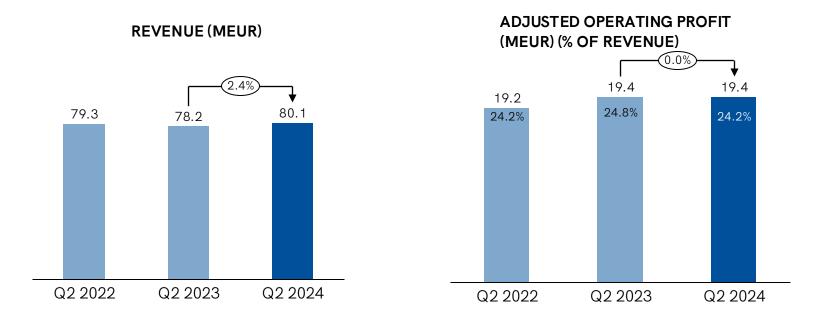
## ALMA MEDIA'S HALF-YEAR REPORT 2024:

Q2: Revenue up by 2.4%, supported by acquisitions. Adjusted operating profit on par with the comparison period.

## Q2 2024 Highlights



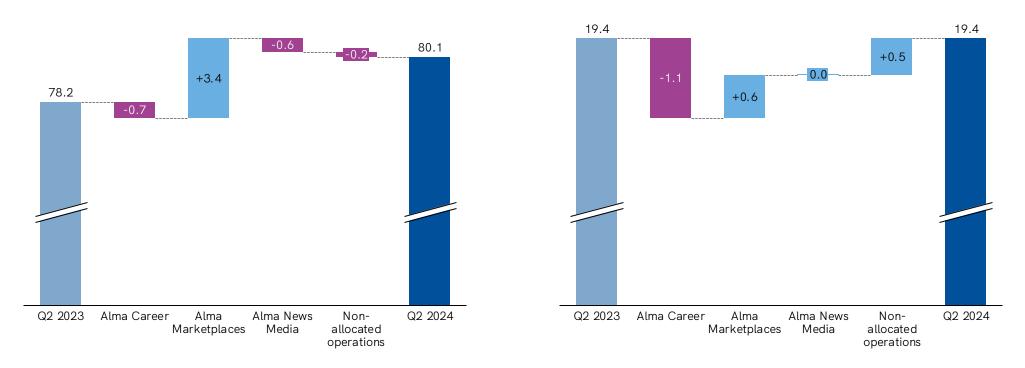
# Revenue grew by 2.4%, adjusted operating profit on par with the comparison period



- Solid performance despite headwinds and subdued market environment.
- Revenue grew to MEUR 80, weakened koruna affecting MEUR -0.8 and the acquisitions contributing MEUR 2.5.
- Adjusted operating profit maintained at MEUR 19 with 24.2% margin.
- The share of digital business went up to 84.4% of total revenue.
- Healthy balance sheet: leverage (rolling 12 month) at 1.9 and equity ratio at 44.3%.

# Revenue improved due to acquisitions. Weakened koruna and the market conditions curbed the growth

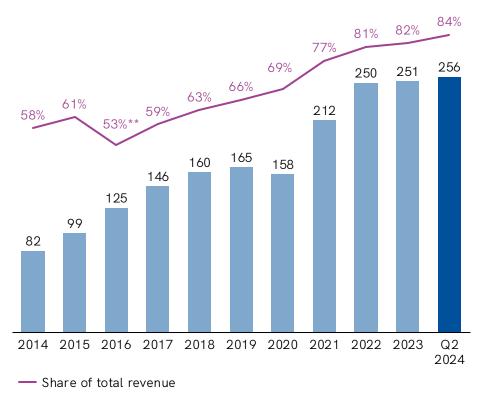
ADJUSTED OPERATING PROFIT Q2 2024 (MEUR)



