

### Q2 2024 Presentation

Oslo, 16 August 2024

Knut Nesse, CEO Ronny Meinkøhn, CFO



### Agenda Q2 2024

### Introduction and Highlights

Knut Nesse, CEO

### Financial Performance

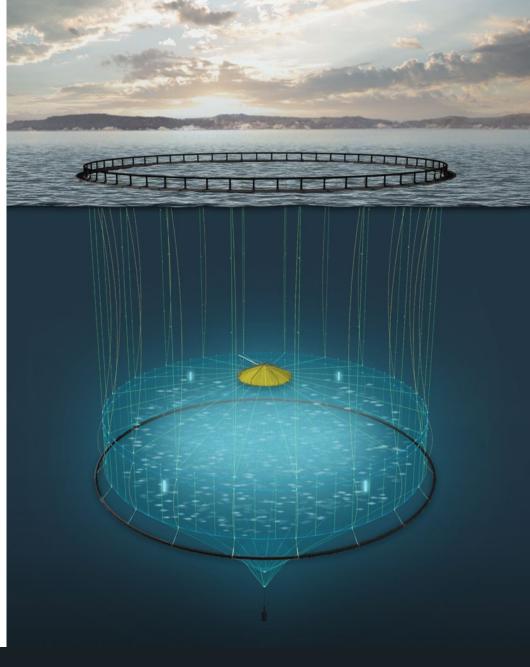
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### Q&A Session



# Highlights | Q2 2024

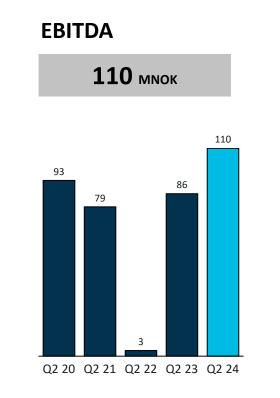
- Record high revenue of MNOK 1 014
- Improved financial performance and EBIT of MNOK 63
- Acceptable order intake in Sea Based of MNOK 713 but still slow market in Land Based
- Acquisition of 100% ownership in Observe Technologies completed to further strengthen and complement digital capabilities
- Still high focus to further develop and improve implementation of deep farming concepts

