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# **Breakthrough 2028**

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# Strategy







# Connected to deliver what drives us all forward

- We accelerate growth beyond boundaries, together with our customers
- We create impact that matters for our people and society driving positive transformation



- We unlock value by optimising consumer experience, margins and smart use of assets
- We drive bold innovation with data, technology and intelligence

# Foundation

We build on a strong heritage, and are sustainable at the core





# Connected to deliver what drives us all forward

We grow our business, create sustainable value, lead through innovation and make impact that matters



## **E-commerce**

From volume to value through a differentiated approach and smart network utilisation



### **Platforms**

Capture international growth through asset-light models



## Mail

Transform to a future-proof postal service



**Financial KPIs** 

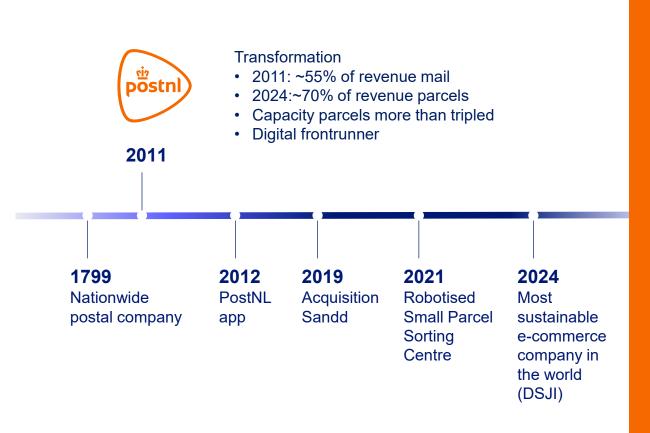
NPS

Carbon efficiency

**Employee Engagement** 



# Building on our strong heritage and culture with a transformational mindset





# At the heart of society

Over 225 years of social commitment, always at the forefront of transformation. Trusted for generations.



# **Every day, every street**

We drum the rhythm of society by delivering 1.2m parcels and 6.3m letters per day. Enable our state-of the-art infrastructure and dedicated people.



# **Leading with purpose**

We foster people, technology, environment and prioritise social impact to help change the future. We don't just follow.





# PostNL at a glance

## **Our networks**



# **Key figures 2024**

Revenue

**Normalised EBIT** 

Parcels per day

€53m

~1.2m

**Letters per day** 

€3,252m

#1

**Average NPS** 

Last-mile emission-free delivery

27%

**Employees** 

~6.3m

>32,000

**Engaged employees** 

67%







# Navigating a challenging market backdrop

# General economic conditions and global trade

- Labour shortages
- Higher inflation and wage increases
- Global trade policies and tariffs

# **Consolidation in e-commerce** market

- Platformisation and rise of marketplaces
- Growing cross-border shopping: Asian platforms gaining share

# Competition

- Growing competition from international players
- Insourcing by large customers

# **Shifting consumer expectations**

- Greater control
- Expect better predictability
- Stronger digital connections

# **Digital transformation**

- · Rapid development of AI
- Increasing importance of cyber security

# **Dutch USO regulation**

- Insufficient progress on USO reform
- Ongoing legal proceedings





# Redefining our future

# Breakthrough 2028: normalised EBIT >€175m

## E-commerce

From volume to value to maintain our leading position in e-commerce

- more segmented customer approach
- differentiated and tiered propositions
- from next day to best day: smart steering of volume
- share capabilities across teams to improve yield and capital efficiency

## **Platforms**

Accelerate growth by expanding digital-first and asset-light platforms Spring and MyParcel into new markets

## Mail

Take decisive action to ensure a future-proof and reliable postal service

- Leveraging our trusted brand, digital capabilities and consumerfacing platforms
- · Continue to invest in sustainability and our people
- Accelerating our data and Al-first strategy
- Innovation beyond delivery

Driving execution through aligning organisation, structure and culture

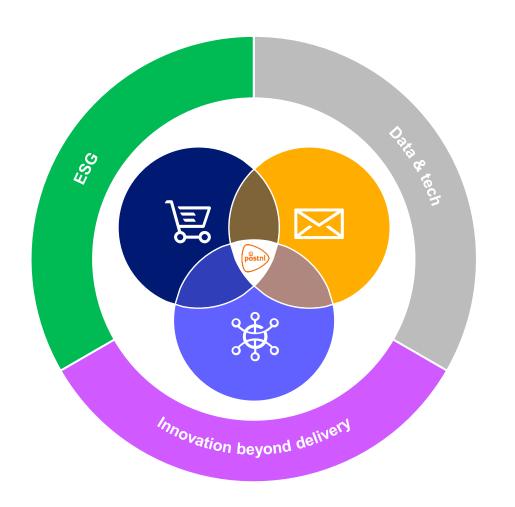
- performance-driven with transformational mindset
- split current segment Parcels into E-commerce and Platforms as of 1 January 2026





# Strategic objectives for our business segments

Strategy enablers to support the future of delivery



# **E-commerce**

From volume to value through a differentiated approach and smart network utilisation

# **ESG**

Take care of our people, environment and society

# **Platforms**

Capture international growth through asset-light models

# Data & tech

Simplify and accelerate by embracing data and Al

# Mail

Transform to a future-proof postal service

# Innovation beyond delivery

Explore new opportunities by stretching our core







# **ESG**

# Take care of our people, environment and society

# Improve environmental impact by reducing emissions

- Invest in clean kilometers and climateneutral buildings
- Improve network efficiency
- · Increase circularity

# Create positive impact on people across the value chain

- Inclusiveness and diversity
- Continue to invest in engaged and healthy workforce

# Foster a responsible governance

- Responsible leadership and corporate governance based on integrity and compliance with laws and regulations
- Building trust by understanding stakeholders' expectations through dialogue
- Transparent and reliable

# **Driving long-term sustainable business** value

- Strengthen ESG knowledge and capabilities
- Anchor ESG by fully integrate in management systems and linking strategy to measurable KPIs
- Value chain impact







# Create a positive impact on our people

# **Everything starts with our people**

 With 32,000 colleagues, we are proud to be a responsible employer at scale. Providing opportunities for all and ensuring that our people can thrive. It is their commitment that connects society and powers our success

# **Healthy and safe working environment**

- New management structure in depots focusing on personal attention and support
- Initiatives and tools designed to reduce physical strain such as fully automated tilters in our parcel sorting centers

# **Attract & Retain**

- Since early 2024, applications increased by 55% in a tight labour market, driven by successful campaigns and targeted recruitment
- Ranked as a top 15 employer for part-time jobs in the Netherlands
- Selection process supported by embracing Al





# Ambition to net zero by 2040, SBTi\* validated

# **Carbon efficiency**

Emissions in kilotonnes

# Scope 1 and 2



# Scope 3



**Ambition 2028:** total reduction of 20%-25% for scope 1, 2 and 3 (base year: 2024)



>25 city centres in the Netherlands

2025

2030 versus base year 2021

100%
in the Benelux region,

Scope





Contracted transport and distribution Services and goods Commuting and other Absolute CO<sub>2</sub> emissions -90%

Absolute CO<sub>2</sub> emissions -45%

Net zero

ambition

2040

\*ScienceBased Target initiative







# Data and tech

Simplify and accelerate by embracing data and Al

Frontrunner in embracing technological innovation





## **Embraced AI first**

Accelerating innovation, boosting competitiveness, empowering talent and reducing costs



# Migration to the cloud

Unlocking possibilities and elevated potential

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# Transformed to a self-engineering organisation

Cultivated a selfengineering culture resulting in fast and better innovations



# Embedded an agile culture

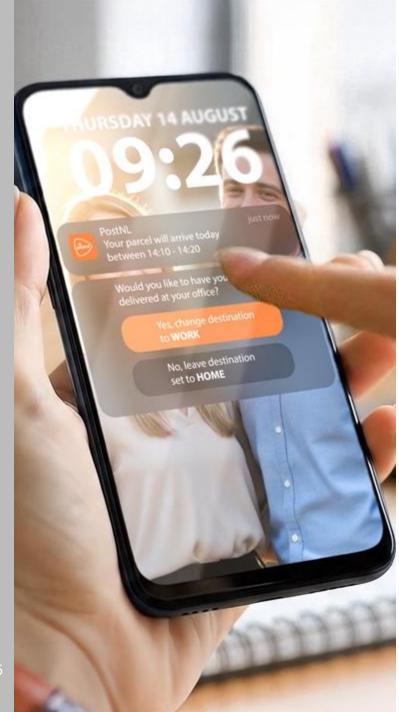
Increased flexibility and collaboration due to an embedded agile culture

