

# Clear focus and consistent growth

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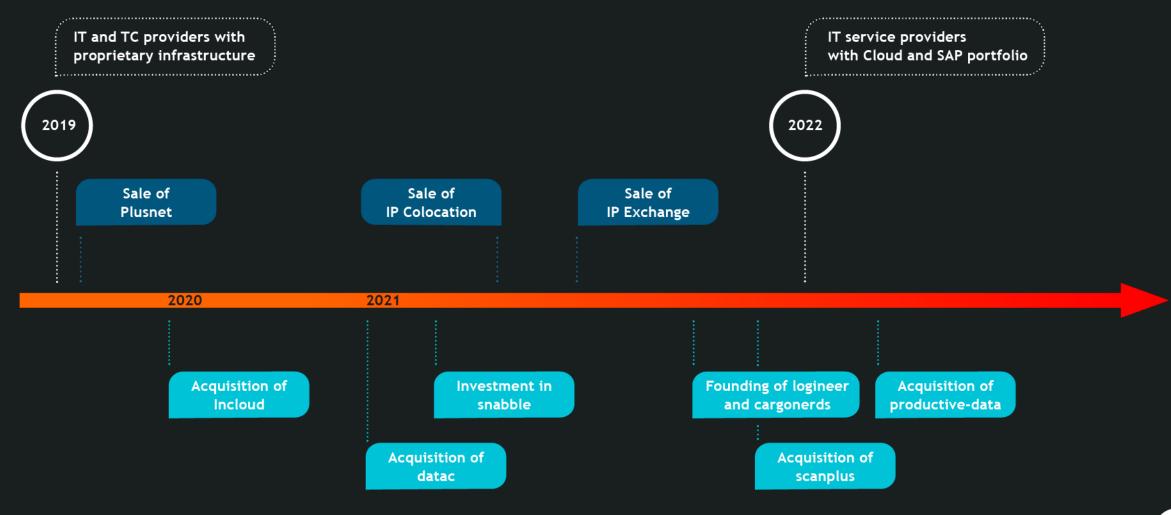


