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H1 2023 Results

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# Overview

Gavin Slark, CEO

# Observations after six months



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## A good business platform for long term growth

- Travelled extensively around countries, visiting branches, our people and our stakeholders; Impressed with quality of business and people
- Managing for growth through the economic cycle; Growing sustainably

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## Conviction in 5% margin opportunity

- Last three years' strategy has moved business in right direction; 5% Group margin is a realistic medium term target

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## Strong operational management

- Good depth and breadth of operational leadership, for future development and succession

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## Making progress with more opportunities for self-help

- Will continue to focus on people, performance, productivity and modernisation
- Opportunities to improve quality of operations and earnings through more self-help measures, even in challenging markets

**Capital Markets event to be held in London on 23 November 2023**

# H1 2023 Results Overview



## Resilient operating performance

- Resilient LFL revenue in our largest businesses
- Reported Group revenue growth of 5% including acquisitions
- Managing near-term margin pressure



## Market conditions remain challenging

- Declining market demand across all geographies
- Inflation tailwinds moderating as expected
- Maintaining strengthened market positions



## Financial discipline

- Operating cost discipline
- Strong cash management
- Healthy liquidity

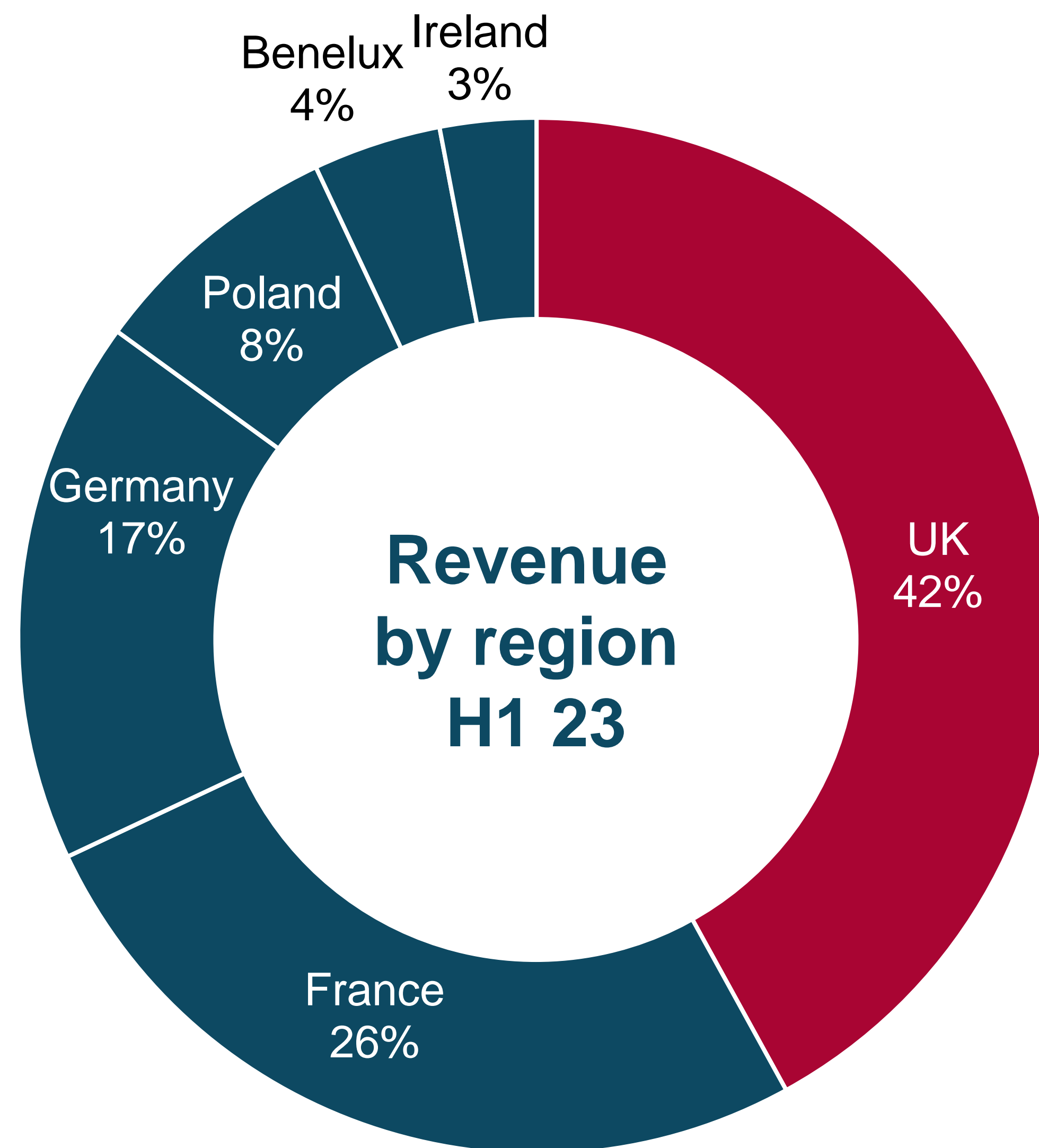
# Pan-European presence

Geographically diversified



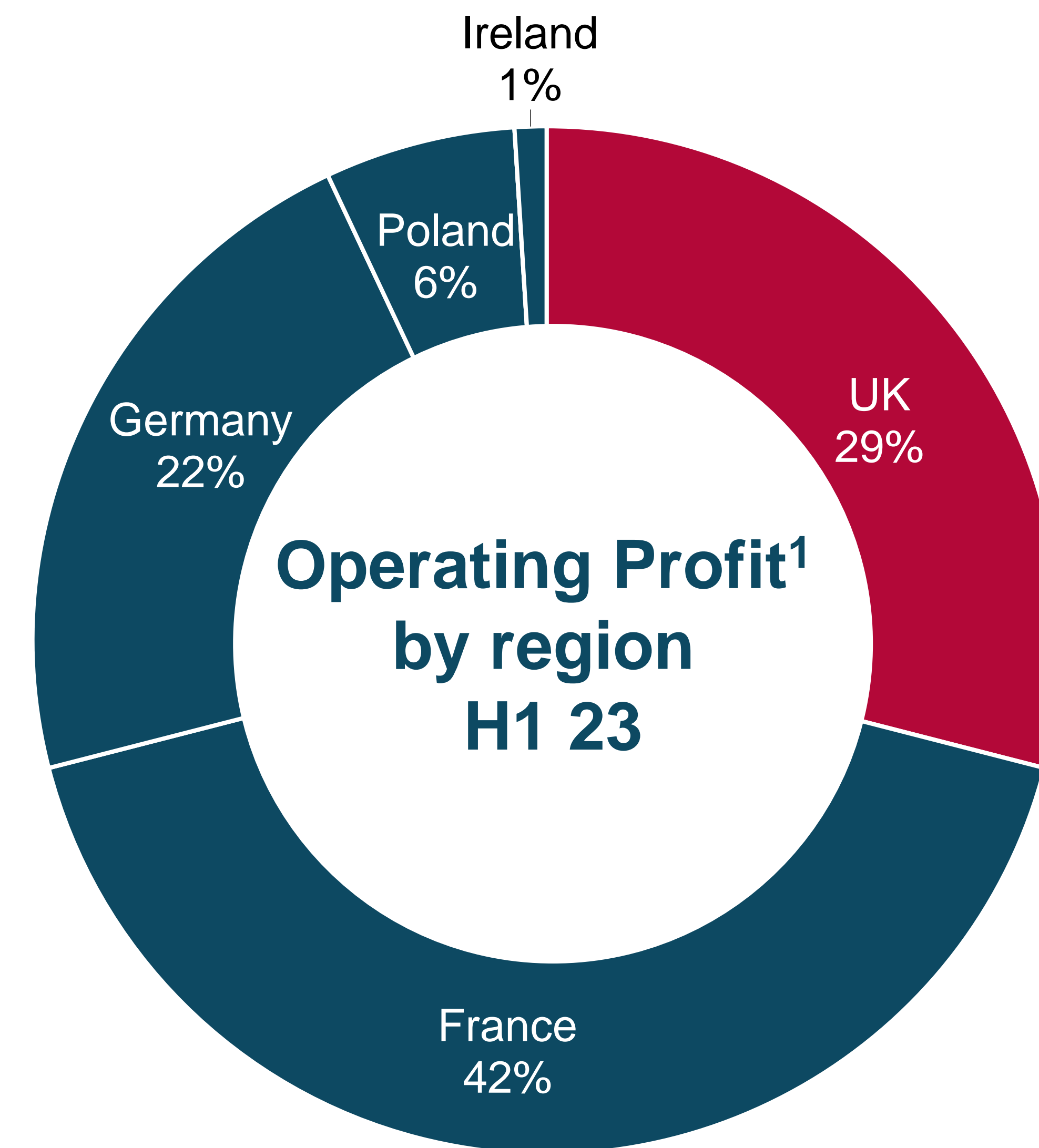
EU 58% of Revenue

UK 42% of Revenue



EU 71% of Profit<sup>1</sup>

UK 29% of Profit<sup>1</sup>



Note: 1) Underlying operating profit adjusted to exclude Group overhead and Benelux loss.



