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## Company Presentation Zehnder Group

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- A leading player for a healthy indoor climate
- Segment strategies further executed
- Progress made in sustainability

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- Targeted investments to sustain growth in ventilation

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## **Innovative strength since 1895**

Innovative strength

Over a Century

3, 800 employees

Strong

family backing

20,000

customers trained in 2022



A Market leader
for a healthy,
comfortable
sustainable
indoor climate

Leading positions in key markets for ventilation, radiators and system offers



### Best climate in the world





## Four product lines for a perfect indoor climate











### From innovative R&D to excellent after-sales service



#### **Innovation**

- Exploration of trends
- Products based on new materials and technologies



### **Production**

- Own production sites throughout the world
- Numerous lean production initiatives



### Distribution

- Optimisation of transport methods
- Fast delivery times



### Support

- Professional customer support
- Customerspecific training sessions



### **Trade**

- Own distributor network in core markets
- Diverse sales channels:
  - Installers
  - Wholesalers
  - DIY stores



### Service

- Consultation from planning to maintenance
- Excellent customer service



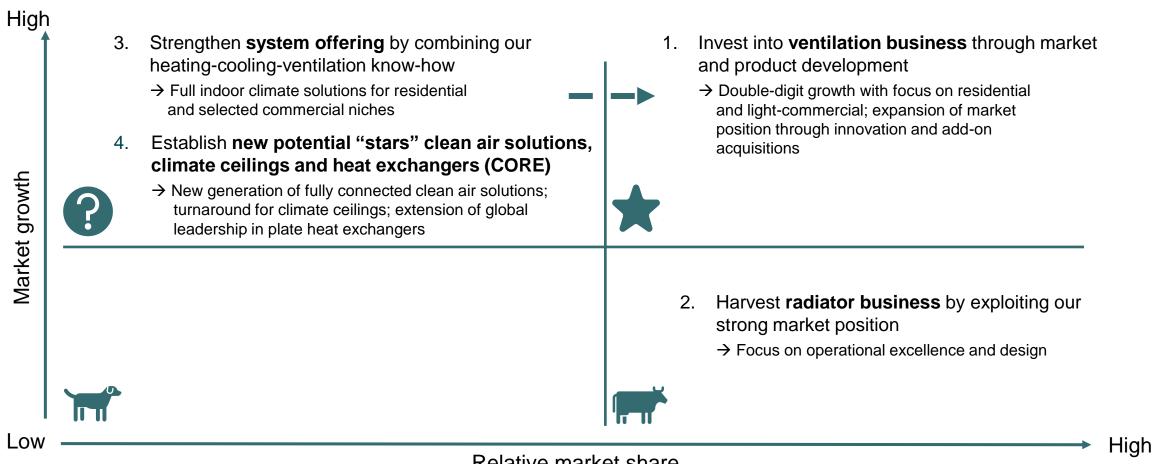
## Health and sustainability drive our ambitions







## Continuation of "Growth for Ventilation, Harvest for Radiators" strategy



Relative market share



## Our five product segments within ventilation





## Product innovations to sustain leading position in ventilation

### Zehnder ComfoVar Aero

- The ComfoVar Aero airflow controller is a new, innovative actuator head module
- The unique aerodynamic valve shape allows for highly precise airflow control with low noise emissions
- Compact and space-saving ventilation solution for multi-storey buildings
- First product launches in Switzerland and the Netherlands





