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Q2 results 2006/7

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Sir Christopher Bland - Chairman



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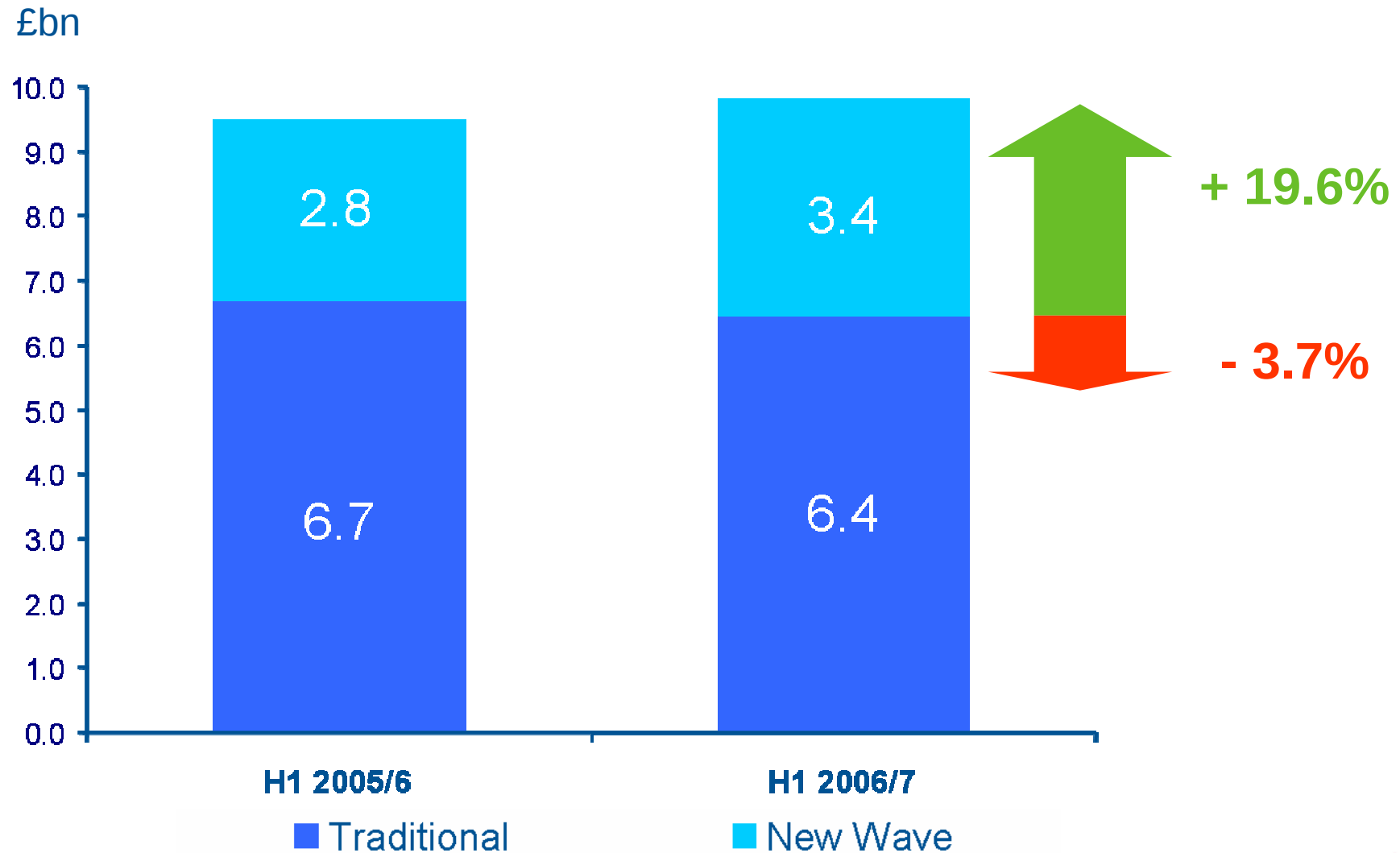
H1 2006/7 - Financial headlines

Group revenue	£9.8bn		3%
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	£2.7bn		2%
Earnings per share ⁽¹⁾	11.3p		19%
Interim dividend	5.1p		19%
Free cash flow	£0.3bn		15%

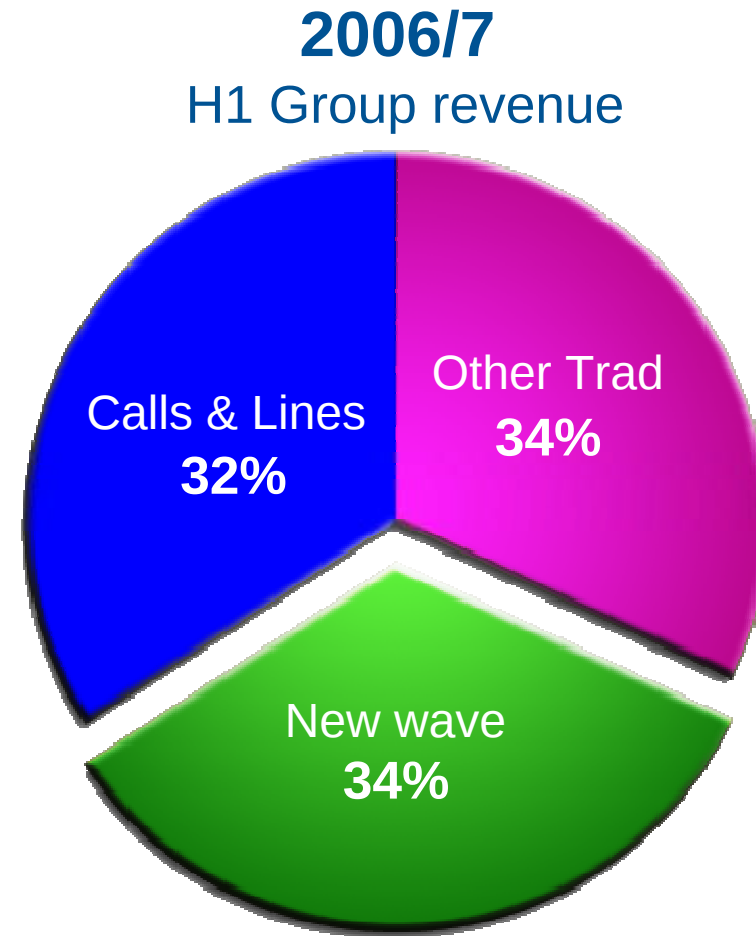
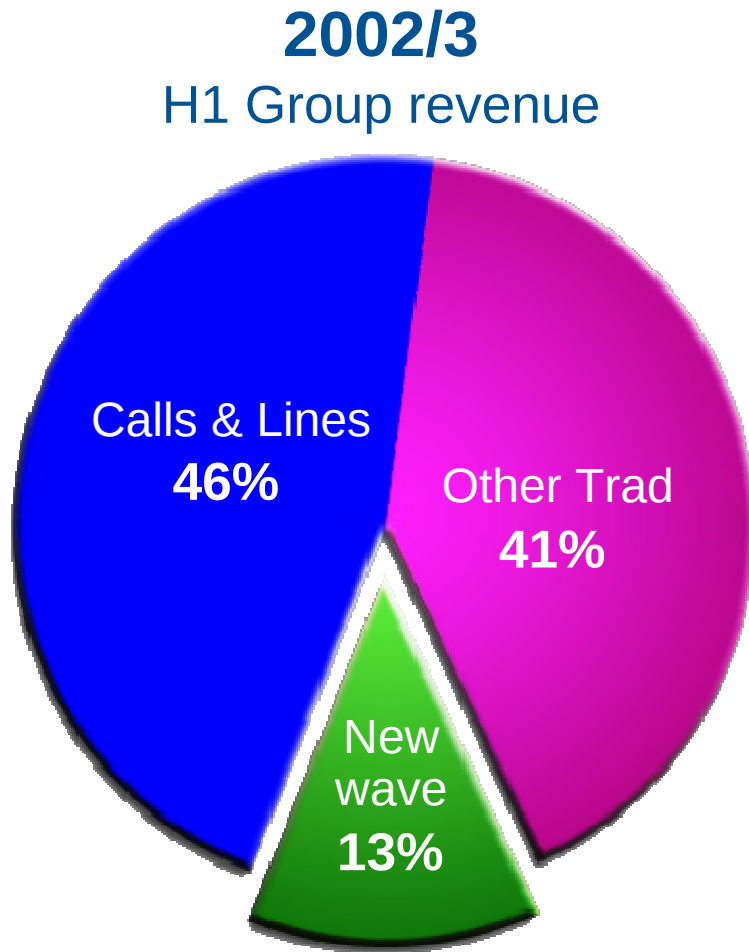
(1) Before specific items



H1 2006/7 - Group revenue up 3%



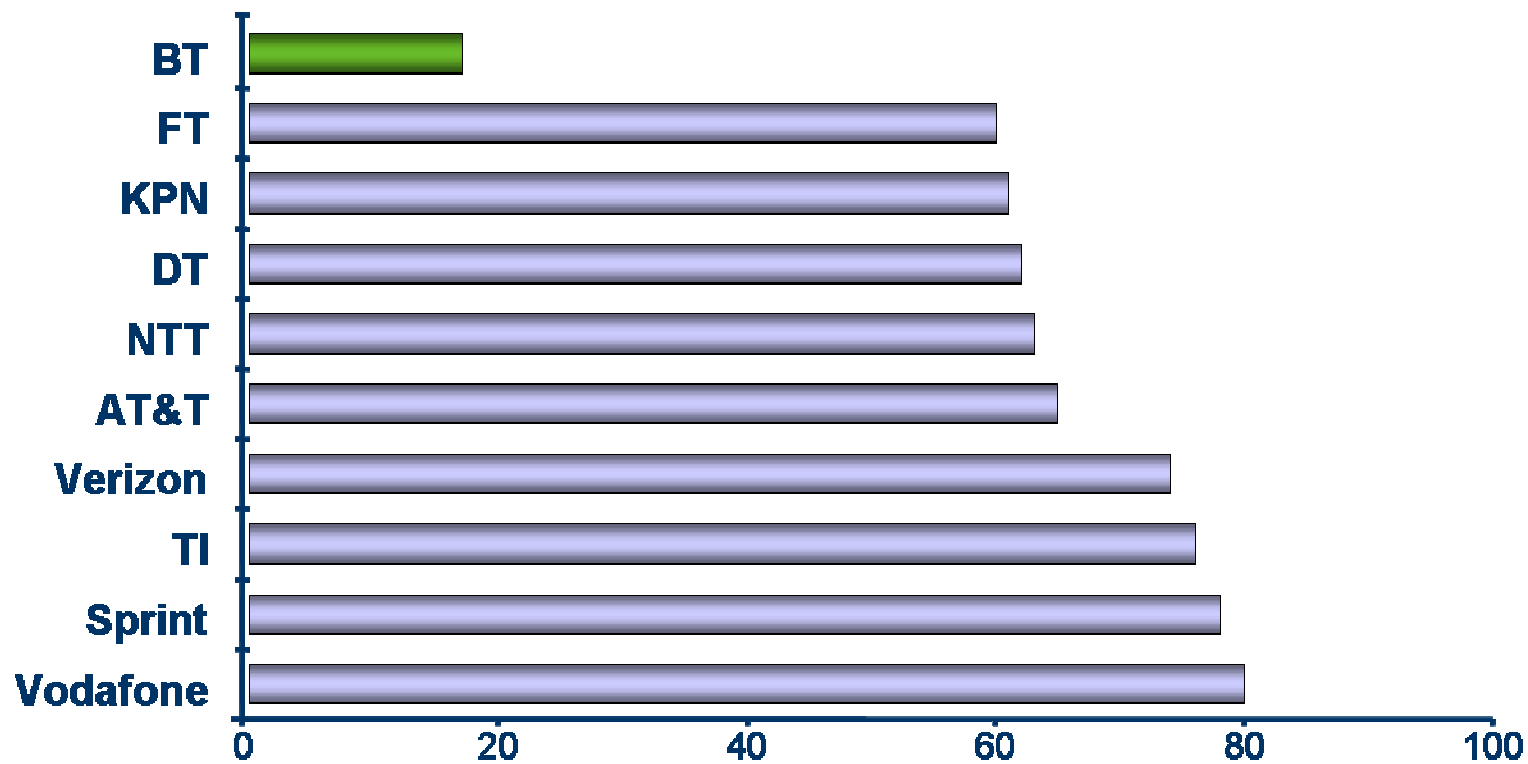
Group Revenue - Transformation of mix



Revenue - Transformation of mix

The Economist

% of revenue derived from voice – Feb 2006



Extract from Economist magazine published Oct 14th, data sourced from Westhall Capital