# 2019-2022: growth driven by successful transformation

Jürgen Hermann, Chief Executive Officer

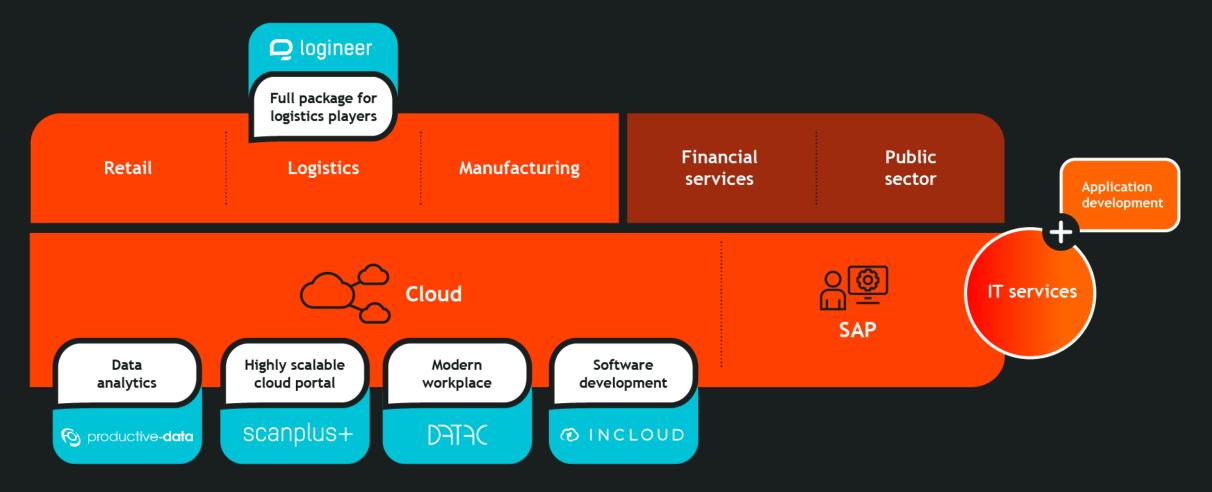


# Transformation successfully completed



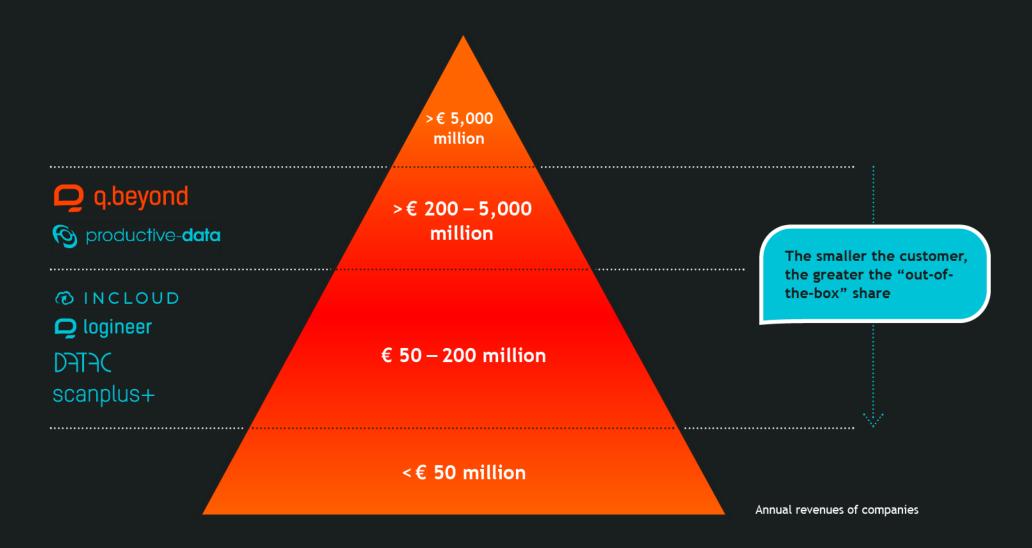


# Portfolio consistently extended with acquisitions ...



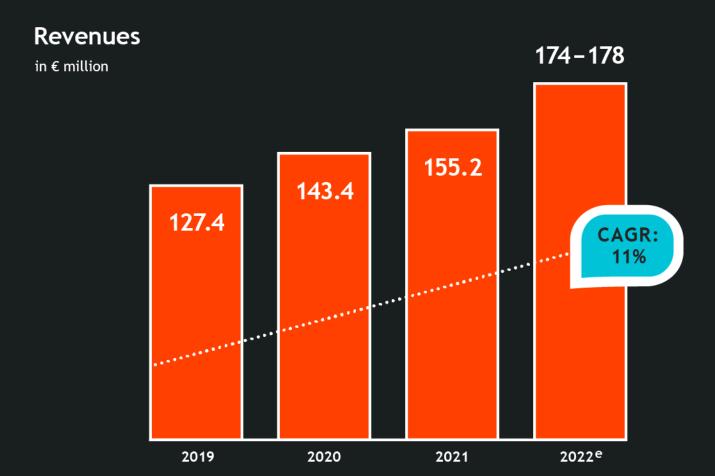


# ... thus also accessing additional customer groups





## Transformation facilitates strong growth



#### Key growth drivers

- High growth in cloud business (organic growth of 9% p.a.)
- Revenue contributions from subsidiaries



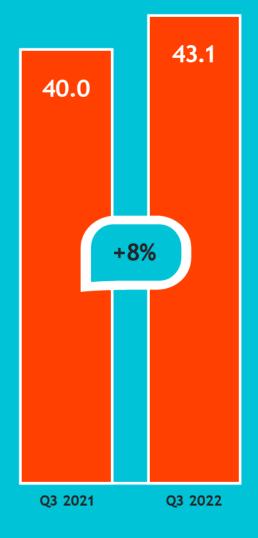
# Q3 2022: growth despite pending recession

