

2018 Results u-blox Holding AG

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Highlights 2018

Financial results 2018

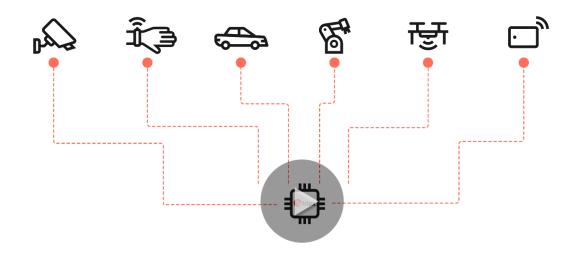
Business review

Outlook

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Our vision





We deliver leading wireless technology to reliably locate and connect people and devices.

We are convinced that the Internet of Things will change every aspect of our societies, our businesses, and our everyday lives.

That's why we develop reliable and innovative positioning and wireless communication solutions that securely connect vehicles, industries, things, and millions of people around the world.

Megatrends are driving our growth





Mobility

More and more automation enables the autonomous driving car.

A quarter billion connected cars delivered between 2019 – 2023.

BI Intelligence 2018



Urbanization

Infrastructure becomes smart for better usage and service of the increasing population living in cities.

1 billion smart meters installed between 2019 - 2023.

ABI research 2018



Industry 4.0

Automation is linked with the cloud for closer control loops that enhance process efficiency.

More than 2 billion connected devices in 2023. BI Intelligence 2018



New health

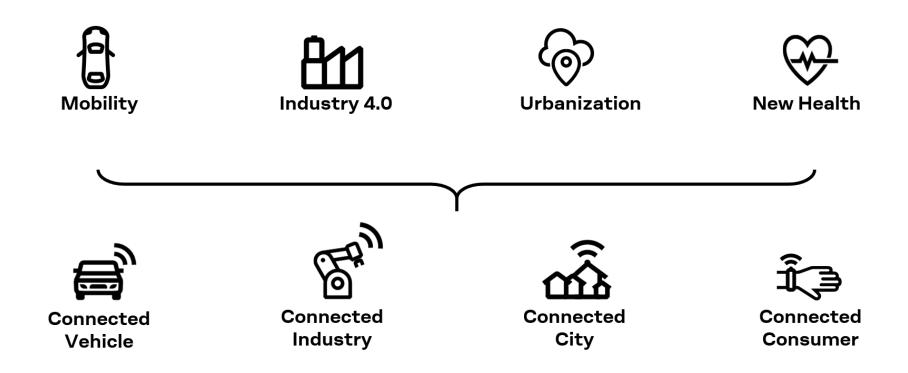
The cloud delivers services to the mobile users and enhances insights into a healthy life.

Over a half billion sports and wellness trackers will be sold in the next 5 years (2019-2023).
TSR 2018

The future will be connected



Exciting technologies form our intellectual property



Highlights 2018



Resilient business model

- Financial performance reflects a difficult environment in 2018
- Market conditions remain favorable
 - EMEA on continued expansion we achieved 21% growth in 2018
 - Americas declined slightly by 6% as some customers were delaying the migration to LTE based connectivity
 - APAC grew except in China: short-term decline of 13%
 - We expect growth in all regions in 2019
- Important product launches in 2018
- R&D pipeline expanded significant product launches ahead

Financial highlights 2018



A year of transition to the next growth phase

- 2.6% revenue decrease as compared to 2017
- Gross profit down by 3.7%
- R&D efforts continued at high pace
- EBITDA and EBIT at guided level: CHF 71.6m resp. CHF 48.4m
- Positive Free Cash Flow (before changes in NWC) of CHF 5.2m
- Reduced cash flow from operating activities
 - Temporary increase in working capital to assure delivery reliability
- Strong product innovation
 - 9 new cutting-edge products launched
 - Strong business opportunity pipeline

