

## **FY 2024 RESULTS**

4 February 2025





**FY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS** 

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## 3 KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM FY 2024

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+5.8% organic growth

**Outperforming industry** 

Growing twice as fast as peer average over 5 years (1)

## Sustained leadership on financial KPIs

While increasing pace of investment in people and AI

# The number 1 advertising group

Based on net revenue



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## **OUTPERFORMING ON ORGANIC GROWTH**

## **Organic growth**

+6.3% Q4'24



+5.8% FY'24

### **Accelerating**

from +4.7% 4Y 2023-CAGR by more than 100 bps

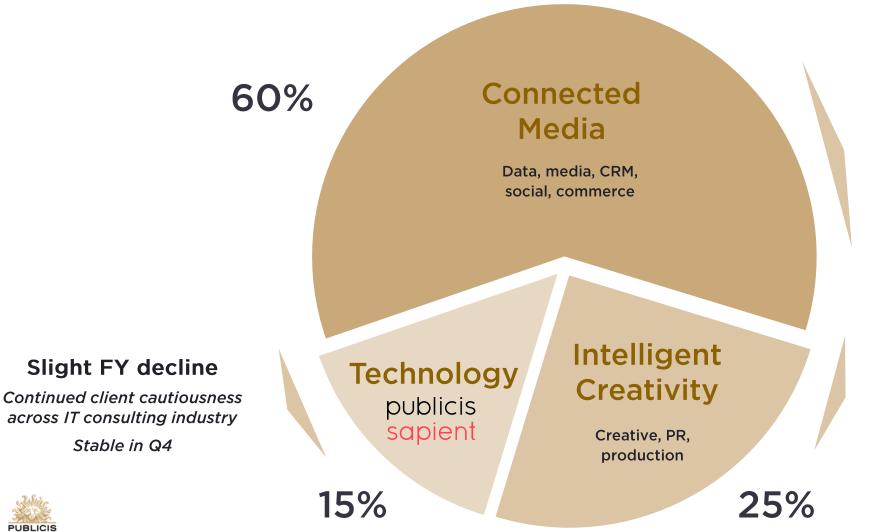
#### **Outperforming**

Holdco peers by more than  $3x^{(1)}$ 

IT consulting peers by more than 5x (1)



## **OUTPERFORMING ON ORGANIC GROWTH**



#### **High-single-digit FY**

Market share gain in personalisation at scale

#### Mid-single-digit FY

New business and scope expansions in Creative and Production

Fewer cuts than anticipated in traditional advertising in Q4 1

## **OUTPERFORMING ON ORGANIC GROWTH**

U.S.

Q4 +5.2%

FY +4.9%

#### Strong Q4

accelerating versus Q3 despite tougher comparable

Cementing our number one position in the market



Q4 +6.5%

FY +5.4%

#### Acceleration in Q4

driven by double-digit growth at Connected Media

On top of double-digit growth in FY'21, '22 and '23



Q4 +5.0%

FY +6.3%

## Solid Q4 Telled by new business

fuelled by new business

China up 6.4% for the full year despite volatile market conditions



## SUSTAINING INDUSTRY-HIGH KPIS WHILE INCREASING INVESTMENT

## Operating margin rate

18.0%

Highest in the industry, 250bps above peer average

Absorbing investments:

- ✓ c. €100m in Al plan
- √ €136m in talent upgrade

Headline EPS

€7.30

ahead of consensus

+4.9%

vs. 2023

compared with flat EPS growth for the peer average (1)

Free cash flow (2)

€1.84 billion

above record level of 2023



€1.2 billion in bolt-on M&A

Including 2 major acquisitions in influencer marketing and commerce







Proposed dividend of €3.60 per share (3)

+5.9% vs. 2023 | Highest payout ratio in the industry at 49.3%

- Based on consensus
- (2) Before change in working capital
- (3) To be submitted at AGM on 27 May 2025

### SUSTAINING INDUSTRY-HIGH KPIS



Diversity, equity & inclusion



Responsible marketing



Fight against climate change

## Ranked #1 in industry on ESG for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year

by 5 out of 10 leading rating agencies in 2024

Bloomberg ecovadis ISS ESG MOODY'S REFINITIV

Listed in 2024 S&P Yearbook

Recognized by Sustainalytics as a Top-Rated Performer

Listed in ESG indexes:

