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Our mission

We help people hear and be heard.

We **empower** people to connect with others and live a full life.

We transform the way people understand and treat hearing loss.

We **innovate** and bring to market a range of implantable hearing solutions that deliver a lifetime of hearing outcomes.

Cochlear

HY25 Financial summary

Sales revenue up 6% in CC^{*} to \$1,170m

- Cochlear implant revenue increased 13% in CC
 - Acoustics revenue increased 22% in CC
- Services revenue declined 12% in CC, following 29% CC growth in HY24

Underlying net profit^{**} up 7% (1% in CC) to \$206m

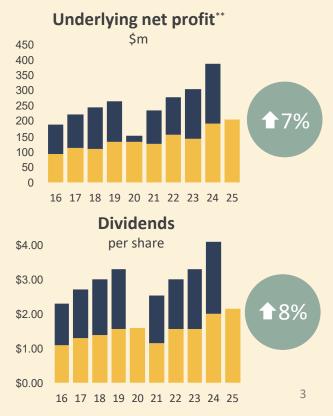
- Statutory net profit increased 7% (1% in CC) to \$205m
- Gross margin of 75% in line with the long-term target
- Operating expenses increased 10% (10% in CC) reflecting growing investment in R&D and market growth activities
- Underlying net profit margin of 18% (also 18% pre cloud investment)

Strong financial position

- Strong balance sheet with net cash of \$383m
- Interim dividend up 8% to \$2.15 per share, a 68% payout of underlying net profit

For FY25, we expect underlying net profit to be at the lower end of the \$410-430m guidance range provided in August 2024, incorporating a lower contribution from Services revenue and higher cloud-related investment





* Constant currency ** Excluding one-off and non-recurring items

HY25 Operational review

Cochlear implants

62% of sales revenue

Sales revenue up 13% in CC

• Sales revenue grew at a faster rate than unit growth as a result of product and country mix in the emerging markets, with a higher mix of higher-priced private pay units during the half. Underlying average selling price remained stable

Developed markets

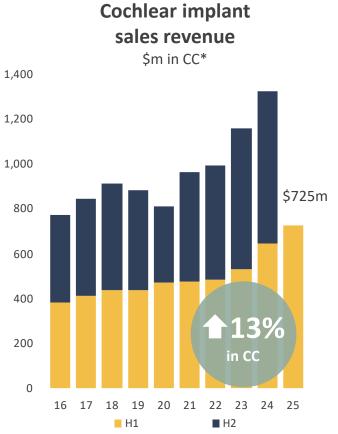
- Volumes grew 6%, building on ~15% growth in HY24, with solid growth across the US and Asia Pacific and lower rates of growth across a number of Western European countries. The adults and seniors segment continues to grow strongly, up around 10% for the half, while children declined modestly, as expected, following double-digit growth in HY24
- We continue to see strong growth in adult referral rates in a number of key markets, in part driven by initiatives to improve awareness and access for adult cochlear implant candidates

Emerging markets

* Constant currency

Volumes up 3% with lower-than-expected tender volumes, positive country mix and strong growth in the smaller, but higher-priced, private pay segment in China and India





HY25 Operational review

Services

26% of sales revenue

Services revenue down 12% in CC

Cycling 29% CC growth in the first half of FY24

* Constant currency

Strong uptake of the Cochlear[™] Nucleus[®]8 sound processor when it was launched in FY23, with the rate of uptake slowing over the past 12 months

Lower upgrade rates were experienced for a range of reasons including continuing high satisfaction with the Cochlear[™] Nucleus[®]7 sound processor. In the US, cost of living pressures have been a factor delaying the replacement of ageing sound processing technology, as many recipients incur out-of-pocket expenses to fund their new sound processor

Services sales revenue \$m in CC* 700 600 500 400 \$305m 300 200 12% 100 in CC 0 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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HY25 Operational review

