# **Fixed Income Presentation** Q3 2024 Mercedes-Benz Group AG $\overset{\wedge}{\phantom{}} \overset{\wedge}{\phantom{}} \overset{}}{\phantom{}} \overset{}}$ $\overset{\wedge}{\longrightarrow} \overset{\wedge}{\longrightarrow} \overset{\vee}{\longrightarrow} \overset{\vee}{\to} \overset{\vee}$

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# Mercedes-Benz Group: Key messages



**Sales**: Solid sales for Cars and Vans. Cars mix soft amidst subdued environment, particularly in China.

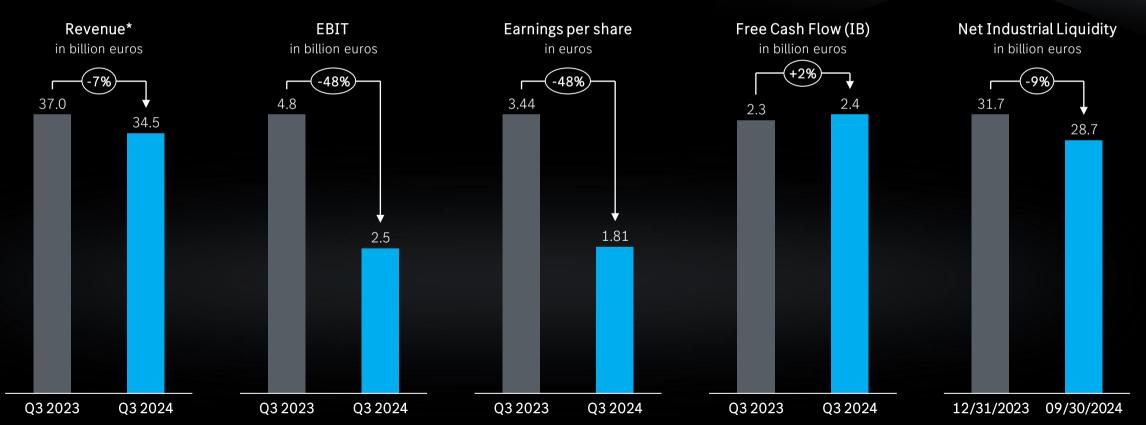
**Products**: World premieres of the Mercedes-Maybach SL Monogram series and AMG GT special editions. VAN.EA prototypes on the roads.

**Profitability**: Cars weak. Vans very good. MBM navigating challenging market conditions.

**Technology**: Level 3 automated driving progressing to 95 km/h. Mercedes-Benz battery recycling factory opened in Kuppenheim.

**Capital Allocation:** Strong cash generation continued. Share buyback cash outs at EUR 4.3 bn YTD.

# Mercedes-Benz Group: Key figures

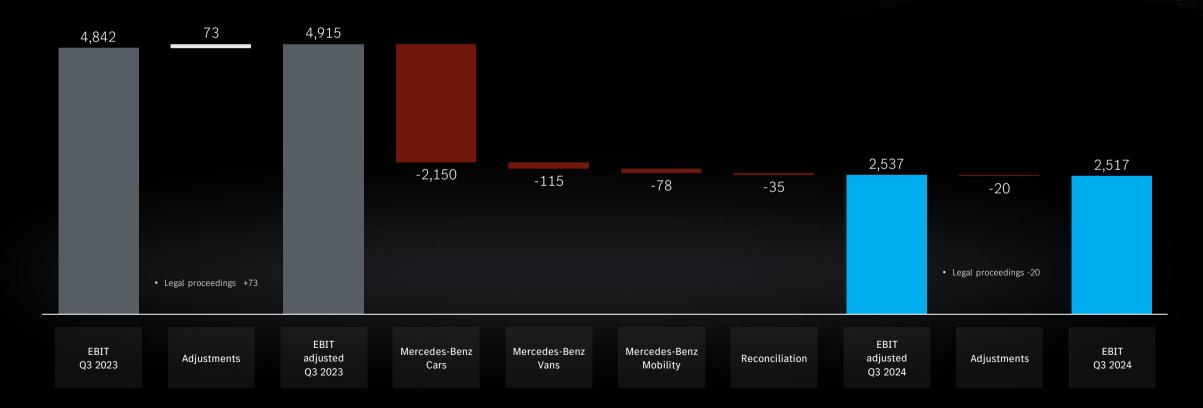


\* Adjustments in the prior-year quarterly figures without impact on EBIT. Further information can be found in the interim report.

