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Kesko's interim report for 1 Jan. - 31 March 2021: Best Q1 result in Kesko's history

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE IN BRIEF:

1-3/2021

- Group net sales in January-March €2,539.4 million (€2,540.4 million), an increase of 5.9% in comparable terms; reported net sales flat year-on-year
- Comparable operating profit €116.2 million (€65.1 million), up by €51.5 million when Kesko Senukai is treated as a joint venture also for the comparison period (illustrative comparison figures)
- Operating profit €115.7 million (€65.9 million)
- Comparable earnings per share €0.20 (€0.08)
- Reported Group earnings per share €0.20 (€0.09)

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Net sales, € million	2,539.4	2,540.4	10,669.2
Operating profit, comparable, € million	116.2	65.1	567.8
Operating margin, comparable, %	4.6	2.6	5.3
Operating profit, € million	115.7	65.9	600.2
Profit before tax, comparable, € million	99.6	32.7	481.9
Profit before tax, € million	99.2	33.1	527.6
Cash flow from operating activities, € million	155.1	135.7	1,152.4
Capital expenditure, € million	44.2	99.0	398.4
Earnings per share, €, basic and diluted	0.20	0.09	1.09
Earnings per share, comparable, €, basic	0.20	0.08	0.97

	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Return on capital employed, comparable, %, rolling 12 months	13.4	9.6	12.0
Return on equity, comparable, %, rolling 12 months	20.0	15.0	17.8

Kesko is reporting Kesko Senukai Group, which is part of Kesko's building and technical trade segment and operates in the Baltic countries and Belarus, as a joint venture as of 1 July 2020. Kesko Senukai Group was reported as a subsidiary until 30 June 2020. In order to enable the comparison of financial performance indicators between reporting periods, Kesko reports illustrative Group performance indicators to be used alongside indicators based on IFRS consolidated financial statements. In segment data, Kesko Senukai is reported consolidated as a joint venture also for the comparison periods, as this method is used in management reporting.

Illustrative Group performance indicators	1-3/2021*	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Net sales, € million	2,539.4	2,355.6	10,242.6
Operating profit, comparable, € million	116.2	64.6	553.6
Operating margin, comparable, %	4.6	2.7	5.4
Operating profit, € million	115.7	65.5	540.0

^{*}Reported 1-3/2021

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In this interim report, the comparable change % in net sales has been calculated in local currencies and excluding the impact of Kesko Senukai and the acquisitions and divestments completed in 2020 and 2021. The comparable operating profit has been calculated by deducting items affecting comparability from the reported operating profit. The illustrative performance indicators have been calculated for the comparison periods as if Kesko Senukai had been consolidated as a joint venture.

OUTLOOK AND GUIDANCE FOR 2021

Kesko Group's outlook is given for the year 2021, in comparison with the year 2020.

Kesko estimates that its comparable operating profit in 2021 will be in the range of €570-670 million. Before, the company estimated that the comparable operating profit would be in the range of €520-620 million. The illustrative comparable operating profit in 2020 was €554 million.

The guidance upgrade is based on better-than-anticipated sales development in all divisions and a more positive outlook for the remainder of the year. Retail sales have continued strong in the grocery trade, while the foodservice business has remained profitable despite the difficult market situation. In the building and technical trade, growth has continued better than anticipated in both B2B and B2C trade. Car trade has also grown compared to last year. At the same time, Kesko has managed to further improve cost efficiency. Expectations for the grocery trade and building and technical trade regarding the remainder of the year are more positive than before.

It is still difficult to anticipate the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and consequently the range for the 2021 comparable operating profit guidance remains wide.

PRESIDENT AND CEO MIKKO HELANDER:

Kesko had another record quarter, posting its all-time best Q1 result. Sales grew in all our divisions. Our net sales increased by 5.9% in comparable terms, totalling €2,539.4 million. Our comparable operating profit totalled €116.2 million, representing an increase of €51.1 million. In addition to sales growth, we have been constantly able to improve our operations and cost efficiency.

On 15 April, we issued a positive profit warning due to strong profit development in the first months of the year and a better-than-anticipated outlook for the remainder of the year. Our strong profit development meant that we were also able to meet the medium-term financial targets that were raised last year.

In the grocery trade, our strength lies in our extensive network of brick-and-mortar stores combined with efficient online sales and our well-functioning retailer business model. Our strategic goal is to constantly improve customer experiences. Retail sales of groceries grew by 6.1% in January-March, and K Group's grocery stores continued to gain market share. Of the sales growth in Q1, 48% came from growth in online grocery, and our online grocery sales grew by more than 300%. Profitability continued to improve in the grocery trade division on the back of sales growth and further improved operational efficiency. We also managed to keep our foodservice business in profit despite the difficult market circumstances.

In the building and technical trade division, we achieved a record result thanks to the execution of our country-specific strategies and increased demand. Net sales for the division were up by 7.7% in comparable terms. Positive development continued for K-Rauta and Onninen in Finland. In Norway, sales and profitability increased in all operations, and in Sweden, K-Rauta and K-Bygg did well in the market. We have been able to ensure good product availability also under exceptional circumstances. We will continue the execution of our growth strategy in the building and technical trade, seeking growth both organically and through acquisitions.

In the car trade division, sales returned to pre-pandemic levels in both new and used car sales. Net sales for the division grew by 16.8%. The positive development was aided by our competitive range and the improved availability of cars. During the reporting period, we updated the strategy for the car trade division, focusing even more on transformation and improving customer experience.

Our growth strategy is working, and sets us up well also for upcoming years. In the grocery trade, we are well-positioned to increase sales further by utilising our strengths. In the building and technical trade, the strong execution of country-specific strategies will support growth and further profitability improvement also going forward. In the car trade, we will continue measures to transform our operations and improve profitability.



Kesko is one of the leading operators in digital trade in Northern Europe, with e-commerce sales of nearly €1.3 billion. We have a strong foothold in online sales to both consumers and B2B customers. Our online stores are growing rapidly, thanks to our functional and successfully executed digital strategy. We estimate that the online grocery market in Finland will grow significantly during this decade. We aim to maintain a clear market-leading position in Finnish online grocery trade also going forward.

The outlook for 2021 is positive. We estimate that Kesko's comparable operating profit in 2021 will be in the range of €570-670 million. It is still difficult to anticipate the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and consequently the range for our 2021 comparable operating profit guidance remains wide.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

POSITIVE PROFIT WARNING ON 15 APRIL 2021

Kesko raised its guidance for its comparable operating profit in 2021. Kesko estimates that its comparable operating profit in 2021 will be in the range of €570-670 million. Before, the company estimated that the comparable operating profit would be in the range of €520-620 million. The guidance upgrade was based on better-than-anticipated sales development in all divisions and a more positive outlook for the remainder of the year. The illustrative comparable operating profit in 2020 was €554 million. (Stock exchange release 15.4.2021)

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

In the table depicting key performance indicators, illustrative Group performance indicators are used alongside the reported performance indicators that are based on the consolidated financial statements, to depict the change in comparable operating profit as if Kesko Senukai had been consolidated in the consolidated financial statements as a joint venture also in the comparison period. The change based on the illustrative comparison figures is reported in the column "Change, € million, Illustrative comparison figures."

NET SALES AND PROFIT IN JANUARY-MARCH 2021

1-3/2021	Net sales, € million	Change, %	Change, comparable, %	Operating profit, comparable, € million	Change, € million	Change, € million Illustrative comparison figures*
Grocery trade	1,360.6	+3.0	+3.0	81.1	+20.8	+20.8
Building and technical trade, excl. speciality goods trade	868.5	+15.8	+6.5	29.8	+17.1	+17.1
Speciality goods trade	55.7	-15.9	+28.1	4.8	+7.1	+7.1
Kesko Senukai	-	-100.0	-	-3.2	+0.1	+0.5
Building and technical trade, total	924.3	-7.7	+7.7	31.4	+24.4	+24.8
Car trade	260.1	+16.8	+16.8	11.2	+5.1	+5.1
Common functions and eliminations	-5.6	+17.5	+17.6	-7.5	+0.9	+0.9
Total	2,539.4	-0.0	+5.9	116.2	+51.1	+51.5

^{*} Kesko Senukai treated as a joint venture in the illustrative comparison figures

In comparable terms, Group net sales increased by 5.9%. Net sales increased in comparable terms by 5.3% in Finland and by 9.4% elsewhere. The comparable change % has been calculated in local currencies and excluding the impact of Kesko Senukai and acquisitions and divestments completed. Reported Group net sales in January-March were flat year-on-year, impacted by the consolidation of Kesko Senukai as a joint venture in the consolidated financial statements from 1 July 2020 onwards.

