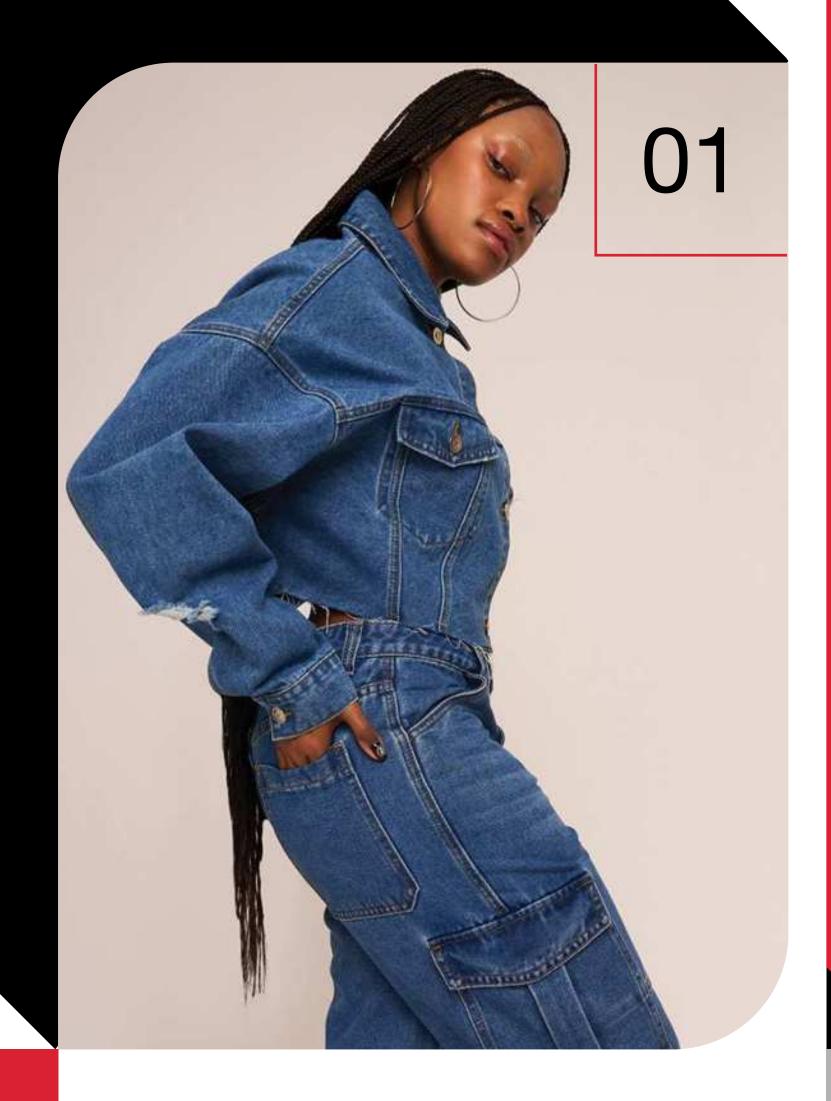


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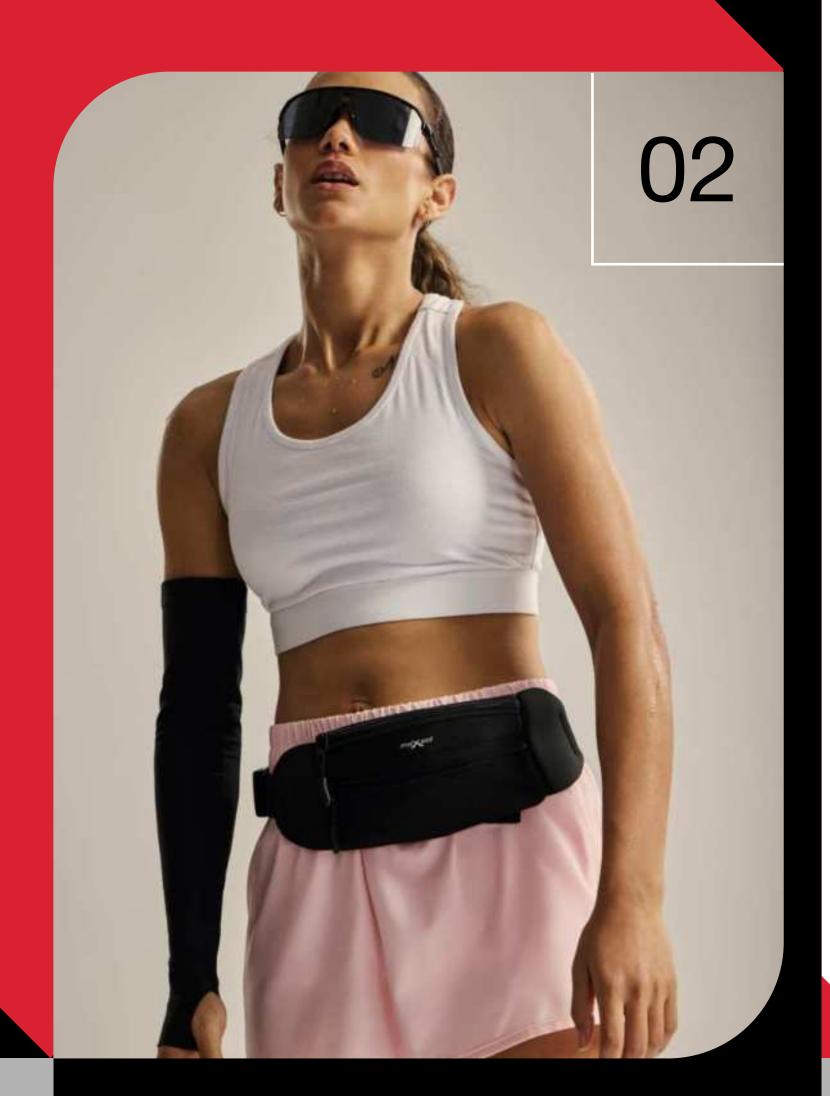
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**RETAIL ENVIRONMENT** 

# Backdrop

**By Mark Blair** 



**GROUP PERFORMANCE** 

# Performance

**By Praneel Nundkumar** 



STRATEGY PROGRESS & OUTLOOK
Value Creation

**By Mark Blair** 





## **OPERATING ENVIRONMENT**

Persistence of economic and consumer pressures into 2024. Local macroeconomic positives signal an upward inflection point

#### Global:

- Ongoing geopolitical tensions
- Supply chain volatility
- Onset of interest rate cut from September

#### **South Africa:**

- Extended period of low growth
- Further economic contraction pre-election (May 2024)
- GDP growth improved from Q1 (-0.2%) into Q2 (0.5%) supported by:
  - No loadshedding since March 2024
  - Election concerns abated
  - Strengthening Rand, 1.7% improvement against the dollar
  - Business confidence improved by 5 index points to 35

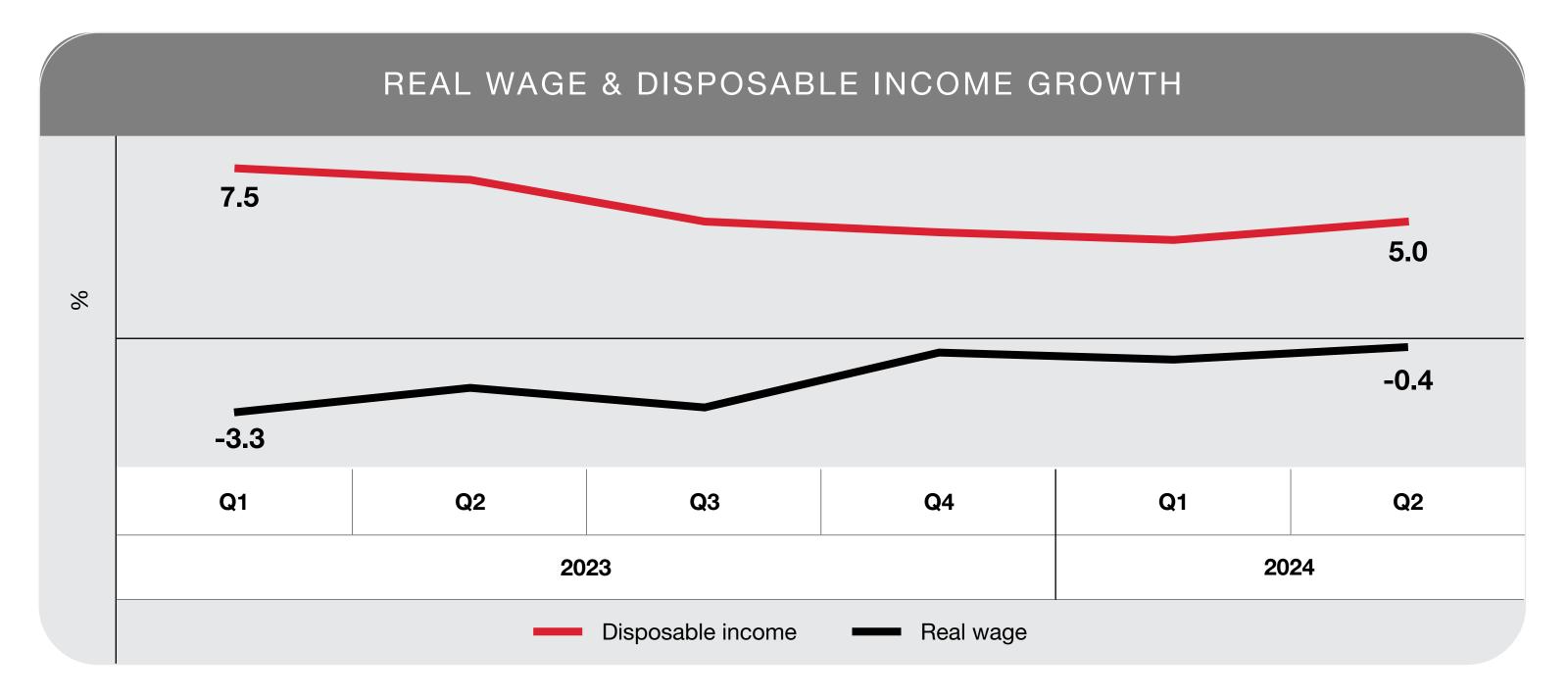
Several risks remain, however threat of recession & low growth environment has reduced

Renewed optimism for growth supported by a collaborative Government of National Unity





- Late onset of winter materially impacted retail sector sales performance in April and May
- Consumer affordability remained highly constrained during H1:
  - Inflation increases between 2022 2023 impacted disposable income
  - Higher for longer interest rates delayed change in consumer recovery cycle
  - Both contributing to negative real wage growth and lower disposable income
- Significant improvement in consumer confidence in the last 18 months from -23 to -5 index points





