

# **Duell Corporation First Quarter 2025 Financial Report**

September-November 2024



This is not an interim report in accordance with IAS 34. The company complies with the semi-annual reports required by the Securities Markets Act and normally publishes business reports for the first three and first nine months of the year, which present key information describing the company's financial development. Unaudited financials presented below:

# Growth and improved profitability continued in the first quarter 2025

#### September-November 2024 "Q1 2025" (comparable figures in parenthesis 9/2023-11/2023):

- Net sales increased 4.7% to EUR 28.3 million (EUR 27.0 million), growth being fully organic. Net sales with comparable currencies increased 4.4%.
- Adjusted EBITA was EUR 0.7 million (EUR 0.3 million) with an adjusted EBITA margin of 2.4% (1.0%).
- Net working capital EUR 53.5 million (EUR 55.5 million).
- Cash flow from operating activities was EUR -4.8 million (EUR -7.0 million).
- Earnings per share was EUR -0.08 (EUR -0.06) (according to the number of shares at the end of the review period).

#### Guidance 2025 (unchanged)

Markets have somewhat stabilised, but consumer sentiment remains fragile due to uncertainties. Duell expects the demand over the next 12 months to be slightly better than the comparison period, but there may be variations between product categories. The industry in which Duell operates remains relatively fragmented, which provides long-term opportunities and favours the larger players, of which Duell is one. Therefore, our guidance for financial year 9/2024-8/2025 is, that:

- Duell expects that organic net sales with comparable currencies will be at the same level or higher than previous year.
- Duell will continue to focus on improving profitability and expects adjusted EBITA to improve from last year's level.

#### Medium-term financial targets (3-5 years) (Unchanged)

Growth: Net sales in the range of EUR 200-300 million in medium term, achieved through yearly growth organically and inorganically.

Profitability: adjusted EBITA margin of at least 13% in the medium-term.

Leverage: net debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio in the range of 2-3. Leverage may temporarily exceed the target range (for example, in conjunction with acquisitions).

#### **CEO Magnus Miemois:**

I am pleased with Duell's first quarter 2025 performance. The development during the quarter was good despite the late start of Nordic winter season. We increased our fully organic net sales by 4.7% to over 28 million euro and adjusted EBITA grew to 0.7 million euro. Both market areas; Nordics and Central Europe contributed to the growth with main product categories being ATV and Snowmobile, where Duell have a strong brand portfolio and market position. In October, we started change negotiations aimed at improving operational efficiency and achieving annual cost savings.

We also continued to improve our net working capital management with the goal to accelerate inventory turnaround and to reduce the inventory levels. Performance was positive on both counts. We have also significantly strengthened our financial position compared to the previous year, thanks to the rights issue that was completed in January 2024.

Key figures and ratios	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	FY 2024
EUR thousand	(9/2024- 11/2024)	(9/2023- 11/2023)	(9/2023- 08/2024)
Net sales	28,292	27,014	124,652
Net sales growth, %	4.7	4.9	4.9
Net sales growth with comparable currencies, %	4.4	7.4	5.7
Gross margin	7,057	6,456	30,339
Gross margin, %	24.9	23.9	24.3
EBITDA	810	-193	4,564
EBITDA margin, %	2.9	-0.7	3.7
Items affecting comparability, EBITDA	115	731	2,577
Adjusted EBITDA	925	538	7,141
Adjusted EBITDA margin, %	3.3	2.0	5.7
EBITA	557	-457	3,628
EBITA margin, %	2.0	-1.7	2.9
Adjusted EBITA	672	274	6,205
Adjusted EBITA margin, %	2.4	1.0	5.0
Operating profit	-141	-1,148	842
Operating profit margin, %	-0.5	-4.3	0.7
Earnings per share, basic, EUR*	-0.08	-0.06	-0.003
Earnings per share, diluted, EUR*	-0.08	-0.06	-0.003
Number of outstanding shares at the end of the period, basic**	5,160,574	30,545,474	1,038,546,116
Number of outstanding shares at the end of the period, diluted**	5,303,574	30,545,474	1,046,544,706
Investments in tangible and intangible assets excluding acquisitions	176	267	746
Net debt	24,721	45,177	19,563
Net working capital	53,509	55,456	48,323
Inventory, % of LTM*** net sales	38.4	43.3	36.1
Cashflow from operating activities	-4,794	-7,014	-912
Equity ratio, %	53.1	34.8	55.0

