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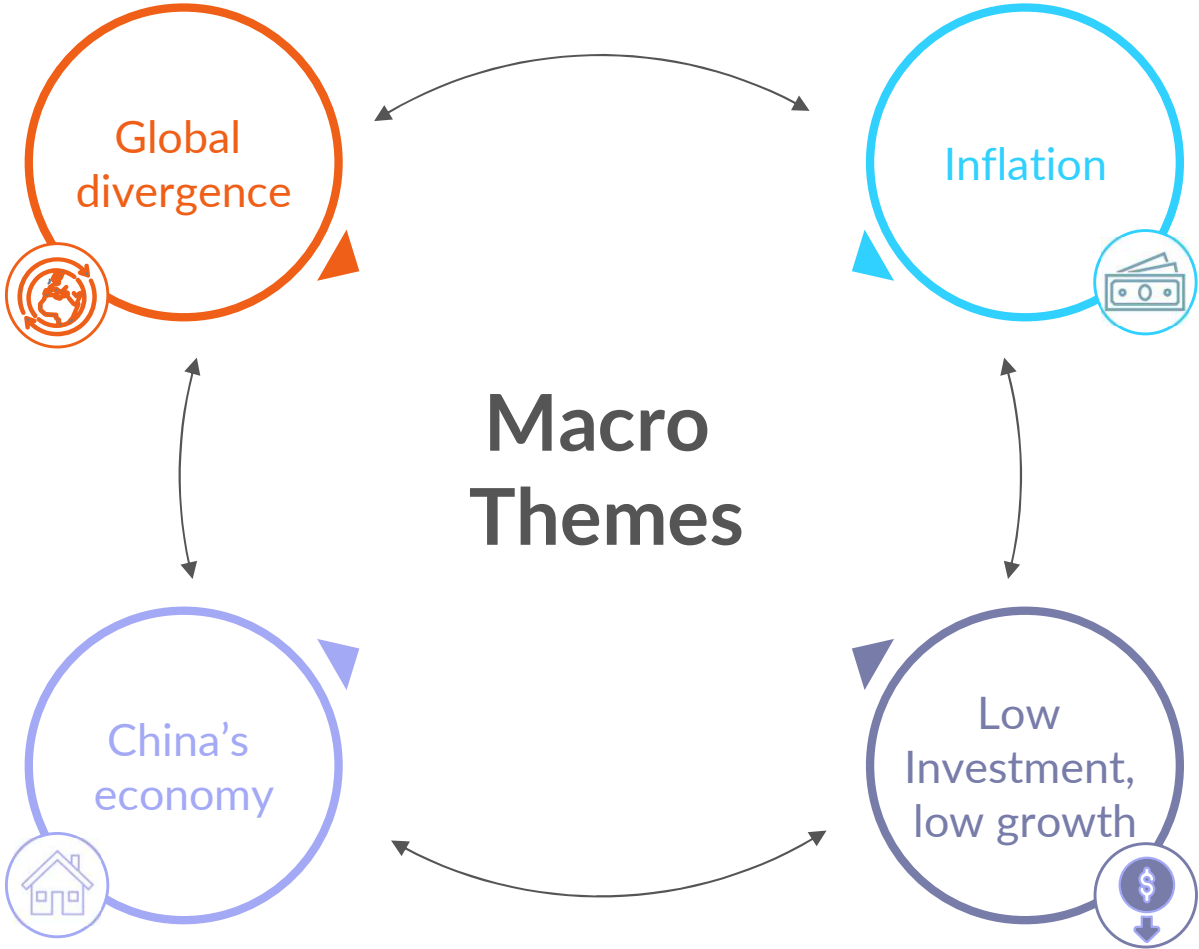
Charting the Course: Navigating
2024's Distribution Trends

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Overall, what macro themes will impact markets in 2024?

- Geopolitical Tension Inhibits Global Trade, Supply Chains, and Collective Goals - Regional Disparities in Growth and Inflation Persist Worldwide
- China's Economic Outlook Dampened by Deflation, Real Estate Crisis, Poses Global Spillover Risk