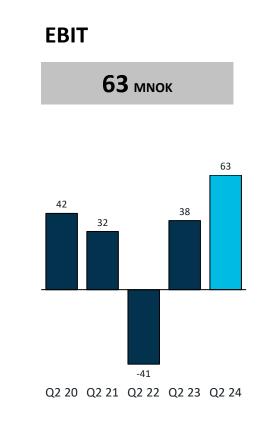




# Key figures | Q2 2024

Revenue 1 014 MNOK

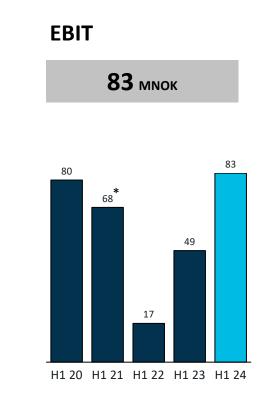




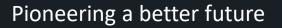


# Key figures | H1 2024

EBITDA 177 MNOK

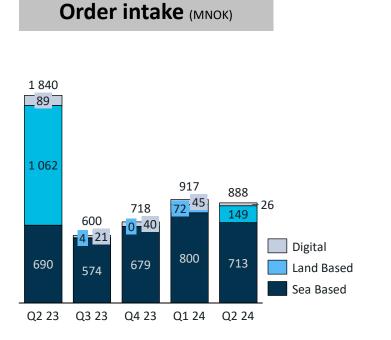


\* Note: Costs of 49,7 MNOK related to cyber-attack in H1 21 are excluded

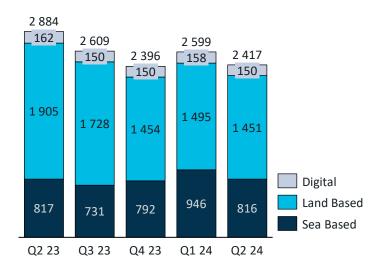




# **Development order intake and order backlog**



#### Order backlog (MNOK)



Note: Order backlog includes currency effects on existing contracts



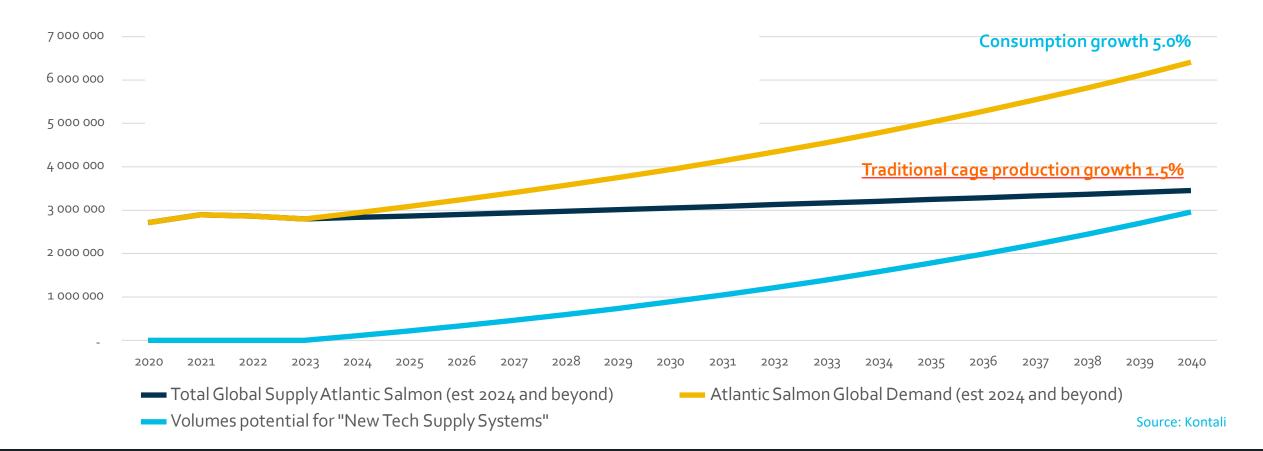


### **Strategic and Operational Status**



### Traditional farming technology & area out of capacity

- New technology needed to bridge the demand





### **Growth possibilities in salmon production** during the next decade

**Traditional coastal** 

**Closed coastal** 

Super-exposed Semi-offshore

Offshore

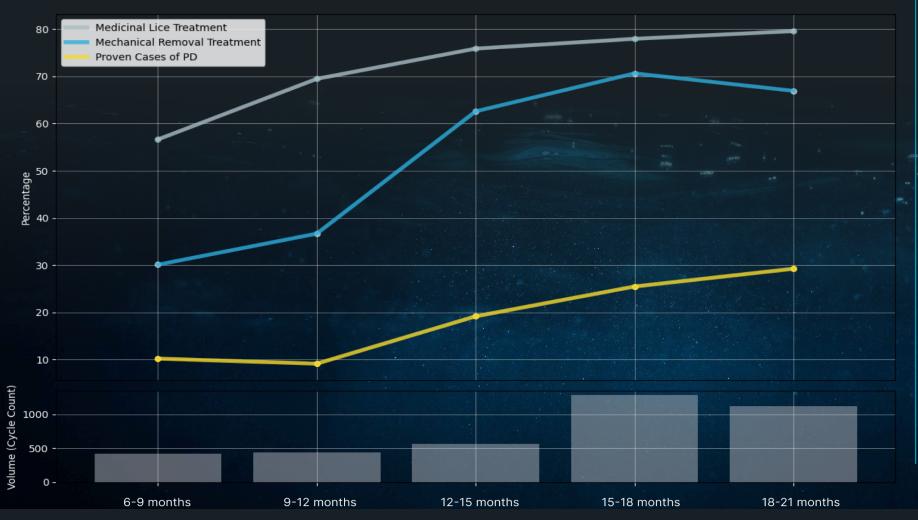
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Post smolt and full cycle on land

Source: Salmar Aker Ocean

# Long production time in sea is driving higher mortality and production costs

Months in Sea Vs. Lice Treatments and Proven Cases of PD (data from 2012)



Observed correlation between production time and correlation of diseases

- Data from over 5000 production cycles (Norway)
- A rising trend for both diseases and lice treatments as the time fish spend at sea increases

Bar plot: number of production cycles within each length category, denoted in months in the sea

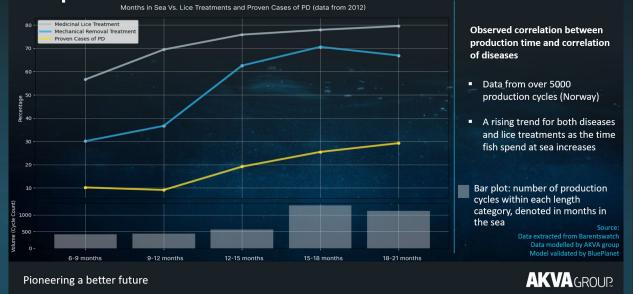
> Source: Data extracted from Barentswatch Data modelled by AKVA group Model validated by BluePlanet



### **Conclusions – strategy to reduce mortality**

- A viable productions strategy will be to reduce production time in open sea cage farming. This will likely lead to reduced no of treatments, better fish health and lower mortality.
- A postsmolt strategy either on land or closed in sea is today available techonology to reduce no of months in the sea / open cage
- An alternative to reduced no of month in the sea is to use deep farming / protected farming to avoid sea lice treatments

### Long production time in sea is driving higher mortality and production costs





# **Precision Farming - Sea Based Solutions**

- From advanced, tailored marine infrastructure to single components and products

Marine Infrastructure

- quality equipment for better operations

- Plastic and Steel pens
- Nets
- Anchoring & Mooring
- Net Cleaning
- ROV systems
- Boats
- Marine engineering
- Lab services





 for optimizing fish performance, feed conversion and growth

Barges

- Feed systems
- Camera & sensors
- Lights
- Digital support:
  - AKVA connect
    - AKVA observe
    - AKVA fishtalk



Deep farming & Lice control



#### - reducing lice problems

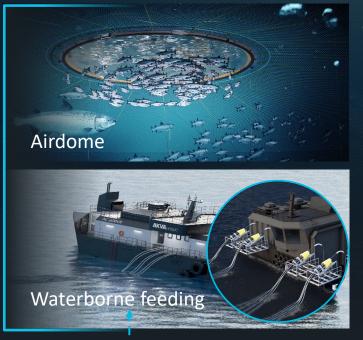
- Nautilus
- Tubenet
- OptiCage
- Plastic pens
- Feed system
  - Sub surface feeding
- Camera systems
- Lights
- Digital support

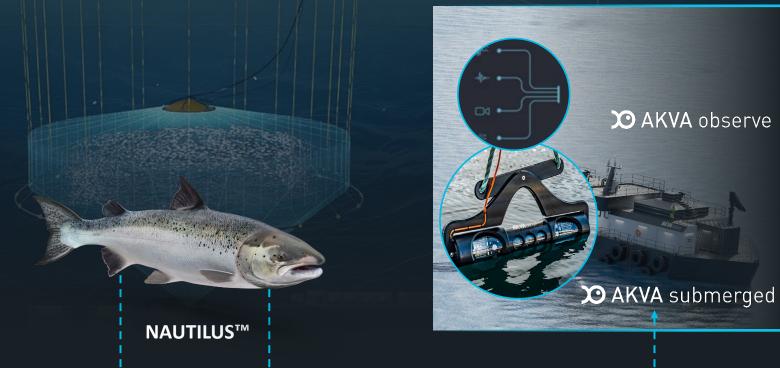


## Deep farming concept - Nautilus™

- Can solve one of the biggest sustainability challenges in aquaculture: salmon lice

