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# Making ASOS faster, more agile, and more profitable

## Phase 1 complete: Foundations in place to build sustainable, profitable growth

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Product in the best place it's been in years:

- Inventory down 50% on FY22 and old stock down 75%
- Newness performing well, with lower markdown, better sell-through, faster stock turn
- Test & React >10% of own-brand sales, PF c.5% of partner-brand GMV
- Added new and exciting partner brands

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Reduced cost to serve despite volume deleverage

Generated positive free cash flow

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Sales down 16% due to actions taken to improve profitability

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FY25 guidance:

- Gross margin improvement of at least 300bps to >46%;
- Adj. EBITDA growth of at least 60% to £130m to £150m, after the impact of TSTM JV;
- Free cash flow broadly neutral

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Balance sheet strengthened and financial flexibility improved through successful re-financing and sale of Topshop and Topman



Phase 2 is about **taking more action to delight our customers...**  
...to win more of their time, love and fashion spend

# Our Mission is to be the world's number one destination for fashion-loving 20-somethings.



## Best & most relevant product

Presenting our customers with market leading assortment and unique curations of exclusive own brands and exciting partner brands only available at ASOS



## Destination for style

Providing brands with a platform to showcase their potential in a fashion context - the only place where consumers can experience their favourite brands through our differentiated visual language



## Engaging customer journey

Showing up at every stage of the customer journey with our compelling and distinct brand to grow our share of voice, loyalty and brand advocacy



## Competitive convenience

Offering a seamless end-end experience underpinned by a unique delivery, returns and payment proposition, with an appetite for innovation

# Back to Fashion key priorities

Focus on making ASOS a faster, more agile, and more profitable business

1



**Most relevant product**

Disciplined stock management and an obsession with speed

2



**Stronger customer relationships**

Reigniting our brand and developing a fashion-led customer experience

3



**Reduced cost to serve**

Disciplined capital allocation and operational excellence

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Most relevant  
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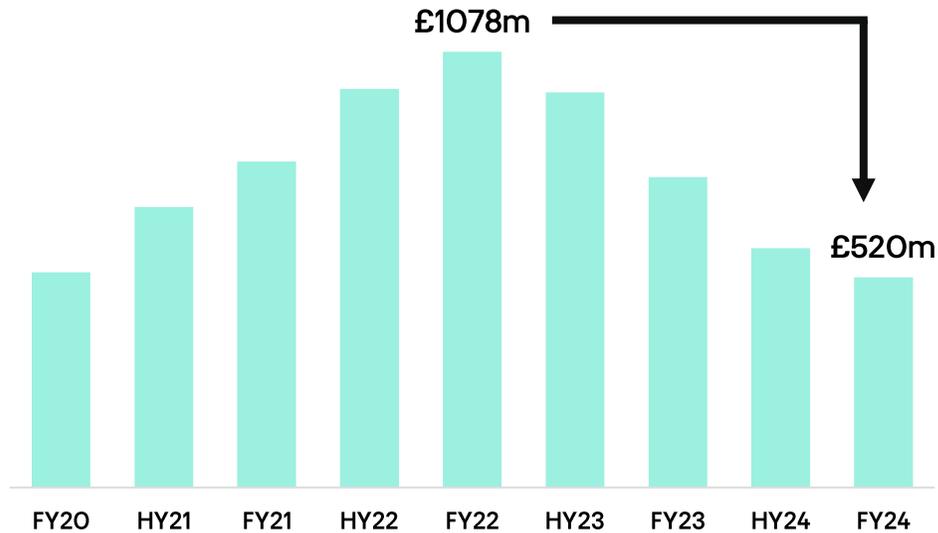


Reduced  
cost to serve

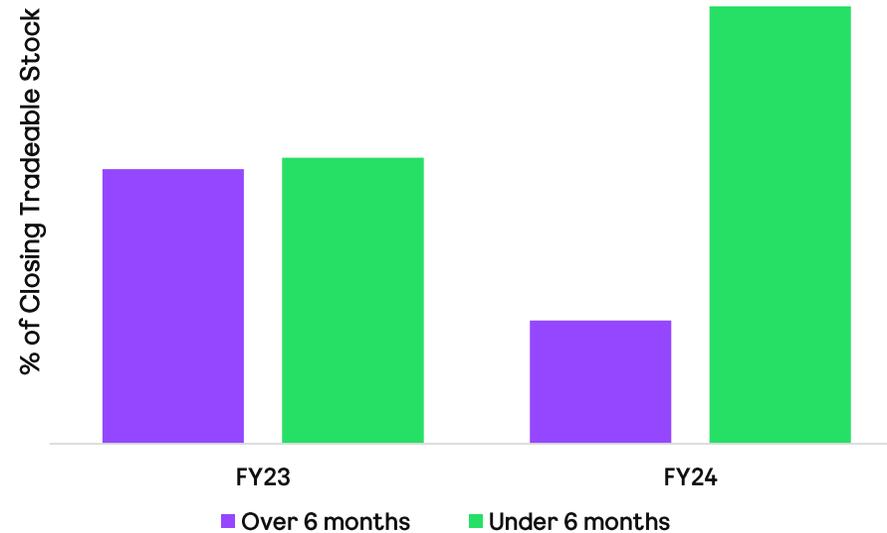
# We have been on **two** journeys: Firstly, dealing with the legacy of our old operating model

1. Most relevant product

Disciplined stock management and clearance of old stock



Our stock quality is materially fresher





1. Most relevant product

We have been on two journeys:  
Secondly, scaling our **new commercial model**

-  Speed to market in own-brand
-  Sourcing & quality
-  A great partner for brands
-  Clean, well-managed stock position

# New commercial model drives higher full-price sales and improved sell-through

1. Most relevant product

## Old commercial model: End of FY23

c.50% stock >6 months old

Cut intake by c.30% to clear stock

Heavy discounting to clear excess stock

Headwind to gross margin

## New commercial model: End of FY24

New & fresh assortment

c.80% of stock <6 months old

+c.150bps markdown improvement in Q4

+15ppts better sell-through on 26 weeks

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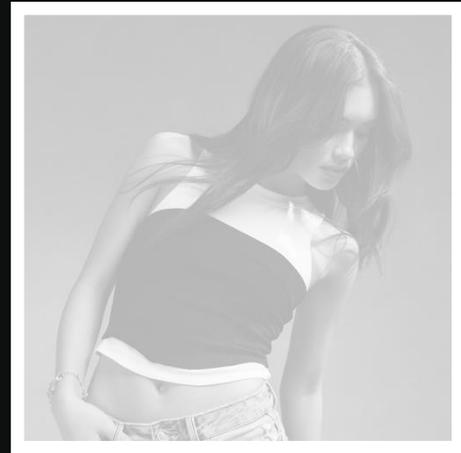
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Reduced  
cost to serve