In a tough economic climate, q.beyond benefited from its

- strong core business (organic growth: +6%)
- targeted acquisitions
- high share of recurring revenues (Q3 2022: 78%)
- concentration on focus sectors 60% of revenues generated with retail, logistics and manufacturing customers

#### **Revenues**

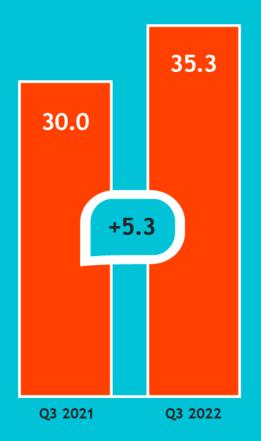
in € million



# Cloud business with dynamic growth

#### Revenues

in € million



# Segment contribution

in € million



#### **Growth drivers**

- consistently high demand for cloud solutions
- growing interest in hybrid cloud portfolio
- success of new subsidiaries

#### Additional cost factors

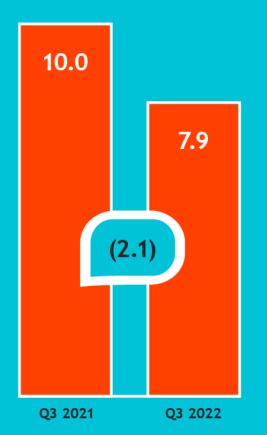
- temporary expansion in SaaS business
- temporary change in cost structure (especially discontinuation of colocation margin)



## SAP business approaching turnaround

#### Revenues

in € million



#### Segment contribution

in € million



#### Sales campaign

- SAP suffering from downstream effects of pandemicrelated restrictions
- New business held back by high levels of uncertainty
- Highly targeted approach to potential customers proving effective

#### Success on cost side

- COGS of € 6.4m in Q3 2022 as against € 7.1m in Q2 2022
- → Return to growth course expected for 2023



## Slight rise in operating EBITDA

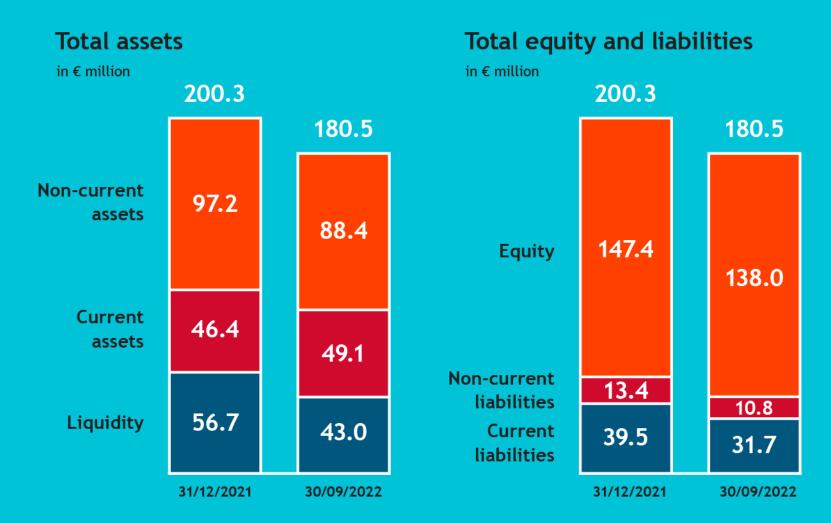
In € million	Q3 2021	Q3 2022
Revenues	40.0	43.1
Cost of revenues	(31.9)	(35.9)
Gross profit	8.1	7.3
Sales and marketing expenses	(3.1)	(3.5)
Segment contribution	5.0	3.7
General and administrative expenses	(4.9)	(3.6)
Other operating income	33.2	1.7
Other operating expenses	(3.8)	(0.1)
EBITDA	29.4	1.7
Depreciation and amortisation	(4.2)	(4.3)
EBIT	25.3	(2.6)
Financial result / taxes	(4.6)	(0.2)
Consolidated net income	20.7	(2.8)

