

# Ascom Investor Presentation



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# Ascom at a glance



# The Ascom history (I)

#### First steps..

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Gustav Adolf Hasler takes over the Swiss Federal Telegraph Workshops to form Hasler & Escher, later to become Hasler AG, based in Berne, Switzerland.

#### **Establishment of Autophon**

1957

1987

Autophon, later to form part of Ascom, is established in Solothurn, Switzerland. Autophon develops to a leading supplier of telephones and PBX's.

#### Founding of Telekontroll in Sweden

Sven Eriksson founds Telekontroll in Herrljunga, Sweden. The company is relocated to Gothenburg in 1962. In 1977 the company's name is changed to Tateco, and in 1980 it is acquired by Hasler AG.

#### Ascom formed as a merger of three Swiss companies

The three Swiss companies Hasler, Autophon and Zellweger merge to form Ascom. Ascom belongs in the nineties to the largest telecommunication companies in Europe with about 18,000 employees and several manufacturing sites. However, due to the liberalization and globalization of the telecom market, Ascom is suffering from strong competition and is forced to focus its business.

After 2003, Ascom concentrates mainly on Wireless Solutions and Security Solutions. After the acquisition of TEMS in 2009, a third division "Network Testing" is formed.



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# The Ascom history (II)



The Board took the portfolio decision to convert Ascom from a divisional set-up to an integrated organization with a strategic business focus on Healthcare ICT and mobile workflow solutions. The Division Network Testing is sold to InfoVista.

### **Ericsson Paging Systems and Nira**

2020

Ascom acquires Ericsson Paging Systems. As part of the deal, Ascom becomes owner of Nira, a Healthcare communications company with strong base in the Netherlands.

#### Ascom in North America

NHS

Ascom takes a first position in the huge, but highly competitive North American market by acquiring Ericsson's Personal Wireless Telephony business in 2000 and GE's nurse call business in 2012

## WIN of Wales, single largest contract in **Ascom's history**

Ascom's Digistat clinical information system (CIS) was chosen to enable intensive care staff across Wales' 14 standard adult critical care units to GIG manage electronically all aspects of care'

solutions

A broad customer base around the world Overview of Healthcare and Enterprise customers



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# Our Vision

Ascom closes digital information gaps allowing for the best possible decisions anytime & anywhere

### **Ascom's Aspiration**

Lead the **mobile workforce orchestration and digitalization market end-to-end** in **Acute Care, Long-term Care and Enterprise** enabling customer to operate reliably at unmatched levels of efficiency and safety.



# Our Mission and Value Proposition

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## **Mission**

By providing critical information to the right person, in the right place, at the right time to take the right decisions, Ascom is the leading company in **Real-Time Communication and Collaboration (RTCC).** 



## **Value Proposition**

## **Acute Care (Hospitals)**

We orchestrate mission-critical events and provide an optimal response and workflow.

## Long-term Care

We increase situational awareness and allow for optimal priority setting.

## Enterprise

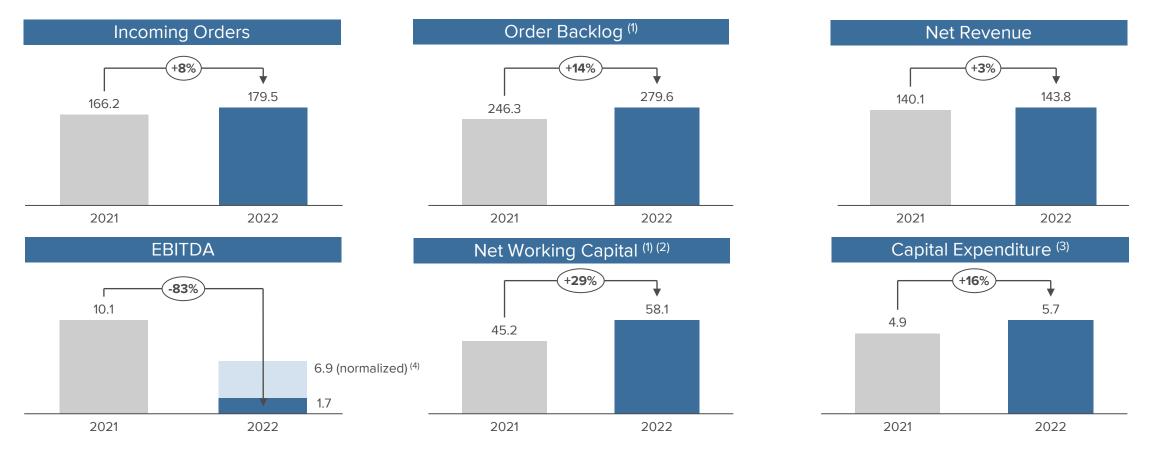
We offer mobile workflow orchestration solutions for mission-critical challenges.



# Performance Half-Year 2022



## Key Figures H1 2022 (growth at actual rates)



(1) At 30 June

(2) Net working capital is calculated by subtracting the sum of trade payables and liabilities from work in progress and other current liabilities (including other current liabilities, current provisions, deferred income and accrued expenses) from the sum of trade receivables, inventories, work in progress and other current assets (including other current receivables, compensation claims from work in progress and accrued income and deferred expenses).

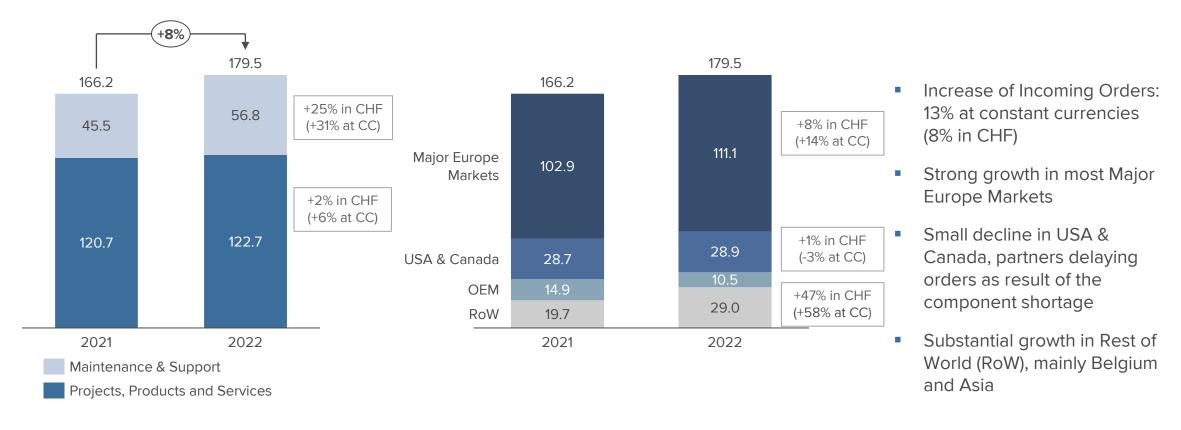
(3) Capital expenditure is calculated as the sum of investments in tangible and intangible assets and excludes proceeds from disposals

