

# CAPITAL MARKETS DAY

2025

# AGENDA

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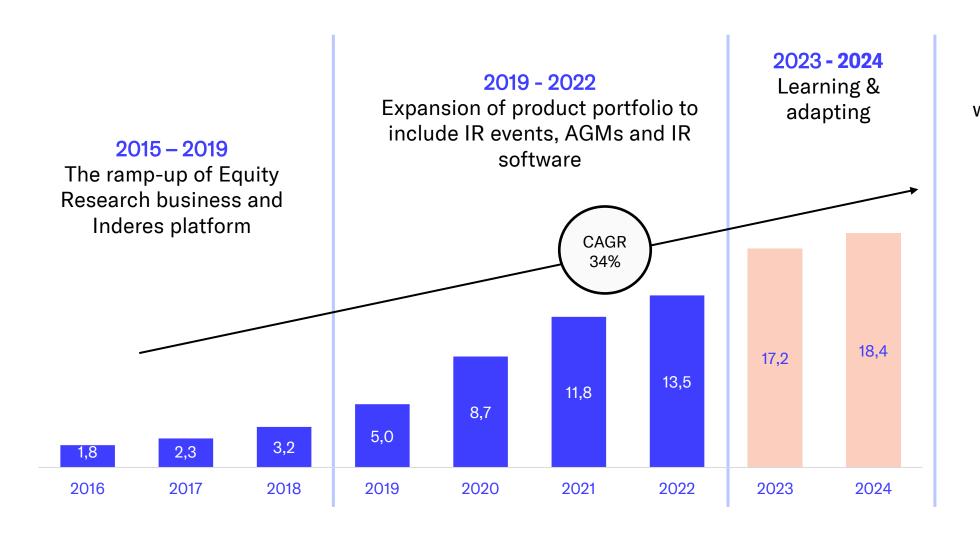
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# STRATEGY UP DATE

BUILDING THE MOST INVESTOR-MINDED COMPANY IN FINANCE



# Starting the next phase in Inderes' evolution



#### **2025 - 2030**

Gearing up for international growth with Research, Events and Software

# Since 2023 strategy update: execution and learnings



#### Execution

- Improving financials in a tough market
- Product portfolio stronger than ever
- Migration to a new tech platform
- Expanded distribution network
- Software business shift to commercial phase



#### Learnings

- Acquisition integration
- Go-to-market approach redefined
- Identified our niches in the market
- New structure: three business units
- We must reinvent ourselves again



# Strategy based on three business units

**Inderes 2024** 

**Inderes 2030 ambition** 

**RESEARCH** 

7,2m (+3 %)

**EVENTS** 

8,6m(+4 %)

**SOFTWARE** 

2,4m (+40 %)

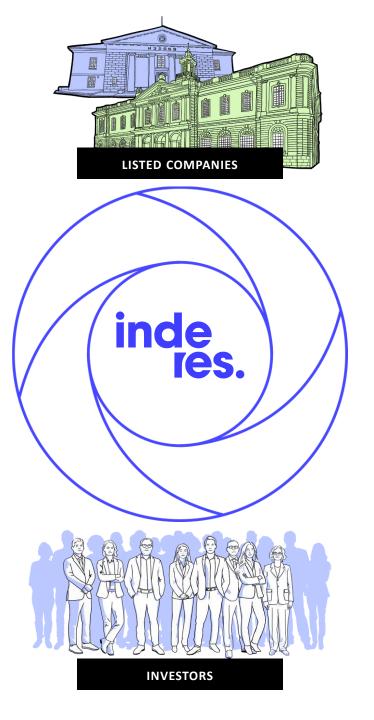
Most influential Nordic equity research team

Leading Nordic IR-focused events agency

Strong international software business

### **INVESTOR PROBLEM:**

What information can I trust?



# The customer problems we solve are clear

- Liquidity. Companies must invest in investor communications and retail investors.
- Analyst coverage. Nearly 80% of small and medium-sized listed companies lack analyst coverage in the EU.
- Digital channels. IR moves from the cabinets to digital channels.
- Increasing complexity and costs. Life as a listed company must be made simpler.





