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# **Interim Results**

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**Richard Lapthorne**

Chairman

# Agenda for today

- Value realisation Richard Lapthorne
- Group highlights, financials, pensions and dividend Tony Rice
- International John Pluthero
- Europe, Asia & US John Pluthero
- Guidance and summary Tony Rice



# Value realisation (1)

- The Board is committed to value realisation
- Demerger of Europe, Asia & US – the favoured option
- Steps taken to facilitate demerger:
  - Restructured the Group as two standalone businesses from April 2006
  - Improved profitability and cash generation of both businesses to the point where they are capable of being self-standing
  - Pension buy-in substantially reduces exposure to liabilities
  - Well positioned with the Trustees on the pension fund split
- Management in position for value realisation
  - Tony Rice appointed as CEO of International from 11 November
  - John Pluthero continues as Executive Chairman of Europe, Asia & US
  - Tim Pennington appointed as Group Finance Director from 11 November



# Value realisation (2)

- No final decision due to financial market turmoil and volatility
- Best value for shareholders in these financial markets is to retain the Group structure
- Group prepared for value realisation once financial markets are stable and functioning properly
- Substantial shareholder value already created with the acquisitions of Energis and Thus and progressive dividend growth
- We will continue to build value in both businesses





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**Tony Rice**

Group Finance Director

# Group highlights

- Group EBITDA<sup>1</sup> up 26% to £357 million
- Europe, Asia & US EBITDA<sup>1</sup> up 43% to £142 million
- Europe, Asia & US trading cash flow positive in H1 2008/09
- Europe, Asia & US expected to be trading cash flow positive in H2 2008/09 including Thus and its integration costs
- International EBITDA<sup>1</sup> up 13% to US\$448 million
- Strong balance sheet
- Earnings per share<sup>1</sup> up 44% to 6.2p



# Group financials

£m	2008/09 H1	2007/08 H1	Change <sup>1</sup> %
Revenue	1,646	1,563	5%
EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	357	284	26%
LTIP	(10)	(30)	67%
Total operating profit <sup>3</sup>	202	138	46%
Profit after tax <sup>3,4</sup>	175	102	72%
Earnings per share (pence)			
Basic	3.4p	4.3p	(21)%
Pre-exceptional and pre-LTIP	6.2p	4.3p	44%
Dividend per share (pence)	2.83p	2.50p	13%



<sup>1</sup> Positive percentage represents improvement

<sup>2</sup> Excluding exceptional items and LTIP charge

<sup>3</sup> Excluding exceptional items

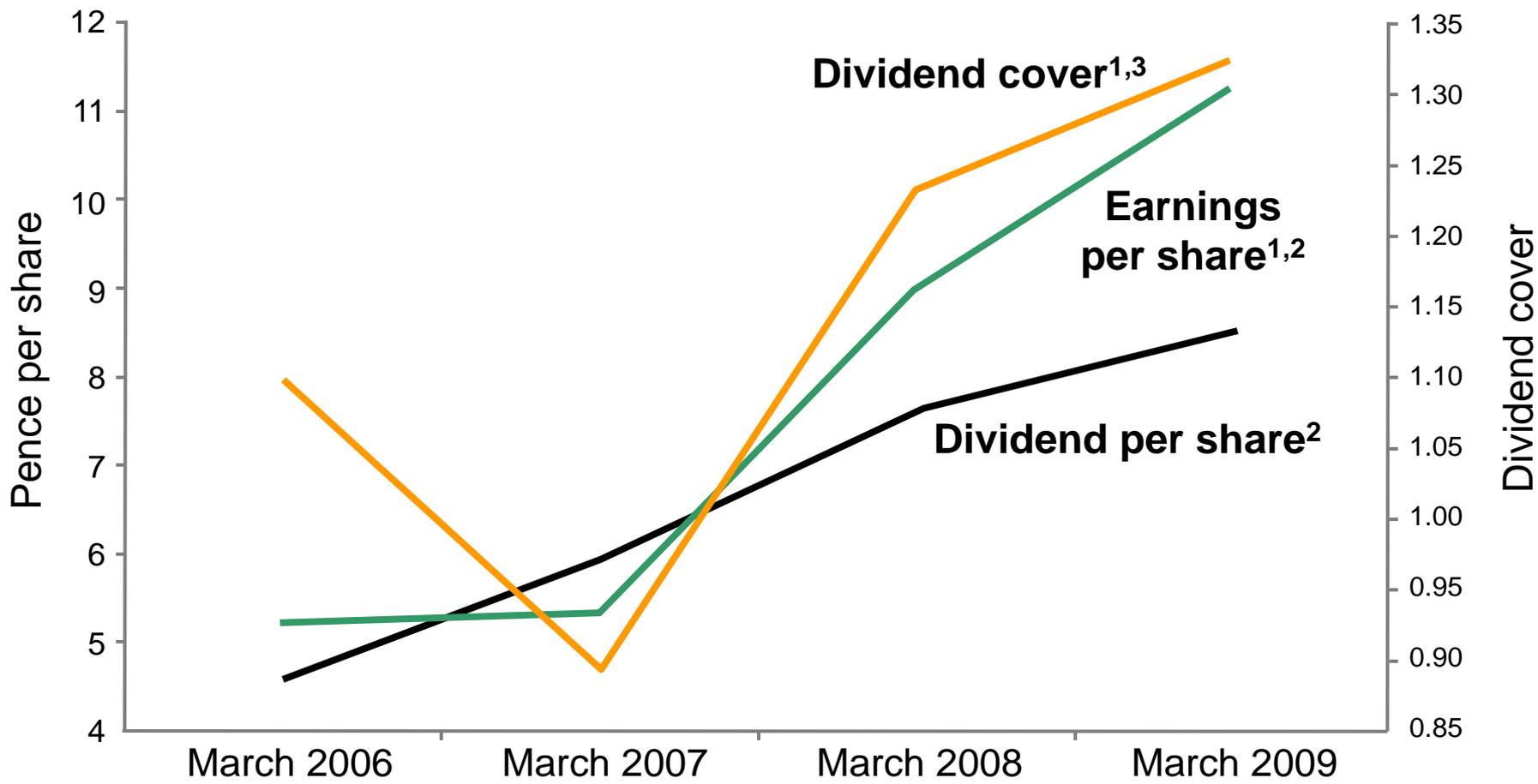
<sup>4</sup> From continuing operations

# Pension fund

- Members' rights and benefits fully protected
- Buy-in reduces exposure to liabilities by c.50% or c.£1 billion:
  - Pensioner liabilities now covered by the Prudential
  - Annuity remains on the balance sheet, as do the liabilities
  - Volatility reduced
  - No change to accounting
- Latest IAS 19 valuation surplus of £208 million at 30 September 2008 on the main UK scheme – asset ceiling rules applied
- Pensions are not a barrier to value realisation



