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# Solid operational result and strong financial performance



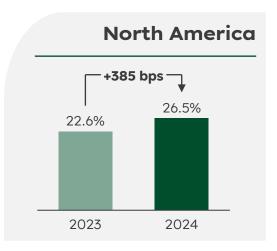
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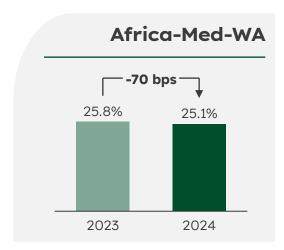
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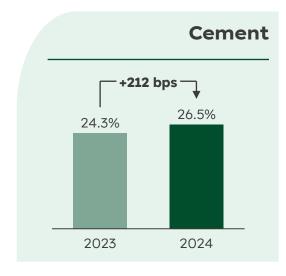
# **Strong EBITDA margin improvement continues**

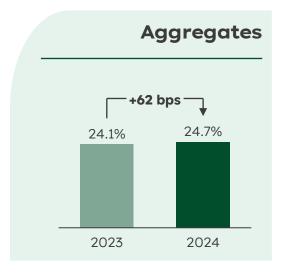


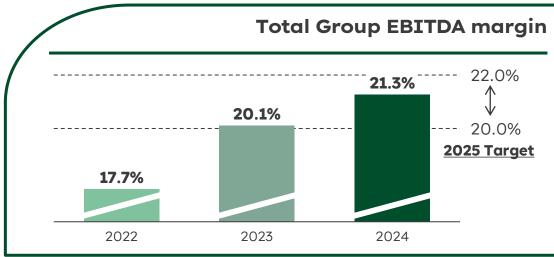














# "Transformation Accelerator": Taking the pole position for the future

#### **Cross-border network optimisation:**

- Measures on country business line level
- Focus on cost synergies through standardisation and optimisation of business network

#### **Efficiencies across functions:**

- Measures on country & group level including automation opportunities
- Focus on procurement and back-office/overhead costs

#### **Technical initiatives:**

- Measures on plant level
- Focus on clinker incorporation and other technical KPIs, including power, heat, alternative fuels

# Expected result contribution of 500 €m by end of 2026

Targets for each sections are defined, tracking and analysing started



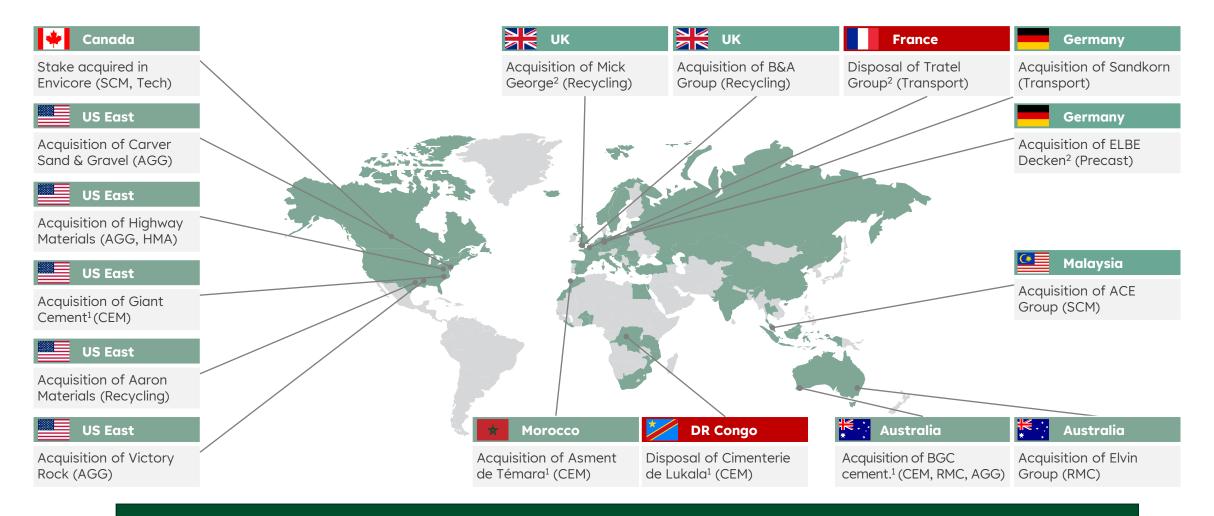
Initiatives internally aligned and communicated; action plans prepared



