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# Media and Finance Analyst Conference on the 2022 Annual Report

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### Welcome! Review of 2022



- Sales turnover 556 million (+ 8.9 %)
- EBITDA 52.1 million (+ 45 %)
- Profit 30.7 million (~ 2×)

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# **Tailwind 2022: Extraordinary factors**



- Boom in demand: "Transition away from oil and gas!"
- MuKEn Energy Act extended and effective
- Stable construction market
- Currency and price movement
- The strategy takes effect.

### Strategy and trends



#### "Simply building technology"

2022: 1,258 employees (FTE), CHF 556 million turnover, CHF 52 million EBITDA









Business area

10,000 installation companies in the HVAC industry

260,000 property owners

Planning professionals, developers

Customers

Fast & everywhere Digitalisation

Networking, Customer proximity, Digital systems Decarbonisation Digitalisation

AC installed in more places, Large heat pumps for heating-/cooling-networks

**Trends** 





### **Trade**

### Fast rotating engine

#### 2022 highlights

- High availability in a difficult environment
- "marché@work":639 active customers(Previous year: 293)
- "marché@box":
   8 containers operational on construction sites (previous year: 3)
- Construction of new logistics centre (DCO) on target
- First electric truck operational

#### Strategy / focus

Further expand leading position in the market

#### **Key figures**

- >32,000 items in stock
- 2,200 daily deliveries
- 56 trucks owned

#### **Customers**

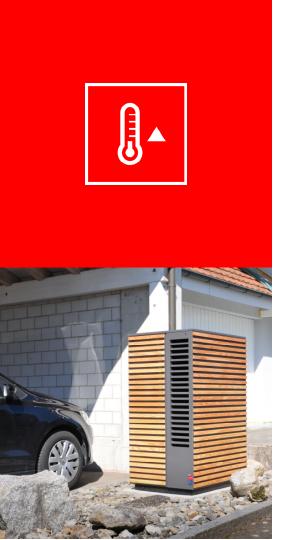
- 10,000 installation firms HVAC
- Largest customer <2.4 % of total sales

### New logistics centre in Oberbuchsiten (DCO)

### Construction work on target, operational from July 2023

- Highly automated warehouses
- High bay warehouses with space for 32,000 pallets
- Small parts warehouse with 43,700 containers
- Building services: 2x300 kW thermal pumps heat and cool using groundwater
- Photovoltaic systems covers internal consumption and supplies an additional 400 households with electricity (2 MW peak)





### **Heat generation**

### Tailwind from energy transition

#### 2022 highlights

- Heat pumps grow above the market
- Profit Market share
- Configurator: 80,000 visitors generated 18,000 validated leads
- Product pipeline full

#### Strategy / focus

- Further increase market share and profit
- Focus on heat pumps with R290 (Oertli + Bosch)

#### **Key figures**

Heat generator market +4.4%, including heat pumps +23%

#### **Customers**

- 6,000 heating installation firms
- Largest customer <1.5% of total sales</li>

### New: Oertli LAN33 heat pump, positioned externally

Range focusing on renewable energies



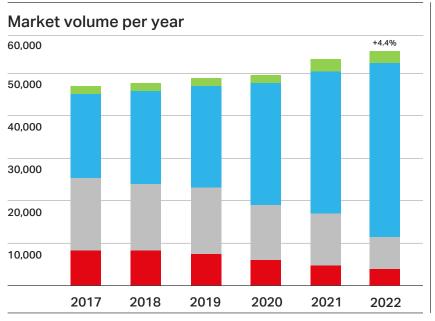


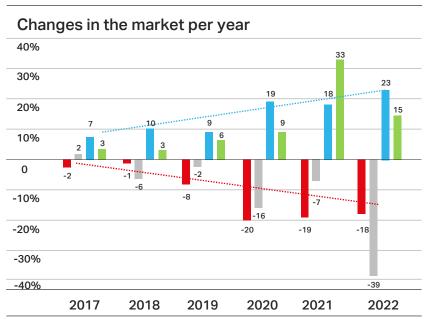
Oertli LAN33TPR: Air to water heat pump, positioned externally, for new and renovated buildings

