



# Half year results to 31 January 2019

Strong earnings growth in line with current five-year plan



# Summary

Stephan Shakespeare, Chief Executive Officer

## Summary

- Strong Group Revenue growth of 18% (underlying business growth of 10%, well ahead of the market average of approximately 3%)
- Group Adjusted Operating Profit up by 41%; UK and USA both up 15%
- Global Data Products & Services continuing to drive growth: now 54% of Group revenue
- Increased investment in technology, panel and global reach - platform for growth
- Global expansion continued with the growth of our panels in Australia, India, Italy, Mexico, Poland, Spain & Taiwan, plus two bolt-on acquisitions in UK & USA
- Transforming our research services through integration with our syndicated data
- Current trading is positive - we remain confident of our expectations for the full year & delivering our five-year organic growth plan
- Setting out our ambitious growth targets for the next five years

# Financial update

Alex McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer

# Financial Highlights

- Group Revenue growth of 18% (2018: 10%) - underlying business growth of 10%
- Adjusted operating profit up by 41% to £12.5m (2018: £8.8m) - 2% was result of acquisitions in the year
- Adjusted profit before tax up by 28% to £13.7m
- Adjusted EPS up by 33% to 9.6p (2018: 7.3p)
- Adjusted operating profit margin up 3% points to 19%
- Statutory operating profit up 92% to £8.4m

	6 months to 31 Jan 2019 £m	6 months to 31 Jan 2018 £m	% Change
Revenue	66.5	56.3	18%
Adjusted Operating Profit	12.5	8.8	41%
Adjusted Profit before Tax	13.7	10.7	28%
Adjusted Earnings per Share	9.6p	7.3p	33%

# Balance Sheet

- Receivable days down to 48 days from 49 days
- Creditor days increased to 36 days from 30 days
- Contingent consideration of £16.0m is in respect of acquisitions

	31 Jan 2019 £m	31 Jan 2018 £m
<b>Assets</b>		
Goodwill	62.5	42.2
Other intangible assets	16.5	10.9
Other non-current assets	14.1	11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>64.3</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Trade and other receivables	35.2	35.0
Cash	25.0	21.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>56.3</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	33.0	30.5
Contingent consideration	6.2	0.3
Provisions	4.1	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>34.6</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Contingent consideration	9.8	0.0
Provisions	4.2	3.2
Deferred taxation	2.2	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>81.1</b>

# Cash Flow

- Cash flow generated from operations of £8.7m: 69% of adjusted operating profit
- Investing activities of £9.3m includes £2.2m on panel; £2.3m on technology development; and £2.3 on acquisitions
- Dividend paid: £3.2m
- Net cash outflow of £5.7m
- Cash balance of £25.0m at 31 January 2019

	6 months to 31 Jan 2019 £m	6 months to 31 Jan 2018 £m
Cash flows from operating activities		
Statutory operating profit	8.4	4.4
Non cash movements	5.0	6.1
Net working capital movement	(4.7)	(3.0)
Cash generated from operations	8.7	7.5
Interest and tax	(1.9)	(2.9)
Net cash generated from operating activities	6.8	4.6
Net cash used in investing activities	(9.3)	(3.6)
Net cash used in financing activities	(3.1)	(2.1)
Net decrease in cash	(5.7)	(1.1)
Cash balance at beginning of year	30.6	23.2
Exchange loss on cash and cash equivalent	0.1	(0.8)
Cash balance at end of period	25.0	21.3

# Performance by Division: Revenue

Continued growth in Data Products & Services

	6 months to 31 Jan 2019 £m	6 months to 31 Jan 2018 £m	Change %	Underlying Change %
Data Products	19.4	14.4	35%	26%
Data Services	17.8	13.4	33%	9%
<b>Total Data Products &amp; Services</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>17%</b>
Custom Research	30.4	29.1	4%	3%
Intra-group revenues	(1.1)	(0.6)	-	-
<b>Group</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>10%</b>



# Performance Division: Operating Profit

Continued strategic focus on higher margin services

	6 months to 31 Jan 2019 £m	6 months to 31 Jan 2018 £m	Change %	Operating Margin %	
				Six months to 31 January 2019	Six months to 31 January 2018
Data Products	7.3	4.8	53%	38%	33%
Data Services	4.4	3.5	25%	25%	26%
<b>Total Data Products &amp; Services</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Custom Research	7.9	6.9	15%	26%	24%
Central costs	(7.1)	(6.4)	-	-	-
<b>Group</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>16%</b>

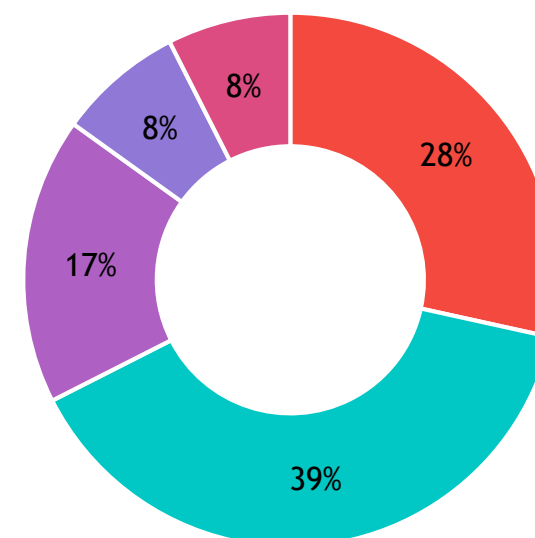
## Performance by Geography: Revenue

USA remains largest region; growing presence in Asia Pacific

	6 months to 31 January 2019 £m	6 months to 31 January 2018 £m	Change %	Underlying Change %
UK	19.8	14.5	37%	16%
USA	27.2	23.3	17%	9%
Mainland Europe	12.1	11.1	9%	14%
Middle East	5.3	6.0	(12%)	2%
Asia Pacific	5.2	3.9	34%	4%
Intra-group revenues	(3.1)	(2.5)	-	-
Group	66.5	56.3	18%	10%

