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Despite ongoing global challenges HHLA benefits from temporary effects and European network expansion



Market environment

- Ongoing economic weakness in Germany, the military conflict in the Middle East with its impact on sea routes and the war in Ukraine continued to affect global trade
- Cargo flows from/to North America rose significantly on potential punitive tariffs after US election, while Far East shipping region was burdened by China's economic weakness



Major events

- Hamburg terminals: extensive test phase of automated guided vehicles (AGVs) at CTB
- Acquisition of 51% stake in Austrian intermodal service provider Roland Spedition closed in Q2
- Prototype testing of hydrogen-powered tractor unit at CTT
- Resumption of waterside handling at CTO in Q3



Financial performance

- Container throughput up by 0.9 %; container transport rose by 11.6 %
- Revenue and EBIT growth supported by an increase in transport volumes and temporary higher storage fees at Hamburg container terminals, leading to EPS of € 0.32
- Capex below plan due to postponements in the implementation of investment projects
- Dividend proposal of € 0.16 per class A share

Port Logistics subgroup 2024

Throughput
5,970 k TEU
0.9 %

Transport
1,787 k TEU
11.6 %

Revenue
€ 1,561.7 m
10.8 %

EBIT
€ 117.8 m
26.8 %

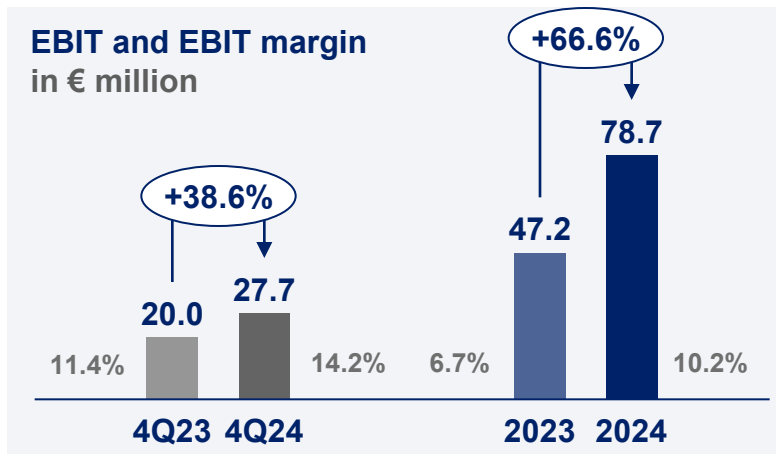
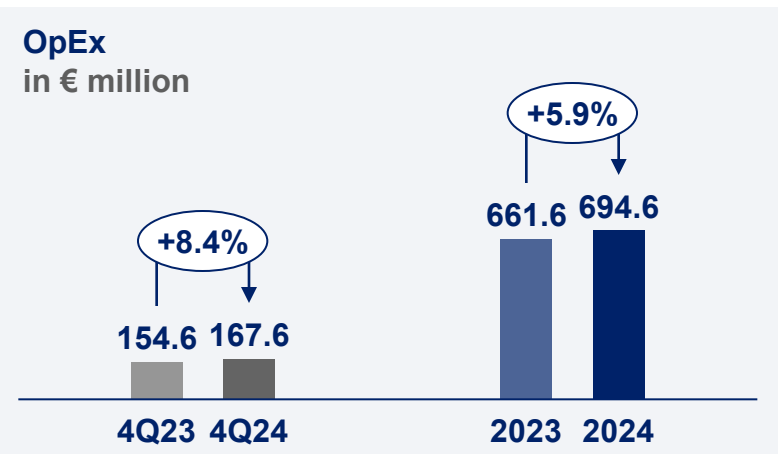
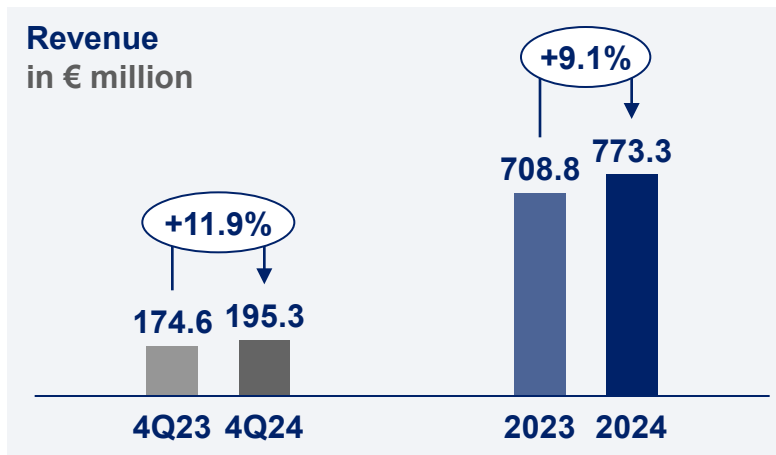
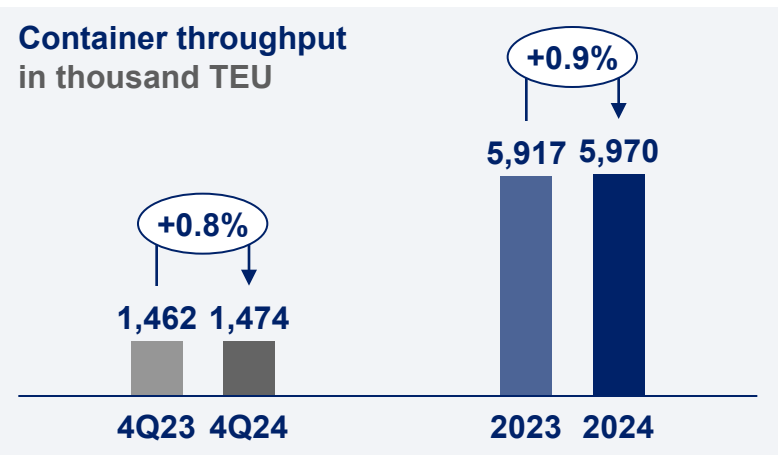
EBIT margin
7.5 %
0.9 pp

