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FY 2005/6 - Headline financials

Group turnover	£19.5bn		6% / 3% ⁽¹⁾
Profit before tax ⁽²⁾	£2.2bn		5%
Earnings per share ⁽²⁾	19.5p		8%
Free cash flow	£1.6bn		8% ⁽³⁾
Full year dividend	11.9p		14%
Net debt	£7.5bn		5%

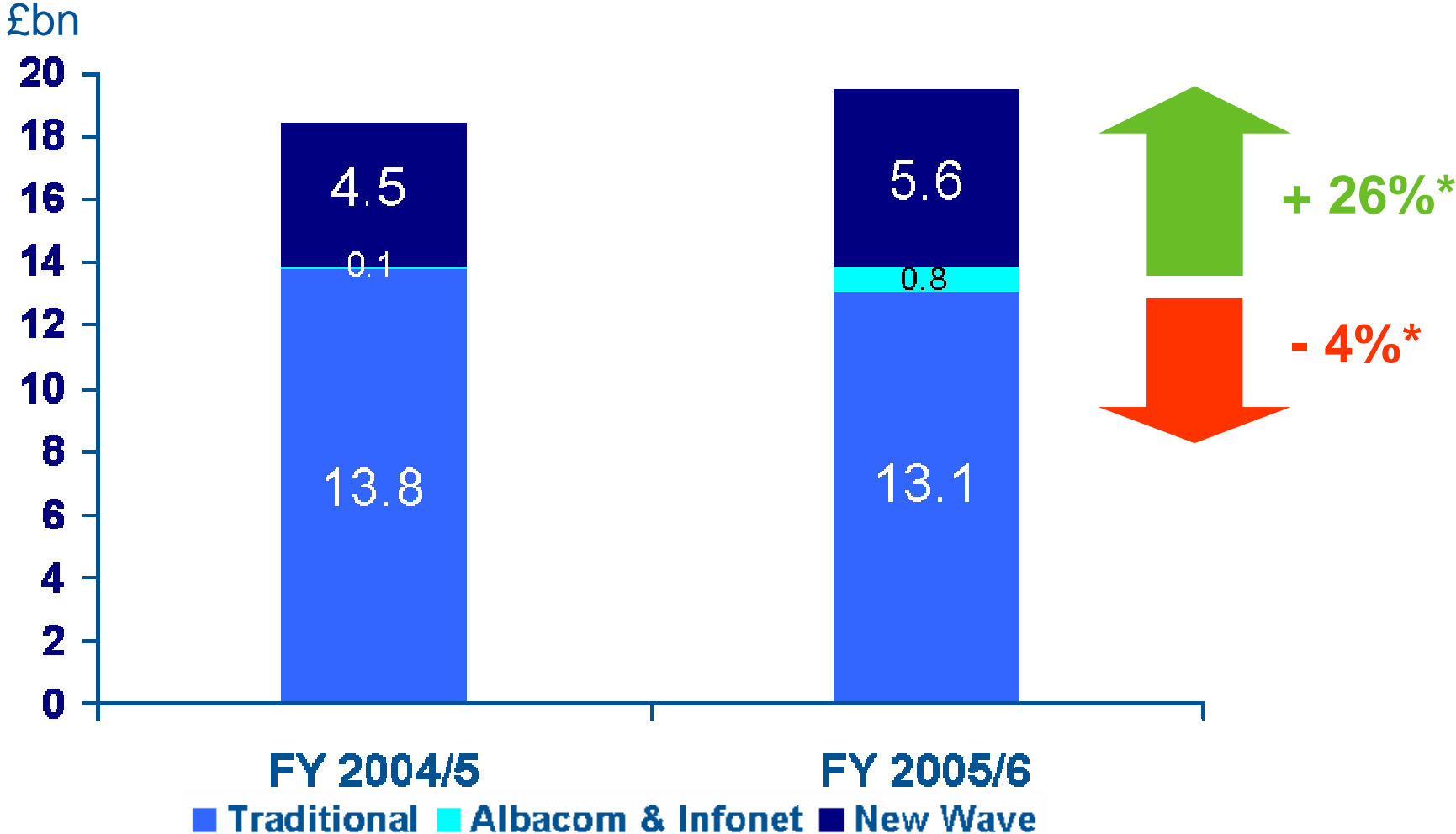
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(2) Before specific items

(3) Excluding receipts from disposals



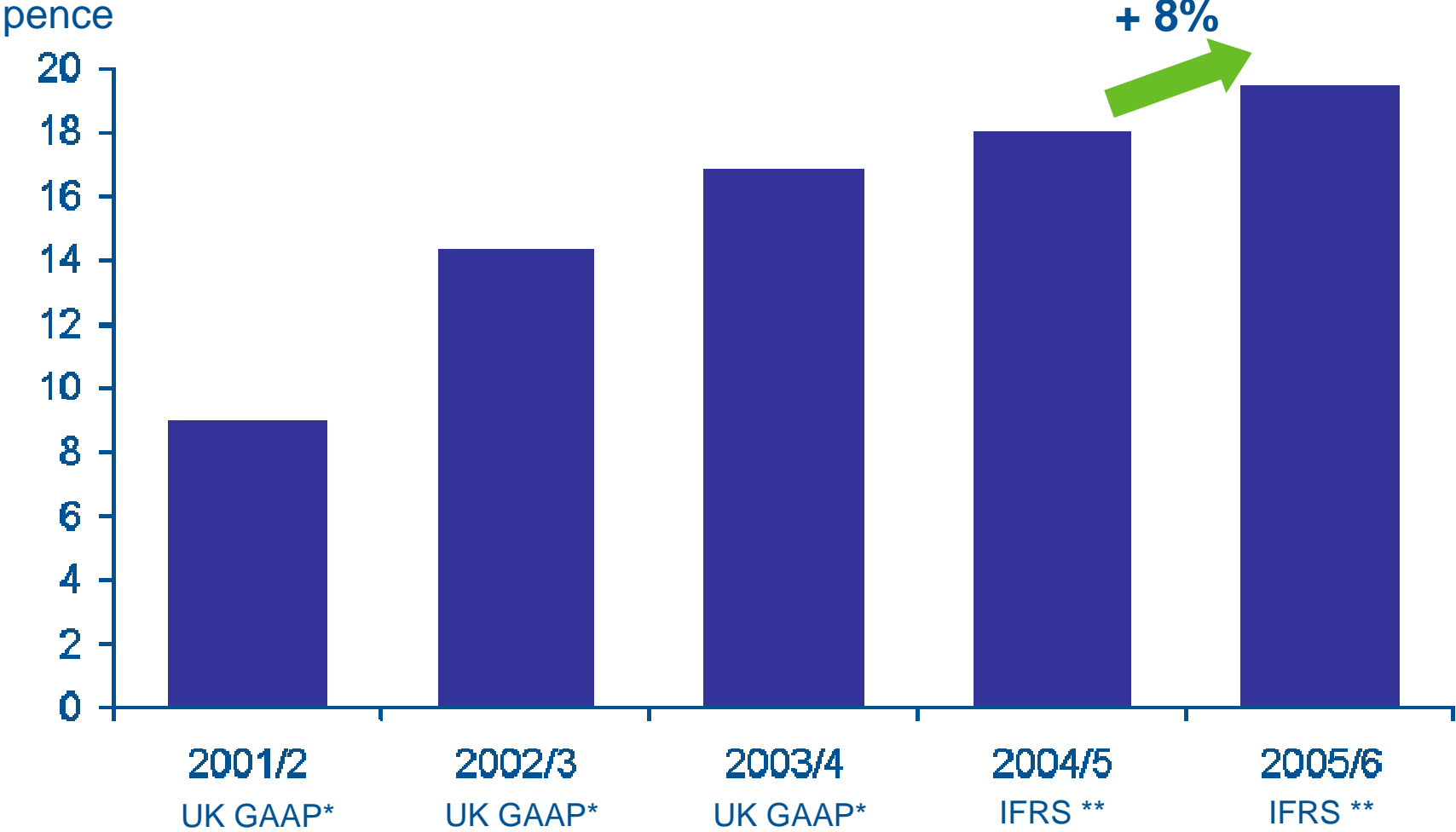
FY 2005/6 - Underlying group revenue up 3%*



* Underlying excluding cuts in mobile termination rates and Albacom and Infonet revenue



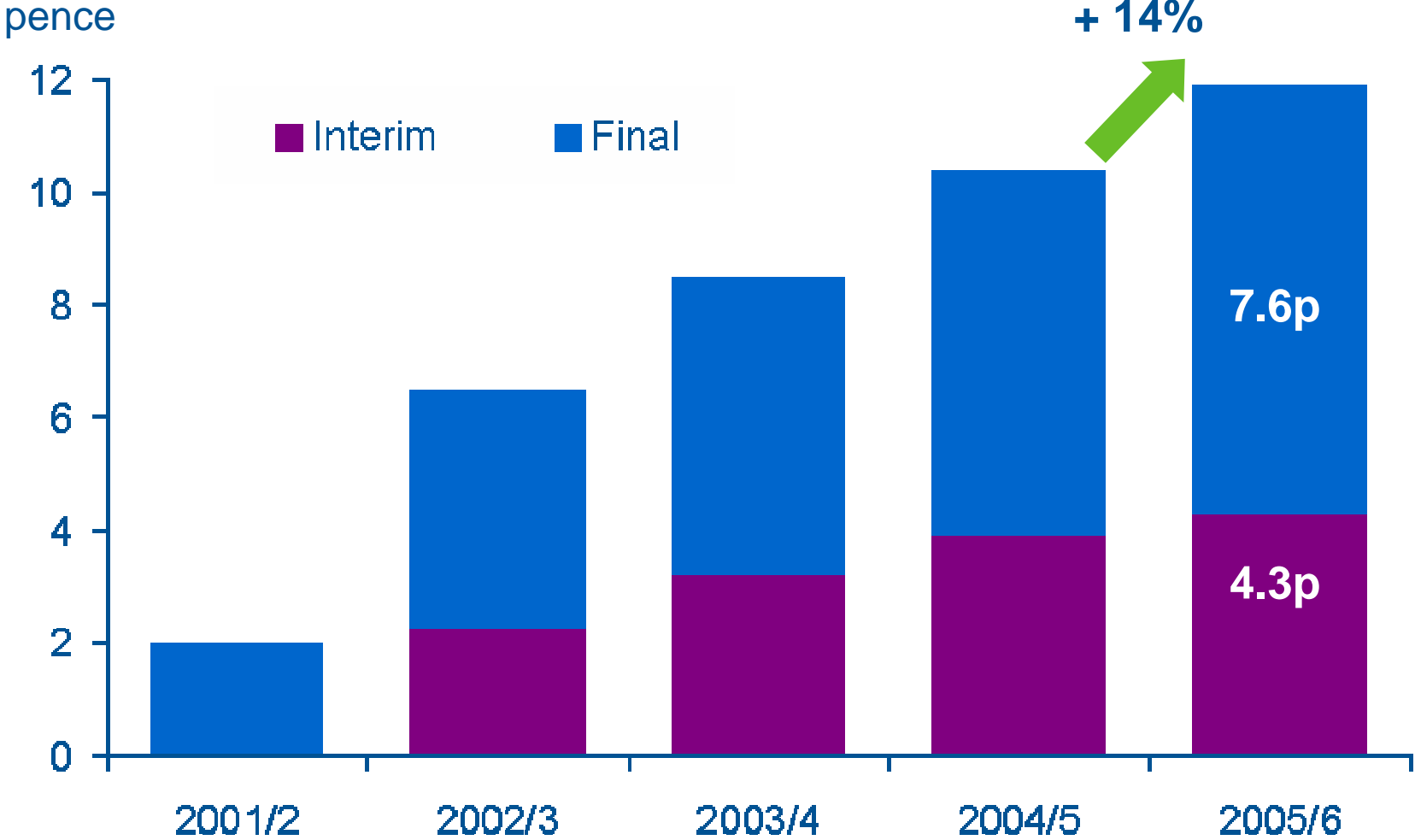
Earnings per share - 19.5 pence**



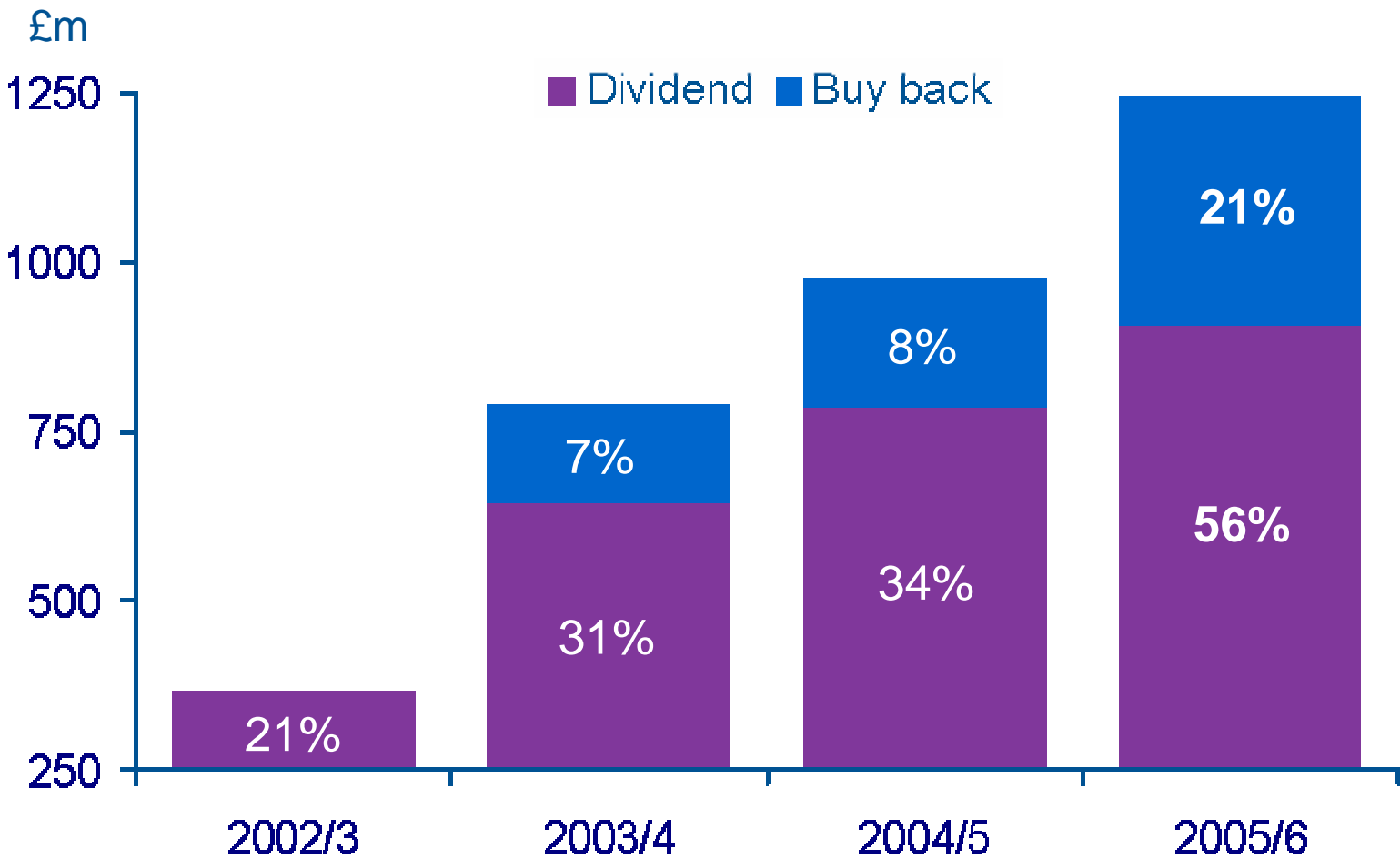
* before exceptional items and goodwill from continuing activities
** before specific items