# Financial Results

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# Key Financials



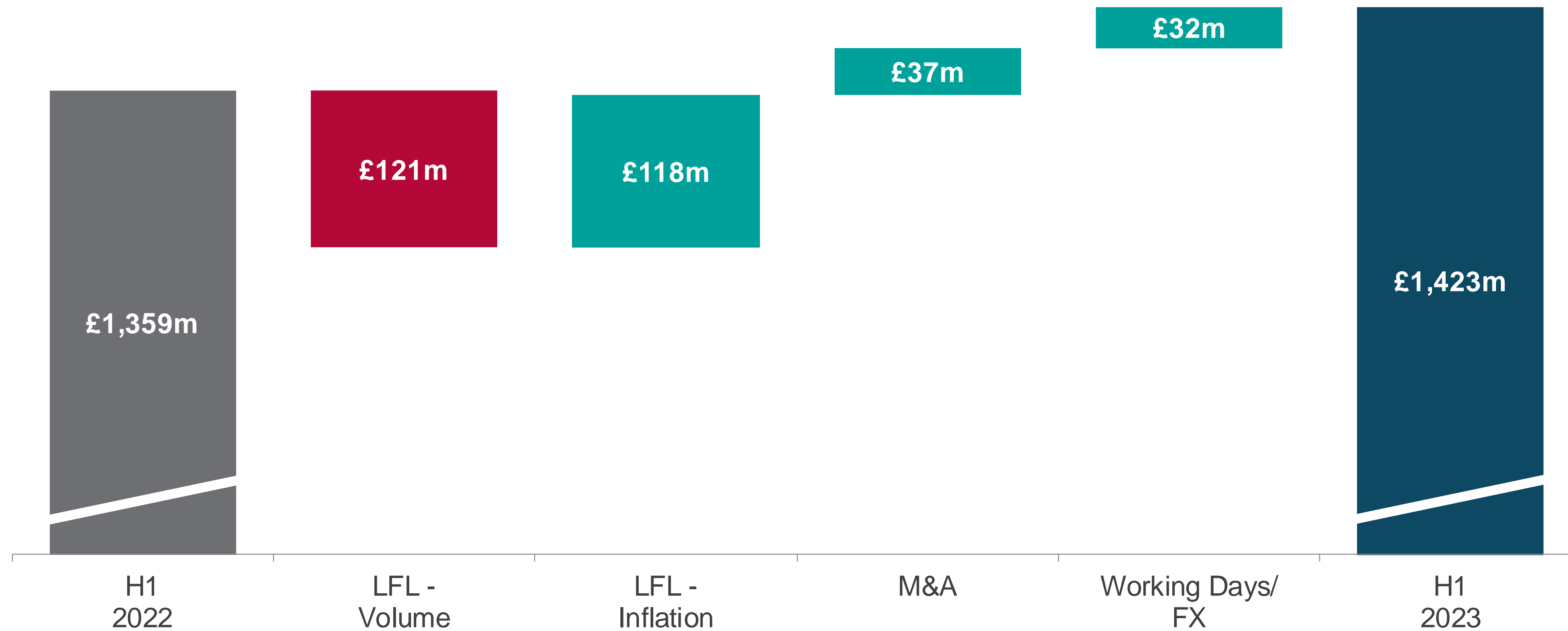
£'m	H1 2023	H1 2022
Revenue	1,423	1,359
<i>LFL sales growth</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>21%</i>
Gross profit	365	356
<i>Gross margin</i>	<i>25.6%</i>	<i>26.2%</i>
<b>Underlying operating profit</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>43</b>
<i>Operating margin</i>	<i>2.3%</i>	<i>3.1%</i>
Finance costs	(18)	(14)
<b>Underlying profit before tax</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Other items</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>Underlying EBITDA</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>(31)</b>
<b>Leverage, post-IFRS 16<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>3.2x</b>	<b>3.0x</b>
<b>Leverage, pre-IFRS 16<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2.4x</b>	<b>2.1x</b>

- Challenging market conditions resulting in volume decline, offset by inflation
- Resilient gross margin; slight reduction due partly to strength of comparator
- Operating margin also reflects higher than normal operating cost inflation
- Solid cash result, reflecting normal working capital seasonality

Notes: All data presented on a post-IFRS 16 basis unless stated otherwise. 1) Defined as Net Debt / LTM EBITDA.



# Revenue bridge

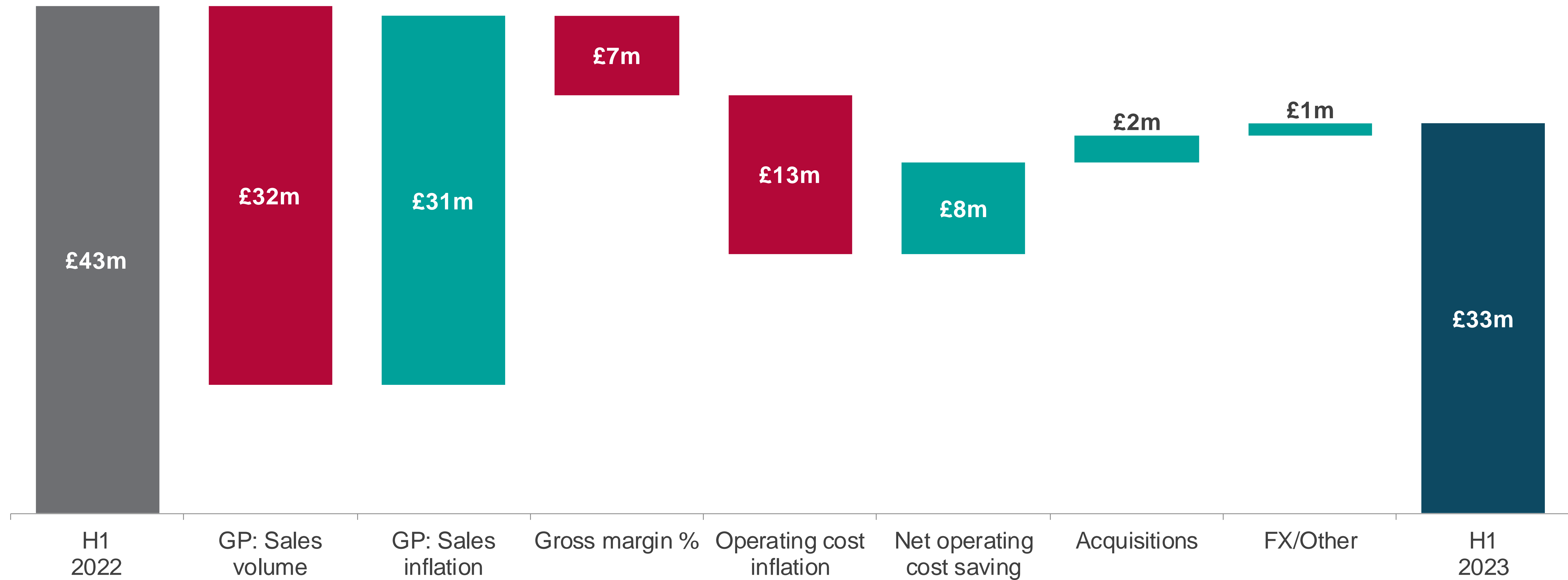


1 Jan to 30 June	H1 LFL
UK Interiors	4%
UK Exteriors	(2)%
<b>UK</b>	<b>1%</b>
France Interiors	1%
France Exteriors	2%
Germany	0%
Poland	(9)%
Benelux	7%
Ireland	(18)%
<b>EU</b>	<b>(1)%</b>
<b>Group</b>	<b>0%</b>

- Market demand weaker across all geographies
- Pass through of purchase price inflation contributes c9%
- Especially strong comparators in Poland and Ireland
- H2 2022 acquisitions in UK Interiors (Miers) and Germany (Thermodämm) added £37m, and 3% to reported year-on-year growth

Note: The numbers presented above have been rounded to the nearest million and therefore may contain small rounding differences.

# Operating profit bridge



- Inflationary tailwinds offset by volume decline
- Slight reduction in GM% due partially to strong comparators
- Operating cost inflation of 4-5% offset by net underlying savings
- H2 2022 acquisitions in UK Interiors (Miers) and Germany (Thermodämm) contributed £2.3m to operating profit