Balance sheet – Transformation since March 2003

	<u>March 2003</u>		<u>Sept 2006</u>
Net Debt	£9.6bn		£8.1bn

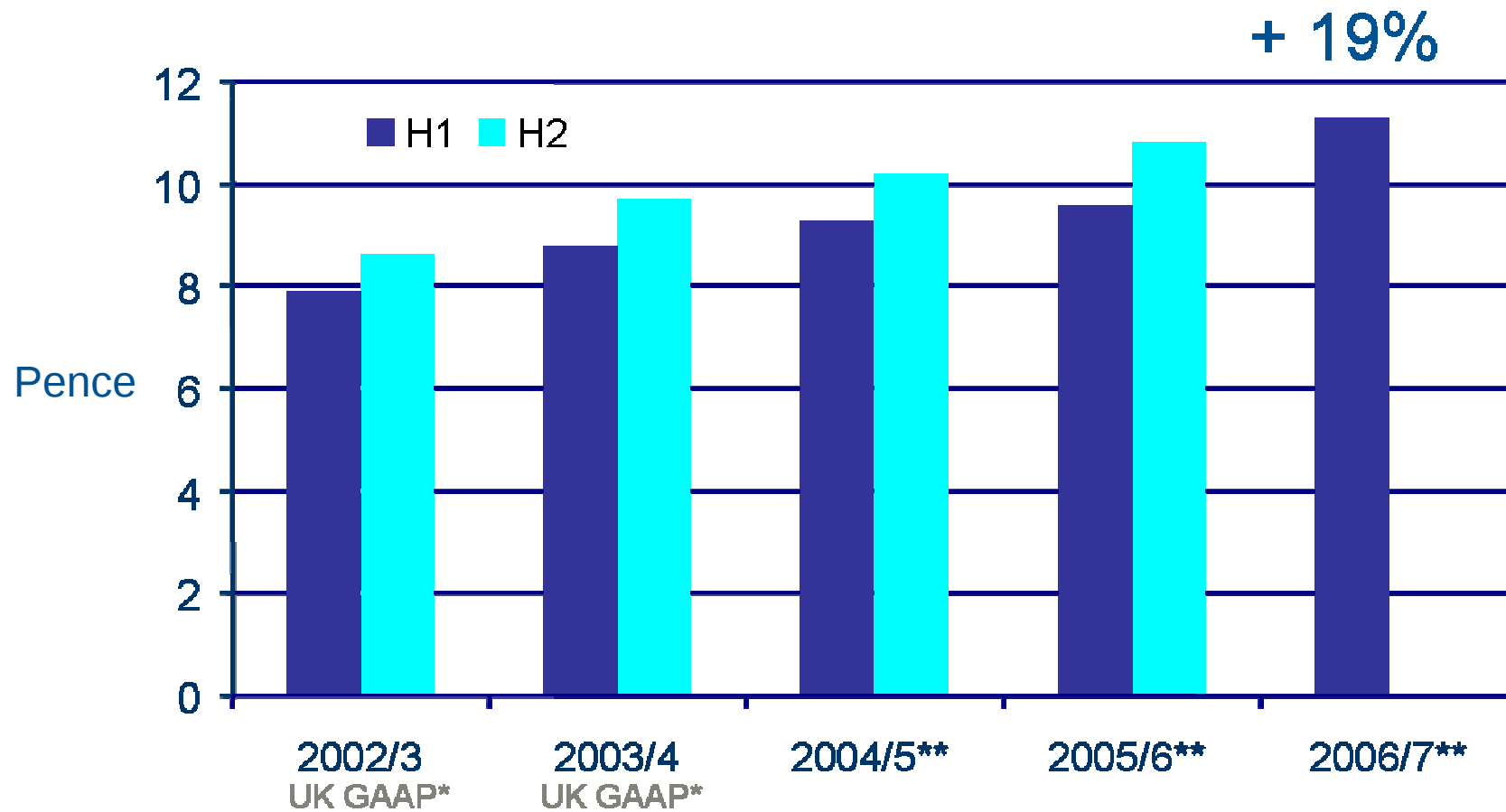
Dividends paid out £3.0bn
Share buy back £0.9bn

	<u>March 2003</u>		<u>Sept 2006</u>
Pension deficit*			
Gross	£9.0bn		£2.8bn
Net	£6.3bn		£2.0bn

* IAS 19 valuation



Earnings per share - Consistent delivery

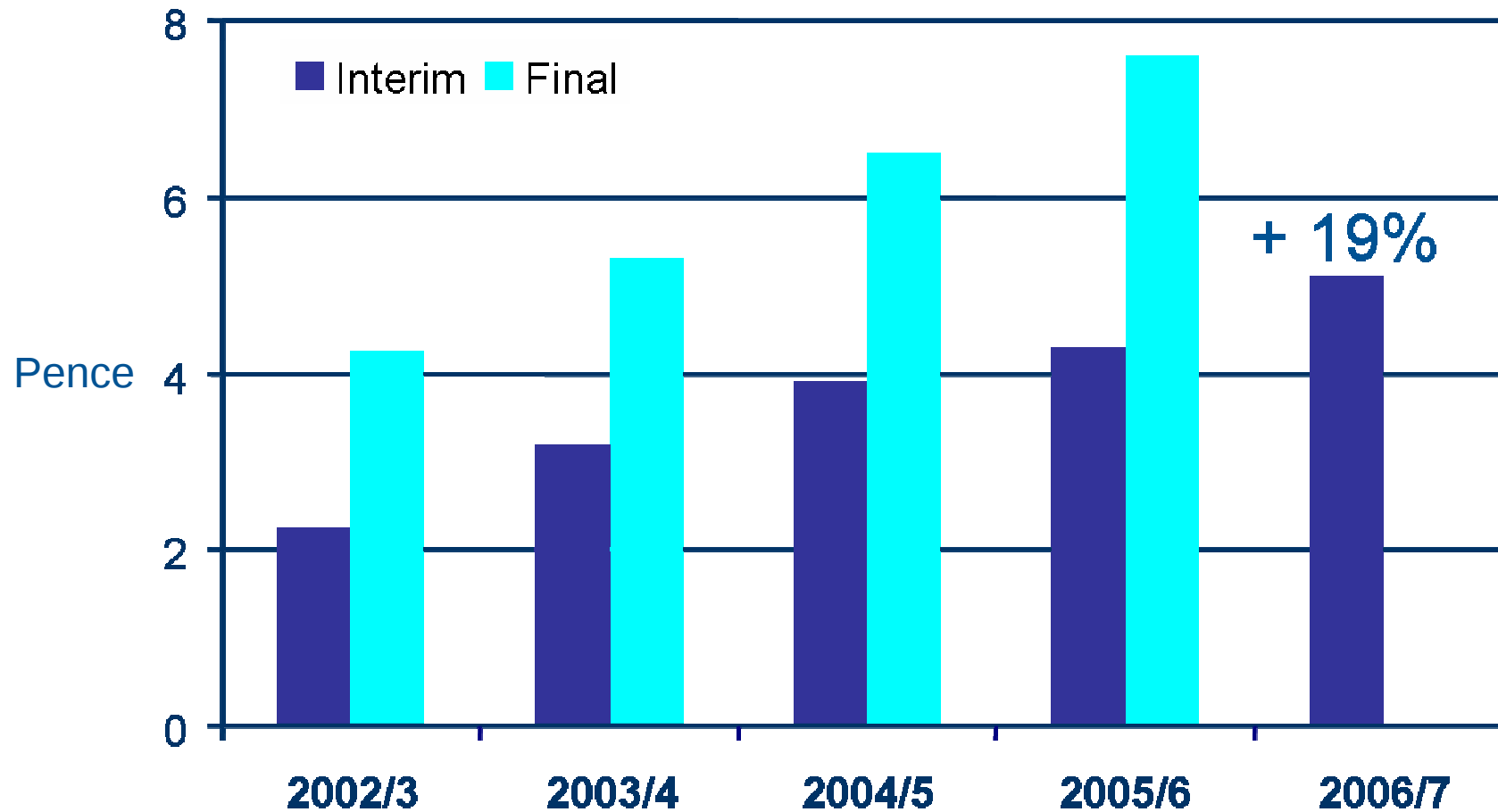


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** before specific items



Dividends - Progressive reward



2006/7 interim dividend **5.1p**





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Hanif Lalani – Group Finance Director



