

# **Private Equity Capital Markets Seminar**

**25 September 2025** 













# Agenda and introduction

Simon Borrows
Chief Executive

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10.00-10.15	Agenda and introduction	Simon Borrows Chief Executive
10.15-11.00	MPM and WaterWipes	Rupert Howard
	Q&A	Partner, Head of UK Private Equity
11.00-11.45	MAIT and OMS	Peter Wirtz
	Q&A	Head, Private Equity, Managing Director
11.45-12.00	Closing remarks and	Simon Borrows
	final questions	Chief Executive

## Portfolio update and purchase of additional Action shares



- Both Private Equity and Infrastructure portfolios performing resiliently against subdued macroeconomic environment
  - Royal Sanders continues to perform well
  - Broader PE portfolio showing improving momentum
- Sale of MAIT announced earlier this month
  - Total gross proceeds of c.£143m, c.30% uplift to 31 March 2025 valuation
  - 2.7x MM, c.27% IRR
- Action continues to generate strong sales and EBITDA growth
  - YTD sales (at 21 September 2025) of €10.9bn, 18% ahead of same period last year
  - YTD LFL sales growth of 6.5% (vs 6.8% at the end of August 2025), driven by transaction growth in all countries. Weaker overall consumer spending in France and Germany a feature of YTD performance, with recent general strikes and unrest in France causing the reduction in LFL to 6.5%
  - Performance overall benefiting from good seasonal sales and strong trading from new and recently opened stores
  - Expect operating EBITDA for the 12 months to the end of P9 2025 to be c.€2,295m¹ compared to €1,894m at the end P9 2024, an increase of 21%
  - Strong cash generation, with cash balances at 21 September 2025 at €758m
  - 207 net new stores added YTD; on track to deliver or exceed 370 net new stores in 2025
  - 7 stores opened in Switzerland in the year to date; first store in Romania opened on 24 September 2025
- On 24 September 2025 3i entered into an agreement with GIC to purchase a limited partnership interest representing 2.2% of Action equity in exchange for the issue of 19,916,225 new ordinary shares in 3i Group plc. The transaction is expected to complete in the coming days

## Today's presenters













**Peter Wirtz Head, Private Equity, Managing Director** 



Rupert Howard

Partner, Head of UK Private Equity



# **MPM** and WaterWipes

**Rupert Howard** 

Partner, Head of UK PE



#### 3i in Consumer



## **Our portfolio**

- Deep sector expertise
- c.€1.7bn invested in consumer over last 2 years
- c.85% PE portfolio by value<sup>1</sup>











#### 3i in the UK



- Investing in UK growth businesses for 80 years
- 14 PE investment and banking professionals in the London office

## **Current portfolio**

# Selected previous investments





















#### **MPM**

#### International leader in branded, premium, natural pet food



#### **Company overview**

- Owns the Applaws and Reveal<sup>1</sup> brands
- Differentiates through high quality, human-grade natural products, clean-label ingredients and "catfirst" proposition
- Entirely outsourced manufacturing







#### **Investment summary**

- First identified in 2017
- Secondary buyout
- £124m 3i investment
- Existing management team retained
- **Announced November 2020**



## Experienced management, strengthened with complementary leadership hires





Julian Bambridge *CEO*(Joined 2009)



COO (Joined 2011)



CFO (Joined 2016)

Seasoned top management working together since 2016



Kim Sines *Head of US*(Joined 2021)



Sam Greenwood

CMO

(Joined 2022)



Tim Whiting

Non-Exec
Chairman

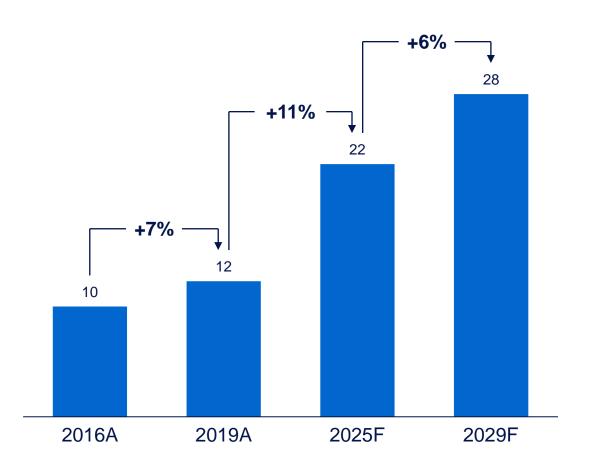
(appointed 2021)

Complementary leadership hires during 3i ownership to strengthen functional expertise

