Average number of employees, continuing operations	4,127	3,649	+13.1%
Number of employees, end of period, continuing operations	3,982	4,141	-3.8%

# October – December 2014 Income statement

M€	10-12 2014	10-12 2013	Change Y/Y
Continuing operations			
Net sales	251.5	237.6	+5.9%
Cost of goods sold	168.3	165.6	+1.7%
Gross profit - % of net sales	83.2 33.1%	72.0 30.3%	+15.4% +2.7% pts
Other operating income Expenses	0.3 71.7	0.5 76.3	-6.1%
Operating profit - % of net sales	11.8 4.7%	-3.8 -1.6%	n/m +6.3% pts
Financial expenses, net Share of result in associated companies	0.2 0.2	2.1 0.1	-95.0%
Profit before taxes	11.8	-5.8	n/m
Profit for the period	8.3	-5.7	n/m
EBITDA	21.3	5.3	n/m

All segments reported net sales growth. In local currency, net sales grew by 5.7%.

Operating profit w/o NRI at €12.7m (Q4/2013: €0.1m). All segments improved profitability.

# January – December 2014 Income statement

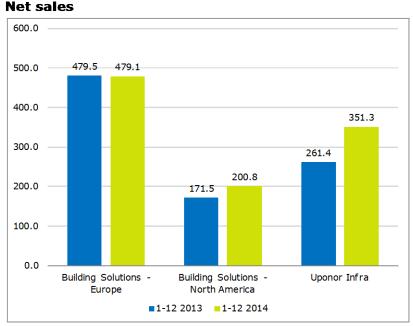
- Net sales grew by 3.9% compared to the combined Infra historic figures and excluding FX impacts
- Gross profit margin diluted due to increased share of infrastructure business
- Operating profit burdened by €4.3m NRI mainly related to BLD Europe. In 2013, €5.0m Uponor Infra related NRI
- Financial expenses, net
  Fin expenses €7.4m (€7.8m)
  Fin income €1.2m (€1.3m)
  FX differences, net -€1.2m (-€0.6m)
- Tax rate at 35.5%, down from 37.3% in 2013

M€	1-12 2014	1-12 2013	Change Y/Y
Continuing operations			
Net sales	1,023.9	906.0	+13.0%
Cost of goods sold	683.8	585.9	+16.7%
Gross profit - % of net sales	340.1 33.2%	320.1 35.3%	+6.2% -2.1% pts
Other operating income Expenses	2.4 279.1	0.8 270.7	+205.7% +3.1%
Operating profit - % of net sales	63.4 6.2%	50.2 5.5%	+26.3% +0.7% pts
Financial expenses, net Share of result in associated companies	7.4 0.3	7.1 0.1	+3.6%
Profit before taxes	56.3	43.2	+30.3%
Profit for the period	36.3	27.1	+33.9%
EBITDA	99.9	83.2	+20.1%

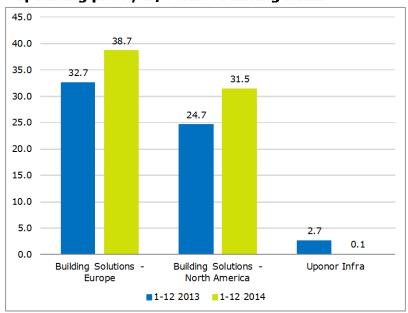
# January – December 2014

# Net sales & operating profit by segment

#### Currency: M€



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

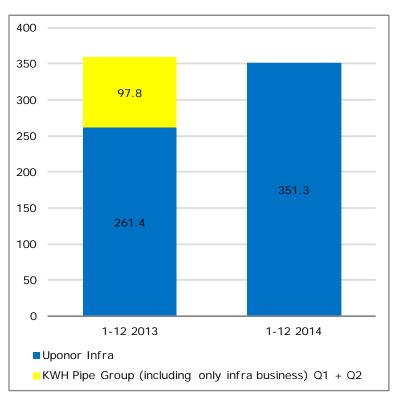


- Stable net sales in Building Solutions Europe. Operating profit in 2013 was burdened by €5 million costs related to the temporary cancellation of a product approval in France
- Building Solutions North America's double-digit net sales growth (17.1% in €, 16.2% in \$) returns a double-digit growth in operating profit
- Cost savings from the restructuring measures in Uponor Infra were not enough to offset the impact of the declining volume development in the Finnish market

