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2026 HALF YEAR PRESENTATION

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AGENDA



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H1 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



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1

**H1 revenue
growth +4.7%
in line with
expectations**

2

**Continued
significant
revenue growth
in Africa**

3

**Ongoing
strategic
progress
delivered**

4

**Record H1 cash
generation**

5

**Full Year
expectations
maintained**

6

**Enhanced
shareholder
returns at 1.5x
dividend cover**



Strategic and Operational Review

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OUR STRATEGY IS CLEAR AND FOCUSED



**Accelerated growth in our
Packaged business**

**Drive bottom line
value from OOH**



MORE FROM THE CORE

Accelerating organic growth through distribution and brand investment in our core brands, categories, channels and geographies



THIRST FOR NEW

Driving incremental growth through innovation, geographic expansion and acquisition



FUEL FOR GROWTH

Fuel growth through efficiencies and leveraging asset light model



HAPPIER FUTURE

Building a happier future for people and planet



BRANDS



PARTNERSHIPS



PEOPLE



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VIMTO GROWING IN ALL 4 SUB-CATEGORIES



SQUASH



RTD STILL JUICE



FLAVOURED CARBS



ENERGY



£70.8M
RSV

Value
+2.5%

Volume
-3.7%

Soft Drinks
Category

£8.3B RSV

Value
+5.8%

Volume
+3.4%

VALUE
+1.3%

VOLUME
-1.3%

VALUE
+1.0%

VOLUME
-0.5%

VALUE
+5.8%

VOLUME
-13%

VALUE
+19.0%

VOLUME
+16.0%

VALUE
+2.8%

VOLUME
-2.8%

VALUE
+3.2%

VOLUME
+2.3%

VALUE
+3.3%

VOLUME
-1.4%

VALUE
+10.0%

VOLUME
+4.4%

VALUE GROWTH & #2 POSITION IN SQUASH MAINTAINED

Broad portfolio of products

New 2L flavours to drive
weight of purchase

Extra value packs

Special buys to drive
incremental sales

Distribution gains

Strong media campaign



GROWING VALUE SHARE IN FLAVOURED CARBONATES

National distribution campaign

New listings on core packs

Limited edition flavours to
drive penetration

New 500ml bottle design
to drive stand out

ESG focused eco-clips for
multipacks



VIMTO ENERGY WINNING IN THE FASTEST GROWING SUB-CATEGORY



New multipack launch to drive weight of purchase

New Tropical Cooler flavour to drive penetration

Distribution gains and listings on core products across key UK customers

Strong marketing activity in store

ASDA
Sainsbury's


Morrisons
Since 1899

Bestway
BOOKER



BEYOND THE BOTTLE FOCUS ACCELERATING VIMTO PRESENCE IN HEALTH & WELLBEING

Partnership with the UK's two leading
sports nutrition brands

Myprotein Vimto Clear Whey
No.1 selling product

New retailer listings and distribution
gains

Exciting new product innovation
pipeline

APPLIED
NUTRITION

MYPROTEIN





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STRONG GROWTH BEING DELIVERED IN AFRICA

- Vimto in Africa is 70 million litres, over 50% is Red Can
- Represents c.1.5%* of total flavoured carbs market in West Africa illustrating scale of growth opportunity
- Local production & concentrate strategy driving speed to market and product availability of Red Can in West Africa
- Senegal production and supply to 6 markets (Phase 1) successfully implemented
- Delivering operational resilience & ESG benefits
- Strong export sales of Red Can in first half of 2026 into Ivory Coast