Net sales grew in the grocery trade division in all grocery store chains and K-Citymarket's home and speciality goods trade. Net sales decreased in Kespro's foodservice business due to the Covid-19 pandemic and related restrictions.



Net sales for the building and technical trade division grew in comparable terms in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Poland. Net sales grew in comparable terms in building and home improvement trade, Onninen's technical trade, and speciality goods trade. The reported net sales for the building and technical trade decreased by 7.7% due to the change in Kesko Senukai's consolidation method. Reported net sales were positively impacted by the acquisitions carried out in 2020 and the strengthening of the Swedish krona and the Norwegian krone against the euro.

In the car trade division, net sales were boosted by an increase in the demand for brands imported by Kesko and bigger market share.

The Group's comparable operating profit grew by €51.1 million in January-March. Growth totalled €51.5 million when Kesko Senukai is treated as a joint venture also for the comparison period (illustrative comparison figures). In addition to net sales growth, profitability improved thanks to better sales margin development and further improvement in cost efficiency. Net sales development in January-March was also positively affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting changes in consumer behaviour. Profitability in the grocery trade division improved due to good retail sales development, improved operational efficiency, and wholesale for Easter taking place in Q1. In the building and technical trade division, there was marked growth in both net sales and comparable operating profit. Comparable operating profit grew in the building and home improvement trade in Finland, Sweden and Norway and in Onninen's technical trade in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Poland. Kesko Senukai had a negative €3.2 million impact on the Group's comparable operating profit (€-3.3 million, consolidated as a subsidiary). Kesko Senukai has been consolidated as a joint venture from 1 July 2020 onwards. In the car trade division, comparable operating profit rose due to growth in net sales.

Items affecting comparability, € million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Operating profit, comparable	116.2	65.1	567.8
Items affecting comparability			
+gains on disposal	0.5	6.4	9.8
-losses on disposal	-0.0	-0.0	-0.2
+/-structural arrangements	-0.9	-5.5	22.8
Items affecting comparability, total	-0.4	0.8	32.4
Operating profit	115.7	65.9	600.2

In the comparison period, the most significant items affecting comparability were the \leq 6.4 million sales gain from the divestment of machinery trade operations in the Baltics in the building and technical trade division, completed on 31 March 2020, and the \leq 5.2 million costs related to corporate restructuring in common functions.

K Group's (Kesko and the chain stores) retail and B2B sales (0% VAT) in January-March totalled \le 3,268.2 million, representing a growth of 4.8% compared to the previous year. The K-Plussa customer loyalty programme added 20,978 new households in January-March 2021. The number of K-Plussa households stood at 2.5 million at the end of March, with 3.5 million K-Plussa cardholders in total.

Net finance costs, income tax and earnings per share

	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Net finance costs, € million	-16.3	-32.3	-86.8
Interests on lease liabilities, € million	-18.6	-23.1	-83.3
Profit before tax, comparable, € million	99.6	32.7	481.9
Profit before tax, € million	99.2	33.1	527.6
Income tax, € million	-20.8	-6.4	-92.3
Earnings per share, comparable, €	0.20	0.08	0.97
Earnings per share, €	0.20	0.09	1.09
Equity per share, €	5.78	5.02	5.52



The decrease in the Group's net finance costs in January-March was impacted by the decrease in interest expenses due to a decline in lease liabilities. The decline in lease liabilities was especially impacted by the change in Kesko Senukai's consolidation method as of 1 July 2020. Net finance costs were also decreased by positive foreign exchange differences and changes in the fair value of interest rate derivatives. In the comparison period, the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in exchange rate losses of €6.0 million in net finance costs. Of the foreign exchange differences in the comparison period, €-4.6 million was due to exchange rate losses on euro-denominated loan financing of Kesko Senukai's Belarussian subsidiary OMA. The share of result of associates amounted to €-0.3 million (€-0.6 million), or €-0.3 million (€-0.2 million) in comparable terms.

The Group's comparable profit before tax in January-March grew thanks to operating profit growth and a reduction in net finance costs compared to the year before. The Group's effective tax rate was 21.0% (19.5%). The Group's effective tax rate rose due to the negative share of result of Kesko Senukai, consolidated as a joint venture as of 1 July 2020. In the comparison period, Kesko Senukai was consolidated as a subsidiary.

The Group's earnings per share and comparable earnings per share grew compared to the year before.

CASH FLOW AND FINANCIAL POSITION

€ million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Cash flow from operating activities	155.1	135.7	1152.4
Cash flow from investing activities	-37.4	-55.1	-421.3
Cash flow from financing activities	-108.0	-0.6	-600.0

€ million	31.3.2021	31.3.2020	31.12.2020
Liquid assets	316.3	265.4	306.0
Interest-bearing liabilities	2,554.2	3,085.2	2,616.3
Lease liabilities	1,988.8	2,337.4	2,025.0
Interest-bearing net debt excl. lease liabilities	249.1	482.4	285.3
Interest-bearing net debt/EBITDA, excl. IFRS 16 impact, rolling 12 months	0.3	0.9	0.4
Gearing, %	97.5	134.9	105.5
Equity ratio, %	34.0	30.0	33.1

The Group's cash flow from operating activities totalled \leq 155.1 million (\leq 135.7 million) in January-March. EBITDA growth and a \leq 38.6 million return of surplus assets paid by Kesko Pension Fund had an increasing impact on cash flow, while income taxes on cash basis, which were higher than in the comparison period, had a decreasing impact.

The Group's cash flow from investing activities was a negative €37.4 million (€-55.1 million) in January-March. In the comparison period, cash flow from investing activities was improved by the positive cash flow impact of €19.6 million derived from the divestment of the Baltic machinery trade operations.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

€ million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Capital expenditure	44.2	99.0	398.4
Store sites	15.2	63.2	125.8
Acquisitions	1.2	-	159.1
IT	6.3	5.6	25.6
Other investments	21.4	30.2	87.9

Capital expenditure in store sites decreased by €48.0 million compared to the year before in January-March. In the comparison period, capital expenditure in store sites was increased by the acquisition of the property of K-Citymarket in Järvenpää.



PERSONNEL

	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Average number of personnel converted into full-time employees	13,932	20,936	17,629
Personnel at the end of the reporting period	31.3.2021	31.3.2020	31.12.2020
Finland	12,207	12,449	12,647
Other countries	4,913	11,892	5,003
Total	17,120	24,341	17,650

The change in the consolidation method of Kesko Senukai as of 1 July 2020 had a marked impact on the number of Group employees outside Finland.

SEGMENTS

SEASONAL NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Group's operating activities are affected by seasonal fluctuations. The net sales and operating profits of the reportable segments are not earned evenly throughout the year. Instead, they vary by quarter depending on the characteristics of each segment. In terms of the level of operating profit, the second and third quarter are the strongest, whereas the impact of the first quarter on the full-year profit is the smallest.

GROCERY TRADE

January-March 2021

	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Net sales, € million	1,360.6	1,321.5	5,732.0
Operating profit, comparable, € million	81.1	60.4	375.2
Operating margin, comparable, %	6.0	4.6	6.5
Return on capital employed, comparable, %, rolling 12 months	18.0	14.6	16.9
Capital expenditure, € million	14.7	62.7	125.4
Personnel, average	5,872	5,948	6,197

Net sales, € million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	Change, %	Change, comparable, %	1-12/2020
Sales to K-food stores				•	
K-Citymarket, food	325.0	293.0	+10.9	+10.9	1,291.7
K-Supermarket	374.3	357.5	+4.7	+4.7	1,549.6
K-Market	339.0	320.3	+5.8	+5.8	1,434.9
K-Citymarket, non-food	132.0	122.7	+7.6	+7.6	585.5
Kespro	169.8	208.9	-18.7	-18.7	784.1
Others	20.7	19.1	+8.5	+8.5	86.1
Total	1,360.6	1,321.5	+3.0	+3.0	5,732.0

Net sales for the grocery trade in January-March amounted to €1,360.6 million (€1,321.5 million), an increase of 3.0%. Net sales grew in all grocery store chains and home and speciality goods trade in K-Citymarket. Net sales decreased in Kespro's foodservice business due to the Covid-19 pandemic and related restrictions.

The total grocery market in Finland (incl. VAT) is estimated to have grown by approximately 5.8% in January-March (Finnish Grocery Trade Association PTY) and retail prices are estimated to have risen by some 1.4% (incl. VAT, PTY's price development estimate). K Group's grocery sales grew by 6.1% (incl. VAT), thus exceeding the market growth. K Group's sales grew in all grocery store chains. Online sales of groceries grew by 306%, and accounted for approximately 4.1% of K Group's grocery sales (incl. VAT). All K Group grocery store chains offer



online grocery sales services. The number of K-food stores offering online grocery sales services grew by 18 to 487 during the reporting period.

