

# Prefabricated housing market in Central and Northern Europe – Overview of market trends and development

Study extract



# Management summary (1/2)

- The market study at hand analyzes the prefabricated 1+2 family housing market in Central and Northern Europe, covering the countries Germany, Scandinavia, the UK, Austria, Switzerland and Poland, and is based on primary and secondary sources of information
- The market volume of 1+2 family housing in focus regions is expected to display solid growth of 2.0% p.a. from 2017 to 2022, driven by a strong anticipated GDP development, favorable financing conditions, and governmental regulations and subsidies
- Among 1+2 family housing, the prefabricated housing segment (c.15% of all 1+2 family houses) is expected to further gain in relevance by growing at 3.2% p.a. from 2017 to 2022, driven particularly by an increasing demand for planning security and technology acceptance
  - > Germany (c.25 k), followed by Scandinavia (c.13 k) and the UK (c.12 k) are expected to display the largest prefab volumes in 2017
  - > Absolute volume growth is projected to be driven by Germany (3.1% p.a. in 2017-'22), the UK (3.8% p.a.) and Scandinavia (3.5% p.a.)
    - In Poland prefabricated housing is currently less popular, considerable catch-up effects are expected going forward (6.9% p.a.)
- Within prefabricated 1+2 family housing, there is a trend towards turnkey solutions with convenience and security as key drivers
  - > Turnkey solutions are the prevailing prefabricated finishing type, accounting for c.50% of the market volume, and are projected to outgrow the prefabricated housing market in all focus regions (3.8% p.a. vs. 3.2% p.a. volume growth)
  - > Germany (c.10 k), Scandinavia (c.8 k) and the UK (c.7 k) are the largest prefabricated turnkey housing markets in 2017 and are expected to grow at c.4% p.a. between 2017 and 2022
- The market value of prefabricated 1+2 family housing is expected to grow at c.6% p.a. between 2017 and 2022 in Central and Northern Europe due to favorable pricing trends (e.g. shift towards more expensive turnkey solutions and increasing wage levels)
  - > Turnkey solutions are forecast to outgrow the prefabricated housing market with c.7% growth p.a.
  - > Geographically, Switzerland (c.360 k per average prefabricated house), Scandinavia (c.330 k) and the UK (c.250 k) show the highest average prefabricated 1+2 family housing prices in 2017, while Poland (c.80 k) is estimated to have the lowest price level

## Management summary (2/2)

- The route-to-market differs by focus region: In the DACH region (Germany, Austria, Switzerland), prefabricated 1+2 family houses are typically sold directly to end customers, while the UK has a higher share of intermediaries (i.e. developers and housing associations)

- The key buying criteria of customers are price/quality ratio, quality of sales, product customization and brand perception – Customers are increasingly willing to pay for superior quality, given the overall high investment combined with an expected long period of usage

- In the DACH region, several manufacturers of prefabricated 1+2 family housing exist, with vast differences in product price segment and level of finishing type

- > The largest manufacturers are DFH, followed by Equistone assets (Bien-Zenker and Hanse Haus), WeberHaus, FingerHaus and Polish-headquartered Danwood based on 2016 revenues

- > The majority of manufacturers have been able to gradually increase their revenues between 2012 and 2016, driven by a favorable market environment, which is expected to be the base for further growth going forward

- Specifically for Germany, the prefabricated 1+2 family housing market appears to be largely fragmented with the top 5 suppliers accounting for c.30% and suppliers beyond the top 5 holding market shares of below 3%

- > Within the prefabricated 1+2 family housing market, the turnkey subsegment reveals a similarly high level of market concentration

- > This market characteristic creates possibilities for M&A activity, which has intensified in recent years

- The entry of new manufacturers in the prefabricated 1+2 family housing market is hampered by several barriers – The main market entry barriers are related to technical capabilities, sales network with an attractive online channel, brand/track record and capital intensity

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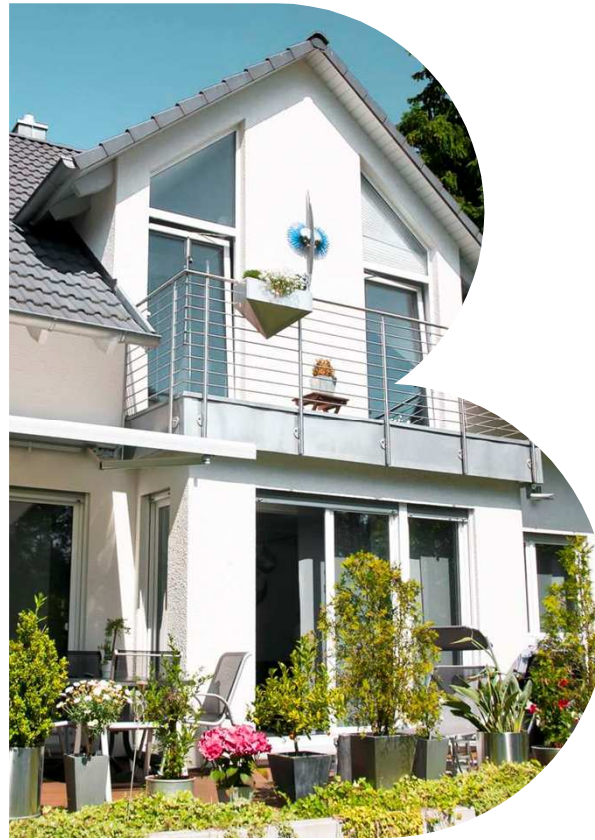
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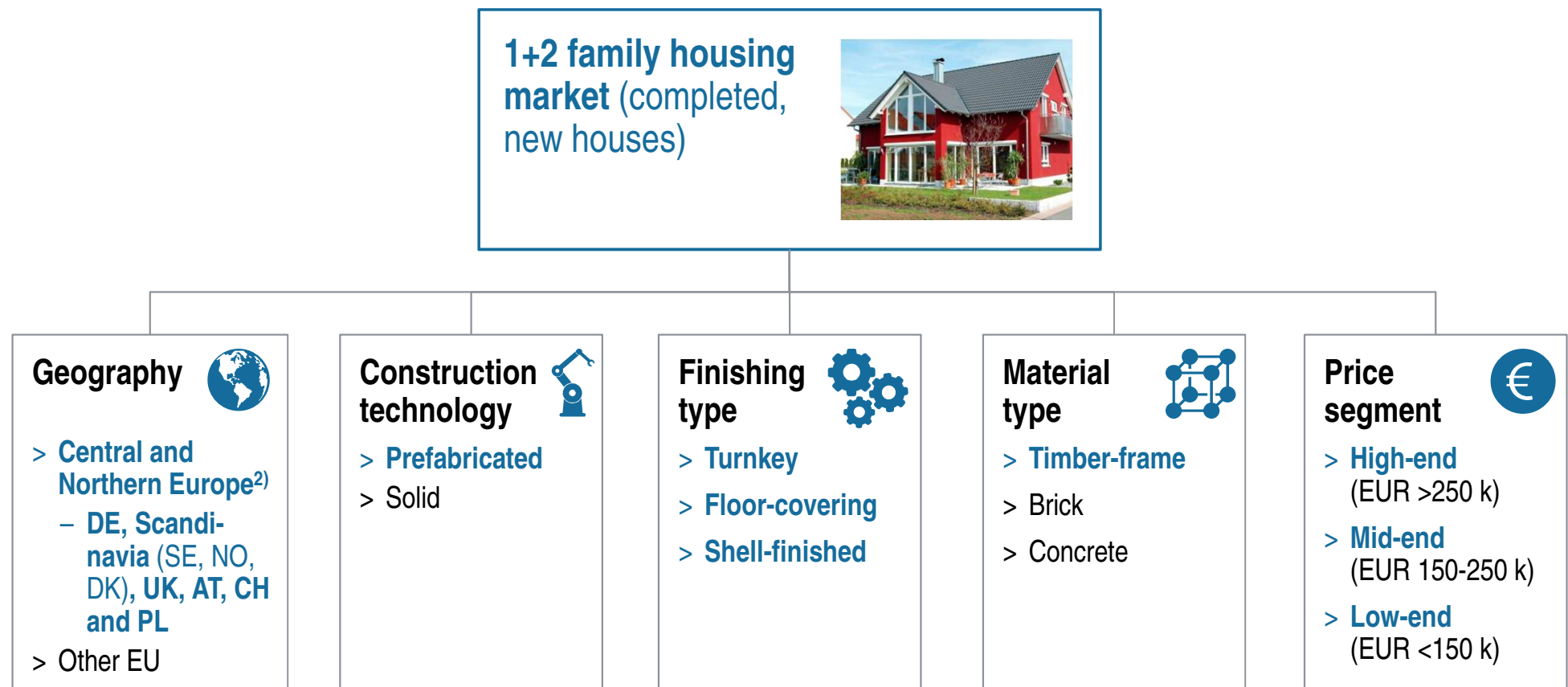
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## A. Market segmentation



# The 1+2 family housing market can be split along five dimensions: Geography, construction tech., finishing & material type and price

## Segmentation of the 1+2 family housing market



 **In blue:** Focus of this study

2) Note: The key focus of this study is on Central and Northern Europe; Poland was added to the analysis as a representative country for the promising Eastern European region

# The study focuses particularly on the prefabricated housing market, which can be segmented by finishing type, material type and price

## Segmentation of the 1+2 family housing market

Indicative – Non-scaled

### Residential housing type    Construction technology

**Completed 1+2 family houses**  
Single (detached) and two-family (semi-detached) houses

**Solid**  
Traditional building technologies using brick/concrete or wood in which construction takes place almost entirely on building site

**Prefabricated**  
Industrially prefabricated houses which are delivered in finished parts to the building site and assembled there

### Focus of this study

**Finishing type**

Turnkey	Floor-covering	Shell-finished
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**Material type**

Timber-frame	Other
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**Price segment**

High-end (EUR >250 k)	Mid-end (EUR 150-250 k)	Low-end (EUR <150 k)
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# The prefabricated housing segment seems to be particularly well positioned to meet changing customer demand trends

## Deep dive on construction technology: Customer demand trends

Selected customer demand trends	Solid houses	Prefabricated houses	Comment
<b>Increasingly busy lifestyle and importance of leisure time</b> > Convenience of house construction process (i.e. one-stop shop and turnkey solutions) gains in importance			> While the majority of solid house construction is supervised and coordinated by an owner, most of the prefabricated suppliers fully cover the entire house construction process
<b>Increasing need for risk avoidance in a fast changing world</b> > Increased need for stabilization and certainty of future construction outcomes in terms of price and time			> Prefabricated housing suppliers typically offer a higher certainty in regard to construction budget and delivery date as compared to solid construction
<b>Increasing health consciousness</b> > Increasing awareness of importance of healthy living and natural construction technologies			> A timber-framed house is considered more natural than a solid construction, offering benefits such as greater air circulation and less waste production during construction
<b>Increasing price and product awareness of customers</b> > Easier access to product offerings and comparisons as well as higher awareness of 'reasonable' house prices			> Traditionally, prefabricated houses offer higher transparency on designs and prices, however, lately this advantage was partly diminished by growth of solid house catalogue players
<b>Decreasing (building related) technical competency of customers</b> > Growing number of customers typically have low experience and knowledge of house construction processes and material selection			> Increasing number of customers are willing to delegate the house construction process to a professional supplier that supervises and coordinates all construction work and crews
<b>Increasing need for security</b> > Importance of staying safe and secure is growing, especially in an increasingly volatile environment			> Solid houses that offer thicker, hardly inflammable walls are still considered more secure than timber-framed houses by many customers, although the provision of long-term guarantees has helped to change this perception slightly
<b>Increasing importance of individuality and customization</b> > Customers increasingly require the possibility to select products from a broad product range with many customization options			> Although the possibility of customization of house architecture has largely improved for prefabricated houses, solid houses provide fewer technical constraints in this respect

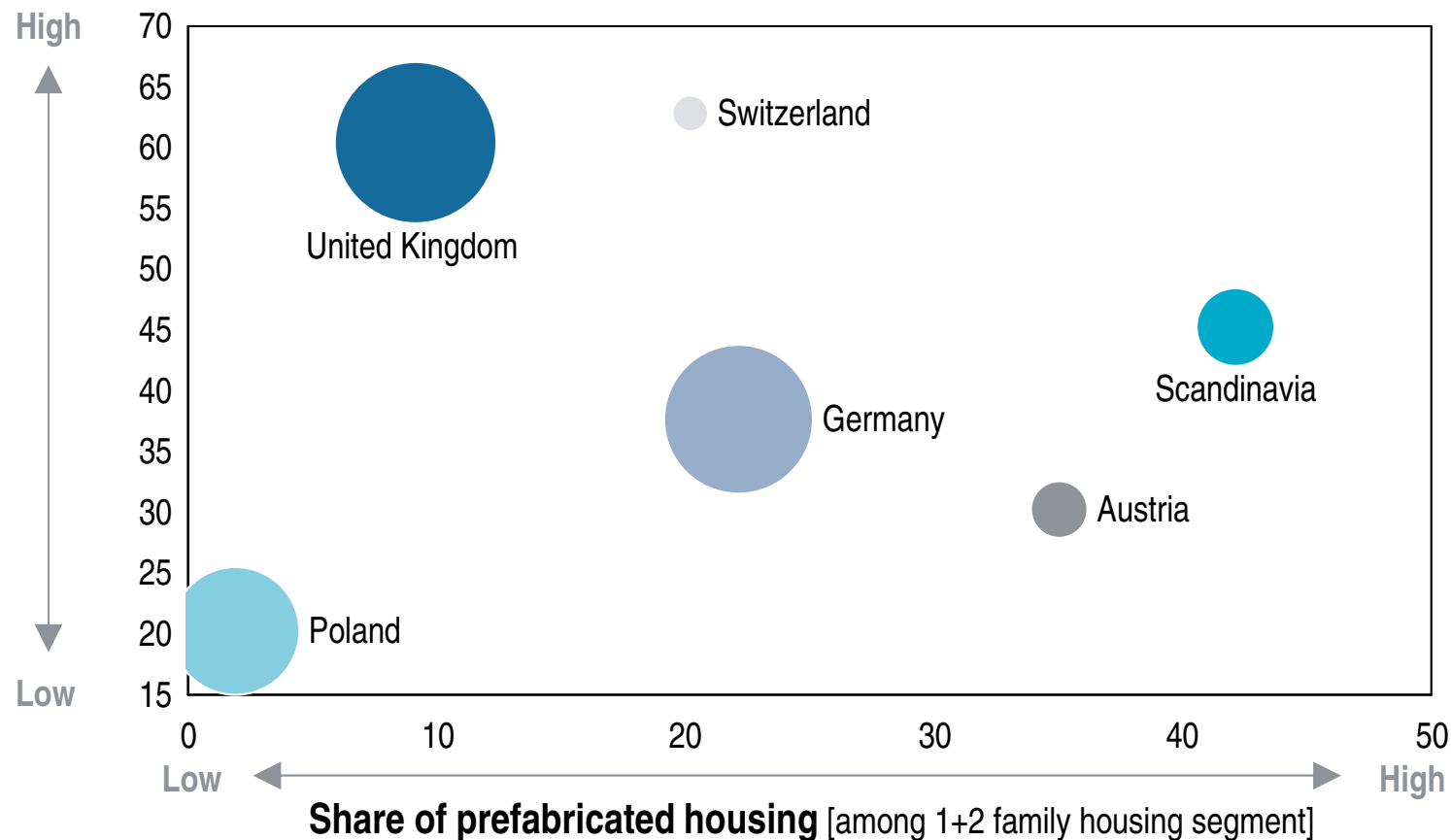
● Fully addressing trend    ○ Not addressing trend




# Scandinavia appears to have the highest prefab share and Switzerland the highest turnkey share – Low prefab and turnkey shares in Poland

Overview of market segmentation by focus regions, 2017

## Share of turnkey solutions [among prefabricated segment]



- > Scandinavia, Austria and Germany are estimated to have the highest prefabricated shares among focus regions – Low share is assumed in the UK and Poland (focus on solid constructions)
- > The share of turnkey solutions in the prefabricated segment is expected to be highest in Switzerland, the UK and Scandinavia, while Poland and Austria indicate rather low shares

 Relevant market size (indicative), number of completed 1+2 family houses p.a.

