



H1 2023 RESULTS

For the 26 weeks ending 1 July 2023

AGENDA

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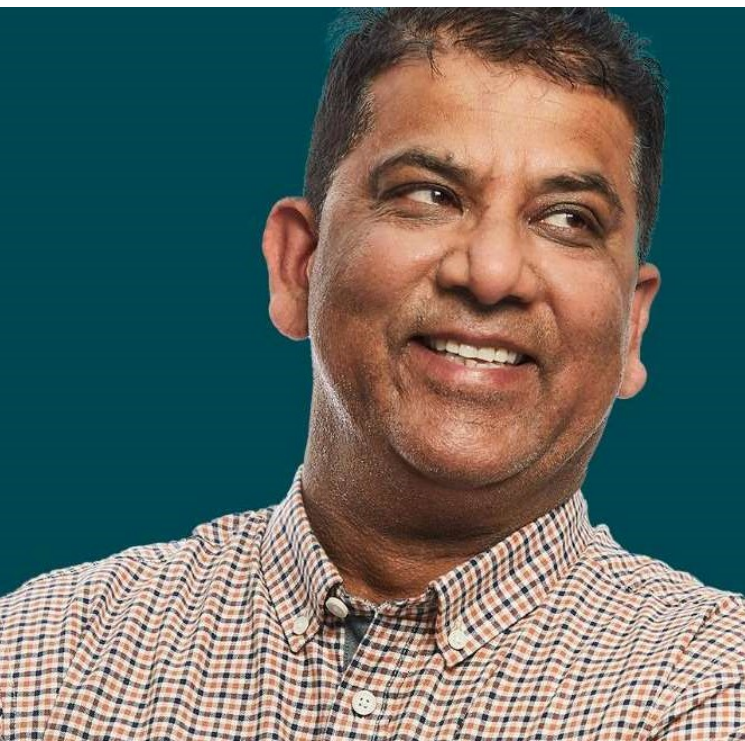
H1 2023 performance & 2023 outlook

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Strong first half performance

Revenue +7.9%  Profit +£0.9m  Net debt -£21.4m 

Strategy remains unchanged

Leveraging #1 position in UK & delivering profitable international growth

New tactics fuelling performance & delivering ahead of plan

Leaner structure, refreshed regional priorities & enhanced focus on cash

Momentum in all three regions

Despite ongoing inflation & volume headwinds in the UK

Now expecting improved FY23 adjusted operating profit

To be at least in line with last year, £89.4m



Financial review

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Strong financial performance & balance sheet strengthened