Dow Jones Sustainability Europe Index Dow Jones Sustainability World Index



CAC 40 ESG





## BECOMING THE LARGEST ADVERTISING GROUP

in Organic Growth for 3 years

#1

in New Business over 5 years

in Margin for more than 15 years

in Market Cap since 2023



**Advertising Group** 

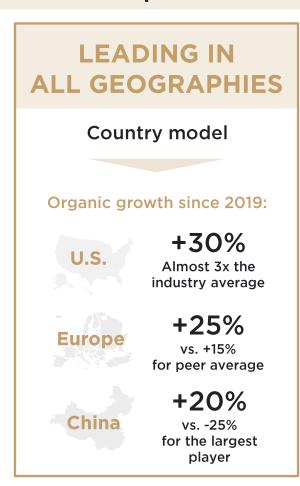
with net revenue close to €14 billion

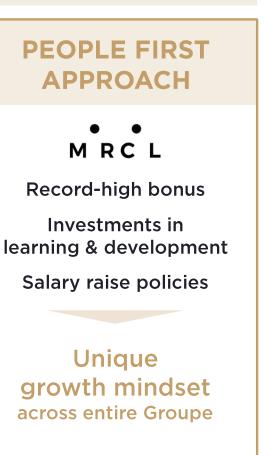
### BECOMING THE LARGEST ADVERTISING GROUP

### From 3<sup>rd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup>...thanks to 4 unique factors



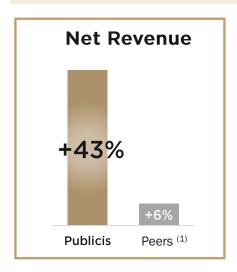


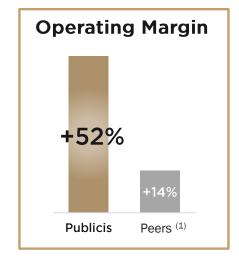


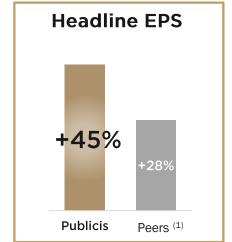


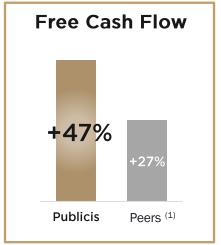
## BECOMING THE LARGEST ADVERTISING GROUP

#### **Since 2019**

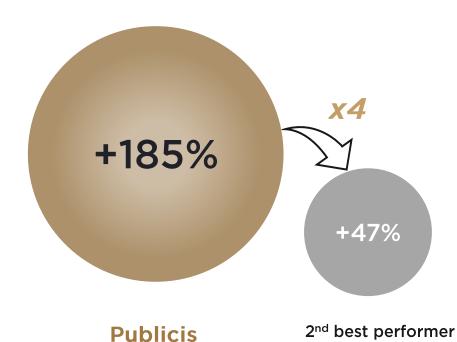








### **Total Shareholder Return**





among peers



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## KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(EUR million)	FY 2024	FY 2023	2024 vs. 2023	Organic growth
Revenue	16,030	14,802	+8.3%	
Net revenue	13,965	13,099	+6.6%	+5.8%
Operating margin	2,519	2,363	+6.6%	
Operating margin rate	18.0%	18.0%		
Headline group net income (1)	1,851	1,767	+4.8%	
Free cash flow before change in WCR (1)	1,838	1,547	+18.8%	



## **NET REVENUE**

(EUR million)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY
2024 net revenue	3,230	3,458	3,423	3,854	13,965
2023 net revenue	3,079	3,239	3,241	3,540	13,099
Reported growth	+4.9%	+6.8%	+5.6%	+8.9%	+6.6%
o/w FX impact	-1.0%	+0.4%	-1.2%	+0.4%	-0.3%
o/w M&A impact	+0.6%	+0.8%	+1.0%	+2.1%	+1.2%
Organic growth	+5.3%	+5.6%	+5.8%	+6.3%	+5.8%



