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# OVERVIEW OF THE PERIOD

Roy Bagattini

Group CEO



### OVERVIEW OF THE PERIOD

WHL

Continued strong performance in Food, offset by weaker performance from Apparel businesses in throes of significant transformation

- Group result impacted by lower contributions from apparel businesses, particularly CRG
  - Turnover and concession sales +5.7% | aEBIT -13.7% | aEBITDA -6.4% | adHEPS -19.4%
- WSA turnover and concession sales +9.1% | aEBIT -3.1% | aEBITDA +2.7%
  - Excellent performance from **Food**, with sector-leading total and like-for-like sales growth, and further profitable market share gains
  - Fashion, Beauty, and Home (FBH) impacted by temporary stock flow delays due to DC transformation and late supplier deliveries | Notwithstanding this, Fashion delivered positive volume growth | Beauty remains stand-out performer
  - Woolworths Financial Services (WFS) achieved strong underlying result and continues to deliver the healthiest impairment ratio in the sector
- Country Road Group (CRG) impacted by constrained macro environment, cost dis-synergies post separation from David Jones (DJ), and temporary disruption given significant business restructuring
- Balance sheet benefits from successful sale of Bourke street property in Melbourne, Australia



WE ARE BUILDING
FOUNDATIONAL CAPABILITIES,
AND OPTIMAL STRUCTURES
AND PROCESSES, TO DRIVE
LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE
PERFORMANCE



# RECOGNITION IN THE FIRST HALF...





WBeauty toner wins Best Product



World's Best Marketing Campaign

World's Best Window Display Most Sustainable Window Display

Voted No.1 'Coolest Grocery Store' by the youth



Social Impact Award for Farming for the Future





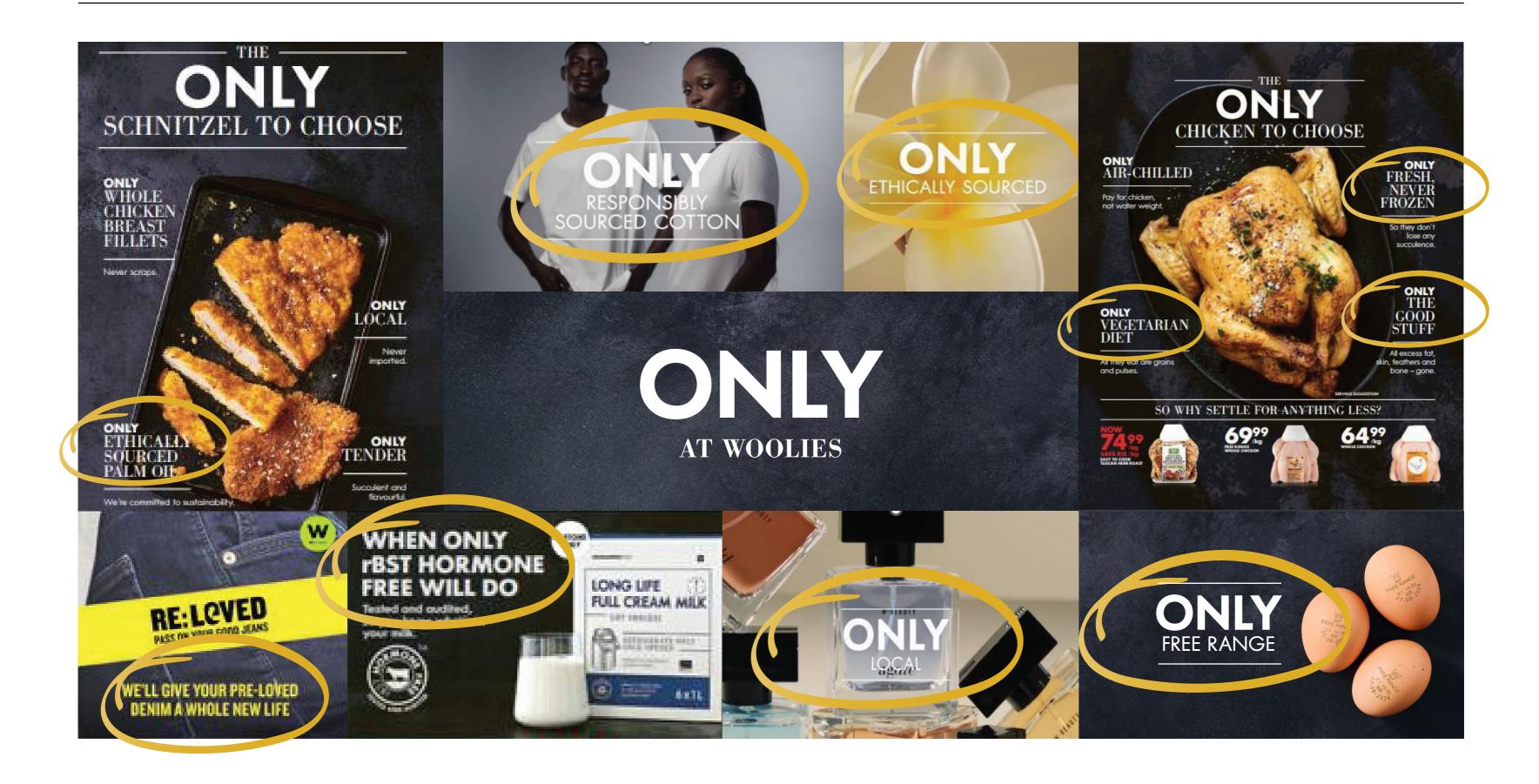


- Best integrated marketing campaign
- Best use of Al in a marketing campaign
- Most innovative gamification campaign



Woolies wins
8 of the 13
South African
award-winning
cheeses





# OUR GOOD BUSINESS JOURNEY PILLARS

WOOLWORTHS SUPPORTED 15 YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

THROUGH OUR YOUTH MAKERS PROGRAMME.





### **INCLUSIVE JUSTICE**

**IMPROVED ITS BEE RATING** FROM LEVEL 5 TO LEVEL 4.

WOOLWORTHS INCREASED ITS RATING 36%°41%.









### **ETHICAL AND FAIR**





OF WOOLWORTHS **SEAFOOD** BY VOLUME

OF WOOLWORTHS BRANDED PRODUCTS ARE

FOR THE FUTURE PROGRAMME.

OF FARMLAND HAVE BEEN RESTORED IN

**NEW SOUTH WALES IN AUSTRALIA** 

PART OF OUR FARMING

COMMITMENTS.

MEETS OUR WILD-CAUGHT AND AQUACULTURE SUSTAINABILITY

THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON



RESPONSIBLY SOURCED.

99%









**68% RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY** 













### OUR GOOD BUSINESS JOURNEY

WHL

Our Good Business Journey (GBJ) is embedded in everything we do, and is a key differentiator for us

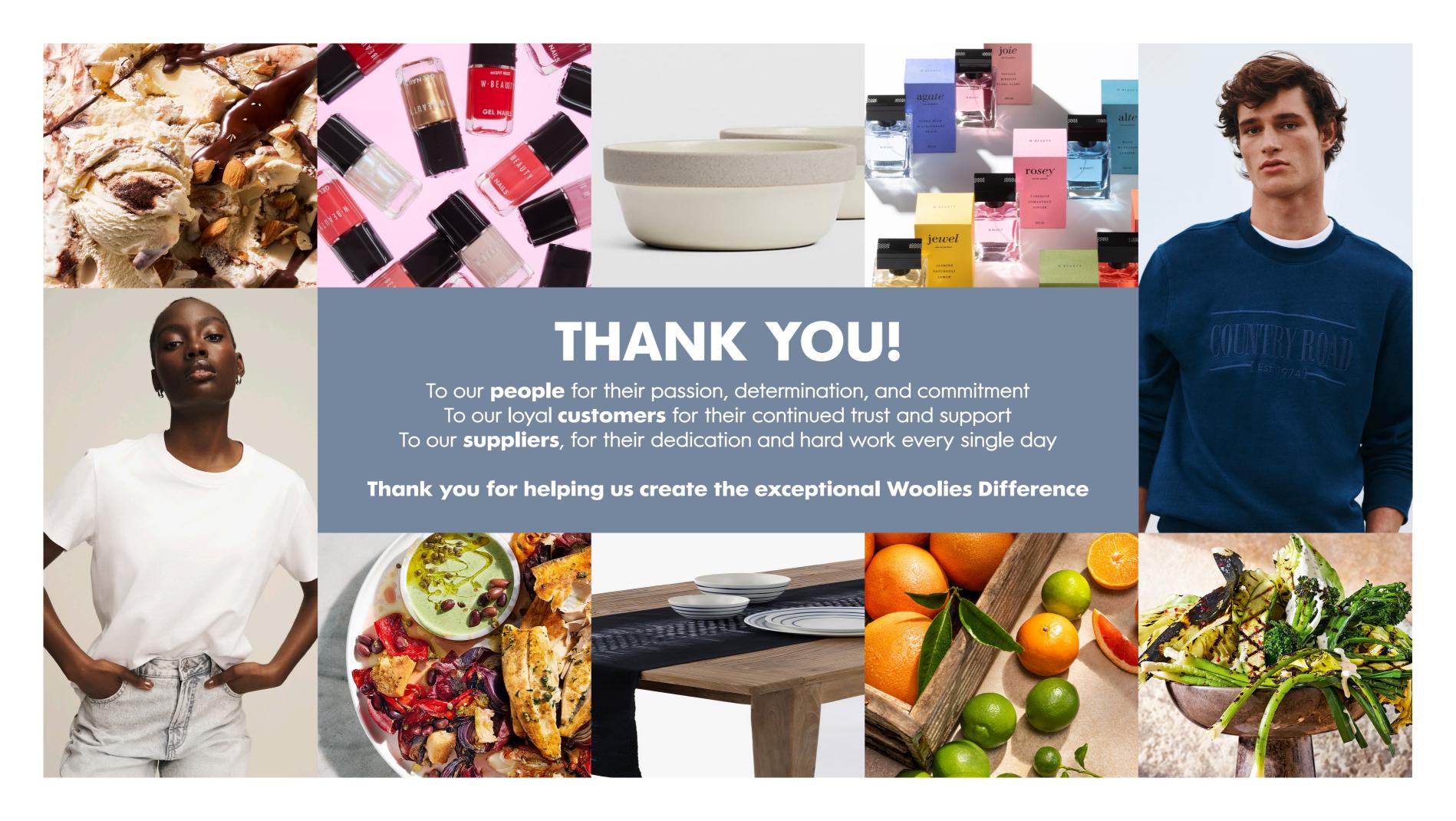
- Aligned with our vision to be one of the world's most responsible retailers, sustainability is deeply entrenched in our business, and has been for decades
- Numerous GBJ achievements and various sustainability awards in the past half
  - Named amongst "World's Most Trustworthy Companies" Newsweek
  - Recognised as the "Leading Retailer for Sustainability in South Africa" for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year - Kantar
  - Further increased S&P Global Sustainability rating
  - Achieved full membership of the global Ethical Trading Initiative
  - Certified as a **Top Employer** for the highest standards of excellence in **people** value proposition and employment practices - Top Employers Institute











# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Zaid Manjra

**Group Finance Director** 



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR THE PERIOD

WHL

Strong Food performance offset by lower contributions from apparel businesses | Period of heightened investment | Balance sheet remains healthy, further strengthened by successful sale of Bourke Street property

Turnover and concession sales

R40.3bn

+5.7% on LY +6.2% on LY (constant currency) Adjusted EBITDA

R4.5bn

-6.4% on LY

Adjusted EBIT

R2.8bn

-13.7% on LY

Adjusted diluted HEPS

169.1cps

-19.4% on LY

Interim dividend

107.0cps

-27.7% on LY

Net borrowings (excluding lease liabilities)

R4.7bn

WSA net debt: R7.4bn | Australia net cash: A\$226.lm | R4.1bn LY

Net debt / EBITDA (including lease liabilities)

1.37x

1.25x LY

**ROCE** 

17.0%

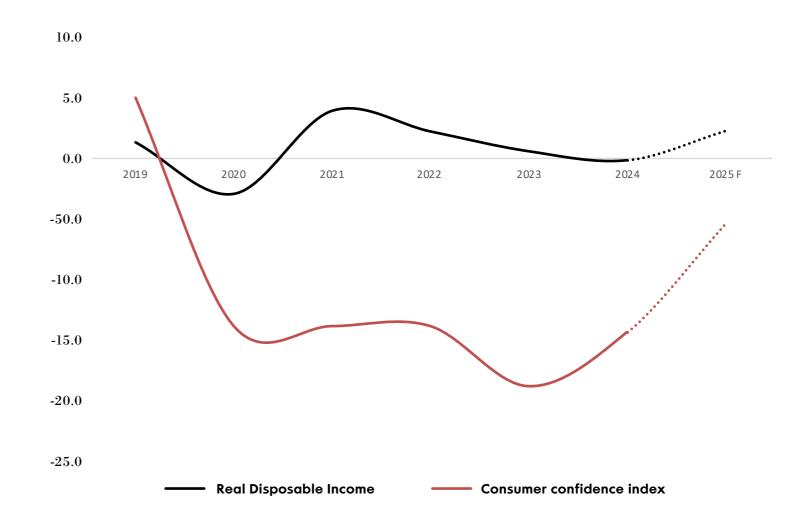
22.3% LY WACC of 13.1%

### SOUTH AFRICAN MACRO CONTEXT



Steadily improving consumer and business environment; however, geopolitical factors causing increasing uncertainty

- Improved consumer and business confidence post the formation of Government of National Unity
- Interest rate cuts (75bps since September 2024)
- ~2% improvement in real disposable income during the half
- No scheduled loadshedding during the six-month period
- Consumers remain under pressure even as inflation slows
- Short-term SA fiscal and US policy change uncertainty

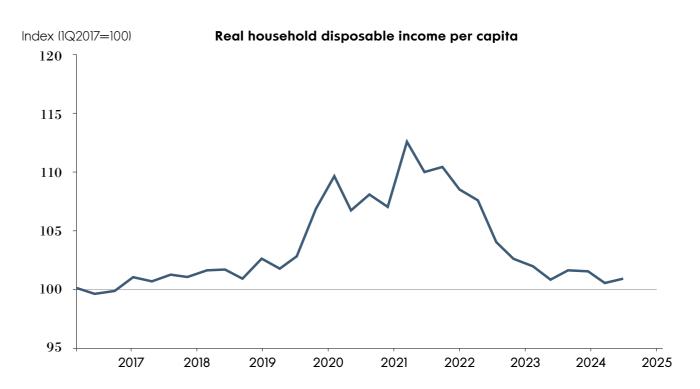


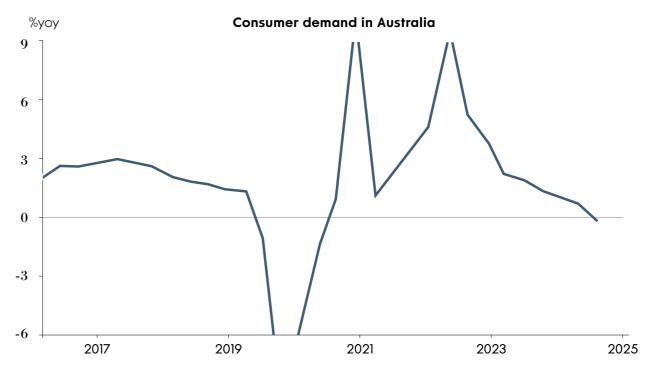
### AUSTRALIAN MACRO AND RETAIL CONTEXT



Persistent inflation and high interest rates continue to dampen consumer demand

- Real GDP growth at 32-year lows (ex-Covid)
- Interest rates at 12-year high (with first 25bps cut in Feb 2025)
- Prolonged high cost of living impacting real disposable income
- Further weakening of A\$ vs US\$
- Retail recession for the past 18 months
- Online spend has declined across the sector
- Retailer profitability under pressure given intensely promotional retail environment
- ~700 retail businesses in retail sector filed for bankruptcy in 2024 (55% up on prior year)

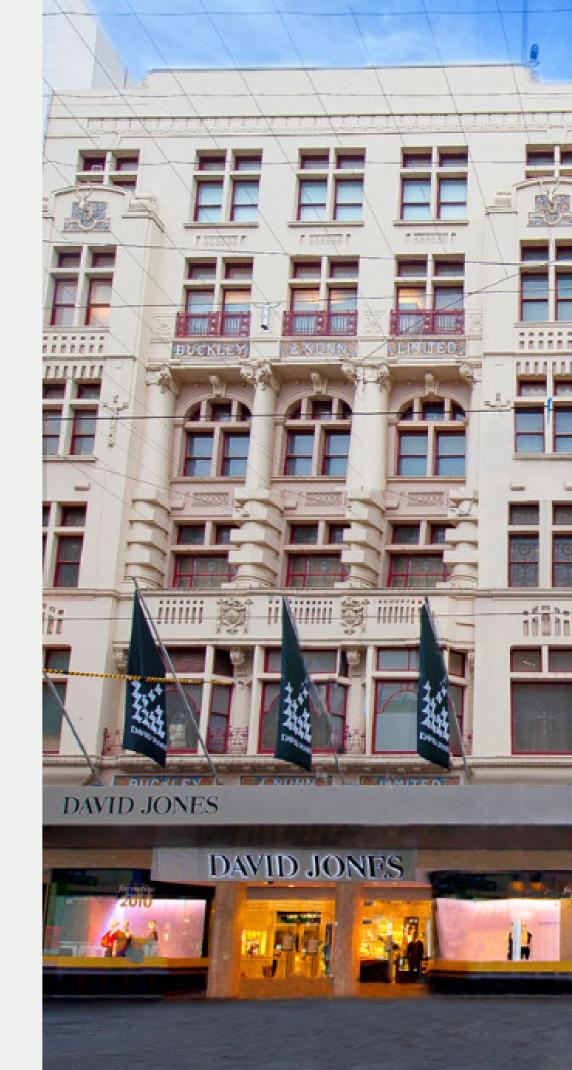




# SALE OF BOURKE STREET PROPERTY



- Post David Jones sale, Bourke Street flagship store retained as a non-strategic investment asset
- Successful sale of property in December 2024 for R2.6bn (A\$223.5m)
- Recognised post-tax capital gain of R792m; adjusted for in calculating HEPS
- Proceeds of sale to be repatriated to South Africa, after retaining a portion in Australia for working capital requirements
- Funds to be used to reduce debt and invest in value-accretive opportunities



### SALES PERFORMANCE



Group sales +6.2% in constant currency | WSA sales +9.1% | Improving momentum on H2 LY | Food delivered strong above-market growth | Positive FBH topline growth, albeit slowdown in December | Improved trade in CRG over festive season

### **WOOLWORTHS** FOOD



- Market leading growth +11.4%, accelerating underlying volume growth
- Comp store sales +7.3%; price movement 6.0%
- Online sales +37.2%, contributing 6.4%, driven by Woolies Dash (+49.2%)

### WOOLWORTHS FASHION, BEAUTY AND HOME



- December impacted by temporary delays in product flow
- Comp store sales +2.7%
- FBH price movement +1.2%, Fashion deflation -0.8% | Positive volume growth in Fashion
- Beauty +17.3%
- Online growth +25.2%, contributing 6.6%