Dividends - 11.9 pence



Cash returns to shareholders



Percentages are a proportion of total free cash flow



Ongoing progressive distribution policy

- Dividends
 - pay out ratio rising to around two thirds of earnings by 2007/8
- Gearing
 - comfortable with net debt of around £8bn
- Buy back
 - rolling programme to continue








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Hanif Lalani – Group Finance Director



Q4 2005/6 - Financial headlines

Group revenue	£5.1bn		7% / 5% ⁽¹⁾
EBITDA ⁽²⁾	£1.5bn		1%
Profit before tax ⁽²⁾	£0.6bn		4%
Earnings per share ⁽²⁾	5.7p		8%
Free cash flow	£1.1bn		1% ⁽³⁾

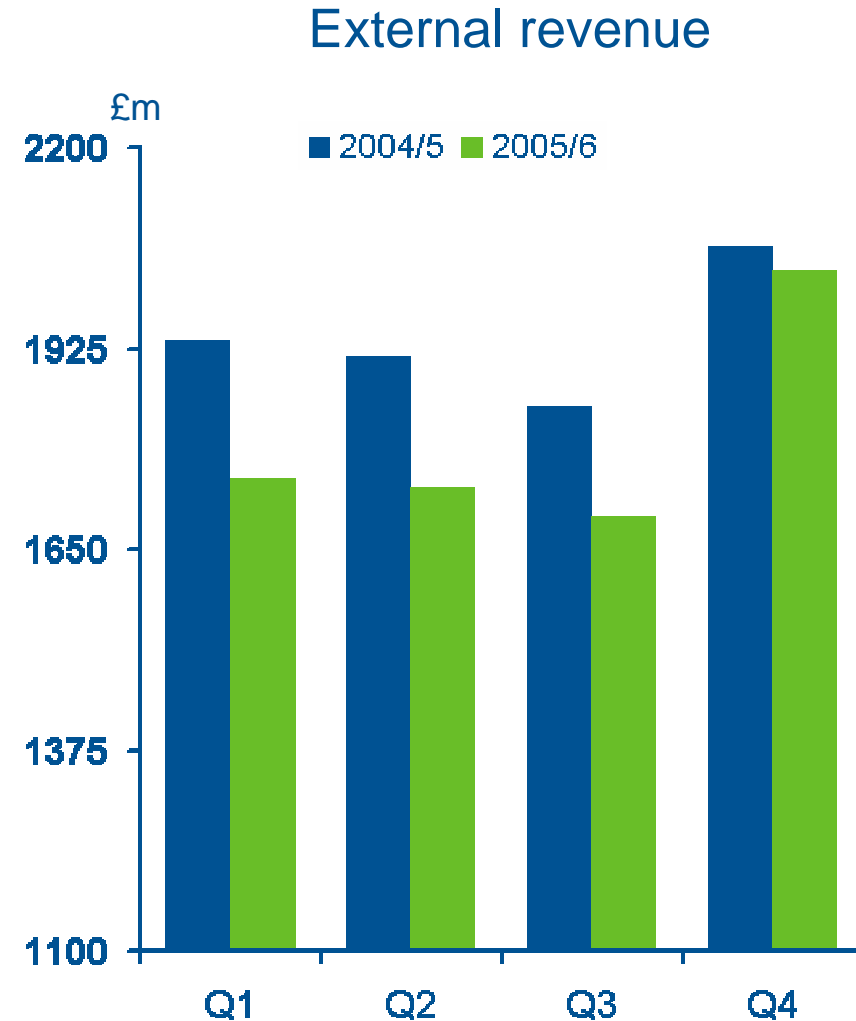
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Q4 2005/6 - BT Retail

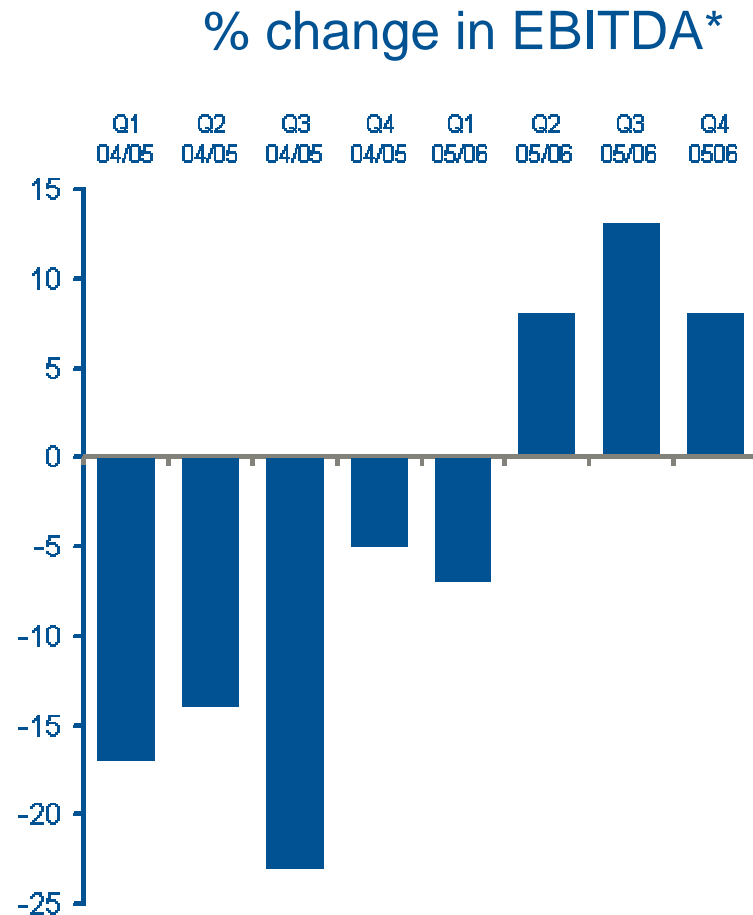
- Revenue £2.1bn down 1%
 - Traditional was down 6%
 - New wave grew 31%
- Gross margin rose by 3%
 - margin improved by 1.1 percentage points
- SG&A increased by 2%*
- EBITDA £222m up 5%*
- Operating profit £175m up 10%

* Before leavers



BT Retail - 2006/7 outlook

- Deliver continued EBITDA growth
- Improve channel effectiveness
- Roll out more innovative services and products
- Continued cost transformation
 - Inbound call reduction
 - Streamline processes
 - Flatter overhead structure



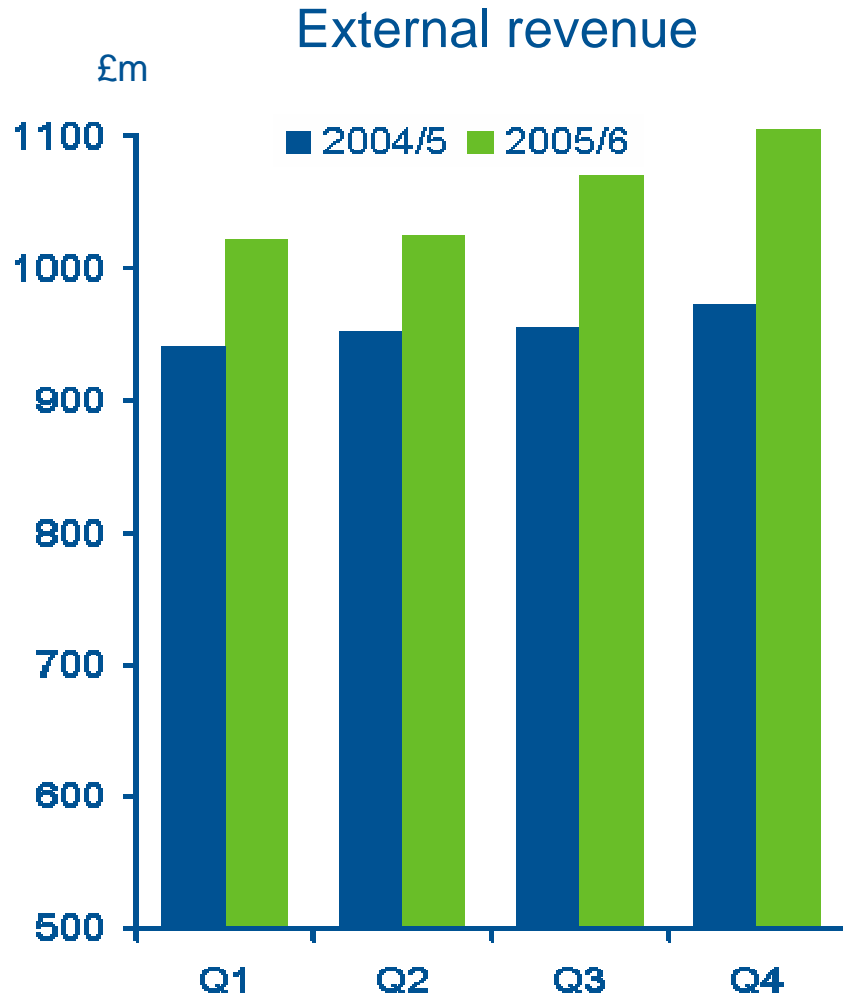
Becoming a broadband centric service provider

* Before leavers



Q4 2005/6 - BT Wholesale

- Revenue £2.3bn up 2%
 - External revenue up 14%
 - Internal revenue down 6%
- Gross variable profit maintained at £1.8bn
- Network and SG&A* £3m lower
- EBITDA* £989m, £2m higher
- Operating profit was 10% lower at £447m

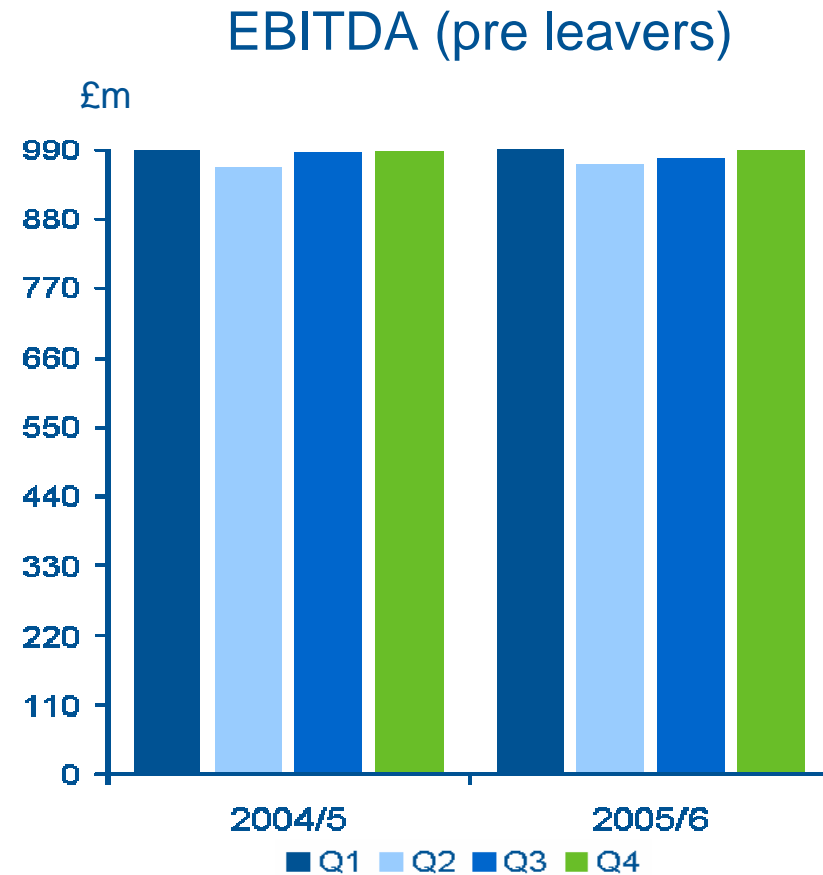


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BT Wholesale - 2006/7 outlook

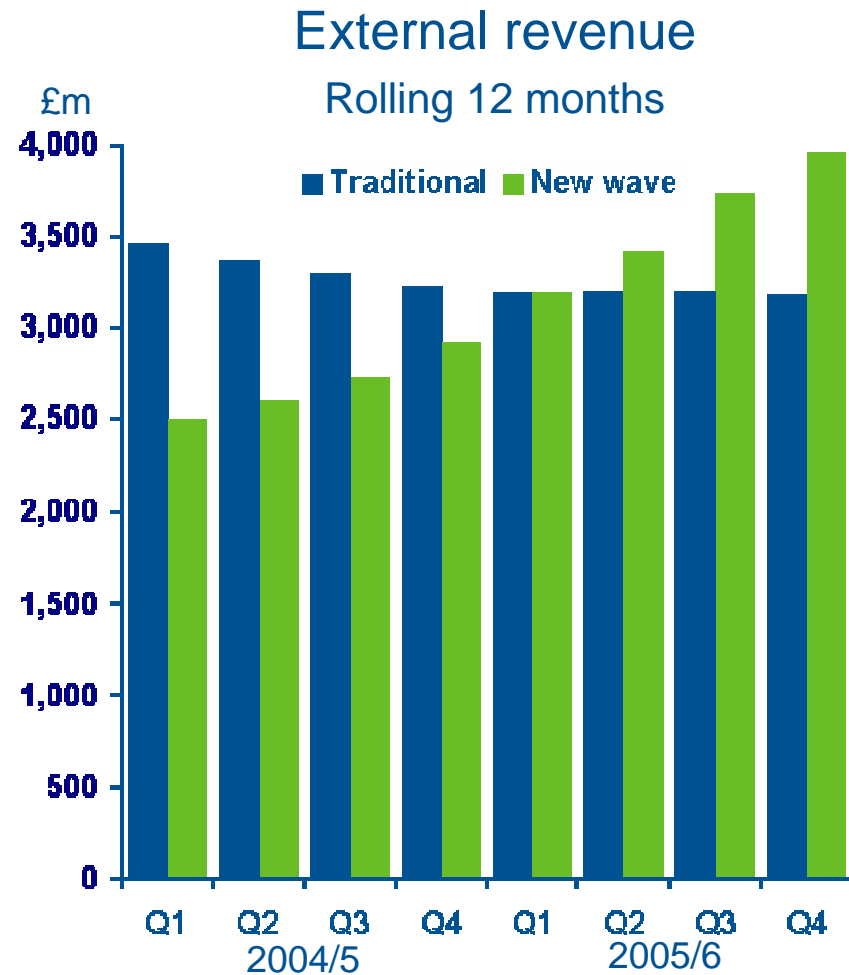
- Maintain year on year EBITDA
- Openreach reports separately for 2006/7
- Drive progress on 21st century network operations
- Continued cost transformation
 - Operational efficiencies
 - Supplier rationalisation
 - Zero based budgeting



