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Full Year Results

For the year ended 30 April 2025

Strategic progress driving
double digit profit growth

September 2025

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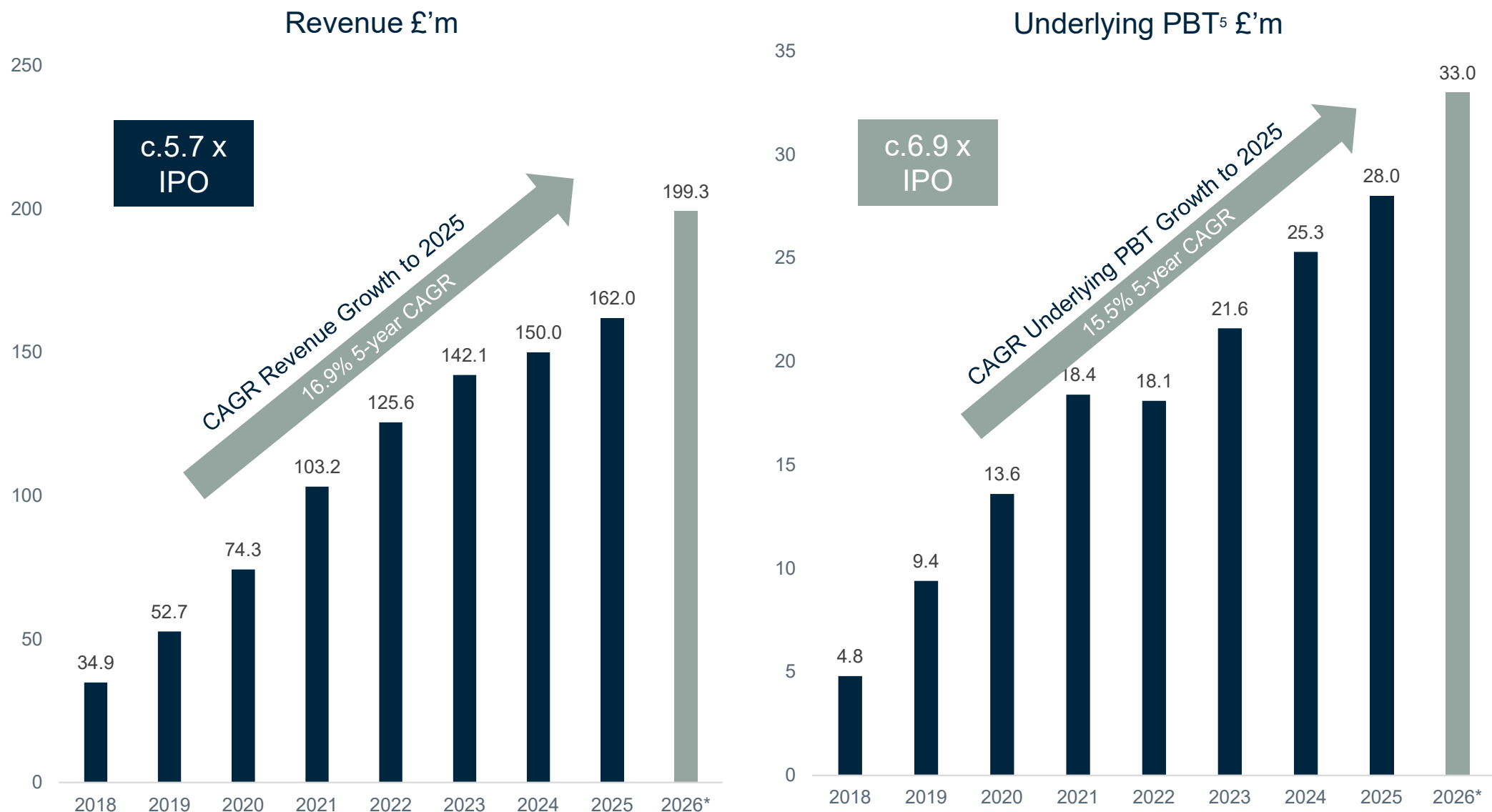
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Full year overview

Double digit profit growth



Track record of profitable, cash generative growth

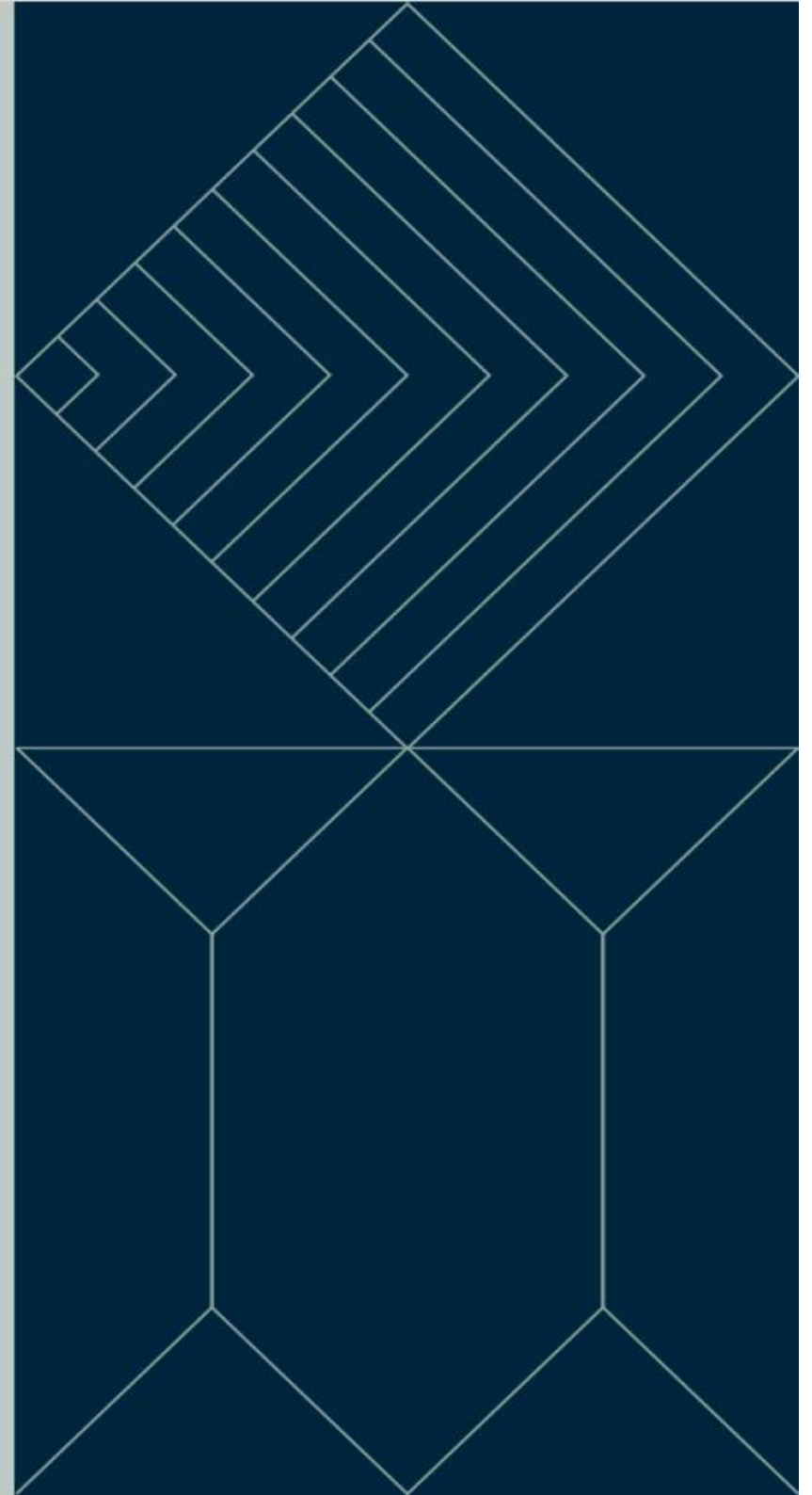


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Financial Review



Full year overview – key financials

Profitable growth and margin accretion

FY Revenue

+8.0%

To

£162.0m

(FY 2024: £150.0m)

Underlying EBITDA and margin

+10.9% to **£42.9m**

(FY 2024: £38.7m)

+70bps to **26.5%**

(FY 2024: 25.8%)

Underlying PBT⁵ and margin

+10.6% to **£28.0m**

(FY 2024: £25.3m)

+40bps to **17.3%**

(FY 2024: 16.9%)

Underlying Basic EPS⁶

+9.8%

At

23.95p

(FY 2024: 21.81p)

Period End Lockup⁸

86 days

Debtor days WIP days

31 55

(FY 2024: 78 days)

Underlying Cash Conversion⁴

130%

(FY 2024: 131%)

Net Debt⁷

£64.8m

after c.£30.3m of
acquisition consideration

(FY 2024: £35.2m)

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Robust financial performance

Summary income statement (£'000)

