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# Strategic Plan 2023–2028





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# Section 01 IEG Vision

Maurizio Renzo Ermeti Chairman

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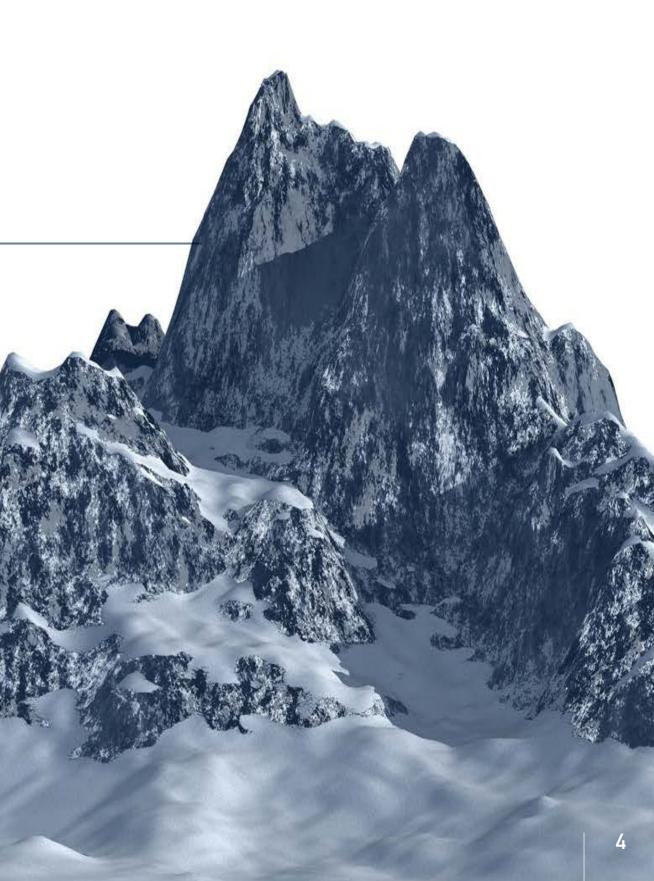
## Welcome to the IEG Ecosystem

#CommunityCatalyst

IEG is a leader and innovator in the exhibition industry, playing a unique role in creating dynamic and international experiences that create continual business opportunity and shape the future of the industry.

**IEG** is not only an Exhibition player, but a **huge ecosystem** able to provide support and networking to the business communities thanks to its know-how and long term experience, with the aim is **to create long standing relationship with its customers** which **guarantees long term growth both in term of exhibitions and results**.

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# A sustainable and unique business model

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- Creating continual business opportunities by connecting buyers and sellers beyond the exhibition;
- Industry stakeholders networking, creating engagement and cross-pollination across the industry ecosystem;
- An in-depth understanding and long-term vision of the industries served, underpinned by the seamless recourse to a variety of in-person formats and communication channels.

#### Active facilitators of change, shaping the evolution of the industry by:

- Regularly gathering and engaging senior industry executives;
- Acting as a platform for education, facilitating the development and dissemination of content;
- Connecting with all relevant institutional and government stakeholders.
- Identification of new industry communities at an early stage in order to exploit their unexpressed potential, following the success stories of Ecomondo and Vicenza Oro.

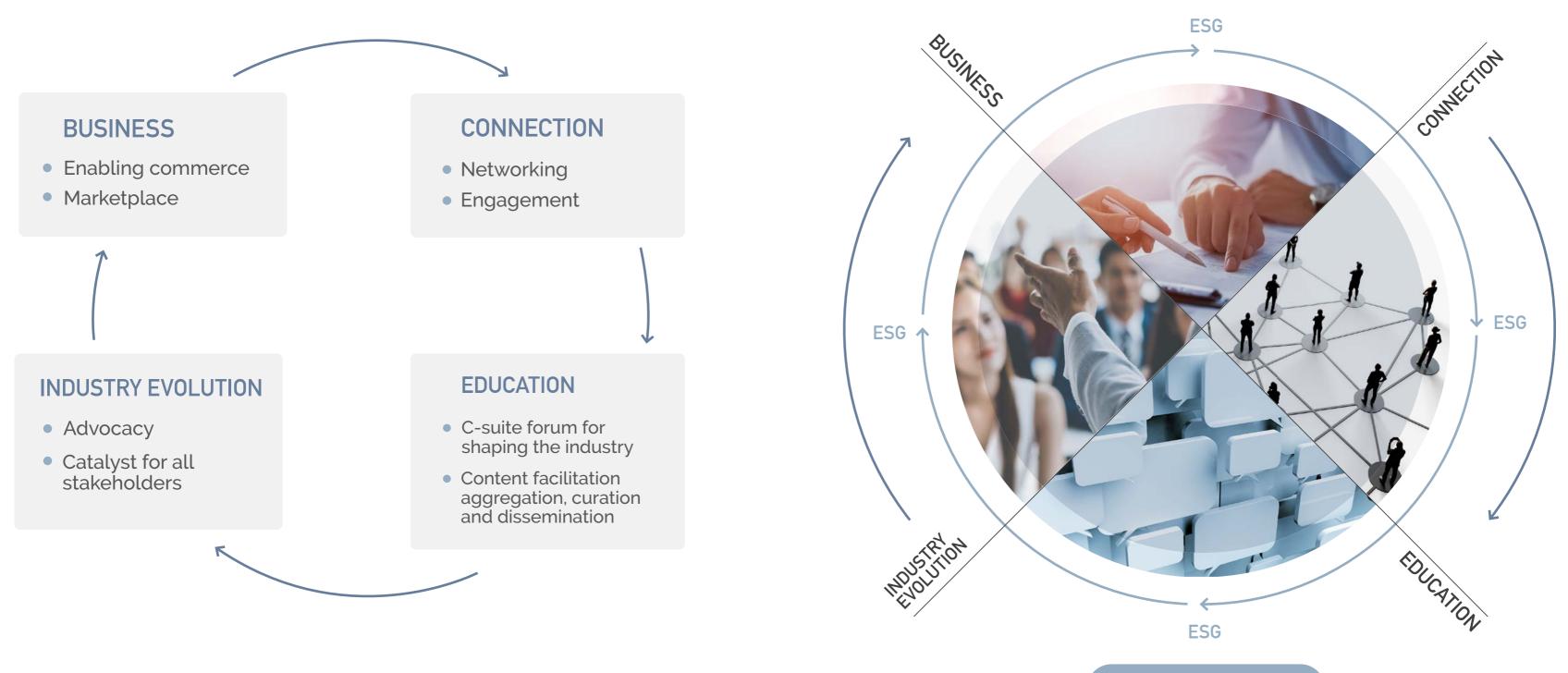
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# A sustainable and unique business model

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## Sustainability

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# IEG Strategy to 2028

**Corrado Peraboni** CEO

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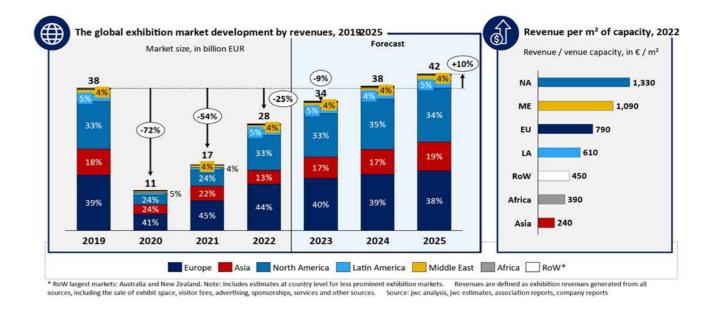
# The exhibition industry

