# Next Level Sainsbury's Strategy Update 2024



# Welcome **Martin Scicluna**



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### Sainsbury's

# Our eight key metrics

### **Operational**

Grocery market share performance OOC

Strong customer satisfaction scores (

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Maintain strong colleague engagement

Deliver our Plan for Better commitment (QQC)

### **Financial**

**UPBT** growth

200bps+ reduction in retail operating cost to sales



Dependable retail free cash flow: £500m+ pa average



Increase Return on Capital employed<sup>1</sup>



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# Strategy Overview Simon Roberts



# **Our Operating Board**



**Simon Roberts Chief Executive** 



Bláthnaid Bergin Chief Financial Officer



Rhian Bartlett
Chief Food
Commercial Officer



Graham Biggart
Chief Transformation &
General Merchandise Commercial Officer



Mark Given
Chief Marketing Officer



Prerana Issar Chief People Officer



Clodagh Moriarty Chief Retail and Technology Officer

**Our Commitments** 





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**Deliver profit leverage** from sales growth

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# Food First: Where we are



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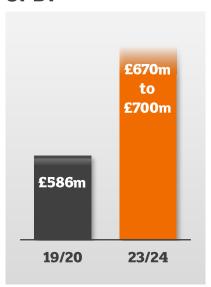
# We are now a stronger company

### What we set out to do in 2020

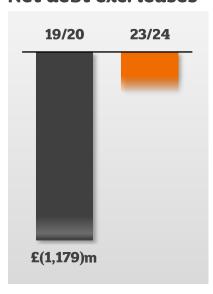
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Food as part of a portfolio of brands	<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	Food back at the heart of Sainsbury's
Multi-brand, multi-channel 'ecosystem'	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	Portfolio brands supporting food, delivering for <b>customers and shareholders</b> in their own right
Cost savings offset by increases - no change to net cost position	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	Structurally lower cost position (by at least 2% of sales)
Bias to build	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	Pursue partnerships or outsource where faster
Weak earnings performance	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	Robust profit delivery, consistent dependable cashflow
Inconsistent metrics and linkage to incentives	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	8 key metrics, consistent reporting, linked to incentives

# **Stronger financial performance**

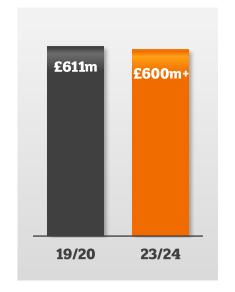
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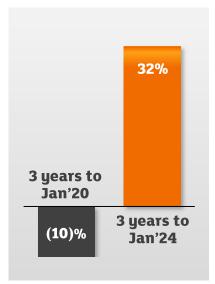
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**Retail free cash flow** 

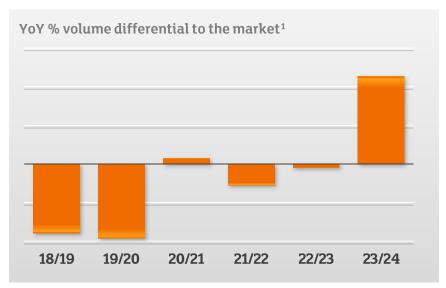


Total shareholder return

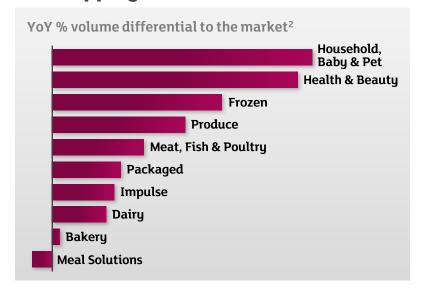


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# Sainsbury's Grocery volume growth differential to the market



