



Annual Report 1996

Martela

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Martela's business idea

Martela's product is comprehensive service for the furnishing of offices and public facilities in selected markets.

A comprehensive range of products and wide support services enable Martela to provide for the customer's individual needs and to generate added value.

International product development is based on a deep knowledge of customer needs.

Sales and distribution are handled through our own direct sales channels, local partners or distributors.

Control of the logistical delivery chain is based on a fast, centralized system in line with JIT principles.

Our own production is supplemented by flexible outsourcing.

Information for shareholders

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Martela Oy will be held on Friday, 4 April 1997 beginning at 4.30 p.m. at Strömbergintie 5, 00380 Helsinki. Shareholders wishing to participate in the meeting must be entered in the Shareholder Register kept by Finnish Central Securities Depository Ltd no later than Wednesday, 26 March 1997 and must notify the company's head office of their intention to attend the meeting by Tuesday, 1 April 1997 at the latest by telephone: +358-9-56031, fax: +358-9-565 3695 or by mail at the following address: Martela Oy, P.O.Box 7, FIN-00381 Helsinki. A shareholder whose shares have not been transferred to the Book-entry System shall also have the right to participate in the Annual General Meeting provided that the shareholder has been registered in the company's Share Register before 10 February 1995.

Payment of dividends

A dividend according to the proposal of the Board of Directors will be paid only to a person or entity who, on the record date for dividend payments, Wednesday 9 April 1997, has been entered as a shareholder in the Shareholder Register kept by Finnish Central Securities Depository Ltd. The dividend will be paid out on Monday, 14 April 1997. Those shareholders who have not transferred their share certificates to the Book-entry System by the record date are entitled to payment of the dividend after the shares have been transferred to the book-entry system.

During the financial period the company publishes one interim report covering the first half of the year (29 August 1997).

The year in brief

		1996	1995
Turnover	FIM million	606.0	548.5
Growth in turnover	%	10.5	29.0
Operating profit	FIM million	34.3	58.9
– as a ratio of turnover	%	5.7	10.7
Profit/loss before extraordinary items, reserves and taxes	FIM million	26.1	50.1
– as a ratio of turnover	%	4.3	9.4
Return on investment	%	12.6	22.6
Total assets	FIM million	403.8	360.6
Equity ratio	%	39.8	39.7
Earnings/share	FIM	7.3	18.2
Equity/share	FIM	76.8	72.3
Dividend/share	FIM	3.0*)	5.0
Capital expenditures	FIM million	27.3	21.5
Personnel, average		760	716

*) Proposal of the Board of Directors

Managing Director's survey

A year of intensive development and investment in the future

Consolidated turnover grew for the third year running. In 1994 and 1995 growth came mainly from the rebound in the office furnishings market from the post-recessionary level and from the opening up of the East-European market. Turnover growth in 1996 was due to the acquisition made towards the end of 1995, as a result of which most of the production rights to the Tua collection were transferred to the Martela Group's Swedish subsidiary, Martela AB. Accordingly, Martela AB's turnover grew considerably, at the same time significantly strengthening the Group's position in Sweden, Norway and Denmark. Our strategic objective of becoming one of the leading companies in the furniture industry in Sweden was realized. In Scandinavia as a whole, we are now the second largest supplier of office furnishings. In Finland, Martela retained its undisputed position as the market leader.

In the early months of 1996 the trend in demand, particularly in Finland, did not meet our expectations. Domestic invoicing in the first half of the year was 8% short of the previous year's level and consolidated net profit was a modest FIM 6 million. Another factor responsible for the weaker earnings was the lower gross margin. The transfer of the production of the Tua collection and the wide-ranging reorganization carried out at the Bodafors factory in Sweden caused additional non-recurring costs. Our invoicing in Russia has grown to sizable proportions and we succeeded in maintaining it at the good level of previous years. The growth in invoicing in the latter part of the year coupled with the new structure of Martela AB, also towards the end of the year, nevertheless boosted consolidated net profits to FIM 26 million at the annual level. The result represents a return on investment of 12.6%.

Lean operations and customer service

Martela's operations are underpinned by a differentiation strategy in which the central element is excellent customer service. The development of service and at the same time a significant increase in cost efficiency are being realized by means of an extensive Lean Project. Last year we saw the completion of the first projects in which the Technology Development Centre TEKES is also putting up part of the funding. The results of these projects encourage us to continue. Ultimately we are anticipating, within a couple of years, a more cost-effective organization that is capable of improved customer service. Responsibility and decision-making will be moved stage by stage from the functional organization horizontally to the line processes, thus paving the way for flexible new ways of working. Lean operations will enable us

to meet the challenge of ever tougher competition.

An environmental declaration for Tangent

Within environmental affairs, Martela is continuing to develop products and processes that have less impact on nature. In 1996 Martela participated in a development project that was carried out in conjunction with VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland and other Nordic research centres. Martela's part of the research was to make a scientific assessment of the environmental impacts of the Tangent product group over the entire manufacturing chain during the product's life cycle. The results have been formulated in an environmental declaration. An environmental declaration is also being prepared for our other product groups.

Seeking service leadership

In Finland Martela carried out a survey of customer satisfaction using in depth interviews in the spring 1996. The survey measured the start-to-finish performance registered in making and delivering office furnishings. The results of the study have led to the start-up of several projects aimed at gaining further improvements in customer service.

In a survey of large companies carried out by the business research institute TOY-Research Oy in 1996 (Business Decision-makers' Study), Martela ranked as the clear leader in customer service in its field. Of all the industries surveyed, Martela was placed fifteenth amongst 200 major Finnish service companies – the only one in its line of business. I wish to take this opportunity to thank our customers for the confidence they have shown in us. This encourages each of us at Martela to make even greater efforts on behalf of our customers.

New furnishing solutions support business development processes

A total overhaul of modes of working – with an accent on working in teams – calls for furnishing solutions with more flexibility and a new kind of functionality. At the Orgatec trade fair held in Cologne in October, Martela rolled out its new solutions for all the subareas of office furnishing.

Another priority area for product development last year was ergonomical solutions for working at computer terminals in compliance with today's requirements. Martela launched its Joker monitor table solutions for all its main product groups.

Product development co-operation with international partners led to the completion, ready for marketing, of the Forma line of desk chairs in partnership with Lista AG of Switzerland.

A buffer fund to meet cyclical fluctuations

To meet the strong cyclical variations that are typical of our industry, Martela set up a FIM 30 million buffer fund that goes beyond the Group's normal financing requirements. A substantial part of the Group's loans was converted to lower cost and longer term loans.

Outlook for the future

Demand in the Finnish market is expected to continue at least at the level it reached in the latter part of the year. The economy's anticipated trend and the earnings expectations of companies support this view. The trend in Norway and Denmark is the same. There does not seem to be much prospect of growth in the Swedish market, but demand is not expected to weaken significantly either.

The first stage in the opening up of the East-European market has now been passed. Demand and business activity there is becoming increasingly local. Project sales to the area, particularly in Russia, can probably be handled through export operations from Finland and Sweden for a fairly long time. It is not realistic to set great growth expectations for project exports.

Consolidated net profit is expected to improve from the 1996 level. This will come from a slight growth in volume and the good profitability stance of business operations in Sweden following the restructuring. Furthermore, the parent company's outlays on lean operations will have a positive effect on customer service and cost effectiveness, thereby aiding the earnings trend. We also expect the Group's equity ratio to improve further and come close to the 50% target we have set.



Risto Koskimäki
Managing Director

Main events in 1996

- To facilitate the customer satisfaction survey which Martela commissioned, we developed our own benchmarks of customers' satisfaction with our sales activities, delivery process and products. The survey compared our operations with those of our main competitors. Ninety per cent of the respondents were very satisfied or satisfied with Martela's products and service as a whole.
- Martela sharpened its external image by publishing new Graphical Guidelines. Concurrently, our new Tailor-made Offices service concept was announced.
- The Orgatec trade fair is the world's most important event in the industry. Martela participated in the fair with a stand that attracted the attention of the international press thanks to its future office solutions. At the same trade fair, products such as the completely new Forma line of office chairs and the Stacks screen system were launched.
- Martela AB's role as a leading supplier of future office-type solutions became firmly established in Sweden. The number of KIFE workstations delivered so far topped the 10,000 unit mark.
- Manufacture of the Tua collection was moved from Tua AB's factory in Tibro to Martela AB's own factory in Bodafors.
- Martela Oy introduced the Office Maker sales support software that enables a salesperson to design, offer and illustrate a tailor-made furnishing solution to the customer in a few minutes. As an annex to the offer the customer can receive not only an ordinary layout diagram but also a three-dimensional colour printout.
- Seminars dealing with the ergonomic properties of workstations were arranged in different parts of Finland jointly with occupational health organizations and experts in the field of vision and lighting. The seminars drew a large number of interested customers, occupational health workers and designers. New solutions developed by Martela were presented at the functions.
- To support our sales activities in Poland, our subsidiary Martela Polska Sp. z o.o. started local assembly operations in Warsaw.
- Foreign investors' interest in Martela grew further and their holdings increased to 43% at the turn of the year.

