



# Bringing it all Together

Q3 results 2006/7

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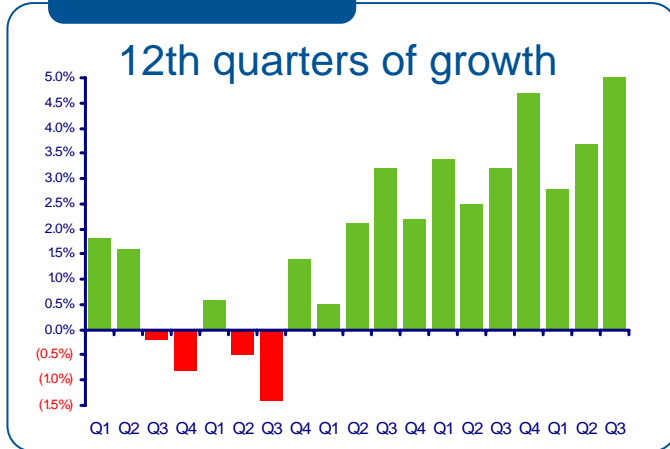
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# BT Group strategy – Positive results, positive trends

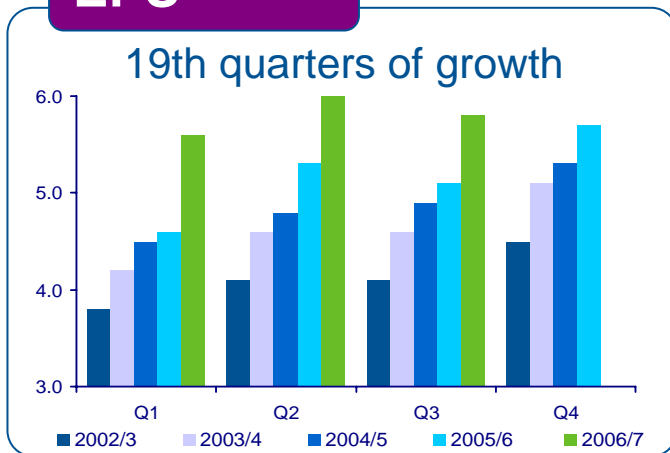
## Revenue



## EBITDA



## EPS



## Outlook

On track to deliver growth in revenue, EBITDA\*, EPS\* and dividends this financial year **AND** 2007/8