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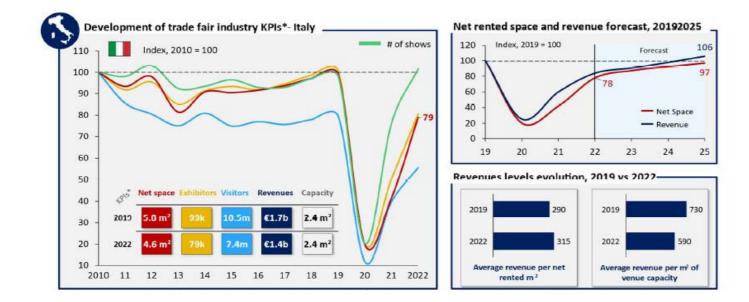
Global Exhibition Industry in the last decade

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Shows	Venues	Rented space	Exhibitors	Visitors	Market size
About 30k exhibitions annually	>1400 venues for about 42m m <sup>2</sup> of indoor exhibition space in 2023	More than 100m net rented m <sup>2</sup> per year	4.4m exhibitors present at trade fairs annually	More than 280m visitors attending trade fairs annually	Estimated market size of the global exhibition industry exceeds €30bn in 2023

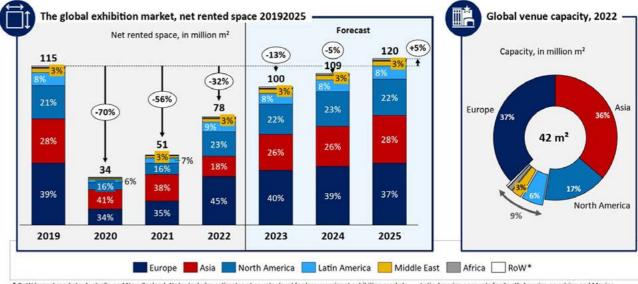
#### Global Exhibition Market Revenue 2019-2025



#### **Italian Exhibition Market**



# Global Exhibitio



\* RoW largest markets: Australia and New Zealand. Note: Includes estimates at country level for less prominent exhibition markets. Latin America accounts for South America countries and Mexico Source; jwc analysis, jwc estimates, association reports, company reports

#### Global Exhibition Market Net Square Metre 2019-2025

# Trends and Threats for the Exhibition Industry

# MORE COSTUMER CENTRIC APPROACH

 $\rightarrow$  Bookings are less repetitive and automatic;

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- $\rightarrow$  The cost of the area for the exhibitor represents about 10% of the participation cost. This has made it easier over the years to increase prices. The increase in extra-area costs (travel, stands, etc.) makes the cost of areas more rigid;
- → There is a growing demand for increasingly precise **KPIs** in order to determine the correct **return to investment** for the exhibitor;
- → The visitor demands a **smoother** and **more rewarding customer** journey to justify an international trip.



- aimed at:

# (DE) GLOBALIZATION

- → In the emerging markets the quality of events is growing;
- → The distance of visitation of European fairs is shortening;
- → The leadership of fairs based exclusively on 'global domestic' editions:
- → New opportunities will arise for those market players capable to identify the proper geographic positioning for fairs based on the industry.



- market share of only 8%;

→ The digitisation of the trade fair instrument as a product has proven to be a path devoid of real value creation;

 $\rightarrow$  Digitisation must serve to meet the new customer needs;

 $\rightarrow$  The means is a marked digitisation of the company and the services it offers; Digitisation must become a new service in the exhibition industry offering

#### Providing data analytics to customers on the industry;

Providing data analytics to Exhibition Organizer to better serve customers.

→ Despite the consolidation process begun over the last 15 years, the industry is still characterised by strong fragmentation: the world leader has a

→ The aggregation process, interrupted by the pandemic, will see a massive entry of private equity starting from 2024;

 $\rightarrow$  The Italian market, not scalable, risks to be excluded from this process, being also unable to sustain M&A costs which are exponentially increasing; → The expansion strategy based on the flexibility of vertical agreements on a geographical and/or sectorial basis, capable of creating right dimensions of operations combined with the preservation of the current

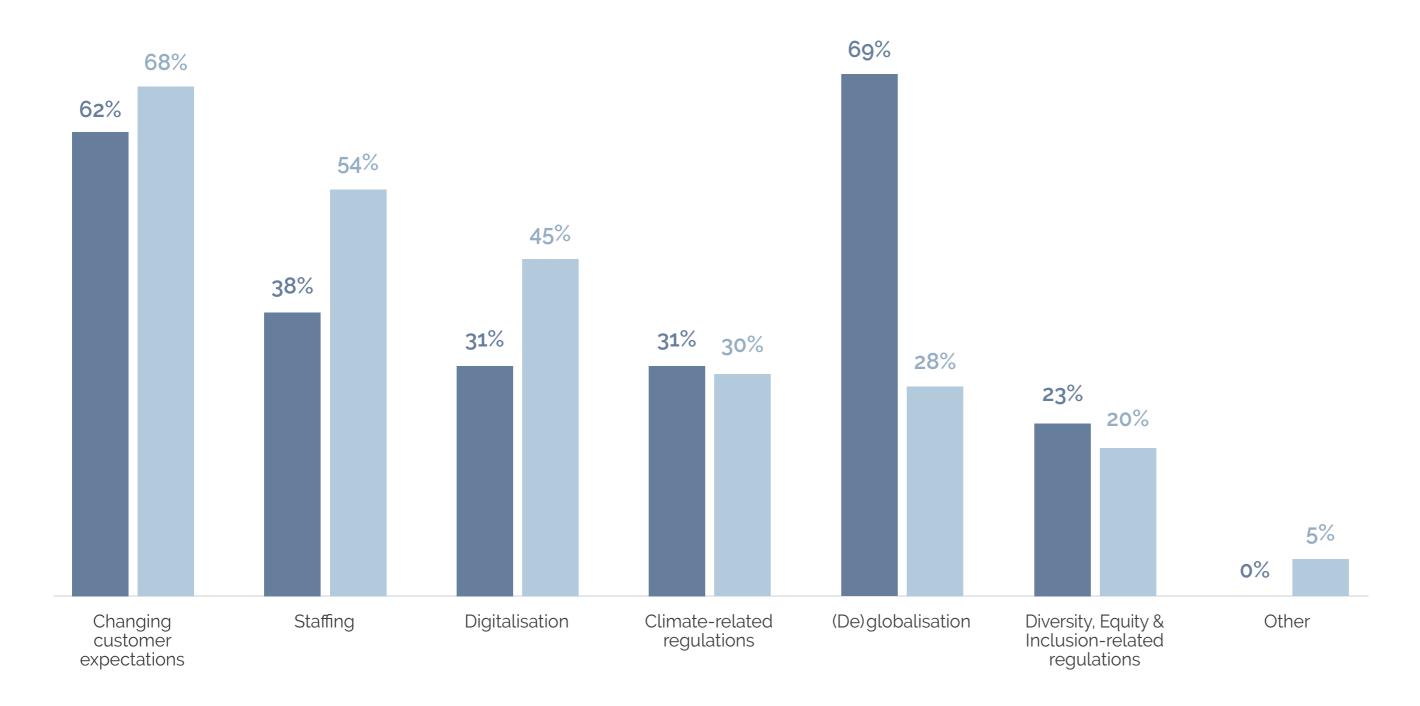
governance, is confirmed as a winning one.

