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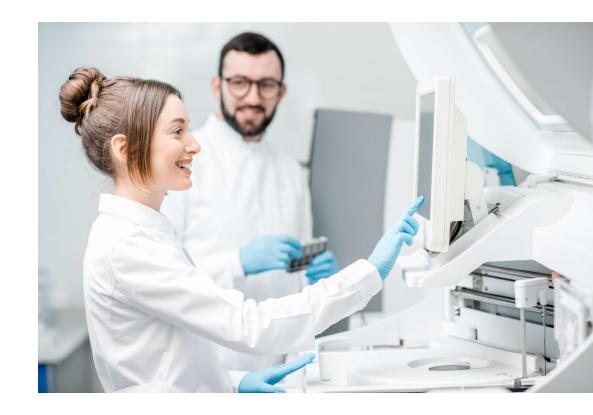
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# **Agenda**

- 1. FY'23 Highlights
- 2. Q4/FY'23 Financial highlights
- 3. Q4/FY'23 Business review
- 4. Outlook
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# FY'23 key highlights



#### **Strong FY'23 financials**

+6.4% organic growth (+4.9% in Q4'23)

16.6% Adjusted EBITDA margin (+17.0% in Q4'23)

€74m unlevered FCF (€69m in Q4'23)



#### FY'24 guidance

~€2.7bn revenue (on current perimeter)

17-18% AEBITDA margin

€50-100m M&A spend



# Ongoing portfolio management within countries to improve performance

#### Disposal of non strategic assets

Sale of Swiss business

Sale of veterinary diagnostics business in Belgium, Germany and Spain

Sale of business in Poland and Ukraine

Route towards margin improvement on track: Productivity recovery and active portfolio management



# FY'23 highlights – implementation of strategy continues

#### **Organic growth**

#### Base business +4.9% growth in Q4

- Positive price in South and North & East
- Strong over-delivery of >€10m of ForYou Growth Initiative

#### Retail initiative progressing

 Customer satisfaction further raised with NPS 88, (>1m individual feedbacks)

#### **B2B** initiative progressing

CRM roll-out and Sales Effectiveness Training ongoing

#### M&A

# 8 acquisitions in FY'23, in line with temporary reduction of M&A spend

- 4 countries: Belgium (2), Germany (3), Italy (2), France (1)
- ~€55m annualised revenue
- Total EV: ~€90m<sup>1</sup>

Portfolio management strategy: Divestment of Swiss, Polish, Ukrainian, and veterinary business

#### **Operational excellence**

- SALIX delivering €40m savings across all regions
- Portfolio management & STS activities across the value chain (BCP & lab footprint)
- Focus on increased logistics efficiency in several markets
- Ongoing efforts to optimize inventory management for cash improvement
- Focus UK (Synnovis): Implementation of new operating model ongoing in Ops & IT



#### **Medical & ESG**

#### Medical

- 332 scientific publications in FY'23
- SYNLAB Research Grants '23 Woman Health, Oncology & Diagnostic Innovation & AI technical implementation related to health
- SYNLAB Medical Congress '23: oncology, infectious diseases&genetics
- 1st RNA blood test for bipolar disorder (MyEDIT-B)

#### **Progress against ESG targets**

- † female representation in 2nd-line management below the Board
- ↑ training hours per FTE



### Medical and ESG highlights FY2023



#### Medical

- ✓ SYNLAB Research Grants '23 awarded to projects on Women's Health, Oncology & Diagnostic Innovation & AI Technical Implementation related to health
- ✓ SYNLAB Medical Congress '23 on oncology, infectious diseases & genetics
- ✓ Synnovis Innovation Accelerator Fund supports >30 projects driving innovation in pathology & diagnostics; 3 completed in 2023
- ✓ Launch of first RNA blood test for bipolar disorder (MyEDIT-B)



#### **Employee matters**

- ✓ Increased employee engagement (+4%)
- ✓ Increased training hours per FTE (+14%)
- ✓ Increased female representaion in 2nd-line management below the Board (+3%)

#### **Operations**

- ✓ Reduction absolute CO2e emissions (-2.4%)
- Green investment: significant investments to renovate a building to meet all "EU Taxonomy-aligned" conditions in Southeast London.