#### **REVENUE Q2 2024 (MEUR)**

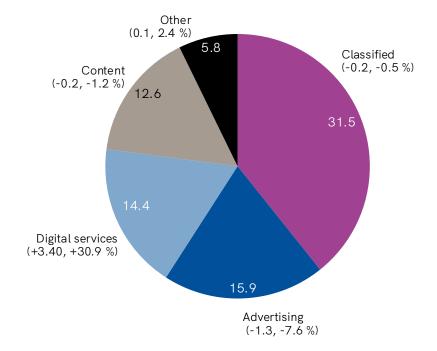
### Share of digital business continued to grow

#### SHARE OF DIGITAL BUSINESS OF GROUP REVENUE\*



Revenue from digital business (Q2/24 rolling 12 month)

#### REVENUE BY REVENUE CLASSES (MEUR) (REVENUE CHANGE IN BRACKETS)



## DEVELOPMENT BY BUSINESS SEGMENTS

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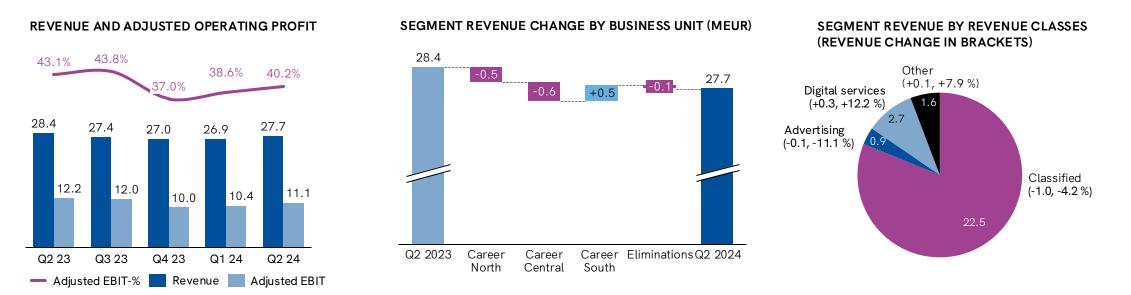
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# New business segments

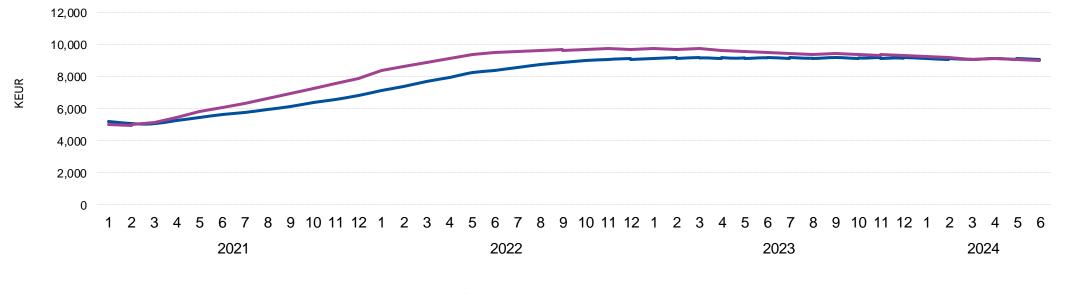
ALMA CAREER Vesa-Pekka Kirsi		ALMA MARI Santtu	KETPLACES Elsinen	ALMA NEWS MEDIA Juha-Petri Loimovuori		
Leading Job boards in 11 CEE countries. Recruitment advertising, EB, career development and staffing.		Leading marketplaces in real estate, mobility and business premises. Comparison services and B2B services.		Leading digital news media in the Finnish market. Pioneer in paid digital content and a leader in digital advertising.		
Revenue MEUR 27.7	Adj. EBIT MEUR 11.1	Revenue MEUR 25.1	Adj. EBIT MEUR 7.1	Revenue MEUR 27.2	Adj. EBIT MEUR 3.8	
Adj. EBIT margin <b>40.2%</b>	Digital <b>98.3%</b>	Adj. EBIT margin <b>28.4%</b>	Digital <b>96.3%</b>	Adj. EBIT margin <b>14.1%</b>	Digital <b>59.8%</b>	

