

Unilever

# Q3 2023 Trading Statement & CEO Update

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### Solid third quarter

Price growth moderated as expected, now with positive volume growth in three Business Groups

Growth driven by biggest brands and strong innovations

Competitiveness remained challenging – major focus area for Action Plan

Full year outlook remains unchanged

Targeted Action Plan for faster growth and simplicity



## Unilever Q3 2023 Trading Statement

**Graeme Pitkethly** 



### Solid Q3 performance

Q3 growth

YTD growth

**Price and volume** 

Competitiveness

5.2%

Underlying sales growth

7.7%

Underlying sales growth

13.3% 10.7% -0-UPG -0-UVG

38%

% Business Winning MAT

**5.8**%

(0.6)%

8.1%

**UPG** 

(0.4)%





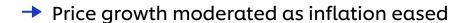
## **Underlying sales growth**

#### Third quarter

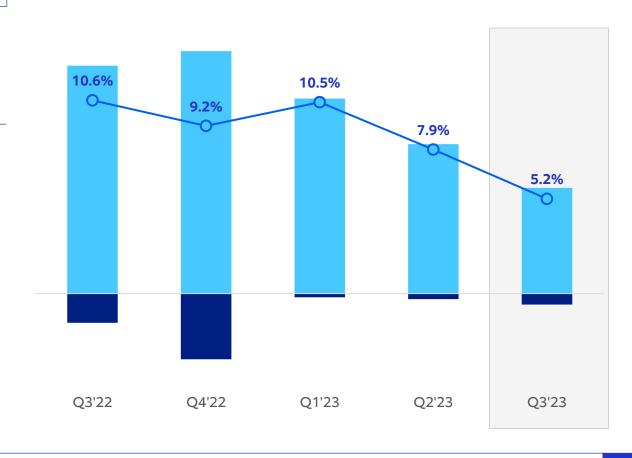
**5.2**%

(0.6)%

**5.8**%



- → Volume positive in Beauty & Wellbeing, Personal Care and Home Care
- → Nutrition and Ice Cream not yet back to positive volume growth
- → Billion Euro brands accounted for 56% of Group turnover and delivered 7.2% growth
- → D-commerce grew 17% and represented 16% turnover year to date