# Group earnings and dividend per share



<sup>1</sup> Excluding exceptional items and LTIP charge

<sup>2</sup> March 2009 earnings per share and dividend per share represent consensus

<sup>3</sup> Dividend cover is calculated as earnings per share divided by dividend per share

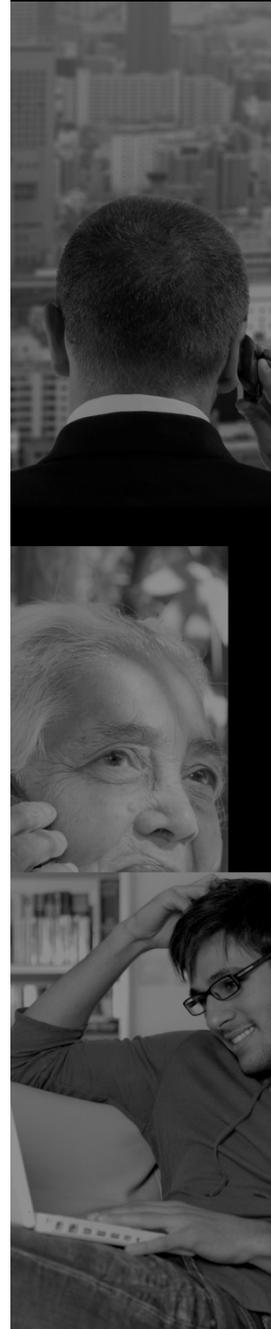


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John Pluthero

Executive Chairman, International



# International H1 financial performance

US\$m	2008/09 H1	2007/08 H1	Change <sup>1</sup> %
Revenue	1,273	1,211	5%
Gross margin	857	795	8%
Operating costs	(409)	(397)	(3)%
EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	448	398	13%
Gross margin as % of revenue	67%	66%	
Opex as % of revenue	32%	33%	
EBITDA as % of revenue	35%	33%	
Capex	(155)	(161)	4%
Capex as % of revenue	12%	13%	



# International H1 financial performance

US\$m	Caribbean	Panama	Macau	M&I	Total <sup>3</sup>
<b>Revenue</b> <i>% change vs. H1 07/08<sup>1</sup></i>	<b>505</b> 1%	<b>337</b> 9%	<b>159</b> 16%	<b>275</b> 6%	<b>1,273</b> 5%
<b>Gross margin</b> <i>% change vs. H1 07/08<sup>1</sup></i>	<b>375</b> 7%	<b>220</b> 10%	<b>97</b> 14%	<b>166</b> 6%	<b>857</b> 8%
<b>Operating costs</b> <i>% change vs. H1 07/08<sup>1</sup></i>	<b>(213)</b> 0%	<b>(86)</b> (19)%	<b>(29)</b> (7)%	<b>(92)</b> (3)%	<b>(409)</b> (3)%
<b>EBITDA<sup>2</sup></b> <i>% change vs. H1 07/08<sup>1</sup></i>	<b>162</b> 19%	<b>134</b> 5%	<b>68</b> 17%	<b>74</b> 10%	<b>448</b> 13%
<b>Capex</b> <i>% change vs. H1 07/08<sup>1</sup></i>	<b>(78)</b> (4)%	<b>(33)</b> (6)%	<b>(15)</b> 29%	<b>(25)</b> 7%	<b>(155)</b> 4%



<sup>1</sup> Positive represents improvement

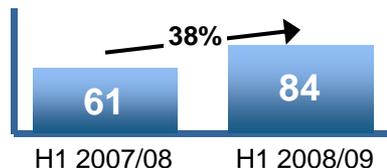
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<sup>3</sup> Includes eliminations and other