# **Exploring Al**

Across business domains identifying high impact use cases







# **Moving towards AI first**

- Embedded in high-impact business domains and enabled by our AI Centre of Excellence
- 4 main transformation streams
  - foundation: PostNL Al Architecture & Al Governance structure
  - partner Ecosystem: deepdives with key tech partners
  - value execution: conversational AI for Customer Care, AI PoC's and prototyping pipeline
  - adoption & transformation: 1,000+ trained Copilot users & Champion community





# Innovation beyond delivery

**Explore new opportunities by stretching our core** 

# We innovate with intention to make every step faster, smarter and more meaningful

- Not to move away from who we are
- But to build on it

# Our platform never stands still

- It evolves with the needs of today
- And the vision of tomorrow





# Our legacy lives in every step forward



- Not just responding to the rise of online shopping, but redefining how ecommerce works
- Collaborate with partners, platforms and customers, to build smarter, more sustainable e-commerce solutions
- From sales to check-out to returns, covering the full customer journey
- Designing the future of e-commerce, not just delivering it
- Put intelligence at the heart of everything, not just to move faster, but to move smarter
- Working with colleagues, experts and customers to develop smarter operations, personalised services and create new value
- To serve our customers better today and help them grow tomorrow
- · Not entering the market to follow but to change it
- Building new ecosystems with leading international partners to create smart and profitable solutions for neighbourhoods, for people and for us











# **Examples of areas of development to help** shape our future

# **Identity wallet**

- Verified digital identity to unlock new value
- Securing data, enabling compliance and enriching customer journeys in future check-outs

### Social commerce

 New strategic partnerships to shape future of social shopping





# Innovation and growth

- · Building new products, services and platform models with AI at the core
- · Creating intelligent agents, powered by our unique operational data

# Neighbourhood

- Energy as a shared community service
- Microgrids and shared energy for communities

## **Drive**

• Fast-charging infrastructure for electric logistics at external hubs

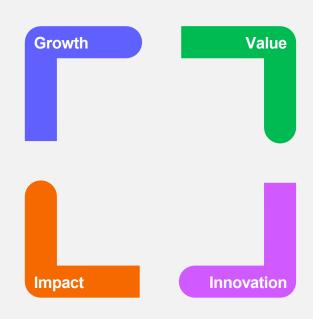
## Home

- Bring energy and sustainability services directly to consumers
- From solar panels to green energy contracts









# Becoming a performance-driven organisation with a transformational mindset

# Strategic performance management

- Instrument for agile strategy execution
- Based on simplification, delayering, accountability, matching incentives to key priorities and transforming capabilities

# Focused leadership

Cascade PostNL's ambition into measurable team objectives

# **Shaping high-performance culture**

- Foster ownership to deliver tangible results
- Empower teams with full end-to-end responsibility

# **Aligning organisation**

- Adapt structure and processes to support strategic priorities
- Increase agility to direct resources to where they have most impact
- Develop transformational mindset and capabilities





# **Our 10 Strategic Portfolio Priorities**

Compliance

Ensure demonstrable compliance on legal, regulatory and security requirements weighing efficiency and effectiveness

5. Data foundation

Build future-proof, compliant and wellgoverned data foundation to enable faster decision-making, innovation and AI readiness to proactively steer business across PostNL

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Reduce costs by achieving 1stime-right delivery. Shift volume to OoH: expand APL network and optimise retail flows. Boost 1st time-right at the door through clear communication, accurate information and right delivery options

. Stable workforce

A reliable and engaged workforce as a prerequisite for delivering consistent quality, stable operations to increase efficiency and reduce cost base

6. Must Do (Business continuity & ALM)7. Seamless services

Secure critical systems and infrastructure through timely application lifecycle management and platform renewal to ensure operational stability and technological continuity at minimal costs

9. 1st time right 10. International growth

Achieve profitable volume growth by expanding our International network with our platform business

**Optimised E-Commerce** 

portfolio

Develop/Transform/Create modular.

effective yield/revenue management

flexible proposition portfolio with value

added pricing mechanism that will enable

Easy onboarding of customer and right

information at right time to reduce churn

services and enable seamless services for

and optimise mix. Optimise customer

growth

4. Future Mail

Ensure a healthy cost/benefit ratio for mail within the legal and organisational constraints. To ensure a mail business in line with (future) customer needs and smartly reduce costs

8. Network efficiency

Cost base reduction through efficiency of own E-commerce network - collect, sort and transport - for both the short and long term

E-commerce

Platforms

IVIAII

Enablers





# Growth Value Impact Innovation

# **Breakthrough 2028**

**Accelerating performance** 

# **Financial ambition 2028**

(in € million)

>4,000 (2024: 3,252)	>75 (2024: 12)
Revenue	Free cash flow
>175 (2024: 53)	>12% (2024: 3.4%)
normalised EBIT	ROIC

 Confident in accelerating financial performance to 2028, whilst acknowledging the impact of macroeconomic trends and evolving consumer behaviour on delivering on our ambition

NPS: #1 with customers and consumers

Carbon efficiency: reduce by 20%-25% for scope 1, 2 and 3

**Employee engagement:** improve by 5 percentage points







# **Breakthrough 2028**

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# Business segments







From volume to value through a differentiated approach and smart network utilisation







# **Discussion topics**

- PostNL has a leading position in the domestic e-commerce market
- The e-commerce market is expected to continue growing
- Customer base and needs are evolving
- Consumers play an increasingly important role in e-commerce value chain
- We are adapting to the evolving market
- Accelerate growth in Belgium





# Leadership position build on strong assets



# **Leading CX with strong brand**

- Favourite deliverer: consumer NPS lead of +18 points vs #2
- Most reliable deliverer: ~98% of parcels delivered on time to correct address
- Trusted and iconic Dutch brand:
   >225 years of heritage



# Largest customer base and densest network

- >100,000 business customers on platforms
- 371m parcels delivered in the Netherlands and Belgium in 2024
- Largest player in the Netherlands, #2 in Belgium



# **Broadest omni-channel offering**

- Top-rated consumer app with 'delivery preferences'
- Strong consumer engagement with >9m PostNL-app accounts



# Scale and sustainability as competitive differentiators

- ~5,600 retail locations close to customers for OoH delivery; >1,200 APLs
- Max capacity to sort and deliver ~10m parcels per week
- Most sustainable e-commerce delivery company in the world (DJSI 2024)





# E-commerce volume expected to grow

# Driven by improved economic conditions and further online penetration

Assumed increase 0.4% - 0.7% per year

- Consumer behaviour
- Marketplaces
- Low-cost offering from Asian platforms attracts demand
- Social platforms

Online penetration

X

**Dutch retail market** 

Assumed increase household consumption: 1%-2% per year

- · Maintain leading position
- Slight loss in market share expected due to shift from volume to value

**Market share** 



Addressable Dutch e-commerce market

Expected market growth: ~5% per year

Volume PostNL in Belgium Volume PostNL C2X



**Volume PostNL B2C** 

Assumed volume growth E-commerce:

~5% on average per year

**Volumes PostNL** 





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# **Evolving market dynamics in growing e-commerce sector**