Martela Tailor-made Offices – a service concept that focuses on the customer

Our operational model puts the focus on the customer and gives each one the chance to get a tailor-made solution for his or her furnishing needs for the price of a mass market one – delivered right on schedule. No two companies or employees are the same. All people act and work in their own ways. That is why office furnishing solutions must always serve the needs of the customer. We must fully understand those needs, and our solutions must be flexible to suit different purposes. We have given a great deal of careful thought to this flexible oriented point of view.

Our goal is to create furnishings that are ergonomic, durable and good-looking. Our demanding customers expect nothing less. Our designers have developed a series of standard components. They can be combined to form a virtually endless number of workstations that are different in style and price. These modules are manufactured by Martela and by our carefully-chosen partners in cooperation. Because our standard components are available at our factories at exactly the right time, it is not necessary to keep them in stock. This is one of the

reasons why we can offer a tailor-made solution for the price of a mass market one.

We use an Office Maker computer application that allows each of our salespersons to design a furnishing solution that precisely meets a customer's individual needs and budget. Office Maker prints out a three-dimensional picture of any proposed furnishing solution to aid the ordering process. This makes it easier for the customer to visualise the layout and become acquainted with the order. Martela does not manufacture standard furnishings to store as stock. We design a tailor-made workstation for each customer and put it together as soon as the order has been approved.

Our service concept ensures that customers get high quality yet reasonably-priced furnishing solutions that meet their needs – in the past it would taken almost as long to process the order as it now takes to deliver the goods. In our export markets customers are served by knowledgeable salespeople who have at their disposal the same efficient and modern tools as we use in Finland.





Martela Oy's quality system and environmental policies

Martela cares about the future and the state of the environment, and constantly gauges its products' and operations' impact on the environment. Martela is committed to the conservation of the environment. Our goal is to offer our customers durable products that will fit together flexibly to form quality work environments, and whose negative impact on the environment during the whole of their life span is as small as possible.

In our business:

- we design our products to be long-lasting and safe
- we make sure that neither the manufacturers nor users of our furnishings are exposed to harmful substances
- we use wood from well tended commercial forests
- in choosing our raw materials, we take into account their environmental impact and gauge their potential for recycling
- we develop our manufacturing processes in such a way as to reduce the amount of energy used and minimise emissions
- we strive to cut down the amount of waste, sort the resulting waste and direct it to appropriate uses – we deliver hazardous waste to a hazardous waste disposal plant.
- we attempt to choose methods of transportation in such a way as to minimise packaging and to make it possible to reuse the packaging material
- we promote our personnel's environmental awareness and require that environmental matters be cared for responsibly. Compliance with environmental laws, ordinances and agreements is also a necessity.

Operations of the Martela Group

MARTELA IN FINLAND

Martela Oy

Martela Oy is the parent company of the Martela Group. The company's furniture factories are located in Nummela and Kitee. The manufacture of office furnishings is based on a foundation of outsourcing.

At the Kitee factory, table tops as well as wood components for cupboards and pedestals are manufactured from chipboard. The production lines at Kitee have a high degree of automation. 128 people work at the factory. A chair factory, a finishing plant and the main warehouse are located in Nummela. The assembly of cabinets, pedestals, tables and screens as well as the management of logistics have been centralised in connection with the main warehouse. The production process is controlled in line with customers' orders. There are 243 employees at the Nummela factories and the warehouse.

The company's product development has been concentrated at the research centre located in Nummela. Our product development's target is to keep us at the cutting edge of innovation in the design of offices and work environments. In addition to long-term development projects, fast-paced development assignments are carried out to realise demanding customer applications. At the research centre, all of the raw materials and components used by Martela as well as the constructions of the completed products are examined and tested. They must comply with international quality standards. The research centre employs 13 people.

In Finland, Martela is the market leader. Its market share is approximately 45%. Its products are sold through seven regional centres that are located in the largest cities. The service network is complemented by nine Martela Centres, which are run by entrepreneurs and represent Martela products on an exclusive basis. Exports are made through our own subsidiaries and local retail dealers and also as direct project sales. Martela's sales and the Martela Centres use advanced information systems which enable alternative tailor-made furnishing solutions to be designed quickly for a customer.

The company's head quarters with its showrooms is located in Helsinki.

	1996	1995	change %
Turnover, FIM million	410.3	408.9	+ 0.3
Average personnel	521	510	+ 2.1

P.O. Korhonen Oy

The company is Martela Oy's subsidiary and is located in Raisio. At its factory, wood furnishings are manufactured with progressive form moulding technology. The main raw materials are birch and beech veneer. P.O. Korhonen's furnishings are mainly used in meeting rooms, auditoriums, kindergartens and day care centres, service homes for different sectors of the social administration and schools for pupils of all ages.

Sales in Finland are handled by Martela Oy, the parent company, and through Martela Centres. The company's exports account for approximately 40% of its turnover.

	1996	1995	change %
Turnover, FIM million	23.6	22.1	+6.8 %
Average personnel	59	58	+1.7 %



MARTELA IN SWEDEN

Martela AB

Like Martela Oy, its parent company, Martela AB markets, designs and manufactures furnishings for offices and public facilities. Subcontractors are very important to its business. Its production plant is located in Bodafors, Smoland, and has 104 people on its payroll. Its main products are furnishings for workstations and schools, as well as interior movable walls. The company is heavily involved in developing office solutions for the future, and offers different complete layouts for these needs. The company's market position strengthened noticeably in the summer 1996, when the factory at Bodafors began to manufacture the collection bought from Tua AB in 1995. Almost all of Tua AB's retail dealers in Sweden, Norway and Denmark went over to representing Martela Oy. Significant investments were made in new production lines and information technology in connection with the start-up of production.

Sales in Sweden, Norway and Denmark are mainly made through retail dealers. We have our own direct sales office and showrooms in Stockholm.

The company's name changed to Martela AB (previously Martela Morgana AB). The name change reflected the Group's aim to show a unified, strong and clear front on the office furnishings market. As a result of the acquisition of Tua's business operations in autumn 1995, Martela AB is one of the three biggest office furnishings manufacturers in Sweden.

	1996	1995	change %
Turnover, FIM million	158.7	102.5	+ 54.8
Average personnel	124	98	+ 26.5

ASKI Inredningscenter AB

ASKI Inredningscenter AB is a sales company that concentrates on southern Sweden's market. It has offices and showrooms in Malmö and Helsingborg. The company's product range consists of products for the Group as well as of products for the overall furnishing of offices.

	1996	1995	change %
Turnover, FIM million	23.7	26.1	- 9.1
Average personnel	21	20	+ 5.0



MARTELA IN NORWAY

Martela A/S

Martela A/S functions as a support organization for the Norwegian sales network. The company's showrooms are located in Oslo. Sales are handled by a network of retail dealers which covers the whole of Norway. Three people were employed by the company at the turn of the year. The Norwegian market's invoicing, FIM 32.1 million, is included in the figures of Martela AB and Martela Oy.

MARTELA IN GERMANY

Martela GmbH, Martela Hamburg GmbH

Martela GmbH is a sales company located in Nürtingen. It employs 7 people. Sales are made directly to big customers as well as through retail dealers.

To its customers, the company can offer quickly assembled, tailor-made furnishing solutions as well as design and installation services. Its subsidiary Martela Hamburg GmbH services the Hamburg area.

	1996	1995	change %
Turnover, FIM million	8.5	11.4	- 25.4
Average personnel	9	16	- 43.8

MARTELA IN THE UK

Martela Plc

Martela Plc is a sales company which has operated in the UK market since 1978. It employs 16 people.

The company and its showroom are located in Milton Keynes. Sales are primarily made through its own sales organization. Customers are offered complete service including the tailor-made furnishing solutions and design and installation services characteristic of the Group. The company retains a limited stock of standard components.

	1996	1995	change %
Turnover, FIM million	15.0	16.7	- 10.2
Average personnel	17	16	+ 6.3

MARTELA IN POLAND

Martela Polska Sp. z o.o.

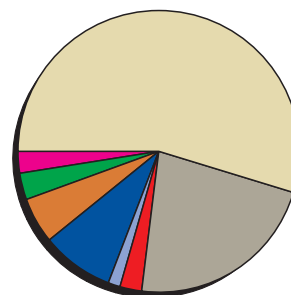
Martela Polska's business operations started up in February 1996. The company imports Martela's furnishings and standard components. It also assembles furnishings. The assembly operations began in August 1996 and their share of the company's invoicing was close to 40% at the end of the year. Marketing and sales are handled by the long-term cooperating partner MDC Sp. z o.o. MDC has offices in Warsaw and four other cities. Martela Polska had 8 people in its employ at the turn of the year.