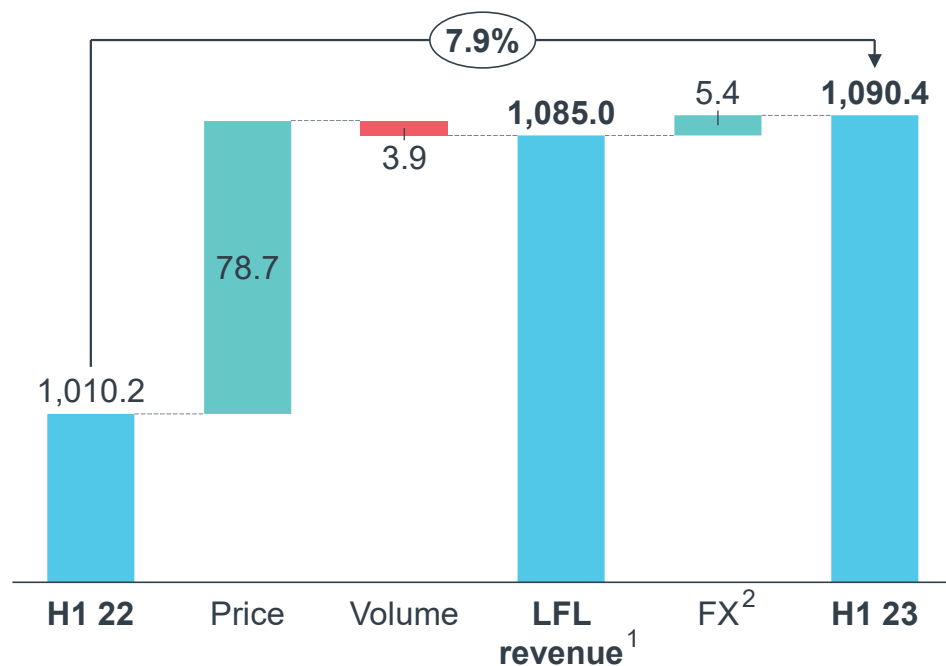
H1 2023 financial overview

		H1 23	H1 22	Change
Revenue	Group revenue	£1,090.4m	£1,010.2m	7.9%
	Like-for-like revenue ¹	£1,085.0m	£1,010.2m	7.4%
Profit	Adjusted operating profit ¹	£43.4m	£42.5m	£0.9m
	Adjusted operating profit margin ¹	4.0%	4.2%	(20)bps
	Exceptional items	£2.9m	-	£2.9m
EPS	Adjusted EPS ¹	3.9p	4.6p	(0.7)p
	Basic EPS	4.4p	4.4p	-
Cash/debt	Free cash flow ¹	£51.6m	£36.6m	£15.0m
	Operational net debt ¹	£268.7m	£290.1m	£(21.4)m
	Leverage ¹	1.8x	1.9x	(0.1)x
Returns	ROIC ¹	7.1%	7.2%	(10)bps
	Interim dividend per share	2.91p	2.77p	5.0%

Revenue growth driven by price, as well as volume recovery in China

Group statutory revenue bridge

£m



LFL revenue¹ growth 7.8% (0.4%) **7.4%**

Like-for-like revenue¹ by region

£m	H1 23	Compared to H1 22
UK	913.7	7.6%
US	111.6	(4.2%)
China	59.7	35.1%
Group	1,085.0	7.4%

Inflationary headwinds remain significant

Inflation remained significant in H1 2023, but has started to ease

Group net inflation/(deflation) by quarter £m³



Key drivers

- Impacted by material inflation as we exited favourable contracts e.g. energy & grocery items such as tomatoes, oils
- Significant inflation continues in labour, driven by increase in National Living Wage
- Pockets of deflation in certain areas, e.g. dairy, but prices generally remain elevated

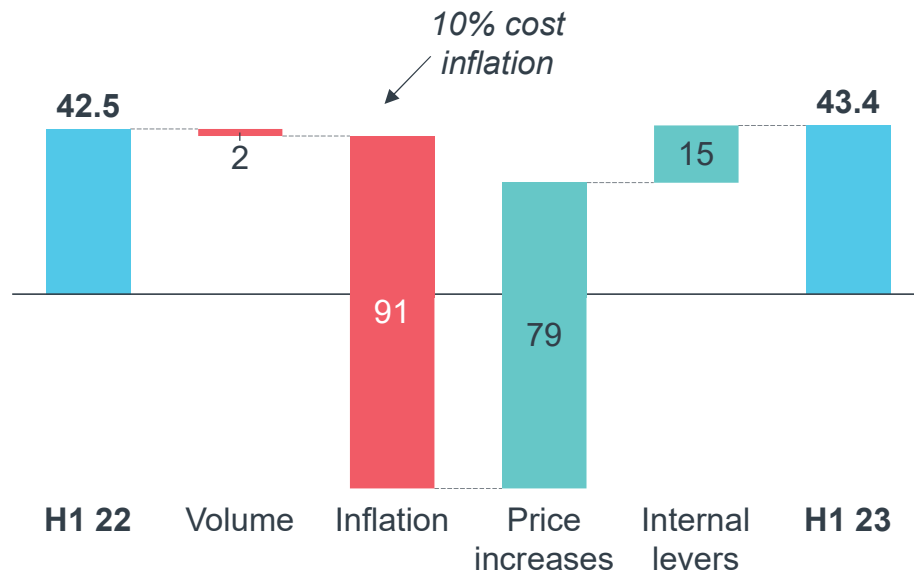
Good visibility of costs for remainder of year

