# At the centre of innovation for future warfare

QinetiQ Group plc Preliminary results for year ended 31 March 2025

22 May 2025



### Headlines



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#### Focused on organic growth with disciplined capital allocation and attractive shareholder returns



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# Year in review

Steve Wadey Group Chief Executive Officer



## FY25 – our year in review

- Revenue and profit impacted by delays and one-off charges
- Strengthened leadership and disciplined portfolio actions
- Increasing strategic focus to leverage AUKUS and NATO
- Highly relevant capabilities with record order intake
- Focus on execution with 75%<sup>1</sup> revenue contracted for FY26
- Strong cashflow enabling investment in organic growth
- Strong shareholder returns with buyback extended by £200m



#### Focused on delivering consistent operational performance and sustainable profitable growth

<sup>1</sup> Funded and unfunded backlog <sup>2</sup> B2B ratio is orders won divided by revenue recognised, excluding LTPA revenue of £270m (FY24: £266m) <sup>3</sup> Operating profit from segments Note: glossary for acronyms can be found in the Appendix



## FY25 – tough market environment impacted short-term performance

#### UK Intelligence - market challenges

- Delays to contract awards affected short cycle work reducing revenue by £30m e.g. science & technology
- Reviewed operations and resized some capabilities to align with reduced demand, whilst protecting core skills
- Business realigned to support operations and digital transformation of UK defence and security customers

#### United States - market & operational challenges

- Revenue reduced by \$70m due to legacy US operations e.g. delays to product sales, whilst Avantus remained flat
- Launched restructuring following review of US business with new US Chief Executive, addressing:
  - Cost base, labour rates and inventory management
  - Non-cash charges predominantly relate to legacy US
- Strategy refined to improve execution and invest in core capabilities to win longer-term programmes
  - Avantus long-term contracts growth e.g. SDA, SCO and TARS

Resized capabilities whilst maintaining market share

Realigned business to national security priorities

#### Actions taken to de-risk portfolio and drive consistent operational performance

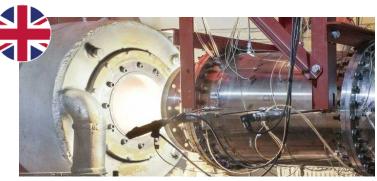
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### FY25 – operational highlights



Increased NATO use of LTPA capabilities



£160m R&D for weapons innovation



Deployed comms contracts up to £200m

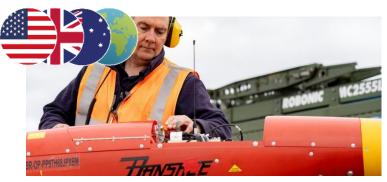


\$120m next gen sensor system awards<sup>1</sup>

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\$47m+ DASA strategic partner contract



17% demand increase for aerial targets

#### Highly relevant mission critical capabilities to meet current and future needs

<sup>1</sup> Funded base order value \$53m Note: glossary for acronyms can be found in the Appendix







# Financial results

Martin Cooper Group Chief Financial Officer



## **Full Year Summary Financials**



Statutory profitability impacted by one-off charges – exceptional charges include £144m impairment in the US

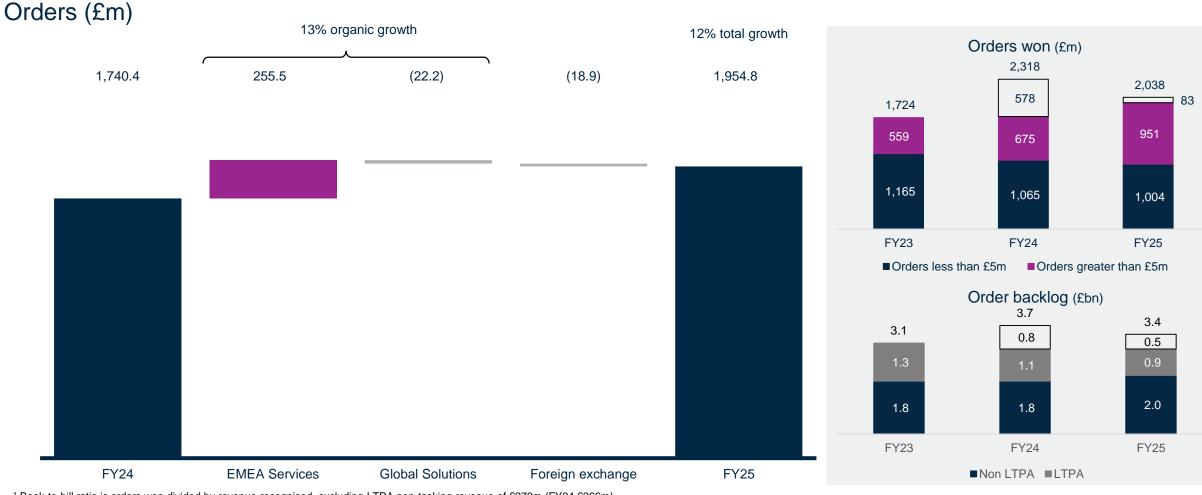
Order Backlog	Book-to-bill <sup>2</sup>	<sup>ЕРЅ</sup>	Leverage	ROCE 22%
£2.8bn	1.2x	26.1р	0.4x	
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#### Cash generation remained strong, which has enabled increased shareholder returns