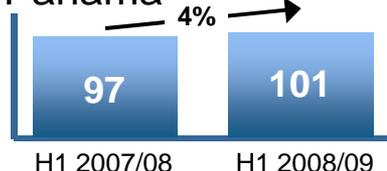
# International H1 cash flow

## Operating cash flow<sup>1</sup>

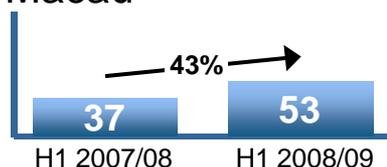
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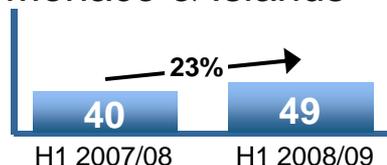
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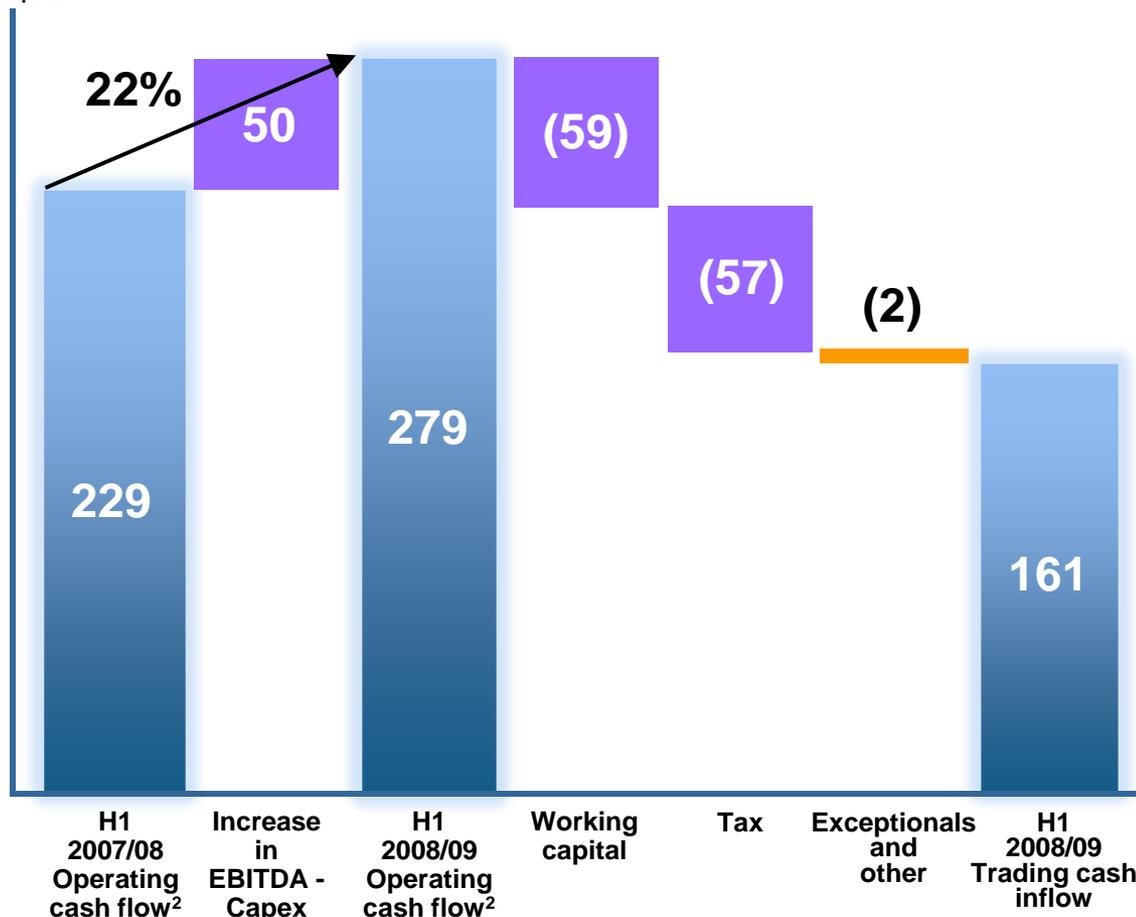
### Macau



### Monaco & Islands



US\$m



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<sup>1</sup> Regional operating cash flow represents EBITDA less balance sheet capital expenditure

<sup>2</sup> Total operating cash flow represents EBITDA less cash capital expenditure

# Creating competitive enterprises

“Earning every cent and keeping hold of it”

Three key areas to sharpen our focus:

Service



Keeps customers

Brand



Wins customers

Efficiency



Reduces costs  
Improves cash flow



# One Caribbean

## Creating a single business from 13

### Progress towards becoming a competitive enterprise

- Service – customer satisfaction up 11 percentage points, call centres migrating, postpaid churn rate down to 1.4% (was 1.6%)
- Brand – new brand and regional products launched
- Efficiency – single organisation structure, headcount reducing, good cost of sales progress

### One Caribbean Programme

- New organisation in place
- Enabling work complete
- Peak season first and then:
  - Finance shared service
  - Common network management
  - Fewer products
  - Enterprise focus
- 30% headcount reduction target announced

### Caribbean ex Jamaica H1 2008/09 versus H1 2007/08<sup>1</sup>

Revenue	+3%
Mobile	+7%
Fixed	(6)%
Ent'/other	+6%
Gross margin %	+2% pts
Opex % of revenue	+1% pt
EBITDA %	+3% pts
EBITDA change	+12%



# Jamaica

## Good progress on the long road back

### Progress towards becoming a competitive enterprise

- Service – customer satisfaction up by a third, calls answered within 30 secs 70% (was 37%)
- Brand – two new mobile bundles, new stores, 1,649 new top-up locations, first to market with BlackBerry
- Efficiency – gross margin % restored, headcount down 8%

### Turnaround programme

- Still a long way to go across all domains
- Opex still too high (46% of revenue)
- Good wins in H1 with corporate customers
- Happy with progress in year one of turnaround

Jamaica	
H1 2008/09 versus H1 2007/08 <sup>1</sup>	
Revenue	(4)%
Mobile	(17)%
Fixed	+6%
Ent'/other	(13)%
Gross margin %	+10% pts
Opex % of revenue	(2)% pts
EBITDA %	+8% pts
EBITDA change	+60%



# Monaco & Islands

## Strength in numbers

### Progress towards becoming a competitive enterprise

- Service – operational metrics up three percentage points, calls answered within 30 secs in Monaco at 90% (was 64%)
- Brand – strong half of corporate customer wins
- Efficiency – EBITDA margin up one percentage point

### Key events

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Monaco      | - launch of 3G+                         |
|             | - record inbound roamers for Grand Prix |
| Isle of Man | - launch of fixed line services         |
| Seychelles  | - launch of BlackBerry                  |
|             | - launch of enhanced broadband network  |

Monaco & Islands H1 2008/09 versus H1 2007/08 <sup>1</sup>	
Revenue	+6%
Mobile	+14%
Fixed	(4)%
Ent'/other	+5%
Gross margin %	no change
Opex % of revenue	+1% pt
EBITDA %	+1% pt
EBITDA change	+10%



# Panama

## Growth in key products, ready for new mobile entrants

### Ready for more competition in mobile

- Service – market leading mobile customer satisfaction (postpaid 90% and prepaid 87%), network coverage expanded to c.95% of population
- Brand – improved product propositions, launched Somos + brand campaign emphasising Panamanian credentials, 50 extra distributors, 30% of stores remodelled
- Impact – increased penetration to >100%, mobile customers up 38%

### Much more beyond mobile

- Implemented large government contracts for surveillance and e-learning
- Won emergency 911 contract
- Overall customer satisfaction up three percentage points to 94%
- First call resolution up 10 percentage points to 89%
- 83% of calls answered within 30 seconds
- Ranked one of top five companies in Panama<sup>2</sup>

Panama	
H1 2008/09 versus H1 2007/08 <sup>1</sup>	
Revenue	+9%
Mobile	+11%
Fixed	(2)%
Ent'/other	+23%
Gross margin %	+1% pt
Opex % of revenue	(2)% pts
EBITDA %	(1)% pt
EBITDA change	+5%