- c.80% raw materials & packaging covered for H2 2023
- 100% cover on energy for 2023
- Previously guided to 6-8% 2023 inflation; now expect at lower end of range

Internal levers underpin P&L delivery

Profit up despite significant inflation

Adjusted operating profit¹ bridge, £m



Multiple levers used to mitigate the impact



Good level of price recovery; worked closely & collaboratively with customers, supported by value optimisation activity



Restructuring actions delivering ahead of plan;

- Synergies from aligning UK operations to Meals & Bakery
- Two factory closures completed ahead of schedule
- **FY23 savings ahead of plan at £17m, £25m annualised**



Strong operational performance; new operating system at all UK factories, capital investment targeted at productivity initiatives



Tight cost control; controlled recruitment of non-production colleagues, discretionary spend well managed

Strong adjusted operating profit performance

Adjusted operating profit¹

£m	H1 23	H1 22	Compared to H1 22	H1 23 Margin %	H1 22 Margin %
UK	44.8	43.7	1.1	4.9%	5.1%
US	0.1	3.1	(3.0)	0.1%	2.6%
China	(1.5)	(4.3)	2.8	(2.5%)	(9.7%)
Group	43.4	42.5	0.9	4.0%	4.2%
Adjustments ⁴	2.9	(1.4)	4.3		
Operating Profit	46.3	41.1	5.2	4.2%	4.1%

Performance by region

- **UK:** Significant inflation mitigated by price recovery & internal levers, including restructuring
- **US:** Customer loss impacted profit, but in line with expectation. Operational improvement plans starting to deliver
- **China:** Post-Covid volume recovery & retail expansion supported improved operational performance & significantly reduced losses

