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'Organic growth' excludes the impact of currency, acquisitions and divestitures. This presentation refers to revenue growth yoy on an organic, trading days adjusted basis, unless otherwise stated.

This presentation refers to gross margin development yoy on an organic basis, unless otherwise stated.

'EBITA' refers to operating income before amortisation and impairment of goodwill and intangible assets. This presentation refers to EBITA, EBITA margin and yoy margin development excluding one-offs, unless otherwise stated.

'Net debt' comprises short-term and long-term debt less cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments.

'Free cash flow' comprises cash flows from operating activities less capital expenditures.

'Cash conversion' is calculated as last 4 quarters of free cash flow before interest and tax paid (FCFBIT) divided by last 4 quarters of EBITA excluding one-offs.

'Conversion ratio' is calculated as EBITA excluding one-offs divided by gross profit.

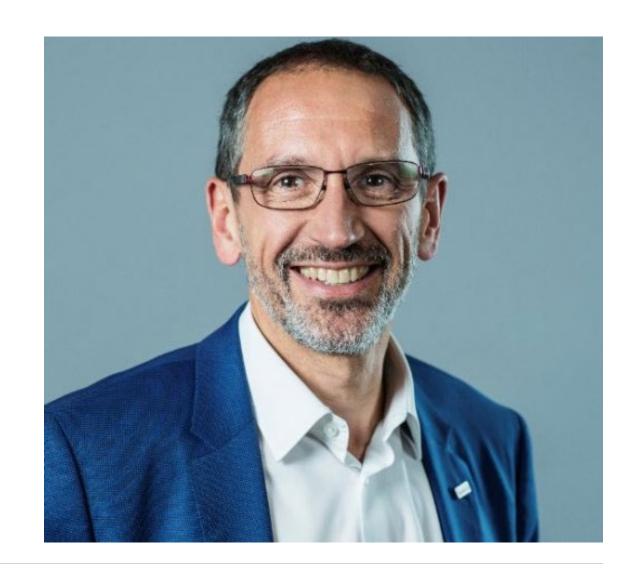
'Net debt to EBITDA' is calculated as net debt at period end divided by last 4 quarters of EBITA excluding one-offs plus depreciation.

# Today's leadership announcement

- Robust search and thorough selection process conducted
- Denis Machuel appointed as new CEO, from July 1, following handover period
- Future@Work implementation continues
- Clear mandate to drive exceptional execution and growth acceleration

# Denis Machuel brings highly relevant CEO experiences and skills to Adecco Group

- Highly experienced and proven international CEO; leadership background in people-focussed business services, tech & engineering consulting
- Group CEO of Sodexo (2018-2021): turned around underperforming segments (including in the US, the Company's largest market), drove digital and data transformation of the legacy core businesses, strengthened execution leading to improved growth
- Group Chief Digital Officer of Sodexo (2015-2018), plus CEO of 2 Global Business Units prior
- Executive Leadership of Group Offshore Strategy & Operations at Altran Group (2005-2007)
- CEO of Altran Technologies (2002-2005)
- Board member of Kyndryl (appointed 2021)



# Q1 2022 Group highlights



Financial performance

Revenues +5%, led by Modis +14%, LHH RS +15%, Adecco APAC +15%

Gross profit +9%, Permanent Placement +62%

Step change in gross margin to 21.1%, +100 bps, driven by portfolio shift, positive mix and pricing

Solid 3.4% EBITA margin, lower yoy, as anticipated, due to Adecco's investment plan, absence of non-recurring benefits and moderated contribution from LHH CT



Strategic progress

Adecco's investment plan drives overall relative revenue improvement of +400 bps sequentially

65% LHH revenues rebranded

100% ownership of AKKA from May 12, 2022

Good line of sight on 100% 2022 targeted synergies, of which >50% secured; first revenue synergies secured