### **Beauty & Wellbeing**







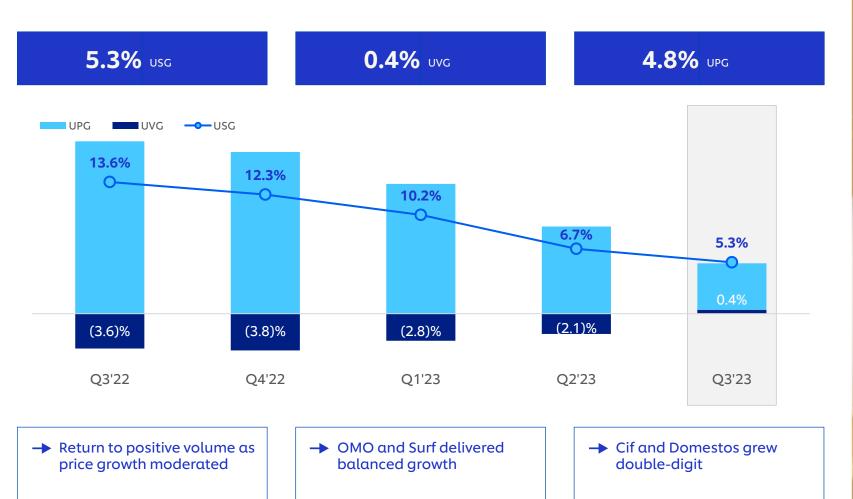
### **Personal Care**







### **Home Care**







### **Nutrition**



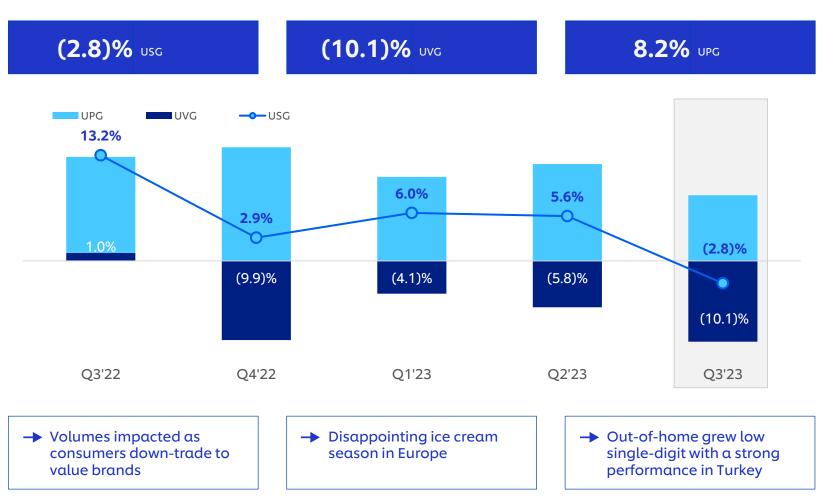




performance

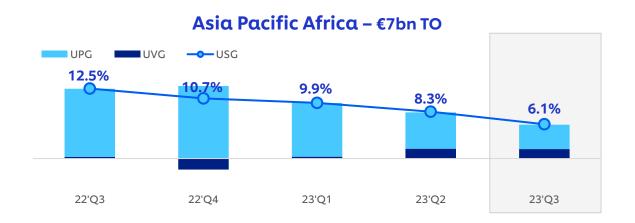


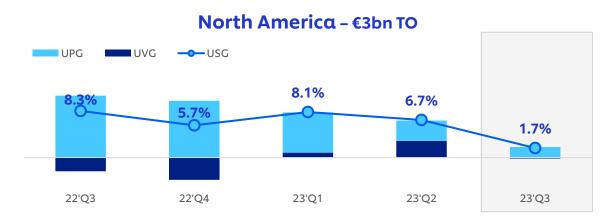
### **Ice Cream**

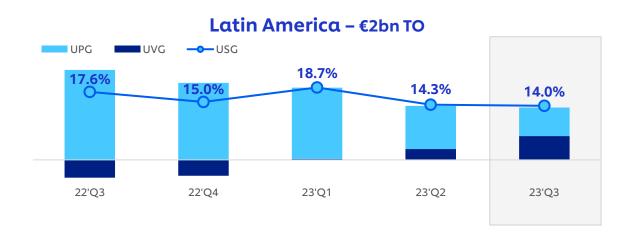


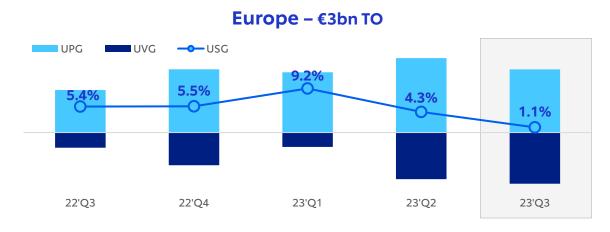


## Regional growth by quarter



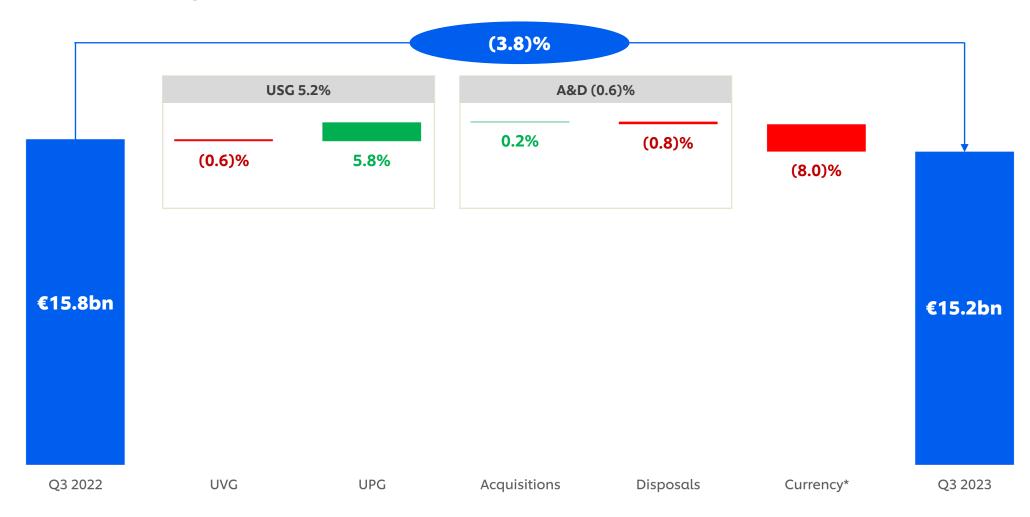








### Q3 2023: Turnover growth





### 2023 outlook

Priorities	Guidance
Continue growth momentum in new organisation	<ul> <li>→ Underlying sales growth above 5%</li> <li>→ Price growth to continue to moderate throughout the year</li> </ul>
Invest for growth	→ Increased levels of investment in BMI, R&D and Capex
Maintain cost and savings discipline	<ul> <li>Net material inflation (NMI) around €2bn for the full year</li> <li>Modest improvement in UOM for the full year</li> </ul>



# **CEO** update

Hein Schumacher





