



DAIRY CREST GROUP PLC

St Hubert Site Visit

30 June 2008

Agenda



- Welcome and introduction Mark Allen
- Dairy Crest Foods Martyn Wilks
- St Hubert Overview Patrick Cahuzac
- Ludres Site Fabien Hamon
- Site Tour



Dairy Crest Strategy

- Build market leading positions in branded and added value markets
- Invest in industry leading facilities to create competitive advantage
- Downsize commodity risk to improve quality of earnings
- Strategic acquisitions
 - branded and added value markets
 - opportunities for synergistic acquisitions in Dairies division
- Deliver excellent value to our shareholders and other stakeholders











Prelims 2008 - Highlights

- Strong financial results benefiting from good strategic progress
- Investment in brands driving strong revenue and profits growth in Foods division
 - St Hubert continues to deliver on expectations in France
 - most key brands have increased market share with strong growth
 - new healthier variants making good progress
 - Clover on track to recover strongly in 2008/09
- Improved performance by Dairies division
 - manufacturing efficiencies being delivered
 - integration of Express Dairies completed
- Significant price increases achieved across the Group to offset substantial raw milk and commodity cost inflation



Strong Brand Performance



Brand	Market	Market growth*	Brand growth†
	UK Cheese	↑ 7%	↑ 23%
	UK Dairy Spreads	↑ 3%	↑ 29%
	UK Dairy Spreads	↑ 3%	↓ 11%
	UK Spreadable Butters	↑ 21%	↑ 25%
	French non butter spreads	→ 0%	↑ 17%
	Chilled Yogurts and desserts	↑ 4%	↑ 25%
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	Flavoured Milk	↑ 7%	↑ 10%



Source: †DC sales growth by value, * AC Nielsen or IRI or TNS 52 week MAT value growth to March 2008



Prelims 2008 - Outlook

- Key brands are continuing to make good progress
 - everyday market leading products
 - further focus on development of healthier variants
 - brand stretch to meet changing consumer lifestyles
- Clover on track to recover strongly in 2008/09
- Price increases implemented to offset rises in both milk and commodity costs
- Focus on further cost reduction programmes
- Trading at the start of the new financial year is in line with our expectations

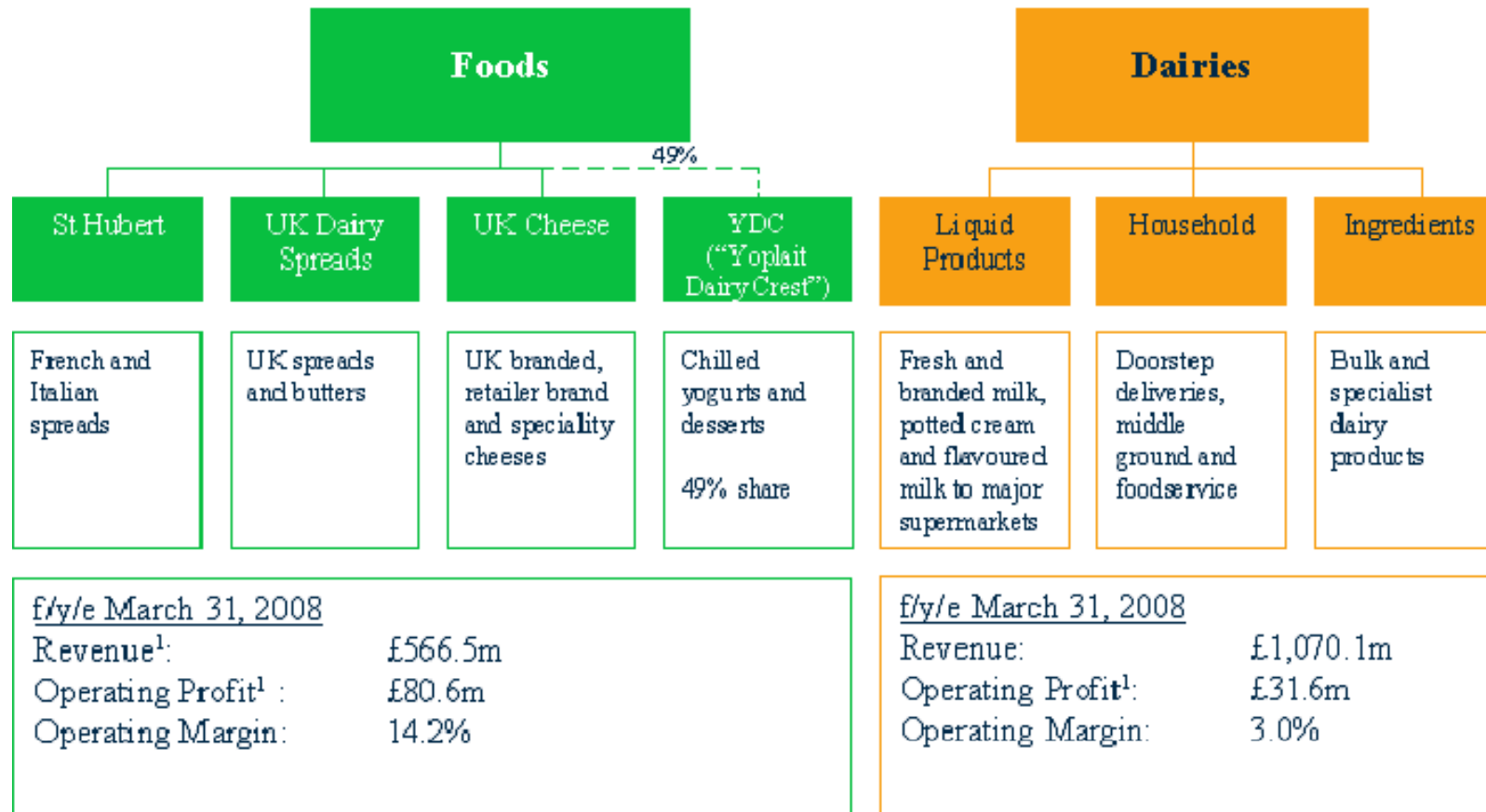
AGM and Interim Management Statement – 17 July 2008

Dairy Crest Foods Division

Focus on Butter & Spreads

June 30 2008

Organisational Structure

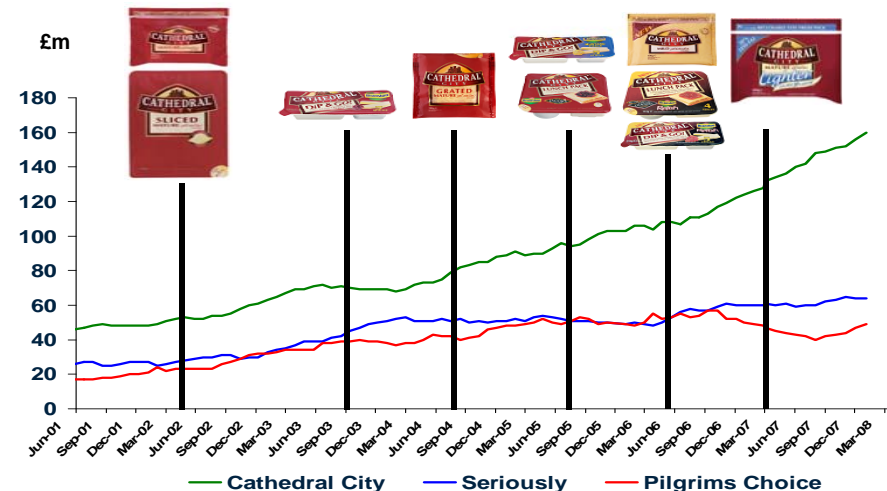


¹ Operating profit before exceptional items and amortisation of acquired intangibles



Dairy Crest Cheese - Overview

- UK's leading manufacturer of branded and added value cheddar
- UK cheese market is worth £2bn with 2% volume growth
- Developed £160m+ leading cheddar brand in Cathedral City
 - significant marketing and promotional activity
 - strong volume and value growth
 - recent launches of Mild and Lighter (30% less fat) variants
- Major investment of c. £50m in new creamery at Davidstow completed in 2005
- Exit from majority of retailer own brand cheese in 2006
- £25m investment in Nuneaton cheese packing site



Source: TNS (MAT)



Yoplait Dairy Crest






- Joint venture partnership with Yoplait SA of France
 - Yoplait is number 2 yogurt brand worldwide
 - JV agreement runs until at least 2012
 - Product manufactured by Yoplait in France. Distribution supplied by Dairy Crest.
- UK chilled yogurts and desserts market is worth £1.9bn
- Yoplait brands have a track record of delivering impressive growth.
 - Petits Filous, Frubes, Wildlife, YOP and Weight Watchers
 - number one in children's sector with 52% share

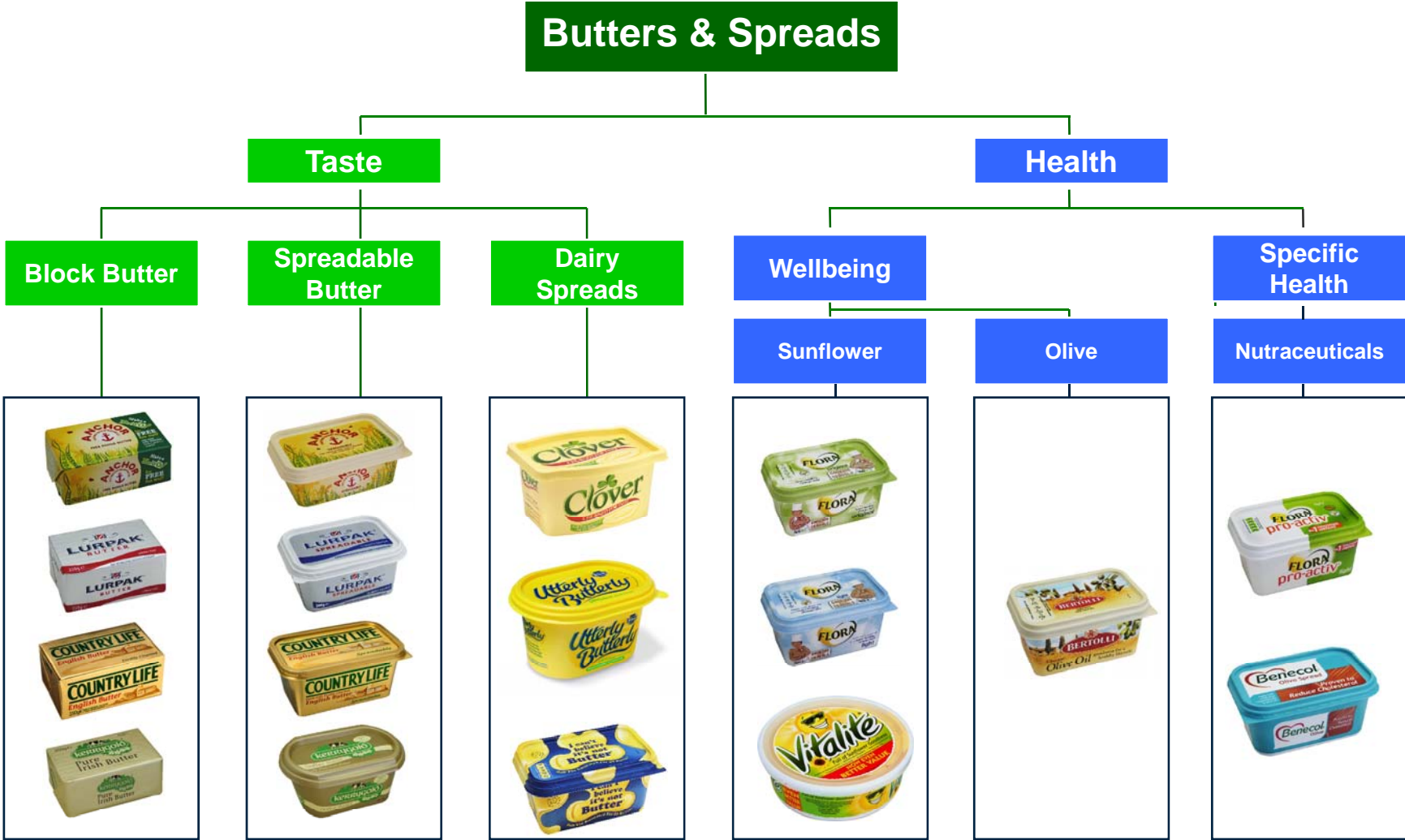


UK Spreads

- Butter and spreads market currently worth £1bn
 - limited volume growth
- Dairy Crest is number three (by value) with 19% market share
- Main competitors are:
 - Arla with Lurpak and Anchor (31% market share)
 - Unilever with Flora and ICBINB (26% market share)
- Acquired St Ivel brands (Utterly Butterly, Vitalite, St Ivel) in 2002 from Uniq for £86m
- Acquired full ownership of Country Life brand in 2004 for £4m
- Focus marketing investment behind three core brands

