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Matas Group's Nordic strategy delivers profitable growth in Q2

Q2 2025/26

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# 01 Group CEO comments and strategy update

Gregers Wedell-Wedellsborg

Group CEO

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## Two years after the acquisition of KICKS, we are in the next stage of Win the Nordics

### Growth, Integration, Investment in Automation

- ✓ Sustained market share gains with growth in all markets and channels
- ✓ Membership growth to >6 million members
- ✓ DKKm 140 synergies with DKKm ~50 more coming 2026/27
- ✓ Nordic organisation and leadership team established
- ✓ IT Integration on plan with first Nordic wins delivered
- ✓ **One Nordic Digital Platform launched**
- ✓ KLC and MLC on time, on budget, and fully operational
- ✓ Refinancing completed on competitive terms with more headroom
- ✓ Share buyback programme ongoing

### Growth, Operational Excellence, Cash Generation

- Growth in uncertain times driven by assortment expansion, online growth and moderate store expansion: **Transactions up by 500,000 in H1**
- Operational excellence, 2026/27 synergies, Nordic 'House Brands' and Nordic retail media offering to drive margin improvement and margin headroom to stay competitive on value: **Underlying margin improvement**
- Significant cash generation allowing for deleveraging, investments in growth, and distribution to shareholders
- **Full-year guidance and long-term financial ambitions maintained**

Q2: Continued growth and underlying margin up YoY despite negative in-quarter effects in KICKS. Guidance maintained.

## Q2 growth and margin

**4.4% growth YoY**

Group currency neutral

5.0% reported growth YoY

**12.4%**

EBITDA margin before special items

**12.7% FX adjusted**

(vs. 12.5% Q2 2024/25)

## Q2 highlights

### Growth despite ~1% in-quarter drag:

- ✓ **Matas growth** driven by assortment expansion, suncare, stores and online
- ✓ **KICKS gaining share**, but dragged by in-quarter effects: launch of one digital platform, Skincity, and hot summer

### Underlying gross margin flat:

- ✓ **Matas gross margin** up driven by COGS improvements and in-house brands
- ✓ **KICKS gross margin** down due to FX effect on COGS, channel/category mix, Skincity.

### Continued cost control and synergies:

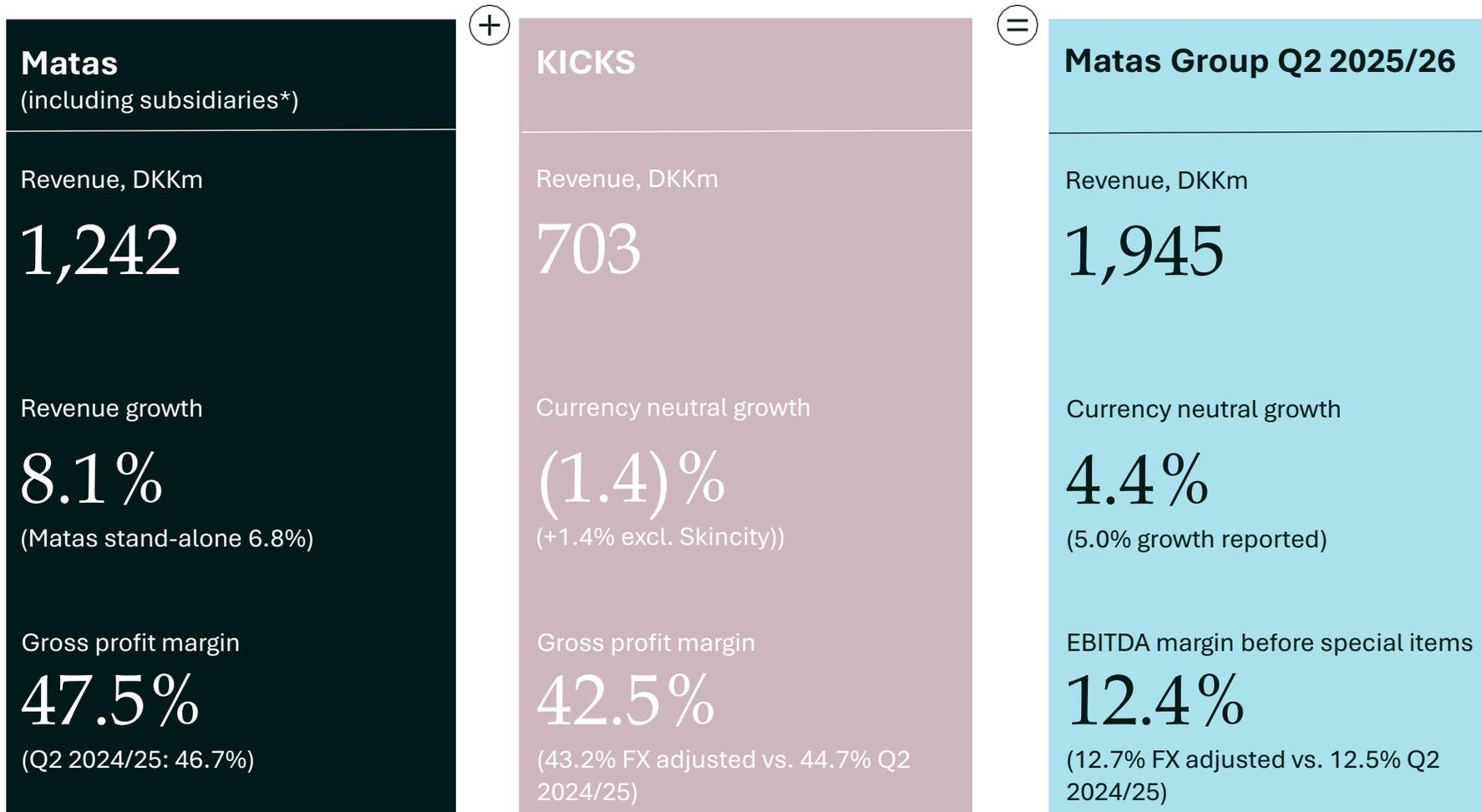
- ✓ Confirming ~DKK 50 million in 2026/27

