





FINTEL RESULTS | FY23

Resilient financial performance Significant strategic and operational progress



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For financial intermediaries and product providers it is a tough market to operate in

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The solution is...



All participants have a common and binding need for:



Regulatory support



Product information and comparison

RETAIL FINANCIAL SERVICES



RUNNING MY BUSINESS

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COMPREHENSIVE PLATFORM OF SOLUTIONS FOR INTERMEDIARIES



2023-2024 acquisitions and investments

2023 - A YEAR OF CONTINUED PROGRESS

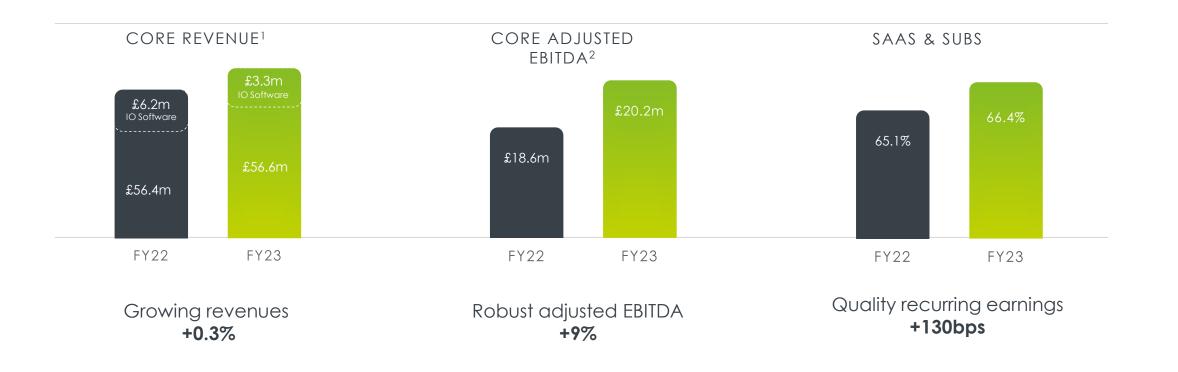


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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - CORE BUSINESS*

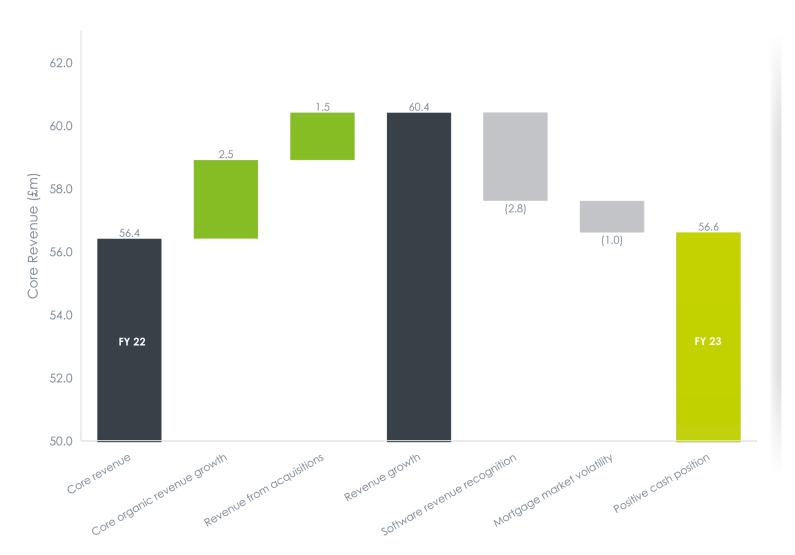


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¹Core revenue includes revenues from partnership software contracts. A new reseller agreement with Intelliflo reduces pass-through costs and associated revenues. Excluding the impact of this change to revenue recognition, plus the impact of acquisitions in the year, core organic revenue grew by 3%, and excluding mortgage market volatility core organic revenue grew by 6%

²Adjusted EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation, share option charges and non-underlying operating costs.

CORE REVENUE BRIDGE



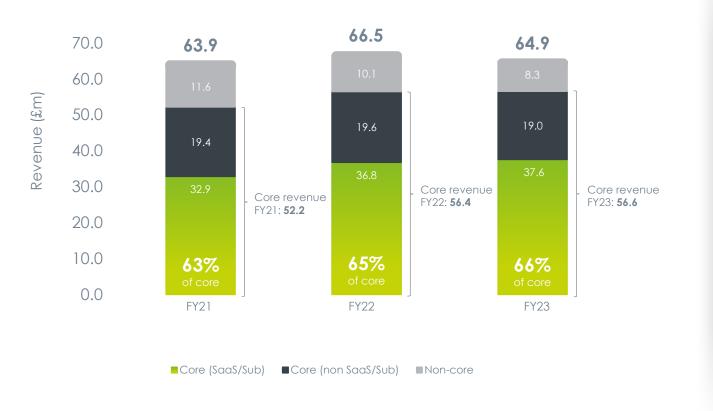
CORE REVENUE

Core revenue of £56.6m (FY23: £56.4m)

Core revenue slightly ahead of FY22, includes:

- core organic revenue growth of **5.6% +£2.5m**
- Revenue from acquired businesses +**£1.5m**
- Revenue recognition adjustment on reseller software (-£2.8m)
- Mortgage market volatility (-£1.0m)