Q2 2006/7 - Financial headlines

Group revenue	£4.9bn		4%
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EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	£1.4bn		2%
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Profit before tax ⁽¹⁾	£0.7bn		12%
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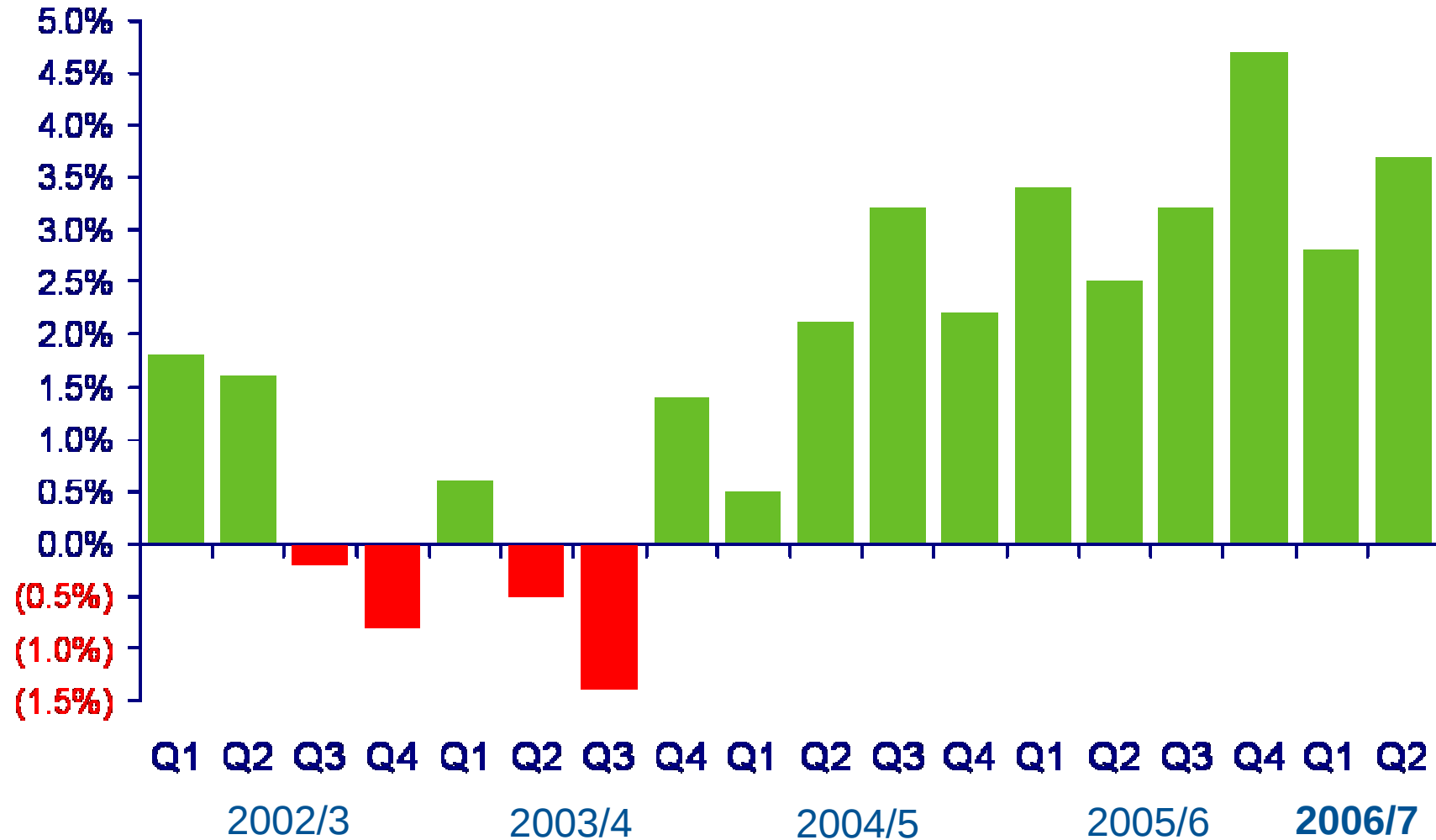
Earnings per share ⁽¹⁾	6.0p		13%
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Free cash flow	£0.3bn		33%
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(1) Before specific items and leavers



Group Revenue - Continued growth



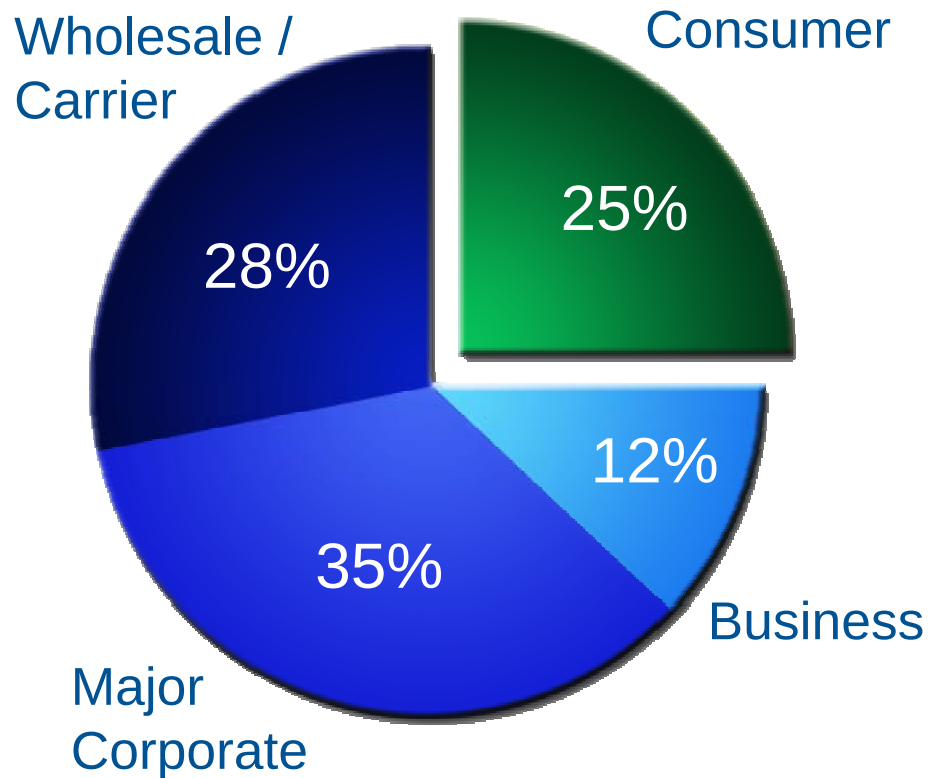
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Changing mix - Q2 segmental analysis

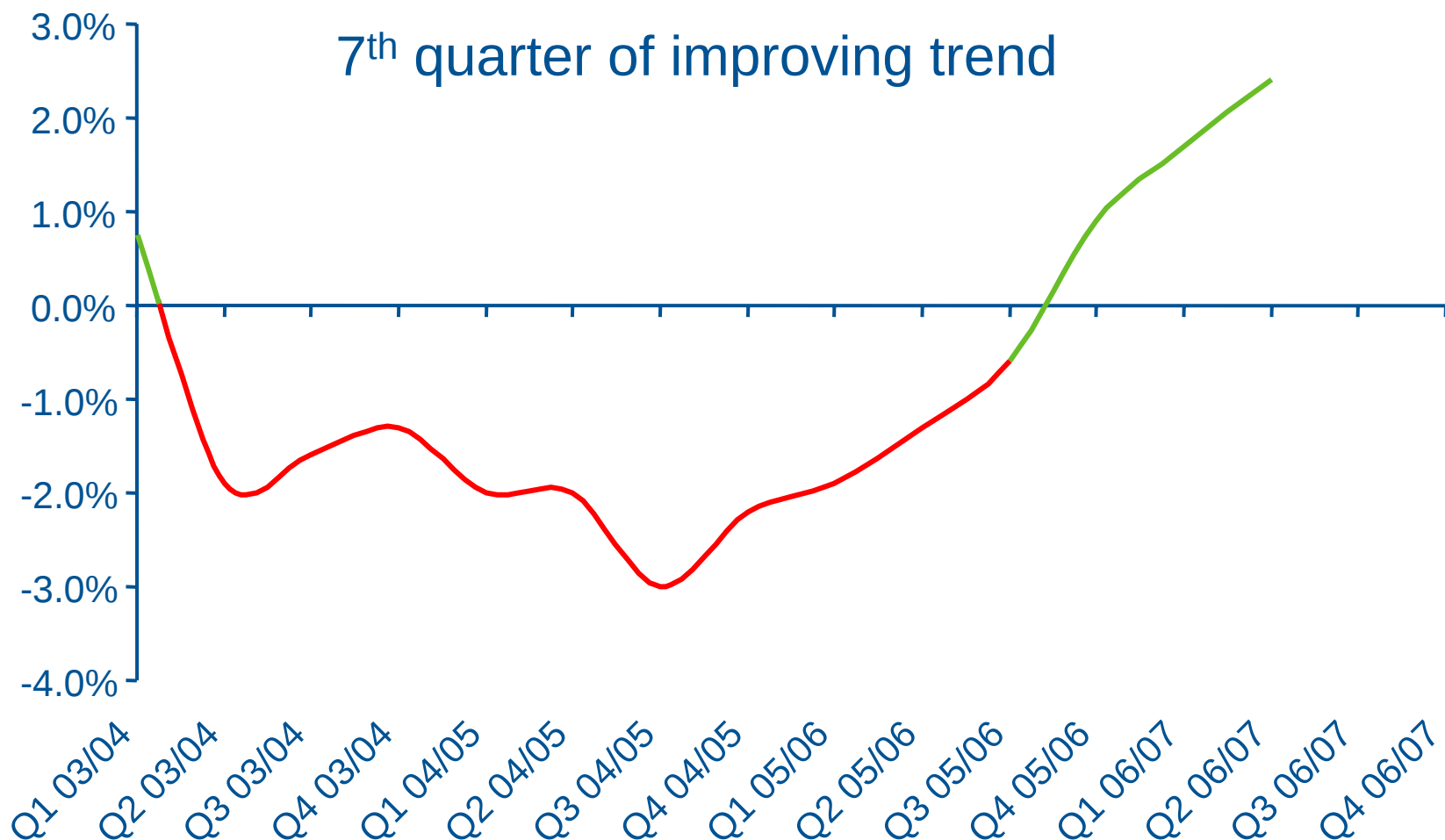
Group Revenue



New Wave proportion

	2006/7	2005/6
Consumer	17%	11%
Business	28%	23%
Major Corporate	60%	56%
Wholesale/Carrier	24%	20%
TOTAL	35%	30%

EBITDA*



* Before exceptionals / specific items, leaver costs and sale of property in Q2 2004/5



