

# Agenda

- Stronger platform for profitable growth
- ► Improved industry outlook
- ► Strategic focus areas



# Stronger platform for profitable growth

#### **Created one company**

- Successful integration of SSAB and Rautaruukki
- Combined "Best of both"
- Decentralized organization
  - business units

SSAB

# Broader product and brand portfolio

- Strenx our brand of highstrength structural steels
- Several new Docol products for automotive
- Five new SSAB product families - Domex, Boron, Form, Laser Plus and Weathering



# Strengthened service offering

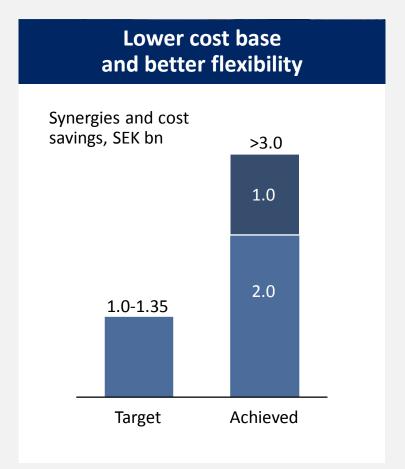
- Established SSAB Services business unit
- Hardox Wearparts network has grown to over 300 companies



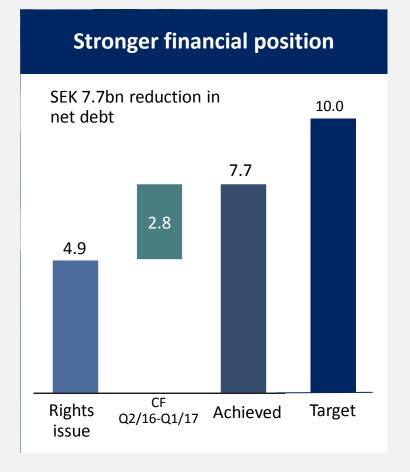




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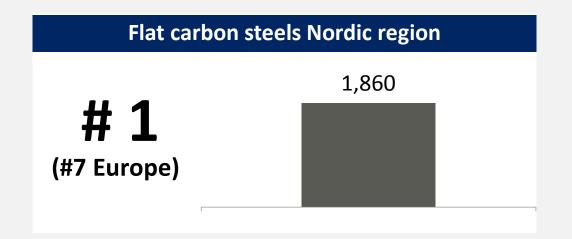


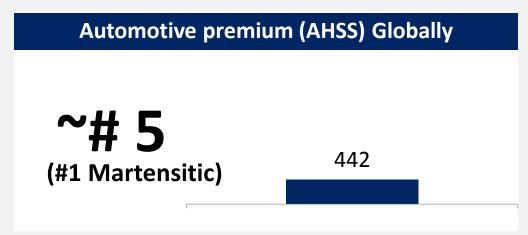


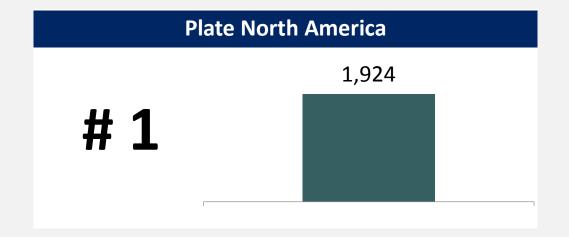


### SSAB's four focus areas

2016 market position (#) and shipment volumes (ktonnes)