CORE⁷ VS NON-CORE REVENUE SPLIT



- Core revenue:
 - +0.3% (+£0.2m) vs FY22
 - +3% on like for like basis²
- Total revenue:
 -2% (-£1.6m) vs FY22
- Core SaaS and Subs revenue:
 +2% (+£0.8m) vs FY22
- Revenue Bridge:
 SaaS/Subs +£0.8m or +2%
 Repeating -(£0.6m) or (-3%)
 Non Core -(£1.8m) or (17%)

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CORE SEGMENTAL PERFORMANCE

INTERMEDIARY SERVICES

DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS

Change

(8%)

(12%)

FINTECH & RESEARCH

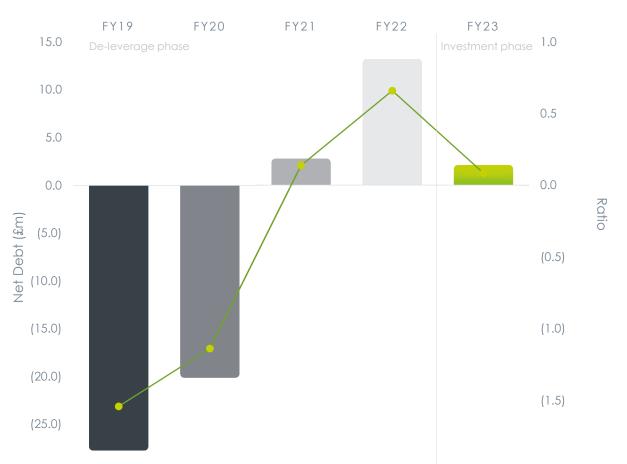
	FY22	FY23	Change		FY22	FY23
Core revenue	£23.5m	£22.4m	(5%)	Core revenue	£13.0m	£11.9m
Gross profit ⁶	£9.5m	£10.9m	15%	Gross profit ⁶	£8.4m	£7.3m
Gross margin ⁷	40.4%	48.9%		Gross margin ⁷	64.5%	62.1%

	FY22	FY23	Change
Core revenue	£19.9m	£22.3m	12%
Gross profit ⁶	£12.5m	£14.2m	14%
Gross margin ⁷	62.8%	63.4%	

• Total gross profit generated by the core business was £32.4m (FY22: £30.4m), up c.7%

⁶Gross profit is calculated as revenue less direct operating costs. ⁷Gross profit margin is calculated as gross profit as a percentage of revenue.

CASH GENERATIVE - DELEVERAGED



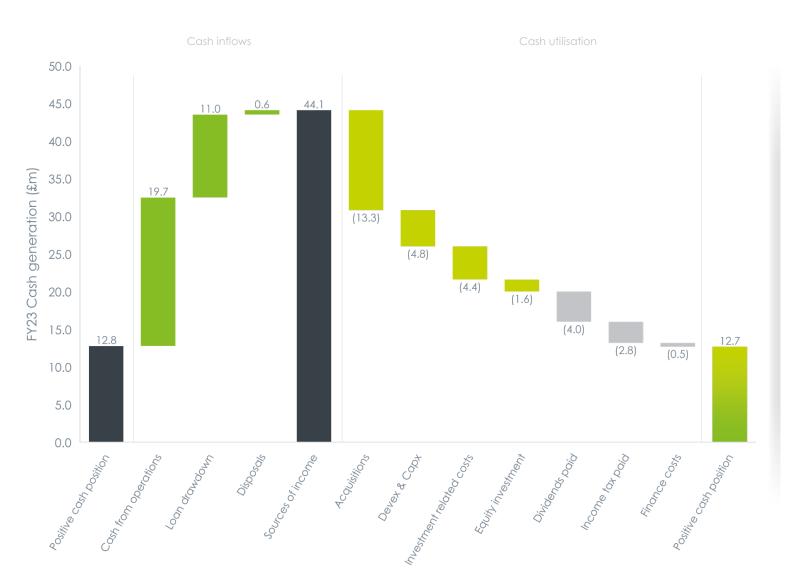
NET DEBT TO EBITDA RATIO

HEALTHY CASH POSITION

Positive net cash of £1.7m (FY22: £12.8m)

- Strategic headroom for future organic and M&A investments
- Increased financial flexibility and resources
- £69m headroom within the revolving credit facility

CASH FLOW BRIDGE



STRONG CASH GENERATION - INVESTING FOR GROWTH

Positive cash of £12.7m (FY23: £12.8m)

Supporting strategic expenditure/investments:

- Upfront cost of acquisitions, net of cash received £13.3m
- Development expenditure £4.5m, Capex £0.3m
- Non-underlying cash costs of £4.4m, including:
 - M&A: £1.8m
 - Transformation: £1.5m
 - Restructuring: £0.7m
 - Award related costs £0.4m
- £1.6m minority investment/funding in Plannr