# Grocery volume growth across the shopping basket

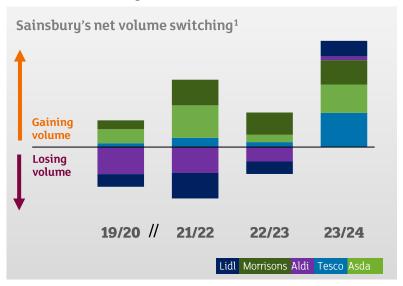


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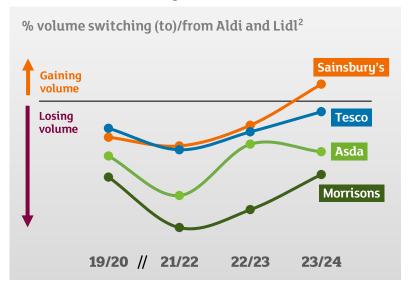
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# We're gaining volume from our competitors



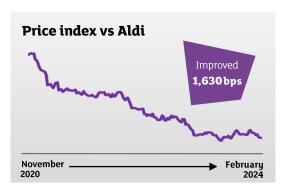
# Gaining more, losing less to limited choice supermarkets

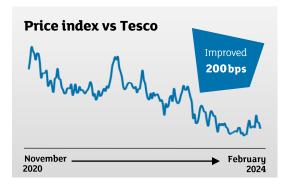


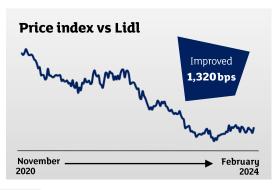
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# We have reset our competitiveness







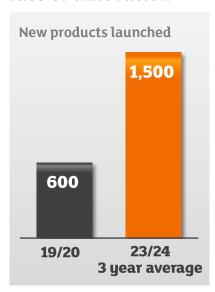






# We have reignited food innovation

# More than doubled our rate of innovation



# Larger proportion of premium volume than competitors<sup>1</sup>



# Taste the Difference now performing ahead of the market<sup>2</sup>

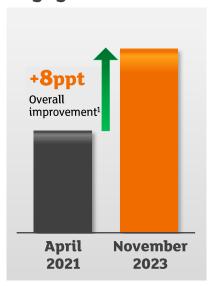


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# Highly engaged and productive colleagues

# Improved colleague engagement



# Improved productivity

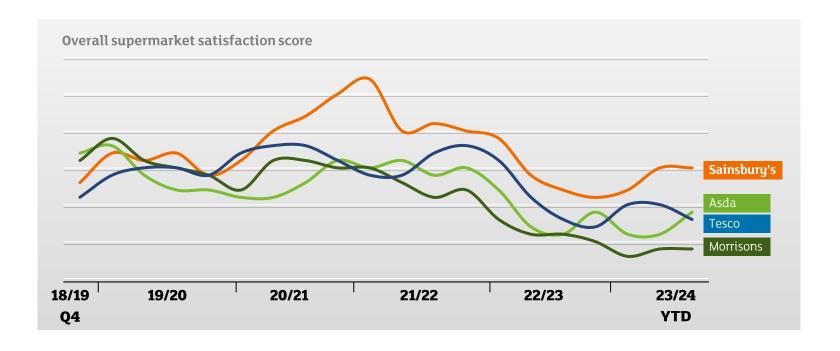


<sup>1.</sup> eSAT scores November 2023 vs April 2021 (baseline)

**<sup>2.</sup>** Rates of pay relate to the National rate (excluding London)

<sup>3.</sup> Reduction in labour cost / sales (excl. fuel) % Q3 23/24 vs Q1 21/22

