

# H1 2025 RESULTS

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# H1 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

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# **STRATEGIC UPDATE**

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### **3 KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM H1'25**





**EVEN STRONGER Q2 THAN Q1** 

# +5.9%

Q2'25 organic growth

after +4.9% in Q1'25

## Accelerating vs. +4.9% 5Y CAGR in Q2

Despite environment of increased macro uncertainty and external pressures

## **Gaining** material market share

Outperforming peers by c. 800bps in Q2 <sup>(1)</sup> vs. c. 600bps in Q1



### **GROWTH ACROSS ALL PRACTICES IN Q2...**

c.60% High-single digit growth Connected driven by Publicis Media's scale, **Media** powered by Epsilon's proprietary data Data, media, CRM, social, commerce Intelligent **Technology** Creativity c.15% publicis sapient Creative, PR, **Slightly positive** production despite ongoing "wait and see" attitudes from clients on capex spend, affecting all IT consulting firms

c.25%

**High-single digit growth** supported by significant new business wins and scope expansions in production and creative



### ... AND ACROSS ALL REGIONS



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# 2 IMPROVED INDUSTRY-HIGH OPERATING MARGIN







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## UPGRADING FY'25 ORGANIC GROWTH GUIDANCE THANKS TO UNPRECEDENTED NEW BUSINESS RUN

# **Confident to deliver** close to +5% FY'25 organic growth

#### vs. +4% to +5%

despite lack of visibility due to challenging macro context

#### Factoring in...

Reductions in marketing spend in H2
Negative Publicis Sapient in FY
Negative year-end adjustments

...more than offset by

Stronger than expected H115 material new business wins YTD

**Operating margin rate slightly above 18%** 

Free cash flow <sup>(1)</sup> of c. €1.9 billion including negative FX impact of €80 million





Sorry for the mess on your desk, Marcel.

Publicis Conseil is named Best Agency in the World at the Cannes Lions for the second year in a row, winning the Titanium Grand Prix in the process. Not a bad way to kick off our centennial.







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# **KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

(EUR million)	H1 2025	H1 2024
Revenue	8,483	7,650
Net revenue	7,152	6,688
Operating margin	1,242	1,160
Operating margin rate	17.4%	17.3%
Headline Groupe net income <sup>(1)</sup>	890	857
Free cash flow before change in WCR <sup>(1)</sup>	828	744



# **NET REVENUE**

(EUR million)	Q1	Q2	H1
2025 net revenue	3,535	3,617	7,152
2024 net revenue	3,230	3,458	6,688
Reported growth	+9.4%	+4.6%	+6.9%
o/w FX impact	+2.0%	-4.2%	-1.2%
o/w M&A impact	+2.4%	+2.9%	+2.7%
Organic growth	+4.9%	+5.9%	+5.4%



# Q2 2025 NET REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHY

(EUR million)	Q2 2025	Q2 2024	2025 vs. 2024	Organic growth
North America	2,192	2,104	+4.2%	+5.8%
Europe	899	856	+5.0%	+4.6%
Asia Pacific	318	306	+3.9%	+5.7%
Middle East & Africa	104	100	+4.0%	+8.8%
Latin America	104	92	+13.0%	+19.8%
Total	3,617	3,458	+4.6%	+5.9%



# Q2 2025 PERFORMANCE - NORTH AMERICA

(EUR million)	Q2 2025	Q2 2024	2025 vs. 2024	Organic growth
North America	2,192	2,104	+4.2%	+5.8%

#### U.S.

- 58% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +5.3%
- Very solid growth of **Connected Media** and **Intelligent Creativity**, both benefiting from new business wins and scope expansions
- Sequential improvement at **Publicis Sapient**, which returned to positive territory in Q2



# **Q2 2025 PERFORMANCE - EUROPE**

(EUR million)	Q2 2025	Q2 2024	2025 vs. 2024	Organic growth
Europe	899	856	+5.0%	+4.6%

#### U.K.

- 9% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +5.2%
- Connected Media up midsingle digit
- Intelligent Creativity up strong high-single digit
- **Publicis Sapient** up mid-single digit against an easy comparable