**MLC fully operational → ready for Q3**

## Guidance 2025/26 maintained

- ✓ **Revenue growth of 3% to 7%**  
Excluding Skincity 3.9% to 7.9%  
Guidance reflects more uncertain outlook
- ✓ **Around 15% EBITDA margin** before special items
- ✓ **CAPEX of 3-4% of revenue**  
(DKK ~330 million including DKK ~30 million for Matas Logistics Center)
- ✓ **Share buyback ongoing**

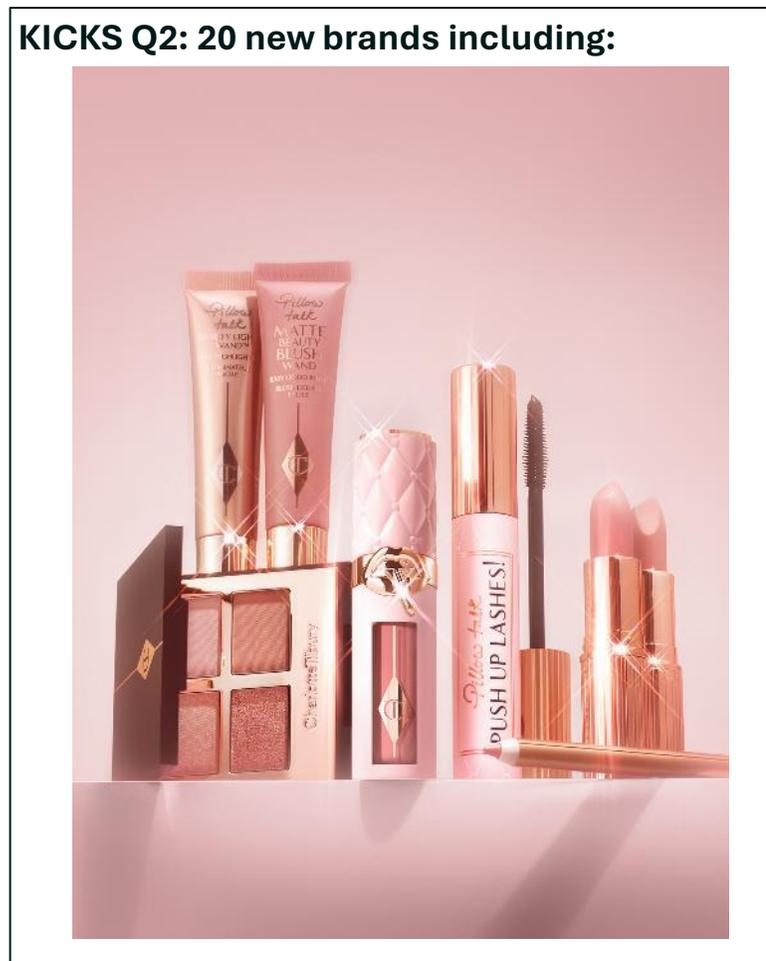
# Financial highlights Q2 2025/26: Growth of 4.4% currency neutral and EBITDA margin of 12.4% before special items after 0.3% EBITDA margin impact from input costs in Norway and Finland



# Win the Nordics – Strategic progress in Q2

All for you					
More for you		Closer to you		Stronger for you	
<p>Roll out “one-stop” offering and concept</p>	<p>Expand and improve portfolio of in-house brands</p>	<p>Take e-commerce market shares and fuel omni-experience</p>	<p>Refresh, upgrade and open stores</p>	<p>Integrate and share to operate efficiently</p>	<p>Build long-term platform and culture</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Launch of high-demand brands in both Matas and KICKS</li> <li>✓ KICKS launched Charlotte Tilbury online in Sweden, Norway and Finland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ KICKS launched Matas’ in-house brand Nilens Jord in Sweden, Norway and Finland</li> <li>✓ In-house brands grew 13.2% in KICKS and 6.3% in Matas in Q2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Club: 6.1 million Nordic members</li> <li>✓ Matas.dk ranked the 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular webshop in DK</li> <li>✓ Core online growth 12.5% (excluding Skincity)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ KICKS opened 2 stores in Q2: Sweden and Norway</li> <li>✓ New country manager Norway onboard to drive expansion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Synergy realisation on track for 2025/26, plus further synergies by 2026/27</li> <li>✓ Two automated logistics centers ready for Q3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Common e-commerce platform launched in Q2, enabling scaling of initiatives but impacting campaign activity in Q2</li> </ul>

More for you: Brand launches continue: KICKS launched Matas' in-house brand Nilens Jord. KICKS launched highly sought after beauty brand Charlotte Tilbury