(4) Normalized EBITDA without one-off charges in a total amount of CHF 5.2 million related to required revaluation of the Swedish pension plan and the CEO change

**ascom** Note: All values CHFm

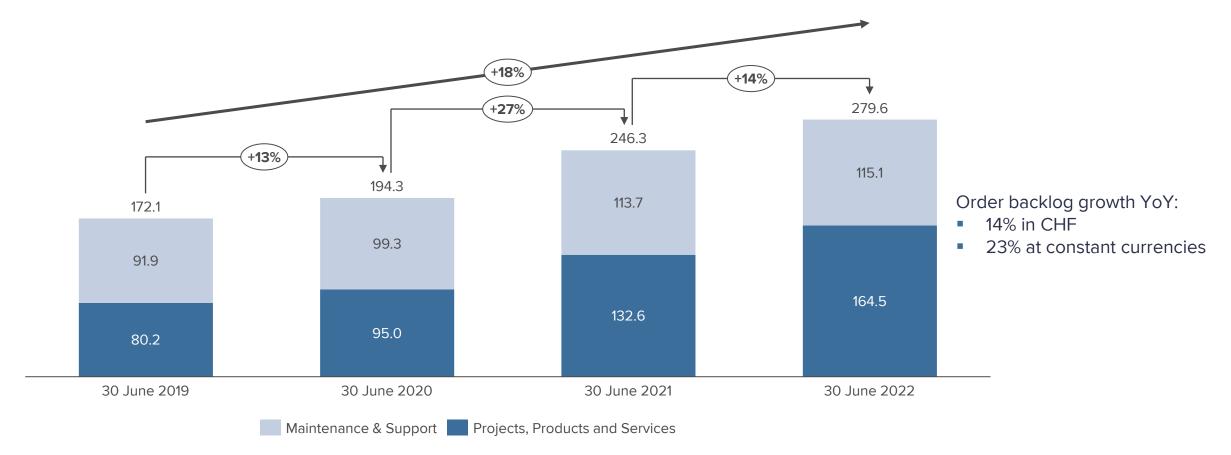
# Incoming Orders increased by 13% (at constant currencies)

Strong growth in orders for maintenance and support



# Continued Order Backlog Growth by 23% (at constant currencies)

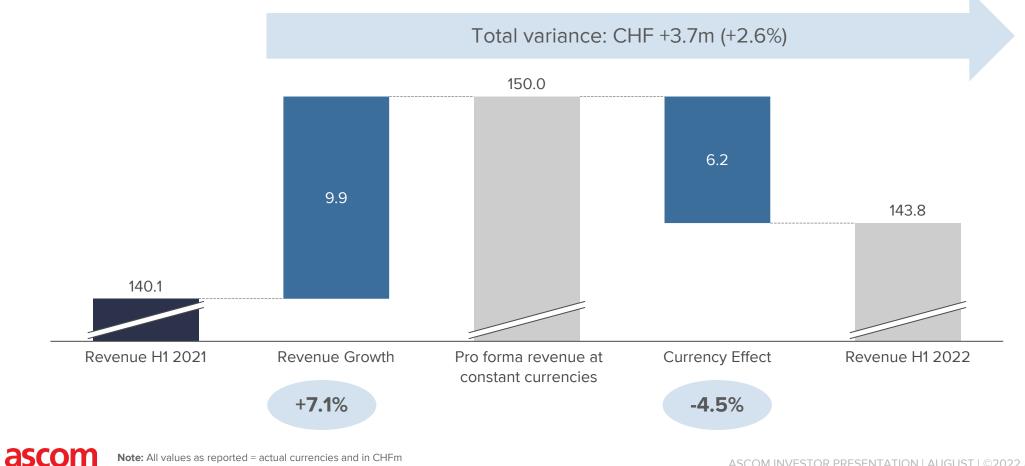
More than 60% converting to revenue beyond 2022





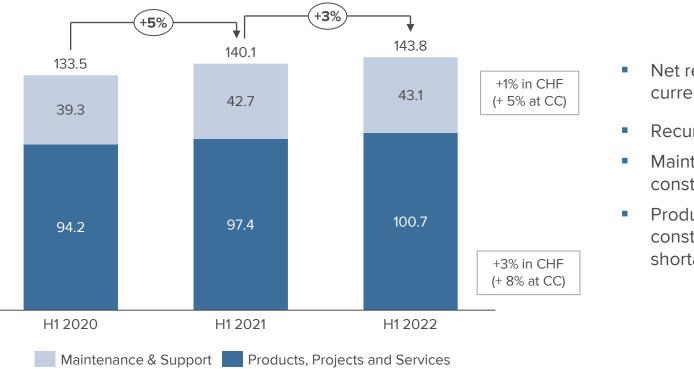
# Strong Revenue Growth of 7.1% (at constant currencies)

Revenue growth at actual rates impacted by significant currency effect



## Positive Revenue Development

Solid revenue growth despite component shortage impacts



- Net revenue growth of 7.1% at constant currencies (2.6% in CHF)
- Recurring software sales increased by 24%
- Maintenance & Support growth at 5% at constant currencies
- Products, Projects & Services grew by 8% at constant currencies despite component shortage impacts

# Revenue H1 2022 – Regional Development (I)

Excellent performance in Nordics region

Region	<b>Revenue</b> CHFm	Variance to PY		Comment		
Region		%-cc	%-CHF	Comment		
Nordics	22.4	+18.8%	+11.0%	<ul> <li>Strong growth in Acute Care and Enterprise offset by slow down in Long-term Care, less impacted by component shortage</li> </ul>		
France & Spain	9.5	+6.0%	-0.7%	<ul> <li>Continued growth driven by Long-term Care</li> </ul>		
OEM	10.3	+9.1%	-0.9%	<ul> <li>Strong growth driven by a healthy backlog for 2022 delivery</li> </ul>		
UK	8.1	+2.2%	-1.1%	<ul> <li>Strong growth in recurring revenue and significant increase in Mobility sales into the Enterprise segment</li> <li>Growth in UK impacted by component shortage</li> </ul>		