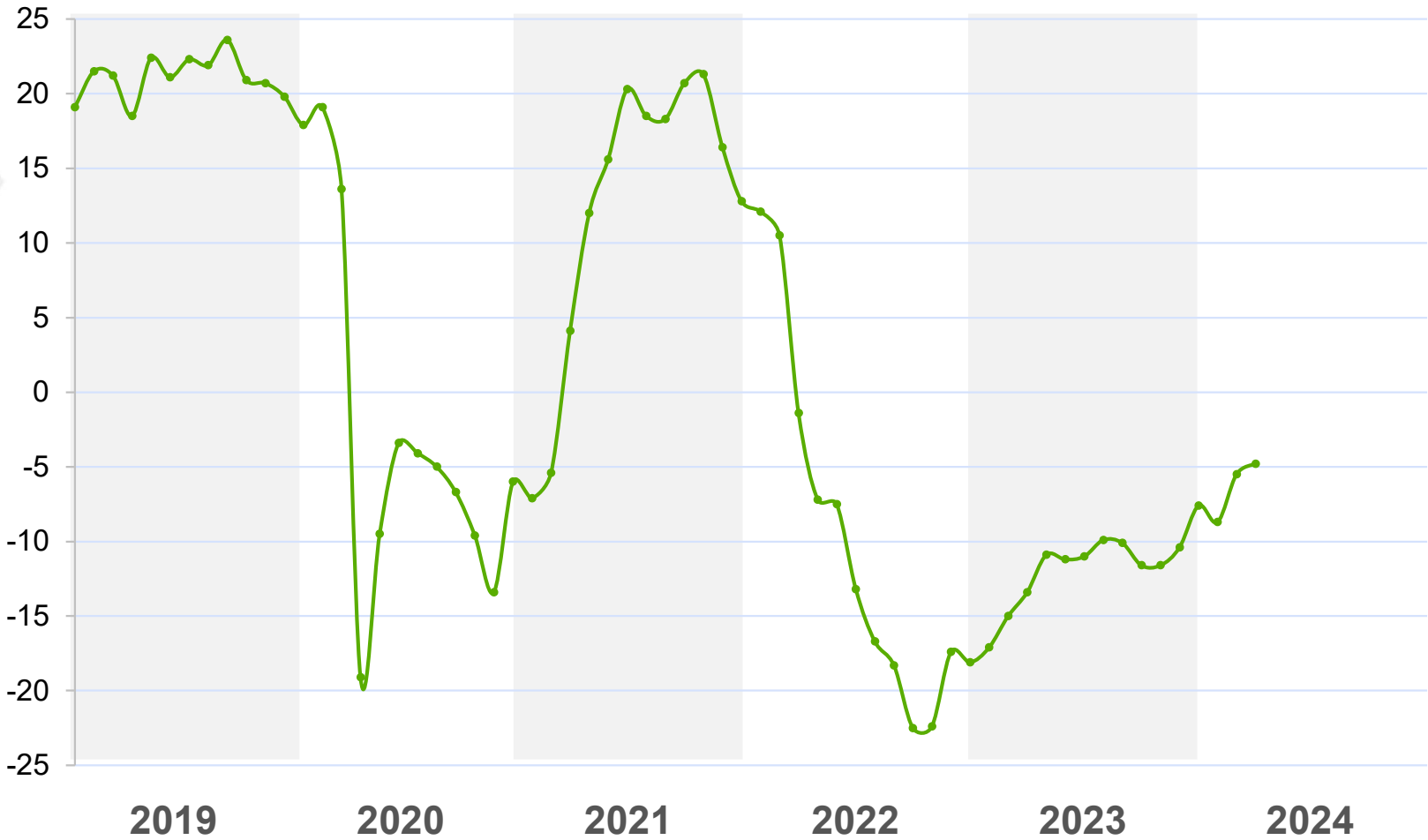
- Inflation to Decline Steadily in 2024, Remains Above Targets Across Economies, Targeted by Mid-2025.
- Global Economy Slowly Recovers Amid Pandemic Fallout, **High Interest Rates**, Expected Rate Drop in Late 2024 to Ease Mortgage Burden

Source: Dec. [2023 World Economic Outlook](#), Foreword. | Global TCG Trends Report Q4 2023 – Global Strategic Insights