### **COUNTRY ROAD GROUP**

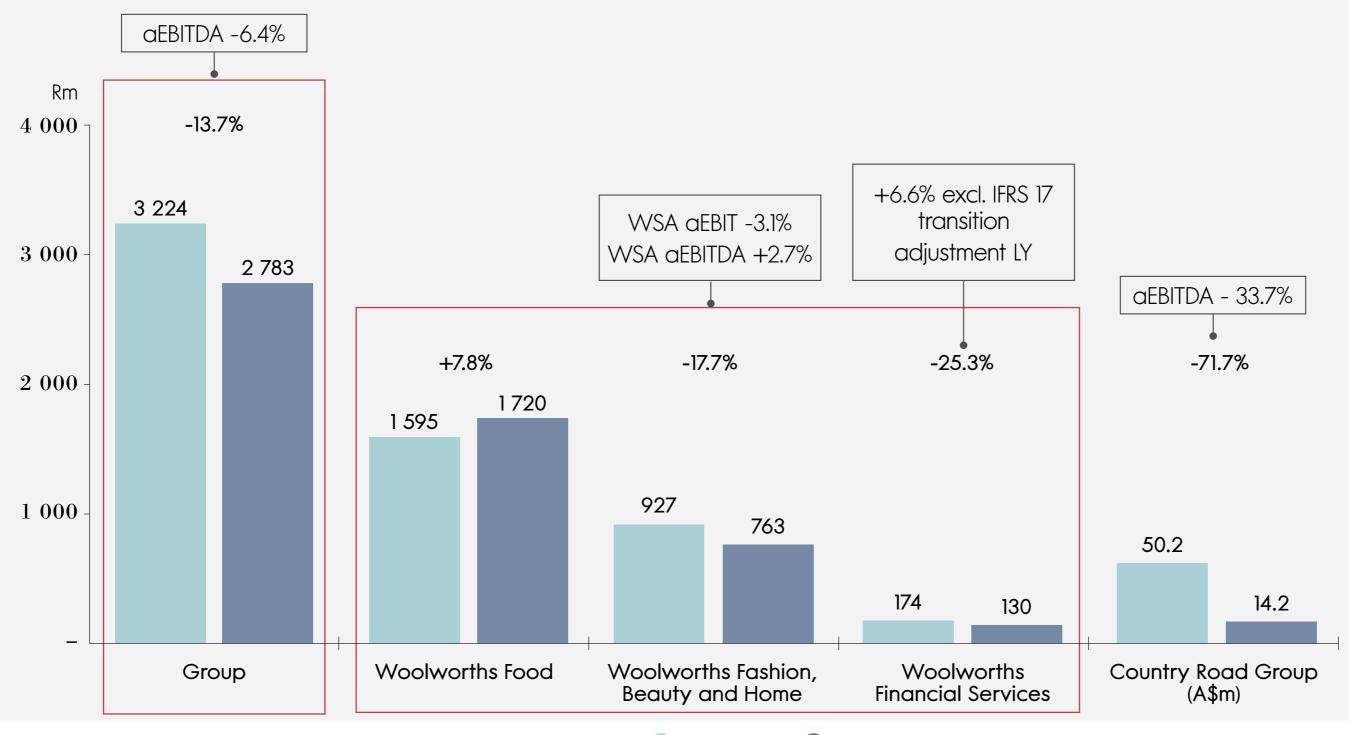


- CRG amidst significant organisational reset
- Double-digit growth in Trenery post brand repositioning
- Improved trade in last eight weeks

# SEGMENTAL ADJUSTED EARNINGS



WSA aEBITDA +2.7%, whilst Group aEBITDA -6.4%, impacted by CRG performance | EBIT versus EBITDA differential reflects significant capex investments across the Group



# WOOLWORTHS FOOD

WHL

Sector-leading sales growth driven by consistent execution of our strategies, delivering further profitable market share gains

Strong comp sales growth +7.3% | GP margin gains driven by more targeted promotions and Value Chain efficiencies, notwithstanding growing online contribution and further investment in price | aEBITDA +12.0%, reflecting increased investments for future growth

Turnover and concession sales

+11.4%

on LY to R25.5bn

Adjusted EBIT

+7.8%

on LY to R1.7bn

Gross profit margin

24.9%

+0.3ppts on LY

Adjusted EBIT margin

6.7%

-0.3ppts on LY

Adjusted EBITDA

+12.0%

on LY to R2.3bn

ROCE

51.3%

-6.1ppts on LY
(55.6% excluding Absolute Pets)



# WOOLWORTHS FASHION, BEAUTY, AND HOME

Positive turnover growth | aEBIT operating deleverage from gross profit margin dilution

GP margin impacted by one-off supply chain costs (-0.7ppt) related to DC transformation and higher promotional contribution (-1.0ppt) | Strong beauty sales (+17.3%) | Costs well managed to below inflation, notwithstanding increased investment in strategic initiatives

Turnover and concession sales

+2.5%

on LY to R7.8bn

Gross profit margin

46.3%

-1.7ppts on LY

Adjusted EBITDA

-8.0%

on LY to R1.2bn

Adjusted EBIT

-17.7%

on LY to R0.8bn

Adjusted EBIT margin

9.8%

-2.4ppts on LY

**ROCE** 

16.9%

-6.0ppts on LY



# COUNTRY ROAD GROUP

Disappointing result in a constrained and intensely promotional environment

Significant restructure to reconfigure operating model | GP margin impacted by increased discounting and weaker A\$ | Higher fixed-cost base post DJ separation and expansion into concessions | Assessment of carrying value of assets in H2

Turnover

-6.2%

on LY to A\$555.7m

Adjusted EBIT

-71.7%

on LY to A\$14.2m

Gross profit margin

58.9%

-3.2ppts on LY

Adjusted EBIT margin

2.6%

-5.9ppts on LY

Adjusted EBITDA

-33.7%

on LY to A\$74.5m

ROCE

3.7%

-7.2ppts on LY



# WOOLWORTHS FINANCIAL SERVICES

Positive underlying performance supported by market-leading impairment rate

Closing book +1.0% excluding legal book sale | Impairment rate improved to 5.4%; remains sector leading | PAT +6.6% on last year, excluding IFRS 17 transition accounting adjustment

Closing book

R15.1bn

+1.0% on LY excluding book sale

Impairment rate

5.4%

-0.9ppts on LY

Net interest income

-4.0%

12.1% of book (12.3% LY)

PAT

+6.6%

on LY to R130m (excl. IFRS 17 transition adjustment LY)

ROE

22.3%

-0.1ppts on LY

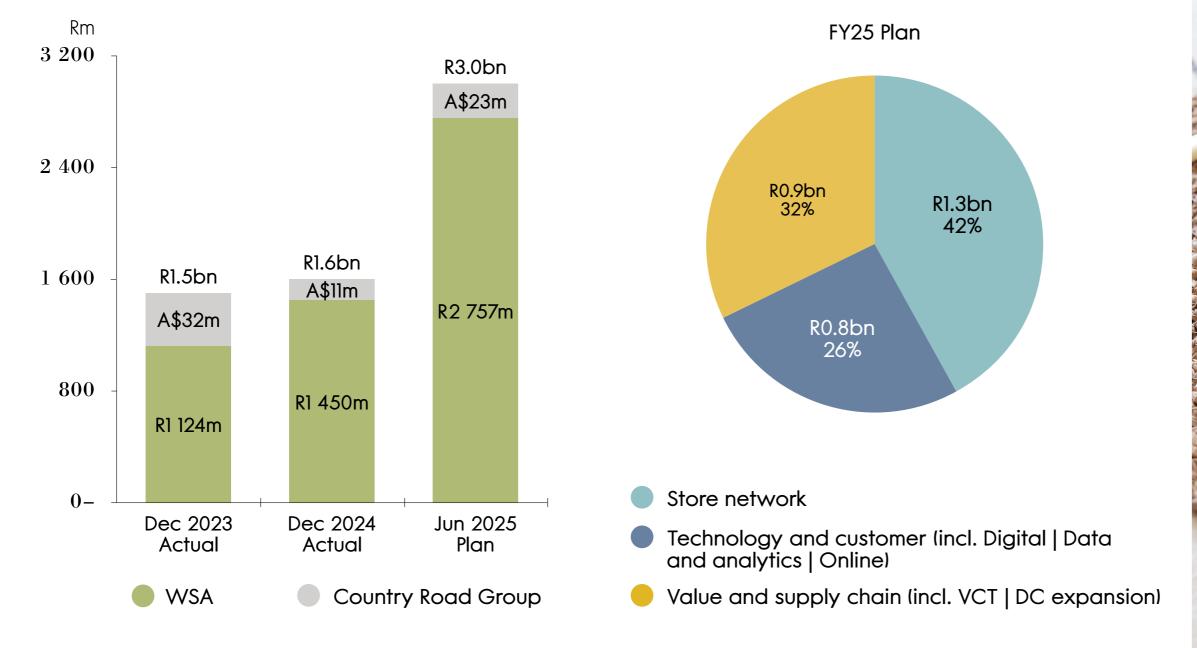


### CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



Significant investment in multi-year growth initiatives, including Value Chain capabilities in FBH and Supply Chain capacity in Food

Investment in store network (expansion and modernisation) | Foundational capability in FBH through Value Chain Transformation initiatives, Food capacity expansion in Midrand DC | Product innovation and customer experience, including loyalty | Digital, Data and Online





# GROUP BALANCE SHEET



Balance sheet strengthened by sale of property, notwithstanding investments in strategic initiatives

- **Net borrowings** at R4.7bn post the sale of Bourke Street property
- Gearing metrics remain within targeted range
- ROCE impacted by lower Group operating profit, significant longer-term investments and the Absolute Pets acquisition last year
- Positive free cash flow, notwithstanding higher investment in inventory and working capital