Results u-blox group 2018: Overview



Key figures		Amount CHF	In relation to	Change 2018
			revenue	to 2017
Revenue		393.3m	-	-2.6%
Gross profit	adjusted ¹⁾	177.9m	45.2%	-3.7%
	IFRS reported	177.1m	45.0%	-3.7%
EBITDA	adjusted ¹⁾	81.2m	20.7%	-16.9%
	IFRS reported	71.6m	18.2%	-18.0%
Operating profit (EBIT)	adjusted ¹⁾	60.4m	15.4%	-22.6%
	IFRS reported	48.3m	12.3%	-25.8%
Net profit, attributable to owners of	adjusted ¹⁾	48.2m	12.2%	-21.7%
the parent	IFRS reported	38.5m	9.8%	-24.9%
Net cash generated from operating activities		36.3m	9.2%	-39.9%
			in relation to	
			total assets	
Cash		136.3m	24.6%	
		348.9m	63.1%	

¹⁾ Excl. Share-based payments, impacts based on IAS-19, amortization of intangible assets acquired and non-recurring expenses

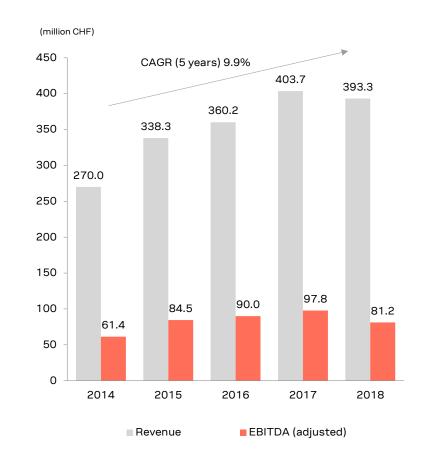
Revenue and EBITDA



Comments

- Revenue slightly below guidance and prior year (-2.6% compared to 2017)
- Currency impact on revenues
 - at 2017 rates: +0.2%
 - at guidance rates: -0.2%
- EBITDA (adjusted) of 20.7%

Revenue and EBITDA (adjusted)



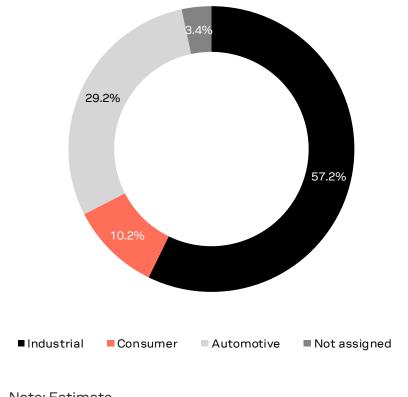
Market trends



Comments

- Consumer market soft
- Automotive market stable
 - In-car navigation
 - In-car connectivity
- Industrial markets expanding
 - Infrastructure
 - Telematics

Revenue split per market for 2018



Note: Estimate

Revenues by geography

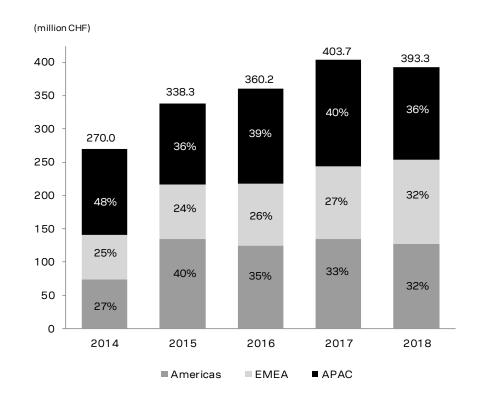


Comments

Growth in geographic regions compared to 2017:

- EMEA: +20.5%: Strong growth with expanding customer base and high interest in IIoT
- Americas: -6.3%: Impacted by network readiness delays
- Asia Pacific: -13.3%.
 - Decline in revenue in APAC due to market regulation influencing some consumer applications in China
 - Sino-American trade tensions vanishing now
 - China business rebounded in the second half year