European Consumer Climate goes up for the second time in a row



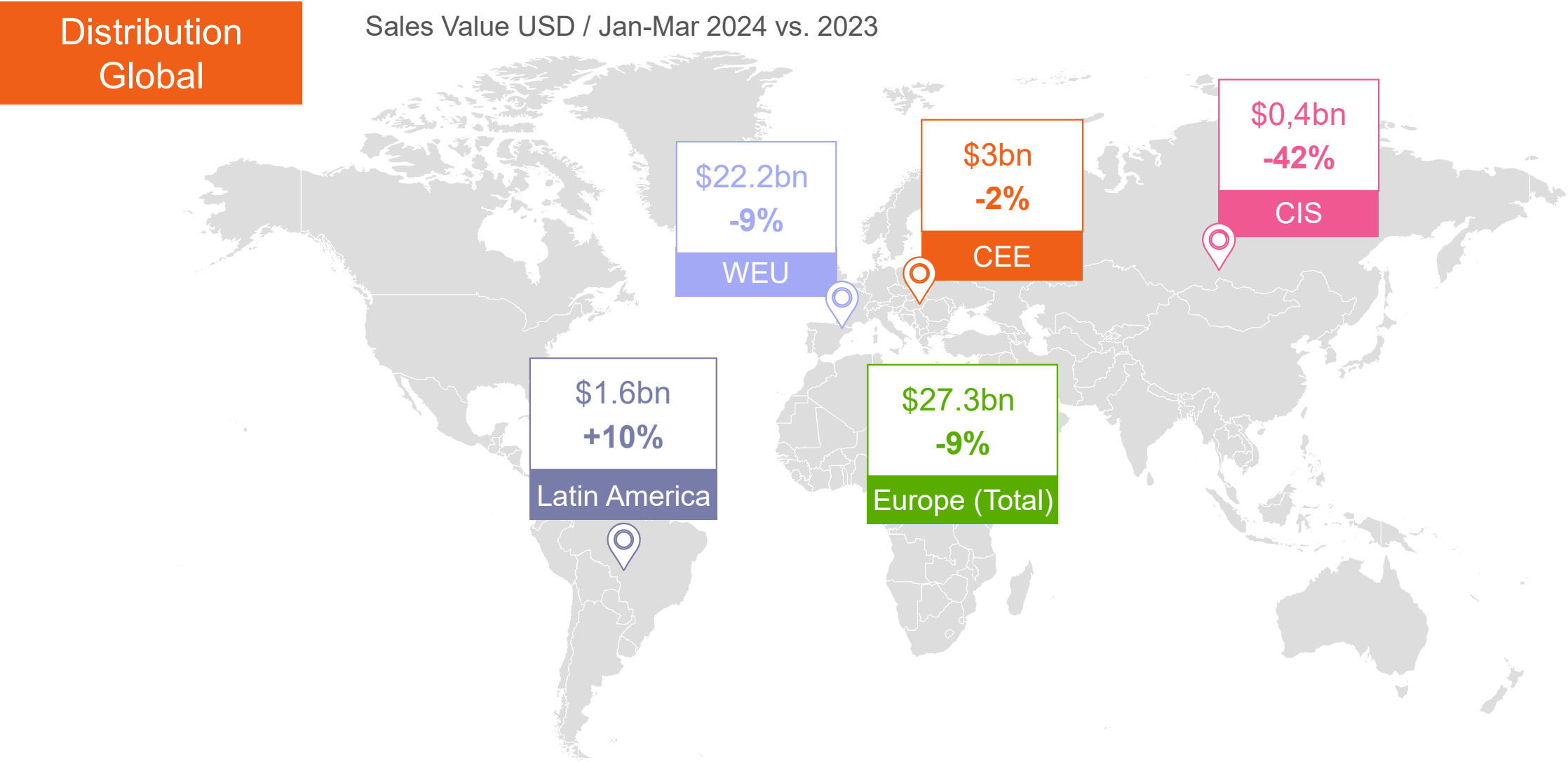
Consumer Climate EU 27 – March 2024



Source: GfK Euro Climate powered by NIM, cofunded by EU Commission | March 2024