**Strength & opportunities** 

**Action plan** 

Value creation





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### Unilever's strong fundamentals

#### **Categories**

#1 or #2 positions for 80% of our turnover<sup>1</sup> Well-positioned to drive category growth

#### **Brands & footprint**

30 power brands driving 70%+ of our business 3.4bn daily users of our products

#### Channels

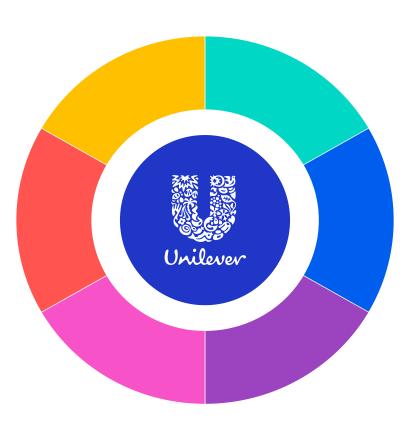
Strong distributive trade model

Accelerating eCommerce and specialty channels

#### People & organisation

Experienced, engaged, expert people

New organisation unlocking speed and value



#### Geographies

Most global FMCG company
60% turnover in emerging markets

#### R&D

Competitive science and technologies 20,000 patents

#### **Sustainability**

At the heart of our business model

No. 1 corporate sustainability leader for 12 consecutive years<sup>2</sup>



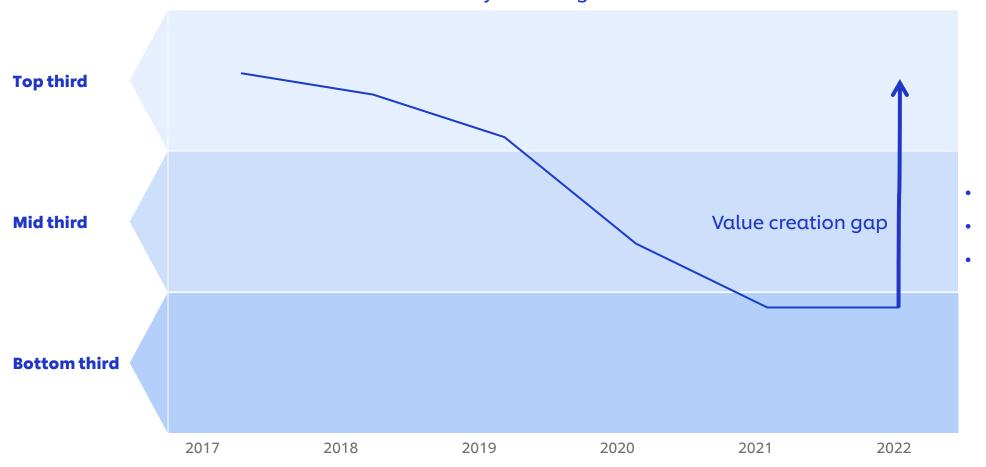
### Past performance has not been good enough