\* Before specific items and leavers



## Q3 2006/7 – Financial headlines

Group revenue

£5.1bn



5%

EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>

£1.4bn



2%

Profit before tax <sup>(1)</sup>

£0.6bn



13%

Earnings per share <sup>(1)</sup>

5.8p

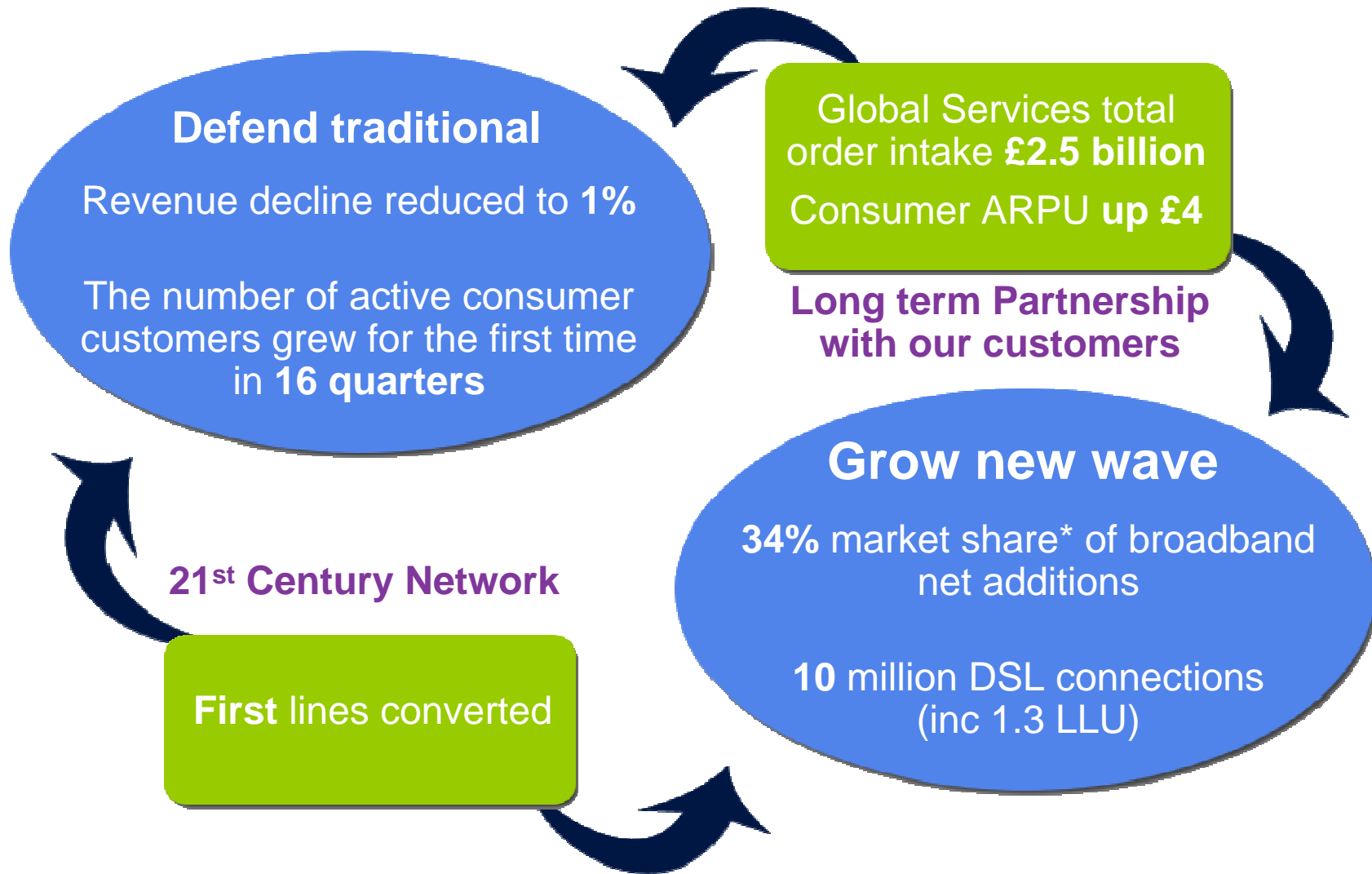


14%

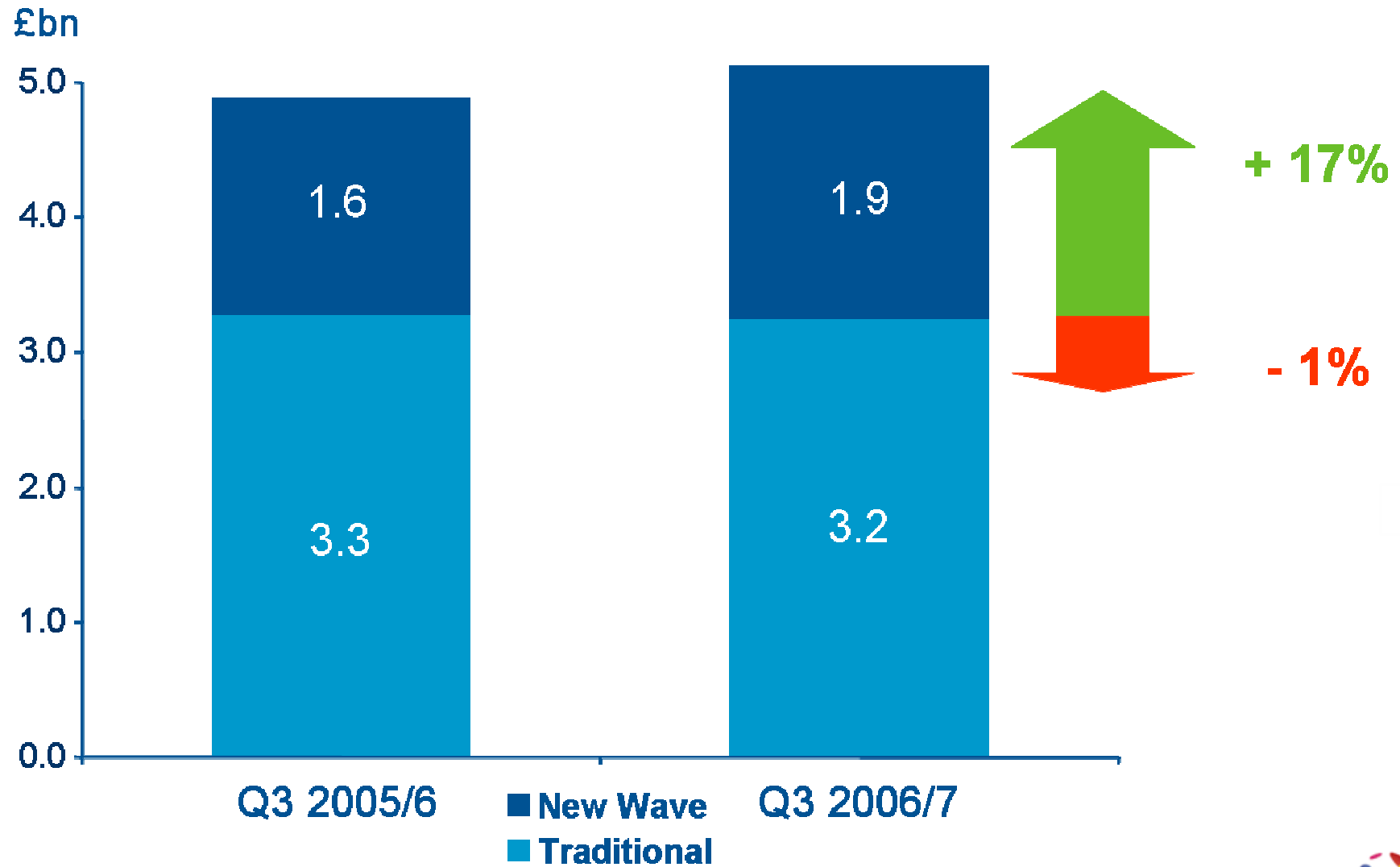
(1) Before specific items and leavers

And:- £1bn tax credit relating to previous overpayments

# Q3 2006/7 – Operational headlines

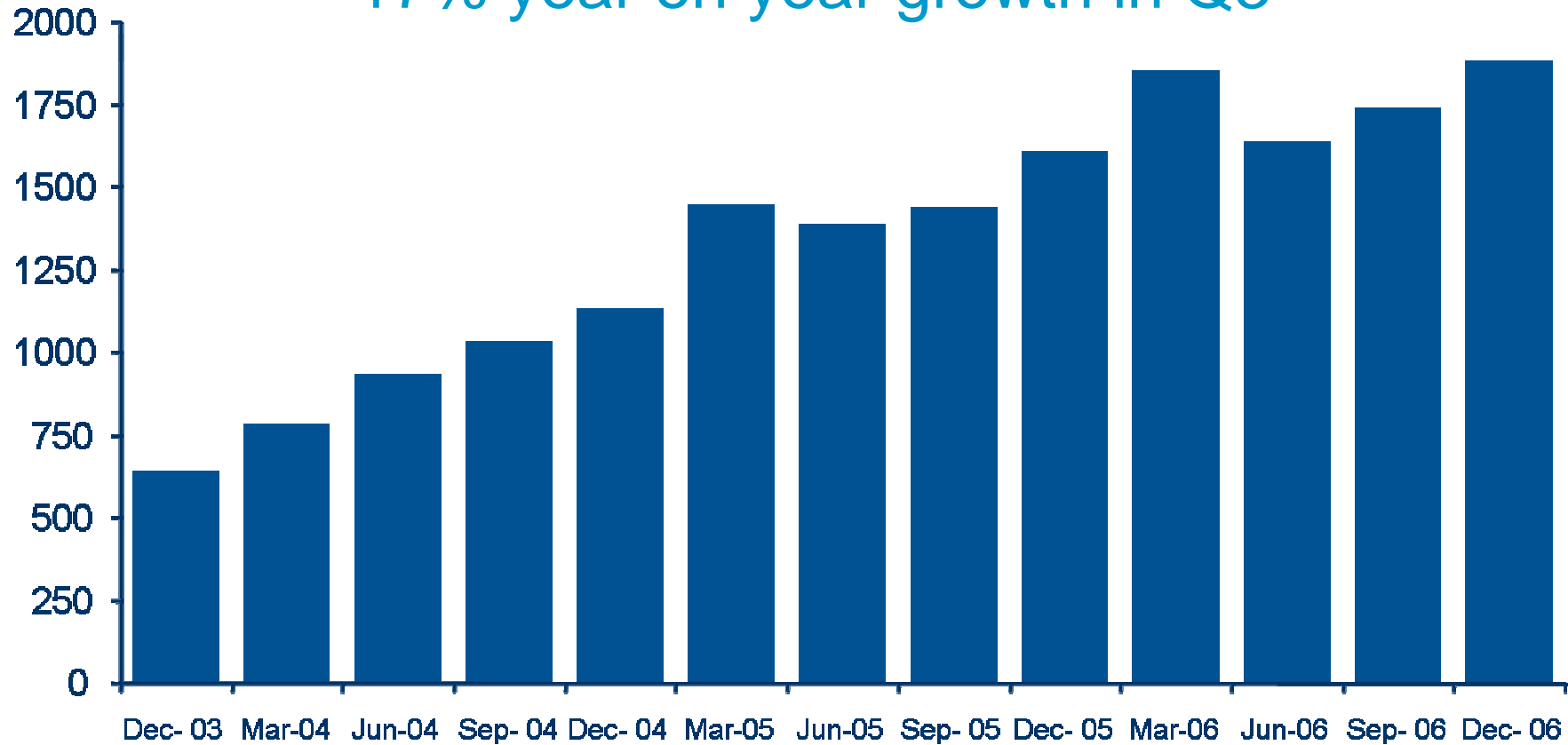


## Q3 2006/7 – Group revenue up 5%



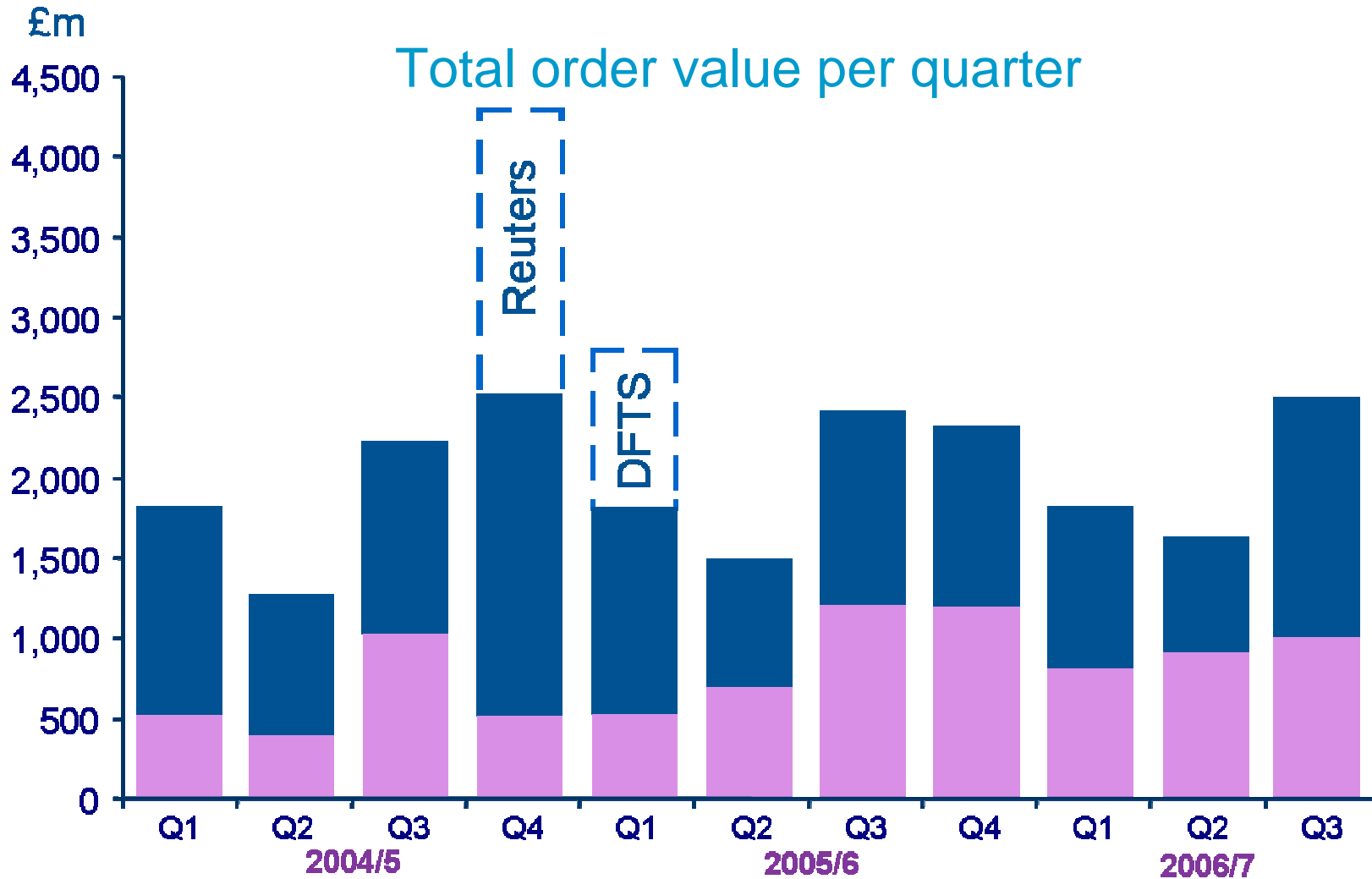
# New wave revenue – Strong continued growth

