



Press Release

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NeoNet Shows Continued Growth on a Weak Market

NeoNet's transaction revenues increased 10 percent and the operating earnings were the highest since first quarter last year.

"We have made a strong achievement in a very weak market. I am especially satisfied with the continued growth on the U.S. market, and the improved operating earnings," says Torvald Bohlin, CEO of NeoNet.

See attached report for further information.

NeoNet is a leading provider of real-time electronic equity trading services, targeted at institutional investors and broker-dealers. NeoNet provides its clients with efficient, secure and anonymous access to, at present, some 80% of the aggregate market capitalization of Europe's bourses through its exchange network. Currently, NeoNet has clients in eleven countries including the US. NeoNet's focus is to offer its clients electronic trading access to the world's major stock markets. NeoNet has a headcount of 78, offices in Stockholm and New York, and is listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange.

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The Period in Summary

The Quarter

- Transaction revenues increased 10% to SEK 60.3 m, against SEK 54.7 m in the previous year; There were 5% fewer trading days in the quarter compared to the previous year. 34% (10%) of revenues were sourced from US-based clients.
- NeoNet's market shares continued to increase on all exchanges where it is connected.
- Revenues from electronic trading grew by 56%, amounting to 87% (61%) of total transaction revenues in the period.
- Operating earnings before depreciation and net financial items were SEK 10.3 m (15.8 m); operating earnings in the previous quarter were SEK 3.3 m.
- NeoNet posted an operating margin of 17% (29%).
- Earnings before tax stood at SEK 0.3 m (12.1 m). The quarterly earnings were affected negatively by realized and un-realized exchange rate losses, of SEK 3.8 m, on funds tied up in foreign currencies. Corresponding effect the first quarter last year was a gain of SEK 1.6 m.
- 58% (47%) of transaction revenues in the period were derived from trading on exchanges other than the Stockholm Stock Exchange.
- The closing balance of consolidated shareholders' equity was SEK 254.1 m (246.2 m); the consolidated cash in hand was SEK 192.1 m (opening balance: SEK 193.1 m).
- Investments were unchanged at SEK 11.9 m (11.9 m), amounting to 20% (22%) of transaction revenues.

CEO's Statement

"Activity on the world's stock markets remained slow in the first quarter, particularly compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year, with its brisk trading volumes. The market for equity trading, and its players, are on the verge of major transformation. We anticipate the combination of new technology, intensifying global competition and client demands for more efficient and cheaper management to unleash an extensive structural transformation of the sector. NeoNet has already secured strong positioning ahead of this process.

Despite unfavorable market conditions, NeoNet is continuing to increase trading volumes per day and market shares on all exchanges where it is connected. Average daily trading volumes were up 21% compared to first quarter 2001. A comparison with progress on

those exchanges most important to NeoNet—Stockholm and Helsinki, which saw 27% and 15% trading reductions respectively on one year previously—offers unequivocal evidence of the strength of NeoNet's performance. The development of NeoNet's trading volumes on these markets during the same period was minus three and plus nine percent respectively.

Quarterly transaction revenues grew by 10%, despite 5% fewer trading days on exchanges, with our US clients generating as much as 36% of revenues, a robust increase, even quarter on quarter.

Trading on the London and Paris Stock Exchanges, connected in 2001, comprised 11% of NeoNet's trading volume. Our dependency on the Stockholm Stock Exchange has continued to alleviate—42% of revenues, against 53% one year ago.

Our operating earnings and operating margin were distinctly better than during the three previous quarters, although, earnings deteriorated on the corresponding quarter of the previous year as a result of the gradual increase in expenses related to the accumulation of organizational resources, and connections to three new exchanges in London, Paris and Amsterdam.