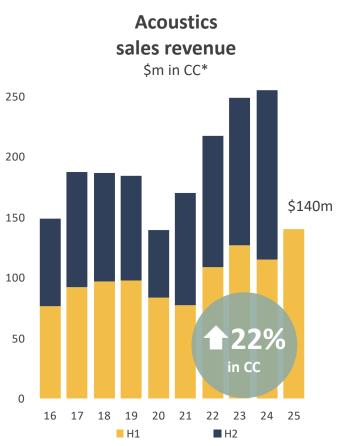
Acoustics

12% of sales revenue

Acoustics revenue up 22% in CC

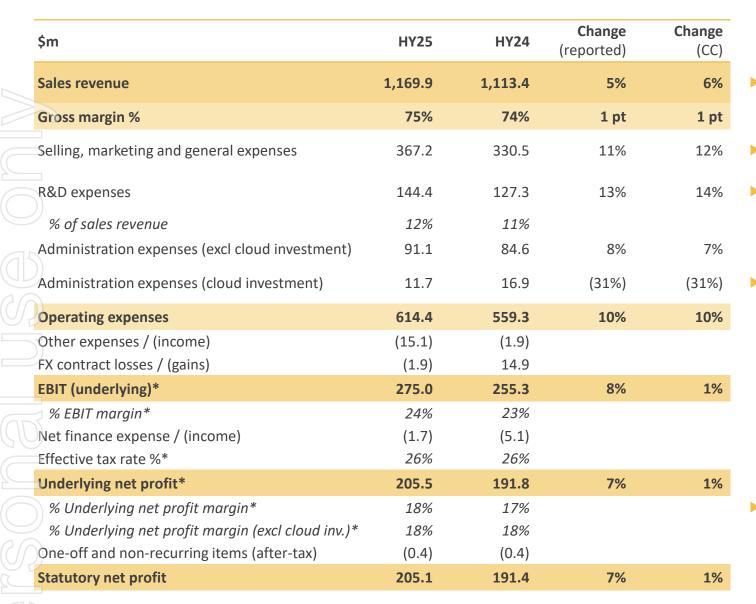
Strong uptake of the Cochlear[™] Osia[®] Implant across existing markets and expansion into new countries including France, Italy and a number of emerging market countries

Osia units grew over 50% in the US driven by the introduction of the new implant late in HY24, market share gains and the continuing shift to active implants





Profit and loss





Key points:

- Strong growth in cochlear and acoustic implants moderated by a decline in Services revenue
- Investment in market growth initiatives, standard of care and market access initiatives
- Investment in key R&D projects and development of the product and services pipeline
- \$106m invested since FY21 on our customer relationship and human capital management systems

Underlying net profit margin aligned to the 18% long-term target

Capital employed

\$m	Dec24	Jun24	Change
Trade receivables	435.2	425.3	9.9
Inventories	461.1	391.6	69.5
Less: Trade and other payables	(285.5)	(303.2)	17.7
Working capital	610.8	513.7	97.1
Working capital / sales revenue*	26%	23%	
Property, plant and equipment	323.4	304.8	18.6
Untangible assets	467.8	451.0	16.8
Investments and other financial assets	198.9	181.3	17.6
Other net liabilities	(116.4)	(123.9)	7.5
Capital employed	1,484.5	1,326.9	157.6
Funding sources:			
Equity	1,867.6	1,840.5	27.1
Less: Net cash	(383.1)	(513.6)	130.5
Capital employed	1,484.5	1,326.9	157.6



Key points:

Building of inventory ahead of new product launches and higher safety stock levels for critical components

Investment in capacity expansion at the Lane Cove and Kuala Lumpur manufacturing facilities

Net cash decreased \$131m, driven by the \$97m increase in working capital, with \$19m in shares bought back

Cash flow

\$m	HY25	HY24	Change
EBIT (underlying)*	275.0	255.3	19.7
Depreciation and amortisation	43.8	43.1	0.7
Changes in working capital and other	(131.4)	(84.0)	(47.4)
Net interest received	1.7	5.1	(3.4)
Income taxes paid	(79.2)	(62.4)	(16.8)
Operating cash flow	109.9	157.1	(47.2)
Capital expenditure	(43.9)	(42.7)	(1.2)
Other net investments	(7.3)	(5.1)	(2.2)
Free cash flow	58.7	109.3	(50.6)
Outlay from exercise of share options and performance rights	(24.3)	(2.4)	(21.9)
Payments for share buyback	(19.3)	(43.0)	23.7
Dividends paid	(137.5)	(114.7)	(22.8)
Payment of lease liability and other	(8.1)	(19.5)	11.4
Increase / (decrease) in net cash	(130.5)	(70.3)	(60.2)



Key points:

7 Solid business performance

Building of inventory ahead of new product launches and higher safety stock levels for critical components

