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# Second-quarter sales & H1 2024 results

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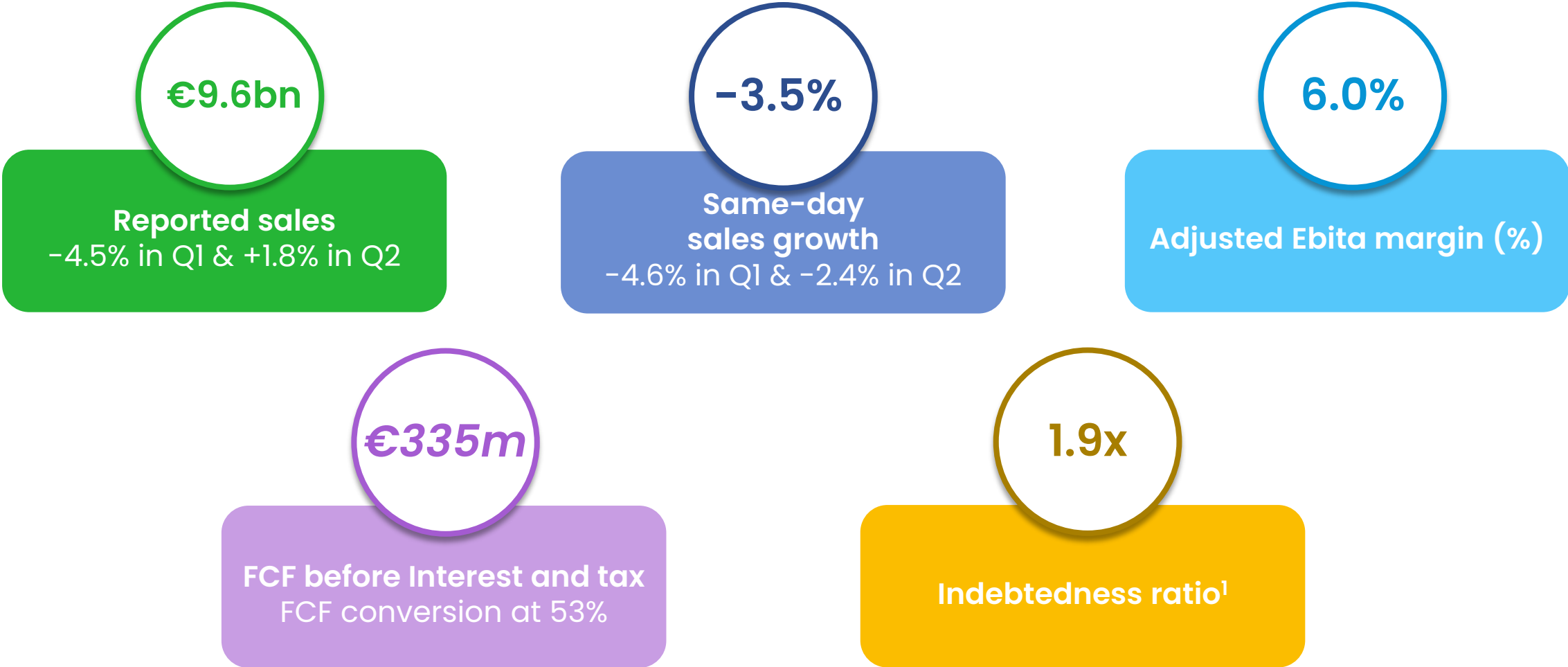
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# Key highlights

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# H1 2024: A resilient first half, leveraging our transformation



<sup>1</sup> Including Talley acquisition effect - Net financial debt/EBITDAaL, as calculated under the SCA terms