### Total Shareholder Return below our top third ambition

TSR 3-year rolling rank\*



- Volume growth behind peers
- Gross Margin decline
- Inconsistent delivery



## The Unilever opportunity

What's working	What needs resolving
• Strong science and technology capabilities	Innovations lack scale     Science and technology not leveraged across categories
• Product superiority	• Not focused on <u>all</u> consumer benefits
Deep sustainability belief and know-how	<ul> <li>Sustainability strength not maximised for commercial benefit</li> <li>Too many long-term commitments versus short-term targets</li> </ul>
Modern and connected global supply chain	Disciplined focus on net productivity
Outstanding talent base	Dial up performance edge in leadership and expectations
Global reach and brand portfolio	Too many small priorities     Equal treatment of small and big brands
Inspiring purpose for many	Force-fitting purpose in every brand



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### **Action plan**



#### **Faster growth**

- 1. Focus first on 30 Power Brands
- 2. Drive unmissable brand superiority
- 3. Scale multi-year innovation
- 4. Increase brand investment and returns
- 5. Selectively optimise portfolio

#### **Productivity & simplicity**

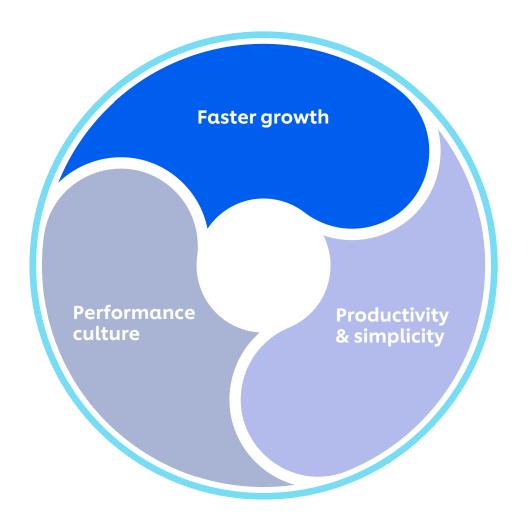
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### Focus first on 30 Power Brands

### **Driving 70%+ of our business**

























































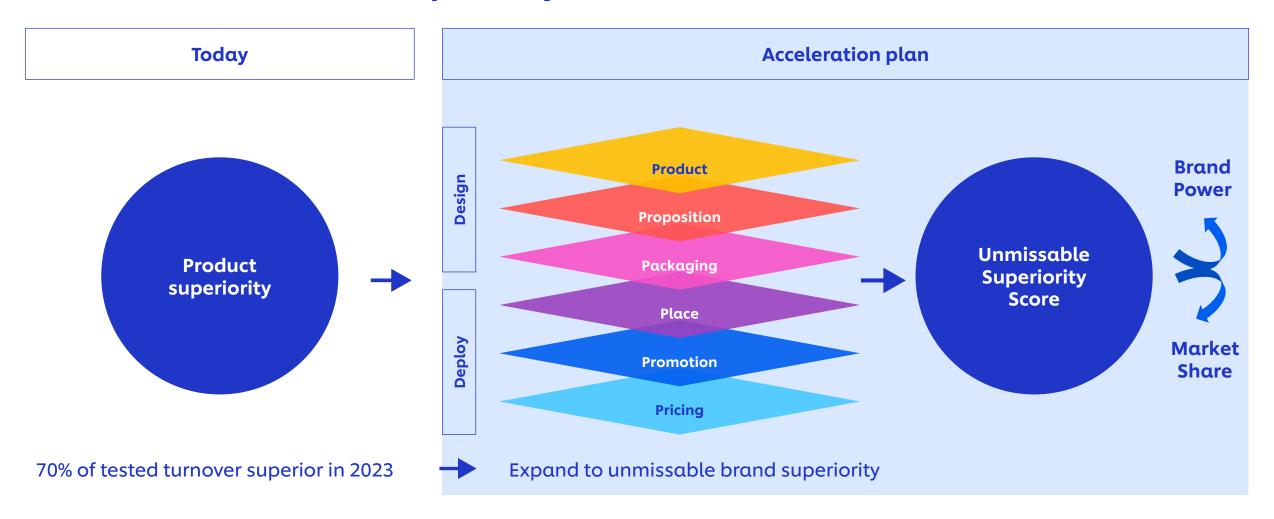




Ensuring consistent investment and brilliant execution



### Drive unmissable brand superiority across 30 Power Brands...





### ... as we did with Domestos Power Foam

### Today

Focused on Product and Price

### Acceleration plan: Unmissable brand superiority

- Including Proposition, Packaging, Place, Promotion
- Underpinned by clear & measurable KPIs