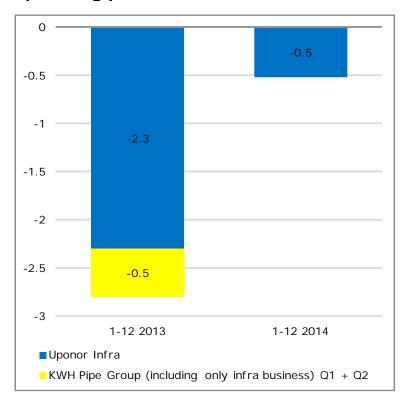
## January – December 2014

# Uponor Infra – combined historic figures

#### Currency: M€ Net sales

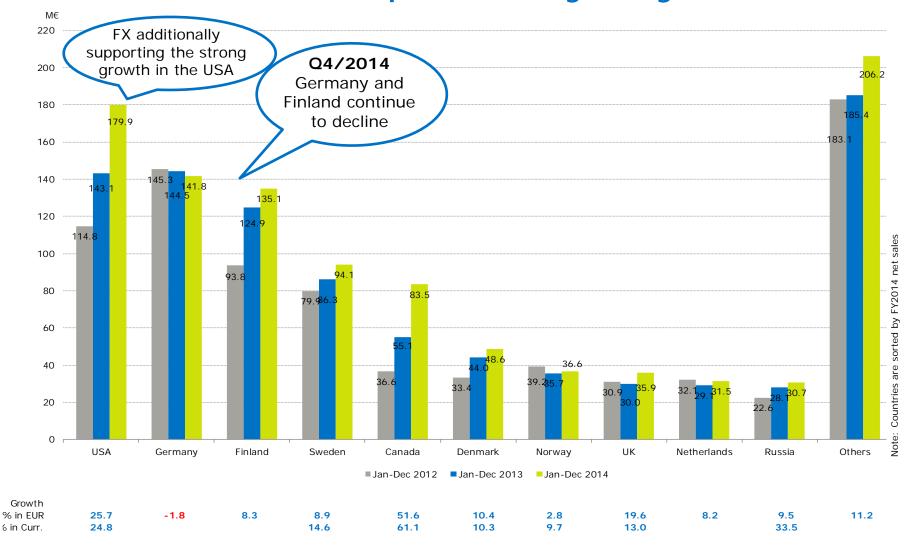


#### **Operating profit**



- Net sales declined by 2.2%
- Synergy savings achieved as planned when establishing the JV in July 2013. However, an additional plan for adjusting operations was needed due to declining volume development in Finland in 2014

# January – December 2014 Net sales development by key markets



# January – December 2014 Balance sheet

M€	31 Dec	31 Dec	Change
	2014	2013	Y/Y
Property, plant and equipment	207.8	201.8	+6.0
Intangible assets	98.4	102.8	-4.4
Securities and long-term investments	11.2	10.8	+0.4
Inventories	117.4	115.4	+2.0
Cash and cash equivalents	60.2	53.7	+6.5
Other current and non-current assets	186.8	176.5	+10.3
Total equity	297.9	287.7	+10.2
Non-current interest-bearing liabilities	126.3	136.4	- 10.1
Provisions	16.2	22.1	-5.9
Non-interest-bearing liabilities	225.5	200.6	+24.9
Current interest-bearing liabilities	15.9	14.2	+1.7
Balance sheet total	681.8	661.0	+20.8

- Net interest bearing liablities at €82.0m, down by 15.4% from LY
- Non-controlling interest represents €66.8m of the total equity at €297.9m

