## **Barry Callebaut**

Protecting EBIT despite declining demand due to unprecedented cocoa prices

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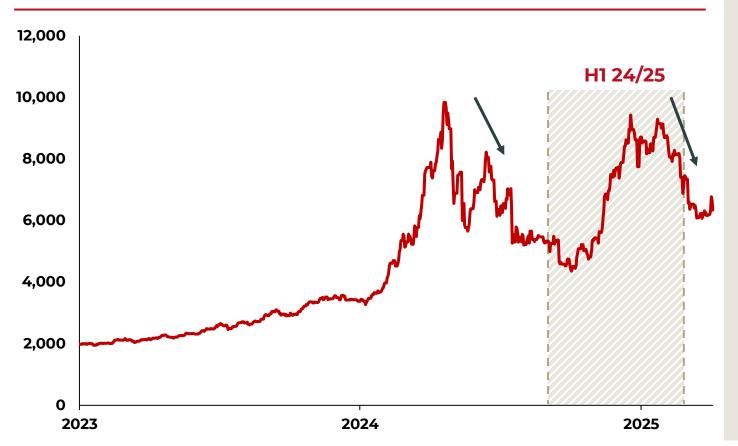
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## Playing to win as we navigate turbulent market

- Unprecedented bean price volatility impacted customer behavior and BC's financial performance short-term
- Enhancing our operating and financing model in the new market reality to deleverage and drive higher returns...this will take some time to be fully implemented in the market
- Given offsetting costs from highly disruptive and volatile environment, ~12 month delay to fully reflect BC Next Level savings in the bottom line. Confirm initial plan of CHF 250 million & 75% flow through
  - Ultimately building Barry Callebaut into an even stronger leader and unlocking sustainable profitable growth

## Significant impact from highly volatile bean prices

#### London cocoa futures (in GBP/MT)<sup>1</sup>



#### Significantly higher and more volatile bean prices

- Prices almost doubled on average year on year
- Market self-corrected at ~GBP 10,000 for second time
- Exchange open interest >60% lower than in Feb 24

#### **Increased industry operating costs**

- Initial margins ~9x higher
- Stronger backwardation creates higher costs to roll short futures: >65% more expensive at the H1 peak
- Significantly higher carry costs given market prices

#### Surplus expected in 24/25 harvest

- ICCO expects surplus for 24/25, with 8% increase in supply
- BC secured bean supply into early 2026

## H1 24/25: Obstacles and achievements

#### **Key obstacles**

- Market turbulence showed need to enhance costplus coverage and speed, especially for initial and variation margin financing costs
- Shifting macroeconomic landscape in U.S. temporarily paused network decisions
- Highly volatile cocoa prices led to a steep reduction in customer coverage short-term
- Negative impact from Toluca, Mexico intervention, but decisive action was needed

#### **Key achievements**





- Strong progress on key BC Next Level initiatives
- Top-to-top meetings with key customers, with joint taskforces established
- Developed the North America network strategy
- Progress on Future Farming Initiative



Bean price volatility and market turbulence strengthen opportunity for BC



# Chocolate will remain the top flavor ingredient driving consumer choice

Chocolate leads as the ingredient of choice with resilient underlying consumption trends

#1

Flavor in total Food & Beverage launches 2020-2025, with 2x more launches than #2

Source: Innova, Global, 2025

84%

Share of consumers that maintained or increased chocolate consumption year-on-year Source: Innova, Europe, October 2024

+11% 3M +9% 12M

Chocolate confectionery pricing has seen consecutive increases...

Source: Nielsen, January 2025

**-2**%

... with only limited category volume impact, partially a result of delistings & promotion changes
Source: Nielsen, January 2025



Consumers able to afford chocolate in Asia, with low per capita consumption

Source: Global consulting firm; Euromonitor

# Market turbulence creates significant opportunity for BC to be an even stronger partner for customers

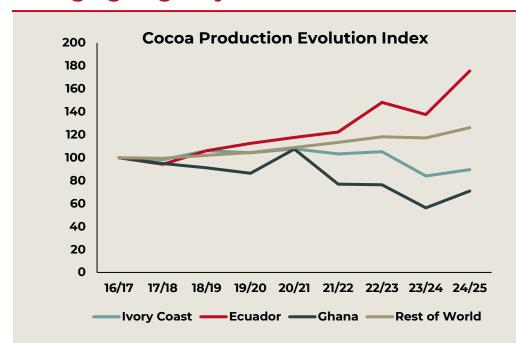
- Already market leader in attractive, resilient chocolate segment
- Expanding full range of chocolatey experiences through compound & non-cocoa alternative offerings
- Unique vertically integrated global business model from cocoa to chocolate
- Unmatched expertise, large origin country footprint, strong R&D know-how and sustainability capabilities create significant competitive advantage
- Strong balance sheet and banking relationships

