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# Introduction



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Circa

\$50bn

promotional products market

Creativity,
Sustainability,
Technology.



### The industry

**c.\$50bn** promotional products market



Industry leader in providing digital commerce to support growth and transactional efficiencies between Distributors, Suppliers and the End customer

# **Suppliers**

Manufacturers and decorators
Often product specialist, distributing
in a single region

Working Capital

# **Distributors**

Highly fragmented
Linking Brand/End Customer needs
from multiple supply routes

Working Capital

# Brand, End customer

~\$50bn global market

Industry leader in providing products and related services, under contract, to the best-known brands in the world who use promotional products as a key engagement tool brand addition.



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brand addition.

# Highlights HY 22

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Growth HY 22 v HY 21
+29% Revenue
+52% Adjusted EBITDA

Facilisgroup

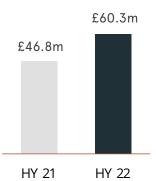
Uninterrupted growth
Strategy to scale revenue continues

**Brand Addition** 

New client wins from 2020 and 2021 supporting growth Supply chain management leads to improved margins

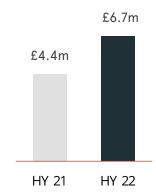
# Highlights HY 22, KPIs



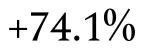


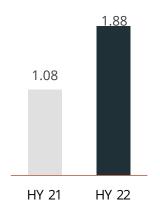
# Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup>





# Basic adjusted EPS<sup>2</sup>





### Net cash<sup>3</sup>

$$+£4.1m$$



£(4.2m)

1 Adjusted EBITDA is defined as operating profit adjusted to add back depreciation of property, plant and equipment, amortisation, share based payments charge and exceptional items

2 Basic adjusted EPS is calculated as profit after tax before amortisation of acquired intangibles, share-based payments charge, and exceptional items divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue

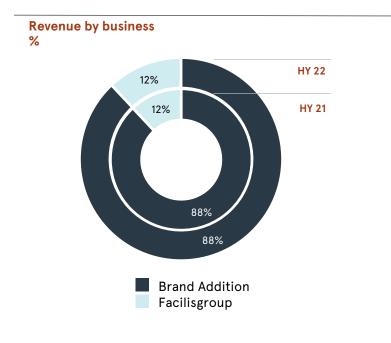
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# **Key financial dynamics**

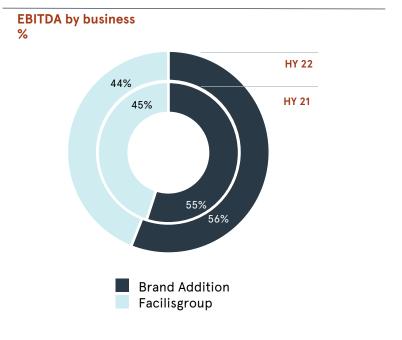
Continued revenue growth in both businesses

High EBITDA margins in Facilisgroup





- Facilisgroup subscription-based revenue
- Brand Addition product-based revenue



## Commentary

- 47% EBITDA margins of Facilisgroup (HY 21: 54%)
- 8% EBITDA margins of Brand Addition (HY 21: 6%)

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# **Income statement HY 22**

Revenue growth

EBITDA growth

£'m	HY 22	HY 21	FY 21
Revenue	60.3	46.8	115.1
Gross profit	23.2	17.2	42.0
People & overhead	(15.3)	(11.6)	(24.5)
Adjusted EBITDA pre-Head Office	7.9	5.6	17.5
Head office costs	(1.2)	(1.2)	(2.1)
Adjusted EBITDA	6.7	4.4	15.4
Depreciation and amortisation	(3.0)	(2.0)	(4.8)
Share-based payments charge	(0.6)	(0.2)	(0.7)
Operating profit	3.1	2.2	9.9
Gross profit %	38.5%	36.8%	36.5%
Adjusted EBITDA %	11.1%	9.5%	13.4%
Operating profit %	5.1%	4.6%	8.6%

Detail in segmental analysis

3 years amortisation period for internally capitalised costs supporting Facilisgroup scale aspirational