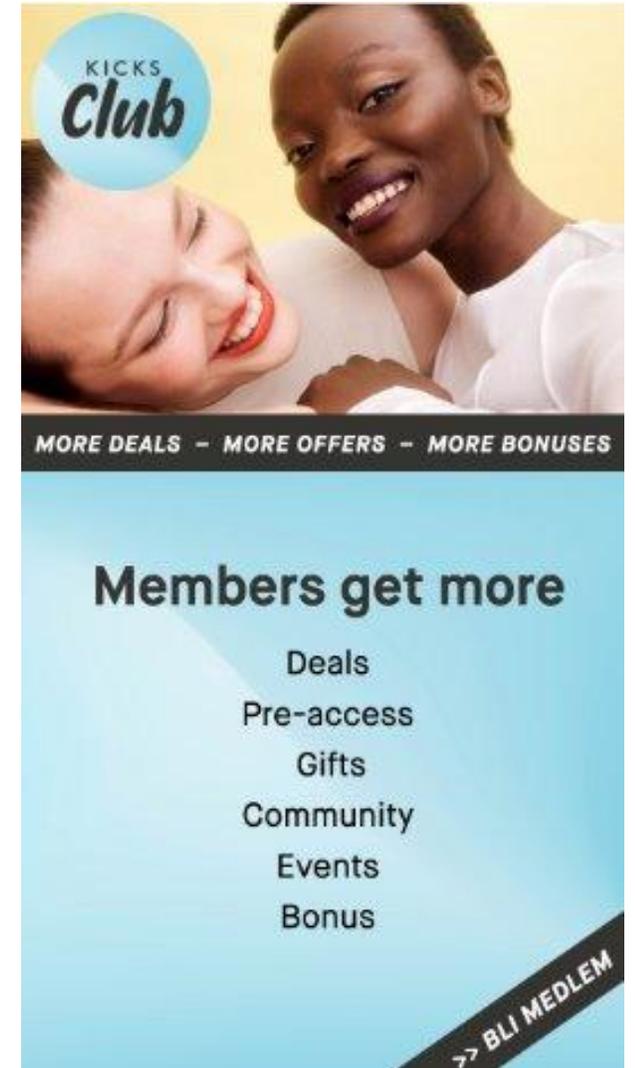


Matas launched 21 new brands in Q2 and KICKS 20 new brands, including brands to strengthen our position within haircare.

## Closer to you: Better deals and value for our 6.1 million Nordic club members



- ✓ **500,000 more transactions in H1**
- ✓ **More than 6 million club members:**
  - ✓ Matas: 2.1 million
  - ✓ KICKS: 4 million members, including >1 million in Norway
- ✓ Member satisfaction (NPS) continues to improve
- ✓ Mainly younger demographics
- ✓ Shopping across more categories and channels

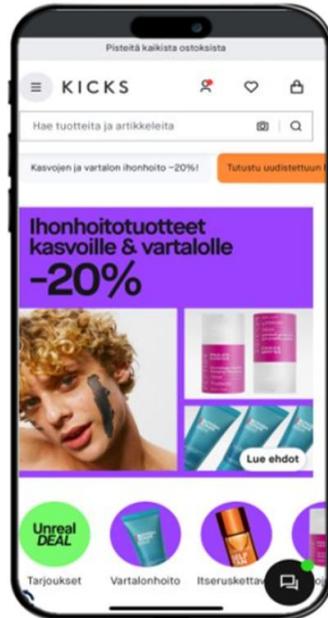


# Stronger for You: One Nordic Digital Platform launched – dragging Group in-quarter growth by ~1%, but enabling customer and business value, strategic progress and Nordic Scale

## Better Customer Experience:

Speed, personalisation, community discovery, convenience

Successful store openings with massive queues



## Enabling Win the Nordics Strategy:

Eg. Retail Media, KICKS App, Social Media



## Unlocking Nordic Scale:

Invest once, get returns in four markets, fast best practice sharing

## Stronger for You: Ready for Q3 with well stocked stores and two automated logistics centers – our platform for long-term profitable growth



KICKS automated logistics center in Rosersberg, outside Stockholm

Fully operational, omni-channel



Matas automated logistics center in Lyngø, outside Copenhagen

Fully operational since spring 2025, serving e-commerce

# Impact of macroeconomic uncertainty and drop in consumer confidence reflected in revenue growth guidance for 2025/26

## Q4 2024/25 & Q1 2025/26 comment

## Q2 2025/26 comment



No impact

→ Unchanged



Limited impact

→ Unchanged/Improving?



No impact

→ Unchanged



Signs of slowdown – temporary?

→ Unchanged/in-quarter effects

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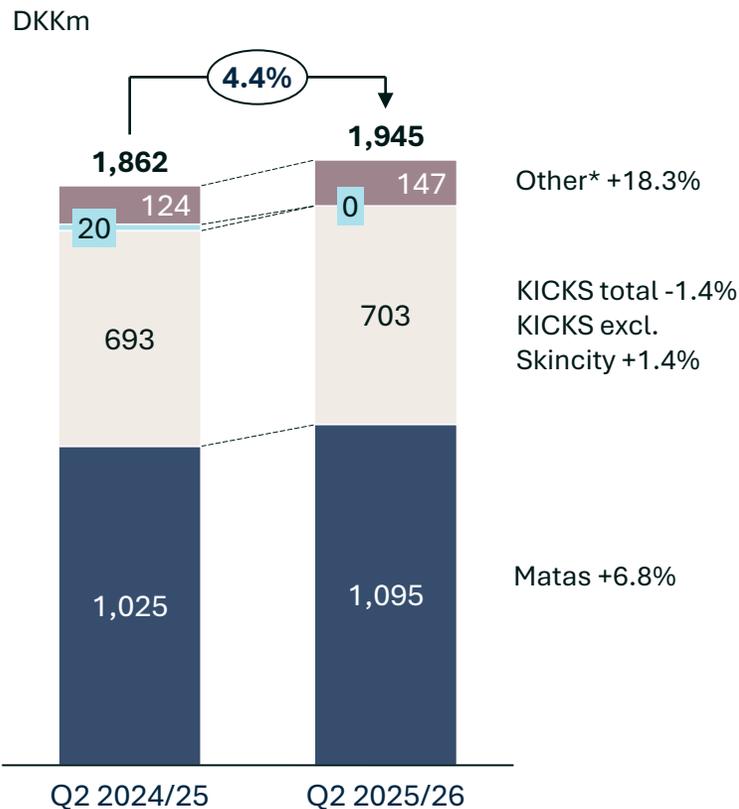
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Group CFO