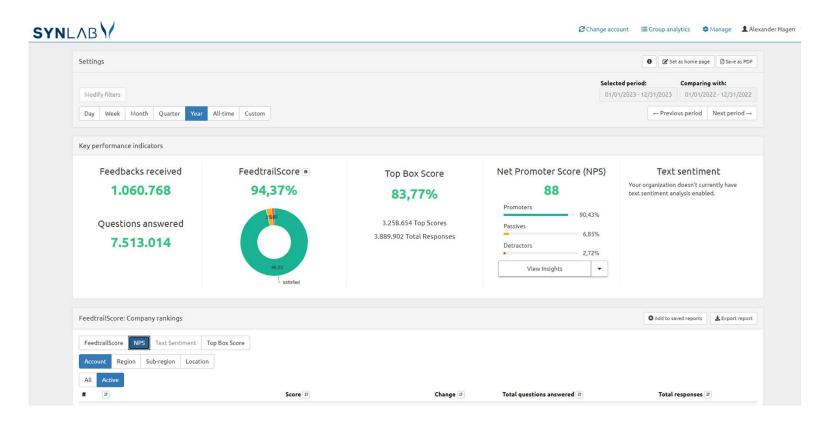


#### **Corporate Citizenship**

- ✓ Increased coverage of training on data privacy at 74% of all employees (+14%)
- ✓ESG and Human rights Due Diligence process implemented for entire value chain in 2023; Concrete ESG due diligence assessments conducted for >60% of reagent supplier spend
- ✓ SYNLAB Foundation: colorectal cancer awareness & testing for Black communities in Portugal concludes successful pilot; significant return test rates >75% (PT average 25-35%).



