# Fixed Income Presentation Q2 2023

Mercedes-Benz Group AG

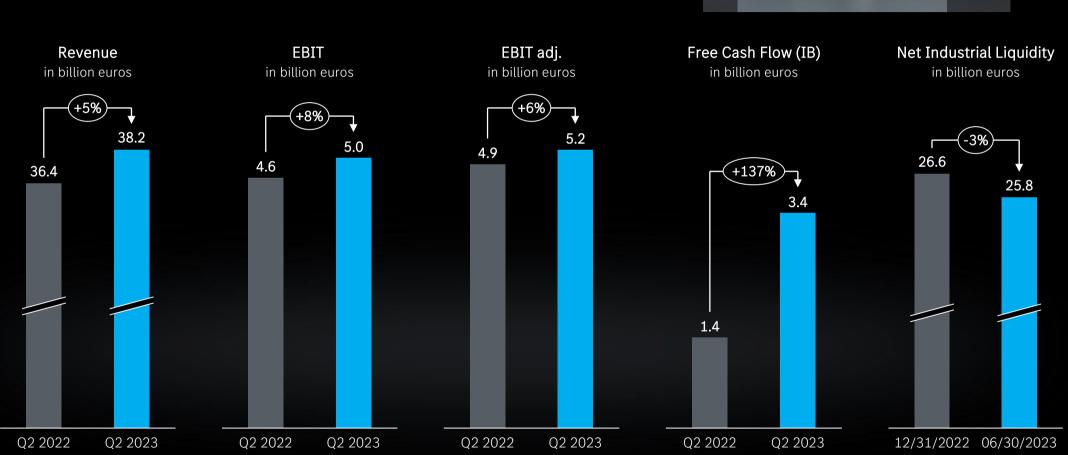
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#### Mercedes-Benz Group: Key figures





#### Mercedes-Benz Group: Group EBIT

In million euros



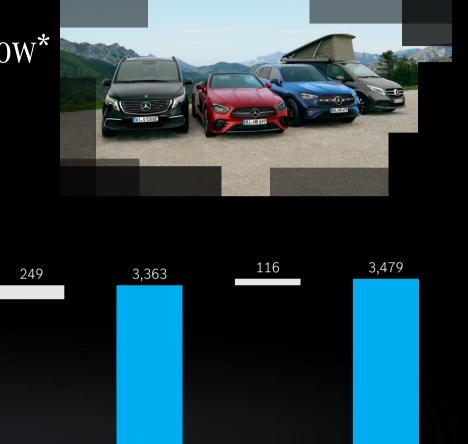


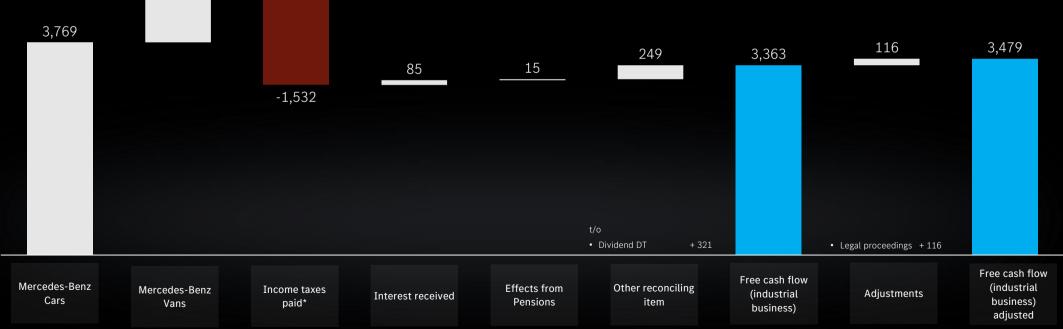
## Mercedes-Benz Group:

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#### Reconciliation from CFBIT to Free Cash Flow\*

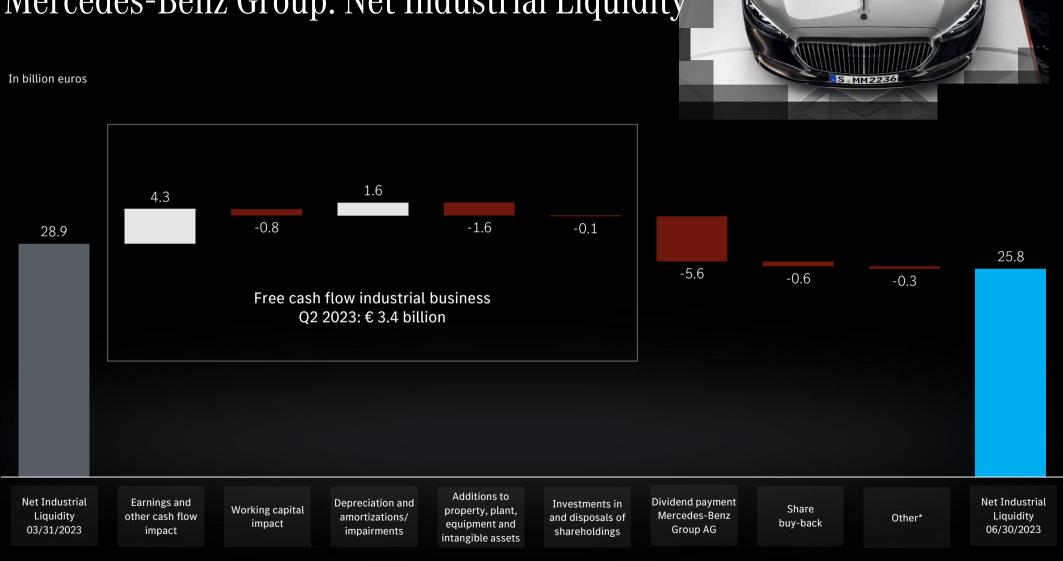
In million euros





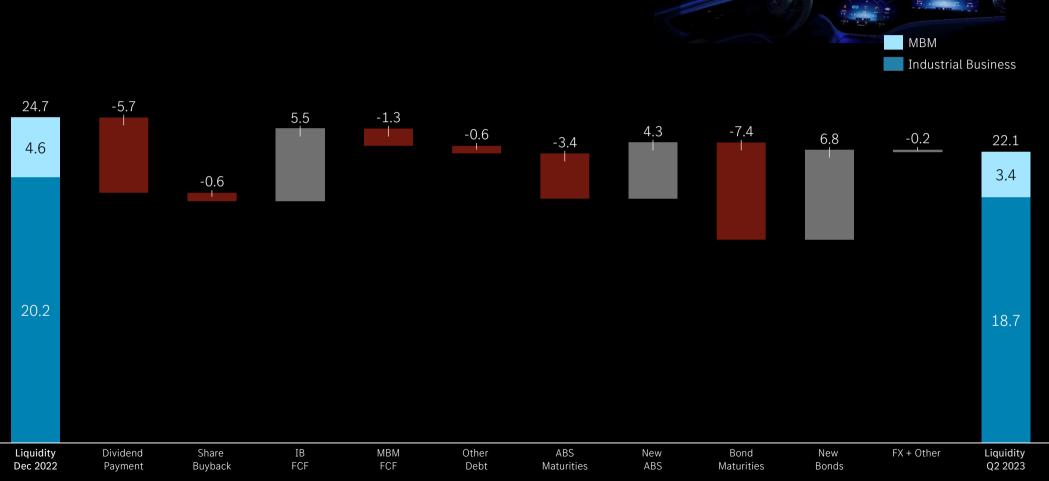
<sup>\*</sup> includes internal tax prepayments from Mercedes-Benz Mobility to the industrial business

#### Mercedes-Benz Group: Net Industrial Liquidity



#### Mercedes-Benz Group: Gross Liquidity

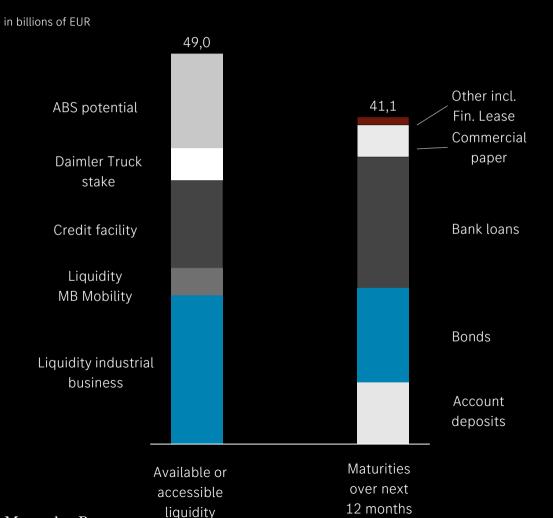
in billions of EUR



Note: Figures may not be additive due to rounding.

