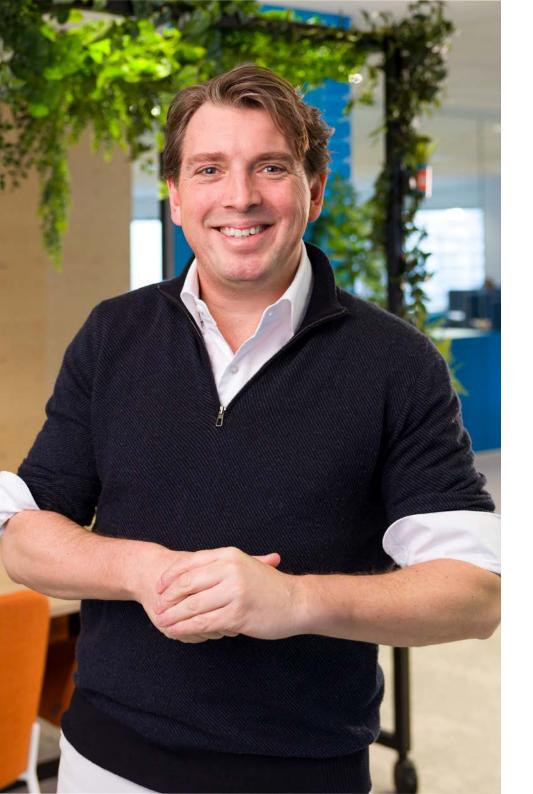


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## WELCOME. Read and greet.

Welcome to the Coolblue Yearbook 2024. We are proud to share our results over 2024 and the plans for 2025. I'm very proud of what we achieved during this year: a record revenue, our highest NPS to date, and many, many improvements.

We realized strong growth in Germany and opened 8 new stores. We launched Free Washing and heat pumps with Coolblue Energy, turning it into a full-service energy installation company. And we laid the foundation to make 2025 the absolute best Coolblue year ever.

All that is left for me to say is: thank you. To our customers, who inspire us to do a little bit better every day. To our shareholders, for their support and trust in Coolblue. And to all Coolbluers, who make anything for a smile possible.

With a smile,

Pieter



# COOLBLUE STATS. Scantastic.

We love data. If we cannot measure it, we cannot improve it. That is why we have 121 Data Analysts at Coolblue who measure and analyze everything: from the number of app visits to the most common name within Coolblue.







88.3M **EBITDA** 



5,726 Coolbluers (21 Lisas and 39 Thomases)



2.41B Revenue



**Nationalities** 



11,431 White goods repaired at home



25 Stores (NL 14, BE 9, DE 2)



1,148K Exclusive Brands products sold



2,600 Next steps in careers



1,226,050<sub>KG</sub> saved through refurbishing



**72**NPS



97.8M **EBITDA** 



5,781 (22 Lisas and 43 Thomases)



2.46B Revenue



90 **Nationalities** 



13,999 White goods repaired at home



32 Stores (NL 18, BE 10, DE 4)



1,398K Exclusive Brands products sold



2,191



1,555,330<sub>KG</sub> saved through refurbishing



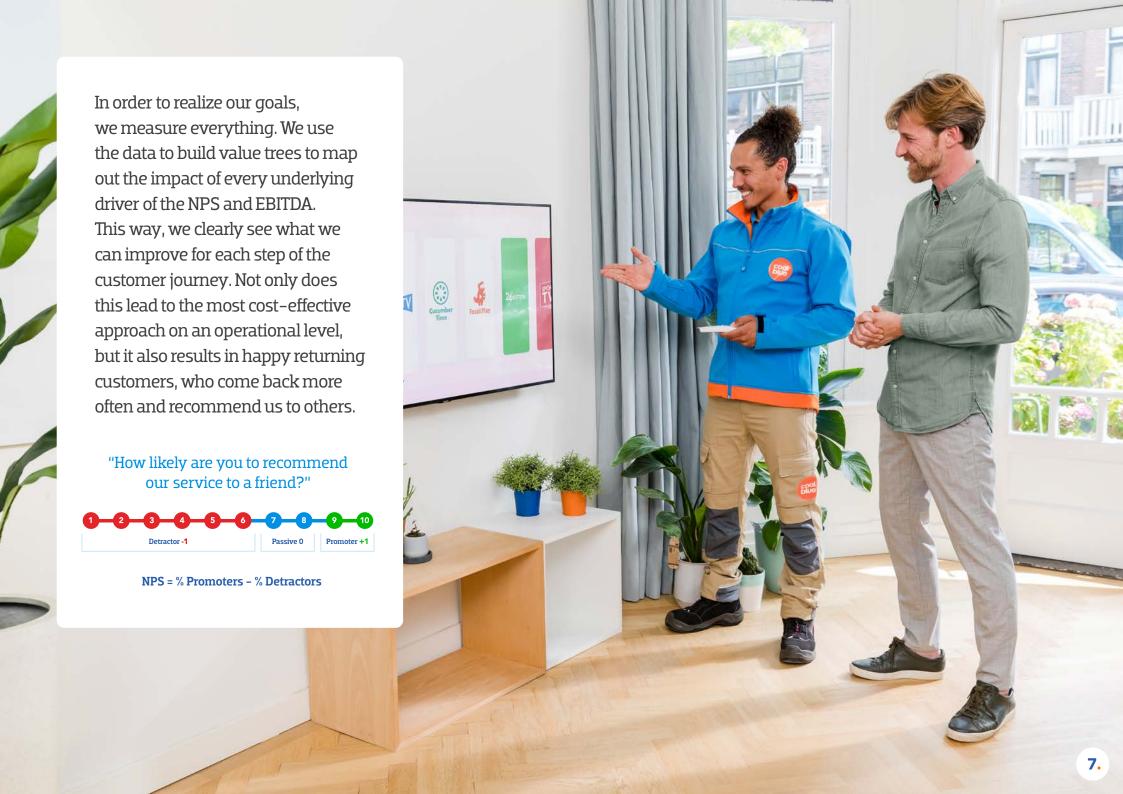




# THE COOLBLUE STORY. Anything for a smile.

Coolblue is a unique omnichannel electronics and energy company with an obsessive focus on customer satisfaction. By integrating our website, app, own customer service, our physical stores, and our own delivery and installation services, we build leading market positions in consumer electronics and energy in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany.







### **OUR INFRASTRUCTURE.**

The complete package.

#### Package Park

In Tilburg, we have our own 88,000m<sup>2</sup> solar–powered warehouse: our Package Park. Here, we store, pick, and pack all our products. Thanks to our highly automated and mechanized processes, we can make super fast, super efficient delivery propositions. From our Package Park, we ship to our 26 hubs, 32 stores, and 4 million customers in 3 countries.

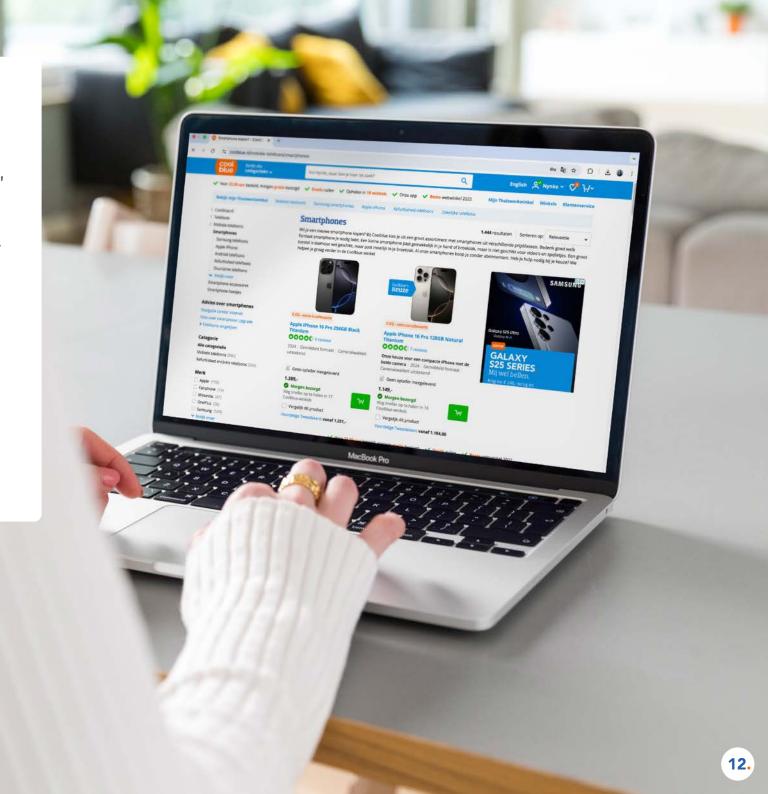


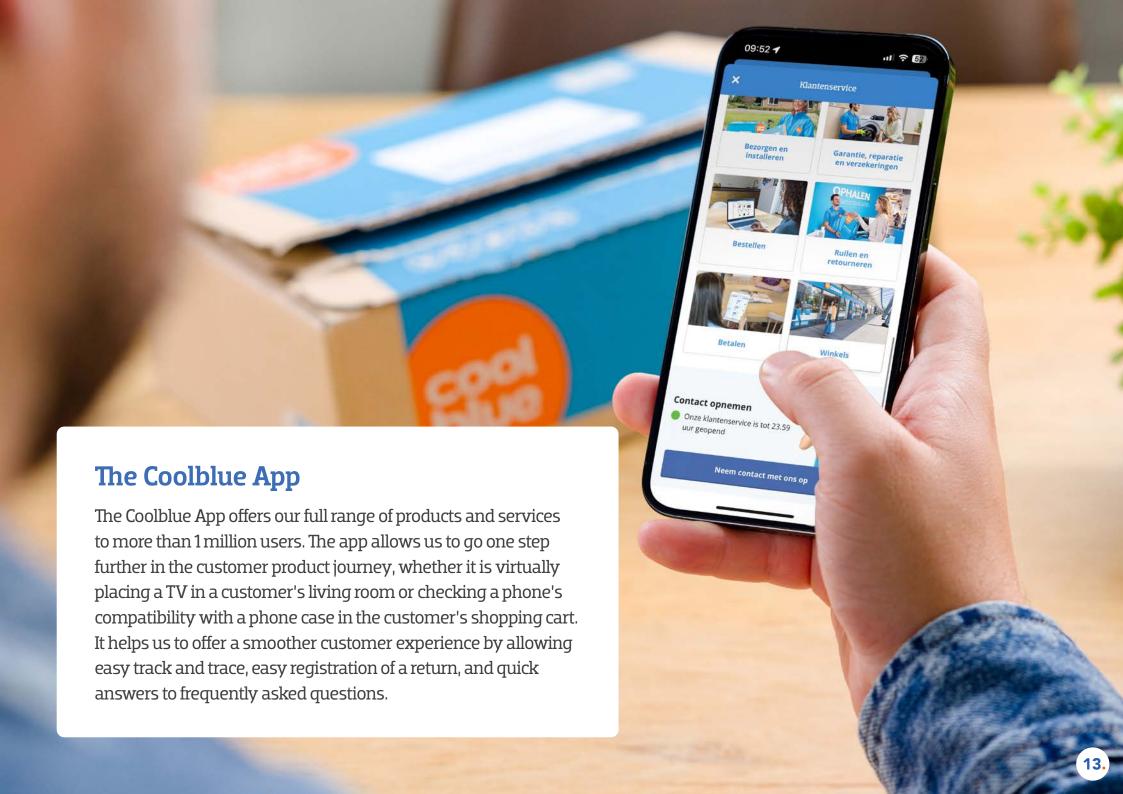




#### The website

On our website, customers can find elaborate product information, expert advice, and customer reviews. We highlight the best and most energy-efficient products for their use case with the Coolblue's Choice and Coolblue's Green Choice labels. With constant optimizations, we ensure the best possible customer experience. Additionally, we enhance the Self Service capabilities on a frequent basis, giving customers more control over their order.