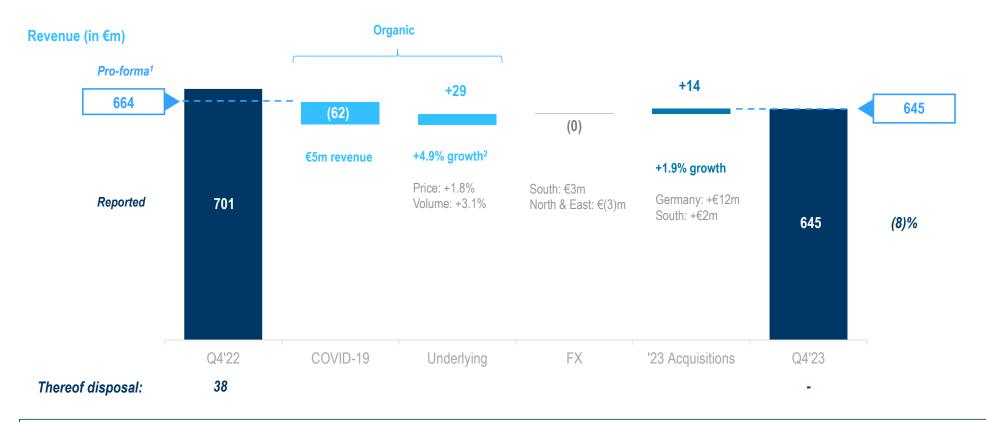
# **Proofpoint NPS**







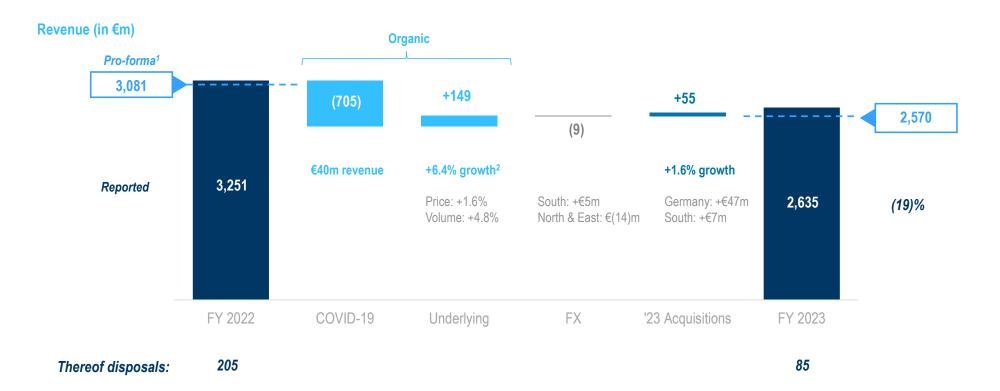
### Q4'23 revenue – Normalization of COVID-19 business



## Proforma underlying organic growth at 4.9%



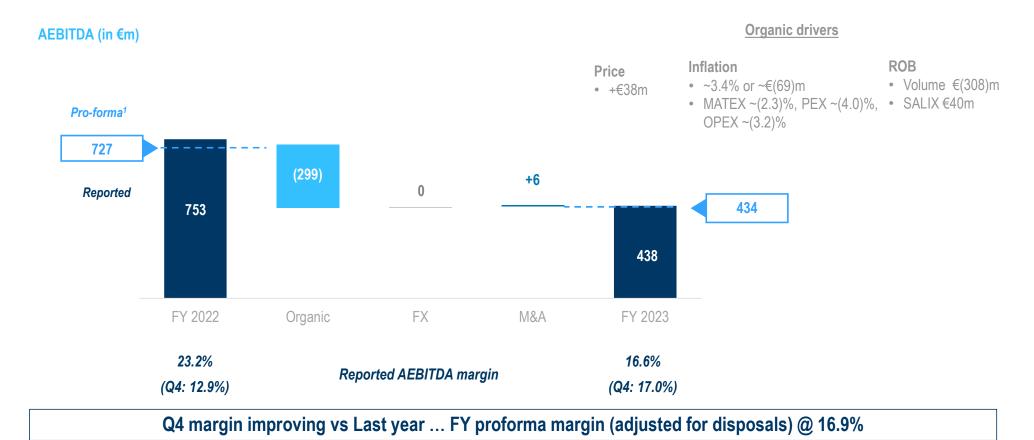
# FY'23 revenue – Strong underlying growth



**Pro-forma underlying organic growth at 6.4%** 



# FY'23 AEBITDA margin within FY'23 guidance (16-18%)





		FY 23			_	
(in €m)	Reported	Adj.	Adjusted	Adjusted vs. LY		Martha and Calling and a facility of the same
EBITDA	423	15	438	(315)	•	Mostly acquisition-related adjustments
D&A - impairment	(364)	120	(244)	2	•—•	€52m customer list amortisation €68m goodwill impairment in Germany
Operating profit	59	135	194	(313)		Higher net interest impact of ~€(25)m, lower derivatives
Net finance results	(100)	-	(100)	(83)	•	gain of ~€(51)m
Income tax expense	(50)	0	(50)	90	•—•	26.3% adjusted effective tax rate
Other	183	(184)	(1)	1	•—•	€184m profit from disposals
Net Profit	92	(48)	44	(303)		
Adjusted EPS			0.20€			

## Lower adjusted net profit resulting from lower AEBITDA and increasing Net finance results



# FY'23 cash flow summary

(in €m)	Q4'23	FY'23	vs. LY	_	
AEBITDA	110	438	(315)		
Movements in working capital	30	(6)	(94)		DSO at 61 (Dec'22: 54)  Normalising working capital
Income tax paid	1	(63)	171	•—•	Timing of tax payments
Change in provisions & other	(0)	(6)	(28)		
Operating cash flow	141	363	(266)		
Net CAPEX (incl. leasing)	(71)	(289)	29	•—•	Synnovis Net CAPEX ~€62m (FY'23)
As % of revenue	-11.1%	-11.0%	(1.2pp)		
Unlevered free cash flow	69	74	(238)	•—•	Q4'23 AEBITDA conversion @77% (excluding Synnovis)
Net interest	(20)	(48)	(4)	•	Decreased debt
Free cash flow	49	26	(241)	•	Q4'23 average cost of borrowings <sup>2</sup> at 5.2%