# Alma Career: In local currencies, revenue on par with the comparison period in Q2



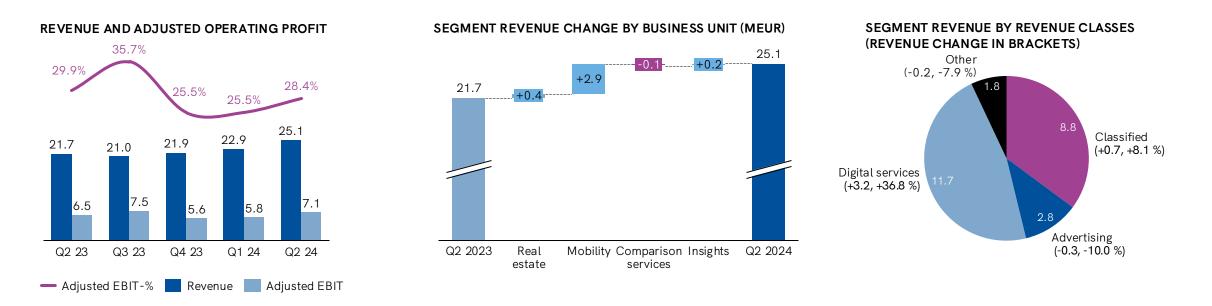
- In Slovakia and Croatia, dynamic recruitment market was driven by employee activity, competition for skilled labour and low unemployment rates. In Czechia, business ran moderately well, but the weakened currency affected revenue (MEUR -0.8).
- Finland and Baltics continued to struggle with weak macro-economic conditions.
- Investments in product development continued and Career United proceeded to deepen internal cooperation and improve productivity.
- Business development:
  - Revenue down by 2.5% to MEUR 28.
  - EBIT declined by 9% to MEUR 11.
  - o Business momentum continue to vary like a Finnish summer weather: cool in North, moderate in Central, warm in South.

### Invoicing & revenue recognition in Alma Career, rolling 12 months



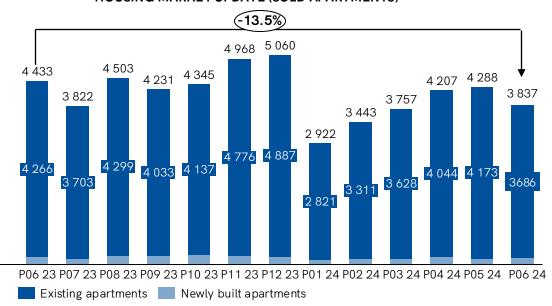
<b>KPIs</b> (monthly averages in thousands)	4-6/ 2024	4-6/ 2023	1-6/ 2024	1-6/ 2023	1-12/2023
Unique visitors	5,823	6,028	6,299	6,464	6,105
Users with job alerts	1,951	1,990	1,939	1,971	2,012
Number of paid job ads	104	110	104	112	103

## Alma Marketplaces: Supported by acquisitions, revenue increased by 15.3%. The housing market still subdued in Q2



- Higher profitability despite the pressure from the decline in advertising sales and increased costs in product development.
- The impact of acquisitions to revenue was MEUR 2.5.
- Investments particularly focused on service development.
- Business development:
  - Revenue up by 15.3% to MEUR 25 in Q2.
  - Adjusted operating profit up by 9.7% to MEUR 7 in Q2.
  - o Solid demand in mobility, Netwheels had a jump start in the segment.
  - High growth in business premises marketplaces continued particularly in Sweden.

