

NAVIGATING THE NEW WORLD OF WORK

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HAYS' FUTURE AT THE HEART OF THE WORLD OF WORK





Alistair Cox Chief Executive

Alistair joined Hays as Chief Executive in 2007. After an early career in Engineering, he graduated from Stanford Business School in 1991 and joined McKinsey, before moving to Lafarge initially as Group Strategy Director and latterly as Regional Director for Asia. Returning to the UK in 2002, he was appointed Chief Executive at Xansa plc, before joining Hays.

He also served as a non-Executive Director at 3i plc from 2009-15 and Just Eat between 2017-20 and is currently the Chairman of the British and Irish Modern Music Institute.



HAYS SITS AT THE HEART OF A DRAMATICALLY CHANGED WORK ECOSYSTEM, CHANGES WHICH PLAY DIRECTLY TO OUR STRENGTHS

Chronic skill shortages and high job churn

Rapid new job category creation

Demands for flexible working and changing work habits

Significant need for upskilling and re-skilling



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Significant new demand in related HR Services

Enhanced ESG and ED&I requirements

Ageing population and other demographic changes

Wage inflation for the first time in many years





TODAY'S AGENDA

1	Н	HAYS' FUTURE AT THE HEART OF THE WORLD OF WORK Alistair Cox – Chief Executive						
		STRATEGY IN ACTION CASE STUDIES						
		i) Differentiating via great customer service	Steve Weston – Chief Customer Officer					
		ii) Structural growth opportunities in the enterprise client market	Matt Dickason – Global MD, Talent Solutions Alex Heise – COO, EMEA					
2		iii) Delivering £500m & beyond in Technology fees	James Milligan – Global Head of Technology David Brown – CEO, USA					
		iv) Doubling our profit in Germany	Dirk Hahn – CEO, Germany & EMEA Christoph Niewerth – COO, Germany					
		v) Significant opportunities in ANZ and UK&I	Nick Deligiannis – MD, Australia & New Zealand Simon Winfield – MD, UK & Ireland					
		vi) Capitalising on opportunities through our people	Sandra Henke – Global Head of People & Culture					
3		FINANCIAL ASPIRATIONS TO FY27	James Hilton – Group Finance Director (Designate)					
4		SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS	Paul Venables – Group Finance Director					
5		Q&A, FOLLOWED BY DRINKS AND CANAPÉS						



THE WORLD OF WORK HAS SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED POST-PANDEMIC, WITH CLIENTS AND CANDIDATES FACING NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Covid has accelerated the megatrends which are shaping the world of work



Greater digitalisation
Business imperative
to be relevant for the
modern world
Hiring and retention of
talent

Skill shortages

inflation

Desire for upskilling

Partially solved by
potential for talent to
work from anywhere

Driving the 'battle for

talent' and wage

Employee demands

Higher salary

Desire for

flexible/remote working Increasing desire to work for a purpose-led organisation

Continual upskilling

Demographic challenges

Smaller working population, driven by the Great Resignation, broader demographics and lifestyle choices (e.g. earlier retirement) Societal demands

Increasing importance of Sustainability and ESG/ED&I matters Social Purpose Social mobility Regulation

HAYS' ROLE IS TO HELP SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS FOR OUR CLIENTS AND CANDIDATES



THE NEW WORLD OF WORK BENEFITS HAYS IN FIVE MAJOR AREAS

New job creation

Particularly in structurally growing sectors

Skill shortages

We have the deepest and broadest talent networks

HAYS BENEFITS BY SOLVING CLIENTS' TALENT PROBLEMS

Greater job churn

Helped by faster hiring decisions

Wage inflation

Which directly benefits our revenue model

Workforce challenges

Creating, developing and retaining talent

THE CREATION, DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION OF WORKFORCES IS BECOMING MORE COMPLEX AND EXPENSIVE



HOW & WHY HAYS WILL WIN IN THE NEW WORLD OF WORK

1	Delivery capability	Unrivalled global network serving all employment types	Highly scalable model, expertly serving all client sizes	We recruit for all professional skillsets, including the fastest growing talent markets globally		
2	Unrivalled Talent Networks	Millions of deep, personal relationships	Providing expert advice, market insights and career content	Increasingly facilitating training and upskilling at scale		
3	Capitalise on and grow our market leadership	Acute skill shortages are driving greater outsourcing to recruiters	Significant opportunities to grow in structurally immature markets	New opportunities evident in more established markets		
4	Diverse SME client base	Tens of thousands of clients depend on Hays for their recruitment needs	Significant scope to take further market share and win new clients	Scope to help clients identify and solve ED&I and ESG problems		
5	Enterprise relationships	We have built a leading global position in Enterprise Clients	Opportunity for greater share of wallet and win new clients	Deliver broader, complementary HR Services to deepen relationships		



OUR ENHANCED CAPABILITIES WILL DRIVE INCREMENTAL PROFIT GROWTH AS WE MEET OUR CLIENTS' CHANGING NEEDS

We are increasingly moving into partnership-based, stickier services – which will drive incremental profits



OUR STRONG CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS OFFER SIGNIFICANT LONG-TERM STRUCTURAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES



OUR GROWTH WILL LEVERAGE OUR EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE, SUPPORTED BY A MIXTURE OF BUILD-BUY-PARTNER

Our ambitious growth plans require:



More leaders and capacity



More and new business models



More client account managers



More sub-specialisms

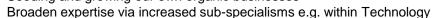


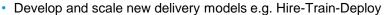
More HR Services capabilities

We will deliver this by:

BUILD









BUY

- Modest bolt-on acquisitions up to £50m
- Investment in innovative start-ups



PARTNER

- Training and upskilling, Advising, Consultancy, ED&I
- Related HR Services and Technology tools



OUR GROWTH WILL COME FROM DELIVERING SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER RECRUITMENT, SUPPORTED BY RELATED HR SERVICES



OUR ICONIC BRAND IS EVOLVING TO SUPPORT OUR GROWTH

Our brand has served us very well...but today we are much more than a recruiting business. We are helping thousands of organisations and millions of candidates prepare for their future.



Recruiting experts worldwide



Working for your tomorrow

POSITIONING HAYS AS A LEADING HR SERVICES PARTNER, SOLVING THE COMPLEX TALENT PROBLEMS OUR CLIENTS AND CANDIDATES FACE



CONCLUSION: OUR COMPELLING INVESTMENT CASE DESIGNED TO DELIVER EXCELLENT RETURNS TO SHAREHOLDERS

We face many structural market opportunities presented by the new world of work



Our markets are vast and offer significant growth potential in all our business areas, supported by wage inflation



We are market leaders globally with capability to serve all key economies



We have the right people, infrastructure, brand, vision and expertise to capture the structural market opportunities ahead



We have the financial strength to continue building and enhancing the leading global recruitment and HR Services business



Stickier, more diverse and higher margin revenue streams

Potential to double profits*

Return significant cash to shareholders

SIGNIFICANT SHAREHOLDER BENEFITS DELIVERED BY A GLOBAL LEADER IN THE WORLD OF WORK

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DIFFERENTIATING VIA GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE





OUR CLIENTS & CANDIDATES NOW REQUIRE A PARTNERING RELATIONSHIP THAT CAN PROVIDE DEEP INSIGHTS & VALUE

Transactional delivery partner

Leadership partners

A partner who drives my thinking forward in ways I could not have done alone

A partner with deep expertise and best practice of today – and tomorrow

A partner with clear knowledge of the issues affecting my business, and whose greatest impact is in how they tailor their understanding to help me make the right decisions, quickly

Knowledge through Scale

Broader Talent Networks
Provide valuable market insights
and tools
Personalised marketing technology
Use of quality BI dashboards
and applications

Deep understanding

Understanding challenges and solutions
Market trends and changes
Career Pathways
Access to learning
Has a long-term relationship perspective

Meaningful innovation

Unique talent sources and solutions
Hire-Train-Deploy
HR Services' evolution
Hays Hub
In-house Hays Portal



OUR LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT & INVESTMENT IN DATA PROVIDES THE PLATFORM WE LEVERAGE TO GENERATE INSIGHTS FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

Access to more and better data Convert data effectively into insights Drive real actions from insight HAYS CLICK TWEET REVIEW DOWNLOAD MILLIONS **VIEW** DATA marketing cloud OF NEW QUALITY & INSIGHTS DATA POINTS SHARE COMPLIANCE EACH DAY COMMENT LOG-IN SEARCH APPLY Maritz CX in VISIT

Multichannel engagement signals at scale Captured via Hays' Tech ecosystem Hays' proprietary data infrastructure and raw data asset

Insights from analytics based on Hays' expertise and data

Integrated into our Talent Networks and consultant tools, which drives fees



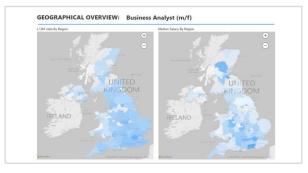
OUR TALENT NETWORKS ARE A MAJOR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE AND OFFER UNIQUE INSIGHTS & SOLUTIONS TO OUR CLIENTS

Knowledge through scale

Real-time data at a consultant's fingertips giving them and their clients insights into the market as it stands today.

