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# Highlights from Carnegie's Micro & Small Cap Day

Bergman & Beving's CEO, Magnus Söderlind, presented at Carnegie's Micro & Small Cap Day on 18 March 2025. Watch the presentation here: <u>Bergman & Beving – Småbolagsdag 18 mars</u>

# B&B expects recovery in demand from the autumn...

The downturn in the business cycle – B&B is mainly exposed to industrial and construction – has hampered organic growth for the past years. The company now expects demand to start recovering from H2(25). Despite negative organic growth for 11 consecutive quarters, EBIT has grown for 20 quarters in a row.

## ...but will continue to make acquisitions

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B&B has a target to grow EBIT to SEK500m by FY(25/26) at the latest (SEK395m annualised at the end of December 2024). An important part of reaching the target is to acquire SEK50m–80m in EBIT per year. So far this fiscal year it has added sales of SEK385m with an EBIT margin of over 15%. We believe that the pace of acquisitions will remain high. The priority is Scandinavia and the UK, and targets must have an EBIT margin of at least 15% and EBITA/Working capital (P/WC), which is its variant of return on capital employed, over 45%.

# Internal improvements and M&A will continue to drive the margin

During the past couple of years B&B has been phasing out unprofitable products, and this work is almost finished. The gross margin expansion is behind and focus is now on margin protection. B&B has 33 subsidiaries. In its focus model, which is a traffic light system, P/WC needs to be above 45% to be green and 25–45% to be yellow. Nine subsidiaries are below 25% and in red, and focus for those units is on raising returns to acceptable levels. We believe that moving those subsidiaries to yellow or green in combination with further acquisitions will continue to drive the margin, also in the absence of growth. Meanwhile, the company is preparing for an upturn in volumes. We believe that as volumes return, B&B should be set to grow profitably.

		Key figures (SEK)	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e	Share price - 5Y				
		Sales (m)	4,723	4,985	5,359	5,560	350				
		EBITA (m)	438	490	565	605				M	a di
		EBITA adj. (m)	438	490	565	605	300 -			M	Nu
		EPS	7.13	8.01	10.2	11.5	250 -			- E	1
		EPS adj.	9.59	11.2	13.6	14.9					
		DPS	3.80	4.50	5.00	5.00	200 -				
		Sales growth Y/Y	-1%	6%	8%	4%	150 -	N	MA	AW.	
		EPS adj. growth Y/Y	2%	16%	22%	10%	100	J	<b>W</b> ,		
Key facts		EBITA adj. margin	9.3%	9.8%	10.5%	10.9%	100 -	Mar and	m	m	~~
No. shares (m)	26.7	EV/Sales	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	50 -	and the second se			
Market cap. (USDm)	786	EV/EBITA adj.	17.5	20.2	17.2	15.6	0 -				
Market cap. (SEKm)	7,920	EV/EBITA	17.5	20.2	17.2	15.6	M			lar Mar	Mar
Net IB Debt. (SEKm)	2,002	EV/EBIT	20.6	24.5	20.6	18.4	2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025				
Adjustments (SEKm)	0	P/E adj.	30.9	26.5	21.8	19.9	Bergman & Beving OMX Stockholm_PI (Se) (Rebased)				
EV (2024e) (SEKm)	9,921	P/BV	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.1					
Free float	82.6%	Dividend yield	1.3%	1.5%	1.7%	1.7%					
Avg. daily vol. ('000)	20	FCF yield	7.7%	7.8%	6.2%	7.4%	High/Lo	w (12M)		SEK	341/189.2
Risk	High Risk	ROCE	8.4%	9.1%	10.6%	11.5%	Perf.	3M	6M	12M	YTD
Fiscal year end	March	ROE adj.	12.0%	13. <b>9</b> %	15.9%	16.2%	Abs.	-4.2	١.5	58.4	-4.7
Share price as of (CET)	18 Mar 2025 12:06	Net IB debt/EBITDA	3.1	2.8	2.3	1.8	Rel.	-7.8	-0.7	51.8	-10.3

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