17% year on year growth in Q3





# Networked IT services – Winning propositions



# Q3 2006/7 – Total order intake £2.5bn



Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Luxembourg



The City of Liverpool



*Signed 231 new customers*



# Networked IT services – Milestone delivery

## **N3 (7 years) £530m**

installation ahead of schedule

- Over 18,000 links connected

## **SPINE (10 years) £620m**

deployment and functionality on track

- 100% of scheduled software drops made on or ahead of schedule in last 12 months
- Over 1.5 million electronic prescriptions per month
- 250k “Choose & Book” appointments made per month

## **LSP (10 years) £996m**

Three new suppliers now rolling out solutions

## **Philips**

Service across 40 countries

- Fully managed solution for data, voice, conferencing and mobile
- 1<sup>st</sup> time single one-stop support centre

## **Fiat**

five-year, €450m contract

Service across 30 countries

- On track to transfer 80% of traffic onto BT's own platform within 1<sup>st</sup> year

## **Liverpool City Council**

five-year, £325m contract extension

Answers 2m calls a year

- Reduced housing benefit claim process times from 143 days to 28 days and received the highest CPA score – ranked as ‘excellent’.
- Improved business rate collection to 99% generating an additional £45m.



# Networked IT services – Adding capabilities

“Revenues in USA, Japan, China and India will more than double by 2009” *Andy Green Sept 2006*

## USA

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Adding over 600 billable consultants skilled in delivering solutions that are centred on repeatability

Serving half of Fortune 1000

Presence in over 30 locations across the United States

Revenue \$140m

## India

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Customers include over 80% of the ITES/BPO market, as well as attracting numerous global and Indian multinationals in other sectors