European distributors experience revenue decline in Q1/2024.

LATAM as only region showing growth compared to Q1/2023

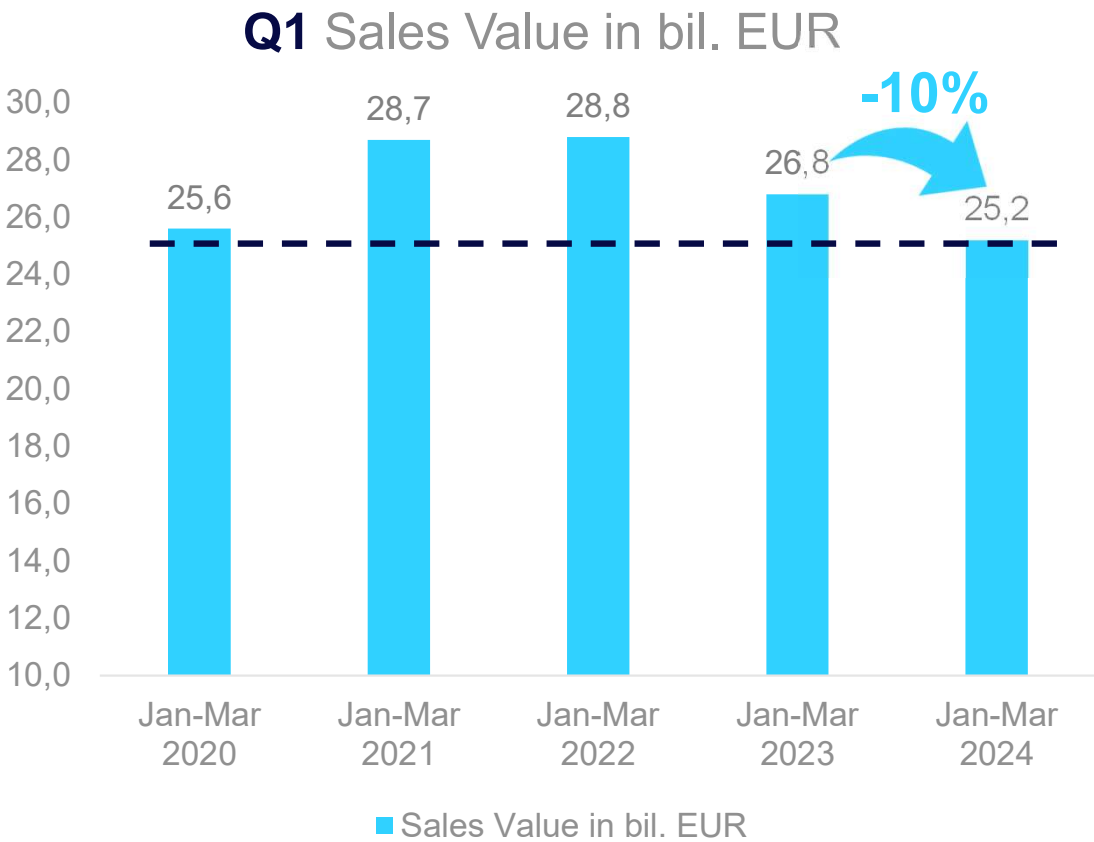
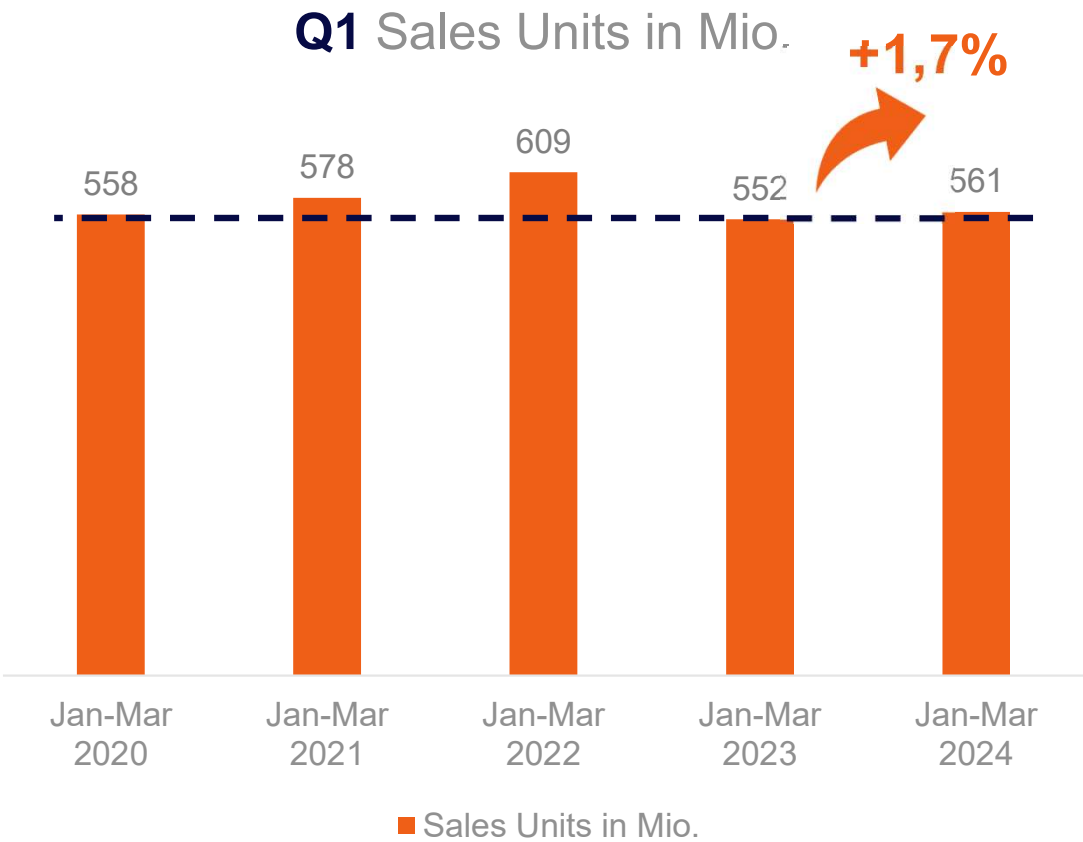


