# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Chairman

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CEO

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains statements that are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements give the Company's current expectations or forecasts of future events. An investor can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts.

These forward-looking statements may include, among other things, plans, objectives, beliefs, intentions, strategies, projections and anticipated future economic performance based on assumptions and the like that are subject to risks and uncertainties. These statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They use words such as 'aim', 'anticipate', 'believe', 'estimate', 'expect', 'forecast', 'guidance', 'intend', 'may', 'will', 'should', 'potential', 'possible', 'predict', 'project', 'plan' 'target', and other words and similar references to future periods but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. As such, all forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances that are beyond the control of the Company. Actual results or outcomes may differ materially from those discussed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Therefore, you should not rely on such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made, as a prediction of actual results or otherwise. Important factors which may cause actual results to differ include but are not

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Other than in accordance with its legal or regulatory obligations (including under the Market Abuse Regulation, the UK Listing Rules and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority), the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the Group speak only as of the date they are made and are based upon the knowledge and information available to the Directors on the date of this document.

### WINNING WORK AND RECOGNITION













**CREATIVE** 











**MEDIA** 





#### PR AND SPECIALIST AGENCIES











# INVESTING IN DATA & TECHNOLOGY

**INVESTMENT** stripe **Partnerships** BICCOMMERCE \*instacart corebiz. argeted NEWCRAFT

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\$2BN Billings in 2022

#### **BROAD CAPABILITIES**



**650**Microsoft certifications



1,800
Salesforce certifications



7,060
TikTok
Academy
accreditations

**∞** Meta

2,900
Meta Blueprint certifications



3,300
Adobe certified professionals

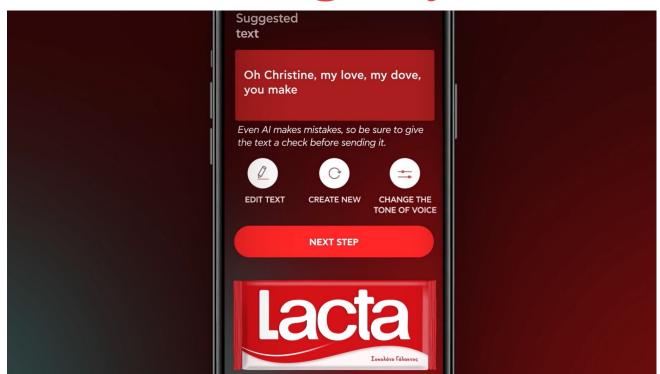




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Senior executives
Al diploma

# HOW WE SEE THE OPPORTUNITY IN AI

# Ogilvy













#### \*WUNDERMAN THOMPSON





## INVESTING IN OUR PURPOSE

#### **PEOPLE**

54% women in senior management (2021: 52%)

in FTSE 100 Women Leaders
Review (2021: #9)

72k+ staff completed the All In staff survey

#### **PLANET**

**-28%** absolute reduction in tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e (Scope 1 and 2) year-on-year and 71% since our 2019 baseline

83% of electricity sourced from renewable sources (2021: 74%)

\$10bn global advertising investment represented by GroupM client coalition committed to media decarbonisation

#### **COMMUNITIES**

>\$16m committed to inclusion programmes since 2020

>\$35m total social contribution including cash donations, pro bono work, in-kind contributions and free media space