Charge for LTIP and SAYE

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# Cash flow HY 22

£'m	HY 22	HY 21	FY 21	
Adjusted EBITDA	6.7	4.4	15.4	-
Movement in working capital	(14.8)	(12.7)	(2.8)	Increased trading in Brand Addition driving growth in trade receivables
Capital expenditure	(3.6)	(2.2)	(5.3)	Continued investment into technology products. Facilisgroup, £2.6m, including £0.1m deferred consideration on software acquisition
Leases	(0.9)	(0.6)	(1.4)	Brand Addition, £1.0m
Adjusted operating cash flow	(12.6)	(11.1)	5.9	
Taxes paid	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.5)	
Net finance costs	5.2	7.5	(0.6)	
Exchange gain	1.0	0.2	0.2	FX gain on translation of overseas assets and liabilities
Net cash flow	(6.7)	(3.5)	5.0	
Capital expenditure  Leases  Adjusted operating cash flow  Taxes paid  Net finance costs  Exchange gain	(3.6) (0.9) (12.6) (0.3) 5.2 1.0	(2.2) (0.6) (11.1) (0.1) 7.5 0.2	(5.3) (1.4) <b>5.9</b> (0.5) (0.6) 0.2	Continued investment into technology products. Facilisgroup, £2.6n including £0.1m deferred consideration on software acquisition, Brand Addition, £1.0m

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# **Balance Sheet HY 22**

£'m	HY 22	HY 21	FY 21
Non-current assets	69.4	63.2	63.9
Inventories	16.0	15.6	10.1
Trade & other receivables	38.6	30.1	29.4
Cash & cash equivalents	5.4	3.6	12.1
Current tax asset	-	0.5	-
Current assets	60.0	49.8	51.6
Total assets	129.4	113.0	115.5
Lease liability	8.2	7.1	6.4
Deferred tax liability	3.7	2.6	3.0
Non-current liabilities	11.9	9.7	9.4
Borrowings	5.5	7.8	-
Lease liability	1.6	1.4	1.4
Trade and other payables	30.5	26.4	30.1
Current tax liability	0.2	-	-
Current liabilities	37.8	35.6	31.5
Total liabilities	49.7	45.3	40.9
Net assets	79.7	67.7	74.6

Goodwill and intangibles: £45.3m, Software: £13.5m, \*PPE: £10.2m, \*DT asset £0.4m

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Brand Addition: Product purchases, proportional to revenue

Brand Addition: Blue-chip backed inventories and receivables proportional to revenue

<sup>\*</sup> PPE: Property, Plant, Equipment, DT: Deferred tax

# **facilis**group

Facilisgroup is focused on transforming the promotional products industry through digital commerce that enables customers to benefit from significant business efficiencies and supply chain advantages

- HY 22 Results
- Business model
- Commercio overview
- Progress towards scale







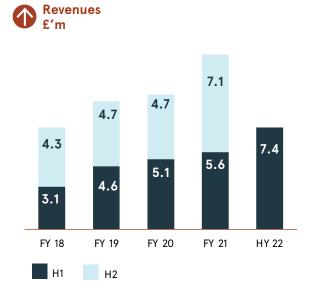
# Segmental Analysis HY 22

£'m	HY 22	HY 21	FY 21	Commentary
Recurring Revenue Other Revenue <b>Total Revenue</b>	7.0 0.4 7.4	5.4 0.2 5.6	12.2 0.5 12.7	+30% ARR in GBP, +21% in USD home currency
People & overhead	(3.9)	(2.6)	(5.1)	Growth supports revenue aspirations and return to community events
Adjusted EBITDA	3.5	3.0	7.6	
Depreciation and amortisation	(1.6)	(0.8)	(2.2)	Continued investment in Facilisgroup product development, capitalised in line with IAS 38
Share-based payments charge	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.3)	
Operating profit	1.7	2.1	5.1	
£:US\$ average rate	1.30	1.39	1.38	
Recurring revenue \$m	9.1	7.5	16.7	
Recurring revenue \$m growth %	21.3%	27.0%	40.3%	ARR c.94% of total revenue
Adjusted EBITDA %	47.3%	53.6%	59.6%	
Operating profit %	23.0%	39.2%	40.7%	