# Solid activity in North America offsetting less active European markets

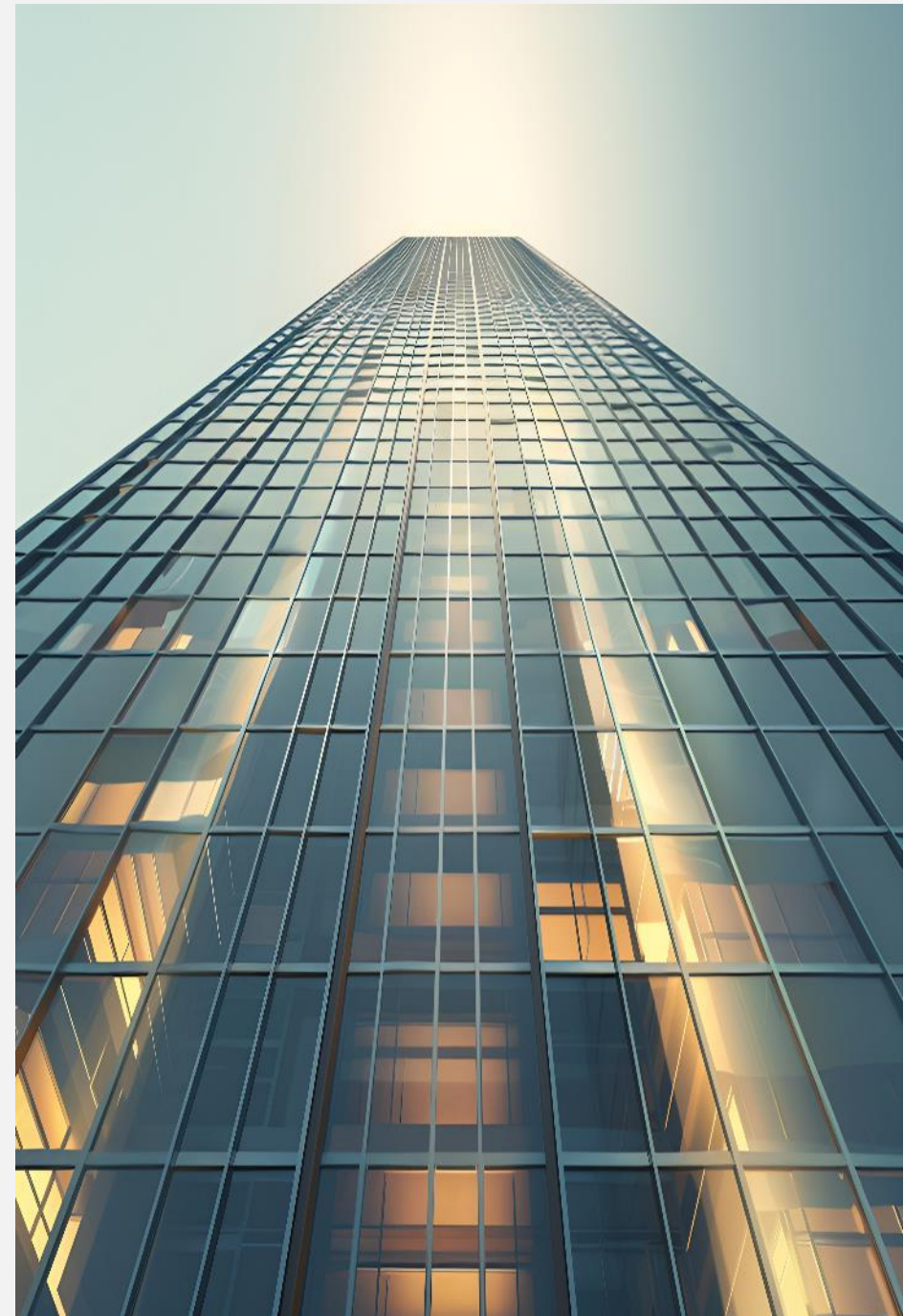
- **North America**

- Resilient and slightly positive volumes in Q2 as in Q1
- Healthy backlog, progressing in Q2 vs. Q1 and remaining high (3 months)
- Solid activity in select verticals (infrastructure, datacenters)