Profit after tax and minorities
€ 23.0 m
165.1 %

ROCE
5.2 %
0.8 pp

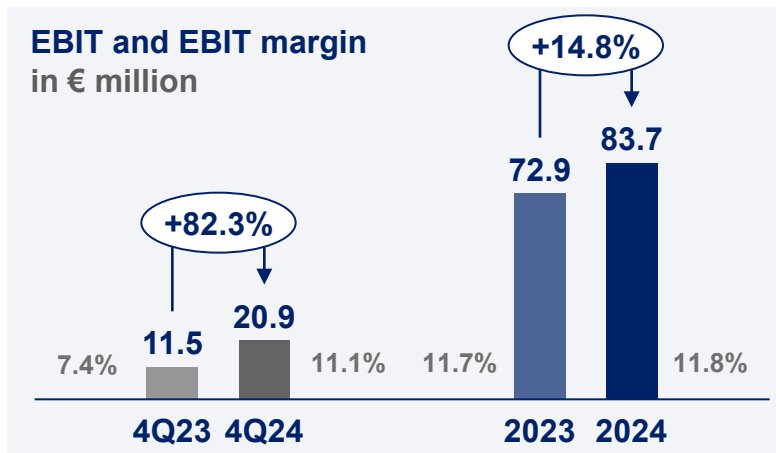
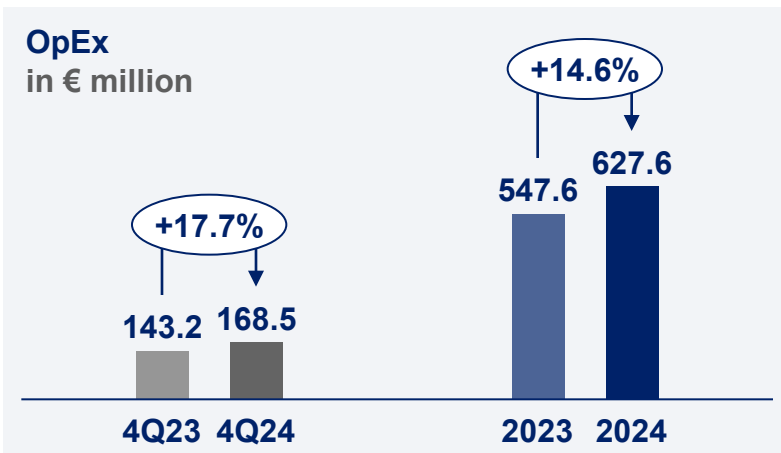
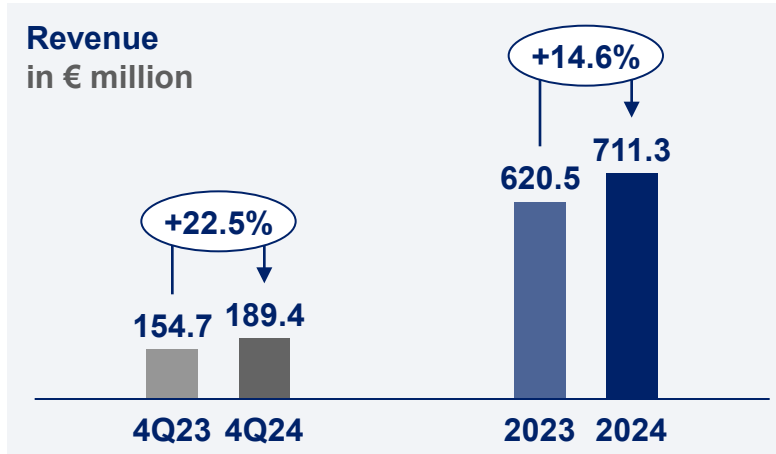
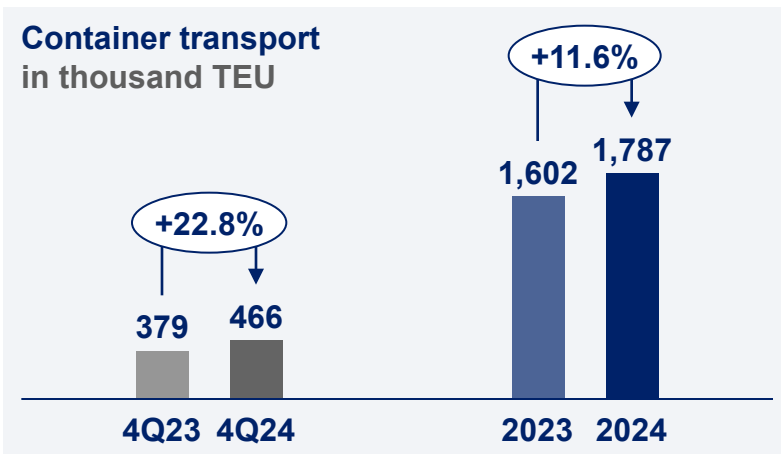
Operating cash flow
€ 179.9 m
– 9.8 %

EBIT benefits from temporary higher storage fees and measures to safeguard earnings



- Overall container throughput up by 0.9 %
 - Hamburg volumes remain flat
 - feeder ratio slightly up by 19.4 % (previous year: 18.6 %)
 - internationals up 23.1 % due to strong growth at Estonian multifunctional terminal and resumption of waterside handling at CTO in Q3
- Significant rise in revenue mainly driven by temporary higher storage fees and volume growth at international terminals
- OpEx increase of 5.9 % impacted by
 - rise in personnel and energy expenses as well as much higher costs at internationals due to higher volumes
 - opposing effects from measures to safeguard earnings, i.e. expense reduction for external maintenance services, total reversal of a restructuring provision and a strong reduction in depreciation and amortisation expenses
- EBIT benefits from favourable revenue mix