Becoming the enabler of converged network solutions

Q4 2005/6 - BT Global Services

- Revenue £2.4bn up 10%
 - Up 5% excluding Albacom and Infonet
 - New wave accounts for 60% of external revenue
- EBITDA £332m* up 5%
 - new wave services and MPLS growth more than off-set reductions in traditional products
- Operating profit £143m down £10m
 - depreciation and amortisation £20m higher

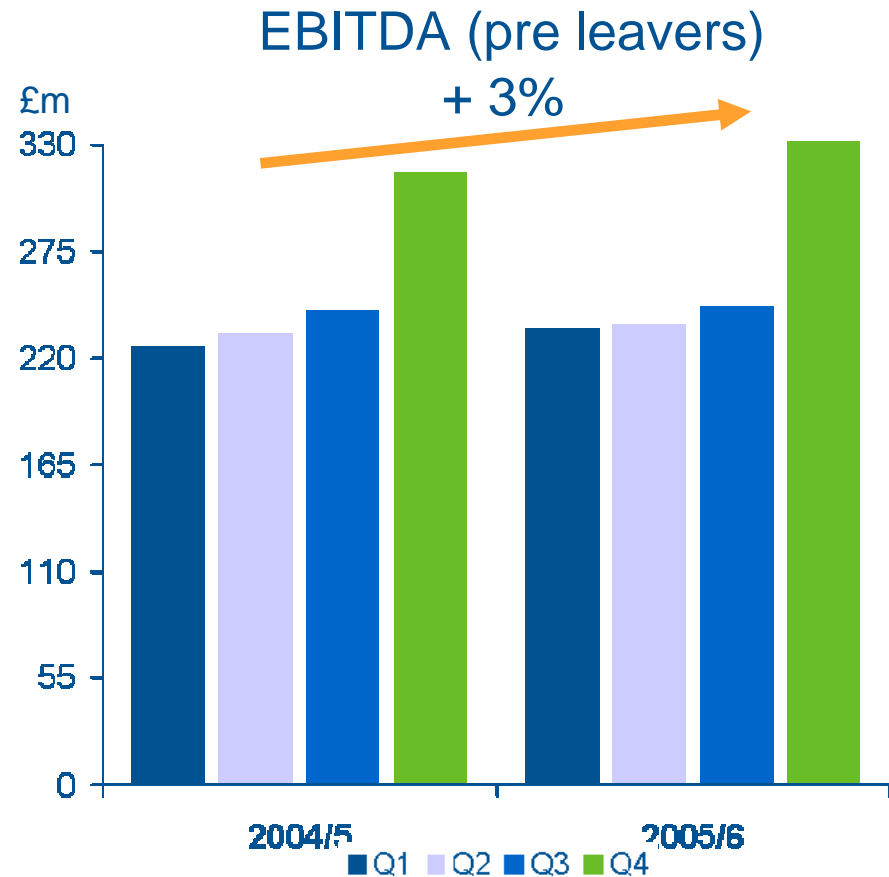


* Before leavers



BT Global Services - 2006/7 outlook

- Accelerate EBITDA growth through the year
- Complete integration of acquisitions
- Create replicable solutions
- Ongoing cost reduction
 - Cost of sales management
 - Minimise duplication
 - Global sourcing
 - Global Procurement



*Becoming the networked IT services provider
of choice, globally*



Q4 2005/6 - Group P&L

	Q4 2005/6 £m	Q4 2004/5 £m	Better / (Worse) £m
Revenue	5,134	4,820	314
EBITDA (pre leavers)	1,498	1,484	14
Depreciation & amortisation	(773)	(745)	(28)
Operating profit (pre leavers)	725	739	(14)
Leaver costs	(67)	(44)	(23)
Associates	5	6	(1)
Finance costs (net)	(101)	(141)	40
Profit before tax	562	560	2
Tax	(131)	(145)	14
Profit for the period	431	415	16
Earnings per share (pence)	5.1p	4.9p	0.2p

* All numbers are before specific items



FY 2005/6 - Group P&L

	FY 2005/6 £m	FY 2004/5 £m	Better / (Worse) £m
Revenue	19,514	18,429	1,085
EBITDA (pre leavers)	5,650	5,703	(53)
Depreciation & amortisation	(2,884)	(2,844)	(40)
Operating profit (pre leavers)	2,766	2,859	(93)
Leaver costs	(133)	(166)	33
Associates	16	(14)	30
Finance costs (net)	(472)	(599)	127
Profit before tax	2,177	2,080	97
Tax	(533)	(541)	8
<i>Tax rate</i>	<i>24.5%</i>	<i>26.0%</i>	<i>1.5%</i>
Profit for the period	1,644	1,539	105
Earnings per share (pence)	19.5p	18.1p	1.4p

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Q4 2005/6 - Free cash flow

	Q4 2005/6 £m	Q4 2004/5 £m	Better / (Worse) £m
EBITDA* (post leavers)	1,431	1,440	(9)
Interest (net)	(176)	(103)	(73)
Tax paid	(73)	(157)	84
Capex	(792)	(735)	(57)
Working capital	697	620	77
Other and provisions	10	17	(7)
Free cash flow (pre disposals)	1,097	1,082	15
Disposals	---	62	(62)
Free cash flow	1,097	1,144	(47)
Net debt	7,534	7,893	359

* Before specific items



FY 2005/6 - Free cash flow

	FY 2005/6 £m	FY 2004/5 £m	Better / (Worse) £m
EBITDA* (post leavers)	5,517	5,537	(20)
Interest (net)	(901)	(886)	(15)
Tax paid	(390)	(332)	(58)
Capex	(2,874)	(2,945)	71
Working capital	112	253	(141)
Other and provisions	148	118	30
Free cash flow (pre disposals)	1,612	1,745	(133)
Disposals	---	537	(537)
Free cash flow	1,612	2,282	(670)

* Before specific items



Pensions – IAS19

	31 March '06	31 March '05
Assets	£35.6bn	£29.6bn
Liabilities	<u>£38.2bn</u>	<u>£34.4bn</u>
Deficit (pre tax)	£(2.5)bn	£(4.8)bn
(post tax)	£ (1.8)bn	£(3.4)bn

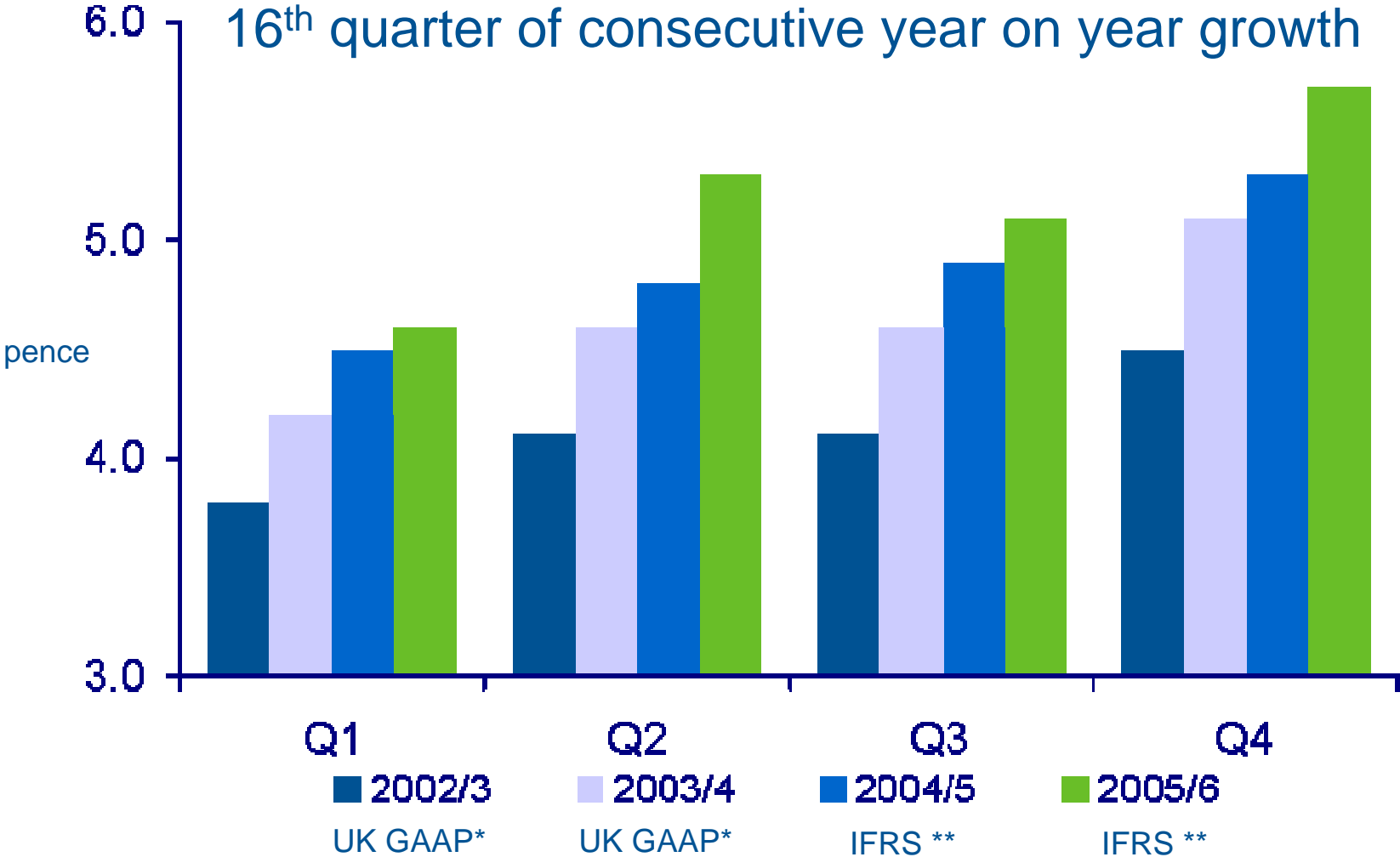
2005/6 Assumptions

Discount rate	5.0%
Pay inflation	RPI +0.75%*
Life expectancy (post 60)	23.8 / 25.4 years

* First 3 years RPI +0.5%



Underlying earnings per share*



* Before exceptionals and leaver costs
 ** Before specific items and leaver costs





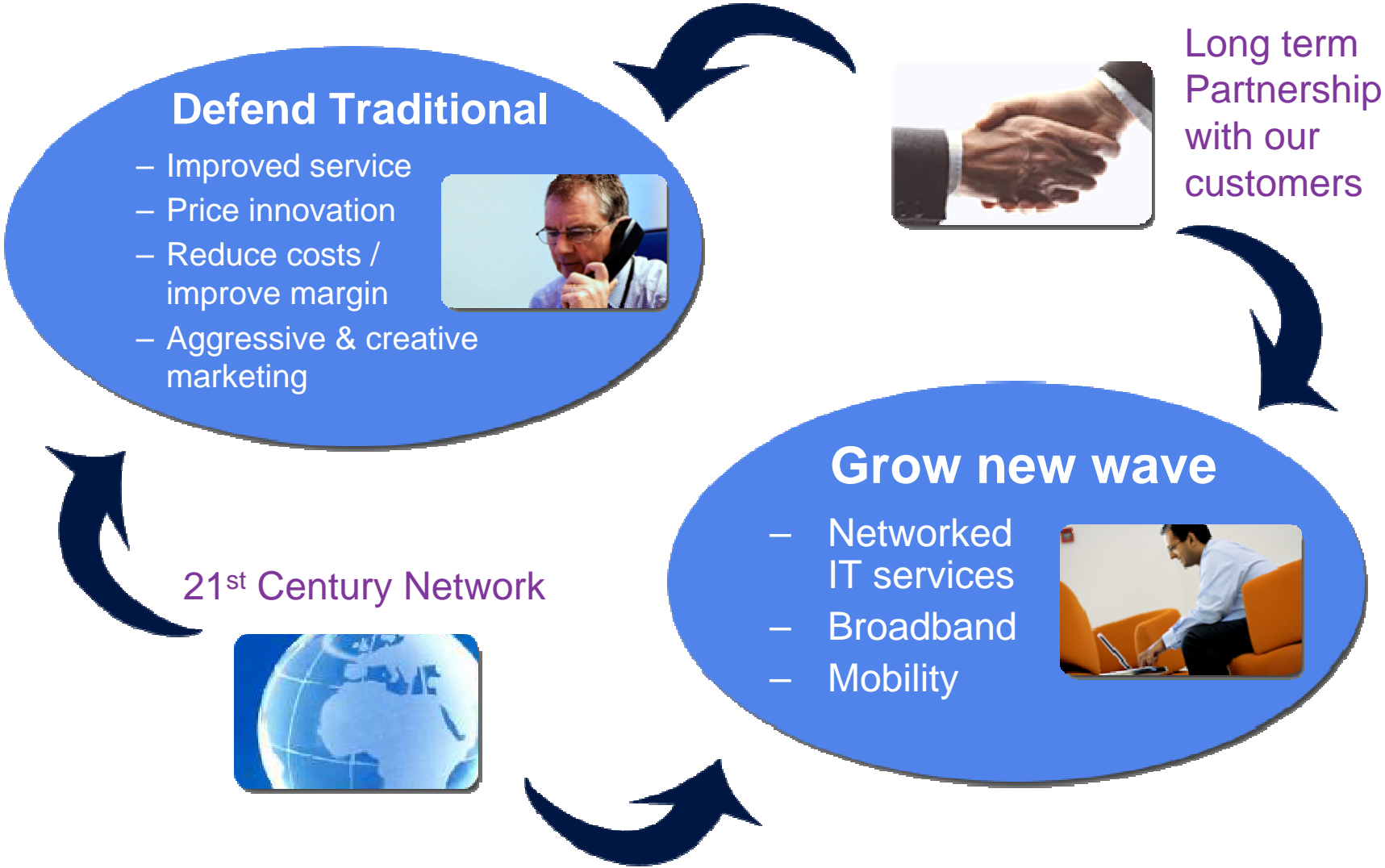
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Ben Verwaayen - CEO