- **Europe**

- Core markets negatively impacted by economic and political conditions in almost all countries, with slightly negative volumes vs. last year
- Challenged electrification markets (DACH, Benelux, Sweden) with a comparison base progressively easing
- Market share gains in several important countries thanks to differentiated value proposition (services, digital)

- **Improved performance in China**



# Sequential improvement in Q2 vs. Q1

(in contrib.)	% mix 2024	Q1 2024			Q2 2024		
		SD sales evolution	o/w Price	o/w Volume	SD sales evolution	o/w Price	o/w Volume
Core ED <sup>1</sup>	78%	-1.8%	-1.0%	-0.7%	-0.4%	-0.6%	+0.2%
Electrification	22%	-2.8%	-0.5%	-2.4%	-2.0%	-0.9%	-1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Including cable

- **Core ED business, progressing from Q1 to Q2, supported by cable price and improving volume**
- Electrification, down 8.5% (contributing for -200bps) in the quarter, improving sequentially versus Q1 24. Price deflation, but limited to solar panels, piping in North America and industrial automation in China



# Self-help action plans leading to strong profitability and cash performance

- **Action plans activated in most countries**
  - **Gross margin optimization:** price, mix, purchasing
  - **Productivity:** Headcount reduction broadly in line with volume decrease in H1
  - **Internal actions on opex above decrease in volume**
    - **Opex<sup>1</sup> decreased** by more than 2% in H1 despite inflation
  - Positive impact of implementation of Power Up initiatives (data, digital, supply chain, M&A)
- **Resilient profitability with adj. Ebita margin at 6.0% in a more challenging top line environment**
- **Record free cash flow generation, demonstrating the strength of our model**
  - FCF before interest & tax reaching an all-time high €335m for the first half, implying a robust 53% conversion rate
  - Responsiveness in inventory management, adapting fast to lower demand, combined with good credit management
- **FY guidance confirmed** – expecting to be in the lower end of the range in sales and adjusted EBITA margin



