



Audited preliminary results for the 12 months ended 31 March 2023

22 June 2023

A year of excellent results, double-digit growth
and further strategic progress



A leading global consultancy to the asset management,
wealth management & insurance industries



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Full-year results presentation



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Key Highlights



Key Financial Highlights¹

Excellent double-digit organic growth across all regions

Net Fee Income²

↑ 43.9%

FY 23: £227.2m

FY 22: £157.8m

Adjusted EBITDA³

↑ 37.5%

FY 23: £46.6m

FY 22: £33.9m

Adjusted Profit before Tax⁴

↑ 38.6%

FY 23: £44.0m

FY 22: £31.8m

Adjusted Cash Conversion⁵

FY 23: 74.0%

FY 22: 112.1%

Adjusted Earnings per Share⁶

↑ 36.4%

FY 23: 29.27p

FY 22: 21.46p

Total Dividend per Share

↑ 36.5%

FY 23: 14.20p

FY 22: 10.40p

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In a period of ongoing macro uncertainty, Alpha has delivered another set of excellent results and fulfilled, ahead of plan, its strategic aim to double the business

1

Double-digit net fee income growth across all regions on a mostly organic basis

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Further strategic progress; met **goal to double the business** by Nov-24, ahead of plan

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North America delivered an excellent net fee income performance – with a strong Lionpoint contribution

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Continued **progress in insurance consulting** and the appointment of a Global Head of Insurance to oversee expansion

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Continued investment in **people and expertise** – increasing headcount¹ to 994 (FY 22: 760) and director² team to 101 (FY 22: 88)

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Extension of Alpha's global client base – Alpha now has **874 client relationships**³ (FY 22: 718)

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Alpha continues to review **strategic acquisition opportunities** – acquisition of **Shoreline** in APAC completed after year end

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Announced strategic ambition to **double the business** again by 2028