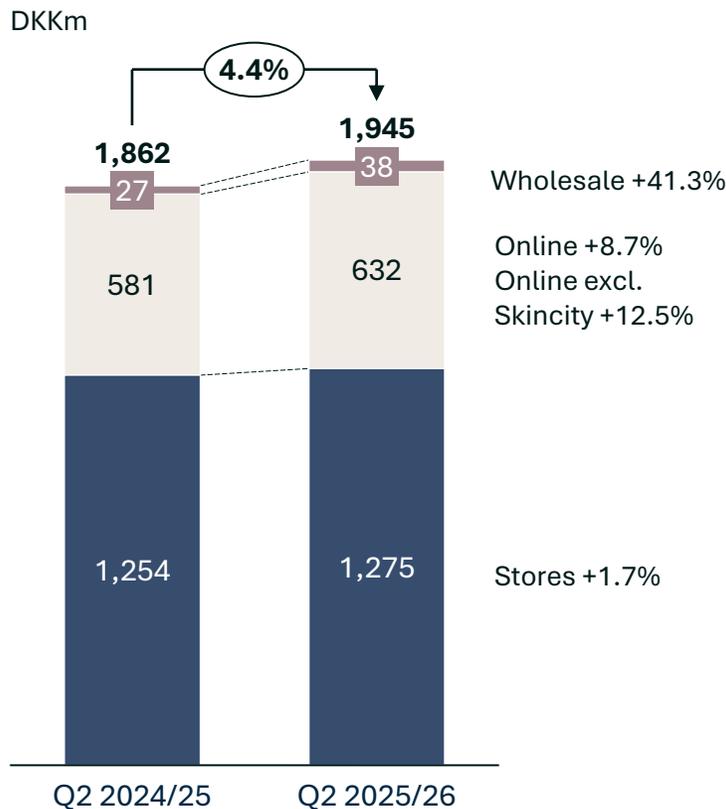
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# Group revenue performance Q2: Growth of 4.4% currency neutral, impacted by lower traffic in Sweden due to warm summer and lower campaign activity due to the common e-commerce platform launch

## Revenue by banner (currency neutral)



## Revenue by channel (currency neutral)



## High growth in both banners

### Group core online Q2 growth of 12.5%

- Common e-commerce platform launched in Q2, enabling scaling of initiatives but impacting campaign activity in KICKS in Q2
- Assortment driven online growth in Matas: 16.8%

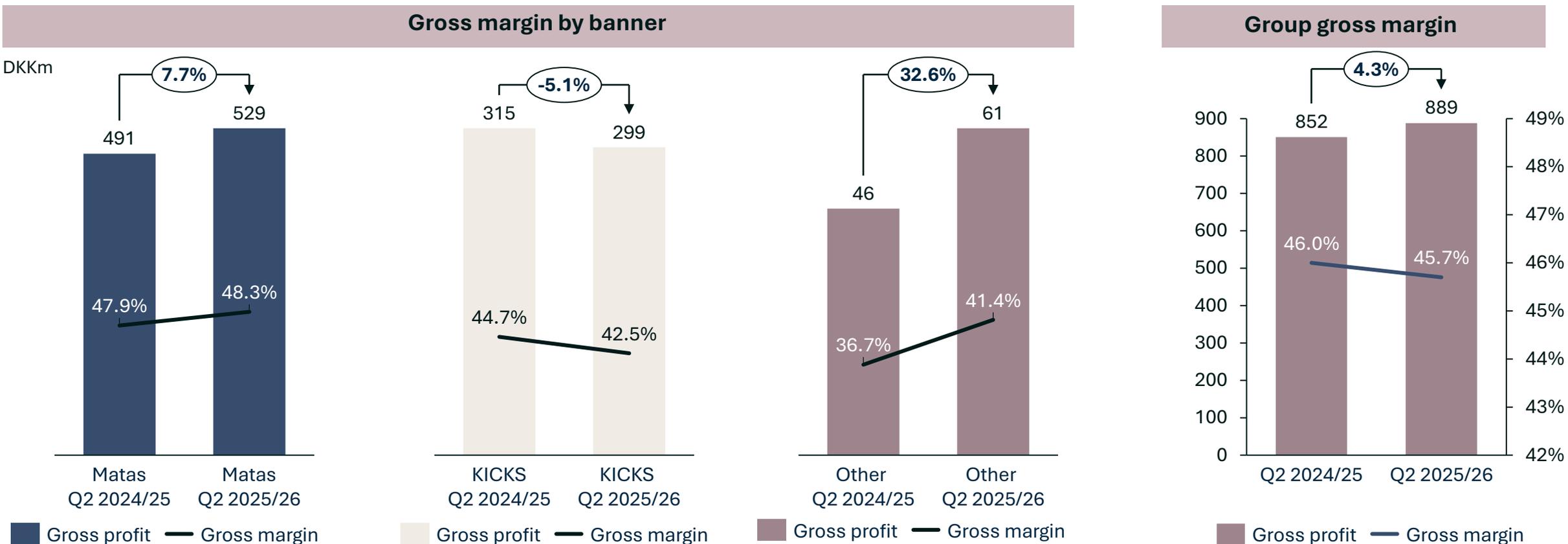
### Store growth in Matas, warm summer in Sweden impacted traffic in KICKS

- Like-for-like growth in Matas stores of 3.0%. KICKS stores declined 0.8% as warm summer impacted traffic to shopping malls
- Net same number of stores vs. last year: KICKS +1 and Matas -1. KICKS opened 2 new stores in the quarter

### Skincity impact in Q2

- DKK 20 million revenue in Q2 2024/25

Gross margin of 45.7% against 46.0% in Q2 last year, underlying gross margin improvement but FX impacted COGS in KICKS in the quarter



**Gross margin improvement in Matas:** New assortment and product mix driving improved margin

**Gross margin development in KICKS:** SEK strengthening against NOK and EUR, impacting gross margin in Norway and Finland: FX equals 0.7% gross margin loss in Q2 for KICKS (0.3% for Group). Further, KICKS' gross margin was impacted by planned price initiatives and the closure of Skincity