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All measures on this page are underlying. Operating profit is the total from the operating segments. Definitions of APMs can be found in the Appendix <sup>1</sup> The ratio of underlying net cash from operations to underlying EBITDA <sup>2</sup> Book-to-bill ratio is orders won divided by revenue recognised, excluding LTPA non-tasking revenue of £270m (FY24 £266m)

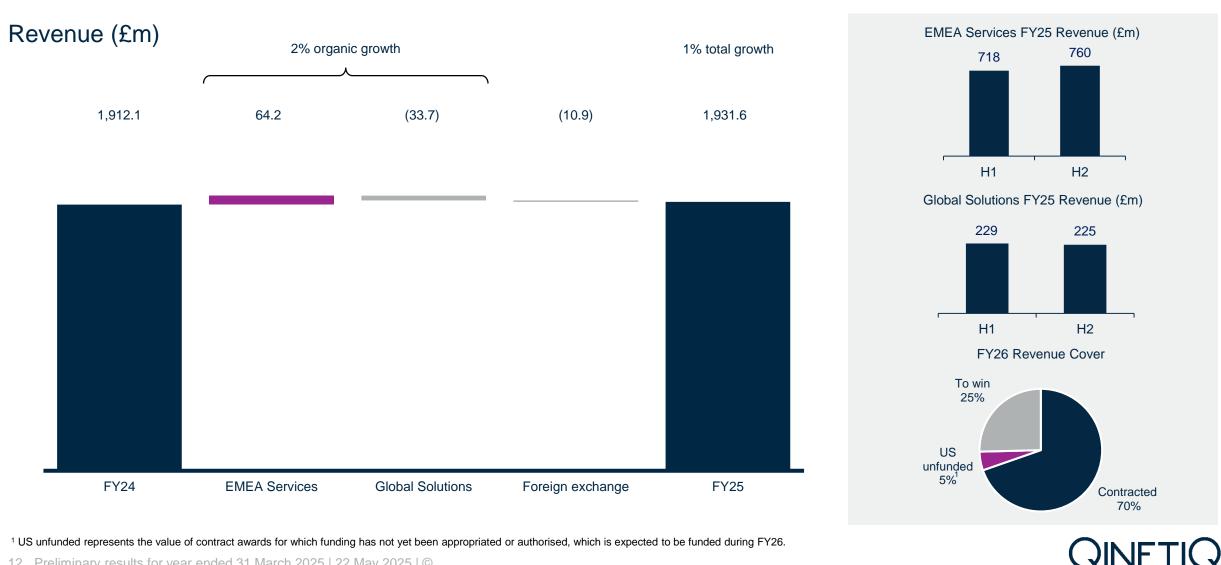
# Record order intake with book-to-bill 1.2x supporting sustainable organic growth



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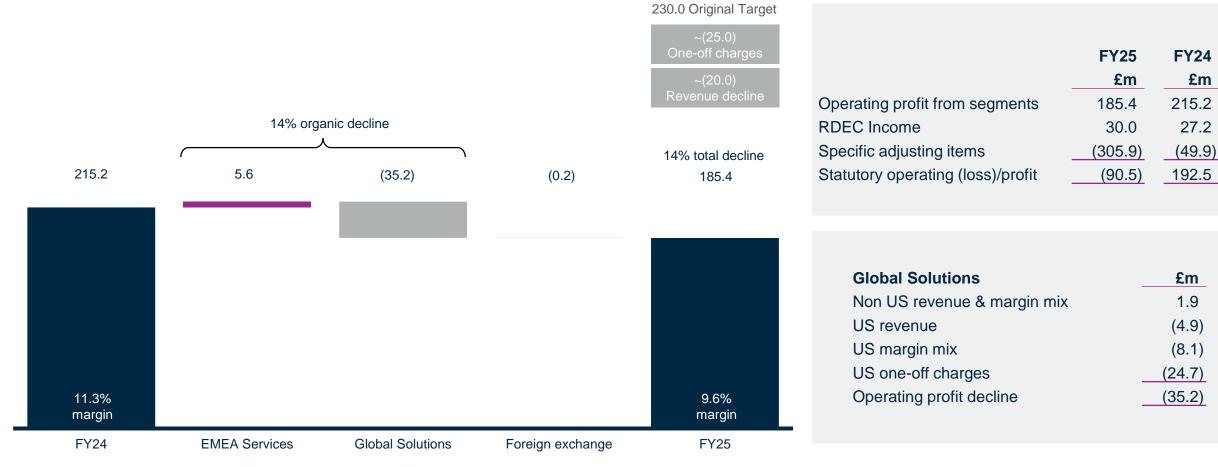
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## Revenue growth impacted by market conditions and orders timing



<sup>1</sup> US unfunded represents the value of contract awards for which funding has not yet been appropriated or authorised, which is expected to be funded during FY26.