Mercedes-Benz Group: Financial flexibility over a 12-month period

Q2 2023



Net industrial liquidity decreased to €25.8 billion due to dividend payment in May

Gross industrial liquidity at €18.7 billion

Financial flexibility supported by €11 billion revolving credit facility, which is unutilized

Financial flexibility supported by 30% Daimler Truck stake

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#### Mercedes-Benz Cars: Key messages



Performance: Strong growth in Top-End segment; BEV sales Mercedes-Benz Passenger Cars more than doubled

**Profitability:** Solid results demonstrate resilience in challenging environment

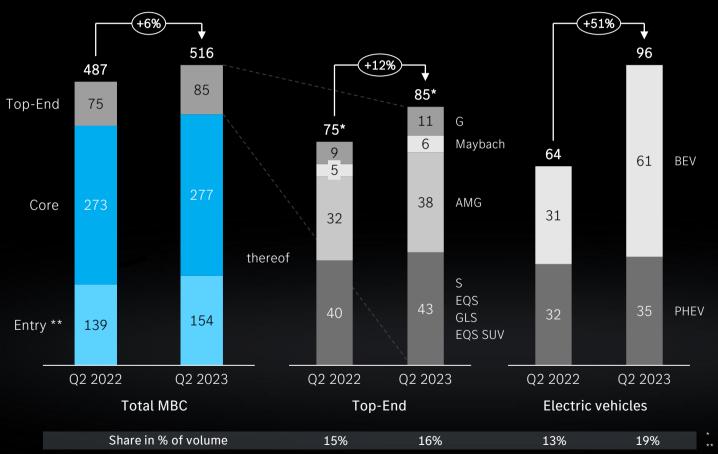
**Products:** Production start of new E-Class with MB.OS precursor; premiere of GLC Coupé & CLE

**Technology:** L3 certification in California; launch of Automatic Lane Change in Europe; ChatGPT integration in cars in U.S.

**Customer experience:** Expansion of charging options in North America; further roll-out of direct sales model

### Mercedes-Benz Cars: Top-End and electric vehicle unit sales

In thousand units



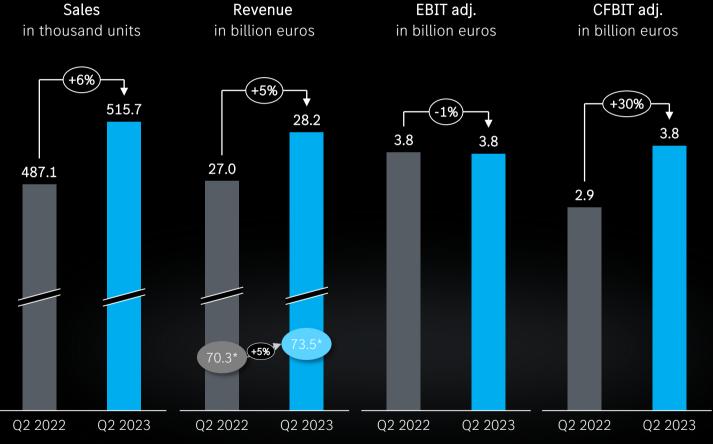


w/o double counting (e.g. G63, S-Class, Maybach)

<sup>\*\*</sup> incl. smart

#### Mercedes-Benz Cars: Financials





Mercedes-Benz Cars: Q2 2023 EBIT & RoS In million euros Gross Profit +270 919 -337 3,833 3,812 40 3,852 41 52 3.792 -312 -77 -59 -207 RoS: RoS: RoS: RoS: 14.2% 13.5% 13.6% 14.0% Improved net pricing Increased unit sales Foreign exchange rates Higher raw material prices and one time commodity charges Legal proceedings - 26 Higher investments in future technologies and vehicles Legal proceedings + 41 Russia Research & **EBIT** Volume / Foreign General **EBIT EBIT** Industrial Selling non-capitalized **EBIT** adjusted administrative adjusted Adjustments structure / exchange Other Adjustments 02 2022 development Q2 2023 performance expenses Q2 2022 Net pricing rates expenses Q2 2023 costs

#### Mercedes-Benz Cars: EBIT to CFBIT

In million euros 3,852 3,842 3,769 490 1,497 -482 -52 CCR CCR: 1.0 1.0 -1,536 Inventories Trade receivables + 14 · BBAC Dividend + 897 Trade payables • Result at-equity BBAC - 335 • Legal proceedings + 73

Depreciation and

amortization/

impairments

Other

Net investments

in pp&e and

intangible assets

EBIT

Q2 2023

Change in working

capital

Net financial

investments

Adjustments

**CFBIT** 

Q2 2023

**CFBIT** 

adjusted

Q2 2023

#### Mercedes-Benz Vans: Key messages



**Performance**: Strong sales and order book in favourable market conditions

**Profitability:** Solid net pricing and volume outweigh cost increases and inflation

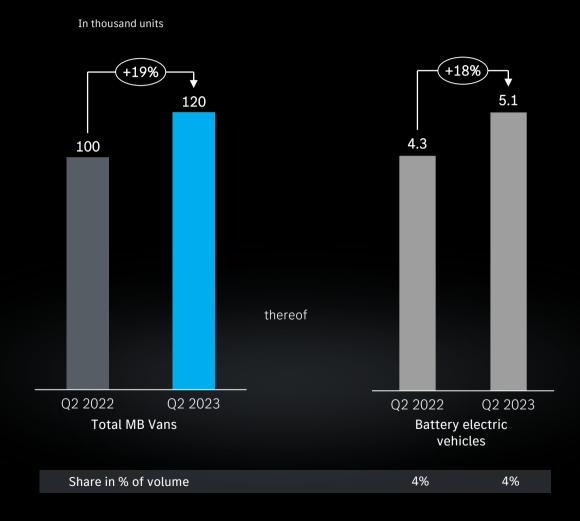
**Products:** Product portfolio fully electrified in each segment with start of sales for EQT\* and eCitan

**Strategy:** Long term targets outlined on Mercedes-Benz Vans Strategy Update in May

<sup>\*</sup> Combined power consumption (WLTP): 20,7-19,3 kWh/100km; CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (combined) 0g/km)

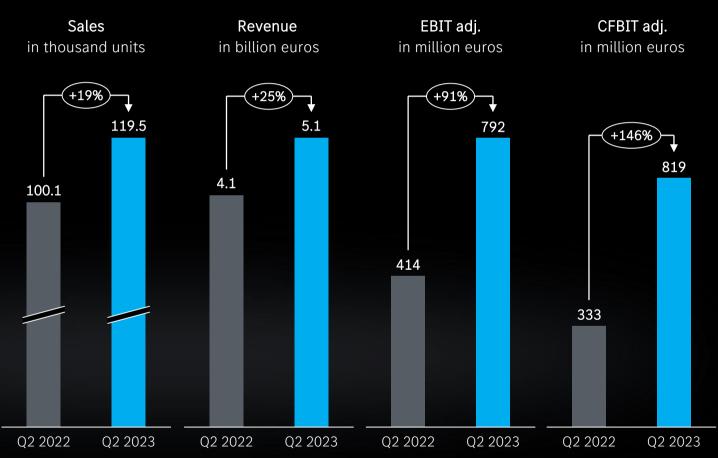
#### Mercedes-Benz Vans: Electric vehicle unit sales