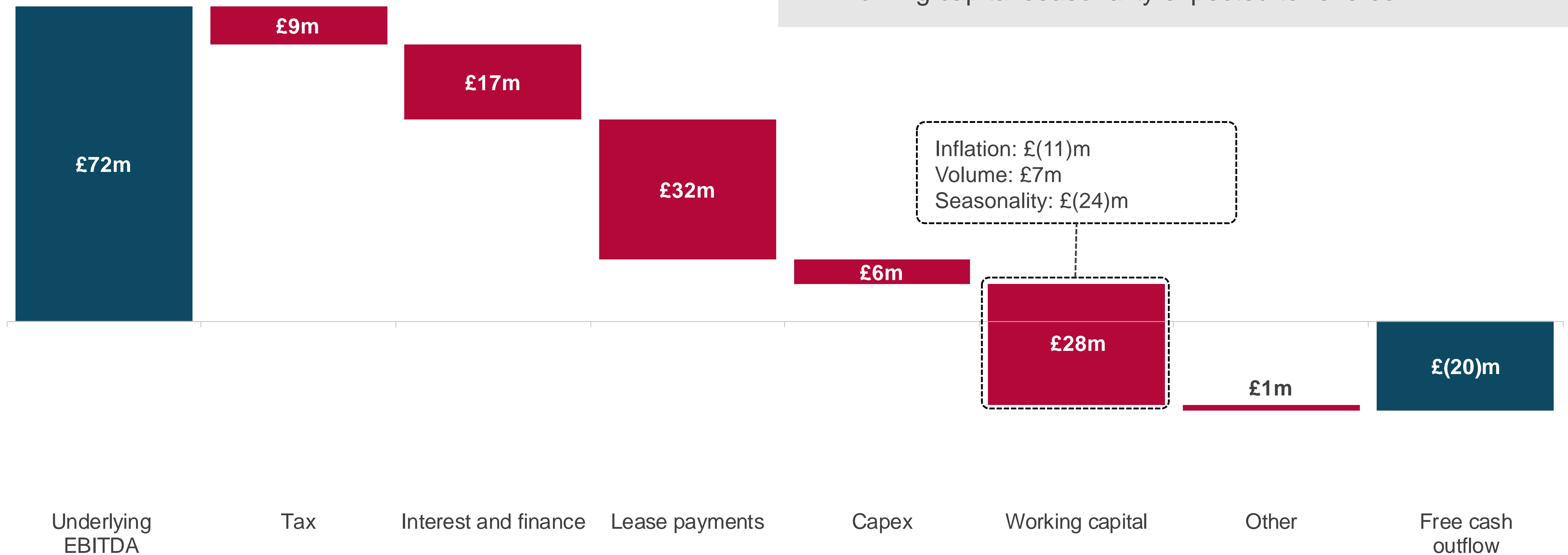
Note: Data represents underlying performance, post-IFRS 16.

# Free cash flow

Normal seasonality in working capital



- Increase in interest reflecting higher levels of lease liability and increases in lease discount rates, up from £14m
- Working capital seasonality expected to reverse in H2

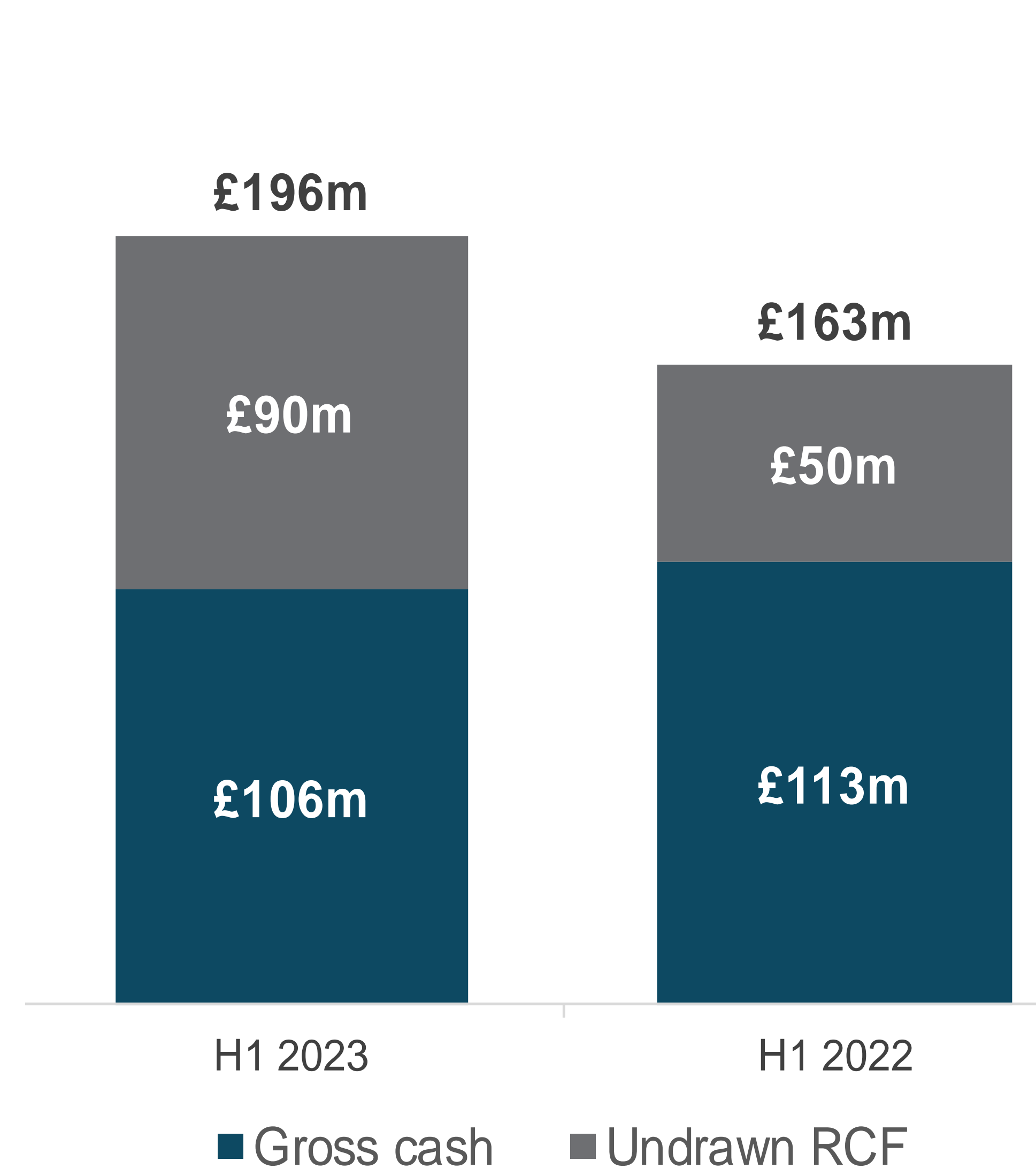


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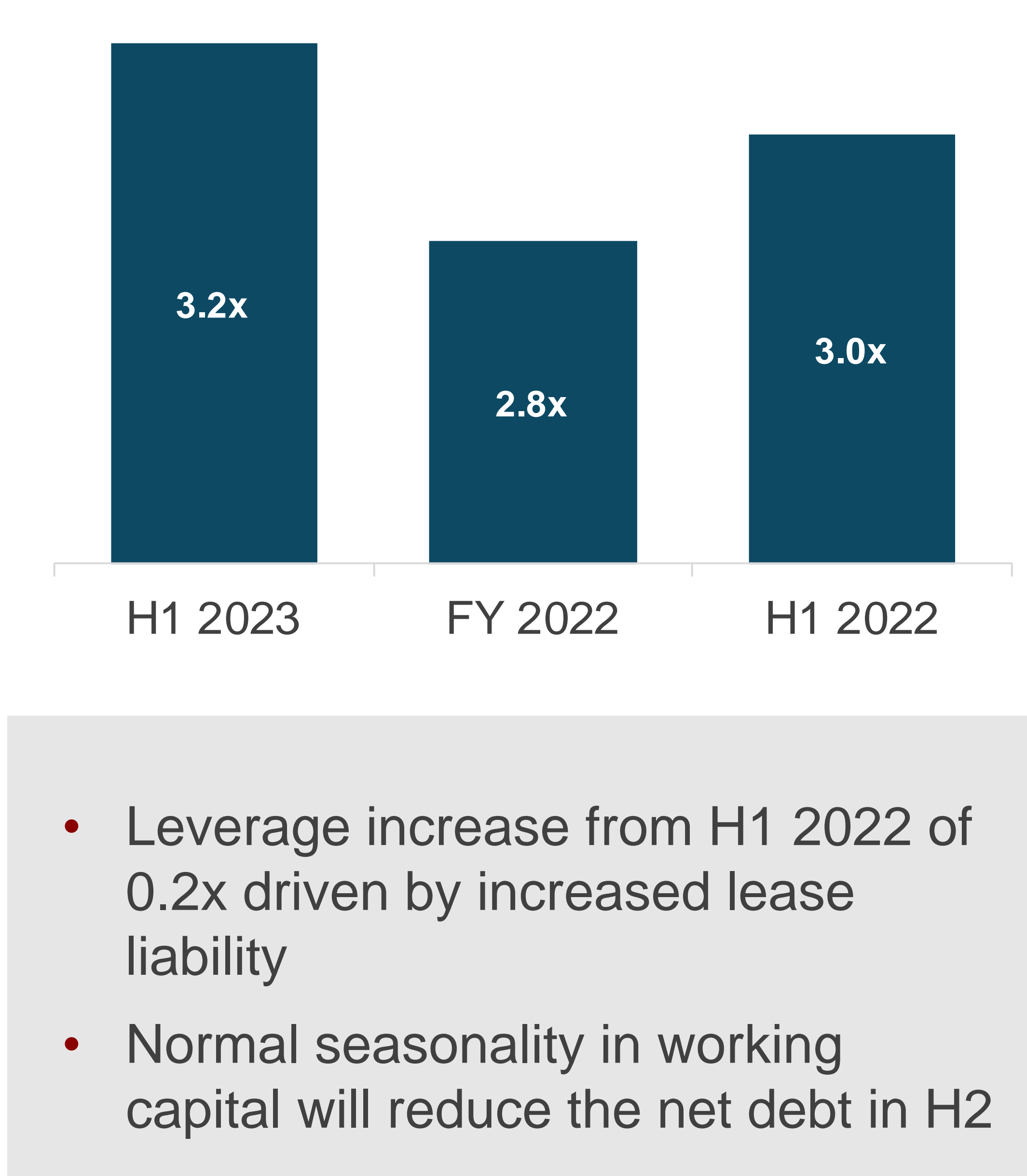
# Balance sheet



## Strong liquidity



## Leverage<sup>1</sup>



## Secure long term debt profile

- Core Group debt facilities with maturity in 2026 :**
- Debt refinanced in November 2021
  - €300m Senior Secured Notes:
    - 5.25% fixed rate
  - £90m RCF:
    - SONIA + 2.5% to 4.5%
    - Undrawn as at end of FY 22 and H1 23
  - Solid credit ratings: B1 (Moody's) and B+ (S&P)

Note: 1) Post-IFRS 16 Leverage.