Year-on-year comparison of quarterly earnings affected by successful sale of colocation business in Q3 2021

- Changed cost structure, also due to consolidation of scanplus
- High other operating result in previous year
- → Excluding colocation sale, EBITDA in Q3 2021 stood at € 1.6 million



## Rock-solid financing ...



q.beyond finances its growth from its own resources:

- equity ratio of 76%
- no bank liabilities

#### Great substance:

- high net liquidity
- proprietary land in Hamburg (market value > € 20m)
- Attractive subsidiaries and shareholdings (including datac, scanplus)

Low volume of capital expenditure:

€ ~3 million in 2022



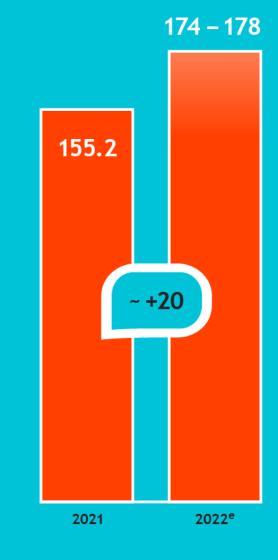
# 2022: revenue growth of ~€ 20 million planned

#### Forecast dated November 2022:

- Revenues grow to € 174 to 178 million (2021: € 155.2 million)
- EBITDA rises to € 6 to 8 million (2021 excl. colocation effect: € 3.4 million)
- Free cash flow at maximum of € -10 million (2021 excl. colocation effect: € -11.6 million)
- → Strong revenues expected in Q4 2022:
  - Organic growth
  - + first revenues from new subsidiary productive-data
  - + realisation of projects