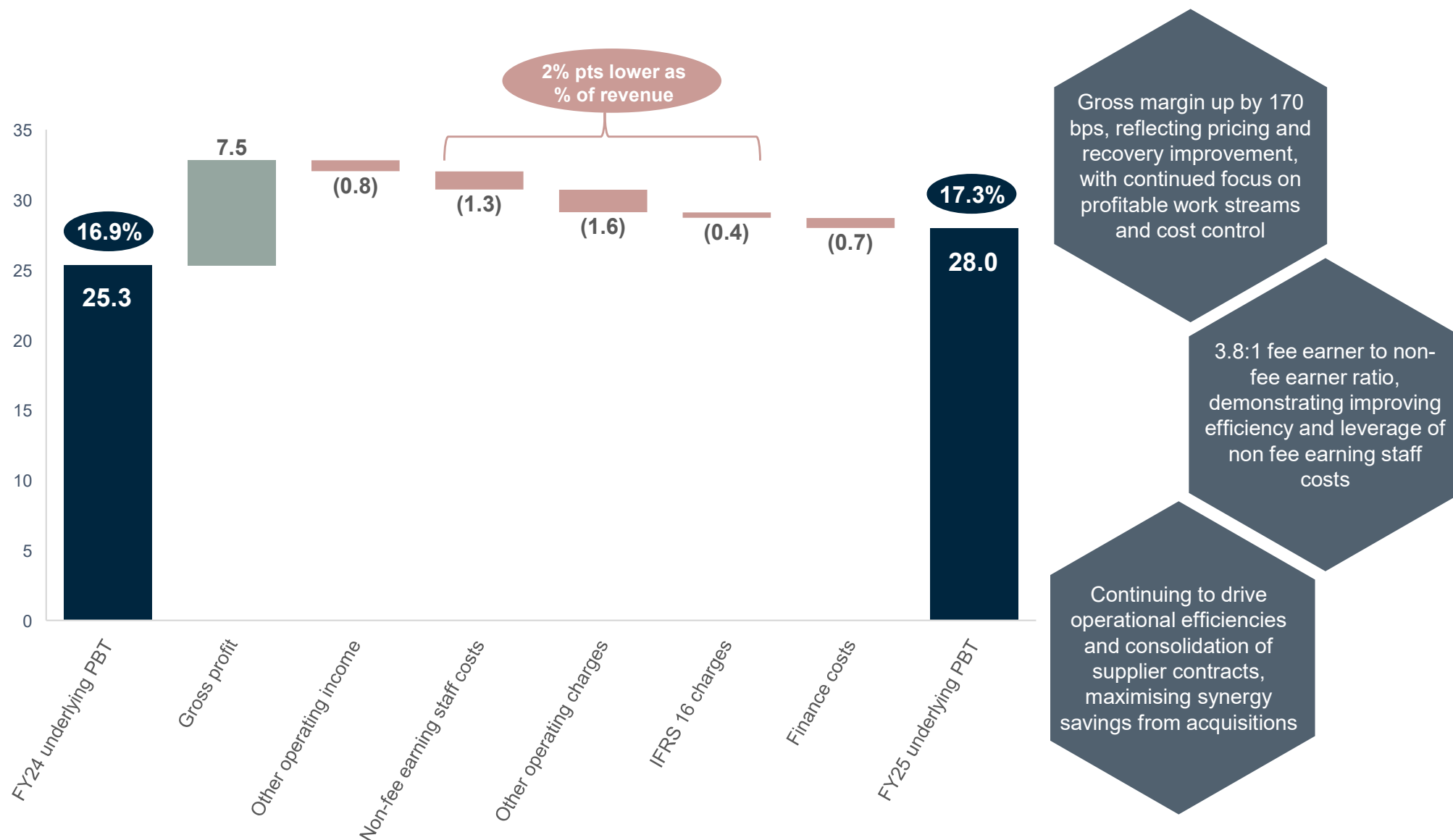
	30 April 2025	30 April 2024
Revenue	161,966	149,957
Revenue Growth %	8.0%	6.0%
Other operating income	9,649	10,439
Staff costs	(97,607)	(93,007)
Other operating charges ⁹	(31,080)	(28,707)
Underlying EBITDA¹⁰	42,928	38,682
Underlying EBITDA %	26.5%	25.8%
IFRS charges	(7,472)	(7,078)
EBITDA post IFRS 16 charges ¹¹	35,456	31,604
Depreciation and amortisation charges ⁹	(3,617)	(2,903)
Investment and finance income	297	23
Finance costs ⁹	(4,133)	(3,402)
Underlying profit before tax ⁵	28,003	25,322
Underlying profit before tax margin	17.3%	16.9%

- Revenue growth of 8% driven by acquisitions in the year
- Other operating charges down to 18.4% of revenue (FY24: 18.8%) reflecting strong cost control and continued consolidation of supplier contracts.
- 70bps increase in underlying EBITDA margin to 26.5% (FY24: 25.8%)

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Significant increase in underlying PBT ⁵

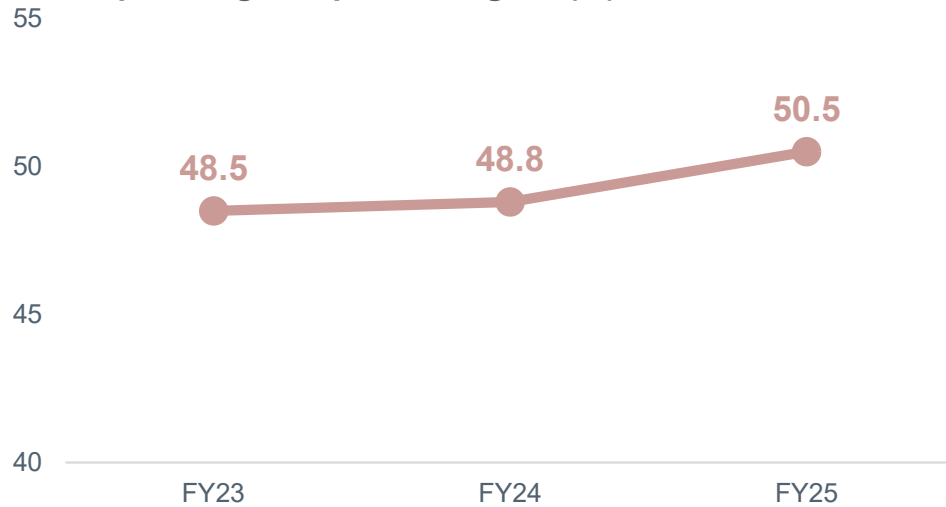
Underlying PBT Bridge (£'m)



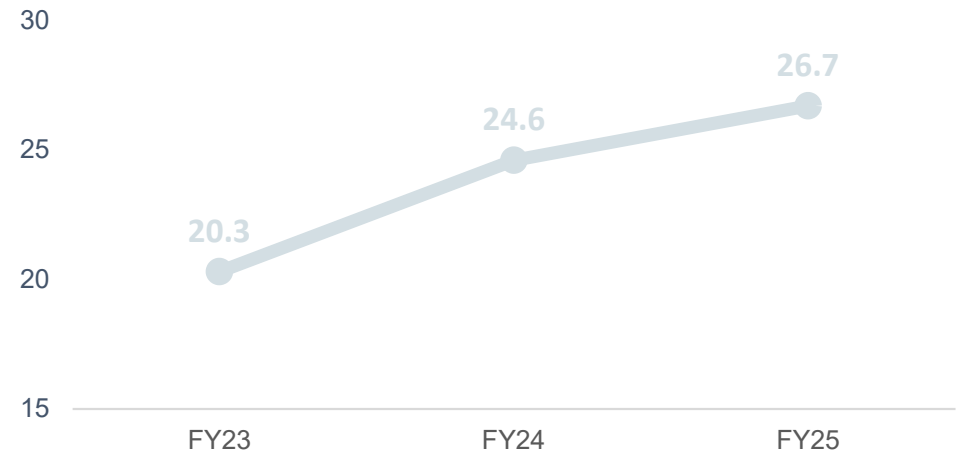
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Key Performance Indicators

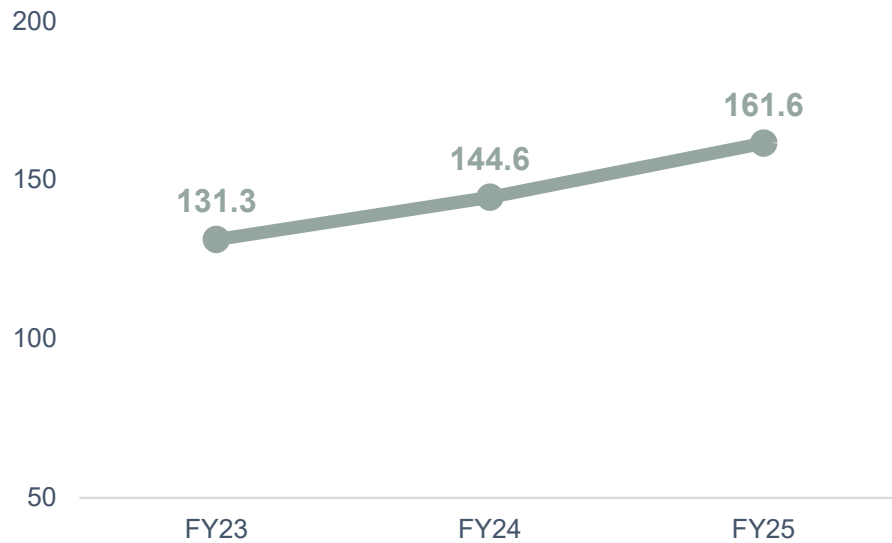
Improved gross profit margin¹⁴ (%)



Strong cash generation - Underlying FCF⁴ (£m)



Increased fees per FTE fee earner¹ (£k)



Increased gross profit per fee earner (£k)



Summary cash flows

£'000	30 April 2025	30 April 2024
Underlying EBITDA ¹⁰	42,928	38,682
Change in working capital	(5,121)	(3,549)
Cash outflow for IFRS 16 leases	(6,515)	(6,245)
Movement in underlying share based payment charge	1,195	1,121
Cash generated from underlying operations (pre tax)	32,487	30,009
Tax paid	(5,820)	(5,432)
Net cash generated from underlying operating activities ⁴	26,667	24,577
Underlying profit after tax ¹²	20,555	18,724
Cash conversion % ⁴	130%	131%