#### Mercedes-Benz

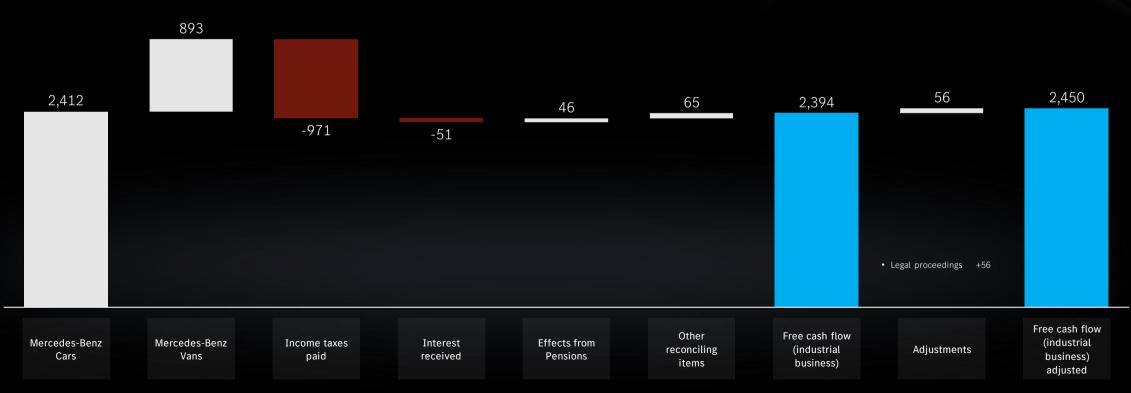
# Mercedes-Benz Group: EBIT

In million euros

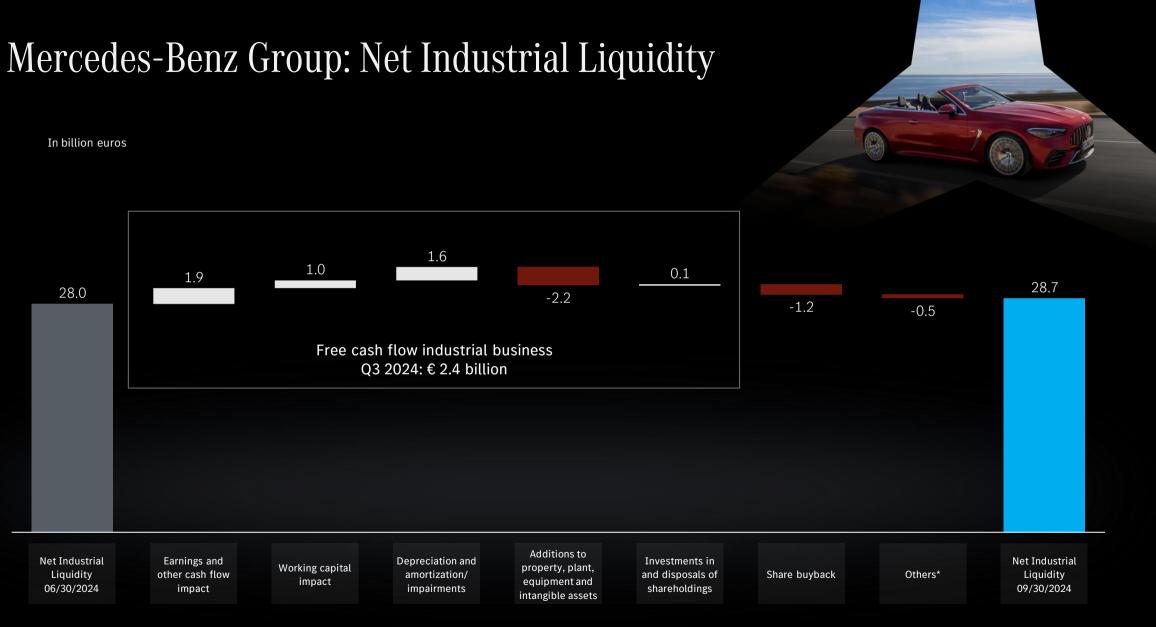


# Mercedes-Benz Group: Reconciliation from CFBIT to Free Cash Flow

In million euros





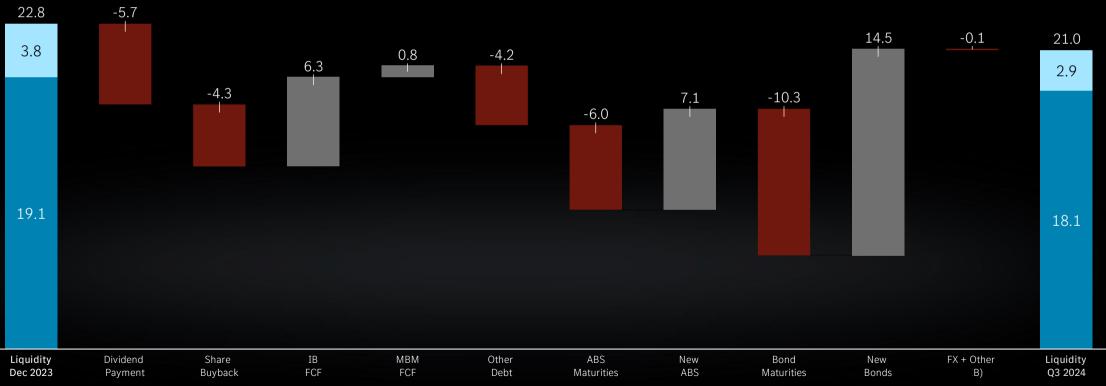


\* Mainly FX and MBM related effects

# Mercedes-Benz Group: Gross Liquidity

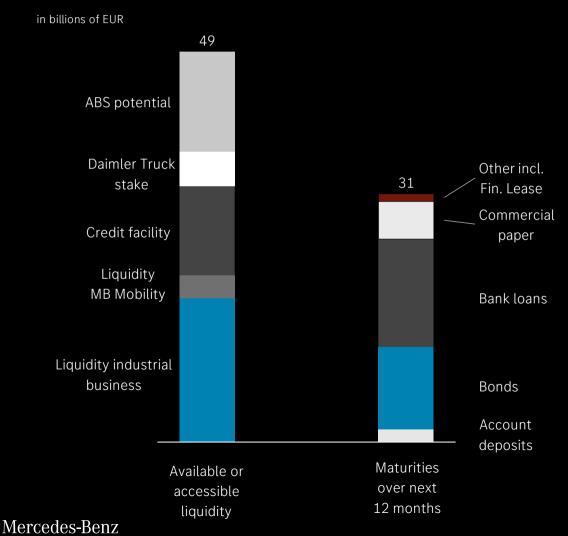
In billio<u>n euros</u>

MBM Industrial Business



Note: Figures may not be additive due to rounding.

# Mercedes-Benz Group: Financial flexibility over a 12-month period Q3 2024



Gross industrial liquidity at €18.1 billion

Financial flexibility supported by €11 billion revolving credit facility (not utilized)

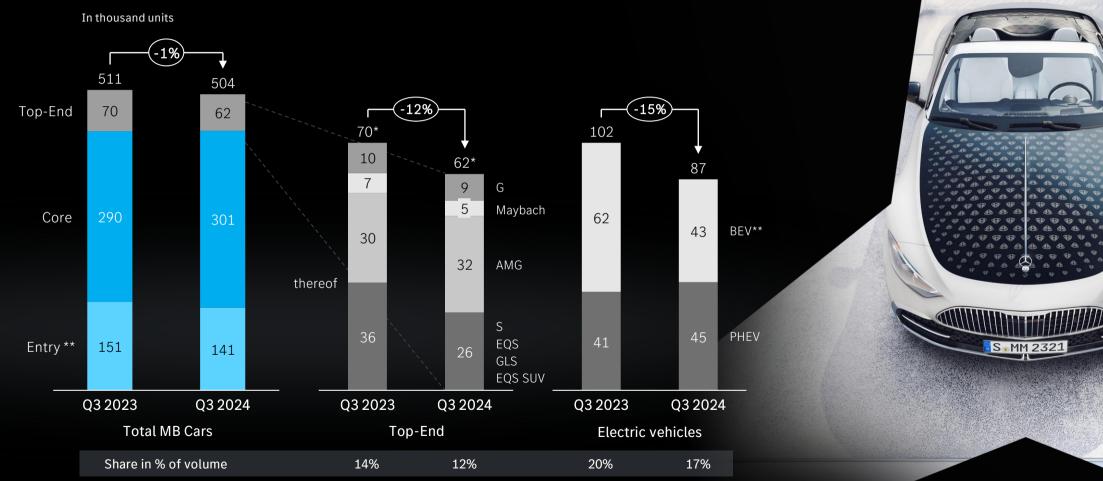
Financial flexibility supported by 30% Daimler Truck stake

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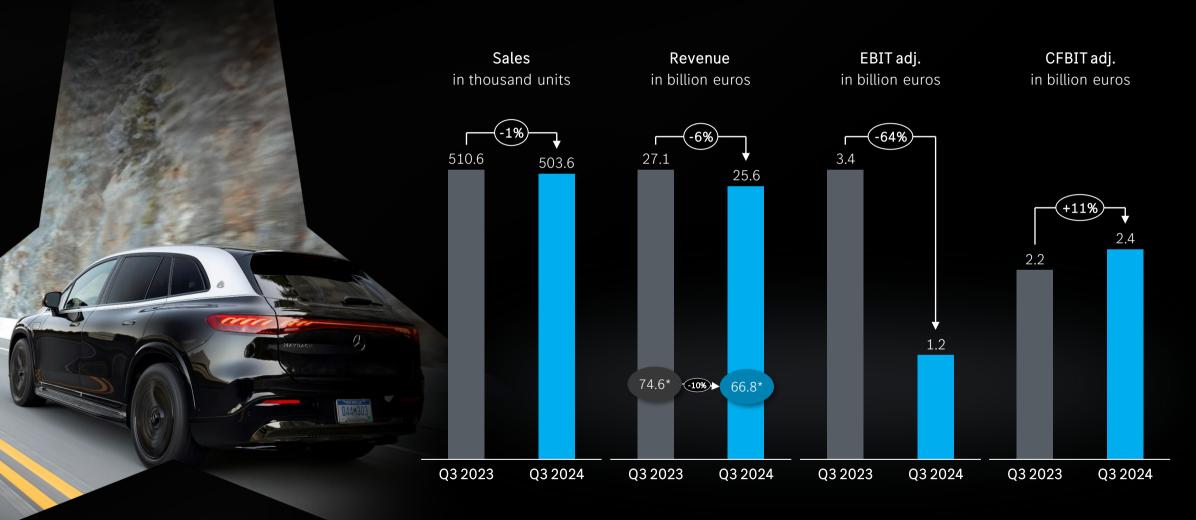
# Mercedes-Benz Cars: Top-End and electric vehicle unit sales

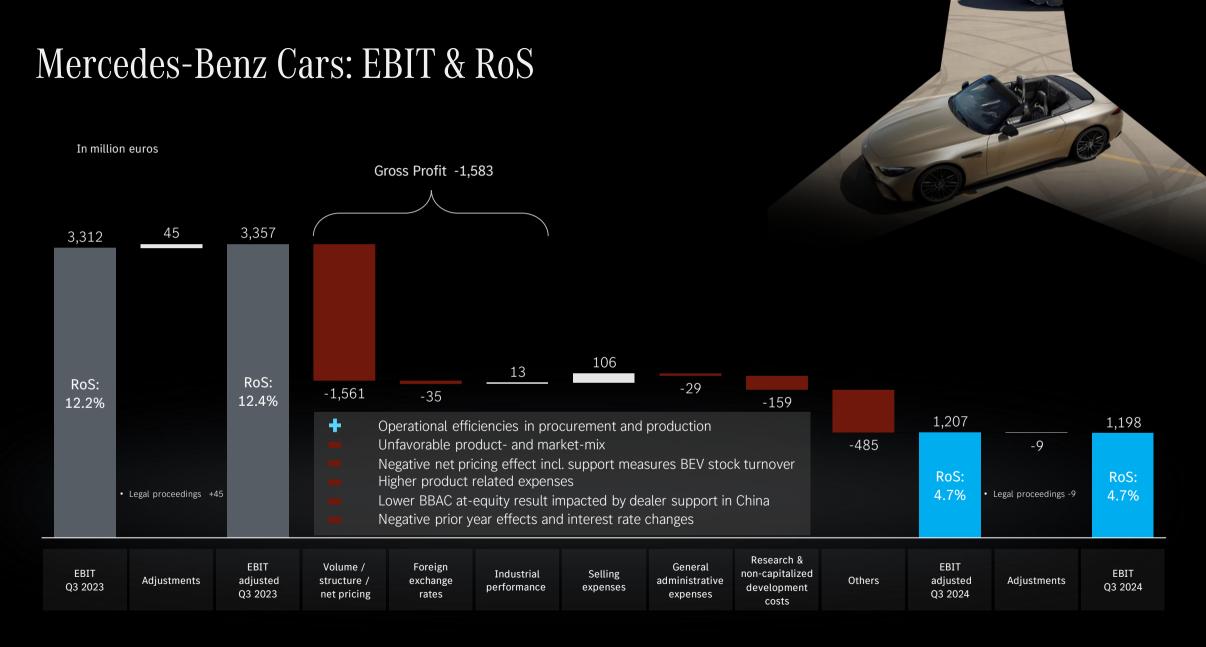


\* w/o double counting (e.g. G63, S-Class, Maybach)

