



# Grafton Group plc Half Year Results

For the six months ended 30 June 2025

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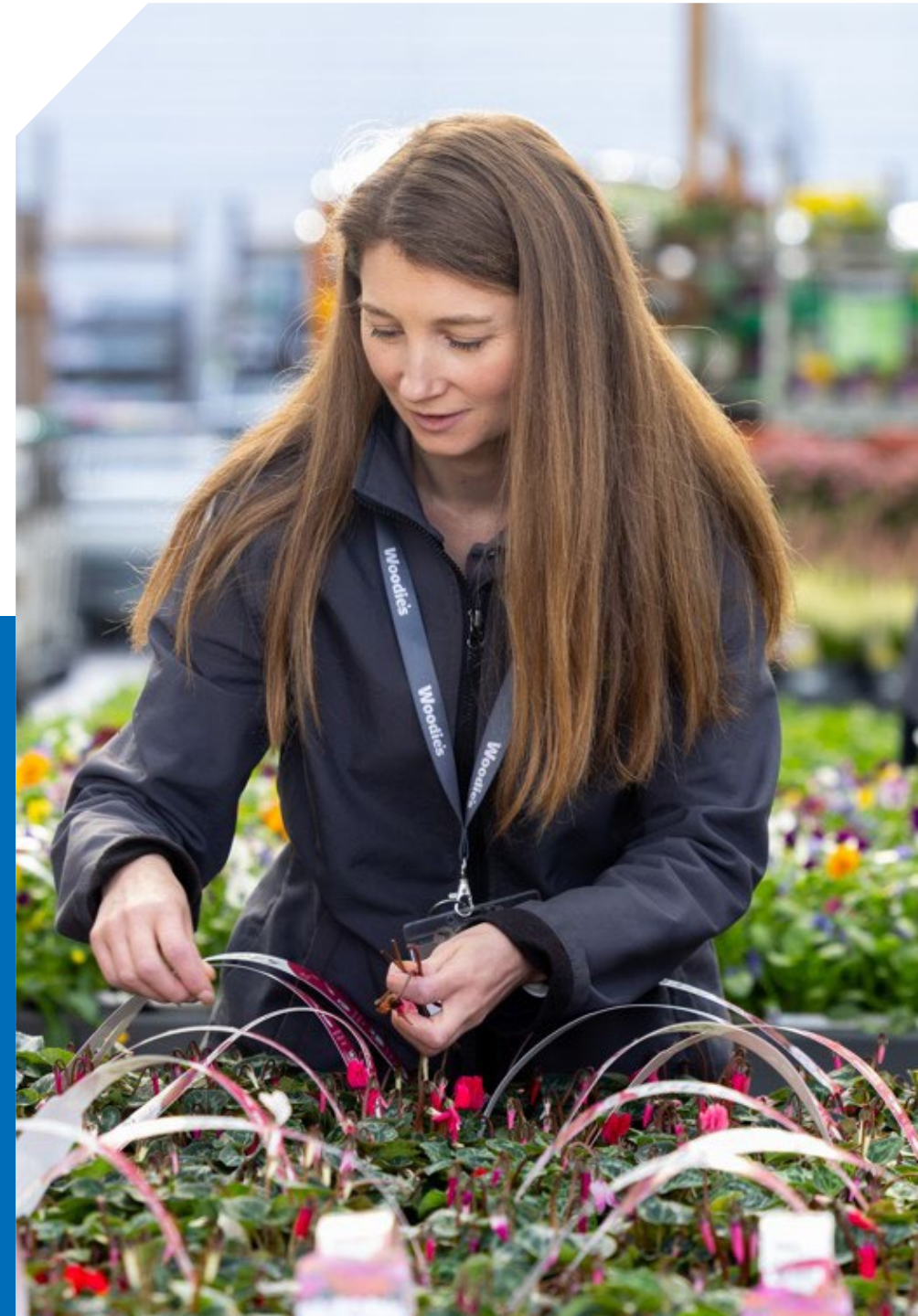
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Chief Executive Officer



**David Arnold**  
Chief Financial Officer

# H1 2025 operational highlights

Eric Born, Chief Executive Officer



# H1 2025 operational highlights

## Return to organic revenue growth (+2.4% LFL sales)

- Resilient performance – strong contributions from Spain and Ireland
- Return to profit growth in UK Distribution for the first time since 2021
- Diversification trend to continue – almost two thirds of revenue non-UK

## Focus on continuous improvement

- Performance supported by operational efficiencies and self-help actions
- Lean central team driving best practices across the Group
- Ongoing investment in businesses through the cycle – ready for recovery