Net borrowings R4.7bn

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Net debt / Equity

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Free cash flow

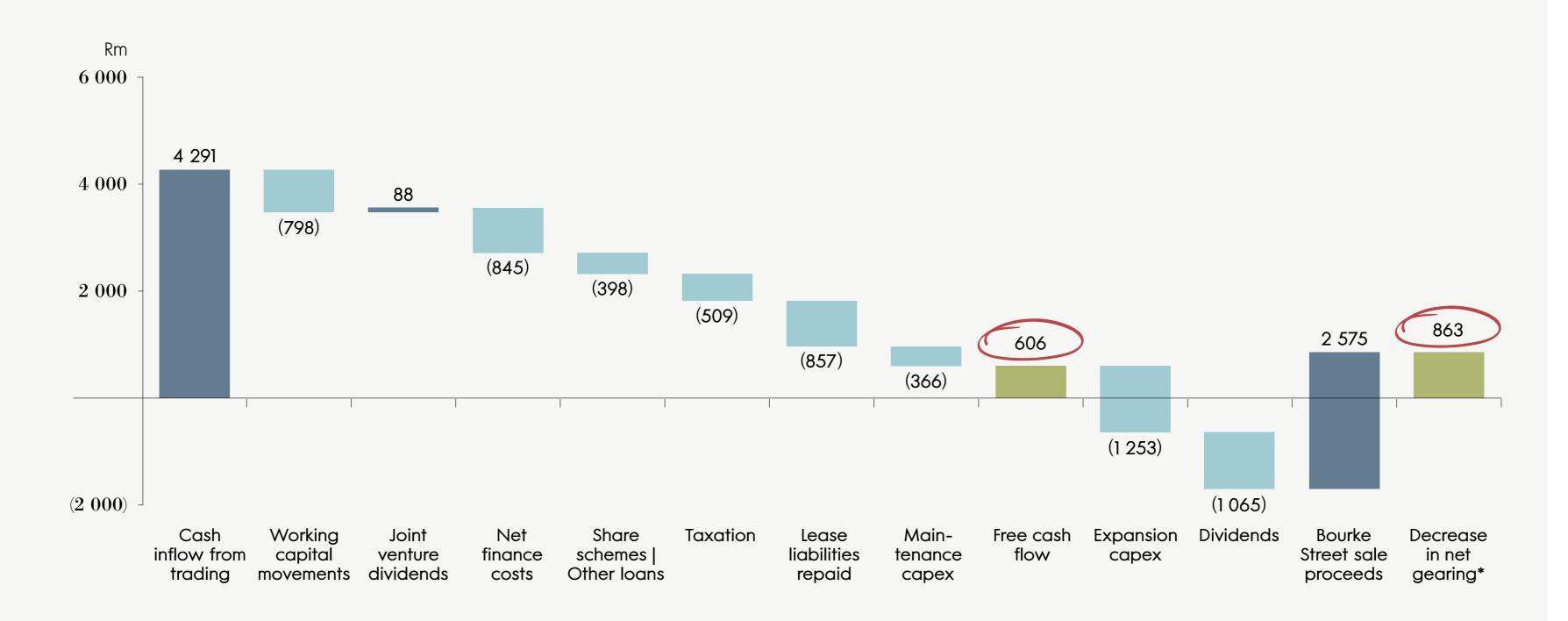
R0.6bn

R0.8bn LY

# **CASH FLOW**



Positive free cash flow, notwithstanding higher investment in working capital and increased finance costs



<sup>\*</sup> Net gearing excludes R32m currency translation impact

# RECENT TRADING AND OUTLOOK

# WHL

### **FOOD**

- First eight weeks sales growth in H2 +12.2%
- Lower inflation; positive volumes
- H2 price movement forecast 4% 5%
- Net space planned at ~3% increase

### **FBH**

- First eight weeks sales growth in H2 +3.0%
- Full price sales +9.2%
- H2 price movement forecast 4% 5%
- Net space planned at ~2% reduction

### **CRG**

- First eight weeks of H2 sales decline of 15.7%
- Post Christmas drop-off in retail sector footfall
- Net space planned ~1% reduction



# STRATEGIC UPDATE AND OUTLOOK

Roy Bagattini

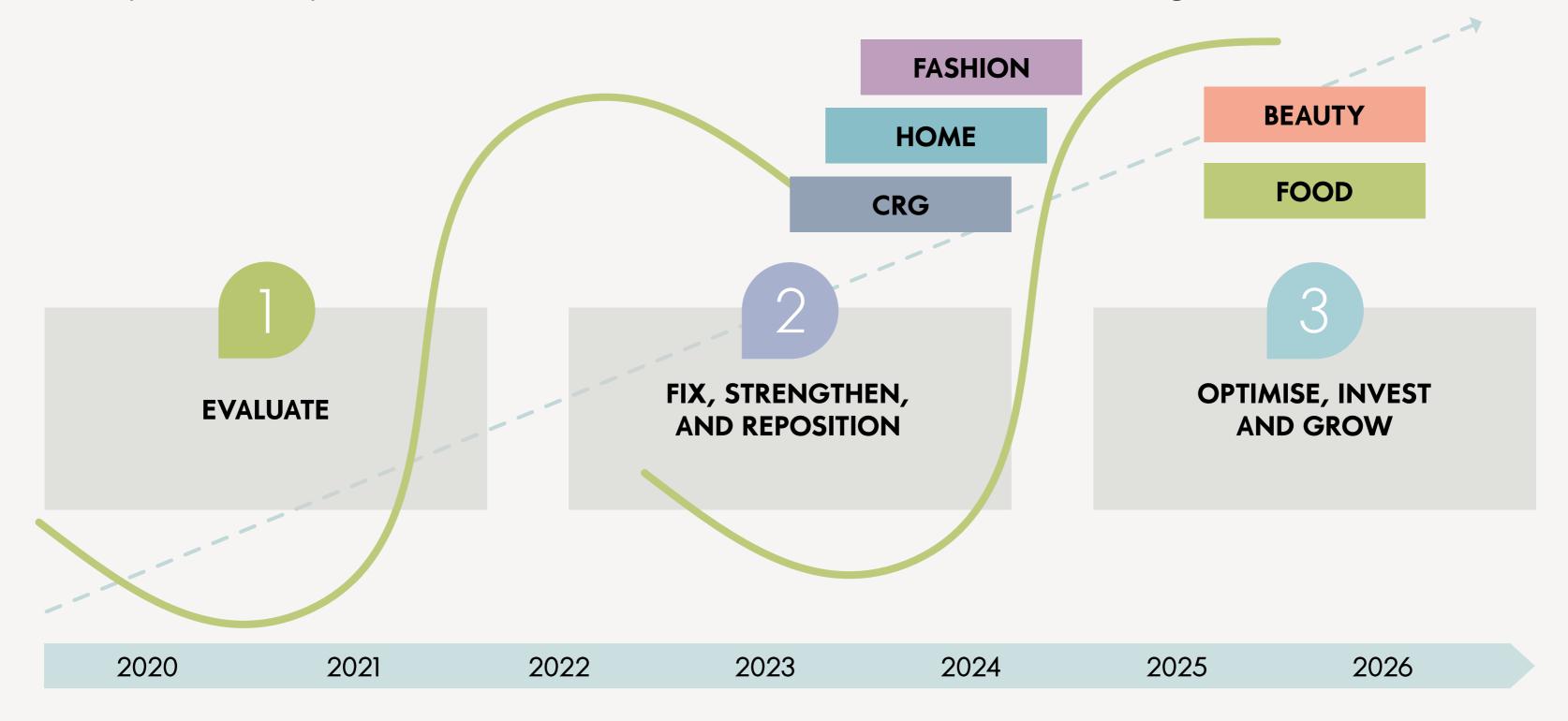
**Group CEO** 



# REMINDER: OUR STRATEGIC JOURNEY AND PROGRESS



We have made significant progress along our multi-phase strategic journey, shifting from "Fix, Strengthen and Reposition" to "Optimise, Invest and Grow", albeit with each business at a different stage within this







Is **CRG's**underperformance
cyclical, and
therefore fixable,
or symptomatic of
a bigger and more
structural issue?

2

FBH has a long
 track record of
 inconsistency evident again in this
 result. Why should
 we believe this
 "turnaround" will
finally address that?

3

How do you intend sustaining your sector-leading

Food performance, in an increasingly competitive environment?



# AUSTRALIA – SEQUENCED 4-STEP PLAN



After successfully concluding the sale of DJ, and then operationally separating DJ from CRG, we are now configuring CRG as a standalone, 'House of Brands' business

### FY2021

PHASE ONE

Sale of properties to reduce debt



### **OUTCOME:**

- De-coupling of CRG and DJ banking covenants
- Removal of cross guarantees

FY2023 PHASE TWO

Successful sale of DJ



### **OUTCOME:**

- Removal of c. R21bn of liabilities from WHL balance sheet
- 5 ppts increase in Group ROCE
- CRG able to pursue own ambitions

FY2024

PHASE THREE

Operational separation of CRG and DJ



### **OUTCOME:**

- CRG standalone entity
- Repositioning of Trenery

FY2025 PHASE FOUR

Reconfigured CRG operating model



### **OUTCOME:**

- Rationalise stranded costs
- Ability to fully leverage "House of Brands" strategy
- Reset of structural economics
- Repositioning of Witchery

FIX, STRENGTHEN AND REPOSITION

OPTIMISE, INVEST AND GROW

# KEY QUESTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT

Question 1: Is CRG's underperformance cyclical, and therefore fixable, or symptomatic of a bigger and more structural issue?