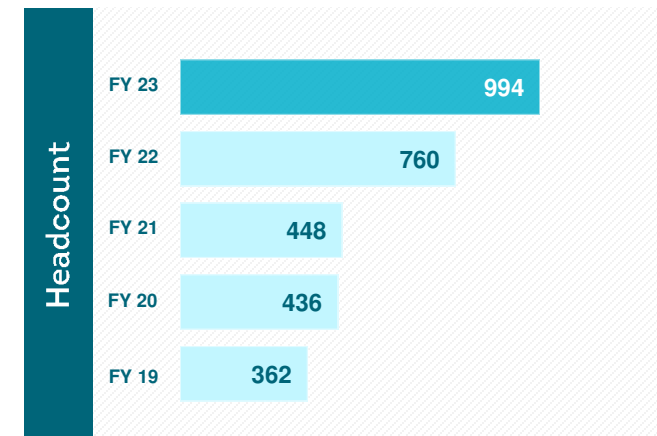
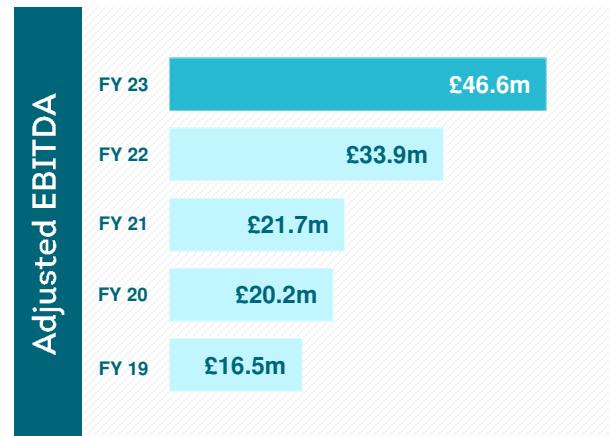
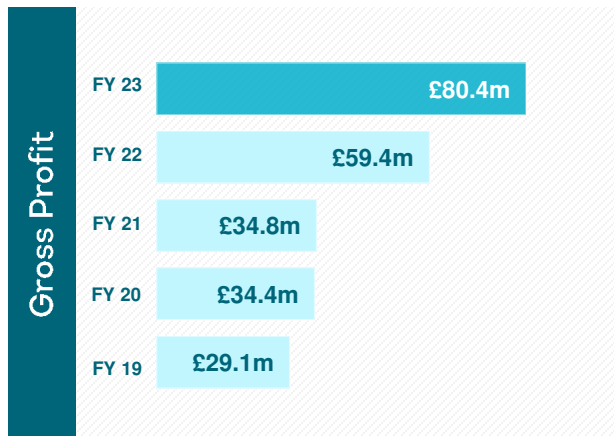
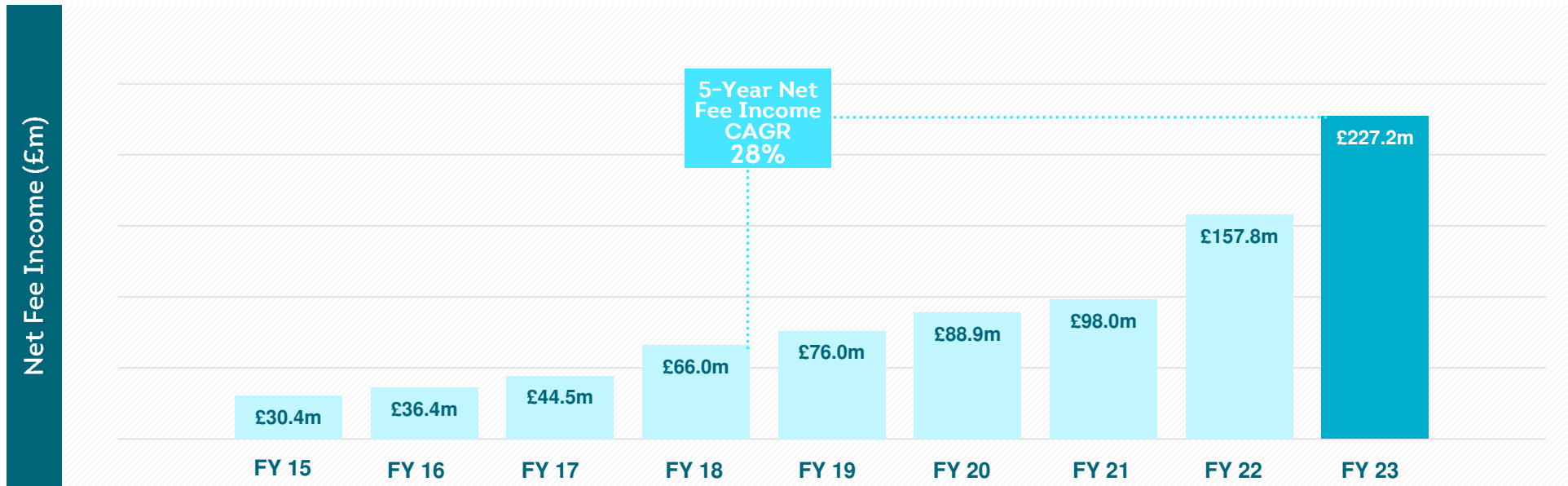


Key Financials



Historic track record

■ Current full year
■ Previous full years





Group Income Statement

Year ended 31 March 2023

£'000	FY 23	FY 22	% change
Net fee income	227,155	157,809	43.9%
Cost of sales	(146,796)	(98,452)	
Gross profit	80,359	59,357	35.4%
<i>Gross profit margin¹ %</i>	<i>35.4%</i>	<i>37.6%</i>	
Adjusted administration expenses ²	(33,777)	(25,489)	
Adjusted EBITDA	46,582	33,868	37.5%
<i>Adjusted EBITDA margin¹ %</i>	<i>20.5%</i>	<i>21.5%</i>	
Depreciation charge	(1,933)	(1,155)	
Amortisation of capitalised development costs	(186)	(556)	
Adjusted operating profit	44,463	32,157	38.3%
Net underlying interest	(448)	(406)	
Adjusted profit before tax³	44,015	31,751	38.6%
Adjusting expense items	(15,827)	(14,382)	
Non-underlying interest	(2,417)	(2,487)	
Profit before tax	25,771	14,882	73.2%
Adjusted profit after tax	33,229	23,757	39.9%
Adjusted earnings per share (p)	29.27	21.46	36.4%
Adjusted diluted earnings per share (p)	27.37	20.23	35.3%
Total dividend per share (p)	14.20	10.40	

Key Highlights

- Strong 43.9% net fee income growth; 39.6% organically and 36.1% on a constant currency basis, with the FX assistance partly unwinding H2 and ongoing into FY 24
- Gross margin reflects average consultant utilisation returned to target levels and investment in the growing team, partly offset by fee rates progression globally
- Adjusted administration expenses reflect strong consultant recruitment, investment in Group resourcing and higher travel and discretionary spend
- Adjusted EBITDA margin of 20.5%
- Adjusted EPS and adjusted diluted EPS both increase strongly
- Recommending 10.50p final dividend to total 14.20p per share FY 23, reflecting pay-out policy of c. 50% adjusted PAT

1. Margins are calculated on net fee income. 2. Adjusted administration expenses are stated before depreciation, amortisation, foreign exchange and other adjusting non-operational costs including acquisition and integration costs, earn-out and deferred consideration costs and share-based payment charges.