## "Cat" a compelling segment of the premium pet food market



#### Large, growing and resilient global premium cat food market



Estimated global premium cat food retail sales value in £bn and % CAGRs

#### Supported by underlying tailwinds



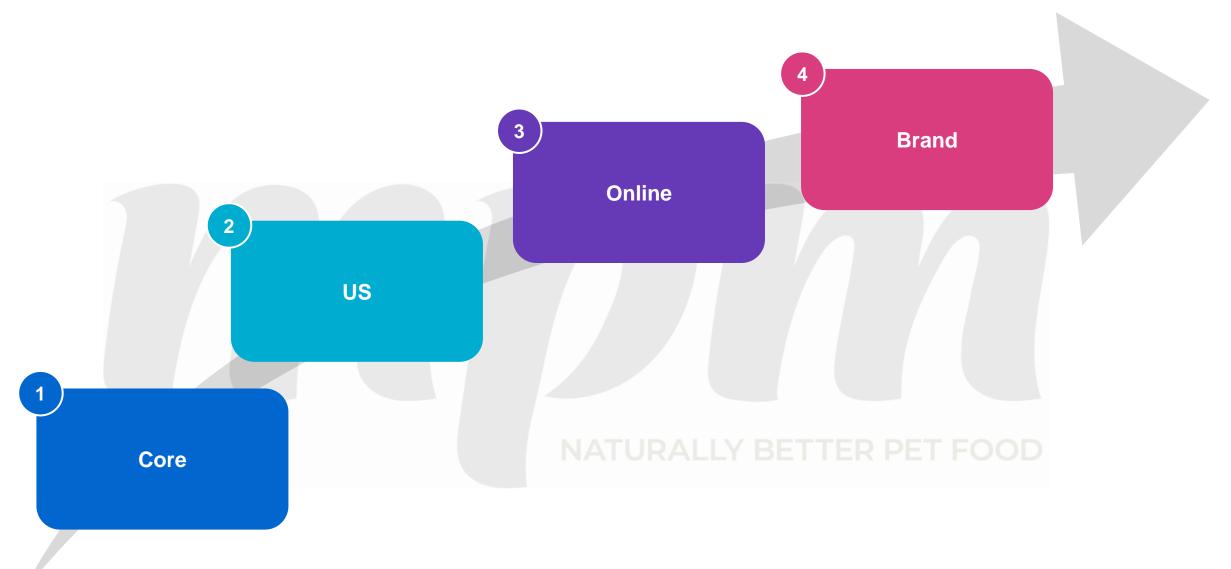


**Premiumisation** 

... Aligned with key trends identified on entry

## We executed on an investment thesis built upon four key pillars





# 1 Core



# Visibly differentiated product

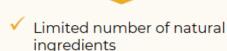




#### ingredients

- 1. Chicken
- 2. Broth 3. Rice

- ingredients
- 1. Chicken
- 2. Tuna
- 3. Broth



- ✓ Grain-free
- ✓ High-quality protein
- ✓ Clean-label product
- No artificial colours, flavours or preservatives

#### Two highly complementary brands



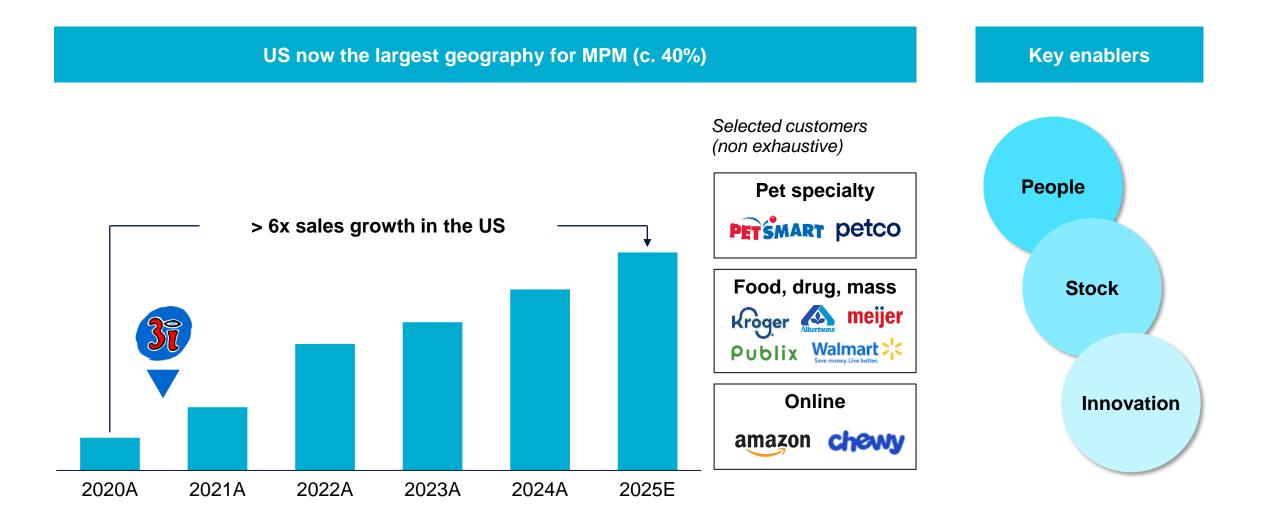


- Two distinct brands
- Address different consumers
- Double the distribution and white space

Note: Reveal is branded "Encore" in geographies outside of the US.



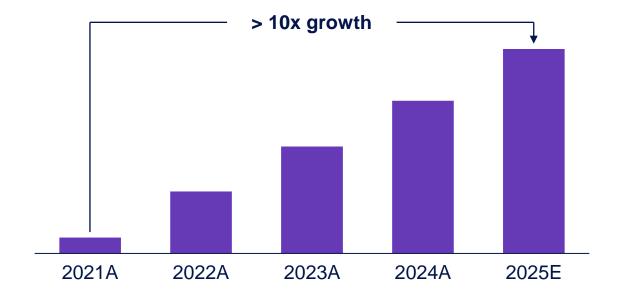






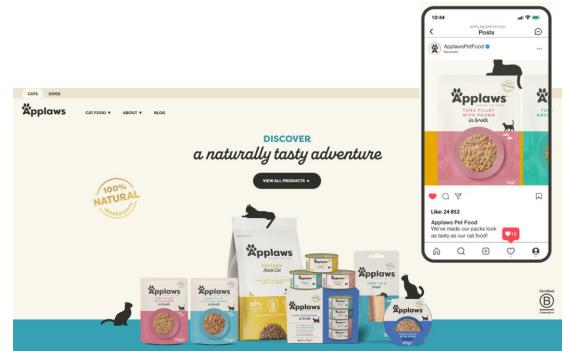


#### Online channel growth: US example



Growing with key partners (eg amazon chewy)