# Margin impacted by one off charges and market dynamics



Underlying operating profit from segments (£m)

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## Underlying operating profit to statutory operating loss

Planned actions to deliver long-term growth



Digital investment is a discrete investment project to enable our global growth strategy

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- Loss on sale of property driven by the sale and leaseback of the Cody Technology Park

One-off charges taken on restructuring operations



Restructuring costs and other impacts from US operational restructuring and the group wide efficiency programme



Impairment of US goodwill due to a change in market conditions and reflective of a restructuring of US Operations

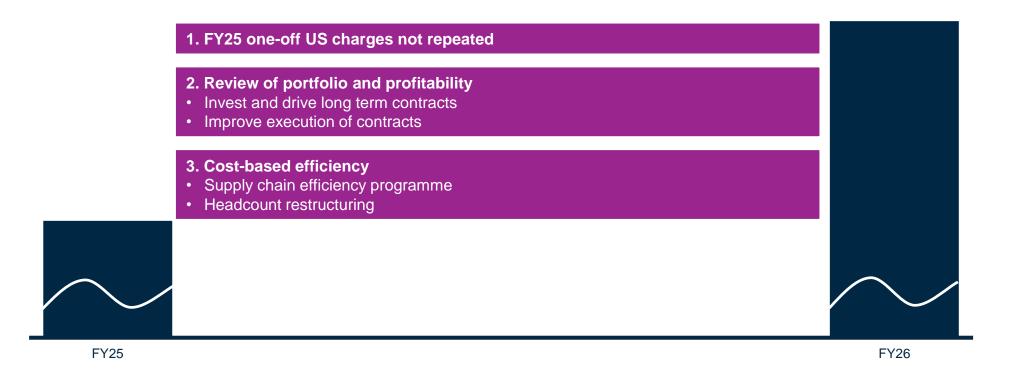
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from acquisitions	(1.0)	(0.7)
Impairment of property	(1.0)	(0.7)
(Loss)/gain on sale of property	(36.6)	2.1
Acquisition and disposal related costs	(14.9)	(9.2)
Restructuring costs and other impacts	(64.5)	-
Impairment of Goodwill	(143.9)	-
Specific adjusting items	(305.9)	(49.9)
Statutory operating (loss)/profit	(90.5)	192.5



### FY26 margin recovery

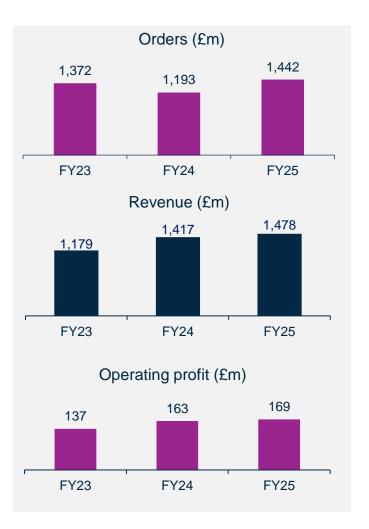
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### EMEA Services – strong order intake



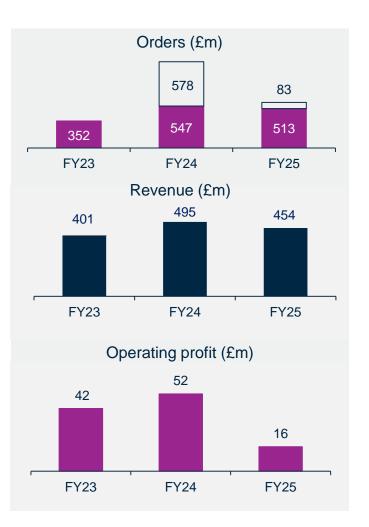
	FY25	FY24	
	£m	£m	% change
Orders	1,441.7	1,193.1	21%
Revenue	1,477.7	1,417.4	4%
Underlying operating profit	169.0	163.4	3%
Underlying operating profit margin	11.4%	11.5%	
Book-to-bill ratio <sup>1</sup>	<b>1.2x</b>	1.0x	15%
Total funded order backlog	2,470.6	2,551.7	(3)%
Funded order backlog excl. LTPA amendments	1,615.9	1,446.5	12%