Social impact

Support to colleagues, associates impacted by war in Ukraine

>1,300 companies offering opportunities on free-to-post refugee jobs platform

# Q1 22 financial overview



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Organic <sup>2</sup> Adjusted for the acquisition of AKKA (Proforma)

# Adecco: profitable growth to accelerate as new employees reach full productivity

Q1 22 performance

Market share

c.400 bps improvement in relative revenues vs Q4

Main end-market drivers, yoy basis:

- Manufacturing +1.5-2.0%
- Retail +0.5-1.0%
- Logistics (2.5)-(3.0)%
- Mexico regulation (1.0)-(1.5)%

#### Performance drivers

- +720 FTEs vs Q4 21
- +20% sales intensity yoy, client base up double-digits yoy
- High-value solutions very strong;
   Perm +64% yoy
- Career Centres added in Japan, Italy, Spain, Benelux, Australia
- Digital platforms +67% yoy¹
- Dynamic pricing strategy

## Actions underway

- Agile investment plan
- Strong focus on US turnaround
- Continued performance management to ensure max. Rol



Delivering on Adecco's investment plan

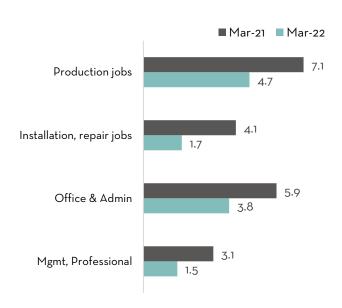
Adia and QAPA revenues, proforma basis (QAPA was acquired in H2 21). Rol = Return on Investment. Sales intensity = client visits per FTE

## Labour market imbalances drive demand for our talent services

Unemployment rates approach historic lows, and are extremely tight in certain sectors

**44%** of top 25 job profiles "very scarce" in terms of candidate availability<sup>2</sup>

US unemployment rates, by occupation (%)<sup>1</sup>



Least supply seen in Adecco for:



Semi-skilled workers (e.g. maintenance mechanics, welders, electricians)



Sales & Customer support workers

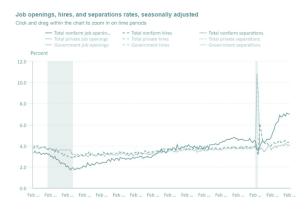


IT technicians

Talent scarcity in 75% of job profiles is because of higher client demand<sup>3</sup>

Record high requests in Q1 led by Tech, Finance, Manufacturing clients

US job openings vs hires<sup>1</sup>



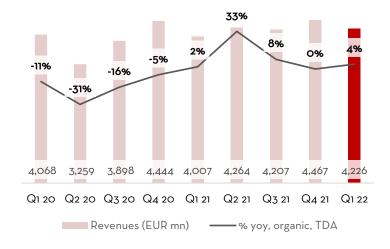
Available jobs outnumber the pool of workers by
 4.5 mn, the highest in post-WW2 history

<sup>1</sup>Source: <u>U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics</u> and JOLT Survey, Mar22; <sup>2,3</sup> Adecco Branch Survey Q1 22

# Adecco: improved revenue performance, solid margin

### Revenues **€4.2 bn**, +4% yoy

Share of Group 78%



#### APAC excelled

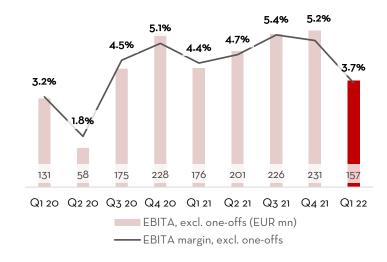
France, Southern Europe & EEMENA strong

DACH robust, Northern Europe soft

Americas slightly improved

## EBITA **€157 mn**, 3.7% margin

Share of Group 65%



EBITA margin -70 bps yoy

Favourable mix, pricing

FTEs +14% yoy

Absence non-recurring items

- Flex +2%; strength in manufacturing, retail,
   F&B, chemicals. Challenging comparison in logistics, soft demand in energy, autos
- Perm +64%; other services +30%, led by outsourcing
- Strong gross margin, driven by positive solutions mix and pricing
- SG&A increased due to investment plan, with headcount added in a balanced, agile way
- EBITA margin reflects investment in capacity and absence of non-recurring benefits vs Q1 21
- Good delivery on strategy, investment plan