Source: GfK MI: Supply Chain, Global excl. RU, North America & Canada, Sales Value USD, all channels & product groups, Periods until March 2024

In Q1/ 2024 global distribution increased by 1.7% in sold Units

However, growth driver in units mainly caused by software sales

Distribution
Europe

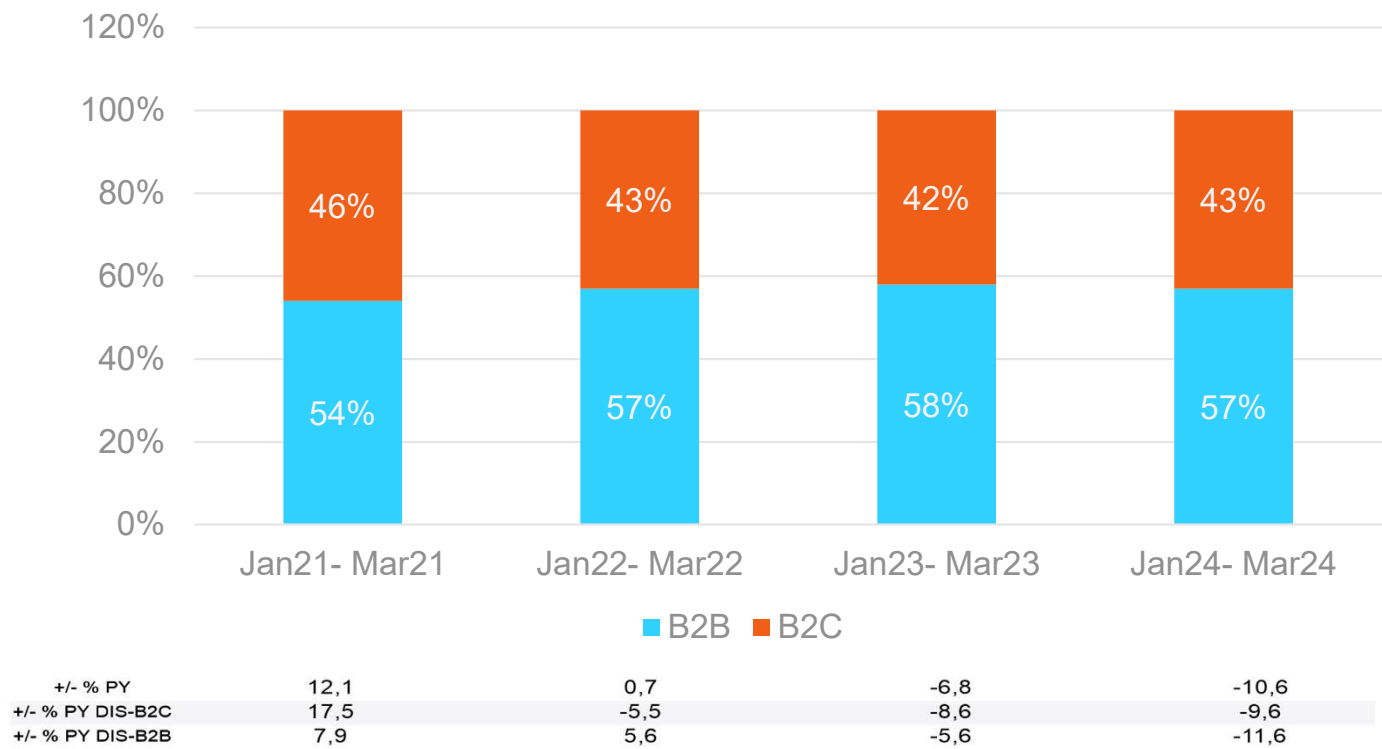


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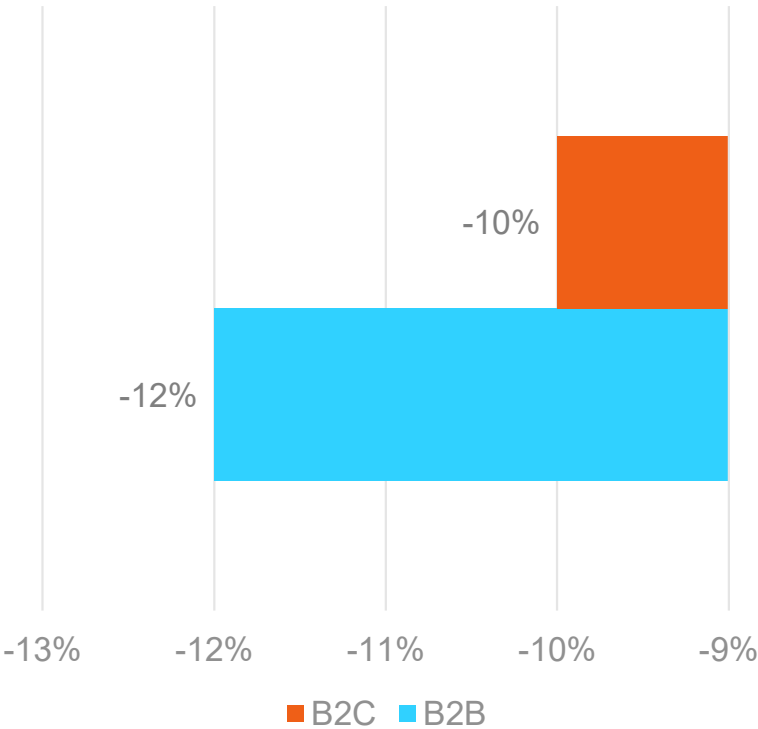
B2B Distribution Continues to Command over 50% Share