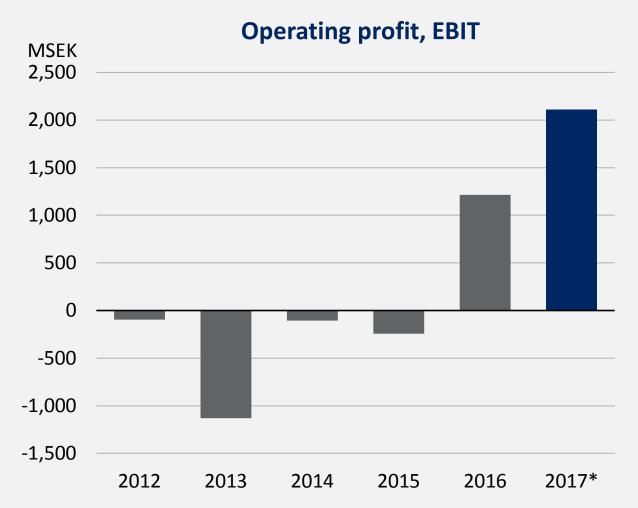






# Strong trend in profitability improvement

- Significant improvement in earnings:
  - Synergies from Rautaruukki
  - Cost savings
  - Better mix
  - Improved market conditions



\*2017 refers to 2017 Q1 rolling 12 month



### Financial targets

### **Profitability**

SSAB aims for an industryleading profitability measured as EBITDA-margin among comparable peers\*

#### **Capital Structure**

The Group's operations are cyclical. The objective is a long-term net debt/equity ratio of 30%

**32%** at the end of Q1/17

#### Dividends

Dividends are adapted to the average earnings level over a business cycle and, in the long term, constitute ~50% of profit after tax, taking into consideration the net debt/equity ratio.

No dividends paid in 2016



**<sup>#3</sup>** in 2016

<sup>\*</sup> ArcelorMittal, AK Steel, Nucor, Salzgitter, Tata Steel Europe, ThyssenKrupp, US Steel

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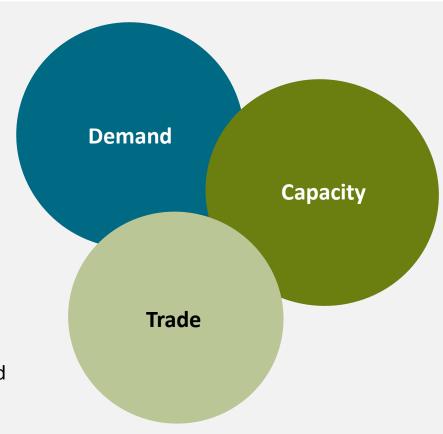
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# Industry outlook has improved during the last 12 months

- Recovering end user segments in core markets
- Declining steel demand in China, but less than expected
- Growing emerging markets offering opportunities

- Trade barriers are being put in place
- Global free trade system continues to be challenged



- Global overcapacity situation remains, but is impacting less in western economies
- China over-delivering on initial capacity reduction targets

#### **Conclusions**

- ➤ Still uncertain industry outlook overall, but moving in the right direction
- Expect "micro cycles" driven by uncertainty in market



# Somewhat improved outlook for global economic growth

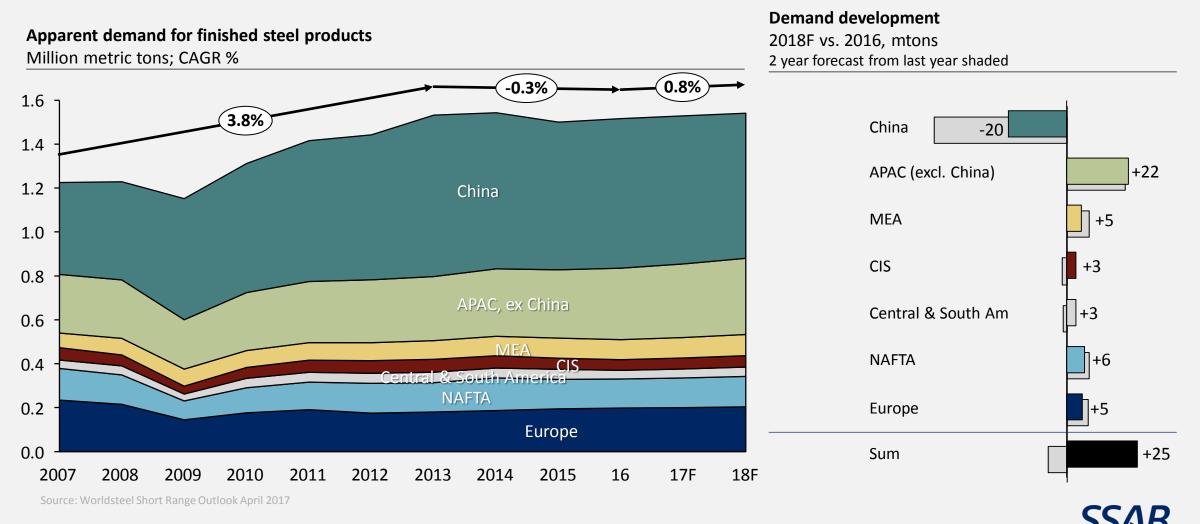
Outlook for average GDP growth rate of next five years, %