## B. Market trends and drivers



# The prefabricated housing market volume and price are expected to be favorably driven by a number of trends

## Key market trends for the prefabricated housing market

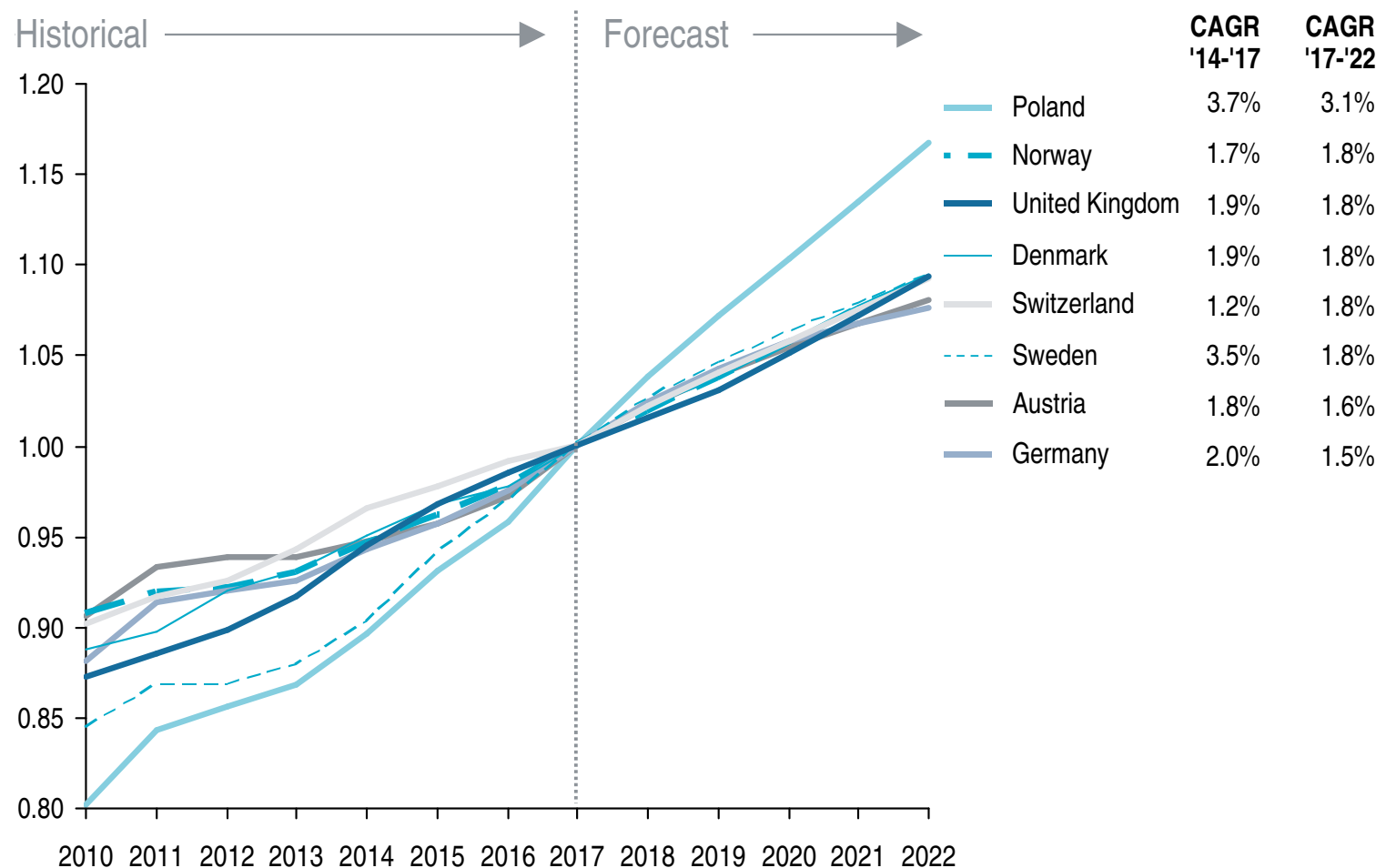
Indicative

Market trends		Relevance	Influence on						Description	
Volume	1+2 family housing	<b>A</b> GDP development	●	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	> Short/mid-term GDP growth rates are one of the closest proxies for construction development – Positive GDP growth rates expected
		<b>B</b> Financing conditions and land costs (interest rates)	●	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	> Interest rates are expected to remain at record low levels in focus regions until 2019, positively impacting the new 1+2 housing market > From 2019 onwards moderate increases are expected to be partially compensated for by a stabilization of land prices
		<b>C</b> Population growth (incl. migration)	●	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	> The overall population level is expected to remain at a largely stable to slightly increasing level in all focus regions in the upcoming years
		<b>D</b> Energy efficiency regulations & governmental subsidies	●	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	> All focus regions have building energy efficiency regulations in place – UK customers strongly benefit from governmental housing initiatives
Price	Prefabricated	<b>E</b> Planning security	●	➔			➔	➔		> Customers increasingly value planning security regarding budget and move-in date – Prefab constructions usually outperform solid ones
		<b>F</b> Construction period	●	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	> Prefabricated housing significantly reduces the construction time, given an effectively managed order backlog at manufacturers
		<b>G</b> Technology acceptance	●	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	> Technology acceptance for prefabricated houses is increasing across focus regions – Prefab houses are increasingly seen to be modern
Price	Turn-key	<b>H</b> One-stop shop solution	●	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	> One partner from design to construction facilitates the entire process and thereby reduces the possibility of errors especially for individuals
		<b>I</b> Price of prefabricated turnkey houses	●	➔			➔	➔		> Prefab turnkey house prices are driven by wages and to a lesser extent material prices – Increase in wages leads to price increases
<b>Overall</b>			➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	➔	> <b>Overall, favorable trends for the prefabricated housing market in the focus regions</b>

● High relevance ○ Low relevance ➔ Positive influence ⬇ Negative influence

# All focus countries are forecast to show positive GDP growth rates, averaging to c.2% p.a. between 2017 and 2022

Comparison of real GDP development, 2010-2022 [%, indexed<sup>1)</sup>]

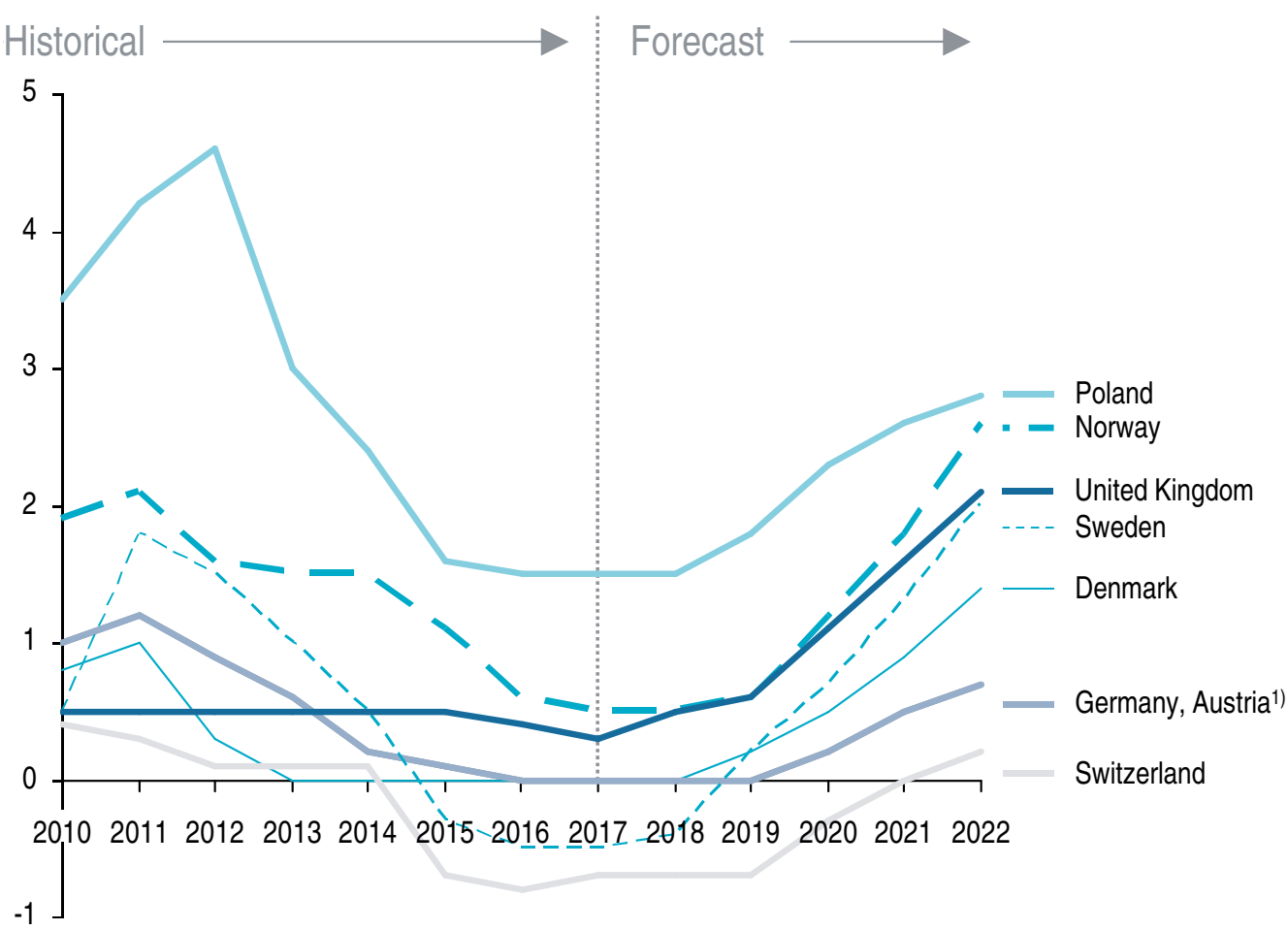


- > For Germany, a favorable and stable GDP development of 1.5% p.a. by 2022 has been forecast mainly due to
  - Favorable financing and investment conditions
  - Construction activity and further public investments
  - Strong labor market
- > The economy in Poland is expected to outperform that of other focus countries, particularly due to
  - Transfer of EU funds and increased investments
  - Strong labor market driving private consumption (also through government transfers)
- > GDP forecasts for the UK remain difficult as the full effects of Brexit are not yet clear – However, low interest rates still provide a good climate for investments

1) Index: 2017 = 1.00

# Interest rates are currently at a historically low level and expected to moderately increase from 2019 onwards

Interest rates: Central bank rates, 2010-2022 [%]



1) Common EUR interest rate

*"Extremely cheap money is certainly one of the drivers of the higher value of new 1+2 family houses constructed in Sweden"*

**Manufacturer**

*"Interest rates only determine the industry development to a limited extent. I would not expect a direct effect if interest rates go up by 1-2% again"*

**Manufacturer**

*"In the UK, the help-to-buy scheme provides access to cash for extremely low rates – This certainly helps"*

**Manufacturer**

*"Expected interest rate increases will mostly impact the low-price segment as these people are most reliant on cheap loans"*

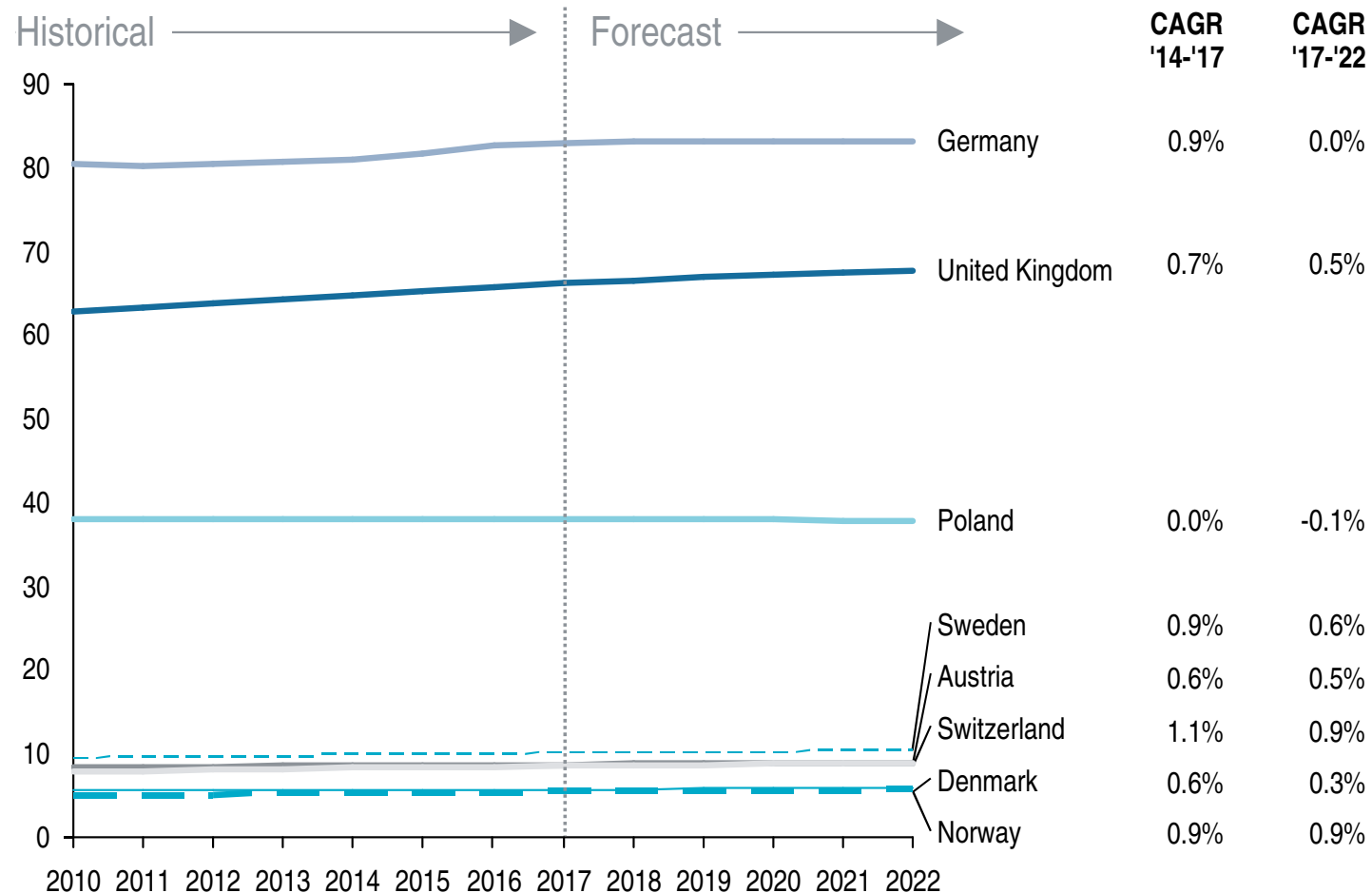
**Manufacturer**

*"Interest rates certainly have an influence but need to be assessed always in combination with land prices – I would not be worried about an increase in interest rates by 2-3%, as I would expect land prices to stabilize"*

**Market expert**

Overall, the focus countries are forecast to show minor population increases or remain largely stable in the upcoming years

Population: Inhabitants per country, 2010-2022 [m]



- > The overall population level of focus countries is expected to remain at a largely stable level in the upcoming years
- > Germany, which has experienced a moderate increase of its population in the past decade, is forecast to be flat on this indicator going forward

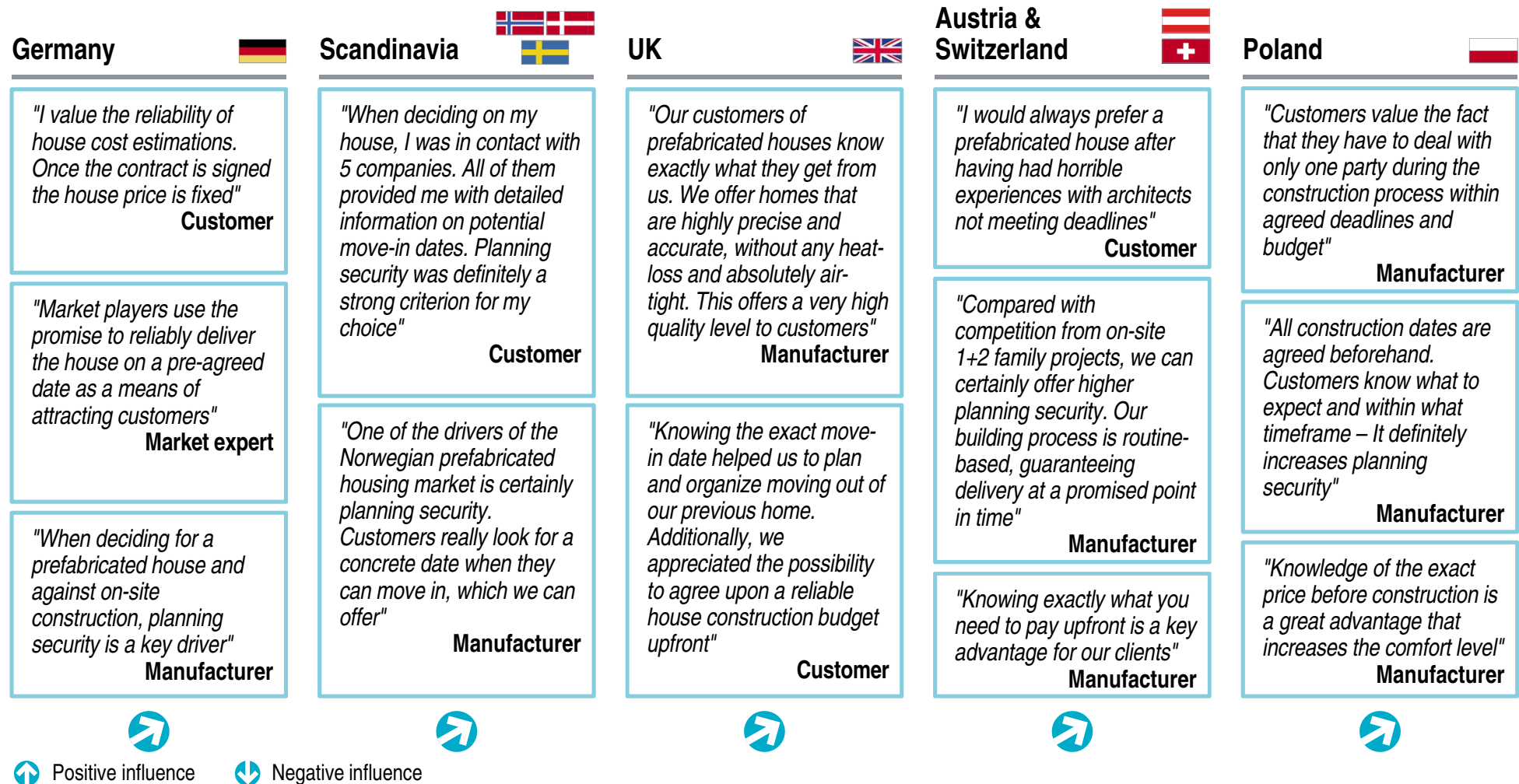
# Energy efficiency regulations available in all focus regions are likely to positively impact the prefabricated housing markets, esp. in the UK

## Overview of energy efficiency regulations & governmental subsidies

	Germany	Scandinavia	UK	Austria & Switzerland	Poland
<b>Key regulations &amp; governmental subsidies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; German Energy Saving Ordinance (EnEV)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; In Norway: Energy efficiency regulations (TEK10)</li> <li>&gt; Across Scandinavia, the high tax rates on electricity support timber-frame solutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Self and Custom Build Housing Act 2015</li> <li>&gt; Government's Housing and Planning Bill</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; In 2013, a referendum led to the restriction that only 20% of homes in holiday areas can be used as second homes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Increasingly strict energy efficiency regulations for newly constructed buildings</li> <li>&gt; Governmental support programs favor flats and developer-built houses</li> </ul>
<b>Market feedback</b>	<p>"At the moment, there is no dedicated governmental subsidy program in place for prefabricated houses"</p> <p><b>Manufacturer</b></p>	<p>"Across Scandinavia, the prefabricated segment is historically very strong – There is simply no need for the government to further support the industry through subsidies"</p> <p><b>Manufacturer</b></p>	<p>"Prefab housing manufacturers benefit from governmental programs to increase and facilitate access to new housing"</p> <p><b>Manufacturer</b></p>	<p>"In Switzerland, canton regulations favor local companies. However, the referendum on second homes limits 1+2 family prefabricated housing constructions. In Austria, I believe no subsidy programs are in place"</p> <p><b>Manufacturer</b></p>	<p>"There are programs that aim at increasing the number of energy-efficient and passive houses in Poland with funds secured until 2022"</p> <p><b>Manufacturer</b></p>
	<p>"Higher energy efficiency requirements increasingly support the prefabricated market segment"</p> <p><b>Market expert</b></p>		<p>"The ecological trend and focus on energy efficiency will favor prefabricated houses"</p> <p><b>Market expert</b></p>		
<b>Influence</b>					
Positive influence					
	Negative influence				

# Market feedback revealed planning security and comfort level to be a key driver in the purchasing decision for prefabricated houses

## Market feedback – Planning security



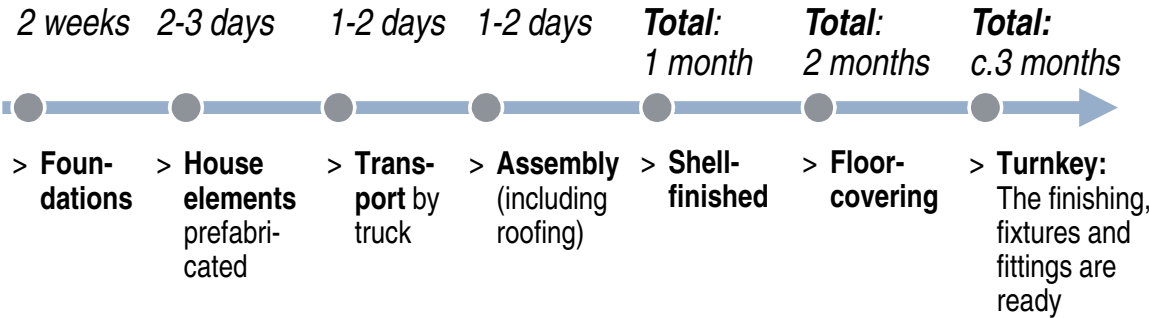


# Prefabricated housing significantly reduces the construction time, given an effectively managed order backlog at manufacturers