## **GROUP** HIGHLIGHTS



Improving sales and comparable sales trend through H1

Profitable market share gains of 60bps

Gross profit increased 8.1% and gross margin expanded by 110bps to 39.7%

92 stores opened, 2 958 in total

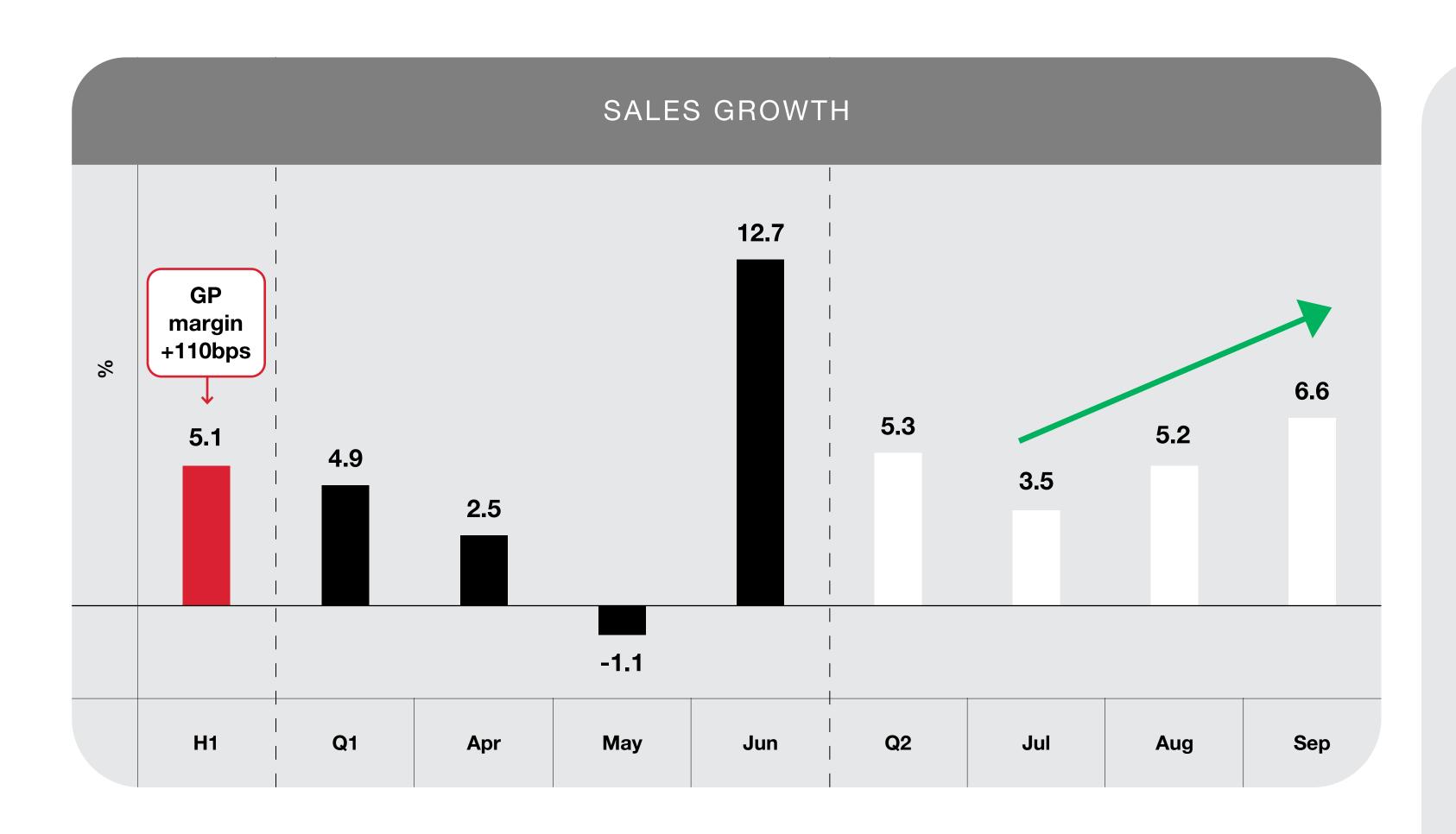
Significant sales momentum into H2, double digit growth across all segments







Despite the challenging operating environment, sales momentum improved at better GP margin



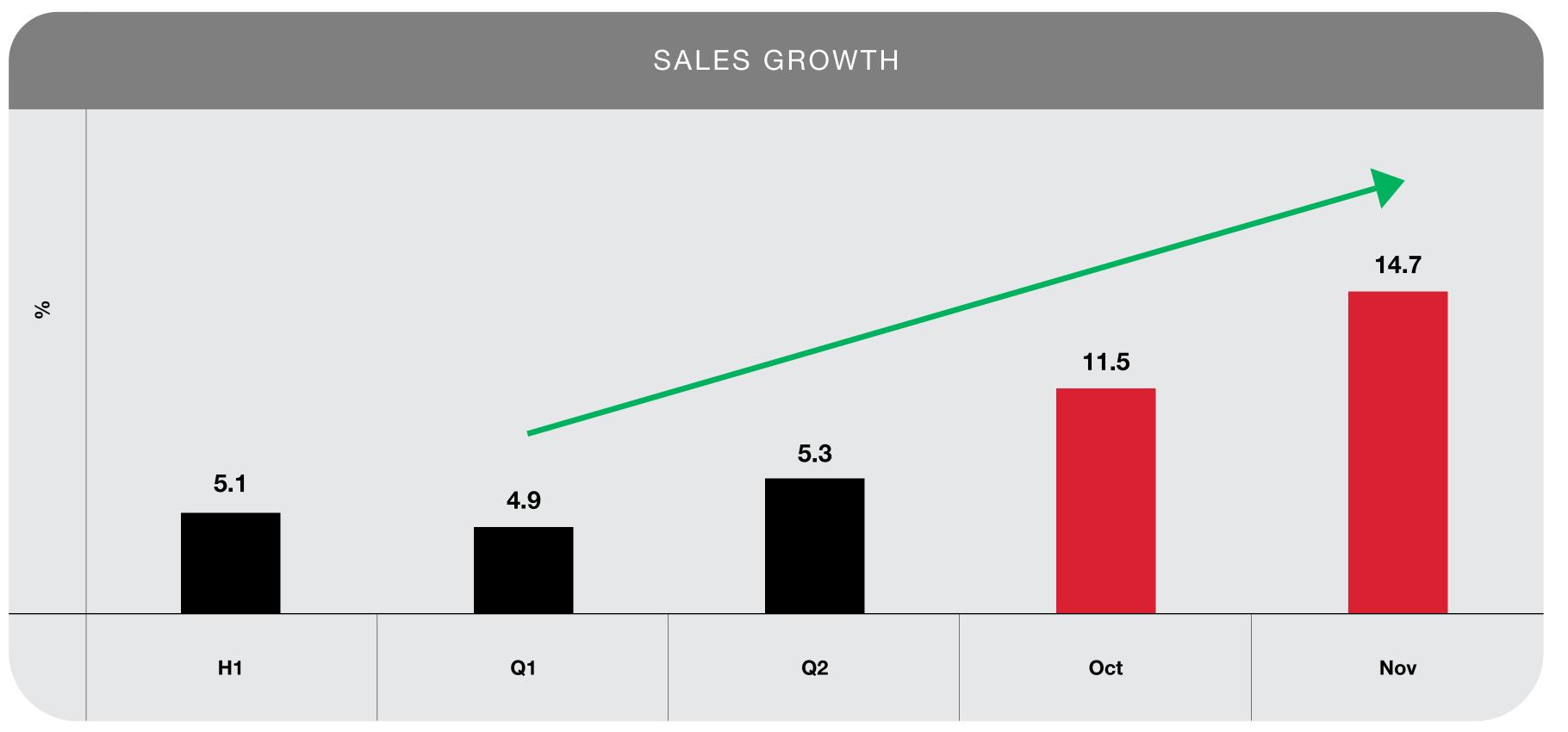
## **Insights**

- Highly erratic spending patterns through the half
- April May
  - Late onset of winter
  - Election uncertainty
- June
  - Pent-up winter demand
  - Improved consumer confidence post elections
- July
  - Highly promotional environment
  - Group gained GP margin
- August September
  - Gradual improvement in sales momentum
  - Continued market share gains at better GP margin

#### **INCREASING MOMENTUM POST H1**



October - 16 November 2024: strong sales momentum across the business, all segments reporting double digit growth and margin expansion



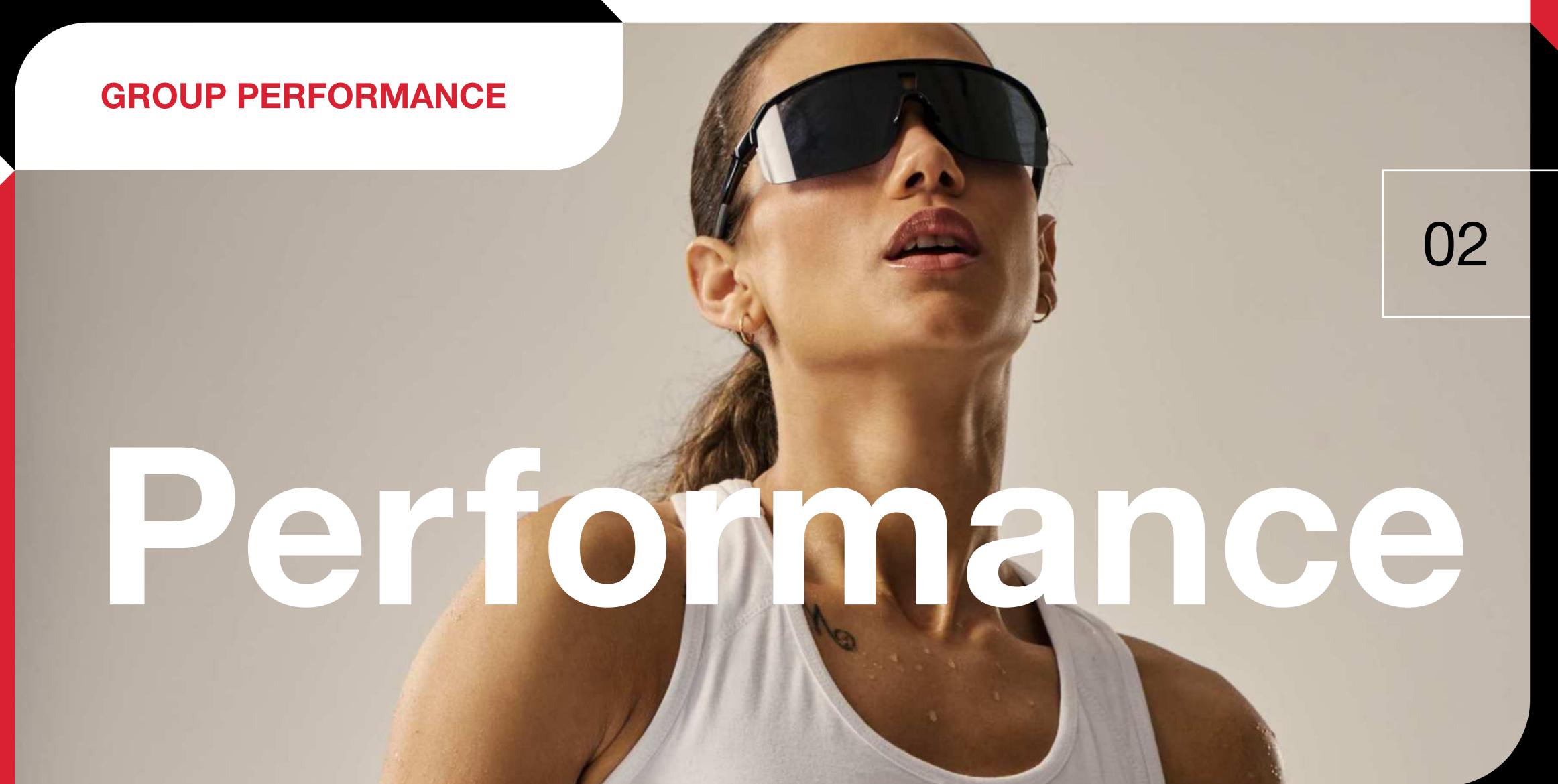




## GROUP INTERIM RESULTS

Revenue	Gross profit	EBITDA*	Operating profit
R17.6bn	R6.8bn	R3.5bn	R2.0bn
+5.2%	+8.1%	+5.8%	+4.0%
HEPS	Diluted HEPS#	Dividend per share	Cash reserves
481.8c	468.0c	303.6c	R2.2bn
+7.1%	+6.5%	+7.1%	+90.4%







## **REVENUE**

R'm	FY2025	FY2024	H1 % change
Retail sales	16 902	16 087	5.1%
Other income	636	607	4.8%
Financial services & telecoms	562	523	7.3%
Other <sup>1</sup>	74	84	(11.8%)
Total retail sales, interest & other income	17 538	16 694	5.1%
Finance income <sup>2</sup>	91	57	59.4%
Total revenue	17 629	16 751	5.2%

