## **AXACTOR**

# 2024 - a new cycle emerging?

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## 2023 - Annus horribilis for the industry?

## **Higher cost of funding**

Increased interest rates <u>and</u> bond margins

#### Reduced access to capital

Industry out of favor

#### **Higher cost-to-collect**

Elevated inflation and wages

#### Reduced portfolio cash flow

Reduced disposable income and regulatory changes

## Reduced investment capacity

Cost of funding deteriorate investment capacity

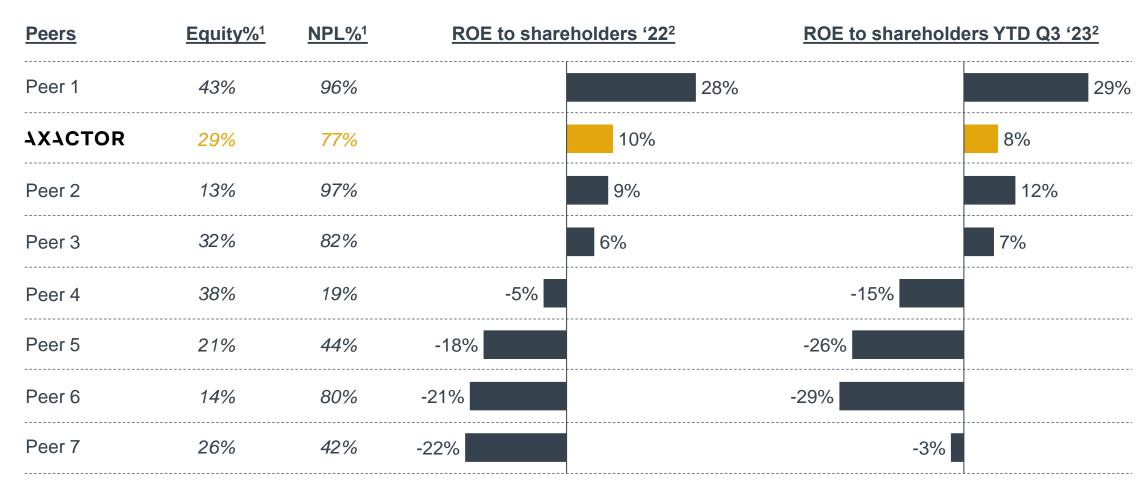
Plummeting industry share prices

Is now the time to take a long position?

# **Industry challenges**

Dimension	Industry	Axactor	Comments
Macro	×	×	Macro delays portfolio cash flow
Funding	×	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>No maturities until medio 2026</li> <li>Margins only marginally up compared to 2020</li> </ul>
Investment capacity	*	$\checkmark$	Sufficient investment capacity enabling controlled growth
Profitability	*	$\checkmark$	Profitable business model – even if all credit facilities were unhedged and refinanced today

# Axactor is one of the most profitable companies in the industry



<sup>1)</sup> Numbers for FY2022. NPL% = NPL total income / group total income.

<sup>2)</sup> Continuing operations

# Next for Axactor is to do more of the same and stick to our strategy

- 1 Accretive investments
- Invest in accretive portfolios with attractive gross IRR driving margin expansion on NPL
- Target of reaching total backbook Gross IRR above 20%. Currently experiencing Gross IRR of 30+% on newly signed acquisitions

2 Cost leadership

- Cloud based unified IT-infrastructure, optimized processes and a strong cost culture
- Currently investing extensively in data-driven valuation and -operation to further excel

3 Best at what we do

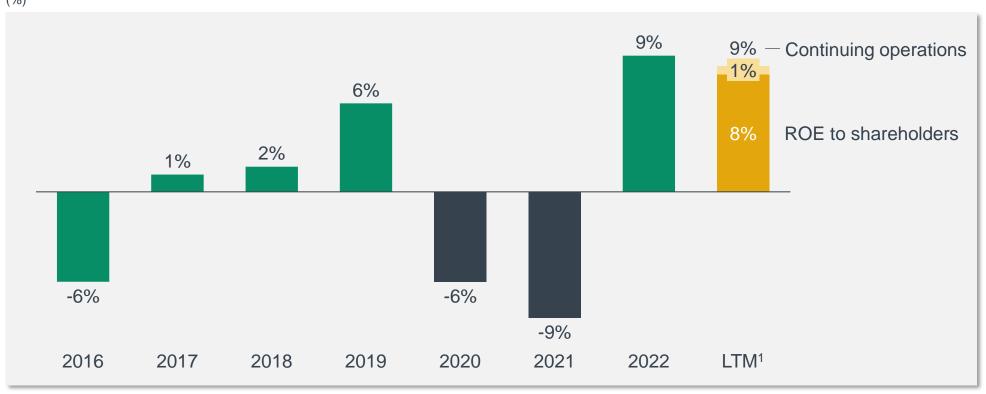
Targeted focus to become best at what we do<sup>1</sup>

- Industry: Bank & finance
- Debt type: B2C, unsecured
- Markets: Existing six countries



# The strategy has delivered satisfying return on equity in a turbulent business environment

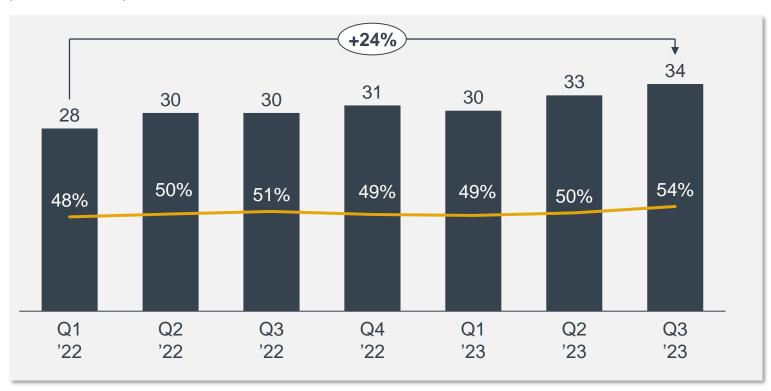
Return on equity to shareholders



# EBITDA uplift of 24% has secured the ROE result and to a large extend offset increasing cost of funding

#### EBITDA and EBITDA-margin

(EUR million and %)



- Accretive growth on NPL
- Strict cost control
- Close-down of unprofitable business areas and clients
- Improved data-driven operations

## **Summary: Why invest in Axactor?**

Historically low **valuation**. Is now the time to take a long position?

Axactor P/E on 2024 consensus

~4.8x







