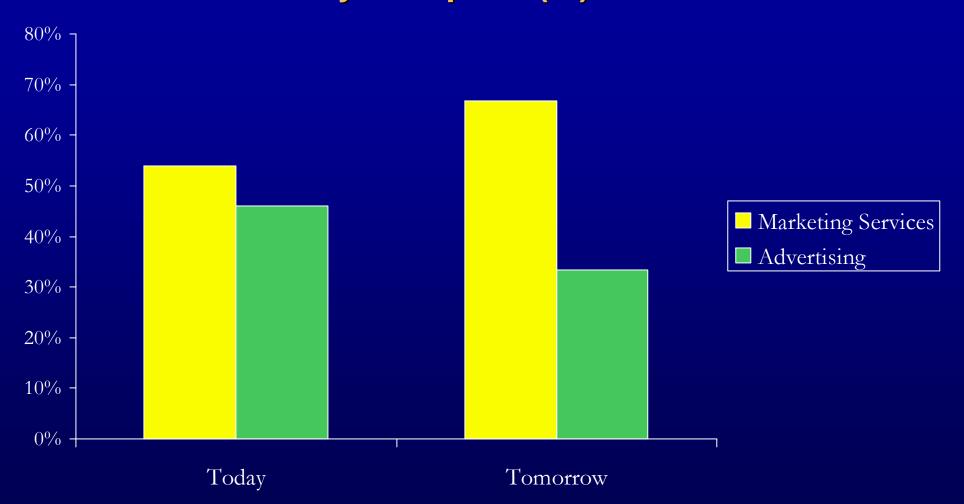
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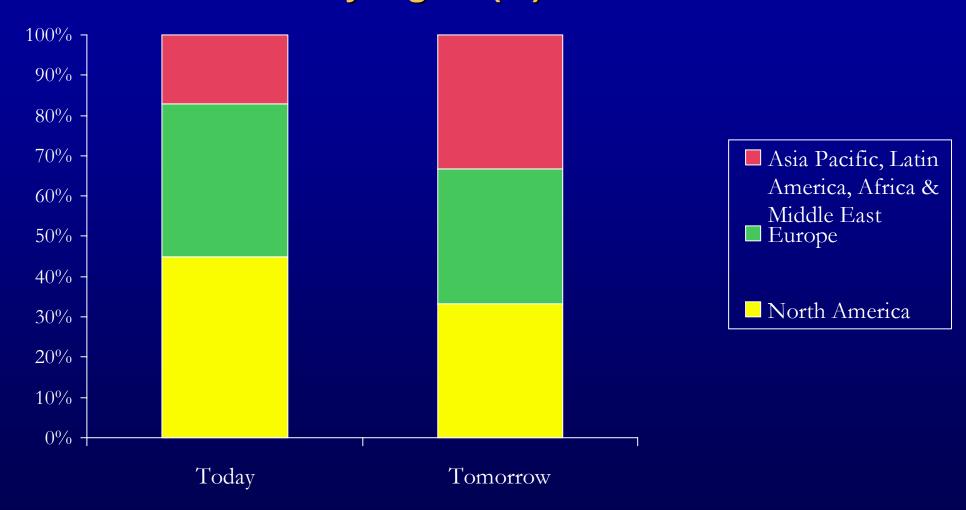
#### **Strategic Priorities**

- Short-term; to weather the recession
- Medium-term; to continue to successfully integrate the mergers with Y&R and Tempus
- Long-term; to develop our businesses in the faster growing geographic regions and functional areas

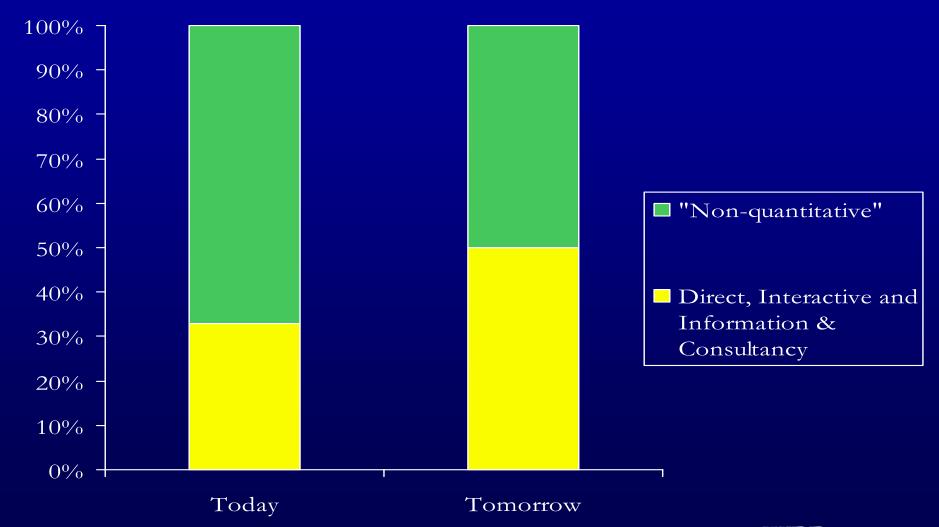
# Strategic Priorities Revenue by discipline (%) - tomorrow