- ¹Base inflated by insurance proceeds relating to business interruption insurance
- <sup>2</sup>Interest earned on higher cash balance

Retail sales growth   H1 FY2025		
	Q1	Q2
Total retail sales growth	4.9%	5.3%
Comparable stores sales growth	0.1%	0.7%





## GROUP INCOME STATEMENT

R'm	FY2025	FY2024	H1 % change
Revenue	17 629	16 751	5.2%
Gross profit (pg 17)	6 751	6 245	8.1%
Expenses (pg 18)	(5 298)	(4 849)	9.2%
Profit from operating activities	2 000	1 923	4.0%
Net finance (expense) <sup>1</sup>	(313)	(336)	(7.0%)
Profit before taxation	1 687	1 587	6.3%
Taxation	(451)	(426)	5.9%
Profit after taxation	1 236	1 161	6.5%
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests <sup>2</sup>	(3)	7	(137.6%)
Profit attributable to equity holders of parent	1 239	1 154	7.3%

EBITDA up 5.8% to R3.5bn

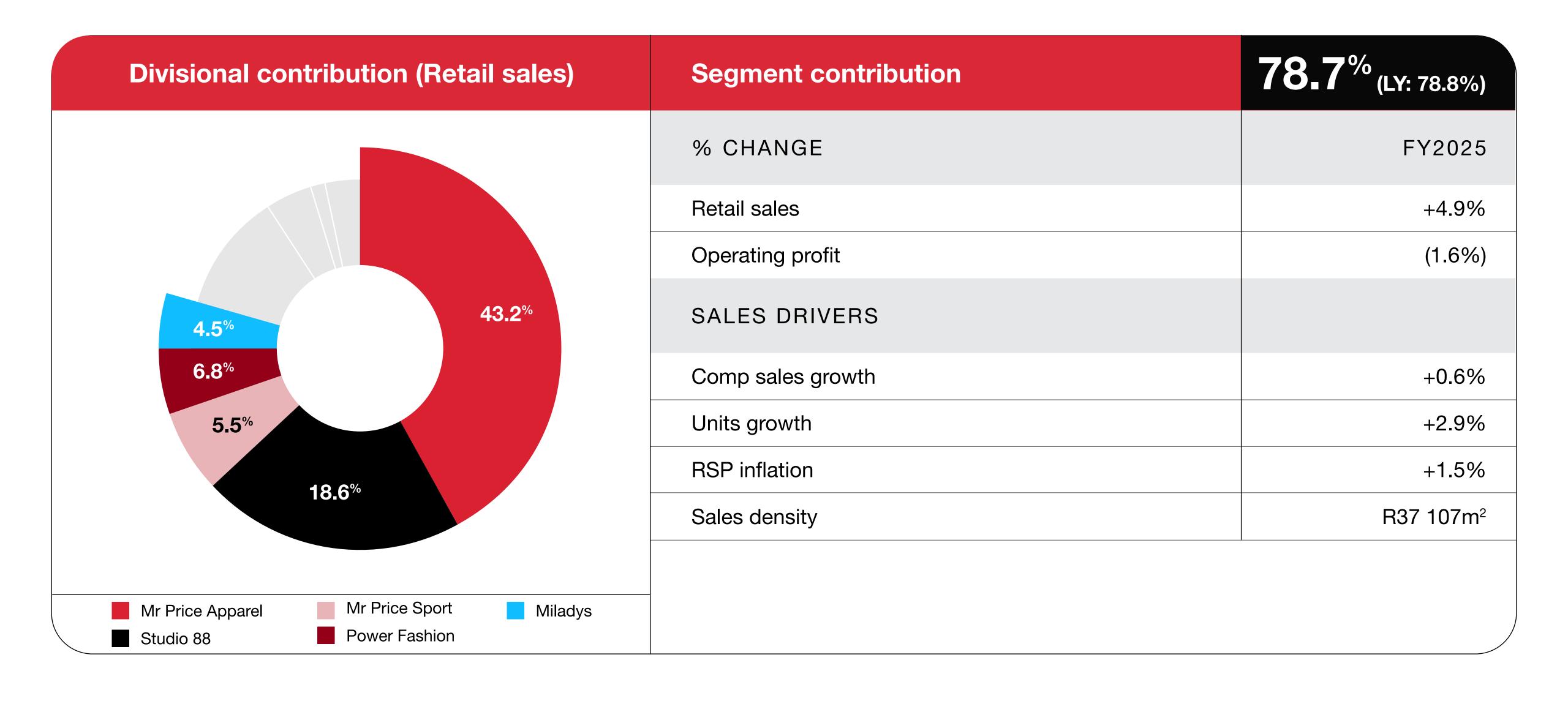
- ¹Increase on interest on lease liabilities offset by interest income on higher cash balance
- Studio 88:
  - Materially seasonally weighted to H2
  - Net of amortisation on intangibles raised at acquisition