- Orders increased by 21%, driven by €284m Aerial Training Services contract in Germany, delivering a strong book-to-bill ratio of 1.2x
- Funded order backlog increased by 12% excl. LTPA to £1.6bn
- Revenue increased by 4% on strong programme execution on the backlog, partially
  offset by a slow down in short cycle orders in H2 FY25
- Operating profit margin at 11.4% in line with expectations

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# Global Solutions – challenging US market backdrop



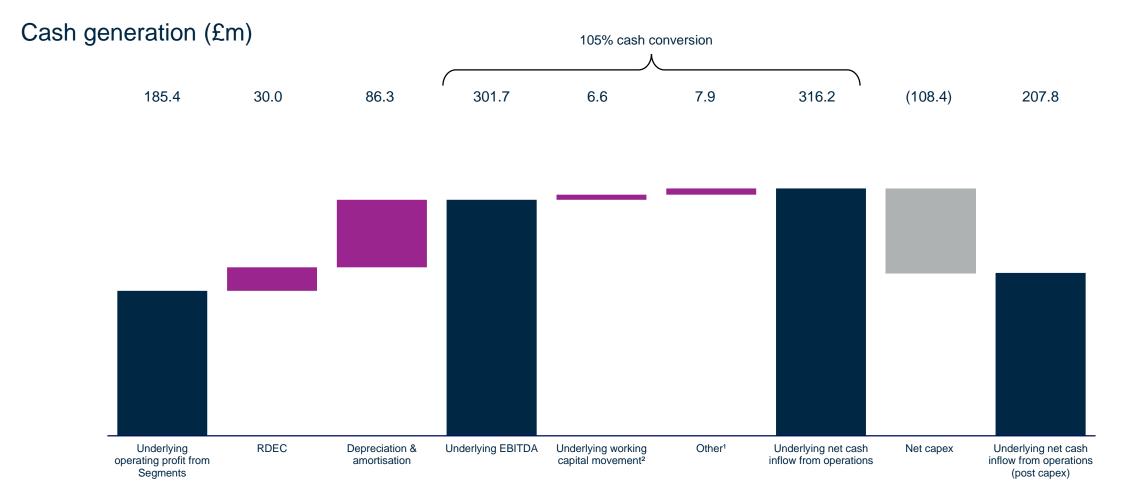
	FY25	FY24	
	£m	£m	% change
Orders	513.1	547.3	(6)%
Revenue	453.9	494.7	(8)%
Underlying operating profit	16.4	51.8	(68)%
Underlying operating profit margin	3.6%	10.5%	
Book-to-bill ratio	1.1x	1.1x	- %
Funded order backlog	374.6	321.3	17%
Unfunded order backlog	529.0	773.2	(22)%

- Book-to-bill ratio of 1.1x supporting future revenue outlook
- Funded order backlog increased by 17% from FY24
- FY26 revenue cover at 89%
- Revenue reduced 8% impacted by a slowdown in short cycle work and a reduction in Q4 high margin product sales
- Operating profit margin reduced to 3.6% impacted by revenue decline and one-off charges predominately in our legacy US business

US unfunded orders represents the value of contract awards for which funding has not yet been appropriated or authorised



# Strong cash generation



<sup>1</sup> Other movements driven by share based payments and pensions impacts



# Strong balance sheet supporting shareholder returns

Change in net debt (£m)



<sup>1</sup> Leases and other includes £50.8m net increase in lease obligations, £20.8m digital investment, £5.3m acquisition and disposal related costs, and £5.2m other specific adjusting items and foreign exchange movements



