

INTERIM RESULTS HY24/25

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AGENDA

Opening remarks
Graham Ritchie, CEO

O2 Financial results

Judith Cottrell, CFO

O3 Strategic and operational progress
Graham Ritchie, CEO



SHORT TERM HEADWINDS BUT CONFIDENT IN MEDIUM-TERM GROWTH

Two transactions demonstrate clear execution against our strategy

Solid profit improvement performance in H1 within a challenging macro environment

Resilient solutions and strong order book in Energy and Environment provide confidence in medium-term

Continued variability in Automotive end markets but diversification into Industrial solutions continues

Continued focus on cost to underpin short and medium-term profitability given market uncertainty



DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

	Six months ended 31 December 2024									
		Revenue		Unc	lerlying oper profit ⁽¹⁾	ating	Underlying operating profit margin ⁽¹⁾			
£m	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽²⁾	% change constant currency ⁽²⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽²⁾	% change constant currency ⁽²⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽²⁾	% change constant currency ⁽²⁾	
Continuing Operations	169.1	166.0	2%	8.3	1.0	730%	4.9%	0.6%	430bp	
Discontinued Operations - Defense	41.0	54.9	(25)%	5.3	10.6	(50)%	12.9%	19.3%	(640)bp	
Total Group	210.1	220.9	(5)%	13.6	11.6	17%	6.5%	5.3%	120bp	



^{1.} Excluding specific adjusting items, which comprise amortisation of acquired intangible assets, acquisition & strategic project related expenditure, earn-outs and deferred consideration, goodwill impairment, reorganisation costs, sale & leaseback and ERP costs.

^{2.} The prior period results have been restated at current period FX rates.

STRATEGIC EXECUTION OF DEFENSE DISPOSAL WAS WELL-TIMED

Ricardo Defense

Strategic rationale

- Accelerates the Group's transition to environment and energy solutions
- Simplifies the Group's market position

Well timed execution

- Value extracted from finite ABS programme ending in 2027
- ABS volumes to decrease year-on-year impacting revenue, profit and cash
- Significant CAPEX required to invest in new programmes

Financial impact

- Dilutive in the near-term partially offset by acquisition of E3 Advisory
- · Smaller company but higher quality of earnings growing value over time

E3 Advisory

Portfolio prioritisation

 Increases the strategic advisory mix across the Group to provide high margin growth

Market expansion

 Offers international potential across key growth markets including water, energy and transport infrastructure

Financial impact

 Immediately margin accretive and provides revenue growth synergy over the medium term





FINANCIAL RESULTS

Judith Cottrell

FURTHER PROGRESS DRIVEN BY MARGIN IMPROVEMENTS













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- 4. Net debt excludes the impact of IFRS 16 and restricted cash balances.



OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY DELIVERING IMPROVED PROFIT MARGINS

Continuing Operations (1)		Six months ended 31 December			
£m	2024 Underlying ⁽²⁾	2023 Underlying ^{(2) (3) (4)}	% change ⁽⁴⁾		
Revenue	169.1	166.0	2%		
Gross profit	50.9	46.7	9%		
Gross profit margin	30.1%	28.1%	200bp		
Indirect costs	(42.6)	(45.7)	(7)%		
Indirect costs % of revenue	(25.2)%	(27.5)%	230bp		
Operating profit	8.3	1.0	730%		
Operating profit margin	4.9%	0.6%	430bp		
Net finance costs	(4.2)	(4.1)	2%		
Profit/(loss) before tax	4.1	(3.1)	232%		
Taxation charge	(1.2)	0.6	(300)%		
Profit/(loss) for the period	2.9	(2.5)	216%		

^{1.} Figures presented on a Continuing Operations basis. A full income statement, including Discontinued Operations, is included in the Appendix.



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^{3.} To ensure a standardised approach across the Group, the classification of business development and operational costs have been aligned across our operating segments, resulting in the reclassification of £2.2m of salary costs from direct to indirect in the prior period.

^{4.} The prior period results have been restated at current period FX rates.

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY TRANSITION PORTFOLIO FINANCIAL RESULTS

Continuing Operations ⁽¹⁾	Six months ended 31 December												
	Order intake				Revenue			Underlying operating profit ⁽²⁾			Underlying operating profit margin ⁽²⁾		
£m	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	
Energy & Environment (EE)	80.8	65.1	24%	50.4	52.5	(4)%	6.8	7.9	(14)%	13.5%	15.0%	(150)bp	
Rail	57.1	52.0	10%	38.1	37.2	2%	4.6	4.0	15%	12.1%	10.8%	130bp	
Emerging Automotive & Industrial (A&I)	21.3	27.8	(23)%	19.1	27.3	(30)%	1.5	(0.6)	350%	7.9%	(2.2)%	1010bp	
Total	159.2	144.9	10%	107.6	117.0	(8)%	12.9	11.3	14%	12.0%	9.7%	230bp	



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ESTABLISHED TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO FINANCIAL RESULTS

Continuing Operations ⁽¹⁾	Six months ended 31 December											
	Order intake			Revenue			Underlying operating profit ⁽²⁾			Underlying operating profit margin ⁽²⁾		
£m	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾
Performance Products (PP)	42.2	41.9	1%	40.6	38.2	6%	2.8	2.0	40%	6.9%	5.2%	170bp
Established Automotive & Industrial (A&I)	19.7	12.0	64%	20.9	10.8	94%	(0.4)	(3.5)	89%	(1.9)%	(32.4)%	3050bp
Total	61.9	53.9	15%	61.5	49.0	26%	2.4	(1.5)	260%	3.9%	(3.1)%	700bp