#### **Embracing "digital first"**



Supported with the right assortment, availability, channels, and content





#### **Previous Applaws branding**

#### 2024 Rebrand









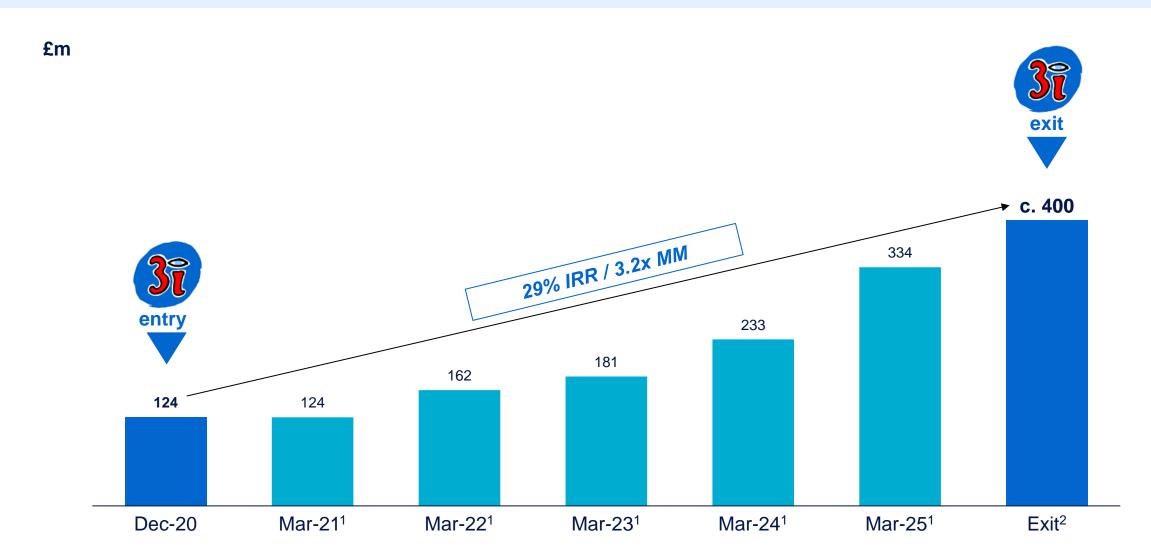


- Successful 2024 refresh of the Applaws brand
- Amplifying USP: "natural and tasty"
- Positive retailer and consumer feedback

- Brand consistency and modernisation, harmonised across channels (online / offline)
- Paving the way for the launch of further innovation

## Valuation trajectory of 3i's investment in MPM





Sources: 3i Annual Reports, and Press Releases; 1 Valuation represents 3i's unrealised value at the relevant date and does not include any realised proceeds and dividends; 2 3i gross proceeds received at exit

## Sale of MPM to Partners Group (completed in Sep 2025)



#### **Transaction overview**

- Strong market interest in MPM
- Supportive M&A activity in pet sector
- Comprehensive pre-deal preparation
- Complexities around geopolitical and tariff situation
- Business consistently outperforming

**Total gross proceeds** 

c. £400m

**Money multiple** 

3.2x

**IRR** 

29%

3i has been an outstanding partner. Their support in expanding our international footprint, investing in innovation and elevating our brand has been instrumental in MPM's success. We are proud of the global platform we have built together and are excited for the next chapter.

Julian Bambridge, CEO, MPM



## WaterWipes

#### Leading premium natural wet wipe brand



#### **Company overview**

- Premium wet wipe brand
- Natural, limited ingredient (99.9% water)
- Scientifically-proven reduction in negative skin reactions and accredited by global organisations
- Omnichannel and diversified across geographies

#### **Investment highlights**

- c. €145m 3i investment
- Completed in January 2025
- Founder, Edward McCloskey, reinvested alongside 3i for a significant minority position



#### Created by a Father, inspired by a Daughter

'Our firstborn suffered really badly with nappy rash. When I realised the baby wipes we were using were full of harsh chemicals and making it worse, I knew I had to do something!

It took years of hard work and research. But it was worth it to bring you WaterWipes – pure, gentle and effective for the most delicate skin.'

Edward McCloskey, Founder, WaterWipes





## We see the premium wipes market as an attractive investment area





#### Large, growing global market

c.€13bn global personal wet wipes market growing mid-single digits



#### **Premiumisation**

Polarisation of the consumer with premium segment outgrowing market



#### Natural, skin health focus

Tailwinds from consumer focus on natural, clean label and skin health



#### **Omnichannel**

Important category across both online and offline retailer channels



#### Role of the challenger brand

Bringing innovation to consumers and attractive economics with retailers



#### Adjacent growth opportunities

Wipes span diverse audiences / occasions and ability to reach into adjacent opportunities

# WaterWipes a clear fit for 3i's investment strategy, sector expertise and global approach



#### **Personal care**



Contract manufacturer of personal care products

5.4x at 31 March 2025



Group of natural health brands

3.1x / 24% IRR

## MEPAL

Leading Dutch lifestyle consumer brand for food and drink storage

#### **Premium brands**



Limited ingredient, 100% natural, humangrade pet food brand

3.2x / 29% IRR

#### **Children**

**WaterWipes** 



Baby and children products

3.5x / 17% IRR

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Premium lifestyle brand for babies and children

## Key attractions for 3i



Mandate	<ul> <li>Ireland headquartered with significant international sales</li> <li>Operations in the US (c.50% of sales), Europe, and UK &amp; Ireland</li> <li>Part of 3i focus on premium branded assets</li> </ul>	
Market	<ul> <li>Global, growing market driven by increased hygiene awareness</li> <li>Accelerating premium category driven by natural trends and market polarisation</li> <li>Higher spending per child despite smaller families</li> </ul>	
Business model	<ul> <li>3i familiarity with scaling and internationalising consumer challenger brands (eg MPM)</li> <li>Expertise in personal care via Havea and Royal Sanders</li> <li>Understanding of manufacturing (WaterWipes' factories based in Drogheda, Ireland)</li> </ul>	
People	<ul> <li>Entrepreneurial culture ready for next phase of growth</li> <li>Partnership with the founder, who reinvested for a significant minority stake</li> </ul>	
Purpose	Leader in sustainability using plant-based plastic-free wipes and natural ingredients	
Financial profile	<ul> <li>Consistent growth with sales CAGR &gt; 20% since 2017</li> <li>Strong profit and cash generation</li> </ul>	