- Natural coolant R290 propane (GWP 3)
- Efficiency category A++
- Reversible, heats and cools
- Output up to 20 kW/device
- Compact dimensions
- SmartSolutions ready

### Strong market dynamics for heat pumps

Units sold, residential buildings, output 5-100 kW



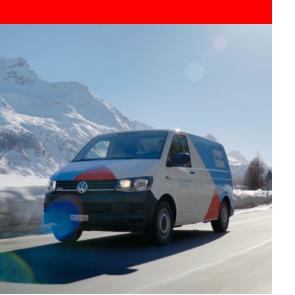


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Source: Market research by GebäudeKlima Schweiz





### Service

### Reliable and digital

#### 2022 highlights

- Approx. 4,400 installations are online for SmartGuard 1.0
- 30 % of SmartGuard interventions are carried out "remotely"
- SmartSolutions development complete
- Retraining of service professionals from fossil fuel to heat pumps gains momentum

#### Strategy / focus

SmartGuard 2.0"go live" April 2023

#### **Key figures**

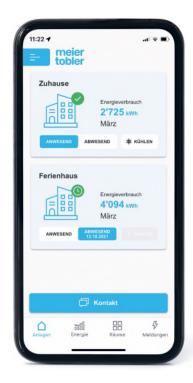
- 400 service professionals nationwide in Switzerland
- 260,000 active installations

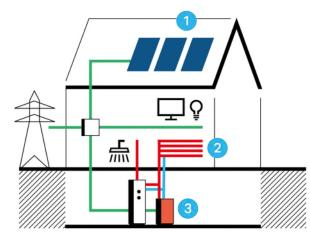
#### Customers

- Private customers
- Property agencies

### SmartSolutions: Simple remote diagnostics tool

### Digitalisation saves energy

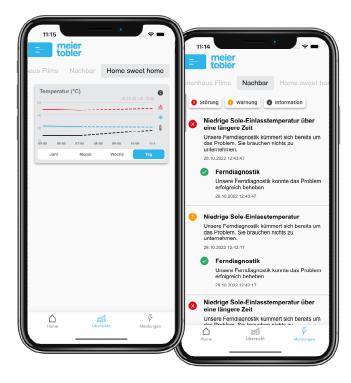




- 1 Energy management: SmartSolar
  - Intelligent energy management
  - Increases own consumption of solar electricity
- 2 Heat distribution: SmartComfort
  - Underfloor heating control for energy-optimised, comfort indoor climate
  - Performs hydraulic balancing automatically
- Heat generation: SmartGuard
  - "All-round trouble-free"
  - Remote operational optimisation and predictive maintenance

### **SmartSolutions:**

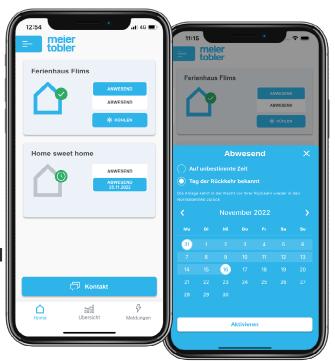
### **Comfort through digitalisation**



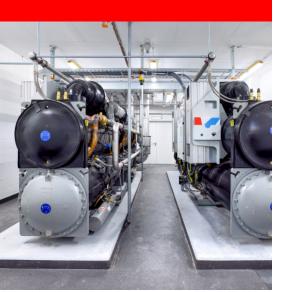
Full control in the app:

Temperature progression and proactive troubleshooting

Operating status and absence reduction







### Climate systems

"Large-scale" cooling, heating and ventilation

#### 2022 highlights

- Double-digit growth
- Propane and ammonia gas natural coolants: We are ready!
- Expansion of partner network for airconditioning
- Green Datacenter AG: energy-efficient airconditioning cabinets delivered, with follow-up order in 2023

#### Strategy / focus

- Solution over the entire life cycle
- Natural coolant
- District heating

#### **Key figures**

Approx. 480 projects averaging 520 kW

#### Customers

- Large investors (e.g. data centre operators)
- 1,300 engineering-offices / air-conditioning planners

### Air-conditioning systems over the entire life cycle

#### New installation at Orolux in Le Noirmont



Permanent process cooling and air conditioning, 24/7

- Redundant systems
- Predictive maintenance with SmartGuard Pro
- 30XWP, 1× 400 kW and 1× 300 kW refrigeration system carrier
- Waste heat from refrigeration system heats the building
- AxAir low-noise heat exchanger for summer

