

Q4/FY 2024
PRELIMINARY
FINANCIAL RESULTS

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## IN Q4 WE MISSED OUR OWN EXPECTATIONS



Volume switches: Increasing pressure on competitiveness

Americas below expectations

Peripherals pricing prioritized over sell-in quotas

Lackluster corporates and consumer spending

DH&S with >30% FY growth as budgeted

FY sales at EUR110m, below EUR120m forecast

FY adj. EBITDA margin -2% vs. c. 3% forecast

Highlight: EUR 7.8m FCF in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter



## NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



#### **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE 1 JANUARY 2025**

## Complete reorganization within Europe

Centralized product management, sales, and marketing für Components and Peripherals

Components integrated into COO led product management and development unit

European distribution network realigned with "Distribution & Fulfillment" strategy

DH&S to remain separate

CHERRY Peripherals the onestop-shop for marketing & sales of Office, Gaming, Hygiene, and Security finished goods

From 1 Feb Alex Hecker (ex Sonos, ex MS, ex Sony) in charge of Global Sales and Marketing Peripherals

**New Partner Program** 

#### SPECIFIC ACTION POINTS

New contracts negotiated with partners, valid from 2025

Dry up grey market in DACH region

Stock rotations to support sell-through and sell-out

Development of "product allocation by partner" model

>50% higher street prices on affected products



# FROM A HIGH-COST SWITCH PRODUCER TO AN INTEGRATED PERIPHERALS PLAYER



23/24

25 ff

Volume driven

Switches at the core

Margin destroying distribution agreements

Price erosion on grey market

Too many legal entities

Restructuring years

Switch assembly to China

New margin and price model for Peripherals

SW/Cloud business models in DH&S

Integration and streamlining of group structure

Margin driven

Switches integrated into product management

New partner program effective January 25

Combined sales and marketing for Office, Gaming, Hygiene, and Security Peripherals

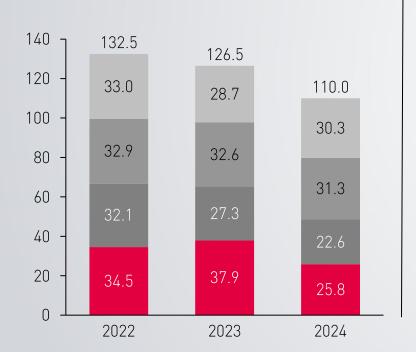




## Q4 REVENUE HIT TRANSLATED INTO NEGATIVE ADJ. EBITDA MARGIN

#### **FY REVENUE**

(IN EUR M)

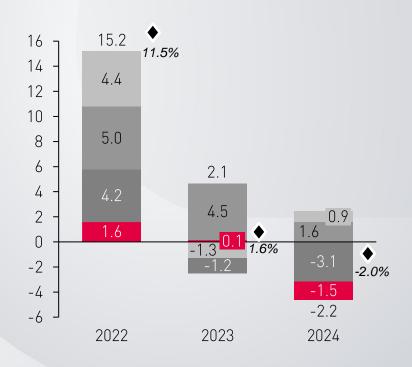


- FY 24 revenue at EUR 110.0m, 13% below 23's EUR 126.5m
- Q4 24 revenue at EUR 25.8m,
   32% below 23's EUR 37.9m
- Resulting Q4 EUR 6.4m gross profit hit led to impaired fixed cost coverage
- FY 24 adj. EBITDA at EUR -2.2m
- Q4 24 adj. EBITDA at EUR -1.5m, up qoq, down yoy.

#### Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4

#### FY ADJ. EBITDA

(IN EUR M; MGN. IN %)

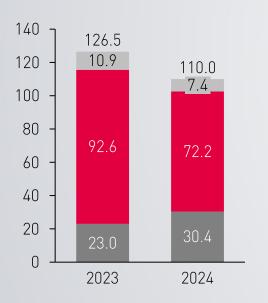


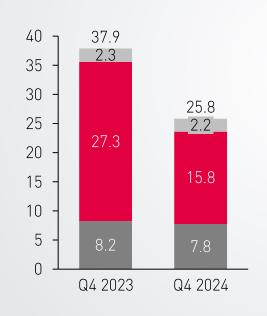
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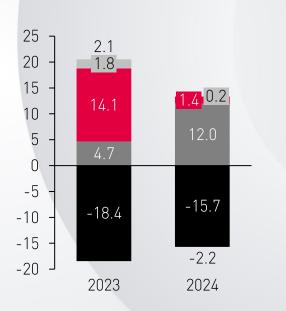
## Q4 REVENUE AND ADJ. EBITDA SPLIT