#### **Customer service**

We have our own multilingual customer service in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany. Customers can reach us until midnight every day of the week via phone, email, social media, and our website. Additionally, customers can easily find the right answer to their questions on our customer service page.

#### Coolblue customer service teams

Coolblue customer service teams are specialized in a specific product type, like washing machines, or a specific stage of the customer journey, such as payments. On top of expert advice, these specialist customer service teams offer an improved customer experience, prevent unnecessary returns, reduce customer effort, and lower operational costs overall. They do so from their own homes, which adds to the flexibility and scalability of our customer service.







#### **Energy contracts**

Customers with a Coolblue Energy contract gain various advantages. For one, they get a discount on energy-saving products. This way, they save not only on their new washing machine or smart plug, but also on their energy bill. We also offer them Dynamic Hourly Rates. With this, customers pay an energy price per hour. When there is a surplus of wind or solar energy, this energy price becomes lower or even negative. And we stimulate the use of green energy even more with Free Washing. Customers can do their laundry between 12:00 and 15:00 for free, if they have a dynamic energy contract and a suitable washing machine.









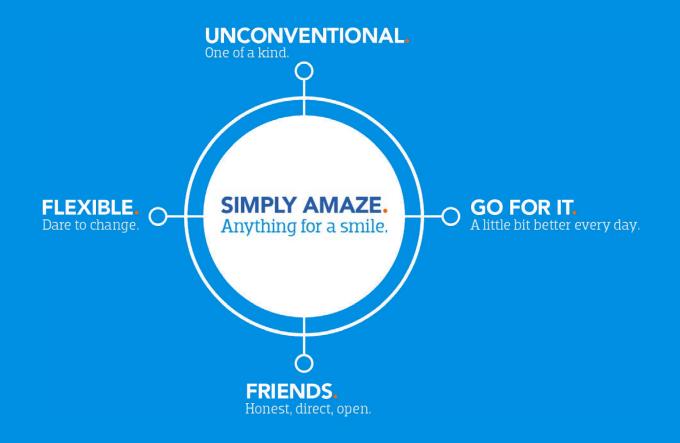
#### **Home Office Stores**

With a Coolblue Home Office Store, we offer business customers the best home office supplies in an all-in-one solution for their employees' home offices. We do this for 100 companies, including ING, KLM, and Exact Software.

#### Cafeteria plan

Belgian customers can easily arrange a cafeteria plan via Coolblue Business. The customers decide what products their employees can choose from their own online environment. We take care of all the practical matters: from logistics to a clear collective invoice. We do this for all social secretariats and 780 companies, including Cegeka, Brussels Airport, and Argenta.





### **CULTURE.**

#### Company ingredient #1.

These are our core values. They describe who we are, what we represent, what unites us, and how we interact. Our core values define our culture and help us make choices for the future. We use these values for every decision, no matter how small, to see if it would suit us or not.

## UNCONVENTIONAL. One of a kind.

We are proud of our real, unconventional Coolbluers. That is why they appear on our websites and in our commercials, just the way they are.

Being unconventional means that Coolbluers can and dare to be themselves, regardless of whether they are outgoing or a little more quiet. Although this may sound contradictory, it is precisely this unconventionality that unites us.

We are all doing this for the first time. We might not have all the answers right away, but we will surely try. Because only by doing what no one has done before can we be truly unconventional.

People who are true to themselves are hard to copy. That is why we always ask ourselves with everything we create whether it really suits us. If we were to cover our logo and the remainder cannot be recognized as Coolblue, it needs to be more unconventional.



## **FRIENDS.**Honest, direct, open.

There are few companies where so many colleagues are friends as well. Friendship is our strength because together, we know more, we can achieve more, and we have more fun.

People take notice. Such as our customers, who happily visit us again and our suppliers, who view us as long-term partners. We are always honest and direct, even if it is difficult at times. We keep our promises and we are open to feedback.

Friendship can only prosper between equals. That is why ties are the least-common item worn at Coolblue, why Coolbluers honestly speak their minds, and why we are always honest, direct, and open to our customers.





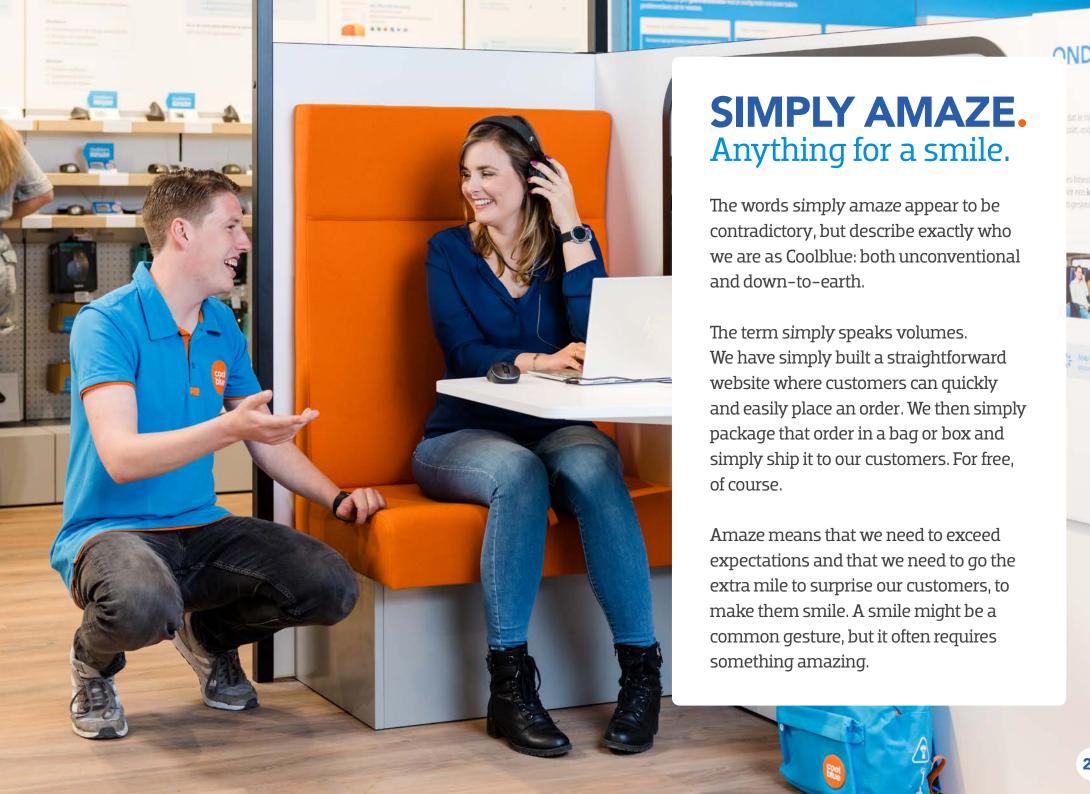
## **FLEXIBLE.**Dare to change.

We are constantly changing, either because we can or because we have to. Coolblue has had a flexible structure from the start to support our rapid growth. 'This is how we have always done it' is never a valid reason for us.

Our flexibility shows in our Coolbluers who do not mind working with a sudden change of plans or team. It also shows in Coolbluers who continue to learn outside of their own expertise. And lastly, our flexibility is reflected by the systems we build that can handle twice the expected load.

Flexibility is also key in our obsessive focus on customer satisfaction. We gladly go the extra mile for our customers and are convinced that exceptions exist to be made. 'Just because' is also a valid reason to us.