# Macau

## World class – the competitive enterprise

### Business as usual

- Service:
  - Customer satisfaction up three percentage points to 95%
  - Figure of merit operational metric remained 96%
  - First call resolution up three percentage points to 99%
- Brand:
  - 17% increase in mobile customers
  - 22% of mobile customers on 3G vs. 10% average in Macau
  - US\$23m of corporate customer wins
- Efficiency:
  - EBITDA margin up one percentage point to 43%
  - Third successive half of 17-20% annualised EBITDA growth
  - Employee turnover down by one third to 22%

### Concession review

- Agreed framework principles for renewal

Macau	
H1 2008/09 versus H1 2007/08 <sup>1</sup>	
Revenue	+16%
Mobile	+24%
Fixed	+7%
Ent'/other	+13%
Gross margin %	(1)% pt
Opex % of revenue	+2% pts
EBITDA %	+1% pt
EBITDA change	+17%



# Trading environments

## Leading internal indicators:

### Current status

1. Mobile indicators
2. Enterprise revenue
3. Fixed line subscribers



## Leading external indicators:

### Current status

1. GDP growth
2. Tourist numbers



## Points of strength

- Diversity of portfolio – geographic, product, customer
- GDP in key markets still forecast to grow (8.3% in Panama and 10% in Macau)
- Strengthening US dollar – beneficial impact on translation and tourism
- Limited exposure to offshore financial centres
- Strong cash generation
- Plans not predicated on top line growth
- Opex prize (c.US\$100m p.a. if opex 28% of revenue)



# Summary

- EBITDA growth of 13% to US\$448 million
- Gross margin up 8% to US\$857 million
- Opex improvement by one percentage point to 32% of revenue
  
- Business in good health and off to good start on our two year plan
- Key external factors in Panama and Macau actively managed
- Monitoring trading environment, but many inherent strengths and internal prizes
  
- EBITDA guidance raised to at least US\$910 million at c.35% margin



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## 2008/09

### INTERIM RESULTS

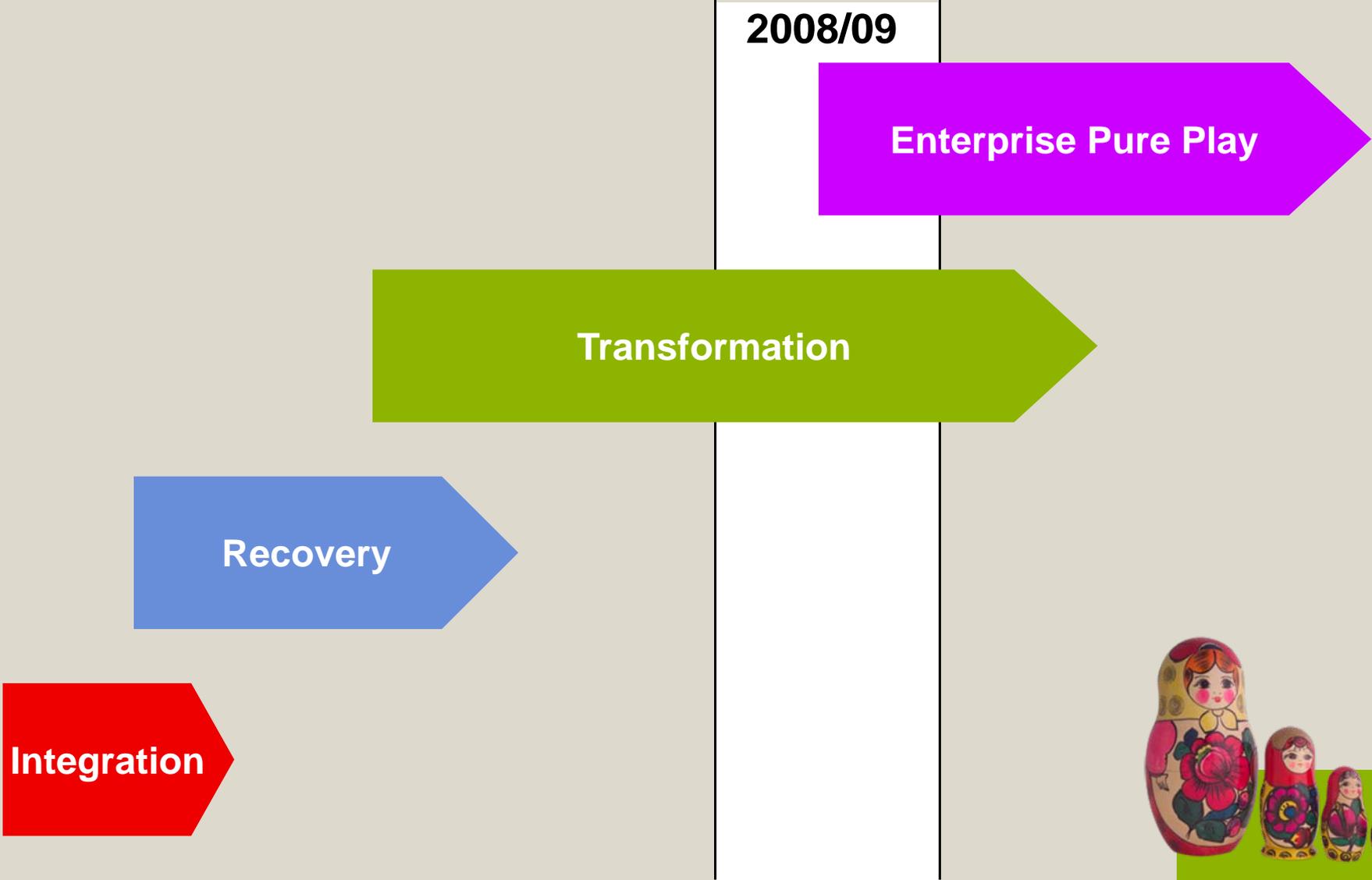
**John Pluthero**  
**Executive Chairman**  
Europe, Asia & US

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# OUR PROGRESS SO FAR DURING 2008/09