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AUTOMOTIVE & INDUSTRIAL COMBINED FINANCIAL RESULTS

Continuing Operations ⁽¹⁾	Six months ended 31 December											
	Order intake			Revenue			Underlying operating profit ⁽²⁾			Underlying operating profit margin ⁽²⁾		
£m	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾
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Established Automotive & Industrial (A&I)	19.7	12.0	64%	20.9	10.8	94%	(0.4)	(3.5)	89%	(1.9)%	(32.4)%	3050bp
Total	41.0	39.8	3%	40.0	38.1	5%	1.1	(4.1)	127%	2.8%	(10.8)%	1360bp



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CONSOLIDATED GROUP FINANCIAL RESULTS

Continuing Operations (1)	Six months ended 31 December											
	Order intake			Revenue			Underlying operating profit ⁽²⁾			Underlying operating profit margin ⁽²⁾		
£m	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾	2024	2023 at constant currency ⁽³⁾	% change constant currency ⁽³⁾
Environment & Energy Transition	159.2	144.9	10%	107.6	117.0	(8)%	12.9	11.3	14%	12.0%	9.7%	230bp
Established Transport	61.9	53.9	15%	61.5	49.0	26%	2.4	(1.5)	260%	3.9%	(3.1)%	700bp
Sub-total	221.1	198.8	11%	169.1	166.0	2%	15.3	9.8	56%	9.0%	5.9%	310bp
Central Costs							(7.0)	(8.8)	(20)%			
Total Group	221.1	198.8	11%	169.1	166.0	2%	8.3	1.0	730%	4.9%	0.6%	430bp

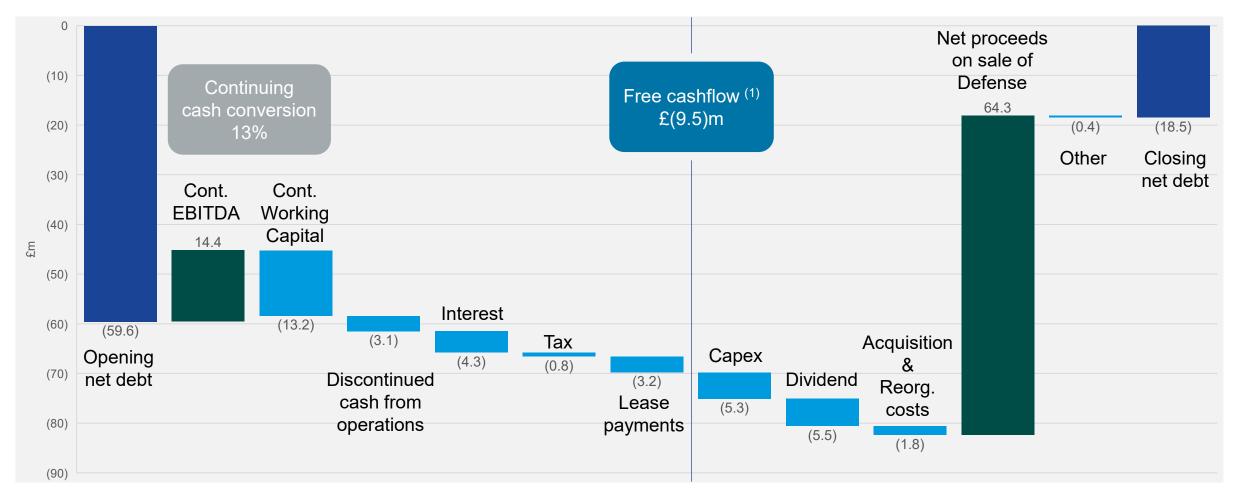
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REDUCED CASH CONVERSION BUT EXPECTED IMPROVEMENTS IN H2



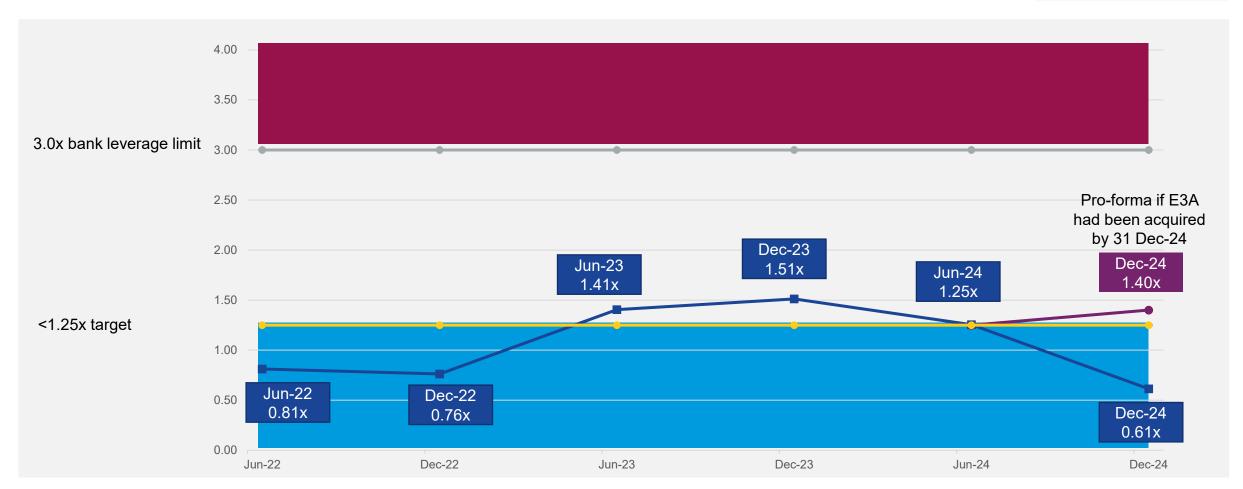
^{1.} Free cashflow defined as underlying cash from operations less net finance costs paid, income tax paid and principal element of lease payments.



