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# Board of Directors' report

by Chairman Anders Hedegaard



## 2018-20: three years of overperformance

Succeed in North America Infrastructure & initial prescriber base established, ODACTRA® launched

Commercial strategy challenged by financial disincentives for allergists

Growth in value of bulk business pre-COVID

Complete and comercialise tablet portfolio Tablets launched for all five major respiratory allergies

37% average sales growth (3-year CAGR)

Clinical programme on track pre-COVID

Patient engagement and adjacencies klarify digital engagement with hundreds of thousands of users

US adrenaline strategy in place

Consumer division and drug discovery partnerships

Optimise and reallocate Quality and robustness upgrades – site specialisation rolled-out

>300 products phased out, 3,500 regulatory updates of portfolio

Cultural transformation, efficiencies and savings

Accumulated 3-year results

Revenue

> DKK 700m

better than expected

**EBITDA** 

~DKK 800m

better than expected

Free cash flow

> DKK 700m

better than expected\*





# 2020 highlights

- Succeed in North America
- Complete and commercialise tablet portfolio
- Patient engagement and adjacencies
- Optimise and reallocate
- Other



 New clinical Phase III trial for Al K's house dust mite tablet initiated in China

Annual general meeting elects Anders Hedegaard as new Chairman of Al K's Board

ALK launches klarify digital platform in Denmark

COVID begins to impact business operations and clinical activities

ALK launches klarify klarify digital platform in Ireland

ALK secures rights to market OTIPRIO™ in the USA



ALK launches ITULATFK™ tablet for tree pollen allergy in Canada

 RAGWIZAX® for ragweed allergy is approved for children in Europe

RAGWITEX® for ragweed allergy is approved for children in Canada

Full-year 2020 financial results: Revenue up 8% with tablet sales up 42% and EBITDA up 64%

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ALK announces drug discovery partnership with American biotech company X-Chem

ALK launches klarify digital platform in Slovakia

Q1 report: Revenue up 10% with tablet sales up 38% and EBITDA up 49% sales up 25% and EBITDA up 213%

Q2 report: Revenue

unchanged with tablet

DKK

ALK updates its full-year financial outlook to reflect improved earnings and cash flow as well as growth at the lower end of the guidance range

Q3 report: Revenue up 7% with tablet sales up 52% and EBITDA up 61%



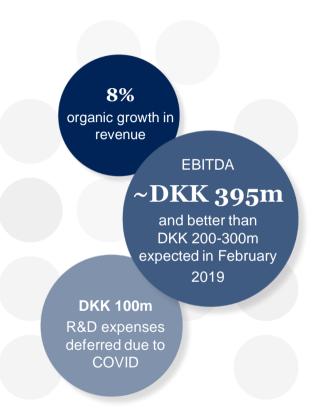
 ALK launches klarify digital platform in the USA





# 2020 key figures

DKK million	2018	2019	2020
Revenue	2,915	3,274	3,491
Gross margin	56%	58%	58%
R&D expenses	392	466	515
(% of turnover)	13%	14%	15%
Sales, marketing & administrative expenses	1,364	1,456	1,362
EBITDA	136	241	395
Free cash flow	(294)	(25)	56





# Sales regions





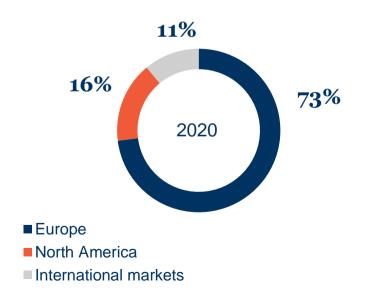


# Revenue by geography and product line

Tablet sales increased by 42%

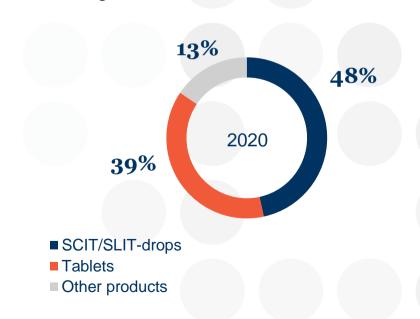
## **Geography:**

In International markets, sales increased by 58%



## **Products:**

Increasing revenue from tablets







# Ready for the next strategy phase: 2021-23

Now towards '25 in 25'

2018-20

## **Transformation & growth**

- 37% avg. tablet growth (CAGR)
- Cumulative earnings DKK 800m ahead of plan
- · Past issues cleaned up
- Strong growth foundations

2021-23

## **Growth & profitability**

- ≥10% organic growth p.a.
   driven by tablets
- Increase profitability (EBIT)
- Expand respiratory allergy leadership
- Fast-track tomorrow's opportunities, e.g. food

