

Report of the Supervisory Board



- A total of six Supervisory Board meetings in attendance
- Regular written and verbal reports from the Management Board on the course of business and the budget approved by the Supervisory Board
- Regular consultations between the Chairman of the Supervisory Board and the Management Board
- The Supervisory Board closely monitored the Management Board during the financial year and was involved in all key decisions, in particular
 - Company acquisitions and development of individual subsidiaries
 - Personnel policy decisions and employee recruitment
 - Strategy development, sustainability and ESG

Risk Management



Examination of the risk situation of DATAGROUP SE on the basis of semi-annual risk audits with a comprehensive written report and discussion in the Supervisory Board.

There were no existential risks at any time.

Focus areas in the 2022/23 financial year:

- Effects of the war in Ukraine
- Business development in the subsidiaries
- IT security and cyber security
- Market and competition analysis
- Employee retention and recruitment

Opportunities Report



Exploring opportunities and new business possibilities

Focus areas in the 2022/23 financial year:

- Further development of the product and service portfolio
- Expansion of the digitalization and cloudification strategy
- Increasing efficiency in production
- Optimization of sales and pricing policy
- Potential of artificial intelligence in the further development of the product portfolio
- Integration of recent acquisitions

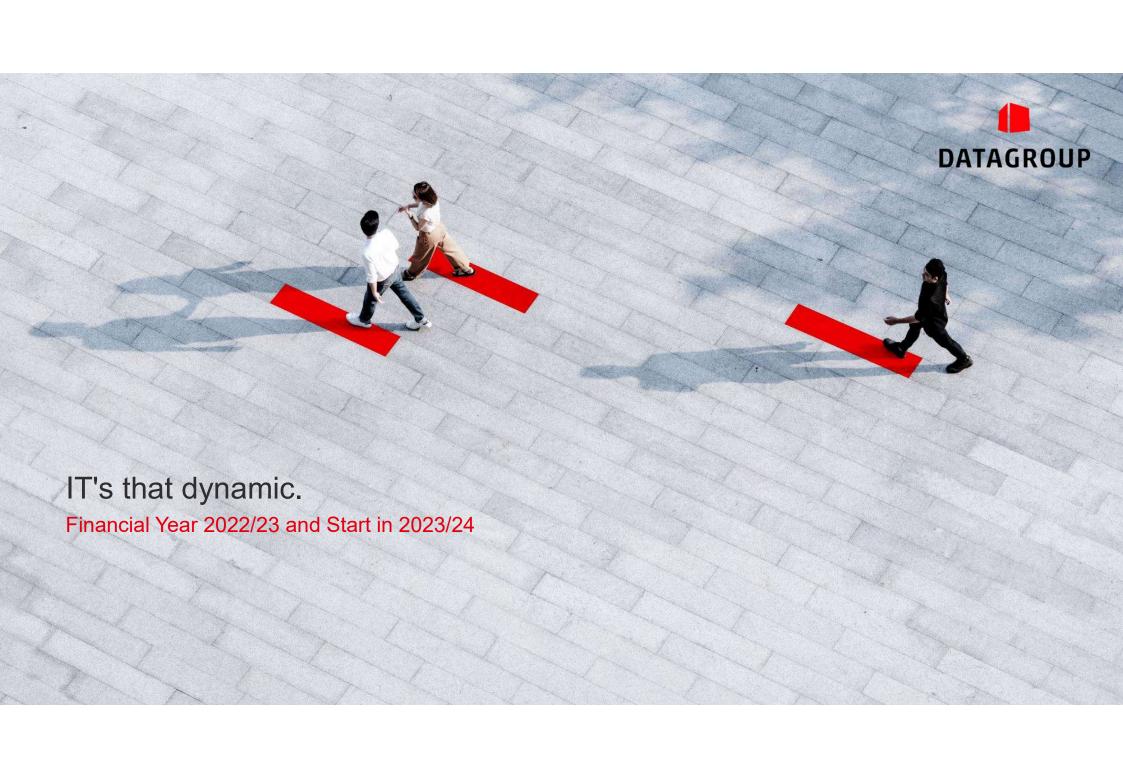
Transactions Requiring Approval DATAGROUP Continues to Grow Through Acquisitions





Transactions discussed and approved by the Supervisory Board:

- April 2023:
 - 100% systemzwo GmbH, Ulm
- April 2023:
 - Increase in shares in Urano Informationssysteme
 GmbH to 100%
- **July 2023:**
 - Acquisition of the assets of arago GmbH (today Almato AI)



Strong CORBOX Order Intake in the 2023/24 Financial Year so far







Student Union
Application Management
5 years, approx. EUR 1.25m p.a.

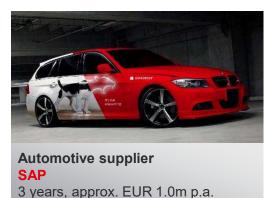


Heat and electricity generation Managed IT Services 5 years, approx. EUR 5.3m p.a.

 In FY 2023/24, new CORBOX customers with a total annual revenue volume of over EUR 18m acquired to date

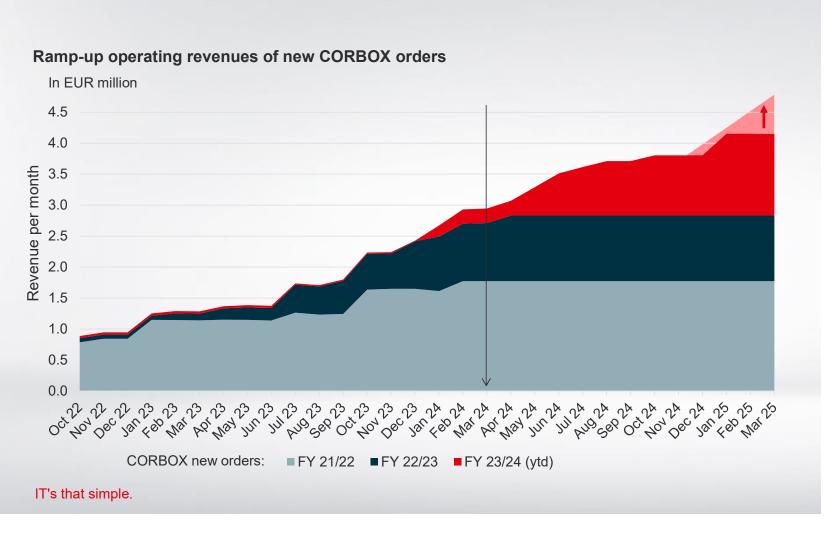






The CORBOX Order Intake Will Only Lead to Sustainable Growth in the Core Business after the Start-up Phase



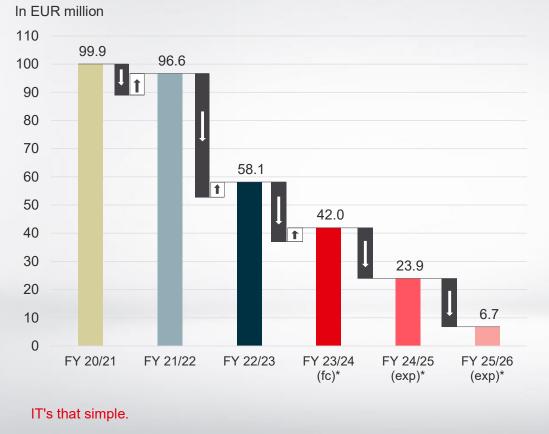


- CORBOX new orders have a ramp-up phase of approx. 9 months
- Thereafter 3-5 years contract term for operation and on average 3 extensions
- Further revenue growth expected by the end of the financial year
- Further CORBOX potential in the pipeline