 $\ensuremath{^*}\xspace$  According to the number of shares at the end of the review period

\*\*The company does not report the average number of shares for the period due to the reverse split

\*\*\*LTM = Last twelve months

Operational key figures	Q1 2025 (9/2024- 11/2024)	Q1 2024 (9/2023- 11/2023)	FY 2024 (9/2023- 08/2024)
Number of brands	536	559	562
Share of own brand sales, % of total	21	22	18
Share of online sales, % of total	25	24	26
Share of sales in Nordics, % of total	54	56	53
Share of sales in Central Europe, % of total	46	44	47
Full-time equivalent employees, average	206	211	215

# Net sales

Duell's net sales increased 4.7% (4.9%) to EUR 28.3 million (EUR 27.0 million).

Net sales from Nordics amounted to 54% (56%), the Central Europe market area amounted to 46% (44%) of Duell's net sales.

The share of online channel sales of total net sales amounted to 25% (24%) for the financial year.

The share of own brand sales of the total net sales amounted to 21% (22%) in the financial year.

# Profitability

Duell's EBITA increased to EUR 0.6 million (EUR -0.5 million). Adjusted EBITA increased by 145.3% to EUR 0.7 million (EUR 0.3 million). Adjusted EBITA margin increased to 2.4% (1.0%).

#### Financial position and cash flow

Duell's consolidated balance sheet total on November 30, 2024, was EUR 96.1 million (EUR 101.4 million). The amount of consolidated goodwill in the balance sheet was EUR 18.5 million (EUR 21.0 million).

Duell's cash and cash equivalents amounted to EUR 5.5 million (EUR 5.7 million) and total interestbearing liabilities amounted to EUR 30.2 million (EUR 50.8 million) on November 30, 2024. Total interest-bearing liabilities comprise loans from financial institutions and utilisation of Revolving Credit Facility.

Duell's equity ratio was 53.1% (34.8%) on November 30, 2024, and the Group's return on equity was -0.8% (-5.4%). The equity ratio increased due to rights issue and decrease of net debt.

Duell's net cash flow from operating activities in Q1 2025 was EUR -4.8 million (EUR -7.0 million), an increase of EUR 2.2 million.

Duell's net debt was EUR 24.7 million on November 30, 2024, (EUR 45.2 million). Duell's net debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio for the last 12 months was 3.1 on November 30, 2024 (7.2). The covenants for loans from financial institutions relate to net debt to EBITDA (Leverage), level of EBITDA and the amount of net debt in proportion to equity (Gearing). The conditions for the covenants were met at the end of the review period.

#### Investments

Duell's net cash flow used in investing activities in Q1 2025 was EUR 0.2 million (EUR 0.3 million) a decrease of EUR 0.1 million. The investments were primarily attributable capital expenditure related to Duell's ecommerce platform.

### Personnel

Duell had an average of 206 (211) full-time equivalent (FTE) employees during the period, and at the end of the review period 206 (212). When calculating the average, the part-time nature of the employment relationship has also been considered. Out of the personnel employees 142 (141) are in the Nordic countries and employees 64 (70) in Central Europe.

#### Significant events during review period

Duell announced to start change negotiations on October 9, 2024, with the aim of improving operational efficiency by adapting operations and workloads to the current market situation. The aim of the efficiency measures, which will affect the Group's all 220 employees, is to achieve annual cost savings of approximately EUR 1 million, mainly in the financial year 2025. The total estimated need for reductions in the Duell Group is up to 20 positions.

Duell announced on October 9, 2024 that the Board of Directors proposed that the combination of shares would be implemented by issuing new shares in the company without consideration and by redeeming shares in the company without consideration so that after carrying out the arrangements under this proposal, each existing 200 shares in the company would correspond to one (1) share in the company.