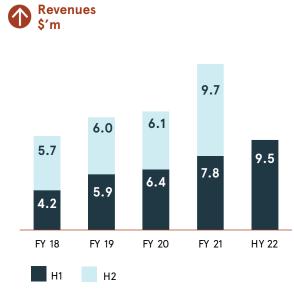
# **Recurring Revenues**

High visibility of recurring revenues with a loyal and growing Partner (customer) base



### Commentary

 Annual Recurring Revenues (ARR) are c.95% of FY 21 Revenue



## Commentary

- US\$ revenue chart demonstrates consistent revenue growth
- Expect trend of H2 > H1 Revenues



# **Partner Activity**

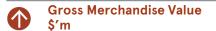
# Key indicators all supporting Revenue growth

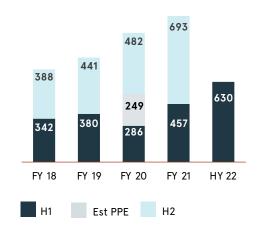




### Commentary

- Partner growth continues with 210 Partners implemented and a further 8 contracted and awaiting implementation
- Number growth, with excellent retention, has an ongoing impact to revenue

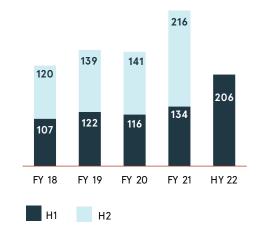




### Commentary

- GMV increase reflecting the growth in Partner numbers
- USD growth impacts revenues in the following year

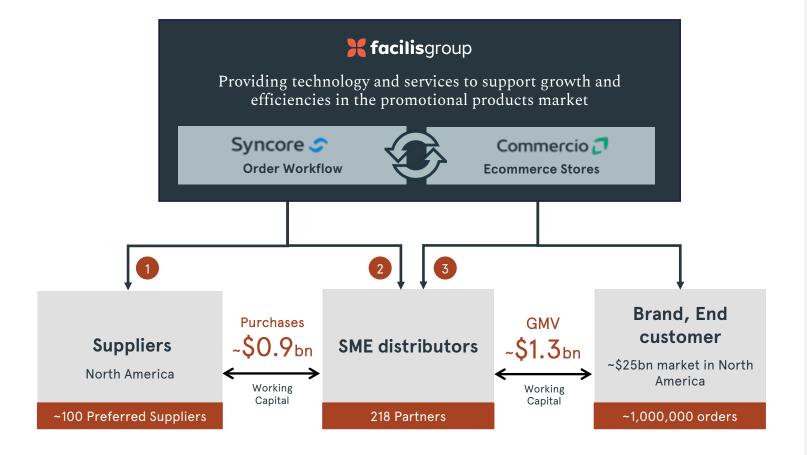




### Commentary

- Spend increasing through Partner numbers and a higher proportion of Preferred Supplier purchases
- USD growth impacts revenues in the current year

# Our business model, Facilisgroup





# Recurring revenues

### **SYNCORE**

- Marketing Fund (~35% ARR FY 21)
  As a consolidator of +\$1bn of spend, quality,
  contracted suppliers support the Facilisgroup
  community. Fees are received half yearly and based
  upon the value of Partner purchases through Preferred
  Suppliers in the year
- 2 Subscriptions for Order Workflow (~65% ARR FY 21)
  CRM, Product Search and Order processing efficiently manages the enquiry to invoice workflow. Fees are fixed at the beginning of each year based on prior year Gross Merchandise Value and paid monthly
- 3 COMMERCIO

### **Ecommerce Stores (New in FY 22)**

A new service launched in June 2022 being an all-inone ecommerce offering that enables promotional product distributors to build and operate ecommerce stores. Our initial pricing strategy is based upon on a monthly fee plus a fee per store which, as Commercio grows, will in effect increase our percentage fee per USD of GMV