# Q2 cost growth reflects investments supporting growth and our strategy to Win the Nordics

## Group costs (currency neutral)

DKKm



- Other external costs
- Staff costs
- Other operating income, net

## Staff costs

### Growth and inflation offset by synergies

- Staff cost on par with last year currency neutral (20.8% of revenue vs. 21.0% last year)

### Mitigating salary inflation

- Workforce planning – stores and online
- Streamlined approach

### Building capabilities to drive growth

- Pricing excellence – electronic shelf labels
- Assortment specialists
- AI

### Logistics Centers efficiencies

- Progressing towards efficiency targets, (learning curve)

## Other external costs

### Online growth driving variable costs

- Shipping costs driven by order volumes
- Faster deliveries
- Execution of assortment expansion

### Higher marketing costs

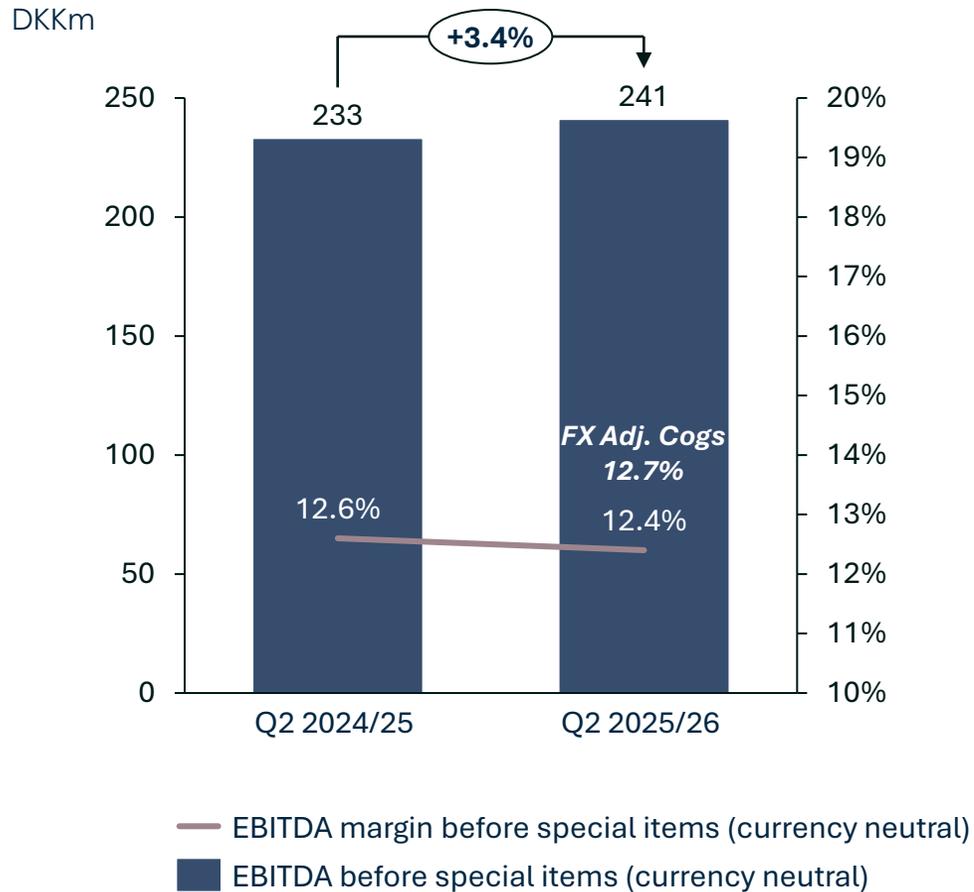
- Supporting new assortment awareness and launch of Nilens Jord in KICKS end September

### Other

- Nordic efficiencies and synergies

# Q2 EBITDA before special items impacted by SEK strengthening against NOK and EUR

## EBITDA and EBITDA margin before special items



## Summary for Q2 2025/26

### Revenues

- Core online growth of 12.5% (excluding Skincity, currency neutral)
- Revenue growth impacted by lower traffic in Sweden due to warm summer and lower campaign activity due to the common e-commerce platform launch

### Gross margin

- Improved margin in Matas from assortment expansion and product mix
- KICKS impacted by SEK strengthening against NOK and EUR, impacting gross margin in Norway and Finland, price initiatives and Skincity closure