Industrial countries					Emerging markets			
All industrial	1.8%	1.9%	<b>+0.1</b> <b>Change</b> (pts)	All emerging	4.4%	4.7%	<b>+0.3</b> <b>Change</b> (ppts)	
	5 year outlook (2016)	5 year outlook (2017)			5 year outlook (2016)	5 year outlook (2017)		
	2.2%	2.2%	-	*:	6.2%	6.3%	+0.1	
	1.6%	1.7%	+0.1	<b>③</b>	8.1%	8.0%	-0.1	
	0.6%	0.8%	+0.2		0.0%	2.2%	+2.2	

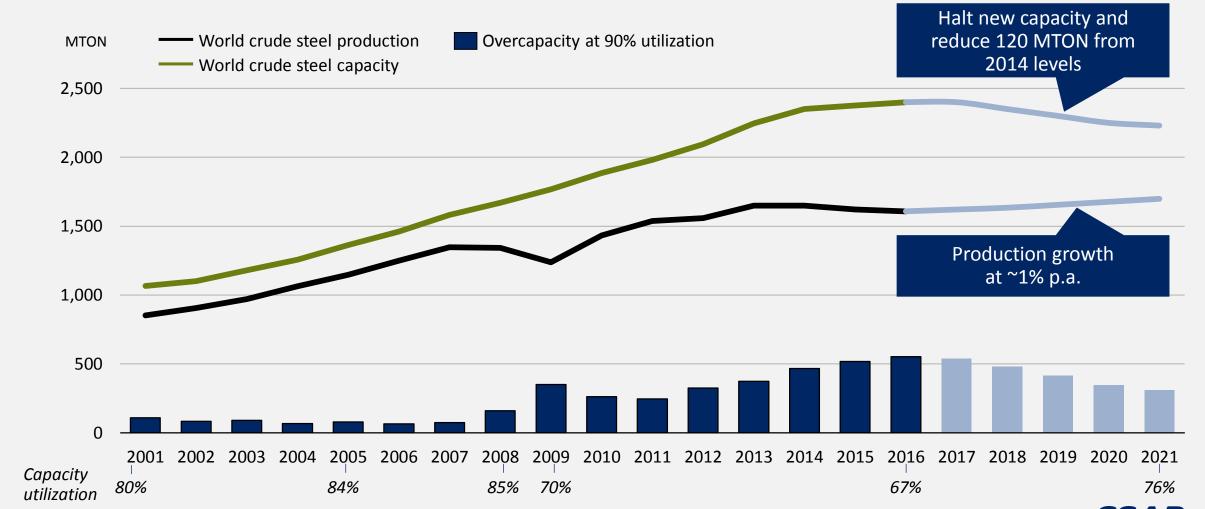




# Less slowdown in China improves global steel demand forecast



# Gradual reduction of global overcapacity

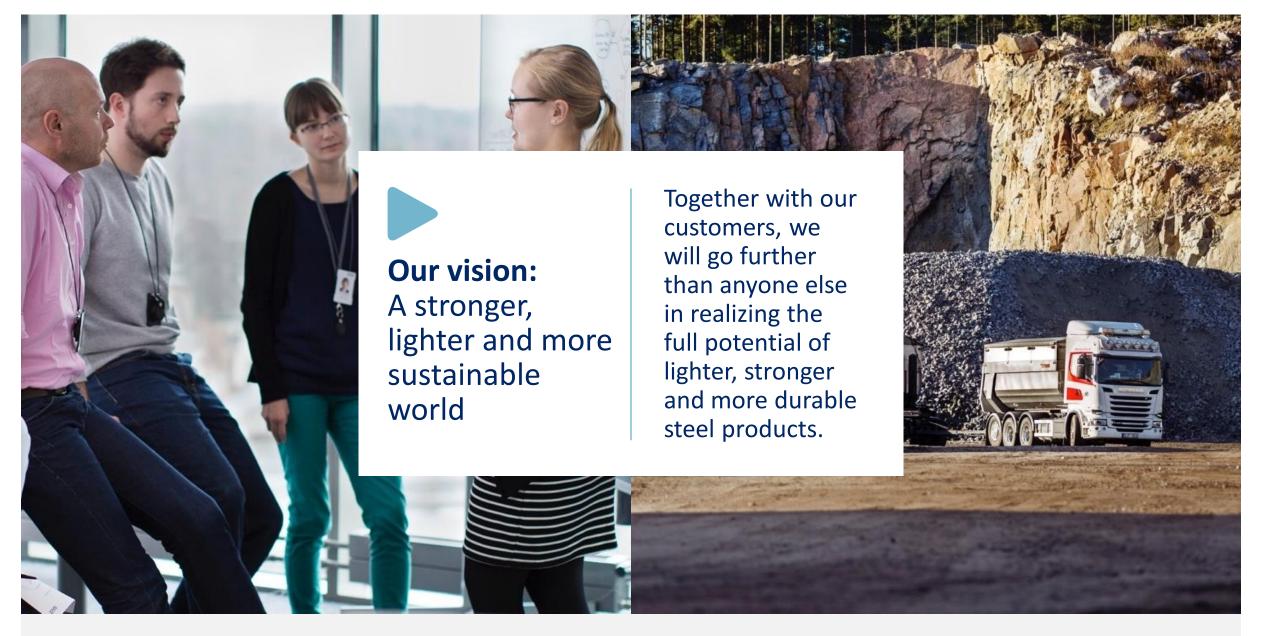


Source; OECD Steel Capacity Study 2015; World Steel Association Statistics; SSAB modelling

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# Taking the Lead! strategy remains as a foundation





### Where SSAB is heading

- 1 ) Grow Special Steels to 1.35 MTON (2020)
- Upgrade customers and markets
- ► Grow all products, and high-end even more
- Enter new markets/innovate
- 2nd brand and OEMs
- 3 Develop SSAB Services to >500 centers (2020)
  - Increase number of Shape partnerships
  - Better usage of own centers
  - Re-position SSAB in the value chain

- 2 ) Automotive premium sales to 750 KTON (2020)
  - Grow with existing customers
  - Attract new customers globally
  - Enter new structural applications
  - Research new steels
- 4 Enhance premium mix in SSE to 40% (2020)
  - ► Focus growth efforts on premium steels
  - Grow processed products in home markets
  - Reduce standard volume
- 5 Leader North American plate with market share 30%
  - Expand product mix of plate and coil
  - ► Leverage established relationships
  - Identify additional debottlenecking opportunities



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### What makes SSAB stand out

