



# INTERIM RESULTS

7 August 2024

# 2024

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# AGGENDA

- H1 2024 HIGHLIGHTS
- FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
- STRATEGIC PROGRESS
- Q&A

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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# HIGHLIGHTS: PERFORMANCE

- **H1 like-for-like net sales<sup>1</sup>** -1.0% reflects:
  - growth in GroupM, Ogilvy and Hogarth
  - known impact of 2023 client losses
  - macro pressure on project-related businesses and challenges in China
- **Sequential improvement** in Q2 LFL net sales -0.5% (Q1: -1.6%) led by:
  - VML, Hogarth, Burson and Specialist Agencies
  - technology client spending -1.0% (Q1: -9.0%)
  - US +2.6% (Q1: -5.4%)
- **New client assignments** include AstraZeneca, Colgate-Palmolive, J&J and Government of Canada. Q2 net new billings \$0.9bn (Q2 '23: \$0.5bn)
- **H1 margin** 11.5% (up +0.1% LFL) from structural savings and cost discipline

# HIGHLIGHTS: STRATEGIC PROGRESS

## Investment in AI and WPP Open



## Key strategic initiatives

**Burson**

**group***m*

**X VML**

## Success at Cannes Lions



# HIGHLIGHTS: SALE OF FGS GLOBAL

## STRATEGIC RATIONALE

- Accelerates value creation from FGS Global<sup>1</sup>
- Reduces debt and strengthens WPP's balance sheet
- Focuses on our core creative transformation offer

## TRANSACTION HIGHLIGHTS

- c.50% stake acquired by KKR values FGS Global at c.\$1.7bn, reflecting significant value accretion to WPP shareholders since 2020
- Total cash proceeds to WPP c.£604m after tax<sup>2</sup>
- Completion expected in Q4 2024
- No impact on 2024 or medium-term guidance. Broadly earnings neutral in 2025



1. FGS Global was created in December 2021 from the merger of Finsbury Glover Hering with Sard Verbinnen, a transaction that built on the January 2021 merger of Finsbury, Glover Park Group and Hering Schuppener  
2. Comprising £557m consideration (after tax) for WPP's c.50% stake as well as a net £47m inflow for the repayment of a loan from WPP to FGS, less FGS's cash on balance sheet. Payable on completion, expected in Q4 2024.

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# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

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# REVENUE LESS PASS-THROUGH COSTS GROWTH

H1 2024

**-3.6%**

Reported growth  
(+5.5% in H1 '23)

**-2.9pt**

FX contribution to  
reported growth

**+0.3pt**

M&A contribution to  
reported growth

**-1.0%**

Like-for-like growth  
(+2.0% in H1 '23)

# UNAUDITED HEADLINE<sup>1</sup> IFRS INCOME STATEMENT

HALF YEAR TO 30 JUNE	2024 £M	2023 £M	Δ REPORTED	Δ LFL <sup>2</sup>
Revenue	7,227	7,221	0.1%	2.6%
Revenue less pass-through costs	5,599	5,811	(3.6)%	(1.0)%
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>(3.0)%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Operating profit margin<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>0.0pt</b>	<b>0.1pt</b>
Income from associates	15	8	87.5%	
<b>PBIT</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>(1.9)%</b>	
Net finance costs	(136)	(128)	(6.3)%	
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>(3.8)%</b>	
Tax at 28.0% (2023: 27.0%)	(146)	(148)	1.4%	
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>(4.8)%</b>	
Non-controlling interests	(41)	(37)	(10.8)%	
<b>Profit attributable to shareholders</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>(6.4)%</b>	
<b>Headline diluted EPS</b>	<b>30.9p</b>	<b>33.1p</b>	<b>(6.6)%</b>	
<b>Dividends per share</b>	<b>15.0p</b>	<b>15.0p</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
EBITDA (including depreciation of right-of-use assets)	756	767	(1.4)%	

- LFL decline in revenue less pass-through costs of 1.0%
- **Foreign exchange** headwind of 2.9pt on revenue less pass-through costs growth, **M&A** impact +0.3pt
- **Operating profit** increased by 0.5% LFL; reported margin 11.5%, up 0.1pt on a LFL basis
- **Associate income** excludes Kantar due to nil carrying value (IAS 28)
- **Net finance costs** higher due to refinancing bonds at higher rates
- **Headline tax rate** up by 1.0pt, as expected, due to rising rates, profit mix and changes to tax bases in some markets
- **Dividend per share** in line with policy

<sup>1</sup> Figures before gains/losses on disposal of investments and subsidiaries, investment and other impairment charges, goodwill impairment, amortisation and impairment of acquired intangible assets, restructuring and transformation costs, property related restructuring costs, litigation settlement, and gains/losses on remeasurement of equity interests arising from a change in scope of ownership

<sup>2</sup> Like-for-like. LFL comparisons are calculated as follows: current year, constant currency actual results (which include acquisitions from the relevant date of completion) are compared with prior year, constant currency actual results, adjusted to include the results of acquisitions and disposals for the commensurate period in the prior year

<sup>3</sup> Operating margin as % of revenue less pass-through costs

# RECONCILIATION OF HEADLINE OPERATING PROFIT TO REPORTED OPERATING PROFIT

	2024	2023	Δ
HALF YEAR TO 30 JUNE	£M	£M	£M
<b>Headline operating profit</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>(20)</b>
Goodwill impairment	-	(53)	53
Amortisation and impairment of acquired intangibles	(57)	(36)	(21)
Impairment of investments in associates	(23)	(11)	(12)
Restructuring and transformation costs	(131)	(87)	(44)
Property-related restructuring costs	(22)	(180)	158
Other	10	7	3
<b>Non-headline items</b>	<b>(223)</b>	<b>(360)</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Reported operating profit</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>117</b>

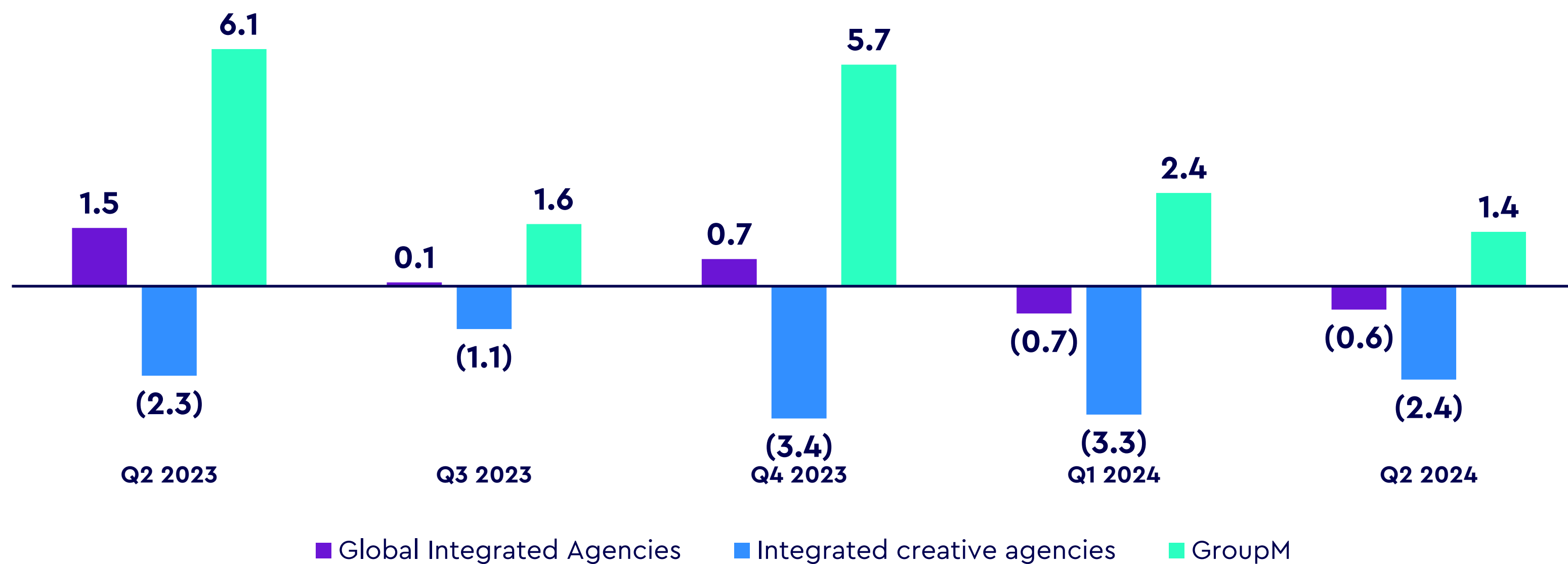
- **Amortisation and impairment of acquired intangibles** includes an accelerated amortisation charge for certain brands that no longer have an indefinite useful life following the creation of Burson
- **Restructuring costs** includes £72m from the creation of VML and Burson and simplification of GroupM; the ERP programme (£27m); and IT transformation (£20m)<sup>1</sup>
- **Property related restructuring costs** relate to ongoing costs related to the 2023 property review of NYC and other global properties
- **Total restructuring and transformation costs of £153m** of which **cash costs** were £147m

<sup>1</sup> For further detail on restructuring costs see Appendix

# GLOBAL INTEGRATED AGENCIES

£M	H1 2024	Δ REPORTED	Δ VS 23 LFL
Revenue less pass-through costs	4,595	(3.5)%	(0.7)%
Headline operating profit	551	0.2%	
Headline operating margin	12.0%	0.4pt	

## LFL REVENUE LESS PASS-THROUGH COSTS GROWTH (%)



### GIA - Media (GroupM) LFL

H1 +1.9%, Q2 +1.4%

- **GroupM:** continued adverse impact of recent client assignment losses. US back to growth in Q2, China remains challenging.

### GIA - Integrated Creative LFL

H1 -2.8%, Q2 -2.4%

- **AKQA:** ongoing effect of delays in clients' project-related spend in H1
- **Hogarth:** benefitting from demand for AI-driven personalised and addressable content, with strong growth from CPG and auto clients
- **Ogilvy:** growth in H1 due to recent new business wins, CPG and TMT client spending
- **VML:** continued adverse impact of Pfizer 2023 assignment loss. Sequential improvement in Q2 due to recent client wins and stabilisation of tech client spending

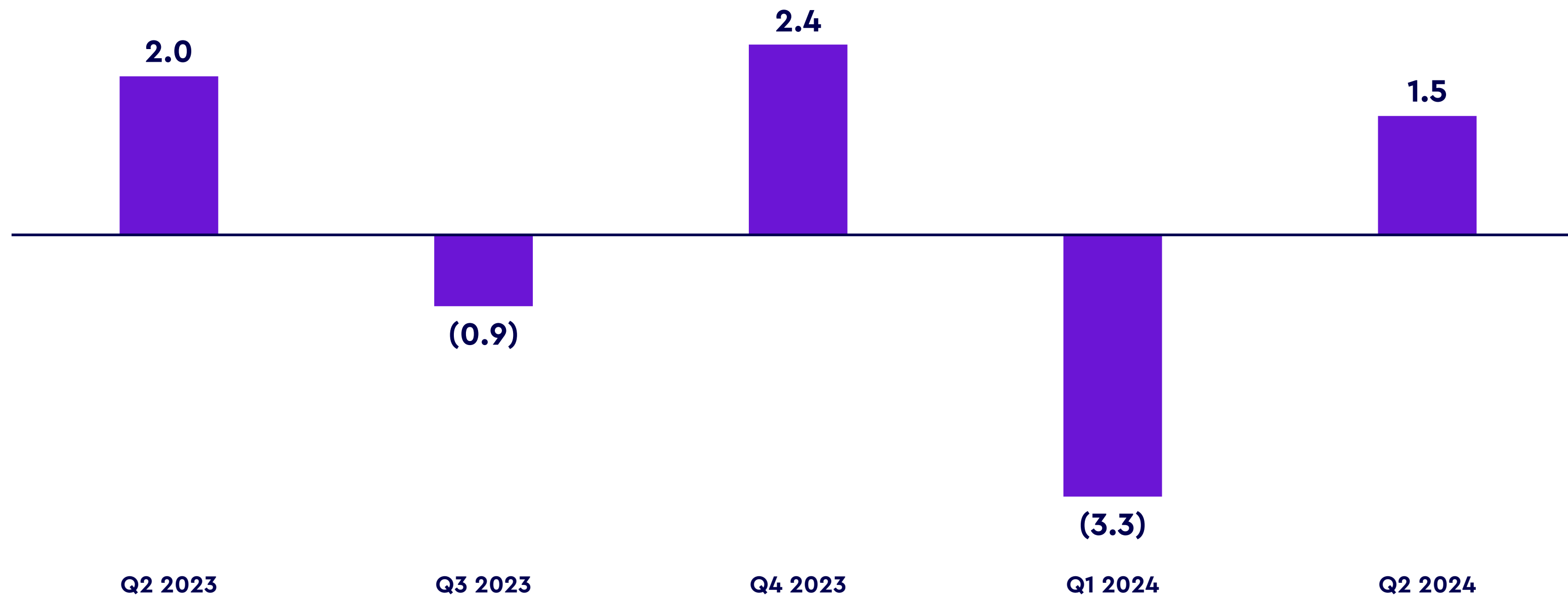
**GIA - Margin:** cost initiatives broadly offset topline pressure

**82%** of WPP  
in H1 '24  
(Creative 43%, GroupM 39%)

# PUBLIC RELATIONS

£M	H1 2024	Δ REPORTED	Δ VS 23 LFL
Revenue less pass-through costs	568	(2.7)%	(0.9)%
Headline operating profit	80	(9.1)%	
Headline operating margin	14.1%	(1.0)pt	

## LFL REVENUE LESS PASS-THROUGH COSTS (%)



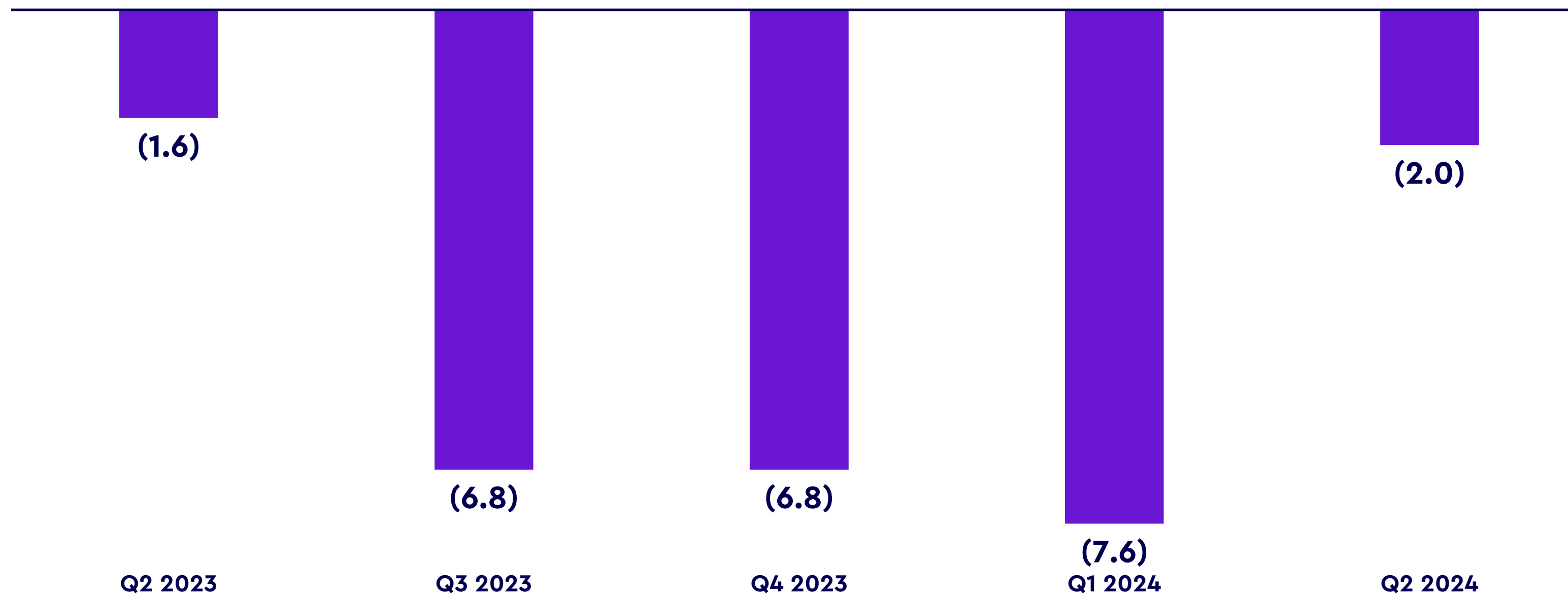
- Sequential improvement in Q2 driven by double-digit growth at **FGS Global**, our financial advisory and communications firm
- **Burson**: continued negative impact from Pfizer 2023 assignment loss and lower client spending due to macroeconomic and political uncertainty
- **Margin**: impacted by revenue pressure