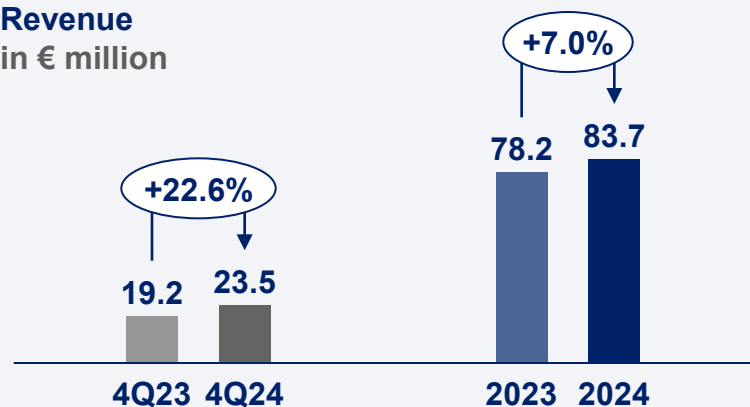
Volumes benefit from DACH region and acquisition, while EBIT is impacted by operational expansion and union wage increases



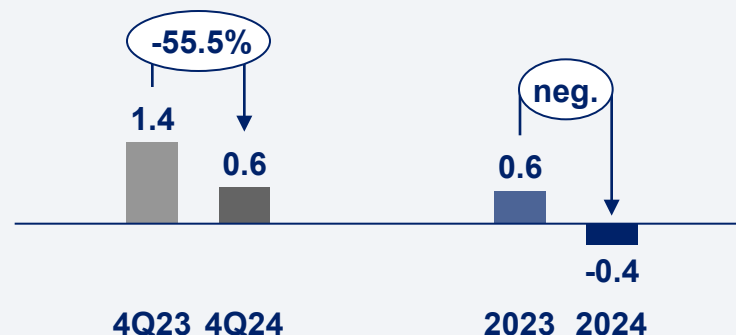
- Transport volumes up significantly by 11.6 %
 - rail transport rose by 13.2 % to 1,545 k TEU
 - strong rise in volumes from DACH region as well as acquisition of Roland Spedition GmbH in Q2
 - road transport up slightly by 2.2 % to 242 k TEU
- Revenue increase of 14.6 % supported by
 - regular price adjustments and
 - higher rail transport share of 86.5 % (previous year: 85.2 %)
- EBIT up by 14.8 % due to strong volume growth, but negatively affected by union wage rate increases and expansion of rail transport operations
- EBIT margin at prior-year level

Revenue development supported by strong growth in leasing activities and automation technology