Salaries, availability of candidates and jobs, level of demand for both permanent and contract roles.







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Business Analy	st (m/f)		Greate	London	£260				
Profession	# Jobs		Avg Rate (National)	Profession	# Jobs	Average Rate	Avg Rate (National)		
Business Analyst (m/f)	4145	£383	€250	Business Analyst (m/f)	4145	£383	625		
Top IT Skills	ls # Jobs Average Rate Avg Rate (Region) (National)		Top Professional Skills	# Jobs	Average Rate (Region)	Avg Rate (National)			
Acceptance Testing	233	£400	£289	Banking Services	30	£487	£38		
Agile Methodology	1027	£455	£323	Business Analysis	920	€409	(2)		
Data Analysis	633	£390	£260	Business Process	169	£440	£26		
Databases	228	£310	£169	Improvement					
Information Technology	213	£271	£248	Business Processes	664	£423	£2		
JIRA	170	£461	£374	Business Requirements	806	£397	£31		
Microsoft Excel	506	£387	£207	Finance	1160	6421	627		
Microsoft Office	239	£320	£200	Recruitment	539	£518	631		
Scrum (Software	206	£445	£377	Regulatory Compliance	11	£405	£30		
Development)				Risk Analysis	509	£478	635		
SQL Databases	331	6435	£304	Stakeholder Management	1532	6442	629		

OUR KNOWLEDGE, SCALE AND INSIGHTS SET US APART FROM IN-HOUSE HR AND OUR COMPETITORS

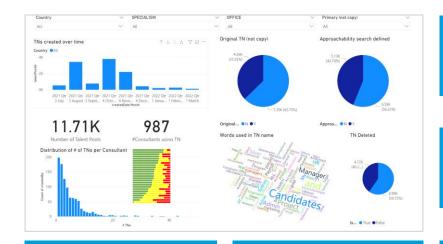


WE HAVE MADE A POWERFUL EVOLUTION FROM DATABASES TO DATA-LED TALENT NETWORKS & COMMUNITIES

Knowledge through scale

Our Talent Networks are the ecosystem we've built to dynamically and efficiently deliver the right candidates to our clients and the right opportunities to our candidates.

Alternative digital engagement channels result in 2-3x greater attraction rates of quality talent versus traditional job boards.



73%
of placements from
Talent Networks

>90%

Consultants have multiple
Talent Networks

c.15%
Reduction in time-to-fill

2.7m

Candidates in Talent

Networks

25,000

Talent Networks created

TALENT NETWORKS ARE A MAJOR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE, HELPING TO DRIVE A 15% REDUCTION IN TIME-TO-FILL



WE ENRICH OUR TALENT NETWORKS VIA CONTINUOUS ENGAGEMENT, BUILDING LIFELONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH CANDIDATES

Deep understanding

Our partnerships have enabled us to understand and respond to the needs of our candidates, offering them learning pathways with curated, on-demand learning playlists.



PROVIDING A MARKET-LEADING EXPERIENCE FOR CANDIDATES – HELPING THEM DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES



WE ARE REDEFINING GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE IN OUR INDUSTRY

Customer insights at the heart of our vision

Challenging and supporting business decisions with knowledge, expertise, data and insights.

Designing and implementing true value-added services through deep understanding of customer needs.

Continually striving for excellence, giving our clients the edge, always finding ways to help them improve.

Long-term HR planning, and anticipating future shifts in demand and workforce profiles.

Knowledge through scale

Talent networks, engaged and approachable candidates

Insights and data to support decision making

Supporting consultants with efficiency and automation

Deep understanding

Researching and understanding the key components of great customer experience

Candidate upskilling to enhance their careers

Measuring our performance in real time

Meaningful innovation

Industry knowledge and customer understanding is what drives our innovation

We are always thinking about how we can improve, extend and enhance the results we deliver to all customers

WE ARE CONSTANTLY ENHANCING OUR NETWORK OF ECOSYSTEMS TO SET A NEW STANDARD FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE

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STRUCTURAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ENTERPRISE CLIENT MARKET



Matthew Dickason Global MD, Talent Solutions

Matt is the Global MD of our Talent Solutions business and sits on our Executive Board. He joined Hays in 2005, and has previously held positions as a Business Director in the UK and Chief Operating Officer for Asia Pacific.

Prior to joining Hays, Matt worked within the Research, Engineering and Commercial functions at Johnson Matthey and Corning. He holds degrees in Organisational Psychology and Industrial Engineering.



Alex Heise
EMEA COO and Head of
Germany Enterprise Clients

Alex began his career at Hays in 2004 in key account management and was promoted to Managing Director in 2012. Since January 2020, he has been responsible for Enterprise Clients and Outsourced Solutions in Germany and the Nordics.

In July 2021, Alex Heise was appointed to the Hays Operating Board. He has also been EMEA COO since October 2021.



c.40% OF GROUP FEES ARE FROM ENTERPRISE CLIENTS WHERE WE BILL >£250K ANNUALLY WITHIN THIS, LONG-TERM OUTSOURCE CONTRACTS ARE c.£200M OF FEES

What we mean by enterprise clients

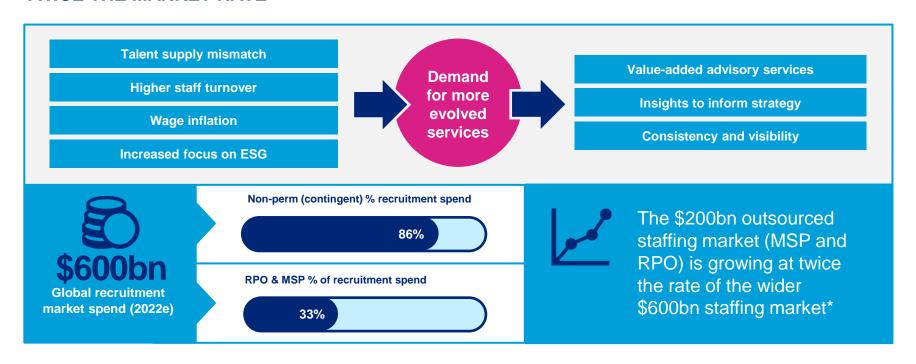
- >40% of Group net fees are from clients who spend over £250k per annum with Hays. This represents our top 400 clients
- We have outsourced contracts with c.150 of these top clients, either Managed Service Provider (non-Perm) or Recruitment Process Outsourcing (Perm) contracts. These are managed by our Talent Solutions business, which will deliver c.£200m in fees in FY22E
- The other c.250 clients in our top 400 are predominantly on Preferred Supplier List (PSL) arrangements
- A further c.800 clients spend between £100k and £250k per annum, and represent c.14% of Group fees, again mainly via PSL's
- These c.1,000 PSL clients present major upsell opportunities for deeper partnerships, and we have doubled our number of outsource clients since 2016

Hays Talent Solutions – c.£200m of fees in FY22e										
Managed Service Provider (MSP)	Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO)	Enterprise HR Services								
 Long-term outsource contract to manage non-Perm white collar workforce Typical fill rate 50-80% c.65% of Talent Solutions fees 	 Long-term outsource contract to manage Perm hiring Typical fill rate >90% c.25% of Talent Solutions fees 	 ED&I, Analytics & Insights, Onboarding, Assessment & Development, Early careers, EVP & Brand, Coaching and Change c.10% Talent Solutions fees 								

ENTERPRISE CLIENTS OFFER SIGNIFICANT LONG-TERM STRUCTURAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

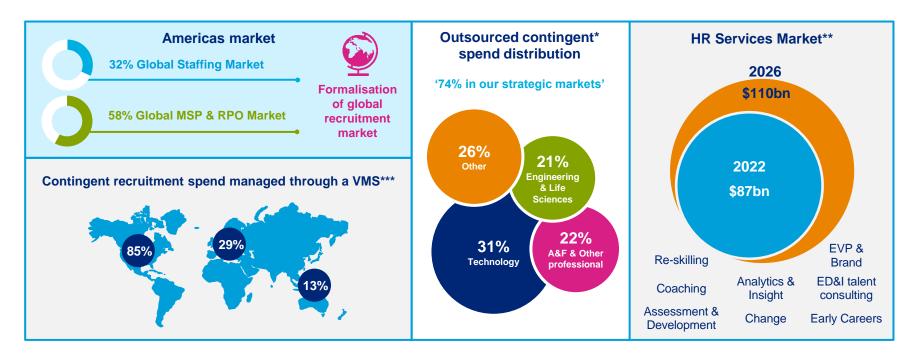


THE GLOBAL ENTERPRISE MARKET IS VAST, WITH OUTSOURCED SOLUTIONS GROWING AT TWICE THE MARKET RATE





INCREASED OUTSOURCING OF THE MARKET – PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE MARKET SHARE AND SUPPLY BROADER HR SERVICES



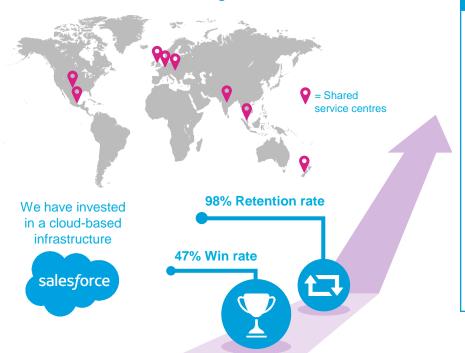
^{*}Source: Everest Group & Staffing Industry Analysts, Research & Markets. As noted on slide 21, the Outsourced contingent market is 33% of the total \$600bn market.

