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## **FY25 Results & Strategy Update**

Investor & analyst briefing  
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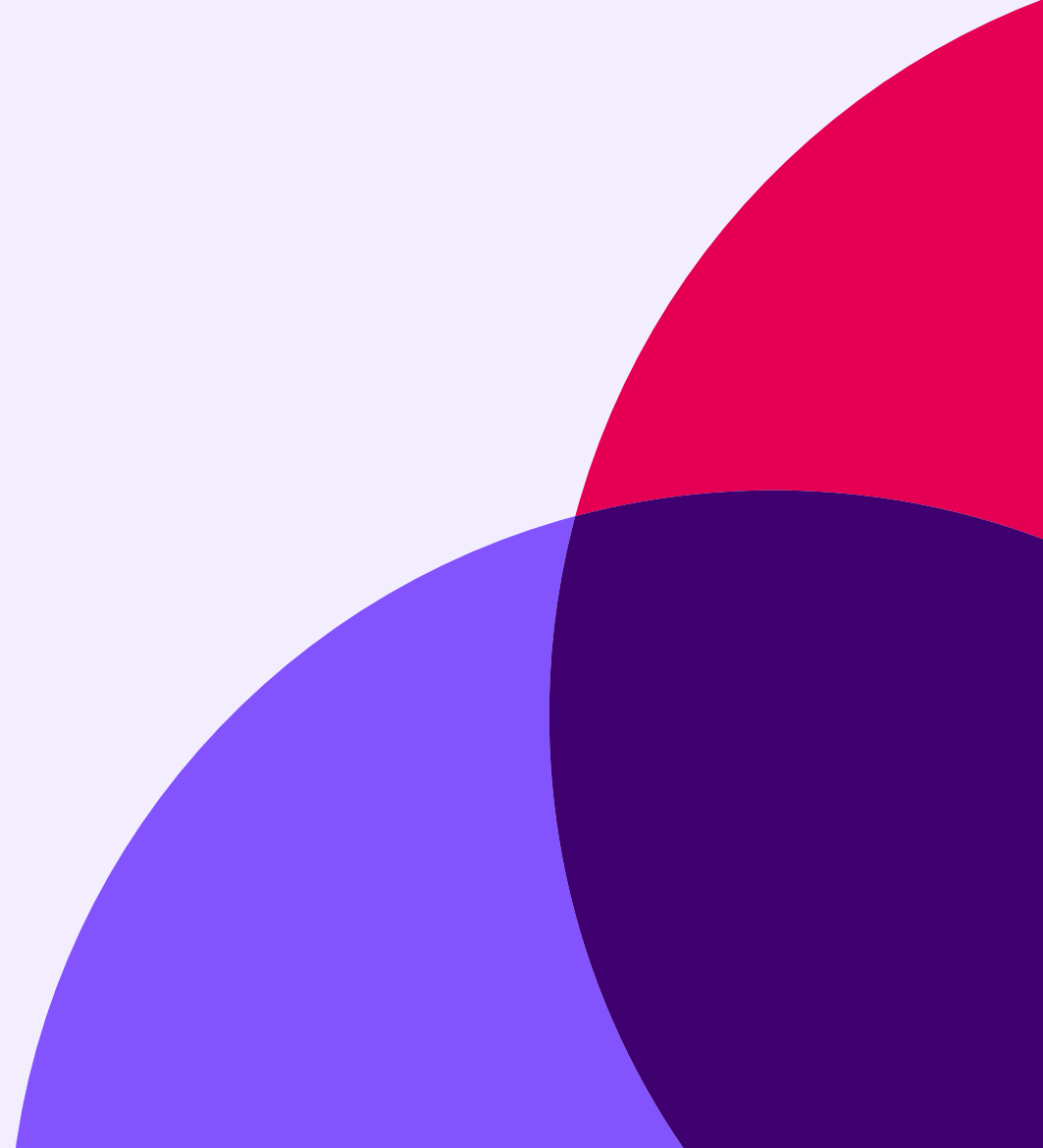
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# FY25 – A strategic inflection point: Building momentum



## Strategic pivot

Clear strategic refocus  
Streamlined operating model live  
New leadership team  
Brand relaunch



## AI Services

Significant growth  
Strong momentum into FY26  
Industry awards



## Partnerships

Microsoft  
AWS  
Cohere  
Google Cloud



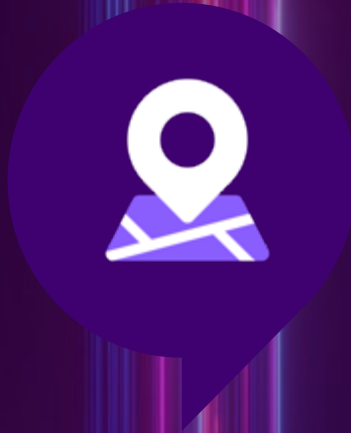
## SaaS transition

Now 46% of licence revenues  
Predictable, recurring  
Strong product pipeline

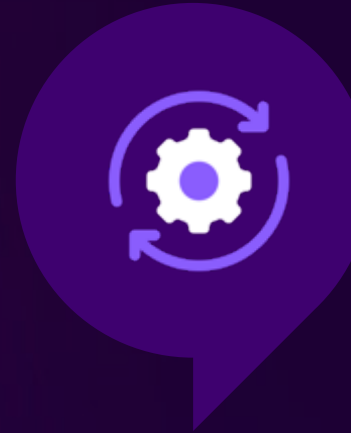
# FY26 – Accelerating momentum & returning to growth



**High growth  
opportunities**



**Product innovation  
roadmap**



**Strategic  
Efficiencies**

**Today we unveil our 5 year vision & signal a return to growth and improving margins**

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# Adjusted PBT within guidance, with strong H2 at £42m

<b>Revenue</b> <b>£690.1m</b> <b>- 0.7% OCC<sup>1</sup></b> (- 3.9% reported) FY24: £718.2m	<b>Gross Margin</b> <b>43.4%</b> <b>- 350 bps</b> FY24: 46.9%	<b>Adjusted PBT<sup>2</sup></b> <b>£60.4m</b> <b>-43%</b> FY24: £106.7m	<b>Adjusted Basic EPS<sup>3</sup></b> <b>12.1p</b> <b>-44%</b> FY24: 21.6p
<b>Adjusted EBITDA<sup>4</sup> &amp; margin</b> <b>£100.8m -28%</b> <b>14.6% - 500bps</b> FY24: £140.7m / 19.6%	<b>Capex</b> <b>3.7% of revenue</b> <b>- 270 bps</b> FY24: 6.4%	<b>Operational FCF<sup>5</sup></b> <b>£80.1m</b> <b>+ 46%</b> FY24: £55.0m	<b>Total Dividend</b> <b>7.05p</b> <b>- 43%</b> FY24: 12.45p

<sup>1</sup>Adjusted to reflect a like-for-like comparison between reporting periods and assumes constant currency across both reporting periods

<sup>2</sup>Calculated before exceptional items, share-based payment expenses and amortisation of acquired intangibles

<sup>3</sup>Calculated before exceptional items, share-based payment expenses and amortisation of acquired intangibles, net of associated tax effects

<sup>4</sup>Calculated before exceptional items, share-based payment expenses, amortisation and depreciation

<sup>5</sup>Operational Free Cash Flow: Adjusted EBITDA plus change in Working Capital less lease payments and Capex