Revenue
in € million

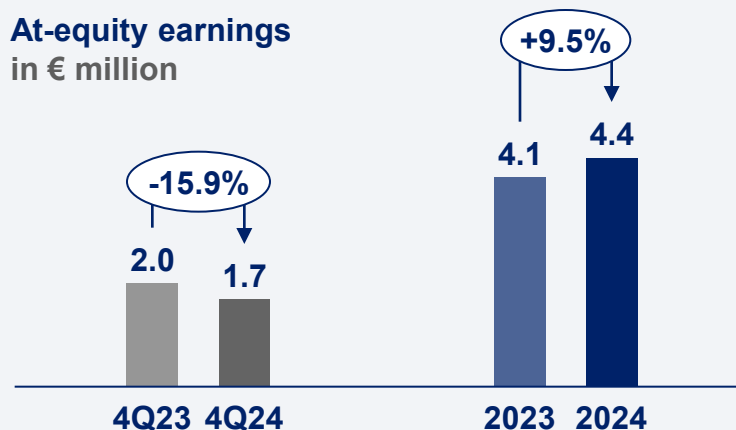


EBIT
in € million

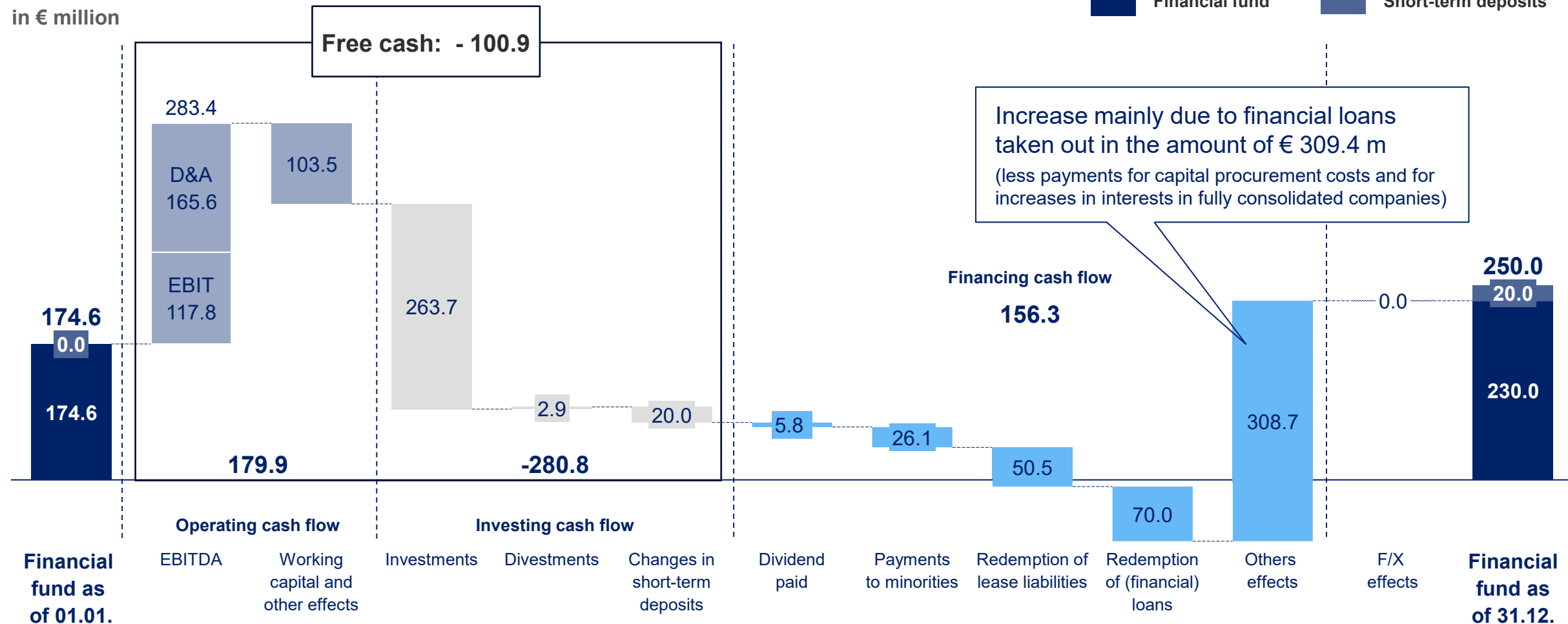


- Revenue from consolidated companies increased mainly due to strong growth of leasing activities and automation technology for the intermodal sector which more than offsets significant decline in vehicle logistics
- EBIT negative overall at € – 0.4 m
 - strong earnings contribution from leasing activities for the intermodal sector
 - vehicle logistics recorded a strong decline compared to exceptionally profitable previous year
 - segment EBIT was also negatively impacted by the effects of the discontinuation of a company's operations
- Upswing of 9.5 % in at-equity earnings mainly driven by bulk handling

At-equity earnings
in € million



Capex below plan due to postponements in the implementation of investment projects



High degree of EU Taxonomy alignment confirms HHLA's effective match of technological and sustainable innovation

Climate-neutral
by
2040

Reduction of absolute
CO₂e emissions by 2024
(against base year 2018)

42.1%

All Hamburg sites
operated by green
electricity 2024

100%

81,092

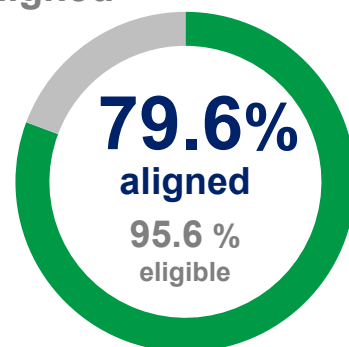
tonnes of CO₂ emissions
were avoided in 2024
through electricity
from renewable sources

