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2020 Half Year Results and 3rd Quarter Gross Margin

## A turning point in the path to performance

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# A turning point in the path to performance.

**+8%** H1 growth vs H1 2019 (proforma)

**+3%** Q3 growth vs Q3 2019 (proforma) >15%

FY20 EBITDAr target (vs >10%)

Growth acceleration expected in Q4

6M€ EBITDAr on H1.

**17%** of Gross Margin vs 4.3% in H1 2019.

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### Key Figures.



# Solid growth in H1 2020.

Driven by Group successful repositioning and the acceleration of Clients' digital transformation.

Evolution of proforma Gross Margin, in million euros



### TOTAL GROUP Q1 +17% and Q2 stable

- ∧ Refocusing on high added value offers
- A Structural evolution of market to digital transformation (development of e-commerce)



\*After restatement for closures in the Nordic countries and Italy

### Significant improvement in the Group's results:

After 2 years of investments, Group's transformation starts to bear fruit.

in million euros	EBITDAr* H1 2020	EBITDAr* H1 2019 proforma	CHANGE
<b>France</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>+2.4</b>
EBITDAr margin	26.3%	14.6%	+11.7 points
<b>Rest of Europe</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>	<b>+1.1</b>
EBITDAr margin	3.3%	(6.5)%	+9.8 points
<b>Other Markets</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>+1.0</b>
EBITDAr margin	13.3%	(0.4)%	+13.7 points
TOTAL GROUP	6.0	1.4	x 4.3
EBITDAr margin	17.0%	4.3%	+12.7 points

#### Main profitability levers :

- A Return on investment in rolling out Data Consulting / Marketing teams
- A Refocusing on high potential geographic regions
- A Structuring the Group's support services and overheads

\*EBITDAr : EBITDA is restated from:

- IFRS 2 impact of share-based payment (free shares and preferential shares),
- IFRS 3R impact of remuneration for post-combination services,
- IFRS 16 impact of adjustment for leases

Model highly profitable in France Rest of Europe and Other Markets sharply progressing

### Income statement:

Rising profitability driven by GM growth and operational cost control.

in million euros	H1 2020	H1 2019*
Gross margin	35.1	32.5
Employee expenses	(25.1)	(25.0)
Other operating expense	(4.0)	(6.1)
EBITDAr	6.0	1.4
EBITDA	6.5	1.0
Amortization and depreciation	(2.0)	(1.9)
Other non-recurring income	(0.8)	(0.5)
Operating income	3.7	(1.5)
Net financial income	(0.5)	(0.5)
Tax expense	(0.6)	(0.4)
Net income from continuing operations	2.6	(2.3)
Net income from discontinued operations	(0.5)	(0.6)
Non-controlling interests	(0.1)	(0.0)
GROUP NET INCOME	2.0	(2.9)

#### Optimization of support functions: Employee expense: €(25.1)m

Flat despite strong recruitment rate 72% of gross margin vs 77% in H1 2019

#### Conclusion of structuring efforts: Other operating expense: $\in (4.0)$ m

34% decrease, representing 11% of gross margin vs 19% in H1 2019

#### EBITDA: €6.5m

Increase of €5.5m vs H1 2019 (after impact of IFRS3r, IFRS2 and IFRS 16)

#### Amortization: €(2.0)m Including €(1.5)m of IFRS 16 impact

### **Net income Group share: €2.0m** vs €(2,9)m in H1 2019

\* H1 2019 restated under IFRS 5 standard : H1 2019 no longer includes contributions from the Group's Scandinavian and Italian businesses

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### Balance sheet:

Robust financial structure to support growth.

in million euros	30 Jun 2020	31 Dec 2019
Non-current assets	64.9	65.8
o/w goodwill	46.0	46.6
o/w rights of use - IFRS 16 impact	5.5	6.1
Current assets (excluding cash)	41.5	58.4
o/w receivables	37.6	53.9
Cash and cash equivalents	18.4	14.7
Assets held for sale	1.5	1.1
TOTAL ASSETS	126.3	140.0
Equity	47.3	45.2
Financial liabilities	27.5	24,5
o/w rent-related debt - IFRS 16 impact	5.6	6.3
Non-financial liabilities	50.5	68.8
o/w payables	45.3	62.1
Liabilities held for sale	1.0	1.5
TOTAL LIABILITIES	126.3	140.0

Cash: €18.4m vs €14.7m as of 31 Dec 2019

Net debt: €3.5m

vs €1.3m as of 31 Dec 2019 including a state-guaranteed loan (PGE) for €6m

### Cash flow:

Healthy generation of operating cash flows.