## Progress on Group development activities

- Further strengthened our market position in Ireland – HSS Hire Ireland bolt-on in H1
- Salvador Escoda integration well on track – positive progress on organic growth plan
- Actively pursuing opportunities across our chosen European geographies



# H1 2025 financial review

David Arnold, Chief Financial Officer



# Financial takeaways and outlook

## H1 performance

### Return to profit growth

Adjusted operating profit +9.5%

Adjusted EPS +6.5%

### Robust Balance Sheet

Strong free cash conversion

£246m net cash position (before leases)

### Strong shareholder returns

£81m of dividends and share buybacks

Interim dividend +2.4%

New £25m share buyback announced

## Outlook

### H2 outlook

Continued growth in Ireland and Spain

Market conditions elsewhere similar to H1

### FY 2025 guidance

Adjusted operating profit broadly in line with analysts' expectations<sup>1</sup> with important Autumn trading months to come

### Medium-term outlook

Positive across all geographies

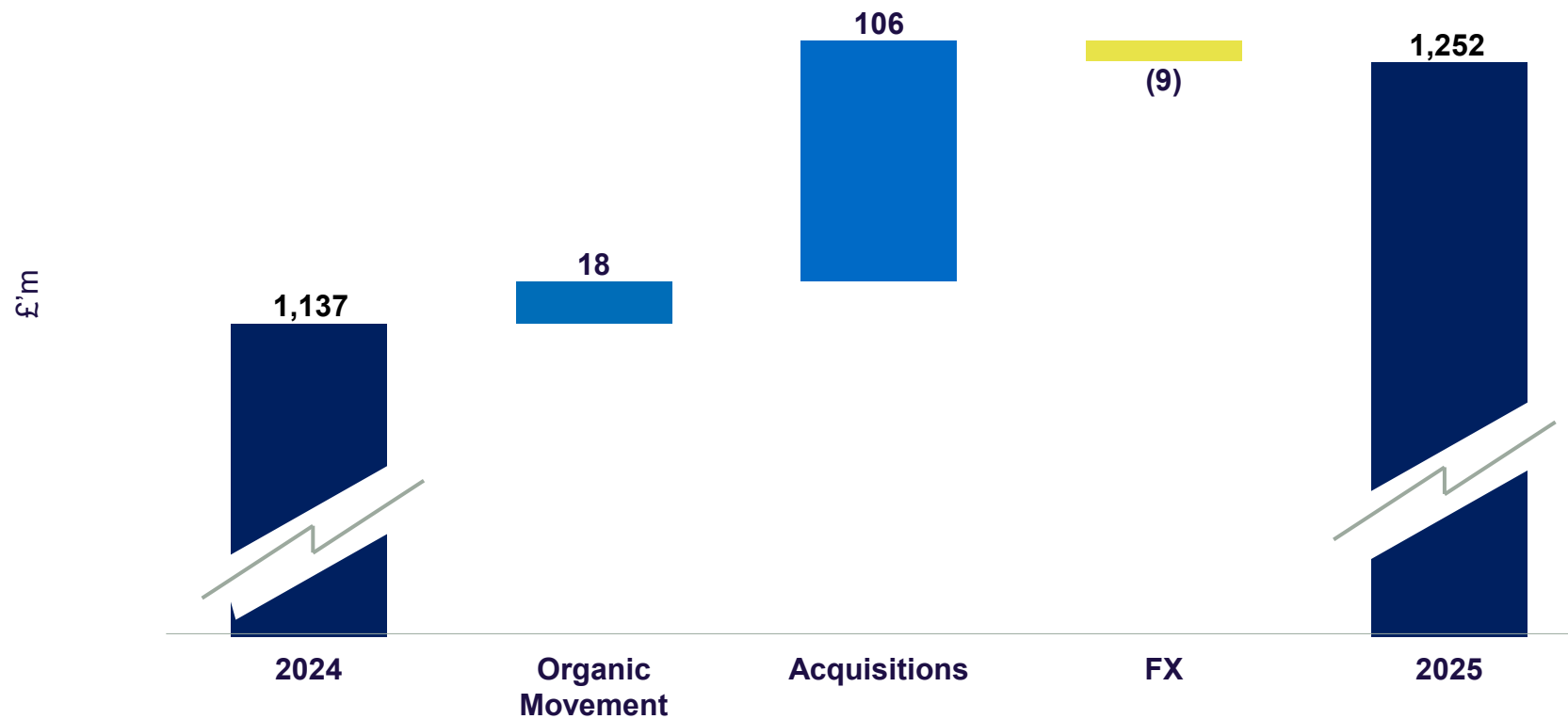
Grafton well-positioned as markets improve