We maintained our ambitious efforts to offer electronic equity trading on the world's major stock markets. During the second quarter, we connected Brussels to NeoNet's exchange network, and also anticipate Nasdaq and Oslo. The connection to Nasdaq is a milestone in NeoNet's evolution, and offers our clients direct access to stocks on the world's second biggest exchange. To realize our objective of 80% of global stock market capitalization, the Milan Stock Exchange, and Virt-x (where the highest-turnover Swiss stocks are traded) and the NYSE (the world's biggest stock exchange) remain.

We anticipate burgeoning growth in cross-border equity trading through the coming years, particularly as a consequence of events such as the inception of the euro, a growing proportion of equity-related savings and an increasingly globalised market, driven by factors like continued deregulation and new technology.

NeoNet offers fast, secure and value-for-money electronic trading access to the world's key stock exchanges for institutional investors and broker-dealers."

THE GROUP

Operations

NeoNet's business concept is to offer its clients— institutional investors and broker-dealers—efficient, secure and anonymous access to major stock markets. Operations are based on NeoNet's proprietary trading system, with electronic trading access to the London, Frankfurt, Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Stockholm, Helsinki and Copenhagen Stock Exchanges, alongside manual trading on the above exchanges and the Oslo Stock Exchange. NeoNet has clients in 11 countries including the US.

NeoNet has reached a decision to link Nasdaq, the Milan Stock Exchange and Virt-x (where the highest turnover Swiss stocks are traded) to NeoNet's exchange network in 2002.

Additionally, around mid-2003, NeoNet plans to offer electronic trading access to the NYSE through its exchange network, thus offering access to 80% of the world's stock market capitalization through a single global trading system.