# Adecco: performance led by France, Italy and APAC

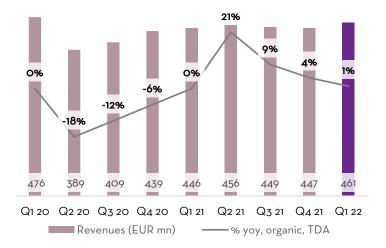
	Revenues			vs Market		EBITA margin excl. one-offs		
By Segment	Share of Group	Q1 22 € mn	Change, TDA yoy	Q1 22 vs Market	Trend vs Q4 21	Share of Group	Q1 22	Change, yoy bps
France	21%	1,145	+9%	=	•	16%	3.3%	(160)
Northern Europe	11%	597	-8%	-	0	4%	1.7%	(110)
DACH	7%	363	+3%	=	•	6%	3.8%	+280
Southern Europe & EEMENA	18%	973	+8%	=		22%	5.5%	(10)
Americas	11%	615	-6%	=	0	4%	1.6%	(160)
APAC	10%	533	+15%	+	0	13%	6.1%	(90)
Adecco	78%	4,226	+4%			65%	3.7%	(70)

- France growing ahead of market at end Q1;
   Manufacturing, consumer, retail strong
- Northern Europe: UK logistics ramp-down weighs; Nordics +9%, Benelux 0%
- Germany, +1%. Strength in retail, manufacturing, headwinds in logistics, autos soft
- SEE: Italy +15%, Iberia +7%, led by manufacturing, prof. services, F&B; EEMENA -13%, logistics rebalancing
- Americas: LatAm -4%, impacted by Mexican regulation; North America -8%. Further modest sequential improvement in US
- APAC: Japan +15%, driven by healthcare; Australia +20%, logistics good

# LHH: investment drives strong, profitable growth in Recruitment Solutions

## Revenues **€461 mn**, +1% yoy

Share of Group 8%



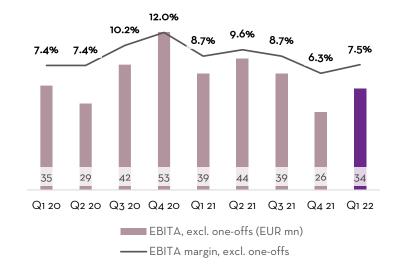
Recruitment Solutions +15% yoy Career Transition & Mobility -35% yoy

Learning & Development +3% yoy

Pontoon & Other +11% yoy

## EBITA **€34 mn**, 7.5% margin

Share of Group 14%



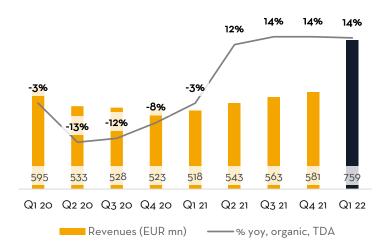
- EBITA margin -110 bps yoy, organic
- Adverse mix
- FTEs up, mainly Recruitment Solutions

- Market share gains in perm, supported by growth investment. Perm revenues +68%, led by US, France, Germany
- Recruitment Solutions gross profit +37%. FTEs +265 gog. Productivity improved
- Career Transition stabilising on a sequential basis at low levels. Cost out actions delivering
- Learning & Development robust, led by Talent Development, Ezra +122%
- Strong MSP/RXO in Pontoon; Hired +145%
- 65% revenues now rebranded