## Housing market & marketplaces update



#### HOUSING MARKET UPDATE (SOLD APARTMENTS)

#### COMMENTS:

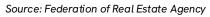
• The figures below include the housing market services: Etuovi and Vuokraovi

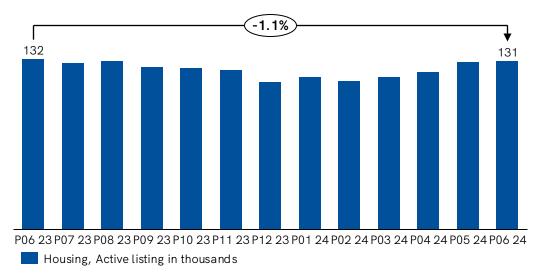
#### Market highlights

• Trade in second-hand dwellings decreased Jan – June 5.4% (y-on-y).

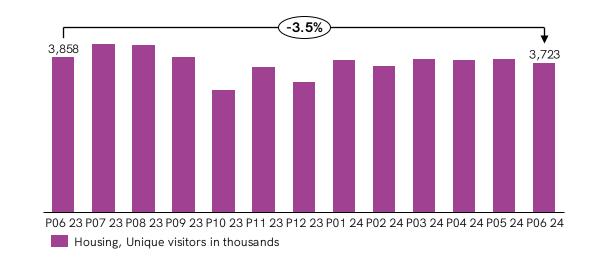
#### Alma Housing Marketplaces highlights

• Active listings on par and unique visitors 3.5% below in June (y-on-y).

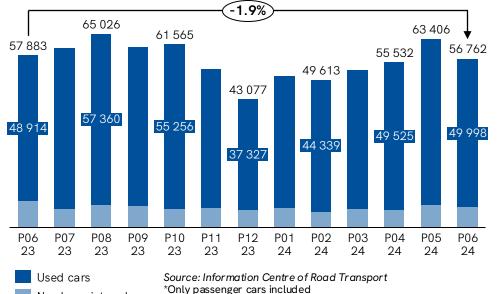




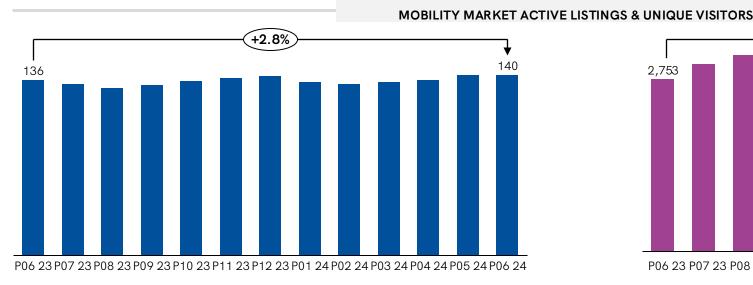
#### HOUSING MARKETPLACES: ACTIVE LISTINGS & UNIQUE VISITORS



### Mobility market & marketplaces update 2024



Newly registered cars



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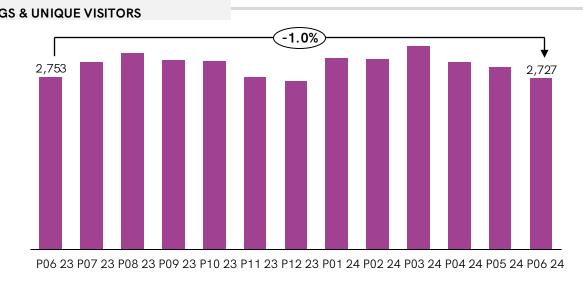
• The marketplaces' figures below include the mobility market services: Autotalli and Nettiauto

#### Market highlights

- New first registrations of passenger cars in Finland fell in H1 16.5% y-on-y.
- Sales of used passenger cars increased 6% in car dealerships in H1.

