



# Investor Roadshow

Management Presentation

January 2024

# Today's presenters



## Dan Wright

*Executive Chairman*

- Executive Chairman since 2018
- Founder Partner of one of the leading private equity Northedge Capital, Dan was a Director at Accrol prior to IPO



## Gareth Jenkins

*Chief Executive Officer*

- Joined Accrol in 2017
- 24 years at DS Smith, most recent role was Managing Director of the UK & Ireland packaging division



## Chris Welsh

*Chief Finance Officer*

- Chris joined Accrol in 2022 and became CFO in May 2023
- Prior experience in Ineos & PWC

# Key Business Update



- Competitors from +10 to 4 (Wepa, Sofidel, KC & Essity)
- Revenue per head £192k to £622k (Essity £420k, Wepa £520k, KC £362k)\*
- Added Value per £Total Labour £0.86 to +£3.00
- Waste down from +10% to 6%
- Head Count from 698 to 291 (like for like) – employee engagement 83%
- Tissue types 75 to 6, families of products from 40 to 10
- Customer Terms 60 days to 29 (over due's less than £100k)
- Complaints per million rolls = less than 0.05%
- Volume/Tonnes per head +300% - all sites fully automated
- Absence down from +10% to 1.3%
- Net debt to around 1x FY24
- Ongoing capital £3m to £4m – 20% “spare” capacity today

\*Denotes fully integrated

# H1 24 performance summary



## Margins and returns delivering consistent performance

- Private label market share up to 55% (54% H1 23)
- Strong EBITDA performance to £10.2m up 44% (£7.1m H1 23)
- Revenues down 17% to £100.3m (pro-active price reduction)
- PBT improvement of £1.3m to £0.4m first time since 2016
- Growth in branded volumes doubled in the period to 20% of revenue
- Net debt down to £25.5m (H123 £30.5m)
- Biodegradable wet wipes sales up 33%
- Pocket pack line installed into facial tissue facility



# Finance Summary H1 FY24

Continued Improvement



	HY24	HY23	Change
Revenue (£'m)	100.3	121.1	-17.2%
Gross margin	27.3%	18.0%	+930bps
Adjusted EBITDA (£'m)	10.2	7.1	+43.7%
EBITDA Margin <sub>1</sub>	10.2%	5.9%	
Adjusted PBT (£'m) <sub>2</sub>	5.0	3.2	+1.9m
Net Debt (£'m) <sub>3</sub>	25.5	30.5	5.0
Adjusted diluted EPS (pence)	1.2p	0.7p	+0.5p