# **Ecommerce stores**



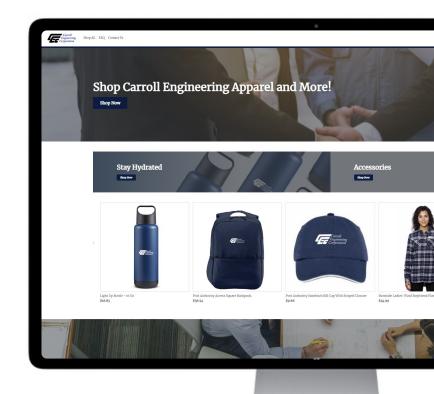
# Bringing industry focused ecommerce to our Partners and beyond

### **Benefits for the Distributor**

- Technology to efficiently build and operate ecommerce stores, increasing distributor sales
- Integration with Syncore will offer Partners a seamless process managing orders, accounting and reporting
- Turnkey solutions and education for complex ecommerce offering
- Transparent and concise pricing model

# Opportunity

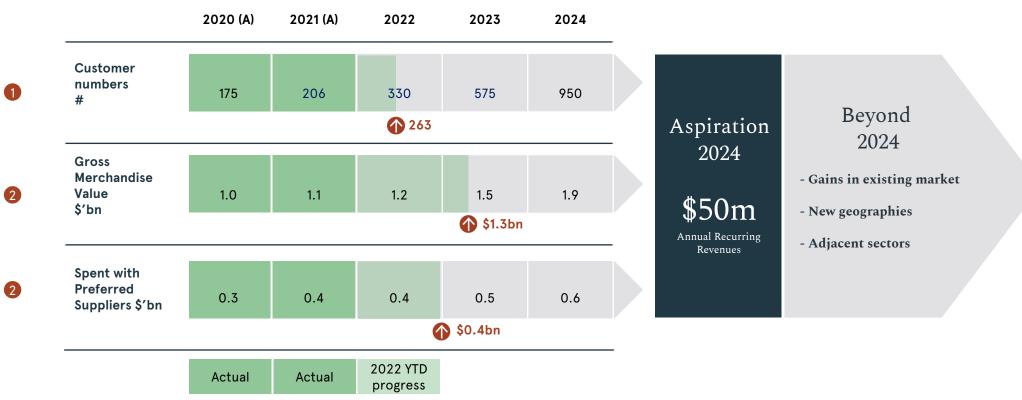
- ~25% of industry sales (and rising) are transacted through ecommerce
- 80% of our Partners are operating multiple stores
- Addressable Market in North America, outside our Partner group, is +22,000





# Milestones - our internal aspirations to 2024 and beyond





- 1 At 5 September 2022, breakdown on Page 18
- 2 Rolling 12 months at 5 September 2022



# **Growing our addressable market and income streams**

Income streams
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Commercio
increases our
income streams and
grows through both
existing Syncore
Partners and new
customers



# brand addition.

Brand Addition provides full-scale promotional products services that help global brands build culture, awareness and meaningful connections. We extend our clients' values in thoughtful, sustainable, globally conscious ways to create branded moments that people love

- HY 22 Results
- Progress for FY 22





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# Segmental Analysis HY 22

£′m	HY 22	HY 21	FY 21	Commentary
Revenue	52.9	41.1	102.4	
Gross profit	15.8	11.6	29.3	and increase in demand as working patterns stabilise
People & overhead	(11.4)	(9.1)	(19.4)	Supporting revenue growth
Adjusted EBITDA	4.4	2.5	9.9	
Depreciation and amortisation	(1.3)	(1.2)	(2.5)	
Share-based payments charge	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.3)	
Operating profit	2.8	1.2	7.1	
Revenue growth %	28.7%	44.2%	41.0%	
Gross profit %	29.9%	28.2%	28.6%	Successfully navigated supply chain challenges
Adjusted EBITDA %	8.3%	6.1%	9.7%	Increased revenue and improving margins translate to EBITDA %
Operating profit %	5.3%	2.9%	6.9%	

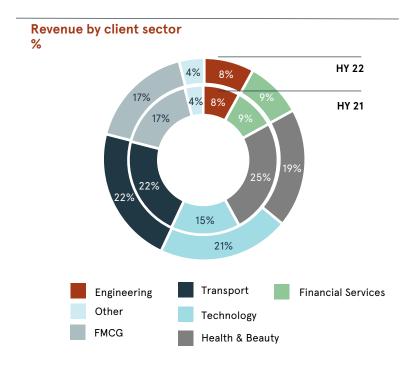
**Revenue Diversity** 

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HY 22

HY 21

# Strong sectors, across multiple geographies



Year on year changes reflect the impact of new

Commentary

business wins



 Global nature of our business and contracts ensures diversity across geographic regions