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# New challenges for the exhibition industry

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#### Elements expected to most impact business development in the next five years



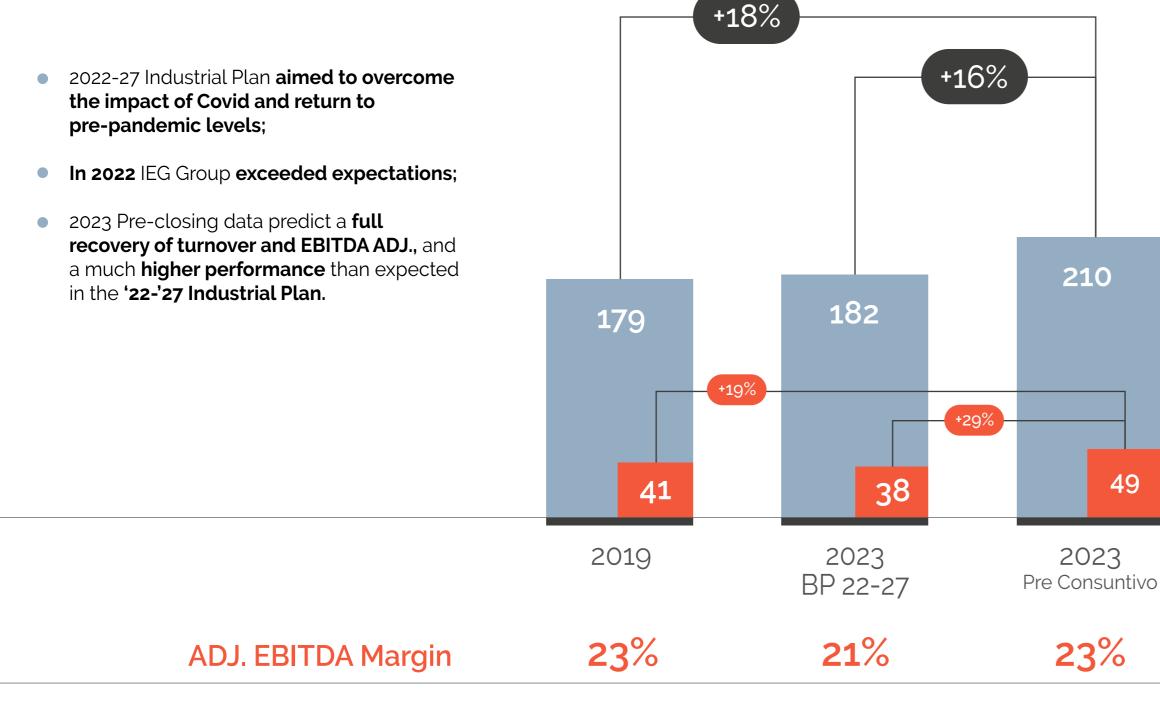
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Italy Global

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# 2022 and 2023 results exceeded industrial 2022-2027 plan targets

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- 2022 and 2023 exceeded industrial plan targets in a still uncertain scenario;
- New plan required to update IEGs' ambitions and investement plan;
- New investment plan financed by generated cash flow and bank debt.



# Strategic Plan 2023–28: create solid basis for stronger future growth

# O1. PORTFOLIO GROWTH

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- Consolidation of the core portfolio by strengthening sector specialization and increasing venues capacity;
- Create new business communities by expanding the exhibition clusters through spin-offs, development of new concepts and import of successful events;
- M&A.

# O2. CONSOLIDATION OF INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION

- Consolidate Italian events abroad;
- Expand the recent acquisitions;
- International partnerships with global organizers;
- M&A.

The new Strategic Plan envisages organic growth, but sets the foundations for further business development through larger M&A activities and Partnership with global players.



- Develop **new line of business** based on value added service at higher marginality;
- Increase operating margin for Service Division;
- ESG Plan to 2028 integrated in the Business Strategy.



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02. IEG Strategy to 2028

# 01. Portfolio growth

CONSOLIDATION OF THE CORE PORTFOLIO	$\rightarrow$	Expand activities within the Fabulous Four to enrich the offer and strengthen the #Community Catalyst role; Increasing venues capacity by roughly 14.000 sqm in total (8.600 sqm Rimini and 5. sqm Vicenza) allowing more space for existing events and the launch of new ones.
DEVELOP THE CORE PORTFOLIO		<ul> <li>Spin-offs of sectors that have grown within existing events (ie Ecomondo) ready to be autonomous fairs and able to replicate the #community catalyst model;</li> <li>Development of new concepts leveraging on our creative capability to identify sector that may have important trade fair visibility going forward;</li> <li>Import in Italy successful events managed abroad by our subsidiaries.</li> </ul>

#### A&M

> In a market very concentrated as the Italian one, focus on small companies operating in new sectors that could open up new opportunities for the IEG group.



02. IEG Strategy to 2028

# 02. Consolidation of International expansion

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INTEGRATION AND EXPANSION	$\begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$	Increase the number of <b>events abroad</b> through the acquired platforms; Consolidate the expansion of the Italian formats, already present in <b>Asia, Middle</b> <b>Integrate and expand the acquired companies</b> with the aim of increasing the managed by IEG.		
NEW MARKET DEVELOPMENT	<b>→</b>	Create <b>partnerships with the main international players</b> to increase IEG's presence on the foreign market.		
M&A	$\rightarrow$ $\rightarrow$	Focus on <b>small companies operating in new sectors</b> that open up new opportunitie <b>Greater presence on the international market</b> through M&A activities thanks to the		
LEVERAGE INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION TO GROW DOMESTICALLY	$\rightarrow$ $\rightarrow$	Import the <b>international portfolio</b> in selected industies in Italy to boost domestic group of the <b>international expansion</b> to increase the international profile of <b>domest</b>		



es for the IEG group;

high market's fragmentation abroad.

rowth;

tic events.

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## 03. Value Creation

DEVELOP NEW LINE OF BUSINESS		<ul> <li>Focusing on the Client Centricity to enhance the exhibition experience, creating a customers before, during and after the event develop new lines of business and a d</li></ul>		
INCREASE PROFITABILITY	$\begin{array}{c} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array}$	Levaraging on the <b>new line of business</b> with high value added and <b>higher profitabil</b> <b>Focus</b> on Business Segments with <b>higher marginality (Organized Events)</b> ; <b>Increase profitability of traditional services:</b> booths and food services.		
SUSTAINABILITY	<b>→</b>	<ul> <li>Sustainability Plan integrated in our business strategy is a key enabler to drive grafor our stakeholders:</li> <li>Low Emission targeting to Net Zero carbon Event: energy consumption and renew</li> <li>Use of recyclable materials and circular economy;</li> <li>EV charging Station;</li> </ul>		

• Efficient access to public transportation.

