

**INTERIM RESULTS**  
26 WEEKS ENDED 27 SEPTEMBER 2025

# AGENDA

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Adam Couch, CEO

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Mark Bottomley, CFO

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Jim Brisby, CCO

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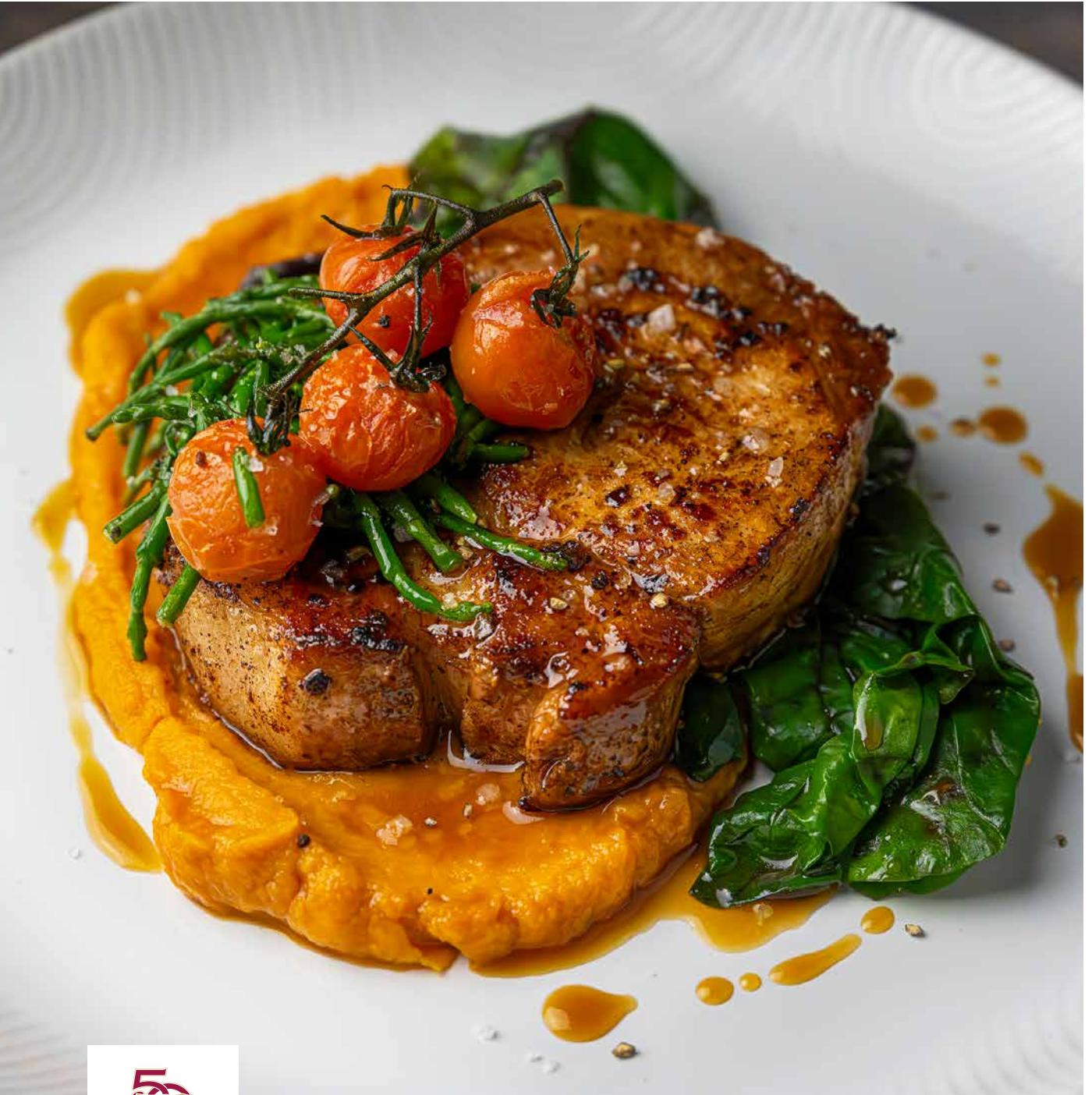
Adam Couch, CEO

## Q&A

# H1 FY26 HIGHLIGHTS

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**ADAM COUCH**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# COMMERCIAL AND STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

Strong revenue growth of 10.4% with like-for-like<sup>1</sup> revenue 7.9% ahead

Revenue up across all categories underpinned by 7.0% volume growth in UK food business

21bps increase in adjusted operating margin<sup>2</sup> to 7.7%, driven by the growth and strong performance of our integrated poultry supply chain, investment in process automation, excellent capacity utilisation and tight cost control

Total capital spend of £89m with significant progress on pipeline of major earnings enhancing capital projects

£100m investment at Hull pork primary processing facility progressing through initial phase

Fridaythorpe feed mill purchase completed on 19 September 2025, increasing pig feed self-sufficiency

Blakemans and JSR Genetics integration well progressed and performing ahead of expectations

## 10 YEAR CAGR

Compound annual growth rates to 29 March 2025

REVENUE  
**+10.5%**

ADJUSTED PROFIT BEFORE TAX<sup>2</sup>  
**+13.1%**

ADJUSTED EARNINGS PER SHARE<sup>2</sup>  
**+11.5%**

DIVIDEND PER SHARE  
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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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### REVENUE

**+10.4%**

Like-for-like<sup>1</sup>: +7.9%

Target: Mid single digit

### FREE CASH CONVERSION<sup>3</sup>

**89.9%**

Target: 90%

### ADJUSTED OPERATING PROFIT<sup>2</sup>

**+13.5%**

H1 FY26: £113.0m

### ROCE<sup>4</sup>

**18.2%**

Target: Upper teens

### ADJUSTED OPERATING MARGIN<sup>2</sup>

**7.7%**

Target: ~7.5%

### LEVERAGE<sup>5</sup>

**0.4x**

Post IFRS 16: 0.9x

### ADJUSTED EPS GROWTH<sup>2</sup>

**+9.3%**

Target: Mid single digit

### DIVIDEND PER SHARE (DPS) GROWTH

**+8.0%**

Interim dividend: 27.0p

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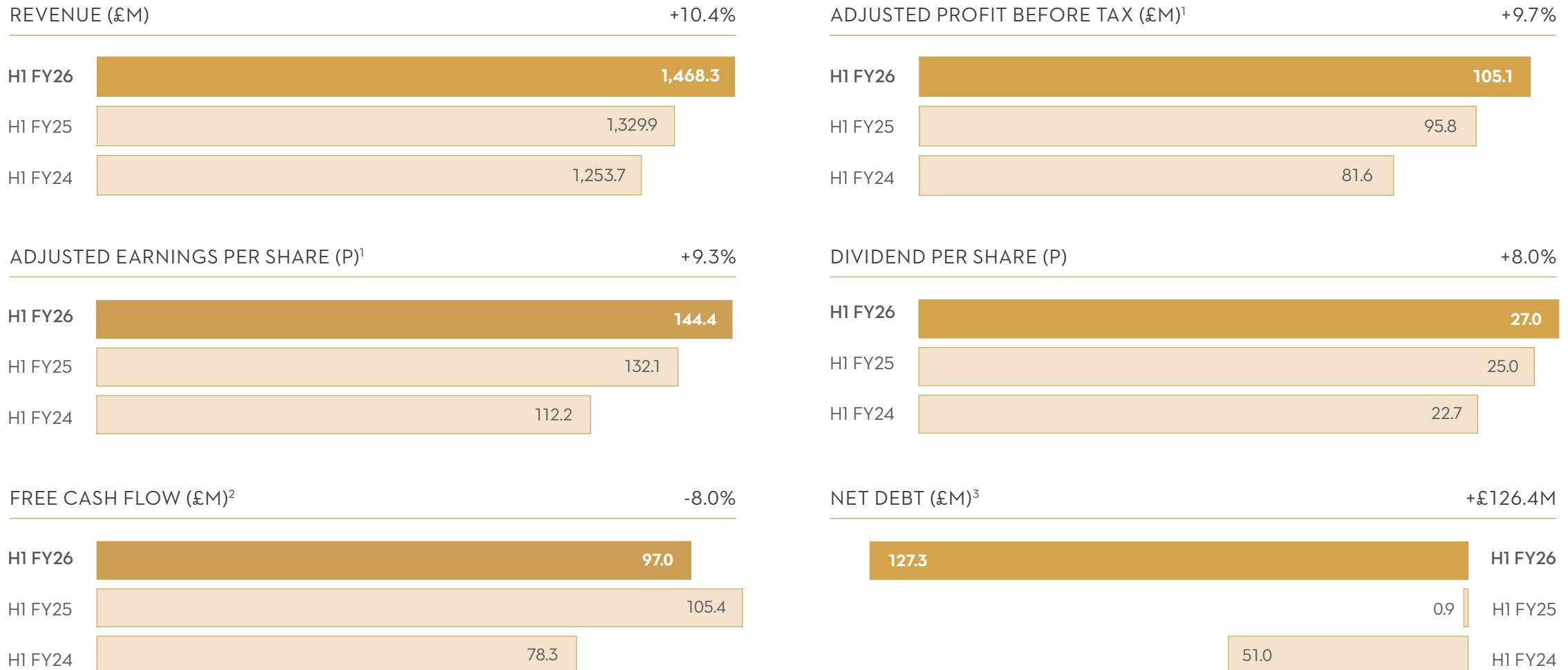
# FINANCIAL REVIEW

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**MARK BOTTOMLEY**  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



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2. Free cash flow is defined as net cash from operating activities less interest paid.