#### Operating: €3.2m

WCR under control despite the growth context

#### Investing: -€0.9m Earn out under chinese acquisition

Financing: €4.4m Including State-guaranteed loans in France (€6.0m)

### Upward-trending growth initiated in Q3 2020



#### Q3 2020

France at the core of quarter's continued growth: +26% (vs 17% in H1)

Rest of Europe also trending upward:

-10% (vs -18% in H1)

Other Markets: -13% (vs +41% in H1)

One-off impact due to the loss of a client in Duty Free

### Future: Upward revision of full-year 2020 guidance.

FY20 EBITDAr >15% (vs > 10% previously)

Expected acceleration of gross margin growth in Q4 (vs 3% in Q3)

New growth ambitions backed by solid financial structure (€18.4m of cash as on 30 Jun vs 14.7m on 31 Dec 2019)

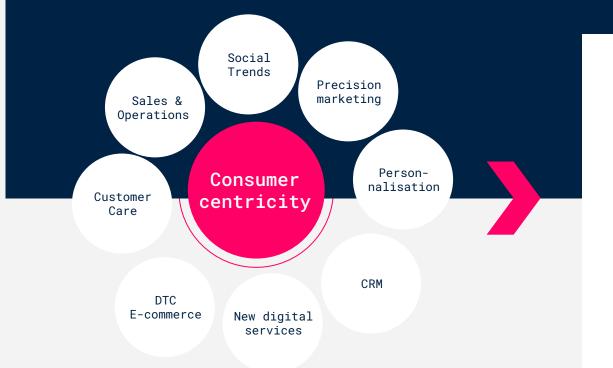


### Vision & Competition.



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### Brands graal is consumer-centricity.



Systematic ingredients:

Digital Data Al

### 3 key structural trends in our market

Digital, Data, Tech.

### Digital commerce

Share of online spend is today 15%, and should represent 25% in 2025 (1)

#### Data

Global Demand for Data Analytics solutions will surge by x4.5 times, garnering a revenue of \$70 bn by 2025 (2) AI

Today, 12% of Tier 1 companies industrialising AI vs. expected 40% in 2025

 (1) Oberlo
(2) Frost & Sullivan'
(3) Cognilytica: <u>Global Al Adoption</u> <u>Trends & Forecast 2020,"</u>

### ••• further accelerated by COVID-19 crisis

### Digital commerce

All reports show a non reversible increase in online shopping:

US online sales increased by 43% YoY in September 2020

### Data

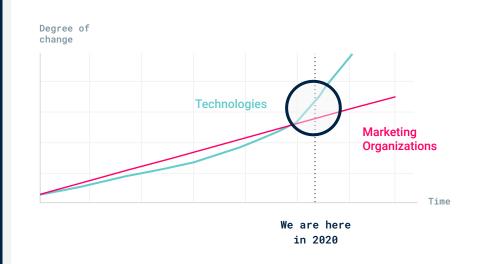
Rapid change in consumer behavior (+300% sales of certain categories ) urge need for data-driven insights

### AI

Al technologies, much more mature now will help companies reduce their costs (as exemple Al can reduce up to 25% customer care)



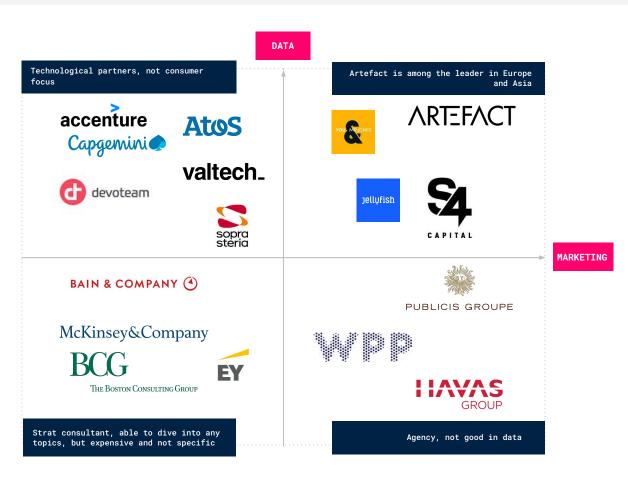
Artefact helps Clients bridge the gap between marketing organization and the new data-driven paradigm.



Speed Evolution of Digital, Data & AI makes it impossible for companies:

- ∧ To follow technologies
- A Recruit and manage talents
- A Build knowledge

A unique positioning in a very competitive environment.

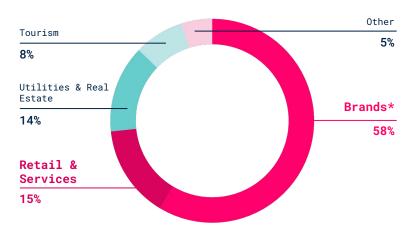


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### Clients.



