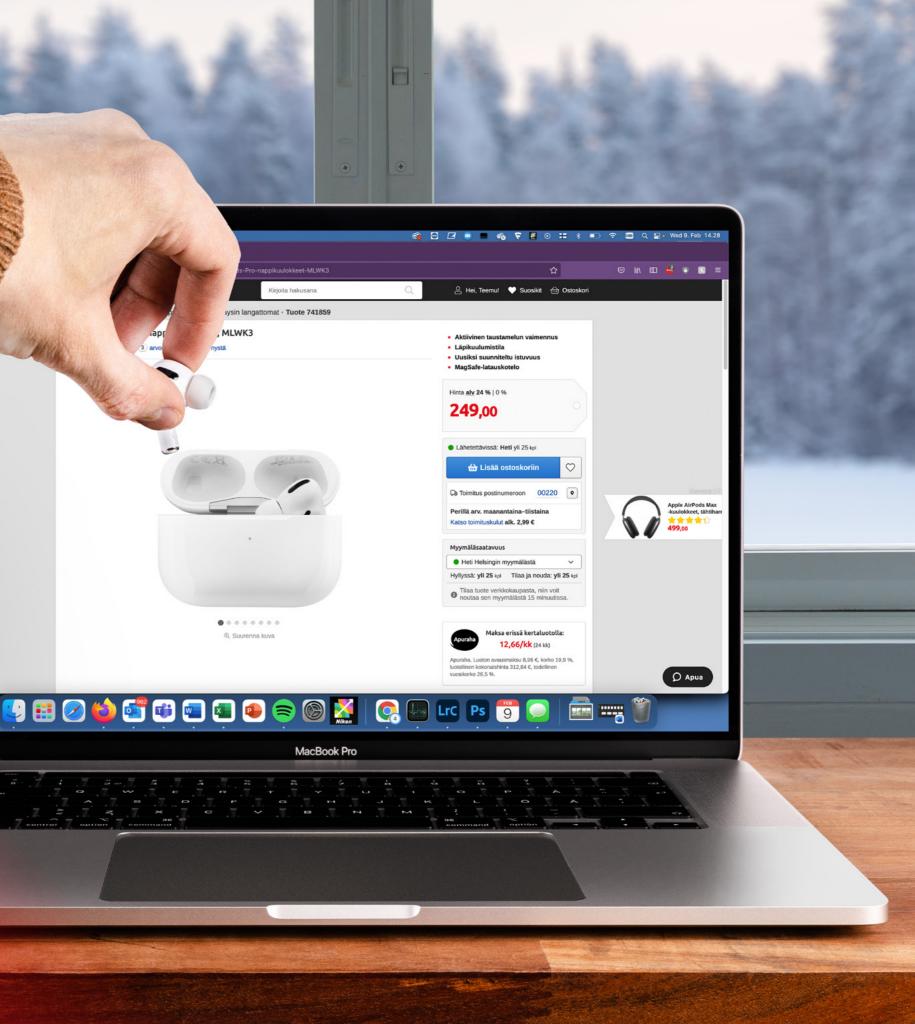
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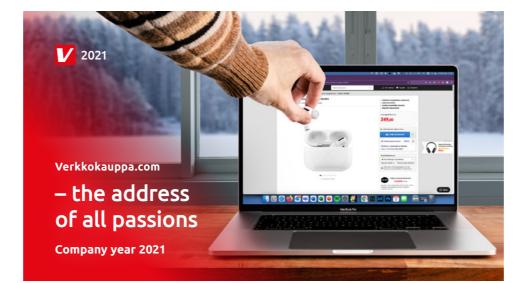
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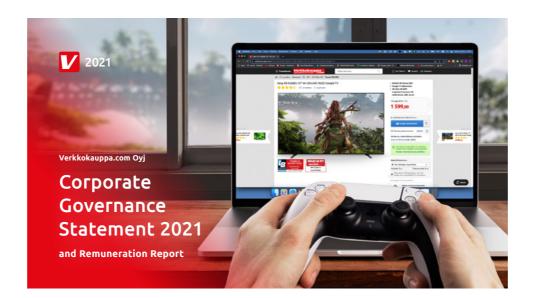


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# Verkkokauppa.com's Annual reporting 2021

Verkkokauppa.com has published four separate reports, which together form the company's Annual reporting for 2021. The reports are available in Finnish and English, and the reporting components are the Company brochure, Report of the Board of Directors and the Financial Statements, Statement of non-financial information, and Corporate Governance statement including the Remuneration report. The Statement of nonfinancial information is about company's sustainability work and its progress during 2021. Reports can be read and downloaded on the <u>Verkkokauppa.com website</u> as separate pdf files.











