

Financial presentation

Q4 2023

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LINK in short

Market leader in Europe - Global ambitions with strong growth credentials

European #1 for enterprise digital messaging

- Attracting and operating customers locally with local languages creating stickiness and upsell opportunities
- High double-digit growth over the last 4 years

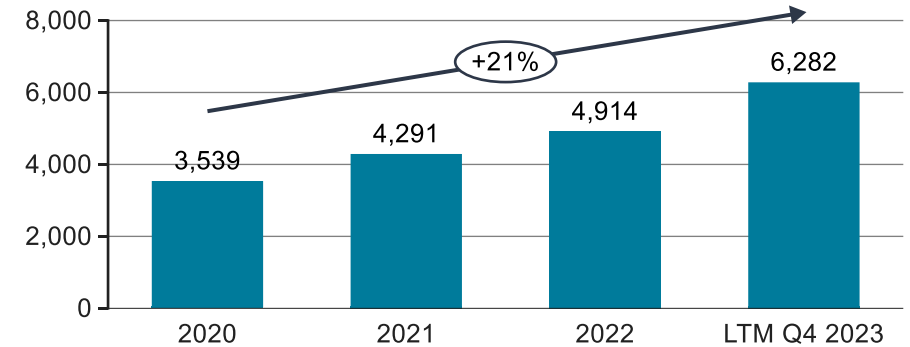
Proven M&A achievements with more than 30 acquisitions

- Expanded throughout Europe from the Nordics since 2016

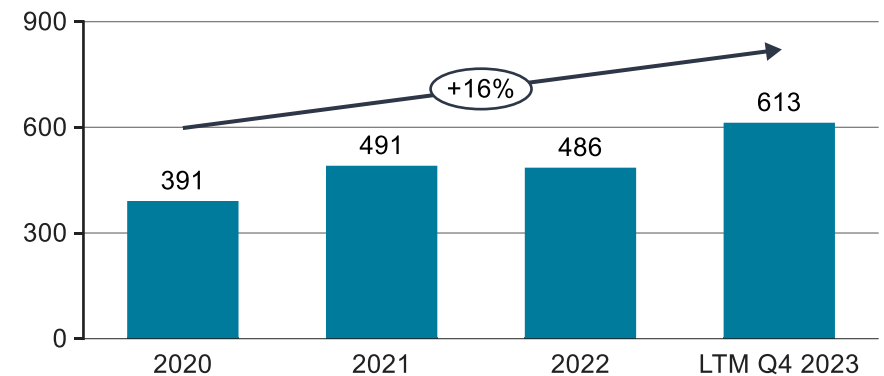
600 employees in 29 offices across 17 countries serving 50,000 customers



Revenue NOKm



Adjusted EBITDA NOKm



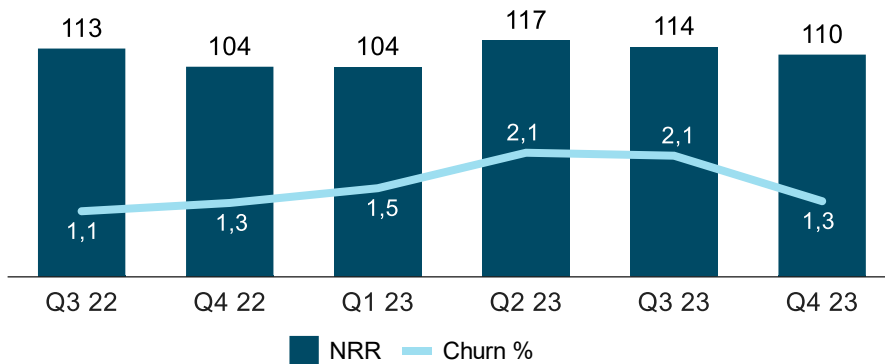
LINK's recurring and growing business model

Solid European footprint in growing markets supported by megatrends and increased adoption rates

Recurring business with 50' customers in Europe

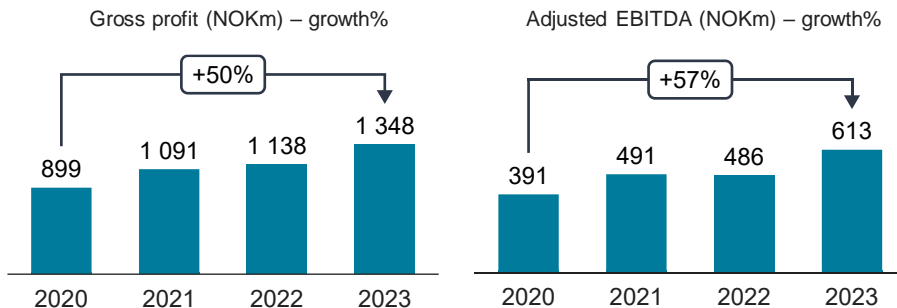
- Customers remain and increase their usage

Net retention rate (NRR) and customer churn (%)



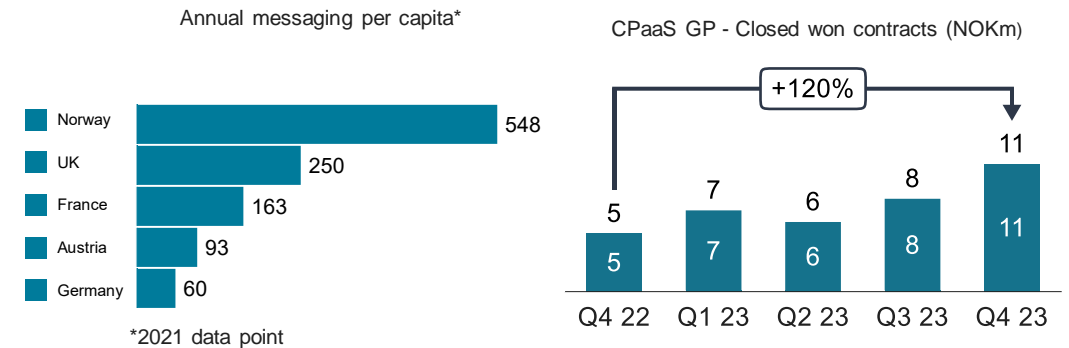
Scalable business model

- Adjusted EBITDA growth versus gross profit growth



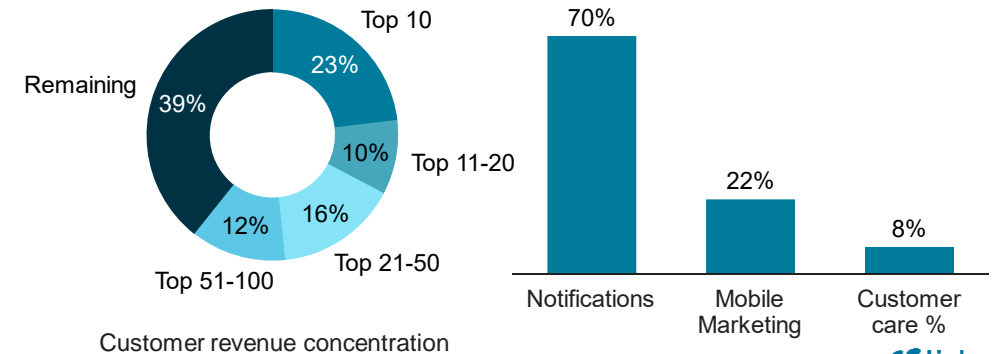
Megatrends support digital messaging growth