### Costs

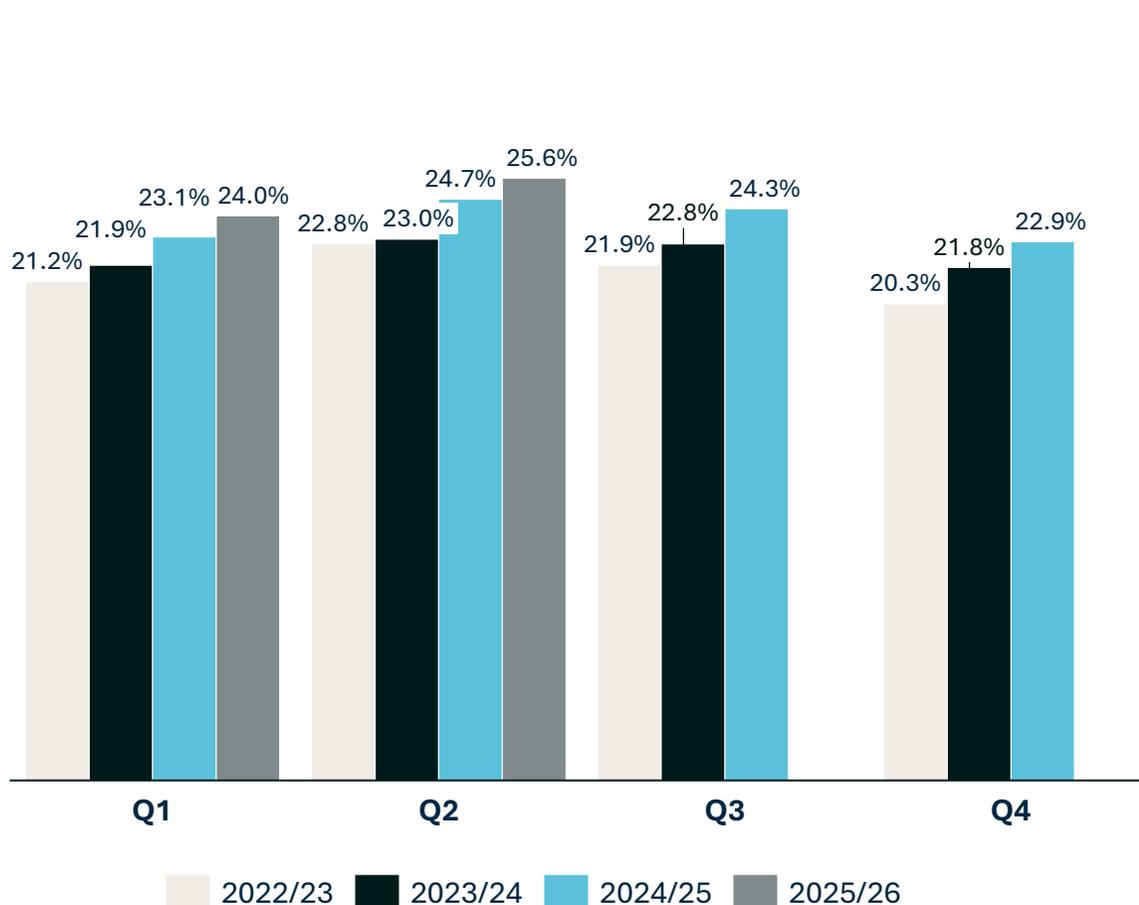
- Costs reflects investments supporting growth and our strategy to Win the Nordics
- Growth and inflation driving costs, offset by synergies

### EBITDA growth and margin

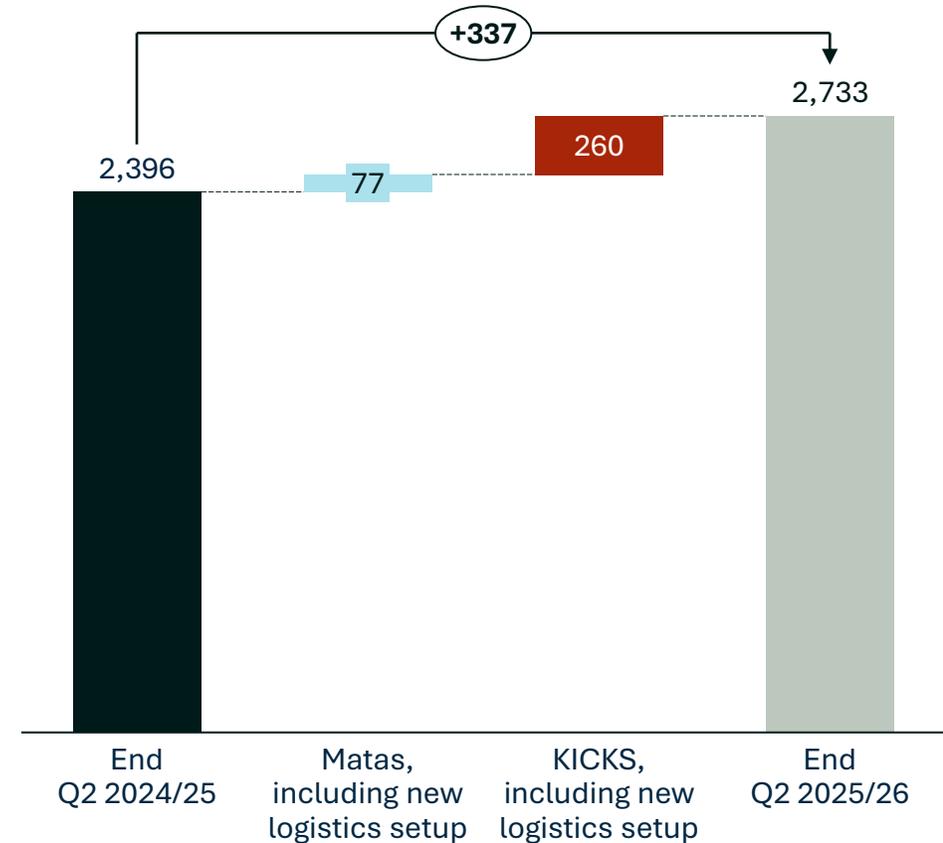
- EBITDA impacted by 0.3% from strengthening SEK against NOK and EUR

# Inventories increase YoY driven by increased sales, assortment expansion, MLC opening and better product availability in KICKS. We are ready for Black Week and Christmas sales

