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



## Market environment

- Ongoing economic weakness in Germany, conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, along with increasing protectionist tendencies – especially in US trade policy – are having a sustained impact on the global economy and global trade
- Far East volumes rising, especially from China



## Major events

- CTA: installation of three remote-controlled container cranes, operational by the end 2025
- CTB: three additional automated storage blocks in operation since February
- CTT: successful completion of a research project on automated rail handling
- Internationalisation: expansion of the intermodal hinterland network and service offering, with increased Mediterranean presence through a new service at HHLA PLT Italy



## Financial performance

- Container throughput up by 5.5 %; container transport rose by 28.7 %
- Revenue and EBIT growth supported by volume growth and continuing higher storage fees at Hamburg container terminals, leading to EPS of € 0.08

## Port Logistics subgroup 1–3 | 2025

Throughput  
**1,544 k TEU**  
5.5 %

Transport  
**496 k TEU**  
28.7 %

Revenue  
**€ 426.3 m**  
20.1 %

EBIT  
**€ 28.8 m**  
109.5 %

EBIT margin  
**6.7 %**  
2.8 pp

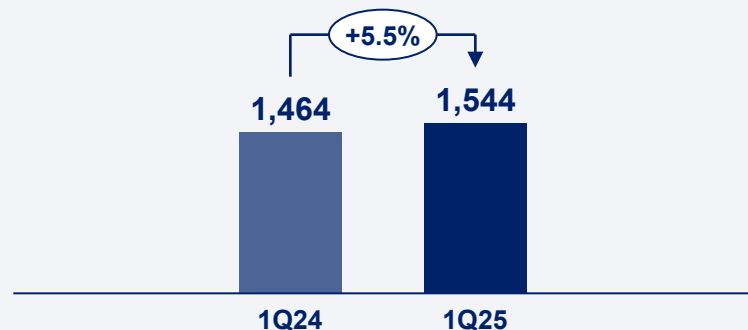
Profit after tax  
and minorities  
**€ 5.8 m**  
pos.

ROCE  
**5.0 %**  
2.5 pp

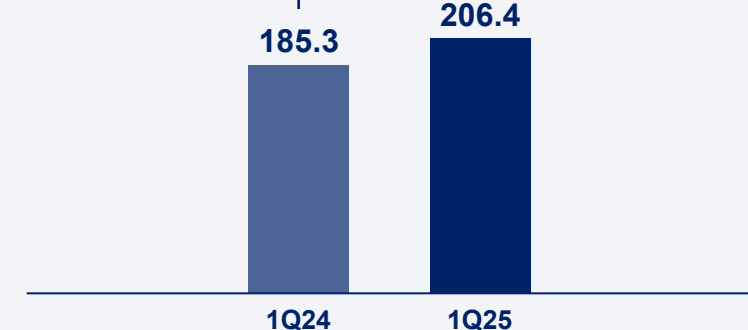
Operating cash flow  
**€ 54.9 m**  
123.7 %

