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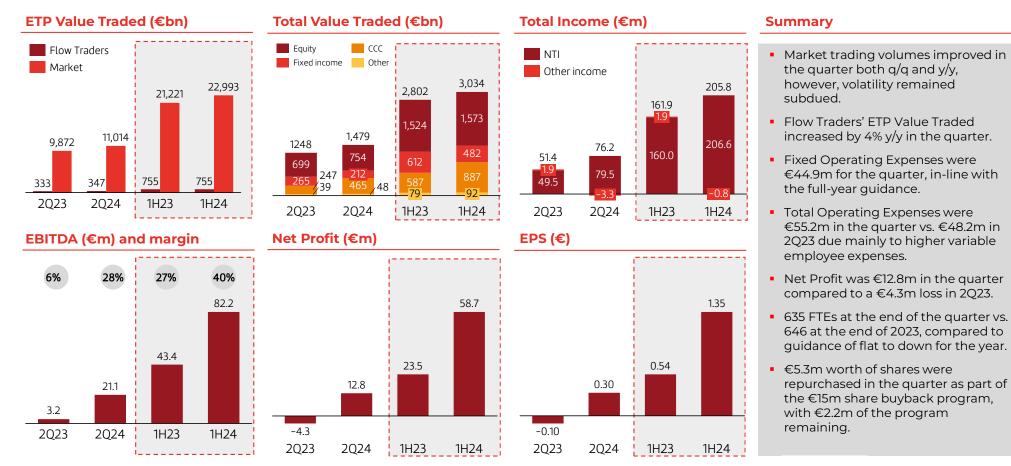
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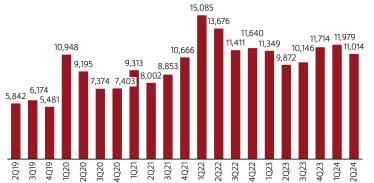
# 2Q24 and 1H24 Snapshot

2Q24 saw improvements in market trading volumes but volatility remained subdued.



## **Global ETP Market Continues to Grow in 2Q24**

### ETP Value Traded (€bn) \*

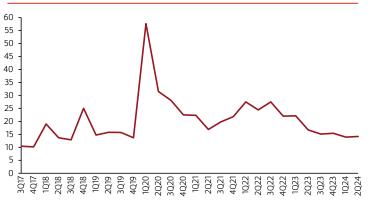


#### Market ETP Valued Traded increased by 12% y/y in 2Q24 vs. 2Q23.

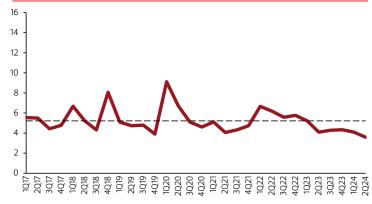
**GENERAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS** 

 Subdued levels of implied volatility (VIX) continued in 2Q24 and was 15% below the levels seen in 2Q23.

### Average Implied Volatility (VIX)

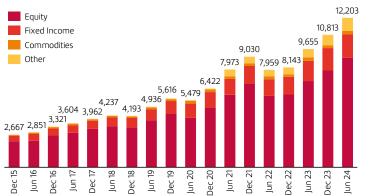


### **ETP Velocity**



Note: ETP Velocity is calculated as ETP Value Traded divided by ETP AUM on an annualized basis.

## ETP AuM (€bn) \*\*



#### ETP MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

- 13% increase in ETP AuM in the first half of 2024 to €12,203bn due to the strength in the market and continued fund inflows into ETPs.
- ETP velocity declined in the quarter.
- Strong growth outlook remains intact for the global ETP market.