### Strong Unlevered free cash flow in Q4



# FY'23 balance sheet summary

<u>(</u> €m)	Dec'23	Dec'22	Change	_
Goodwill	2,199	2,323	(124)	•——• €95m reduction from disposals; €68m impairment
Net fixed assets	1,513	1,646	(132)	
Net working capital	45	94	(48)	<ul> <li>Normalizing Net working capital</li> </ul>
NWC as a % of LTM revenue	1.8%	2.9%		
Capital employed	3,758	4,063	(305)	
Equity	2,338	2,333	5	•——• €77m dividend payment
Net debt	1,340	1,575	(235)	
Other	79	154	(75)	<ul> <li>Including income tax liability, pension provisions</li> </ul>
Resources	3,758	4,063	(305)	
Cash	221	542	(321)	• +€500m undrawn RCF at end of Dec'23

€520m Term Loan repaid in FY'23



# Adjusted net debt<sup>1</sup> for covenant calculation

(in €m)



### Leverage at 2.90x – €336m proceeds from disposals





## **FRANCE** (20% of Group revenue)

#### **Key financials**

(€m)	Q4'23	Q4'22	% var.	FY'23	FY22	% var.	
Revenue	131.3	146.4	(10)%	524.4	674.3	(22)%	
AOP	15.3	7.5	105%	56.1	116.3	(52)%	
AOP margin	11.7%	5.1%	6.6pp	10.7%	17.2%	(6.5)pp	

#### **Underlying organic growth**



#### **Q4 Revenue**

**Underlying growth:** Price decrease of 4.5%, strong volume at 4.7% **COVID-19:** Testing revenue stabilized at ~€2.0m vs €17.8m last year

#### **Q4 Profitability**

Strong year over year improvement of AOP margin +6.5pp despite lower COVID 19 testing and strong unfavorable impact from price and inflation

Operational efficiency strengthened by roll-out of FR LIS system

#### <u>M&A</u>

1 small bolt on in FY'23

#### 2024 price update

Price drop starting 15 January 2024 (€1 cent of B point)
3-year plan assumes a healthcare budget growth of 0.4% per year in 20242026, balancing market-driven volume growth with annual price adjustment.



## **GERMANY (20% of Group revenue)**

#### **Key financials**

(€m)	Q4'23	Q4'22	% var.	FY'23	FY22	% var.
Revenue	134.4	146.6	(8)%	536.2	703.2	(24)%
AOP	(6.6)	0.7	ns	(11.4)	134.7	ns
AOP margin	(4.9)%	0.5%	(5.4)pp	(2.1)%	19.2%	(21.3)pp

#### **Underlying organic growth**



#### **Q4** Revenue

**Underlying growth:** Strong volume and robust new customer wins; market share gains with stable overall price

**COVID-19:** Testing revenue stabilized at ~€1.7m vs €29.2m last year

#### **Q4 Profitability**

COVID-19 capacity ramp down completed

Inflation contributing (1.8)ppt to margin drop:

Largest impact from PEX; Pressure on PEX expected to continue in the coming quarters

Restructuring provision impacting AOP and AOP margin performance as part of ongoing portfolio management process

#### M&A

3 acquisitions in FY'23 including 1 Hospital (regulatory purposes) VET disposal



## **SOUTH (31% of Group revenue)**

#### **Key financials**

(€m)	Q4'23	Q4'22	% var.	FY'23	FY22	% var.
Revenue	186.4	215.0	(13)%	803.8	960.3	(16)%
AOP	20.9	(1.7)	(1301)%	71.0	96.8	(27)%
AOP margin	11.2%	(0.8)%	12.0pp	8.8%	10.1%	(1.2)pp

#### **Underlying organic growth**



#### **Q4** Revenue

**Underlying growth:** strong price increases across the countries except for Portugal (pressure on some hospital contracts), strong volume growth in Italy

**COVID-19:** Testing revenue at ~€0.5m vs €6.7m last year

#### **Q4 Profitability**

Strong AOP margin improvement mostly from Italy and Portugal and despite continued margin pressure in Spain.