#### Important innovations





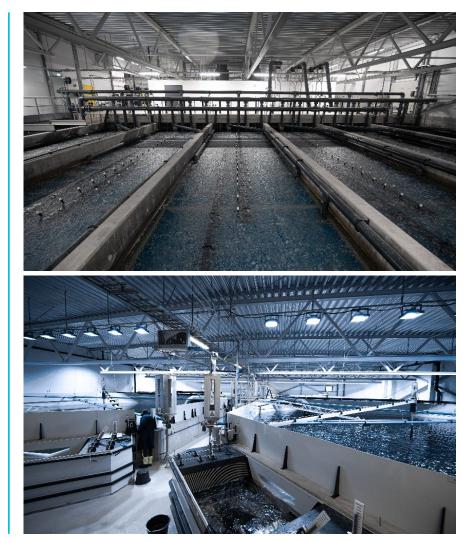
**Digital support** 



### Post-smolt RAS concept is validated

#### There are significant benefits from a post smolt strategy:

- Reduced time in the sea means less lice treatment and improved fish health
- Better utilization of licenses provides improved volume with 30% or higher dependent on the size of the post smolt
- AKVA has delivered many large post smolt facilities with excellent biological performance
- Post smolt CAPEX is comparable to acquire alternative new volume for growth (ref last auction in Norway and 305k per ton) on a like for like basis
  - However, post smolt will provide more benefits than just the volume growth





# AKVA leverages its experience and expands into re-use technology for grow-out – first contract signed with Laxey on Iceland

- AKVA has previously delivered several facilities with re-use technology to smolt
- First contract with Laxey for re-use technology deliveries and advisory services to Grow-out module 1 on Westman Islands at Iceland
- AKVA's scope of Work:
  - Advisory and project management
  - Oxygen solution
  - Degassing systems
  - SCADA and electrical systems
  - Installation services
- Laxey's long-term target is 27 000 tonnes production capacity, including a post-smolt strategy serving sea based farmers in the region





# **NOAP phase II has started**

 Construction of NOAP phase I is completed early Q2 with an annual capacity of 4,000t.

Financial closure of the project was done in Q2

- NOAP phase II is initiated with additional annual capacity of 4,000t
- Phase II to be executed towards end of 2024 and during 2025
- AKVA has signed RAS contract for phase III (not included in order backlog) with additional annual capacity of 12,000t.

Start-up of project to be authorized by NOAP in the future





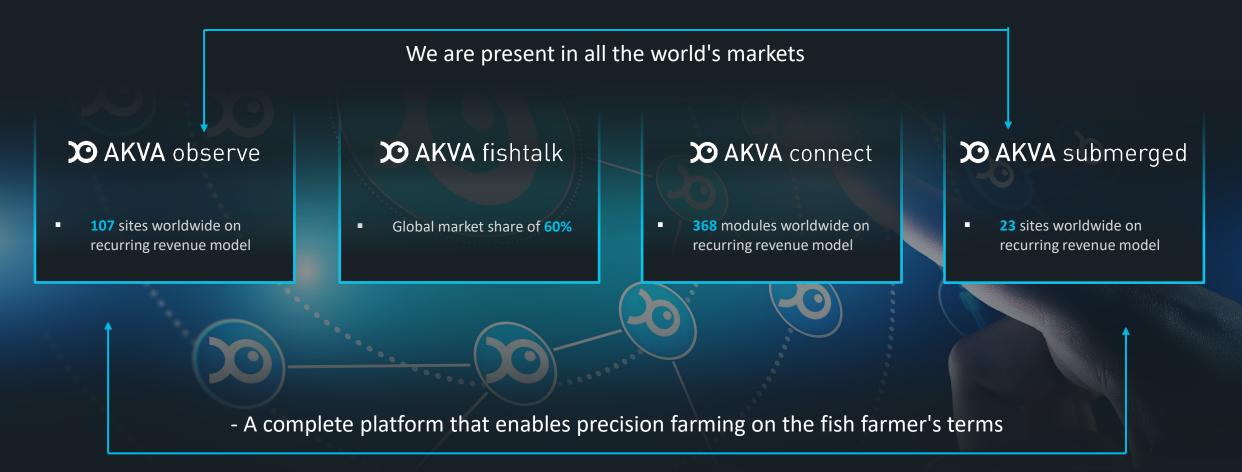
### **Expected activity level Land Based**

- Total order backlog of BNOK 1,5
- With main basis in order backlog the expected activity level for 2024 will be approx. MNOK 600
  - Soft activity level in first half of 2024 due to closing of "old" projects and slowly start up of new projects
  - Project margins will improve during 2024 and into 2025
  - Reduced OPEX due rightsizing process completed in Q4 2023
- Market opportunities going forward:
  - Post smolt market in Norway still slow. Expect to see some more momentum during second half 2024 and into 2025
  - On growing on land in China: We expect to see new investments here
  - On growing in general: More momentum and interests vs last 2-3 years





# **Our digital solutions**

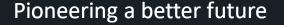




### Acqusition of 100% ownership in Observe Technologies

- Ownership increased from 33.69% to 100% with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2024
- Minimum purchase price for the 66.31% of the shares of MGBP 13.7
  - MGBP 6.5 paid at closing by utilizing options under AKVA's existing bank financing
  - MGBP 7.2 settled by sellers' credit to be paid over the next three years
- Maximum purchase price for the 66.31% is MGBP 20.5 dependent on outcome of earn out considerations over the next three years