**Navigating inflation and labour scarcity** 

	2000-15	2015-25	Current market challenges
Market growth	Double digits	Low single digits	<ul><li>Increasing client concentration</li><li>Rise of giants, including new Asian giants</li><li>More platformisation</li></ul>
Customer source	Retail shoppers	Customers from other e-commerce platforms	<ul> <li>Growing importance of consumer experience</li> <li>More control for consumers</li> <li>Evolving delivery preferences</li> </ul>
Competition	Low	High	<ul> <li>App based engagement</li> <li>Changing consumer behaviour</li> <li>More concentrated ordering moments, resulting</li> </ul>
Focus	Revenues and customer acquisition	Margins, retention, cross- sell	<ul><li>in higher peaks (day, week, month, Nov/Dec)</li><li>Rise in cross-border shopping</li><li>Importance of sustainability</li></ul>
Logistics need	Capacity and speed	Low cost Consumer experience	





# Intensifying concentration in sector expected to continue...

## **Concentration in the Netherlands**

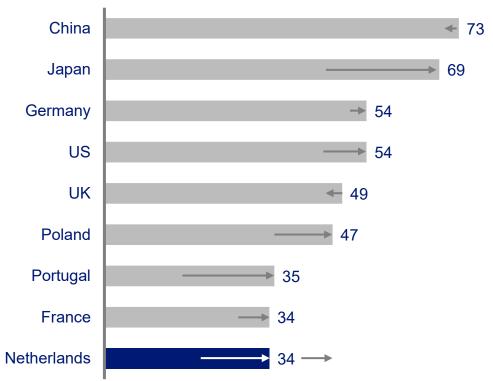




# Top-3 players gaining share across countries over the last years

## E-commerce player market share by country

2024, in %

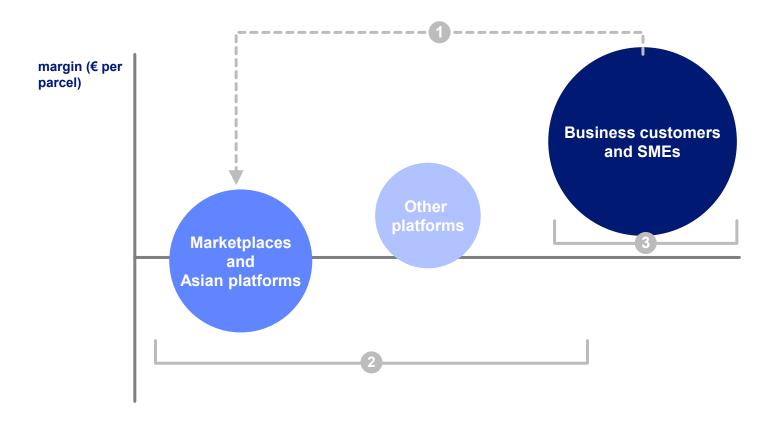




# ... leading to further pressure on profit pool

# Resulting in our strategic shift from a volume to a value approach

# volume versus margin by customer segment



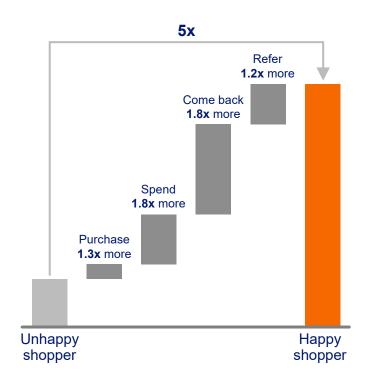
- Platformisation of SME fuels ...
- ... above average growth in top20 customers that has >60% volume
- ... and a decline of beyond top 100



# Delivery experience is a key loyalty and value driver

# Consumer experience important for e-commerce growth

**Customer lifetime value** 



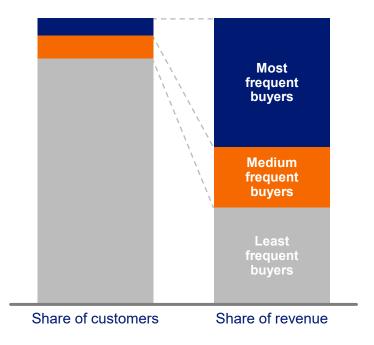
# Delivery drives consumer experience

Key drivers of consumer experience



# Top 20% buyers critical to retain for webshops

Share of buyers / share of revenue



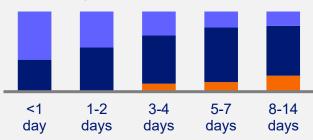




# Consumers increasingly open to delivery flexibility

# **Delivery speed expectations**

2023 survey, in %



- Faster than expected
- In line with expectations
- Slower than expectations

## **Receiver needs**

- Needs next day deliveryConsider extended delivery
  - window at right benefits
- Accept extended delivery window for small benefit



# Next day delivery has been the standard for years...

• Parcel delivery companies around the globe have started to flex delivery windows to look to improve margins

# ...but consumers accept different delivery times in return for benefits...

- Verified by research in the Netherlands
- Consumer willing to wait ~3 days before becoming impatient

# ...consumers want to be in control through e-tailer check-out

- Flexible delivery options at check-out allow platforms to share benefits of longer windows with consumers
- Delivery providers benefit through better network utilisation and can incentivise platforms with lower delivery costs





# Different customer segments have different delivery needs



# **Simple**

Straightforward framework with standardised basic offering and selected premium services



# **Best value for you**

Access to premium services at additional conditions



# Makes you want to stay

Create advocacy & stickiness by offering unique and integrated services tailored to customer need

# Needs and relative importance differ by segment

- Large (local) e-commerce customers want low cost, strong delivery experience, joint innovation and consumer insights
- SME customers want a good collection proposition, a strong delivery experience and ease of doing business
- Offering relevant value-adding services and segmented propositions
- Willingness to pay for value-adding services differs per segment and service
- Create advocacy and lock-in

		Marketplaces and Asian platforms			Other platforms specific / generic		Business customers and SMEs specific / generic		C2X
Delivery pr	ice						•	•	
Quality (in	full, in time)		•	•					•
Delivery ex	perience		•	•	•		•	•	•
Network	First mile collection	•	•	•					•
	Retail network	•	•		•			•	•
Digital Integration	Supply chain			•	•		•	•	•
	Self-service portal	•	•	•	•				•
(Consumer	r) insights			•			•	•	•
Strong loca	al brand			•	•		•	•	•



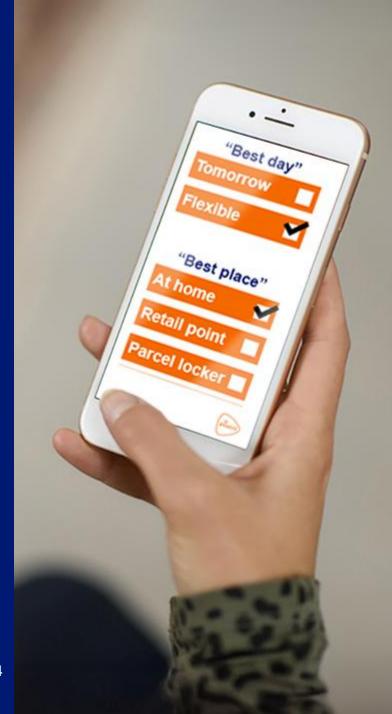


# At home Preferred time Today Best day Out-of-Home Flexible time Tomorrow

# Continued growth in e-commerce with evolving market dynamics

- Our customer base has matured, shifting focus to consumer retention and profitability
- Historic emphasis on speed no longer aligned to demand most purchases are not urgent
- Purchasing mainly in weekend, combined with next day delivery, puts unnecessary pressure on networks
- Delivery experience remains a critical factor, especially for 'big shoppers'
- So, our customers ideally choose between 'cost' and 'experience' for each shipment
- Consumers are open to shift from 'next day' to 'best day', provided benefits are shared and they are in control





# Joint responsibility across chain to enable a sustainable e-commerce future

# As market leader, we are well-positioned to drive change

- Collaboration across full chain is important to widely adopt 'best day' delivery: joint planning and coordination to address structural inefficiencies
- Strive for more balanced distribution of value between customer, consumer and deliverer
- Committed to increasing investments in health & wellbeing and sustainability

## The time to act is now

- Digital check-out enables multiple delivery options
- Shoppers are willing to choose 'best day' delivery
- Senders benefit from chain optimisation
- Technology allows automated implementation







