

## e7 Group H1 2025 Results

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IDENTITY
PACKAGING
PRINTING
EDUCATION
LOGISTICS

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## **Agenda and Presenters**

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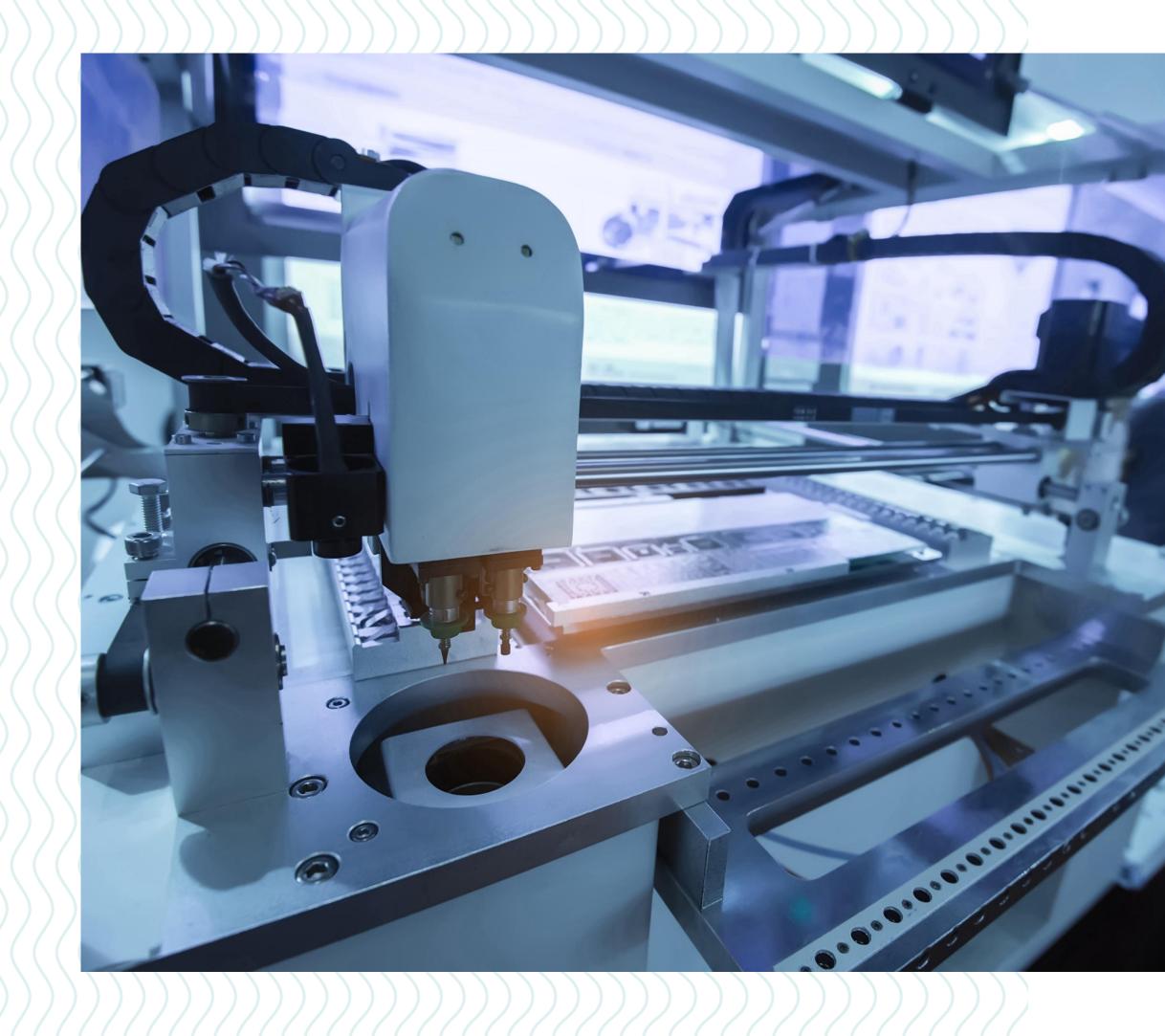


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# **OVERVIEW**





## e7 Group: Innovation and excellence in every solution

### **Diversified revenue streams**



## State of the art operations



### **H1 Financial Performance**





Multiple solutions across 5 business verticals

40 + custom products and solutions

25 Serving clients in 25 countries and 8 regions globally

70%+ revenue recurring in nature from long-term contracts

51% of total revenue generated by Identity Solutions



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industry certifications enabling partnerships with key identity eco-system players

High barriers to entry due to certification requirements, data privacy standards, and security standards

450 + Vehicle fleet serving the UAE

50mn capacity to print cards



H1 Revenue: AED 291.6 Mn

YoY change: (3.1%)

H1 EBITDA: AED 52.0 Mn

Margin: **17.8%** 

YoY change: (26.6%)