## **Q4 NET REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHY**

(EUR million)	Q4 2024	Q4 2023	2024 vs. 2023	Organic growth
North America	2,366	2,158	+9.6%	+5.6%
Europe	923	851	+8.5%	+6.5%
Asia Pacific	339	318	+6.6%	+5.0%
Middle East Africa	111	106	+4.7%	+3.4%
Latin America	115	107	+7.5%	+30.3%
Total	3,854	3,540	+8.9%	+6.3%



## Q4 2024 PERFORMANCE - NORTH AMERICA

(EUR million)	Q4 2024	Q4 2023	2024 vs. 2023	Organic growth
North America	2,366	2,158	+9.6%	+5.6%

#### U.S.

- 59% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +5.2%
- Both **Connected Media** and **Intelligent Creativity** up mid-single digit, driven by new business wins and scope expansions
- **Technology** returned to positive territory, showing sequential improvement versus Q3 2024



### **Q4 2024 PERFORMANCE - EUROPE**

(EUR million)	Q4 2024	Q4 2023	2024 vs. 2023	Organic growth
Europe	923	851	+8.5%	+6.5%

#### U.K.

- 9% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +7.2%
- Double-digit performance of Connected Media
- Strong high-single digit growth of Intelligent Creativity
- Technology impacted by client cautiousness for capex spend due to macro conditions

#### France

- 6% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: -2.1%
- Low single-digit growth of Connected Media
- Intelligent Creativity down
- Stable **Technology** due to a double-digit comparable in 2023

#### Germany

- 3% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: -0.4%
- Low-single-digit growth of Intelligent Creativity
- Negative Technology

#### **Central & Eastern Europe**

- 2% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +17.9%
- Strong contribution from Poland, and positive growth in all other markets



## Q4 2024 PERFORMANCE - REST OF THE WORLD

(EUR million)	Q4 2024	Q4 2023	2024 vs. 2023	Organic growth
Asia Pacific	339	318	+6.6%	+5.0%
Middle East Africa	111	106	+4.7%	+3.4%
Latin America	115	107	+7.5%	+30.3%

#### **Asia Pacific**

- 9% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +5.0%
- China slightly negative after very strong Q3
- South-East Asia up high-single-digit with strong Philippines and Malaysia
- Australia and New Zealand together up mid-single-digit

#### **Middle East Africa**

- 3% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +3.4%
- Double-digit growth of Intelligent Creativity and low single-digit growth of Connected Media
- Negative Technology

#### **Latin America**

- 3% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +30.3%
- Strong contribution of Brazil, Mexico,
   Colombia, and Argentina



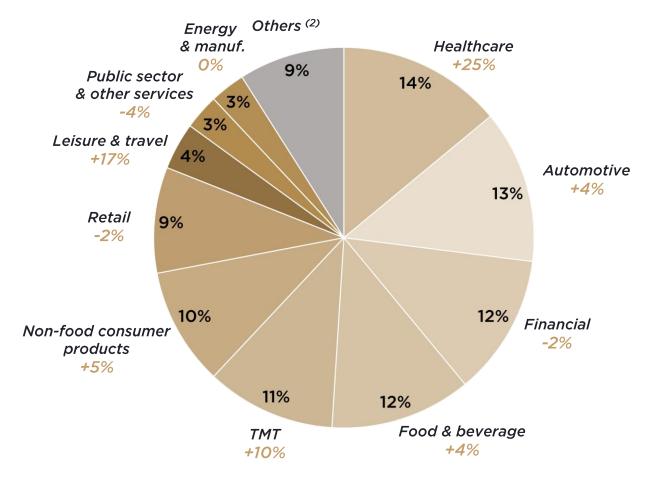
## FY 2024 NET REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHY

(EUR million)	FY 2024	FY 2023	2024 vs. 2023	Organic growth
North America	8,583	8,050	+6.6%	+5.1%
Europe	3,384	3,172	+6.7%	+5.4%
Asia Pacific	1,218	1,156	+5.4%	+6.3%
Middle East Africa	406	380	+6.8%	+7.4%
Latin America	374	341	+9.7%	+22.9%
Total	13,965	13,099	+6.6%	+5.8%