# Our margin engine: from volume to value

- Stronger commercial engine to drive growth and profitability
- Segmented and differentiated customer approach and tiered propositions
- Better utilisation (and more equal flow) and shared benefits

- Competitive on costs, building on our strategic assets
- Better leverage strategic assets (infrastructure, OoH, APL)
- Reduce network costs and rebalance network cost structure
- Lower overhead costs

- Be distinctive where it matters
- Most trusted and preferred logistics brand
- Distinctive experience and personalised consumer experience

- Step-up in steering and teaming capabilities
- Cost driver insights
- Strategic value-based pricing
- Yield management capabilities and steering on margin





# Tiered value propositions per customer segment

Improve account & contract management to drive profitability of customer and product flows

# Add-on digital services

- Check-out services
- Value-adding insights
- ID and/or address check

 Differentiate by pro-actively including value-adding services and insights to key segments

## Premium

- More flexible infeed
- Dedicated customer support team
- Higher priority in peak
- High-performance integrations

 Tiered value propositions by segment with base service levels and monetisible upgrades

# Basic

- Fixed infeed timeslot
- Standard delivery hours
- Full range of delivery options
- Track and trace

 Segmentation of customers based on needs and market opportunities



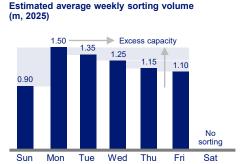


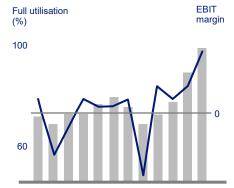
### More frequent underutilisation due to higher peaks

More agile, data-steered distribution model and capacity-based incentives

## More efficient utilisation of network capacity







Day	Week	Year	
More volumes with early feed- in or premium for late injections	Fill gaps and/or increase volume to optimise value chain from customer to consumer	Increase utilisation during low- volume periods and manage seasonality	Objective
Pricing and contractual agreements	Flexible proposition aiming to balance volumes over the week by differentiating on offering and price level	Price mechanisms to steer (delivery day, OoH)	Action





Additional option in check-out: extended delivery window at different price versus next day

## Moving from next day to best day, together with our customers

#### **Pilot**

#### Phase 1

Validate proof points

#### Phase 2

Scaling-up & learning

Phase 3

Gain value

- How to influence consumer behaviour?
  - impact on price elasticity
  - Impact on conversion rate check-out
- Technological and operational adjustments?
- Potential differences per customer segment or consumer segment?





#### Leadership on consumer experience

- Drive value for our customers by collaborating on joint e-commerce journey
- Create seamless experience by improving handover, communications and service
- Integrate conversational AI in services to create a fast, digital and seamless 'I get help' journey
- Personalise consumer experience in 'I receive' journey and make it easier and more flexible







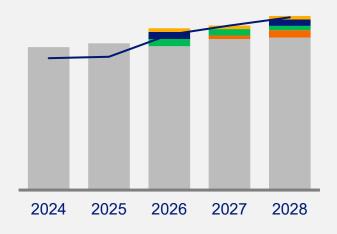
Secure I receive journey using PostNL ID

utilise our account base for personal, efficient and secure delivery experiences





#### Capacity and assumed volume development



- **Equal flow**
- New DCPs
- Additional measures SPSC
- Additional measures depots
- Current infrastructure
- Assumed volume development

#### **Optimise utilisation of network to** accommodate assumed volume increase

No significant growth capex in period 2024-28

- Increase in capacity to accommodate volume
  - Optimise flow suitable for dedicated and robotised small parcels sorting centre (SPSC)
  - Extending process hours in sorting and distribution through local optimisations
  - Improving equal flow



- 2 Dedicated fulfilment centres
- Small Parcels Sorting Centre
- 1 Dedicated sorting centre



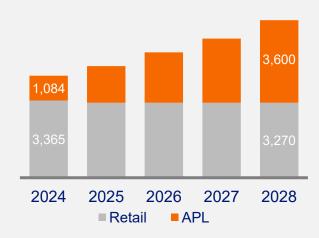








#### 50% growth of OoH network due to expansion # of APLs



#### **Combination of PuDos and APLs ensures**

- flexibility
- · efficient capacity management

## Grow OoH delivery from 12.5% in 2024 to ~20% in 2028

#### **Accelerate investments**

- Add >600 APLs per year
- Utilisation\* towards >60% in 2028 (2024: ~35%)



#### **Growing adoption**

- Growing preference for OoH delivery in consumer app
- +65% volumes in APLs in HY 2025

#### **Reducing costs and footprint**

- Delivery costs for APL ~30% < home delivery due to less stop costs
- Increased network utilisation
- Reduced carbon footprint

#### Consumer demand

- High consumer satisfaction (NPS +51, 2024)
- Option for locker delivery integrated in check-out large customers





<sup>\*</sup> total amount of parcels (excluding returns) during the week as function of locker capacity

#### **Development cost per parcel**



#### Reduce cost and rebalance cost structure

Significant organic cost increases require continuous efficiency gains

#### **Examples of costs savings initiatives**

- Leaner and more efficient operating model in first and middle mile
- Actively manage product, client, and delivery mix to maximise network efficiency
- Further implementation APL and OoH strategy
- Further automation and digitalisation (robotics and planning optimisation tools) to improve productivity at scale
- Reduce overhead costs by centralisation, simplification and digitalisation of support functions







## Strong focus on working conditions and stable labour force

#### **Current challenges**

- Tight labour market
- Rising costs for flexible labour
- Increasing compliance demands and market dynamics

### Invest in innovation to reduce manual labour, enhance workplace safety and unlock cost efficiencies

Implementation of tilters to reduce manual lifting



Introduction of task rotation



Use of smart electric tugs for internal roll container transport



Adjusted customer delivery requirements









#### Step-up in steering and teaming capabilities











#### Achieving strategic goals...

- Increase margin
- Improve consumer NPS
- Satisfied customers
- Reduce CO2 footprint

#### ... using broad and actionable insights ...

- Strategic perspective
- Business insights
- Customer/consumer insights
- Operational insights

#### ... to optimise the business ...

- Optimal customer mix and segment mix
- Optimal price and portfolio mix
- Optimal capacity utilisation

#### ... through steering mechanisms ...

- Commercial
  - contractual clauses
  - differentiated propositions and prices
  - best-practice sharing
- Operational
  - differentiated logistical flows
  - cost-management

## ... and based on a strong organisational foundation

- Governance
- Culture
- People
- Processes
- Data & Insights
- Systems & tools
- Dashboards





#### Monetise capacity by optimising customer and product mix

**Develop structural programs to move towards revenue management** 

#### **Yield management toolbox**



### **General price increase and indexation**

To mitigate inflationary pressure



#### **Contractual clauses**

To protect pricing when actual volumes differ from predicted volumes

Stricter adherence to contract conditions



#### **Surcharges**

For peak, size, suitability for sorting to ensure profitable business



## Differentiated commercial propositions and prices

Tailored and modular propositions, with differentiated pricing and segmented approach

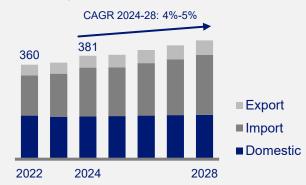
Built on granular cost driver insights to achieve customer based value via best pricing strategy





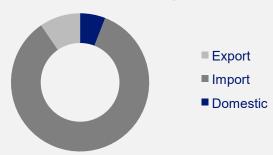
## Market position and network capacity create opportunities in Belgium

#### **Market growth**



Market dominated by 'foreign' players reflected in large import share of market

#### Our volume split in Belgium



#### Our assets and network

- Significant increase in NPS
- Current network consists of 2 depots and 6 distribution only locations
- Room to optimise current network infrastructure to accommodate growth

#### **Accelerating growth**

- Outperform market growth
- Expand position export Belgium into Europe through Spring
- Targeted yield management to achieve better volume mix
- Improve PostNL app
- Focus on OoH strategy







## E-commerce strategic objectives



## From volume to value through differentiated approach and smart network utilisation

#### Strengthen commercial engine

- More differentiated customer approach and tiered propositions
- From next day to best day: smart steering of volume to equal flow