2025

**EBIT** margin

~25%

## Succeed in North America\*



**Key priorities** 

**Grow tablet** sales

Leverage digital platforms to mobilise patients

**Establish broader**, scalable sales channels for tablets

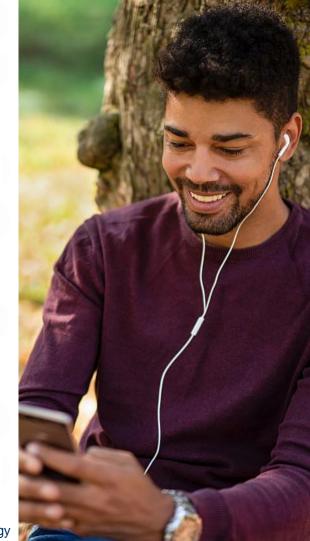


2021 objectives

Increase total sales by 10% or more

Mobilise 20,000 US consumers via digital engagement

Secure paediatric indication for RAGWITEK® in the USA and adolescents for ACARIZAX® in Canada



Consumer engagement and new horizons\*



**Key priorities** 

From OTC consumers to AIT
patients – develop and leverage
digital ecosystem

Expand anaphylaxis franchise and prepare next generation global adrenaline solution

Develop innovative new treatments for high impact allergic conditions



2021 objectives

Mobilise 250,000 consumers globally to take action on their allergies

Food allergy: prepare peanut project for clinical development

Progress US development for anaphylaxis







# New food allergy solutions: very high unmet need\*

Funded internal development programme now included in strategy

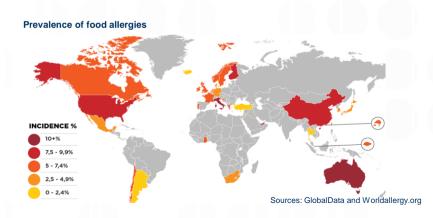
#### Sublingual, disruptive solutions

- Focus on allergies with the highest unmet need in children: Initially peanut, then tree nuts
- Building on ALK core competencies
- Aspire to deliver solution with high efficacy and benign safety



#### Significant market potential

- Food allergies affect ~2.5% of global population
- Life-threatening condition
- Many peanut & tree nut cases persist into adulthood



<sup>\*)</sup> Selected focus area, see annual report for information on the overall strategy



# Long-term goals and sustainability

- Expected revenue growth of 10% or more per year in the existing business and an EBIT margin of ~25% in 2025
- ALK conducted a major ESG analysis in 2020
- New access to medicine strategy: Access to allergy care for all
- · Independent and balanced board











# 2021 outlook

	2020	2021	Comments	
Revenue	DKK 3.5bn	8-12% organic growth	Growth across all sales regions. Continued effect from COVID on sales in H1	
EBITDA	DKK 395m	DKK 325-425m	Close to that seen in 2020 due to deferred R&D costs	



## Shareholder returns

 Temporary dividend suspension will be continued this year to support the financing of growth initiatives





# Corporate governance and remuneration

- 11 board meetings, including strategy seminar in November
- Regular meetings of the Board's committees and meetings between the Chairmanship and the Board of Management
- Self-evalulation in Board of Directors
- Adoption of the remuneration report for 2020

	Board meetings	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Scientific Committee	Nomination Committee <sup>1</sup>
Anders Hedegaard <sup>2</sup>	•••••	••••	•••••	••	All meetings
Steen Riisgaard <sup>3</sup>	••	•	•		All meetings
Lene Skole	••••••	••••	•••••	••	All meetings
Lars Holmqvist	•••••				
Gonzalo De Miquel <sup>3</sup>	••		•		
Jakob Riis	•••••	••••			
Vincent Warnery	•••••				
Katja Barnkob <sup>4</sup>	•••••				
Nanna Rassov Carlson <sup>4</sup>	•••••••				
Johan Smedsrud <sup>4</sup>	•••••				







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# Re 5. Remuneration to BoD for the present year

## The Board of Directors proposes that fees for the Board of Directors remain unchanged at:

- DKK 300,000 base fee
- The Vice Chairman shall receive twice the base fee = DKK 600,000
- The Chairman shall receive three times the base fee = DKK 900,000

# The Board of Directors proposes that fees for members of the Scientific and the Remuneration & Nomination Committees shall remain unchanged at:

- DKK 100,000 DKK for members
- DKK 150,000 DKK for the Chairman of each

# The Board of Directors proposes that fees for the members of the Audit Committee remain unchanged at:

- DKK 110,000 for members
- DKK 165,000 for the Chairman





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## Re 6. Election of the Chairman of the Board

**Anders Hedegaard** 

The Board of Directors proposes the reelection of Anders Hedegaard.