\*\* incl. smart

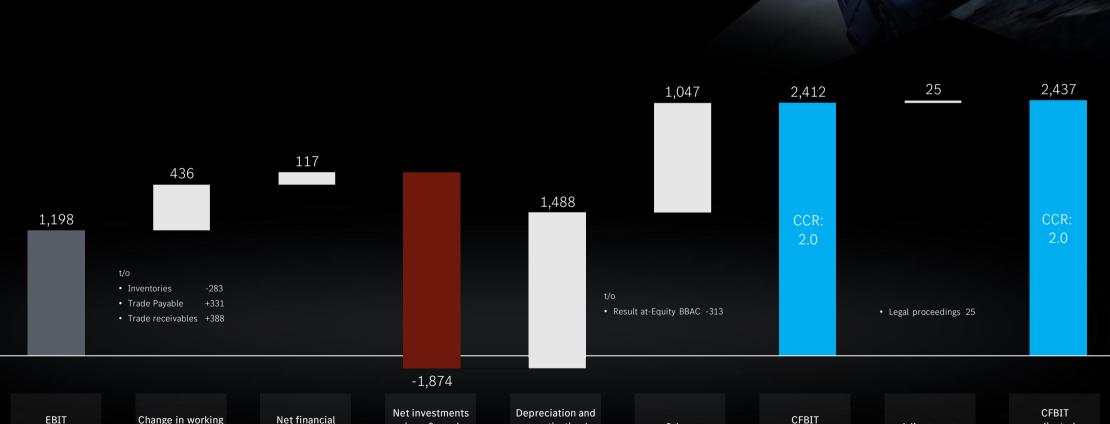
# Mercedes-Benz Cars: Financials





# Mercedes-Benz Cars: EBIT to CFBIT

In million euros



amortization/

impairments

Others

Q3 2024

### Mercedes-Benz

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Change in working

capital

Net financial

investments

in pp&e and

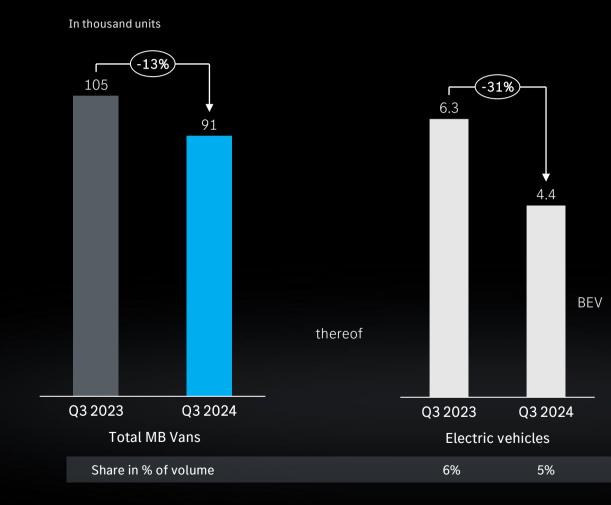
intangible assets

adjusted

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Adjustments

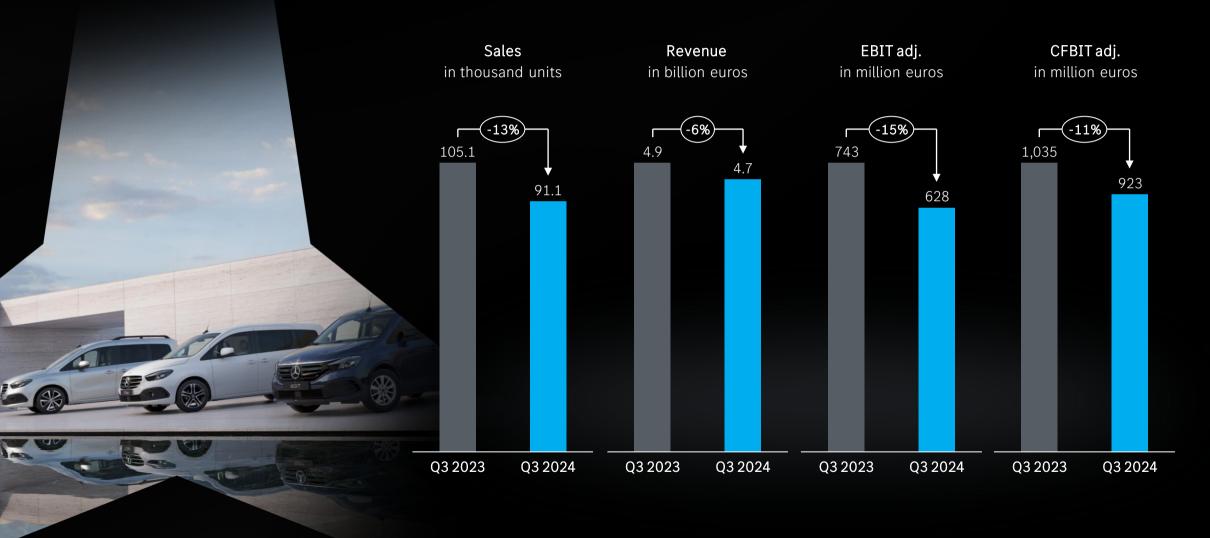
# Mercedes-Benz Vans: Electric vehicle unit sales



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## Mercedes-Benz Vans: Financials



