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# **Q3 2024 Group Highlights**

We focus on what we can control – cost, yield and capex measures effective



B2B dynamics stay heterogeneous, with no improvement in Europe; domestic B2C peak seasons starting to ramp up as expected



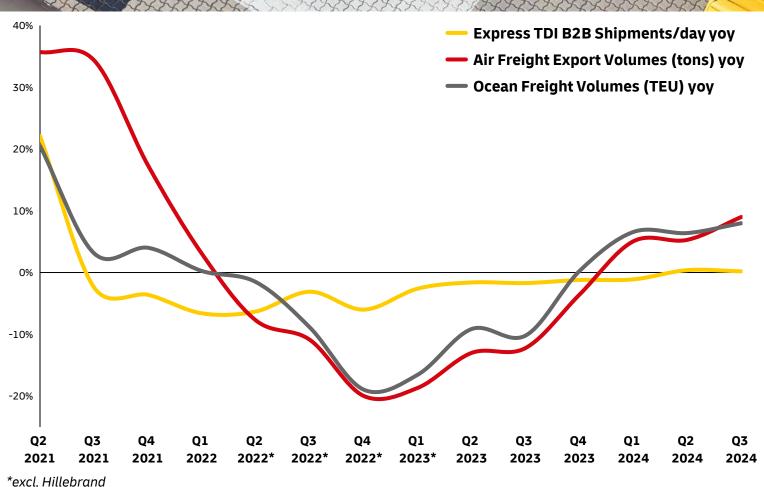
2024 EBIT guidance of >€5.8bn: Full focus on yield management and sensible cost measures to deliver on 2024 EBIT guidance



Strong FCF generation basis to balance reliable attractive shareholder returns with targeted growth investments as identified by Strategy 2030

# **B2B volumes development**

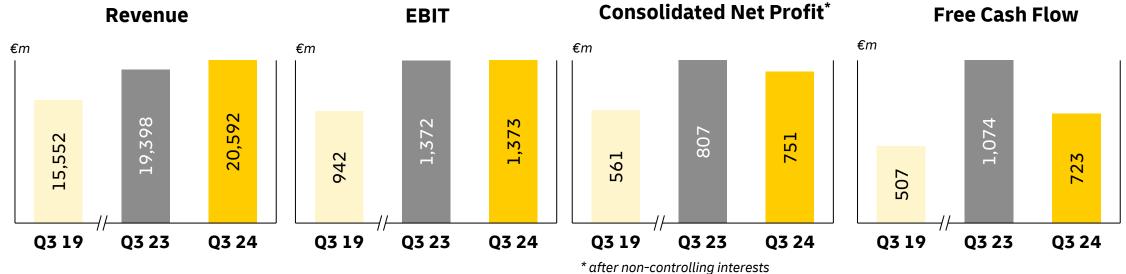
#### Freight markets continue to recover from 2023 decline





- Air (+9% yoy) and Ocean (+8% yoy) Freight volumes continue to bounce back from last year's double-digit declines; Ocean Freight seeing growth throughout its peak season, no significant acceleration in Air Freight yet
- Express B2B volumes remain less volatile but do not show meaningful change in dynamic yet, at +0.2% yoy





# **Group Development YoY**

#### Turnaround in revenue and EBIT trend initiated



# **Dedicated efficiency and growth measures**

In an environment of low economic momentum we focus on what we can control

# Short term: Focus on efficiency while safeguarding quality



**Established capex flexibility** is a driver of our ongoing strong FCF generation



Cost Management



Unchanged focus on **active cost management** and leveraging network
flexibility

Balanced investments to **safeguard quality** during peak season; financially
supported by **peak season/demand surcharges** 

#### **Executing Strategy 2030**





Divisional growth strategies



Group growth initiatives



**Decarbonization** 

Growth through quality, customer loyalty and yield management

#### Accelerate sustainable growth

through a focus on fast-growing industries, geographic tailwinds, e-commerce and digital sales

Partner with customers to help them become carbon-neutral and increase customer contribution to decarbonization spend





#### Macroeconomic Environment





**Peak Season** 

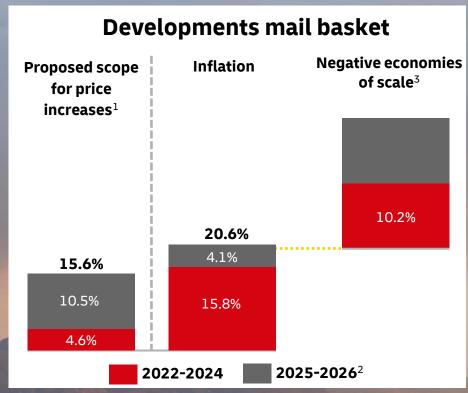
Low economic momentum expected to continue; rather regionally heterogenous dynamics than widespread acceleration

Accelerated mail volume decline due to digital substitution in dialogue marketing; challenging air freight market

Domestic parcel peak seasons developing as expected; high compliance rate on Express demand surcharge