Year ended 31 March 2023

UK

Net Fee Income:	FY 23/22:
£87.1m	H1: £39.8m ↑ 20.9%
	H2: £47.3m
Gross Profit:	
£35.0m	H1: £16.1m ↑ 14.3%
	H2: £18.9m
Gross Profit Margin:	
40.2%	H1: 40.4% (230bps)
	H2: 40.0%

UK highlights:

- Good UK demand generating 19.3% organic NFI growth
- Strong progress from Client & Digital, Investments and Operations practices
- Gross margin reflects normalised average consultant utilisation, partly offset by positive rates progression overall
- Resilient trading and good pipeline going into FY 24

North America

Net Fee Income:	FY 23/22:
£91.1m	H1: £44.3m ↑ 94.2%
	H2: £46.8m
Gross Profit:	
£30.0m	H1: £15.3m ↑ 95.7%
	H2: £14.7m
Gross Profit Margin:	
32.9%	H1: 34.5% ↑ 30bps
	H2: 31.4%

North America highlights:

- North America NFI almost doubles including Lionpoint. On a constant currency basis, North America growth is 71.7%
- 83.3% organic NFI growth supported by an enlarged team
- Gross margin reflects good fee rate progression, offset by normalised average consultant utilisation overall
- Resilient trading and good pipeline going into FY 24

Europe & APAC

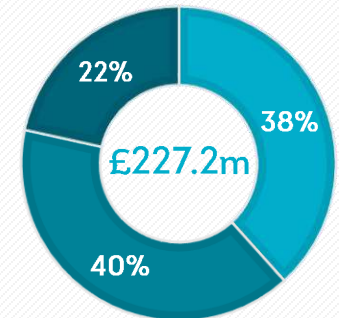
Net Fee Income:	FY 23/22:
£49.0m	H1: £22.9m ↑ 26.0%
	H2: £26.1m
Gross Profit:	
£15.4m	H1: £7.1m ↑ 14.6%
	H2: £8.3m
Gross Profit Margin:	
31.4%	H1: 30.9% (310bps)
	H2: 31.7%

Europe & APAC highlights:

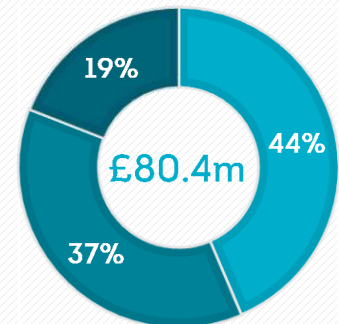
- Strong 24.4% organic NFI growth across a growing team; 21.3% constant currency growth
- Gross margin reflects fee rate progression, offset by consultant utilisation
- Good pipeline into FY 24, albeit with a more competitive environment

Regional Overview

Net Fee Income



Gross Profit



- UK
- North America
- Europe & APAC



Year ended 31 March 2023

Non-recurring:

£'000	FY 23	FY 22
Acquisition costs	331	683
Total non-recurring costs	331	683

Non-underlying:

£'000	FY 23	FY 22
Amortisation of acquired intangibles	4,576	4,716
Share-based payments charge ¹	7,950	6,218
Earn-out consideration	2,525	1,423
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(14)	32
Losses on foreign exchange	459	1,310
Total non-underlying operating costs	15,496	13,699
Total adjusting non-operating costs	15,827	14,382

Finance expenses:

£'000	FY 23	FY 22
Unwinding of discounted consideration	2,417	2,487
Total non-underlying finance costs	2,417	2,487

Key Highlights

- Acquisition costs reflect legal and diligence fees for Shoreline in FY 23, and Lionpoint in FY 22
- Consistent amortisation reflects full year Lionpoint charge, partly offset by fully amortised intangibles
- IFRS 2 share-based payments charge continued to develop as the post-AIM admission option cycle matures and the charge assumptions develop
- Earn-out and deferred consideration reflects employment-linked consideration expensed in line with IFRS 3, including Lionpoint and Obsidian fair value adjustments
- FY 22 FX was acquisition related
- Unwinding of discounted deferred and earn-out acquisition consideration is considered non-underlying within finance expenses

1. If no adjustment was made for the share-based payments charge, adjusted EBITDA FY 23 growth would have been 39.7% to £38.6m at a margin of 17.0% (FY 22: £27.7m, 17.5%).