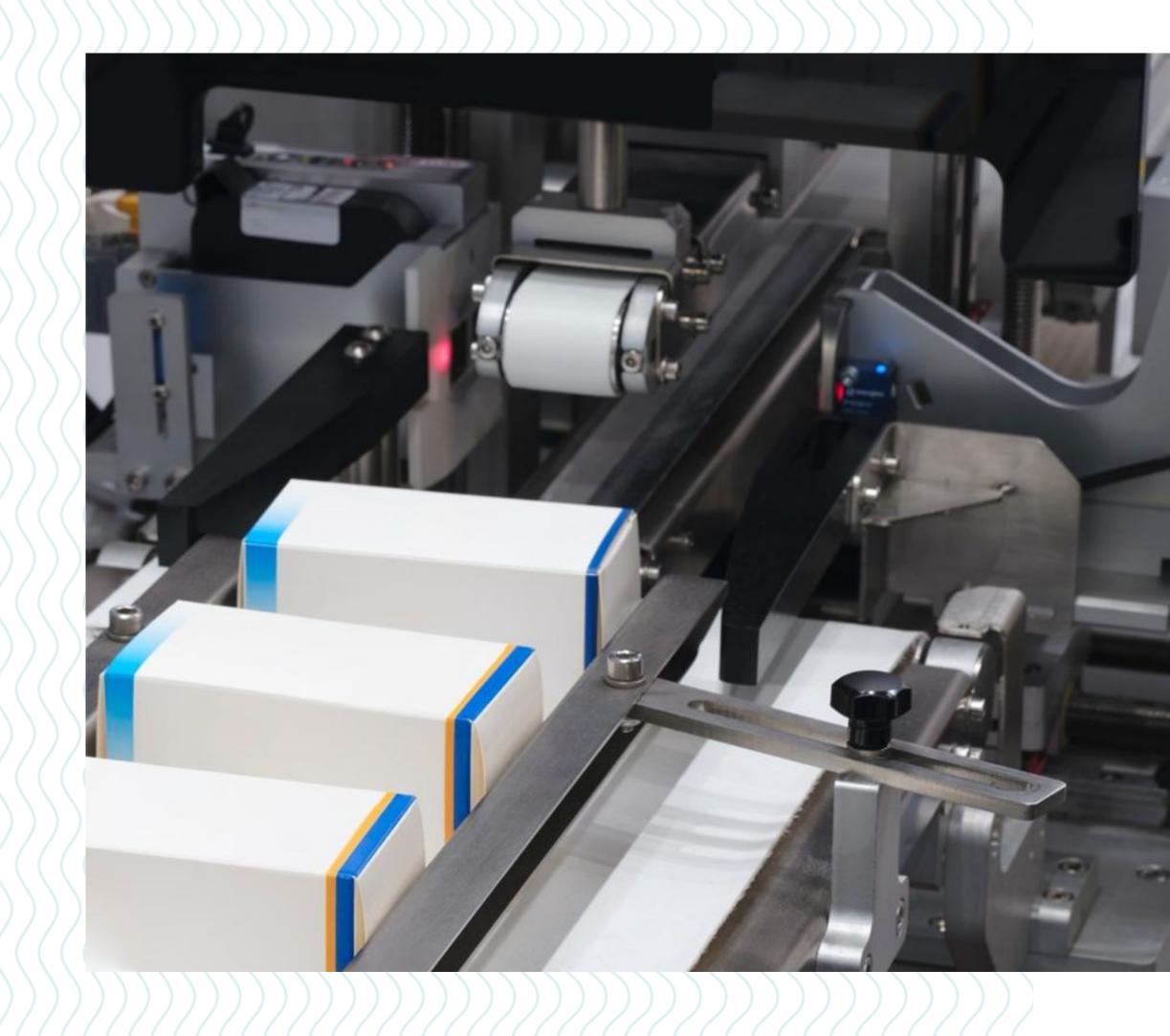
H1 Net profit after tax: AED 30.6 Mn

Margin: **10.5**%

YoY change: (66.5%)

Cash balance of AED 1.24 Bn, with no outstanding debt as at the end of H1 2025

## OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS





### e7 Group: Key operational highlights by segment in H1 2025

### **Identity Solutions**



- First ever long-term contract in East Africa to launch its tax stamps framework.
- Secured banking card contracts in East Africa and Central Asia.
- Secured a new major passport contract in the Middle East.
- Actively exploring diversifying the product portfolio with innovative offerings such as **LED** and wood-based cards
- Successfully renewed Visa and MasterCard certifications, ensuring continued compliance in payment card manufacturing and processing.

## Packaging Solutions



- Launched 'track and trace' technology to enhance overall product security and traceability
- Secured several new customers within the division alongside the expansion and renewal of contracts with existing customers
- Won the Silver Award for 'Carbon Packaging Converter of the year' at the Prime Packaging Awards, one of the leading industry recognitions in the Middle East and Africa region.

## Printing Solutions





- Launched digital flip books within its education segment to offer an integrated, hybrid print and digital campaign model
- Kutubee, e7's interactive reading platform, now boasts a library of 400 **English-Arabic stories**
- Exploring opportunities in providing digital print and web to print solutions, tailored for book publishers and supporting print-on-demand services
- Supported major cultural and corporate events with expert consultancy, providing tailored print solutions and materials throughout Q1 2025.