**10%** of WPP in H1 '24

# SPECIALIST AGENCIES

£M	H1 2024	Δ REPORTED	Δ VS 23 LFL
Revenue less pass-through costs	436	(6.6)%	(4.7)%
Headline operating profit	15	(46.4)%	
Headline operating margin	3.4%	(2.6)pt	

## LFL REVENUE LESS PASS-THROUGH COSTS GROWTH (%)

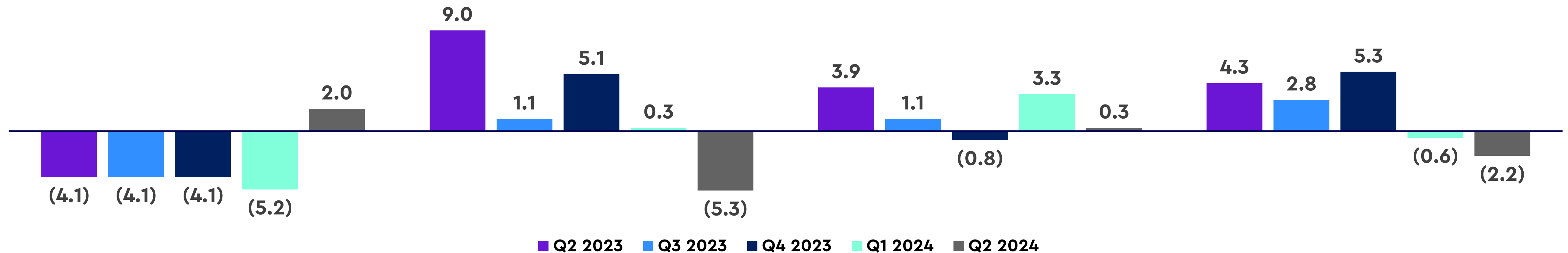


- Sequential improvement in growth driven by **CMI Media Group**, our specialist healthcare unit, which returned to double-digit growth in Q2
- **Landor** and **Design Bridge and Partners**, our branding agencies, and smaller specialist agencies continue to be adversely affected by clients delaying projects amid macro uncertainty
- **Margin** impacted by the revenue decline in our branding agencies

**8%** of WPP in H1 '24

# PERFORMANCE BY REGION

## LFL REVENUE LESS PASS-THROUGH COSTS GROWTH (%)



### N. America

#### 39% OF WPP<sup>1</sup>

- **US:** H1 -1.4% reflects lower YoY spend by tech clients, which stabilised, as expected in Q2, and 2023 client losses in retail and healthcare
- Sequential improvement in the US in Q2, +2.6% vs Q1 -5.4%, driven by GroupM, as tech client spend stabilised against easier comps
- CPG, telecoms and automotive sectors continue to grow

### UK

#### 14% OF WPP<sup>1</sup>

- H1 -2.6%, reflects a decline in Q2 driven by a tough comparison and macro weakness impacting project-based business
- Weakness in technology, retail and health sectors, partly offset by growth in travel & leisure

### W. Continental Europe

#### 21% OF WPP<sup>1</sup>

- H1 +1.7%; continued growth, led by **Spain +15.7%**, reflecting CPG and new clients wins
- **Germany -4.8%** lapping a strong Q2 in prior year, exacerbated by macroeconomic pressures

### RoW

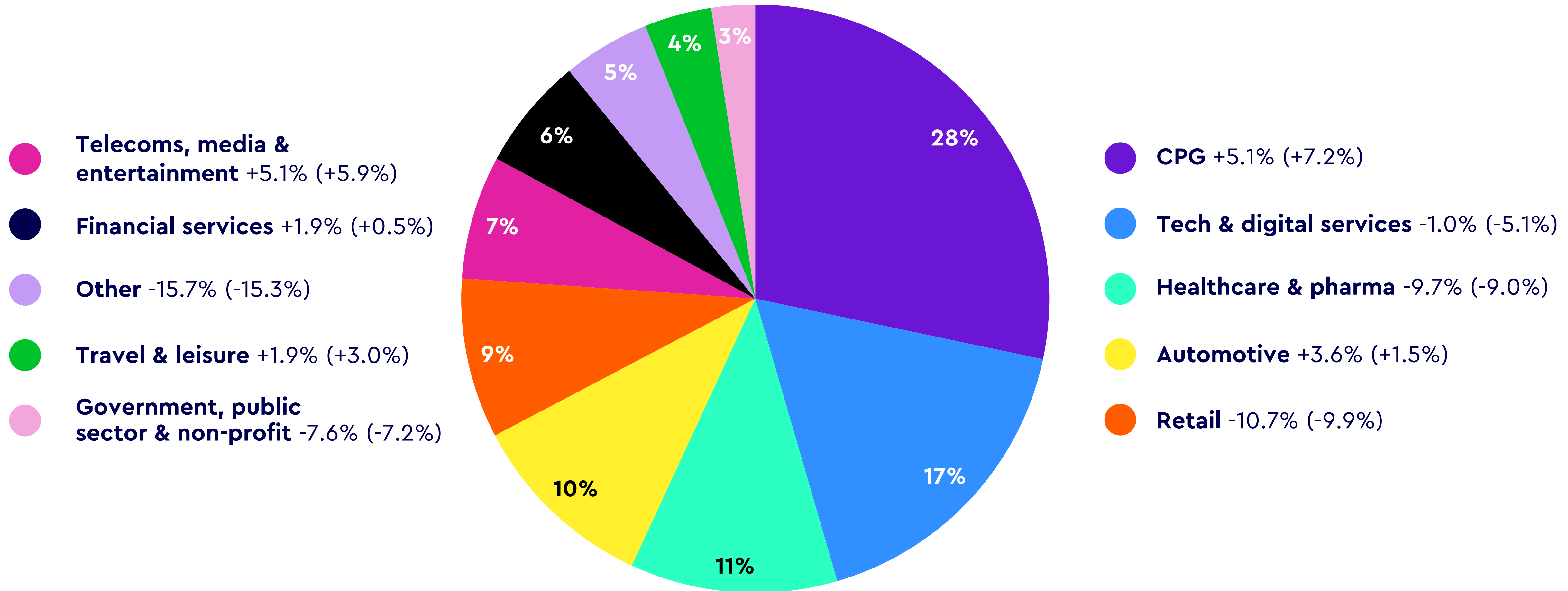
#### 26% OF WPP<sup>1</sup>

- **Asia Pacific: H1 -4.4%:**
  - **China -20.3%** due to client assignment losses and persistent macroeconomic pressures
  - **India: +8.1%** continued momentum in new business, media and CPG
- Continued growth in **Middle East & Africa (+5.5%), Latin America (+2.6%), and Central & Eastern Europe (+1.7%)**

<sup>1</sup> Proportion of revenue less pass-through costs in H1 2024

# CLIENT SECTOR MIX<sup>1</sup>

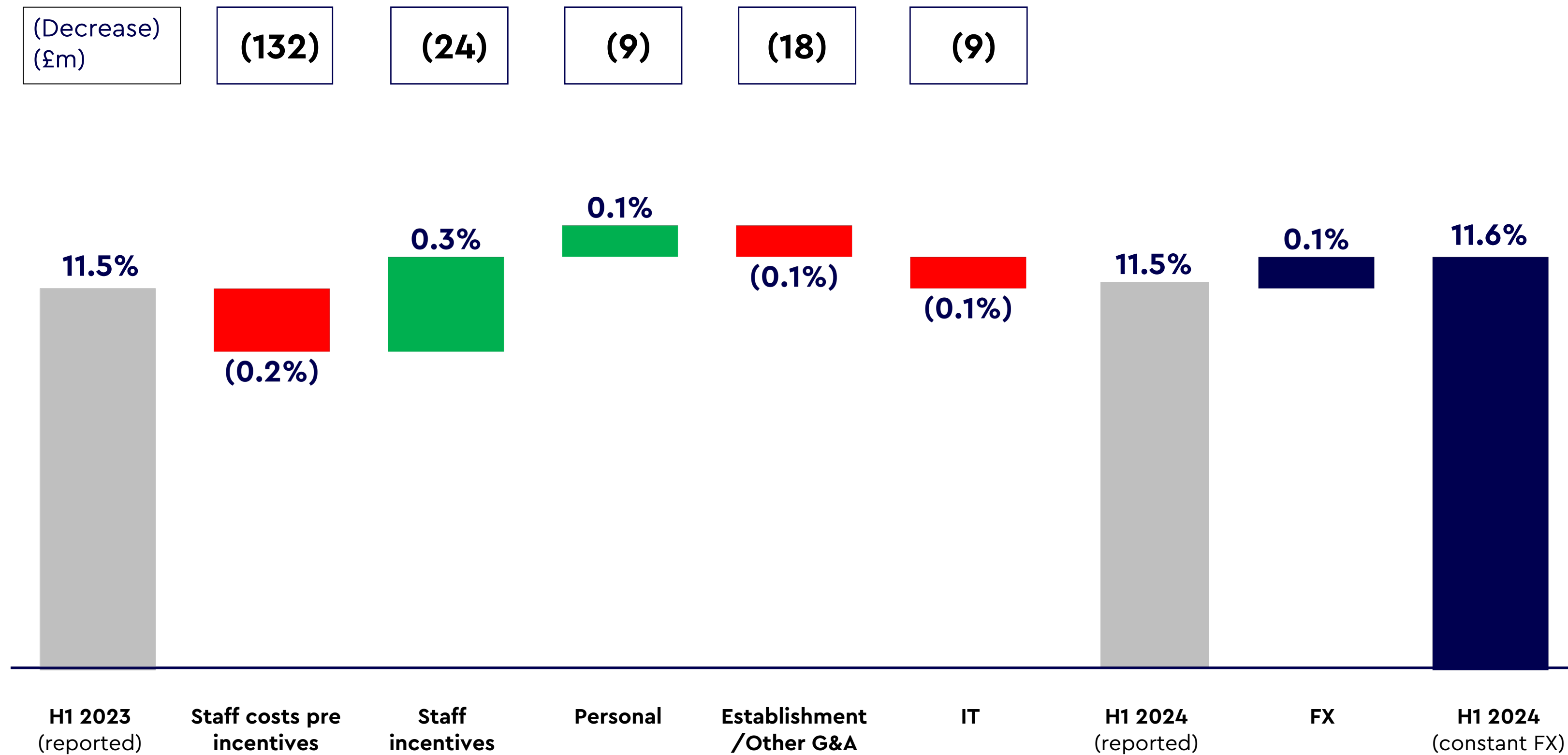
## LFL REVENUE LESS PASS-THROUGH COSTS Q2 '24 (H1 '24)



<sup>1</sup> Chart shows the proportion of WPP revenue less pass-through costs in H1 '24; chart consists of clients representing 78% of WPP total revenue less pass-through costs



# CHANGE IN OPERATING MARGIN YEAR-ON-YEAR



- **Margin:** stable YoY as cost reductions across all key areas offset revenue pressure
- **Staff costs pre incentives:** £132m reduction YoY as lower permanent headcount and freelancers more than offset salary inflation
- **Staff incentives:** YoY decline due to phasing relating to the weighting of business performance through the year against annual incentive targets
- **Personal expenses:** savings in travel and entertainment
- **IT:** investment in enterprise tech and infrastructure, WPP Open, Data and AI

# LEVERS TO UNLOCK MORE PROFITABLE GROWTH

## STRUCTURAL SAVINGS & SIMPLIFICATION

**Burson**

**VML**

**group<sup>m</sup>**



### TARGET:

- c.£125m annualised net savings by 2025 (c. 40-50% expected to be realised in 2024), with c.£125m restructuring costs (to be incurred in 2024)



### PROGRESS:

- Net savings on track to achieve **>50%** of targeted 2025 savings in 2024; ahead of plan
- **£72m** of restructuring costs in H1 '24 in line with plan
- **VML** and **Burson** integration and cost actions on track
- **GroupM** simplification on track: progress on both the structural cost actions and our global media platform, Media Studio; and new leadership

# NET DEBT MOVEMENT

## HALF YEAR TO 30 JUNE

	2024 £M	2023 £M
<b>Adjusted net debt as at December</b>	<b>(2,504)</b>	<b>(2,479)</b>
Headline EBITDA less associates	851	888
Rent (repayment of lease liabilities and related interest)	(187)	(184)
Non-cash compensation	56	76
Non-headline costs (including cash restructuring)	(144)	(114)
Capex	(107)	(104)
Working Capital	(1,056)	(1,044)
<b>Adjusted operating cash flow</b>	<b>(587)</b>	<b>(482)</b>
Dividends to minorities/from associates and M&A earnouts	(41)	(54)
Net interest	(49)	(48)
Tax	(168)	(171)
<b>Adjusted free cash flow</b>	<b>(845)</b>	<b>(755)</b>
Net M&A and disposals <sup>1</sup>	4	(189)
Other <sup>2</sup>	(26)	(45)
<b>Adjusted net debt as at June</b>	<b>(3,371)</b>	<b>(3,468)</b>

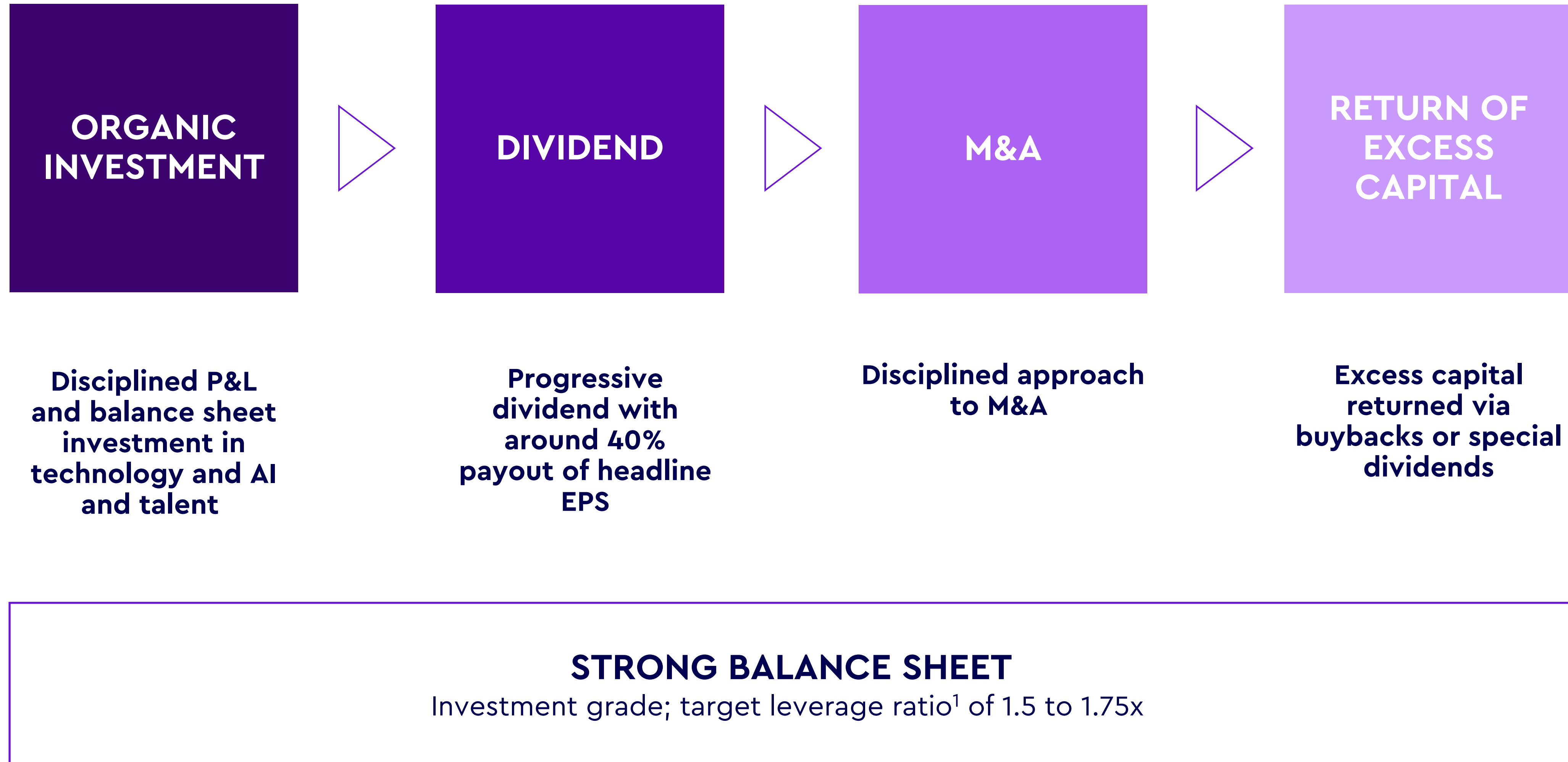
- **Net debt** reduced £0.1bn to £3.4bn over LTM<sup>3</sup>
- **Non-cash compensation** movement in line with lower incentives
- **Cash restructuring** costs in line with FY 2024 target
- **Capex** for campuses, AI, data and IT enterprise tech
- **Working capital** reflects usual seasonal movements; continue to expect broadly flat YoY in FY 2024
- **Acquisitions** at lower than typical levels
- **Adjusted average net debt to Headline EBITDA for LTM** 1.84x at June 2024