Overview of construction period of prefabricated vs. solid houses

Indicative

## Prefabricated – Overall time: 3-4 months (accumulated time)



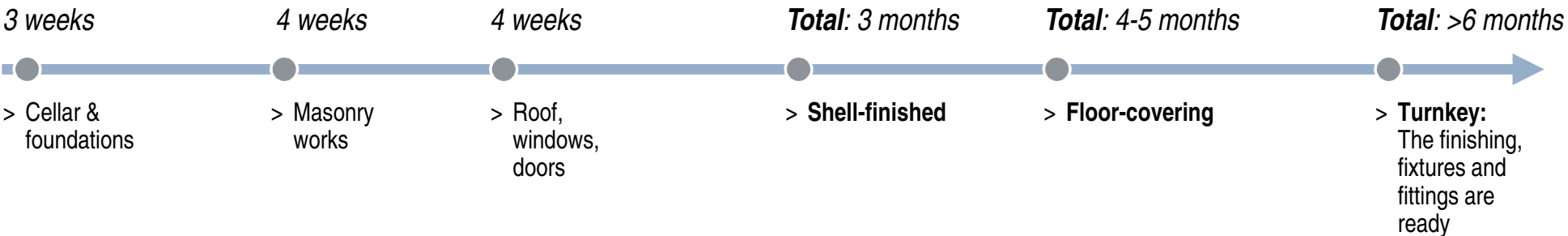
"Although lead times might be significantly longer, construction of prefabricated houses can be performed within 3-4 months, offering a considerable advantage over on-site construction projects"

**Manufacturer**

"Due to the long backlog of many industry players, there is currently limited advantage in construction time for prefabricated buildings, esp. in the DACH region"

**Market expert**

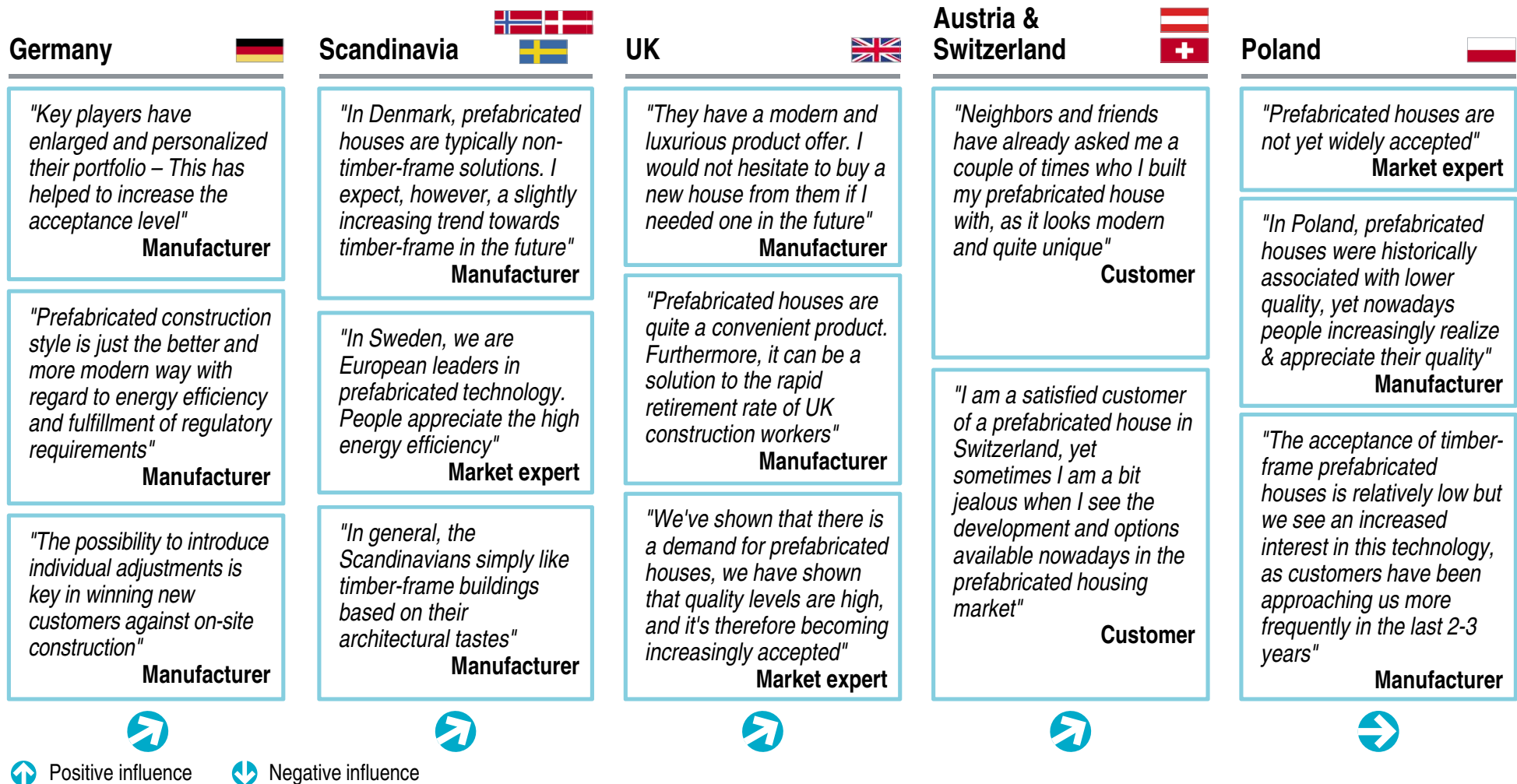
## Solid on-site – Overall time: 6-8 months (accumulated time)



Note: Planning/design not taken into account; best-case scenario shown

# Market feedback on prefabricated houses suggests increasing acceptance of and demand for modern and individual solutions

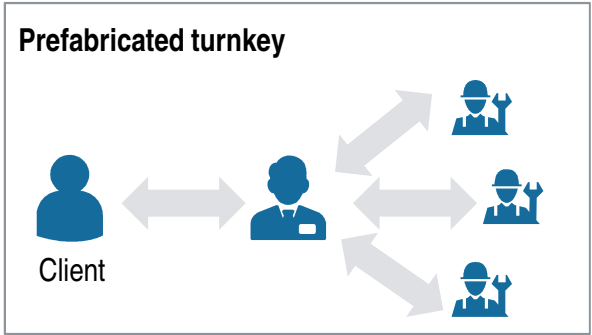
## Market feedback – Technology acceptance



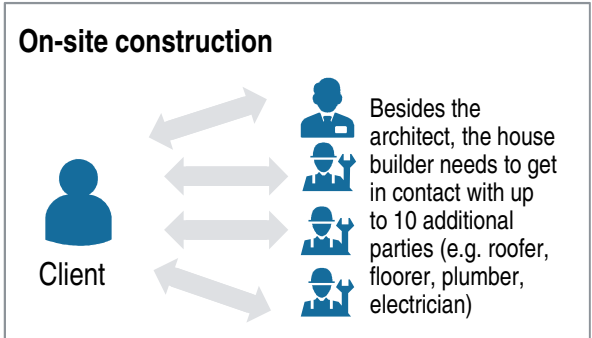
# The prefabricated turnkey one-stop shop approach offers convenience and requires less personnel time and resources

## Overview of prefabricated turnkey vs. solid construction: One-stop shop

### One-stop shop



VS.



*"Convenience is a strong driver of prefabricated and turnkey house development – One single point of contact and high reliability are very attractive for customers"*

**Manufacturer**

*"Prefab turnkey one-stop shop offers high convenience, whereas during conventional on-site constructions, assignment of up to 10 parties could become a very lengthy and tedious process"*

**Manufacturer**

*"When I decided for my second home in Switzerland, I just wanted to have one point of contact. For me, it was of utmost importance that my involvement in the process was limited. As a businessman, I simply do not have the time"*

**Customer**

*"As many of our customers are families with both parents working, we see that one-stop shop solutions are increasingly valued. People have less time for planning and overseeing the construction process of their house. This is why we offer the necessary support"*

**Manufacturer**

*"In Poland, the process of making houses turnkey is typically supported by families, neighbors and friends. People are very skilled, so they do not need to assign a company for everything"*

**Market expert**

*"Especially for people that lack time and are not born craftsmen, one-stop shop offers significant advantages"*

**Manufacturer**

*"Building a house and organizing all necessary process steps can be quite cumbersome. I really appreciated having one point of contact that guides me through the process"*

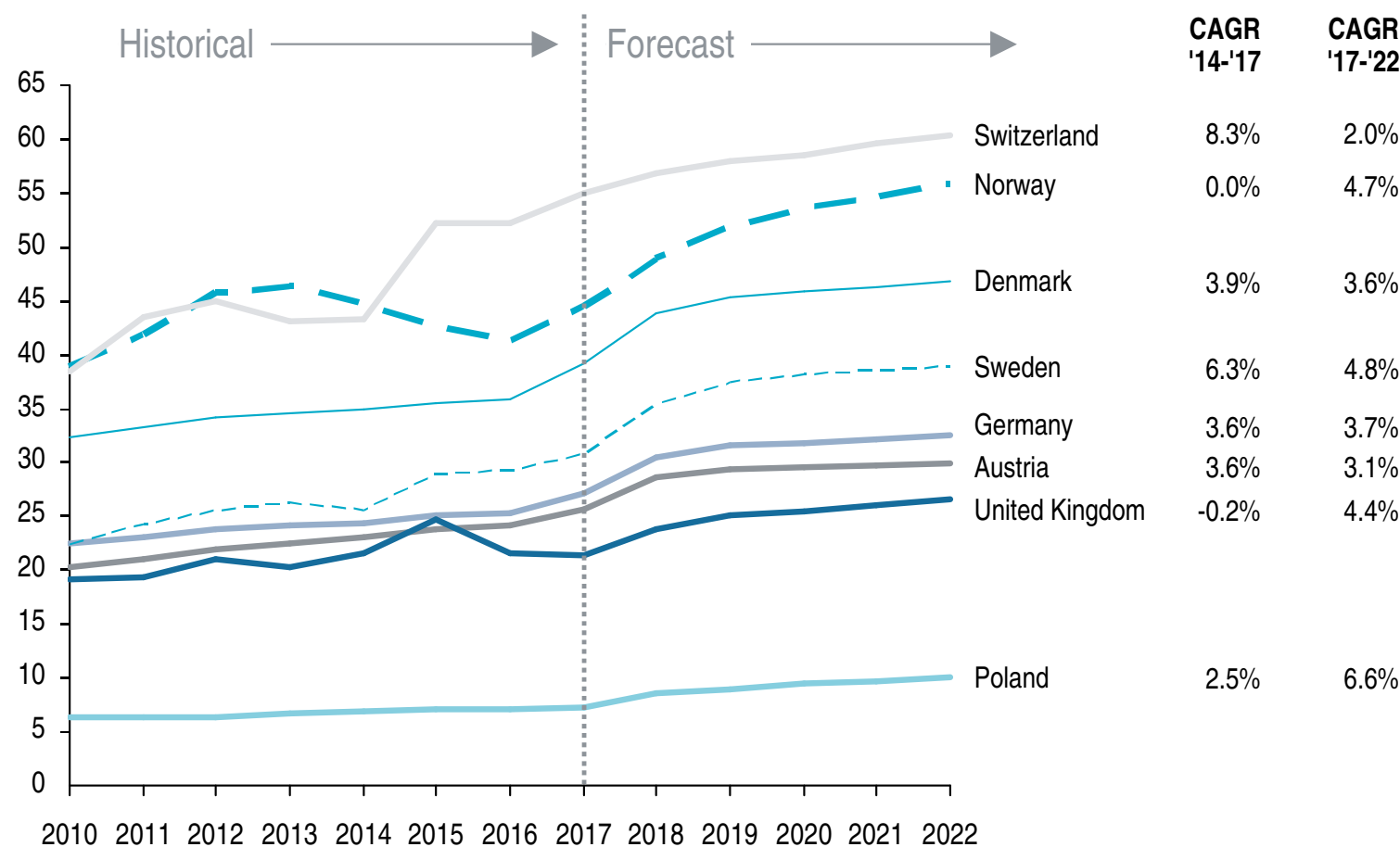
**Customer**

*"All across Europe, we see a trend that individuals are less savvy when it comes to house building. The work that people in the past could do on their own often needs to be provided by companies now"*

**Market expert**

Due to the strong economic development, average wages are expected to grow strongly, supporting growth in house prices

Comparison of wages per hour<sup>1)2)</sup>, 2010-2022 [EUR/h]



- > Inflation rates have led to an increase in average wage levels and material prices
- > Further acceleration of wage dynamics is expected, especially in Poland, Sweden and Norway

*"There are basically two main factors influencing the prices of housing: Wages, which are expected to increase in the coming years, and to a lesser extent material costs"*

**Market expert**

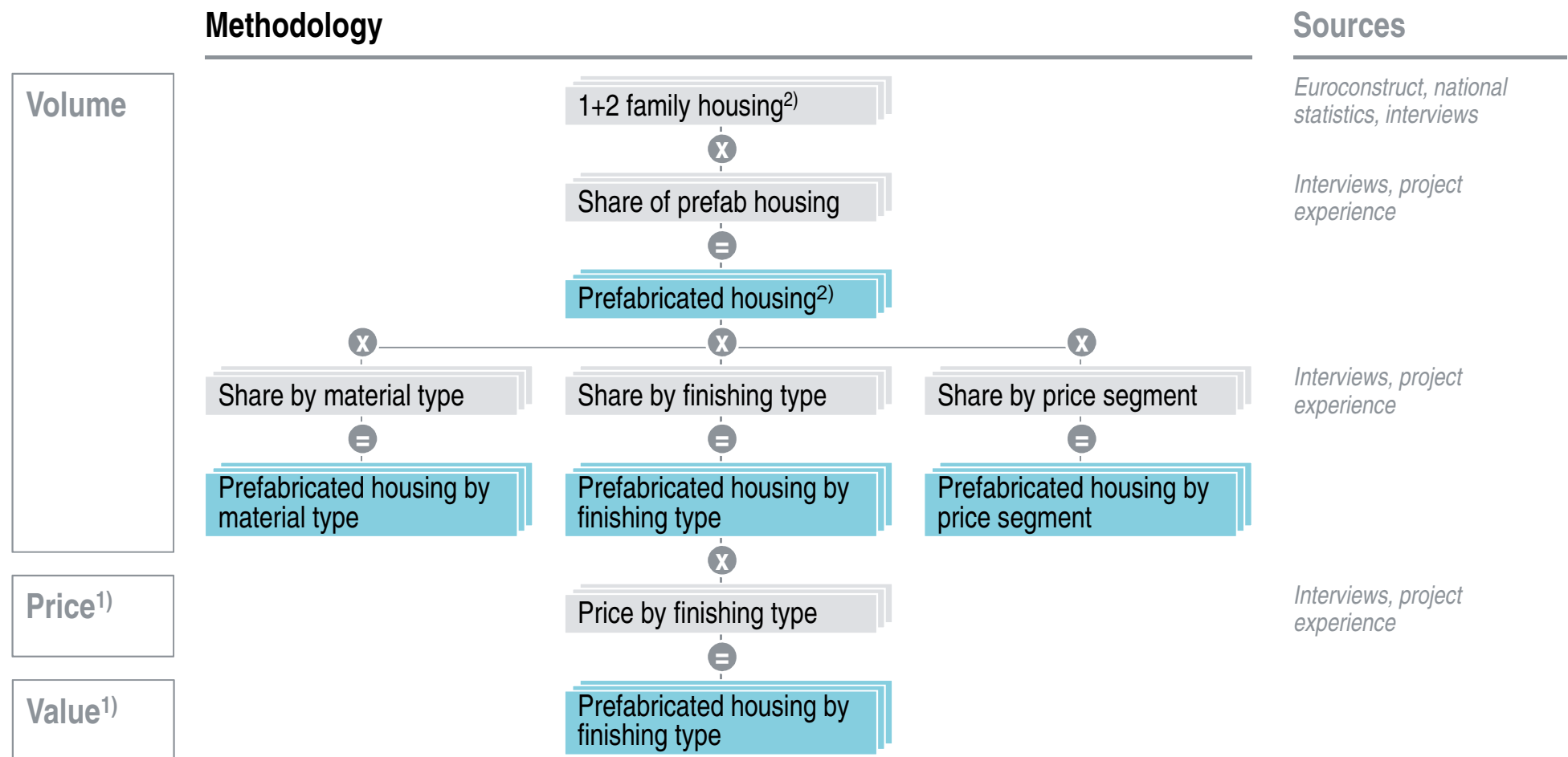
1) Direct pay and social insurance expenditures and labor-related taxes (minus subsidies);  
 2) Nominal values – For Denmark, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK recalculated from local currency to EUR using floating average exchange rates

## C. Market size and development



# The prefabricated 1+2 family housing market has been derived via a market model, incorporating primary and secondary sources