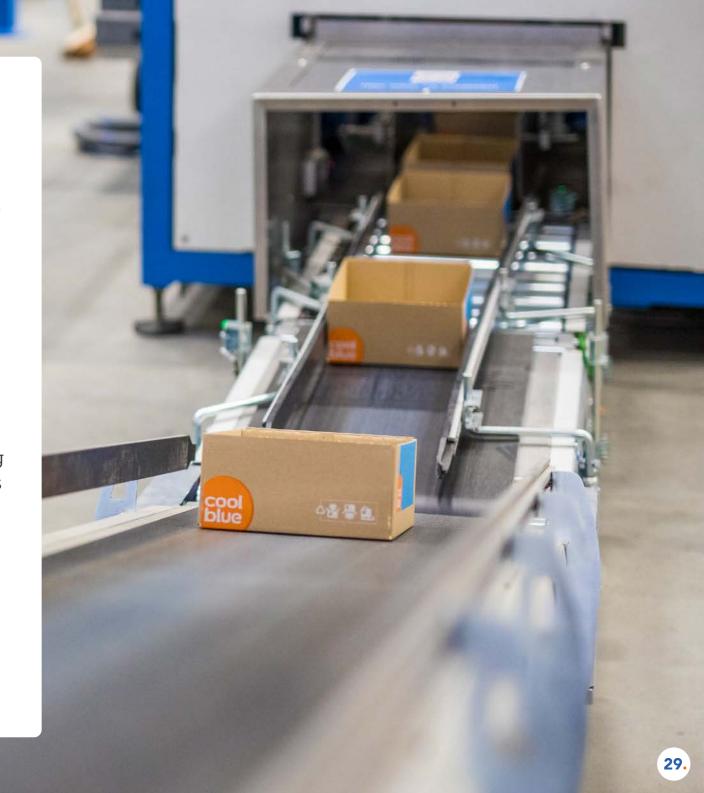


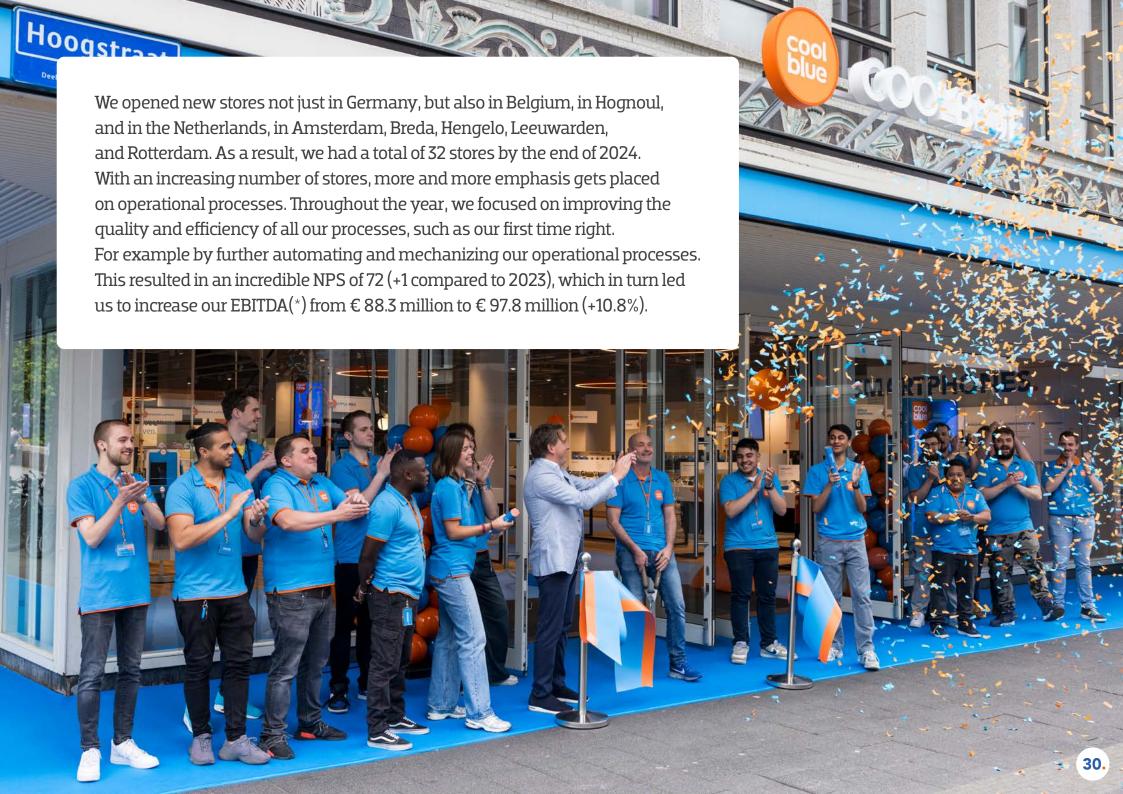
A YEAR IN REVIEW. Favorite past-time.

#### Looking back

In 2024, we reaped the fruits of our efforts and investments from 2023. We achieved a record revenue of € 2,458 million, which is an increase of 2.1% compared to 2023. In 2024, we outperformed the market in all 3 countries, increasing our consumer electronics market share by 2.1% in the Netherlands, 3.1% in Belgium, and an impressive 28.4% in Germany (GfK 2024).

In Germany, our revenue grew to
€ 237 million. Our record revenues are the
result of strongly focusing on NPS, leading
to recurring customers, which is our basis
for future growth and profitability.
We opened 2 new stores, in Dortmund
and Frankfurt, and doubled our delivery
area by opening depots in Hamm
and close to Frankfurt. This enabled
us to make a potential 5 million extra
customers happy with our own white
goods delivery and installation services.







We achieved an all-time high in services revenue. Among other things, this consists of our White Goods as a Service, which allows customers to take out a subscription and benefit from energy-efficient white goods at a fixed monthly rate. Other increasingly significant service revenues are our insurances and installation services.

We invested € 69.0 million in both tangible and intangible assets (excluding right-of-use assets). For example in the development of our software. We started rebuilding our entire website from the ground up by means of microfrontends. This makes our website significantly faster and prepares it for future improvements. We also implemented new software to process our returns and continued researching potential opportunities for further mechanization of our Package Park. While the true benefits of these investments will become apparent as 2025 progresses, we are already happy with the first results.

We faced a challenging market with Coolblue Energy.

To counteract this, we developed ourselves into a full-service installation company. On top of the solar panels and charging stations we already offered, we started offering heat pumps.

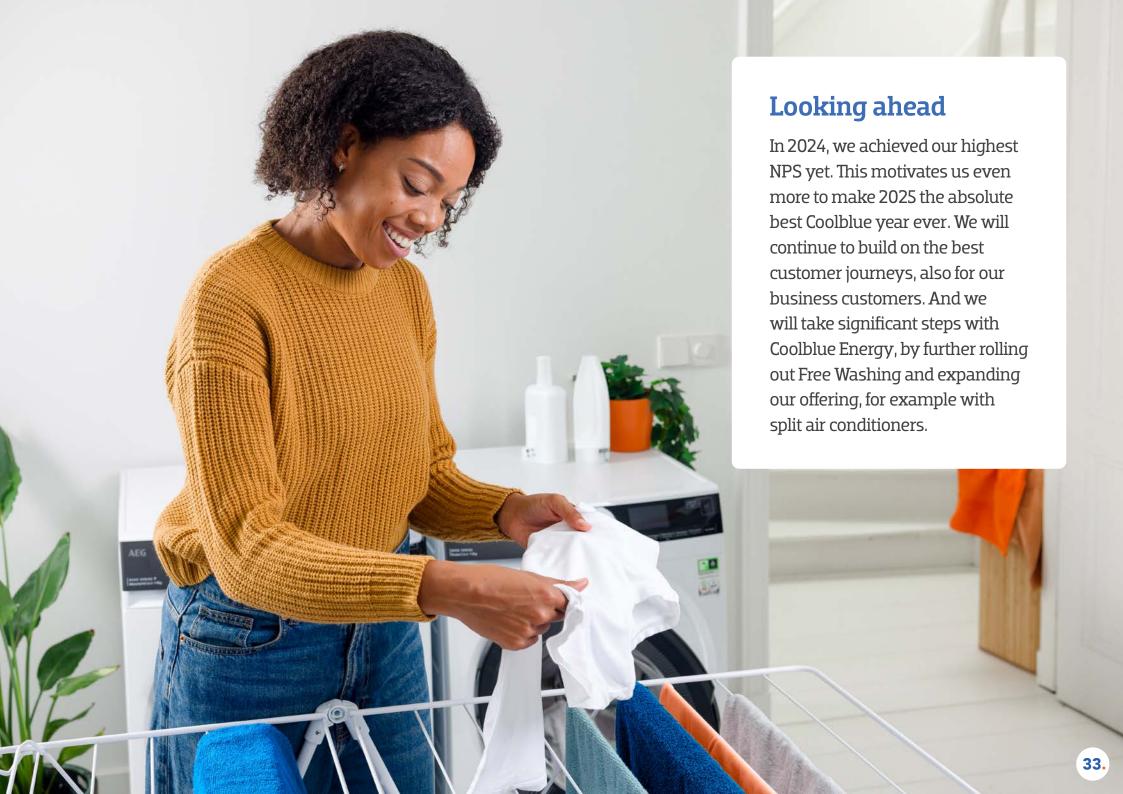
And for customers with a dynamic energy contract, we launched Free Washing between 12:00 and 15:00 every day.



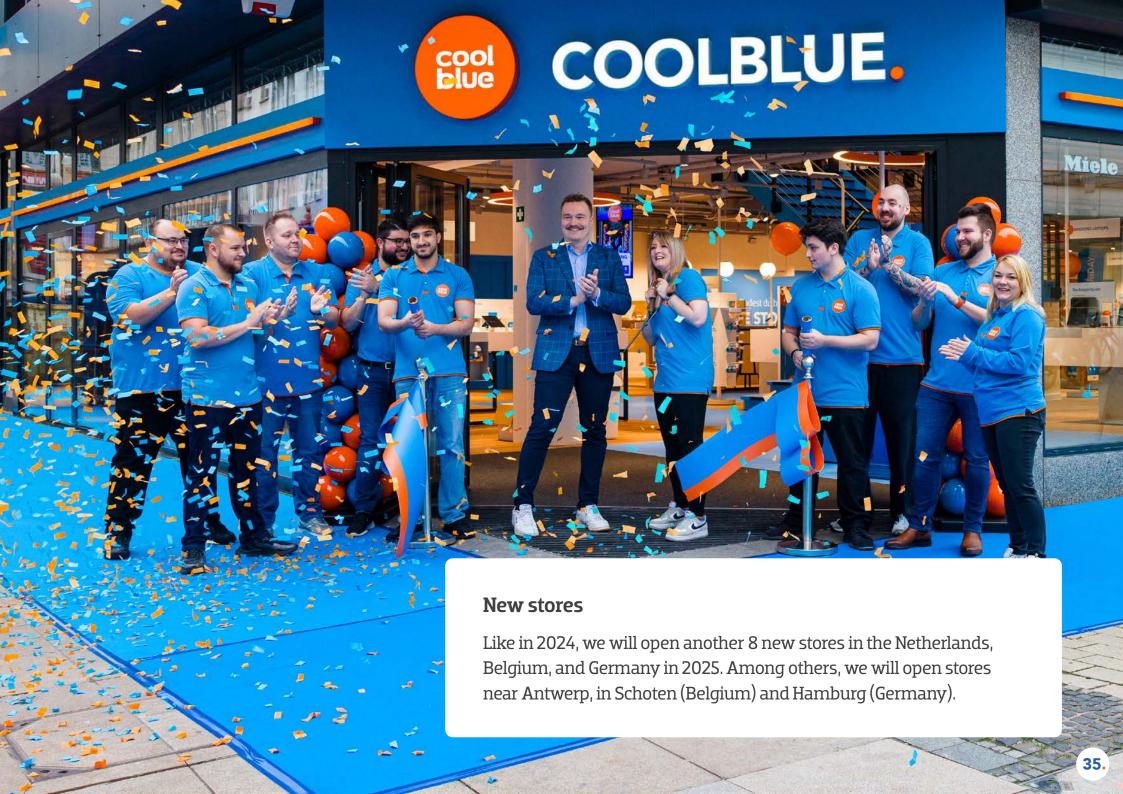
Our working capital (\*\*) of € -/- 262.1 million at the end of 2024 is in line with last year (2023: € -/- 263.9 million). We financed our growth by reinvesting our profits and optimizing our working capital. The receivable from the shareholder is available on demand up to the unused amount of credit facility. Our shareholder Mondhoekie B.V. has credit facilities in place available until 2027 with an option to extend for 2 years. This consists of a € 100 million Revolving Credit Facility, a € 50 million committed ancillary facility, and a € 50 million uncommitted ancillary facility. In August 2024, we signed a subordinated shareholder loan agreement with HAL Investments B.V. and Sourire B.V. for a total facility of € 100 million, available on demand. This loan serves as additional financing to support our growth in Germany.