# **CEO's Review**

# Corporate sales as a driver of growth

The year 2021 continued to be dominated by the coronavirus pandemic and much of the year went by under exceptional circumstances. The full year revenue of Verkkokauppa.com reached a record high of EUR 574.5 million. Growth was driven in particular by corporate sales, which grew by almost 20 percent during the year. In consumer sales, the year ended with growth of two percent. Wholesale sales outside Finland continued to decline and their share of revenue fell to less than seven percent.



CEO **Panu Porkk**a on his commute to the Helsinki office





Highest turnover in the company's history

Finns reached with next-day deliveries

**11%** Exceptionally low product return rate

Onsumer sales during the year were doubled. The early part of the year was strong, but toward the end of the year demand weakened as the last quarter saw the total market for consumer electronics, as measured by GFK, down by as much as 8%. During the year, growth came entirely from online sales, while in-store sales declined, especially as the store in Helsinki suffered from a sharp drop in commuter and passenger traffic and consequently lower footfall. The pandemic period of almost two years has clearly made consumers more accustomed to online shopping and we believe that this change will be permanent. For an increasing number of purchases, online shopping plays a big role, even if the final purchase is made in-store. In addition to in-store and online shopping, we are also focusing on developing a seamless multi-channel experience.

The most important development of the year was the positive growth in our corporate sales. It was great to see that our investment in one of our cornerstones paid off, and we gained many new corporate clients during the year. This confirms our view that procurement, especially by small and medium-sized companies, is moving in a more consumer-like direction, which plays to our strengths. We continue to see a lot of growth potential in corporate sales and we will continue to invest in its development by strengthening our sales organization and continuing our marketing efforts.

During the year, our profitability remained at last year's level. The net sales margin increased by 3% to EUR 91 million as costs increased by about 5%. Comparable operating profit (EBIT) was EUR 20.3 million, compared to EUR 20.4 million last year.

### A weaker market and greater availability challenges than previous year

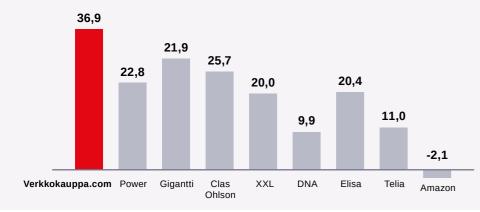
According to GFK, the growth of the total market in consumer electronics remained below 1% during the year, mainly due to weak demand toward the end of the year. The year was also marked by availability challenges across product groups due to the prolongation of the pandemic. In addition to raw material shortages and supply chain challenges, the increase in global demand has further weakened stock availability in many product categories, and delivery times have lenghtened in general and uncertainty is growing. We have had to work harder than usual on procurement, but we have managed the situation remarkably well and have also consciously increased the stock level in our warehouses. Customers expect fast deliveries and efficient logistics, making it increasingly important to ensure availability through the quantity and attractiveness of products in our warehouses. In terms of product categories, the biggest growth areas were toys, barbecue and kitchen, cameras, games and entertainment, and sports. In terms of availability, we believe that the situation will continue to be challenging during 2022.

More than **80,000** products ranging from laptops to analog watches

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Verkkokauppa.com is the most popular brand in its peer group. Net score.\*



### A strong brand as a competitive edge

The well-known and respected brand of Verkkokauppa.com will provide significant support for business growth in the coming years. In 2021, Verkkokauppa.com was again chosen as the most popular online store in Finland in Posti's large online survey. According to the study, ease and functionality of online transactions were key words for customers. In the Brandindex survey conducted by the research company YouGov, Verkkokauppa.com again continued to be the most popular, most talked about and best overall brand in its peer group in 2021 compared to other brands. During 2022, the company's goal is to further develop its brand recognition throughout Finland and to increase customer purchasing activity, especially in emerging categories.