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### Investment in digitalisation

#### **Processes close to customers**

#### 2022 highlights

- SmartSolutions: In-house development ready!
- "OASIS" SAP S/4Hana:
   Implementation on track
- Fully automated DCO:
- High bay warehouse
- Small parts warehouse
- 11 AMR
- Augmented Reality: Application test for training

#### Strategy / focus

End-to-end processes digitalised

#### **Key figures**

- SAP S/4Hana go live: 2024
- SmartSolutions go live: April 2023

### AMR takes over auxiliary work

#### Autonomous mobile robot

- Carries pallets from A to B or from C to D fully automated
- Optimises transport independently and avoids empty runs
- Bypasses obstacles and operates with maximum safety



### Augmented reality within training

### Impart knowledge faster

- Training module prototype with AR "Heat pump-boiler commissioning"
- Collaboration with Rimon Technologies, ETH Zurich spin-off
- Aim: Learn efficiently with AR and interactive handbooks
- Large potential, high level of acceptance



### "Simply sustainable"





Goals

- Assuming responsibility in ecological, social and economic terms out of conviction
- Securing Meier Tobler's commercial future

Fields

SDG\*

#### **Environment**











- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> in solutions sold
- Vehicle fleet goes electric
- Buildings protect the environment

#### **Employees**











Society



- Training and education
- Diversity and equal opportunity
- Promoting health and performance

- Economic success contributing to welfare, education and progress
- Fair conditions and respect for human rights across the supply chain

<sup>\*</sup> The UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals

### "Simply sustainable"

### **Examples of implemented measures**





### "Simply sustainable"

### **Examples of implemented measures**



Pay equity isn't just a promise but a reality.

Tap water instead of bottled mineral water.

Electromobility:
60 vehicles ordered,
Investment in charging
infrastructure.

Our service professionals are trained on internal practical training courses in "Renewable heating".



Through our "Simply building services", we are supporting the energy transition. Alongside our installation professionals, planners and end customers.

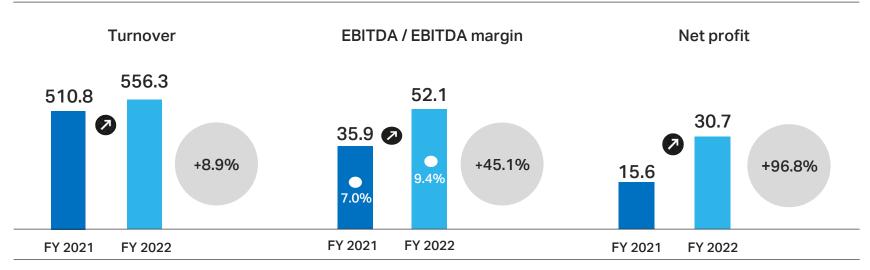
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### 2022 – a successful financial year

**Key figures** (CHF million)



- High demand for heat pumps
- Delivery capabilities intact
- Sales price increase

- EBITDA margin 9.4%
- Revenue-driven economies of scale
- Passing on increased purchase prices and transport costs
- Cost discipline

Net profit nearly doubled

### Continued growth in Q4/2022

**Key figures (CHF million)** 



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### Revenue-driven increase in gross profit