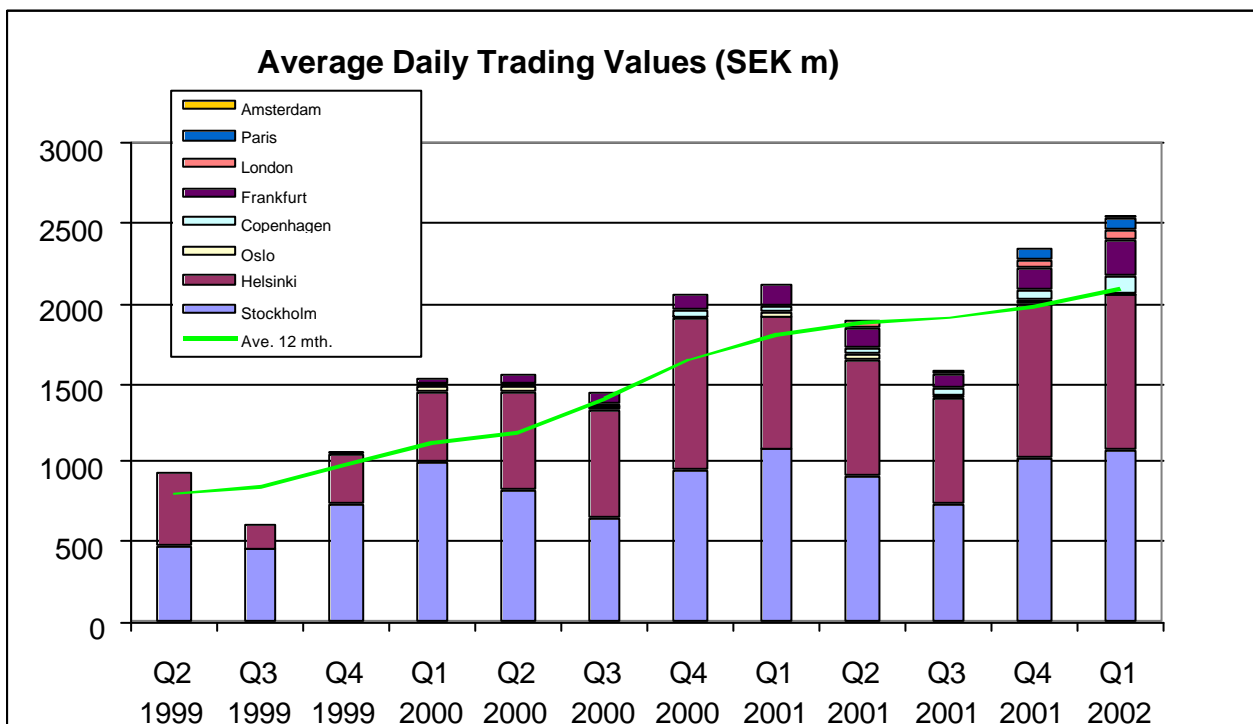
Revenues and Earnings

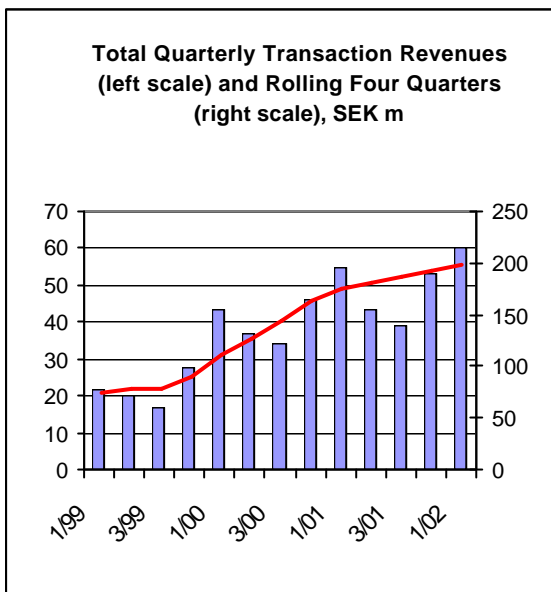
Consolidated transaction revenues grew to SEK 60.3 m in the period, against SEK 54.7 m in the corresponding period of 2001, a 10% increase. There were 61 (64) trading days in the period.

Distribution of Transaction Revenues by Client Location, SEK m				
	Jan – Mar 2002		Jan - Mar 2001	
Sweden	29.4	49%	28.5	52%
Rest of Europe	10.6	17%	20.7	38%
US	20.3	34%	5.5	10%
Total	60.3	100%	54.7	100%

NeoNet's average daily intermediated turnover was SEK 2,541 m in the first quarter, a year-on-year increase of 21%, from SEK 2,105 m. Rolling 12-month daily trading values were SEK 2,079 m, a year-on-year increase of 16%.

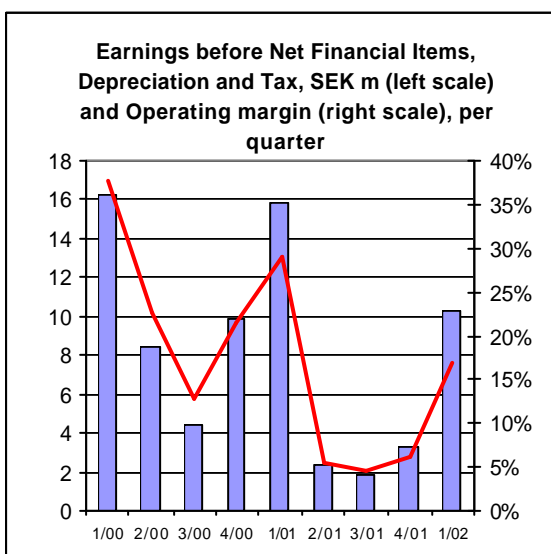
During the first quarter, NeoNet's transaction revenues were divided between exchanges as follows: Stockholm, 42%; Helsinki, 30%; Frankfurt, 12%; London, 7%; Euronext (Paris, Amsterdam) 5%; Copenhagen, 3% and Oslo, 1%.