# We're better placed to deliver great customer experiences

Average UK customer spend

**£214**  
annually

UK existing customer average order frequency per annum

**7x**



2. Stronger customer relationships

Scaled to  
**c.1,500**  
Influencers per month

Return on Advertising Spend (ROAS)

**+18%**  
YoY in Q4

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Most relevant  
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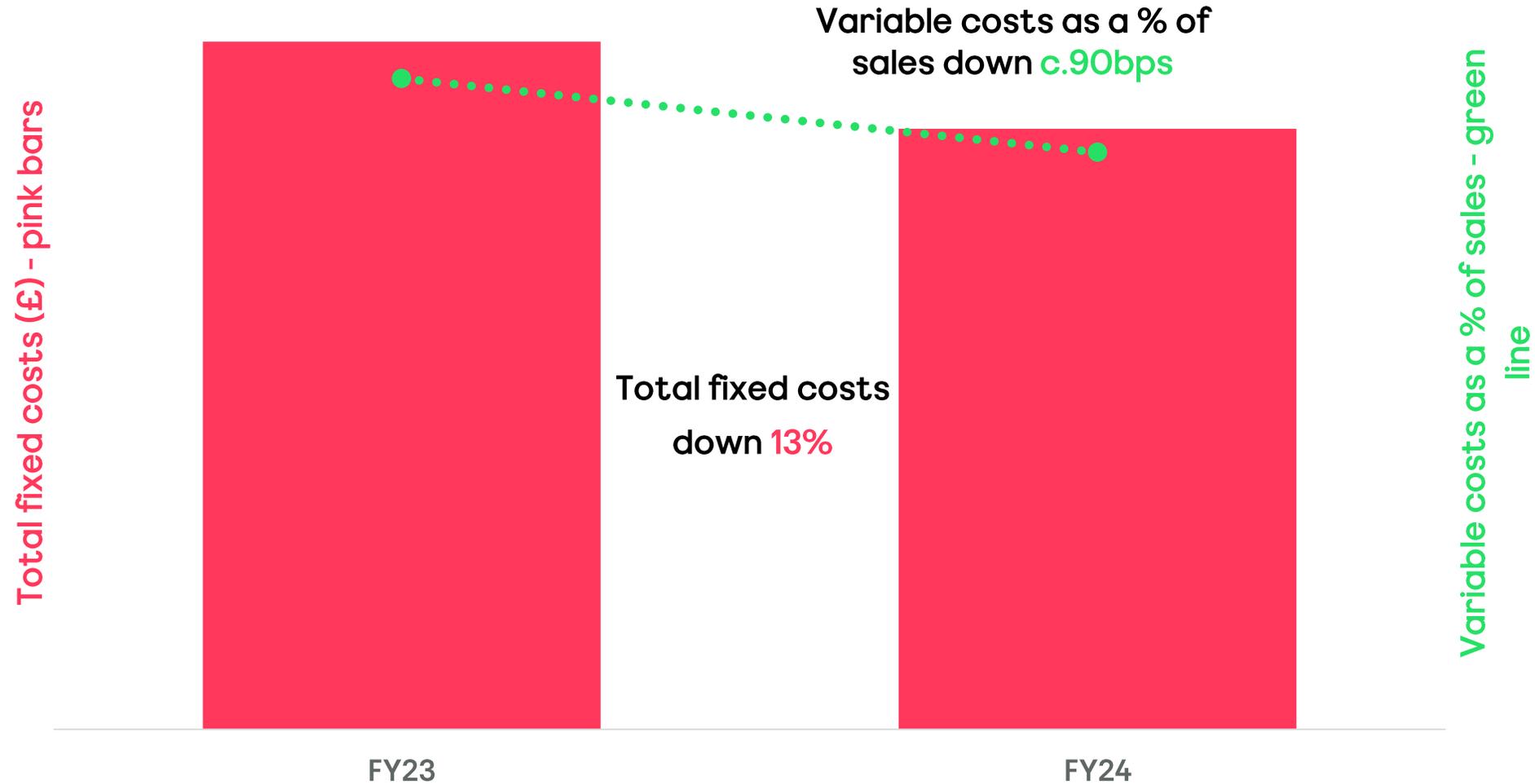
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Reduced  
cost to serve

# Strong progress on reducing both fixed & variable costs with improved unit economics

3. Reduced cost to serve



# Retained our focus on operational excellence and disciplined capital allocation

Since the beginning of FY25:



Topshop Topman  
joint venture



Convertible bond  
re-financing



Bantry Bay  
re-financing



Significantly strengthen  
balance sheet





## Recap: FY24 progress

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FY24 goals: better product, right-sizing stock, unlocking cash