As at 31 March 2023

£'000	FY 23	FY 22
Non-current assets	139,526	136,236
Trade receivables	26,124	23,641
Other receivables	8,004	5,928
Cash and cash equivalents	59,215	63,516
Trade payables	(5,156)	(5,114)
Other payables	(42,682)	(34,334)
Corporation tax	(1,321)	(4,788)
Deferred tax liability	(2,783)	(4,331)
Earn-out & deferred consideration liabilities	(24,949)	(40,646)
Lease liabilities	(4,161)	(2,409)
Other non-current liabilities	(2,478)	(4,954)
Net assets	149,339	132,745
Issued share capital	90	89
Retained earnings	5,561	375
Other reserves	143,688	132,281
Shareholders' equity	149,339	132,745

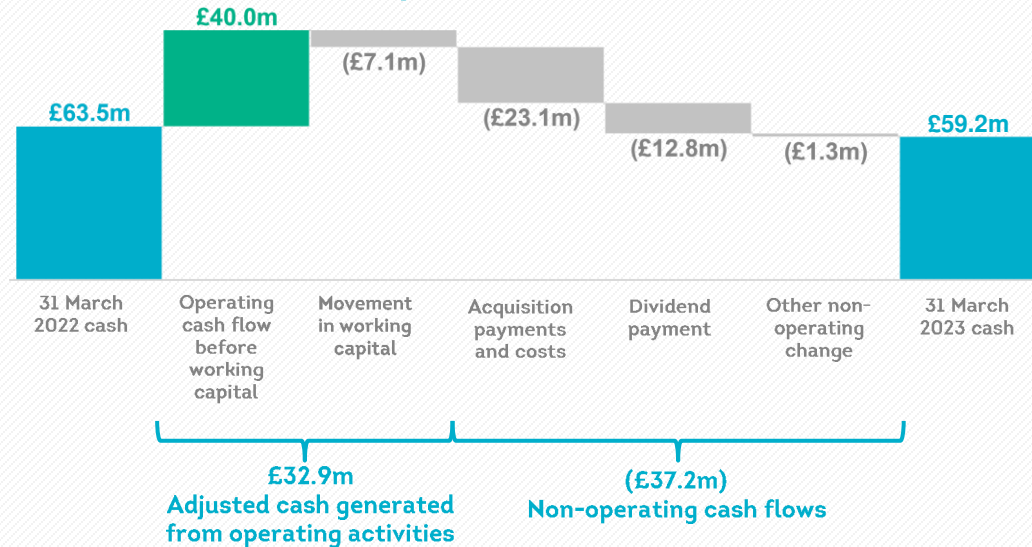
Key Highlights

- Maintaining a strong balance sheet, with £59.2m of cash
- Working capital remains well positioned; debtor days further reduced from FY 22
- Other receivables reflect increased accrued income from certain project approval timings
- Other payables reflect business growth and normal payment timings
- Acquisition earn-out and deferred liabilities decrease with £22.6m paid in the year
- RCF fully undrawn at 31 March 2023, and upscaled to £50m facility post-year end



Year ended 31 March 2023

Adjusted cash flow bridge:



Reconciliation to adjusted cash generated from operating activities:

Movements in the year	
FY 22 adjusted cash conversion¹	112.1%
Unwind of FY 22 working capital benefits	(9.5%)
FY 23 normalised adjusted cash conversion	102.6%
Increased FY 22 profit share paid in H1	(13.5%)
Additional North America FY 23 quarterly tax payments	(15.1%)
FY 23 adjusted cash conversion	74.0%

