

# Verve Group Q4 Report 2025

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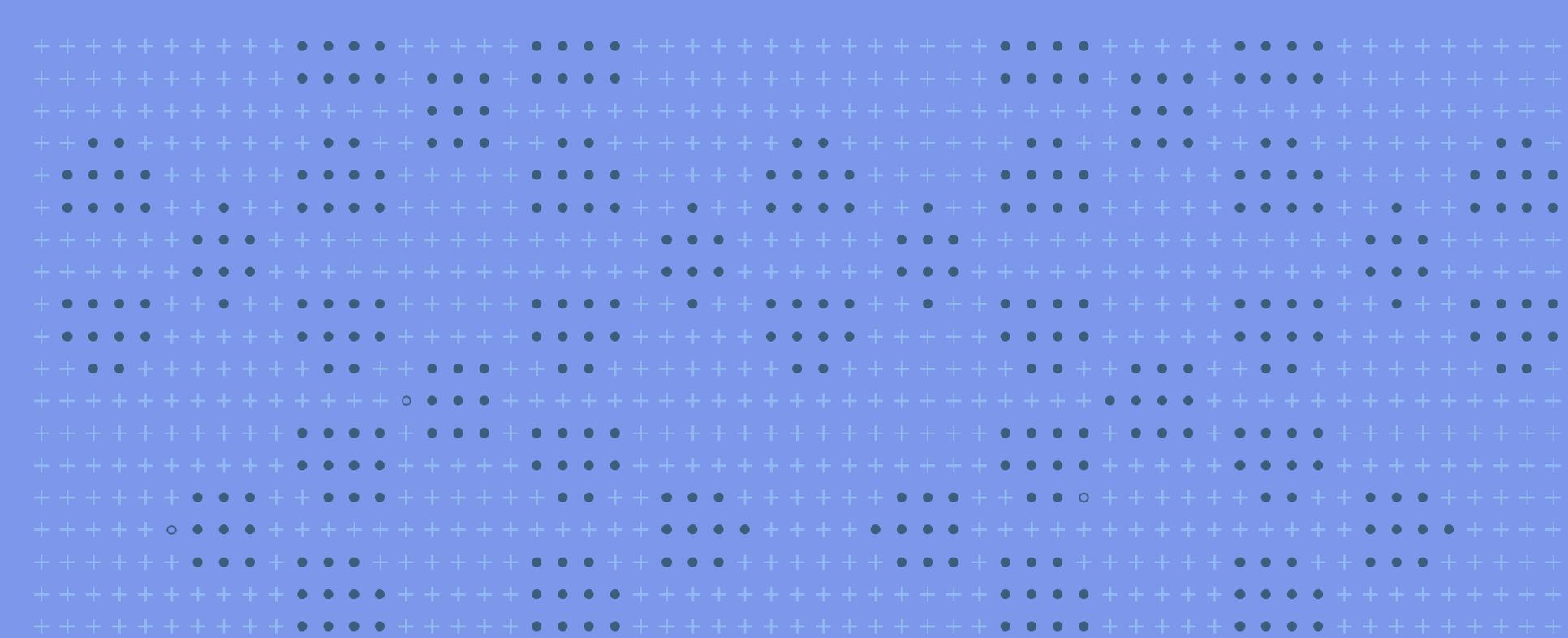
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# Q4 Performance Highlights

# Q4 2025 - Key Metrics Signal Accelerating Growth Momentum for 2026

Key overview Q4 2025 and guidance FY 2026

1

Unified Supply-Side Platform runs smoothly and delivers expected structural performance improvements in stability, scalability and efficiency

2

Significantly increased Gross Margin due to better margin control following platform unification and improved use of AI:  
**44.6% in Q4 (up from 36.6% in Q3)**

3

Total Number of Software Clients **+6.8% QoQ**  
Number of Large Clients **+5.3% QoQ**  
Investments into Sales Teams start paying off!

4

Net Debt increased to EUR 445.9 m, based on accretive acquisitions and NWC increase while Leverage is slightly reduced QoQ to 3.0x  
Cash Interest Coverage Ratio significantly up 4.3x

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Stronger focus on liquidity management in 2026:  
Targeting substantial reduction of growth impact on NWC and significant improvement of cash conversion

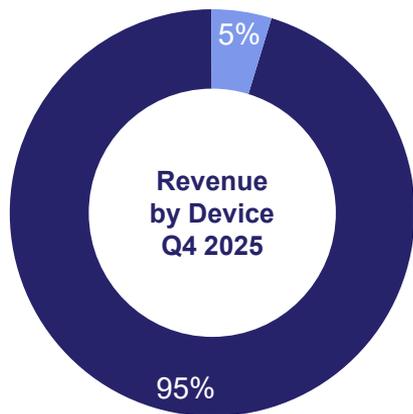
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Guidance 2026 with robust safety margin to reflect "**sales-productivity inflection point**" following investments into sales teams

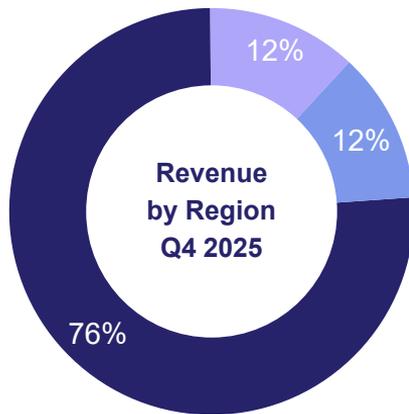


# A Leading Mobile Ad-Tech Company

Unparalleled capabilities in matching advertisers and publishers and reaching end consumers worldwide