Europe

RoW

Revenue by destination

20%

22%

21

# Continued growth expected in FY 22

# 1. Consumer promotions

- high growth from FY 21 is targeted to be maintained

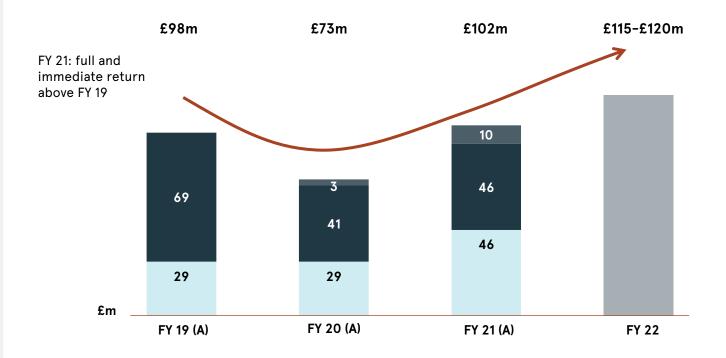
# 2. Corporate Programmes - like for like

- high retention levels, more clients returning to FY 19 levels

# 3. Corporate Programmes - new wins

- positively developing contribution of new contracts won in 2020 and a full year impact of contracts won in 2021

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Consumer Promotions

■ Corporate Programmes – like for like from 2019

Corporate Programmes – major new wins 2020 and 2021

■ Brand Addition total: Potential scenarios, not a forecast

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# **Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)**



### Our four cornerstones:

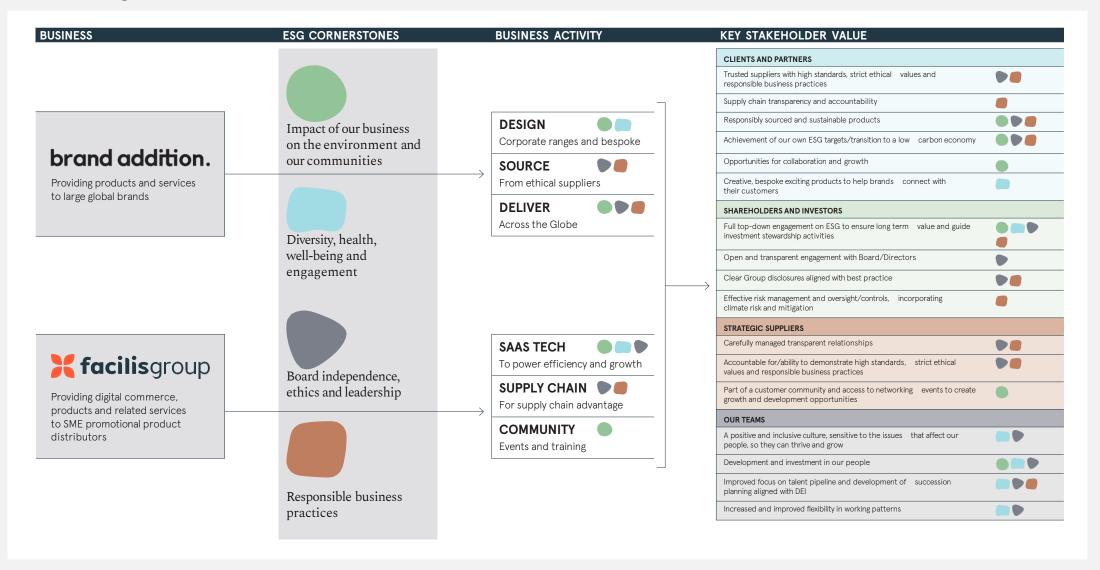








# How ESG integrates into our business



# **Group Outlook**

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We are continuing to deliver on our stated strategies

Our businesses are performing well and we look forward to FY 22 and beyond with confidence