- Product in the best place it's been in years:
    - Inventory position much improved
    - Newness turning faster, with lower markdown
    - Added new and exciting third-party brands
  - Hit targets on doubling scale of Test & React and Partner Fulfils
  - Reduced cost to serve despite volume deleverage
  - Generated positive free cash flow
  - Balance sheet strengthened and financial flexibility improved through successful re-financing and sale of Topshop and Topman
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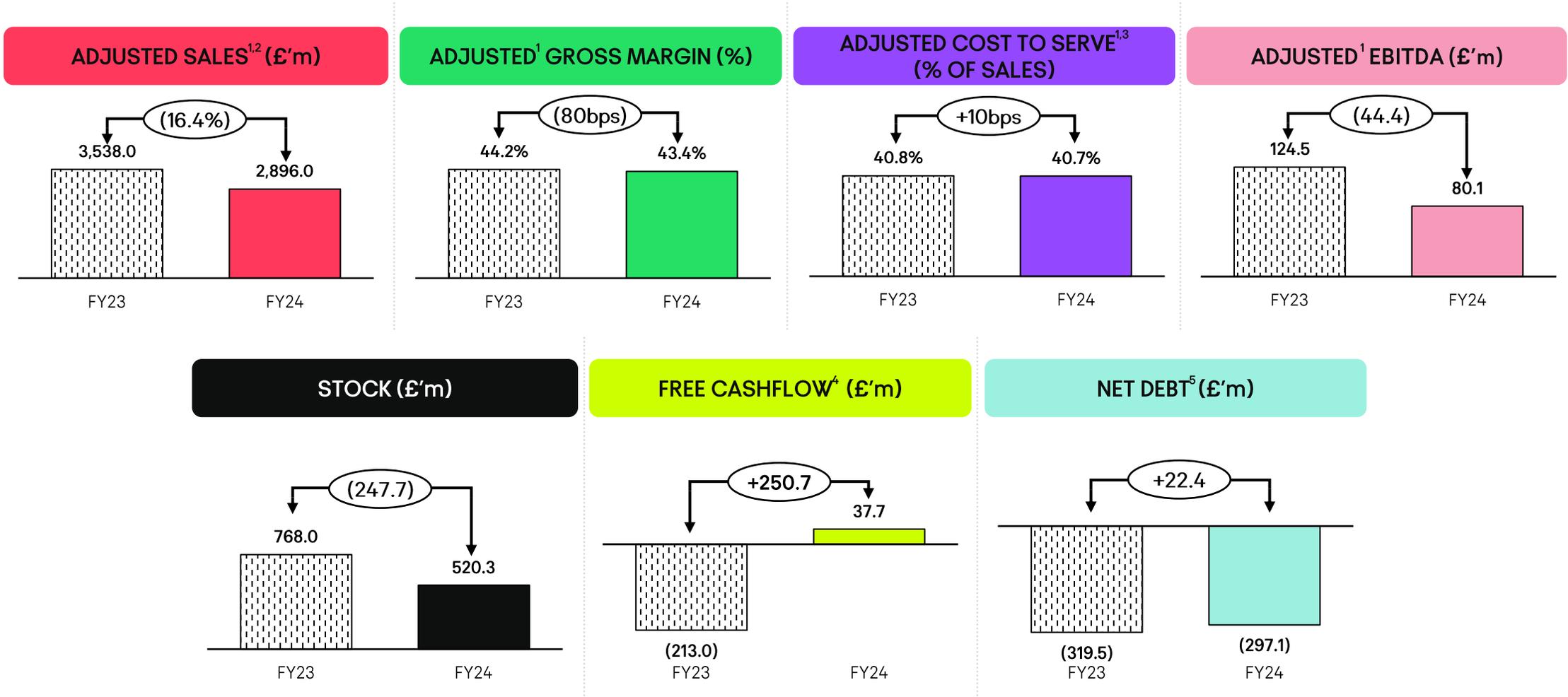
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# FY performance reflects discipline on costs despite reduction in sales



<sup>1</sup>Excluding adjusting items. Please see RNS for full breakdown

<sup>2</sup>Like-for-like ('Lfl') adjusted revenue are adjusted for the impact of foreign exchange translation (constant currency sales) and the impact of four additional trading days in FY23

<sup>3</sup>Cost to serve defined as operating expenses (excluding depreciation and amortisation and excluding adjusting items) as a percentage of adjusted revenue

<sup>4</sup>Free cash flow is net cash generated from operating activities, less payments to acquire intangible and tangible assets, payment of the principal portion of lease liabilities and net finance expenses.

<sup>5</sup>Net debt is cash and cash equivalents less the carrying amount of any borrowings but excluding outstanding lease liabilities

## Key strategic indicators reflect our current and ongoing priorities

	Change vs. LY	Change vs. LY-1
Test & React % of Own-Brand Sales*	+5.5%	+11.6%
Flexible Fulfilment % of Partner Brand GMV*	+260bps	+450bps
Adjusted Gross Margin	-80bps	-20bps
Cost to Serve %	+10bps	-120bps
Variable Contribution per Order	+5%	+28%
Stock Turn % Change	+31%	+1%

Good strategic progress obscured by short-term discounts to right-size stock



\* Test & React % of Own-Brand Sales and Flexible Fulfilment % of GMV both based on exit rate for the period (i.e. month of August).

# Profit actions driving variation in segmental performance



Performance impacted by lower intake and freshness.

**UK**



Continued profit actions and lower intake impacted EU performance.

**EU**



Continued to be the weakest of our core markets based on more meaningful profit measures.

**US**



Segment primarily represents non-core countries with wide-ranging profit actions.

**RoW**

	UK	EU	US	RoW	Group
<b>Total Sales<sup>1</sup></b>	-14% (-12% LFL)	-14% (-13% LFL)	-32% (-28% LFL)	-29% (-30% LFL)	-18% (-16% LFL)
<b>Visits</b>	-14%	-16%	-23%	-13%	-15%
<b>Conversion<sup>2</sup></b>	-30bps	flat	-20bps	-40bps	-10bps
<b>Average Basket Value<sup>3</sup></b>	+4% (+4% CCY)	+4% (+5% CCY)	-3% (+1% CCY)	+7% (+5% CCY)	+2% (+2% CCY)
<b>Total Orders</b>	-18%	-17%	-31%	-38%	-20%
<b>Active Customers<sup>4</sup></b>	7.0m (-13%)	9.0m (-11%)	2.1m (-27%)	1.4m (-36%)	19.6m (-16%)