# H1 2025 financial highlights

£'m	H1 2025	H1 2024	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1,252.4</b>	1,137.2	+10.1%
<b>Adjusted operating profit pre property profit</b>	<b>91.0</b>	83.1	+9.5%
Property profit	-	-	
<b>Adjusted operating profit</b>	<b>91.0</b>	83.1	+9.5%
<b>Adjusted operating profit margin</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	7.3%	-
Net finance (cost)/income	(4.2)	0.3	n/m
<b>Adjusted profit before tax</b>	<b>86.8</b>	84.1	+3.2%
<b>Adjusted profit after tax</b>	<b>69.7</b>	67.3	+3.5%
<b>Tax rate</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	20.0%	(50 bps)
<b>Adjusted earnings per share</b>	<b>35.5p</b>	33.4p	+6.5%

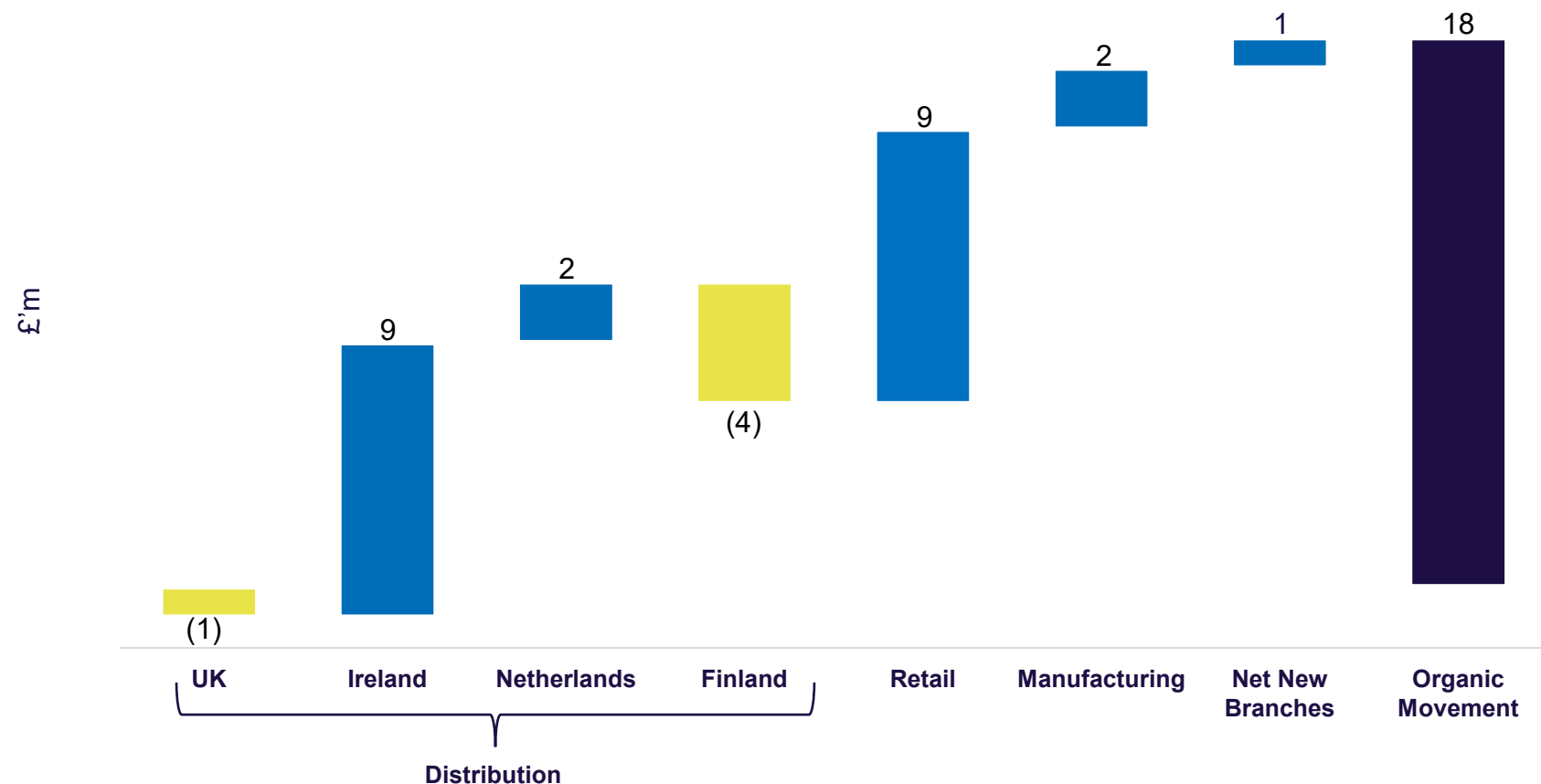
# Revenue bridge – H1 2024 to H1 2025



Acquisition growth  
mainly driven by  