Brand		Market Segment	Brand Size	NPD
Clover		No 1 in Dairy Spreads	£59m	Launch Lighter in 2008/09
Utterly Butterly		No 2 in Dairy Spreads	£63m	Launch of Omega 3 in August 2007
Country Life		No 3 in Packet & Spreadable butter	£50m	Launch of Lighter in April 2007

Butters & Spreads Market - Segmentation



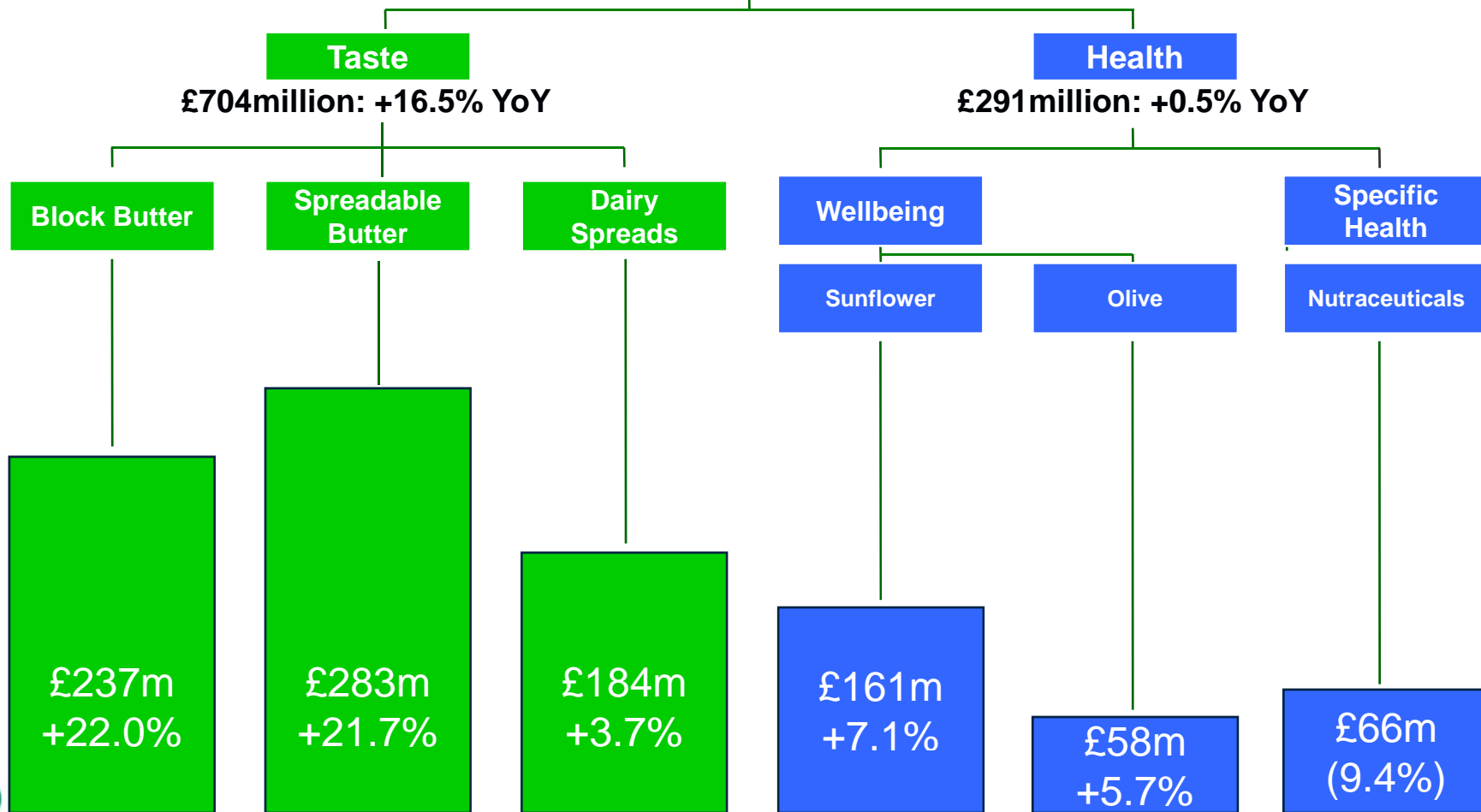
Source: Traction 2007

Butters & Spreads Market – Segment Size & Growth



Butters & Spreads

£1 billion: +11.2% YoY



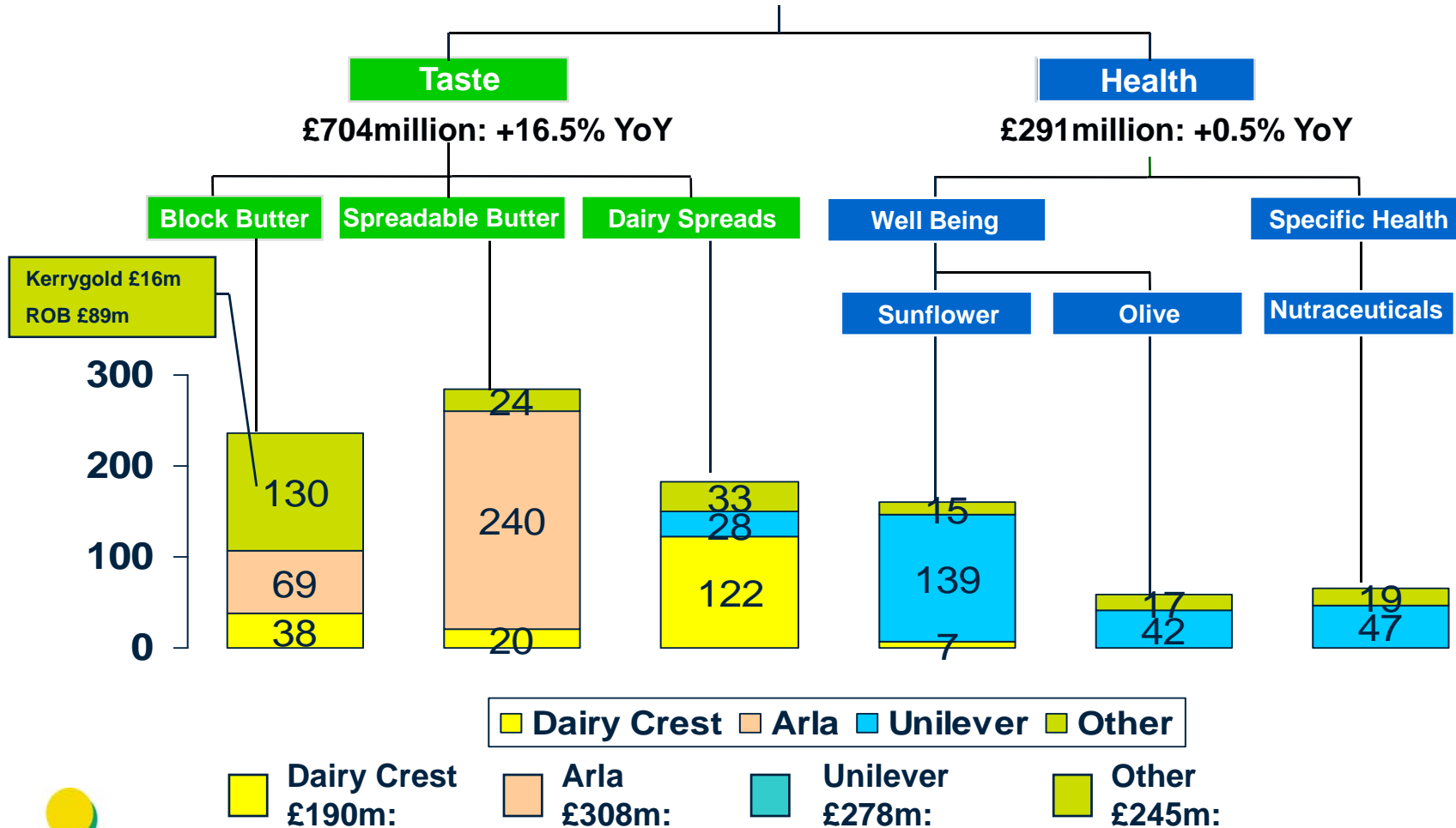
Source: Deep Blue Shopper Research / AC Nielsen MAT June 2008