Revenues by geographic region



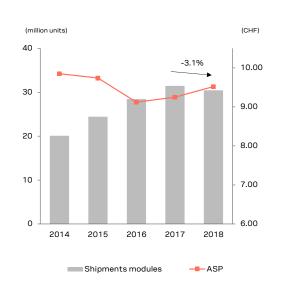
Note: based on reporting area

Shipments and ASP development

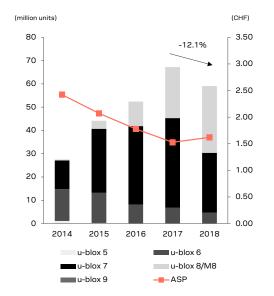


- Decline in modules and chipsets due to the negative impacts in China
- Strong growth with u-blox 8/M8
- Module and chip ASPs increased

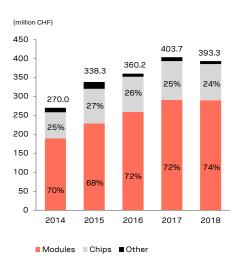
Modules



GNSS Chips



Revenue



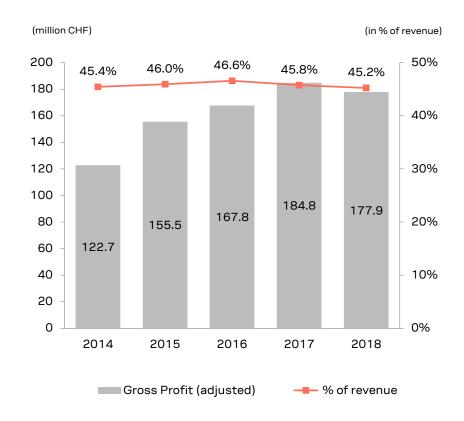
Gross profit



Comments

- Gross profit (adjusted) of CHF 177.9 million
- Gross profit margin (adjusted) slightly declined due to changes in product mix
 - CEL takes higher share in revenue
 - Highest ASP
 - Lowest gross margin of all three technologies

Gross profit (adjusted) Gross profit margin (adjusted)



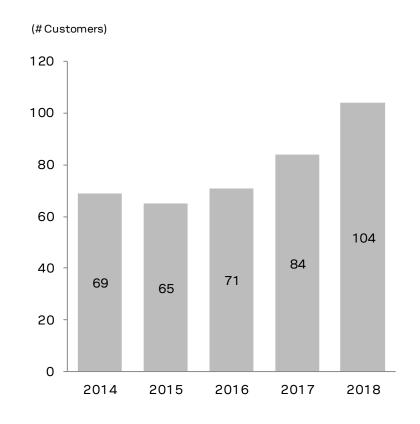
Global customer base



Comments

- Strong and stable customer base, now serving 6'900 customers worldwide (2017: 6'100 customers)
- Continued wide spread across different applications and geographical regions
- Customer dependency further reduced
 - 104 customers total 80% of revenue
 - Largest customer accounts for less than 3.7% of total revenue in 2018
- 10 biggest customers account for 26.5% of total revenue in 2018

Number of customers totaling 80% of revenue



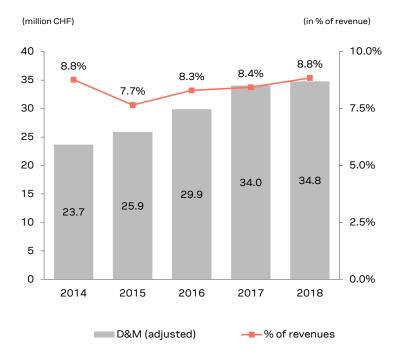
Distribution & Marketing / Research & Development



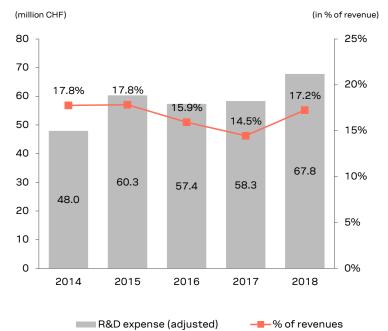
Comments

- OPEX rates increased due to
 - base effect revenue lower than expected
- D&M expenses (adjusted) were stable compared to 2017
- R&D expenses (adjusted)
 - R&D effort is adjusted on a long term horizon of expected average growth of gross margin
 - R&D pipeline fully maintained with several important new platforms

