



# Financial and capital allocation framework



# Financial framework



Our well-developed financial framework underpins strategy delivery and strong financial performance

**Service Revenue Growth**  
(mid-teens)



**Margin Expansion**  
(Improve earnings)



**Reduced capital intensity**  
(15 – 18%)



**Attractive FCF**  
(Higher cash balances)  
(Reduced Holdco leverage)

## Performance 2020 – 2022



- Group SR ave. growth: 15.2%\*
- Voice ave. growth: 4.7%\*
- Data ave. growth: 33.2%\*
- Fintech ave. growth: 23.0%\*



- EEP realised: R6.4bn
- EBITDA margin: +1.3pp
- Adjusted HEPS CAGR: 31.4%



- R95.3bn invested in networks / platforms
- Ave capex intensity: 17.4%
- ROE progression +6pp improvement



- Cash upstreamed from Opcos: R56.3bn
- Holdco leverage: 0.8x (2020: 2.2x)

## Medium-term focus

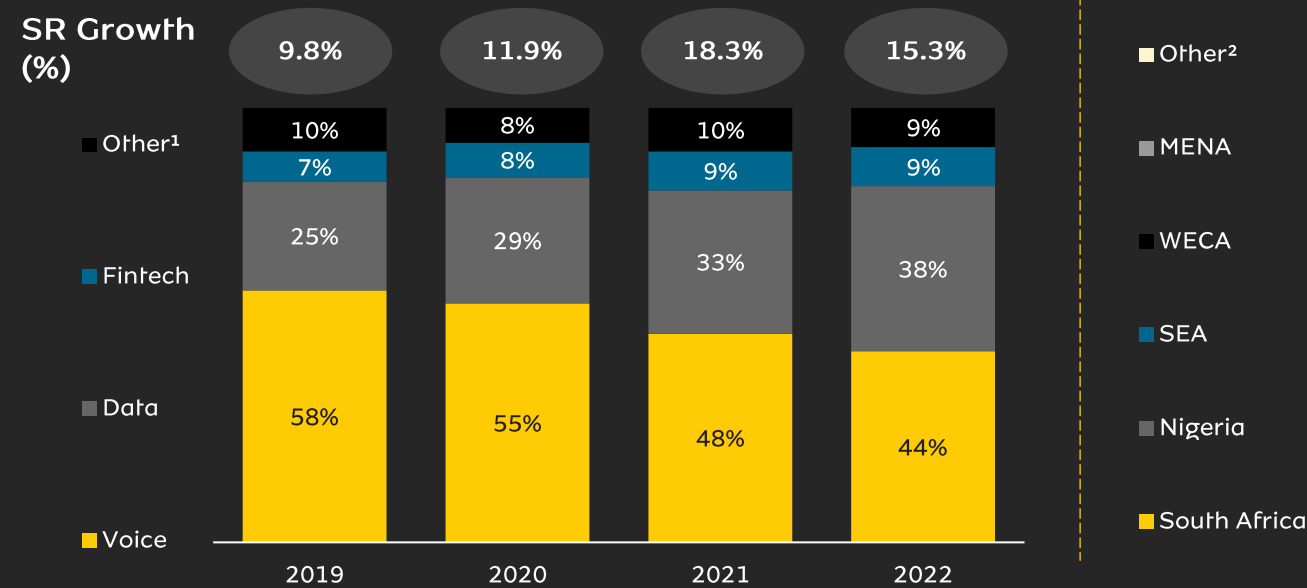
- Grow service revenue above inflation
- Protect and grow voice
- Double data and 'Own the Home'
- Accelerate fintech and digital platforms
- Opex growth below inflation
- Cost efficiency 2.0 programme in formulation
- Mitigate forex risk
- Reduce finance costs
- Maximise value from capex investment
- Disciplined capital prioritisation
- Working capital management
- Improve cash upstreaming
- Continue ARP opportunities
- Liability management