<sup>1</sup> Opex excluding depreciation

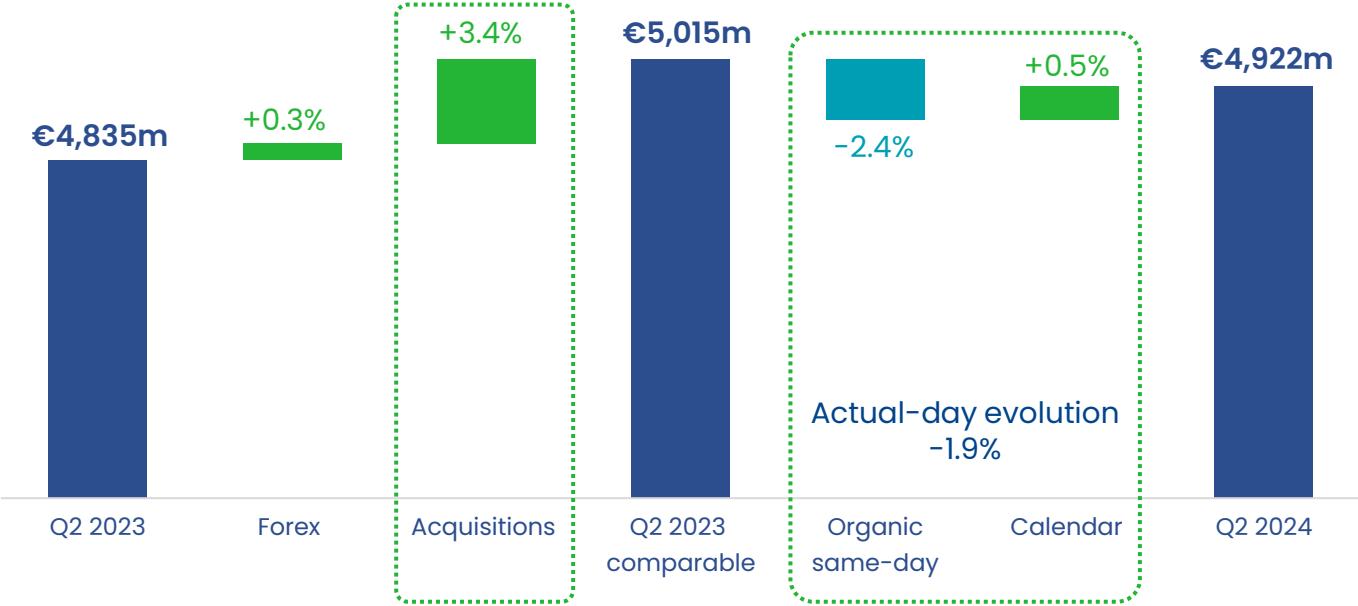


# Q2 & H1 2024 Group financial review

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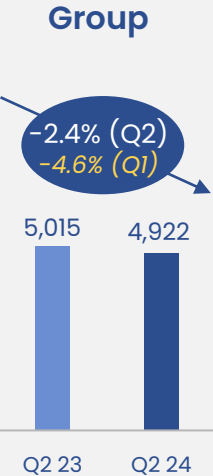
# Q2 reported sales up +1.8%, supported by significant M&A contribution



- Q2 24 reported sales up +1.8%:
- Positive contribution from Wasco and Talley acquisitions more than offset organic decline



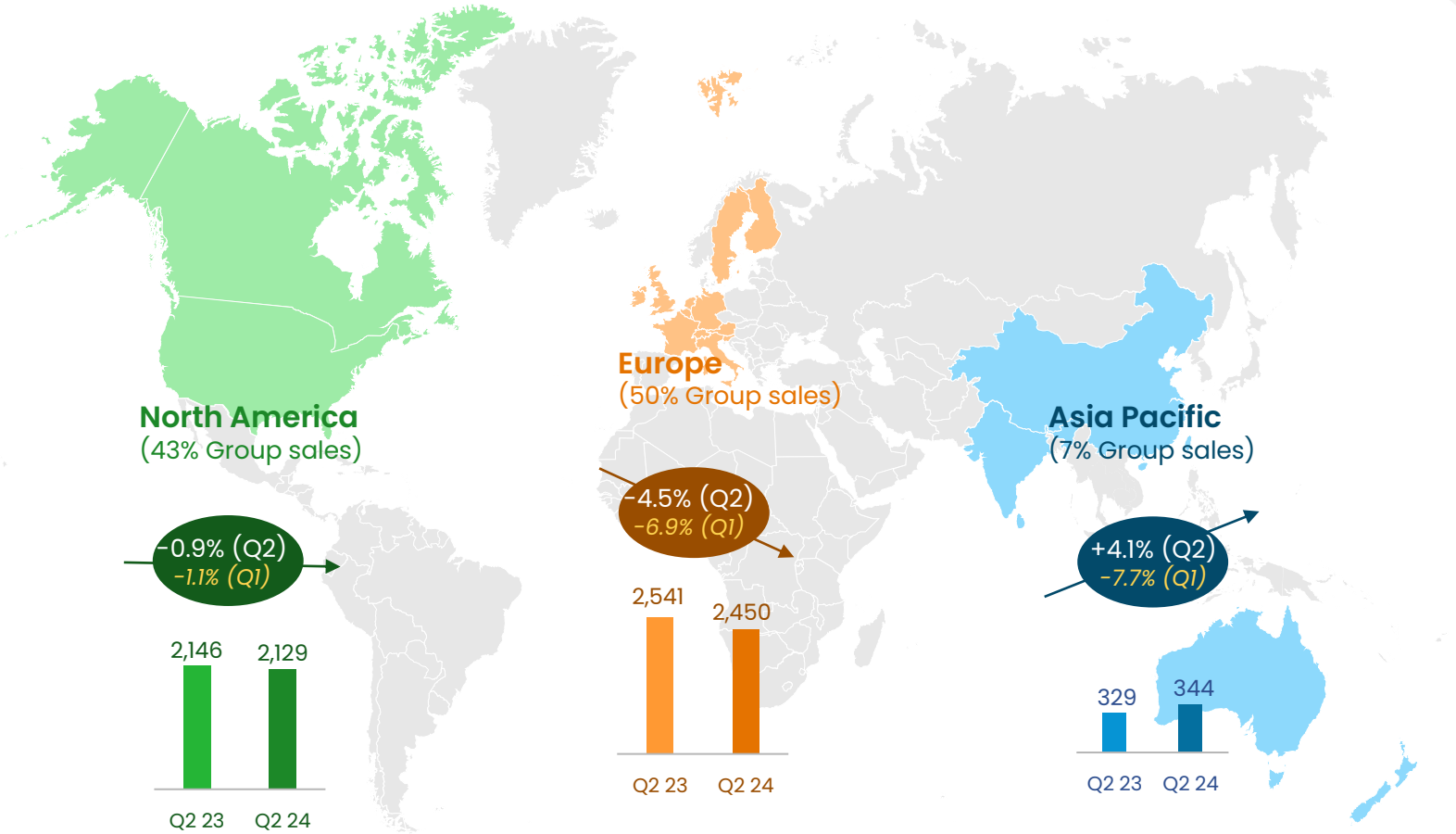
# Resilience in North America & recovery in APAC in Q2