#### France

- 6% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: -0.6%
- Up low-single digit when excluding Publicis Sapient, thanks to Connected Media and Intelligent Creativity being slightly positive

#### Germany

- 3% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: -1.8%
- Up mid-single digit when excluding Publicis Sapient, thanks to high-single-digit growth in Connected Media

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

- 3% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +9.9%
- Strong growth on top of +17.4% last year, driven by
   Connected Media, up double digits, while Publicis Sapient was up by a mid-single digit
- Growth fueled by Romania, Poland and Turkey



## **Q2 2025 PERFORMANCE - REST OF WORLD**

(EUR million)	Q2 2025	Q2 2024	2025 vs. 2024	Organic growth
Asia Pacific	318	306	+3.9%	+5.7%
Middle East & Africa	104	100	+4.0%	+8.8%
Latin America	104	92	+13.0%	+19.8%

#### **Asia Pacific**

- 9% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +5.7%
- Growth driven by Connected Media, up double digits
- **China** up +5.2% organic growth, after double-digit growth in Q2 2024

#### Middle East & Africa

- 3% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +8.8%
- Led by double-digit growth of Connected Media

#### **Latin America**

- 3% of Groupe net revenue
- Organic growth: +19.8%
- Driven by both Connected Media and
   Intelligent Creativity
- Strong growth in Brazil, Colombia and Argentina



# H1 2025 NET REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHY

(EUR million)	H1 2025	H1 2024	2025 vs. 2024	Organic growth
North America	4,427	4,112	+7.7%	+5.3%
Europe	1,726	1,649	+4.7%	+3.7%
Asia Pacific	604	572	+5.6%	+5.3%
Middle East & Africa	207	190	+8.9%	+10.1%
Latin America	188	165	+13.9%	+23.6%
Total	7,152	6,688	+6.9%	+5.4%



# H1 2025 PERFORMANCE BY INDUSTRY

#### Net revenue growth per client industry <sup>(1)</sup>





Growth at constant currencies and at 2025 perimeter
 Miscellaneous and other activities (outdoor media, the Drugstore etc.)

# **OPERATING MARGIN**

(EUR million)	H1 2025	H1 2024
Net revenue	7,152	6,688
Personnel costs	(4,772)	(4,457)
As a % of net revenue	66.7%	66.6%
Restructuring	(63)	(41)
Other operating expenses	(816)	(789)
Depreciation	(259)	(241)
Operating margin	1,242	1,160
as a % of net revenue	17.4%	17.3%



## CHANGE IN OPERATING MARGIN AS A % OF NET REVENUE





# HEADLINE INCOME STATEMENT

(EUR million)	H1 2025	H1 2024	Change
Revenue	8,483	7,650	+10.9%
Net revenue	7,152	6,688	<b>+6.9</b> %
EBITDA	1,501	1,401	+7.1%
Operating margin	1,242	1,160	+7.1%
Non-current income and expense	1	-	
Headline net financial expenses	(44)	(7)	
Headline income taxes	(302)	(289)	
% effective tax rate	<b>25.1</b> %	24.9%	
Associates	1	(3)	
Minority interests	(8)	(4)	
Headline Groupe net income	890	857	+3.9%



### HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE, DILUTED <sup>(1)</sup>





# FREE CASH FLOW

(EUR million)	H1 2025	H1 2024	Change
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	1,501	1,401	+100
Repayment of lease liabilities and related interests	(232)	(224)	-8
Capex, net of disposals <sup>(1)</sup>	(115)	(118)	+3
Interests paid and received	(22)	13	-35
Tax paid	(350)	(376)	+26
Other items	46	48	-2
Free cash flow before change in WCR <sup>(1)</sup>	828	744	+84



### **USE OF CASH**

(EUR million)	H1 2025	H1 2024
Free cash flow before change in WCR <sup>(1)</sup>	828	744
Change in WCR	(1,745)	(1,629)
Acquisitions (incl. earn-out & net of disposals)	(463)	(224)
Dividends paid	(5)	(9)
Share buy-back, net of sales / exercise of warrants	(149)	(119)
Non-cash impact on net debt <sup>(2)</sup>	(274)	229
Reduction (Increase) in net debt	(1,808)	(1,008)