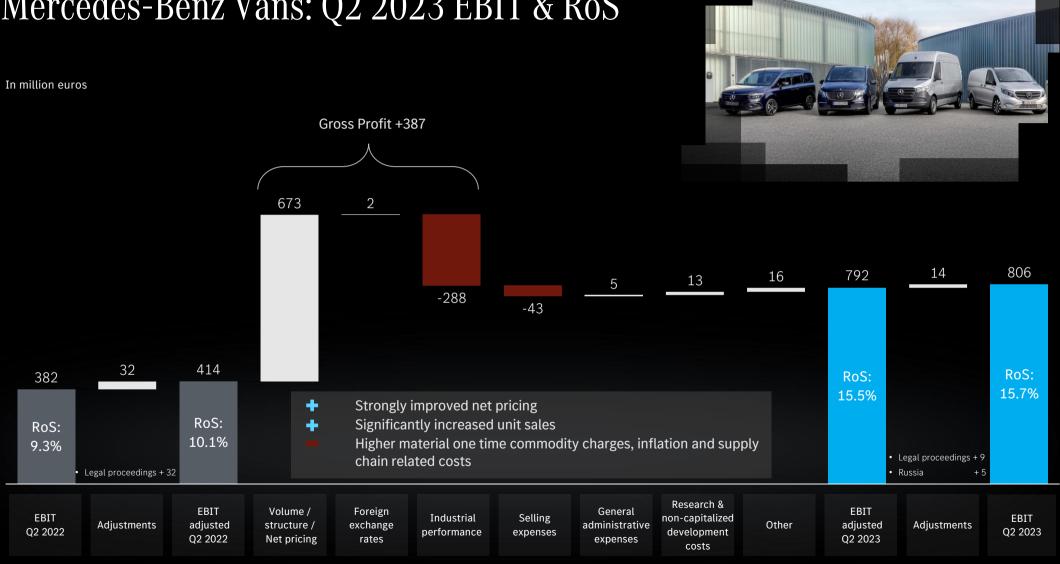


#### Mercedes-Benz Vans: Financials





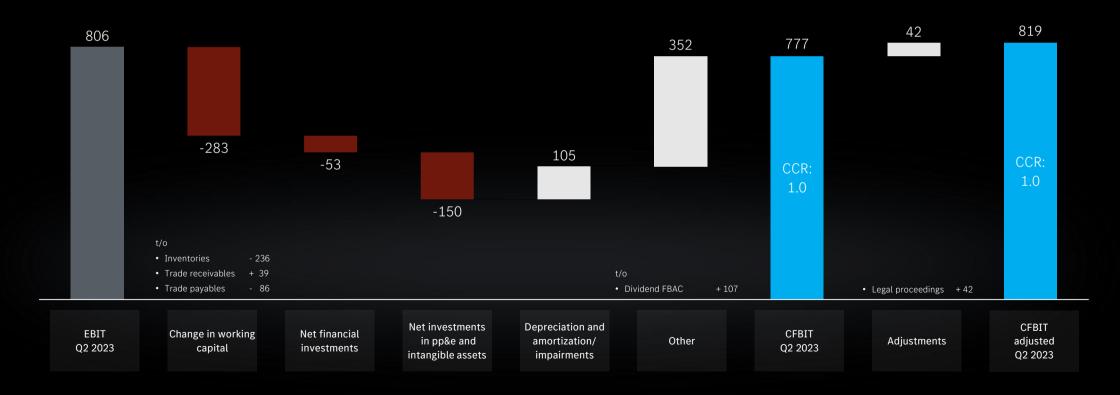
#### Mercedes-Benz Vans: Q2 2023 EBIT & RoS



#### Mercedes-Benz Vans: EBIT to CFBIT

In million euros





#### Mercedes-Benz Mobility: Key messages

**Business:** Challenging market environment; Higher penetration rate for battery electric vehicles

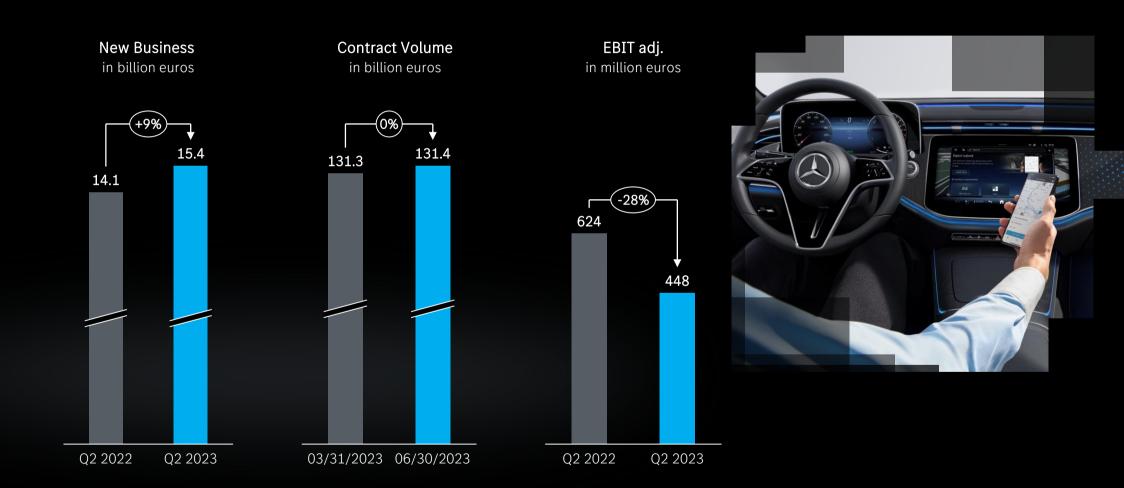
**Profitability:** Interest margin impacted by higher interest rates and increased competition

**Products:** Ramp-up of Mercedes-Benz charging business started

Russia: Sale of business activities completed



#### Mercedes-Benz Mobility: Financials



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#### Mercedes-Benz Mobility: Q2 2023 EBIT & RoE

In million euros

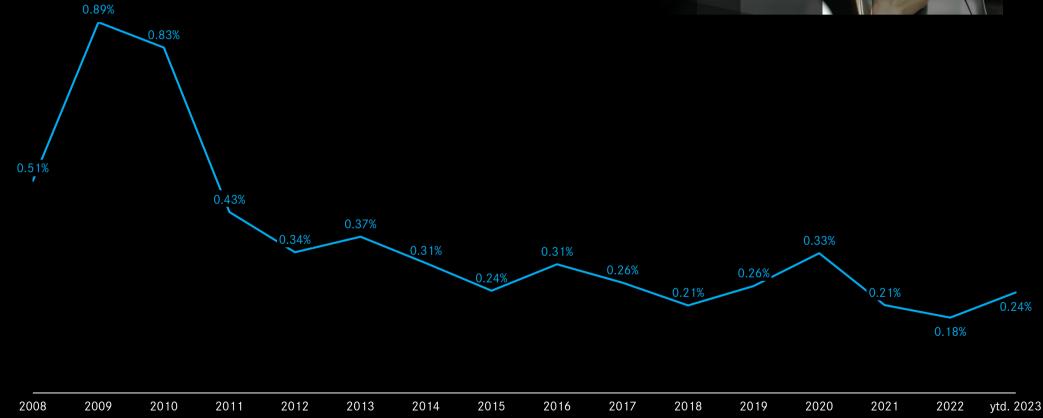




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#### Mercedes-Benz Mobility: Net credit losses\*





\* As percentage of portfolio, subject to credit risk.

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#### Mercedes-Benz Divisional Guidance 2023

#### **ASSUMPTION**

With regional differences the overall growth momentum of the world economy is likely to remain rather subdued in the second half of the year. Despite an ongoing monthly decrease in the rate of inflation, inflation is expected to remain above average in many places, which is likely to result in continued restrictive monetary policies by major central banks. These developments are likely to continue to weigh on consumers and companies and weaken economic growth accordingly. Geopolitical imponderables remain another uncertainty factor. By contrast, energy prices are expected to remain at a significantly lower level than in the previous year for the rest of 2023 and also on average for the year as a whole. The noticeably improved situation in global supply chains should continue to benefit the development of the automotive markets in the second half of the year, although market demand is expected to remain subdued in important markets.

Unit Colon	Mercedes-Benz Cars	At prior-year level
Unit Sales	Mercedes-Benz Vans	Significantly above
Return on Sales (adjusted*)	Mercedes-Benz Cars	12 to 14 %
	Mercedes-Benz Vans	13 to 15 %
(,,	Mercedes-Benz Mobility (RoE)	12 to 14 %
Cash Conversion Rate** (adjusted)	Mercedes-Benz Cars	0.8 to 1.0
	Mercedes-Benz Vans	0.7 to 0.9
Investment in pp&e	Mercedes-Benz Cars	Significantly above
	Mercedes-Benz Vans	Significantly above
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R&D expenditure	Mercedes-Benz Vans	Significantly above



The adjustments include material adjustments if they lead to significant effects in a reporting period. These material adjustments relate in particular to legal proceedings and related measures, restructuring measures and M&A transactions.

\* Adjusted Cash Flow before Interest and Taxes (CFBIT) divided by adjusted EBIT.

#### Mercedes-Benz Group Guidance 2023

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Revenue At prior-year level

EBIT At prior-year level

Free Cash Flow (Industrial Business) Slightly above

CO<sub>2</sub> emission (g/km)\* Significantly below



<sup>\*</sup> Average CO2 emissions of the total fleet of newly registered Mercedes-Benz cars in Europe (European Union, Norway and Iceland) in the reporting year as measured on the basis of the WLTP, i.e. including vans that are registered as passenger cars.

