



# **E-pharmacy learnings from the leading market**

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# MEDS - year 7

#### **Product segments**

Rx (prescription drugs)



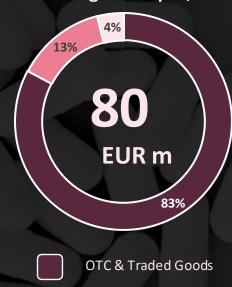
OTC (non-prescription drugs)



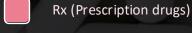
Traded goods



Sales and segment split, LTM Q1 2025





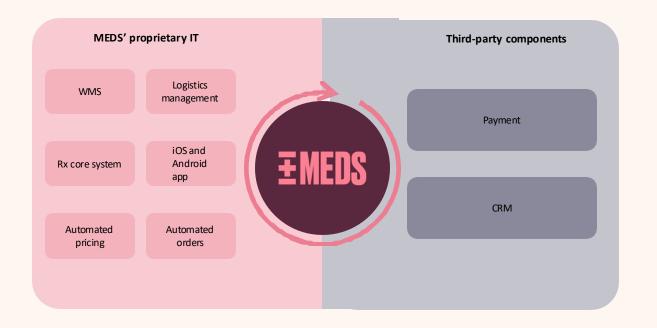


Other<sup>1</sup>

#### **Key highlights of MEDS**

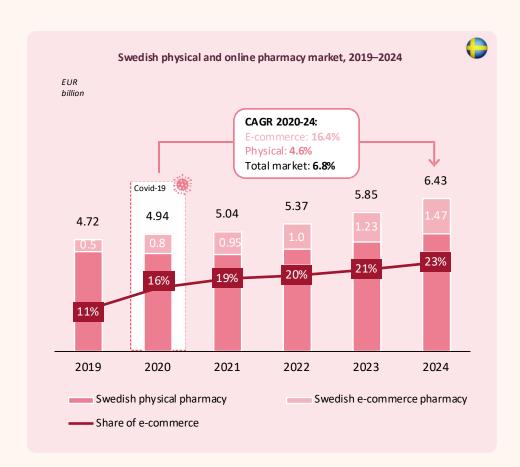


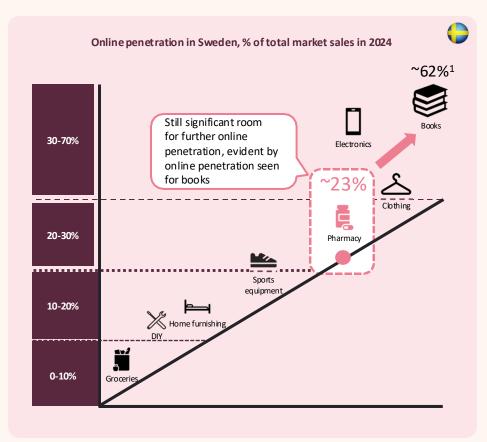
# **Tech company operating a pharmacy**





# **Evergrowing core market with online shift as turbo**



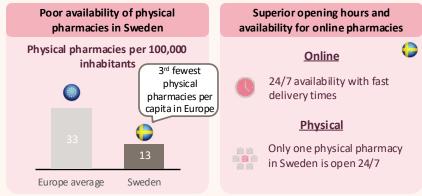


EUR/SEK = 10

# The perfect product and industry for online sales



#### Several additional factors benefitting online pharmacies in Sweden



# Larger and more comprehensive product assortment online

**~5-10x**<sup>4</sup> more products online than physical pharmacies

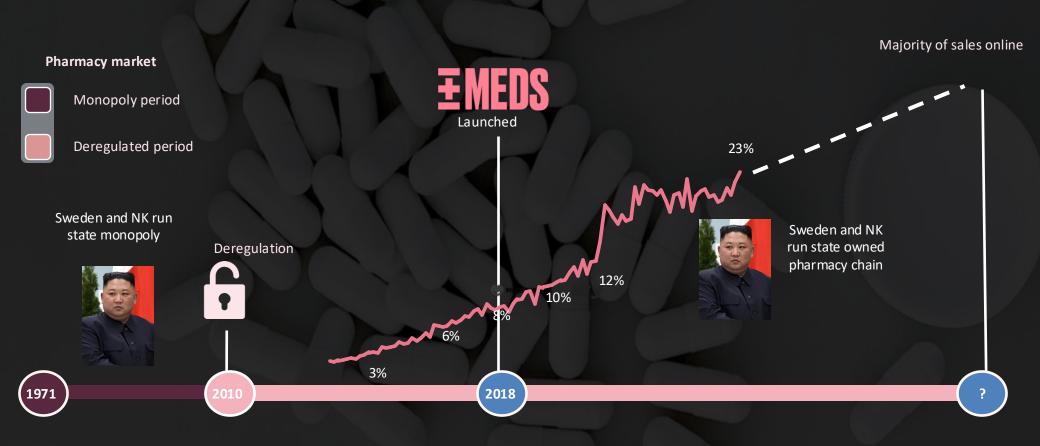