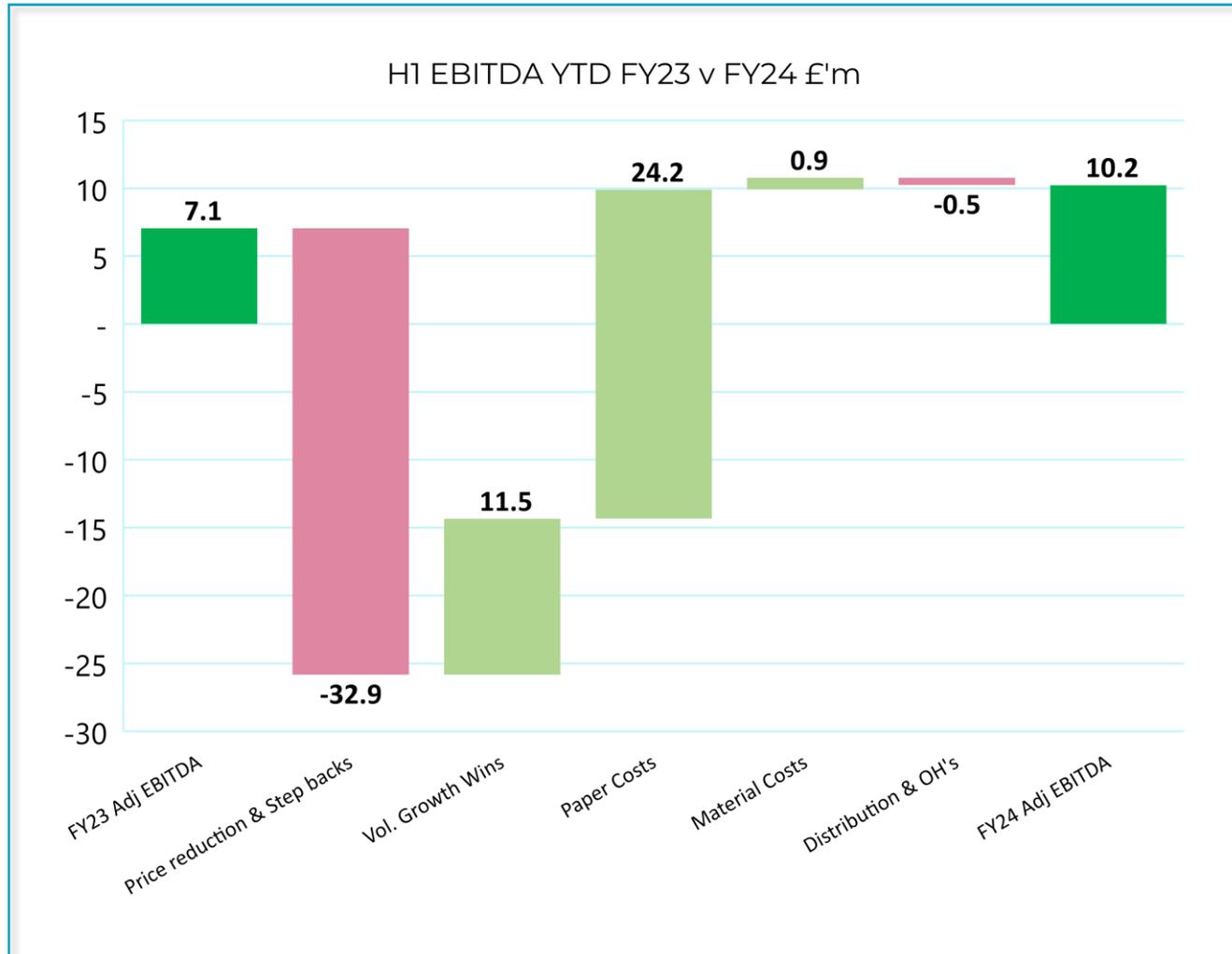
<sup>1</sup> profit before finance costs, tax, depreciation, amortisation, adjusting items, and share based payments

<sup>2</sup> profit before tax, amortisation, adjusting items, and share based payments

<sup>3</sup> excludes operating type leases recognised on the balance sheet in accordance with IFRS16

# EBITDA growth FY24 (H1 23 vs H1 24)

EBITDA delivered driving profit upgrades at £10.2m, an increase of 43.7% year on year.