3. Excludes recognition of IFRS 16 leases.

# H1 FY26 SUMMARY

£M	H1 FY26	H1 FY25	CHANGE
Revenue	<b>1,468.3</b>	1,329.9	+10.4%
Like-for-like revenue growth <sup>1</sup>	-	-	+7.9%
Adjusted gross margin <sup>2</sup>	<b>15.6%</b>	15.3%	+29bps
Adjusted operating profit <sup>3</sup>	<b>113.0</b>	99.6	+13.5%
Adjusted operating margin <sup>3</sup>	<b>7.7%</b>	7.5%	+21bps
Adjusted profit before tax <sup>3</sup>	<b>105.1</b>	95.8	+9.7%
Adjusted EPS (pence) <sup>3</sup>	<b>144.4</b>	132.1	+9.3%
Dividend per share (pence)	<b>27.0</b>	25.0	+8.0%
ROCE <sup>4</sup>	<b>18.2%</b>	18.7%	-51bps

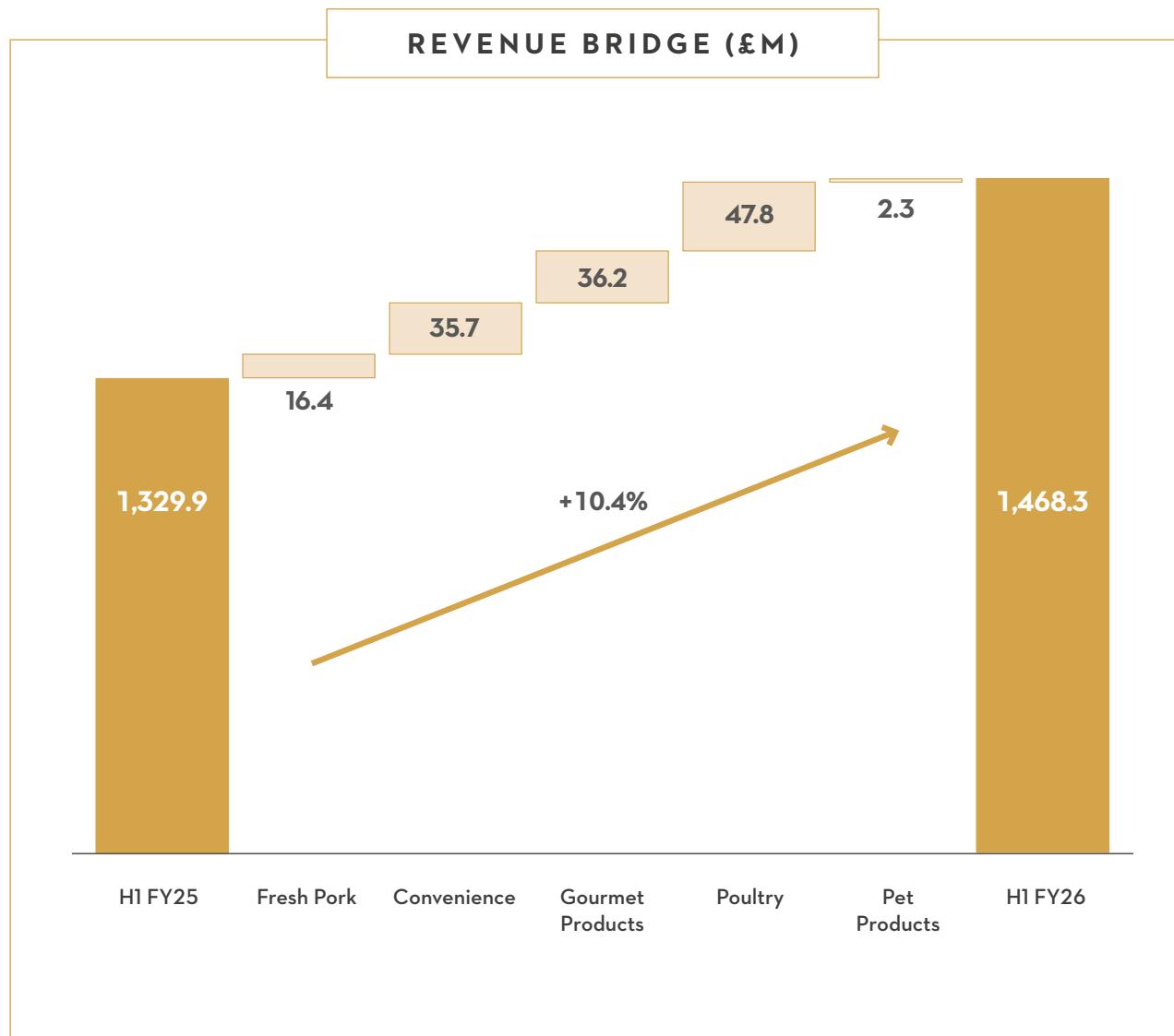
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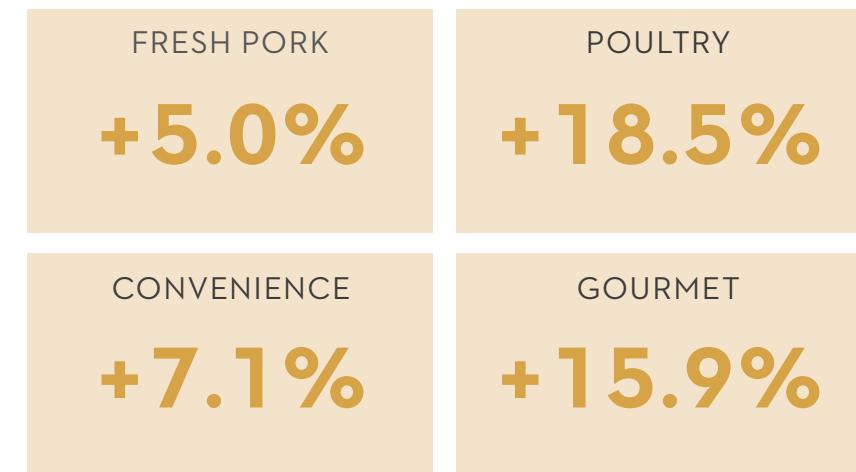
# ROBUST DEMAND AND TARGETED ACQUISITIONS DRIVING STRONG REVENUE GROWTH



## Revenue growth is driven by:

- 7.0% volume growth in UK food
- Strong demand and new business wins in added-value poultry
- The acquisition of Blakemans, accelerating growth in Gourmet Products
- Expansion of the Pets at Home relationship, delivering 13.6% revenue growth in Pet Products

## CORE CATEGORY PERFORMANCE

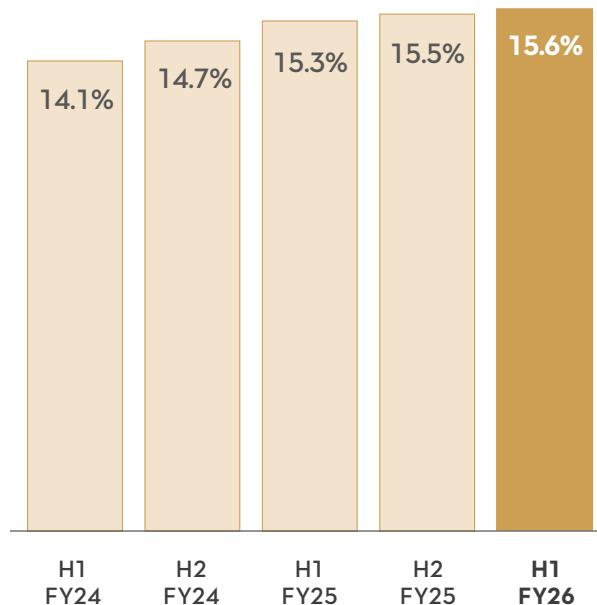


# SUCCESSFUL COMPOUND MARGIN GROWTH

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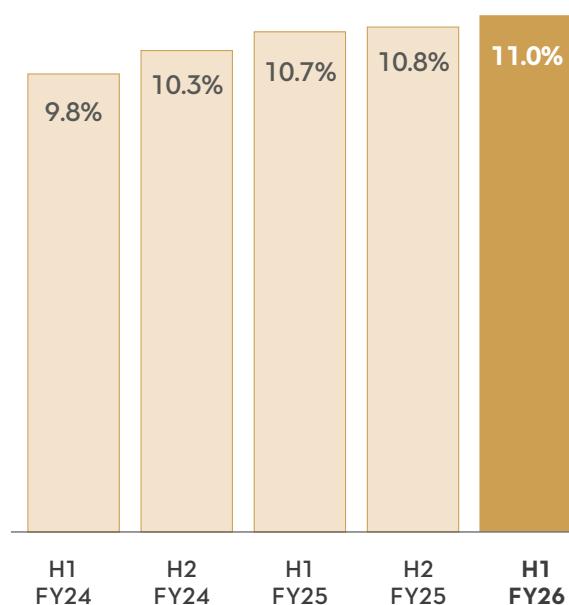
ADJUSTED GROSS MARGIN<sup>1</sup>