The comparable operating profit for the grocery trade in January-March totalled €81.1 million (€60.4 million), up by €20.8 million. Profitability improved due to good retail sales development, improved operational efficiency, and wholesale for Easter taking place in Q1. Operating profit for the grocery trade totalled €81.1 million (€59.8 million). Items affecting comparability in the comparison period totalled €-0.5 million.

Capital expenditure for the grocery trade totalled €14.7 million (€62.7 million), of which €12.7 million (€55.6 million) was in store sites. Capital expenditure for the comparison period was increased by the acquisition of the property of K-Citymarket in Järvenpää.

BUILDING AND TECHNICAL TRADE

The change in Kesko Senukai's consolidation method from a subsidiary to a joint venture as of 1 July 2020 has impacted the performance indicators for the building and technical trade in segment information. Due to the change in consolidation method, the Group changed the internal reporting to its highest operative decision-maker, i.e. the Group Management Board. Consequently, Kesko Senukai has been reported in the segment figures and the 1-12/2020 and 1-3/2020 income statement figures for the building and technical trade as if it had been consolidated on one line before operating profit in accordance with ownership interest, as opposed to the subsidiary consolidation method used up until 30 June 2020. Such a change has not been made to internally reported balance sheet figures or personnel numbers.

January-March 2021

	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Net sales, € million	924.3	816.3	3,639.5
Building and technical trade, excl. speciality goods trade and Kesko Senukai	868.5	750.1	3,424.3
Building and home improvement trade	479.7	377.4	1,845.8
Onninen	401.9	391.4	1,625.5
Speciality goods trade	55.7	66.3	215.2
Operating profit, comparable, € million	31.4	6.5	187.7
Building and technical trade, excl. speciality goods trade and Kesko Senukai	29.8	12.6	169.4
Building and home improvement trade	13.5	2.0	99.5
Onninen	16.6	10.7	70.7
Speciality goods trade	4.8	-2.3	7.4
Kesko Senukai	-3.2	-3.8	11.0
Operating margin, comparable, %	3.4	0.8	5.2
Building and technical trade, excl. speciality goods trade and Kesko Senukai	3.4	1.7	4.9
Building and home improvement trade	2.8	0.5	5.4
Onninen	4.1	2.7	4.4
Speciality goods trade	8.7	-3.5	3.4
	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Return on capital employed, comparable, %, rolling 12 months	13.1	7.4	11.2
Capital expenditure, € million	5.5	10.9	186.3
Personnel, average	5,963	12,850	9,308



				Change, comparable,	
Net sales, € million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	Change, %	%	1-12/2020
Building and home improvement trade, Finland	240.7	222.8	+8.0	+7.4	971.6
K-Rauta, Sweden	37.4	32.3	+15.8	+9.8	186.1
K-Bygg, Sweden	55.4	42.5	+30.2	+15.7	228.4
Byggmakker, Norway	146.6	80.5	+82.2	+12.7	463.0
Building and home improvement trade, total	479.7	377.4	+27.1	+9.8	1,845.8
Onninen, Finland	233.8	228.9	+2.1	+2.1	985.2
Onninen and MIAB, Sweden*	21.3	29.5	-27.6	-27.5	101.5
Onninen, Norway	67.5	58.2	+15.9	+13.7	227.6
Onninen, Baltics	18.5	18.8	-1.5	-1.5	80.1
Onninen, Poland	61.5	56.7	+8.5	+14.1	234.1
Onninen, total*	401.9	391.4	+2.7	+3.8	1,625.5
Building and technical trade, excl. speciality goods trade,					
total	868.5	750.1	+15.8	+6.5	3,424.3
Leisure trade, Finland	55.7	43.5	+28.1	+28.1	192.4
Machinery trade	-	22.8	-100.0	-	22.8
Speciality goods trade, total	55.7	66.3	-15.9	+28.1	215.2
Total	924.3	816.3	+13.2	+7.7	3,639.5

^{*} Onninen's comparable change in net sales in Sweden calculated minus internal net sales in Sweden to K-Rauta in the comparison period.

Net sales for the building and technical trade increased by 13.2%, or by 7.7% in comparable terms. Net sales grew in comparable terms in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Poland. In the Baltics, net sales decreased slightly. In euro terms, net sales were positively affected by the strengthening of the Swedish krona and the Norwegian krone against the euro. The weakening of the Polish zloty against the euro diminished net sales development in Poland in euro terms. The comparable change % has been calculated in local currencies and excluding the impact of Kesko Senukai and the acquisitions and divestments completed in 2020 and 2021.

In Finland, net sales for the building and technical trade in January-March totalled €518.6 million (€485.0 million), up by 6.9%. In comparable terms, net sales in Finland increased by 6.7%. Net sales from international operations totalled €405.7 (€331.4 million) million in January-March, up by 22.4%. In comparable terms, net sales from international operations grew by 9.4%.

Net sales for the building and home improvement trade grew in Finland, Sweden and Norway.

Onninen's net sales grew in Finland, Norway and Poland. In Sweden and the Baltic countries, net sales decreased compared to the year before.

In the speciality goods trade leisure trade, net sales increased.

The comparable operating profit for the building and technical trade totalled \leqslant 31.4 million (\leqslant 6.5 million) in January-March, up by \leqslant 24.8 million year-on-year. In addition to net sales growth, profitability improved thanks to better sales margin development and further improvement in cost efficiency. The comparable operating profit for the building and home improvement trade was up by \leqslant 11.5 million, and grew in Finland, Sweden and Norway. The acquisitions carried out in Norway and Sweden in 2018-2020 accounted for \leqslant 1.9 million (\leqslant -3.0 million) of the comparable operating profit. Onninen's comparable operating profit grew by \leqslant 5.9 million. Onninen's profitability improved in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Poland. In the Baltics, Onninen's comparable operating profit remained at level of the previous year. Comparable operating profit grew clearly in the speciality goods trade leisure trade.

Operating profit for the building and technical trade totalled \leq 31.0 million (\leq 13.0 million). Items affecting comparability totalled \leq -0.4 million (\leq 6.5 million). In the comparison period, the most significant item affecting comparability was the \leq 6.4 million sales gain from the divestment of machinery trade operations in the Baltics, completed on 31 March 2020.



Capital expenditure for the building and technical trade totalled €5.5 million (€10.9 million) in January-March.

CAR TRADE

January-March 2021

	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Net sales, € million	260.1	222.6	892.6
Operating profit, comparable, € million	11.2	6.1	23.4
Operating margin, comparable, %	4.3	2.7	2.6
Return on capital employed, comparable, %, rolling 12 months	7.7	7.7	6.3
Capital expenditure, € million	17.8	19.7	64.7
Personnel, average	1,243	1,292	1,283

				Change,	
Net sales, € million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	Change, %	comparable, %	1-12/2020
Car trade	260.1	222.6	+16.8	+16.8	892.6

Net sales for the car trade increased by 16.8% in January-March, positively impacted by an increase in the demand for brands imported by Kesko and growth in market share.

The combined market performance of first registrations of passenger cars and vans was -0.6% (-4.1%) in January-March. The combined market share of the Volkswagen, Audi, SEAT, Porsche and Bentley passenger cars and Volkswagen and MAN vans imported by the car trade division was 16.9% (16.0%) in January-March.

The comparable operating profit for the car trade in January-March totalled \leq 11.2 million (\leq 6.1 million). Comparable operating profit increased thanks to growth in net sales. Operating profit for the car trade in January-March totalled \leq 11.2 million (\leq 6.1 million).

Capital expenditure for the car trade totalled €17.8 million (€19.7 million).

CHANGES IN GROUP COMPOSITION

No significant changes were made to the Group composition during the reporting period.

SHARES, SECURITIES MARKET AND BOARD AUTHORISATIONS

At the end of March 2021, the total number of shares in Kesko Corporation was 400,079,008, of which 126,948,028 or 31.7%, were A shares, and 273,130,980 or 68.3%, were B shares. On 31 March 2021, Kesko Corporation held 2,969,806 of its own B shares as treasury shares.

These treasury shares accounted for 1.09% of the total number of B shares, 0.74% of the total number of shares, and 0.19% of the votes attached to all shares in the company. The total number of votes attached to all shares was 1,542,611,260. Each A share carries ten (10) votes and each B share one (1) vote. The company cannot vote with own shares held by it as treasury shares and no dividend is paid on them. At the end of March 2021, Kesko Corporation's share capital totalled $\leq 197,282,584$.