# continuous engagement of our comprehensive Service Portfolio:

ated app, education;

high speed internet;

customer service, live support.

#### ility;

#### rowth and create value

ewable energy;

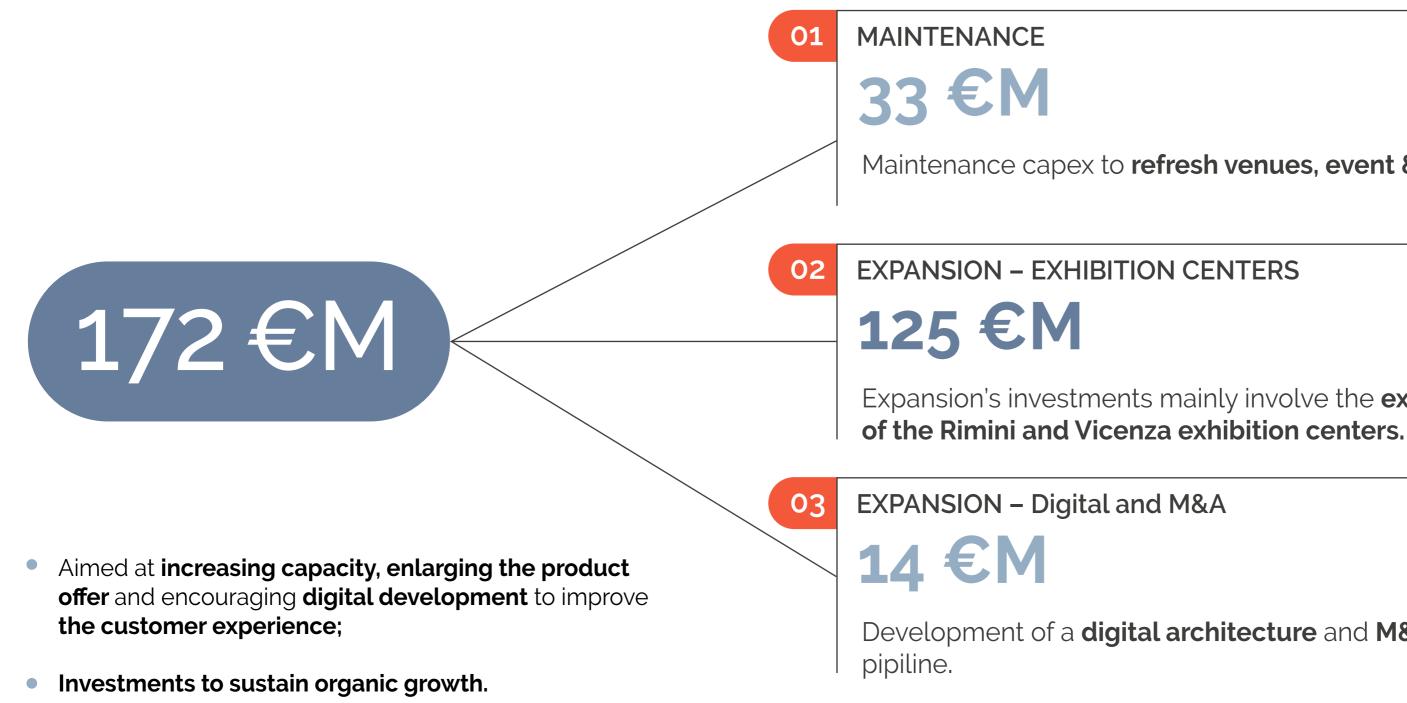
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## 03. Value Creation

	FY 2022A	FY 2023 Pre Closing	FY 2024E	Target 2028 →	
Revenues	162 €M	~ 210 €M	234/239 €M	CAGR: 9% 2023 - 2028	~ 323 €M
<b>ADJ. EBITDA</b> Margin	<b>18 €M</b> 11%	~ <b>49 €M</b> 23%	56/58 €M 24%	CAGR: 13% 2023 - 2028	<b>~ 90 €M</b> 28%
NFP	95 €M	~ 72 €M	66/70 €M		~ 3 €M

# • 2024–2028: cumulated dividend payment estimated at ~16/21 €M

## Investment Plan 2023-28



Investments entirely financed by own resources and banks debt.

Maintenance capex to refresh venues, event & congress.

Expansion's investments mainly involve the **expansion / renovation** 

Development of a digital architecture and M&A activity in

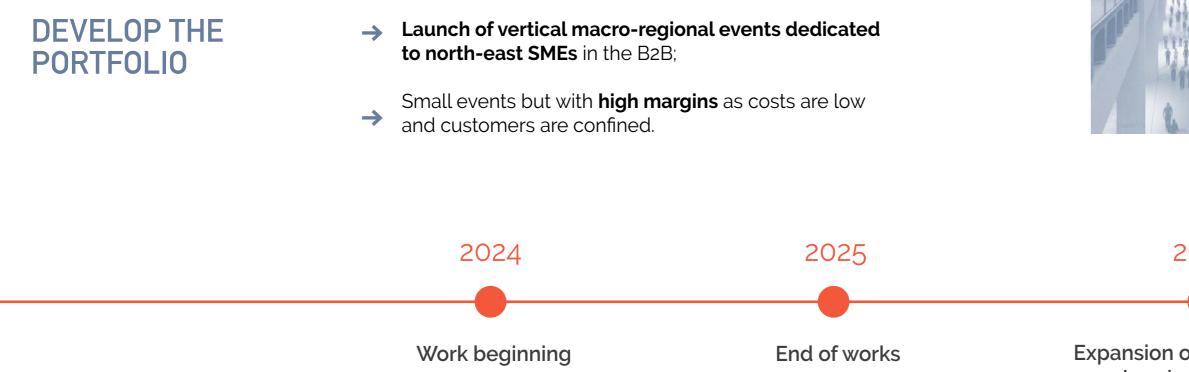
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## Focus on expansion investment: Vicenza Expo Centre

#### STRENGTHENING THE JEWELRY DIVISION

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- T-Gold: expansion of January edition with introduction of new companies and growth of high-potential segments. Launch of T-Gold September edition;
- → Introduction of new top brand companies to strengthen the segment and consolidate the offer;
- Complete the offer with **new foreign companies** to increase the interest of buyers from central and northern Europe;
- → Increase the entry barriers to the Jewelry & Fashion division which represents the ~35% of Organized Event Revenue.



# ~59€M OF INVESTMENT WITH 5,500+ NSQM



2026

Expansion of products and services in IEG's portfolio

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# Focus on expansion investment: Rimini Expo Centre

#### SUPPORT THE **GROWTH OF EXISTING EVENTS**

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- The main events organized in the Rimini district (SIGEP, Ecomondo and TTG) have demonstrated significant growth over the years, reaching maximum capacity;
- → Creation of new spaces to meet the needs expressed in recent years.

#### **DIVERSIFY IEG'S** PORTFOLIO WITH **NEW SERVICES**

- Offer of new services to use the spaces not only during exhibitions  $\rightarrow$ but throughout the year (e.g. car parks, concerts);
- → Diversification of IEG's portfolio and full use of new spaces.