EU Taxonomy

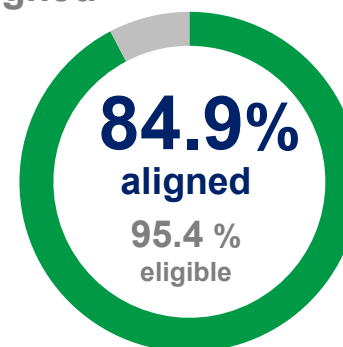
HHLA's Group-wide activities substantially contributing to climate change mitigation as per EU Taxonomy. Eligible activities are:

- 4.1 Electricity generation using solar photovoltaic technology
- 6.2 Freight rail transport
- 6.6 Freight transport services by road
- 6.14 Infrastructure for rail transport
- 6.16 Infrastructure enabling low-carbon water transport
- 7.7 Acquisition and ownership of buildings

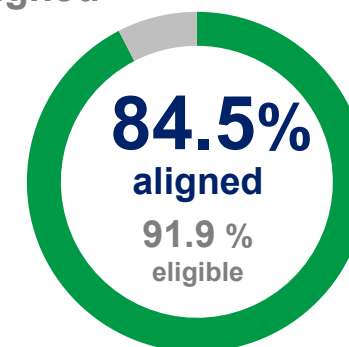
Revenue 2024
aligned



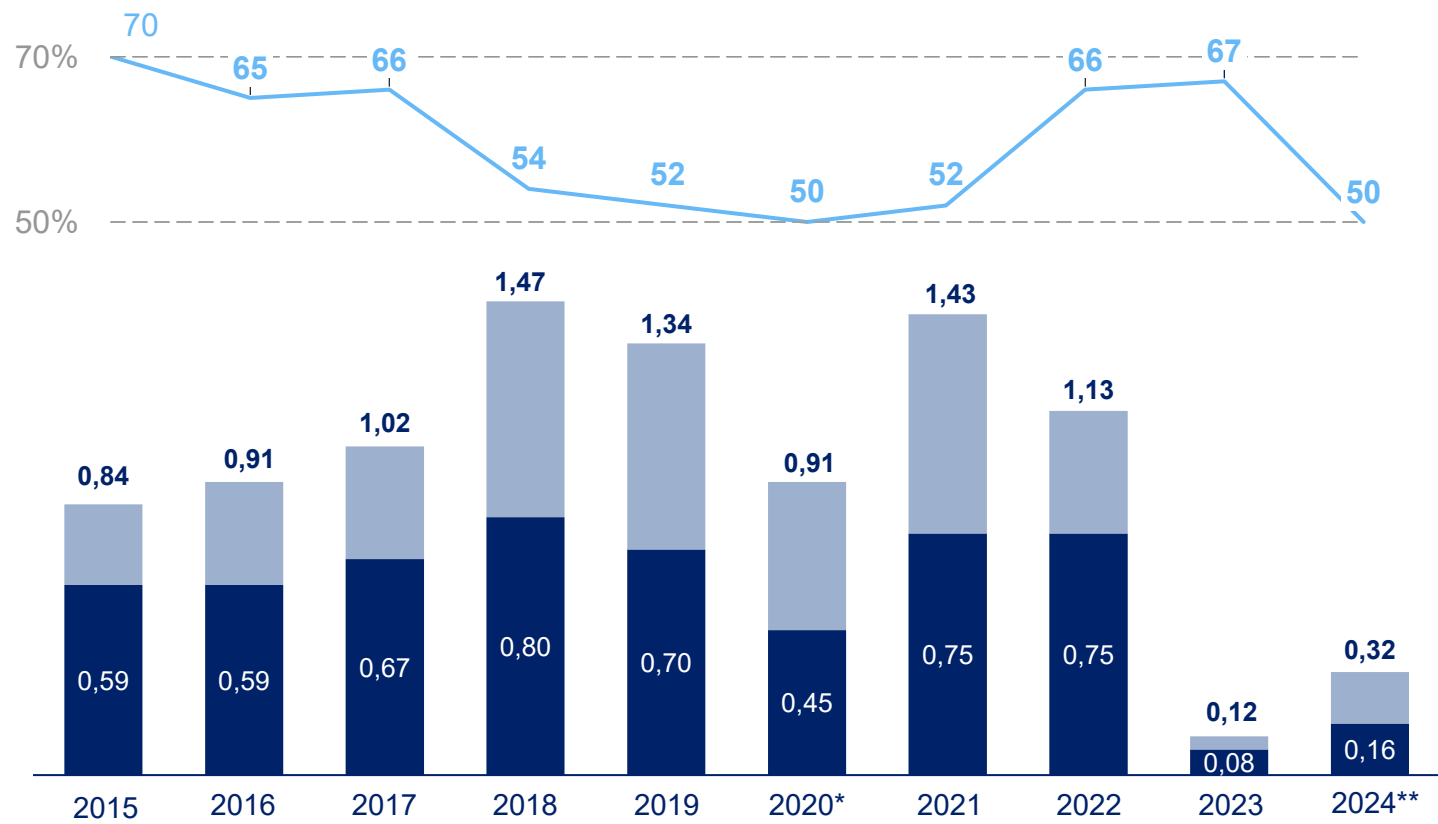
CapEx2024
aligned



OpEx 2024
aligned

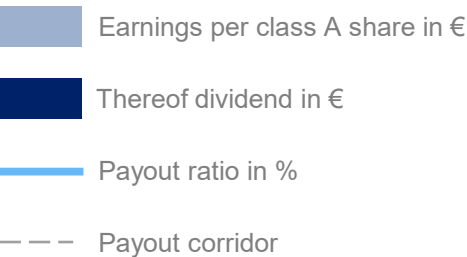


HHLA confirms dividend policy and proposes 16 cents per class A share



Dividend development

- Cash dividend of 16 cents per dividend-entitled class A share
- Strategic payout ratio of 50 to 70 % of net profit after minorities confirmed
- Dividend yield of 0.9 % as of 31.12.2024



* 2020: For calculation, result was adjusted for change in restructuring provision of € 43 million with impact on net income

** 2024: Dividend proposal

Takeover completed in December 2024 with transfer of shares to Port of Hamburg Beteiligungsgesellschaft SE



Key commitments for the long-term development of HHLA were agreed in a binding preliminary agreement (Business Combination Agreement)

- Assurance from the city and MSC to strengthen HHLA's equity by € 450 million and thus provide HHLA with additional financial headroom
- Exclusion of redundancies for operational reasons for five years