The price of a Kesko A share quoted on Nasdaq Helsinki was €20.00 at the end of 2020, and €23.85 at the end of March 2021, representing an increase of 19.3%. Correspondingly, the price of a B share was €21.04 at the end of 2020, and €26.08 at the end of March 2021, representing an increase of 24.0%. In January-March 2021, the highest A share price was €24.10 and the lowest €19.82. The highest B share price was €26.12 and the lowest €20.70. The Nasdaq Helsinki All-Share index (OMX Helsinki) was up by 5.2% and the weighted OMX Helsinki Cap index by 7.7% in January-March 2021. The Retail Sector Index was up by 13.8%.

At the end of March 2021, the market capitalisation of the A shares was $\le 3,028$ million. The market capitalisation of the B shares was $\le 7,046$ million, excluding the shares held by the parent company. The combined market capitalisation of the A and B shares was $\le 10,074$ million, an increase of $\le 1,858$ million from the end of 2020.



In January-March, a total of 1.7 million A shares were traded on Nasdaq Helsinki. The exchange value of the A shares was €36.1 million. Meanwhile, 48.7 million B shares were traded, with an exchange value of €1,084.1 million. Nasdaq Helsinki accounted for over 90% of the trading on Kesko's A and B shares in January-March. Kesko shares were also traded on multilateral trading facilities, the most significant of which was Cboe (source: Euroland).

At the end of March 2021, the number of registered shareholders was 59,847, which is 2,715 more than at the end of 2020. At the end of March, foreign ownership of all shares was 37.58%, and foreign ownership of B shares 54.07%.

Kesko has a share-based commitment and incentive scheme. To implement the scheme, Kesko's Board of Directors may decide, within share issue authorisations granted by the company's General Meeting, to transfer Kesko B shares held by the company as treasury shares. In January-March 2021, Kesko Corporation transferred 376,328 Kesko B shares held as treasury shares to members of management and other selected key persons in accordance with the terms and conditions of share award plans. 6,272 B shares were returned to the company without consideration based on the same terms and conditions. Kesko issued related stock exchange releases on 19 March 2021, 25 March 2021 and 9 February 2021. Kesko issued a stock exchange release on 3 February 2021 regarding the most recent share-based commitment and incentive plans.

Kesko's Annual General Meeting of 12 April 2021 authorised the Board to decide on the issuance of a total maximum of 40,000,000 new B shares and B shares held by the company as treasury shares. The authorisation is valid until 30 June 2022. The authorisation was communicated in a stock exchange release on 12 April 2021.

KEY EVENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

Riikka Joukio, M.Sc. (Tech.), eMBA, was appointed Executive Vice President in charge of Corporate Responsibility and Public Affairs and a member of Kesko's Group Management Board. Joukio assumed her position on 12 April 2021. (Stock exchange release 11.1.2021)

On 19 March 2021, Kesko published its 2020 Annual Report in Finnish and in English. The report contains the 2020 financial statements, Report by the Board of Directors, Corporate Governance Statement and Remuneration Report for Governing Bodies, as well sections on Kesko's direction and sustainability. (Stock exchange release 19.3.2021)

KEY EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Matti Virtanen, M.Sc. (Tech.), was appointed as President of Kesko's car trade division and a member of Group Management Board as of 9 April 2021. (Stock exchange release 9.4.2021)

The Board Of Directors of Kesko Corporation and the company's President and CEO Mikko Helander agreed to amend Helander's managing director's contract so that Helander will continue to act as President and CEO for the time being. According to the previous contract, Helander would have retired in June 2023 when he turns 63. Helander has acted as the President and CEO of Kesko since 2015. (Stock exchange release 12.4.2021)

Kesko Corporation's Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 12 April 2021. The meeting was held at Kesko Corporation's K-Kampus headquarters without any shareholders or their representatives present. To prevent the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic, Kesko's Board of Directors decided to have exceptional meeting procedures in place, based on the temporary legislative act 677/2020. Read more in the section 'Resolutions of the 2021 Annual General Meeting and decisions of the Board's organisational meeting' (Stock exchange releases 15.3.2021 and 12.4.2021)

Positive profit warning: Kesko raised its guidance for its comparable operating profit in 2021. Kesko estimates that its comparable operating profit in 2021 will be in the range of \leq 570-670 million. Before, the company estimated that the comparable operating profit would be in the range of \leq 520-620 million. The guidance upgrade was based on better-than-anticipated sales development in all divisions and a more positive outlook for the remainder of the year. The illustrative comparable operating profit in 2020 was \leq 554 million. (Stock exchange release 15.4.2021)

In April 2021, the Finnish Tax Administration issued to Kesko Corporation a decision on debiting of tax related to the tax audit regarding the deduction of withholding tax on dividends paid abroad in 2015 and 2016. The amount



of withholding tax to be debited, including punitive tax increases and penalty charges, is €1.8 million. Kesko Corporation will appeal the decision.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DECISIONS OF THE BOARD'S ORGANISATIONAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Kesko Corporation on 12 April 2021 adopted the financial statements for 2020. The Annual General Meeting resolved to distribute a dividend of €0.75 per share on shares held outside the company. The dividend will be paid in two instalments. The record date of the first dividend instalment of €0.38/share was 14 April 2021 and the pay date 21 April 2021. The record date of the second dividend instalment of €0.37/share is 1 October 2021 and the pay date 8 October 2021.

The Annual General Meeting discharged the Board members and the Managing Director from liability for the financial year 2020. The Annual General Meeting approved the Remuneration Report for Governing Bodies for 2020. The resolution concerning the Remuneration Report is advisory in nature.

The Annual General Meeting resolved the following regarding Board members' fees and the basis for reimbursement of their expenses in 2021-2022:

- Board Chair, an annual fee of €102,000
- Board Deputy Chair, an annual fee of €63,000
- Board member, an annual fee of €47,500
- Board member who is the Chair of the Audit Committee, an annual fee of €63,000
- A meeting fee of €600/meeting for a Board meeting and its Committee's meeting. A meeting fee of €1,200/Board meeting for the Board Chair. However, a meeting fee of €1,200/Committee meeting is to be paid to a Committee Chair who is not the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Board. The meeting fees are to be paid in cash.
- Daily allowances and the reimbursements of travel expenses are paid to the Board members in accordance with the general travel rules of Kesko.

The aforementioned annual fees will be made in Kesko Corporation's B shares and in cash, with approximately 30% of the fees paid in shares. After the transfer of shares, the remaining amount will be paid in cash. The company will acquire the shares or transfer shares held by the company as treasury shares in the name and on behalf of the Board members. The company is responsible for the costs arising from the acquisition of the shares. The shares are to be acquired or transferred to the Board members on the first working day to follow the publication of the interim report for the first quarter of 2021. A Board member cannot transfer shares obtained in this manner until either three years have passed from the day the member has received the shares or their membership on the Board has ended, whichever comes first.

The Annual General Meeting resolved that the number of Board members be seven for the three-year term of office provided in the company's Articles of Association, ending at the close of the 2024 Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting re-elected Esa Kiiskinen, Peter Fagernäs, Jannica Fagerholm, Piia Karhu and Toni Pokela as members of the company's Board of Directors, and elected Jussi Perälä and Timo Ritakallio as new members of the Board. In its organisational meeting held after the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors of Kesko Corporation elected Esa Kiiskinen as its Chair and Peter Fagernäs as its Deputy Chair. The Board elected Jannica Fagerholm as Chair, Timo Ritakallio as Deputy Chair, and Piia Karhu as a member of the Audit Committee, and Esa Kiiskinen as Chair, Peter Fagernäs as Deputy Chair, and Timo Ritakallio as a member of the Remuneration Committee.

The Annual General Meeting resolved that the Auditor's fee and the reimbursement of the Auditor's expenses will be paid according to an invoice approved by the company. The Annual General Meeting elected the firm of authorised public accountants Deloitte Oy as the company's Auditor. APA Jukka Vattulainen will be the auditor with principal responsibility.

The Annual General Meeting resolved, in accordance with the Board's proposal, to authorise the Board to decide on the issuance of new B series shares as well as of own B shares held by the company as treasury shares. The



number of B shares thereby issued would total at maximum 40,000,000. The authorisation is valid until 30 June 2022.

The Annual General Meeting resolved to authorise the Board to decide on donations in a total maximum of €300,000 for charitable or corresponding purposes until the Annual General Meeting to be held in 2022, and to decide on the donation recipients, purposes of use, and other terms and conditions of the donations.

SUSTAINABILITY

Kesko ranked 87th on the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World list, making it the most sustainable trading sector company in the world.

Kesko published its updated materiality assessment. The most significant changes compared with the previous materiality assessment were the increased importance of climate change, sustainable products and biodiversity.

K Group is strengthening its biodiversity work and preparing division-specific goals to promote biodiversity. The objective is to prevent loss of biodiversity in K Group's own operations and value chain.