## SEGMENTAL PERFORMANCE

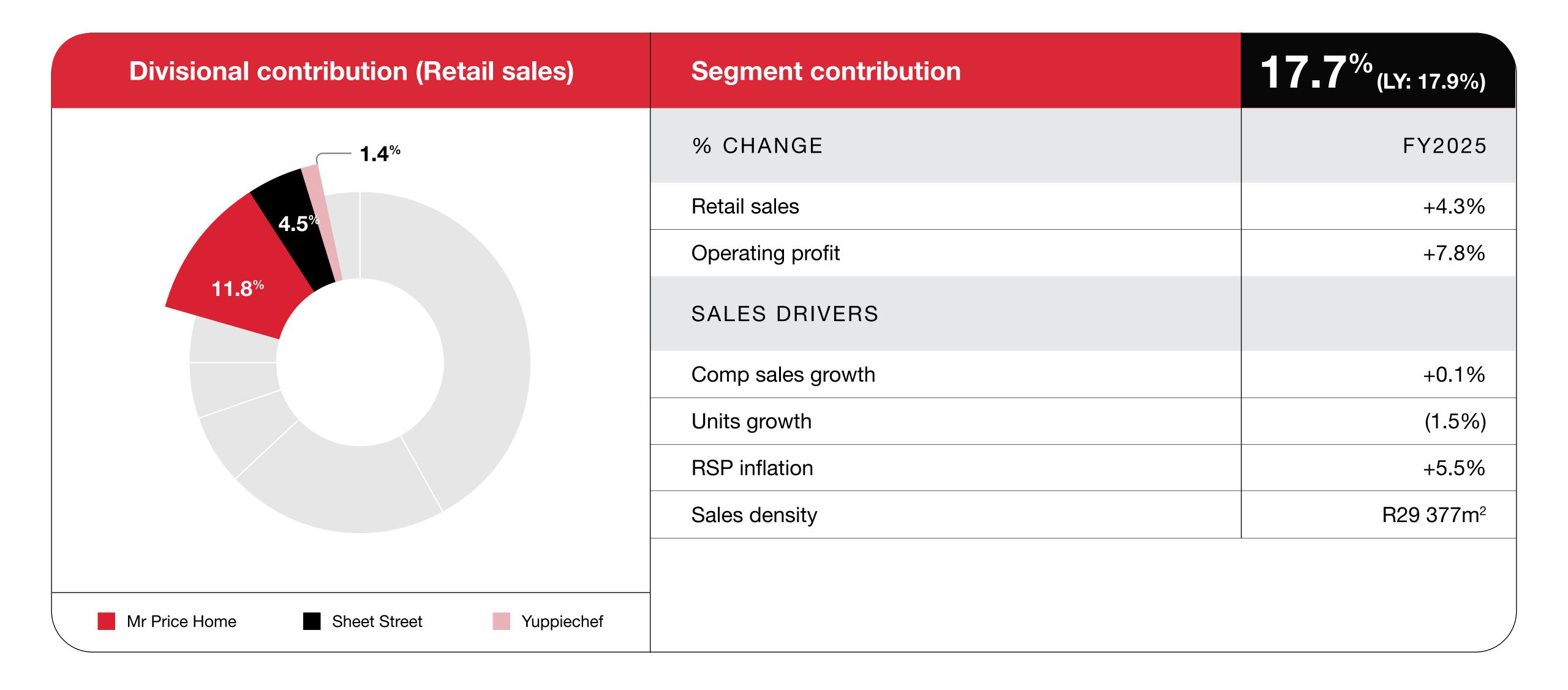
#### APPAREL





## SEGMENTAL PERFORMANCE

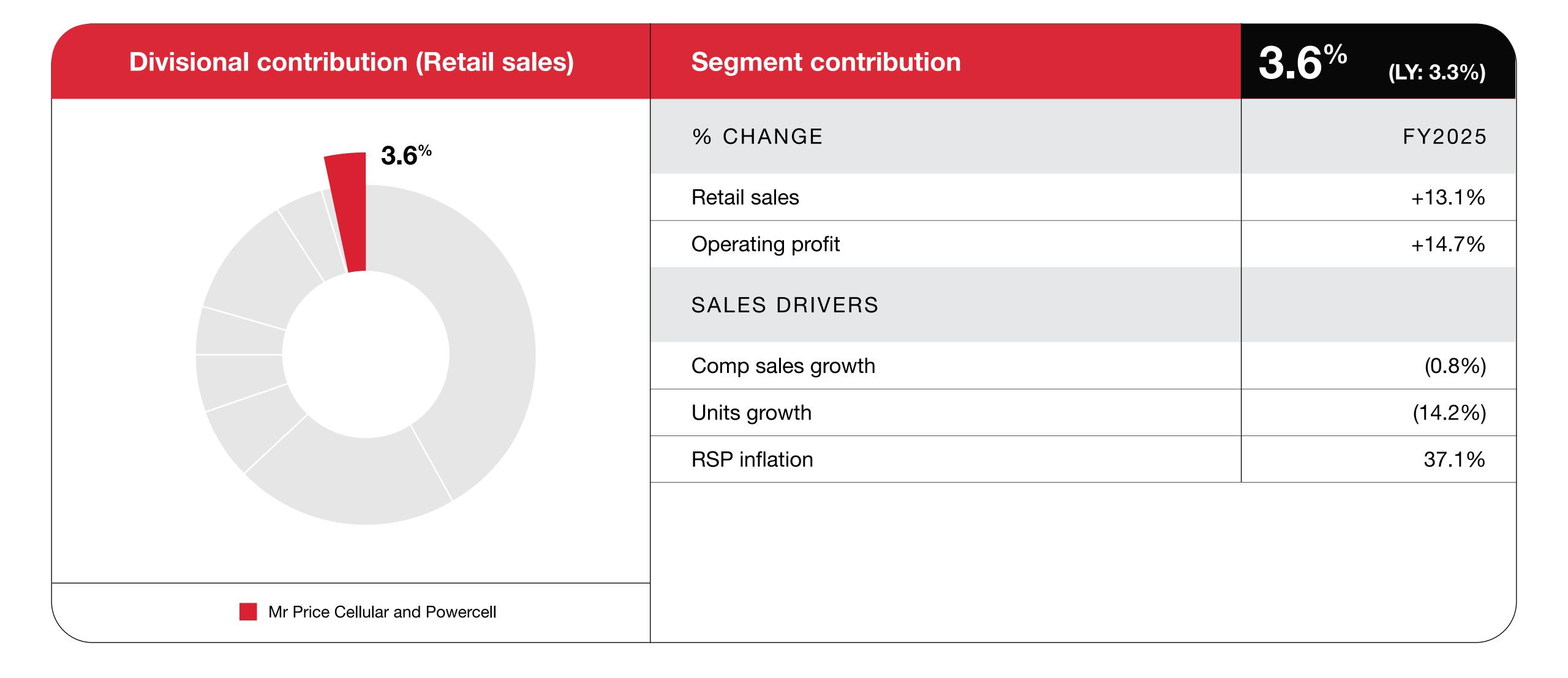
#### **HOMEWARE**





#### **TELECOMS**







## SPACE GROWTH

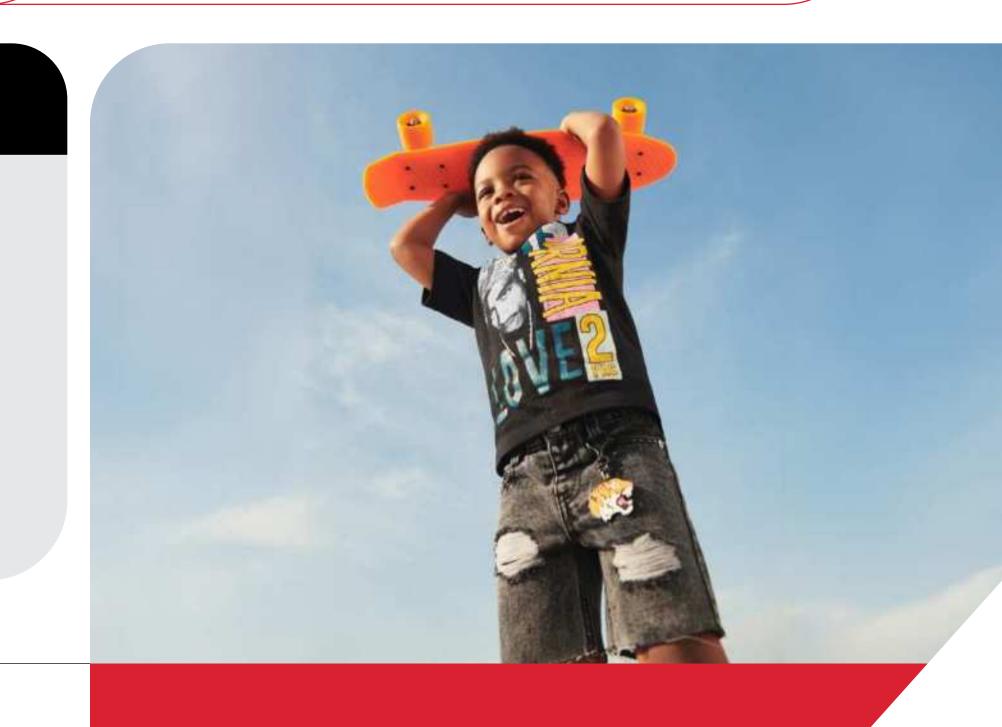
## Total group owned:

## 2 958 stores

Apparel segment	2 318 stores	Homeware segment	594 stores	Cellular segment	46 stores
Mr Price	612	Mr Price Home	232	Mr Price Cellular	46
Mr Price Kids	38	Sheet Street	341	(Total locations including sto	ore-in-store: 553)
(Mr Price Kids assortment p	resent in 650 stores)	Yuppiechef	21		
Miladys	266				
Mr Price Sport	176				
Power Fashion	307				
Studio 88 (5 trading chains)	919				

## Store and space growth insights (Refer pg 43 for detail)

- New stores: 92
- Apparel segment: +80
- Home segment: +7
- Telecoms segment: +5
- New store returns well above internal thresholds and far in excess of WACC
- New w.avg space growth of 6.1%
- Net w.avg space growth of 4.9%





## GROSS PROFIT ANALYSIS

	FY2025	FY2024
Group	39.7%	38.6%
Apparel	40.2%	39.1%
Homeware	42.2%	40.5%
Telecoms	20.3%	20.0%

#### • Group:

- Strong product execution: merchandise GP margin up 120bps
- Clean exit of winter season and lower markdowns

#### Apparel:

- Four out of five divisions grew GP margin
- Power Fashion and Studio 88 continue to move towards targeted range

#### Homeware:

- All divisions improved GP margin
- Strategic category extensions and growth in private label driving margin gains for Yuppiechef

#### Telecoms:

- Positive mix changes continue to contribute to margin gains as expected





## **OVERHEAD** EXPENSES

Total expenses: Selling expenses 75.2%; admin expenses 24.8%

#### Manageable costs well controlled

R'm	FY2025	FY2024	H1 % change	% of RSOI#
Depreciation* and amortisation	1 479	1 364	8.4%	8.4%
Employment costs	2 054	1 944	5.7%	11.7%
Occupancy costs	543	475	14.4%	3.1%
Other operating costs	1 222	1 067	14.5%	7.0%
Total expenses	5 298	4 849	9.2%	30.2%

Excluding exchange rate fluctuations total expenses increased 7.9%

- Employment costs:
  - 209 new stores opened in last 12 months
  - Impact of minimum wage increase on higher staff complement
- Occupancy costs:
  - Wavg space growth of 4.9%
  - Increase in month-to-month leases during process of renewal
  - Further increases in utilities of 18.2%
- Other costs
  - Exchange rate fluctuations on foreign territories of R67m







## **OPERATING MARGIN**

	FY2025	FY2024
Group	11.4%	11.5%
Apparel	11.3%	12.0%
Homeware	9.4%	9.1%
Telecoms	10.2%	10.1%

- Group:
  - H1 margin typically lower than H2
  - Weaker Q1 sales growth impacted operating leverage
- Apparel:
  - Margin impacted by high price point branded merchandise and impact of negative credit cycle on Miladys
- Homeware:
  - Continued improvement driven by higher sales than LY and improved gross margin
- Telecoms:
  - Growth of private label handsets and higher margin accessories positively impacting margin
  - 30 consecutive quarters of market share gains reaping benefits of increasing scale



## BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS



**Gross inventory** 

Excluding GIT\*: 9.5%

13.6%

Stock freshness of 86.5% (+550bps)

**Trade and other receivables** 

14.9%

Debtors' interest and charges up 6.0%

**Trade & other payables** 

20.7%

Supply chain finance: growth in international

Net working capital (R287m)

Debt free

Unencumbered balance sheet

Cash & cash equivalents

R2.2bn

Cash conversion ratio of 83.7% (+230bps)

## SUPPLY CHAIN FINANCE PROGRAMME

#### **INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED**

#### The Working Capital Forum:

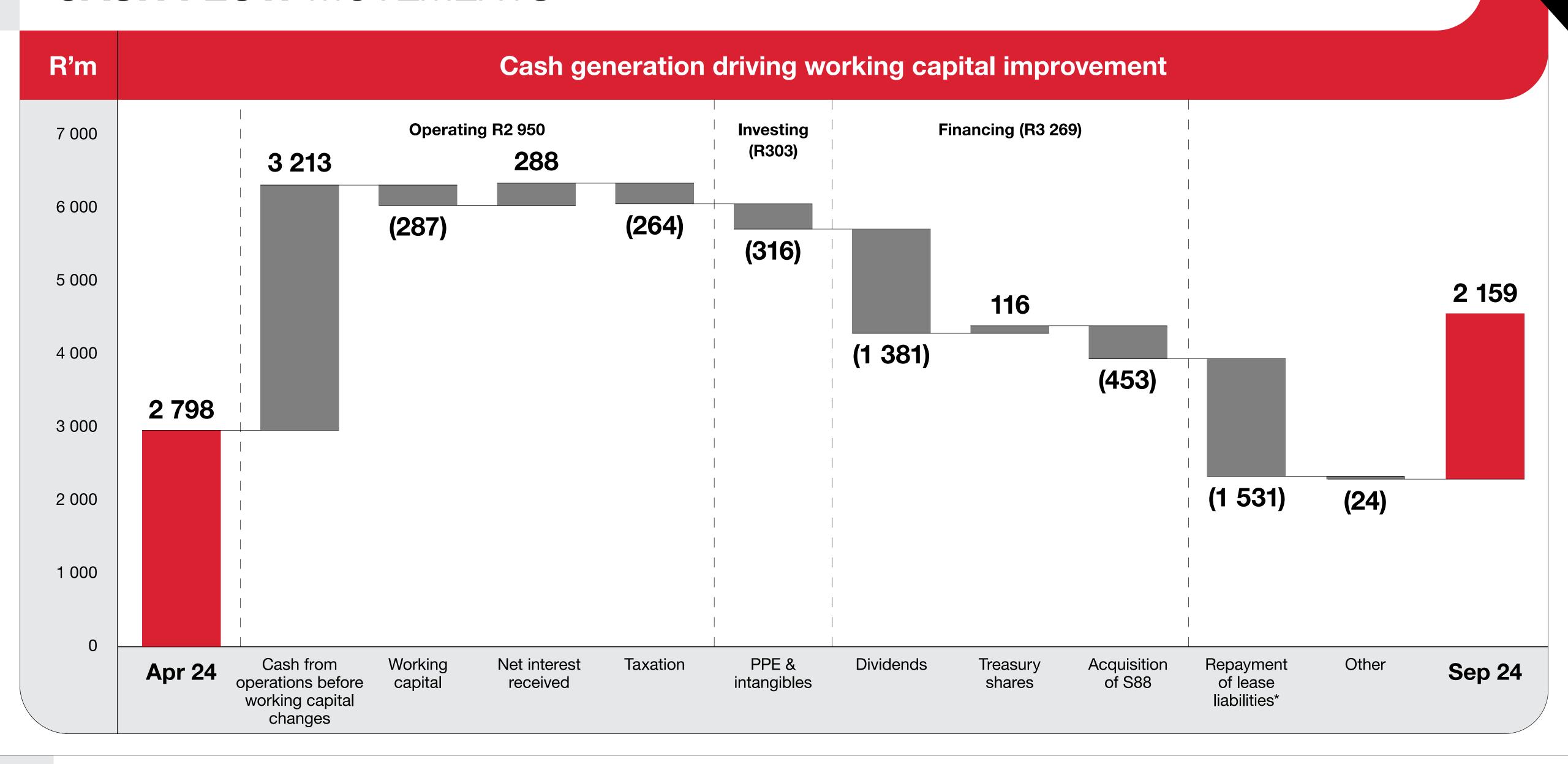
- Group received the award for 'Best Use of Supply Chain Finance' and the gold award for 'Best Use of Working Capital'
- First time an African country has received a gold award from the forum





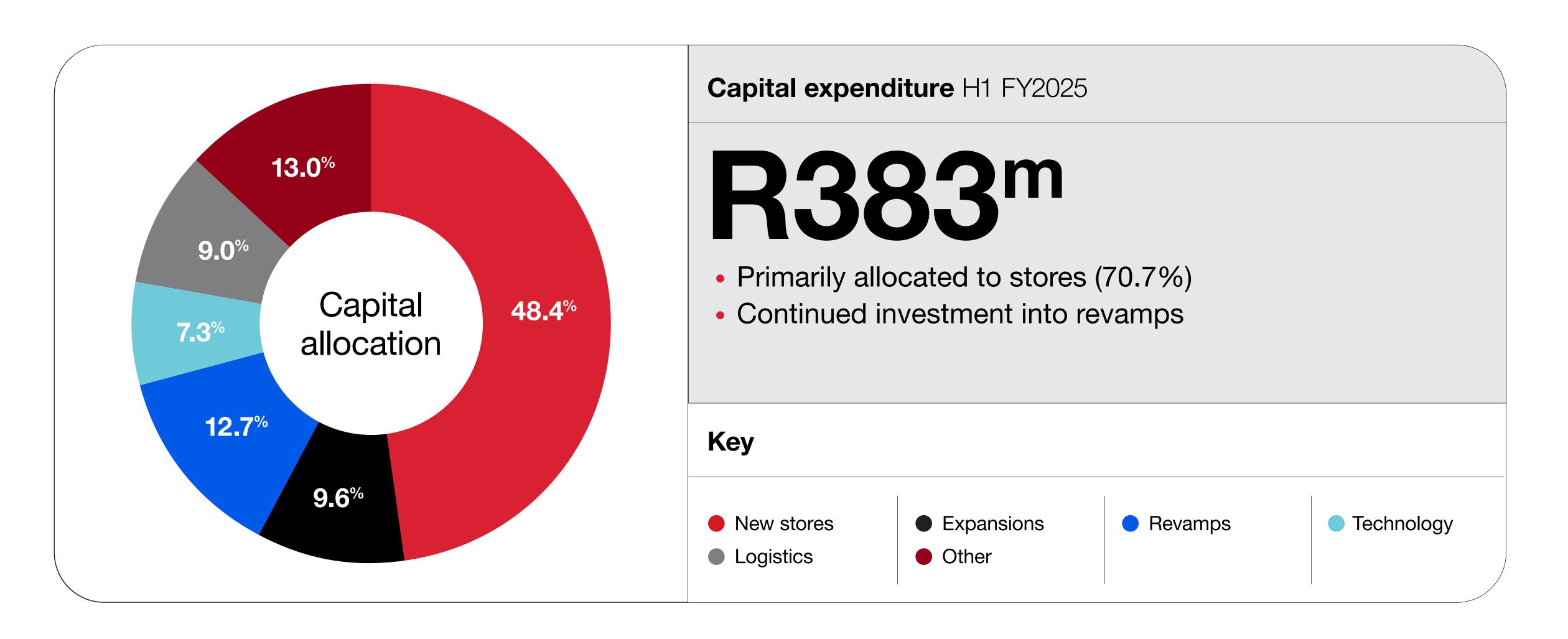
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## CASH FLOW MOVEMENTS