# Mercedes-Benz Vans: EBIT & RoS

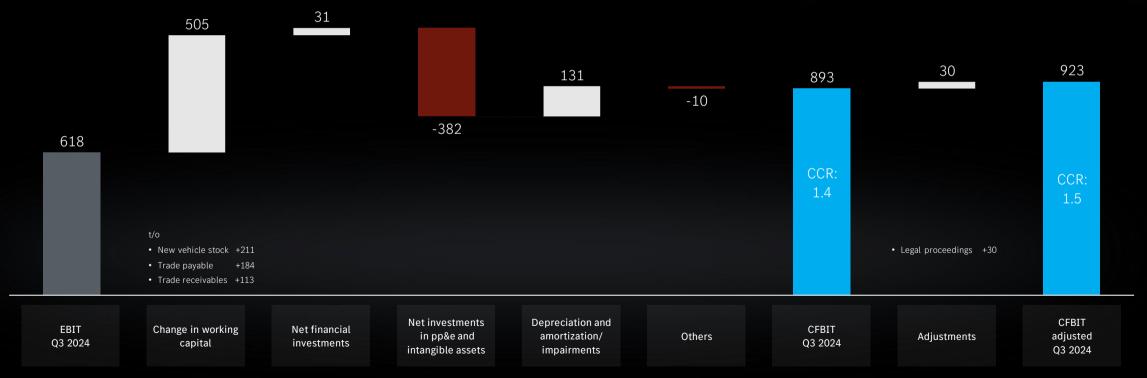




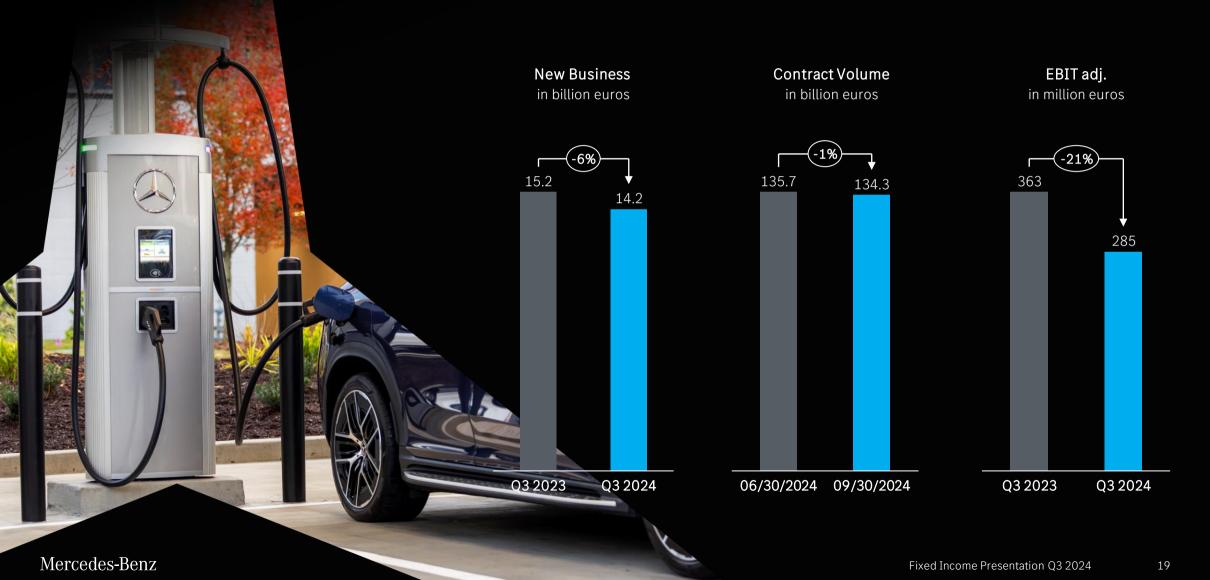
# Mercedes-Benz Vans: EBIT to CFBIT

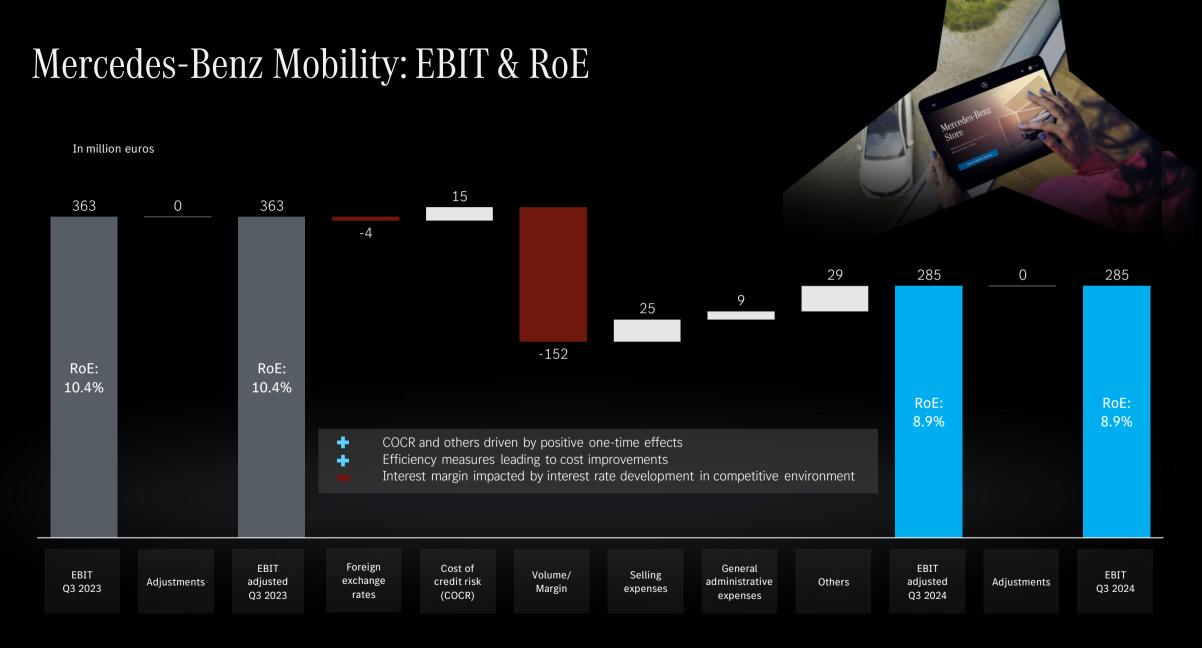
In million euros

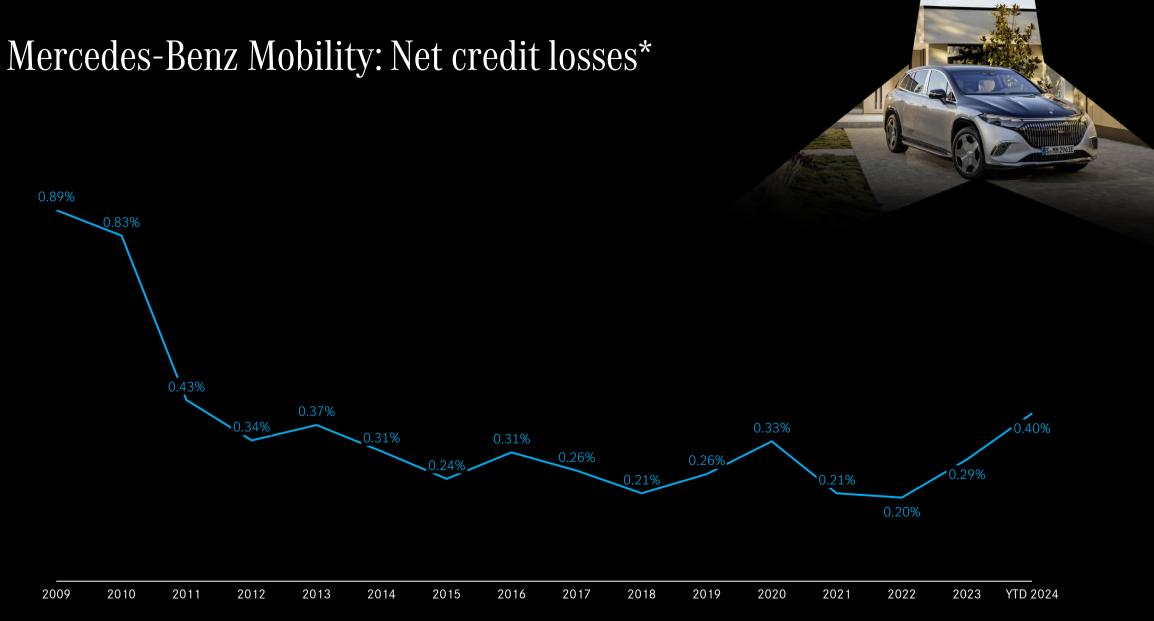




# Mercedes-Benz Mobility: Financials







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

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# Mercedes-Benz Divisional Guidance 2024



#### ASSUMPTION

The assumptions regarding the economic situation and the development of automotive markets continue to be characterized by a degree of uncertainty. In addition to unexpected macroeconomic developments, uncertainties for the global economy and the business development of the Mercedes-Benz Group may arise in particular from geopolitical events and trade policy.

Unit Sales	Mercedes-Benz Cars	Slightly below	
omt Sales	Mercedes-Benz Vans	Slightly below	
xEV share	Mercedes-Benz Cars (xEV)	18 to 19 %	
	Mercedes-Benz Vans (xEV)	4 to 5 %	
Return on Sales (adjusted*)	Mercedes-Benz Cars	7.5 to 8.5 %	
	Mercedes-Benz Vans	14 to 15 %	
	Mercedes-Benz Mobility (RoE)	8.5 to 9.5 %	
Cash Conversion Rate** (adjusted)	Mercedes-Benz Cars	0.8 to 1.0	
	Mercedes-Benz Vans	0.8 to 1.0	
Investment in pp&e	Mercedes-Benz Cars	Significantly above	
	Mercedes-Benz Vans	Significantly above	
R&D expenditure	Mercedes-Benz Cars	At prior-year level	
	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 2024



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Revenue	Slightly below
EBIT	Significantly below
Free Cash Flow (Industrial Business)	Significantly below

# Mercedes-Benz Group/Divisional Guidance Ranges\*

Specification/ KPI	Significantly below	Slightly below	At prior-year level	Slightly above	Significantly above
Revenue/ Unit Sales	X < -7.5%	-7.5% ≤ X < -2%	-2% ≤ X ≤ +2%	+2% < X ≤ +7.5%	X > +7.5%
EBIT (Group)	X < -15%	-15% ≤ X <-5%	$-5\% \le X \le +5\%$	+5% < X ≤ +15%	X > +15%
FCF IB	X < -25%	-25% ≤ X < -10%	$-10\% \le X \le +10\%$	+10% < X ≤ +25%	X > +25%
Investments/ R&D	X < -10%	-10% ≤ X < -2.5%	-2.5% ≤ X ≤ +2.5%	+2.5% < X ≤ 10%	X > +10%

\* X = Actual Guidance Figure



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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

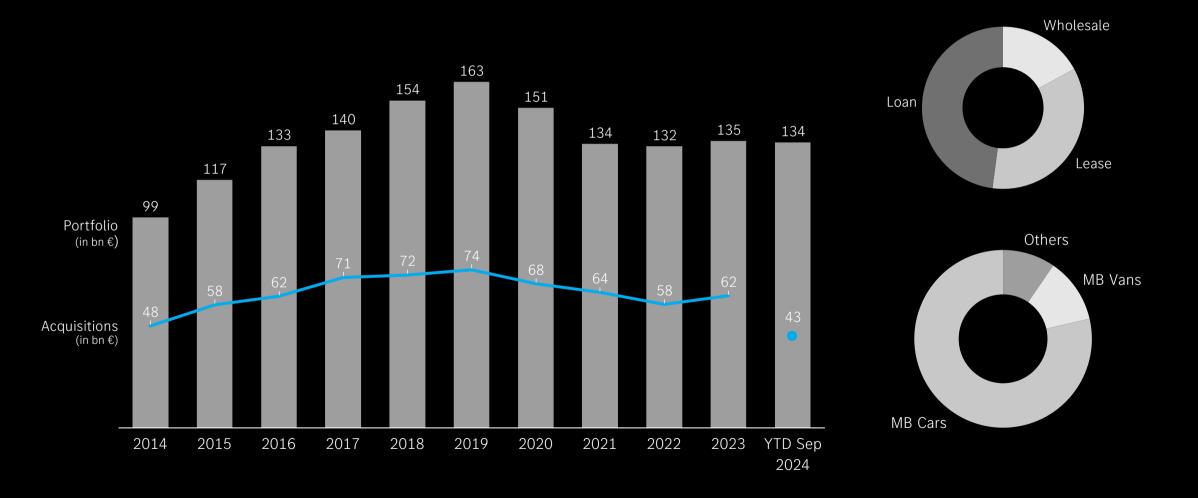
Liquidity matched funding

Interest rate matched funding

Currency matched funding

Country matched funding

## Portfolio at Mercedes-Benz Mobility remained stable compared to 2023



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

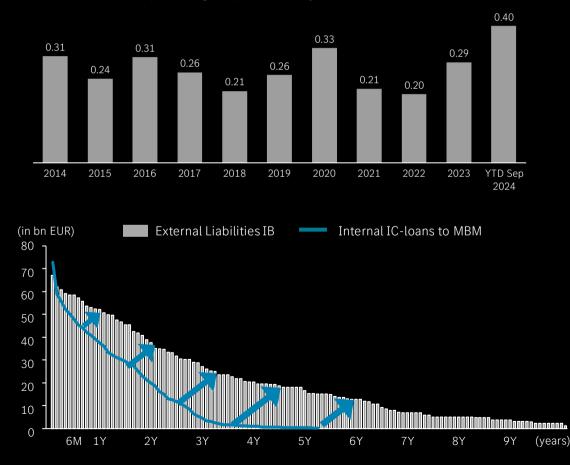
Net credit losses are impacted by the ongoing tense risk situation in the consumer segment in the US market.