# Service revenue evolution

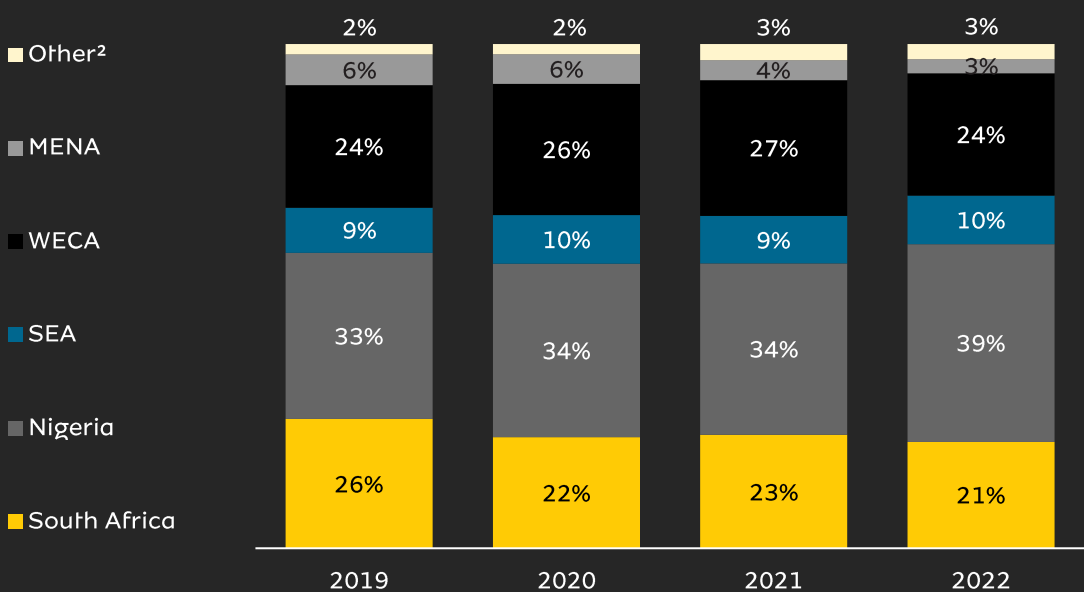


Mid-teens growth in service revenue, with voice <50% in FY 2022

Service revenue contribution by bearer



Service revenue contribution by region



## Initiatives to grow service revenue above inflation in the medium term

- Price optimisation initiatives: CVM | Selective headline price increases | Focus on winning the home
- Accelerating platforms: Fintech evolution from basic services to advanced services | Scaling MoMo PSB in Nigeria | Digital

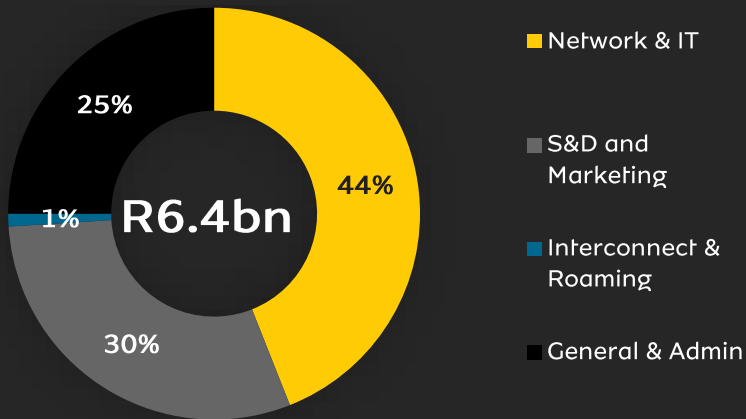
1. Includes digital, SMS, wholesale, ICT and other  
2. Includes Bayobab