<sup>1</sup> M&A excluding earnout payments

<sup>2</sup> Includes share buybacks and share purchases for ESOP and FX

<sup>3</sup> Last twelve months

# DISCIPLINED CAPITAL ALLOCATION



<sup>1</sup> Average adjusted net debt/Headline EBITDA (including depreciation of right-of-use assets)

## LFL revenue less pass-through costs growth of -1% to 0% Headline operating margin improvement of 20-40bps at constant currency

### OTHER FY 2024 FINANCIAL INDICATIONS:

- Mergers and acquisitions: to add <0.5% to revenue less pass-through costs growth (previously 0.5-1.0%)
- FX impact: current rates (at 2 Aug 2024) imply a c.2.8% drag on FY 2024 revenues less pass-through costs, with a 0.1pt drag expected on FY 2024 headline operating margin
- Headline income from associates and non-controlling interests at similar levels to 2023<sup>1</sup>
- Net finance cost of around £295m
- Effective tax rate of around 28%<sup>2</sup>
- Capex of around £260m
- Cash restructuring costs of around £285m
- Working capital expected to be broadly flat year-on-year

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with IAS 28: Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures once an investment in an associate reaches zero carrying value, the Group does not recognise any further losses, nor income, until the cumulative share of income returns the carrying value to above zero. WPP's cumulative reported share of losses in Kantar reduced the carrying value of the investment to zero at the end of December 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Measured as headline tax as a % of headline profit before tax

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# STRATEGIC PROGRESS

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# INNOVATING TO LEAD, TODAY AND TOMORROW

1



LEAD THROUGH AI, DATA & TECHNOLOGY

2



ACCELERATE GROWTH THROUGH THE POWER OF CREATIVE TRANSFORMATION

3



BUILD WORLD-CLASS, MARKET-LEADING BRANDS

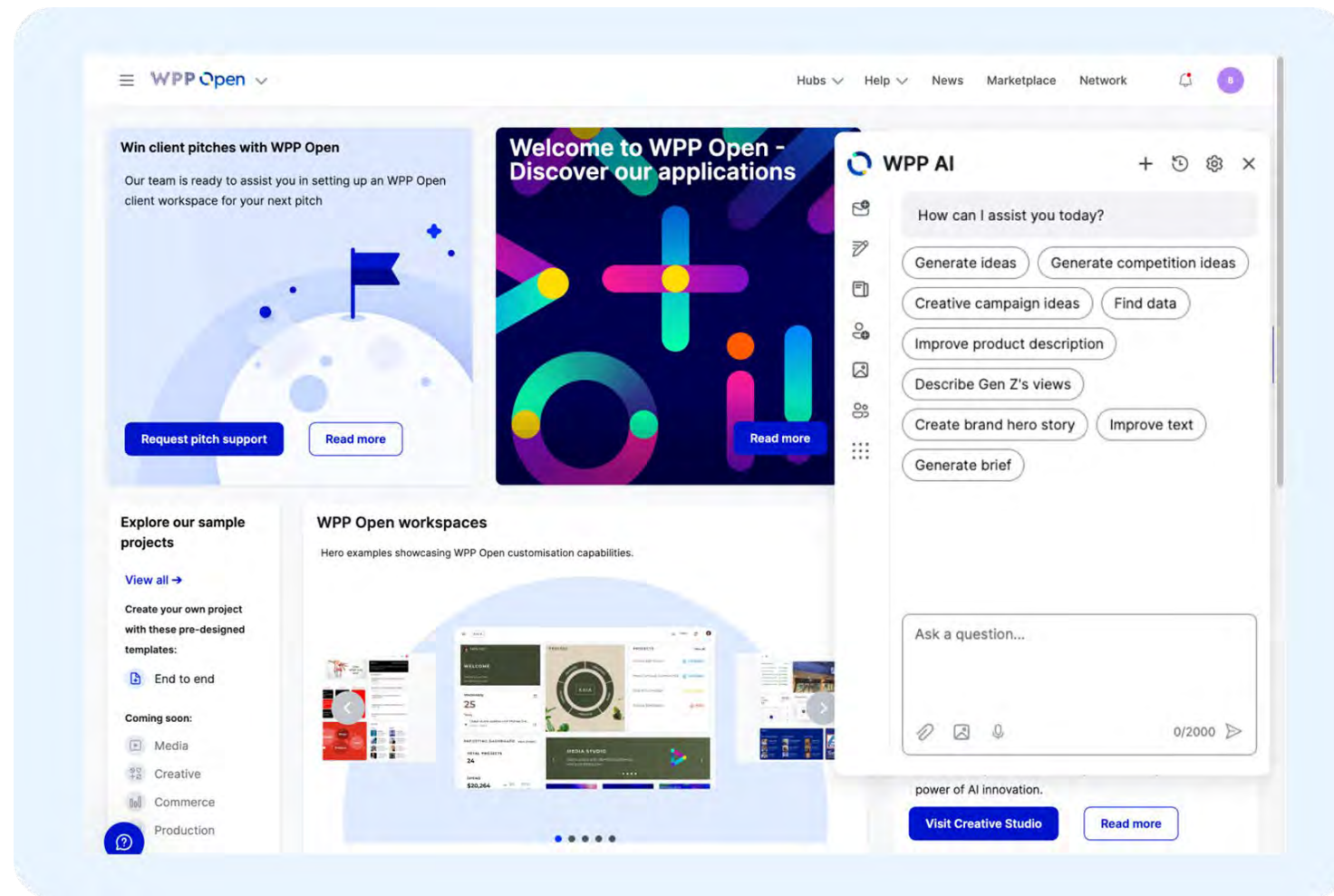
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EXECUTE EFFICIENTLY TO DRIVE FINANCIAL RETURNS THROUGH MARGIN AND CASH

# 1 SIGNIFICANT AI ADOPTION ACROSS WPP

## HOW WE WORK



## HOW WE PRODUCE WORK



## HOW CONSUMERS EXPERIENCE WORK

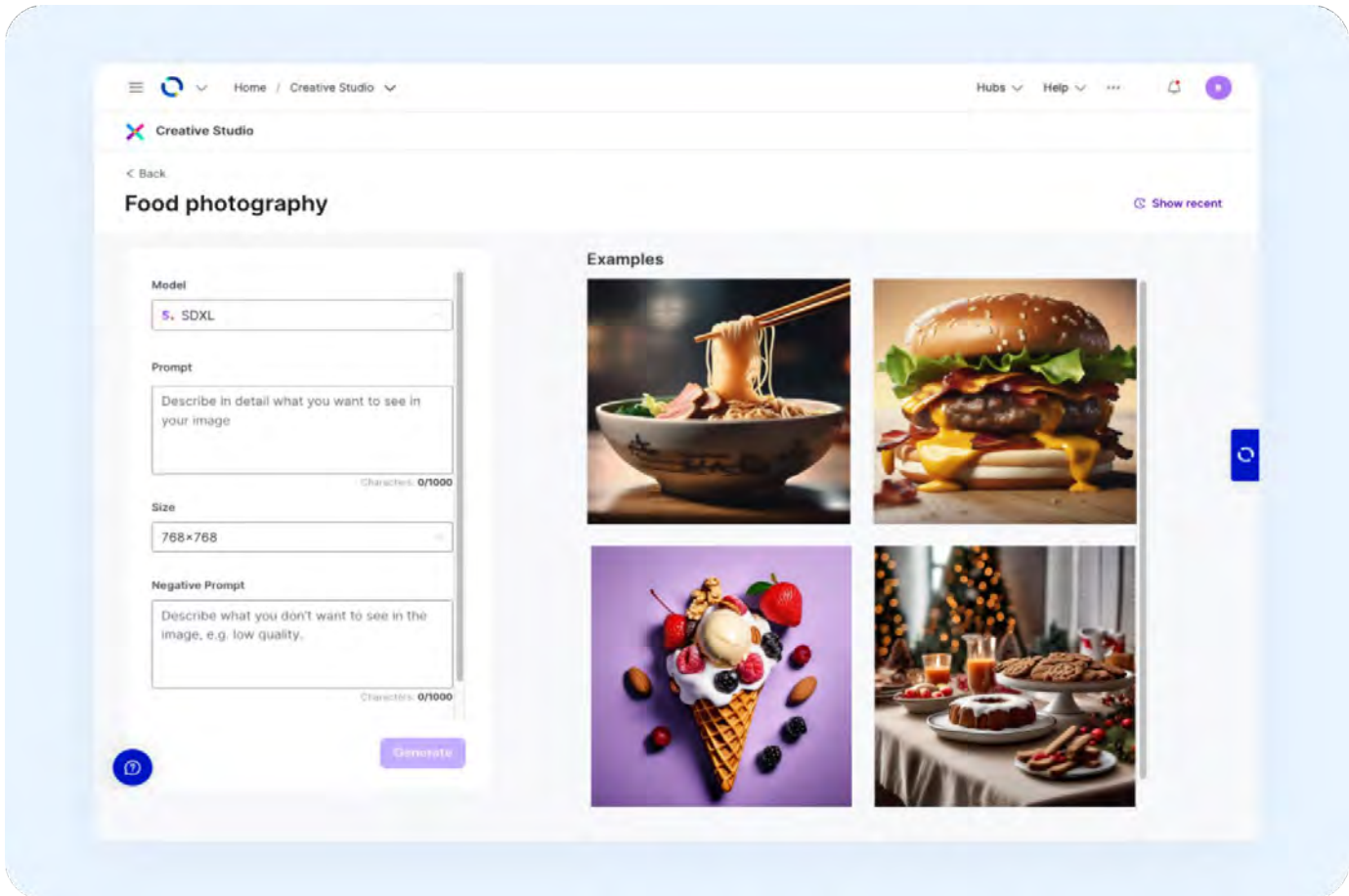




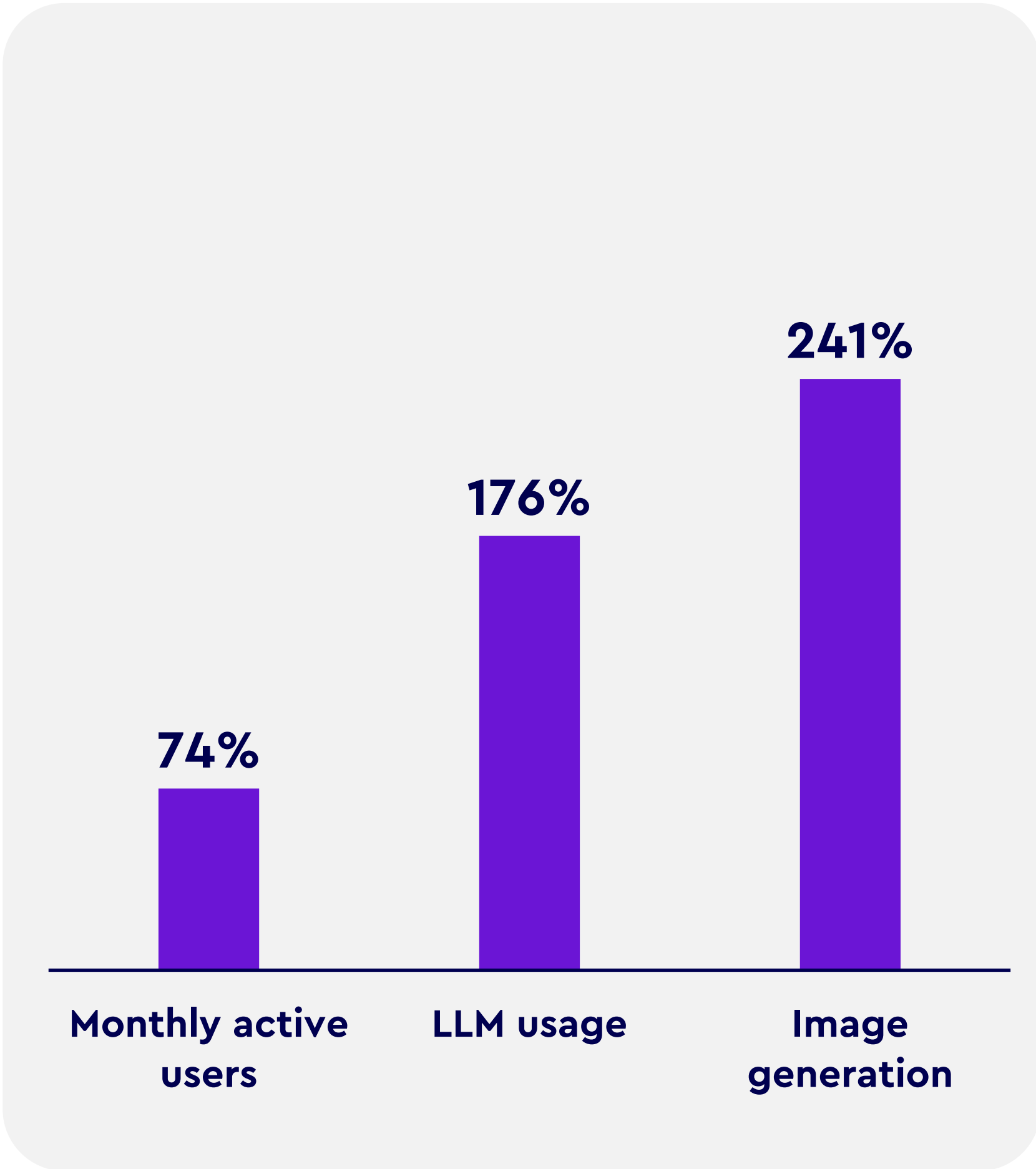
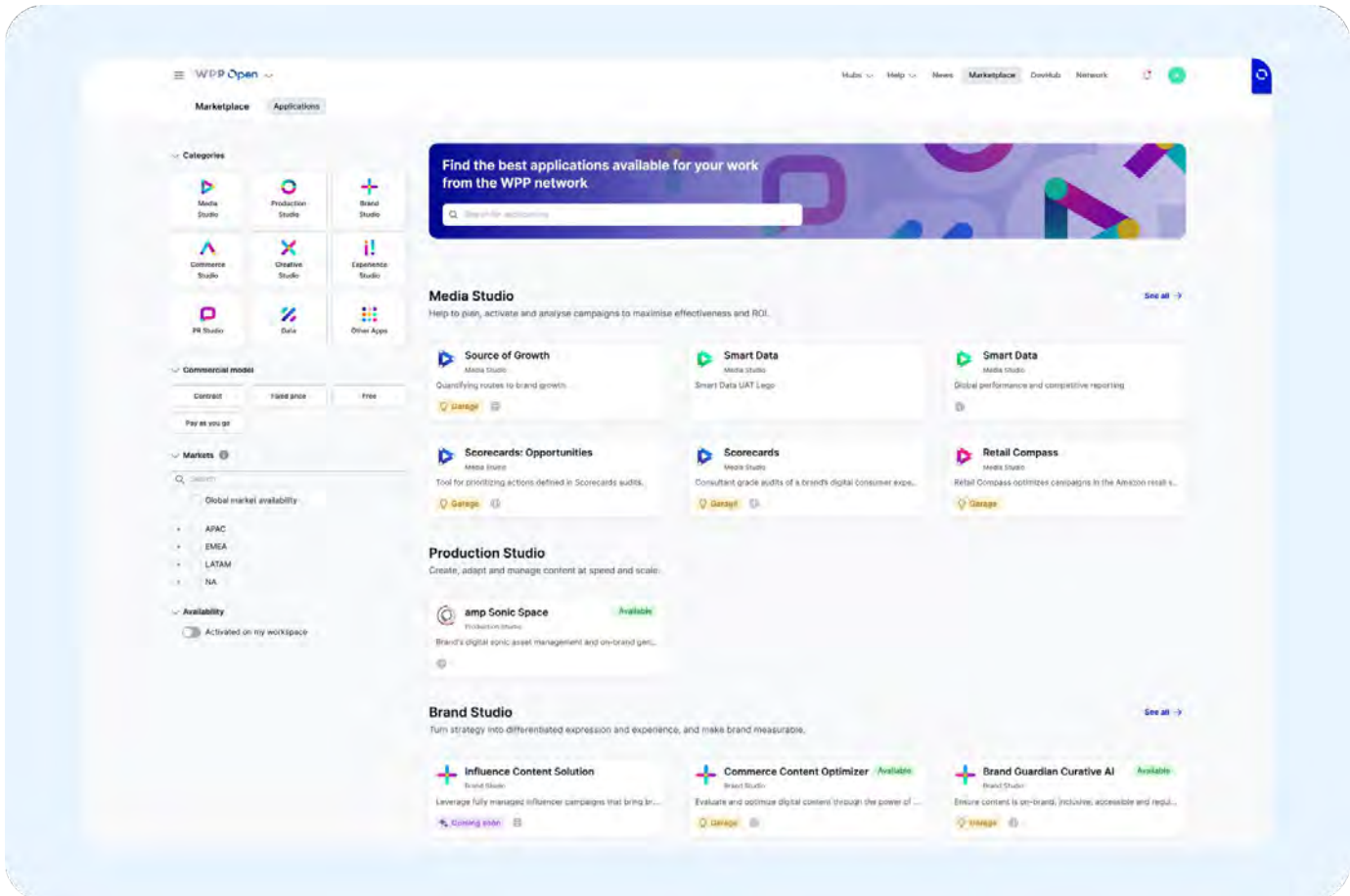
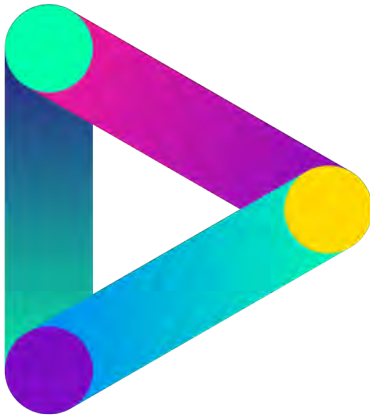