	1996
Turnover, FIM million	7.0
Average personnel	6

OTHER EXPORT OPERATIONS

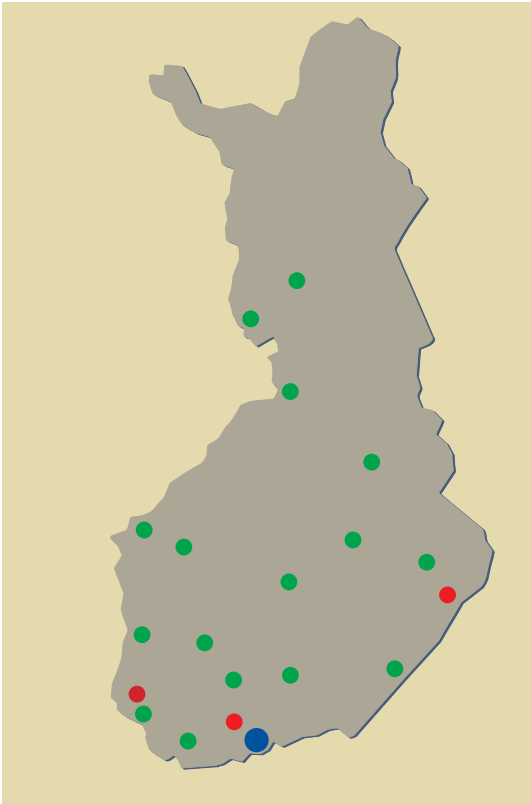
In addition to the Nordic countries, Germany, the UK and Poland, important export countries for Martela are Russia, the Baltic countries, Hungary, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Sales are partly made through established local cooperation partners and partly as direct project exports.

Group billing by area 1996



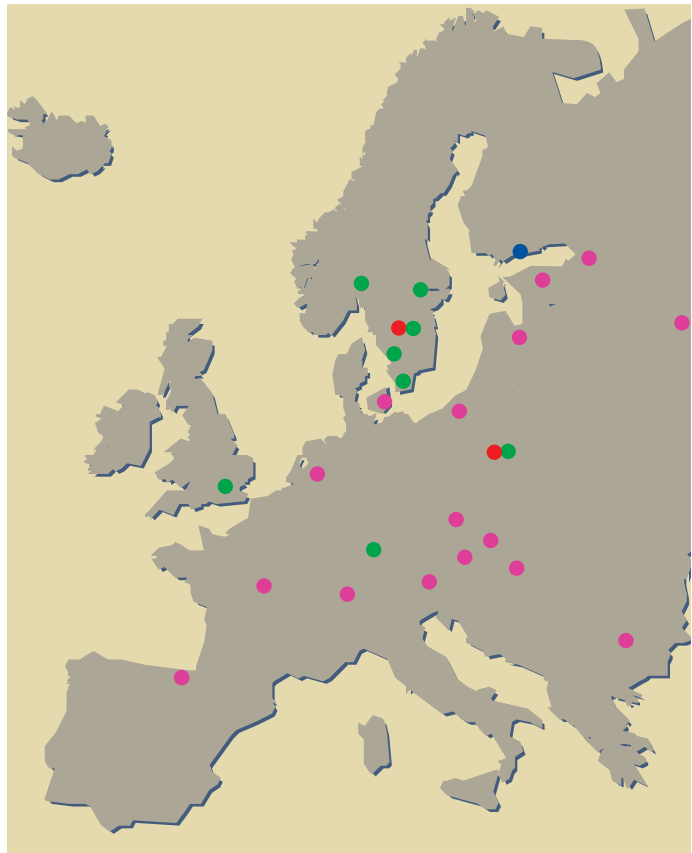
	1996		1995	
	FIM (million)	%	FIM (million)	%
Finland	338.8	54.8	343.1	61.1
Sweden	138.0	22.3	105.7	18.8
UK	14.9	2.4	16.9	3.0
Germany	9.3	1.5	10.6	1.9
Norway, Denmark	50.6	8.2	19.3	3.3
Russia	34.0	5.5	33.1	5.9
Other eastern exports	18.2	2.9	24.3	4.3
Other exports	14.7	2.4	8.1	1.4
Total	618.5	100.0	561.1	100.0

Martela in Finland



- Main office
- Production plant
- Martela's service centres

Martela in Europe



- Main office
- Production plant
- Subsidiary
- Importer

Report of the Board of Directors, 1 January–31 December 1996

Group structure

Major changes did not take place in the Group Structure during the financial year. As a result of reorganizing the marketing channels in Denmark, Martela Kontonmöbler A/S was sold to the Danish importer of Martela's Tua collection, Standard Systemer A/S (Altikon). Operations of the Group's Polish subsidiary Martela Polska Sp. z o.o. started up at the beginning of the year and it began assembly operations in August.

Turnover and invoicing

Consolidated turnover grew by 10.5% to FIM 606.0 million (548.5 million). Invoicing in Finland in the first part of the year fell markedly short of the previous year's level. Demand nevertheless revived in the latter months of the year, which meant that the aggregate invoicing figure of FIM 338.8 million was nearly at the previous year's level (343.1 million). The practice applied in calculating turnover for the financial year and the comparison year has been changed.

The total demand for office furnishings in the Swedish market declined. The Group's invoicing in Sweden nevertheless grew by 31% to FIM 138.0 million (105.7 million). This was due to the acquisition made in August 1995, in which the main part of the production rights to the products of the office furnishings manufacturer Tua AB were transferred to the Group's Swedish subsidiary Martela AB. As a consequence of this deal, invoicing also grew substantially in the Norwegian and Danish markets, reaching a total of FIM 50.6 million (19.3 million).

Invoicing in Russia remained at the previous year's level and was FIM 34 million (33.1 million). Invoicing in Poland grew by 40% to FIM 8.0 million (5.7 million). In Germany, the UK and Eastern Europe, invoicing declined to FIM 34.4 million (46.2 million). Exports and

international operations grew by 28%, accounting for 45% (39%) of the Group's invoicing. Invoicing by the parent company Martela Oy was nearly at the level of the previous year, FIM 419.4 million (424.9 million). The Group's exports from Finland amounted to FIM 94 million (92 million).

Result

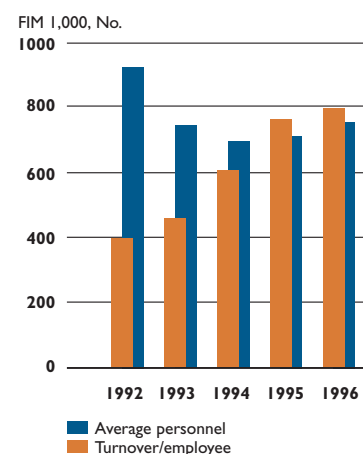
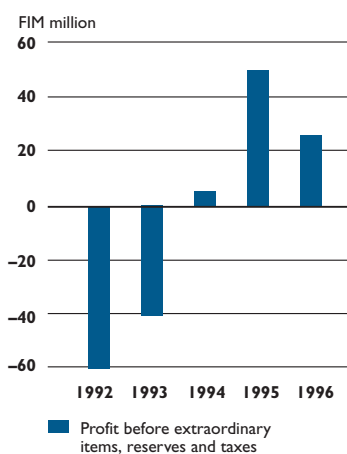
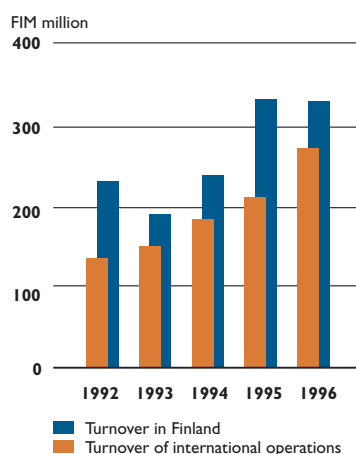
Consolidated profit before extraordinary items, reserves and taxes contracted by nearly a half on the previous year and was FIM 26.1 million (50.1 million). Net profit for the first half of the year was FIM 6.3 million, and FIM 19.8 million in the second half. This was mainly attributable to the parent company Martela Oy, whose invoicing in Finland during the first half of the year was smaller than expected. The company's margins weakened somewhat and fixed costs grew faster than turnover.

The restructuring of the Group's Swedish subsidiary Martela AB was carried out according to plans. In the early part of the year, Tua products were still manufactured completely on a subcontractor basis, after which production was moved stage by stage to our own factory in Bodafors by the end of June. In parallel with the expansion of production operations and upgrading of the production lines, a new information system was introduced, and additional staff were hired and trained. This process of change called for non-recurring outlays that cut into the net profit for the financial year. As a consequence of all these measures, the company's net profit for the entire year slipped slightly into the red, though Martela AB's result in the second half of the year swung to profit.