They are expected to remain on an elevated level in the year 2024.

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

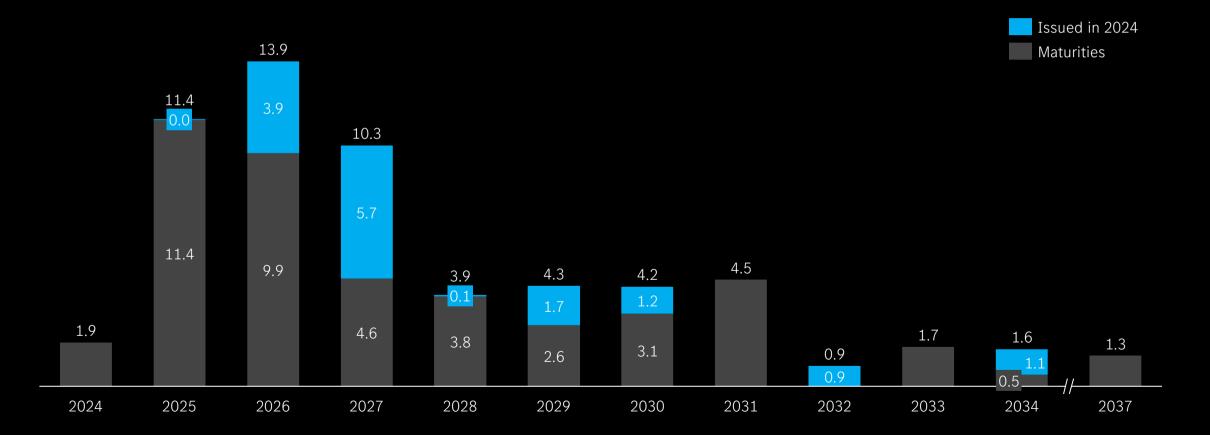
External liabilities of Mercedes-Benz Group have a longer duration due to capital market refinancing than internal allocation to MBM via IC-loans.

Net credit losses as a percentage of portfolio, subject to credit risk



# Well balanced bond maturity profile

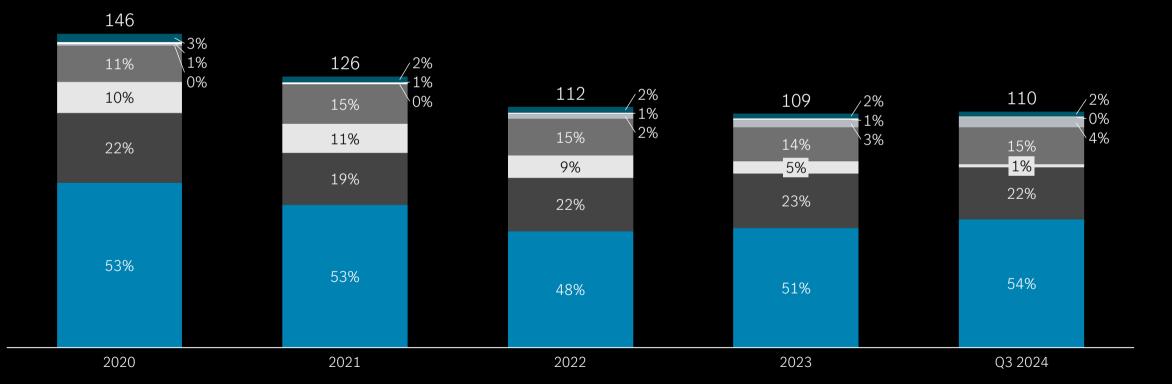
in billions of EUR as of September 30<sup>th</sup>,2024



# Financing liabilities show a diversified funding mix

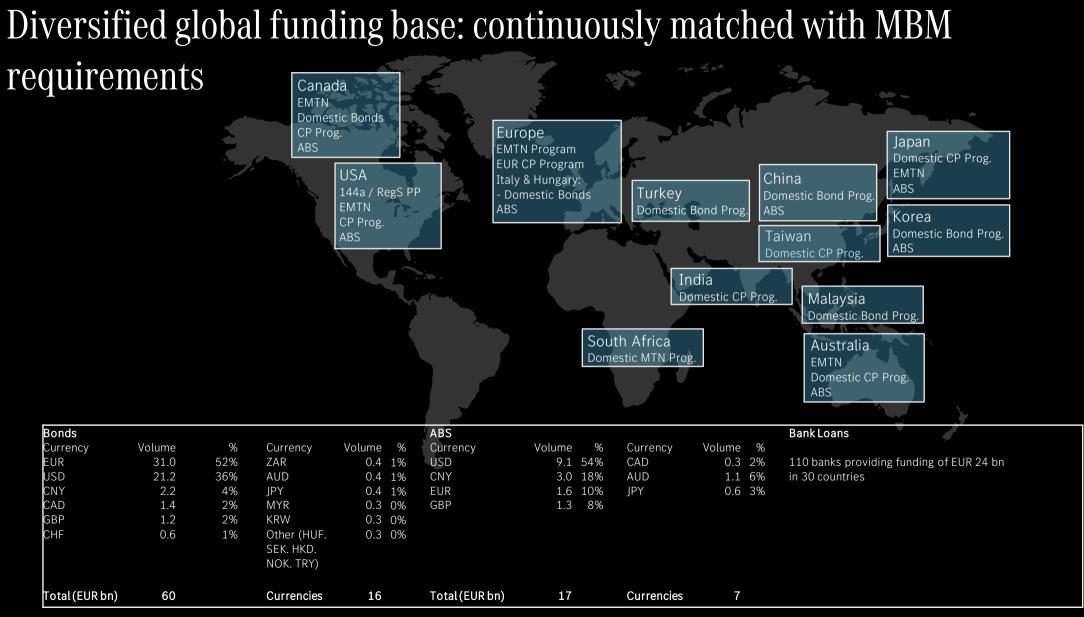
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# To ensure sustainable portfolio growth, we mitigate risk and volatility through a balanced mix of funding instruments



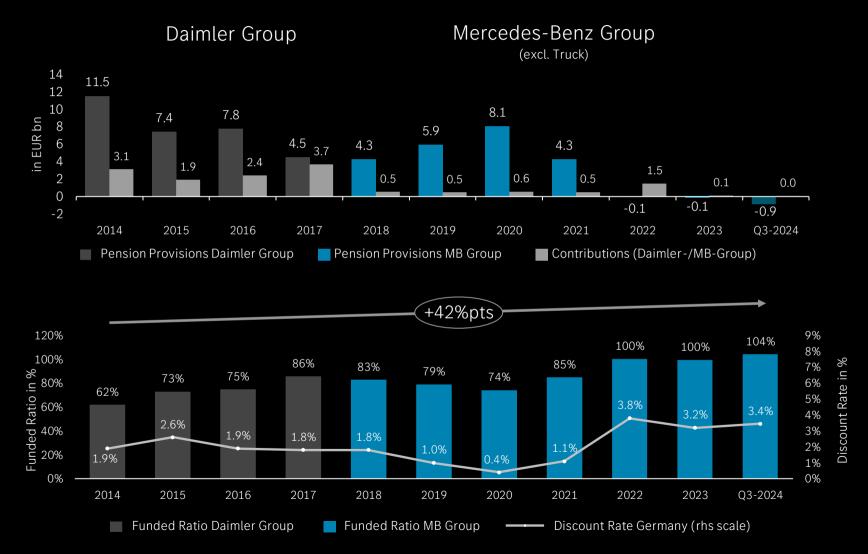


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## Mercedes-Benz Group's financial KPIs set to support a strong rating

	Agency	Long-term	Outlook	Short-term
Current Credit Ratings	S&P:	А	stable	A-1
	Moody's:	A2	stable	P-1
	DBRS:	А	stable	R-1 (low)
	Scope:	A+	stable	S-1+

# Funded Ratio of pension obligations at approximately 104%



Solid capital structure: on a net basis, no more pension provisions since 12/2022

**Funded Ratio** 

rate

improved in 2024

due to positive asset

returns and slightly

increasing discount

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### Electrification has four dimensions

#### EV EFFICIENCY EV OFF-ROAD EV PERFORMANCE EV NEXT LEVEL



## The pace of the transformation is set by customers and market conditions

We will be able to cater to different customer needs until well into the 2030s



expected xEV\* share of new vehicles at Mercedes-Benz Cars in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this decade



Investments targeted vs. 2019 in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of decade

## Our sustainable business strategy "Ambition 2039" goes far beyond our products



**Production**: The ambition for all Mercedes-Benz production plants worldwide is to run 100 percent on renewable energy with zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2039



Sourcing: ~60% of critical raw material assessment process finalised Retail: aim for net-carbon neutrality\* by 2030 across sales & aftersales locations