\* Source: Bloomberg, iShares, Tradeweb, Bloomberg RfQ, Flow Traders. See appendix \*\* Source: BlackRock ETP Landscape until December 2020. ETFGI from 2021 onwards

# **Fixed Income and Crypto Market Dynamics**

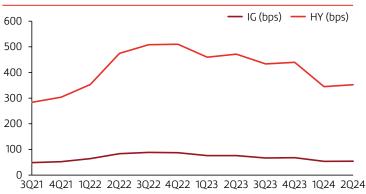
### TRACE Volumes (\$bn)



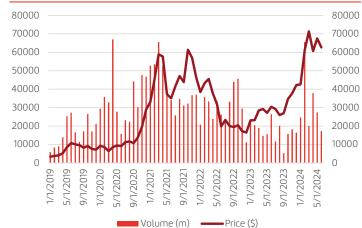
#### **BOND MARKET DEVELOPMENTS**

- U.S. Investment Grade and High Yield bond volumes increased in 2Q24 on y/y basis but decreased q/q. However, volatility levels were down on both a q/q and y/y basis.
- U.S. CDX spreads narrowed by close to 20% y/y given the decline in volatility.

### **US CDX Index**



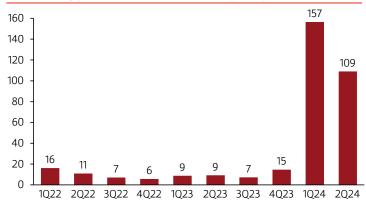
### **Bitcoin Volume and Price**



### **CRYPTO MARKET DEVELOPMENTS**

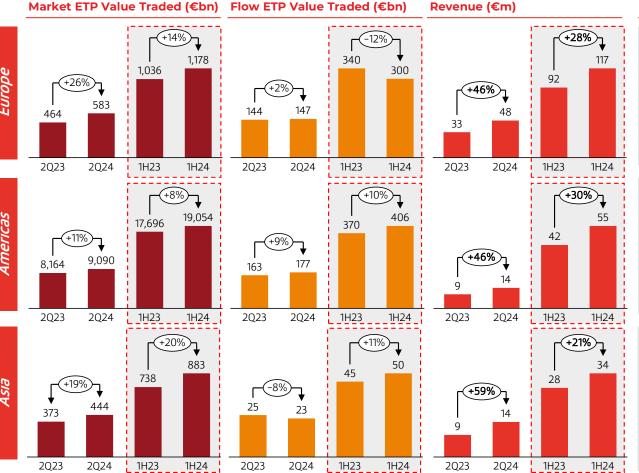
- Trading volume and volatility in digital assets declined by doubledigits in the quarter compared the first quarter but remain up significantly compared to the same period a year ago.
- Global crypto ETP value traded in 2Q24 declined by more than 30% q/q post the initial strong fund flows into the U.S. spot Bitcoin ETFs.

### Global Crypto ETP Value Traded (€bn)



Note: Data for prior periods restated to include close-end funds that has been converted to ETFs.

## 2Q24 & 1H24 Regional Performance Overview

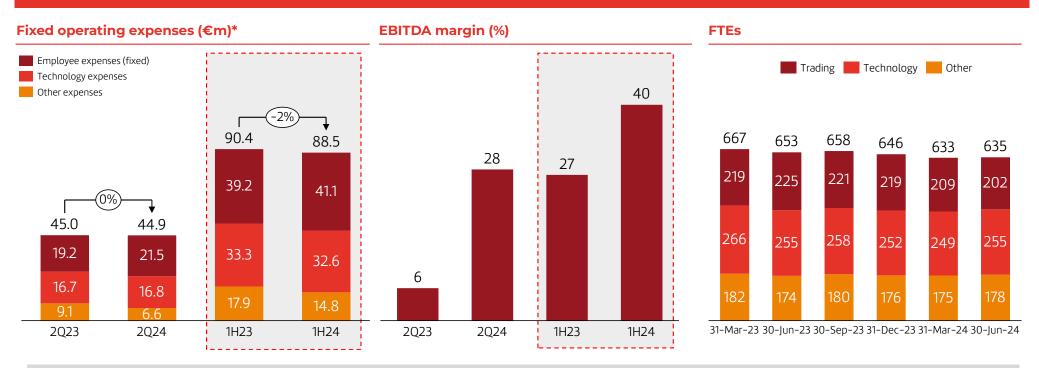


### 2Q24 and 1H24 Highlights

- Maintained position as a leading liquidity provider in ETPs amidst muted market activity and decreased volatility
- Investments in digital asset capability over the past 7 years and the ability to rapidly shift capital allowed the firm to capture opportunities in the asset class during the period.
- Assisted partners in the U.S. spot Bitcoin ETF launches as a lead market maker, reflecting the long-term commitment to supporting the continued evolution of crypto and digital assets.
- Improved regulatory sentiment and increased institutional adoption of digital assets in the U.S. confirms our long-term investment strategy in the asset class.
- Increased contribution and market share from our China operations in the second year following the receipt of QFII license (back in November 2022).
  - Received market access to begin commodities futures trading in China.