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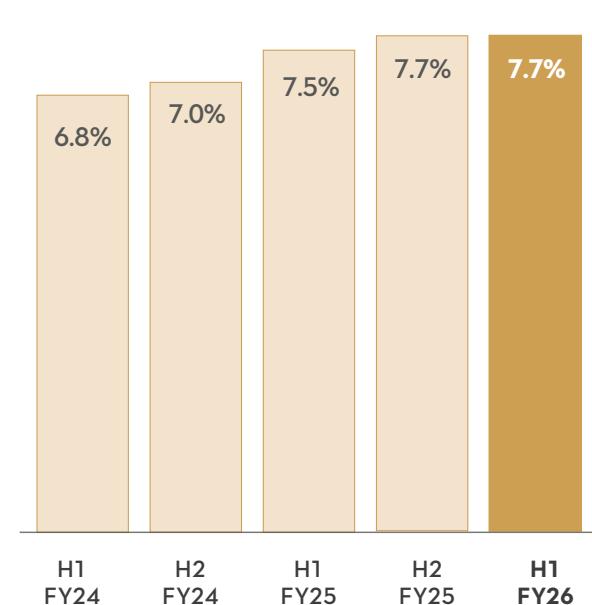
ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN<sup>2,3</sup>

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ADJUSTED OPERATING MARGIN<sup>2,3</sup>

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Strong performance of our integrated poultry supply chain and investment in process automation driving margin progression

Effective deployment of capital, including Fridaythorpe feed mill, generating strong returns

Excellent capacity utilisation and continued focus on cost control

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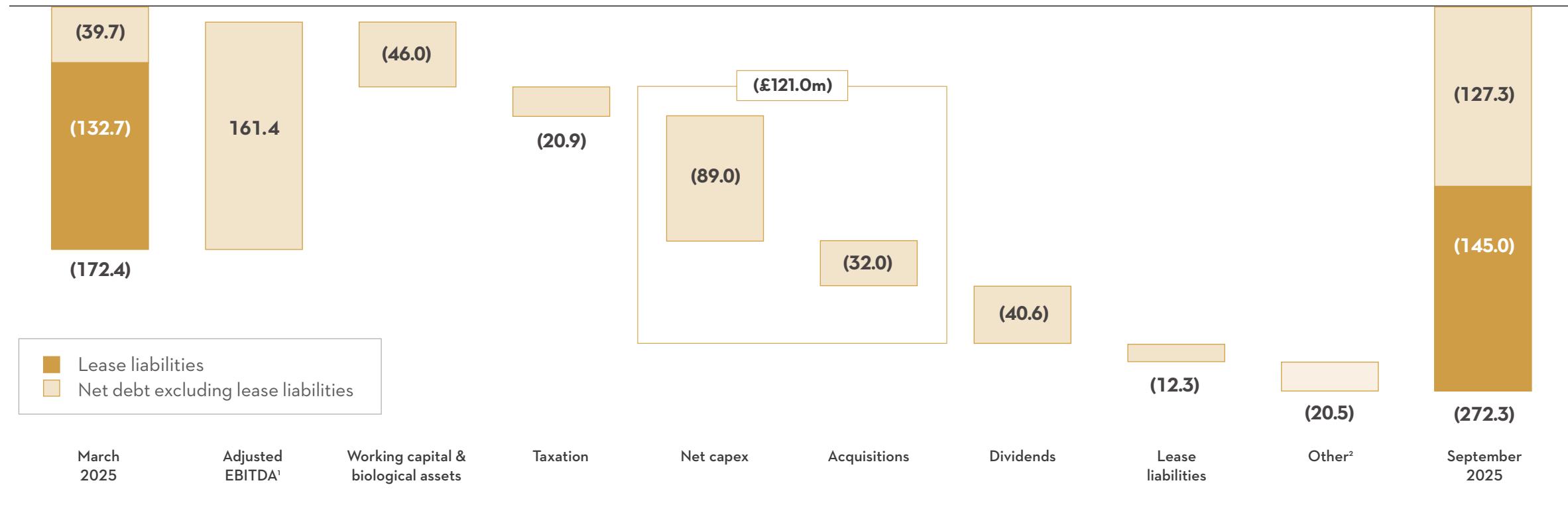
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3. H2 FY24 margins exclude the impact of the 53rd week and the FY24 insurance receipts in respect of the May 2022 product recall.

# STRONG FREE CASH FLOW DESPITE RECORD INVESTMENT

POST IFRS 16 NET DEBT (£M)



Net debt excluding IFRS 16 lease liabilities was £127.3m (FY25: £39.7m)

Lease liabilities of £145.0m (FY25: £132.7m) reflects continued growth in poultry farming operations

£32.0m investment in returns enhancing acquisitions in the period

LEVERAGE<sup>3</sup>

0.4x

Post IFRS 16: 0.9x

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2. Other includes non cash movements.

3. Net debt (excluding IFRS 16) divided by last 12 months adjusted EBITDA.

# SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM CASH GENERATION

£M	FREE CASH FLOW	NET CAPEX	ACQUISITIONS <sup>1</sup>	DIVIDENDS PAID	CASH INFLOW / (OUTFLOW) <sup>2</sup>
<b>H1 FY26</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>(64.6)</b>
FY25	213.6	135.6	25.0	49.5	3.5
FY24	223.4	90.6	39.2	43.9	49.7
FY23	149.2	83.9	(0.1)	36.3	29.1
FY22	158.4	92.4	38.5	32.8	(5.3)
FY21	180.9	71.1	10.7	27.9	71.2
FY20	115.8	97.1	76.2	22.6	(80.1)
FY19	87.3	78.0	3.0	22.1	(15.8)
	<b>1,225.6</b>	<b>737.7</b>	<b>224.5</b>	<b>275.7</b>	<b>(12.3)</b>

**Strong long-term free cash flow supports sustainable capital allocation**

1. Includes loan to joint venture and amounts repaid on acquisitions. Excludes acquisition related working capital movements incorporated in free cash flow.

2. Excludes the proceeds from the issue of share options, the issue costs of long-term borrowings, payment of lease interest and capital and the purchase of own shares.

## NEW £360M BANKING FACILITY

£360m revolving credit facility in place with six major banks

Includes committed overdraft of £20m

Option to access further £90m on same terms

To July 2029 with the option to extend for a further two years

Unsecured

# STRONG PIPELINE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS



## FARMING

**H1 FY26: £25M**

### ONGOING PROJECTS

**£7m** Incubatory expansion at Crown (£2m in the period)

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

**£8m** Investment in new pig and poultry farm locations (£8m in the period)

**£5m** Broiler site expansion (£1m in the period)

H1 FY26 CAPEX

**£89m**

H1 FY25: £48m



## PROCESSING

**H1 FY26: £64M**

### ONGOING PROJECTS

**£100m** Fresh Pork Hull expansion (£19m in the period)

**£25m** Investment in Worsley houmous facility (£4m in the period)

**£13m** Capacity upgrade at Fresh Poultry (£7m in the period)

**£14m** Gourmet Bacon site upgrade (£5m in the period)

### MAJOR NEW PROJECTS

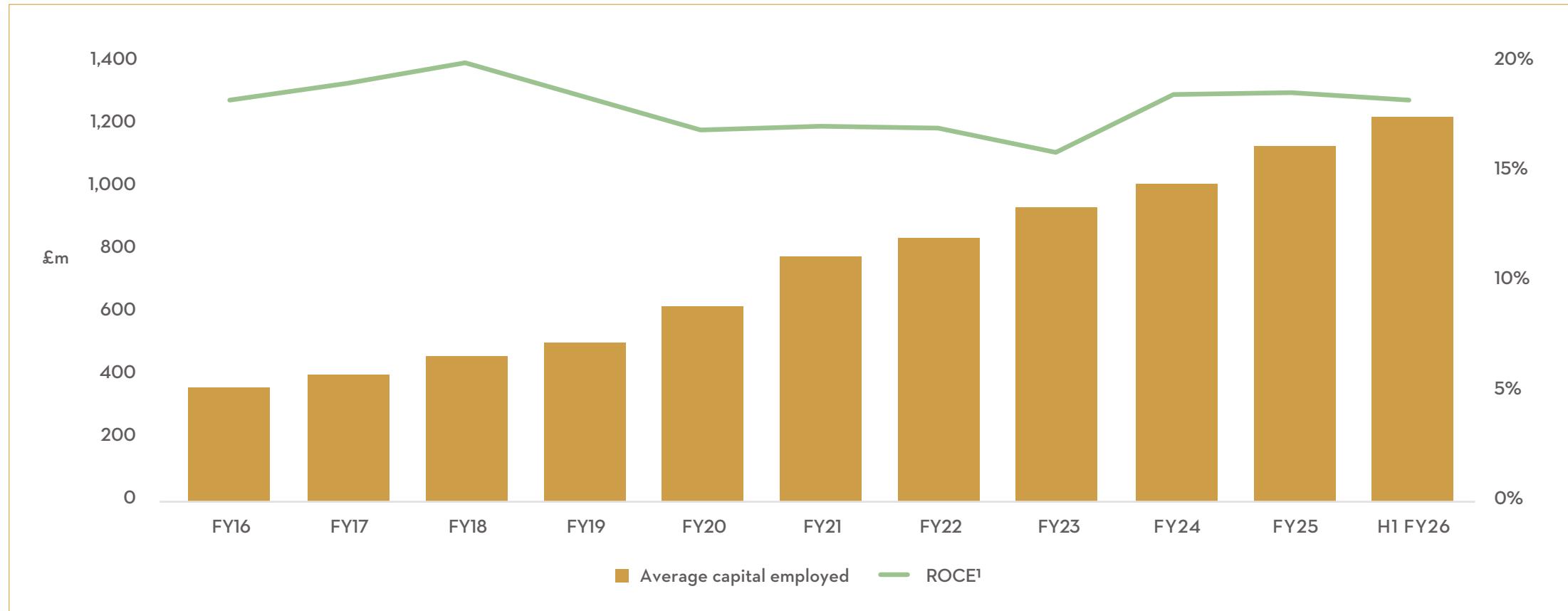
**£14m** Upgrade of Pet Products site, adding premium product capability and increased capacity (£2m in the period)