- Increased adoption and traction on higher margin CPaaS solutions



Diversified use cases and industry exposure

- Resilient revenue distribution tilted towards stable notifications



Q4 2023 highlights - Strong growth with commercial refocus

Organic growth at the high end of expectations

All-time high revenue at NOK 1 796 million

- Organic growth in fixed FX at 14%
- Strong market push related to Black Week and Christmas trading

All-time high gross profit at NOK 385 million

- Organic growth in fixed FX at 13%
- High growth on profitable OTT channels like RCS expands margins
- FY 23 organic gross profit growth in fixed FX was 7%

All-time high adjusted EBITDA at NOK 181 million

- Organic growth in fixed FX at 24%
- FY 23 organic adjusted EBITDA growth in fixed FX was 15%
- Profitability growth supported by cost reductions completed early 2023

Cash reserve NOK 3.4 billion after divestment of Message Broadcast

- Divestment of US subsidiary at highly attractive valuation closed on 3 January 2024

Leverage after close of US divestment at ~1.1x adjusted EBITDA

- Providing ample financing capacity for inorganic growth through M&A

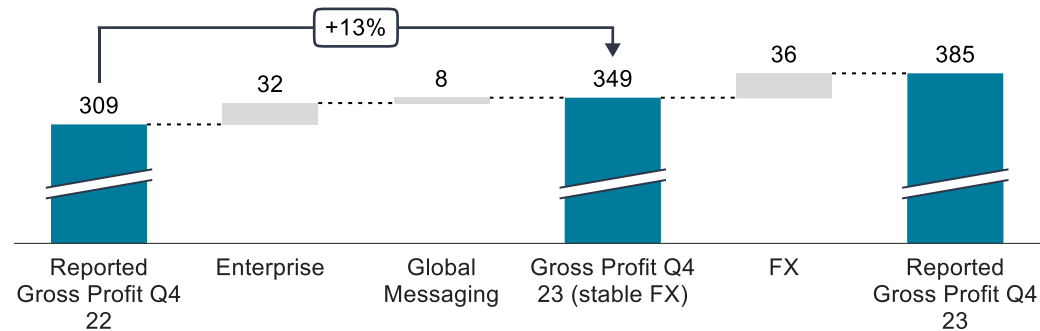
Organic growth and FX effect

NOKm	Q4 2022	Organic growth	FX effect	Q4 2023
Revenue	1 423	193	180	1 796
Organic growth (%)		14%		
Gross profit	309	39	36	385
Organic growth (%)		13%		
Adjusted EBITDA	133	31	17	181
Organic growth (%)		24%		

Double digit organic gross profit growth

Higher margin OTT channels drive profitability

Group organic gross profit development (NOKm)



Enterprise segments delivering growth in the high end of expectations

- Enterprise growth of 11% YoY organically contributing NOK 32 million
- Traction on RCS in seasonally important retail quarter drove OTT volumes
- Normal seasonality with strong market push in activity across sectors
- Growth supported by improved commercial execution

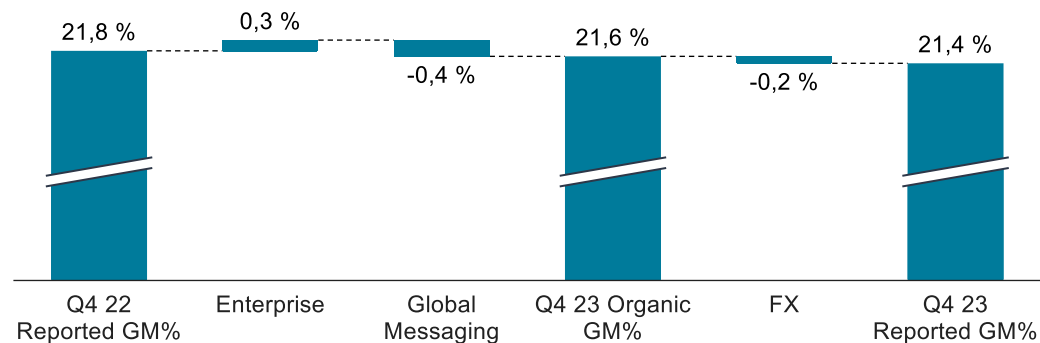
Global Messaging growing 37% in line with topline growth

- Margin returned to historical levels

Positive NOK 36 million FX effect with NOK depreciation

- Reported gross profit growth of 24% to NOK 385 million

Group gross margin (%)



Gross margin stable YoY

- Enterprise margin expanded from positive mix towards higher value products

Growth and disciplined capital investment policy

High cash reserves for M&A and debt reduction

High cash reserves of approximately NOK 3.4 billion – Solid headroom for acquisitions and refinancing of bond

- Current EUR 370 million bond, maturing in December 2025, net debt to be managed within 2 - 2.5x adjusted EBITDA range ahead of refinancing

LINK may consider further bond buybacks before refinancing of remaining EUR bond in 2025

- Pending market conditions and competitive implied yield compared to other risk-free options
- EUR 18 million in nominal bonds bought back in December last year and in January this year

LINK may consider share buybacks related to long-term incentive plan (LTI) share options

- Up to 17 million shares can be bought and held as treasury shares for allocation to employees share programs
- Removing dilution effect from potential future shares issues related to the LTI program

Still ample excess cash for disciplined, accretive and opportunistic M&A

- Bolt-ons in Europe main priority
- All targets to be profitable with a diversified customer portfolio and low churn
- Target valuations between 6-9x cash EBITDA before synergies pending growth momentum
- Financing structure optionality through cash, seller's credit, earn-outs and share issuance (when appropriate)

M&A strategy for additional inorganic growth

LINK completed more than 30 acquisitions last decade

- Historical acquisitions in Europe has generated significant excess equity value
- Expertise and financial capacity to strengthen acquisition activity