## JANUARY - JULY 2024 GROWTH (%)

### CREATIVE STUDIO



### MEDIA STUDIO



## MULTIPLE LLM PARTNERS



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## ACTIVE CLIENTS



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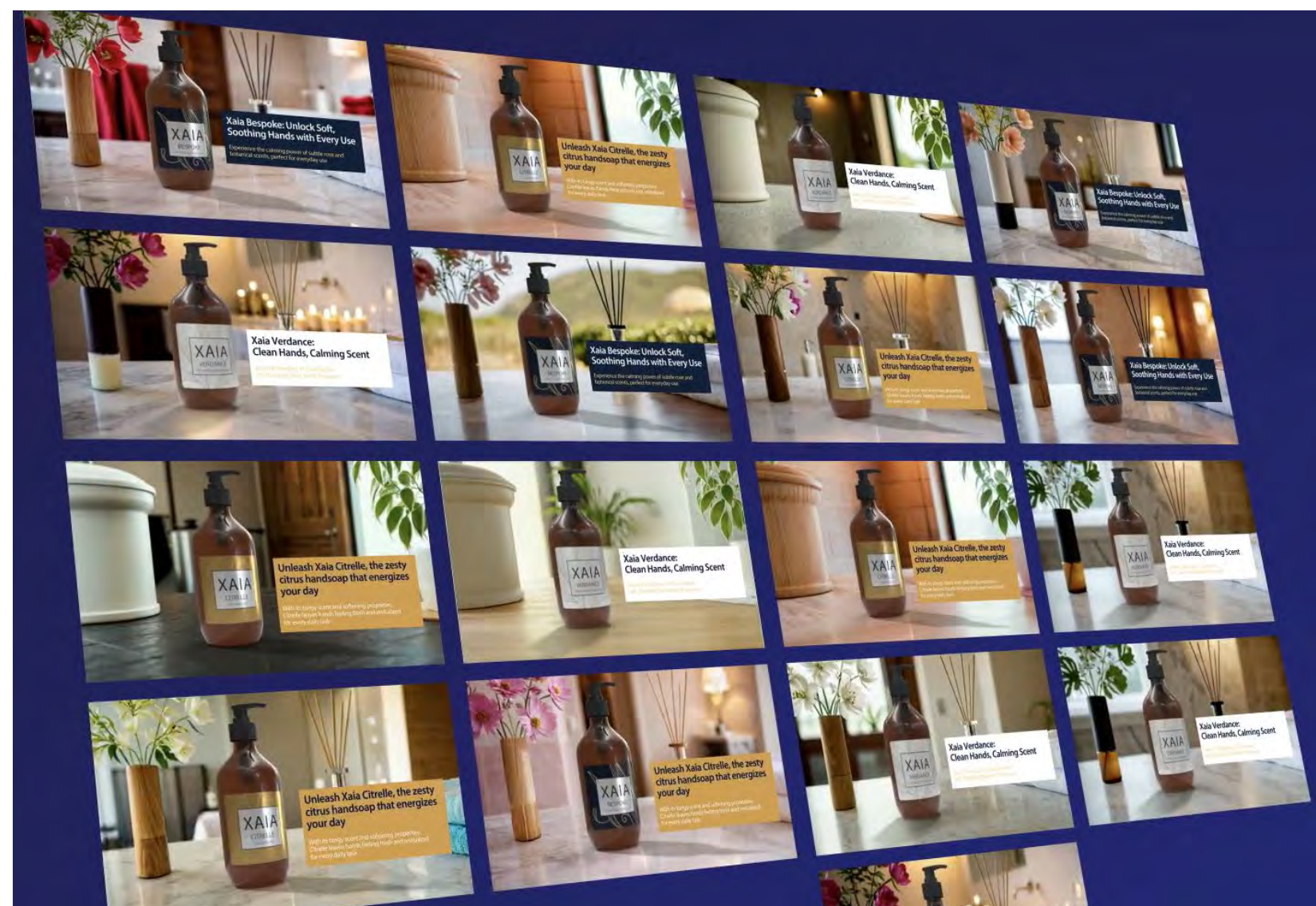


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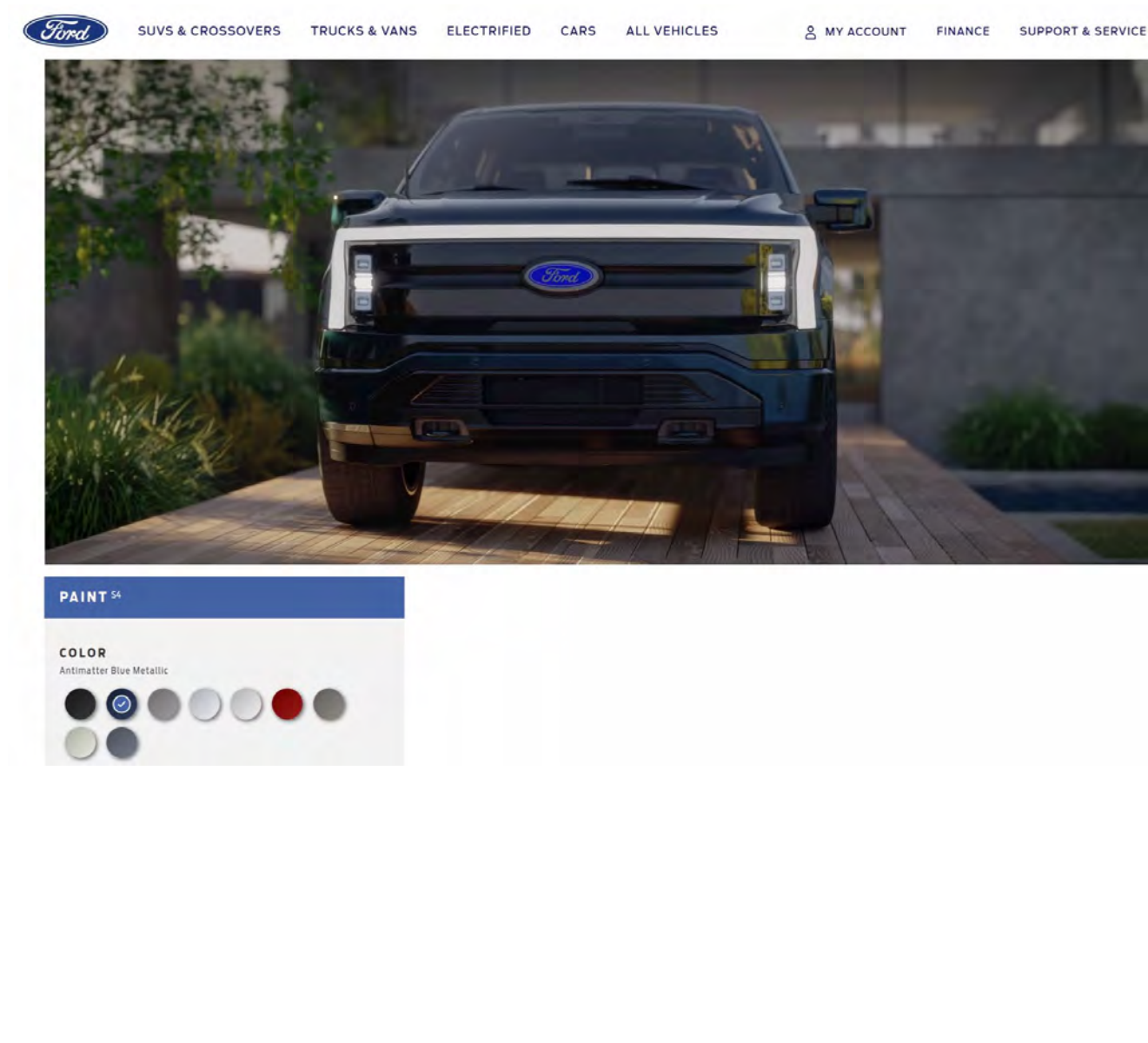
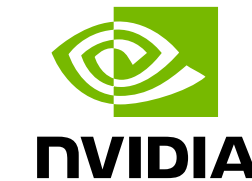
## A NEW END-TO-END AI-ENABLED PRODUCTION APPLICATION

HOGARTH



Personalised, multi-channel variants of **content at scale** using the **NVIDIA Omniverse** development platform

## 3D MODELLING AND GENERATIVE AI LIVE WITH CLIENTS



Multi-year partnership producing brand-compliant generative 3D landscapes and worlds, using new **NVIDIA NIM microservices** and **Shutterstock's 3D asset library**

# VIDEO

# 1 AI: THE WORK CONSUMER EXPERIENCE

## MARS

### SNICKERS OWN GOAL



T&P<sup>m</sup>

- A personalised AI José Mourinho to coach fans out of their "own goals"

THE *Coca-Cola* COMPANY

### COKE SOUNDZ



WPP Open x AKQA

- An AI-powered instrument creating uplifting tunes from Coca-Cola's iconic sounds
- **Over 500m** impressions globally

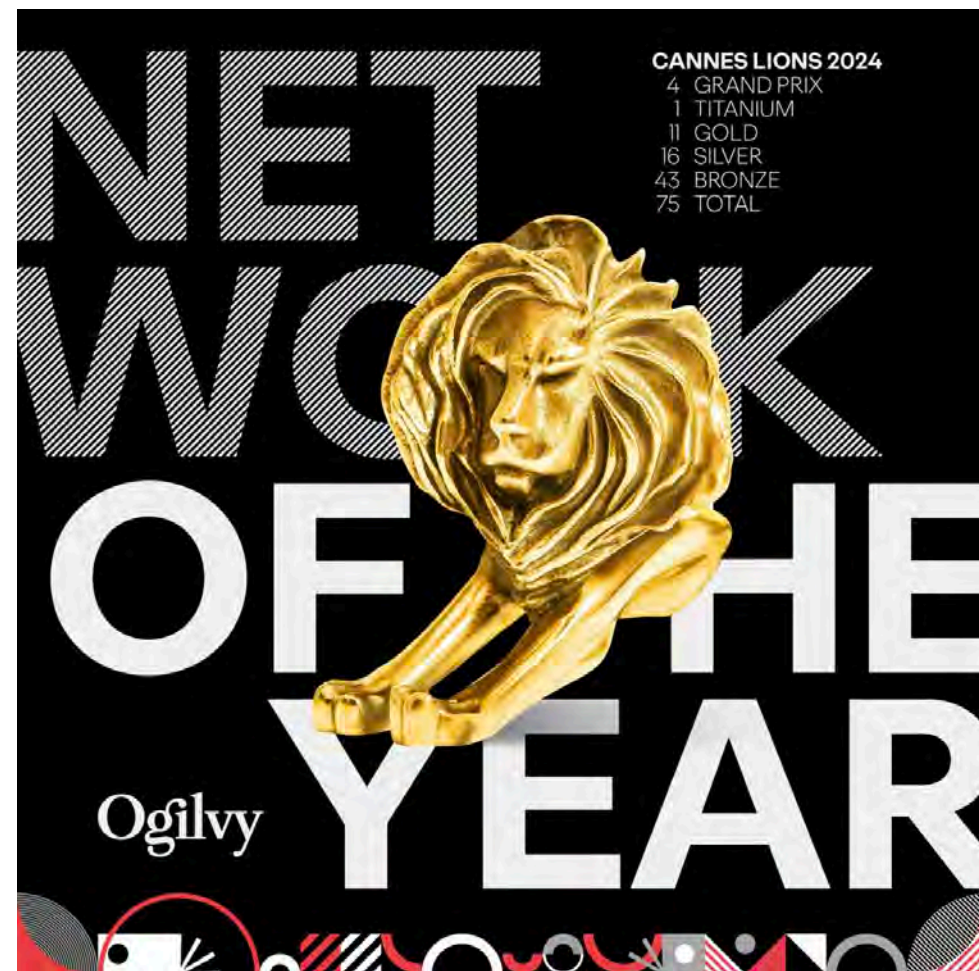
Mondelez  
International

### BOURNVITA 'D' FOR DREAMS



Ogilvy Wavemaker

- Uses advanced AI technology to offer children personalised cricket training from legend Rahul Dravid
- **12m** YouTube views



# 160 LIONS

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Titanium

6

Grand  
Prix

27

Gold

43

Silver

83

Bronze

## THE *Coca-Cola* COMPANY



COCA-COLA'S LOGO IS INDESTRUCTIBLE, REMAINING INSTANTLY RECOGNIZABLE EVEN AFTER BEING CRUSHED.

Coca-Cola isn't afraid to mess with its branding for a meaningful cause.

**Coke's logo is iconic. The brand just demolished it in a new ad**

AdAge TAXI FSTCOMPANY ADWEEK

"One of the best things I've seen from Coke in a very long time. Simple and beautiful." -Fernando Machado

**BACKGROUND**

Coca-Cola has a number of sustainability initiatives like climate action, water sourcing, product ingredients, and in this case, sustainable packaging. They are working to innovate their products towards a global goal of making 100% of their packaging recyclable by 2025. They aim to collect and recycle a bottle or can for each one they sell by 2030.

Coca-Cola knows that plastic, glass and aluminum should be reused and given a second or third life, and they wanted to help spread the message.

**IDEA**

The Coca-Cola logo is recognized by 94% of the world's population. The objective was to use the brand's famous identity to telegraph the importance of recycling in the most impactful way. So, we decided to break our very strict brand guidelines and crush Coca-Cola's iconic logo to inspire people to recycle every single can. We used a variety of methods to crush the cans, including by hand, a recycling plant press, and even a vacuum. The individual crushed logos were then extracted from the cans. The call-to-action, "RECYCLE ME", is taken right off the side of the can. And, since no two recycled cans are exactly the same, neither are our executions.