CONTINUING GOOD OPERATING LEVERAGE

At 31 December 2024: £38m RCF undrawn £93m cash

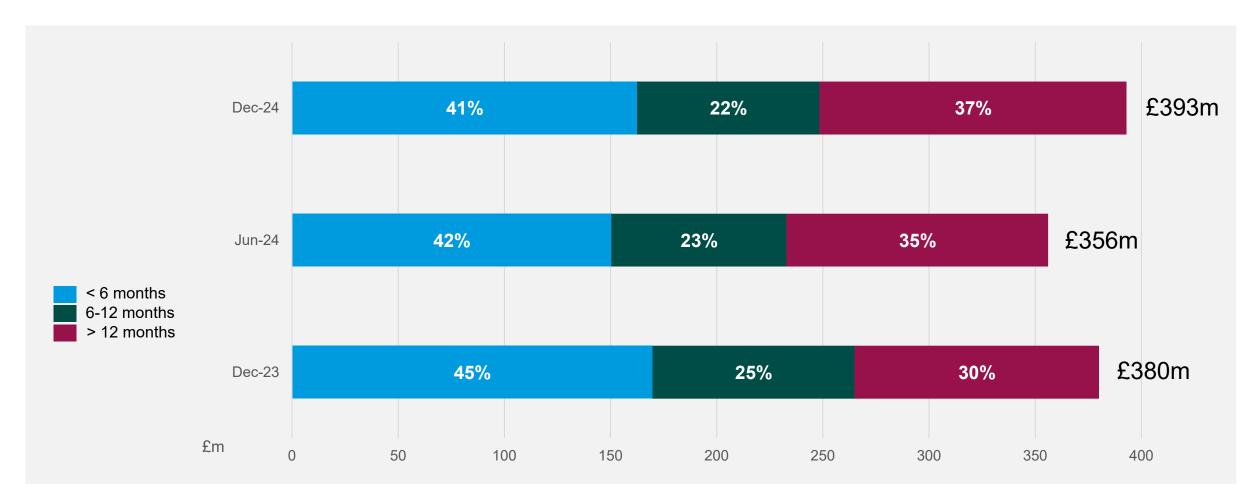
Refinancing this year



Net debt excludes the impact of IFRS 16.



ROBUST ORDER BOOK UNDERPINNED BY STRONG ORDER INTAKE

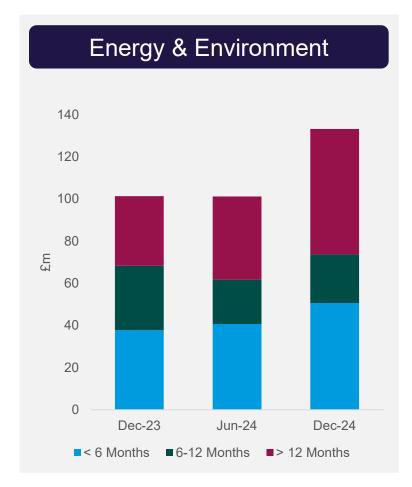


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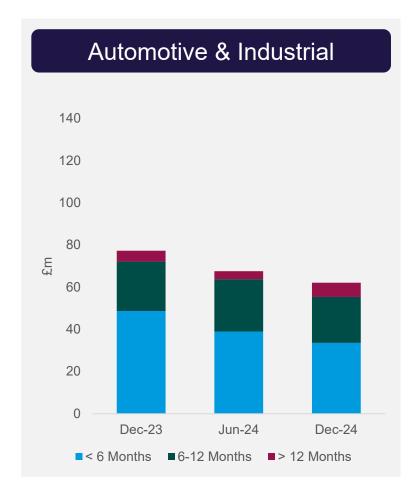
The order book for prior periods has been restated at current period FX rates.



ROBUST ORDER BOOK UNDERPINNED BY STRONG EE AND RAIL







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H2 MARGIN IMPROVEMENT AND CASH PRIORITY ACTIONS

MARGIN Improvement focus:

Near term focus:

- Focus on continued control of indirect costs
- Improve utilisation with use of flexible resources

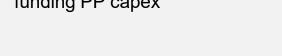
Laser focus delivery of monthly invoicing & collection Identify opportunities to accelerate invoicing milestones on projects in delivery and improving cash terms in bids

Receipt of R&D tax credit

Medium term focus:

- Continue re-shaping indirect costs post Defense divestment for a path to achieve 20% target
- Drive higher margin recurring & digital revenue
- Continue portfolio transition
- Drive operating cash performance
- Control capex spend
- Review options for phasing and funding PP capex

CASH
Optimisation focus:



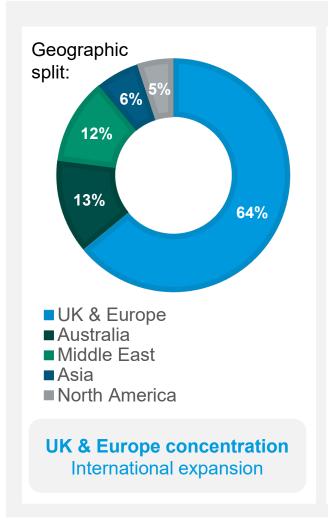


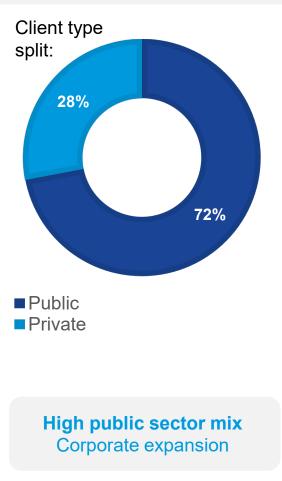


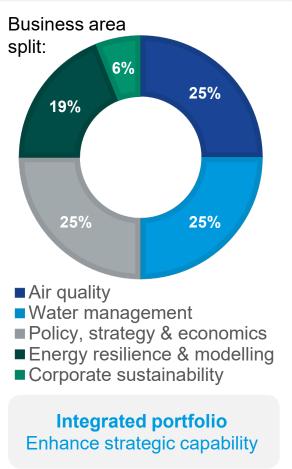
STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PROGRESS

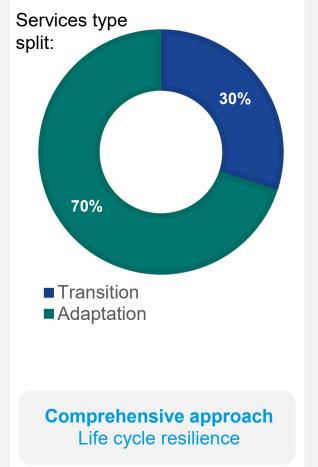
Graham Ritchie

RESILIENT PORTFOLIO DYNAMICS IN ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT











CLEAR FOCUS TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE IN ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Tailwinds to support long-term: Near-term focus: Sizeable project backlog Proactive sales expansion into Headwinds: Air quality Global reputation the Middle East & Asia Large Australian investment requirement Maximise investment cycles Short term market Water management Large UK AMP investment in utilities companies volatility following elections taking place Build capability and capacity in Climate risk and adaptation accelerating Policy, strategy and around the world in EC & EU Trade Association opportunities economics areas that supports adaptation 2024, causing order delays Drive growth through energy Energy resilience and New digital product to contribute to growth 2. Slowdown in planning and digital solutions modelling · Increased demand for infrastructure strategies sustainability due to ESG pushback Focus on key solutions with Economic uncertainty driving investment in Corporate sustainability economic benefit supply chain sustainability and circularity

NEAR TERM GROWTH

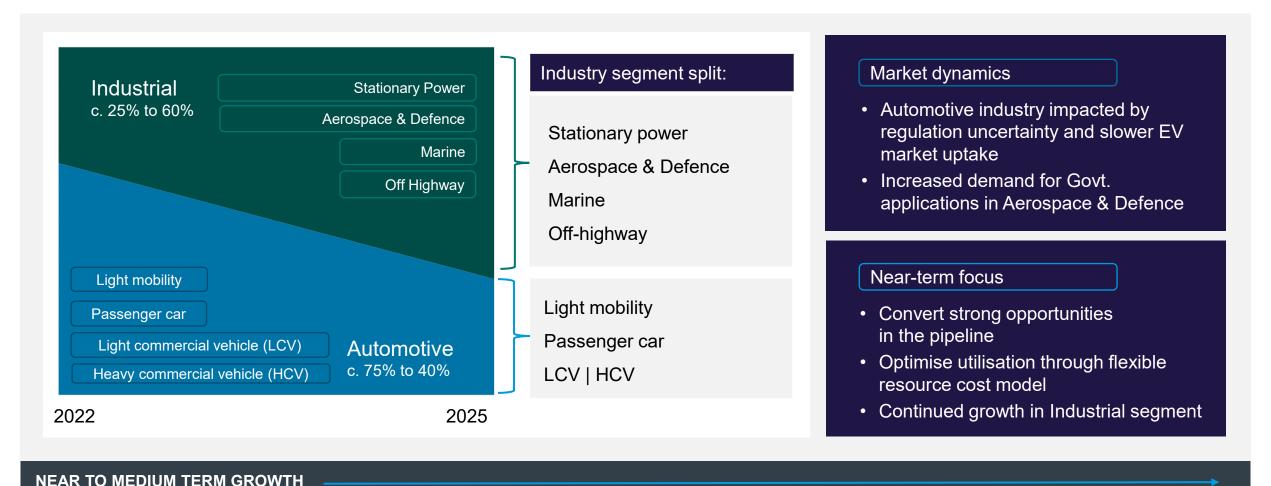
MEDIUM TERM GROWTH:

Single-digit growth with lower to mid-teens margin performance

Double-digit growth with mid to high-teens margin performance



A&I DIVERSIFICATION TO MANAGE VARIABILITY IN TRADITIONAL MARKETS





Single-digit growth with trend towards high single-digit margin performance

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS TO SCALE BUSINESS IN RAIL

Mature markets: RETAIN MARKET POSITION Near term focus: Market dynamics: Govt focus diverted to HS2 focus based restructuring the rail sector on partnership with a key supplier Focus on operations and Kingdom 10% maintenance costs Aging infrastructure with Opportunities in upgrade opportunities rolling stock and transition to signalling Funding challenges drive Europe 30% focus on maintenance · Rolling stock upgrades Pivot into signalling materially now complete. to support key opportunities Medium term consultancy Australia 15% in signalling demand