## Market model methodology



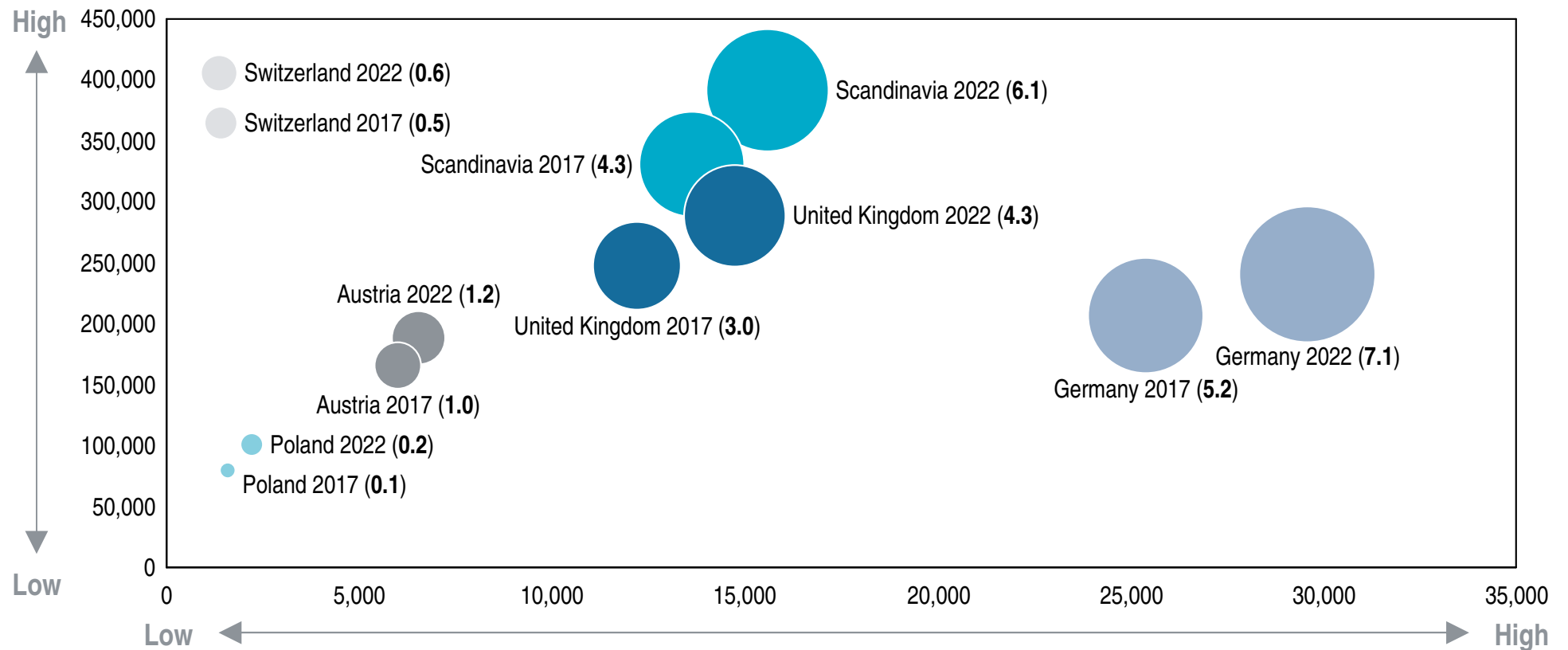
1) Nominal price and market value development; 2) Completed houses

 Output     Input     /  By focus region

# The market value of prefabricated 1+2 family housing is expected to grow across all focus regions between 2017 and 2022

## Overview of market development, 2017 vs. 2022

Average price<sup>1)</sup> [EUR]

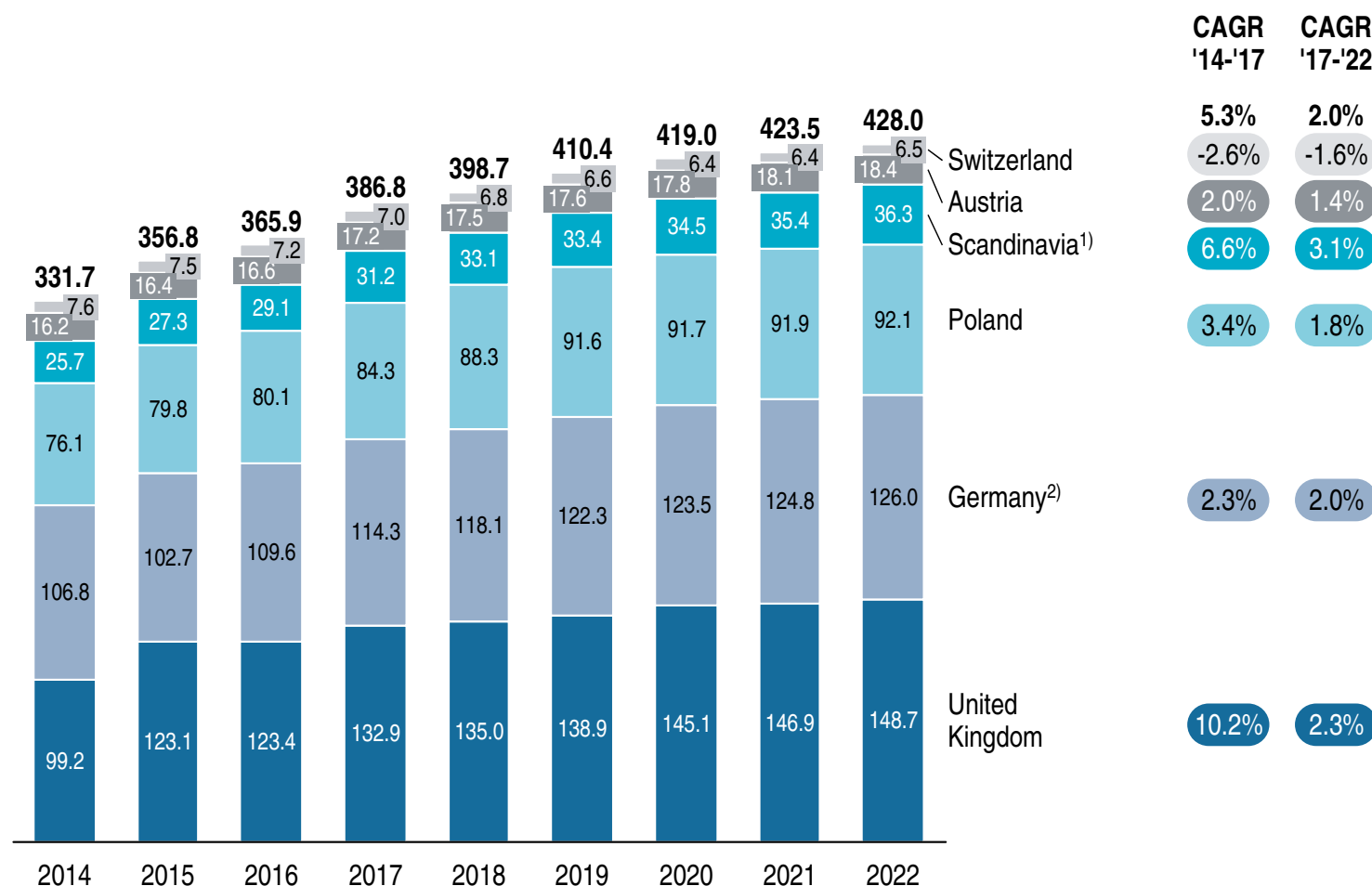


 Relevant market size of prefabricated housing [EUR bn]      **Prefabricated housing market volume<sup>2)</sup> [units]**

1) Average prefabricated 1+2 family housing prices used; 2) Completed 1+2 prefabricated family housing

# The market volume of 1+2 family housing is expected to continue its growth between 2017 and 2022 but at a slower pace

Market **volume** of 1+2 family housing, 2014-2022 [k units]



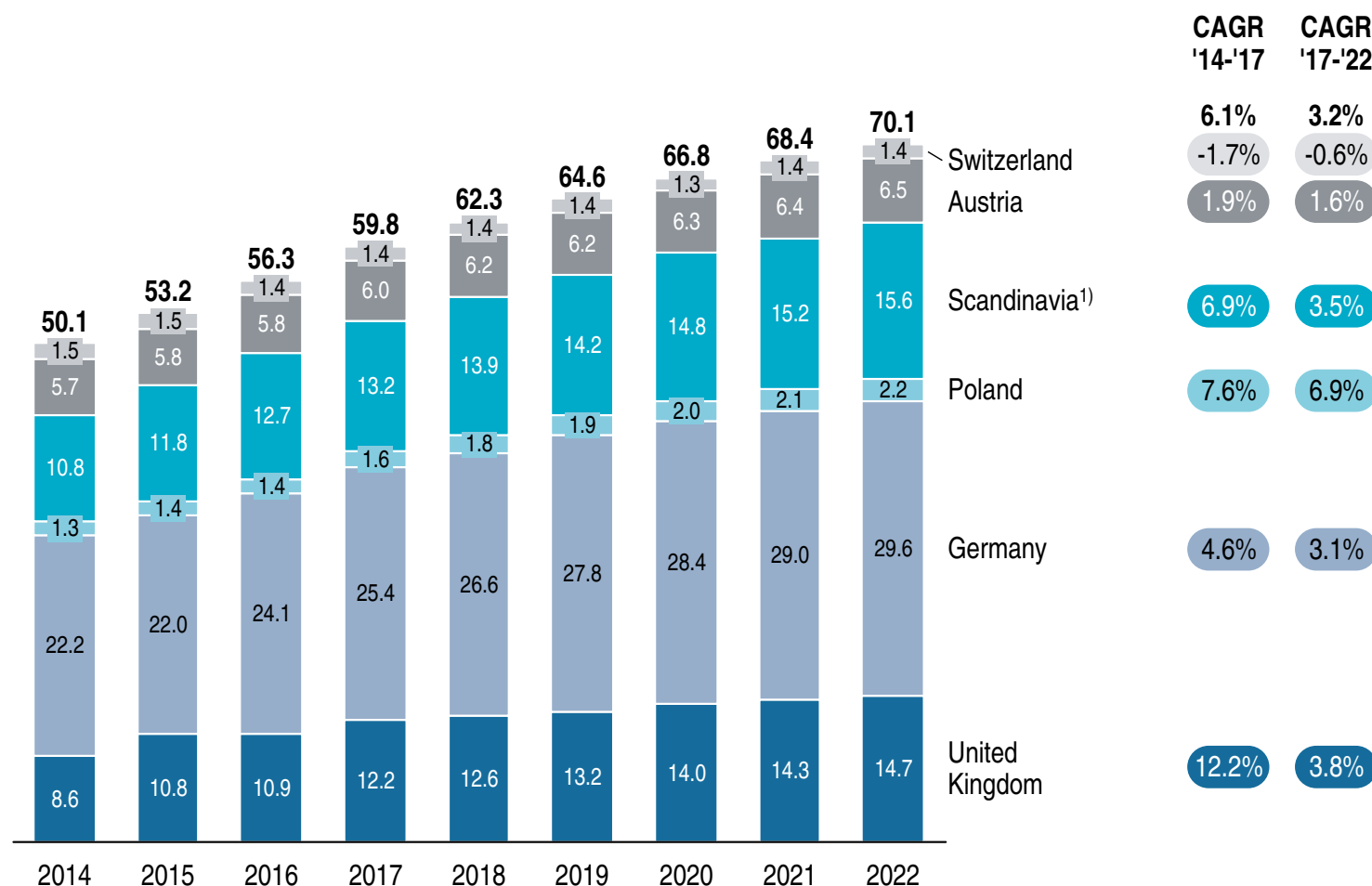
- > The market volume of 1+2 family housing is forecast to display solid growth of c.2% p.a. from 2017-'22
- > All focus regions display an expected increase in 1+2 family housing market volumes, except for Switzerland
- > Geographically, the UK, Germany and Poland show the highest demand for 1+2 family housing in 2017 across all focus regions

1) Including Sweden, Norway and Denmark; 2) Market volume development of 1+2 family housing in Germany based on interviews



# Among 1+2 family housing, prefabricated housing is expected to gain in relevance, growing at c.3% p.a. from 2017 to 2022

Market **volume** of prefabricated housing, 2014-2022 [k units]

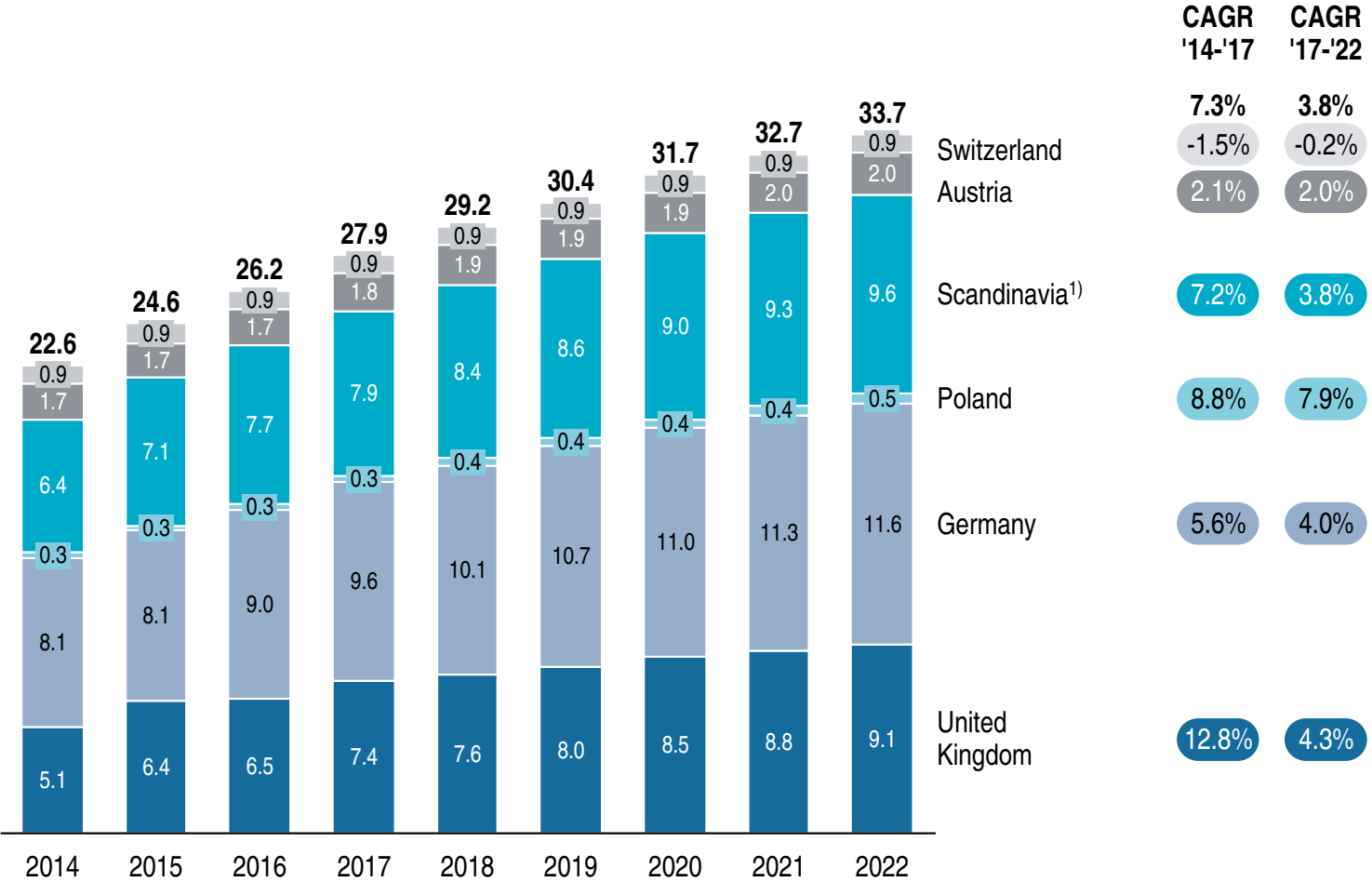


- > Prefabricated housing growth is expected to outpace the 1+2 family housing market
- > Geographically, absolute growth is projected to be driven by Germany, the UK and Scandinavia
- > The UK is expected to be negatively impacted by Brexit and is forecast to grow stably but well below strong historical growth figures
- > In Poland, prefabricated housing is currently assumed to be less popular than in other focus regions – Some catch-up effect anticipated going forward, underpinned by strong growth until 2022

1) Including Sweden, Norway and Denmark

# Within prefabricated 1+2 family housing, there is a trend towards turnkey solutions with convenience and security as key drivers

Market **volume** of prefabricated turnkey housing, 2014-2022 [k units]

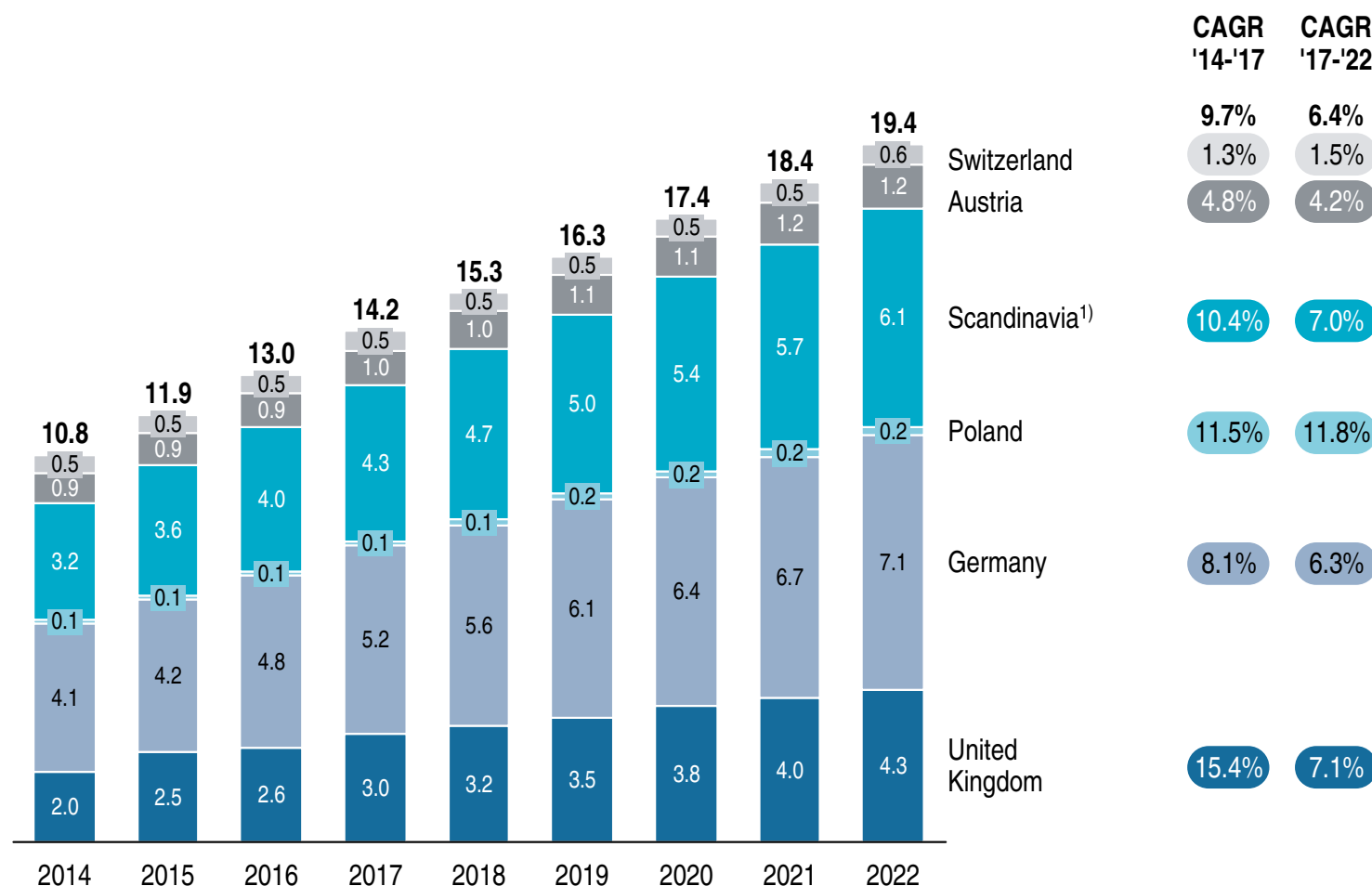


- > The share of turnkey solutions is projected to outgrow the prefabricated housing market
- > This development is expected to be driven by a growing demand for convenience and security (provision of guarantee) across all focus regions
- > Germany, followed by Scandinavia and the UK are the largest prefabricated turnkey housing markets