Margin improvement from SALIX savings and positive price overcompensating inflation

#### M&A

2 bolt-on acquisitions in Italy VET disposal in Spain (non significant impact)

#### **General**

New regional tariffs in Italy to become gradually effective from Q2'24 onwards. Marginal impact in 2024 as expected

Antitrust case in Portugal resolved.



# NORTH & EAST (29% of Group revenue)

#### **Key financials**

(€m)	Q4'23	Q4'22	% var.	FY'23	FY22	% var.	
Revenue	193.2	193.2	(0)%	770.8	912.6	(16)%	
AOP	15.2	14.4	5%	78.5	159.7	(51)%	
AOP margin	7.8%	7.4%	0.4рр	10.2%	17.5%	(7.3)pp	

#### **Underlying organic growth**



#### **Q4** Revenue

**Underlying growth:** Strong volume growth and price increases across the portfolio resulting in strong expansion at +10.3%

**COVID-19:** Testing revenue at ~€0.7m vs €13.3m last year

#### **Q4 Profitability**

Slight AOP margin improvement

Positive price net of inflation AOP impact of €4.0m

#### Synnovis (SEL)

Continued work on fitting and equipping the new hub for start of operations planned in Q2 '24 including successful launch of the new single LIS system in October. Integration of Royal Brompton Hospital successfully completed (joined in August)

#### M&A

FY'23

Volume

5.9%

Price

6.6%

VET disposal in Belgium





## FY'24 Outlook

	Guidance 2024
Revenue	~€2.7bn (at current perimeter)
AEBITDA margin	17-18%
M&A spend	~€50 - 100m

#### **Key assumptions**

- · Around 4% underlying organic growth
- Price net of inflation trajectory
- SALIX savings ~€40m





### **Investor contact & financial calendar**

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#### **Financial calendar**

 Q1'24 Results
 8 May 2024

 Annual General Meeting 2024
 17 May 2024

 Q2/H1'24 Results
 9 August 2024

 Q3/9M'24 Results
 7 November 2024

### **Upcoming events**

**DB Conference** 12 June 2024

**GS Conference** 3 September 2024





# **Revenue by segment**

Reported (€m)	Q4'23	Q4'22	Q4'23 PF	Q4'22 PF	Change	Organic Growth	FX Growth	M&A Growth
France	131.3	146.4	131.3	146.6	(10.5)%	(10.5)%	0.0%	0.1%
Germany	134.4	146.6	134.4	140.7	(4.4)%	(13.3)%	0.0%	8.9%
South	186.4	215.0	186.4	185.9	0.3%	(2.1)%	1.4%	1.0%
North & East	193.2	193.2	193.2	190.4	1.5%	2.9%	(1.5)%	0.0%
SYNLAB Group	645.3	701.2	645.3	663.7	(2.8)%	(4.9)%	(0.0)%	2.2%

Reported (€m)	FY'23	FY'22	FY'23 PF	FY'22 PF	Change	Organic Growth	FX Growth	M&A Growth
France	524.4	674.3	524.8	677.2	(22.5)%	(22.6)%	0.0%	0.1%
Germany	536.2	703.2	531.6	682.1	(22.1)%	(29.0)%	0.0%	6.9%
South	803.8	960.3	752.2	831.3	(9.5)%	(10.9)%	0.5%	0.8%
North & East	770.8	912.6	761.0	890.6	(14.5)%	(13.0)%	(1.5)%	0.0%
SYNLAB Group	2,635.2	3,250.5	2,569.6	3,081.1	(16.6)%	(18.1)%	(0.3)%	1.8%



