

2024 Results

24 March 2025

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Financial headlines

Net revenue¹

£754.6m

- -13.6% reported
- -11.0% like-for-like²

Adjusted operating profit⁴

£78.3m

vs. £82.0m prior year reported

Operational EBITDA³

£87.8m

- -6.3% reported
- -0.6% like-for-like²

Adjusted EPS

5.2p

vs. 4.4p prior year⁵

Operational EBITDA margin³

11.6%

vs. 10.7% prior year reported

vs. 10.4% prior year like-for-like²

Net Debt⁶

£142.9m

1.6x leverage⁶

vs. £180.8m (1.9x) prior year reported

Full year results in line with expectations. Net debt significantly improved Board proposing a dividend of 1 pence per share

- Net revenue is revenue less direct costs.
- 2. Like-for-like is a non-GAAP measure and relates to 2023 being restated to show the audited numbers for the previous year of the existing and acquired businesses consolidated for the same months as in 2024 applying currency rates as used in 2024.
- 3. Operational EBITDA is operating profit or loss adjusted for acquisition related expenses, non-recurring items (primarily acquisition payments tied to continued employment, amortisation and impairment of business combination intangible assets and restructuring and other one-off expenses) and recurring items (share-based payments) and includes right-of-use assets depreciation. It is a non-GAAP measure management uses to assess the underlying business performance. Operational EBITDA margin is operational EBITDA as a percentage of net revenue.
- 4. Adjusted figures are adjusted for non-recurring and recurring items as defined above.
- 5. The comparatives for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been restated to account for the recognition of deferred tax balances related to certain business combinations in the prior years.
- 6. Net debt excludes lease liabilities. Leverage is calculated as net debt / pro-forma operational EBITDA

Profit or loss

- Net revenue declined 13.6% on a reported basis, or 11.0% like-for-like, reflecting lower spend on operating expenses, including marketing, from technology clients, who are investing in Al capacity, and a reduction in activity from one key Technology Services client
- Continued caution from clients, in challenging global macroeconomic conditions with high interest rates, together with some underperformance when compared to our markets
- Continued disciplined and active approach to cost management. Number of Monks now around 7,150 down 7% on December 2023
- Operational EBITDA of £87.8 million, margin of 11.6% up 120 bps like-for-like
- Non-cash impairment charge of £280.4 million after tax reflecting H2 trading conditions and revised medium term outlook

Adjusting items	2024 ¹ £m	2023 £m
Amortisation and impairment of acquired intangibles	345.5	48.6
Share based payments	6.5	10.1
Acquisition, restructuring and other expenses	29.1	3.1
Total of adjusting items	381.1	61.8

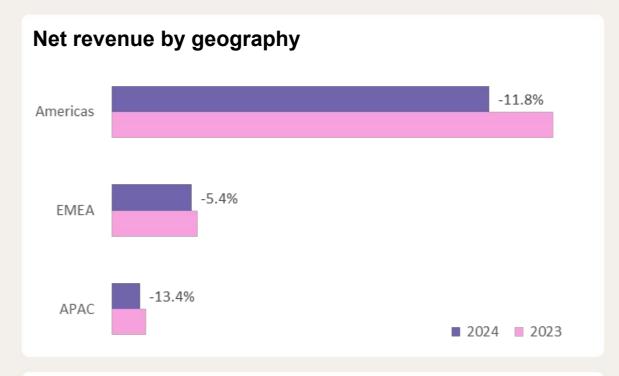
	2024 £m	2023 ² £m	Change Reported	Change Like-for-like
Revenue	848.2	1,011.5	(16.1%)	(13.6%)
Net revenue	754.6	873.2	(13.6%)	(11.0%)
Personnel and operating expenses	(660.2)	(763.4)	13.5%	
Acquisition, restructuring and other expenses	(23.8)	(11.9)	(100.0%)	
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	(373.5)	(77.9)	(379.5%)	
Share of profit from JV&As	0.1	0.2	(50.0%)	
Total operating expenses	(1,057.4)	(853.0)	(24.0%)	
Operating (loss)/profit	(302.8)	20.2		
Adjusting items	(381.1)	(61.8)	(516.7%)	
Adjusted operating profit ¹	78.3	82.0	(4.5%)	1.6%
Net finance and other costs	(28.1)	(34.1)	17.6%	
Loss before income tax	(330.9)	(13.9)		
Income tax credit/(expense)	24.0	(0.4)		
Loss for the year	(306.9)	(14.3)		
Adjusted earnings per share (pence)	5.2	4.4		
Operational EBITDA	87.8	93.7	(6.3%)	(0.6%)
Operational EBITDA margin	11.6%	10.7%	90bps	120bps

^{1.}Adjusted operating profit is operating profit (loss) adjusted for impairment of intangibles of £301.2m, amortisation of £44.3m, restructuring and other expenses (acquisition related costs £1.3m gain, restructuring and other expenses £30.4m) and share based payments.