Consistent strategy



... **Consistent delivery**



Tracking the trends

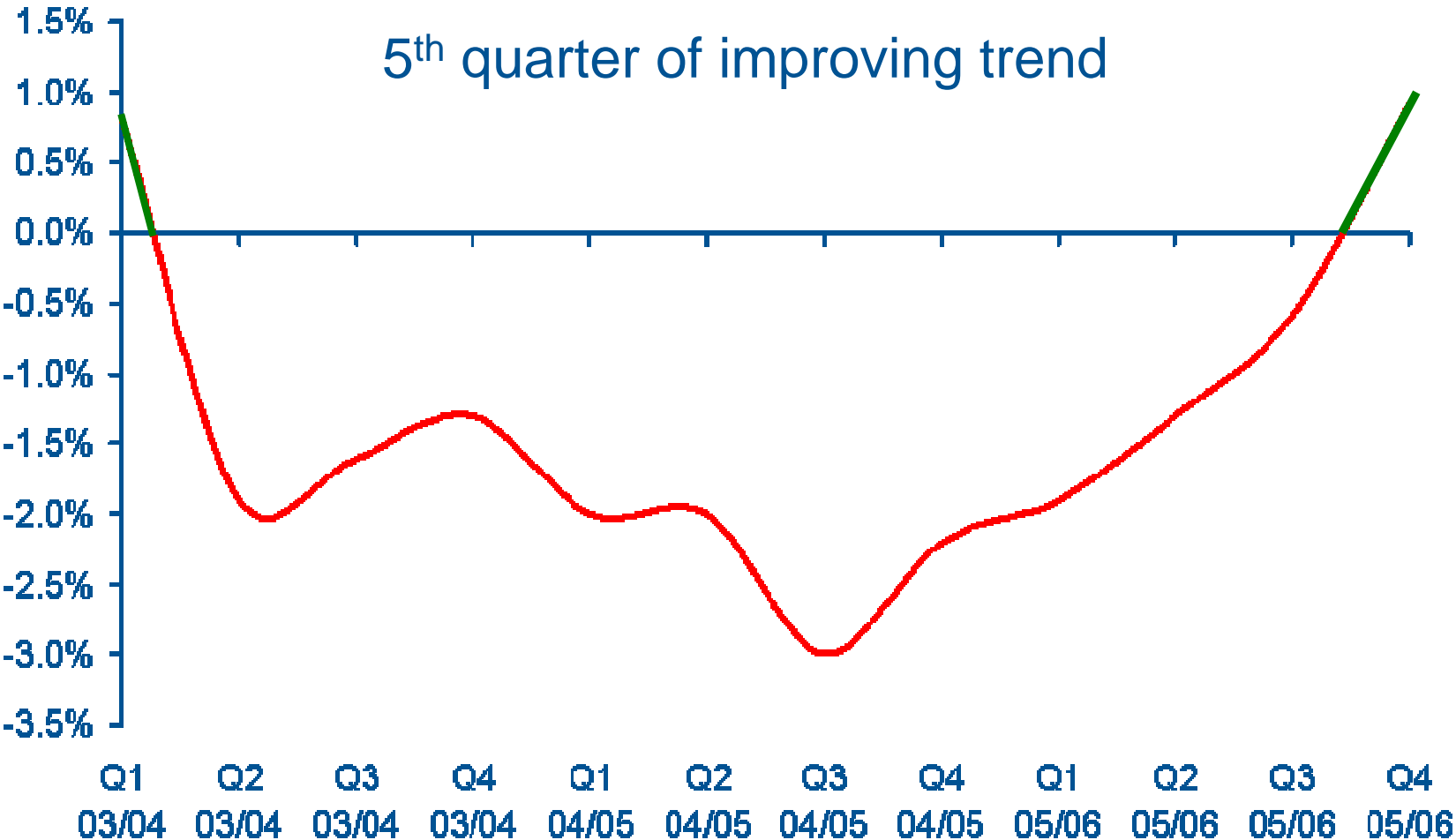
Focus	Q4	Trend
<i>Revenue growth</i>	<i>+7% / +5%</i>	<i>9th quarter of growth</i>
<i>Free cash flow</i>	<i>£1.1bn</i>	<i>£7.7bn over 4 years</i>
<i>Call revenue dependency</i>	<i>9%*</i>	<i>Down from 17%* over 3 years</i>
<i>Broadband volume growth</i>	<i>827k adds</i>	<i>From 200k to 8m in 4 years</i>
<i>Retail broadband market share**</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>Average >30% over 3 years</i>
<i>Networked IT services</i>	<i>£1.1bn order intake</i>	<i>£24bn signed in 4 years</i>

* Retail call revenue (less POLO payments) as proportion of total Group revenue

** Share of DSL plus LLU



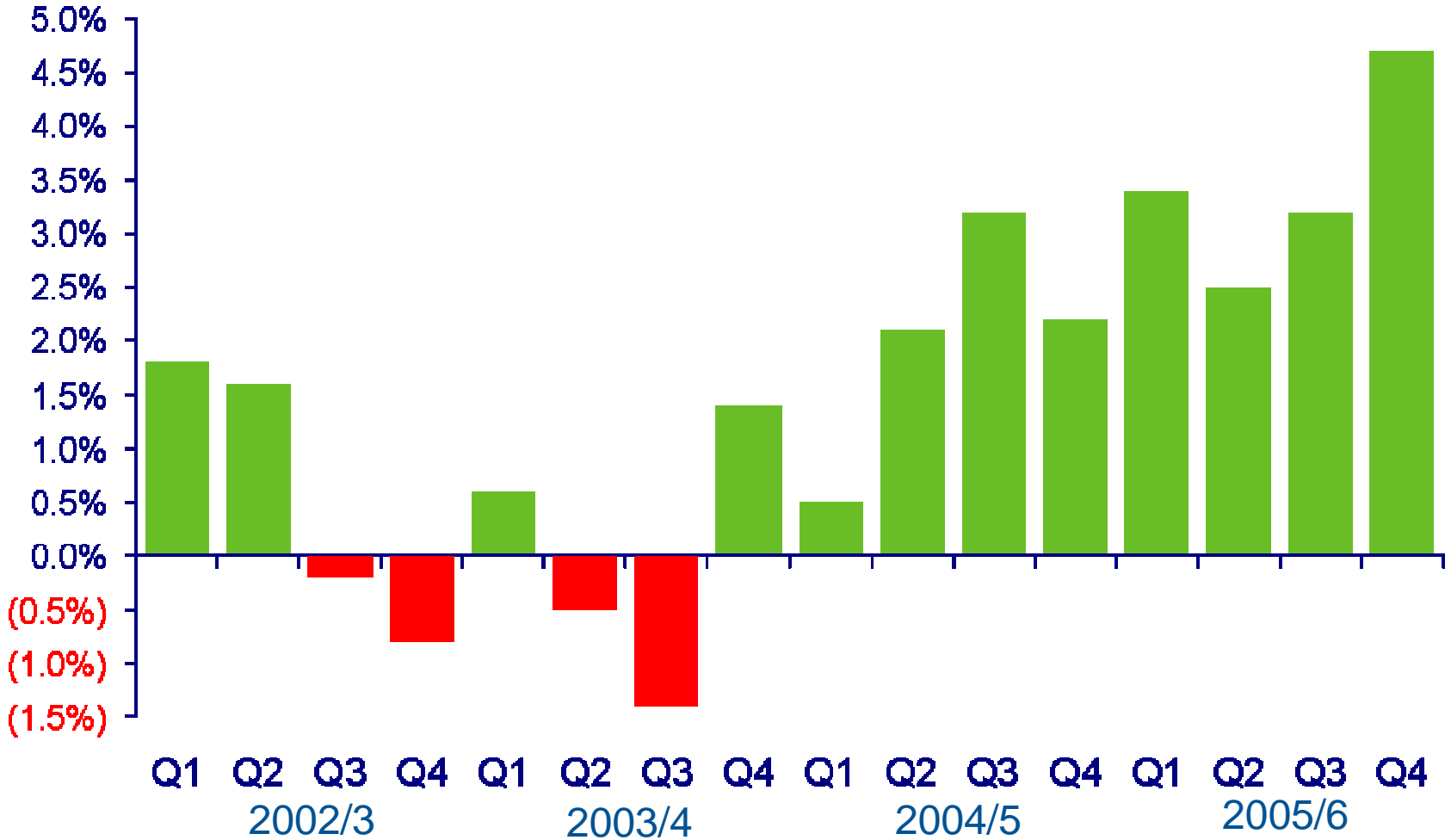
EBITDA* turnaround



* Before exceptionals / specific items, leaver costs and sale of property in Q2 2004/5



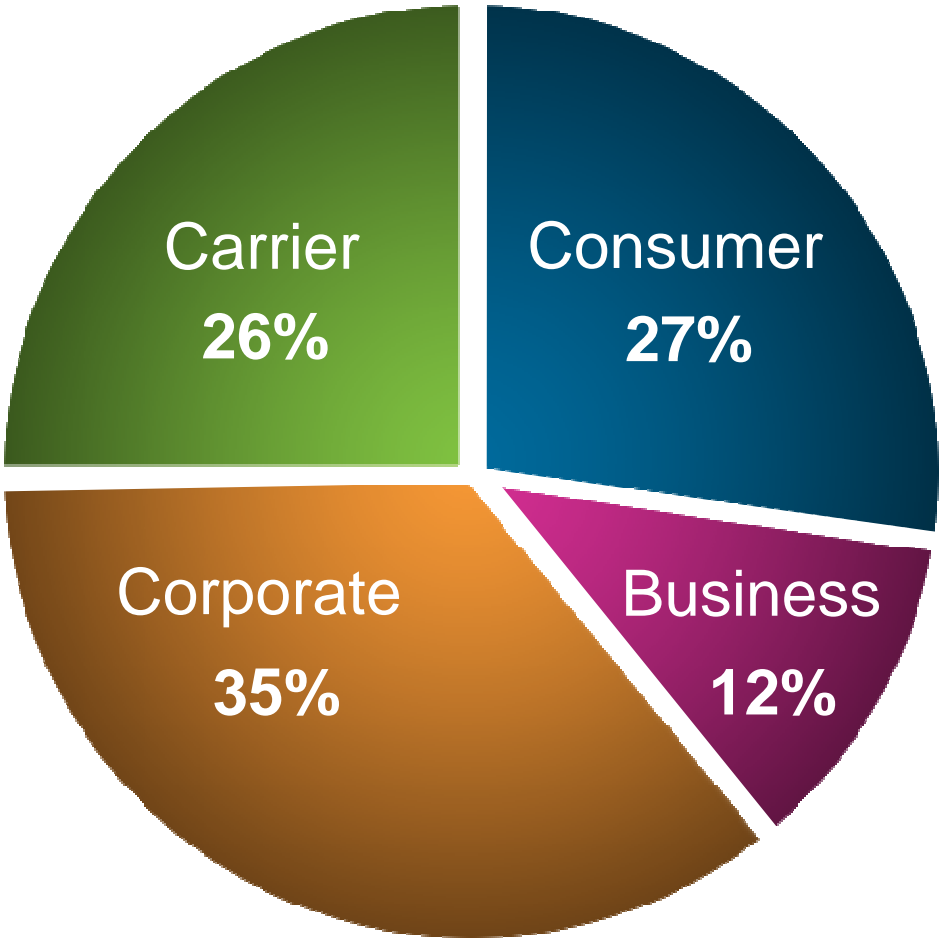
Revenue - strong underlying* growth



* 2002/3 growth is adjusted to take account of Concert unwind
 * 2004/05 and 2005/6 excludes impact of mobile termination and revenues from Albacom and Infonet



FY 2005/6 Revenue* - customer segmentation



Consumer - a broadband centric service provider

- Customer Needs

- Simple, convergent high quality services
- Clearer pricing
- Value for money

- Market Trends

- Increased competition and deregulation
- Bundled services

- Strategy

- Broadband centric services delivered through the home hub
- Creating a service culture
- Drive up ARPU
- Grow proportion under contract

- New Services

- High definition voice
- Videophone
- WiFi cordless phones
- BT Vision
- 8Mb broadband

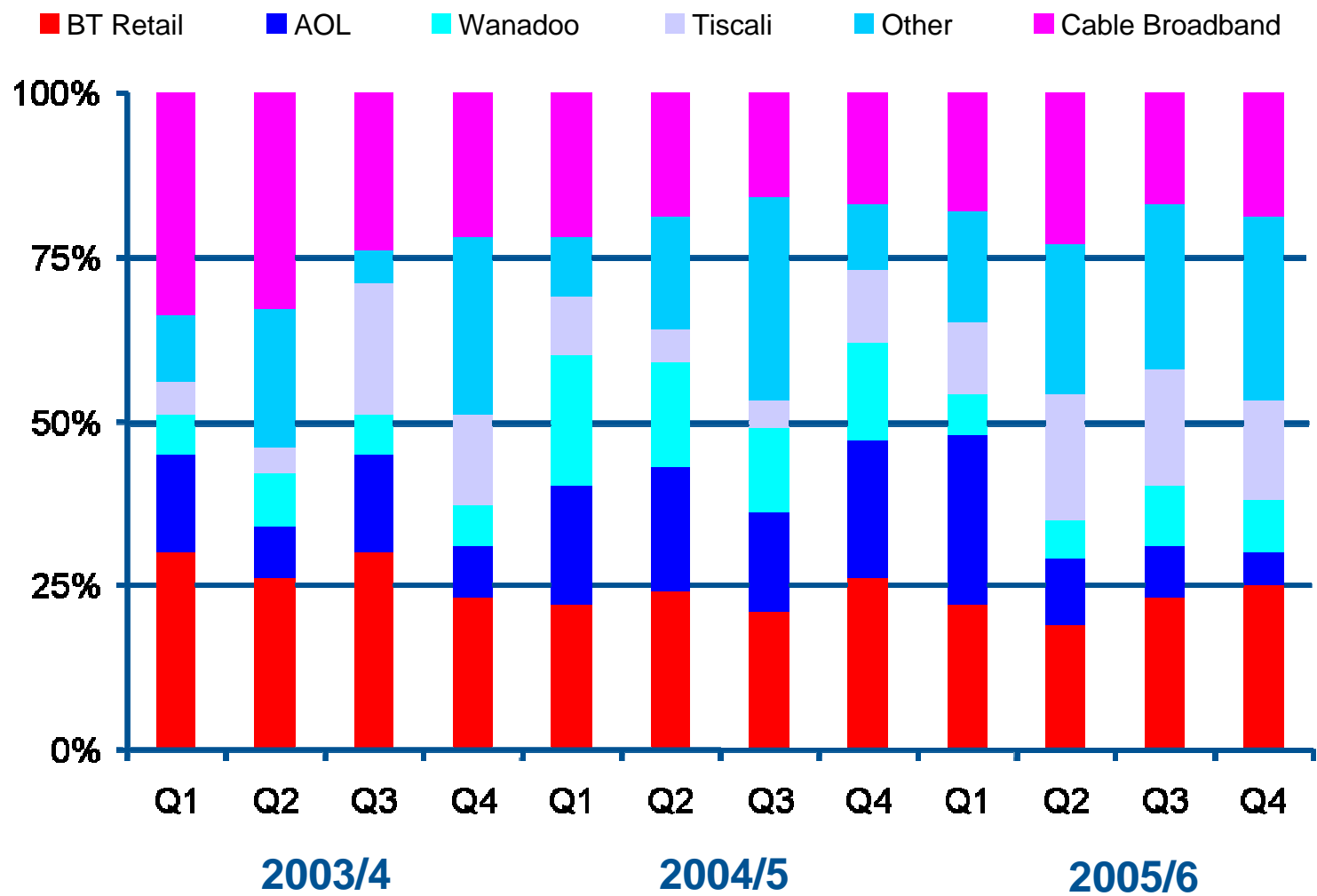
Broadband - service development to date

	2002	2006
Coverage	60%	99.7%
BT Wholesale DSL	£30.00	£8.40
Take-up	200k	8 million
Speed	512kb	8Mb
BT Retail Services	e-mail	BT Yahoo! Home Monitoring Home Networking Openzone Broadband Talk IT Manager BT Fusion