## What we like about WaterWipes







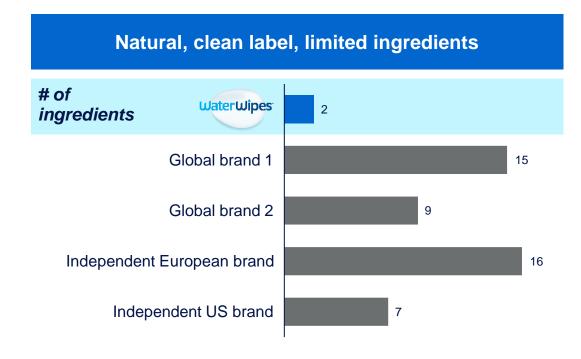
## Differentiated product based on proprietary technology



#### **Unique IP**



 7 stages of purification includes proprietary water technology step



- WaterWipes contains 99.9% water and a drop of grapefruit seed extract
- Competitor products (even those labelled "pure") include preservatives, emulsifiers, viscosity agents and surfactants

## Accredited safe for sensitive skin















## (2) Strong brand and consumer position



#### WaterWipes brand – market position

# position in premium segment and in overall baby wipes



#1 / #2







#### Strong brand awareness and loyalty

...across both consumers and healthcare professionals





83,711 ratings

#1

NPS<sup>1</sup> across WaterWipes core geographies against main peers

98%

Paediatricians / physicians would recommend WaterWipes and agreed WaterWipes cleans & protects babies' skin (US survey)



## (3) Well diversified across geographies and channels

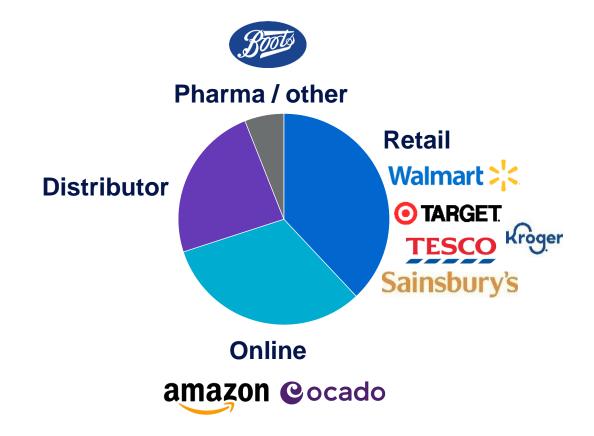


#### WaterWipes sales split

#### **International**

# Other MEA

#### **Omnichannel**





## Growth and profitability





- Founded in 2009 by Edward McCloskey after his newborn daughter developed a nappy rash on her sensitive skin
- Consistent track record of organic sales growth (>20% since 2017)
- Growth across geographies and channels
- High gross margins (premium product)
- Strong EBITDA and cash generation



## Area of trade and PE interest



#### Personal care sector M&A continues to be active (selected transactions below)

**Jul 2021** 







**Dec 2023** 





PE

Jun 2021





**Trade** 

Jan 2024





PE

**Sep 2021** 





PE

Jun 2025





Trade

Jun 2022





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Jun 2025

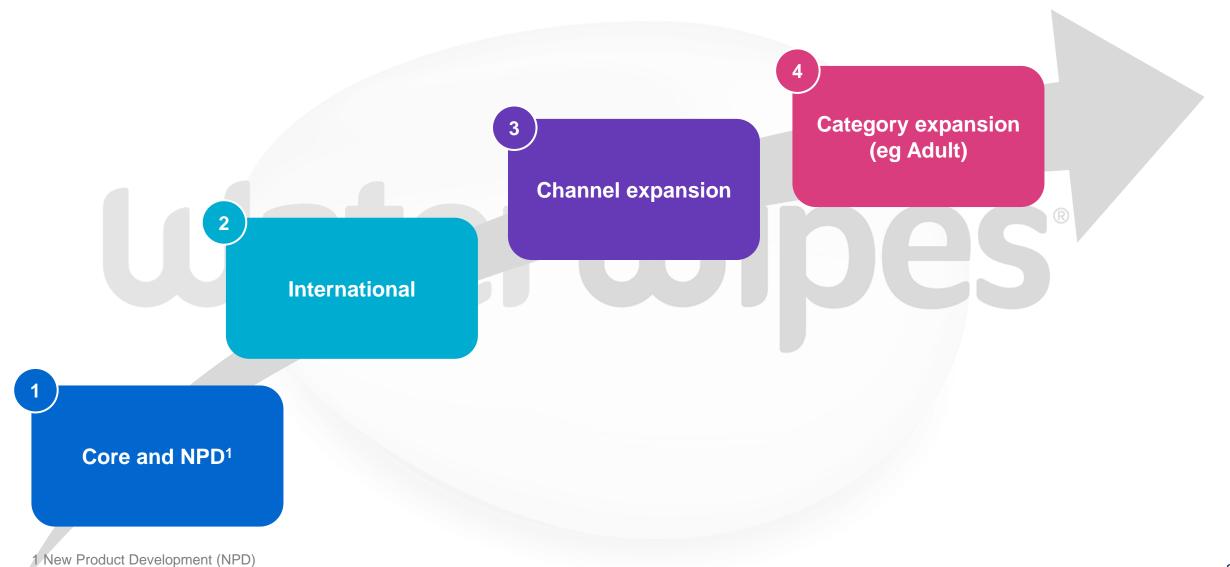


TSG

PE

## Our investment thesis is built upon four key pillars





## MPM and WaterWipes – opportunity to leverage similar playbook



Market **fundamentals Company fundamentals** Value creation

Large, global addressable market with growing premium segment

**Supportive consumer trends** 

Challenger brand vs. large incumbents

**Differentiated product** 

**Clear price position** 

**US and international** 

**Omnichannel expansion** 

NPD and category expansion

**Brand** 

MPM NATURALLY BETTER PET FOOD



Premiumisation, natural



**MARS** 



- Natural, limited ingredients, human-grade, cat-first
- B-corp

Premium

15% US



40% US

Growth across speciality, food/drug/mass, online (10x)

- Complete (nutrient enhanced)
- Applaws rebrand

**WaterWipes** 



Premiumisation, natural



- **C** Kimberly-Clark
- Purity (99.9% water and a drop of seed extract)
- Plastic-free wipes

Premium

50% US with large headroom; Europe / APAC whitespace

Opportunities in existing & new channels (convenience, club...)