#### Revenues

in € million



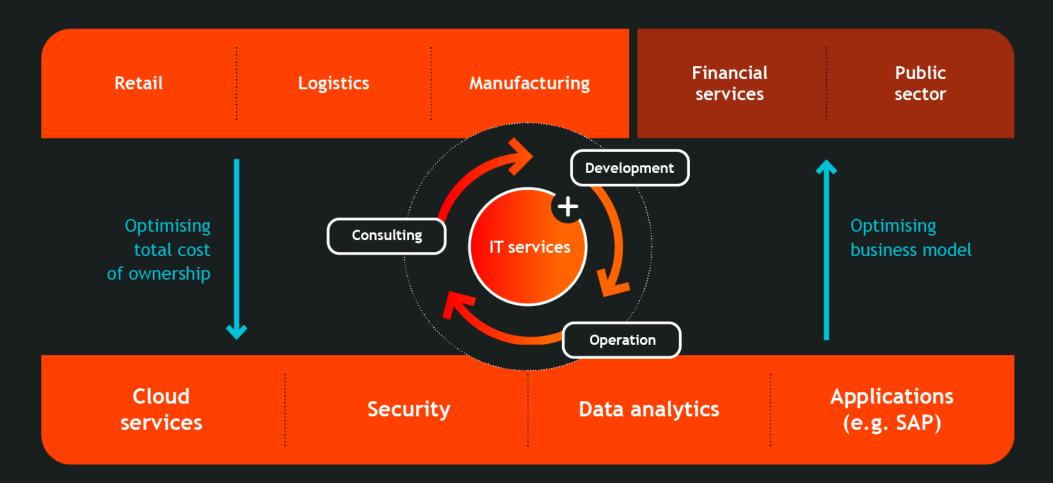


# Profitable growth with highly focused business model

Thies Rixen, Chief Operating Officer

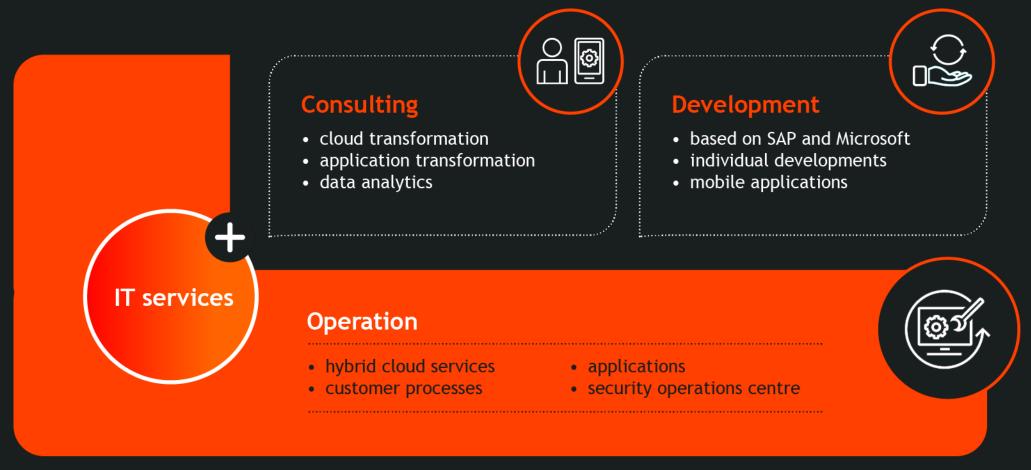


# IT services and applications create solid foundation for consistent and profitable growth





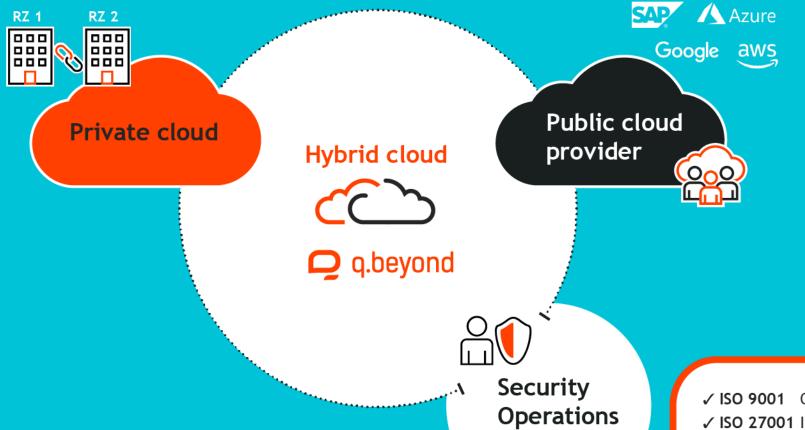
# Growth driver: expansion in IT services



SECURE/SUSTAINABLE/AUTOMATED



## Core competence of hybrid cloud



Centre

#### Hybrid cloud is becoming the centrepiece of corporate IT

- q.beyond is prepared:
- Hybrid cloud competence centre with around 150 staff
- Dual, highly secure, certified data centres
- Maximum scalability (CapEx light) due to hybrid cloud approach
- Security operations centre
- Nearshore 24/7 operations
- ✓ ISO 9001 Quality Management
- ✓ ISO 27001 Information Security
- ✓ ISO 27017 Cloud Services



# Core competence of cybersecurity: consistent portfolio expansion



Market trend: growing threat posed by cybersecurity attacks



#### q.beyond's focus

#### **Portfolio**

Expanding security portfolio to help protect customers (avoid, detect and respond)

#### **Employees**

Permanent awareness and training measures

#### Governance

Establishment of q.beyond's Security Board



## Cybersecurity: key focuses in portfolio

#### Portfolio expansion

#### Avoid

- securing terminals with endpoint detection and response (EDR)
- securing networks to defend against harmful content (e.g. DDOS)
- additional protection for e-mail programmes and infrastructure