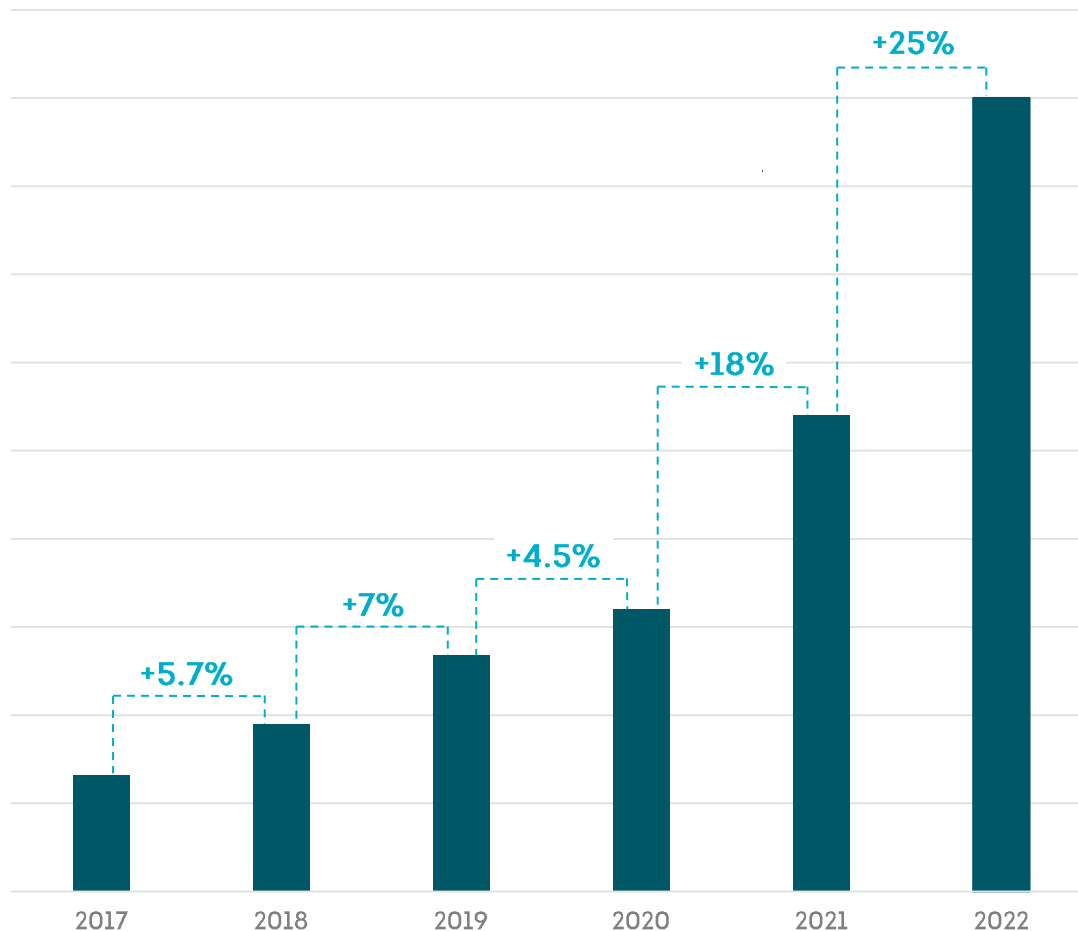
Key Highlights

- Good 74% FY 23 adjusted cash conversion, in line with guidance at H1
- Underlying working capital management maintained
- Adjusted cash conversion of 74.0% reflects specific cash outflows:
 - The payment of last year's increased profit share given the strong FY 22 performance
 - Additional North America quarterly tax payments
- Acquisition payments and costs of £23.1m, include £17.5m² for Lionpoint, £0.3m for Obsidian and the final £5.0m Axxsys earn-out, plus £0.3m of Shoreline diligence fees
- Expectation of 85%+ adjusted cash conversion FY 24

1. Adjusted cash conversion is adjusted cash from operating activities divided by adjusted operating profit. Adjusted cash generated from operating activities excludes any employment-linked acquisition payments, treated as operating cash flows under IFRS.
 2. Of the £17.5m Lionpoint acquisition payments, £17.3m relates to deferred and contingent consideration payments, with £1.5m being employment-linked and £0.2m relates to additional associated social security payments.