# Portfolio optimisation (since 2024)

Acquisitions

Disposals

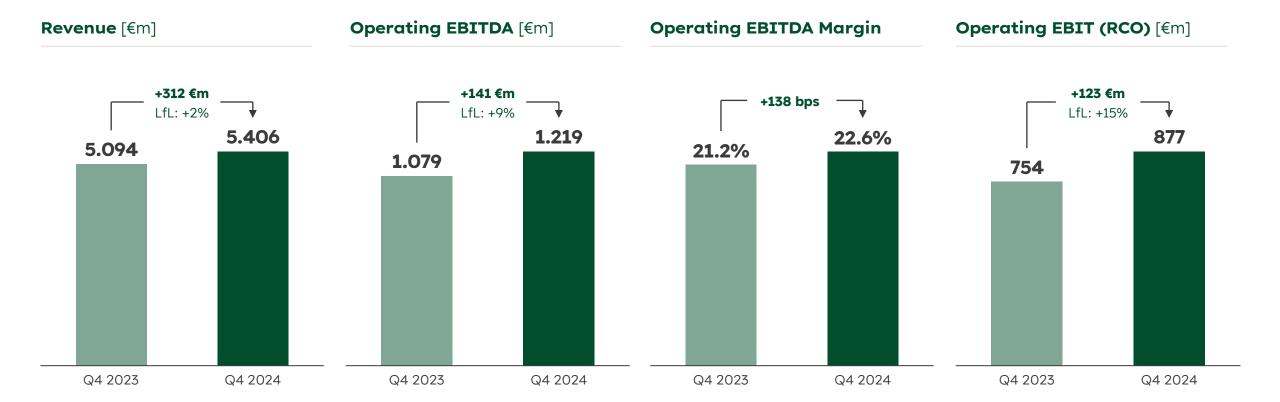


#### Continuous net growth is the clear target



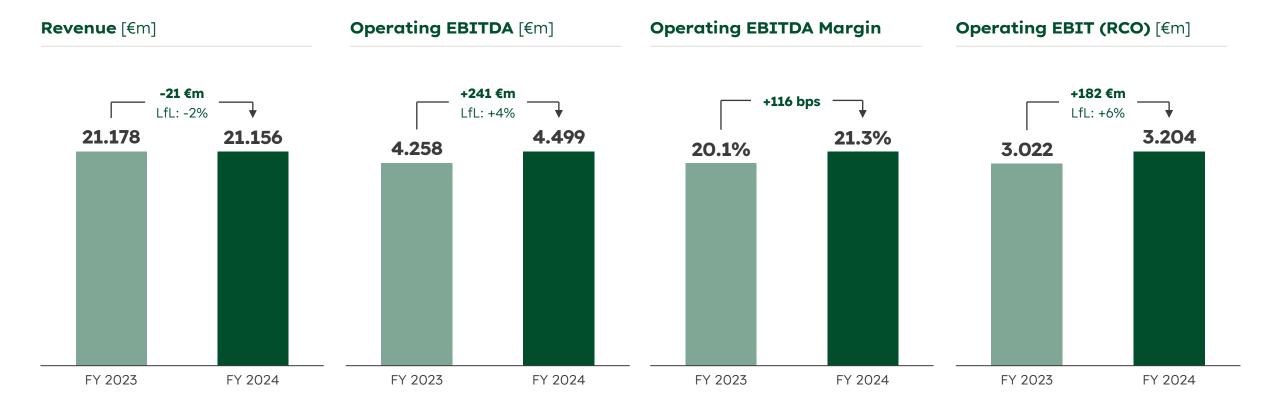


# **Q4 2024: Margin improvement continues**



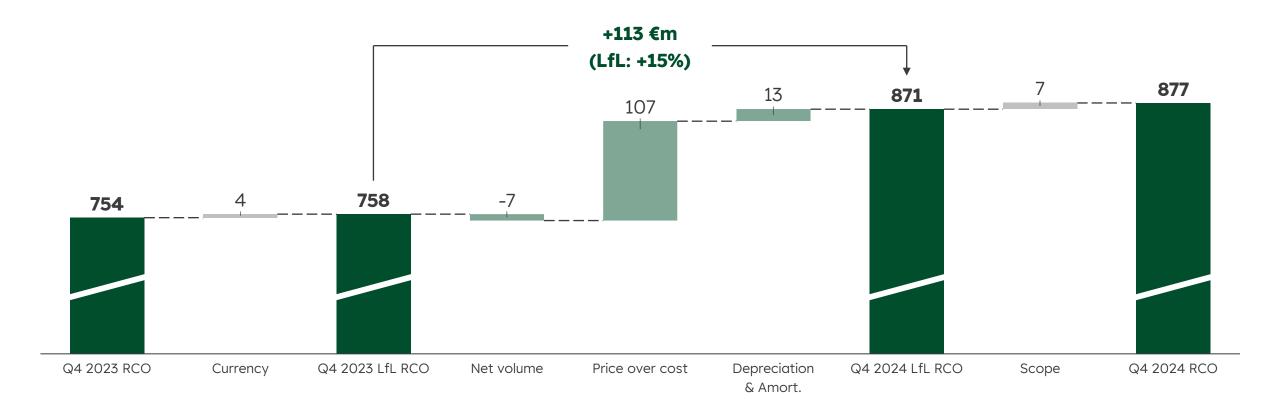


# FY 2024: Result improvement despite volume pressure



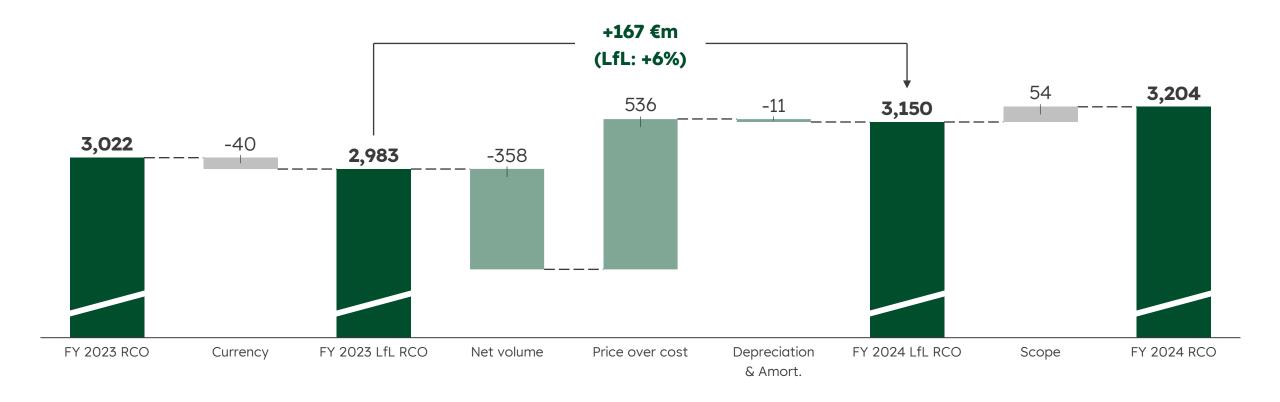


