



#### Sonova to acquire Sennheiser Consumer Division

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At Sonova,

we envision a world where everyone enjoys the delight of hearing and therefore lives a life without limitations

#### Summary

#### Key points



- Leveraging combined strengths of Sonova's audiological expertise and Sennheiser's know-how in premium sound delivery
- Expanding consumer reach by providing additional touchpoints earlier in their hearing journey and through new channels

**Complementary online and in-store distribution network** providing good channel access for consumer hearing devices

- Jump-starting Sonova's in-house efforts to enter the market for amplified consumer hearing devices

Strong portfolio of premium music headphones with superior audio performance





- Builds a strong **platform for growth**, leveraging the strong portfolio and competences of both partners

Well-renowned brand for consumer audio headsets with premium perception and strong reputation

- Creates sustainable and substantial synergies in lead generation, R&D, production and distribution
- Enables sustainable success by **benefiting from Sonova's core strengths** in technology and operational excellence
- Transaction expected to be EPS accretive in the first financial year, adjusted for one-time cost

Division generates revenues of EUR 250 million and employs around 600 staff worldwide



- Purchase agreement signed to acquire Sennheiser Consumer Division for EUR 200 million in cash
- Brand licensing agreement on customary terms for consumer hearing devices in perpetuity will be in place
- Deal is subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to close in second half of calendar year 2021

#### Creating significant new growth opportunities by leveraging the strengths of two high-quality businesses

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#### Sonova's strategy

Strategic pillars

Lead innovation in audiological performance & consumer experience

Leverage **M&A** to accelerate growth strategically

Continuous process improvement & structural optimization



Expand and optimize omni-channel audiological care network

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Extend reach through multi-channel, value-adding partnerships & commercial excellence

The acquisition exemplifies our strategic pillars in terms of innovation and market access

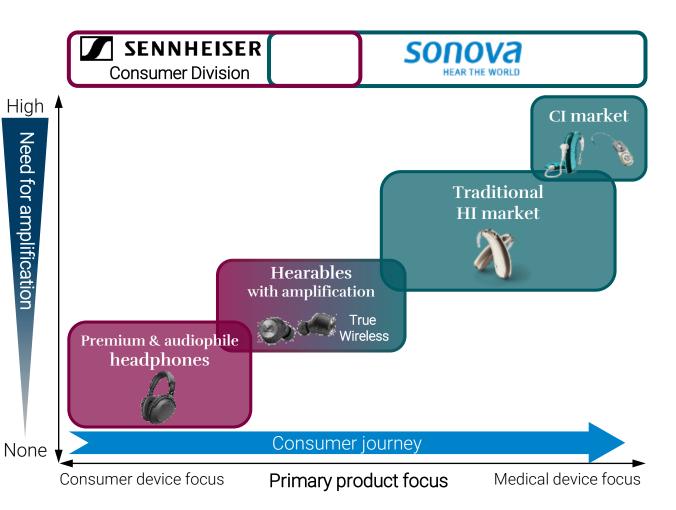
# Strategic rationale

Sound logic for the acquisition

- Joining forces in rapidly developing segment of hearables with amplification, jump-starting Sonova's own efforts
- Adding an **additional growth vector** by entering the fast-growing market of True Wireless headsets
- Expanding reach by capturing potential hearing instrument consumers earlier on their journey
- Gaining access to new channels and leveraging the strong Sennheiser brand
- Leveraging the combined strengths of Sonova's audiological expertise and Sennheiser's knowhow in premium sound delivery
- Exploiting significant synergies in production, R&D and channel access

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## About Sennheiser



One of the most recognized audio brands

The Sennheiser brand has been a synonym for extraordinary sound, a unique audio experience and excellent product quality for more than 75 years.



This passion for audio is reflected in all Sennheiser products and recognized by experts and customers around the world.

## The Sennheiser Consumer Division

At a glance

- Sennheiser is one of the world's leading manufacturers of headsets, loudspeakers, microphones and wireless transmission systems
- The Consumer Division generates revenues of around EUR 250 million
- Active in a fast-growing market expected to reach more than EUR 80 billion over the next 4 years
- Sennheiser is a **well-recognized brand** in the fastgrowing segment of consumer audio headphones with premium perception
- Global sales coverage through complementary distribution channels with products sold both in-store and online in EMEA, APAC and AMERICAS regions, with a strong online market position in the US and CN



## The Sennheiser Consumer Division



Comprehensive product portfolio in the fast-growing consumer market



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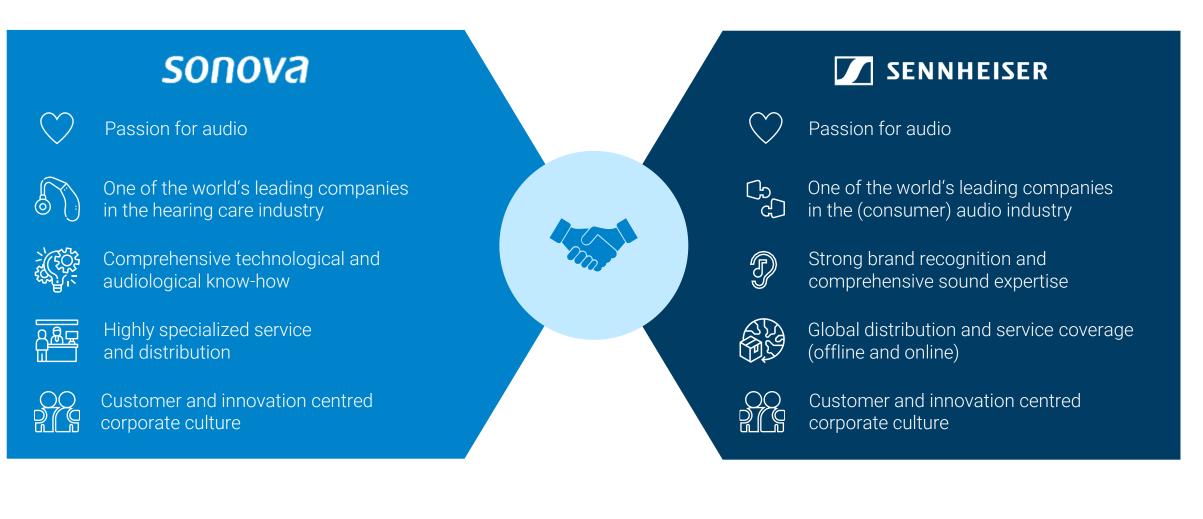


Global sales coverage through complementary distribution channels (in-store and online)



## Sonova and the Sennheiser Consumer Division

A great match - in terms of expertise, technologies and culture



# Expanding our offering and entering new markets

- Leveraging the combined strengths of two well-renowned companies in their respective fields
- Augmenting Sennheiser's know-how in premium sound delivery with Sonova's technological expertise in audiology, wireless technology and miniaturization
- Expanding Sonova's consumer reach with complementary offering and strong brand
- Adding touchpoints with consumers earlier in their hearing journey
- Jump-starting Sonova's in-house efforts to enter the market for amplified consumer hearing devices
- Entering a fast growing market driven by strong momentum in true wireless headsets
- Significant synergy potential both in terms of growth and profitability