# **Update: Price cap process**

# The preliminary decision on pricing headroom does not acknowledge the economic reality





Cumulative price increase significantly lower than inflation



Massive decline in letter volumes (2022-2024e: - 20.3%) also leads to an increase in unit costs due to negative economies of scale



Preliminary decision on pricing headroom increases is not in accordance with the Postal Modernization Act and its objectives

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Price increases according to price cap for mail cart (individual national letter mail items plus export)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> Forecast

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Based on mail volume decline (individual national letter mail items plus export)

# 2024 and mid-term guidance

Outlook remains well above pre-pandemic level

2024 Guidance

As revised on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in € bn

Group >5.8 (from 6	
DHL	>5.5 (from >5.7)

P&P Germany ~0.8 (from >0.8)

Group Functions ~-0.45

Free Cash Flow \* 2.8-3.0 (from ~3.0)

Gross Capex (excl. leases) 3.0-3.2 (from 3.0-3.6)

**Tax Rate** 28-30%

\*excl. Net M&A

**EBIT** 

Note: €250m blanket budget for M&A expenses p.a.

Mid-term Guidance

2026 Group EBIT >7.0 (from 7.5-8.5)
Free Cash Flow\*

2024-2026 cumulative

Gross Capex (excl. leases)

2024-2026 cumulative

9-11

9-10

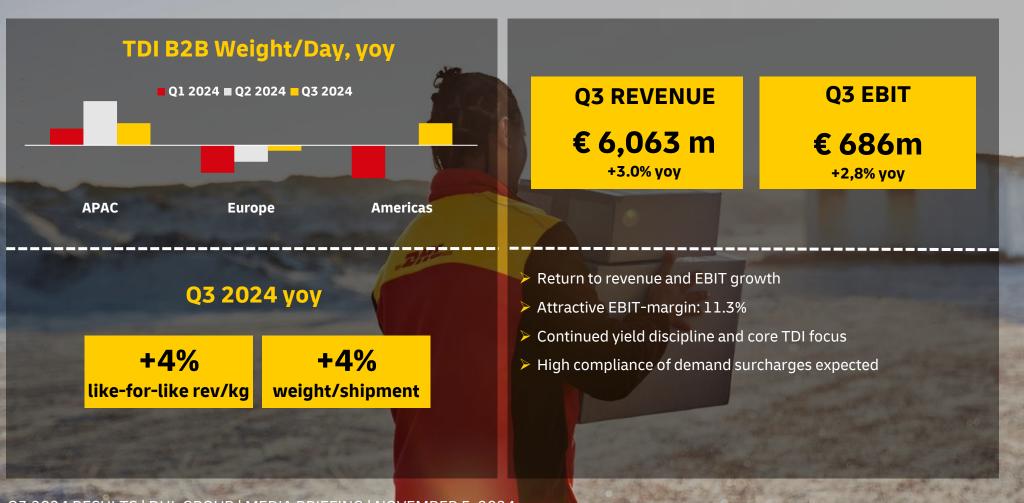


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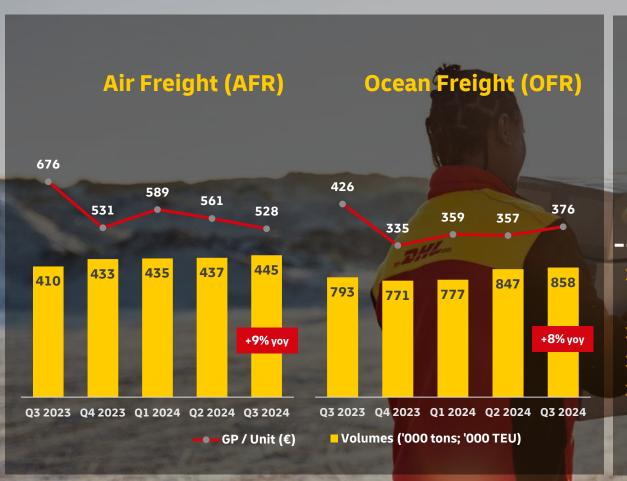
# **Express**

## Market volatility countered by active yield and capacity management



# **Global Forwarding, Freight**

#### Confirmation of volume recovery from last year's decline



Q3 REVENUE

Q3 EBIT

€ 5,037 m

+14.0% yoy

Q3 EBIT

-9.5% yoy

- AFR and OFR volumes continue to recover against double-digit declines in Q3 2023
- > OFR: good peak season demand faced continued tight markets
- AFR: significant increase in buying rates (on selected tradelanes)
- DGF: operational efficiency slightly up sequentially and stable yoy at 30% (EBIT/GP conversion rate)