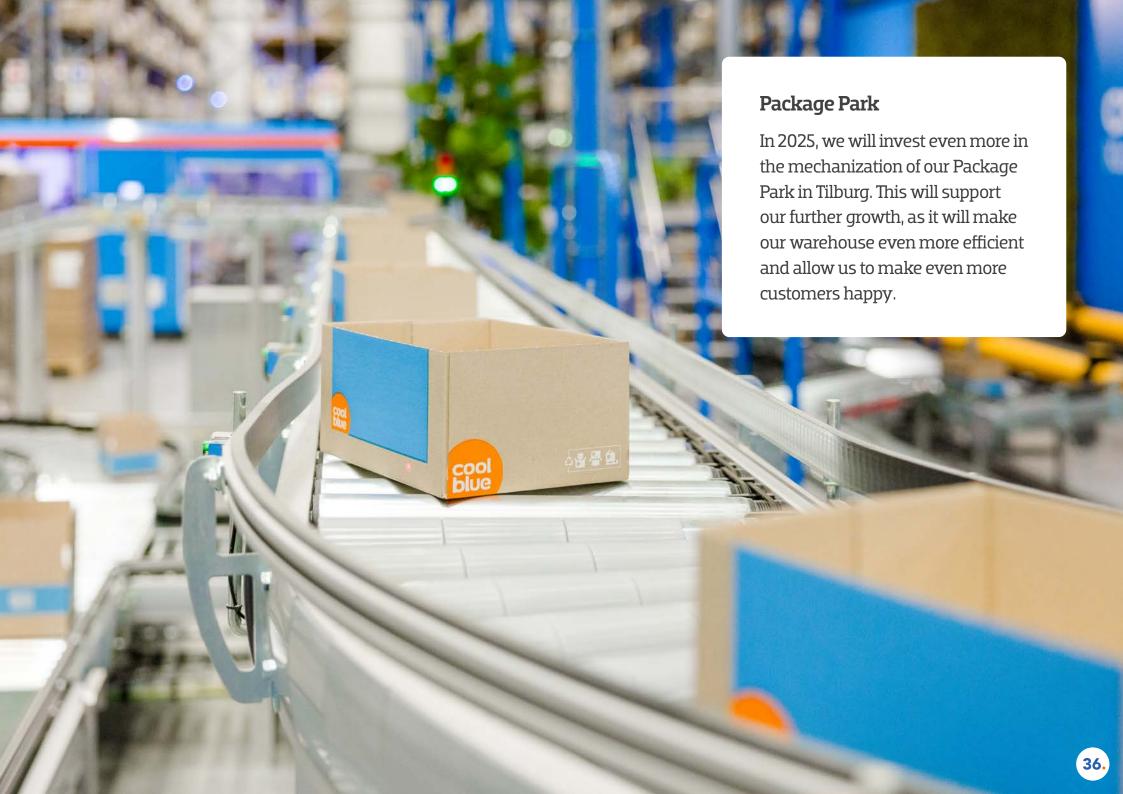
Adding the net result for 2024 to equity results in a solvability (\*\*\*) of 23% (2023: 22%), while the current ratio (\*\*\*\*) remained stable at 1.0 (2023: 1.0).

- (\*) EBITDA = Operating profit + Depreciation and Amortization
- (\*\*) Working capital = Inventory + Receivables -/- Receivable from shareholder -/- Trade and other payables
- (\*\*\*) Solvability = Equity / (Equity + Liabilities)
- (\*\*\*\*) Current Ratio = Short term liabilities / current assets











05.

# COOLBLUE AS AN EMPLOYER. It's working.

Our Coolbluers are the reason we can deliver smiles every day. We offer them careers rather than jobs, along with all the facilities that allow them to become a little bit better every day. And of course, we also have lots of fun together.



5,726 > 5,781 Coolbluers.

2,600 > 2,191 Next steps.



1,310 > 1,380 Delivery employees.



554 > 533 Customer service employees.



2023 > 2024 953 > 960 Warehouse and Returns employees.

89,697 > 99,187 Applications.



753 > 837 Store employees.



469 > 452 Tech employees.



1,687 > 1,618 Office employees.

2023 > 2024

90 > 90 Nationalities.





# **Coolblue events**

In 2024, we had friendly contests, such as the competition for the Best Coolblue Store 2024 award. The award ceremonies were even bigger than the year before, at special locations in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany. We organized a soccer tournament at the KNVB campus for our delivery drivers and hosted multiple online and offline events for our Customer Service, who mostly work from home. We celebrated together during the office party and rolled through the mud with 633 Coolbluers during Mud Masters and Strong Viking in our 3 countries. And together, we gave 284 mothers a tour of our office and amazed 1,111 mini-Coolbluers during our annual Sinterklaas Adventure.



# **Coolblue careers**

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We believe in careers rather than jobs.
We strongly emphasize training and encourage Coolbluers to take the next step in their career with us. To help them, we offer various educational opportunities and (online) training courses.

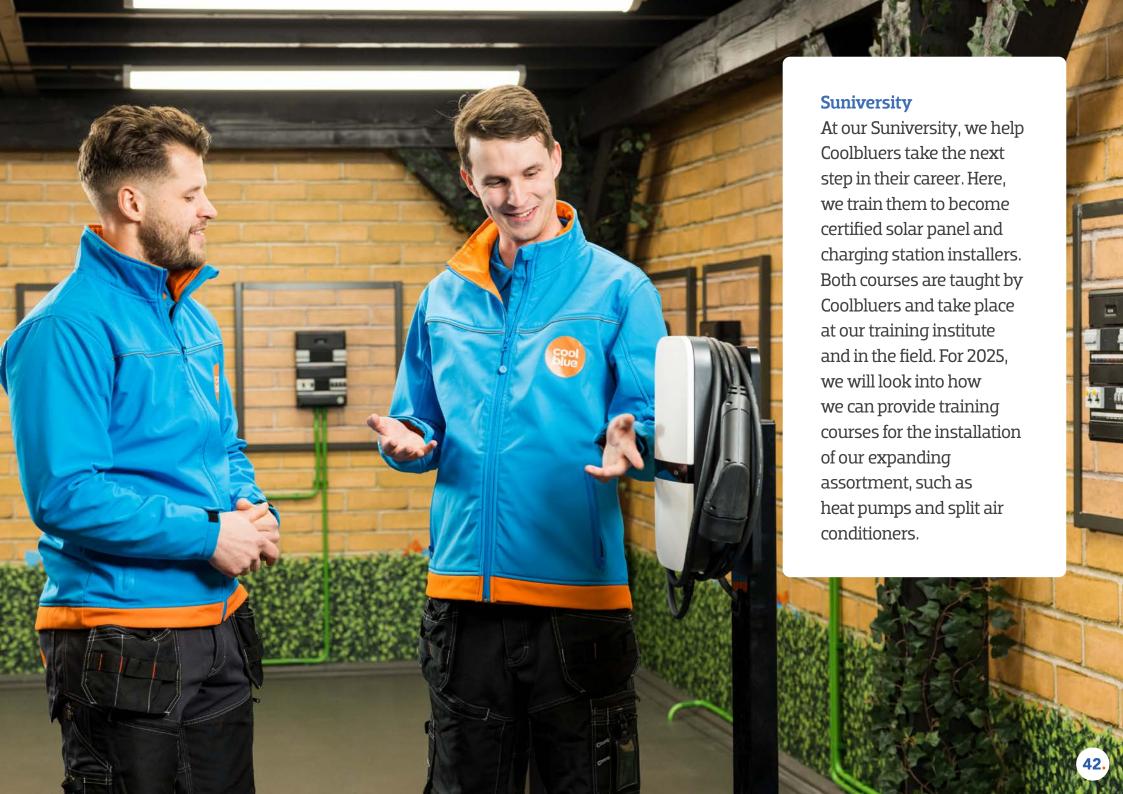
### **Careers website**

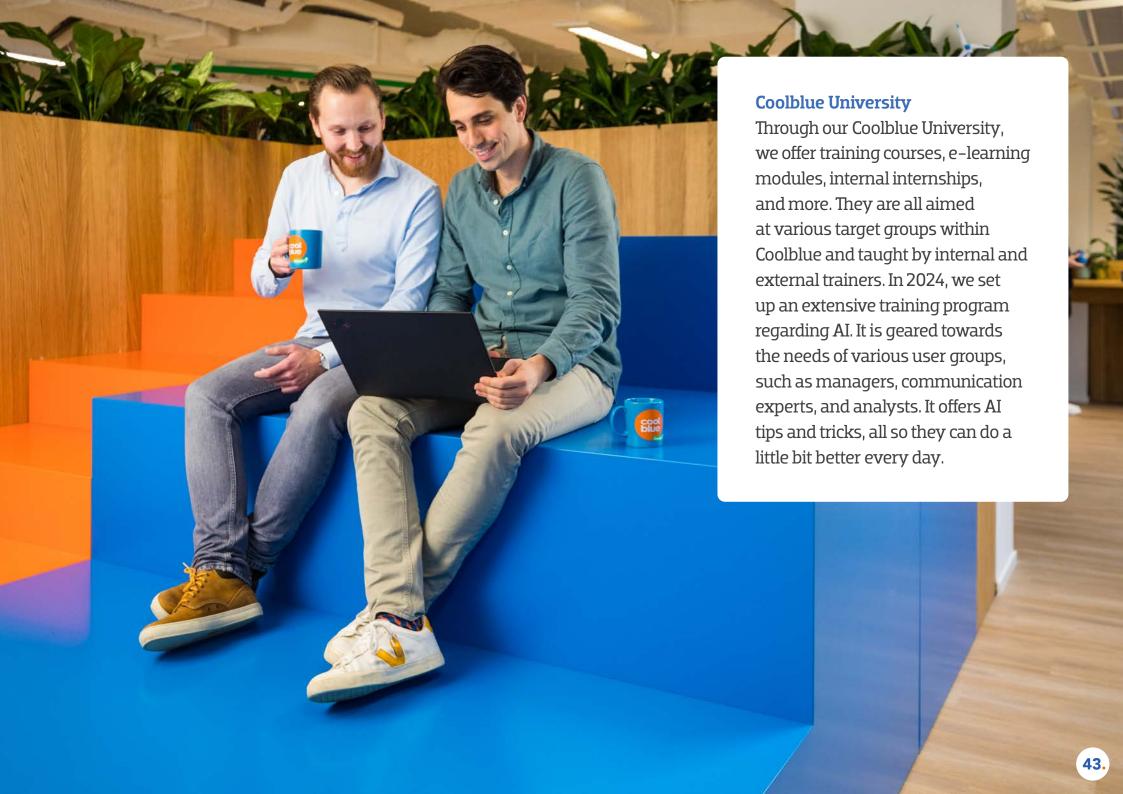
We have an internal website where Coolbluers can find all available internal vacancies to take the next step in their career. We highlight new vacancies through a weekly next-step email, allowing Coolbluers to find their next challenge.

## **Coolblue education**

An important part of our culture is that we want Coolbluers to do a little bit better every day. For this reason, we offer additional education and training courses at our various internal institutes.









# **Work locations**

We make a constant effort to ensure that our work locations meet the needs of our Coolbluers. For example, our Package Park is outfitted with various machines that help maximize human impact where it is truly necessary. In 2024, we refurbished 1 depot in Utrecht, the Netherlands, and opened 2 new depots in Germany, in Hamm and Kelsterbach. We also worked on our offices. For example, we completely renewed and optimized our office in Berchem, Belgium. It is now modernized and has multiple new meeting rooms. At our Rotterdam office, we refurbished our entrance with a big smile and created a dedicated office space and meeting room for Coolbluers focusing on exclusive brands.