Note: APAC market ETP value traded excludes China

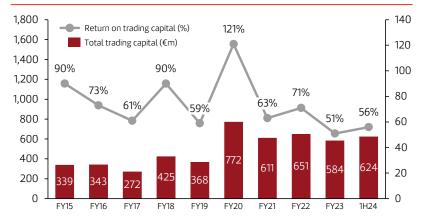
## Continued Investment to Drive Strategic Growth while Focusing on Operational and Cost Efficiencies



• Fixed operating expenses of €44.9m in 2Q24 were flat compared to 2Q23 as the decrease in FTE was offset mostly by salary increases.

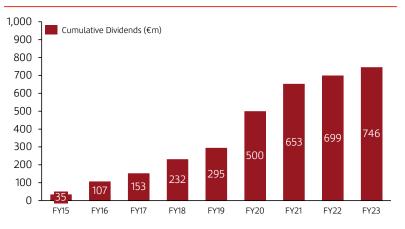
• The firm remains fully focused on operational and cost efficiencies across the business while implementing its growth and diversification strategies. Fixed Operating Expenses for the year are expected to be in the same range as FY23 as headcount is expected to be flat to down for the year, offset by continued technology investments and inflationary pressures.

## Initiation of Multi-Layered Trading Capital Expansion Plan to Increase Trading Capital



#### **Trading Capital and Return on Trading Capital**

#### **Cumulative Dividends Paid Since IPO**



Note: Return on trading capital defined as LTM NTI divided by end of period trading capital.

#### Trading capital is the life blood of a trading firm

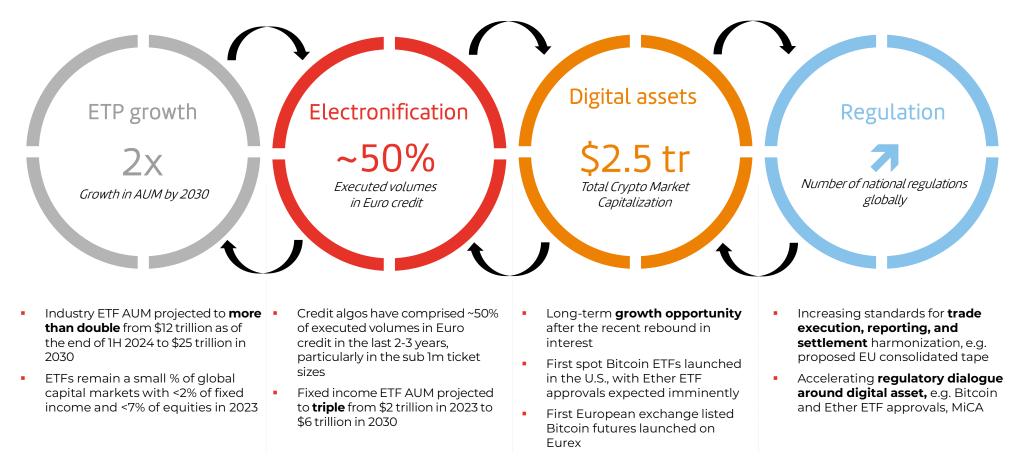
- Trading capital is the life blood of any trading firm and bolstering the firm's trading capital is therefore a strategic priority for the Board.
- The current trading capital base of €624m at the end of 1H24 is overshadowed by over €700m of dividends distributed to shareholders since the IPO.
- The company generated 75% average return on trading capital since the IPO.