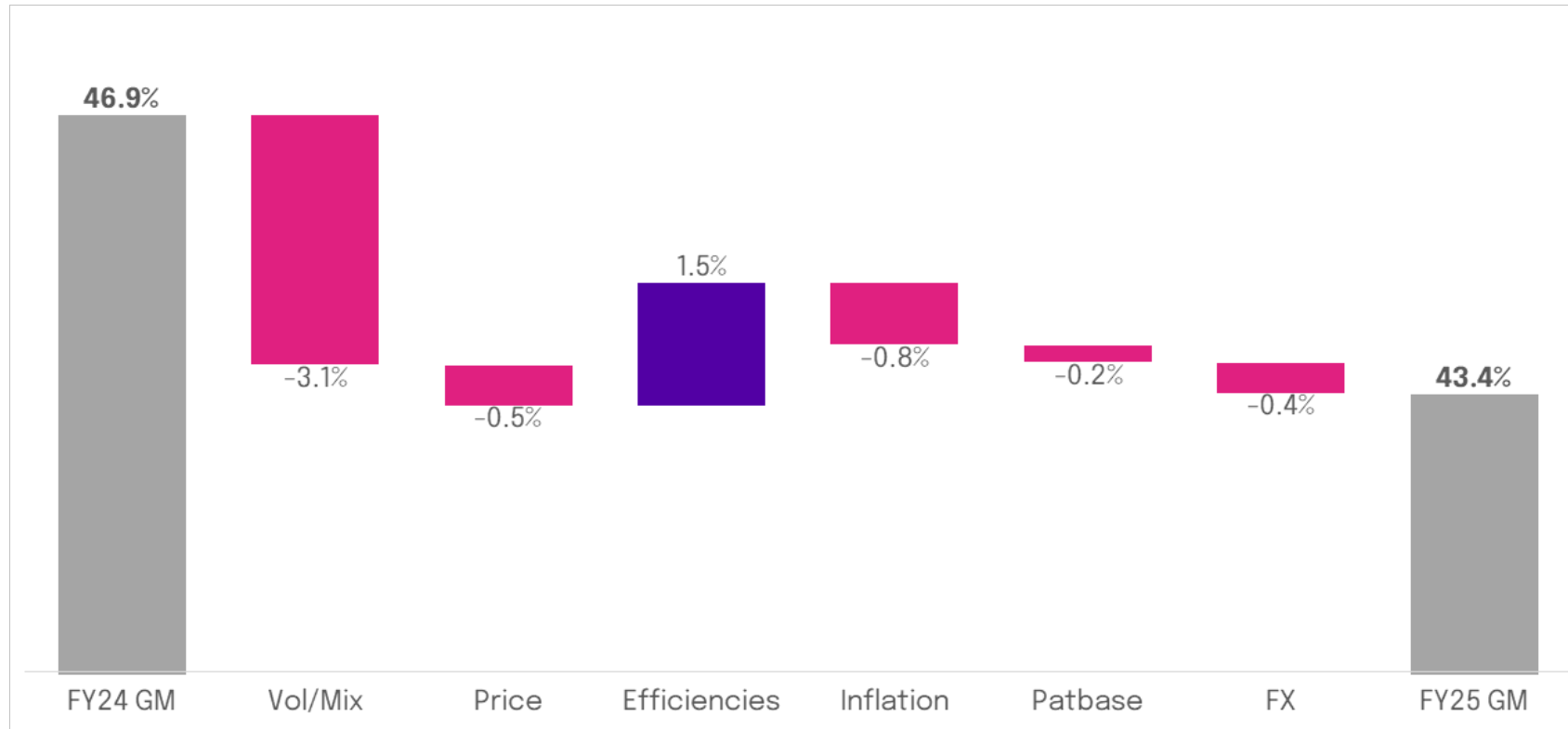
# Divisional revenue performance

IP Services	Language Services	Regulated Industries	Language & Content Technology	GROUP
<b>FY25 Revenue</b> (YoY OCC <sup>1</sup> ) <b>£97m (0%)</b>	<b>FY25 Revenue</b> (YoY OCC <sup>1</sup> ) <b>£327m (+3%)</b>	<b>FY25 Revenue</b> (YoY OCC <sup>1</sup> ) <b>£128m (-10%)</b>	<b>FY25 Revenue</b> (YoY OCC <sup>1</sup> ) <b>£138m (0%)</b>	<b>FY25 Revenue</b> (YoY OCC <sup>1</sup> ) <b>£690m (-0.7%)</b>
<b>FY24 Revenue</b> <b>£102m</b>	<b>FY24 Revenue</b> <b>£327m</b>	<b>FY24 Revenue</b> <b>£147m</b>	<b>FY24 Revenue</b> <b>£142m</b>	<b>FY24 Revenue</b> <b>£718m</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong revenue growth in Renewals</li> <li>Lower volume of Eurofile grant rates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth in TrainAI &amp; in localisation in APAC</li> <li>Ongoing mix pressure, shift to machine translation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linguistic Validation - reduced activity</li> <li>Softer trading in Finance &amp; Legal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SaaS growth (46% of licence revenues vs. 39% in PY)</li> <li>Strong Propylon growth including new markets</li> </ul>	



# FY24 to FY25 gross margin bridge

## Limited price impact



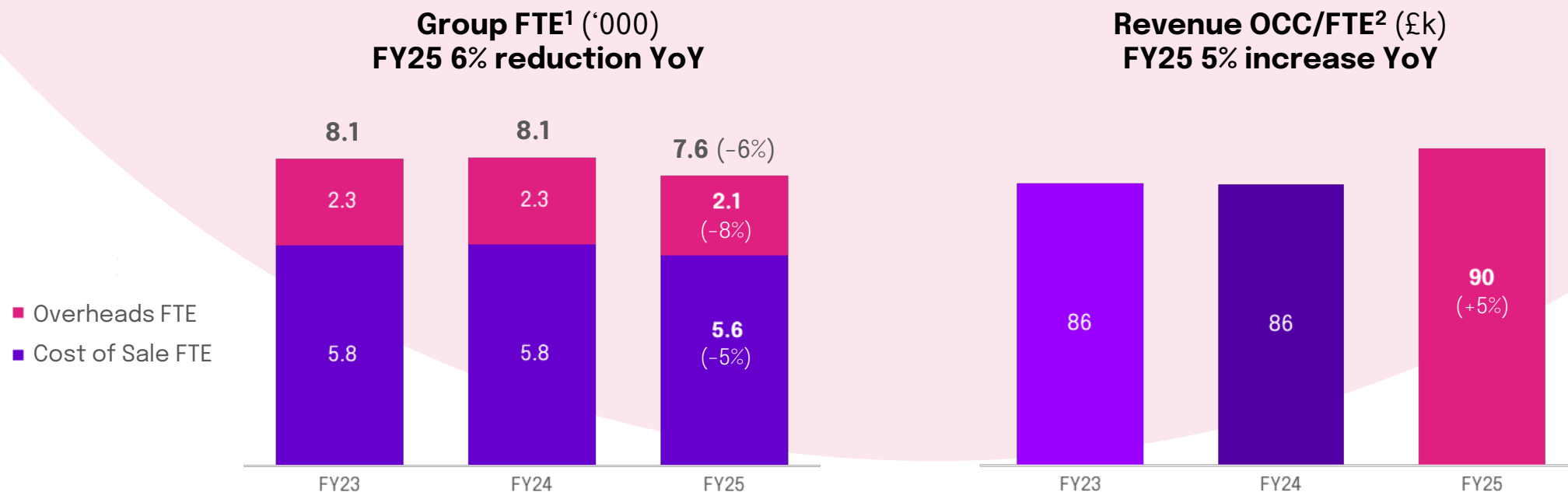
### Volume/Mix

- Growing TrainAI & APAC (LS), Renewals (IP Services) and SaaS (L&CT)
- Weaker performance in RI and EMEA/NASA (LS)
- Operational challenges in LS during migration to new automated delivery models