Presence across all major Indian commercial centres

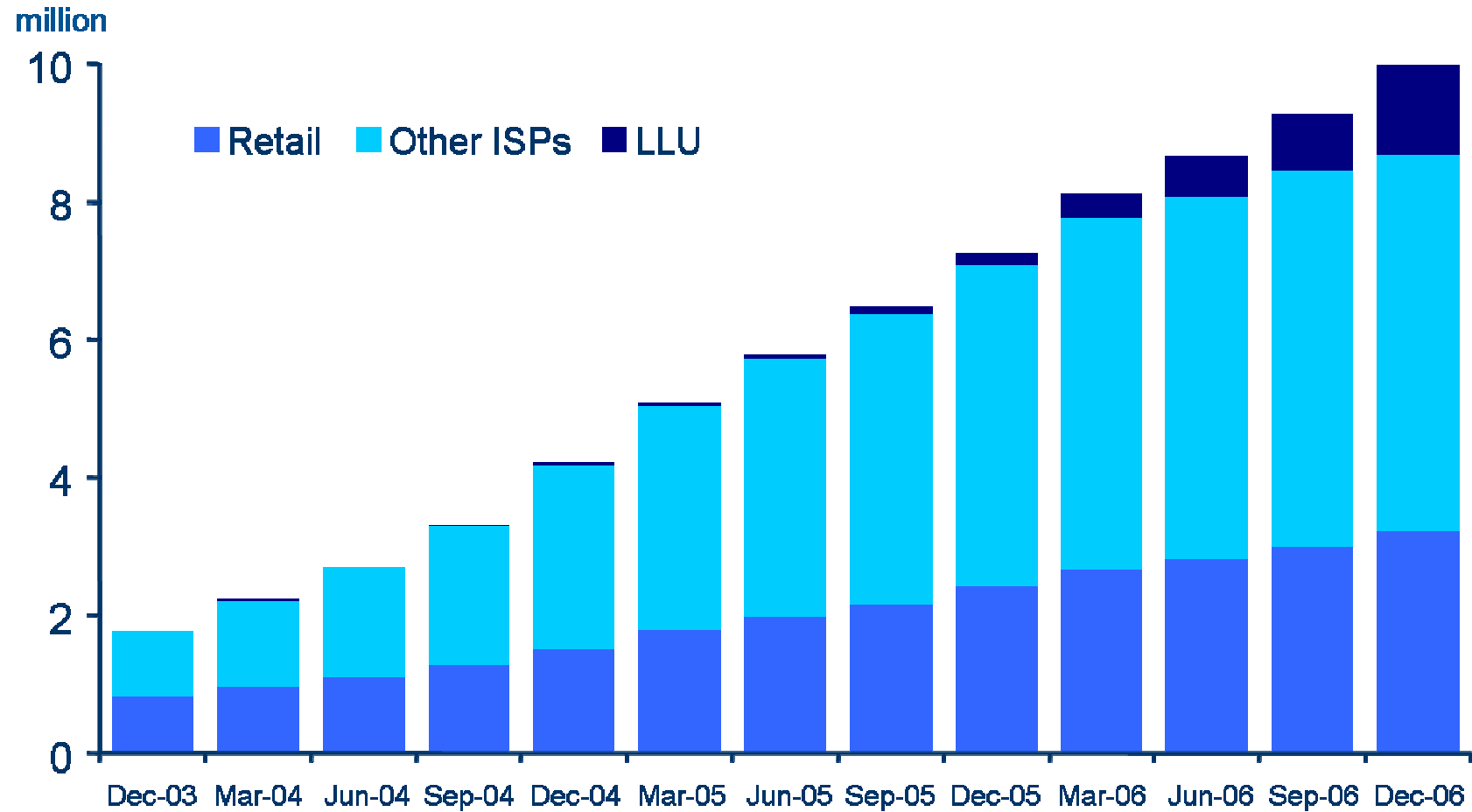
Now the leading Global carrier in India

Revenue \$20m



# Broadband – Total DSL market

TEN million connections



# Broadband – BT Retail

## BT Total Broadband

239k net additions

**34%** of DSL + LLU in Q3

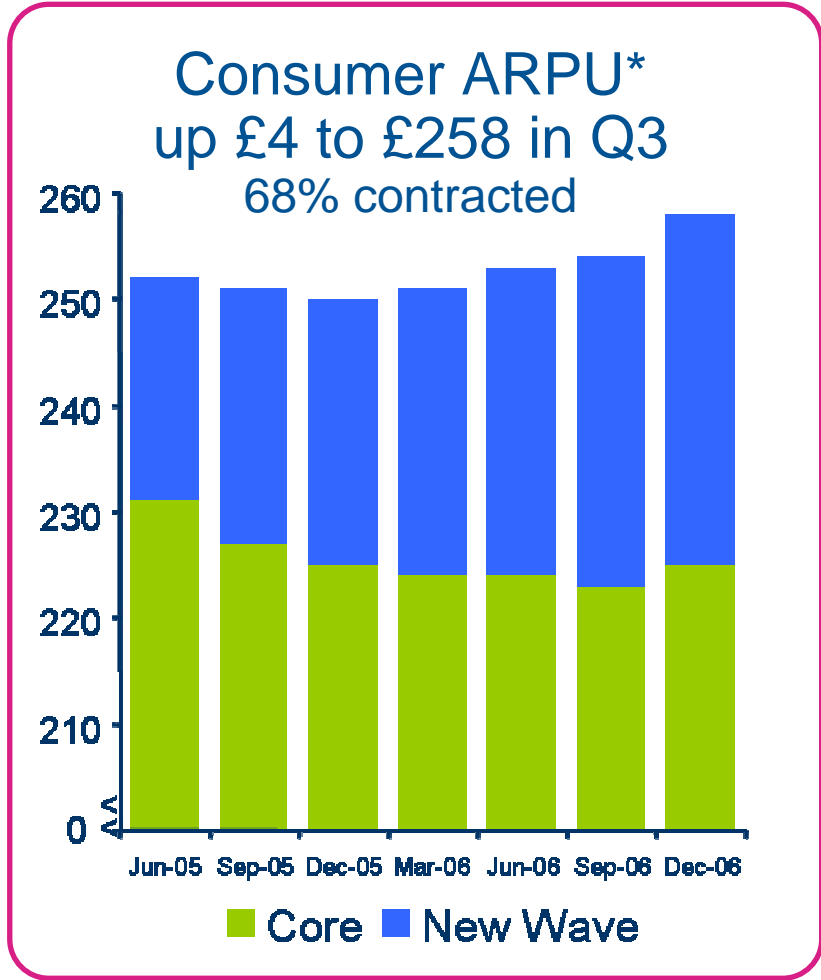
60% buy Option 2 or 3

Installed base >3.2m


**32%** of DSL & LLU



# Broadband – Value add services from BT Retail



**Consumer VoIP > 1m**  
Six months early




**Softphone**



**HD voice**

**BT Vision**  
- Rollout to pre-registered customers on-track



\* Rolling 12 months

# Mobility – A world first

**BT Fusion Wifi**

**BT Fusion**



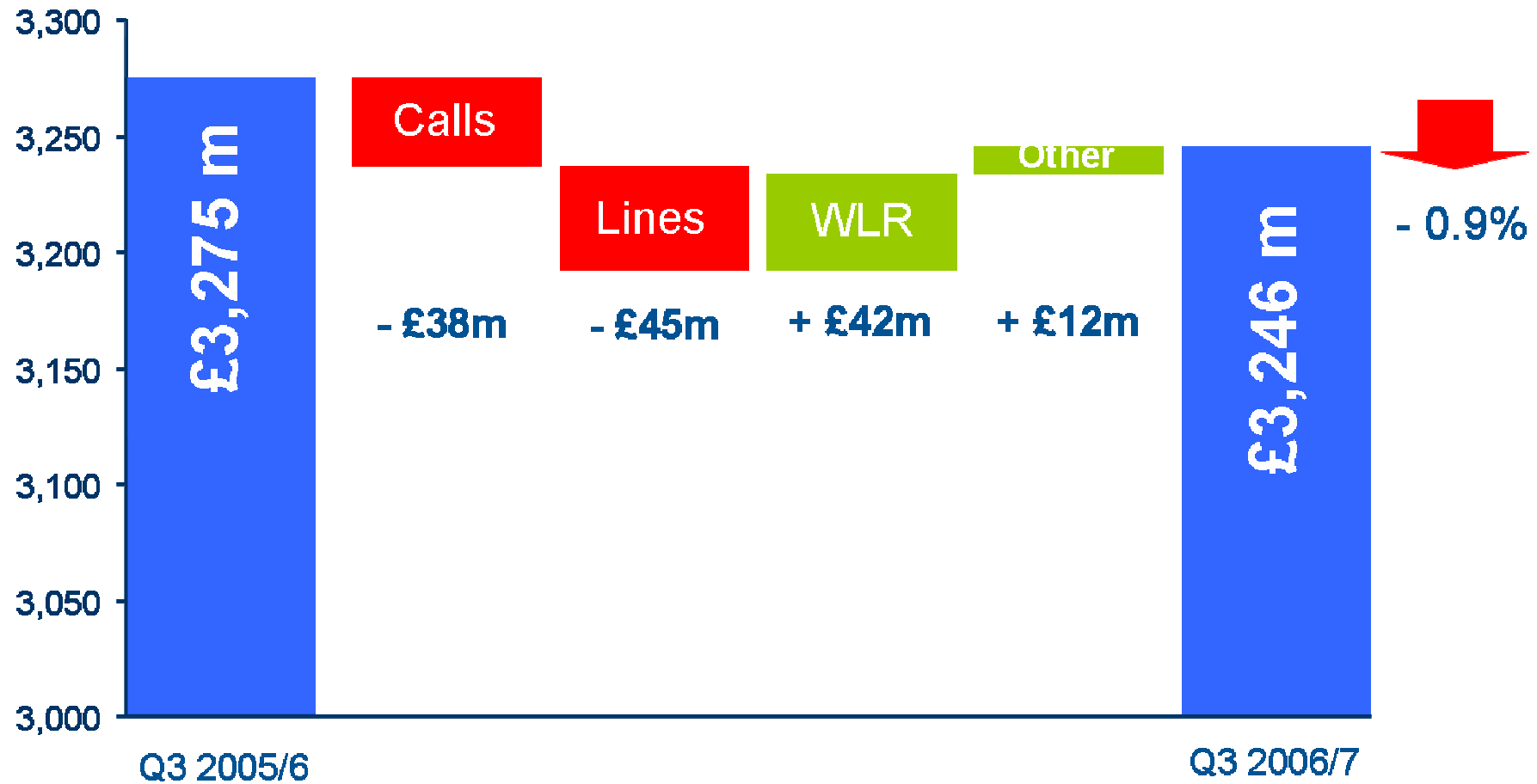
- Get BT Fusion FREE\* for the first 3 months
- FREE\* Internet surfing on your mobile at lightning speed if you sign up before the end of March
- Talk for 4 minutes and only use 1 of your inclusive minutes
- BT Home Hub included
- Choose from a range of handsets
- Choose from a selection of call plans to suit you

Launched: Business (Dec '06) and Consumer (Jan '07)