#### Be distinctive when and where it matters

- Consumer in control
- Focus on 'I receive' and 'I get help' journeys
- Strategic use of digital tools

#### Competitive on cost

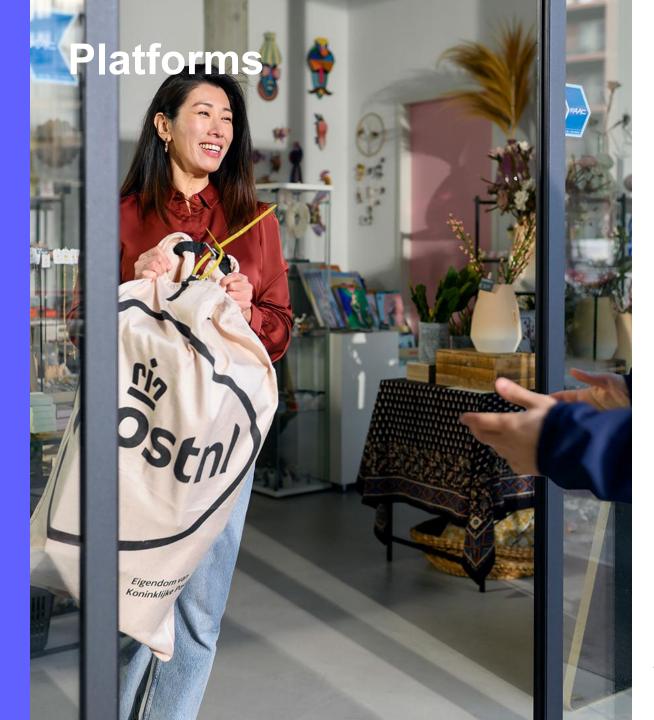
- Smarter depot operations and better resource alignment
- Targeted investments and leverage technology

#### Step-up in steering and teaming capabilities

- Active revenue/capacity management
- Based on strong organisational foundation







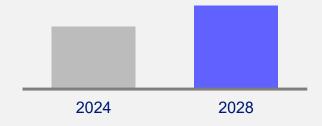
## Capture international growth through asset-light models



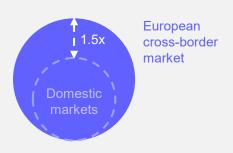


#### Shifting market dynamics

#### Anticipated growth European E-commerce (CAGR 6% - 9%)



## European cross-border market is growing 1.5 times faster than domestic markets



#### E-commerce by nature digital and cross-border

- Blurring traditional lines between domestic and international logistics
- Customers demand competitive, internationally integrated portfolio of delivery solutions
- E-commerce continues to grow with cross-border outpacing domestic growth

#### **Shifting customer expectations**

- Simple, scalable and flexible shipping
- Multi-carrier and most suitable last mile delivery network per country
- API-first, more insights into shipments and advanced analytics, and improved return solutions

#### **Rising complexity**

Customs, VAT and delivery speed





#### Build on strong starting position to meet market needs

**Spring** 

Two distinct models to offer solutions in growing international e-commerce market

#### Capturing international e-commerce growth through platforms

- Asset-light, digital-first models, connecting merchants and carriers
- Multi-carrier orchestration: choice, flexibility, insights, and returns

#### **Spring**

- End-to-end cross-border solutions by combining local commercial presence with international hubs
- Leverage on flexible partner network for first, middle, and last mile delivery
- Spring Europe enables merchants to scale, capturing growing intra-European e-commerce
- Spring Asia & Americas unlock growth by feeding into our European network, broadening services towards diversifying origins, customers and destinations

- International by design, scalable at low capex, rapid market entry
- Complementary to our segment E-commerce, and built on different economics

#### **MyParcel**

100% digital merchant platform

- **%** myparcel
- Integrate carriers, shop systems, marketplaces
- Provide analytics to support our customers
- · Monetised through platform and per-shipment fees









#### A unique model with a distinct valuation

Why asset-light platforms scale differently from our asset-heavy segment E-commerce

Platforms vs E-commerce		
Business model	Valuation dynamics	
Connect merchants with carriers (multi-carrier access) through technology, API-first and service: choice, scalability, adaptability	Asset-light logtech platforms valued on revenue or gross profit multiples, emphasising growth and margin leverage	
Unlike segment E-commerce (asset-heavy, NL-focused, full control), Platforms enables flexibility, rapid market entry and low capital intensity	Asset-heavy carriers valued on EBITDA multiples, tied to capital-intensive infrastructure and stable cash flows	
Offer logistics orchestration (visibility, advanced analytics, improved returns) vs selling execution capacity	Digital brokers & platforms achieve higher valuations due to scalability, low marginal costs, and ecosystem effects	
End-to-end digital solutions: from order management and fulfilment to delivery	Revenue/gross profit multiples allow for higher valuation at growth stage, without immediate high profit margins	
Low capex model, with margins scaling with volume and limited operational risk	Reward scalability, growth potential and margin upside in capital-light models	



#### Global player with local expertise

Platforms is already well-positioned in Europe, the Americas and Asia



>700

Revenue 2024\* In € million

**750** 

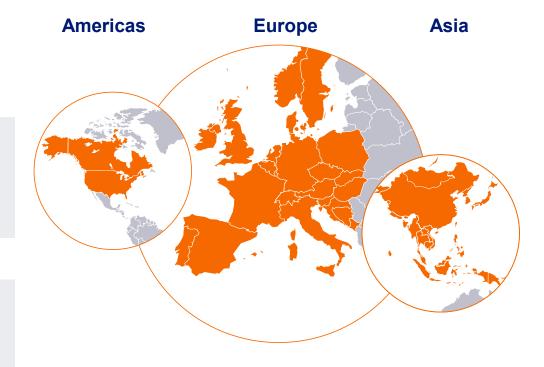
**Employees** in 2024



Distribution hubs across 3 continents 230

Partner carriers for 190 destinations 120K

Drop off points



≈ myparcel 25.5%

ARR / Gross margin (2025E) +14% vs 2024

>25k

E-commerce customers

>50

Integrated carriers

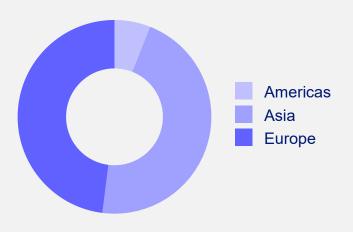




#### One asset-light platform strategy at Spring

**Dedicated local presence at 3 continents to offer seamless services** 

#### **Indicative revenue split (2024)**



#### **Americas**

- Tap growing e-commerce flows from North-America into Europe
- Strengthen direct-to-EU commercial lanes with strategic partnerships
- Build local expertise and customs solutions for SME access
- Capture intra-North America growth, especially Canada–US e-commerce flows

#### Asia

- Grow infeed in E-commerce and our European network
- Broaden origin base beyond mainland China and develop new commercial lanes
- Invest in customs propositions
- Position Spring as the go-to partner for platform-driven volume

#### Europe

- Expand European network: more hubs and linehauls
- Strengthen presence in Central & Eastern Europe
- Support growth of Spring and MyParcel via smart routing & APIs
- Local presence and pro-active customs handling
- Drive commercial expansion with sales footprint and value propositions









## Create momentum to capture e-commerce growth

Accelerate plans to strengthen position in intra-European logistics

#### Intensify commercial actions

- Grow customer base through stronger propositions and reliable service
- Expand sales footprint and substantial step-up in marketing activities
- Invest in advanced tooling and data-driven solutions

#### **Expand our network**

- Increase linehaul frequency
- Rapid acceleration of European hub roll-out
- Add capabilities
- Reduce cost significantly through procurement efficiencies and asset utilisation