06.

# **GO GREEN.** Eco-logical.

At Coolblue, we make a constant effort to become even more sustainable. We set up the largest solar roof in the Netherlands back in 2018, started our own bike delivery service in major cities, and were the first to drive electric vans for white goods deliveries across Dutch roads. We always start with ourselves, but to truly make a big impact, we need to extend our efforts beyond our own footprint. This is why we help our customers achieve their own green goals with Coolblue Energy. And with our customers' help, we can make the product journey come full circle, maximize product life spans, and ensure effective recycling.

# Go Green starts with us

Eco-friendliness is a priority in every part of our organization. It starts at our Package Park, an 88,000m<sup>2</sup> warehouse that was entirely energy positive in 2024 thanks to its solar roof. Here, we have tested and implemented solutions to reduce plastic use in our pallet storage and internal transportation. We have further reduced the use of sealing wrap for our pallets, which lowered our plastic use by 4.5 tonnes compared to 2023. Additionally, we have invested heavily in machines that pack products exactly to size. The latest machine added at the end of 2023 packed more than 900,000 shipments in custom boxes instead of a standard box, saving cardboard. Since the initial implementation in 2021, we have reduced our cardboard consumption by 900,000 kg per year in total. And for products that already come in sturdy packaging, we use no additional cardboard packaging at all. Because of the tailored packaging or absence of additional packaging, our products take up less space. This allows us to fit products more efficiently into our delivery bikes and vans, so fewer transport vehicles are necessary. To our stores alone, we shipped 190,000 shipments without additional packaging in 2024. We actively work on reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in our deliveries. In 2024, we delivered orders by bike in and around cities across the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. We deliver up to 90% of eligible packages by bike, thereby preventing 267,000 kilograms of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2024 alone. We also continuously research and implement ways to lower emissions of motorized vehicles and have a primary focus on electrifying our fleet. We are setting up the extensive infrastructure needed for an electric fleet. At the end of 2024, legislative changes were announced that provided the clarity needed to move further with our electrification plans. We are happy with these changes, because we can now use our electric vehicles with current driver's licenses.





# Free Washing

We launched Free Washing in 2024. It allows customers to do their laundry for free every day between 12:00 and 15:00. Because that is when an abundance of renewable energy usually is available. All customers need to benefit from this is a dynamic energy contract and a compatible washing machine. Free Washing is the first integration of products and dynamic energy contracts and we plan to announce more as 2025 progresses.



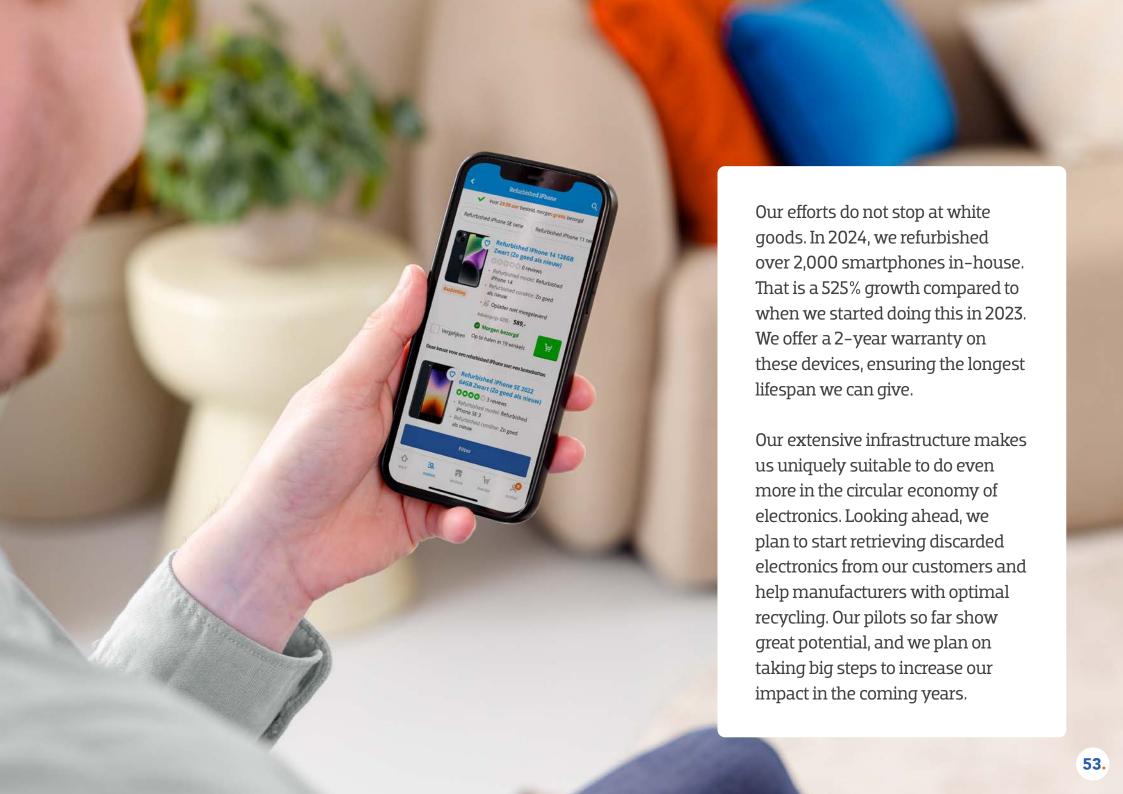




# Completing the product journey

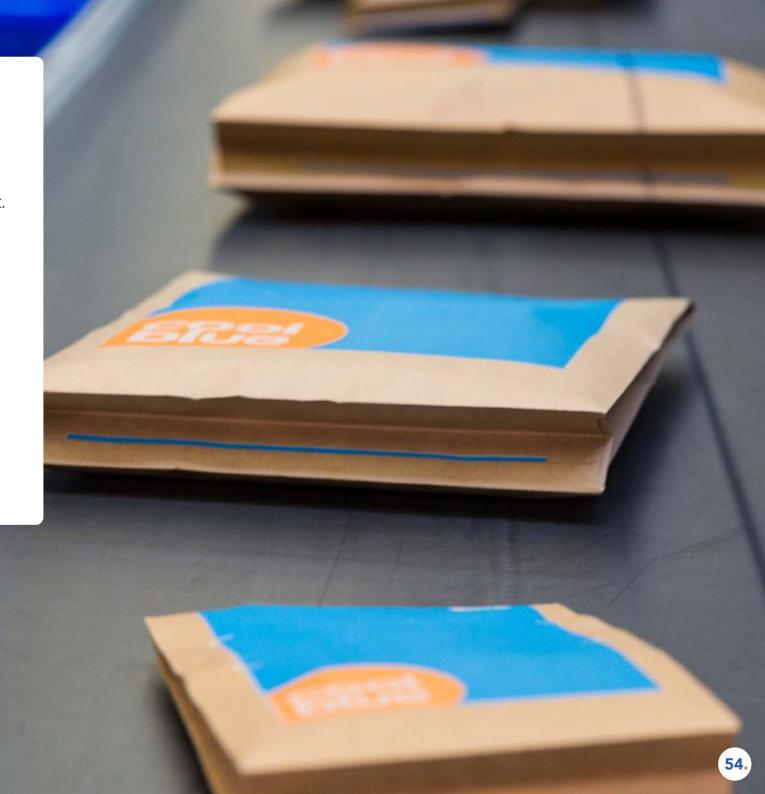
Every product has a life cycle. And at the end of its life cycle, it needs to be taken care of. We see this as an essential part of the customer journey. So when we deliver a new household appliance, we take the old one back with us if the customer wants us to. In 2024, we collected 20,000 tonnes of appliances this way.

We make an effort to ensure that these appliances are put to the best use possible. We refurbished 22,000 appliances in-house, giving them a second life. The remainder was either refurbished externally or optimally recycled.



# Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive

In 2023, the CSRD came into effect. This means that Coolblue will be required to report CSRD-specified sustainability data as of 2025. To meet these requirements, we have conducted a double materiality assessment and are making the necessary preparations to ensure our full compliance. We are on track to meet the requirements set out in the directive.





07.

# RISK MANAGEMENT. Challenge accepted.

Entrepreneurship and taking risks go hand in hand. Because risks need to be taken in order to grow. And as an organization grows, so does the number of risks, their scope, and their impact. For this reason, we continuously optimize our risk management.

# Risks & opportunities

We balance risks and their impact with the opportunities and advantages they offer. This allows us to maximize the benefits of a risk while minimizing the consequences.

### Risk culture

Risks can occur anywhere in the organization. So it is important that every Coolbluer is aware of risks and can identify them. This is why every Coolbluer is responsible for managing their own risks. They are supported in this by our Risk & Internal Control, Tax, Safety, Security & Fraud, Tech Security, Finance, and Legal departments. The ultimate responsibility for risks is borne by the Management Board. This approach allows us to create a culture in which risk management stays top of mind throughout the organization and in which risks are managed when and where they occur through detection, prevention, and correction.

## Internal guidelines

To provide Coolbluers with the means to decide how to go about a risk, we have various internal policies in place, which are in part based on external regulation. These policies are written in an honest, direct, and open manner and are easily available to every Coolbluer in multiple languages. We periodically review these policies to ensure they continue to meet legislative demands. Examples of our internal guidelines are:

- The Workguide (the employee guidebook);
- The Friend Code (our code of conduct);
- How can Coolblue help me with undesirable situations?
   (our whistleblower policy);
- What happens if I cheat? (our anti-fraud policy); and
- What if I don't stick to the Coolblue agreements? (our disciplinary policy).

### **Increasing awareness**

We make an effort to maintain a consistently high level of risk awareness. We actively involve Coolbluers in our risk management processes. As a result, we gain a current and accurate view of what is at play in the organization and we can manage our risks effectively. To further support Coolbluers in this, we offer e-learning modules and training courses that address topics such as information security, the GDPR, labor law, competition law, tax law, and integrity. In 2024, we implemented a mandatory cybersecurity awareness training course for all our office colleagues.

# Risk profile summary

We identified the risks that could impact the realization of our strategic goals and profiled them accordingly.

# Risk identification & assessment

Our risk management focuses on 4 categories: strategic risks, operational risks, finance & reporting risks, and compliance risks. To create a risk profile for each risk, we have conducted various top-down and bottom-up risk assessments. We then prioritized the most relevant risks in yearly Strategic Risk Assessment with managers and the Management Board. These results have been discussed with both the Audit Committee and the Supervisory Board.