M&A play-book guidelines

- Strong local market position and strong telecom operator relationships
- Cash EBITDA positive and cash accretive to LINK from day one
- Solid, well-diversified customer portfolios with low churn
- ~80% overlapping technology strong commercial enterprise focus
- Synergy potential to create further value

Many bolt-ons and several level-up opportunities in Europe have priority

- More than NOK 200 million in additional EBITDA potential from M&A pipeline in Europe
- Acquisitions in Europe will drive cost synergies and enable quicker upselling potential
- Several level-up cases outside Europe in attractive markets in M&A pipeline



Add-on

Smaller bolt-ons to further strengthen market position and realize synergies



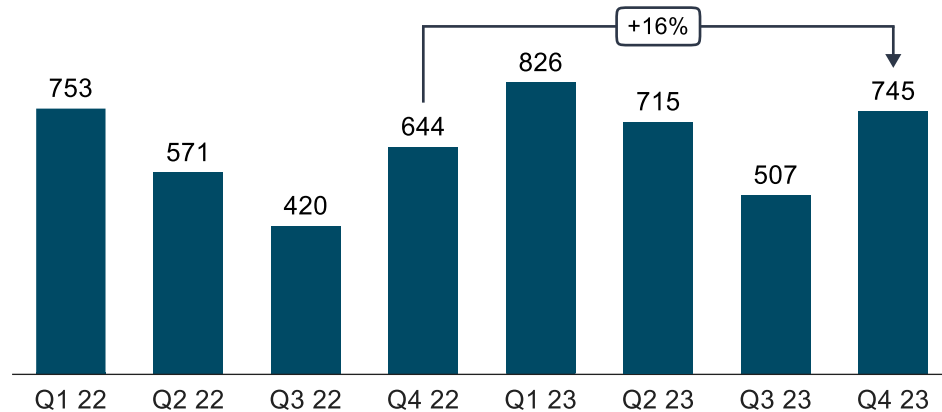
Level-up

Acquire larger companies in new and existing markets

New contract wins - CPaaS traction drives organic growth

New contracts wins established at higher level following commercial refocus

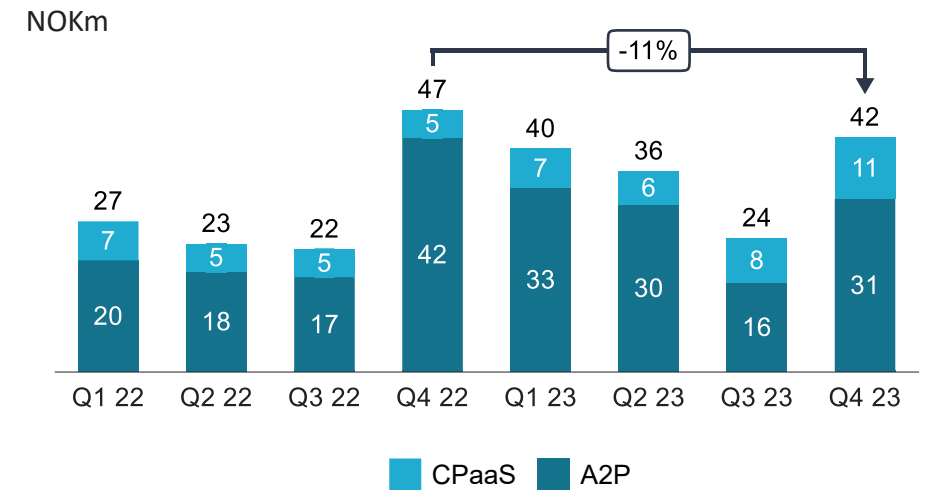
New agreements signed in quarter



LINK signed 745 new and expanding agreements in Q4 23

- Steady inflow of numerous smaller and medium sized contracts complemented by a few larger contracts

Gross profit contribution* from new contract wins



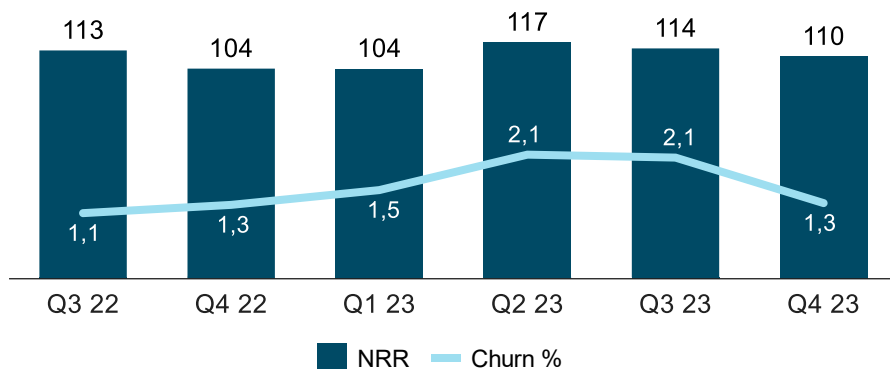
Q4 23 saw CPaaS solutions more than doubling YoY

- A2P contribution somewhat down on very strong Q4 previous year
- Total contract wins established at higher level

Recurring revenue supported by high NRR and low churn

Customers stay with LINK and increase their usage

Net retention rate (NRR) and customer churn (%)



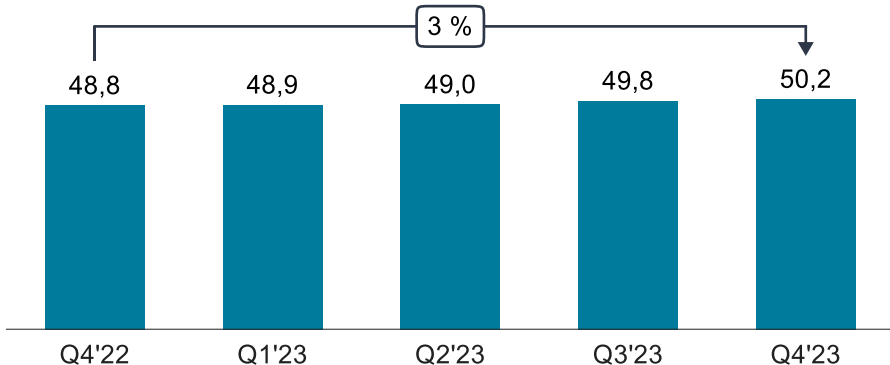
Net retention stable well above 100%

- Supporting growth in recurring revenue

Customer churn consistently low

- Enterprise churn below 2% over time
- QoQ decrease as aggregator churn in Global Messaging out of comparables