### Personnel to enable growth

Skilled and motivated personnel are one of the key enablers of our growth. During the year, we significantly increased our efforts to strengthen our work community. We engaged more actively in dialog with our employees and built a vision for wellbeing through feedback from employees and joint workshops. We extended paid lunch to parttime workers by changing it to Verkkisextra, which now means that we pay our shop and logistics employees more than 6% better than

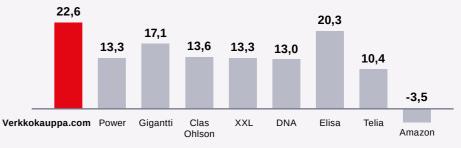
### Verkkokauppa.com is the most talked about brand in its peer group. Net score.\*



the collective agreement (TES). We expanded our occupational health automation system will be installed in Jätkäsaari, which will fulfill up services by introducing mental health-enhancing services and we to 720 orders per hour. In 2021, the popularity of same-day home made a strong contribution to training and coaching our managers. We delivery continued to grow significantly, and meeting the demand for fast deliveries will be a key factor in the coming years. These are held a number of workplace coaching sessions across the organization and during the year we saw dozens of career paths where employees important steps in our company's journey toward our long-term growth moved to new roles in-house. We also introduced a new work-shift target of one billion euro in revenue by the end of 2025. We intend planning system, which will help us to better scale human resources to continue to develop our business over time, focusing on customer experience and the resulting profitable growth. according to current demand based on data. All of these measures are designed to ensure that our passionate personnel can do their best Joint effort and deliver a great experience to our customers every day of the year.

### Investment in inventory automation

For a year now, we have been resolutely moving toward our renewed strategy objectives. Future growth is made possible by our warehouse automation investment in Helsinki and a significant increase in the range. The implementation of the AutoStore inventory automation system is planned for the spring of 2022. This will enable us to add more than 15,000 product lines to our Jätkäsaari warehouse and significantly improve our operations and product availability. Verkkokauppa.com's warehouse automation includes a total of 36 robots capable of picking and delivering up to 1,000 items per hour. During the current year, in addition to AutoStore, a packaging



### Verkkokauppa.com is the best overall brand in its peer group. Net score.\*

We have survived a challenging year by adapting to changing situations and managing to operate at a high service level. This has required a great deal of flexibility, persistence and positive attitude on the part of everyone. At the end of the year in particular, the Omicron variant put unprecedented pressure on our human resources, and yet we coped with the busy season and high delivery volumes admirably. The people of Verkkokauppa.com will continue to work for our customers with perseverance and passion in the years to come!

# 2021 the company achieved the highest revenue in its history



2021

Verkkokauppa.com announced its refined strategy for the period 2021–2025

– Journey towards 1 billion in sales



Verkkokauppa.com awarded as one of the most innovative companies in Finland<sup>\*</sup>

The popularity of home deliveries continued to rise; number of home deliveries increased by 8% and same-day express deliveries by 69%



Verkkokauppa.com joined the international Amfori BSCI association to develop social responsibility in the supply chains according to the principle of continuous improvement.

Building of a world-class automated urban logistics hub started in Jätkäsaari, Helsinki

Verkkokauppa.com's history's first Capital Markets Day was held

\* Hanken Finnish Innovation Index (FII)
\*\* Posti's Online shopping survey 2021 n=2093
\*\*\* NPS 72 12/2021

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chosen as Finland's most popular webstore by Posti's online shopping survey\*\* Number of product titles up to a new

Verkkokauppa.com was once again

record – over 80,000 items in our assortment.

Our assortment is growing by up to 100 products a day

We strengthened our position as customer experience and customer loyalty leader in retail – customer satisfaction all time high, NPS 72\*\*\*





n 2021, according to Statista's estimates global online retail sales growth was 10.1%, with online sales accounting for 17.8%\* of total global retail sales. In the post-pandemic period, growth is expected to remain high, and in Finland in particular we expect online shopping to become an integral part of the everyday lives of a growing percentage of Finnish consumers. The market for online and retail trade in Finland will continue to be very competitive. The decline in brick-and-mortar specialty stores is likely to continue, which will support the migration of new product categories online.