Yet, B2B Business Slips Further than Consumer Business in Q1 2024

EUROPE Distributors
Sales Value EUR

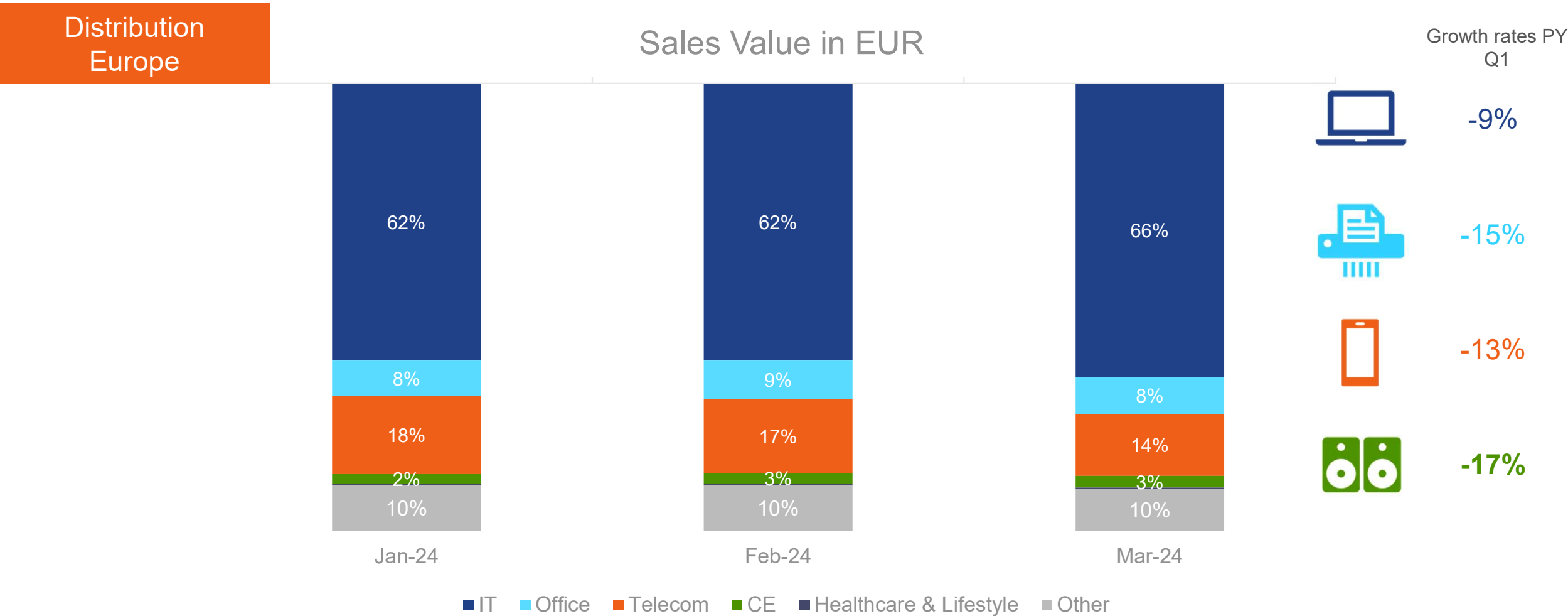


Growth Rates
Q1 2023 vs. Q1 2024



Growth rates indicate decline across all sectors in Q1 2024

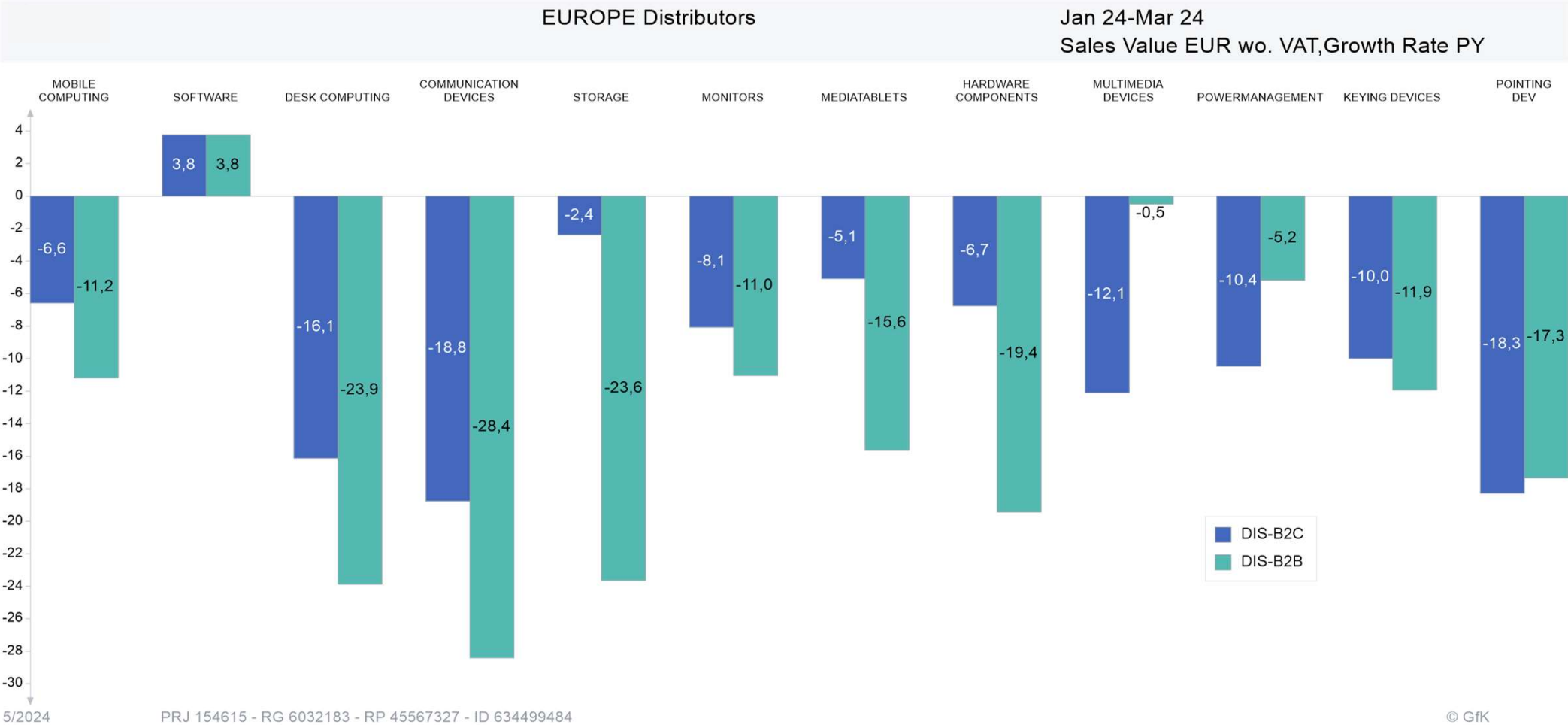
Q1 showed growing IT share



Source: GfK MI: Supply Chain, Europe, Sales Value in EUR, all channels & product groups excl. services, Periods until March 2023