130%

Underlying Cash Conversion ⁴

£26.7m

Underlying free cash flow

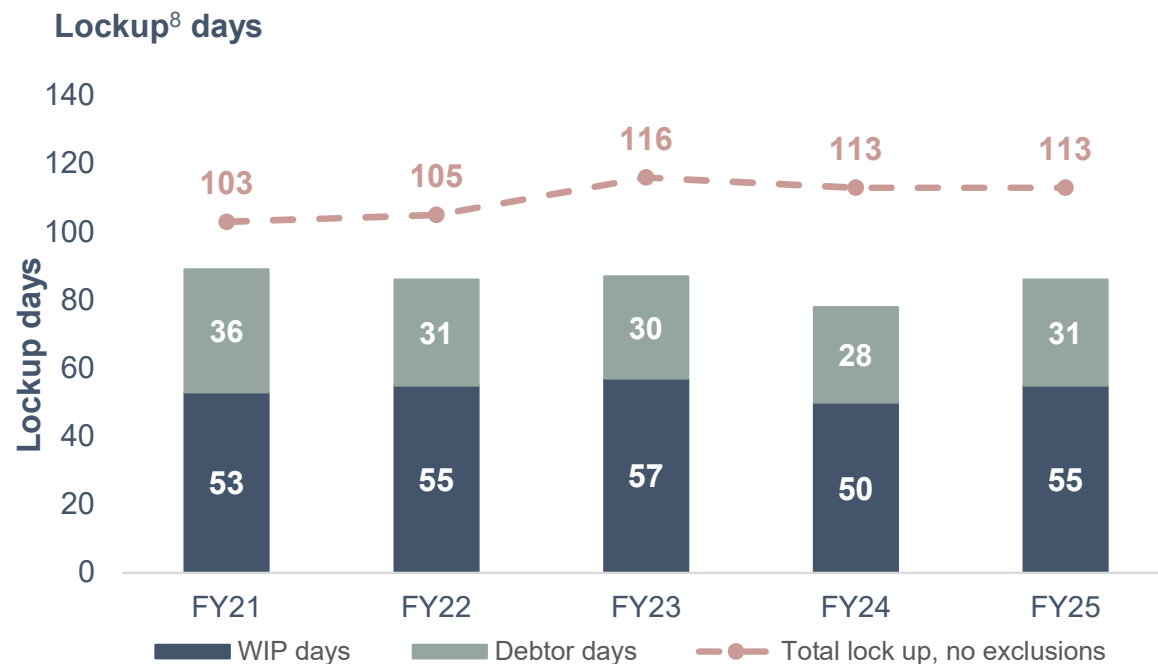
FY2024: £24.6m

Increased outflow in working capital mainly due to an increase in work in progress in our CL Medilaw business which continued to demonstrate strong organic growth during the year.

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Industry leading debtor days

Our unique culture drives cash generation



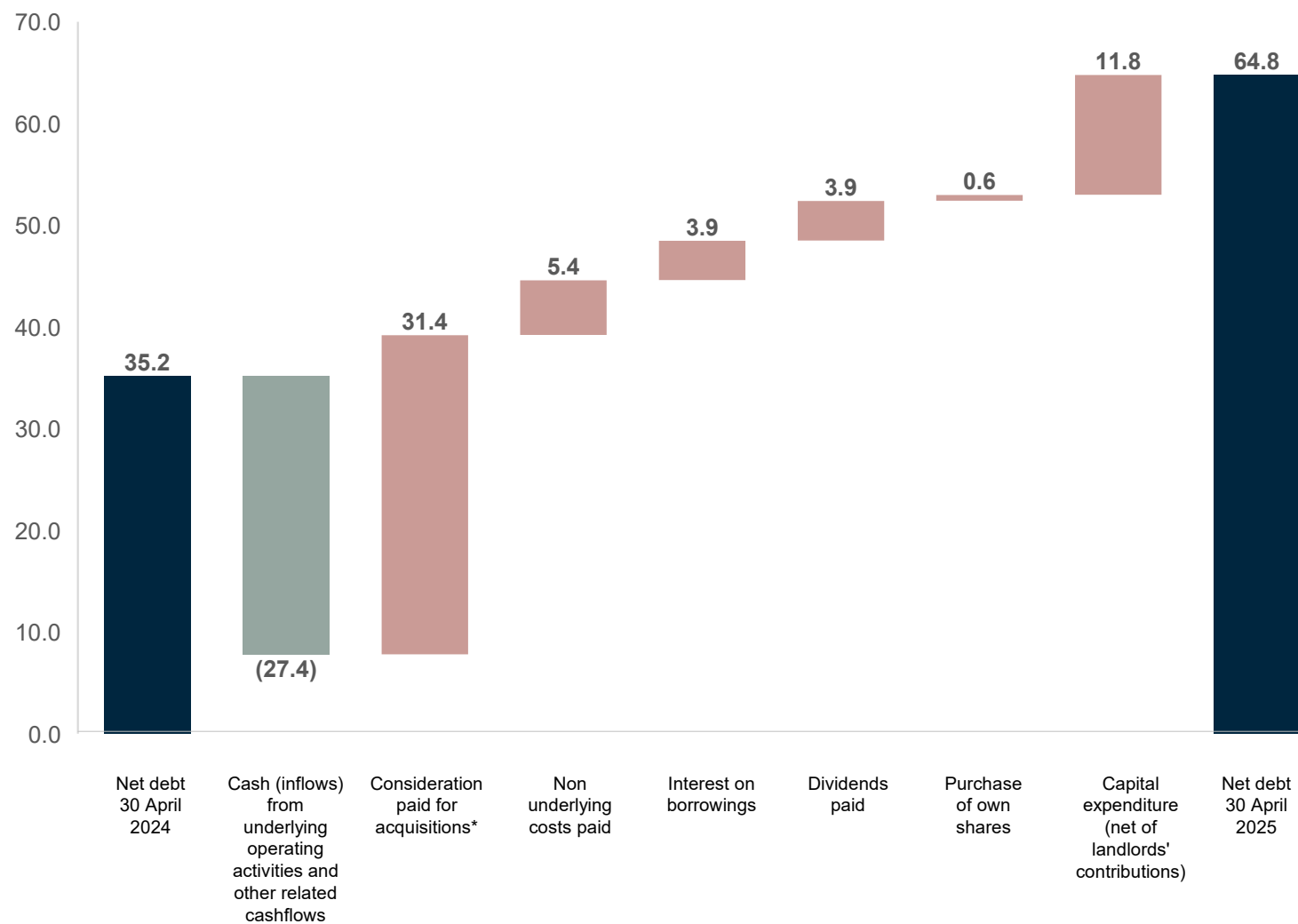
- 86 days lock up⁸ across the group, WIP days 55 days and debtor days 31 days, this remains well within our target of 90 days and is significantly ahead of the industry average
- Debtor days of 31 days (FY24: 28) compared to 124 average for the top 100 firms[^]
- Consistently transformed the lockup of acquisitions, reflecting culture of strong financial management, corporate model and robust systems on integration

Progress reducing acquisition lock up days

	At acquisition		At 30 April 25
FY23	215 days		79 days
	213 days		80 days
FY24	129 days		56 days
	174 days		68 days
FY25	115 days		78 days
	176 days		176 days

(8) See Glossary
[^]data source The Law Society and New Law Journal

Net debt⁷ bridge (£'m)



**Net debt at
£64.8m**

c.£35.2m
at 30 April 24

**RCF available
£100m**

c.£30m headroom
in current facilities as
at 30 April 2025

**Covenant leverage
1.57x**

at 30 April 2025

(1.14x at 30 April 24)

**Final dividend of
3.05p per share**

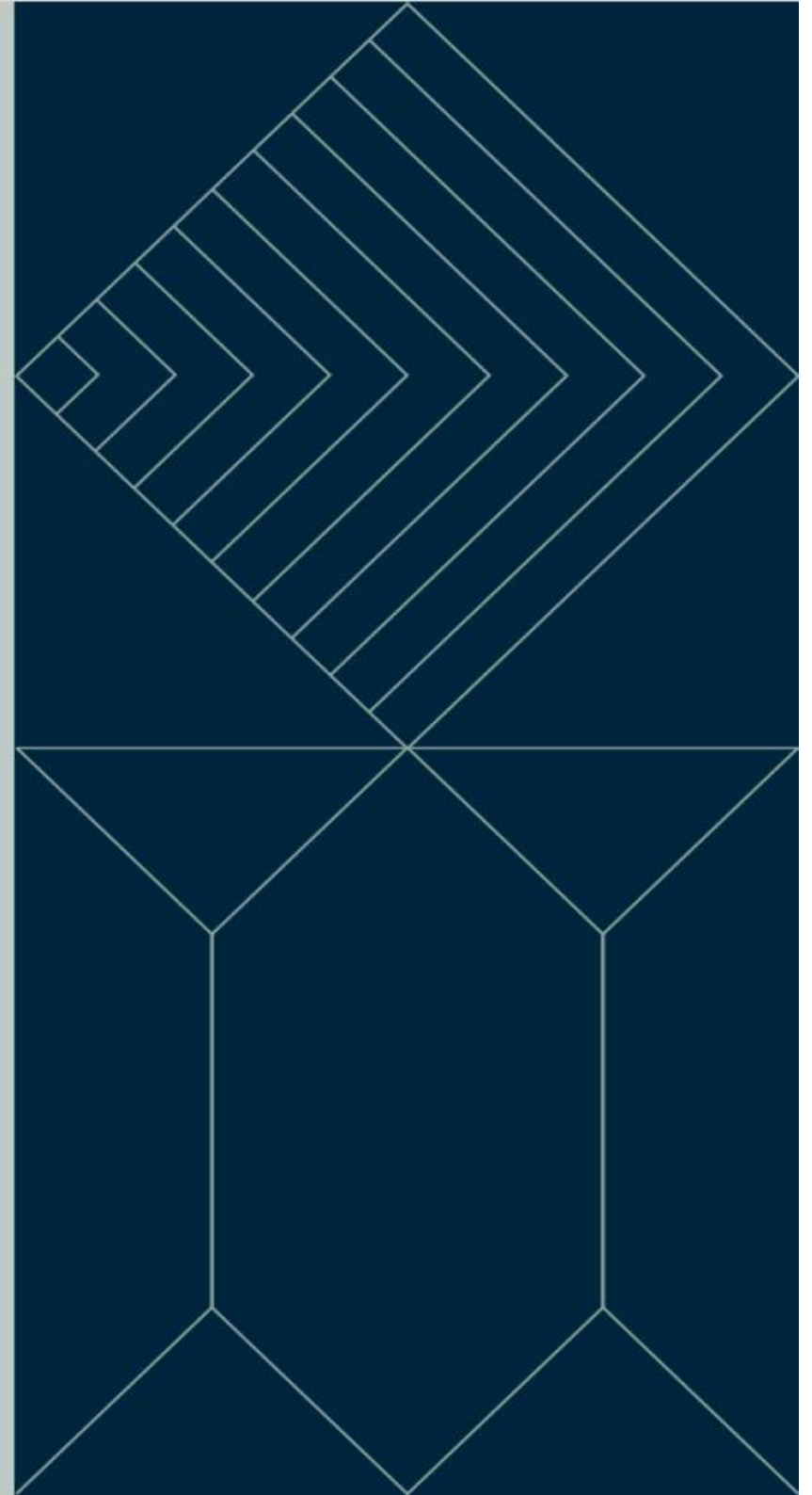
Total dividend

+9% to 4.81p
(FY24: 4.40p)