**Selling price evolution**

Category	Change
Non-cable:	-1.1%
Cable:	-0.4%

Non-cable price pressure mostly on solar panels, piping in North America and Industrial Automation in China



NB: Sales in €m are presented on a comparable basis

# Q2 sales in Europe improving on easier electrification base effect



## By country

- **Muted overall demand in Europe**, with sequential improvement driven by easier base effect
- **Further outperformance in France** in a challenging market environment. Demand in HVAC remains impacted by the lack of regulatory visibility and difficult base effect. Positive momentum in solar.
- **Sequential improvement** in the Nordics and DACH regions, on easier base effect, notably in solar activity.
- **Trends in Benelux similar to the first quarter** on electrification and core ED
- **In UK, similar trend to Q1**, restated for the large public project with the Department of Education. Slight sequential improvement in non-residential market

## By product category

Improvement vs Q1 in all product segments

- Sales in core ED<sup>1</sup> business down a limited 1.1% in contribution (vs -2.9% in Q1 24)
- Electrification down 14.4% (contribution -3.4%) notably explained by solar activity

## By end-market

- Resilient trends in non-residential and industry
- Residential segments (both new and renovation) continue to be challenging, notably due to high interest rates and low activity in solar business

<sup>1</sup> including cable

# Strong backlog execution in Q2 in North America



## By country/region

- **United States:**
  - Non-residential and industrial automation, mitigating lower demand in ED in industrial buildings
  - Positive momentum in Southeast region (incl. Mayer) and in Florida
  - Residential (7% of sales) showed signs of improvement
  - Backlog improved by 1% vs March 24
- **Canada:**
  - Performance remains driven by project activity in non-residential and specific industrial segments (manufacturing and automotive)
  - Backlog improved by more than 4% vs March 24