## Logistics





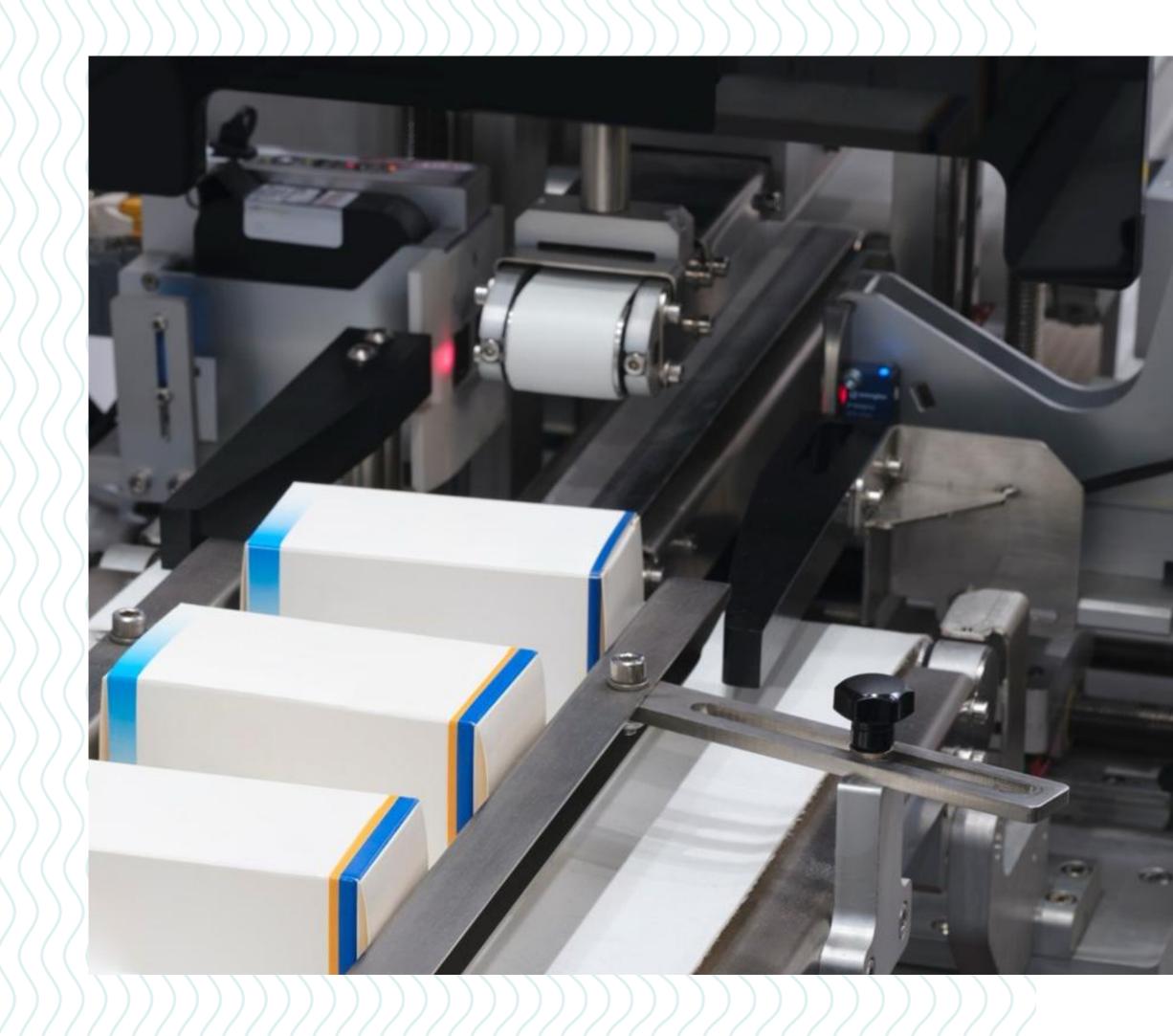
- Revamped the entire technology architecture for Tawzea, enhancing operational efficiencies and speed to serve customers
- Launched a pilot e-bike program as part of e7's sustainability initiative to reduce carbon emissions.
- Introduced an Al-powered call center solution to enhance customer satisfaction and overall service experience

Strengthened leadership team with key appointments having hired a Chief Human Resources Officer, a Chief Industrial Officer and a Head of Internal Audit, all of whom bring over 20 years' experience in their respective field of work. This follows the earlier appointment of a Chief Technology & Digital Officer to lead our efforts in becoming a data-driven organization, alongside a Chief Commercial Officer to pursue accelerated revenue growth, in line with our strategic priorities to invest in and attract experienced hires.

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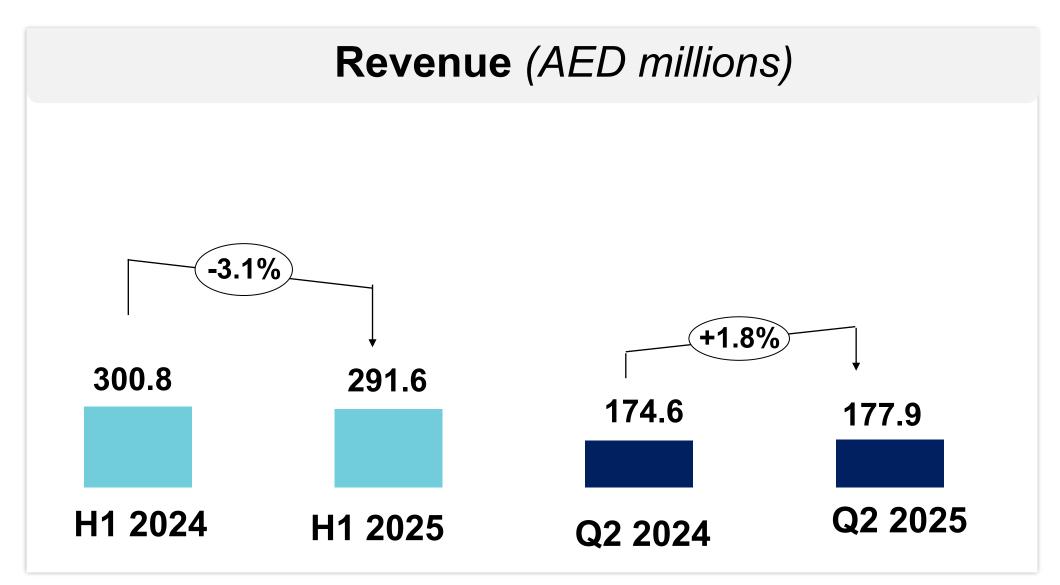
Launched a fully revamped website reflecting e7's unified brand identity and a refreshed commercial strategy.

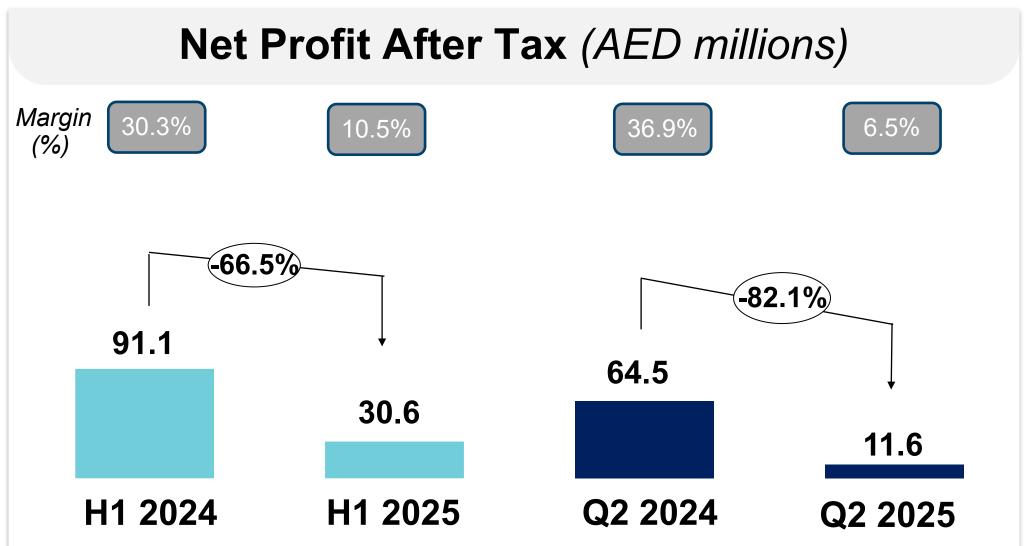
## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