## Headlines...

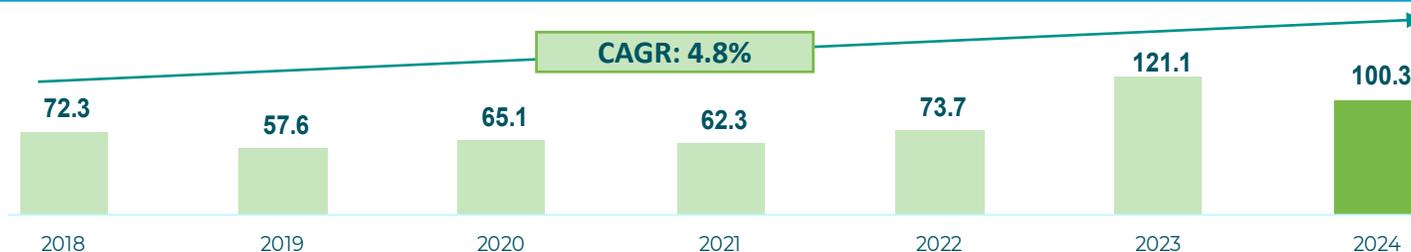
- No customer losses but volume balance realigned through SKU churn into higher margin products to grow profitability. Consumers have moved in to lower grammage/spec product range meaning headline volumes step down.
- Product development channels remain strong with opportunities in licencing agreements as well as a buoyant customer demand pipeline for H2 FY24.
- Raw material pricing has reduced quicker than originally anticipated which has recovered gross margin position in line with historic norms at 27%.
- Following strong commercial management and tight cost control, the Group remains on track to deliver FY24 adjusted EBITDA in line with the Board's expectations of at least £21m, up 34% year-on-year.
- Recently acquired Severn Delta wipes business will be accretive to earnings from FY25 and contributes various of new product ranges across household and personal care to our robust customer list.

# Financial overview



Accrol well positioned to continue to exploit the growth in private label tissue products and drive strong returns from recovering margin performance

## Revenue (£m)



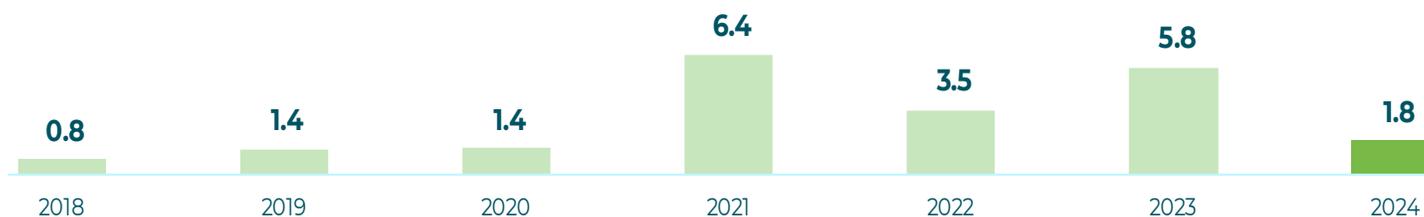
- Revenues reduced with price reductions & active SKU changes
- 20% of revenue from own branded sale
- New Licence agreement will drive further high value growth
- Private Label share up to 55% H1 FY24
- Bolt on acquisitions add product breadth & commercial strength

## Adj. EBITDA (£m, %)



- Strong EBITDA growth delayed by Ukraine/Inflationary costs
- Time lag created with inflationary pressures on input cost and price increases implemented means EBITDA margin still to fully recover, with further benefit coming through in FY24
- Margins continuing to improve by increased volumes in higher value products