#### REVENUE SPLIT (IN EUR M)





#### ADJ. EBITDA SPLIT (IN EUR M)

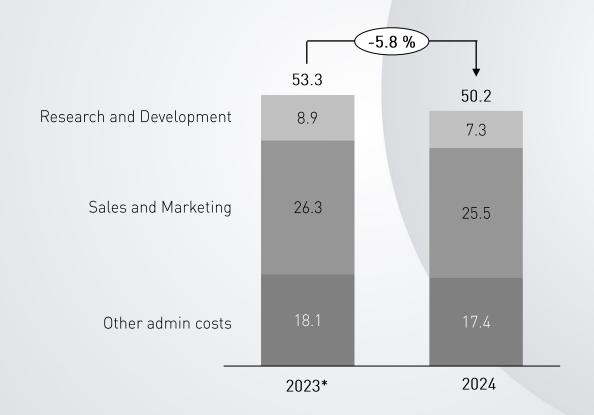






## 2024 SHOWED GOOD OPEX CONTROL

R&D, SALES & MARKETING, ADMIN COSTS (in EUR m)

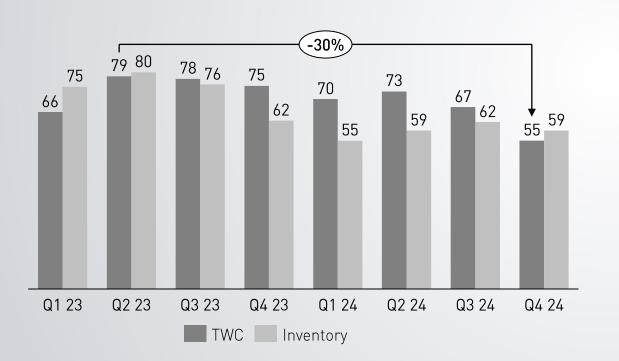


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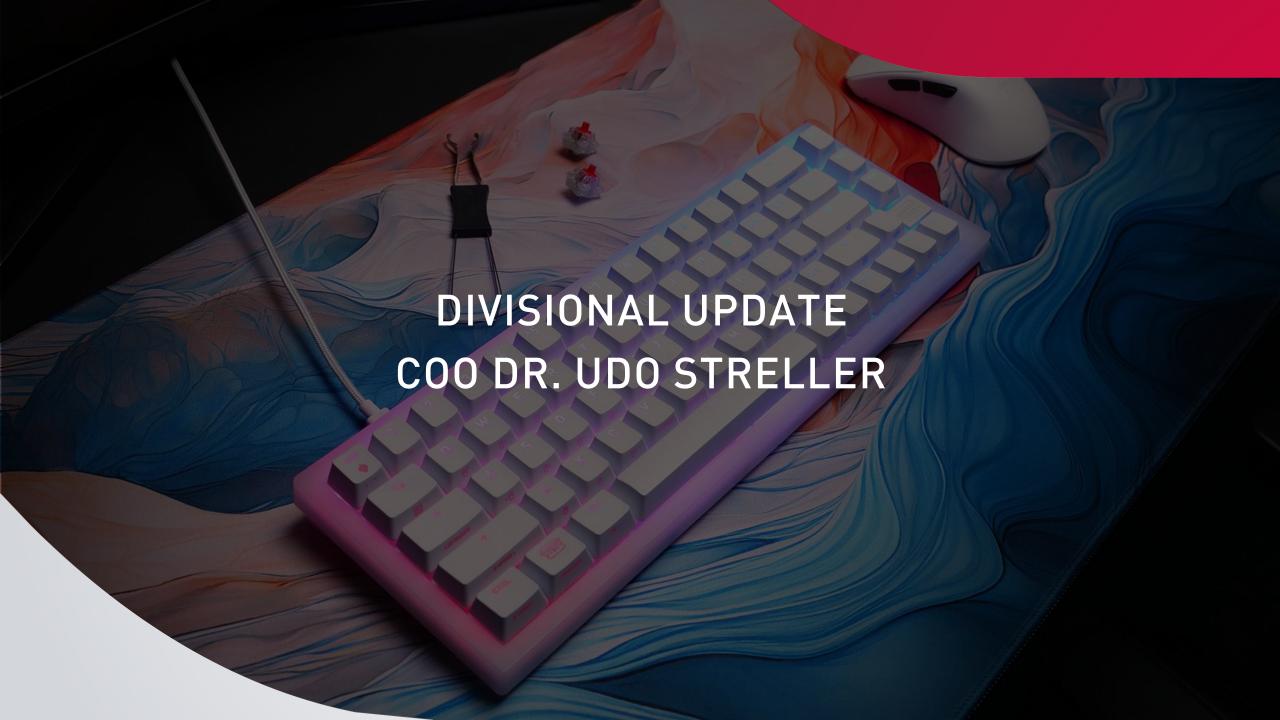