# **AOP** by segment

Reported (€m)	Q4'23	Q4'22	Margin Q4'23	Margin Q4'22
France	15.3	7.5	11.7%	5.1%
Germany	(6.6)	0.7	(4.9)%	0.5%
South	20.9	(1.7)	11.2%	(0.8)%
North & East	15.2	14.4	7.8%	7.4%
SYNLAB Group	44.8	20.9	6.9%	3.0%

Reported	FY'23	FY'22	Margin FY'23	Margin FY'22	
(€m)	1123	1 1 22	Waigiii i 23	margini i zz	
France	56.1	116.3	10.7%	17.2%	
Germany	(11.4)	134.7	(2.1)%	19.2%	
South	71.0	96.8	8.8%	10.1%	
North & East	78.5	159.7	10.2%	17.5%	
SYNLAB Group	194.2	507.5	7.4%	15.6%	



# **Operating profit to AOP and AEBITDA reconciliation**

(in €m)	FY'23	FY'22
Operating profit	59.2	231.7
Stategic project costs	2.5	0.5
Acquisitions related costs	12.6	6.9
Impairment non current assets	69.5	213.0
Costumer list amortisation	50.4	55.4
Adjusted operating profit (AOP)	194.2	507.5
Depreciation and amortisation	294	301.3
Costumer list amortisation (elimination)	(50.4)	(55.4)
Adjusted EBITDA (AEBITDA)	437.9	753.4



# **Consolidated statement of income**

€000 I		For the year ended 31 December	
	Note	2023	2022
Revenue	6	2,635,163	3,250,521
Material and related expenses	7	(615,733)	(776,916)
Payroll and related expenses	8	(1,119,339)	(1,166,671)
Other operating income	10	54,085	35,756
Other operating expenses	9	(531,404)	(596,682)
Depreciation and amortisation	11	(294,115)	(301,304)
Impairment of non-current assets	17	(69,495)	(213,026)
Operating profit	550 550	59,162	231,678
Share of loss of associates and other non-controlling interest.		(26)	(2,022)
Profit on disposal of investment	4/15	183,845	70,491
Finance income	12	48,760	86,590
Finance costs	12	(148,723)	(103,755)
Profit before taxes	565 868	143,018	282,982
Income tax expenses	13	(50,063)	(130,463)
Profit for the period		92,955	152,519
thereof: Profit attributable to non-controlling interests		681	1,822
thereof: Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent company		92,274	150,697
Basic earnings per share (in EUR)	14	0.42	0.68
Diluted earnings per share (in EUR)	14	0.42	0.68



# **Consolidated statement of financial position**

€000		As at 31 December	
	Note	2023	2022
ASSETS			
Goodwill	17	2,198,943	2,323,423
Intangible assets	18	598,977	733,238
Property, plant and equipment	19	358,513	311,506
Right of use assets	19	594,583	655,968
Investments in associates	20	575	1,281
Financial non-current assets	23	71,006	80,518
Other non-current assets	21	4,607	4,700
Deferred tax assets	24	46,914	47,916
Total non-current assets	9.00 9.00	3,874,118	4,158,550
Inventories	16	65,037	84,094
Trade accounts receivables	25	397,601	443,089
Financial current assets	23	44,651	47,299
Other current assets	22	60,921	106,398
Cash and cash equivalents	26	220,938	541,684
Total current assets	***	789,148	1,222,564
Total assets	**	4,663,266	5,381,114