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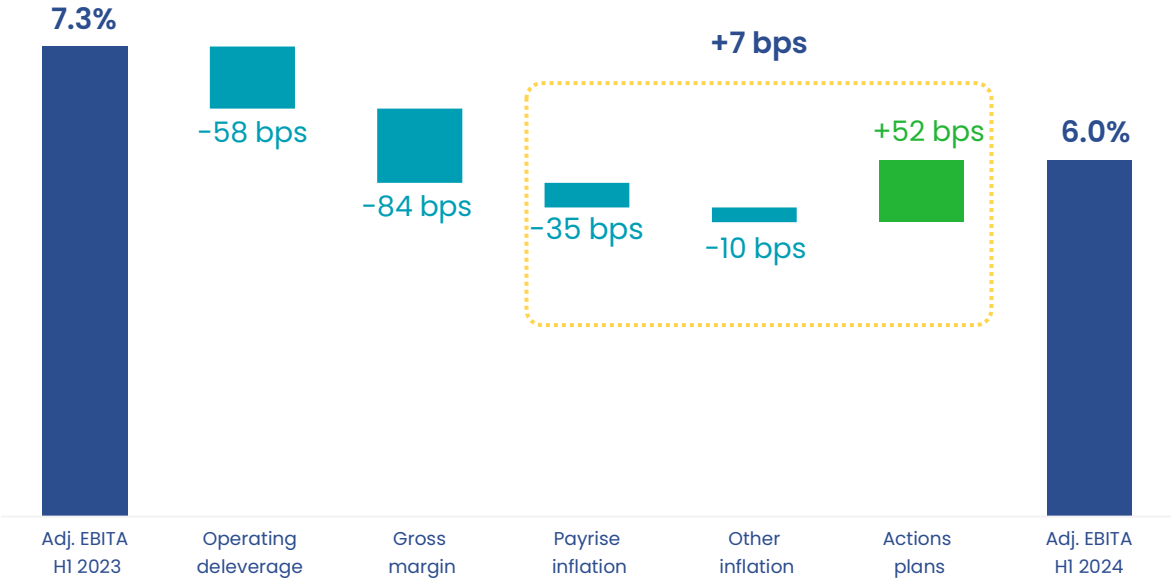
- Sales in core ED<sup>1</sup> business broadly flat, with positive volume
- Lower demand in solar (down 34%, contributing for -100bps in the US), mostly in California

## By channel

- Second quarter again supported by good backlog execution, driving growth in project activity
- Diversified non-residential end-markets remain an asset, with positive momentum in datacenters, water, wastewater

<sup>1</sup> including cable

# Strong cost control action plans allowed to successfully protect profitability



- GM facing comparison with high H1 23 (boosted by +5.7% non-cable pricing effect)
  - H1 24 GM in line with 2023 exit rate (H1 24 @25% vs H2 23 @25.2%)
- Cost control & productivity initiatives fully offsetting opex inflation (+2.3% in H1 2024):
  - Number of FTEs adapted to lower demand, down c. 400 versus June 2023 (1.5% reduction)
  - Delivery fees flat despite inflation



	Europe	North America	Asia-Pacific
SD sales evolution	-5.7%	-1.0%	-1.6%
Adj. EBITA margin	6.1% (-197 bps)	6.8% (-79 bps)	1.8% (-45 bps)

# H1 2024 recurring net income at €341m

## Main P&L items

€574m

Adjusted EBITA

### Other income & expenses

€(6)m

Including €4m in restructuring

### Net financial expenses

€(96)m

Effective interest rate at 4.3%  
(vs. 3.4% in H1 2023)

