

# Successful business model

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Strategic thrusts of Bell Food Group

- Strengthening our core business
- Growing through convenience and vegetarian products
- Investing in efficiency and performance



- Inspiring our retail and food service customers with a wide range of meat and convenience products
- Satisfying a variety of different customer requirements with our brands

- Optimising carbon footprint of our product ranges
- Further reducing food waste at all levels
- Giving the utmost priority to animal welfare
- Protecting ecosystems

# Strengthened position in home market of Switzerland

Strategy 2021–2025 Strengthening our core business





- Market share gained in retail and wholesale
- Further expanded position as number one full-service supplier in Switzerland
- Further strengthened Bell brand
- Improved product range expertise across all price segments
- Targeted investments lay foundation for further growth

Organic growth 2021–2024
Business area Bell Switzerland

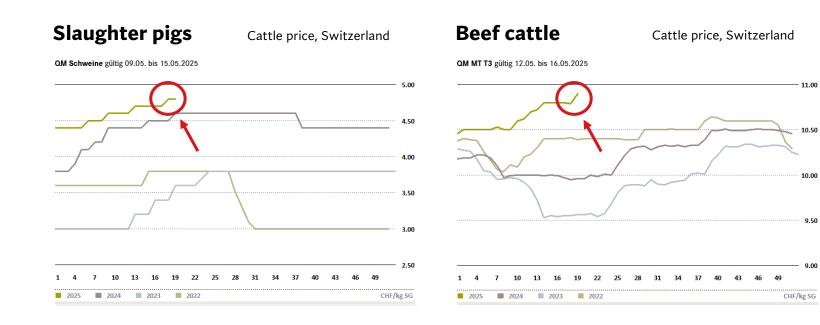
Net revenue

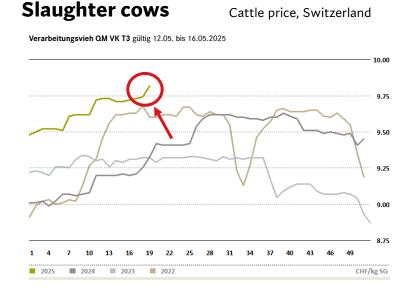
+6.8 %

# Competitive advantage in raw material availability



Strategy 2021–2025 Strengthening our core business





Source: SBC/USP

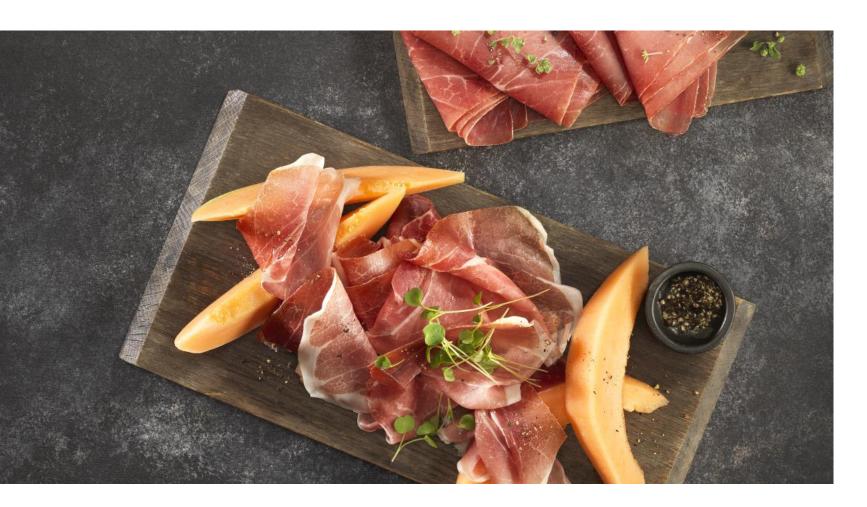
- Raw material prices are subject to considerable fluctuations over the years
- Similar situation in the EU; for example, in Germany the price for young bulls (cat. R3) in April 2025 is 37% higher than in April 2024
- The occurrence and/or spread of animal diseases have a strong impact on availability and drive up prices
- Access to sufficient raw materials is increasingly a decisive competitive advantage
- Ability to realise higher procurement prices on the market is crucial for covering additional costs

# Leadership in Europe expanded in cured ham segment



Strategy 2021–2025 Strengthening our core business





- Number one in Germany and number three in Spain in cured ham segment
- Strong and profitable niche positions in France and Poland
- Highly competent in slicing, which strengthens market differentiation
- Successful folding packaging format (>60 million packs p.a.)
- Focus on strengths; unprofitable units without prospects divested