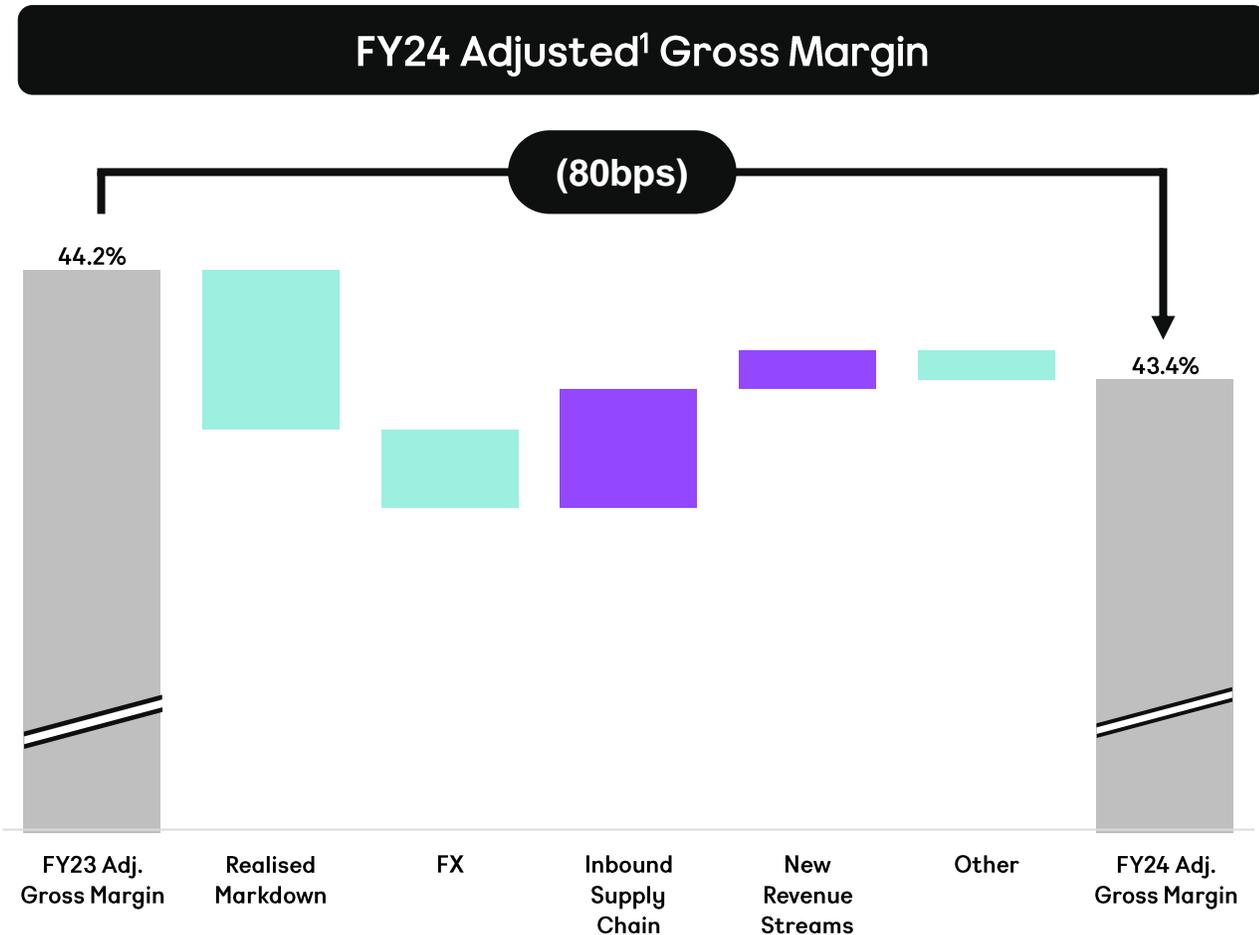
<sup>1</sup> Total sales include retail sales and income from other services excluding adjusting items. Please see RNS for full breakdown. LFL sales are also adjusted for the impact of foreign exchange translation (constant currency sales) and the impact of four additional trading days in FY23

<sup>2</sup> Calculated as total shipped orders divided by total visits

<sup>3</sup> Average Basket Value is calculated as adjusted net retail sales/number of orders in the period

<sup>4</sup> Active customers defined as having shopped in the last financial 12 months