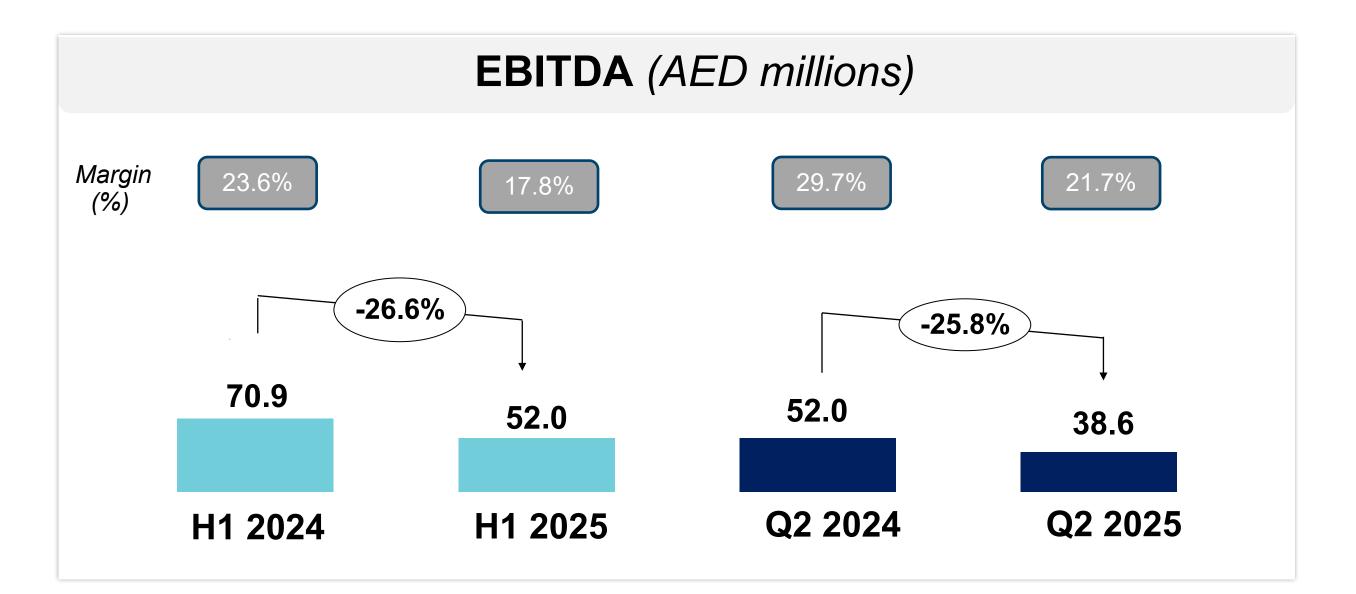




## H1 2025 Financial Highlights



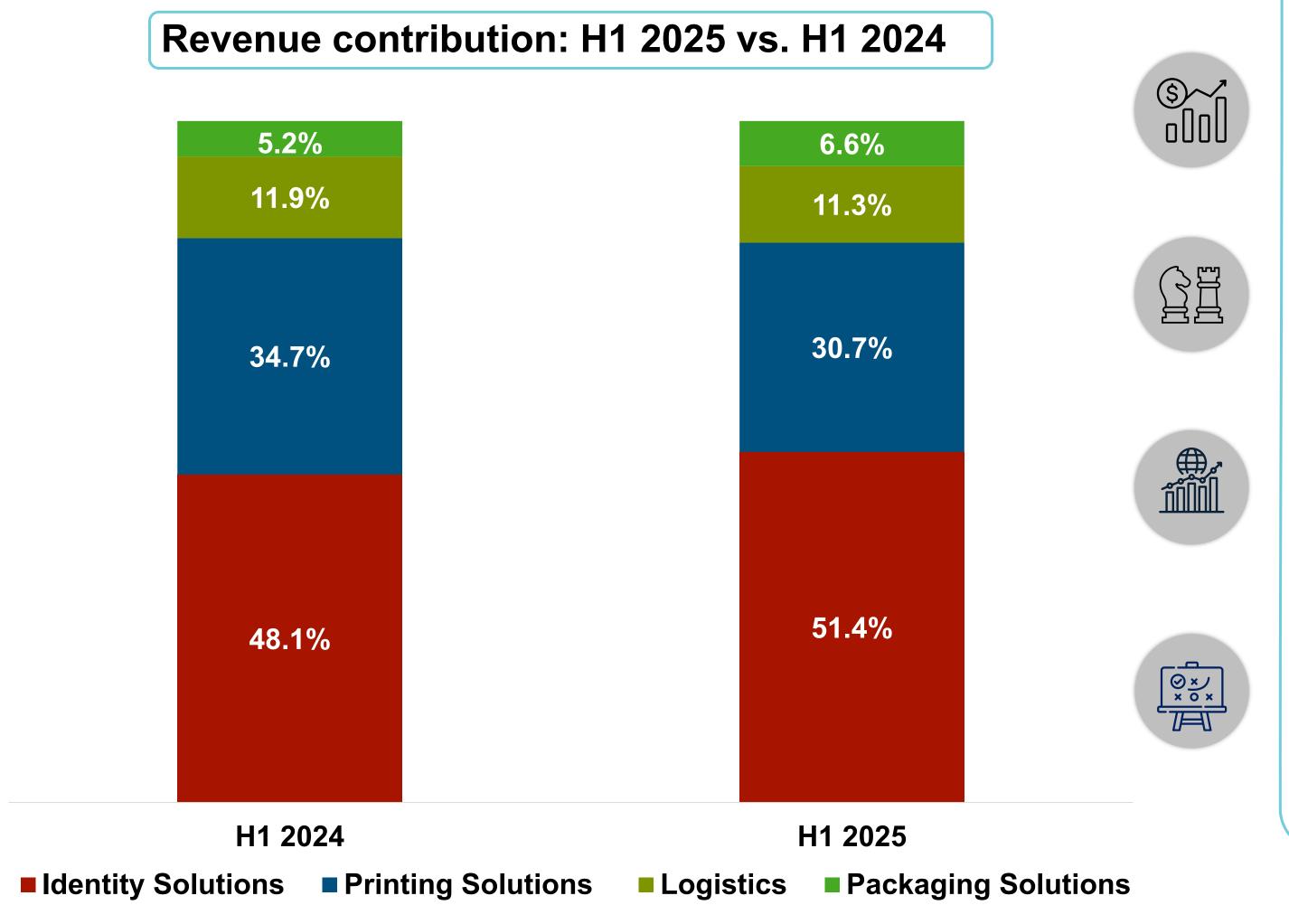




#### Performance:

- **Group revenue** reduced by 3% year-on-year to AED 291.6 million in H1 2025, mainly due to the phasing of revenue across divisions, with revenue increasing 2% YoY in Q2 to AED 177.9 million.
- **EBITDA** reached AED 52.0 million in H1 2025, with margin of 18%, mainly due to the presence of an AED 8 million one-off cost in the period and the lower, year-on-year revenue performance following the phasing of revenue across segments
- Net profit after tax totaled AED 30.6 million, with net profit margin of 10.5% in H1 2025, mainly due to mark to market pricing of warrants.