Mobile Others

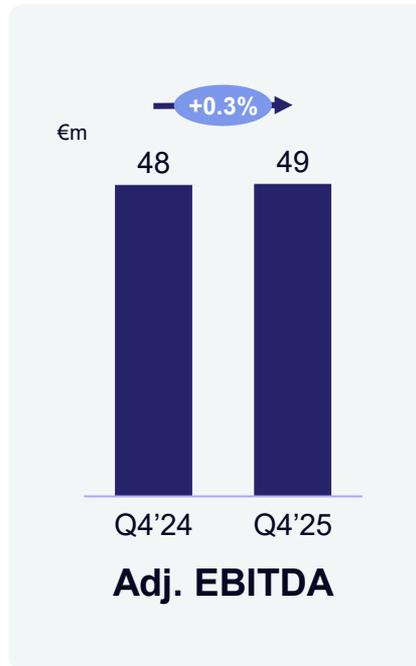


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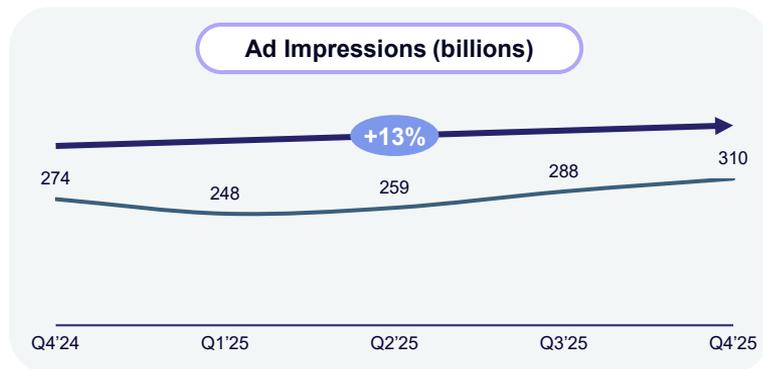
# Strong Revenue Momentum, Margin Expansion and Stable EBITDA in Q4

Revenue growth and margin expansion reflect unified platform benefits and growth investments while offsetting a FX headwind



# Strong Customer Growth Finalized Platform Unification and Invest in Sales Force

Strong retention, strong customer growth, net dollar expansion rate rebounding



Notes: (1) includes demand and supply partners > USD 100k gross revenues per year (2) Q1'24 Net \$ Expansion Rate based on Programmatic Exchange Business, since Q2'24 based on total media business, Q4'24 onwards calculated in line with organic growth methodology (3) Number of Software Clients KPI includes Captify, Total +144 >100k \$ +59

# Strategic Focus

## Commerce & Market Expansion

As **Q4** proved the successful completion of our **platform unification**, we are now fully focused on **scaling** both the **Supply and Demand** sides to capitalize on our **business momentum**.

We are prioritizing scaling in 2026 to further strengthen our **market leadership** position. This leads to **margin headwinds in H1**, driven by a **front-loaded ramp-up phase**, followed by **full productivity** and **operating leverage** expected to materialize progressively over the subsequent quarters, driving **long-term margin expansion**.

### Sales Expansion and Verve for Advertisers Roll-Out

One strong brand: 'Verve for Advertisers' since January 2026. Adding Sellers, Account Managers and Back-Office to cover more of the +4,000 agencies in the US.

### Supply Side Scale

Doubling down on expanding Verve's app supply partnerships. Adding further CTV, retail media, digital audio supply partners. Expanding into strategic partnerships.

### Increased Sector Focus

We are sharpening our focus on and expertise in high-growth sectors like Retail Media or CPG's

# 61%

YoY Demand Side Growth

# 68%

YoY Sales Force Increase



# Strategic Focus

## Engineering, Product and AI

Our roadmap centers on **AI-driven Performance** and **ID-less Scalability**, addressing the **structural shift** driven by **97% of users demanding data clarity**<sup>1</sup> and enforced by players like Apple.

We are deep-integrating AI to disrupt traditional workflows through **forward-integrated agency tools**. By combining privacy with AI, we move from tracking to prediction - **optimizing margins and win-rates** to ensure efficient targeting even without cookies.

### AI Performance & Forward Integration

Enhancing our core engine for direct yield gains while deploying LLM tools to integrate our tech directly into agency workflows

### Data Investments

Moving from tracking to prediction: whoever owns high-quality data and signals at scale can use AI to make more accurate predictions about user intent - even without cookies

### Data Innovation

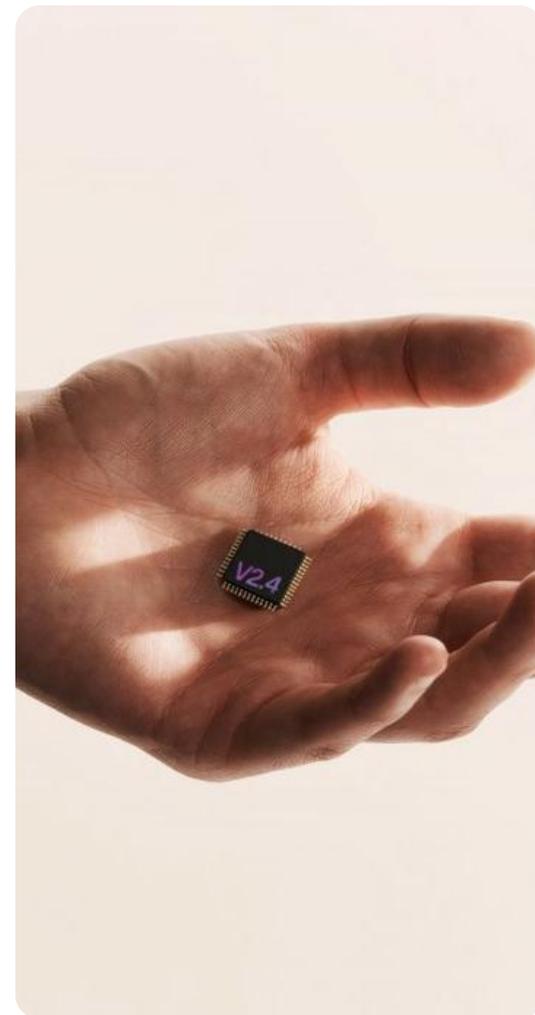
Expanding beyond search intent to capture high-value user signals via prompt-based technology, diversifying our targeting DNA

# 96%

Revenue migrated

# 31%

YoY Revenue Growth on iOS (Proven performance in ID-less environments)



# Strategic Focus

## Efficiency and Financial

Parallel to our growth, we are institutionalizing financial discipline and operational excellence. By implementing **AI to drive higher productivity** and **unifying teams** from recent acquisitions, we are building a **lean, efficient structure** while prioritizing **company culture and team motivation** as our strategic foundation.