# 2022 & Q1 2023 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

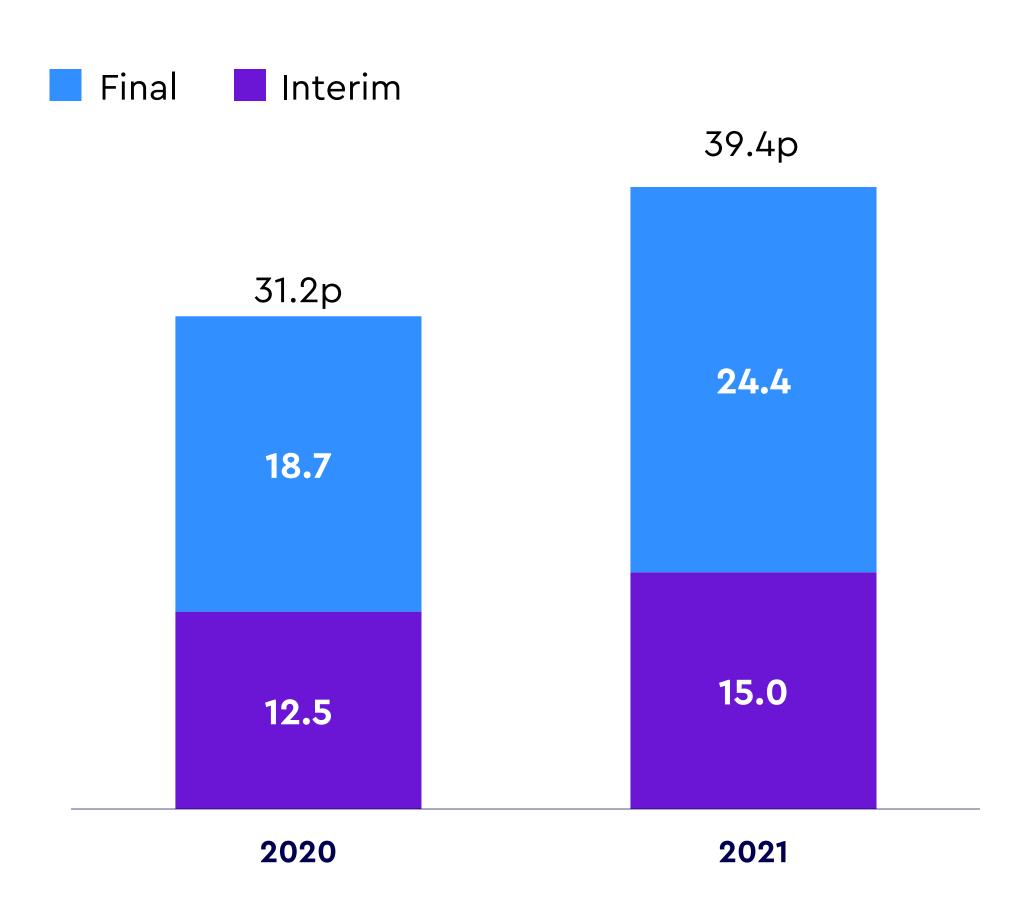
- 2022 like-for-like revenue less pass-through costs growth +6.9% (Q4 +6.4%)
- Broad-based performance: all major agencies grew in 2022 GIA +6.9%, PR +8.2%, Specialist Agencies +5.6%, with good growth across most major markets
- Winning performance: total net new business of \$5.9bn in 2022
- Enhanced client offer: continued organic technology investment; £237m for acquisitions in strategic areas; further simplification
- Transformation savings ahead of plan with £375m of annual cost savings compared with 2019 base year. On track
  to deliver expected £600m of savings by 2025
- 2023 guidance: LFL revenue less pass-through costs growth 3-5%; headline operating margin of around 15%
- Q1 2023 in line with expectations with 2.9% like-for-like revenue less pass-through costs growth and \$1.5bn in new business

1. Excluding the impact of FX

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### INCREASED CASH RETURN

# DIVIDENDS PER SHARE (P)



- Over £1.1 billion of total cash returns to shareholders: dividends £365m, share buybacks £807m
- Final dividend of 18.7p proposed (+33.6% year-on-year)
- Full year dividend of 31.2p (+30% year-on-year)
- Intention to grow the dividend annually with a payout ratio
   of around 40% of headline earnings per share

### SUMMARY

- 2022: a continued strong and broad-based performance
- Q1 saw a positive start to the year, in line with our expectations
- We are well placed, in an environment of increasing complexity, as a trusted partner, with a modern, future-facing offer
- Outlook for continued growth and margin expansion in 2023