Butters & Spreads – Company Shares



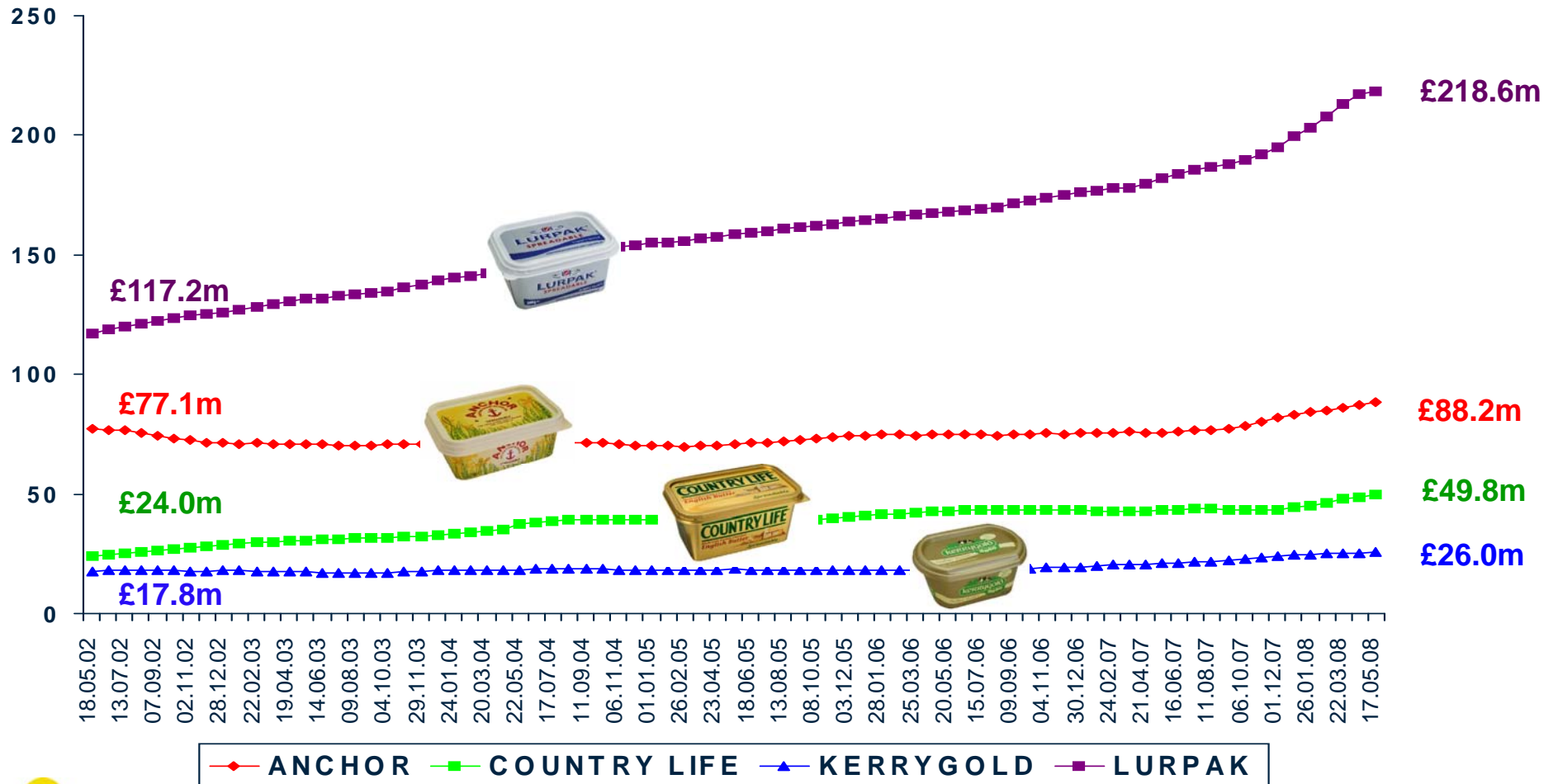
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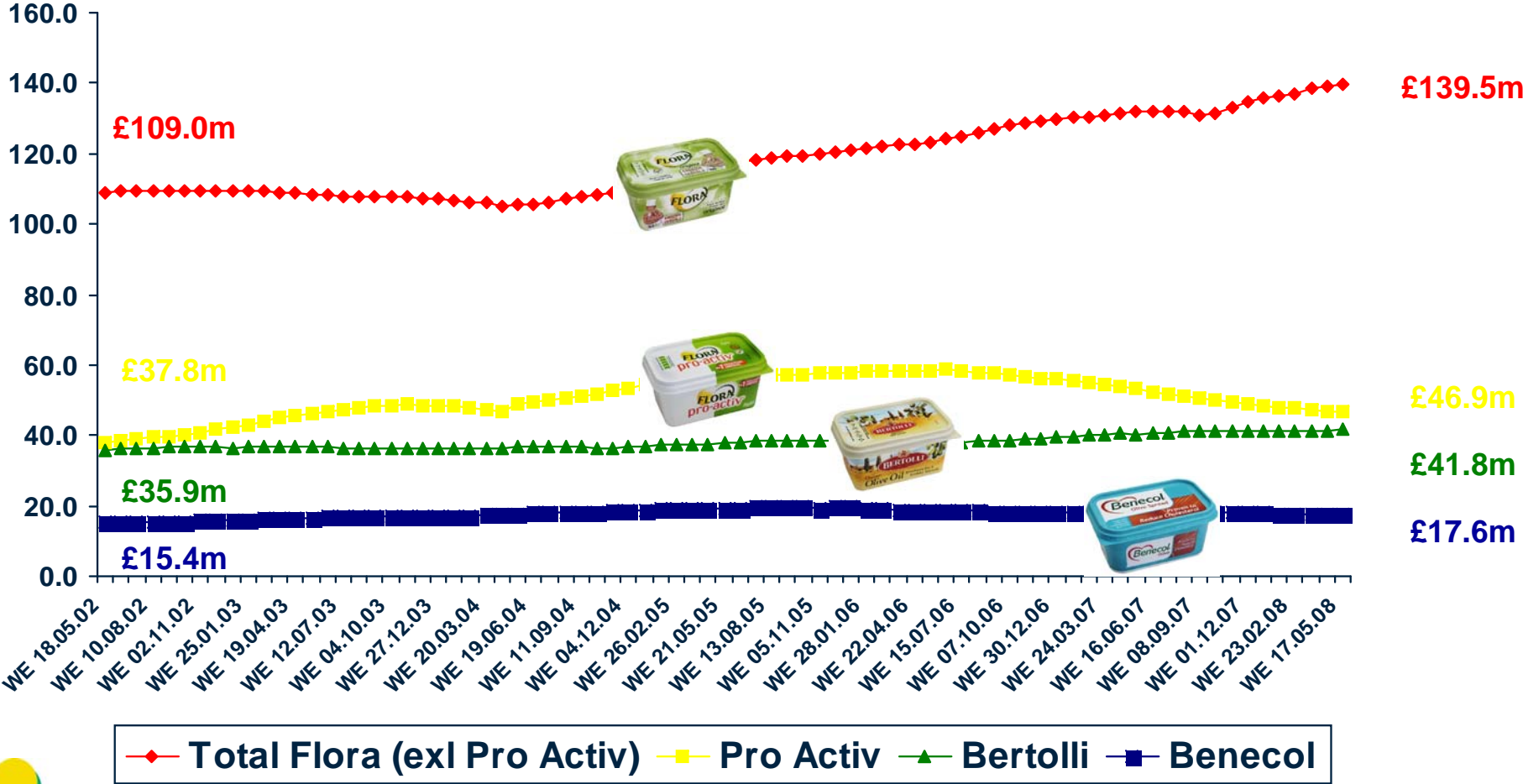
Source: AC Nielsen MAT May 08

Leading Block & Spreadable Butters – Value Sales



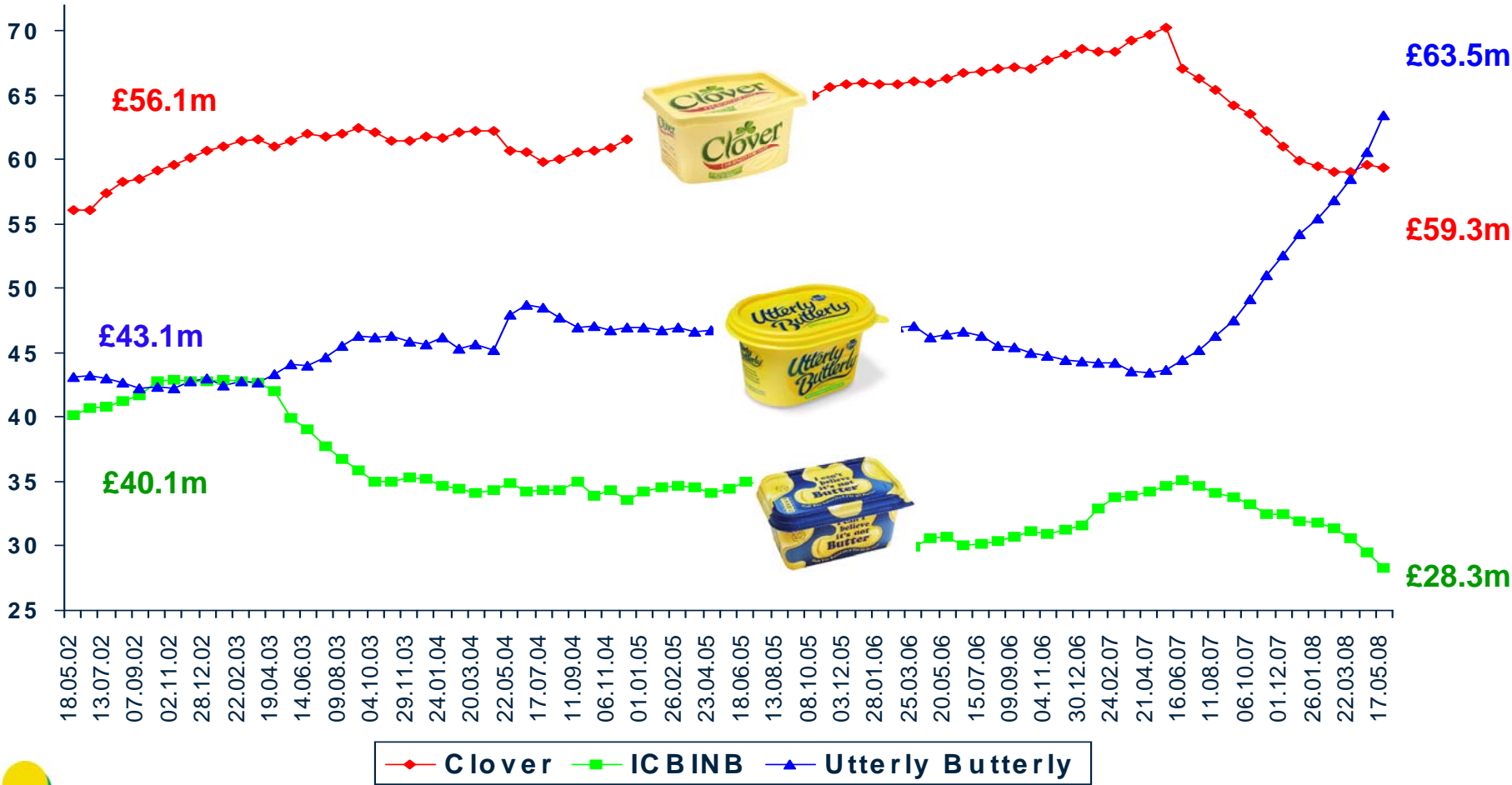
Source: Nielsen Scantrack

Leading “Health” Spreads – Value Sales



Source: Nielsen Scantrack

Leading - Dairy Spreads – Value Sales



Source: Nielsen Scantrack



Dairy Crest – Spreads Strategy

- Build Clover to strong #1 brand in Dairy Spreads (#2 to Flora in total Spreads)
 - Increase advertising support
 - Restart promotional support, but below pre-recall levels.
- Re launch Country Life to achieve a premium position as the only British Butter (Challenge to Anchor as #2)
 - New brand positioning and new TV campaign
 - New packaging
 - Evolve to premium pricing
- Hold Utterly Butterly, but reduce depth of promotions

Country Life positioning is...



We're the only leading butter brand made exclusively **from the milk of our British dairy farms**. It's this milk that produces the fresh creamy taste of our Country Life.