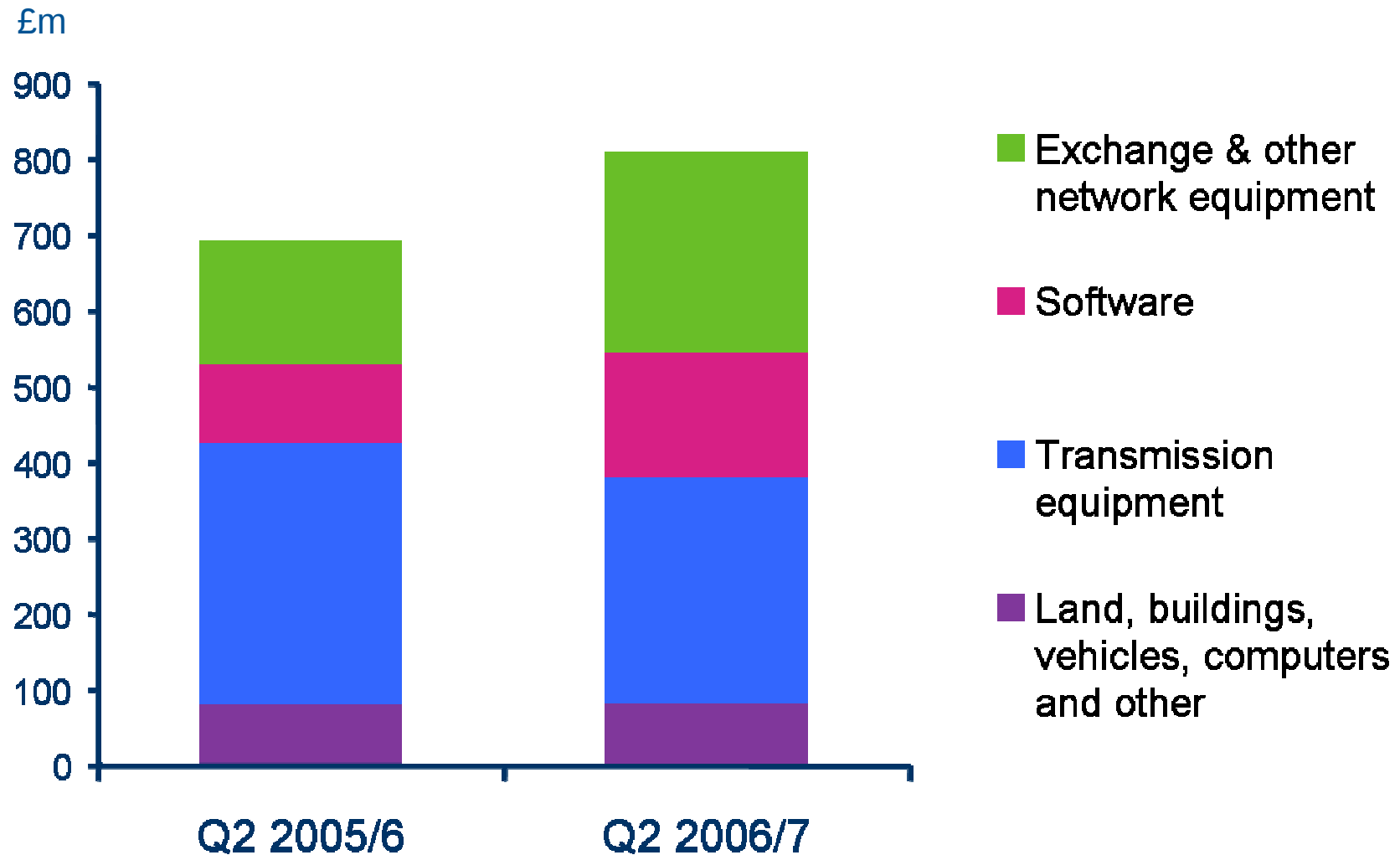
Q2 2006/7 - Group P&L

	Q2 2006/7 £m	Q2 2005/6 £m	Better / (Worse) £m
Revenue	4,941	4,767	174
EBITDA (pre leavers)	1,418	1,385	33
Depreciation & amortisation	(703)	(692)	(11)
Operating profit (pre leavers)	715	693	22
<i>Operating margin</i>	<i>14.5%</i>	<i>14.5%</i>	
Leaver costs	(33)	(37)	4
Associates	5	3	2
Finance costs (net)	(55)	(100)	45
Profit before tax	632	559	73
Tax	(155)	(139)	(16)
Profit for the period	477	420	57

* All numbers are before specific items



Q2 2006/7 - Capital expenditure



Q2 2006/7 - Free cash flow

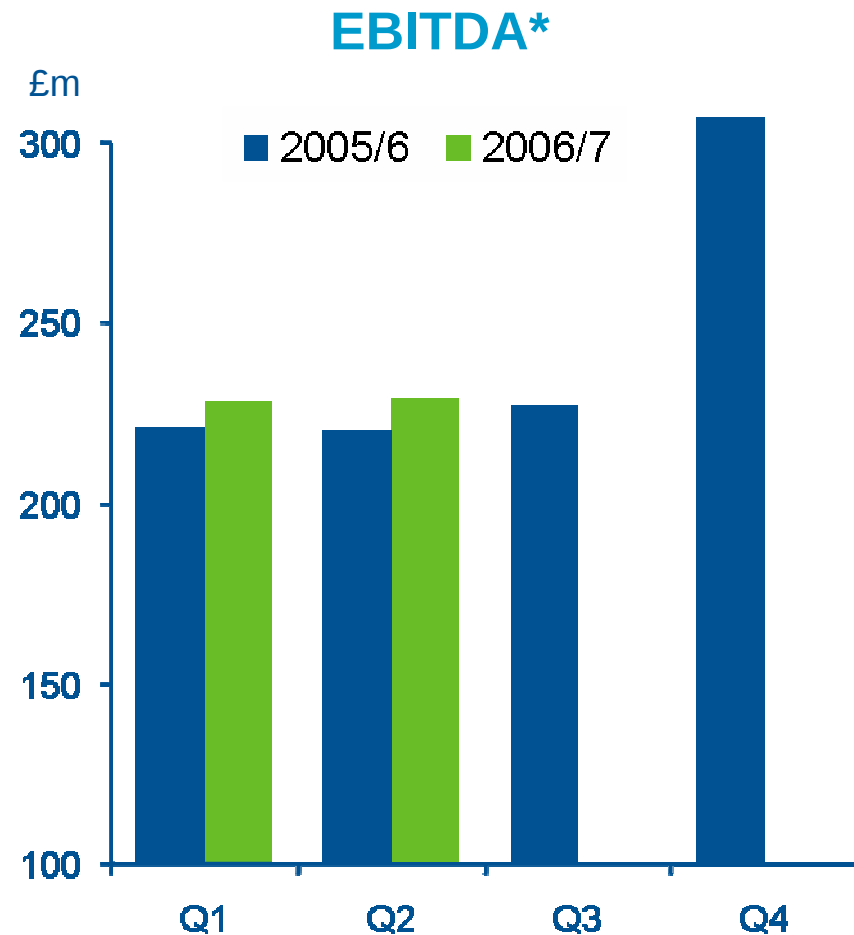
	Q2 2006/7 £m	Q2 2005/6 £m	Better / (Worse) £m
EBITDA* (post leavers)	1,385	1,348	37
Interest (net)	(61)	(88)	27
Tax paid	(90)	(111)	21
Capex	(794)	(671)	(123)
Working capital and other	(102)	25	(127)
Free cash flow	338	503	(165)
Net debt	8,079	8,133	54

* Before specific items



Q2 2006/7 - BT Global Services

- Revenue £2.2bn up 3%
 - UK traditional down 8%
 - GS new wave up 6%
- Gross profit £638m up 4%
- SG&A* up 4%
- EBITDA* £229m up 4%
- Operating profit* £72m up 16%



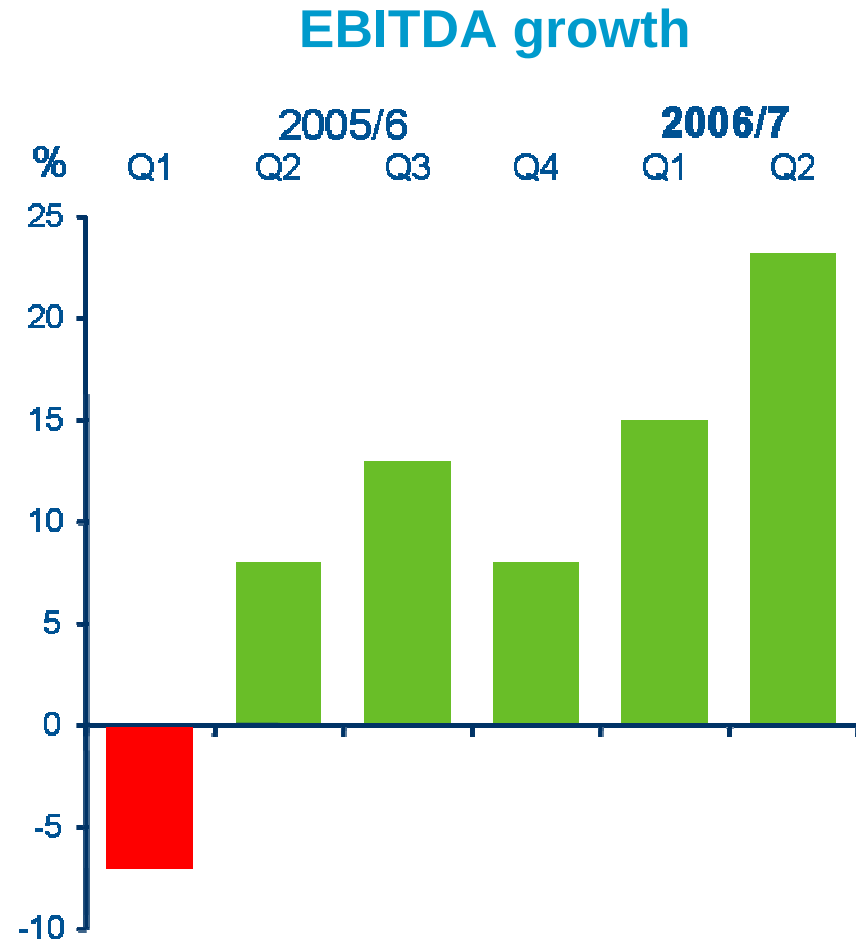
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Q2 2006/7 - BT Retail

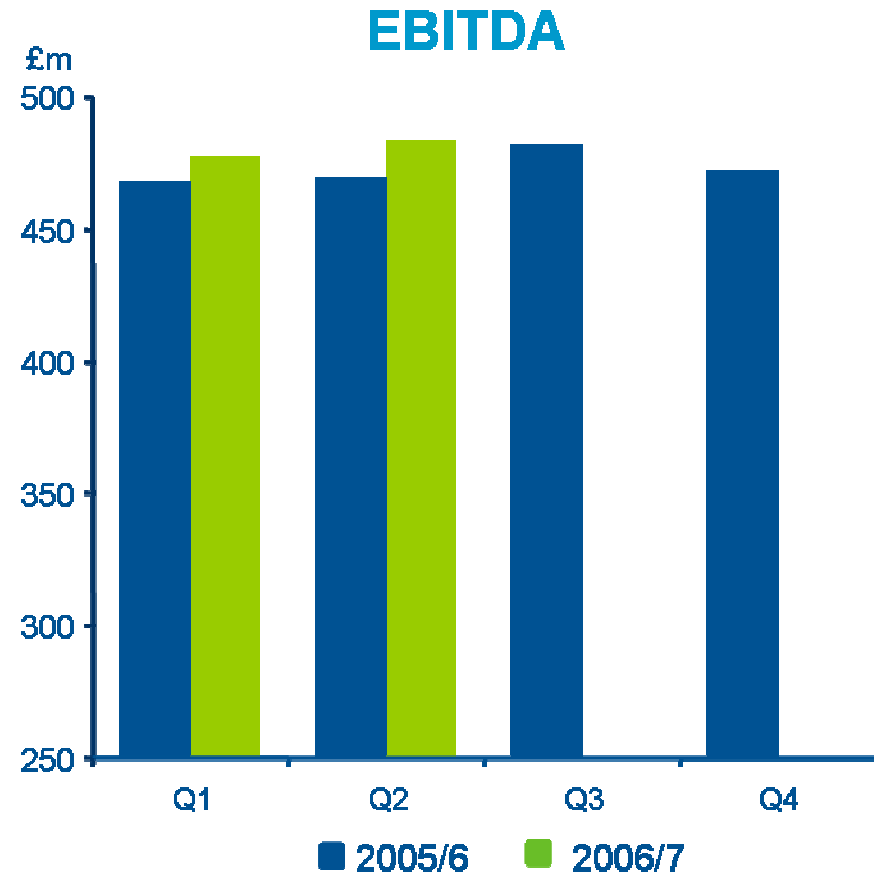
- Revenue £2.1bn down 3%
 - Traditional down 9%
 - New wave up 34%
- Gross profit up 7%
 - Margin improved by 2.5 percentage points
- SG&A* down 2%
- EBITDA* £235m up 23%
- Operating profit* £196m up 29%

* Before leavers



Q2 2006/7 - BT Wholesale

- Revenue £1.9bn up 4%
 - External £1.0bn up 7%
 - Internal £855m up 1%
- Gross variable profit up 1%
- Network and SG&A* down 1%
- EBITDA* £484m up 3%
- Operating profit* down 2% at £193m