### FY 2024 PERFORMANCE BY INDUSTRY

## Net revenue growth per client industry (1)





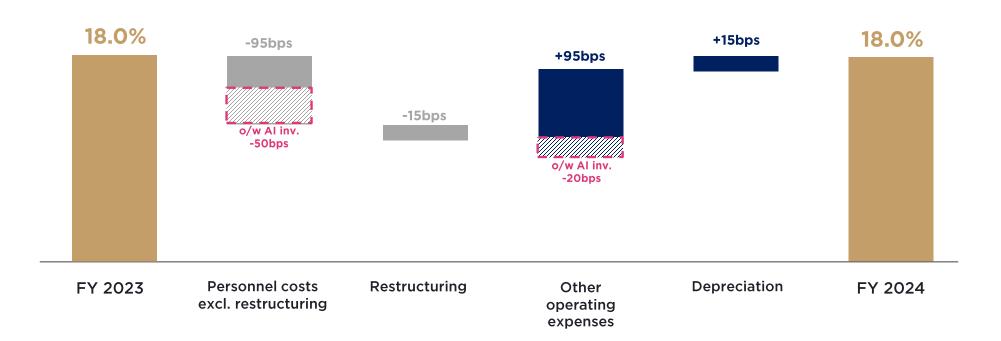
## **OPERATING MARGIN**

(EUR million)	FY 2024	FY 2023	2024 vs. 2023
Net revenue	13,965	13,099	+6.6%
Personnel costs	(9,088)	(8,403)	+8.2%
As a % of net revenue	65.1%	64.1%	+95 bps
Restructuring	(136)	(111)	+22.5%
Other operating expenses (1)	(1,727)	(1,740)	-0.7%
Depreciation	(495)	(482)	+2.7%
Operating margin	2,519	2,363	+6.6%
as a % of net revenue	18.0%	18.0%	-



## FY 2024 - CHANGE IN OPERATING MARGIN (1) AS A % OF NET REVENUE





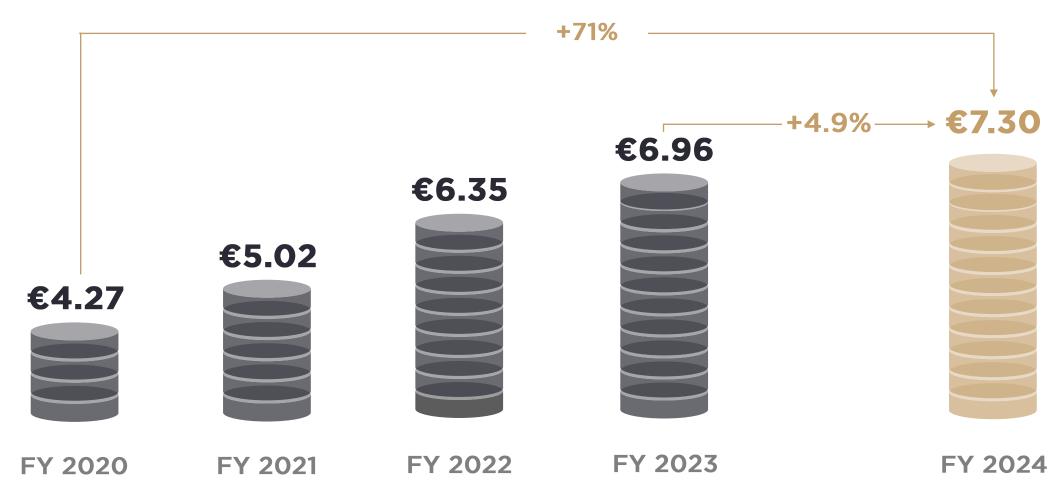


## **HEADLINE INCOME STATEMENT**

(EUR million)	FY 2024	FY 2023
Revenue	16,030	14,802
Net revenue	13,965	13,099
EBITDA	3,014	2,845
Operating margin	2,519	2,363
Non-current income and expenses	1	1
Net financial expenses	(39)	(20)
Income taxes	(619)	(573)
Associates	(2)	6
Minority interests	(9)	(10)
Headline Group Net Income	1,851	1,767



## HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE, DILUTED (1)





## FREE CASH FLOW

(EUR million)	FY 2024	FY 2023
EBITDA	3,014	2,845
Repayment of lease liabilities and related interests	(453)	(423)
Capex, net of disposals	(235)	(178)
Interests paid and received	69	93
Tax paid	(655)	(669)
Other items (1)	98	(121)
Free Cash Flow before change in WCR (1)	1,838	1,547



## **USE OF CASH**

(EUR million)	FY 2024	FY 2023
Free cash flow before change in WCR	1,838	1,547
Change in WCR	(161)	(9)
Acquisitions (incl. earn-out & net of disposals)	(889)	(174)
Dividends paid	(865)	(735)
(Purchase) / Sale of treasury shares	(148)	(189)
Non-cash impact on net debt (1)	91	(165)
Reduction (Increase) in net debt	(134)	275

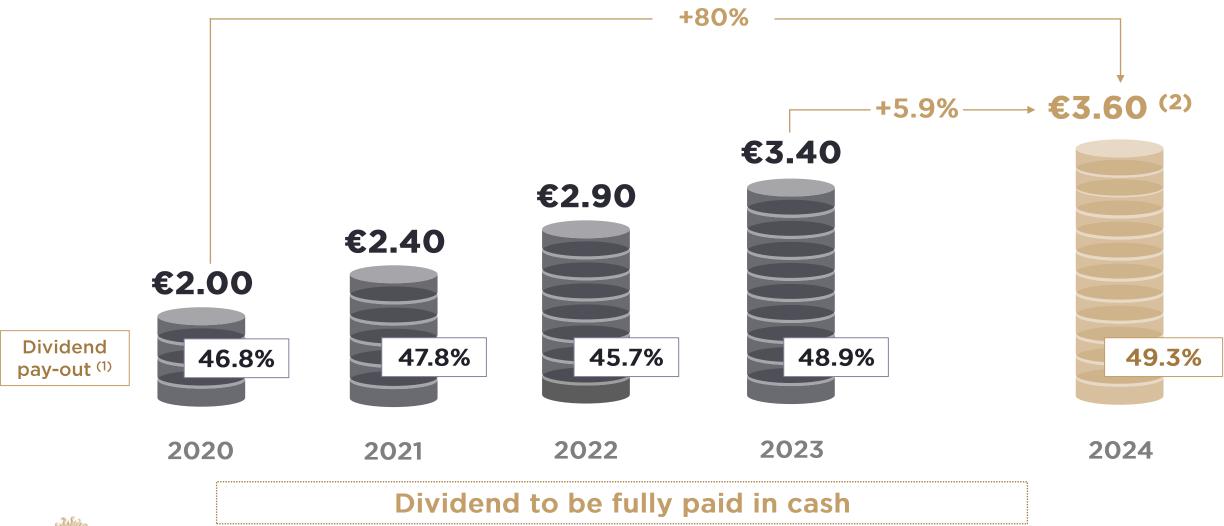


## **NET FINANCIAL DEBT**

(EUR million)	FY 2024	FY 2023
Net financial debt, average	585	432
Net financial debt (cash), at end of period	(775)	(909)
(Average net financial debt + Average lease liability) / EBITDA	1.0x	1.0x

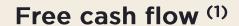


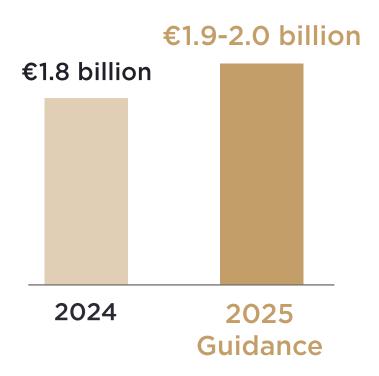
### **DIVIDEND PER SHARE**





## 2025 CASH ALLOCATION





**Dividends** 

€900-950m

Share repurchase

c. €150m

**Bolt-on M&A** 

€800-900m



(1) Before change in working capital



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# #1 Advertising Group



## **BUILDING A CATEGORY OF ONE**



## A CATEGORY OF ONE THANKS TO FOUR UNIQUE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

Leadership in 1st-party data



Connected to
Media and
Intelligent Creativity

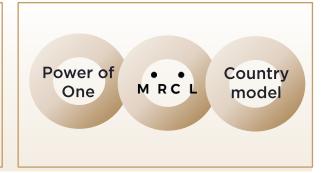








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### UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO ADDRESS CLIENTS' NEEDS