# January – December 2014 Cash flow

M€	1-12	1-12	Change
	2014	2013	Y/Y
Net cash from operations	+99.0	+87.9	+11.1
Change in NWC	-3.5	+22.3	-25.8
Net payment of income tax and interest	-19.8	-18.1	-1.7
Cash flow from operations	+75.7	+92.1	-16.4
Cash flow from investments	-30.6	-24.9	-5.7
Cash flow before financing	+45.1	+67.2	-22.1
Dividends and buy backs	-27.8	-27.8	+0.0
Other financing	-9.9	-2.2	-7.7
Cash flow from financing	-37.7	-30.0	-7.7
Change in cash and cash equivalents	+6.5	+36.0	-29.5

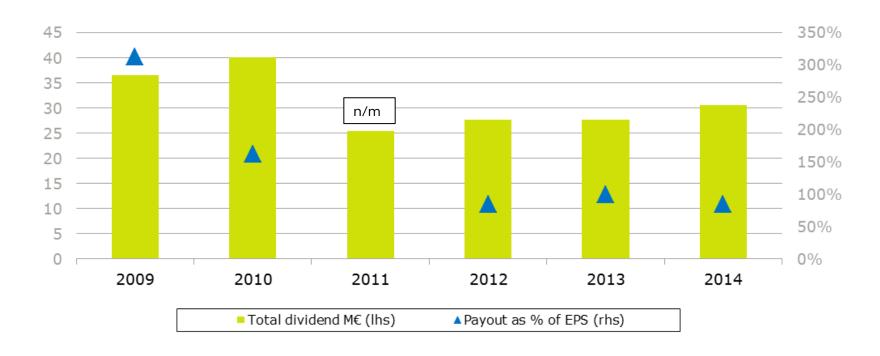
- The positive change in NWC in 2013 was due to the new Uponor Infra units entering the Group at high season
- Gross CAPEX at €35.7m, at depreciation level (€36.0m). Capital was allocated to new pipe technology in Building Solutions – Europe and capacity expansions in Building Solutions – North America

# January – December 2014 Capital structure development



Average gearing across quarters at 45.8, down from 57.9 in 2013 and in line with the long-term target between 30 and 70

# January – December 2014 Dividends and payout ratio

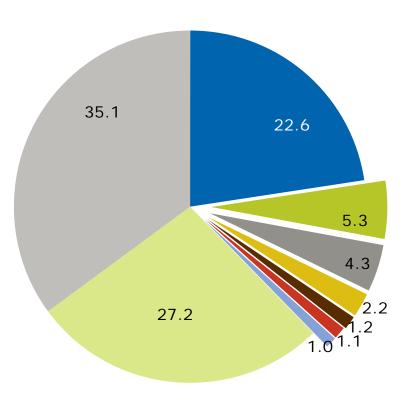


Board's dividend proposal for 2014: €0.42 per share

# Major shareholders

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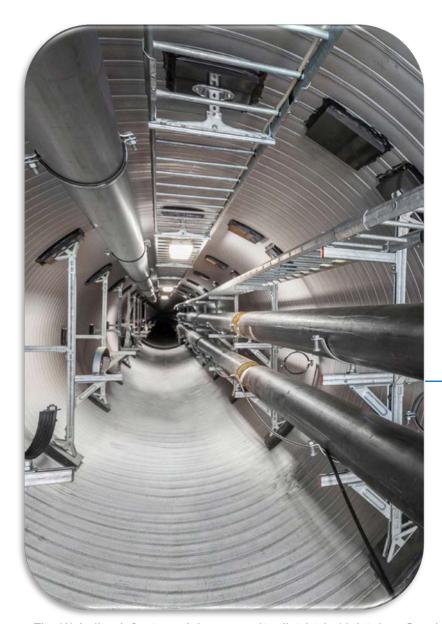
- Oras Invest Ltd 22.6%
- Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Co 5.3%
- Nordea Nordic Small Cap Fund 4.3%
- Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance Co 2.2%
- Nordea Fennia Fund 1.2%
- Sigrid Juselius Foundation 1.1%
- State Pension Fund 1.0%
- Nominee registrations 27.2%
- Others 35.1%



#### **Currently valid foreign notifications**

12 March 2013: the holdings of Franklin Resources, Inc. reached 10.0% 2 Jan 2014: the Capital Group Companies Inc.'s ownership fell below 5.0%