**£8m** Fit out of additional Katsouris facility, increasing capacity

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

**£30m** Capacity increase across added-value poultry (£4m in the period)

# DISCIPLINED CAPITAL DEPLOYMENT DELIVERING STRONG RETURNS



Strong ROCE<sup>1</sup> maintained against three-fold increase in capital employed over 10 years

ROCE<sup>1</sup> remains robust despite a record pipeline of multi-year capital projects, including £100m at Fresh Pork Hull

Progressive growth in capital employed reflects the strength of opportunities for further growth

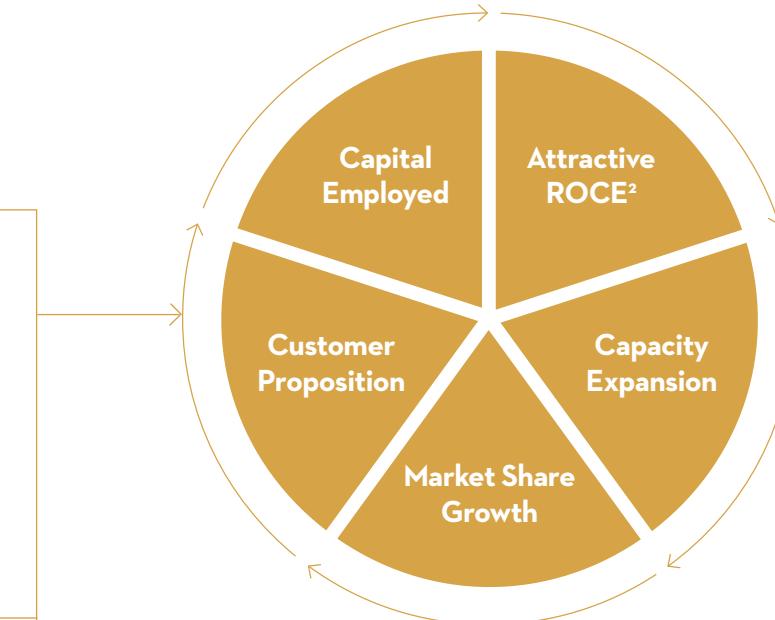
H1 FY26 ROCE<sup>1</sup>

**18.2%**

H1 FY25: 18.7%

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# DELIVERING ON VALUE CREATION



Strong business focus on long-term value creation

Well defined strategy delivering value to shareholders

Delivery on all metrics consistently ahead of medium-term targets

	REVENUE GROWTH	ADJUSTED OPERATING MARGIN <sup>1</sup>	ADJUSTED EPS GROWTH <sup>1</sup>	ROCE <sup>2</sup>	LEVERAGE <sup>3</sup>	FREE CASH CONVERSION <sup>4</sup>
Medium-term targets	Mid single digit	-7.5%	Mid single digit	Upper teens	<2x	90%
<b>H1 FY26</b>	+10.4%	7.7%	+9.3%	18.2%	0.4x	89.9%
FY25	+6.8%	7.6%	+15.6%	18.5%	0.1x	101.6%
FY24	+9.8%	7.1%	+12.6%	18.5%	0.0x	142.3%

All measures, excluding ROCE, leverage and free cash conversion are presented on a 52 week v 52 week basis.

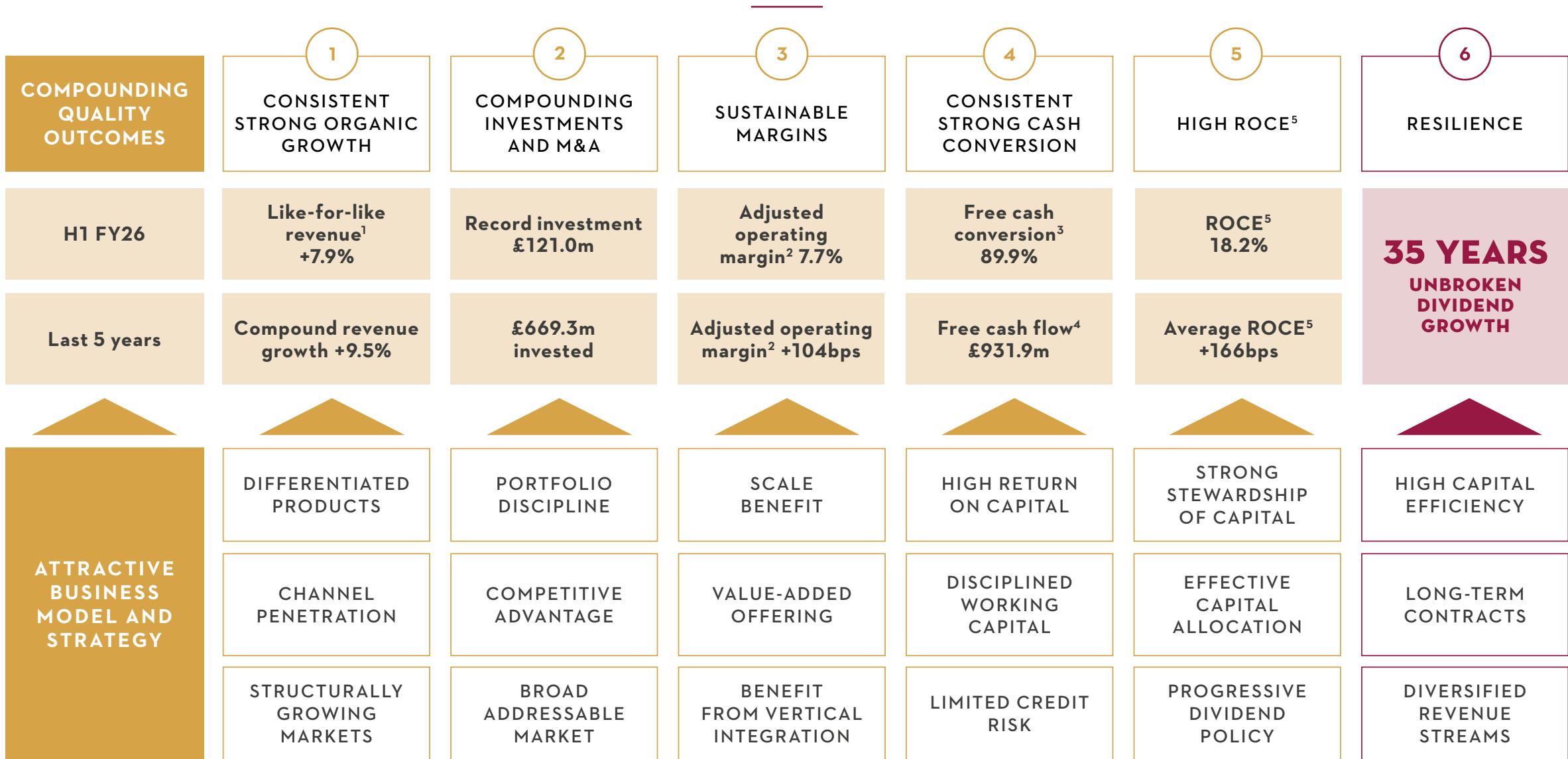
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# DRIVING STRONG COMPOUND GROWTH