....And our competitors could never say this



Innovation



- Major upgrade to our innovation compatibility through process improvement, better use of metrics, and investment in resource.
- Following “Dairy for Life” study we have conducted extensive ethnographic research, leading to key innovation missions



UK Butters & Spreads - Summary



- We are winning in Dairy Spreads
- We are closing the gap in Butter
- Our strategy is to focus on Clover and Country Life
- Innovation remains key to our future



St Hubert Rationale

- Meets strategic objective to invest in leadership positions in branded and added-value markets in the dairy sector
- Increases proportion of Group profits derived from brands and therefore improves the quality of Group earnings
- Secures 100% branded business with market leading positions in France and Italy
- A good fit with existing operations providing further scale and diversity whilst leveraging existing spreads experience
- Move into continental Europe should provide opportunities for future growth



Dairy Crest / St Hubert Synergy

- Procurement
- Consumer Insight
- Innovation
- Manufacturing Best Practice



WELCOME TO ST HUBERT

30 JUNE 2008

Agenda



- St Hubert overview
- Our Business Model
- France
- Italy
- Strategy 2008/10

Today



DAIRY CREST
FRANCE



NON-BUTTER
SPREAD

NON-BUTTER
SPREAD

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CONVENIENCE



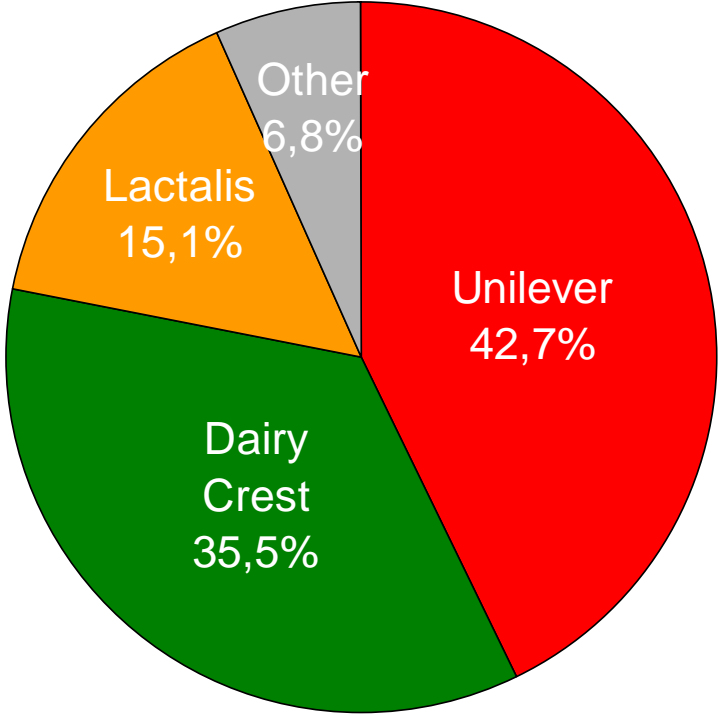
Our locations



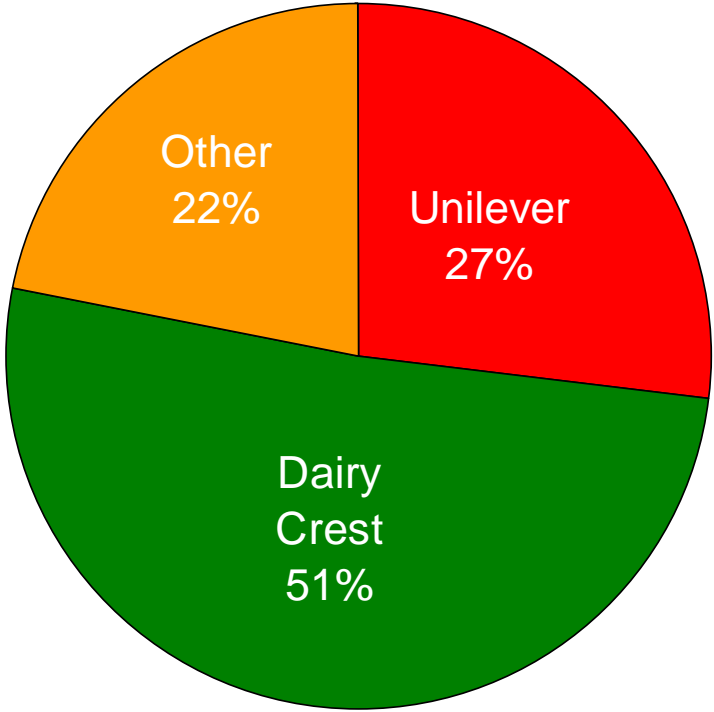
Focus on spreads



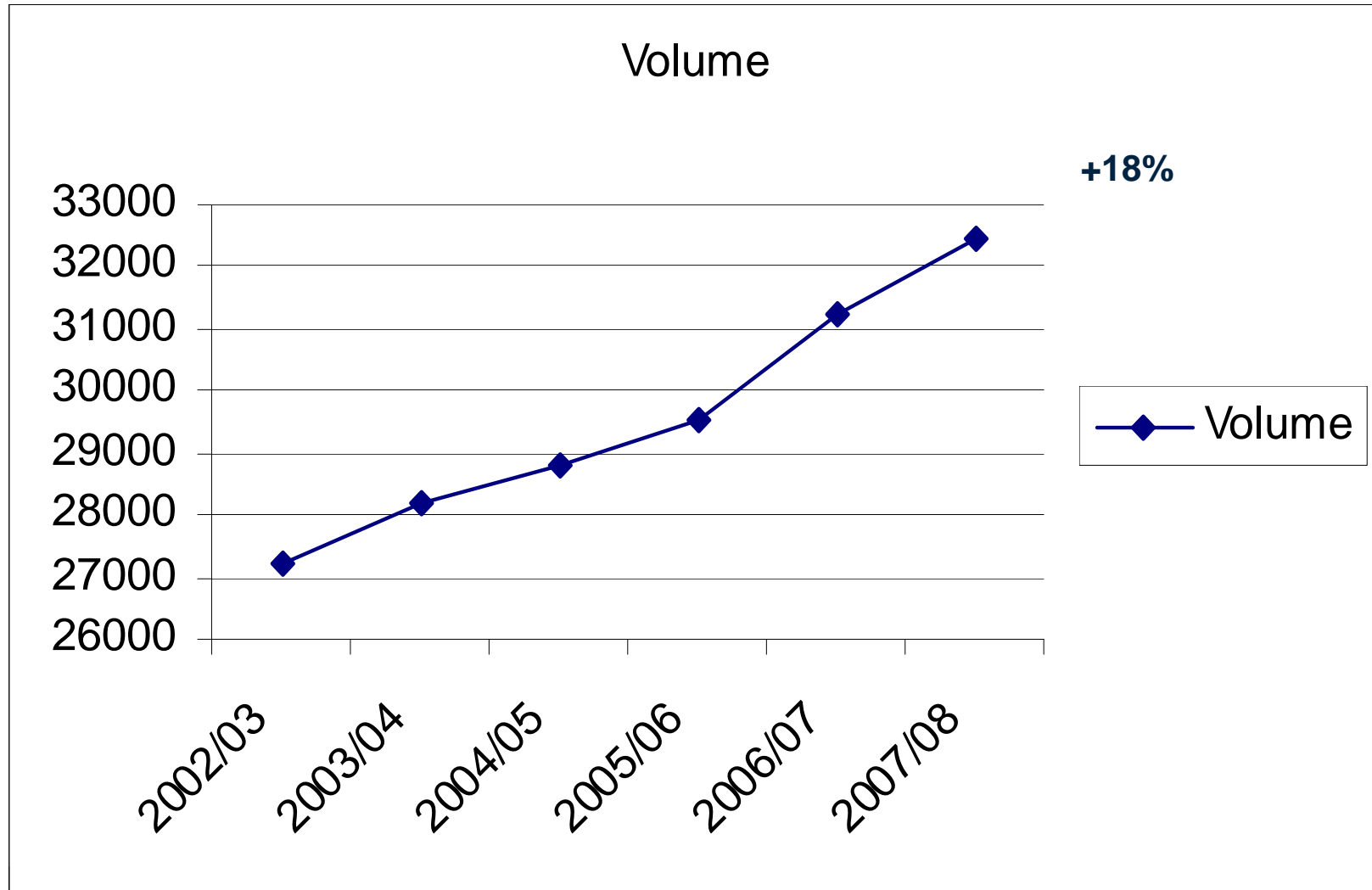
France: a 391 m€ market



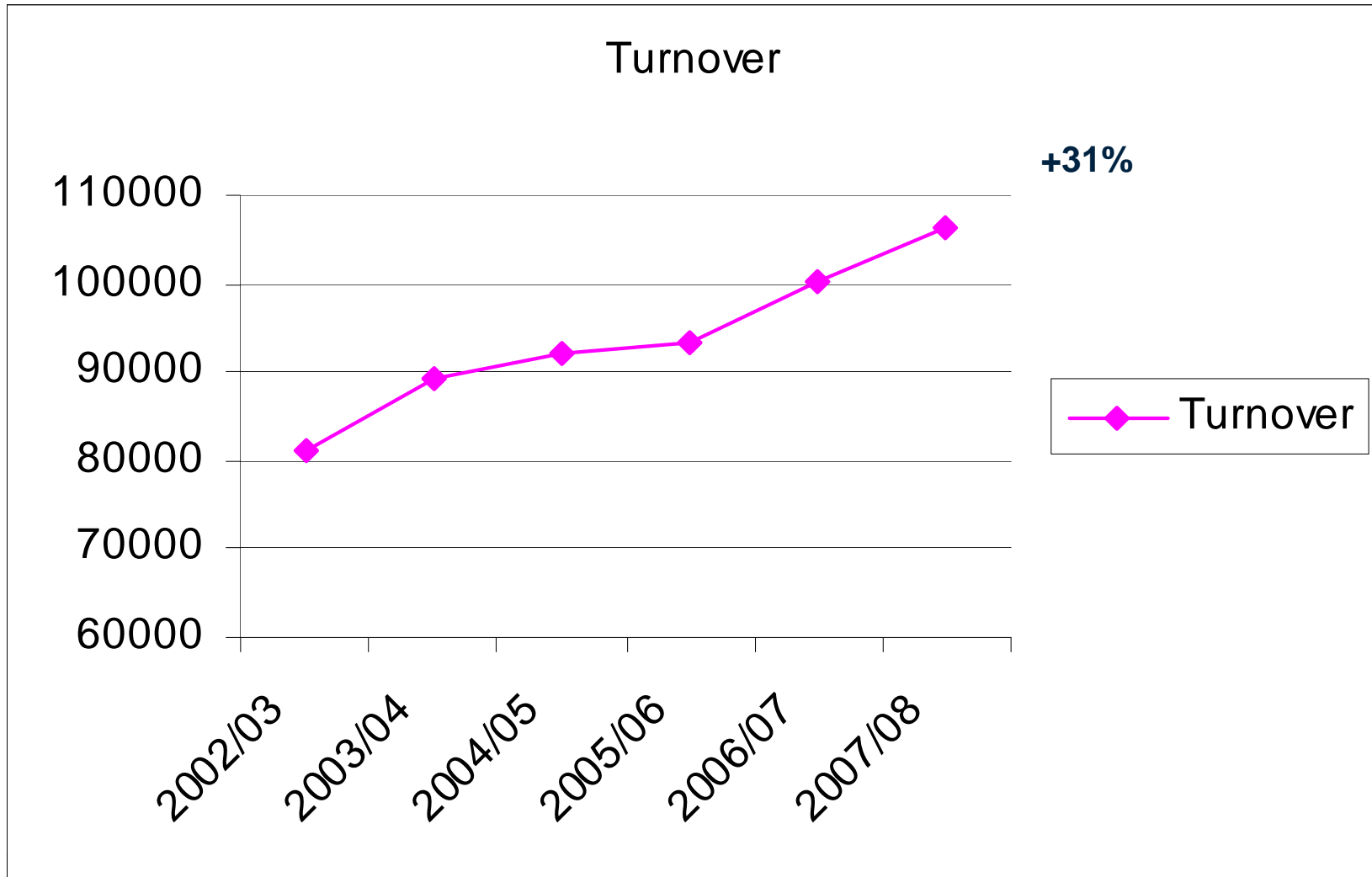
Italy: a 44 m€ market



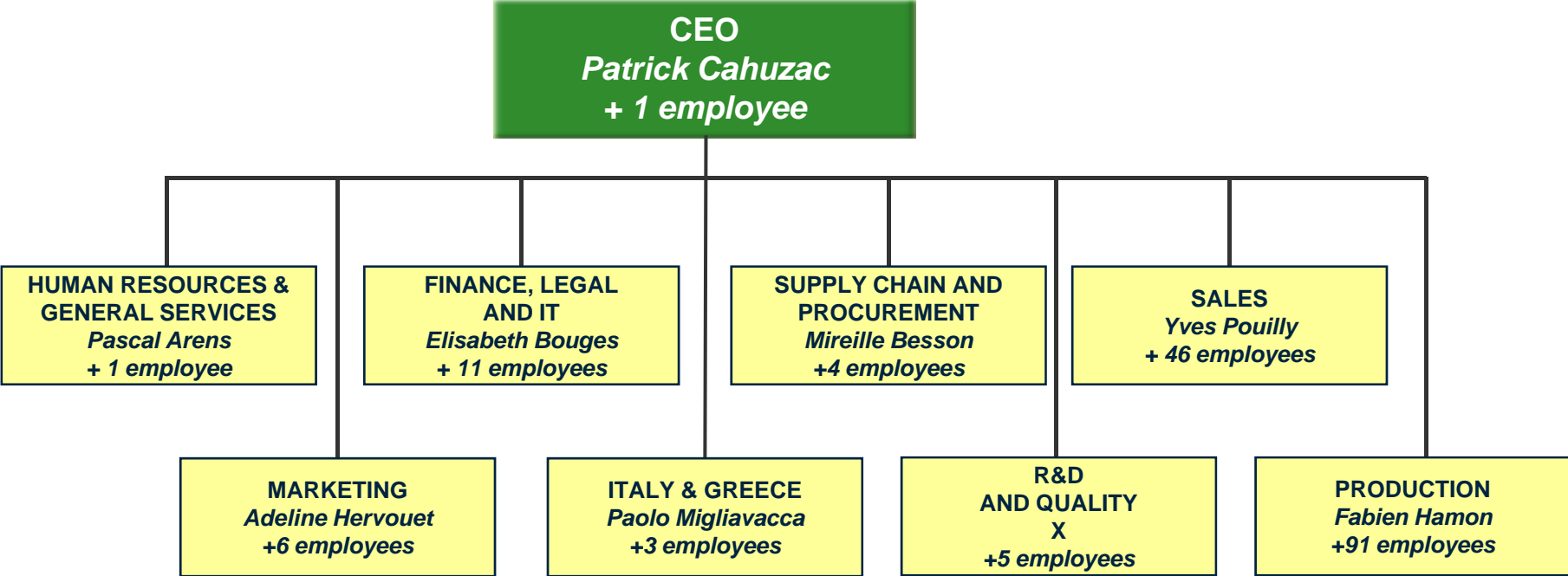
A constant growth - Volume



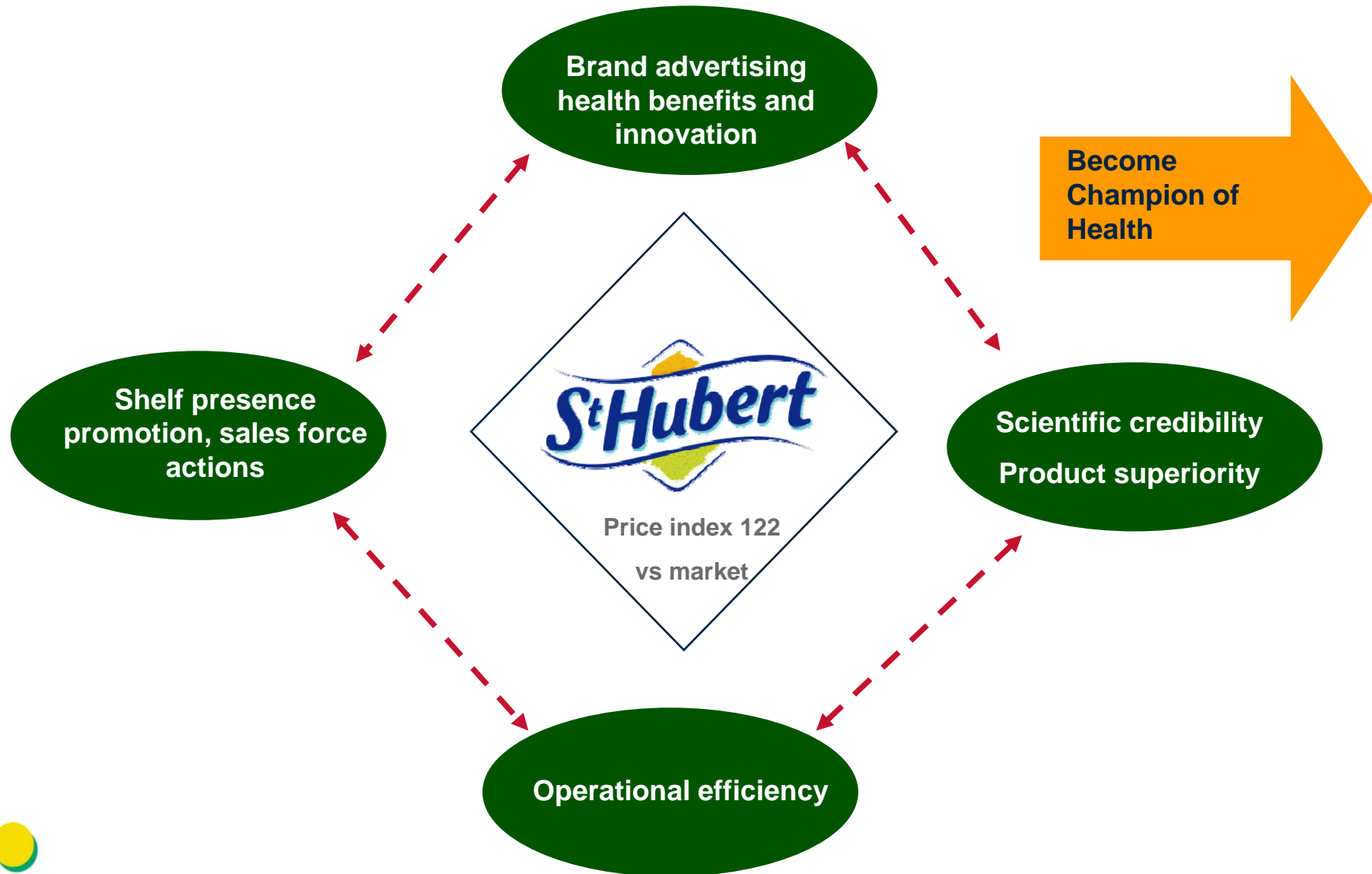
A constant growth - Turnover



Management structure



Key drivers



Operational Efficiency



Line efficiency > 85%

Service rate > 99%

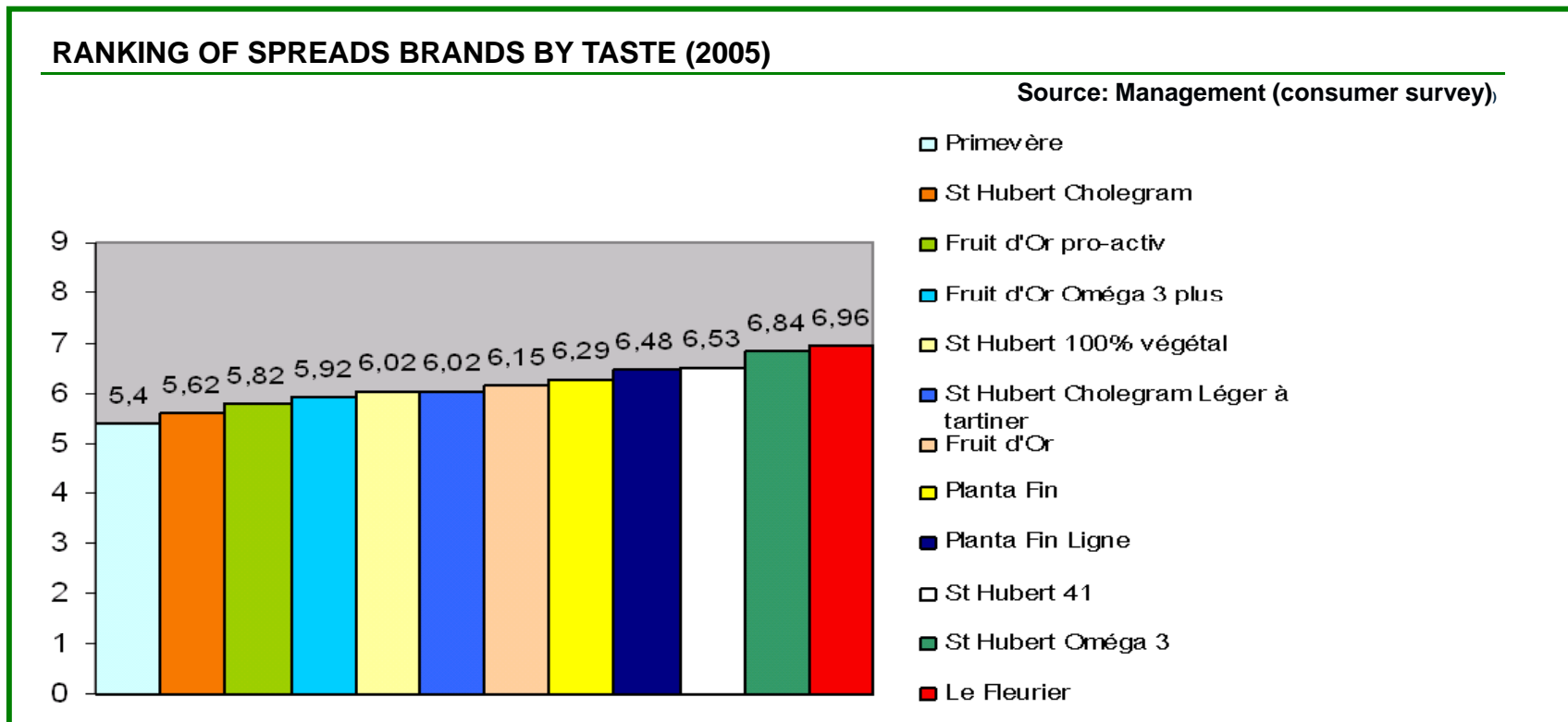
High level of rationalisation



Scientific Credibility / Product Superiority



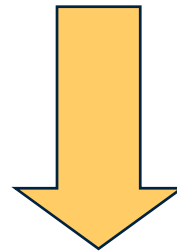
- R&D organisation based on
 - high competencies and dedicated internal resources
 - specific research programs with Institutes or Universities + other partnerships
- St Hubert products are top-ranked among the preferred products in terms of taste and quality