- 15,846 shareholders at the end of Dec 2014
- Foreign shareholding was 28.3%, down from 33.9% in Dec 2013



The Weholite 'infra tunnel' in a new city district in Linköping, Sweden collects pipes and cables in one easy-to-maintain tunnel

## Outlook for the future

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# Leading indicators in major markets

	Indicator	% change YTD	Data through	Trend since Q3 update
USA	Housing starts <sup>1)</sup>	+5%	December 2014	-
Germany	Housing permits	+4%	November 2014	-
Finland	Housing starts	-21%	October 2014	<b>•</b>
Sweden	Housing starts	+23%	September 2014	<b>•</b>
Canada	Housing starts <sup>1)</sup>	-3%	December 2014	-
Denmark	Housing starts	+12%	September 2014	
UK	Housing starts <sup>2)</sup>	+15%	September 2014	-
Norway	Housing permits	-10%	December 2014	-
Netherlands	Housing permits	+45%	October 2014	
Russia	Construction output	-5%	November 2014	<b>•</b>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Seasonally adjusted, annualised rate vs. same month in 2013; <sup>2)</sup> England only

# Strategic agenda for the future

- Uponor has focussed considerable effort in recent years on strengthening its foothold in key markets
  - intensifying partnerships in the value chain
  - enhancing the product and services offering in order to fulfil the diversified needs of customers and partners
  - further expanding towards a more sustainable building industry
- Internal strengthening
  - customer service
  - new offering development
  - supply chain and distribution
  - environmental footprint
- Investment in platforms for future growth
  - securing supply and customer service capacity in growing markets, such as North America
  - ensuring the optimal allocation of resources in areas that enable short and long term growth
  - at the same time, a sharp eye on focus, cost-efficiency and cash flow

## Guidance for 2015

- The economic outlook in Uponor's key markets is likely to remain twofold in 2015:
  - demand for building solutions is expected to remain lively in North America
  - Europe is expected to remain flat, although supported by growing confidence in a gradual revival of the European economy
- The scenario is subject to risks, some of which are geopolitical
- Assuming that no major risks materialise, Uponor issues the following guidance for 2015:

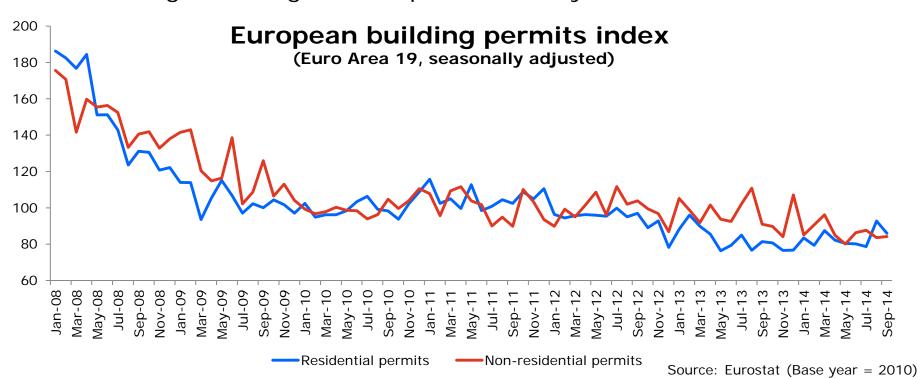
#### **Uponor's guidance for 2015**

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

- Residential permits through September were up from the same period in 2013, supported by increases in Spain and Sweden but slowed by developments in France and Norway
- Non-residential permits fell further from 2013, with only Sweden exhibiting notable growth in permit activity

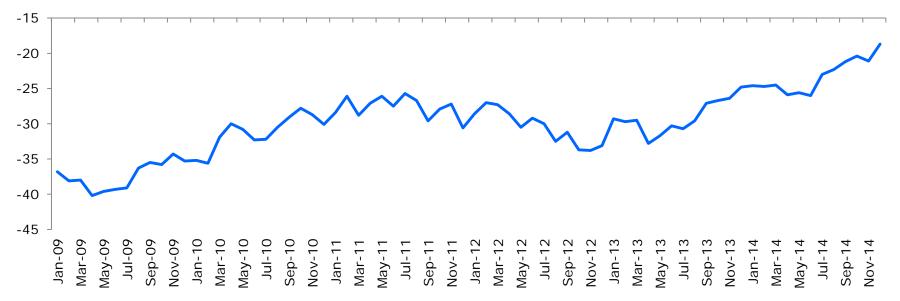


# Construction sentiment in Europe

- Construction sentiment continued to rise from its very low base during the final quarter of 2014
- Notable improvements materialised in Spain, the Netherlands,
   Sweden and the UK, while sentiment suffered in Italy and France