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#### Our funding strategy is built on strict principles

Targeting
Financial
Independence

No dependence from single markets, instruments, banks or investors

Diversification of funding sources and instruments: Bank Loans, Bonds, ABS, Commercial Paper

No Covenants and asset pledges, no Credit Support Agreements

Maximizing Financial Flexibility Keeping prudent amount of Cash and Committed Credit Facility

New markets funded via global and local banks first

Early capital market funding to save credit capacity in growth regions

Stringent Global Funding Policy

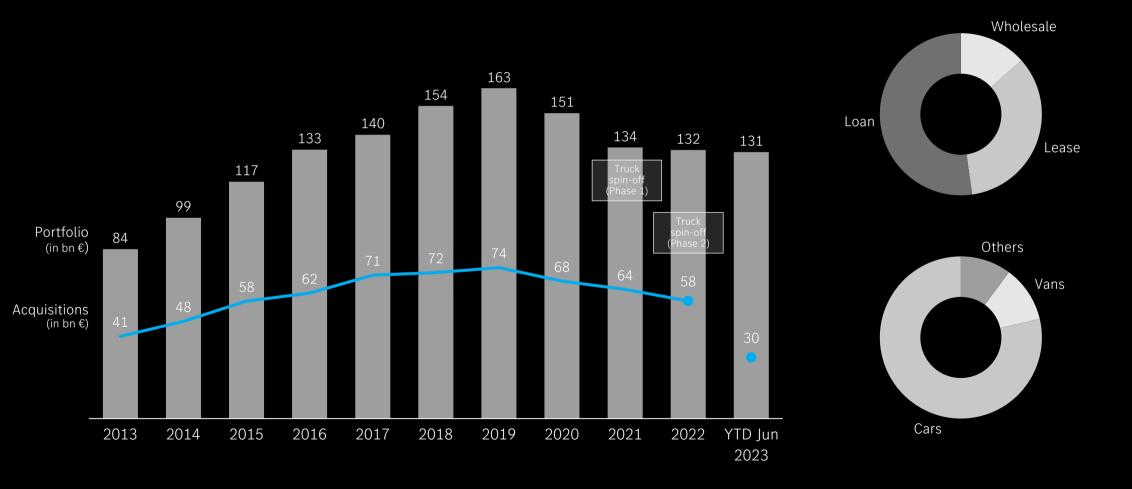
Liquidity matched funding

Interest rate matched funding

Currency matched funding

Country matched funding

#### Portfolio at Mercedes-Benz Mobility remained stable compared to 2022

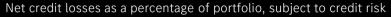


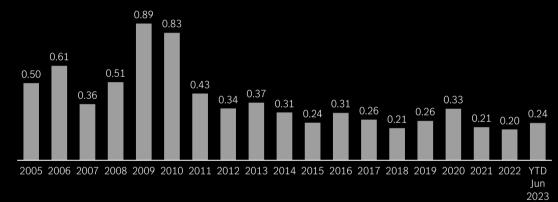
#### Mercedes-Benz Mobility business benefits from stringent credit management and solid refinancing

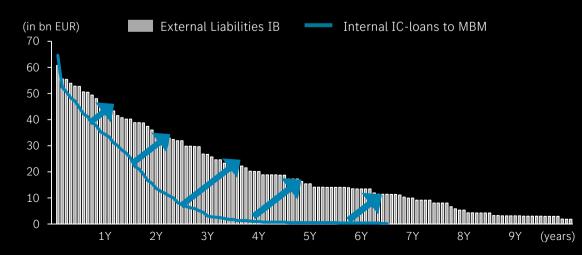
Due to softer used car markets and a challenging economic environment, net credit losses increased, but remain on an overall solid level. Risks lean towards the upside with a tense macroeconomic outlook and rising interest rates that impact customer liquidity.

The matched-funded approach ensures that liquidity risks are managed properly

External liabilities of Mercedes-Benz Group have a longer duration due to capital market refinancing than internal allocation to MBM via IC-loans

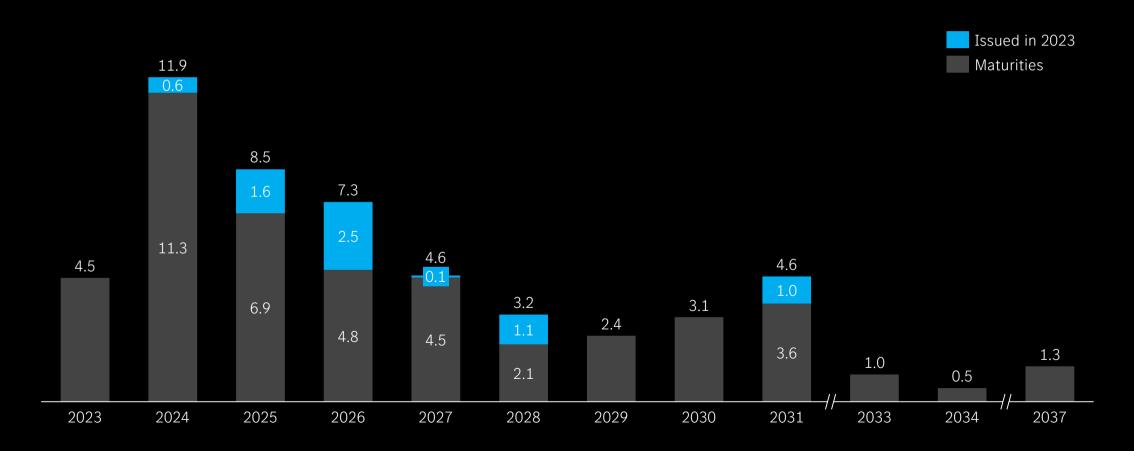






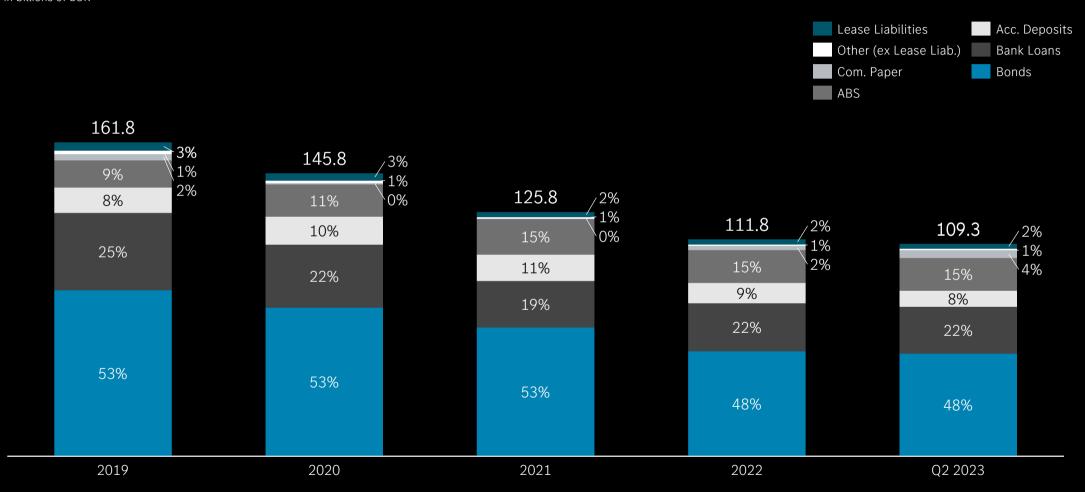
#### Well balanced Bond Maturity Profile

in billions of EUR as of 30st June 2023

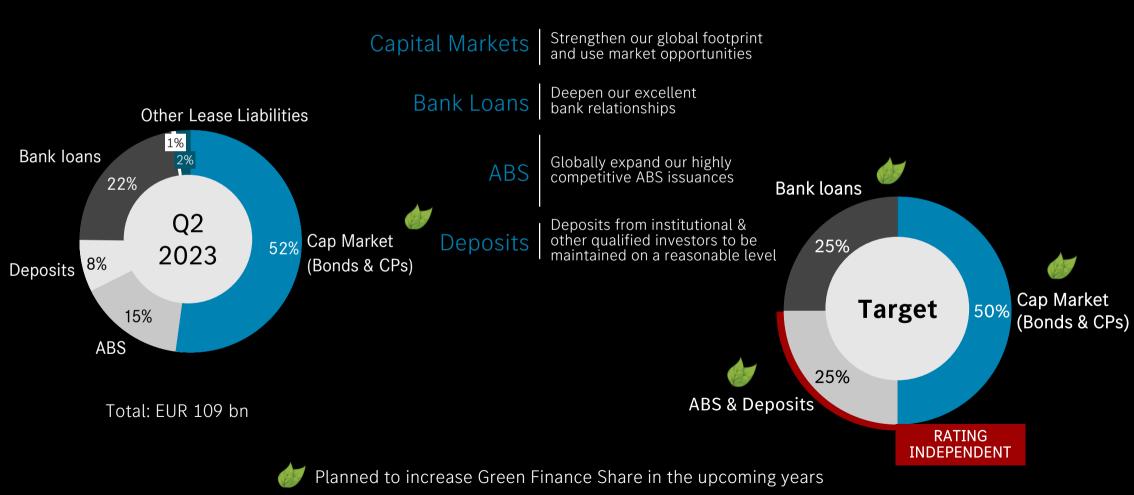


#### Financing liabilities show a diversified funding mix

in billions of EUR



# To ensure sustainable portfolio growth, we mitigate risk and volatility through a balanced mix of funding instruments



#### Diversified global funding base: continuously matched with MBM





Bonds						ABS						Bank Loans
Currency	Volume	%	Currency	Volume	%	Currency	Volume	%	Currency	Volume	%	
EUR	31,3	59%	AUD	0,4	1%	USD	8,4	50%	CAD	0,3	2%	110 banks providing funding of EUR 24 bn
USD	14,8	28%	MYR	0,3	1%	CNY	3,9	23%	AUD	0,7	4%	in 35 countries
CNY	2,3	4%	NOK	0,3	0%	EUR	1,9	11%	JPY	0,4	2%	
CAD	1,4	3%	KRW	0,2	0%	GBP	1,3	7%				
GBP	1,0	2%	JPY	0,2	0%							
ZAR	0,6	1%	(CHF, HUF TRY, HKD)	0,4	1%							
Total (EUR bn)	53		Currencies	15		Total (EUR bn)	17		Currencies	7		