D&M expenses (adjusted)



R&D expenses (adjusted)

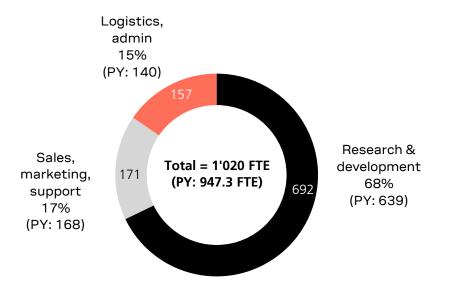


Employment

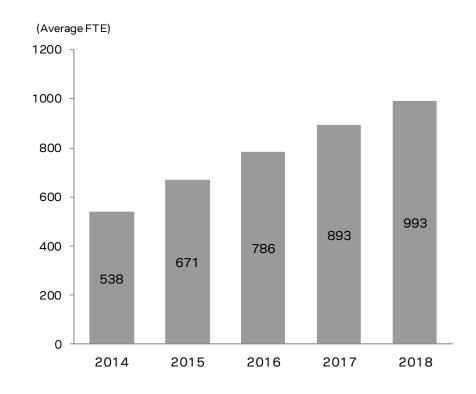


Long term vision for innovation with continued investment in people and expertise.

Employee breakdown (end of 2018, FTE based)



Average number of employees (FTE based)



Note: 75% of employees based outside Switzerland (spread across 18 countries)

Note: Average number of employees (FTE = full time equivalent)

Income statement



Comments to adjusted numbers

- Adjustments are share based payments of CHF 8.4 million, pension impact of IAS-19 of CHF 1.2 million, and amortization of intangible assets acquired of CHF 2.5 million
- OPEX 29.9% of revenue (2017: 26.4%)
- EBITDA margin of 20.7% (2017: 24.2%)
- EBIT margin of 15.4% (2017: 19.3%)
- Financial result consists mainly of unrealized foreign exchange gains and the interest for the two bonds
- Tax rate of 20.0% (2017: 20.8%)
- Net profit margin of 12.2% (2017: 15.2%)

	Jan - Dec 2	010		Jan - Dec 2	010	Jan - Dec 2	017
	Jan-Dec 2	018	Adjustments ²⁾	Jan-Dec 2	018	Jan-Dec 2	017
(in CHF 000s)	(IFRS)	% revenue	Adjustificitis	(adjusted)	% revenue	(adjusted)	% revenue
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Revenue	393'269	100.0%		393'269	100.0%	403'712	100.0%
Cost of sales	-216'151	-55.0%	809	-215'342	-54.8%	-218'901	-54.2%
Gross Profit	177'118	45.0%	809	177'927	45.2%	184'811	45.8%
Distribution and marketing expenses	-36'966	-9.4%	2'184	-34'782	-8.8%	-34'049	-8.4%
Research and development expenses	-74'925	-19.1%	7'107	-67'818	-17.2%	-58'345	-14.5%
General and administrative expenses	-20'755	-5.3%	2'011	-18'744	-4.8%	-16'295	-4.0%
Other income	3'818	1.0%		3'818	1.0%	1'921	0.5%
Operating Profit (EBIT)	48'290	12.3%	12'111	60'401	15.4%	78'043	19.3%
Finance income	5'305	1.3%		5'305	1.3%	5'668	1.4%
Finance costs	-2'158	-0.5%		-2'158	-0.5%	-5'652	-1.4%
Share of profit of equity-accounted investees,							_
net of taxes	-3'339	-0.8%		-3'339	-0.8%	-400	-0.1%
Profit before income tax (EBT)	48'098	12.2%	12'111	60'209	15.3%	77'659	19.2%
Income tax expense	-9'617	-2.4%	-2'422	-12'039	-3.1%	-16'134	-4.0%
Net profit, attributable to							
owners of the parent	38'481	9.8%	9'689	48'170	12.2%	61'525	15.2%
Earnings per share in CHF	5.58			6.99		8.91	
Diluted earnings per share in CHF	5.56			6.96		8.81	
Operating Profit (EBIT)	48'290	12.3%	12'111	60'401	15.4%	78'043	19.3%
Depreciation and amortization	23'356	5.9%	-2'512	20'844	5.3%	19'780	4.9%
EBITDA 1)	71'646	18.2%	9'599	81'245	20.7%	97'823	24.2%

¹⁾ Management calculates EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) by adding back depreciation and amortization to operating profit (EBIT), in each case determined in accordance with IFRS.