#### Multi-layered trading capital expansion plan to increase trading capital given the myriad opportunities ahead of the company

- The Board has determined that the amendment of the firm's dividend policy to suspend regular dividend payments is the most cost-effective way to boost the trading capital base and generate long-term value for shareholders.
- The firm has secured a €25m bank term loan as an initial foray into the debt capital markets and will look to grow this amount in the coming years.
- Management is also exploring other potential debt funding options.

## Supportive Mega Trends Remain Intact As Growth Catalysts

Four key trends continue to shape Flow Traders' market environment, largely offering an increased market opportunity set



Sources: Company analysis, Blackrock, Coinmarketcap

# Focus on 4 Key Strategic Pillars to Grow, Strengthen and Accelerate the Business



#### Optimize core & grow trading capital

- Build an increasingly efficient business model through optimization of our trading core
- Simultaneously grow our trading capital base to accelerate all existing and new trading strategy across asset classes and regions

# Diversify business and explore adjacent growth opportunities

- Invest in adjacent propositions (connectivity, platforms, data and tokens) via partnerships to diversify revenue streams
- Explore growth opportunities adjacent to our current core
- Grow our role as a market maker by driving innovation across financial markets



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To be a global multi-asset liquidity provider and enable trading anytime and anywhere



# Leverage and build-out proprietary infrastructure

- Leverage our proprietary infrastructure, capabilities and expertise to expand into adjacent products
- Grow our quantitative capabilities to leverage our cost base in a scalable way

# Increase research capabilities and speed of iteration

- Adopt emerging technologies into our core stack to enhance automation and efficiency
- Increase our reporting and tracking abilities to improve pricing, hedging and automation
- Deploy global quant research framework to improve modelling and trading strategies



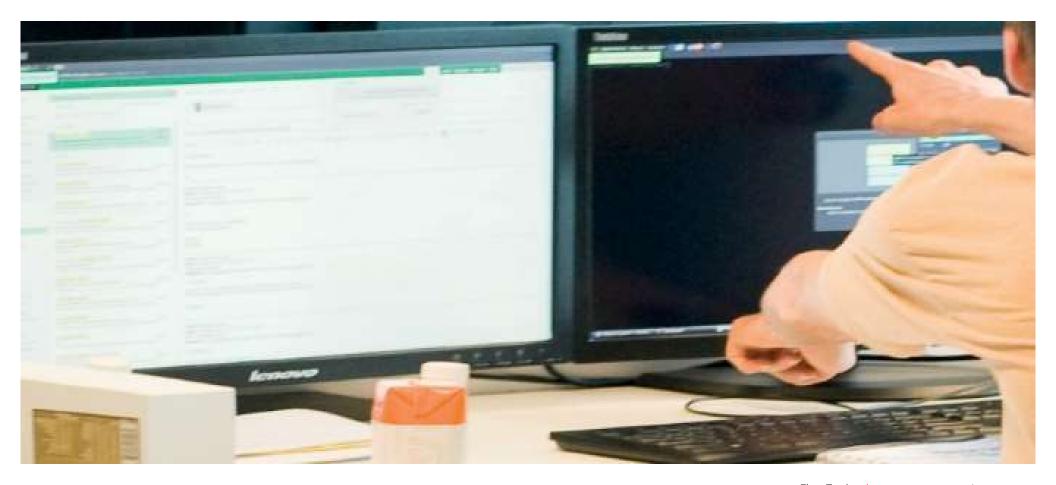


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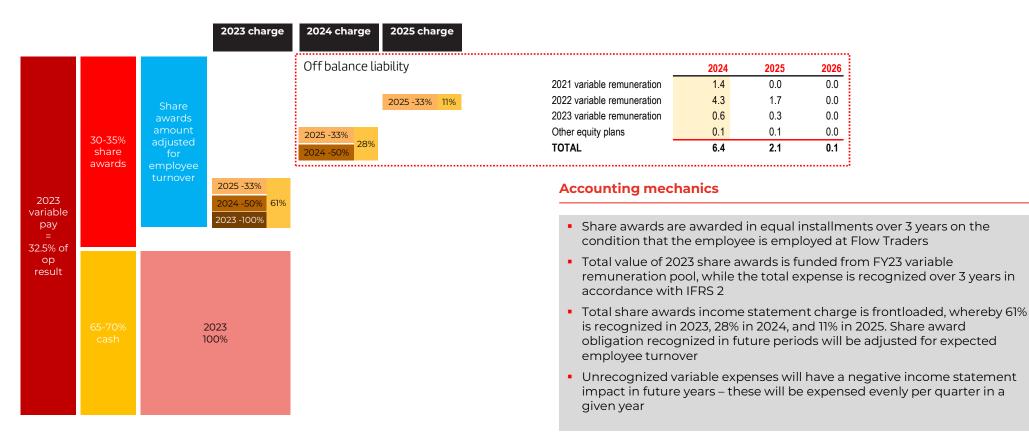
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# Appendix