#### Align and improve IT capabilities

Build digital-first solutions and embed AI to support smarter operations

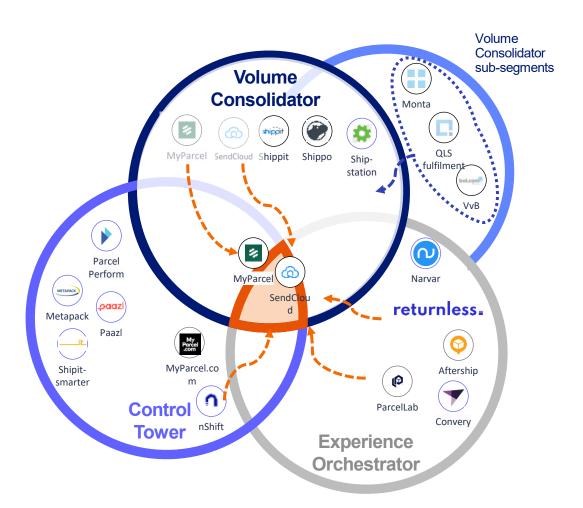




#### Playing field of MyParcel



#### Targeting sweet spot where consolidation, control tower and experience converge



#### **Converging market models**

Blending into integrated propositions

#### Our ambition

 Occupy the sweet spot with a hybrid model combining scale, service depth, and customer experience, designed for replication across markets

#### **Strategic focus**

 Capture SME and scale-up segments seeking both cost efficiency and premium capabilities, with an approach that can be adapted to diverse European markets

#### **Platform strengths**

 Multi-carrier access, SaaS functionality and modular services across the e-commerce value chain

#### **Competitive edge**

 Leverage Spring's network, rates and international reach to defend share and expand margins



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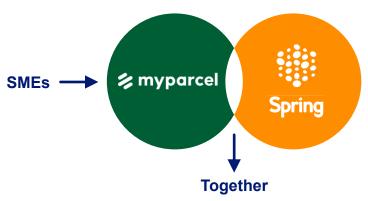


#### One ecosystem, two engines

#### **How Spring and MyParcel reinforce each other**

- MyParcel unlocks SME and niche segments where traditional logistics models underperform
- MyParcel attracts SMEs early in their lifecycle: fast onboarding, plug-and-play integrations, domestic and cross-border access from day one

- Spring offers support in next stage, when shipment volumes grow internationally
- cost efficiency, broader delivery reach, and additional services
- Spring enables rapid international scaling of MyParcel through existing infrastructure and rate leverage; further roll-out of MyParcel in selected European countries



Ecosystem across the full growth curve: From first shipment to international scale

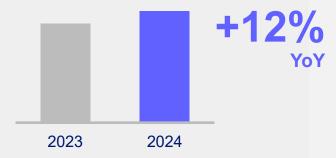




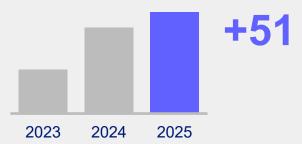
#### Strong traction, clear economics

#### **Driving asset-light growth**

#### **Revenue Platforms**



#### **NPS score Spring**



#### **Platform penetration**

Accelerate merchant onboarding on MyParcel

#### International expansion

Extend existing linehauls and launch in new countries

#### **Upsell & cross-sell**

Help MyParcel customers scale into Spring for international optimisation

#### **Data-driven logistics**

Provide greater insight and control through tracking, rates, and carbon data

#### **Strategic partnerships**

 Deepen integrations with marketplaces, shopping platforms, air/road partners and lastmile carriers

#### **Asset-light growth model**

Low capex, scalable margins, and limited operational risk

#### **Accelerated momentum**

 Push our proven model harder into the market, supported by investments in sales capacity and marketing to drive market share gains







## Capture international growth through asset-light models

## Accelerate international growth

- Profitable international flows via asset-light models
- Expand international routes to grow customer portfolio

## **Strengthen domestic leadership**

- Retain export flows and international volume in owned networks in the Netherlands and Belgium
- Improved customer stickiness

#### **Smarter and leaner network**

- Shared platform infrastructure and partner models
- API-driven processes and automation

#### **Drive platform-based growth**

- Digital onboarding, plug-andplay tools and scalable IT support
- Leverage network effects and support new propositions





## Transform to a futureproof postal service





#### Committed to securing a sustainable postal service

**Clear roadmap and decisive actions** 

#### **Political process**

- Minister's proposal for USO (30 June) economically unviable and not feasible
  - D+2 per July 2026, D+3 conditionally as of 1 January 2028
  - 95% quality requirements
  - · no financial safety net
- Request for net cost compensation (€30m in 2025 and €38m in 2026) rejected on 30 June
- Changes proposed by Minister on amendments Postal Law also offer no solution for USO
- Following Round Table discussion on 3 Sep, Parliament delayed debate on amendments until after elections

#### Legal proceedings

- European legislation: a provider of a public service is entitled to compensation if the obligations impose a disproportionate financial burden
- Appeal against rejection of request for net cost compensation
- Further legal steps may be taken depending on Minister's response to our request to be relieved from USO
- Decisions on appeal and request for relieve from USO expected early November

#### Our action plan

- Ready for full transition to D+2 in July 2026, followed by D+3 in 2028
- Potential for further cost savings and/or net cost compensation needed to ensure future-proof postal service
- Request for relief from USO after negative ruling on preliminary proceedings for advance payment and insufficient perspective for adjusted regulation
- Preference to find solution through constructive dialogue
- PostNL will take mitigating measures as it can no longer absorb USO related costs

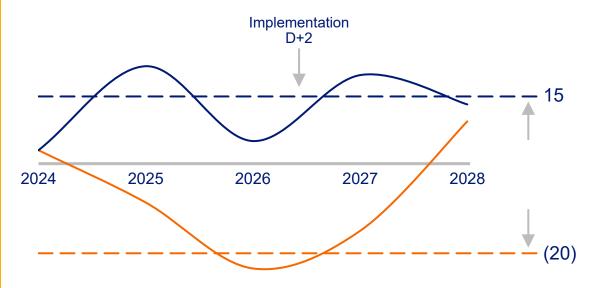




#### Migration to a future-proof postal service

Mitigating measures to safeguard performance

#### **Projected normalised EBIT Mail**



- Quality level that fits today's demands (at least 90%)
- D+2 as of 1 July 2026, D+3 in 2028
- 2026 stepdown due to lead time and implementation costs

#### **Scenarios**

- Upside: includes financial contribution for net cost USO and execution of roadmap
- Downside: mitigating measures to limit further downside by reducing net costs, in case of no political progress and no financial contribution
- Without mitigating actions, the USO remain lossmaking till at least 2029
- Downside scenario taken into account in 2028 financial ambition

#### **General sensitivities**

- · Speed of volume decline
- Delay in execution roadmap
- Other unforeseen external factors (i.e. minimum wage)





#### Our action plan in more detail

#### **Gradual changes with clear milestones**

Illustrative

Delivery days depend on neighbourhood



#### **Commercial**

- Business mail fully migrated to D+2 delivery by year-end (~€15m)
- · Continuous optimisation of pricing

#### **Operational**

- Lower cost per item on peak days and increase in drop duplication
- Cost savings on off-peak day: ~35% reduction in delivery time from combining off-peak routes
- Mailbox collection (partially) during day to create equal flow (~€5m)
- Continuous network optimisations and carry-over effects from prior year



- New D+2 letterbox packet product
- Migration of USO mail to D+2 mid 2026
- · Continuous optimisation of pricing
- Full elimination of off-peak routes by migrating all mail, including USO, to D+2
- Mail delivery concentrated on 3 days at every address
- Priority products via E-commerce network
- Continuous optimisations of network and further efficiencies in mailbox collection





- Further decline in mail volume will justify migration to D+3 for both USO and business mail
- · Continuous optimisation of pricing
- Eliminate one delivery day to create economies of scale
- Concentration of sorting processes during day and evening hours
- Centralisation of sorting and preparation processes
- Continuous optimisations of network

Related cost savings

€40-45m

€35-40m

€50-60m









#### Transform to a future-proof postal service

- Maintain the relevance of mail services
- Bring stability, simplicity and predictability
- Gradual and social migration of delivery within 2 days to within 3 days, following development in market demand
- Create more attractive working hours for our people
- Currently, the Minister offers no clear perspective for the future of the postal market and no adequate solution for USO
- Preference to find solution through constructive dialogue
- No longer viable and irresponsible to absorb USO costs without adjustments in regulation or financial contribution
- Decisive actions, including mitigating measures to limit downside risk
- Results in normalised EBIT within range of €(20)m €15m, towards a positive result as from 2028 in all scenarios