# Revenue H1 2022 – Regional Development (II)

Bounce back in RoW – mainly driven by Asia and Australia

Region	Revenue	Variance to PY		Comment			
	CHFm	%-cc	%-CHF				
Netherlands	25.4	-0.5%	-6.7%	<ul> <li>Growth in recurring revenue offset by decrease in project revenue, heavily impacted here due to component shortage</li> </ul>			
USA & Canada	26.4	+2.5%	+6.1%	<ul> <li>Strong performance in recurring software revenue</li> <li>Market influenced by component shortages in Nurse call</li> </ul>			
Rest of World	21.0	+12.7%	+6.8%	<ul> <li>Bounce back in Australia after heavy Covid-19 restrictions and strong growth in Asia and Italy</li> </ul>			
DACH	20.7	+7.0%	+3.5%	<ul> <li>Strong growth in Mobility sales and project revenue</li> </ul>			

# Growth in both Healthcare and Enterprise Segments

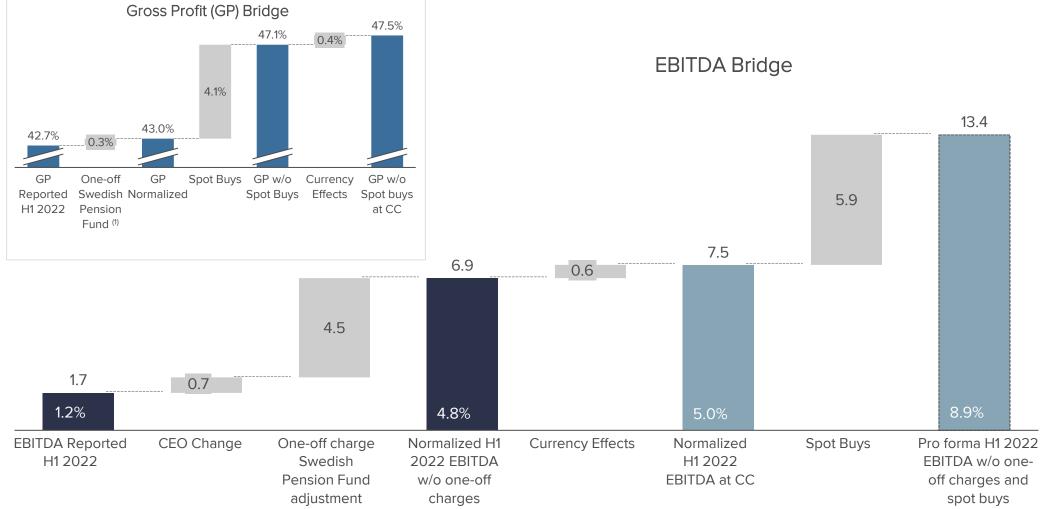
Share of Recurring Revenue amounts to 26.3%

		Revenue	Variance to PY		Comment		
		CHFm	%-cc	%-CHF	Comment		
Market Segment	Healthcare	96.8	+5.0%	+1.6%	<ul> <li>DACH, Rest of World and USA &amp; Canada driving growth. Nurse call adversely impacted by component shortage</li> </ul>		
	Enterprise (excl. OEM)	36.7	+12.1%	+6.5%	<ul> <li>Bounce back in Nordics, Netherlands and UK post easing of Covid-19 restrictions</li> </ul>		
e Type	Recurring	37.8	+7.5%	+3.2%	<ul> <li>Continued growth in recurring revenue led by Netherlands and Nordics - Software recurring revenue growing at 24% and driven by USA &amp; Canada</li> </ul>		
Revenue	(1) Non-recurring	106.0	+6.9%	+2.4%	<ul> <li>Strong growth in Mobility and Patient Systems sales driven by Nordics, OEM and Rest of World</li> </ul>		



# EBITDA and Gross Profit Bridge

## EBITDA impacted by one-off charges and component shortage





Note: All values in CHFm, EBITDA reported = actual currencies

(1) CHF 0.5 million of the charges of CHF 4.5 million are in Cost of Sales, the rest (4m CHF) are in other functional costs

## Swedish Pension Fund adjustment

Non-cash relevant one-off charge of CHF 4.5 million due to revaluation of Swedish Pension Fund provisions

- **Defined benefit plan** in Sweden for pensioners and employees born before 1978
- Revaluation of the Swedish benefit plan taking into account an assumed decrease of the discount rate of future disbursements and higher life expectancy
- First revaluation of the discount factor since 1994
- Revaluation leads to increase of provision for Swedish benefit plan by CHF 4.5 million (CHF 4.0 million in other functional cost, CHF 0.5 million in Cost of Sales)
- One-off charge and non-cash relevant
- Other Ascom pension plans are not affected



# H1 2022 P&L

## Profitability impacted by one-off charges and significant spot buys costs

	2022	%	2021	%	Variance %-cc	Variance %-CHF
Net Revenue	143.8	100.0%	140.1	100.0%	7.1%	2.6%
Cost of Sales	(82.4)	(57.3%)	(72.7)	(51.9%)	17.1%	13.3%
Gross Profit	61.4	<b>42.7</b> %	67.4	<b>48.1</b> %	(3.7%)	(8.9%)
Marketing & Sales	(38.0)	(26.4%)	(36.3)	(25.9%)	9.1%	4.7%
Research & Development	(15.3)	(10.7%)	(15.7)	(11.3%)	4.5%	(2.5%)
Administration	(11.0)	(7.7%)	(11.4)	(8.2%)	1.8%	(3.5%)
Other Operating Expenses/Income	(0.6)	(0.4%)	(0.6)	(0.4%)	0.0%	(16.7%)
EBIT	(3.5)	(2.4%)	3.4	2.4%		
EBITDA	1.7	<b>1.2</b> %	10.1	<b>7.2</b> %		
EBITDA w/o one-off Charges	6.9	<b>4.8</b> %	10.1	<b>7.2</b> %		