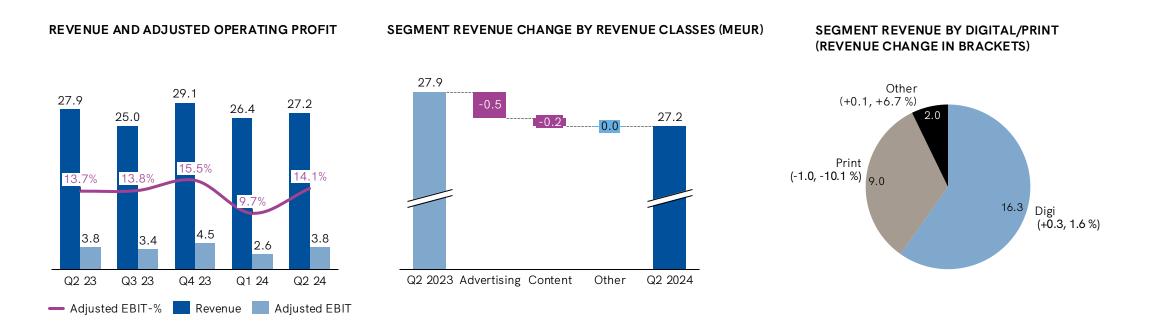
#### Alma Mobility Marketplaces highlights

- The number of visitors to the car marketplaces and interest in car trading grew.
- The demand for used car was active, supply below the long-term averages.
- The average number of monthly visitors slightly below and the active listings above the previous year's levels.



Mobility, Unique visitors in thousands

# Alma News Media: Revenue and profits close to the comparison period in Q2



- The Segment's revenue down by 2.2% to MEUR 27.
- Adjusted operating profit on par with the comparison level MEUR 3.8.
- Digital content sales up by 13.4%.
- High demand for journalism continued, IL Plus subscriptions to 52.4K.
- Cost savings were achieved especially in printing, distribution and content production procurements.

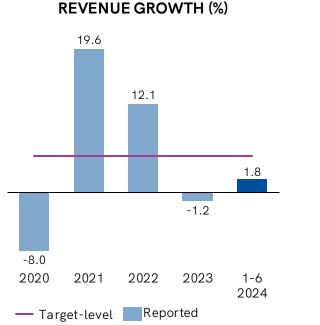
## SOLID FINANCIAL POSITION

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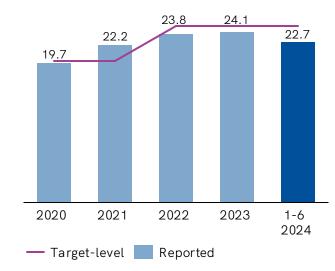
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## Alma Media's long-term financial targets<sup>\*</sup>

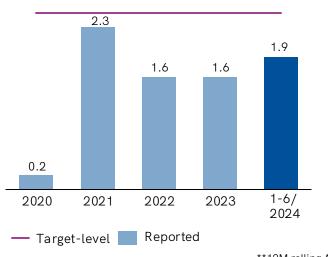
\* https://www.almamedia.fi/en/newsroom/



#### ADJUSTED OPERATING PROFIT (%)



#### **NET DEBT/EBITDA RATIO\*\***



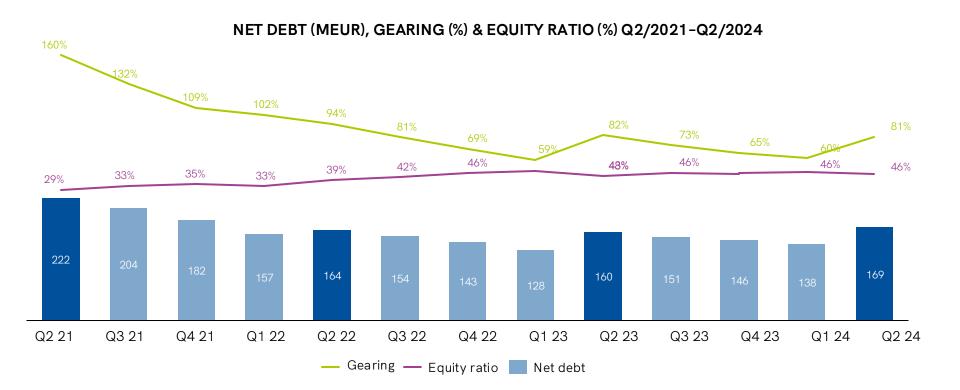
\*\*12M rolling Adj. EBITDA

FINANCIAL TARGET	LONG-TERM TARGET LEVEL	PERFORMANCE 1-6/2024
Revenue growth, %	> 5%	1.8 %
Adjusted operating margin, %	> 25%	22.7%
Net Debt/EBITDA ratio	< 2.5	1.9

Note: Dividend target is not included in Long-Term Financial Targets, though it is disclosed separately in Alma Media's dividend policy.