# Technical guidance FY23



- **Inflation:**
  - Minimal levels of new inflation expected in H2
  - Positive but moderating year on year impact expected in H2 due to H1 23 increases and some remaining annualisation of prior year. Mid single digit % in aggregate for FY
- **Capex** now expected to be £14-17m (previous guidance up to £20m)
- **Net interest** charge now expected to be £35-37m (previous £32-34m)
- **Tax rate:**
  - EU operations expected to continue on prevailing local rates
  - UK operations not expected to report a tax charge and continue to have unrecognised deferred tax assets
  - Cash tax of £15-£16m





# Business Review

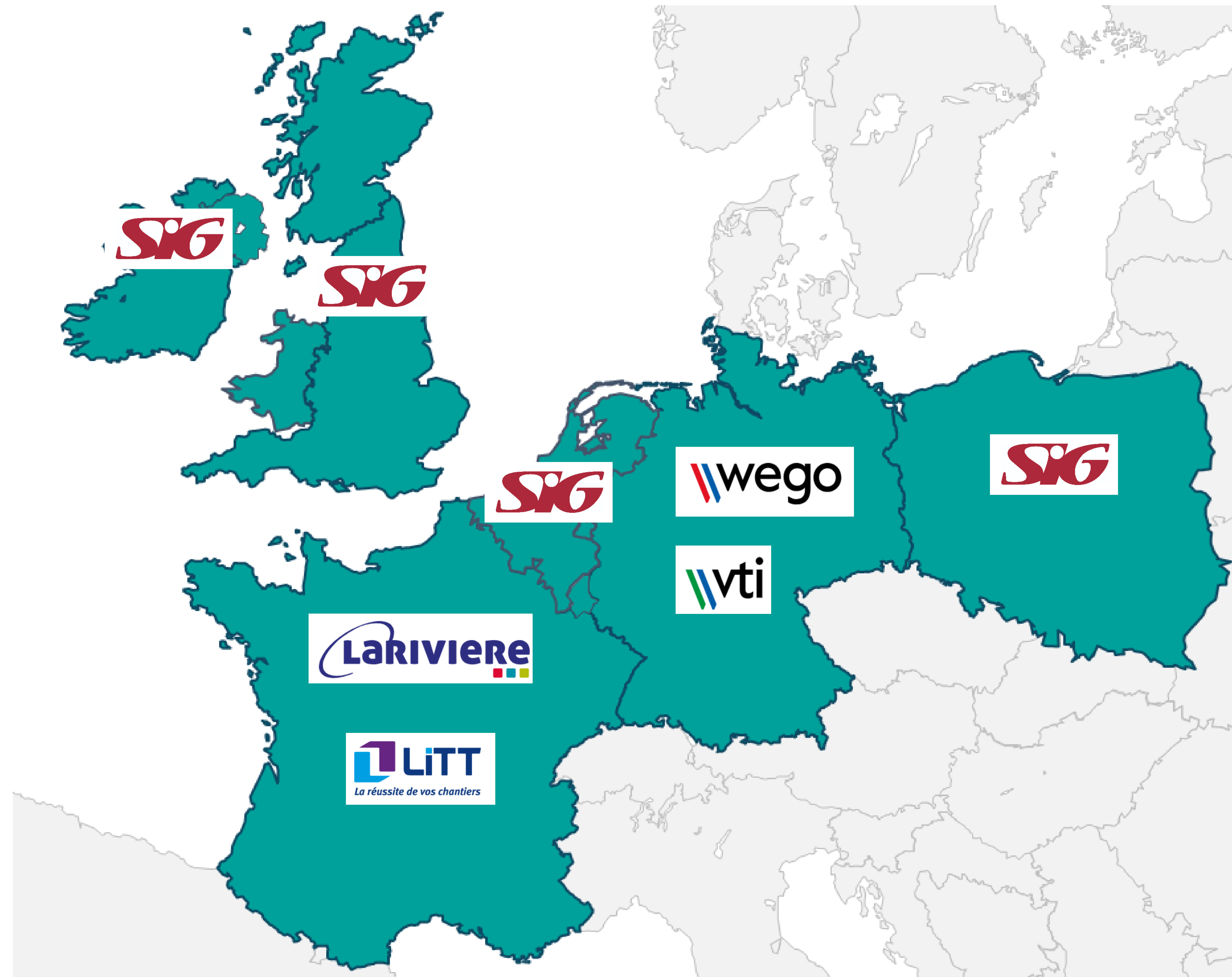
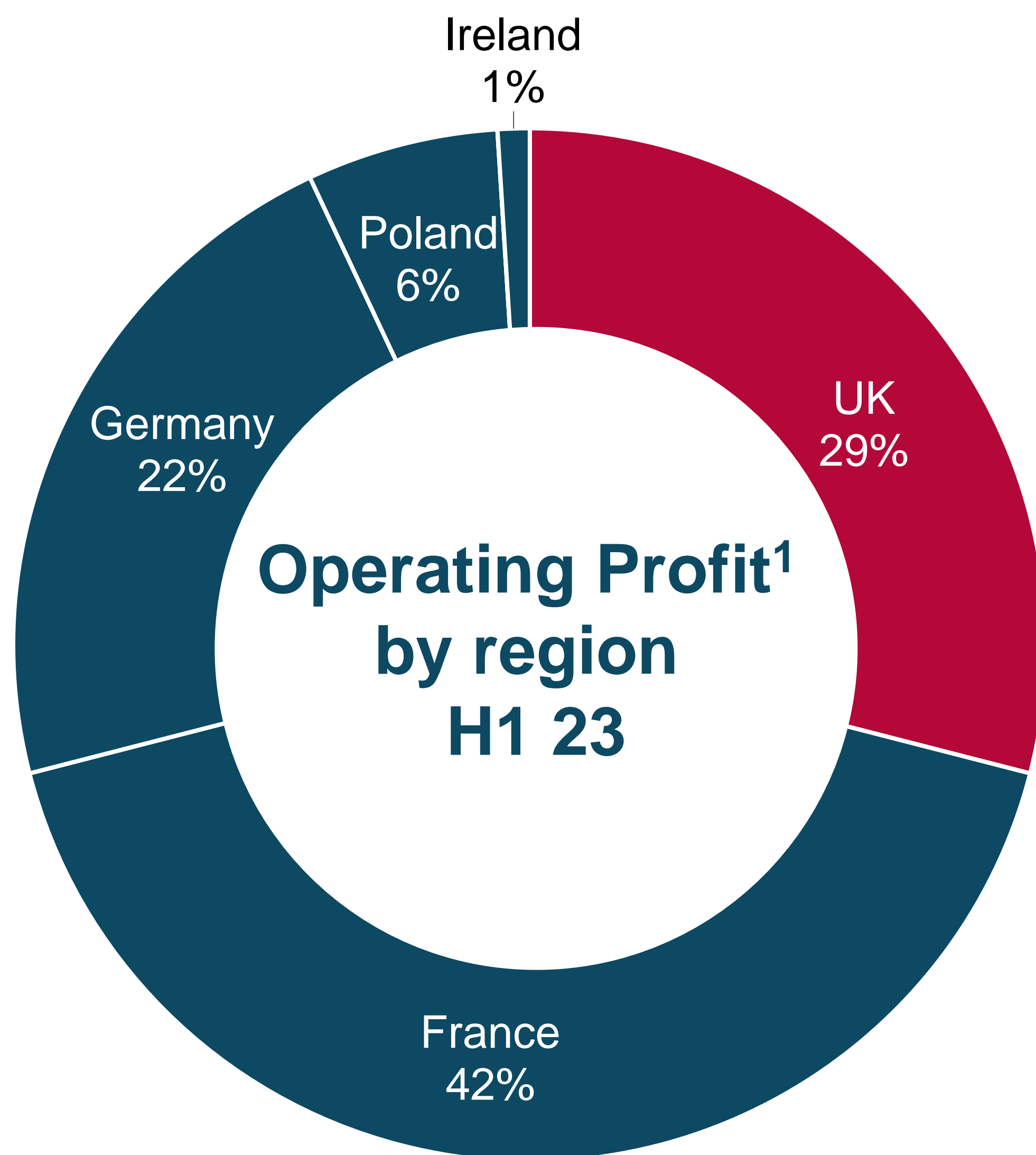
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# Our operations

## Pan-European presence



c440 branches supporting local markets across six geographies



Note: 1) Underlying operating profit adjusted to exclude Group overhead and Benelux loss

# Strategic priorities

Path to 5% operating margin underpinned by consistent execution



1

## Drive LFL sales by winning locally

- Empowered branches focused on sales and service excellence
- Smart pricing and promotions to respond to local market conditions

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## Improve mix and margin

- Growth in high margin categories and private label
- Specialist solutions and advice