# We have identified a clear need for strong investor relations (IR) focused player

Investment banking

**Investor relations** 

Generalists

NO-GO ZONE = No unique advantages, partner STRATEGIC FOCUS = Democratize financial information

NO-GO ZONE = No unique advantages, partner

# The Inderes recipe: combining three core elements in our products



#### **Expertise**

We know investors and investor relations



#### **Platform**

Offering integrated to one platform



#### Reach

Unique reach to the 100 % IR target audience

# Key obstacles to overcome in the strategy



Transformation to international culture



Building international brand awareness



Finding right go-tomarket models

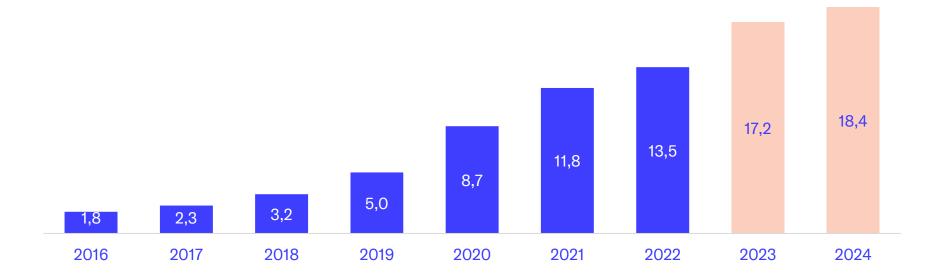


Pushing change in a conservative industry



# For the next phase, Inderes has

- Excellent team
- Clear critical focus areas
- Clear competitive advantages in selected segment
- Clear need in the market for our products
- Proven business model and products

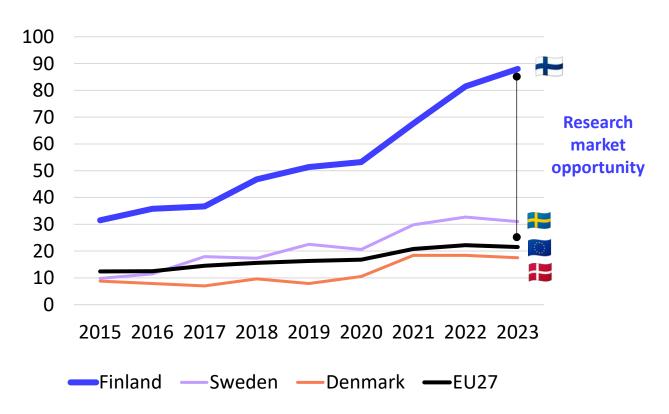


# RESEARCH STRATEGY



# Clear market opportunity in bringing research to all investors and all companies

### Share of listed SMEs with analyst coverage, 2023, % of companies



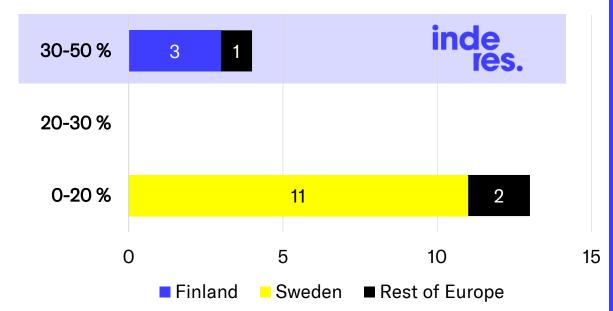
#### IR can no longer ignore retail

- Investment-banking driven research industry remains exclusive for big companies and big investors
- Retail investing is on the rise with easy access brokerage and popularity of investing
- Online retail investor communities have increasing weight on share price and liquidity
- Misinformation can easily spread among investors through social media and AI tool adoption, risking companies to losing control of their equity story

# Two realities: Marketing and Independent research

Most research houses rarely have negative views\* on customer companies

Research providers grouped by % of negative views in their public coverage, grouping by main market, # of research providers



Source: Inderes, Company websites (2024). Data based on full coverage or sample of 15 companies. Negative view interpreted directly from recommendation (Hold/Reduce/Sell), or indirectly from fair value estimate compared to share price, or from the lack of any valuation view. Includes only publicly available research, which is by and large commissioned by the covered company.

If an analyst seems to avoid negative views, why would investors trust their positive views?

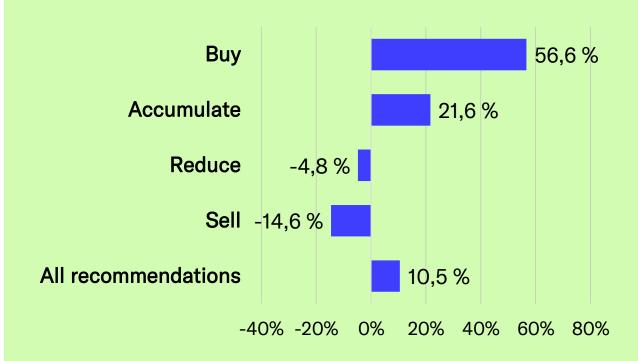
And if investors don't trust the research, how much impact can it have for companies?