* Before leavers



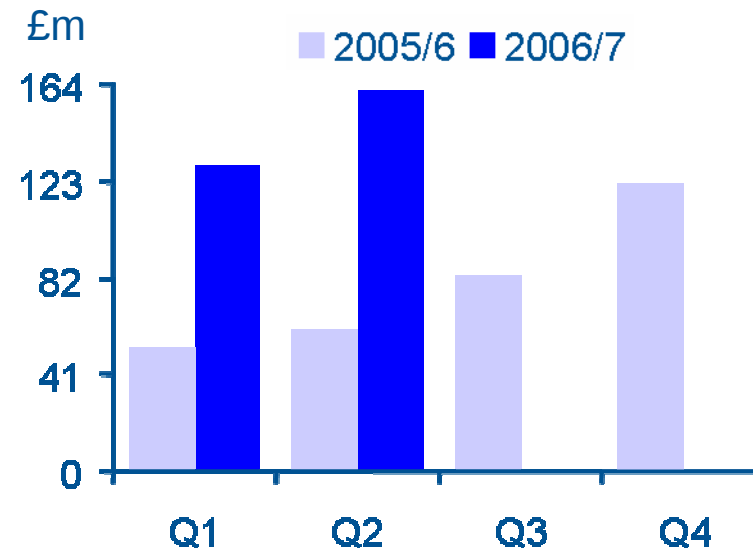
Q2 2006/7 - openreach

a BT Group business

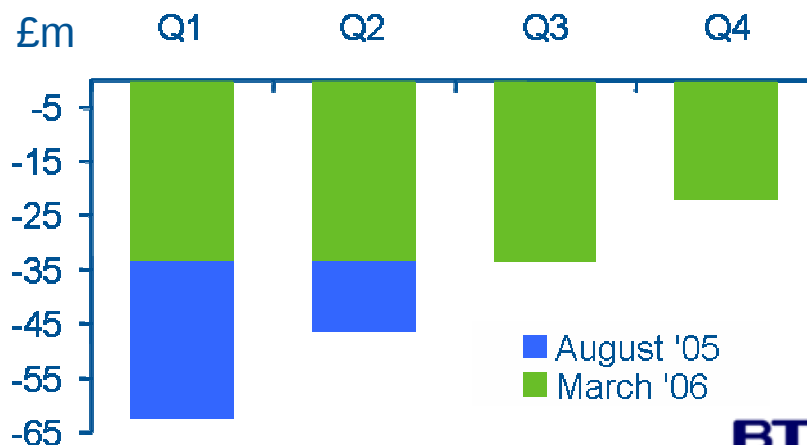
- Revenue £1.3bn up 1%
 - External up 170%
 - Internal down 8%
- Operating costs 4% higher
- EBITDA* £460m, down 5%
- Operating profit £282m, down 4%

* Before leavers

External Revenue

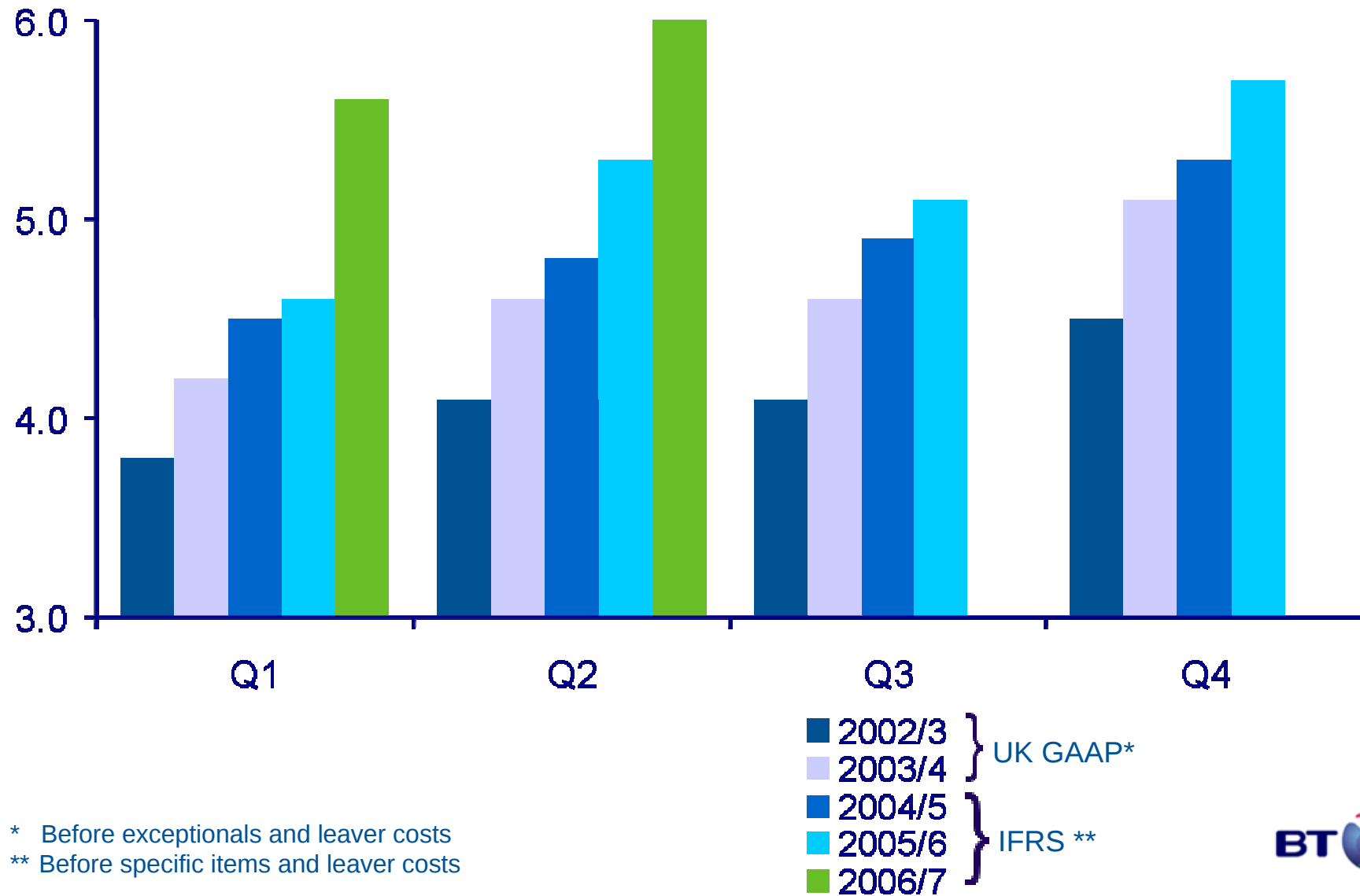


2006/7 impact of WLR price cuts



Earnings per share* - 18th quarter of growth

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Ben Verwaayen - CEO



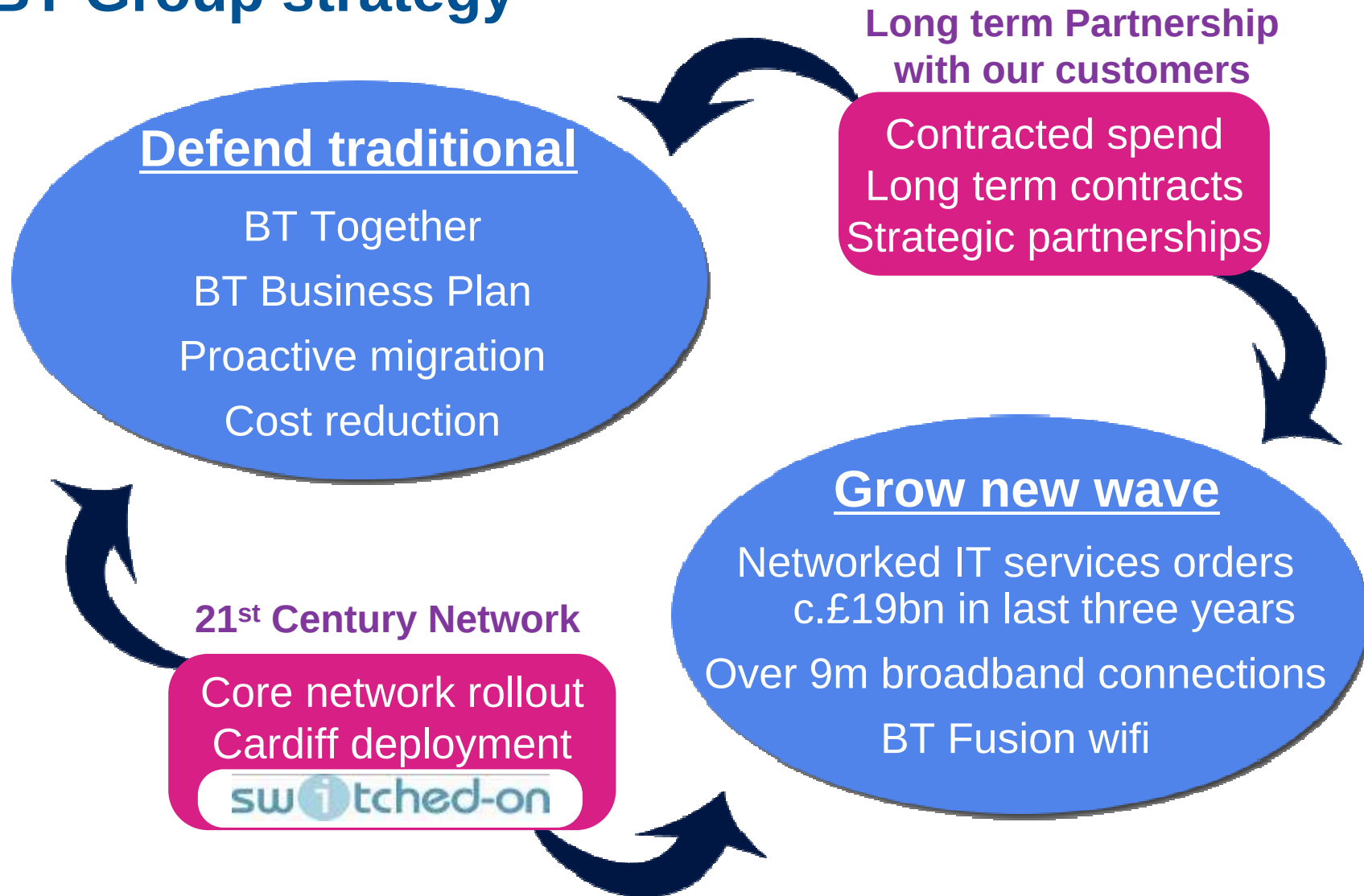
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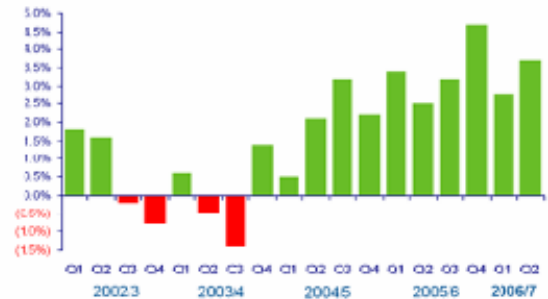
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BT Group strategy - Positive results