#### Mercedes-Benz Battery Recycling

**Closing the loop**: opening battery recycling factory with targeted recycling rate of >96%

\* Net carbon-neutrality means that carbon emissions that are not avoided or reduced at Mercedes-Benz are compensated for by certified offsetting projects

## Ambition 2039 - Our commitment to net carbon-neutrality<sup>1</sup>



**2020:** 49.7 t CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per vehicle, Mercedes-Benz Cars<sup>3</sup>

**2023:** 46.3 t CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per vehicle, Mercedes-Benz Cars<sup>3</sup>

2039: Net carbon-neutral fleet of new Mercedes-Benz vehicles along all stages of the value chain

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Net carbon-neutral means not causing any CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and compensating any CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that do occur through certified projects to offset emissions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SBTi- Science-based target initiative; Mercedes-Benz AG targets for scope 1 and 2 as well as scope 3 (use phase) emissions approved in 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Incl. scope 1, scope 2 and selected scope 3 CO<sub>2</sub>-emission categories concerning vehicle lifecycle

## MMA FAMILY integrates technology from VISION EQXX the most efficient Mercedes we have ever built



Mercedes-Benz Electric Drive Unit (MB.EDU) with up to 93% efficiency





## $15 \min$

charging delivers up to 400 km range





800 V system enables up to 300~kW DC charging

\*WLTP: In real driving conditions, deviations from the certified standard values may occur. The real values are influenced by a variety of individual factors, e.g. individual driving style, environmental and route conditions

## We want to ease the life of our customers with fast, convenient, and reliable charging solutions





Global Joint Ventures EU: >3,300 HPC plugs built China: >7,000\* HPC plugs by 2026 North America: >30,000\* HPC plugs by end of decade



MB branded HPC network >10,000\* HPC plugs across our key markets by end of decade



Adding more options Access to superchargers in North America from 2024 onwards. Integration of NACS starting 2025

## Mitigating transformation risks - optimising our footprint

#### CAPACITY



Structural adjustment and realignment of production capacity and volume, e.g. sale of Hambach

#### TRANSFORMATION



Rightsizing industrial footprint, e.g. Jawor: transformation from powertrain into van site,

benefit for entire Group

#### FLEXIBILITY



Maximum flexibility with xEVs\* and combustion engine vehicles on the same production line

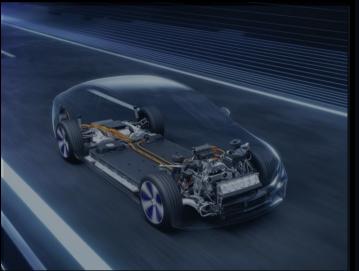
\* Plug-in hybrids and all-electric vehicles

### Mitigating transformation risks - optimising our cost base

SCALE

#### BATTERIES

#### PROCUREMENT







Future all-electric architectures designed in a way to use common components and synergy parts > 30 % reduction in €/kWh battery cost possible in the coming years, while improving efficiency & charging time Targeting the reduction of material costs in the coming years

## EU Taxonomy-aligned shares<sup>1</sup> - Taxonomy reporting demonstrates progress towards carbon neutrality



<sup>1</sup> Comprehensive EU Taxonomy reporting in Annual Report 2023 <sup>2</sup> CapEx without additions to equipment on operating leases; Taxonomy-aligned CapEx of 24%

<sup>3</sup> Voluntary reporting on the proportion of economic activities relating to low-carbon vehicles (below the limit value of 50g CO<sub>2</sub>/km)<sup>4</sup> Mainly capitalised development cost <sup>5</sup> Including capital expenditure on non-current assets related to Daimler's commercial vehicle business until its first classification as available for sale or disbursement in accordance with IFRS 5 by July 30, 2022

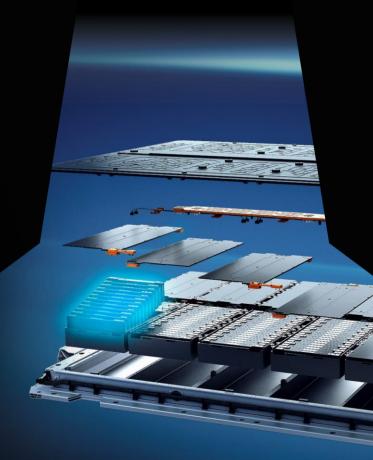
# Together with our partners, we will expand our activities in battery cells and systems

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

## Envision AESC

CATL

ACC



# Mercedes-Benz tests Factorial solid-state battery cells: Breakthrough in battery technology innovation to advance EV safety and performance

#### Developed in partnership: all-solid-state battery Solstice<sup>™</sup>

High energy density

Significant increase in EV range

More sustainable, energy-efficient, and cost-effective battery production

Factorial already delivered B-samples of its solid-state battery cells utilizing its FEST® platform to Mercedes-Benz, paving the way for the new Solstice™ solid-state battery technology and the next generation of EVs

Expected to be implemented by the end of the decade





## We are addressing the battery cost challenge

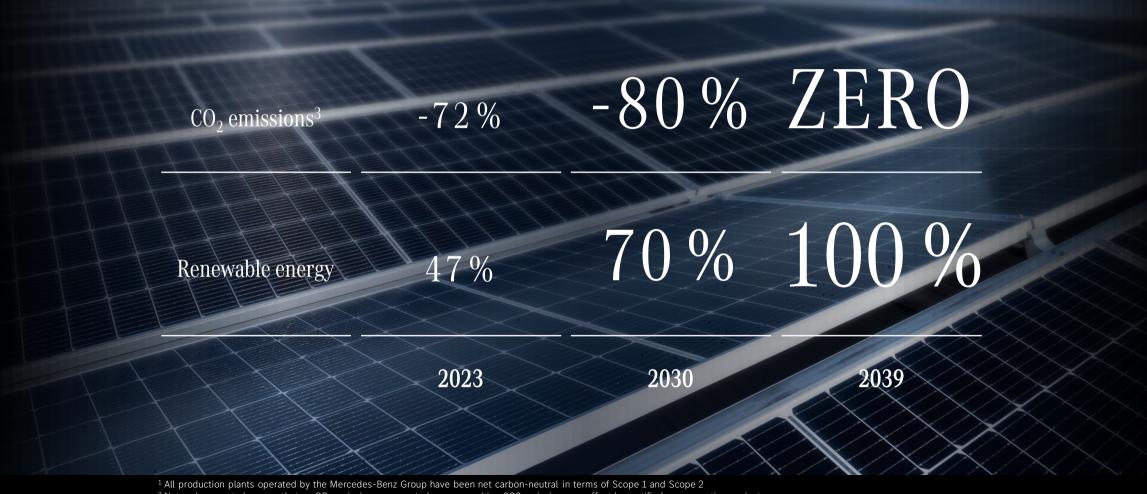


## >30%

possible €/kWh battery cost reduction in coming years while improving efficiency & charging time

- ► Optimised cell and module design
- ► Improved vehicle integration
- ► Further development of NMC and next gen LFP
- ► Cell updates during lifecycle
- ► Continuous improvement agreements with suppliers

## Carbon reduction & renewable energy expansion at Mercedes-Benz Cars; net carbon-neutral production since 2022<sup>1,2</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> Net carbon-neutral means that no  $CO_2$  emissions are created or any resulting CO2 emissions are offset by certified compensation projects. <sup>3</sup> Coming from 2018,  $CO_2$  emissions scope 1 and scope 2 Mercedes-Benz Group intends to cover more than 50% of its total electricity demand in Germany from new solar and wind power plants

#### PHOTOVOLTAIC

## up to 140 MVp by 2025

### WINDPARK PAPENBURG

20 wind turbines with a capacity of around 120 MW by 2026

#### WINDPARK WINDANKER

Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) securing 140 MW from 2027 onwards

### We are establishing a net carbon-neutral\* supply chain

STEEL

#### ALUMINIUM

#### CARBON FOOTPRINT REDUCTION BY 40%

1/3 of body-in-white steel in the U.S.-sourced from electric arc furnaces

## $CO_2$ -REDUCED STEEL FOR MORE THAN 1/3 OF DEMAND

Annual target for European press shops within this decade

#### 1/3 of primary aluminium

for next BEV models in EU using electricity from renewable sources for electrolysis – goal is to extend to all aluminium sourced for our foundry in Mettingen (Germany)

CO<sub>2</sub> reduction per kg/Al of approx.\*

## ► 40-50 % starting in 2024

Developing further innovations for very-low-CO<sup>2</sup> aluminium parts with our partners