High Reduction in Transformation Revenues in the 2022/23 Financial Year







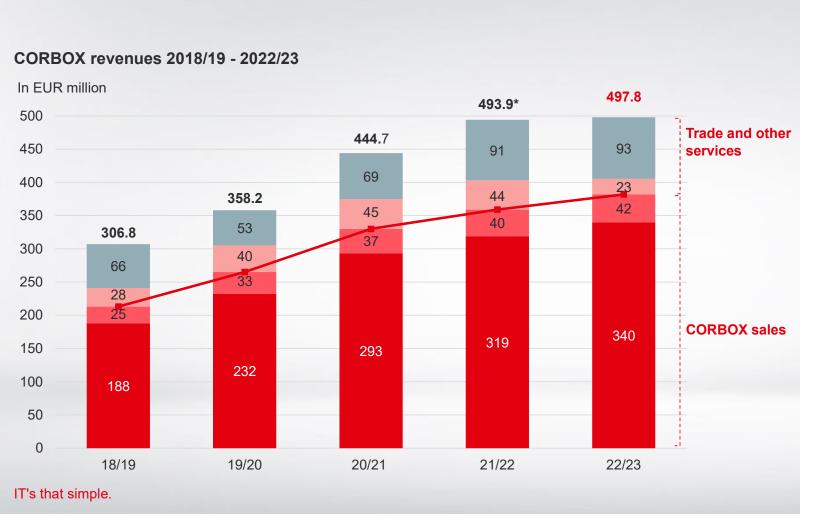
- High reduction in transformation revenues from legacy contracts of around EUR -38m from previous acquisitions in the 2022/23 financial year
- Backlog of transformation revenues significantly reduced
- "Normal" level of around EUR -15-20m per year expected again in the coming financial years

- Reduction of transformation revenues
- Addition of transformation revenues

 *Expected development without new acquisitions

Revenue Development 2022/23 With Stable Growth in CORBOX Core Business and High Transformation Share





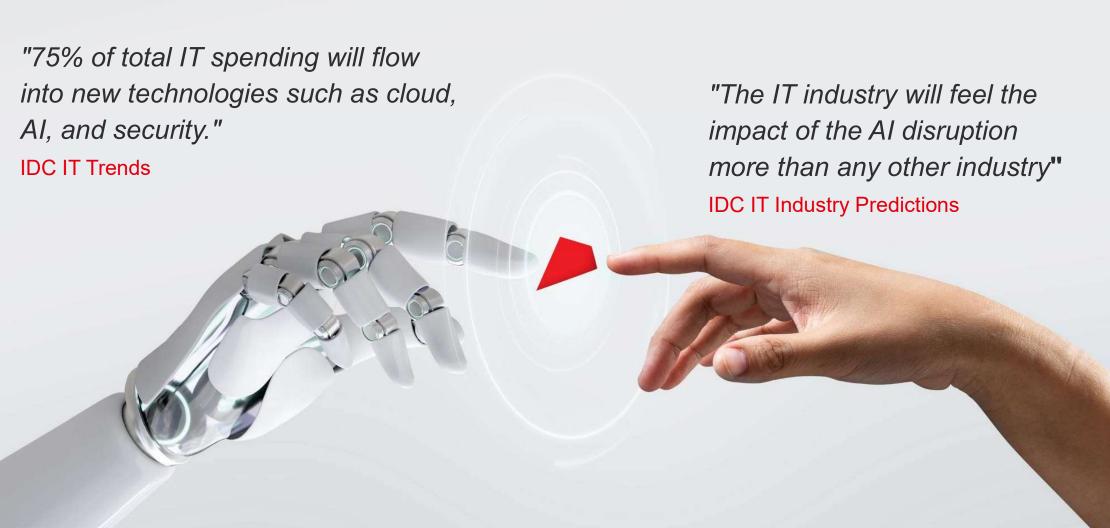
The revenue performance is made up of

- EUR +32.9m organic growth
- EUR -38.4m reduction in transformation revenues from old contracts
- EUR +9.3m inorganic growth from M&A

- CORBOX basic contracts
- CORBOX-connected services
- Other services
- Trade & other

^{*}The previous year's figures have been adjusted. For details, see the 2022/23 Annual Report.



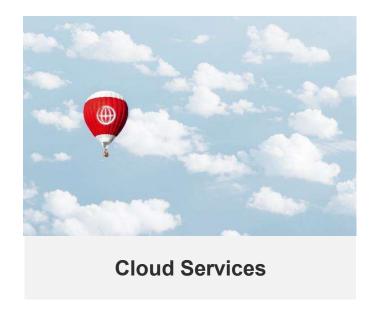


EUR 6 Million in Investments in Future Technologies as Basis for Accelerated Future Growth

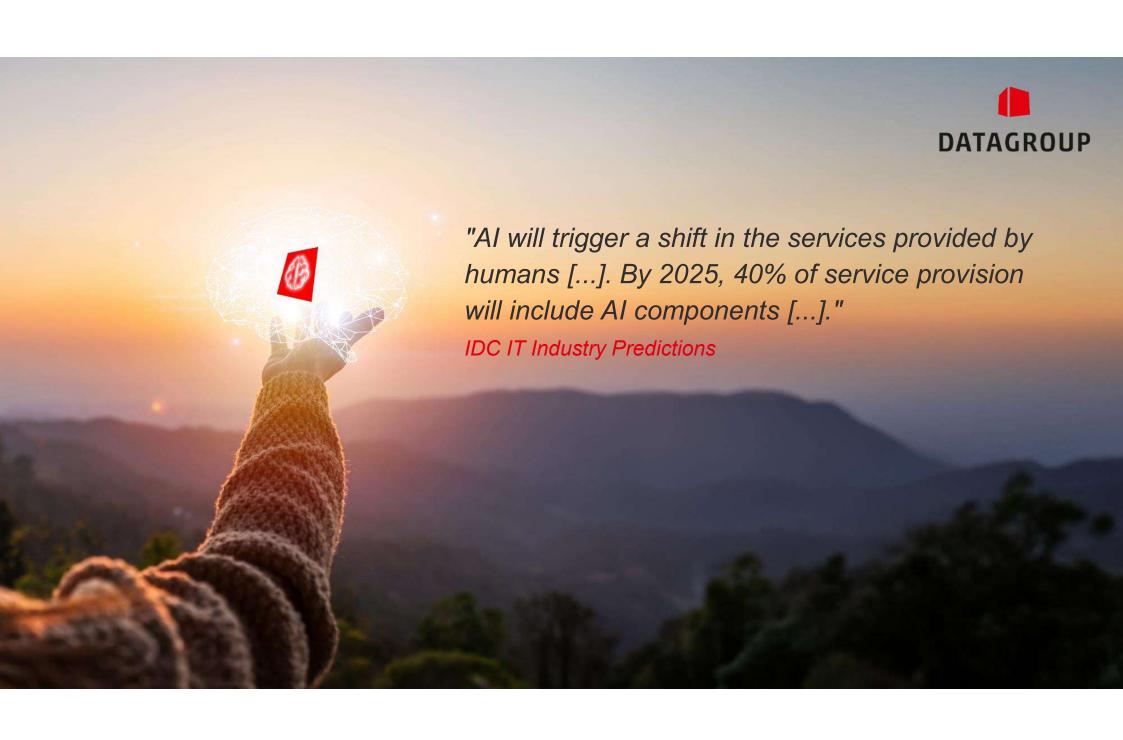






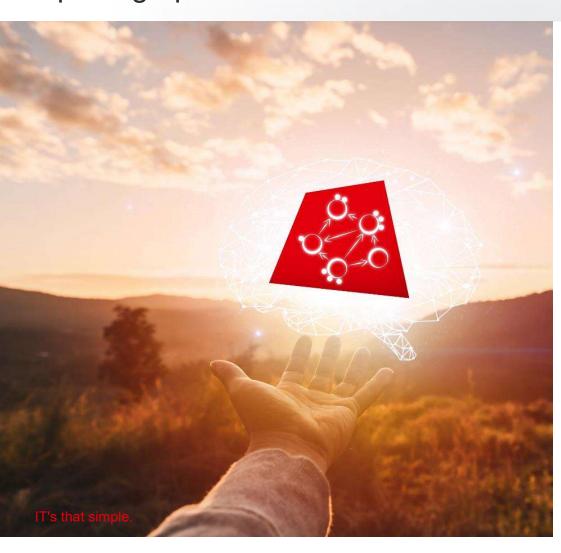


IT's that simple.



