# Market perspective; A manufacturers' point of view

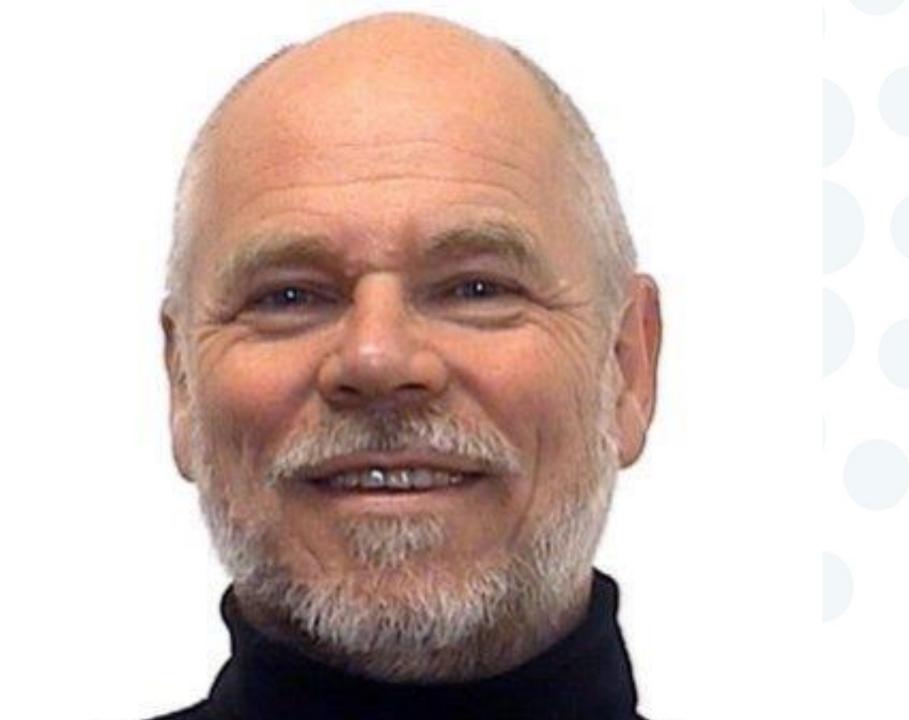
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# Market perspective; A manufacturers' humble and naive point of view









#### Many impressive presentations;

Research

Testing

> Installations and applications

#### ...from very knowledgeable presenters





### <3% of sprinkler market

- Watermist is not the best solution for all applications, but 3%?
- > Are we happy with that?
- > What is the goal?
- > Do we have a goal, or do we need one?



A larger market share is important to be able to fund further innovation, for better fire suppression systems, to save more lives and property.

It's often easier to get from A to B, if you know where B is

Someone smart once said



#### My paws are freezing!

#### Buddy, you think you've got problems!

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SPXD

#### Clip from South Park





#### How does this tie in with watermist?

Getting good advice is important – that is why we are willing to pay for it.

Our market also involves advisors – fire engineers, designers

Are they matching up the right solutions with the need for their clients?





















# The World Champion 5mm/m<sup>2</sup>/minute





Is it good advice?

Access to clean water is hard to come by in many places – and will not be easier

We're soon writing 2016, and the international standards require minimum amounts of water!







# Role of the advisor – the fire engineer, designer

Extremely important role in our market

Educating them will be critical to gain market share

Every manufacturer do

- but subjective role

Credible organization for manufacturers to refer to

- IWMA, independent with professional weight



#### **Statements we often hear**

Yes, watermist sounds like a great solution, and it definitely is the future...