Market Overview & Growth Drivers



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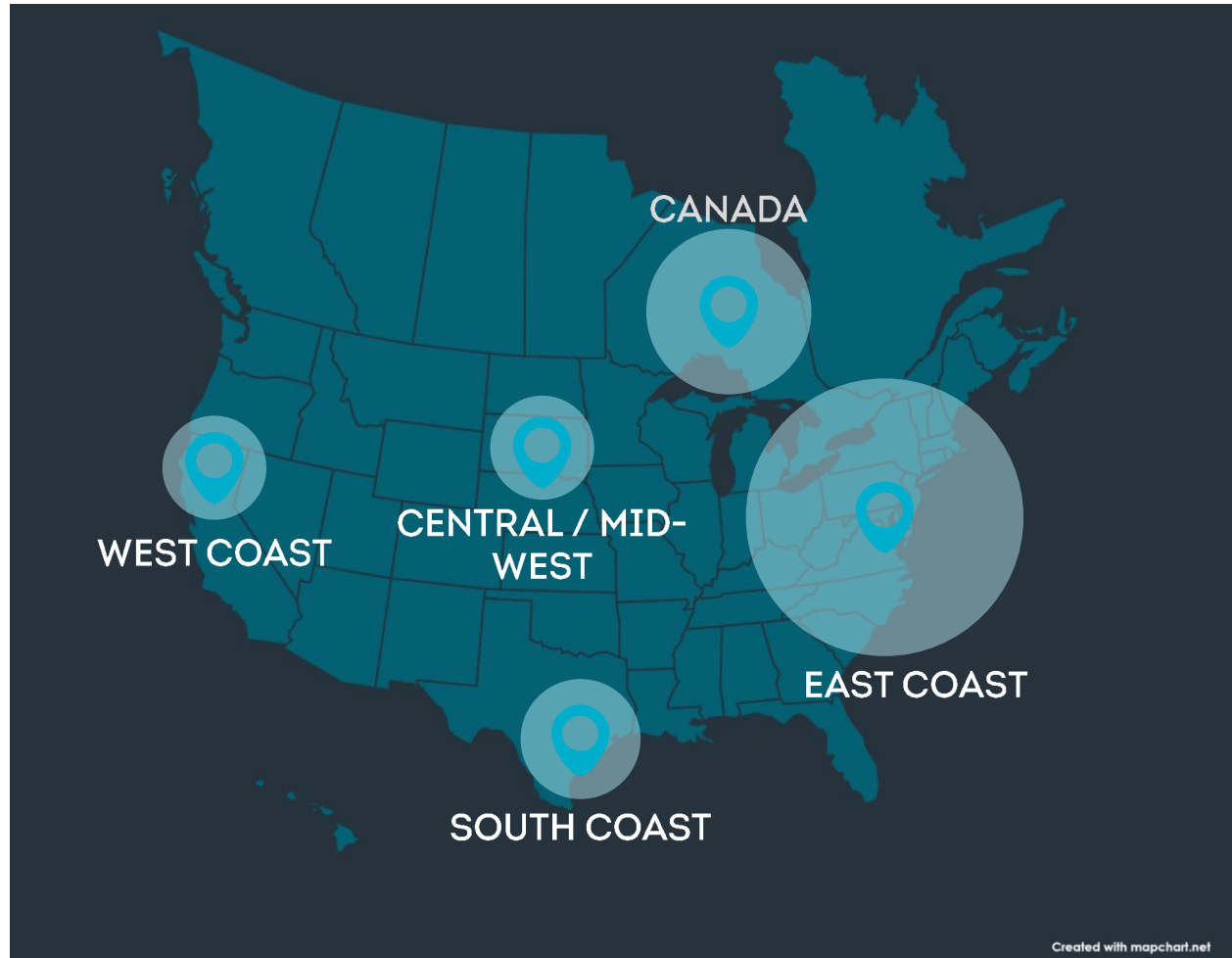
Consulting demand growth, (2017 to 2022) : "Management Consultancies Association". MCA has been the representative body for UK consulting for over 65 years. The UK market being historically and currently a core domestic market for Alpha, we consider it a relevant example to explain current dynamics.

- In 2023, the consulting market is returning to normalised growth rates, following two exceptional growth years (2021 and 2022)
- This has led to over-capacity in the consulting market
- There is more competitive tension while supply is rebalanced with overall demand, with some of the largest consulting firms taking action by reducing staff
- In that context, we are focussing our recruitment efforts on key selective hires to support future growth, in line with our 2028 strategic ambition
- The structural drivers in the sectors we support remain strong
- We therefore remain confident in sustained market growth and our ability to continue winning market share in the medium to long term



Very Strong Progress in North America

Alpha's North America business has grown significantly and diversified in terms of geographic reach, service proposition and client type



CLIENTS

↑ 27.6%

333 (FY 23)
261 (FY 22)

NET FEE INCOME

↑ 94.2%

£91.1m (FY 23)
£46.9m (FY 22)



A significant growth opportunity for the Group that is already delivering on its promise of rapid expansion