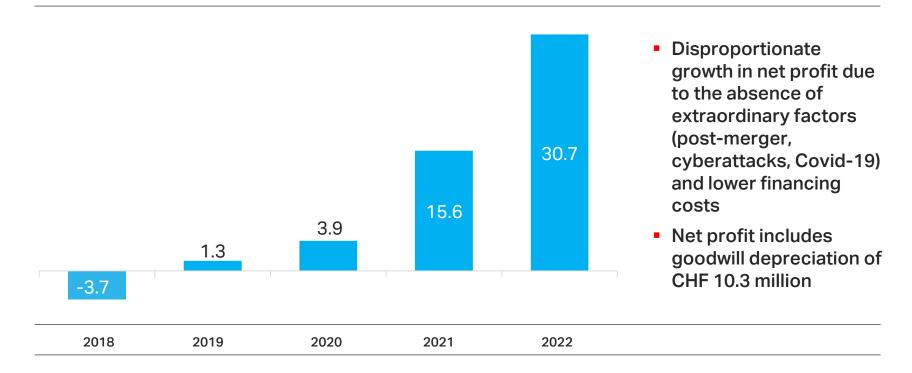
**Income statement (CHF million)** 

	2022	2021	Variable (%)
	556.3	510.8	8.9%
1	-296.6	-270.2	9.8%
	259.7	240.6	7.9%
2	0.5	0.9	-44.4%
3	-142.3	-142.4	-0.1%
	-65.8	-63.2	4.1%
	52.1	35.9	45.1%
4	-4.4	-4.8	-8.3%
	-10.3	-10.3	0.0%
5	37.4	20.7	80.7%
6	-0.9	-1.5	-40.0%
	-5.8	-3.6	61.1%
2	<b>13.0</b> 578	11.835	98.8%
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- 1 Positive volume and price effects
- 2 Stable personnel costs, slightly declining FTEs
- 3 In-house trade fairs (Expo+) and higher fuel costs
- 4 Annual goodwill depreciation
- 5 Significant reduction in financial expenses due to changes to financing
- 6 Tax rates unchanged compared to the previous year. Operating companies 15.1%, corporate 9.2%

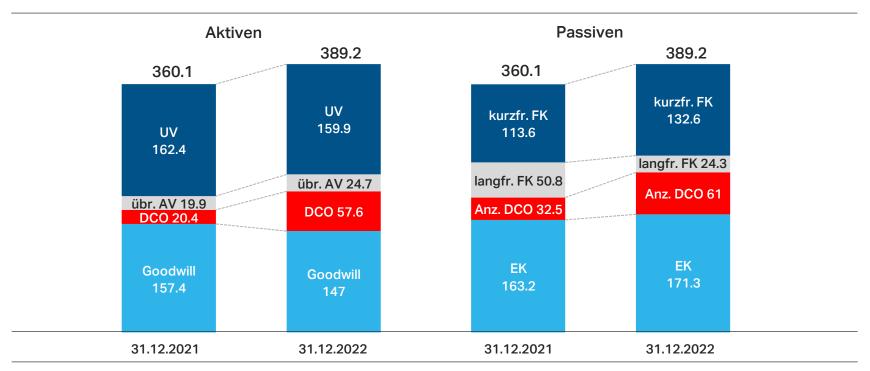
### Another jump in profits in FY 2022

Net profit (continuing business operations) (CHF million)



### Balance sheet expansion during construction of DCO 1)

**Balance sheet (CHF million)** 



<sup>1)</sup> Oberbuchsiten Logistics Centre (DCO): After the transfer of ownership to SUVA (summer 2023), the property or the lease agreement will qualify as an operating lease in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER.

### Increased balance sheet total due to construction of DCO

### Balance sheet – assets (CHF million)

	31.12.22	31.12.21
Cash and cash equivalents 1	13.7	33.7
Receivables from goods and services	58.7	50.0
Inventories 2	74.4	66.0
Other current assets	13.1	12.7
Current assets	159.9	162.4
Fixed assets	11.0	10.4
Commercial properties under construction 3	57.6	20.4
Intangible assets 4	11.1	7.5
Goodwill 5	147.0	157.4
Other intangible fixed assets	2.6	2.0
Intangible fixed assets	229.3	197.7
	389.2	360.1

- Optimisation of cash and cash equivalents due to higher flexibility in financing
- Price increases and deliberate building of stock to assure delivery capabilities
- 3 Investment in construction of the new Oberbuchsiten logistics centre (DCO)
- 4 Activation of costs for new ERP (SAP S4/Hana)
- 5 Goodwill from Tobler Haustechnik (remaining depreciation period of 14 years)

### **Equity ratio of 44%**

### Balance sheet - liabilities (CHF million)

	31.12.22	31.12.21
Financial liabilities	_	
Liabilities from sales and services	33.9	25.9
Advance payments for DCO (under construction) 2	61.0	
Other current liabilities	98.7	87.7
Short-term debt	193.6	113.6
Financial liabilities 1	18.0	44.6
Advance payments for DCO (under construction) 2	_	32.5
Other long-term liabilities	6.3	6.2
Long-term debt	24.3	83.3
Debt capital	217.9	196.9
Equity capital 3	171.3	163.2
	389.2	360.1
Net debt 1	4.3	10.9