## Revenue contribution by business segment

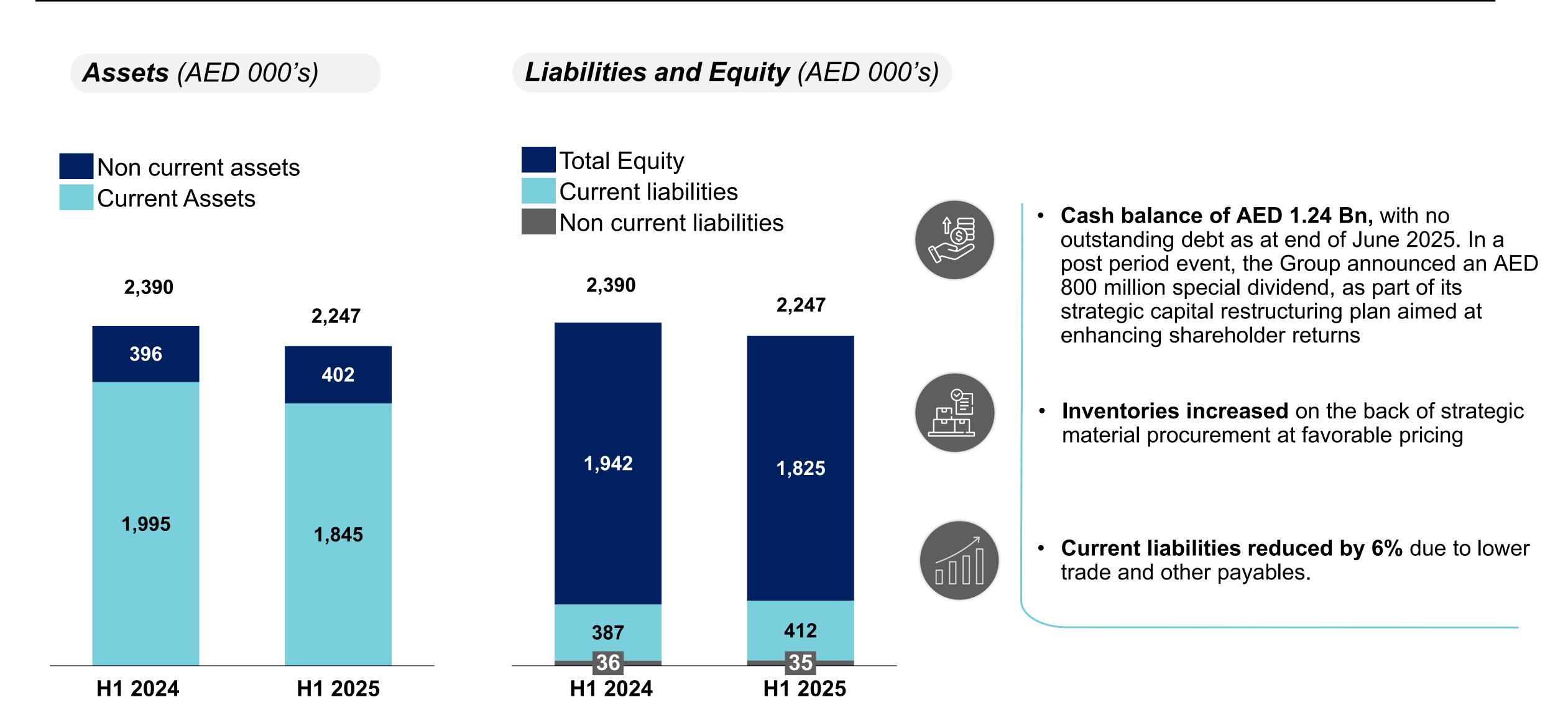


- Revenue within packaging solutions increased significantly, up 23% YoY, driven by an expanding customer base.
- Identity solutions revenue increased by 3.8% in H1 2025 versus the prior year supported by a strong Q2 period given the phasing of revenue
- Logistics solutions revenue declined 8.5% in H1 2025 versus the prior year, largely impacted by the performance of other segments.
- Stable, long-term client agreements in printing solutions continue to contribute to recurring revenue. Ongoing focus on expanding into digital and print-on-demand services to enable hybrid printing and publishing capabilities.