UNDERLYING OPERATING CASH FLOW CONVERSION

£m F		22	FY	23
Group operating profit	16.3		16.9	
Depreciation and amortisation	1.8		2.1	
Share based payments	1.3		1.5	
Adjusted EBITDA		19.4		20.5
Net changes in working capital	1.8		(0.7)	
Net capitalisation	(1.9)		(4.9)	
Underlying cash flow from operations		19.3		14.9
Underlying operating cash flow conversion		118%		88%
Adjusted EBITDA to operating cash flow conversion		100%		73%
Тах		(4.8)		(2.8)
Interest		(0.2)		(0.3)
Lease payments		(0.5)		(0.5)
Free Cash Flow		13.8		11.3
Cash flow conversion of adjusted EBITDA		71%		55%

88% underlying operating Cash Flow Conversion $^{\scriptscriptstyle 5}$

- Capital investment increased to £4.9m (FY22: £1.9m)
- Increased investment for growth in software and product enhancements of c.£4.0m p.a. planned over following 2 years



⁵Underlying operating cash flow conversion is calculated as underlying cash flow from operations (adjusted operating profit, adjusted for changes in working capital, depreciation, amortisation, CAPEX and share based payments) as a percentage of adjusted operating profit.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



RESILIENT FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



INCREASING REVENUE QUALITY IN CORE BUSINESS



STRONG CASH GENERATION





PROGRESSIVE DIVIDEND POLICY FY23: 3.45p FULL YEAR DIVIDEND

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DIVISIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



• Expansion of suite of digital AML compliance and Know Your Customer tools to include a document verification solution

DIVISIONAL HIGHLIGHTS DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS



DIVISIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

FINTECH & RESEARCH DIVISION



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FINTEL STRATEGY



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ACQUISITIONS COMPLETED

Building the most comprehensive platform of solutions for intermediaries



2023 ACQUISITIONS

CONTRIBUTION IN THE PERIOD

(£m)	MICAP	AKG	VouchedFor	Competent Adviser	TOTAL
Net upfront consideration	2.8	1.4	7.0	2.1	13.3
Revenue	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.3	1.5
Gross profit	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5
Gross profit %	32.1%	46.0%	26.1%	51.9%	36.2%
EBITDA	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
EBITDA margin	19.3%	33.1%	10.8%	41.7%	23.2%

- MICAP and Competent Adviser completed July 2023
- AKG and Vouched For completed October and November 2023
- In year contribution is £1.5m Revenue and £0.4m EBITDA to the Core business
- Acquisitions integrating well and trading as expected

2023 ACQUISITIONS

PROFORMA FULL YEAR CONTRIBUTION

(£m) 2023 Full Year Equivalent	MICAP	AKG	VouchedFor	Competent Adviser	TOTAL
Net upfront consideration	2.8	1.4	7.0	2.1	13.3
Revenue	1.2	0.9	2.8	0.6	5.5
EBITDA	0.3	(0.1)	0.1	0.4	0.7

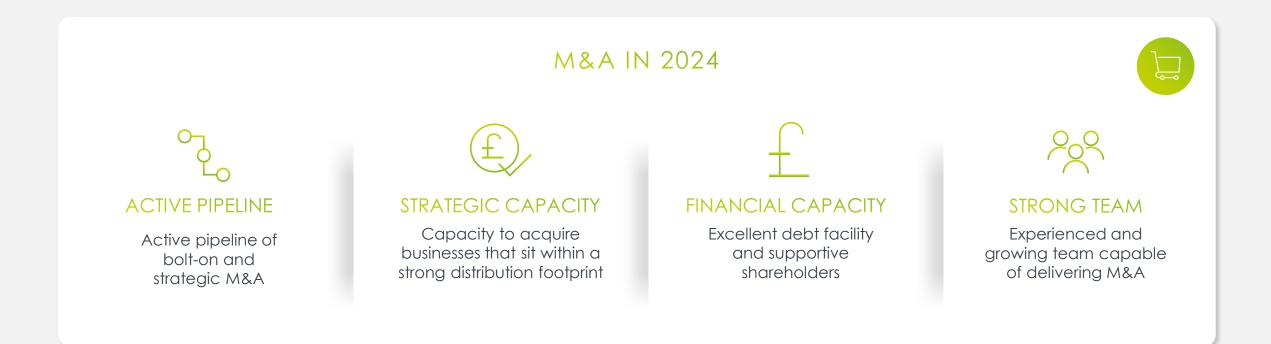
• 2023 full year equivalent contribution is £5.5m Revenue and £0.7m EBITDA

(£m) 2024 Pro forma	MICAP	AKG	VouchedFor	Competent Adviser	TOTAL
Net upfront consideration	2.8	1.4	7.0	2.1	13.3
Revenue	1.3	1.1	3.5	0.7	6.6
EBITDA	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.4	1.3