Our focus remains on protecting liquidity through **smart working capital management** and driving **margin expansion** - leveraging a **streamlined cost base** and AI-based improvements for sustained profitability

### Operational Synergies

Reducing costs through rigorous process and team efficiency improvements, ensuring that our infrastructure scales more slowly than our revenue

### Acquisition Integration

Completing the unification of teams and processes from recent acquisitions to eliminate redundancies and foster a single, high-velocity culture

### Working Capital Optimization

Actively working on neutralizing Net Working Capital (NWC) during this growth phase by utilizing more units and extended facilities to protect cash flow.

# 4.2%<sub>points</sub>

YoY Gross Margin Improvements

# 4.3x

Interest Coverage Ratio up from 3.3x YoY



# Verve's Receivables Securitization Program

Why our strong growth leads to intense Net Working Capital build-up...



Offering highly attractive payment terms for clients in an Emerging Channel:

- Demand Side      pay after **90 days**      → Liquidity + Scalability
- Supply Side      paid after **45 days**      → Cashflow + Trust

Verve      "Cash Gap" of **45 days**      Higher growth = Higher NWC

*"Institutional refinancing as a hallmark of excellence"*



Global ABS leader financing over \$200 billion annually



Providing liquidity via Commercial Paper Conduit

Up to  
**100 €m**  
revolving  
securitization volume

3M EURIBOR +  
**2%**  
due to excellent  
debtor structure\*\*

Equivalent of  
**A**  
client portfolio  
risk structure

...and how this will evolve

**"Liquidity as a Moat"**

Highly attractive payment terms  
to attract new clients  
and conquer the market faster

**"Cash Gap Compression"**

as market matures and  
market dominance is fortified

**"Unlocking Effect"**

from lower NWC requirements  
leading to strong cash inflow

# Structural Moats in the AI Era: Why Transactional Scale Outmuscles Generative Code

Proprietary data scale ensures our market dominance where software becomes a commodity

## MARKET FEARS vs. VERVE REALITY

"Will AI be able to **replicate your entire platform** in a fraction of the time?"

### Ecosystem over code

Code is a commodity; connectivity is the gatekeeper. **AI can't manufacture 65,000+ App integrations or five years of trust.** We aren't just software - we are a physical, global infrastructure.

"Will AI eventually **replace your specialized data**?  
Could an AI-native start-up **scale faster than you?**"

### Scale as a Fortress

LLMs are trained on public web-data. **Our Machine Learning is trained on 1.1 trillion annual ad transactions** and 1 trillion daily ad requests. This proprietary, transactional scale cannot be "shortcutted".

"As users move to AI search,  
**does your market vanish?**"

### The In-App Sanctuary

Search is for browsers; we are for apps. With 90% of mobile time spent In-App and 95% of our revenue generated there, **we operate in a sanctuary untouched by the shifts in AI-driven search.**

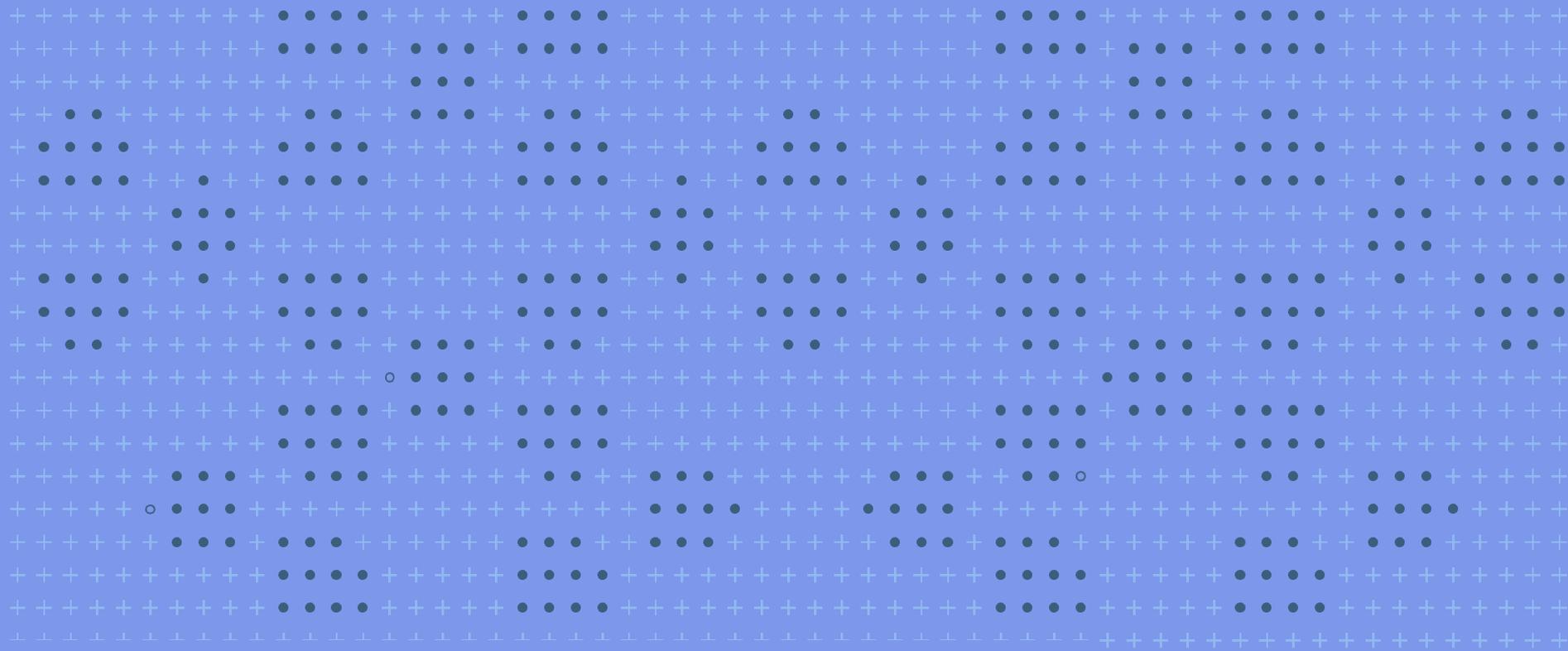
"Is your platform at risk of being  
**bypassed by AI agents?**"