- Core baby innovation
- Lifestages, adult, on-the-go ...
- Reinforce skin health attributes

## First year of ownership



3 **Strategy** 2 Marketing **NPD** 4 **Operations**  Innovation pipeline New product Product innovation Product launches New formats and Supply chain Category Digital and offline usage occasions savings and tariff Geography initiatives management Channel 5 7 **People** 6 **Sustainability** IT 8 **Finance** Optimisation of New ESG hires Board Banking newly implemented Ongoing initiatives Management Hedging **ERP** eg packaging Governance



# Q&A



# **MAIT and OMS**

**Peter Wirtz** 

**Head, Private Equity, Managing Director** 



## 3i in Germany



- Investing in German growth businesses for more than 30 years
- 12 PE investment professionals in the Frankfurt office

#### **Current portfolio**









## **Selected previous investments**

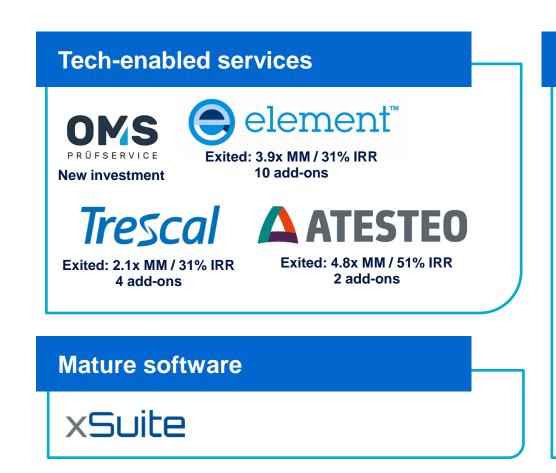


## 3i in Software & Services



## Our approach

- Three key pillars with IT services, software and techenabled services
- Most recent investment with OMS completed in February 2025
- Strong buy-and-build track record with 10 add-ons in last year alone



# IT services

Exited – closing pending 2.7x MM / c27% IRR 14 add-ons







## **MAIT**



### Leading digitalisation partner for mid-market manufacturing customers

## **Company overview**

- Leading partner for PLM vendors PTC & Siemens and ERP vendors abas & Comarch
- Focused on manufacturing "Mittelstand" in DACH
- More than 50% recurring revenue
- Strong buy-and-build platform with 14 add-ons since 2021









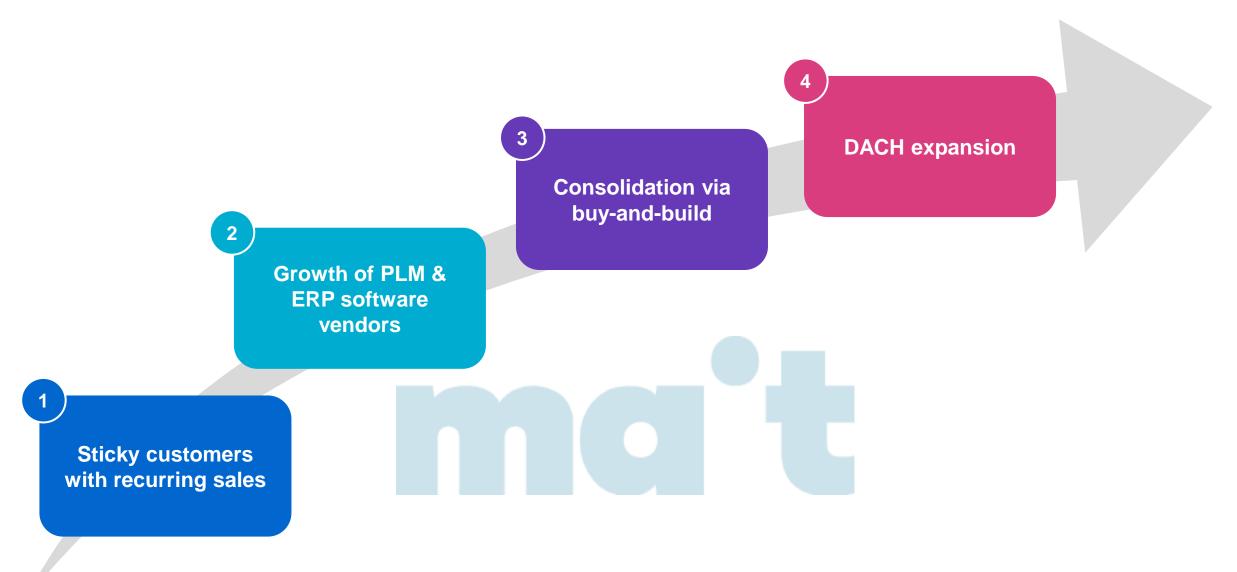
### **Investment summary**

- Completed in September 2021
- Tertiary buyout from German small-cap sponsor
- c.£53m 3i investment
- Existing management team retained and re-organised to traditional C-Suite