St Hubert brand



Brand advertising
health benefits and
innovation



- St Hubert 95% total awareness
 - 37% spontaneous, +5pts vs year ago
- Serious, quality, healthy products
- 35% SOV , in line with SOM

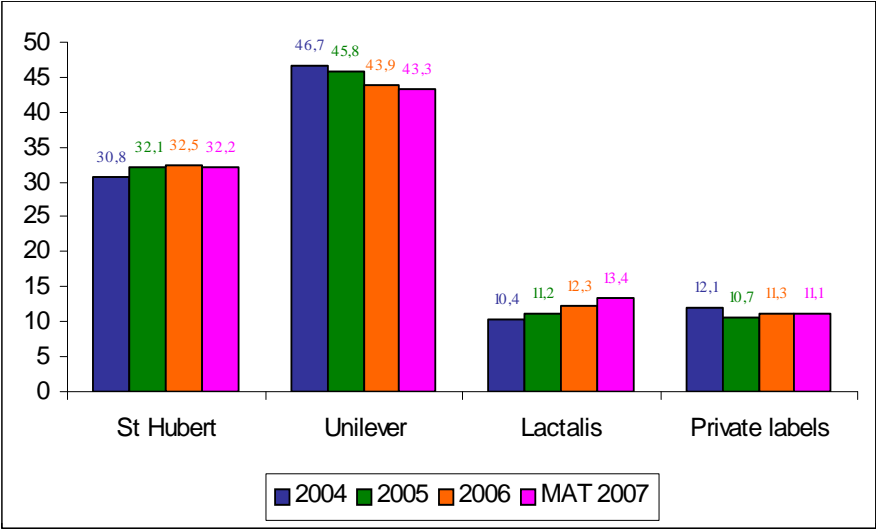
Dedicated sales force



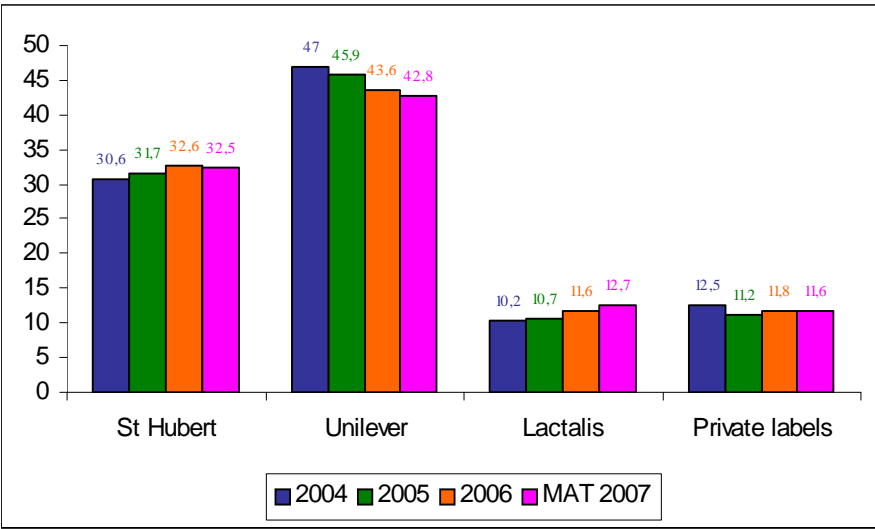
Shelf presence, promotion, sales force actions



Share of sku's by brand (%)



Share of shelf place by brand (%)



- Increase share of shelf space and share of SKUs
- Improvement of products' store display





FRANCE



A broad product portfolio



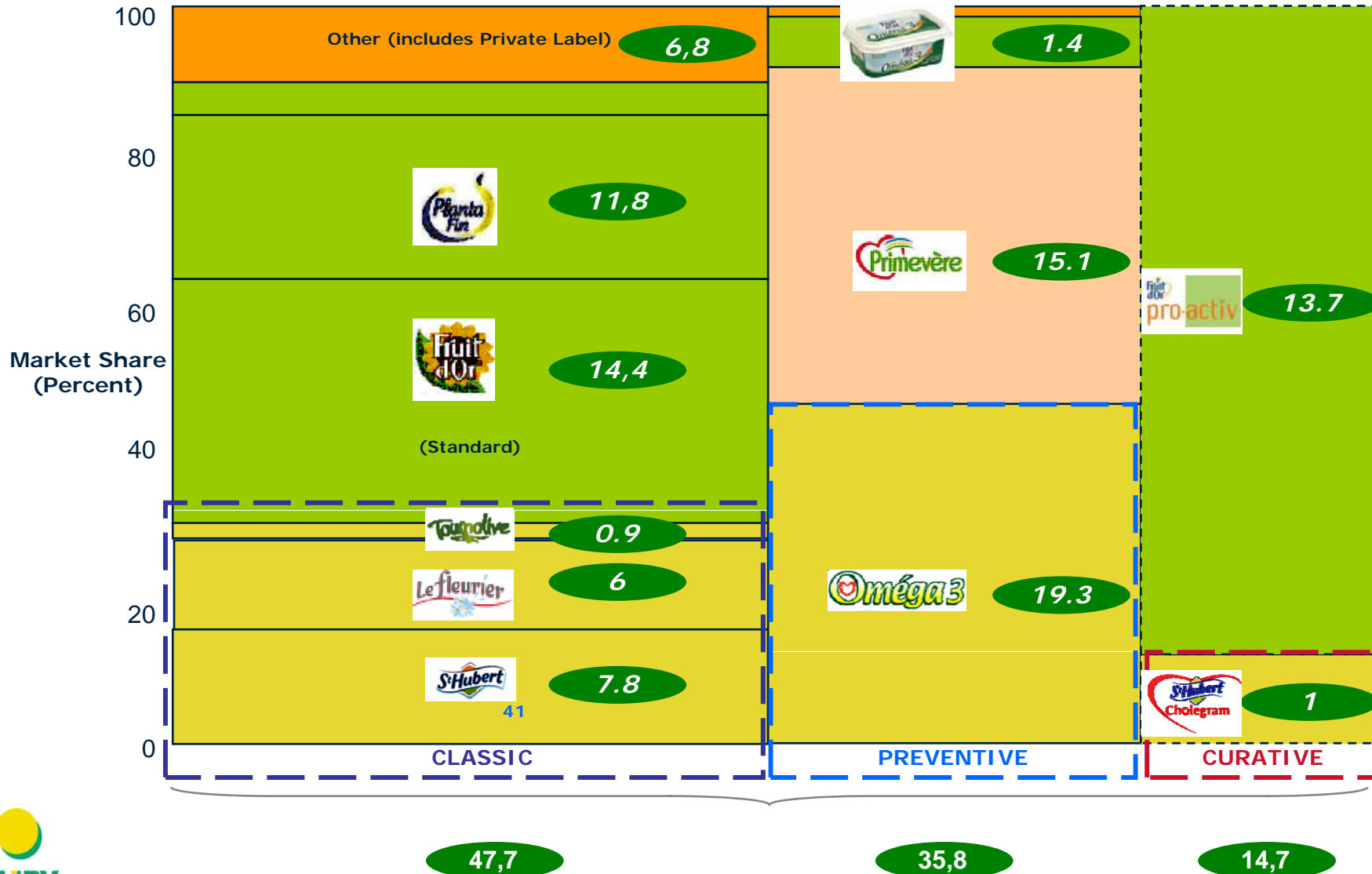
Brand	Market Segment	Market Position	Brand Value
	Classic	No 3	€31m
	Healthy Preventative	No 1	€75m
	Healthy Curative	No 2	€4m
	Classic	No 4	€23m
	Italian spreads	No 1	€21m

Source: IRI May 2008 (retail sales value)



60 SKU and only 2 shapes of tubs

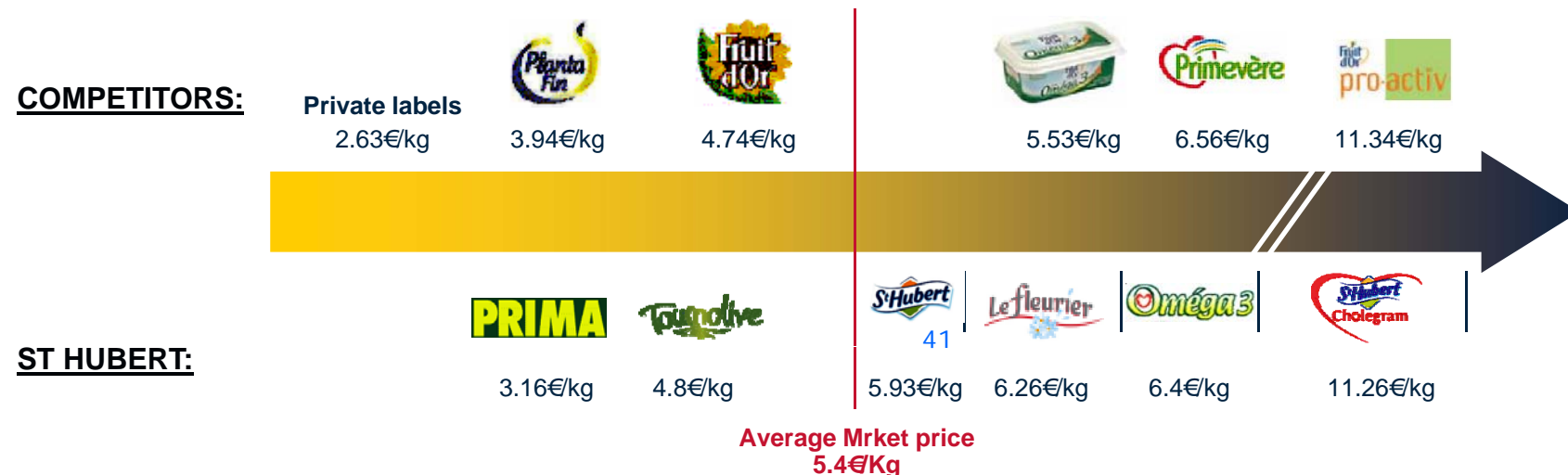
Position by segment



Price Positioning

- St Hubert, Unilever and Lactalis operate with products ranging from €3 per kg to €11 per kg