**RECYCLE ME**

First ever Creative Brand of the Year  
 18 Lions won (17 from WPP)  
 First Grand Prix in a decade for **Recycle Me**

Creative Marketer of the Year  
 The most awarded client at Cannes with **35** Lions  
 WPP won **13** Lions for Unilever; more than any other company

## SIZE AND SCALE

### #1

The world's largest  
creative agency

### SIMPLIFIED WPP OFFERING

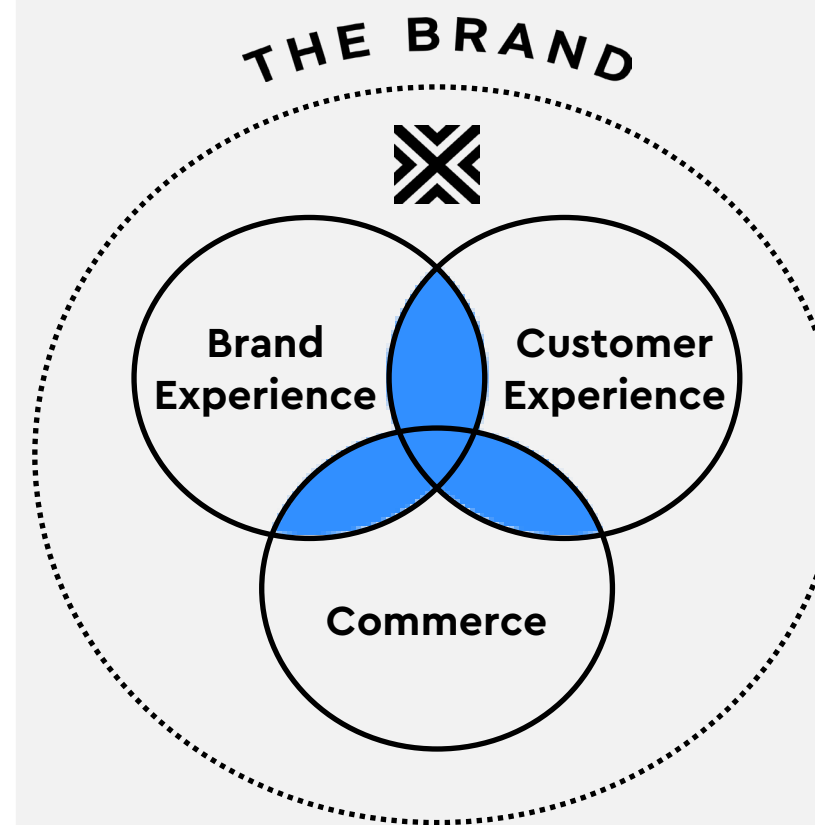
VML, Y&R, Wunderman and  
J Walter Thompson into one simple  
brand offering

## VML

**26,000** people | **150** Offices across  
**60** markets

## STRATEGIC PROGRESS

### CONNECTED CREATIVITY



Integrated commercial  
proposition

AI-powered evolution

### OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Market synergies

Integrated enterprise  
technology solutions

Offshoring production  
and tech hubs

Finance & HR  
transformation

Property and legal  
entity rationalisation

### NEW CLIENT ASSIGNMENTS

AstraZeneca 

 COLGATE-PALMOLIVE

Johnson & Johnson



Perrigo

 Telefónica



### SIZE AND SCALE

#### Top 2

PR firm

#### SIMPLIFICATION

BCW and Hill & Knowlton combined into the most comprehensive, connected global network in the industry

### Burson

**6,500**  
people

**95** offices across

**43** markets

### STRATEGIC PROGRESS

#### STRONGER OFFER

**New Burson brand**, drawing upon equity in our heritage

Clarified **value proposition**: purpose-built to create value for our clients through **REPUTATION**

Specialised expertise at scale (e.g., Health & Tech), spanning Corporate & Public Affairs to Consumer & Brand Marketing

#### OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Retirement of 10+ legacy brands

Integration of WPP's financial communication firm Buchanan as **Burson Buchanan**

**New AI-based value proposition**, powered by WPP Open

#### NEW CLIENT ASSIGNMENTS



## SIZE AND SCALE

**#1**

The world's largest media agency (\$63bn billings)<sup>1</sup>

**#1** in EMEA and APAC,

**#2** in N. America

**Wavemaker**

**#1**

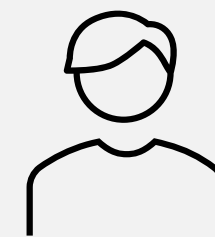
global media agency for new business<sup>2</sup>

**5bn**

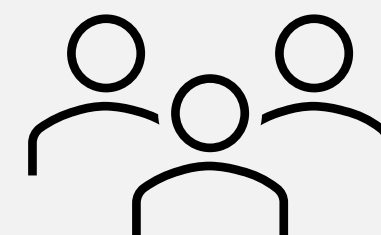
consumer profiles in over **73** markets reached with Choreograph's global data graph

## STRATEGIC PROGRESS

### LEADERSHIP



**New CEO**  
Brian Lesser



**Single team**  
One integrated growth and marketing team

### SIMPLIFICATION



A simpler **Go-to-Market offer** powered by **Media Studio**

**MINDSHARE**  
**Wavemaker**  
essence**mediacom**

**Single P&L**  
Country-level  
(reducing complexity and cost and improving decision making)

### RETAIL MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS



1. COMvergence Global & Regional Billings Rankings 2023  
2. COMvergence Final 2023 Global New Business Barometer with a total new business value of \$2.4bn

**3%+**

**Organic growth  
Revenue less pass-  
through costs**

**16%-17%**

**Headline  
Operating Margin**

**85%+**

**Adjusted Operating  
Cash Flow Conversion**

**1.5-1.75x**

**Average Net Debt /  
Headline EBITDA<sup>1</sup>**

**DISCIPLINED CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

*Potential for M&A to accelerate growth by up to 1% p.a.*

1. Average adjusted net debt/Headline EBITDA (including depreciation of right-of-use assets)

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# Q&A

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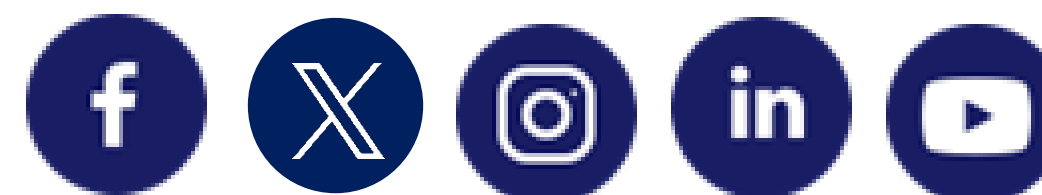
*A series of webinars designed to give investors and analysts deeper insight into individual agencies, products and services within WPP*

[WPP webinars](#)

## ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2023

[Annual Report 2023](#)

## SOCIAL CHANNELS



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# APPENDIX

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# REVENUE LESS PASS-THROUGH COSTS BY SECTOR<sup>1</sup>

HALF YEAR TO 30 JUNE	2024 £M	2023 £M	Δ REPORTED	Δ LFL
Global Integrated Agencies	4,595	4,760	(3.5)%	(0.7)%
Public Relations	568	584	(2.7)%	(0.9)%
Specialist Agencies	436	467	(6.6)%	(4.7)%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,599</b>	<b>5,811</b>	<b>(3.6)%</b>	<b>(1.0)%</b>

1. Prior year figures have been re-presented to reflect the reallocation of businesses between Global Integrated Agencies and Specialist Agencies

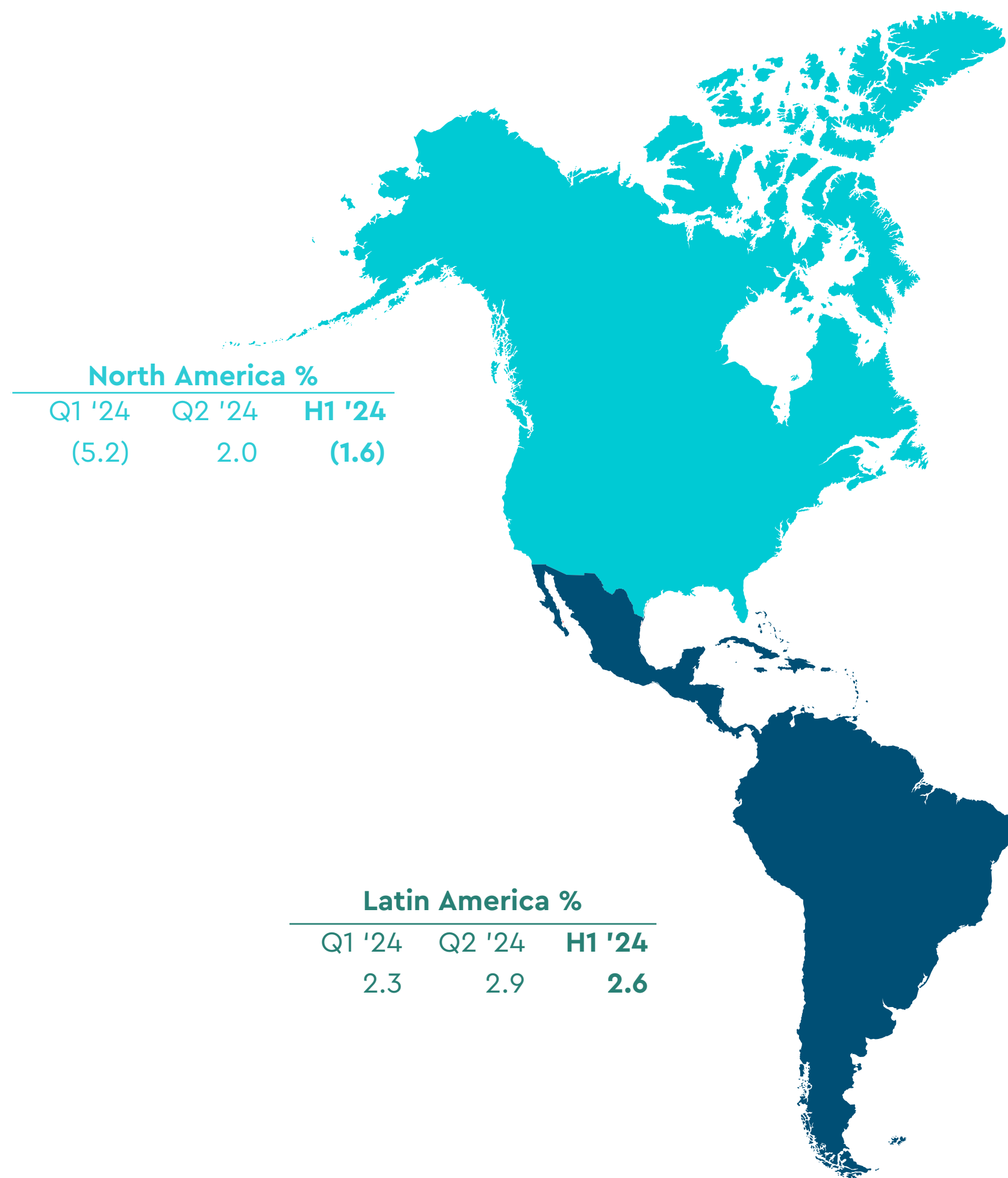
# REVENUE LESS PASS-THROUGH COSTS BY REGION

HALF YEAR TO 30 JUNE	2024 £M	2023 £M	Δ REPORTED	Δ LFL
North America	2,207	2,284	(3.4)%	(1.6)%
UK	779	796	(2.1)%	(2.6)%
Western Continental Europe	1,164	1,179	(1.3)%	1.7%
Asia Pacific, Latin America, Africa & Middle East and Central & Eastern Europe	1,449	1,552	(6.6)%	(1.4)%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,599</b>	<b>5,811</b>	<b>(3.6)%</b>	<b>(1.0)%</b>



# REVENUE LESS PASS-THROUGH COSTS GROWTH

## BY REGION LIKE-FOR-LIKE %



**Central & Eastern Europe %**

Q1 '24	Q2 '24	H1 '24
(0.1)	3.4	1.7

**UK %**

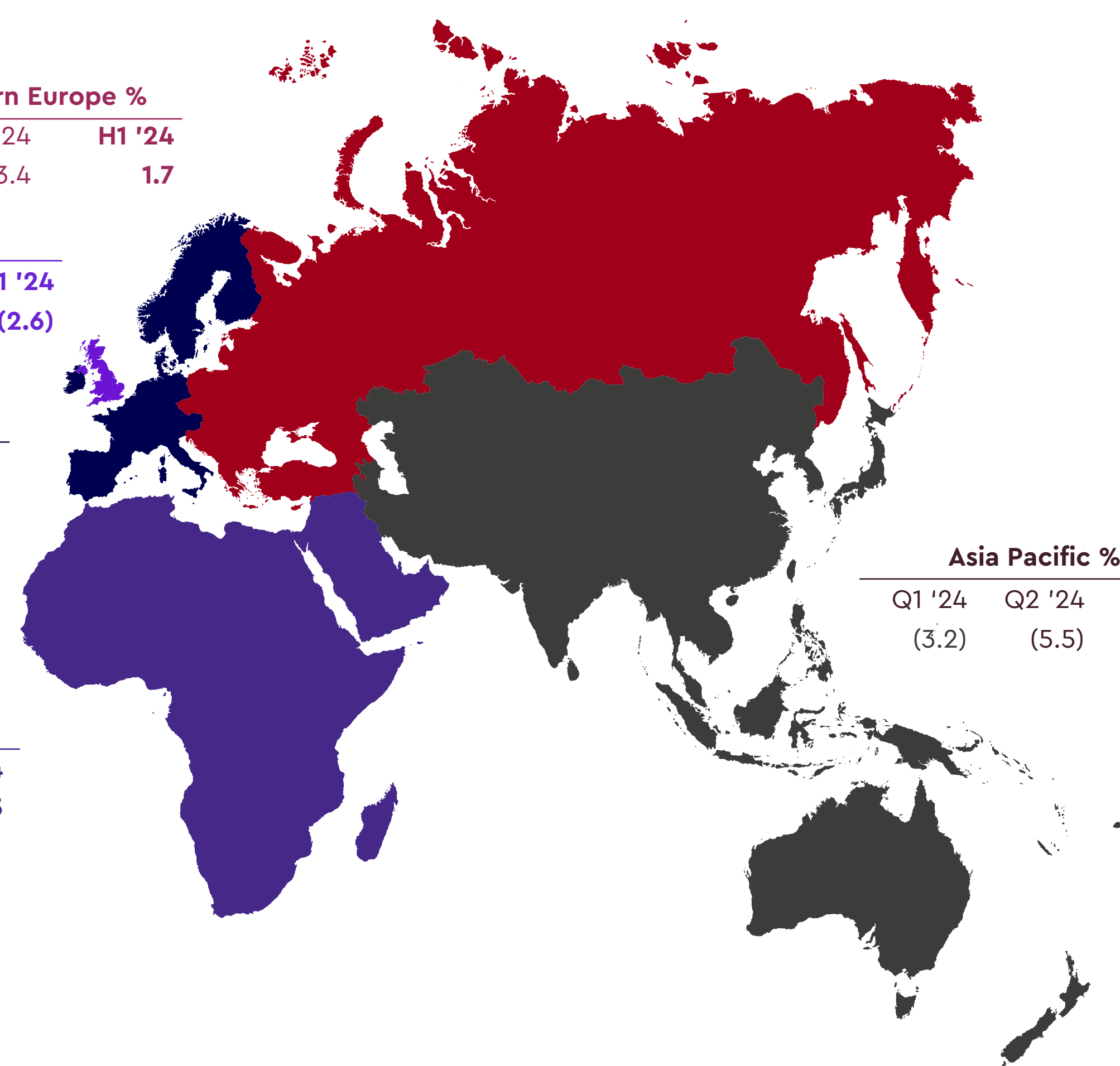
Q1 '24	Q2 '24	H1 '24
0.3	(5.3)	(2.6)