2.The comparatives for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been restated to account for the recognition of deferred tax balances related to certain business combinations.

Net revenue by practice and geography

- **Content**'s net revenue declined reflecting ongoing caution and lower activity with some of our larger technology clients. Focus on reinvigorating growth continues
- Data & Digital Media saw growth in the performance business but lower net revenues from data and CRM.
 The practice saw growth in the last quarter
- Technology Services was impacted by anticipated lower revenue from one key client as well as longer sales cycles for new business reflecting the macro economic climate



	2024 £m	2023 £m	Change Reported	Change Like-for-like
Content	475.5	528.9	(10.1%)	(7.4%)
Data & Digital Media	192.4	207.3	(7.2%)	(3.7%)
Technology Services	86.7	137.0	(36.7%)	(35.3)%
Net revenue	754.6	873.2	(13.6%)	(11.0%)

Operational EBITDA by practice

- Content's operational EBITDA improved to £48.7 million, with operational EBITDA margin up 290 bps like-for-like, despite lower net revenue, due to the action taken on costs. Alongside a continued focus on reinvigorating growth the practice will take action to protect profitability
- Data & Digital Media managed its costs to activity levels, and recorded a significant improvement in profitability despite a small decline in net revenue.
 On a like-for-like basis operational EBITDA grew 43.3% to £46.0 million, with operational EBITDA margin up 780 bps to 23.9%
- Technology Services' margin decreased despite cost management measures, due to reduced net revenue

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Content	48.7	38.9	25.2%	30.6%
Data & Digital Media	46.0	33.5	37.3%	43.3%
Technology Services	11.5	43.4	(73.5%)	(71.8%)
S4 Central	(18.4)	(22.1)	(16.7%)	(16.0%)
Operational EBITDA	87.8	93.7	(6.3%)	(0.6%)
Content	10.2%	7.4%	280bps	290bps
Data & Digital Media	23.9%	16.2%	770bps	780bps
Technology Services	13.3%	31.7%	(1,840bps)	(1,710bps)
Operational EBITDA margin	11.6%	10.7%	90bps	120bps

Debt and balance sheet

 2024 year end net debt £142.9 million (versus £180.8 million at December 2023) reflecting a focus on working capital and tight cost management during the year

- Leverage at 1.6x, down from 1.9x at December 2023
- Cash contingent consideration for prior combinations now materially complete
- Liquid balance sheet with long dated maturities
- £100 million RCF (maturity August 2026) remains undrawn. Recently completed extension for a total RCF facility of £80 million to February 2028 on the same terms
- Comfortable headroom against key covenant²

	Net debt £m	Facility	Undrawn £m	Maturity due date
Term loan	310.9	€375.0m	0.00	Aug 2028
RCF ³	-	£100.0m / £80.0m	100.0 A	ug 2026 / Feb 2028
Other loans	0.4			
Cash	(168.4)			
Nebt debt	142.9		100.0	
Net debt to pro-forma operational EBITDA	1.6x			

	2024	2023
	£m	Restated ¹ £m
Intangible assets	706.4	1,072.9
Right-of-use assets	34.7	45.8
Property, plant and equipment	16.4	21.9
Others	59.0	38.6
Non-current assets	816.5	1,179.2
Trade and other receivables	460.4	412.4
Cash and cash equivalents	168.4	145.7
Current assets	628.8	558.1
Total assets	1,445.3	1,737.3
Deferred tax liabilities	(18.6)	(24.1)
Loans and borrowings	(307.2)	(320.9)
Others	(38.0)	(45.8)
Non-current liabilities	(363.8)	(390.8)
Trade and other payables	(482.0)	(418.1)
Contingent consideration and holdbacks	(4.7)	(18.2)
Other	(17.3)	(18.3)
Current liabilities	(504.0)	(454.6)
Total liabilities	(867.8)	(845.4)
Net assets	577.5	891.9
Attributable to owners of the Company	577.4	891.8
Non-controlling interests	0.1	0.1
Total equity	577.5	891.9

^{1.} The comparatives as at 31 December 2023 have been restated to account for the recognition of deferred tax balances related to certain business combinations.

^{2.} The facility agreement imposes certain covenants on the Group. S4Capital Group will ensure that the net debt will not exceed 4.5:1 of the pro-forma earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortisation, measured at the end of any relevant period of 12 months ending each semi-annual date in a financial year, as defined in the facility agreement. During the year S4Capital Group complied with the covenants set in the loan agreement.

^{3.} In February 2025, S4Capital's relationship lenders extended the majority of the £100m Revolving Credit Facility by 18 months, from August 2026 to February 2028. Borrowing margins and debt covenants remain unchanged. The facility is now to be bifurcated, with a £100 million tranche maturing in August 2026 as before, and £80 million maturing in February 2028.