* includes deferred and contingent acquisition payments and acquired debt and cash
(7) See Glossary

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Operational Review



Knights today: unmatched national scale with unique local reach

Business never stronger in terms of scale, recognition, services and talent

Our USP

1

Unrivalled breadth of locally accessible specialisms

- Underserved locations with strong underlying demand for a broad suite of professional services
- Retaining deep local relationships with proximity to clients

2

Premium quality with a deep talent pool available at a lower cost

- Premium service built on speed, access and communication
- Diverse, specialised capabilities with a regional cost base
- Brand strength underpins ability to attract leading talent

3

Benefits of scale and a nationally recognised brand

- National scale attracts high quality work, enhancing employee experience and retention
- Efficient central functions enable significant and rapid cost reduction from acquired partnerships with enhanced service quality and breadth

An industry leader

32*

regional locations, up from 6 at IPO

1,002

average number of fee earners (FTE), up from 350 at IPO

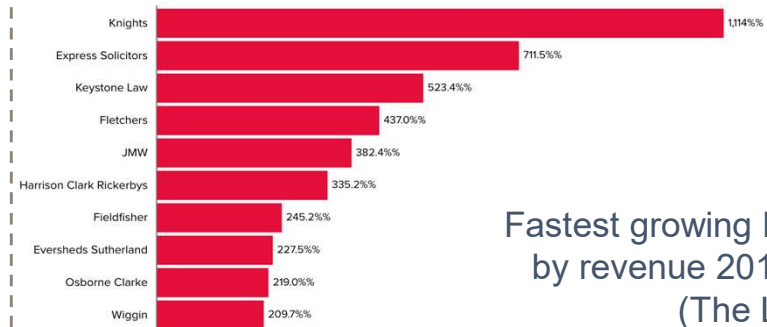
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Senior fee earners joined in FY25

+59

Employee NPS¹³

Top 10 firms by increase in revenue since 2014



Fastest growing law firm by revenue 2014-2024 (The Lawyer)

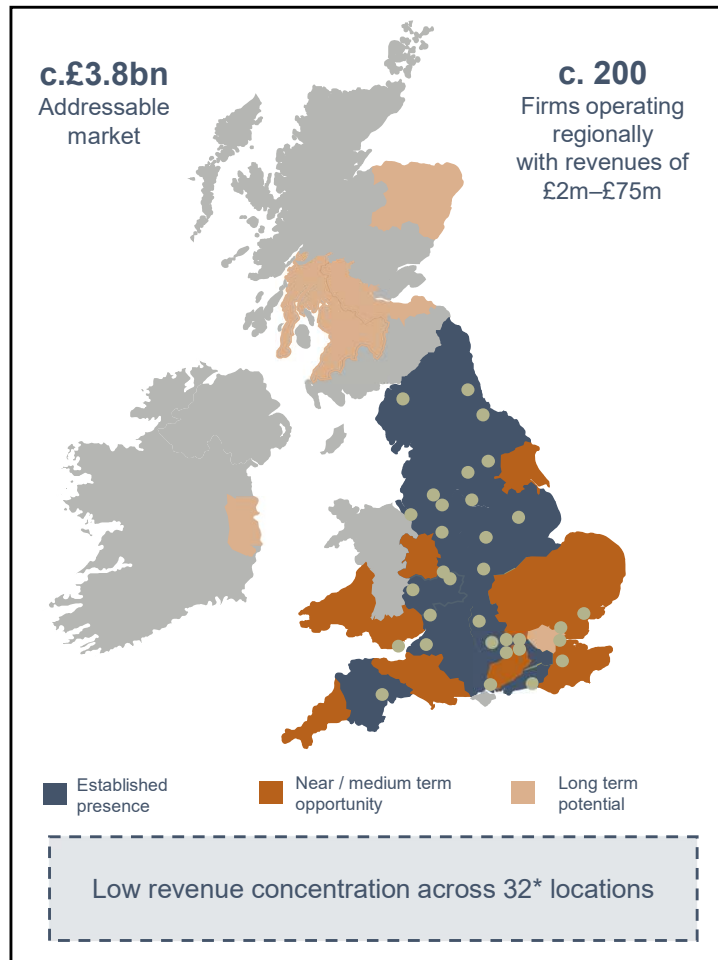
(13) See glossary

*as at 15th September 2025.; 30 locations as at 30 April 2025

Large and fragmented addressable market

Well-placed to capitalise on increasing consolidation in the sector

Significant opportunity to further consolidate and professionalise



Traditional partnership or quasi-partnership models are limiting the agility of law firms, impeding their ability to adapt in a challenging and ever-evolving operating environment.

Significant consolidation in the regional UK legal services market expected within the next five years.

Knights' strong position

Strong **track record** with 28 acquisitions over 13 years

Evolved corporatised model & scale an attractive proposition

Proven ability to **convert partnerships** to corporate model, creating a strong platform for growth

(* as at 15 September; 30 locations at 30 April 2025)

A compelling platform for legal professionals and vendors

Compelling platform for recruitment and acquisitions



Executing our value-accretive acquisition strategy

Largest acquisition to date completed in the period

Scaling through high quality acquisitions

- Acquired Thursfields, cementing Knights' leading position in the Midlands
- Significantly grew our South East presence with the acquisition of IBB Law in the second half – our largest to date
- Combined the two acquisitions added 247 fee earners
- Post-period, grew in the South East region with the acquisitions of Birkett Long (111 fee earners) and Rix & Kay (27 fee earners)
- In August, acquired Le Gros Solicitors Limited, adding a team of six professionals to our recent partner appointments in Cardiff

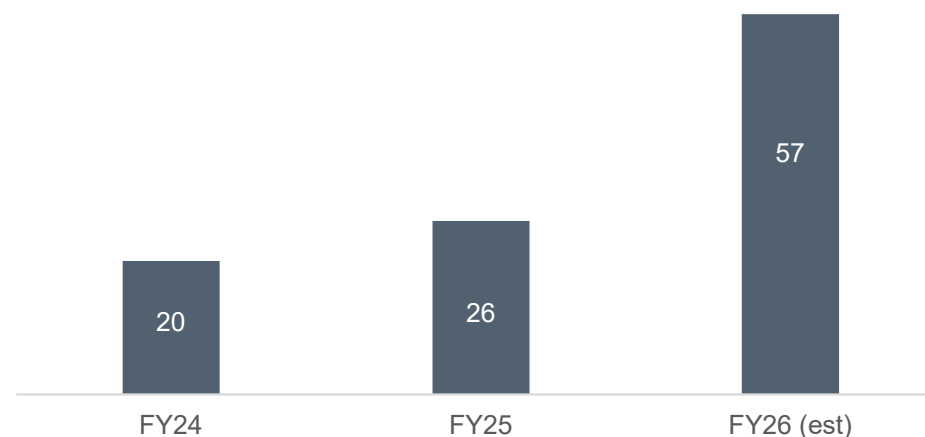
All acquisitions are integrating well and trading in line with expectations. Continue to assess a solid pipeline of opportunities

Case study:

Building scale in the attractive South East market with three acquisitions

- Acquisitions accelerate growth in key region, complementing existing office in Kings Hill, Weybridge and Portsmouth
- Proximity to areas of inward investment and major corporate clusters
- Unlocking value from synergies quickly and creating enhanced opportunity in the region with diverse suite of premium legal services
- All businesses migrated onto central operational infrastructure
- Attracting high quality work: advised on the sale of Reading FC and sale of Oldham Seals Group
- 426* total fee earners in the South East today

South East Revenue Progression (£m)



*as at 31 August 2025

Future organic growth underpinned by talent

Retaining and recruiting more effectively than ever

Strong recruitment and retention, with churn significantly reduced

51 senior fee earners joined in FY25, up 28% versus FY24 (40)³

FY26 recruitment expected to increase

Churn reduced to 10% in H2, significantly lower than industry average

Employee satisfaction at highest ever (eNPS at +59)

One team culture; newly refurbished Stoke office provides central hub for collaboration



*Zuher Makri, Senior Associate
Joined via IBB Law acquisition*

“From day one, the support has been incredible. Any issues, you can pick up the phone – or even just turn around – and somebody is there to help. It’s very collaborative. I can really feel the support of being part of a bigger group.