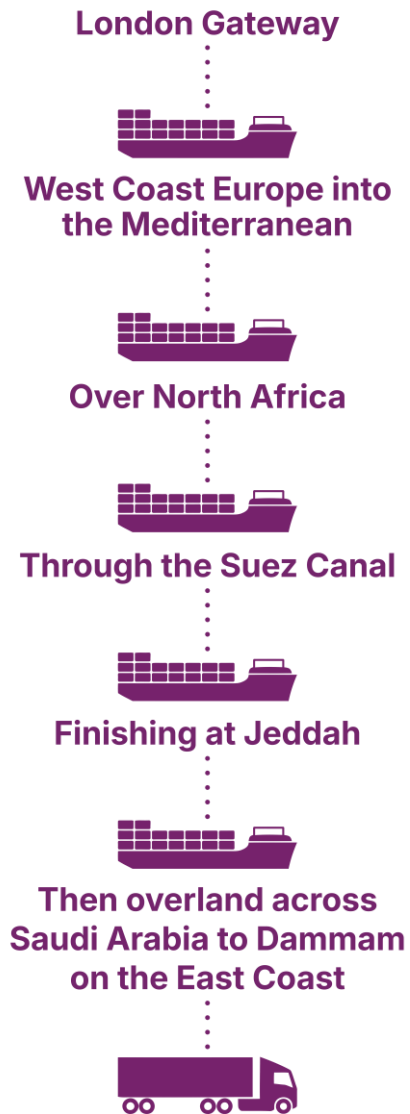


ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RAMADAN EXECUTION IN MIDDLE EAST

- Vimto cordial volumes +2.6% v 2025
- Vimto cordial retail value +5% vs +2% cordial category growth
- Successful launch of Vimto Rose Cordial
- Market share gains across KSA, UAE, Oman & Kuwait



MIDDLE EAST SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE



- Existing logistics does not rely on transit through the Strait of Hormuz
 - No disruption to customer service during H1 2026
 - Ongoing monitoring of regional geopolitical developments





Out of Home

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REVENUE GROWTH & CONTINUED FOCUS ON DRIVING SIMPLIFICATION AND PROFITABILITY

New customer wins driving postmix
business in premium food-led outlets

Strong slate of film releases driving
cinema footfall & ICEE sales





Financial Review

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STRONG FINANCIAL DELIVERY



Profitable growth, strong cash generation and increased shareholder returns

GROUP REVENUE

£89.5m **+4.7%**

NET CASH

£66.2m **+7.5%**

ADJUSTED OPERATING PROFIT

£14.1m **+3.7%**

ADJUSTED RETURN ON CAPITAL

27.9 % **(2.5ppts)**

ADJUSTED PROFIT BEFORE TAX

£15.0m **+2.7%**

ADJUSTED PBT MARGIN

16.8% **(0.3ppts)**

ADJUSTED EPS (BASIC)

30.30p **+1.3%**

INTERIM DIVIDEND PER SHARE

20.2p **+34.7%**

- Further consistent delivery
- Business model converts profit into cash exceptionally well
- Balance sheet gives significant optionality through dividends, M&A and reinvestment

REVENUE MOMENTUM



Group revenue +4.7% with continued momentum in Africa and UK



- All channels in growth
- Packaged growth +5.6%
- International Packaged increased +12.8% YoY
 - Africa +17.2% driven predominantly by Red Can sales
 - No H1 impact from the Africa concentrate transition; full-year LFL growth will exceed reported growth
 - Middle East +6.3%
 - ROW +2.4%
- UK Packaged +2.3%
- Out of Home (OoH) delivered 1.6% growth despite the planned exit of Starslush, reflecting continued focus on profitable growth

