

## Roadmap toward industry-leading 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



#### Financial targets

#### **Profitability**

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#### **Capital Structure**

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#### Dividends

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

# **Profitability**

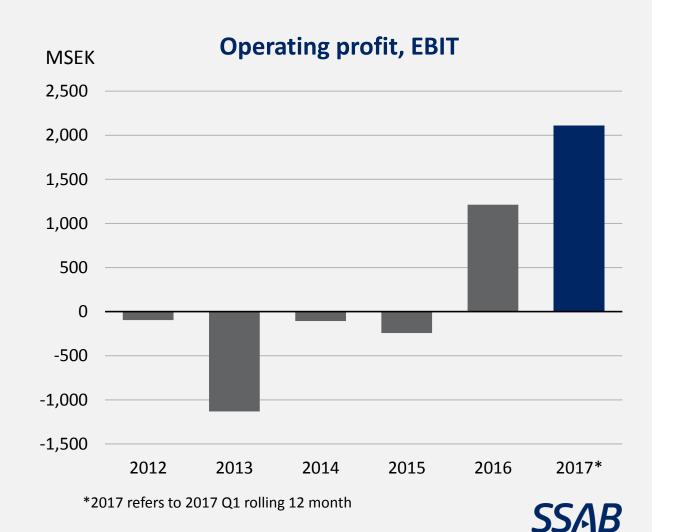
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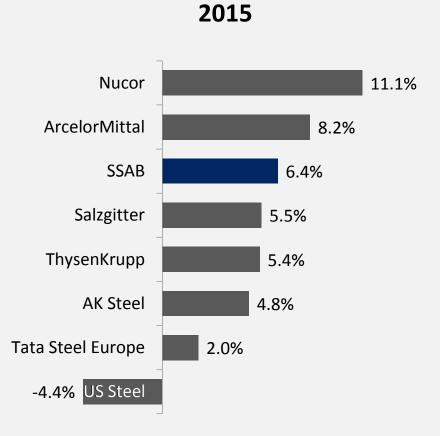


#### Strong trend in profitability improvement

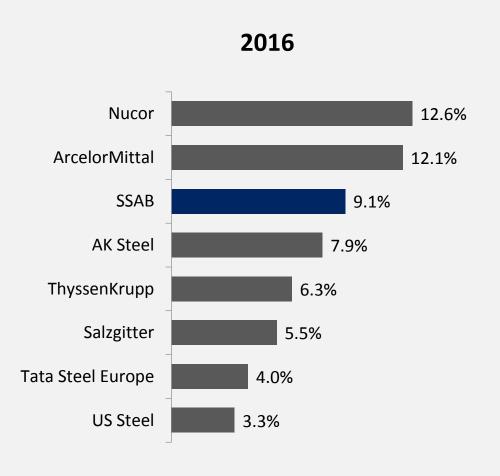
- Significant improvement in earnings:
  - Synergies from Rautaruukki
  - Cost savings
  - Better mix
  - Improved market conditions
- ▶ Breakdown in Oxelösund and margin pressure in SSAB Americas weighed on earnings in Q4 2016 and Q1 2017