Cash flow

- Capital expenditure was primarily IT infrastructure
- Slight increase in interest paid due to higher interest rates on the term loan
- Lower tax paid reflects performance in 2023
- Restructuring and other one-off expenses includes £15.8 million of restructuring costs, which drive future savings, and £4.3 million of transformation costs, primarily on the global finance system rollout
- Working capital inflow in 2024 of £14.6 million (versus an outflow of £1.7 million in 2023) reflecting focus on working capital management
- M&A cash outflow of £9.9 million relating to prior period combinations as expected
- Other includes foreign exchange movement on the term loan of £10.4 million

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	2024 £m	2023 £m
Operational EBITDA	87.8	93.7
Capital expenditure ¹	(7.5)	(10.2)
Interest and facility fees paid	(27.0)	(26.7)
Income tax paid	(9.0)	(20.5)
Restructuring and other one-off expenses paid	(21.1)	(20.8)
Change in working capital ²	14.6	(1.7)
Free cash flow	37.8	13.8
Mergers & Acquisitions	(9.9)	(80.8)
Other ³	10.0	(3.6)
Movement in nebt debt	37.9	(70.6)
Opening net debt	(180.8)	(110.2)
Net debt	(142.9)	(180.8)
Net debt to proforma operational EBITDA	1.6x	1.9x

^{1.} Includes purchase of intangible assets, property, plant and equipment and security deposits

^{2.} Working capital primarily includes movement on receivables, payables, principal elements of lease payments and depreciation of right-of-use assets

^{3.} Other includes foreign exchange, hyperinflation impacts and share buy-backs

2025 Guidance

Net revenue

Targeted to be broadly similar to 2024

Clients expected to remain cautious; Al continues to drive new business opportunities; new business wins phased into second half

Targeted to be broadly similar to 2024¹

Operational EBITDA

Margin flat with annualised cost control offset by inflation and bonuses

Operational EBITDA weighting

Comparatives for the first quarter expected to be difficult

2025 expected to be heavily second half weighted due to phasing of new business

Net finance expense

c.£31m

(cash c.£27m)

Effective tax rate

30-32% expected

Net Debt

£100–140m expected

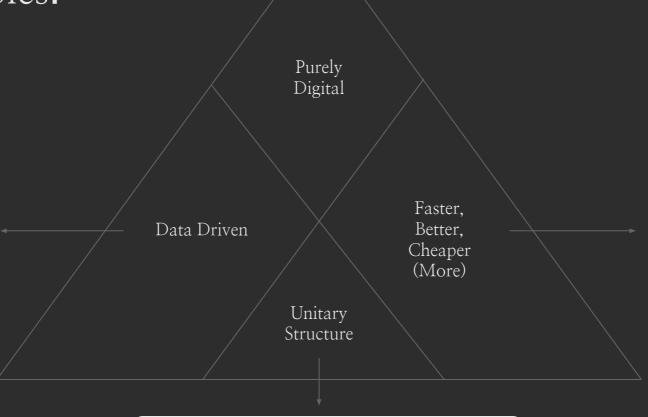
Continued focus on working capital management

2025 will be heavily H2 weighted. Medium-term prospects remain good

Business Momentum

S4 Capital was founded on 4 core principles:

- Focussed on digital marketing transformation
- Efficient use of data for tracking, personalisation and measuring ROI
- Bespoke approach with requisite skills, technologies and tools



- Single go to market brand
- Single P&L approach
- Integrated service offering
- Unified tooling and software
- Simple and scalable structure
- Merger consideration and incentives at group level

FASTER

- Agile working methodology
- More responsive, less bureaucracy
- Entrepreneurial culture

BETTER

- Always focussed on the right solution with no legacy ties to traditional media
- Better understanding and partnerships with Tech companies
- Platform agnostic, transparent approach