### Income tax

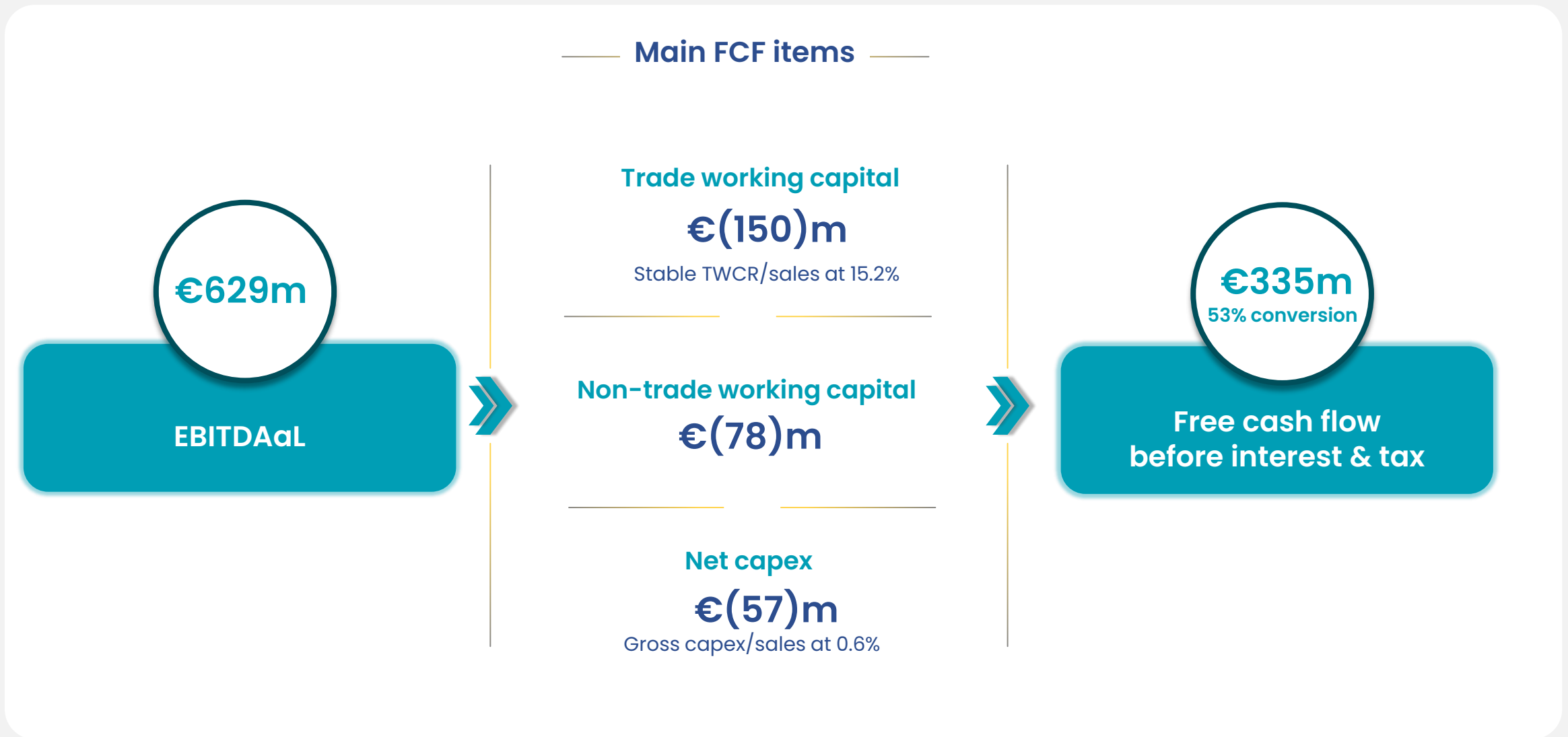
€(128)m

Effective tax rate H1 2024 : 26.6%

€341m

Recurring net income  
(vs €455m in H1 23)

# Significant cash inflow from working capital management, notably responsive inventory management



# Balanced capital allocation between acquisitions and return to shareholders

**Free cash flow  
before interest & tax  
€335m**

**€117m**

**Free cash flow  
after interest & tax**

Post-cash-out for net interest paid (€59m) & Income tax paid (€159m)