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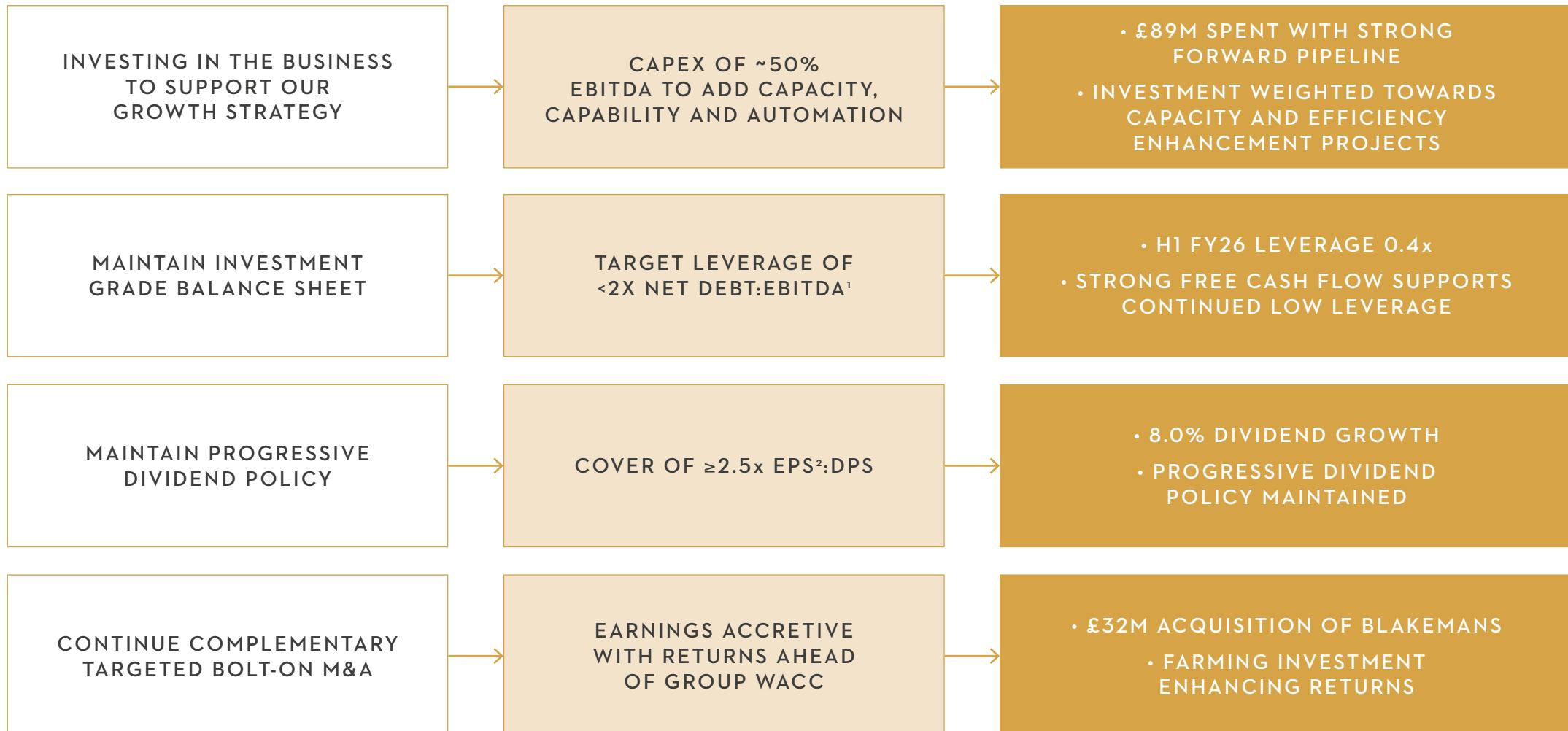
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# SUSTAINABLE CAPITAL ALLOCATION



Movement in dividend growth is stated on a reported basis.

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2. Adjusted EPS.

# COMMERCIAL UPDATE

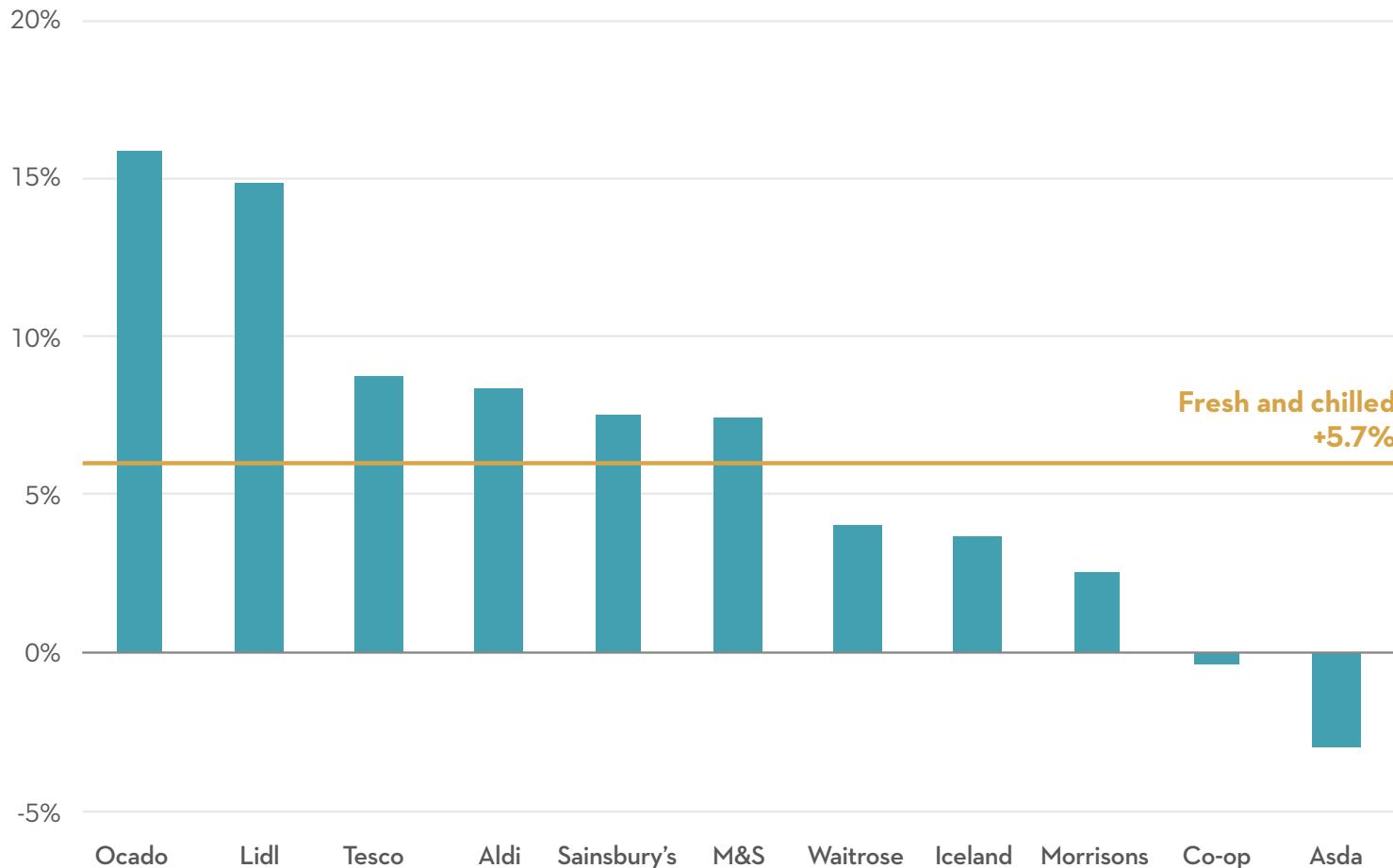
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CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER



# FRESH AND CHILLED RETAIL SALES BUOYANT

## FRESH AND CHILLED SALES VALUE BY RETAILER (% CHANGE) RETAILER PERFORMANCE



Source: (Kantar) 24 w/e 5 October 2025

## STRONG SALES IN RETAIL

- Fresh and chilled +5.7% vs total grocery +4.3%
- Tesco and Sainsbury's balancing value and premium products
- Ocado fastest growing retailer and record market share
- Lidl growth continues to outpace Aldi
- Solid M&S performance despite cyber challenges
- Morrisons performance improving

## CONSUMERS SEEKING BLEND OF VALUE, PREMIUMISATION AND PERSONALISATION



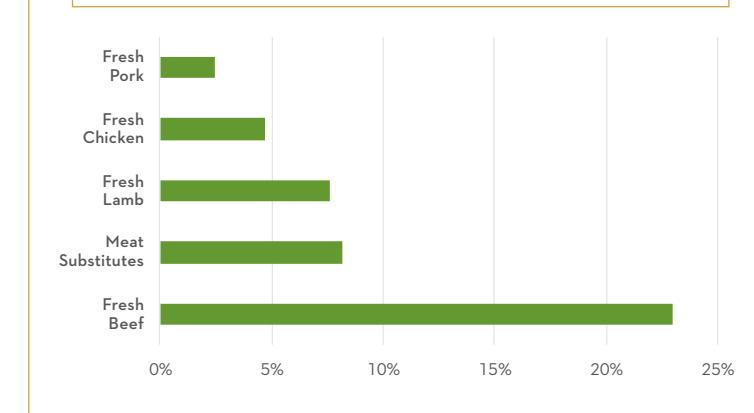
# VOLUME GROWTH IN PIG MEAT AND CHICKEN

## CHILLED CATEGORY VOLUME CHANGE



- Pig meat and chicken gaining market share
- Offer good value for money and low inflation
- All chicken categories in growth
- Pig meat volumes increasing although bacon hit by warm summer
- Beef volumes impacted by steep inflation
- Lamb remains an expensive treat for many consumers
- Demand for meat substitutes continues to fall