## Delivering ID-led marketing and business transformation



Marketing as a measurable business lever

Driving price advantage

Future-proofing their model



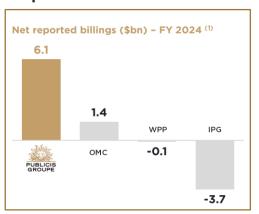
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## PRIORITIES FOR FY 2025: OUTPERFORM FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> CONSECUTIVE YEAR

## FY'25 organic growth

+4% to +5%

driven by strong net new business performance of 2024



Very solid +4%

In current macro

Led by strength of Connected Media

...reaching +5%

if macro improves

Less cuts in classic advertising Resumed capex spend on DBT projects



Connected Media
Mid- to High-single-digit

**Intelligent Creativity** 

Low- to Mid-single-digit

Technology
Upside if macro improves

## PRIORITIES FOR FY 2025: OUTPERFORM FOR 6TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

FY'25 organic growth +4% to +5%

**Operating margin rate** slightly above 18%

Free cash flow (1) €1.9 to €2.0 billion

Q1'25 organic growth within FY'25 range



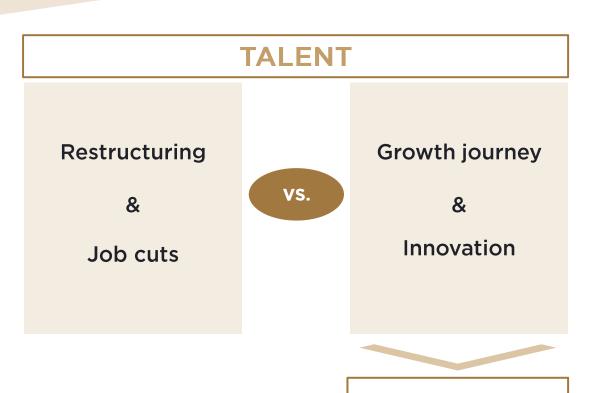
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## PRIORITIES FOR FY 2025: SEIZE OPPORTUNITY FROM OMC'S TAKEOVER OF IPG

Publicis is stronger than ever thanks to our transformation

- Revenue mix
- Go-to-market
- Platform organisation







Market share gain potential with our unique model

**Category of One** 

# PRIORITIES FOR FY 2025: REINFORCE CATEGORY OF ONE THROUGH BOLT-ON M&A

## Since 2015, \$12 billion invested in data, technology and Al

- · Innovative products and services to help clients differentiate and accelerate growth
- Increasing our addressable market

## In 2025, €800-900 million in targeted bolt-on M&A

1st-party data

to nourish CoreAl **Production** 

to deliver intelligent Creativity

Digital media

to reinforce personalization at scale

Technology

to substantiate Publicis Sapient



### CONCLUSION

### Strong 2024 performance

Became the world's largest advertising group

### Sustaining momentum in 2025

+4% to +5% organic growth | Slight operating margin improvement | Increasing free cash flow

Focusing on executing strategy

Doubling down on new business and talent

Differentiating through M&A

Enhance our uniqueness as a Category of One





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## **APPENDIX**



### **NET REVENUE & ORGANIC GROWTH CALCULATION**

(EUR million)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY
2023 net revenue	3,079	3,239	3,241	3,540	13,099
Currency impact <sup>(2)</sup>	(29)	13	(36)	13	(39)
2023 net revenue at 2024 exchange rate (a)	3,050	3,252	3,205	3,553	13,060
2024 net revenue before impact of acquisitions (b)	3,212	3,433	3,390	3,778	13,813
Net revenue from acquisitions <sup>(1)</sup>	18	25	33	76	152
2024 net revenue	3,230	3,458	3,423	3,854	13,965
Organic growth (b/a)	+5.3%	+5.6%	+5.8%	+6.3%	+5.8%