**Inventories per quarter in % of LTM revenue (excl. KICKS)**



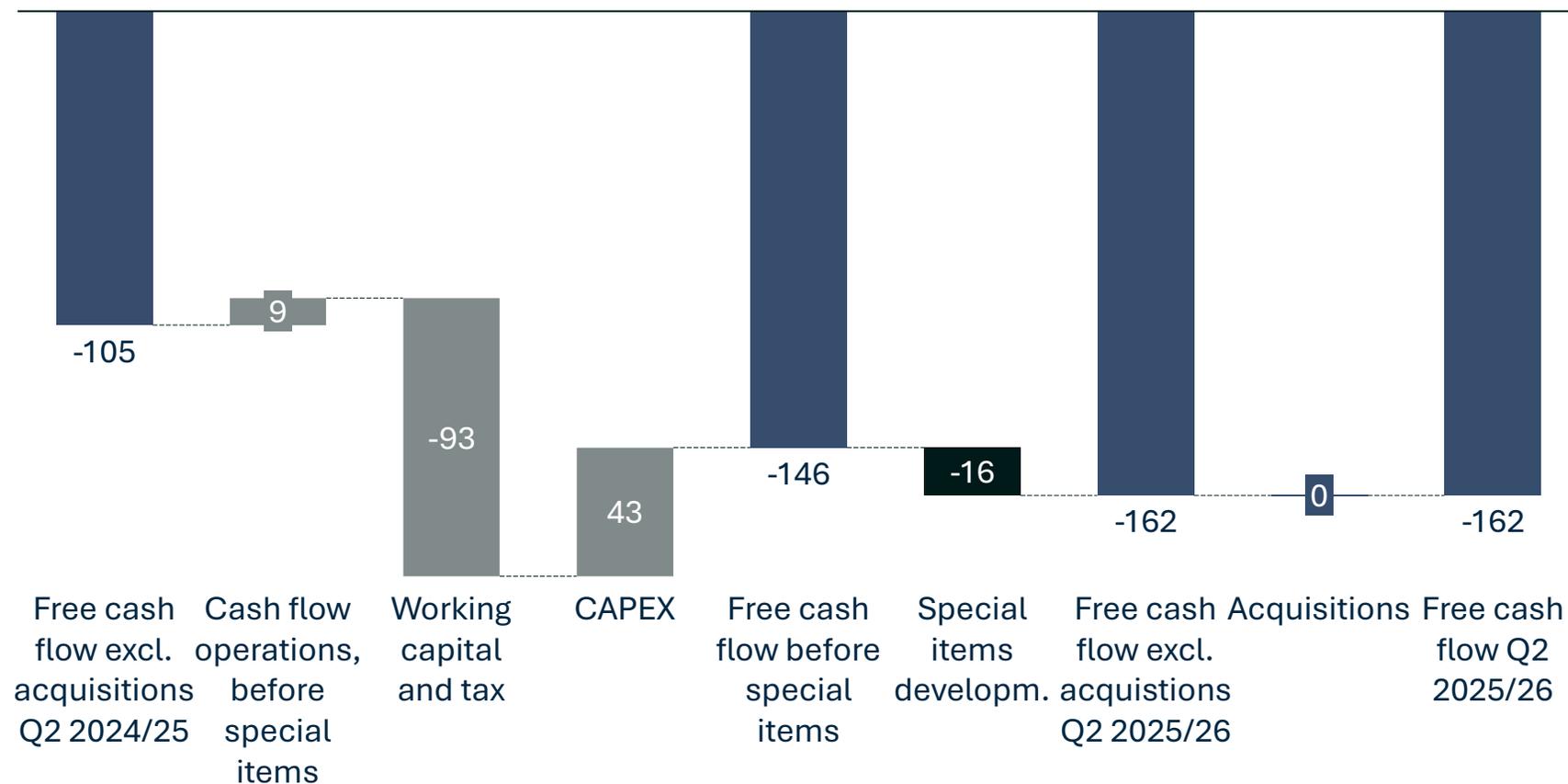
**Change in inventories DKKm**



Compared to end Q1 2025/26, inventory increased by DKK 417 million in Q2, mainly due to timing of inventory build-up for Q3

# Free cash flow: Q2 outflow driven by increased working capital, mainly due to increased inventory reflecting wider assortment, better product availability and timing of build-up for Q3