### Turkey launch '22





### ... as we did with Dove Body Wash

**Today** 

#### Acceleration plan: Unmissable brand superiority

- Upgrading all elements of the mix, with a **new, lighter pack**
- Using proprietary nano emulsion technology

#### US launch '22 US launch '23 **Product Proposition** #1 in % repeats within the cleansing category Dove **Packaging** Dove 2x growth rate deep moisture YTD units vs. category Place +190bps penetration **Promotion** 52-week period vs PY



### Scale multi-year innovation to be market makers

#### Today









- Strong R&D and science capabilities
- 2-3x average project size vs 2020
- Too many projects for consistent in-market execution

#### **Acceleration plan**

- **Prioritise our differentiated technologies** and most promising platforms with fewer, bigger projects
- Deliver new consumer benefits and formats, rolled out at scale
- Backed by consistently growing R&D investment
- Drive market development and premiumisation
- Shift innovation horizon to more multi-year projects, at least doubling average project size vs 2022
- Commit to brilliant launch execution, fully resourced and supported in market



### ...by leveraging winning technology harder across brands





## ...by investing in cross-category science & technology platforms

Beauty &

Personal Care

Home Care

Nutrition

Ice Cream

### e.g. Biotechnology



Biotech-derived surfactants for ultimate dishwashing experience **Sunlight** 



Bioactives for moisturisation & antioxidant benefits **Tatcha** 



New plant based biotechnology alternatives to palm oil

Multiple brands















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### e.g. Microbiome







Let's **Change** Beauty

24 hours of silky soft skin from your shower – gentle cleansing **Dove** 



Boosting skin's defences for 10-hr germ protection **Lifebuoy** 



Skincare-boosted anti-dandruff formula repairs & strengthens scalp

Clear







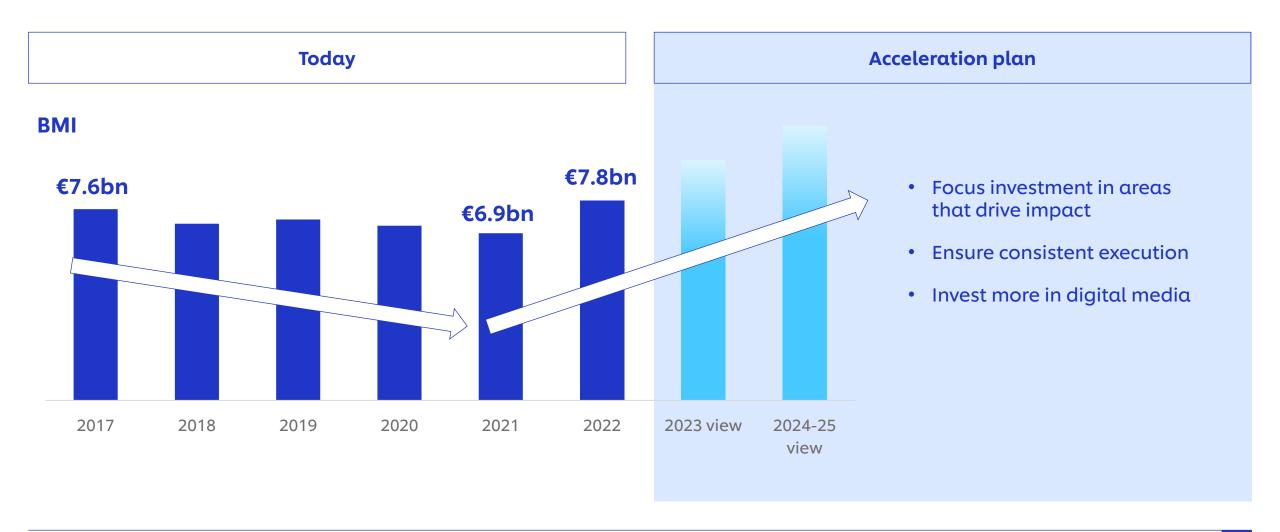








### Increase brand investment and returns





### Reshaped portfolio since 2015

- Rotated 20% of portfolio and improved growth profile
- Divested sizeable lower-growth businesses
- Acquired 22 businesses but not all acquisitions met expectations
- Better M&A since 2019 with fewer, more focused acquisitions
- 5 acquired brands amongst 30 Power Brands