# Inderes takes the credit rating approach to Research

- Research providers compete for the trust of investors - the most trusted provider can deliver most value to listed companies.
- Inderes is built on this approach and was named after it. We will always rather lose customers than our independence.
- Inderes' research model has been proven to work in Finland (>70 % coverage in the market).
- Credit Rating industry has worked with the same principles for decades.

#### Source: Inderes.

# Inderes recommendation returns\* 1.1.2013-31.12.2024, annualized return-% (CAGR)



<sup>\*</sup>Returns including share price change and dividends. Portfolio created with equal weight of stocks with the chosen recommendation(s) with daily rebalancing. Full study and used recommendation data is available on inderes.fi/en/articles (Published April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

# Why Customers Choose Inderes Research



#### **Expertise**

- Passionate and ambitious equity research team
- Active and engaging content production



#### **Platform**

 Modern interface for investors to consume research content



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#### Reach

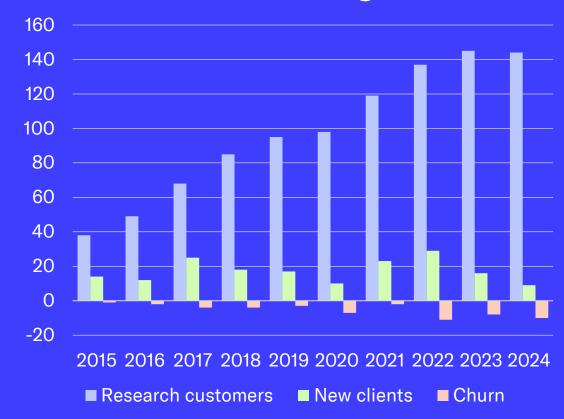
- Inderes community
- Social media
- Global distribution network



# Clear value creation opportunity to grow Research business internationally

- Recurring business model with sticky customer relationships at scale, churn primarily from delistings
- Moat from network effects and scale benefits
- Proven research concept providing value to both investors and listed companies
- More investment information democratized with business growth

# Companies in Inderes commissioned research coverage, #



### Inderes Research is on a march to become international

#### Recap 2022-2024



Market penetration in Finland matures (>70 %): more significant growth room only available internationally



**Sweden market entry -** testing ground to develop a scalable market open approach



**Tech upgrade** of legacy investor platform (inderes.fi)

#### Strategy focus for 2025->



Convert local network effects to cross-border: break content & community language barriers



Solve growth bottlenecks in Sweden: stable investments before growth recipe is found, brand awareness a clear identified obstacle



**Research product upgrade**: PDF → Online, embed AI to processes

### **Ambition 2030**

Build the most influential Nordic equity research team in terms of coverage and investor reach



# EMERITS STRATEGY



# Why are events becoming more important in IR?

#### 1. Regulation

ESMA and local supervisors pushing for equal treatment of all investors

#### 2. Transparency

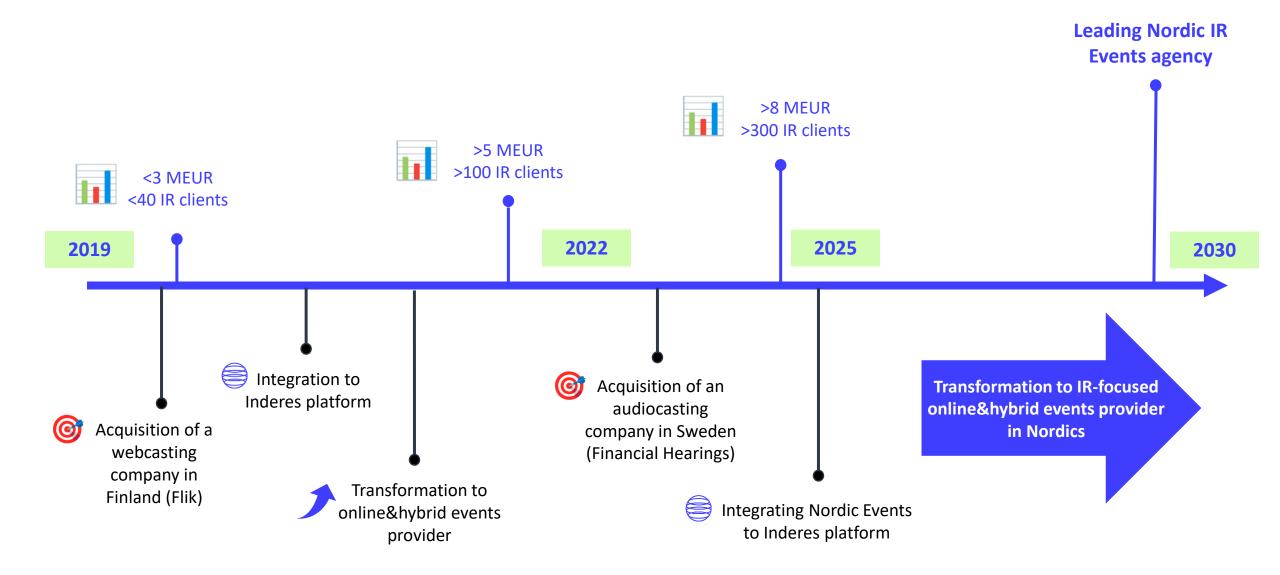
Events are a powerful tool for transparent and real-time communication in IR, valued by the investors