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## Strong balance sheet to fund future growth





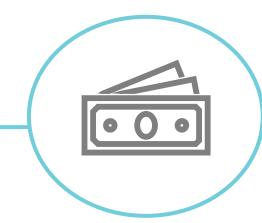
### e7's Dividend Policy: Continued focus on shareholder value creation

#### **Maiden Dividend Payment**



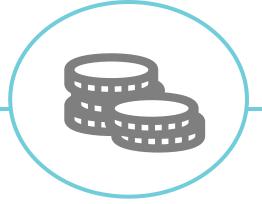
- Maiden dividend of AED 147.1 million, 70% of 2024 distributable net profit approved
- e7 continues to prioritise disciplined capital allocation, whilst maintaining a robust balance sheet position

## Special Dividend of AED 800 million and multi-year commitment



- AED 800 million special dividend approved in July 2025, aimed at enhancing shareholder returns and optimizing long-term value creation
- Commitment to paying minimum dividend of 10 fils per share for FY25-27

#### **Dividend Payout Factors**



- Positive distributable net profits
- Availability of reserves & cash for future needs
- Economic conditions & market outlook

The decision to pay a special dividend of AED 800 million follows a comprehensive review of large-scale inorganic growth opportunities explored over the last 18 months, particularly within the identity solutions and packaging segments, in line with e7's strategic priorities

The **special dividend underlines e7's robust financial position** and reflects the Board of Directors' confidence in e7's long-term strategy and cash generative business model

e7 continues to prioritise disciplined capital allocation, maintaining a robust balance sheet that allows bolt-on acquisitions, particularly within Identity Solutions



## Strategic focus on organic growth opportunities alongside a disciplined approach to M&A

Following the special dividend approval, e7 will focus on organic growth opportunities going forward, with a disciplined approach to value-accretive bolt-on M&A, particularly within its Identity Solutions segment

Focus on organic growth opportunities, underpinned by:

Disciplined approach to capital allocation around M&A

**Maximizing utilization** of upcoming capacity, particularly within passport and tax stamps

Winning new contracts in new markets across Asia, Africa, Middle East and CIS countries

Broadening reach of existing platforms and focusing on maximizing returns on current assets

Continuing to target opportunities such as East Africa to expand e7's presence

Strong and active pipeline of bolt-on acquisitions opportunities

Primary focus within Identity Solutions, including system integration and digital ID's

Focus on streamlining packaging business through efficiency and commercial improvements

Focus on growing identity solutions by acquiring system integration and digital identity capabilities alongside organic growth in core offerings





## 2025 Strategic Priorities: Redefining partnerships through innovation & enhanced operations

#### **Redefining client partnerships**

**High-impact**, creative led solutions to enhance customer experience

**Airlines:** Transitioning from a printing and packaging vendor to a creative design partner

**F&B players:** Shifting to secure, QR-traceable packaging using eco-conscious tactile materials

Banking: Transitioning to providing end-to-end card solutions from designing, printing, packaging through to the delivery of cards

Dynamic, digital business ecosystem driven by innovation

Redefining industries with cutting-edge innovation and unmatched value



**Deploying AI** agents for sharper market intelligence, customer insight, and higher conversion



Driving digital innovation via 'track & trace' in Packaging, ongoing technology overhaul in Distribution, and product diversification in Identity Solutions through LED and wood-based cards

Transforming the organization through operational excellence

Multiple initiatives underway to boost efficiency and enable organizational transformation

- Ongoing optimization across supply chain, including streamlining inventory and manufacturing operations
- **Key leadership appointments** across Technology, Commercial, HR, Industrial, and Audit functions



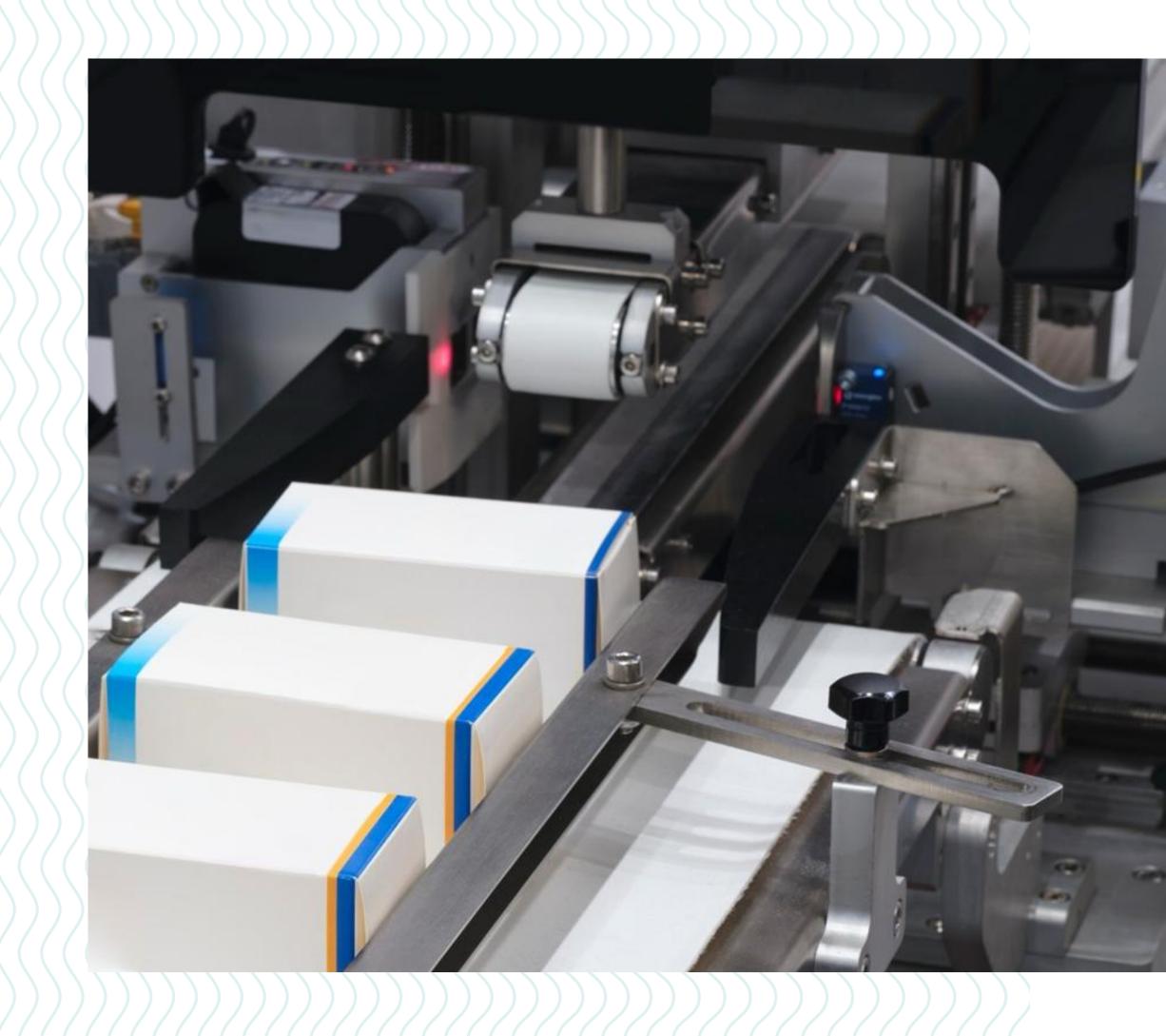
ESG: 80% of operational waste recycled via targeted strategy; enhanced brand visibility amongst national talent, in line with e7's **Emiratization goals** 