Key Highlights

- **Rapid expansion** since FY 20 launch
- Continue to see good demand and focussing on building share in a **very significant global marketplace**
- Gaining strength in the UK and Europe, with **blueprint to extend further** including North America
- Good visibility of opportunities to **broaden the client proposition**



More than doubled team size on FY 21 with 81 dedicated insurance consultants



Addition of 2 directors in the year, strengthening senior team, and 1 recent strategic US director hire



Development of proposition with launch of Retail & Distribution practice and General Insurance & Specialty segment progress

Significant market potential that could be as big as asset management consulting is for the Group in the medium-long term



Outlook & Vision



Structural Drivers Supporting our Growth Ambitions

In March 2023, we outlined our ambition to double the business over a five-year timeframe



> The strategic aim is to double the business from 2023 to 2028



> Very robust structural trends continue to create strong growth drivers in our industries



GROWTH IN ASSETS & INSURANCE POLICIES

The scale of the Group's addressable markets is forecast to expand significantly



REGULATORY DEMAND

Our clients are navigating an increasingly complicated regulatory and legislative landscape



COST PRESSURES

Continued focus on costs and drive to maintain operating margins



CLIENT & SOCIETAL EXPECTATIONS

Increased client and market focus on ESG and digital experience



TECHNOLOGY BREAKTHROUGHS

Create opportunity for our clients to make significant gains in efficiency



> These dominant drivers support demand for Alpha's leading proposition and should mean that the Group is well positioned to achieve its 2028 ambition

Alpha is well positioned in a broad and growing market, with strong structural drivers of demand

Alpha's positioning



- **Strength of Alpha's** client proposition and business strategy to **gain market share**
- A **market-leading team** with an excellent track record of building client relationships and sales opportunities
- We enter FY 24 with **resilient trading** and a **good pipeline** of new business opportunities, albeit with a lengthening sales cycle and more competition
- **Selective key hiring** to support future growth – in line with the 2028 strategy



Market drivers

- The long-term market drivers that underpin **demand for Alpha's services** remain very strong
- The **best consultants in the market** and an excellent global reputation – to both create and address demand created from those drivers
- The scale of the **Group's addressable markets** is broad, diverse and forecast to grow significantly



Long-term opportunity

- Global opportunities to grow the business further – with Alpha making excellent progress in the **North America** market and **insurance consulting**
- Ongoing review of **strategic acquisition opportunities**
- Through growth in core markets, we are confident in our ability to **double the business again by 2028**



Recap of Alpha's 2028 ambition to double the business

- »»» Ambition to double net fee income¹ in the next 5 years
- »»» Profitable growth: 20% adjusted EBITDA² margin
- »»» Growth coming from asset & wealth management and insurance sectors
- »»» Brick-by-brick, ambitious and disciplined expansion strategy combining organic growth and selective bolt-on acquisitions
- »»» Multi-boutique model with a solid cross-selling framework to deliver outstanding client service and maximise revenue per client
- »»» Set foundations to start expanding in strategy consulting and corporate & investment bank sector

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Q&A





Appendices



Luc Baqué

Chief Executive Officer

- CEO of Alpha since 2023
- Global Head of Asset & Wealth Management Consulting, Alpha from 2020 to 2023
- Joined Alpha in 2010; Head of Europe 2015 to 2020 and Head of France from 2010 to 2015
- Holds a Master Degree in Engineering from Ecole Centrale and completed an Executive Program at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business
- Prior to Alpha, Head of Change Management for UBS Wealth Management in France



John Paton

Chief Financial Officer

- Joined Alpha as CFO in 2018
- Over 20 years' experience across corporate finance, banking and audit
- Qualified as a chartered accountant with KPMG
- Holds an Executive MBA
- Prior to Alpha, worked at HSBC in both Global and Commercial Banking divisions
- Latterly at HSBC, he was a director within UK Banking



A Strong Track Record

- History of achieving strong growth in net fee income, cash generation and profitability
- Generated attractive returns since IPO
- 28% net fee income CAGR since IPO

The Best Talent

- We attract, develop and retain the highest calibre consultants
- Allowing us to achieve rapid organic growth and low rates of attrition
- 226% growth in consultants since IPO

The Best Culture

- Very strong people culture
- An environment where people feel passionate about their work, colleagues, communities and clients
- Ranked 14, Best Large Companies

The Growth Opportunity

- The industries in which we operate are forecast to grow strongly
- Long-term structural growth drivers underpin client need for support across our services
- Aim to 2x the business by 2028