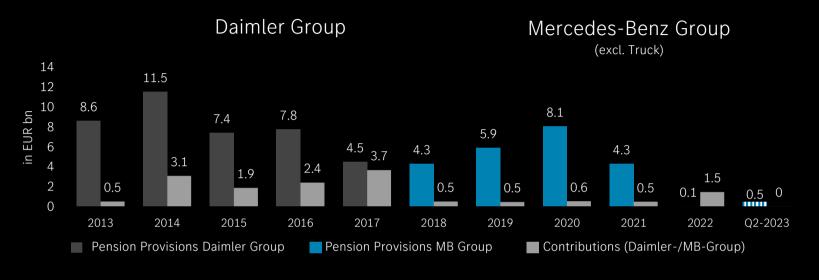
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#### Mercedes-Benz Group's financial KPIs set to support a strong rating

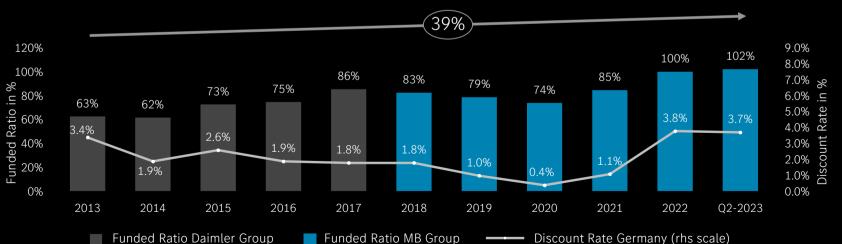
Agency	Long-term	Outlook	Short-term
Standard & Poor's:	А	stable	A-1
Moody's:	A2	stable	P-1
Fitch:	A	stable	F1+
Scope:	А	positive	S-1
DBRS:	A (low)	stable	R-1 (low)

**Current Ratings:** 

#### Contributions stabilized funded ratio in low interest rate environment



Significant contributions since 2013 support the solid capital structure (no more pension provisions required)



With the rebound of discount rates to levels higher than 2013, pension plans turn to a funded ratio above 100%

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# We follow a holistic sustainable business strategy: Ecological, social, economical



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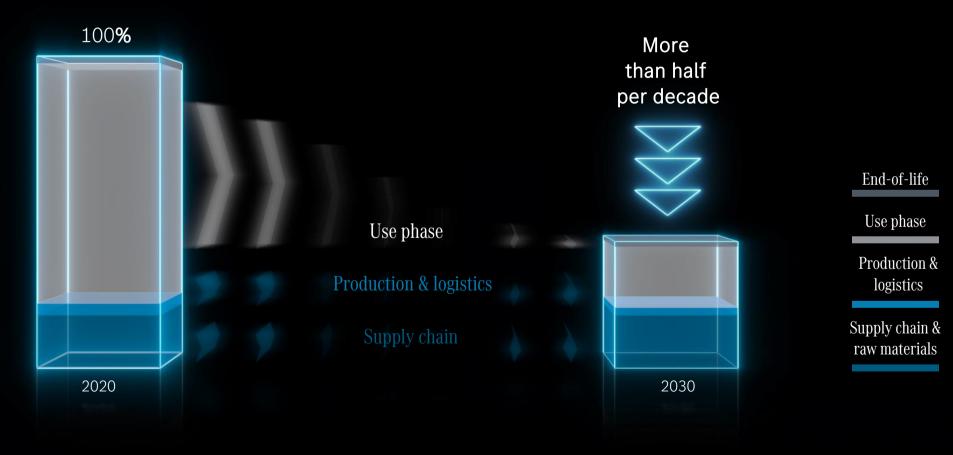
# Ambition 2039 – our commitment to net carbon-neutrality along the entire value chain in the new vehicle fleet in 2039



 $49.7 \text{ tCO}_2$  in  $2020 - 47.8 \text{ tCO}_2$  in 2022 - more than half per decade

# We will at least halve lifecycle CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per vehicle in this decade\*

Mercedes-Benz Cars – on our way towards Ambition 2039 – we target the full lifecycle of the car



<sup>\*</sup> when market conditions allow

### At the end of the decade, our focus will be on BEV only

By 2025, our customers will be able to choose an all-electric alternative for every model we make

It's our ambition to drive the plug-in hybrid & BEV share up to 50% by mid-decade. By the end of the decade, we will be ready to go all-electric where market conditions allow.

We will use our unique brand position to grow economic value

- enhance product mix and pricing
- focus on most profitable models and regions
- drive loyalty and grow recurring revenues
- increase revenue per unit

2020 EQV

2021



2022



**EQE SUV** 



EOT

2023



**EQS SUV** 

Mercedes-Maybach EQS SUV

# We are on the way to an all-electric future - MMA followed by three "electric only" architectures mid-decade







#### MEDIUM AND FULL-SIZE CARS

Scalable modular system for our EV portfolio

PERFORMANCE ELECTRIC
VEHICLES
Architecture

#### **NEW ERA**

For electric vans and light commercial vehicles

<sup>\*</sup> where market conditions allow

# Together with our partners, we will expand our activities in battery cells and systems

2019

Our target: Capacity of more than 200 Gigawatt hours by 2023

Local-for-local strategy with partners and new cell factories around the world

#### **Envision AESC**

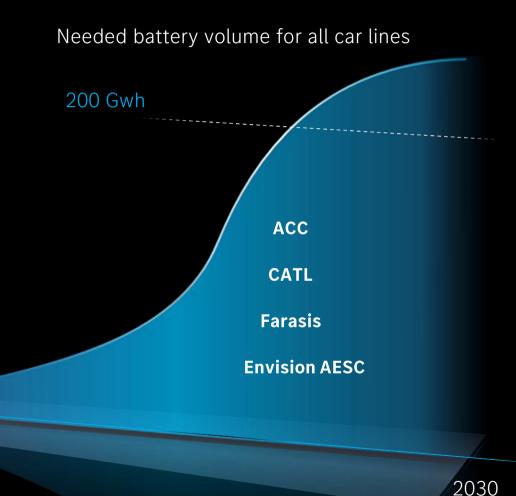
- Cell production in Bowling Green, USA
- Cell production in Caceres, Spain

#### CATL

New plant in Debrecen, Hungary

#### ACC building 3 plants in Europe

- Douvrin, France
- Kaiserslautern, Germany
- Termoli, Italy



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## By joining ACC, we build a European battery champion

We take a one third stake in Automotive Cells Company (ACC).

Our goal: Joint development and production of cells and modules in Europe.

ACC will reach a capacity of at least 120 Gigawatt hours in Europe by the end of the decade.

ACC will supply Mercedes-Benz with high-performance battery technologies from its production locations from mid of the decade.



# All of our own Mercedes-Benz plants world-wide are producing 100% net carbon-neutral

Together with our EV strategy, net carbon-neutral production is a key driver of Ambition 2039

Since the beginning of 2022, production sites worldwide fully owned by Mercedes-Benz have been net carbon-neutral.