**Western Continental Europe %**

Q1 '24	Q2 '24	H1 '24
3.3	0.3	1.7

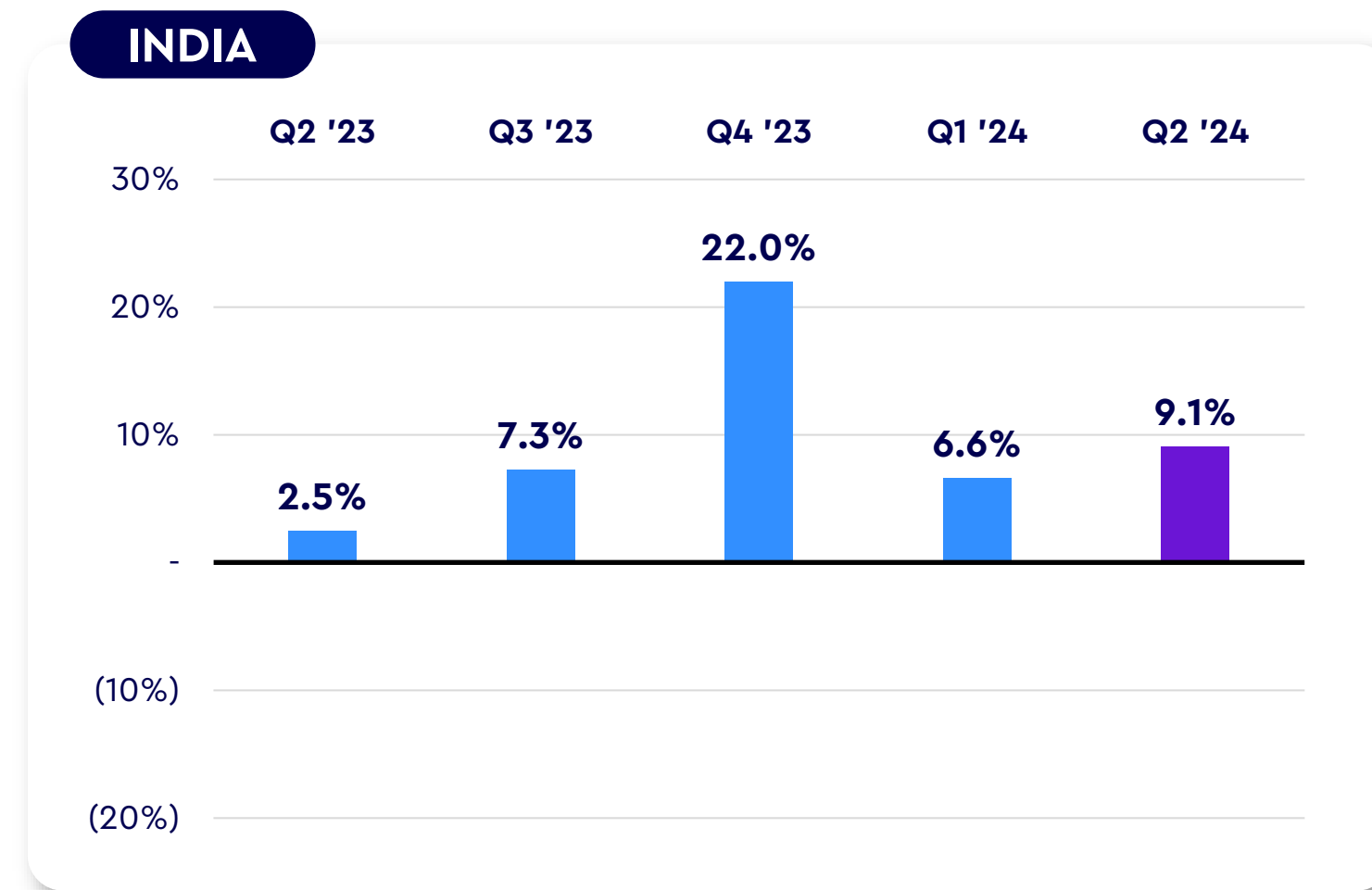
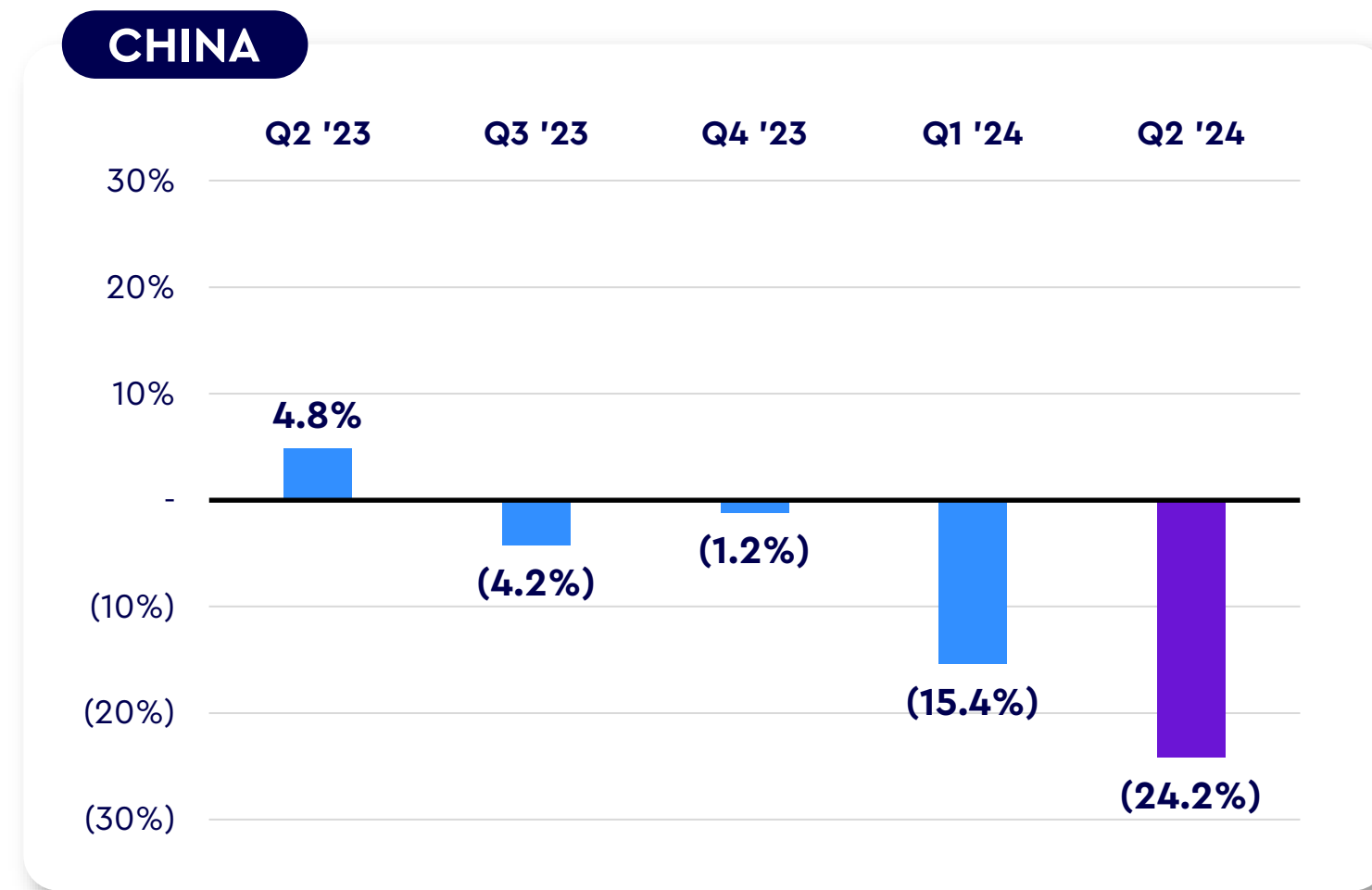
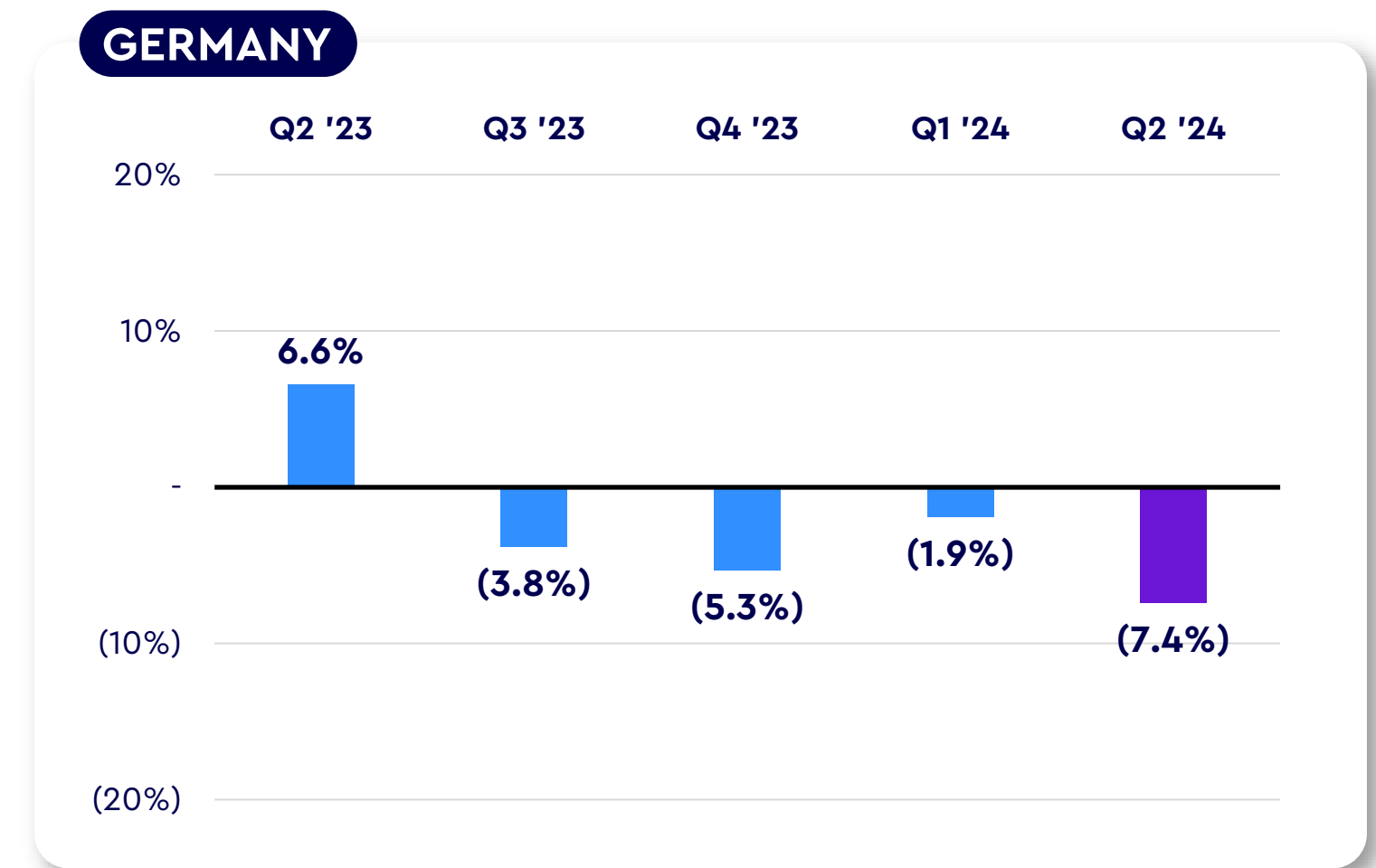
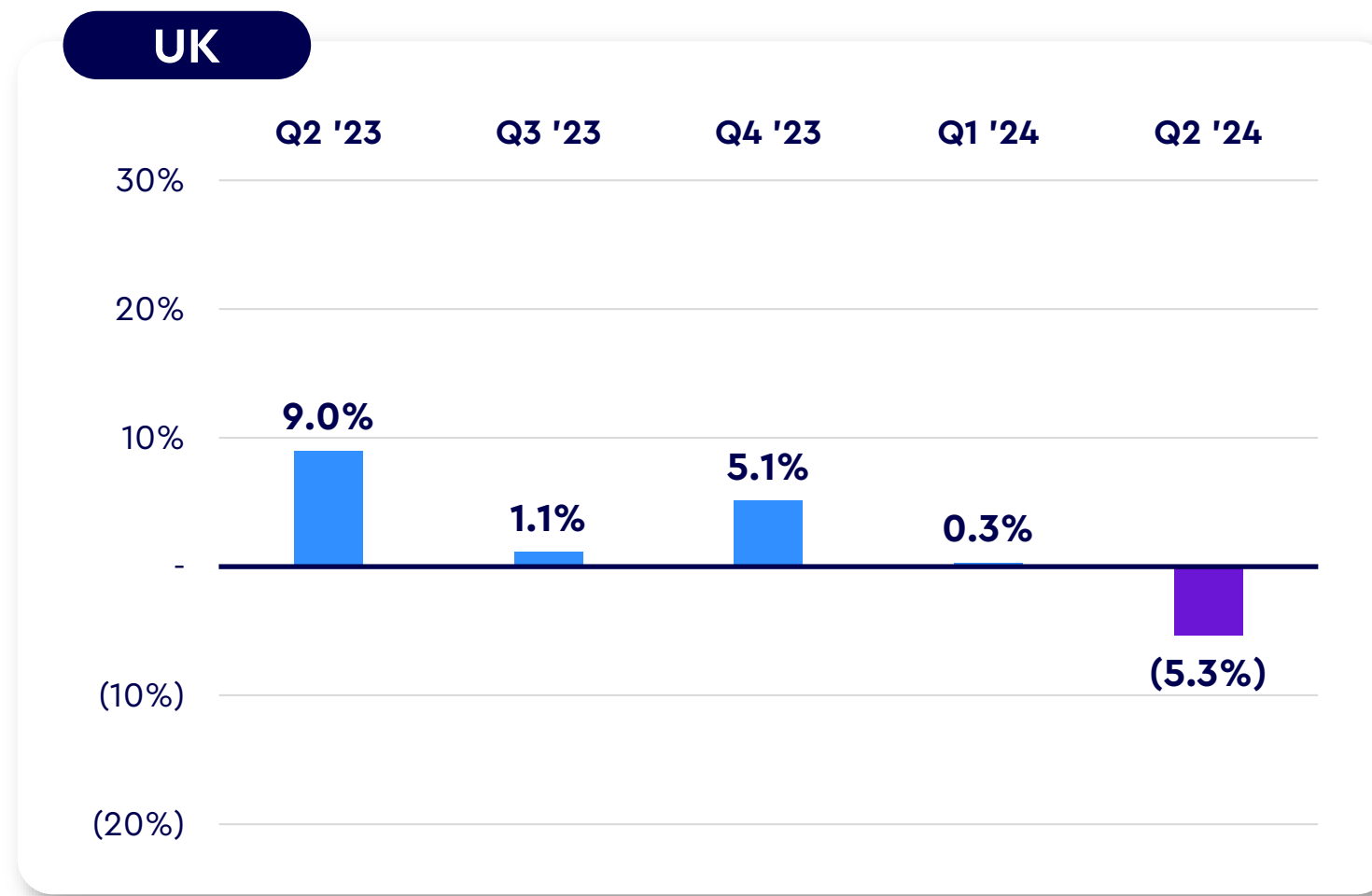
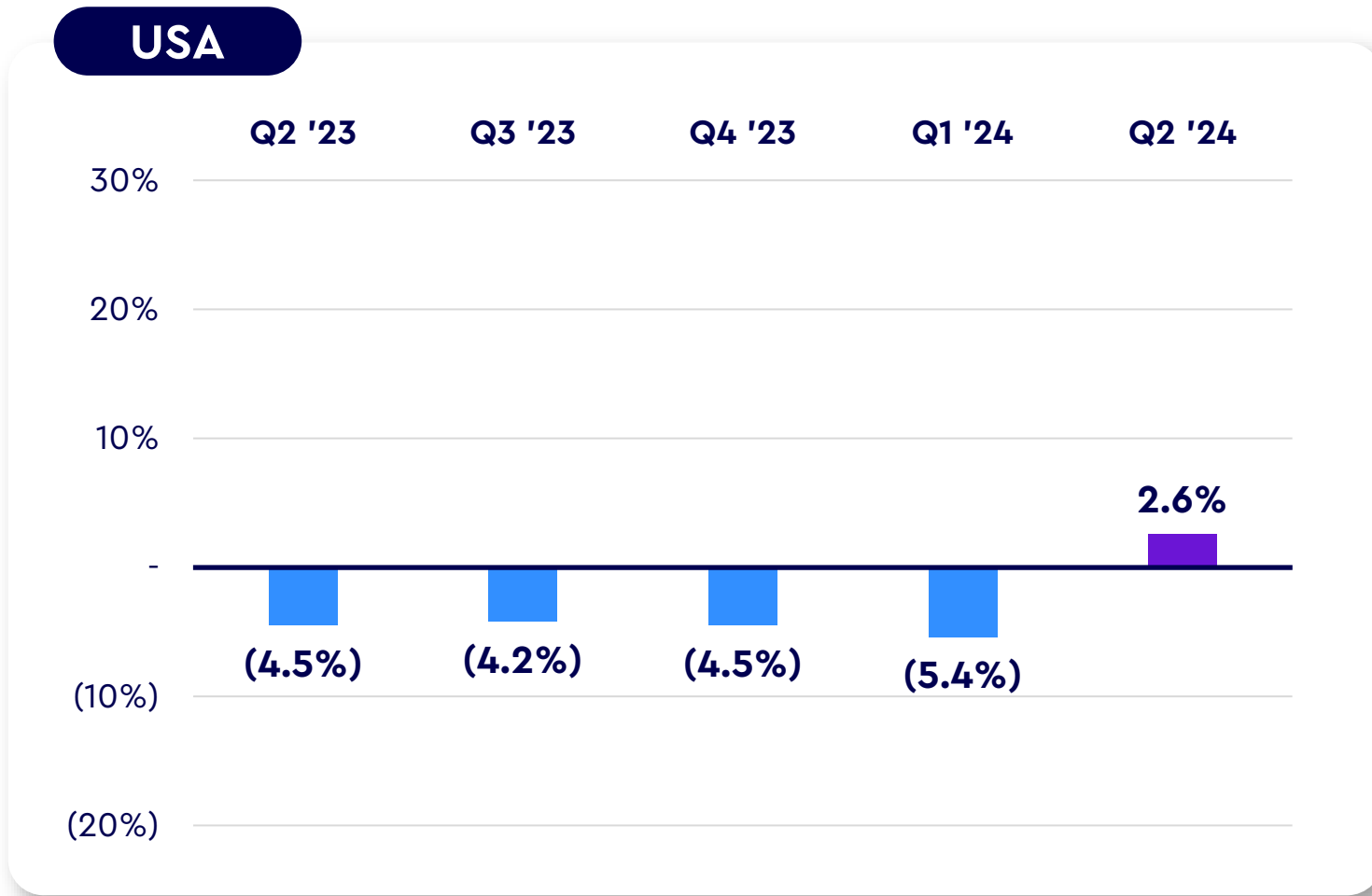
**Africa & Middle East %**