#### Main negative drivers

- Cost of Sales increase mainly due to spot buys (CHF 5.9 million), which are of temporary nature
- Time effect between raw material cost increase and customer price increase
- Negative currency effect

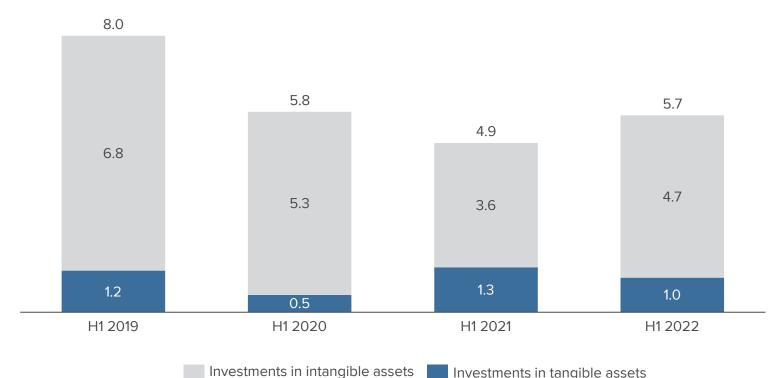
#### Main positive drivers

- Net sales price increase, but full effect only in H2 2022 and beyond
- Gross Profit Margin without one-off charges and spot buys would be at 47.5%
- Functional costs reduced by CHF 3.9 million, partially off-set by one-off charges (Swedish pension fund, CEO change)



## CAPEX

## Stable CAPEX profile



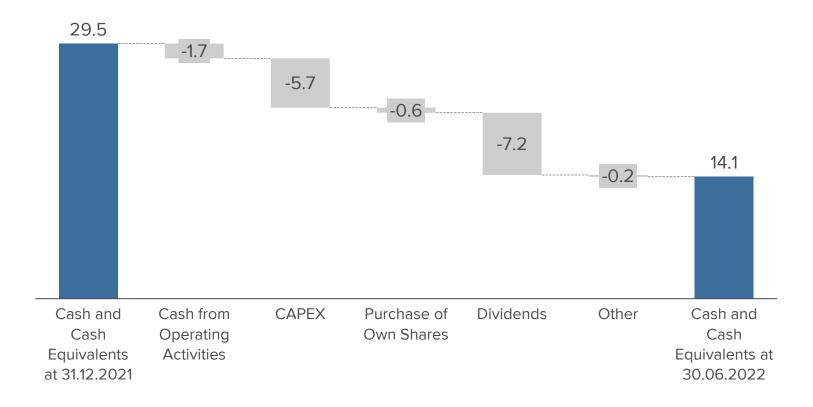
- Intangible assets increased due to further investments in key products
- Tangible assets remain stable

Investments in tangible assets



# Cash Flow Development

Lower operating cash flow due to spot buys cost and higher working capital



- Operating cash flow lower than 2021 due to spot buys (CHF 5.9 million) and higher working capital
- CAPEX in line with previous year
- Purchase of own shares for LTI Program
- Dividend payments lowering cash flow

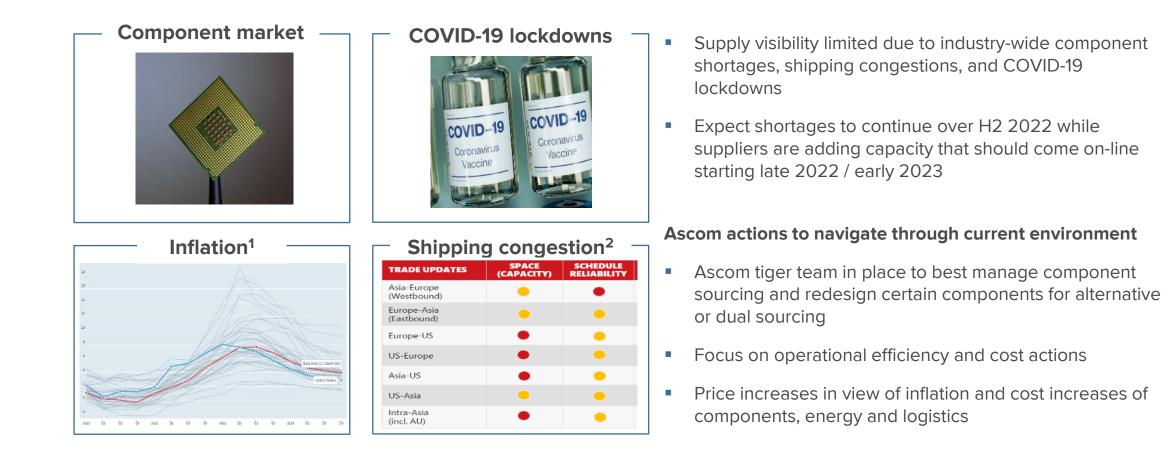
## Balance Sheet Evolution

## Solid Balance Sheet with positive Net Cash position

	2022 30-Jun	2021 31-Dec	2021 30-Jun	2020 31-Dec
Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.1	29.5	33.0	31.8
Borrowings	-	-	-	(19.0)
Net Cash	14.1	29.5	33.0	12.8
Net Working Capital	58.1	58.3	45.2	49.0
Total Assets	178.2	194.7	192.6	203.1
Total Equity	65.2	80.0	75.3	71.1
Equity Ratio	36.6%	41.1%	39.1%	35.0%

- Net Cash lower due to spot buys and dividend payments, nevertheless **positive Net Cash** position in challenging environment
- NWC increase driven by higher receivables and inventory (compared to June 2021)
- Total assets decreased due to lower cash and full amortization of some non-current assets

## Navigating in Challenging Macro Environment



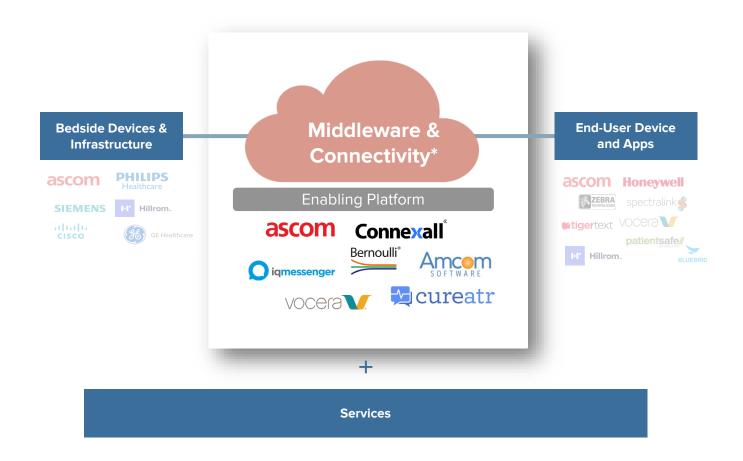


# Ascom's Market Environment



# Market Profile (I)

The Middleware & Connectivity Market is a Key Component of Real-Time Communication & Collaboration (RTCC)