### 6 months to 31 January 2019 Revenue

- UK
- USA
- Mainland Europe
- Middle East
- Asia Pacific

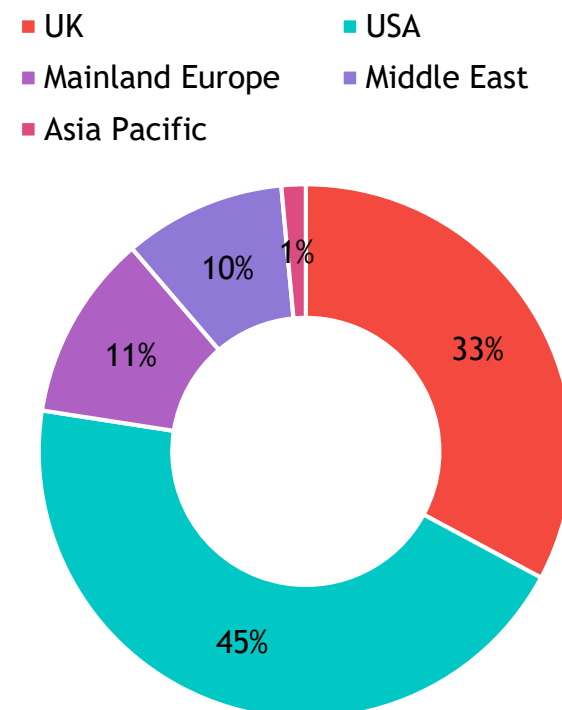


# Performance by Geography: Operating Profit

Increased Middle East operating profitability following re-structure

	6 months to 31 Jan 2019 Operating Profit £	6 months to 31 Jan 2018 Operating Profit £	Operating Profit Growth %	Operating Margin %	
				2019	2018
UK	6.7	5.8	15%	34%	40%
USA	9.1	7.9	15%	34%	34%
Mainland Europe	2.3	0.9	147%	19%	8%
Middle East	2.0	1.4	50%	38%	22%
Asia Pacific	0.3	-	653%	6%	1%
Central Costs	(7.9)	(7.2)	-	-	-
<b>Group</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>16%</b>