### **Zehnder ComfoClime Cool**

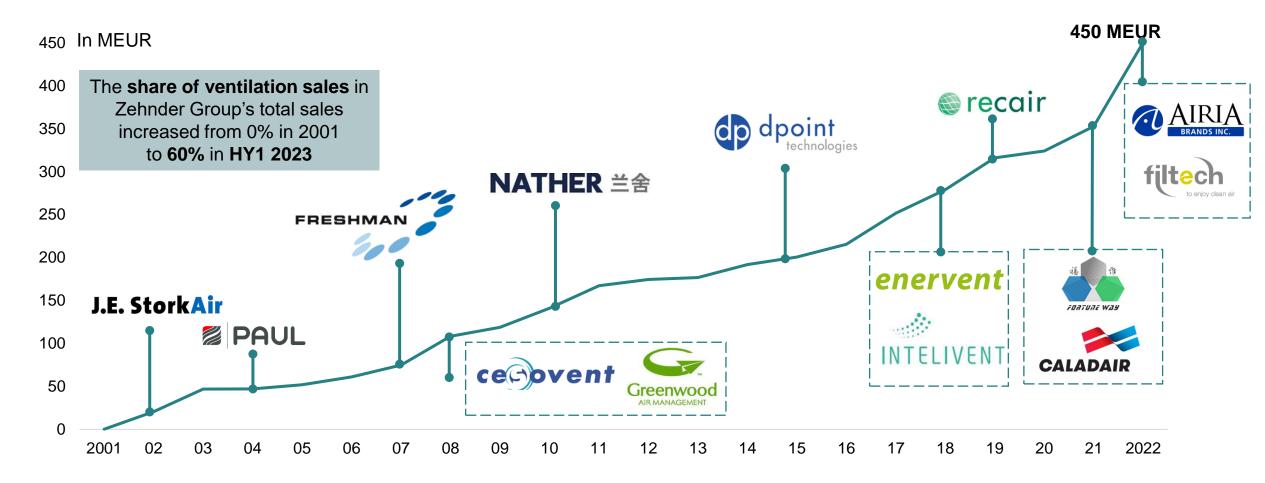
- ComfoClime Cool is Zehnder's innovative indoor climate system solution for air temperation and ventilation to prevent overheating in homes
- ComfoClime Cool can pre-temper and dehumidify room air and be easily combined with Zehnder's ComfoAir Q ventilation system
- As well as cooling, fresh air can be heated to a comfortable temperature in winter, providing for maximum energy efficiency and high air quality







## Zehnder's path to becoming... ...a leading ventilation solutions provider



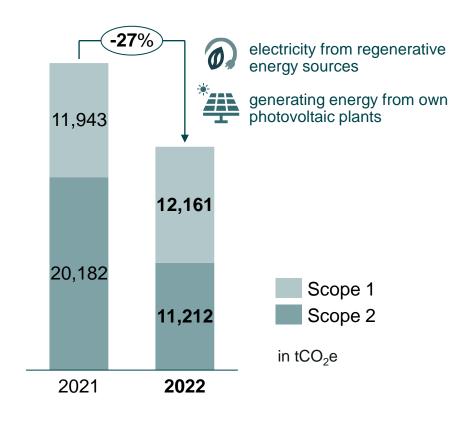


## Further sustainability milestone reached at Zehnder



- Sustainability Report 2022 with reference to GRI Standards published in June 2023
- CO<sub>2</sub>e reduction of about 27% (Scope 1+2) in 2022
- Zehnder Group has committed to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)
- Relaunch of Zehnder's sustainability showcasing new Group sustainability strategy and best practice examples

### Progress on reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions





## Zehnder's Sustainability Strategy: Best climate for people & environment





Liveable Environment





**Radiators** 

- Use of recyclable content
- Circular product life cycle

- CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in production
- Use of renewable energy

Best climate for people & environment

### **Attractive Employer**

- Equal opportunities
- Diversity
- Lifelong learning



### **Responsibility for Society**

- Sustainable purchasing
- Fair business practices
- Respect for human rights





### **Financial review HY1 2023**

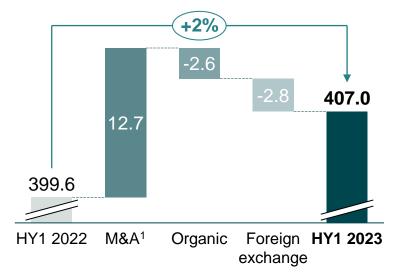
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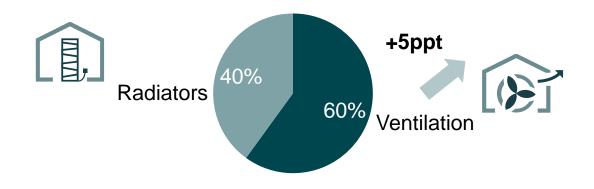


## Solid sales growth in HY1 2023... ... as ventilation growth balanced out volume decline in radiators

### Sales in MEUR



 Improved supply situation in the ventilation segment could counterbalance the volume decline in radiators



 For the first time in its history, Zehnder Group achieved 60% of total sales in the ventilation segment