We plan to cover 70% of our energy needs through renewable sources<sup>1</sup> and will also produce energy on site

Mercedes-Benz global production network



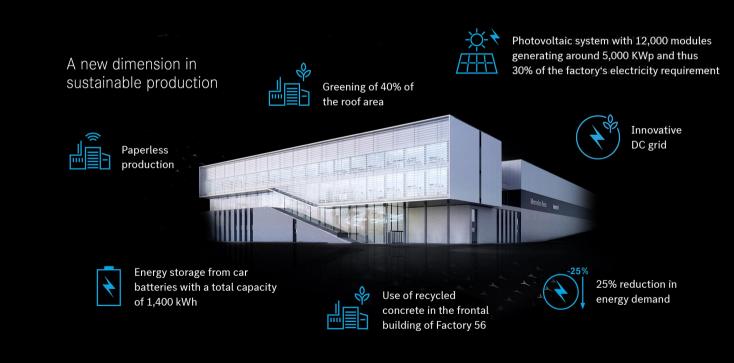
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> by 2030

# Our Factory 56 is a zero-carbon factory and serves as a blueprint for our global Mercedes-Benz production network

At our Factory 56 in Sindelfingen producing more sustainable is already reality

The innovative energy concept includes a photovoltaic system, a DC power grid and energy storage based on reused vehicle batteries

Self-generated, green electric power is sufficient to cover about 30% of the factory's annual power requirements



# Having achieved net carbon-neutral production in 2022, not only do we use clean energy in production, we also produce it

It is our ambition to make all Mercedes-Benz factories renewable energy production sites

Maximising our on-site photovoltaic systems worldwide by 2025 – adding up to 140 MWp new PV

By 2025 we will invest a triple-digit million amount to install photovoltaic systems

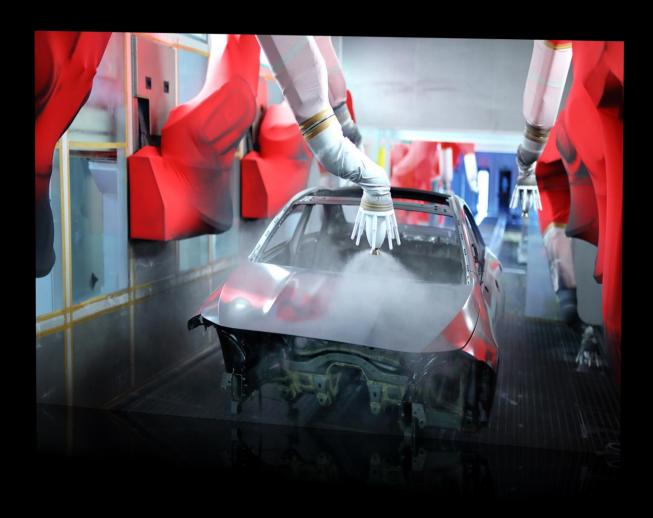


# Water usage reduction and a sustainable heat supply are cornerstones in reducing our ecological footprint

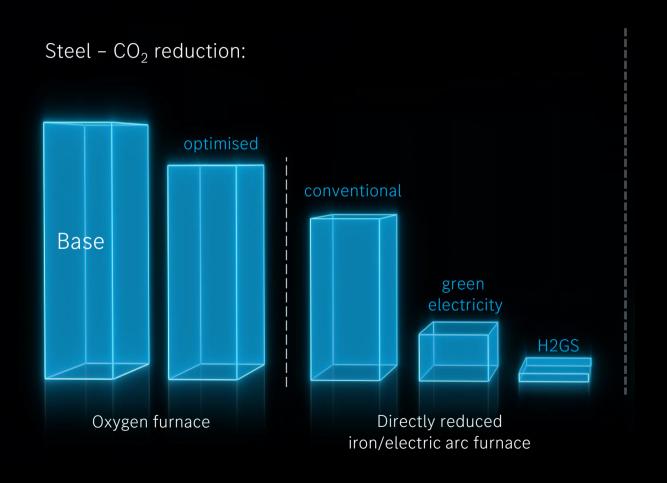
Our use of water will be cut by 35% by 2030 thanks to multi-reuse of water in production

We boost the sustainability of our plants' heat supply, especially focusing on our paint shops

We plan to use biogas and biomass as well as geothermal and solar thermal energy instead of conventional gas



We create sustainable supply chains for focus materials via technology changes



~90%

of our annual purchasing volume is supplied by companies that follow our ambition to become net carbon-neutral

Further materials in focus:

Aluminium sheet/cast
Thermoplastics

Battery materials

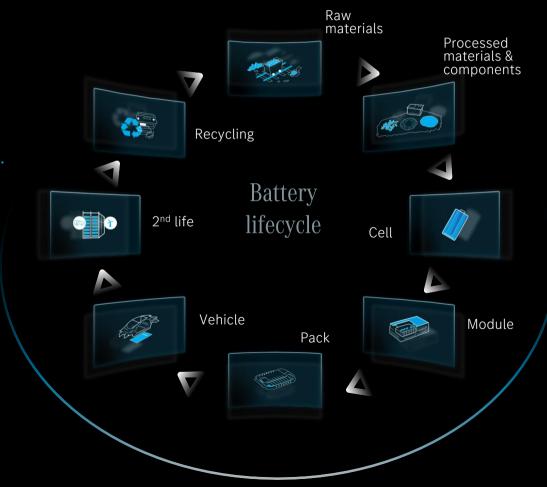
# We are establishing a green and net carbon-neutral supply chain

In the future, raw materials for battery components only from IRMA-certified mines

Cooperation with strategic partners, e. g. for lithium hydroxide with German-Canadian Rock Tech Lithium Inc.

Direct sourcing of battery raw materials like nickel and cobalt under consideration

First closed battery loop at industrial scale set-up in China with leading partners



# Mercedes-Benz is closing the loop on batteries through sustainable recycling

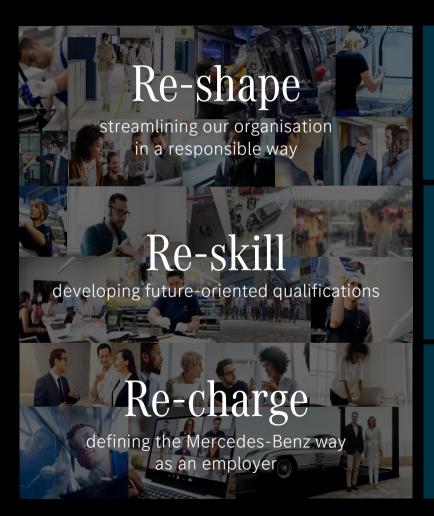
Own CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral recycling plant in Kuppenheim, southern Germany start operations in summer 2024 with the first phase - shredding batteries - in 2023

Hydrometallurgy: Innovative technology increases recovery rate to more than 96%

Cooperation with high-tech partners in China and the U.S. ensures the closure of the recyclable materials loop worldwide



# Our people plan focuses on a just transition for our employees



3,000

positions filled with software engineers worldwide

Individual target plans for our entities, plants and functions

Realignment of our global production network towards electric vehicles and digitalisation

Turn >2 bn

investment in Turn2Learn qualification initiative worldwide 2022-2030

77,000

employees in Germany qualified in e-mobility since 2020 ~ 120.000

participations in training courses related to digitization

Modern, flexible and diverse working environment

30% share of women in senior management positions by 2030

Competitive salary Profit-sharing bonus for tariff-scale employees Employee shares

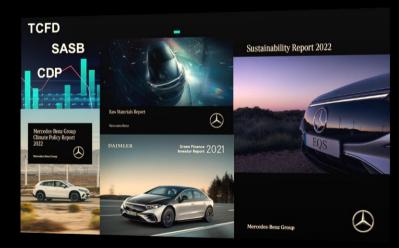
# We provide transparency and support direct communication with our shareholders



Multi-platform-based shareholder communication

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Comprehensive disclosure according to capital market standards & frameworks



COMMUNICATION

REPORTING

### We finance our transformation in a sustainable manner







#### GREEN FINANCE FRAMEWORK

In line with Ambition 2039

"DARK GREEN" by CICERO

Green Mercedes-Benz Mobility assets and Green ABS

#### REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY

In line with Ambition 2039

11 billion euros linked to carbon footprint and BEV share

Proof point for future set-up

#### GREEN PANDA BOND

First automaker to issue a Green Panda Bond

Green Finance regional footprint expanded

Net proceeds for BEVs

# We are making substantial progress in our climate efforts



### **AGENDA**

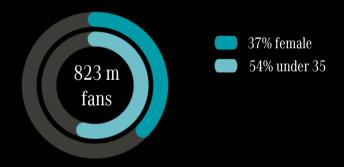
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# Mercedes-Benz - The original and most valuable luxury car brand

Heritage:
Mercedes-Benz is built on constant reinvention



### Formula 1: The power of F1 for our brand





Source: Interbrand Best Global Brands 2021

# Zeitgeist relevance: There's no luxury without sustainability

Our sustainability goals:

2022

Net carbon-neutral production

Mid-Decade

Up to 50% xEVs

2030

ready to go all electric where market conditions allow

2039

Net carbon-neutral



# Approaching our customers

Specific Mercedes-AMG touchpoints continue to grow worldwide



Digitalisation drives the importance of the physical brand experience



Direct sales: one giant leap for our customers and for us



# Exclusivity: Significant progress with our top-end vehicles and increasingly electric with even more conquest potential