Sell-through B2B declining more than B2C across various categories

Software as only growing category

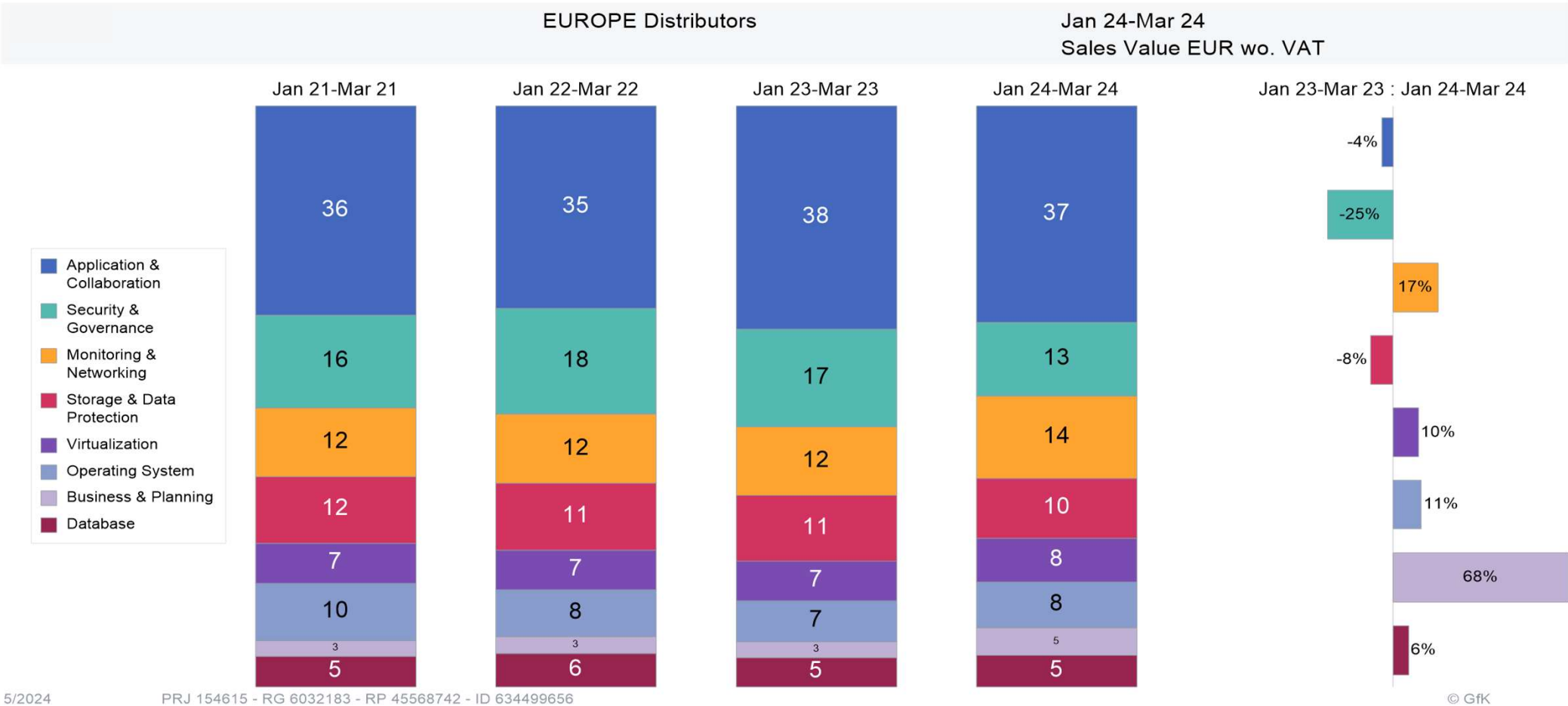


Software Landscape: Dominance of Application and Collaboration Solutions

Growing Importance of Monitoring and Networking Software