### Infrastructure for the Agentic Era

AI agents can't fulfill user intent in a vacuum, they need real-time Intent Data. We don't get bypassed; we become the essential engine. **We provide the high-scale, real-time intent signals future AI agents require to work.**

*"Verve is not just another software layer — we are the indispensable network where the AI-driven economy actually transacts."*





# Financials

# Fourth Quarter Financial Highlights

Strong like-for-like revenue growth of 9.9% YoY, and return to attractive adjusted EBITDA margin of 25% in Q4

## Q4 2025 Revenues and Adj. EBITDA

**+34.4%**

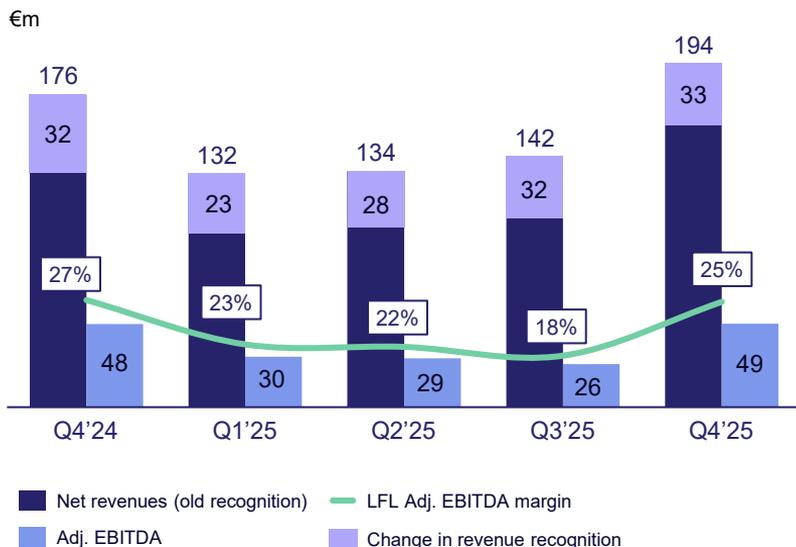
Reported Revenue Growth<sup>1</sup>

**+9.9%**

LfL Revenue Growth<sup>2</sup>

**+5.3%**

Organic Revenue Growth adjusted for M&A and FX



## Q4 2025 Margins and Cash Flows

Profits back on track after temporary decline

**86%**

Adj. EBITDA lift QoQ

**0.3%**

Adj. EBITDA lift YoY

Profitability materially up quarter-on-quarter

**25%**

Adj. EBITDA margin Q4

**+7pp**

Adj. EBITDA margin lift QoQ

Operational cash flow generation and investments

**+45.6 €m**

Operating Cash Flow (before NWC changes)

**-25.5 €m**

Change in NWC

**-29.7 €m**

Investing Cash Flow

NWC increased following strong revenue billings in Q4 with market standard payment cycle from advertisers and agencies



Notes: (1) Total revenue growth incl. acquisitions and change in revenue recognition. (2) LfL revenue growth on new revenue recognition.

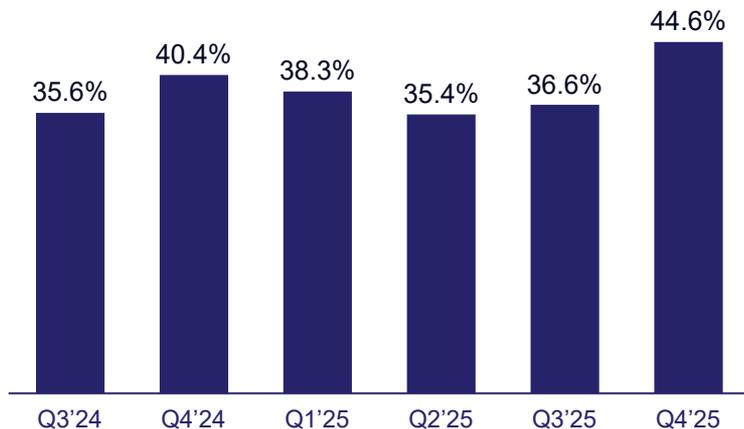
# Gross Profit Margin Increased in Q4 YoY and QoQ

Unified Supply Side platform more cost efficient and better at dynamic margin management, aided by seasonal pricing tailwinds

## Gross Profit Margin

Like-for-Like<sup>1</sup>

Gross Profit = Revenues – Purchased Services



**+8.0%-pts**

Q4'25 vs Q3'25  
Gross profit margin

**+4.2%-pts**

Q4'25 vs Q4'24  
Gross profit margin

**Margin Optimization:** Dynamic margin management and auction optimization features as part of unified Supply Side technology helped lift operating margin