Relatively modest price impact

Sustained efficiency efforts offset inflation

# Driving efficiency through standardisation and automation

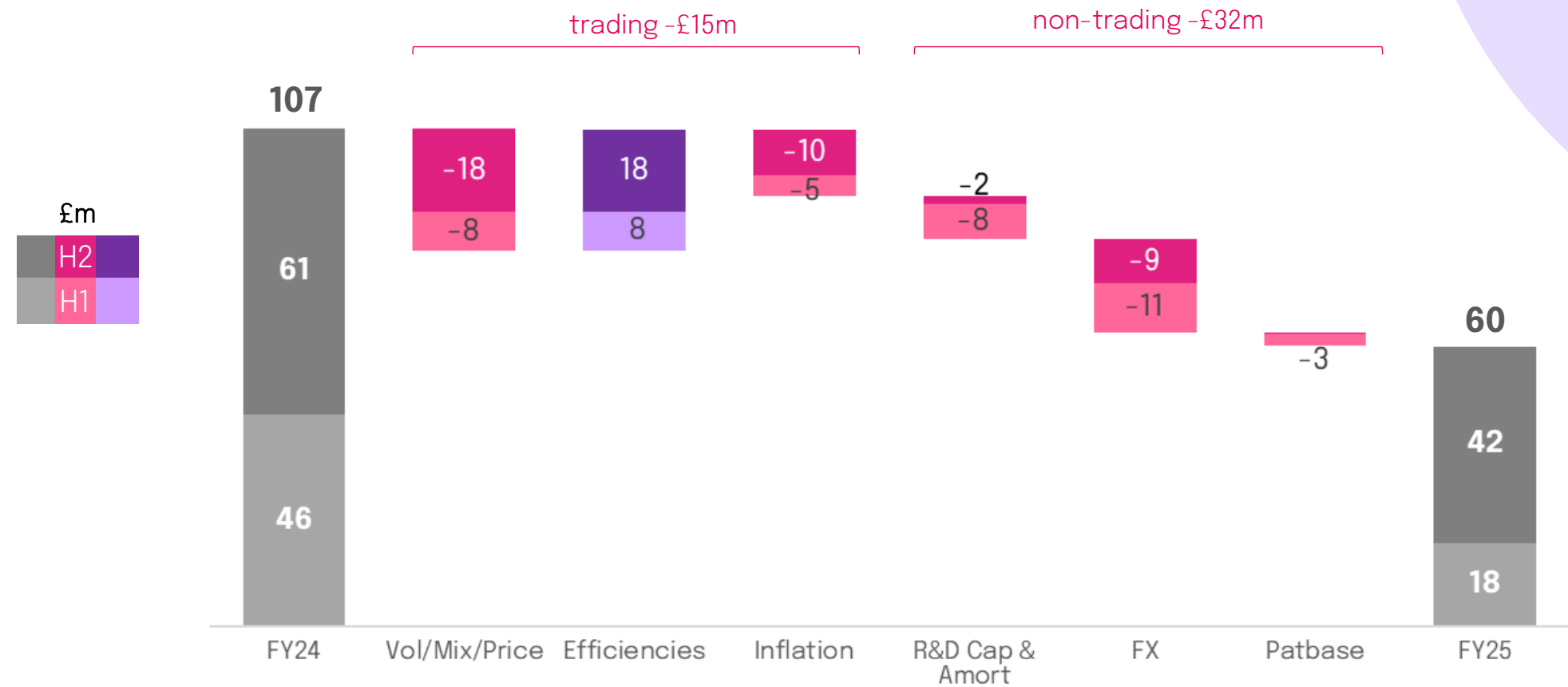


Focused efforts to drive continued efficiency across the Group through process improvement, simplification and automation

Focus on cost control through offshoring where appropriate

c.£14m annualised overheads efficiency achieved in FY25 (c.50% impact in year)

# FY24 to FY25 Adjusted PBT bridge



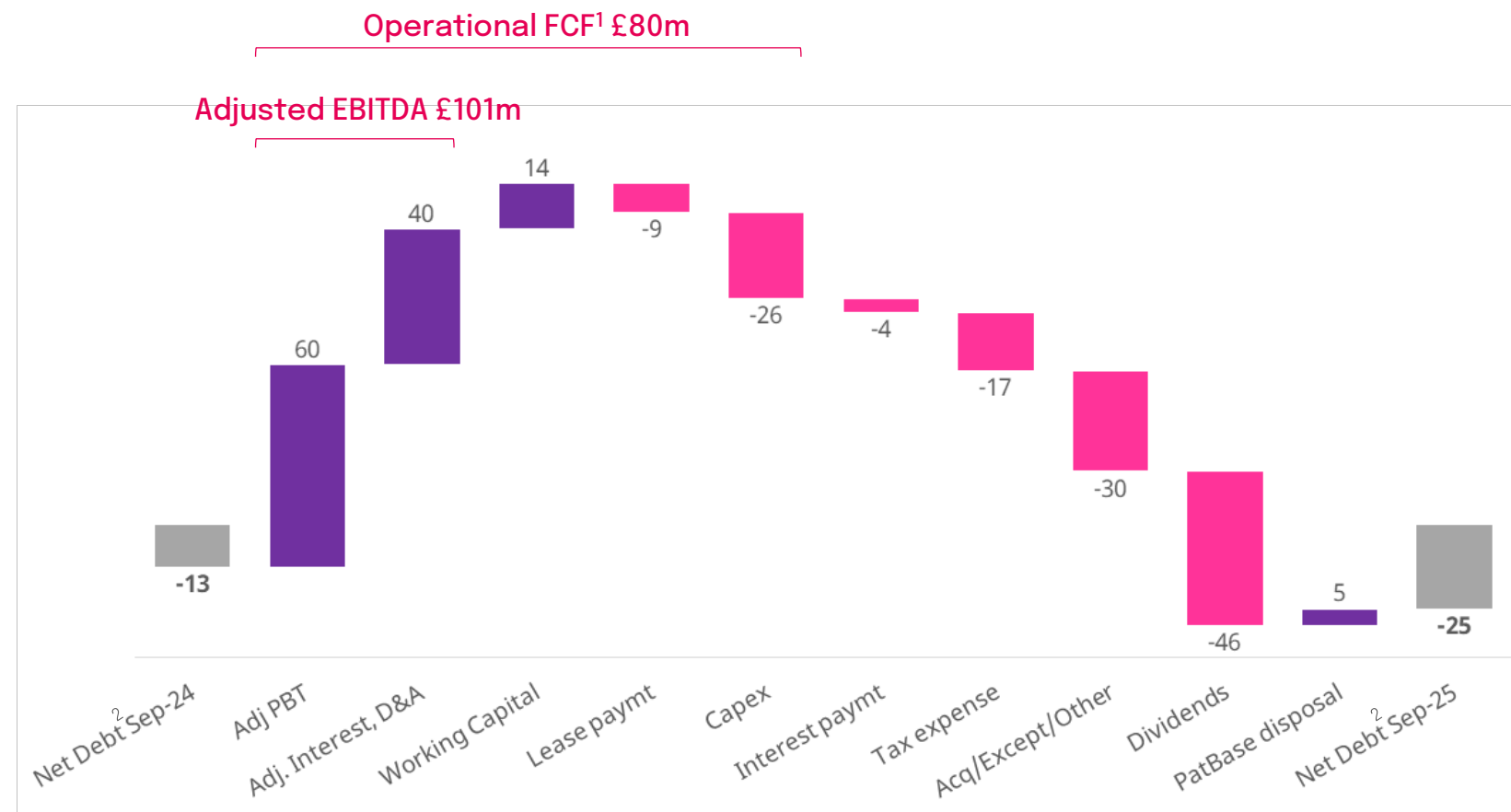
# Adjusting items

	FY ended 30-Sep-24 (£m)	FY ended 30-Sep-25 (£m)
Amortisation of acquired intangibles	41	40
SBP costs	3	4
Impairment charge	22	88
<b>Non-cash adjusting items</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>133</b>
Exceptional items	4	22
Acquisition costs	7	5
Profit on Sale of Assets	-30	0
<b>Cash adjusting items</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Total adjusting items</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>160</b>

- Non-Cash Goodwill Impairment charge within Language Services / RI CGUs of £88m reflecting:
  - Market transition on core localisation business
  - Under performance in Linguistic Validation
  - Shift in investments & focus to support transition to technology-first proposition
  - Rise in WACC due to macro-economic factors
- Exceptional items include £20m of restructuring & integration costs & £2m relating to strategic projects
- Acquisition costs relating to deferred consideration for Propylon & ST Comms



# Cash generative operations



\$220m Revolving Credit Facility extended to \$285m, now expiring in October 2029

Net Debt/adj EBITDA <0.5x (max 3x)  
Interest cover 19x (min 4x)

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# Accelerating the shift to a technology-led AI service leader