# Consumer-centric Brands is Artefact prime target.



\* "Brands" include FMCG, Luxury, High-tech and Pharmaceuticals companies (excl.digital pure-players).

Gross Margin and %

### Brands' model refoundation around consumer centrism:

- A Knowledge & direct access to the consumer through digital transformation
- A Development of proprietary e-commerce channels

Leverage long-lasting client relationships

Major growth opportunities for Artefact

### Targeted business strategy to unlock opportunities.

### Test

Artefact helping new clients to expand their digital scope

### Trust

Artefact a trusted advisor to leading Brands in their digital transformation

#### Major H1 wins





### Trust strategy: fostering multi-million clients.



#### Gross margin x2.7 vs. +20% for the Group

- 15 multi-million clients as of H1 2020
- 11 are historical clients of 2018
- Half of the GM in H1 2020

#### Growth drivers

End-to-end services, from strategy to execution

Cross sell across geographies, brand portfolio and departments

Long term relationship building

Up-and-coming multi-million clients: 35% of GM spurred by clients > 250k€

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### Geographies.



### We are global.

Focus on high growth & potential territories.

2 main regions: EMEA & APAC

10 offices in main market

700+



### Asia: Zoom in China.

#### A growth accelerator



Zoom on main **chinese** clients Club Med the Rernod Ricard

Dior

LVMH

#### Positive market outlook (4% GDP) growth in 2020

- ∧ Especially in Luxury, very dynamic despite the crisis
- A Huge traction in e-commerce (30% penetration)

#### Balanced portfolio of large client

#### Consumer centricity is core to brand focus

- ∧ Run race for 1st party data to understand chinese consumers
- A First independent Data Service Company to be listed by Alibaba

### EMEA: Zoom in France.

#### A strong foothold



Zoom on main **french** clients CHANEL SAMSUNG DANONE SANOFI

orange

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A leader on a market in which most of the world's popular brands are established (especially in luxury and FMCG arms).

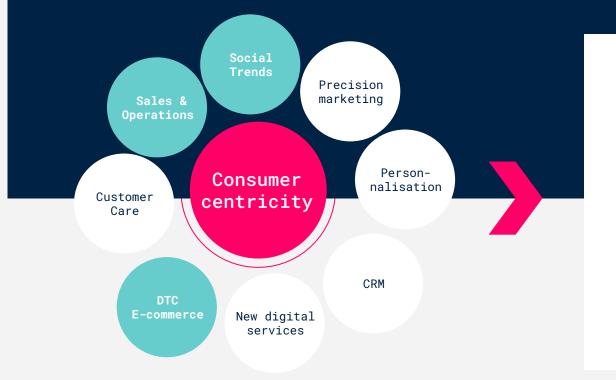
18 of the CAC 40 companies are currently working with Artefact.

Projects (Business Offers).



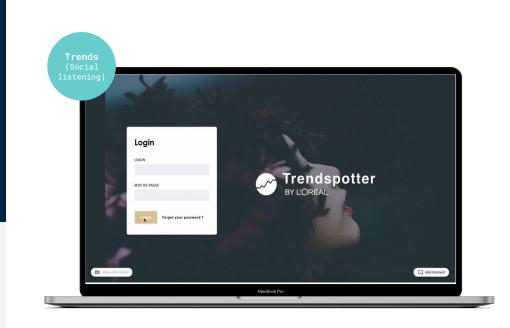
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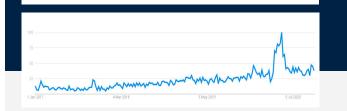
Systematic ingredients:

Digital Data Al TrendSpotter is designed to support L'Oréal teams in making earlier and more accurate decisions regarding product innovation.



### 75% of trends detected before popularity spike

In average, trends were detected 14 months prior to popularity pikes.



### Amazon Performance: Groupe SEB case study.

Zoom on deliverables and results



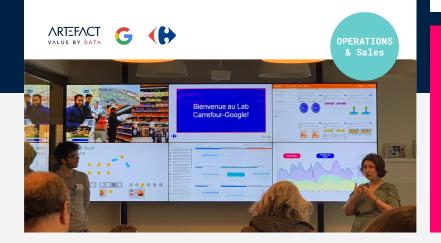
DTC E-COMMERCE



### AI LAB:

Go big and go fast to drive impact on business.

In April 2019, Carrefour and Google launched an AI Lab with the ambition to act as an "AI solutions factory" to tackle **use cases with high business value**.