#### **M&A performance versus expectations\***

2015-18

2019 onwards







In-line

**Above** 



**Below** 







### Selectively optimise portfolio via sharpened M&A approach

#### **M&A** criteria

#### Distinctive brands, growing segments:

- Strong brand equity
- Premium positioning

#### Clear Unilever value-add:

- Science
- Innovation

#### Scalable in key markets:

- Home country scale
- Potential in key markets

#### **Future-fit business model:**

- Omni-channel potential
- Digital footprint

#### M&A approach

**Further pruning** 

Focus on value-accretive bolt-on acquisitions

Higher bar for acquiring: Right to win, premium, growing

No major or transformational acquisitions



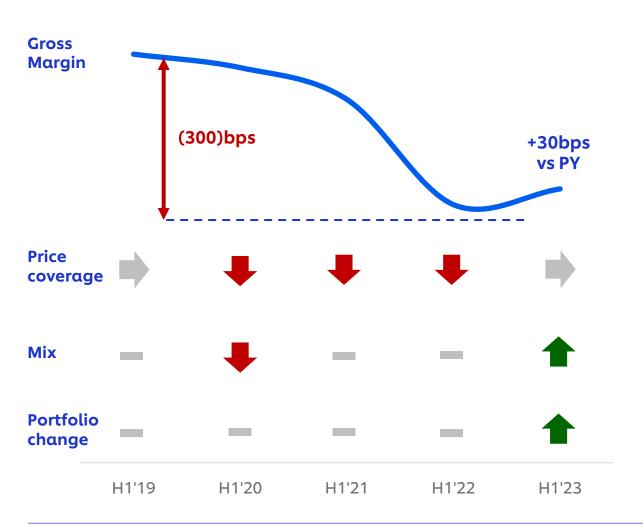
# **Productivity & simplicity**



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### **Build back Gross Margin**



### **Acceleration plan**

- Improve mix through premiumisation
- Drive volume leverage
- Move from gross savings focus to net productivity
- Competitive buying
- Operational efficiencies and distribution
- SKU simplification
- Network optimisation
- Business Group specific implementation plans
- Capex from avg. 2.4%\* to above 3% of turnover
- **Disciplined approach to restructuring:** from avg. 1.6%\* to **c.1%** of turnover