#### 3. Trust

Investors seek for trusted sources to pick the signal from the increasing noise



### Building the Leading IR-focused Online & Hybrid Events Agency



### Why customers choose Inderes Events



#### **Expertise**

- Strong experience in IR and online & hybrid productions
- Trusted partner for complex productions
- From analyst calls to large scale AGM productions



#### **Platform**

- Videosync is built for IR
- Security, data & versatility





- Inderes platforms and community
- Distribution to global platforms and local media





# Inderes Events: scaling the proven model in Nordics

#### Recap 2022-2024



Strengthened market position in Finland: the trusted supplier for most complex productions, NPS>90





Automate: shift to remote and self-service models to enable lower price points



Sweden acquisitions: renewing operation and pushing through a challenging integration process



Trust: become the trusted supplier in most demanding event productions in the Nordics



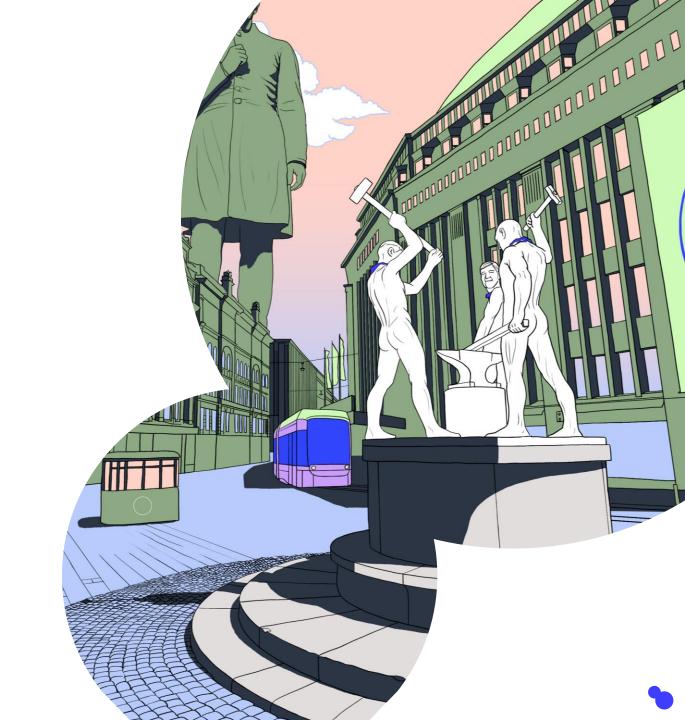
Adapting to post-covid: increasing production value by transforming to an online&hybrid event provider



Higher value: new content formats, Al features, integration to IR Suite, more distribution

# **Ambition 2030**

Build the leading Nordic IR-focused Events agency



# SOFTME STRATEGY

# Role of software in the life of our target client

**Regulatory requirements** 



**Doing good IR** 

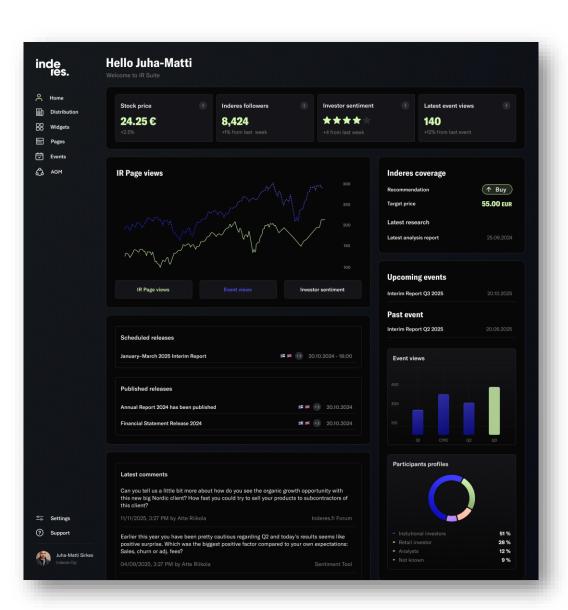
Managing list of various suppliers for each point solution