Q1 '24	Q2 '24	H1 '24
7.8	3.3	5.5



# LIKE-FOR-LIKE REVENUE LESS PASS-THROUGH COSTS GROWTH

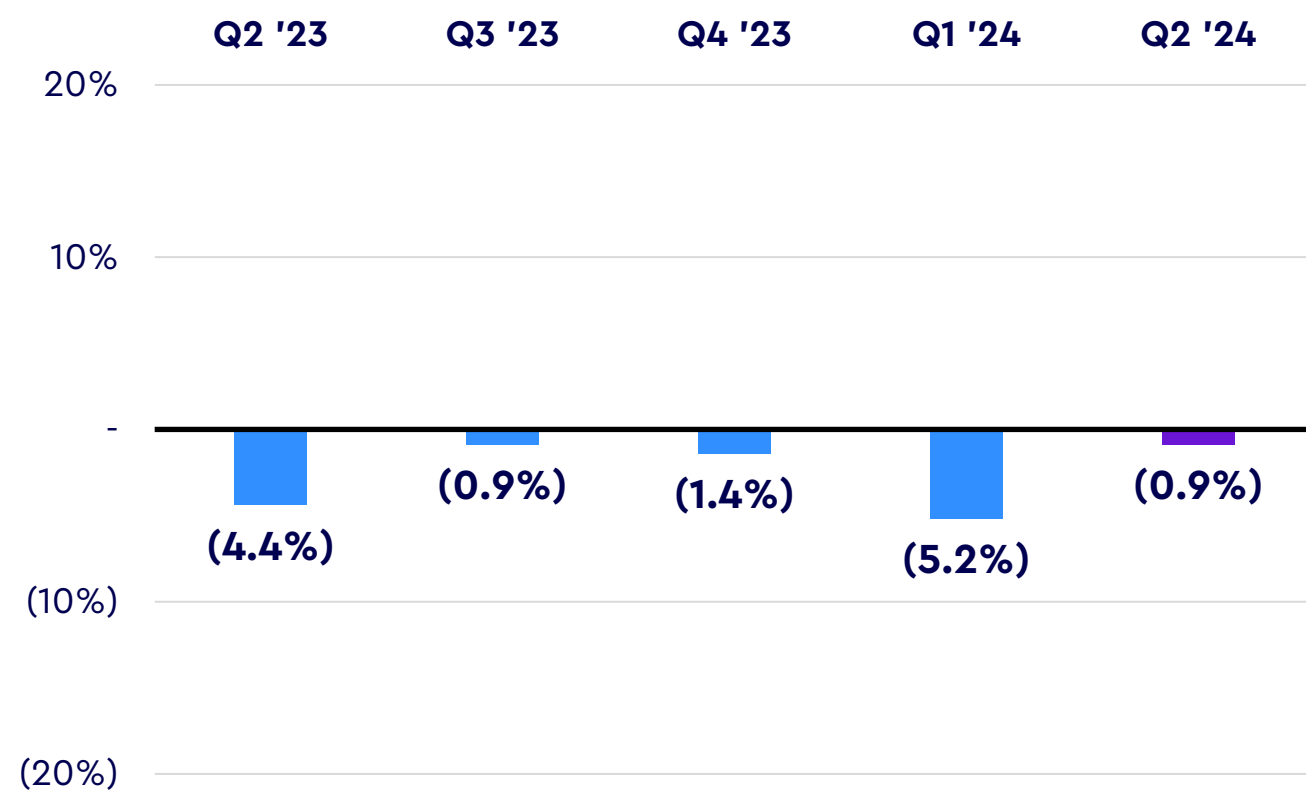
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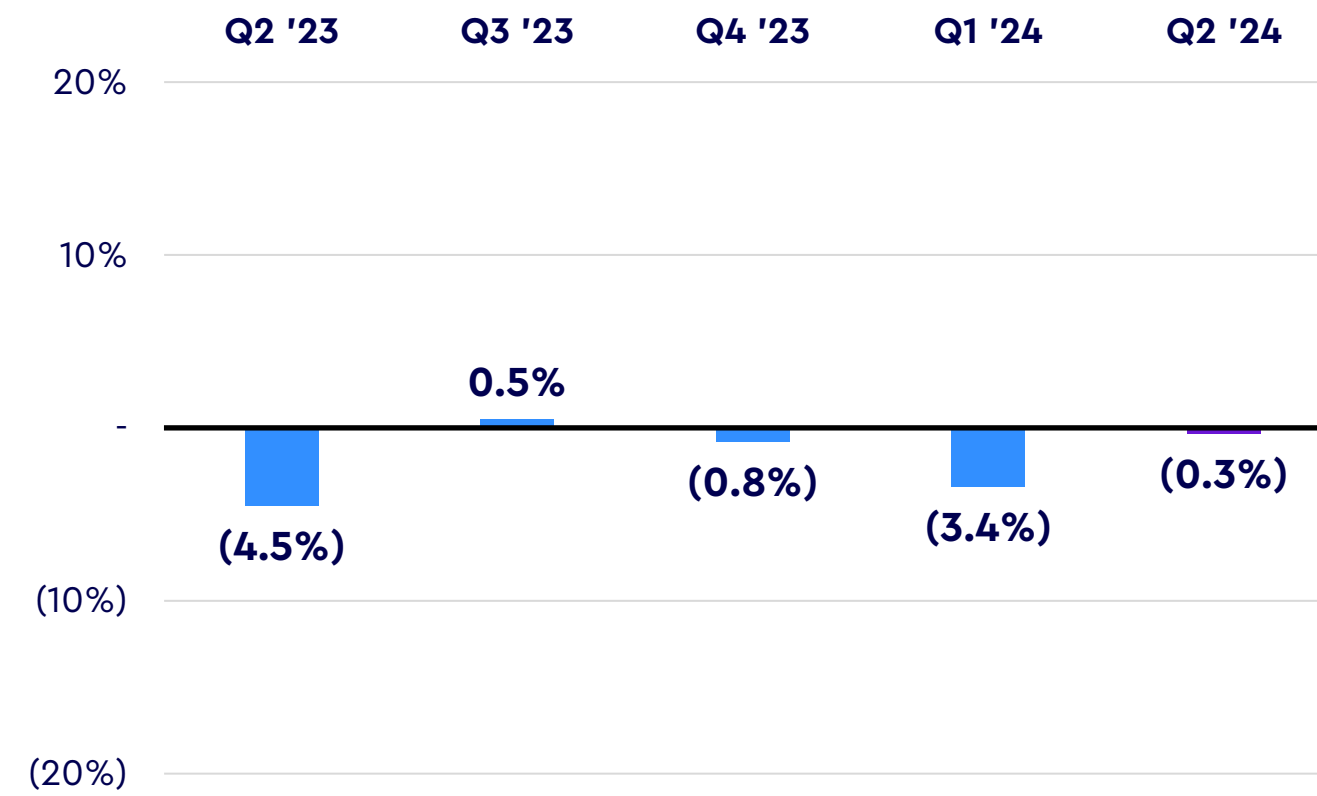
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## TOP MARKETS

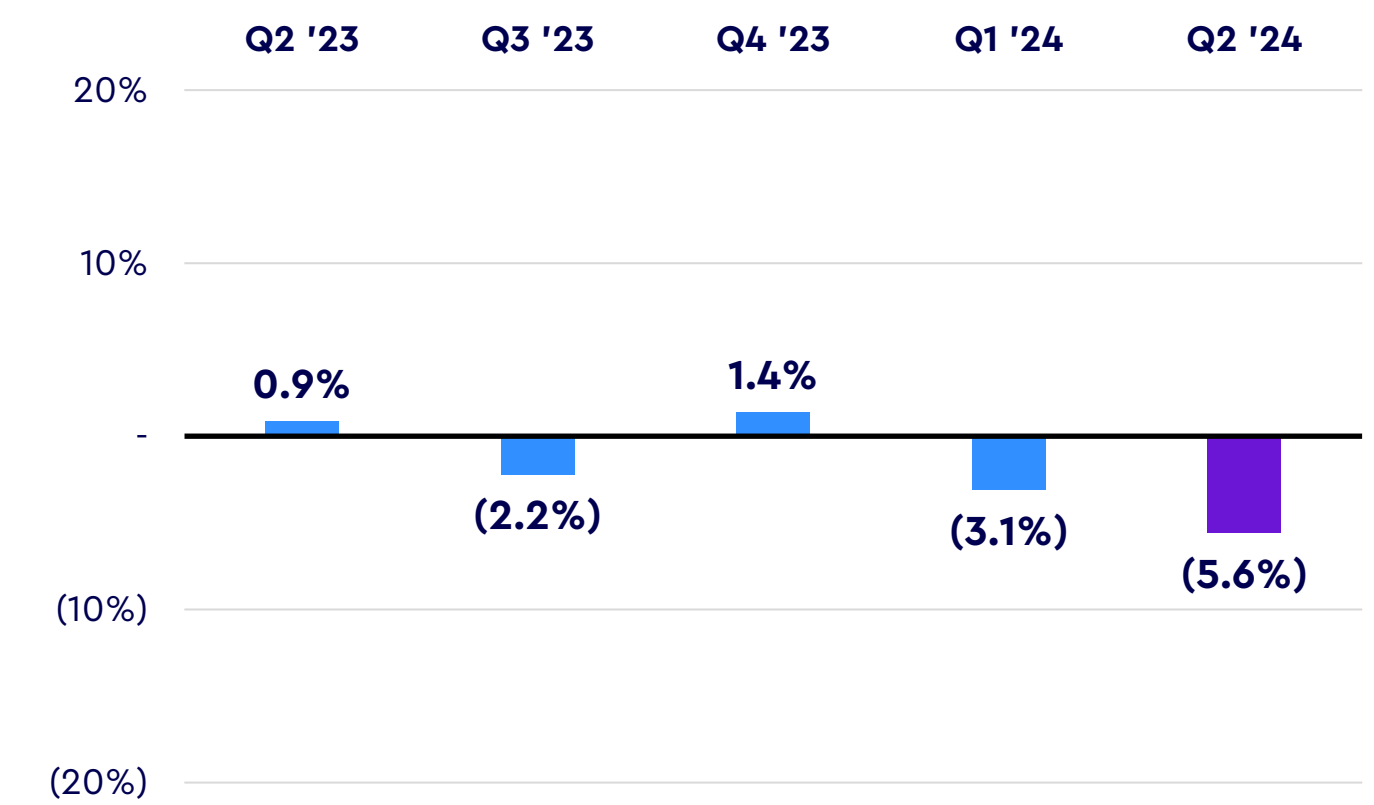
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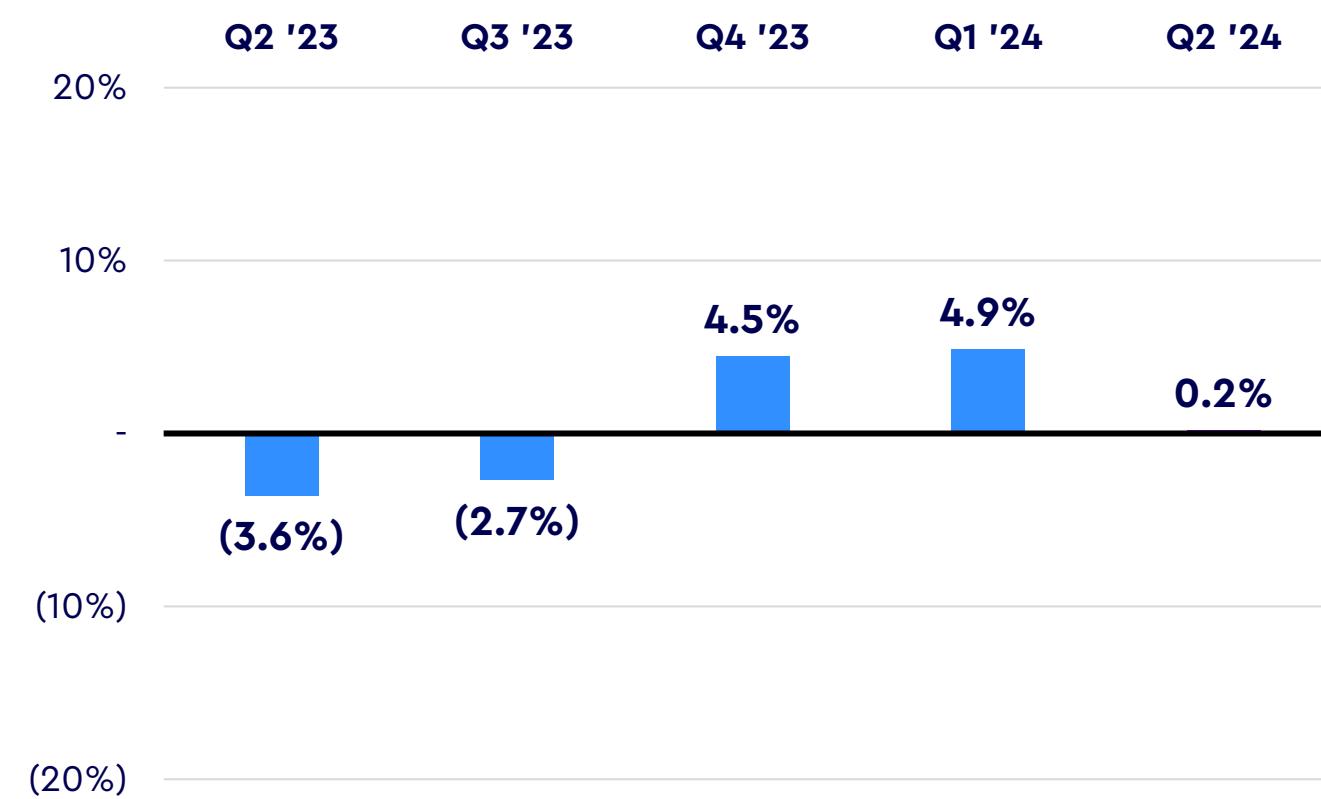
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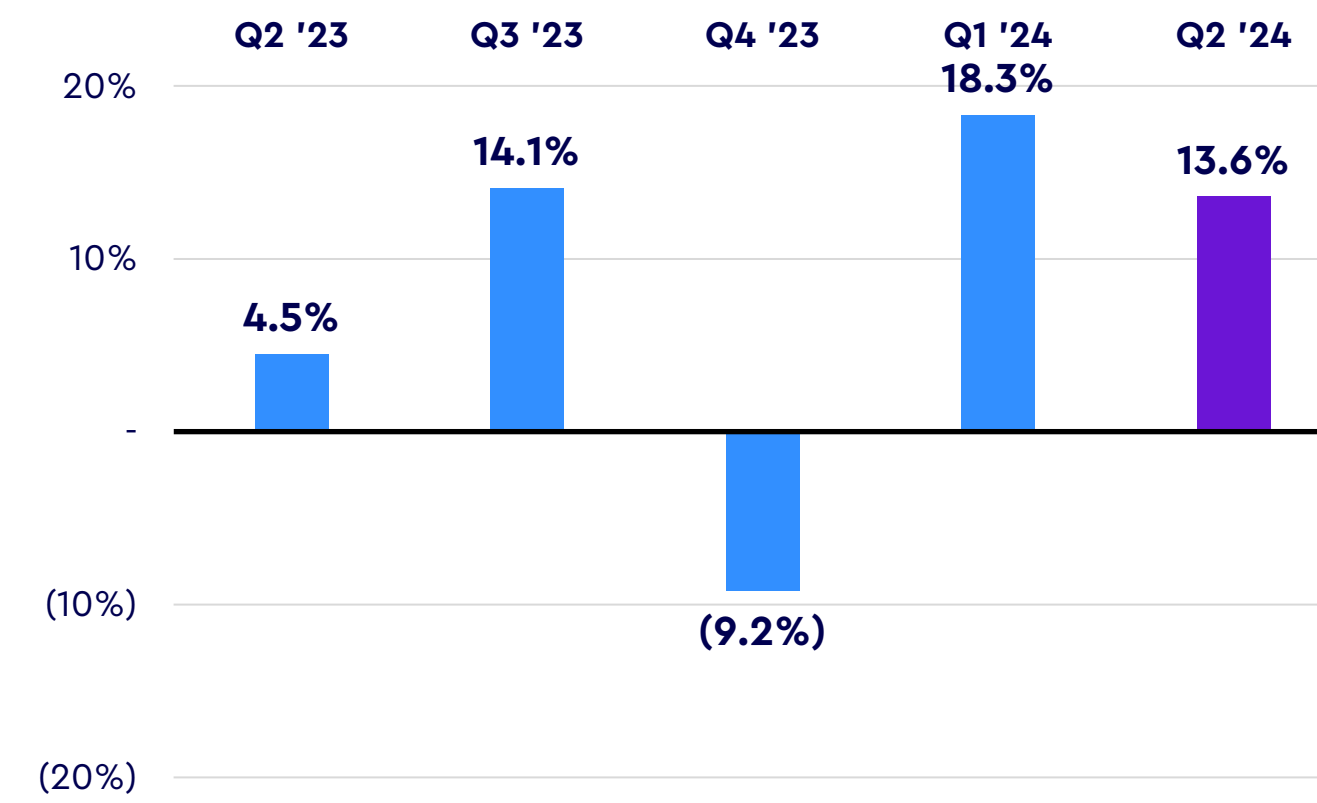
### CANADA