# FY reduction in adjusted gross margin due to elevated markdown to clear old stock



## Realised Markdown

Discounting to drive clearance of stock



## Inbound supply chain

Favourable freight rates



## New revenue streams

Flexible Fulfilment scaling

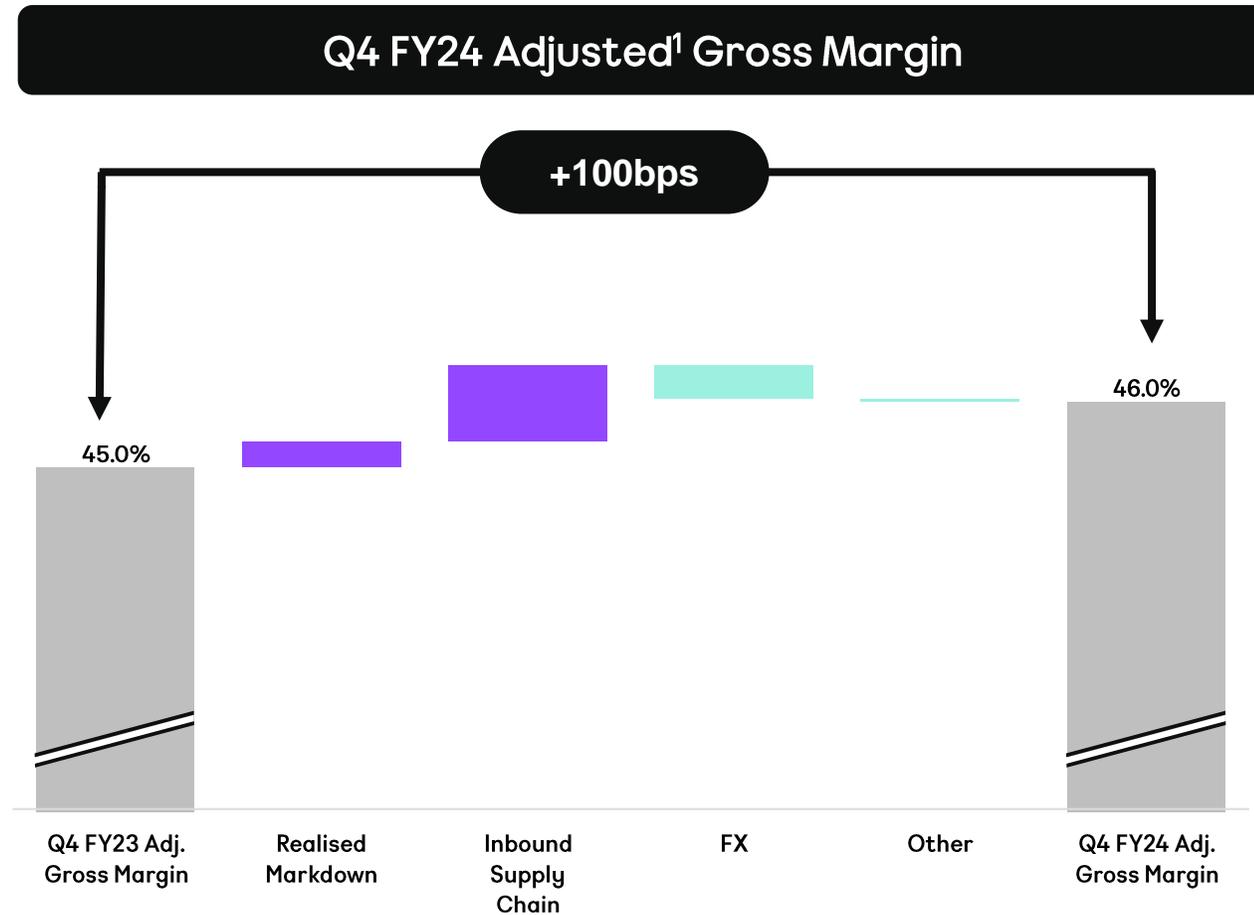


## FX

GBP strengthening against USD / EUR

<sup>1</sup> Excluding adjusting items. Please see RNS for full breakdown

# Improving adjusted gross margin in Q4 from new commercial model



## Realised Markdown

Benefiting from lower markdown, more full-price sales



## Inbound supply chain

Favourable freight rates



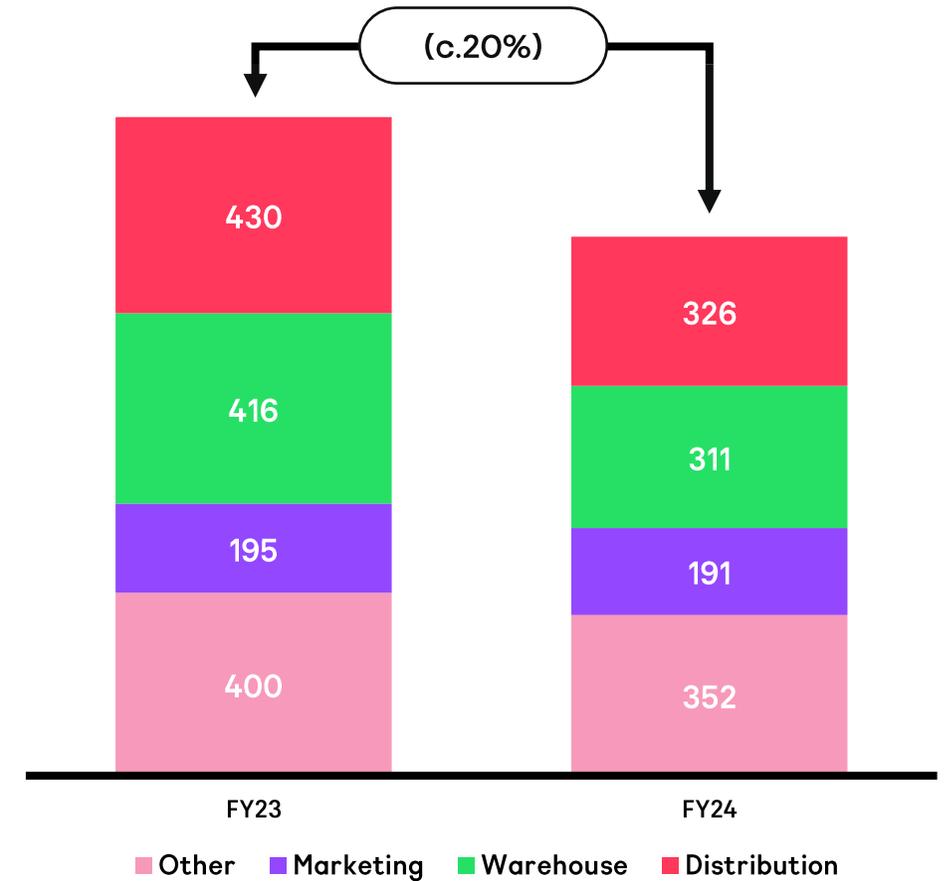
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# Reduction in cost to serve despite volume deleverage and marketing investment

	FY24 % of sales	Change
<b>Adjusted Gross Margin<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>43.4%</b>	<b>(80bps)</b>
Distribution	11.3%	80bps
Warehouse	10.7%	110bps
Marketing	6.6%	(110bps)
Other	12.1%	(70bps)
<b>Cost to Serve<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>10bps</b>

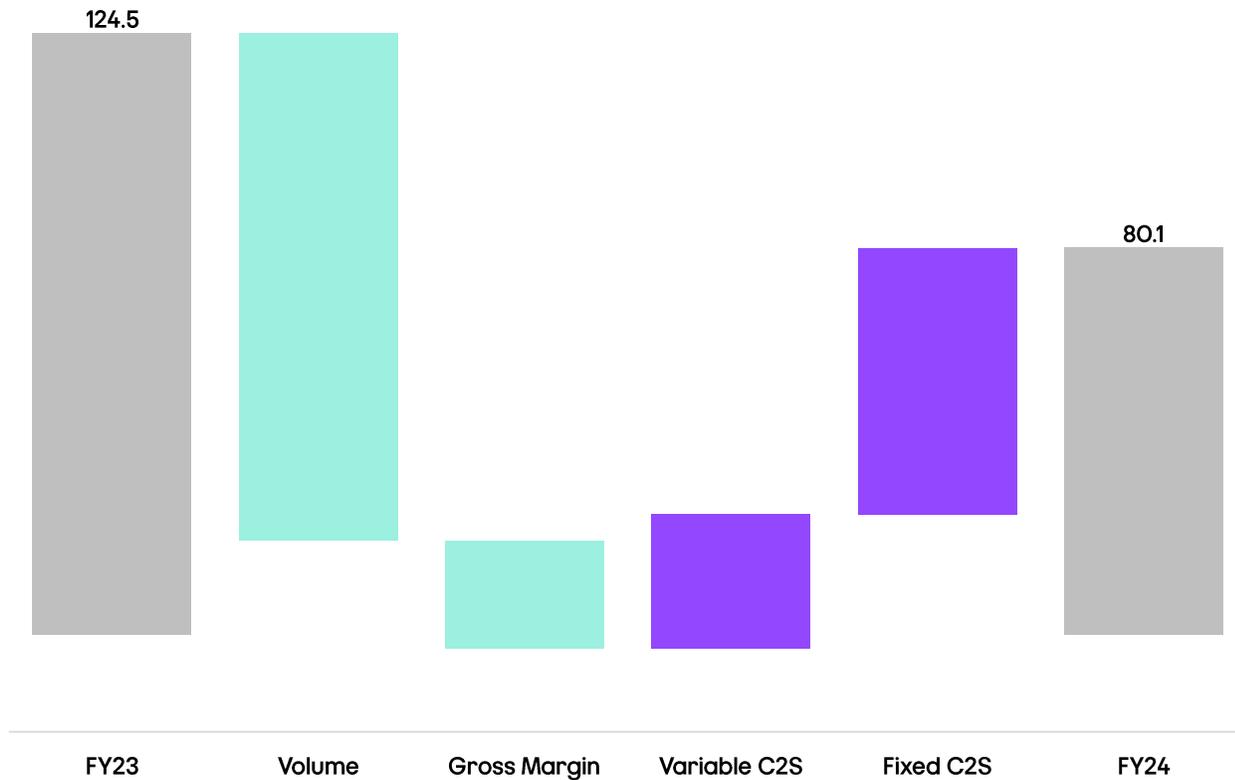


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# Discipline on costs offsetting deleverage but with EBITDA loss due to elevated clearance