Artificial Intelligence - HIRO Technology Opening up a New Dimension of IT Service Production

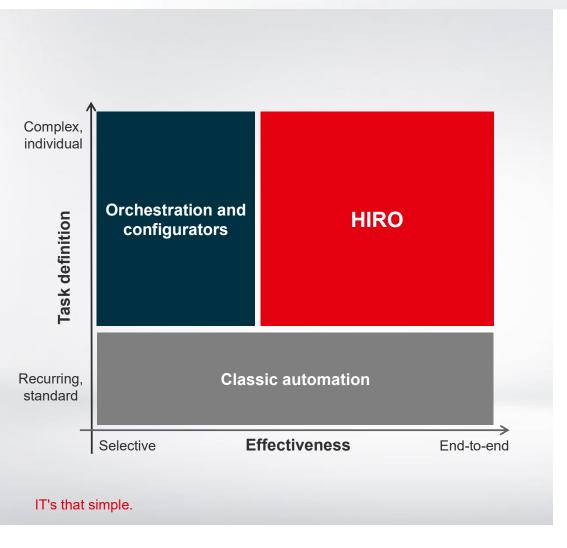




- HIRO, with its combination of knowledge graphs and reasoning model, is based on state-of-the-art Al technology, integrated into our sovereign CORBOX cloud
- HIRO can capture and multiply expert knowledge for IT service production
- Scaling of service capacity independent of access to skilled labor and at minimal marginal costs

Artificial Intelligence IT Automation for the Previously Unattainable

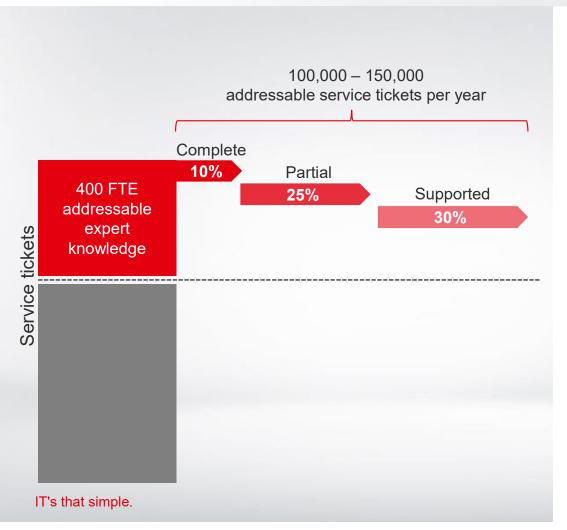




- HIRO enables automation of heterogeneous and individual tasks
- The AI model is trained to individually compile and execute suitable work steps

Artificial Intelligence High Potential in the DATAGROUP Production Model

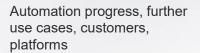


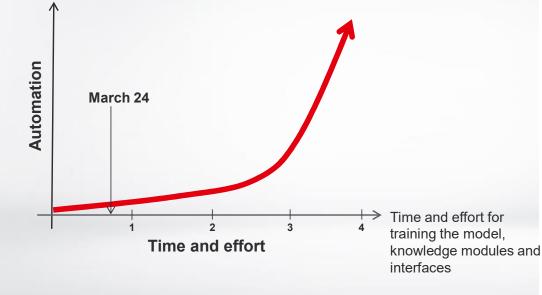


- The production model, which is based on central tools and platforms, offers great potential
- Target: 15% additional unit cost reduction in the relevant services in 2-3 years through HIRO

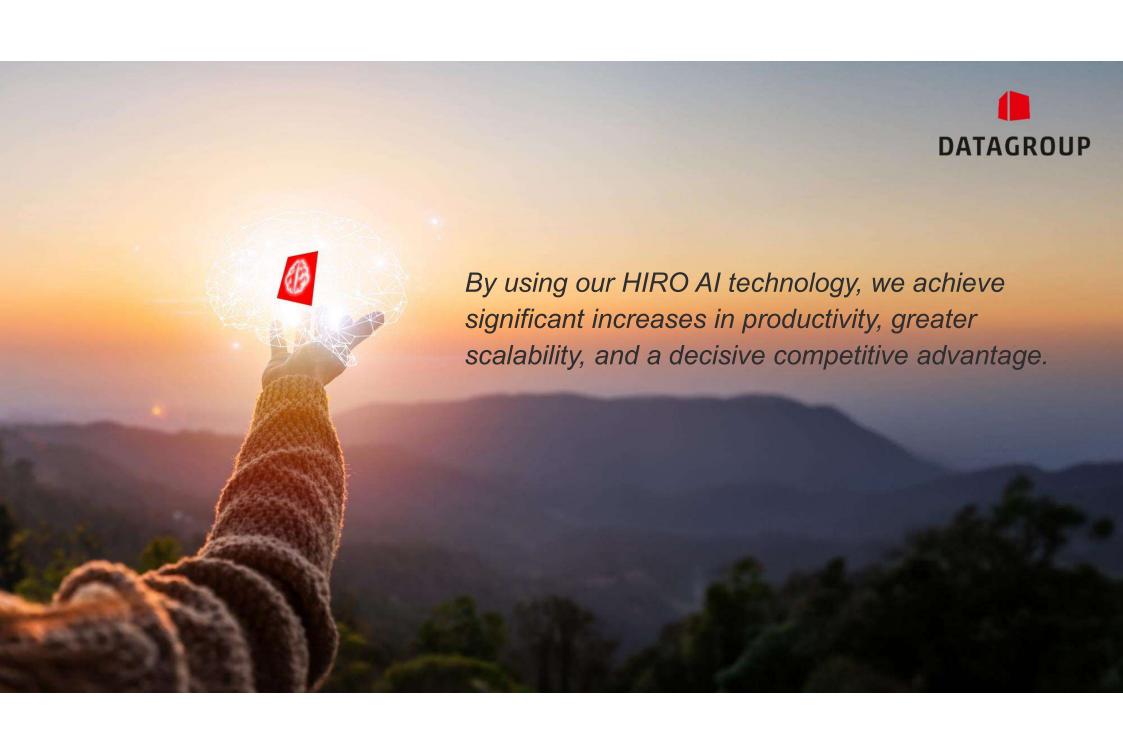
Artificial Intelligence **Exponential Growth in Automation**







- More time and effort for training the model, knowledge modules and interfaces in the start-up phase
- Fewer and fewer new skills are required for new tasks and the platform's capability is growing exponentially
- The combination of own intellectual property (IP) of the technology and the training of the model creates a valuable asset







Cyber Security is Existential for Companies and Organizations

Excerpt from the BSI situation report 2023 on ransomware:

Ø Ransomware attacks on local authorities or municipal companies per month.

vulnerabilities in software products (15% of which were critical) became known on average per month during the reporting period. This is an increase of 24%.



successful ransomeware attacks on companies.

quarter of a million





of all spam emails in the reporting period were cyberattacks: 34% blackmail emails,

32% scam emails.



of all fraudulent e-mails were phishing e-mails to steal authentication data, mostly from

- Increasing digitalization increases the attack surface and dependence on secure IT systems
- According to the "Hiscox Cyber Readiness Report 2023", one in five companies was on the brink of insolvency after a cyber attack
- Effective IT security is now more vital than ever for companies, organizations and IT service providers

Source: BSI Situation Report 2023, presentation based on IT-Service. Network, Reporting period: June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Cyber Security - Increasing Legal Requirements on Companies Lead to Growth Potential for IT Security Services



"7-Lines of Defense"