Duell completed its share buy-back programme on 15 October 2024. The buybacks started on 5 August 2024. Under the buy-back programme, the company acquired 6,760,000 shares at an average price of EUR 0.0369. The shares were repurchased in public trading on the First North Growth Market Finland marketplace operated by Nasdaq Helsinki Ltd at the market price at the time of acquisition. After the buybacks, the company held a total of 6,760,000 shares, which corresponds to approximately 0.7% of the total number of 1,038,546,116 shares in Duell Corporation.

The Annual General Meeting held on November 20, 2024, resolved on the combination of shares, i.e., the reduction of the number of shares and related directed share issue and redemption of shares.

The Board of Directors of Duell Corporation has decided in the organisational meeting held on November 20, 2024, after Annual General Meeting that Anna Hyvönen is elected as the chair of the Board of Directors. Anu Ora is elected as the chair of the People and Remuneration Committee and Niko Mokkila and Anna Hyvönen as members of the People and Remuneration Committee. Kim Ignatius is elected as the chair of the Audit Committee and Axel Lindholm and Anna Hyvönen as members of the Audit Committee.

Duell announced on November 22, 2024, that it has executed a reverse split and a related directed share issue without consideration, redemption of shares and cancellation of shares. After these measures, the new number of shares in the Company is 5,194,374. The new number of shares has been registered with the Trade Register maintained by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office today, November 22, 2024, and trading with the new total number of shares in the Company commences on Monday November 25, 2024, with a new ISIN code FI4000582143. Duell's trading code DUELL will remain the same.

#### Significant events after review period

On 16 January 2025, Duell announced that it had completed the efficiency programme covering the entire Group and its entire workforce of approximately 220 employees, which was launched on October 15, 2024. As part of the programme, the company completed the change negotiations and related measures in the Finnish and Swedish companies. In the other Group country companies, the personnel changes have been implemented by, among other things, rearranging jobs instead of recruiting replacements. At the beginning of the efficiency programme, the company defined that decisions on the efficiency programme measures would be taken by 16 January 2025. Approximately half of the savings will be achieved through personnel cost reductions and half through other efficiency measures. The total number of personnel reductions in the Duell Group is 13 positions. Duell will achieve the targeted annual cost savings of approximately EUR 1 million through the efficiency programme, which will be applied to the last three quarters of the financial year starting September 1, 2024.

#### Webcast for investors and media

Duell will arrange a live webcast for investors and media in English on January 16, 2025, at 10.30 am EET. The webcast can be followed online through this <u>link</u>. A presentation will be held by CEO Magnus Miemois, CFO Caj Malmsten and IR Pellervo Hämäläinen. A recording of the event will be available later the same day at <u>https://investors.duell.eu/</u>.

#### Financial reporting and Annual General Meetings in Financial Year 2025

During the Financial Year 2025, Duell will publish financial information as follows:

- Half-year financial report September 2024–February 2025 (Q2 2025) on Thursday, April 10, 2025.
- Financial report September 2024–May 2025 (Q3 2025) on Thursday, July 3, 2025.
- Financial Statements Bulletin for the financial year 9/2024–8/2025 (Q4 2025) on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

Annual Report 2025, which includes, among other things, the Report of the Board of Directors and the Company's financial statements, in the week commencing October 27, 2025.

Duell's Annual General Meeting of shareholders is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2025.

The financial reviews and the annual report will be available after publication on the company's investor website at (<u>https://investors.duell.eu/en/reports\_and\_presentations</u>).

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# Financial figures of Q1 2025 financial report September 1, 2024-November 30, 2024

# **Consolidated Income Statement**

	01.09.2024	01.09.2022	01.09.2023
Currency: EURO	- 30.11.2024	- 30.11.2023	- 31.8.2024
NET SALES	28 292	27 014	124 652
Other operating income	55	72	273
Materials and services			
Materials and consumables			
Purchases during the period	-24 346	-20 102	-83 279
Change in inventories	4 477	865	-4 501
External services	-1 365	-1 322	-6 533
Materials and services total	-21 235	-20 559	-94 313
Personnel expenses			
Wages and salaries	-2 895	-2 601	-10 707
Social security expenses			
Pension expenses	-359	-362	-1 124
Other social expenses	-319	-371	-1 436
Personnel expenses total	-3 573	-3 333	-13 267
Depreciation and amortization	-951	-955	-3 722
Other operating expenses	-2 729	-3 387	-12 780
OPERATING PROFIT (-LOSS)	-141	-1 148	842
Financial income and expenses			
Other Interest and other financial income	440	554	1 629
Interest and other financial expenses	-925	-1 231	-4 138
Financial income and expenses total	-485	-677	-2 509
Profit before appropriations and taxes	-626	-1 825	-1 667
Income taxes	203	-117	-959
PROFIT (-LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	-423	-1 942	-2 626