The Group's return on investment was 12.6% (22.6%).

Capital expenditures

The Group's capital expenditures grew on the previous



year and were FIM 27.3 million (21.5 million). The growth was due to the overhaul of Martela AB's production structure.

The Group's investments in reorganizing the production lines as well as in new machinery and equipment totalled FIM 13 million. Information technology accounted for FIM 10 million of this figure, the remainder of FIM 4.3 million consisting mainly of product development investments, purchases of transport equipment and repairs to real-estate properties.

Research and development

The Group's research and development activities were carried out, as in previous years, mainly at its own research centre as well as in cooperation with our foreign partners, Ahrend Groep NV of the Netherlands and Lista AG of Switzerland. In addition, Martela AB has made outlays primarily for developing its TUA collection. In partnership with VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Martela has participated in developing an environmental declaration for furniture as part of a joint Nordic research and development project concerning the woodworking industry. VTT has studied the environmental impacts connected with Martela Oy's products and compiled environmental declarations.

Personnel

The number of personnel employed by the Group at the turn of the year was 774 people (750), the average for the year being 760 people (716). The payroll grew at Martela Oy by 24 people and by 31 people at Martela AB. The parent company's personnel strength was on average 521 people (510). At the turn of the year the parent company had 527 people (537) in its employ. All in all, the Group's staff at international units totalled 180 people (150).

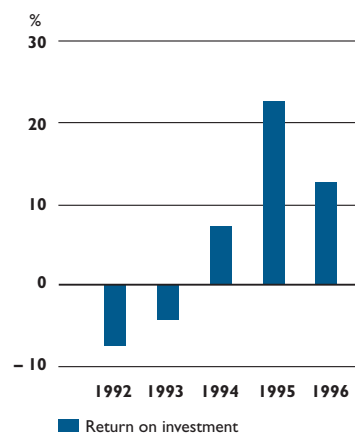
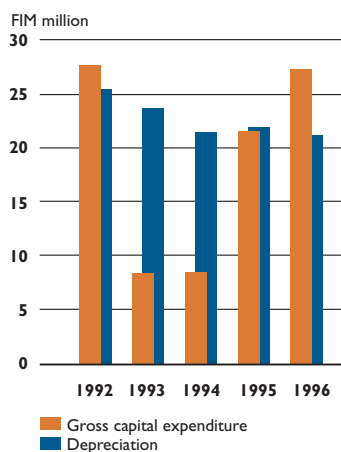
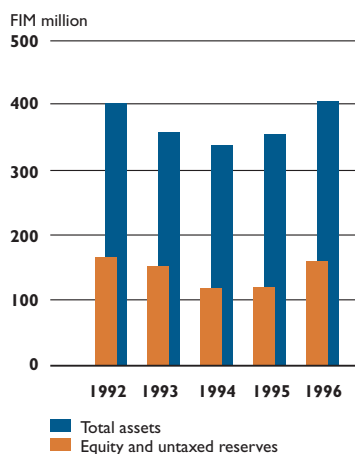
Financing

The Group's net financial items were FIM -8.2 million (-8.8 million). Financial income and expenses include a net gain of FIM 0.8 million on foreign exchange, of which the unrealized net gain is FIM 0.6 million. Interest-bearing liabilities totalled FIM 145.9 million (122.3 million) at the turn of the year. Loans were repaid in a total amount of FIM 20.9 million and new loans amounting to FIM 41 million were drawn. Liquid assets at the turn of the year amounted to FIM 62.2 million, up FIM 25.8 million from the beginning of the year. Total assets grew to FIM 403.8 million (360.6 million). The increase was due mainly to the Group's high capital expenditures, the growth in cash and the increased working capital of Martela AB owing to the expansion of its business operations. Due to the increase in liquid assets, the equity ratio remained at nearly the previous year's level - 39.8% (39.7%). The gearing ratio nevertheless took into account the effect of the change in cash assets, and gauged by it the financial position improved further by 51.7% (59.1%).

Owing to the cyclical sensitivity of the furniture industry, it is the Board of Directors' view that the equity ratio must be further strengthened close to the 50% level.

Share capital

The FIM 4 100 000 issue of bonds with warrants that was subscribed in 1991 entitled its holders to subscribe the company's shares for the last time on 31 October 1996. All the owners of warrants exercised their subscription rights, whereby 97 800 Martela Series A shares were subscribed. The subscription price per share was FIM 72 according to the terms and conditions of the bond issue. The increase in share capital was FIM 978,000 and the increase in shareholders' equity totalled FIM 7,041,600.



Near-term outlook

The overall economic trend in the Group's main market areas is estimated to remain positive in the near future. This points to the prospect of continued, though slight, growth in the demand for office furnishings. Signs of economic growth in Sweden are not as clear, and ac-

ordingly overall demand in the office furnishing market is expected to grow later on. In these conditions it is estimated that consolidated net profit in 1997 will improve. A factor contributing to this is the higher profitability of Martela AB.



In the back Heikki Martela, Iiro Viinanen, Pekka Martela, Valto Nousiainen, Asko Piekkola and Jaakko Palsanen. In the front Matti T. Martela, Sirpa Suominen and Risto Koskimäki.

Proposal of the Board of Directors for the distribution of profits

The non-restricted equity shown in the Consolidated Balance Sheet is FIM 89,369,950.

The parent company's non-restricted equity is FIM 113,027,065.53.

The Board of Directors proposes that the above profits be disposed of in the following manner:

– payment to shareholders of a dividend of 3.00 markkaa/share, thus	FIM 6,233,400.00
– to be transferred to retained earnings	FIM 106,793,665.53
	<u>FIM 113,027,065.53</u>

Helsinki, 11 March 1997

Matti T. Martela
Chairman of
the Board of Directors

Heikki Martela

Pekka Martela

Jaakko Palsanen

Asko Piekkola

Sirpa Suominen

Iiro Viinanen

Risto Koskimäki
Managing Director

Income statement (FIM 1,000)

	Ref.	Group		Parent company	
		1.1.-31.12.1996	1.1.-31.12.1995	1.1.-31.12.1996	1.1.-31.12.1995
Turnover	1	605 961	548 511	410 326	408 918
Change in manufacturing inventories		- 37	- 638	- 228	- 52
Production for own use	2	372	456	348	417
Other income from operations	3	5 585	3 941	1 191	2 042
Expenses	4,5	- 556 357	- 471 456	- 359 868	- 334 618
Operating profit/loss before depreciation		55 524	80 814	51 769	76 707
Depreciation	6	- 21 178	- 21 920	- 14 607	- 15 564
Operating profit/loss		34 346	58 894	37 163	61 143
Financial income and expenses	7	- 8 219	- 8 818	- 6 394	- 8 899
Profit/loss before extraordinary items		26 127	50 075	30 769	52 244
Extraordinary income and expenses		0	0	0	0
Profit/loss before untaxed reserves and taxes		26 127	50 075	30 769	52 244
Change in difference between booked depreciation and depreciation according to plan	6	- 5 113	- 3 097	- 4 889	- 3 303
Change in other voluntary reserves	8	13 563	11 930	12 380	11 974
Direct taxes	9	- 10 870	- 14 007	- 10 819	- 13 860
Profit/loss for the year before minority interests		23 708	44 901	27 442	47 055
Minority interest		0	73	0	0
Profit/loss for the year		23 708	44 974	27 442	47 055

Balance sheet (FIM 1,000)

	Ref.	Group		Parent company	
		31.12.1996	31.12.1995	31.12.1996	31.12.1995
ASSETS					
FIXED ASSETS AND OTHER NON-CURRENT INVESTMENTS 10					
Intangible assets					
Intangible rights		1 553	1 341	1 204	1 204
Goodwill		78	85	0	0
Other long-term expenditure		13 334	12 939	10 679	9 567
Advances paid		0	329	0	329
		14 965	14 694	11 883	11 100
Tangible assets					
Land and water areas		26 972	26 537	1 300	1 300
Buildings and constructions		80 455	80 761	38 190	38 353
Machinery and equipment		35 835	27 740	23 656	22 536
Other tangible assets		120	115	99	94
Advances paid		297	861	297	0
		143 678	136 013	63 542	62 283
Fixed assets securities and other long-term investments					
Shares in subsidiaries	19	0	0	26 255	26 228
Shares and participations in associated companies	19	133	133	133	133
Other shares and participations	19	13 921	13 616	13 874	13 569
Loan receivables	10	0	0	17 434	16 847
		14 054	13 749	57 695	56 777
INVENTORIES AND FINANCIAL ASSETS					
Inventories 11					
Materials and supplies		32 141	24 028	8 978	11 467
Work in process		6 395	5 892	1 236	1 694
Completed products/goods		29 246	34 651	26 154	30 454
Prepaid expenses		2 059	833	0	0
		69 840	65 404	36 367	43 614
Receivables 12					
Trade receivables		93 197	89 165	90 195	73 592
Loan receivables		1 269	1 304	32 218	28 959
Accrued income and prepaid expenses		4 542	3 776	2 627	2 597
		99 008	94 244	125 040	105 148
Financial asset securities					
Short-term investments		44 000	21 097	44 000	21 062
		44 000	21 097	44 000	21 062
Cash and banks					
		18 236	15 388	8 123	7 870
		403 781	360 590	346 650	307 853