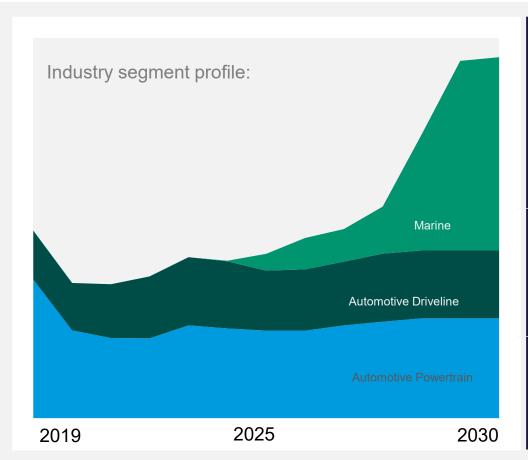
Growth markets ACCELERATE MARKET OPPORTUNITIES Market dynamics: Near term focus: · Established provider of Strengthen Assurance in Canada partnership base. North Focus on US client · New entrant in the US. America engagements Support Asian Price sensitive market. OEMs to export. · Significant new build metro Continue as trusted and HSR opportunities 25% assurance provider Retain focus in · Continued build of assurance. Delivery metros, HSR and lighter through global team rail systems. Middle 5% East

NEAR TO MEDIUM TERM GROWTH

Single-digit growth with lower to mid-teens margin performance



INVESTING IN THE NEW FRAMEWORK TO CAPTURE HIGH RETURNS



	Market dynamics:	Near term focus:
Automotive Driveline Segment split: C. 40%	 High performance vehicle programmes are increasing Healthy motorsport market 	Drive growth through new winsScale existing projects
Automotive Powertrain Segment split: C. 50%	ICE & Hybrid-ICE solutions being extended and new programmes under development	 Adapt business model to facilitate lower volumes Win new programme in hybrid ICE
Marine Segment split: C. 10%	 Increased outsourcing requirements to meet ramped up market demand for new applications 	Build capability ahead of full production in FY27/28

NEAR TERM TO MEDIUM TERM GROWTH:

Single-digit growth with mid-single digit margin performance



STRATEGIC TARGETS TO ACCELERATE GROWTH ACROSS OUR PORTFOLIO

Medium term focus areas: **Energy & Environment** Rail & Mass transit Automotive & Industrial **Performance Products** Accelerate sales Accelerate business Invest for accelerated Scale and grow into the growth into new marine momentum within growth in the industrial private sector across growth markets framework segment geographics Pivot capabilities to Drive efficiencies within Sustain existing Enhance strategic operations in mature 2. automotive niche the automotive segment consulting capability markets to meet future demand production programmes 3 Digital and IP focus to support recurring revenues across the business



RE-BASED FINANCIAL TARGETS

Business unit medium-term growth targets:

Energy & Environment

Double-digit growth with mid to high-teens margin performance

Rail & Mass transit

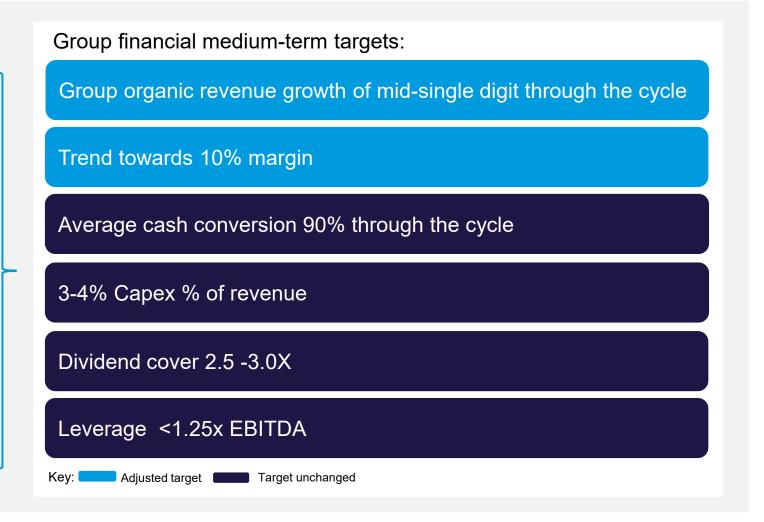
Single-digit growth with double digit margin performance

Automotive & Industrial

Single-digit growth with a trend towards high single-digit margin performance

Performance Products

Single-digit growth with mid-single digit margin performance







CLOSING REMARKS

Graham Ritchie

CONFIDENCE IN OUR MEDIUM-TERM OUTLOOK

Strategic execution

- Defense disposal supports longer term higher quality of earnings
- E3 Advisory acquisition provides immediate margin accretion
- Long term portfolio transition strategy creates value

First half progress

- Profitability improvement in Automotive & Industrial from variable resourcing
- Cost focus improving margins Year on Year (YoY)
- Robust order book for the long-term underpinned by a strong order intake

Key actions

- Focus on driving good cash generation for H2
- Improve cost base to support future size of business
- Prioritise more resilient solutions and end markets given uncertainty



THANK YOU

Q&A







BUSINESS UPDATES

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

A leader in sustainability consultancy, solving complex environmental challenges

Financial highlights

Revenue

£50.4m

HY 23/24 (1): £52.5m

Underlying operating profit

£6.8m

HY 23/24 (1): £7.9m

Underlying operating profit margin

13.5%

HY 23/24 (1): 15.0%



Headcount

980

Voluntary attrition: 14% (PY: 11%)

Business update

- Record order intake of £80.8m up 24% on the prior period (1)
- Market driven softness in Policy, Strategy and Economics due to global elections resulting in order delays
- Short term delays in UK water spending but expect growth in H2
- Building back Australia water due to contract losses in Q4 FY23/24

Key project wins

- 10-year National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (NAEI) extension contract to measure air quality pollutants in the UK
- Secured a 3-year programme for the European Commission to manage a Pan-European transition to clean energy action plan