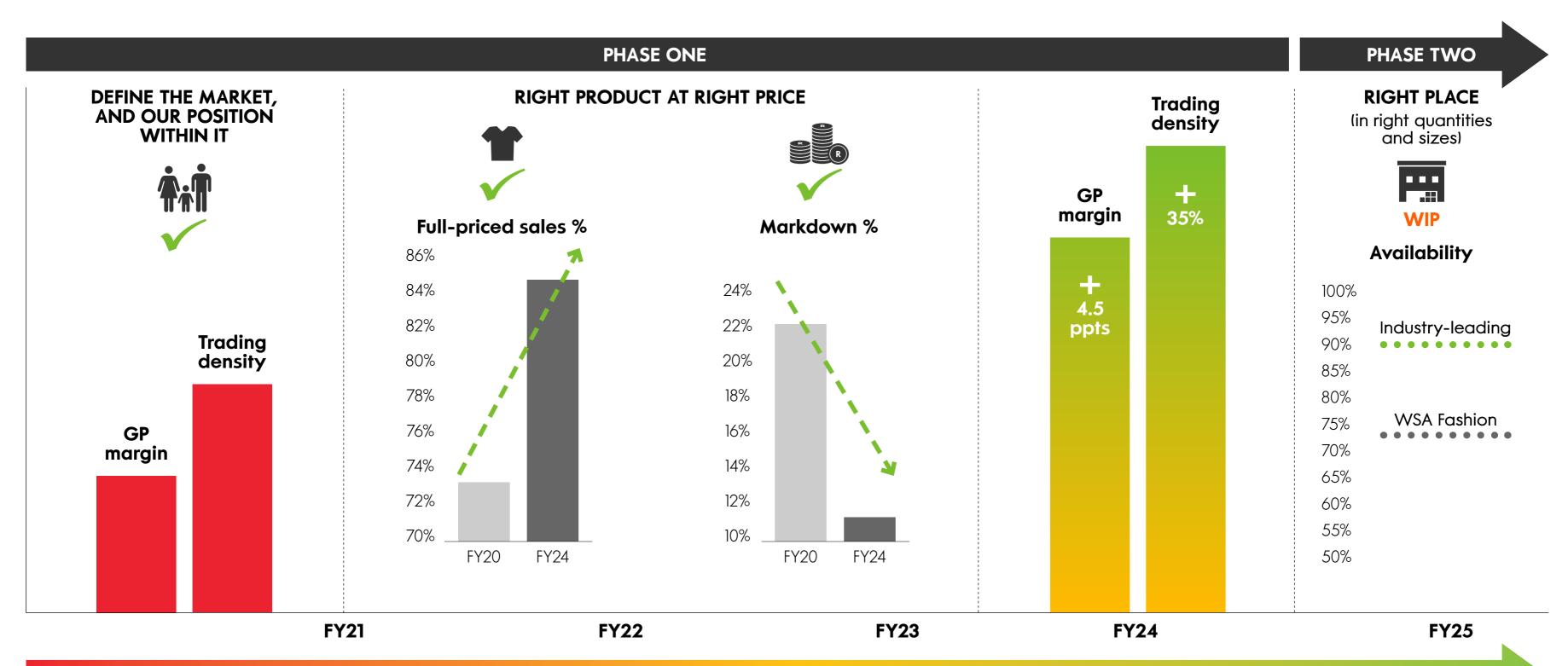
- Post separation from DJ, CRG business model no longer fit for purpose, carrying significant inefficiency, as well as dis-synergy and stranded costs
- End-to-end reconfiguration of operating model to enable effective execution of "House of Brands" strategy
  - Optimising structures, processes and ways of working to improve efficiency and flexibility, and to right-size the cost base for a standalone business
- Significant **organisational change**, implemented in an **accelerated timeframe**, and in a **constrained macro** and highly promotional consumer environment
- CRG to enter FY26 with fit-for-purpose operating model, enabling common platform of capabilities across brands, and sustainable structural economics
- Driving greater clarity and distinction in the **positioning** of each of **CRG's brands**



# FASHION TURNAROUND PRIORITIES AND SEQUENCING



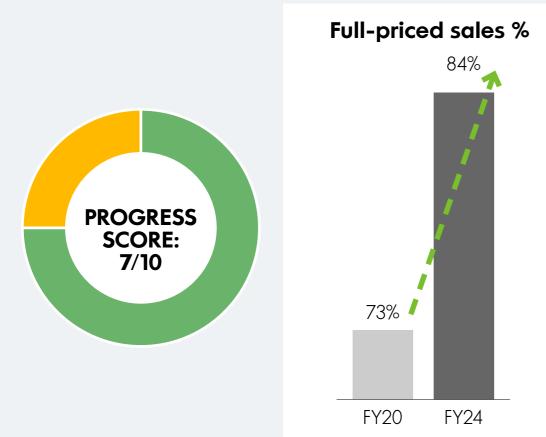
We have largely completed the first phase of our turnaround journey and are now pursuing our next biggest commercial opportunity – improving availability

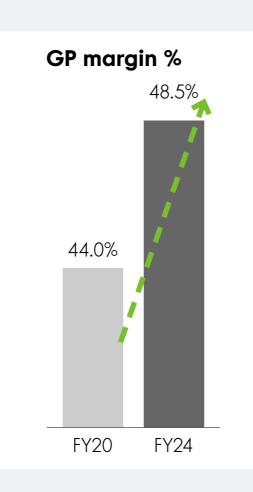




Phase one of our turnaround was focused on improving the underlying financial health of our Fashion business

### RIGHT PRODUCT AT RIGHT PRICE





- ✓ Defined "must-win" categories
- Enhanced design and buying principles
- ✓ Reduced SKUs by ~30%
- → Consolidation of supplier base resulting in fabric synergies and improved input costs | continued shift towards increased local production
- Reconfigured operating model now focuses on two centres of excellence
  - Supplier-facing sourcing and production team
  - Customer-facing buying and planning team

**KEY** 





### VALUE CHAIN TRANSFORMATION



### MOVING FROM A "PUSH" TO A "PULL", CENTRALISED INVENTORY MODEL

right product | right place | right time | right quantity

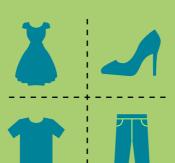


**FUNDAMENTALLY TRANSFORMING AVAILABILITY** 



**5 PPTS** 

Improvement in availability in H1 FY25 due to tactical initiatives



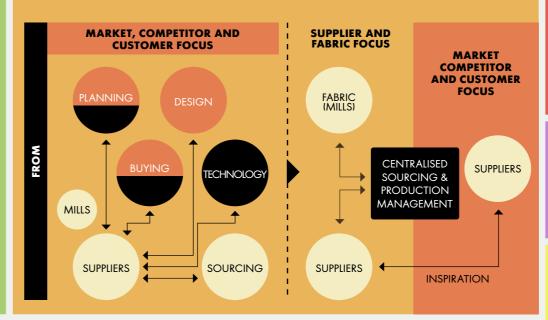
40%

Increase in DC capacity in FY25 to support shift to centralised inventory

## RECONFIGURED OUR BUSINESS TO CREATE A FUTURE-STATE OPERATING MODEL

### **2 CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE ESTABLISHED**

- Supplier-facing Sourcing and Production Team
- Customer-facing Buying and Planning Team



Systems and

Consolidation of supply base driving fabric synergies and improved input costs

3%

REDUCTION IN COST OF GOODS WITH MORE TO COME

IMPROVING SPEED
AND FLEXIBILITY
Lead time reduced
by 4 WEEKS so far...



INCREASE LOCAL PRODUCTION

7

**EXCLUSIVE FACTORIES** 

Already at 50% SADC production On track to reach target of

60% BY FY27

TRANSPORT OPTIMISATION & INTEGRATION



Increased avg. weekly deliveries from

3.5X TO > 6X



tools, incl. Al, helping teams make better-informed, customer-led decisions

**RFID** 

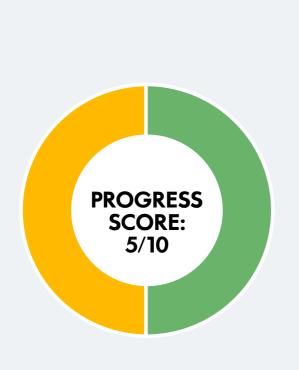
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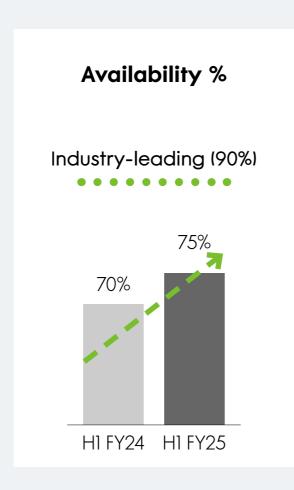
### FASHION TURNAROUND - PHASE TWO



Phase two focuses on improving product availability, supported by the ongoing investment in our transformative Value Chain Transformation (VCT)

# RIGHT QUANTITIES AND SIZES IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME





- Implemented a more customer-centric availability measure
- Transport optimisation and integration completed, resulting in more frequent deliveries and efficiency gains
- → Centralisation of inventory (local supplier base) enabling improved visibility of stock and demand replenishment ("pull" vs "push" model)
- ▲ Increased warehouse capacity and enhanced picking methodology enabling improved on-time & in-full deliveries (DC transformation)
- → RFID roll-out accross store portfolio

**KEY** 



COMPLETED ONGOING



# KEY QUESTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT

Question 2: FBH has a long track record of inconsistency - evident again in this result. Why should we believe this "turnaround" will finally address that?

• Further leveraging strengthened foundations established in Phase 1 of turnaround

 Phase 2 focuses on improving availability - single biggest commercial opportunity, supported by significant investment in our VCT

- Demonstrable progress across multiple VCT initiatives, but temporary setback in Distribution Centre Transformation, coupled with supplier delays, impacting flow of stock
  - Low availability of newness and replenishment lines over key trading period
- Investments address foundational retail capability fundamental to sustaining both operational and financial performance



# KEY QUESTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT

WHL

Question 3: How do you intend sustaining your sector-leading Food performance, in an increasingly competitive environment?

- Unwavering focus on "holy grail", underpinning market-leading credentials and performance
- Continuing to grow our core business 8% growth in customer base on LY
  - Driving on-shelf availability
  - Amplifying our differentiated value proposition
  - Increasing marketplace presence
- Further widening gap with competitors in elevated omni-channel experience
  - Rolling out "Next Generation" stores
  - Continued strong growth in profitable on-demand Dash 7% of all Dash customers new to Woolworths
  - Launch of first-to-market "After Dark" c.20 store trial
- Enhanced focus and investment in strategic growth and growth-enabling initiatives (Midrand DC, Woolworths Ventures)