	Ref.	Group		Parent company	
		31.12.1996	31.12.1995	31.12.1996	31.12.1995
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	13				
Restricted equity					
Share capital		20 778	19 800	20 778	19 800
Reserve fund		27 898	21 742	27 510	21 447
Total		48 676	41 542	48 288	41 247
Non-restricted equity					
Retained earnings		65 662	30 216	85 585	48 531
Profit/loss for the year		23 708	44 974	27 442	47 055
Total		89 370	75 191	113 027	95 585
Shareholders' equity, total		138 046	116 733	161 315	136 832
UNTAXED RESERVES					
Accumulated depreciation difference	14	27 971	21 259	23 664	17 195
Voluntary reserves		1 805	15 364	0	12 380
Voluntary reserves, total		29 775	36 622	23 664	29 575
LIABILITIES					
Long-term	15				
Bonds with warrants		0	325	0	325
Loans from financial institutions		54 225	46 437	22 061	19 448
Pension loans		61 499	43 044	57 723	38 696
Other long-term liabilities		537	547	0	0
		116 260	90 353	79 784	58 469
Current					
Interest-bearing					
Loans from financial institutions		17 357	15 987	14 553	14 307
Pension loans		6 511	3 990	5 969	3 443
Promissory notes		0	7 548	0	7 548
Overdraught facilities		5 815	4 444	0	0
Other current liabilities		0	0	1 752	1 867
		29 683	31 968	22 274	27 164
Non-interest bearing					
Advances received		2 856	581	0	0
Trade payables		38 405	30 762	23 492	16 090
Accrued liabilities and prepaid income		35 770	37 173	24 880	28 934
Other current liabilities		12 984	16 399	11 241	10 789
		90 016	84 916	59 613	55 814
Liabilities, total		235 959	207 236	161 671	141 447
		403 781	360 590	346 650	307 853

Statement of source and application of funds (FIM 1,000)

	Group		Parent company	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
OPERATIONS				
Funds generated from operations				
Operating profit/loss	34 346	58 894	37 163	61 143
Depreciation	21 178	21 920	14 607	15 564
Financial income and expenses	- 8 219	- 8 818	- 6 394	- 8 899
Extraordinary income and expenses	0	0	0	0
Taxes	- 10 870	- 14 007	- 10 819	- 13 860
Total funds generated from operations	36 435	57 989	34 557	53 947
Change in working capital				
Inventories	- 4 436	3 608	7 247	6 532
Short-term trade receivables	- 4 764	- 15 413	- 19 892	- 13 922
Non-interest bearing short-term liabilities	5 100	19 236	3 799	6 449
Change in working capital, total	- 4 099	7 431	- 8 847	- 941
Cash flow from operations	32 337	65 419	25 710	53 006
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE				
Investments in fixed assets	- 27 260	- 21 464	- 15 904	- 25 700
Sales of fixed assets	2 510	2 450	505	781
Capital expenditure, total	- 24 751	- 19 014	- 15 399	- 24 919
Cash flow before financing	7 586	46 406	10 312	28 087
FINANCING				
Change in long-term receivables	0	0	- 586	- 485
Change in long-term loans	25 908	- 10 040	21 315	- 18 730
Change in short-term loans	- 2 285	- 21 865	- 4 890	- 1 852
Dividends	- 9 900	- 1 980	- 9 900	- 1 980
Donations	- 100	- 100	- 100	- 100
Increase in share capital	7 042	0	7 042	0
Change in short-term investments	- 22 903	- 3 097	- 22 938	- 3 062
Financing, total	- 2 238	- 37 082	- 10 058	- 26 209
Increase in liquid funds according to the statement	5348	9 324	254	1 877
Adjustment items	- 2 500	- 2 433	0	0
Change in liquid funds according to the balance sheet	2 848	6 891	254	1 877

Notes to the financial statements

Consolidated financial statements

The consolidated financial statements include Martela Oy and its subsidiaries. Inter-company share ownership within the Group has been eliminated using the acquisition cost method. Intra-Group transactions, unrealized margins on intra-company deliveries, internal receivables and debts as well as the internal distribution of profit have been eliminated. The difference between the purchase price of shares in subsidiaries and their equity at the time of acquisition has been partly allocated to real estate, the remainder constituting goodwill. The goodwill is amortized on a straight-line basis over ten years and, wherever goodwill is allocated to untaxed reserves, it is amortized at the same rate as the corresponding reserves are decreased. At the beginning of the financial year, the Danish company Martela Kontormöbel A/S was sold. Associated companies have not been consolidated as they have no material effect on the Group's financial result or on the amount of the consolidated shareholders' equity.

Receivables and debts denominated in foreign currency

The parent company and its subsidiaries in Finland have translated receivables and debts denominated in foreign currency into Finnish markka amounts at the Merita Bank average exchange rate on the balance sheet date. The assets and liabilities of subsidiaries abroad have been translated into Finnish markka at the Merita Bank average exchange rate on the balance sheet date. The income statements were translated at the average exchange rate for the year. The translation adjustments arising from the conversion of shareholders' equity have been booked to the Group's non-restricted equity. Exchange rate differences have been entered in the income statement in net amounts.

FIM 1,000

	Group		Parent company	
	1996	1995	1996	1995

INCOME STATEMENT

1. Turnover

Breakdown of turnover by market area, % of turnover

Finland	54.8	61.2	80.0	79.8
Sweden	22.3	18.8	1.9	1.3
Norway	5.2	2.2	1.7	0.7
Denmark	3.0	1.2	0.9	1.1
United Kingdom	2.4	3.0	1.3	1.5
Germany	1.5	1.9	1.1	1.2
Other West Europe	1.5	0.9	0.9	0.7
Poland	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2
Russia	5.5	5.9	8.0	7.7
The Baltic countries	1.0	1.7	1.4	2.3
Other East European exports	0.6	1.6	0.9	2.0
Other exports	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

2. Production for own use

Production for own use	372	456	348	417
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3. Other income from operations

Gains on sale of assets	300	266	0	224
Rental income	2 806	2 919	1 123	1 323
Other income from operations	2 479	756	68	495
Total	5 585	3 941	1 191	2 042

4. Expenses

Materials and supplies				
Purchases during the financial year	3 13 256	251 919	1 94 820	182 273
Change in inventories of materials and supplies	- 4 660	4 013	7 019	6 128
Personnel expenses	144 711	132 733	96 434	96 020
Rents	14 916	13 741	11 273	10 873
Other expenses	88 135	69 050	50 322	39 324
Expenses, total	556 357	471 456	359 868	334 618

5. Personnel expenses and number of persons

Salaries of the boards of directors and managing directors	3 233	2 867	1 508	1 661
Other salaries	103 202	97 414	72 586	71 014
Pension expenses	17 313	16 173	14 814	14 326
Other salary-related expenses	20 972	16 280	7 526	9 019
Personnel expenses in the income statement	144 711	132 734	96 434	96 020
Fringe benefits	2 952	2 450	2 024	1 800
Total	147 663	135 184	98 458	97 820

Personnel

Average personnel	760	716	521	510
Personnel at year-end	774	750	527	537
Average personnel in Finland	580	566	521	539
Average personnel in Sweden	145	117	0	0
Average personnel in Norway	3	1	0	0
Average personnel in Germany	9	16	0	0
Average personnel in the United Kingdom	17	16	0	0
Average personnel in Poland	6	0	0	0
Total	760	716	521	539