²⁾ Adjustments are impacts of share based payments, Pension calculation according to IAS-19, Non-recurring expenses and amortization of intangible assets acquired

Segment information



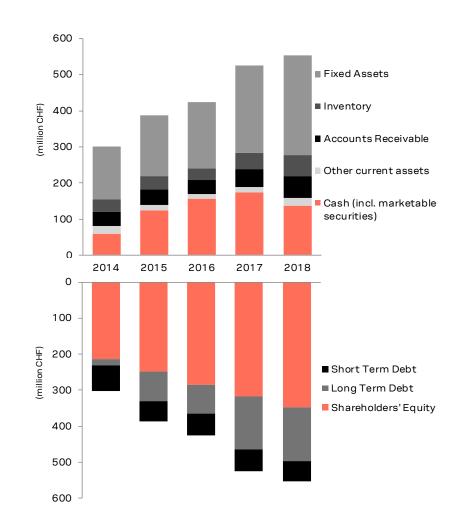
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(in CHF 000s)	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Revenue third parties	393'000	403'510	269	202	393'269	403'712			393'269	403'712
Revenue intragroup			31'178	32'600	31'178	32'600	-31'178	-32'600	0	0
Total revenue	393'000	403'510	31'447	32'802	424'447	436'312	-31'178	-32'600	393'269	403'712
EBITDA*)	68'616	84'720	3'098	2'894	71'714	87'614	-68	-238	71'646	87'376
Depreciation	-6'650	-6'709	-2'653	-2'559	-9'303	-9'268			-9'303	-9'268
Amortization	-14'023	-12'852	-30	-42	-14'053	-12'894			-14'053	-12'894
Impairment		-128			0	-128			0	-128
Operating profit (EBIT)	47'943	65'031	415	293	48'358	65'324	-68	-238	48'290	65'086
Finance income						5'305	5'668			
Finance costs						-2'158	-5'652			
Share of profit of equity-accounted investees, net of taxes						-3'339	-400			
EBT									48'098	64'702

Statement of financial position



Comments

- Strong financial position with a liquidity (incl. marketable securities) of CHF 137.7m (Dec. 2017: CHF 172.4m)
- Inventory CHF 57.5m (Dec. 2017: CHF 44.2m) temporarily increased to ensure delivery reliability
- Trade receivables CHF 60.8m (Dec. 2017: CHF 50.4m) increased with accelerated business at end of 2018
- Increased intangible assets due to capitalization of R&D expenses. Capitalized R&D is at CHF 174.6m (2017: CHF 130.7m)
- Trade payables of CHF 21.6m (Dec. 2017: CHF 20.3m)
- Non-current liabilities contain bonds of CHF 119.2m,
 Deferred tax liabilities (CHF 8.0 m), employee benefits (IAS-19, CHF 18.0m), provisions (CHF 6.9m)



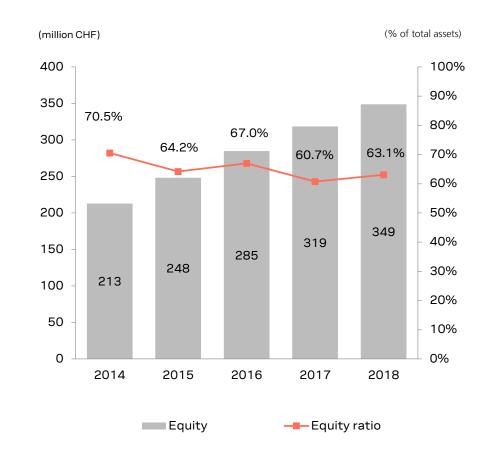
Statement of financial position



Comments

- Strong equity base maintained
- Equity ratio of 63.1% (2017: 60.7%)
- Share capital increase due to exercise of options
- Treasury shares for option program CHF 32.0m (2017: CHF 24.4m)
- Equity ratio without treasury shares:
 65.1% (2017: 62.5%)