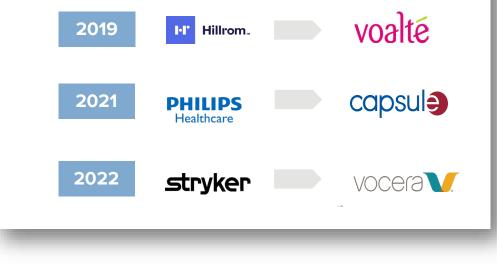


- Highly fragmented with mostly local suppliers
- Many players with history in specific devices developing towards more comprehensive offering
- Only a few with greenfield approach based on **software-only product** but without an integrated product portfolio

# Market Profile (II)

### Market dynamics

- Relevance of RTCC solutions and the need for an "industrialized" delivery of care is growing
- Large device manufacturers want to become a more relevant partner by extending offerings into care delivery workflows and communications - Main strategic acquisitions:



#### Ascom has clear competitive advantages

- **Device agnostic** vendor  $\rightarrow$  no conflict of interest
- Clear focus on RTCC with proven track record
- Most comprehensive Software, Hardware and Services portfolio
- Global professional services organization
- Additional partnership opportunities with device manufacturers who want to enhance their solutions but without losing focus on their core business

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## Way Forward

Innovate Communication & Collaboration Solutions While Expanding Into the Continuum of Care

## Ascom today

### **Our Experience**

Longstanding history in communication devices and systems. 20 year track record in developing clinical solutions and signaling applications

## Our Portfolio

Only provider of **full portfolio** including Hardware, Software & Services with a global footprint

### Our Know-how

**Large and complex solution projects** such as "Wales" project, Kantonsspital St. Gallen or Humber River (Canada) confirm our ability to generate significant customer value within complex environments

## Ascom tomorrow

As a trusted partner of our customers, we are developing **integrated communication and collaboration solutions** to:



**Optimize workflows** improving patient outcomes while reducing employee strain and increase productivity



**Support the continuum of care** over all the different stages of healthcare delivery – whether in hospitals, in the home or in long-term care situations



**Integrate** & analyze all relevant **real time data** to allow for continuous process improvements, new insights and proactive care

# Ascom's Strategic Direction



## Ascom's Strategy Bottom Line

- Leveraging further our leadership position in Real-Time Communication and Collaboration (RTCC)
- Evolving to a customer-centric solutions partner
- **Software and Services** as key competitive differentiators
- Mid-term Guidance: Achieving double-digit growth over next years and an annual EBITDA-margin improvement of about 100 bp (basis points) until 2025

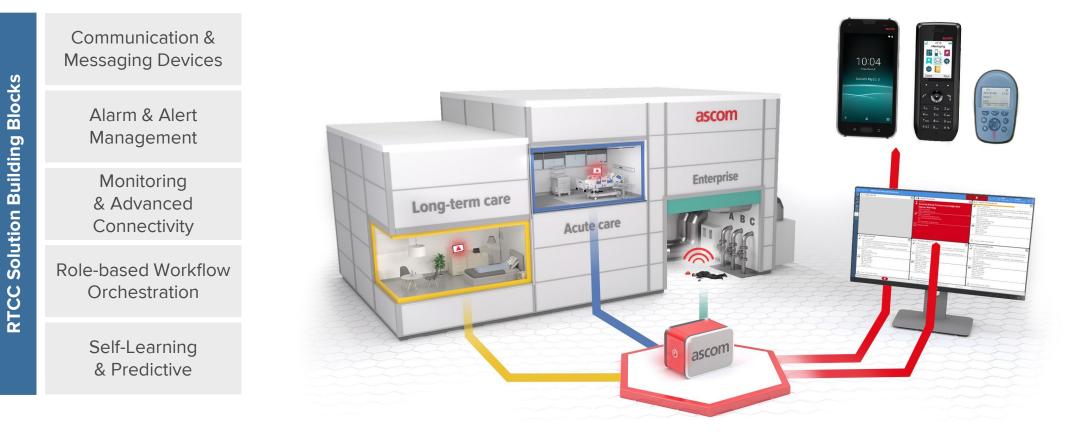
## Transforming data into insights and actionable outcomes





# Grow Our Leadership Position in Real-Time Communication and Collaboration (RTCC)

Exploiting the **full solutions portfolio** (with Software, Mobility, Patient Systems and Services) to provide critical information to the right person, in the right place, at the right time to take the right decisions.



## Proactive Workflows Becoming Key to Customer Success

Ascom to Take a Global Leadership Position As This Ecosystem Forms

#### From reactive to proactive workflows

- Results in more efficient and effective processes and care
- Addressing issues before they appear (e.g. health problems and accidents)
- Allows for better patient outcomes at lower cost, reducing patient days in Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

#### Ascom's key role

- Ascom well positioned to capture global leadership position as this ecosystem forms
- Today, first proactive workflows in place (e.g. predictive analytics with Clinical Decision Support System)
- (Clinical) Consulting services will be key
- Big Data, Artificial Intelligence and wearables driving this evolution