The Best Expertise

- We are highly specialist in the FS sectors that we focus on – unlike many of the competition
- Led by an experienced, passionate and incentivised management team
- 274% growth in directors since IPO

The Best Service

- Strong reputation for delivering complex projects to the highest standard
- Delivery excellence focus
- Brings significant repeat business and cross-sell opportunity
- 263% growth in client relationships since IPO

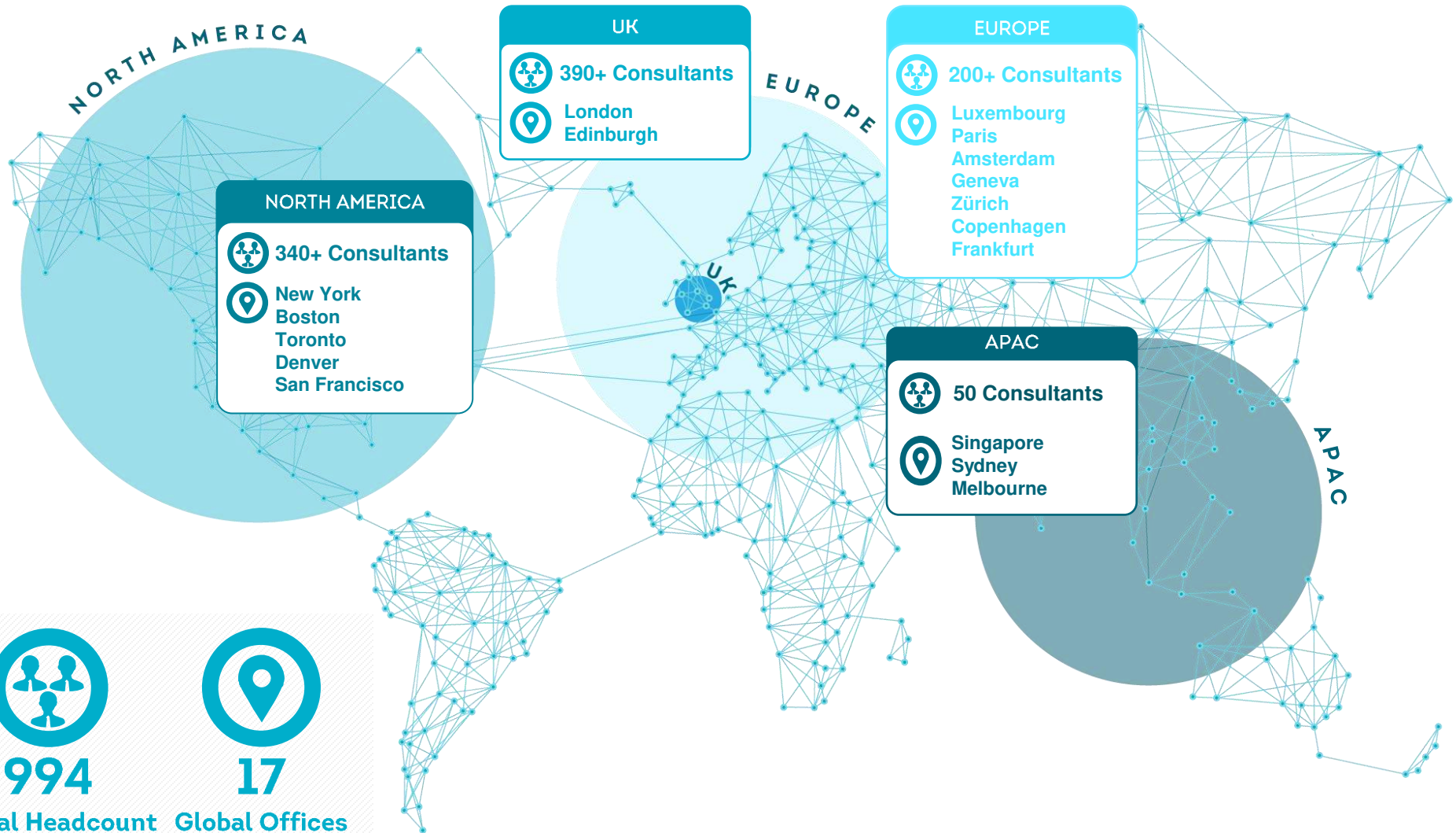
A selection of the recognition for Alpha's talent, expertise, culture and service:





Our Regional Businesses at a Glance

Consolidating our position as a leading global consultancy to the asset management, wealth management and insurance industries





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