Broadband

Market share of net adds *including cable*



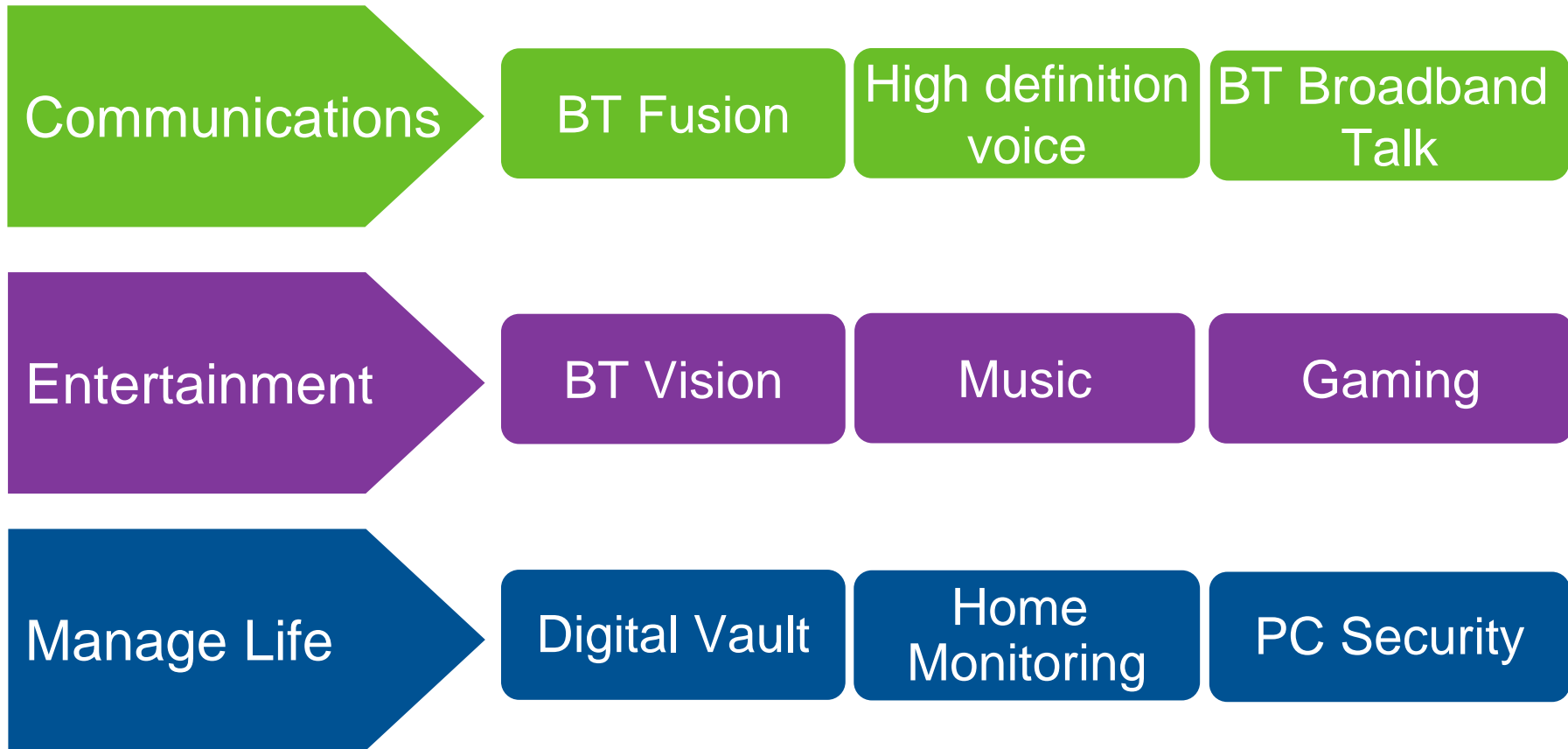
* Based on published data for 31March 2006



Broadband - a vibrant market

- Retail market is dynamic and competitive
 - More than 200 ISPs
 - ISPs tend to win market share from each other rather than BT
- Unbundlers
 - Target 70% of UK households
 - Significant overlap with cable TV footprint
- Our proposition
 - Value for money
 - Build on the trust customers place in us
 - New exciting services