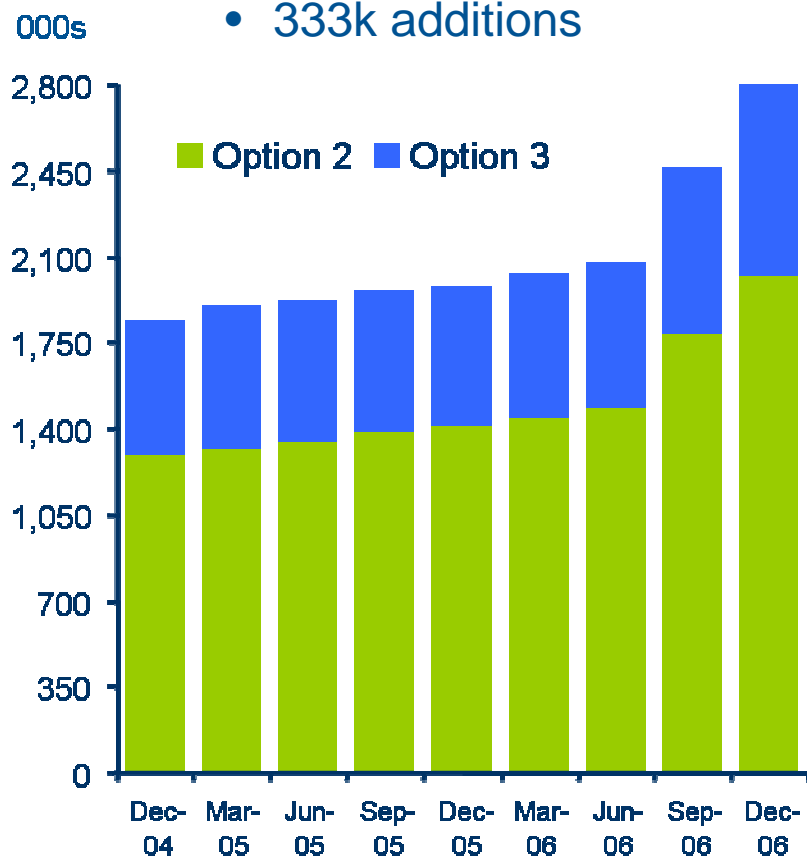


# Traditional turnover – Q3 2006/7

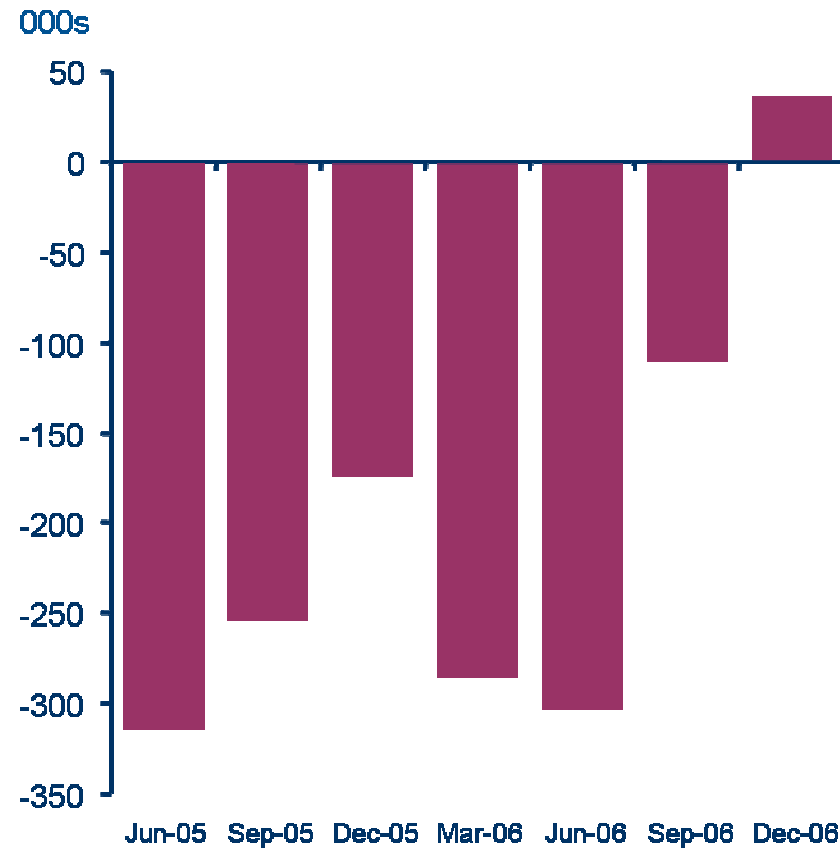


# Defend traditional – BT Retail consumer trends

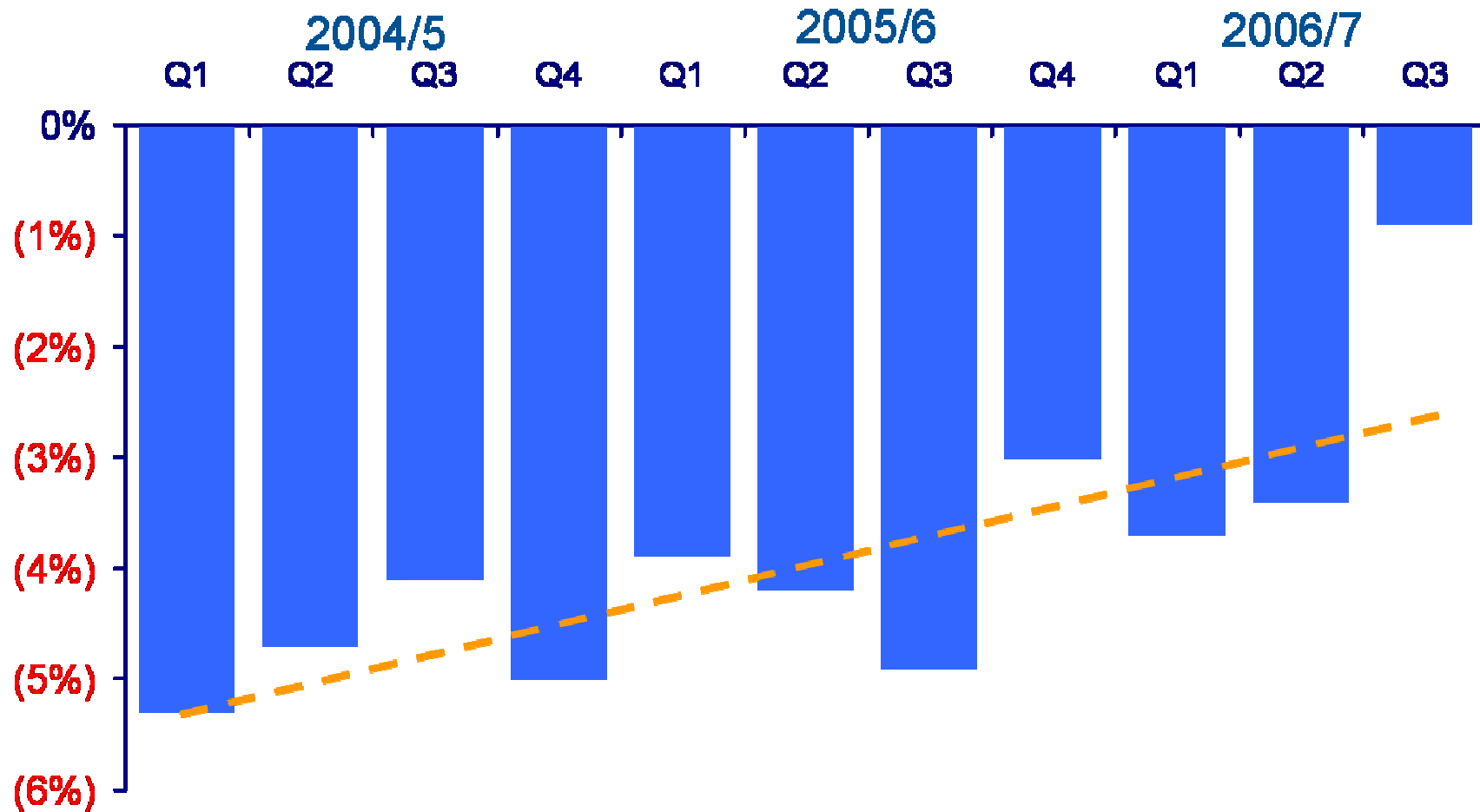
- BT Together
  - Option 2 & 3
    - 333k additions



- Active customer additions
  - First time in over FOUR years



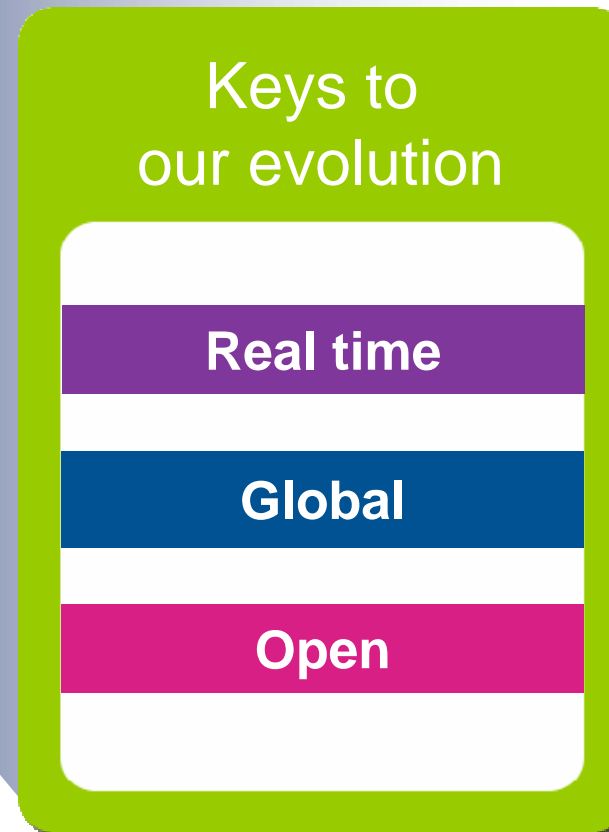
# Traditional turnover\* - improving trend



- Revenue growth versus same period in prior year adjusted for the impact of mobile termination cut and excluding Albacom 2005/6



# BT Group – From traditional telco...



*... to leading services provider with global capabilities*



# 21CN – update

## This quarter

- First customers went live
- 10% of core network built
- Over 10% of nodes are deployed nationally
  - Processed over 100 million test calls



## This year

- Started pilot of 24Mb broadband
- Currently working with vendors to integrate Ethernet requirements and optimise future delivery
  - Ethernet contracts signed with Nortel and Siemens

## Network investment and performance

- Nearly 90,000 joints have been replaced and sealed
- Completed 20% more provisioning activity than last year
- Overall activity levels in exchanges has risen 33%
- Right first time delivery on active LLU up from 83% to 94%

## Servicing our customers

- There are 23 LLU and 400 WLR providers
- 1,500 exchanges have more than one LLU operator present
- Platform can process up to 60,000 line checks per hour

## And

- There are now over 1.5 million lines unbundled

# Cost control – 2006/7 actions & achievements

## Process improvements

- e-billing, > 700k customers
- Inbound call reduction, >2.5m online users
- Network fault volume reduction programme

## Supplier management

- Outsourced maintenance support
  - Alcatel-Lucent, 8yr - \$350m contract
- Outsourced postal services
  - TNT, 3yr - £90m contract
- Outsourced phone book printing

## Global sourcing

- Rebalance onshore/offshore resources for 24/7 service
- Selected customer service related operations
- \$1bn Tech Mahindra contract
  - Managed service support