## **ALLOCATION OF CAPEX**

#### Funded wholly from cash reserves





## CREDIT GROWTH PERFORMANCE

**Credit sales** 

11.9% of total sales +2.7% YoY growth

19.0% approval rate

**Credit growth &** contribution

- Opportunity to increase to upper limits in positive trending cycle early signs of approval rate rising to >20%
- Risk tolerance to be driven by data insights

#### **Debtors' book**

R'm	Sep 24	Mar 24	Sep 23	% change	
IN III	36p 24	IVIAI 24	3ep 23	Sep/Mar	Sep/Sep
Debtors' book	2 851	2 848	2 440	0.1%	16.8%
NBD: book (excl collection costs)	1.0%	2.2%	10.0%		
Impairment provision	13.0%	13.9%	10.5%		

#### **Book performance**

- Re-assessed suitability of the write-off point:
  - Historically conservative led to higher post-write off recoveries
  - Write off point moved out to create a charge off portfolio on balance sheet
- Resulted in:
  - Increase in debtors book and decrease in write-offs (lowering NBD %)
  - Increase in impairment provision % coverage due to higher debtors book
  - Net impact on income statement not material
  - NBD % expected to normalise at FY2025 year end
  - Book aging:
    - No change in current vs LY comparing on a like-for-like basis
    - Improvement in first installment defaulters on new accounts



By Mark Blair - CEO



## CAPITAL MARKETS DAY 2024

- Hosted in September with 56% of the group's shareholding present
- 96% of attendees recognised the event as an effective engagement opportunity with management, and received greater clarity on group strategy
- Strong focus on strategic investment through the cycle, unlocking opportunities as the economy turns









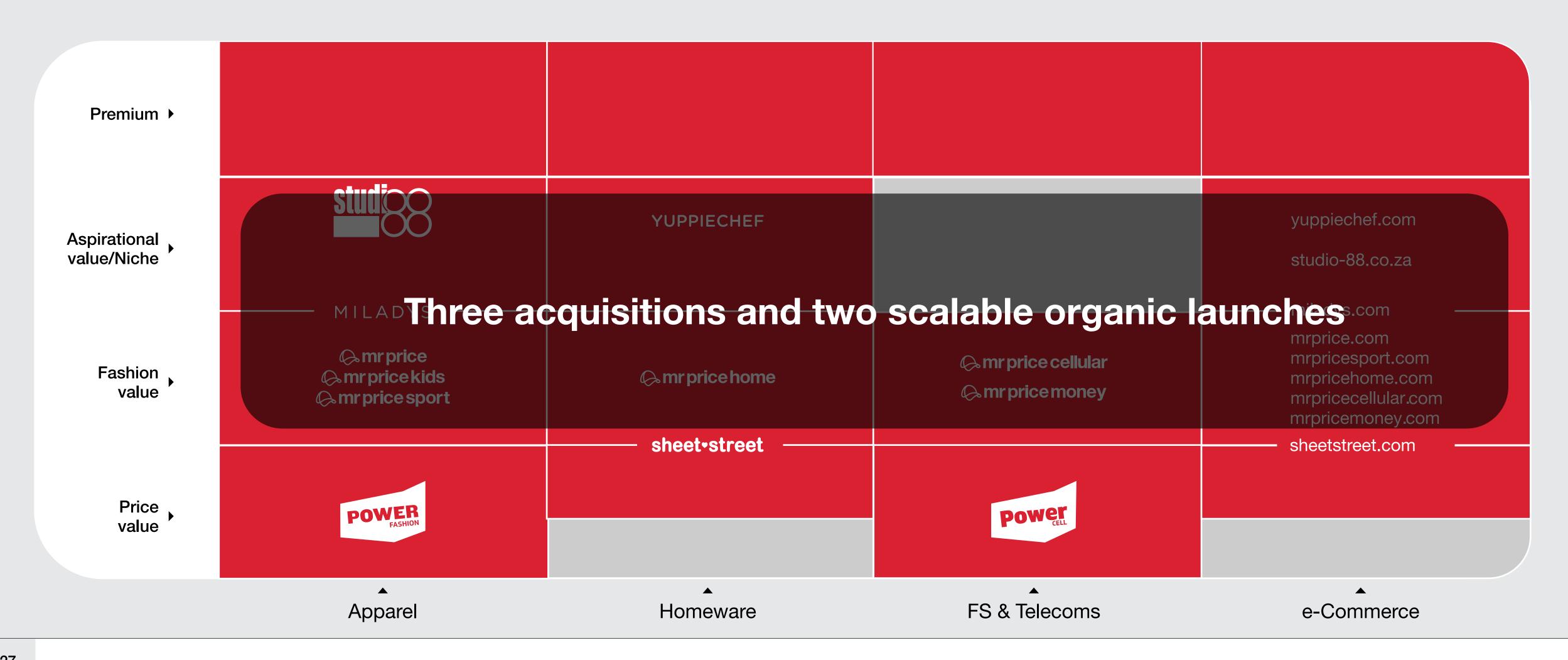


#### **CUSTOMER DIVERSIFICATION**



#### Strategic investment into acquisitions and organic concepts:

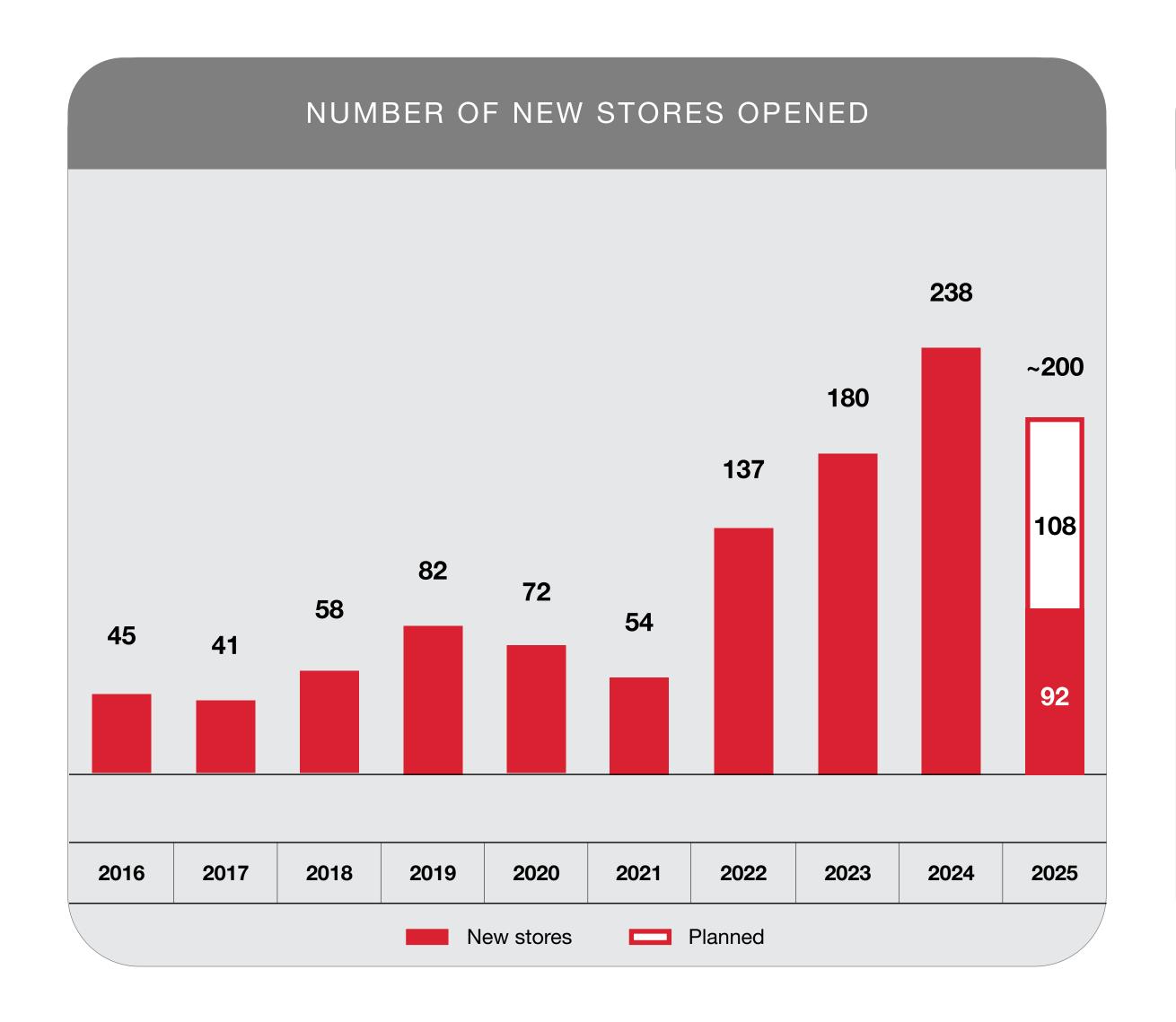
- Strengthening and diversification of the group's fashion-value offerings
- Expansion of customer base across multiple income segments