#### 2024 currency impact

(EUR million)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY
GBP <sup>(2)</sup>	9	6	5	13	33
USD <sup>(2)</sup>	(22)	21	(18)	16	(3)
Other	(16)	(14)	(23)	(16)	(69)
Total	(29)	13	(36)	13	(39)
	GBP <sup>(2)</sup> USD <sup>(2)</sup> Other	GBP <sup>(2)</sup> 9 USD <sup>(2)</sup> (22) Other (16)	GBP <sup>(2)</sup> 9 6 USD <sup>(2)</sup> (22) 21 Other (16) (14)	GBP <sup>(2)</sup> 9 6 5 USD <sup>(2)</sup> (22) 21 (18) Other (16) (14) (23)	GBP <sup>(2)</sup> 9     6     5     13       USD <sup>(2)</sup> (22)     21     (18)     16       Other     (16)     (14)     (23)     (16)



<sup>(1)</sup> Acquisitions (Spinnaker SCA, Practia, Mars United Commerce, Corra, Influential, AKA Asia, ARBH, Downtown Paris, 3dids, Dysrupt), net of disposals

(2) EUR = USD 1.082 on average in 2024, flat vs. 2023

EUR = GBP 0.847 on average in 2024 vs. GBP 0.870 on average in 2023

### REPORTED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

(EUR million)	FY 2024	FY 2023
Net revenue	13,965	13,099
Pass-through revenue	2,065	1,703
Revenue	16,030	14,802
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	3,014	2,845
Depreciation	(495)	(482)
Operating margin	2,519	2,363
Amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions	(234)	(268)
Impairment / Real estate consolidation charge	(86)	(153)
Non-current income and expense	15	(202)
Operating income	2,214	1,740
Net financial income (expenses)	(29)	(21)
Earn-out revaluation	35	12
Income taxes	(549)	(415)
Associates	(2)	6
Minority interests	(9)	(10)
Group Net Income	1,660	1,312



# FY 2024 BRIDGE FROM REPORTED CONSOLIDATED TO HEADLINE INCOME STATEMENT

		Amortization		_	Main		
	FY 2024	of intangibles arising from	Real estate consolidation	fair value of financial	non- current	Earn-out	FY 2024
(EUR million)	P&L	acquisitions	charge	assets	items	revaluation	Headline
Net revenue	13,965						13,965
Pass-through revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	2,065						2,065
Revenue	16,030						16,030
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Depreciation	(495)						(495)
Operating margin	2,519						2,519
Amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions	(234)	234					-
Impairment / Real estate consolidation charge	(86)		86				-
Non-current income and expense	15				(14)		1
Operating income	2,214	234	86		(14)		2,520
Net financial income (expenses)	(29)			(10)			(39)
Earn-out revaluation	35					(35)	-
Income taxes	(549)	(60)	(20)	2	8		(619)
Associates	(2)						(2)
Minority interests	(9)						(9)
Group net income	1,660	174	66	(8)	(6)	(35)	1,851



## FY 2023 BRIDGE FROM REPORTED CONSOLIDATED TO HEADLINE INCOME STATEMENT

			Impairment /	_	Main		
	FY 2023	of intangibles arising from	Real estate consolidation	fair value of financial	non- current	Earn-out	FY 2023
(EUR million)	P&L	acquisitions	charge	assets	items (2)	revaluation	Headline
Net revenue	13,099						13,099
Pass-through revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	1,703						1,703
Revenue	14,802						14,802
EBITDA	2,845						2,845
Depreciation	(482)						(482)
Operating margin	2,363						2,363
Amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions	(268)	268					-
Impairment / Real estate consolidation charge	(153)		153				-
Non-current income and expense	(202)				203		1
Operating income	1,740	268	153		203		2,364
Net financial income (expenses)	(21)			1			(20)
Earn-out revaluation	12					(12)	-
Income taxes	(415)	(69)	(38)		(51)		(573)
Associates	6						6
Minority interests	(10)						(10)
Group net income	1,312	199	115	1	152	(12)	1,767