# EBIT benefits from higher volumes and continuing high level of storage fees

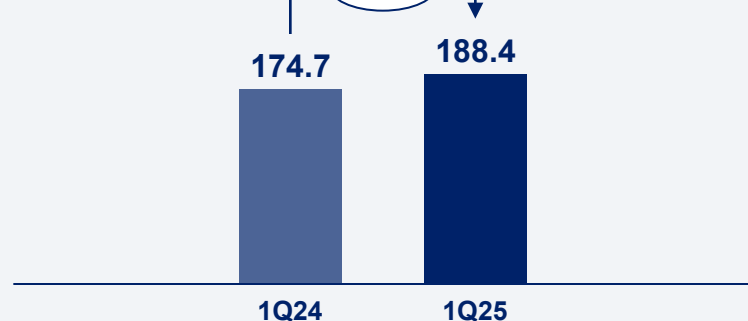
Container throughput  
in thousand TEU



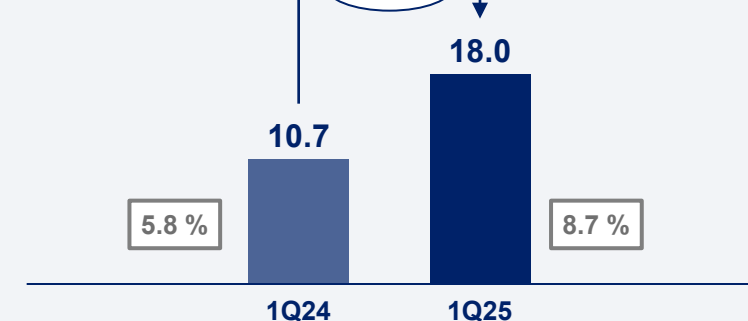
Revenue  
in € million



OpEx  
in € million



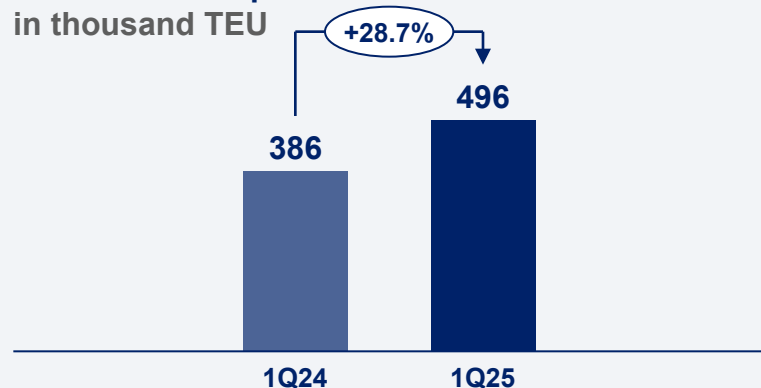
EBIT and EBIT margin  
in € million



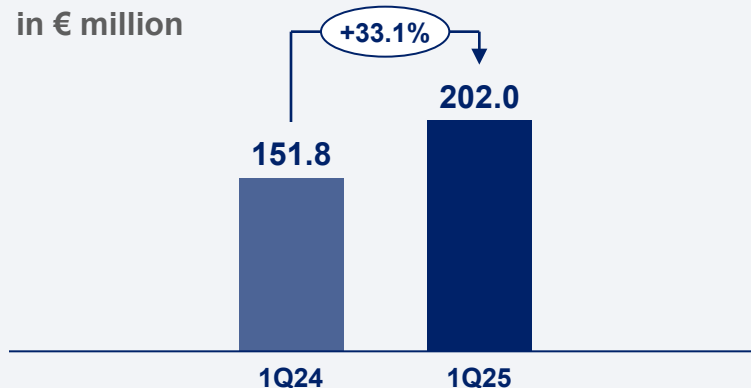
- Overall container throughput up by 5.5 %
  - Hamburg volumes up by 5.1 %
  - feeder ratio slightly up by 1.2 pp to 20.0 %
  - internationals up 13.8 % mainly driven by resumption of waterside handling at CTO in Q3
- Strong rise in revenue mainly driven by volume growth and temporary higher storage fees
- OpEx increase of 7.9 % impacted by
  - higher personnel expenses, partly because of collective wage agreements, additional deployment of the GHB pool, as well as higher expenses for consultancy and related services, and purchased services
  - opposing effects from measures to safeguard earnings and other transformation projects, as well as reductions for external maintenance services
- EBIT benefits from positive revenue development and favourable revenue mix