However, Alma Media has not changed the target: Payout ratio > 50 % \* EPS.

### **Balanced financial position**



- In Q2, no new financing loans were raised.
- In Q2, loan repayments were related to the repayments of finance lease debts.
- Average interest rate was 3.9% (3.2%) in Q2.

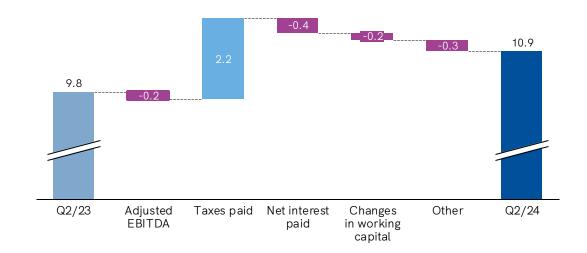
INTEREST-BEARING NET DEBT, MEUR	06/2024	12/2023
IFRS16 leasing liabilities	36.5	38.1
Loans from financial institutions	160.0	160.0
Commercial papers	0.0	0.0
Cash and cash equivalents	28.0	52.4
Interest-bearing net debt	168.5	145.7

### Solid cash flow



**OPERATING CASH FLOW (MEUR)** 

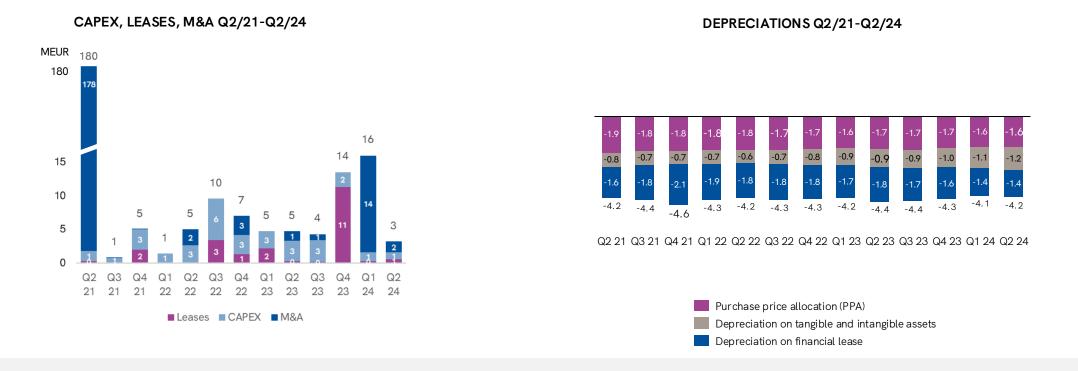
#### **OPERATING CASH FLOW BRIDGE Q2/23-Q2/24**



- Cash flow from operating activities was MEUR 10.9 (9.8) in Q2.
- Cash flow from operating activities increased due to lower taxes paid, slightly offsetting higher interests paid and increase in net working capital.
- After investments, cash flow before financing was MEUR 8.3 (5.8) in Q2.