The coronavirus meant 2021 was an exceptional year for online shopping. The pandemic continued to strengthen the megatrend of growth in online trade. The company believes that the change brought about by the coronavirus is rather permanent and sees that the compete with international players. Verkkokauppa.com will thrive in the e-commerce sector has entered a new era, where the target market e-commerce arena, in particular thanks to its fast deliveries from local has grown and any product or service is seen as possible to buy warehouses, its growing variety and its ever-evolving multi-channel online. business model. As a rule, the company benchmarks its operations In Finland, we can expect to see further major changes in customer and competitiveness against major global players and constantly seeks to anticipate market changes, acting as a local retail pioneer.

shopping behavior and willingness to buy all kind of products online in the coming years.

Global e-commerce enables all buyers to choose from an ever-expanding supply. Competition in e-commerce is by nature international, as it is easy for consumers to compare and order products abroad. However, there is a tendency for informed consumers to favor local responsible operators, which also helps the company to

# Operating environment

The shift to online commerce continues to grow. In 2021, growth was not as strong as in early 2020, during the height of COVID pandemic.

\*Statista "E-commerce as share of total retail sales worldwide 2015–2025"

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### **Resources and enablers:**



2021

### Professionals of Verkkokauppa.com

• Company employed an average of 776 persons in 2021



### , Omnichannel marketplace

- The most popular webstore in Finland\*
  - Four megastores
  - Maintenance and value-added services



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### **Enablers of business**

- Supply chain and supplier relations (approx. 750 suppliers)
- Local warehouses
- · Fast and versatile deliveries
- Company's own and continuously evolving ERP system and webstore platform

### Intellectual capital

- Brand image and brand awareness
- · Concept of omnichannel customer experience
- Product knowhow and category management
- Customer and transaction data
- Product information and reviews

### **Financial Resources**

- Balance sheet total EUR 172.3 million
- Cash and cash equivalents EUR 20.9 million



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### Owners

• 18,811 shareholders (31.12.2021)

# The address of all passions

Excellent customer experience and strong brand

Efficient order-to-delivery process

Unparalleled technical back-end system

Broad assortment of products

**Competitive cost** structure

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# **Our values**

Courage

Transparency

Agility

# Added value and its effects:



### • Personnel

- · Career paths and developing competence
- · Community and employee engagement
- Wages and salaries EUR 28.9 million



### Customers

- More than 80,000 products
- · Probably always cheaper
- Easy and fast shopping on all devices
- Personalized customer experience for consumer. corporate and wholesale customers
- Tailored services for businesses of all sizes
- More than 50,000 active
- Customer satisfaction, NPS 72



### Suppliers

- A modern distribution channel to reach consumer and corporate customers
- Purchases over EUR 490 million



### Shareholders

- Operating profit for the financial year EUR 15.1 million
- Increasing quarterly dividend
- Dividends paid in 2021 EUR 20.1 million



### Society

- Taxes and tax-like payments EUR 38.9 million
- · All taxes are paid to Finland



### Environment

- All electricity procured by the company 100% renewable
- · Greenhouse gas emissions from own operations 319 tCO<sub>2</sub>
- Waste recovery rate 100%, recycling rate 81%
- Recycled e-waste 351 tonnes

## Community



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# Sustainability

In 2021 we introduced reusable shopping bags made from renewable Paptic mate

# at Verkkokauppa.com

Sustainability is a key part of Verkkokauppa.com's operations. High-quality, safe products and selling products that customers actually need are at the heart of our operations.

Sustainability work focuses on priorities identified through materiality analysis and stakeholder dialogue, and covers a wide range of areas. Verkkokauppa.com's first sustainability program sets targets for the company's sustainability work in the 2021–2025 strategy period. The objectives will be pursued based on the principle of continuous improvement.

For more information on Verkkokauppa.com's sustainability, operating practices and performance, see the section on Sustainability at Verkkokauppa.com, Statement of non-financial information 2021. You can also read more about our sustainability work on our website.