# IR Suite: all Inderes products brought together

# Run your core IR operations on one interface

- One supplier
- Simplicity
- Automation
- Cost saving
- Data integrated to one platform



# Why customers choose Inderes Software



#### **Expertise**

- Software build by IR and investing professionals
- Customer support by IR professionals



#### **Platform**

- Software integrated to IR
   Suite
- Integration to otherInderes products

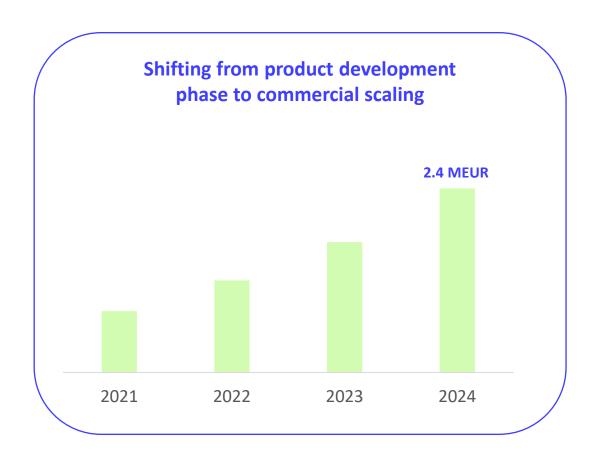


#### Reach

- Close dialogue with Inderes community
- Distribution network



# Scaling a software business from scratch



- 120+ clients in Finland using at least one product (AGM, IR tools, Videosync)
- Successful product pilots and first clients in Sweden and Denmark
- Major European partner for Videosync in 2024
- Serving hundreds of listed companies through partner channel in Europe

# Go-to-market strategy



Sales-led

Inderes' 400+ listed company client base

Own outbound sales force in Finland

Selected target markets in Europe

Product-led

 Digital inbound for self-service version of selected products

Partner channel

 5+ channel partners across Europe with Videosync, reaching thousands of listed companies

Strong partnership in Denmark with HCA

# Next phase for Inderes Software

Recap 2022-2024





**R&D:** Building the offering in close dialogue with clients



**R&D:** Speed up R&D to create best products on the market



**International scale:** Pilots and initial breakthroughs in international markets



**Unified offering:** migrate Inderes clients to IR Suite



Commercial scaling: >100 clients in Finland, all products live on the market



Go-to-market: direct sales and partner channel

# **Ambition 2030**

Build a strong international software business



# HCANDERSEN CAPITAL

# INDERES & HCA PARTNERS SINCE 2022

#### INDERES/HC ANDERSEN CAPITAL PARTNERSHIP

- INDERES OWNS 20% OF HCA
- INDERES PLATFORM AND SHARED DISTRIBUTION FOR EVENTS/RESEARCH
- ALL EVENTS ON VIDEOSYNC PLATFORM
- STRONG SENSE OF PURPOSE AND BUSINESS MOMENTUM

#### **MUTUAL BUSINESS ALREADY ON THESE AREAS**

- AGM SERVICES
- INDERES IR SOFTWARE
- WEB
- IR EVENTS
- RESEARCH

#### 2025-2027

- ACCELERATION OF BUSINESS
- "ONE STOP SHOP FOR INVESTOR RELATIONS"
- "MAKE IT EASIER AND LESS EXPENSIVE TO BE LISTED"