3

## Drive productivity

- Tight opex control in current inflationary environment
- Omnichannel development and process modernisation

4

## Reinvesting in growth

- Continuing to add talent and branch locations where we expect good returns
- Disciplined capital allocation and selective M&A



# Margin: Product mix

## Supporting the path to 5% margin



### Increase higher margin categories

- Stocking and selling more higher margin product categories
- Increase fixings and accessories
- Cross-selling full system ranges for specialists

### Growing private label

- Shop-in-shop items and merchandising
- Specialist proprietary products
- Fabricated products in specialist markets (UK)

### Enhancing processes

- Supporting higher margin branch sales
- Pricing tools and analytics
- New product training and awareness
- Customer promotions, loyalty programmes and sales incentives

Examples:



Slate roof tile

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Slate hooks and accessories

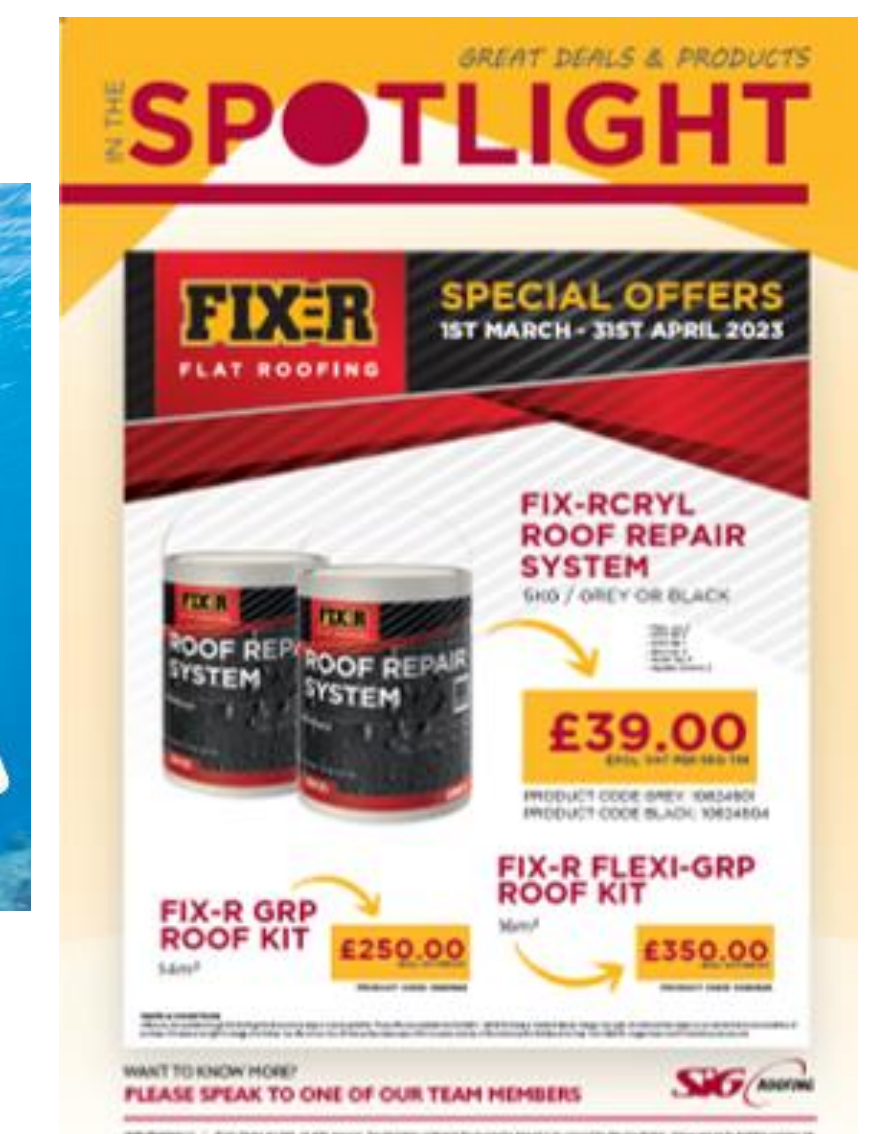
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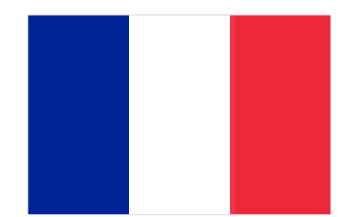
# Regulatory themes across Europe supporting long term demand for our products and markets



## Regulatory themes across our European markets relevant to SIG

## Tailwind to SIG's core markets and business

### Examples



France: RE 2020 Building decarbonisation



UK: EPC & Building standard changes, decarbonisation



Poland: 2021-30 National Energy & Climate Plan



Ireland: Climate Action Plan 2023



Germany: Climate Action Programme 2030



Benelux: Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

**1** Demand for **commercial building retrofit** from EPC changes and carbon reduction targets

**2** Governments increasing funds for **public building** upgrades: hospitals, public housing etc

**3** **Building standards increasing insulation** and product specifications in all new-build

**4** **Solar / PV** adoption across new and existing buildings

**5** **Alternative heat source** adoption

### Larger more complex projects

Commercial and public building renovation projects are larger volume, more complex sites, utilising full product systems and specialist contractors

### Specialist contractors

Prevalent in multi-dwelling resi and commercial new-build projects

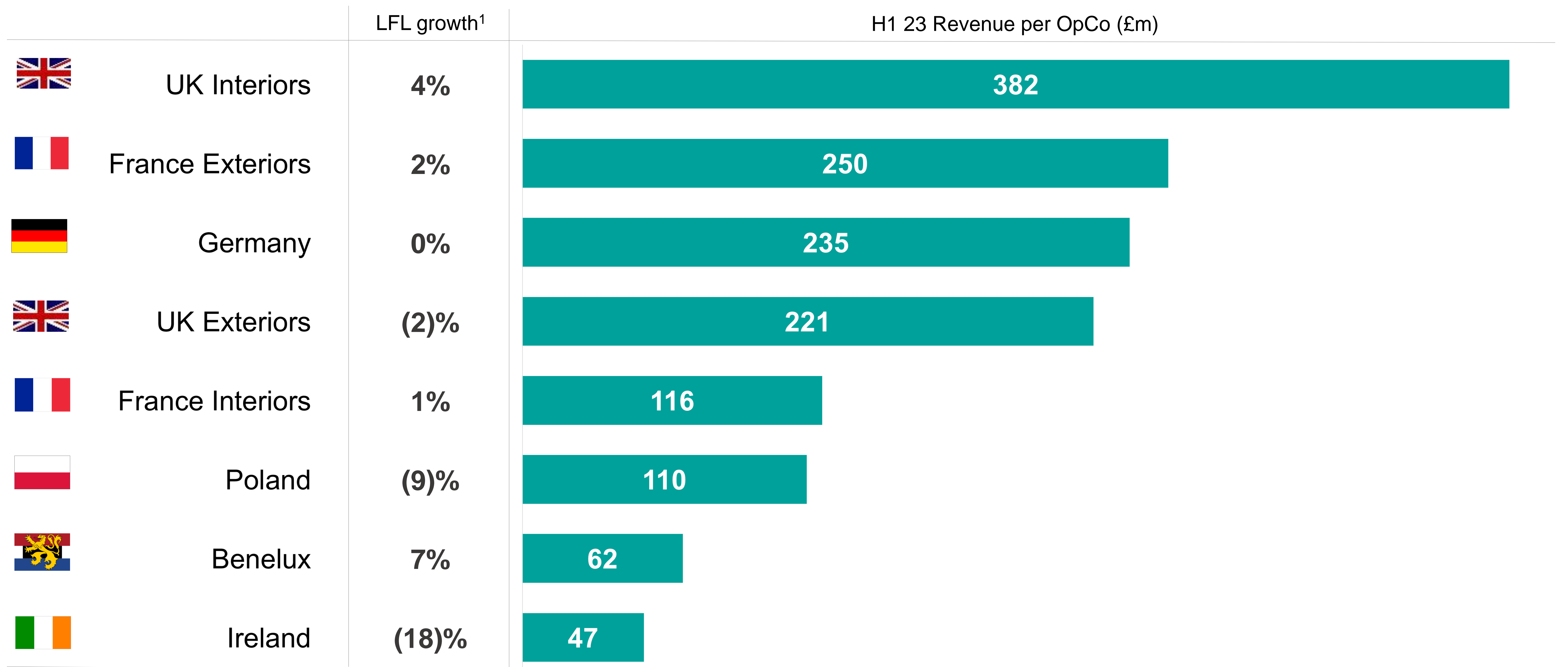
### Leading roofing positions

In France and UK with expanding solar offering

### Stimulating building envelope demand

Performance of alternative heat sources requires good insulation of building envelope