## European construction confidence indicator

(European Union, seasonally adjusted)



Source: Eurostat

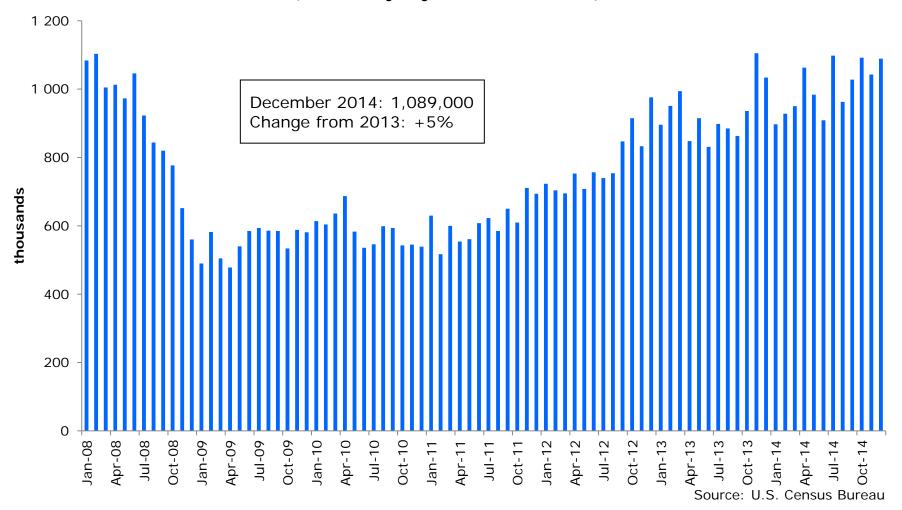
# Country overview- USA

- With Q3 GDP expanding at the fastest pace in more than a decade, an improving employment market, and consumer spending on the rise, the economic recovery has gained speed
- Within the construction industry:
  - The housing market has continued to exhibit signs of a gradual, broadbased recovery
  - Builder sentiment remains in expansionary territory
  - Non-residential building is benefiting from the effects of increased business investments

## **USA**

#### **Housing starts in USA**

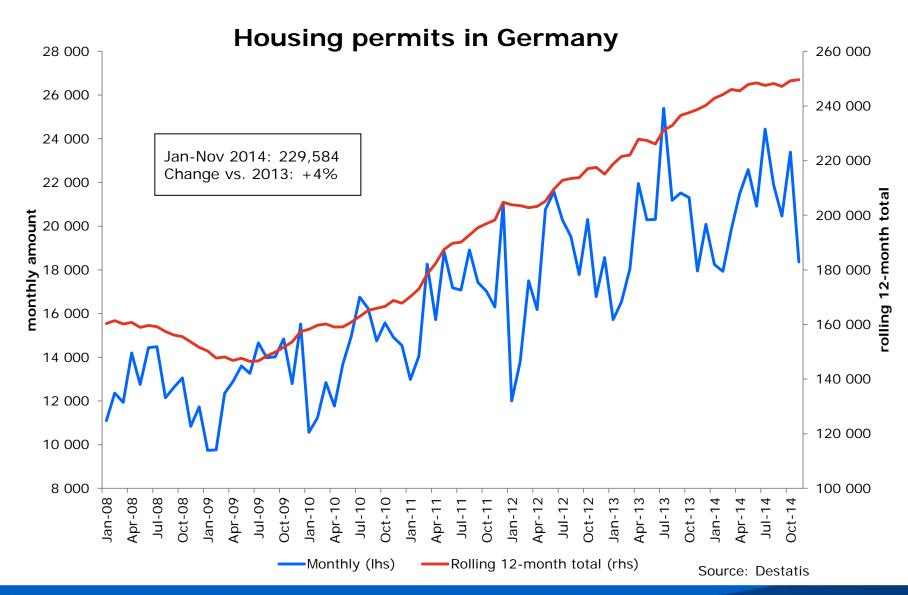
(Seasonally adjusted, annual rate)