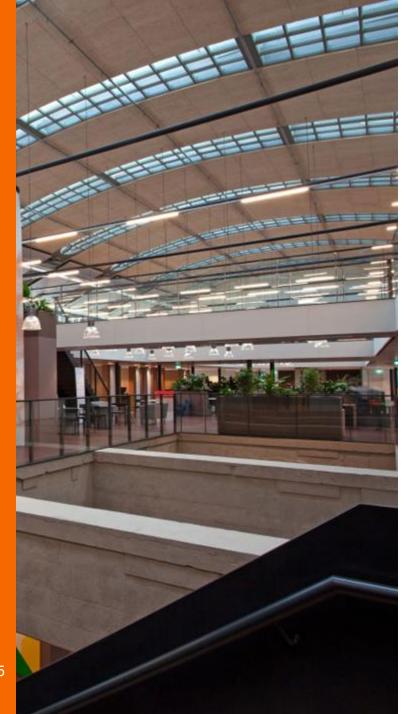
#### **Breakthrough 2028**

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## Financial ambition







## Focused on creating value through disciplined and sustainable growth

- Financial ambition 2028
- Driving execution through aligning organisation, structure and culture:
  - split current segment Parcels into E-commerce and Platforms as of 1 January 2026
  - reconciliation in Appendix
- Simplifications in dividend policy and reporting cycle



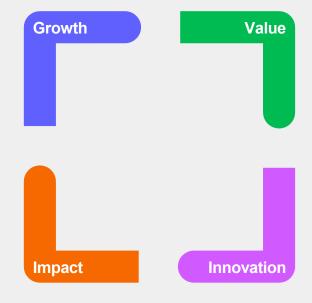
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#### **Financial ambition 2028**

(in € million)

>4,000 (2024: 3,252)	>75 (2024: 12)
Revenue	Free cash flow
>175 (2024: 53)	>12% (2024: 3.4%)
normalised EBIT	ROIC

- Capex: ~€150m per year as of 2026
- Confident in accelerating financial performance to 2028, whilst acknowledging the impact of macroeconomic trends and evolving consumer behaviour on delivering on our ambition
- Outlook FY 2025 unchanged







# 2.5% 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 Revenue — Margin

#### **E-commerce**

From volume to value through a differentiated approach and smart network utilisation

#### **Towards 2028**

Mid-single digit Revenue growth	<ul><li>Segmented customer approach</li><li>Differentiated propositions</li><li>Investment in NPS and OoH</li></ul>	Gradual increase to
~ 6.5% normalised EBIT margin	<ul><li>Optimise network efficiency</li><li>Cost control</li></ul>	double digit ROIC

Assumption for market growth and market share:

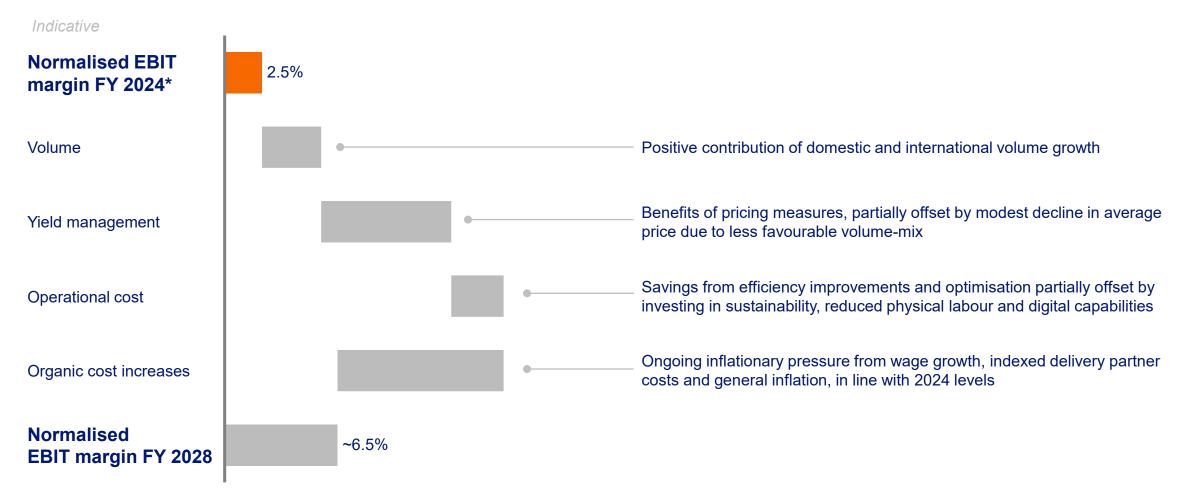
• Estimated ~5% annual growth, driven by rising household consumption and increased online penetration with limited market share loss





#### Anticipated development normalised EBIT margin E-commerce

**Building blocks for growth 2024-28** 



<sup>\*</sup> pro forma FY 2024 numbers





# 724 2.6% 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 Revenue — Margin

#### **Platforms**

#### Capture international growth through asset-light models

#### **Towards 2028**

Double digit Revenue growth	MyParcel Segmen	Segment with
~ 3% normalised EBIT margin	<ul> <li>Targeted investments in capabilities during 2025-26</li> </ul>	highest ROIC

#### Market growth assumption:

• European e-commerce growth CAGR 6%-9% for 2024-28





# 1,313 0.2% 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 Revenue — Margin

#### Mail

#### Transform to a future-proof postal service

#### **Towards 2028**

Low single digit revenue decline	<ul> <li>Ongoing volume decline</li> <li>Price increases to mitigate impact volume decline</li> </ul>	~ 0%
~ 0% normalised EBIT margin	<ul> <li>Execution of roadmap</li> <li>migration of USO mail to D+2 per 1 July 2026</li> <li>Further migration to D+3 by 2028</li> </ul>	ROIC ( <wacc)< td=""></wacc)<>

#### Main assumptions:

- Volume decline ~7% on average in 2025-27 and ~10% in 2028 following migration to D+3
- Compensation for net cost USO necessary for return that covers at least cost of capital (WACC 6.5%)
- Based on downside scenario, including inevitable reduction in net cost (see slide 61)

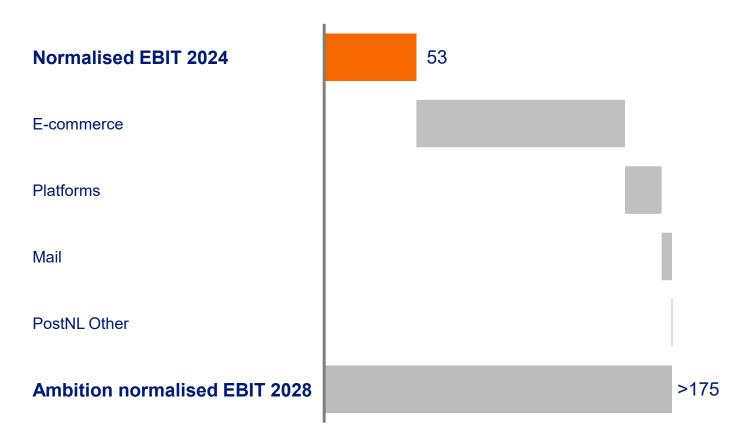




#### Significant increase in normalised EBIT PostNL

#### **Breakthrough 2028**

Indicative, in € million

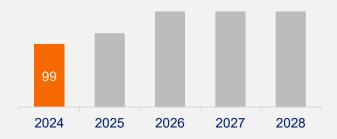






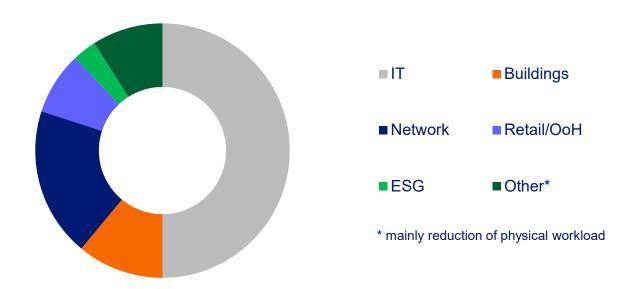
#### **Assumed development capex**

*Indicative, in € million* 



## Strategic investments to drive transformation

- Capex expected to increase to ~€150m per year as of 2026
- Additional investments through leases
- Indicative breakdown of capex in investment categories