Targeted CO<sub>2</sub> reduction per kg/Al of approx.\*

>90 % by 2030

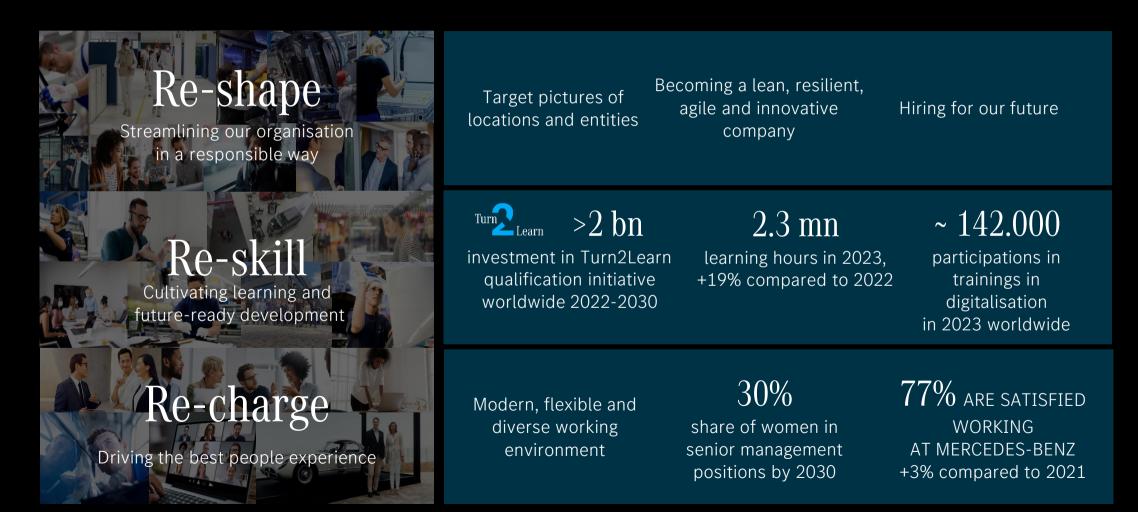
# Closing the loop with our net carbon-neutral\* battery recycling factory in Kuppenheim

Annual Recycling Recovered materials feed into capacity of more than the production of more than 2,50050,000battery modules for new alltonnes electric Mercedes-Benz models Goal: More than 96% recovery rate Plastics, Copper, Aluminium, Ferrum Nickel, Cobalt, Manganese, Lithium, Carbon Housing, Plastics, Cables, E/E-Components Integrated mechanicalhydrometallurgical process Recycling of lithium-ion batteries **BLACK MASS REFINING** MATERIAL SORTING GRINDING DISASSEMBLY

\* Net carbon-neutrality means that carbon emissions that are not avoided or reduced at Mercedes-Benz are compensated for by certified offsetting projects

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



## We finance our transformation in a sustainable manner

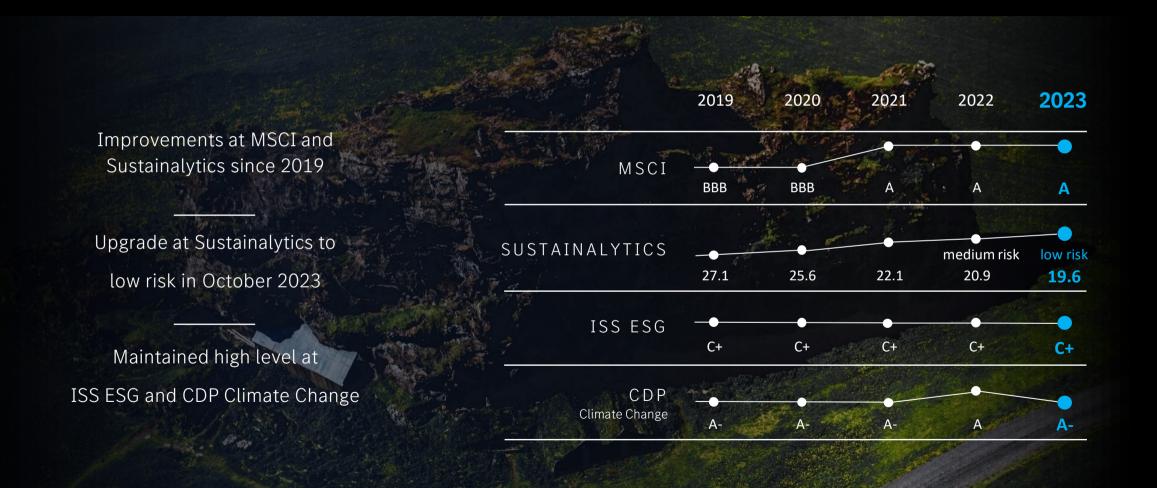
#### GREEN FINANCE FRAMEWORK

#### GREEN PANDA BOND



In line with Ambition 2039 "DARK GREEN" by CICERO Green Mercedes-Benz Mobility assets and Green ABS First automaker to issue a Green Panda Bond Green Finance regional footprint expanded Net proceeds for BEVs

### Mercedes-Benz Group ESG ratings performance



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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



# 1.5 bn 70.5 mn

cumulative TV viewers<sup>2</sup>

social media followers <sup>2</sup>

# \$59 bn

Mercedes-Benz brand value 2024<sup>1</sup>



## We elevate our physical brand experience with unique "Mercedes moments"











**"The Mercedes-Benz Way"** Customer Experience Training completed by end of 2024 in 33 markets. Continuation as a programme with ongoing activities in 2025.

New retail brand concept Customer experience with new look and feel already visible in more than 30% of showrooms worldwide. **Brand center network** Global expansion to ensure highly individual customer experience for AMG, Maybach & G

# The new Mercedes-Maybach SL Monogram Series, for the ultimate open-air experience



The Mercedes-Maybach SL 680 Monogram Series\* is the sportiest model in the Maybach brand's history

Two curated design concepts "Red Ambience" and "White Ambience" at market launch

Chrome fin and upright star on the bonnet as well as aerodynamic scoop behind the seats redefine proportions

Maybach pattern forms a stylish design element linking exterior and interior

The highest level of driving and acoustic comfort

Market rollout starts in Europe in spring 2025, with other markets to follow

Mercedes-Benz

\* Mercedes-Maybach SL 680 Monogram Series (provisional figures, combined energy consumption: 13.7 l/100 km | combined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions: 312 g/km | CO<sub>2</sub> class: G) Preliminary values. Neither confirmed values from an officially recognised testing organisation nor an EC type approval nor a certificate of conformity with official values are available to date.. There may be deviations between the data and the official values.

## Limited and highly exclusive: Mercedes-AMG GT 63 PRO 4MATIC+ "Motorsport Collectors Edition"



Aimed at car enthusiasts and collectors who are looking for a particularly sporty driving experience and are Formula 1<sup>™</sup> fans

Special model limited to 200 units

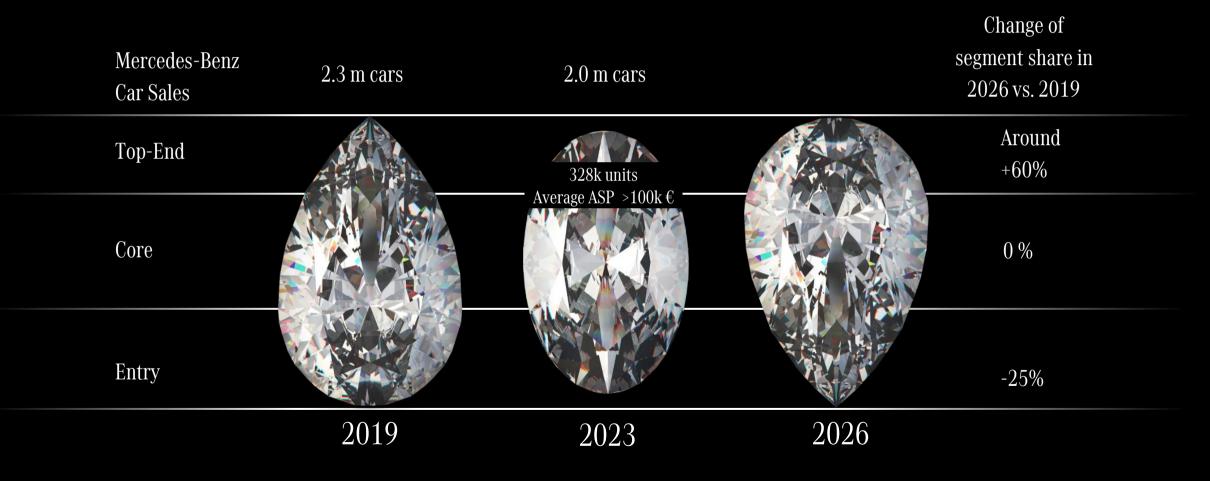
Exclusive paintwork with star pattern and PETRONAS-coloured contrasting elements

Fully equipped including edition-specific car cover

450 kW (612 hp) of power from the AMG 4.0-litre V8 biturbo engine, aerodynamic fine-tuning with reduced lift and more powerful cooling contribute to enhanced driving dynamics

\* Mercedes-AMG GT 63 PRO 4MATIC+ "Motorsport Collectors Edition" (combined energy consumption: 14.0 I/100 km | combined CO<sub>2</sub> emissions: 319 g/km | CO<sub>2</sub> class: G) The specified values were determined according to the prescribed measurement procedure WLTP (WorldwideHarmonised Light Vehicles Test Procedure). The ranges given refer to the German market. The energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of a car depend not only on the efficient use of the fuel or energy source by the car, but also on the driving style and other non-technical factors.

## Reshaped model portfolio will drive profitable sales growth



## We are creating new opportunities for profitable growth at the top-end of our product and brand portfolio





S-Class: strengthening position as undisputed market leader



**G-Class**: evolving the adventurous luxury icon in 2024

**Maybach**: redefining sophisticated luxury, e.g. rollout MM EQS SUV

**AMG**: pushing forward performance luxury with new AMG GT family

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## For our most demanding customers, we will offer even more individualisation and exclusive editions









**Exclusive limited** editions: Maybach by Virgil Abloh AMG PureSpeed: First Mythos car next year

Collaborations to shape the brand: Moncler

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## We are continuously optimizing our footprint and our cost base





**Production**: rightsizing industrial footprint





**Procurement**: target to reduce material costs in the next years

## Bottom line

We cannot control macroor world events. But we are redesigning & repositioning Mercedes-Benz to ensure a structurally more profitable company.