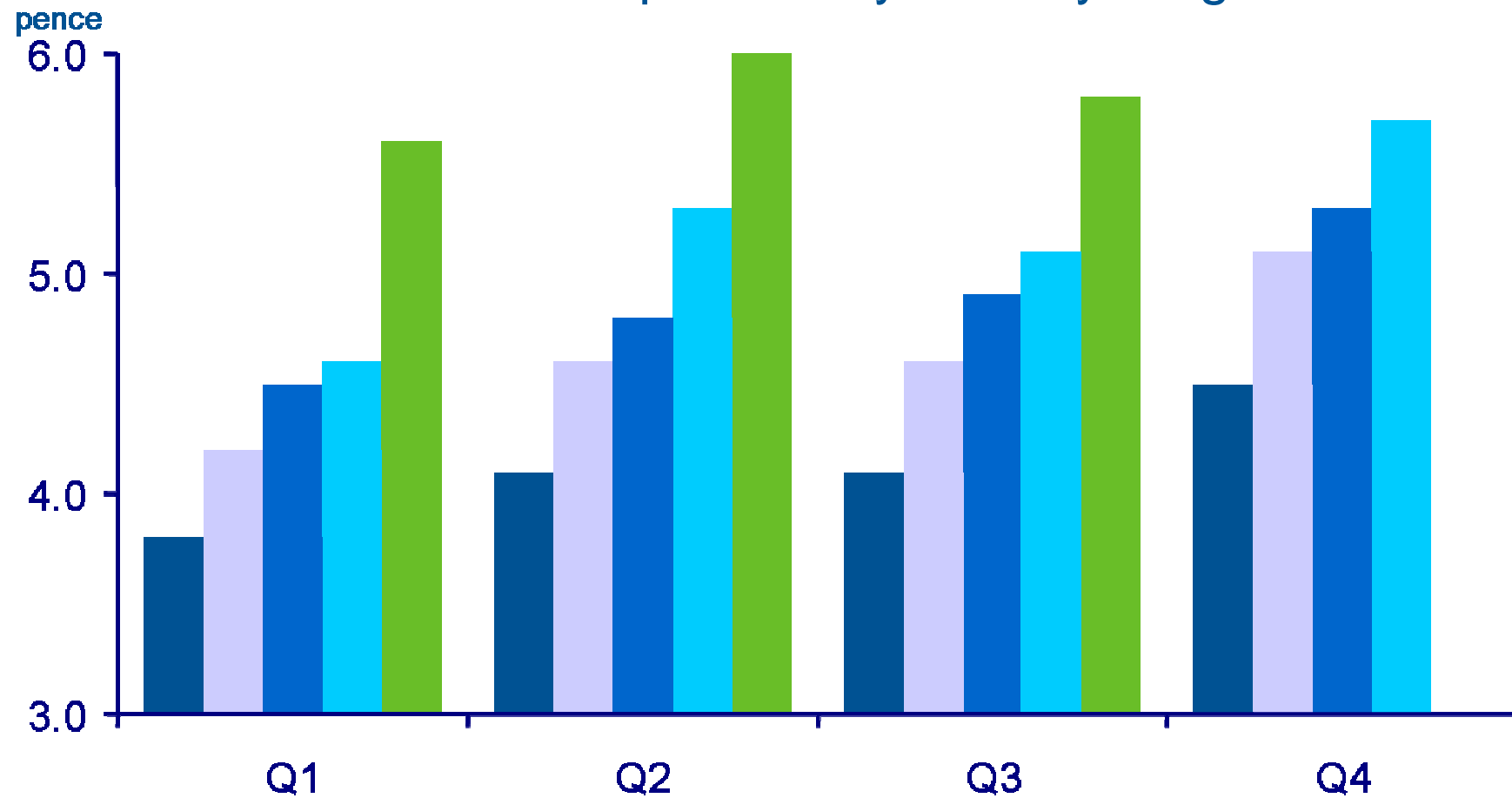
## Overhead reduction

- Acquisition integration
- Zero based budgeting
- Property rationalisation

*Deliver > £400m annually*

# Earnings per share\*

19th consecutive quarter of year on year growth



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

2002/3 } UK GAAP\*  
2003/4 }  
2004/5 } IFRS\*\*  
2005/6 }  
2006/7 }





# Bringing it all Together



Strategy built around convergence & innovation

- 17% growth in new wave revenues



Corporate evolution

- From traditional telco to leading services provider with global capabilities



Strong momentum with track record of delivery

- **Nineteen** quarters of **EPS** growth
- **Twelve** quarters of **revenue** growth
- **Eight** quarters of improvement in **EBITDA** trend



On track to deliver growth in revenue, *EBITDA\**, *EPS\** and dividends this financial year **AND** 2007/8

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## Q3 2006/7 – Group P&L

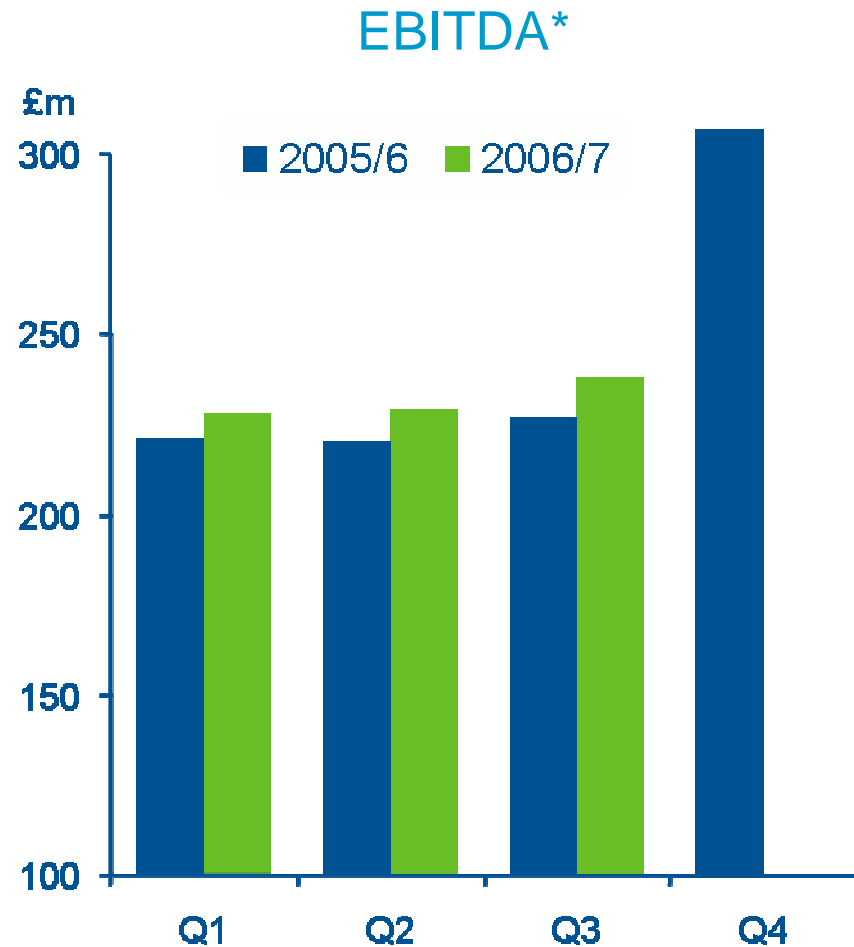
|                                       | Q3 2006/7<br>£m | Q3 2005/6<br>£m | Better /<br>(Worse) £m |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                        | <b>5,126</b>    | <b>4,882</b>    | <b>244</b>             |
| <b>EBITDA (pre leavers)</b>           | <b>1,439</b>    | <b>1,404</b>    | <b>35</b>              |
| Depreciation & amortisation           | (741)           | (710)           | (31)                   |
| <b>Operating profit (pre leavers)</b> | <b>698</b>      | <b>694</b>      | <b>4</b>               |
| <i>Operating margin</i>               | <i>13.6%</i>    | <i>14.2%</i>    |                        |
| Leaver costs                          | (27)            | (23)            | (4)                    |
| Associates                            | 7               | 3               | 4                      |
| Finance costs (net)                   | (62)            | (129)           | 67                     |
| <b>Profit before tax</b>              | <b>616</b>      | <b>545</b>      | <b>71</b>              |
| Tax                                   | (150)           | (134)           | (16)                   |
| <b>Profit for the period</b>          | <b>466</b>      | <b>411</b>      | <b>55</b>              |
| <b>Earnings per share</b>             | <b>5.6p</b>     | <b>4.9p</b>     | <b>0.7p</b>            |

\* All numbers are before specific items (*a net credit of £992m in Q3*)



# Q3 2006/7 – BT Global Services

- Revenue £2.3bn up 4%
  - UK traditional down 6%
  - GS new wave up 8%
- Gross profit £653m, maintained
- SG&A\* down 2%
- EBITDA\* £238m up 5%
- Depreciation up 13%
- Operating profit\* £58m down 13%