# Excellent delivery of expense efficiency programme

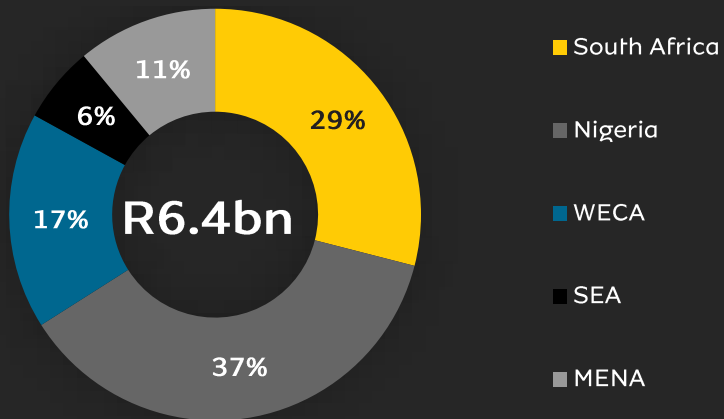


*R6.4bn in expense efficiencies realised since 2020, exceeding our R5bn target*

## Savings by function



## Savings by region



## Medium-term initiatives to deliver sustainable cost savings

- Refresh of cost benchmarking to identify additional sustainable cost saving initiatives
- Terminate non-critical support & maintenance contracts in IT and Network
- Renegotiate terms with major vendors
- Accelerate CVM initiatives and optimise distribution channels
- Further simplify product and customer processes
- Accelerate energy efficiency initiatives

**R1.5bn identified for 2023, through quick-win initiatives**

# Working capital management and cash release

Laid the foundation for working capital improvement by focusing on cash conversion cycle days and introduced cash release KPIs

**Projected cash release**  
**R1.5-R2bn over medium term**  
*...Supported by uptake from Supply Chain Finance (SCF) & Device Receivable financing*



## Initiatives that have improved working capital

### Days of Inventory Outstanding



- Inventory policy socialisation across Group
- Inventory visibility across Opcos

### Days of Payment Outstanding



- Improved payment terms visibility and compliance across Opcos
- Leveraged on supplier relationship to extend payment terms

### Days of Sales Outstanding



- Visibility on days of sale ageing
- Tracking of compliance on collection days

### Sale of Debtors book



- Liquidity injection through selling of device receivables

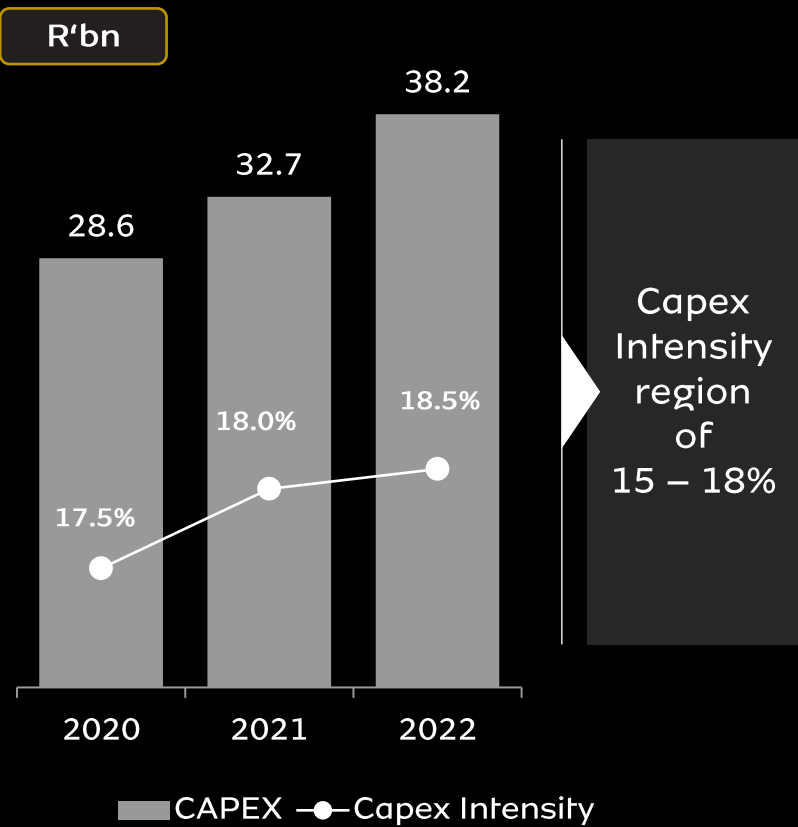
## Ongoing initiatives will result in additional benefits