## 6 months to 31 January 2019 Operating Profit

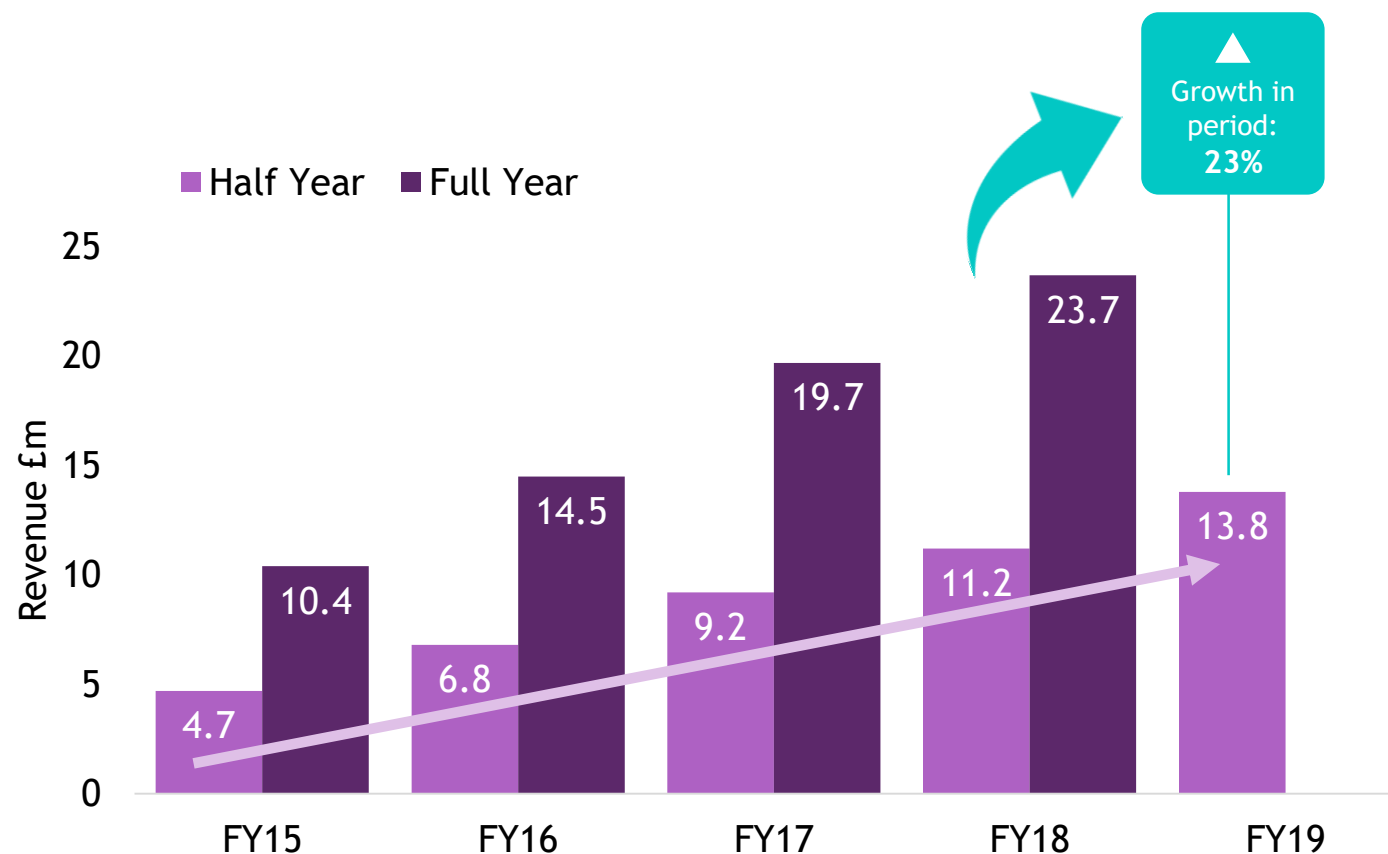


# Performance by Product and Service

Stephan Shakespeare, Chief Executive Officer

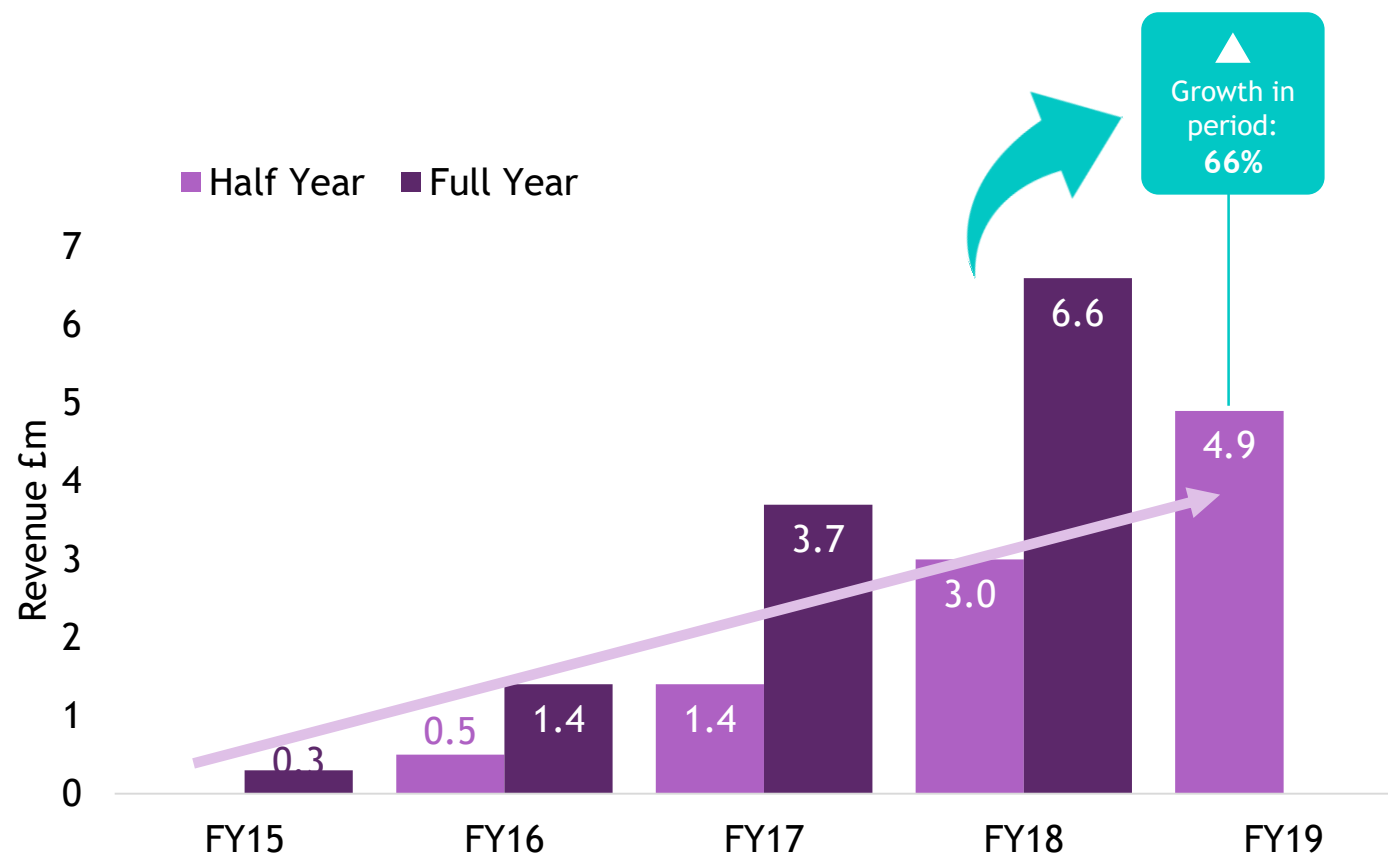
# YouGov BrandIndex

- Our flagship brand intelligence service
- Global expansion and integration with Profiles driving growth
- Covers 38 markets worldwide
- US remains largest market
- Increasingly being sold as a bundle with Profiles under the 'Plan & Track' banner



# YouGovProfiles

- Our ground-breaking audience planning and segmentation tool
- Now available in 19 markets across the UK, USA, Europe and Asia Pacific
- Sales driven by increased interoperability between Profiles and BrandIndex
- Profiles segments are integrated with digital advertising partners for activation of audiences