## TRANSFORMATION & GROWTH



# EUROPE, ASIA & US

## 2008/09 INTERIM RESULTS



	H1 2008/09		H1 2007/08		Change <sup>1</sup>	
	£m	%	£m	%	£m	%
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1,003</b>	100%	<b>961</b>	100%	<b>42</b>	4
Cost of sales	(589)	(59%)	(563)	(59%)	(26)	(5)
<b>Gross margin</b>	<b>414</b>	41%	<b>398</b>	41%	<b>16</b>	4
Operating costs <sup>3</sup>	(272)	(27%)	(299)	(31%)	27	9
<b>EBITDA<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>142</b>	14%	<b>99</b>	10%	<b>43</b>	43
<b>Operating profit<sup>3,4</sup></b>	<b>43</b>	4%	<b>9</b>	1%	<b>34</b>	nm
<b>Trading cash flow<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>10</b>	1%	<b>(110)</b>	(11%)	<b>120</b>	nm

<sup>1</sup> Positive represents improvement, nm represents not meaningful

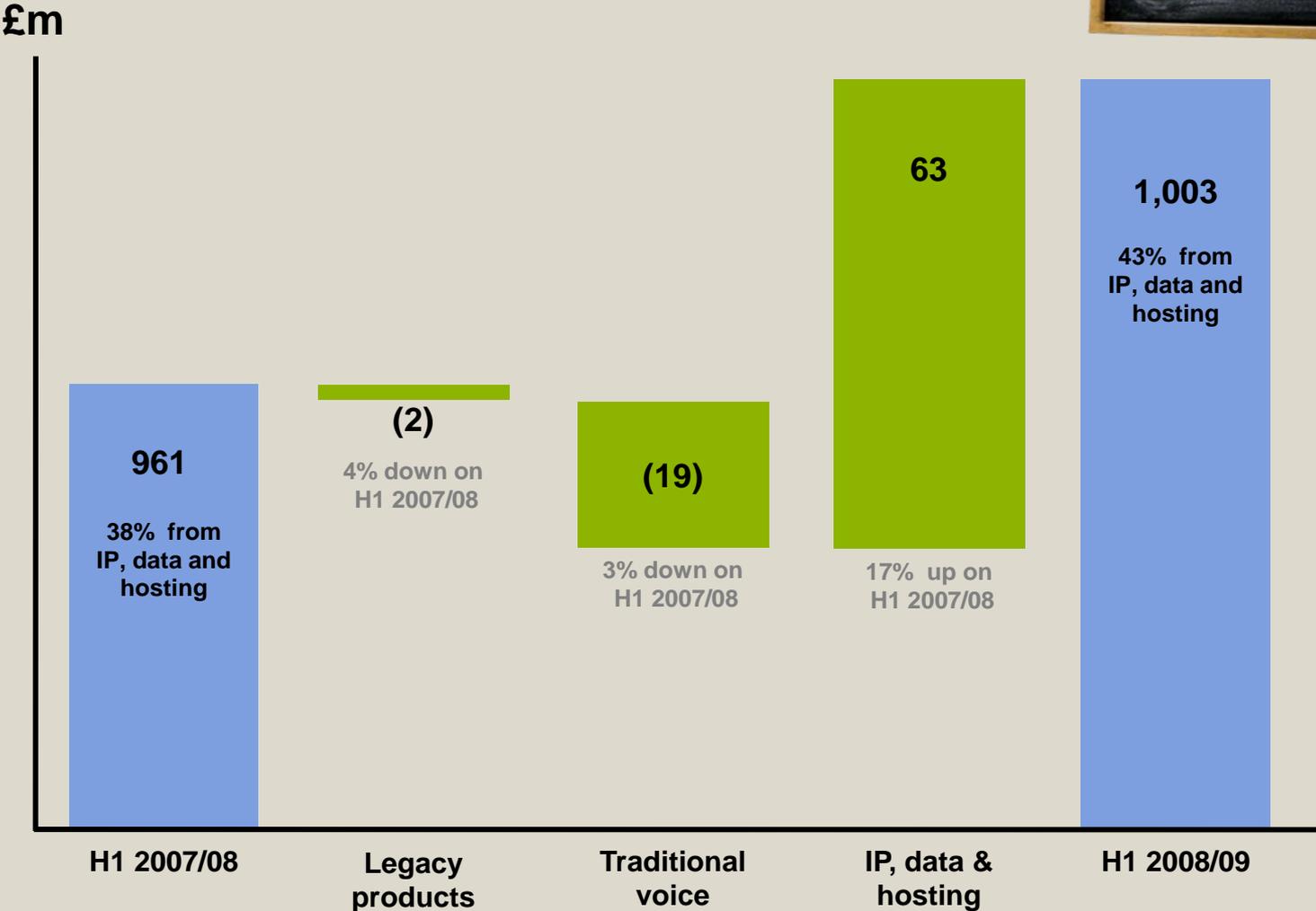
<sup>2</sup> Excluding exceptional items and LTIP charge

<sup>3</sup> Includes net pension credit of £4m in H1 2008/09 and £7m in H1 2007/08