	Past (FY21)	Present (FY25)	Future (FY30+)
% revenue from AI products & services <sup>1</sup>	14%	28%	>50%
SaaS revenue / technology licence revenue	21%	46%	>75%
Words localised by our translation technologies per annum	500 billion	1 trillion	>5 trillion
% revenue from traditional translation <sup>2</sup>	41%	30%	<20%

<sup>1</sup> TrainAI revenue, Language Weaver revenue & localisation revenues which are machine-translated / LLM first

<sup>2</sup> Translation services revenues with no machine translation or LLM component

## Our Clients

### Their fundamental needs:

- Expand into new markets & reach new audiences meaningfully
- Accelerate time to market
- Trust the messages they expose to customers are in line with their brand tone of voice
- Ensure compliance
- Trust their proprietary information is safe



**RWS  
Strategic  
Partner**

### Their new opportunities:

- Explosion of content, increasingly multimedia
- Hyper-personalisation by channel, by demographic
- Global trade opening new routes
- Increased regulation
- Understanding which AI tools to use & how to address fear of a black box that hallucinates



OUR 5-YEAR VISION

# We build the Cultural Intelligence Layer for Enterprise AI

THE AI-POWERED FUTURE

# We will be surrounded by AI powered experiences



Your personal  
shopping assistant



Your customer  
service agent



Your autonomous  
car



Robots in  
your home

# Enterprise AI



## 3 CRITICAL DEFICITS



# Global Customers



# The three critical deficits that RWS solves.

01

## The Data Deficit

Generic vs. Domain-specific

02

## The Culture Deficit

Aware and relevant vs blind

03

## The Trust Deficit

Black Box vs. Validated & Secure



# Our new strategy is based around 3 growth pillars

01.

A new Go-To-Market  
focused on large enterprise,  
and high growth opportunities

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02.

An innovation roadmap  
to build the cultural layer  
to enterprise AI at scale

Christina  
Scott

03.

An efficiency plan  
To deliver a better experience to  
our clients

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Across our three segments



generate



transform



protect



Ben Faes  
CEO

# 01.

## Refresh our go-to-market strategy

# Go-to-market: focus on enterprise clients



## Technology first sales

- Solution vs transaction
- Integrated, secured, recurring
- Scalable and self re-inforcing



## Building on our strengths

- Trustful relations with largest enterprises
- Heritage of cultural understanding
- Global footprint



## Strategic verticals

- Life Sciences
- Media & Entertainment
- Retail & Manufacturing
- Technology



## Customer acquisition and retention

- Segmentation by type of customer
- Strong focus on retention
- Development of strategic partner network

# RWS language products now available via Microsoft Copilot & Teams

Development of strategic partner network

01

Launched at Microsoft's annual tech & innovation conference

(Nov 2025)

02

Sole 3rd party translation tool in Copilot

03

New way for clients to access Trados & Language Weaver

04

Part of our tech journey - static integrations to interactive connections

Maximises convenience and quality for users:



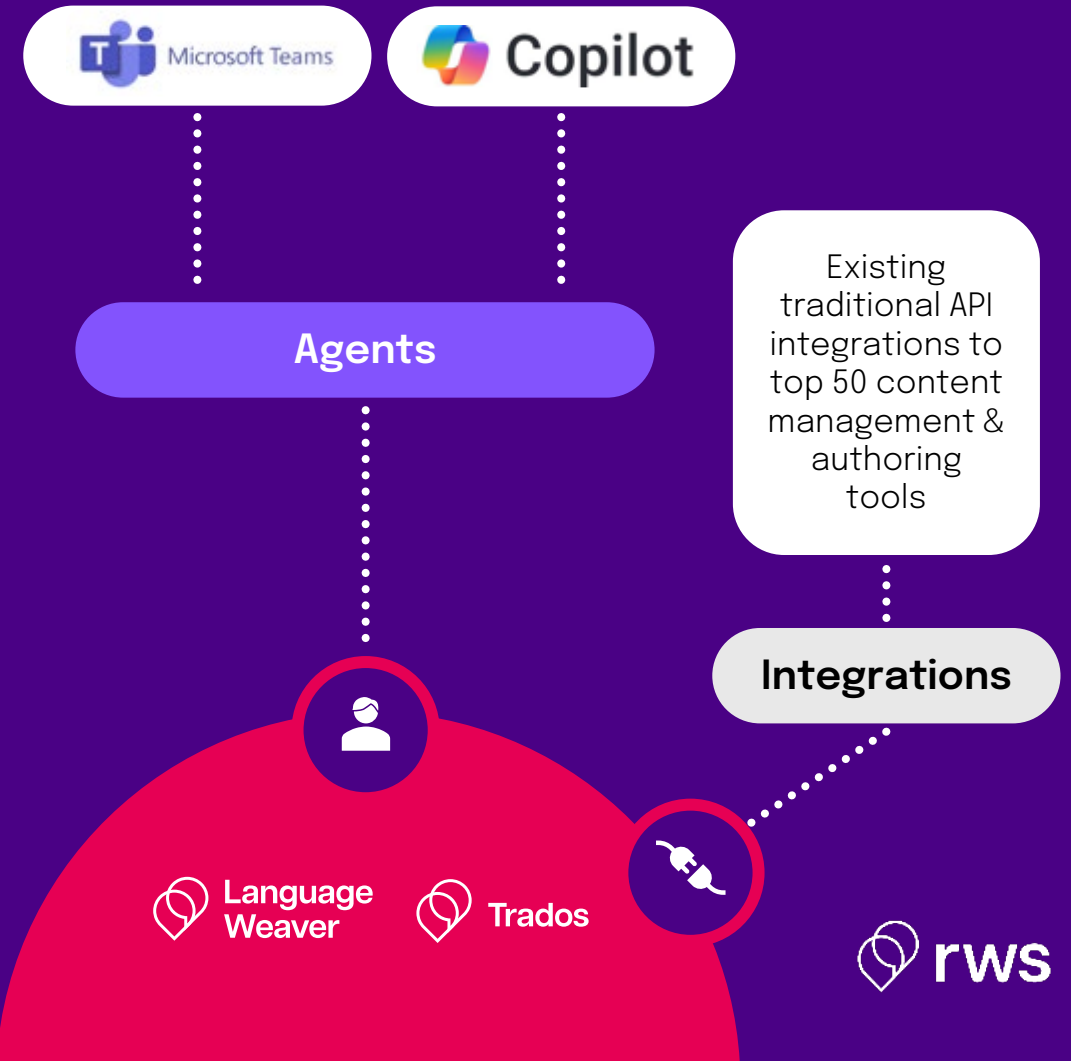
Interact with RWS products using Natural Language 'chat'



Access tech & services with approved linguistic resources - delivering contextual & cultural relevance



Avoid insecure options from freely available translation services







Christina  
Scott  
CPTO

# 02.

## Technology & innovation

# Key trends guiding our product innovation.

Explosion in  
content  
volume and  
formats

Desire to  
drive value  
from AI

AI  
verification

Global  
relevance

# Our customer priorities



Trusted partners to help them negotiate the AI landscape successfully



Gaining competitive advantage – speed, cost, coverage



Scalability – increase in machine output over human output



Linking AI investment to business outcomes



Seamless integration with workflows



Reassurance in AI output – verification and explainability

**AI landscape is rapidly changing**

We are investing in embedding the latest AI capabilities into our products, training and fine tuning, and providing verification of accuracy.

Our customers can focus on their core business, confident we can make them culturally relevant anywhere in the world.