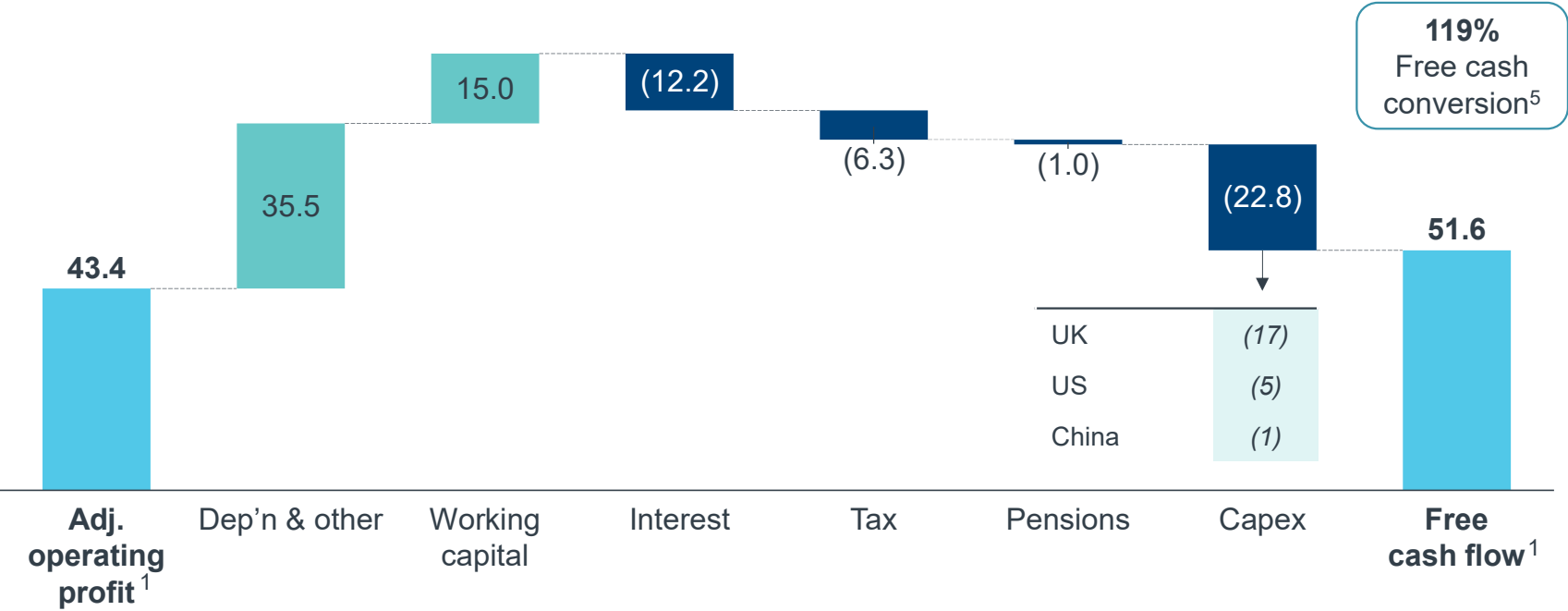
Operating profit

Excluded from adjusted operating profit:

- H1 23 exceptional income in China; £1.5m sale of associates, £1.4m sale & leaseback proceeds
- H1 22 adjusting item for costs of software-as-a-service ('SaaS') projects