## **BALANCE SHEET**

(EUR million)	Dec. 31, 2024	Dec. 31, 2023
Goodwill and intangibles	14,912	13,380
Net right of use	1,735	1,614
Other fixed assets	974	958
Current and deferred tax	(94)	(120)
Working capital	(3,948)	(3,781)
TOTAL	13,579	12,051
Group equity	11,060	9,788
Minority interests	(24)	(40)
TOTAL EQUITY	11,036	9,748
Provisions for risk & charges	858	860
Net debt (cash)	(775)	(909)
Lease liability	2,460	2,352
TOTAL	13,579	12,051



## GROSS DEBT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

**Breakdown by maturity** 

Dicardown by maturity						2029
(EUR million)	Total	2025	2026	2027	2028	onwards
Eurobond 2025 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	814	814				
Eurobond 2028 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	817				817	
Eurobond 2031 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	821					821
Earn out / Buy out	402	61	88	108	72	73
Other debt <sup>(1)</sup>	15	6	5	1	1	2
Total gross debt	2,869	881	93	109	890	896





## NET DEBT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

**Breakdown by currency** 

(EUR million)	Total	EUR	USD	GBP	Others	
Eurobond 2025 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	814		814			
Eurobond 2028 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	817	817				
Eurobond 2031 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	821	821				
Earn-out / Buy-out	402	41	340	5	16	
Other debt <sup>(1)</sup>	15	(45)	52	2	6	
Cash & marketable securities	(3,644)	(341)	(2,041)	(28)	(1,234)	
Net debt (cash)	(775)	(345)	803	(21)	(1,212)	



## LIQUIDITY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

	D	ec. 31, 20	Dec. 31, 2023	
(EUR million)	Total	Drawn	Available	Available
5-year Revolving Credit Facility maturing 2029 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
Total Committed Facilities	2,000		2,000	2,000
Cash and Marketable Securities			3,644	4,250
Total liquidity			5,644	6,250



### DEFINITIONS

Net revenue: Revenue less pass-through costs which comprise amount paid to external suppliers engaged to perform a project and charged directly to clients. These costs are mainly production and media costs, and out of pocket expenses.

Organic growth: Change in net revenue excluding the impact of acquisitions, disposals and currencies.

4Y CAGR organic growth: Calculated as:  $([1 + organic growth (n-4)]*[1 + organic growth (n-3)]*[1 + organic growth (n-2)]*[1 + organic growth (n-1)])^(1/4) - 1$ 

Organic growth vs. 2019 calculated as: ([1 + organic growth (n-4)]\*[1 + organic growth (n-3)]\*[1 + organic growth (n-2)]\*[1 + organic growth (n-1)]\*[1 + organic growth (n)]-1

EBITDA: Operating margin before depreciation and amortization.

Operating margin: Net revenue after personnel costs, other operating expenses (excl. non-current income and expense), depreciation and amortization (excl. intangibles from acquisitions).

Operating margin rate: Operating margin as a percentage of net revenue.

Headline Group net income: Net income attributable to the Groupe, adjusted for impairment losses, amortization of intangibles from acquisitions, main capital gains (or losses) on asset disposals, changes in the fair value of financial assets and earn-out reevaluation.

EPS (Earnings per share): Group net income divided by average number of shares, not diluted.

EPS, Diluted: Group net income divided by average number of shares, diluted.

Headline EPS, Diluted: Headline group net income, divided by average number of shares, diluted.

Capex: Net acquisitions of property, plant, and equipments, and intangible assets, excluding financial investments and other financial assets.

Free cash flow: Net cash flow from operating activities, adjusted for interest paid and received, and repayment of lease liabilities.

Free cash flow before change in working capital requirements: Free cash flow before changes in working capital requirements linked to operating activities.

Net debt (or financial net debt): Total of long-term and short-term financial debt and related derivatives, excluding lease liabilities, net of cash and cash equivalents

Average net debt: Last 12-month average of monthly net debt at end of each month.

Dividend pay-out: Dividend per share / Headline diluted EPS.

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