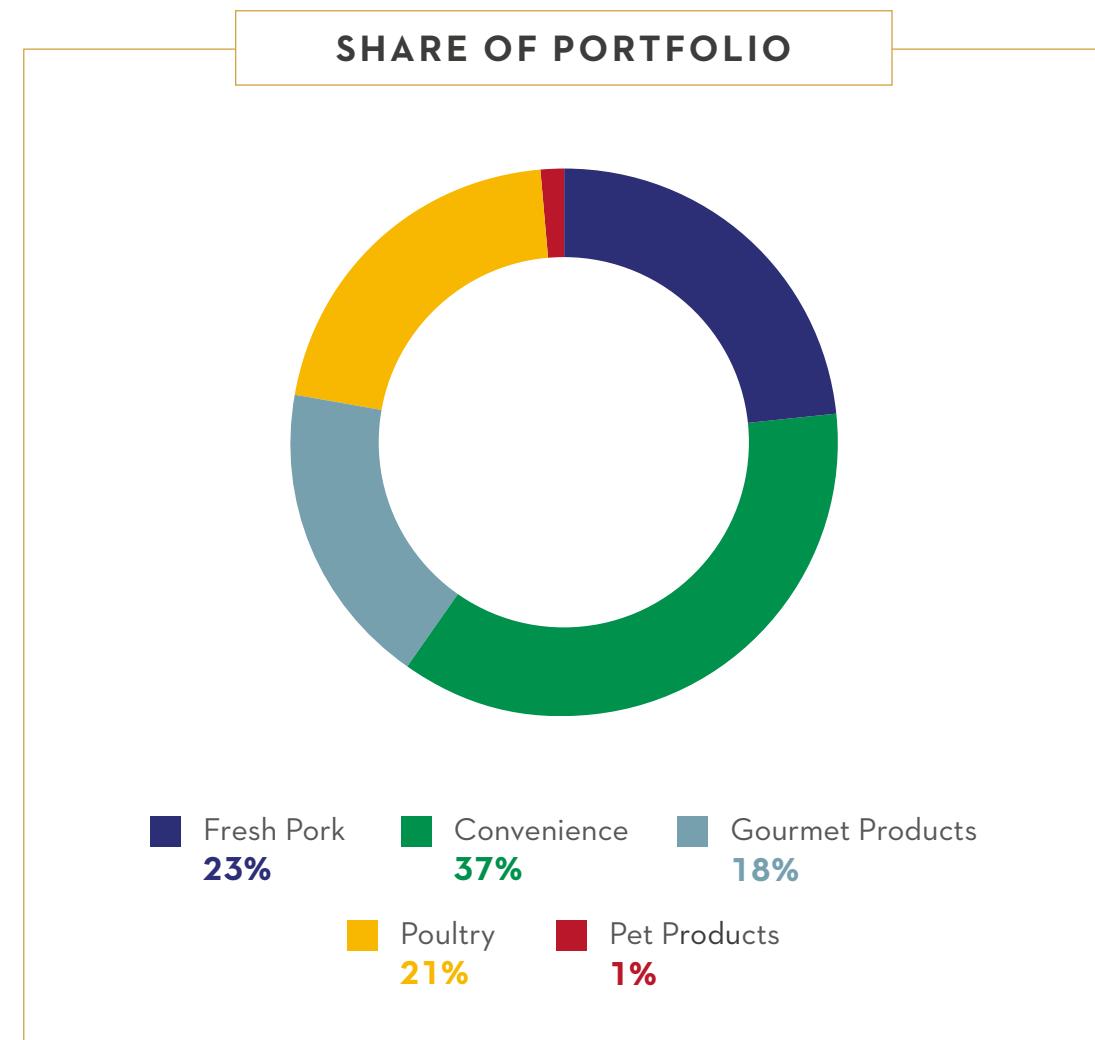
## YOY RETAIL INFLATION BY CATEGORY



Source: (Kantar) 24 w/e 5 October 2025

# VOLUME GROWTH ACROSS THE FOOD PORTFOLIO

CATEGORY SALES H1 FY26		
CATEGORY	CHANGE	
	VALUE	VOLUME
 Fresh Pork <sup>1</sup>	+5.0%	+7.7%
 Convenience <sup>2</sup>	+7.1%	+2.0%
 Gourmet Products <sup>3</sup>	+15.9%	+19.1%
 Poultry <sup>4</sup>	+18.5%	+4.6%
 Pet Products	+13.6%	-1.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>+10.4%</b>	<b>+6.6%</b>



1. Fresh Pork excluding farms volumes.

2. Convenience comprises Cooked Meats, Continental Products and Katsouris.

3. Gourmet Products comprises Sausage (including Blakemans), Bacon and Pastry.

4. Poultry comprises Fresh, Prepared, and Cooked Poultry.

# STRATEGIC INNOVATION PROGRAMME DELIVERED

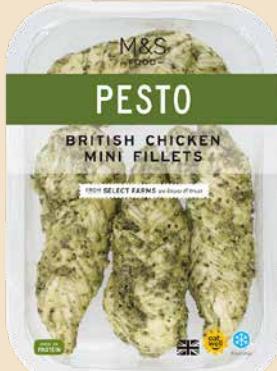
## DELIVERING VALUE



## ENHANCING PREMIUM



## REINFORCING HEALTH



## CONVENIENT SOLUTIONS



# COMMERCIAL PRIORITIES ALIGNED TO GUIDING PRINCIPLES



# POSITIVE COMMERCIAL OUTLOOK

## STRONG CHRISTMAS

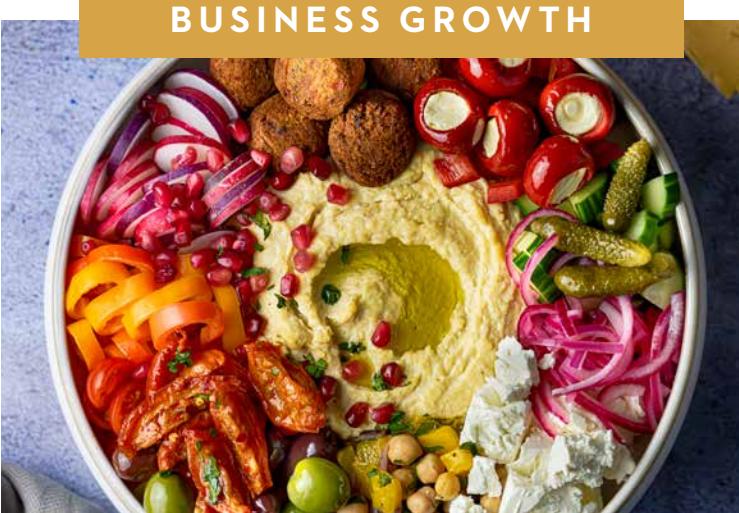


Strong volume plan

Record pigs in blankets and added-value turkey

Premium innovation

## BUSINESS GROWTH

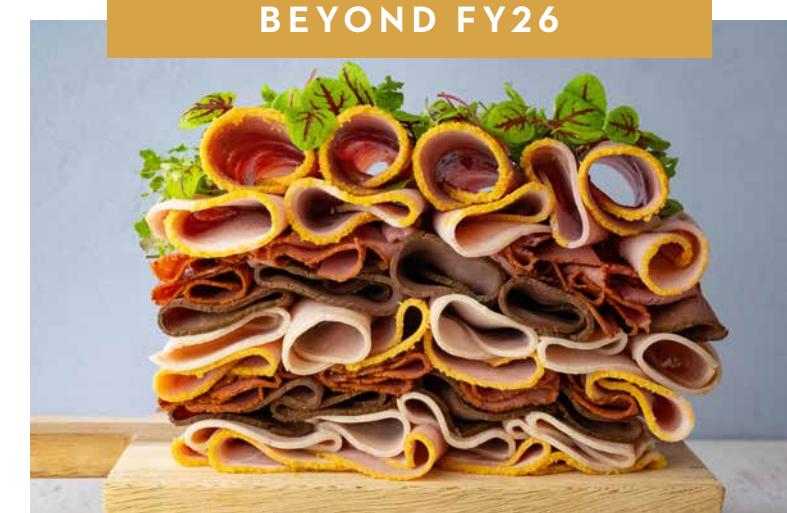


Sole supply of fresh pork and cooked meats to major retailer

Scale up houmous volumes

Additional range for pet specialist

## BEYOND FY26



New cooked meats contract in discount retailer

Additional customer for prepared poultry

Building capacity in fresh pork

# OPERATING AND STRATEGIC REVIEW

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# A STRATEGY WHICH DELIVERS STRONG & SUSTAINABLE COMPOUND GROWTH

CONSOLIDATE



GROWING, CASH GENERATIVE CORE DRIVEN BY GROWTH IN AFFORDABLE, HEALTHY PROTEINS

VALUE-ADDED PRODUCT WHICH RESONATES WITH CUSTOMERS

EXPANDING VERTICAL INTEGRATION AND INCREASED REINVESTMENT TO DRIVE GROWTH AND EFFICIENCY

EXPAND



SIGNIFICANT WHITESPACE ACROSS ALL CORE CATEGORIES

SIGNIFICANT PIPELINE OF ROCE<sup>1</sup> ACCRETIVE INVESTMENTS TO INCREASE CAPACITY

OPERATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROVIDES THE ABILITY TO CAPTURE MARKET SHARE

DIVERSIFY



ONGOING INNOVATION TO DRIVE AND EXPAND ADDRESSABLE MARKETS

BOLT-ON M&A TO CAPTURE ATTRACTIVE MARKETS AND SUPPLY CHAIN OPPORTUNITIES

MEANINGFUL UPSIDE TO CROSS-SELL INTO UNDERPENETRATED CHANNELS AND CATEGORIES

SUSTAINABLE  
EQUITY  
COMPOUNDING

REVENUE  
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CAPEX  
**~50%**  
EBITDA