# **Delivering leading customer satisfaction**

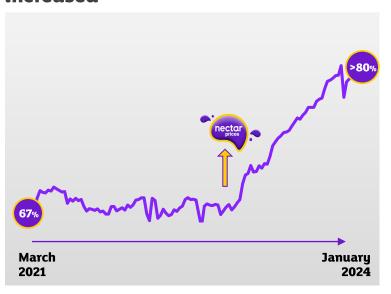


**Source:** CSAT Supermarket Competitor Benchmark - Overall Supermarket satisfaction score %

# **Nectar is ahead of plan**



# Nectar participation has significantly increased<sup>1</sup>



# Incremental profit contribution ahead of forecast



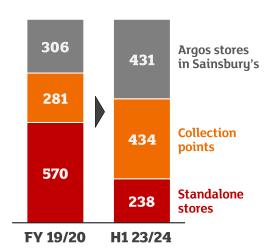
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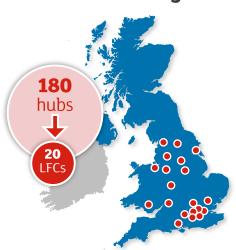


# We've transformed our operating efficiency in Argos

# Rebalanced our store estate



# Better availability, more efficiently



### Hubs replaced by Local Fulfilment Centres

# Digital first convenience



### **1,100 Points of Presence**

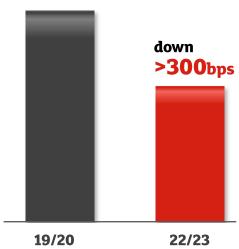
- 1. SimilarWeb traffic share, 12 weeks to 6 January 2024
- 2. Largest network of owned click & collect locations (including standalone stores, stores inside Sainsbury's and collection points)
- 3. 44 weeks: 6 January 2024 vs 11 January 2020



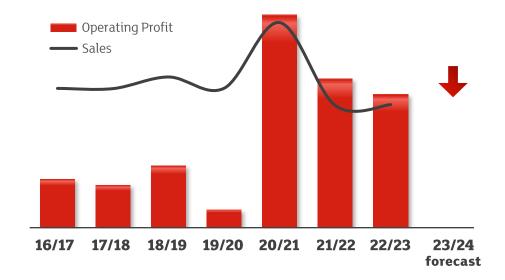


# Significant cost base reduction

**Argos SG&A to sales** 

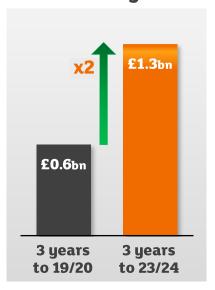


# Lower fixed costs protecting profit base

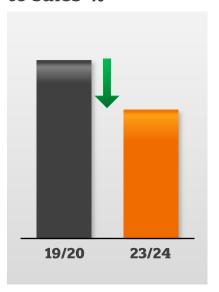


# 'Save to Invest' delivering cost transformation

Doubling the run rate of cost savings



Retail SG&A to sales %



Cost savings and Retail SG&A to sales %



### Sainsbury's

# Our culture and mindset taking us to the next level



# Market context



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# Market conditions will create winners and losers

















# Well placed to win











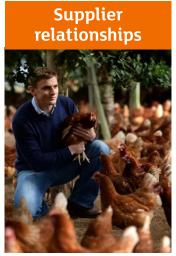


# Targeted investment for growth

# **Our deep foundations**











# Our brand is our greatest asset

### We're at our best when we're at the heart of Britain's relationship with food

### **Since 1869**

Providing safe food for all





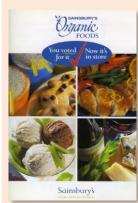
### 1959

First appearance of "Good food costs less" brand slogan



### 1986

First supermarket to offer organic food



### 1991

Simply Take recipe cards – inspiring home cooking



### 1994

Co-founded
FareShare, beginning
our long-standing
commitment to food
donation



### 1999 -2000

Be Good to Yourself and Taste the Difference ranges launched





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### 2005

"Try Something New Today" advertising with Jamie Oliver



### 2011

"Live well for less" campaign launched and sustainability targets announced



20× **20** 

### 2020

Keeping customers and colleagues safe during the Covid-19 pandemic



### 2022

Nourish the Nation community partnership launched



### 2023

New brand promise: "Good food for all of us" launched



# Next Level Sainsbury's



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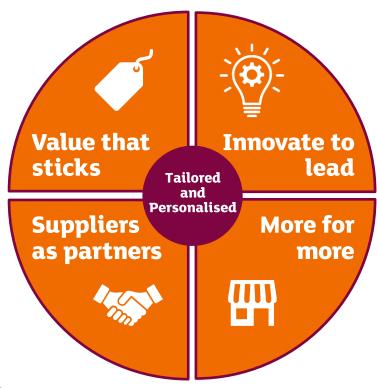
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# First choice for food