Organic growth 2021–2024 **Business area Bell International** 

**Net revenue** FX adjusted

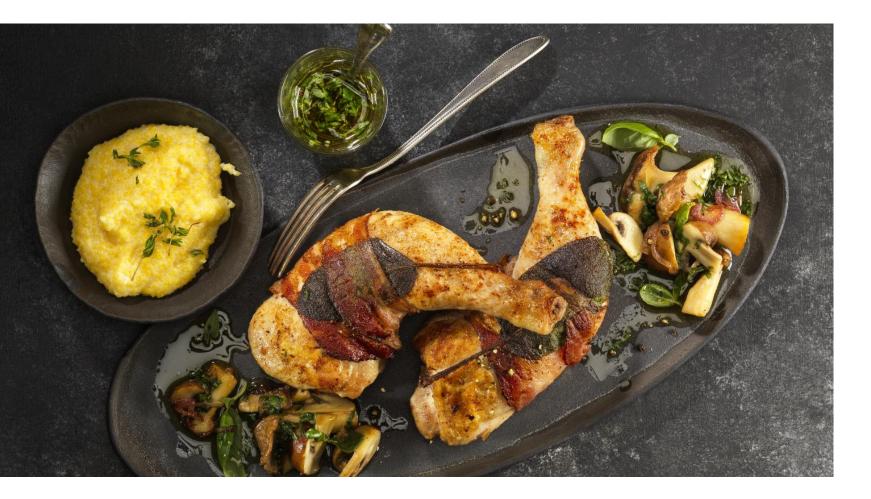
+33.4 %

# Strong growth with sustainable poultry in Austria



Strategy 2021–2025 Strengthening our core business





- Substantial expansion of market leadership in Austria
- Number one in chicken in Austria and turkey in southern Germany
- Largest organic producer in Europe, leader in this growing segment with various animal welfare programmes
- High availability of goods and delivery reliability thanks to long-standing partnerships with farmers
- Pfaffstätt/AT site further developed; building permit obtained for increase in slaughter volumes

Organic growth 2021-2024 **Business area Hubers/Sütag** 

Net revenue FX adjusted

+46.6 %

### Strong growth in fresh convenience



Strategy 2021–2025 Orowing through convenience and vegetarian products





- Category leader in core market of Switzerland
- High capacity for innovation and culinary expertise
- Production sites in Switzerland consolidated
- Capacity expansion and entry in Austrian market completed; results do not yet live up to expectations
- Product range expertise developed further across all price segments

Organic growth 2021-2024 Fresh convenience segment

Net revenue Hilcona Net revenue Eisberg FX adjusted

FX adjusted

+20.2 % +33.9 %

# Vegetarian expertise greatly expanded



Strategy 2021–2025 Orowing through convenience and vegetarian products





- Number one in Switzerland for vegetarian convenience products
- Differentiation in market through innovation and recipe quality
- Production of Swiss tofu successfully established
- Successful launch of «The Green Mountain» (meat alternatives) in DACH region
- Winner of market consolidation in segment for meat alternatives
- Schaan/FL site expanded

#### **Important pillar for Bell Food Group**

Net revenue for vegetarian products in CHF

**Share of vegetarian** products of net revenue

> 1 billion 22 %

## Launch of successful food service concepts

Strategy 2021–2025 Orowing through convenience and vegetarian products





- Development of new holistic product concepts
- Food service brands repositioned in market
- Culinary advisors support and advise caterers and strengthen customer relationships
- Expanded delicatessen production facility commissioned in Steinach
- Change in business area management completed

#### **Important pillar for Bell Food Group**

Net revenue food service/industry in CHF

**Share of food** service of net income

> 1.4 billion 30 %

# **Oensingen site – central hub for Swiss core business**



Strategy 2021–2025 \int Investing in efficiency and performance

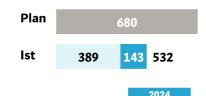






- Central, highly automated deep-freeze centre uses 50 percent less energy, insourcing from eight external centres
- New cattle slaughterhouse sets new standards with regard to animal welfare, hygiene and efficiency.
- New logistics centre shortens order and delivery schedule, speeds up goods management and reduces food waste, among other things.
- Concentration of charcuterie slicing activities in new slicer centre brings efficiency gains.