Salvador Escoda

Negative FX impact  
due to weakening of  
the Euro against GBP

# Analysis of organic movement in revenue (constant currency) – H1 2024 to H1 2025



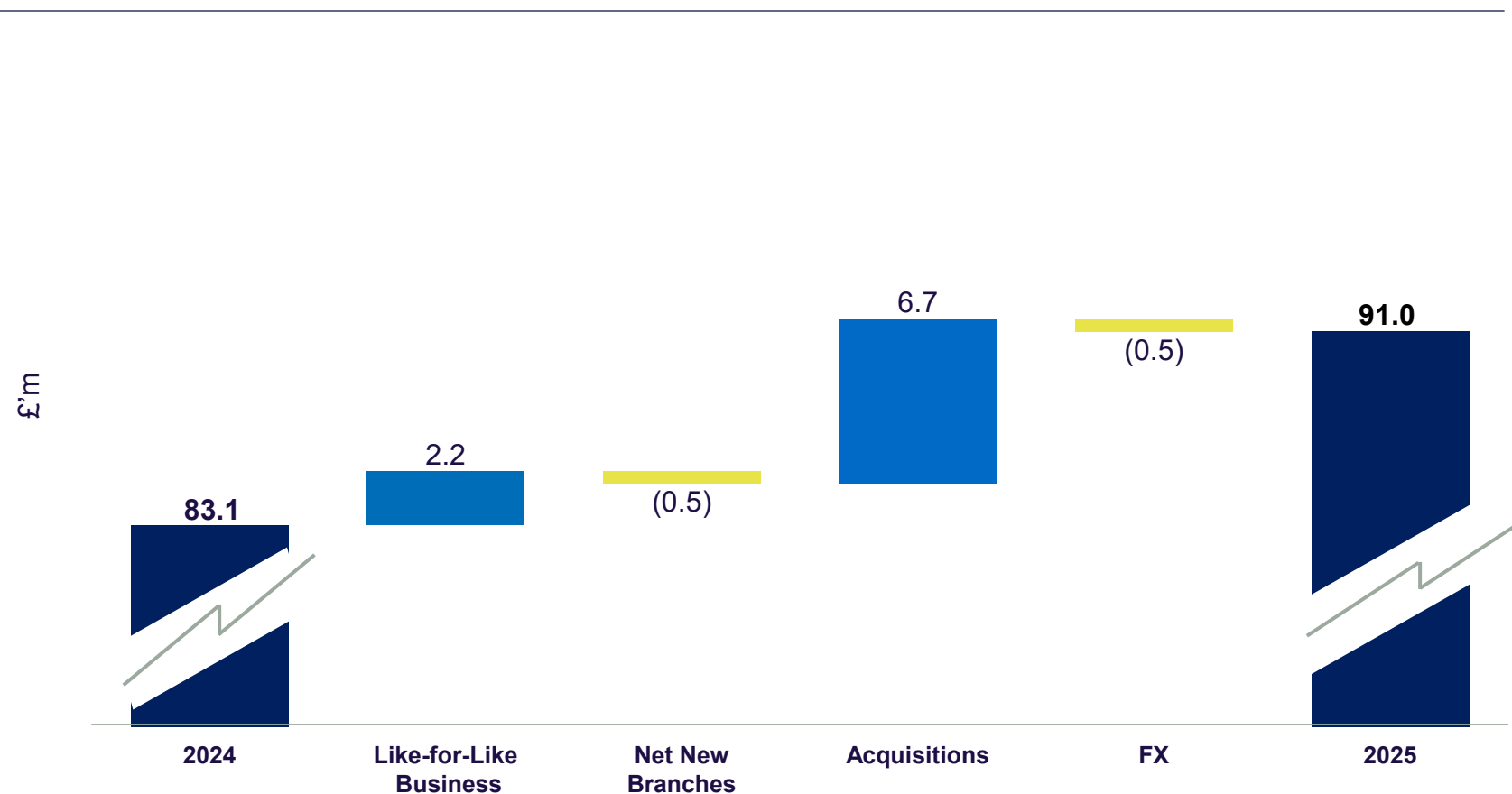
## Like-for-like

Irish businesses maintain strong performance

Slow recovery emerging in the UK; Finland remains challenging

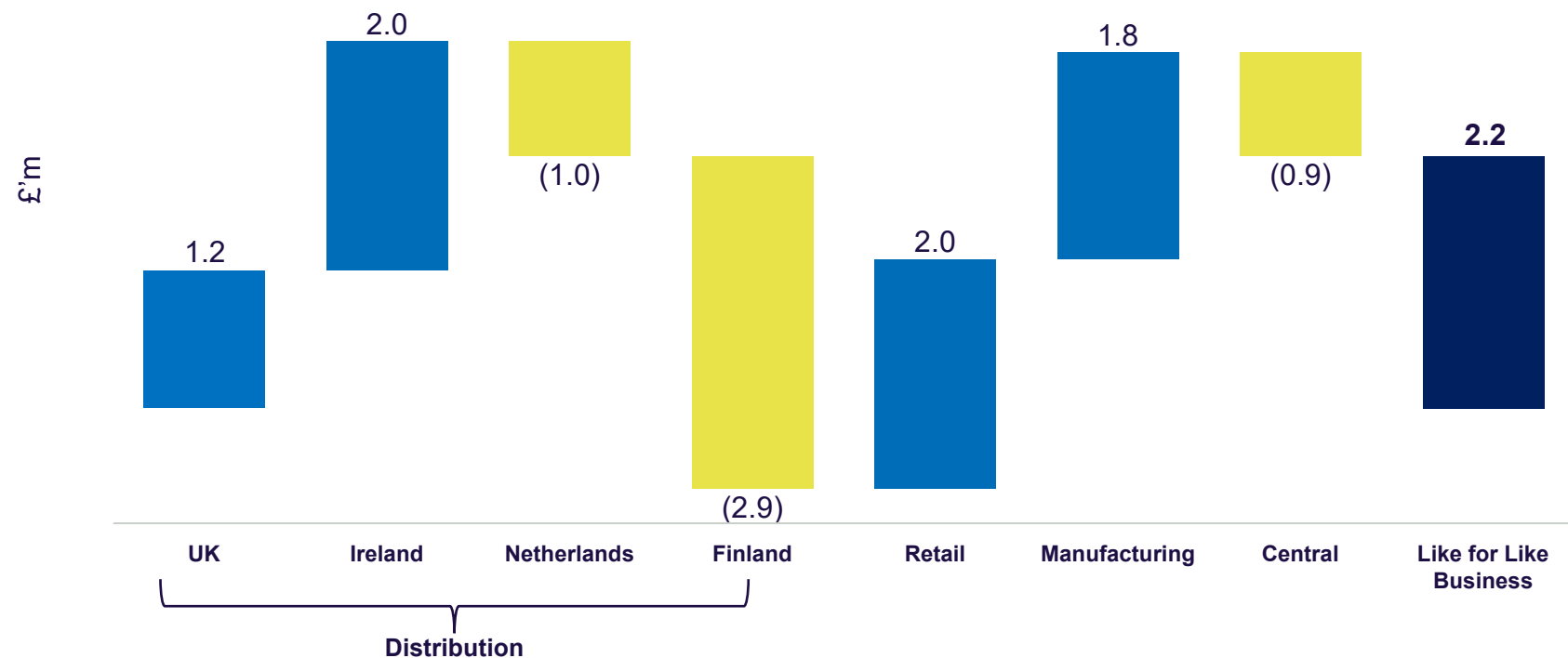
Six **new branches** added across the Group in 2024/2025 in the Netherlands and the UK

# Adjusted operating profit – H1 2024 to H1 2025



Acquisitions: Profit contribution from Salvador Escoda in H1 in line with expectations. HSS Hire Ireland – one month trading only.

# Analysis of movement in adjusted operating profit in like-for-like business – H1 2024 to H1 2025



Strong growth in Ireland underpinned by expansion in operating margins

UK Distribution returns to profit growth for first time since 2021

Performance in Finland below expectations

Tight control over central costs



# Ireland Distribution



£'m	H1 2025	H1 2024	Change	Constant currency
Revenue	323.8	317.2	+2.1%	+3.5%
Adjusted operating profit <sup>1</sup>	31.5	29.7	+6.0%	+7.3%
Adjusted operating margin <sup>1</sup>	9.7%	9.4%	+30bps	-

- **Business performed well in H1 against a broadly flat construction market**
- **LFL revenue up 3.7% supported by product price inflation of 3.5%**
- **Gross margin improved due to active commercial management increasing supplier support which more than offset higher overheads**
- **Integration of HSS Hire Ireland progressing well with early trading in line with expectations**