- Demand forecasting (technical and commercial)
- Supply chain financing
- Local procurement to mitigate forex risk
- Device receivables financing
- Continued focus on collections

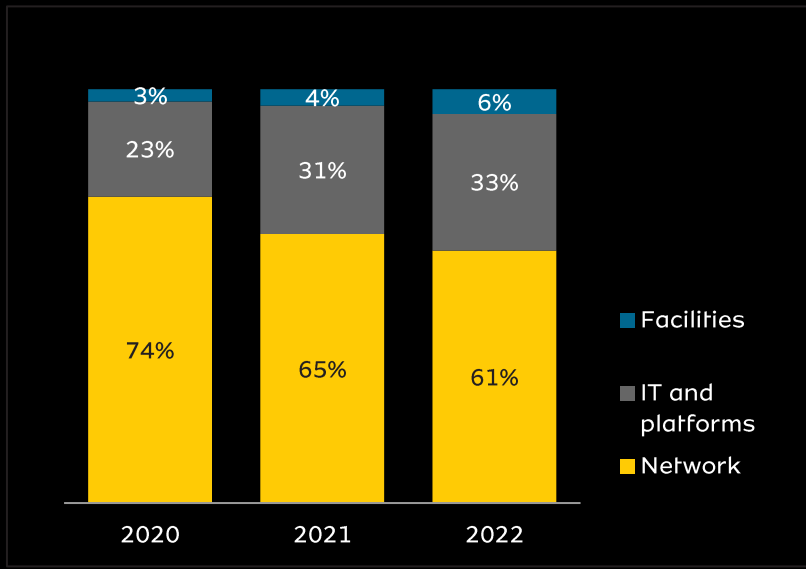
# Investment in connectivity & platforms to support high demand for data and fintech underpinned by value-based capital allocation



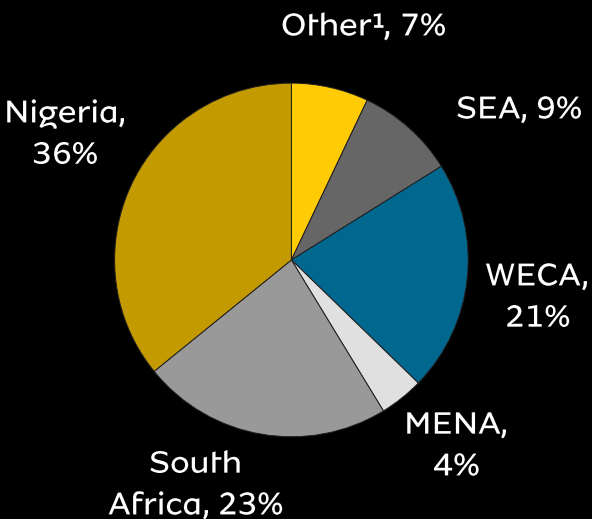
## Historical capex and intensity



## Disciplined capex prioritisation



## 2022 Capex by region



## Capex priorities

- Network resilience in SA
- Expansion of coverage | Rapid rural rollout programme
- High-speed data networks | Investment in platforms | Strategic partnerships and hyperscalers
- Unit cost reduction | Spectrum efficiencies