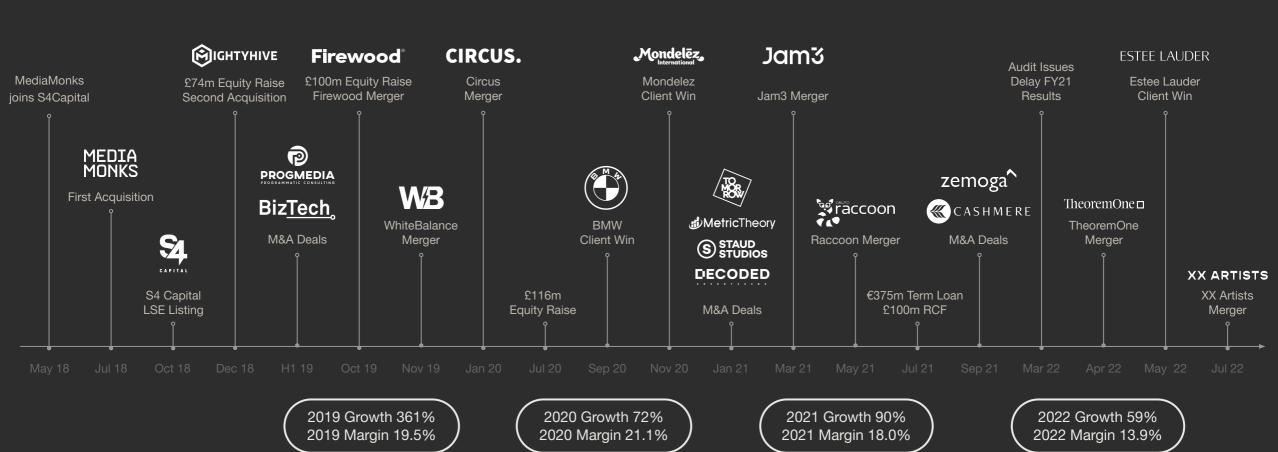
CHEAPER

- = More efficient use of time,
 Data and cost
- Low cost production hubs
- Personalisation at scale of content

(MORE)

- Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to do more than previously possible

The Company expanded rapidly from 2018 - 22



We have built a strong central Finance function with the appropriate controls and governance

2021

2021 Audit issues with financial controls, particularly relating to revenue and cost of sales recognition under IFRS15

These were addressed in 2022

Built Group Finance team appropriate for the size and ambitions of the Company. Content practice finance team had additional expertise and experience added. Robust processes and documentation put in place for IFRS15

2022 and 2023

2022, 2023 and 2024 unqualified Audit reports from PWC

2022

Mary Basterfield joined as Group CFO in January 2022

Experience spanning Just Eat Plc merger with Takeaway.com, Expedia Inc, Sony Music Inc.

Colin Day joined as a Director and Chair of the Audit Committee in August 2022

Chair of Premier Foods Plc, previously CEO of Essentra Plc and CFO of Reckitt Benckiser Plc.

2024

Continued good progress confirmed by a smooth and accelerated audit. This was also recognised by a number of external awards won in 2024

2025

Strong Group centre including Financial Reporting, Internal Control, FP&A, Treasury, Tax, Internal Audit, Legal

Integrated Global Finance team

Implementation of Global finance system well underway

Strong controls on hiring remain in place

Internal Audit and Internal Controls well established

Continued focus on cash and working capital management

Business challenges impacted growth and margins in 2023/4.

Tech Company cost cutting

Tech platforms reduced operating expenses leading to cuts in Sales & Marketing.

Significant increases in Capex spend to support Al product development.

Revenues, margins and share prices all increased.

Google



Meta

amazon

"Whopper Clients" under pressure



Mondelez relationship ended mutually at the end of contract.



First American cut work with external partners due to pressure on their business from high interest rates.

Macro economic pressure

High interest rates and economic uncertainty lead to client caution. Less project work, fewer pitches, fewer new business opportunities at a local level.

M&A Activity paused

Our M&A model is based on a 50% equity 50% cash deal structure. The depressed share price put M&A activity on hold.

After 30+ mergers there was a need to focus on integration.

MEDIA MONKS

Firewood

Jam3

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CIRCUS.

Staff cost ratio

Our staff cost ratio was almost 80% versus an industry standard of closer to 65%.

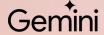
Challenges with revenue trajectory made it difficult to align costs and revenues.

We addressed these challenges to rebuild our foundation for growth

Tech Company cost cutting moderating

Tech platforms continued to cut sales & marketing spend in 2024 but this stabilised and is projected to return to growth in 2025.

Tech giants look to drive ROI from their Al investments.







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Innovation and investment in Al

Monks, Flow launched at CES in 2024.

Key clients using monks flow, driving new business pipeline.

New business wins

The pipeline is healthy and we have had a better new business track record recently, including becoming the Foundational Agency for GM, which will scale to a top 3 client in 2025.

amazon

Integration focus

Mergers are integrated under the single client-facing brand of

.monks

Key functions are centralised and tools and software harmonised.

Simplified org structure of Marketing and Tech services.

Talent investment

New hires in country/regional management, capabilities and client leadership to drive growth.

JB Berty joins as COO to focus on pricing, billability and utilisation to improve margin.

















We are in the midst of an Operational Excellence programme to continue improving personnel, direct & indirect costs as a % of net revenue

Centered around 3 pillars

Growth

 Pipeline & Forecasting: consolidated demand planning processes, tools & dashboards



 Greater predictability of our revenue forecast resulting in more effective recruitment, resourcing and investments

Productivity

- Utilisation & Billability: increasing billable hours across all job families
- Hub Implementation: accelerating the move to near and offshore
- Al Talent Acceleration Programme: rightsizing our headcount to reflect the impact of innovation



• Efficient use of our talent pool & technology to deliver higher net revenue per head

Profitability

- Deal Desk scoping & resourcing more effectively and pricing more accurately
- Margin Management managing account
 & project performance
- Direct & Indirect Costs tackling inefficiencies and duplication



 Smarter pricing, live project performance tracking & tighter cost control to deliver higher EBITDA