	2024.			
Strategic risks	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Appetite	Trend
1. Reputation	••••	••••	••••	^
2. Competition	••••	••••	••••	-
3. Economics conditions	••••	••••	••••	-
Operational risks				
4. Information security & data privacy	••••	••••	••••	^
5. Availability systems & critical processes	••••	••••	••••	-
6. Stock management	••••	••••	••••	_
<ul><li>7. Supply chain continuity</li><li>8. Attract &amp; retain qualified employees</li></ul>	••••	•••••	••••	_
				_
9. Health, safety, and environment	••••	••••	••••	-
Finance & reporting risk				
10. Financing and liquidity	••••	••••	••••	~
Compliance risks				
11. Regulatory compliance	••••	••••	••••	-
	Compared to last year			
Very low Low Medium High	Very high	Risk increasing	Risk decreasing	Risk is stable

In 2024, we identified and profiled 11 risks, the same amount as we had in 2023. We have rated these risks on a 5-point scale, based on their likelihood, impact, and our risk appetite. These ratings vary slightly compared to 2023.

### Likelihood

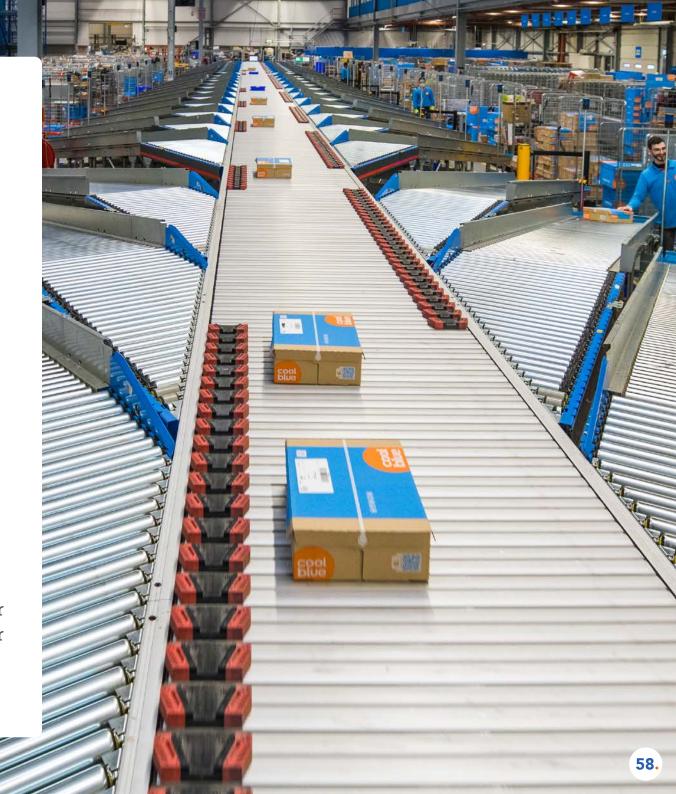
Likelihood is the first scale on which we rate a risk. It defines the probability that a risk will occur within 2 years.

# **Impact**

Impact forms the second scale on which we rate a risk. Here, we assess to what extent a risk would negatively affect the achievement of our goals, promises, and ambitions.

# Risk appetite

The third and final scale, risk appetite, defines our willingness to run or take a risk. The lower our appetite for a risk, the stricter our measures have to be to manage it. On the other hand, we sometimes need to adopt a higher risk appetite to achieve our strategic goals.





# 2. Competition

We operate in markets that are highly competitive and dynamic in size. And we see that for a number of product types, the market size changes. To solidify our overall position in our existing markets and ensure we keep growing, we continue to invest in our leading customer journeys. They are geared towards product types, customer needs, and needs specific to the countries we operate in. This approach also works in markets we newly enter, allowing us to compete with established competitors.

We see that our (digital) playing field is changing rapidly due to the introduction of new disruptive technologies such as AI. For Coolblue, this implies challenges, but it also creates possibilities and new ways of working, which will enable us to keep going the extra smile for our customers.





# **Operational risks**

# 4. Information security & data privacy

Ensuring the safety of our data and technology is vital to Coolblue. As a result of our growth and automation strategy, we rely more strongly on information systems. This makes the potential impact of this risk larger. We minimize its likelihood by constantly improving our cyber and information security controls, for example by performing Data Protection Impact Assessments when and where needed. Additionally, we do everything in our power to secure our (customer) data, prevent hacks and data leaks, and minimize the impact an incident may have. We have begun applying a data centralization strategy that will allow us to further optimize our data governance. We continuously improve our (cyber) resilience by implementing and optimizing our detection and response controls and processes. And for each of the AI developments within Coolblue, our Privacy Officer is involved to ensure we fully comply with all relevant privacy legislation.





# 5. Availability of systems & critical processes

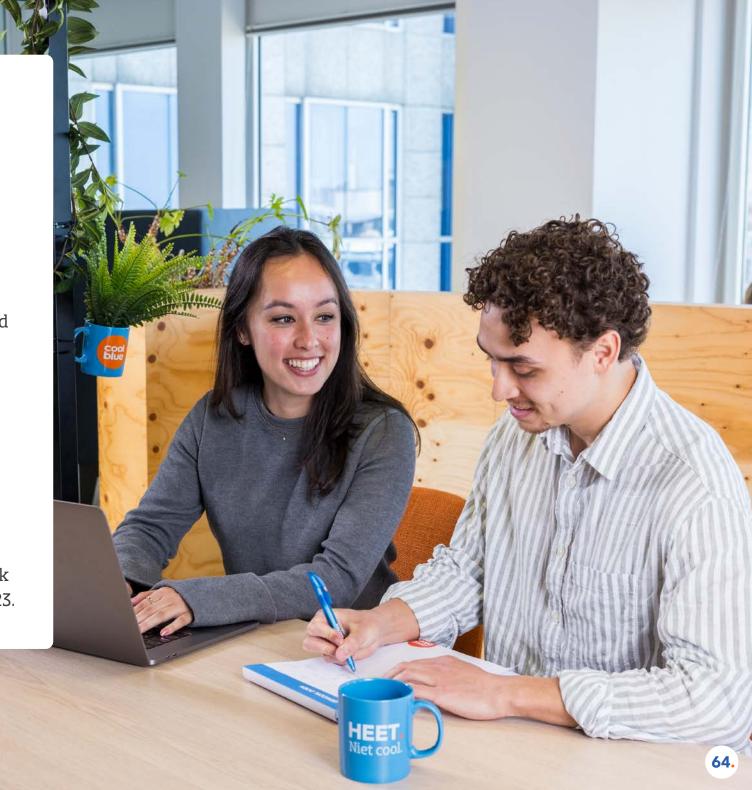
We constantly apply optimizations in our operations, such as mechanization in our warehouse. As a result, our dependency on technology increases. The impact of disruptions also increases, for instance in our automated picking process. To minimize the chance of this happening, we review our critical operations, dependencies on suppliers, and continuity and fallback procedures. For each, we identify our critical operations and risks. This allows us to minimize the odds of a disruption and the downtime that would follow. At the same time, we optimize how quickly we can restore our operations.

# 6. Stock management

Stock management risks come in 2 categories: excess stock and insufficient stock. To minimize both, we use algorithms that calculate the expected sales patterns every day, which we align our purchasing activities to. This way, we can order the optimal number of products at all times and closely monitor our stock health. With our increased efforts in exclusive brand products, this became even more important in 2024. Simultaneously, we have enhanced the algorithms and forecasts on stock levels to further decrease risks of future excess and insufficient stock.

# 7. Supply chain continuity

Our business depends on 2 factors: the availability of products and their components, and our ability to deliver them to our customers. We make an effort to safeguard continuity of both. By working very closely with our suppliers, we guarantee a constant supply and use our strong financial structure to realize this. We want to mitigate the risk of varying availability due to international influences. We do so by ensuring that we live up to our delivery promise through our own delivery propositions and by closely collaborating with our delivery partners. As a result, we see no significant change in this risk compared to our assessment in 2023.



# 8. Attract and retain qualified Coolbluers

Qualified and talented people are key to our success. That is why we are always happy to welcome new Coolbluers and help them build their career within Coolblue. At the same time, the competition for skilled personnel remains high. We offer Coolbluers careers rather than jobs, in which we help them continuously refine their skillset. For example, we offer them various training courses at our in-house training facilities. This way, we actively help them build their career within Coolblue.

We continue to strive for operational excellence and understand how Coolbluers and mechanization complement each other in this. This enables us to focus human attention there where it is of added value. As a result, we see no significant change in the assessment of this risk.



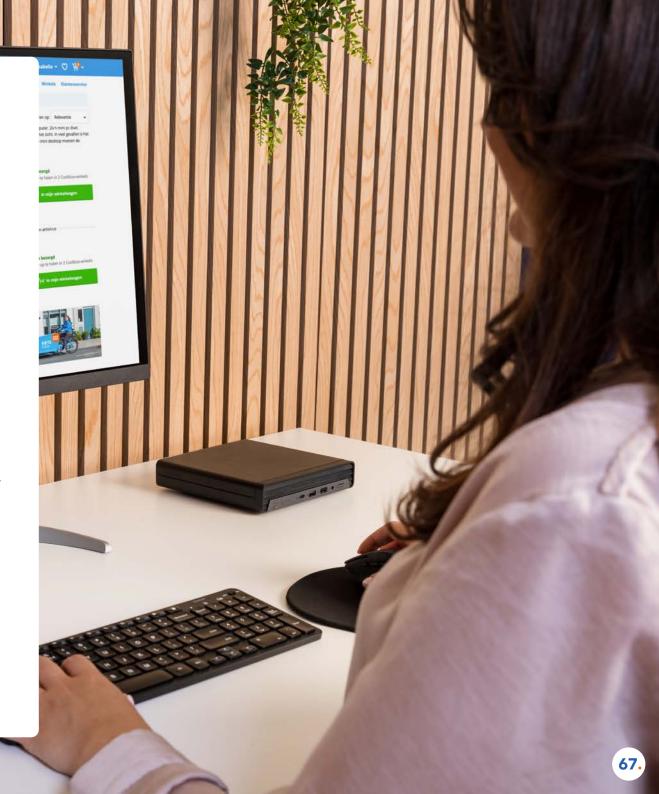


# Finance & reporting risk

# 10. Finance and liquidity

Our operations are financed by our operating cash flow, a negative working capital, and reinvestment of our profits. Thanks to our underlying debtor management, stock management, and treasury processes, we are always able to meet our payment obligations. We consistently monitor our exposure and liquidity to minimize the risk and have sufficient cash and credit lines available. Operating in the energy supply business includes related sourcing risks, collateral risks, and credit risks on suppliers. We manage these risks through strong monitoring and scenario planning, and they are further mitigated by our strong cash position.