BBDO

dentsu  
AEGIS  
network



Penguin  
Random  
House

T-Mobile

Telefonica

O<sub>2</sub>

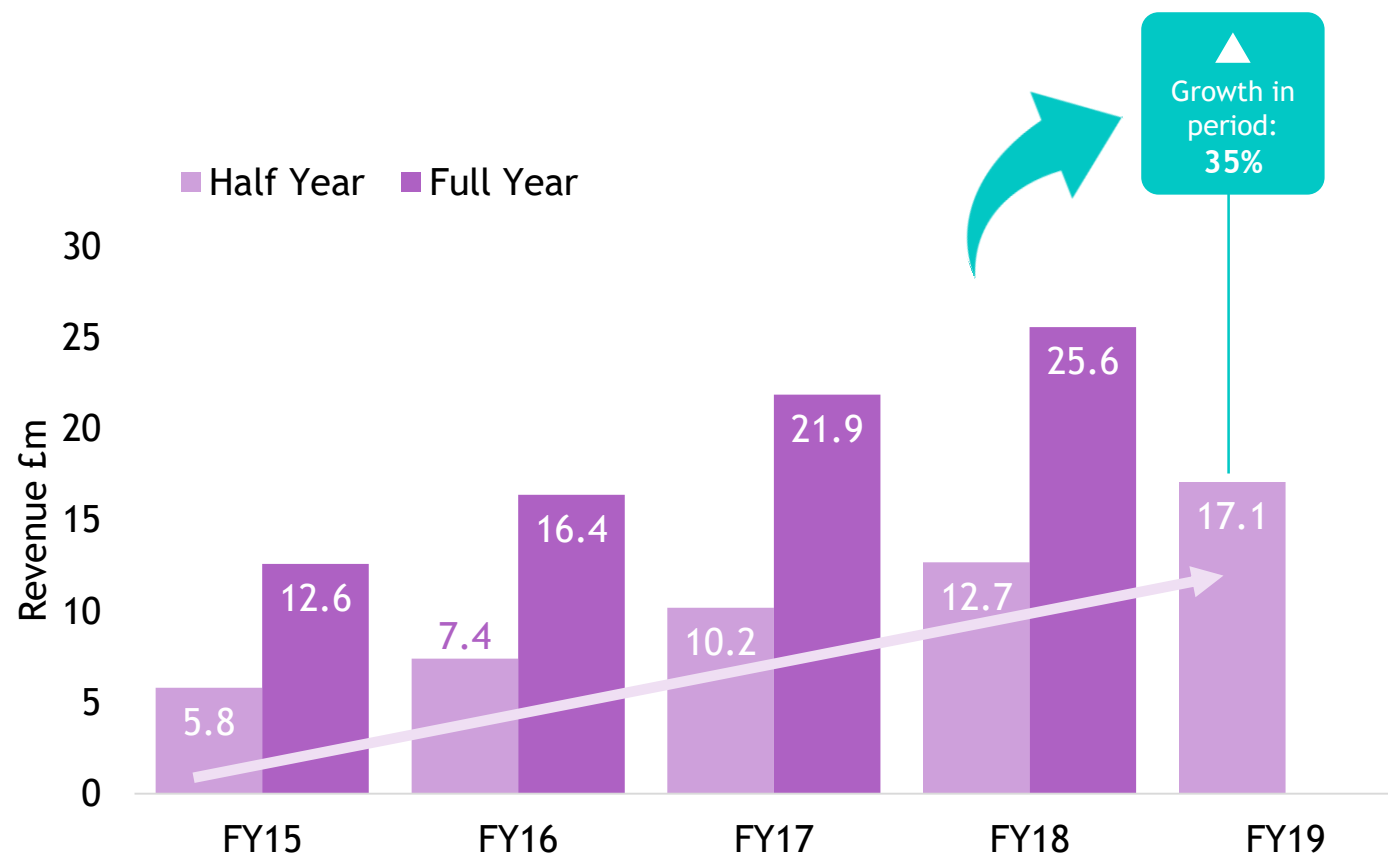


VIACOM

WHITBREAD

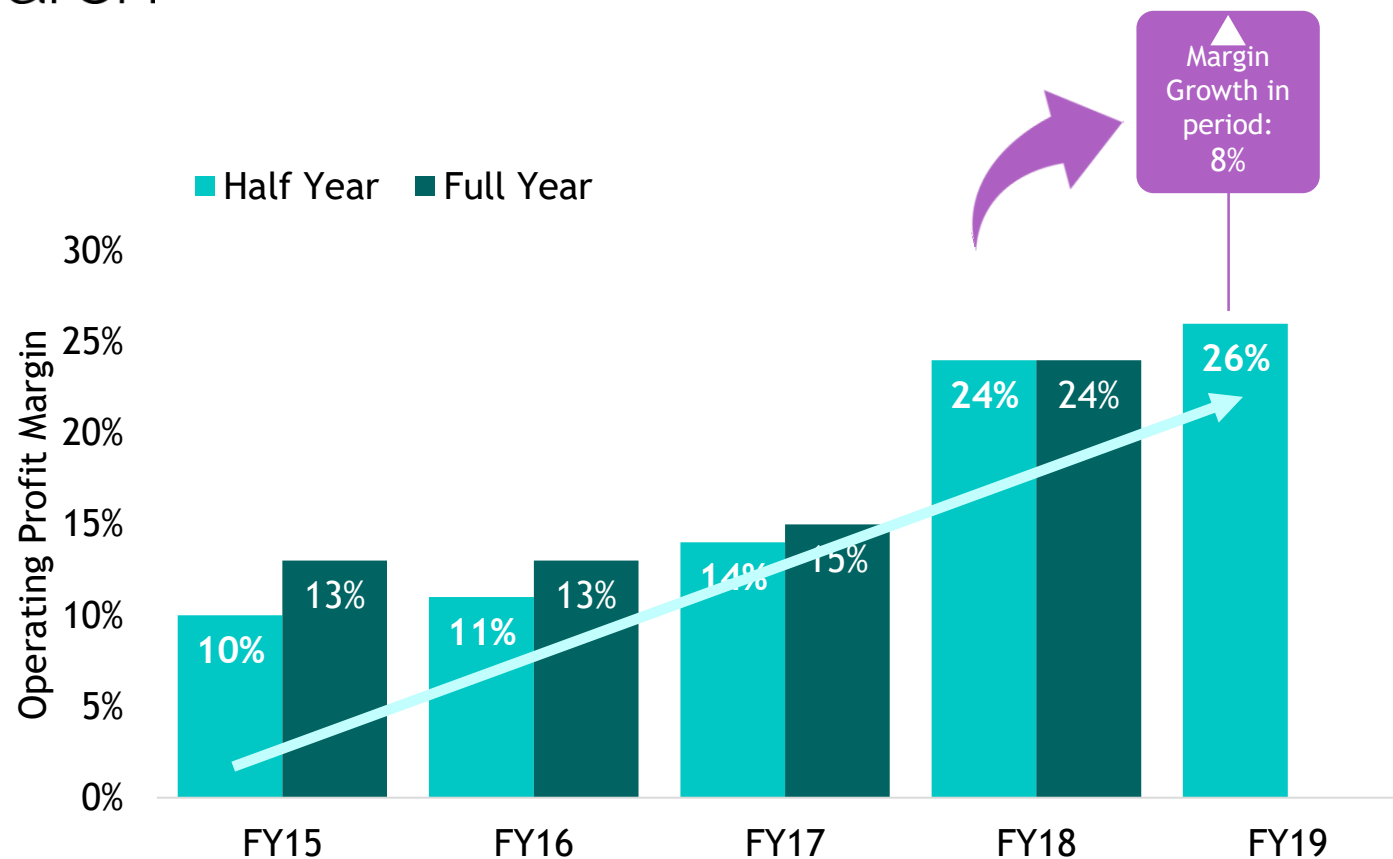
# YouGovOmnibus

- Online fast-turnaround service
- Attracting more multi-national clients, leading to increased multi-country projects
- 1,000+ clients worldwide
- Market leader in UK and growing strongly globally
- Revenue growth in the period includes £1.6m transferred from Custom Research and £1.4m due to acquisitions