Includes investment in the upgrade of the Lane Cove and

 Kuala Lumpur manufacturing facilities and stay-in-business capex

\$19m in shares repurchased since Jun24

FY25 Outlook

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For FY25, we aim to help over 50,000 people to hear with a cochlear or acoustic implant. We expect underlying net profit to be at the lower end of the \$410-430m guidance range provided in August 2024, incorporating a lower contribution from Services revenue and higher cloud-related investment

- **Cochlear implant** trading conditions continue to be solid across most markets, with continuing strong growth in adult referral rates across the developed markets. We are preparing for the release of our next generation cochlear implant, which is expected to be commercially available from mid-2025 (subject to local regulatory approvals). We continue to expect solid market growth rates to drive cochlear implant unit growth of around 10% in FY25
- **Services** growth has slowed since launching the Nucleus[®] 8 Sound Processor in FY23. We had expected modest growth in revenue for FY25 and now expect a single-digit decline. We continue to work on initiatives to improve identification and connection with recipients who could benefit from the latest sound processing technology. The introduction of the new off-the-ear Nucleus[®] Kanso[®] 3 Sound Processor from mid-2025 is expected to contribute to Services revenue from FY26
- Acoustics growth rates are expected to be strong with continuing geographic expansion of the Osia System
 - **Cloud investment**: We have been investing in operating model redesign and core business systems upgrades over the past four years to improve efficiency and agility. We expect to invest around \$250 million overall, a \$100 million increase on our previous estimate, as a result of the expansion of the scope of the program. The final phase of the program will be focussed on our core ERP, underlying data and manufacturing systems. We now expect our cloud-related investment to be around \$40 million in FY25, an additional \$6 million on prior guidance. The balance of approximately \$120 million will be incurred in FY26 and FY27. Given the materiality of the investment, we will report it as a significant item from FY26

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About Cochlear

Cochlear has been the global leader in implantable hearing solutions for over 40 years, providing a range of implants and sound processor upgrades that deliver a lifetime of hearing outcomes.

Our story

Graeme Clark, an Australian ear surgeon, saw first-hand the isolation and frustration that comes from living in a world of silence as his father struggled with hearing difficulties.

On holiday in 1977, fiddling with a shell and a blade of grass, Graeme realised there was a safe way to insert electrodes into the inner ear. It was Graeme's determination to help others that realised our first implantable solution, reconnecting Rod Saunders to hearing and bringing music into his life.

Professor Clark partnered with Australian entrepreneur Paul Trainor – and his Nucleus Group – and the University of Melbourne to commercialise the cochlear implant. With funding from the Australian government, they developed the Cochlear™ Nucleus® 22 Implant, the first multichannel cochlear implant, and Cochlear, the company, was formed.

Today, Cochlear is the leader in implantable hearing solutions, connecting hundreds of thousands of people globally to a life full of hearing. The pioneering spirit that started Cochlear all those years ago continues to drive us forward and our commitment is stronger than ever. We're transforming the way people understand and treat hearing loss, and we're committed to reaching more people to provide support for a lifetime of hearing.

Our company

Cochlear commenced operations in 1981 as part of the Nucleus group and in 1995 listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. Today, it is a Top 30 listed Australian company with a market capitalisation of over \$20 billion.

Our goal is to deliver value by helping more people to hear, which contributes to building a healthier and more productive society. Our strategy is focused on improving awareness of and access to implantable hearing solutions for people indicated for our products.

We are pioneers and global leaders in the development, manufacture and commercialisation of implantable hearing solutions, collaborating in over 100 research programs worldwide to further research into hearing loss.

We invest around 12% of sales revenue each year in research and development, with over \$3 billion invested since listing, and we have a portfolio of more than 2,300 patents and patent applications worldwide.

Over the past 40 years we have helped over 700,000 people to hear with one – or two – of our implantable solutions. And we deliver a lifetime of hearing solutions for recipients, with sound processor upgrades and services to support prior generation products.

Our global headquarters are on the campus of Macquarie University in Sydney, with regional offices in Asia Pacific, Europe and the Americas. We have a global workforce of over 5,000 employees and a wide geographical reach, selling in over 180 countries, with employees based in over 50 countries.