K Group will be a main sponsor for the Football Association of Finland in between 2021 and 2024.

K Group and EnerKey are piloting the use of artificial intelligence to identify opportunities to save energy at K-food stores.

RISK MANAGEMENT

No material changes took place during the first three months of 2021 in the risks described in Kesko's 2020 Report by the Board of Directors and financial statements.

Risk management in Kesko Group is guided by the risk management policy approved by Kesko's Board of Directors. The policy defines the goals and principles, organisation, responsibilities and practices of risk management in Kesko Group. In the management of financial risks, the Group's treasury policy, confirmed by Kesko's Board of Directors, is observed. The management of business operations and common functions are responsible for the execution of risk management. Kesko Group applies a business-oriented and comprehensive approach to risk assessment and management. This means that key risks are systematically identified, assessed, managed, monitored and reported as part of business operations at Group, division, company and function levels throughout the Group.

The Group's risk map, the most significant risks and uncertainties, as well as material changes in, responses to and indicators for them are reported to the Kesko Board's Audit Committee quarterly in connection with the review of interim reports, the half year financial report, and financial statements. The Audit Committee Chair reports on risk management to the Board as part of the Audit Committee report. The most significant risks and uncertainties are reported to the market by the Board in the Report by the Board of Directors and any material changes in them in the interim reports and the half year financial report.

Helsinki, 27 April 2021 Kesko Corporation Board of Directors

The information in this interim report is unaudited.

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Kesko Corporation's half year financial report for January-June 2021 will be published on 23 July 2021. In addition, Kesko Group's sales figures are published monthly. News releases and other company information are available on Kesko's website at www.kesko.fi.

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Accounting policies

This interim report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34. The interim report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting principles as the annual financial statements for 2020, with the exception of the reclassification of cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statement of financial position and the consolidated statement of cash flows, as detailed below.

Consolidated income statement (€ million), condensed	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
N. c. I	-	-	
Net sales	2,539.4	2,540.4	10,669.2
Material and services	-2,271.2	-2,257.4	-9,148.3
Change in inventory	80.2	64.7	-6.9
Other operating income	218.3	205.8	930.9
Employee benefit expense	-185.5	-197.0	-750.7
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges	-41.0	-40.9	-170.2
Depreciation and impairment charges for right-of-use assets	-76.6	-83.9	-325.8
Other operating expenses	-144.7	-165.8	-605.5
Share of result of joint ventures	-3.2	-	7.5
Operating profit	115.7	65.9	600.2
Interest income and other finance income	2.3	2.3	11.7
Interest expense and other finance costs	-0.5	-5.6	-10.5
Interest expense for lease liabilities	-18.6	-23.1	-83.3
Foreign exchange differences	0.5	-6.0	-4.7
Share of result of associates	-0.3	-0.6	14.3
Profit before tax	99.2	33.1	527.6
Income tax	-20.8	-6.4	-92.3
Net profit for the period	78.4	26.6	435.3
Attributable to			
Owners of the parent	78.4	34.6	433.4
Non-controlling interests	-	-8.0	2.0
Earnings per share (€) for profit attributable to owners of the parent			
Basic and diluted	0.20	0.09	1.09



Consolidated statement of comprehensive income (€ million)						
	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020			
Net profit for the period	78.4	26.6	435.3			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss						
Actuarial gains/losses	17.3	-0.7	0.8			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss						
Currency translation differences related to a foreign operation	8.8	-47.1	-2.8			
Cash flow hedge revaluation	0.8	-6.3	-2.7			
Other items	-	-	-0.3			
Total other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	26.9	-54.0	-4.9			
Total comprehensive income for the period	105.2	-27.4	430.5			
Attributable to						
Owners of the parent	105.2	-14.2	432.6			
Non-controlling interests	-	-13.2	-2.2			

Consolidated statement of financial position (€ million), condensed					
	31.3.2021	31.3.2020	31.12.2020		
ASSETS					
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment	1,453.4	1,530.1	1,450.8		
Right-of-use assets	1,785.0	2,116.9	1,819.0		
Goodwill	579.0	455.4	572.1		
Intangible assets	202.3	197.1	205.2		
Shares in associates and joint ventures	195.4	57.0	199.1		
Other investments	22.7	20.5	22.7		
Loans and other receivables	73.2	67.9	75.3		
Pension assets	71.1	91.3	89.6		
Total	4,382.1	4,536.2	4,433.8		
Current assets					
Inventories	938.4	1,083.6	836.9		
Trade receivables	924.2	877.0	776.5		
Other receivables	226.9	225.2	278.8		
Other financial assets*	52.1	62.3	51.7		
Cash and cash equivalents*	264.3	203.1	254.3		
Total	2,405.9	2,451.2	2,198.2		
Non-current assets held for sale	0.5	0.5	9.9		
Total assets	6,788.4	6,987.8	6,641.9		

 $^{^{\}star}$ The change in the accounting policy regarding the classification of cash and cash equivalents is detailed on page 19.



	31.3.2021	31.3.2020	31.12.2020
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity	2,295.4	1,992.4	2,189.3
Non-controlling interests	-	97.6	-
Total equity	2,295.4	2,090.0	2,189.3
Non-current liabilities			
Interest-bearing liabilities	402.7	471.4	408.7
Lease liabilities	1,674.3	2,015.3	1,712.3
Non-interest-bearing liabilities	29.2	33.2	29.5
Deferred tax liabilities	18.8	6.8	16.4
Pension obligations	0.4	0.4	0.4
Provisions	19.7	19.6	20.3
Total	2,145.1	2,546.7	2,187.7
Current liabilities			
Interest-bearing liabilities	162.7	276.4	182.6
Lease liabilities	314.5	322.1	312.7
Trade payables	1,265.5	1,192.7	1,091.3
Other non-interest-bearing liabilities	589.0	545.5	658.4
Provisions	16.2	14.4	17.7
Total	2,347.9	2,351.1	2,262.6
Liabilities related to non-current assets held for sale	-	-	2.3
Total equity and liabilities	6,788.4	6,987.8	6,641.9



Consolidated statement of changes in equity (€ million)							
	Share capital	Reserves	Currency translation differ- ences	Re- valuation reserve	Treasury shares	Retained earnings	Total
Balance at 1.1.2021	197.3	464.7	-20.0	-2.0	-31.4	1,580.7	2,189.3
Share-based payments					0.9		0.9
Transactions with owners, total					0.9		0.9
Comprehensive income							
Profit for the period						78.4	78.4
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss							
Actuarial gains/losses						21.6	21.6
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss							
Translation differences on foreign operations			8.8				8.8
Cash flow hedge revaluation				1.0			1.0
Tax related to comprehensive income				-0.2		-4.3	-4.5
Total comprehensive income for the period			8.8	0.8		95.7	105.2
Balance at 31.3.2021	197.3	464.7	-11.2	-1.3	-30.5	1,676.4	2,295.4

	Share capital	Reserves	Currency translation differ- ences	Re- valuation reserve	Treasury shares	Retained earnings	Non- controlling interests	Total
Balance at 1.1.2020	197.3	464.8	-21.3	0.6	-35.4	1,419.8	115.0	2,140.8
Share-based payments					1.2			1.2
Disposal of subsidiaries		-0.0	0.2			-21.2	-4.1	-25.3
Other changes		0.0				0.7		0.7
Transactions with owners, total		-0.0	0.2		1.2	-20.5	-4.1	-23.4
Comprehensive income								
Profit for the period						34.6	-8.0	26.6
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss								
Actuarial gains/losses						-0.8		-0.8
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss								
Translation differences on foreign operations			-41.8			-0.0	-5.2	-47.1
Cash flow hedge revaluation				-7.8				-7.8
Tax related to comprehensive income				1.6		0.2		1.7
Total comprehensive income for the period			-41.8	-6.3		33.9	-13.2	-27.4
Balance at 31.3.2020	197.3	464.8	-63.0	-5.6	-34.2	1,433.2	97.6	2,090.0