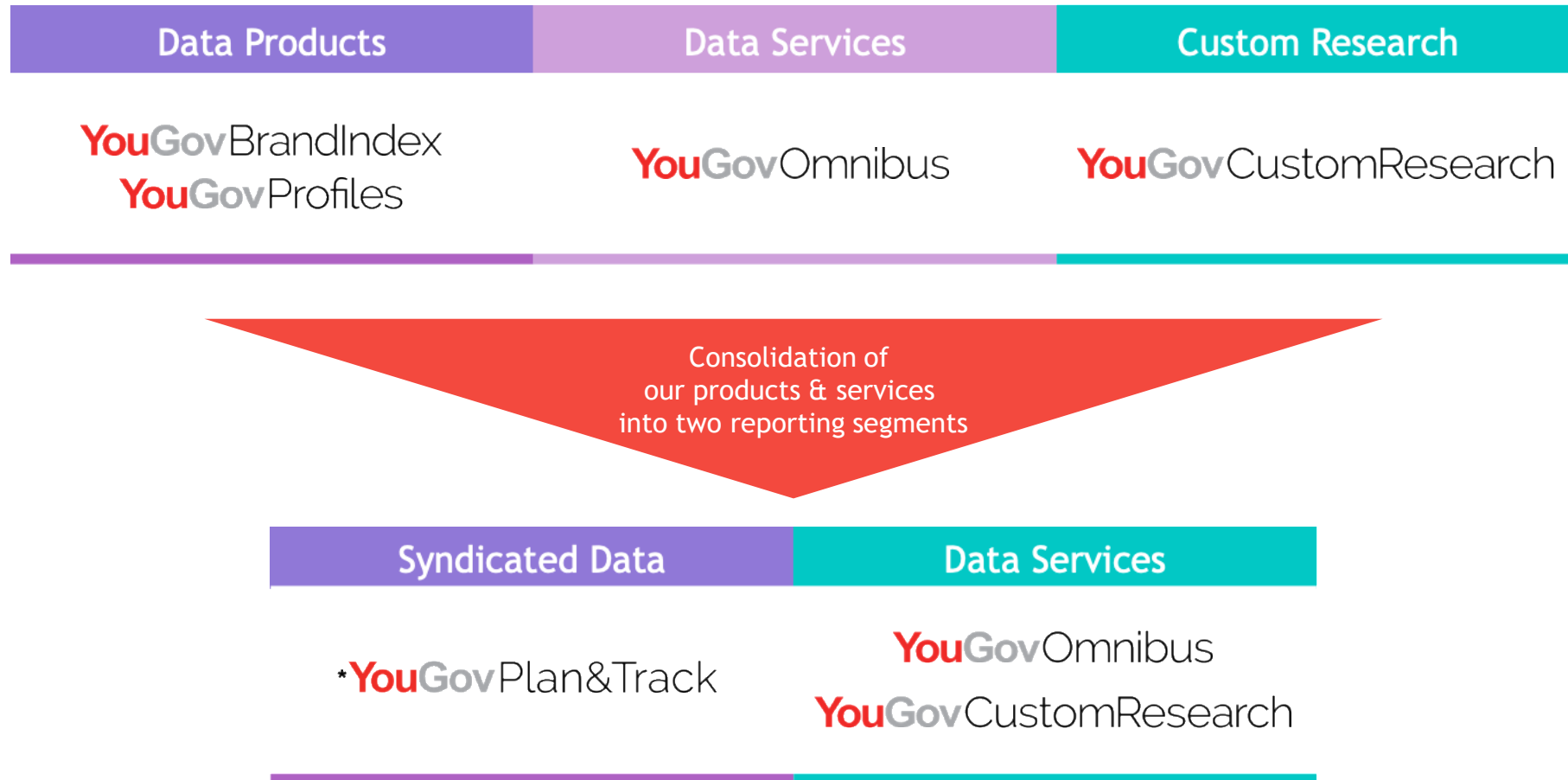
# YouGov Custom Research

- Scope, scale and complexity of custom projects varies:
  - One-off studies
  - Tracking studies for individual clients
  - Syndicated studies sold to multiple clients
- Offering enhanced and differentiated by the connected data we hold in the YouGov Cube
- Results delivered in Crunch
- Strategy for transformation through integration with our syndicated data





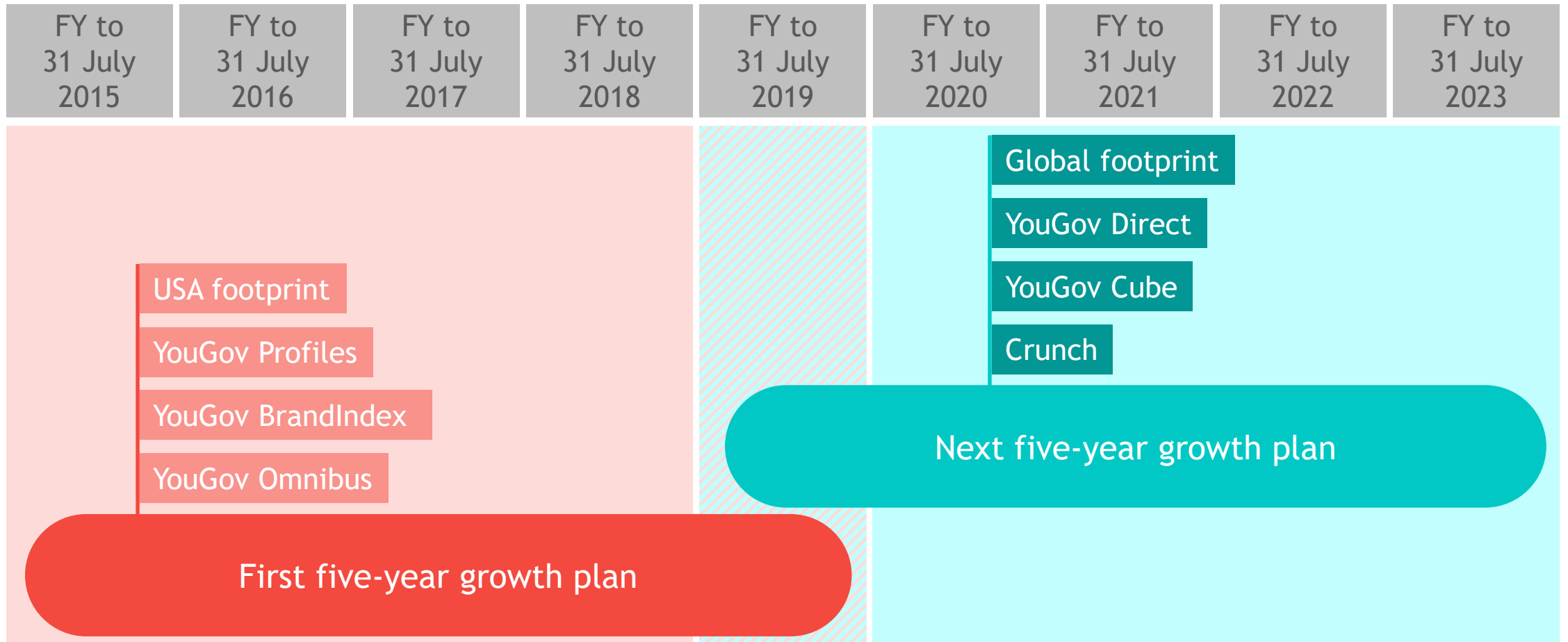
## Success of strategy means change to reporting segments in future



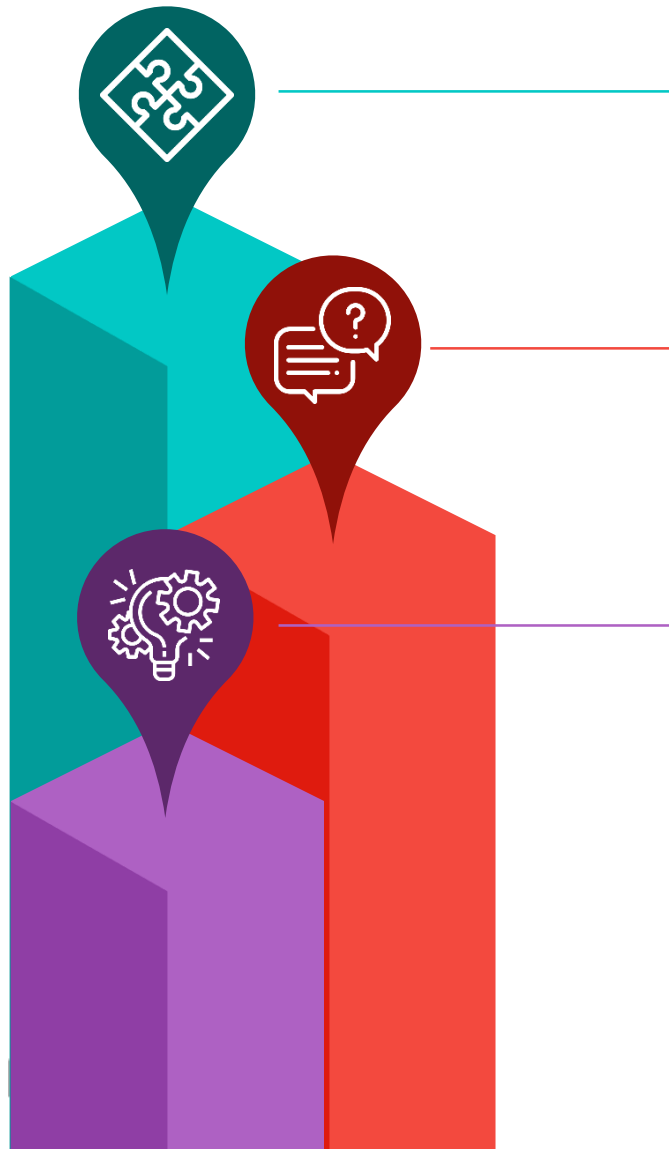
*\*BrandIndex and Profiles are increasingly being marketed as a combined proposition, 'Plan & Track'.*