1) Including Sweden, Norway and Denmark

# The market value of prefabricated 1+2 family housing is projected to grow faster than volume growth due to favorable pricing trends

Market **value** of prefabricated housing, 2014-2022 [EUR bn]

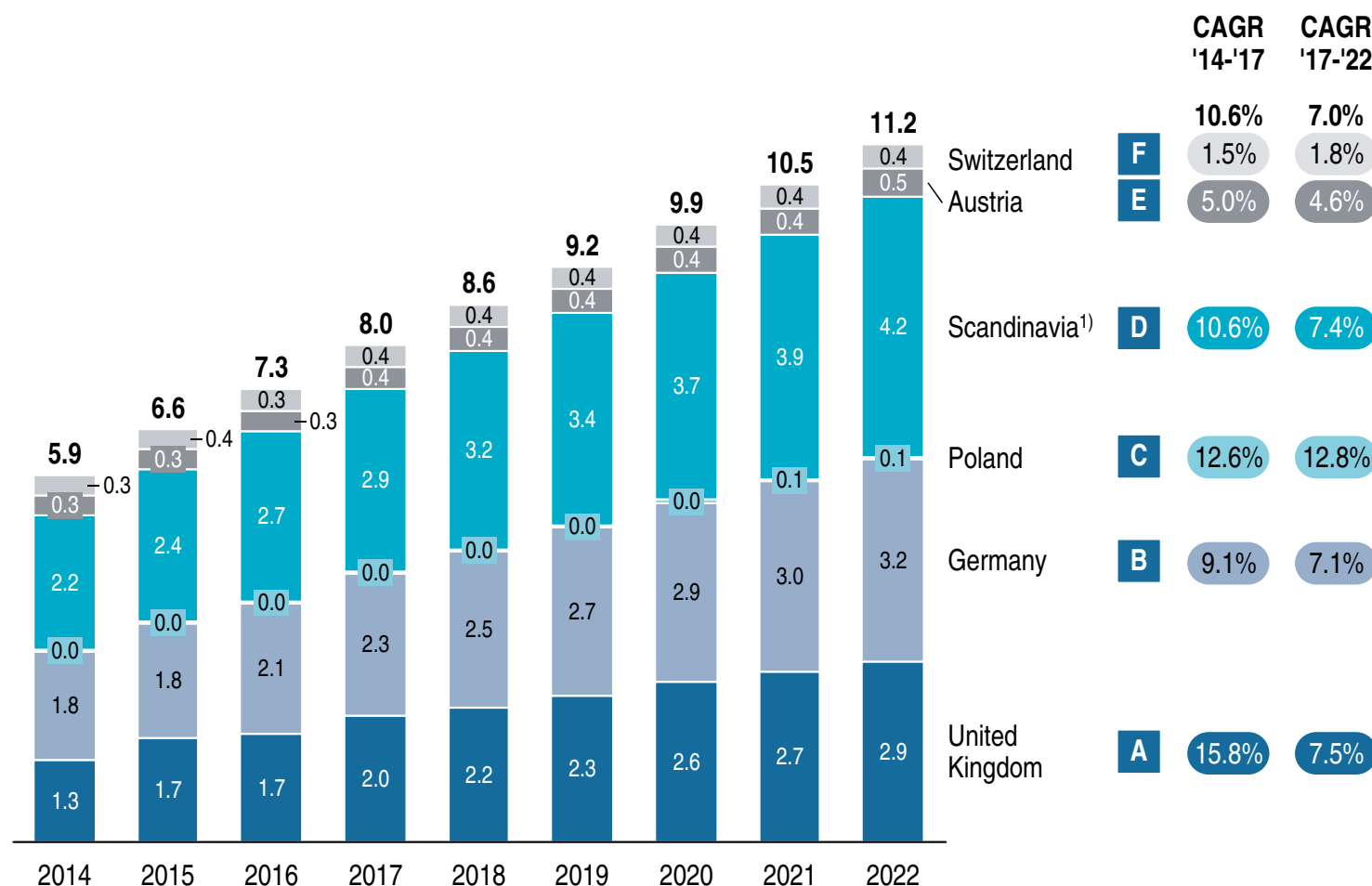


- > The market value of prefabricated 1+2 family housing is expected to grow faster than volume growth due to
- Shift towards turnkey solutions with 20-30% higher average prices (greater value added) vs. floor-covering
  - Favorable pricing trends due to growing wage levels across all focus regions
  - Positive region mix effects (Scandinavia and the UK with above average price level and market growth)

1) Including Sweden, Norway and Denmark

# Turnkey solutions account for more than 50% of the prefabricated 1+2 family housing market and are forecast to outgrow the market

Market value of prefabricated turnkey housing, 2014-2022 [EUR bn]



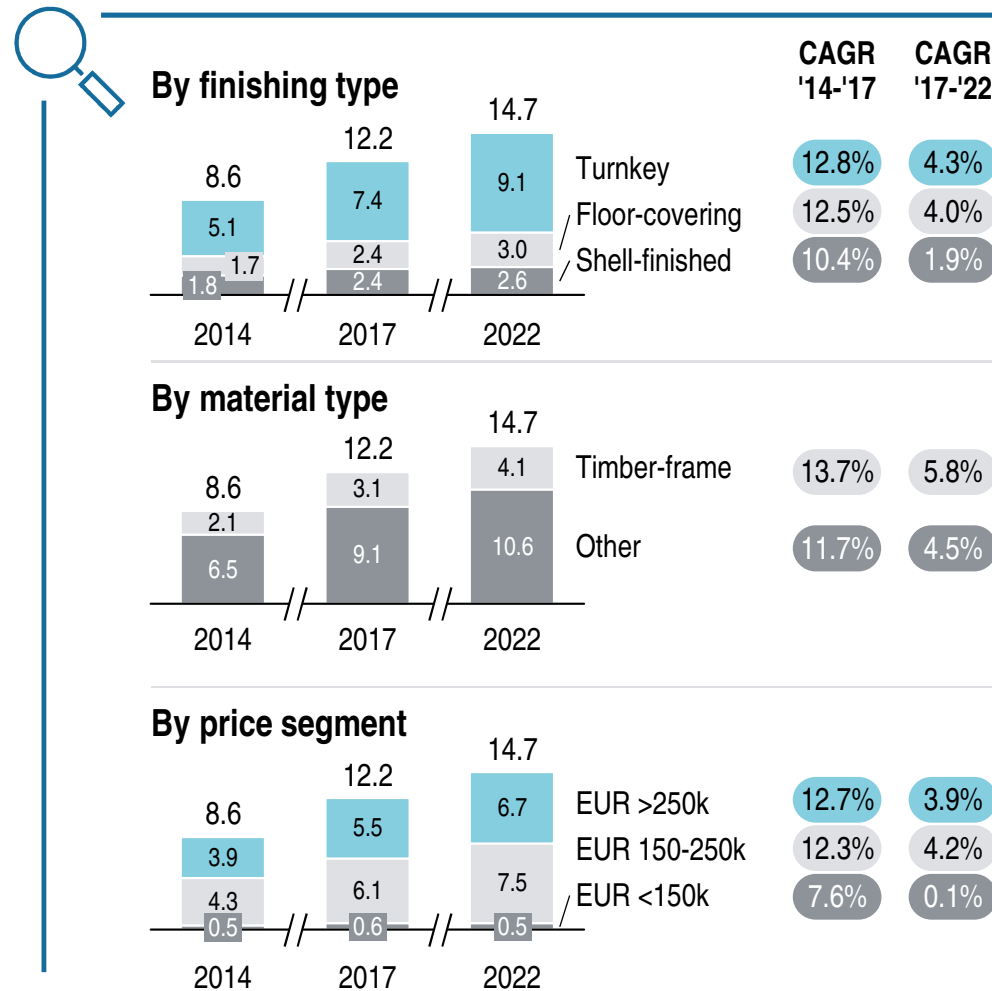
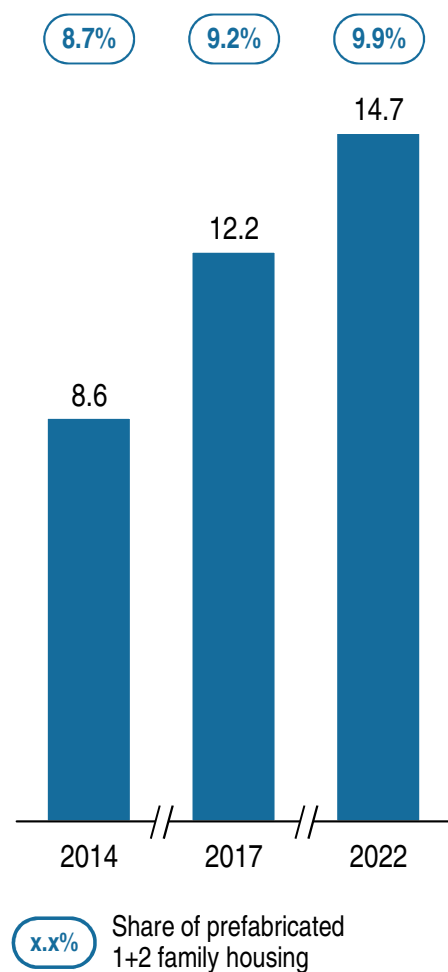
	CAGR '14-'17	CAGR '17-'22
Switzerland (F)	10.6%	7.0%
Austria (E)	1.5%	1.8%
Scandinavia <sup>1)</sup> (D)	5.0%	4.6%
Poland (C)	10.6%	7.4%
Germany (B)	12.6%	12.8%
United Kingdom (A)	9.1%	7.1%
	15.8%	7.5%

- > Within prefabricated 1+2 family housing, turnkey solutions are clearly the prevailing finishing type (share of more than 50%)
- > Turnkey solutions are projected to outgrow the prefabricated housing market by growing at c.7% p.a. from 2017 to 2022
- > Scandinavia, followed by Germany and the UK are the largest prefabricated turnkey housing markets in value terms

1) Including Sweden, Norway and Denmark

# The prefabricated housing market in the UK is characterized by a large share of turnkey solutions and houses above EUR 150 k

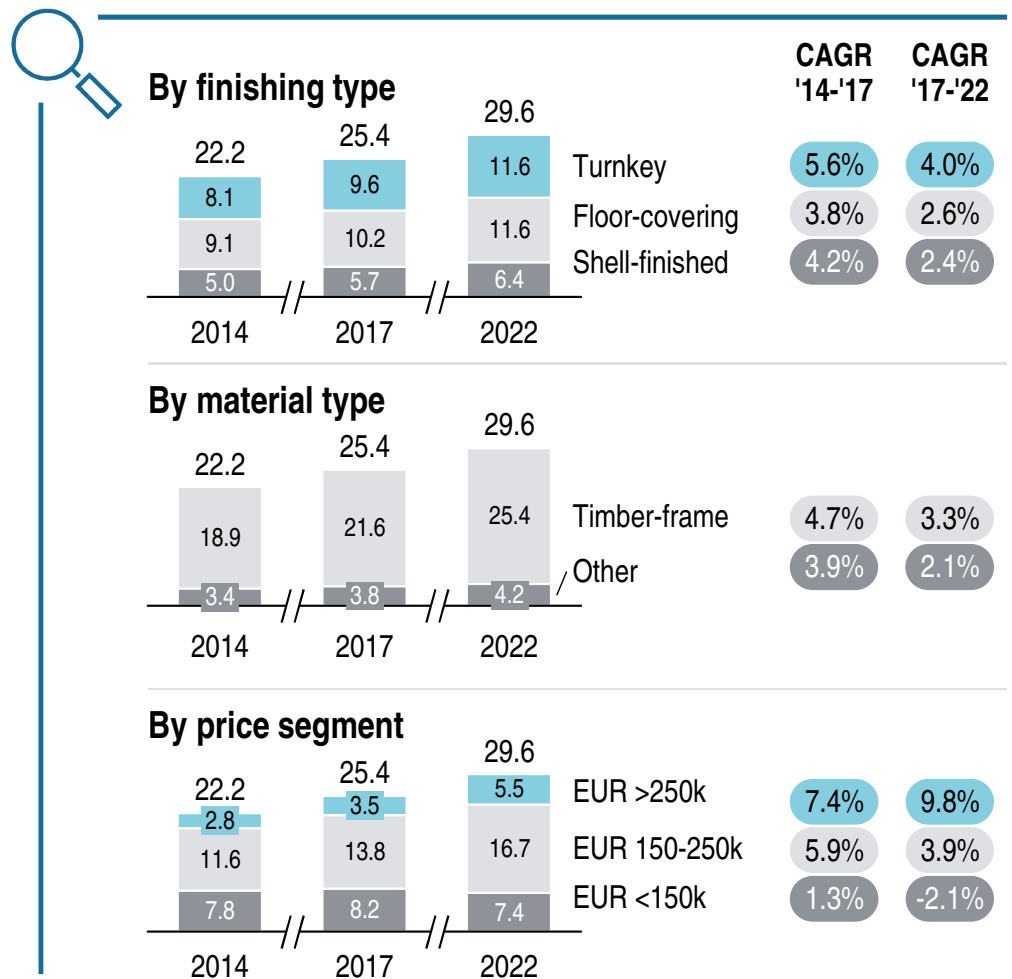
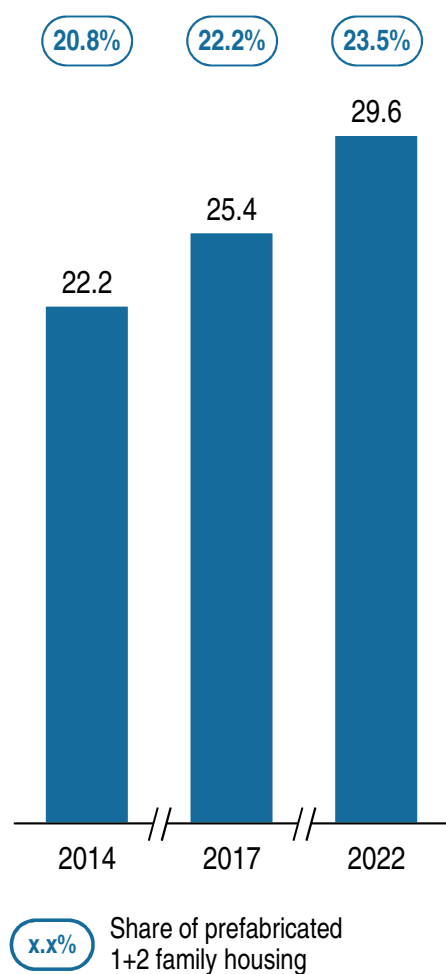
Market **volume** of prefabricated housing, 2014-2022 [k units]



- > The significant historical increase in market volume of prefabricated housing in the UK from 2014 to 2016 was driven by
  - Governmental support
  - Housing shortage
- > The trend towards turnkey solutions is further fueled by a shortage of craftsmen and a growing demand for security and convenience
- > Within the UK, Scotland is believed to have a very high share of timber-frame construction of c.75%
- > The vast majority of houses cost in excess of EUR 150 k

# In Germany, prefabricated turnkey housing is expected to grow strongest until 2022 – Timber-frame is the prevailing material type

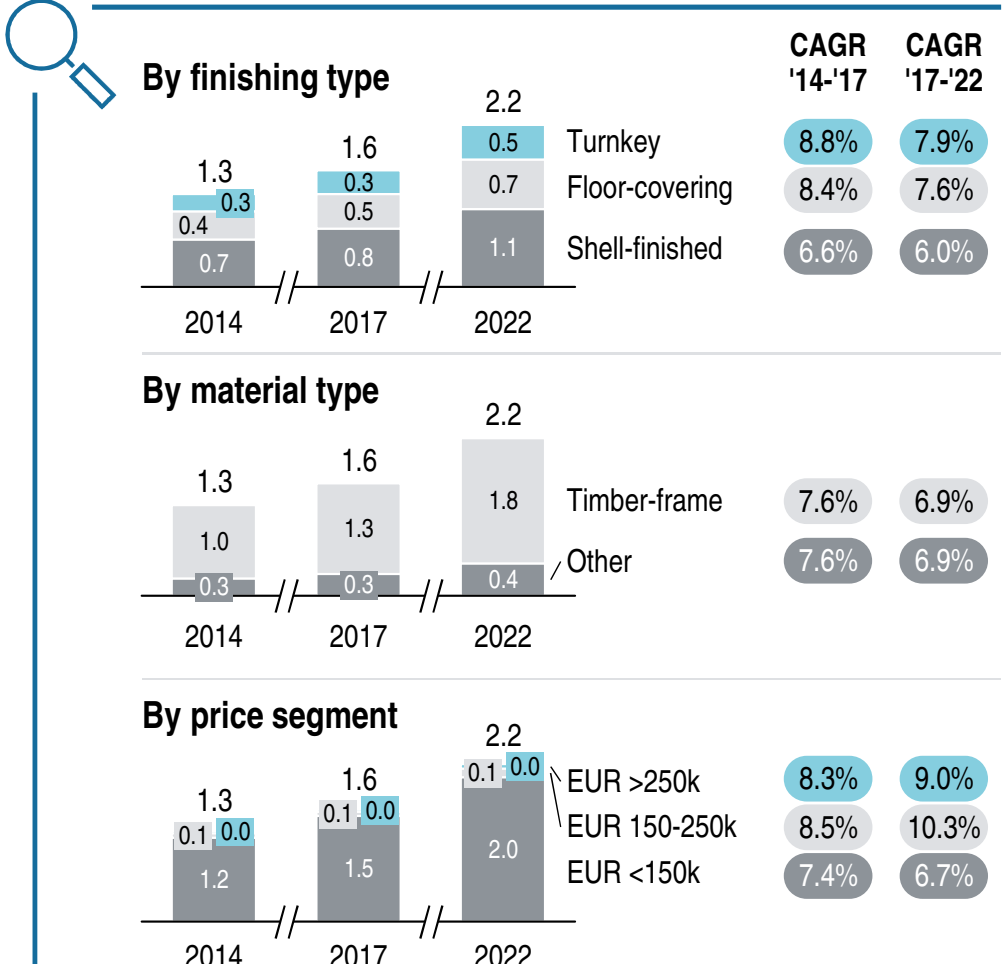
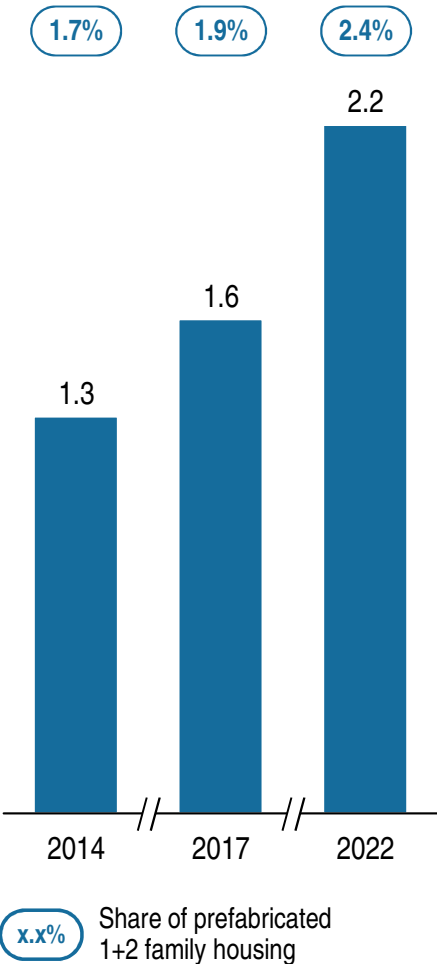
Market **volume** of prefabricated housing, 2014-2022 [k units]