 Leases additions mainly relate to renewal of contracts for buildings and fleet



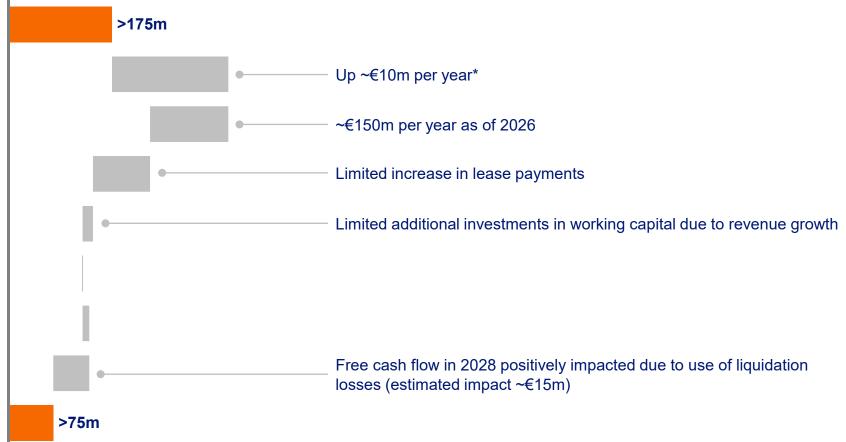


# Free cash flow drivers

# Translating normalised EBIT into free cash flow in 2028

Indicative, in € million

# **Ambition normalised EBIT** Depreciation & amortisation Capex Lease payments and related cash flow Change in working capital Change in provisions Disposals and other Interest paid and income tax





**Ambition free cash flow** 

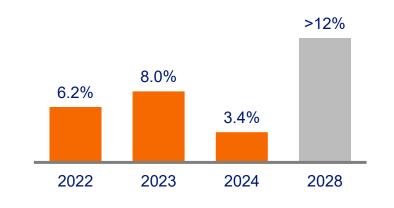


#### 2024 Operating income 37 Less adjusted tax (10)**Net operating profit less** 28 adjusted tax (NOPLAT) Property, plant and equipment 467 Intangible fixed assets (incl goodwill) 414 Right of use assets 281 Current assets/liabilities\* (255)Other items (102)**Invested capital** 804

# Strategic capital allocation aligned with growth and asset efficiency

Targeting significant ROIC improvement towards >12% in 2028

#### **ROIC**



## Per segment by 2028

- E-commerce: gradual increase to double digit
- Platforms: segment with highest ROIC
- Mail: increase to ~0%

- Targeted investments to drive transformation and optimise asset utilisation
- Optimise mix between owned and leased assets to provide agility, scalability and flexibility





<sup>\*</sup> excluding excess cash above minimum operational cash

# Clear capital allocation holding on to our aim to be properly financed

Support top-line growth and margin

Optimisation of balance sheet and/or

debt reduction

1. Organic growth	<ul><li>improvement</li><li>Accelerate roll-out OoH network</li><li>Strengthen tech &amp; data foundation</li></ul>	~€150m per year Focus on ROIC
2. Inorganic growth	Aligned with strategic and financial criteria	Focus on partnerships
3. Shareholder returns	Pay-out of 70%-90% of normalised profit	Dividend in line with business performance



4. Excess cash



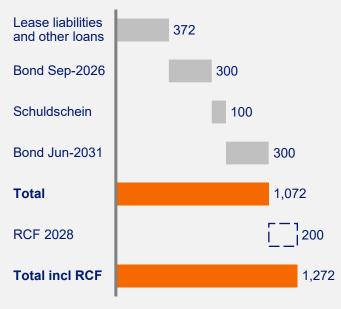
Capey 2026 - 2028

Optimal financing structure

# Flexible financing structure

Aim to be properly financed

#### **Debt maturity profile (June 2025)**



\*Other loans: liability on future (legal) lease payments for land, buildings and machinery for parcel sorting centres

- Maintain investment grade credit rating from S&P (currently: BBB- with stable outlook)
- Steering for balance sheet with positive consolidated equity and applying strict cash flow management
- Flexibility by committed revolving multi-currency credit facility (RCF):
  - size €200m, maturing in 2028
  - margin partly dependent on KPIs on carbon emission reduction
  - fully undrawn
- Continuously monitoring capital markets to assure optimal financing structure





# Growth Value Impact Innovation

# Simplifications in dividend policy and reporting cycle

# Dividend policy 2026:

- Dividend based on normalised profit (previously: normalised comprehensive income)
- Pay-out ratio maintained at 70%-90%
- Single annual dividend payment in May post AGM (no more interim dividend)
- No material impact expected on dividend per share

# Reporting cycle

- Full reporting at HY and FY
- Trading updates issued in Q1 and Q3 as majority of performance is achieved in Q4 only
- 2026 to be first year of new reporting cycle





# **Breakthrough 2028**

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# Closing remarks





# Growth Value Impact Innovation

# **Breakthrough 2028**

Delivering sustainable returns for our shareholders and value for customers, employees and society as a whole

### Leading market player

- preferred delivery company in the Netherlands: consumer NPS lead of +18 points vs #2
- most sustainable e-commerce delivery company in the world (DJSI 2024)
- responsible employer for over 32,000 people

# Strategic turning point with new transformation programme 'Breakthrough 2028' to drive financial ambition and significant improvement in financial KPIs

- GDP+ revenue growth: driven by e-commerce market growth and commercial initiatives
- step-up in normalised EBIT to >€175m (2024: €53m)
- E-commerce segment is primary driver of this uplift
- Platforms segment delivers the highest ROIC
- Decisive actions at Mail to result in positive contribution as of 2028

### Disciplined investment approach driving incremental return on invested capital

- ROIC from 3.4% (2024) to >12% by 2028
- Dividend in line with business performance, with 70–90% pay-out ratio, while holding on to our aim to be properly financed







# Connected to deliver what drives us all forward







# **Breakthrough 2028**

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# Q&A with Pim and Linde







# Connected to deliver what drives us all forward

- We accelerate growth beyond boundaries, together with our customers
- We create impact that matters for our people and society driving positive transformation



- We unlock value by optimising consumer experience, margins and smart use of assets
- We drive bold innovation with data, technology and intelligence

### Foundation

We build on a strong heritage, and are sustainable at the core





# **Breakthrough 2028**

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# From current to new business segments\*

*In* € *million* 

# **Current business segments**

Revenue	FY 2024*
Parcels NL and BE	1,570
Spring	549
Logistic solutions and other services	329
Other/intercompany	(55)
Parcels	2,393
Mail in the Netherlands	1,313
PostNL Other	240
Other/intercompany	(694)
PostNL	3,252
Normalised EBIT	

Parcels	65
Mail in the Netherlands	3
PostNL Other	(16)
PostNL	53

## **New business segments**

Revenue	FY 2024*
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Other/intercompany** PostNL	(928) <b>3,252</b>
PostNL Other	191
Mail	1,313
Platforms	724
E-commerce	1,953

#### Normalised EBIT

E-commerce	49
Platforms	19
Mail	3
PostNL Other	(18)
PostNL	53

#### E-commerce

 All parcel activities in, from and to the Netherlands and Belgium, including internal revenue from Platforms, and digital activities (transfer from PostNL Other)

#### **Platforms**

 Asset-light business models Spring and MyParcel and internal revenue from other international activities (currently reported in other services)

#### Mail

 All mail and mail related activities in, from and to the Netherlands

#### **PostNL Other**

Mainly internal revenue from head office and IT