	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before tax	99.2	33.1	527.6
Depreciation according to plan	41.0	40.9	170.2
Depreciation and impairment for right-of-use assets	76.6	83.9	325.8
Finance income and costs	-2.3	9.2	3.5
Interest expense for lease liabilities	18.6	23.1	83.3
Other adjustments	42.0	-4.1	-54.3
Change in working capital			
Current non-interest-bearing receivables, increase (-)/decrease (+)	-85.0	-97.6	-64.3
Inventories. increase (-)/decrease (+)	-99.1	-79.9	5.5
Current non-interest-bearing liabilities, increase (+)/decrease(-)	119.7	163.3	287.9
Financial items and tax	-55.5	-36.2	-132.9
Net cash from operating activities, total	155.1	135.7	1,152.4
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investing activities	-42.9	-56.7	-359.6
Proceeds from sale of tangible and intangible assets	2.9	2.0	16.4
Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries and business operations, net cash deducted	2.8	19.6	-73.2
Increase (-)/decrease (+) in loan receivables and other financial assets	-0.2	-19.9	-4.9
Net cash used in investing activities, total	-37.4	-55.1	-421.3
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest-bearing liabilities, increase (+)/decrease (-)	-25.6	135.0	18.9
Payments for lease liabilities	-79.5	-122.8	-363.3
Current interest-bearing receivables, increase (-)/ decrease (+)	-0.2	0.2	-0.9
Dividends paid	-	-	-249.9
Other items	-2.7	-13.1	-4.7
Net cash used in financing activities, total	-108.0	-0.6	-600.0
Change in cash and cash equivalents	9.7	80.0	131.2
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 Jan.	254.3	124.4	124.4
Exchange differences and cash and cash equivalents related to assets held for sale	0.2	-1.3	-1.2
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 Mar.	264.3	203.1	254.3

Cash flow from leases (€ million)	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Interest expense for lease liabilities	-18.6	-23.1	-83.3
Decrease in lease liabilities	-79.5	-86.0	-363.3
Total	-98.1	-109.1	-446.7

Change in accounting policy

The classification of cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statement of financial position and the consolidated statement of cash flows has been changed. Some of the assets previously reported In the



consolidated statement of financial position under current assets on line "Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss" are now classified in the consolidated statement of financial position and the consolidated statement of cash flows on line "Cash and cash equivalents". On 31 December 2020, the reclassified assets totalled €99.9 million. The cash and cash equivalents subject to reclassification are investments in money market funds with an investment horizon of less than three months. The Group makes short-term investments with extra liquidity in money market funds as an alternative to bank deposits. The risk profile of these fund investments is very low, and in terms of liquidity and return, they correspond to bank deposits. Assets reclassified as cash and cash equivalents belong to level 1 on the hierarchy of financial assets at fair value presented in the table on page 25.

Following the reclassification, the presentation of change in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the consolidated statement of cash flows was changed so that changes in these financial instruments are presented under cash flow from investing activities instead of cash flow from financing activities.

The balance sheet lines "Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss" and "Financial assets at amortised cost", previously reported under current assets, have also been combined on the balance sheet line "Other financial assets." The reclassification was made on 31 March 2021 in the consolidated statement of financial position and in 1-3/2021 in the consolidated statement of cash flows and for the comparison periods. The management sees that the reclassification enables better and more meaningful information and corresponds to operational liquidity management.

Effect of reclassification of cash and cash equivalents			
Consolidated statement of financial position	31.3.2021	31.3.2020	31.12.2020
Cash and cash equivalents, reported	264.3	203.1	154.5
Effect of reclassification	-	-	+99.9
Cash and cash equivalents, reclassified	264.3	203.1	254.3
In the consolidated statement of cash flows	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Net cash used in investing activities, reported	-37.4	-35.1	-413.7
Effect of reclassification	-	-20.0	-7.6
Net cash used in investing activities, reclassified	-37.4	-55.1	-421.3
Net cash used in financing activities, reported	-108.0	-20.6	-707.5
Effect of reclassification	-	+20.0	+107.5
Net cash used in financing activities, reclassified	-108.0	-0.6	-600.0

Group's performance indicators	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020
Net sales, € million	2,539.4	2,540.4	10,669.2
Operating profit, € million	115.7	65.9	600.2
Operating margin, %	4.6	2.6	5.6
Operating profit, comparable, € million	116.2	65.1	567.8
Operating margin, comparable, %	4.6	2.6	5.3
Profit before tax, € million	99.2	33.1	527.6
Profit before tax, comparable, € million	99.6	32.7	481.9
Earnings per share, basic and diluted, €	0.20	0.09	1.09
Earnings per share, comparable, basic and diluted, €	0.20	0.08	0.97
Return on capital employed, %	10.2	5.3	12.7
Return on capital employed, %, rolling 12 months	14.1	9.4	12.7
Return on capital employed, comparable, %	10.2	5.2	12.0
Return on capital employed, comparable, %, rolling 12 months	13.4	9.6	12.0



Capital expenditure, € million	44.2	99.0	398.4
Cash flow from operating activities, € million	155.1	135.7	1,152.4
Cash flow from investing activities, \in million	-37.4	-55.1	-421.3
Cash flow from operating activities/share, €	0.39	0.34	2.91
Return on equity, %	14.0	5.0	20.1
Return on equity, %, rolling 12 months	22.2	16.8	20.1
Return on equity, comparable, %	14.1	4.8	17.8
Return on equity, comparable, %, rolling 12 months	20.0	15.0	17.8
Equity ratio, %	34.0	30.0	33.1
Equity per share, €	5.78	5.02	5.52
Interest-bearing net debt/EBITDA excluding the impact of IFRS 16, rolling 12 months	0.3	0.9	0.4
Interest-bearing net debt, € million	2,237.8	2,819.8	2,310.3
Interest-bearing net debt excluding lease liabilities, € million	249.1	482.4	285.3
Diluted number of shares, average for the reporting period, 1,000 pcs	396,785	396,432	396,661
Personnel, average	13,932	20,936	17,629

Segment information

The change in Kesko Senukai's consolidation method from a subsidiary to a joint venture as of 1 July 2020 has impacted the performance indicators for the building and technical trade in segment information. Due to the change in consolidation method, the Group changed the internal reporting to its highest operative decision-maker, i.e. the Group Management Board. Consequently, Kesko Senukai has been reported in the segment figures and the 1-12/2020 and 1-3/2020 income statement figures for the building and technical trade as if it had been consolidated on one line before operating profit in accordance with ownership interest, as opposed to the subsidiary consolidation method used up until 30 June 2020. Such a change has not been made to internally reported balance sheet figures or personnel numbers.

Net sales by segment, € million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020	Rolling mo 3/2021
Grocery trade, Finland	1,360.6	1,321.5	5,732.0	5,771.1
Grocery trade total	1,360.6	1,321.5	5,732.0	5,771.1
- of which intersegment trade	4.4	3.7	15.3	16.0
Building and technical trade, Finland	518.6	485.0	2,102.7	2,136.3
Building and technical trade, other countries*	405.7	331.4	1,536.8	1,611.1
Building and technical trade total	924.3	816.3	3,639.5	3,747.4
- of which intersegment trade	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-0.8
Car trade, Finland	260.1	222.6	892.6	930.0
Car trade total	260.1	222.6	892.6	930.0
- of which intersegment trade	1.5	1.4	6.7	6.8
Common functions and eliminations	-5.6	-4.8	-21.4	-22.3
Finland total	2,133.7	2,024.3	8,705.8	8,815.2
Other countries total*	405.7	331.4	1,536.8	1,611.1



Segment information, total	2,539.4	2,355.6	10,242.6	10,426.3
Impact of change in Kesko Senukai's consolidation method**	-	184.8	426.6	241.9
Reported group	2,539.4	2,540.4	10,669.2	10,668.2

^{*} Net sales in countries other than Finland

^{**} Kesko Senukai's net sales, net of Group company net sales from sales of products and services to Kesko Senukai, have been consolidated in the consolidated income statement. The sum is not presented in the segment reporting as net sales due to a different accounting policy.

Operating profit by segment, € million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020	Rolling mo 3/2021
Grocery trade	81.1	59.8	373.7	395.0
Building and technical trade	31.0	13.0	177.7	195.7
Car trade	11.2	6.1	23.3	28.4
Common functions and eliminations	-7.6	-13.5	-34.8	-28.9
Segment information, total	115.7	65.5	540.0	590.3
Impact of change in Kesko Senukai's consolidation method*	-	0.5	60.2	59.8
Reported group	115.7	65.9	600.2	650.0

^{* 100%} of the operating profit reported by Kesko Senukai 1-6/2020 and the realised profit of €46.1 million from the change in consolidation method in 7-12/2020 are consolidated in the comparison period operating profit in the consolidated income statement. In segment reporting, the share of joint venture's net profit equivalent to ownership interest has been consolidated in the 1-12/2020 operating profit.

Operating profit by segment, comparable, € million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020	Rolling mo 3/2021
Grocery trade	81.1	60.4	375.2	396.0
Building and technical trade	31.4	6.5	187.7	212.5
Car trade	11.2	6.1	23.4	28.5
Common functions and eliminations	-7.5	-8.4	-32.7	-31.8
Segment information, total	116.2	64.6	553.6	605.2
Impact of change in Kesko Senukai's consolidation method*	-	0.5	14.1	13.7
Reported group	116.2	65.1	567.8	618.8

^{* 100%} of the operating profit reported by Kesko Senukai in 1-6/2020 has been consolidated in the comparison period operating profit in the consolidated income statement. In segment reporting, the share of joint venture's net profit equivalent to ownership interest has been consolidated in the 1-12/2020 operating profit.