- > Prefabricated housing growth is expected to outpace the 1+2 family housing market
- > Within prefabricated housing, turnkey solutions are projected to grow strongest in the upcoming years
- > Timber-frame is the prevailing material type of prefabricated housing and is expected to further gain in relevance – This development is supported by the increasing relevance of sustainability and ecological structures
- > The mid-price segment (EUR 150-250 k) is forecast to show the strongest absolute growth

# The Polish market for prefabricated housing appears very price-sensitive and mainly focused on shell-finished housing

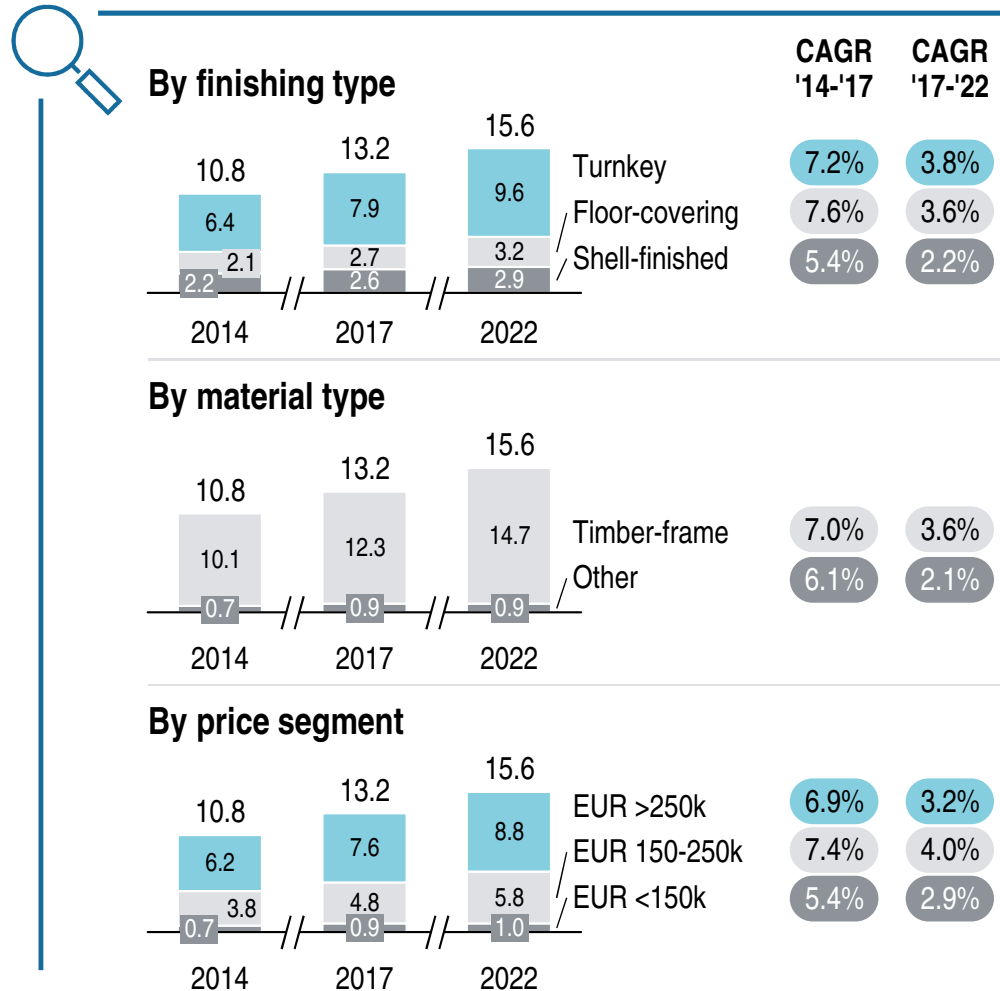
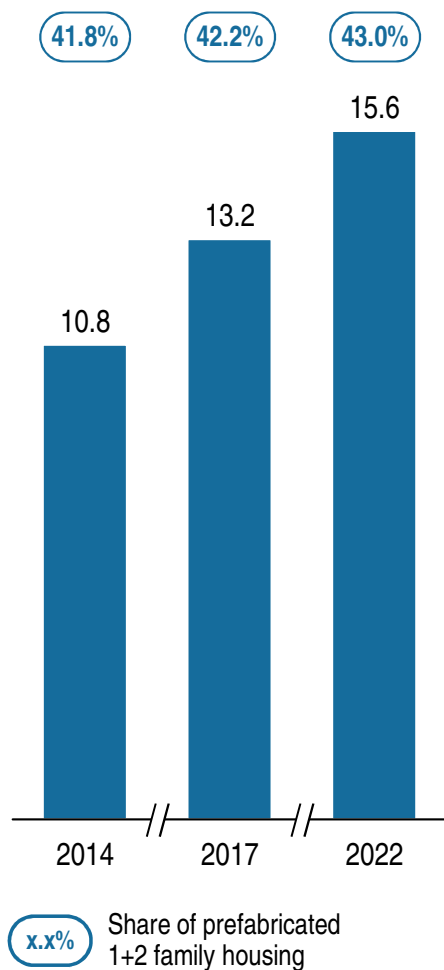
Market **volume** of prefabricated housing, 2014-2022 [k units]



- > In Poland, the prefabricated housing market is dominated by shell-finished solutions – Local people seem to have the required skill set to perform internal finishing themselves
- > However, with younger generations of Poles being less technically savvy, other finishing types are gaining in relevance
- > The Polish market for prefabricated housing appears very price-sensitive with the vast majority of houses being below EUR 150 k
- > Timber-frame is estimated to be the prevailing material type

# In Scandinavia, turnkey solutions and timber-frame constructions are the prevailing finishing type and material type, respectively

Market **volume** of prefabricated housing, 2014-2022 [k units]



- > Compared to other focus regions, Scandinavia has an exceptionally high share of prefabricated housing (c.42% in 2017)
- > Sweden accounts for the largest portion of the prefabricated housing market
- > The prefabricated housing market in Scandinavia is dominated by the premium price segment and turnkey solutions
- > Timber-frame is by far the dominant material type



# The Austrian prefabricated housing market displays a good balance of finishing types – Timber-frame is the prevailing material type

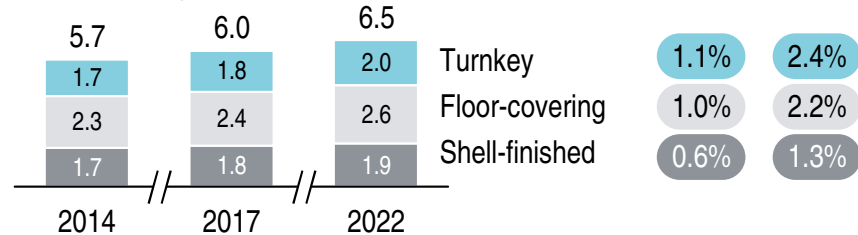
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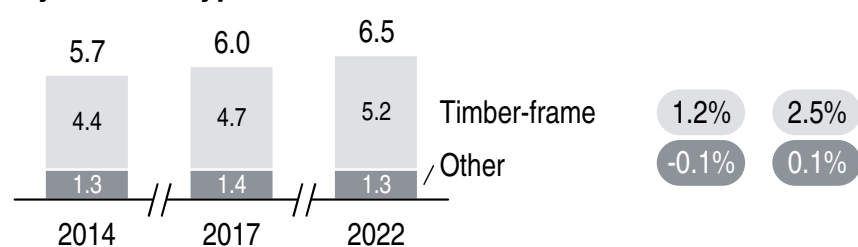
**x.x%** Share of prefabricated 1+2 family housing



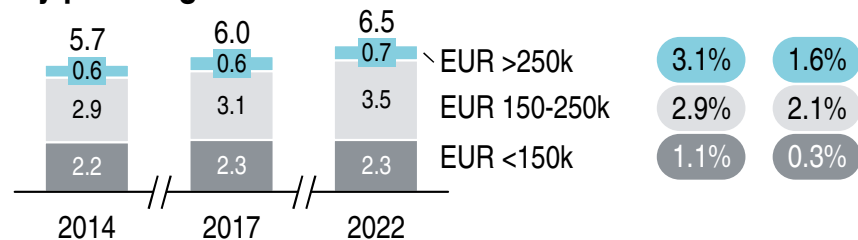
### By finishing type



### By material type



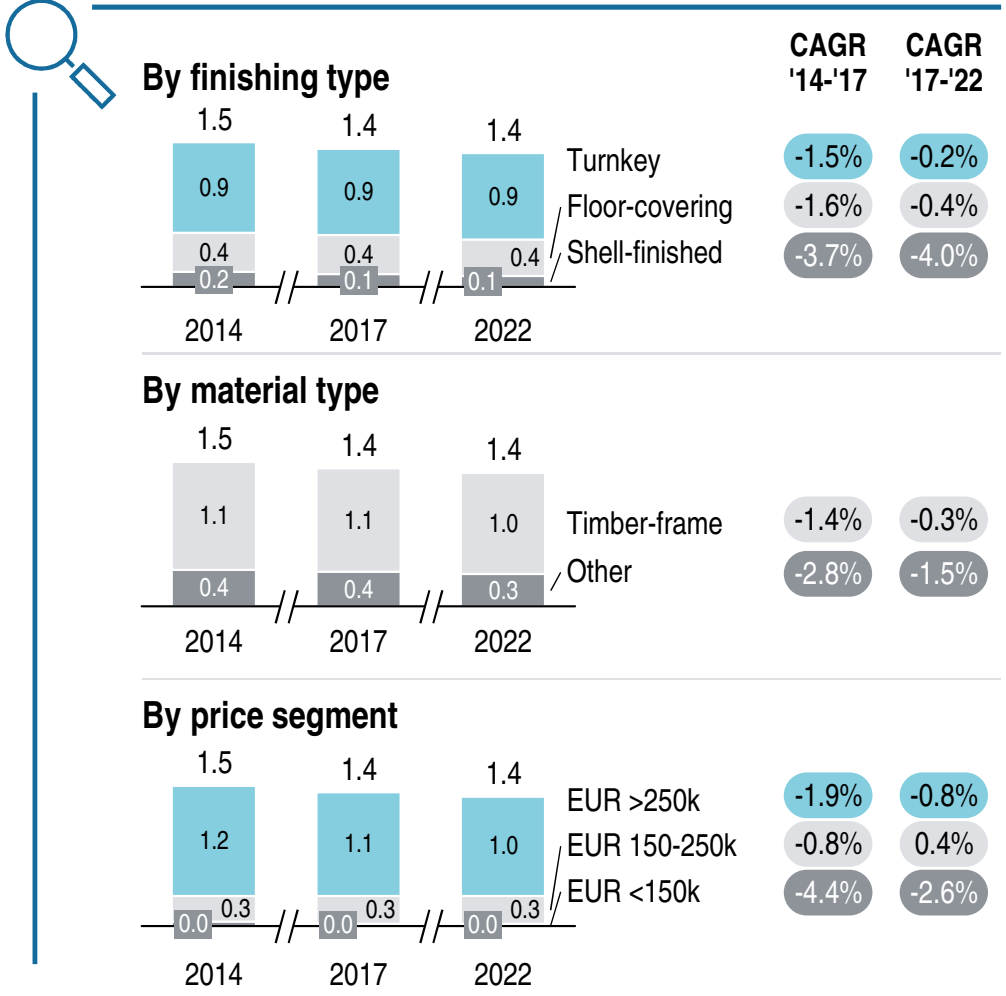
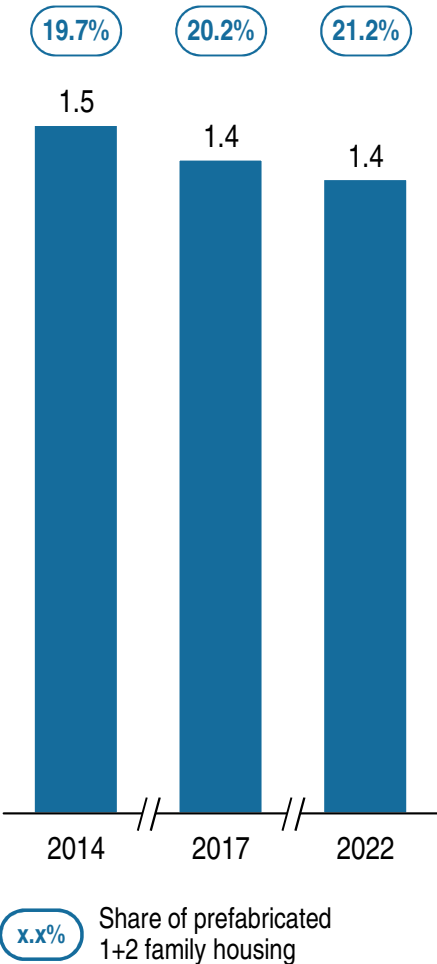
### By price segment



- > Austria reveals a high share of prefabricated housing (c.35% in 2017) – The western part of Austria has a lower share than the eastern part of the country
- > Prefabricated housing displays a good balance of different finishing types
- > The mid-price segment is estimated to account for the largest share of prefabricated housing – The mid- and high-price segments are forecast to grow strongest in the upcoming years

# In Switzerland, the prefabricated housing market is projected to remain broadly stable following a slight decline historically

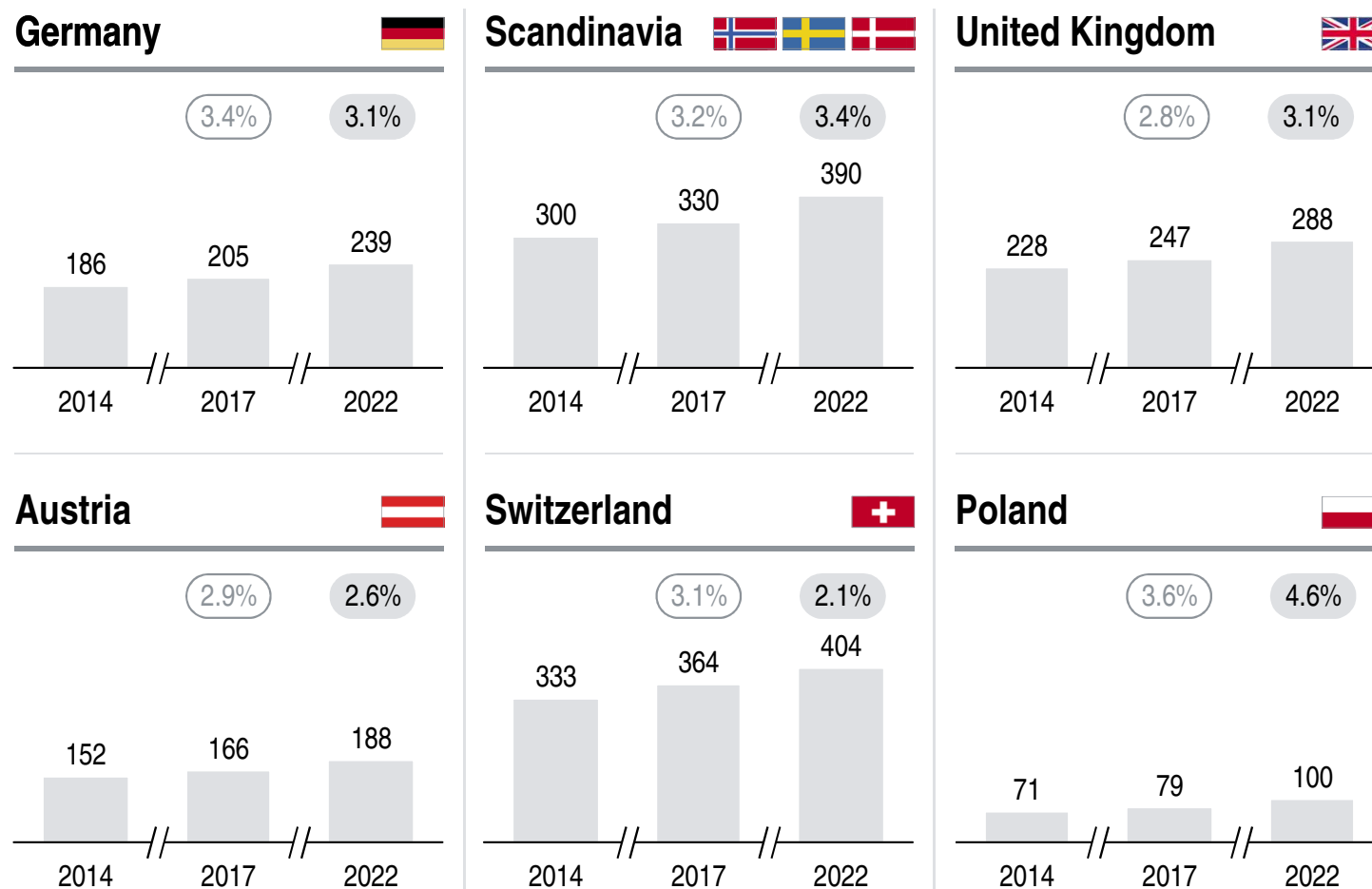
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- > Turnkey solutions and timber-frame constructions are the prevailing finishing type and material type, respectively
- > The premium price segment (EUR >250 k) accounts for the largest share of the prefabricated housing market

# Among the focus regions, Switzerland, followed by Scandinavia and the UK, displays the highest average prefabricated housing price

Development of average prefabricated housing pricing, 2014-2022 [EUR k]



- > All focus regions show growing average prefabricated housing prices between 2017 and 2022, largely in line with historical price increases
- > Switzerland, followed by Scandinavia and the UK have the highest average prefabricated housing price – Poland is estimated to have the lowest price
- > Prices are positively impacted by increasing wage levels and a shift towards turnkey solutions, which are more expensive (higher value added)