### The essence of our brand and our way forward



## LEADING TECHNOLOGY

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## Mercedes-Benz continues to pioneer advancements in automated driving





Launching Automatic Lane Change Function introduced in North America and China, Europe to follow this year

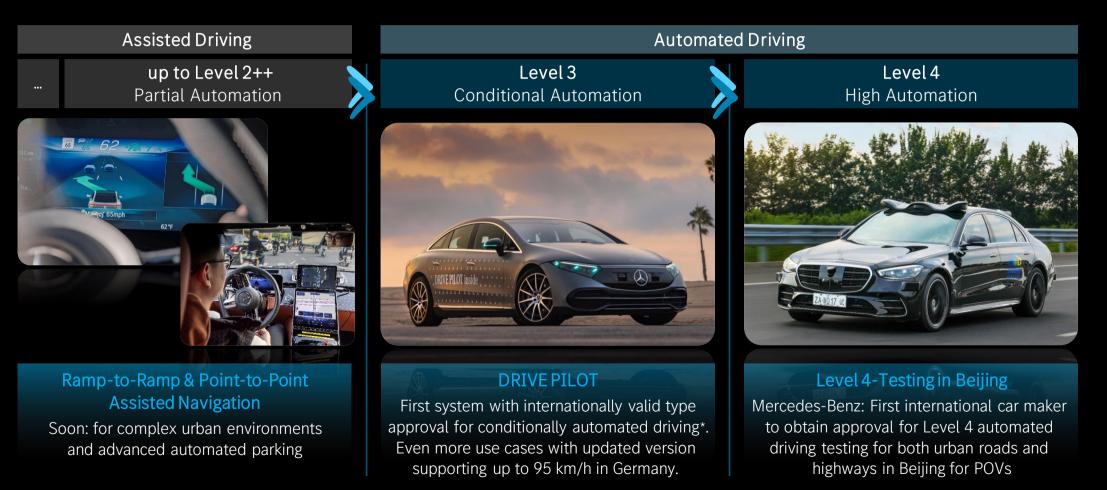


Advancing DRIVE PILOT (L3) Aim to extend speed up to 95 km/h in Germany by end of 2024, plans to go beyond



**Cooperating with NVIDIA** Joint development of future automated driving systems, rollout with MMA

# Future of ADAS: Competitive & profitable system available for privately owned vehicles, pioneering L4



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# Conditionally automated driving SAE-Level 3: DRIVE PILOT gives back time to customers

Mercedes-Benz is the **first car company in the world** to meet the UN-R157 regulation for **conditionally automated driving** 

Orders for DRIVE PILOT for the S-Class and EQS started on May 17, 2022, in Germany

The production-ready version of DRIVE PILOT had its on-road debut in California and Nevada in late 2023 with a limited fleet of DRIVE PILOT equipped EQS Sedans

Mercedes-Benz started customer deliveries of DRIVE PILOT equipped MY2024 EQS Sedan and S-Class models in 2024 through participating authorized Mercedes-Benz dealers in California and Nevada



# Continuous updates for DRIVE PILOT: Advanced speed and take-over time enables unseen in-cabin use cases only L3 vehicles can offer

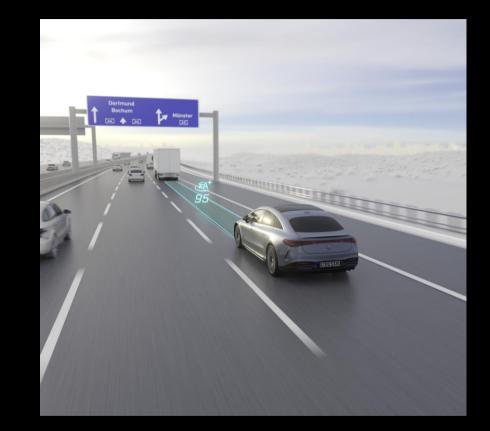


#### >> Give back time and offer highest driving comfort to our customers is our aim

## The evolution of DRIVE PILOT



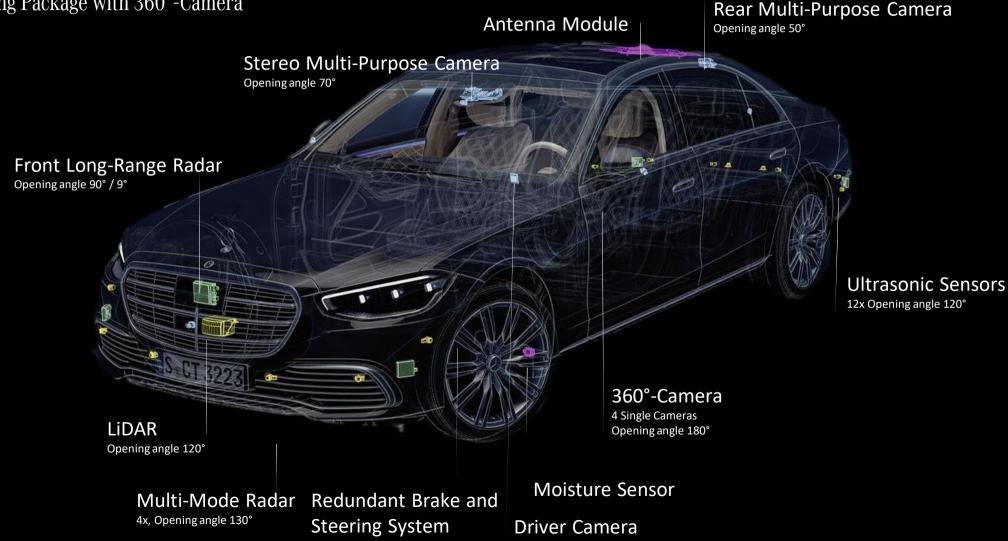
In congested trafficAvailable on all lanesUp to 60 km/h



- In flowing traffic
- >>>> Available on right lane only
- >>>> Up to 95 km/h

## Driving Assistance Package with DRIVE PILOT

Parking Package with 360°-Camera



### On-road validation of automated driving systems at Mercedes-Benz

We do extensive field validation to get real-life information about Level 2 and Level 3 system performance

>>>> Every single measurement is one dot on the map

>>>> Our data can simulate the road network of Europe

DRIVE PILOT extensively tested and available on all 13,191 km of German Autobahn

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



## We are creating an exceptional digital experience



### **Own operating system MB.OS** Launch in 2025 with MMA

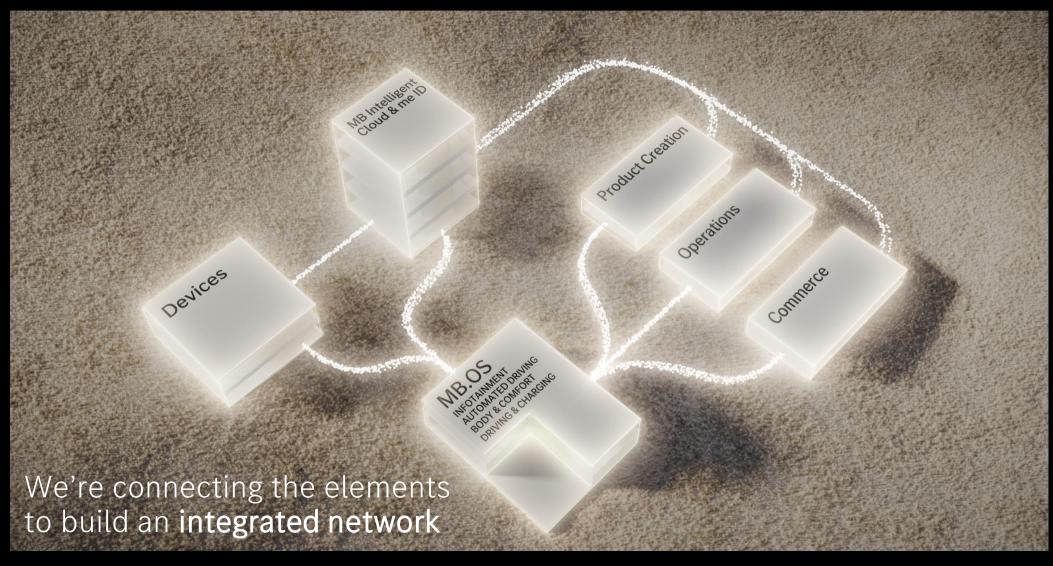
### Chip-to-cloud architecture

High-end computers give full access to hard- & software

### Next level infotainment

Human-like interaction with generative AI, expansion of digital offering, advanced graphics

### MB.OS: It's about the operating system of our entire business



## MB.OS infotainment - upcoming exciting entertainment and navigation features

**MBUX Surround Navigation** 





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Navigation based on Google Maps starting with CLA The Car as a New Gaming Hub (Need for Speed) **Digital Art** 



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### 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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