#### Detect

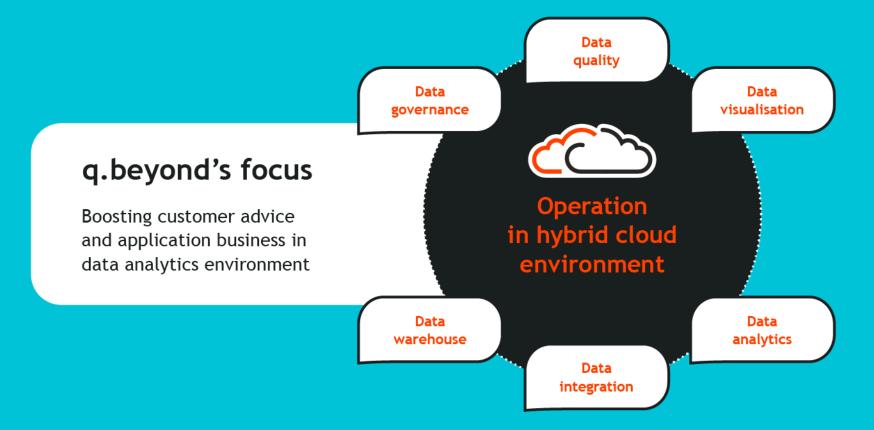
- detect attacks in real time by establishing Security Information and Event Team with 24/7 service (SIEM)
- using AI and expert knowledge to detect IT weak points

#### Respond

- establishment of rapid expert response team/deployment on location
- supported by cutting-edge forensic technology to assist analysis

## Core competence of data analytics

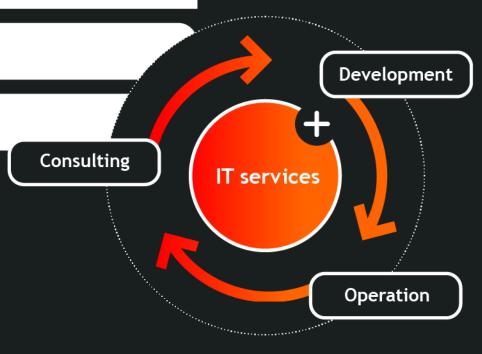
Market trend: data-driven business models





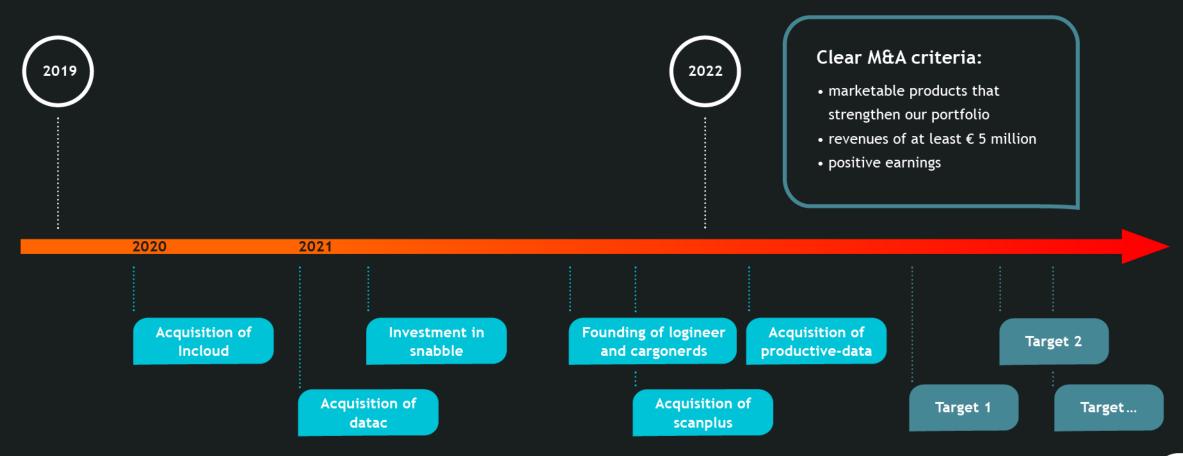
# What makes us special?