## **Investments totalling MEUR 3**

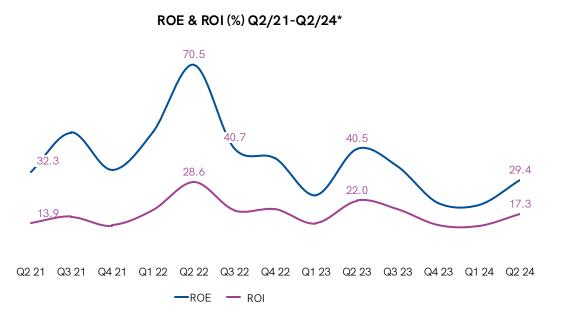
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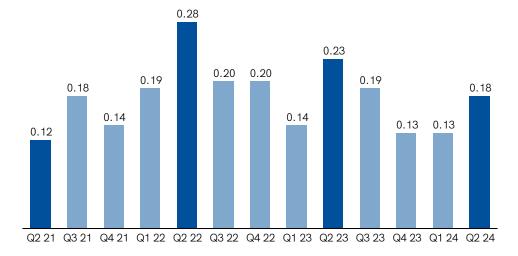
- In January 2024, Alma Media purchased the automotive industry software company Netwheels Oy to strengthen its car and transport services offering to corporate customers. Netwheels Oy provides software as a service (SaaS) to automotive industry.
- In April 2024, Alma Media increased its ownership in Suomen Tunnistetieto Oy to 75% from 51%.
- Capex to support the strategy to develop digital industry solutions and expand our services in customer's value-chain, focus was on investments to Mobility services.

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## Earnings per share and dividends



#### EARNINGS PER SHARE Q2/21-Q2/24





- Earnings per share: 0.18 (0.23) EUR in Q2
- Adjusted items: MEUR -0.2 (0.5) in Q2
- In Q2 2023, Earnings per share were improved by a change of MEUR 4.0 in the fair value of contingent consideration liabilities recognised in financial items.
- Higher interest expenses: MEUR 2.3 (1.4).

# OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

## European Commission financial forecast for Alma's operating

**countries.** Latest Alma Media operating countries' updates

	GDP change (%)		Inflation (%)		Unemployment (%)	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Bosnia & Herz	2.3	2.6	2.8	2.4	12.8	12.2
Croatia	3.3	2.9	3.5	2.2	5.8	5.6
Czechia	1.2	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.8	2.9
Estonia	-0.5	3.1	3.4	2.1	7.4	6.9
Finland	0.0	1.4	1.4	2.1	7.4	7.2
Latvia	1.7	2.6	1.6	2.0	6.5	6.3
Lithuania	2.0	2.9	1.9	1.8	7.0	6.9
N. Macedonia	2.9	3.0	3.0	1.9	12.9	12.8
Poland	2.8	3.4	4.3	4.2	3.0	2.9
Slovakia	2.2	2.9	3.1	3.6	5.4	5.2
Slovenia	2.3	2.6	2.8	2.4	3.7	3.6
Sweden	0.2	2.1	2.0	1.9	8.4	8.2

Source: European Economic Forecast, European Commission, May 15 2024

## Challenging operating environment

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Lagging economic growth

Subdued growth in many operating countries. Inflation and high interest rates weakening the consumer purchasing power. Long-term structural challenges persist in Finland.



# Changing consumer behaviour

Digitalisation continues to change consumer behaviour. Expectations of ease of use, time-saving and secure digital experience and ecommerce growth continue.



Increasing regulation

Digital legislation increasing. Growing popularity of digital services surging the amount of data used. Data privacy and consumer protection key issues for companies.



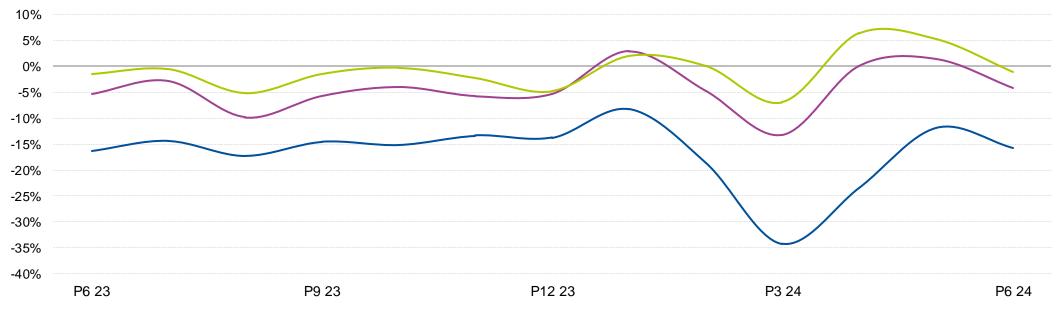
#### Geopolitical turbulence

Geopolitical tensions elevated. Uncertainty of political and economic development high and forecasting difficult.