Share of total sales

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Airia and Filtech

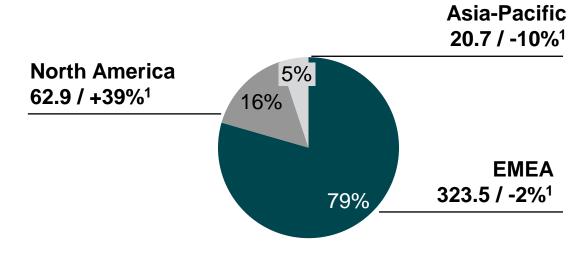


## Strongest growth in the Netherlands and Canada.... weaker sales in UK and Germany

Sales development HY1 2023 per country in local currency

	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		Ventilation	Radiators	Total
1.	Germany		•	•	•
2.	France		•	•	•
3.	Switzerland	<b>▲</b> +1	•	1	1
4.	Netherlands	<b>_+</b> 2	1	•	
5.	United States			1	1
6.	United Kingdom	<b>V</b> -3	1	•	•
7.	Canada	<b>+</b> 3	•	1	1
8.	Belgium	<b>+</b> 1	1	•	1
9.	Italy	<b>▼</b> -2	•	•	•
10.	China	<b>▼</b> -2	•	1	•

HY1 2023 sales in MEUR



- Total Group sales of EUR 407.0 million
- Top 10 markets account for 87% of total sales

<sup>1</sup> year-on-year



## Strong double-digit sales and EBIT growth in ventilation

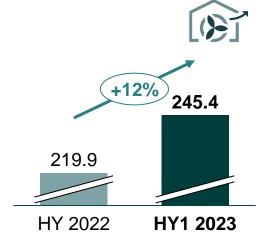
### **Ventilation segment**

### **60%** of total sales

### **40%** of total sales

### Sales: 245.4 MEUR

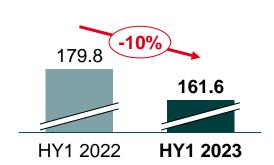
- Sales increase by +12%
  - +7% organically
  - +6% through acquisitions
- Improved delivery capability due to better component availability



### Sales: 161.6 MEUR

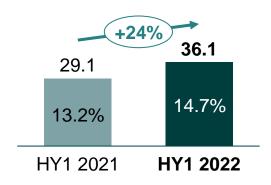
**Radiator segment** 

- Sales decline by -10%
  - -10% organically
- Sharp decline in volumes partially offset by higher prices



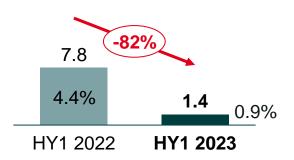
### **EBIT: 36.1 MEUR**

- EBIT margin improved to 14.7% (+150bps)
- Resolved supply chain issues and associated improved delivery capability



### EBIT: 1.4 MEUR

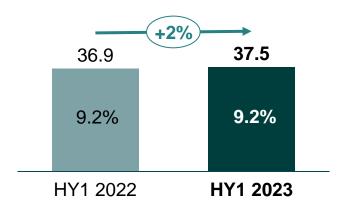
- EBIT declined by -82%
- EBIT margin decreased to 0.9% (-350bps) caused by lower production capacity utilisation





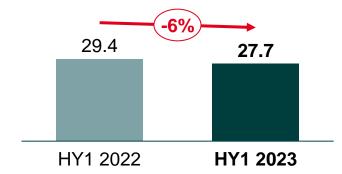
## Solid EBIT growth in HY1 2023 in a challenging environment

### **EBIT: 37.5 MEUR**



- EBIT-margin was on last year's level since cost increases could be largely passed on to customers
- Supply chain improvement in the ventilation segment together with targeted cost savings and structural adjustments could counterbalance the volume decline in radiators

### **Net income: 27.7 MEUR**



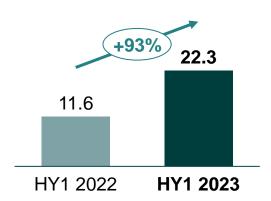
- Net income decreased by 6%
- Tax rate with 23% of EBT slightly above previous year's level



## Increased cash flow from operating activities

### **Operating Cash Flow**

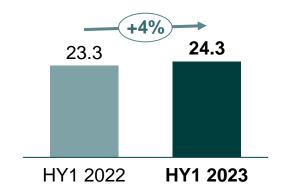
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 Lower build-up of trade receivables compared with previous year's period