(1) See definition in Appendix

H1 2025: Change in earn-out & buy-out (€61m), change in fair value of swaps & CTA (€262m), accrued interests €48m and others €1m
 H1 2024: Change in earn-out & buy-out (€126m), change in fair value of swaps & CTA (€57m), accrued interests (€36m) and others (€10m)

# NET FINANCIAL DEBT

(EUR million)	June 30, 2025	Dec. 31, 2024	June 30, 2024
Net financial debt, average (LTM)	836	585	375
Net financial debt, at end of period	1,033	(775)	99
(Average net financial debt + Average lease liability) / EBITDA (LTM)	1.1x	1.0x	1.0x





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### INDUSTRY FACING DISRUPTION

### While AI is reshaping the marketing landscape... ...clients have never been more in need of our help



Publicis is ready and in a position of strength

Steady 5-year track record in a challenging environment Transformation long completed

close to €700m additional organic revenue firepower to invest in our model and people



### SOLE FOCUS: EXECUTION









#### Delivering solutions, boosted by AI and tech, to help clients:

- $\checkmark$  Identify who and what will drive growth
- Make media spend work harder with greater efficiency
- $\checkmark$  Create more content they need, less of what they don't
- Ensure investment delivers business outcomes

#### **Category of One**

bringing unique solutions which are critical in downturns



## DOUBLE DOWN ON AI STRATEGY BY ACCELERATING BOLT-ON M&A

# €10 billion

invested from 2015 to 2023 including

Sapient and Epsilon

# + c. €2 billion

invested since 2024 and the launch of CoreAI

#### delivering...

✓ Over +15% organic growth in 2024

✓ On track to reach +20% in 2025

Influential

- Triple-digit year-on-year organic growth
- World's largest influencer media platform with Captiv8 and BR Media
- Delivering Super Bowl-level '127m+ impressions' for a fraction of the price



#### Reinforcing AI capabilities in:

- Data management
- New media channels
- Production
- Business transformation





- Double-digit year-on-year organic growth
- Instrumental in winning the biggest pitch of 2025



### RETAIN AND ATTRACT THE BEST TALENT

**Quality of our people is #1 reason for our success** 

**Opportunity to maintain momentum and increase share of industry-leading talent** 

Today, talent faces 2 options:

#### **Industry peers**

Engaged in cycles of cost cutting and restructuring

#### **Publicis Groupe**

On a growth journey and committed to putting people first



### CONCLUSION

### **Clients need trusted partners more than ever**

to thrive in a complex Al-driven world

**Only our industry** can help clients connect and deliver on the needed imperatives

 $\checkmark$  Own their own data

- ✓ Connect the entire media ecosystem
- $\checkmark$  Protect and grow brand value and differentiation
- ✓ Measure investments transparently with real business outcomes
  - $\checkmark$  Build ecosystems to be Al-ready in a responsible way

A lot of value to be unlocked, as demonstrated by Publicis, for those able to transform, especially in a landscape moving from 4 to 3 main players



Decades of partnerships, experience and expertise, not replicable by any tech platform... Confident in our future to help clients win in the age of Al



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# APPENDIX



# **NET REVENUE & ORGANIC GROWTH CALCULATION**

(EUR million)	Q1	Q2	H1
2024 net revenue	3,230	3,458	6,688
Currency impact <sup>(2)</sup>	65	(139)	(74)
2024 net revenue at 2025 exchange rate (a)	3,295	3,319	6,614
2025 net revenue before impact of acquisitions (b)	3,457	3,516	6,973
Net revenue from acquisitions <sup>(1)</sup>	78	101	179
2025 net revenue	3,535	3,617	7,152
Organic growth (b/a)	+4.9%	+5.9%	+5.4%