# STRONG Q4 TWC REDUCTION LIFTED FREE CASH FLOW BY EUR 5M YOY

#### TRADE WORKING CAPITAL\* (in EUR m)



# FREE CASH FLOW (in EUR m) +144% 8 3 -4 -5 -6 01 23 02 23 03 23 04 23 01 24 02 24 03 24 04 24





## COMPONENTS: TOUGH ENVIRONMENT

#### Disappointing 2024

- Sales below own expectations
- Adj. EBITDA only break-even

#### Competitive Environment

- Switch volume business dominated by China
- Ever-shorter product cycles

#### Chinese Assembly since H2 24

- MX2 assembly for partner products shifted to China
- Consequent reduction of unit costs
- Adjusted size of organization

#### Product Pipeline I

- MX3 timely in preparation and to be launched mid 2025
- Successful re-entry into community switch field with MX Purple, next MX Northern Light & MX Blossom

#### **End Markets**

 Notebook end market still lackluster, thus limiting ULP momentum, leading to order push-outs

#### Product Pipeline II

- Additionally, there are new Cherry analog switches in development
- ... and to be launched in the course of 2025, too





## PERIPHERALS TURNAROUND ON TRACK

#### Roll-out: New Partner Model

- Q4 increase in street prices
- New integrated Sales and Marketing approach
- Ongoing SKU reduction

• Dec 24: strong sell-out

Strong growth in Gaming

• 2024: Amazon up > 20% yoy

#### **Retail Activation**

- CHERRY displays in 170
   MediaMarkt outlets since 1st
   February
- MediaMarkt online listing for CHERRY XTRFY

#### **CHERRY Americas**

- Establishment of adequate partner network should finally reactivate US momentum
- With > 40% yoy growth in Jan, Office traction starts to materialize

#### Portfolio Optimization

- Ongoing complexity reduction of product portfolio
- SKU reduction by -50% targeted

#### CHERRY APAC

- 2024 targets achieved
- Distribution diversified
- New Shanghai office
- Deepseek to be integrated into Al mice



Certified by Alibaba

E-Commerce

mice



## DH&S - GROWTH DRIVER AND STABLE PILLAR

#### Strong Growth in 2024

- > +30% yoy
- Strong momentum in terminals
- Pleasing development in hygiene and security

#### E-health Terminals

- 80% market share in new terminals sales
- Q1 25 rather back end loaded due to strong Nov & Dec 24

#### Terminal Management System

- Remote management and administration of card terminals
- 2025e: scaling TMS sales via partners

#### SmartLink

- Provider certification now expected for end of Q1
- Production start and transactional sales expected for H1

#### Hygiene Keyboards

- Establishment of adequate partner network should finally reactivate US momentum
- Strong hygiene requirements in Europe and the US