# Resilient LFL Revenue performance in our largest OpCos in a challenging market

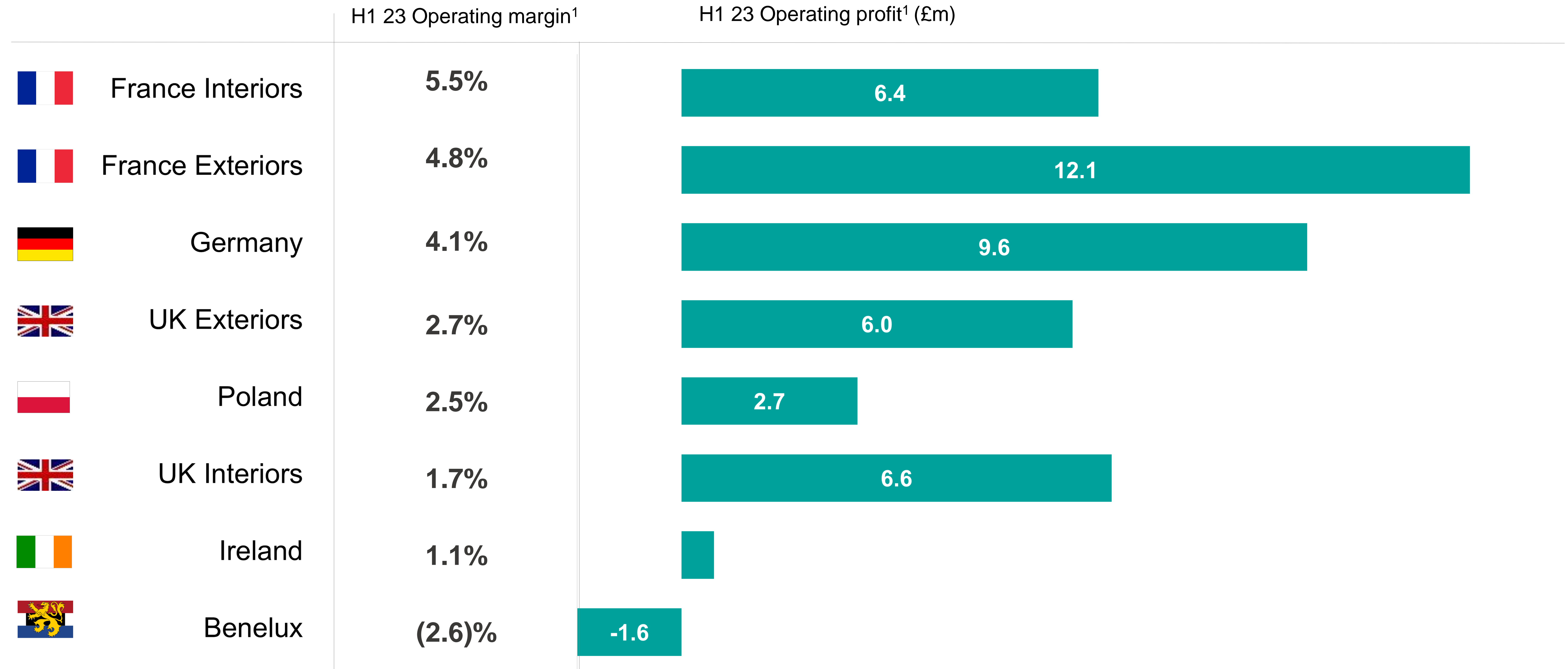


Note: 1) LFL revenue growth vs H1 22.

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# OpCo Margins temporarily impacted by challenging market

Resilience in France at c5% with Germany and UK Interiors improving yoy



Note: 1) Underlying operating profit

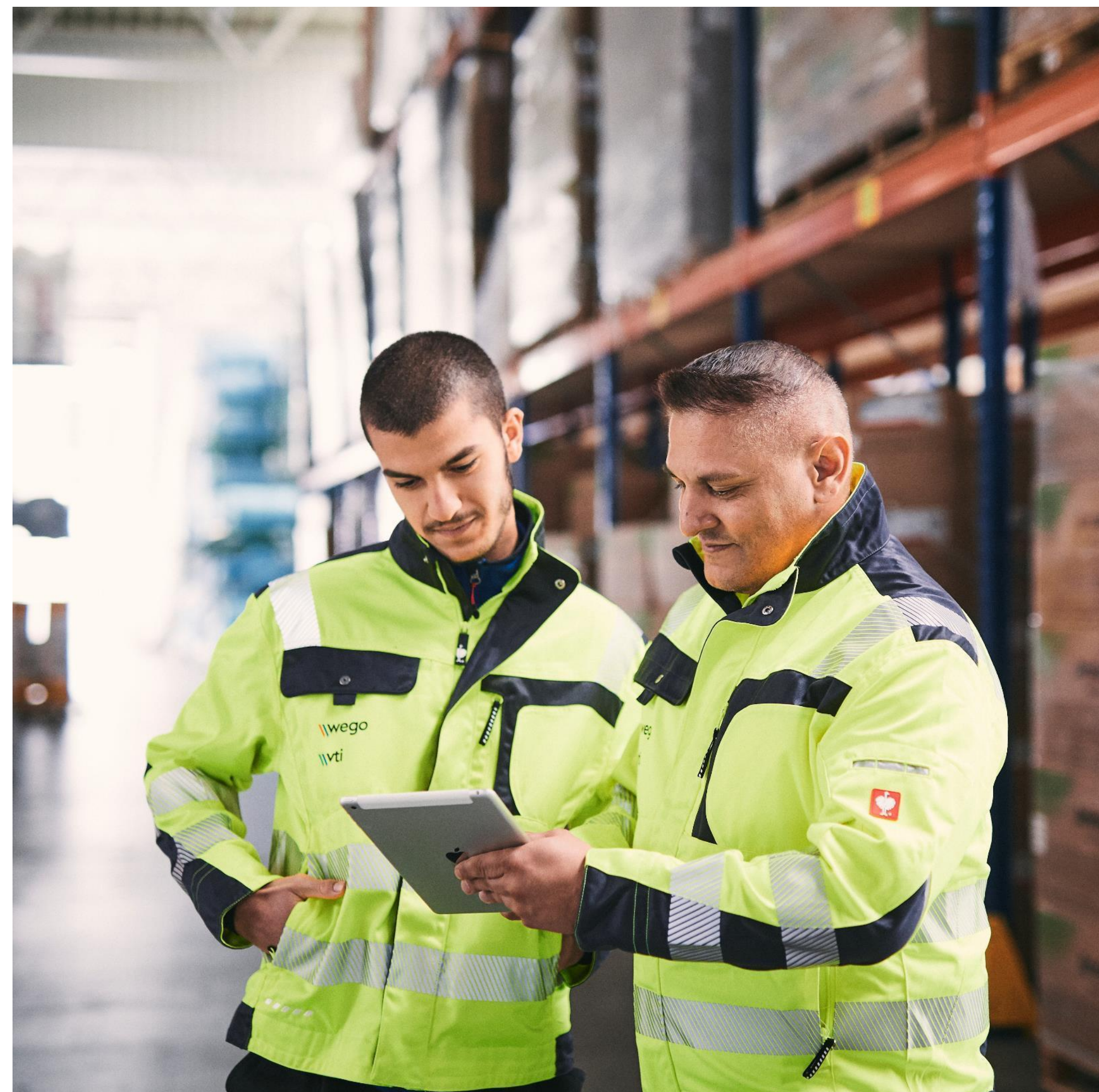
# Improving our operating platform for long term growth

Motivated people, winning branches and efficient operations are key to performance



In H1 we have retained our focus on:

## People



## Branches



## Productivity





	H1 23	H1 22	Change <sup>1</sup>
Revenue (£'m)	249.7	239.8	1.6%
Operating profit (£'m)	12.1	15.3	(3.2)
Operating margin (%)	4.8%	6.4%	(1.6)%

## H1 Trading

- Residential new-build market demand slowed in Q2
- RMI (larger projects) also impacted
- Strong growth in small but expanding solar category

## Strategic development

- Improving product mix with continued development in own brands (Irondel & Galiza)
- Sales development to key accounts and solar
- Enhancing customer experience – shop-in-shop, branch refurbishment, digital services
- Increasing employee skills and training: launch of SIG Academy across both French businesses

## Solar offering expanded in H1

- Now stocking a wide range of brands and innovative products for in-roof solar for commercial and residential
- Continuing sales and customer training



Notes: 1) Revenue growth rate change (%) is on a LFL basis.



	H1 23	H1 22	Change <sup>1</sup>
Revenue (£'m)	116.4	111.2	1.3%
Operating profit (£'m)	6.4	7.4	(1.0)
Operating margin (%)	5.5%	6.7%	(1.2)%

## H1 Trading

- Volume decline greater in Q2 with new-build market weakest
- Volume growth from newer branches
- Robust margin despite market weakness

## Strategic development



- Sales development and ramp up of new own brand (Alyé) launched in 2022 with new products (new fillers and accessories launched Q1)
- Extending product range with added value technical products e.g. in walls and flooring
- Continued ramp up of productivity in our new warehouse at Marly
- Driving up sales and performance at new and refreshed branch locations

## Two year programme of branch investment completed

- New branches, relocations and reinvigoration to capture local market growth
- Technology investment to support productivity



Notes: 1) Revenue growth rate change (%) is on a LFL basis.