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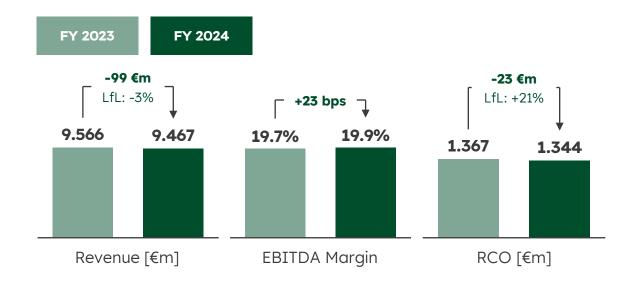


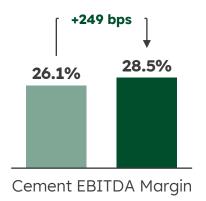
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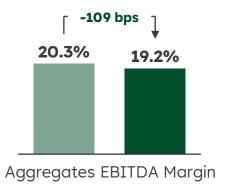




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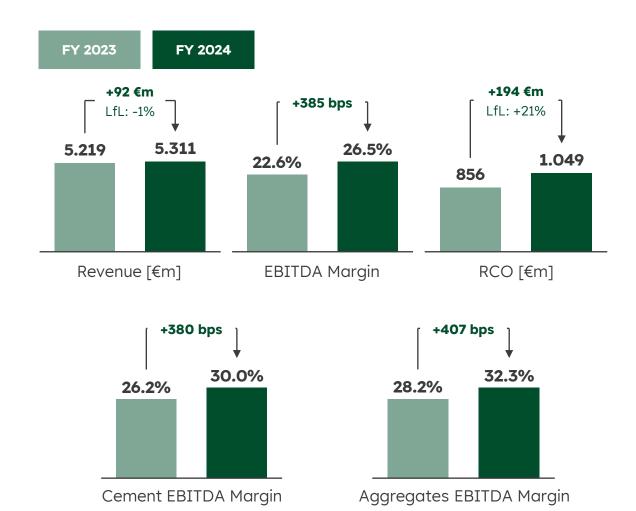