# Country overview- Germany

- Softening demand from the rest of the Eurozone has weakened industrial activity, but consumer spending and a strong employment market appear to be supporting economic growth
- Within the construction industry:
  - Construction sentiment has fallen since earlier in the year, but remains at a good level
  - Residential construction continues to outperform the non-residential segment
  - The growth rates witnessed earlier in the year have slowed significantly

# Germany

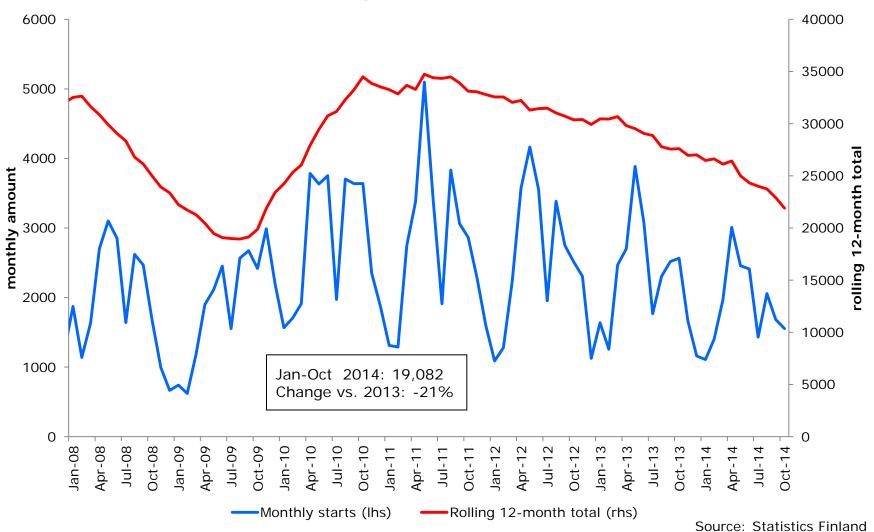


# Country overview - Finland

- In all likelihood, the economy was unable to grow in 2014, the third consecutive year of either contracting or flat GDP
- Within the construction industry:
  - While residential building permits have stabilised, this has not yet translated into an increase in starts
  - With the exception of a large bounce in December, construction sentiment has remained low
  - Non-residential construction activity continues to slow

## **Finland**

#### Housing starts in Finland

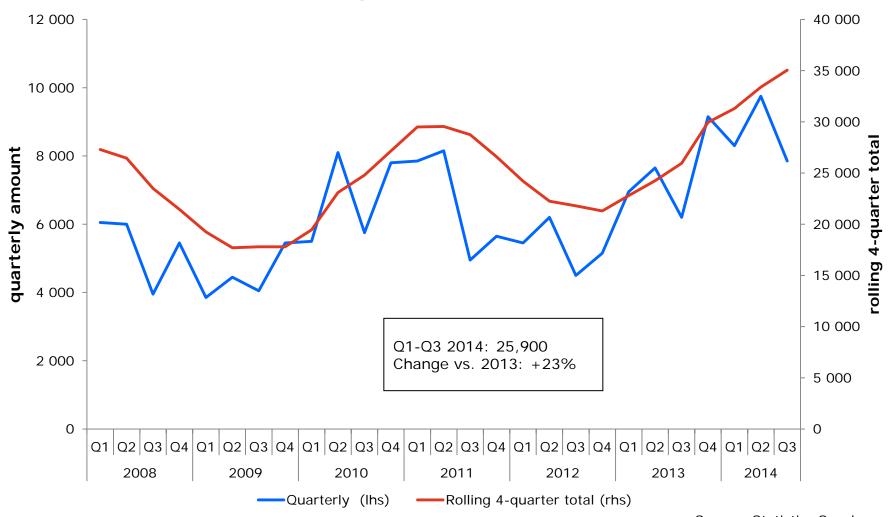


# Country overview- Sweden

- While weakening demand from abroad has negatively impacted exports, the economy continues to expand at a healthy pace
- Within the construction industry:
  - Sentiment within the industry remained positive throughout the final months of the year
  - Housing starts have continued to rise and are well above average levels
  - The non-residential and civil engineering segments are both robust