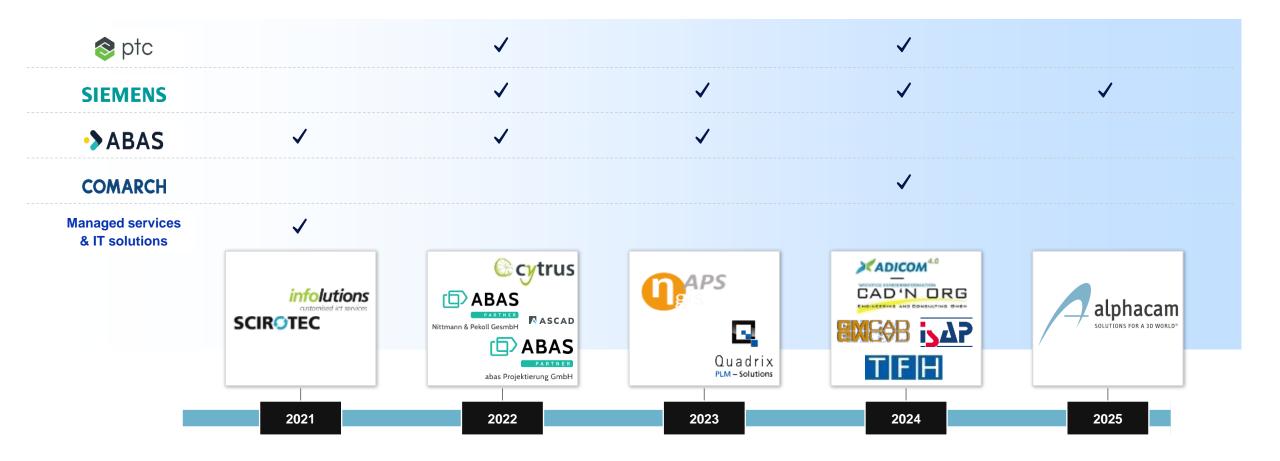
## We executed on an investment thesis built upon four key pillars





# MAIT executed and integrated 14 add-ons across all business units during 3i's ownership

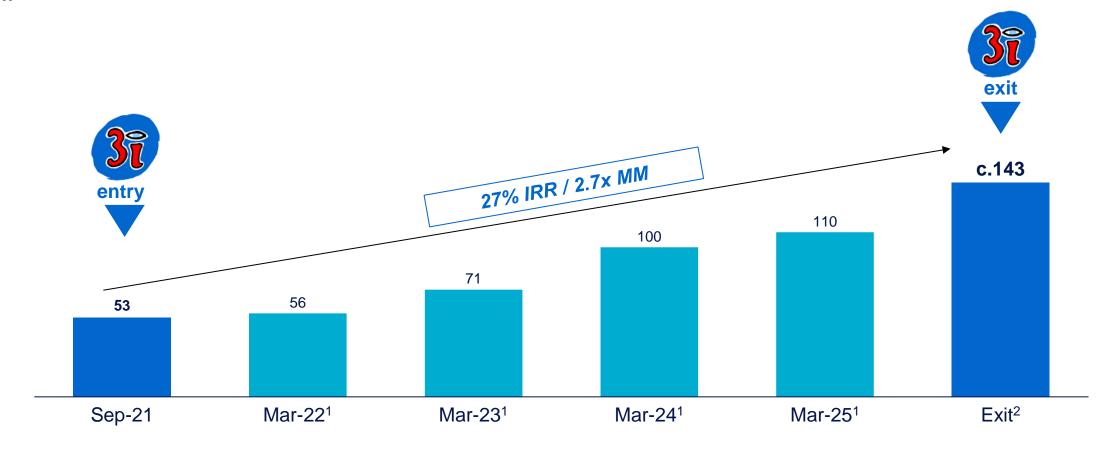




## Valuation trajectory of 3i's investment in MAIT



£m



## Sale of MAIT to DBAG (signed in August 2025)



#### **Transaction overview**

- Thorough deal preparation starting over a year before exit
- Strong interest in MAIT due to vertical focus and strong downside protection
- Continued strong trading and growth
- Signing on 29 August 2025
- Closing expected for Q4 2025