**HC ANDERSEN** 

CAPITAL



# BREAK 5 MIN

# THE PRODUCT SHOW



# ICOUSTRY NEWS



# THE IRDERES PLATFORM



# Through Inderes platform, companies can access all investors at once

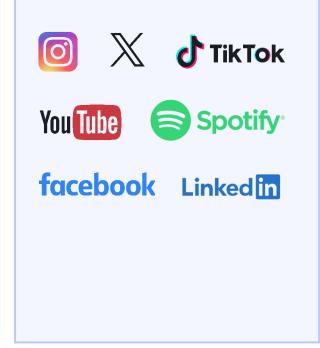
### **Inderes community**



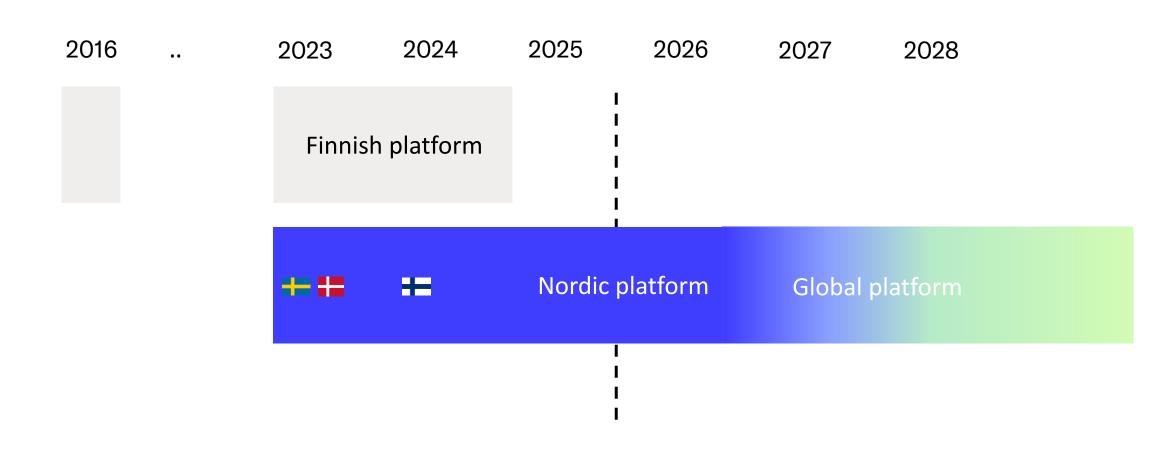
### **Distribution network**



### **Social media**

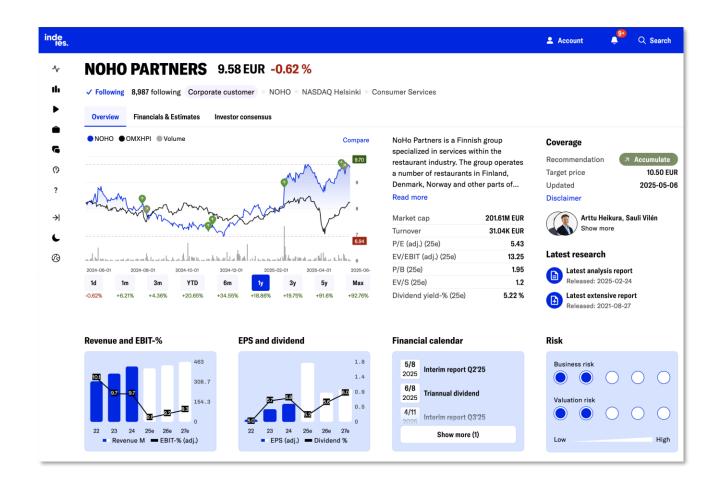


# From Finnish to Nordic, and next towards a multilingual global platform



# Building next generation global information platform for investors

- Home for global investor community:
   Discover, analyse, learn and discuss about investing and companies
- From PDFs to online research: Improved user experience, scalability and localisation
- Global multilingual forum:
   Active investor community beyond borders and language barriers
- High-quality investor experience:
   New content, visualisations and tools to support different investor groups



## More scalable and efficient Equity Research with Al

- Renewing research process with AI:
   Experiments in a Business Finland aided project
   to improve scalability and efficiency
- Al workflows & agents for analysts:
   Flexible human + Al collaboration on research process
- Exploring Al-powered localisation:
   Lower expansion barriers to new countries with cross-border network effects
- Value for investors, with minimal noise:
   A valuable platform for all investors, also in the future



PathPresenter utvecklar ett arbetsflödessystem för patologer som integrerar modeller från flera leverantörer av bildanalyslösningar (som Aiforia). Enligt pressmeddelandet

kommer Aiforias modeller att göras allmänt tillgängliga på PathPresenters plattform.

# COMMUNITY STRATEGY

THE MOST COMMUNITY-CENTRIC PLATFORM FOR INVESTORS IN THE UNIVERSE

**VERNERI PULKKINEN** 

## Community: What, Why and How

- WHAT: Community refers to active investors who engage with Inderes.
- WHY: We are a community where investors help investors. Reciprocal communication between analysts, companies, and investors is a unique, sticky concept. It helps us develop better products for listed companies.
- HOW: First, there is good content and great service. Investors love it. Thus a community is built around the service and our fans spread the gospel of intelligent, analysis bases stock picking around the universe. We don't do (much) traditional marketing, but rather a combination of entertaining investing content and content marketing.