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# ~60€M OF INVESTMENT WITH 8,700+ NSQM



2028

services in IEG's portfolio

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# Focus on expansion investment: IEG Journey to Digital Transformation

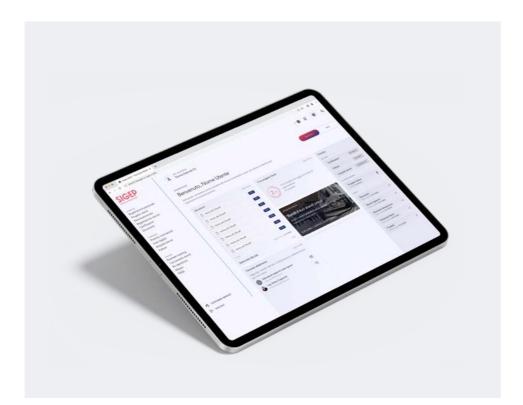
Our Community Catalyst ambition based on Customer centricity strengthened by a reliable Digital ecosystem is aimed at creating an exceptional and continuous customer experience which goes beyond the exhibition.

#### LEVERAGE DATA TO COMPREHEND CUSTOMERS BEHAVIOUR

# **Digital Foundation**

- New Datalake
- New ERP
- Improve BI on behavioural data
- Boost Customer Insight Program

#### FILL THE GAP BETWEEN EXPECTATION AND EXPERIENCE



# **Digital Evolution**

- New websites
- New reserved areas
- New Communities App
- New eCommerce
- New payment system
- New Parkings

#### NEW SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

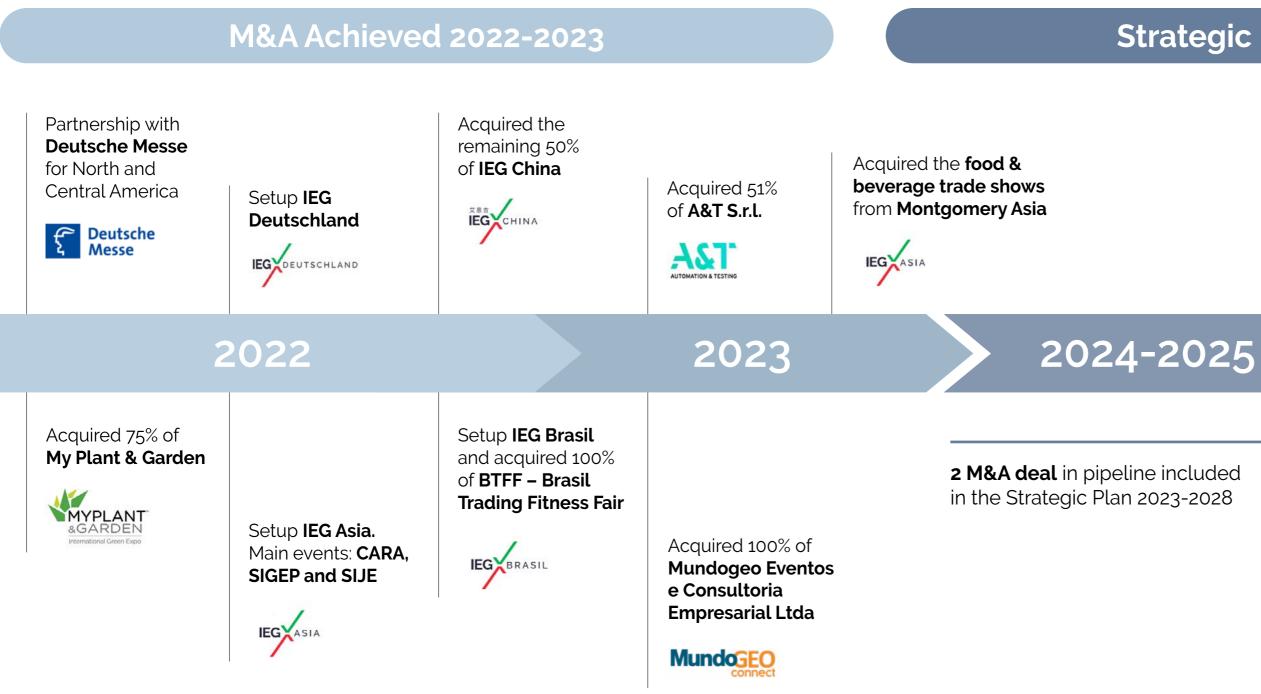


# **Digital Transformation**

- 1-to-1 content offering
- Multi-channel selling opportunities
- Data as-a-service
- New touchpoints

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### Focus on expansion investment: M&A



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# 2026-2028

**Continuous scouting** of M&A opportunities to sustain further growth Section 03

# Financial targets 2023–2028

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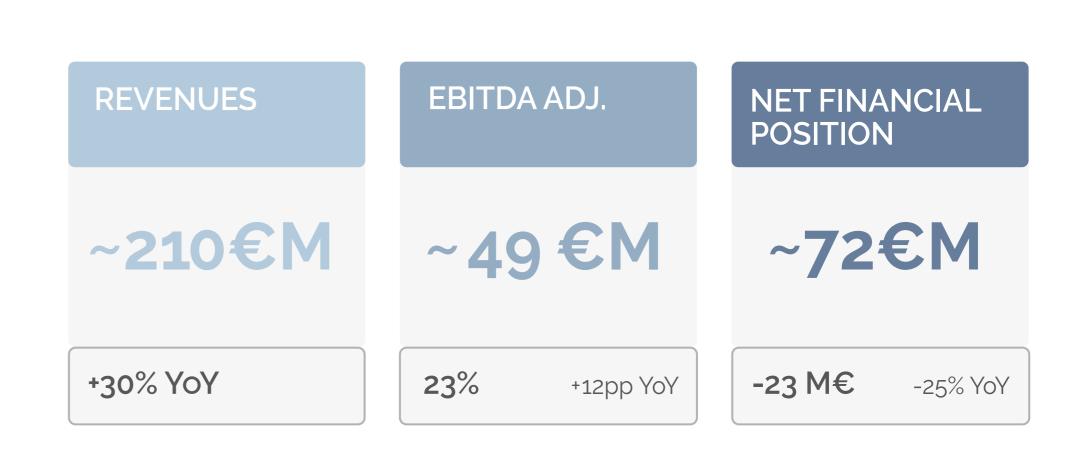
2023 Pre-closing Results