<sup>4</sup> Excludes exceptional items

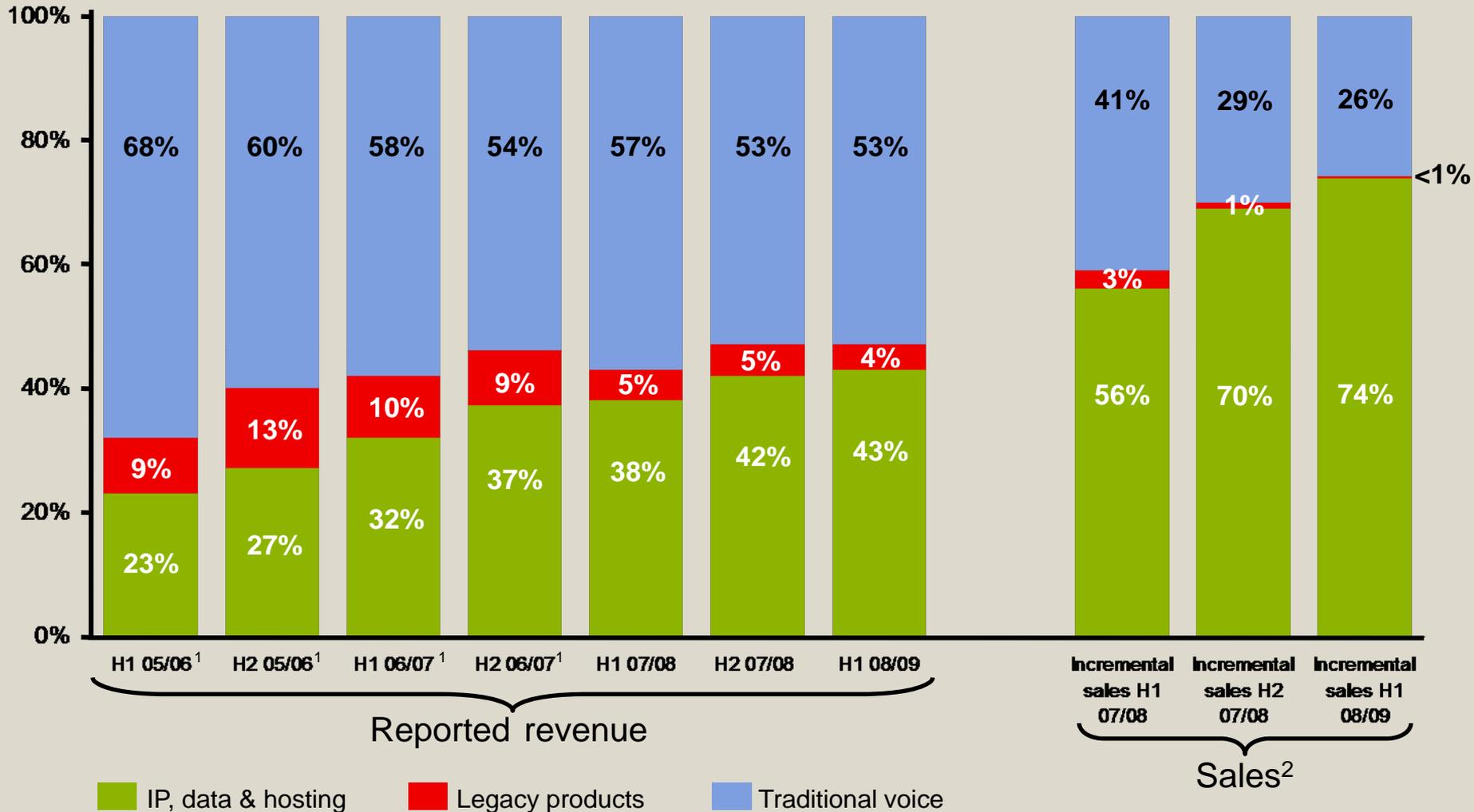
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# REVENUE GROWTH GAINING MOMENTUM