#### Significant price discount online

**35**%⁵ cheaper than physical pharmacies

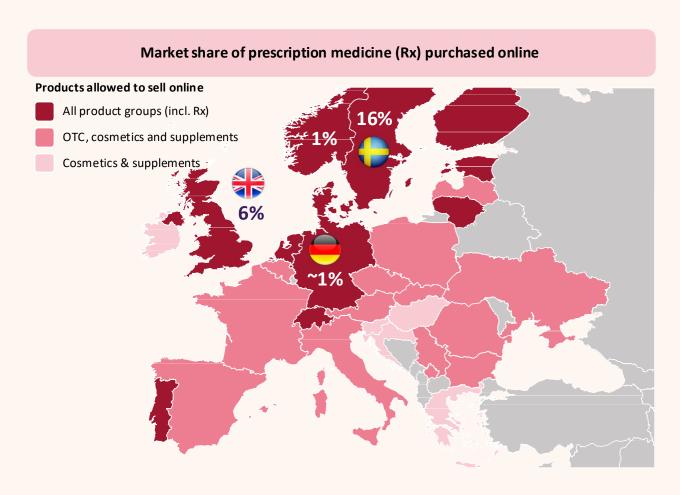


# Sweden: from worst to best in a few years



# The Swedish market light years in front prescribed medicines (Rx) online





# Fundamentals for success

# What is BankID?

- 99.9% of all swedes 18-67 years of age have one, 84% of seniors
- Used 7.6 billion times per year almost 1000 times per person!



# E-scripts - since 1983!

- 100% by law
- Dentists, doctors, veterinarians



## **Soft factors**

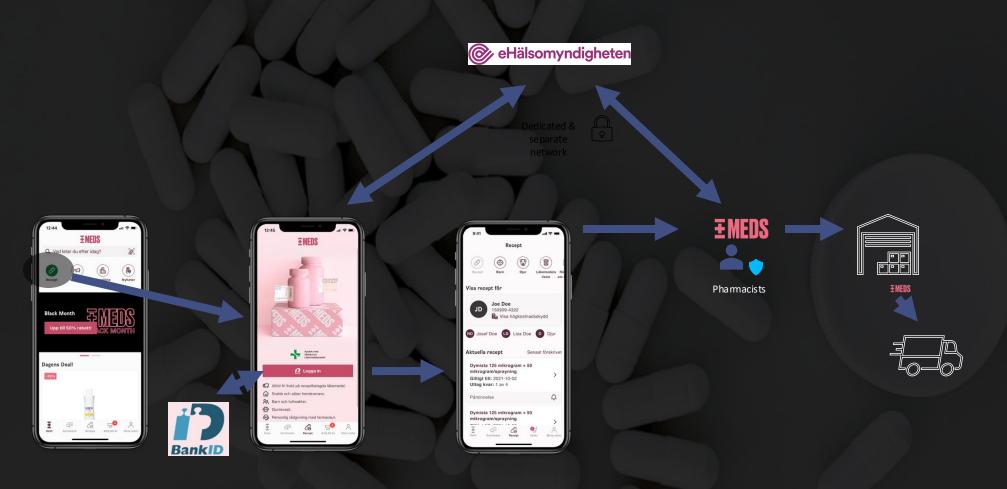
#### General

- Great ecosystem of delivery partners, payment providers
- High smart phone, internet and e-com penetration
  - 77% of all swedes shopped online in may

#### **Pharmacy related**

- State pharmacy pioneer, making Rx online uncontroversial
- Major retail chains active online driving awareness
- Poor physical alternative