## **Key figures 2024**





66 000 Active users **19 million**Page visits





**121 000** Forum posts

**5.3 million** Video views



# Community Building When Going International

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

- More locally relevant content, more engagement
- Prioritize media visibility and networking
- Focus first in Sweden
- Key challenge: brand awareness

#### **CROSS-BORDER**

- Leverage our most precious some asset, forum with localization to speed up internationalization
- More content in local languages with AI translations
- Key challenge: increasing international relevance of content & discussion

#### **FINLAND**

- Focus on more diverse content (3rd party etc.)
- More diverse audience (Femme etc.)
- Key challenge: bear market and diversifying content outside Helsinki stock market

MATURITY

# KESSLER SYNDROME IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA AND GENERATIVE AI

- The amount of investing content has exploded in recent years, and with the advent of generative AI, this explosion could lead to social media's "Kessler syndrome."
- We compete fiercely for investors' attention and time, against Netflix, Tiktok, family life, and other investing media.
- People could use more Al assistants, skipping Inderes in the process.
- We leverage Al as a tool, for example for editing and translations.
- We believe that the demand for an authentic, relatable, and trustworthy investing brand — or the need for social investing — won't change because of Al.

# PEGPLE & CULTURE

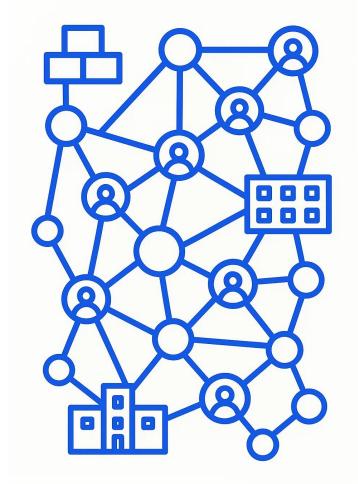
LEADING WITH DISCIPLINED ANARCHY

**TUULIKKI RAUTIAINEN** 

# Operating environment will become more unstable and unpredictable

## We develop disciplined anarchy as our organization model

- Decentralized decision making
- Co-lead teams
- High level of freedom and responsibility, guided by shared principles
- Evolutionary, changing structures
- Sense & respond in a rapidly changing environment
- Disciplined execution



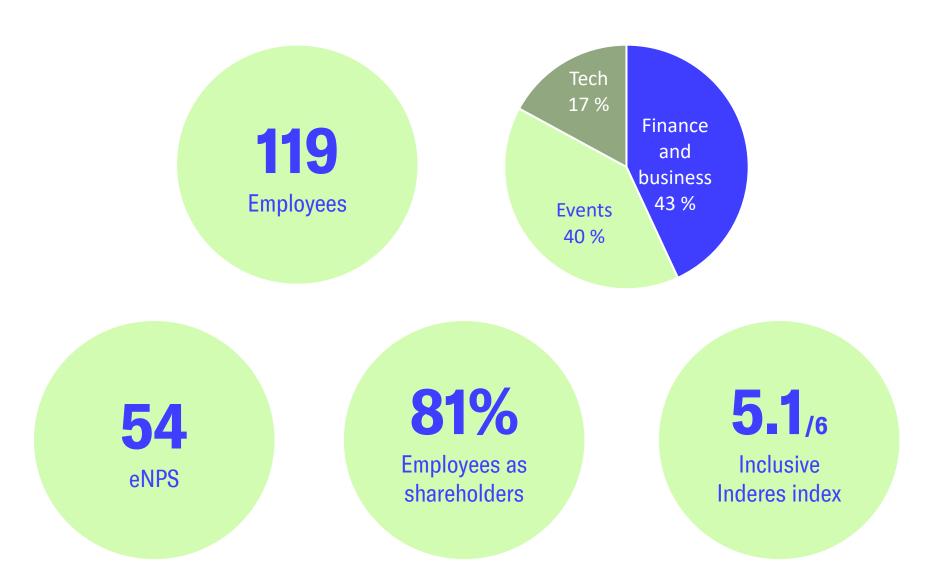
# Basic assumptions of our people

## Our people..

- are trustworthy professionals capable of making important decisions
- o take responsibility for their decisions
- want to make decisions that are positive for our organization



# Inderes people





# Key challenge: fast changing environment and culture transformation

### We have gotten ourselves into trouble:

- More products, more markets
- More software-based business
- Creating go-to-market recipes
- Al in an information heavy business
- Driving innovation in a conservative industry



### Mindset to tackle the challenge:

- Disciplined anarchy
- High ambition, high standards
- Excellent teams, ordinary people
- Serendipity

Inderes Playbook v4 launch 10.6.2025

"Despite the success, we are still good, humble people."