Mail Gateway / Firewall

Proxy / Intrusion **Detection & Prevention**

Endpoint Detection and Response

Virus scanner / Patching

Vulnerability Management System

Compromise Scanner

Immutable Backup



- Today's security requirements can no longer be met by many customers on their own infrastructures and are drivers for cloud and managed IT services
- Increasing regulatory requirements for large parts of the economy regarding cyber security are reinforcing this development

Cyber Security - DATAGROUP's Security Portfolio and Capabilities Have Been Significantly Expanded





- Security operation capacity now expanded to 230 specialists
- Foundation of DATAGROUP Cyber Security GmbH as a specialized unit
- Strong partner network:



Exclusive German partner of the CISCO **CRETE** program



 Co-founder of the DIRT - German **Incident Response Team**

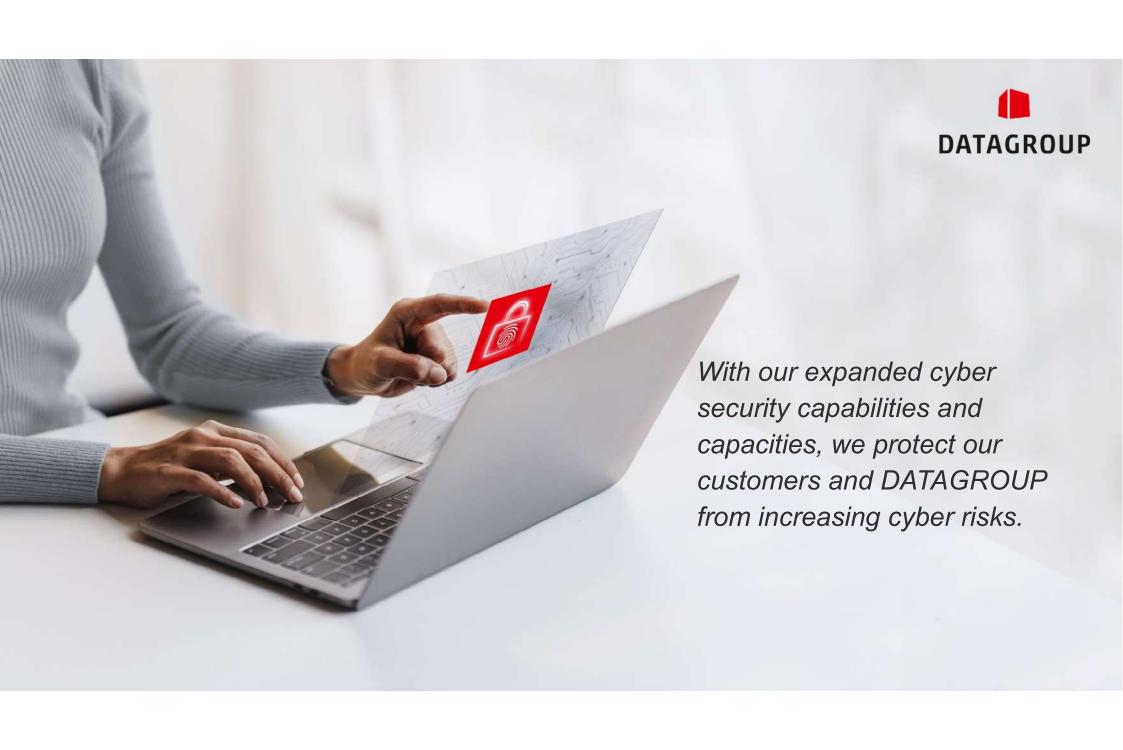


Managed Services Partner of XM Cyber a company of the of the schwarz digits group

Cyber Security - Investments Are Already Having an Impact



- Good growth in security sales and new customers
- High potential in cross-selling and upselling in the CORBOX existing customer base
- Volume of sales opportunities with pure security scope increased significantly





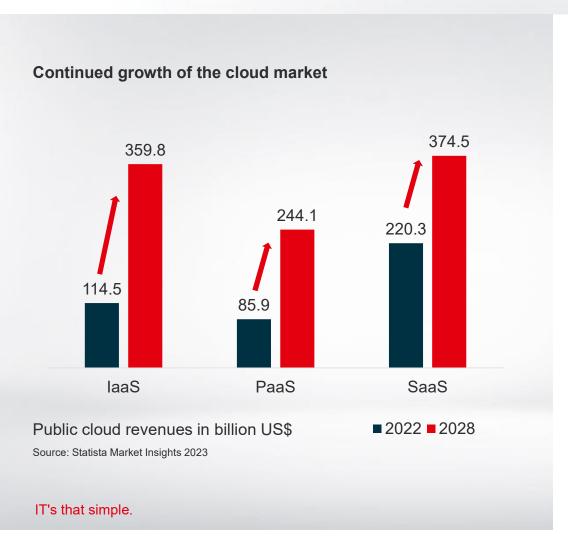


"By 2025, 95% of new digital workloads will be delivered on cloud platforms."

Gartner



Cloud Services are Becoming the Dominant Operating Model



- Cloud services are massively changing the depth and structure of value creation in the IT industry
- Demand for operating and transformation services is shifting to cloud technologies

In the Growing Cloud Market, Customer Needs are Becoming More Differentiated and Offer New Opportunities

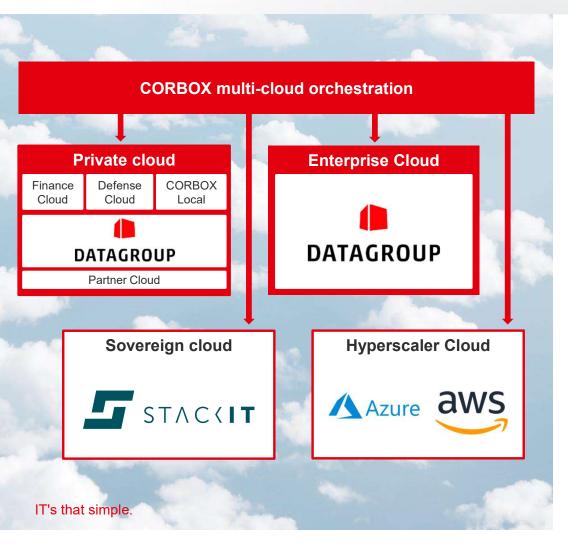




- In addition to hyperscalers and private clouds, sovereign and industry-specific cloud offerings gain importance
- Multi-cloud strategies avoid dependency and fulfill regulatory requirements