 	H1 23	H1 22	Change <sup>1</sup>	H1 Trading
Revenue (£'m)	381.6	331.9	3.9%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total revenue up 15%, including 10% from Miers acquisition</li> <li>Strengthened market position</li> </ul>
Operating profit (£'m)	6.6	3.8	2.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential end-market demand weakest</li> </ul>
Operating margin (%)	1.7%	1.1%	0.6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued year over year margin progression</li> </ul>

## Strategic development

- Construction Accessories:
  - Business focus on rebuilding market position in specialist fixings and infrastructure end-markets
  - Miers and F30 acquisitions performing well
- Core Interiors business:
  - Continued focus on initiatives to structurally improve medium term margin
  - Improving internal pricing tools and support to branches
  - Product category management



## Growing in attractive Construction Accessories market

- Higher margin specialist products for the preliminary stages of construction
- Miers acquisition (£35m purchase, 2022)
- Supporting large infrastructure projects eg HS2, energy facilities and Tier 1 national contractor customers



Notes: 1) Revenue growth rate change (%) is on a LFL basis.



 	H1 23	H1 22	Change <sup>1</sup>	H1 Trading
Revenue (£'m)	221.1	224.0	(2.1)%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in new-build and public-sector RMI activity</li> </ul>
Operating profit (£'m)	6.0	11.1	(5.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market decline in Building Solutions (metal building envelope) in agriculture and warehousing in Q2, driving margin decline</li> </ul>
Operating margin (%)	2.7%	5.0%	(2.3)%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall inflation benefit, with deflation in commodity materials</li> </ul>

## Strategic development

- Product range expansion in specialist categories
- Branch openings: Carlisle, Maidstone, Luton (H2)
- Full solar offering launched: products and solutions to capture market growth
- Increasing employee communications and recognition - improving engagement and retention

## Continued H1 investment in branches and people to drive growth

- Programme of branch upgrades, in-store merchandising and retail revamps
- Improving customer experience
- New performance recognition scheme programme launched



Notes: 1) Revenue growth rate change (%) is on a LFL basis.



	H1 23	H1 22	Change <sup>1</sup>
Revenue (£'m)	234.8	224.5	(0.1)%
Operating profit (£'m)	9.6	8.3	1.3
Operating margin (%)	4.1%	3.7%	0.4%

## H1 Trading

- Continued momentum under new management since late 2021
- Residential end-market conditions weakened significantly; commercial weaker but less severe
- Further operating margin improvement delivered

## Strategic development

- Technical insulation and flooring market focus
- Branch performance management initiatives over past two years leading to improving operating metrics
- Thermodämm acquisition integrated and trading well
- Customer service improvements through new express pick-up, and digital developments

## Driving better branch and sales performance

- Improving sales team skills: 'Empower the touch points' sales reactivation and training programme
- Increased branch productivity metric and performance focus
- Employee and business partner re-engagement under new brand 'Building Together'



Notes: 1) Revenue growth rate change (%) is on a LFL basis.

# Summary & Outlook



## H1 2023 Results

- Volumes and input inflation offsetting to result in flat LFL sales
- Reported growth of 5% including 3% from acquisitions
- Margin down on PY due to weaker demand and inflation on opex
- Solid cash result

## FY 2023 Outlook

- Full year revenue:
  - Weak demand conditions to continue
  - Inflation benefit moderating vs PY, as expected
- Margin:
  - Operational agility and productivity; continuing cost discipline
  - Managing near term pressure for medium term growth
- Continuing focus on strengthening operating platform:
  - People, Branches, Productivity

## Longer term

- Medium and long term growth aided by sustainable construction tailwinds
- Medium term target of 5% Group operating margin
- Increasingly meaningful cash generation
- M&A opportunities
- Shareholder value creation



# Appendix

SIG Plc

H1 2023 Results

# Capital allocation and value creation



## Organic growth

- Investment in new branches and new capabilities, focused on high margin categories
- Investment in existing network and fleet to optimise efficiency, growth and sustainability
- Inventory to drive new product focus areas

## Focused M&A

### *Criteria for acquisitions:*

- Operating company readiness
- Strategic fit - category priorities, distinctive expertise, aligned to sustainability
- Synergistic, accretive deals

## Dividends

- Targeting a reinstatement of dividend, once at appropriate leverage and sustainable free cash flow generation

## *Underpin*

- Maintain liquidity and headline financial leverage targets
- Targeting Financial Leverage of <2.5x (post-IFRS 16 basis); or c1.5x pre-IFRS 16
- Maintain credit ratings

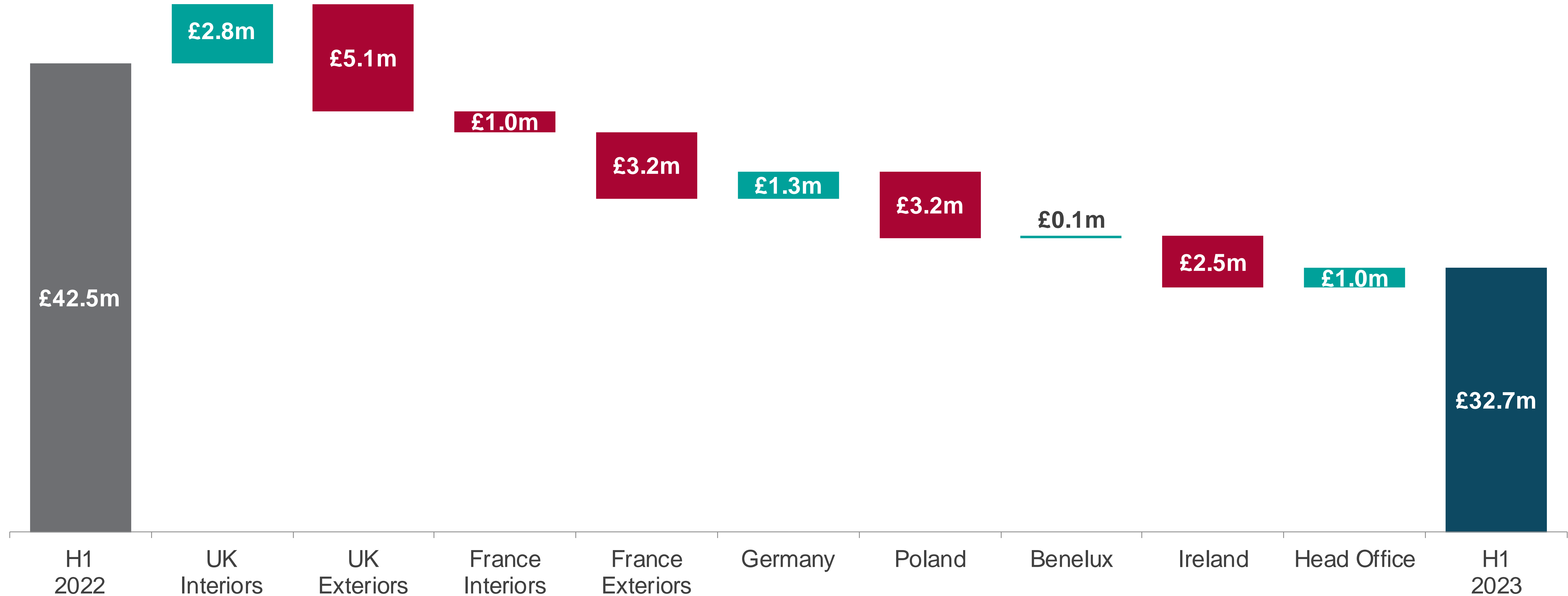
# Underlying financials by segment



	Revenue	LFL vs 2022	Operating profit/(loss)	Change vs PY	Operating margin	Change vs PY
UK Interiors	£382m	3.9%	£6.6m	£2.8m	1.7%	0.6%
UK Exteriors	£221m	(2.1)%	£6.0m	£(5.1)m	2.7%	(2.2)%
<b>Total UK</b>	<b>£603m</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>£12.6m</b>	<b>£(2.3)m</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>(0.6)%</b>
France Interiors	£116m	1.3%	£6.4m	£(1.0)m	5.5%	(1.2)%
France Exteriors	£250m	1.6%	£12.1m	£(3.2)m	4.8%	(1.6)%
<b>Total France</b>	<b>£366m</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>£18.5m</b>	<b>£(4.2)m</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>(1.4)%</b>
Germany	£235m	(0.1)%	£9.6m	£1.3m	4.1%	0.4%
Poland	£110m	(8.8)%	£2.7m	£(3.2)m	2.5%	(2.7)%
Benelux	£62m	7.0%	£(1.6)m	£0.1m	(2.6)%	0.4%
Ireland	£48m	(18.5)%	£0.5m	£(2.5)m	1.1%	(4.3)%
<b>Total Group</b>	<b>£1,423m</b>	<b>(0.2)%</b>	<b>£32.7m</b>	<b>£(9.8)m</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>(0.8)%</b>

Note: Data represents underlying performance post-IFRS 16. Group stated net of central costs.