## Our sustainability focus areas



### At the customer's service and on their side

- We sell products that customers actually need: our products are safe and of high quality, and product information and communications are transparent
- We offer services supporting sustainable consumption
- We promote responsible working conditions and environmental practices throughout the supply chain



### Smaller environmental impact

- We minimize our impact on climate
- We promote the use of responsibly sourced materials and material efficiency
- We promote the circulation of materials

- Verkkokauppa.com as a Community • We invest in leadership and culture
  - · We promote well-being and support professional development
  - With us, you can be as you are

### Profitable business and good governance

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- We adhere to good governance principles and manage risks
- We ensure strong information security

• We run profitable business operations



We sell what our customers actually need and keep our return rate low at 1.1%

### We increased

the resale of returned products our outlet sales per item increased by 29% through online outlets and in-store outlets

### We joined

the Amfori BSCI international corporate responsibility program to promote responsible working conditions in our supply chains

We invested in energy efficiency and renewable energy – our climate emissions fell by **34%** 

We recycled 351 tons of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)

### We introduced

renewable and reusable Paptic bags and plastic bags made of 80% recycled plastic

We agreed on a completely flexible way of remote working in expert positions

### We foster

a sense of community through active dialogue, staff surveys and workshops

We launched

a welfare strategy and introduced new services for health and well-being at work

> We set targets for our sustainability work



We introduced Verkkokauppa.com's renewed Code of Conduct

### In our online store

customers can now compare appliances by energy efficiency class

We added sustainability topics to the quarterly reports

We launched a website to provide information on our sustainability work

We donated over 100 washing machines to people in need



### Verkkokauppa.com's strategy is implemented through eight strong cornerstones:

# **1.** Assortment

We offer the widest and most exciting assortment in selected categories in Finland. We are the first to make the most sought-after products available to our customers.

# **2.** Experience

We deliver a seamless, multi-channel customer experience backed by our own advanced technology platform. We build customer journeys around the needs of the digital customer, with new services and capabilities being developed continuously.

# **3.** Speed & flexibility

We deliver orders quickly to our customers. Our order delivery is fuelled by excellent availability and ease of use. We provide accurate and up-to-date information on the availability of our products through all our channels and locations. Verkkokauppa.com's delivery network already covers around 75% of Finns with next-day delivery.

# **5.** Strong brand

We enable our customers to fulfil their passions. We strive to maintain our position as Finland's most popular online shop by offering products at low prices, quickly and easily. We are growing our relevance in more and more new categories and building long-lasting and loyal customer relationships.

# **6.** Passionate people

Our people are one of our key success factors. We are more than 750 passionate Verkkokauppa. com employees, from salespeople to system developers. We value each other and respect diversity and promote equality. We want to foster an atmosphere of community where everyone has the opportunity to continue to develop our business in the future.

# **7.** Technology backbone

Our own IT-professionals and strong technological knowledge have provided us technical capabilities on which to build new services and features to provide the best experience possible.

More than 80,000 products ranging from e-bikes to padel rackets



Our vision is to remain as pioneer of e-commerce through continuous innovation and development. Our mission is to provide the best possible customer experience in the Nordic countries in selected categories.

# 4. Trust

We ensure that our promises are fulfilled with transparent product information and competitive prices in the retail sector by being "Probably always cheaper". We always focus on solving the customer's need in the best possible way without imposing. We want to be worthy of the customer's trust.

# 8. New businesses and **M&A**

We ensure our ability to grow reach, selection and capabilities. In 2022 Verkkokauppa.com agreed to acquire e-ville.com online store to strengthen and expand its assortment in own brands and their sourcing service in the Far East will strengthen our key growth areas.



### Verkkokauppa.com's long-term (2021–2025) financial targets

Verkkokauppa.com aims for a revenue of one billion euro and a 5% comparable EBIT margin by the end of 2025. Also, the company aims to push its fixed costs below 10% of revenue by 2025 through targeted investments into logistics, processes and automation, supply chain and product management, as well as marketing.

At the same time, Verkkokauppa.com will continue its policy of distributing a quarterly growing dividend to its shareholders.