Attract many more people to choose Sainsbury's as the place they come to for good food – and play a leading role in creating a sustainable food system in the UK

- More food choice for more customers
- Consistent value, every day
- The leader in freshness, availability and innovation
- A **complementary range** of relevant products and services
- A more resilient food system

# First choice for food, building on Food First momentum



# We have significant further opportunity

# More customers are doing more of their shopping with us



# But there is further opportunity to increase our primary shopper numbers



<sup>1</sup> Nielsen panel data, Total FMCG excl. Kiosk & Tobacco. Primary shopper numbers. 23/24: 44 weeks to 6 January 2024

<sup>2.</sup> Nielsen panel data, Total FMCG excl. Kiosk & Tobacco. Proportion of primary shoppers. 44 weeks to 6 January 2024

### **More for more:**

## more food range available for more customers

Only 15% of our supermarkets offer our full food range



### Solution tailored by store with a focus on fresh food









# Clear role for products and services that complement the Food offer







# A Sainsbury's General Merchandise business that complements our Food offer

- Tu and Habitat at the core of our offer
- More engaging physical and digital proposition
- Seasonally relevant, accessible design at brilliant value



### Rebalancing space to drive profit conversion

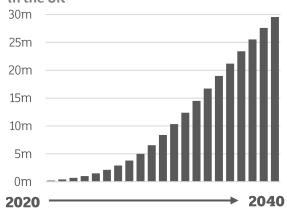
£ profit per sq ft



# Sainsbury's can leverage existing assets to deliver a UK-wide Electric Vehicle charging network

#### A rapidly growing market

Projected number of electric vehicles in the UK



- Ultra-rapid 150kW+ charging
- Up to 200 miles on 30 minute charge
- Reliable offer in safe, well-lit Sainsbury's car parks
- Accessible and inclusive charging bays
- 100% renewable energy



### **Integrating Plan for Better across our business**

### Healthy & sustainable diets



85% healthy and better for you sales tonnage by 2025

### Reduction in carbon emissions



Better for the planet

Reduce **Scope 1 & 2** emissions to **Net Zero by 2035** 

### Reduction in food waste



Better for the planet

Reduce food waste by **50% by 2030** 

### Reduction in plastic packaging



Better for the planet

Reduce our use of own brand plastic packaging by 50% by 2025 and increase recycling

### An inclusive place to work and shop



Better for everyone

Committed to achieving our diverse leadership representation targets by 2024

# Our long term success depends on a more sustainable UK food system







# Build a world-leading loyalty platform

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# Loyalty everyone loves

Build a world-leading loyalty platform more personalised, joyful, rewarding and transparent – for everyone

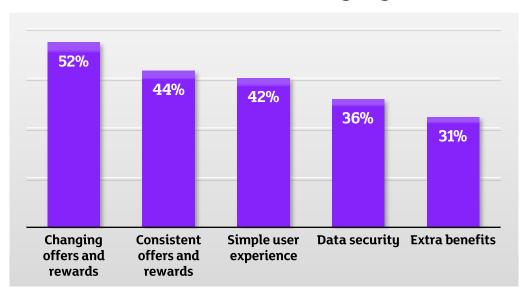


- Personalised, rewarding and integrated loyalty
- Joy and connection beyond transactions
- World-leading Nectar360 capabilities
- Strong **coalition** of partners
- Always transparent use of data