# EBITDA-margin vs. peer group

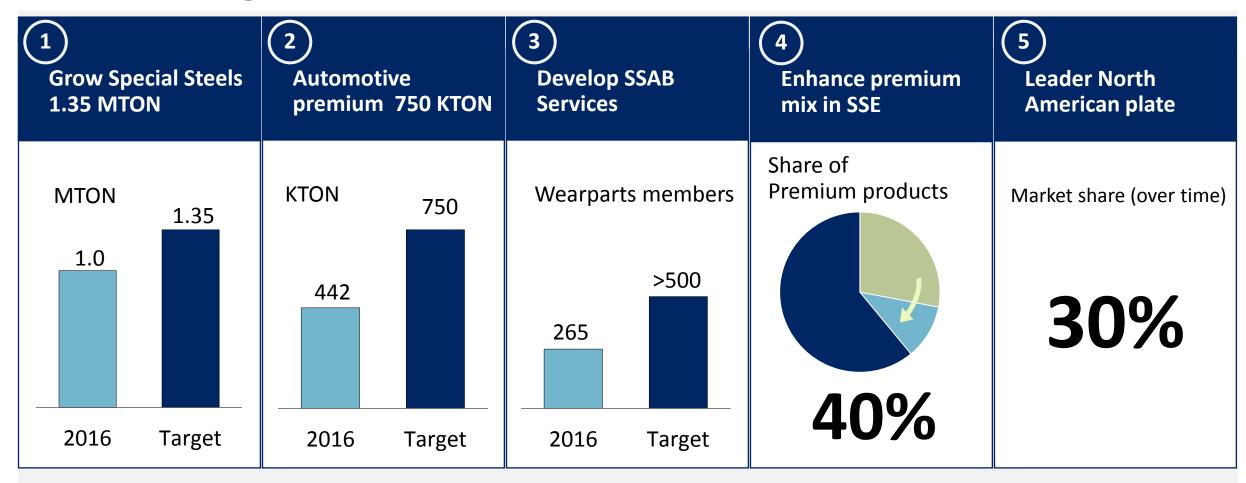








#### **2020 - Targets**



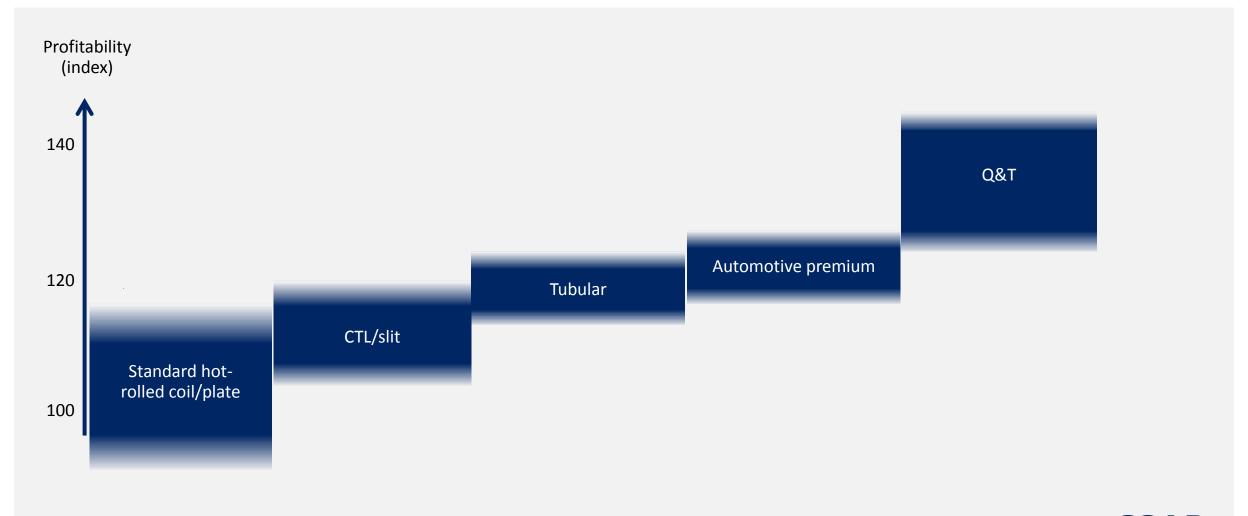


## Industry-leading profitability

**Strategic focus P&L** impact ► Higher revenue **Growth in Special Steels** ► Operating leverage from volume Product and channel upgrade lifts margin per tonne Further improvement in revenue and **Growth in services** earnings – less volatility ► Higher revenue Mix improvement Higher margin per tonne Strengthen home market position -Higher margin per tonne local producer close to customer