FIM 1,000	Group		Parent company	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
6. Depreciation				
Depreciation according to plan				
Intangible assets				
Goodwill	32	5	0	0
Other long-term expenditure	4 701	3 533	3 802	3 077
Tangible assets				
Buildings and constructions	4 826	6 715	2 052	2 942
Machinery and equipment	11 619	11 667	8 753	9 545
Depreciation according to plan, total	21 178	21 920	14 607	15 564
Change in difference between booked depreciation and depreciation according to plan (- increase, + decrease)				
Other long-term expenditure	- 1 182	1 408	- 1 182	1 408
Buildings and constructions	647	- 2 848	573	- 3 078
Machinery and equipment	- 4 577	- 1 657	- 4 279	- 1 633
Total	- 5 113	- 3 097	- 4 889	- 3 303
Depreciation according to plan is calculated on the economic life of fixed assets on a straight-line basis from the original acquisition cost.				
The depreciation periods are:				
Buildings	30 years			
Housing and other buildings	20 years			
Factory machinery and equipment	8 years			
Other fixtures	6 years			
Vehicles and EDP equipment	5 years			
Product development and EDP software	5 years			
Other long-term expenditure	10 years			
Goodwill	10 years			
7. Financial income and expenses				
Financial income and expenses				
Dividend income	18	10	18	10
Interest income on short-term investments	1 954	1 735	1 717	1 540
Interest income on short-term investments from Group companies	0	0	512	612
Gains on foreign exchange	1 498	2 033	1 895	1 564
Interest expenses	- 8 831	- 10 582	- 5 835	- 6 711
Losses on foreign exchange	- 746	- 596	- 269	- 140
Other financial expenses	- 2 112	- 1 418	- 1 982	- 1 251
Depreciation on investments ^{*)}	0	0	- 2 451	- 4 523
Total	- 8 219	- 8 818	- 6 394	- 8 899
^{*)} Write-down on shares in subsidiaries and receivables				
Foreign exchange differences				
Realized	177	561	294	565
Unrealized	575	876	1 332	859
Total	752	1 437	1 626	1 424
8. Change in voluntary reserves				
(- increase, + decrease)				
Transitional reserve	13 503	11 930	12 380	11 974
Change in other reserves	61	0	0	0
Total	13 563	11 930	12 380	11 974
9. Direct taxes				
Taxes for the financial year	10 866	15 468	10 821	15 321
Taxes for previous years	3	- 1 461	- 2	- 1 461
Total	10 870	14 007	10 819	13 860

FIM 1,000	Group		Parent company	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
BALANCE SHEET				
10. Fixed assets and other long-term investments				
Intangible rights				
Acquisition cost I.I.	1 513	1 600	1 204	1 211
Increases I.I.–31.12.	230	0	0	0
Decreases I.I.–31.12.	- 53	- 87	0	- 7
Foreign exchange differences I.I.–31.12.	91	0	0	0
Accumulated depreciation I.I.	- 172	- 172	0	0
Depreciation I.I.–31.12.	- 56	0	0	0
Book value 31.12.	1 553	1 341	1 204	1 204
Goodwill				
Acquisition cost I.I.	106	109		
Increases I.I.–31.12.	25	0		
Decreases I.I.–31.12.	0	0		
Foreign exchange differences I.I.–31.12.	0	- 3		
Accumulated depreciation I.I.	- 21	- 16		
Depreciation I.I.–31.12.	- 32	- 5		
Book value 31.12.	78	85		
Other long-term expenditure				
Acquisition cost I.I.	37 139	28 303	31 217	25 693
Increases I.I.–31.12.	4 763	8 789	4 737	5 524
Decreases I.I.–31.12.	- 153	0	- 152	0
Foreign exchange differences I.I.–31.12.	430	47	0	0
Accumulated depreciation I.I.	- 24 200	- 20 667	- 21 321	- 18 573
Depreciation I.I.–31.12.	- 4 645	- 3 533	- 3 802	- 3 077
Book value 31.12.	13 334	12 939	10 679	9 567
Land and water areas				
Acquisition cost I.I.	26 537	27 958	1 300	1 300
Increases I.I.–31.12.	0	0	0	0
Decreases I.I.–31.12.	- 210	0	0	0
Foreign exchange differences I.I.–31.12.	645	- 1 421	0	0
Book value 31.12.	26 972	26 537	1 300	1 300
Buildings and constructions				
Acquisition cost I.I.	131 793	131 911	77 176	76 831
Increases I.I.–31.12.	1 535	345	308	345
Decreases I.I.–31.12.	- 861	- 1 344	0	0
Foreign exchange differences I.I.–31.12.	3 845	881	0	0
Accumulated depreciation I.I.	- 51 032	- 44 317	- 37 242	- 35 881
Depreciation I.I.–31.12.	- 4 826	- 6 715	- 2 052	- 2 942
Book value 31.12.	80 455	80 761	38 190	38 353
Machinery and equipment				
Acquisition cost I.I.	178 833	167 161	151 796	142 103
Increases I.I.–31.12.	20 427	12 323	10 374	10 286
Decreases I.I.–31.12.	- 1 233	- 938	- 500	- 593
Foreign exchange differences I.I.–31.12.	520	287	0	0
Accumulated depreciation I.I.	- 151 093	- 139 426	- 129 260	- 119 716
Depreciation I.I.–31.12.	- 11 619	- 11 667	- 8 753	- 9 544
Book value 31.12.	35 835	27 740	23 656	22 536
Other tangible assets				
Acquisition cost I.I.	115	108	94	87
Increases I.I.–31.12.	4	7	4	7
Decreases I.I.–31.12.	0	0	0	0
Foreign exchange differences I.I.–31.12.	0	0	0	0
Accumulated depreciation I.I.	0	0	0	0
Depreciation I.I.–31.12.	0	0	0	0
Book value 31.12.	119	115	99	94
Taxation values of real-estate and securities booked under fixed assets				
Land and water areas	8 067	7 306	2 494	2 546
Buildings and constructions	64 052	66 390	33 540	37 518
Shares in subsidiaries	25 567	25 358	20 515	20 861
Other shares and participations	8 852	8 605	8 791	8 558
Revaluations of fixed assets				
Buildings	18 700	18 700	13 000	13 000
Shares, participations and loan receivables booked under long-term investments				
Group companies				
Shares			26 255	26 228
Loan receivables			17 434	16 847
Total			43 689	43 075
Shares in associated companies	133	133	133	133

FIM 1,000	Group		Parent company	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
11. Inventories				
Inventories are valued at the direct acquisition cost				
12. Receivables				
Receivables from Group and associated companies				
Trade receivables from Group companies	0	0	33 098	22 078
Trade receivables from associated companies	0	0	0	0
Loan receivables from Group companies	0	0	31 088	27 825
Loan receivables from associated companies	688	756	688	756
Trade receivables				
Trade receivables falling due within 12 months	93 168	89 165	90 166	73 592
Trade receivables falling due after 12 months	29	0	29	0
Loan receivables				
Loan receivables falling due within 12 months	1 249	1 304	32 218	28 959
Loan receivables falling due after 12 months	19	0	0	0
13. Shareholders' equity				
Share capital 1.1.				
Increase in share capital	978	19 800	978	19 800
Share capital 31.12.	20 778	19 800	20 778	19 800
Reserve fund 1.1.				
Other change	6 156	21 459	6 064	21 447
Reserve fund 31.12.	27 898	21 742	27 510	21 447
Restricted equity 31.12.				
48 676	41 542	48 288	41 247	
Non-restricted equity 1.1.				
Profit/loss for the year	23 708	33 120	27 442	50 611
Foreign exchange differences and translation adjustments	472	44 974	0	47 055
Payment of dividend	- 9 900	- 823	- 9 900	0
Donations	- 100	- 1 980	- 100	- 1 980
Non-restricted equity 31.12.	89 370	75 191	113 027	95 585
Shareholders' equity, total, 31.12.				
138 046	116 733	161 315	136 831	
14. Accumulated difference between booked and planned depreciation and voluntary reserves				
Accumulated difference between booked and planned depreciation 1.1.				
Change in the income statement	5 113	17 961	4 889	13 892
Other change	1 599	3 097	1 581	3 303
Accumulated depreciation difference, 31.12.	27 971	201	23 664	0
Transitional reserve 1.1.				
Change in the income statement	- 13 563	27 290	- 12 380	24 354
Other change	4	- 11 930	0	- 11 974
Transitional reserve 31.12.	1 805	4	0	0
Voluntary reserves and accumulated depreciation difference, total 31.12.				
29 775	36 622	23 664	29 575	
Accumulated depreciation difference by fixed asset items				
Buildings and constructions	5 977	8 986	5 983	4 975
Machinery and equipment	17 922	9 757	13 976	9 698
Other long-term expenditure	4 071	2 516	3 704	2 522
Total	27 971	21 259	23 664	17 195
Voluntary reserves				
Transitional reserve	1 805	15 364	0	12 380

FIM 1,000	Group		Parent company	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
15. Liabilities				
Debts falling due in five years or more				
Loans from financial institutions	5 489	643	3 388	643
Pension loans	36 685	31 593	35 846	29 313
Total	42 174	32 236	39 234	29 956
Debts to Group and associated companies				
Trade payables to Group companies			1 579	1 312
Other short-term debts to Group companies			1 752	1 867
Accrued liabilities for Group companies			0	53
Current liabilities				
Non-interest bearing debts	90 016	84 916	59 613	55 814
Next year's repayments on long-term loans	23 868	19 976	20 522	17 750
Other interest-bearing debts	5 815	11 992	1 752	9 415
Total	119 698	116 883	81 887	82 978
16. Pledges granted and contingent liabilities				
To secure own commitments				
Mortgages on real estate	100 573	80 961	70 240	46 590
Other mortgages	42 953	44 204	22 000	22 000
Other pledges	2 968	7 650	324	324
For Group companies				
Mortgages on real estate			6 900	6 900
Other mortgages			1 000	1 000
Guarantees			27 391	24 274
On behalf of others				
Guarantees	349	378	315	336
Other own commitments				
Repurchase sureties	1 206	1 190	717	856
Leasing commitments	4 612	4 574	3 423	3 952
Total	100 573	80 961	77 140	53 490
Mortgages on real estate	100 573	80 961	77 140	53 490
Other mortgages	42 953	44 204	23 000	23 000
Shares pledged	2 968	7 650	324	324
Guarantees	349	378	27 706	24 610
Repurchase sureties	1 206	1 190	717	856
Leasing commitments	4 612	4 574	3 423	3 952