## FY24 Adjusted<sup>1</sup> EBITDA (£'m)



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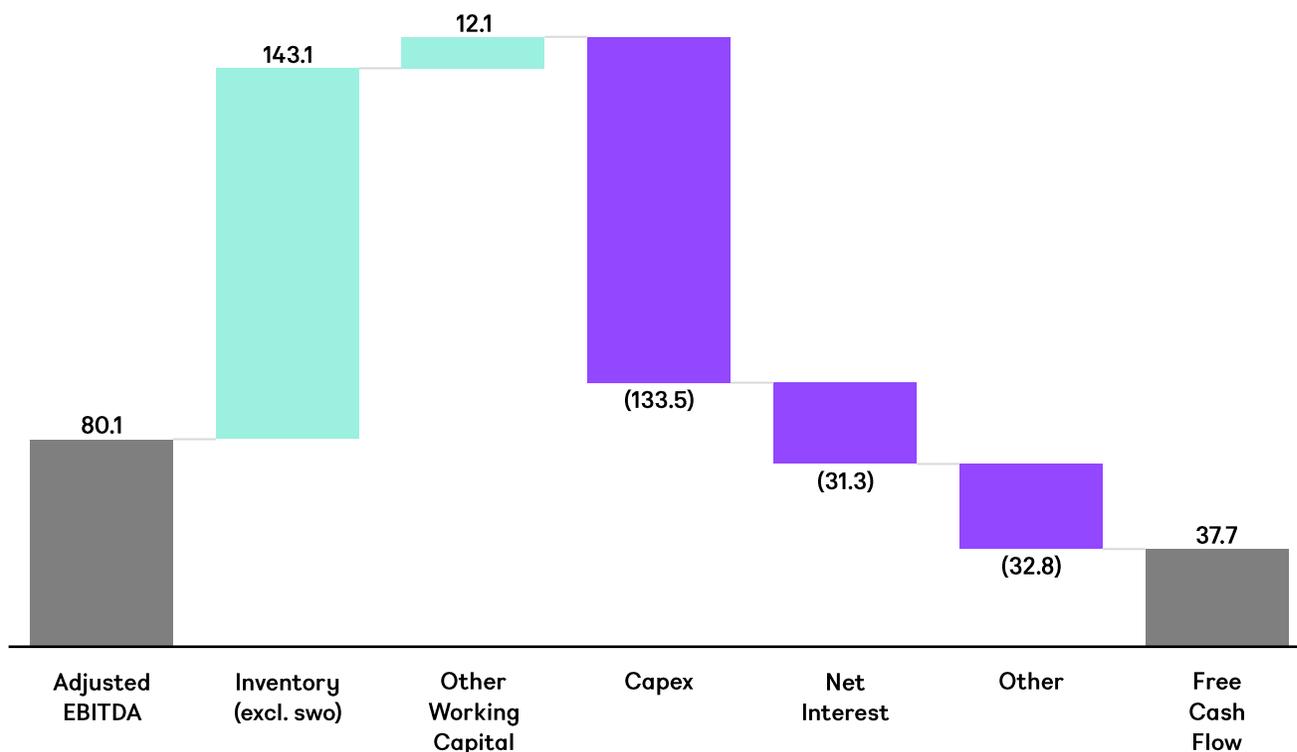
## Adjusting items

	Total adjustments before tax (£'m)
Commercial operating model change	(94.8)
Property-related costs	(144.4)
Other strategic initiatives	(3.4)
Amortisation of acquisition intangibles	(10.7)
<b>Total P&amp;L impact of adjusting items</b>	<b>(253.3)</b>

**c.£20m cash impact from adjusting items with remainder mostly non-cash impairment**

# Progress on stock resulting in strong cash generation from working capital

## FY24 Free Cash Flow<sup>1</sup> (£'m)



### Inventory Movement

£143m cash released from stock reduction to pre-Covid levels



### Capex

£116m excluding £17m spend on mothballed Lichfield site



### Closing Net Debt

Closing net debt of £297m, £22m lower than FY23



### Closing Cash

Ample closing cash of >£390m

Free cash flow of £38m reflects a YoY improvement of £251m

<sup>1</sup>Free cash flow is net cash generated from operating activities, less payments to acquire intangible and tangible assets, payment of the principal portion of lease liabilities and net finance expenses.

# Our Right to Win

Delight our customers to win more of their time, love and fashion spend

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Best & most  
relevant product

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Destination  
for Style

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Engaging  
Customer Journey

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Competitive  
Convenience

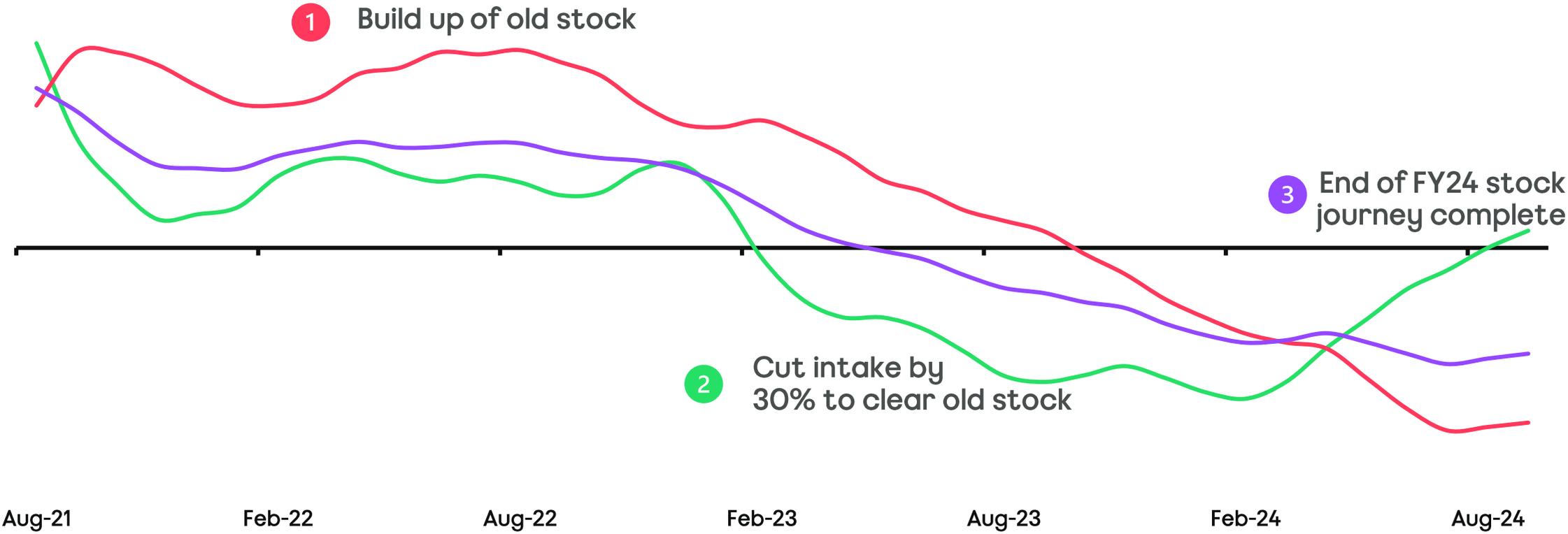
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Disciplined capital allocation