Anders Hedegaard is nominated as an independent member of the Board of Directors.







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# Re 7. Election of the Vice Chairman of the Board

Lene Skole

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Lene Skole is CEO of the Lundbeck Foundation.







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## Re 8. Election of other members of the Board

All members elected at the Annual General Meeting are subject to re-election each year.

The Board proposes the re-election of:

- Lars Holmqvist (non-independent)
- Jakob Riis (non-independent)
- Vincent Warnery (independent)

The Board proposes the election of new members:

- Gitte Aabo (independent)
- Bertil Lindmark (independent)



**Lars Holmqvist** 



**Jakob Riis** 



**Vincent Warnery** 





## Re 8. Election of other members of the Board

#### **Gitte Aabo**

The Board of Directors proposes the election of Gitte Aabo as new member of the Board due to her extensive global leadership experience and deep understanding of international management, finance, IT, and sales & marketing, as well as considerable insights into building digital communities.

Gitte Aabo is nominated as an independent member of the Board of Directors.







## Re 8. Election of other members of the Board

#### **Bertil Lindmark**

The Board of Directors proposes the election of Bertil Lindmark as new member of the Board due to his considerable experience across the R&D spectrum, gained over three decades in roles at AstraZeneca, Almirall, ASLAN Pharmaceuticals and eTheRNA Immunotherapies.

Bertil Lindmark is nominated as an independent member of the Board of Directors.







# Employee-elected members of the Board of Directors

Katja Barnkob, Nanna Rassov Carlson and Johan Smedsrud



**Katja Barnkob**Project Director



Nanna Rassov Carlson Manager



Johan Smedsrud Maintenance Supporter





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# Re 9. Appointment of auditor

 The Board of Directors proposes that PwC Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab be reappointed.





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# Re 10. Proposals from the Board of Directors

a) Authorisation for the Board to hold fully electronic general meetings

The Board of Directors proposes that the Board of Directors of ALK-Abelló A/S be authorised to decide that the Company's general meetings may be held without the opportunity to attend in person, i.e., as a fully electronic general meeting. This proposal is made in order to provide the greatest possible flexibility in arranging and holding the Company's general meetings, in light of the COVID-19 situation. The proposal means that article 6.5 of the Articles of Association will be worded as follows:

"The Company's general meetings may by decision of the Board of Directors be held as fully electronic general meetings without any physical attendance. Participation in fully electronic general meetings shall take place via electronic media enabling the shareholders of the Company to attend, speak and vote at the general meeting and ensuring that the general meeting can be conducted in a proper manner and in accordance with the Danish Companies Act."



# Re 10b. Proposals from the Board of Directors

b) Preparation etc. of corporate announcements and documents for internal use by the general meeting in English

The Board of Directors proposes that the Board of Directors may decide that corporate announcements are prepared and published in English only, that documents prepared for internal use by the general meeting during or after the general meeting are prepared in English only and that general meetings are held in English. The proposal implies that the following will be inserted as a new Section 11 in the Company's Articles of Association. The numbering of the subsequent provisions in the Articles of Association will be amended accordingly:

#### "11. Language

11.1 Company announcements and documents prepared for internal use by the general meeting in connection with or after the general meeting shall be in Danish and English or in English only as decided by the Board of Directors. General meetings shall be held in Danish or English as decided by the Board of Directors."



# Re 10c. Proposals from the Board of Directors

c) Indemnification of the Board of Directors and Board of Management

The Board of Directors proposes that the General Meeting resolves that the Company indemnify members of the Board of Directors and Board of Management to supplement the Company's Directors and Officers liability insurance subject to the terms of the Company's remuneration policy.



# Re 10d. Proposals from the Board of Directors

d) Update of the remuneration policy

The Board of Directors proposes to update the remuneration policy. The update of the remuneration policy primarily concerns

- (i) an authorisation for the Company to take out and pay relevant insurances, including Directors and Officers liability insurance, for all members of the Board of Directors and Board of Management, and
- (ii) an authorisation for the Company to fix the level of indemnification of the members of the Board of Directors and Board of Management to supplement the Company's Directors and Officers liability insurance in accordance with the indemnification scheme set out in item 10(c).



# Re 10e. Proposals from the Board of Directors

e) Authorisation to the chairman of the meeting

The chairman of the meeting is authorised to make such changes in, and supplements to, the resolutions adopted at the general meeting and to the notification hereof as may be required by the Danish Business Authority or other authorities in connection with the registration of the amendments adopted, and to continuously make and notify linguistic and other amendments with no impact on content in the Company's Articles of Association.





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