### **Areas for continuous improvements**

The safest steel company in the world

**Sales efficiency** 

**Production stability** 

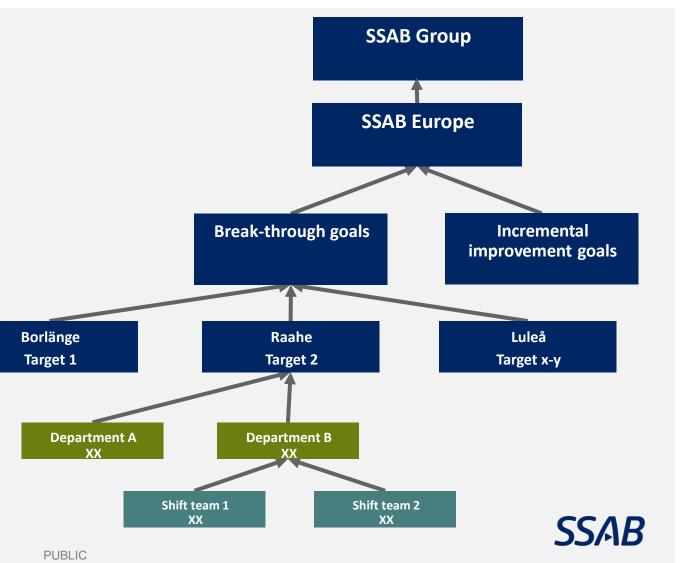
**Delivery accuracy** 

**Cost efficiency** 



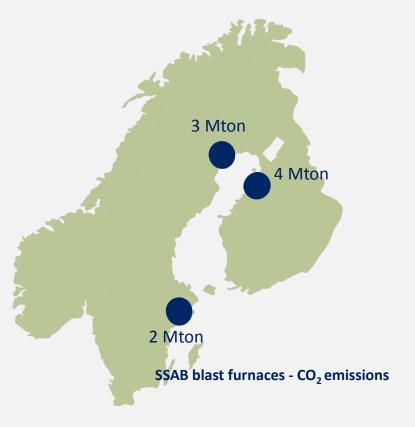
# Targets broken down all the way to shift teams – example

- ➤ Work according to SSAB One leadership method in which each employee is the expert in developing his/her own work
- ► Targets are broken down and set for all layers in the organization
- ➤ All employees are involved in setting targets and are aware of the overriding goal
- ► Monthly follow-up
- ► Result fully impacts SSABs bottom line



# Long-term initiative for fossil-free steel (HYBRIT)

The project's goal is to come up with a process that emits H<sub>2</sub>O instead of CO<sub>2</sub> by using hydrogen instead of the current procedure based on blast furnaces burning coal and coke



#### **Background**

- ➤ SSAB's blast furnaces close to theoretical minimum of CO<sub>2</sub>-emission with today's technology
- ➤ Still SSAB stands for 10% of Sweden's total emission and ca 30% of ETS system in Sweden
- ► Fossil-free electricity excess capacity
- Multiparty energy agreement creates base for long term development



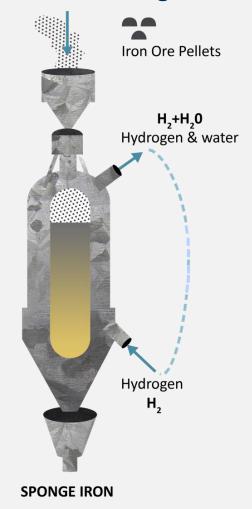
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**CRUDE STEEL** 

#### **Traditional iron-making in Blast Furnace**

### **BLAST FURNACE** Coal **Iron Ore Pellets Coke Plant** Coke **IRONMAKING Hot Blast** Coal, Oxygen **STEELMAKING HOT METAL** Oxygen -

### **HYBRIT (Hydrogen Breakthrough Iron-making Technology)**



# HYBRIT – A joint Swedish industrial project

- SSAB world leading iron and steelmaking know-how, experience and R&D
- ➤ Vattenfall electrification and sustainable hydrogen production
- ► LKAB high quality iron ore pellet production
- Swedish universities a leader for metallurgical research
- Wide political support in Sweden
- Support from The Swedish Energy Agency









# HYBRIT project time schedule



# Growth and continuous improvements drive profitability

Developed the high-strength steel market and entered US plate

Pre-2014

Consolidated Nordic home market presence 2014-2016

Ruukki merger

Synergies and cost savings of SEK >3bn

Focus on cash-flow and strengthening balance sheet

Rights issue

Extension of debt maturities

SFK 10bn reduction in net debt by year-end 2017

**Profitable** growth in selected market areas

**EBITDA** margin > industry peers

Industryleading

profitability

Resume dividend payments at 50% of net profit

**Growth in Special Steels Net gearing of <30%** 

**Growth in automotive** 

and other premium

Growth in service and after market activities

**Home market** leadership

steels