€000		As at 31 December	
	Note	2023	2022
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		7 (5) 4 (2)	
EQUITY			
Contributed capital	36	222,222	222,222
Additional paid-in capital	36	2,938,715	2,932,618
Treasury shares	36	(34,711)	(35,730)
Cumulative translation adjustment	36	13,100	31,771
Accumulated deficit	36	(798,928)	(817,710)
Total parent company Interests		2,340,398	2,333,171
Non-controlling interests	555 555	(2,167)	70
Total equity		2,338,231	2,333,241
LIABILITIES			
Loans and borrowings (non-current)	27	904,212	1,411,000
Non-current lease liabilities	27	499,878	557,773
Employee benefits liabilities	26	27,680	31,042
Non-current provisions	30	3,590	3,562
Contract liabilities	82 88	10,569	9,510
Other non-current liabilities	32	34,501	62,862
Deferred tax liabilities	24	161,752	189,375
Total non-current liabilities		1,642,182	2,265,124
Current loans and borrowings	27	19,117	15,873
Current lease liabilities	.27	138,152	\$32,187
Trade accounts payable	32	289,742	313,693
Contract liabilities	30 S.	9,786	10,515
Current provisions	30	8,509	31,517
Income tax liabilities	50: 0.1 20:	13,214	56,836
Other current liabilities	32	204,333	222,128
Total current liabilities		682,853	782,749
Total liabilities	- N	2,325,035	3,047,873
Total equity and liabilities	20 20	4,663,266	5,381,114



# **Consolidated statement of cash flows**

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5000		For the year ended 3	December
	Note	2023	2022
Operating profit	95.79	59,162	231,678
Depreciation, amortisation, impairment		363,573	514,297
Change in provisions	.587.	(461)	169
Loss (income ) from the disposal of non-current assets	60 Vis	1	1,151
Other non-cash revenues and expenses	34	9,790	27,994
Change in inventories	816 918	15,044	28,146
Change in trade accounts receivable		30,552	167,502
Change in trade accounts payable	9529	(16,643)	(74,411)
Change in other net working capital	1000	(35,361)	(33,794)
Income tax paid	341340	(62,530)	(233,107)
Cash flow from operating activities (A)	AMA:	363,127	629,625
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired and changes in debt related to acquisitions	4	(68,263)	(140,290)
Purchase of intangibles and property, plant and equipment	918	(126,232)	(158,271)
Sale of subsidiaries, net of cash disposed and changes in debt	15	347,157	79,659
Income tax paid	15	(11,600)	- 12
Proceeds from sale of intangibles and property, plant and equipment	70,000	1,560	1,172
Cash paid for other non-current assets	340,000	(14,000)	(691)
Cash received from other non-current assets	816	46	39
Interest received	7.00	15,491	2,450
Dividends received	918	4	227
Cash flow (used in)/from investing activities (B)		144,163	(215,705)

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		For the year ended 31 December	
	Note	2023	2022
Acquisition of treasury shares	36		(35,730)
Proceeds from non-controlling interests		-	900
Proceeds from the exercise of share options		203	- 2
Interest paid and other financing activities	1770 1780	(88,220)	(64,362)
New loans, borrowings and other financial liabilities	27	40,854	946
Repayment of loans, borrowings and other financial liabilities	27	(561,592)	(2,637)
Repayment of lease liabilities	27	(139,507)	(139,840)
Dividends paid and other payments to non-controlling interests	E0.08	(76,934)	(79,047)
Cash flow used in financing activities (C)		(825,196)	(319,770)
TOTAL CASH FLOWS (A+B+C)	<del>100</del>	(317,906)	94,150
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the period	107 Vil.	541,590	443,525
Net foreign exchange differences	90.00	(3,316)	3,915
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	26	220,368	541,590
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	H3H	(321,222)	98,065