# 2023 Pre-closing results confirm solid growth and profitability

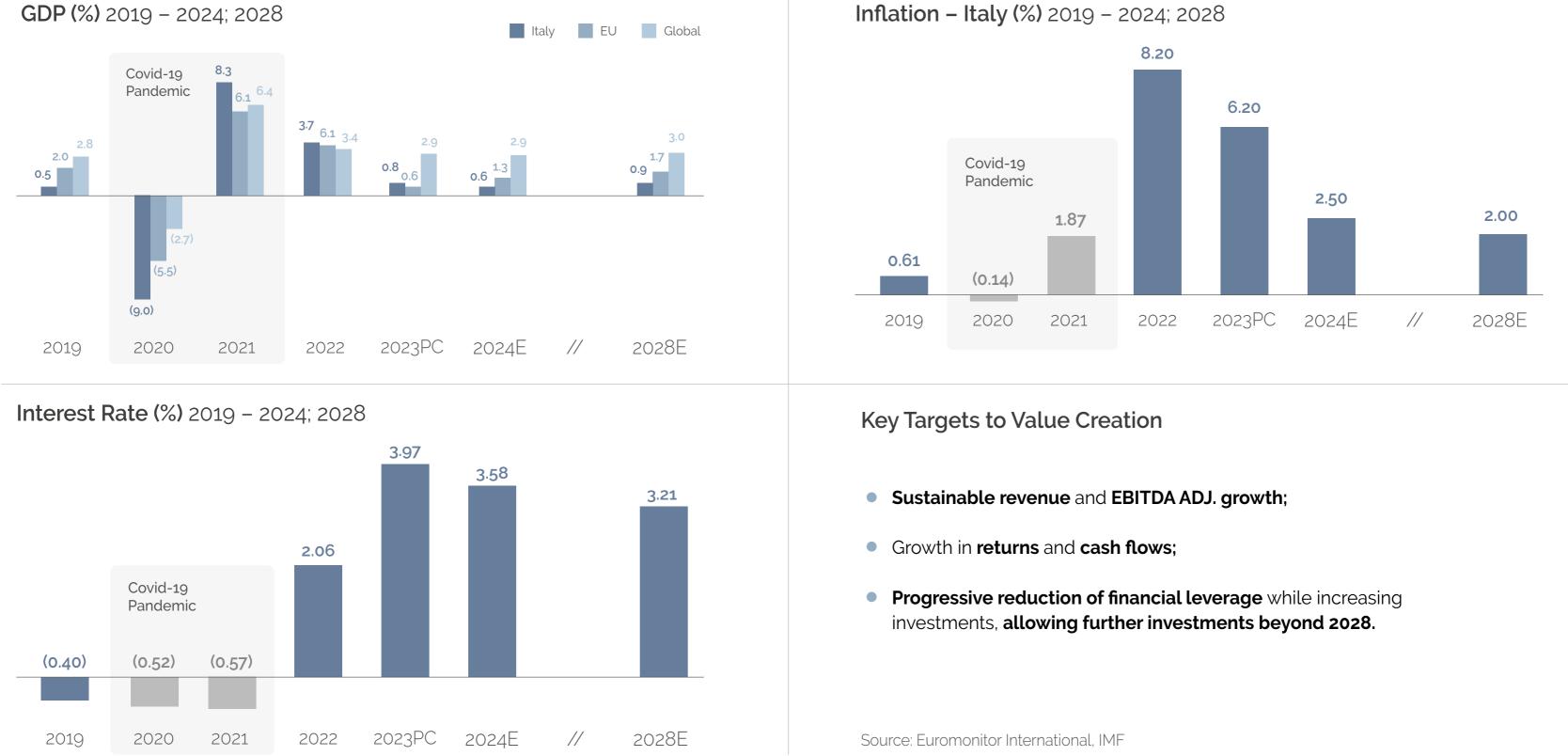
# Record Revenues, improved profitability and cash generation

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- → 2023 Pre-closing data predict a full recovery of turnover and EBITDA ADJ., hitting the high range of the guidance;
- Record Revenue (+30%) with sound growth across all business lines;
- EBITDA ADJ. Margin at 23% (+12 pp vs FY22) driven by «Organized Events» line of business;
- Net Financial Position (Debt) at 72 M€ improving from 87,5 M€ at the end of 9M, thanks to cash generation.



# Strategic Plan 2023-2028 Key Assumptions

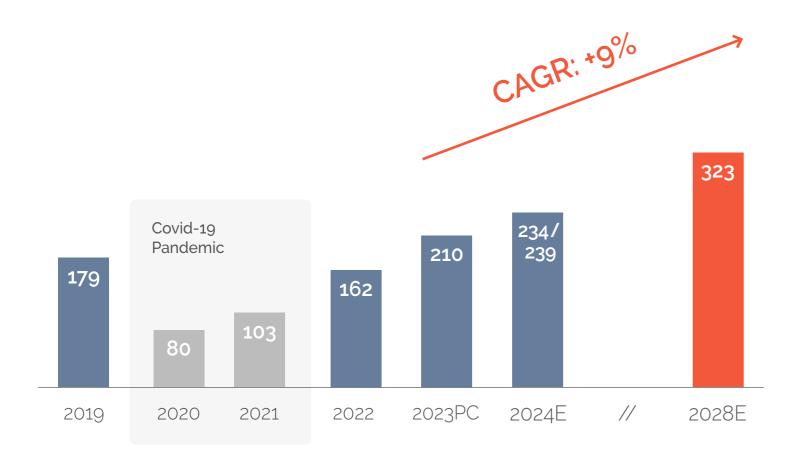


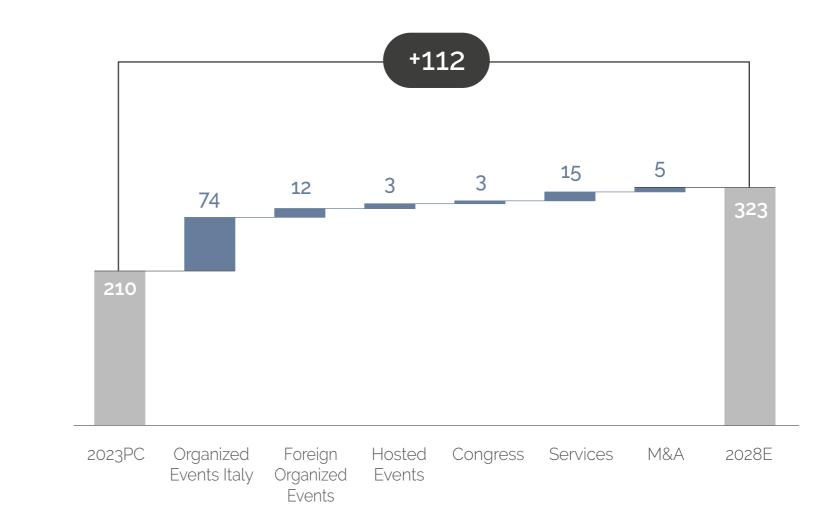
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## **Group Revenues**

Revenues 2019 – 2028 (€M)