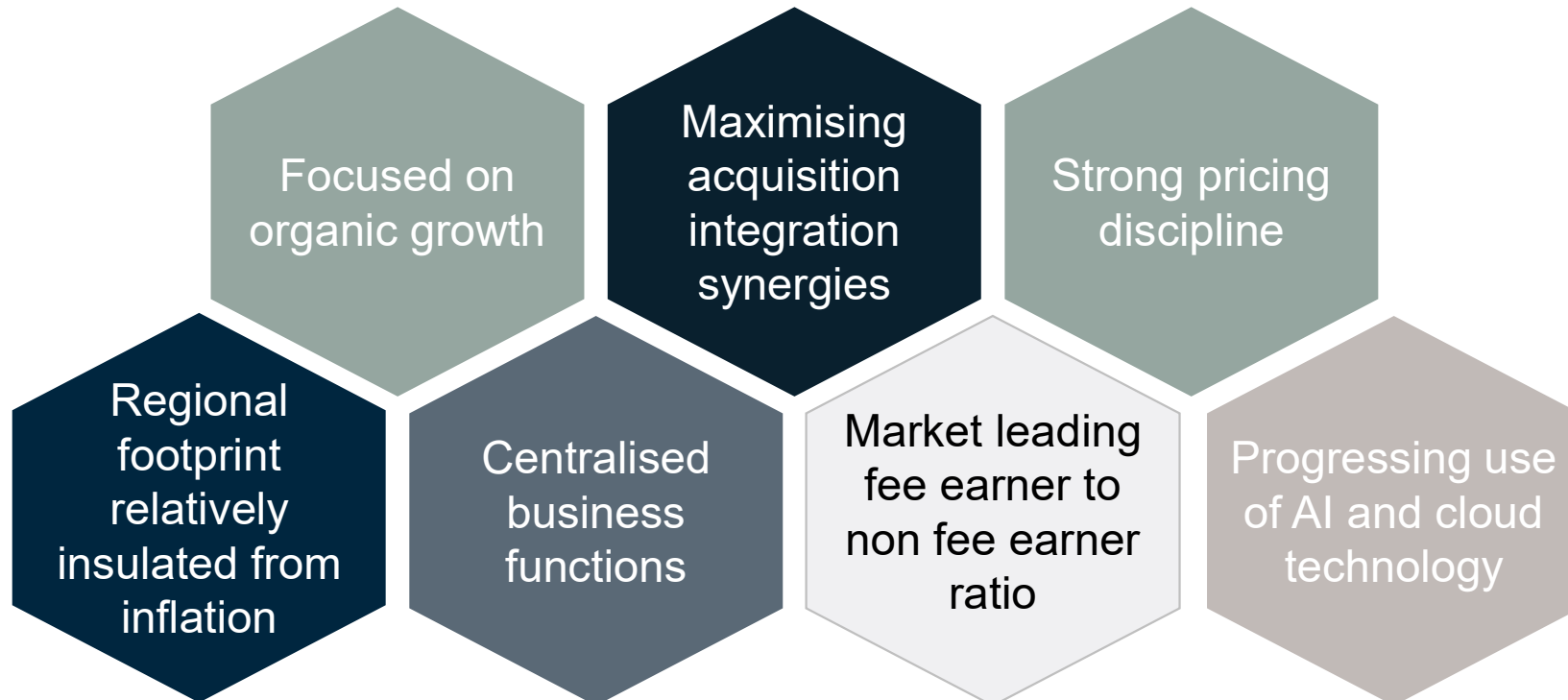
“Moving to the Knights model means I no longer have prescriptive targets which didn’t leave me enough time to network or see my clients. I have the trust of leadership to be more forward-looking and build a pipeline.”

(3) See glossary

Driving operational excellence and cost discipline

Sharpened focus across the Group

Experienced management team of 25 directors
- average tenure of 6 years



Lean delivery platform

Driving operational excellence: spotlight on tech

Supporting growth and margins through enhanced productivity and client experience

Hired Chief Information and Technology Officer in June 2025

- a newly created role

Single core platform and one team culture enables rapid and consistent deployment of new tools across the business

Further technology planned in 2026 to improve document management

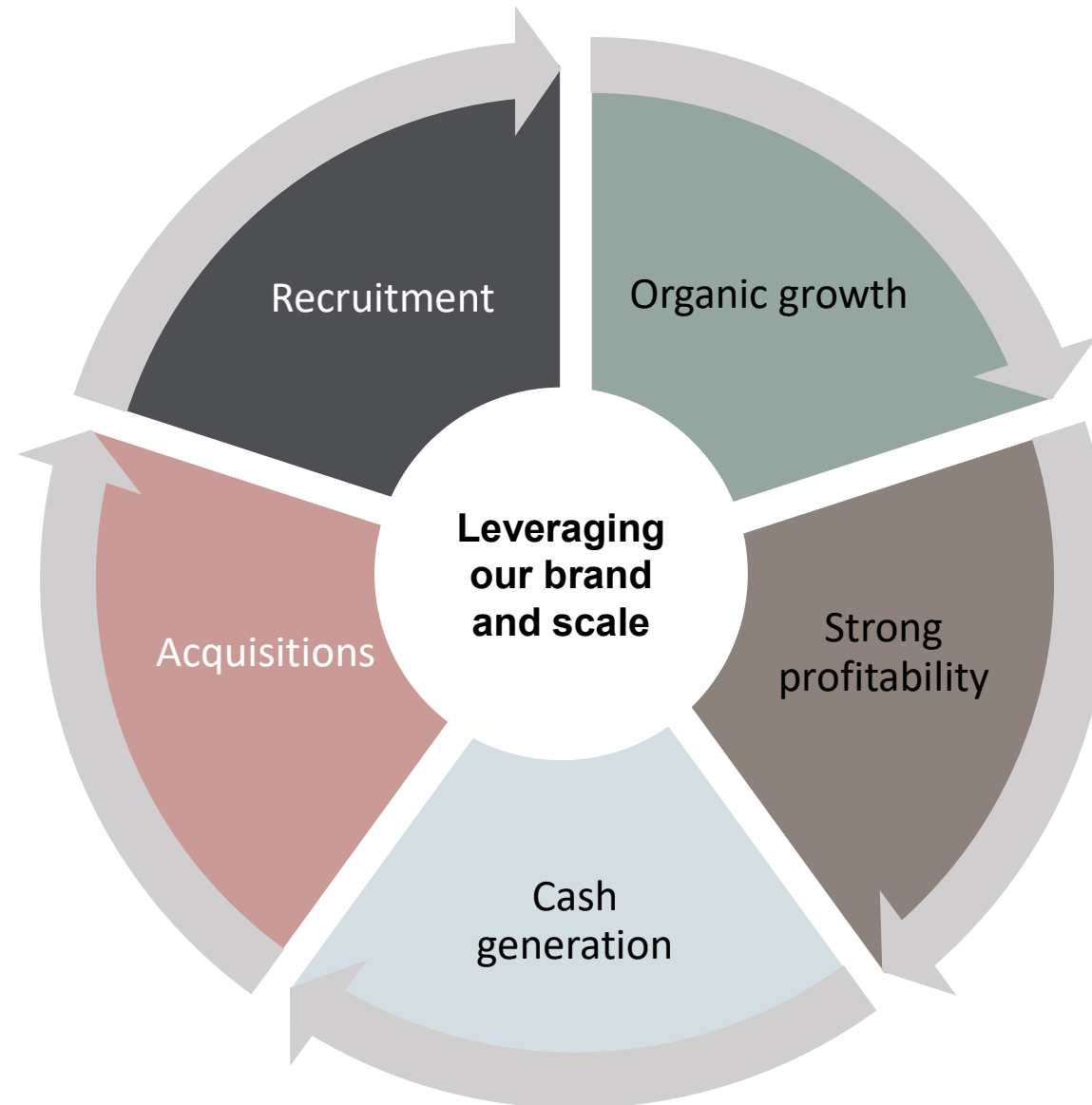
Aiding smarter decision-making in litigation and M&A

Decreasing admin time through automated client onboarding

Reducing document review turnaround times

Compounding profit growth model

Supporting medium term growth



Summary & current trading

1

Well embedded management team driving operational excellence and providing strong platform for growth

2

Trading at the start of the current year in line with expectations

3

Increase in high quality people and firms joining Knights expands our opportunities for further growth

4

Good financial headroom to build on strong acquisition track record

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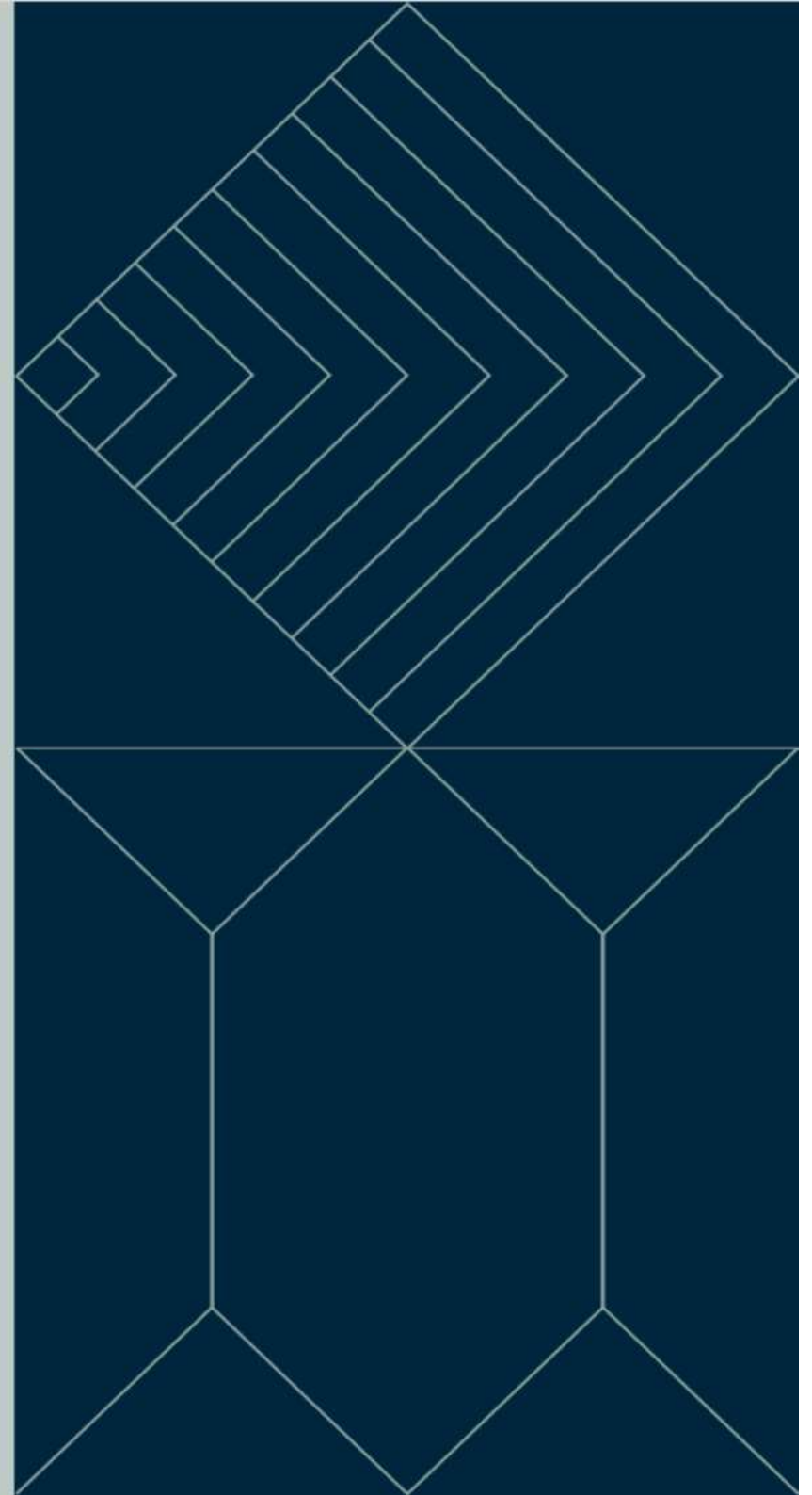
Healthy recruitment and acquisition pipeline