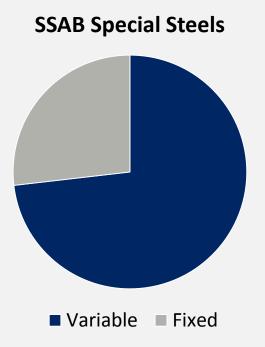


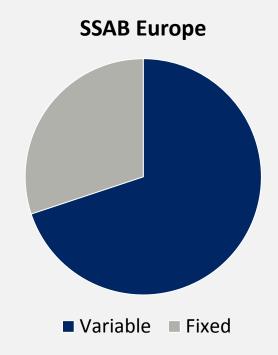
# Mix improvement drives profitability – examples

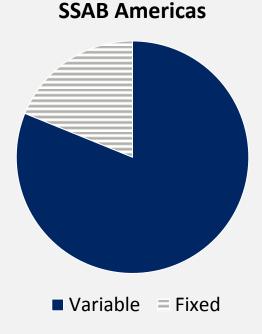




## Operational leverage – cost structure









#### Continuous improvements – cost efficiency

Large number of efficiency actions across all divisions

Driven by the employees

Monthly follow-up of KPIs

Continuous improvement in daily work

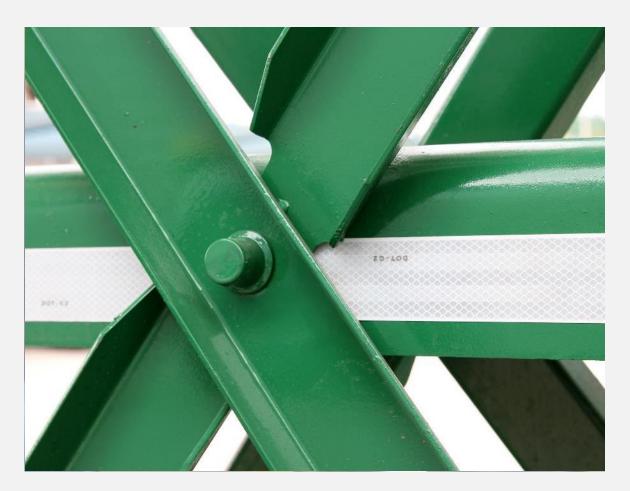
Improvement projects



## **Capital Structure**

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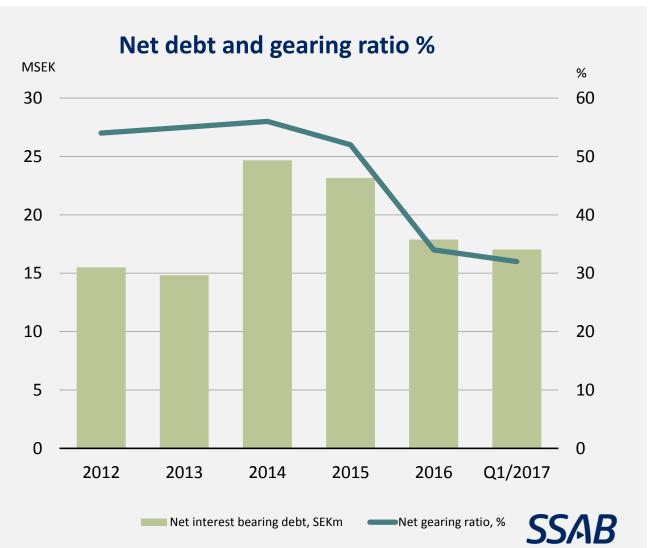
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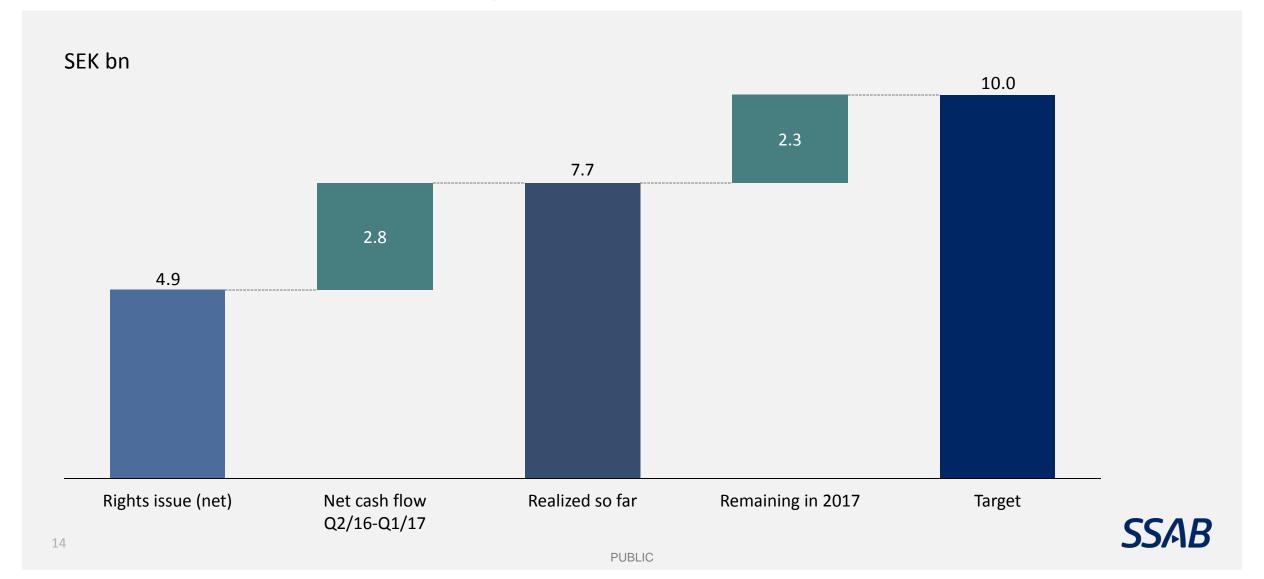
## Stronger balance sheet