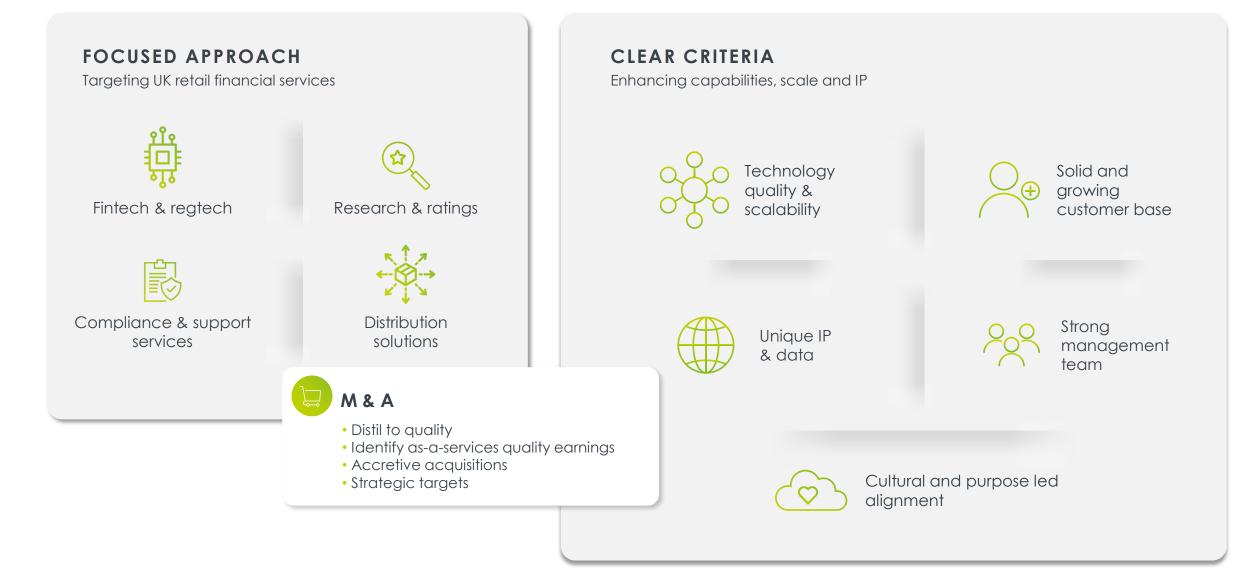
• 2024 Pro forma expectations are £6.6m Revenue and £1.3m EBITDA

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POSITIONED TO CONTINUE CAPITALISING ON FAVOURABLE MARKET CONDITIONS



A TARGETED M&A STRATEGY



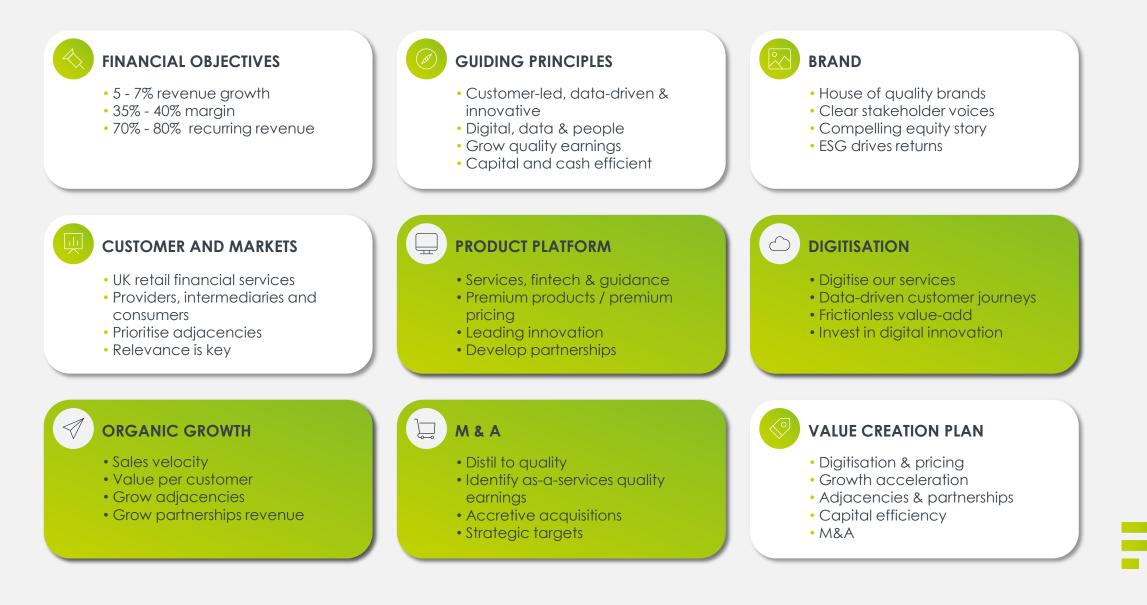
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2024 MARKET LANDSCAPE



OUR STRATEGY - 2024 FOCUS



CONFIDENT OUTLOOK

CONTINUED POSITIVE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE, STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS TO ACCELERATE FUTURE GROWTH

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Confident start to the new financial year

TRADING IN LINE WITH BOARD EXPECTATIONS

CONTINUED ORGANIC GROWTH

Increased financial technology penetration and synergies from acquisitions



ADVANCING SELECTIVE M&A PIPELINE

Series of successful investments and acquisitions. Positive qualified pipeline

POSITIONED FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Positive market dynamics and return of mortgage market. Underpinned by recurring revenues and strong cash conversion.