^{**} Supplementary to the global recruitment market. *** VMS = Vendor Management System.



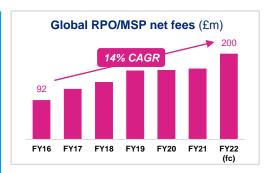
WE HAVE SPENT TEN YEARS BUILDING THE LEADING SPECIALIST GLOBAL ENTERPRISE BUSINESS AND ARE UNIQUELY PLACED TO GROW

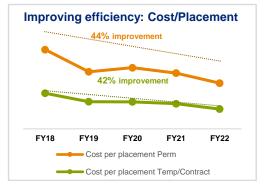
We internationalised our Talent Solutions business in 2016 and have doubled the number of long-term outsource customers



Sources of new outsource contracts

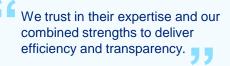
- 1. Winning new geographies with existing clients
- 2. Our strong relationships with >1000 existing PSL clients
- 3. New client wins
- 4. Additional, high margin services to existing customers







GLOBAL & DIVERSE PARTNERSHIPS CUSTOMER SUCCESS







Commonwealth Bank

Hays is a trusted partner of Computacenter, integral to our workforce strategy. We are pleased to be continuing to build our partnership.

Hays Talent Solutions played a big part in Thales' success through 2020/21, by managing a small reduction in worker numbers through 2020 and then being able to quickly adapt to an increase in volume in 2021.

Hays' knowledge of our business along with the successful partnership we have, continues to create a positive impact on the delivery of various projects at Toyota Financial Services.









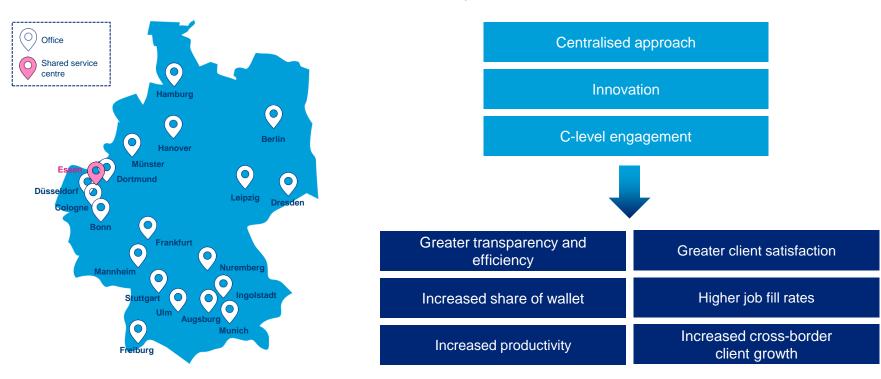
INCREASED DEMAND & CAPABILITY IN EXPANDED HR SERVICES DRIVING DEEPER & BROADER PARTNERSHIPS



Hays' HR Services offerings **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Assessment & Development EVP & Employer Brand Analytics & Insight Change Management Early Careers** Skill & Reskill **Tech Advice & Implementation Talent Networks Process Reengineering Services Procurement**



BRINGING OUR ENTERPRISE CLIENT STRATEGY TO LIFE HOW WE INCREASED CUSTOMER SATISFACTION, MARKET SHARE AND FEES IN GERMANY





WE HAVE BUILT THE LEADING GLOBAL ENTERPRISE BUSINESS AND ASPIRE TO DOUBLE OUR OUTSOURCED SCALE OVER FIVE YEARS

Opportunity

Structured recruitment services that address larger client requirements are growing at almost twice the rate of the broader industry



Scalable & flexible

Investment in people capability, technology and physical infrastructure

rightary effective and efficient



Resilient

Through change and the pandemic, with significant barriers to entry



Goal

Take market share and double the size of our £200m fee outsourced business over the next five years

Deepening customer partnerships

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DELIVERING £500M & BEYOND IN TECHNOLOGY FEES



James Milligan Global Head of Technology

James joined Hays in 2000 and is the Global Head of Hays Technology recruitment. Having previously been Head of Technology for the UK&I and EMEA, he is responsible for the strategic development of Hays' Technology businesses globally.



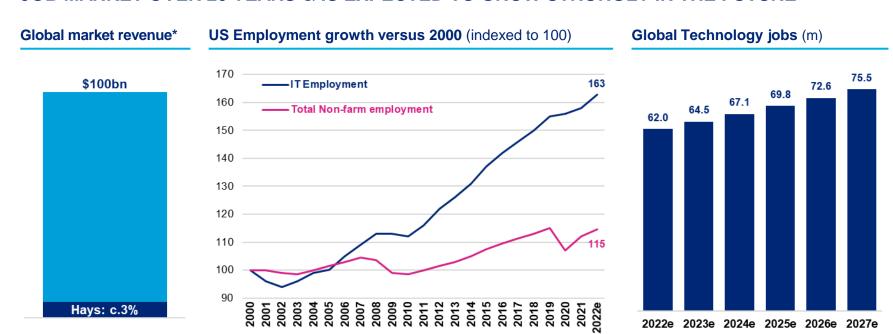
David Brown CEO, USA

David is responsible for leading all Hays recruitment operations in the US. A 23-year veteran of the recruitment industry, David has served in roles from sales leadership to executive management.

Prior to his role as CEO of Hays US, David was the Executive VP of the Technology business for Veredus, joining Hays when we acquired Veredus in 2014.



THE GLOBAL TECH MARKET IS VAST, HAS BEEN GROWING 4X FASTER THAN THE BROADER JOB MARKET OVER 20 YEARS & IS EXPECTED TO GROW STRONGLY IN THE FUTURE



WE ARE A GLOBAL LEADER IN A MARKET THAT HAS VIRTUALLY LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITY

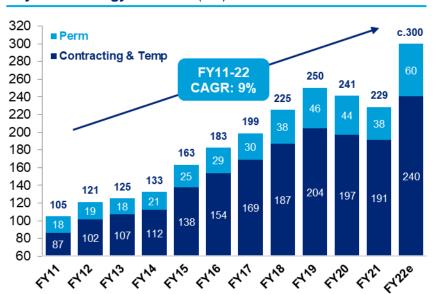
^{*} Recruitment fees plus non-Perm worker revenue.

Source: Staffing Industry Analysis, Bureau of Labour Statistics, Marketresearch.com, ComputerWorld, The Insight Partners, Fortune Business Insights, CompTIA, Hays estimates.

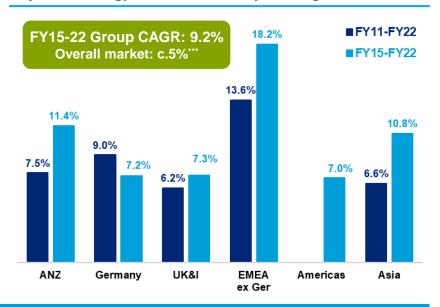


WE HAVE A DIVERSE & HIGHLY SCALABLE MODEL AND HAVE GROWN OUR TECHNOLOGY FEES AT NEARLY TWICE THE MARKET RATE

Hays Technology net fees* (£m)



Hays Technology net fee CAGR** by sub-region



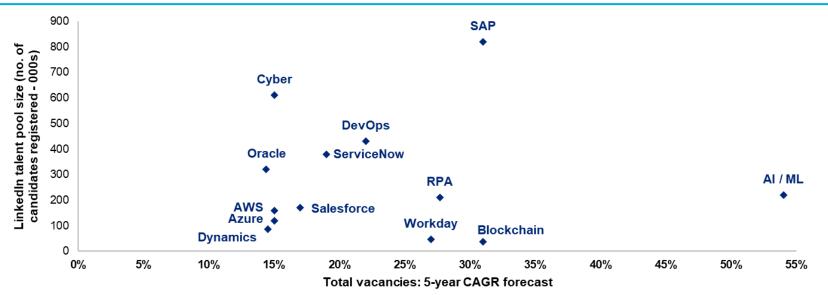
ON-TRACK TO DELIVER £500M IN TECHNOLOGY FEES BY FY27

^{*} Net fees and fee growth shown on a constant currency basis. The Veredus acquisition in FY15 added c.£17m in Technology fees and is excluded from growth CAGR's, which are shown on an organic basis. Headline CAGR FY11-22: 10.1%.