- ► Reduced net debt and lower gearing:
  - Lower interest cost
  - Ability to invest for growth



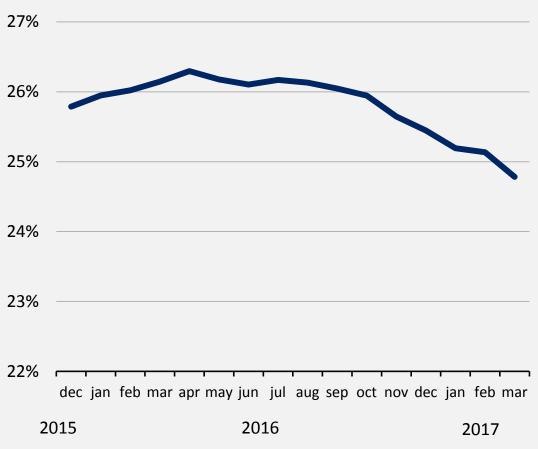
#### Net debt reduction according to plan

SEK 10 bn. between the end of Q1/16 and the end of 2017



## Reduce working capital to sales

#### **R12 Working capital / R12 Sales**



Key focus area in 2017 for all divisions

Large number of actions identified and being implemented



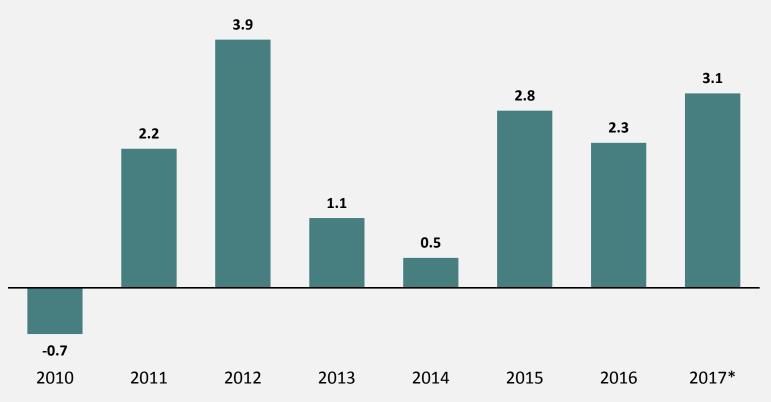
#### **Investments**

- ► Installed capacity sufficient to reach growth targets for SSAB Special Steels
- ► Investments kept below depreciation:
  - SSAB and Ruukki merger
  - Major strategic investments in 2010-2012
  - Blast furnaces recently relined
- ➤ Areas for strategic capex 2017 and going forward:
  - Automotive premium
  - Service expansion