### FRANCE



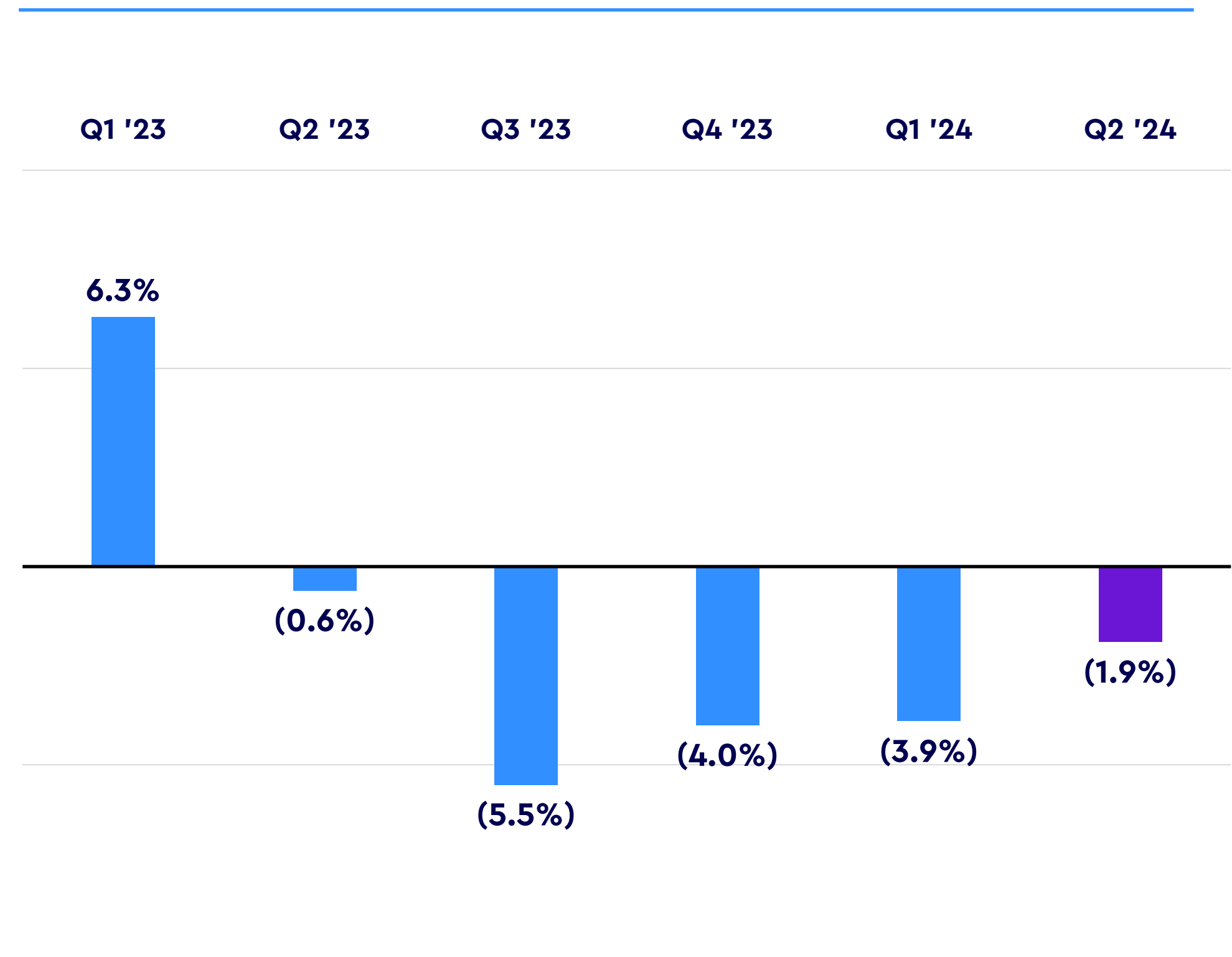
### SPAIN



# EXCHANGE RATE ANALYSIS

HALF YEAR TO 30 JUNE	2024	2023	STERLING (WEAKER)/STRONGER
US\$	1.27	1.23	3.3%
€	1.17	1.14	2.6%
Chinese Renminbi	9.13	8.55	6.8%
Indian Rupee	105.3	101.4	3.8%
Brazilian Real	6.43	6.25	2.9%
Australian \$	1.92	1.83	4.9%
Canadian \$	1.72	1.66	3.6%
Singapore \$	1.70	1.65	3.0%
Danish Krona	8.73	8.50	2.7%

## IMPACT OF FX ON REVENUE LESS PASS-THROUGH COSTS GROWTH



# HEADLINE OPERATING PROFIT AND MARGIN BY SECTOR<sup>1,2</sup>

HALF YEAR TO 30 JUNE	OPERATING PROFIT £M		OPERATING MARGIN <sup>3</sup>	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Global Integrated Agencies	551	550	12.0 %	11.6 %
Public Relations	80	88	14.1 %	15.1 %
Specialist Agencies	15	28	3.4 %	6.0 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>11.5 %</b>	<b>11.5 %</b>

<sup>1</sup> Figures before gains/losses on disposal of investments and subsidiaries, investment and other impairment charges, goodwill impairment, amortisation and impairment of acquired intangible assets, restructuring and transformation costs, property related costs, litigation settlement, and gains/losses on remeasurement of equity interests arising from a change in scope of ownership.

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<sup>3</sup> Margin as % of revenue less pass-through costs

# HEADLINE OPERATING PROFIT AND MARGIN BY REGION<sup>1,2</sup>

HALF YEAR TO 30 JUNE	OPERATING PROFIT £M		OPERATING MARGIN <sup>3</sup>	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
North America	336	287	15.2%	12.6%
UK	78	98	10.0%	12.3%
Western Continental Europe	117	111	10.1%	9.4%
Asia Pacific, Latin America, Africa & Middle East and Central & Eastern Europe	115	170	7.9%	11.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>

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# CHANGE IN HEADLINE OPERATING MARGIN<sup>1</sup>

	2024	2023		Δ
HALF YEAR TO JUNE	£M	£M	£M	%
<b>Revenue less pass-through costs</b>	<b>5,599</b>	<b>5,811</b>	<b>(212)</b>	<b>(3.6)</b>
Staff costs pre incentives	(3,837)	(3,969)	132	3.3
Establishment	(242)	(272)	30	11.1
IT	(341)	(350)	9	2.6
Personal	(103)	(112)	9	8.0
Other operating expenses	(282)	(270)	(12)	(4.4)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(4,805)</b>	<b>(4,973)</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>Operating profit pre incentives</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>(5.3)</b>
Staff incentives	(148)	(172)	24	14.0
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>(3.0)</b>
<b>Operating profit margin</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>0.0pt</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Figures before gains/losses on disposal of investments and subsidiaries, investment and other impairment charges, goodwill impairment, amortisation and impairment of acquired intangible assets, restructuring and transformation costs, property related costs, litigation settlement, and gains/losses on remeasurement of equity interests arising from a change in scope of ownership

# RESTRUCTURING COSTS

HALF YEAR TO JUNE	2024 £M	2023 £M	Δ
<b>IT transformation</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>(7)</b>
<i>o/w<sup>1</sup> ERP</i>	27	24	3
<b>Restructuring costs</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>
<i>o/w VML, GroupM, Burson</i>	72	-	72
<b>Other transformation</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Restructuring and transformation costs</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Property (including 2023 NYC/Global review)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>(158)</b>
<b>Total restructuring costs</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>114</b>

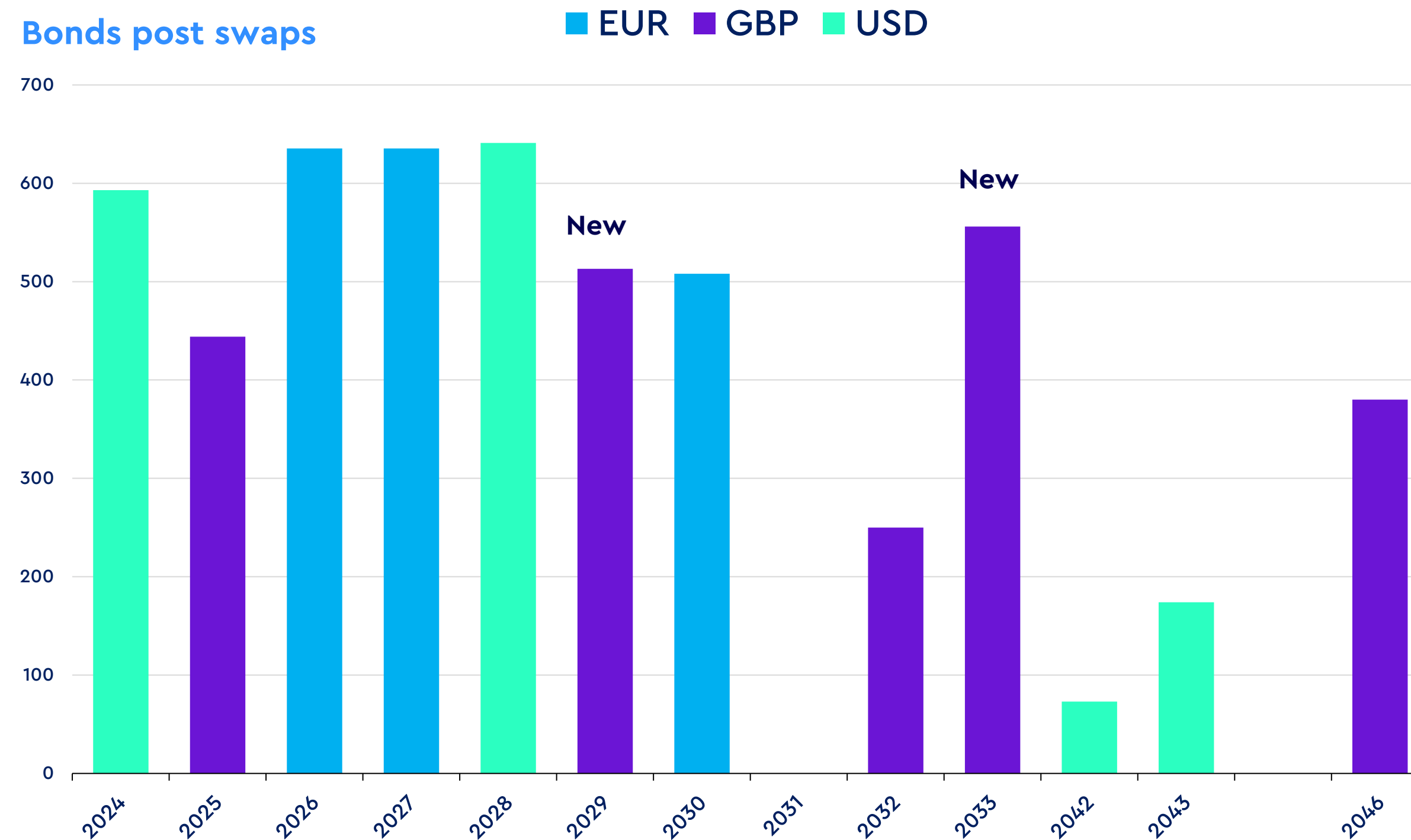


# DEBT MATURITY PROFILE

AT JUNE 30, 2024 (£M)

Bonds (currency of issuance)	£ TOTAL CREDIT	£ TOTAL DRAWN
£ bonds £400m (2.875% Sep '46)	380	380
US bond \$220m (5.625% Nov '43)	174	174
US bond \$93m (5.125% Sep '42)	73	73
Eurobonds €650m (4.0% Sep '33) <sup>1</sup> <b>New</b>	556	556
£ bonds £250m (3.75% May '32)	250	250
Eurobonds €600m (1.625% Mar '30)	508	508
Eurobonds €600m (3.625% Sep '29) <sup>2</sup> <b>New</b>	513	513
Eurobonds €750m (4.125% May '28) <sup>3</sup>	641	641
Eurobonds €750m (2.375% May '27)	636	636
Eurobonds €750m (2.25% Sep '26)	636	636
Eurobond €500m (1.375% Mar '25) <sup>4</sup>	444	444
US bond \$750m (3.75% Sep '24)	593	593
<b>Debt Facilities</b>	<b>5,405</b>	<b>5,405</b>
Other facilities	1,977	-
Net cash, overdrafts & other adjustments	-	(2,034)
<b>Total Borrowing Capacity / Net Debt</b>	<b>7,382</b>	<b>3,371</b>

Bonds post swaps



**WEIGHTED AVERAGE COUPON 3.7%**  
**WEIGHTED AVERAGE MATURITY 5.9 YEARS**  
**AVAILABLE LIQUIDITY £4,011M**

Exchange Rates £/€ 1.1801 £/\$ 1.2645

1 Swapped to £566m floating

2 Swapped to £513m at 5.22%

3 Swapped to \$811m at 5.10%

4 Swapped to £444m at 2.61%

# LEVERAGE CALCULATION

TO PERIOD END	JUNE 2024 £M	DEC 2023 £M	JUNE 2023 £M
Adjusted net debt on a reportable basis (at 30 June)	(3,371)	(2,504)	(3,468)
Available liquidity	(4,011)	(3,845)	(3,564)
Non-lease headline net finance costs <sup>1</sup>	(89)	(155)	(77)
Interest cover <sup>1</sup> on headline operating profit	7.3x	11.3x	8.6x
Average adjusted net debt <sup>2</sup> on a reportable basis (last 12 months)	(3,619)	(3,620)	(3,379)
Headline EBITDA (including depreciation of right-of-use assets) (last 12 months)	1,966	1,976	2,026
<b>Average adjusted net debt/headline EBITDA</b> (last 12 months) (including depreciation of right-of-use assets) <sup>2</sup>	<b>1.84x</b>	<b>1.83x</b>	<b>1.68x</b>

1 Headline finance costs and interest cover calculated excluding the IFRS 16 impact of all leases

2 Average adjusted net debt excludes lease liabilities and is the average of net debt for each of the last 12-month period ends

## RECENT NEW CLIENT ASSIGNMENTS<sup>1</sup>



**Media**  
Oceania, ASEAN and  
Health Science US



**Media**  
US

L'ORÉAL

**Media**  
EMEA



Government  
of Canada

**Media**  
Canada



**Media**  
Italy



**AOR Commerce**  
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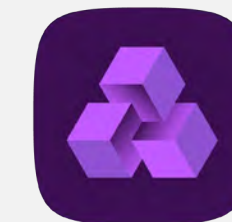
**Creative**  
Global Oncology

Johnson & Johnson

**Creative**  
South Africa



**PR**  
Global



NatWest  
Group

**Influencer  
marketing**  
UK

<sup>1</sup> Includes publicly announced wins and retentions that expand scope in Q2 and July '24

**THANK YOU**