### FY26 Guidance

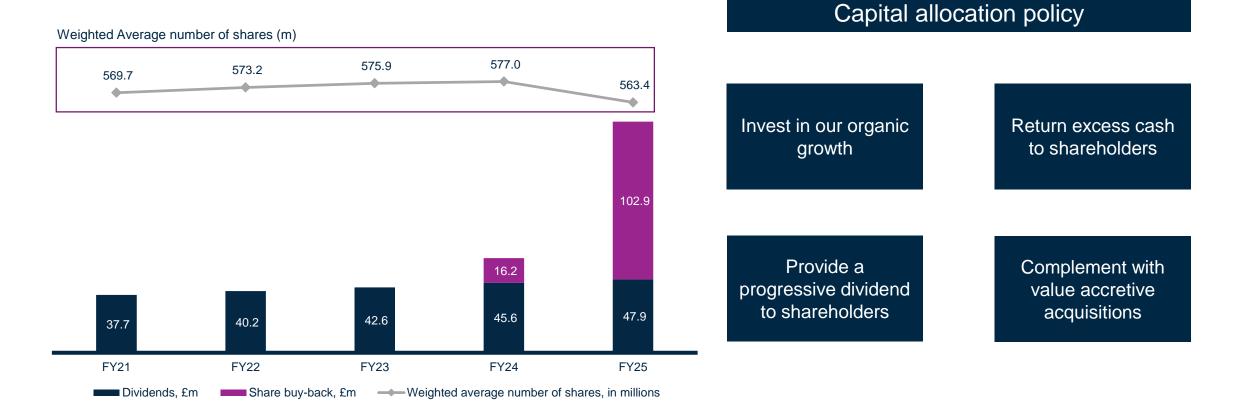
	FY25	FY26		
Revenue	£1.9bn	c.3% growth	Short term market dynamics	
Profit margin	9.6%	c.11.0%	and phasing of restructuring	
Operating cash conversion <sup>1</sup>	105%	90%+	Continued good cash generation	
Underlying EPS	26.1p	15-20% growth	Margin recovery and share buy-back	

#### Short cycle markets remain challenging, strong cash generation enabling further shareholder returns

<sup>1</sup> The ratio of underlying net cash from operations to underlying EBITDA GBP:USD average FX rate for FY25 is £1 : \$1.28, the assumed average FX rate for FY26 is £1 : \$1.29



## **Disciplined capital allocation**



#### Strong balance sheet with optionality for investment in growth and further shareholder returns





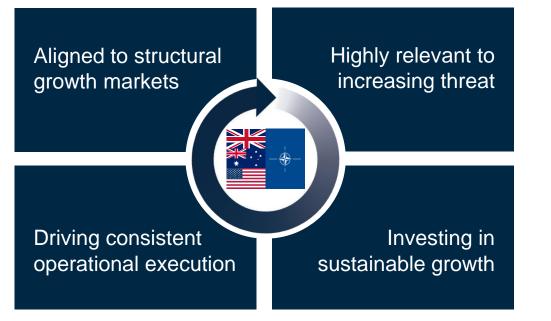
# Strategic outlook

Steve Wadey Group Chief Executive Officer



## Our fundamental strengths and growth drivers remain strong

#### Driven by our purpose and strategy



Delivered by our people for our customers

A differentiated defence and security company

Long-term contracts provide good visibility

High value mission critical capabilities

High quality and attractive operating margins

Strong balance sheet and high cash conversion

Disciplined capital allocation and investment

Delivering attractive shareholder returns

A unique proposition creating long-term value for all stakeholders



## Geopolitical instability driving increasing spending in defence and security

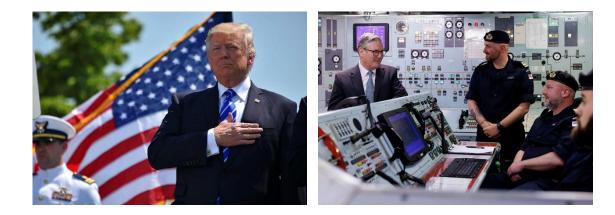
#### Continued global instability

- Heightened threat environment and increasing urgency
- Lessons from Ukraine informing future defence needs
- Alliances strengthening in Europe and NATO allies



#### Dynamics driving markets

- National and NATO reform and industrial strategies
- Demand for improved productivity and efficiency
- Significant increase in long-term spending in Europe



Our strategy and inherent strengths are well matched to national priorities



### National priorities increasing demand for our mission critical capabilities

#### Our customers' priorities

- National security and deterrence
- Deploying new equipment, upgrades and weapons replenishment at pace
- Enhancing operational readiness
- Rapid operational advantage from disruptive technologies e.g. Al
- Increasing military effect through drones & human machine teaming
- Industry productivity and resilience



R&D for technological superiority

Test & training for operational readiness

#### Our capabilities are highly aligned to our customers' priorities

Mission support for national security



### Examples of our capabilities delivering for our customers through partnering

#### DragonFire enabled by long-term R&D

#### EDP critical to national programmes



#### TARS protecting US borders

LTPA accelerating operational readiness

#### Investing in cutting-edge technologies and services for current and future warfare

Note: glossary for acronyms can be found in the Appendix

# £1.5bn<sup>1</sup> LTPA extension to transform UK's T&E for future warfare

Delivering strategic T&E capabilities through to 2033

 Critical to major UK equipment and future upgrades e.g. Type 23 to Type 26, Typhoon to Tempest and Vanguard to Dreadnought

 Transforming for next generation technology e.g. directed energy, hypersonic launch and uncrewed systems

- 'T&E Innovation Gateway' to attract SMEs and new entrants

- Attracting NATO allies through new framework contract
   Recent exercises with Spain, Italy, Germany and US Air Forces
- Provides long-term visibility with c.£300m revenue pa
   Investment continues at c.£50m pa with appropriate returns