## TI-Messenger

- Provider certification targeted for Q1
- Launch in model region Würzburg

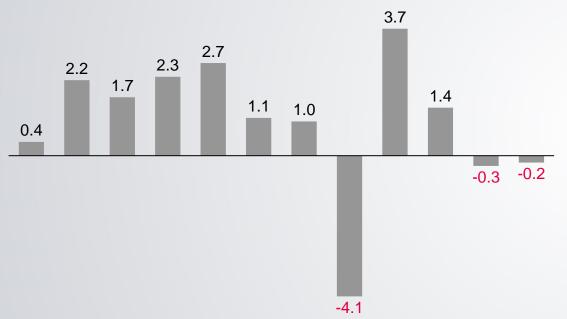




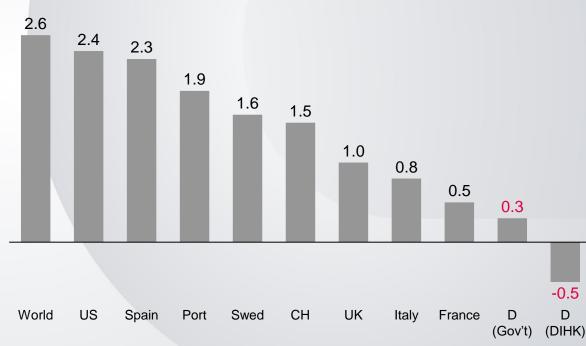


## GERMANY CLEARLY THE GROWTH LAGGARD

GERMAN REAL GDP GROWTH 2013 - 2024 (in %)



2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024



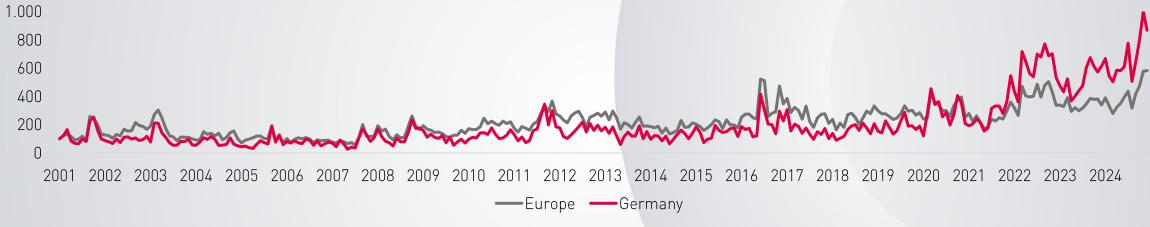
<sup>\*</sup> Sources: Berenberg Economics Research, Forecasts at a Glance, 13 January 2025; DIHK

GDP GROWTH ASSUMPTIONS 2025e (in %)\*

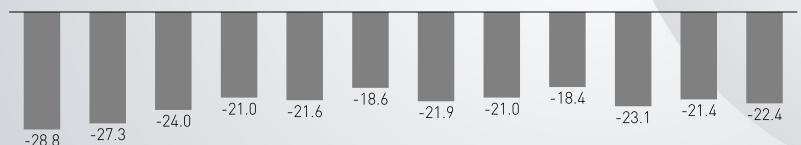


# HIGHER UNCERTAINTY LEADS TO LOWER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE IN GERMANY

NEWS COVERAGE ABOUT POLICY-RELATED ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY (Jan 2001 = 100)

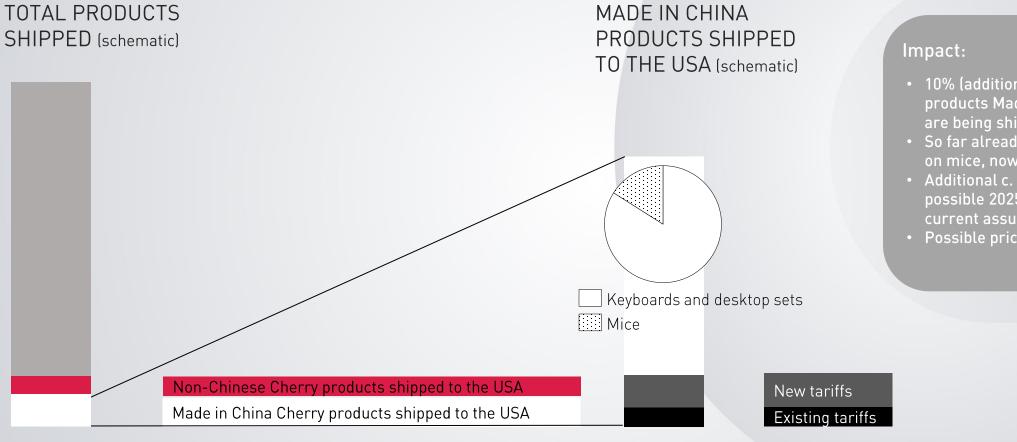


#### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE GERMANY NOT RECOVERING (Mar 24 - Feb 25))