>90%

SOURCED LOCALLY



ADDED

~700

NEW PRODUCT LINES

**DOUBLED SALES** 



OF OUR BEST EVER CHRISTMAS RANGE









+8% GROWTH IN CUSTOMER BASE

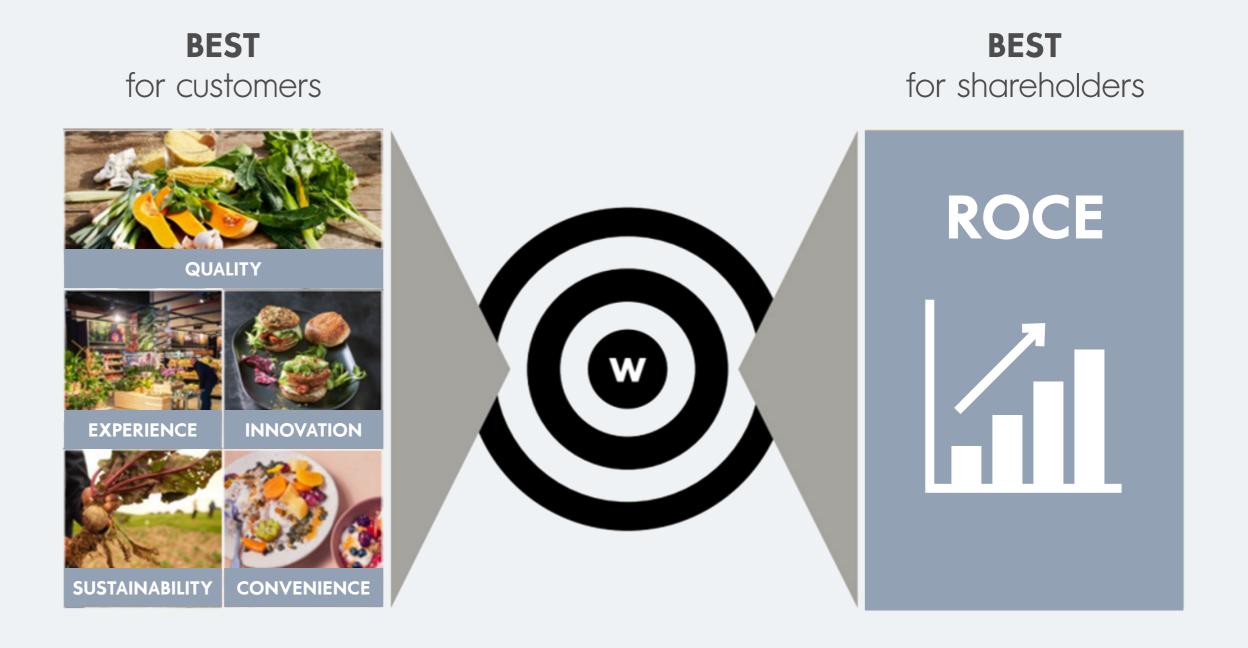
CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF MARKET SHARE GAIN

#### WHAT SETS OUR FOOD BUSINESS APART



The "holy grail": the sweet spot which balances giving our customers the best overall proposition in the market, and our shareholders the highest return on capital in the sector

- Unmatched capability in food science and technology
- Obsessive approach to quality, throughout our value chain
- **Strictest** governance around food safety
- Best-in-class cold chain
- Profound commitment to sustainability
- Unrivalled innovation



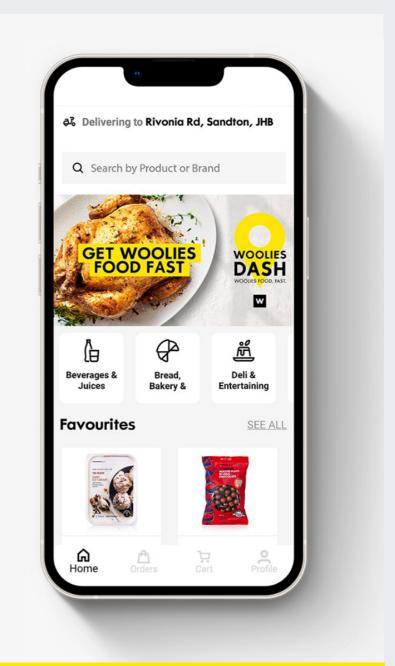












c.50%
SALES GROWTH ON LY

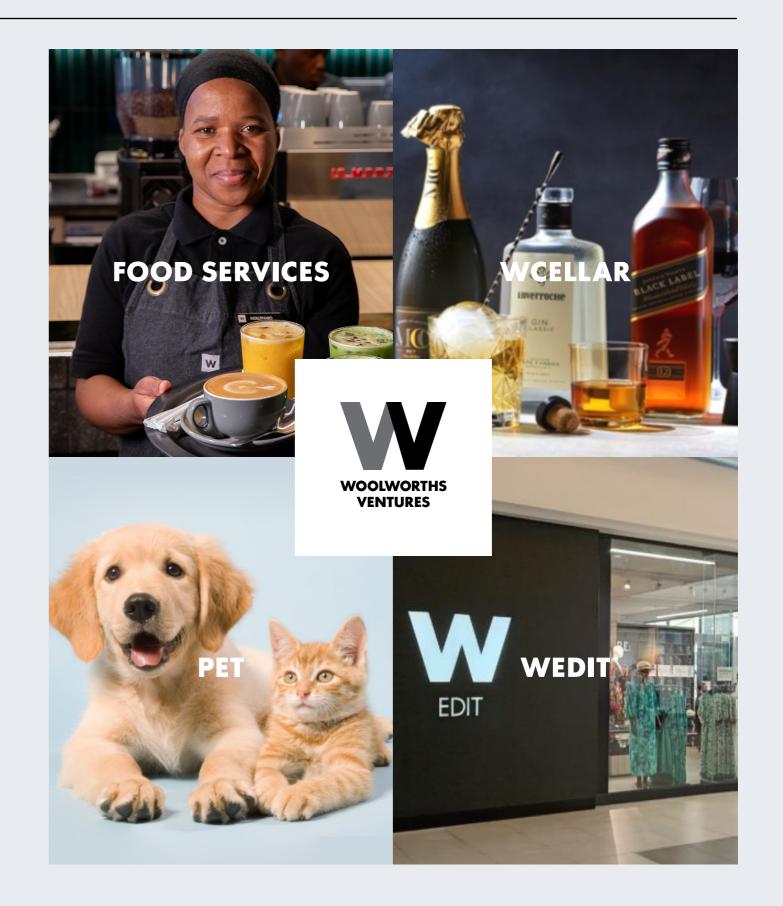


#### WOOLWORTHS VENTURES UPDATE

WHL

Woolworths Ventures continues to play a key role in accelerating the execution of our various strategic growth initiatives

- Delivered double-digit topline growth
- aEBIT growth > topline growth, notwithstanding significant investments being made
- Opened > 20 new doors across multiple formats
- Absolute Pets continues to deliver ahead of expectations, accelerating our ambition to become the end-to-end pet care destination of choice





THE ONLY SOUTH AFRICAN RETAILER WITH

GET BACK. GIVE BACK. LOYALTY

+

ALL MODES OF ONLINE SHOPPING



FINANCIAL SERVICES

IN A SINGLE APP,
DELIVERING A SEAMLESS AND INTEGRATED CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE



OUTLOOK

WHL

World-class Food business will remain engine room for value creation, with Apparel presenting significant opportunity to unlock value as a Group

- Sale of DJ transformational in enabling return of Group capital and management focus to core value-accretive businesses
- Currently in period of heavier opex and capex investment to "Fix,
   Strengthen, and Reposition" and "Optimise, Invest and Grow"
  - Benefits of Food investment already being realised in FY25
  - Sequenced plans to improve foundational capability of apparel businesses well progressed, with benefits to flow from FY26 onwards
- Whilst outlook in both South Africa and Australia appears more favourable,
   consumers remain under pressure | Recent global trade developments increase uncertainty
- Teams focused on delivering a better second half and the successful execution of our longer-term strategic initiatives





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# GROUP PERFORMANCE

Turnover and concession sales	R40.3bn +5.7% on LY
Adjusted PBT	R2.0bn -20.6% on LY
Adjusted EBIT	R2.8bn -13.7% on LY
Adjusted diluted HEPS	169.1cps -19.4% on LY
Interim dividend per share	107.0cps -27.7% on LY
Free cash flow	R0.6bn
Net borrowings (excluding lease liabilities)	R4.7bn
Net debt to EBITDA	1.37×



# GROUP INCOME STATEMENT



	Dec 2024 Rm	Dec 2023 Rm	% change		Strong Food growth offset by weaker
Turnover and concession sales	40 280	38 112	5.7	•	apparel contribution
Gross profit	13 800	13 761	0.3	•	Higher promotional activity in apparel
Adjusted EBITDA	4 483	4 787	<b>(6.4)</b>	•	WSA +2.7%; Group negatively impacted by
Adjusted EBIT	2 783	3 224	(13.7)		CRG result
Woolworths Food	1 720	1 595	7.8		
Woolworths Fashion, Beauty and Home	763	927	(17.7)		
Woolworths Financial Services (50% of PAT)	130	174	(25.3)	•	+6.6% excl. R52m IFRS 17 transition adjustment LY
Country Road Group	170	614	(72.3)		0
Unallocated David Jones costs	_	(86)		•	Costs absorbed in FY25
Net rental income	108	106		•	Bourke Street property (Australia)
Net finance and other costs	( <b>853</b> )	( <b>762</b> )	11.9	•	Higher debt levels and increased base rates
Adjusted profit before tax	2 038	2 568	(20.6)		riighter debt levels dita irteredsed base rates
Tax	(520)	(671)	(22.5)	_	
Adjusted profit after tax	1 518	1 897	(20.0)		
Adjustments (post-tax)	683	(76)		•	Includes profit on sale of property, CRG and
Profit after tax	2 201	1 821	20.9	_	DJ separation costs, and CRG restructure costs
Adjusted diluted HEPS (cents)	169.1	209.7	(19.4)		
Effective tax rate	15.6%	25.8%			
Adjusted effective tax rate	25.5%	26.1%		•	— Higher contribution from WSA at a lower
WANOS (millions)	894.5	896.1	(0.2)		tax rate

## GROUP BALANCE SHEET



	Dec 2024 Rm	Dec 2023 Rm	Constant currency % change	Investment in capacity and capability,
Assets				offset by Bourke Street property sale
Property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets Right-of-use assets Investments in joint ventures	$16\ 288$ $7\ 551$ $1\ 240$	16 768 8 134 1 191	(0.6) (4.2) 4.1	Includes Absolute Pets brand and goodwill recognised on acquisition
Inventories	8 902	7 603	19.3	Higher inventory levels in WSA and CRG
Receivables, derivatives, investments and loans	2 461	$2\ 132$	18.5	
Deferred tax and tax assets	1 019	$1\ 206$	(12.8)	Includes A\$223.5m Bourke Street sale
Cash and cash equivalents	5 315	2 906	92.0	proceeds
Total Assets	42 776	39 940	10.0	processes
Equity and liabilities				
Shareholders' funds	11 793	11 628	6.8	
Borrowings and overdrafts	9 984	6 946	44.6	
Lease liabilities	$10\ 074$	$10 \ 652$	(2.6)	
Deferred tax and tax liabilities	86	59	44.1	
Payables, derivatives and provisions	10 839	10 655	3.2	
Total equity and liabilities	42 776	39 940	10.0	
Net borrowings	4 738	4 105		Well within gearing limits
Net gearing including lease liabilities*	11 930	11 623		
Net debt to EBITDA* (times)	1.37	1.25		
Net debt to Equity* (times)	1.0	1.0		
Period-end exchange rate (R/A\$)	11.6	12.5		