Quarterly operating earnings before depreciation and net financial items amounted to SEK 10.3 m (15.8 m), the earnings deterioration being a consequence of expenses associated with connecting to exchanges in London, Paris and Amsterdam, and the accumulation of organizational resources, mainly to increase our servicing of European markets. Our operating earnings and operating margin increased on the three preceding quarters.

Quarterly earnings before tax were positive, improving on the previous quarter, albeit subject to an adverse influence of SEK 3.8 m in realized and un-realized exchange rate losses on funds tied up in foreign currencies.



Quarterly Earnings

SEK m	Q1 '01	Q2 '01	Q3 '01	Q4 '01	Q1 '02
Transaction revenues	54.7	43.2	38.9	53.2	60.3
Operating earnings before net financial items and depreciation	15.8	2.4	1.8	3.3	10.3
Operating margin	29%	5%	5%	6%	17%
Earnings before tax	12.1	-4.9	0.3	-4.0	0.3

Consolidated earnings before tax were SEK 0.3 m in the period, against SEK 12.1 m for the corresponding period of the previous year.

Quarterly earnings per share were SEK -0.02 (0.19).

The group's employee headcount at the end of the period was 78 (62). On January 1, NeoNet had 76 staff.

Investments

Investments in the period were SEK 11.9 m (11.9 m), with 9.3 m (6.6 m) of this total relating to enhancements to NeoNet's trading system. Investments as a share of transaction revenues reduced to 20% (22%).

Liquidity and Financial Position

As of March 31, liquid assets were SEK 247.2 m, against SEK 272.7 m as of March 31, 2001. SEK 55.0 m of total liquid assets of SEK 247.2 m comprised the settlement of equity transactions executed on behalf of clients, implying that the group's cash in hand was SEK 192.1 m (193.1 m at January 1).

The closing balance of consolidated shareholders' equity was SEK 254.1 m (246.2 m). The consolidated equity ratio was 58% (48%) at the end of the period, while the capital adequacy ratio was 100% (99%).

Outlook

NeoNet is exclusively active within equity transactions on major stock exchanges, executed on behalf of institutional investors. Revenues are sourced through commission based on the value of transactions executed. NeoNet does not pursue any proprietary equity trading, and accordingly during any given period, revenues and earnings are influenced by client activity and quoted stock prices. The result is that the value of daily trading volumes, and consequently, revenues and earnings, exhibit short-term variations.

NeoNet expects to achieve continued revenue growth by accessing more stock exchanges for electronic trading, and an initiative based on the expansion of its US and European client bases. Moreover, it expects to increase the share of its clients' trading, principally by means of linking a progressively growing share of the world's stock markets to its trading system.

NeoNet's overall financial objectives are to be able to post minimum annual revenue growth of 50%, and, in the long-term, earnings before depreciation and net financial items of a minimum of 25% of transaction revenues.

PARENT COMPANY

The non-operational parent company pursues certain over-arching functions such as group management, finance, business development, investor relations and corporate communications.

The parent company posted earnings before tax and balance sheet appropriations of SEK 0.3 m (-2.0 m).

The closing balance of parent company shareholders' equity was SEK 231.4 (217.8) m; as of March 31, liquid assets were SEK 4.8 m, against SEK 63.0 m at the corresponding point of 2001. The downturn is due to funds lent to wholly owned subsidiaries.

No investments were made in the first quarter 2002; investments in the corresponding period of the previous year were SEK 0.3 m.