**Cloud Cost Optimization:** Executed more efficient management of cloud hosting loads and infrastructure costs

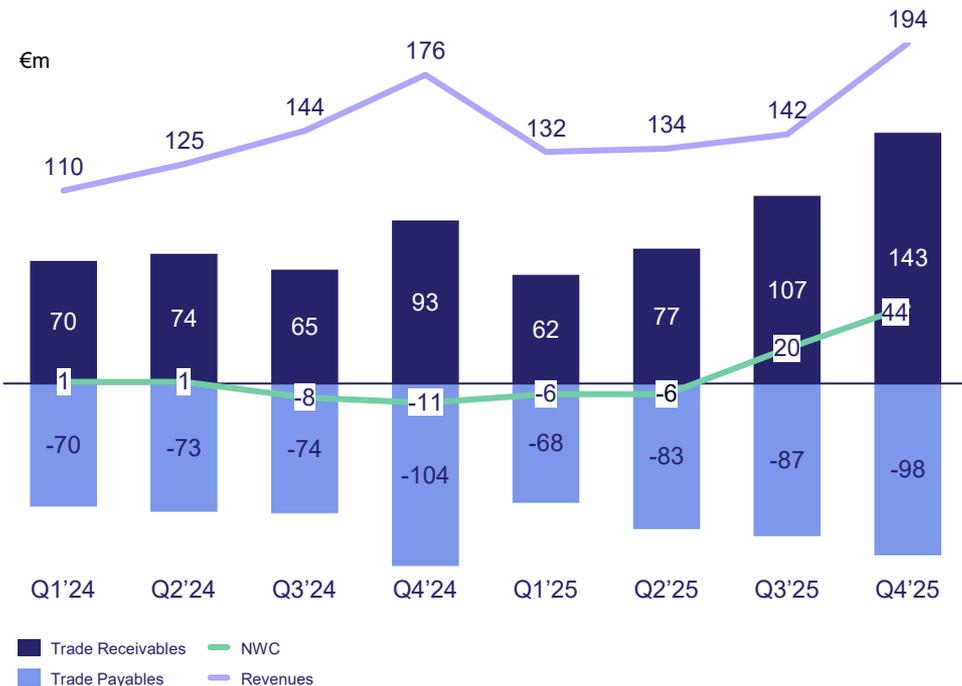
**Favorable Seasonality:** Benefited from Q4 pricing effect that traditionally supports higher margin performance



# Net Working Capital Development Affected by Business Growth

Accounts payable drive NWC usage based on company growth

## Quarterly development in Trade Receivables and Trade Payables 2024-2025



Strong revenue billing in Q4 adding 52 €m vs. Q3 2025, leading to an **increase in NWC of 25.5 €m during Q4 2025**

**Q4 billing to materialize as cash receipts during Q1 2026**  
Demand Side Partners **pay after 90 days**  
Supply Side partners are **paid after 45 days**  
Leading to approx. **45 Days Payment Gap**

Verve's securitization program absorbed the majority of NWC buildup. Currently, 20 €m total headroom remains under the securitization program, slightly below Q3.

**The securitization program currently limited to five core Verve operating entities** set up with daily integrated ERP reporting, receivables sales and reconciliation

**Verve is committed to aligning liquidity management with its accelerated growth:** Working to extending the facility and include additional legal entities (two entities planned in H1'26)

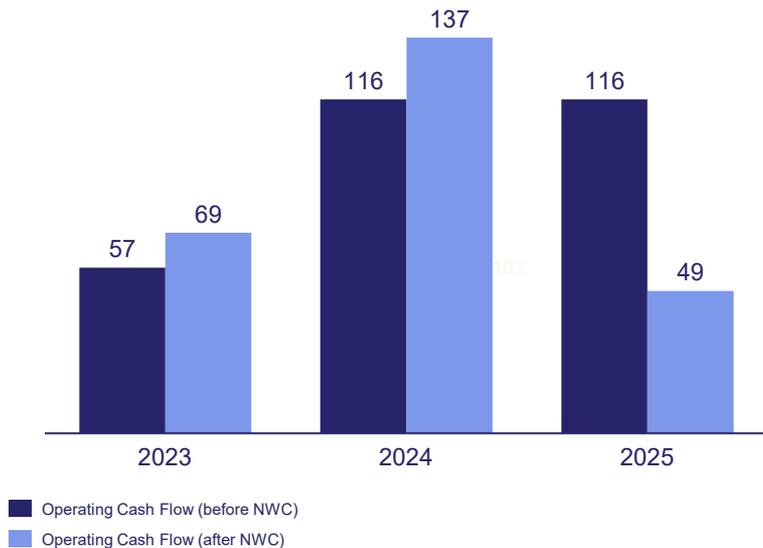


# Cashflow Development Before and After NWC Changes

Accelerating topline drove a temporary build-up in receivables; weighing on cash conversion compared to prior years

## Yearly Operating Cash Flow Development<sup>1</sup>

€m



**Cash generation before NWC in 2025** matched 2024 level at 116 €m, despite weaker revenue growth in Q2 and Q3 due to unification, as well as investments in expanding demand-side sales capacity

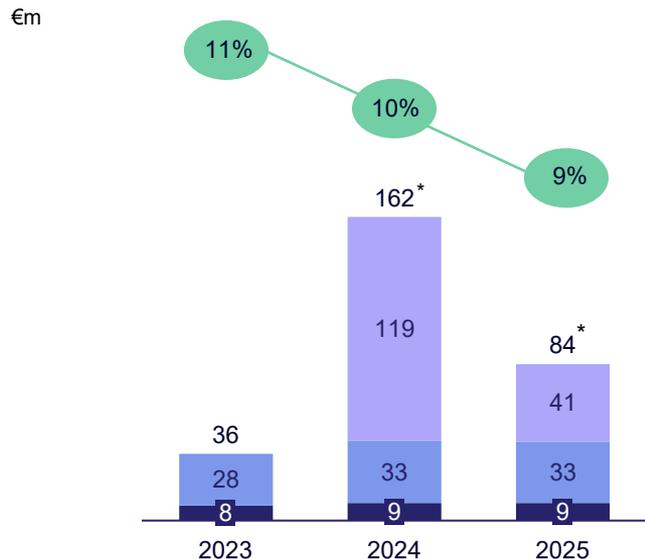
**Cash generation before NWC in Q4 2025** amounted to 45.6 €m, up 4.0 €m from Q4 2024