### **Net Liquidity**

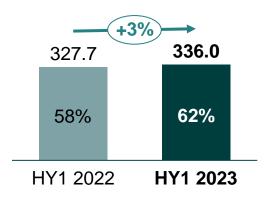
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- Purchase of own shares for 10.6 MEUR (buyback programme & group management share plan)
- Dividends of 21.6 MEUR for 2022 financial year

### Equity

in MEUR

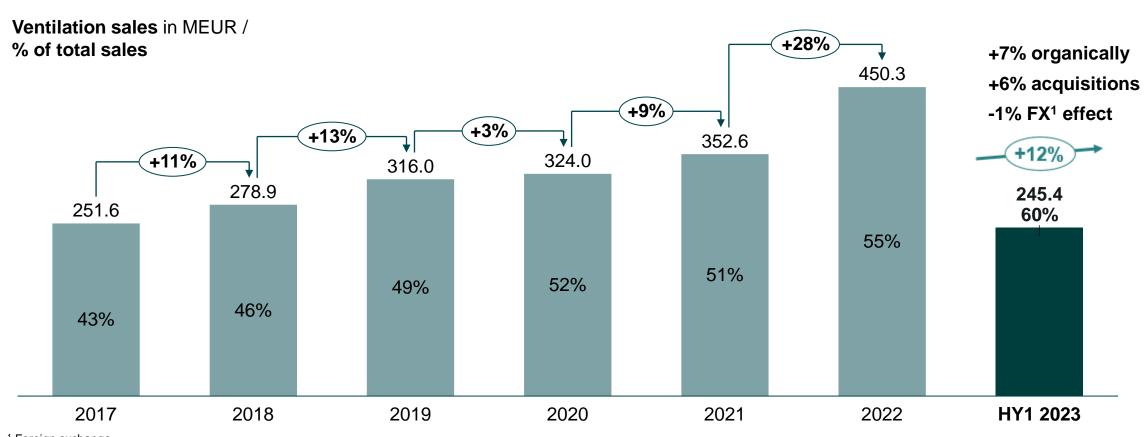


 Continued strong balance sheet with equity ratio of 62%





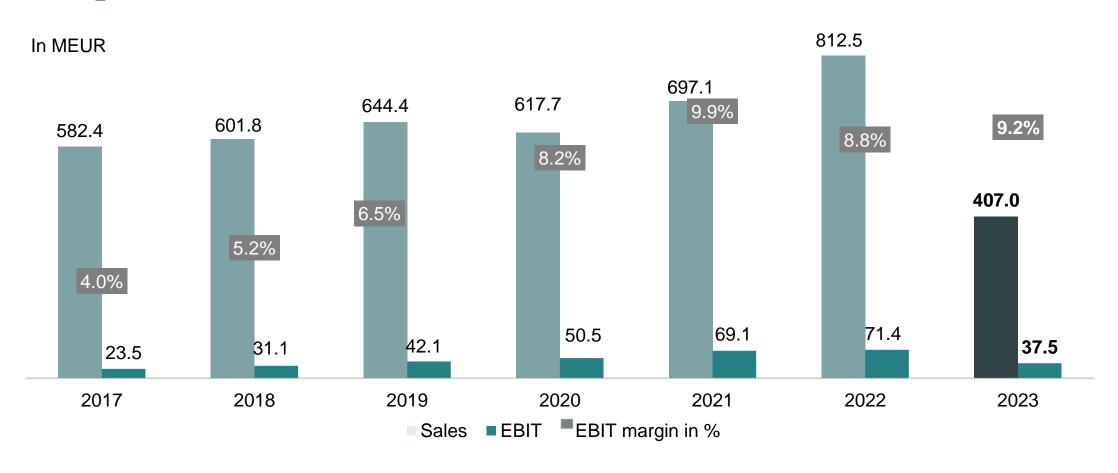
## Organic & inorganic growth boosted ventilation sales in HY1 2023; share of ventilation sales increased to 60%



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Foreign exchange



# In HY1 2023, lower production capacity utilisation for radiators was largely compensated by cost-measures and better ventilation margin