Full Service Multi-cloud Offering for SMEs

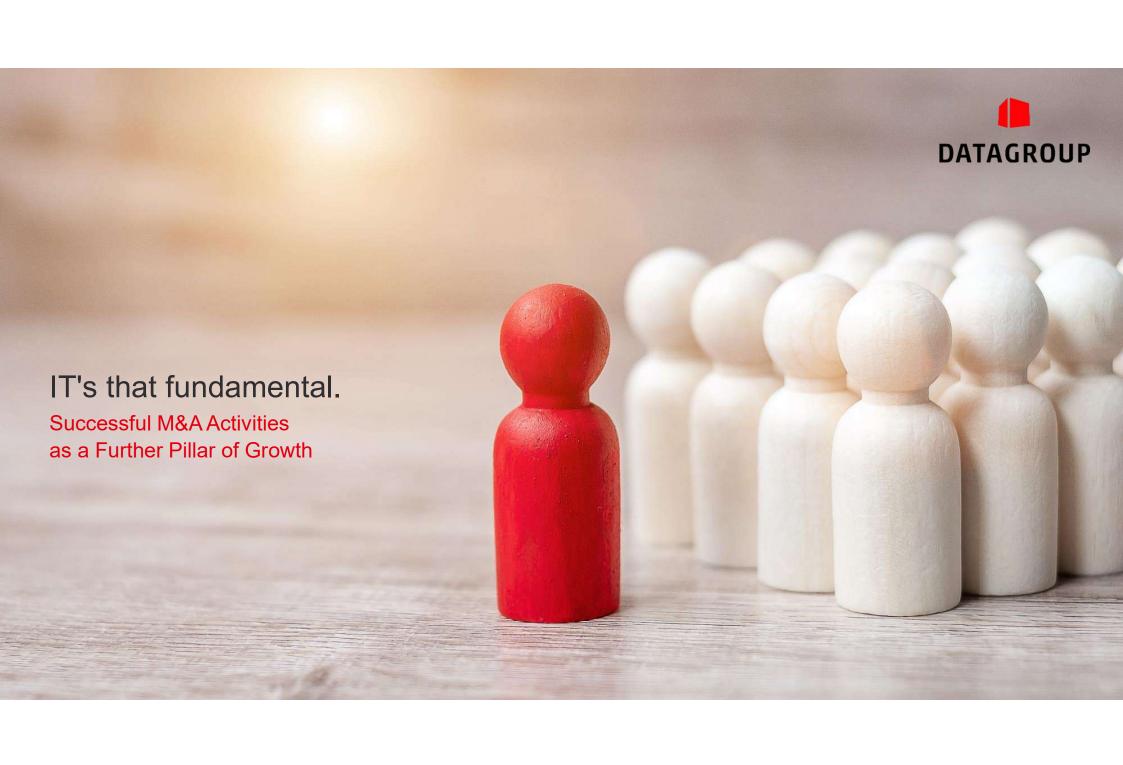


- New customers and future-proof portfolio by combining multi-cloud orchestration with own cloud platforms
- Cloud transformation from a single source with Landing Zone Standard and end-to-end migration expertise





We are the leading managed service provider for multi-cloud services in the SME sector with a unique complete offering of all relevant cloud variants.



Systematic Approach for Inorganic Growth Profiles of Attractive Acquisition Candidates





- Profile #1: Regional system houses on the way to becoming IT service providers
- Profile #2: Strengthening expertise in the CORBOX core business (incl. technology and automation expertise)
- Profile #3: IT service provider in the SME target customer market
- Profile #4: Strengthening digitalization competence

Growth Pillar Acquisitions Continued Strong Inorganic Growth Course





Takeover of the



July 2023

Takeover of the assets of arago GmbH (HIRO AI software)

today:



December 2023

Takeover of the



January 2024

Takeover of the



Acquisition profile

Regional system house becomes IT service provider Technology expertise in the CORBOX core business

IT service provider in the SME target customer market

Regional system house becomes IT service provider

Financial Year 2022/23: Acquisition of systemzwo GmbH Profile: Regional System House on the Way to Becoming IT Service Providers





At a glance

- IT system house with a sales mix of trade and services
- Attractive SME customer portfolio with cross-selling and upselling potential
- Very good customer access for the placement of CORBOX services
- Highly qualified IT expertise in the workforce

Opportunities & outlook

- Strategic expansion of regional presence in the Ulm metropolitan region
- Transformation to a full-service provider in the CORBOX core business
- Improving profitability through transformation into an IT service provider

Financial Year 2023/24: Acquisition of iT TOTAL AG

Profile: Regional System House on the Way to Becoming IT Service Provider













At a glance

- IT system house with a sales mix of trade and services
- Share of managed services growing strongly
- Attractive SME customer portfolio with cross-selling and upselling potential
- Very good customer access for the placement of CORBOX services
- Highly qualified IT expertise in the workforce

Opportunities & outlook

- Strategic expansion of regional presence in Baden-Württemberg
- Transformation to a full-service provider in the CORBOX core business
- Improving profitability through transformation into an IT service provider

Financial Year 2023/24: Acquisition of the conplus Group Profile: IT Service Provider in the SME Target Customer Market





At a glance

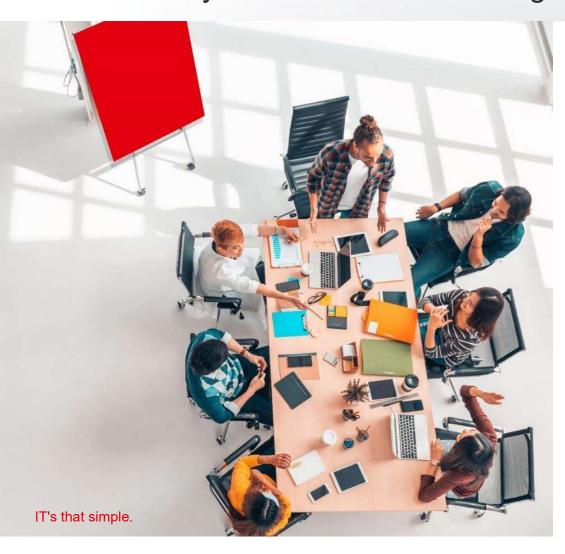
- SAP Business One Specialist
- Attractive customer portfolio
- Highly qualified IT expertise in the workforce

Opportunities & outlook

- Strong positioning of SAP Business One expertise
- DATAGROUP is one of the top 3 SAP Business One partners in Germany
- Cross- and upselling between the Hövermann IT Group and conplus
- Good area coverage in the north and west of Germany

After the Acquisition: Success Factor Integration Our "100 Days at DATAGROUP" Program

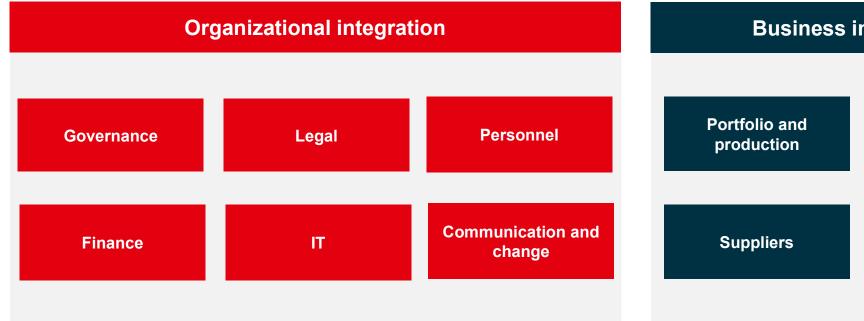


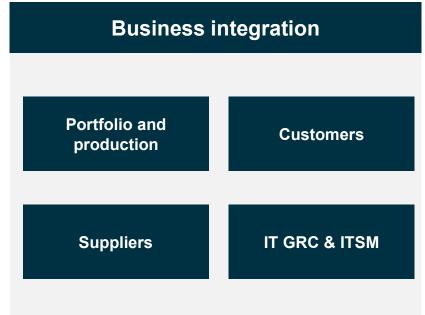


- Structured integration based on a proven programmatic approach
- In focus:
 - Business: Penetrating business and leveraging (short-term) sales potential
 - People: Retaining existing customers and employees and attracting new ones
 - Culture: Creating an understanding of culture and connecting it in an appreciative way
- Focus on professionalism and people in equal measure
- Extensive experience from over 30 previous acquisitions - they now make up DATAGROUP