PROFIT GROWTH DELIVERED



Packaged profit growth and disciplined cost control drove earnings progression

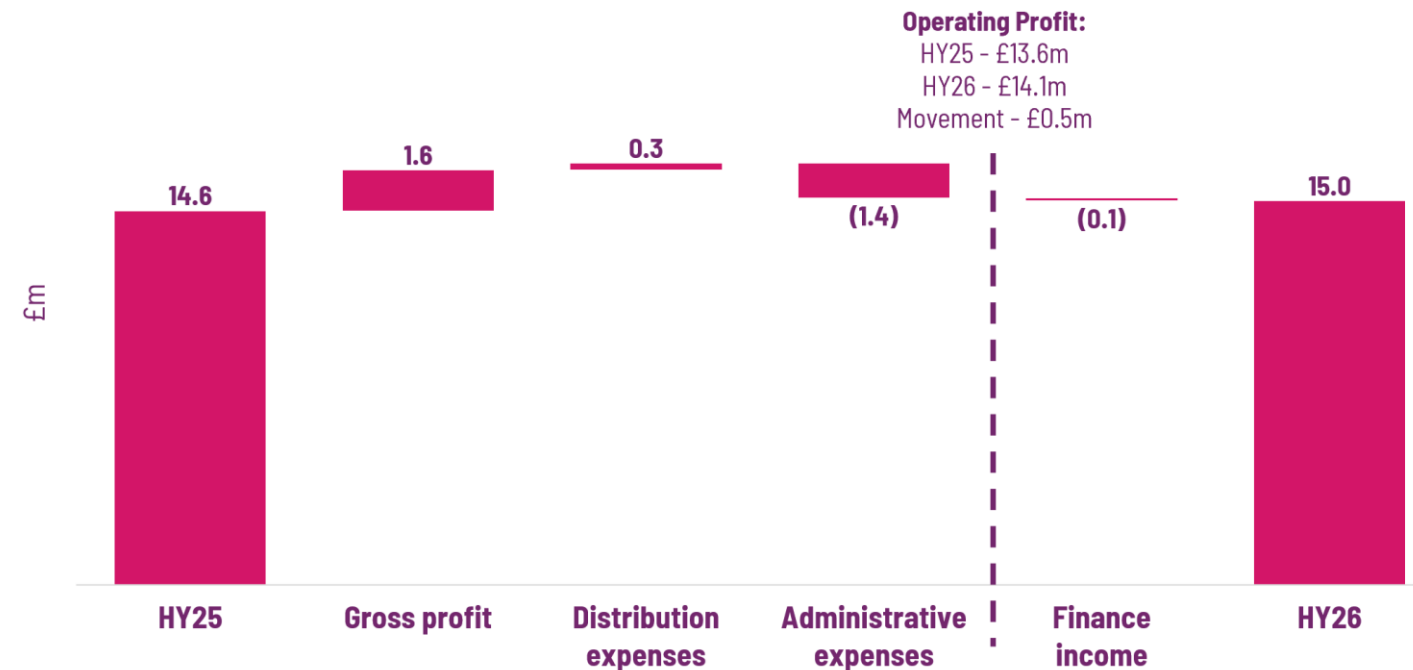
	UK £m	International £m	Total Packaged £m	Out of Home £m	Central £m	Operating Profit £m
HY26						
Revenue	48.1	22.0	70.2	19.3	-	89.5
Adjusted Operating Profit			21.2	2.5	(9.6)	14.1
Adj Operating Profit Margin (OP%)			30.2%	13.1%		15.8%
HY25						
Revenue	47.0	19.5	66.5	19.0	-	85.5
Adjusted Operating Profit			19.3	3.1	(8.8)	13.6
Adj Operating Profit Margin (OP%)			29.1%	16.5%		15.9%

- Adj. Operating Profit increased by +3.7% to £14.1m
- Divisional growth leveraging central investment
- Total Packaged profit +£1.9m (+9.6% YoY) to 30.2% margin (+1.1% pts YoY)
- OoH profit -£0.6m reflecting phasing impact of Starslush withdrawal
- Central costs increased £0.8m to £9.6m (+8.5%) as planned, reflecting cost inflation and investment in people and IT
- ERP investment yielding benefits in divisional P&Ls as we transition to benefits realisation phase (on track for 5-6 year payback)

DISCIPLINED PROFIT DELIVERY



Gross profit growth and distribution efficiencies funded future facing investment



- Gross profit + £1.6m as gross margin remained resilient at 43.9% (HY25: 44.1%)
- Distribution costs improved by £0.3m despite inflationary pressures driven by cost savings that leverage ERP investment across procurement and logistics
- Administrative expenses increase driven by inflationary pressures and IT investment that has enabled distribution and margin savings
- Adjusted operating profit +£0.5m +3.7%
- Net interest income marginally lower YoY at £0.9m (2025: £1.0m) driven by lower interest rate environment
- Adjusted PBT +2.7%
- Statutory PBT +31.6%

£m	HY26	HY25	YoY %
Adjusted PBT	15.0	14.6	+2.7%
Exceptionals	-	(3.2)	
Statutory PBT	15.0	11.4	+31.6%