- Someone in the team about future dreams in our internal strategy survey

# 

**GENERATING SHAREHOLDER VALUE WITH DISCIPLINE** 

**MIKKO WARTIOVAARA** 

# During the past 5 years (2020-2024) we have...

## **OPERATIONS**





**70 MEUR**Generated revenue

**10 MEUR** 

Yielded operating cash flow before capex



14 % Average EBITA-%

## **CAPITAL ALLOCATION**





Invested in capex and M&A



9 MEUR

Returned to shareholders



-8 % gearing

Maintained strong balance sheet

## Strong recurring foundation

- Recurring revenue growth driven by Sweden,
   Software and steady development in Research
- Project revenue boosted by AGM product growth and Sweden Events
- During the strategy period we look for
  - Research and Software to drive recurring revenue growth, stronger subscription-based offerings for the IR segment
  - Grow project revenue in Events through stronger offering for larger productions and AGMs in Nordics





## International revenue

- International revenue driven by the acquisition in Q4/22
- Failed to grow the share of international revenue during last strategy period
  - Wrong go-to-market approach
  - Time consuming acquisition integrations
- New approach with go-to-market strategies for each business unit to seek growth
  - Events: primarily Sweden through expansion in the value chain
  - Research: primarily from penetration to Sweden
  - Software: Nordics and Europe through own sales and partners
- In Finland, Events and Research growth primarily driven by IPO activity, Software still has untapped potential



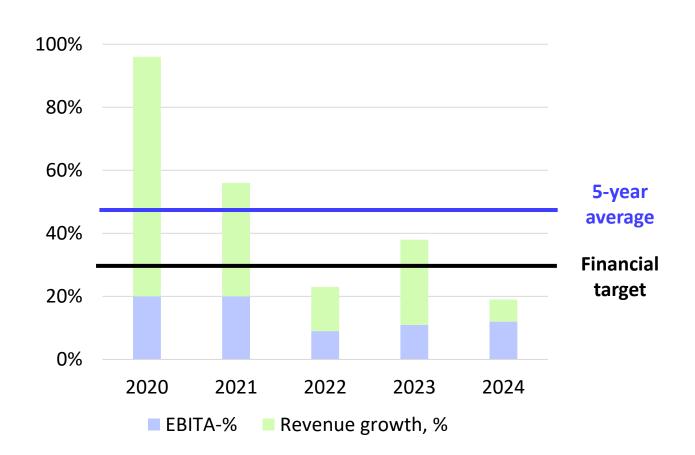
# All three businesses to stand financially on their own feet, growth primarily financed with operating cash flow

Business unit	Revenue 2024	EBITA-% 2024	Margin profile at mature stage	Strategy period 2025-2030
Research	7.2	22 %	>25 %	Increased investments in international scaling while maintaining strong profitability
Events	8.4	9 %	10-15 %	Growth strategy to be executed while maintaining good profitability
Software	2.4	-8 %	>25 %	Strong push to R&D and international growth, profitability scaling earliest at the end of strategy period

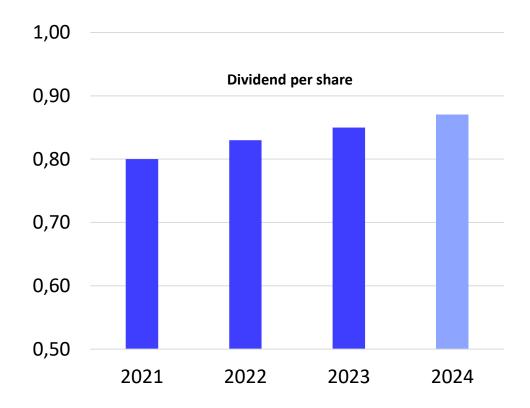


## Financial targets for the new strategy period

**Target 1: growth-% + EBITA-% >30%** 



Target 2: Annually increasing absolute payout, including dividends and share buybacks



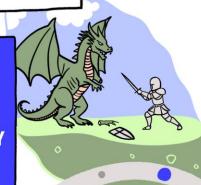
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TARGET MARCHING SPEED: GROWTH-% + EBITA-% > 30% INCREASING PAYOUT

INVESTORS
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**Investors** 



#### **MISSION**

To democratize financial information by connecting investors and listed companies.

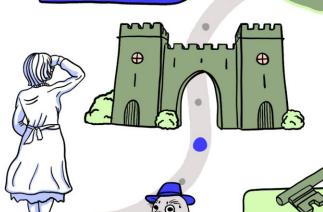
#### **SUPERPOWERS**

- 1. Expertise
- 2. Platform
- 3. Reach



#### CUSTOMER ROAD BLOCKS

- Poor liquidity
- Digital access to investors
- Lack of analyst coverage
- Increasing costs and complexity





- 1. Research
- 2. Events
- 3. Software



**VISION** 

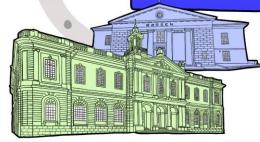
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