### Facilisgroup

Our ambition is to enter 2023 with an increasing customer base for Commercio

We expect Facilisgroup's revenue in FY 22 to be in line with market expectations

### **Brand Addition**

Through our order visibility and current activities, we expect Brand Addition revenues in FY 22 to be at least in line with market expectations



- Financial Guidance
- Brand Addition typical working capital cycle

# **Financial Guidance**

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: (excluding amounts capitalised under IFRS 16)

	Actual	Actual	Est
£m	2020	2021	2022
Tangible	0.8	0.7	1.2
Intangible	6.2	4.3	6.9

### DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION:

	Actual	Actual	Est
£m	2020	2021	2022
Depreciation	1.5	2.0	2.2
Amortisation*	2.0	2.8	4.2

<sup>\*</sup> Includes acquired intangibles 2020: £0.5m 2021: £0.9m, 2022 £1.2m

### TAXATION:

2022 guidance rate, 22%.

### DIVIDENDS:

The Group remains committed to the dividend policy stated at IPO and will review dividend payments in respect of 2022 at the FY

### CURRENCY RATES:

	Actual	Actual	Est
£:US\$	2020	2021	2022
Income Statement (average rate)	1.28	1.38	1.30
Balance Sheet (year end rate)	1.36	1.35	1.22

There is a translational affect on our US\$ denominated profits at Facilisgroup and Brand Addition US

	Actual	Actual	Est
£:€	2020	2021	2022
Income Statement (average rate)	1.13	1.16	1.19
Balance Sheet (year end rate)	1.11	1.19	1.19

There is a translational affect on our € denominated revenues at Brand Addition UK, being ~60% of revenues in 2021

### SHARE BASED PAYMENTS CHARGE:

FY 21 charge, £715,000. FY 22 estimate, £1,400,000.

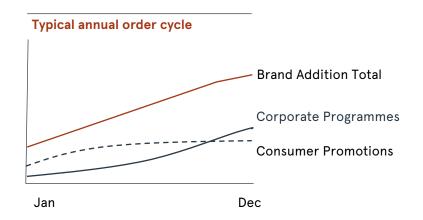
### CENTRAL COSTS:

FY 21 charge, £2,100,000. FY 22 estimate, £2,400,000.

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# Order receipt and working capital dynamics

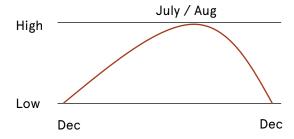
Typical calendar year order receipt cycle and working capital dynamics in Brand Addition



### Commentary

- Consumer Promotions
   Larger custom-made orders therefore a longer order to invoice lead time. Most orders received by the end of H1 (c.45% divisional sales in FY 21)
- Corporate Programmes
   Smaller orders, often through inventory held in our warehouses, resulting in a more even spread of orders throughout the year (c.55% divisional sales in FY 21)

### Typical working capital cycle



### Commentary

 Comprising most of the Group's working capital, there is an in-year cycle created by our Brand Addition Consumer Promotions division;

Q1: Orders received and placed with manufacturers

Q2, Q3: Orders manufactured delivered and invoiced

Q4: Cash received



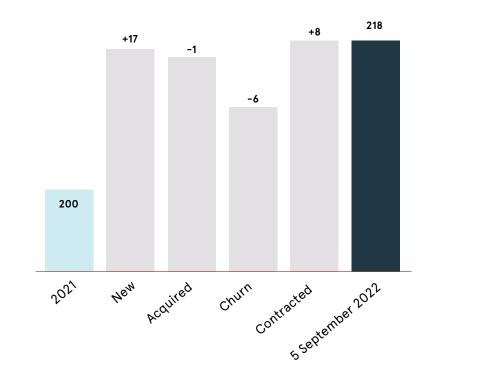
# Partner Activity, bridge of Partner growth in 2022

# High retention rates, supporting growth



- New: Additional Partners implemented
- Acquired: Partners businesses that have been acquired by non-Partners
- Churn: Partners leaving for other reasons
- Contracted: Contracts signed, awaiting implementation





Building brands.
Growing relationships.
Strengthening businesses.

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