#### Investments on schedule in Mio. CHF



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# **Schaan site – competence centre for fresh convenience**

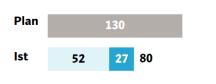
Strategy 2021–2025 Investing in efficiency and performance





- Capacity expansion opens up new opportunities for growth
- Improved efficiency thanks to new processes and intra-logistics
- Phase 3 to start in summer 2025

#### Investments on schedule in Mio. CHF



2024

# **Continuous growth and higher EBITDA**

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Positive long-term trend 2018-2024

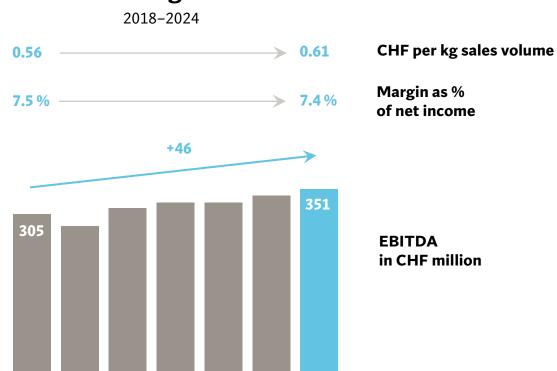
#### Organic growth

CAGR 2018-2024

	Net income	Sales volume
Fresh meat & charcuterie	2.4 %	0.3 %
Poultry & seafood	<b>6.8</b> %	3.7 %
Convenience	5.5 %	3.0 %
Bell Food Group	4.4 %	2.5 %

- Continuous growth achieved
- Deviation between net income and sales volume driven by inflation

#### **EBITDA** growth



- Performance improved and EBITDA increased in absolute terms
- Relative margin depends on inflation

# **Market-oriented organisation**

Organisation Business areas





# **Business area of the Bell Food Group**

Bell Switzerland

**Bell International** 

Hubers/Sütag

Eisberg

Hilcona

Hügli

Finances/Services

# Proven strategy to be continued – future growth initiatives launched

# **Generating further growth in core business**



Continue proven strategy Strengthening of core business











#### **Further expand market position of Bell Switzerland**

- Expand growth and market share across all sales channels
- Realise site plan for Basel
- Ensure future availability of raw materials
- Expand and exploit brand strength

#### **Continue international growth**

- Further expand market leadership in air-dried ham segment
- Further expand slicing capacity and gain additional market share in this growing segment
- Exploit market opportunities and achieve further growth

#### **Exploit growth opportunities in attractive poultry segment**

- Exploit growth opportunities by expanding capacity
- Exploit and further expand sustainability advantage
- Ensure future raw material availability for all labels

# **Further development of Basel site**



Continue proven strategy Strengthening of core business

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#### **Neudorfstrasse site in Basel**



- Focus on Neudorfstrasse site
- Slaughtering and cutting of pork to be continued in existing facilities
- Current charcuterie production facility to be replaced by new building by 2032
- Headquarters to remain in Basel



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# **Expand poultry business to ensure further profitable growth**





Continue proven strategy Strengthening of core business

#### Poultry plant in Pfaffstätt/AT



- Facility development plan 2024–2029 is being implemented
- Hubers has perfect framework conditions and required reserves of land in Pfaffstätt/AT to expand slaughtering facility
- Expansion of production capacity by building second slaughtering, cutting and filleting plant, thereby doubling slaughter capacity
- Investments in productive capacity, animal welfare, hygiene and resource optimisation
- Establishment of fattening capacity at the same time
- New capacities will enable growth in Austria and Germany
- Pfaffstätt site developed further and building permit obtained for increasing slaughter volume

# Further expand leadership in fresh convenience



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#### **Further expand convenience segment**

- Grow further in all sales channels
- Focusing of product range expertise; focus on frozen pasta and ready-to-serve meals
- Products with added value in salad and fruit segment
- Craftsmanship and quality

#### Holistic solutions for food service

- Intensify marketing activities in Europe (DACH, F, E, UK)
- Market proximity through sales force and culinary advisors
- Differentiation with holistic solutions, culinary expertise and innovation

# **Eisberg – focus on DACH region**



Continue proven strategy Strengthening of core business





- Eisberg is selling its production sites in Poland, Romania and Hungary to Polish company Green Factory
- Completion of transaction subject to approval by competent national authorities; closing expected for Q3/2025
- Sale does not affect facilities in Switzerland and Austria and Eisberg procurement company in Spain
- Eisberg will focus on its core markets in the DACH region (Germany, Austria, Switzerland) going forward
- FY effect at Bell Food Group level: Loss of around CHF 90 million in net income and around 700 FTEs
- Changes in management and organisation of business area

