## Preliminary Results 2024/25

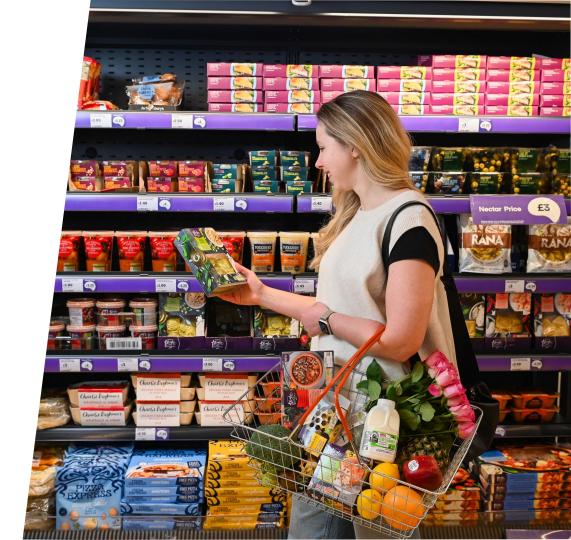
Presentation for Debt Investors and Fixed Income Analysts

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Sainsbury's



## **Next Level Sainsbury's**

## We make good food joyful, accessible and affordable for everyone, every day

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

and play a leading role in creating a sustainable food system in the UK Loyalty everyone loves

Build a world-leading loyalty platform

 more personalised, joyful, rewarding and transparent – for everyone More Argos, more often

Unleash and transform Argos around the three things that have always made it brilliant

- curated range, famously convenient experience and great value – so more customers buy more complete baskets more often 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

## **Building on strong foundations**



At our most competitive: £1 billion price investment



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Growing longterm supplier partnerships



availability, extending leading customer satisfaction



Enhanced Nectar capabilities building competitive advantage



Investing in data, technology and automation capabilities

Working together with our **suppliers** to deliver for our **customers**, **colleagues**, **shareholders** and the **communities** we serve

## We have fundamentally strengthened our business over the last four years

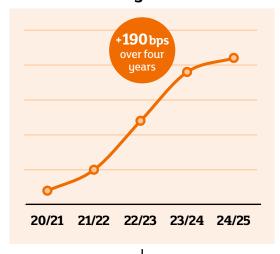
#### Value perception<sup>1</sup>



#### Quality perception<sup>2</sup>



#### Food availability<sup>3</sup>



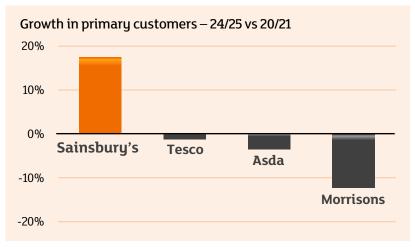
## Winning combination

- 1. YouGov Brand Index Supermarket Value for Money perception metric net %
- 2. YouGov Brand Index Supermarket Quality perception metric net %
- 3. Total Food, Systemic Availability. Internal data

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# More and more customers are choosing Sainsbury's for their main food shop

## Significant growth in primary customers<sup>1</sup>



## Biggest market share gains in over a decade<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> Kantar Panel, Total FMCG (excl. Kiosk and Tobacco), Primary shopper number growth FY24/25 vs FY20/21, 52 weeks to 23 February 2025 vs 52 weeks to 28 February 2021

<sup>2.</sup> Kantar Panel, Grocery universe, Grocery volume market share gains YoY - from FY13/14 to FY 24/25, 52 weeks to 2 March 2025

<sup>3.</sup> Kantar Panel, Total FMCG (excl. Kiosk and Tobacco), Grocery volume market share gains YoY –52 weeks to 2 March 2025

## **Our Commitments**

**Food volume growth** ahead of the market



**Customer satisfaction** higher 26/27 vs 23/24



**Colleague engagement** higher 26/27 vs 23/24



Deliver our **Plan for Better commitments** 



<b>Deliver profit leverage</b> from sales growth	000
£1bn cost savings over three years to 26/27	000

£1.6bn+ retail free cash flow over three years to 26/27

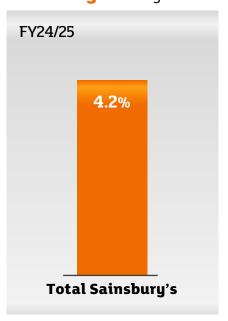
Higher return on capital employed<sup>1</sup>