# UK Distribution



£'m	H1 2025	H1 2024	Change
Revenue	394.4	394.4	-
Adjusted operating profit <sup>1</sup>	13.9	12.6	+10.3%
Adjusted operating margin <sup>1</sup>	3.5%	3.2%	+30bps

- Return to profit growth for first time since 2021 with operating margin up 30bps compared to H1 2024
- RMI demand continued to be weak especially in and around London – LFL revenue growth of 0.2% with product price inflation of 1.9%
- Gross margin improved reflecting our active commercial strategy despite the weak volume environment
- Tight cost control across the UK businesses

# Netherlands Distribution



£'m	H1 2025	H1 2024	Change	Constant currency
Revenue	175.2	175.2	-	+1.4%
Adjusted operating profit <sup>1</sup>	13.9	15.2	(8.0%)	(6.7%)
Adjusted operating margin <sup>1</sup>	8.0%	8.7%	(70bps)	-

- LFL revenue growth of 2.8% – momentum eased following strong start to year reflecting ongoing market uncertainty
- Gross margin improved due to active commercial management despite adverse mix effect
- Overhead pressures, primarily driven by industry led labour cost increases, eroded operating margin
- Good progress was made on part of a multi-year business improvement project

# Spain Distribution



£'m	H1 2025
Revenue	104.2
Adjusted operating profit <sup>1</sup>	6.5
Adjusted operating margin <sup>1</sup>	6.3%

- Integration progressing well with trading performance in line with expectations
- LFL revenue rose 6.9% (proforma) supported by strong project sales and a growing market
- Spain continues to be one of the fastest-growing economies in Europe and Salvador Escoda is a market leader
- New branch opened in Catalonia in H1

# Finland Distribution



£'m	H1 2025	H1 2024	Change	Constant currency
Revenue	60.4	65.1	(7.1%)	(5.8%)
Adjusted operating profit <sup>1</sup>	1.8	4.7	(61.8%)	(61.6%)
Adjusted operating margin <sup>1</sup>	3.0%	7.3%	(430bps)	-

- Performance fell short of expectations, impacted by challenging market conditions, adverse weather and temporary operational challenges
- Slower recovery in the Finnish construction market than anticipated with historically low activity levels
- Gross margin remains under pressure due to intense competition and sell through of aged inventory
- Strengthened management team to maximise upside from market recovery



# Retailing



£'m	H1 2025	H1 2024	Change	Constant currency
Revenue	138.1	130.7	+5.6%	+7.0%
Adjusted operating profit <sup>1</sup>	19.2	17.2	+11.2%	+12.2%
Adjusted operating margin <sup>1</sup>	13.9%	13.2%	+70bps	-

- Strong trading performance supported by resilient consumer spending
- LFL revenue growth of 7.6% with increased transaction numbers representing bulk of increase
- Improved overhead efficiency achieved despite ongoing cost pressures
- Robust growth of online channel with continued progress on improving the in-store customer proposition

# Manufacturing



£'m	H1 2025	H1 2024	Change	Constant currency
Revenue	56.3	54.6	+3.1%	+3.2%
Adjusted operating profit <sup>1</sup>	12.2	11.0	+10.9%	+11.1%
Adjusted operating margin <sup>1</sup>	21.6%	20.1%	150bps	-