# **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

Currency: EURO	30.11.2024	30.11.2023	31.8.2024
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Immaterial rights	136	427	208
Goodwill	18 514	21 036	19 138
Other intangible assets	1070	994	1 023
Assets under construction	1 713	1 833	1 735
Intangible assets total	21 433	24 290	22 105
Machinery and equipment	678	811	695
Tangible assets total	678	811	695
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	22 111	25 101	22 799
CURRENT ASSETS	10.050		10.004
Inventories	46 856	50 764	43 291
Advance payments	1 510	1 220	1 708
Inventories total	48 365	51 984	44 999
Other long-term receivables	164	0	165
Total long-term receivables	164	0	165
Trade receivables	17 612	16 975	14 445
Other receivables	1 382	418	1 002
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	932	1 220	1 224
Total short-term receivables	19 927	18 613	16 672
Cash at bank	5514	5 666	9 288
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	73 970	76 263	71 123
TOTAL ASSETS	96 081	101 364	93 923

Currency: EURO	30.11.2024	30.11.2023	31.8.2024
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Share capital	80	80	80
Reserve for invested unrestricted equity	52 797	32 887	52 979
Retained earnings	-1 468	4 262	1 214
Profit (-loss) for the financial year	-423	-1 942	-2 626
TOTAL EQUITY	50 987	35 287	51 647
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Loans from financial institutions	25 441	32 157	25 552
Other non-interest bearing liabilities	95	113	95
Total non-current liabilities	25 536	32 270	25 647
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Loans from financial institutions	4 795	18 685	3 298
Trade payables	7 870	9 568	7 601
Other current liabilities	2 936	2 220	2 720
Accrued expenses and deferred income	3 957	3 334	3 008
Total current liabilities	19 558	33 807	16 627
TOTAL LIABILITIES	45 093	66 077	42 275
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	96 081	101 364	93 923

# **Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**

	30.11.2024	30.11.2023	31.8.2024
Cash flow from operating activities			
EBIT	-141	-1 148	842
Depreciations and amortisations	951	955	3 722
Other income and expenses, without cash impact	-304	114	-1 077
Changes in net working capital	-4 886	-6 431	-1 369
Financial expenses and income	-404	-596	-2 672
Income taxes	-9	92	-358
Net cash flow from operating activities	-4 793	-7 014	-912
Cash flow from investing activities			
Investments of intangible and tangible assets	-176	-267	-746
Acquired shares in subsidiaries	0	0	-5 718
Net cash flow from investing activities	-176	-267	-6 464
Cash flow from financing activities			
Withdrawals of long-term loans	0	0	0
Repayment of non-current debt	0	0	-5 798
Credit limit change	1 497	10 242	-601
Share issue and buy-back	-182	0	20 093
Net cash flow from financing activities	1 314	10 242	13 694
Unrealized exchange and currency translation differences	-118	319	585
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial			
period	9 288	2 386	2 386
Changes in cash and cash equivalents	-3 775	3 280	6 902
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	5 513	5 666	9 288

**Duell Corporation** (Duell) is an import and wholesale company based in Mustasaari, Finland, established in 1983. Duell imports, manufactures, and sells products through an extensive distribution network in Europe covering approximately 8,500 dealers. The range of products includes over 130,000 items under more than 500 brands. The assortment covers spare parts and accessories for Motorcycling, Bicycling, ATVs/UTVs, Snowmobiling, Marine and Garden/Forest categories. Logistics centres are in Finland, Sweden, Netherlands, France, and the UK. Duell's net sales in 2024 was EUR 125 million and it employs over 200 people. Duell's shares are listed on the Nasdaq First North Growth Market Finland marketplace. www.duell.eu.