Customer accounts ('000)*



Steady growing base of 50 000 clients

- Significant upselling potential beyond initial use-case to existing customers
- High commercial success rate in second sale (~70% win-rate)

LINK positioned for strong FCF growth in 2024 and beyond

LINK's European business is scalable and highly cash generative

- Organic gross profit growth in high single digits historically
- Organic adjusted EBITDA expected to grow at higher rate than organic gross profit
- Net debt not exceeding 2 - 2.5x adjusted EBITDA range when refinancing in 2025

Diverse M&A pipeline with additional EBITDA potential > NOK 200 million in Europe alone

- Bolt-ons in Europe priority to realize further scale
- Several potential level-up cases in Europe and beyond including the US



Financial review

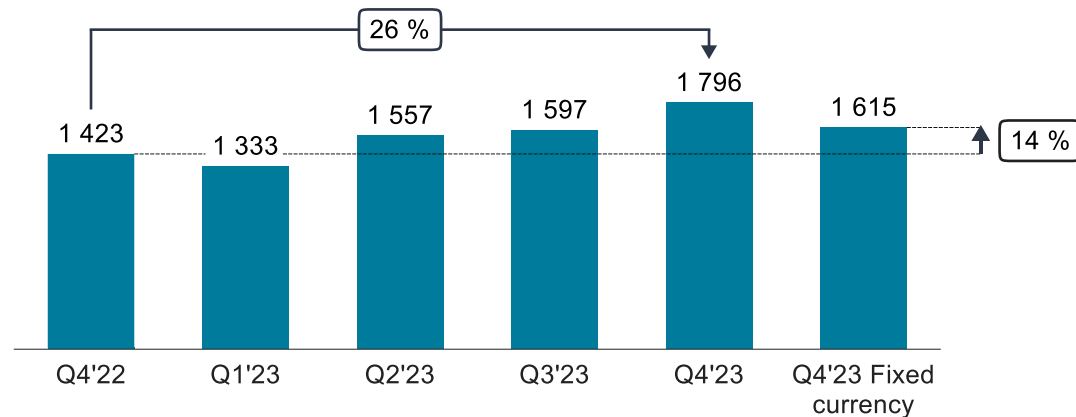
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All-time high reported revenue – YoY growth of 26%

FX tailwind contributed 12 percentage points to revenue growth

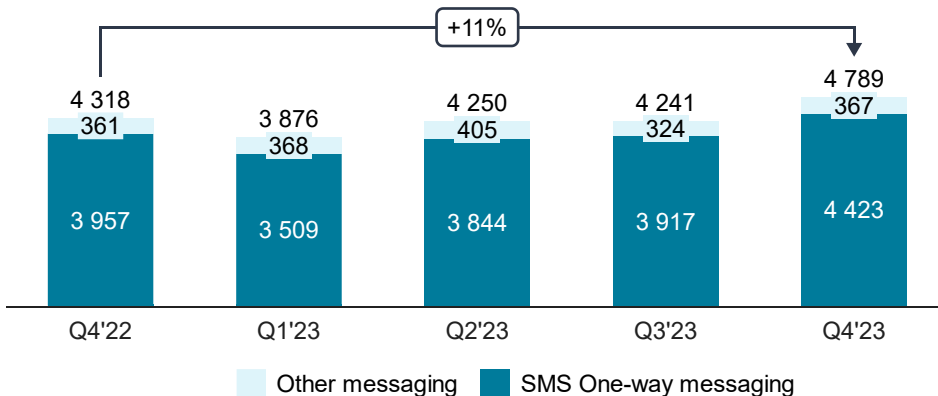
Reported revenue NOKm



Organic revenue growth of 14% in fixed FX

- Enterprise segments grew 9% organically in fixed FX
 - Strong retail push in seasonally peak season
 - Inflationary pressure still impacting spend across enterprises
- Global Messaging segment delivered organic growth of 33% in fixed FX

Reported volume (mill transactions)



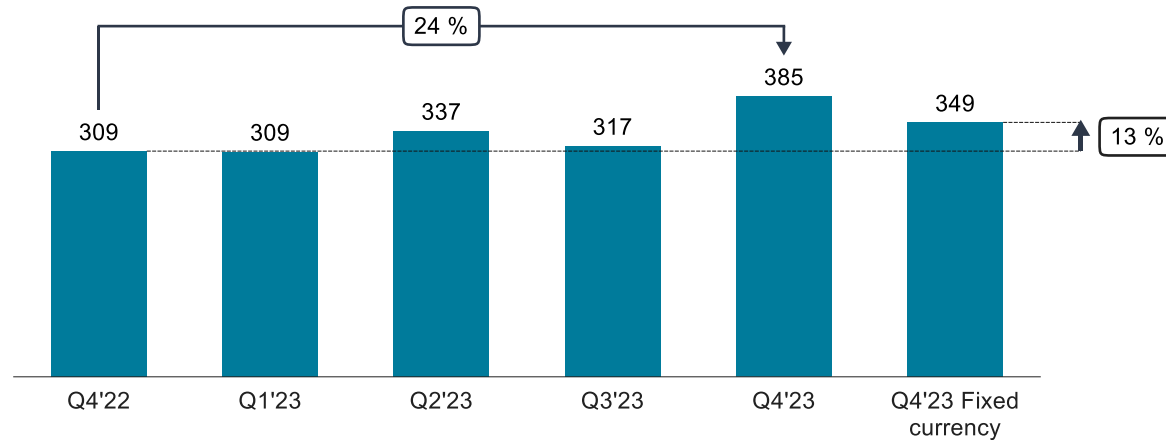
Reported volume growth for Q4 23 at 11%

- Higher priced OTT channels continued to gain traction in selected markets
 - Improving ROI for clients compared to traditional SMS messaging
- Lower volume for email more than offset by strong growth for new OTT channels

All-time high reported gross profit – YoY growth of 24%

FX tailwind contributed 11 percentage points to gross profit growth

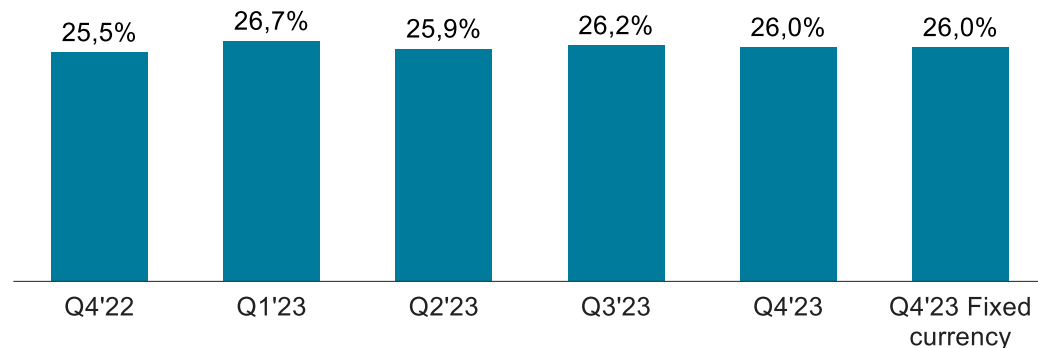
Gross profit NOKm



Organic gross profit growth 13% in fixed FX

- European enterprise segments delivered 11% organic growth
 - Growth supported by closed contracts last quarters
 - Western Europe in the high end of growth expectations in retail
 - Expanded use of higher margin channels like RCS
- Global Messaging organic growth of 37% in fixed FX
 - Returned to high single digit normalized margin in the quarter