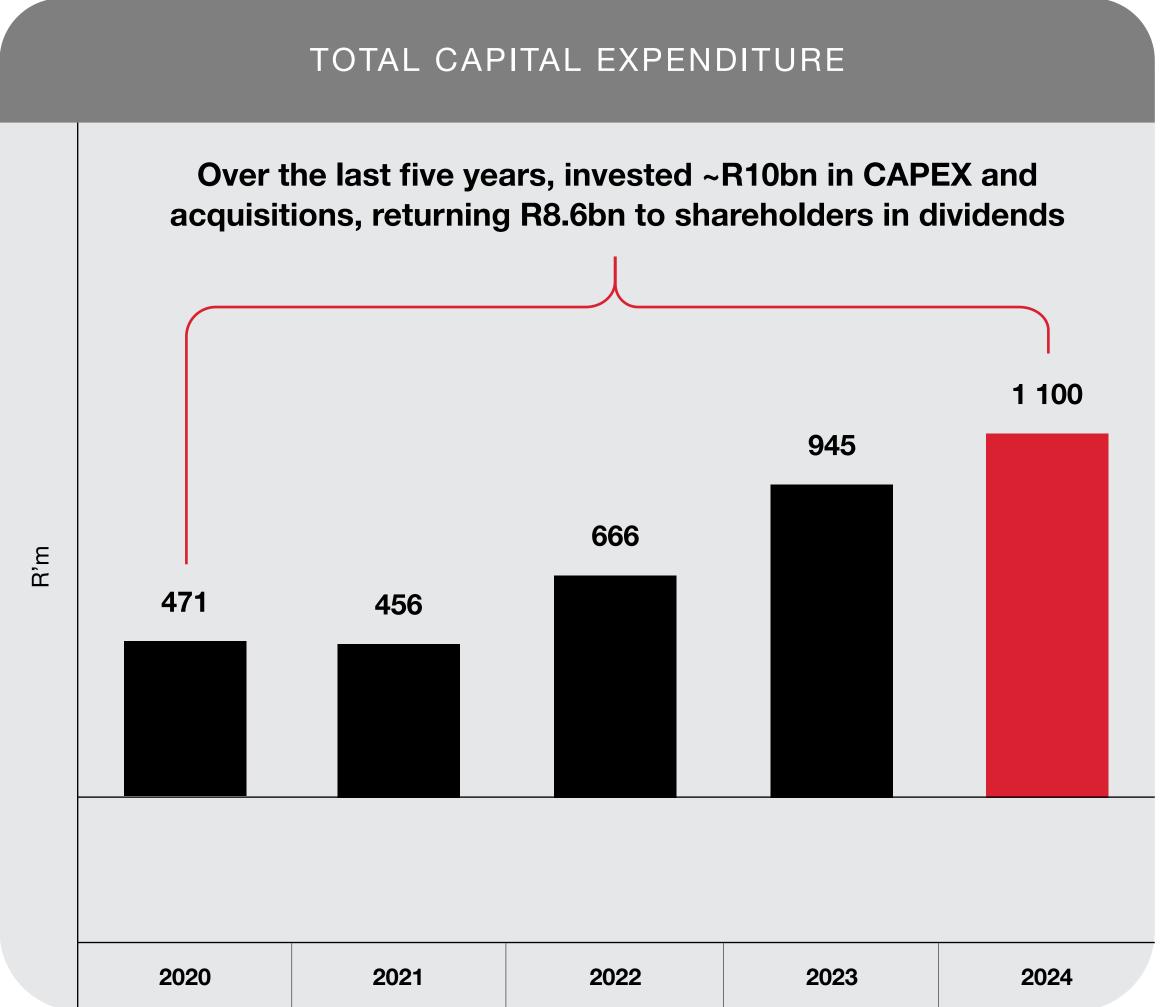




#### **EXPANDED STORE FOOTPRINT**









## INVESTED THROUGH THE CYCLE

## **OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

Our people	Merchandise processes	Technology	Supply chain	Logistics
Investment into a strong leadership team with deep succession	Reinforcing tried and tested multi-decade processes	Successful implementation of ERP system	Improved agility enabling faster response times	Established supply chain (logistics) blueprint

## INVESTED THROUGH THE CYCLE

#### **GAUTENG DC ENHANCEMENT**



#### Strategic supply chain enablement

#### **Current distribution centre facilities and operations:**

KwaZulu-Natal

Hammarsdale: 62 000m²
Power Fashion: 11 000m²

Western Cape

- Yuppiechef: 4 000m<sup>2</sup>

Gauteng

- Studio 88: 10 000m<sup>2</sup>

- Gosforth Park: 30 000m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Reconfiguration of Gosforth Park facility**

- Dual distribution centres will leverage group warehouse management principles
- Supporting sustainable growth while further mitigating risks through a multi-site strategy
- Expansion will efficiently and cost-effectively handle northern regional demand and support business growth in the region
- The facility will feature current warehouse management solutions and selected automated material handling systems to ensure robust and efficient operations



## INVESTED THROUGH THE CYCLE

#### **BRAND STRENGTH**



South Africans continue to choose our differentiated fashion-value offerings





Highest brand equity in the apparel and homeware sectors

#### Supported by

- Store revamps
- Strong digital marketing presence
- Sought-after omni-channel offering
- Customer focus at every touch point

## CAPITAL ALLOCATION FRAMEWORK

#### Committed to capital allocation framework:

- Allocate cash to highest returning opportunities
  - Invest for the long-term in the most attractive opportunities based on returns and scalability
- Ongoing assessment of dividend policy and share buybacks

## CONCEPT CONSIDERATIONS: RESEARCH TO INFORM CAPITAL ALLOCATION



#### Acquisition considerations

- Level of earnings accretion
- Immediate access to new customer or merchandise segment
- Retention of existing management reduces group distraction
- Consider appropriate integration
- Regulatory approvals

#### Organic considerations

- Excellent opportunity to leverage internal skill and capability
- Ability to differentiate by launching unique and in-demand concepts
- Shape of profits (short-term losses vs size of long-term opportunity)
- Leverage strength of Mr Price and Power Fashion brands

CUSTOMER SEGMENT CONSIDERATIONS: RESEARCH TO INFORM CAPITAL ALLOCATION



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## STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

#### **Strategic outcomes**

Profitable market share 3. Diversified offering Operational excellence 5. Digital & tech modernisation Growing comp sales Omni-channel Differentiated fashion Space growth Supply chain Efficiencies & leverage Category extensions Value positioning Customer obsessed 4. Scalable opportunities Top quartile returns 6. Leading brand equity Strategy function Disciplined capital allocation framework New growth vehicles Customer engagement Industry leading metrics Data insights

#### **Underpinned By Six Strategic Pillars**















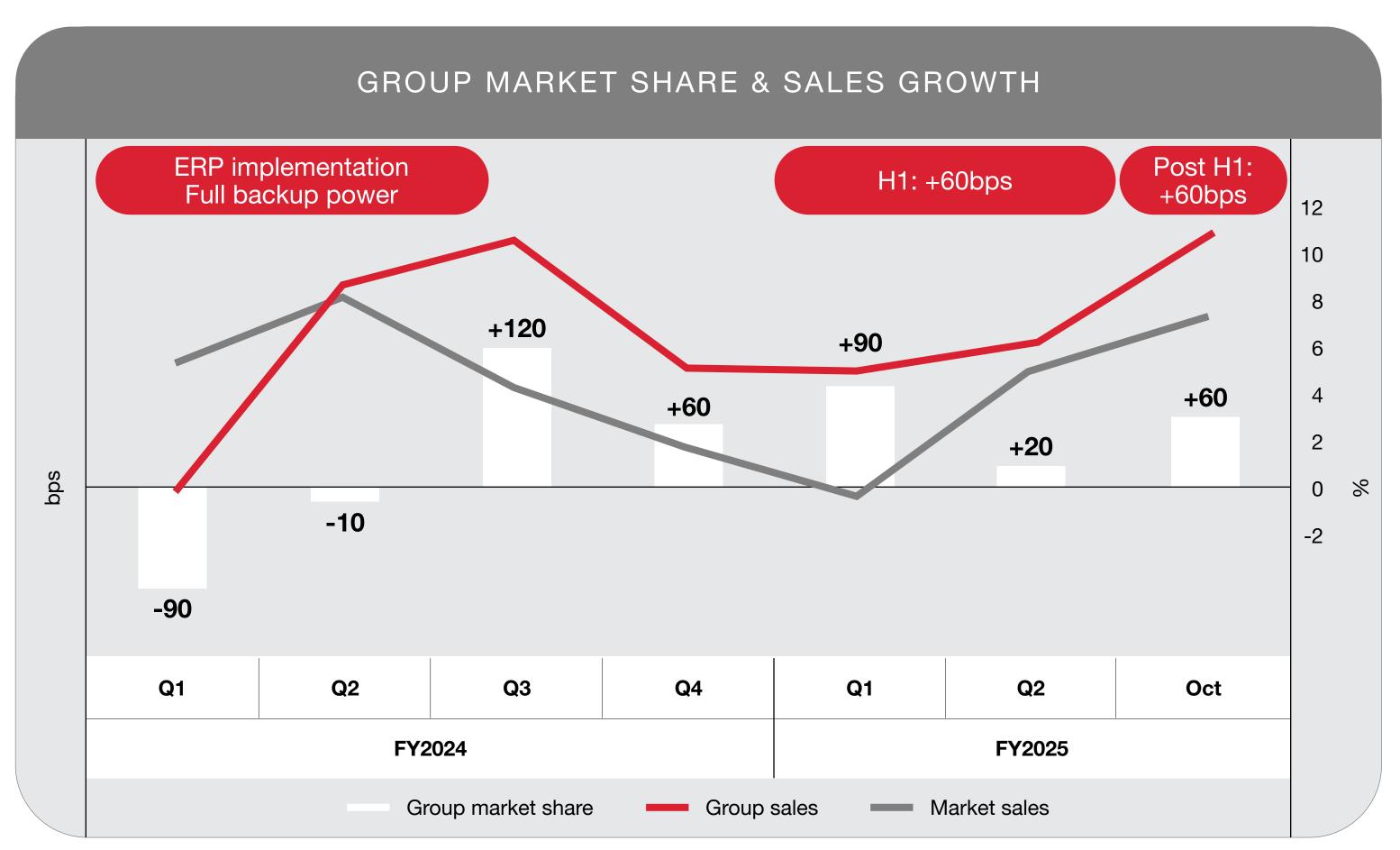


## PROFITABLE MARKET SHARE





Four quarters of consecutive market share gains; sales growth exceeding the market since Q2 FY2024



H1 market share gains		
RLC	StatsSA	
+60bps	+70bps*	

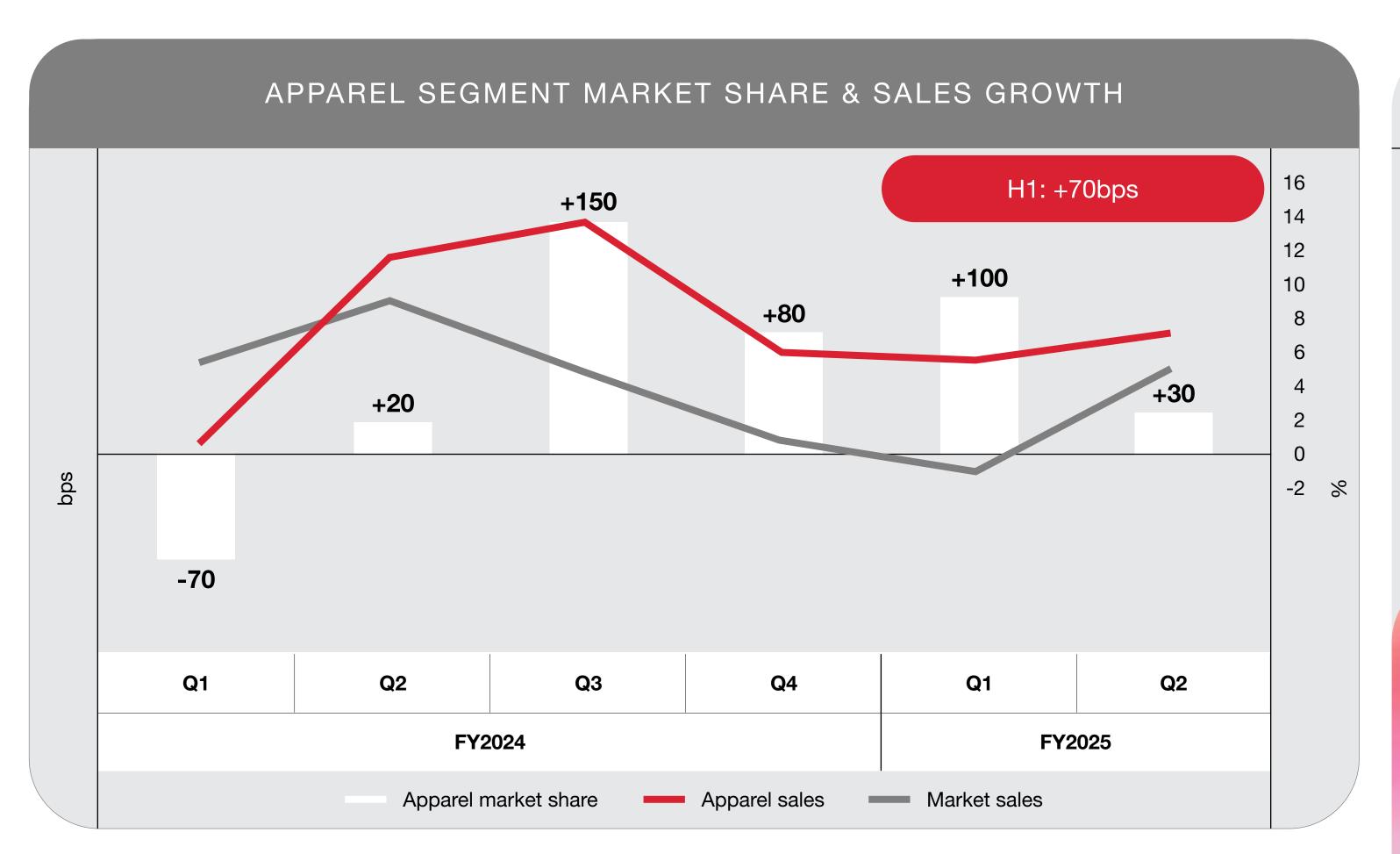


## PROFITABLE MARKET SHARE

#### **APPAREL SEGMENT**



Five quarters of consecutive market share gains, more than R1bn recovered in the last 12 months