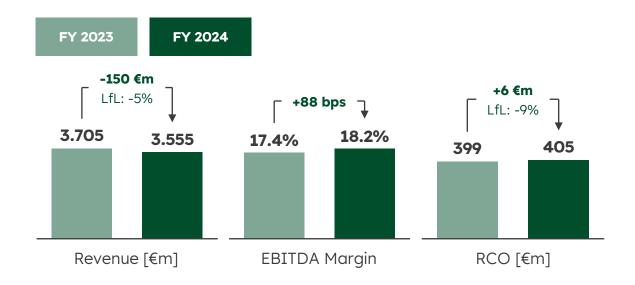
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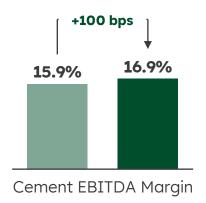


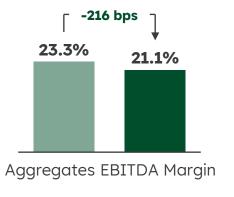




## Asia - Pacific



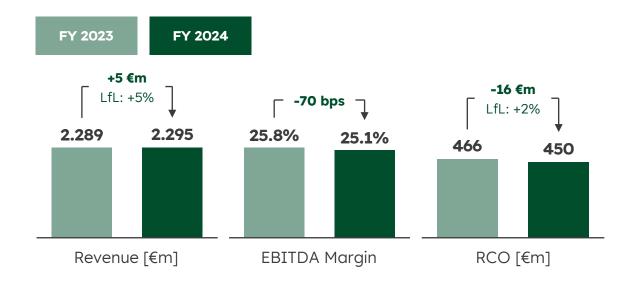


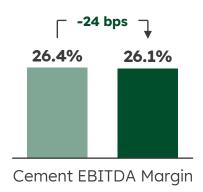






# Africa - Mediterranean - Western Asia











# **Financial** highlights

Adjusted EPS increases by 11% to 11.9 € ¹

Free cash flow at 2.2 €bn

Leverage slightly down from 1.24x to 1.18x

**ROIC at 9.9%,** despite significant negative impact from currency and timing effects of acquisitions

**Two Green Bonds are placed** during the year with a total amount of 1.2 €bn

Shareholder return reaches above 1 €bn



<sup>1</sup>EPS adjusted for "additional ordinary result" and "provision for obligations attributable to discontinued businesses of the Hanson Group"



# **Adjusted EPS continues to increase**

Income Statement [€m]	FY 2023	FY 2024	Delta
Revenue	21,178	21,156	-21
RCOBD (Operating EBITDA)	4,258	4,499	241
Depreciation and amortisation	-1,236	-1,295	-59
Result from current operations (RCO)	3,022	3,204	182
Additional ordinary result	1	-436	-437
Financial result	-174	-181	-7
Income taxes	-659	-704	-46
Net result from discontinued operations	-104	36	140
Non-controlling interests	-158	-137	21
Group share of profit	1,929	1,782	-147
Earnings per share	10.4	9.9	-0.6
Group share of profit – adjusted <sup>1</sup>	1,989	2,155	166
Earnings per share – adjusted <sup>1</sup>	10.8	11.9	1.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>EPS adjusted for "additional ordinary result" and "provision for obligations attributable to discontinued businesses of the Hanson Group"

### **Key items below RCO**

#### **Additional ordinary result:**

2024: -324 €m due to impairments and restructurings, mainly related to announced plant closures in Europe

2023: +40 €m gain from financial asset sales

#### **Financial result:**

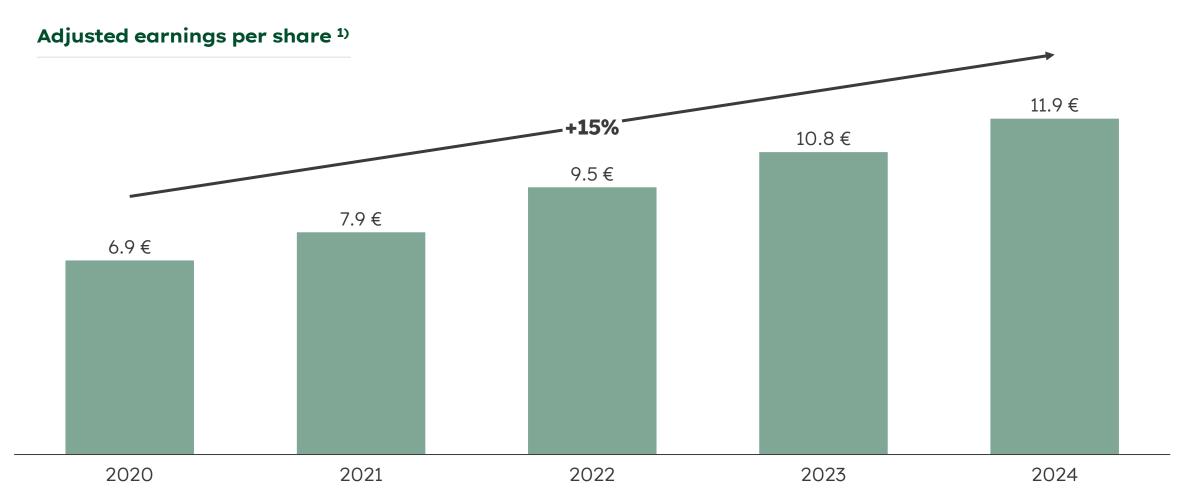
Stable development

#### **Discontinued operations:**

2024: +62 €m income from the reversal of the provision for obligations attributable to discontinued businesses of the Hanson Group (-61 €m added in previous year)