 CAGR 2014-'17       CAGR 2017-'21

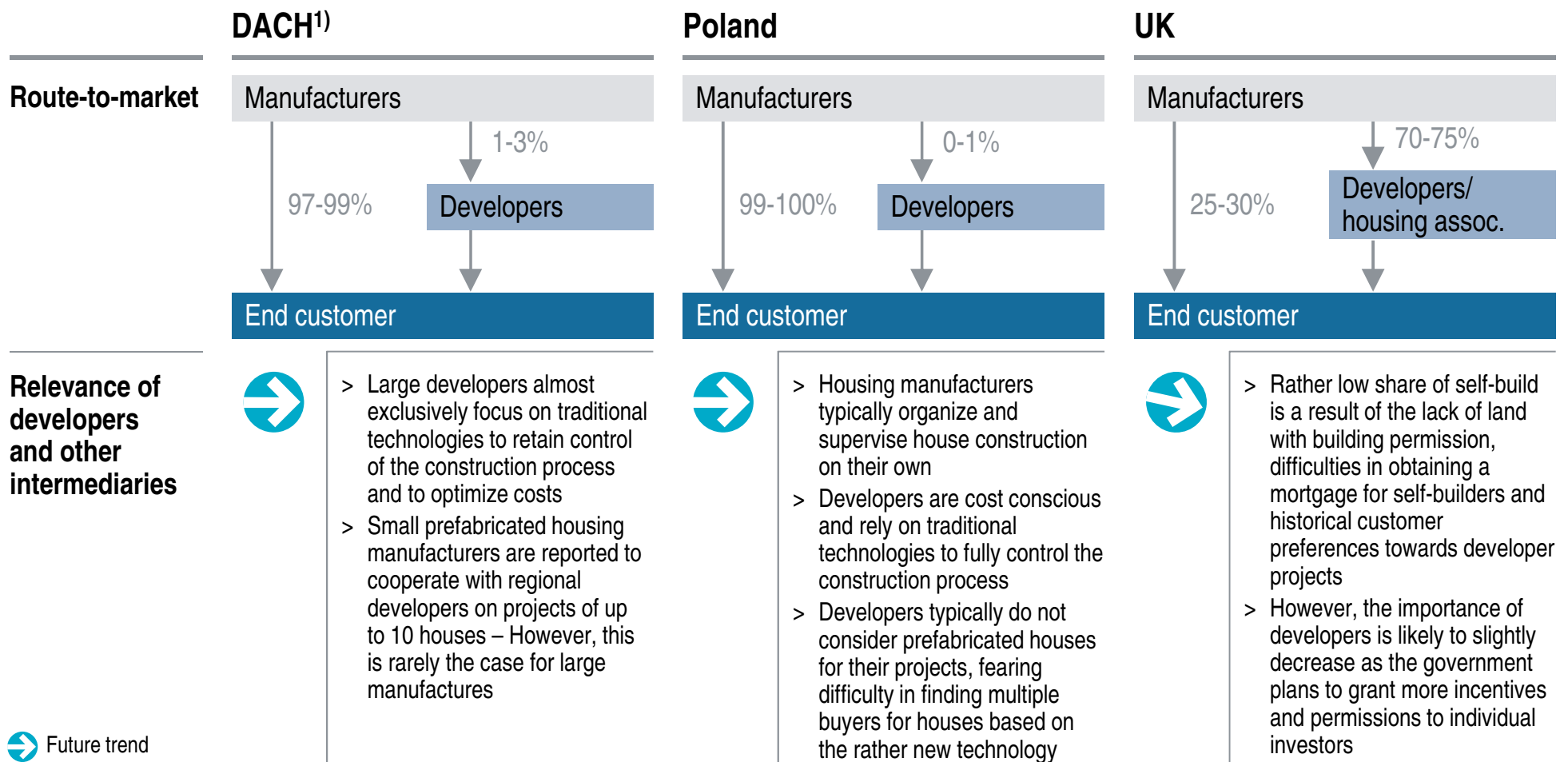
## D. Selected customer and manufacturer aspects



# In the DACH region, prefabricated houses are typically sold directly to end customers, while the UK has a higher share of intermediaries

## Distribution channels – Prefabricated house route-to-market

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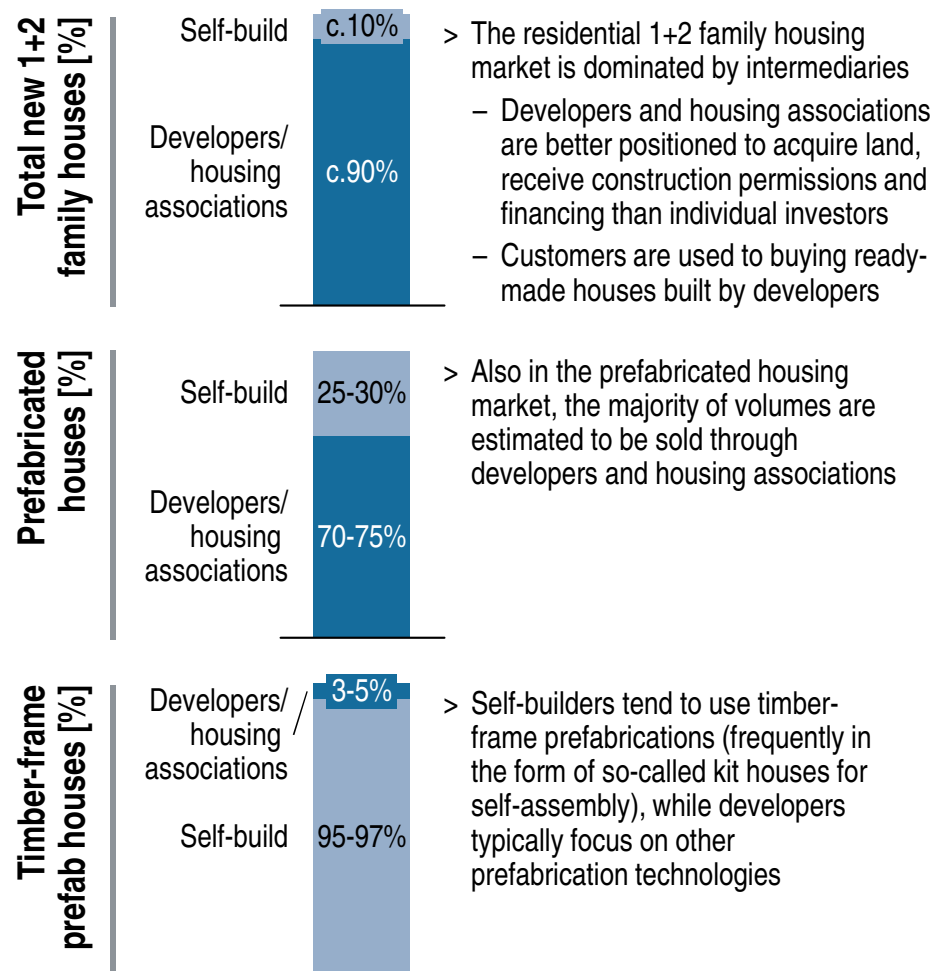
➔ Future trend

1) Germany, Austria and Switzerland

# The UK prefab housing market is currently dominated by developers – Development of self-build is likely to be supported by legislation

## Distribution channels – Deep dive on UK

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> The residential 1+2 family housing market is dominated by intermediaries

- Developers and housing associations are better positioned to acquire land, receive construction permissions and financing than individual investors
- Customers are used to buying ready-made houses built by developers

> Also in the prefabricated housing market, the majority of volumes are estimated to be sold through developers and housing associations

> Self-builders tend to use timber-frame prefabrications (frequently in the form of so-called kit houses for self-assembly), while developers typically focus on other prefabrication technologies

### Right to Build legislation

- > The majority of local authorities (mainly local councils) across the UK are obliged to hold registers to track the demand for self-build land plots
- > Eligible for registration are British or EU citizens >18 years old seeking to build a house as their sole residence
- > Local authorities have a duty to grant planning permissions for sufficient serviced plots to meet registered demand within a three-year period (on an ongoing basis)
- > Serviced plot is a piece of land that already has access to utilities and is fundamentally ready to develop

**> Legislation is expected to boost the number of self-build homes across the UK**

### Selected projects





















- Cherwell District Council**  
Delivery of 2,000 custom-build homes in a 10 year period
- Sheffield City Council**  
Making available over 800 self-build sites
- Stoke-on-Trent City**  
Making available 72 hectares of land for self-builders
- Teignbridge District Council**  
'5% self-build' policy (5% of all new homes delivered by self-builders)
- ...

**> First projects aimed at providing building schemes or sites for self-builders are already in the development phase**

# Customers consider quality of sales, product customization, brand image and price/quality ratio as key buying criteria

## Customers' key buying criteria

Indicative 

Success factors	Importance	
 <b>Quality</b>		> Product quality is one of the most important buying criteria for customers, considering the high investment and the anticipated long period of usage
 <b>Quality of sales (online and offline channel)</b>		> A customer-friendly sales organization is a crucial factor for typically busy and inexperienced customers > The online channel has become an increasingly important source of product information, comparison and initial shortlisting – Relevance of the online presence as direct sales channel is expected to further increase
 <b>Price</b>		> Besides product quality, the final product price is a key buying criterion for customers – However, customers are willing to pay for superior quality (good price/quality ratio) > German, British and Swiss customers appear to be considerably less price sensitive than Polish customers
 <b>Product customization</b>		> Customization options bring the prefabricated segment closer to the solid housing segment > Most of the suppliers allow the usage of external sources in the designing process
 <b>Brand perception/ track record</b>		> As the investment is a substantial part of the family budget, a good reputation plays a crucial role in assuring a sound service, particularly for countries with a share of premium-focused customers (e.g. the UK, DE, CH)
 <b>Turnkey solutions</b>		> Declining consumer expertise and time limitations drive turnkey solutions, esp. in the UK and Scandinavia > Turnkey solutions offer very high commercial security since the responsibility is borne by the supplier only
 <b>Information transparency</b>		> Transparency allows customers to gather preliminary information, make first decisions and compare available options (i.e. house types/variants and manufacturers)
 <b>Product portfolio depth</b>		> Typical portfolios cover all types of houses in many variants, therefore portfolio depth is rarely a differentiator > Customers may choose external design offerings if they strive for more personalized solutions
 <b>Construction/lead time</b>		> Prefabrication reduces construction time, which is esp. valued by Polish customers – However, this factor is of diminishing importance due to long backlogs resulting in lead times similar to those of regular solid houses
 <b>Energy efficiency</b>		> High energy efficiency is standard in the industry and individual manufacturers appear to differ moderately – Initial high investment cost frequently outweighs continuous cost considerations

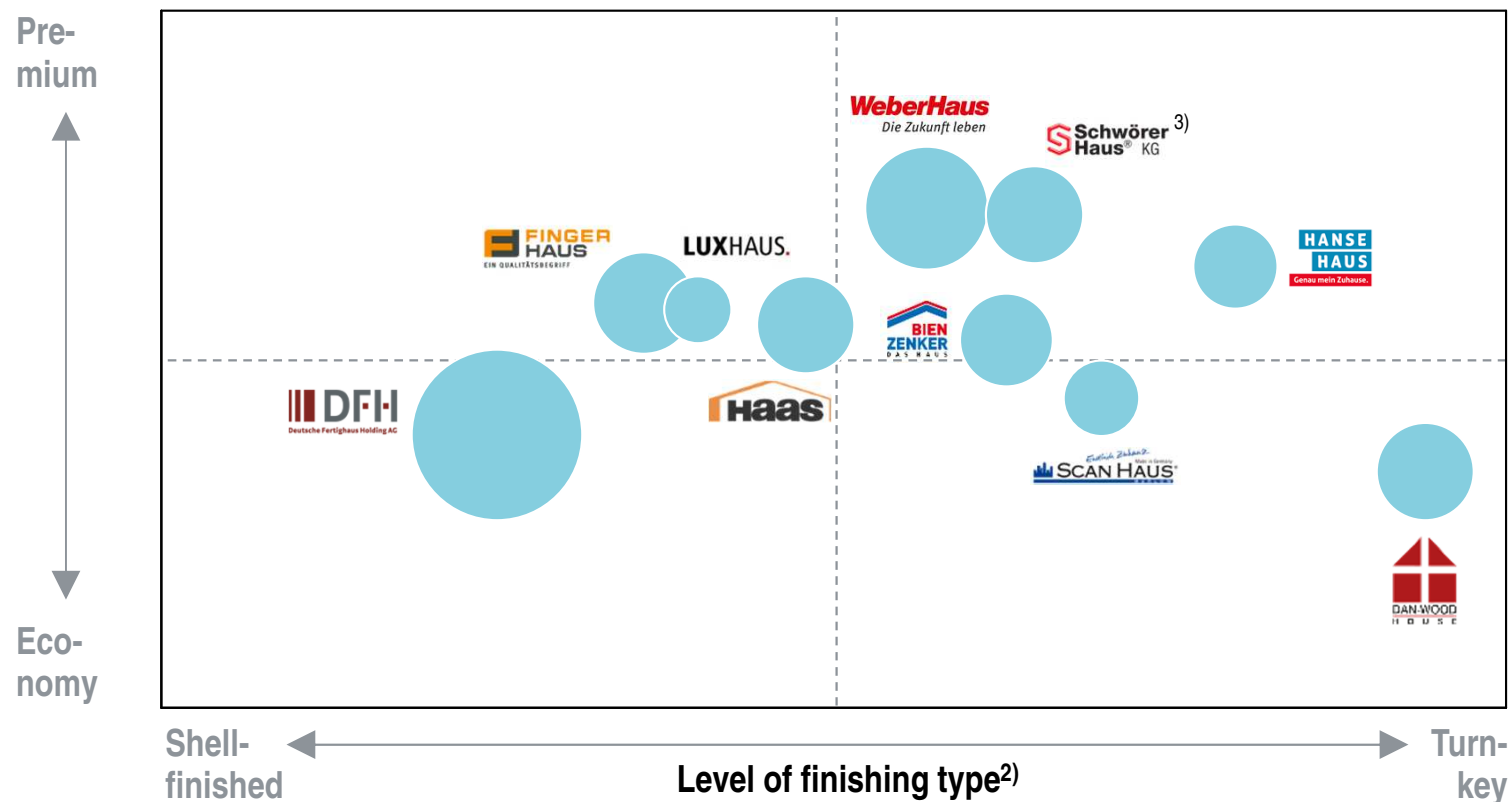
● High ○ Low

# Prefabricated housing manufacturers show vast differences in product price segment and level of finishing type


Positioning of selected manufacturers in the DACH region

Indicative

Price segment<sup>1)</sup>



- > The analyzed prefabricated housing manufacturers differ with regard to their market focus
  - The majority of manufacturers mainly focus on the floor-covering market segment – However, selected suppliers specialize in shell-finished or turnkey house offerings
  - Prices are estimated to differ significantly between premium- and economy-focused manufacturers
- > There are dominant brands in the economy and premium segments, DFH (esp. Massahaus) and Schworer, respectively – In the mid-price segment, fast growing Danwood is considered to have become a market leader in 2017

 Last available revenues (indicative)

























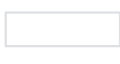






















1) Estimated average price of prefabricated houses delivered based on market interviews and desk research; 2) Key business focus based on market interviews and desk research; 3) Estimated revenues as no financial information publically available  
 Source: Orbis, Annual reports, Company websites, Trade press, Interviews, Roland Berger



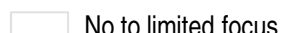




# There are several manufacturers of prefabricated housing in the DACH region – DFH is the largest manufacturer in DACH

## Overview of selected manufacturers in the DACH region

Non-exhaustive

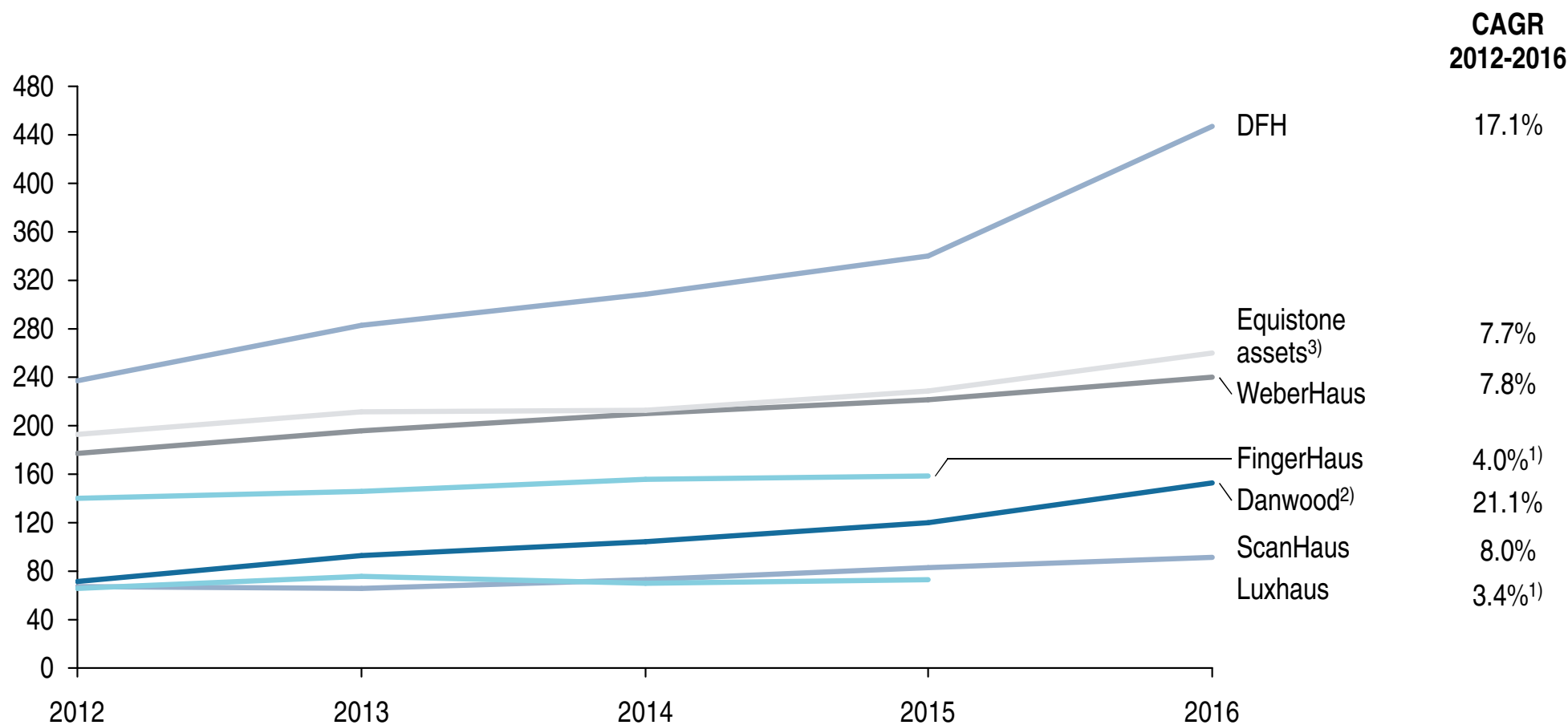
Company	Headquarters	Revenue, 2016 <sup>1)</sup> [EUR m]	Finishing type			Geographical coverage					Comments
			Shell-finished	Floor-covering	Turnkey	DACH	Scandi-navia	UK	Poland	Other	
 DFH	Simmern 	447				✓	-	-	-	(✓)	Conglomerate of four brands
 BIEN ZENKER DAS HAUS	Bien-Zenker	144				✓	-	-	-	(✓)	Acquired by Equistone in December 2017 from ADCURAM
	Hanse Haus	116				✓	-	✓	-	✓	
 WeberHaus	Rheinau 	240				✓	-	✓	-	✓	Founded in 1960 with 2 production sites in DE
 FingerHaus	Frankenberg 	158 <sup>2)</sup>				✓	-	-	-	-	Best prefab supplier award winner in 2017
 Danwood	Bielsk Podlaski 	154				✓	(✓)	✓	✓	-	Acquired by Enterprise Investors in 2014
 Haas Fertigbau	Falkenberg 	152 <sup>2)4)</sup>				✓	-	-	✓	✓	Other markets include CZ, SK and IT <sup>3)</sup>
 Schwörer Haus KG	Hohenstein 	n/a				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Part of family-owned Schwörer Group
 SCAN HAUS	Marlow 	91				✓	-	-	-	-	Operates more than 60 show houses
 LUXHAUS	Georgensgmünd 	72 <sup>2)</sup>				✓	-	-	-	-	Offering of plot and financing concepts