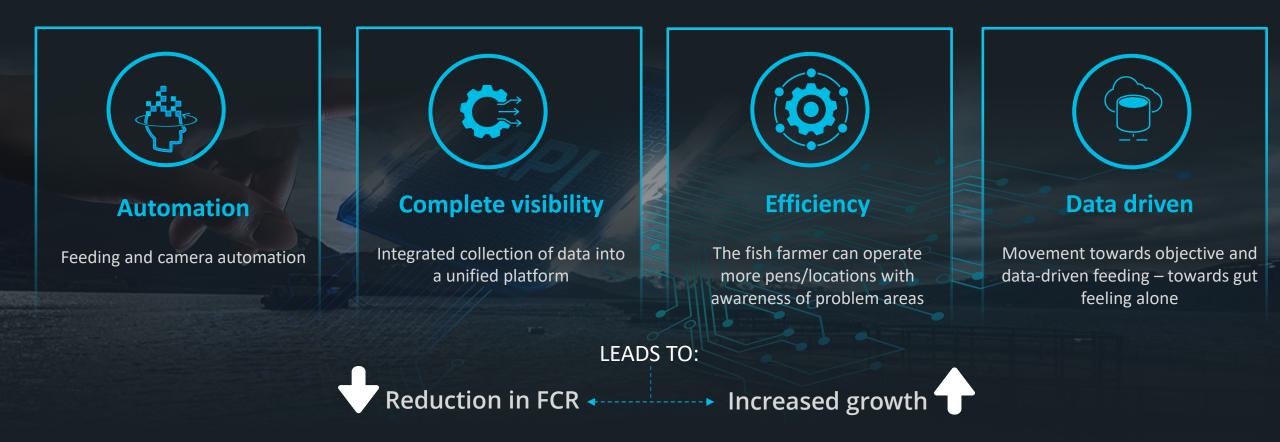
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- Key components with a focus on operational gains





# **Revised medium term financial targets**



#### **Revenue growth**

- 2024: Min. 5% growth (BNOK 3,6)
   but no growth in Land Based
- Long term: Organic topline growth of min. 10% Y-o-Y
  - Sea Based: 5%
  - Land Based: Min. 30% as of 2025 and onwards
  - Digital 10-20%



#### Profitability

- > 2024: 4-5% EBIT
- > 2025: min. 6% EBIT
- Improve ROACE to 10-15% by 2025



#### **EBIT enablers**

- Operational excellence
- Cost reduction program implemented 2023
- Scaling of Digital and Land Based business
- New contract management Land Based



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# Q2 2024 – Income statement

- Revenues increased by MNOK 74 compared to Q2 23
- EBIT increased by MNOK 25 from MNOK 38 in Q2 23 to MNOK 63 in Q2 24
- High net finance costs in Q2 24 compared to Q2 23 is impacted by the increased interest rates and currency effects

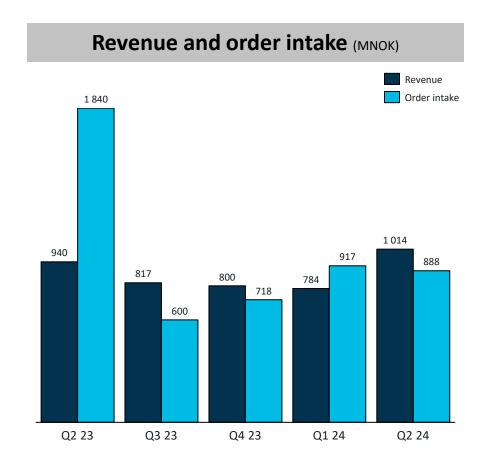
NOK million	2024 Q2	2023 Q2	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	2023 Total
Cost of materials	590	561	1 016	1 094	1 996
Payroll expenses	255	236	486	465	954
Other operating expenses	60	57	119	110	219
EBITDA	110	86	177	145	263
EBITDA margin	10,8 %	9,1 %	9,8 %	8,0 %	7,7 %
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	47	48	94	96	196
EBIT	63	38	83	49	68
EBIT margin	6,2 %	4,0 %	4,6 %	2,7 %	2,0 %
Net Financial Items	-29	-10	-40	-21	-97
Income (loss) before tax	34	28	43	27	-29
Income tax <sup>1</sup>	8	8	13	6	-11
Net income (loss)	26	20	30	21	-19
Earnings per share (NOK)	0,73	0,56	0,86	0,57	-0,49

<sup>1</sup> Income tax Q2 2023 and Q2 2024 based on best estimate



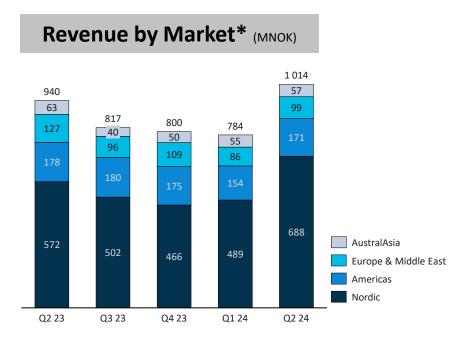
## **Revenue and order intake development**

- Last twelve months order intake and revenue was MNOK 3,123 and MNOK 3,416, respectively
- Revenue increased by 8% compared to Q2 23 and is primarily related to Sea Based
- Acceptable order intake in Q2 24 and book-to-bill ratio of 88%

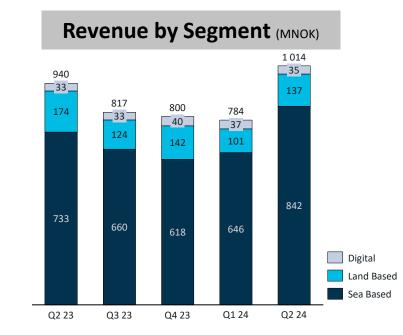




# **Revenue by Market and Segment**



- Increase of 20% in the Nordic market compared to Q2 23
- Reduced revenue in other markets compared to last year