Europe enterprise gross margin (%)



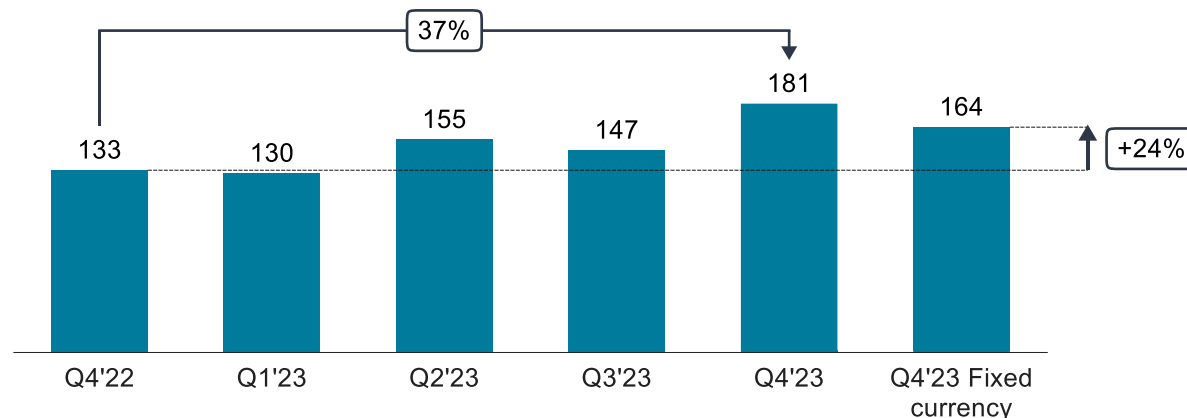
Enterprise gross margin improved YoY to 26%

- Larger portion of messages on high margin OTT channels like RCS

All-time high reported adjusted EBITDA – YoY growth of 37%

FX tailwind contributed 13 percentage points to adjusted EBITDA growth

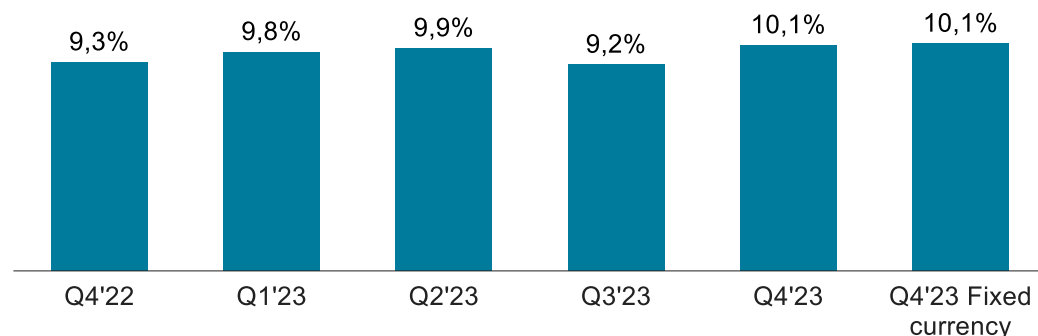
Adjusted EBITDA NOKm



Organic growth in adjusted EBITDA 24% in fixed currency

- Adjusted EBITDA growth of NOK 31 million YoY
 - NOK 19 million from ordinary course of business
 - NOK 12 million from cost reduction program initiated late 2022

Adjusted EBITDA margin (%)



Total adjusted EBITDA margin expanded 0.8 percentage points

- Enterprise margin expanded 0.9pp YoY to 15.8%
 - Improved gross margin YoY
 - Execution on cost initiatives contributed to margin expansion
- High activity for Global Messaging had a small dilutive effect

P&L

NOK in millions	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
Total operating revenues	1 796	1 423	6 282	4 914
Direct cost of services rendered	(1 411)	(1 113)	(4 934)	(3 775)
Gross profit	385	309	1348	1138
Operating expenses	(204)	(177)	(735)	(653)
Adjusted EBITDA	181	133	613	486
Non-recurring costs	(46)	(62)	(135)	(147)
EBITDA	135	71	478	339
Depreciation and amortization	(122)	(106)	(458)	(406)
Impairment cost	-	(180)	-	(180)
Operating profit (loss)	13	(216)	20	(248)
Net financials	25	(161)	(82)	(26)
Profit (loss) before income tax	38	(377)	(61)	(274)
Income tax	(9)	53	13	4
Profit (loss) from continuing operations	29	(324)	(49)	(270)
Profit (loss) from discontinued operations	9	45	116	119
Profit (loss) for the period	37	(279)	67	(151)

Non-recurring costs of NOK 46 million

- M&A costs of NOK 3 million
- Costs related to restructuring NOK 18 million
 - Organizational changes – partly replacing future option cost
- Share-option costs of NOK 26 million
 - Quarterly LTIP options cost of NOK 14 million
 - Social security cost accrual increase of NOK 12 million

Depreciation and amortization NOK 122 million

- Depreciation of intangible assets from R&D NOK 29 million
- Depreciation of PPA's NOK 87 million
- Depreciation of leasing and fixed assets NOK 6 million

Net financials positive NOK 25 million

- Currency effect gain of NOK 51 million with limited cash effect
- Net interest costs of NOK 28 million mainly related to bond loan
- Other financial items of NOK 13 million related to
 - Positive adjustment of earn-out of NOK 6 million

Discontinued business – Message Broadcast

- Includes transaction related costs of NOK 19 million

Strong cash on balance sheet

NOK in millions	Q4 2023	Q4 2022
Non-current assets	6 537	8 924
Trade and other receivables	1 380	1 244
Cash and cash equivalents	1 097	827
Current assets held as available for sale	2 667	-
Total assets	11 681	10 994
Equity	5 514	5 226
Deferred tax liabilities	274	533
Long-term borrowings	4 008	3 837
Other long term liabilities	38	45
Long-term liabilities held as available for sale	193	-
Total non-current liabilities	4 514	4 416
Trade and other payables	1 494	1 331
Other short term liabilities	55	22
Short-term liabilities held as available for sale	104	-
Total current liabilities	1 653	1 353
Total Liabilities	6 167	5 769
Total liabilities and equity	11 681	10 994