THE MARKET IS HIGHLY DIVERSIFIED, WITH MASSIVE TALENT DEMAND, PARTICULARLY IN KEY HIGH-GROWTH TECHNOLOGIES

Size of talent pool versus expected job vacancy growth



SKILL SHORTAGES ARE EXPECTED TO INTENSIFY WITH VACANCIES SET TO GROW SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS



FIVE INTER-RELATED STRATEGIES UNDERPIN OUR ASPIRATION TO DELIVER £500M IN TECHNOLOGY FEES BY FY27

PILLAR 1

Grow fees in our core Tech subspecialisms, capturing rapid structural growth trends

PILLAR 2

Invest to expand Hays' Tech capabilities geographically and infill existing areas of global expertise

PILLAR 3

Expand into new, structurally growing technologies

PILLAR 4

Win new clients and deepen our relationships with existing clients by broadening the services we offer beyond recruitment

PILLAR 5

Grow our
Technology
Project Services
business in
existing and new
markets

Our strong brand, global scale and expertise enable our deep, cutting-edge Talent Networks

WE HAVE A STRONG TRACK RECORD OF PROFITABLE GROWTH AND HAVE A CLEAR PLAN TO REACH £500M FEES BY FY27



OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD ON OUR MARKET-LEADING POSITION IN CORE TECHNOLOGIES, AND RAPIDLY ROLL OUT NEW HIGH-GROWTH BUSINESSES AND PROJECT SERVICES

Sub-specialism coverage by geography



2027e											
	Germany	¥	NSA	Australia	France	Switzerland	Spain	Japan	Canada	China	Countries 11 - 32
Project & Change Mgmt.*											
DevOps & Cloud											
Software Development											
Data & Analytics											
SAP											
Cloud Development											
Cyber											
Salesforce											
ServiceNow											
Workday											
RPA / AI / ML											
Project Services											

Core

Scaling

Greenfield

^{*} Incorporating Product & Customer Success.

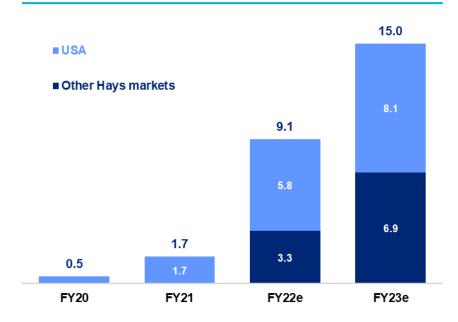


CASE STUDY 1: WE HAVE BUILT A LEADING CYBER SECURITY RECRUITMENT BUSINESS IN THE USA AND ARE RAPIDLY ROLLING THIS OUT GLOBALLY

Global Cyber market overview

c.\$300bn Forecast 2027 total global spend in Cyber (2022-27 CAGR: 14.5%) **USA** Global 1.1m 4.2m **Current cyber** i.e. workforce security workforce people people needs to grow by 64% to meet market **Current cyber** 1.7m 6.9m requirements security workforce roles roles demand Average salary level \$104k

Hays Cyber net fees (£m)



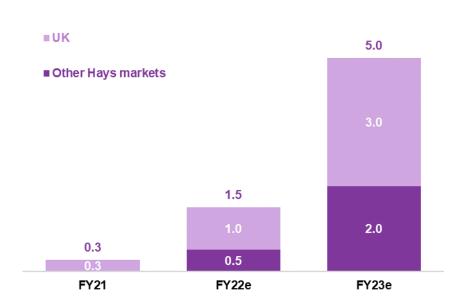


CASE STUDY 2: WE SEE MAJOR GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES IN THE GLOBAL SALESFORCE MARKET

Global Salesforce market overview

c.\$850bn Forecast 2027 total global spend in Salesforce (2022-27 CAGR: 17.2%) **USA** Global 1.7m 5.8m **Salesforce** i.e. workforce workforce people people needs to grow by 82% to meet market 10.5m 2.9m **Salesforce** requirements workforce demand roles roles Average salary level \$140k

Hays Salesforce net fees (£m)





A PIPELINE OF EXISTING & FUTURE HIGH-GROWTH TECHNOLOGY BUSINESSES, EACH WITH THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME MAJOR MARKETS



Data science

By 2026, the demand for skilled and knowledgeable data scientists will lead to a 28% rise in employment*

Average salary \$120,000

Fees FY22e: c.£16 million



Cloud

North America owns 40% of the global cloud market

Average salary \$120,000

Fees FY22e: c.£8 million



Robotic process automation/Al

30,000+ live jobs on LinkedIn in the USA (March 2022)

Average salary \$150,000

Fees FY22: Greenfield



Metaverse

The Metaverse market in the U.S. was estimated at US\$58.5bn (2021), which represented 41% of the global market

Average salary \$150,000

EACH NEW TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS WILL BE EXPECTED TO REACH £20M OF FEES GLOBALLY WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF LAUNCH

*Source: United States Bureau of Labour Statistics



SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD GLOBAL CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS BY GROWING OUR TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Our strategy is to become more embedded with a greater number of clients by providing increasingly diverse value-added services...

Project & Service delivery

Talent creation via reskilling/upskilling

RPO/MSP/Total Talent Management

Staffing – Contract & Permanent

...underpinned by our leading capability to build equitable and diverse Talent Networks

DEEPENING OUR GLOBAL CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS

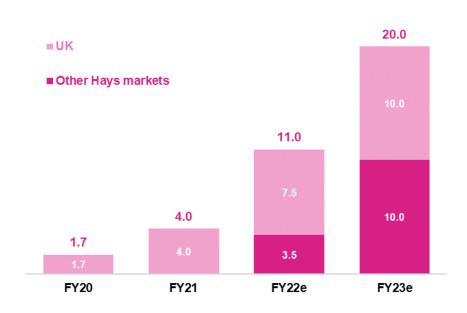


CASE STUDY 3: MOVING UP THE VALUE CHAIN – PROJECT SERVICES IN TECHNOLOGY

Hays' Project Services strategy

Revenue: c.\$400bn **Global Technology Project** Services market (2022-27 CAGR: c.9%) Hays' target project size Revenue: \$1-5m **UK, Germany, France** Hays' initial target markets Australia Hays' potential addressable Revenue c.\$40bn* market >£50m net fees: above **FY27 aspirations Group conversion rate****

Hays Technology Project Services net fees (£m)



^{*} We estimate projects sized at \$1-5m represent 10% of the c.\$400bn market.

^{**} Conversion rate is the conversion of net fees into operating profit.



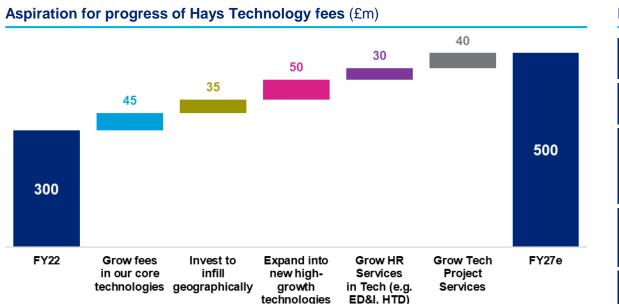
HAYS TALENT NETWORKS ARE A MAJOR & GROWING COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE ACCESS TO TALENT WILL BE THE DEFINING FEATURE OF THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

Infrastructure	Integrated network of offices, hubs, nearshore and offshore capability				
Brand	We have established Hays Technology as the leading global brand				
Scale	Leverage increasing benefits of our global network				
Martech	Intelligent use of millions of signals to direct and enhance engagement				
Content	Create unique insights to demonstrate thought leadership and drive engagement				
Eco-systems	Building engaged Talent Networks through a wide variety of sources				
ED&I/Levelling up	Enabling clients to access candidates from a broad and diverse talent network				
Distributed workforce	Distributed workforce Advising clients on opportunities to capitalise on global workforce solutions				

OUR TALENT ATTRACTION STRATEGIES ENABLE US TO CURATE DEEP AND INCREASINGLY LOCAL TALENT NETWORKS



OUR CLEAR STRATEGY PUTS US FIRMLY ON THE PATH TO FEES OF £500 MILLION BY FY27 WITH LIMITLESS GROWTH POTENTIAL BEYOND



Hays' advantages



OUR ROADMAP TO £500M OF FEES IS SUPPORTED BY HAYS' MULTIPLE ADVANTAGES, WHICH ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO REPLICATE

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DOUBLING OUR PROFIT IN GERMANY



Dirk Hahn CEO, Germany & EMEA

Dirk began his career at Ascena in 1997, which was acquired by Hays in 2003. Dirk joined the Hays Germany Board as COO in 2008, and the Group's Executive Board in 2018.