1. Includes Bayobab and Corporate Head Office

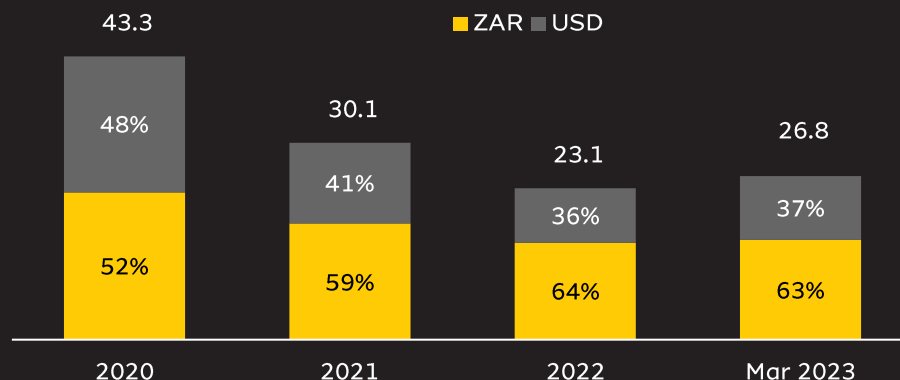
# Holdco net debt and liquidity profile



Balance sheet flexibility to withstand macroeconomic volatility and drive growth

## Holdco net debt

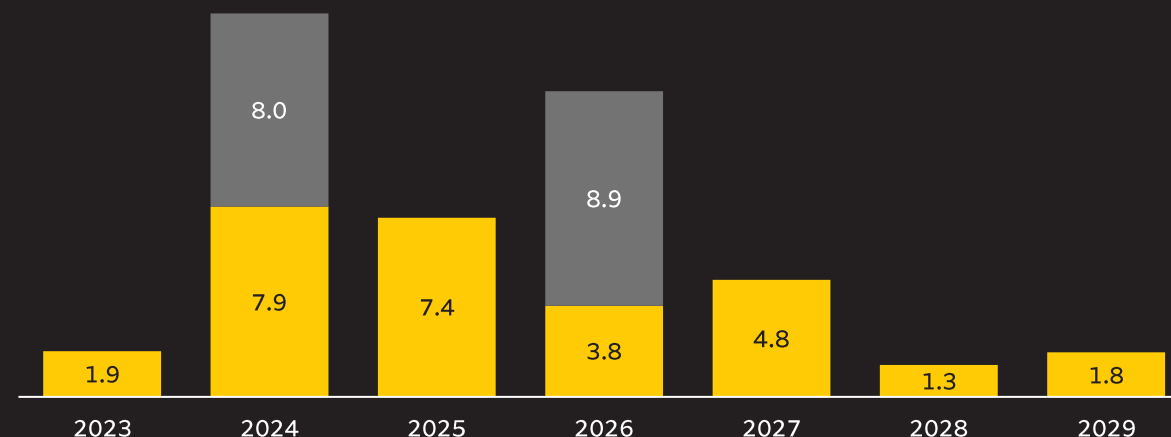
■ ZAR ■ USD



|                 |      |      |             |             |
|-----------------|------|------|-------------|-------------|
| Group leverage  | 0.8x | 0.4x | <b>0.3x</b> | <b>0.3x</b> |
| Holdco leverage | 2.2x | 1.0x | <b>0.8x</b> | <b>0.9x</b> |

## Holdco debt maturity profile (R'bn)

■ ZAR ■ USD



### Progress to date

- Net debt reduced
- Improved Holdco leverage and debt mix
- Successful bond issuance
- Mitigated re-financing risk
- Reduced 2024 Eurobonds
- Upsized DMTN programme to R35bn