...but for this specific project we'll go with sprinklers

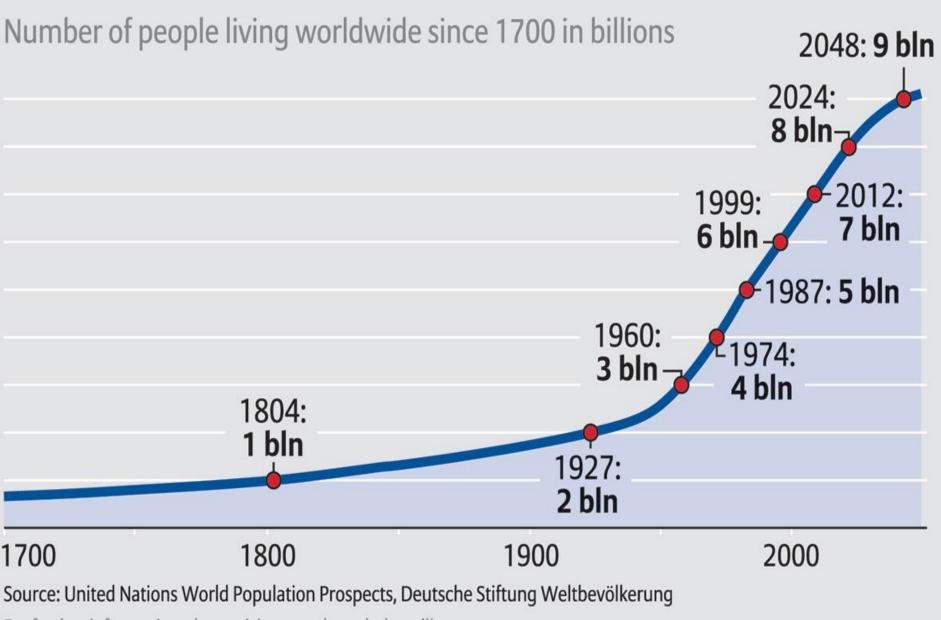




#### Successful Directions



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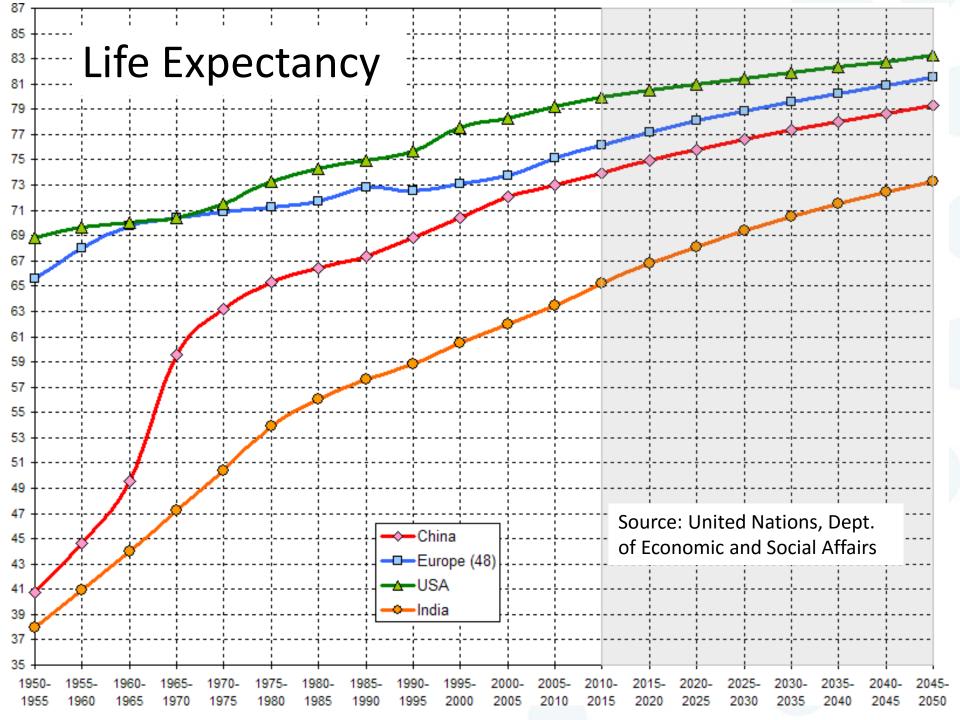
#### Expanding global middle class















6 global trends that will benefit the watermist market tremendously if...

...we dare to communicate that we want a piece of this growth

...we level the playing field





# Demystify the mist

### KEEP T SIMPLE STUPID





Proven and documented Less water Smaller dimensions Higher quality Competitive price References



#### International water mist standard

- ✓ EN 14972
- ✓ Inter Nordic Standard, Residential 23 months
- IWMA's phase 2 of the Ordinary Hazard- Project for watermist systems
- Advantages of watermist clearly and objectively communicated
  - ✓ By the IWMA today We have the experts, the research and the testing. References.

## Imagine the conversation between buyer and sprinkler co after standards are in place;

- B: So the watermist system is proven as effective?SC: Eh, yeah...
- B: But the sprinkler system requires more water?SC: Yes, usually...
- B: Larger pipe dimensions then?SC: Yes, because...
- B: Of lesser quality?

SC: Well, we don't need corrosion free...



B: So if the system should operate, potentially more water damage, longer stoppage time?
SC: Well...

B: And the systems cost about the same?SC: Appearantly

B: So remind me why we should choose sprinkler?SC: 140 years of experience



### Do we believe him?



### Absolutely!

I believe he is right, and the text is very simple

A lot of great work has been done...

Some hard work remains...

...but I am certain the watermist business will be a good place to be over the coming decades!



### Thank you for listening!

... to this humble and naive perspective