## Completion of buyback programme

- On 18 September 2023, Zehnder Group has completed the share buyback programme
- Zehnder's buyback programme's<sup>1</sup> entailed 5% of listed registered shares A (487,800 shares)
- A total value of CHF 34,270,602 have been repurchased by Zehnder Group AG
- Cancellation of the repurchased registered shares A will be proposed by the Board of Directors at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on 11 April 2024
- Zehnder Group continues to maintain a strong balance sheet with a high equity ratio and net liquidity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Announced by Zehnder Group on 24 February 2021 commenced on 24 March 2021. For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.zehndergroup.com/en/investor-relations/shares">https://www.zehndergroup.com/en/investor-relations/shares</a>



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## Full Year 2023 Outlook: Sales of EUR 780 - 820 million; EBIT margin of around 8%

#### Market evaluation

- Overall declining economic output in Europe and an uncertain global economic situation
- High inflation and rising interest rates will continue to affect the number of planning permits granted for new buildings and renovation projects in the near term
- Positive medium and long-term market outlook due to strong underlying trends in construction industry
- Zehnder Group's products meet growing demand for sustainable, healthy, and comfortable buildings

#### **Further investments**

- Market expansion and innovation in ventilation segment
- Operational optimisations in radiator segment
- Investments in digital & sustainability transformation

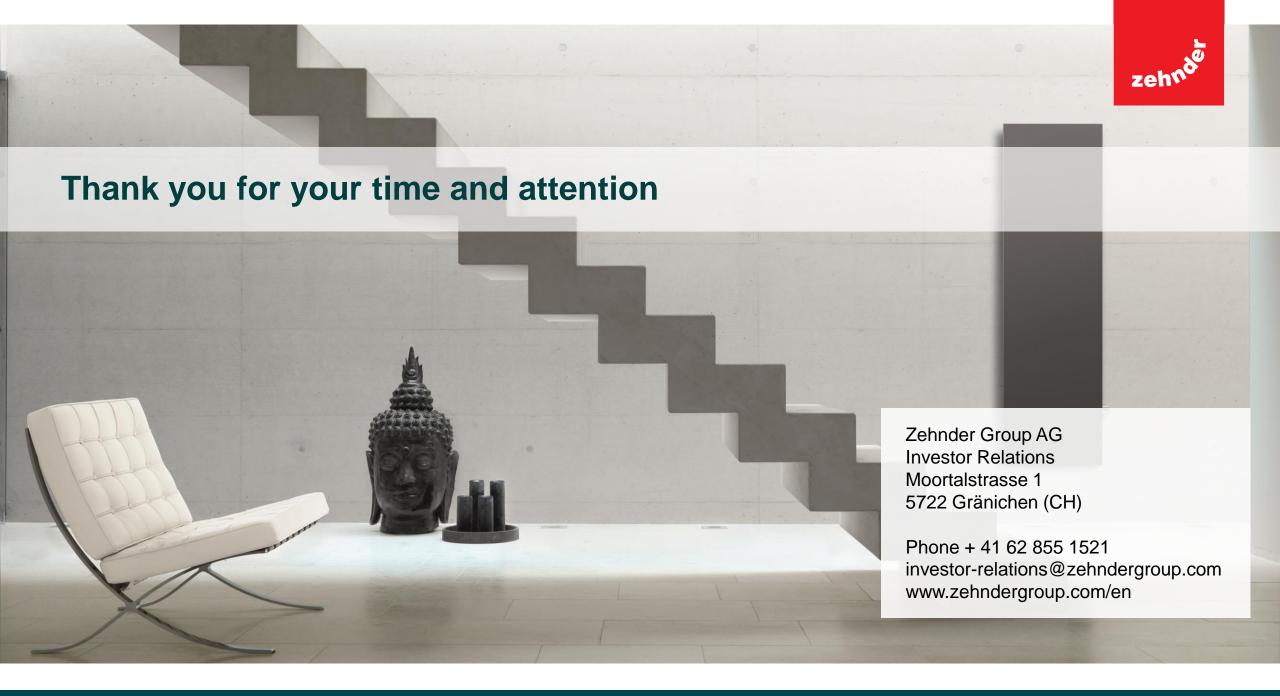
## Outlook 2023 & Medium-term targets

- Zehnder Group expects sales for the full year 2023 between EUR 780 million and EUR 820 million and an EBIT margin of around 8% of sales
- Disciplined cost management and selective structural adjustments
- Continuation of strategic growth investments towards medium-term targets:
   Sales CAGR of 5%, EBIT margin between 9-11% and a ROCE above 20%



## The Zehnder Group – an attractive investment case







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