# **Enables outstanding consumer experience**

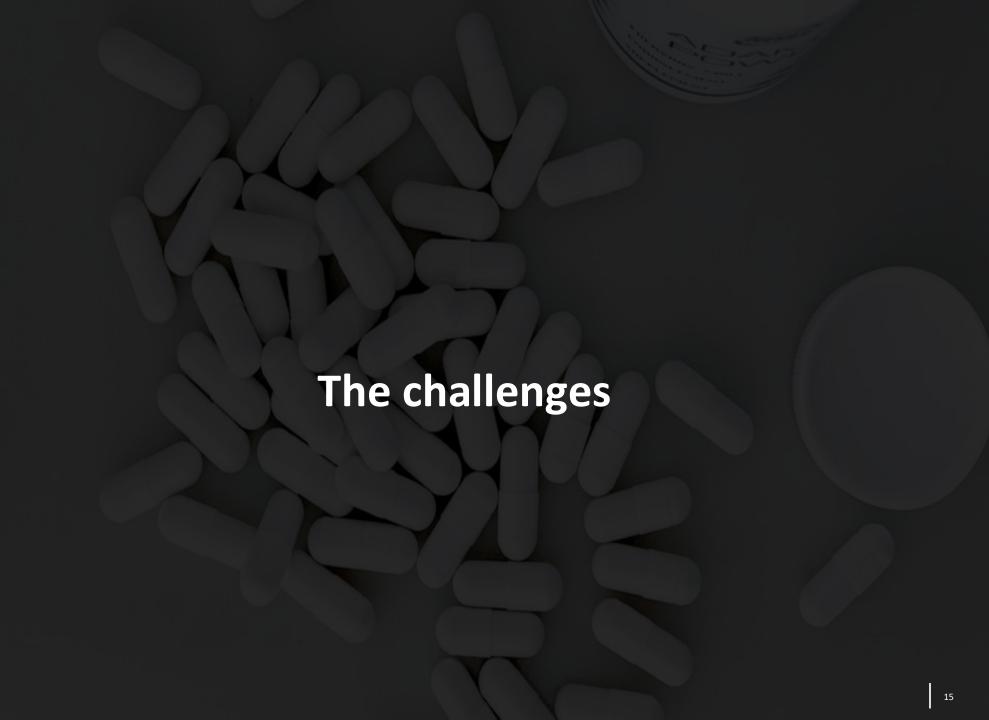


Centralized depository – full process takes seconds

# Potential learnings – why reinvent the wheel?

- Safety: Centralized e-script system is proven to be safe.
- Adoption: Make it mandatory
- Regulation: needs to focus on enabling and not prohibit change
- Stakholder concerns: Focus on the customer needs, rest will follow

- 1. Customers want easy access to medicine! Especially the most fragile
- 2. Pharmacy stores will survive! They exist for the customers, not the other way around



# Leading position can result in complacency

- Positive development = result of many years of doing right
- Could be destroyed in a very short time of doing wrong

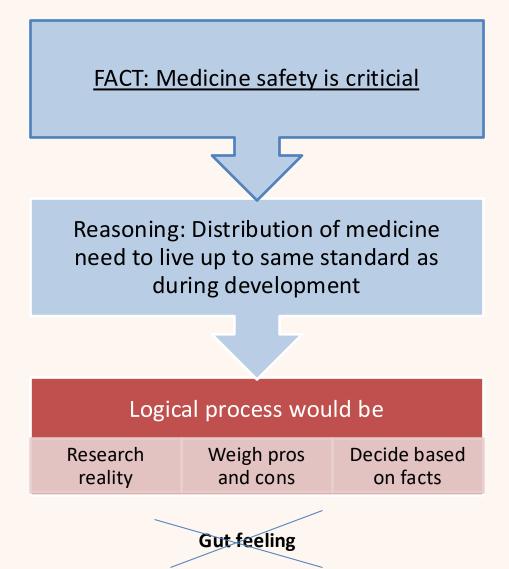


# **Exibit A: changing regulation for no reason**

- New regulation for home delivery will make life difficult for customers
- Still: Regulator want to limit contactless delivery LÄKEMEDELSVERKET
- Customer perspective was not a factor



#### Exibit A con't: Fixing a problem that does not exist - with a solution that is a problem!

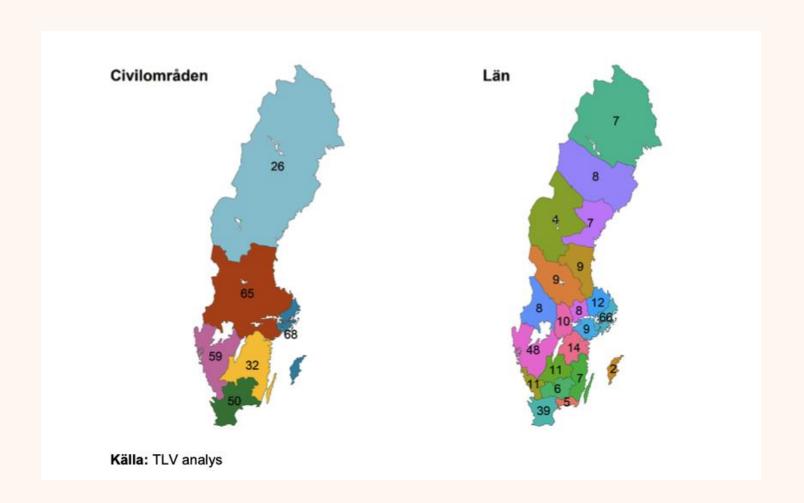


#### Facts:

- Hundreds of millions packages delivered
  - 4 lost parcels in 4 years
  - 1/10 promille of deliveries "irregular"
  - Zero cases of "patients at risk"
- Risk decreasing access to medicine
  - 50% of treatments start late or not completed

### Exibit B: solving an imagined problem and not the real one

- TLV (another regulator) suggest to add 300 "crisis" pharmacies around the country
- diesel generators, extra supplies etc.



#### Exibit B cont'd

# FACT: Crisis prep is important

Reasoning: Medicine should be available in both good and bad times

#### Logical process would be:

Investigate reality

Focus on customer behavior

Start with most likely scenario

Guessing

#### Facts:

- Covid and Ukraine has presented large scale models to study
  - Pharmacies are able to stay open
  - But: customers/ staff not able to go there
  - Distribution is the key challenge!

# **Summary**

- No market is immune to poor regulation and policy changes
- Do not make regulatory decisions based on guess work or worry fear is not real
- Customer is king and queen not other stakeholders interests
- Reinventing the wheel is a bad idea copy with pride