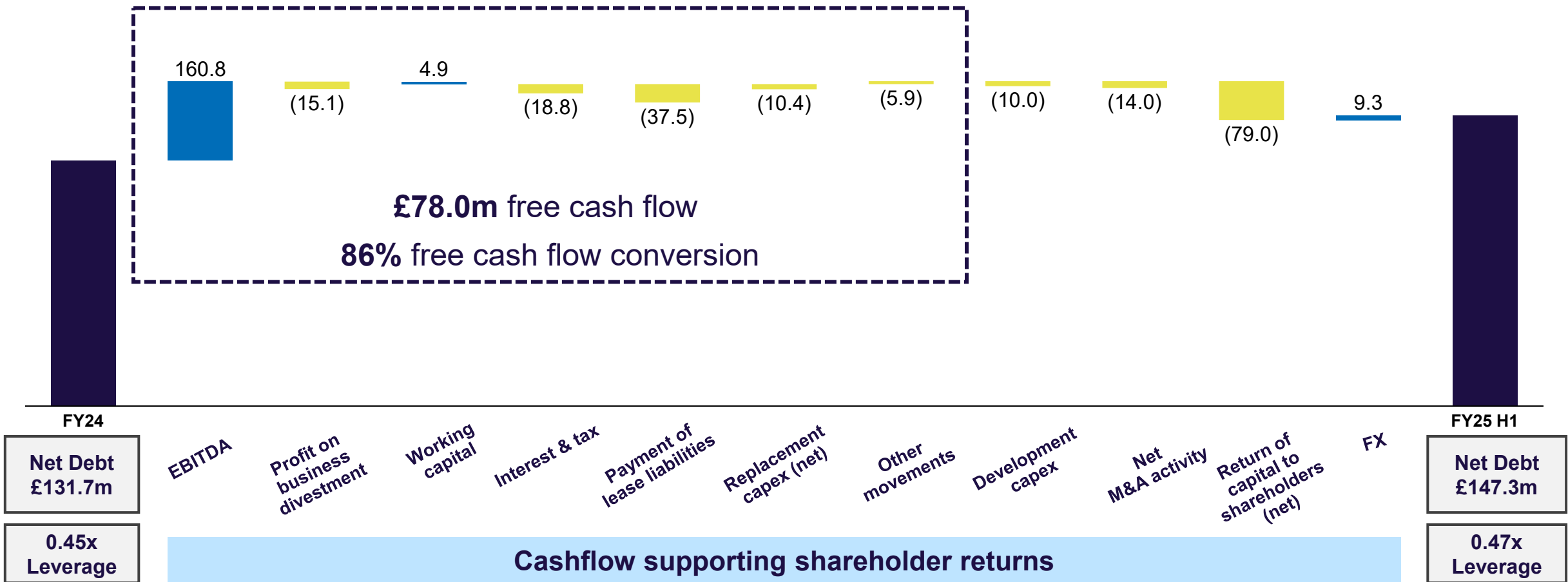
## CPI EuroMix

- Healthy start as housebuilders ramped up output but momentum eased in Q2
- Bulk volumes up 5.7% driven by increased activity on existing sites
- Strong profitability growth underpinned by improved fixed cost absorption

## StairBox

- RMI market remains weak but staircase market has stabilised with volumes flat
- Recovery in wooden windows with volumes up 6.5%
- Higher profits supported by gross margin improvement

# Analysis of Cash Flow – H1 2025



# Balance sheet

£'m	30 June 2025	31 December 2024
Goodwill and intangible assets	787.0	769.2
Right-of-use assets	366.2	377.7
Tangible assets	402.8	395.4
<b>Working capital</b>	<b>292.8</b>	<b>280.7</b>
Other liabilities	(93.5)	(96.5)
Pension asset/(deficit)	1.8	1.3
<b>Capital employed</b>	<b>1,757.0</b>	<b>1,727.9</b>
<i>Net cash excluding leases</i>	245.8	272.1
<i>Leases</i>	(393.1)	(403.7)
<b>Net debt including leases</b>	<b>(147.3)</b>	<b>(131.7)</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>1,609.7</b>	<b>1,596.2</b>
<b>Adjusted ROCE</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>10.3%</b>

# Outlook & strategy update

Eric Born, Chief Executive Officer





# Current trading

Average daily like-for-like  
revenue change  
in constant currency

	H1 2025	1 July 2025 - 24 Aug 2025
<b>Distribution</b>		
Ireland	+3.7%	+5.3%
UK	+0.2%	(0.2%)
Netherlands	+2.8%	(1.1%)
Finland	(4.2%)	(9.0%)
<b>Retailing</b>	<b>+7.6%</b>	<b>+8.7%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>+5.2%</b>	<b>+11.9%</b>
<b>Total Group</b>	<b>+2.4%</b>	<b>+2.3%</b>

- Strong performance in our Irish businesses
- UK Distribution improved from weak trading at end of Q2 – overall similar to H1
- Trading in the Netherlands impacted by timing of regional holidays and weaker project sales
- Finland continued to perform below expectations
- Manufacturing businesses performed well compared to weak trading in the prior year.
- Salvador Escoda sales +9.4% (proforma) based on successful summer campaigns
- Important Autumn trading months yet to come

# Outlook

Ireland		Outlook for economic growth remains positive – notwithstanding impact of US tariffs Construction market activity in H2 expected to be similar to H1 Strong government support to increase investment in housing and infrastructure
UK		Medium-term fundamentals remain positive but no meaningful volume recovery in 2025 Higher household savings and pent-up demand expected to support RMI recovery Current speculation around property taxes unhelpful in short term
Netherlands		Construction market recovery in 2025 slower than anticipated; timing of upturn uncertain Medium-term outlook remains positive supported by favourable market dynamics
Finland		Recovery in the Finnish construction sector slower than anticipated Muted economic growth in 2025 with return to modest levels of growth expected in 2026
Spain		Economic growth continues to trend among the fastest in Europe Positive construction market outlook with HVAC sector well-positioned for robust growth