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Confident in further profitable growth in FY26 and the medium-term

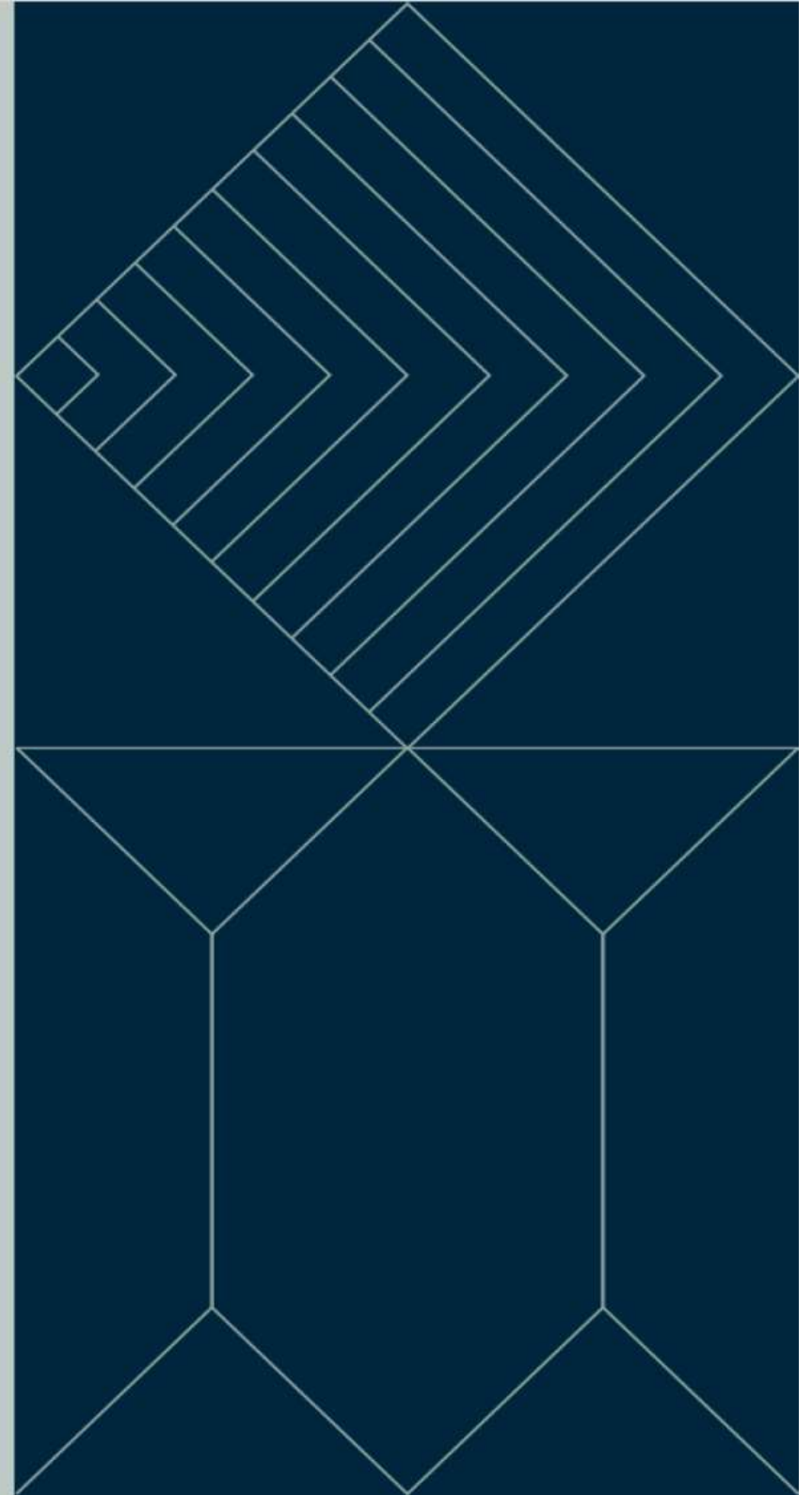
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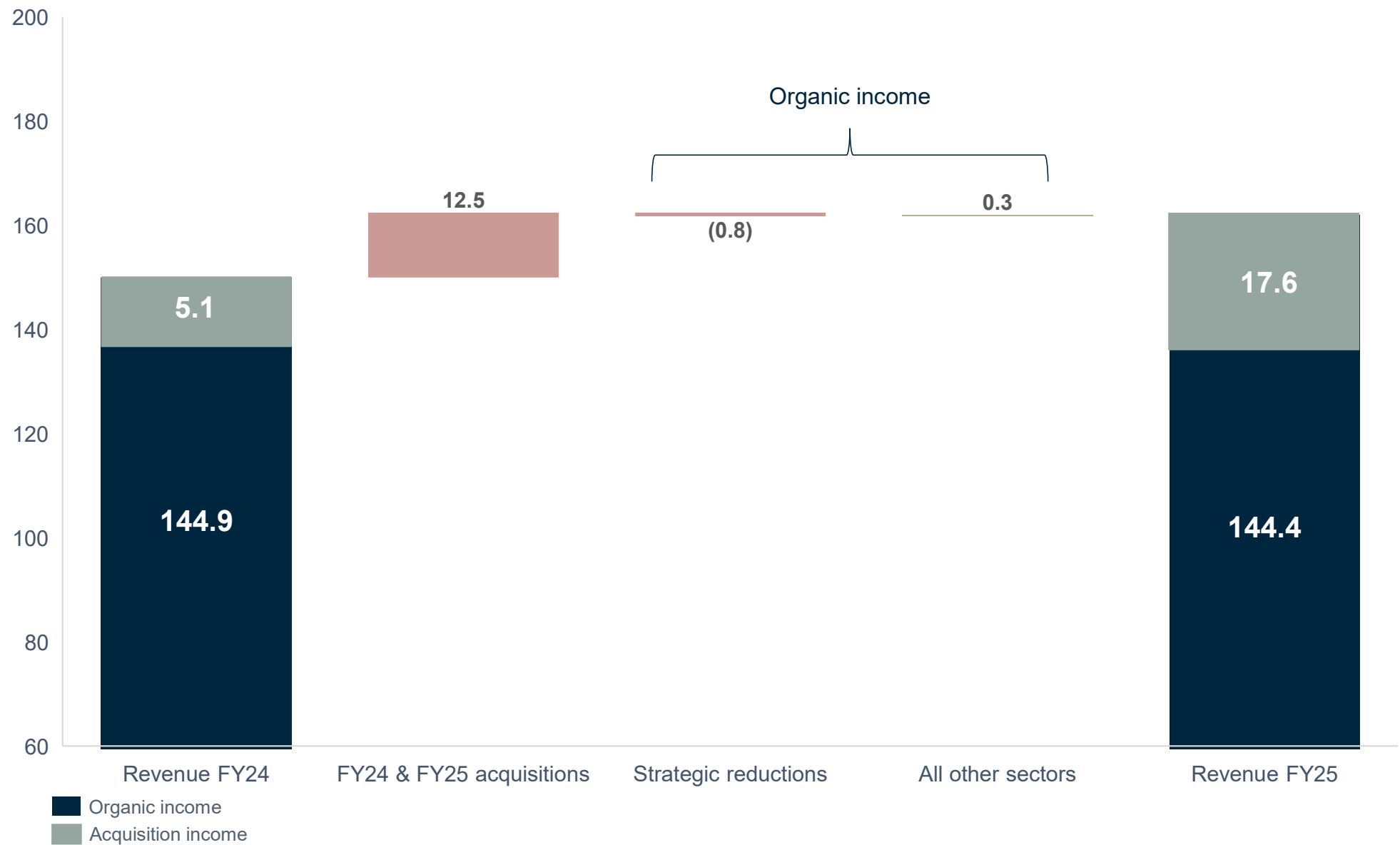


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Appendix I: Additional Financial Information



Revenue bridge (£'m)



Organic growth calculation

£'000	30 April 2025	30 April 2024
Income pre FY24 / FY25 acquisitions	144,425	144,905
FY24 acquisition income	5,042	5,052
FY25 acquisition income	12,499	-
Total reported income	161,966	149,957
Organic movement		
£'000	(480)	
%	(0.3%)	

Organic growth excludes income growth from acquisitions in the year of their acquisition, and for the first full financial year following acquisition, based on the fees generated by the individuals joining the Group from the acquired entity

Recruitment of individuals into the acquired offices post acquisition is treated as part of the organic growth of the business

Reconciliation of underlying to statutory measures – PBT

Underlying profit before tax ⁵ (£'000)

	30 April 2025	30 April 2024
Profit before tax	12,269	14,831
Amortisation on acquired intangibles	4,033	3,580
Contingent acquisition payments	3,752	2,824
Non-underlying costs	7,949	4,087
Underlying profit before tax ⁵	28,003	25,322

(5) See Glossary

Reconciliation of underlying to statutory measures

– PAT and EPS

Underlying profit after tax¹² (£'000) / Underlying earnings per share ⁶ (pence)

	30 April 2025	30 April 2024
Profit after tax	7,576	9,847
Amortisation on acquired intangibles	4,033	3,580
Non-underlying operating costs	11,701	6,911
Tax in respect on the above	(2,755)	(1,614)
Underlying profit after tax¹²	20,555	18,724
Underlying earnings per share⁶	Pence	Pence
Basic underlying earnings per share	23.95	21.81
Diluted underlying earnings per share	22.88	21.13