BC Next Level is further strengthening our platform for growth and value creation



## BC well positioned to navigate mid-term supply dynamics

#### **Changing origin dynamics**



- Declining production in Ivory Coast and Ghana
- Strong growth/new planting in Ecuador
- Low but stable growth in 5 largest other origins

#### BC driving change in cocoa farming

- 1. North Star Strategy focusing on smallholder farming in current origins (pre-competitive)
  - Focusing on growing incomes, increasing yields and implementing agroforestry to build climate resilience
- 2. Future Farming Initiative (FFI) scaling sustainable, high-tech cocoa farming
  - FFI to catalyze the industry and diversify geographical footprint
  - CEO now joined by very strong, experienced team fully established in Brazil
  - BoD committee established

Volatility and disruptive environment impacted H1 24/25 performance



# H1 24/25 financial performance impacted by volatility, price increases and customer behavior

- Volume -4.7% impacted by challenging market, high pricing environment and delayed customer orders. Strategic pillars showed growth
- EBIT recurring<sup>1</sup> +1.5%, while recurring<sup>1</sup> net profit impacted given delay in pricing through to customers and higher financing costs in an unprecedented environment
- Free cash flow (CHF -2,114 million) driven by the ~CHF 2 billion increase in inventory value as cocoa bean prices almost doubled
- Secured additional liquidity through oversubscribed EUR 1,750 million bond issuance, ensuring continued sustainable supply to customers

## High cocoa bean prices are impacting short-term customer behavior, with a knock-on effect on BC



#### **Pricing**

- Customer-retailer negotiations
- Customers adjusting promotions



#### **Customer behavior**

- Customer coverage at historic lows
- Price pack architecture and multiple pack sizes



## Selective short-term actions

- Cost-effective recipe adjustments
- Compound reformulation

# H1 24/25 volumes impacted by the challenging and volatile market environment, with low customer cover

	H1 volume development		Key drivers	% of Group H1 volume
Group	- <b>4.7</b> %	П		
Global Chocolate	-4.5%		Highly challenging and volatile market environment impacted customer behavior and pricing, with historically low customer coverage	80%
Food Manufacturers	-5.6%		Impacted by market dynamics with significant pricing, low customer orders and selective short-term customer behavior	66%
Gourmet	+0.7%		Resilient demand across most regions, with a recovery in Q2 24/25	14%
Global Cocoa	-5.6%		Impacted by prioritization of more profitable volume in supply constrained environment and significant cocoa bean price increases	20%

# Growth in Latin America and AMEA offset by market pressure in Europe and North America

Global Chocolate sales volume: -4.5% vs. -2.4% market<sup>1</sup>

	H1 volume growth			Key drivers		% of Group H1 volume	
Western Europe	<u>BC</u> -7.6%	<u>Market¹</u> -1.7%		Demand impacted by higher prices, customer behavior and SKU rationalization. High base of comparison, with large prior year one-off contract		32%	
Central and Eastern Europe	-6.6%	-3.6%		Lower volumes for several large regional and local Food Manufacturer customers, especially in Türkiye		13%	
North America	-2.3%	-4.4%		Slower demand for large Food Manufacturers and impact of restarting the Toluca, Mexico facility after taking decisive actions to temporarily shut down, which offset new customer wins		24%	
Latin America	+7.5%	-0.6%		Brazil the key contributor to growth, led by innovation, compound solutions and solid Gourmet demand		3%	
Asia Pacific, Middle East & Africa	+1.8%	+0.3%	$\prod$	Robust growth outside of China, with double-digit growth in India and Indonesia, particularly for Gourmet		8%	

## Importantly, strategic growth pillars continue to show resilience

- 1 Deepen outsourcing partnerships
- Long-term trends amplified by new reality: capital intensity, sustainability & specialties
- Short-term pressure

Gourmet 2.0

- +0.7% volume in H1 24/25,
   recovering to +3.1% in Q2
- Broad-based growth in CEE, AMEA and Latam
- Resilient channel given relative bean price component
- Successful pilot webshop launch in Germany and Austria