# **EPS** growth continues with impressive 15% CAGR



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Clean EPS: Figures adjusted for additional ordinary result. In 2020 one-off deferred tax income related to impairments, in 2021 US West assets disposal tax impact, in 2023 and 2024 provision for obligations attributable to discontinued businesses of the Hanson Group



# Solid free cashflow generation

Free cash flow [€m]	FY 2023	FY 2024	Delta
Operating EBITDA	4,258	4,499	241
Change in working capital	-205	-110	95
Net interest	-163	-170	-7
Taxes paid	-522	-684	-161
Share of JV result and net dividends	-30	-35	-5
Non-cash items and other	-132	-269	-136
Cash flow from operating activities	3,205	3,232	27
CapEx Net	-1,042	-1,063	-20
Free cash flow	2,163	2,169	6
Cash conversion rate	50.8%	48.2%	-2.6%

#### Free cash flow drivers

#### **Working capital:**

Same level as prior year

#### **Net interest:**

Stable development

#### Taxes paid:

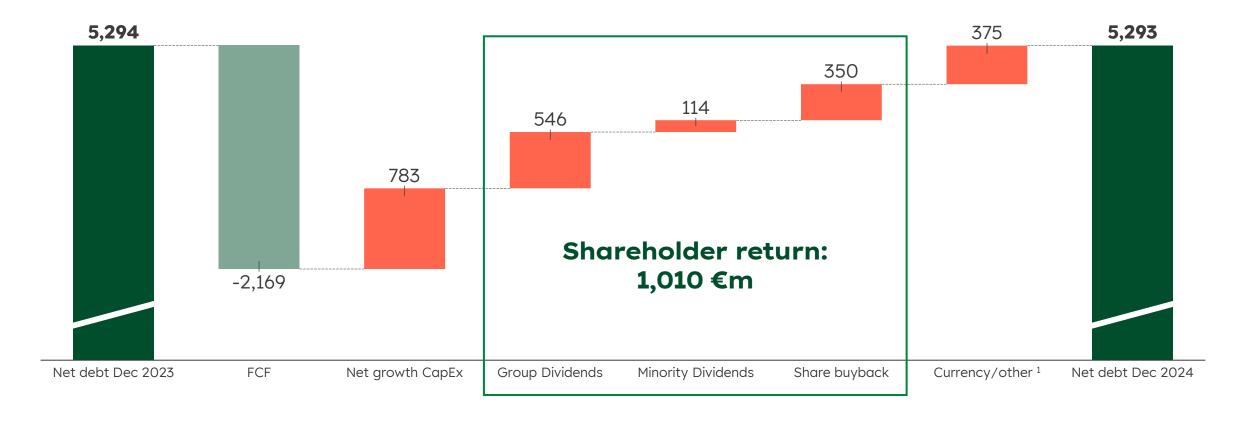
Increase in earnings in NAM and some favorable one-off tax effects in 2023

#### **CapEx Net:**

Disciplined approach continues



# **Net debt development [€m]**



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes mainly consolidation impacts on Net Debt from acquisitions in UK (Mick George Limited: 146 €m) and in US (Highway Materials + Carver Sand & Gravel: 45 €m).



# **Sustainability** highlights

**Further CO<sub>2</sub> reduction:** Specific  $CO_2$  emissions reduced by -1.3% to 527 kg  $CO_2$ /t of cementitious material in 2024

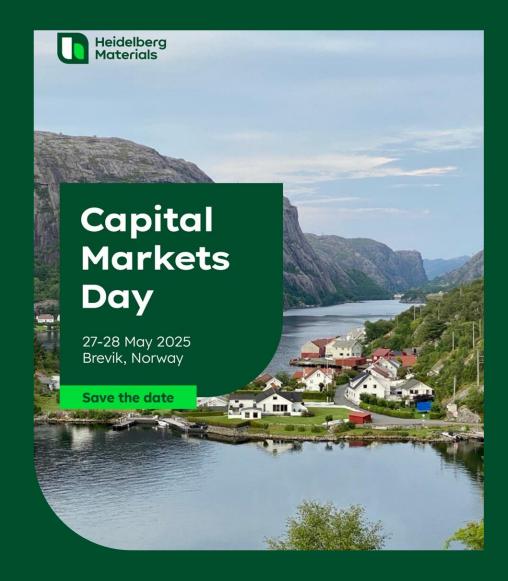
Increasing share of Sustainable revenue (CEM): from 39.5% to 43.3%