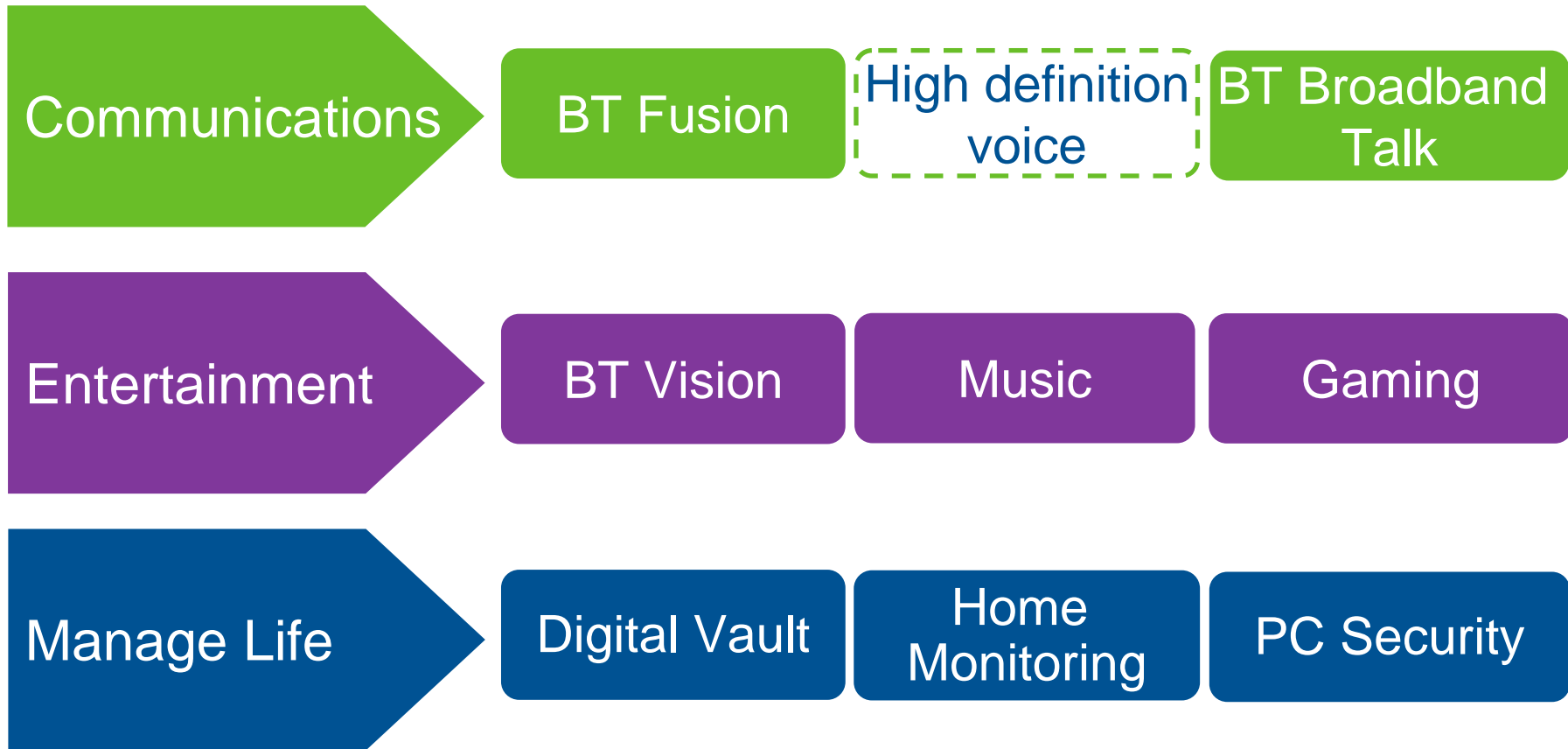
Broadband - services portfolio



... Removing complexity



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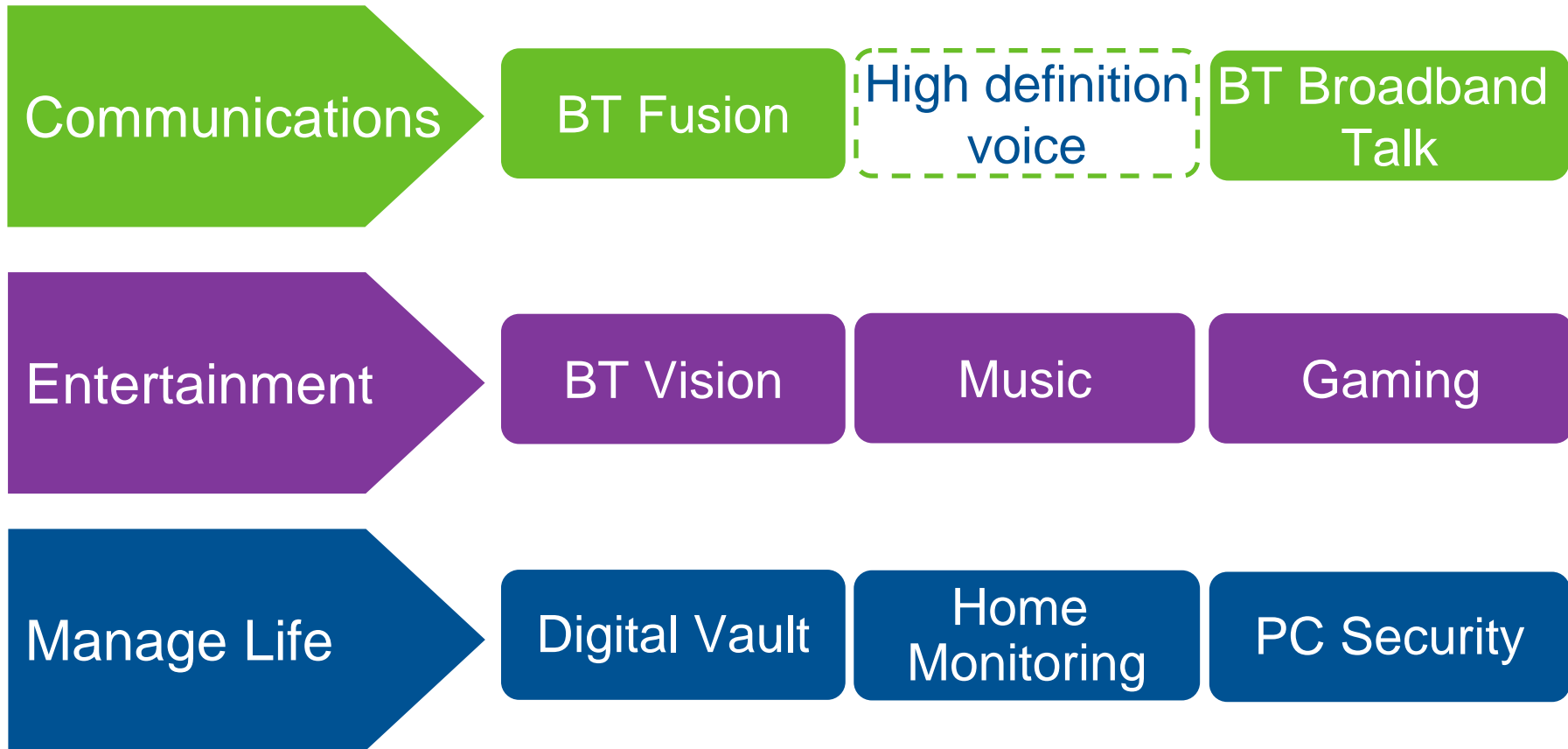
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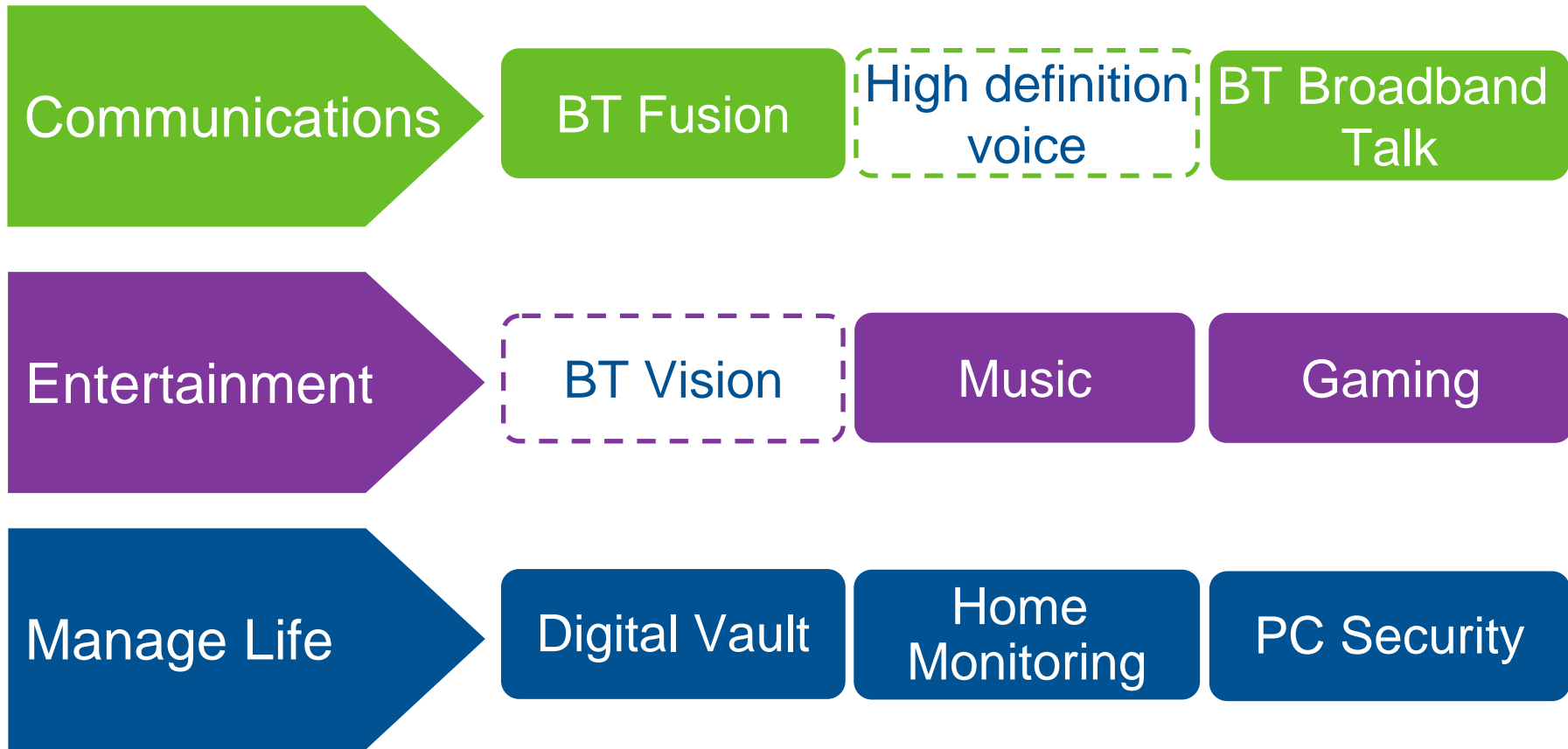
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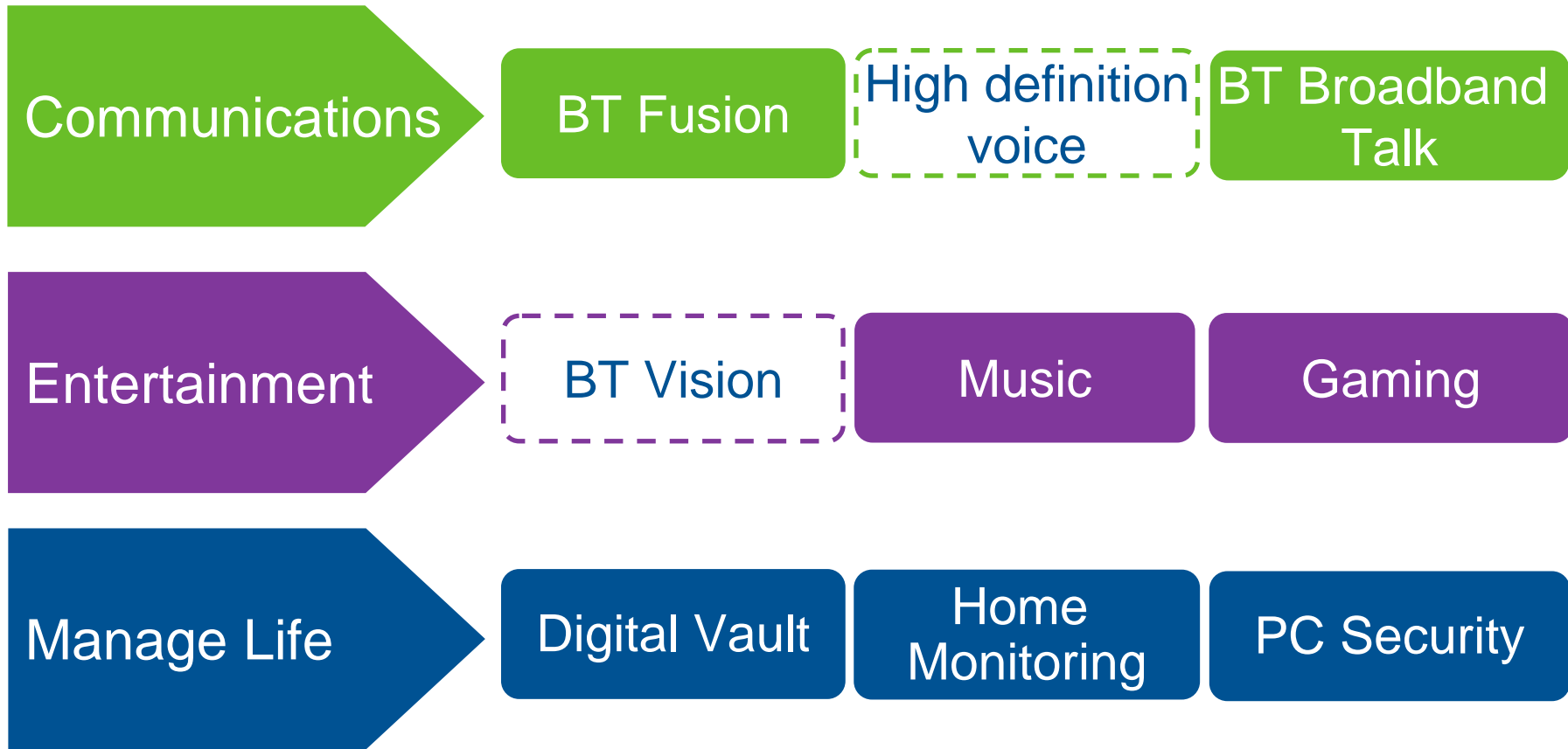
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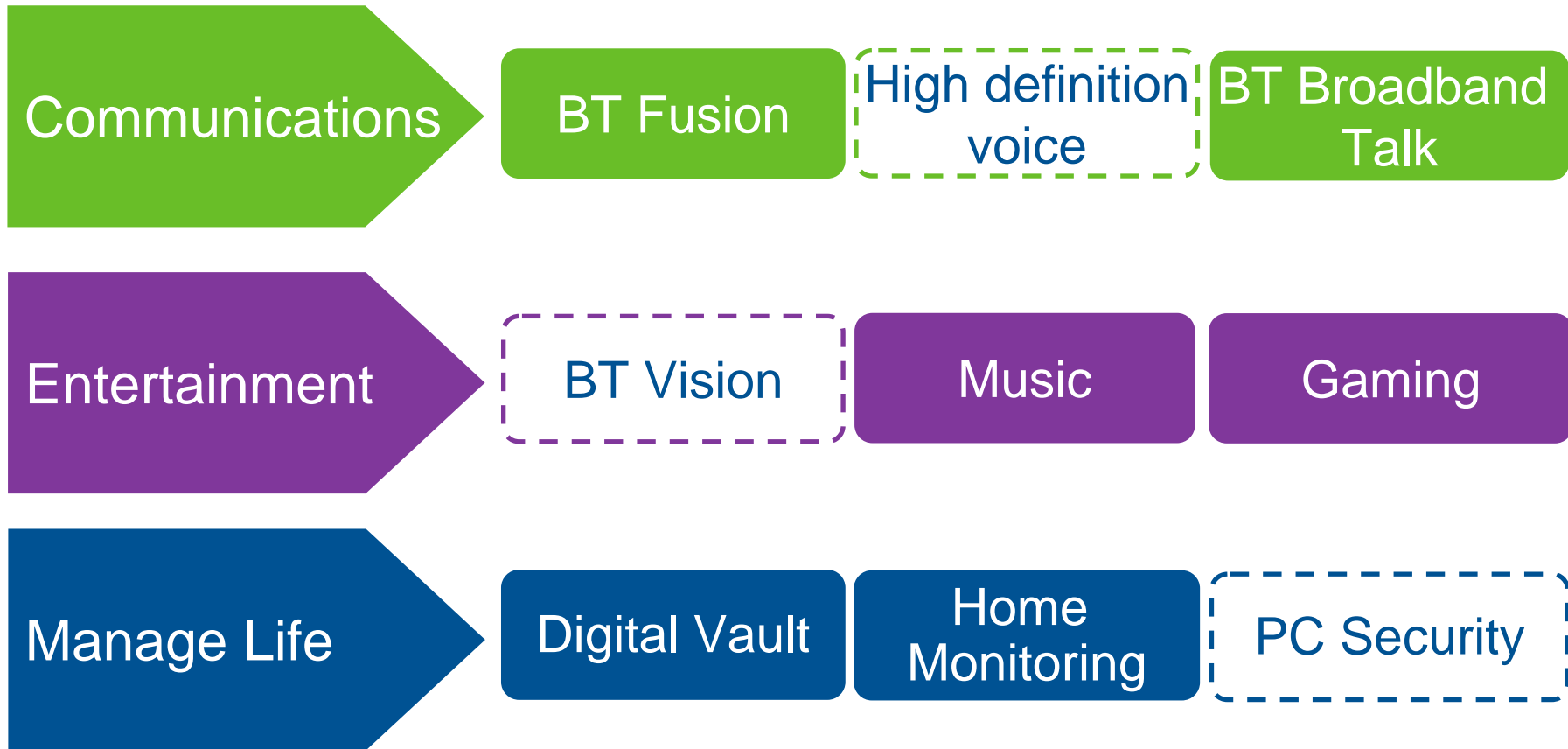
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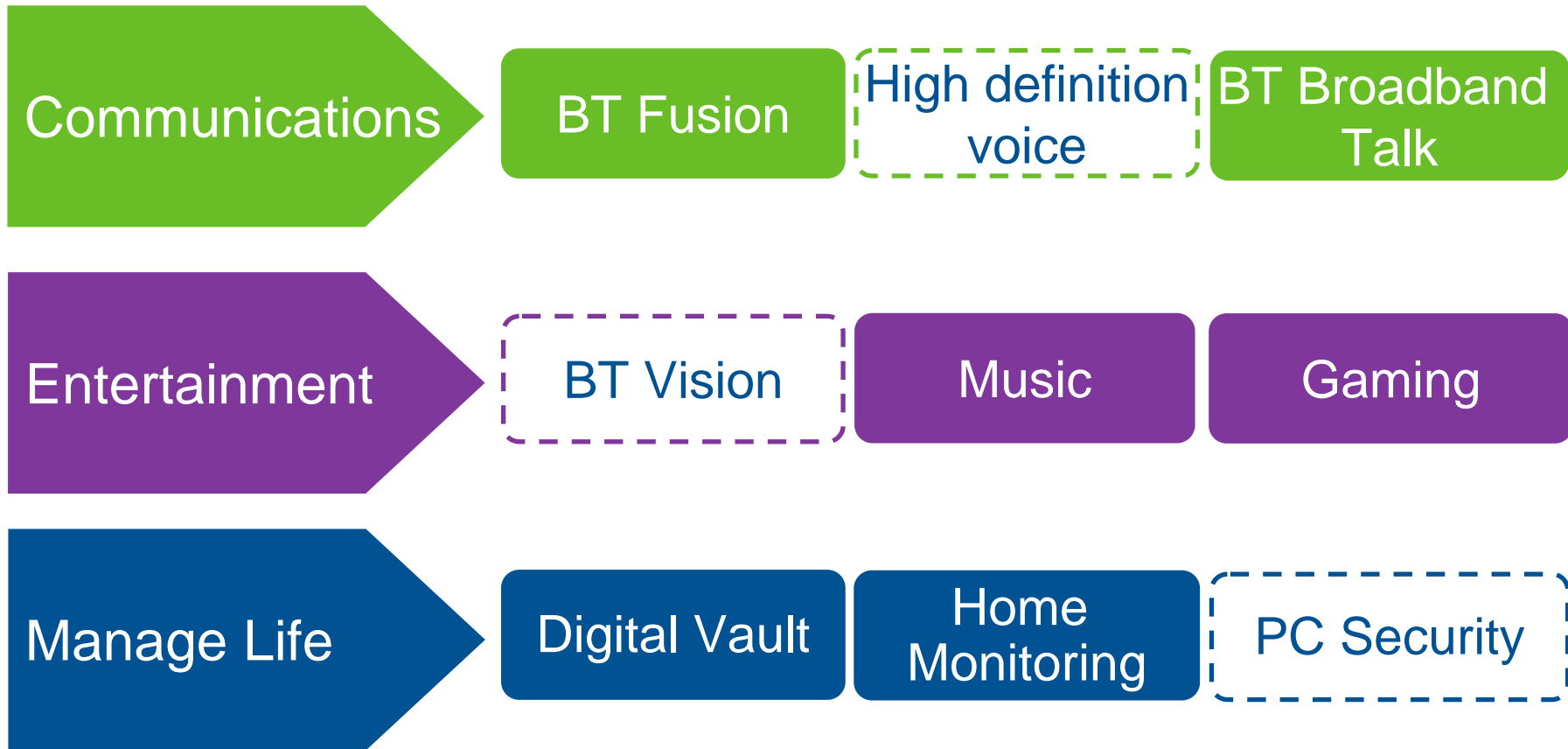
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Short Demo



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Business (SME) - a partner for change

• Customer Needs

- More personalised and responsive service
- Reduced complexity and repair times
- Help to improve productivity through IT

• Market Trends

- Targeting higher value customers
- Bundled offers and packages
- Lower prices

• Strategy

- Become the leading trusted IT partner (eg IT Manager)
- BT Local Business
- Increase VAS attachment rates
- Total spend discounts

• New Services

- Virtual CIO
- Networked IT services tailored to the SME market
- OneBill
- BT Fusion for enterprise

Mobility - convergence is here

- 42% growth in revenue year on year to £292m
- Converged Products and Services
 - Fusion, Onebill, Onevoice, Datazone
- Spectrum
 - low power GSM licence awarded
- Enterprise Fixed-Mobile Convergence
 - Alcatel contracted to deliver WiFi/GSM services
 - initially targeted for Europe
- Wireless Cities



Mobility - wireless cities



Carrier - delivering convergent network solutions

- Customer Needs

- High quality service, reliable delivery
- Reduced business risk with increased speed to market
- Service equivalence and equality of pricing

- Market Trends

- Outsourced network management
- Higher bandwidth products
- Reductions in termination and roaming rates