#### Strong platform to accelerate UK defence innovation and enable International growth

1 £1.54bn LTPA extension announced 22/05/25 plus award of £166m relating to current investments Note: glossary for acronyms can be found in the Appendix

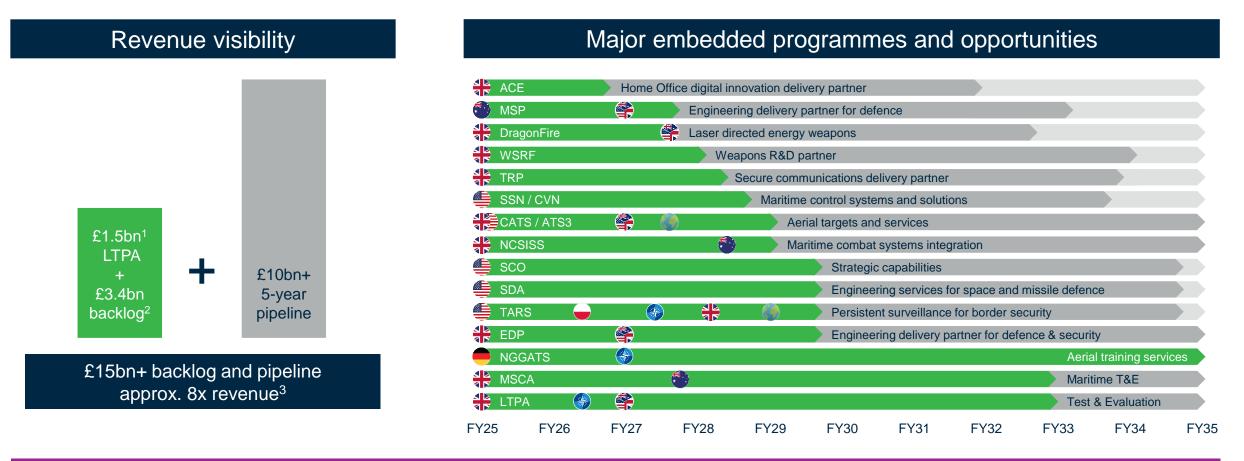








# Record backlog and strong pipeline supports sustainable mid to long-term growth



#### Significantly enhanced visibility provides opportunity for long-term value creation

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Multinational expansion





# Summary

Steve Wadey Group Chief Executive Officer



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#### Well positioned to deliver sustainable organic growth and attractive returns for shareholders



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# Q&A



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# Glossary

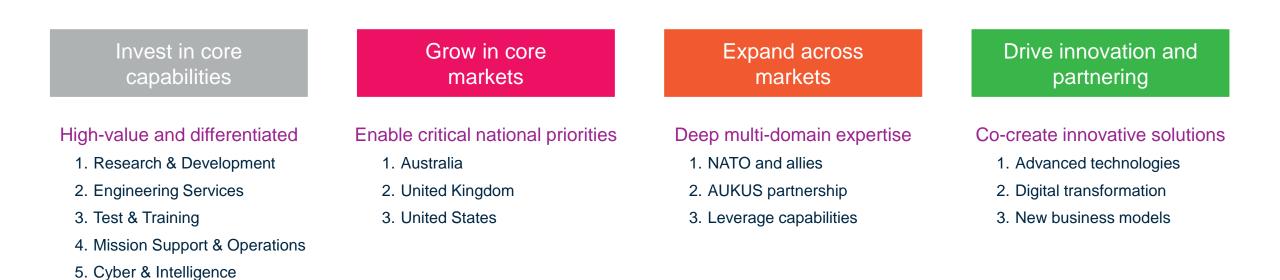
Term	Definition
ACE	Accelerated Capability Environment
ATS	Aerial Target Systems
AUKUS	Australia, United Kingdom, United States
B2B	Book-to-Bill
CATS	Combined Aerial Target Service
DASA	Defence Aviation Safety Authority
EBITDA	Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation
EDP	Engineering Delivery Partner
EMEA	Europe, Middle East and Australasia
EPS	Earnings Per Share
LTPA	Long Term Partnering Agreement
MSCA	Maritime Strategic Capabilities Agreement
MSP	Major Service Provider

Term	Definition
NGGATS	Next Generation German Aerial Training Services
NCSISS	Naval Combat Systems Integration Support Service
PPE	Property Plant and Equipment
RDEC	Research and Development Expenditure Credits
ROCE	Return on Capital Employed
R&D	Research and Development
SCO	Strategic Capabilities Office
SDA	Space Development Agency
SME	Small to Medium Enterprise
SSN	Ship Submersible Nuclear
TARS	Tethered Aerostat Radar System
T&E	Test & Evaluation
TRP	TacSys Resource Partner
WSRF	Weapons Sector Research Framework