Scale up
Specialties

- Double-digit growth in North America, AMEA and Latin America
- Led by specialty coatings, fillings and inclusions
- Demand for specialty products to enhance consumer appeal despite high cocoa bean prices

4 'Fair share' in AMEA

- High single-digit growth excluding China
- India, Indonesia and Middle East saw strong double-digit growth
- Continue strengthening capabilities and routeto-market to better serve customers

# Doubling bean prices, extreme volatility and market structure create unprecedented environment for cost+



## Significantly higher financing

- Speed & magnitude of bean price increase
- Delay in pass-through:

   Particularly financing costs
   related to volatile initial &
   variation margins



## Unprecedented market costs

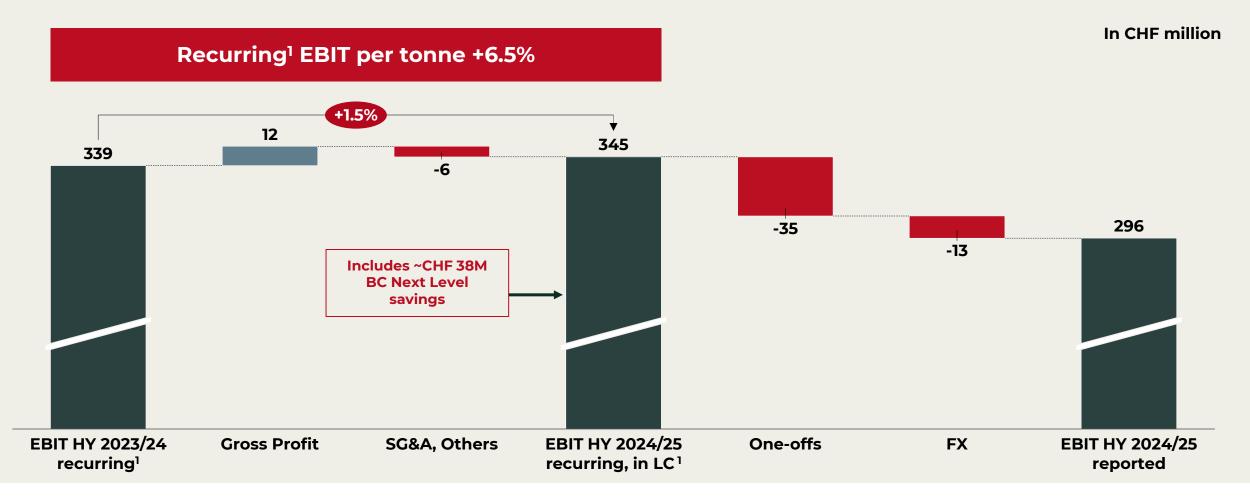
- Higher costs to roll short futures: >65% more
- Significantly higher carry costs
- Increased differential volatility



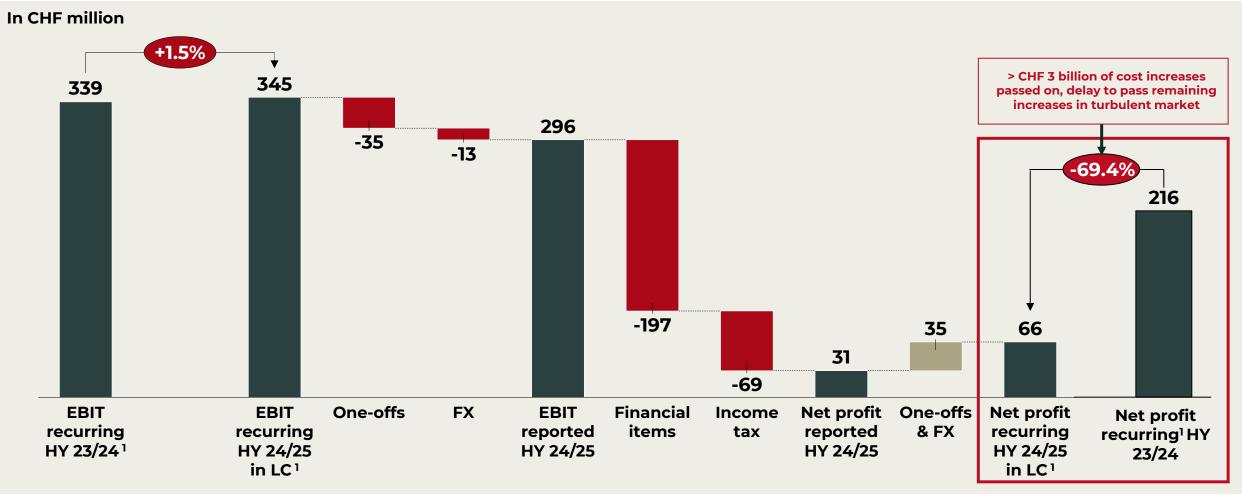
## Phasing and customer behavior

- Historically low levels of customer coverage
- Gourmet pricing 3+ month
- Flexibility on contracting more impactful in new market reality