EXCELLENT CASH GENERATION



Record first half cash performance demonstrates the quality of the model

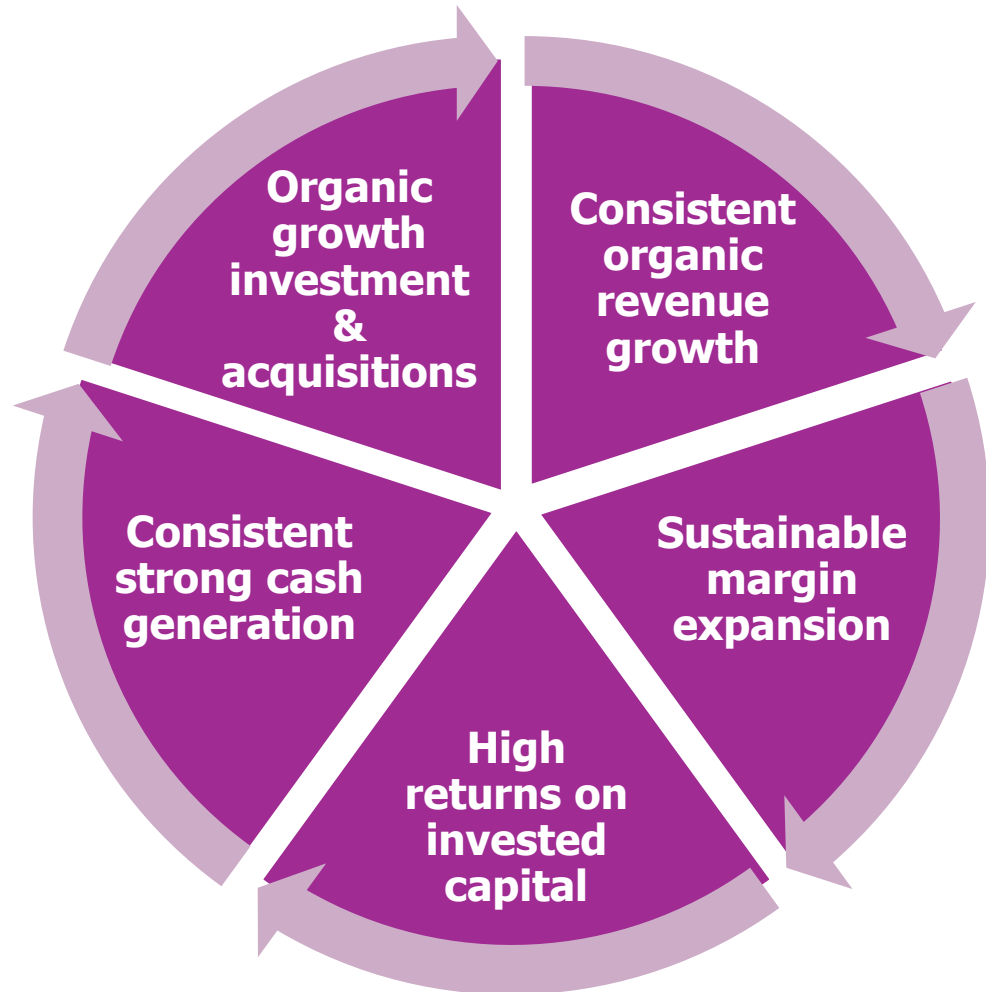


- H1 cash generated from operating activities £21.9m (H1 2025: £17.6m)
- Year end working capital temporary outflow, fully reversed (as guided)
- Free cash flow +£17.3m (H1 2025: £14.2m)
- Cash conversion consistently high at 156% (H1 2025: 166%)
- Cash balance £66.2m, £10.5m higher than year end (H1 2025: £61.6m)
- Significant strategic flexibility retained

COMPOUNDING SHAREHOLDER VALUE



An asset-light model converting growth into cash and returns



- Strong balance sheet provides strategic flexibility
- £66m cash
- 28% ROCE and over 150% cash conversion in H1
- Capacity to continue investing in core brands and innovation
- Flexibility to fund M&A or return cash to shareholders

CAPITAL ALLOCATION DISCIPLINE



Strong cash generation supports investment, dividends and M&A flexibility

Capital Allocation

**Investment
in profitable
growth**

**Progressive
ordinary
dividend**

**Potential
M&A**

**Surplus cash
returned to
shareholders**

- Progressive dividend policy now operating at 1.5x (2025: 2.0x cover)
- Interim dividend of 20.2p (H1 2025: 15.0p)
- Active M&A pipeline
- £66m of cash providing strong financial flexibility

Interim dividend of 20.2p per ordinary share, payable on 11 September 2026 to shareholders on the register at 7 August 2026.

The shares will be ex-dividend on 6 August 2026.