Strong free cash generation, supported by working capital improvement

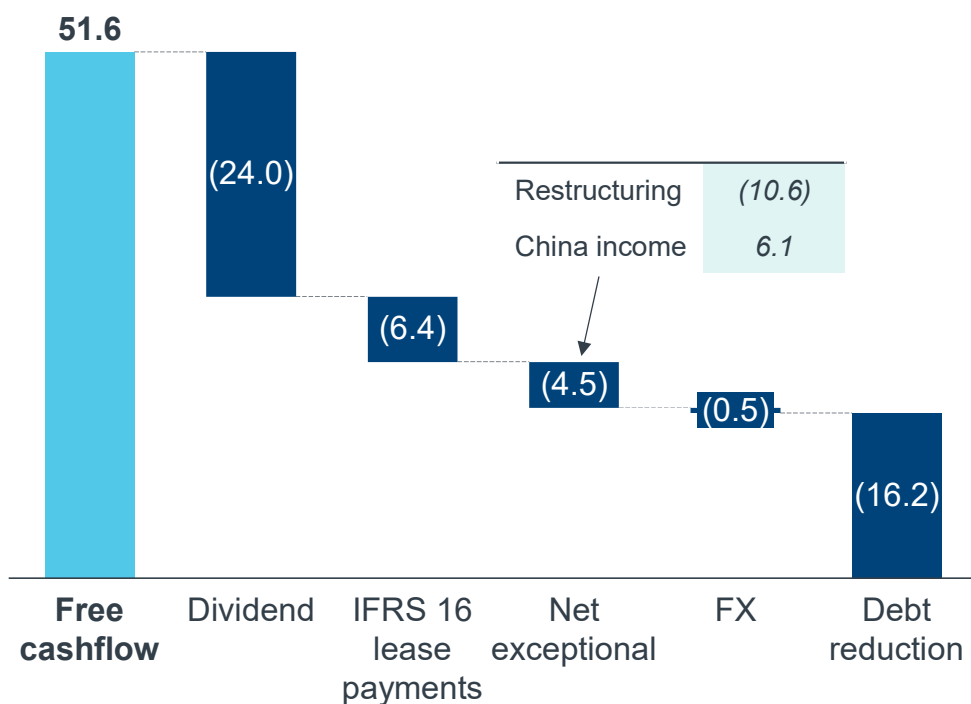
Free cash flow¹ bridge, £m



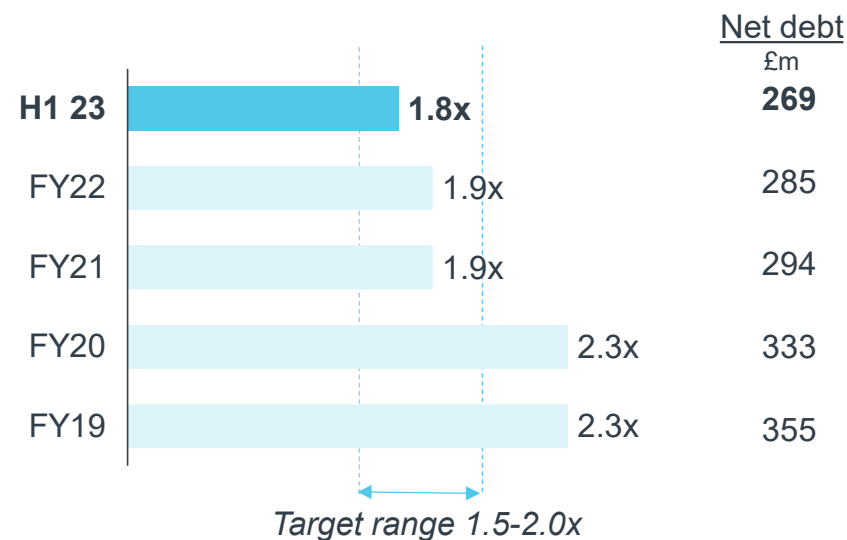
Disciplined capital allocation; debt reduced & dividend progressive

Free cash flow¹ utilisation

£m



Leverage¹ improved, within target range



Progressive dividend

2.91p

Interim 2023 dividend

+5.0%

up on H1 2022

Confident in a strong full year performance, ahead of expectations

Guidance for 2023

Revenue	Modest	Low single digit revenue growth in H2 as price increases annualise & volumes remain under pressure
Adjusted operating profit	>= £89.4m	At least in line with the prior year, £89.4m, c.£4m ahead of market expectations ⁶
Capital expenditure	c.£50m	Maintain disciplined approach, targeting productivity investments
Working capital	c.£20m	Enhanced focus on working capital to deliver modest inflow in H2, with full year inflow c.£20m
Leverage	1.5x - 2.0x	Maintain in line with H1 2023
Interest cost – P&L	c.£28m ⁷	Assumes UK base rate to reach 6% by year end
Tax - ETR	c.25%	Underlying effective tax rate broadly in line with enacted UK corporation tax rate of 25%



H1 performance & FY23 outlook

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UK: Cost-of-living crisis continues to disrupt behaviours & volume

Consumers have:



Cut back their spend



Shopped less, planned more



Eaten out less

Retailers have:



Increased prices



Reduced promotions



Reviewed propositions

FPF market category dynamics (FPF market volume -3.3%⁸)



MEALS resilient performance beating the market:

More in-home consumption & provide great value for money



PIZZA & BREAD in volume growth:

Affordable & filling, strong growth in value ranges, alternative to takeaway/eating out



DESSERTS most impacted, behind the market:

Discretionary, impacted more by inflation & reduced promotions



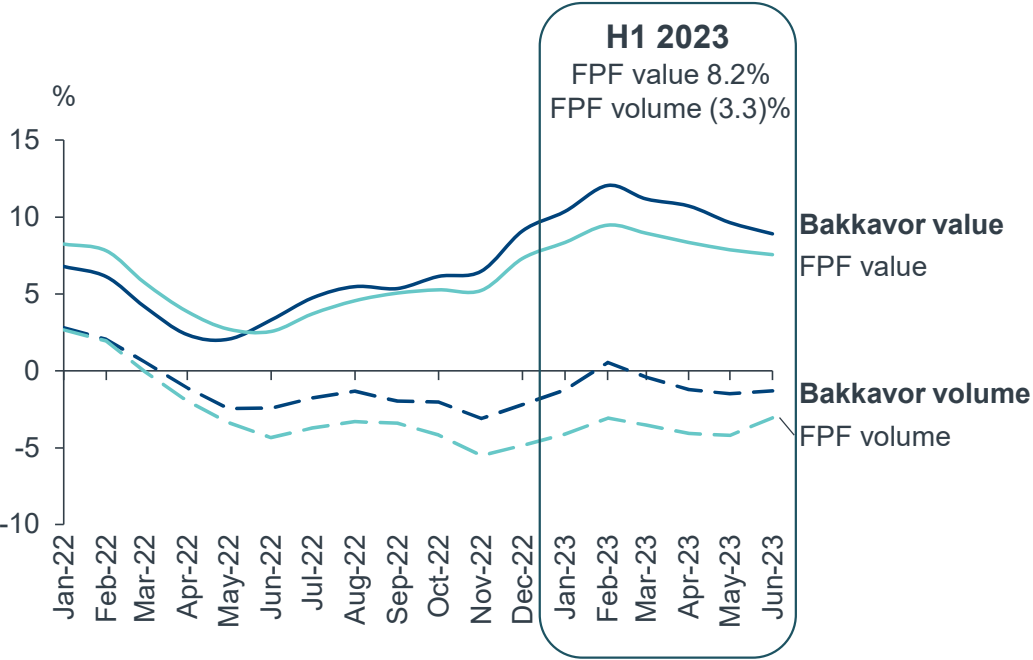
SALADS underperforming the market:

Poor raw material availability & consumers switching to wholehead options

UK: Volumes under pressure, but Bakkavor outperforming the market

Consistent share gains; strong pipeline ahead

YoY rolling 13 week growth, FPF market & Bakkavor⁸



Share gains in 3 out of 4 categories



Performance underpinned by:

- Best-in-class service levels**; scale & agility
- Targeted innovation**; meeting changing consumer needs
- Net business gains**; stable & reliable

UK: Restructuring plan delivering & inflation mitigated

Macro-backdrop “improving”



- General supply chain disruption improving, with weather being key disruptor in H1 23
- Rate of inflation slowing in raw materials & packaging, but no sign of overall deflation
- Labour availability continues to improve

Executing a clear plan

£25m
Annualised restructuring savings; £17m in FY23

- Leaner structure & alignment to two sectors (Meals & Bakery) delivering savings & synergies
- Factory footprint reduction completed ahead of time; two sites closed & volume successfully transferred
- New manufacturing system, now ‘live’ in all UK sites, driving performance

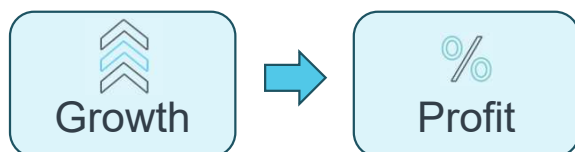
Strong delivery despite headwinds

£m	H1 23	YoY
LFL revenue ¹	913.7	7.6%
Adj. operating profit ¹	44.8	1.1
Margin	4.9%	(20)bps

- Strong growth underpinned by price given soft underlying volume & need to recover inflation
- Despite customer support, c.£90m inflation not fully recovered with gap closed through ‘self help’
- Margin erosion due to dilutive nature of price recovery as we only recover cost

US: Business stabilised & operational improvement plan starting to deliver

Shift in focus complete



- Approach to growth more measured as we re-shape the business
- New leadership in place, led by COO, supported by new US & UK talent
- Business stabilised with changes embraced, embedded & delivering

Improving business basics

SQF audit scores by site, 2023



- Strong SQF⁹ external audit scores with all sites 'excellent'
- Much improved customer service e.g. Q3 22 95.7% to Q2 23 98.9%, +320bps¹⁰
- Customer engagement building positively, with settlement terms agreed on previously reported dispute

Recovery underway

£m	Q1 23	Q2 23	H1 23
LFL revenue ¹	55.4	56.2	111.6
YoY growth	0.4%	(8.4%)	(4.2%)
Adj. operating profit ¹	(0.7)	0.8	0.1
Margin	(1.2%)	1.5%	0.1%

- Momentum built through H1 23, with profit improvement not volume driven
- Strong consumer demand continues; 11% underlying growth
- Cost & efficiency plans embedded & starting to deliver

China: Post-Covid volume recovery driving reduced losses

Simplified business



- Business returned to 'normal' state post-Covid
- Sold associate investment in Hong Kong generating exceptional gain
- Capacity investment completed, reducing onward capital & disruption