## Strategy aligned to AUKUS nations and NATO allies

Purpose: protecting lives by serving the national security interests of our customers



#### Our strategy is well matched to evolving customer needs

Note: glossary for acronyms can be found in the Appendix



## Definitions

- Underlying performance is stated before:
  - Amortisation of intangibles arising from acquisitions
  - Pension net finance income
  - Gains/(losses) on disposal of businesses, investments and property
  - Transaction, integration and one-off remuneration costs in respect of business acquisitions and disposals
  - Impairment of property and goodwill
  - One-off period of digital investment
  - Costs and other impacts of group-wide restructuring programmes
  - Tax impacts of the above items
  - Other significant non-recurring tax and RDEC movements
- Book-to-bill:
  - Orders won divided by revenue recognised excluding the LTPA contract
- Organic growth:
  - The level of year-on-year growth, expressed as a percentage, calculated at constant prior year foreign exchange rates, adjusting for business acquisitions and disposals to reflect equivalent composition of the Group
- Underlying cash conversion or cash conversion ratio
  - The ratio of underlying net cash from operations to underlying EBITDA



### Additional technical guidance

	FY25	FY26
Underlying net finance expense	£16.8m	
Effective tax rate <sup>1</sup>	12.8%	
Tax cash outflow	£48.6m	
Capital expenditure	£108.4m	
Leverage	0.4x	
Share buy-back	£102.9m	

1 Illustrative tax rate to reflect RDEC credit included in the tax line (to be used on Underlying Operating Profit from Segments). Equivalent published tax rate of 26.0% excluding the benefit of RDEC in the tax rate



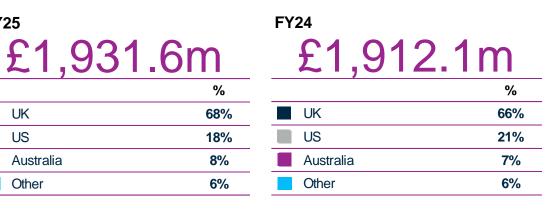
### Revenue by customer and country

Revenue by customer (%)

FY25 £1,931.6	5m
	%
MOD	57%
DoD	9%
Government agencies	20%
Defence Other	13%
Commercial	1%

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#### Revenue by destination country (%)







FY25

UK

US

Other





# Income statement including specific adjusting items\*

	FY25 £m	FY24 £m
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Impairment of property	(1.0)	(0.7)
Impairment of Goodwill	(143.9)	-
Restructuring costs and other impacts	(64.5)	-
Statutory operating profit	(90.5)	192.5
Pension net finance income	1.0	5.6
Underlying net Finance Expense	(16.8)	(15.4)
Profit before tax	(106.3)	182.7
Taxation	(79.4)	(43.1)
Profit after tax	(185.7)	139.6

\* Definitions of APMs can be found in the Appendix

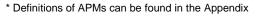


# Impact of foreign exchange translation

	FY25	FY24	FY25 Restated at FY24 rates	FY25 FX headwind	FY25 FX headwind
	£m	£m	£m	£m	%
Orders	1,954.8	1,740.4	1,973.7	(18.9)	(1.1%)
Revenue	1,931.6	1,912.1	1,942.5	(10.9)	(0.6%)
Underlying* operating profit from segments	185.4	215.2	185.6	(0.2)	(0.1%)
Total funded order backlog	2,824.2	2,873.0	2,839.1	(14.9)	(0.5%)

 Key driver of FX change in the year was the translation of US dollars. The average USD rate for FY25 was 1.28, compared to 1.26 in FY24

- US revenue was 18% of the FY25 total
- A 1 cent movement in the USD rate would impact Group revenue by c.£3m



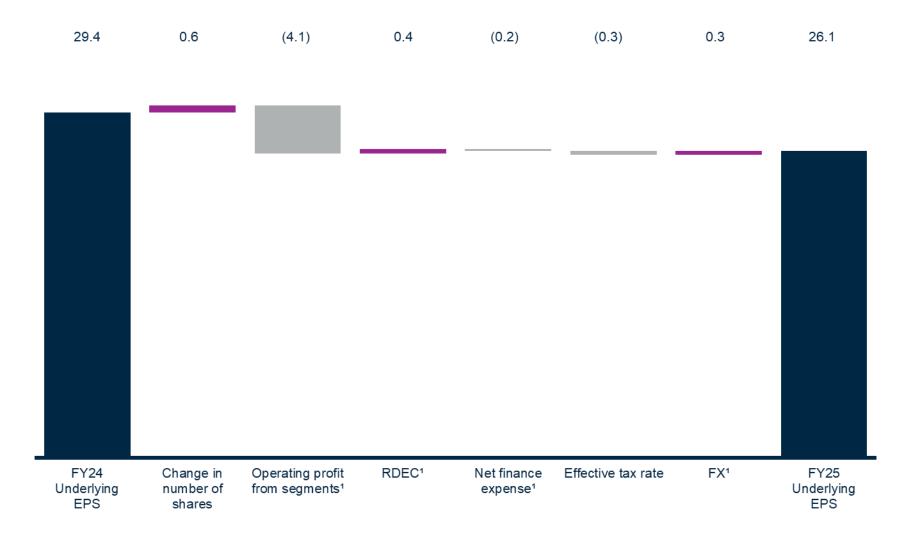
### Understanding our different underlying profit and tax rates