# Loyalty schemes are increasingly popular with customers



#### What do consumers look for in a loyalty scheme?



**Create value** Balance effort and reward

Recognise customers as individuals Personalise offers Make it easy
Remove friction and
barriers to use

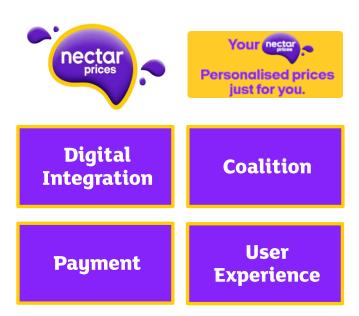
Make it fun Create engaging, digital experiences

**Source:** YouGov "What the British want from loyalty programmes 3.0" published in 2022

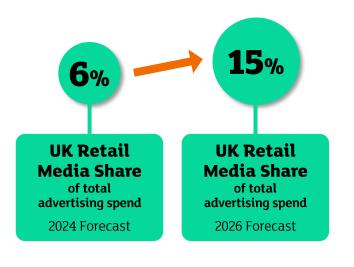
# We know where we need to focus to continue to deliver



### Building engagement and driving greater loyalty



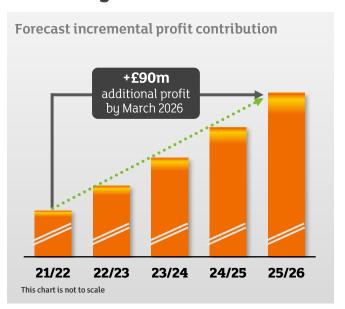
Nectar360 is well positioned to be world leading in a growing Retail Media market



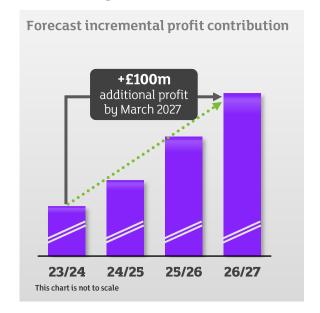
# Delivering on these aspirations will drive greater growth in contribution



#### **Previous guidance**



#### Forward guidance





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- Famous for **convenience**
- Inspiring **choice**, always great **value**
- Supercharged digital capabilities
- Accessible and relevant credit, care and services
- Next level service, efficiency and stock flow

### **Argos transformation: the next phase**



#### **Clear opportunity**

Half of UK households shop at Argos<sup>1</sup>

3 times per year

1-2 items in their basket

Customer satisfaction ranking versus General Merchandise market<sup>2</sup>

Value	Convenience	Ease
2	2	2

Consideration

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Quality Inspiration

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<sup>1.</sup> Kantar Worldpanel. UK households vs ONS Total UK households 2022

<sup>2.</sup> YouGov BrandIndex - brand health metrics ranking. December 2023

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### **Save £1 billion**

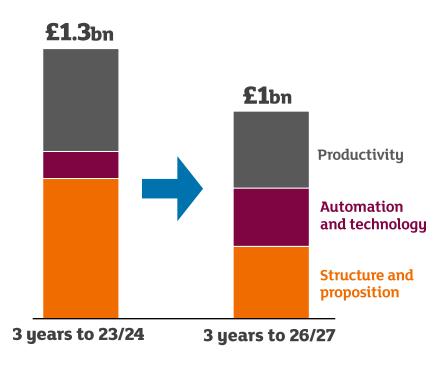
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# Save and invest to win

Save £1 billion and invest in transforming our capabilities — taking another big leap forward in efficiency, productivity and customer focus, continuing to build a platform for growth

- £1 billion of structural cost reduction
- Well-invested technology platform protecting, competing and unlocking the next level
- Simplified, automated, more processled business
- **Right-sized organisation**, set up to win