**Pioneering the transformation to Net Zero:** Providing the first net-zero carbon-captured cement from our plant in Brevik in H1 2025

#### **External recognition of our Sustainability strategy:**

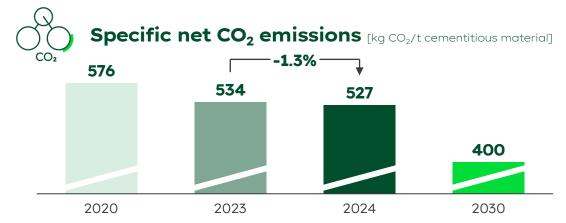
- 2050 CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets validated by SBTi
- Included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) Europe

**Driving decarbonisation, circularity and recycling:** Progressing in circularity, acquiring recycling businesses and investing in low-carbon products



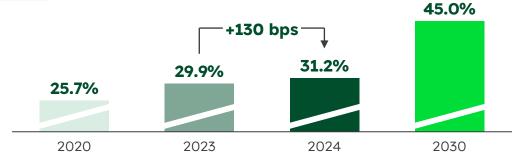


# Significant progress in all sustainability KPIs



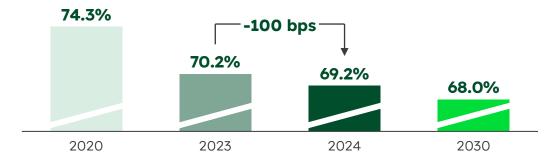


#### Alternative fuel rate



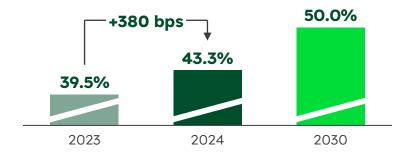


#### Clinker incorporation factor





#### Sustainable revenue CEM



Progress in CO<sub>2</sub> reduction mitigated by unfavorable product mix and volume effect



# evoBuild TernoCem: Turning an existing asset into an ultra low-carbon plant

#### Combining profitability, growth and carbon reduction:

**TernoCem**, a new cement type, with a significantly reduced carbon footprint - **up to 50% less CO<sub>2</sub>** 

Addressing both levers to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Significant cost and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction with stable or better properties and consistent quality

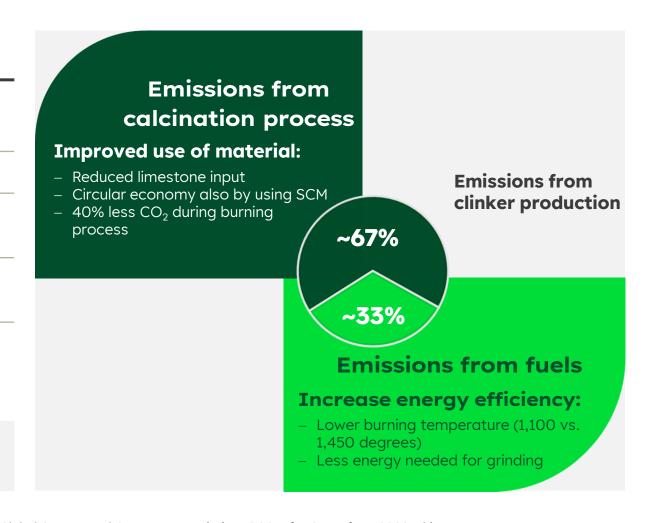
**Switching from research to market launch** – successfully completed test phase with pilot customers

Building authority permission applied for and expected soon

# **evobuild**



CO<sub>2</sub> reduction: 30% less CO<sub>2</sub> vs. CEM I<sup>1)</sup> Circular products:
30%
more recycled material



1) evoBuild requires a  $CO_2$  reduction of at least 30% compared to the global reference values of the Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA) for CEM I from 2020. This translates to threshold values of  $\leq$  552 kg  $CO_2$ /t for cementitious material and  $\leq$  5.5 kg  $CO_2$ /m³/MPa for ready-mixed concrete.