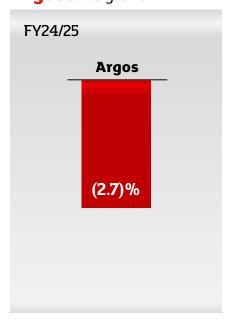
<sup>1.</sup> Return is defined as a 52 week rolling underlying profit before interest and tax. Capital employed is defined as group net assets excluding the pension surplus and less Retail net debt. The average is calculated on a 14 point basis

## Retail sales growth by category

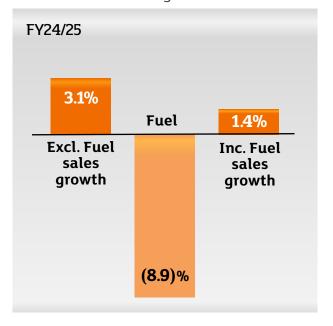
#### Sainsbury's sales growth<sup>1</sup>



#### **Argos** sales growth<sup>2</sup>



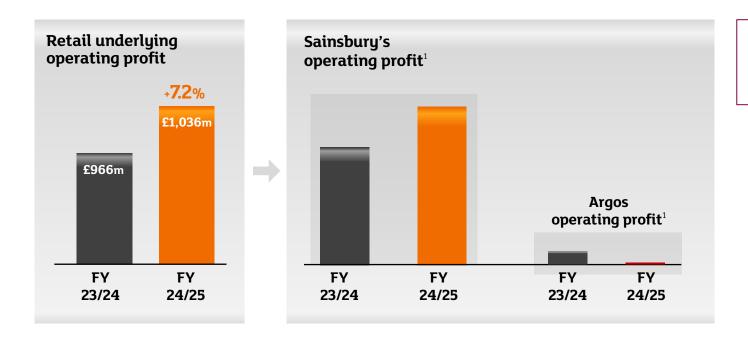
#### Total Retail sales growth



<sup>1.</sup> Excl. Fuel, inc. VAT

<sup>2.</sup> Including Republic of Ireland (ROI)

## Retail underlying operating profit



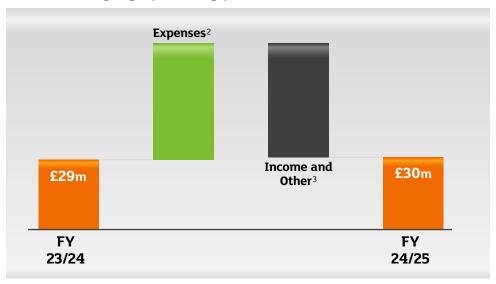
#### **2025/26 Guidance**

We expect to deliver Retail underlying operating profit of around £1 billion

<sup>1.</sup> Operating profit post-allocation of group costs, pre-allocation of store-in-store concession rent costs to Argos

## **Financial Services**

#### Total underlying operating profit<sup>1</sup>



#### **2025/26 Guidance**

We expect Financial Services underlying operating profit on a continuing basis of around £10 million

- 1. Inclusive of discontinued operations
- 2. Includes Total Costs and Bad Debt
- 3. Includes Other gains/ losses and AFS fees and royalties

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### Net debt and Retail free cash flow

£m	FY 2024/25	FY 2023/24
Net cash from operating activities	1,805	1,921
of which underlying working capital movements	98	262
of which pension cash contributions	(45)	(44)
Capital expenditure	(825)	(814)
Disposal proceeds, Interest income	72	43
Lease repayments <sup>1</sup>	(521)	(511)
Retail free cash flow	531	639
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	(308)	(306)
Share buyback	(200)	-
Highbury & Dragon Store Portfolio acquisition	-	372
Financial Services strategic review	(52)	_
Non-cash lease additions: Homebase, Co-Op, new Head Office	(82)	-
Other <sup>2</sup>	(93)	85
Movement in net debt	(204)	790
Opening net debt <sup>3</sup>	(5,554)	(6,344)
Closing net debt <sup>3</sup>	(5,758)	(5,554)
of which Lease liabilities	(5,494)	(5,354)
of which <b>Net debt exc. lease liabilities</b> <sup>3</sup>	(264)	(200)

#### **2025/26 Guidance**

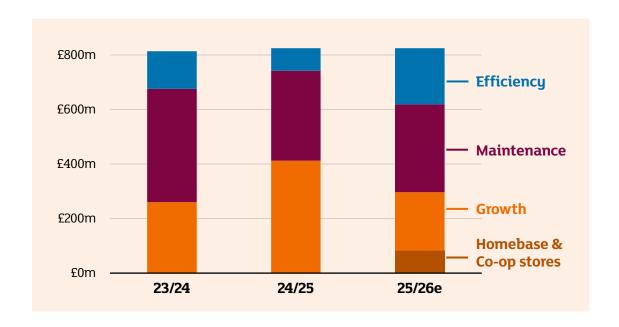
We expect to generate more than £500 million of retail free cash flow in 2025/26, in line with our commitment of generating at least £1.6 billion of retail free cash flow over the three years to 2026/27