2025 currency impact				
(EUR million)	Q1	Q2	H1	
GBP <sup>(2)</sup>	7	2	9	
USD <sup>(2)</sup>	62	(106)	(44)	
Other	(4)	(35)	(39)	
Total	65	(139)	(74)	



(1) Acquisitions (Mars United Commerce, Influential, BR Media, Lotame, Atomic212, Captiv8, Adopt, Dysrupt, Moov AI, BRW, Downtown Paris, and 3Dids), net of disposals
 (2) EUR = USD 1.093 average in H1 2025 vs. USD 1.081 average in H1 2024
 EUR = GBP 0.842 on average in H1 2025 vs. GBP 0.855 on average in H1 2024
### **REPORTED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**

(EUR million)	H1 2025	H1 2024
Net revenue	7,152	6,688
Pass-through revenue	1,331	962
Revenue	8,483	7,650
EBITDA	1,501	1,401
Depreciation	(259)	(241)
Operating margin	1,242	1,160
Amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions	(106)	(123)
Impairment loss	(35)	(45)
Non-current income and expense	1	16
Operating income	1,102	1,008
Net financial income (expenses)	(43)	0
Earn-out revaluation	38	28
Equity-accounted investees, net of tax	1	(3)
Income taxes	(266)	(256)
Non-controlling interests	(8)	(4)
Groupe net income	824	773



### NET FINANCIAL INCOME (EXPENSE)

(EUR million)	H1 2025	H1 2024
Interest (expense)/income on net financial debt	15	39
Interest on lease liabilities	(44)	(42)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(10)	2
Other financial expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	(5)	(6)
Headline net financial expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	(44)	(7)



(1) Includes provisions on financial assets, dividends outside the Groupe and finance costs on long term provisions(2) Excludes earn-out revaluation

## INCOME TAX AND EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

(EUR million)	H1 2025	H1 2024
Reported income taxes	266	256
Reversal in income tax on amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions	27	31
Reversal in income tax on impairment and real estate consolidation	9	11
Reversal in income tax on other items	0	(9)
Headline income taxes	302	289
Effective tax rate	25.1%	24.9%



### H1 2025 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

(EUR million)	H1 2025 P&L	Amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions	Real estate	Change in fair value of financial assets	Main non- current items	Earn-out revaluation	H1 2025 Headline
Net revenue	7,152						7,152
Pass-through revenue (1)	1,331						1,331
Revenue	8,483						8,483
EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	1,501						1,501
Depreciation	(259)						(259)
Operating margin	1,242						1,242
Amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions	(106)	106					-
Impairment / Real estate consolidation charge	(35)		35				-
Non-current income and expense	1				0		1
Operating income	1,102						1,243
Net financial income (expenses)	(43)			(1)			(44)
Earn-out revaluation	38					(38)	-
Equity-accounted investees, net of tax	1						1
Non-controlling interests	(8)						(8)
Income taxes	(266)	(27)	(9)	0	0	0	(302)
Groupe net income	824	79	26	(1)	0	(38)	890



## H1 2024 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

(EUR million)	H1 2024 P&L	Amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions	Impairment / Real estate consolidation charge	Change in fair value of financial assets	Main non- current items	Earn-out revaluation	H1 2024 Headline
Net revenue	6,688						6,688
Pass-through revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	962						962
Revenue	7,650						7,650
EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	1,401						1,401
Depreciation	(241)						(241)
Operating margin	1,160						1,160
Amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions	(123)	123					-
Impairment / Real estate consolidation charge	(45)		45				-
Non-current income and expense	16				(16)		-
Operating income	1,008						1,160
Net financial income (expenses)	-			(7)			(7)
Earn-out revaluation	28					(28)	-
Equity-accounted investees, net of tax	(3)						(3)
Non-controlling interests	(4)						(4)
Income taxes	(256)	(31)	(11)	1	8		(289)
Groupe net income	773	92	34	(6)	(8)	(28)	857