Revenue

Group Revenue - Continued growth



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EBITDA

EBITDA*

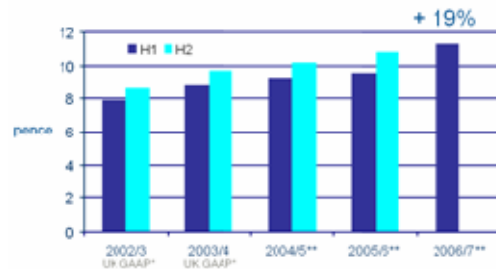


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EPS

Earnings per share - Consistent delivery



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Dividends

Dividends - Progressive reward



BT Group strategy – Our quad play

Global Services

Delivering network centric added value solutions to multi-site corporates worldwide

Retail

Delivering innovative and high value services to its customers nationwide

Wholesale

Delivering ubiquitous network based services and solutions to the entire UK telecoms industry

Openreach

Delivering local access services on a equivalent basis nationally

Global Services is on track to deliver further growth

Financials

- Networked IT services up 10%
- EBITDA* margin rose to 10.6%
- Operating profit* up 16%

Recognised leader

- Leading pan European network provider (*Gartner*)
- Acquired leading network security provider, Counterpane

Unique proposition

- Global reach
IP network in 128 countries
- Network centricity
6 levels of service
- Partnership approach

The Future

- Global growth
> 40% of orders in Q2
- Cost savings, £400m over 3 yrs
- 15% EBITDA margin

* Before leavers



BT Global Services - Growing with our customers



223 new customer accounts won in Q2



BT Global Services - Winning proposition

Q2 orders worth £1.6bn



PEPSICO



IBM



METRO Group
The Spirit of Commerce



Fin Presto
Società per azioni

Iceland

EXIDE
TECHNOLOGIES

HSBC 

And in Q3



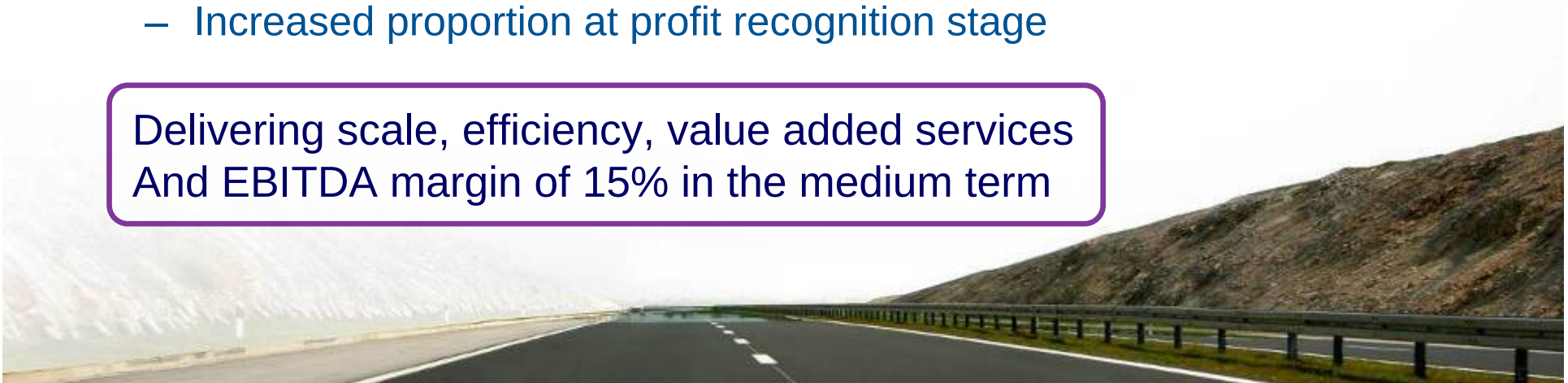
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BT Global Services - Road map to 15% margin

- Continued market success
 - Selling value added services in the UK
 - Driving market share globally
- Creation of a new breed of services organisation
 - Increasing repeatable solutions
 - Value add selling based on growing track record and reputation
- Radical cost reduction
 - £400m+ within three years
- Maturing contracts
 - Increased proportion at profit recognition stage

Delivering scale, efficiency, value added services
And EBITDA margin of 15% in the medium term



Retail will continue to grow profit

Financials

- New wave 21% of revenue
- Gross margin improved
- SG&A reducing

Continued innovation

- BT Podshow
- BT Broadband Talk
- BT Home and Office hubs

Diverse businesses

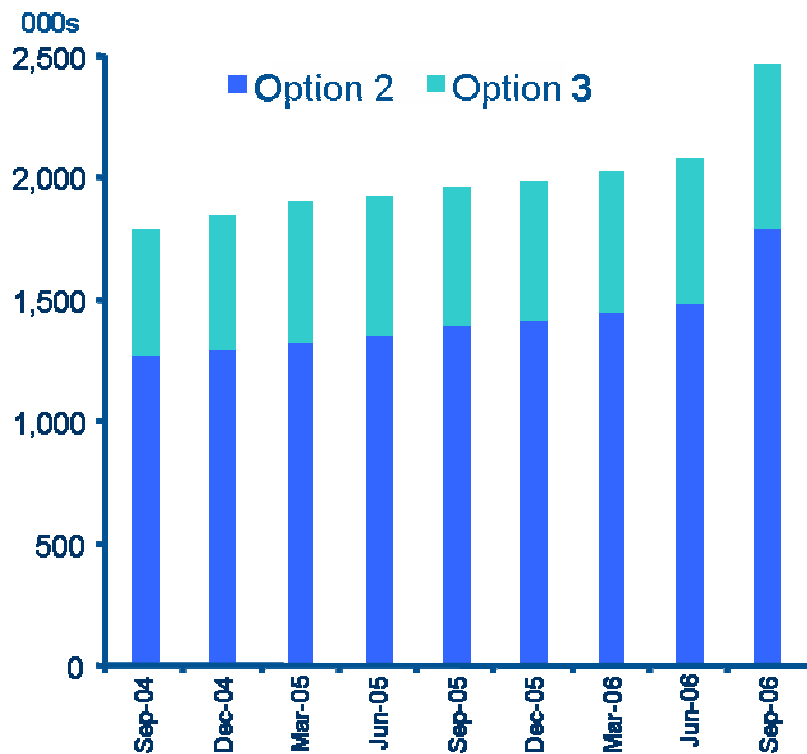
- Consumer
- Business
- Enterprises
- Ireland

The future

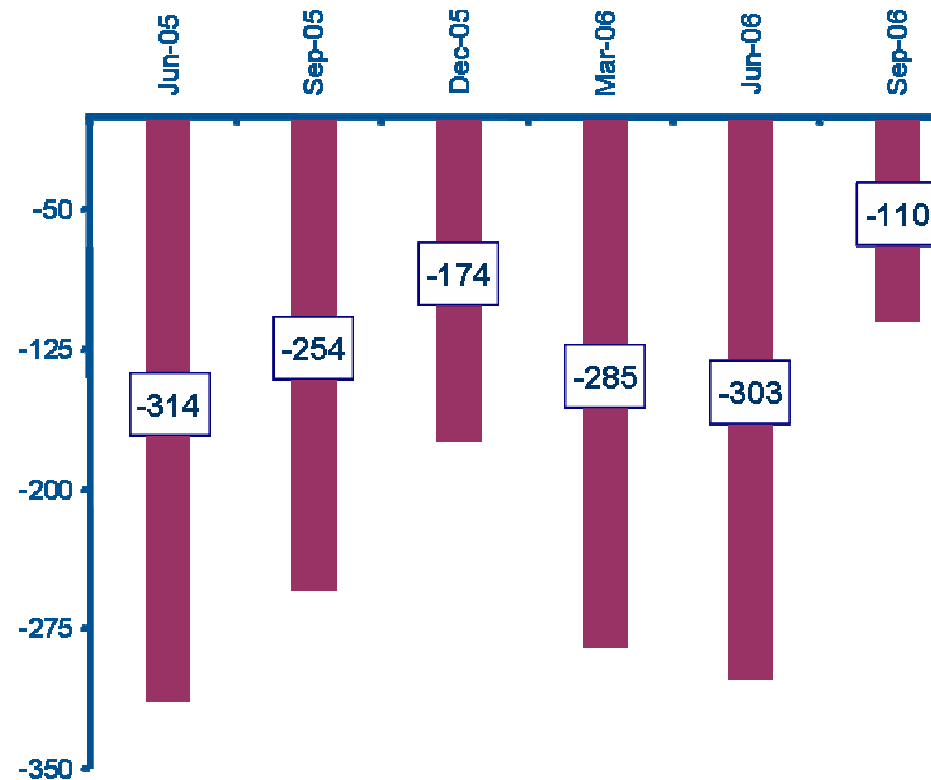
- Homesafe
- BT Vision
- BT Fusion WiFi
- WiFi cities

Consumer – Defend traditional

- BT Together
 - Option 2 & 3
 - 390k net adds



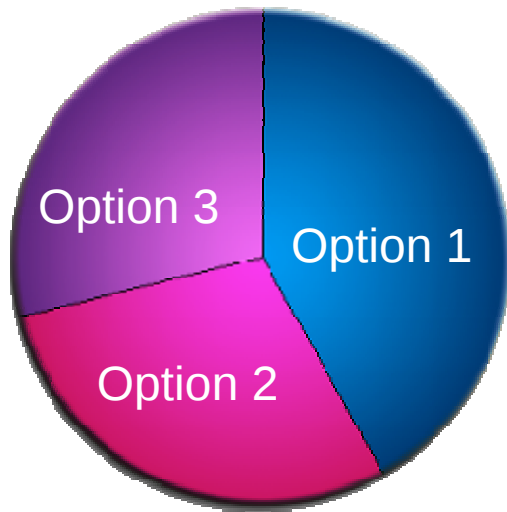
- Active customer losses
 - Lowest for over 3 years