<sup>\*</sup> Based on lease liabilities net of deferred tax

#### WOOLWORTHSFOOD

Sector-leading sales growth driven by consistent execution of our strategies, delivering further profitable market share gains

	Dec 2024 Rm	Dec 2023 Rm	% change
Turnover and concession sales	25 515	22 911	11.4
Gross profit margin	24.9%	24.6%	
Expenses	4 612	$4\ 003$	15.2
Adjusted EBIT	1 720	1 595	7.8
Adjusted PBT	1 565	1 445	8.3
Adjusted EBITDA	2 276	2 033	12.0
aEBIT margin	6.7%	7.0%	
ROCE	51.3%	57.4%	

- Comparable sales +7.3%, with price movement of 6.0% | Trading space grew by 1.3%
- Online sales +37.2%, 6.4% of SA sales increased penetration of Woolies Dash (+49.2% on LY)
- GP margin +0.3ppts on LY, driven by optimised promotions and Value Chain efficiencies
- Expenses +15.2% on LY, impacted by new initiatives, online costs and inclusion of Absolute Pets
- Adjusted EBITDA +12.0% on LY, reflective of increased investments

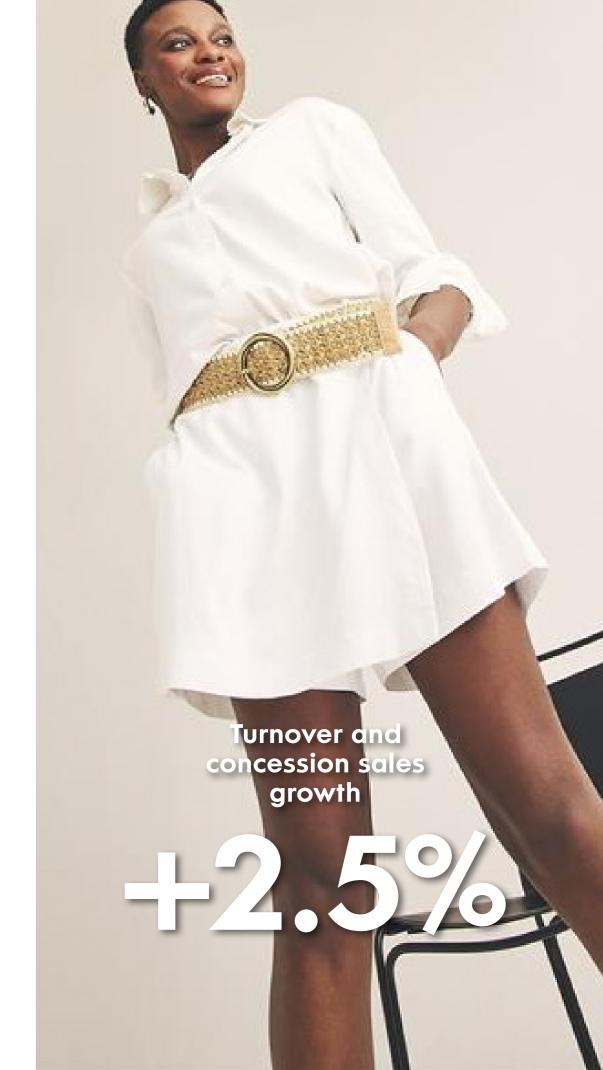


#### WOOLWORTHS FASHION, BEAUTY AND HOME

Positive turnover growth | aEBIT operating deleverage from gross profit margin dilution

	Dec 2024 Rm	Dec 2023 Rm	% change
Turnover and concession sales	7 795	7 608	2.5
Gross profit margin	46.3%	48.0%	
Expenses	2 831	2 708	4.5
Adjusted EBIT	763	927	(17.7)
Adjusted PBT	583	738	(21.0)
Adjusted EBITDA	1 191	1 294	(8.0)
aEBIT margin	9.8%	12.2%	
ROCE	16.9%	22.9%	

- Comparable sales +2.7% | Price movement 1.2%; Clothing deflation 0.8% | Trading space decreased by 2.1%
- Last eight weeks sales impacted by temporary product flow delays and late supplier deliveries
- Online sales +25.2%, 6.6% of SA sales
- GP margin down on LY, driven by increased levels of promotional activity, additional supply chain costs and negative mix effects from higher Beauty contribution
- Expenses contained to +4.5% on LY; below inflation, notwithstanding increased investment in Value Chain and Beauty
- Adjusted EBITDA -8.0% on LY, reflective of increased investments

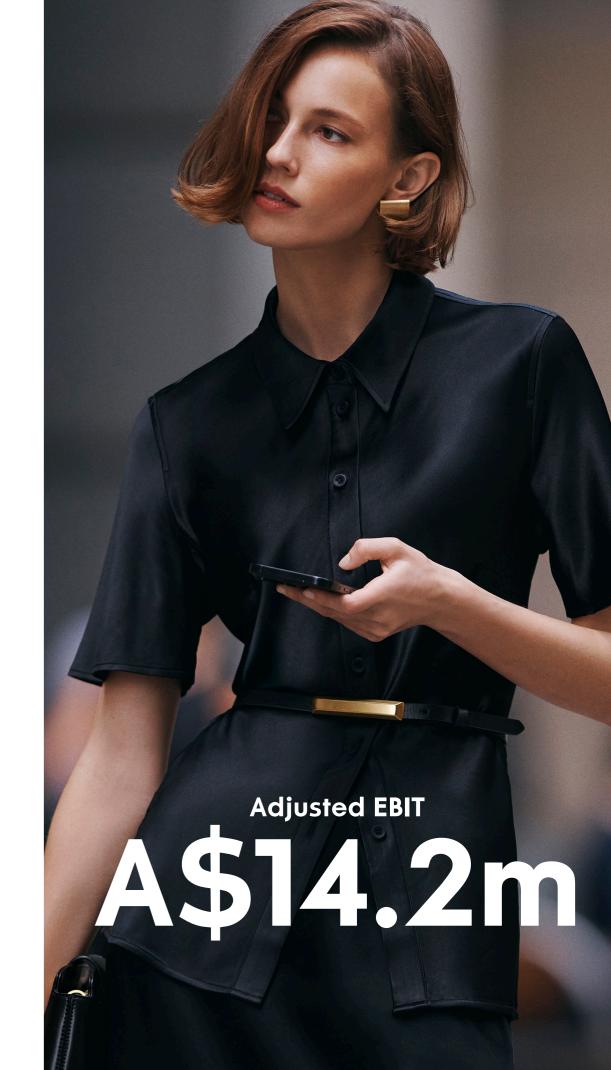


#### COUNTRY ROAD GROUP

Disappointing result in a constrained and highly promotional environment

	Dec 2024 A\$m	Dec 2023 A\$m	% change
Turnover	555.7	592.2	(6.2)
Gross profit margin	58.9%	62.1%	
Expenses	319.1	323.2	(1.3)
Adjusted EBIT	14.2	50.2	(71.7)
Adjusted PBT	2.5	39.6	(93.7)
Adjusted EBITDA	74.5	112.3	(33.7)
aEBIT margin	2.6%	8.5%	
ROCE	3.7%	10.9%	

- Comparable sales -7.8% | Trading space decreased by 2.4%, mainly from ongoing space rationalisation
- Online sales contributed 27.1% to total sales
- GP margin impacted by weaker A\$ on input costs and higher promotional activity
- Expenses well managed, despite increased fixed costs post the DJ separation



#### **WOOLWORTHS** FINANCIAL SERVICES

Positive underlying performance supported by market-leading impairment rate

	Dec 2024 Rm		Dec 2023 Rm		% change
Average total financial services assets	15 396		$15\;802$		(2.6)
		%		%	
Income statement		to book		to book	
Net interest income	935	12.1	974	12.3	(4.0)
Impairment charge	416	5.4	500	6.3	(16.8)
Risk-adjusted margin	519	6.7	474	6.0	9.5
Non-interest revenue	562	7.3	491	6.2	14.5
Operating costs	725	9.4	626	7.9	15.8
Profit before tax	356	4.6	339	4.3	<b>5.0</b>
Tax	96	1.2	96	1.2	_
Profit after tax	260	3.4	243	3.1	7.0
50% share	130		122		6.6
IFRS 17 transition adjustment	_		52		
Profit after IFRS 17 adoption	130		174		(25.3)
Return on equity	22.3%		22.4%		

- Closing book +1.0% on LY excluding legal book sale
- Net interest income decreased due to lower average portfolio balances and repo rate decreases
- Impairment rate of 5.4% vs. 6.3% LY; remains sector leading
- ROE -0.1ppts on LY, which includes the IFRS 17 transition adjustment
- Woolworths card contribution to sales: FBH 16.8% (LY: 18.0%) | Food 7.9% (LY: 8.7%)



## H1 FY25 GROUP SEGMENTAL INCOME STATEMENT



	7 7 0 0 1 7 1 1 1 0			Country				
Dec 2024	Food Rm	FBH Rm	Logistics Rm	WFS Rm	Road Group Rm	Treasury Rm	Intragroup Rm	Group Rm
Turnover and concession sales	25 515	7 795	374	_	6 596	_	- 1	40 280
Concession sales	( <b>555</b> )	(157)	_	_	_	_	-	(712)
Turnover	24 960	7 638	374	_	6 596	_	-	39 568
Cost of sales	18 753	4 101	374	_	2 712	_	(172)	25 768
Gross profit	6 207	3 537	_	_	3 884	_	172	13 800
Concession and other revenue	114	46	_	_	72	108	-	340
Expenses	4 612	2 831	_	_	3 786	13	172	11 414
Store costs	3 178	1 795	_	_	2 396	_	1	7 370
Other operating costs	$1\;434$	1 036	_	_	1 390	13	171	4 044
Financial services and joint venture	11	11	_	130	_	_	-	152
Adjusted EBIT	1 720	763	_	130	170	95	-	2 878
Net finance costs	(155)	(180)	_	_	(139)	(366)	-	(840)
Adjusted profit before tax	1 565	583	_	130	31	(271)	-	2 038
Adjustments	2	36	_	_	(258)	789	- 1	569
Profit before tax	1 567	619	_	130	(227)	518	-	2 607