## Capex (£m)

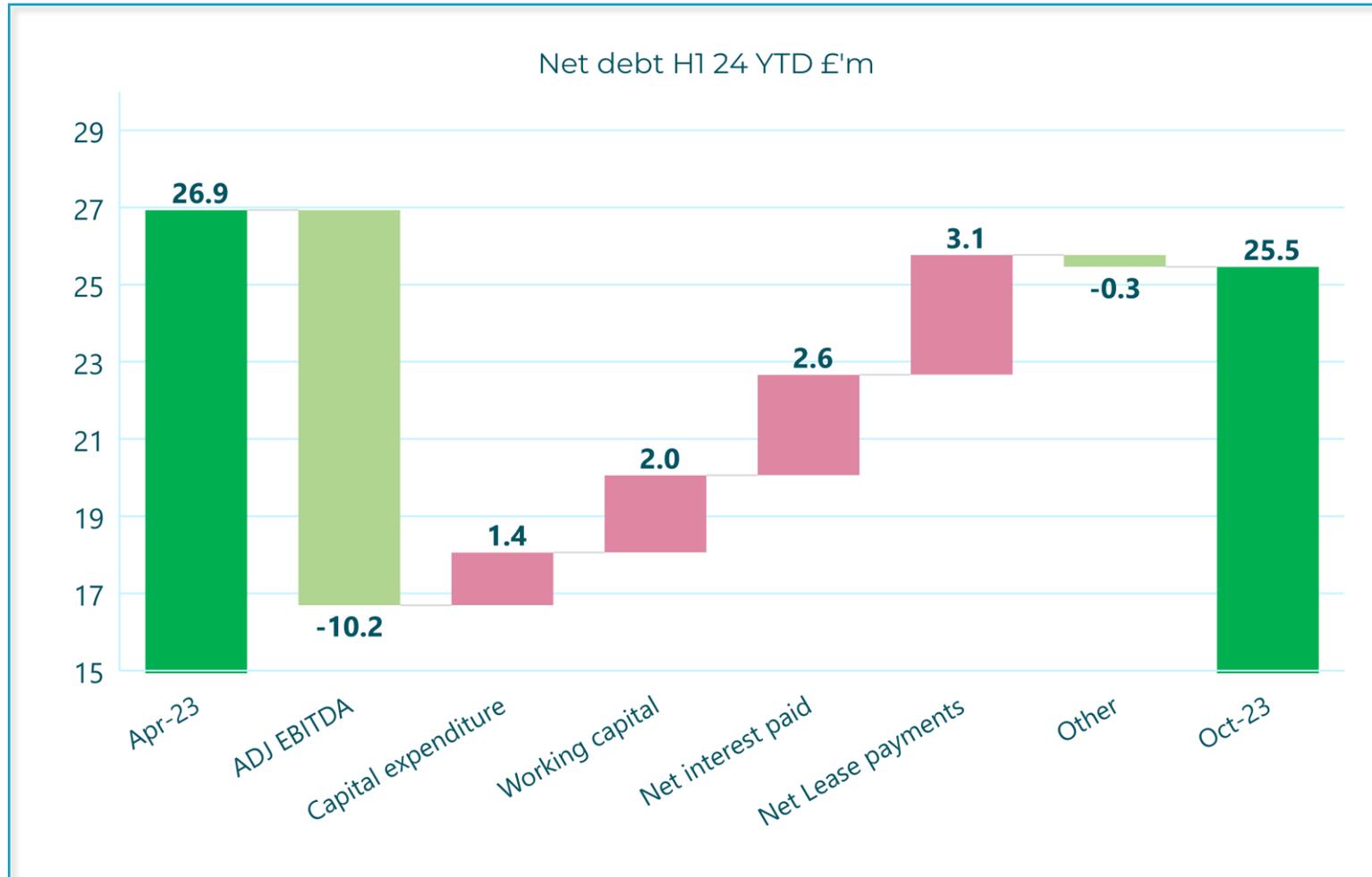


- Significant CAPEX programmes now fully delivered.
- Full automation complete across all sites in FY23 to conclude £20m+ CAPEX programme.
- Fully integrated WMS launched in FY23.
- Minimal Capital required in core business going forward £3m to £4m
- 20% "spare" capacity

# Net Debt Improvements H1 FY24



Despite inflationary challenges the Group still made significant progress with regards to Adjusted Net Debt, reducing net levels to £25.5m at 1.7x levered



## Headlines...

- Net debt reduced across the year to 1.4x (FY23 1.7x H1 23) levered.
- Management expect leverage to continue to ease on a like for like basis to around 1.0x due to:
  - Improved margins leading to greater cash earnings
  - Significant CAPEX programme on automation of all sites is now delivered with annual CAPEX now expected to return to 'sustaining' levels of £3m-£4m per annum
  - Working capital levels being managed down to release cash flows from increased inventory levels as supply chain disruptions have been evident in the recent past

# Commercial highlights

Customer service has been consistently high with 98% on time deliveries



## Headlines...

- Growth across every core tissue product range:



**Toilet Tissue**  
**+78%**



**Kitchen Towel**  
**+27%**



**Facial Tissue**  
**+34%**



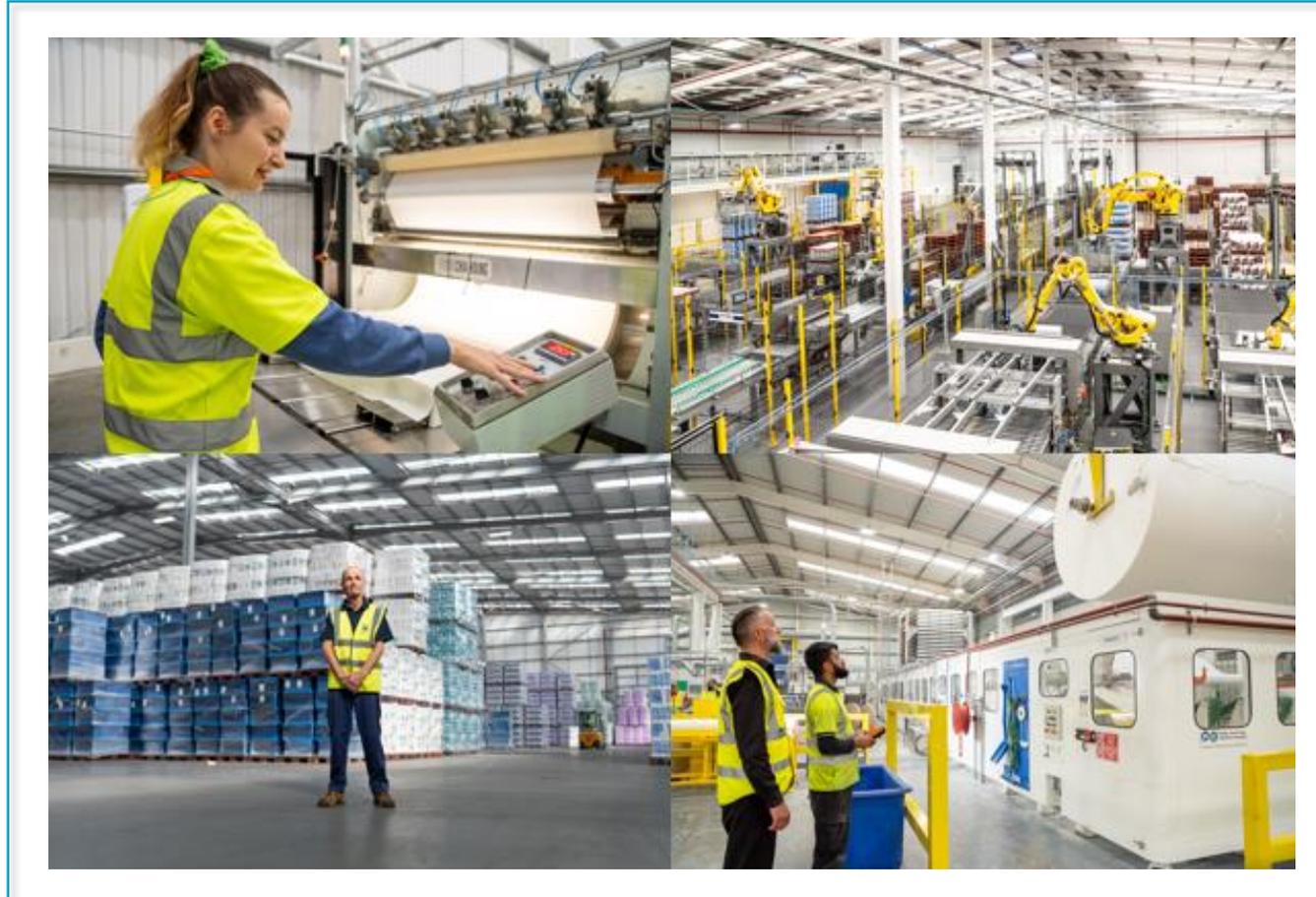
**Wet Wipes**  
**+70%**

- The Group's facial tissue brand, Softy now UK's 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular brand, Little Hero's our Wet wipe brand is no4.
- Magnum No3 kitchen towel Brand – Elegance No 3 Toilet Roll Brand
- The Groups subscription model, plastic free Oceans brand continues to grow strongly with revenue up 45% year on year and a major investment being made for FY24
- Water industry approved flushable wet wipe sales have grown by 33% in the period
- The business entered an agreement with another of the world's largest consumer goods companies to sell a tissue-based product – launching March 24 – retailer reaction excellent
- The Groups reputation amongst the customer base continue to improved, achieving a customer rating of +8 – industry average 7.75



# Operational highlights

Operational efficiency continues to improve with +3% increase in output per head



## Headlines...

- All major capital investment and restructuring completed
- Leyland output per head up 12% following automation
- Wipes business output per head up 24%
- Service levels exceptional at + 98% on time and in full
- Flint site 3 years accident free, Leicester almost 4 years
- Absentee levels 1.3% (world class)
- Highest ever Retailer Manufacturing audit scores with all sites achieving AA rating

# Investment case analysis

Efficient allocation of capital through M&A to drive growth

## Case Study – John Dale Wet Wipes Acquisition

Revenue at Acq.	£2.4m
Estimated Revenue FY24	£8.0m
Investment	£2.6m
Estimated cash flow returns to FY24	£1.5m
ROI	58%



## Headlines...

- Management apply a rigorous approach to capital allocation and investment decisions to increase the capability and capacity of the Group.
  - Typical IRR hurdle today of +20%.
- Case study - John Dale, purchased in April 2021 for a consideration of £3.4m (excl. freehold land) on a debt and cash free basis.
- Consideration associated with the wet wipes estimated at £2.6m.
  - Total revenues at the time were £6.4m and adjusted EBITDA was £0.6m.