Consumer - Grow new wave



- Total Broadband
 - 25% of net adds in Q2



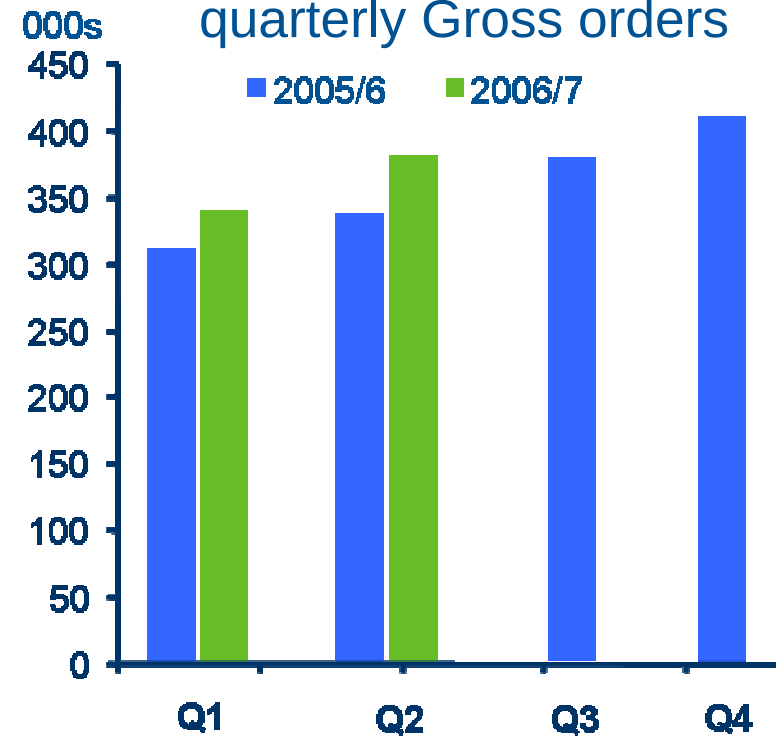
- Nearly 60% take Option 2 or 3

Consumer ARPU* £254 up £1

- 69% contracted

* Rolling 12 months

BT Retail Broadband quarterly Gross orders



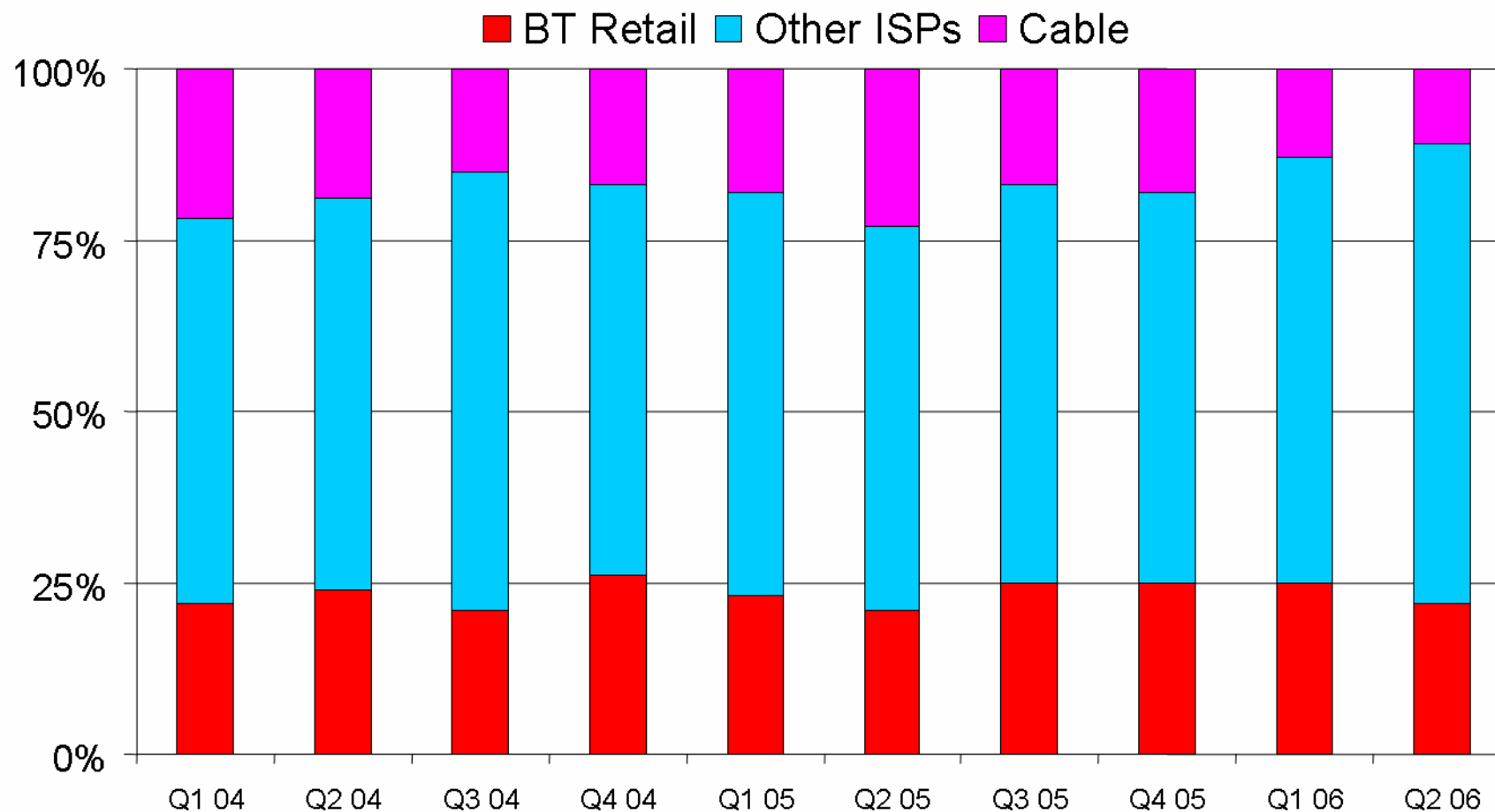
Installed base now >3m

- 32% of DSL + LLU



Broadband in the UK

Market share of net adds *including cable*



* Based on published data for 30 September 2006



Business - Defend and grow

- Traditional

- BT Business Plan

- Continued growth, covers ~60% of calls revenue
 - Enhanced Service levels, launch of BT Assurance Plus



- New wave

- Broadband

- 28% YoY growth
 - No 1 ISP, 46% share
 - 40% of new customers contracted for 2 years
 - Value Added Services attachment >90% in last 12 months

- Launch of IT Manager

Pick and mix package for hardware, software, support and service



Enterprises - Diverse opportunities

The Phone Book

- Revenues up > 20%

BT Conferencing

- Revenues up 29%
 - Single global platform

redcare

Security & Telemetry services

- Revenues up 5%
 - Launched “Digital Storage” service for CCTV

BT Payphones

- Operating cost cut 20%

BT Expedite

Provides retailing solutions

- 11 new contracts won in Q2
 - including JJB Sports & Clarkes

dabs@com

Web based channel

- Revenues up 25%
 - Early success in combining propositions



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Value added services to business customers

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Wholesale - growing in an LLU world

Financials

- External revenue up 7%
- New wave 26% of revenue
- EBITDA* up 3%

Innovation

- BT Movio
- DSL Max
- Consult 21

Service provider

- Managed broadband
- Managed networks
- Convergent solutions

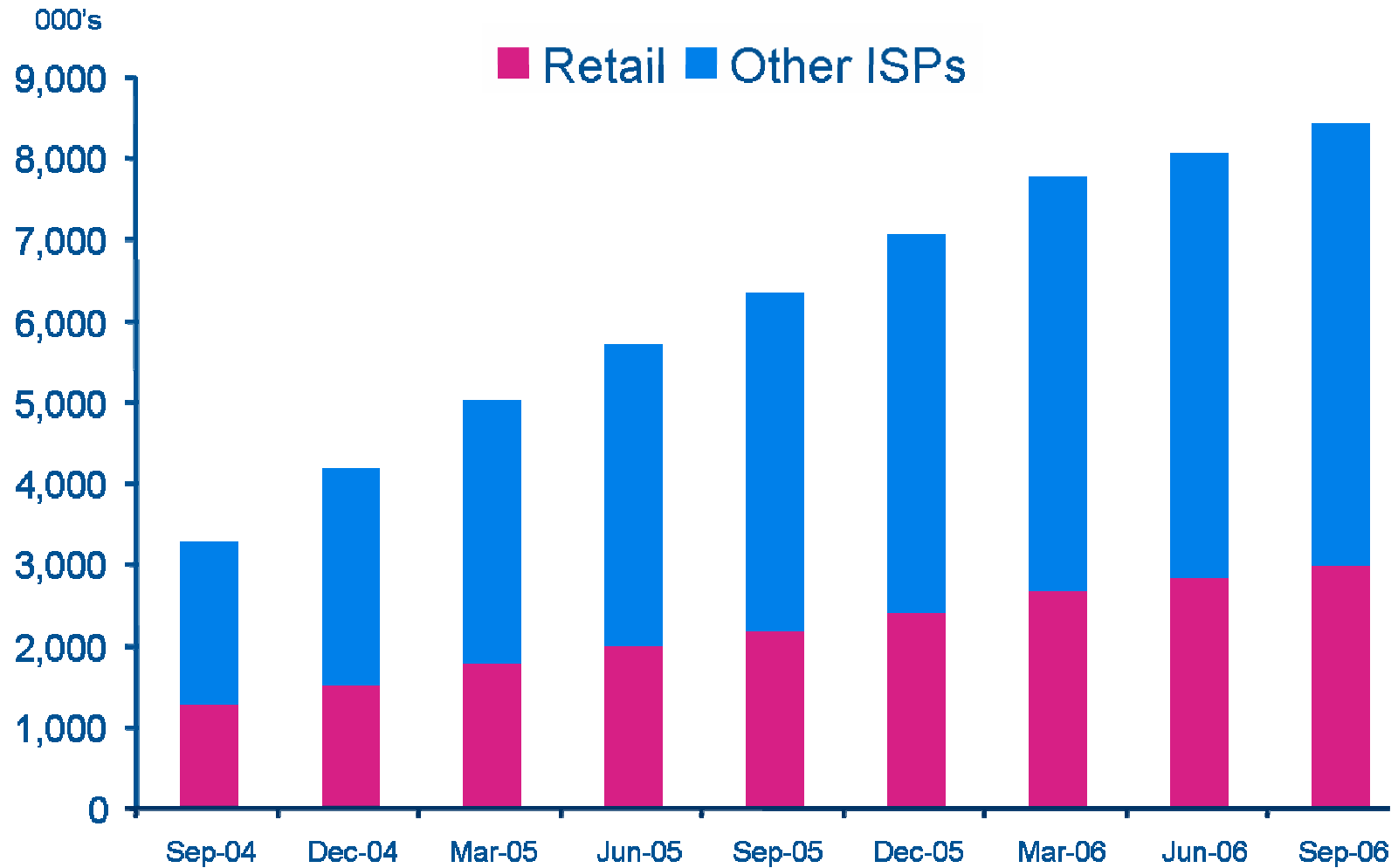
The future

- Broadband pricing
- ADSL2+ rollout
- 21C services

* Before leavers



BT Wholesale - DSL growth continues*



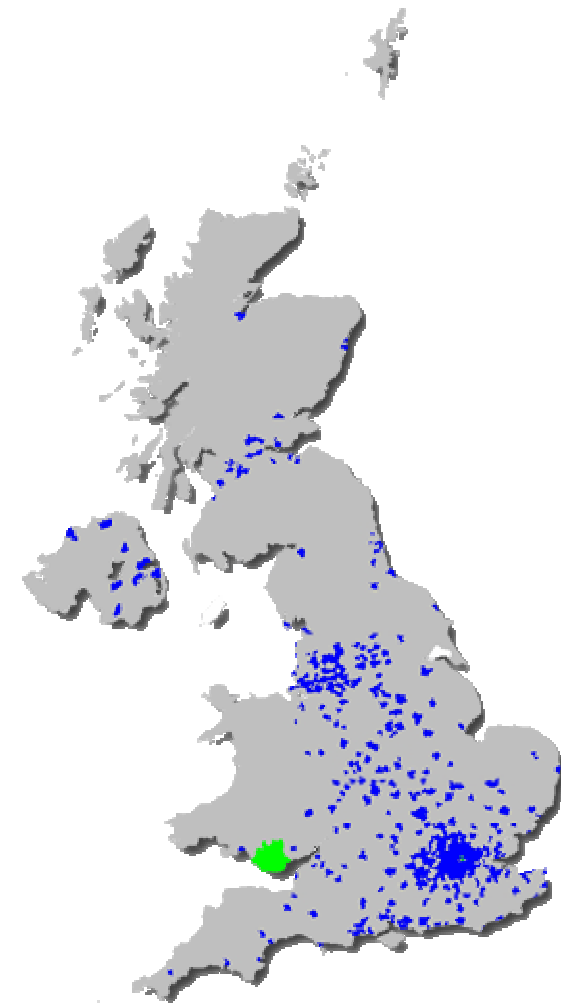
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BT Wholesale - 21CN