#### Cash flow trend

#### **Cash flow from current operations**



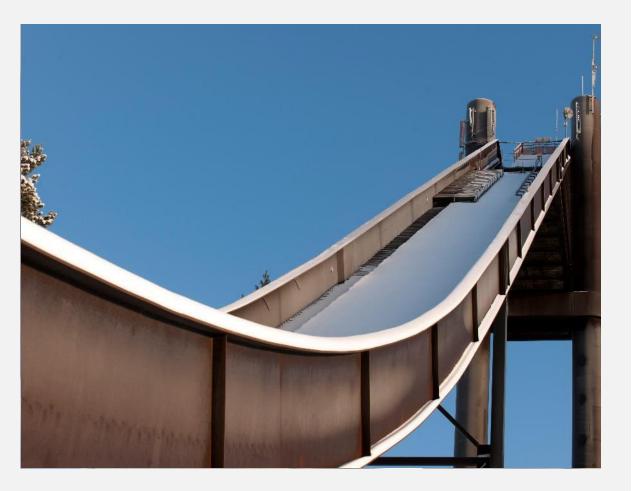
- Strong potential to improve profitability
- ▶ Well-invested
- Reduction of working capital/sales
- ► Lower interest cost
- ► Tax rate ~20%

Refers to cash flow from current operations in SEK bn.



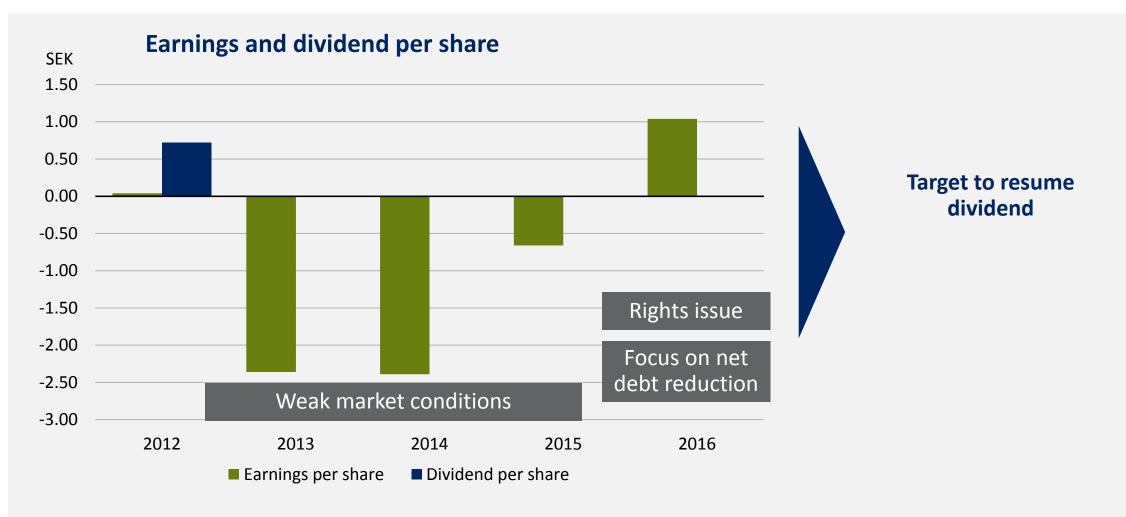
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#### Dividend





#### Summary

- ► Top-line growth driven by high-strength steels
- ► Home market leadership, growth and mix improvement will support Group profitability
- ► Well-invested to achieve targets
- Several initiatives to improve operational performance
- ► Reduction of net debt according to plan
- ► Towards industry-leading profitability