+27%

Top-end vehicle unit sales in 2022 vs. 2019

~60%

Expected growth of top-end vehicle share of total Mercedes-Benz sales 2019-2026





# Our game plan: generate returns consistent with our luxury status

### What we are going to do

- Focus on **pricing power**
- Optimise product portfolio
- Tap full potential of top-end segment
- Exit lower margin products and channels
- Control investment and capacity while driving up contribution margins



### The financial Impact

- Drive ASP higher
- Find a superior operating equilibrium
- Structurally higher
   profitability and improved

   margin resilience
- Higher return on invested capital

# The power of pricing is part of our strategy

#### **Key Levers**

- Superior brand drives pricing power
- Strong products enable ambitious initial price setting versus competition
- Sustainable price escalation
- Tight **discounts**: from sales push to lifecycle management
- Direct sales model allows grip on pricing
- Clear objective to continually raise our net pricing yoy
- Ambition to compensate raw material cost increases via pricing
- >> We will continue to control pricing and supply even if competitors pursue a volume strategy



# Reshaped model portfolio will drive profitable sales growth

Mercedes-Benz Car Sales	2.3 m cars	1.9 m cars	2021-2026 CAGR approx. 5% p.a.	Change of segment share in 2026 vs. 2019
Top-End Luxury				Around +60%
Core Luxury				0 %
Entry Luxury				-25%
	2019	2021	2026	

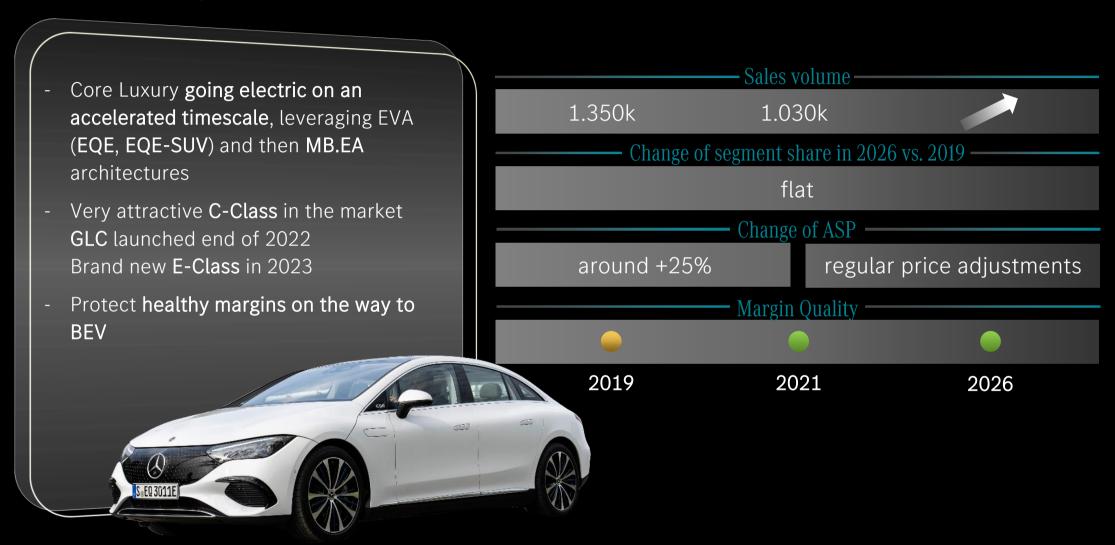
## Entry Luxury - Focus & Elevate

- Elevate to Entry Luxury
- Product range refocused on fewer and more upscale portfolio positions:
   4 bodystyles instead of 7
- The new entrance point of the portfolio
   is being redefined with the next
   generation of vehicles
- Margin threshold supports Group margin ambition



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## Core Luxury - Grow & Refine



# Top-End Luxury - Expand & Enhance

- Starting point: Over 300k top-end luxury units with ASP of > € 100k and top-end profitability
- Sustainable segment growth
- Desirable products fueling growth:
   EQS, EQS-SUV, EQS-SUV Maybach,
   SL, GT, AMG.EA
- Ultra exclusive collectibles and luxury customer experience

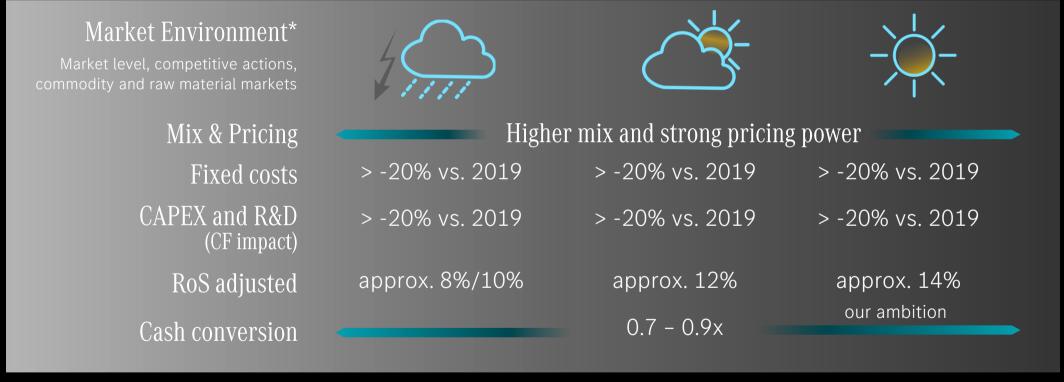


# Changing our economic equation

- Enhance ROIC: control the denominator while raising the numerator (operating and cash margins)
- Drive growth through high utilisation, ,reverse auction'
   of available capacity to build the most profitable
   models
- 75% of capital allocation focused on top-end and core segment where the returns are most promising
- **Intelligent and careful capital allocation** to build EV capabilities and supply chain



# Our financial ambitions for Mercedes-Benz Cars in 2025: structurally higher profitability and lower margin volatility



<sup>\*</sup> Market Environment compromises of the above listed external factors. There might also be situations, which are impossible for us to forecast and not covered within the weather chart e.g. "black swans" like Covid-19 in 2020. Major tectonic shifts on raw material side or on the geo-political side might be further potential examples. By the nature of these events providing a margin forecast for such extreme scenarios is not possible.

### **AGENDA**

- I. Mercedes-Benz Group Review Q2 2023
- II. Divisional Review Q2 2023
- III. Outlook FY 2023
- IV. Funding
- V. Sustainability
- VI. Luxury Strategy
- VII. Operating System

The fundamental building principles of our proprietary operating system

# WE ARE THE ARCHIS

SPECIFY

DESIGN

DEVELOF

PROCURE/ PARTNER

INTEGRATE

UPGRADE

The fundamental building principles of our proprietary operating system

1. Purpose-built and open to partners



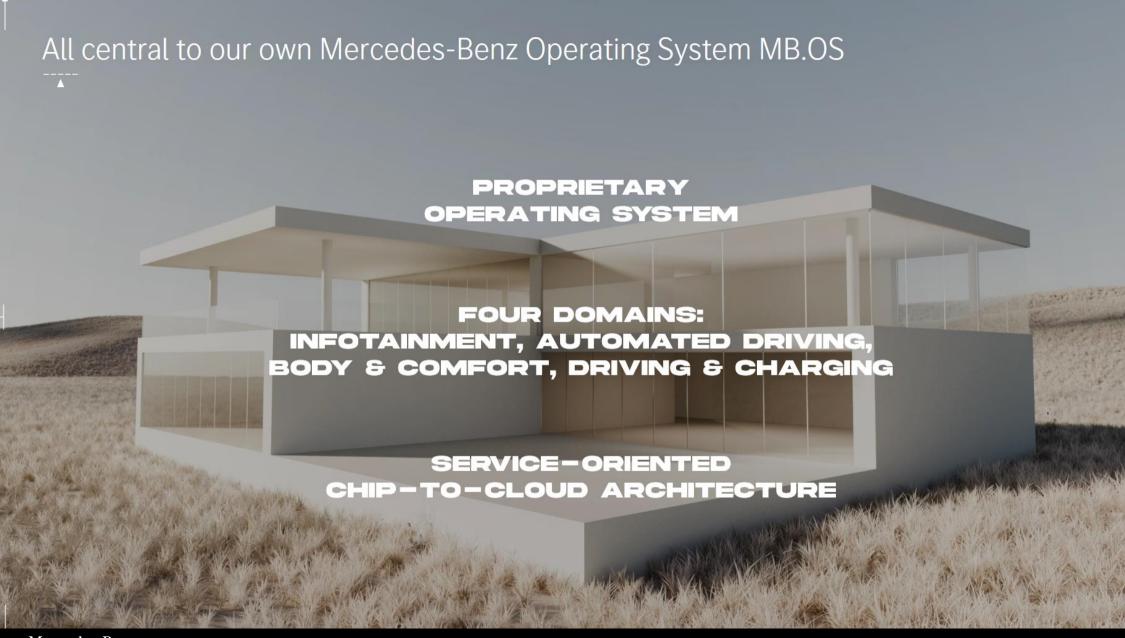
2. Personalized services through one unique Mercedes Me ID