#### 2025 market overview

#### **North America:**

- Infrastructure demand growth expected, driven by Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and state Department of Transportation (DOT) budgets
- Optimism in our underlying markets and acquisitions support favorable outlook for continued growth in 2025

#### **Europe:**

 Demand recovery -which is currently visible in most marketsexpected to continue throughout the year



- Good market momentum in Australia and Thailand, potential recovery in Indonesia
- China and India are still challenging

#### Africa - Med. - Western Asia:

 Overall positive demand expected in most countries, which will drive earnings growth

Geopolitical risks may cause volatility to markets development



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# Guidance

	Original 2024 Target	& Achievement	2025 Target
RCO	3.00 to 3.30 €bn	3.20 €bn	3.25 to 3.55 €bn
ROIC	Around 10%	9.9 %	Around 10%
CO <sub>2</sub> emission	Slight reduction: (2023: 534 kg/tCM) <sup>1)</sup>	527 kg/tCM <sup>1)</sup>	Slight reduction
CapEx Net	Around 1.1 €bn	1.1 €bn	Around 1.2 €bn
Leverage	In line with mid-term target: Between 1.5x-2.0x	1.2 x	In line with mid-term target: <b>Between 1.5x-2.0x</b>

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# **Scope & currency impacts**

Scope & currency	Rev	/enue	Operatii	ng EBITDA	Operating EBIT (RCO)			
Q4 2024 [€m]	Scope	Currency	Scope	Scope Currency Scope		Currency		
Europe	52	18	9	3	-11	2		
North America	66	5	8	1	5	1		
Asia - Pacific	33	3	15	0	11	0		
Africa – Med Western Asia	29	-2	4	0	2	1		
Group Service & Other	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total GROUP	180	23	36	4	7	4		

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FY 2024 [€m]	Scope	Currency	Scope	Currency	Scope	Currency
Europe	170	58	4	9	-21	7
North America	169	-18	29	-4	15	-3
Asia - Pacific	127	-79	62	-14	50	-8
Africa - Med Western Asia	81	-174	18	-40	11	-36
Group Service & Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total GROUP	548	-213	112	-49	54	-40



# **Operating result**

Operating result		Revenue				Operating EBITDA			Ol	perating E	BITDA Margin	Operating EBIT (RCO)			
Q4 2024 [€m]	Q4 23	Q4 24	Change	LfL	Q4 23	Q4 24	Change	LfL	Q423	Q4 24	Change LfL	Q4 23	Q4 24	Change	LfL
Europe	2,275	2,373	4.3%	1.2%	425	487	14.6%	11.7%	18.7%	20.5%	+185 bps +192 bps	295	340	15.1%	18.0%
North America	1,263	1,336	5.8%	0.1%	325	382	17.8%	15.0%	25.7%	28.6%	+290 bps +382 bps	233	290	24.9%	22.6%
Asia - Pacific	945	940	-0.6%	-4.3%	179	202	13.1%	4.5%	18.9%	21.5%	+261 bps +174 bps	117	138	17.9%	8.7%
Africa - Med Western Asia	533	647	21.4%	16.5%	152	166	9.4%	6.8%	28.5%	25.6%	-282 bps -239 bps	117	135	15.2%	12.2%
Group Service & Other	78	110	41.4%	41.4%	-2	-19						-8	-26		
Total GROUP	5,094	5,406	6.1%	2.1%	1,079	1,219	13.0%	9.3%	21.2%	22.6%	+138 bps +148 bps	754	877	16.4%	14.9%

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FY 2024 [€m]	FY 23	FY 24	Change	LfL	FY 23	FY 24	Change	LfL	FY 23	FY 24	Change LfL	FY 23	FY 24	Change	LfL
Europe	9,566	9,467	-1.0%	-3.4%	1,883	1,885	0.1%	-0.5%	19.7%	19.9%	+23 bps +58 bps	1,367	1,344	-1.7%	-0.7%
North America	5,219	5,311	1.8%	-1.1%	1,181	1,407	19.1%	17.0%	22.6%	26.5%	+385 bps +415 bps	856	1,049	22.6%	21.3%
Asia - Pacific	3,705	3,555	-4.0%	-5.5%	643	648	0.8%	-6.8%	17.4%	18.2%	+88 bps -25 bps	399	405	1.6%	-8.9%
Africa – Med Western Asia	2,289	2,295	0.2%	4.6%	590	576	-2.5%	1.5%	25.8%	25.1%	-70 bps -78 bps	466	450	-3.4%	2.1%
Group Service & Other	399	529	32.7%	32.7%	-40	-17	-57.4%	-57.4%	-9.9%	-3.2%	+675 bps +676 bps	-65	-44	-31.8%	31.9%
Total GROUP	21,178	21,156	-0.1%	-1.7%	4,258	4,499	<b>5.7</b> %	4.2%	20.1%	21.3%	+116 bps +121 bps	3,022	3,204	6.0%	5.6%