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RAIL AND MASS TRANSIT

Experts in critical and complex railway systems, supporting industry's operational and regulatory demands

Financial highlights

Revenue

£38.1m

HY 23/24 (1): £37.2m

Underlying operating profit

£4.6m

HY 23/24 (1): £4.0m

Underlying operating profit margin

12.1%

HY 23/24 (1): 10.8%



Headcount

538

Voluntary attrition: 10% (PY: 14%)

Business update

- Continuation of positive growth in H2 FY23/24
- Good growth across almost all key geographies
- Significant contract wins across Asia
- · North America expansion driven by new rail project in Canada
- Completed key projects in the Middle East and have secured new contract wins to support continuity

- Secured a contract to support the Bangkok Expressway and Metro with a multi-year programme of safety system certification
- Secured two high value Canadian based independent safety assurance projects



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EMERGING AUTOMOTIVE AND INDUSTRIAL

Trusted engineering consulting in decarbonised propulsion design and complex integration

Financial highlights

Revenue

£19.1m

HY 23/24 (1): £27.3m

Underlying operating profit/(loss)

£1.5m

HY 23/24 (1): £(0.6)m

Underlying operating profit/(loss) margin

7.9%

HY 23/24 ⁽¹⁾: (2.2)%



Headcount

382

Voluntary attrition: 12% (PY: 15%)

Business update

- Global delays in transition technologies for propulsion solutions resulted in reduced order intake compared to the prior period
- Contract wins for electrification programmes were secured in the aerospace and heavy-duty industries
- Flexible resourcing model supported increased profitability
- Business remains focused on core markets across maritime and aerospace and defence

- Secured an extension programme to develop an advanced control system for electrified vehicles for a leading defence OEM
- Secured a contract for the US Dept. of Energy to develop advanced integrated charging systems



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ESTABLISHED AUTOMOTIVE AND INDUSTRIAL

Over a century of propulsion design and development

Financial highlights

Revenue

£20.9m

HY 23/24 (1): £10.8m

Underlying operating loss

£(0.4)m

HY 23/24 (1): £(3.5)m

Underlying operating loss margin

(1.9)% HY 23/24 (1): (32.4)%



Headcount

239

Voluntary attrition: 12% (PY: 15%)

Business update

- Strong order intake owing to a sustained interest in internal combustion propulsion solutions
- Revenue increased by 94% on a constant currency basis
- Cost saving actions and flexible resourcing model supported improvements in margins and overall profitability
- Continued demand for services in maritime and defence and off highway vehicles to meet changing emissions regulations

- Secured a contract with a Chinese automotive OEM to design and develop an automatic transmission for a commercial vehicle
- Secured the next phase of an ongoing engineering programme to provide engineering consultancy for a marine application



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PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS

Engineering specialists in transmission design and niche-volume manufacturing

Financial highlights

Revenue

£40.6m

HY 23/24 (1): £38.2m

Underlying operating profit

£2.8m

HY 23/24 (1): £2.0m

Underlying operating profit margin

6.9%

HY 23/24 (1): 5.2%



Headcount

346

Voluntary attrition: 10% (PY: 15%)

Business update

- Revenue increased owing to higher volumes in existing production programmes and new programmes now ramping up
- Launch of new modular transmission system to support hybrid and EV drive concepts
- Increase in CAPEX to support a large framework agreement which commences production in FY27/28

- Ricardo has partnered with Zenvo to design and supply transmissions for the Aurora programme, Zenvo's latest supercar
- Secured a contract design and manufacture a motorsport transmission for Formula E Championship, commencing in 2026



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RESILIENT SOLUTIONS WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR GLOBAL EXPANSION



World leading air quality inventory extension programme

Client: UK Government Contract period: 10 years Contract value: £23.8m

Leading to:

A contract win to create an emissions inventory solution of UAE's Ministry of Climate Change and Environment



Leading the development of the Rural masterplan 2050

Client: Lower Murray Water Services

Contract duration: 1 year Contract value: £250k

Leading to:

Opportunities to support UK utility companies with rural and irrigation services to navigate future challenges for rural clients.



EU citizens energy advisory hub to transition to clean energy

Client: EU Commission Contract duration: 3 years Contract value: €7.3m (£5.7m)

Leading to:

New possibilities to build energy communities for other governments around the world.



MULTI-YEAR RAIL CONTRACTS PROVIDE LONG-TERM VISIBILITY



Development of Belfast Grand Central Station to enhance connectivity

Supporting a major infrastructure development and build to enhance connectivity across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland



Comprehensive safety and assurance programme for Bangkok Expressway and Metro

Supporting the Bangkok Expressway and Metro with a multi-year programme of safety management system certification of critical metro infrastructure



Key A&I project highlights

PROPULSION AGNOSTIC CAPABILITIES TO SUPPORT ENHANCED PERFORMANCE ACROSS INDUSTRIAL AND AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES



Multi-year programme to develop and integrate a next generation propulsion system

Ricardo is developing a next-generation propulsion system, to be manufactured from a domestic supply chain in India, enabling its client BEML to create a truly indigenous technology of the future.



Automotive

Electrical advancement for the US Department of Energy

A £4m project to develop advanced integrated charging systems to optimise on-board charging and vehicle traction, while delivering reduced manufacturing costs.