# Akkodis: broad-based revenue strength, strong execution

#### Revenues **€759 mn**, +14% yoy

Share of Group 14%



Modis Americas +19% yoy

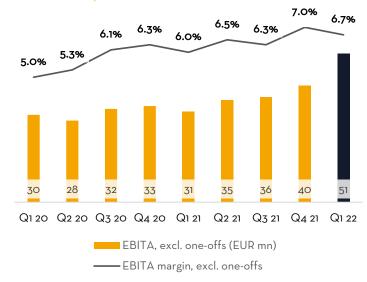
Modis EMEA +12% yoy

Modis APAC +9% yoy

AKKA contribution ~€150 mn

## EBITA €51 mn, 6.7% margin

Share of Group 21%



EBITA margin +70 bps yoy

Positive country mix, pricing actions

- AKKA contribution from Feb 24, 2022
- Tech Talent Services +17%, Tech Consulting +7%, Tech Academy +50%
- Strong performance in all regions: Americas and EMEA growth led by Talent Services; APAC, led by Japan, benefiting from continued focus on Consulting
- Germany affected by higher sickness rates, highly competitive market for talent
- Mid-single-digit growth in AKKA stand-alone in Q1, driven by France
- Akkodis project pipeline strong

# Akkodis: integration gathers further pace

#### **ACQUISITION & INTEGRATION**

- ✓ Regulatory filings, approvals processes firmly on track
- ✓ Financing synergies of ~€10 mn p.a. secured
- ✓ Integration team mobilised, plans progressing at speed
- ✓ Clear view on Day 1 operating model, milestones thereafter
- ✓ Actively mitigating key risks e.g. talent programme

H2 2021

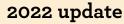
- ✓ 64.72% ownership, as at Feb 24, 2022
  - ✓ Highly experienced leadership, led by Jan Gupta
  - ✓ Dominique Cerruti appointed Senior Advisor
  - ✓ Akkodis announced as future global brand
  - ✓ Synergy targets assigned
  - ✓ 1st phase MTO closed, squeeze-out underway
  - ✓ Cultural & communication programmes ramped

Focus on future operating model, functional integration

May 12, onwardsOperating as one and delivering synergies

H1 2022

#### **SYNERGIES**



(Revenue and cost synergies, in EBITA terms)



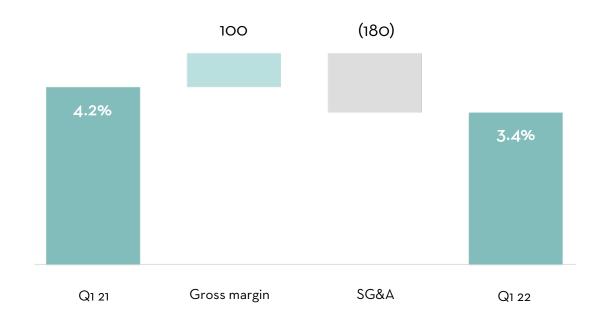
- Good line of sight on 100% of 2022 target or ~€20 mn synergies
- >50% 2022 synergies secured
- First revenue synergies secured

# EBITA margin lowered by peak level in growth investments

#### Gross Profit bridge (% of revenues yoy, in bps) +30 (80) +130 (10) +15 +15 Flex. Perm. Career Other Q1 21 FΧ M&A Placement Placement Transition Services Q1 22 **Gross Profit** +2% +62% -35% +25% (% yoy, organic) as % Group, approx. 55% 20% 5% 20%

#### EBITA bridge

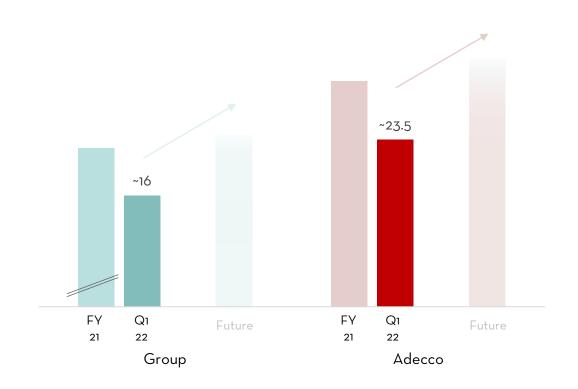
(% of revenues, yoy, in bps and excl. one-offs)