e7 continues to evaluate new market and value-accretive bolt-on M&A opportunities, particularly within the Identity Solutions segment



## CONCLUDING REMARKS





# 2025 Strategic Priorities: Turbocharge growth through an integrated account management approach to deliver innovation and excellence in every solution

#### **Strategic Pivot**

e7 has pivoted its value proposition to pursue an integrated account management approach focused on customer centricity, extracting synergies from operations to deliver innovation and excellence in every solution

## 1 Pursue accelerated revenue growth

- ✓ Leverage UAE's G2G partnerships to provide best in class E2E identity solutions through partnerships, acquisitions in focus markets: Middle East, Africa, LATAM, APAC
- ✓ Scale integrated educational solutions offering
- ✓ Diversify printing solutions business through new hybrid technologies and business models
- Accelerate packaging and logistics growth in target niche segments for profitable growth
- ✓ Focus on converting current pipeline of M&A opportunities

## **Strategic Priorities**

## 2 Strengthen our capabilities

- Activate partnerships across value chain to deliver innovative solutions to clients
- ✓ ERP implementation and cloud migration to transform e7 into a data driven organization
- ✓ Strengthen and align areas of expertise through agile processes to maximize operational synergies
- ✓ Leverage cutting edge innovation, sustainable solutions via R&D partnerships

## 3 Organizational enablers

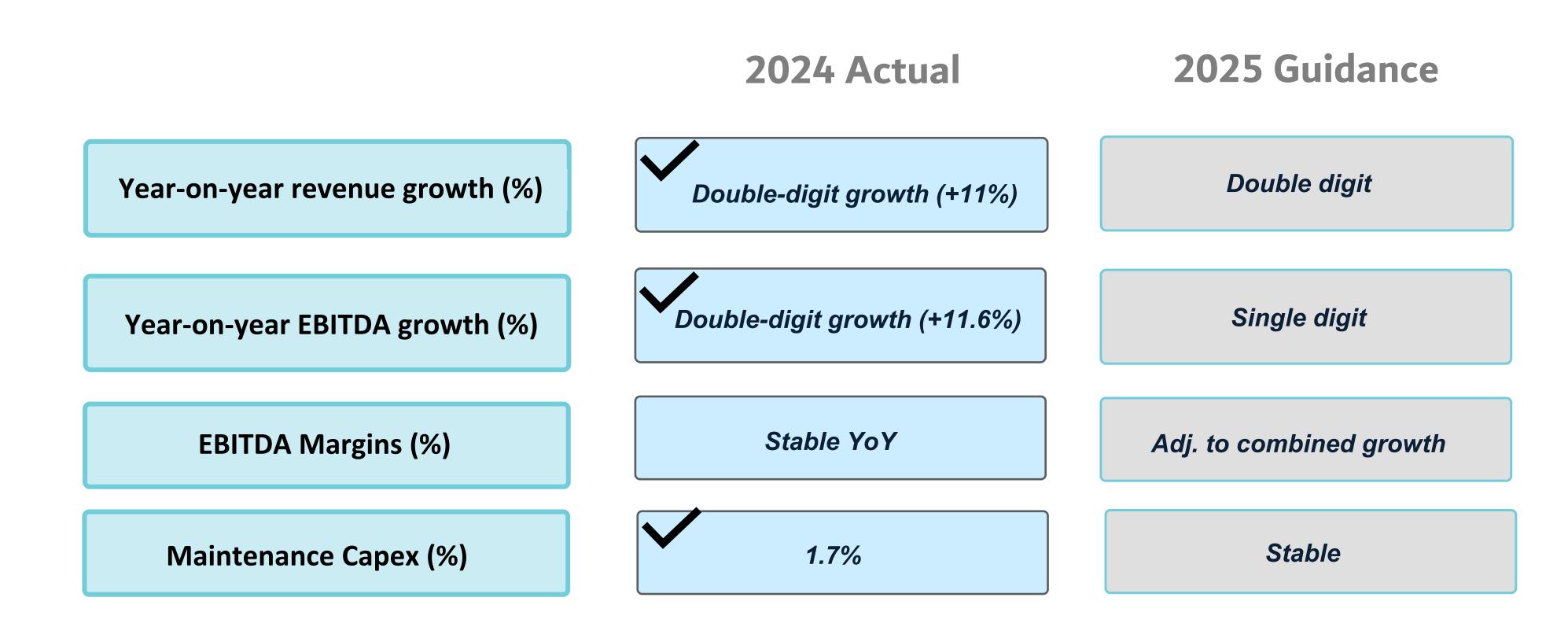
- ✓ Significant investments to attract experienced hires- Chief Commercial Officer, Chief Data and Technology Officer etc.
- ✓ New culture to enable teamwork, accountability and push towards results driven synergies maximizing culture
- Continue momentum on Diversity and Emiratization to grow local talent into management