## The Finnish advertising market update

#### MONTHLY CHANGE IN MEDIA ADVERTISING 6/2023-6/2024

Source: Kantar TNS



## STRATEGY AND OUTLOOK

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## Strong market positions and leading brands in key areas

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<b>REVENUE SPLIT</b>	CLASSIFIED 39	9 %			and the second
Q2 2024:	ADVERTISING 20% DIGITAL SERVICES 18 % CONTENT 16%				
	OTHER 7%				

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## Alma Media strategy



- Continue to diversify from media to marketplaces and digital services
- Develop marketplaces towards advanced digital platforms
- Maximise group synergies through efficient co-operation

#### **GROW IN DIGITAL**

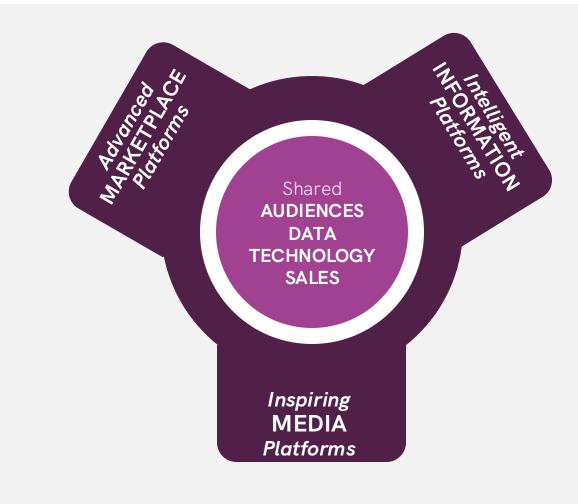
- Diversify and develop new revenue streams in current service areas
- Expand in value chains to new business areas with synergy benefits

#### INTERNATIONALISE

- Expand recruitment businesses to new geographies
- Grow new services to our platforms in current geographical areas

## Alma Media Strategy

Synergy creation



Alma Media concentrates on recruitment, housing and commercial property, mobility, media and information services with synergies:

- By utilising the reach of media platforms, directing user traffic and commercialising the user data for growing high ARPU/ARPA services.
- By developing seamless user experiences within different services.
- By utilising group synergy with shared sales and digital marketing, systems and development.
- By strengthening co-operation between and within business segments to further develop market leading offering on platforms.

## From classified advertising to transactions

Entering larger potential market and enabling new revenue sources

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We further develop and complement our product portfolio to cover the entire digital buying and selling process. We help to streamline our partners' customer management and sales in digital environment.

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We develop new features and new products based on AI supported data, and complement our portfolio through M&A.

## **Outlook For 2024**

Announced on 16 February 2024 (unchanged)

Alma Media expects its full-year revenue and adjusted operating profit of 2024 to remain at the 2023 level.

The full-year revenue for 2023 was MEUR 304.9 and the adjusted operating profit was MEUR 73.6.

#### Background for the outlook



The outlook is based on an estimate that there will be no material changes to the prevailing situation in the company's main market areas. In our operating countries, forecasts for national economies were revised downwards due to weak development in early 2024, which is also reflected in the development of the recruitment market. In Finland, demand and employment are expected to decline and there is still uncertainty in advertising.

Acquisitions increase the company's turnover and operating profit.





The decentralisation of the Group's business both geographically to several markets and different business areas, as well as determined management of costs, will stabilise the company's outlook even in challenging market conditions.

## **Thank You!** Questions?

Upcoming events in the investor calendar:

• Friday, 18 October 2024: Interim report for January-September 2024