**Matas Group free cash flow development** Q2 2024/25 – Q2 2025/26 DKKm

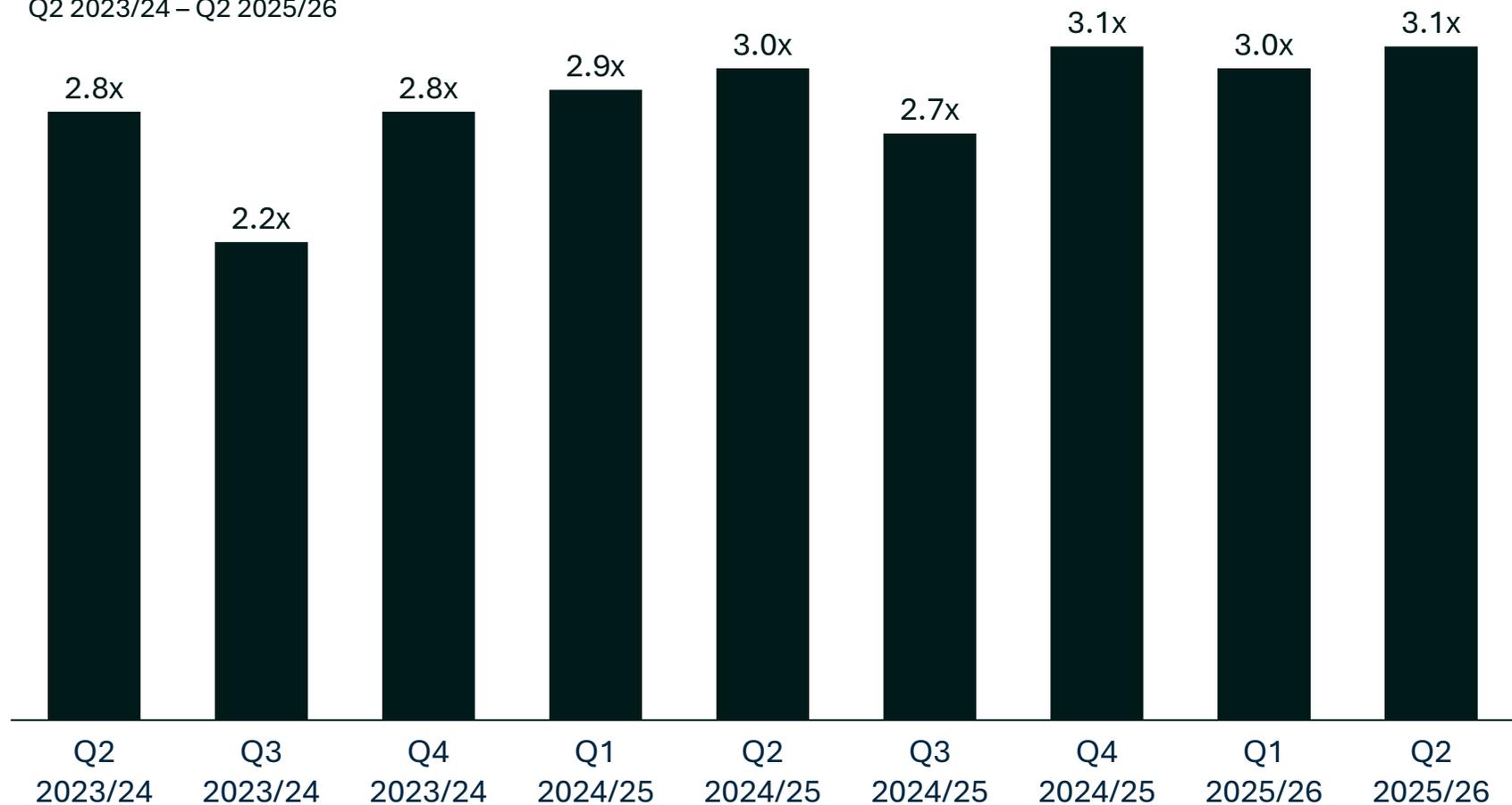


- Cash flow from operations before special items increased in Q2 2025/26
- Working capital increased by DKK 93 million, mainly due to higher inventory reflecting wider assortment, better product availability and timing of inventory build-up for Q3
- CAPEX spend mainly reflects that large investment in Matas Logistics Center is complete
- The normalised CAPEX of 3-4% of revenue will, all else equal, generate significant free cash in 2025/26

## Gearing: temporarily above 3.0x in Q2 but expected below 3.0x again in Q3

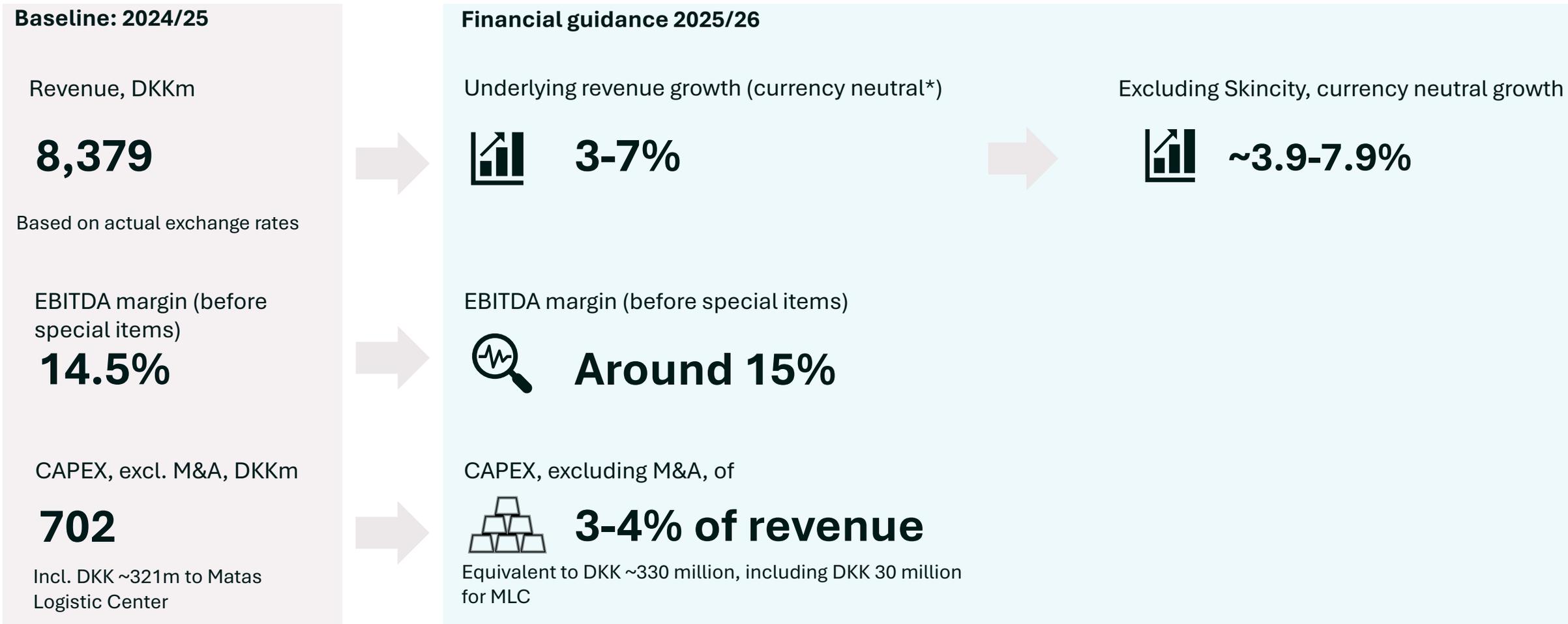
### Matas Group NIBD / LTM EBITDA before special items

Q2 2023/24 – Q2 2025/26



- Gearing increased from last quarter to 3.1x in Q2 2025/26
- Gearing expected below 3.0x at end of Q3 2025/26
- Long-term target remains unchanged with a gearing of between 2.0x and 3.0x
- In May 2025, Matas Group successfully refinanced at competitive terms, securing the financing of future growth and improved headroom

# Financial guidance 2025/26 unchanged



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