3. Privacy-by-design from the very beginning



4. Full overt-the-air updatability and decoupled software and hardware releases



Delighting our customers with an extraordinary experience

The most desirable

#### **HARDWARE CANVAS**





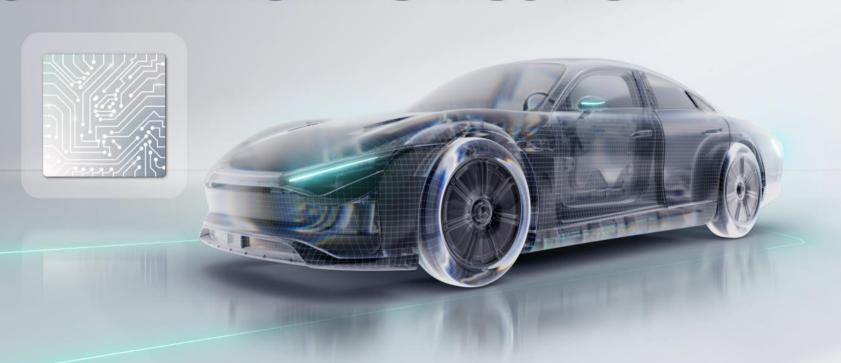
... for the most desirable

SOFTWARE CONTENT

We are building it intelligent, automated and exceptionally safe

Equipping each Mercedes with a

### SUPERCOMPUTER AND A COMPREHENSIVE SENSOR SET





### Beneficial partnership with NVIDIA for MB.DRIVE

### SHARED

NVIDIA: AD base software Software updates SoC integration

Mercedes-Benz: Vehicles integration Application development Variable costs







#### JOINT BENEFIT

Common use of data, IP rights and codes

Faster development times

Optimized product costs

Shared proceeds

# Advancing next-generation Level 2 automated driving Leveraging machine learning

Best-in-class LiDAR

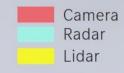
Point-to-point assisted driving based on navigation

New dimension of processing power

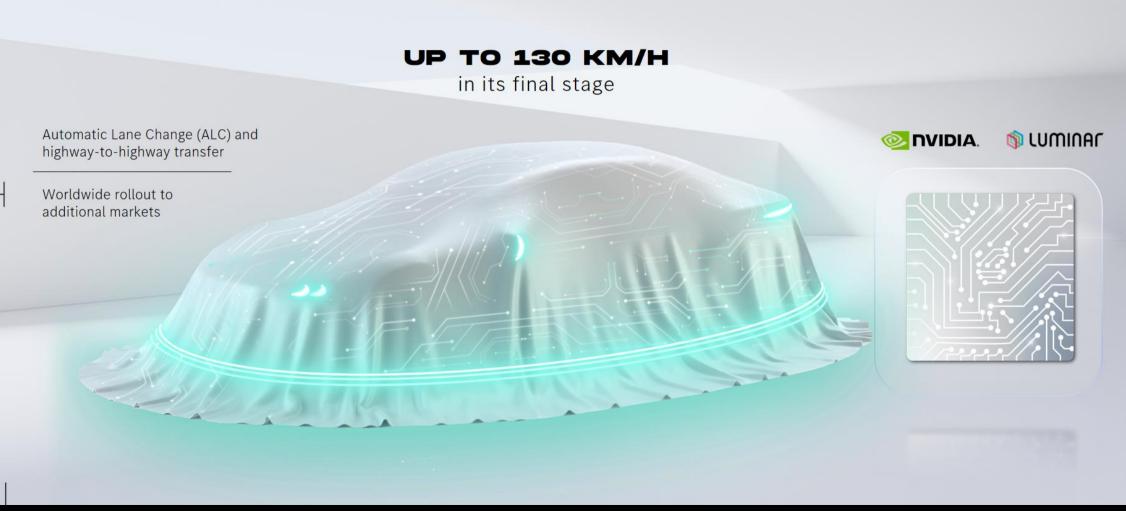
AI-powered and data-driven

System designed for urban use cases





Accelerating next-generation Level 3 automated driving with 2x computing power Giving customers back even more time



### We are bundling the best functionalities into one MB.CONNECT package



The MB.CONNECT package will bundle a wide range of services into one

High flexibility: Available for a fixed-term three-year contract with vehicle purchase or via subscription

From 2025 onwards, 80% customer retention expected (for vehicles in the one-to-six-year age)

A strong digital customer base as a springboard for future growth

## TODAY

Mercedes me is live in 50 markets

>10 million connected cars worldwide

## 2025

Mercedes me is planned to be live in 65 markets

...and targeting expansion to more than  $16\ million$  connected cars

### MB.CHARGE - we offer fixed prices and priority access to our charging network



Transparent, fixed-price charging rates

Priority access for customers to the Mercedes-Benz HPC network

> 80% customer retention expected from 2025 onwards (for vehicles in the one-to-six-year age)

MB.DRIVE - our expanded and new offerings for assisted and automated driving



Starting with MMA we aim to equip all new models with hardware for enhanced assisted driving

Ability to upgrade to a higher degree of assistance foreseen across whole lifecycle

Conditionally automated driving functionalities can be ordered from the factory

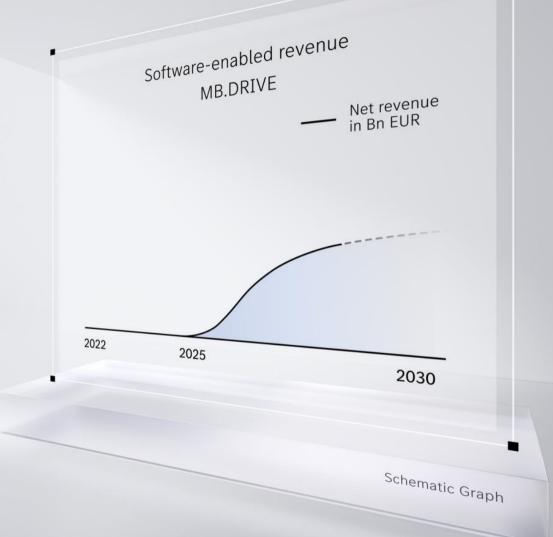
### MB.DRIVE unlocks new revenue and EBIT pools



Features available as factory and store sales

Low single-digit Bn EUR revenue by mid of the decade

Mid single-digit Bn EUR revenue by end of the decade



### Total software-enabled revenue development

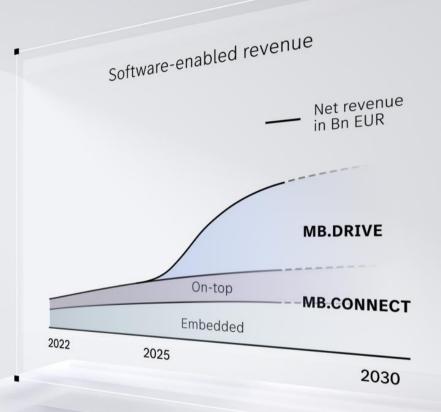


Low-to-mid single-digit Bn EUR revenue by mid of the decade

High single-digit Bn EUR revenue by end of the decade

1 Bn EUR EBIT on track by mid of the decade

All figures part of existing weather chart



Schematic Graph

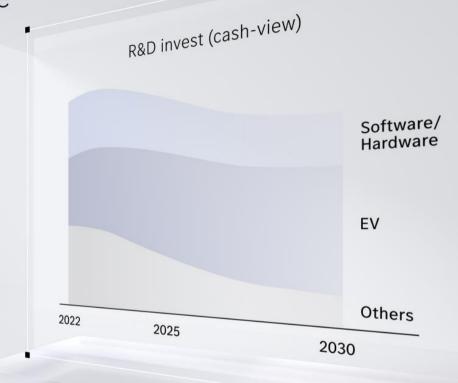
MB.OS software and corresponding hardware investment are part of existing financial target landscape

Increased share of R&D invest in EV and MB.OS software & hardware

Run-rate of 1-2 Bn EUR p.a. for MB.OS software & hardware

25% of R&D invest by mid of decade for MB.OS software and hardware

Midterm invest reduction targets remain



Schematic Graph

### We are the architects

**OUR PROMISE:** The world's most desirable cars

**OUR OPPORTUNITY:** Outstanding products & improved enterprise productivity

**OUR CONVICTION:** Software a core competence

**OUR REALISM:** Technology partnerships essential

**OUR VISION:** Future proofing our valuable real estate

**OUR FOCUS:** Delivering MB.OS for the launch of MMA

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