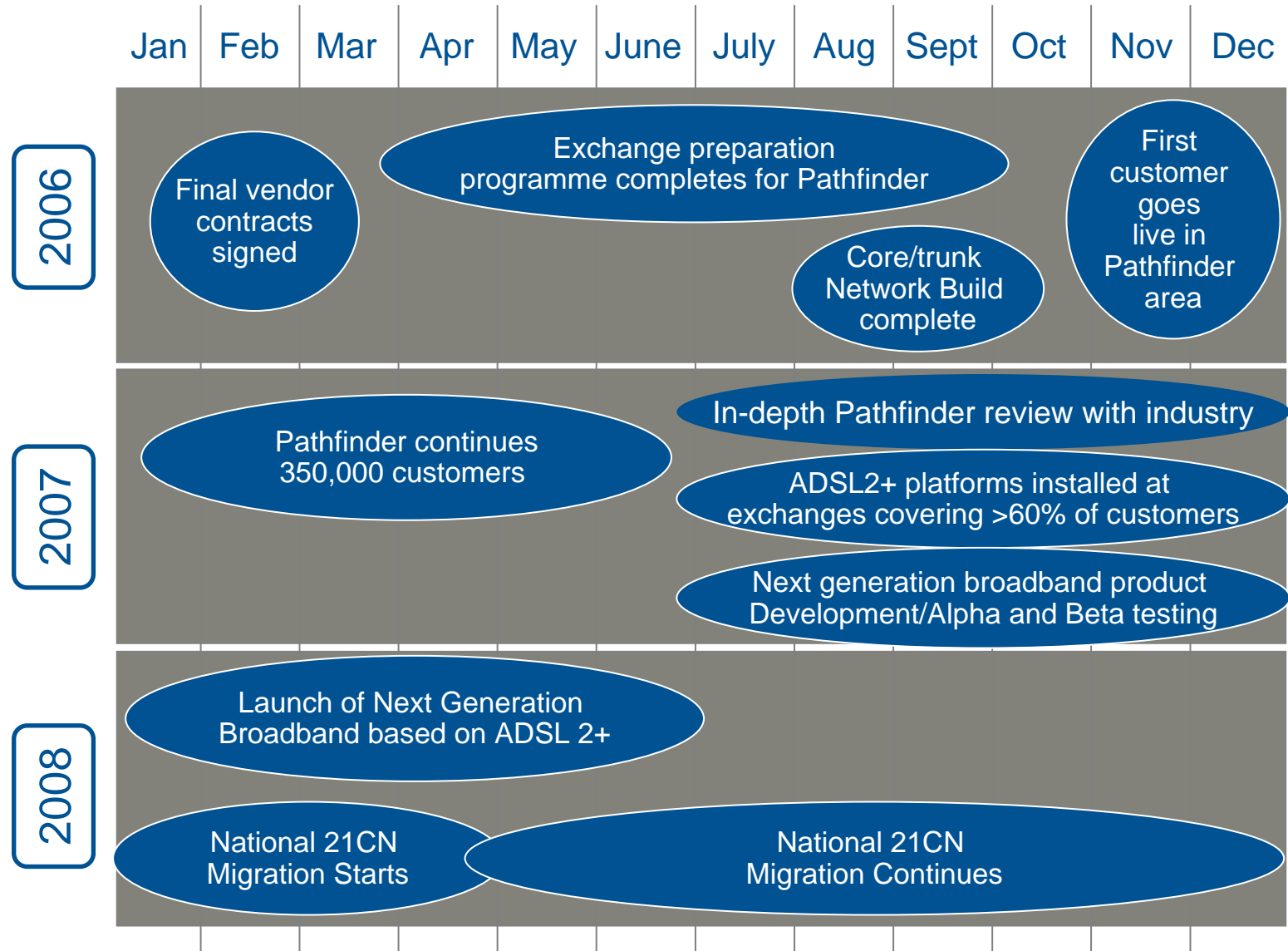
- Strategy

- Provide managed network solutions for fixed and mobile operators
- Consultative and inclusive approach to 21CN implementation
- Creation of Openreach

- New Services

- DSL Max
- BT Movio
- 21CN based services

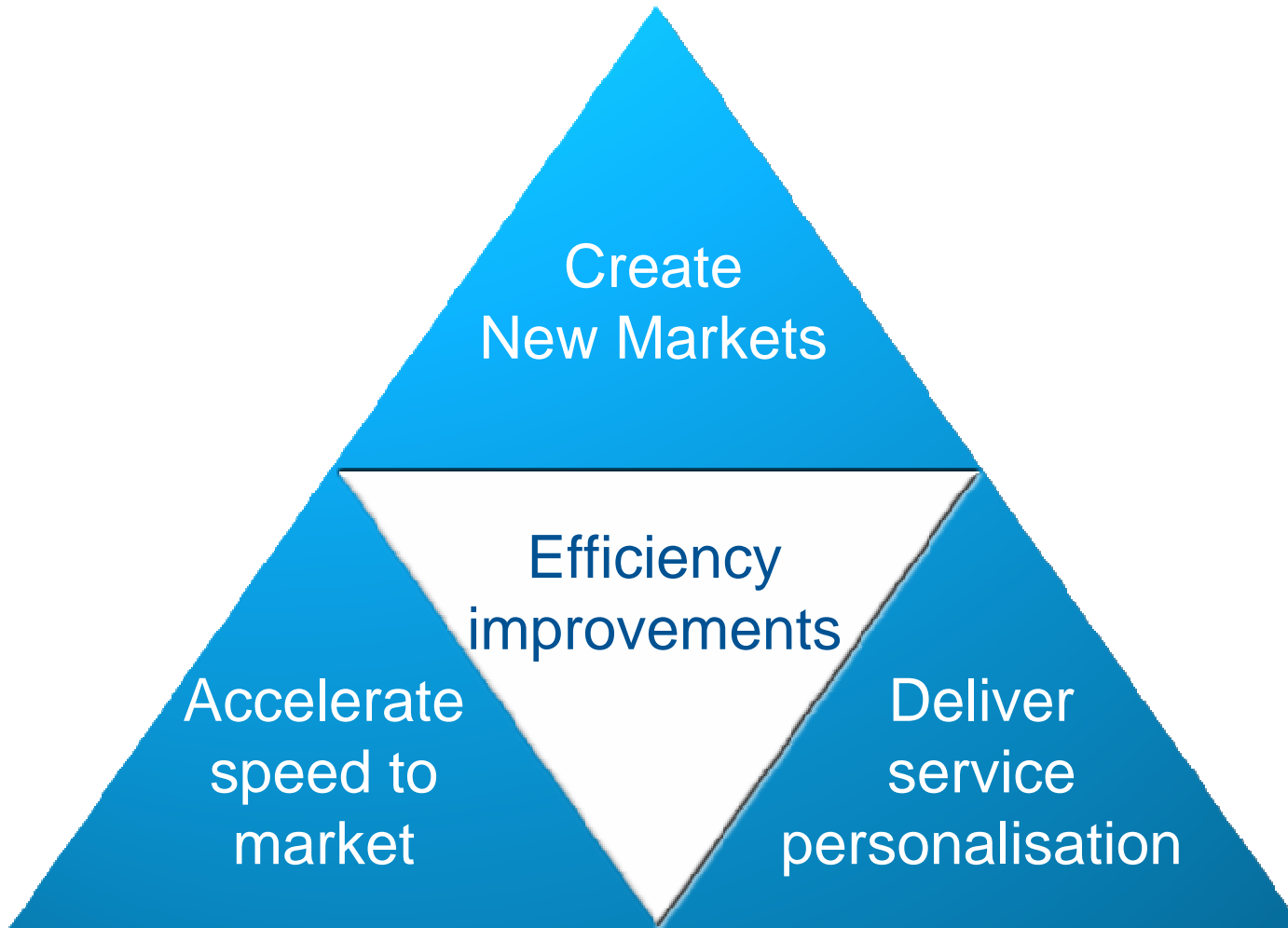
21CN - plan of action*



* Subject to consultation with industry



21CN - long term benefits




Establishing equivalence - Update

openreach

a BT Group business



- Operational since January 21st
 - WLR, LLU, Backhaul and Partial Private Circuits at regulated prices
 - 30,000 employees
 - Ahead of schedule on many key deliverables
 - On track to deliver product equivalence in June
- Equality of Access Board established
 - IPStream and Datastream prices fixed until 1.5m LLU or April 2007
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- Deregulation
 - removed regulation on inter-tandem services
 - relaxed the Network Charge Cap (NCC)
 - relaxed the retail price control cap from RPI-RPI to RPI+0



Corporates – growing around the world

• Customer Needs

- Enterprise wide solutions based on capabilities not capacity
- One stop shop
- Reliability and security

• Market Trends

- Convergence of IT and network products and services
- Procurement on an integrated global basis
- Suppliers collaborating to deliver the most efficient seamless customer service

• Strategy

- Provide global reach with local presence
- Collaborating with world class partners
- Build deep long term customer relationships

• New Services

- Converged wireless portfolio
- Financial services propositions
- Other sector specific propositions

Networked IT services

- enhancing our capabilities

**Auto
industry**
Atlanet

Retail
*NSB
BT Expedite*

Reach
Infonet & Albacom

**Financial
Services**
Radianz

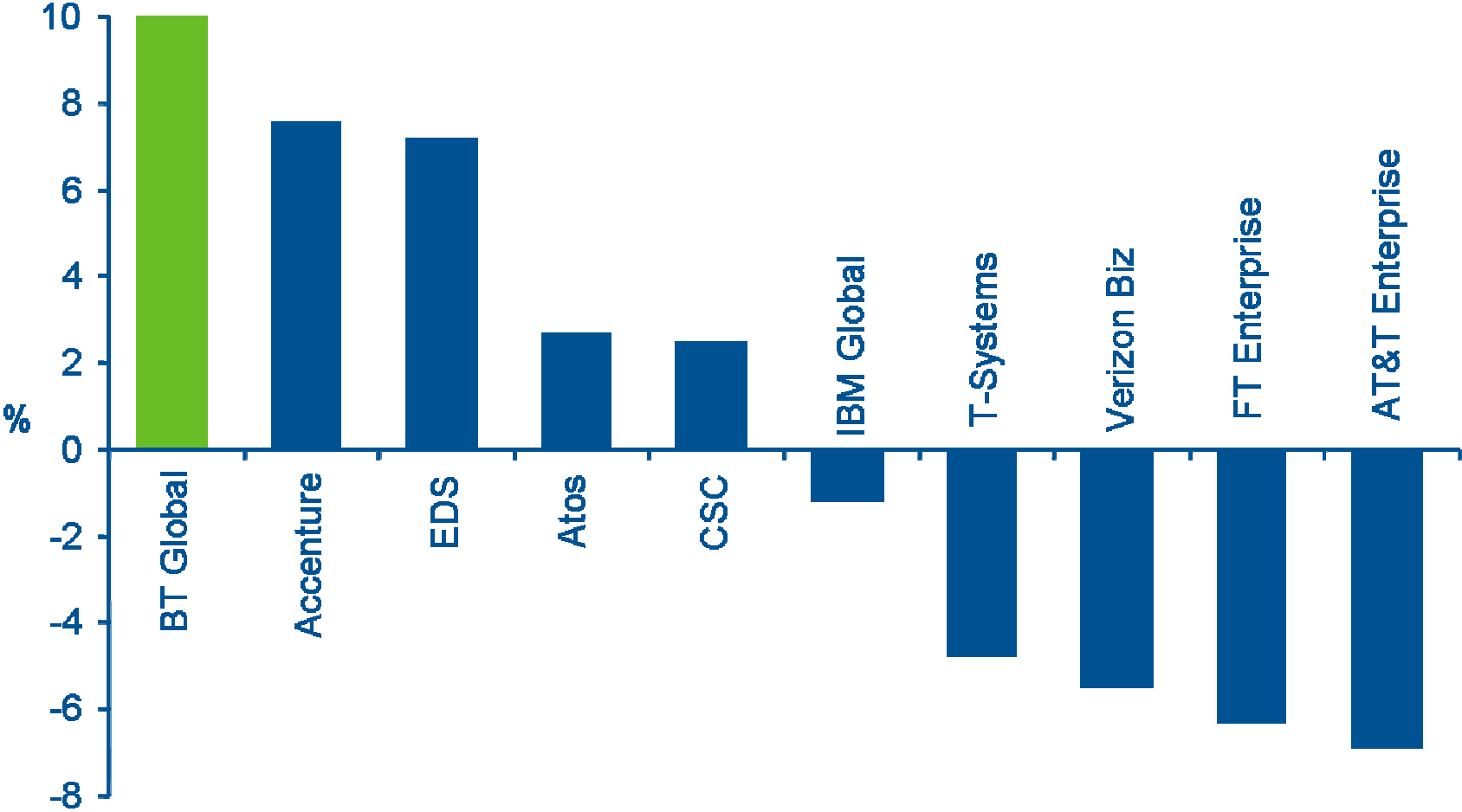
**WAN &
LANs**
*Cara, Skynet
& TNS*

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Networked IT services

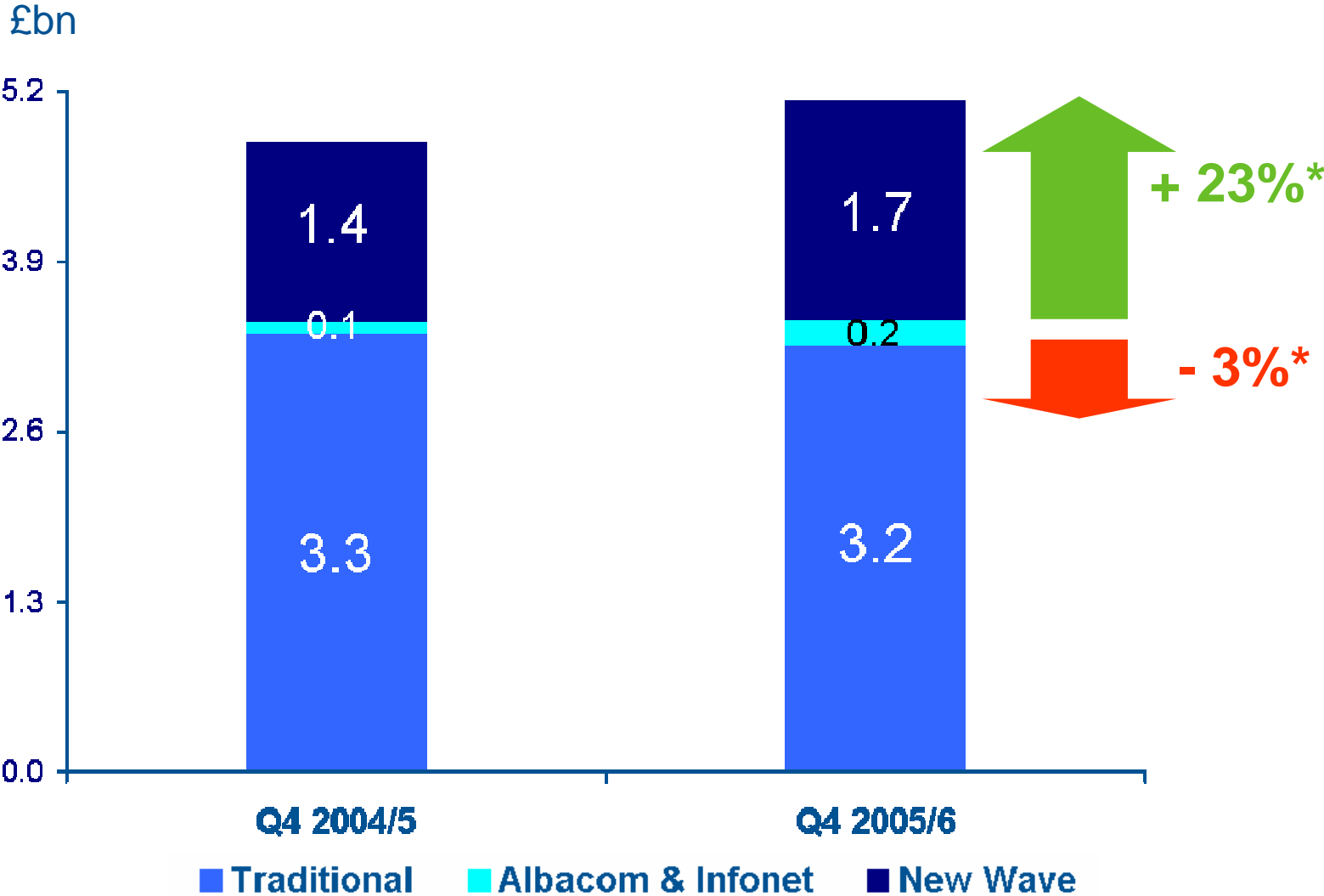
Quarterly year on year revenue growth March 2006*