**Total gross proceeds** 

c.£143m

**Money multiple** 

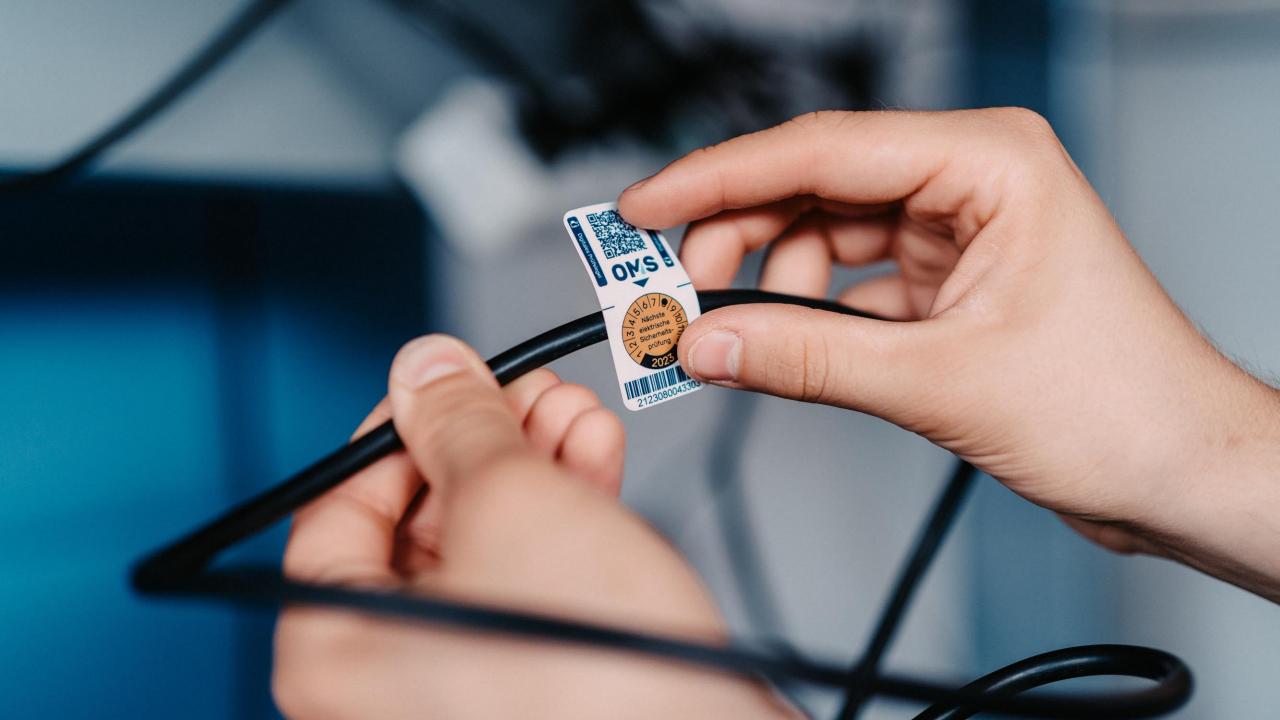
2.7x

**IRR** 

27%

Our partnership with 3i has been transformational. Together we have expanded our international presence, deepened our offering with our vendor partners and established MAIT as the leading digitalisation partner for SMEs. We thank 3i for their support and look forward to executing the next stage of our growth strategy under DBAG's ownership.

Stefan Niehusmann, CEO, MAIT



# OMS — Leading specialised, tech-enabled service provider active in testing electrical systems and equipment of B2B customers



## **Company overview**

- Focused on testing the electrical safety of portable and fixed equipment in offices and in manufacturing facilities
- >700 service staff across 43 locations in DACH serving >7k customers p.a.
- Best operator in the market enabled by proprietary software platform and density model
- Recently expanded into high-growth adjacency E-mobility Infrastructure

### **Investment summary**

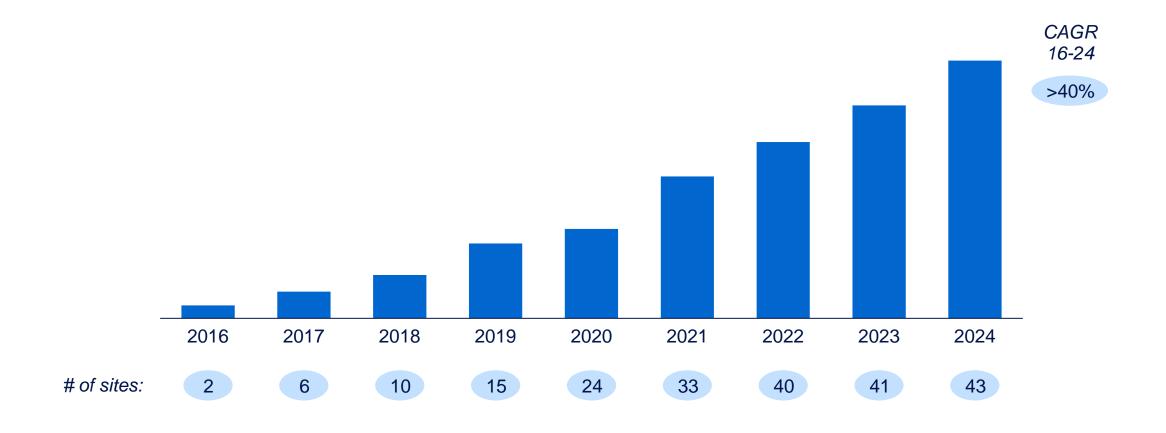
- First identified in 2019
- Primary buyout
- £99m 3i investment
- Significant reinvestment of sellers and founder/CEO
- Announced January 2025, completed in February 2025





# OMS's revenue and number of sites have grown continuously since 2016





# Key attractions for 3i

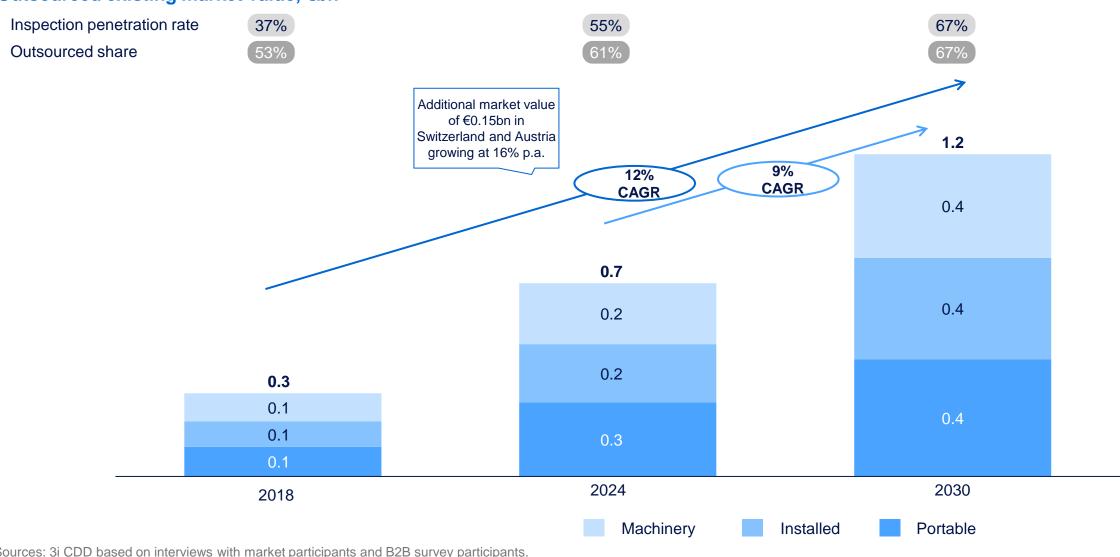


Market	<ul> <li>High growth market with structural tailwinds (~9% CAGR 2024-2030)</li> <li>Regulatory requirements drive demand and re-occurring revenues (&gt;100% revenue retention rates)</li> </ul>
Scale	<ul> <li>Clear market leader (5-10% market share in DACH) in a highly fragmented market</li> <li>Density model with &gt;40 branches with close customer proximity and high project efficiency</li> </ul>
Tech-enabled	Highly data / KPI driven testing processes enabled by proprietary inhouse software
People	Experienced team with a focus on sales growth and process efficiency
Financial profile	<ul> <li>High revenue and cashflow visibility</li> <li>&gt;20% five-year revenue CAGR and mid teens EBITDA margin</li> </ul>