# Further structural opportunities, upside in automation and end-to-end productivity



# Technology capability will enable our next phase of growth

Fit for the future



Safe and secure for our customers

Industrialised machine learning & artificial intelligence platform



Next Level
Sainsbury's
powered by
technology on
stable and secure
platforms



Core systems colleagues can rely on

Digital plug and play propositions



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Personalised service at scale

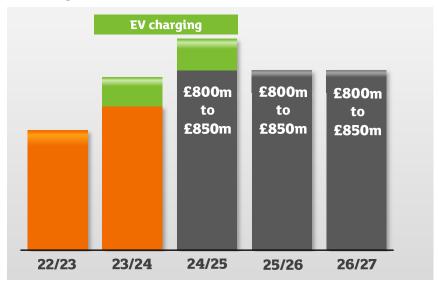
Agile and flexible eCommerce systems



Unlocking food growth opportunities

# Focused capital investment to drive higher returns

### Disciplined investment to drive growth



### Building organisational capability to deliver for the future

- Clear prioritisation
- Resource matched to outcomes
- Creating **new capabilities**
- Leveraging strategic partnerships

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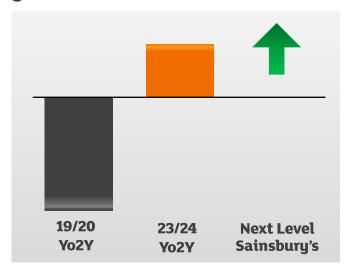




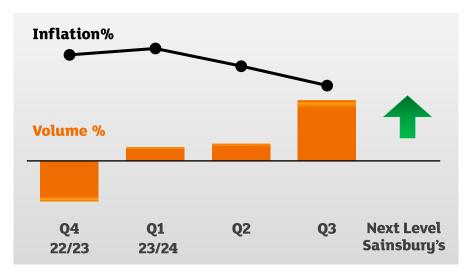
# Delivering profit leverage through Grocery volume growth



### Sainsbury's Grocery volume growth relative to the market<sup>1</sup>



### Sainsbury's Grocery growth; inflation and volume



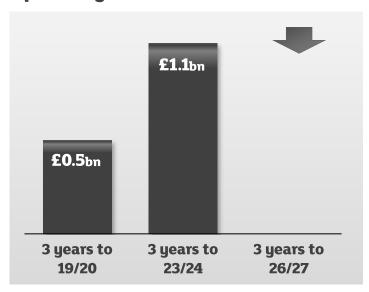
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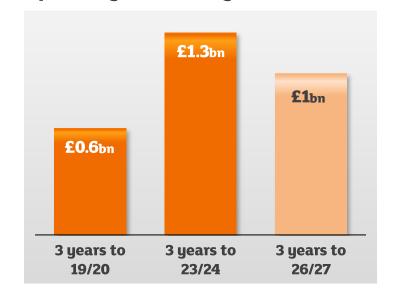
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#### **Operating cost inflation**



#### **Operating cost savings**

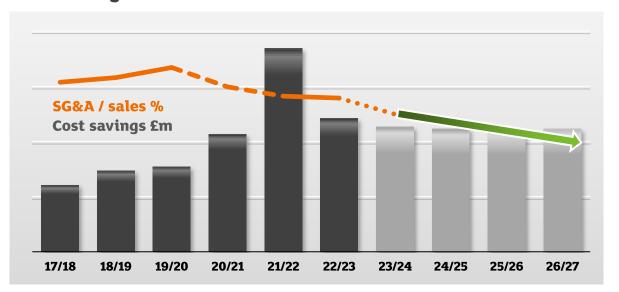


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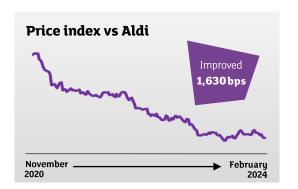
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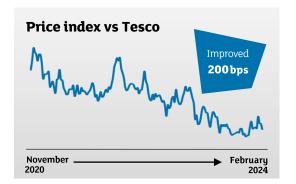