- Guarantee of long-term neutrality of HHLA's business model (multi-user concept)

	Number of shares	% of Group share capital	% of class A share capital
Subscribed capital (class A & class S shares)	75,219,438	100.00 %	–
Non-listed class S shares	2,704,500	3.60 %	–
Listed class A shares	72,514,938	96.40 %	100.00 %
Port of Hamburg Beteiligungsgesellschaft SE (class A shares)	68,003,027	90.41 %	93.78 %
SAS Shipping Agencies Services Sàrl (class A shares)	37,224	0.05 %	0.05 %
Free float (class A shares)	4,474,687	5.95 %	6.17 %

Outlook 2025 supported by expansion of the network and positive signals from market and customers

Research estimates for 2025

GDP development

World	+ 3.2 %	→
China	+ 4.6 %	→
Eurozone	+ 1.0 %	→
CEE	+ 2.2 %	↘
World trade	+ 3.2 %	→

Throughput development

World	+ 2.8 %	↘
China	+ 1.8 %	↘
Europe	+ 3.8 %	↘
NW Europe	+ 2.9 %	↘
Scandinavia & Baltics	+ 3.3 %	↗

Sources: IMF, 01/2025 // Drewry Maritime Research, 12/2024

Guidance for the Port Logistics subgroup 2025

	2024	Guidance for 2025
Container throughput	5,970 k TEU	strong increase
Container transport	1,787 k TEU	strong increase
Revenue	€ 1,561.7 m	strong increase
EBIT	€ 117.8 m	in the range of € 180 to 220 m
Capital expenditure	€ 280.8 m	in the range of € 420 to 470 m
Liquidity	€ 250.0 m	sufficient to meet payment obligations at all times
Dividend proposal per A class share	€ 0.16	commitment to pay out 50 to 70 % of net profit after minority interests

Level of intensity: slight < moderate < significant < strong



Questions & answers

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