# +1.5% recurring EBIT offsetting volume decline and passing through majority of significant cost increases



# Net profit impacted as cost+ not able to immediately fully pass major increases in unprecedented volatility



# The bean market context significantly impacts industry cash requirements



## High and volatile bean prices

- +95% year-on-year
- H1 24/25 increase from GBP 5,332 to GBP 7,342
- Bean prices fluctuated by more than 100% within only 60 days



## Higher initial and variation margins

- 9x higher initial margins due to market volatility
- Low customer coverage leads to more variation margin exposure



## Seasonal inventory levels

 Inventory levels always higher at H1 due to timing of bean harvest

# Secured additional liquidity with continued support from the investment community

#### Financing actions in H1 24/25...

- February 2025: Oversubscribed EUR 1,750M bond issuance, with 3-year tranche and 6.5-year tranche
- January 2025: CHF 300M bond issuance, with 6year tranche and 10-year tranche
- December 2024: EUR 1,000M Bridge Term Loan Facility
- October 2024: Additional Revolving Credit Facility of EUR 620M with a tenor of 2 years

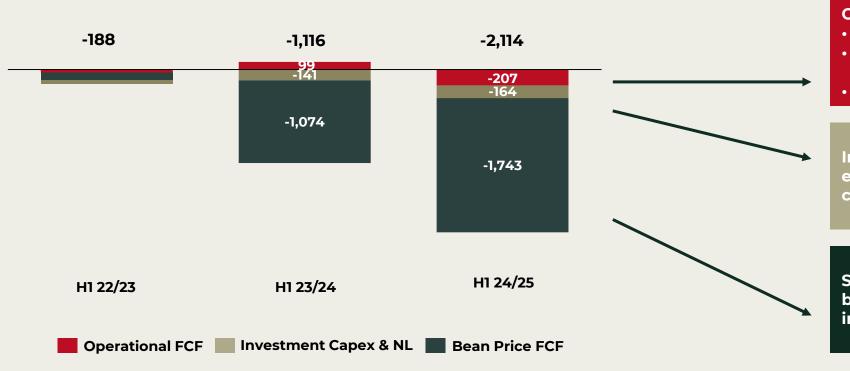
#### ...Ensure solid liquidity position

- Undrawn bridge term loan facility entered into by the Group in December 2024 cancelled in full
- RCF fully untapped
- Success of EUR bond allows proactive approach on upcoming maturities in 24/25 and 25/26
- Covenants respected



# FCF development heavily driven by the substantial bean price impact on working capital

#### In CHF million



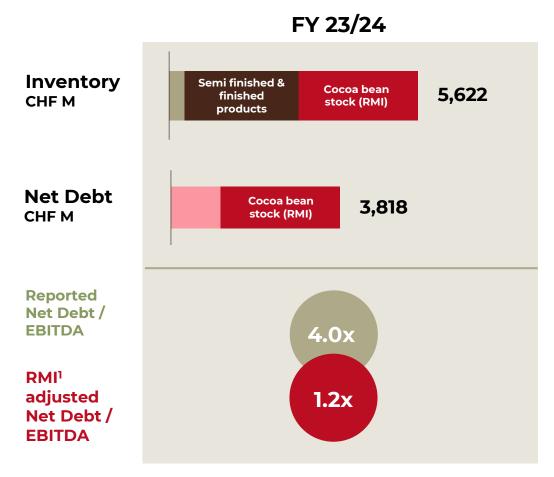
Operational improvements offset by:

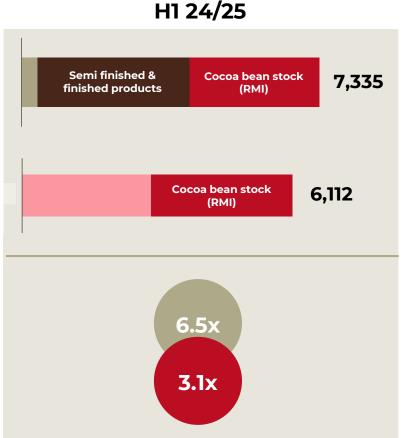
- · Higher bean volumes due to seasonality
- Higher finished goods due to demand slowdown
- Impact of higher interest, tax and FX