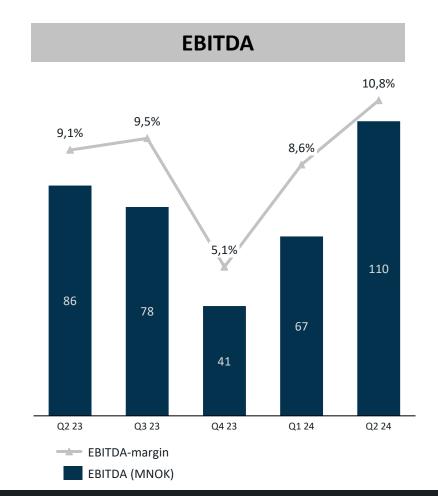
- Sea Based represents 83% of total revenue in Q2 24
- Increase in Digital and Sea Based of 6% and 15% compared to Q2 23, while Land Based is reduced by 21%

\* Note: Market definition is location of customer



# **EBITDA development**

- EBITDA margin increased from 9,1% in Q2 23 to 10,8% in Q2 24
- Strong EBITDA margin of 12,6% in Sea Based
- Still low profitability in Land Based due to soft activity level and closing of NOAP phase I
- Profitability in Digital expected to improve following acquisition of Observe

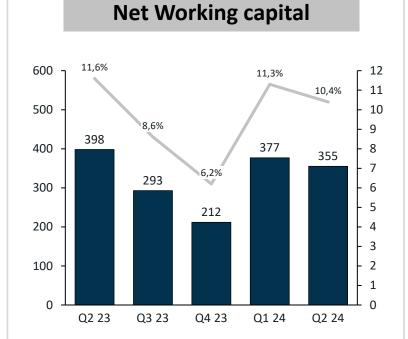




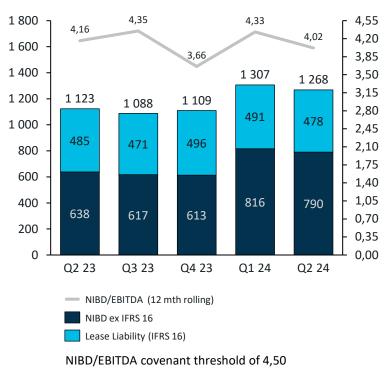
# **Cash flow and financial position**



Available cash includes MNOK 300 credit facility in DNB



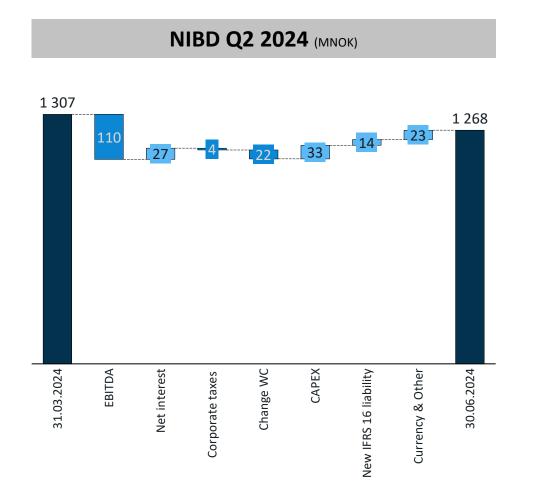
#### **Net debt / EBITDA\***

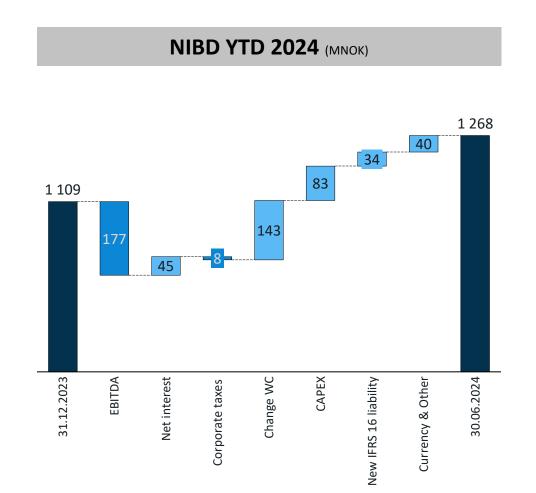


\* NIBD/EBITDA ratio for the periods Q2 23, Q4 23, Q1 24 and Q2 24 is adjusted for nonrecurring costs of MNOK 73, MNOK 40, MNOK 30 and MNOK 20, respectively, in agreement with DNB



# **Development Net interest-bearing debt**

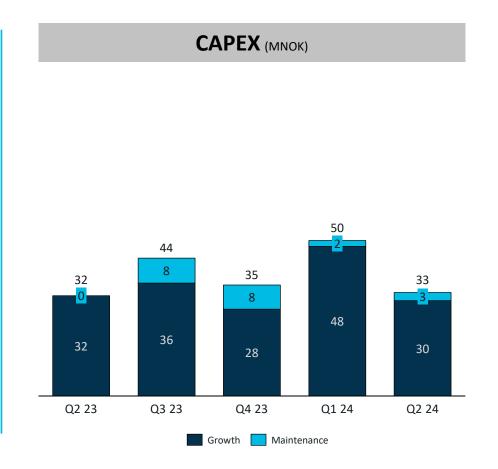




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# **Capital expenditure**

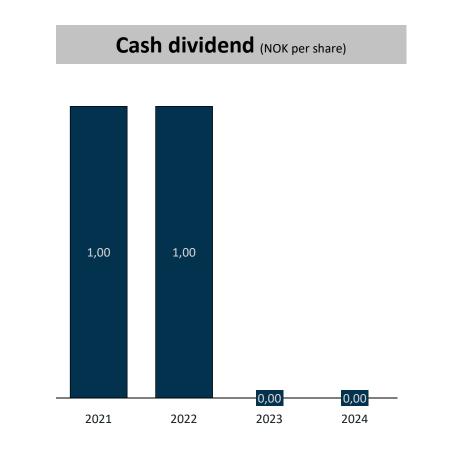
- Total CAPEX of MNOK 33 in Q2 24
  - MNOK 17 applies to our three innovation agendas
  - MNOK 7 is related to the new global ERP system
- CAPEX year to date of MNOK 83