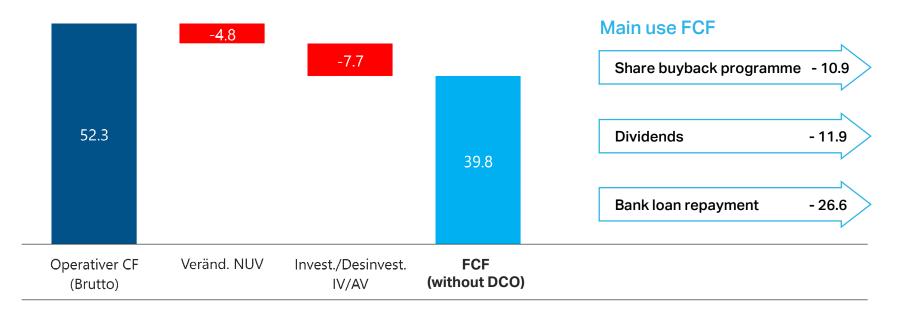
- 1 More flexible financing allows repayment of bank loans. Debt-equity ratio (Net debt/ EBITDA): 0.1× (Previous year: 0.3×)
- 2 Investor advance payments for construction of the Oberbuchsiten logistics centre (DCO)
- 3 Equity ratio 44.1% (previous year 45.3%)

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### Free cash flow allows dividend payouts to shareholders

Free cashflow (FCF) 2022, without cash flows DCO under construction<sup>1)</sup>

(CHF million)



<sup>1)</sup> The new Oberbuchsiten logistics centre (DCO) is pre-financed by SUVA as the investor.

### High operating cash flow

Cash flow statement (CHF million)

	2022	2021
Cash flow from operations (gross)	52.3	36.0
Change to net current assets 2	-4.8	-17.9
Cash flow from operations (net)	47.5	18.1
Investments in fixed assets	-2.4	-6.0
Investments in intangible assets 3	-5.4	-3.4
Investments DCO under construction 4	-38.0	-16.6
Divestments of fixed assets	0.1	0.5
Cash flow from investment activity	-45.7	-25.5
Repayment of financial liabilities 5	-26.6	-22.7
Advance payments for DCO under constructio 4	28.5	32.5
Acquisition of own shares 6	-11.4	-1.4
Dividends 7	-11.9	0.0
Other items	-0.4	-0.9
Cash flow from financing activity	-21.8	7.5
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-20.0	-

1 Increased operating cash flow due to improved results

2021

2022

- Revenue-driven increase in NUV or deliberate build-up of inventory
- 3 New ERP (SAP S4/Hana)
- 4 Construction costs of DCO or advance investor payments (SUVA)
- 5 Bank loan repayment
- 6 Including share buyback programme CHF 10.9 million
- 7 Dividend payment (CHF 1.00 per share)

### Share buyback programme

### 2022 buybacks

			2022
Number of shares repushare)	ırchased (per		408,800
Ø price/share (CHF)			26.55
Own shares repurchased (CHF)		1	0.9 million
Number of shares repurchased (%)			3.4%
Disproportionate incre	ease in earnin 2022	gs per sha 2021	are %
Consolidated profit (TCHF)	30,672	15,641	+96.1%
Profit per share (weighted)	2.60	1.31	+98.5%
Profit per share (reference date)	2.65	1.31	+102.3%

# Benchmarks for the current share buyback programme

• Begins: 11.3.22

max. 3 years

max. CHF 30 million

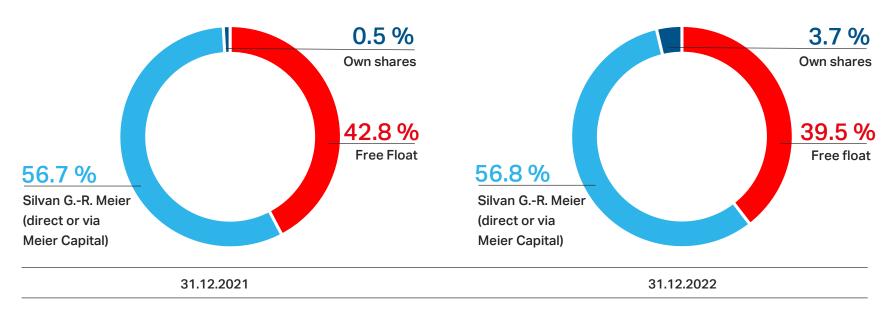
max. 8.66% or 1,039,290 shares

 Motion to general meeting of 13.03.2023:

Capital reduction and cancellation of the repurchased shares

### Free float approx. 40 %

#### Shareholder structure



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### Dividend increase of 20 centimes

#### Dividend proposal: CHF 1.20 per share

#### Appropriation of **balance sheet profit**

	2022	2021
Annual profit Meier Tobler Group AG	4.1	4.7
Carry forward from the previous year	50.1	51.4
Annual profit Meier Tobler Group AG	54.2	56.1
./. Cash dividend of CHF 0.60 (2021: CHF 0.50)	- 7.2	- 6.0
Balance to be carried forward to new account	47.0	50.1

- Dividend request of CHF 1.20 per share
- Half from retained earnings and half from capital contribution reserves

#### Use of reserves from capital contributions

	2022	2021
Capital contribution reserves	129.3	135.3
./. Distribution from capital reserves of CHF 0.60		
(2021: CHF 0.50)	- 7.2	- 6.0
Capital contribution reserves after distribution	122.1	129.3

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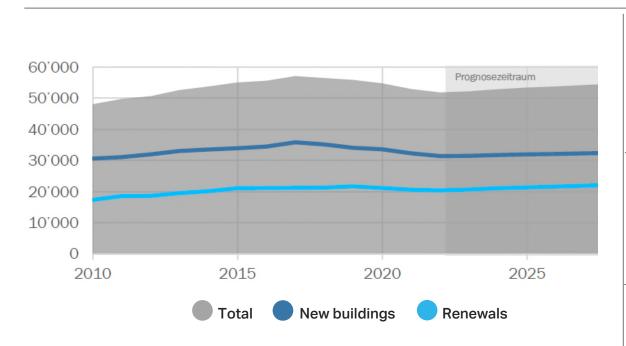
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### Market development CH, building construction expenditure

Real, price basis for 2020 (CHF million)





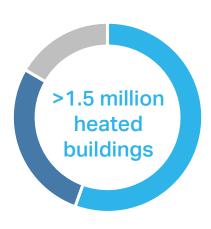
Source: BAK Economics, Bauprognose Schweiz (Switzerland Construction Prognosis) 2021-2027, 11.2022

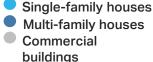
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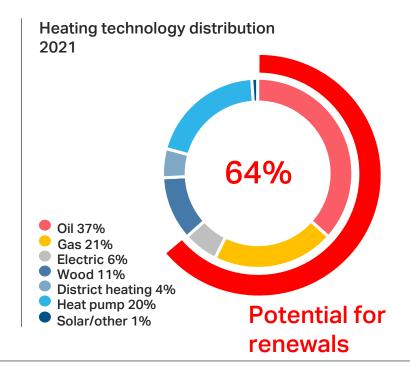
### Huge potential for renewals

Swiss building stock: 50% are older than 40 years!









Source: BfS, BFE, Meier Tobler Hochrechnung (projection)

### Outlook



#### Basis

- Construction market stable, renewal market dynamic
- Energy transition and digitalisation trends continue
- 1 million buildings with renewal potential

- Geopolitical and interest rate uncertainty
- Procurement volatile

#### **Outlook**

- 2023 operational burdens high due to DCO and SAP S/4Hana
- Aim to achieve results of the same level as previous year for 2023
- Medium-term sales growth at least in line with the market
- From 2024 onwards, significant operational improvements will enable the EBITDA margin to be maintained at a high level, despite higher overheads due to inflation
- Continue share buyback, steadily increase dividend to previous level of CHF 2.00

# **Summary**

Strong in an attractive market: Great potential from renewals

Important USPs:
Best-in-class
customer proximity
and logistics



Strong in corporate responsibility:
Sustainable through conviction, stable dividend targeted

Making strong financial progress:
Further cost synergies from DCO

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