## **BALANCE SHEET**

	June 30,	Dec. 31,	June 30,
(EUR million)	2025	2024	2024
Goodwill and intangibles	13,934	14,912	13,713
Net right of use	1,612	1,735	1,640
Other fixed assets	936	974	987
Current and deferred tax	24	(94)	(7)
Working capital	(2,824)	(3,948)	(3,141)
TOTAL	13,682	13,579	13,192
Groupe equity	9,631	11,060	9,916
Minority interests	(27)	(24)	(41)
TOTAL EQUITY	9,604	11,036	9,875
Provisions and Pensions commitments	776	858	856
Net debt (cash)	1,033	(775)	99
Lease liability	2,269	2,460	2 362
TOTAL	13,682	13,579	13,192



## GROSS DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

### **Breakdown by maturity**

(EUR million)	Total				July 2028- June 2029	
Eurobond 2028 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	735	-	-	735	-	-
Eurobond 2031 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	751	-	-	-	-	751
Eurobond 2029 <sup>(3)</sup>	596	-	-	-	596	-
Eurobond 2032 <sup>(3)</sup>	646	-	-	-	-	646
Earn out / Buy out	433	183	74	134	44	2
Other debt <sup>(1)</sup>	78	70	4	1	1	2
Total gross debt	3,239	253	78	866	641	1,401





(1) Including fair values of associated derivatives

(2) Eurobond swapped in USD at fixed rate

(3) Issued under Publicis Groupe SA's Euro Medium Term Note Program dated May 16, 2025

## NET DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

### **Breakdown by currency**

(EUR million)	Total	EUR	USD	GBP	Others
Eurobond 2028 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	735	-	735	-	-
Eurobond 2031 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	751	-	751	-	-
Eurobond 2029 <sup>(3)</sup>	596	596	-	-	-
Eurobond 2032 <sup>(3)</sup>	646	646	-	-	-
Earn-out / Buy-out	433	24	294	3	112
Other debt <sup>(1)</sup>	78	62	5	2	9
Cash & marketable securities	(2,206)	(547)	(662)	(22)	(975)
Net debt (cash)	1,033	781	1,123	(17)	(854)



(1) Including fair values of associated derivatives

(2) Eurobond swapped in USD at fixed rate

(3) Issued under Publicis Groupe SA's Euro Medium Term Note Program dated May 16, 2025

## NET DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

### Breakdown by rate

(EUR million)	Total	Earn-out / Buy-out	Fixed rate	Floating rate
Eurobond 2028 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	735	-	735	-
Eurobond 2031 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	751	-	751	-
Eurobond 2029 <sup>(3)</sup>	596	-	596	-
Eurobond 2032 <sup>(3)</sup>	646	-	646	-
Other debt <sup>(1)</sup>	78	-	11	67
Total gross debt ex. earn-out/buy-out	2,806	-	2,739	67
Earn-out / Buy-out	433	433	-	_
Cash & marketable securities	(2,206)	-	-	(2,206)
Net debt (cash)	1,033	433	2,739	(2,139)



(1) Including fair values of associated derivatives

(2) Eurobond swapped in USD at fixed rate

(3) Issued under Publicis Groupe SA's Euro Medium Term Note Program dated May 16, 2025

# LIQUIDITY AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

		June 30, 2025		
(EUR million)	Facility amount	Drawn	Available	Available
5-year revolving credit facility maturing 2030	2,000		2,000	1,579
Cash and Marketable Securities			2,206	3,082
Total liquidity			4,206	4,661



### 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.

5Y CAGR organic growth: Calculated as: ( [1 + organic growth (n-5)]\*[1 + organic growth (n-4)]\*[1 + organic growth (n-3)]\*[1 + organic growth (n-2)]\*[1 + organic growth (n-1)] )^(1/5) - 1

**EBITDA:** Operating margin before depreciation.

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.

P&L condensed / comparable: P&L excluding pass-through costs and FX & perimeter impact.

Headline Groupe net income: Net income attributable to the Groupe, after elimination of impairment charges, amortization of intangibles arising on acquisitions, the main capital gains (or losses) on disposals, change in the fair value of financial assets and the costs of the anticipated unwinding of cross-currency swaps (in 2020).

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 tangible 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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