# Dividend

 The company has decided not to pay any dividend for the second half year of 2024





### **Business segments**

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# Sea Based Technology

#### **Overall**

- Revenue increased by MNOK 109, and EBITDA margin increased from 11,2% in Q2 23 to 12,6% in Q2 24
- Order intake increased from MNOK 690 in Q2 23 to MNOK 713 in Q2 24

#### Nordic

- Revenue increased by 27% in Q2 24 compared to Q2 23
- 11% increase in order intake Q2 24 compared to last year

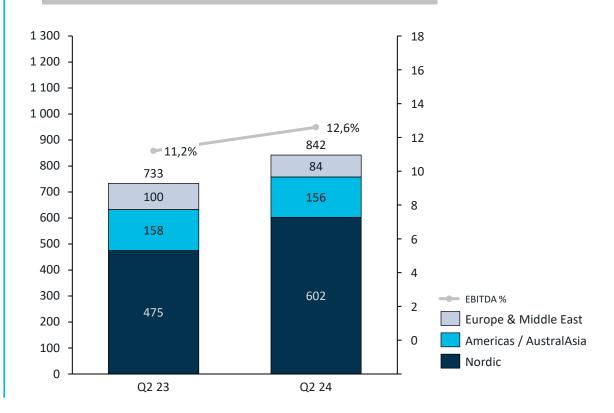
#### Americas

 Both revenue and order intake in Q2 24 was at the same level as in Q2 23

#### Europe & Middle East

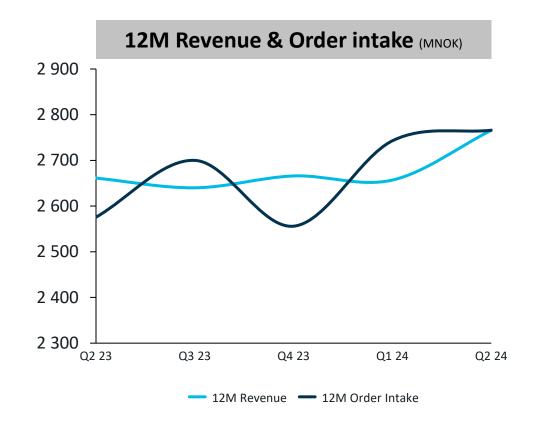
Revenue and order intake decreased by 16% and 43%, respectively

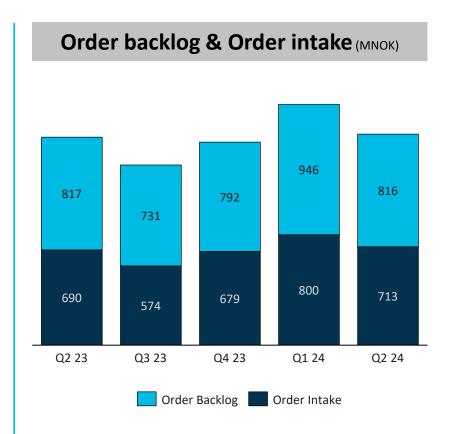
#### Revenue (MNOK) and EBITDA-margin (%)





### Sea Based order intake and backlog development

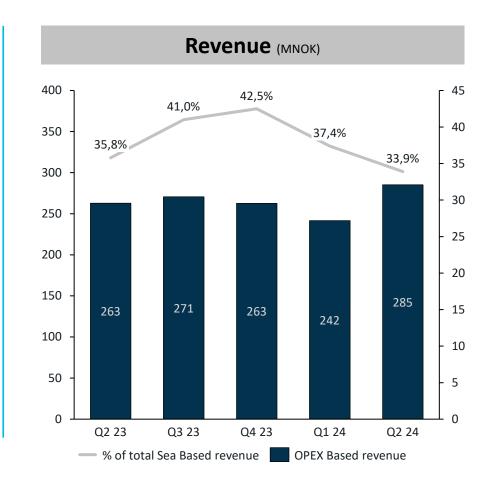






# **Development OPEX based revenue**

- OPEX based revenue was 33,9% of total Sea Based revenue in Q2 2024
- Positive trend continues and OPEX based revenue was MNOK 22 higher in Q2 24 compared to Q2 23





# Land Based Technology

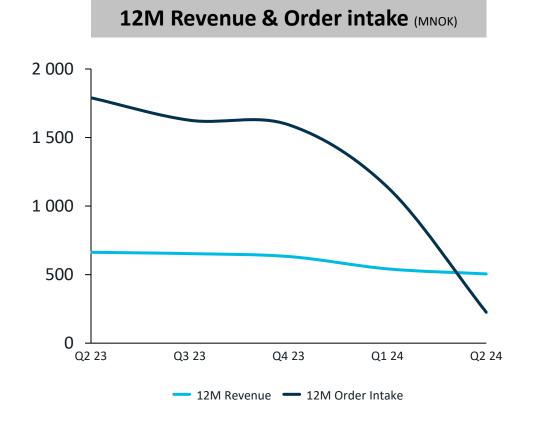
- Order intake of MNOK 149 in Q2 is related to minor projects
- Soft activity level and revenue decreased by 21% in Q2 24 compared to Q2 23
- Profit margin in Q2 24 is influenced by the low activity level and to some extent closing of the NOAP phase I project (contract from 2019 with no price escalation)
- Activity from NOAP phase II and Cermaq Finnmark will increase gradually during the second half year

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Revenue (MNOK) and EBITDA-margin (%)