1) Group figures; 2) 2015 figure; 3) Czech Republic, Slovakia and Italy  Strong focus  Focus  No to limited focus  Covered  Partially covered  
 4) Haas Baumanagement GmbH revenue (part of Haas Group)

# The majority of manufacturers have been able to gradually increase their revenues between 2012 and 2016

Revenue development of selected manufacturers, 2012-2016 [EUR m]

**Non-exhaustive**



1) CAGR 2012-2015; 2) Figures in PLN have been recalculated to EUR using the fixed exchange rate of 4.4 PLN/EUR;

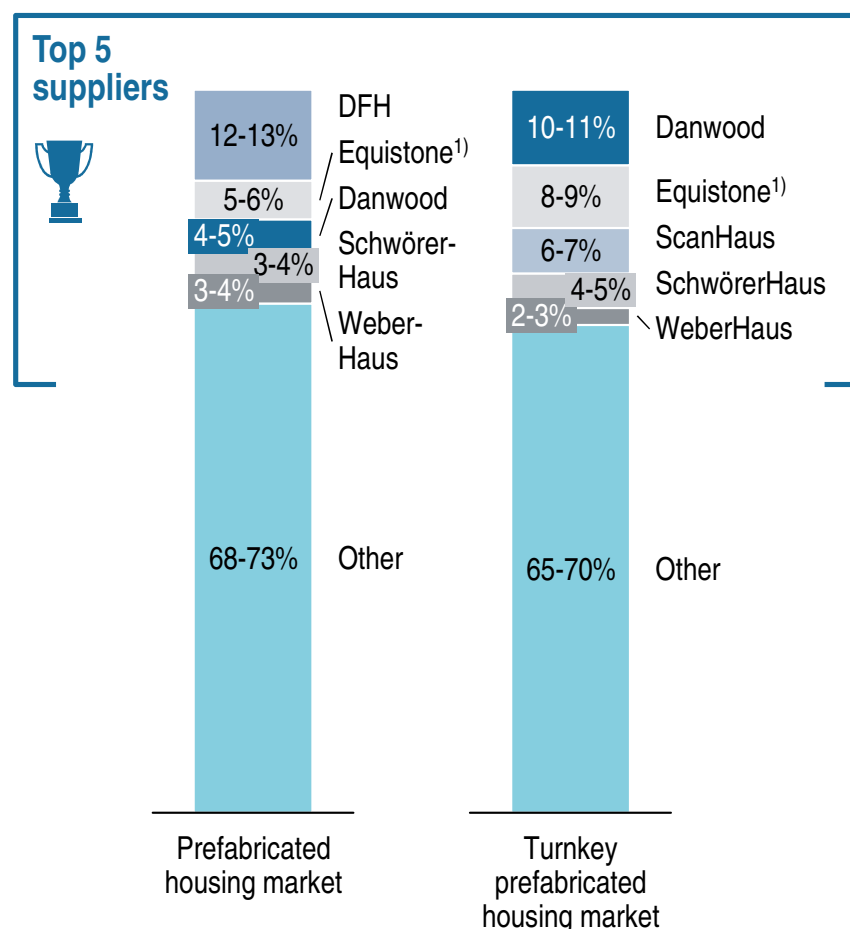
3) Combined figures of Bien-Zenker and Hanse Haus (also for 2013 prior to the acquisition by ADCURAM) – Acquired by Equistone in 2017

Source: Company information, Dafne, Annual reports, Roland Berger

# The German market is largely fragmented with the top 5 suppliers accounting for c.30% – Recent trend towards consolidation revealed

High-level overview of market volume shares in Germany, 2016

**Indicative**



## Overview of recent M&A activity (selection)

- ▲ **December 2017**  
Equistone acquired Bien-Zenker and Hanse Haus from ADCURAM
- **July 2016**  
Gampen Fertighaus acquired ELK Fertighaus
- **July 2015**  
Private equity firm EQT acquired HusCompagniet
- **June 2015**  
Matthias Calice acquired Hanlo-Fertighaus
- **November 2014**  
ADCURAM acquired Hanse Haus
- **November 2013**  
Enterprise Investors acquired Budimex Danwood
- **September 2013**  
ADCURAM Fertigbautechnik acquired Bien-Zenker
- **January 2013**  
DFH acquired Ein SteinHaus









- > Though the German market is more concentrated than other European markets, the top 5 suppliers only account for c.30% of the prefabricated housing market volume
  - Suppliers beyond the top 5 hold market shares of less than 3%
  - Also, the turnkey sub-segment reveals a similar high level of market concentration
- > This market characteristic creates possibilities for M&A activity, which has intensified in recent years

1) Combined figures of Bien-Zenker and Hanse Haus

# Market entry barriers are particularly based on technical capabilities, sales network and brand/track record

## Market entry barriers

Indicative

Entry barrier	Description	Relevance
 <b>Technical capabilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Suppliers of prefabricated houses have to cover a broad spectrum of capabilities, e.g. architecture and housing design trends, construction and engineering (pre-production and on-site assembly), project planning and execution, in order to match customers' high quality demand and price expectations (especially in Germany)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Offering turnkey solutions requires additional building trades with specialized skill sets and certification, e.g. for heating, electric installations, floor-covering, interior construction and sanitary</li> </ul> </li> <li>&gt; Considering the dynamic construction market and the respective shortage of workers, new entries are likely to face difficulties finding well-qualified staff at reasonable costs – Long-term employer branding, internal training and incentivization appear to be key success factors</li> </ul>	
 <b>Sales network/channel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; The establishment of a comprehensive and attractive online channel is required, providing detailed building specifications, pictures, videos, configuration tools and showcases</li> <li>&gt; In addition, the majority of customers demand a local sales agent supporting with the customization of the final product and acting as a central contact person throughout the project – Setting up an exhaustive and skilled sales network is expensive and time consuming due to strong market competition and lack of experienced sales agents</li> </ul>	
 <b>Brand and track record</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Due to high investment costs, customers typically demand a certain track record of successfully delivered housing projects in their relevant region and a positive brand perception in the market (e.g. through former customers or discussion boards)</li> <li>&gt; Suppliers new to the market have to first develop and demonstrate their quality and reliability, thereby continuously building up a positive market perception/track record</li> </ul>	
 <b>Capital intensity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Considerable investment costs in sales network (incl. housing exhibitions), certifications, as well as to a lesser extent production plant, require the build-up of sufficient sales volumes</li> </ul>	

● High relevance    ○ Limited to no relevance

## E. Roland Berger



# We regularly extend our project experience with the publication of relevant studies and research

## Selected Roland Berger publications

**BIM (2017)**



**Digitization in the construction materials industry (2016)**



**Trend study on the construction market 2020 (2016)**



**Investment development in the transport industry in Germany (2013)**



**Impact of the online market on the domestic technology sector (2013)**



**Construction materials and supply industries in Germany/Switzerland (2012)**



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Appendix





# Index of abbreviations

## Overview

Abbreviation	Meaning	Abbreviation	Meaning
add.	Additional	EUR	Euro
admin.	Administration	GDP	Gross Domestic Product
assoc.	Associations	h	Hour
AT	Austria	i.e.	Id est ('that is')
BIM	Building Information Modeling	incl.	Including
bn	Billion	IT	Italy
c.	Circa	k	Thousand
CAGR	Compound Annual Growth Rate	m	Million
CH	Switzerland	M&A	Mergers and Acquisitions
CZ	Czech Republic	n/a	Not applicable
DACH	Germany, Austria and Switzerland	p.a.	Per annum
DE	Germany	PL	Poland
DFH	Deutsche Fertighaus Holding	PLN	Polish zloty
DK	Denmark	Prefab	Prefabrication
e.g.	Exempli gratia ('for example')	SK	Slovakia
EnEV	Energieeinsparverordnung (German Energy Saving Ordinance)	TEK	Norwegian building regulations
esp.	Especially	UK	United Kingdom
EU	European Union	vs.	Versus ('against')

# Glossary

## Overview

### Expression

### Meaning

Prefabricated house

Industrially prefabricated houses are manufactured offsite, transported to the construction site and only assembled on-site

### Finishing types

Shell-finished

Shell-finished is a prefabricated housing finishing standard that typically includes the shell construction with plaster and key exterior elements (e.g. windows, exterior doors, roofing and chimney)

Floor-covering

As shell-finished and in addition: heating and electrical wiring

Turnkey

As floor-covering and in addition: Key interior elements, including, among other things, floor coverings, wall coverings, interior door panels and sanitary facilities

### Material types

Solid house

Solid houses are typically constructed on-site with traditional building technologies using different types of materials (i.e. brick, concrete and wood)

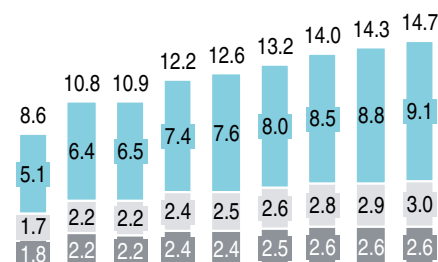
Timber-frame house

Timber-frame houses are typically constructed with structures/elements that are built with a wooden frame

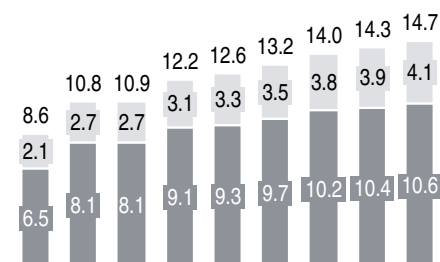
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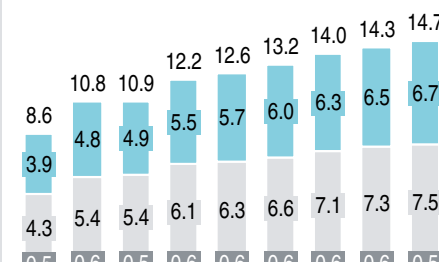
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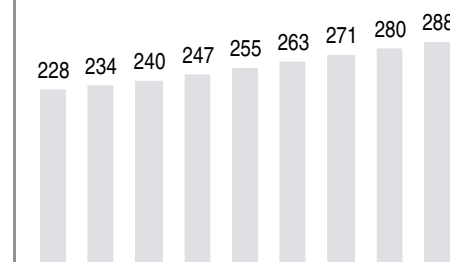
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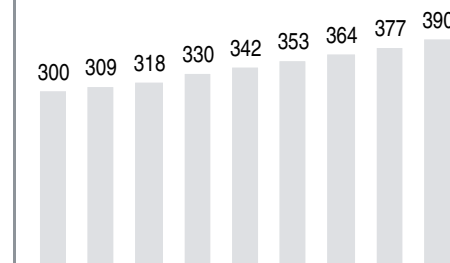
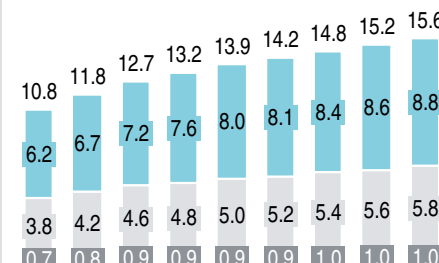
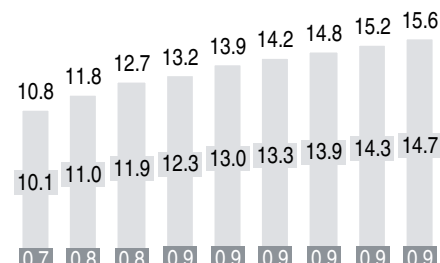
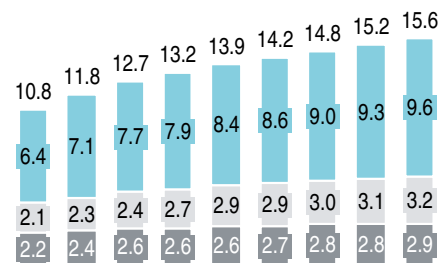
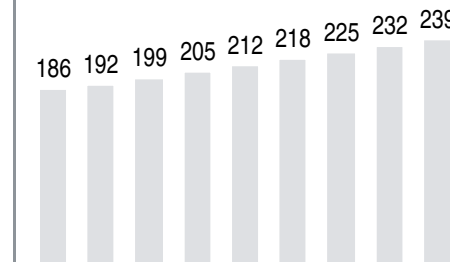
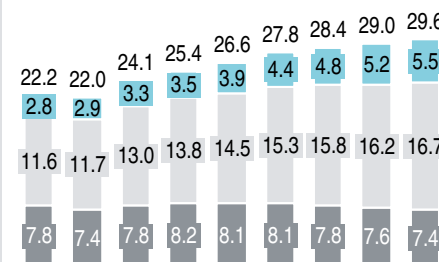
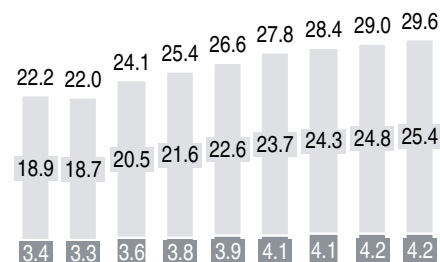
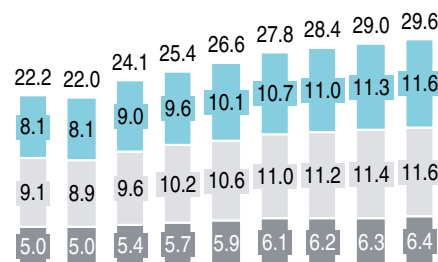
Average prefabricated house price develop., '14-'22 [EUR k]



United Kingdom

Germany

Scandinavia



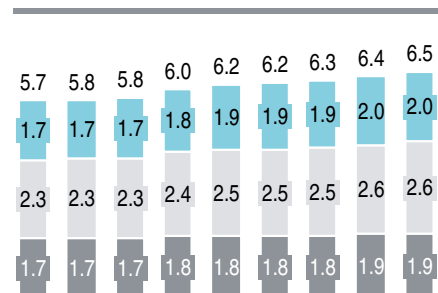
Turnkey Shell-finished  
Floor-covering Timber-frame Other

EUR >250k EUR <150k  
EUR 150-250k

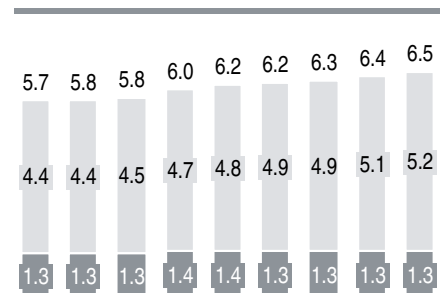
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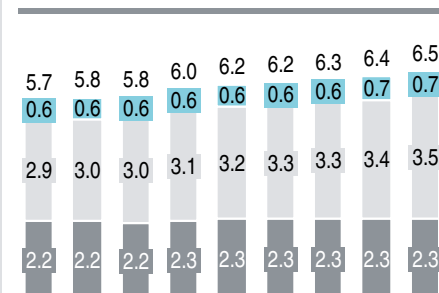
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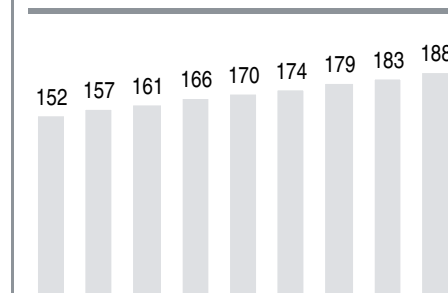
By material type



By price segment



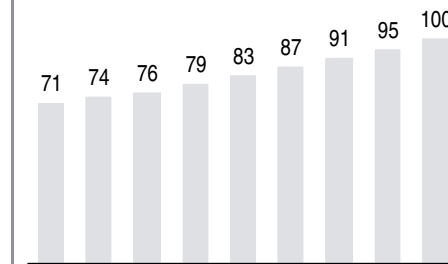
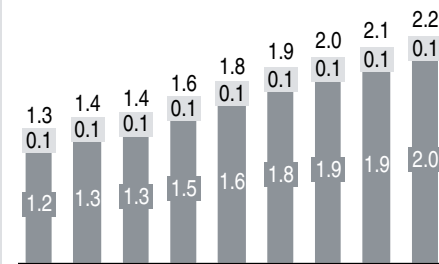
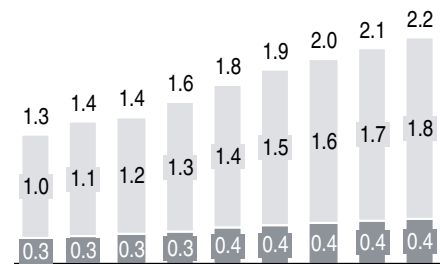
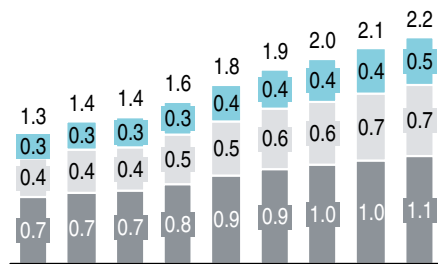
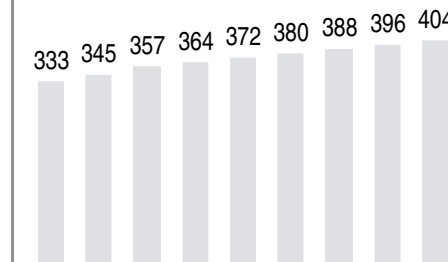
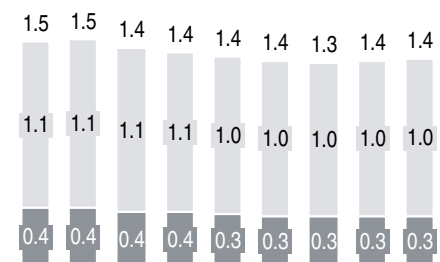
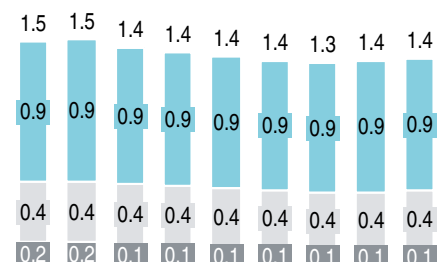
Average prefabricated house price develop., '14-'22 [EUR k]



Austria

Switzerland

Poland



■ Turnkey    ■ Shell-finished  
■ Floor-covering    ■ Timber-frame    ■ Other

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