# Operating profit bridge by Operating Company



# Other items



£'m	PBT Impact		Cash Impact H1 2023	
	H1 2023	H1 2022		
Amortisation of acquired intangibles	(1.6)	(2.4)	-	
Costs related to acquisitions	(1.4)	(0.2)	-	Legal and professional fees for acquisitions and related earn out recognition
Cloud computing costs	(1.3)	(0.8)	(1.4)	Changed accounting regarding SaaS – per IFRS Interpretations Committee
Onerous contract costs	(0.2)	-	(1.1)	
Other specific items	1.8	0.7	(0.3)	
<b>Impact on operating profit</b>	<b>(2.7)</b>	<b>(2.7)</b>	<b>(2.8)</b>	
Non-underlying finance costs	(0.1)	-	(0.1)	
<b>Impact on profit/(loss) before tax</b>	<b>(2.8)</b>	<b>(2.7)</b>	<b>(2.9)</b>	



# Cash flow and net debt



£'m	H1 2023	H2 2022	H1 2022
Underlying operating profit	33	38	42
Add back: Depreciation & amortisation	39	39	38
<b>Underlying EBITDA</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>80</b>
Working capital movements	(28)	28	(42)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(32)	(29)	(31)
Capital expenditure	(6)	(8)	(7)
Cash exceptionals	(3)	(8)	(7)
Other	2	4	(2)
<b>Operating cash flow</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>(9)</b>
Interest and financing	(17)	(15)	(14)
Tax	(9)	(6)	(9)
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>(31)</b>
Acquisitions and investments	(2)	(27)	(1)
(Repayment)/drawdown of debt	(0)	-	(0)
<b>Total cash flow</b>	<b>(22)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>(32)</b>
<b>Cash at beginning of the period</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>145</b>
FX impact	(2)	1	1
<b>Cash at end of the period</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>113</b>
Bond	(259)	(270)	(258)
Other debt	(3)	2	2
Net lease liability, pre-IFRS 16	(21)	(23)	(21)
<b>Pre-IFRS 16 net debt</b>	<b>(176)</b>	<b>(160)</b>	<b>(164)</b>
Net IFRS 16 lease liability	(293)	(284)	(267)
<b>Post-IFRS 16 net debt</b>	<b>(469)</b>	<b>(444)</b>	<b>(432)</b>



- Working capital reflecting normal H1 seasonality
- Lease payments rising with inflation
- Capex primarily branch maintenance, renovation and HSE
- Cash exceptionals include final SAP payment of £1m and Benelux ERP implementation £1m
- Increase in interest reflecting higher levels of lease liability and increases in lease discount rates
- IFRS 16 leases increases due to extensions and renewals, mainly in UK and Germany

# Net debt bridge



- Net debt benefits from £72m EBITDA, partially offset by working capital and provisions
- Net debt increases as a result of lease extensions and renewals, mainly in UK and Germany

Note: The numbers presented above have been rounded to the nearest million and therefore may contain small rounding differences.

  SPECJALISTYCZNE MATERIAŁY BUDOWLANE	H1 23	H1 22	Change <sup>1</sup>
Revenue (£'m)	110.2	115.1	(8.8)%
Operating profit (£'m)	2.7	5.9	(3.2)
Operating margin (%)	2.5%	5.1%	(2.6)%

## H1 Trading

- Revenue decline reflects very strong comparator and decline in residential and commercial market since H1 2022
- Maintaining good market position against wider market
- Actively managing price pressure

## Strategic development



- Growing business in technical insulation and industrial projects (oil and gas)
- Five new branches opened in last two years: ramping up new business and performance in new locations
- Expansion of shop-in-shop sales to new branches, supporting higher margin product mix
- Continuing increase in omnichannel sales mix

## Strong workplace culture to support performance

- SIG Poland awarded 'Great Place to Work' accreditation in July 2023



Notes: 1) Revenue growth rate change (%) is on a LFL basis.

 	H1 23	H1 22	Change <sup>1</sup>
Revenue (£'m)	47.5	55.9	(18.5)%
Operating profit (£'m)	0.5	3.0	(2.5)
Operating margin (%)	1.1%	5.4%	(4.3)%

## H1 Trading

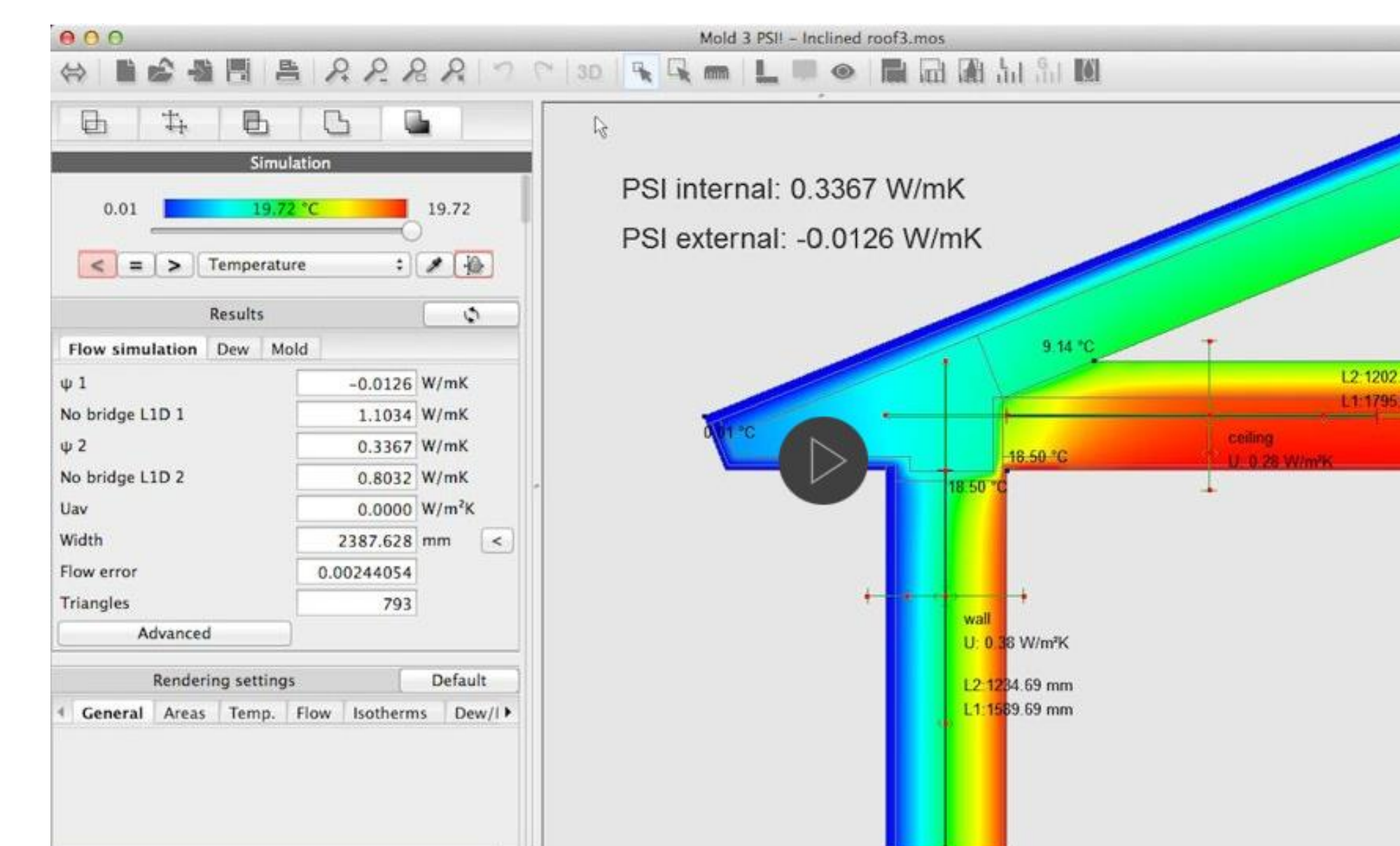
- Lower volumes driven by decline in construction market activity
- Strong H1 2022 comparator ahead of price inflation spike
- Operating margin impact from lower volumes

## Strategic development

- Expanding in facades category, with new team and products
- New Limerick branch trading ahead of expectations
- E-commerce sales: Small proportion presently; good opportunity for further growth
- Product and service expansion in HHI, our residential renovation business in Northern Ireland

## Using technical expertise to grow higher margin sales

- Technical Services team providing expertise across business units
- Supporting sales on technical, higher value products and projects



Notes: 1) Revenue growth rate change (%) is on a LFL basis.



	H1 23	H1 22	Change <sup>1</sup>
Revenue (£'m)	62.1	56.1	7.0%
Operating profit (£'m)	(1.6)	(1.7)	0.1
Operating margin (%)	(2.6)%	(3.0)%	0.4%

## H1 Trading

- Improved year over year revenue benefitting from inflation and refocussed commercial operations
- Weak market conditions overall, with continuing competitive pressure
- Cost reductions and sales growth beginning to stabilise margin

## Strategic development

- New experienced Managing Director starts 1 October
- New ERP system successfully implemented in H1
- Continuing internal focus on key actions to rebuild branch and financial performance
  - Margin improvement roadmap and workshops
  - People engagement and retention improving

## Improving our operational focus on customers

- Realigning people, branches and RDC to better serve customers at improved cost
- New systems will improve customer billing and service
- Rebuilding customer relationships and market share



Notes: 1) Revenue growth rate change (%) is on a LFL basis.

# Number of trading sites



	31 Dec 2022	Opened	Merged	Closed	30 Jun 2023
UK Interiors <sup>1</sup>	61	-	-	-	61
UK Exteriors <sup>1</sup>	113	1	-	-	114
<b>Total UK</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175</b>
France Interiors	38	1	-	-	39
France Exteriors <sup>1</sup>	103	-	(1)	-	102
<b>Total France</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>141</b>
Germany	52	-	-	-	52
Benelux	17	-	-	(1)	16
Ireland	11	-	-	-	11
Poland	47	-	-	-	47
<b>Total Group</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>442</b>

Note: 1) UK (-2) and France (+3) opening balance restated reflecting updated trading site definition.



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H1 2023 Results

8 August 2023