# Core principles that will power our products

Embedded where  
customers work

AI First – human  
enriched technology

Orchestration of technology  
& humans' workflows



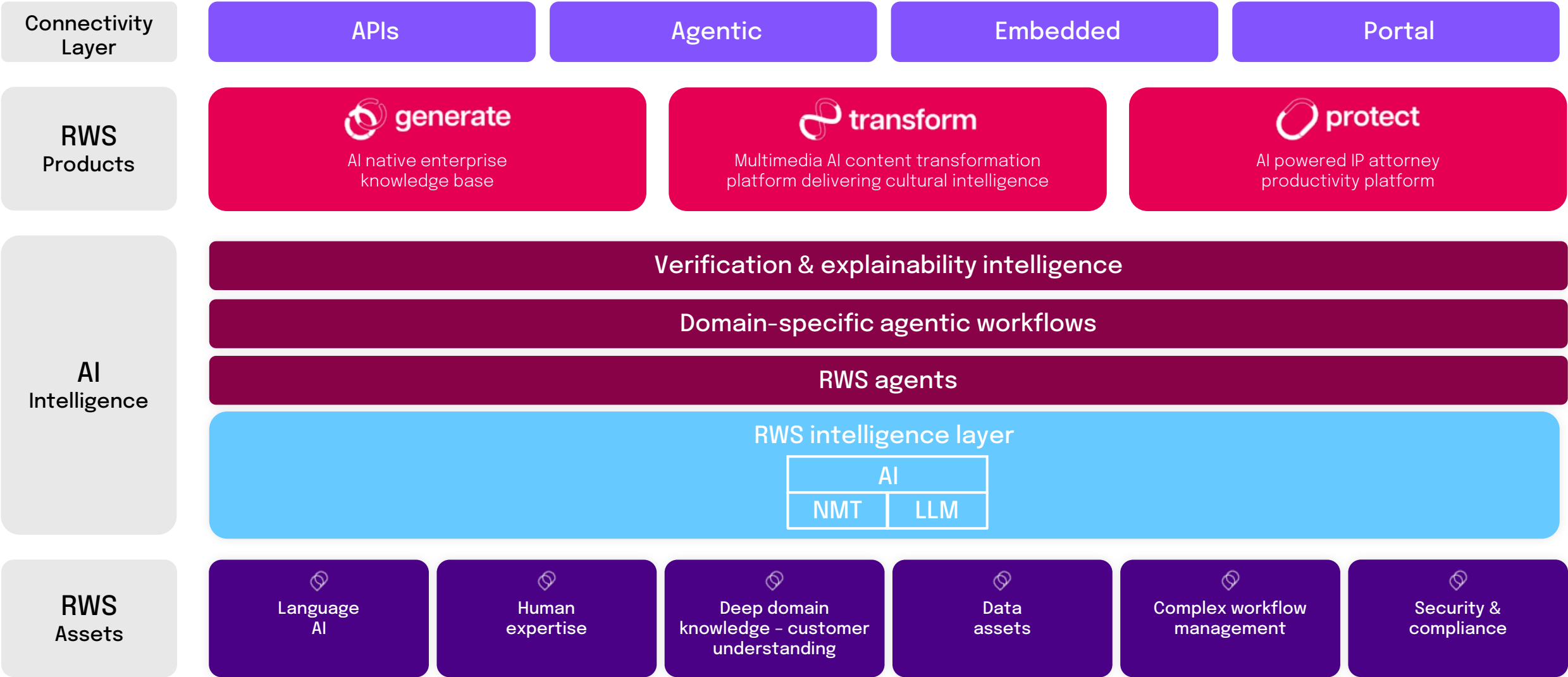
Multimodal

Flexible and  
open architecture

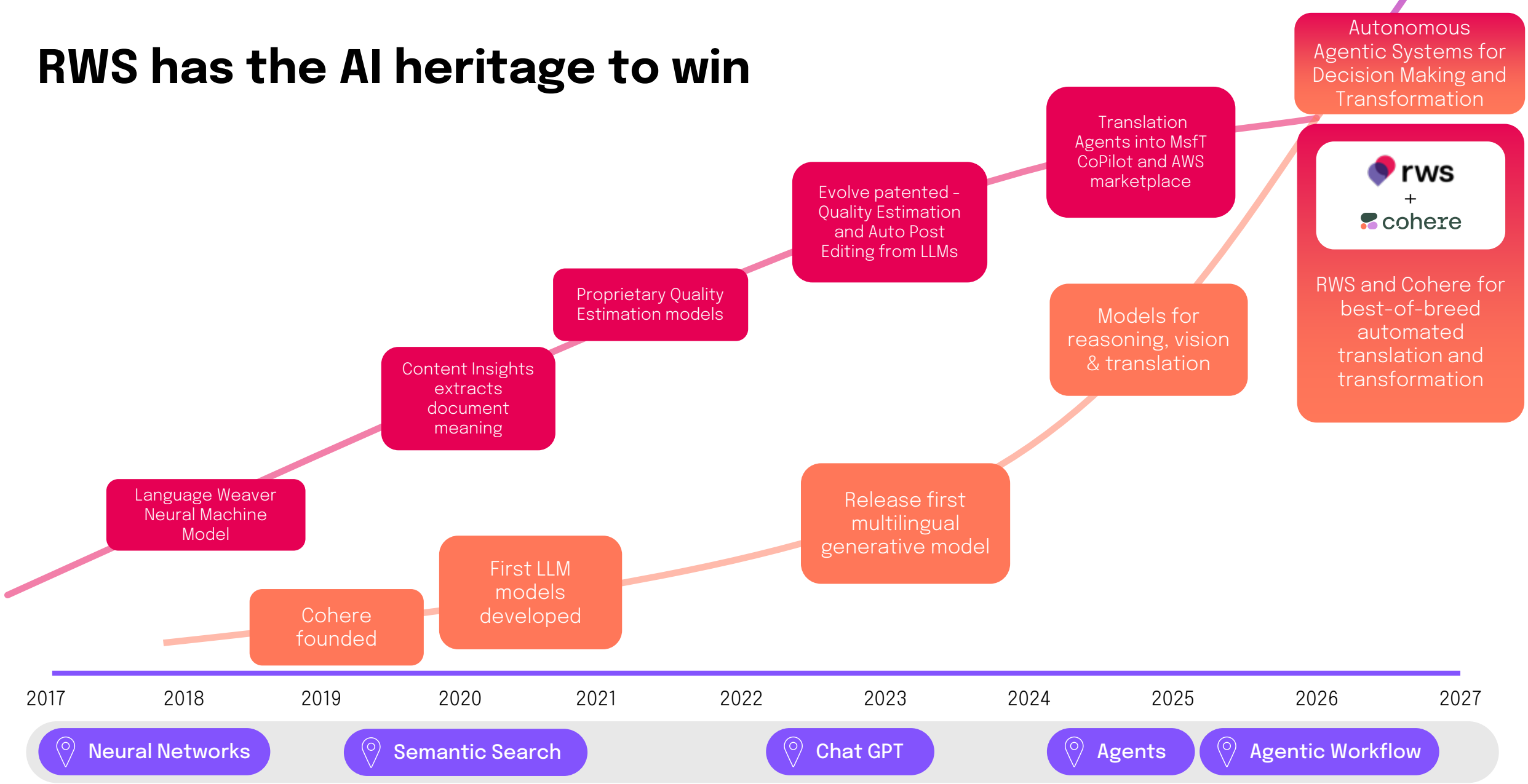
Secure and verified

Focused on business outcomes

# Building our next generation AI-first products



# RWS has the AI heritage to win







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CEO

# 03.

## Efficiency

# Driving the change

✕

Only a fraction of content is localised in a subset of languages

✕

Cost - a concern & a limitation to most clients

✕

This worsens as content explodes & new market opportunities are emerging

**We need to remove this bottleneck**



**We need a more efficient solution with** scalable processes, lean delivery systems & optimized workflows

**Plan**

Process rationalisation

Scaling our offshore delivery centres

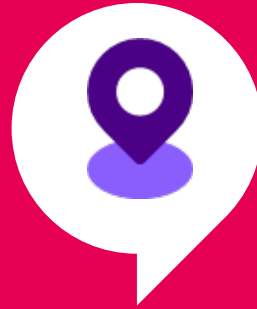
Automation through AI agents

# Driving the change - 3 focus areas



## Rationalisation

Sunsetting & migration towards digital / AI-optimised target operating model



## Offshoring

Established part of our DNA –  
Czechia, Romania as key hubs  
+  
20% RWS colleagues in India



## AI efficiency

Production: building agentic platform  
in partnership with tech partners

Internal efficiency: deployment  
AI tooling - 15% productivity  
improvement for developers

**We expect a 10% productivity improvement over the next 18 months  
leading to a faster and more valuable service for our clients**

# Our KPIs to measure success – FY25 to FY28

01.