## Focus sustainability commitments

#### Today

#### **34 ESG commitments**



Aspirational end goals

### **Acceleration plan**

#### Driving impact in 4 priority areas

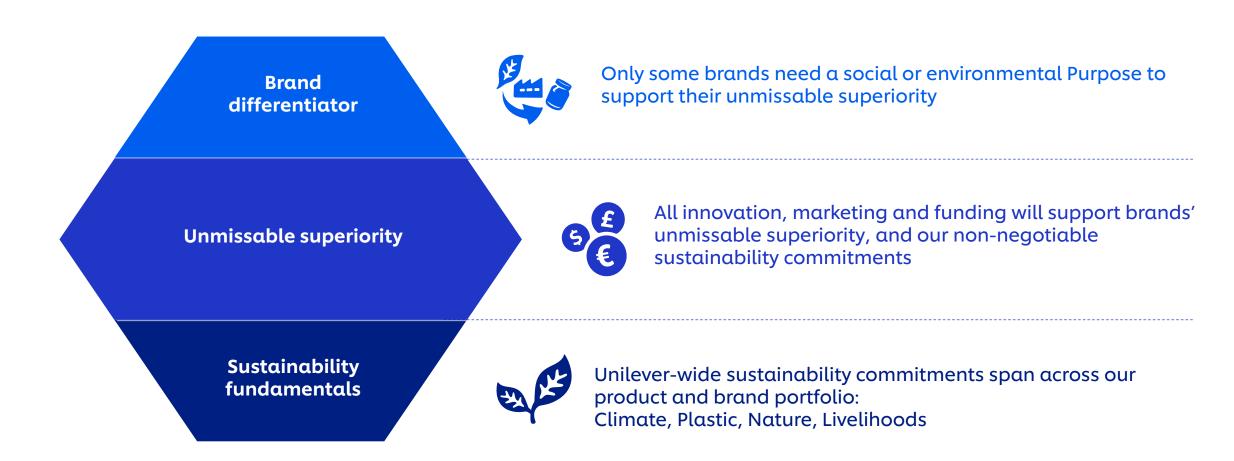
Climate
Plastic
Nature
Livelihoods

**Shorter-term targets starting in 2024** 

Our commitment to sustainability leadership remains unchanged



### Not all brands need a social or environmental Purpose





# Drive benefits of new organisation

#### Focus of Five - Power of One

#### **Unilever Corporate Centre**









































#### **Unilever Business Operations**

### **Acceleration plan**

#### By end of 2023, we will:

- Eliminate any outstanding ambiguity
- Ensure single point accountability
- Enable Business Groups to control 90% of costs
- Strengthen frontline roles

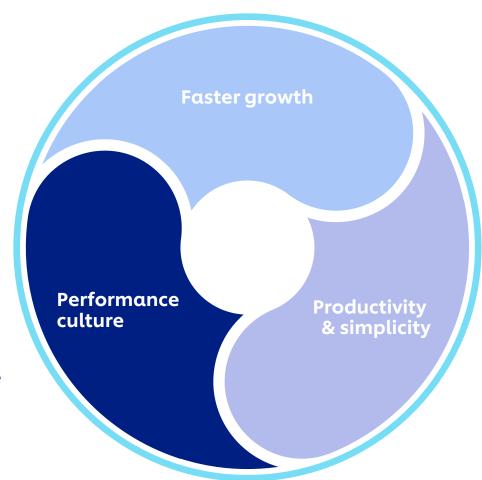


### **Performance culture**

Renewed team

9.

10. Drive and reward outperformance





### A renewed team to lead the change



Hein Schumacher Chief Executive Officer

Fernando

Fernandez

**Chief Financial** 

Officer



**Esi Eggleston Bracey**Chief Growth and Marketing Officer



Eduardo Campanella Business Group President Home Care



Reginaldo Ecclissato
Chief Business Operations and
Supply Chain Officer



Fabian Garcia
Business Group President
Personal Care



**Rohit Jawa**President Unilever South Asia and CEO Hindustan Unilever



**Priya Nair**Business Group President
Beauty & Wellbeing



**Nitin Paranjpe**Chief People and Transformation Officer



**Richard Slater** Chief Research & Development Officer



Peter ter Kulve
Business Group President
Ice Cream



**Maria Varsellona** Chief Legal Officer and Group Secretary



**To be appointed**Business Group President
Nutrition

# Drive and reward outperformance

6 elements of performance culture

1 Set stretching goals

2 Ultra transparency on performance

3 Embrace agile mindset

Aim for the best talent always

5 Reward appropriately

Simplify standards of leadership

#### **Examples**

- Fewer, clearer priorities
- Single point accountability
- Targets of Top 400 managers visible
- · Basis for more differentiated reward



- Metrics linked to value creation (USG, ROIC, TSR)
- Business Group focused

Move from 21 behaviours to 6 standards





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# Capital allocation: Prioritising organic growth

1

2

3

### Organic investment

- Increased investment, focused on Power Brands
- ✔ Higher R&D to support large scale, multi-year innovations
- Funded by Gross Margin improvement

### M&A

- Portfolio pruning
- Selective bolt-on acquisitions
- Strict criteria and value creation parameters

### **Capital returns**

- Attractive, sustainable dividend
- Surplus capital returned via share buybacks

Maintaining a solid balance sheet: c.2x net debt / EBITDA\*



## Action plan for value creation

### Strong fundamentals



#### Focused action plan

### **Faster growth**

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### Consistent delivery of financial ambition

Underlying sales growth: 3 - 5%

**Modest margin expansion** 

100% cash conversion

**Mid-teens ROIC** 

EPS growth and attractive dividend

**Top third TSR** 