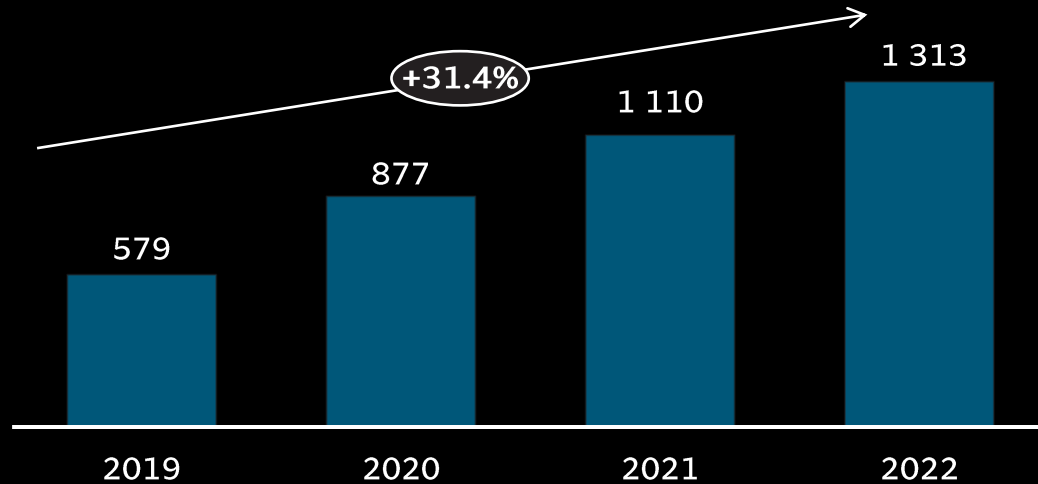
### Medium-term focus

- Maintain Holdco leverage below 1.5x
- Continued solid operational performance and cashflow generation to support cash upstreaming from Opcos
- Opportunities to early settle 2024 and 2026 Eurobonds – reducing USD exposure
- Maintain USD and ZAR revolving facilities for liquidity headroom
- DMTN programme will provide alternative source of liquidity
- Local currency funding in our markets

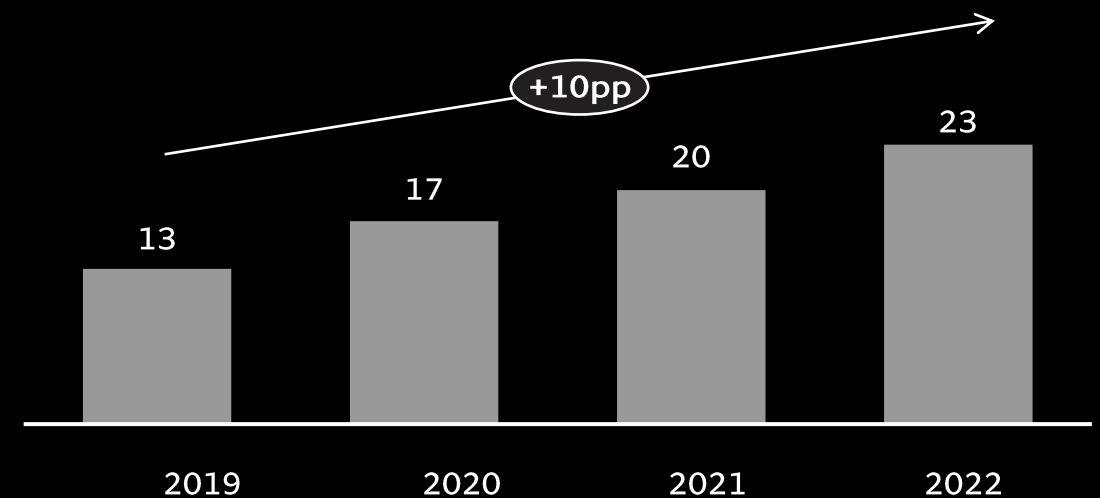
# Shareholder value creation



Adjusted HEPS progression, CAGR %



ROE progression\*



## Key drivers of return improvement

- Strong operational performance
- Expense efficiency
- Disciplined capital allocation
- Resilient balance sheet
- Asset realisation programme

\* Adjusted ROE: Adjusted headline earnings / Equity attributable to equity holders (excluding the hyperinflation effects)

# Our capital allocation framework has guided our financial discipline and remains relevant in guiding priorities:



1

## Organic growth

Well-invested networks and platforms | Improving capex intensity



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## Faster deleveraging of Holdco leverage

Focus on further reducing non-ZAR debt over the medium term



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## Return cash to shareholders through ordinary dividends

Anticipate paying a minimum ordinary dividend of 330cps for FY 23



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## Selective mergers and acquisitions

Opportunities aligned to the investment case, subject to strict risk and financial criteria



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## Share repurchases or special dividends

Only considered when other capital allocation priorities have been met

# Key takeaways



*Our financial and capital allocation framework supports strategy execution and value creation for shareholders*

- 1 Strong foundation to navigate tough trading environment
- 2 Future growth well funded, supported by efficiencies
- 3 Disciplined capital allocation remains relevant
- 4 Well-developed framework supports **Ambition 2025** delivery
- 5 Driving shareholder value

**Thank you**