A new Go-To-Market  
focused on large enterprise,  
and high growth opportunities

Net Repeat Rev: Top 100  
>100%

NPS  
≥ +46 (FY25)

02.

An innovation roadmap  
to build the cultural layer  
for enterprise AI at scale

SaaS Rev / licence Rev  
46% to 60%

Share of AI-related  
products & services  
28% to 40%

03.

An efficiency plan  
to deliver a better experience to  
our clients

Revenue/FTE  
£90k to £105k

EBITDA margin  
Gradual improvement

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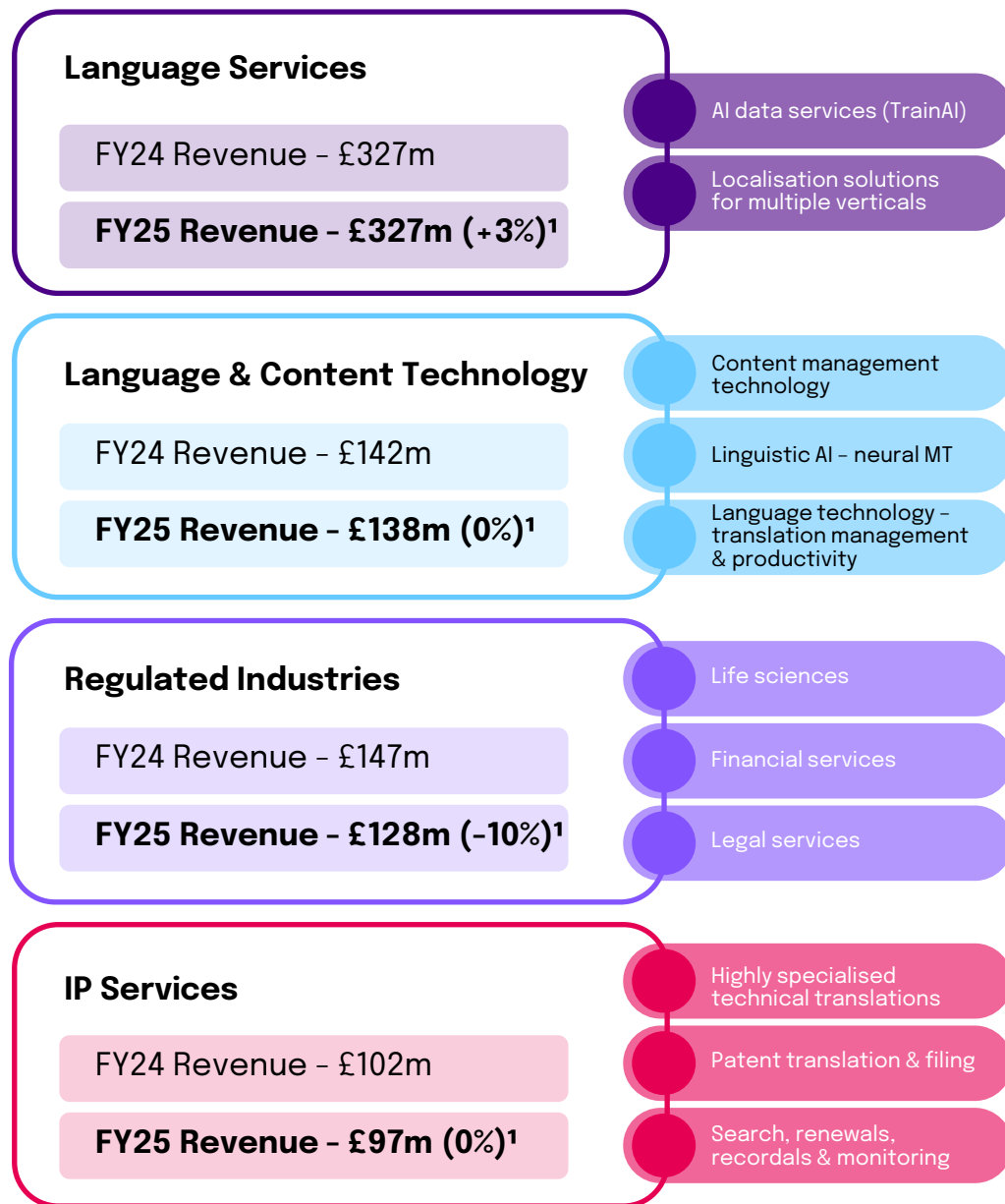
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# Old reporting structure





# New reporting structure

## Language Services

FY24 Revenue - £327m

**FY25 Revenue - £327m (+3%)**

## Language & Content Technology

FY24 Revenue - £142m

**FY25 Revenue - £138m (0%)**

## Regulated Industries

FY24 Revenue - £147m

**FY25 Revenue - £128m (-10%)**

## IP Services

FY24 Revenue - £102m

**FY25 Revenue - £97m (0%)**

AI data services (TrainAI)



Content management technology



**generate**

FY24 Revenue  
£113m

**FY25 Revenue  
£133m (+22%)<sup>1</sup>**

Life sciences



Localisation solutions  
for multiple verticals



Financial services



Linguistic AI - neural MT



Legal services



Language technology -  
translation management  
& productivity



**transform**

FY24 Revenue  
£503m

**FY25 Revenue  
£460m (-6%)<sup>1</sup>**

Highly specialised  
technical translations



Patent translation & filing



Search, renewals,  
records & monitoring

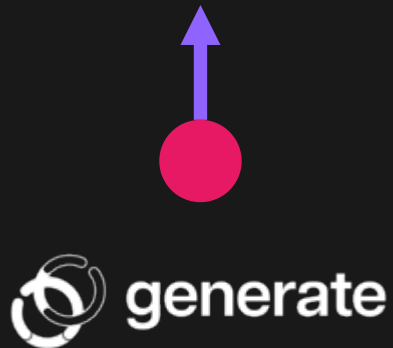


**protect**

FY24 Revenue  
£102m

**FY25 Revenue  
£97m (0%)<sup>1</sup>**

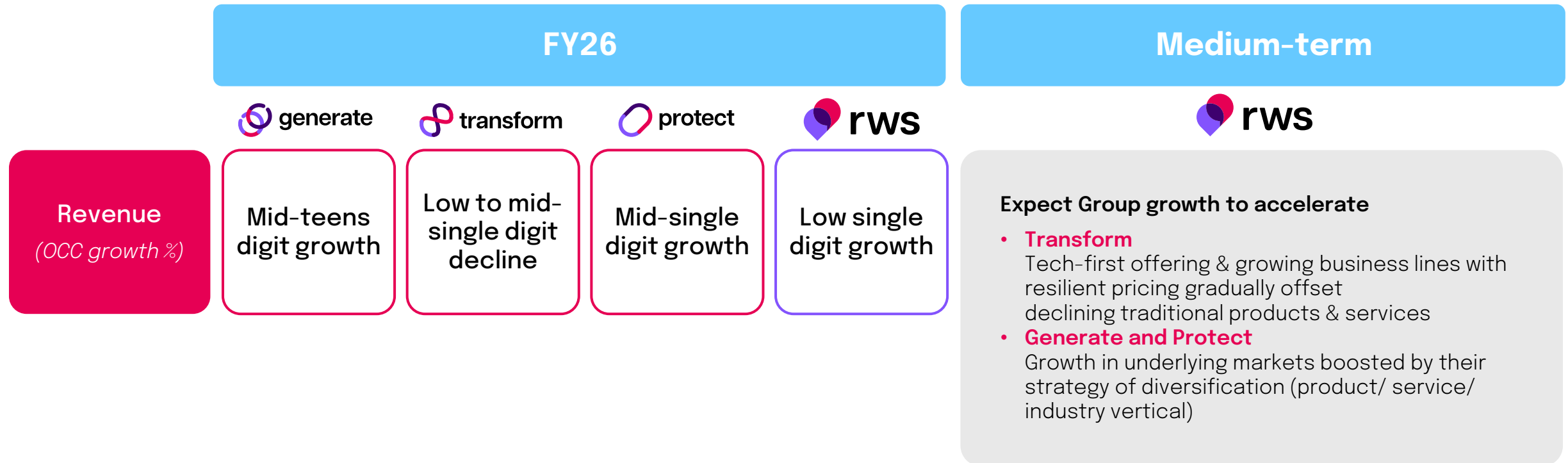
# Strategic focus – Generate & Protect powering Group growth while we pivot Transform