# Further penetration and outsourcing driving 9% growth in the German electrical inspection market. Market growth is fundamentally backed by regulation



#### Outsourced existing market value, €bn



## OMS operates a decentralised local density model

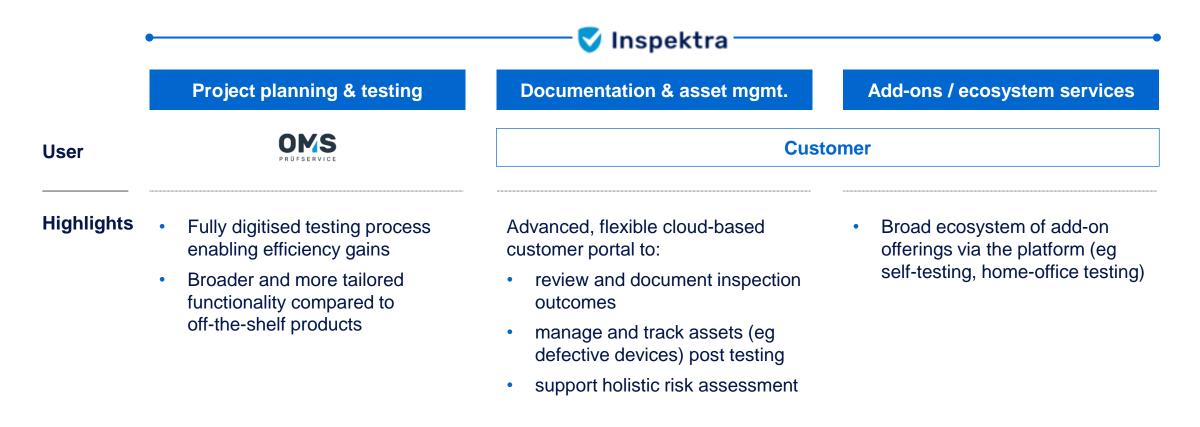




- >40 branches organised and managed within 13 regional operating units...
- ...resulting in customer proximity and low driving time

# Proprietary Inspektra software platform streamlines operations and creates lock-in effects



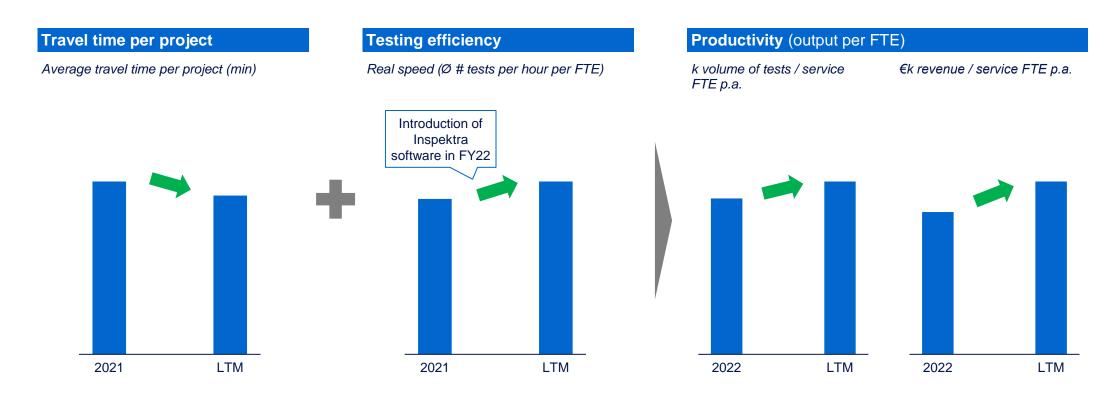


Inspektra provides significant value-add to OMS and its customers – a strong differentiator in the market Platform documentation and add-ons / ecosystem services create lock-in effects for customers and meet increasing demand

# OMS has established a strong track record of increasing service personnel productivity



#### **Portable Appliances (PAT)**



Service personnel productivity has been increasing driven by (i) reduced travel time per project from higher density as well as (ii) higher testing efficiency thanks to the Inspektra platform

## 3i emerged as a natural partner for OMS's next phase of growth



### Origination through longstanding relationship

Initial contact with OMS six years ago through a long-standing relationship with the sellers

Trustful relationship enabled a bilateral transaction despite several inbounds from other PEs

Engaged with founder/CEO two years ago in various workshops

#### 3i's TIC expertise

3i deal team expertise – we speak the same language as management

3i can open its ecosystem of industry veterans / experts and dialogue with other portfolio companies to OMS

# Leverage the strengths of the 3i model

3i's permanent capital reassured sellers and founder/CEO

3i's Active Partnership initiatives for portfolio companies seen as a big differentiator

### Partnership approach

Sellers and founder/CEO highly value 3i's partnership approach of working together with management teams

Long-standing relationship with the sellers as the foundation for a bilateral transaction

Trust built with founder/CEO over the past two years

High degree of alignment with sellers, who reinvested meaningfully

### Investment thesis overview



#### **Core pillars**

Increasing market penetration by leveraging existing branches in line with OMS's density model and selectively opening new branches Push attractive I&M testing Enhance operational efficiency, leveraging the Inspektra platform Selective M&A to strengthen core segments and/or to push adjacent business areas or geographies

## First year of ownership



1 People

- Board
- Management
- Governance

2 Strategy

- Segments
- Geographies

3 Operations

- Testing efficiency
- Recruitment and retention

4 Sales & Marketing

- Sales effectiveness
- Digital marketing

5 Software

- Integration
- Testing digitisation roadmap

IT

6

- Optimisation of IT architecture
- Cybersecurity

7 Finance

- Banking
- Hedging
- Working capital

8 Sustainability

 Ongoing initiatives, eg fleet upgrade and energy management system



# Q&A



# Closing remarks and final questions

Simon Borrows
Chief Executive