17. Warrant bond flotation

Bonds with warrants

Of the FIM 4,100,000 issue of bonds with warrants that was subscribed in 1991, the remaining FIM 325,000 of debt certificates was redeemed in February 1996. According to the terms and conditions of the issue, the warrants remaining in subscribers' possession entitle them to subscribe the company's shares for the last time on 31 October 1996. All the holders of warrants exercised their subscription right prior to the due date and subscribed 97,800 Martela Series A shares at a price of FIM 72 per share. The increase in the share capital was a total of FIM 978,000 and the increase in shareholders' equity totalled FIM 7,041,600.

18. Pension security

The retirement plans for company employees have been arranged through pension insurance companies. The agreed retirement age of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Martela Oy and the Managing Director is 60–65 years.

19. Shares and participations

Shares and participations, 31.12.1996

Group companies

The Group's holding is 100%. The Group's share of the voting rights is 100%.

An exception is Martela Hamburg GmbH, in which the Group's holding is 99% and the share of the voting rights is 99%.

	Proportion of equity held by the Group (FIM 1,000)	Parent company's holding (%)	No of shares	Par value (FIM 1,000)	Book value (FIM 1,000)
Martela GmbH, Germany	594	100	2	DEM 200	562
Martela Hamburg GmbH, Germany	173				
Martela AB, Sweden	9 789	100	50 000	SEK 5 000	3 267
Aski Inredningscenter AB, Sweden	681	100	12 500	SEK 1 250	6 006
Martela A/S, Norway	36	100	50	NOK 50	31
Martela Holdings Ltd, UK	- 95	100	30	GBP 30	208
Martela Plc, UK	- 1 159				
Martela Properties Ltd, UK	- 153				
Kiinteistö Oy Oulun Kaarnatie 14, Oulu (real-estate company)	9 808	100	150	15	9 815
Kiinteistö Oy Ylähanka, Vantaa (real-estate company)	34	100	500	50	50
P.O Korhonen Oy, Raisio	6 602	100	5 750	5 750	5 801
Martela Polska Sp. z o.o.	247	100	300	PLN 300	515
Total			69 282		26 255

Associated companies

Essa Office Systems AG, Switzerland		30	34	CHF 34	133
Total			34		133

Other shares and participations owned by the parent company

As.Oy Kivipellonpolku (housing corporation)			287	4	123
As.Oy Kivipellonpiha (housing corporation)			2 590	4	179
As.Oy Rinnenummiharju I (housing corporation)			167	1	130
Helsinki Telephone Company			80	216	216
Oulu Technology Park			3 000	150	229
Tamro Corporation			14 100	141	189
Kiinteistö Oy Turun Pitkämäki (real-estate company)			306	31	10 745
Kivijärven Lomamökit Oy			400	800	800
Helsinki Halli Oy			30	30	300
Other shares and participations				570	962
Total					13 873

To the shareholders of Martela Oy

I have audited the accounting records and the financial statements as well as the governance by the Board of Directors and the Managing Director of Martela Oy for the period ended 31 December 1996. The financial statements, which include the report of the Board of Directors, consolidated and parent company income statements, balance sheets and notes to the financial statements, have been prepared by the Board of Directors and the Managing Director. Based on my audit I express an opinion on these financial statements and the company's governance.

I have conducted my audit in accordance with Finnish Generally Accepted Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit in order to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The purpose of my audit of the administration has been to examine that the Board of Directors and the Managing Director have complied with the rules of the Finnish Companies Act.

In my opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Finnish Accounting Act and other rules and regulations governing the preparation of financial statements in Finland. The financial statements give a true and fair view, as defined in the Accounting Act, of both the consolidated and parent company result of operations, as well as of the financial position. The financial statements can be adopted and the members of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director of the parent company can be discharged from liability for the period audited by me. The proposal made by the Board of Directors on how to deal with the retained earnings is in compliance with the Finnish Companies Act.

I have reviewed the interim reports published during the financial year. The interim reports have been prepared in accordance with applicable regulations.

Helsinki, 12 March 1997

Reino Tikkanen
Authorized Public Accountant

Statistics on Martela Oy shares

Share capital

The paid-in share capital, which has been entered in the Trade Register, is FIM 20,778,000. The Articles of Association stipulate that the maximum share capital is FIM 58,000,000 and the minimum share capital is FIM 14,500,000. According to the terms of the January 1991 flotation of bonds with warrants in the amount of FIM 4,100,000, the company's share capital has been increased during the year by FIM 978,000. Martela Oy's shares were transferred to the book-entry system on 10 February 1995.

Breakdown of share capital

	Number of shares	Total, FIM	%	Number of votes	%
Series K	302 400	3 024 000	15	6 048 000	77
Series A	1 775 400	17 754 000	85	1 775 400	23
Total	2 077 800	20 778 000	100	7 823 400	100

Series A shares are quoted on the Helsinki Stock Exchange OTC List. The par value of one share is FIM 10. Series K shares have 20 votes at the Annual General Meeting and Series A shares 1 vote. Both series of shares have the same dividend rights.

The ten largest shareholders according to the Share Register as at 31 December 1996

	Series K, no	Series A, no	Total no	%	Votes	%
ATK-Väline Oy	145 600	122 787	268 387	12.9	3 034 787	38.8
Palsanen Leena	34 243	65 574	99 817	4.8	750 434	9.6
Martela Liisa	29 650	69 407	99 057	4.8	662 407	8.5
Martela Matti T.	29 128	71 291	100 419	4.8	653 851	8.4
Martela Pekka	24 753	23 720	48 473	2.3	518 780	6.6
Martela Heikki	16 178	24 479	40 657	2.0	348 039	4.4
Lindholm Tuija	11 678	19 626	31 304	1.5	253 186	3.2
Pohjola Insurance Company		95 100	95 100	4.6	95 100	1.2
Palsanen Minna	3 100	8 650	11 750	0.6	70 650	0.9
Palsanen Jaakko	2 000	17 084	19 084	0.9	57 084	0.7
Nominee-registered shares		867 000	867 000	41.7	867 000	11.1
Other shareholders	6 070	390 682	396 752	19.1	512 082	6.5
Total	302 400	1 775 400	2 077 800	100.0	7 823 400	100.0

The list includes all the shareholders who own more than 5% of the shares or voting rights. The members of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director own a total of 10.1% of the company's shares and 20.2% of the voting rights.

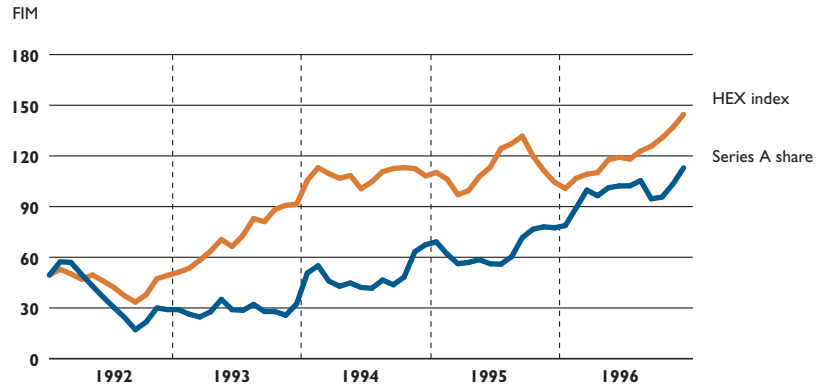
Share issue-adjusted indicators

	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
Earnings/share, FIM	7.3	18.2	0.5	- 20.9	- 27.9
Price/earnings multiple, P/E	15.0	4.3	155.0	neg	neg
Share par value	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Equity/share, FIM	76.8	72.3	54.7	53.2	63.6
Dividend/share, FIM	3.00*)	5.00	1.00	-	0.50
Dividend/earnings, %	41.1	27.5	215.3	-	neg
Effective dividend yield %	2.7	6.4	1.4	-	1.9
Market value capitalization, FIM million **)	234.8	154.4	142.6	81.2	52.1
Share issue-adjusted number of shares (thousands)	2077.8	1980.0	1980.0	1980.0	1980.0
Average issue-adjusted number of shares (thousands)	2032.2	1980.0	1980.0	1980.0	1980.0
Series A share					
Lowest price, FIM	76.00	53.10	38.00	20.50	15.00
Highest price, FIM	120.00	82.00	72.00	43.50	63.00
Average price, FIM	103.66	76.17	53.84	31.54	36.29
Price at 31.12.	113.00	78.00	72.00	41.00	26.30
Turnover, FIM million	88.1	60.1	24.4	10.2	2.4
Turnover, No. of shares. thousands	850.3	788.9	452.5	323.5	65.1
Turnover as a percentage of shares outstanding, %	47.9	47.0	27.0	19.3	3.9