# FY23 and FY24 have been 'peak pain' as we cleared through excess stock

New Old Group

## Inventory (L3M) YoY

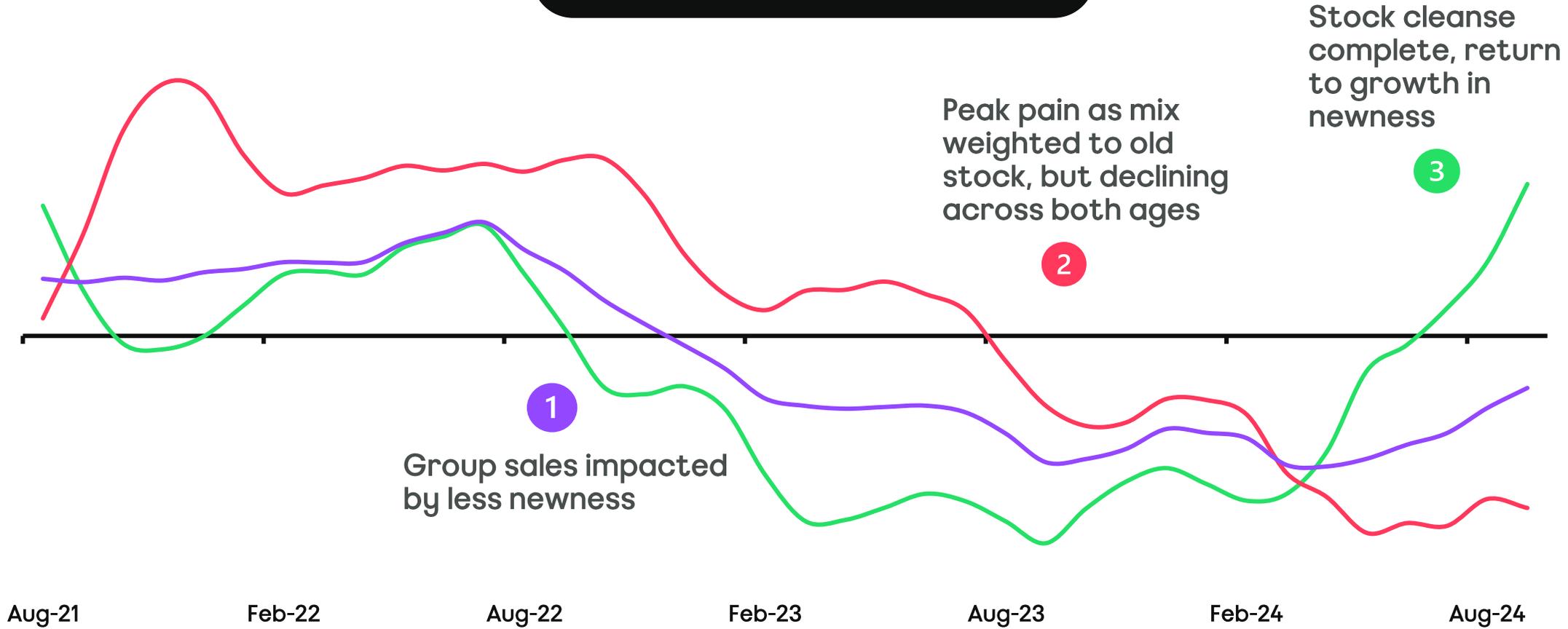


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# Our new commercial model is delivering growth in full price product

— New — Old — Group

## Retail Sales Value (L3M) YoY



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# Delighting our customers



More newness,  
exciting brands



More onsite  
innovation



Lower  
returns



Continuous  
improvement



Test & React to 20% of  
own-brand sales



Relaunch  
Topshop.com



Loyalty

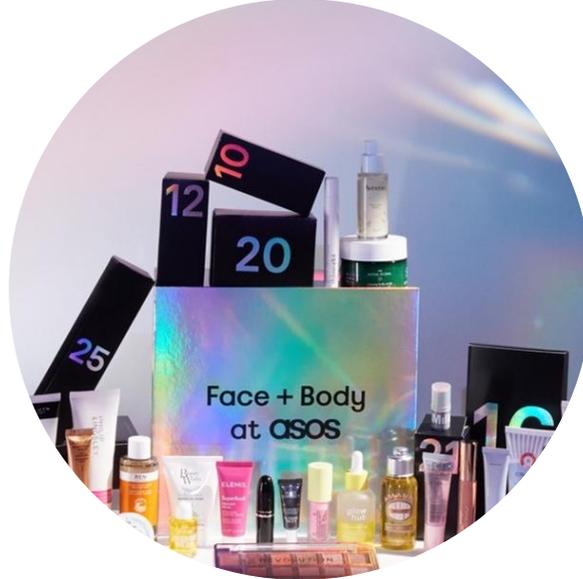
# 1. More newness, exciting brands



## First for fashion

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Be the trendsetter with bold, creative collections and brands that define what's next in fashion, inclusive and accessible to all.



## Speed and Agility

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React quickly to trends and customer needs with fast, flexible buying models that keep us ahead, staying affordable without ever compromising on quality.



## Efficiency and Sustainability

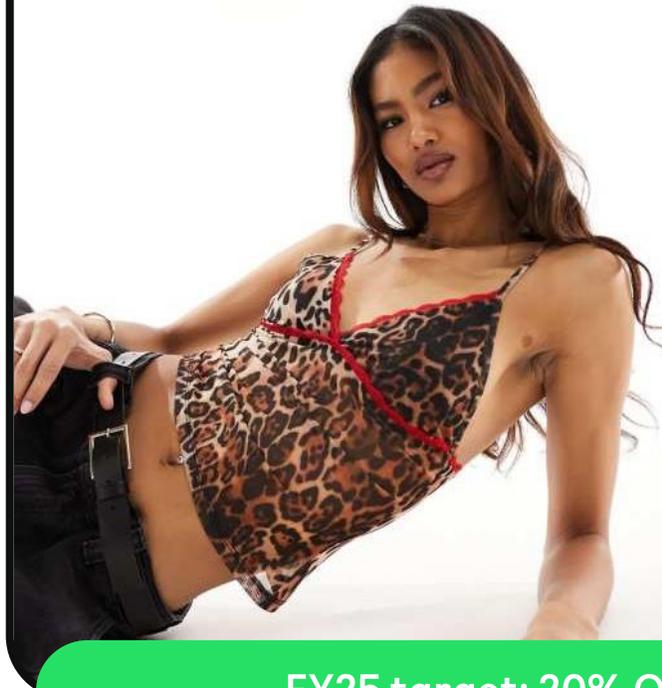
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Optimise operations with smart, lean processes by improving the buy, reducing waste, and aligning with our sustainability goals, all while delivering exceptional value for money.