Consolidated Income Statement

	3 mth. Jan-Mar	3 mth. Jan-Mar	12 mth. Apr-Mar	12 mth. Apr-Mar	12 mth. Jan-Dec
SEK m	2002	2001	2002	2001	2001
Transaction revenues	60.3	54.7	195.6	172.4	190.1
Transaction expenses	-8.1	-6.5	-25.7	-21.5	-24.1
Interest income	2.5	1.7	8.7	5.7	8.0
Interest expenses	-2.2	-1.6	-7.1	-11.5	-6.5
Net from financial transactions	-3.8	1.6	-3.5	3.2	1.9
Other operating revenue	1.8	2.4	6.7	7.2	7.2
Total operating revenue, net	50.5	52.3	174.7	155.5	176.6
General administration expenses					
Other operating expenses	-29.3	-19.5	-103.6	-69.9	-93.3
Personnel expenses	-14.5	-15.2	-55.8	-49.7	-56.6
Depreciation	-6.4	-5.5	-24.2	-18.3	-23.2
Total operating expenses	-50.2	-40.2	-183.6	-137.9	-173.1
Operating earnings	0.3	12.1	-8.9	17.6	3.5
Tax	-1.2	-4.2	6.1	3.4	2.8
Net earnings	-0.9	7.9	-2.8	21.0	6.3
Earnings per share, SEK	-0.02	0.19	-0.07	0.60	0.15
Earnings per share after full dilution, SEK	-0.02	0.17	-0.06	0.52	0.14
No. of shares, 000	42,655	40,588	42,655	40,588	42,655
Average no. of shares, 000	42,655	40,588	42,436	35,259	41,927
Average no. of shares after full dilution, 000	44,816	45,155	44,995	40,460	45,079

Consolidated Balance Sheet

SEK m	Mar 31 '02	Mar 31 '01	Dec 31 '01
ASSETS			
Cash and lending to credit inst.	247.2	272.7	597.4
Intangible fixed assets	55.8	43.7	51.1
Goodwill	0.8	1.0	0.8
Tangible fixed assets	16.4	16.4	15.5
Other assets	107.8	173.8	141.6
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	8.7	9.1	6.7
Total assets	436.7	516.7	813.1
LIABILITIES, PROVISIONS AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Liabilities, credit institutions	37.7	111.5	54.4
Other liabilities	124.5	132.9	481.6
Accrued expenses and deferred income	16.7	21.5	17.9
Subordinated debt	0.4	0.6	0.4
Provisions	3.4	4.0	3.2
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital	2.1	2.0	2.1
Restricted reserves	227.2	214.8	228.1
Earnings carried forward	25.6	21.5	19.1
Net earnings	-0.9	7.9	6.3
Total liabilities, provisions and shareholders' equity	436.7	516.7	813.1
Memorandum items			
<i>Other pledged securities</i>			
Blocked funds credit institutions	207.8	176.4	548.9
Blocked funds, clearing houses	16.1	8.5	8.1
Floating charge	16.0	16.0	16.0
<i>Securities pledged for own debt</i>			
Shares in subsidiaries	22.0	38.9	23.5

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

SEK m	Jan-Mar 2002	Jan-Mar 2001	Jan-Dec 2001
Cash flow from ongoing operations, exc. settlement of equity transactions	7.4	20.1	10.9
Cash flow from ongoing operations attributable to settlement of equity transactions**	-341.2	-32.4	324.4
Cash flow from investment activity	-11.9	-11.9	-36.0
Cash flow from financing activity	-0.7	3.1	4.0
Cash flow for the period	-346.4	-21.1	303.3
Liquid assets, opening balance	597.4	292.2	292.2
Liquid assets, translation differences	-3.8	1.6	1.9
Liquid assets, closing balance	247.2	272.7	597.4

* Prepared according to Swedish legislation governing the annual reports of credit institutions and securities corporations.

** Cash flow attributable to the settlement of securities transactions executed on behalf of customers varies significantly from day to day, depending on trading volumes and time variations in processing at the counterparty level. The typical settlement period is two to three days after the trading date.

Change in Consolidated Shareholders' Equity

SEK m	Jan- Mar 2002	Jan- Mar 2001	Jan- Dec 2001
Opening balance, shareholders' equity	255.6	235.1	235.1
New issue coincident with utilization of warrants		2.7	16.0
Repurchase of warrants		-0.6	-3.3
Translation differences	-0.6	1.1	1.5
Net earnings	-0.9	7.9	6.3
Closing balance, shareholders' equity	254.1	246.2	255.6

The closing balance of restricted equity was SEK 229.3 m (216.8 m); non-restricted equity was SEK 24.7 m (29.4 m).