# SALES & REVENUE

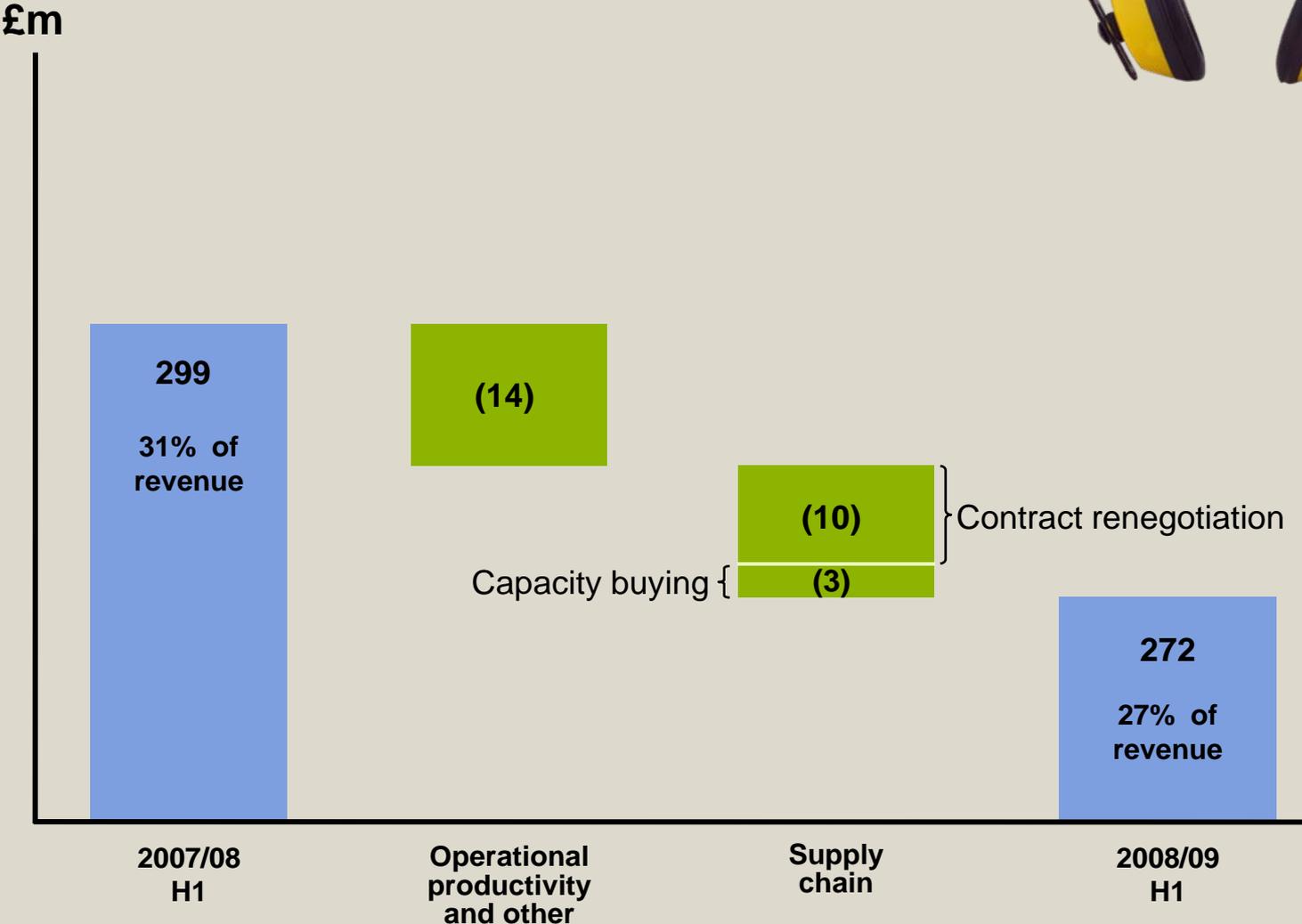
## IMPROVING PRODUCT MIX



<sup>1</sup> Excludes C&W Access

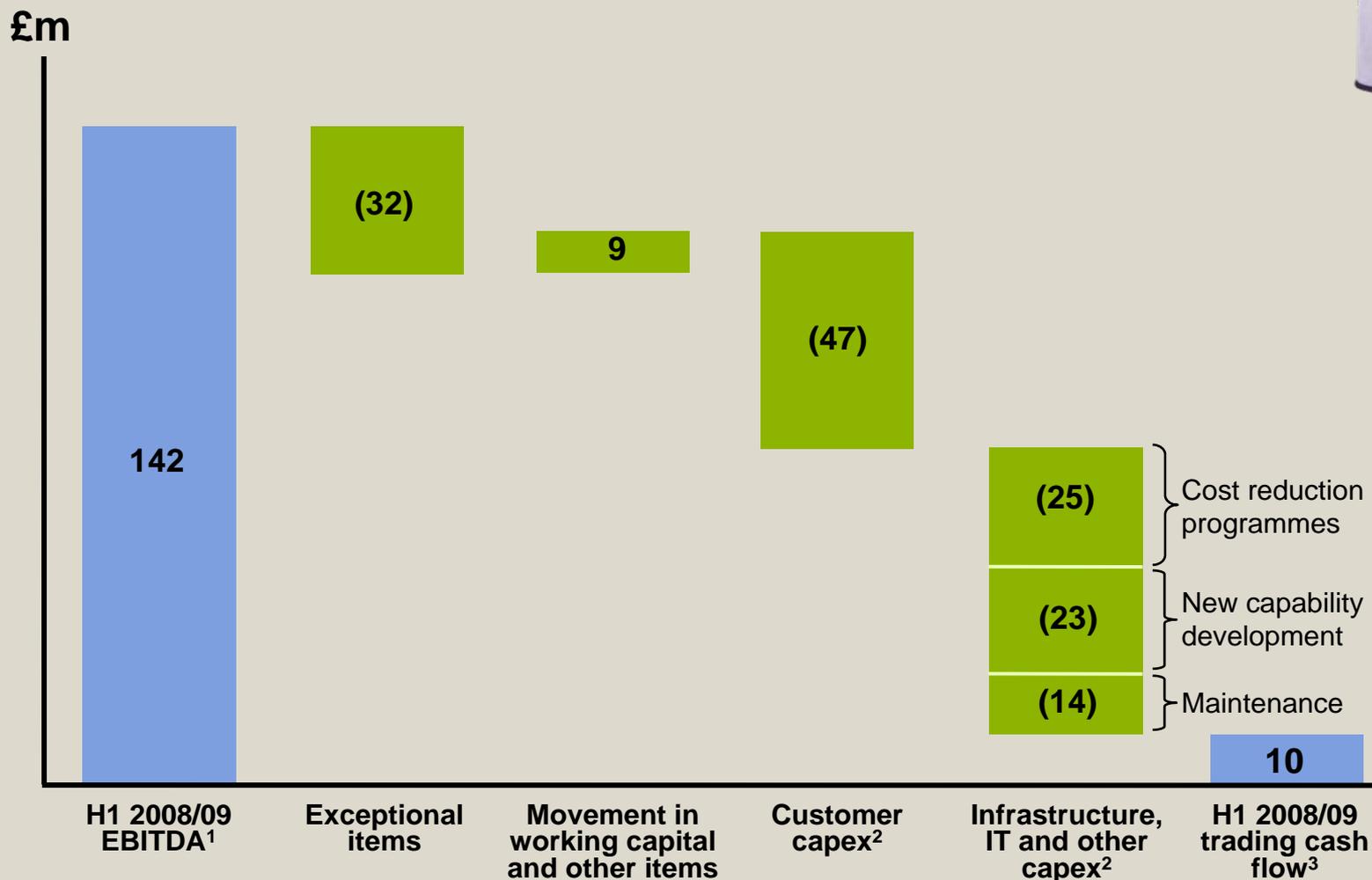
<sup>2</sup> Excludes re-signs

# 9% REDUCTION IN OPERATING COSTS



# EUROPE, ASIA & US

## 2008/09 H1 TRADING CASH FLOW



<sup>1</sup> Excluding exceptional items and LTIP charge

<sup>2</sup> Cash capex

<sup>3</sup> Trading cash flow excludes acquisitions, disposals and contribution to the pension buy-in

# TRADING ENVIRONMENT

**No impact on H1 2008/09**

**Overall leading indicators very healthy**

**Detailed plans in place**

## LEADING INDICATORS:

### STATUS

- |                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Sales/order intake        | ■ |
| 2. Pipeline for new services | ■ |
| 3. Volume of project work    | ■ |
| 4. Network minutes           | ■ |

**Business well positioned to continue to progress**

- **appealing product set**
- **low market share**
- **contracted gross margin high**
- **cost base prize**
- **Thus synergies**