# 1a. First for fashion: Scale Test & React

Test & React on track for FY25 and mid-term ambition

Test



FY25 target: 20% OB sales

React



Mid-term: 30% OB sales

# 1b. First for fashion: Better for brands

Including scaling our Flexible Fulfilment model

**Growing**

top tier brands

Flexible Fulfilment

**c.5%**

partner-brand GMV

ARKET



LANEIGE

dyson



VEJA



## 2. Transforming our customer experience



Speeding up  
ideation to delivery



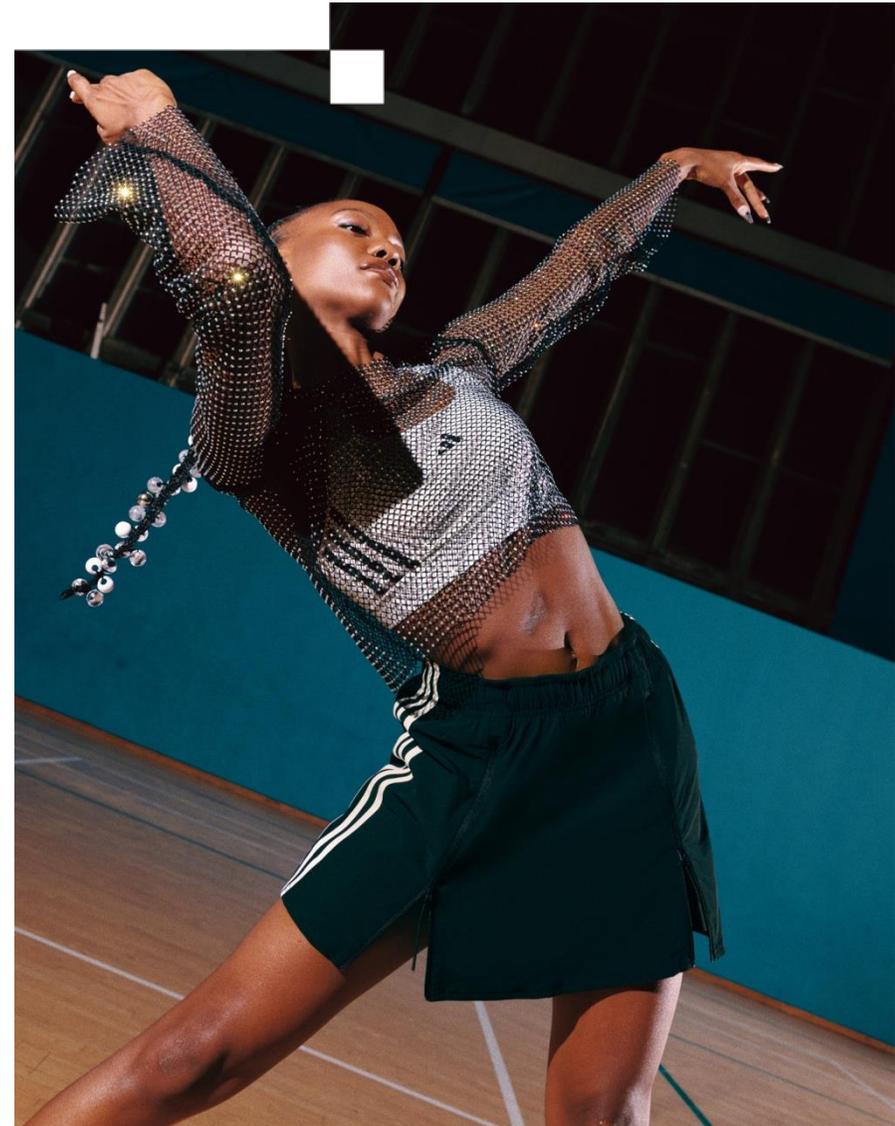
Better alignment to  
business & customer  
outcomes



Better end-to-end  
ownership



Increasing software  
engineering capacity



### 3. Re-establishing Topshop as a brand

**T O P S H O P**

## 4. Reducing unnecessary returns

Using data and insights to learn and drive forward a culture of minimizing returns rates



### Product relevance

Delivering high quality products that meet (or exceed) customer expectations



### On-site experience

Helpful and accurate product descriptions and size guides to ensure a consistent experience



### Operational excellence

Efficient re-processing of returned stock to maximise customer satisfaction



### Fair-use Policies

Ensuring the resources, service and privileges we provide customers are used responsibly and equitably

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## FY25

- Gross margin improvement of at least 300bps to more than 46%
- Adj. EBITDA growth of at least 60% to £130m to £150m, after the impact of the TSTM JV<sup>1</sup>
- Revenue growth in line with consensus range<sup>2</sup> for FY25, with a continuation of current revenue trends in H1
- Free cash flow broadly neutral
- Capex of c.£130m
- Cash interest c.£35m, P&L interest c.£80m

<sup>1</sup> As guided in September, the TSTM JV is expected to have a £10-20m negative impact on EBITDA, and to be increasingly EBITDA accretive over time.

<sup>2</sup> Company-compiled consensus revenue growth range of -9% to +6%, as of 31 October 2024.

# Outlook



## Medium-term

- Return to growth
- Gross margin expansion towards 50%
- EBITDA sustainably ahead of capex, interest, tax and leases
- Inventory of c.100 days
- Capex to 3-4% of sales

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# TSTM joint venture

## Financial impact

	FY25	Medium term	Commentary
Revenue			Tailwind as new channels (e.g. Brand.com) and partners established by ASOS. Also includes design fee
Gross margin			Immaterial impact on ASOS gross margin
Operating costs			Increase in operating costs as a result of royalty paid on TSTM sales
Operating income			Increasingly positive impact as JV's licence income (and therefore ASOS' profit share) grows
<b>EBITDA</b>	Negative £10-20m impact	Increasingly EBITDA accretive	