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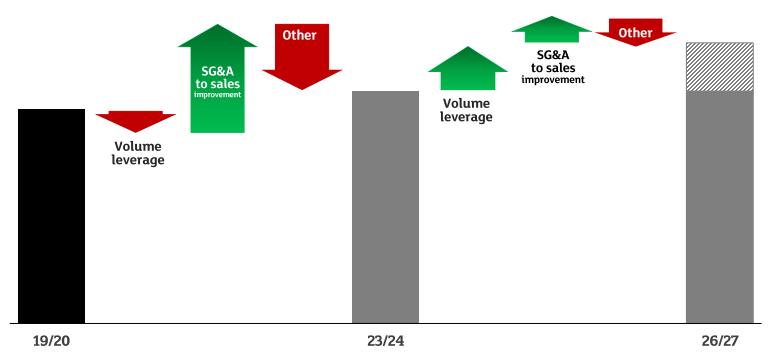




Source: Value Reality. February 2024 vs November 2020; Acuity, internal modelling

# Delivering operating profit leverage from sales growth





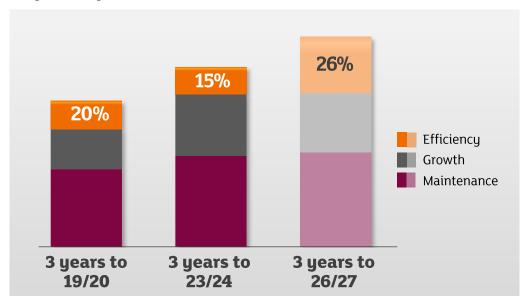
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# Focused investing to sustain and enhance competitive advantage

#### Capital spend



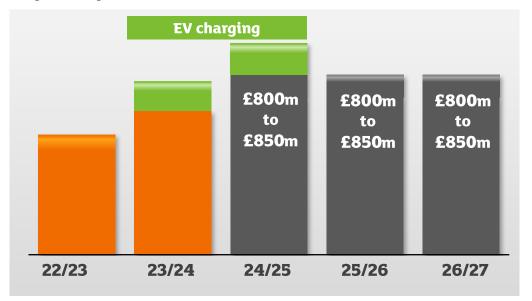
#### **Investment examples**

- "More for more" food space rebalancing
- Supply chain and commercial platforms
- Integrated loyalty
- Physical and digital automation
- Nectar360 capabilities



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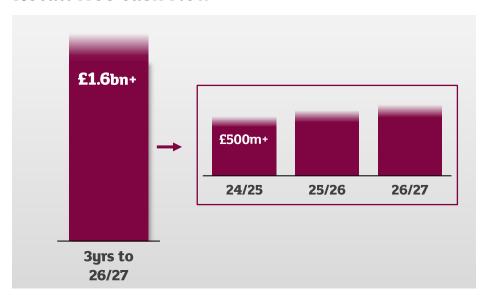
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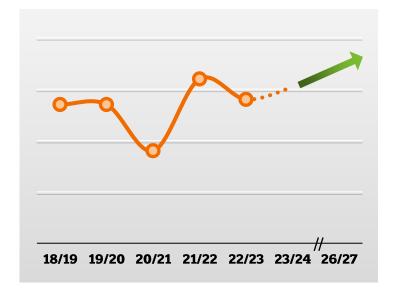
### Strong sustained cash flows, higher returns



#### Retail free cash flow



#### Return on capital employed %1



### **Capital allocation framework**

Invest in the business to support our strategy	FY25-FY27: £2.6bn capex, retail free cash flow £1.6bn+
A solid investment grade balance sheet	Target leverage of 3.0x-2.4x net debt/EBITDA
Deliver strong dividends for shareholders	Progressive dividend commitment
Selectively invest in projects to gr or strengthen the business	ow Strategic opportunities such as lease buy-ins & EV charging
Return surplus cash to shareholde	Share buyback £200m FY25, to be reviewed annually

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