He was appointed CEO of Hays in the DACH and Nordics region in 2020, and also became CEO of Hays' EMEA region in 2021.



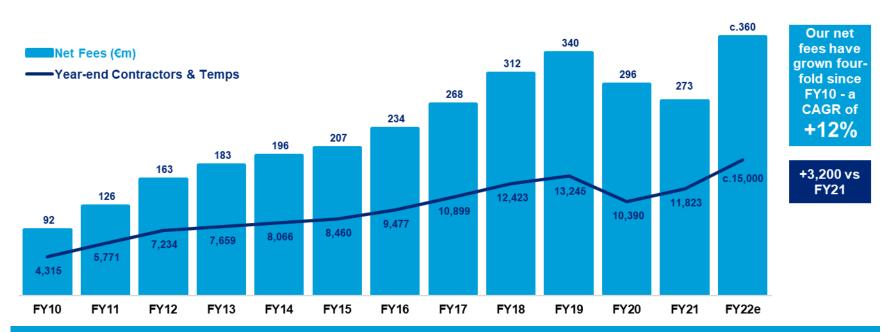
Christoph Niewerth COO, Germany

Christoph joined Ascena in 1999, and was promoted to Hays Germany Director of Contracting in 2008.

An Industrial Engineer by education, Christoph was appointed to the Hays Germany Management Board as COO in 2012. He is also responsible for all operational business in Hays' DACH and Nordics region.



EXCELLENT ORGANIC GROWTH TRACK RECORD IN A STRUCTURALLY GROWING MARKET

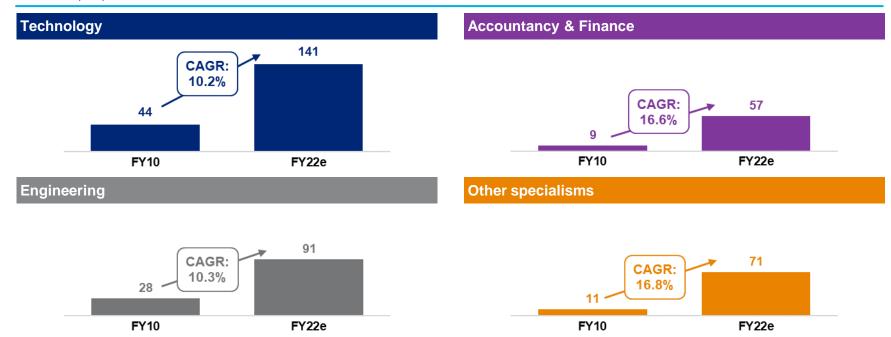


FY22 WILL BE A RECORD FEE PERFORMANCE, WITH ALL-TIME RECORD CONTRACTOR VOLUMES



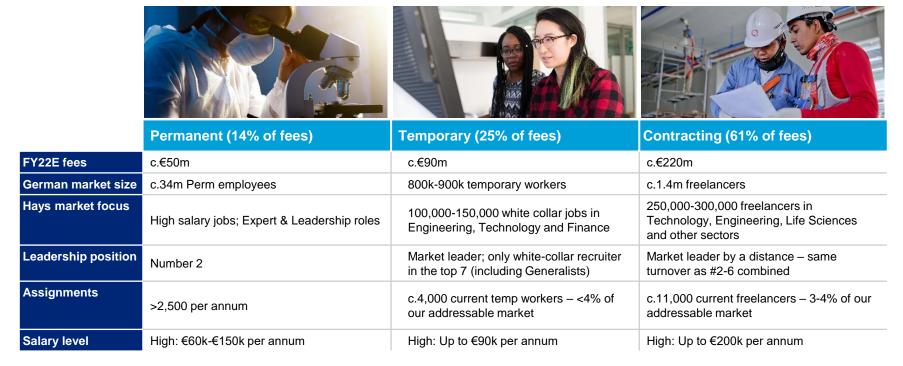
A SUCCESSFUL TRACK RECORD OF DIVERSIFYING OUR BUSINESS

Net fees (€m)





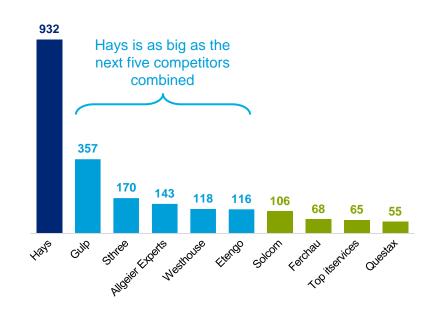
LEADING POSITIONS ACROSS ALL CONTRACT TYPES IN A STRUCTURALLY GROWING MARKET





A CLEAR LEADER IN THE LARGE & RAPIDLY GROWING CONTRACTING MARKET

Germany contracting revenue (2021, €m)



Germany market overview

Estimated German Contracting market annual revenue: €20 billion

Germany contracting market growth forecasts

Forecast 2022 growth	13%
Forecast 2021-2026 CAGR	14%

Source: Lunendonk survey 2021. 45



WE HAVE A CLEAR STRATEGY FOR GROWTH

Building on our track record of strong fee and profit growth

Enterprise clients	Our restructure in FY19 established a dedicated Enterprise division, focused on winning new clients and leveraging our existing strategic client base
SME market penetration	Our regional structure is focused on greater penetration into the SME market with clients up to 2,000 employees. We added >2,000 new clients last year
Specialism & product expansion	Extending market leadership in our existing businesses and building scale in our newer specialisms (e.g. our HR specialism is up c.400% over 2 years). Additional new product lines (e.g. Project & HR Services)
Market-leading brand	Supporting the broadest and deepest Talent Networks in the market; adding >1,500 high-quality candidates every week
Employer of choice	Attracting and training the best people in the industry to create the pipeline of talent that will drive our future growth

WE ASPIRE TO DOUBLE OUR OPERATING PROFIT IN GERMANY BY FY27



MATERIAL AND VARIED GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Selected industries	Market opportunity			
Banking	Cyber and digitalisation driving structural growth; sector consolidation driving change projects			
IT Service companies	Powerful outsourcing trends in Technology			
Life Sciences	Lifestyle, ageing population and the pandemic driving structural growth			
Public sector	Significant catch-up spending in digital infrastructure plus cyber security			
Automotive	Vehicle electrification and autonomous driving are creating myriads of new research, design and engineering roles			

WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MOST SKILL-SHORT MARKETS

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OUR LEADING BRAND & EXCELLENT CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE DRIVES THE ATTRACTION OF BEST-IN-CLASS TALENT

Candidates are the key resource...

Strong brand awareness

 Our strong brand means we source >1,500 high quality candidates each week, and fulfil >90% of placements direct from our own Talent Networks

Candidate satisfaction

- Candidate experience is key focus
- High levels of repeat engagements and strong net promoter score

...and we have many ways to attract talent

Talent attraction

- The Hays website is the most visited website for contracting jobs in the German market
- Multiple sourcing centre strategy
- · Plus international sourcing strategy:
 - set up a nearshoring project, which already has c.200 projects to recruit skilled workers from Germany and abroad
 - established a Project Services business hub in Romania

HAYS' UNRIVALLED BRAND STRENGTH IS KEY TO OUR GROWTH IN GERMANY



CONCLUSION: WE ASPIRE TO DOUBLE OUR PROFITS BY FY27

Hays Germany is the market-leading, highly profitable, tech-enabled, white-collar recruitment business



Highly scalable business model



Addressing the sweet spots of the market, including all future specialisms



Brand reputation reinforces our position with clients and candidates



We are broadening our product offering to Project Services



Most experienced management team in the market

WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO EXTEND OUR MARKET LEADERSHIP IN A STRUCTURALLY GROWING MARKET

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SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES IN ANZ



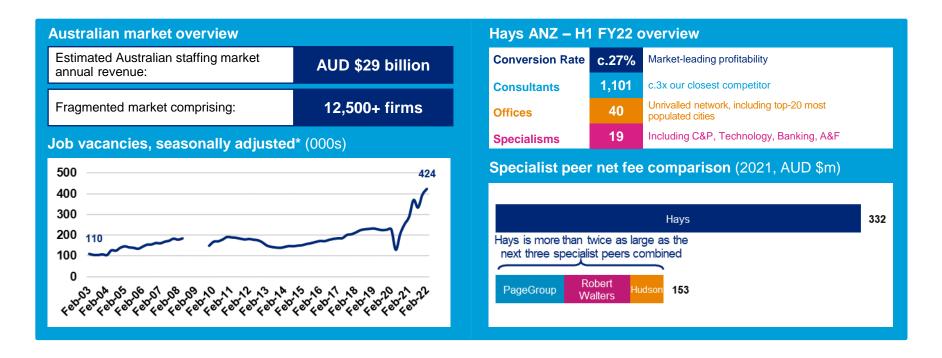
Nick Deligiannis
MD, Australia & New Zealand

Nick joined Hays in 1993 and has held a variety of consulting and management roles across the business, including Director in Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory. In 2004, Nick was appointed to Hays' Board of Directors, and was made Managing Director for Australia and New Zealand in 2012.