**No change to our commitment**



# THUS ACQUISITION ACCELERATING OUR STRATEGY



## ENTERPRISE CUSTOMERS



## SYNERGIES

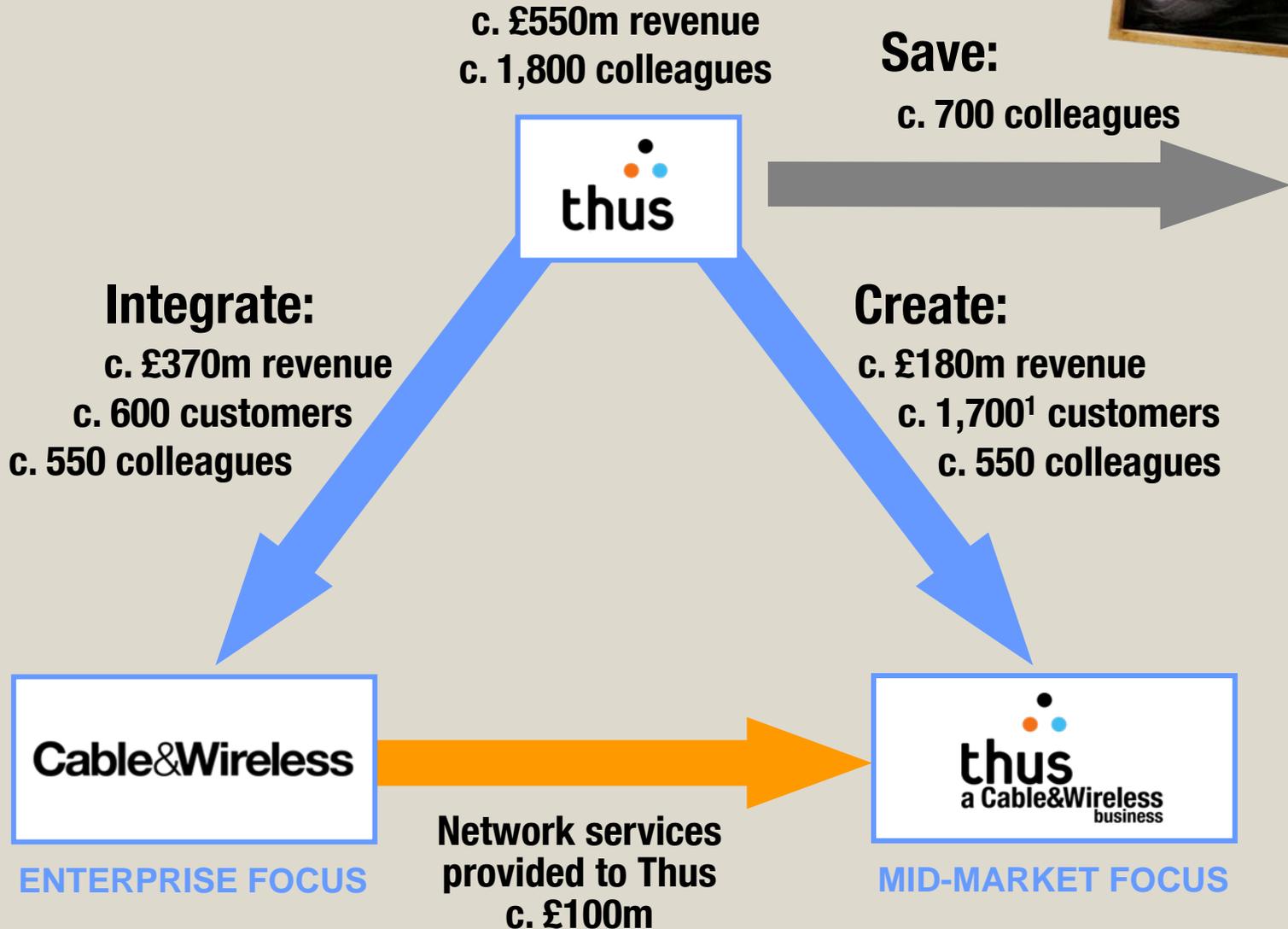
- Network and property rationalisation
- Removal of duplicate capabilities
- One set of new product development

## CREATION OF MID-MARKET FOCUSED COMPANY

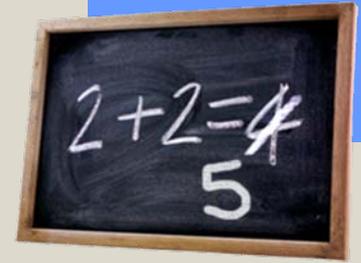


Creates scale in the mid-market to  
make us a stronger competitor

# APPROACH TO VALUE CREATION



# SYNERGIES AND VALUE CREATION



## SYNERGIES

FY 2011/12

Cost of sales

£24 million

- Migration to Cable&Wireless network & Thus in Scotland
- Voice interconnect efficiencies
- CPE procurement savings

Opex

£46 million

- Overall headcount reduction across the enlarged group
- Aggregating maintenance contracts
- Reduction in property

## EBITDA SYNERGIES

**£70 million**

Capex

£12 million

- Capex avoidance
- Integration of networks onto Cable&Wireless multi-service platform
- Elimination of duplicate product development investment

## TOTAL SYNERGIES

**£82 million**

## TOTAL COST TO ACHIEVE

**£78 million**

**Impact on FY 08/09:  
EBITDA upside £7m  
Cost to achieve (£39m)<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Exceptional costs

# EUROPE, ASIA & US

## 2008/09 GUIDANCE

	2008/09 Guidance
EAUS EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	At least £295m
THUS EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	c. £23m
EBITDA synergies	c. £7m
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	c. £325m
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Cost to achieve the synergies	c. £39m
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Capital expenditure	c. 10% of revenue
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Combined trading cash flow <sup>3</sup>	Positive
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<sup>1</sup> Excluding exceptional items and LTIP charge

<sup>2</sup> H2 EBITDA for 2008/09 excluding exceptional items

<sup>3</sup> Trading cash flow excludes acquisitions, disposals and contribution to the pension buy-in



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**Tony Rice**

Group Finance Director

# EBITDA<sup>1</sup> guidance for 2008/09

	May 2008		Nov 2008
	Low	High	At least
<b>International US\$m</b>	895	910	<b>910</b>
International £m - US\$ 2.00:£1.00 <sup>2</sup>	447	455	455
Impact of exchange rate	29	29	29
<b>International - US\$ 1.88:£1.00<sup>3</sup></b>	476	484	<b>484</b>
Europe, Asia & US	285	295	295
Thus EBITDA and synergies	n/a	n/a	30
<b>Total Europe, Asia &amp; US</b>	285	295	<b>325</b>
<b>Central</b>	(30)	(25)	<b>(29)</b>
<b>Group</b>	731	754	<b>780</b>



<sup>1</sup> Excluding exceptional items and LTIP charge

<sup>2</sup> The exchange rate prevailing in May 2008

<sup>3</sup> Analysts' consensus exchange rate for full year 2008/09

# Summary

- Europe, Asia & US strategy continues to deliver
- International strategy sharpened and delivering
- Full year EBITDA<sup>1</sup> guidance raised to at least £780 million
- We're confident about our prospects:
  - Europe, Asia & US has a growing order book of long-term, high margin contracts
  - International building value by improved customer experience
  - Robust plans to handle any downturn
- Strong balance sheet
- Sustainable dividend growth – interim dividend up 13%





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# **Interim Results**

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