3. Net debt definition excludes derivatives not linked to borrowings

<sup>1.</sup> Includes initial direct costs on right-of-use assets

Includes the remaining net movement to lease liabilities, reflecting non-cash additions and modifications in the period offset by payments made. Also includes cash impact of share purchases (excluding share buyback) and proceeds from issuance of shares

## **Capital expenditure**



#### **2025/26 Guidance**

We expect core retail cash capital expenditure (excluding Financial Services) in 2025/26 of **£800m to £850m**.

## **Balance sheet metrics**

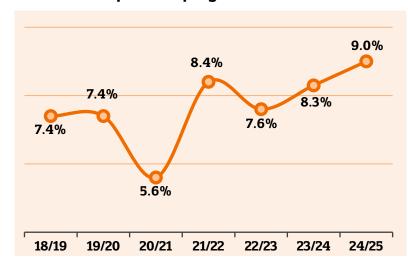
#### Net debt / EBITDA1



#### **Guidance**

We continue to target leverage of net debt to EBITDA of 3.0x to 2.4x

#### Return on capital employed<sup>2</sup>



#### **FY 25-27 commitment:**

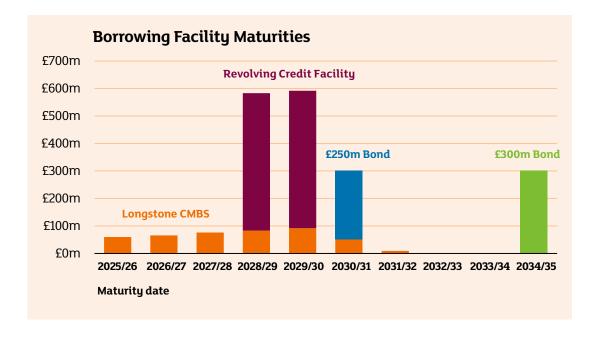
Higher return on capital employed

 $<sup>1. \ \</sup> Net \ debt \ including \ leases \ of \ \pounds 5,758 \ million \ divided \ by \ Group \ underlying \ EBITDA \ of \ \pounds 2,222 \ million \ based \ on \ a \ 52 \ week \ rolling \ basis$ 

<sup>2.</sup> Return is defined as a 52 week rolling underlying profit before interest and tax. Capital employed is defined as group net assets excluding the pension surplus and net debt. The average is calculated on a 14 point basis, on an inclusive of discontinued operations basis

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## Debt and liquidity



#### Prudent debt maturity profile

- Modest direct borrowings
- £5bn Euro Medium Term Note programme established in January 2025, with 2 outstanding bonds
- £1bn committed Revolving Credit Facility undrawn with maturity spread over 2028 and 2029
- CMBS loan fully amortises by April 2031
- Supportive banking group comprising 11 international and domestic banks

## **Credit Ratings**

Rating Agency	Long Term Rating	Outlook
Moody's	Baa3	Stable
Standard & Poor's	BBB	Stable

## Summary

# What we've delivered in FY 24/25

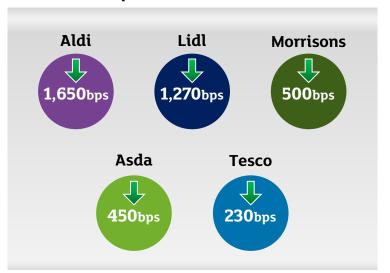
- Grocery volume growth and operating leverage
- Continued investment into growth and efficiency
- Enhanced cash returns to shareholders

## Looking ahead

- Sustaining our strong competitive position
- Continued market outperformance
- Strong cash generation and shareholder returns

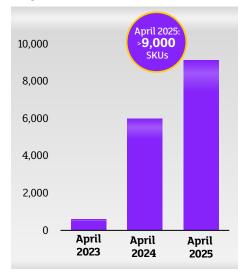
## Sustaining our competitive value position

Significant improvement in value index versus all competitors since start of Food First<sup>1</sup>



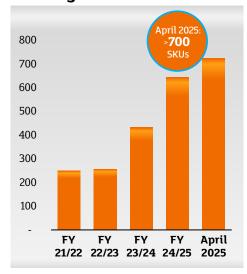
**Expansion of Nectar Prices** 

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**Growing Aldi Price Match** 