100 Days of DATAGROUP Core Elements of our 100-day Program







Successful M&A History with over 30 Acquisitions To be Continued



Messerknecht

(120 employees), Oct. 2006

ICP

(15 employees), Oct. 2006

EGT Information Systems

(25 employees), Jan. 2007

Hamann and Feil

(20 employees), Oct. 2007

Corporate Express

(20 employees), Nov. 2007

Best Computer Support

(30 employees), Jan. 2008

Hanseatische Datentechnik

(150 employees), Jan. 2008

bte bürotechnik eggert

(10 employees),

Jul. 2008

Arxes

(380 employees), Apr. 2010

Ptecs

(50 employees), Oct. 2010

BGS

(120 employees), Jan. 2011

DATAGROUP IT Solutions

(20 employees), Sept. 2011

DATAGROUP Consulting

(10 employees), Sept. 2011

PC fire department

(10 employees), Jan. 2012

Consinto

(350 employees), Feb. 2012

Excelsis

(50 employees), Oct. 2014

Vega

(120 employees), Aug. 2015

HP Enterprise

(306 employees), Sept. 2016

HanseCom

(70 employees), May 2017

ikh Data

ALMATO

Jan. 2018

(72 employees), Aug. 2017

(40 employees),

UBL

(70 employees), Apr. 2019

IT information technology

(300 employees), Aug. 2019

Mercoline

(60 employees), Aug. 2019

Portavis

(200 employees). March 2020

Cloudeteer

(29 employees), June 2020

dna

(104 employees), Apr. 2021

URANO Information Systems

(300 employees), May 2021

Hövermann IT

(55 employees). Apr. 2022

systemzwo

(38 employees), Apr. 2023

arago

(20 employees), Jul. 2023

conplus

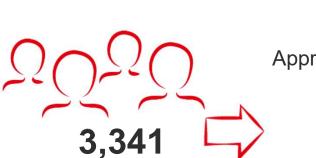
(22 employees), Dec. 2023

IT TOTAL

(40 employees), Jan. 2024

A Strong Team Our Staff at a Glance





Headcount as at 30.09.23 excluding trainees and students



Apprentices and dual students







different nationalities



7.9 years Average length of service

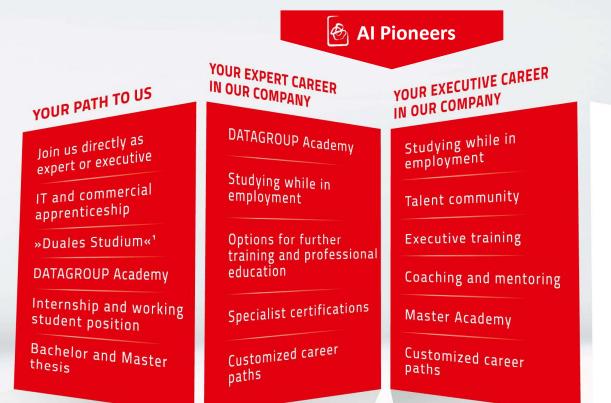


43.2 years

Average age

We Focus on Training and Further Education Expansion of the DATAGROUP Career Box to Include Al



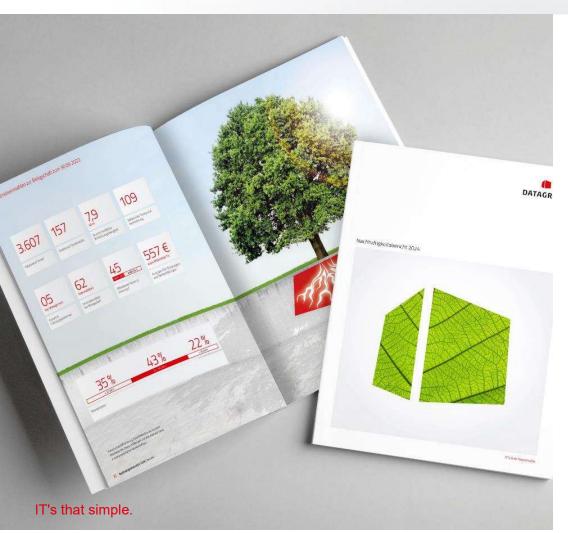




Dual system of vocational education and academic studies

Expansion of our Commitment in the Areas of Environment, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG)





- DATAGROUP Sustainability Report 2024
- ESG strategy project in collaboration with Prof Dr Ebinger, Nuremberg Institute of Technology
- Codes of conduct for DATAGROUP employees and suppliers
- Signing of the Diversity Charter "Charta der Vielfalt"
- DATAGROUP Declaration of Principles
- Report on the Supply Chain Due Diligence Act
- First company in Germany to be awarded Zero Waste Gold certification (in Pliezhausen and Leinfelden)

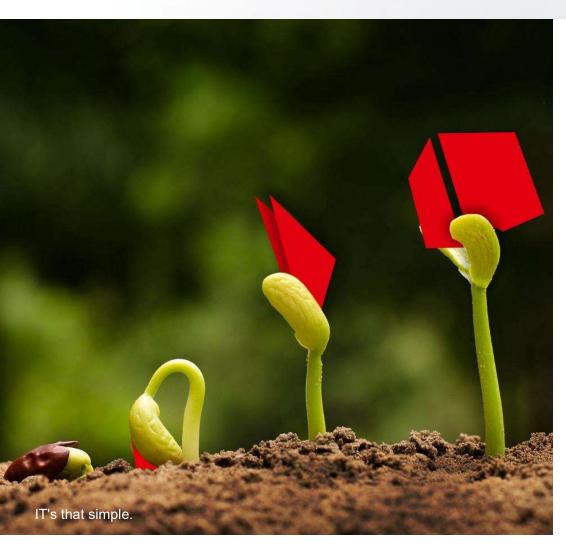
40 Years of DATAGROUP We Have our Sights Firmly Set on the Future





We Live our Values DATAGROUP FOREST Creates the Forest of the Future





- A climate-resistant forest of the future is being created with our customer Forst Baden-Württemberg
- Everyone can score points through commitment and good deeds. The more points, the more trees.
- Our goal on the occasion of the 40th anniversary: 40,000 points = 4,000 trees
- Current score: 26,101

DATAGROUP FOREST - 40 Years of DATAGROUP A Look at our Livewall on forest.datagroup.de





Night train instead of flight **Evelyn DATAGROUP** in Mainz



Weekly vegetable box SoLaWi Florian DATAGROUP in Frankfurt



Visit to the DATAGROUP FOREST **Talent Community** DATAGROUP in the FOREST



Doing sport together Nicole DATAGROUP in Hamburg



Team event: Cooking together Stephan **DATAGROUP** in Bad Kreuznach



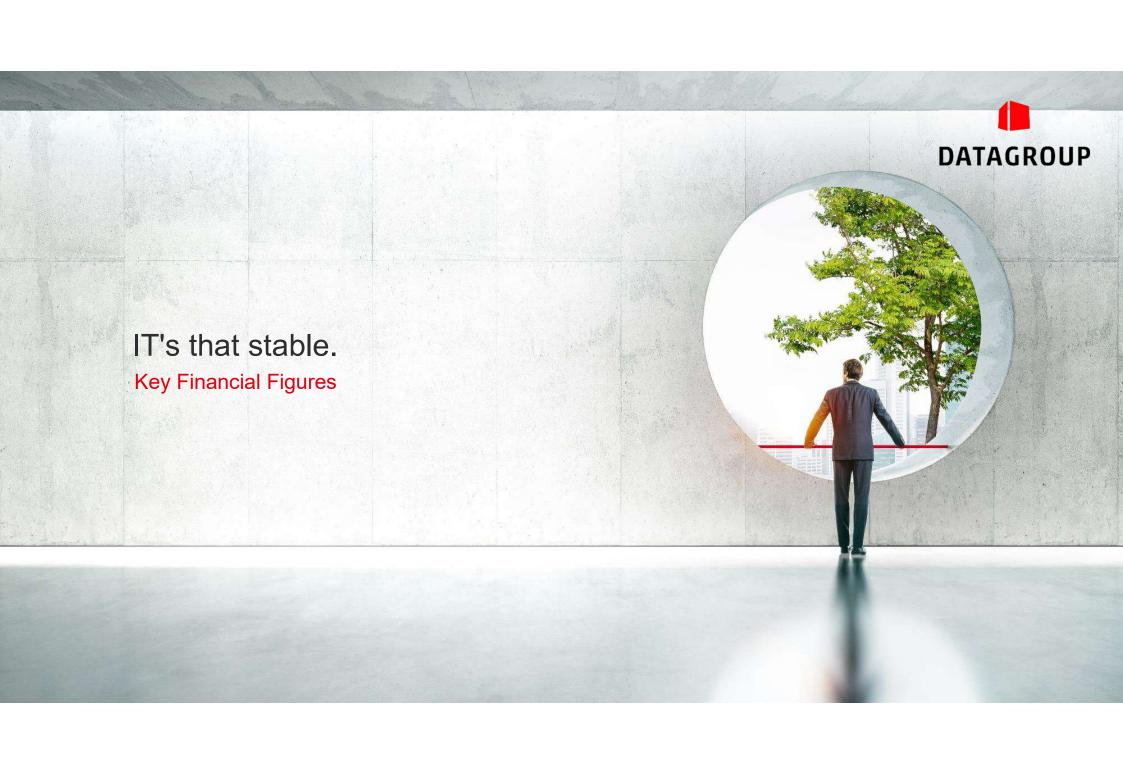
Welcome Days - Trainee Kristina DATAGROUP Germany-wide