LEVERAGE<sup>3</sup>  
**<2x**

PROVEN GROWTH: 10 YEAR CAGR AS AT 29 MARCH 2025

BALANCE SHEET FLEXIBILITY

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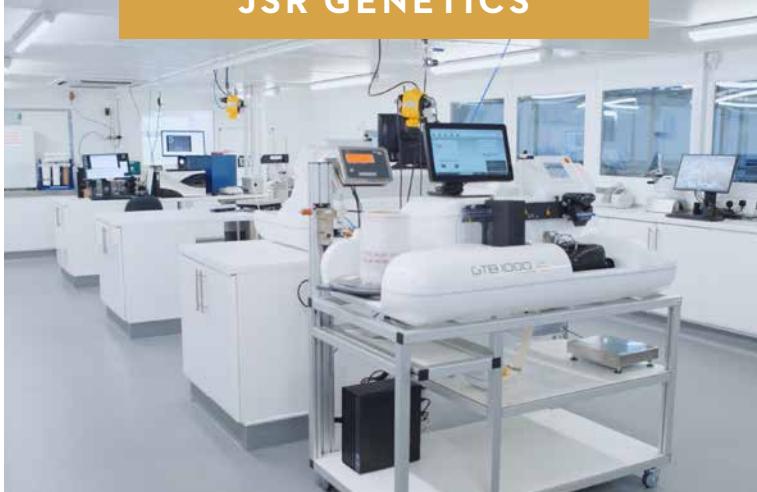
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# MAXIMISING VALUE THROUGH TARGETED M&A

## JSR GENETICS



Industry leading capabilities enhancing competitive advantage

Improves product quality and boosts R&D capabilities

Strengthens customer partnerships resulting in long-term commercial deals

## BLAKEMANS

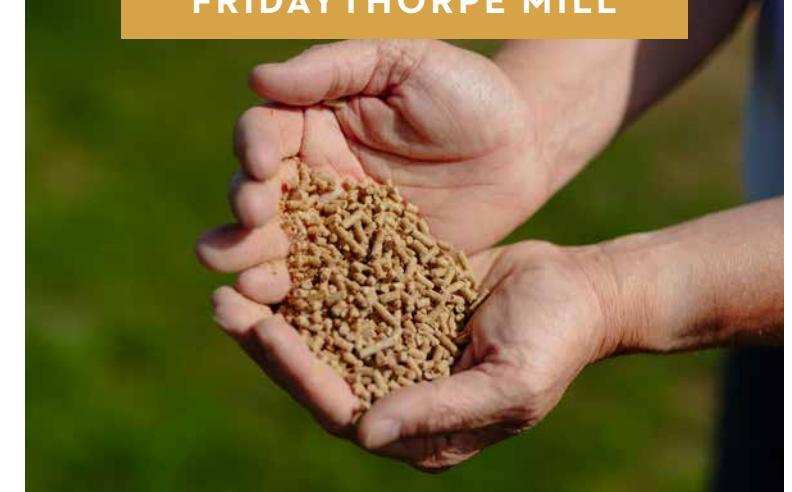


Unlocks additional food service markets and addresses identified white space

Drives significant direct and indirect procurement synergies

Increases capacity and adds complementary frozen retail capabilities

## FRIDAYTHORPE MILL



Maximises mill efficiency through delivery of internal demand

Rationalisation of products significantly reduces operating costs

Supply chain consolidation delivers compound margin growth

## INDEPENDENT WELFARE REVIEW

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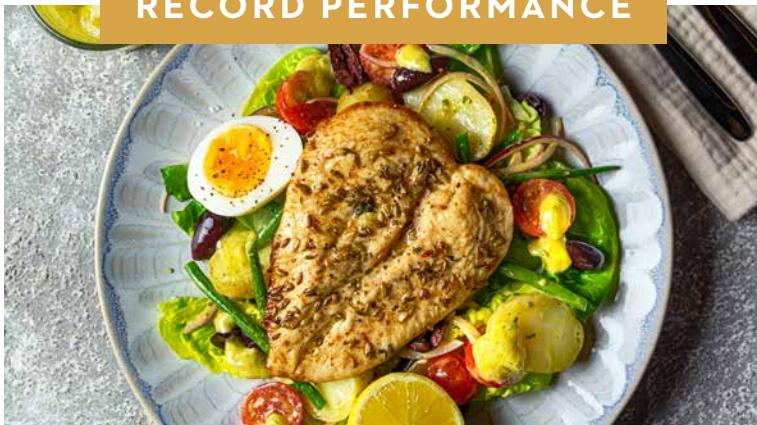
- Independent, veterinarian-led review of Cranswick's pig farming operations now complete with recommendations published in full
- Farms visited were compliant with legislation and animal welfare standards
- Range of recommendations set out for Cranswick and the wider industry
- Six-point plan to raise animal welfare standards released
- £40 million of spend to be accelerated over the next three years to improve and standardise farm practices

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# SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

## RECORD PERFORMANCE



Strong volume-led revenue growth

Strong earnings growth

Strategic acquisitions completed

**+10.4% REVENUE  
7.7% ADJUSTED OPERATING MARGIN<sup>1</sup>**

## ONGOING INVESTMENT



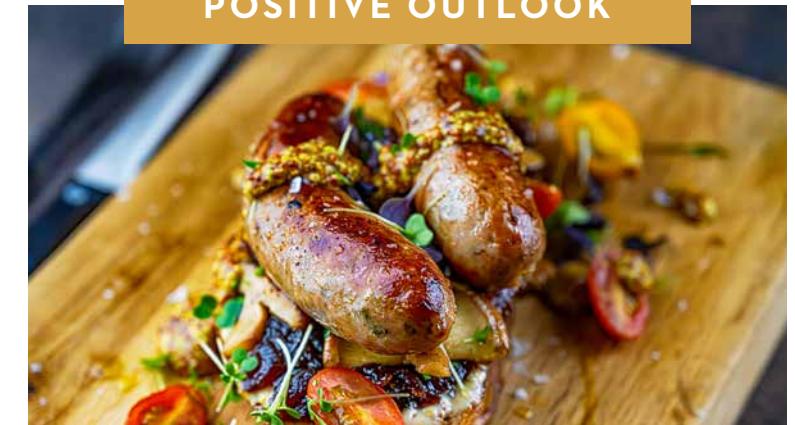
£100m investment in Fresh Pork Hull

£25m houmous and dips investment

£14m to expand Pet Products

**£89M CAPITAL EXPENDITURE  
18.2% ROCE<sup>2</sup>**

## POSITIVE OUTLOOK



Continued investment driving further volume-led growth

Positive Christmas outlook

Robust deployable balance sheet

**OUTLOOK FOR CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR REMAINS IN LINE WITH BOARD'S EXPECTATIONS**

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Our positive start to the year continued through the second quarter, with strong volume-led revenue growth across all product categories driven by new business wins, a positive contribution from recent acquisitions, strengthened alignment to our key, long-standing retail partners and our unrelenting focus on quality, service and innovation across our premium added-value product ranges

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# APPENDIX 1

## OUR STRATEGY

### OUR PURPOSE



# WHERE GREAT FOOD COMES FROM

Creating great tasting nutritious food; authentically made and sustainably produced