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A UNIQUE SERVICE PLATFORM

APPENDIX 1



	WHAT SETS US APART				
Unrivo	alled market penetration	Largest UK financial product database	Trusted brand, expert analysis	Proprietary financial planning technology	Leading regulatory and business support

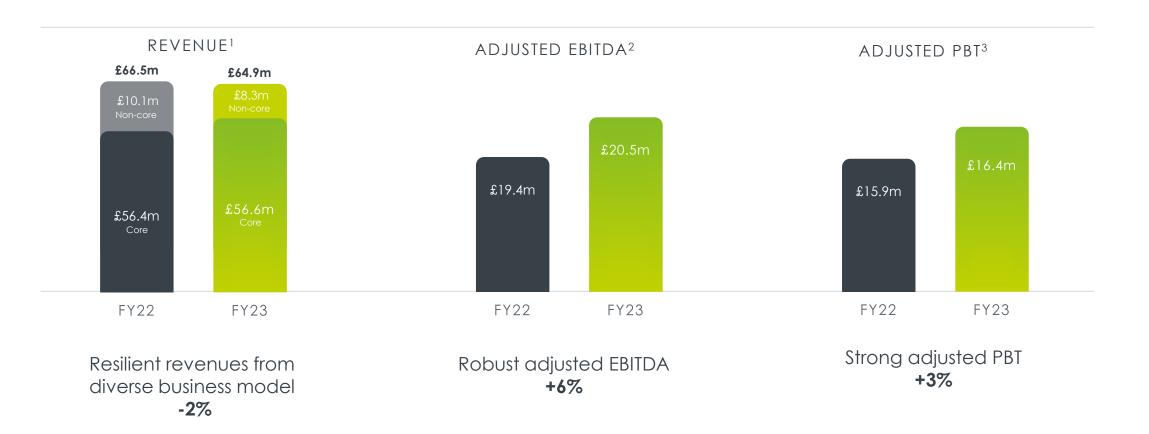
FINTEL MARKET LEADING BRANDSS

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	defaqto*	SimplyBiz	
	The UK's leading financial information, ratings and fintech business	The UK's largest provider of business and regulatory support	
DIVERSE CUSTOMER BASE	Intermediaries Product providers Consumers	Intermediaries Product providers	
INDUSTRY LEADING BRANDS	>70% finance professional awareness	Professional Adviser Awards winner - 5 consecutive years AWARDS 2018 WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER	
PROVEN TRACK RECORD	29 years of helping everyone make smarter financial decisions	>20 years of inspiring financial professionals to shape a better future	
DIFFERENTIATED PROPOSITION	Financial product Trusted brand, Proprietary database expert analysis fintech	Leading regulatory Unrivalled market Complete service & & business support penetration technology platform	
HIGH QUALITY BUSINESS	63% Gross margin Revenue CAGR HY21-HY23	44% 73% Gross margin Core SaaS & subs revenue	

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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¹Statutory revenue includes revenues from partnership software contracts. A new reseller agreement in May 2023 with Intelliflo reduces pass-through costs and associated revenues. Excluding the impact of this change to revenue recognition, plus the impact of acquisitions in the year, core organic revenue grew by 3%

²Adjusted EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation, share option charges and exceptional operating costs.

³Adjusted PBT is calculated as adjusted profit before tax, which excludes non-underlying operating costs and amortisation of intangible assets arising on acquisition.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - INVESTING FOR GROWTH

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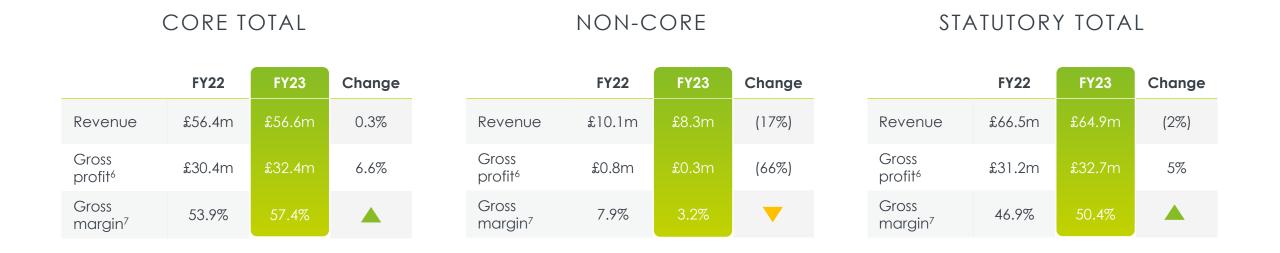


⁴ Adjusted earnings per share is calculated as adjusted profit after tax attributable to owners of the company, which excludes non-underlying operating costs and amortisation of intangible assets arising on acquisition, divided by the average number of Ordinary Shares in issue for the period.

⁵ Underlying cash flow conversion is calculated as underlying cash flow from operations (adjusted operating profit, adjusted for changes in working capital, depreciation, amortisation, CAPEX and share based payments) as a percentage of adjusted operating profit.

