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# **UNEXPECTED SLOWDOWN IN MARKET ACTIVITY**

In Q2, Solar experienced negative growth, most notable within the Industry segment and to a lesser extent in Installation.

# **CEO Jens Andersen says:**

"In Q2 and even more July, market developments have been disappointing. We saw an unexpected slowdown for Industry and to a lesser extent for Installation, while Trade and Climate & Energy delivered growth driven by Solar Polaris' sales to a major solar park project. We continue to expect market improvement in 2025, relative to current level.

In Q2, we executed additional staff reductions, and we continue to initiate measures to optimise our operating model. Our H1 results, therefore, include transition costs of DKK 12m and restructuring costs of DKK 45m, of which the latter is expected to generate equivalent savings in 2025 and full-year savings of approx. DKK 70m going forward.

Given our resilient business model combined with the executed initiatives and our strategic focus areas, we are convinced that Solar will be able to improve profitability in our strategy period."

# H1 key financial messages

- · Strong revenue growth for Solar Polaris in the trade segment.
- · Disappointing revenue development in other segments.
- Adjusted for Solar Polaris' deliveries, the underlying gross profit margin improved to 20.7% from 20.5%.
- · Restructuring and transition costs amounted to DKK 57m.
- Revenue and EBITDA were below our initial expectations.

Financial highlights (DKK million)	Q2 2025	Q2 2024	H1 2025	H1 2024
Revenue	3,018	3,100	6,241	6,130
EBITDA	112	137	186	225
Cash flow from operating activities	4	202	-84	209
Financial ratios (%)				
Organic growth adj. for number of working days	-1.2	-7.8	2.6	-11.2
EBITDA margin	3.7	4.4	3.0	3.7
Net working capital, end of period/revenue (LTM)	15.1	14.0	15.1	14.0
Gearing (NIBD/EBITDA), no. of times	2.8	2.2	2.8	2.2
Return on invested capital (ROIC)	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.6

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#### Guidance 2025

Guidance	DKK million
Revenue	11,750-12,250
EBITDA	450-510

## 2026 ambition

We continue to strive for our 2026 ambition of an EBITDA margin >5%.

The impact of the initiatives already implemented in 2025 will, all other things equal, increase EBITDA margin by approx. 0.7 percentage points compared to our 2025 guidance.

In order to succeed, it is anticipated that 2026 will be characterised by:

- Average annual GDP growth of at least 1.5%
- · Low cost and salary inflation
- · Pick-up in industry and building activities
- · Continued governmental support for the green transition.

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## **FACTS ABOUT SOLAR**

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We facilitate efficiency improvement and provide digital tools that turn our customers into winners. We drive the green transition and provide best in class solutions to ensure sustainable use of resources.

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