* Based on company data, analyst reports.
Numbers for Accenture Feb 2006 and CSC December 2005



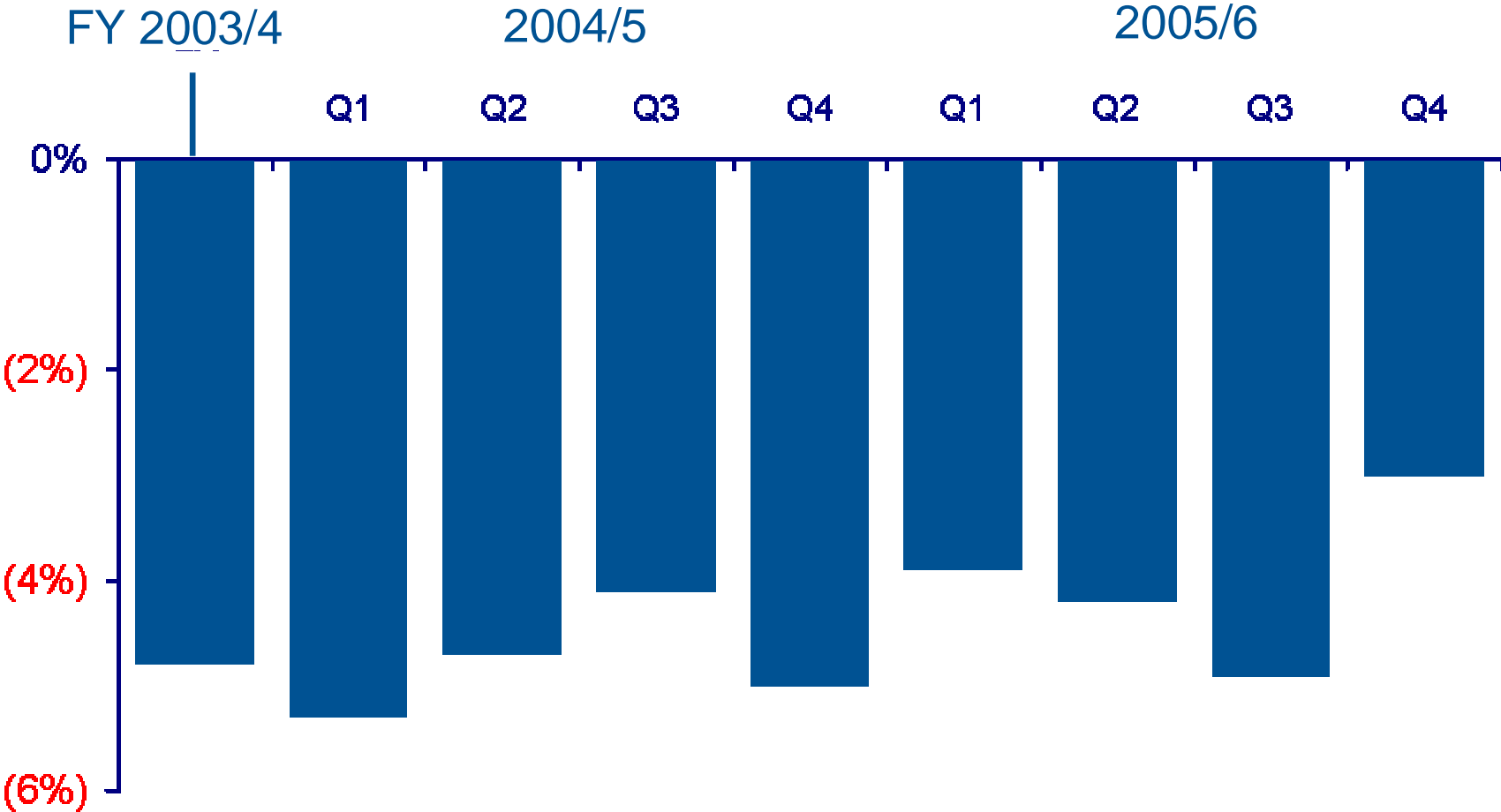
Q4 2005/6 - Underlying group revenue up 5%*



* Underlying excluding Albacom & Infonet



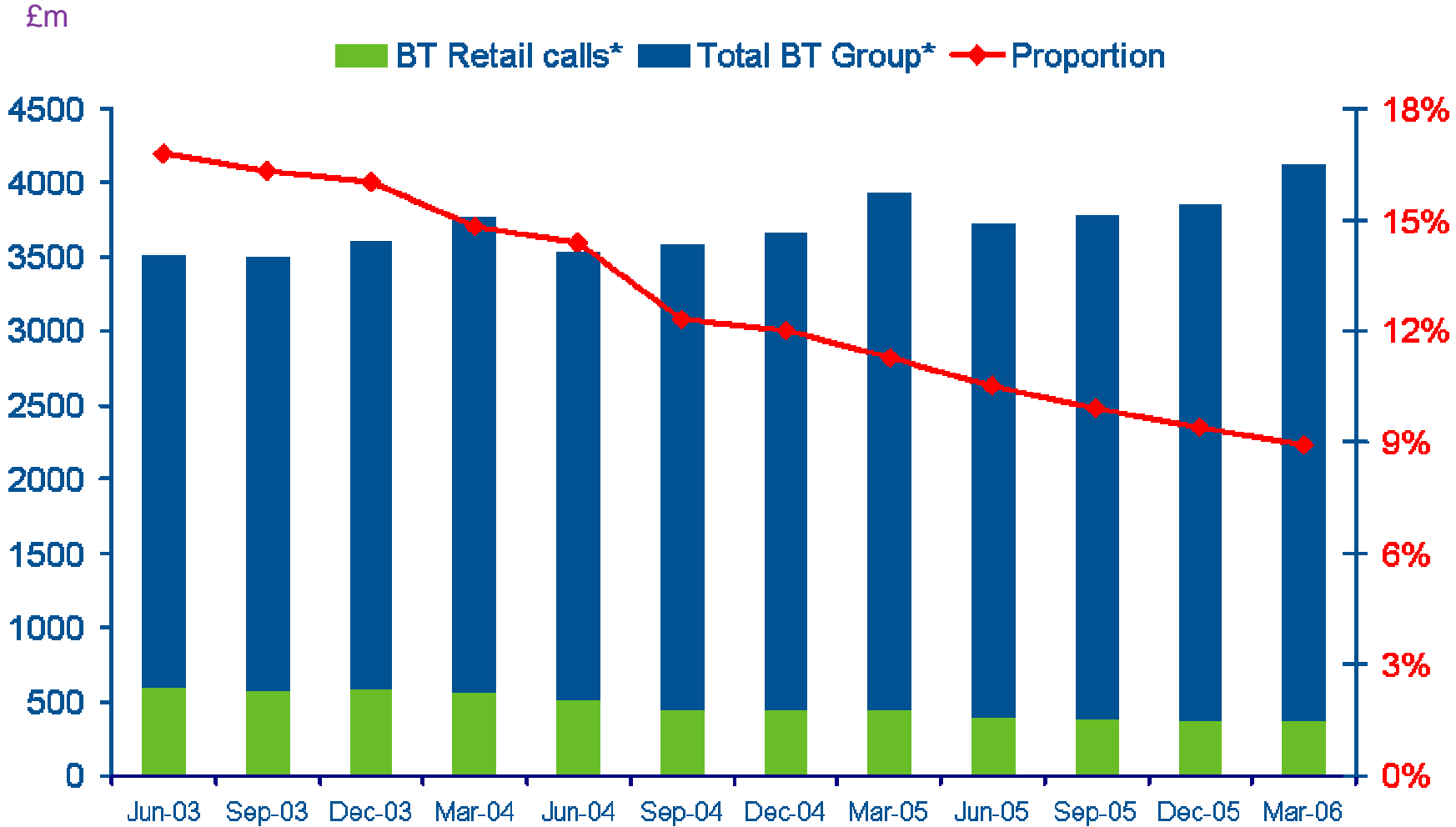
Traditional turnover* - stable trend



* Revenue growth versus same period in prior year adjusted for the impact of mobile termination cut and excluding Albacom



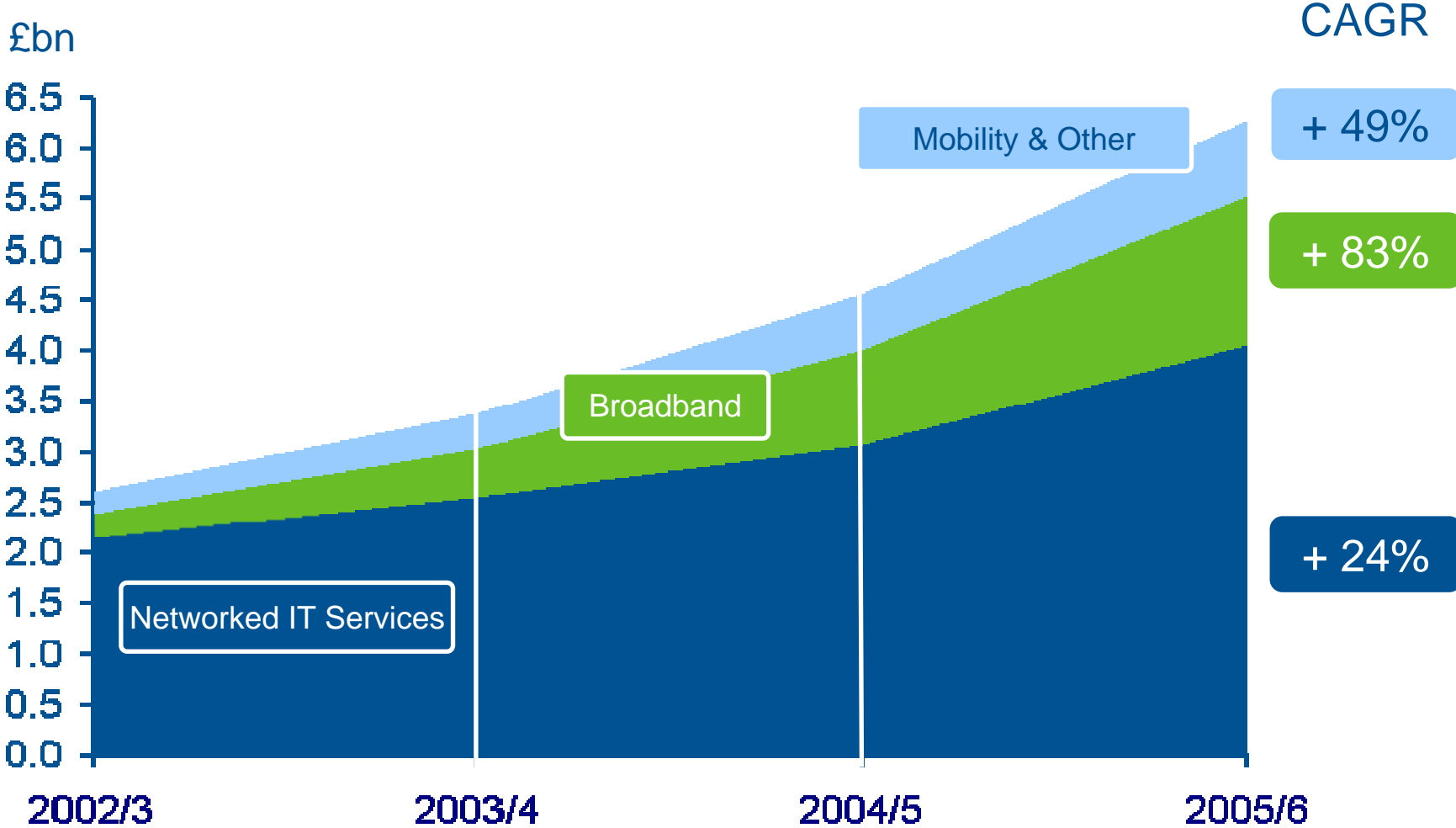
Revenue - reduced reliance on calls



* Revenue less POLO payments



Revenue - new wave growth accelerating



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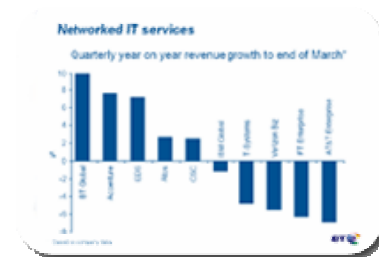


Strategy built around convergence & innovation



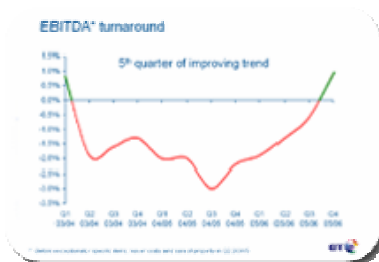
Strong momentum with track record of delivery

- **SIXTEEN** quarters of **EPS** growth
- **NINE** quarters of **revenue** growth
- **FIVE** quarters of improvement in **EBITDA** trend



Consistently successful in competitive & dynamic markets

- New wave now accounts for a third of group revenue
- Networked IT services provider of choice



Positive operational trends will continue

- EBITDA will continue to grow



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