PRICING POSITIONING (2008) - €/kg

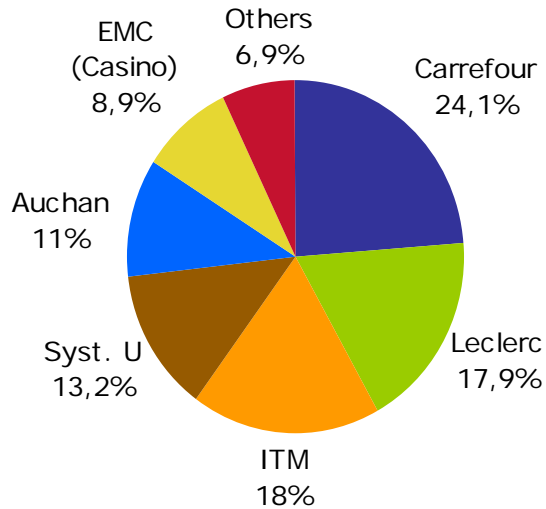


St Hubert benefits from a particularly attractive price positioning

St Hubert products are sold to all French hypermarkets and supermarkets

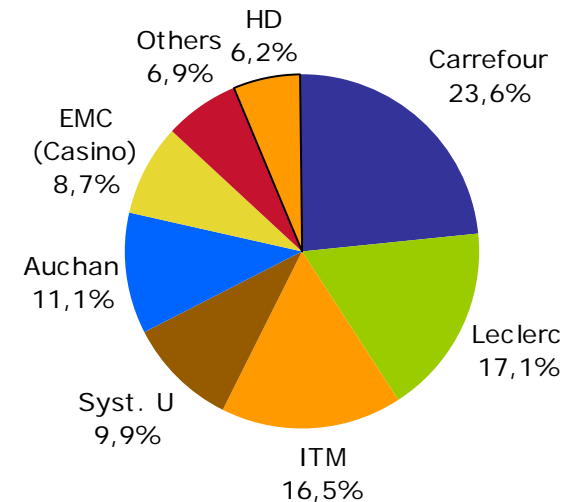


ST HUBERT CUSTOMERS (FY07)



Source: Management

RETAIL MARKET SHARE⁽¹⁾ (FY07)



Source: IRI, (1) value French non butter tubs market

St Hubert customer portfolio mirrors the French food retailer market



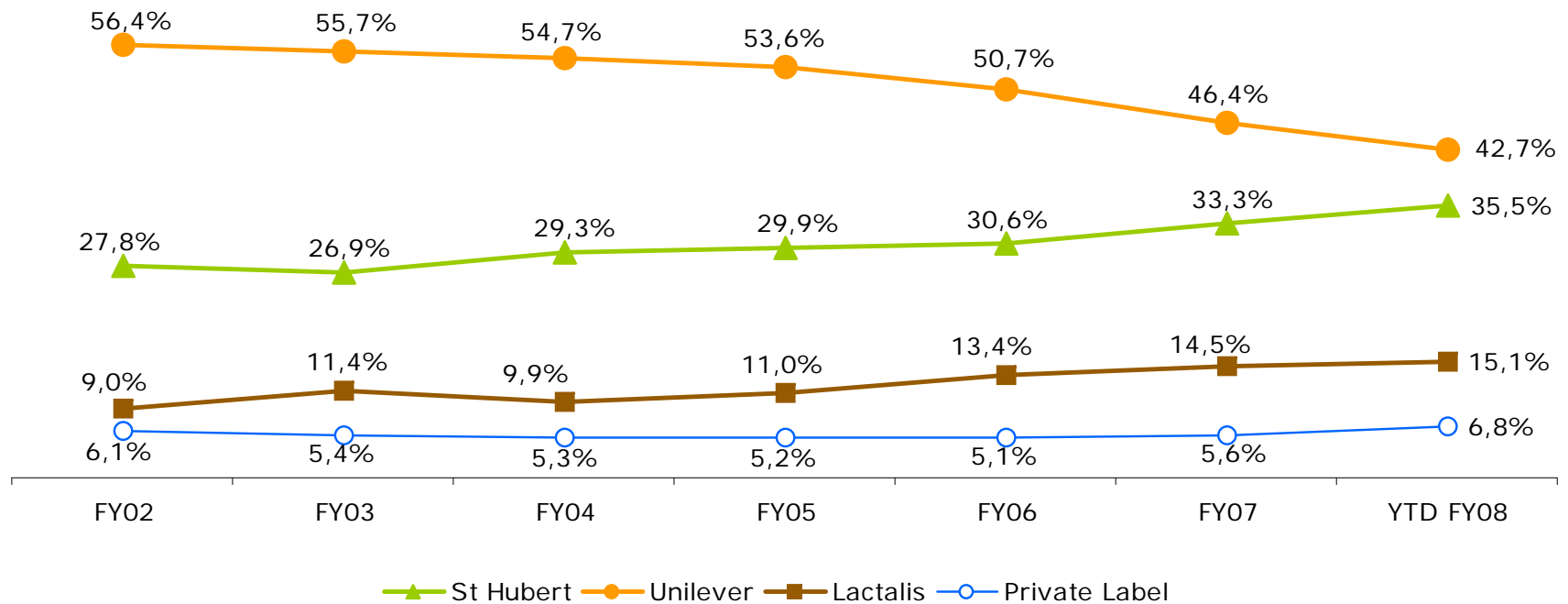
Portfolio rationalisation & health focus



2001/02	2006/07
<p>6 brands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brand St Hubert market share 12.7% • Total St Hubert market share 27.2% 	<p>1 major brand + 1 flanker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Hubert brand 29% • Total company 35.5%
<p>Health segment 22%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No St Hubert product • Turnover : 3.26 €/kg 	<p>Health segment 52%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Hubert Omega 3 leader • Turnover : 4.04 €/kg



A constant growth - Market share

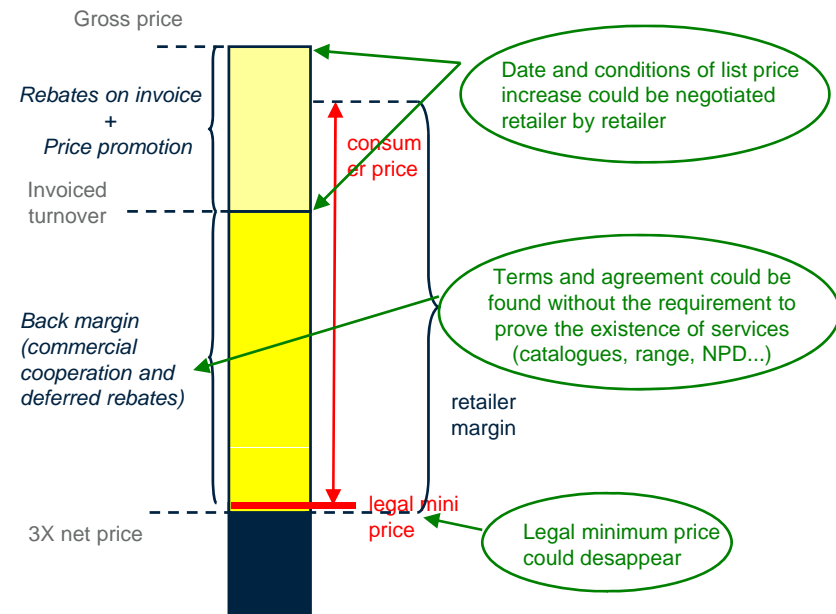
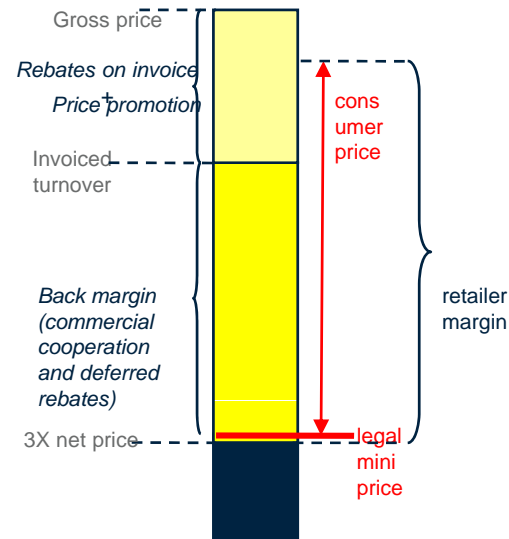
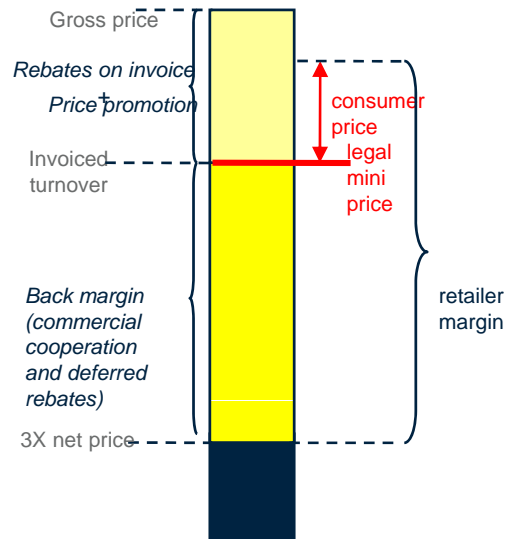


Trade negotiations: change of law



Before 2005
(Law Galland)

Since 2005
(Law Dutreil, Chatel)





ITALY



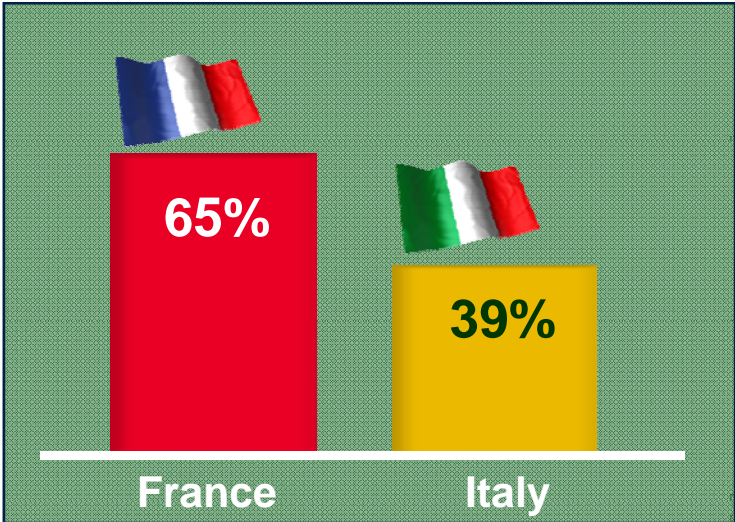
Kraft partnership



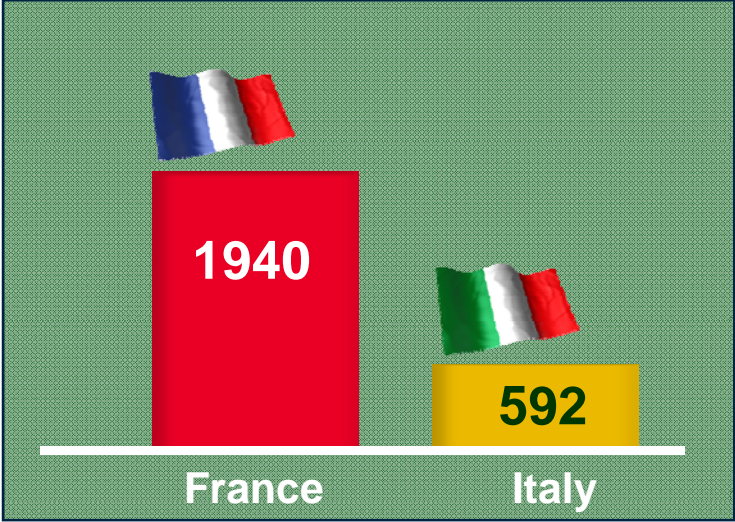
- St Hubert entered the Italian market in 1996 with the acquisition of Kraft's fat business (Vallé)
- Following this acquisition, St Hubert established a distribution agreement with Kraft:
 - Kraft is the exclusive agent for the sale and distribution of St Hubert's products in Italy
 - Kraft provides access to extensive retailer coverage with a comprehensive distribution network in Italy for Vallé products
 - St Hubert benefits from Kraft's commercial capabilities (key accounts, logistics, sales force, etc...)
 - The distribution agreement also encompasses legal assistance, marketing & media advisory and knowledge inputs
- Under the agreement, once the products are delivered to the retailers, Kraft invoices the retailers and then St Hubert invoices Kraft on a weekly basis