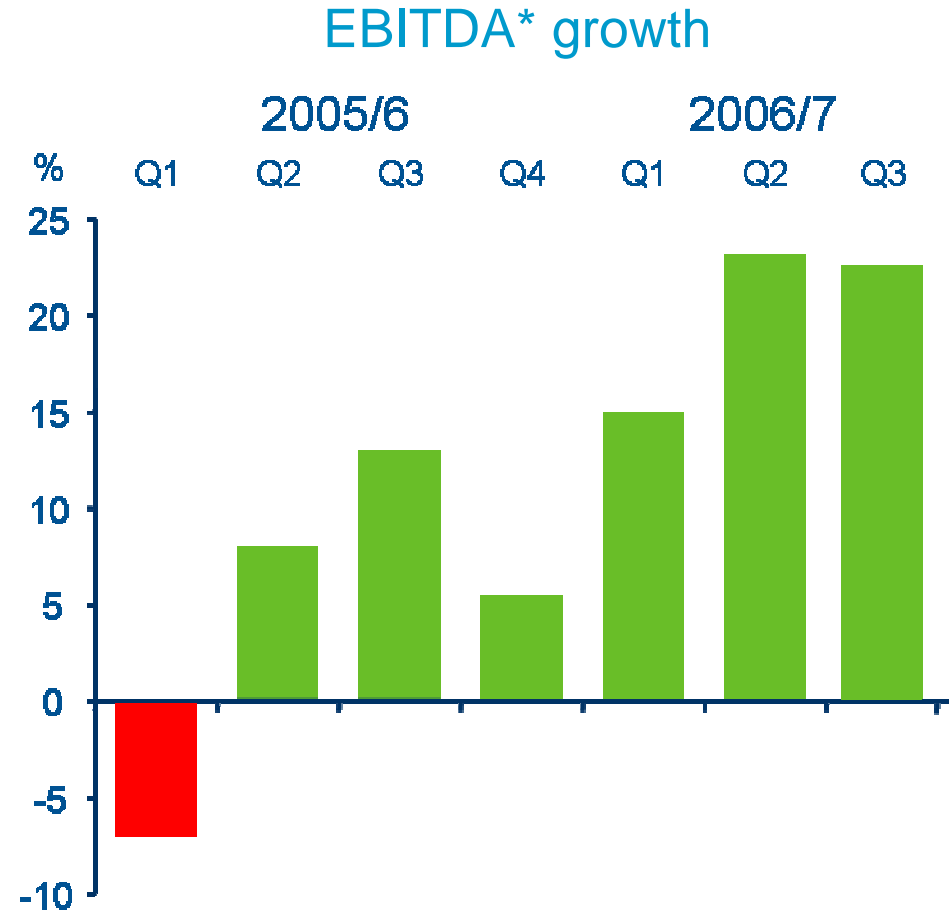


\* Before leavers



# Q3 2006/7 – BT Retail

- Revenue £2.1bn up 1%
  - Traditional down 5%
  - New wave up 31%
- Gross profit up 7%
  - Margin improved by 1.7 percentage points
- SG&A\* down 1%
- EBITDA\* £224m up 22%
- Depreciation up 19%
- Operating profit\* £181m up 23%

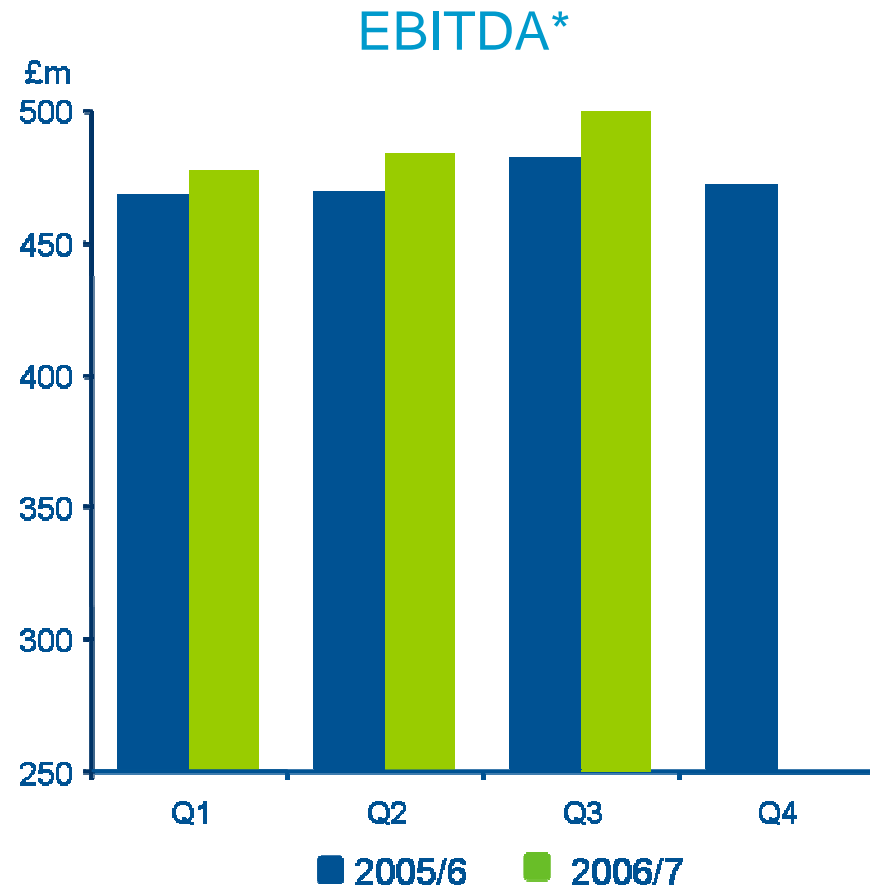


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## Q3 2006/7 – BT Wholesale

- Revenue £1.9bn up 4%
  - External £1.0bn up 4%
  - Internal £0.9bn up 4%
- Gross variable profit up 3%
- Network and SG&A\* up 1%
- EBITDA\* £503m up 4%
- Depreciation up 8%
- Operating profit\* £210m



\* Before leavers



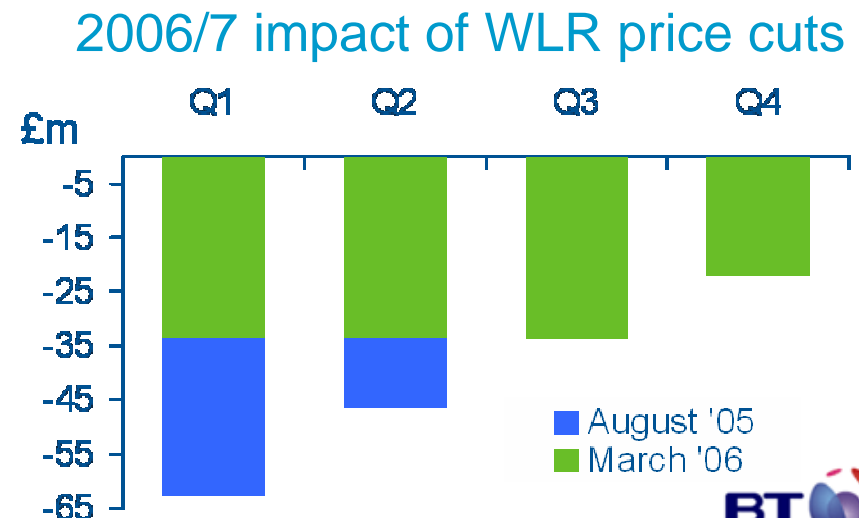
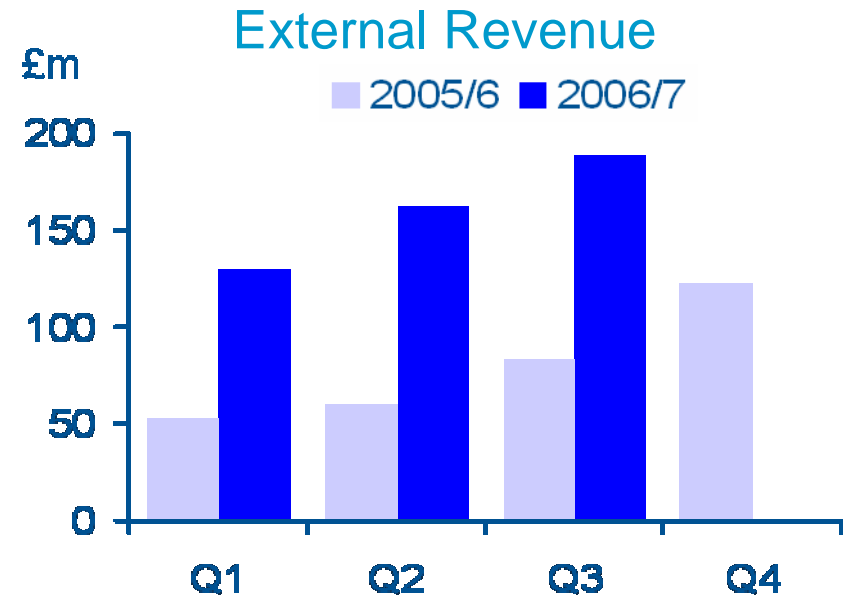
# Q3 2006/7 – openreach