## Main FCF items

**Financial investment  
€413m**

**Dividend  
€357m**

**Share buyback  
€50m**



**€768m**

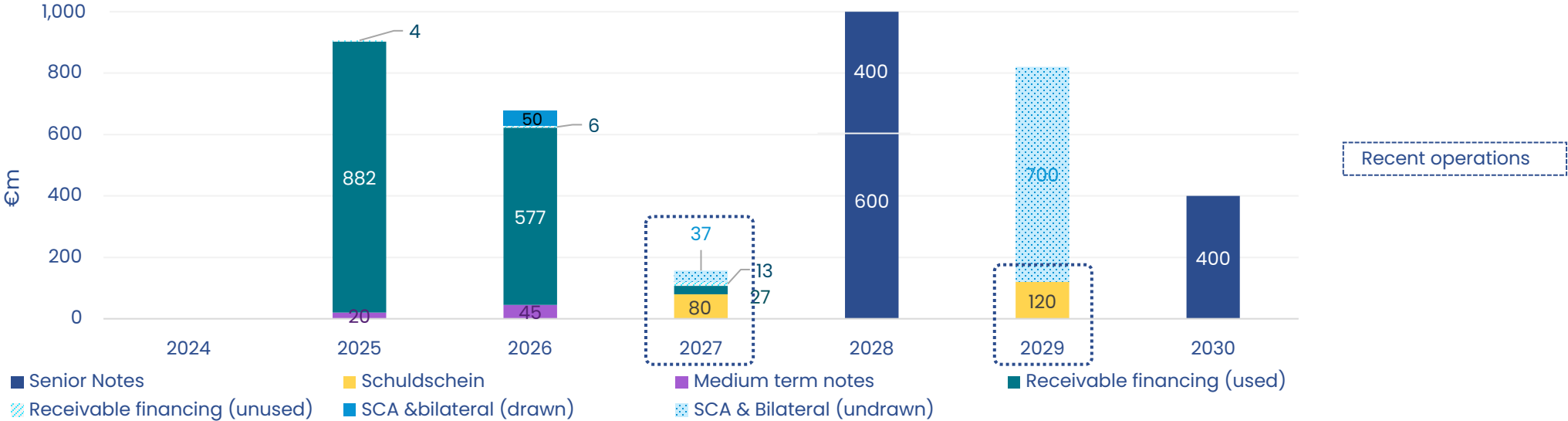
**Increase in net debt**

**Net debt  
€2,669m  
Indebtedness ratio at 1.9x<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Including the effect of Talley acquisition

# Strengthened financial structure with first Schuldschein issue

Gross debt maturity breakdown and liquidity at June 30, 2024<sup>1</sup>



## Schuldschein in 2 tranches

€80m 2027

€120m 2029

## Liquidity

€1.1bn<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Pro-forma €200m Schuldschein issued on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024





# Outlook

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## 2024 outlook confirmed, in the lower end of the range

In a more complex environment, notably marked by political uncertainties and a more competitive market, Rexel confirms its guidance, with same-day sales growth and adjusted Ebita margin expected in the lower end of the initial range<sup>1</sup>

*Stable to slightly positive with high comparable base in H1*

Same-day growth

*6.3% - 6.6%*

Adjusted EBITA margin<sup>2</sup>

*> 60%*

Free cash flow conversion<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> At comparable scope of consolidation and exchange rates

<sup>2</sup> Excluding (i) amortization of PPA and (ii) the non-recurring effect related to changes in copper-based cable prices.

<sup>3</sup> FCF Before interest and tax/EBITDA<sub>L</sub>

# Implementing our strategic roadmap to achieve our midterm ambitions

- **Using M&A as an additional growth engine and investing in “acceleration” businesses**
  - 3.2% sales added in H1 through acquisitions
  - Acquisition of Talley (USA, datacom) & Itesa (France, security)
  - Acquisition of Electrical Supplies Inc in the US on July 10, reinforcing our position in Florida, adding c. USD60m of sales, 93 FTE and 3 branches
- **Pushing technology in our operations**
  - Digital penetration up 290 bps to 31%
  - Investment in 3 DCs (Austria, Germany, Ireland), including 2 automated ones
- **Developing our value proposition to customers, with the launch of:**
  - Open (Energy efficiency service offer) or circular products offering (repaired & reconditioned products) in France
  - Chatbot service in Switzerland
  - Flexset (Panel building) or Rexel Delivered Services (Industrial automation) in the US



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