- This quarter
 - c10% of 21CN Core Network completed
 - c100 sites across the country prepared and ready for 21CN
 - Over 75 million trial voice calls have been carried to date
- New Services
 - Carrier class IP Voice
 - Next Generation Broadband (up to 24M/bps)
 - New Generation of Ethernet services
 - Converged IP-based services
- New Capabilities
 - Faster product development
 - Enhanced customer experience
 - Greater customer self service
 - Greater network intelligence

* Service delivered using 21CN capabilities

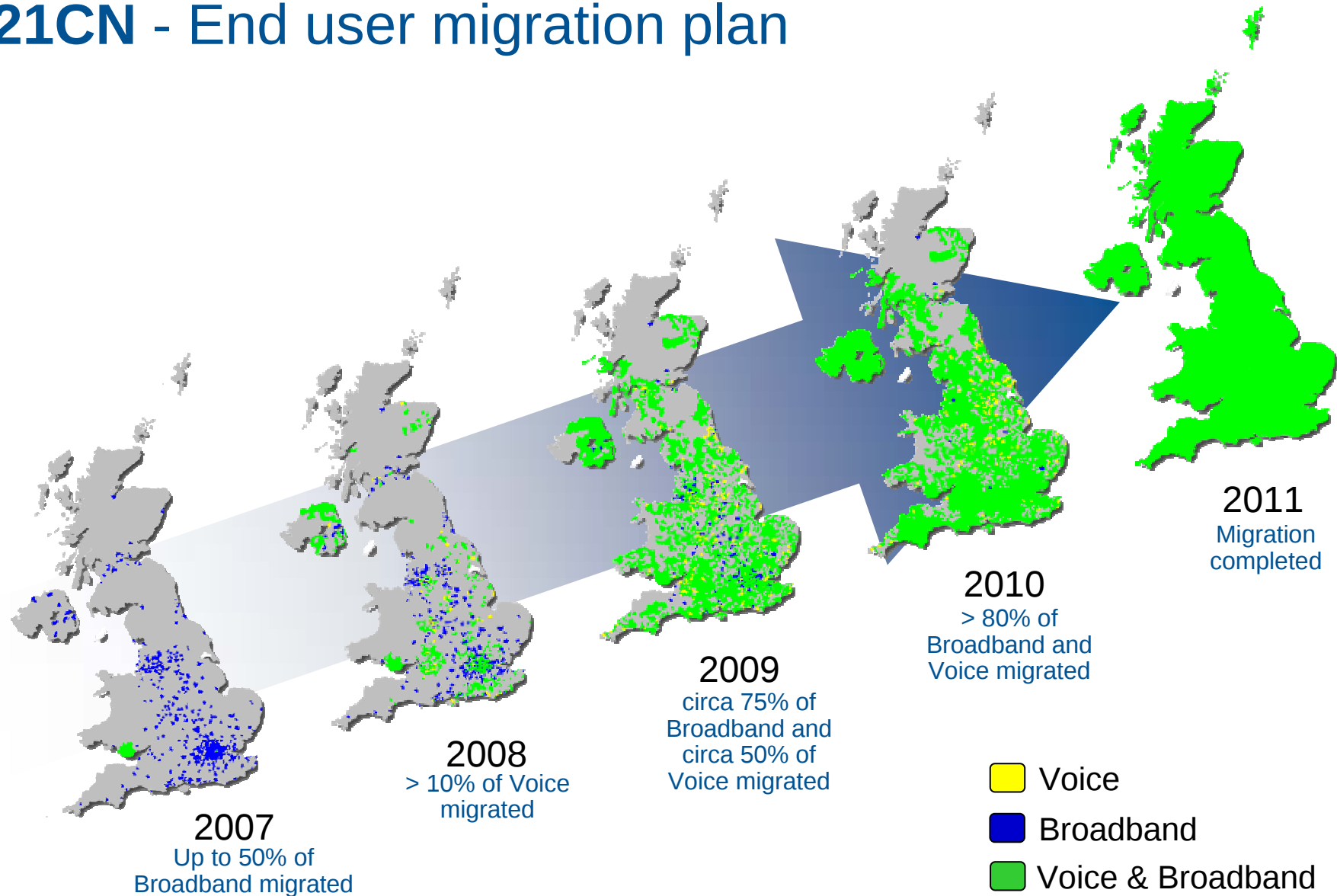


■ Broadband*

■ Voice & Broadband*



21CN - End user migration plan



* Service delivered using 21CN capabilities



Openreach – regulated returns

Financials

- External revenue up 170%
- Increasing activity volumes
- Capex up 13% to £279m

Unique approach

- Focused regulation
- Regulated asset base c.£11bn
- Facilitates market growth

Challenges

- System and processes
- Equivalence
- Service assurance & delivery

The future

- Deliver our undertakings
- Regulated returns
- Improving efficiencies

Meeting our undertakings

263 undertakings



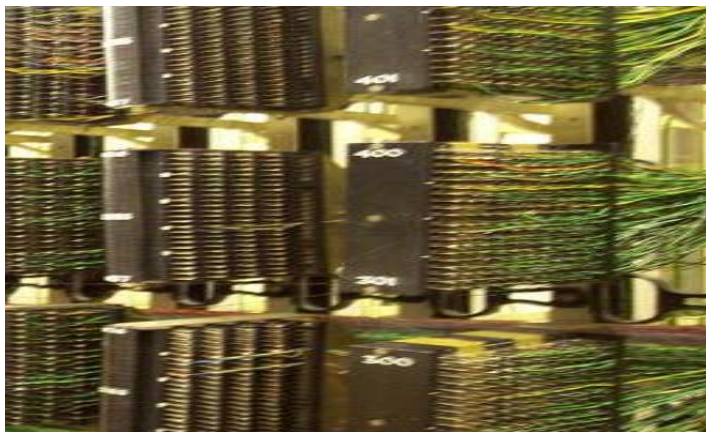
- Successfully meeting 146* ongoing obligations
- There are 117 specific deliverables.
 - 87* are now complete and 30 still in progress

* Subject to EAB validation

- Service performance

What has changed:

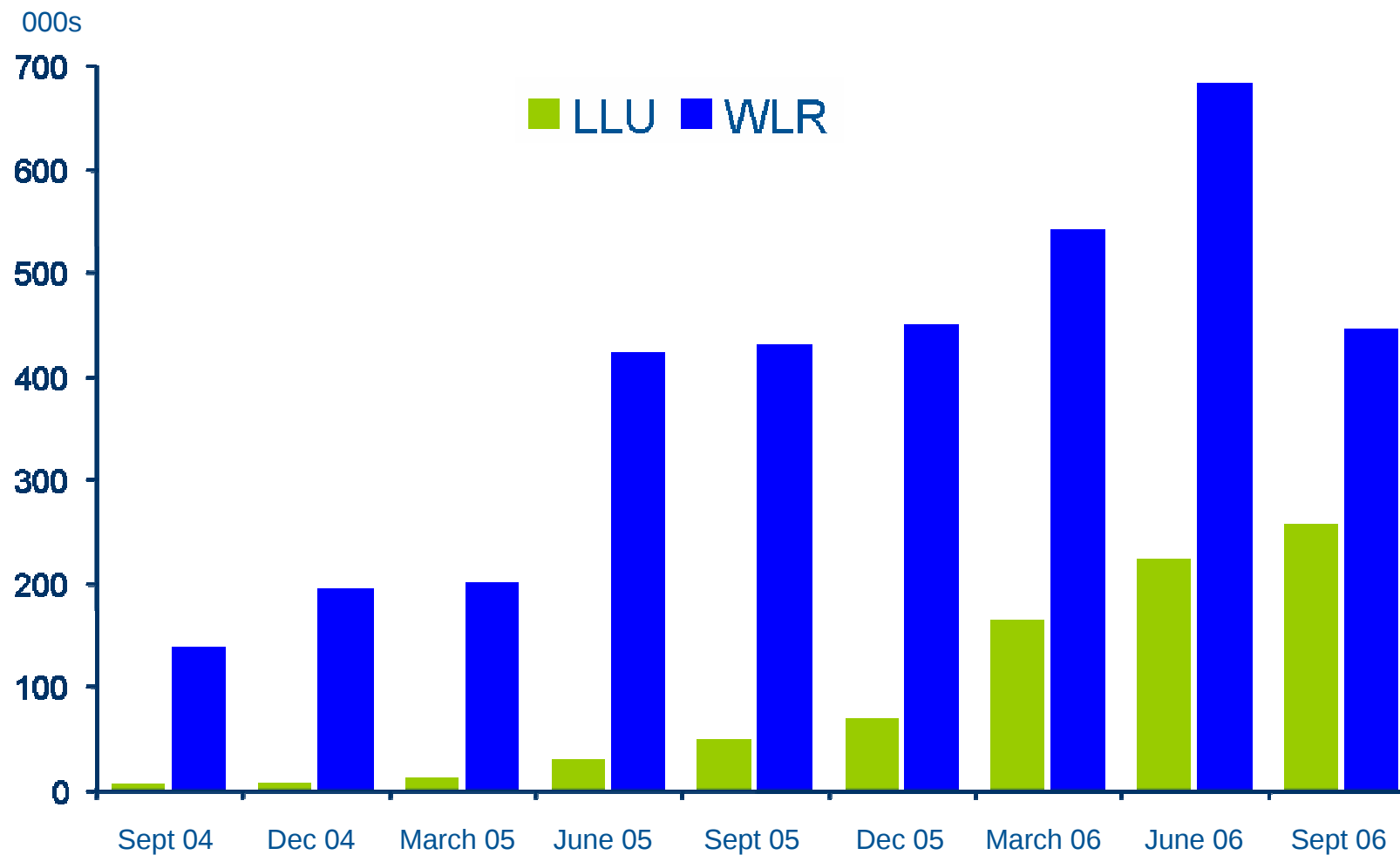
- Rapid changes in the market have created a step change in the mix of work at our main distribution frames
 - more complexity
 - more volatility



We are:

- Increasing the capacity and flexibility of our engineering workforce.
- Managing fluctuations in demand
- Ensuring quality of workmanship – right first time
- Re-engineering key processes to make a step change in speed
- Embedding customer connected work practices

- Product net additions



over ONE million lines now unbundled

Continuing momentum

Global Services

- Towards 15% EBITDA margin
 - Global growth
 - Maturing IT service contracts
 - Cost efficiencies

Retail

- Continued EBITDA growth
 - Margin management
 - Value based propositions
 - Cost efficiencies

Wholesale

- 21CN deployment
 - Faster to market
 - Managed services
 - Cost efficiencies

Openreach

- Deliver industry wide equivalence
 - System and process improvements
 - Cost efficiencies

Bringing it all Together



Strategy built around convergence & innovation



Strong momentum with track record of delivery

- ***Eighteen*** quarters of **EPS** growth
- ***Eleven*** quarters of **revenue** growth
- ***Seven*** quarters of improvement in **EBITDA** trend



Consistently successful in competitive and dynamic markets

- New wave has reduced reliance on voice



On track to deliver growth in revenue, EBITDA, EPS and dividends this financial year.



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