a BT Group business



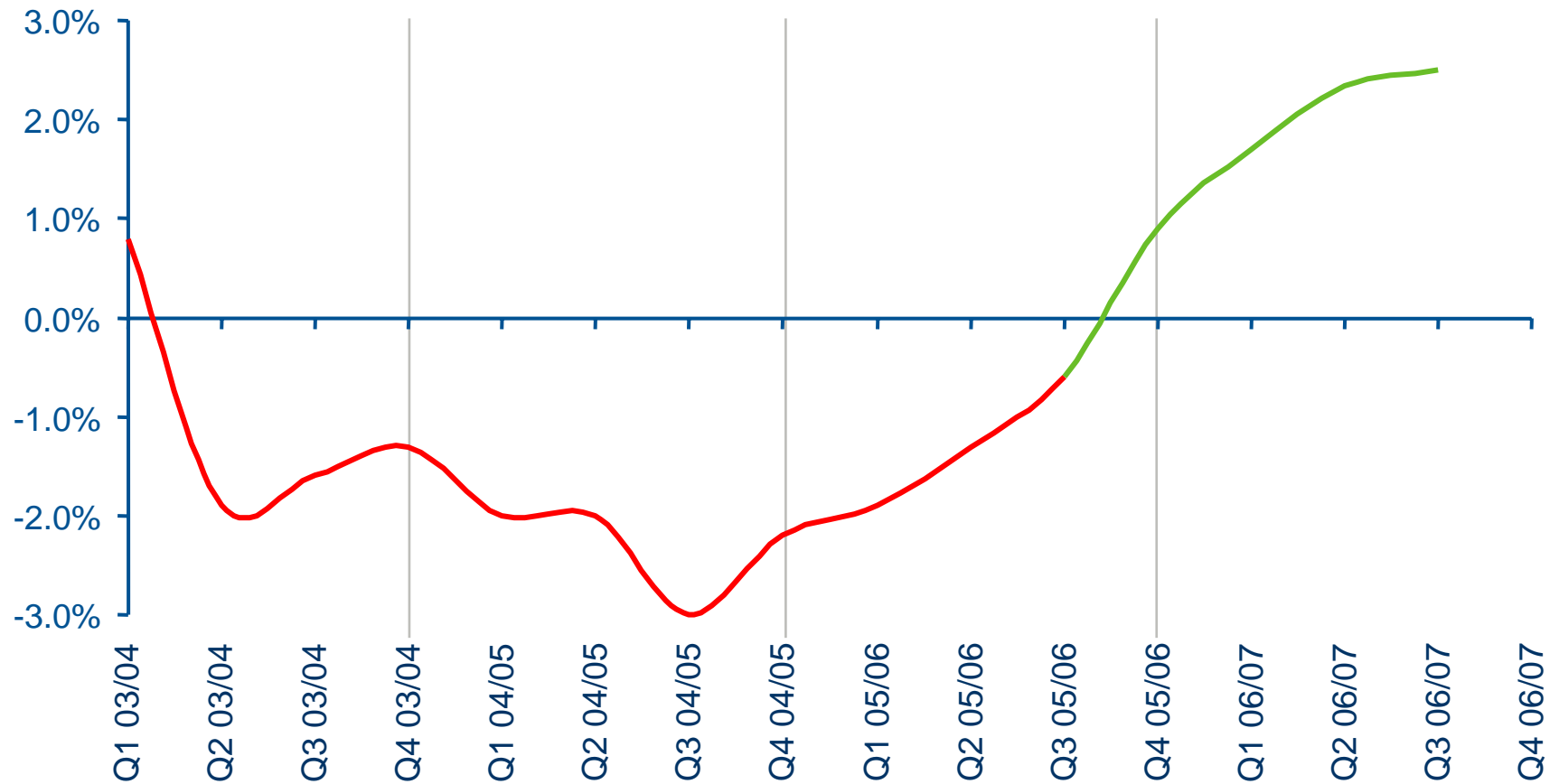
- Revenue £1.3bn up 3%
  - External up £106m
  - Internal down £70m
- Operating costs\* 7% higher at £845m
- EBITDA\* £469m, down 4%
- Depreciation down 10%
- Operating profit £292m, maintained

\* Before leavers



# EBITDA\*

8<sup>th</sup> quarter of an improving trend



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





## Q3 2006/7 – Free cash flow

|                                      | Q3 2006/7<br>£m | Q3 2005/6<br>£m | Better /<br>(Worse) £m |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| EBITDA* (post leavers)               | 1,412           | 1,381           | 31                     |
| Interest (net)                       | (336)           | (356)           | 20                     |
| Tax paid                             | (100)           | (75)            | (25)                   |
| Capex                                | (777)           | (725)           | (52)                   |
| Working capital & other              | (224)           | (87)            | (137)                  |
| <b>Free cash flow</b>                | <b>(25)</b>     | <b>138</b>      | <b>(163)</b>           |
| Pension                              | (500)           | ---             | (500)                  |
| <b>Free cash flow (post pension)</b> | <b>(525)</b>    | <b>138</b>      | <b>(663)</b>           |

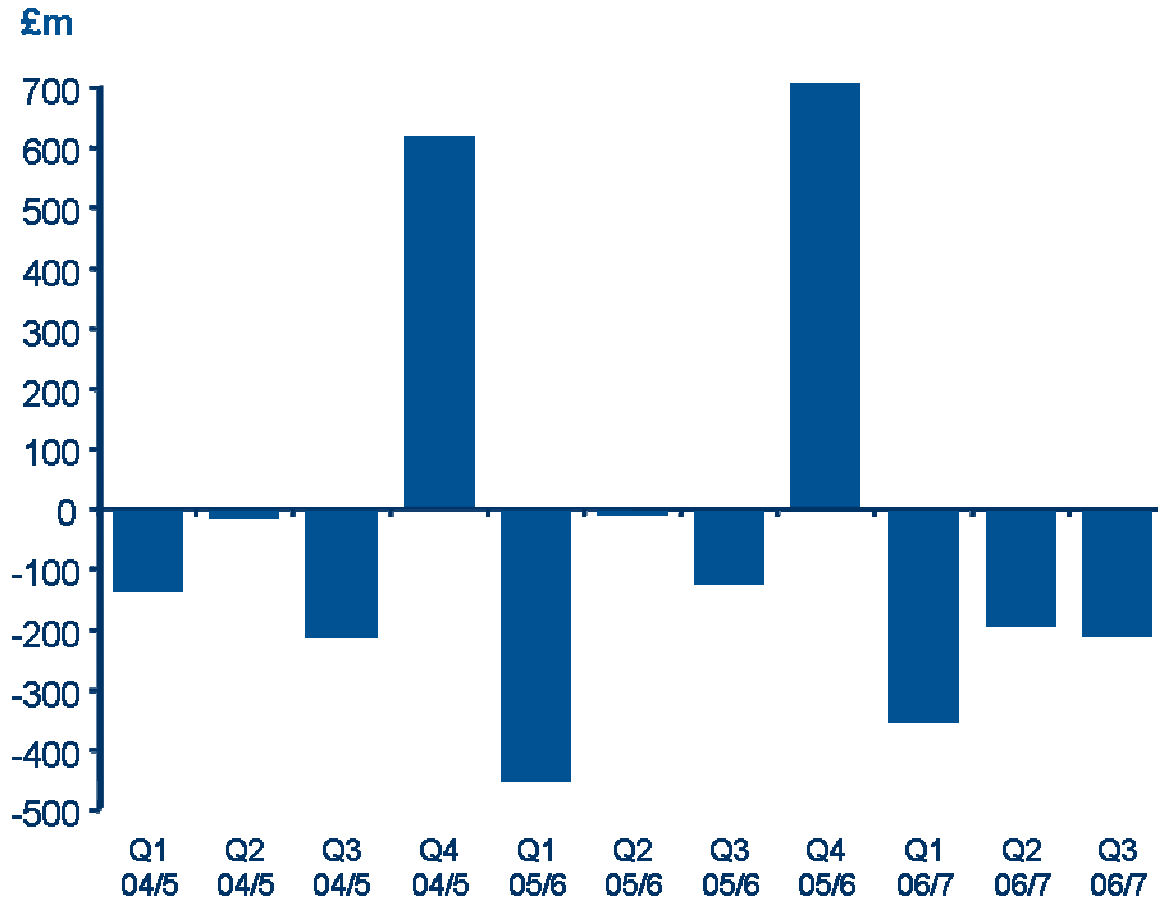
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# Working capital

## Lead to cash

- Seasonal trends
  - Reflecting wholesale bill to pay cycles
- Positive turnaround each Q4
- Maturing contracts provide uplift in future years



# Clarity on pension and taxation

## Pension

### Funding terms

- £280m pa over 10 years
- First 3 years up front
  - £500m in Dec '06
  - Further £340m by end of April '07

### IAS19

- Deficit
  - £1.6bn (pre tax) / £1.1bn (post tax)
- Assets = £37.8bn
- Liabilities = £39.4bn
  - Life expectancy rate is as per Dec '05 funding valuation

## Taxation

### Settlement of open years

- Tax years 1994/5 – 2004/5
- P&L credit of £1,067m
- Cash receivable in Q4 2006/7 and H1 of 2007/8
- Effective tax rate
  - In 2006/7 = 24.5%
  - In 2007/8 = 25% - 26%

# Continuing momentum

## Global Services

- Towards 15% EBITDA margin
  - Global growth
  - Maturing IT service contracts
  - Cost efficiencies

## Retail

- Continued EBITDA growth
  - Margin management
  - Value based propositions
  - Cost efficiencies

## Wholesale

- 21CN deployment
  - Next generation broadband
  - Managed network solutions
  - Cost efficiencies

## Openreach

- Deliver industry wide equivalence
  - System and process improvements
  - Cost efficiencies

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