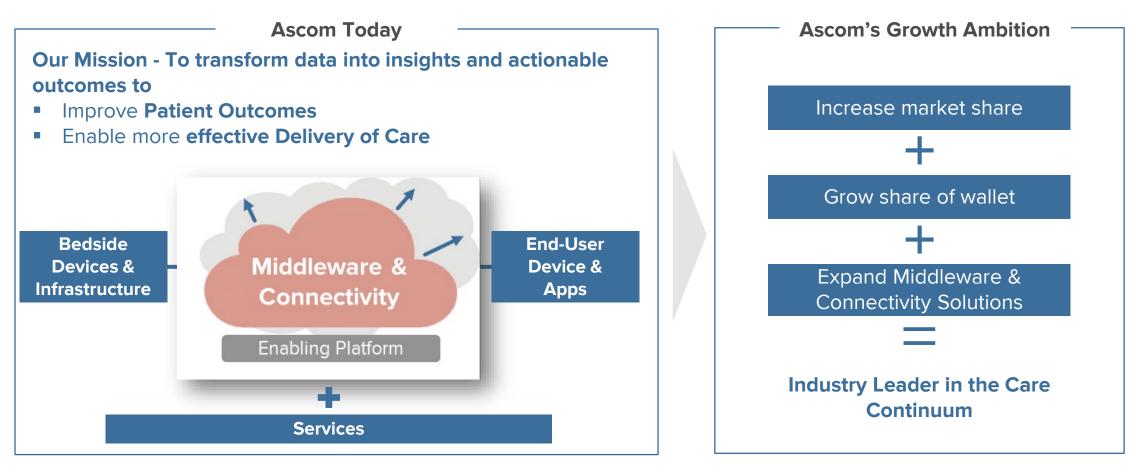
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## First Observations and Key Priorities Going Forward



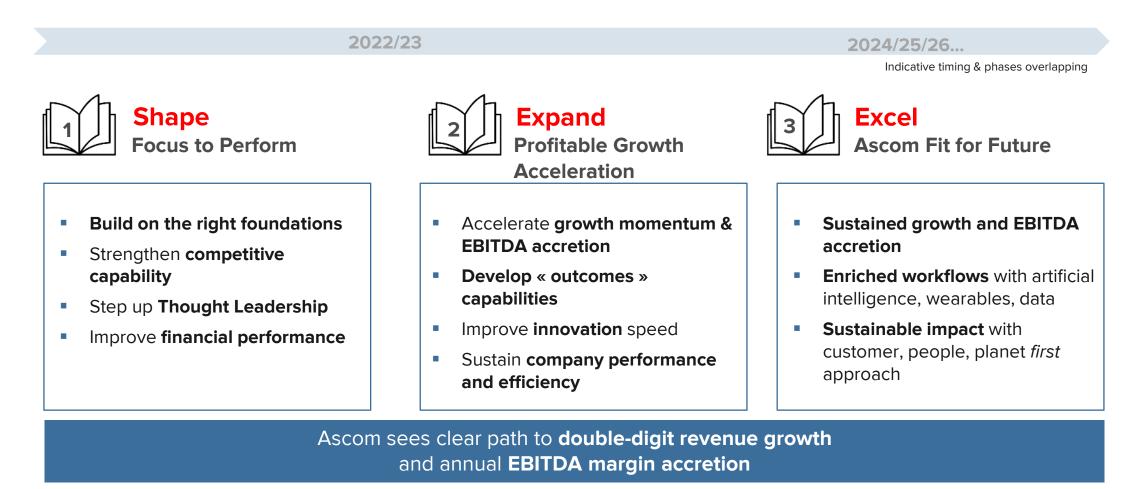
## Accelerating Ascom's growth ambition

to become *the* industry leader in the digital delivery of care





# 3 Chapters of Ascom's Equity Story





## Ascom's Growth Model

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A solid basis for Ascom's journey forward

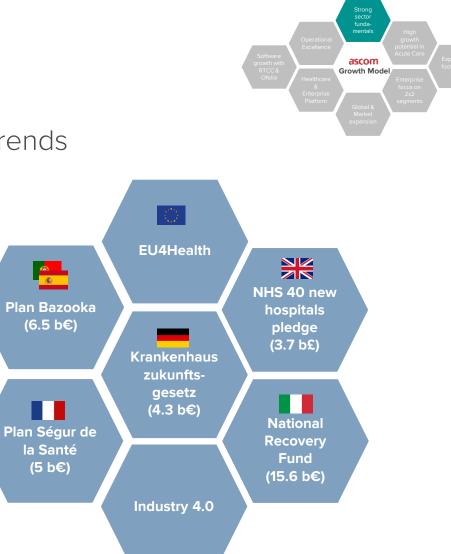


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# Strong sector fundamentals

Ascom is active in markets with strong secular growth trends

- Covid as a catalyst for **digitalization**
- Public Recovery and Resilience investment funds & plans
- Software as key enabler for better patient outcomes, more effective & efficient care, and mitigation of staff shortages
- Industrial safety solutions with automation solutions to enhance safety and control
- Industry & Government initiatives on Industry 4.0



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## High Growth Potential in Acute Care

Transforming data into insights and actionable outcomes to help care providers make vital decisions

**Customer Pain Points** 

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#### **Ascom's Strategy**

- Thought-leadership in real-time
   communication & collaboration
- Boost software growth with new and existing customers

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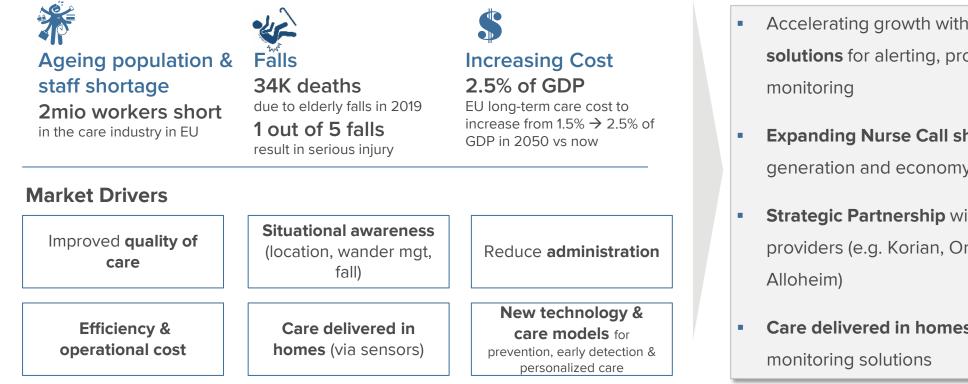
- Grow market share with Nurse Call offerings
- Enhance offerings with comprehensive analytics and dashboard reporting
- Increase scalability in sales & deployment

## Expanding footprint in Long-term Care (LTC)

Transforming data into insights and actionable outcomes to increase situational awareness and better delivery of care

**Customer Pain Points** 

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#### Ascom's Strategy

Accelerating growth with additional software **solutions** for alerting, proactive & preventive