A COMPELLING INVESTMENT CASE



Strong brands, cash generation and financial flexibility support long-term value creation

Attractive markets

- Growing soft drinks categories with significant international opportunities

International Growth Platform

- Vimto continues to scale through innovation, licensing and geographic expansion

High Returns

- c.30% ROCE supported by an asset-light operating model
- 1.5x dividend cover giving a strong dividend yield of c. 5%

Strong Cash Generation

- 156% cash conversion in H1
- £66m cash balance underpinning market cap

Capital Allocation Optionality

- Growing dividends
- Significant M&A capacity for the right opportunity

TRADING IN LINE WITH EXPECTATIONS



Strong momentum, financial flexibility and clear strategic priorities

Guidance Area	Message
Revenue	✓
Profit £	✓
Margin	✓
Cash	Strong and growing
Dividend Policy	1.5x cover
M&A	Active pipeline

- Good trading momentum entering H2
- Inflationary backdrop being monitored and managed
- Strong balance sheet supports strategic ambitions
- Continued focus on cost discipline and efficiency
- Well positioned to create long-term shareholder value
- Expectations unchanged



Looking Ahead

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INCREMENTAL GROWTH THROUGH TARGETED PORTFOLIO EXPANSION IN UKP



MACRO CONSUMER TRENDS

Wellbeing as
a Lifestyle

Health seen as a lifestyle and no longer aspirational but integral

Sensorial
Experiences

Consumers looking for elevated experiences – experimentation and quality

Premium
-isation

Consumers seeking out more premium experiences for occasions that matter most

HUNTING GROUND PRIORITIES

HEALTH & WELLBEING



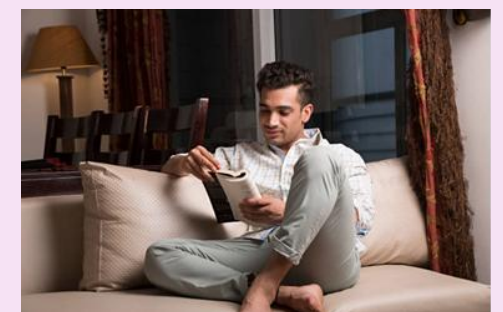
Functional health & wellness

NEXT GENERATION ENERGY



RTD coffee/natural energy

EVENING



*Premium adult unwind/
social*

THE UK SOFT DRINKS SECTOR IS FORECAST TO GROW BY £2.2 BILLION BY 2030



**Delivering
physical & mental
wellbeing**

**Dialling up & re-
imagining
pleasure**

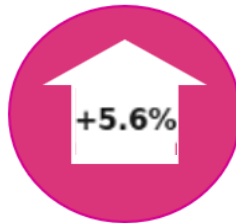
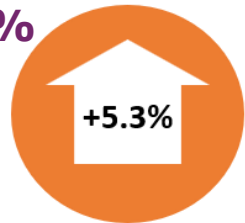
**Placing Soft
Drinks at the
heart of daily
connections**

**Driving better
hydration
everyday**

**Creating
memorable
evening social
experiences**

**Re-inventing
relaxation &
supporting rest**

CAGR%



+£678M

+£609M

+£371M

+£175M

+£153M

+£111M

**WHITE
SPACE**



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LAUNCH OF MYPROTEIN WATER INTO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING SPACE



- Myprotein brand licence - world's leading online sports nutrition brand
- Hydrating 500ml ready-to-drink
- High protein with 15g clear whey
- Low calorie & zero sugar
- Meets consumer demand for functionality + refreshment
- Builds on proven success with Vimto
- September 2026 launch – 2 products
- Future innovation pipeline



MYPROTEIN

LOVE AT FIRST TASTE



- Penetration focused activity
- 28 million special packs across 23 best-selling products
- £2m multi-media investment
- Building on 2025 success



UK WIDE DEPOSIT RETURN SCHEME

20p DEPOSIT ON PLASTIC & METAL DRINKS CONTAINERS 150ml to 3lt

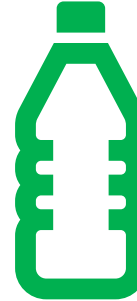
October 2027 launch



**Reduced littering
will deliver
environmental
benefits**



**Increased
recycling rates
drives circular
economy**



**Improved
availability and
affordability of
recycled PET**



**Producer fee
costs forecasted
at £2 million per
annum for Nichols
expected to be
passed through**



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LOCALISED PRODUCTION OF RED CAN IN AFRICA - PHASE 2

- New production facility in Ivory Coast
- Five more markets to benefit from increased speed to market and availability:

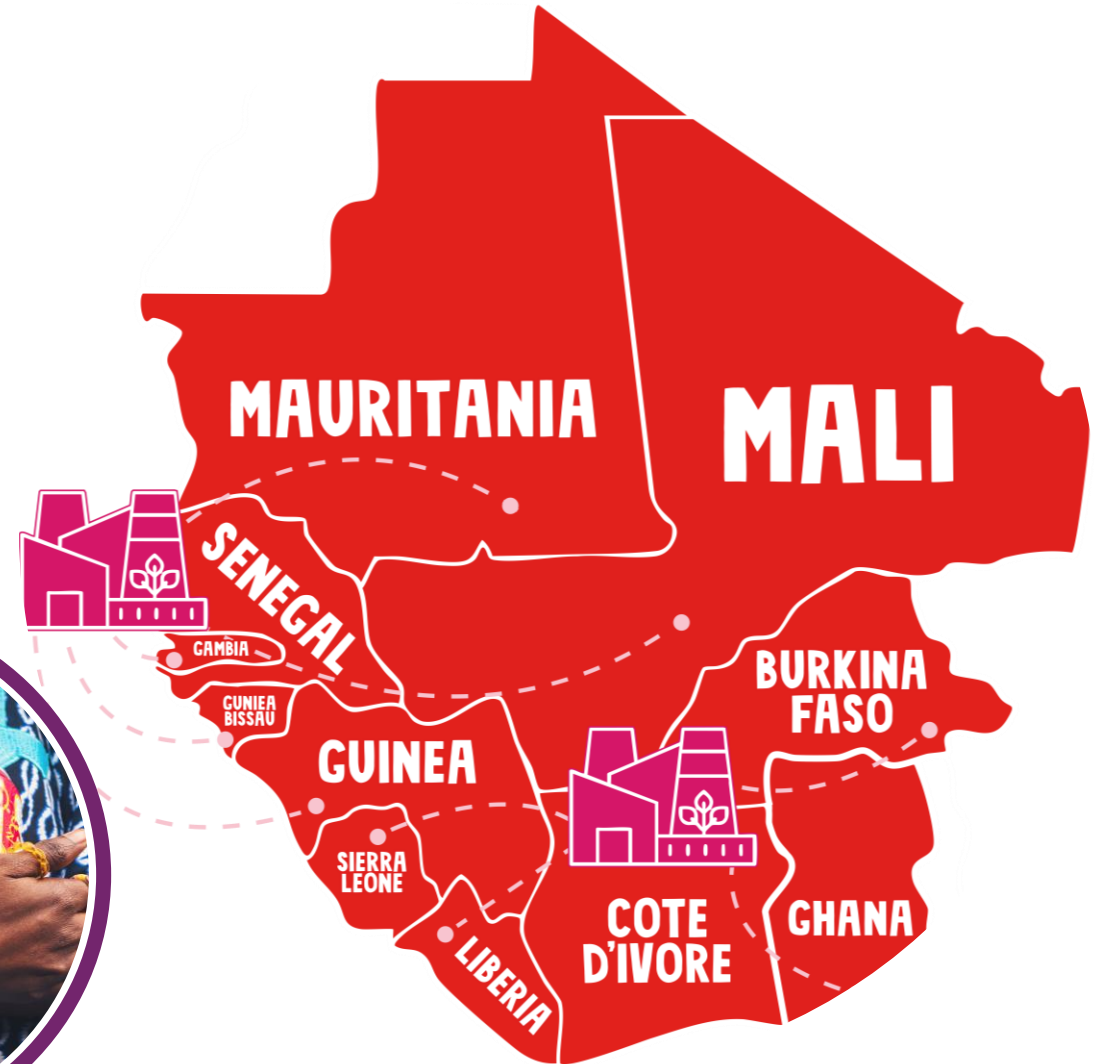
Ivory Coast (Q4 2026)

Burkina Faso (H2 2027)

Ghana (H2 2027)

Liberia (H2 2027)

Sierra Leone (H1 2028)



SUMMARY & OUTLOOK



Consistent delivery reinforces confidence in our medium-term ambitions

- Good trading momentum entering H2
- Continued progress against strategic priorities
- Inflationary pressure being monitored and managed
- Strong balance sheet supports strategic ambitions
- Ongoing focus on cost discipline and efficiency
- Well positioned to create long-term shareholder value
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Medium-term targets:

METRIC	TARGET
Sales	£225m
Profit before Tax	£45m
Margin	20%

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