#### Focus in H2

- Effective execution of differentiated fashion-value merchandise
- Organic growth of under-indexed departments
- Positive store growth across all divisions
- Continued improvements to omni-channel offering and key customer touchpoints
- Strengthening market share momentum from H1

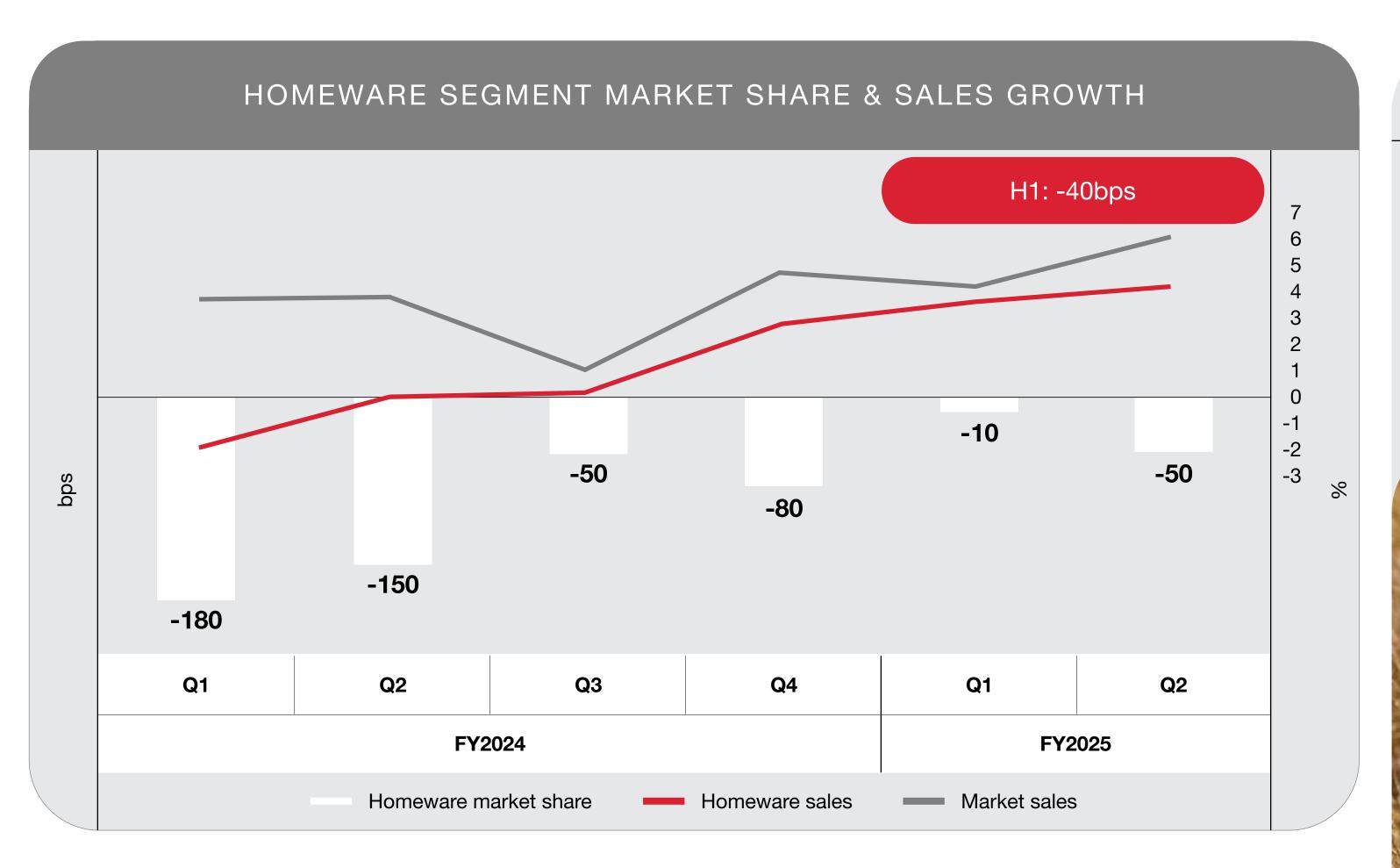


## PROFITABLE MARKET SHARE

#### **HOMEWARE SEGMENT**



#### **Increasing sales momentum**



#### Focus in H2

- Meaningful GP margin improvements
- Capitalise on additional discretionary spend anticipated in the second half
- Further build on sales growth trend





# ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

#### Global

#### **South Africa**

#### **UNCERTAINTY REMAINS:**

- Ongoing geopolitical tensions
- Supply chain volatility
- US election outcome impact to be seen
  - Initial dollar strengthening against emerging markets



#### MANY POSITIVES SIGNALING A CHANGE IN CYCLE:

- GNU stability, with improved governance and increased transparency on public spending
- National infrastructure reforms supported by private sector collaboration
- No loadshedding since March 2024
- Unemployment rate declined in Q3 2024 for the first time in a year, number of people employed up 294 000
- Playing fields levelled against foreign ecommerce players full import duties now apply
- Revised SA ratings outlook from stable to positive, possibility of future upgrade
- Medium-term economic growth forecast of 2.0%

# **CONSUMER** OUTLOOK

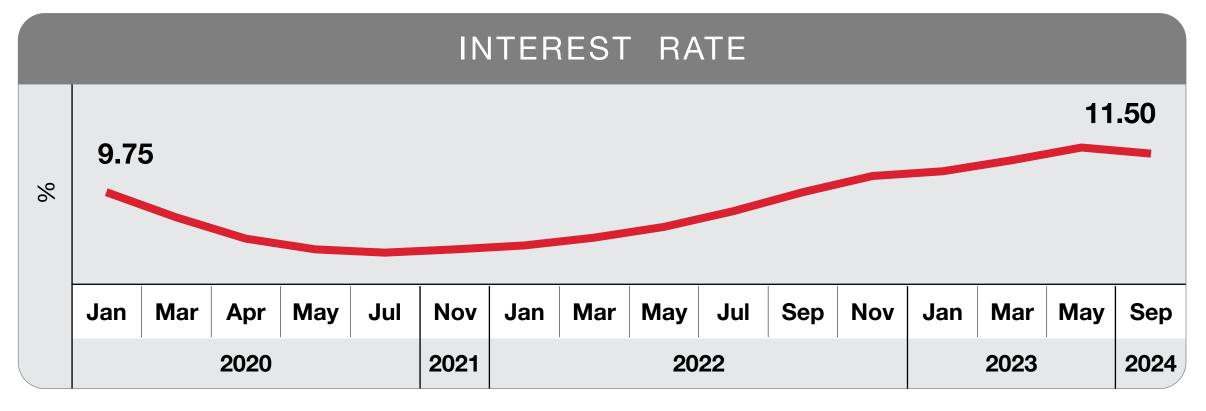
#### Entering a more positive phase for consumers with improving disposable income & household expenditure

#### **Two-pot retirement reform:**

- R35bn paid out since 1 October 2024
- Individuals can access funds annually

#### Interest rate cycle has changed:

- 25bps cut on 20 September 2024
- 25bps cut expected on 21 November 2024
- 50bps by year end. Further 125bps by March 2026

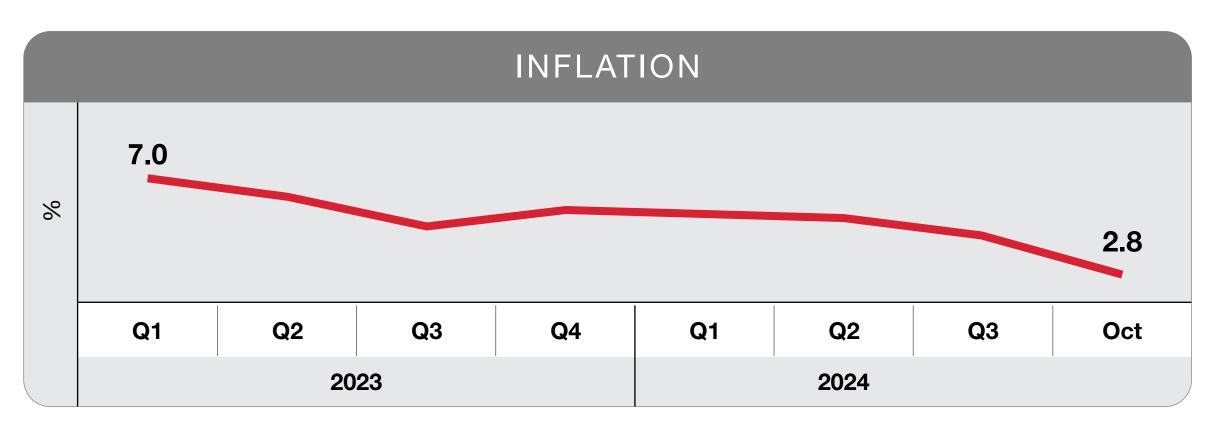


#### Consumer confidence has reached a five-year high:

- Passenger vehicle sales highest in October since 2019
- Five months of consecutive fuel price decreases, lowest since March 2022

#### **Inflation:**

- Greatest impact of historically high food and transport inflation felt by low to mid income consumers
- Moderated to within Reserve Bank range of 3% 6% in H1



#### The group is well positioned to benefit from the improving environment:

Lower to mid income consumers were the 'hardest hit' during the period of economic downturn

#### **OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2024**



#### Sales growth trend

October	+11.5%
November (to 16th)	+14.7%
Combined 7-week period	+12.4%

Double digit sales growth in all three segments

Top 4 performing divisions: Studio 88, Mr Price Apparel, Power Fashion and Yuppiechef

Inventory position at end of September was well considered

Divisions with the highest stock growth are achieving the highest sales growth



#### **FOCUS AREAS & FORECAST**



#### Focus areas remain guided by our strategic outcomes

Further store rollouts | ~108 new stores in H2

Strong execution of launched organic concepts | Mr Price Kids and Mr Price Cellular

Growth in comp sales

Continued momentum of profitable market share gains

Continue selective and well paced integration of acquired businesses

Collective business efforts to acheive medium-term targets





## PROGRESSING NEXT GROWTH PHASE



# After closing the initial acquisition of Studio 88, the remainder of FY2023 was dedicated to:

- An inward focus on extracting value from the three acquisitions
- Scaling the two organic launches

#### Since then, the focus has shifted to:

- Research to identify new areas of growth
- Filtering process identified top opportunities which have received dedicated focus
- Established guiding principles for future investments
- Re-calibrated our investment criteria