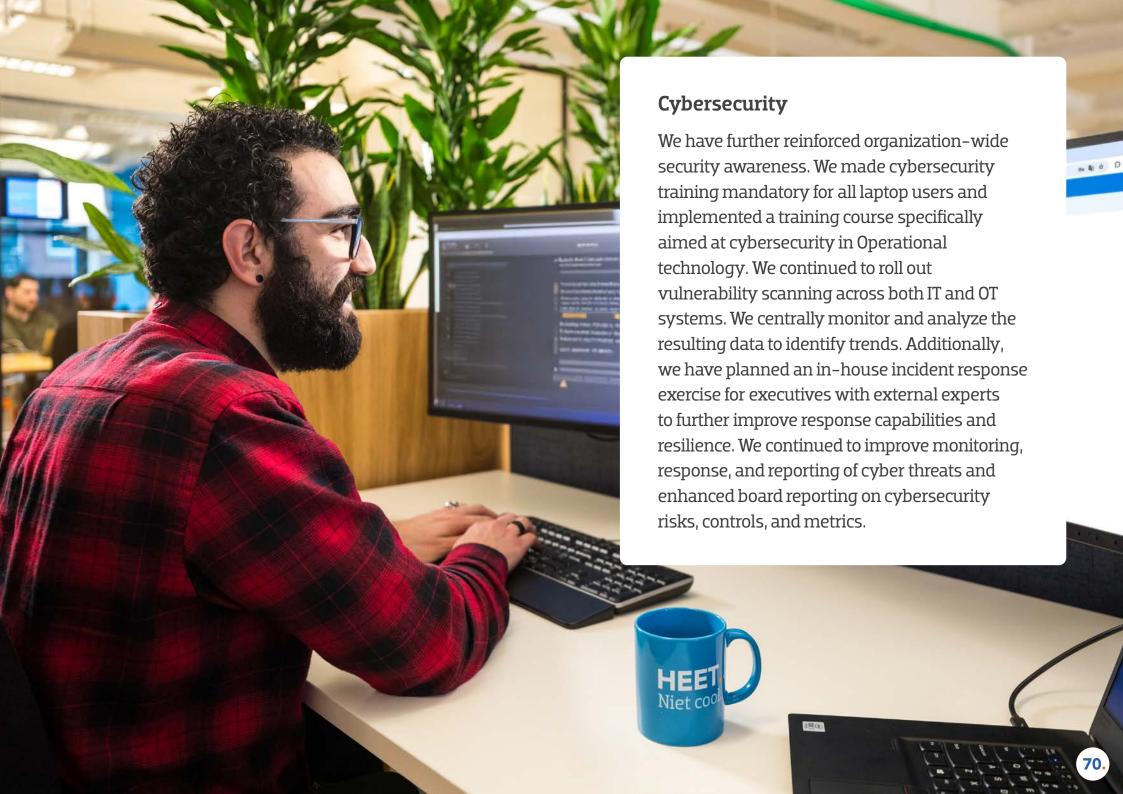
Refinancing in 2024 and the additional shareholder loan, has further improved our cash position. As a result, the likelihood of financial and liquidity risks actually occurring has decreased.

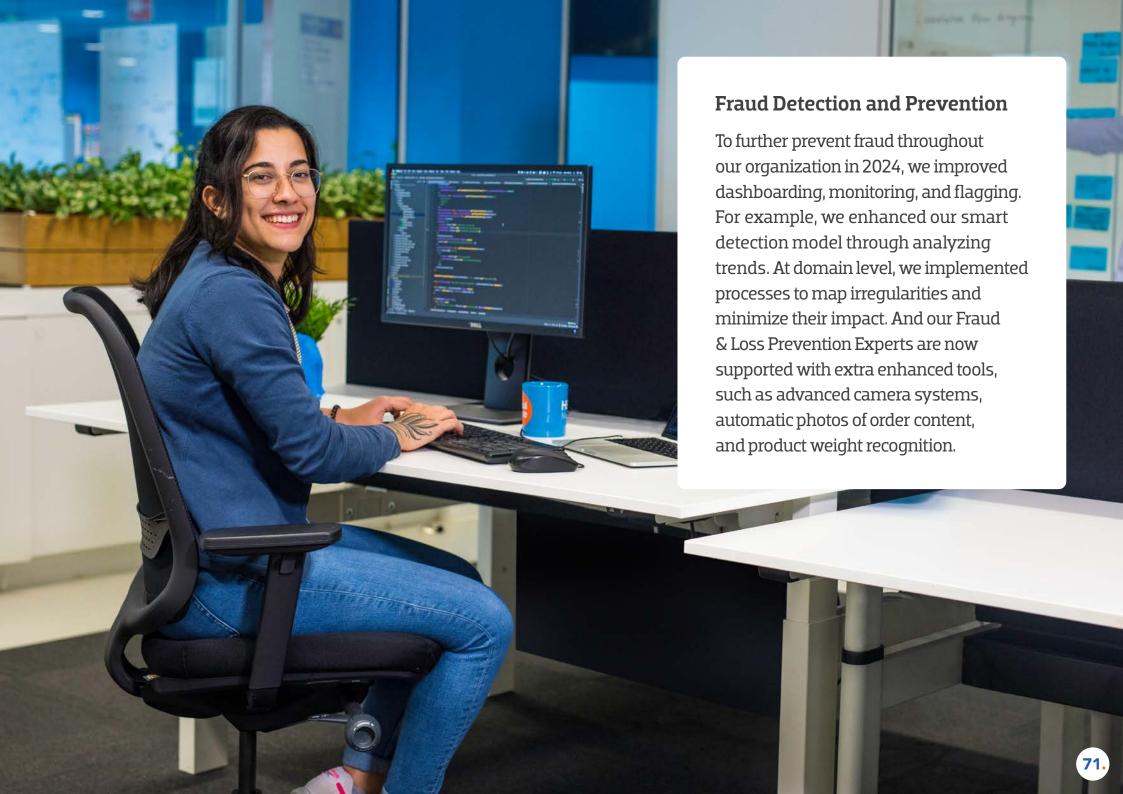


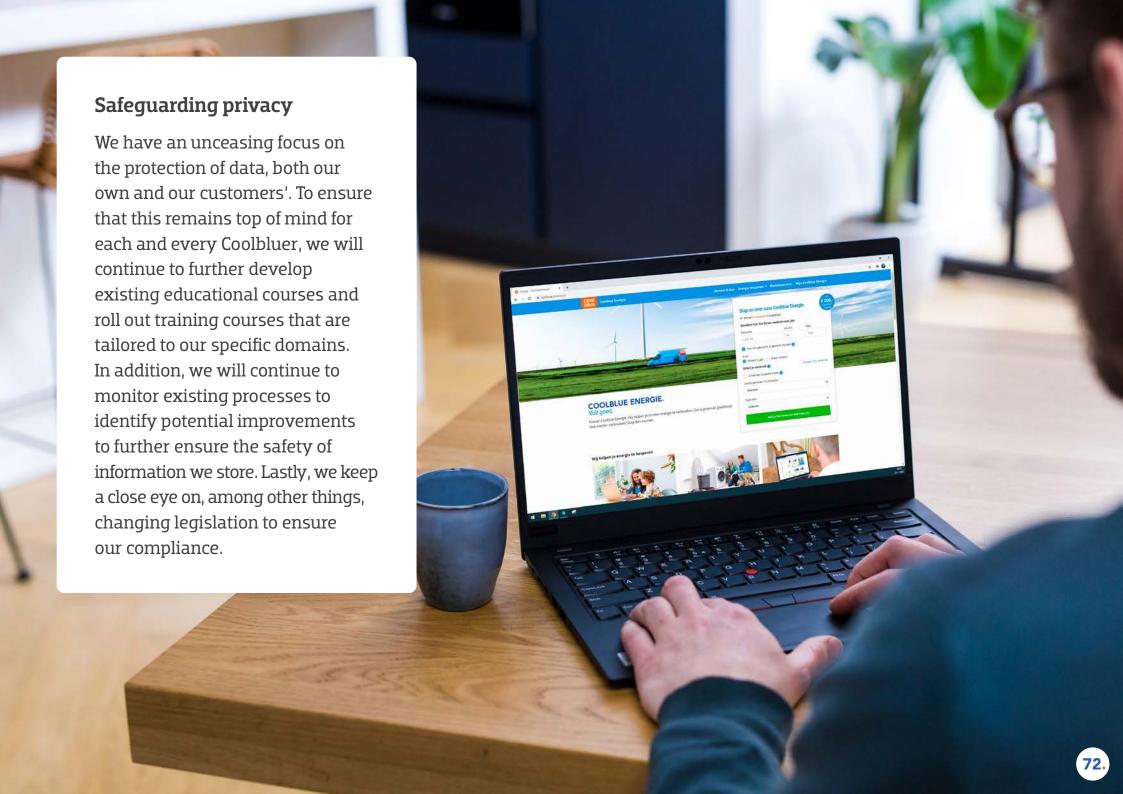


# Enhancement of our risk management system

We appointed Risk Coordinators in 2023 and fully placed risk ownership and accountability with them in 2024, allowing the risk department to assume a monitoring and advisory role. Together with the Domain Bosses, the Coordinators have mapped key processes, the associated risks, and internal control measures. These were combined into an integrated risk overview, which enables monitoring of these risks and insight development. In addition, we have continued to develop key metrics to further increase monitoring possibilities.







# Looking ahead

We are pleased with the steps we took in 2024 to improve our risk management and internal control framework. With the creation of risk registers per domain, we laid the foundation to further enhance our integrated risk framework in 2025. Upon completion, we will be able to adopt a broader end-to-end focus on processes. Not only will this provide us with more control over these processes, but we will also have increased insight into handover moments. Moreover, we will continue to strengthen internal control, broaden our risk assessment activities in terms of IT, and enhance our cybersecurity posture. Lastly, we will map out what our focus on further mechanization will entail, thereby also focusing on future availability and continuity of systems and processes.





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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE. In good company.

# **Ownership**

Pieter Zwart (Sourire B.V.), HAL
Investments B.V., management, and
employees are the shareholders in
Mondhoekie B.V., the parent company
of Coolblue. On 30 August 2024,
a transaction took place in which
Sourire B.V. sold 7.5% of the issued
and outstanding share capital of
Mondhoekie B.V. to HAL Investments
B.V. The transaction did not impact
the governance of Mondhoekie and 2
majority shareholders continue to have
joint control.

#### **Friend Shares**

At the end of 2024, 1,478 Coolbluers were also Coolblue co-owner, as they had been awarded Friend Shares.

These depositary receipts for shares were granted in 2021 and 2022 to Coolbluers who at that time had been working at Coolblue for more than a year.



#### **Structure**

We keep our corporate structure as simple as possible. We are active in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany via various corporate entities. They are all fully owned by Coolblue Holding B.V., a private company with limited liability (besloten vennootschap) under Dutch law, which in turn is fully owned by Mondhoekie B.V. In 2024, 2 new entities were incorporated: Wisepick Productions B.V. for activities relating to our exclusive brands and Glimlachfabriek N.V. to separate our Belgium office and customer service from our Belgian store activities.



## **Management Board**

Coolblue's Management Board consists of Pieter Zwart and Daphne Smit.