Increased BC Next Level investments, enhancement of manufacturing capabilities and quality investments

Significant bean price impact driven by long inventory cycle – with bean price increasing from GBP 5,332 to GBP 7,342

# Higher bean prices increased inventory valuation, resulting in higher leverage levels





**Movement** 

+1,713

+2,294

Majority explained by inventory value. Remaining is settlement of liquidity swaps and other working capital movements

Even lower when also adjusting for cocoa liquor, cocoa butter and powder

# Clear plan underway to drive returns and deleverage in new bean price reality

- Pricing for higher cost of capital requirements to drive ROIC
- Reducing length of working capital cycle, including through key customer collaboration
- Accelerating inventory-linked financing
- Step up from BC Next Level cost savings & capital benefits
- Capturing commercial opportunities including compound and non-cocoa alternatives

Full impact expected to be visible in 12 – 18 months

# Adjusting pricing and reducing working capital cycle, including through key customer collaboration

## Customer collaboration & commercial actions

- Adapting pricing for higher cost of capital and to drive ROIC: Passing through initial margins and variation margins to customers
- Joint taskforces established with key customers following top-to-top meetings since January
- Avoiding / reducing costs for the whole supply chain: focusing on fixing pricing and differentials earlier to reduce terminal market and financing cost exposure
- E2E value chain projects, e.g. demand planning improvements, contracting flexibility
- Value pricing opportunity through BC Next Level

## Pulling all levers to shorten the cash cycle

- Leveraging flex blending capabilities
- Origins with shorter cash cycles increasing supply
- Internal program to drive awareness of actions across DIO, DSO, DPO across functions and regions
- BC Next Level capital benefits: SKU reduction and planning excellence

# Progressing on BC Next Level initiatives



## Important progress made on BC Next Level initiatives in H1 24/25

- ~40% run-rate cost savings to date
- ~36% SKUs phased out (vs. >30% target)
- Factory footprint: Progressing with 4 closures, starting up 2 and planning to add capacity at 2 locations
- Social plans completed in all global locations
- Rightsizing & GBS well underway with net FTE reduction and ramp up in GBS
- Quality: 100% Positive Product Release almost completed. Automated sampling system successfully piloted in 4 sites, started full roll-out
- BCOS¹ launched to standardize factory operations & connect processes globally, 8 factories launched to date
- Digital: Designed cross-functional digital architecture, launched AI CoE and analyzed E2E processes.
   Strengthened digital foundation with 24/7 support, enhanced security and advanced data capabilities to drive transformation & operational resilience

## In this new reality, BC Next Level is more important than ever



# Trusted Chocolate Solutions Advisor

#### **Best-in-class Customer experience:**

- Value
- Service
- Sustainability
- Quality / Food Safety

## Our journey

#### 2023/24 Building the foundation

- Announced BC Next Level
- Hardwired enabling functions
- Focused regions on Commercial

## 2024/25 Execute BC Next Level and fight disruption

- Delivering BC Next Level
- Accelerating digitalization
- Boosting end-to-end value stream from Cocoa to Chocolate
- Establish Callebaut Powerbrand
- Creating Compound task force
- Initial steps in non-cocoa solutions
- Launching FFI

### 2025/26 Stabilize and scale impact

- Deleveraging and shortening cash cycle
- Finance transformation
- Strengthening North American network
- North Star strategy in West Africa
- Building out FFI

Reprioritize and temporarily invest to navigate the unparalleled disruption

## Highly disruptive & volatile environment results in 12month delay for BC Next Level savings flow through

We are continuing to deliver on NL and related savings, while responding to unparalleled market and supply disruption, with offsetting costs:

- 1. Increased costs related to market volatility
- 2. Temporary costs in supply chain expected to lap
- 3. Additional costs in digital expected to create offsetting savings
- 4. Aggressively advancing our supply network Starting up in Brantford (Canada) and Neemrana (India); Planning new capacity in the U.S. and South East Asia

# Outlook & Guidance



## Confirming long-term strategy while adjusting FY 24/25 volume outlook in a volatile market

- Mid single-digit decrease in sales volume in a challenging market
- Double-digit EBIT recurring growth in local currencies
- During the BC Next Level transition period, the dividend per share will not be lower than in fiscal year 2023/24

## Q&A