Total equity and equity ratio



Consolidated statement of cash flows



For the period ended

Comments

- Cash flow from operating activities negatively impacted by temporarily investment into working capital of CHF 32.2m to ensure delivery reliability
- R&D investments maintained for new platforms and product extensions
- Further investment into JV Sapcorda of CHF 4.1 million

	For the period ende		
	December 31,	December 31,	
(in CHF 000s)	2018	2017	
Net Profit	38'481	51'260	
Depreciation&Amortization	23'356	22'290	
Other non-cash transactions	9'814	12'538	
Change in Networking Capital	-32'235	-19'977	
Financial income & Financial expense	192	384	
Income tax expense	9'617	13'442	
Income tax paid	-12'883	-19'433	
Net cash generated from operating activities	36'342 9.29		
Net cash generated from operating activities	30 342 9.2	70 00 304	
Net investment into property, plant and equipment	-7'312	-10'548	
Net investment into intangibles	-54'075	-54'371	
Acquisition of subsidiairies, net of cash acquired	-4'107	-3'560	
Net proceeds from financial investments	2'103	4'968	
Net cash used in investing activities	-63'391	-63'511	
Free Cash Flow (before Acquisitions)	-22'942	553	
Free Cash Flow	-27'049	-3'007	
Proceeeds from issuance of ordinary shares	15'286	6'827	
Dividens paid to owners of the parent	-15'441	-14'526	
Net Proceeds from borrowings	0	59'284	
Purchase of treasury shares	-7'609	-24'422	
Interest paid	-1'917	-1'151	
Net cash provided by / used in financing activities	-9'681	26'012	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	-36'730	23'005	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	169'624	149'545	
Exchange gains/(losses) on cash and cash equivalents	3'402	-2'926	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	136'296	169'624	



Product highlights

Significant expansion of product offering





Cellular Communication



Short Range Communication



Positioning



SARA-R410M

The world's smallest multi-mode LTE Cat M1, NB-IoT module, ideal for diverse IoT and M2M applications including smart cities, connected healthcare, and more.

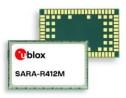


UBX-P3

The industry's smallest V2X communication chip, taking u-blox's commitment to shaping the future of active safety and autonomous driving technologies to the next level.



u-blox F9 platform High precision positioning solutions for mass market industrial and automotive applications.



SARA-R412M

The world's smallest multi-mode LTE Cat M1 module with 2G fallback, ideal for diverse IoT and M2M applications in EMEA.



ANNA-B1

Ultra-compact Bluetooth 5 module designed for tough
environments, ANNA-B1 is fully
tailored to applications for the
Industrial Internet of Things.



ZED-F9P

First high precision GNSS module based on u-blox F9 technology delivering centimeter-level accuracy in seconds.



SARA-N3

A multi-band NB-IoT module that supports a preliminary set of 3GPP Release 14 features (LTE Cat NB2).



NINA-W15

Multiradio and gateway modules with concurrent Wi-Fi and dualmode Bluetooth connectivity.



ZED-F9T

The ZED-F9T timing module offers nanosecond-level timing accuracy and concurrent reception of GNSS signals for global coverage.