Our strategy for the next five years:  
“The best data, the best tools”

## Our current and next five-year growth plans



## Three strategic pillars



### Integration

Fully integrating custom research and client service with our data and tools

### Public Data

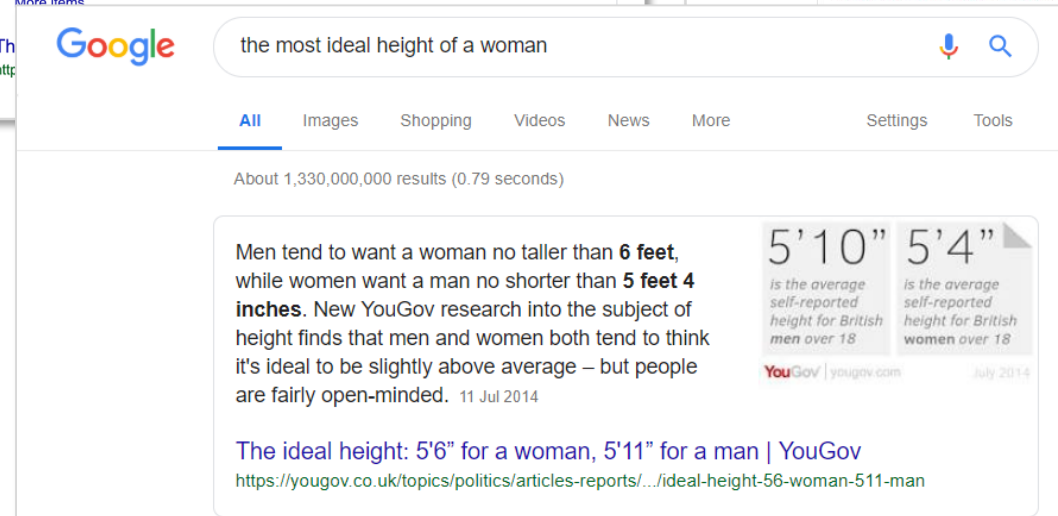
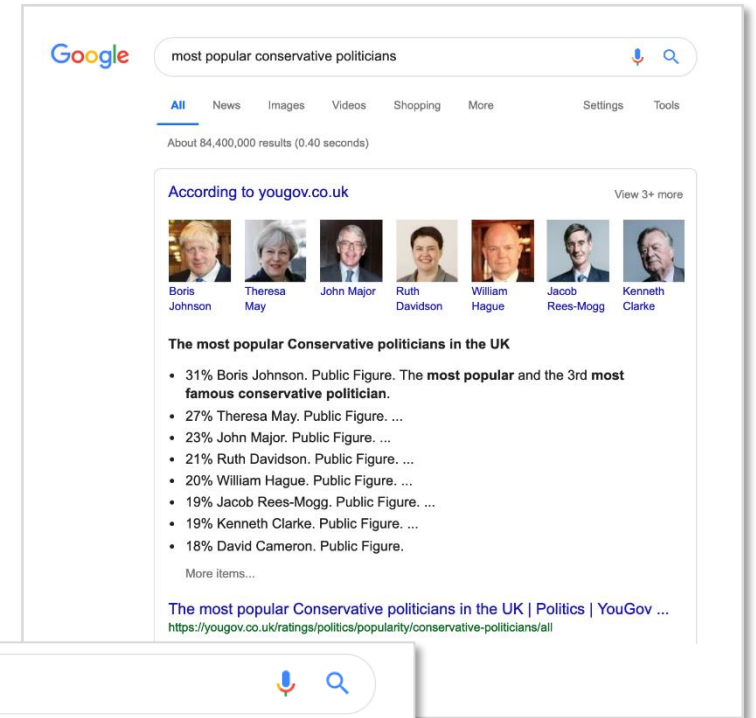
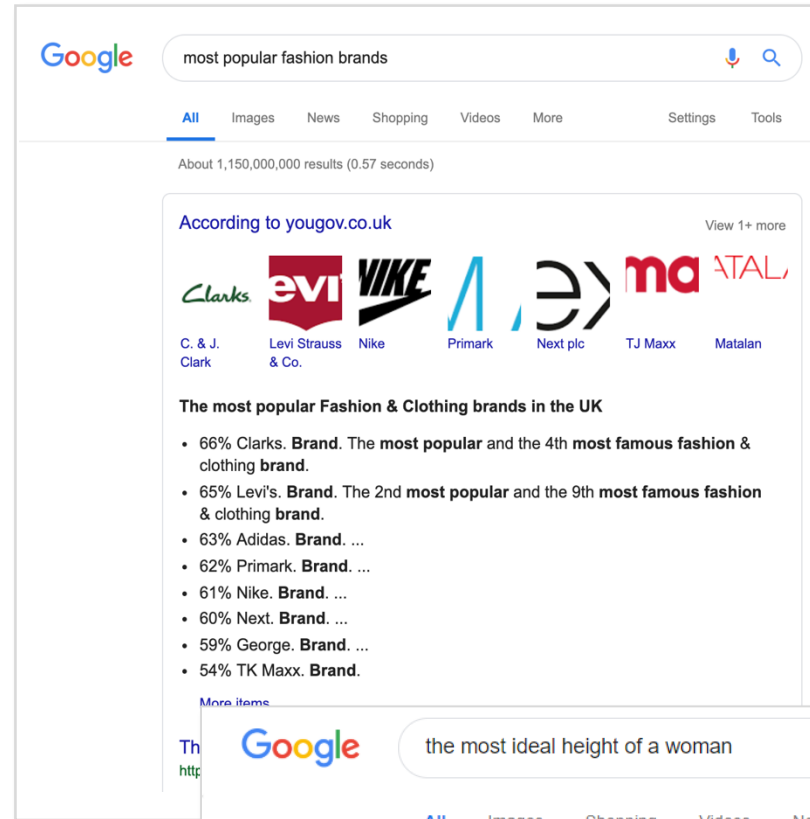
Expanding YouGov Public Data as a public service, for brand reputation, panel engagement and showcasing our data

### Activation

Enabling activation on our platform

# Public Data

- YouGov Ratings results now “discoverable” via Google search
- We are appearing across a range of topics:
  - ✓ Brands
  - ✓ Fashion
  - ✓ Influencers
  - ✓ Politicians
- YouGov data appears in rich search snippets which elevates our brand as a global public data resource



## YouGov Direct: launches within this financial year

1

### Dashboard for Members

Members manage their data for sharing (through surveys and dashboard editing)

2

### Dashboard for Clients

Clients define required target groups from aggregated characteristics on offer

4

### Member gets message / task

Member decides whether to accept (if yes, transaction is logged, verified, paid)