# FY'23 leverage calculation

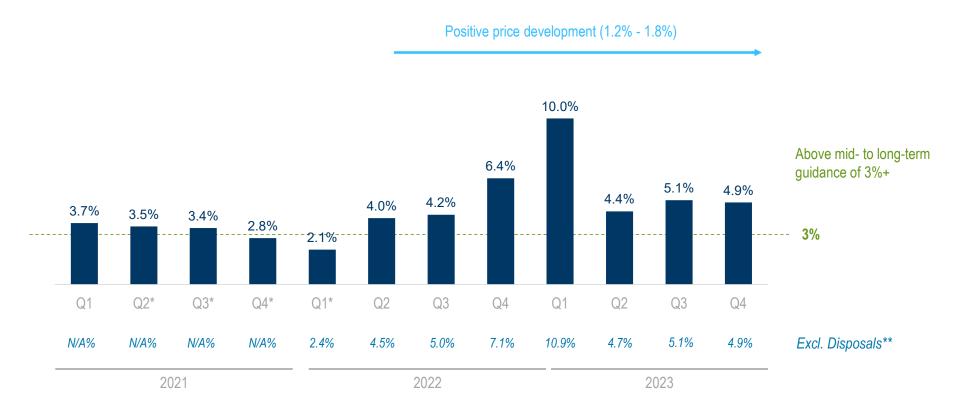
Covenant net debt	Dec'23				Dec'22	
(€m)	Net Debt as in the Balance Sheet	Capitalized Transaction Costs	Other Adj	Adjusted Net Debt	Adjusted Net Debt	
Term Loan (2.5%+EURIBOR), due 2026		-			320	
Term Loan (2.5%+EURIBOR), due 2027	374	11		385	385	
Term Loan A (2.5%*+EURIBOR), due 2026	528	7		535	735	
Total Borrowing	902	(18)	-	920	1,440	
Derivatives	1	(1)		-	-	
Accrued Interest	17	-		17	14	
Other Bank Debt	3	-		3	3	
Leases	638	-	(88)	550	690	
Cash	(221)	-		(221)	(542)	
Total Net Debt	1,341	(19)	(88)	1,270	1,605	
Net deffered considerations for acquisitions	38		(6)	33	40	
Total Net Debt				1,303	1,645	

#### **Covenant AEBITDA**

(in €m)	FY23
Reported LTM AEBITDA	437.9
PF for M&A & Disposals	(4.1)
PF AEBITDA	433.8
Covenant adjustments	15.2
AEBITDA for covenant	449.0
Adjusted net debt for covenant	1,303
Covenant Leverage	2.90x



# **Underlying organic growth (excl. COVID testing)**



### Underlying organic growth accelerating after COVID pandemic

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding SEL contract; \*\*For 2022 and 2023 sales of a) business in Switzerland, b) business in Poland and Ukraine; for 2023 additionally sale of the veterinary business in Belgium, Germany and Spain



### **Explanation of non-IFRS measures**

**Organic growth** represents a non-IFRS measure calculating the growth in revenue for a given period compared to the equivalent prior year period for the same scope of businesses presented in a uniform currency, i.e. using the exchange rates of the prior-year period.

When calculating organic growth, SYNLAB uses the scope of businesses that have been consolidated in the Group's prior year financial statement. Revenue contribution from businesses acquired in the prior year but not consolidated for the full year are adjusted as if they had been consolidated as from January of the prior year. All revenues from businesses acquired since 1 January of the current year are excluded from the calculation.

The underlying organic growth is the organic growth excluding COVID-19 testing revenue.

Adjusted EBITDA (AEBITDA), is operating profit adjusted for (by adding-back) the following:

- Depreciation and amortisation
- Impairment of goodwill
- Expenses related to acquisition and post-merger integration

Adjusted operating profit (AOP) is operating profit adjusted for the following:

- Customer list amortisation
- Impairment of goodwill
- Expenses related to acquisition and post-merger integration

Adjusted net profit is defined as profit (Group share) adjusted for adjustment items defined in the adjusted operating profit definition including the respective tax effects.

Adjusted net debt is defined as per banking covenant, the sum of financial debt including loans and borrowings adding back capitalised transaction costs, adjusted lease liabilities, and adjusted deferred price considerations for acquisitions, net of cash & cash equivalents.

Unlevered free cash flow pre-M&A (uFCF) is defined as the sum of cash flow from operating activities, net CAPEX (defined as the cash outflow from the purchase of intangibles and property, plant and equipment, net of proceeds from the sale of intangibles and property, plant and equipment) and lease (defined as the sum of lease repayments and lease interest).