# Sustained operational discipline

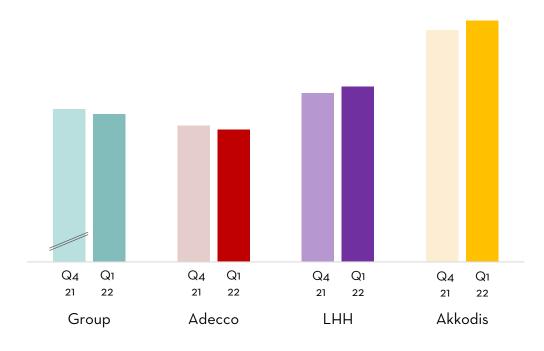
#### **Conversion Ratio**

Group and Adecco GBU (GP / EBITA organic, excl. one-offs, %)



### **Productivity Ratio**

Group and by GBU (GP / FTE, excl. one-offs)



- Group Productivity -3.8% yoy
- Group FTEs +13.5% yoy

## Outlook

Near-term perspective



 The Group's trading momentum indicates healthy demand for talent services in a talent scarce and wage inflationary environment, whilst recognising the challenges from the war in Ukraine and continued COVID-related global supply chain issues

Financial framework



- The Group expects its year-on-year revenue growth rate to improve in Q2 when compared to Q1's result, driven by growth investments
- EBITA margin is expect to improve sequentially, while being lower year-on-year, reflecting agile investment, particularly in Adecco

## 2022 Priorities

# Adecco

Push for higher organic growth.

Drive US

turnaround

# LHH

Grow value of integrated solutions offering

# **/IKKODIS**

Integrate AKKA & Modis; deliver 2022 targeted synergies



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Drive digital & ecosystem benefits



Good progress through Q1 toward delivery of 2022 ambitions





# Additional financial framework

EUR mn, unless otherwise stated	FY 2022 Est.	Q1 2022 A
AKKA integration and related costs <sup>1</sup>	(70)	(18)
One-off costs	(30)	(1)
PPA-related amortisation	~ (100)²	(20)
Interest expense	~ (40)	(10)
Effective tax rate	~ 28%	26.1%
Capital expenditure	(150)2	(38)

Key



New or changed guidance

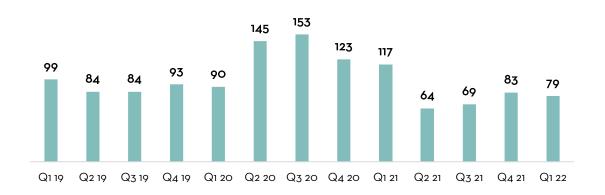


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note: AKKA integration and related costs can impact both operational and non-operational costs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Not adjusted for potential PPA-related amortisation / capex from AKKA's acquisition

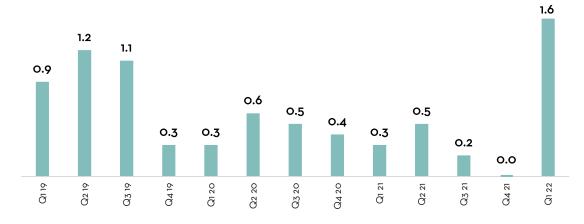
# Solid cash conversion; net debt higher due to AKKA acquisition

#### Cash conversion 79%



- Ratio driven by normal working capital absorption from growth
- DSO 51 days, same level as in Q1 21
- Cash flow from operating activities €55 mn

### Net debt / EBITDA 1.6x, proforma<sup>1</sup>



- End Q1 proforma net debt €1,811 mn
- Change mainly related to acquisition of AKKA