Operating margin by segment, %, comparable	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020	Rolling mo 3/2021
Grocery trade	6.0	4.6	6.5	6.9
Building and technical trade	3.4	0.8	5.2	5.7
Car trade	4.3	2.7	2.6	3.1
Segment information, total	4.6	2.7	5.4	5.8
Impact of change in Kesko Senukai's consolidation method*	-	0.2	0.1	0.0
Reported group	4.6	2.6	5.3	5.8

 $^{^{\}star}$ The difference between the operating margin in segment reporting and the operating margin calculated based on the consolidated income statement.



EBITDA by segment, comparable, € million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020	Rolling mo 3/2021
Grocery trade	150.1	129.2	657.7	678.6
Building and technical trade	61.8	34.7	300.8	327.9
Car trade	20.4	14.7	58.6	64.3
Common functions and eliminations	1.5	0.6	5.0	5.9
Segment information, total	233.7	179.2	1,022.2	1,076.7
Impact of change in Kesko Senukai's consolidation method*	-	11.3	35.0	23.7
Reported group	233.7	190.5	1,057.1	1,100.4

^{*100%} of the comparable EBITDA reported by Kesko Senukai in 1-6/2020 is consolidated in the comparison period in the comparable EBITDA calculated based on the consolidated income statement EBITDA. In segment reporting, the share of joint venture's net profit equivalent to ownership interest has been consolidated in the 1-12/2020 comparable EBITDA.

The capital employed, comparable return on capital employed (%), and capital expenditure of the reporting segments are presented in accordance with IFRS reporting, with Kesko Senukai consolidated in the consolidated financial statements as a subsidiary until 30 June 2020 and as a joint venture as of 1 July 2020.

Capital employed by segment, cumulative average, € million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020	Rolling mo 3/2021
Grocery trade	2,152.0	2,264.8	2,223.7	2,194.8
Building and technical trade	1,695.8	2,019.9	1,804.5	1,725.1
Car trade	382.6	392.6	372.8	371.1
Common functions and eliminations	320.3	337.6	317.4	315.0
Group total	4,550.6	5,015.1	4,718.5	4,606.0

Return on capital employed by segment, %, comparable	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020	Rolling mo 3/2021
Grocery trade	15.1	10.7	16.9	18.0
Building and technical trade	7.4	1.4	11.2	13.1
Car trade	11.7	6.2	6.3	7.7
Group total	10.2	5.2	12.0	13.4

Capital expenditure by segment, € million	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	1-12/2020	Rolling mo 3/2021
Grocery trade	14.7	62.7	125.4	77.4
Building and technical trade	5.5	10.9	186.3	180.9
Car trade	17.8	19.7	64.7	62.7
Common functions and eliminations	6.3	5.8	22.0	22.6
Group total	44.2	99.0	398.4	343.6



Change in tangible and intangible assets (€ million)

	31.3.2021	31.3.2020
Opening net carrying amount	2,228.2	2,172.6
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges	-41.0	-40.9
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	45.8	96.1
Deductions	-4.6	-3.0
Transfers to non-current assets held for sale and between items	-1.9	-0.3
Exchange differences	8.2	-41.8
Closing net carrying amount	2,234.7	2,182.7

Right-of-use assets (€ million)

	31.3.2021	31.3.2020
Opening net carrying amount	1,819.0	2,191.3
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges	-76.6	-84.1
Net increases	36.8	30.8
Exchange differences	5.7	-21.1
Closing net carrying amount	1,785.0	2,116.9

The net increase in right-of-use assets includes a €-33.8 million transfer to tangible assets due to the use of a lease purchase option.

Related party transactions (€ million)

The Group's related parties include its management (the Board of Directors, the Managing Director and the Group Management Board) and the companies controlled by them, their family members and companies controlled by the family members, the Group's subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures as well as Kesko Pension Fund.

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:	1-3/2021	1-3/2020
Sales of goods and services	27.0	23.0
Purchases of goods and services	-1.9	-1.4
Other operating income	4.4	3.9
Other operating expenses	-1.1	-0.5
Finance income and costs	1.5	1.4
	31.3.2021	31.3.2020
Receivables	97.5	71.3
Liabilities	9.7	20.9
Items related to leases	31.3.2021	31.3.2020
Cash flow from leases	-12.4	-12.2
Lease liabilities	338.4	374.7

Kesko Pension Fund paid in total €38.6 million in return of surplus assets to Finnish Group companies in March 2021.



Credit and counterparty risk, ageing analysis of trade receivables

Ageing analysis of trade receivables (€ million)	31.3.2021	31.12.2020
Trade receivables fully performing	882.7	721.7
1–7 days past due trade receivables	15.6	22.3
8–30 days past due trade receivables	8.9	13.6
31–60 days past due trade receivables	3.0	4.4
over 60 days past due trade receivables	13.9	14.5
Total	924.2	776.5

Trade receivables include impairment charges totalling €21.1 million (31 December 2020: €21.5 million).

Fair value hierarchy of financial assets and liabilities (€ million)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	31.3.2021
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	119.8		22.7	142.5
Derivative financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivative financial assets		1.9		1.9
Derivative financial liabilities		10.4		10.4

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	31.3.2020
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	29.5		20.5	50.0
Derivative financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivative financial assets		10.8		10.8
Derivative financial liabilities		12.3		12.3

Level 1 instruments are traded in active markets and their fair values are directly based on quoted market prices. The fair values of level 2 instruments are derived from market data. The fair values of level 3 instruments are not based on observable market data.

Personnel, average and at 31.3.

Personnel average by segment	1-3/2021	1-3/2020	Change
Grocery trade	5,872	5,948	-76
Building and technical trade	5,963	12,850	-6,887
Car trade	1,243	1,292	-49
Common functions	854	846	8
Group total	13,932	20,936	-7,004

Personnel at 31.3.*by segment	2021	2020	Change
Grocery trade	7,944	7,934	10
Building and technical trade	6,962	14,155	-7,193
Car trade	1,301	1,345	-44
Common functions	913	907	6
Group total	17,120	24,341	-7,221

^{*} Total number including part-time employees



Group's commitments (€ million)

		31.3.2021	31.3.2020
Own commitments		311.1	418.5
For others		-	3.0
Lease liabilities for leases not recognised in the balance sheet		70.8	84.0
Liabilities arising from derivative instruments (€ million)			
			Fair value
Values of underlying instruments at	31.3.2021	31.3.2020	31.3.2021
Interest rate derivatives			
Interest rate swaps	420.0	420.0	-4.5
Currency derivatives			
Forward and future contracts	164.6	203.7	-2.4
Commodity derivatives			
Electricity futures	19.2	12.3	-1.5

Lease liabilities not recognised in the balance sheet include primarily the nominal amount of liability for agreements that will enter into force in the future.

Calculation of performance indicators

Kesko uses alternative performance measures to reflect business performance and profitability. These indicators should be examined together with the IFRS-compliant performance indicators.

Change in comparable net sales is used to reflect changes in the Group's business volume between periods. The indicator reflects the change in net sales excluding the impact of acquisitions and divestments, in local currencies. The comparable net sales have been calculated by including in the net sales the business operations that have been part of Kesko Group in both the reporting period as well as the comparison period. Other structural arrangements related to acquisitions and divestments have been adjusted in the same manner as acquisitions.

Performance indicators reflecting comparable profit and profitability are used to improve the comparability of operational performance between periods. Gains and losses on disposal of real estate, shares and business operations, impairment charges and significant restructuring costs are identified as items affecting comparability. Gains on disposal have been presented within other operating income, and losses on disposal within other operating expenses in the income statement.

Alternative performance measures that have been adjusted for the impact of IFRS 16 are used to monitor the achievement of certain financial targets. The EBITDA excluding the impact of IFRS 16 corresponds to EBITDA before the adoption of IFRS 16, and the interest-bearing net debt excluding lease liabilities correspond to interest-bearing net debt before the adoption of the standard. These restated indicators are included as components in the Group's financial target "interest-bearing net debt excluding lease liabilities divided by EBITDA excluding the impact of IFRS 16".

In addition, financial performance indicators for the Group have been presented as alternative performance measures. The management uses these indicators to monitor and analyse business performance, profitability and financial position.