## **Use new infrastructure and further improve efficiency**



Continue proven strategy Strengthening of core business



#### Successfully commission new infrastructure

- Successful commissioning of new cattle slaughterhouse in Oensingen/CH
- Commissioning of new logistics centre in Oensingen/CH on schedule
- Smooth commissioning of slicer centre in Oensingen/CH

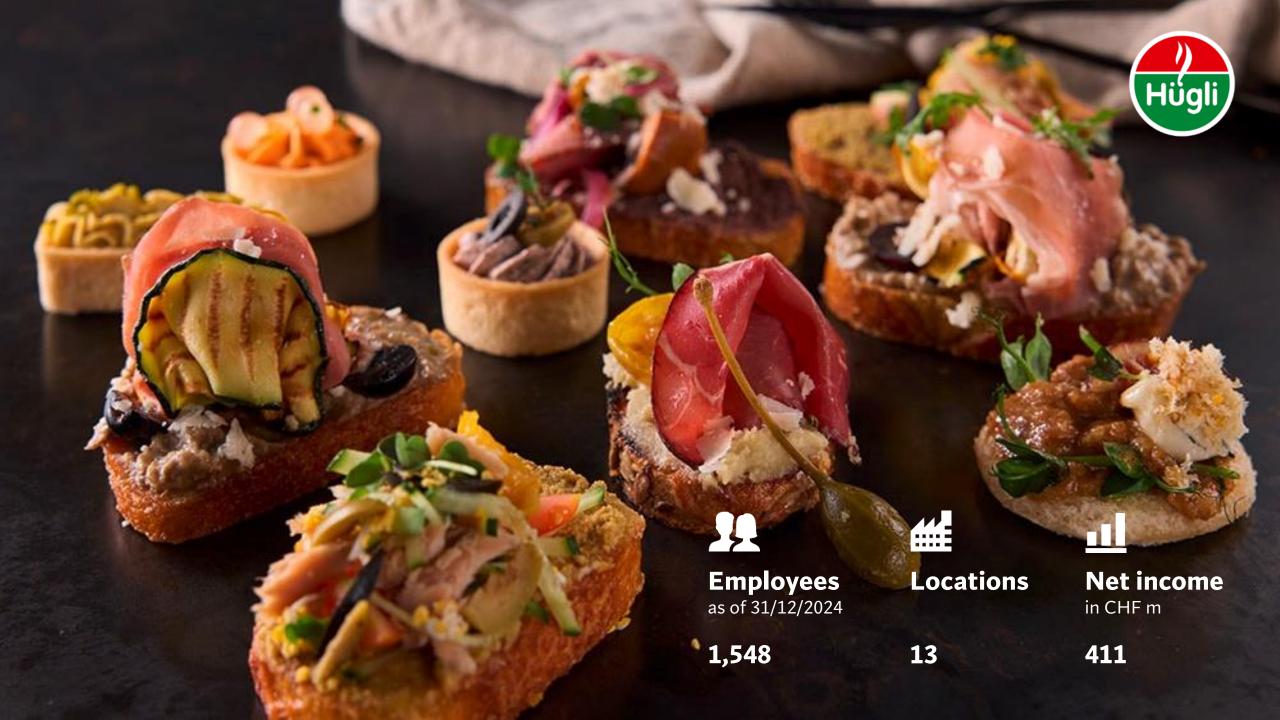


#### Improve efficiency and profitability of convenience facilities

- Successful implementation of facility development plan in Schaan/FL
- Focus on DACH region for fresh convenience
- Substantially improve profitability of new convenience facility in Marchtrenk/AT
- Optimise product ranges, logistics and processes
- Continue to focus on production programme for convenience facilities
- Sale of Eisberg's Eastern European plants

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# Hügli business area



# Innovative solutions to problems for retail and food service



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Products for retail, food service and food processing industry