Prior to joining Hays, he had a background in human resource management and marketing and has formal qualifications in Psychology.



WE ARE CLEAR LEADERS IN AN ATTRACTIVE RECRUITMENT MARKET & ECONOMY

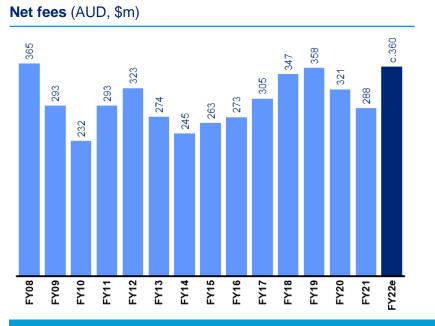


^{*} The Job Vacancies Survey was suspended between August 2008 to August 2009. Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Staffing Industry Analysts, Hays estimates.



THE SHARP POST-PANDEMIC FEE RECOVERY PUTS US ON TRACK FOR OUR SECOND-





Key advantages

Unrivalled scale and leading brand

Geographical coverage

Market-leading expertise and delivery capability

Strong financial position and track record

Deepest and broadest talent database

Success drivers

- Experienced management team, with strong track record of delivering growth
- Focus on high productivity through:
 - Management discipline
 - Embedded within our DNA

EXCELLENT LONG-TERM TRACK RECORD UNDERPINNED BY OUR SCALE AND HIGHLY EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT TEAM



LEVERAGING A SKILL-SHORT MARKET AND STRONG CLIENT BASE TO DRIVE PROFITABLE GROWTH

Driving Temp margin and Capitalising on our unrivalled **Multi-channel delivery Driving Perm growth** volume growth models client base Structured to: **Benefitting from:** Fuelled by: Characterised by: Increased job churn and Skill shortages c.10.000 clients, including • Full suite offering: spot, 700 contracted clients MSP/RPO and HR Services vacancy volumes Demand for flexible working Wage inflation driving No dependence on one client Appropriate and efficient arrangements increased perm fees largest client represents delivery models · Increase in hybrid working, <3% of fees and top-20 catalysed by the pandemic Recent launch of Technology representing c.20% **Project Services** Potential to drive leverage and efficiency and grow wallet share

WE ARE WELL PLACED TO CAPITALISE ON OUR KEY ADVANTAGES AND INCREASE OUR MARKET-LEADING POSITIONS



TARGETED INVESTMENT IN STRUCTURAL GROWTH MARKETS

Selected specialisms (% Hays ANZ fees H1 FY22)	Net fee growth		Headcount growth		-
	H1 FY22	Versus pre- Covid levels	H1 FY22 (YoY)	Market context	Focus areas
Technology 15% of fees	+46%	+23%	+38%	 Demand driven by digitalisation across large enterprises, local providers and scale-ups Hays has invested to improve delivery, particularly candidate sourcing, and client relationships 	 Software Development Data & Advanced Analytics Project & Change Management Cyber Security; Cloud; Salesforce; ServiceNow Project Services
HR 5% of fees	+54%	+16%	+10%	 HR partners needed to help retain existing staff, including building compelling EVP positioning Ever-present need for L&D specialists with a focus on upskilling and re-skilling 	 Capability Mapping; Career Transition & Early Careers Framework Design; Onboarding & Engagement
Defence c.1% of fees	+56%	+119%	+10%	 Big growth sector, with many blue-chip global defence firms establishing themselves in Australia Govt committed AUD \$270bn over the next 30 years 	 Signals; Systems, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering; Communications & Logistics
C&P 18% of fees	+19%	(15)%	+8%	 Strong cyclical 'catch-up' underway post pandemic Driven by infrastructure investment, with activity c.20% above the last decade average Govt committed AUD \$120bn over the next 10 years 	 Green economy roles in Engineering, Infrastructure, Energy Efficiency and Renewables



HAYS ANZ: SIGNIFICANT AMBITIONS – ASPIRING TO DELIVER RECORD FEES IN FY23 & AUD \$500M BY FY27



Very confident we can get beyond prior fee peaks, driven by structurally growing sectors



On track in FY22 to deliver our 2nd best year of net fees, and are aspiring to hit all-time record levels in FY23 on our way to AUD \$500m by FY27



We have an ambitious accelerating growth mindset to capitalise on existing market leading stronghold sectors and take opportunities in attractive new markets

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SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES IN UK&I

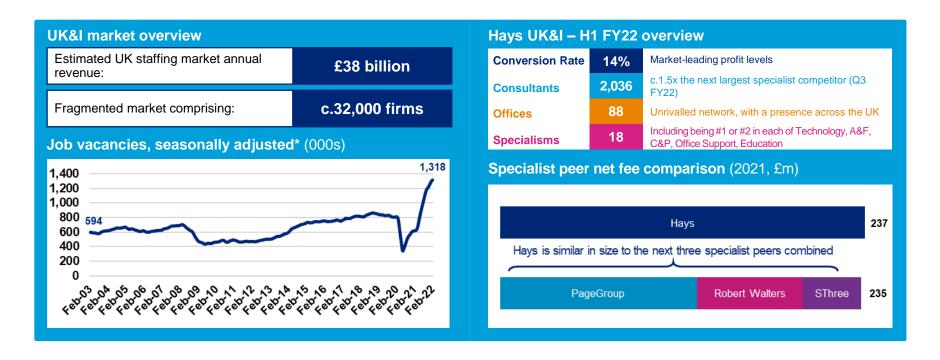


Simon Winfield MD, UK & Ireland

Simon joined Hays in 2006, having commenced his recruitment career in 1993. He ran our businesses in Western Australia and Northern Territory, before relocating to the UK in 2014 where he was responsible for our operations in the South West & Wales and Ireland, before being appointed Managing Director of the UK & Ireland business in 2018.



WE ARE LEADERS IN AN ATTRACTIVE, SKILL-SHORT RECRUITMENT MARKET

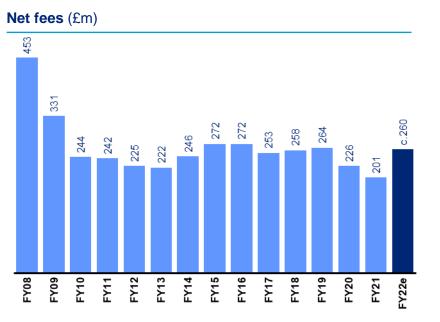


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STRONG POST-PANDEMIC REBOUND, WITH PERIODIC FEES & PROFIT NOW BACK TO POST-

GFC PEAK LEVELS



Key advantages

Unrivalled scale and leading brand

Geographical coverage

Market-leading expertise and delivery capability, including unparalleled Education specialism

Deepest and broadest Talent **Networks**

Strong financial position and track record

Success drivers

- Net fees and profit periodic run-rate now back to post-GFC peak levels
- · Productivity at its highest since the GFC
- · Substantial capability in outsourced solutions

MARKET-LEADING BUSINESS WITH UNRIVALLED SCALE AND DEEPEST & BROADEST TALENT DATABASE



KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Accelerated investment in Broaden our range of State-of-the-art technology **Putting People & Culture at** structural growth markets products and services the heart of the business and tools Fuelled by: **Driven by: Characterised by: Anchored by:** • Increased sub-specialism Scale-up of Project Services Launch of Digital Manager Defining our social and focus in Technology and in-house Hays app environmental purpose business (including Cyber, Salesforce, **Broader HR Services** Process improvement and **Delivering leading Learning** Workday, RPA) efficiencies & Development for capability Focus on Life Sciences, consultants and leaders Launch of Hire-Train-Deploy Civil Engineering and Ensuring ED&I and Wellbeing model Sustainability are at the centre of our · Rapid expansion of **Employee Value Proposition** Engineering specialism

POSITIONING THE BUSINESS TO BUILD ON OUR MARKET-LEADING POSITION



TARGETED INVESTMENT IN STRUCTURAL GROWTH MARKETS

Selected specialisms (% Hays UK&I fees H1 FY22)	Net fee growth		Headcount growth		.
	H1 FY22 (YoY)	Versus pre- Covid levels	H1 FY22 (YoY)	Market context	Focus areas
Technology 17% of fees	+50%	+42%	+41%	 Huge skill shortages across traditional technologies and high-growth markets Significant investment in leadership capability and experienced teams to provide in-depth sector expertise 	 Ten sub-specialisms, including Salesforce, Service Now, Workday and RPA/AI Scale-up of Project Services offering Hire-Train-Deploy launch to address significant skill-short market
Engineering c.1% of fees	+77%	+91%	+59%	 Traditional Engineering market skill shortages, but even more acute in areas such as Green Power and Alternative Energy Significant market opportunity and skills gap 	 Rail and Defence sub-specialisms launched Emerging Technologies and Alternative Energy
Life Sciences 2% of fees	+14%	+12%	+52%	 Huge levels of investment through the pandemic and beyond, driven by patent cliff-edge and ageing population Hays' strong market position in a rapidly growing and skill- short market 	 Clinical trials Biometrics and Data Science Medical Technology and Medical Communications
Sustainability Greenfield	n/a	n/a	+20*	 Vast, rapidly growing market and opportunity for first-mover advantage by leveraging our market-leading C&P business Green economy and carbon commitments driving material long-term investment and spend 	 Environment, Sustainable Building, Circular Economy and Corporate Sustainability

* Forecast headcount for 30 June 2022.