# **Unrecognized Variable Expenses Schedule**

Share plan has a different accounting treatment to the previous FCIP which creates an unrecognized variable expenses schedule



# **Recent Monthly Market Updates**

	2024					2023							
	Jun	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun
On & Off Exchange <sup>*</sup> Value Traded - Global (€bn)	3,139	3,479	4,397	3,971	3,834	4,174	3,802	3,678	4,234	3,257	3,709	3,180	3,546
On & Off Exchange* Value Traded - EMEA (€bn)	186	184	213	198	197	200	189	189	179	148	148	150	168
On & Off Exchange Value Traded - Americas (€bn)	2,526	2,858	3,706	3,290	3,202	3,472	3,133	3,049	3,694	2,696	3,024	2,581	2,940
On & Off Exchange Value Traded - APAC (€bn)	427	437	478	483	434	502	479	439	361	413	537	449	438
EMEA - Off Exchange Market Value Traded on MTF** (€bn)	114	115	130	126	126	126	122	118	111	93	90	91	107
EMEA - Off Orderbook* Market Value Traded (€bn)	22	22	28	23	23	24	21	26	20	17	20	22	18
Americas - Off Exchange Market Value Traded (€bn)	1,122	1,140	1,388	1,291	1,265	1,396	1,284	1,179	1,369	1,060	1,197	1,037	1,188
APAC - On & Off Exchange Market Value Traded in China (€ bn)	290	291	316	327	302	351	350	301	246	282	375	286	291
Assets under Management*** - Global (€bn)	12,203	n/a	n/a	11,708	n/a	n/a	10,812	n/a	n/a	9,476	n/a	n/a	9,656
Assets under Management - EMEA (€bn)	1,944			1,850			1,732			1,525			1,528
Assets under Management - Americas (€bn)	8,879			8,507			7,854			6,857			7,009
Assets under Management - APAC (€bn)	1,379			1,350			1,226			1,095			1,119
# of ETP listings - Global	15,755	15,623	15,483	15,381	15,307	15,251	15,159	15,058	14,951	14,804	15,195	15,024	15,058
# of ETP listings - EMEA	5,193	5,174	5,137	5,141	5,123	5,129	5,121	5,106	5,093	5,099	5,315	5,299	5,319
# of ETP listings - Americas	6,735	6,665	6,609	6,572	6,551	6,532	6,452	6,413	6,373	6,275	6,409	6,310	6,341
# of ETP listings - APAC	3,827	3,784	3,737	3,668	3,633	3,590	3,586	3,539	3,485	3,430	3,471	3,415	3,398
Average VIX per month	12.88	13.25	16.34	13.94	14.10	13.58	12.84	14.25	19.10	15.20	16.03	14.08	14.18
VIX high per month	13.66	15.35	19.77	15.59	15.69	14.89	13.92	17.53	21.28	18.87	18.01	15.94	16.59
VIX low per month	12.28	12.20	13.85	12.74	12.85	12.78	12.14	12.79	16.76	13.13	13.72	13.37	13.28

Notes:

\*: Off Exchange flow EMEA includes Off Orderbook flow printed on exchange and flows via MTFs. This is still excluding flows via SI

\*\*: Publicly available data about market flows traded on MTFs, representing Tradeweb and Bloomberg RfQ. Last month number is preliminary and may be subject to change

\*\*\*: ETFGI

Sources: Tradeweb, Bloomberg, Flow Traders analysis, ETFGI

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