Path to autonomous driving



We deliver key components

- Autonomous driving will need (aside others) two key components
 - High precision positioning to retrieve an absolute location measurement
 - V2X to communicate safely and reliably between cars and the infrastructure
- With Bosch we are developing the next generation of positioning chips
 - High precision lane-level accuracy
 - Functionally safe according to ISO26262
- We launched UBX-P3
 - The industry's smallest V2X communication chip
 - Best-in-class design: Concurrent dual-channel, wide temperature range, low power

Customer relationships: Husqvarna



We deliver core technology for innovative products

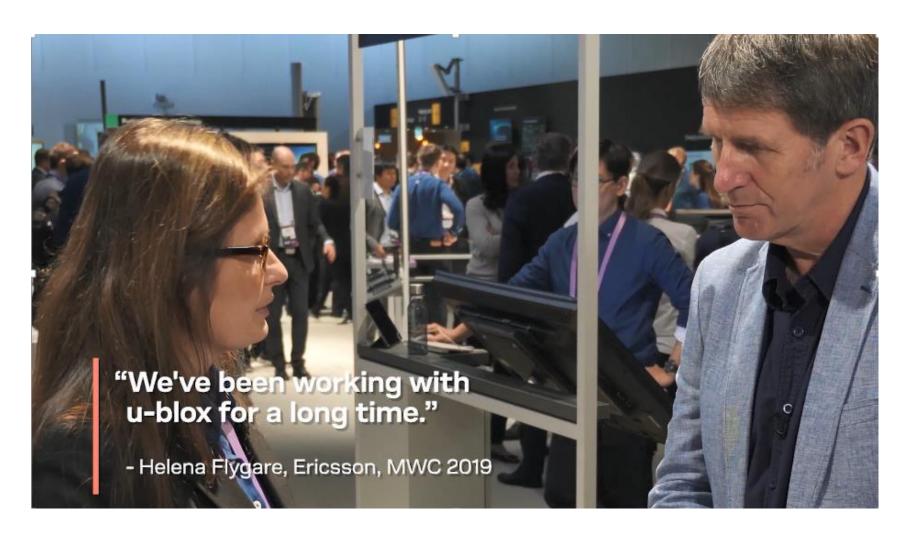
- Husqvarna's latest robotic lawnmower, the AWD Automower®, launched at Mobile World Congress, uses u-blox technologies:
 - Cellular connectivity
 - M8 multi-constellation positioning



What our customers say about us

Ericsson and Husqvarna



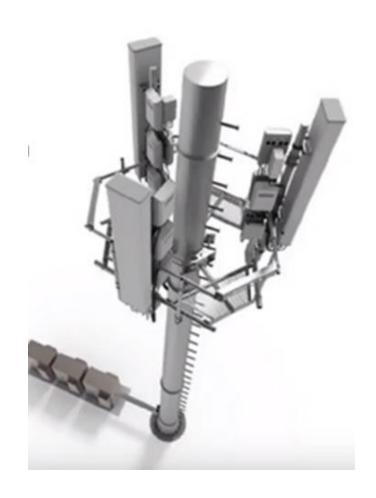


Telecom networks expanding for 5G

We deliver essential timing reference products



- Network capacity expansion
 - LTE (4G) networks still expanding with need for increased data capacity
 - 5G will require more cells due to higher carrier frequencies
 - Denser networks need better timing quality for synchronization
- We launched the u-blox F9 platform
 - Multi-constellation
 - Multi-frequency



Industrial IoT becoming reality with LTE

Oblox

Our R3 Cat1 platform makes the IIoT viable



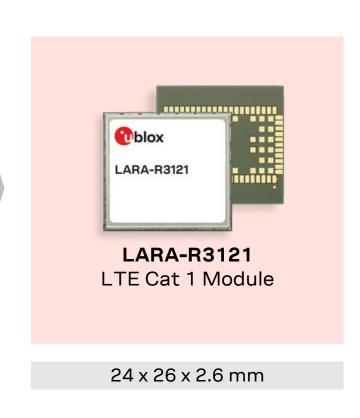
Baseband Modem

GNSS Receiver u-blox 8

Processor

Power Management

UBX-R3 Platform (u-blox IP)

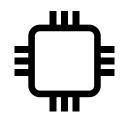




Designed to last an IoT lifetime



Hybrid positioning & timing



Purpose-built for IoT applications

Our four pillar strategy continues to deliver



Market position





🖊 Product range for all markets 🤁, 🖪 , 🕑

✓ High quality and reliability

Technology and innovation





✓ Significant long term product road map

✓ Product and service portfolio expanded, while taking greater control.