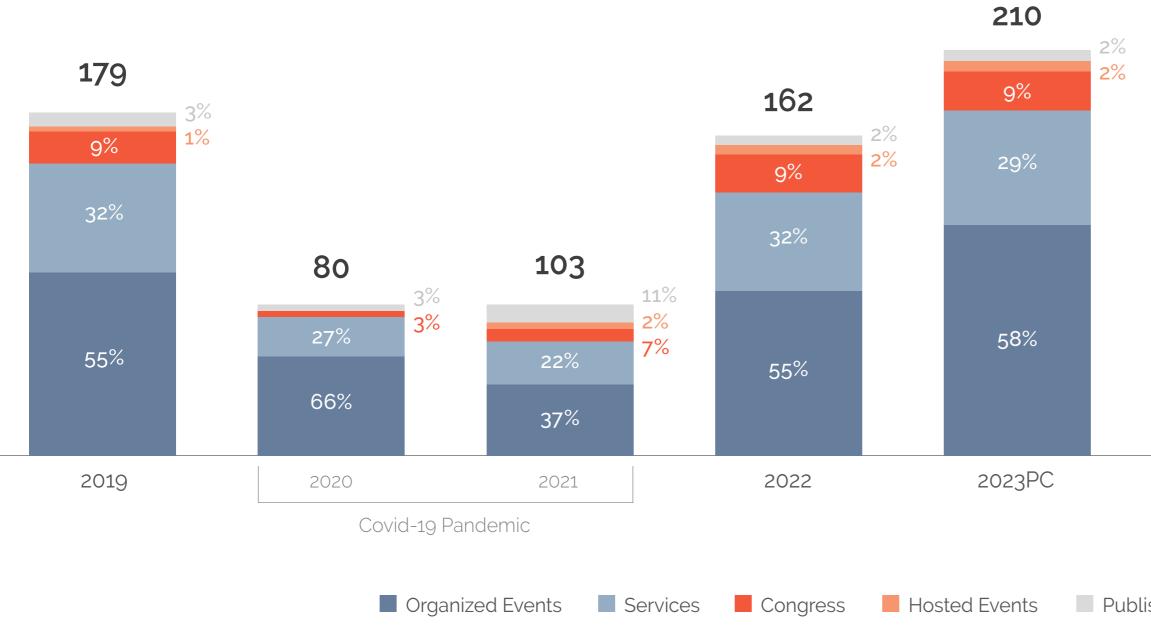




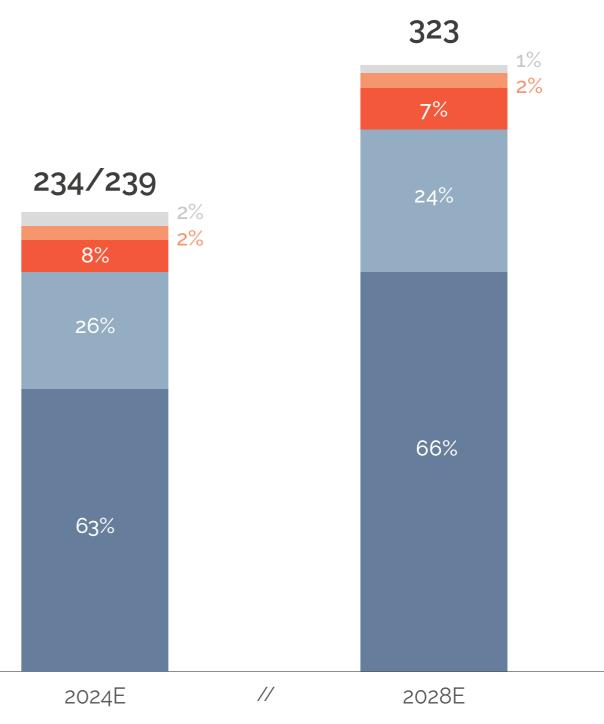
#### Revenues Bridge 2023 – 2028 (€M)

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# Group Revenues driven by organized events



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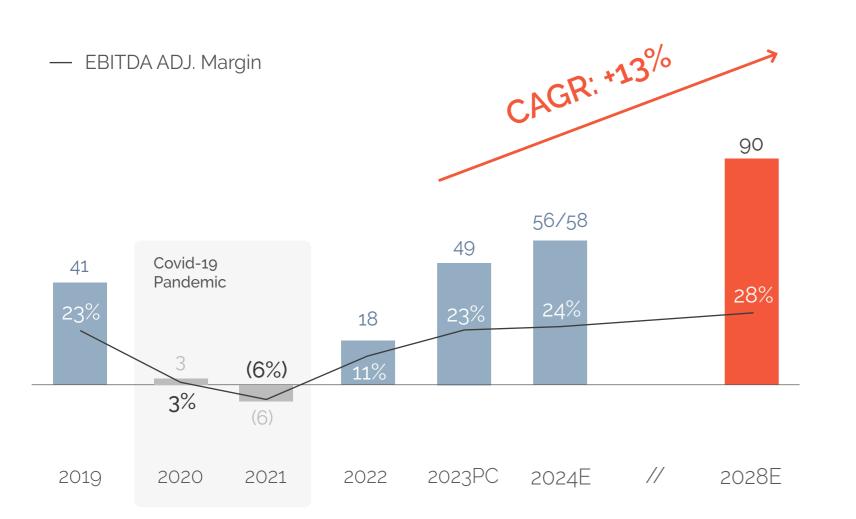