Supported by consolidated processes, tools and dashboards

A strong talent base and a simple structure

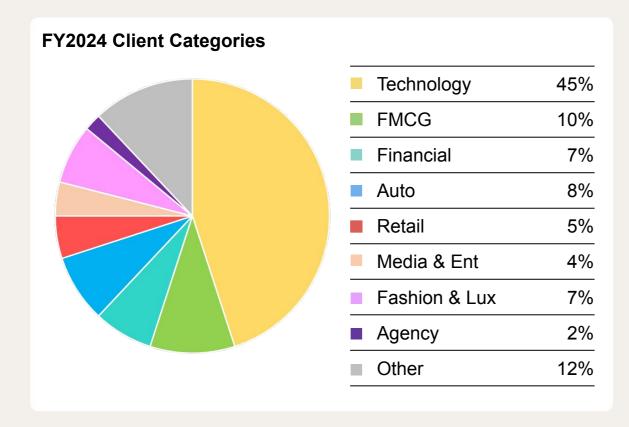
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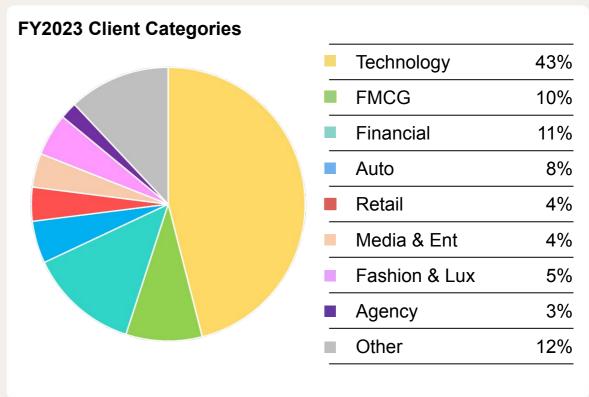
Marketing Services

Technology Services

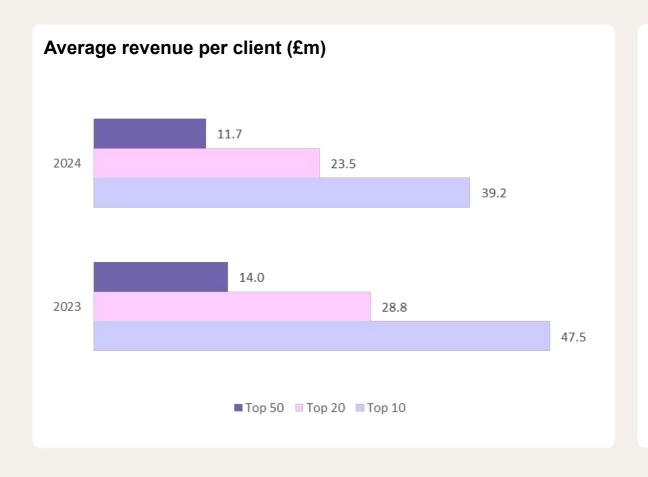
Clients, Growth & Innovation

Our client portfolio





A compelling portfolio of clients

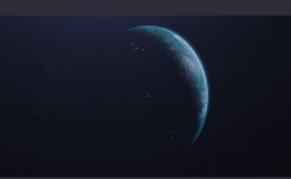


Client Revenue

		2024			2023	
	Number of	% of	Cumulative	Number of	% of	Cumulative
	clients	Revenue	%	clients	Revenue	%
> £10m	9	45%	45%	16	55%	55%
£5–10m	17	14%	59%	13	9%	64%
£1–5m	81	20%	79%	79	16%	80%
£0.1–1m	473	17%	96%	567	17%	97%

We solve the biggest client problems with our 4 killer apps, underpinned by Data and Technology

REAL-TIME BRANDS



Relevance

We deliver outsized brand relevance & unlock additional value from your existing media investments by combining both brand and performance marketing.

hulu

Increased performance 108% through creative experimentation.

ORCHESTRATION PARTNER



Efficient Flow

Solving the speed, scale and spend issues of the global marketing organization while delivering content of higher quality and brand integrity.



From 123 agencies in 24 countries to 1 engine.

GLASS BOX MEDIA



(Working Spend

Total transparency. No rebates, no hidden fees. Every dollar is auditable and geared towards market impact, with the lowest non-working spend in the industry.

H Hatch

31% better cost per purchase

DIGITAL BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION



Technology Innovation

Enabling transformation in clients via data foundations, tech stack integration, consumer experiences, cloud migration, artificial intelligence, automation and tech innovation.



Establishing Enterprise data foundation.

Powered By

monks.flow

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A clear strategy to drive growth from existing and new clients

GROW

KEEP

GET

Penetration Playbooks

Playbook for every scaled client to drive adjacent organic growth, and geographic expansion.

Weekly pipeline review to drive accountability and urgency.

Clear roles for founders and executive sponsors to unlock opportunities.

Modern Marketing Services

Focus on 3 winning GTM offers, each underpinned by Monks.Flow.

- 1. Orchestration Partner
- 2. Real-Time Brand
- 3. Glass Box Media

Each with product leader, modular sales tools, cases and testimonials and a marketing strategy.