# Strategic Priorities Revenue by region (%) - tomorrow



## Strategic Priorities Quantitative Aids To Decision Making (%) - tomorrow

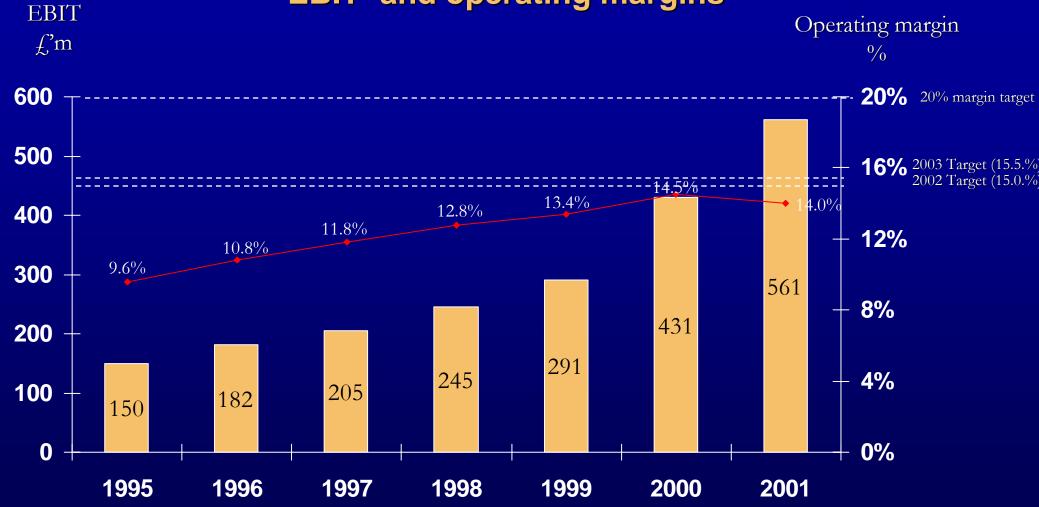


### Strategy We continue to focus on our key objectives

- Improving operating margins
- Increasing flexibility in the cost base
- Using free cash flow to enhance share owner value
- Developing the role of the parent company
- Emphasising revenue growth more as margins improve
- Improving the creative capabilities and reputation of all our businesses

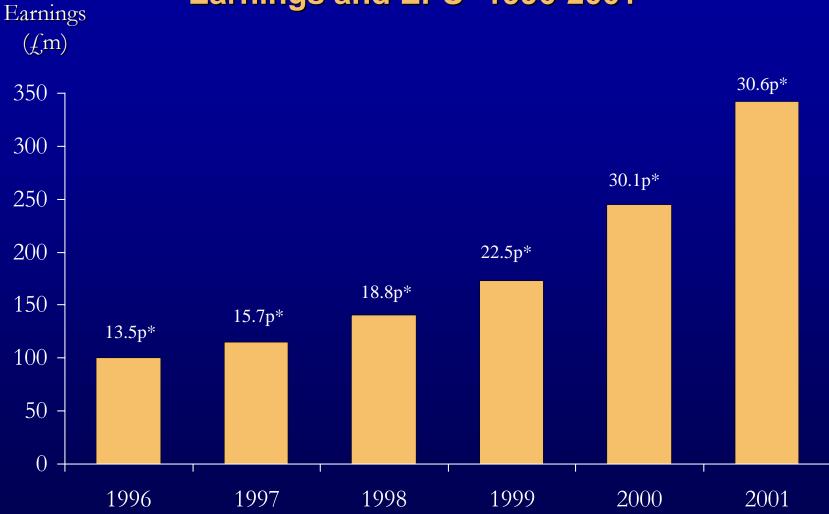
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### Historical financial record EBIT<sup>1</sup> and operating margins



1. 2001 and 2002 EBIT excludes goodwill, investment gains and write-downs

### Five year financial record Earnings and EPS\* 1996-2001



\*Diluted EPS (2000 and 2001 restated to exclude goodwill, investment gains and write-downs)

#### Increasing flexibility in the cost base

 We continue to focus on a more flexible cost structure in three key areas:

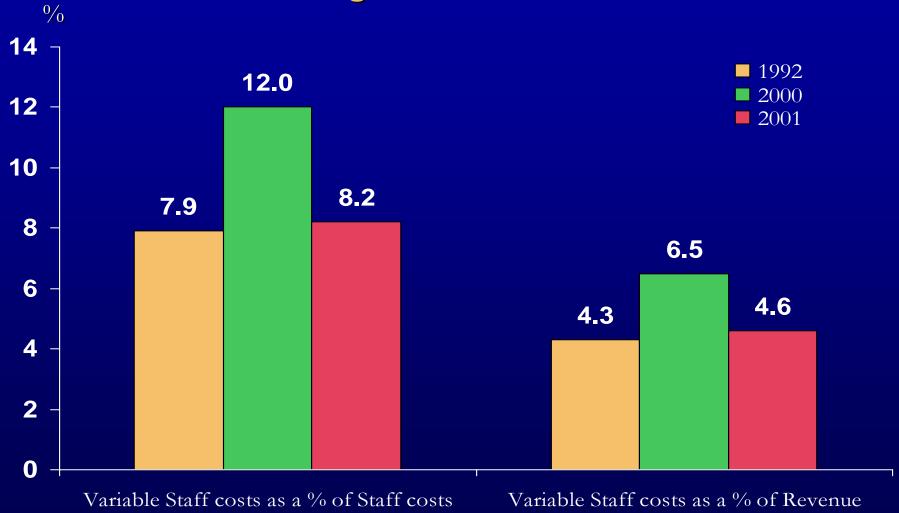
■ Staff c. 50% of revenue

■ Property c. 10% of revenue

■ Bought in services c. 30% of revenue

• Increased flexibility in all areas will be important to combat any economic slowdown

### Increasing flexibility in the cost base Change in variable costs



#### Using Free Cash Flow to Enhance Share Owner Value

- Capital expenditure
- Acquisitions
- Dividends and share buy-backs

## Using Free Cash Flow to Enhance Share Owner Value Acquisitions

- Continued focus on strategic acquisitions
- Major focus continues to be on Information and Consultancy and the faster growing sectors within Branding and Identity, Healthcare and Specialist Communications
- Acquisitions in advertising used to address specific client or local agency needs
- Continue to find attractive opportunities particularly outside the US

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## Using Free Cash Flow to Enhance Share Owner Value

#### **Dividends and Share buy-backs**

- 2001 dividend raised by 20% to 4.50p per share
- On-going share purchase programme started in 1997;
  - 1997 £31m (average £2.55 per share)
  - 1998 £55m (average £3.50 per share)
  - 1999 £18m (average £5.53 per share)
  - 2000 £94m (average £9.13 per share)
  - $-2001 \cancel{\xi}$ 103m (average \(\xi\)6.71 per share)
- 2002: £150-200m allocated
  - 6.0m shares purchased to date worth £39.1m (average £6.53 per share)

#### **Developing the Role of the Parent Company**

#### **Key Areas for Group Co-operation**

- \* Media Investment Management
- \* Healthcare
- \* New Technologies
- \* Emerging Markets
- \* Privatisation

- \* Internal Communications
- \* Retailing
- \* Hi-Tech
- \* Financial Services
- \* Entertainment & Media

# Emphasize Revenue Growth More as Margins Improve

#### **Deliver Above Average Revenue Growth by:**

- \* Expanding networks to take advantage of faster growing geographical markets
- \* Re-enforcing competitive advantage in high growth segments
- \* Taking advantage of consolidation trends to gain market share

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#### Improving Creative Capabilities and Reputation

\* By placing greater emphasis on recruitment

\* By recognising creative success tangibly and intangibly

\* By acquiring or investing in highly regarded creative businesses (e.g. Chime, Batey, Asatsu DK, Berlin Cameron, SCPF)

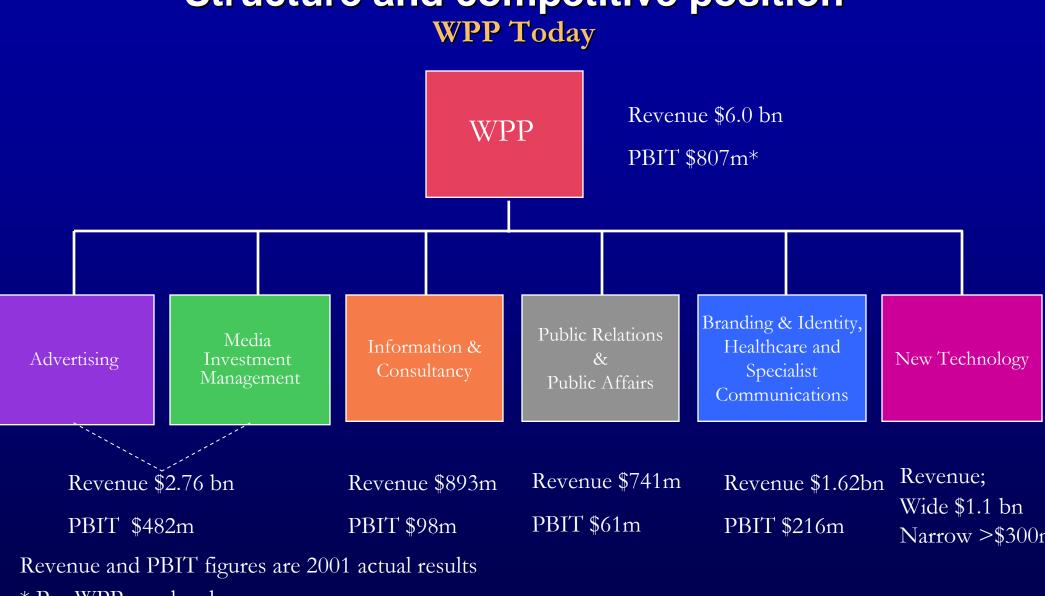
\* By placing greater emphasis on awards

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### Structure and competitive position



\* Pre-WPP overhead