

## ModernControlling@Axis.

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#### **Agenda**

- > Introduction and background
  - Axis Communication
  - Controlling in various industries
- > Why the need for Modern Controlling?
- > Selected focus areas
  - Silos, Communication and cross-functional collaboration
  - Training and Development
- > Achievements
- > Key Learnings
- > Questions







#### Axis at a glance

**1984** – founded in Sweden

3,253

employees\* with presence in more than 50 countries

**Total sales 2018** 

1,2B



Part of CallOll Group

Local presence around the world through extensive partner network

Resellers System integrators

Distributors

Axis

years of steady growth

82% highly satisfied partners

**Axis Group companies** 

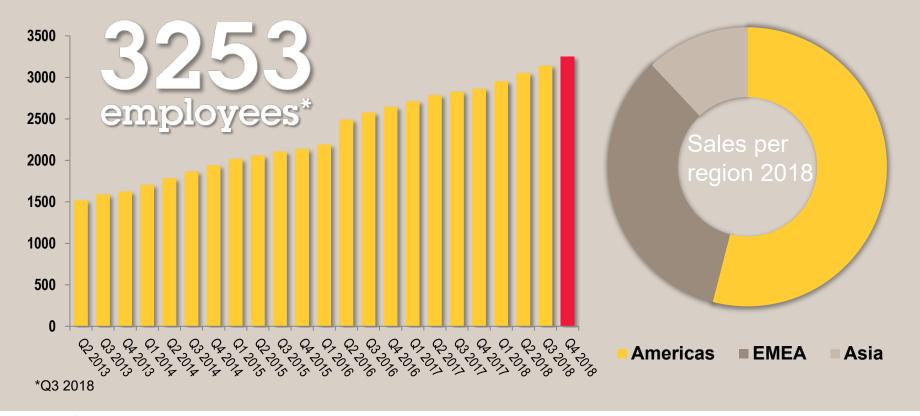








#### More than doubling employees since 2013







#### Nina at a glance

- > Broad background in
  - Finance
  - Controlling
  - Project management
  - Change management
- > Four different industries









> Studied at











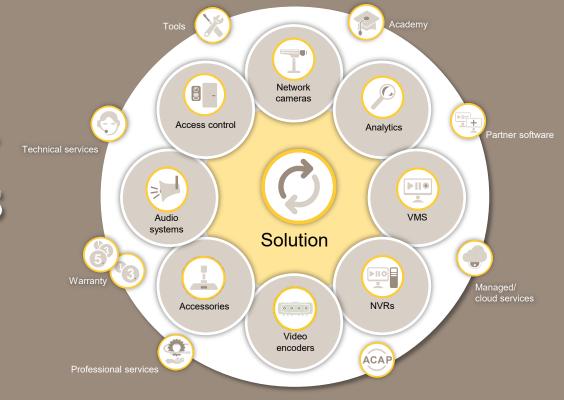
Personal brand trust, empowerment and passion







# transforming into solutions & services







#### **Modern Controlling - Focus areas**

Setting the scene link to Axis' strategy & values

Cross-functional collaboration virtual teams, inside/outside finance

Strengthening the team education, training, resources

Building the team recruiting (internal/external)





#### Creating an Controlling environment closer to Axis' Strategy and Values

#### **Perspectives**



Innovation and Creativity





#### **Outside Silos**

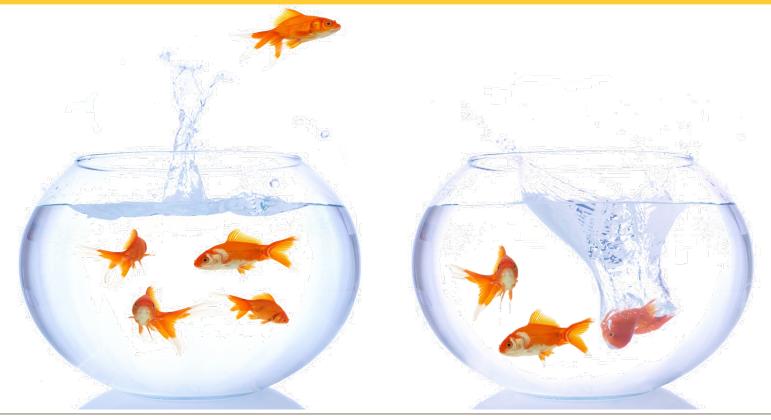




#### .. as people in most organizations work in silos..



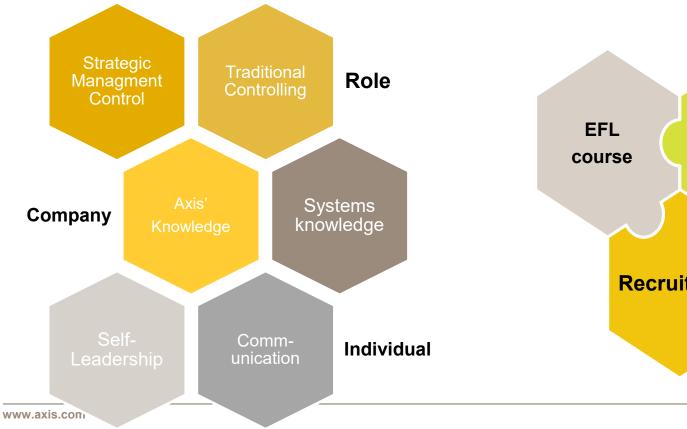
#### .. some have to facilitate the interaction between these.







### **Training and Development**



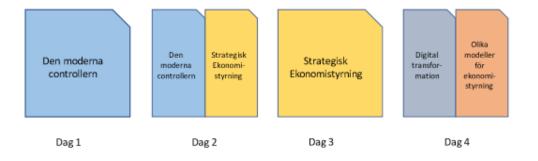






#### Collaboration with EFL "Skräddarsytt"

- > Start of journey: Winter /Spring 2018
- > 4 days of training together with EFL
- > Business Control & Group Control









#### Traditional vs. strategic management control

#### Traditional management control

- > Historical
- > Introspective
- > Narrow scope
- > Internal performance
- > Single period
- > Manufacturing focus
- > Existing activities
- > Reactive
- > Programmed (often)
- > Overlooks linkages
- > Based on existing systems
- > Built on conventions
- > Financial measures
- > Exact figures

#### Strategic management control

- > Forward-looking
- > Outward-looking
- > Broad scope
- > Performance relative to competitors
- > Multiple periods
- > Competitive focus
- > Possibilities
- > Proactive
- > Unprogrammed
- > Exploits linkages
- > Unconstrained by existing systems
- > Ignores conventions
- > Financial and non-financial measures
- > Approximations

→ Close to the business→ A business

→ A business partner

Source: Lord (2007) in Hopper m.fl. (2007) s. 137 (från Wilson, 1995)



#### Achievements so far...

- Building the team, prepared for Axis 3.0
  - Recruitment and Replacement
- > Training and Decvelopment on the agenda
- > The concept of Finance business partner is established
  - when hired, are meeting key stakeholders in recruitment →commitment from management
  - Controllers are asked to add "more than" the financial view
- > Being more visible in the organization (inside and outside Finance)
  - Physical workspace
  - Participation in management teams and strategic meetings
- > Joy at Work





#### **Key Learnings**

- Promoting a great company culture and the right attitude
- > Attracting and keeping the right people
- > Preparing for resignations
- > Top Management Support and Commitment
  - Recruitment
  - Education
  - Investment
- Passion and Direction
- > Relationship key to success
- > Have fun at work