Technology at the heart of Go-To-Market

Groupwide efficiency programme

# FY26 & medium-term guidance – revenue



# FY26 & medium-term guidance – profit and cash

	FY26	Medium-term
		
<b>Profitability</b> <i>(Gross margin %)</i>	<b>Expansion</b> <b>c. 150bps</b>	<b>Expect gradual improvement in profitability</b> <b>Transform</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New tech platform/redesigned processes come onstream</li> <li>• Tech-first model provides more efficient delivery and economies of scale</li> </ul> <b>Generate and Protect</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modernisation investment leads to more efficient delivery</li> <li>• Profitability of new business lines improves as they mature</li> </ul> <b>Group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved gross and operating margin further supported by off-shoring and increased central overhead efficiency</li> </ul>
<b>Profitability</b> <i>(Adj. operating margin %)<sup>1</sup></i>	<b>Expansion</b> <b>c. 100bps</b>	
<b>Cash</b> <i>(operational FCF conversion)<sup>2</sup></i>	<b>Continued strong FCF conversion</b>	<b>Expect normalisation of FCF conversion to c.65%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working capital and capital expenditure normalise as growth resumes</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted operating margin: Adjusted Operating Profit divided by Revenue

<sup>2</sup> Operational FCF conversion: Operational FCF divided by Adjusted EBITDA

# Investments governed by capital allocation policy

## Continued strong cash generation and disciplined capital allocation

### Invest to accelerate organic growth & maintain BAU

01

Invest in go-to-market effectiveness:

- Sales organisation
- Product portfolio

Invest in innovation

Continue to support divisions to drive base case organic growth, further automation & efficiencies & sustain infrastructure

### Appropriate capex and prudent leverage

02

Normalised capex level

Greater focus on growth-oriented investment

Net debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio of <0.5 allowing flexibility

### Progressive Dividend

03

Dividend reset in FY25: Aligning the payout with performance to fund technology-led growth

Progressive dividend expected going forward

### Acquire for further growth

04

Significant firepower (2x combined EBITDA) for acquisitions to further accelerate growth

**An AI solutions company - uniquely positioned to grow on the back of AI advancements**

**Building the Cultural Intelligence Layer for Enterprise AI**

**Pivoting our business model to deliver improved & sustained quality of earnings**

**Outlook - encouraging exit rates for FY25 and solid trading momentum into FY26**





# Q&A





### About us

RWS is a content solutions company, powered by technology and human expertise. We grow the value of ideas, data and content by making sure organizations are understood. Everywhere.

Our proprietary technology, 45+ AI patents and human experts help organizations bring ideas to market faster, build deeper relationships across borders and cultures, and enter new markets with confidence – growing their business and connecting them to a world of opportunities.

It's why over 80 of the world's top 100 brands trust RWS to drive innovation, inform decisions and shape brand experiences.

With 60+ global locations, across five continents, our teams work with businesses across almost all industries. Innovating since 1958, RWS is headquartered in the UK and publicly listed on AIM, the London Stock Exchange regulated market (RWS.L).

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# Income statement

	FY ended 30-Sep-25 (£m)	FY ended 30-Sep-24 (£m)	FY'25 Actuals vs. FY'24 (£m)
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>-28</b>
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>299.3</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>-37</b>
Gross margin %	43.4%	46.9%	-350bps
Administrative expenses (before adjusting items)	-233	-224	-9
Net finance costs	-6	-6	0
<b>Adjusted profit before tax</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-46</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>-40</b>
Adjusted EBITDA margin %	14.6%	19.6%	-500bps
Adjusting items	-160	-47	-113
<b>Profit/(Loss) before tax</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-160</b>
Tax expense	0	-13	12
<b>Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-147</b>
Basic EPS (£p)	-27.0	12.8	-39.8
Adjusted Basic EPS (£p)	12.1	21.6	-9.5

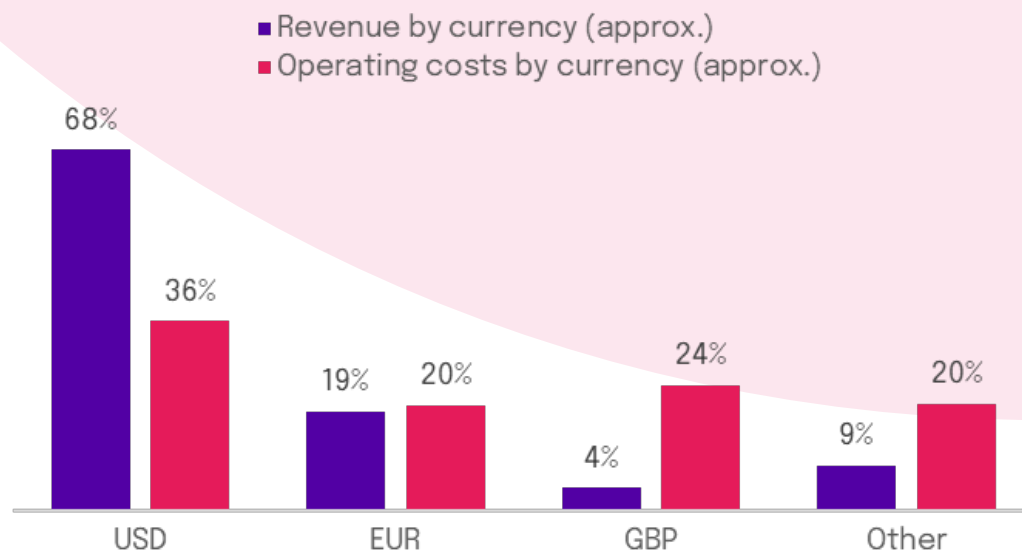
# Balance Sheet

	As at 30-Sep-25 (£m)	As at 30-Sep-24 (£m)
Non-current assets	795	928
Trade and other receivables	204	211
Other current assets	9	6
Cash and cash equivalents	33	62
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>1,207</b>
Trade and other payables	138	128
Loans	58	74
Lease Liabilities	23	27
Income tax payable	11	14
Deferred tax liabilities	37	54
Other liabilities	12	9
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>Net (debt)/cash</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-13</b>
Net (debt) including lease liabilities	-48	-40

- **Goodwill** decreased £85m due to impairment £88m partially offset by FX translation £3m
- **Other non-current assets** decreased £8m mainly due to depreciation £12m partially offset by additions £5m
- Asset Held for Sale is the Chalfont office
- **Cash** reduction of £29m due to improved cash repatriation
- **Working capital** improved £14m reflecting the focus on this area
- **Deferred tax liabilities** reduced £17m, mainly due to the unwind of liabilities on acquired intangibles £8m and recognition of certain deferred tax assets £6m, reflected in liabilities due to jurisdictional netting

# FX rates and hedging

## Analysis of key currencies (FY25)



Average rates	FY23	FY24	FY25
GBP/USD	1.226	1.268	1.306
GBP/EUR	1.148	1.169	1.182

Sustained focus on currency management in light of the continued strengthening of GBP against USD and EUR

### USD surplus cashflows actively managed:

- Hedging policy: hedge of net surplus cashflows (> 50%) on an annual basis
- Hedged at transactional level for main currencies, notably USD/GBP: forwards taken in Q1 at average £/\$ 1.33