Soup, sauces, bouillons, delicatessen specialities, condiments, desserts

# Product range









# Hügli's values – for 90 years

Indispensable for professionals in the food business





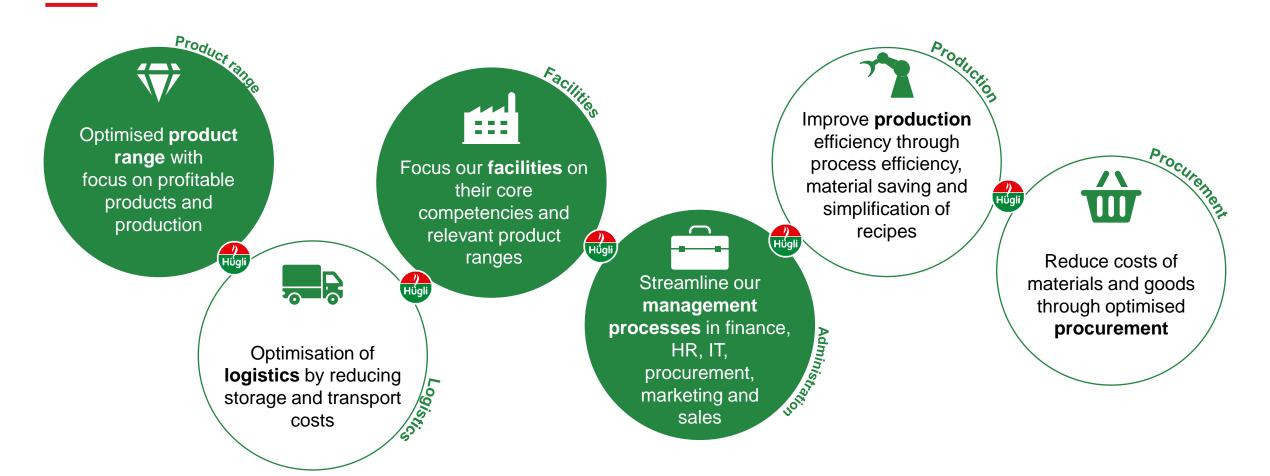


# Make organisation and processes fit for the future

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OperateSmart@Hügli: Comprehensive programme for securing future productive capacity

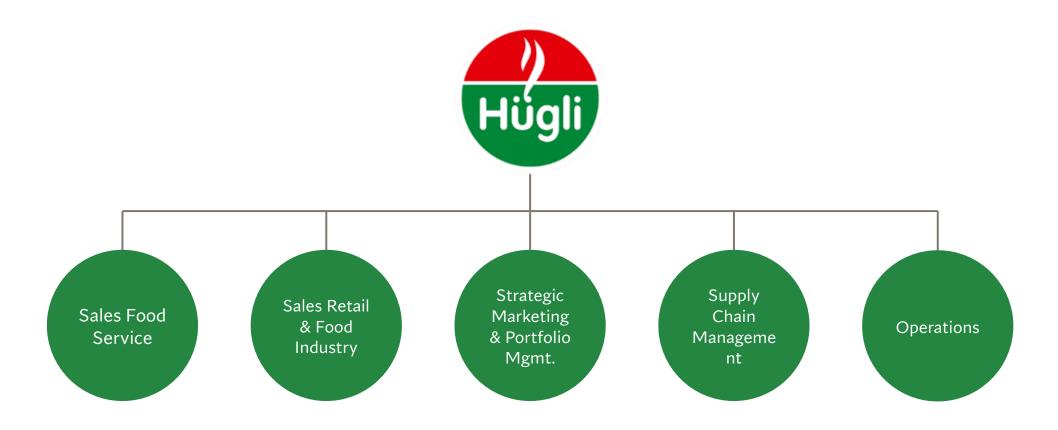


Measures that will affect headcount

# Close to market with optimised organisation

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New organisation of business area Hügli



# Investor story

## **Proven business model of Bell Food Group**

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#### **Development of organic growth and EBITDA**

Ambition to continue growth of the past years

#### **Cost development**

Start-up costs for commissioning new infrastructure in Oensingen expected to amount up to CHF 20 million from 2025 to 2027

#### **Amortisation**

Higher operating amortisation in connection with investments made by around CHF 30 million until 2028; ceasing of goodwill amortisation in medium term (2024: CHF 23 Mio.)

#### Investments / cash flow / net debt ratio

Investment level generally around CHF 250 million per annum in medium term (2024: CHF 299 Mio.); future larger projects to be financed from own cash flow; positive free cash flow planned; net debt ratio <2.5x (2024: 2.4x), can be higher in short term

#### Dividend

Stable development; planned payout ratio of around 30 percent

#### M&A

Additions and refinements focused on core activities and strengths are continuously reviewed

# **Bell Food Group - Leading in Food**

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Investor story

 Number one in Switzerland for meat and convenience products; leading positions in Europe for poultry, air-dried ham and convenience

• Category leadership for fresh convenience; highly competent and innovative for vegetarian products

 Access to leading Swiss and international retail traders and strong presence in food service channel

• Broad product range, balanced customer portfolio, efficient logistics and production, and high level of innovation

High availability of raw materials thanks to own value chain and longstanding partnerships

• Ongoing improvement of operating performance as in previous years targeted

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