(6) (12) See Glossary

Balance sheet and liquidity

Summary balance sheet

Summary balance sheet

£'000

30 April 2025 30 April 2024

Goodwill and other intangibles	105,873	86,900
Right of use asset	46,635	34,034
Investments	111	50
Loan to joint venture	2,000	2,523
Assets held for sale	394	-
Tangible fixed assets	23,685	14,896
Working capital	64,640	53,125
Other provisions and deferred tax	(20,272)	(14,590)
Lease net of lease receivables	(52,529)	(38,573)
	170,537	138,365
Cash and cash equivalents	5,853	5,453
Borrowings	(70,682)	(40,617)
Net Debt ⁷	(64,829)	(35,164)
Deferred consideration	(1,175)	(2,941)
Net assets	104,533	100,260

- Increase in goodwill and other intangibles following acquisitions during the year of Thursfields and IBB
- Assets held for resale relates primarily to the Crime business acquired as part of the IBB acquisition which has been sold for net asset value post year end
- Other provisions and deferred tax increased due to £4.7m relating to acquisitions and £0.7m relating to onerous lease contracts
- Increase in tangible fixed assets and right of use assets reflecting assets and properties acquired as part of the acquisitions as well as investment in existing offices
- Increase in working capital due to acquisitions in the period and an increase in contract assets driven by continued growth of our CL Medilaw business
- Borrowings increased by £30m primarily due to: £12m capex and £31m paid for current and prior year acquisitions

(7) See Glossary

Deferred and Contingent consideration

	Deferred consideration (£'000)	Contingent consideration (£'000)	Total (£'000)	Expected Consideration payments due on acquisitions post year end (£'000)	Total (£'000)
Accrued at 30 April 2025	1,175	2,458	3,633	-	3,633
Payable at 30 April 2025					
FY26	648	5,648	6,296	10,295	16,591
FY27	294	4,690	4,984	2,367	7,351
FY28	294	4,372	4,666	2,367	7,033
FY29	-	-	-	2,367	2,367
Total	1,236	14,710	15,946	17,396	33,342
Non Underlying P&L charge:					
FY26	35	5,920	5,955	1,761	7,716
FY27	20	3,708	3,728	1,600	5,328
FY28	6	2,624	2,630	1,600	4,230
FY28	-	-	-	158	158
Total	61	12,252	12,313	5,119	17,432

Reconciliation of fee earner numbers

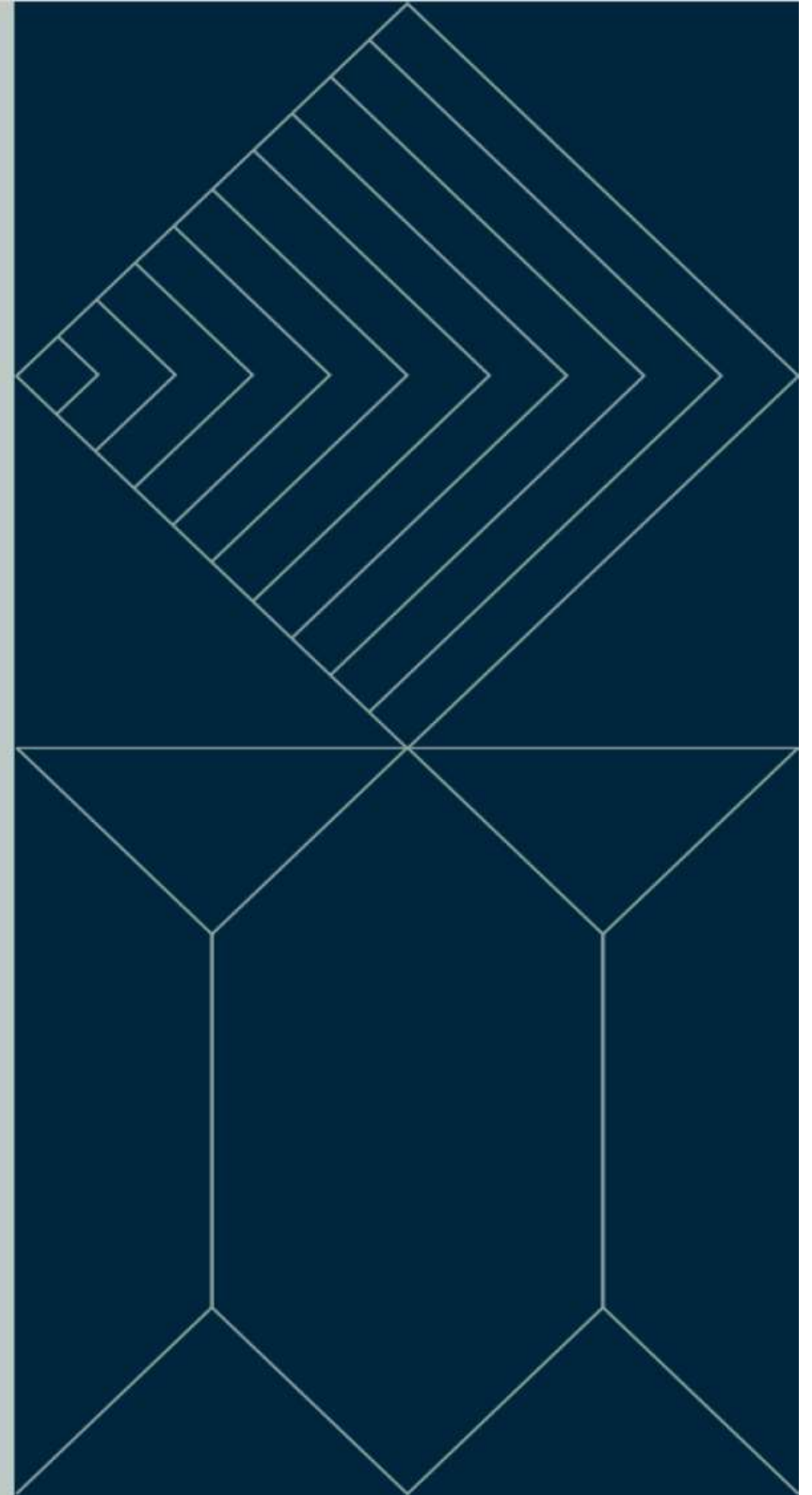
	Partner & Senior Associates	Other-qualified professionals	Non-qualified professionals	Integrar	Total professionals
Opening FTE at 1 May 2024	400	247	231	86	964
Acquisition starters (net of any FY24 and FY25 acquisition leavers)	73	67	71	-	211
Re-classification / internal transfer to support teams	9	18	(30)	(14)	(17)
Net organic movement	(11)	(22)	21	11	(1)
FTE at 30 April 2025	471	310	293	83	1,157

Glossary

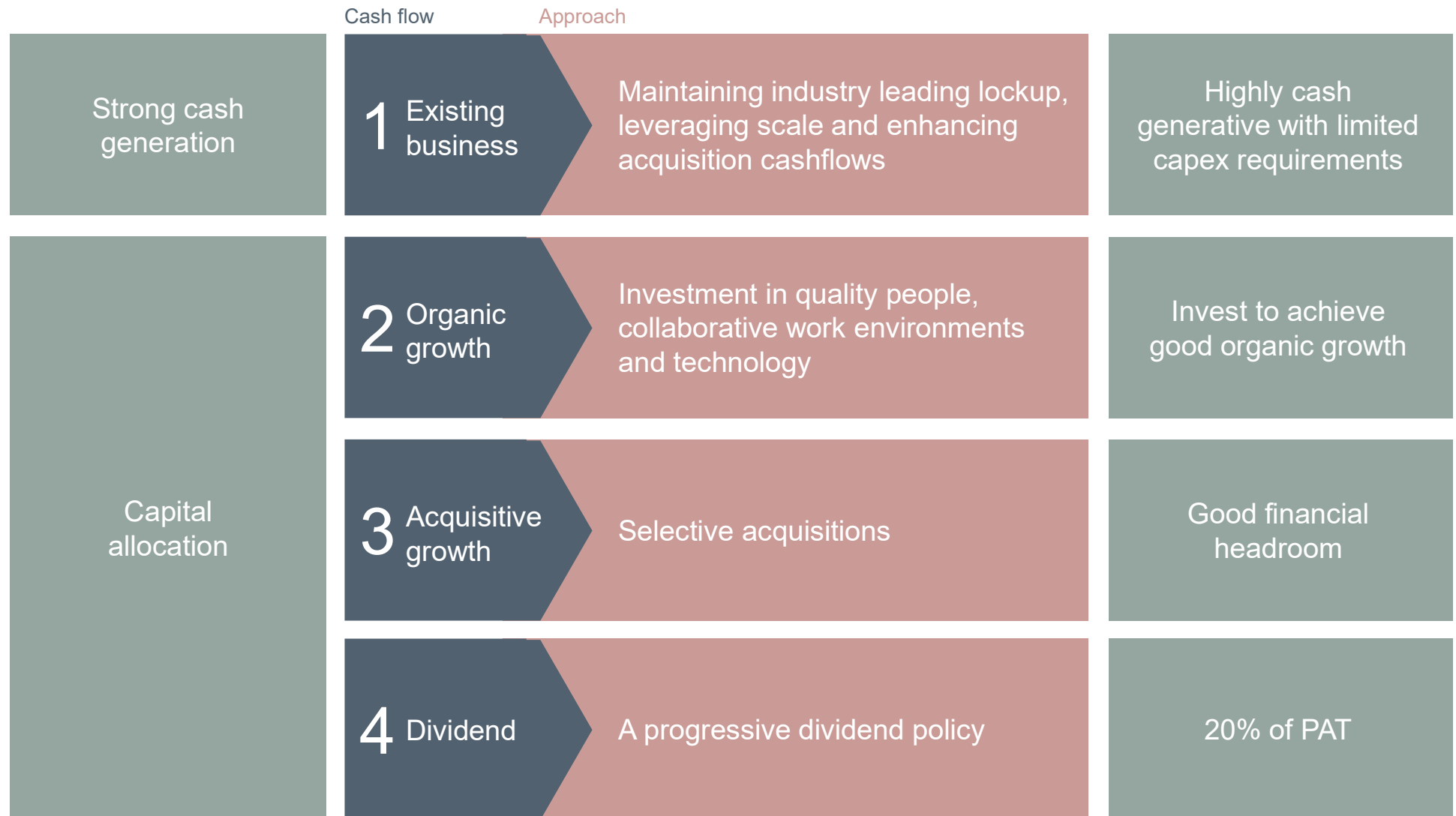
1. Fee earners are individuals working on a fee earning basis, which includes professionals (legal and non-legal) of all levels. This metric is calculated by averaging month-end FTE's over the reporting period, including all organic, acquisition and Integrar fee earners.
2. Clients refers to the number of active clients as at the period end.
3. Senior Recruits include Partner and Senior Associate professionals.
4. FCF (Free Cash Flow) Conversion is also referred to as Underlying Cash Conversion. FCF is calculated as the total of net cash generated from operating activities after adjusting for tax paid and the impact of IFRS16. Conversion % is calculated by dividing FCF by underlying PAT (point 12 below).
5. Underlying PBT (Profit Before Tax) is before amortisation of acquired intangibles, non-underlying operating expenses, and non-underlying finance costs. Non-underlying operating expenses include transaction and onerous lease expenses in relation to acquisitions, contingent acquisition payments, disposal of acquired assets, along with one-off restructuring staff and professional expenses mainly incurred through streamlining support functions or strategic reorganisations. Contingent acquisition payments are required to be reflected through the Statement of Comprehensive Income as remuneration under IFRS accounting conventions
6. Underlying EPS (Earning per Share) is underlying PAT (point 12 below) divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue.
7. Net debt includes cash and cash equivalents, borrowings and acquired debt but excludes lease liabilities.
8. Lock Up is calculated as the combined debtor and WIP (Work In Progress) days as at a point in time. Debtor days are calculated on a count back basis using the gross debtors at the period end and compared with total fees raised over prior months. WIP days are calculated (excluding that relating to clinical negligence claims, insolvency, and real estate investment) based on the gross work in progress, and calculating how many days billing this relates to, based on average fees per month for the last 3 months. Lock up days excludes the impact of acquisitions in the last quarter of the reporting period.
9. Excludes non-underlying items and amortisation on acquired intangibles
10. Underlying EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation) is operating profit before depreciation, amortisation and non-underlying operating expenses (point 8 above).
11. Underlying EBITDA post IFRS 16 is used as a metric as this reflects the profits after deduction of rental costs, which is most comparable to the EBITDA reported at IPO, before the introduction of IFRS 16.
12. Underlying PAT (Profit After Tax) is underlying PBT less any tax in respect of underlying items.
13. Employee Net Promoter Score (ENPS) measures the loyalty of employees to a company and how likely they are to recommend their employer as a place to work, which can also be used to gauge employee satisfaction. ENPS scores are measured with a single question survey and reported with a number from -100 to +100, the higher the score the higher the employee loyalty.
14. Gross profit is calculated as revenue less direct staff costs