**Cash generation after NWC in 2025** impacted by increased NWC investments, primarily driven by developments in trade receivables and trade payables (in Q3 and Q4 2025)

# Capex Development

€42m Maintenance / Expansion capex in line with previous years. €41m acquisition activity

## Capex Development



■ Expansion Capex<sup>2</sup>  
■ Acquisition Capex  
■ Maintenance Capex<sup>1</sup>

● Maintenance and Expansion Capex as % of total revenue<sup>3</sup>

\* Numbers do not add up exactly to total of bar due to rounding effects

Expansion and maintenance CAPEX for 2025 totaled 42 €m, in line with 2024

Maintenance/expansion CAPEX remained stable from 2023 to 2025, but decreased as a percentage based on a significantly scaled business

The unification of the supply-side platform and engineering teams materially improves R&D efficiency - enabling a streamlined organization and focused development on one integrated platform rather than two parallel systems

Within the 42 €m CAPEX envelope, we are already seeing - and expect further - reallocation toward AI / innovation-driven R&D initiatives

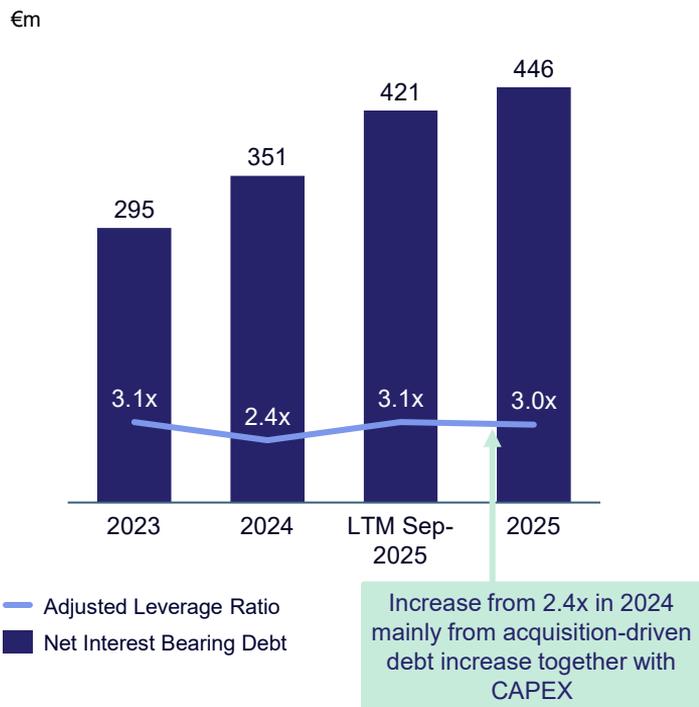
Notes (1) Maintenance Capex not an IFRS definition, with maintenance capex the lifetime of assets is significantly extended, (2) Expansion capex primarily includes investments in the advertising software platform, IP-rights and further investments in the Group's infrastructure (3) Figures are presented on a like-for-like basis, applying the legacy revenue recognition standard across all historical periods