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES



### STRATEGIC ENABLERS



### OUR DIFFERENTIATORS



### GROWTH STRATEGY

#### CONSOLIDATE

##### DRIVE THE CORE

- Pig Farming and Fresh Pork
- Gourmet Products
- Convenience Foods

#### EXPAND

##### INCREASE MARKET SHARE IN GROWTH CATEGORIES

- Fresh and Added-Value Chicken
- Mediterranean Foods

#### DIVERSIFY

##### IDENTIFY NEW OPPORTUNITIES

- Pet Food
- New Markets

### OUR PARTNERS



### FOUNDATIONS

FOR A SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODEL



### ENVIRONMENT

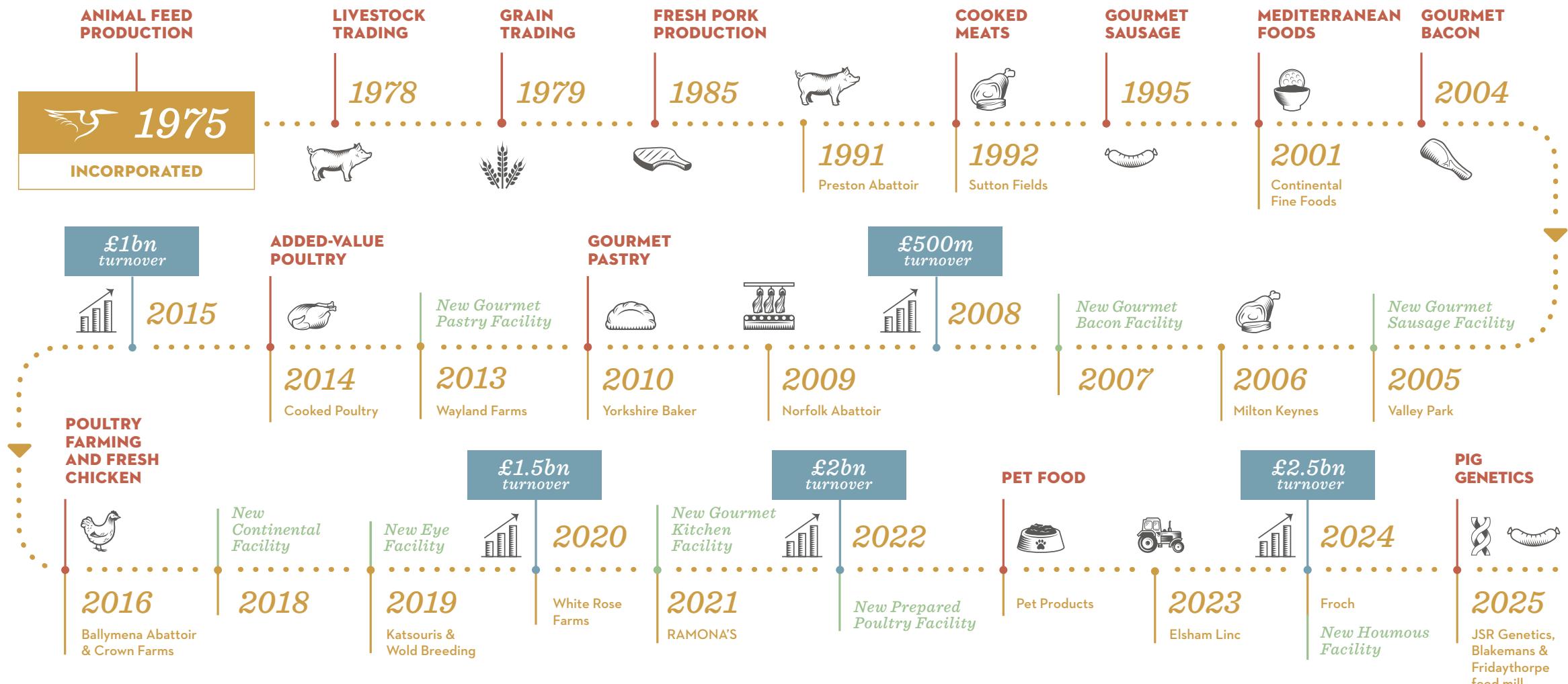
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### OUR GROWTH HISTORY



# APPENDIX 3

## OUR PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

FRESH PORK



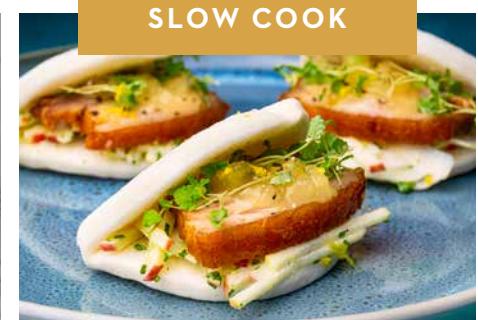
GOURMET SAUSAGE



GOURMET BACON



SLOW COOK



COOKED MEATS



FRESH CHICKEN



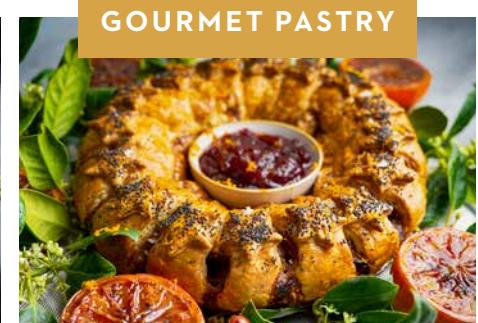
READY-TO-EAT CHICKEN



COATED CHICKEN



GOURMET PASTRY



PET PRODUCTS



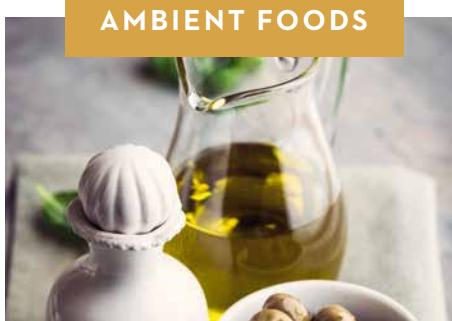
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OLIVES & ANTIPASTI



AMBIENT FOODS



HOUMOUS & DIPS



SPECIALITY CHEESE



## APPENDIX 4

### ESG RATINGS MOVEMENTS

RATINGS AGENCY	CURRENT RATING	LAST ASSESSMENT	PREVIOUS ASSESSMENT	MOVEMENT
FTSE Russell	3.7	Jun 25	3.4	↑
MSCI	AAA	Apr 25	AA	↑
S&P	46/100	Mar 25	41/100	↑
Sustainalytics - ESG rating	Medium risk	Mar 25	Medium risk	=
ISS ESG	51.04/100 performance score C+ Score (Prime) Transparency: Very High	Feb 25	39/100 performance score C- Score (Not Prime) Transparency: High	↑ ↑ ↑
CDP	Climate B Water B Forests B	Feb 25	Climate B Water B Forests C, C, B, C	= = ↑
Ethifinance	45/100	Oct 24	43/100	↑
Coller Fairr	Low risk	Sept 24	Low Risk	=
Vigeo Eiris/Moody's	46/100	Jan 24	39/100	↑
Better Food Index	1/30	May 23	3/30	↑

# APPENDIX 5

## ADJUSTED & REPORTED EARNINGS, TAX & EARNINGS PER SHARE

ADJUSTED & REPORTED EARNINGS (£M)	H1 FY26	H1 FY25
Adjusted operating profit	113.0	99.6
Net IAS 41 movement	5.1	(3.4)
Acquisition related amortisation	(1.0)	(2.2)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>117.1</b>	<b>94.0</b>
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>90.2</b>
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>66.6</b>
EARNINGS PER SHARE (P)	H1 FY26	H1 FY25
<b>On adjusted profit for the year</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>132.1</b>
Net IAS 41 movement	9.6	(6.4)
Acquisition related amortisation	(1.9)	(4.4)
Tax impact	(1.9)	2.7
<b>On profit for the year</b>	<b>150.2</b>	<b>124.0</b>

TAX (%)	H1 FY26	H1 FY25	H1 FY26	H1 FY25
	£M	%	£M	%
<b>Headline tax rate</b>			25.0	25.0
Disallowable expenses			1.3	1.1
Other			0.2	0.1
<b>Effective tax rate</b>			26.5	26.2
Statutory tax charge	28.9	26.5	23.6	26.2
Effect of intangible amortisation	0.3	-	0.6	-
Effect of IAS 41 adjustment	(1.3)	-	0.8	-
<b>Tax on adjusted PBT</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>26.1</b>

# APPENDIX 6

## BALANCE SHEET AND CASH FLOW

BALANCE SHEET (£M)	H1 FY26	H1 FY25	STATUTORY CASH FLOW (£M)	H1 FY26	H1 FY25
Investments	0.1	0.9	<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>121.0</b>	<b>127.2</b>
PPE	679.9	533.8	Tax paid	(20.9)	(20.6)
Intangible assets	221.0	211.9	<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>106.6</b>
ROU assets	134.9	99.0	Net capital expenditure	(89.0)	(46.7)
Biological assets	103.6	89.0	Acquisition related cash flows	(30.5)	(4.4)
Working capital	200.2	145.3	Distribution received from joint venture	-	0.1
Net debt	(272.3)	(107.5)	Proceeds from share options acquired by the EBT	0.3	-
Tax, grants, provisions, pensions	(43.7)	(32.4)	Issue costs of long-term borrowings	(1.8)	-
	<b>1,023.7</b>	<b>940.0</b>	Proceeds/(repayment) from borrowings	93.0	(18.0)
KEY METRICS	H1 FY26	H1 FY25	Repayment of borrowings acquired	(1.5)	-
Gearing <sup>1,2</sup>	26.6%	11.4%	Interest paid	(3.1)	(1.2)
Interest cover <sup>3</sup>	36x	83x	Share issues	2.4	1.8
ROCE <sup>4</sup>	18.2%	18.7%	Own shares purchased	(12.7)	(10.4)
			Payment of lease capital and interest	(12.5)	(10.3)
			Dividend paid	(40.6)	(36.1)
			<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow)</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>(18.6)</b>
			<b>Net debt<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>(272.3)</b>	<b>(107.5)</b>

1. Includes recognition of IFRS 16 leases in both years.

2. Net debt divided by net assets.

3. Adjusted operating profit divided by bank interest paid.

4. Adjusted operating profit divided by the sum of average opening and closing net assets, net debt, pension surplus and deferred tax.

## APPENDIX 7

### FREE CASH FLOW

FREE CASH FLOW (£M)	H1 FY26	H1 FY25
Net cash from operating activities	100.1	106.6
Net interest paid	(3.1)	(1.2)
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>105.4</b>

FREE CASH CONVERSION (£M)	H1 FY26	H1 FY25
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>105.4</b>
Non-growth capital expenditure	(20.2)	(13.2)
Net IAS 41 valuation movement	5.1	(3.4)
Lease capital paid	(8.2)	(7.9)
Lease interest paid	(4.3)	(2.4)
	<b>69.4</b>	<b>78.5</b>
<b>Adjusted profit for the year</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>70.8</b>
<b>Free cash conversion</b>	<b>89.9%</b>	<b>110.9%</b>



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