Cochlear at a glance

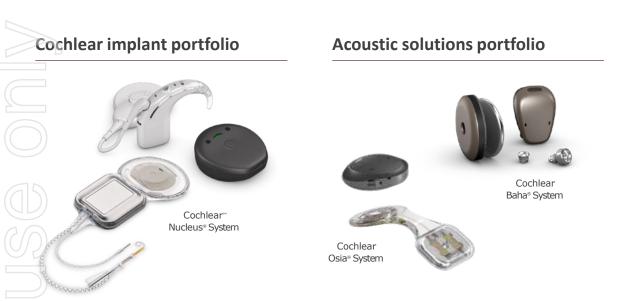




*Based on sales revenue (FY24) ^Nucleus® Profile" Plus Series implant cumulative survival percentage within five years ^^Cochlear estimate for cochlear and acoustic implants #Indudes cochlear and acoustic implants. ** Measures a company's resilience to financially material environmental, societal and governance (ESG) risk

Product and services portfolio

Cochlear's market-leading portfolio aims to improve hearing outcomes for recipients and provide a lifetime of hearing solutions.



Cochlear Connected Care solutions

Cochlear Nucleus SmartNav System



Cochlear Custom Sound® Pro Fitting Software



Cochlear Remote Assist



100%

Cochlear Remote Check



Cochlear[™] Link







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Cochlear Nucleus, Baha and Osia Smart Apps

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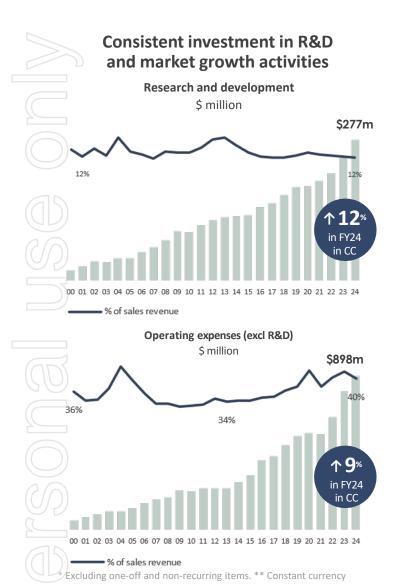


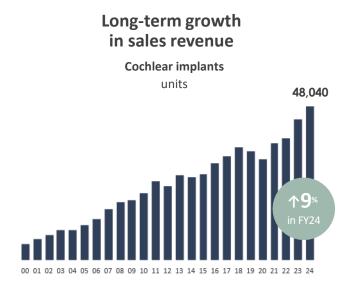


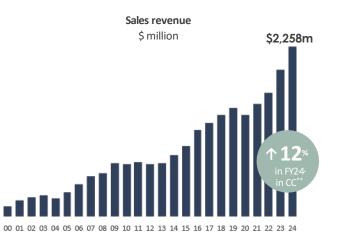
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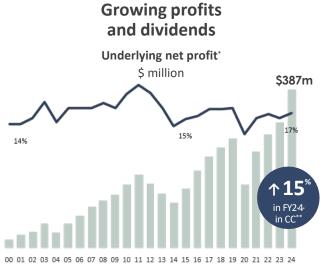


Cochlear has a long track record of investing to grow, delivering growing sales revenue, profits^{*} and dividends.









% of sales revenue



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Supplementary information Strategy and value creation For further details please refer to the 2024 Annual Report https://www.cochlear.com/au/en/corporate/investors/annual-reports

Growth opportunity



Growing awareness of the cost-effectiveness and quality of life benefits of our products has the potential to underpin long-term industry growth.

Hearing loss is prevalent and undertreated

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that there are over 60 million people worldwide who experience severe or higher hearing loss,¹ yet fewer than 5% of the people that could benefit from an implantable hearing solution have received one.²

Over 60m people with severe or higher hearing loss

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3%

Moderate Moderately

severe

Globally 1.5 billion people live with hearing loss

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Cochlear implants are a cost-effective solution for all age groups

Cochlear implants can provide life changing outcomes for recipients, empowering them to connect with others and live a full life. They also provide a cost-effective solution for all age groups, delivering significant returns on the investment made by the healthcare system.