# Modelling considerations for FY26

Weighting H1/H2 matching prior year  
Average FX: £/\$ 1.32 and £/€ 1.14

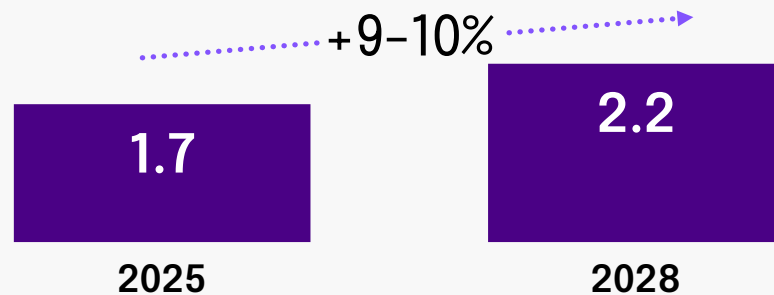
		FY26
Revenue growth (OCC%)	Group Generate Transform Protect	Low single digit growth Mid-teens digit growth Low to mid-single digit decline Mid single digit growth
Gross Margin	Group	c. +150 bps
Adjusted Operating Profit Margin	Group	c. +100 bps
Adjusting items £m	Group	Flat YoY (excl. impairment)
Operational FCF £m	Group	Sustained cash generation
Operational FCF Conversion	Group	Normalisation to 60-70%
Capex % of Revenue	Group	Modest increase
Depreciation/Amortisation	Group	c. +10%
Effective Tax Rate	Group	25-26%

# Market view

Generate addressable markets, 2025-2028 (*total size £6.3Bn in 2025*)

## Component content management market

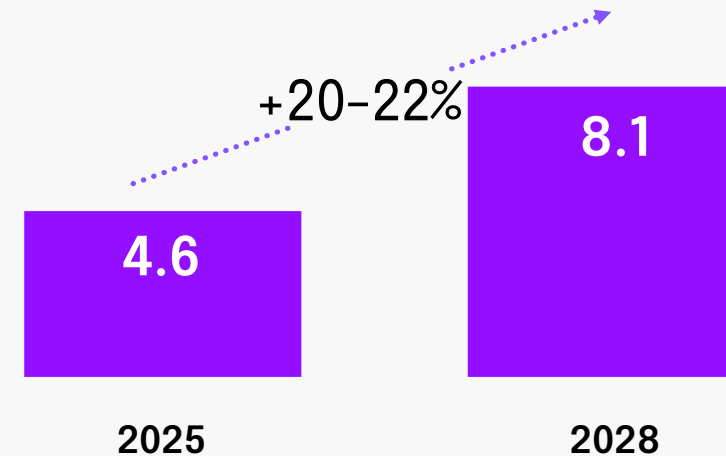
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The **component content management market (CCMS)** is growing at 9-10% CAGR, underpinned by AI content volume growth, regulatory complexity in verticals like pharma and aerospace, and replacement of homegrown tools

## AI data services market

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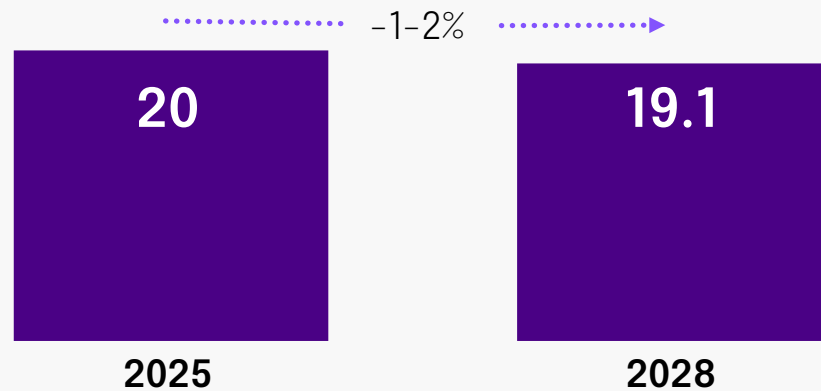
The **AI data services market** is growing >20% CAGR with demand driven by both hyperscalers (e.g. Google, Meta) outsourcing specialized data prep and other large tech players scaling up multimodal annotation

# Market view

Language industry market, 2025-2028 (total size of £23.7Bn in 2025)

## Language services (LSIs)

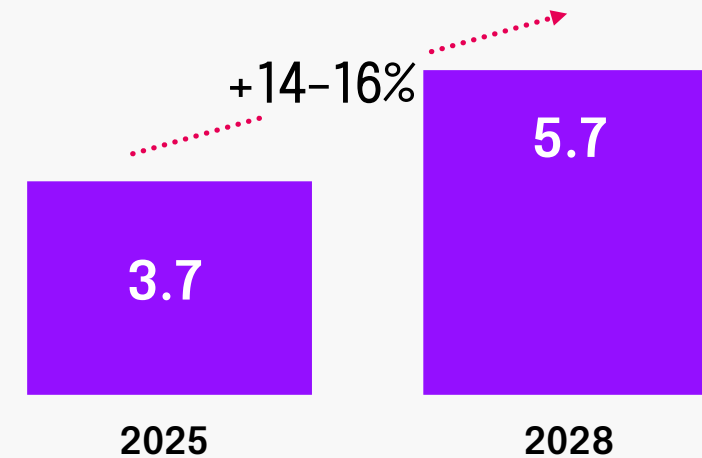
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Language services including core translation, editing, and QA are declining at ~1-2% annually due to commoditization and GenAI disruption

## Technology platforms (LTPs)

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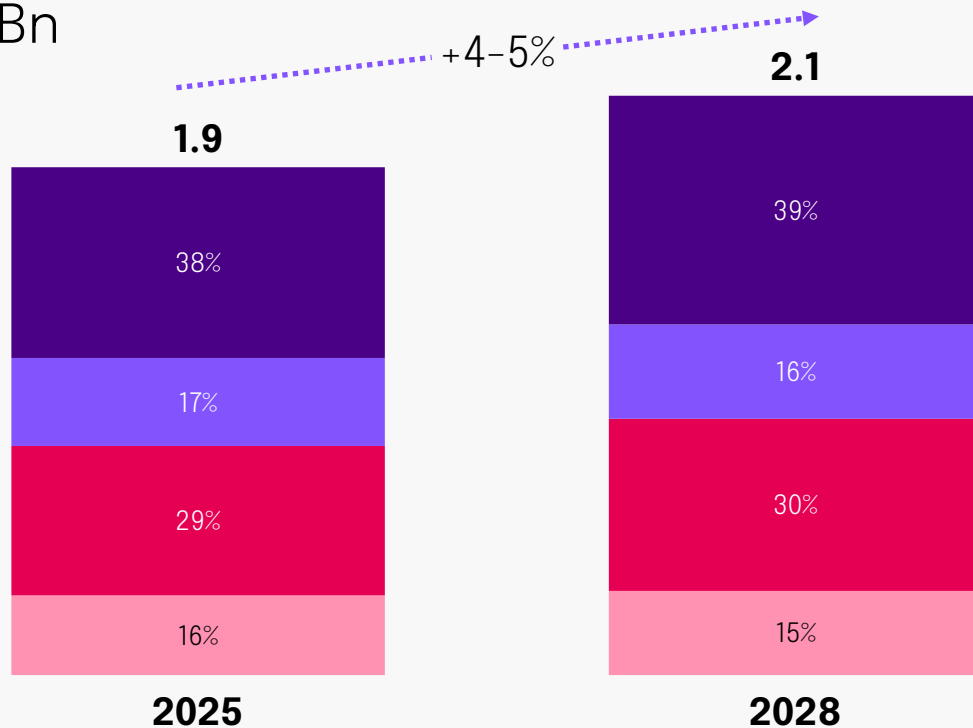
Language technology (including Machine Translation / LLM, Translation Mgmt Systems & GenAI tooling) growing at 14-16% CAGR as AI redefines the future of the language industry



# Market view

## Protect addressable market, 2025-2028

£Bn



	CAGRs '25-28	Key drivers
Renewals (Patents)	+5-7%	Strong growth in renewals driven by an increase in patents in force
Translations	+1-3%	Stable growth; will see spend shifts from basic Machine Translation workflows to higher-margin value-add (post-editing, certified legal translation).
Filings	+4-6%	Stronger growth driven by increasingly globalised portfolios and regulatory complexity
Search	+1-3%	Stable growth, as AI-led analytics make broader and more frequent searches possible