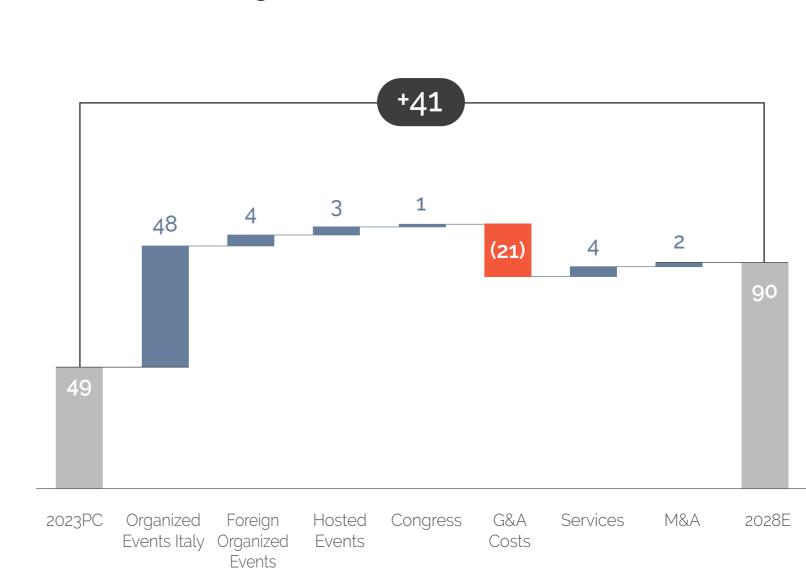
Publishing, Sport Events & Others

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# Group Adjusted EBITDA



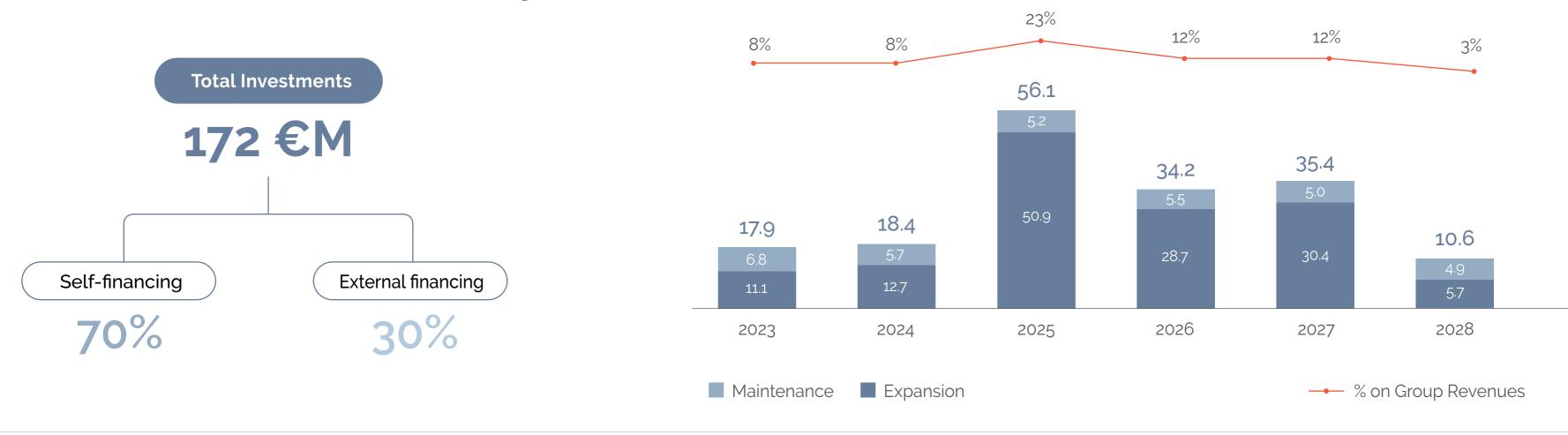




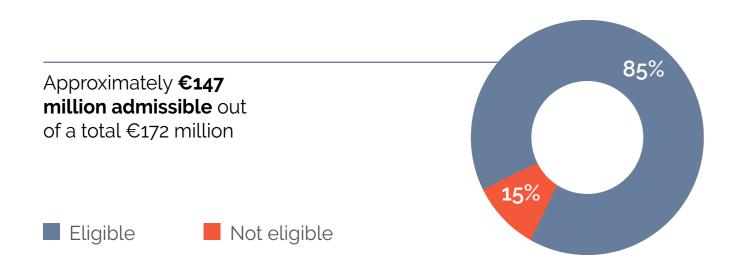
#### EBITDA ADJ. Bridge 2023 – 2028 (€M)

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## Investments evolution and financing



#### CapEx Plan: eligibility for the EU Taxonomy



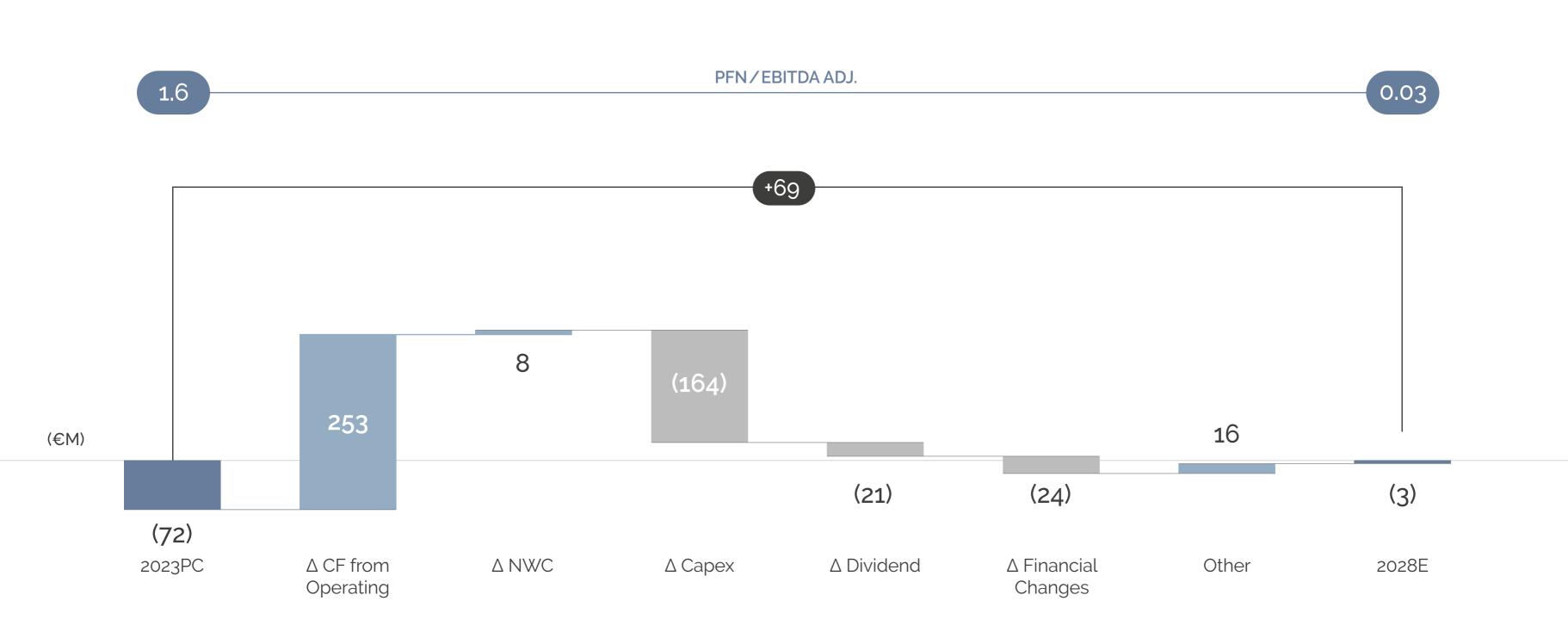
#### The eligibility rate of IEG's CapEx Plan is approximately 85%

This is a positive result made possible by investments mostly referring to the "Construction and real estate activities" Taxonomy sector.

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03. Financial targets 2023–2028

# **Group Net Financial Position**



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# Section 04 ESG Plan to 2028

**Teresa Schiavina** CFO

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# ESG strategy 2028. The 15 objectives in brief

Environment

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- **01.** Net Zero 2050 (2024/2030) Net Zero Carbon Events;
- **02. 80% Green Booth (2026/2028)** Target to increase the recyclable, recycled or certified materials in the exhibitions' booth constructions;
- **03.** Parking automation (2025) 100% of IEG car parks with access and automated payment;
- **04. +50 charging stations (2024/2028)** Installing new charging stations to enhance IEG parking infrastructure;
- **05.** Adaptation to climate change (2024) Mapping of climate risks and definition of an adaptation plan for all key assets;



- **o6. IEG Academy (2026)** Set up of an internal academy to provide a tailored training program to employees;
- **07. 100% ESG traning (2026)** Involvement of all IEG resurces in training activities on ESG matters;
- **08. Profession & Young Generation (2025)** Partnership with schools, universities and industries' associations to promote and train to «Profession» in the industries we serve to young generations
- **09. ESG and Economic Impact (2024/2025)** Assesment of direct, indirect, and induced impacts generated by IEG on communities, industries, geographies in which operates;

#### 10. Leadership D&I (2024)

Consolidate leadership on D&I through collaborations with partners and schools;



- **11.** Customer satisfaction (2024/2025) Increased customer satisfaction both for exhibitors and visitors;
- **12. ESG Governance (2024)** Adoption of a Governance model for sustainability;

#### 13. Policy ESG (2024)

Development of an internal policy on ESG values, practices and commitments;

- 14. ESG linked Employees Incentive Plan (2025/2028) Definition of incentives (MBO/LTI) connected to ESG objectives for all employees;
- **15.** Supply Chain (2028) Vendor selection based also on ESG practices.

# Section 05 Closing Remarks

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# **Closing Remarks**

#### Community Creator

#### Community Creator: unique role

in creating dynamic and international experiences that create continual business opportunity and shape the future of the industry.

#### **Strong Execution**

Proven Success Executing Growth Strategy and Driving Strong Returns.

#### Sustainability

Sustainability embedded in the business strategy, enabler of our growth plan and value creation for our stakeholders.

#### Foundations for Future Growth

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November 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 Approval of Periodic Financial information at September 30th, 2024

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