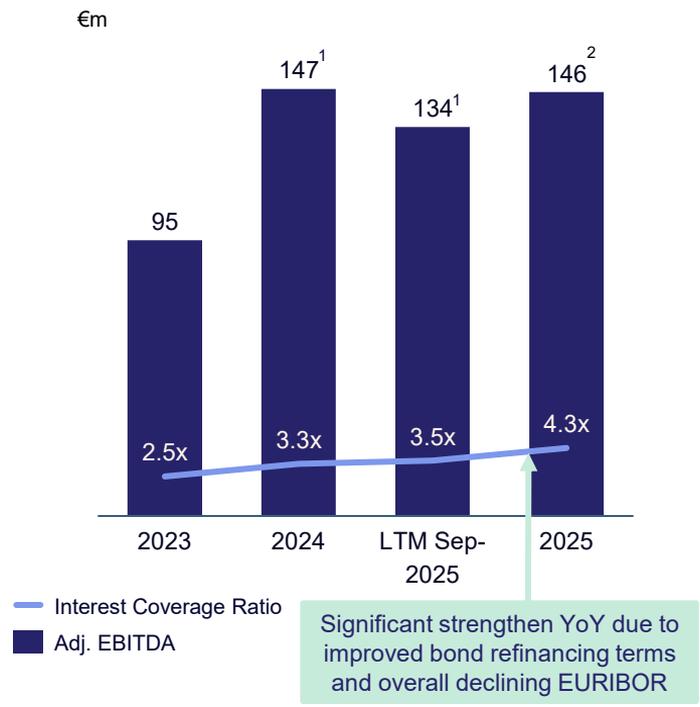
# Balancing Growth and Deleveraging

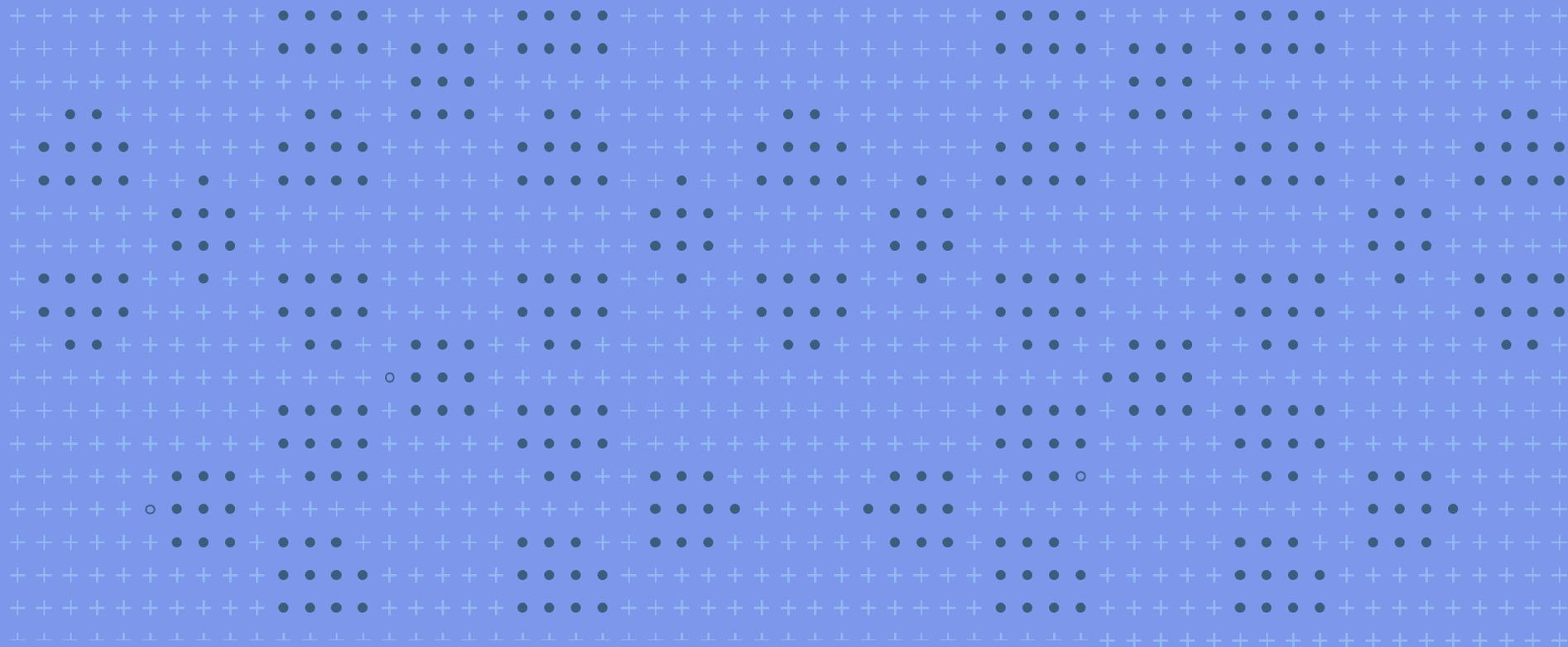
Acquisition and NWC driven debt increase, stable Leverage, interest coverage significantly improved

## Adjusted Leverage Ratio



## Interest Coverage Ratio



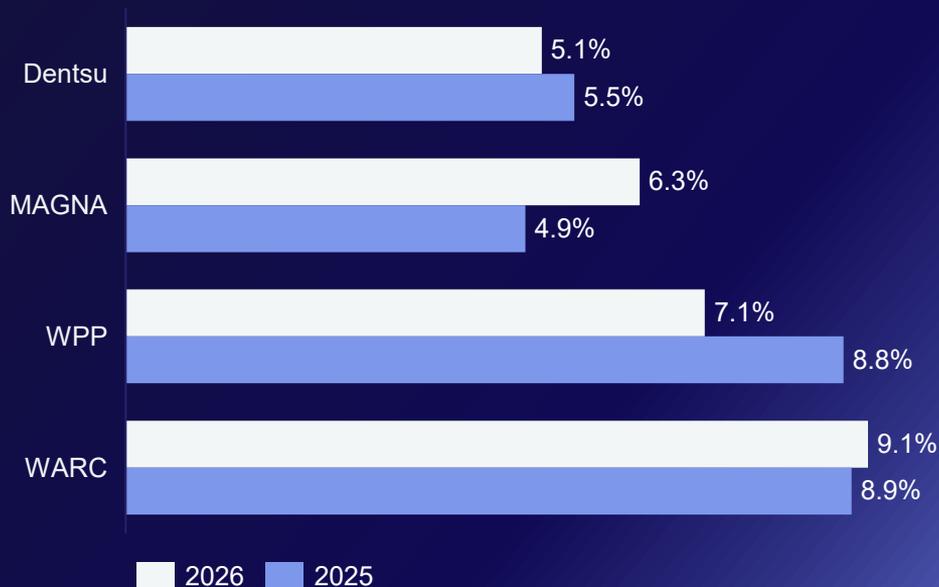


# Guidance FY 2026

# Moderate to slightly positive market environment for the Year 2026 Expected

Many special events in 2026, but consumer trust and market unpredictability require a guidance safety cushion

## Global Advertising Growth (HoldCo Expectations)



## Several large 2026 US advertising events



FIFA World Cup (North America)



US Midterm Elections



Winter Olympics (Milan–Cortina)

*An extraordinary convergence of global events expected to drive a significant growth in advertising demand in 2026*

# 2026 Growth Drivers for Verve

We see many opportunities to take market share

7-9%-pts structural market growth



>5%-pts revenue growth from market share gain

## US economic and digital advertising drivers 'moderately positive'

- US economy generally remains resilient, driven by tech/AI invest
- Mid-to-high single-digit growth based on advertising spend expected 2026
- In-app and CTV most insulated; Web pressured by LLMs

## Consumer trends and tech advancements leading to growth opportunities

- AI-based targeting and prediction models lifting yields by 3-5%
- New more engaging ad formats support higher eCPMs
- Supply Path Optimization unlocking ad budgets towards larger players

## Opportunity for Verve's products remains large and intact

- TAM of \$130B+\* in US alone, significant opportunity outside WGs
- Data MOAT enhanced with intent data and predictive signals
- SDKs grant exclusive data access & inventory priority

## Significant investment in sales capacity to 'land and expand'

- Continued investment in expansion of sales capacity
- Doubling down 'unified brand' and sector GTM approach
- Sharpening sales approach focused on high-growth sectors