- We understand SMEs and build partnerships of equals
- We deliver reliably
- We set out in new directions with our customers
- 4 We integrate successfully



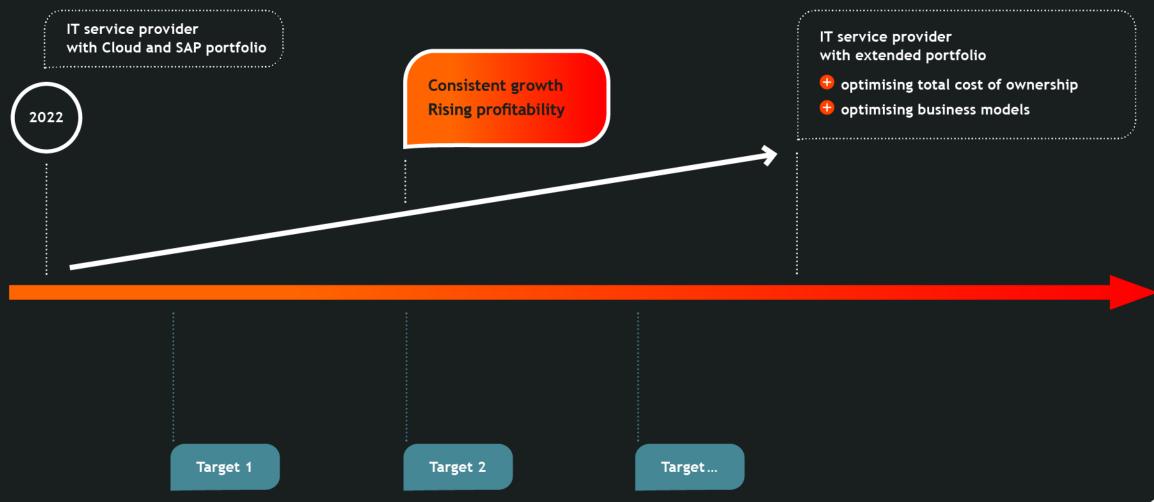


# Expanding core competences also with acquisitions





# Strong IT portfolio facilitates profitable growth





# Why q.beyond will continue to grow!

- q.beyond is already one of the 10 largest independent IT service companies
- q.beyond is **consistently growing** and now focusing even more closely on profitable growth
- q.beyond has a crisis-proof business model with a high share of recurring revenues
- q.beyond has **no debt** and, with **net liquidity of > € 40 million**, can press ahead with its organic and external growth

# Questions & Answers



# **Appendix**



# Financial calendar 2023

Date	Event
March 2023	2023 guidance
30.03.2023	2022 Annual Report
08.05.2023	Quarterly Statement Q1 2023
24.05.2023	Annual General Meeting
14.08.2023	Half-Year Financial Report H1 2023
13.11.2023	Quarterly Statement Q3 2023



### Climate neutral by 2025

CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for electricity, business travel and vehicles

Since 2018: 100% green electricity at data centres

# **ESG:** additional growth opportunity

#### Climate neutrality lends competitive edge

Customers expect climate-neutral IT services and a corresponding portfolio to meet their own climate targets (Scope 3)

#### q.beyond to be climate neutral itself by 2025

Gradual reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by at least 40% compared with 2019; remaining emissions to be offset



# Portfolio promotes sustainability

- Lower consumption of resources and longer lifecycles for industrial machines thanks to predictive maintenance
- Less business travel and better work-life balance due to digital workplaces
- Enhanced energy efficiency due to smart building control
- Less waste by monitoring best-before dates and automatic price adjustments
- Comprehensive protection against cybercrime with weak point scans and cybersecurity monitoring



# Management and Supervisory Boards heavily invested

Management Board members Jürgen Hermann and Thies Rixen have so far acquired

1.3 million shares with their own funds

Neither founder has yet sold any shares — share ownership is structured as follows:

12.66% Gerd Eickers<sup>1</sup>

12.66% Dr. Bernd Schlobohm<sup>2</sup>

74.68% Free float

#### Shareholder structure

in %



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Founder and member of Supervisory Board.

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