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Growth Mode

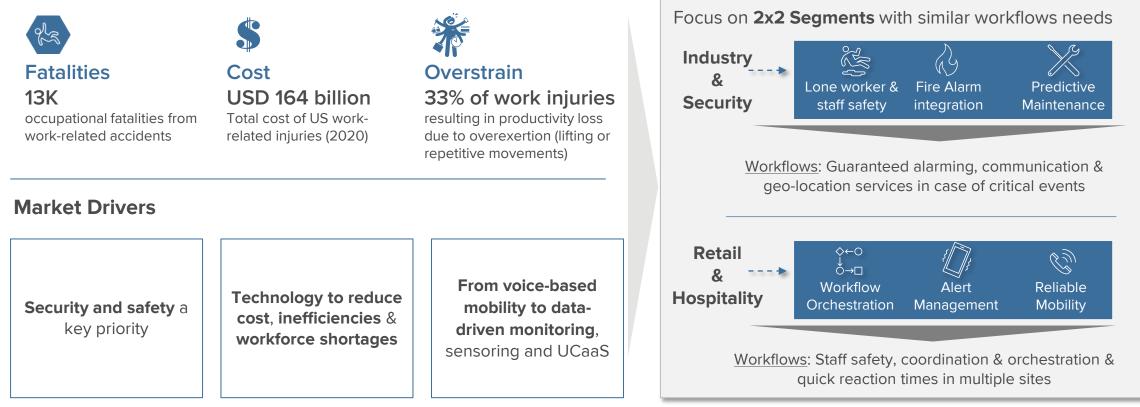
Expanding footprint in LTC

- Expanding Nurse Call share through next generation and economy tier product
- Strategic Partnership with large regional providers (e.g. Korian, Orpea, DomusVi,
- Care delivered in homes, e.g. sensoring &

## Enterprise focus on 2x2 Segments

Offering highly-reliable and role-based mobile orchestration solutions to address mission-critical challenges

#### **Customer Pain Points**

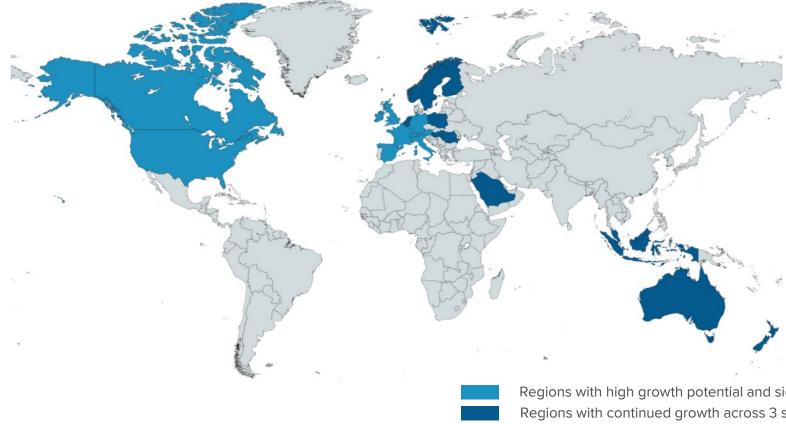


Ascom's Strategy



## Global & Market expansion

Stepping up growth ambitions across all segments



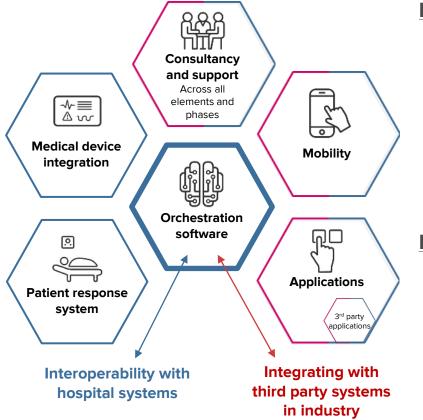


- Continued investment in sales and service
- Clear focus and use of resources across markets
  - Key focus growth markets

Regions with high growth potential and significant market share growth Regions with continued growth across 3 segments

## Ascom Healthcare & Enterprise Platform

Digitalization as a key enabler for better patient and personnel outcomes



#### Healthcare Platform for real-time communication and collaboration (RTCC)

- Designed to improve patient and medical staff outcomes
- End-to-end solutions from bed, to middleware to handset
- Workflow optimization suite for alerting, alarming, orchestration and predictive insights
- Modular and vendor agnostic
- Intuitive and harmonized User Interface experience

#### **Enterprise** Platform for **productivity, safety and communications**

- A complete communications and workflow portfolio for 2x2 segments
- Includes enterprise-grade hardware, software, mobile devices (incl. ATEX phones)
- Modular and vendor agnostic Integration with any telephony, alarm, IT systems

### $\rightarrow$ Virtualized, Cloud, SaaS, Scalable





# Accelerating Software growth with RTCC and

ecuting on our strategy with Healthcare Platform launch

Launch of new Healthcare Platform



- Leveraging Ascom's leadership position in Real-time Communication & Collaboration (RTCC) with new integrated SW platform
- Use Case supported 7 standard solutions & 100s workflows
- Launch planned H2 2022

#### Accelerating Ascom's SW growth

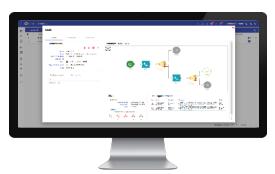
- Reinforcing Ascom's position with hospitals & LTC partners
- More scalable & standardized solutions
  - Increasing sales & deployment effectiveness
  - Platform convergence
  - Reliability advantage
- Stepping up Ascom's growth as key enabler for digital delivery of care

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# Accelerating Software growth with RTTC and



Acquisition of Appliware Ofelia



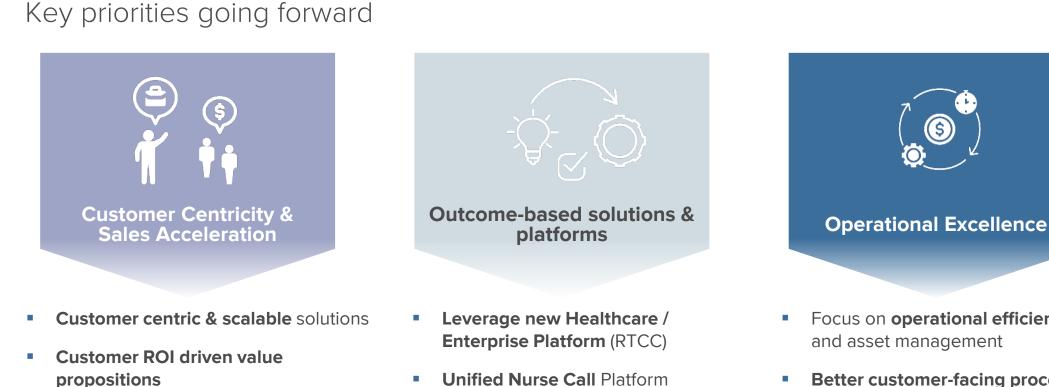
#### Technology injection with state-of-the art SW platform