Volunteer fire department -Volunteering **Dietmar DATAGROUP** in Bremen

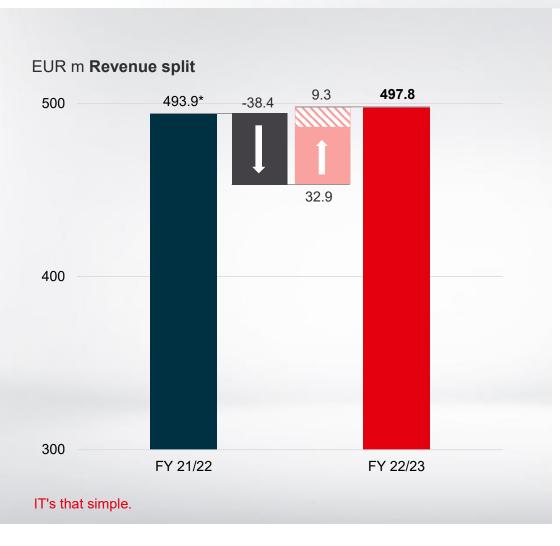


Bootcamp Leadership - Further training **Philip DATAGROUP** Germany-wide



Financial Year 2022/23: Further Significant Growth in CORBOX **Core Business**





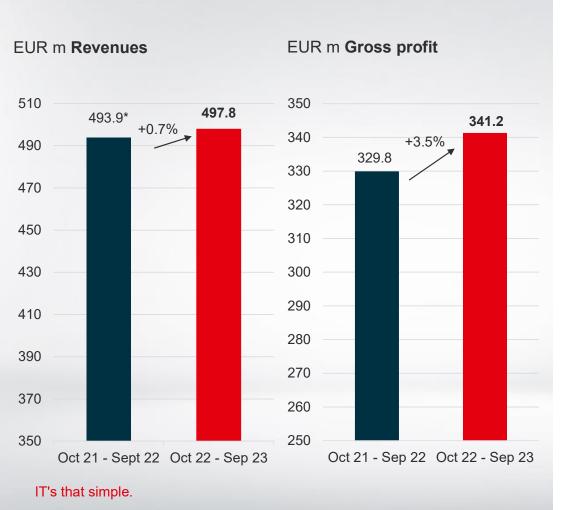
High reduction in transformation revenue of around EUR 38m from previous acquisitions in financial year 2022/23 more than offset by organic and inorganic growth

- Reduction of transformation sales
- Organic growth
- Inorganic growth

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FY 2022/23: Robust Key Financial Figures Prove the Strength of DATAGROUP's Business Model



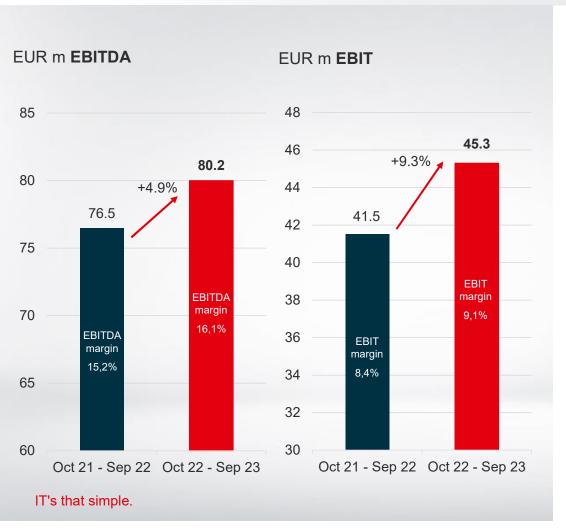


- Unplanned high effects from the reduction in transformation revenues led to the original guidance being missed
- Strong operational development in the CORBOX core business and in the area of digitalization
- Disproportionately high increase in gross profit of 3.5% shows that the focus on the profitable CORBOX core business is paying off

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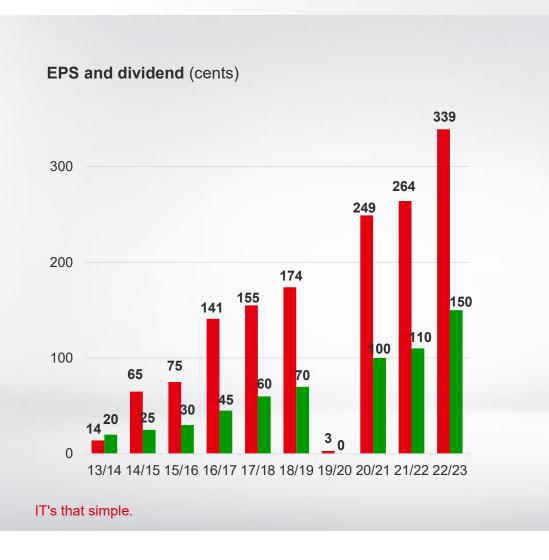




- EBITDA forecast slightly exceeded
- Earnings increase due to efficiency measures and focus on profitable contracts in the highly profitable CORBOX Service-as-a-Product business
- Stabilization of CAPEX in recent years leads to disproportionately high increase in EBIT compared to **EBITDA**

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Sustainable Dividend Policy



- Long-term dividend policy continues to be pursued, which provides for a payout ratio of around 40% of net income for the period
- Dividend proposal of EUR 1.50 per dividend-bearing share
- EUR 12,523,500.00 is to be distributed to shareholders from the net retained profits of EUR 75,845,069.99*

EPS

Dividend

^{*} According to the annual financial statements of DATAGROUP SE under commercial law



Selected P&L Key Figures for Financial Year 2022/23

| in kEUR | FY 2021/22* | FY 2022/23 | Change |
|--|-------------|------------|--------|
| Sales revenue | 493,950 | 497,796 | 0.8% |
| Other own work capitalized | 1,643 | 2,153 | 31.1% |
| Change in capitalized contract costs | -3,580 | -4,086 | 14.1% |
| Overall performance | 492,013 | 495,863 | +0.8% |
| Cost of materials / cost of purchased services | 162,244 | 154,670 | -4.7% |
| Gross profit | 329,769 | 341,193 | 3.5% |
| Personnel expenses | 233,440 | 243,640 | 4.4% |
| EBITDA | 76,459 | 80,228 | 4.9% |
| EBITA | 48,852 | 52,977 | 8.4% |
| EBIT | 41,453 | 45,318 | 9.3% |
| Financial result | -4,719 | -4,077 | -13.6% |
| EBT | 36,733 | 41,241 | 12.3% |
| Net income for the period | 22,028 | 28,265 | 28.3% |
| EPS (in EUR) | 2.64 | 3.39 | 28.3% |

- Share of services remains high at 81.4%
- Improvement in earnings by reducing external services and building up own resources
- Significant increase in EPS from EUR 2.64 to EUR 3.39 (+28.3%) due to strong result and return to a normal tax rate