ENGINEERING DESIGN AND INDUSTRIALISATION AHEAD OF SERIES SUPPLY OF A NEW HIGH-PERFORMANCE APPLICATION

Client

A major marine OEM

Contract value:

£50m order to date

Contract duration:

Multi-year programme ahead of production in 2028



Successfully won and are delivering a £50m multi-year programme, bringing together our expert engineering consultancy and niche manufacturing capabilities to drive design innovation, sustainability, and advanced manufacturing for a high-performance marine application





APPENDIX

INCOME STATEMENT – CONTINUING/DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

				Six months ende	ed 31 December	ſ		
£m	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	Period-or mover	-
	Underlying	Specific adjusting items ⁽¹⁾	Total	Underlying (2)	Specific adjusting items ⁽¹⁾	Total	Underlying	Total
Revenue	169.1	-	169.1	167.6	-	167.6	1%	1%
Gross profit	50.9	-	50.9	46.9	-	46.9	9%	9%
Indirect costs	(42.6)	(16.5)	(59.1)	(45.8)	(9.9)	(55.7)	(7)%	6%
Operating profit/(loss) from continuing	8.3	(16.5)	(8.2)	1.1	(9.9)	(8.8)	655%	(7)%
Net finance costs	(4.2)	(0.1)	(4.3)	(4.1)	-	(4.1)	2%	5%
Profit/(loss) before tax from continuing operations	4.1	(16.6)	(12.5)	(3.0)	(9.9)	(12.9)	237%	(3)%
Taxation charge	(1.2)	0.3	(0.9)	0.6	0.9	1.5	(300)%	(160)%
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations	2.9	(16.3)	(13.4)	(2.4)	(9.0)	(11.4)	221%	18%
Profit from discontinued operations	3.9	36.8	40.7	8.2	(0.1)	8.1	(52)%	402%
Profit/(loss) for the period	6.8	20.5	27.3	5.8	(9.1)	(3.3)	17%	927%

^{1.} Specific adjusting items comprise amortisation of acquired intangible assets, acquisition & strategic project related expenditure, earn-outs and deferred consideration, goodwill impairment, reorganisation costs, sale & leaseback, ERP costs and gain on disposal of discontinued operation.

^{2.} To ensure a standardised approach across the Group, the classification of business development and operational costs have been aligned across our operating segments, resulting in the reclassification of £2.2m of salary costs from direct to indirect in the prior period.



CASHFLOW – EXPECTED IMPROVEMENTS IN H2

	Six months ended 31	December	
£m	2024	2023 ⁽²⁾	% change
EBITDA	20.6	19.2	7%
Share based payments, Fair value on derivatives, Unrealised FX, Disposal of PPE	0.8	1.3	(38)%
Working capital decrease/(increase)	(22.6)	5.8	(490)%
Pension charge and funding	-	(0.7)	(100)%
Underlying cash from operations	(1.2)	25.6	(105)%
Underlying cash conversion %	(6)%	133%	(139)pp
Net interest paid	(4.3)	(3.9)	10%
Income tax paid	(0.8)	(5.4)	(85)%
Capital expenditure	(5.3)	(5.3)	-
Principal element of lease payments	(3.2)	(2.6)	23%
Dividends	(5.5)	(5.4)	2%
Purchase of own shares, FX, Financing fees	(1.1)	(0.5)	120%
Movement in net debt before acquisition & restructuring related costs	(21.4)	2.5	(956)%
Proceeds from sale of discontinued operation, net of fees	64.3	-	n/a
Acquisition and earn-out related costs	(0.4)	(2.6)	(85)%
Reorganisation and ERP related costs	(1.2)	(1.1)	9%
Sale and leaseback	(0.2)	-	n/a
Movement in net debt (1)	41.1	(1.2)	3525%
Opening net debt	(59.6)	(62.1)	
Closing net debt	(18.5)	(63.3)	

^{1.} Cash outflow net of movement in borrowings, excluding restricted cash.



^{2.} The prior year has been restated following a recommendation from the FRC to reclassify cash flow hedges of £0.7m to fair value on derivatives and unrealised FX.

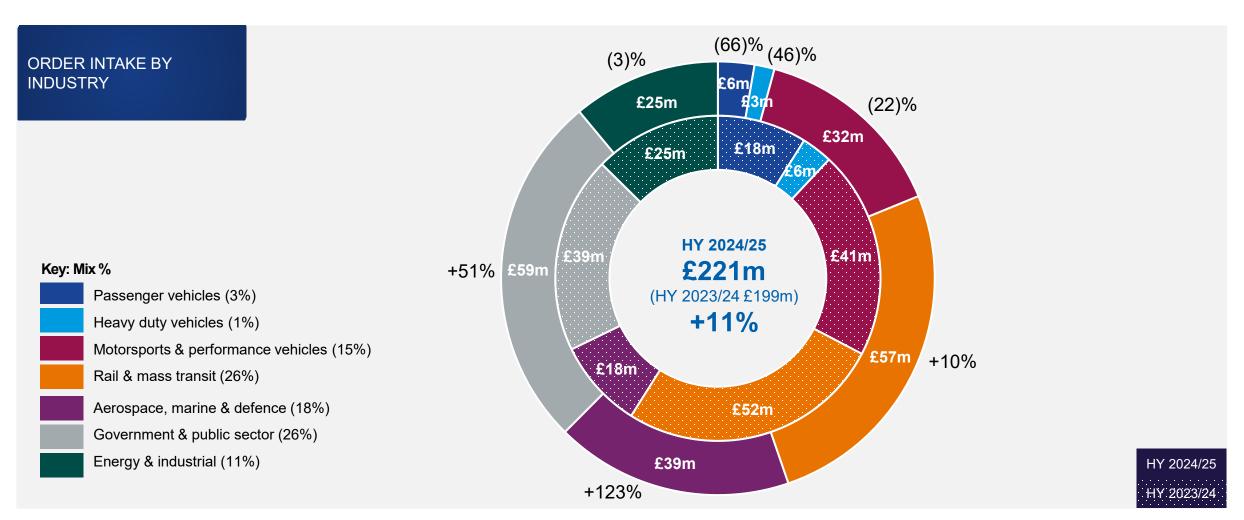
SPECIFIC ADJUSTING ITEMS - PORTFOLIO TRANSITION