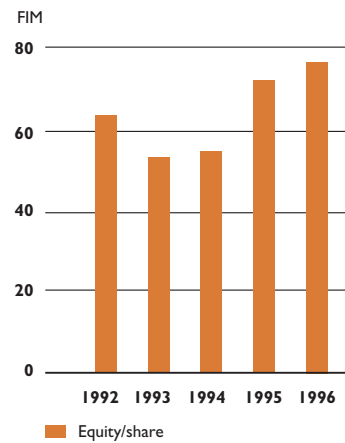
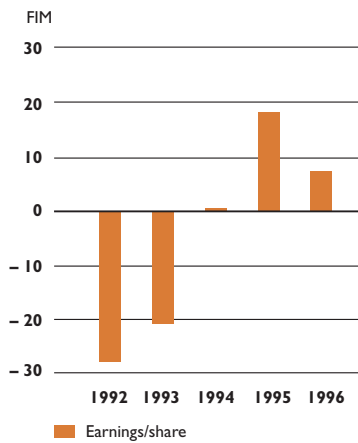
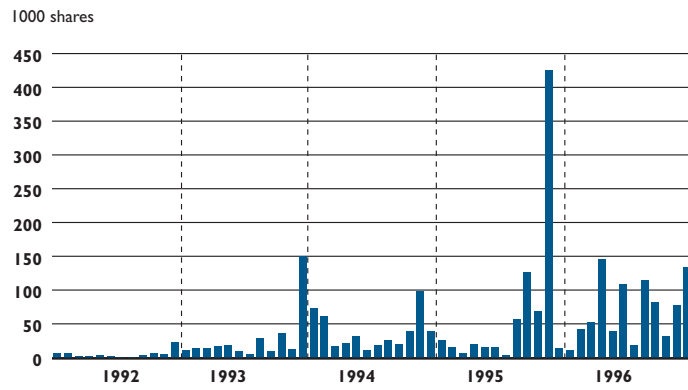
*) Proposal of the Board of Directors

**) The price of Series A shares has been used as the value of Series K shares
The formulae for calculating the indicators are given on page 28.

Martela Series A share compared with the HEX index



Monthly trading value of Series A shares



Breakdown of share ownership by number of shares held

Number of shares	No. of shareholders		No. of shares		No. of votes	
		%		%		%
1–500	676	85.1	84 897	4.1	87 747	1.1
501–1000	40	5.0	32 401	1.6	64 701	0.8
1001–5000	58	7.3	133 057	6.4	182 267	2.3
Over 5000	20	2.5	1 820 293	87.6	7 431 563	95.0
Total	794	100.0	2 070 648	99.7	7 766 278	99.3
Shares not exchanged for book-entries			7 152	0.3	57 122	0.7
Total			2 077 800	100.0	7 823 400	100.0

Breakdown of share ownership by sector as at 31 December 1996

	Owners		Shares		Votes	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Private companies	71	9.0	319 117	15.4	3 085 517	39.4
State-owned companies	–	–	–	–	–	–
Financial institutions and insurance companies	10	1.3	116 703	5.6	116 703	1.5
Public sector entities	2	0.3	60 500	2.9	60 500	0.8
Non-profit entities	7	0.9	4 979	0.3	4 979	0.1
Households	700	88.5	701 349	33.6	3 630 579	46.4
Foreign and nominee-registered shares						
foreign	1	0.1	1 000	0.1	1 000	0.0
nominee-registered	3		867 000	41.7	867 000	11.1
Total	794		2 070 648	99.6	7 766 278	99.3
Shares not converted into book-entries			7 152	0.4	57 122	0.7
Total	794	100.0	2 077 800	100.0	7 823 400	100.0

The Martela Group 1992–1996

SCOPE OF OPERATIONS		1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
Turnover	FIM million	606.0	548.5	425.1	343.2	368.6
Change in turnover	%	10.5	29.0	23.9	– 6.9	– 13.9
Exports and international operations	FIM million	279.7	218.0	191.2	156.2	145.7
As a percentage of turnover	%	46.2	39.7	45.0	45.5	39.5
Gross capital expenditure on fixed assets	FIM million	27.3	21.5	8.5	8.4	27.6
As a percentage of turnover	%	4.5	3.9	2.0	2.4	7.5
Depreciation	FIM million	21.2	21.9	21.4	23.7	25.4
Research and development expenses	FIM million	9.8	7.8	6.9	5.9	6.2
As a percentage of turnover	%	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.7
Average personnel		760	716	699	749	929
Change in personnel	%	6.1	2.4	– 6.7	– 19.4	– 9.0
Personnel at year end		774	750	722	730	845
PROFITABILITY						
Operating profit/loss before depreciation	FIM million	55.5	80.8	39.1	3.3	– 9.2
As a percentage of turnover	%	9.2	14.7	9.2	1.0	– 2.5
Operating profit/loss	FIM million	34.3	58.9	17.8	– 20.4	– 34.5
As a percentage of turnover	%	5.7	10.7	4.2	– 5.9	– 9.4
Profit/loss before extraordinary items	FIM million	26.1	50.1	5.4	– 40.8	– 60.1
Profit/loss before untaxed reserves and taxes	FIM million	26.1	50.1	5.4	– 40.8	– 60.1
As a percentage of turnover	%	4.3	9.1	1.3	– 11.9	– 16.3
Profit/loss for the year	FIM million	23.7	45.0	16.2	– 4.2	– 20.5
As a percentage of turnover	%	3.9	8.2	3.8	– 1.2	– 5.6
Turnover/employee	FIM 1,000	797.3	766.1	608.2	458.2	396.8
Return on equity	(ROE) %	10.1	28.7	0.8	– 35.8	– 38.5
Return on investment	(ROI) %	12.6	22.6	7.2	– 4.3	– 7.5
FINANCING AND FINANCIAL POSITION						
Balance sheet total	FIM million	403.8	360.6	339.6	357.7	408.3
Equity and untaxed reserves ^{*)}	FIM million	159.5	143.1	108.2	105.4	125.9
Equity ratio	%	39.8	39.7	32.1	29.6	31.0
Interest-bearing net debt	FIM million	82.4	84.5	123.0	136.6	134.4
Gearing ratio	%	51.7	59.1	113.7	129.6	106.8

^{*)} The total figure for untaxed reserves is net of imputed deferred taxes

Formulae for the calculation of financial indicators

Earnings/share	=	$\frac{\text{Profit/loss before extraordinary items} - \text{minority interest} - \text{taxes for the financial year}}{\text{Average share issue-adjusted number of shares}}$
Price/earnings multiple (P/E)	=	$\frac{\text{Share issue-adjusted share price at year end}}{\text{Earnings per share}}$
Equity/share, FIM	=	$\frac{\text{Equity} + \text{untaxed reserves}}{\text{Share issue-adjusted number of shares at year end}}$
Dividend/earnings, %	=	$\frac{\text{Dividend / share}}{\text{Earnings/share}} \times 100$
Effective dividend yield, %	=	$\frac{\text{Share issue-adjusted dividend/share}}{\text{Share issue-adjusted share price at year end}} \times 100$
Market value of shares outstanding, FIM	=	Total number of shares at year end x share price on the balance sheet date
Return on equity % (ROE)	=	$\frac{\text{Profit/loss before extraordinary items} - \text{taxes for the financial year}}{\text{Equity} + \text{minority interest} + \text{untaxed reserves (Average during the year)}} \times 100$
Return on investment % (ROI)	=	$\frac{\text{Profit/loss before extraordinary items} + \text{interest expense} + \text{other financial expenses}}{\text{Balance Sheet total} - \text{non-interest bearing liabilities (Average during the year)}} \times 100$
Equity ratio %	=	$\frac{\text{Equity} + \text{minority interest} + \text{untaxed reserves}}{\text{Balance sheet total} - \text{advances received}} \times 100$
Average personnel	=	Month-end average calculation of the number of personnel in active employment
Interest-bearing net debt	=	Interest-bearing debt – interest-bearing receivables – cash and other liquid financial assets
Gearing ratio, %	=	$\frac{\text{Interest-bearing net debt}}{\text{Shareholders' equity} + \text{minority interest} + \text{untaxed reserves}} \times 100$

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