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Selected Key Balance Sheet Figures for Financial Year 2022/23



| in kEUR | 30.09.2022 | 30.09.2023 | Change |
|--|------------|------------|--------|
| Goodwill | 151,436 | 157,025 | 3.7% |
| Non-current liabilities | 161,479 | 151,789 | -6.0% |
| thereof liabilities to banks | 69,225 | 65,903 | -4.8% |
| of which leasing liabilities | 34,442 | 33,414 | -3.0% |
| of which pension provisions | 36,103 | 35,884 | -0.6% |
| Current liabilities | 194,647 | 166,064 | -14.7% |
| thereof liabilities to banks | 9,008 | 33,748 | 274.6% |
| of which leasing liabilities | 18,052 | 18,565 | 2.8% |
| Means of payment | 47,042 | 21,879 | -53.5% |
| Trade receivables | 55,148 | 57,010 | 3.4% |
| Liabilities from deliveries and services | 15,827 | 13,069 | -17.4% |
| Net financial debt | 109,302 | 112,574 | 3.0% |
| Equity ratio (in %) | 26.4 | 31.7 | |
| Balance sheet total | 483,584 | 465,287 | -3.8% |

- Solid balance sheet structure offers scope for further growth
- Net debt at previous year's level despite investments in new subsidiaries and dividend payment
- Reduction in total assets by establishing a new, more flexible financing structure in March 2023
- Equity ratio further improved to 31.7%

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Stable Financing for Further Growth

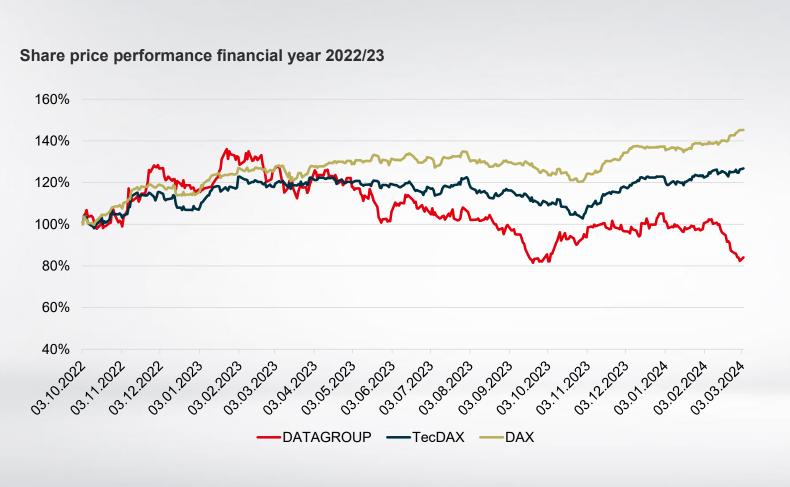


- DATAGROUP's net debt to EBITDA ratio of 1.59 (as of Q1 2023/24) provides significant scope for further debt financing
- Lively interest from our financing partners in expanding our cooperation
- Expansion of the variable financing framework to include bilateral lines with a fixed term commitment and attractive interest rates as well as flexible M&A lines to support the inorganic growth course





DATAGROUP Share Compared to Indices



- Share price performance in financial year 2022/23 not satisfactory
- High revenue transformation in financial year 2022/23 weighs on share price
- Difficult market environment for small and mid caps

Measures:

- Targeted investments in growth areas in the 2022/23 financial year
- Expansion of investor relations activities to address new investor groups



Extensive Analyst Coverage



| Bank | Analyst | Target price | Recommen- dation | Date |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| Baader Helvea | Knut Woller | 75.00 EUR | Buy | 23.02.2024 |
| Berenberg | Gustav Froberg | 80.00 EUR | Buy | 06.02.2024 |
| Hauck & Aufhäuser | Tim Wunderlich | 68.50 EUR | Buy | 21.02.2024 |
| Metzler Capital Markets | Oliver Frey | 84.00 EUR | Buy | 21.02.2024 |
| Quirin | Sebastian Droste | 81.00 EUR | Buy | 06.03.2024 |
| Stifel | Jannik Siering | 70.00 EUR | Buy | 23.02.2024 |
| Warburg Research | Andreas Wolf | 86.00 EUR | Buy | 20.02.2024 |

Financial Calendar 2024





- 15.01.2024 Oddo Forum, Lyon
- 25.01.2024 Warburg, Klein Aber Fein, Frankfurt
- 07.02.2024 Hamburg Investor Days, Hamburg
- 20.02.2024 Publication of figures for the first quarter of 2023/24
- 14.03.2024 Annual General Meeting, Pliezhausen
- 22.04.2024 Metzler Small Cap Days, Frankfurt/Main
- 23.04.2024 Quirin Champions Conference, Frankfurt/Main
- 13-15.05.2024 Spring conference, Frankfurt/Main
- 23.05.2024 Publication of figures for the second guarter of 2023/24
- 20.08.2024 Publication of figures for the third quarter of 2023/24
- 23.09.2024 Berenberg Goldman Sachs, Munich
- 24.09.2024 Baader Investment Conference, Munich
- 21.11.2024 Publication of the preliminary figures for the 2023/24 financial year
- 25-27.11.2024 Equity Forum 2024



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The Right Focus for a Successful Future



- Investments in future technologies to tap future growth potential
- Organic growth in CORBOX core business through new customers, cross-selling and upselling
- Reduction in transformation revenue from previous acquisitions
- Strengthening our position as a top employer and sustainable company
- Further inorganic growth with a defined focus

We are Well on the Way to Achieving our Operating Targets for the 2023/24 Financial Year

100%



Cross- and upselling: approx. EUR 5.3m revenues p.a.

New customers in CORBOX core business approx. EUR 18.5m revenues p.a.

Extension of existing CORBOX customer contracts: 26 contract extensions

M&A:

Acquisition of conplus and iT TOTAL

Growth through cross-selling and upselling to existing CORBOX customers

Target: approx. EUR 10-15m revenues p.a.

New customers in the CORBOX core business

✓ Target: approx. EUR 10-15m revenues p.a.

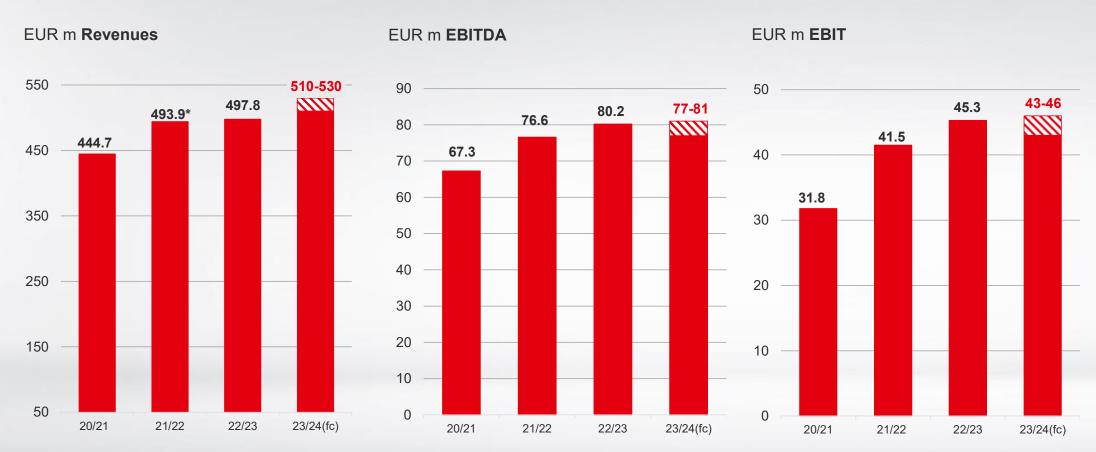
Extension of existing CORBOX customer contracts

Target: 20% of the CORBOX order backlog annually

Inorganic growth

Our Guidance for the 2023/24 Financial Year with Growth, Transformation, Future Investments





^{*}The previous year's figures have been adjusted. For details, see the 2022/23 Annual Report.

IT's that simple.