Key Features of the Italian Spreads Market

Household Penetration %



Consumption of Spread per user (gr)



Adding value and Brand stretching

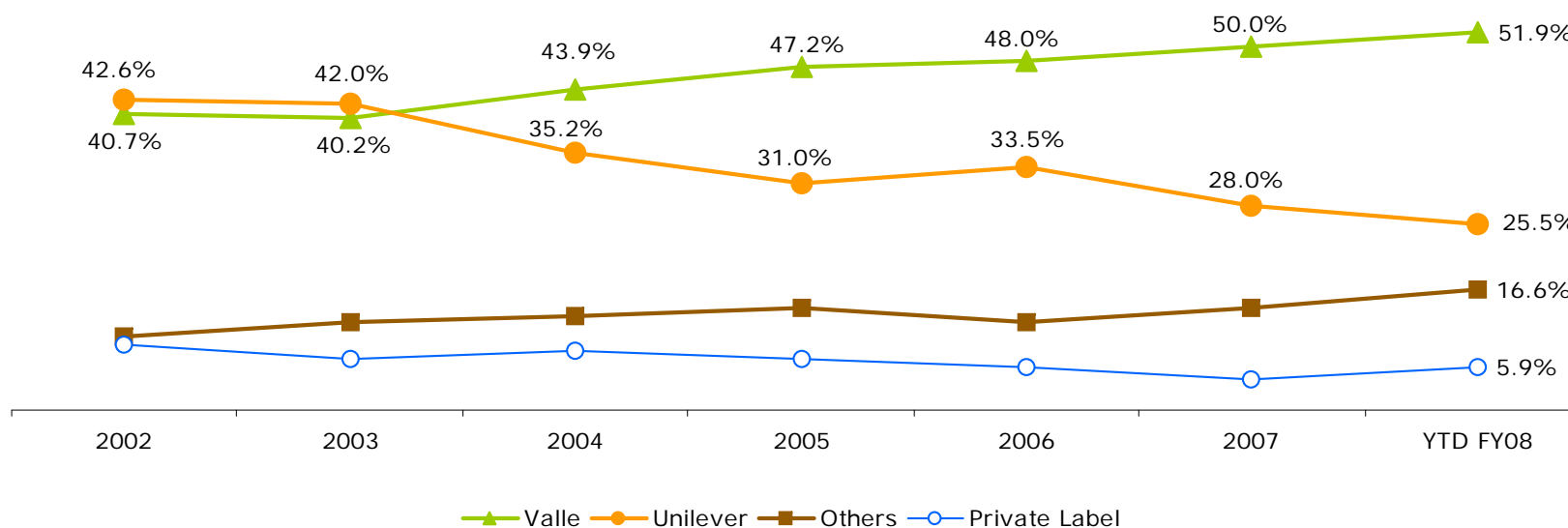


2001/02	2006/07
100 % turnover with basic product (2.25 €/kg)	50% turnover with basic product (2.78 €/kg) 50% turnover with more value added product (3.98 €/kg)

A constant growth - Market share



Spreads Value Market Shares (%)



MAT May 2008



STRATEGY 2008/10



Our convictions



- St Hubert has not reached its maximum potential in the Non Butter Tub market...

BUSINESS PLAN GENERAL OBJECTIVE

- Saint Hubert aims to become the undisputed champion of healthy and tasty spreads
- The company must be identified by its customers and partners as ambitious and a source of added value
- And we believe that there are opportunities over the medium/long term to stretch the St Hubert brand to other neighboring categories

Our focus



- Spreads will remain our core business:

It is our know-how

It is our brand heart land

It will remain our best pay back

- Our brands are our key assets:

We will focus our resources on our brands

We will not develop private labels

Strategy France



- Become the French NBB market leader in three years
 - Focus on core brands St Hubert Omega3 and St Hubert 41
 - Entering in new distribution channel
 - Innovating in new concepts
 - Increasing marketing support
- Prepare an extension to other shelves

Strategy Italy



- Become the Italian total spreads market leader
 - Focus on core brands Valle Omega3 and Valle Piu Burro
 - Extending WD
 - Extension line
 - Increasing marketing support
- Accelerate growth developing a profitable niche

**Welcome
at
LUDRES
Plant specialised in spreads production**



History

- ❖ 1904 : Launch of the first activity at Nancy
- ❖ 1973 : New plant building by St Hubert company at Ludres.
- ❖ 1995 : St Hubert joined UNIQ group.
- ❖ 1998 : Automation of packaging area
- ❖ 1999 : Campden accreditation
- ❖ 2001 : Shape packaging standardisation (1 shape vs 3 shapes), Sprinkler system implementation
- ❖ 2002 : Launch of Omega 3, SAP implementation, Continuous improvement programme implementation
- ❖ 2003 : Logistic organisation change, Health & Safety programme implementation
- ❖ 2006 : IFS / BRC accreditation
- ❖ 2007 : Dairy Crest completed St Hubert acquisition
- ❖ 2008 : Chilled warehouse project, Pilot equipment project

Management system



- ❖ Participative management organised in continuous improvement programme drive by Kaisen system (5S, SMED, ...)
- ❖ 3 years plan elaboration: September
- ❖ Budget elaboration with balance score card: January
- ❖ Management system with targets display process and a weekly and monthly reviews system
- ❖ Monthly meeting with other departments of the company : R&D, marketing, Supply chain, Purchasing
- ❖ Monthly meeting with work council
- ❖ Monthly business communication made by the factory manager

Plant results



	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	A 07/08
Volume	27 474	28 082	28 521	30 600	31 015
Staff *	112	113	113	114	112
Line efficiency	84%	86%	83.6%	83.1%	86.2%
Wastage (%)	1.09	1.05	1.25	1.65	1.00

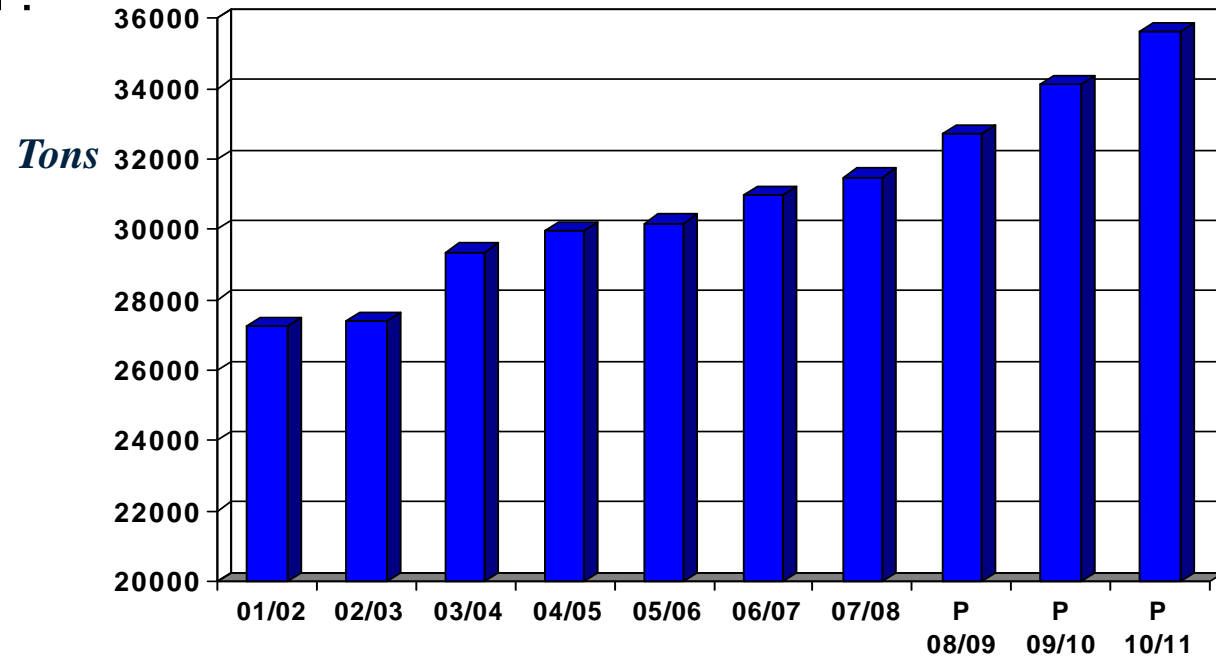
* Temporary and trainee included



Key figures



❖ Volume evolution :



❖ Recipes number : 17

❖ SKU number :

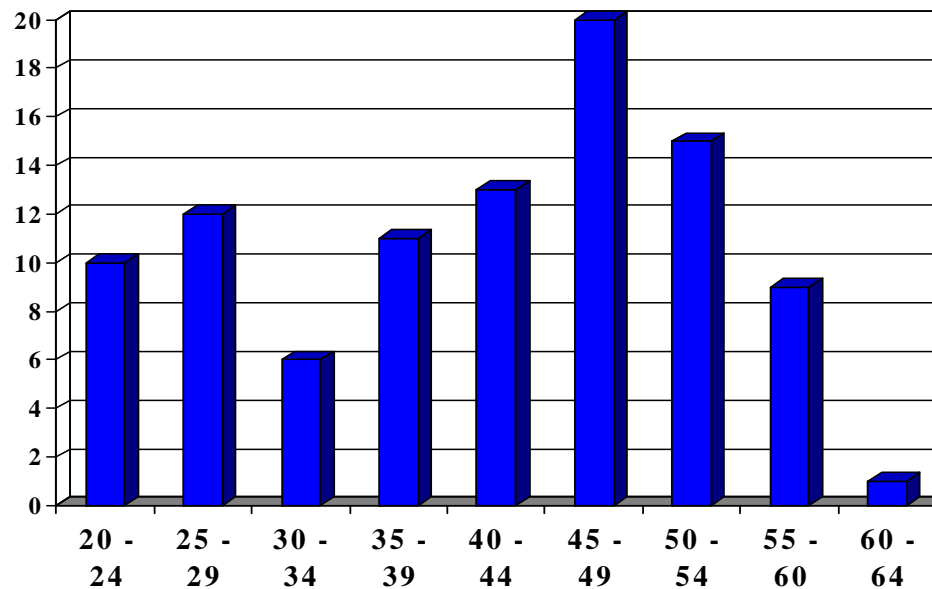
- Raw material and packaging : 200
- Finished products : 47



Key figures



❖ Population pyramid :



❖ Average age : 41 years

❖ Average background : 16 years

❖ Women/Men distribution : 19 / 76

❖ Workers representation : CE / DP / CHSCT

Trade union : CFDT – CGT - CGC



Priority projects

- ✓ To carry on the continuous improvement programme by the display of the targets
- ✓ To strengthen the close collaboration between headquarter and factory teams
- ✓ To protect the site against main disasters
- ✓ To build a back up solution
- ✓ To anticipate the evolutions to adapt the site:

Industrial tools

- ❖ Fully automated process with a supervision system
- ❖ 3 filling lines with automated palletization