- Cloud-based alerting & alarming platform
- Modular workflow engine and easy-to-use GUI
- Bolt-on acquisition
- Transaction completed in July 2022

#### Accelerating Ascom's SW growth

- Cost-competitive & modular SW platform
  - Easy to configure, install, upgrade
  - Fully scalable
- Reinforcing Ascom's position and boosting growth in Long-Term Care and Enterprise, as well as in entrylevel Acute Care
- Leveraging existing installed base and partnership with leading corporations to grow globally
  - Large European Healthcare groups
  - Leading Industrial groups (FMCG, chemical, lifesciences, energy, etc.)

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Executing Operational Excellence

- Strengthened partner network and strategic alliances
- **Unified Nurse Call** Platform
- Enhance product life cycle management

Focus on **operational efficiency**, cost and asset management

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- **Better customer-facing processes** and **tools** to help accelerate market expansion & growth
- Global supply chain teams proactively addressing supply chain challenges

## Reference Project (I) Ascom Digistat: Efficient and patient-centric alerting Stort Mathias-Spital Rheine – Germany

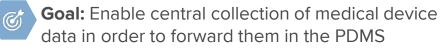
#### Customer situation

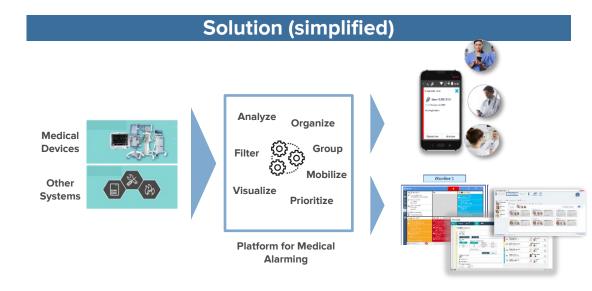


50+ facilities in fields of hospitals, elderly care, specialist practices and education facilities



Service company with focus on preventive health care and well-being of patients





#### Value and benefits for customer

- Digistat SW with vendor-neutral medical device integration
- Display alerting on dashboards and forwarding to Ascom Myco 3 smartphone

## Reference Project (II) Ascom Ofelia: Multi-Tenant Software Solution

Korian European - Belgium



Korian European scale elderly care service provider for 525.000 residents with 57.500 employees

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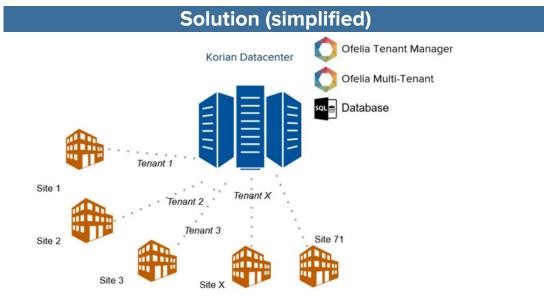
Active in France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, UK, Spain and Italy



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**Goal:** Single point managed software application to measure, assess and improve service quality

Enable central data collection of Nurse Call and integrations with other systems



#### Value and benefits for customer

- Implementation of Ofelia multi-tenant suite in Korian Datacenter for 71 sites
- Focus on analyzing data from within nurse call systems for quality and legislative purposes
- Integration of nurse call systems in EHR in 2023 in combination with Myco 3

## Reference Project (III) Ascom Platform

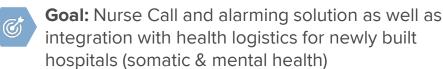
Health South East (HSØ) – Hospital Drammen - Norway

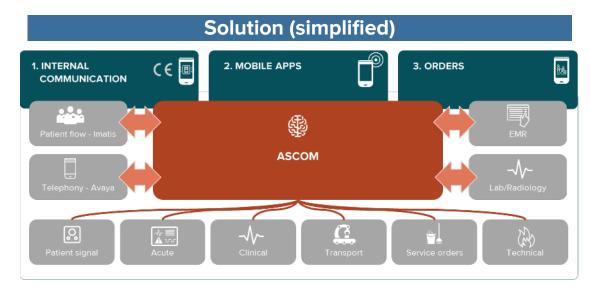
# HELSE SØR-ØST

Norway's largest Regional Health Authority with 11 Hospital Trusts (33 hospitals on 75 sites) with 80.000 employees serving 2.9 million people



Public tender for 8 new hospitals building projects





#### Value and benefits for customer

- Implementation of Ascom solutions for 1.100 patient rooms over 122.000 m2 with Telligence patient response system
- Integration with input, output as well as medical devices for all sites

## Guidance



## Guidance 2022

Ascom targets for 2022 mid- to high single digit revenue growth and EBITDA margin improvement of about 100bp (basis points)\* compared to fiscal year 2021

\* normalized (adjusted for one-off charges, i.e. Swedish pension fund and CEO change), at constant currencies, and based on the current market and economic environment



## Confirmation of Mid-term Guidance

- Ascom sees clear path to double-digit growth over the next years
  - Above-average growth of the Healthcare communication market driven by digitalization, post-Covid developments, staff shortages, and governmental funding programs
  - Growth opportunities in US market due to new GPO frame agreements, more software sales and more recurring revenue
  - New opportunities in OEM business due to trend towards solution driven business
- Ascom expects an annual EBITDA-margin improvement of about 100 bp (basis points) until 2025 compared to fiscal year 2021

Ascom's mid-term guidance for the next four years is based on the current market and economic environment, current visibility and at constant currencies



## Ascom is well positioned for future growth

- Active in markets with strong secular growth trends
- Excellent set of niche and complementary businesses...
- ...with key growth potential in Healthcare & Enterprise with integrated platform solutions
- Solid foundations and clear course

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 Despite continued component shortages and macro-economic uncertainties, key focus on accelerating growth and improving efficiency and operating leverage



We are confident in our plan and ability to significantly grow Ascom

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