# **Operating result - Business lines**

#### **Year to Date Figures**

Business line		Revenue		Oper	ating EBI	ITDA	Operating EBITDA Margi			
CEMENT [€m]	FY 23	FY 24		FY 23	FY 24		FY 23	FY 24		
Europe	5,056	4,901	-3.1%	1,317	1,399	6.2%	26.1%	28.5%	+249 bps	
North America	2,196	2,243	2.1%	577	674	16.9%	26.2%	30.0%	+380 bps	
Asia - Pacific	1,978	1,833	-7.3%	315	310	-1.5%	15.9%	16.9%	+100 bps	
Africa - Med Western Asia	1,981	1,990	0.5%	522	520	-0.4%	26.4%	26.1%	-24 bps	
Total GROUP	11,211	10,967	-2.2%	2,728	2,902	6.4%	24.3%	26.5%	+212 bps	

#### **Year to Date Figures**

Business line	ı	Revenue		Operating EBITDA			Operating EBITDA Margin			
AGGREGATES [€m]	FY 23	FY 24		FY 23	FY 24		FY 23	FY 24		
Europe	2,033	2,337	15.0%	413	450	8.8%	20.3%	19.2%	-109 bps	
North America	2,098	2,123	1.2%	592	685	15.8%	28.2%	32.3%	+407 bps	
Asia - Pacific	661	664	0.4%	154	140	-8.9%	23.3%	21.1%	-216 bps	
Africa - Med Western Asia	87	83	-4.5%	16	11	-30.2%	18.3%	13.4%	-492 bps	
Total GROUP	4,879	5,206	6.7%	1,175	1,286	9.5%	24.1%	24.7%	+62 bps	



## 2023 restated figures <sup>1</sup>

Operating EBITDA [€m] Q1 23

Europe	255	610	864	593	1,458	425	1,883
North America	76	332	409	448	857	325	1,181
Asia - Pacific	129	158	287	178	464	179	643
Africa - Med Western Asia	121	145	266	172	439	152	590
Group Service & Other	-25	-14	-39	1	-38	-2	-40
Total GROUP	557	1,230	1,787	1,393	3,179	1,079	4,258
RCO [€m]	Q1 23	Q2 23	H1 23	Q3 23	9M 23	Q4 23	FY 23
Europe	127	484	611	461	1,072	295	1,367
North America	4	256	260	363	623	233	856
Asia - Pacific	67	96	164	118	281	117	399
Africa - Med Western Asia	91	115	206	143	349	117	466
Group Service & Other	-31	-20	-52	-5	-57	-8	-65
Total GROUP	258	931	1,189	1,080	2,269	754	3,022

H1 23

Q2 23

Q3 23

9M 23

Q4 23

FY 23

Revenue [€m]	Q1 23	Q2 23	H1 23	Q3 23	9M 23	Q4 23	FY 23
Europe	2,252	2,594	4,846	2,444	7,291	2,275	9,566
North America	1,030	1,404	2,434	1,522	3,956	1,263	5,219
Asia - Pacific	937	874	1,811	949	2,759	945	3,705
Africa - Med Western Asia	566	590	1,156	601	1,756	533	2,289
Group Service & Other	112	114	226	95	321	78	399
Total GROUP	4,896	5,577	10,473	5,611	16,083	5,094	21,178

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11.3%	23.5%	17.8%	24.3%	20.0%	18.7%	19.7%	
7.4%	23.7%	16.8%	29.5%	21.7%	25.7%	22.6%	
13.8%	18.0%	15.8%	18.7%	16.8%	18.9%	17.4%	
21.5%	24.5%	23.0%	28.7%	25.0%	28.5%	25.8%	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11.4%	22.1%	17.1%	24.8%	19.8%	21.2%	20.1%	
Q1 23	Q2 23	H1 23	Q3 23	9M 23	Q4 23	FY 23	
5.6%	18.6%	12.6%	18.9%	14.7%	13.0%	14.3%	
0.4%	18.2%	10.7%	23.9%	15.8%	18.4%	16.4%	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures are restated due to change in segment structure as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. "Western & Southern Europe" and "Northern & Eastern Europe" are merged into "Europe". Russia & Kazakhstan are moved from "Northern & Eastern Europe" to "Africa – Mediterranean – Western Asia" region, as a result of change in Management Board structure and responsibilities.



## **Financial Calendar & IR Contacts**

#### **Upcoming events:**

- 08.05.2025: Q1 Trading Update
- 15.05.2025: Annual General Meeting
- 27./28.05.2025: CMD in Brevik
- 31.07.2025: Half Year Results
- 06.11.2025: Q3 Trading Update

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