TOTAL PERFORMANCE

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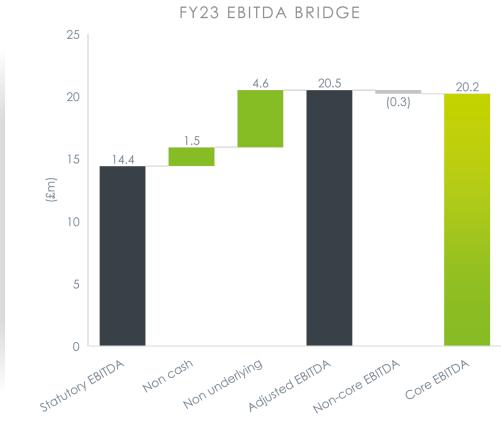
• Total gross profit generated by the business was £32.7m (FY22: £31.2m)

- Infrastructure and support costs up £0.4m to £12.2m (FY22: £11.8m), up 4%
- Adjusted EBITDA generated was £20.5m (FY22: £19.4m), up 6%

CORE BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

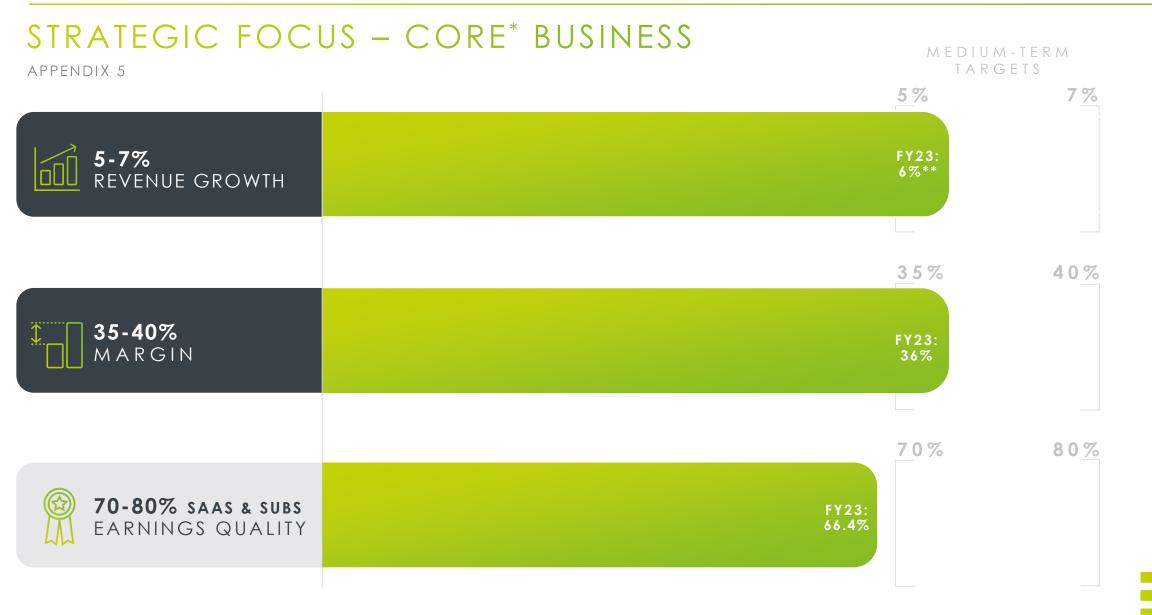
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(£m)	FY21	FY22	FY23
Core revenue	52.2	56.4	56.6
Core gross profit	27.8	30.4	32.5
Core support costs	(10.8)	(11.8)	(12.2)
Core EBITDA	17.1	18.6	20.2
Core gross margin	53.2%	53.9%	57.4%
Core EBITDA margin	32.7%	32.9%	35.7%



- Continued growth in both revenue and profitability in the core business
- Continued investment in delivery model with sustained profit margins
- Infrastructure and support costs of £12.2m (FY22: £11.8m), up 3%

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*Core business excludes revenues from Panel Management and Surveying **Like-for-like basis strips out the impact of acquisitions and the changes in revenue recognition of a software reseller agreement.

FINTEL - SIZE, SCALE AND REACH

MARKET	SIZE	SCALE	REACH
FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY & RESEARCH Insuretech, Fintech & workflow	1198,500ProductIntermediariesManufacturersState	43,000 Products	84% 32% GI market use Defaqto Matrix Market share – intermediaries
REGULATORY & BUSINESS SUPPORT Leading compliance & technology platform	8,000 Financial, Wealth and Mortgage Advisers	>£100bn _{AUM}	>30% Market share
DISTRIBUTION Targeted insights, analytics & distribution	>10,000 Intermediaries	>£23bn c.£60m Mortgage lending	>5% >20% Market share in UK Lending Protection
EXPERT PRODUCT RATINGS Independent, expert quality assessments	52m Financial Decisions Defaqto Star Rated	£12.3bn GI Policy premiums Star Rated	>70% Defaqto consumer brand awareness

COMPETITIVE MOAT

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Competing in all four market quadrants, with a diversified service model and customer base.

Multiple opportunities for:

- Partnerships
- M&A

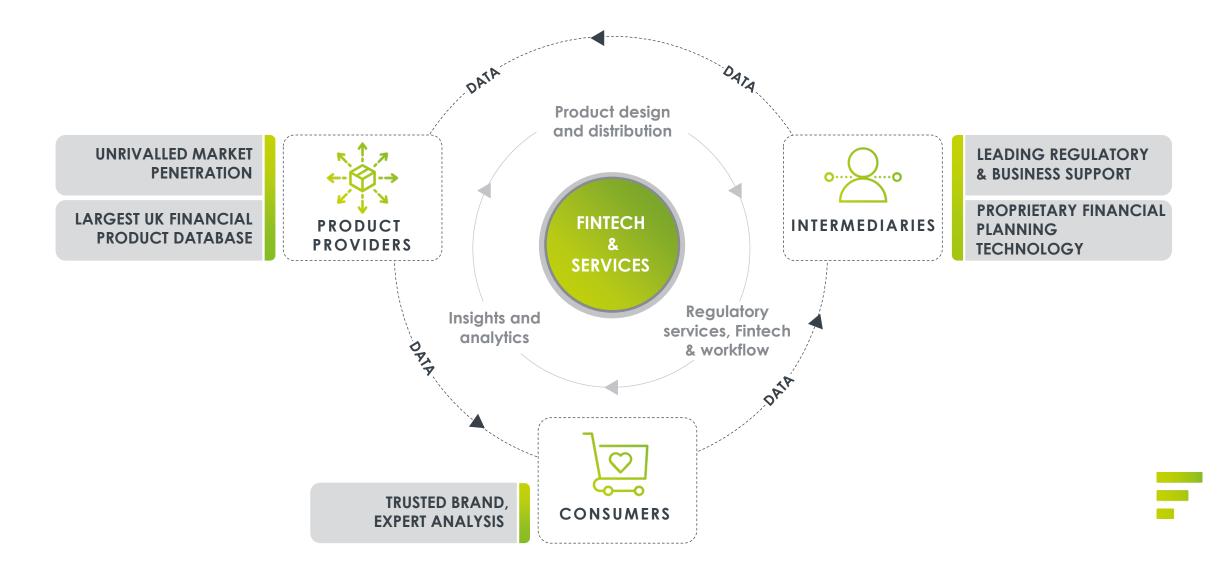
>£43bn of investment recommendations >10,000 intermediaries supported

>30% market share of DA intermediary firms >70% consumer awareness



FINTEL FLYWHEEL EFFECT

APPENDIX 8 - REGULATORY EXPERTS - FINANCIAL PRODUCT EXPERTS - EXPERTS IN FINTECH & WORKFLOW



INNOVATION ROADMAP - 2024 FOCUS

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Expansion into further FS market segments

FINTEL LABS

A new venture, designed to strengthen our technology proposition and foster innovation in the sector, through investing in and supporting emerging financial technology.

CLIENT PORTALS

Digital hubs for our clients, providing a single point of access to our technology and service platform.

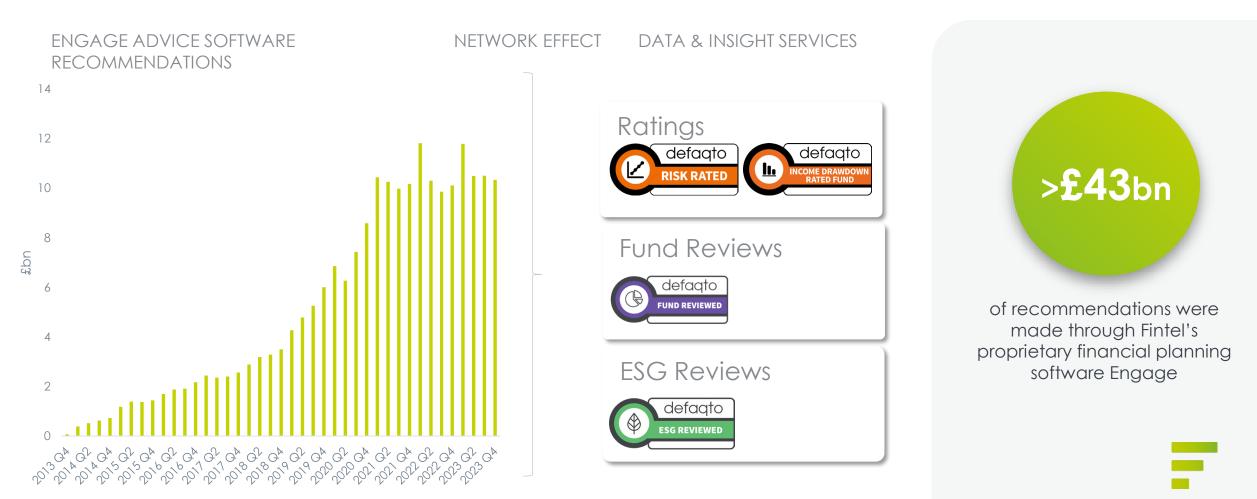
ENGAGE

Defaqto's expert financial planning software with integrated end-to-end financial planning and advice processes.