We regularly report on the progress and performance of the strategy in relation to the strategic goals.



# Revenue EUR 1 billion and 5% EBIT margin

by the end of 2025







More than **80,000** products ranging from grills to smartwatches





# Verkkokauppa.com's shareholders

Trading of Verkkokauppa.com shares on the Nasdaq Helsinki Ltd began on 5 June 2020. We are especially happy that the amount of shareholders has increased since, and at the end of December 2021, we had more than 18,800 shareholders.

Finnish households had 53 percent share of company's shares, and financial and insurance corporations had 16 percent. Other Finnish investors had 19 percent. Out of total sharebase, foreign shareholders had some 12 percent of shares. Company's market capitalization (excl. own shares) was EUR 319 million.

### Dividend

Verkkokauppa.com continues its dividend policy, according to which the company pays an increasing dividend to its owners on a quarterly basis. The Board of Directors proposes to the Annual General Meeting 2022, that a total dividend of EUR 0.246 per share be paid for the financial year 2021. The total dividend is to be divided into a payment of EUR 0.060 per share following the Annual General meeting. In addition, it is proposed to the AGM to authorize the Board of Directors to decide at its discretion the distribution of total of EUR 0.186 per share to be divided in three quarterly instalments.

### **Investor Relations**

Investor Relations function serves shareholders, investors and anlysts. Verkkokauppa.com's Investor Relations is located in Helsinki, alongside with Jätkäsaari store and it serves investors and analysts by answering the enquiries by phone or e-mail, or at the investor meetings arranged. All questions and the meeting requests are asked to be send to Investor relations.

Primary information and communication channel is company's technology backbone. A recording of the event and presentation investor website. Website is in Finnish and English, and there can be materials are available on the company's investor website: https:// found all up-to-date and timely information on company; releases, investors.verkkokauppa.com/en/capital-markets-day. financial reports, publications, presentations from result news Result publications conferences and links to webcasts as well as investor calendar. You can check the publication dates and other investor events in In connection to quarterly result publications, Verkkokauppa. com arrange news conferences in Finnish and in English. At news the investor calendar. The website also provided information on the conferences, the CEO of Verkkokauppa.com will present the result largest shareholders, as well as a share price monitor, an investment and the events can be followed via a live webcast. The earnings report return calculators and a historical price look-up. On the investor saite, you can subscribe to our newsletter mailing list, so you always get the will be published in English and in Finnish, typically at 8:00 am, and presentation material for the events will be available on the investor lates news stratight to your inbox. pages after the release of the earnings report. Recordings of the press **Capital Markets Day** conferences will be available after the events.

On 2021, Verkkokauppa.com hosted its first Capital Markets Day in Silent period the company's history. During the event, company management Verkkokauppa.com observes a 21-day period of silence before presented the road toward a revenue of one billion euros, strategy releasing financial reports. During the silent period Verkkokauppa.com execution and how the company is capitalizing on the shift to online does not meet with representatives of the capital markets. by leveraging its most exciting assortment as well as company's own

### Verkkokauppa.com's financial calendar 2022 • Financial Statements Release 2021 was published on Thursday 10 February 2022 The Financial Statements for 2021 will be published during the week beginning 28 February (week 9) in 2022 • AGM on 24 March 2022 • Interim report for January – March 2022 on Thursday 28 April 2022 • Half-year financial report for January – June 2022 on Thursday 14 July 2022 Interim report for January – September 2022 on Thursday 27 October 2022

• Financial statements bulletin for the year 2022 on Thursday 9 February 2023.

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# Verkkokauppa.com

empowers its customers to follow their passion by providing a wide product assortment of around 80,000 products. Verkkokauppa.com Oyj serves its retail and corporate customers through its webstore, megastores, 24h kiosk and network of collection points as well as fast deliveries and various services. As Finland's most popular and most visited domestic online retailer, its deliveries cover around 75 percent of the Finnish population within the next day. The Company has four megastores: in Oulu, Pirkkala, Raisio, and Helsinki, where its headquarters is also located. Verkkokauppa. com employs more than 750 people and its shares are listed on the Nasdaq Helsinki stock exchange with the ticker VERK.











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