#### Land Based order intake and backlog development

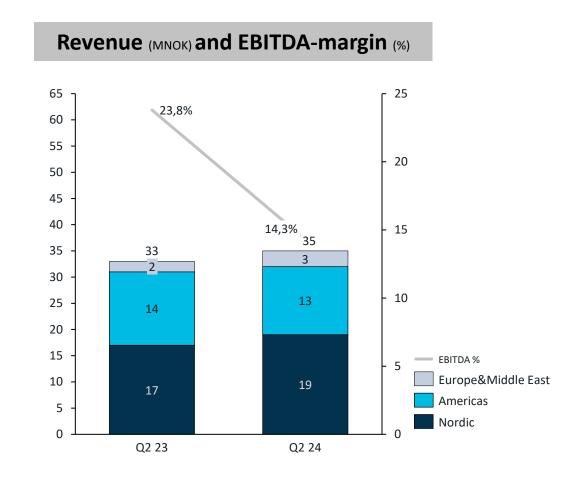






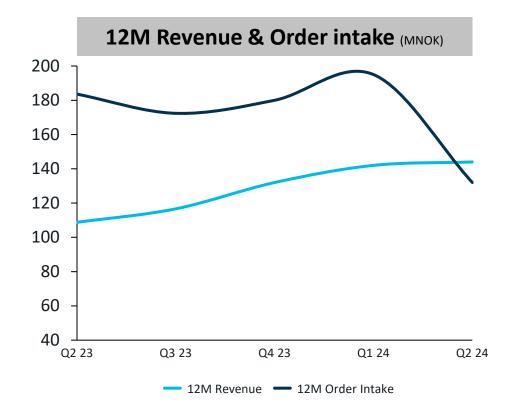
### Digital

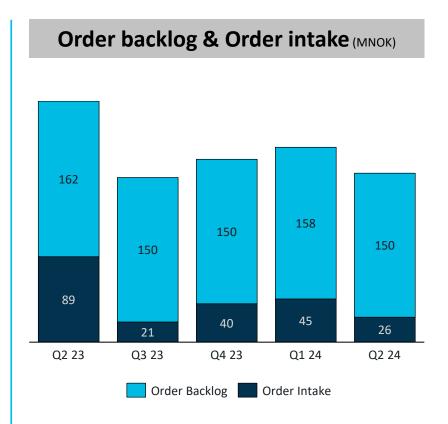
- Order intake of MNOK 26 is MNOK 63 lower than the same quarter last year
- Slight increase in revenue of 6% compared to Q2 23
- EBITDA is still soft due to high cost level compared to the current activity level
- EBITDA margin set to improve following the acquisition of Observe





### Digital order intake and backlog development





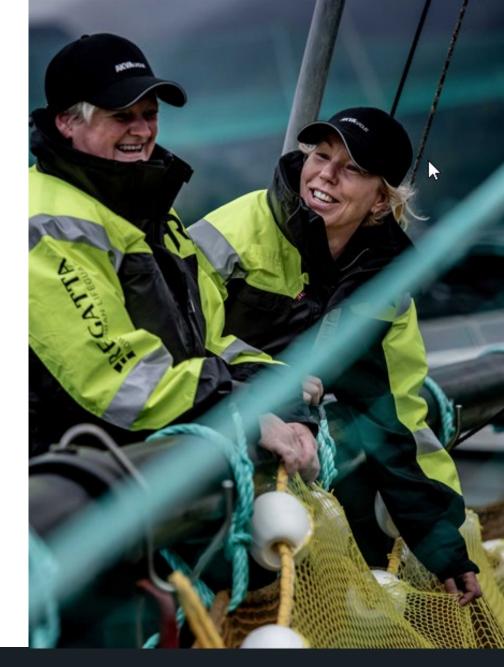
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# Outlook

- Salmon prices expected to remain strong driven by reduced supply
- AKVA expects to see normalization of the post smolt market in Norway during the second half of 2024 and 2025
- AKVA is aiming for revenue of minimum BNOK 3.6 and EBIT of 4-5% in 2024
- AKVA will continue to invest and improve our solutions, both within Sea Based, Digital and Land Based Technology





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### AKVA group in a brief

AKVA group is the leading technology and service partner to the aquaculture industry worldwide.





#### **Our presence**

#### Present in all markets with offices in:

- Norway
- Denmark
- Scotland
- Lithuania
- Spain
- Greece
- Turkey
- Chile
- Canada
- China
- Australia





# **Balance sheet**

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	Note	2024	2023	2023
(NOK 1 000)		30.6.	30.6.	31.12.
Intangible fixed assets	1,3	1 195 130	1 050 021	1 157 266
Deferred tax assets	.,0	68 846	32 649	72 464
Tangible fixed assets		650 683	655 727	671 833
Long-term financial assets	2	347 735	313 697	312 778
FIXED ASSETS		2 262 394	2 052 094	2 214 341
Stock		660 494	694 121	628 614
Trade receivables		637 404	624 070	508 581
Other receivables		89 725	109 163	113 002
Cash and cash equivalents		170 285	212 959	219 394
CURRENT ASSETS		1 557 908	1 640 312	1 469 591
TOTAL ASSETS		3 820 302	3 692 406	3 683 933
Equity attributable to equity holders of AKVA group ASA		1 156 026	1 222 982	1 142 451
Non-controlling interests	1,3	9 392	354	10 225
TOTAL EQUITY		1 165 418	1 223 336	1 152 676
Deferred tax		33 277	17 534	30 995
Other long term debt		52 152	34 258	59 777
Lease Liability - Long-term		383 808	400 123	405 466
Long-term interest bearing debt	1	843 178	679 167	862 317
LONG-TERM DEBT		1 312 415	1 131 082	1 358 554
Short-term interest bearing debt		215 583	224 622	37 500
Lease Liability - Short-term		94 080	84 412	90 560
Trade payables		340 883	328 223	328 421
Public duties payable			116 286	133 467
Contract liabilities	Contract liabilities		343 769	330 087
Other current liabilities		234 962	240 675	252 666
SHORT-TERM DEBT		1 342 468	1 337 988	1 172 701
TOTAL EQUITY AND DEBT		3 820 302	3 692 406	3 683 933