# Volumes supported by DACH region and acquisition, while EBIT margin impacted by operational disruptions

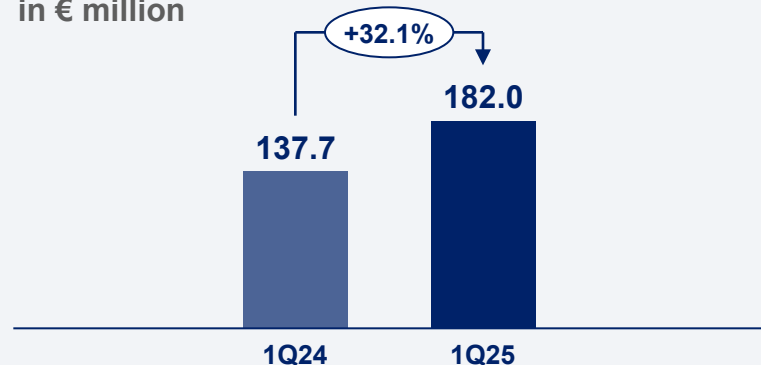
Container transport  
in thousand TEU



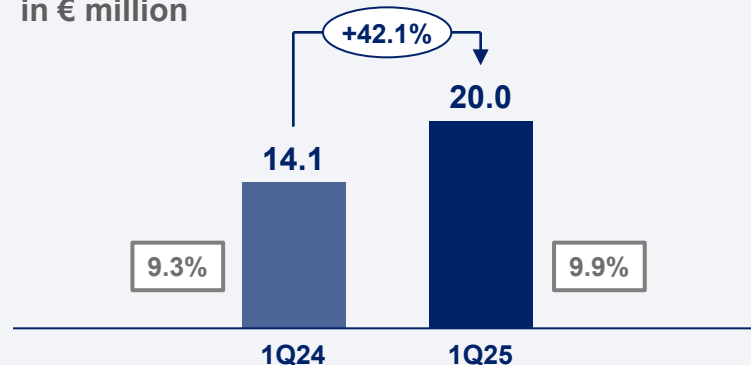
Revenue  
in € million



OpEx  
in € million

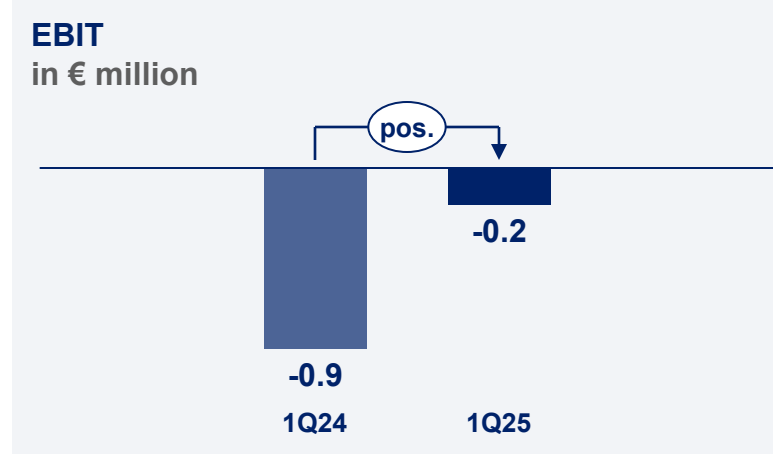
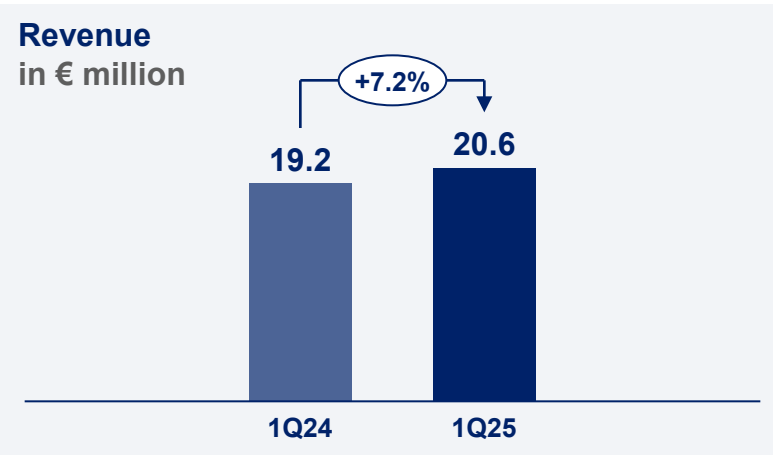


EBIT and EBIT margin  
in € million



- Transport volumes up significantly by 28.7 %
  - rail transport rose by 30.1 % to 428 k TEU due to strong rise in volumes with Northern and Adriatic seaports, as well as with DACH region and the acquisition of Roland Spedition GmbH in Q2 2024
  - road transport up strongly by 20.4 % to 68 k TEU
- Revenue increase of 33.1 % supported by
  - regular price adjustments and
  - higher rail transport share of 86.3 % (previous year: 85.4 %)
- EBIT up by 42.1 % due to higher volumes
- EBIT margin improved only slightly due to operational burdens, including construction sites on key transport routes