HAYS UK&I: OUR STRATEGY HAS MANY LEVERS TO DELIVER LONG-TERM GROWTH



Reinforce our market leadership in core sectors



markets Technology, Green economy, Sustainability/ **ESG**

Exciting new



Drive increased consultant productivity and enhanced conversion rate



customer journey Enhanced solutions and

Remapped

delivery



Scaling products and services

Project Services, Hire-Train-Deploy



Our people & culture

Skills acquisition; enhanced Learning & Development offering

ASPIRATION TO GROW TO C.£350M OF NET FEES BY FY27 AND LONGER-TERM AMBITION TO RETURN TO PRE-GFC PEAK OF C.£450M



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CAPITALISING ON OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH OUR PEOPLE



Sandra Henke
Group Head of People & Culture

Sandra is Global Head of People and Culture at Hays PLC and is a member of the global Executive board. She firmly believes people are at the heart of the business, and over 25 years with Hays has held senior leadership roles in People and Culture in the ANZ, Asia and UK & Ireland businesses.



THE WORLD OF WORK IS CHANGING AT AN UNPRECEDENTED PACE CREATING MORE OPPORTUNITIES THAN EVER BEFORE

Building the right capacity and developing the right capability





ENABLING OUR PEOPLE TO DELIVER MARKET SOLUTIONS TO OUR CUSTOMERS

1

Enhancing our leadership capability

2

Putting ED&I at the centre of our culture

3

Evolving our Employee Value Proposition (EVP)



WE INVEST IN OUR LEADERSHIP CAPABILITY – ENABLING THEM TO DRIVE TODAY'S BUSINESS AND BUILD THE BUSINESSES OF TOMORROW

Our focus areas have helped to evolve leadership quality and behaviours

Skills, mindsets and behaviours More shared and inclusive leadership approach and deeper trust Support and confidence to challenge the status quo and to innovate Leading change initiatives Putting ED&I at the heart of our culture mproved relationships Better quality thinking





OUR LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME HAS BEEN TRANSFORMATIONAL IN EQUIPPING OUR CURRENT & FUTURE LEADERS WITH THE SKILLS NEEDED TO DRIVE CHANGE

International Leadership & Management Programme (ILMP)

Senior Leadership

120
Business
leaders

participated so far

550
Future
business
leaders

to participate by FY27

1000+

"Thinking Partners"

+008

"Leading & Executing Change"

WE HAVE EXTENDED THE SUCCESSFUL IMPACT OF THE ILMP FURTHER INTO THE BUSINESS AT PACE



EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF ALL OUR TALENT

Our commitment

- Established global gender targets - 50% of top 550 roles will be held by females by 2030 (currently 42%)
- Partnered with ED&I experts to identify any barriers to "getting in and getting on at Hays"
- Hired ED&I specialists into roles across the business
- Implemented diverse hiring strategies and inclusive recruitment practices
- Continued to drive action through Global ED&I Council, regional councils and internal advisory groups

EXAMPLES OF ED&I IN ACTION

Gender Targets Advisory Group (GTAG) driving women in senior leadership workstreams, for example, personal and career development, parental leave





Race & Ethnicity – USA exceeding their targets of 30% BIPOC representation amongst new hires

Australia commitment to Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)



UK partnership with Black Young Professionals (BYP)



LGBTQ+ networks and alliances across the Group

Disability - UK REACH programme

REACH

Recognising & Enabling All colleagues and Conditions at Hays

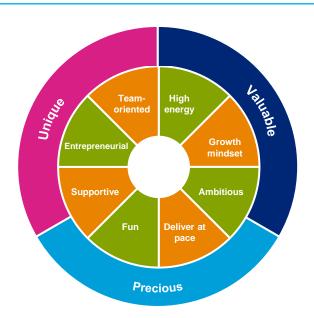




ENHANCING OUR COMPELLING EMPLOYEE VALUE PROPOSITION

We are proud of the culture we have nurtured and developed, and how it frames the success of our business

The strength of our EVP has been identified and recognised externally as well as internally



"One of the most culturally coherent global organisations we have worked with. Commonly shared attributes evident with whoever we met of energy, positivity and growth mindset."

External agency quotation following a granular analysis of Hays' culture



THE STRENGTH OF OUR HIRING CAPABILITY IS DRIVEN BY THE STRENGTH OF OUR EVP

We purposefully recruit our talent from three distinct sources

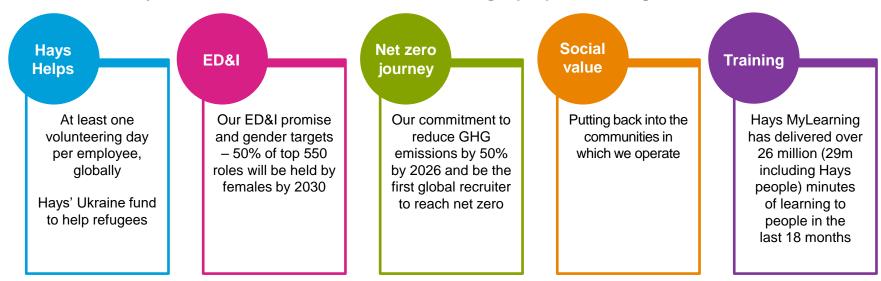


Our strong and unique culture – our 'Hays Spirit' – is the cornerstone of our EVP and central to attracting talent. This is complemented by world-class training, careers, infrastructure, tools and technology



OUR PURPOSE & CORE VALUES UNDERPIN OUR DEEP COMMITMENT TO ESG, & SUPPORTS OUR CULTURE

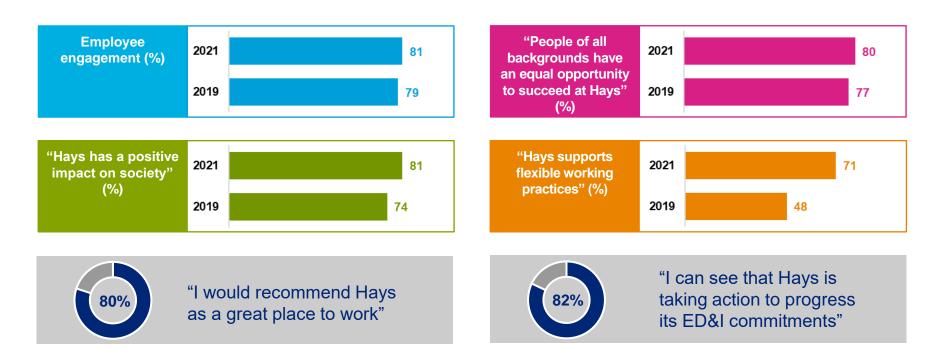
Hays demonstrates its commitment to being a purpose-led organisation...



...nurturing our culture and helping to earn our social licence to operate



OUR ACTIONS ARE REFLECTED IN OUR STRONG EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SCORES





CONCLUSION: ENABLING THE ORGANISATION THROUGH OUR PEOPLE & OUR CULTURE

Our people and culture strategy centres around putting customers at the heart



Increased leadership capability



Valuable diverse and inclusive culture



Market-leading tools, technology and infrastructure



World-class training and career development



Strong social purpose

STRONGLY POSITIONED TO CAPITALISE ON THE SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES IN FRONT OF US

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FINANCIAL ASPIRATIONS
TO FY27



James Hilton
Group Finance Director (Designate)

Before joining Hays in 2008, James qualified as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG and spent three years at Dresdner Kleinwort in their Corporate Finance division.

His career at Hays has included the following positions: Head of Investor Relations & M&A, UK&I Financial Controller and Finance Director for its EMEA region. Since August 2018, James has been Hays' Group Financial Controller and will take over as Group Finance Director from October 2022.