#### Artefact has been selected to:

- A Structure an effective and impactful model
- A Develop use cases production with ambitious delivery timing
- A Transmit knowledge and train Carrefour teams

#### Success

- $\wedge$  30 people in the Lab, Globa Scope, Multi divisions
- ^ +100 use cases defined
- A 10 Uses cases developed
- $\wedge$  3 use cases industrialized
- A Break even reached after 12 months

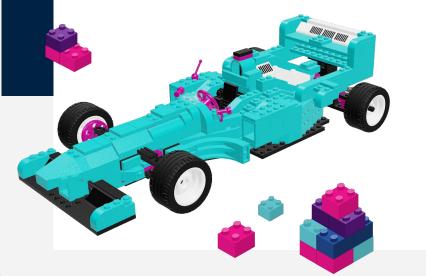
### Technologies & Data.



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## We build open AI applications on top of consistent data platforms:

Ai applications are like legos : we assemble critical part of software to customize the end result



Artefact main vision Make vs. Buy Open source White box Evolutive Scalable with Cloud Data based





### NAUTILUS:

### A platform of AI enablers integrated with client legacy systems for fast scalability

#### Proprietary sets

#### Today: 30 AI enablers available

(Software Development Kit) based on packaged best-in-class open source technologies coming from existing libraries and automatized frameworks for industrialization



DESCRIPTIVE	NLP	VISION	
	Apply ML and DL methods to handle linguistic and language understanding tasks	Processing, analyzing and understanding images using ML and DL methods	
PREDICTIVE	<b>FORECASTING</b> Making predictions of the future based on past and present data and most commonly by analysis of trends		
PRESCRIPTIVE OPTIMISATION			
	Find the optimal solution to a clearly formulated and constrained problem and turn recommandation into actions		
ENABLER	MLOPS / INDUSTRIALISAT	ION	

#### AI FACTORY

Our vision: you need an Al Factory regrouping 4 assets to succeed in Al.

#### **Business Challenges**

- A 94% of companies\* with a turnover of €1+ billion have already launched AI projects...
- ∧ ...but only 8% of firms engage in the practices necessary for its adoption,
- ∧ ...and 47% of executives find AI hard to integrate with existing processes and systems

Organized and AI hyper skilled teams

State-of-the-art Al technologies

Lean AI to deliver continuous improvement & scalability



- ∧ High-value AI use cases delivered in 12 weeks
- ∧ +40% productivity thanks to AI based on our client cases

### Talents & Culture.



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We are Marketing Engineers working in hybrid teams:

Multidisciplinary Feature Teams.

+200 Business Consultants

+200 Data Scientists & Software Engineers

+300 Media Experts

#### **Business Consultants**

Digital native consultants specialised by industry sector and pre-packaged solutions. Accurate in their knowledge and expert in data consulting.

#### Data Scientists

80+ data scientists prepare and modelise data. They build, test and improve their AI algorithms.

#### Software Engineers

The largest team in Europe, with 60+ top-level engineers with machine Learning PhDs, dedicated to data technology and AI code development.

#### **Digital Marketing Experts**

Experts per channel with over 20 years of experience who help you design the best possible marketing strategies, audience planning and cross-channel campaigns.

#### Creatives

Award-winning creatives, capable of conceiving data-driven concepts extending from branding to performance.

#### INNOVATION

We have a passion for creating new things

We live for projects that can impact the future.

We believe innovation can come from anyone, not just engineers.

We reach for the stars, but make the journey one step at a time.

#### ACTION

We would rather do than tell what to do

We have a problem-solving state of mind.

We act fast. We deliver fast.

We love scalability. It's our mental playground.

#### COLLABORATION

We believe in bringing talented people together

We would rather win as a team than as individual players.

We learn new things from each other every day.

We always speak the truth. It's the way we're made.

### Artefact, a powerful brand to attract talents.

Selectivity:

1/20 candidates pass-through rate

<b>107</b> hired in H1	5% of rejected offers for another company
<20% undesired churn rate	<b>2/3</b> of out-of-school recruit issued from Tier 1 school

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### Future.



# A turning point in the path to performance.

Strong assets innovative solutions, a strong brand, diversified geographies and Tier1 clients - to accelerate

COVID-19 creating momentum for Brands to speed up their digital transformation and work with Artefact >15%

FY20 EBITDAr target (vs >10%)

Growth acceleration expected in Q4

For Artefact, the story is barely starting!

### Artefact share:

ISIN code	FR0000079683
Number of shares	34 157 700
Average volume (20 trading days)	125.4 K
Price (as of 21 Oct 2020)	€2.22
Performance YTD	64.4%
Market cap. (as of 21 Oct 2020)	76 M€

#### Share ownership as of 30 Jun 2020





- Volume
- Closing price YTD

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