Non-current assets increased mainly due to currency effects

- Total goodwill of NOK 6.1 billion – whereof NOK 1.9 billion related to US

Cash on balance sheet up YoY to NOK 1.1 billion

- Expanding from solid organic growth and seasonal WC release
- NOK 118 million cash outflow related to buy back of own bonds in Q4

Equity NOK 5 514 million and equity percentage of 47%

Receivables and payables increased with organic growth and FX effects

Net interest-bearing debt* of NOK 3 056 million

- Acquisition of 10 EUR million own bonds below par completed in December
- Leverage post closed MB transaction around at 1.1x

Cash flow after CAPEX and interest more than doubled

Yield on cash reserves to offset interest payable on bond loan

Proforma Europe* LTM NOK million	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
Adj.EBITDA	486	490	534	565	613
Change working capital	-35	-16	-32	-48	-7
Taxes paid	-58	-45	-54	-63	-42
Non-recurring costs M&A	-99	-92	-82	-69	-38
Net cash flow from operating activities	293	336	366	384	527
Add back non-recurring costs M&A	99	92	82	69	38
Adj. cash flow from operations	392	428	448	453	564
Capex	-132	-114	-110	-112	-111
Lease and bond	-89	-89	-93	-93	-97
Cash flow after capex and interest	171	225	245	248	357

High cash conversion from adjusted EBITDA

- LTM improved FCF supported by organic growth momentum
- Cost initiatives supported improved cash generation

CAPEX expected to be in line with historical trends

- Maintain and develop relevant CPaaS product portfolio

Bond interest to be offset by interest income on cash

- Interest yield on cash balances > interest coupon on bond
- Accretive M&A will impact net interest payable

Cash position post US divestment of NOK 3.4 billion

- Capacity for accretive M&A
- Prudent excess cash allocation
 - Further bond buy-back if satisfactory yield
 - Share buy-back linked to current option incentive plans

New conservative net debt policy at 2 - 2.5x adjusted EBITDA

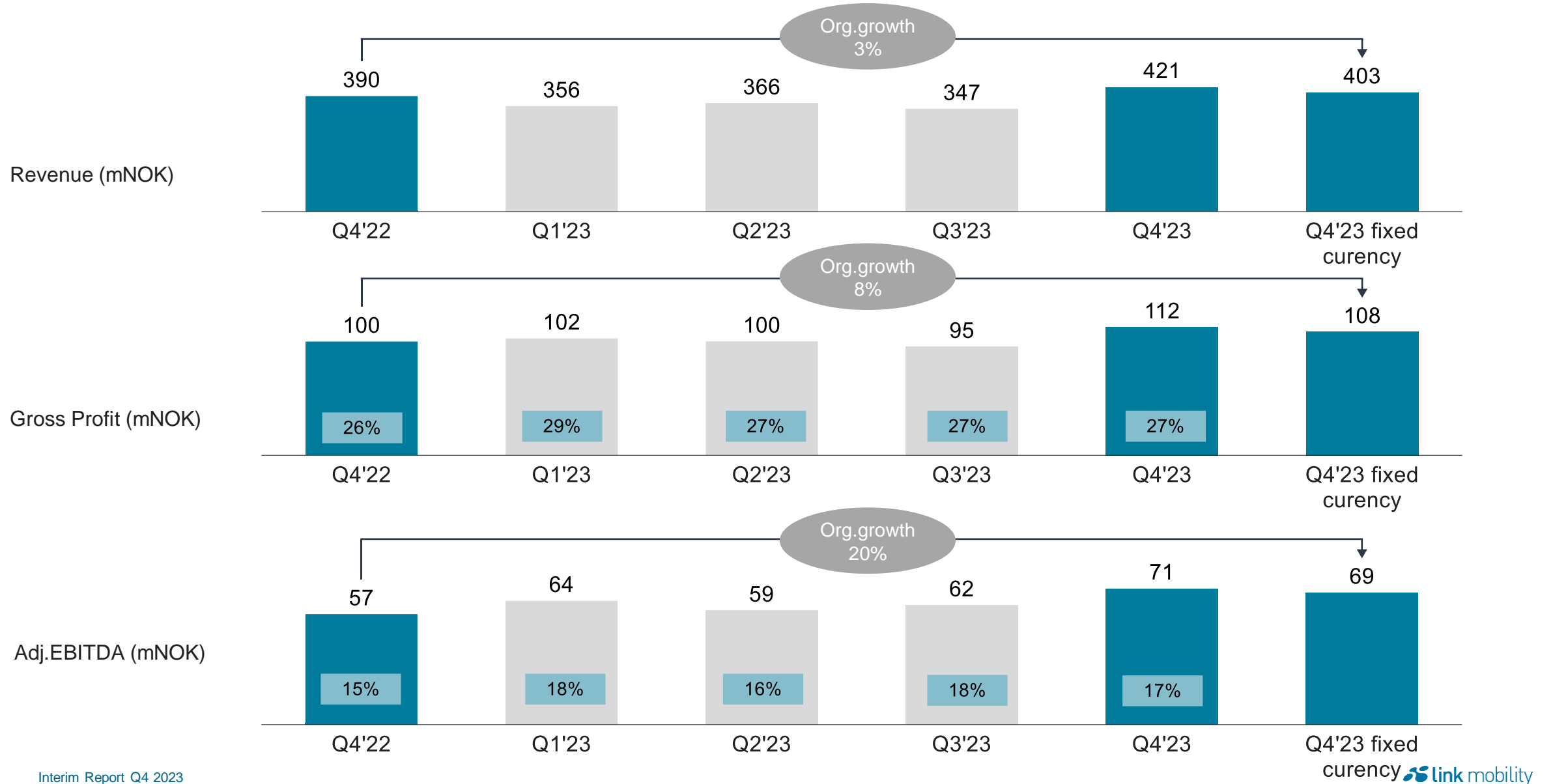
- Well below current incurrence test at 3.5x adjusted EBITDA.