Market Restage

Expand and evidence what Monks are famed for.



Partner Co-Marketing

Be the first choice agency to partner with for innovation, pilots and co-marketing.





Google

Fish Where the Fish Are

- 1. Bigger pipeline with a shorter tail.
- 2. Re-balance our industry portfolio exposure.
- 3. Larger average deal size.
- 4. Accelerate qualification to conversion speed focus leadership resources.

A collaboration for the ages

Google



10+ years of partnership

> 750+ Google.Monks

220+ unique client

points of contact daily

67 +

Google teams and programs

30+ countries



Google Brands









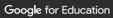








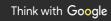
android 🚈













Google Cloud

New model of 11th largest advertiser in North America

As GM's global 'Foundational Agency', we bring simplicity, consistency, scale and cost savings to how content is created through technology (Adobe), automation (Al) and best in class digital creative and craft.

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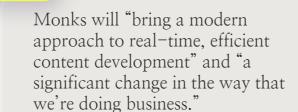
GENERAL MOTORS OVERHAULS ITS AGENCY ROSTER—BEHIND THE DECISION

The automaker changes creative, CRM and content shops $\,$

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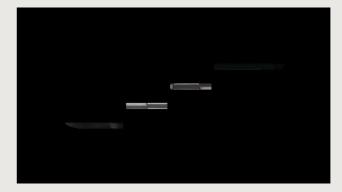