# Strategy update – our ambition

Ireland



Further enhance market position through organic expansion and acquisitions

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UK



Capture market recovery and further deploy capital as opportunities arise

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Netherlands



Strengthen market position through organic expansion (eastern Netherlands) and acquisitions

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Finland



Capitalise on market recovery with strengthened management team

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Iberia



Objective to significantly scale business over the next five years given growth opportunities

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Europe



Actively evaluating opportunities for entry into other attractive markets

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# Group well positioned to deliver significant shareholder value

## Attractive market positions

- Strong portfolio of distribution formats mainly focused on SME customers
- Supportive market fundamentals; including aged housing stock and housing shortages
- Strategic focus to further strengthen in existing markets and accelerate expansion in Iberia

## What sets Grafton apart

- Geographic diversification across European markets – 64% of revenue non-UK
- Highly cash generative despite subdued markets in UK, Finland and the Netherlands
- Well invested assets in all markets and excellently positioned for market recovery
- Building on our international platform to become a leading player in the European building materials distribution market

# Questions





# Appendices



# Appendix 1 – Notes & definitions

## Notes

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## Definitions

- **Adjusted earnings per share** is earnings before exceptional items, acquisition related items, intangible asset amortisation arising on acquisitions and before profit/loss on disposal of Group businesses.
- **Adjusted operating profit** is earnings before exceptional items, acquisition related items, amortisation of intangible assets arising on acquisitions, profit/loss on disposal of Group businesses, net finance expense and income tax expense.
- **Adjusted operating profit margin** is adjusted operating profit as a percentage of revenue.
- **Adjusted operating profit (pre property profit)** is earnings before exceptional items, profit on disposal of Group properties, acquisition related items, amortisation of intangible assets arising on acquisitions, profit/loss on disposal of Group businesses, net finance expense and income tax expense.
- **Adjusted operating profit (pre property profit) margin** is adjusted operating profit (pre property profit) as a percentage of revenue.
- **Free cash flow conversion** is free cash flow as a percentage of adjusted operating profit.
- **Free cash flow** is cash generated from operations less replacement capital expenditure (net of disposal proceeds), less interest paid (net), income taxes paid and payment of lease liabilities. In the current year the definition has been refined to also deduct payment of deferred acquisition consideration, and the prior year has been restated to reflect this.

## Appendix 2 – FY 2025 technical guidance

**Finance Charge:** c.£9m-£10m but remains dependent on further anticipated reduction of interest rates by Central Banks

**Tax Rate:** c.19.5% and trend likely to be upwards toward 21.5% in subsequent years

**Depreciation and asset amortisation (pre IFRS):** c.£50m

**Depreciation and amortisation incl. right of use assets (leases) and acquired intangibles:**  
c.£150m

**Gross replacement capex:** c.£25m - £30m

**Organic development capex:** c.£25m - £30m

# Appendix 3 – Revenue change H1 2025 v H1 2024

Average Daily Like-for-Like Revenue Change					
	Q1	Q2	Six months to 30 June 2025	Total Revenue 1 Jan – 30 June 2025	
				Constant Currency	Sterling
<b>Distribution</b>					
Ireland	+2.9%	+4.3%	+3.7%	+3.6%	+2.1%
UK	(1.9%)	+2.0%	+0.2%	+0.0%	+0.0%
Netherlands	+3.4%	+2.2%	+2.8%	+1.4%	+0.0%
Finland	(1.9%)	(6.1%)	(4.2%)	(5.8%)	(7.1%)
<b>Retailing</b>	<b>+9.6%</b>	<b>+6.0%</b>	<b>+7.6%</b>	<b>+7.0%</b>	<b>+5.6%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>+4.3%</b>	<b>+6.2%</b>	<b>+5.2%</b>	<b>+3.2%</b>	<b>+3.1%</b>
<b>Total Group</b>	<b>+1.8%</b>	<b>+3.0%</b>	<b>+2.4%</b>	<b>+11.1%</b>	<b>+10.1%</b>

# Appendix 4 – Income statement statutory reconciliation

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Profit on disposal of Group business	7.8	0.0	
Acquisition related expenses	(0.4)	(1.7)	
Amortisation of acquired intangibles <sup>1</sup>	(10.8)	(10.0)	
<b>Statutory operating profit</b>	<b>87.7</b>	71.3	+22.9%
Net finance (cost)/income	(4.2)	0.3	
<b>Statutory profit before tax</b>	<b>83.5</b>	71.7	+16.5%



Thank You.