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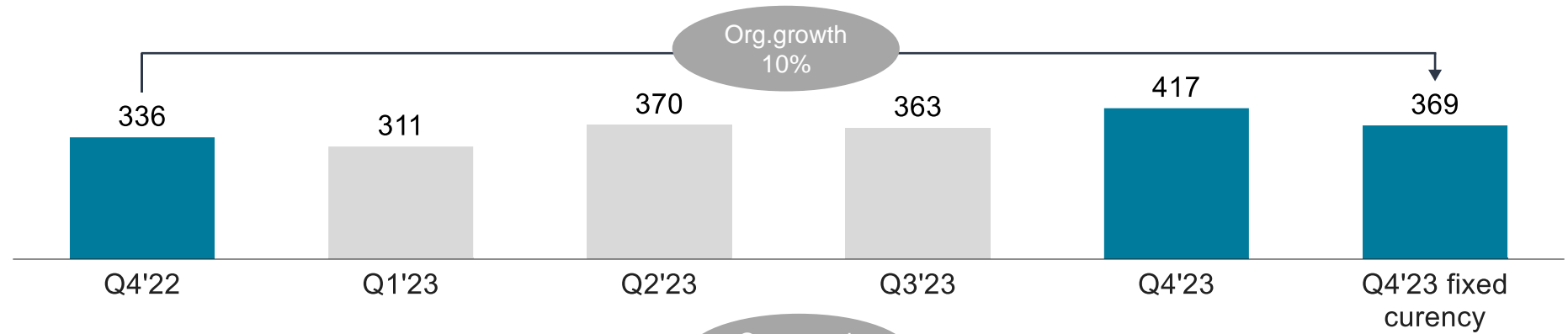
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Northern Europe

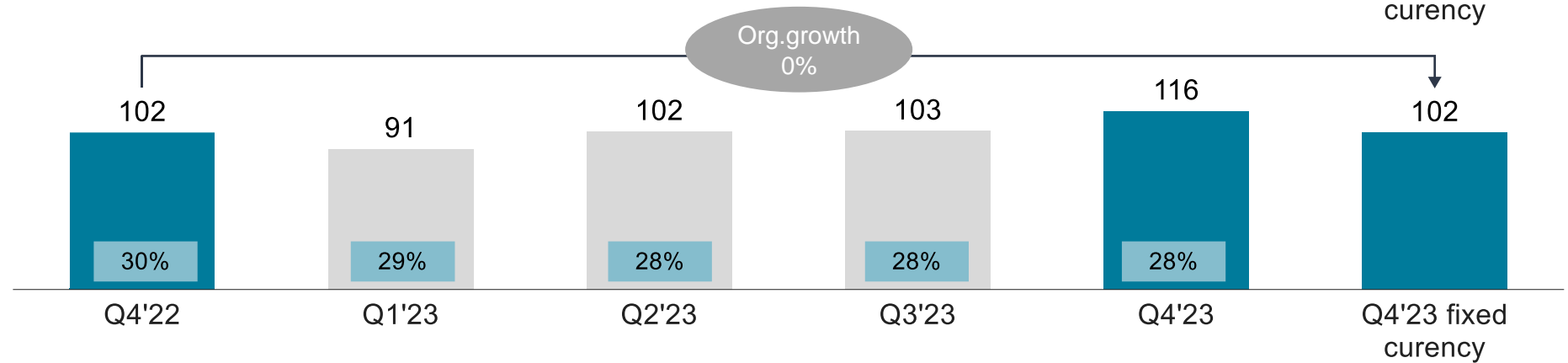


Central Europe

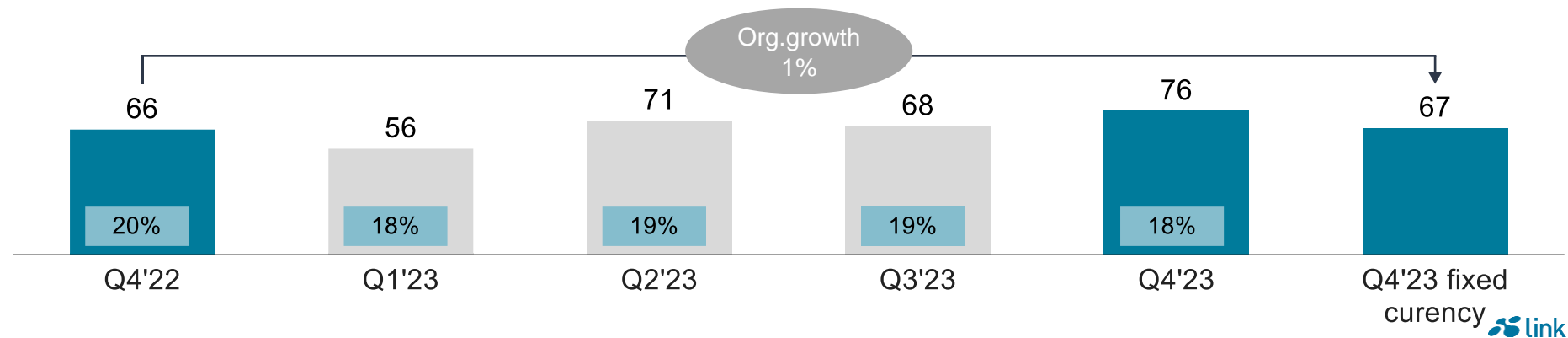
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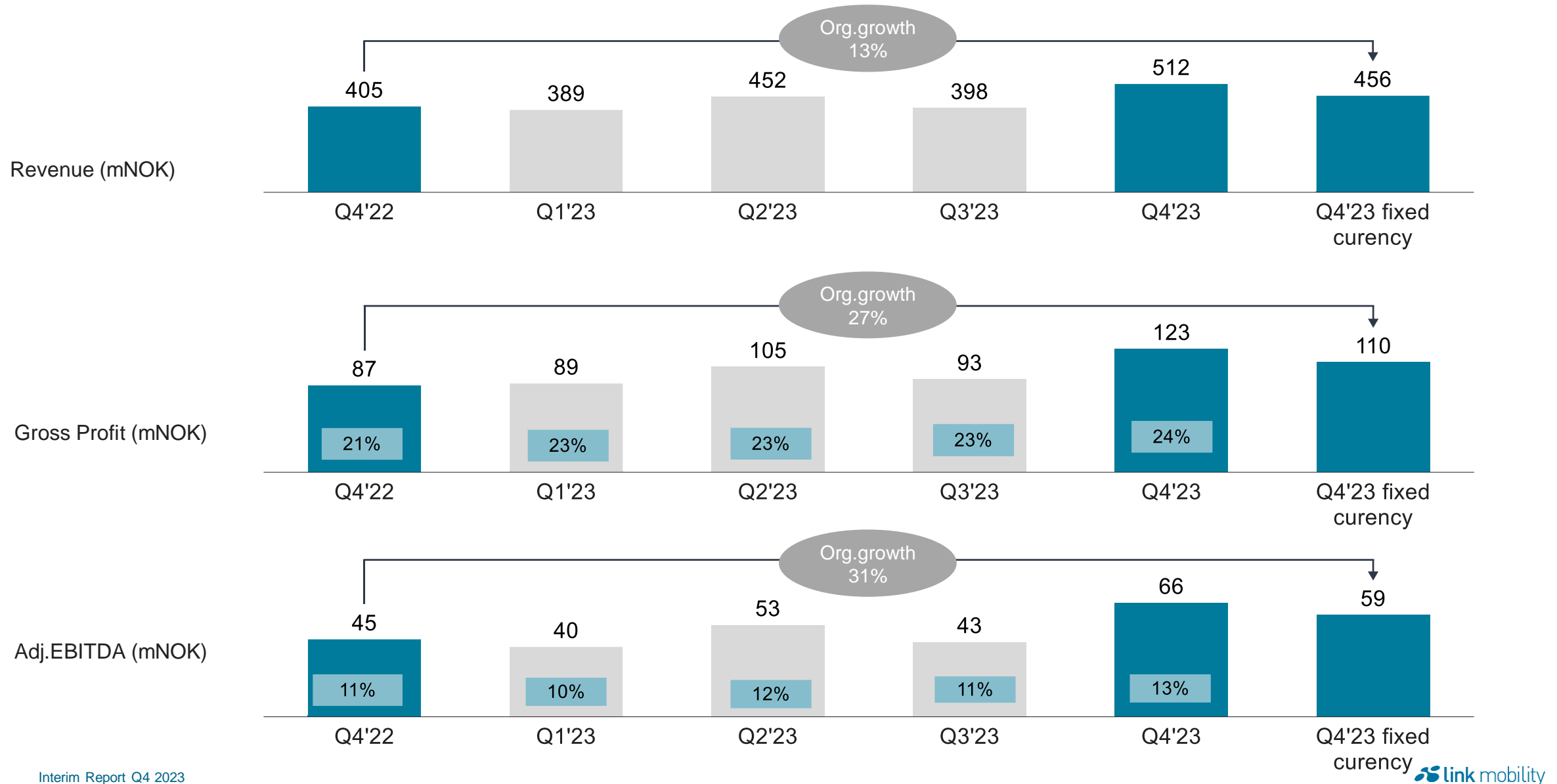
Gross Profit (mNOK)