As of 31 March 31, 2002, accumulated translation differences were SEK 1.4 m (1.6 m).

Consolidated Key Figures

SEK m	Jan- Mar 2002	Jan- Mar 2001	Jan- Dec 2001
Earnings in summary			
Operating earnings before net financial items and depreciation	10.3	15.8	23.3
Operating earnings before net financial items	3.8	10.4	0.1
Margins			
Operating margin	17%	29%	12%
Net margin	6%	19%	0%
Profit margin	neg.	14%	3%
Yield			
Average capital employed	509.5	435.8	415.9
Return on equity			3%
Return on capital employed			2%
Operational Key Figures			
Ave. no. of trading days on connected markets	61	64	251
Ave. daily trading volume	2,541	2,109	1,975
Financial Position			
Equity ratio	58%	48%	31%
Interest cover	112%	872%	154%
Debt-equity ratio	0.6	0.9	2.0
Capital adequacy	100%	99%	79%
Share data			
No. of shares, 000	42,655	40,588	42,655
Ave. no of shares, 000	42,655	40,588	41,927
Earnings per share, SEK	-0.02	0,19	0,15
Shareholders' equity per share, SEK	5,96	6,07	5,99
Number of shares after full dilution, 000	45,816	45,155	44,816
Ave. number of shares after full dilution, 000	45,816	45,155	45,079
Earnings per share after full dilution	-0.02	0.17	0.14
Shareholders' equity per share after full dilution, SEK	6.05	6.18	6.09
Number of employees at the end of the period	78	62	76
Average number of employees	78	62	67

Definitions
Operating margin

Operating earnings before net financial items (*) and depreciation as a percentage of transaction revenues.

Net margin

Operating earnings before net financial items (*) and tax as a percentage of transaction revenues.

Profit margin

Profit after tax as a percentage of transaction revenues.

Average capital employed

Average total assets less average non-interest bearing liabilities including deferred tax liabilities.

Return on equity

Net earnings as a percentage of average shareholders' equity for the period.

Return on capital employed

Earnings net of financial items plus interest expenses in relation to average capital employed.

Equity ratio

Closing balance of shareholders' equity as a percentage of the closing balance of total assets.

Interest cover

Operating earnings plus financial expenses divided by financial expenses.

Debt/equity ratio

Closing balance of interest-bearing liabilities and provisions in relation to the closing balance of shareholders' equity.

Capital adequacy ratio

Total capital base divided by the total risk-weighted credit and market risk amounts (Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority stipulation FFFS 2000:6).

Earnings per share

Earnings after tax in relation to the average number of shares in the period.

Shareholders' equity per share

The closing balance of shareholders' equity in relation to the average number of shares.

Shareholders' equity per share after full dilution

The closing balance of shareholders' equity with a supplement for forthcoming stock issues, in relation to the average number of shares after new issues.

* From this report Net Financial items includes realized and un-realized exchange rate gains and losses on funds tied up in foreign currencies. The comparative figures for previous periods have been restated accordingly.

Accounting Principles

The consolidated accounts have been prepared in accordance with Swedish legislation governing the annual reports of credit institutions and securities corporations (ÅRKL) and the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority's stipulation FFFS 2000:18 applicable because of the parent company's status as a financial holding company.

This Interim Report has been prepared in accordance with RR's (the Swedish Financial Accounting Standards Council) recommendation RR 20 on Interim Reports.

Otherwise, this Report employs the same accounting principles as the most recent Annual Report. The transference rules of the new recommendations have been utilized, implying the correction of some comparative figures. This revision of accounting principles has not implied any material effect on the corporation's earnings and position.

Audit Review

The corporation's auditors have not reviewed this Interim Report.

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