## Sweden



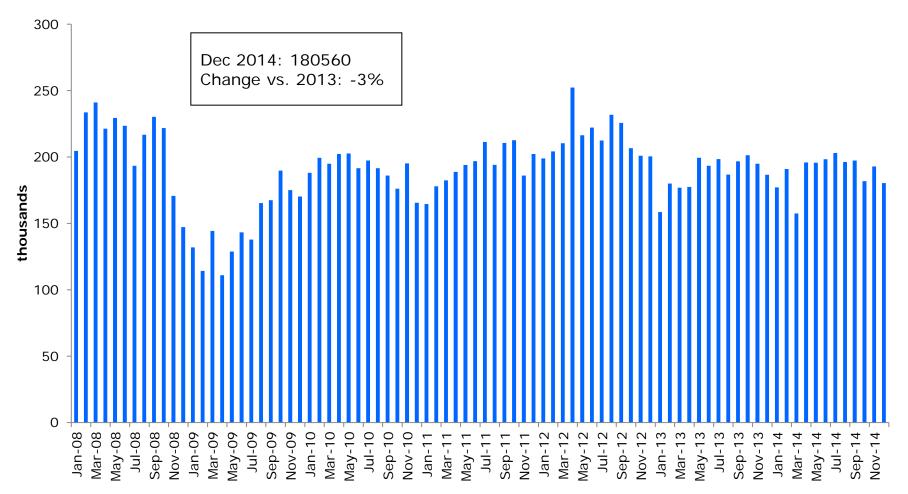


Source: Statistics Sweden

## Canada

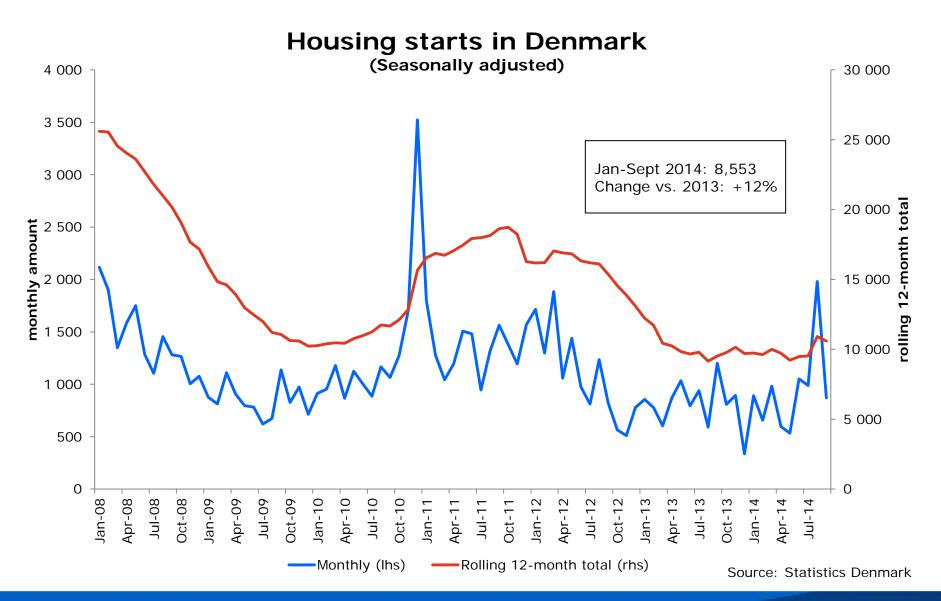
#### **Housing starts in Canada**

(Seasonally adjusted, annual rate)



Source: CMHC/ Statistics Canada

## Denmark



# Norway

#### **Housing permits in Norway**