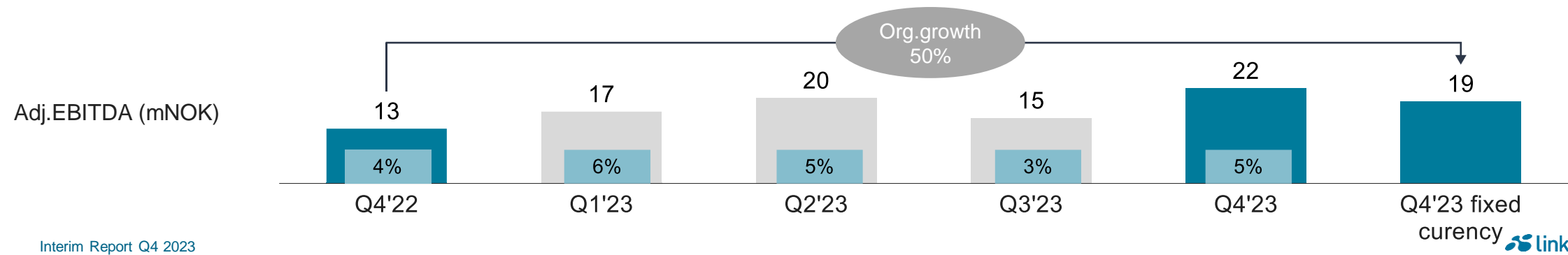
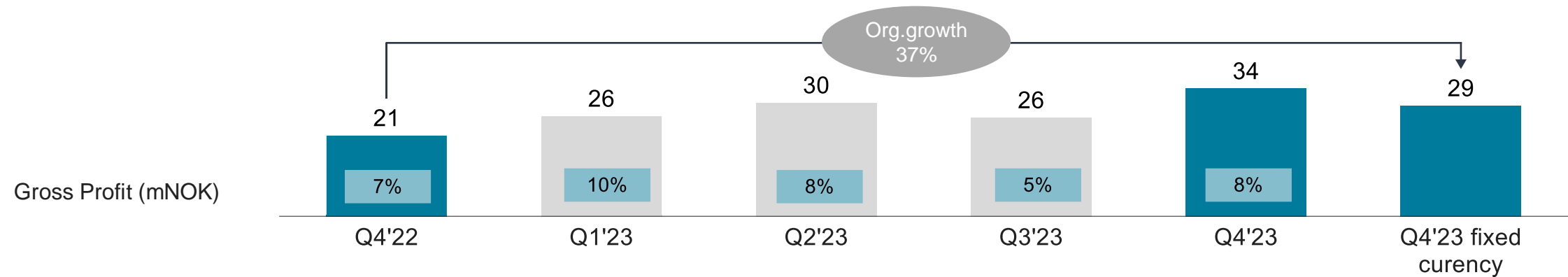
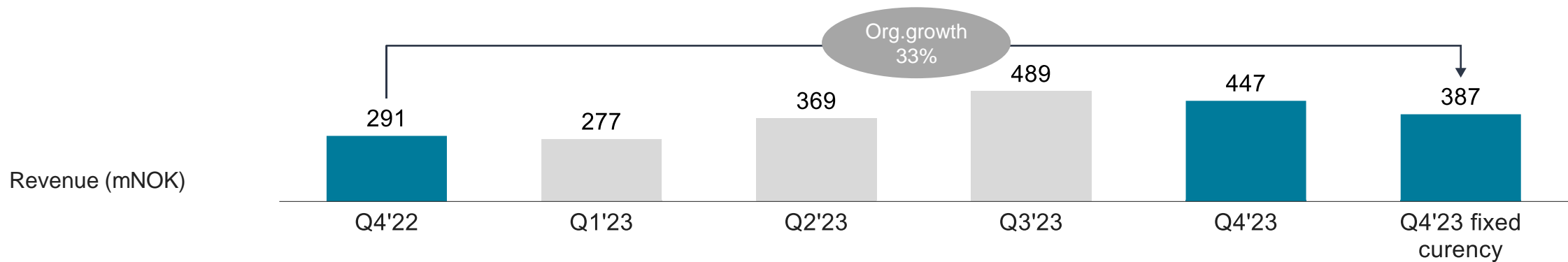
Adj.EBITDA (mNOK)



Western Europe



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