3

### Client sends message / task

Client activates campaign by sending message / task to the selected members

# The YouGov Platform

Vast,  
continuous,  
single-source  
data collection



YouGov Cube

Syndicated Data

Data Services

MRP

Crunch

Direct

Customisation

Targeting & Activation

All brought  
together on a  
universal platform

The success of this vision is  
underpinned by our three  
strategic pillars



Integration




Public Data



Activation



## Centres for Excellence

- Continuing to enhance our scalability by investing in Centres for Excellence
  - Initial focus on operations and client services across the globe 24/7
  - Over the last five years, this model has reduced our spend on data operations overheads as a percentage of global revenue from 4.9% to 1.9%
  - Expanding the model to technology, finance, data design and research
  - Enables a global presence without the need for offices in every country
- 



## Expanding into new markets and sectors

### Two strategic acquisitions



USA-based firm which helps clients in the film and television industry to optimise marketing, discover who their audiences are, forecast revenues throughout the movie lifecycle, and increase catalog revenues. Portent.io has been rebranded as YouGov Signal.



UK-based audience conversation platform for engaging with hard-to-reach audiences.

# New long-term targets

## — Our ambition for growth is undiminished

### Our ambition is to be:

- ✓ the world's leading supplier of proprietary panel data
- ✓ used by every public-facing company and organisation
- ✓ used by hundreds of millions of people as a daily public resource
- ✓ the world's largest and most engaged research panel

## New growth plan - long-term targets

- Three long-term targets define our next growth plan
- These are the ambitious LTIP targets we will use to incentivise senior management through to 2023

1

Double  
Group Revenue

2

Double  
Group Adjusted\*  
Operating Profit Margin

3

Achieve an Adjusted\*  
Earnings Per Share  
compound annual growth  
rate in excess of 30%

*\*In future we will be amending the definition of our 'adjusted' profit measures.*

## Outlook

- Strong pipeline of sales opportunities for our syndicated data products
- Opportunities for growth in custom research aligned with our core connected-data offering
- Second-half trading continues positively
- Continued investment in our technology platforms and geographic expansion
- Significant opportunities for YouGov Direct in the digital advertising eco-system
- The Board remains confident of expectations for the full year
- On track to deliver our five-year organic growth plans for 2014-19
- The next five-year plan has begun