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<sup>1.</sup> Value Reality, April 2025 vs November 2020; Acuity, internal modelling (Aldi: 26 March 2025 vs November 2020 – most recent available data)

## Our biggest investment in space in over a decade



## Accelerating into the year ahead



Committed to sustaining our strong competitive position



Delivering biggest space growth in over a decade



Celebrating 25 years of Taste the Difference



Scaling our personalisation capabilities and store digitisation



Investing in technology and automation



Structural cost reduction and productivity improvement

# **Appendices**



**Appendix** 



### Guidance for 2025/26

#### **Profit**

- We expect to deliver Retail underlying operating profit of around £1 billion
- We expect to deliver Financial Services underlying operating profit of around £10 million on a continuing basis

#### Finance costs

• We expect underlying net finance costs of between £300 million and £310 million, including around £255 million lease interest

#### **Space**

- We expect to open 15 supermarkets and 25 new convenience stores, with a modest number of supermarket and convenience store closures
- We expect a net space impact on Retail sales growth of around 0.5 per cent in 2025/26

#### **Depreciation and amortisation**

• We expect retail underlying depreciation and amortisation of around £1.2 billion, including around £0.5 billion right of use asset depreciation

#### Items excluded from underlying results

- We expect to incur non-underlying cash costs relating to Retail restructuring programmes of around £100 million in 2025/26
- We expect to incur total non-underlying cash costs relating to our Next Level Sainsbury's strategy implementation of around £150 million over the three-year programme

#### Tax rate

• We expect an underlying tax rate of around 30 per cent

#### **Capital allocation**

- We will continue our share buyback programme, with at least £200 million of share capital to be bought back over the course of 2025/26
- We expect to return Sainsbury's Bank disposal proceeds of £250 million in the second half of 2025/26 via special dividend. The special dividend will be accompanied by a proposed associated share consolidation. Any distributable bank disposal proceeds in excess of £250 million will be used to enhance the share buyback above a core £200 million base

#### **Capital expenditure**

• We expect core retail cash capital expenditure (excluding Financial Services) in 2025/26 of £800 million to £850 million

#### Retail free cash flow

• We expect to generate more than £500 million of retail free cash flow in 2025/26, in line with our commitment of generating at least £1.6 billion of retail free cash flow over the three years to 2026/27

#### Net Debt

• We continue to target leverage of net debt to EBITDA of 3.0x to 2.4x

#### **Pension**

• We expect total pension scheme cash contributions to be around £26 million

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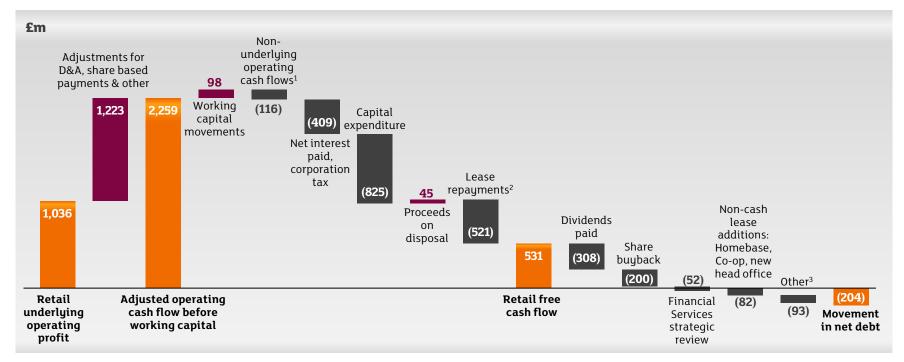
# Capital allocation framework: long-term value creation

1	Invest in the business to support our strategy	FY25-FY27: £800-£850m capex per annum, retail free cash flow £1.6bn+
2	A solid investment grade balance sheet	Target leverage of 3.0x-2.4x net debt/EBITDA
3	Deliver strong dividends for shareholders	Progressive dividend policy commencing in FY24/25
4	Selectively invest in projects to grow or strengthen the business	Strategic opportunities such as lease buy-ins & EV-charging
5	Return surplus cash to shareholders	Share buyback of at least £200m FY25/26, to be reviewed annually

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## Cash flow and net debt

#### FY 24/25 Cash Flow



- 1. Includes pension cash contributions
- 2. Includes initial direct costs on right-of-use assets. Lease interest paid included in "net interest paid, corporation tax" bar
- 3. Includes the remaining net movement to lease liabilities, reflecting non-cash additions and modifications in the period offset by payments made. Also includes cash impact of share purchases (excluding share buyback) and proceeds from issuance of shares