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## GN Audio upgrades financial guidance for 2019

GN Audio has had a very strong start to 2019, with the following preliminary numbers for Q1 2019:

Revenue: DKK 1,333 million
Organic revenue growth: 36%
EBITA reported: DKK 192 million
EBITA margin reported: 14.4%

• Transaction related costs (Altia): DKK (45) million

EBITA before transaction related costs: DKK 237 million
EBITA margin before transaction related costs: 17.8%

Based on the preliminary Q1 numbers, GN Audio upgrades the financial guidance for 2019:

- The organic revenue growth guidance is upgraded from "more than 15%" to "more than 19%"
- Based on the upgraded organic growth guidance, the EBITA margin is upgraded from "more than 19%" to "around 20%" before transaction related costs related to the Altia acquisition

All other guidance parameters are unchanged. The upgraded financial guidance for 2019 is:

Financial guidance 2019	GN Hearing	GN Audio	GN Store Nord
Organic growth	~7%	>19% (before >15%)	
EBITA in Other			DKK (150) million
EBITA margin	>20%	~20%* (before >19%*)	
Effective tax rate			~23%

<sup>\*</sup> Before extraordinary one-off costs related to the acquisition of Altia Systems Inc. (announced on 19 February 2019), which impact GN Audio's EBITA margin negatively by around 1 percentage point in 2019

GN Store Nord will, as previously communicated, release its interim Q1 2019 report on May 1, 2019, with further details on the performance in Q1, and will host a teleconference for investors and analysts on the same day.

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