# **Supply Chain**

### On its way to deliver another year of record profits



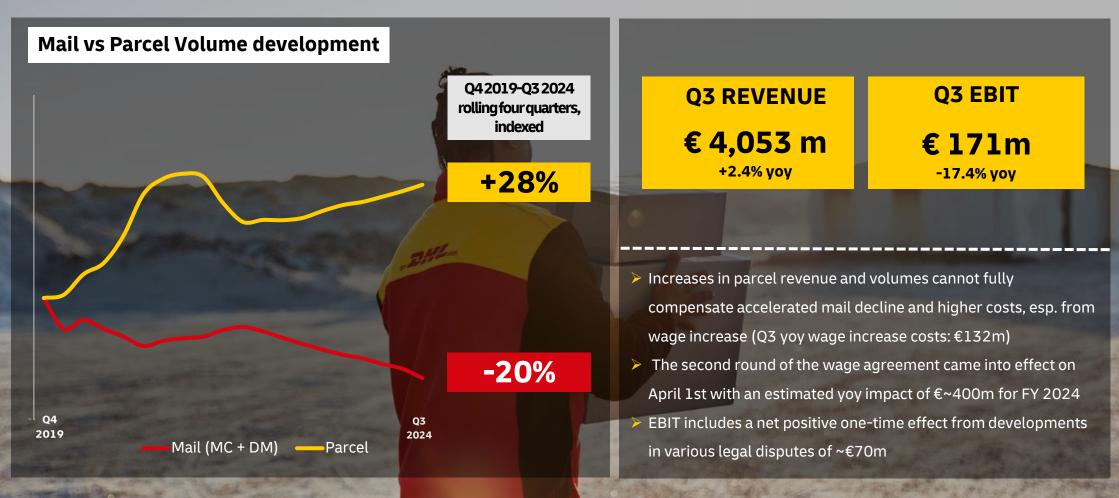
#### **eCommerce**

# Attractive structural e-commerce growth; currently in network expansion & investing phase



# **Post & Parcel Germany**

#### Working through major structural transformation from Mail to Parcel



#### **Cash Flow Statement**

# Capex flexibility key driver for continued strong Free Cash Flow generation

723

-351

in €m			
<b>Cash Flow Statement</b>	Q3 2023	Q3 2024	yoy
EBIT	1,372	1,373	+1
Depreciation/amortization	1,118	1,154	+36
Changes in Working Capital	668	131	-537
Other	-624	-615	+9
Operating Cash Flow	2,534	2,043	-491
Net capex	-798	-604	+194
Net Cash for Leases	-700	-755	-55
Net M&A	17	39	+22
Net interest	21	0	-21

1,074

Reflects continued **investments** into targeted growth opportunities

Mainly related to **q-o-q revenue growth,** main drivers are higher freight volumes and rates in DGFF

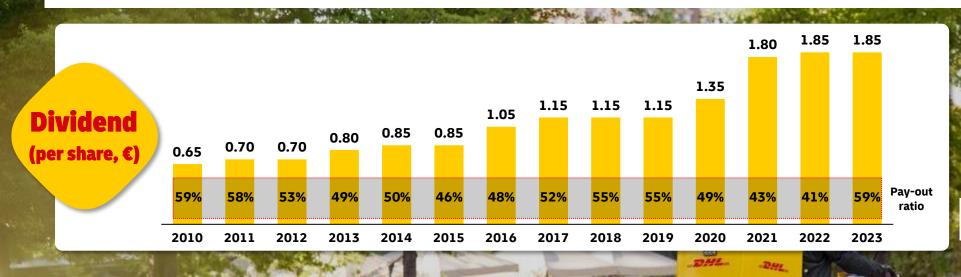
Reflects capex flexibility to adapt network investments in line with volume development

Mainly related to Express and Supply Chain

**Free Cash Flow** 

### Proven track record of attractive shareholders return

#### Strong commitment to dividend continuity and current share buyback program



5%

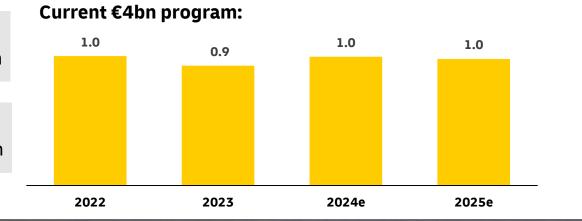
Dividend yield\*

\*based on closing share price on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024



# **2016/2017** up to **€1bn** program

**2021** up to **€1bn** program



- Current share buy-back tranche of €600m to be completed by Dec 2024
- After that, outstanding buyback commitment of €1bn to be executed by the end of 2025, in line with €4bn total commitment for 2022-25

## Wrap-up

Substantial revenue growth in the third quarter and resilient strong FCF in cycle trough: ready to accelerate growth

#### **Guidance 2024 adjusted**

Reflects consumer peak season ramping up as expected in domestic B2C, but unchanged weak dynamics in B2B volumes

#### **Resilient Free Cash Flow Generation**

Strong 2024 FCF basis for dividend continuity, execution of Share Buyback program as well as continued targeted investment

#### **Accelerate Sustainable Growth**

Strategy 2030 focuses on accelerated topline growth, further margin improvement and optimized capital allocation





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