Molly Peck
Chief Transformation Officer GM









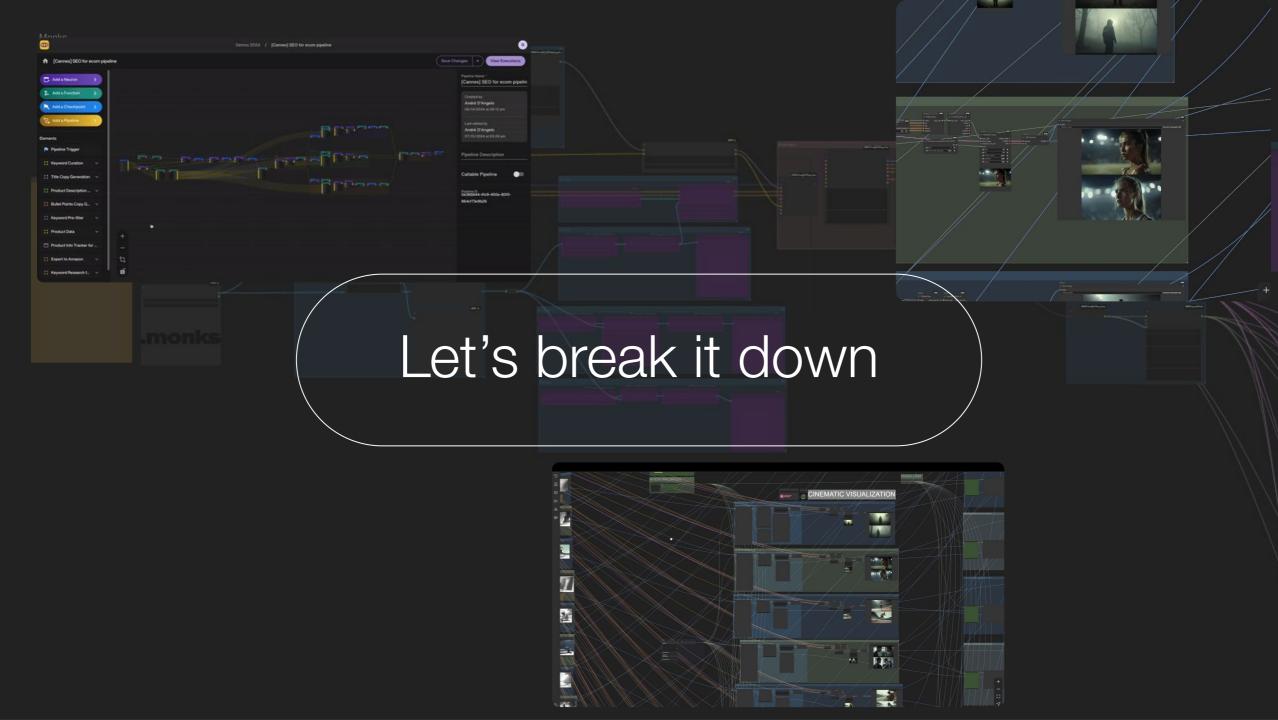




Artificial Intelligence







INTELLIGENCE AS INFRASTRUCTURE



Product Shot Workflow

Product Lora Training

Inspiration Image

Product shots [for 3D reference



Agent Prompt Engineering

Moving Image Shots









Content Workflow

Script

Storyboard

Cinematic Still

Moving Image generation

Agent Prompt Engineering

Moving Image Shots



Edit

Al Voiceover

Music

Final Style Application

Final Output



3D Workflow

Open USD 3D Scene

3D Composer

Regional Prompt Engineering

Renders

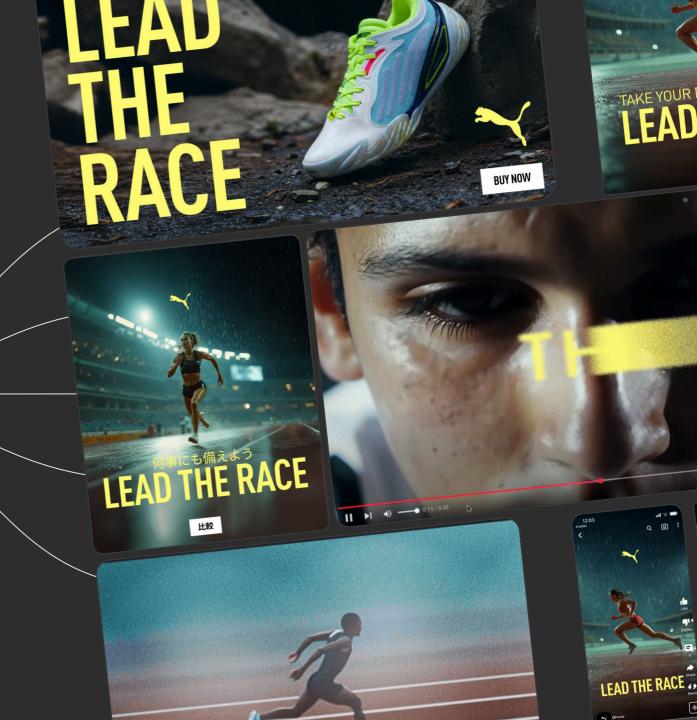


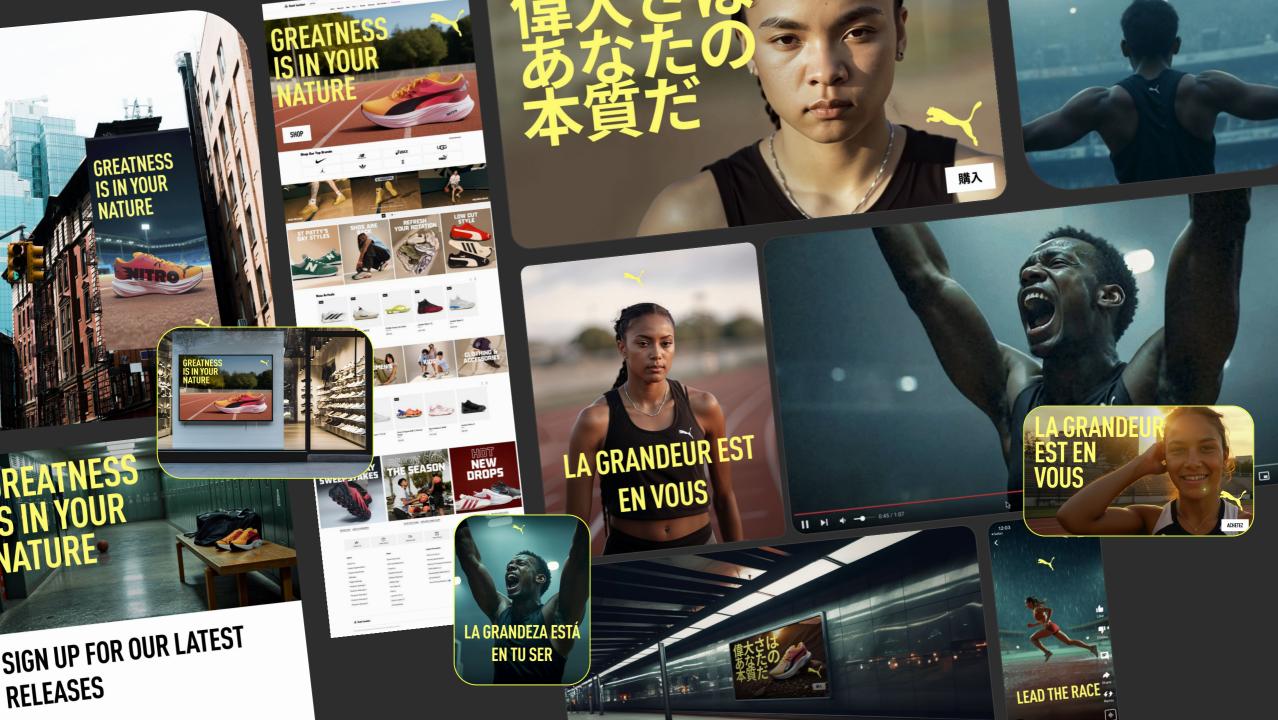


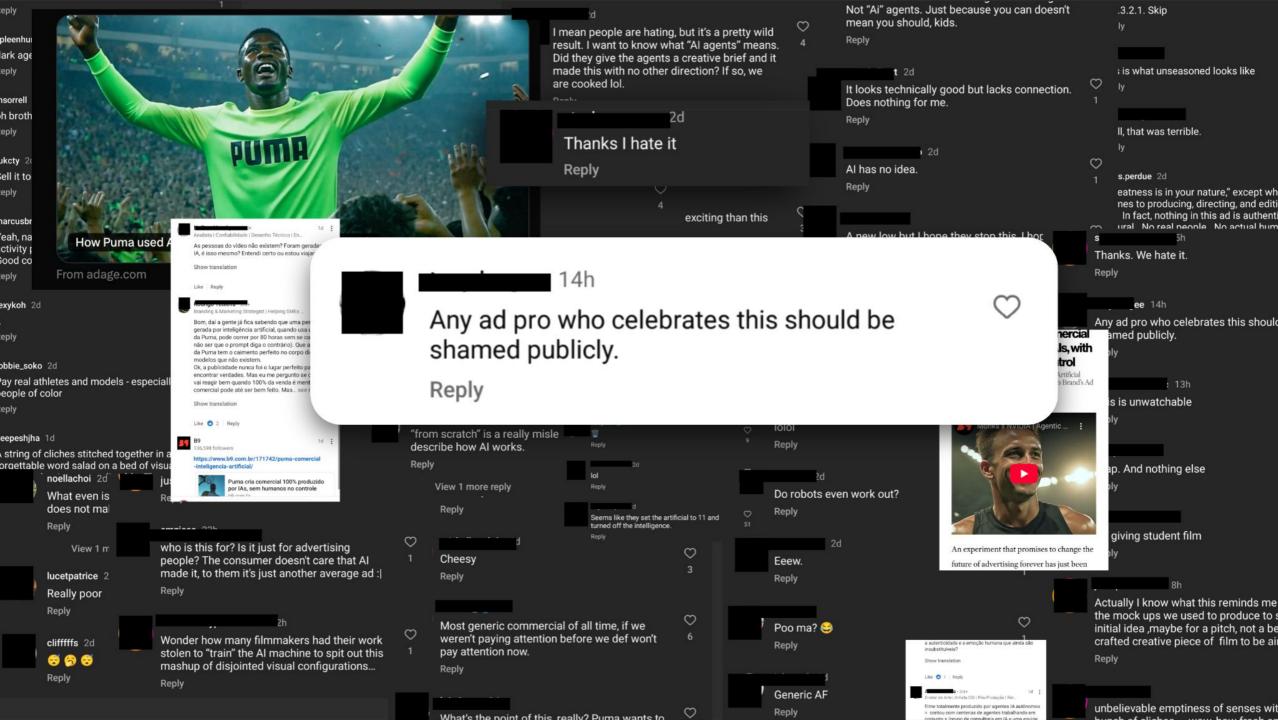












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Summary and Outlook

Summary & Outlook

- Full year results in line with expectations, with improved margin and significant improvement in liquidity and net debt
- Net revenue £754.6 million, down 13.6% reported and 11.0% like-for-like, reflecting lower spending on marketing from technology clients, who are investing significantly in AI capacity, as well as a reduction in activity with a large Technology Services client. We saw continued caution against a challenging global macroeconomic backdrop and high interest rates, as well as some underperformance, when compared to our markets
- Costs continue to be tightly controlled and the number of monks at year end was c.7,150, down 7% from around 7,700 at December 2023
- Operational EBITDA of £87.8 million at a margin of 11.6%
- Board is proposing to pay a net dividend of 1p per share as a gesture of confidence in the future