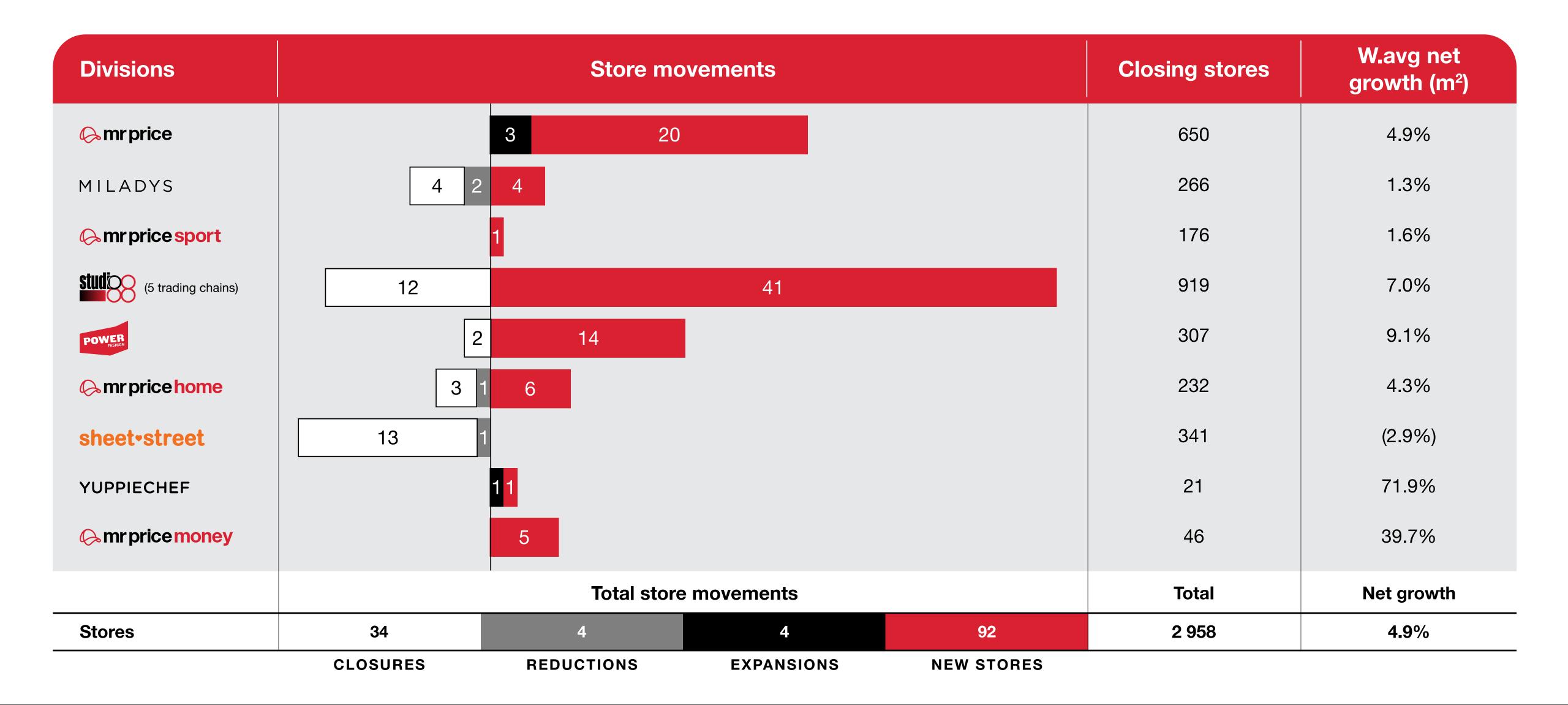
Considerable progress has been made in identifying opportunities to lead the group into its next phase of growth







# SPACE GROWTH





# EARNINGS & DIVIDEND PER SHARE

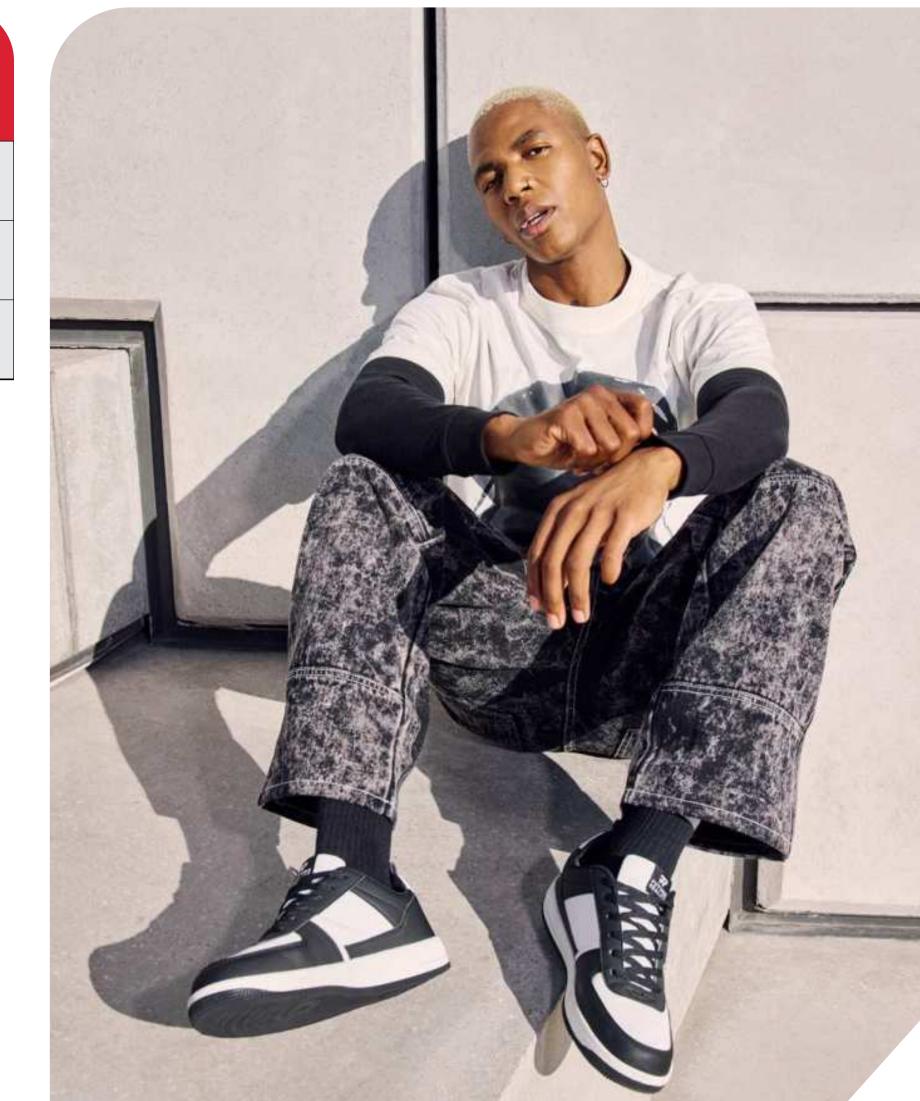
	FY2025	FY2024	H1 % Growth
Profit attributable to shareholders (R'm)	1 239	1 154	7.3%
W. Avg shares in issue (000)	257 251	257 186	0.0%
Basic earnings per share	481.5c	448.8c	7.3%
Addbacks (R'm)	0.9	2.9	
Headline earnings (R'm)	1 240	1 157	7.1%
Headline earnings per share	481.8c	449.9c	7.1%
Shares for diluted earnings (000)	264 840	263 320	
Diluted headline earnings per share	468.0c	439.5c	6.5%
Dividend per share	303.6c	283.5c	7.1%





# EBITDA RECONCILIATION

	FY2025	FY2024	H1 % Growth
Profit from operating activities	2 000	1 923	4.0%
Total depreciation & amortisation	1 524	1 408	8.2%
EBITDA	3 524	3 331	5.8%





# GROUP SALES GROWTH DRIVERS

### Geography

#### **Tender Type**

RSA

**Rest of Africa** 

% of sales

91.8%

% of sales

8.2%

**Bricks** 

% of sales

97.7%

**Online** 

2.3% % of sales

Cash

88.1%

Cash

of sales

88.1% % of sales

**Units** 

130<sup>m</sup>

Credit

11.9% % of sales

**RSP** inflation

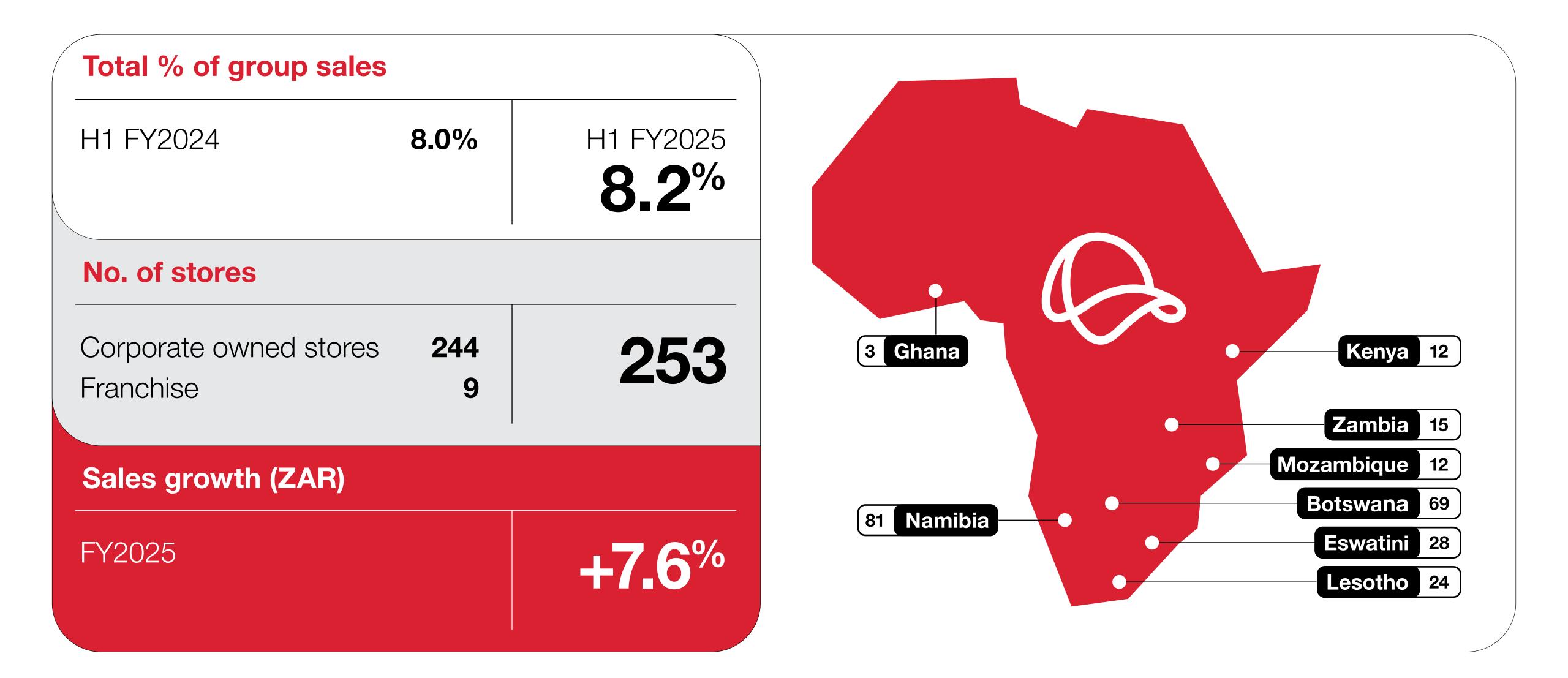
CPI

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Channel

Merchandise

# REST OF AFRICA





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