Market remains attractive



- Post-Covid recovery expected to continue
- Foodservice customers resumed aggressive store roll-out plans
- Growing presence in retail to diversify our business; H1 23 sales +50%

Strong post-Covid recovery

£m	H1 23	YoY
LFL revenue ¹	59.7	35.1%
Adj. operating loss ¹	(1.5)	2.8
Margin	(2.5%)	720bps

- Rebound in consumer spending supported volume recovery
- Volume recovery & lower disruption reduced losses
- Business now cash positive, with EBITDA > capital investment

FY23 outlook by region



Expecting to largely mitigate impact of inflation & volume headwinds by delivering further benefit from restructuring & continuing to win share



After breakeven first half, embedded changes & actions will bring FY23 profit in line with last year with a strong run rate into 2024, despite minimal growth as we continue to re-shape the business



Post-Covid volume recovery expected to continue, with H2 loss to be broadly in line with H1 2023 despite ongoing margin pressure. Positively our business is now cash positive for the first time



FY23 profit now expected to be at least in line with last year, £89.4m

Targeted approach to ESG delivering good progress

✓	-8.2%	Group net carbon emissions down driven by continued investment in refrigeration upgrades & initiatives to reduce gas usage
✓	-165bps	UK food waste reduced to 6.8%, underpinned by enhanced & more integrated operational focus
✗	+10bps	UK employee turnover up marginally at 28.2%, albeit availability of labour much improved
✓	-5.6%	UK accidents ¹¹ down & we continue to outperform industry benchmark

Continuing to invest in our people

- Invested c.£50m over the last 2 years in our overall factory rates of pay to support colleagues through the cost-of-living crisis
- Enhanced staff shop offer with Bakkavor products
- Better Behaviour, Better Bakkavor workshops launched
- Wellbeing Champions at all sites
- Developing our future talent through front-line leader training & early careers programme





Summary

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A strong first half with an improving outlook



Strong H1 2023 performance



Good momentum building in all three regions



Financial & non-financial delivery underpinned by our great people



Confident in delivering upgraded full year adjusted operating profit



Questions?



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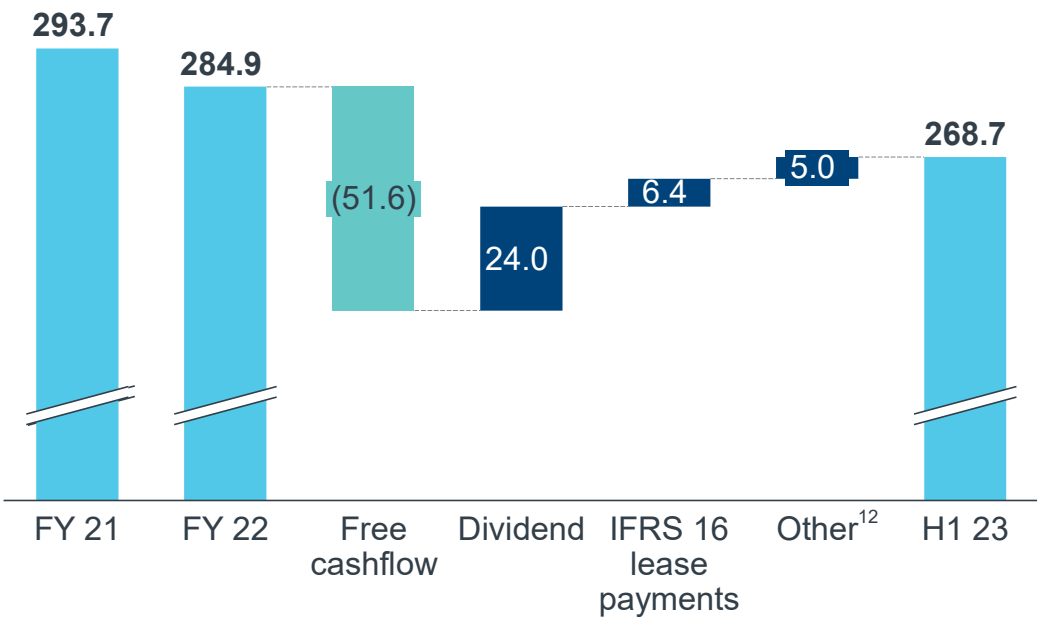
Earnings per share