#### **Pieter Zwart**

**Age**: 47

Position: CEO

Started Coolblue in: 1999

**Education:** Business Administration at Erasmus University

Rotterdam

**Responsibilities at Coolblue:** Category Teams, Customer Experience, Stores, Tech, Purchasing, Germany, Business Journeys, Exclusive Brands, Coolblue Energy and Marketing



#### **Daphne Smit**

**Age**: 39

**Position:** CFO

Has been working at Coolblue since: 2014

**Education:** International Business Administration at

Erasmus University Rotterdam

**Responsibilities at Coolblue**: Finance, Delivery & Installation, Warehousing, Returns & Repairs, Customer Service, Corporate, and Human Resources



### Remuneration

The Management Board's salaries are determined by the Supervisory Board. Members of the Management Board receive a fixed salary. In 2024, the Management Board received a one-off compensation in relation to the transaction between the shareholders. They are not entitled to any bonuses, options, or shares in the company as part of their remuneration.

The members of the Management Board are shareholders in Mondhoekie B.V., each via entities controlled by them. Each of them also acquired depository receipts issued by Stichting Administratiekantoor Zonnestraal in 2024. Any shares and depository receipts they have acquired, have been acquired on commercial terms.

# **Corporate Governance Code**

Since 7 January 2024, Mondhoekie B.V. has applied the large company regime under Dutch law. Various corporate documents have been updated accordingly.

We acknowledge the importance of good governance. We are not legally obliged to follow the Dutch Corporate Governance Code, but we do actively monitor relevant developments in the Corporate Governance Code and incorporate the principles that are relevant to us as a private company.







# **Diversity**

Coolblue acknowledges the importance of diversity in a working environment. We recognize and welcome the value of diversity with respect to gender, age, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, and other important cultural differences.

In accordance with the Gender Balance in Management and Supervisory Boards Act, we have implemented a gender diversity policy. In this policy, we have set target ratios for gender diversity. We aim for at least 33% female members and 33% male members in the Management Board (50% female at the end of 2024), the Supervisory Board (25% female at the end of 2024), and senior management (26% female at the end of 2024). We are convinced that the Management Board, Supervisory Board, and senior management currently represent a diverse mix of personal backgrounds, experiences, qualifications, knowledge, abilities, and viewpoints.

For Coolblue, the principle of being "the right person for the job" shall at all times remain the guiding principle in the selection of new members for the Management Board, Supervisory Board, and senior management. Our current plan to further improve gender diversity in the composition of the Management Board, Supervisory Board, and senior management is that we will actively seek and consider this when evaluating new candidates in the best interests of Coolblue and its stakeholders. In case of vacancies, Coolblue will also internally stimulate to look for candidates that match a profile which further increases gender diversity within its Management Board, Supervisory Board, and senior management.



# **Supervisory Board**

Coolblue's Supervisory Board is a group of experienced entrepreneurs and investors. They form an independent body that supervises Coolblue's policies and daily order of business. They also serve as a friendly yet critical sounding board to the Management Board. The Supervisory Board and each of its members are committed to Coolblue's interests, its customers, and all other parties involved. Harold Goddijn's second term as supervisory board member ended in April 2024 so he stepped down, we are grateful for his friendship and valuable contributions. The Supervisory Board currently consists of 4 members, each with their own background, experience, and expertise relating to different aspects and activities of Coolblue.



#### Jaap van Wiechen

Jaap van Wiechen (52) is the Chairman of the Executive Board HAL Holding N.V. and serves as a member of the Supervisory Board of Boskalis. Jaap acts as chairman of the Supervisory Board and is a member of the Audit Committee.



#### **Maurine Alma**

Maurine Alma (56) stepped down as CMO of Just Eat Takeaway.com in 2024 and is currently exploring new opportunities. She is a member of the Supervisory Board of the Van Gogh Museum. Maurine's other previous positions include executive roles at Google and Procter & Gamble.



#### Bert Groenewegen

Bert Groenewegen (61) is the CFO of Mammoet. Bert's previous positions include CFO of Nederlandse Spoorwegen, CFO at Exact Holding, CFO/CEO at PCM Uitgevers, and CFO at Ziggo. He is the chairman of Coolblue's Audit Committee.



#### Theo Kiesselbach

Theo Kiesselbach (59), a German national, is a retail expert. He started his professional career at McKinsey & Co. Afterwards, he held executive roles in a number of German retail companies, followed by a long career as CEO of Grandvision. Currently, he serves as board director and advisor for various companies.

## **Supervisory Board report**

Coolblue is an organization that is known for its focus on customer satisfaction and unconventionality. This is reflected in how the company goes about internal and external developments and challenges, like new propositions, the energy market, labor market, consumer behavior, and many others. To match this approach, we as members of its Supervisory Board (installed at Mondhoekie B.V. level) also have to adopt the flexible mentality that characterizes Coolblue. This proves an interesting and challenging assignment, which we gladly take on.

#### **Activities of the Supervisory Board**

In 2024, we had 5 official meetings with the Coolblue Management Board. Of course, we also had frequent interactions in between. During these meetings, we discussed recurring topics such as customer satisfaction (NPS), strategy, market developments, and financial and operational results.

Additionally, we discussed more specific topics, such as the new financial forecast for the coming 5 years, developments in the energy markets, the expansion in Germany, the further mechanization of the Coolblue Package Park, and improvements on the store concept. These topics were often introduced by a presentation, given by the responsible manager. We greatly appreciate the explanations given by these managers, because they provided us with a better insight into the dynamics of the business and the people that make Coolblue. For next year we will slightly change the set-up by organizing the meetings along various strategic

topics that affect the business of Coolblue.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee supports the Supervisory Board in the supervision of financing, reporting, internal controls, and risk management.

In 2024, the Audit Committee met 3 times with the CFO, Head of Finance, and the external auditor. During these meetings, the following topics were discussed: the financial statements of 2023, the audit planning for 2024, the findings of the interim audit and internal control findings in 2024, ESG (and specifically CSRD) developments, the refinancing of credit facilities, tech security risk management, the strategic risk assessment, fraud and compliance with laws and regulations as well as the relation with the external auditor.

#### Going forward

Growth continued in 2024. Management acted proactively, focusing on improving the efficiency of the operations while maintaining a growth mentality. The Supervisory Board is pleased with the developments within Coolblue over 2024 in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany as well as with the new capital that was committed by the shareholders to further support the growth, particularly in Germany. This all resulted in a positive outlook on the further development of the success of Coolblue for the coming years. We appreciate the flexibility and continuous effort of every Coolbluer, and we are confident that this will lead to positive developments and results in 2025.

The Supervisory Board also appreciates how Coolblue keeps taking corporate and social responsibility, as always with its own characteristic touch. Coolblue takes its responsibility through new propositions and by building on already existing propositions, for example through strongly reducing its cardboard consumption by skipping packing on pick-up orders, improving the re-use of returned products, refurbishing washing machines, delivering packages by bike, and helping its customers reduce their energy consumption.

Looking ahead after what has been another eventful year for Coolblue, given the enormous dedication of Coolbluers to each other and to the organization, we believe that 2025 is bound to become a great year for Coolblue.

On behalf of the Supervisory Board,

Jaap van Wiechen Chairman

Bert Groenewegen Maurine Alma Theo Kiesselbach





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# THE NUMBERS GAME. Count me in.

Consolidated
Financial Statements

#### **Consolidated income statement**

For the year ended 31 December 2024.

in € million	Notes	2024	2023
Operations			
Sale of goods	6	2,342.6	2,299.7
Marketing fees		115.9	108.9
Revenue		2,458.5	2,408.6
Cost of sales	7	(1.931.1)	(1,905.4)
Gross profit		527.4	503.2
Selling and distribution expenses	8	(437.0)	(417.9)
Administrative expenses	9	(66.6)	(60.3)
Operating profit / (loss)		23.8	25.0
Finance income	12	10.7	8.4
Finance expenses	12	(2.3)	(1.2)
Profit / (loss) before tax from operations		32.2	32.2
Income tax income / (expense)	13	(7.6)	(5.3)
Profit / (loss) for the year		24.6	26.9
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		24.6	26.9
Profit / (loss) for the year		24.6	26.9

Notes 1 to 30 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# **Consolidated statement of financial position** As at 31 December 2024 (before appropriation of result).

in € million	Notes	2024 31 December	2023 31 December
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant, and equipment	14	92.6	73.5
Right-of-use assets	15	98.2	64.0
Intangible assets	16	92.6	90.3
Financial fixed assets	17	2.9	2.0
Other non-current assets	18	1.0	2.3
		287.3	232.1
Current assets			
Inventories	19	185.9	156.7
Trade and other receivables	20	429.5	428.2
Cash and cash equivalents	21	7.6	9.6
		623.0	594.5
Total assets		910.2	826.6
Equity and liabilities			
Equity			
Issued capital		0.0	0.0
Share premium		3.1	3.1
Legal reserve		48.4	43.6
Other reserves		130.6	108.6
Unappropriated result		24.6	26.9
	22	206.7	182.2
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions		1.0	2.2
Lease liability	24	80.2	46.8
Deferred tax liabilities	25	7.4	8.0
Other non-current liabilities	26	1.0	0.8
		89.6	57.8
Current liabilities			
Corporate income tax payable	13	7.1	4.9
Trade and other payables	27	580.4	556.6
Lease liability	24	26.4	25.1
		613.9	586.6
Total equity and liabilities		910.2	826.6
Total available cash including credit facilities	21	177.6	190.6

Notes 1 to 30 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# **Consolidated statement of cash flows**For the year ended 31 December 2024.

in € million	Notes	2024	2023
Operating activities			
Profit / (loss) before tax		32.2	32.2
Adjustments to reconcile profit before tax to net cash flows:			
Depreciation and impairment of right-of-use assets	15	28.0	24.6
Depreciation and impairment of property, plant, and equipment	14	24.2	17.0
Amortization and impairment of intangible assets	16	21.8	21.6
Interest (income)/ expense	12	(8.4)	(7.2)
Movement provisions and other non-current liabilities		(1.4)	3.5
Working capital adjustments:			
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables and prepayments	20	8.1	(28.6)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	19	(29.5)	20.4
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	27	26.5	(5.0)
• •		101.5	78.4
Income tax (paid) / received		(1.6)	4.1
Interest (paid) / received		(0.2)	_
Interest (paid) for lease liabilities	24	(2.1)	(1.2)
Net cash flows from operating activities		97.6	81.3
Investment activities			
Investments in property, plant, and equipment	14	(45.0)	(25.3)
Investments in intangible fixed assets	16	(24.1)	(22.9)
Disposals of property, plant and equipment	14	-	` -
Investments in other non-current assets		(1.0)	(0.5)
Movement in financial fixed assets	17	0.9	(0.1)
Movement contingent liability		(3.0)	(1.1)
(Increase)/decrease receivable from shareholder		0.6	(175.6)
Net cash flows used in investment activities		(71.6)	(225.6)
Financing activities			
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities and received lease incentives	24	(28.0)	(25.7)
Net cash flows from/(used in) financing activities		(28.0)	(25.7)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(2.0)	(170.0)
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Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	21	9.6	179.6
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	21	7.6	9.6