# FY 2025 Guidance Unchanged: Double-digit revenue growth alongside single-digit YoY EBITDA growth

### FY 2025 outlook unchanged:

- FY25 year-on-year revenue growth expected to increase by 'double-digits'
- FY25 year-on-year EBITDA growth expected to increase by 'single-digits'





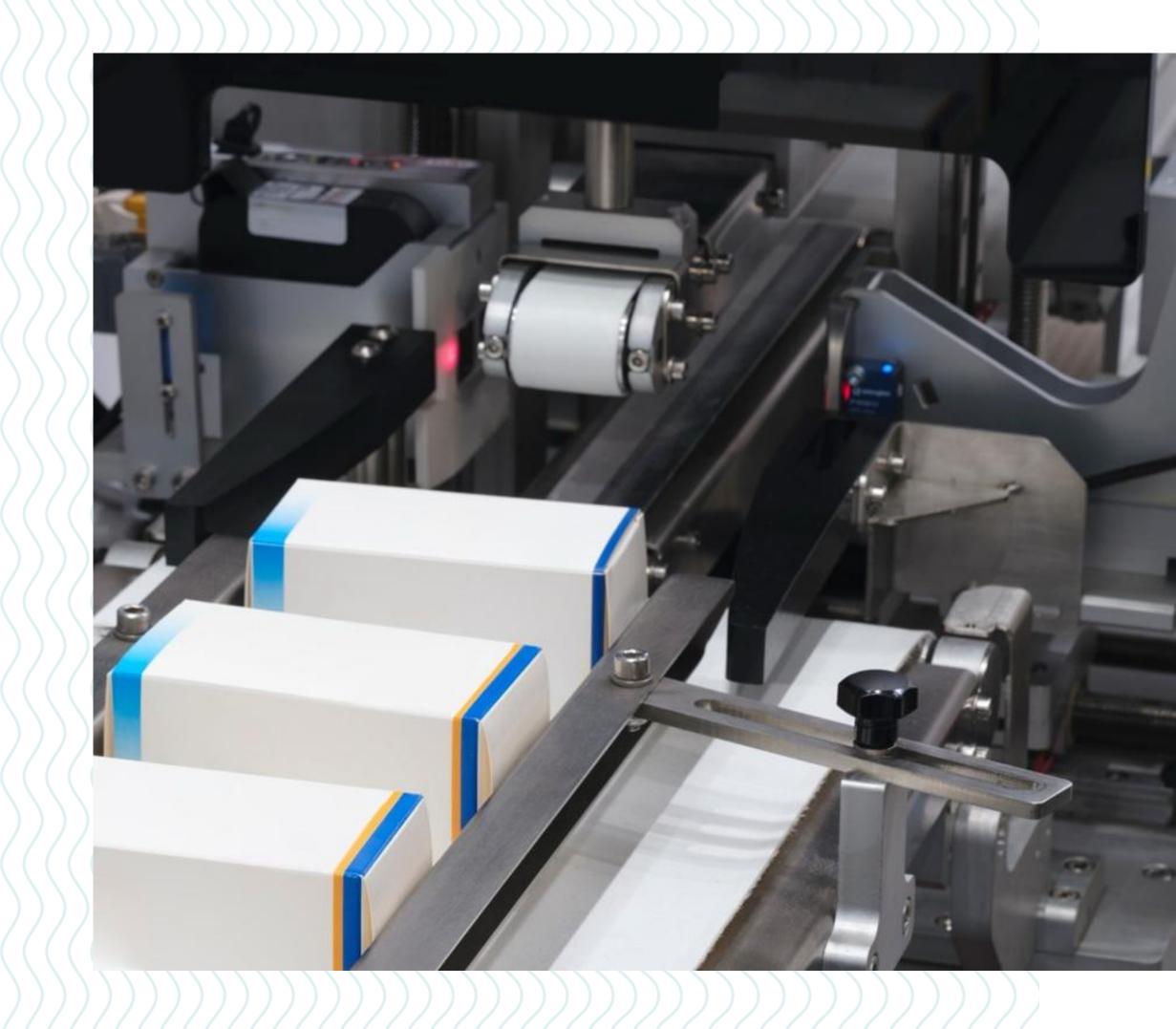
# Q&A







# APPENDIX





## e7 Group: Summary P&L

AED '000	H1 2024	H1 2025
Revenue from contracts with customers	300,797	291,585
Direct costs	(212,511)	(203,611)
Gross profit	88,286	87,974
General and administrative expenses	(37,777)	(51,932)
Selling and marketing expenses	(4,156)	(4,915)
Other income	3,287	2,518
Impairment loss on trade receivables	2,572	(553)
Operating profit for the period	52,212	33,092
Finance cost	(605)	(31,840)
Finance income	48,593	32,359
Profit for the period before taxation	100,200	33,611
Income tax expense	(9,068)	(3,045)
Profit for the period after taxation	91,132	30,565



## e7 Group: Summary Balance Sheet

AED '000	H1 2024	H1 2025
Assets		
Total non-current assets	395,525	402,204
Total current assets	1,994,647	1,845,202
Total assets	2,390,172	2,247,406
Liabilities		
Total non-current liabilities	35,970	34,956
Total current liabilities	412,372	387,162
Total liabilities	448,342	422,117
Total equity	1,941,830	1,825,287
Total equity and liabilities	2,390,172	2,247,405





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