# YouGov<sup>®</sup>

---

The best data, the best tools

# Appendix - About YouGov



---

YouGov is a global  
research data and  
analytics group

---

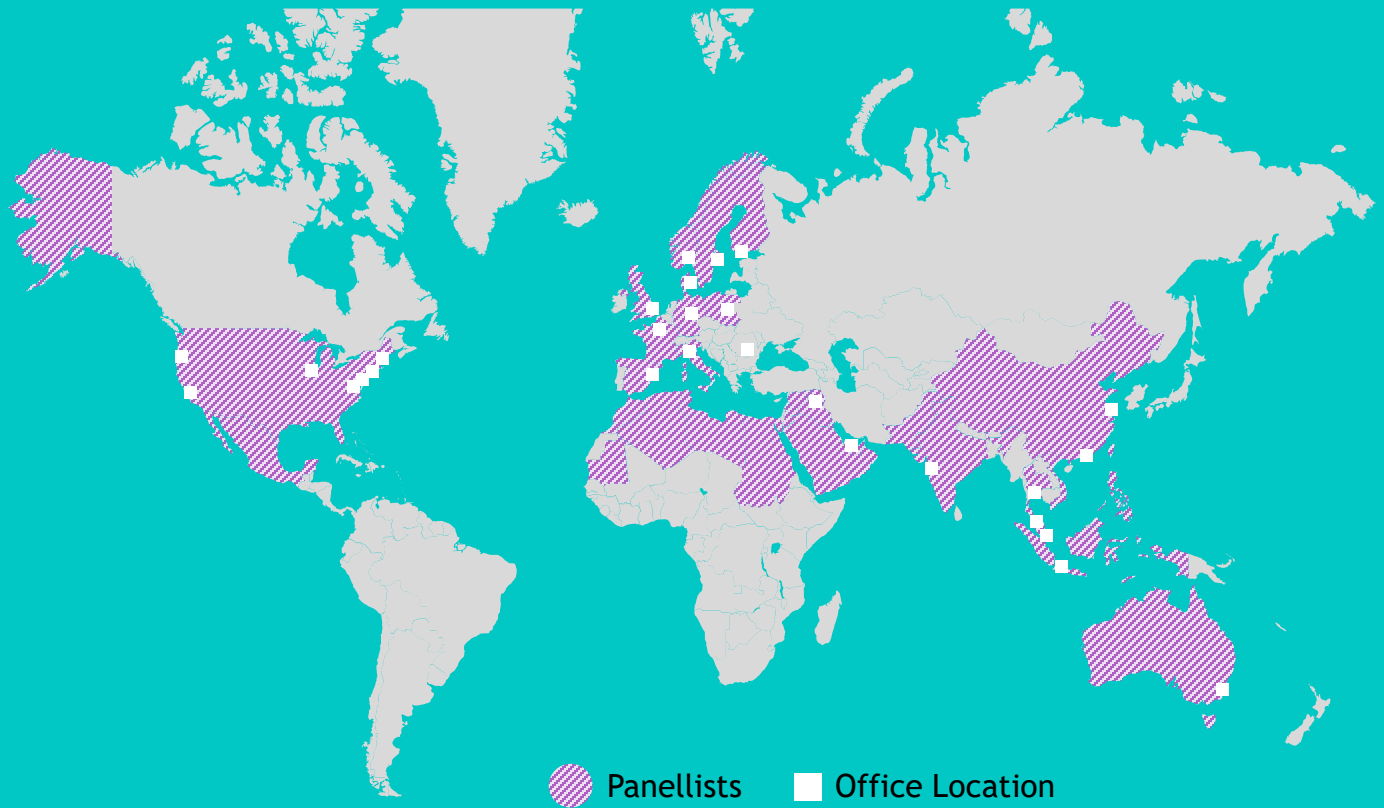




YouGov has one of the world's largest international research networks

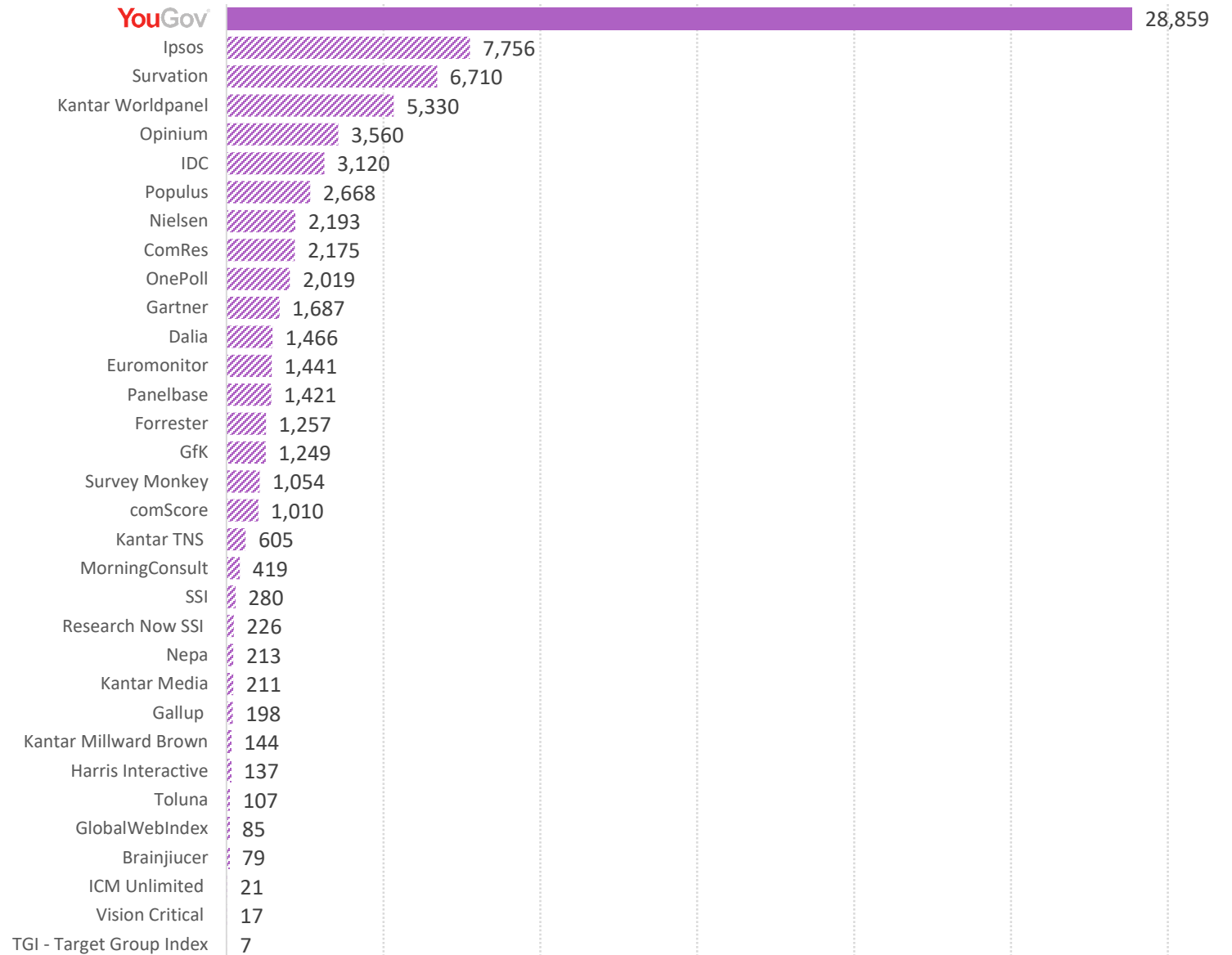
Over 7m panellists across 42 countries

Over 900 employees across 22 countries



EMPLOYEE HEADCOUNT BY REGION				
UK	USA	Mainland Europe	Middle East & India	Asia Pacific
330	200	220	120	80

YouGov is the most quoted market research source in the UK



Source: Meltwater media mentions data for the six months to 31 January 2019

Our core offering of opinion data is derived from our highly participative online panel of over 7 million people worldwide



We leverage this data to provide a complementary suite of data products and services...

Divisions	Data Products	Data Services	Custom Research
Products & Services	BrandIndex*	Omnibus	Quantitative
	Profiles*	Re-Contacts	Qualitative
	Data Applications	Field & Tab	Trackers
	SportIndex	Sample Only	Political / MRP

\*BrandIndex and Profiles are increasingly sold together under the “Plan and Track” proposition.

... which can support  
all stages of the  
marketing workflow



Our customer base is  
diverse - mainly  
focused on  
marketing activities



Over 2,000 clients

Our clients include  
some of the world's  
most recognisable  
brands



# YouGov at a glance



**35 offices** worldwide including:  
New York | San Francisco | London |  
Berlin | Milan | Dubai | Mumbai |  
Hong Kong | Singapore | Sydney

**900 employees** worldwide



YouGov has one of the world's  
**largest** international research  
networks



Proprietary panel of over  
**7 million members** spanning  
**42 countries**. Last year, YouGov  
panellists completed over  
**25 million surveys**



Over **£100m** in global revenue

London Stock Exchange market  
capitalisation of **c.£500m**



One of the world's **most quoted**  
market research sources

#1 in the UK  
#2 in Singapore  
#2 in Germany



Over **2,000** clients, including  
some of the world's most  
recognisable brands



## Our strategy

Our strategy for the next five years is defined by this 6-word mantra:

**“the best data, the best tools”**

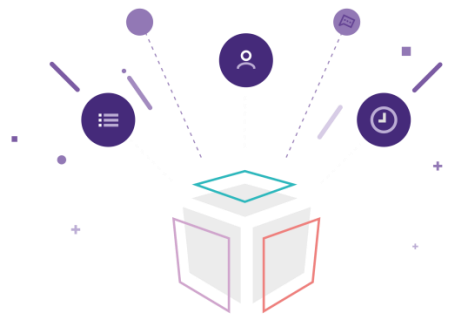
# The best data

## COLLECT

Large engaged longitudinal panels  
in all key global markets

Single-source data means every response can be  
tied back to a known (and willing) individual,  
collected through various channels

## STORE & CONNECT



In order to store, connect and  
easily access all our hugely rich  
datasets, we developed the  
YouGov Cube, our highly  
structured and codified multi-  
dimensional data library

## RESULTS

### UK General Election 2017

We used MRP to construe outcomes for each  
of the UK's 632 parliamentary constituencies,  
polling 7,000 UK voters each day in the lead  
up to the election

Our results indicated  
a Hung Parliament,  
while other pollsters  
and both Campaigns  
were confident of an  
easy victory for the  
Conservatives



### What Pew Research says about YouGov data

“ They [YouGov] produce a more  
representative, more accurate  
national survey than the competition...  
stands out as a top performer.

Pew Research Center 

YouGov is the market research pioneer of Multi-level Regression with Post-stratification (MRP) for accurate predictions at a granular level

## The best tools



**Our unique and user-friendly data analytics and visualisation tool**

Crunch makes data processing faster, more accurate and gives users control over data analysis.

The logo for YouGov Direct, featuring the text 'YouGov Direct' in a white, sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol. The background is a solid purple color with a subtle geometric pattern of lines and small squares.

**YouGov<sup>®</sup>Direct**

**Our blockchain-based platform for panellist permissioning and effective ad targeting**

YouGov Direct harnesses blockchain technology to verify the data exchange between consumers and advertisers.

# YouGov<sup>®</sup>

---

The best data, the best tools