## IMPACT OF NEW US TARIFFS



- 10% (additional) tariffs on all products Made in China that are being shipped to the USA
- So far already 25% imposed on mice, now 35% on mice
- Additional c. USD 1m impact possible 2025 based on current assumptions
- Possible price adjustments



## PRIORITIES 2025 BY BUSINESS UNIT

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#### **PERIPHERALS**

#### CHERRY Europe

- Revenue and margin growth
- Master distribution model
- Product allocation policy

#### **CHERRY Americas**

- Revenue and margin growth
- Expand peripherals sales
- New partner network

#### DH&S

- Strong benefit from connecting new healthcare professionals to TI
- Beginning refresh cycle for existing users in the German healthcare system
- TI Messenger: strong push from ePa
- Terminal Management System: extra demand from additional professions
- SmartLink provider approval expected for mid Q1 25

#### **COMPONENTS**

- Pursue stringent portfolio strategy in the analog switch segment
- In H2 complete portfolio covered and positioned more broadly



## GAMING AND OFFICE LAUNCHES AT CES

CHERRY XTRFY MX 8.3 TKL Wireless



CHERRY XTRFY MX 10.1 Wireless



CHERRY XTRFY H3 Wireless Headset



**KW 550 MX LP** 



CHERRY KW 300 MX/KW 300W MX

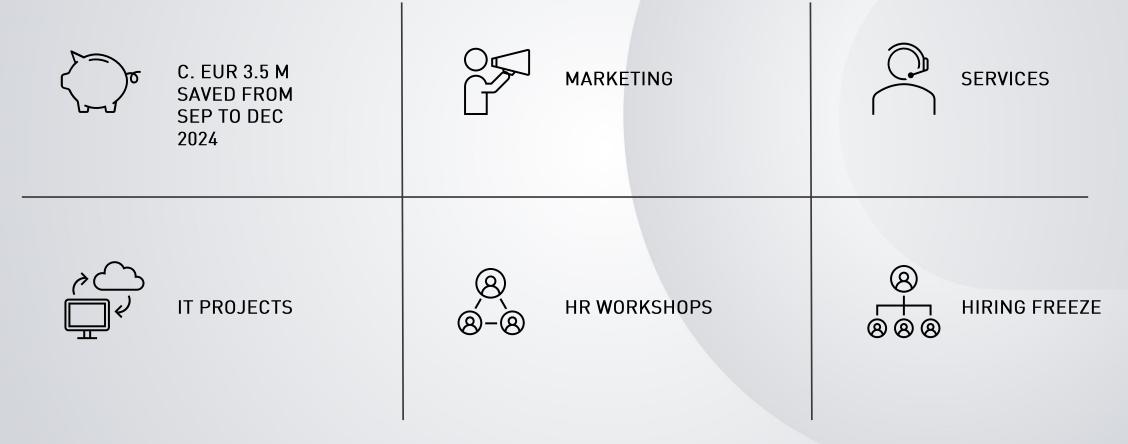


High Speed Gaming Mousepads





## EUR 3.5M COST CUTTING PROGRAM ON TRACK





## FY 2025 FORECAST DRIVERS

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**



Peripherals pricing uplift after grey market dry up



Positive margin impact of new partner programs



DH&S new professions and replacement demand



New German government's initiatives



US specific product portfolio; Hygiene peripherals push; sales force expansion



Strong cash and cost control

#### **CHALLENGES**



Ongoing subdued consumer spending due to (geo)political uncertainties



Negative margin impact of US administration's new tariff regime



Extremely high certification requirements for SmartLink



Capital Allocation



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