# Revenue and EBIT development supported by strong growth in leasing activities

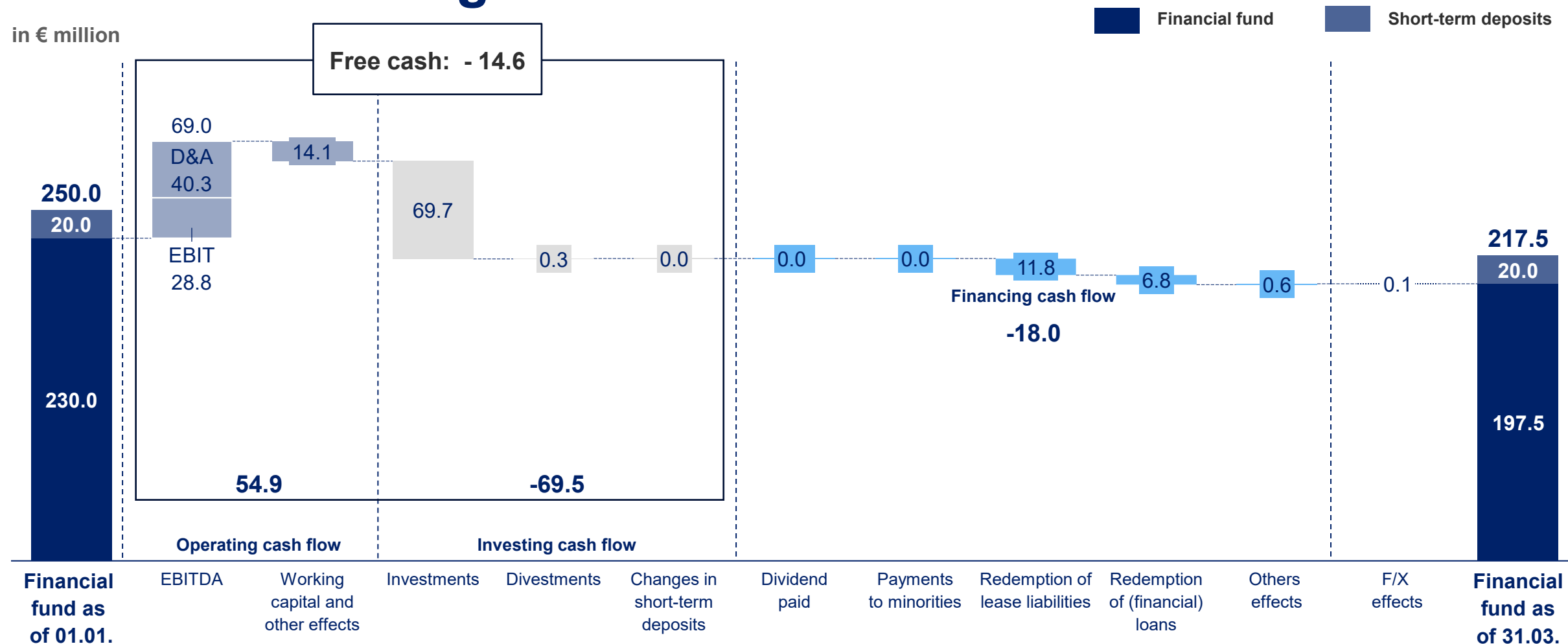


- Revenue from consolidated companies increased mainly due to strong growth of leasing activities for the intermodal sector
- EBIT overall negative at € - 0.2 m, but with strong earnings contribution from leasing activities for the intermodal sector
- Downturn of 31.6 % in at-equity earnings since contribution from bulk cargo handling dropped strongly



# Capex development slightly below expectations, free cash flow negative

in € million



# Outlook 2025 confirmed

## Research estimates for 2025

### GDP development

World	+ 2.8 %	↘
China	+ 4.0 %	↘
Eurozone	+ 0.8 %	↘
CEE	+ 2.1 %	→
World trade	+ 2.8 %	↘

### Throughput development

World	+ 2.3 %	↘
China	+ 1.0 %	↘
Europe	+ 3.2 %	↘
NW Europe	+ 3.1 %	→
Scandinavia & Baltics	+ 3.5 %	↗

Sources: IMF, 04/2025 // Drewry Maritime Research, 04/2025

## Guidance for the Port Logistics subgroup 2025

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

Level of intensity: slight < moderate < significant < strong





# Questions & answers

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