Significant return on investment for healthcare systems investing in cochlear implants



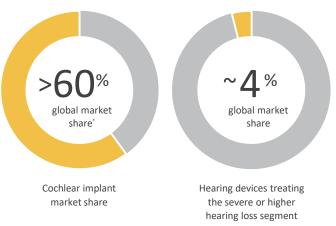
For a pre-lingual deaf child, the return to society is more than 13 times for every dollar spent on a cochlear implant solution based on the cost savings in education and improved productivity as an adult.³

The effective use of implants is costeffective in adults and seniors with an estimated return on investment of 10:1.4

Cochlear implants can deliver superior outcomes to hearing aids for indicated patients

Cochlear implants can provide a significant improvement in hearing outcomes and quality of life when compared to hearing aids for many people with a severe or higher hearing loss. However, only 4% of people in this segment have a cochlear implant.

We are the global leader in cochlear implants but a small player in the severe or higher hearing loss segment where hearing aids dominate



Mild

Growth opportunity



Product indications are broadening and funding is expanding

Product indications and funding are expanding as payers increasingly recognise the improved outcomes and cost-effectiveness of our implantable solutions.

Recent changes to reimbursement or indications

US: lowered the age of cochlear implantation from 12 to 9 months for Cochlear's Nucleus^{*} implant

Japan, UK and Belgium: expansion of reimbursement criteria for cochlear implants to include severe hearing loss

US: the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services expanded coverage for cochlear implants to cover a broader spectrum of hearing loss US, UK, Germany, France, Spain, Sweden and Australia: Cochlear[™] Osia^{*} System reimbursement achieved

US: lowered the minimum age for implantation of the Osia System from 12 to 5 year-old children

US:

obtained FDA approval for the treatment of single-sided deafness with a Cochlear™ Nucleus® implant

France: reimbursement approved for Baha^{*}sound processors



Cognitive decline Hearing loss associated with accelerated cognitive decline and dementia in older adults.⁷

Good hearing is essential to healthy ageing

moderate or higher hearing loss.⁵

anxiety and depression.⁶



Hearing loss is particularly prevalent in people over the age of 60, with one in four suffering

There is a growing understanding of the importance of properly treating hearing loss in this age group. It affects communication and is associated with cognitive decline, social isolation,

Growing understanding of the link between good hearing and healthy ageing

Depression

Social isolation

Significant association between hearing impairment and moderate to severe depression.⁸



Falls Higher risk of dizziness causing falling.[®]



Hearing loss linked to withdrawal from social interactions, which can have a significant impact on psychological well-being and physical health.⁹



Ability to work Hearing loss can affect the ability to work or stay in the workforce.¹⁰



Loss of independence Seniors with hearing loss less likely to be able to selfcare.⁸

Key market segments

Our efforts are targeted at improving awareness, expanding access and building on the clinical evidence that demonstrates the effectiveness of our products across four key market segments.

Cochlear implants: Children in developed markets

Cochlear implantation has been established as the standard of care for newborns across the developed markets, with bilateral implants indicated across most countries as evidence supports the benefit of binaural hearing.



Addressable market[•] ~130,000 people Current penetration >80% under 3-year-old children

What we are doing

Cochlear implants started as a solution for children with a profound hearing loss. Over the last 30 years, neonatal screening has been successfully established across the developed world leading to high rates of cochlear implantation for young children.

The key priority for this segment is to maintain our leadership position while aiming to improve the rate of implantation, and/or the uptake of bilateral implants, in countries where current levels are below average.

There is also an opportunity to strengthen the treatment pathway for acquired or progressive hearing loss in older children. Lack of screening for children who have progressive hearing loss in childhood means that hearing loss often remains unidentified and without care.

The WHO's World Report on Hearing notes the importance of hearing in education and says that the inclusion of ear and hearing care in school health services is essential. It highlights pre-school and school children as a group 'at risk' and proposes that screening and early intervention programs be put in place for this group as part of the holistic package of ear and hearing care interventions it proposes all countries adopt.

Cochlear implants: Adults and seniors in developed markets

Adults and seniors in the developed markets provide the biggest opportunity for us to address the unmet need for hearing implants given the large, and growing, market size as the population ages and the low levels of penetration.

What we are doing

Addressable market*

>6m people

Current penetration

~3%

According to the WHO, hearing loss is particularly prevalent in people over the age of 60, with 65% experiencing hearing loss and one in four people suffering moderate or higher hearing loss. It affects communication and is associated with social isolation, anxiety, depression and cognitive decline.¹The segment is however challenging to address as most candidates suffer from a progressive hearing loss and, together with their care providers, either do not know about cochlear and acoustic implants or do not understand the indications for them.