Specific adjusting items all aligned to portfolio transition

	Six months ended 31 December								
	Income s	tatement	Cash flow						
£m	2024	2023	2024	2023					
Continuing operations									
Amortisation of acquisition-related intangible assets	(1.1)	(2.5)	-	-					
Acquisition and strategic project related expenditure	(0.7)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.5)					
Earn-out and deferred consideration	(8.0)	(6.2)	(0.1)	(1.8)					
A&I goodwill impairment	(14.0)	-	-	-					
Reorganisation costs:									
Acceleration of operating model transformation	-	(0.6)	(8.0)	(0.2)					
Other reorganisation costs	-	-	(0.3)	(0.7)					
Sale and leaseback	-	-	(0.2)	-					
ERP system implementation costs	-	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.2)					
Total from continuing operations before tax	(16.6)	(9.9)	(1.8)	(3.4)					
Discontinued operations									
Gain on disposal and related external fees	36.8	(0.1)	64.3	(0.3)					
Total Group before tax	20.2	(10.0)	62.5	(3.7)					



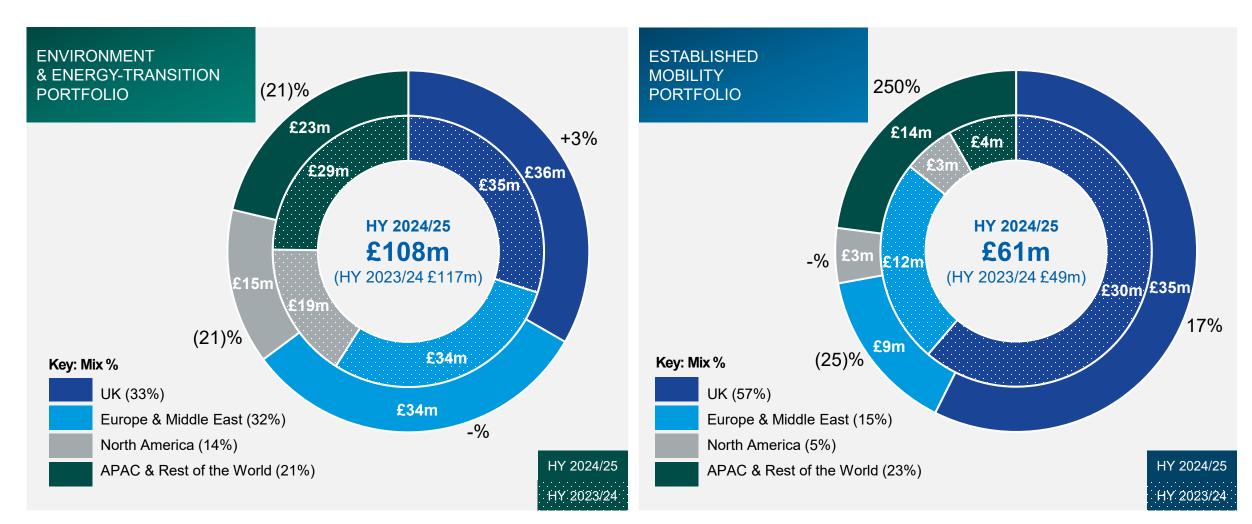
TRANSFORMING OUR BUSINESS MIX



Figures presented on a Continuing Operations basis. The prior period results have been restated at current period FX rates.



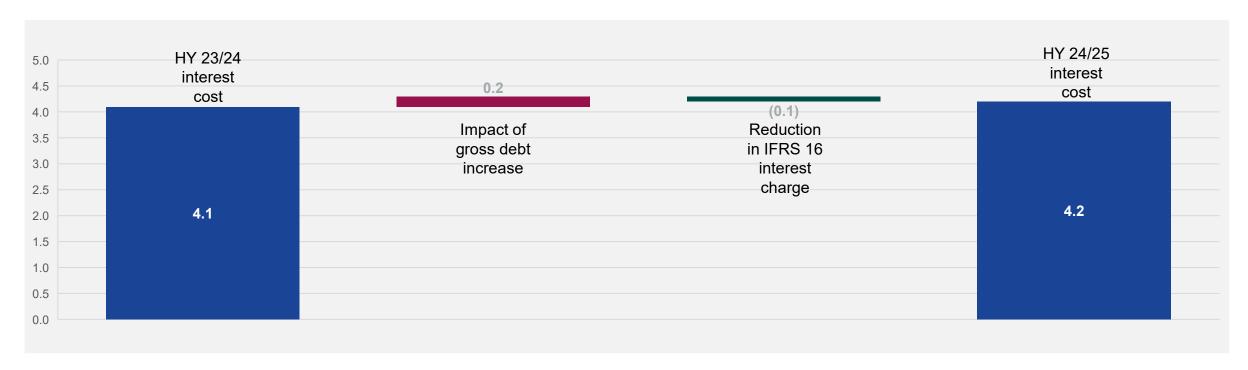
REVENUE BY KEY REGIONS



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INTEREST COSTS



	Average	for period	At 31 De	ecember
£m	2024	2023	2024	2023
Interest rate	6.88%	6.90%	6.56%	7.05%