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Appendix II: Additional Operational Information

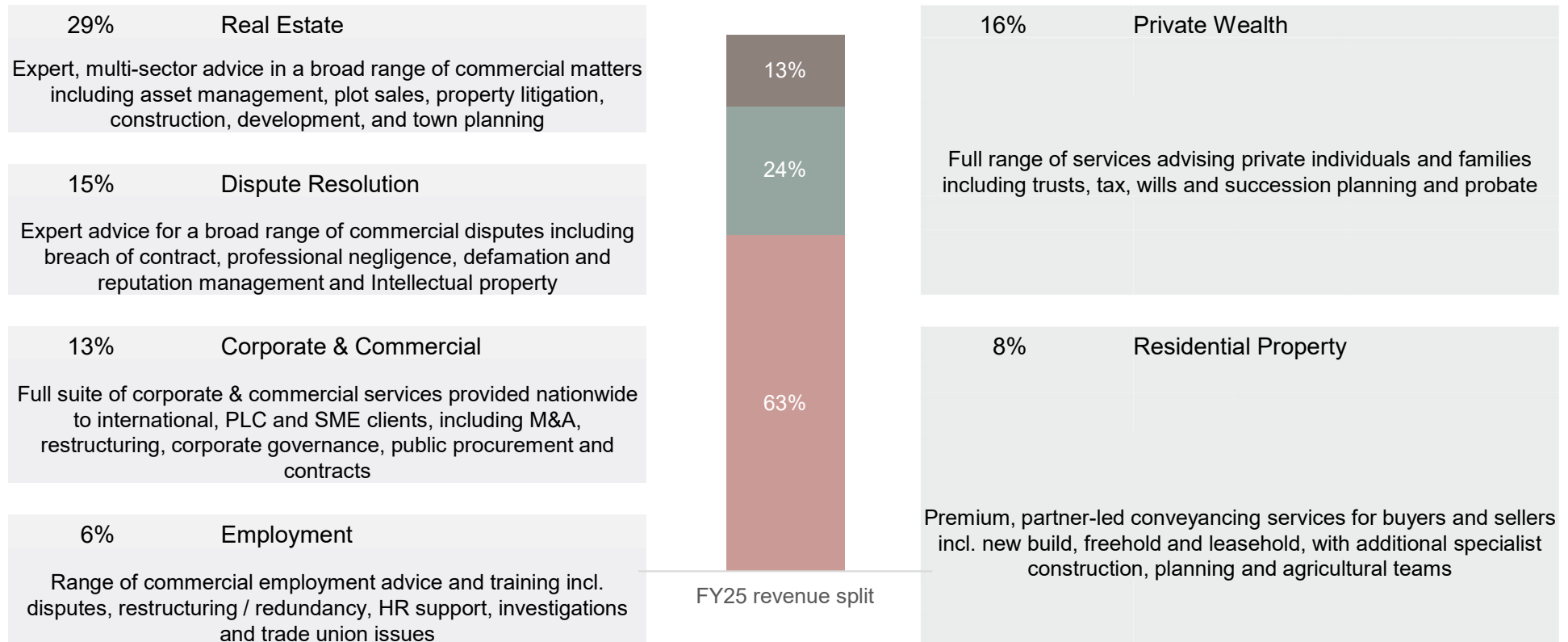


Capital allocation framework



Broad and deep specialisms serving both corporate and individual clients

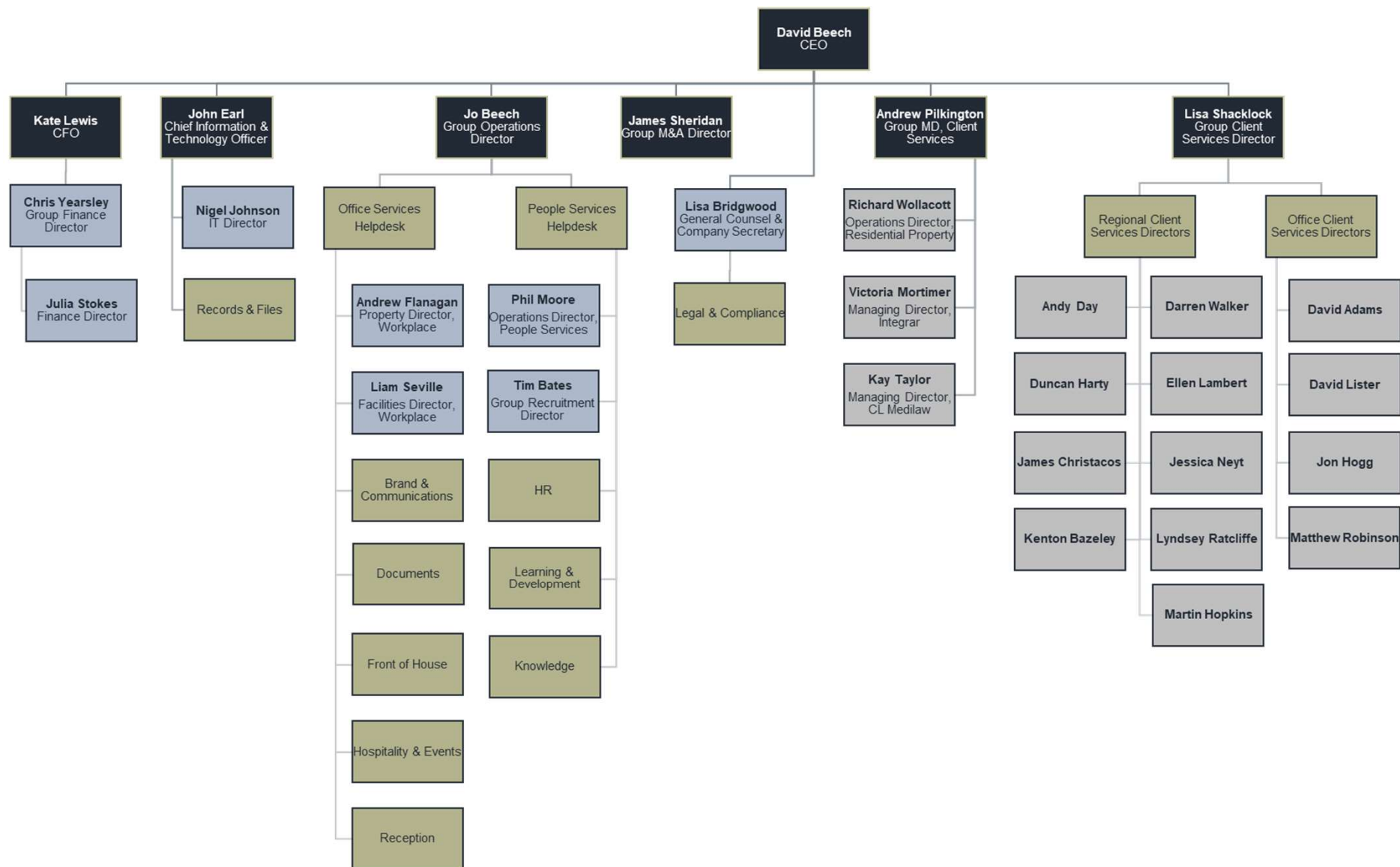
Core legal services offering



Strengthened with other specialist services



Leadership team



A unique collaborative culture to drive future growth

National scale and premium brand reinforces an attractive proposition for fee earners, clients and targets



(1) to (4), (10) See Glossary

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