£m	H1 23	H1 22
Basic earnings	25.1	25.5
Exceptional items	(2.9)	-
Configuration & customisation costs for SaaS projects	-	1.4
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	-	0.1
Tax on the above items	-	(0.2)
Adjusted earnings	22.2	26.8
Weighted average number of Ordinary shares 000's	576,501	578,426
Basic earnings per share	4.4p	4.4p
Adjusted basic earnings per share	3.9p	4.6p

- Decrease in weighted average number of Ordinary shares due to purchase of own shares through Employee Benefit Trust

Group net debt

£m	H1 23
Cash & cash equivalents	(24.7)
Term loans	225.0
Revolving credit facility	30.0
Asset financing, finance leases & overdrafts	38.4
Operational net debt	268.7
IFRS 16 leases	97.6
Other adjustments	(1.4)
Statutory net debt	364.9



Balance sheet & other metrics

Tax reconciliation

£m	H1 23		H1 22	
Profit before tax	32.6		32.5	
Expected charge at UK rate	7.7	23.5%	6.2	19.0%
Non-deductible items	(0.1)	(0.2%)	0.5	1.5%
Overseas losses not recognised	0.4	1.2%	-	0.0%
Non-taxable income	(0.7)	(2.1%)	-	0.0%
UK rate change	0.2	0.6%	0.8	2.4%
Overseas tax rates	-	0.0%	0.1	0.4%
Prior year adjustments	-	0.0%	(0.6)	(1.8%)
Total charge & tax rate	7.5	23.0%	7.0	21.5%
Tax credit on exceptional items	-		-	
Tax credit on adjusting items	-		0.2	
Underlying tax charge & effective tax rate	7.5	25.1%	7.2	21.2%

ROIC

£m	53 w/e 1-Jul-23	53 w/e 31-Dec-22	52 w/e 25-Jun-22
Underlying effective tax rate	25.1%	21.5%	21.2%
Average invested capital	982.3	987.7	999.7
ROIC	7.1%	7.1%	7.2%

Pension

£m	1-Jul-23	31-Dec-22	25-Jun-22
IAS 19 pension surplus	18.4	12.8	37.4

Pensions

- UK DB scheme closed to future accrual in March 2011
- Pension fair value of Scheme assets of £185.2m
- Cash contributions of £2.5m p.a. to 31 March 2025, with an extension through to 31 August 2025 if the scheme is in deficit at the end of December 2024 and the end of January 2025

Other financial information

Adjusted operating profit

£m	H1 23	H1 22
Operating profit	46.3	41.1
SaaS project costs	-	1.4
Exceptional items	(2.9)	-
- UK	-	-
- US	-	-
- Hong Kong	(2.9)	-
Adjusted operating profit	43.4	42.5

IFRS 16 earnings impact

£m	H1 23	H1 22
Operating lease charge	6.9	6.4
Depreciation	(6.0)	(5.7)
Adjusted operating profit	0.9	0.7
Exceptional items	(0.1)	-
Operating profit	0.8	0.7
Finance costs	(1.5)	(1.5)
Loss before tax	(0.7)	(0.8)
Tax	0.1	0.1
Loss after tax	(0.6)	(0.7)

Software as a service ('SaaS') project costs

- In response to IFRIC agenda decision, the Group revised its accounting policy in relation to upfront costs incurred to configure or customise SaaS arrangements
- This revision has resulted in £1.5m of costs, that would previously have been capitalised, being expensed to administration costs in FY22

Dividends

	Per share	Cash	Period paid
2021 interim	2.64p	£15.3m	FY21
2021 final	3.96p	£22.8m	FY22
2022 interim	2.77p	£16.0m	FY22
2022 final	4.16p	£24.0m	FY23
2023 interim¹³	2.91p	£16.8m	FY23