Operating profit, comparable	Operating profit +/– items affecting comparability
Items affecting comparability	 gains on disposal + losses on disposal + impairment charges +/- structural arrangements
Return on capital employed*, %	Operating profit x 100 / (Non-current assets + Inventories + Receivables + Other current assets - Non-interest-bearing liabilities) on average for the reporting period



Return on capital employed*, %, rolling 12 months	Operating profit for the preceding 12 months x 100 / (Non- current assets + Inventories + Receivables + Other current assets - Non-interest-bearing liabilities) on average for 12 months
Return on capital employed*, %, comparable	Comparable operating profit x 100 / (Non-current assets + Inventories + Receivables + Other current assets - Non-interest-bearing liabilities) on average for the reporting period
Return on capital employed*, %, comparable, rolling 12 months	Comparable operating profit for the preceding 12 months x 100 / (Non-current assets + Inventories + Receivables + Other current assets - Non-interest-bearing liabilities) on average for 12 months
Return on equity*, %	(Profit/loss before tax - Income tax) x 100 / Shareholders' equity, average of the beginning and end of the reporting period
Return on equity*, %, rolling 12 months	(Profit/loss for the preceding 12 months before tax - Income tax for the preceding 12 months) x 100 / Shareholders' equity on average for 12 months
Return on equity*, %, comparable	(Profit/loss adjusted for items affecting comparability before tax - Income tax adjusted for the tax effect of items affecting comparability) x 100 / Shareholders' equity, average of the beginning and end of the reporting period
Return on equity*, %, comparable, rolling 12 months	(Profit/loss adjusted for items affecting comparability before tax for the preceding 12 months - Income tax adjusted for the tax effect of items affecting comparability for the preceding 12 months) x 100 / Shareholders' equity on average for 12 months
Equity ratio, %	Shareholders' equity x 100 / (Total assets – Advances received)
Interest-bearing net debt	Interest-bearing liabilities + Lease liabilities – Current other financial assets – Cash and cash equivalents
Interest-bearing net debt excluding lease liabilities	Interest-bearing net debt – Lease liabilities
EBITDA	Operating profit + Depreciation and amortisation + Impairments
EBITDA excluding the impact of IFRS 16	EBITDA – Rents for right-of-use assets
Interest-bearing net debt excluding lease liabilities / EBITDA excluding the impact of IFRS 16	Interest-bearing net debt excluding lease liabilities / EBITDA excluding the impact of IFRS 16



Capital expenditure	Performance indicator includes investments in tangible and intangible assets, subsidiary shares, shares in associates and joint ventures and other shares. Additions of right-of-use assets for leases in the consolidated statement of financial position are not capital expenditure. Redemption of a leased property (right-of-use asset) is reported as capital expenditure.
Earnings/share, basic	(Profit/loss - Non-controlling interests) / Average number of shares
Earnings/share, diluted	(Profit – Non-controlling interest) / Average diluted number of shares
Earnings/share, basic, comparable	(Profit/loss adjusted for items affecting comparability - Non-controlling interests adjusted for items affecting comparability) / Average number of shares
Equity/share	Equity attributable to owners of the parent / Basic number of shares at the balance sheet date
Cash flow from operating activities/share * Indicators for return on capital have been annualised.	Cash flow from operating activities / Average number of shares



Reconciliation of performance indicators to IFRS financial statements

€ million	1-3/ 2020	1-12/ 2020	1-3/ 2021
Items affecting comparability			
Gains on disposal	6.4	9.8	0.5
Losses on disposal	-0.0	-0.2	-0.0
Structural arrangements	-5.5	22.8	-0.9
Items in operating profit affecting comparability	0.8	32.4	-0.4
Items in financial items affecting comparability	-0.4	13.4	-
Items in income taxes affecting comparability	1.1	4.1	-0.1
Total items affecting comparability	1.5	49.9	-0.5
Items in EBITDA affecting comparability	0.2	39.1	-0.4
Operating profit, comparable			
Operating profit	65.9	600.2	115.7
Net of			
Items in operating profit affecting comparability	0.8	32.4	-0.4
Operating profit, comparable	65.1	567.8	116.2
EBITDA			
Operating profit	65.9	600.2	115.7
Plus			
Depreciation and impairment charges	40.9	170.2	41.0
Depreciation and impairment charges for right-of-use assets	83.9	325.8	76.6
EBITDA	190.7	1,096.2	233.3
EBITDA excluding the impact of IFRS 16			
EBITDA	190.7	1,096.2	233.3
Net of			
Rents for right-of-use assets	-105.3	-408.0	-96.7
EBITDA excluding the impact of IFRS 16	85.4	680.7	136.6
Profit before tax, comparable			
Profit before tax	33.1	527.6	99.2
Net of			
Items in operating profit affecting comparability	0.8	32.4	-0.4
Items in financial items affecting comparability	-0.4	13.4	-
Profit before tax, comparable	32.7	481.9	99.6
Net profit, comparable			
Profit before tax, comparable	32.7	481.9	99.6
Net of			
Income tax	6.4	92.3	20.8
Items in income tax affecting comparability	1.1	4.1	-0.1



Net profit, comparable	25.2	385.5	78.8
Net profit attributable to owners of the parent, comparable			
Net profit, comparable	25.2	385.5	78.8
Net of			
Net profit attributable to non-controlling interests	-8.0	2.0	-
Net profit attributable to owners of the parent, comparable	33.1	383.5	78.8
Earnings per share, comparable, €			
Net profit attributable to the owners of the parent, comparable	33.1	383.5	78.8
Average number of shares, basic, 1,000 pcs	396,432	396,661	396,785
Earnings per share, comparable, €	0.08	0.97	0.20
Return on capital employed, %			
Operating profit	65.9	600.2	115.7
Capital employed, average	5,015.1	4,718.5	4,550.6
Return on capital employed, %	5.3	12.7	10.2
Return on capital employed, comparable, %			
Operating profit, comparable	65.1	567.8	116.2
Capital employed, average	5,015.1	4,718.5	4,550.6
Return on capital employed, comparable, %	5.2	12.0	10.2
Return on equity, %			
Net profit	26.6	435.3	78.4
Equity, average	2,115.4	2,165.0	2,242.3
Return on equity, %	5.0	20.1	14.0
Return on equity, comparable, %			
Net profit, comparable	25.2	385.5	78.8
Equity, average	2,115.4	2,165.0	2,242.3
Return on equity, comparable, %	4.8	17.8	14.1
Equity ratio, %			
Shareholders' equity	2,090.0	2,189.3	2,295.4
Total assets	6,987.8	6,641.9	6,788.4
Advances received	28.5	32.8	35.4
Equity ratio, %	30.0	33.1	34.0



K Group's retail and B2B sales, VAT 0% (preliminary data)

Kesko and K-retailers together form K Group. The table below depicts K Group's retail and B2B sales by chain, comprising the combined retail and B2B sales of Kesko's own retailing and B2B trade and retailer-owned chain stores.

	1.131.3.2021		
K Group's retail and B2B sales	€ million	Change, $\%^*$)	
K Group's grocery trade			
K-Citymarket, food	483.2	11.2	
K-Citymarket, non-food	132.5	7.6	
K-Supermarket	534.2	3.5	
K-Market	470.0	3.8	
Neste K	25.5	-12.8	
Others	9.7	6.1	
Retail sales, total	1,655.1	5.8	
Kespro	163.4	-22.5	
Grocery trade, total	1,818.5	2.4	
K Group's building and technical trade			
K-Rauta, Finland	210.4	1.4	
K-Rauta B2B Service, Finland	56.0	-8.5	
Onninen, Finland	228.3	2.1	
Leisure trade, Finland	77.1	47.3	
Finland, total	571.8	5.0	
K-Rauta, Sweden	37.5	16.9	
K-Bygg, Sweden	56.1	22.2	
Onninen and Mark & Infra i Sverige, Sweden	21.2	-21.2	
Byggmakker, Norway	163.5	12.5	
Onninen, Norway	71.9	15.3	
Onninen, Baltic countries	18.5	-1.2	
Onninen, Poland	61.7	8.4	
Other countries, total	430.4	10.9	
Kesko Senukai	183.0	-0.5	
Building and technical trade, total	1,185.2	6.1	
K Group's car trade			
K-Caara	181.3	19.0	
K-Auto, import	70.9	11.3	
AutoCarrera	12.3	14.1	
Car trade, total	264.4	16.6	
Finland, total	2,654.8	4.2	
Other countries, total	613.4	7.2	
Retail and B2B sales, total	3,268.2	4.8	

^{*)} The Change, % compared to the year before has been calculated to illustrate a situation in which the divestment of the Baltic machinery trade operations completed in March 2020, and the acquisition of Mark & Infra i Sverige AB completed in April 2020, and the acquisitions of Carlsen Fritzøe Handel AS and Bygg & Interiör completed in September 2020, had been completed on 1 January 2020.