While penetration rates are currently very low, at around 3%, the seniors segment has been the fastest growing segment for us over the past few years as awareness begins to improve. We have a range of programs for driving growth of the adults and seniors segment including:

- **Direct-to-consumer (DTC) marketing** building awareness directly with candidates motivated to find a better solution for their hearing loss;
- Hearing aid channel referrals building a referral path from hearing aid and ENT clinics to cochlear and acoustic implants; and
- Standard of care initiatives supporting initiatives to deliver a consistent treatment.





Key market segments



Cochlear implants: Children in emerging markets

Our emerging markets business has been growing rapidly as awareness of cochlear implants increases and wealth grows across many emerging economies.



Addressable market* >1.3m people Current penetration

What we are doing

Our emerging markets business has been growing rapidly as awareness of cochlear implants increases and wealth grows across many emerging economies. Most countries however remain very under-penetrated. Our priorities for this segment are focused around market expansion with activities targeted at:

- **Building awareness** public education campaigns, direct-to-consumer marketing and hearing screening;
- **Expanding funding** driven by the compelling health economics of implantation in children;
- Expanding our presence distributor relationships combined with an expanding direct presence;
- Developing professional capability surgeon training and audiology education; and
- Maximising penetration through a tiered product offering.

Acoustic implants: Next generation bone conduction hearing solutions

The bone conduction market is underpenetrated and currently has limited geographic reach. We have developed a product that we believe provides the opportunity to drive deeper category penetration.



What we are doing

We have recently introduced the next generation of bone conduction hearing solutions into our Acoustics portfolio with the Cochlear[®] Osia[®] System, providing a significant improvement in performance and aesthetics for bone conduction patients.

Pre-market trials have demonstrated significant improvements in outcomes for patients² over traditional bone conduction hearing solutions, and we are already experiencing high demand for the new implant in markets where we have launched.

We believe the Osia System has the opportunity to become the gold standard acoustics implant in our current markets, more effectively competing with reconstructive surgery, and is the right product to pursue geographic expansion, with our Acoustics business today generating the majority of revenue from just two markets, the US and UK.

Our strategy

Our goal is to help more people to hear, which contributes to building a healthier and more productive society.

We create value for our stakeholders by empowering people to connect with others and live a full life, transforming the way people understand and treat hearing loss and innovating and bringing to market a range of implantable hearing solutions that deliver a lifetime of hearing outcomes. We help people to hear, creating value across five pillars

A lifetime of hearing solutions Innovating to build a market-leading portfolio of

products and services that improve hearing outcomes and provide a lifetime of hearing solutions for recipients.

A healthier and more productive society Delivering societal benefit through improved health outcomes, educational cost savings and productivity gains.

Thriving people

An engaged, capable, high-performing and diverse workforce that delivers on our strategy and supports the creation of sustained value.

Environmental responsibility

Minimising the impact of our operations on the environment.

Sustained value

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Maximising spending to grow the market while maintaining our competitive position. Ensuring we operate fairly, honestly and legally. Strategic priorities focus our time and resources

Retain market leadership

Grow the hearing implant market

Build a stronger organisation

Minimise environmental impact

Consistent and sustainable growth

Longer-term targets aim to provide clear stakeholder benefits

Customers

Develop market-leading technology and deliver a world-class customer experience to recipients and professional customers.

Society Help at least 8% more people to hear each year with a cochlear or acoustic implant.

People Retain employee engagement levels at or above 80%.

Planet

Net-zero carbon emissions in our operations by 2030 and across our value chain by 2050.

Shareholders

Sustainable and responsible business practices, targeting growth in sales revenue of around 10% per annum and an 18% net profit margin.