- Net debt of £142.9 million, leverage of 1.6x, below the lower end of our guided range reflecting a strong focus on working capital and ongoing cost control
- 2025 net revenue and operational EBITDA expected to be a broadly similar level to 2024, with difficult comparatives in the first quarter and expected improvement in performance in the second half aided by the phasing of new business
- 2025 net debt target range of £100 £140 million
- We have rebranded to Monks and are now streamlining into two practices: Marketing Services and Technology Services
- We continue to capitalise on our prominent AI positioning which is driving new business wins such as General Motors
- We remain confident our talent, business model, strategy and scaled client relationships position us well for above industry average growth in the longer term, with an emphasis on improving productivity through optimising utilisation and billability







Additional information

Guidance on adjusting items for 2025

Amortisation

c.£45-50m

Share based payments

c.£7-10m

Acquisition, restructuring and other expenses

c.£25-£30m

Total adjusting items expected **C.£77-**

£90m

Weighted average share count

Expected weighted average share count for 2025 of

c.677m¹

Expected weighted average share count for 2026 of

c.687m¹

Shares consideration committed

Deferred share issuance of

c.57m shares in 2025

Expected contingent consideration shares of

c.1m in 2025

Cash contingent consideration

Cash contingent consideration payments of

c.£1.5m expected in 2025

^{1.} Estimated weighted average share count excluding any impact due to the incentive shares



Thank you