# Cash flow statement

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW	2024	2023	2024	2023	2023
(NOK 1 000)	Q2	Q2	YTD	YTD	Tota
Cash flow from operating activities					
Profit before taxes	33 726	28 405	43 475	27 214	-29 309
Taxes paid	-4 266	-8 206	-7 495	-12 303	-12 399
Share of profit(-)/loss(+) from associates	4 525	-980	1 028	-4 983	-10 256
Net interest cost	27 163	20 304	44 540	39 044	85 898
Gain(-)/loss(+) on disposal of fixed assets	-165	-204	-101	-556	-1 339
Gain(-)/loss(+) on financial fixed assets	-4 231	-6 158	-19 180	-8 132	-10 953
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	46 575	47 956	93 845	96 029	195 805
Changes in stock, accounts receivable and trade payables	-26 963	-91 951	-148 241	-107 364	114 568
Changes in other receivables and payables	48 772	-28 916	5 464	-87 814	-97 747
Net foreign exchange difference	-8 359	21 269	-24 417	57 803	23 955
Cash generated from operating activities	116 779	-18 482	-11 081	-1 062	258 222
Cash flow from investment activities					
Investments in fixed assets	-32 974	-31 954	-82 652	-95 741	-221 359
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	0	448	15	1 191	2 2 1 8
Dividents payment from associates	2 316	0	3 642	0	8 052
Acquisition of subsidiary	-0	0	-0	0	-35 648
Equity issued in associates	-4 371	0	-4 371	0	0
Net cash flow from investment activities	-35 029	-31 506	-83 366	-94 550	-246 737
Cash flow from financing activities					
Repayment of borrowings	-36 346	-35 970	-78 721	-73 370	-95 343
Proceed from borrowings	58 848	141 845	178 083	142 997	195 833
Repayment of lease liabilities	0	0	0	0	-84 671
IFRS 16 interest	-5 750	-5 671	-11 715	-11 154	-22 481
Net other interest	-21 413	-14 633	-32 825	-27 890	-63 417
Sale/(purchase) own shares	-9 483	0	-9 484	0	0
Net cash flow from financing activities	-14 144	85 571	45 338	30 583	-70 080
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	102 680	179 375	219 394	277 988	277 988
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	67 606	33 584	-49 109	-65 029	-58 594
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	170 286	212 959	170 285	212 959	219 394



# Largest shareholders

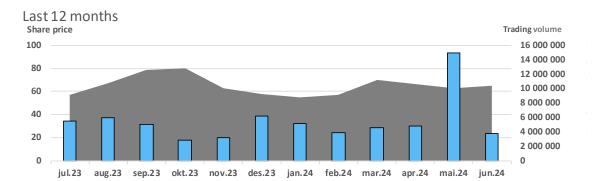
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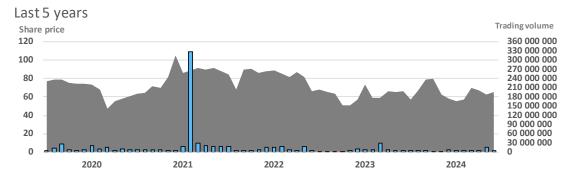
No of shares	<b>% Account name</b>	Туре	<b>Citizenship</b>
18 703 105	51,0 % EGERSUND GROUP AS		NOR
6 600 192	18,0 % Israel Corporation Ltd		ISR
2 203 280	6,0 % PARETO AKSJE NORGE VERDIPAPIRFOND		NOR
1 100 436	3,0 % VERDIPAPIRFONDET NORDEA AVKASTNING		NOR
955 145 791 167	2,6 % SIX SIS AG 2,2 % VERDIPAPIRFONDET ALFRED BERG GAMBA	Nominee	CHE
602 614	1,6 % J.P. Morgan SE	Nominee	LUX
537 740	1,5 % FORSVARETS PERSONELLSERVICE		NOR
404 569	1,1 % VERDIPAPIRFONDET NORDEA KAPITAL		NOR
319 771	0,9 % MP PENSJON PK		NOR
301 388	0.8 % AKVA GROUP ASA		NOR
275 255	0,8 % J.P. Morgan SE	Nominee	
256 590	0,7 % J.P. Morgan SE	Nominee	
221 502 214 773	0,6 % VERDIPAPIRFONDET ALFRED BERG NORGE 0,6 % VERDIPAPIRFONDET EQUINOR AKSJER NO	Nonniee	NOR
130 000 128 000	0,4 % NESSE & CO AS 0,3 % VERDIPAPIRFONDET ALFRED BERG NORGE		NOR
125 795	0,3 % DAHLE		NOR
100 800	0,3 % JAKOB HATTELAND HOLDING AS		NOR
100 000 <b>34 072 122</b>	0,3 % ASKVIG AS 92,9 % 20 largest shareholders		NOR
2 595 611 <b>36 667 733</b>	7,1 % Other shareholders 100,0 % Total shares		

#### **Origin of shareholders, 5 largest countries**

No of shares	% Origin	No of shareholders
27 664 866 No	rway 75,45 %	1245
6 600 192 Isr	ael 18,00 %	1
969 518 Sw	vitzerland 2,64 %	6
907 623 Lu	xembourg 2,48 %	3
302 556 Fir	land 0,83 %	2
76 274 De	nmark 0,21 %	19
25 537 lre	land 0,07 %	11

#### Share development





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- We CARE for our industry and the communities we are localized

Customer focus Aquaculture knowledge Reliability Enthusiasm