Strategic priorities



Our strategic priorities determine how we focus our time and resources to create value. Over the coming years we are focusing our efforts on delivering value across the following initiatives:

Retain market leadership

- Advance the product and services pipeline, with annual R&D investment of ~12% of revenue
- Deliver our latest sound processor upgrade technology to existing recipients
- Strengthen our lead in customer service and support
- Maintain high standards of product quality, safety and reliability

A lifetime of

hearing solutions

Grow the hearing implant market

- Strengthen the referral pathway for adults
- Develop the acoustic implant segment
- Broaden reimbursement and improve indications
- Expand access in emerging markets

Build a stronger organisation

- Strengthen and nurture a culture of innovation, achievement and inclusion
- Attract, develop and retain world-class talent
- Support the wellness and safety of our teams

Thriving

people

Minimise environmental impact

- Advance the implementation of initiatives to reduce our Scope 1, 2 and 3 carbon emissions
- Embed sustainability into product design, development and manufacturing
- Deliver a global approach to managing the environmental impacts of packaging and waste

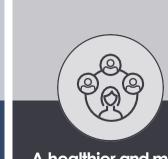
Environmental

responsibility

Consistent and sustainable growth

- Deliver sustainable financial returns
- Improve efficiency and agility
- Maintain high levels of corporate governance
- Ensure our supply chain is ethical and sustainable
- Vigilance around data security and privacy





A healthier and more productive society

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Creating value for stakeholders

Value creation describes the impact we have on all our key stakeholders – our customers, our people, our planet, our shareholders as well as society more broadly. Successful execution means achieving the following outcomes for our stakeholders:

Customers

- High quality and reliability
- Improving hearing outcomes and quality of life for new and existing recipients
- The right care is available at the right time and is easy to use
- Reduced cost to serve for professional customers

Society

- Appropriate funding and indications for a costeffective intervention
- Standard treatment pathway for implantable hearing devices for all age groups
- Improved education and productivity opportunities
- Understanding of the link between good hearing and healthy ageing and the need to act

People

- A collaborative, valuesdriven culture that inspires innovation and customer focus
- Engaged, capable and highperforming employees
- Diverse, equitable, safe and inclusive workplace
- Engaging development and career opportunities

Thriving

people

• Climate change mitigation and resilience

Planet

- Conservation of natural resources
- Reduced pollution and waste
- Healthier communities

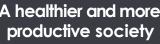
Shareholders

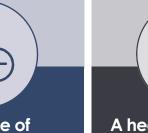
- Consistent financial performance
- Disciplined capital management
- Strong corporate governance
- Ethical and responsible supply chain

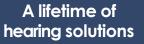
Environmental responsibility















Forward looking statements

Cochlear advises that this document contains forward-looking statements which may be subject to significant uncertainties outside of Cochlear's control. No representation is made as to the accuracy or reliability of forward-looking statements or the assumptions on which they are based. Actual future events may vary from these forward-looking statements and it is cautioned that undue reliance is not placed on any forward-looking statements.

Non-International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) financial measures

Cochlear uses non-IFRS financial measures to assist readers in better understanding Cochlear's financial performance. Cochlear uses three non-IFRS measures in this document: Sales revenue, Underlying net profit and Constant currency. The Directors believe the presentation of these non-IFRS financial measures are useful for the users of this document as it reflects the underlying financial performance of the business. Each of these measures is described below in further detail including reasons why Cochlear believes these measures are of benefit to the reader.

These non-IFRS financial measures have not been subject to review or audit. However, Cochlear's external auditor has separately undertaken a set of procedures to compare the non-IFRS financial measures disclosed to the books and records of the Group.

Sales revenue

Sales revenue is the primary revenue reporting measure used by Cochlear for the purpose of assessing revenue performance of the Consolidated Entity. It represents total revenue excluding foreign exchange contract gains/losses on hedged sales.

Underlying net profit

Underlying net profit allows for comparability of the underlying financial performance by removing one-off and non-recurring items. The determination of items that are considered one-off or non-recurring is made after consideration of their nature and materiality and is applied consistently from period to period. Underlying net profit is used as the basis on which the dividend payout policy is applied. The Financial Review section includes a reconciliation of Underlying net profit (non-IFRS) to Statutory net profit (IFRS) which details each item excluded from Underlying net profit.

Constant currency

Constant currency removes the impact of foreign exchange rate movements to facilitate comparability of operational performance for Cochlear. This is done by converting the prior comparable period net profit of entities in the Group that use currencies other than Australian dollars at the rates that were applicable to the current period (translation currency effect) and by adjusting for current year foreign currency gains and losses (foreign currency effect). The sum of the translation currency effect and foreign currency effect is the amount by which EBIT and net profit is adjusted to calculate the result at constant currency.

Authorised for lodgement to the ASX by the Board of directors of Cochlear Limited

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