Operational excellence





✓ Fabless with leading long-term partners

√ 98.6% of orders reached customers on the confirmed delivery date

Strategic partnerships





- ✓ Further investments in Sapcorda JV and partnership with Kudelski
- √ 14 growth-accelerating acquisitions to date

Strategic priorities 2019 (1)



Market position

- Further develop our position in the automotive market, including for autonomous vehicles
- Expand high-precision positioning into a broader range of markets to support general automation
- Capitalize on strong move towards LTEbased cellular connectivity for the IoT
- Establish short range radio solutions based on latest standards

Technology & innovation

- Push ahead with the development of our own silicon to give us even more control over the core technology in our products
- Launch products based on our own silicon across all three technology areas
- Continually strive to make our products more secure
- Expand our offering of solutions combining u-blox products from different lines

Strategic priorities 2019 (2)



Operational excellence

- Strongly focus on emerging applications in the Industrial IoT space
- Further explore unique partnerships with suppliers of key components
- Improve the resilience of our supply chain by reducing dependency on any single supplier

Strategic partnership & acquisition opportunities

- Develop new relationships with key players in our markets and expand existing ones
- Continue to review potential acquisitions that will strengthen our product portfolio and technology base and accelerate our strategy

Why we are competitive



Efficient use of available resources

- Since our foundation as a spin off from ETH, we have maintained our innovative spirit.
- We focus on our markets and customers with high dedication.
- We are lean and agile we make innovative products with less resources and shorter turnaround times.
- Our large competitors focus on their large customers not our realm.
- We have important markets shares in our market sectors and are often the undisputed leader.
- There is no comparable company with our unique strategic line-up.

Driving growth



Extracting more from the value chain

- Continuous technology innovation
 - More technological capabilities open new application possibilities.
 - Innovations at IP core assure continued margin expansion.
- New standards expand application possibilities
 - 5G → more applications enabled.
 - Bluetooth and Wi-Fi standards expansion → capillary IIoT.
 - New satellite signals → higher availability and precision.
- Cloud enables adding services with recurring revenue on top of our product sales
 - Sold to OEM (u-blox customer).
 - Sold to end customer (via partners).

Market position



Technology and innovation



Operational excellence



Strategic partnerships



Solid basis for growth



Our many product initiatives pave the way into expanding markets

- We participate in market expansion driven by increasing mobility and expansion of cloud services.
- Our product initiatives preempt important megatrends in the industry we have invested in new platforms in all our technologies
- We are preferred by the leading customers for our technology IP and innovation leadership.
- Our technology core assures the basis for resilient value-adding services.
- Our product diversification by customers, applications, and geography assure stability in growth.
- Economies of scale strengthen profitability.



Guidance 2019



- Outlook 2019 based on strong growth perspective
 - APAC solid business in automotive, telematics, and infrastructure – no trade related issues anymore
 - EMEA expanding with telematics and infrastructure
 - Americas taking off with LTE Cat M1 deployments
 - R&D amortizations increasing over 2018

	Actual FY 2018 (IFRS)	Guidance 2019 (IFRS)
Revenue	393.3m	460m490m
EBITDA	71.6m	70m90m
EBIT	48.3m	30m 45m
	CHF	CHF

Exchange rate assumptions for 2019:

• EUR/CHF: 1.12 USD/CHF: 0.99 GBP/CHF: 1.27

FX-sensitivity against CHF:

+10% of	USD	EUR	GBP
Revenue	+ 9%	+ 1%	0%
EBITDA	+ 16%	0%	-1%
EBIT	+ 22%	- 1%	- 2%

Long term outlook - 2022



Substantial growth ahead

Rev	ver	nue
M	CH	IF.

Free Cash Flow %

EBIT
%

EBITDA %

700 800 7% 10% 12%15%

25%

22%

Before acquisitions and extra-ordinary effects

Upcoming events



Annual General Meeting April 25, 2019

• 2019 Half Year Results August 23, 2019

• Investor and Analyst Day November 20, 2019