## H1 FY24 GROUP SEGMENTAL INCOME STATEMENT



		Woolworths						
Dec 2023	Food Rm	FBH Rm	Logistics Rm	WFS Rm	Road Group Rm	Treasury Rm	Intragroup Rm	Group Rm
Turnover and concession sales	22 911	7 608	362	_	7 231	_	-	38 112
Concession sales	(473)	(103)	_	_	_	_	-	(576)
Turnover	22 438	7 505	362	_	7 231	_	-	37 536
Cost of sales	16 929	3 906	362	_	$2\ 743$	_	(165)	$23\ 775$
Gross profit	5 509	3 599	_	_	4 488	_	165	13 761
Concession and other revenue	89	35	_	_	72	113	-	309
Expenses	$4\ 003$	2 708	_	_	3 946	18	165	10 840
Store costs	2 794	1 771	_	_	2 481	_	-	7 046
Other operating costs	1 209	937	_	_	1 465	18	165	3 794
Unallocated David Jones costs	_	_	_	_	_	86	-	86
Financial services and joint venture	_	1	_	174	_	_	-	175
Adjusted EBIT	1 595	927	_	174	614	9	-	3 319
Net finance costs	(150)	(189)	_	_	(131)	( <b>281</b> )	-	(751)
Adjusted profit before tax	1 445	738	_	174	483	(272)	-	2 568
Adjustments	( <b>12</b> )	_	_	_	(83)	(21)	-	(116)
Profit before tax	1 433	738	_	174	400	(293)	_	2 452

## IFRS 16 - IMPACT BY SEGMENT\*

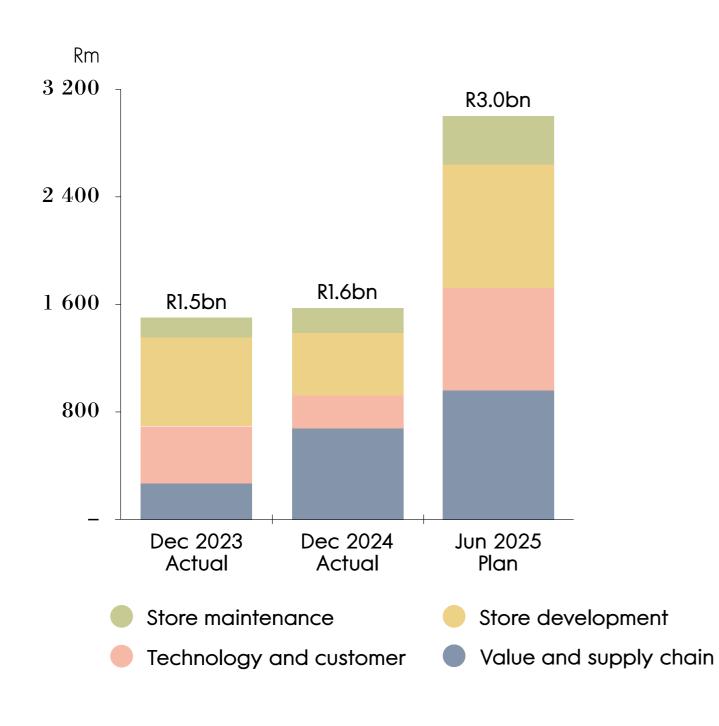


	Group	WSA	CRG			
Lease liabilities	Rm	Rm	A\$m_			
Dec 2023	$10\ 652$	$6\ 220$	363			
Dec 2024	10 074	6 182	344			
Average remaining lease term (years): Dec 2023	4.4	6.1	2.2			
Average remaining lease term (years): Dec 2024	3.9	4.7	2.2			
Average remaining lease term with no options (years): Dec 2023	3.3	4.3	2.0			
Average remaining lease term with no options (years): Dec 2024	3.7	4.3	2.2			
		Dec 2024		Dec 2023		
	Group Rm	WSA Rm	CRG A\$m	Group Rm	WSA Rm	CRG A\$m
Income statement						
Depreciation	873	404	39	881	343	44
Finance costs	457	335	10_	470	339	11
Balance sheet						
Right-of-use assets	7 551	$4\ 277$	282	8 134	$4\ 394$	299
Cash flows						
Lease liabilities repaid (including finance costs)	$1\ 314$	$1\ 077$	<b>5</b> 1	$1\ 356$	664	<b>5</b> 7
Finance costs paid	902	763	12	822	673	12
On Lease liabilities	457	335	10	470	339	11
On Interest-bearing debt	445	428	$2 \mid$	352	334	1

<sup>\*</sup> Dec 2024 includes Absolute Pets

#### CAPITAL EXPENDITURE





#### Depreciation and amortisation

Right-of-use assets (Rm)	873	881	(0.9)
Pre IFRS 16 (Rm)	827	682	21.3
Country Road Group (A\$m)	21	18	16.7
Woolworths (Rm)	580	462	25.5
	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	% change

## NET BORROWINGS/(CASH)



			Net borrowings/(cash)
	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	D7.41
WHL Net debt (Rm)	4 738	4 105	R7.4bn
Interest-bearing debt	8 898	6 915	R4.7bn
Net cash and cash equivalents	(4 160)	$(2\ 810)$	
Unutilised committed facilities – Group	3 906	5 300	
WSA Net debt (Rm)	7 368	4 652	
Interest-bearing debt	8 084	6 665	(A\$44m)
Net cash and cash equivalents	(716)	$(2\ 013)$	(A\$226m)
Borrowing rate*	8.97%	9.44%	
Unutilised committed facilities – SA	3 666	5 314	WSA Net debt Aus Net cash  Dec 2023 Dec 2024
CRG Net debt/(cash) (A\$m)	18	<b>(19</b> )	Dec 2023 Dec 2024
Interest-bearing debt	70	20	
Net cash and cash equivalents	(52)	(39)	Strategic investments and Absolute Pets
Unutilised committed facilities - CRG	$\frac{(32)}{20}$	50	acquisition in Q4 FY24
Onomised Committed Identifies - CRO	20	30	
Osiris Net cash (A\$m)	(244)	( <b>25</b> )	• Includes A\$223.5m Bourke Street sale proceeds
Net finance costs (Rm)	384	281	
ZAR net debt (Rm)	371	292	Higher net debt and increased base rates
AUD net debt/(cash) (A\$m)	_	(1)	

<sup>\*</sup> Partially hedged all-in rate including amortisation of upfront costs

## AUSTRALIAN BALANCE SHEETS



		Dec 2024 A\$m			Dec 2023 A\$m			
	Country Road Group	Osiris Holdings	Total	Country Road Group	Osiris Holdings	Total		
Assets								
Property, plant and equipment and investment property	114	_	114	132	140	272		
Intangible assets*	313	-	313	366	-	366		
Right-of-use assets	282	-	282	299	-	299		
Inventories	188	-	188	180	-	180		
Receivables, derivatives, deferred tax and tax assets	146	2	148	119	14	133		
Total assets	1 043	2	1 045	1 096	154	1 250		
Liabilities, excluding borrowings	(236)	(2)	( <b>238</b> )	( <b>231</b> )	(3)	(234)		
Lease liabilities	(344)	-	(344)	(363)	-	(363)		
Capital employed	463	_	463	502	151	653		
Equity*	445	244	689	521	176	697		
Net debt/(cash)	18	(244)	(226)	(19)	( <b>25</b> )	(44)		

<sup>\*</sup> Country Road Group includes notional goodwill allocation

## TRADING SPACE



	Dec 2023 000m <sup>2</sup>	% change	Dec 2024 000m²	% change*	Projected Jun 2025 000m²	% change	Projected Jun 2026 000m²	% change	Projected Jun 2027 000m²
Woolworths Fashion, Beauty and Home	436.9	<b>(2.0</b> )	428.3	(1.8)	423.5	<b>(2.7</b> )	412.2	0.3	413.5
South Africa	390.5	(2.3)	381.4	(2.1)	376.2	(3.6)	362.5	(0.6)	360.4
Rest of Africa	46.4	1.0	46.9	1.1	47.3	5.0	49.7	7.0	53.2
<b>Woolworths Food</b>	284.9	7.5	305.9	2.8	309.6	3.4	320.0	3.1	329.8
South Africa	274.3	2.0	279.8	2.6	283.1	3.1	291.8	2.9	300.2
Absolute Pets	_	_	14.9	6.0	15.2	6.9	16.3	6.5	17.3
Engen	4.0	2.6	4.1	5.2	4.2	5.4	4.4	3.4	4.6
Rest of Africa	6.6	8.1	7.1	3.1	7.1	5.4	7.5	3.0	7.7
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Country Road Group	106.4	(2.4)	103.8	<b>(1.3)</b>	100.4	2.4	102.9	0.2	103.1
Australasia	91.2	(3.0)	88.5	(1.9)	84.9	2.9	87.4	_	87.4
South Africa	15.2	1.1	15.4	2.1	15.5	_	15.5	1.3	15.7

<sup>\*</sup> From June 2024

# STORE LOCATIONS



	Dec 2023	Growth	Dec 2024	Growth*	Projected Jun 2025	Growth	Projected Jun 2026	Growth	Projected Jun 2027
Woolworths Fashion, Beauty and Home	286	6	292	2	292	2	294	11	305
South Africa	221	6	227	1	226	(3)	223	4	227
Rest of Africa	65	_	65	$1 \mid$	66	5	71	7	78
Woolworths Food	485	174	659	27	676	31	707	48	755
South Africa	369	(7)	362	12	372	8	380	28	408
Absolute Pets	_	176	176	11	181	15	196	15	211
Engen	91	4	95	4	97	7	104	5	109
Rest of Africa	25	1	26	-	26	1	27	_	27
					_		_		
Country Road Group	671	(11)	660	(11)	642	<b>(9</b> )	633	4	637
Australasia	587	(13)	574	(15)	554	<b>(9</b> )	545	_	545
South Africa	84	$2 \mid$	86	4	88	_	88	$oldsymbol{4}$	92

<sup>\*</sup> From June 2024

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