## Key upsides / down-sides

- Verve with c. 83% of revenue denominated in USD exposed to FX translation impacts
- Sales-productivity inflection point is difficult to fully forecast, providing a timing outcome range
- Upside and scaling effects following platform unification; AI based revenue growth and margin expansion
- Upside from large US centric advertising events incl. US mid-term elections and FIFA



# Conservative Outlook for 2026 With Robust Safety Margin Applied

Sales team ramp-up resulting in 'front-loaded' investment phase in H1

	FY 2025 Actuals	FY 2026 Guidance
<b>Revenue (like-for-like)</b> (in €m)	<b>602</b>	<b>680 – 730</b>
<b>Adj. EBITDA</b> (in €m)	<b>134</b>	<b>145 - 175</b>

As exact timing of 'sales-productivity inflection point' is difficult to forecast with quarterly precision, a wider guidance range with a robust margin of safety has intentionally been established

*The higher average full-year realized USD/EUR exchange rate in 2025 results in a 3.7% adverse translation effect when compared with the 2026 guidance provided at an exchange rate of 0.851 as of December 31 2025.*

*Guidance based on USD/EUR exchange rate of 0.851 (as of 31 December 2025) excluding effects from potential future M&A transactions and related transaction costs.*

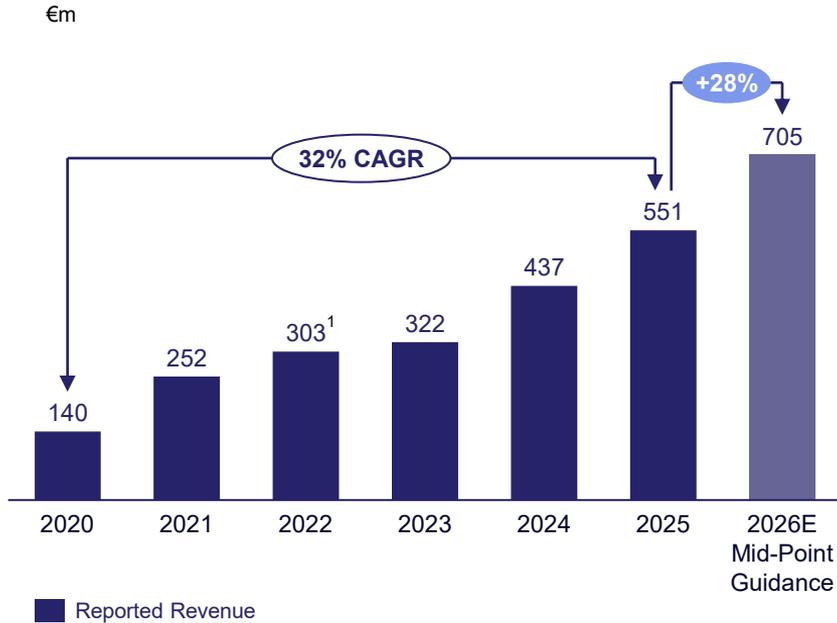
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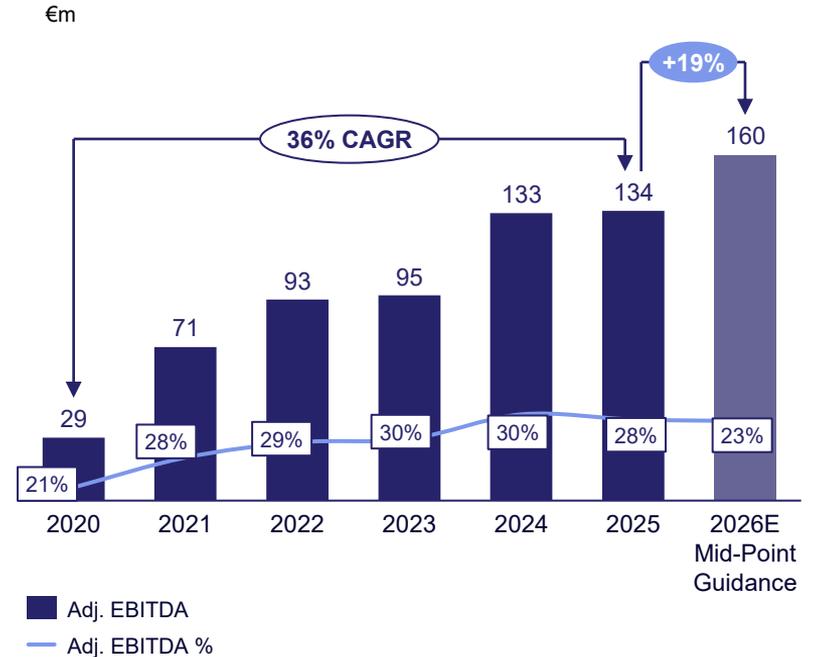
# Sustained Long-Term Growth Performance Retained

With a strong Q4, Verve remains on a long-term growth track despite impacts of absent growth in Q2 and Q3 2025

## Revenue Growth



## Adj. EBITDA Growth



# We are Continuing our Strong Profitable Growth Journey

We have been able to build a top 20 Ad-Tech platform in the US in less than six years

## Prioritizing long-term value creation

Balancing short term leverage & growth while committed to active cash management

Continued investments in Product & Sales as well as innovation

Conservative guidance based front-loaded investments into scale and expansion

## Building strong differentiators

Targeting: ID-based & ID-less

Verticalization: More efficiency, with a lot of room for improvement

M&A: Strong track record on transactions and integration

Aiming at new emerging markets and segments, e.g. Retail Media

## Driving Operational Excellence via AI

...to become more efficient as a Company

...to improve results for our partners

...to disrupt and gain market share

***"With the platform unification completed, we've turned operational challenges into a powerful foundation for future growth."***





Let's  
make  
media  
better.

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