  - Sale split estimated at Facial Tissue £3.9m & Wet Wipes £2.4m.
  - Initial project multiple of 5.7x EBITDA, reducing to 3.1x post synergies.
  - By the FY24 year end, our wet wipes sales are projected to have a run rate of £8.0m
  - The wet wipes element of the John Dale business alone has delivered an estimated return on invested capital of 58%.
- LTC ROI 77% - Facial Tissue ROI +50%

# Wet wipes business acquisition



The Group continues to acquire selectively to strengthen and extend our product offering

## Headlines...

- The Group has entered into an agreement to buy Severn Delta, a £5m revenue wet wipe business in Somerset, for an undisclosed sum but after operational synergies less than 1.5x paid.
- The business will have a material impact to FY25 EBITDA performance.
- The southern location adds further wet wipe capability and capacity.
- Complementary acquisition to our existing North Wales facility to accelerate growth in the market.
- Further product diversification through dry wipes, tumble dryer sheets & disinfectant wipes as we continue to explore adjacent markets to the core tissue business.
- Fully funded through cash reserves with minimal impact to net debt throughout FY24
- Opens up new markets and further customers
- ROI better than John Dale expected



# FY24 outlook

Group perfectly positioned to continue to target growth – strong cash generation – limited capital required



## Headlines...

- The Group is well positioned for FY24 with volumes expected, once again, to grow ahead of the overall private label sector.
- The new wet wipe acquisition brings new product technologies and ranges to the Group and will materially impact FY25
- Prices are not expected to soften any further than previously reported.
- EBITDA margins have returned back to pre-pandemic levels as previously reported and business firmly on track to deliver FY24 revenues of £205m and EBITDA of at least £21m – in line with previously upgraded market expectations.
- Strong cash generation – acquisition, share buy backs, dividend payments, accelerate lower debt or capital investment



**Thank you**