MATRIX

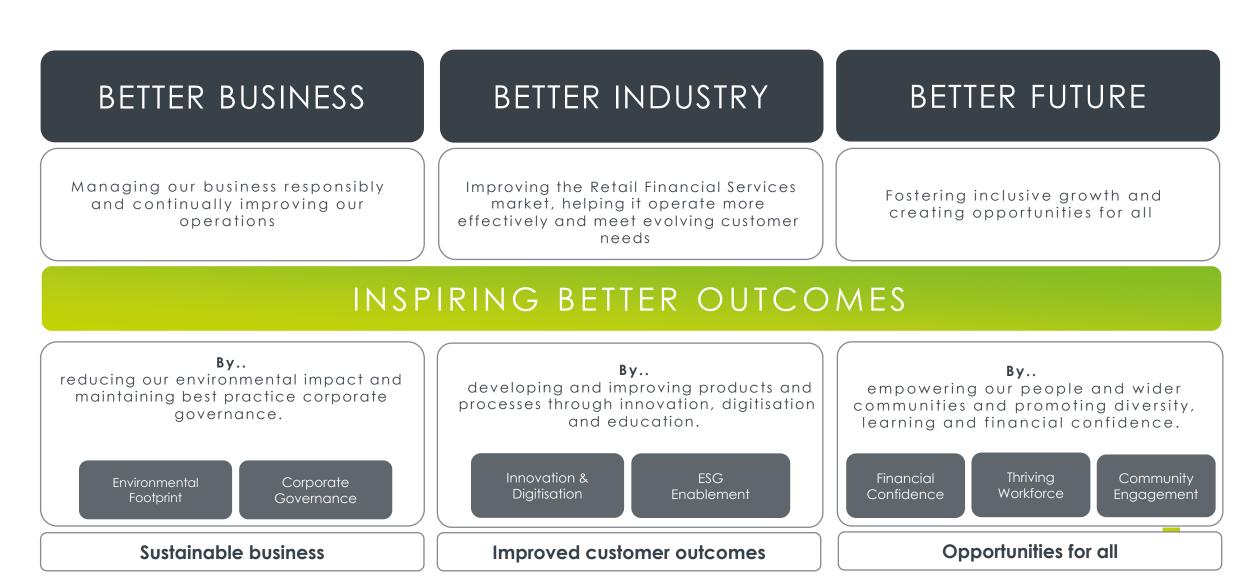
Dynamic, whole of market product and competitor intelligence software for financial institutions, leveraging Defaqto's deep market insights and product expertise.

MARKET REACH - FINTECH & RESEARCH



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HOLISTIC ESG STRATEGY



EMBEDDING OUR ESG STRATEGY - 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

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Better future

Our promise

To empower our people and broader communities, creating opportunities for all

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financial product education articles with Defaqto experts' input

27% EDI data disclosure rate amongst staff (FY23: 15%)

#14

Best Financial Services Company to Work For in the UK (FY22: #20)

Better industry

Our promise

To improve the market, helping it operate more effectively and meet evolving customer needs

200

retail investment funds covered by our ESG research platform (FY23: 110)

>30%

of retail investment advisers and wealth managers have access to our ESG client profiler and fund filters

Better business

Our promise

To manage our business responsibly and minimise our impact on the environment

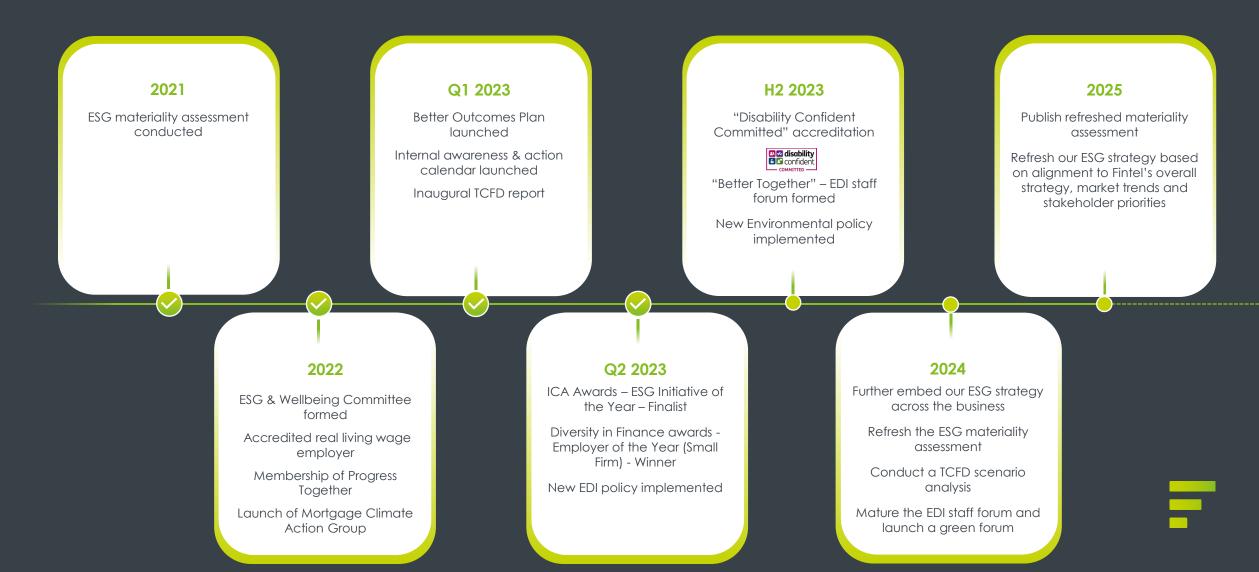
notifiable data breaches

100%

renewable electricity procured at our two largest offices

1.7 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill

ESG ROADMAP - ONGOING COMMITMENT



THRIVING WORKFORCE

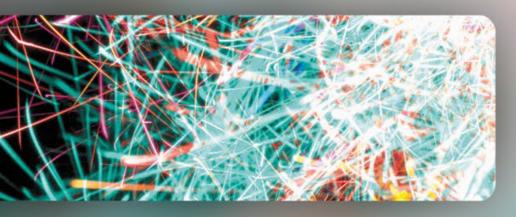


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