	FY25 £m	FY24 £m
Operating profit from segments	185.4	215.2
RDEC income	30.0	27.2
Underlying operating profit*	215.4	242.4
Underlying tax charge*	51.6	57.4
De-recognition of US deferred tax asset	45.0	-
Tax impact on other specific adjusting items	(17.2)	(14.3)
Headline tax charge	79.4	43.1
Underlying tax rate*	26.0%	25.3%
Illustrative effective tax rate, with impact of RDEC income included in the tax charge		
Operating profit from segments*	185.4	215.2
Underlying tax charge including RDEC income	21.6	30.2
Effective tax rate including RDEC income	12.8%	15.1%

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## Underlying earnings per share (pence)





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Post-tax

### Cash conversion

	FY25	FY24
	£m	£m
Underlying operating profit from segments	185.4	215.2
Underlying RDEC income	30.0	27.2
Underlying operating profit	215.4	242.4
Depreciation and amortisation	86.3	65.5
EBITDA	301.7	307.9
Underlying changes in working capital	6.6	9.8
Underlying loss on disposal of PPE	0.7	0.9
Share-based payments charge	9.8	9.4
Share of post-tax profit of equity accounted entities	(0.3)	(0.8)
Underlying net movement in provisions	-	(5.1)
Retirement benefit contributions in excess of income statement expense	(2.3)	(1.9)
Net cash inflow from operations	316.2	320.2
Cash conversion %	105%	104%
Net capex	(108.4)	(96.1)
Underlying net cash inflow from operations (post-capex)	207.8	224.1
Net interest	(16.8)	(14.1)
Taxation	(48.6)	(36.9)
Free cash flow	142.4	173.1

### Movements in net debt

	FY25	FY24
	£m	£m
Free cash flow	142.4	173.1
Dividends	(47.9)	(45.6)
Acquisition of business	-	(5.1)
Disposal of property	108.5	2.1
Change in lease obligations	(50.8)	(31.2)
Acquisition transaction, integration and remuneration costs	(5.3)	(9.2)
Digital investment	(20.8)	(16.9)
Restructuring costs	(3.4)	-
Purchase of own shares	(108.9)	(17.1)
Other (including FX)	4.2	5.6
Change in net debt	18.0	55.7
Opening net debt - 1 April	(151.2)	(206.9)
Closing net debt - 31 March	(133.2)	(151.2)



### Balance sheet

	FY25	FY24
	£m	£m
Goodwill	249.8	401.4
Intangible assets	293.9	321.8
Property, plant and equipment	473.3	531.8
Working capital	(146.8)	(120.3)
Net pension asset (net of deferred tax)	24.8	8.8
Other assets and liabilities	(135.3)	(66.2)
Net debt	(133.2)	(151.2)
Net assets	626.5	926.1



## Net pension asset

	11.2 351.1 75.0	21.8 414.9
LDI investment Asset backed security investments Bonds Cash and cash equivalents Derivatives Insurance buy-in policies Borrowings Market value of assets Present value of scheme liabilities	75.0	414.9
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Derivatives Insurance buy-in policies Borrowings Market value of assets Present value of scheme liabilities	326.7	405.5
Insurance buy-in policies       Borrowings         Market value of assets       Present value of scheme liabilities	46.1	36.5
Borrowings Market value of assets Present value of scheme liabilities	10.9	19.6
Market value of assets Present value of scheme liabilities	450.7	507.4
Present value of scheme liabilities	(95.0)	(125.0)
	1,176.7	1,316.2
	(1,137.3)	(1,297.8)
Net pension asset before deferred tax	39.4	18.4
Deferred tax liability	(14.6)	(9.6)
Net pension asset	24.8	8.8



Share buy-back programme



£100m share buy-back programme announced on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 completed in February 2025



The additional £50m share buy-back programme, announced on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024, is currently in progress and will complete in May 2025



£200m share buy-back programme announced on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 will commence once the additional £50m share buy-back programme is complete