FINANCIAL ASPIRATIONS: OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY

Net fee growth to FY27

Translate our FY22-27 strategic growth ambitions into a range of five-year net fee growth aspirations

Conversion rate by FY27

Set out the actions we will take to drive our conversion rate back to and beyond pre-pandemic levels

Cash conversion

Explain how our continuing dedicated focus on cash will drive free cash flow of c.£1bn and potential for significant capital returns to shareholders

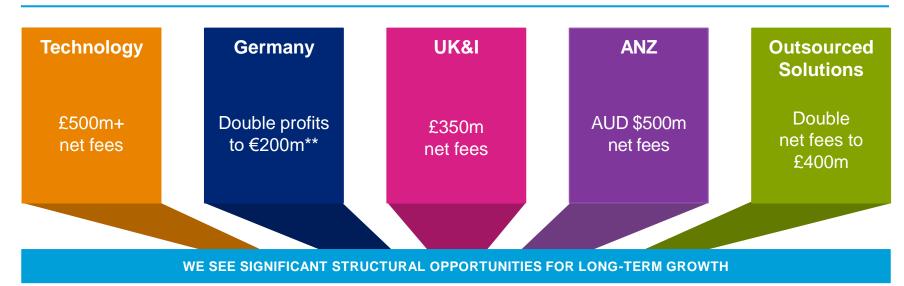
Financial aspirations

Set out the financial metrics we will measure our performance against over the next five years



WE HAVE SET OUT OUR GROWTH AMBITIONS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

Our FY27 ambitions*



** Before central cost allocations.

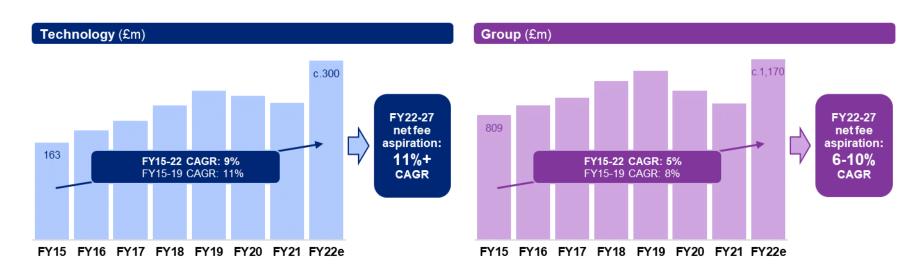
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^{*} For the avoidance of doubt, our total Group FY27 net fee aspiration is not an aggregation of these ambitions as there is significant overlap between our net fees by country and fees in our large Technology and Talent Solutions businesses.



ASSUMING A SUPPORTIVE ECONOMIC BACKDROP, OUR AMBITIONS TRANSLATE TO SIGNIFICANT NET FEE GROWTH ASPIRATIONS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

FY15-22 net fee track record and FY22-FY27 net fee growth aspirations*



GROUP NET FEE CAGR ASPIRATION OF 6-10% OVER THE FIVE YEARS TO FY27

^{*} Historical net fees by specialism are presented at constant currency.

^{**} Defined as Engineering, Life Sciences, Talent Solutions and HR specialisms.



OUR ASPIRATIONS ARE BASED ON A SUPPORTIVE ECONOMIC BACKDROP

Overall macro-economic assumptions

- We assume a benign economic backdrop, with GDP growth consistent with latest IMF forecasts
- We anticipate regular minor but manageable economic and political challenges and assume no significant downturn in our major markets over the plan period
- No material change in key exchange rates

GDP growth forecasts (% per annum)

	2021A	2022F	2023F	2027F
Australia	4.7	4.2	2.5	2.6
Germany	2.8	2.1	2.7	1.1
UK	7.4	3.7	1.2	1.5
China	8.1	4.4	5.1	4.8
France	7.0	2.9	1.4	1.4
US	5.7	3.7	2.3	1.7
World	6.1	3.6	3.6	3.3

BUT IF WE HAVE A MAJOR ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, DELIVERY OF OUR ASPIRATIONS MAY BE DELAYED BY 1-2 YEARS

Source: IMF World Economic Outlook (Apr-22).



DRIVING CONVERSION RATE BACK TO & BEYOND PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS

Drive consultant productivity

c.2,000 consultants added in past 12 months (including our SGI programmes)

- 1. Leverage investment
- 2. Further investment in skill-short markets

Investments in tools and technology will drive further efficiency Targeted BD and deep Talent Networks drives:

- Reduced average time-tofill
- 2. Increased average fill rates

Supported by leadership and consultant training programmes

Be a net winner from inflation

Wage inflation driving broad-based salary increases

- 1. Higher average perm fee
- 2. Higher temp and contractor rates

- Skill-short market opportunity to drive perm and temp pricing
- Higher % of starting salary
 Increased temp margin

Each 1% increase in pricing drives an additional c.£12m fees, versus each 1% increase in our cost base is worth c.£9m

Continued focus on cost management and back-office automation

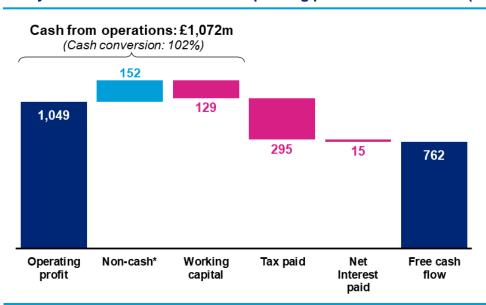
Initiative (Timescale)	Development	Saving p.a.
Property (5 years)	Reducing office footprint and cost per m ²	c.£10m
Back-office efficiency (3-5 years)	Increased automation and lower cost centres	c.£10m
Reduced travel (Now)	Greater use of video conferencing	c.£10m

ASPIRATION TO DRIVE CONVERSION RATE TO 22-25% BY FY27



EXCELLENT TRACK RECORD OF CASH GENERATION THROUGH GROWTH CYCLES

Five-year conversion of cumulative operating profit to free cash flow (FY15-19)



- Disciplined approach to cash, with industryleading DSOs at 35 days, which we expect to normalise to 36 days over the next two years
- Forecast growth in Temp and Contracting drives higher working capital requirement going forward, notably in Technology and Enterprise clients
- c.£455m of total dividends paid with respect to FY15-19

TARGET 90%+ CASH CONVERSION OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO FY27

^{*} Non-cash comprises depreciation & amortisation, share-based payments and net movement in provisions.



OUR FIVE-YEAR ASPIRATIONS HAVE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT CASH GENERATION & RETURNS TO SHAREHOLDERS

1. Deliver substantial net fee growth



2. Drive conversion rate back to and beyond pre-pandemic levels



3. Maintain strong conversion of operating profit into operating cash flow



FY23-27 £0.9-1.1bn cumulative free cash flow and £550-750m of surplus cash

Our priorities for uses of free cash flow

Fund Group investment & development

- Invest in headcount, training, systems and brand to support organic growth
- Assess potential M&A opportunities where appropriate

Maintain a strong balance sheet

- Maintain a net cash position of £100m
- Funding of Defined Benefit pension scheme and long-term consideration of buyout

Core dividend policy

- Deliver a core dividend which is sustainable, progressive and appropriate
- Target core dividend cover of 2-3x EPS

Excess cash returns policy

Subject to supportive economic outlook, return cash >£100m at our year-end to shareholders via special dividends & disciplined share buybacks as appropriate

OVER THE FORECAST PERIOD WE EXPECT THE COMBINED VALUE OF CORE AND SPECIAL DIVIDENDS TO REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF CAPITAL RETURN IN NORMAL YEARS



OUR FIVE-YEAR AMBITION TO MATERIALLY GROW OUR BUSINESS AND GENERATE SIGNIFICANT SHAREHOLDER VALUE

Aspiration CAGR

Group:
6-10%

Technology:
11%+

Aspiration range*

22-25%

(Back to and above pre-pandemic levels)

Cash conversion **Aspiration rate** 90%+ Operating profit to operating cash flow **Delivering shareholder value Aspiration to: Double profits** £0.9-1.1bn free cash flow £550-750m shareholder returns (over the forecast period)

OPPORTUNITY FOR SIGNIFICANT SHAREHOLDER RETURNS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

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SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS





Paul Venables Group Finance Director

A Chartered Accountant, Paul started his career at Deloitte. This was followed by 13 years at Exel plc, where he held several senior finance and operational roles, including Deputy Group FD and Executive Board member.

Paul was appointed Group Finance Director of Hays plc in 2006 and has helped transform the business into the pre-eminent global specialist recruiter it is today. He also served as a NED and SID at Wincanton plc from 2009-15 and joined the Board of Manchester Airport Group in 2022.



CONCLUSIONS: HAYS SITS AT THE HEART OF THOUSANDS OF ORGANISATIONS, LARGE & SMALL, HELPING DELIVER THE SKILLED WORKFORCES OF TOMORROW

We face many structural market opportunities presented by the new world of work



Our markets are vast and offer significant growth potential in all our business areas, supported by wage inflation



We are market leaders globally with capability to serve all key economies



We have the right people, infrastructure, brand, vision and expertise to capture the structural market opportunities ahead



We have the financial strength to continue building and enhancing the leading global Recruitment and HR Services business



Stickier, more diverse and higher margin revenue streams

Potential to double profits*

Return significant cash to shareholders

OUR COMPELLING INVESTMENT CASE CAN DELIVER EXCELLENT RETURNS TO SHAREHOLDERS

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