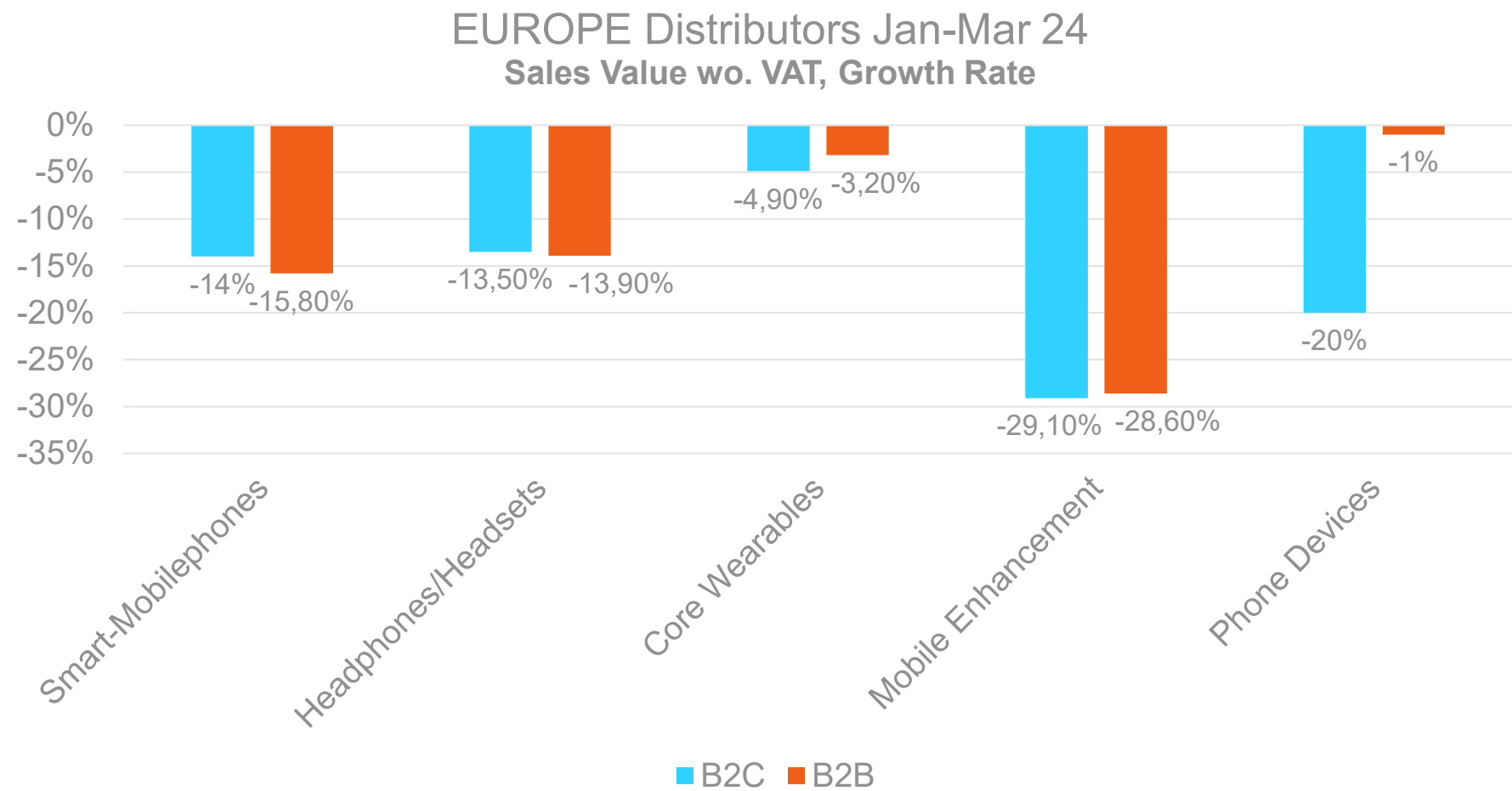
Information Technology

Software



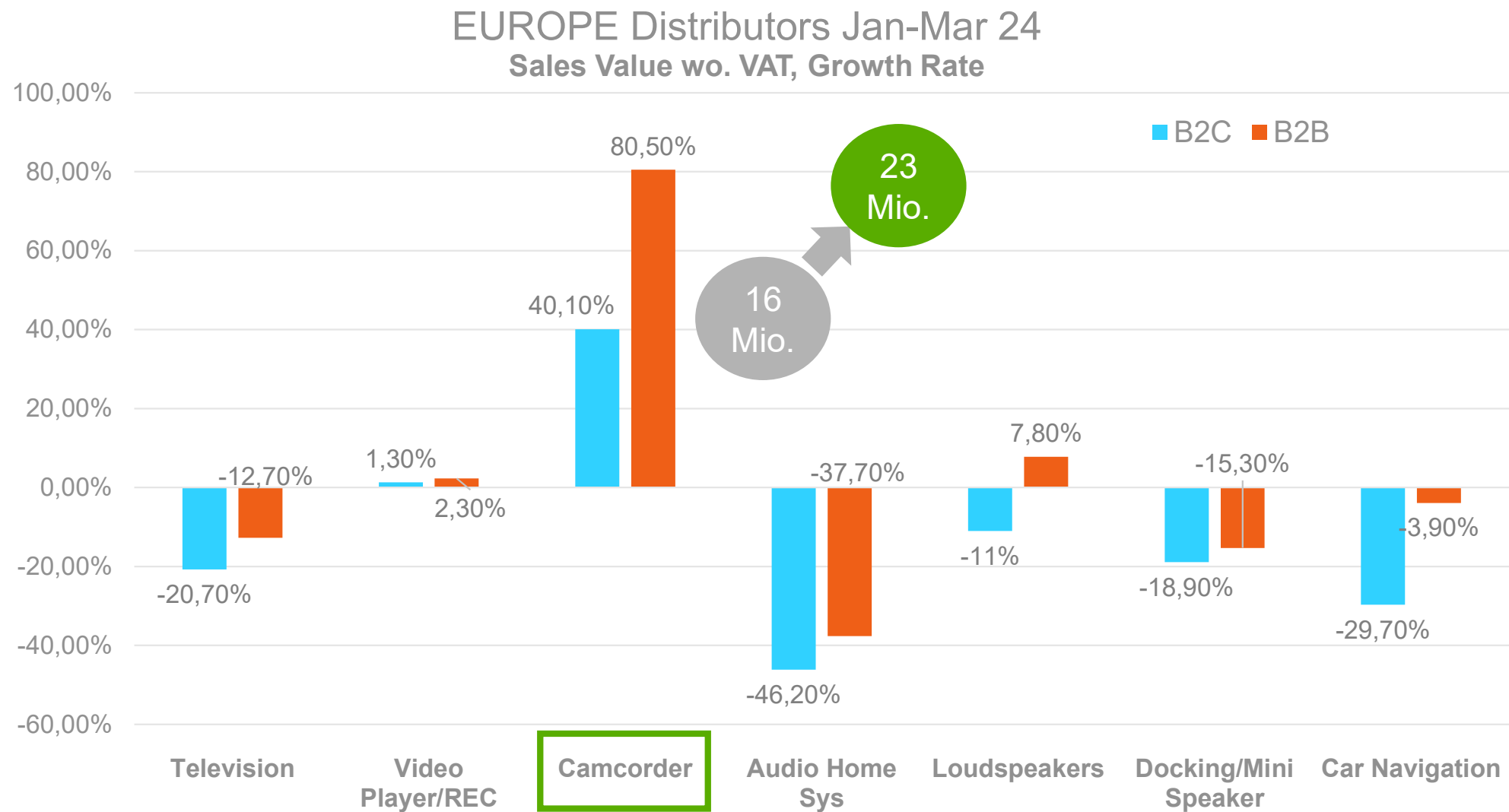
Core Wearables Maintain Relevance Among Top Telecom Categories

Q1 2024: Mobile Enhancement Business Witnesses ~30% Revenue Decline



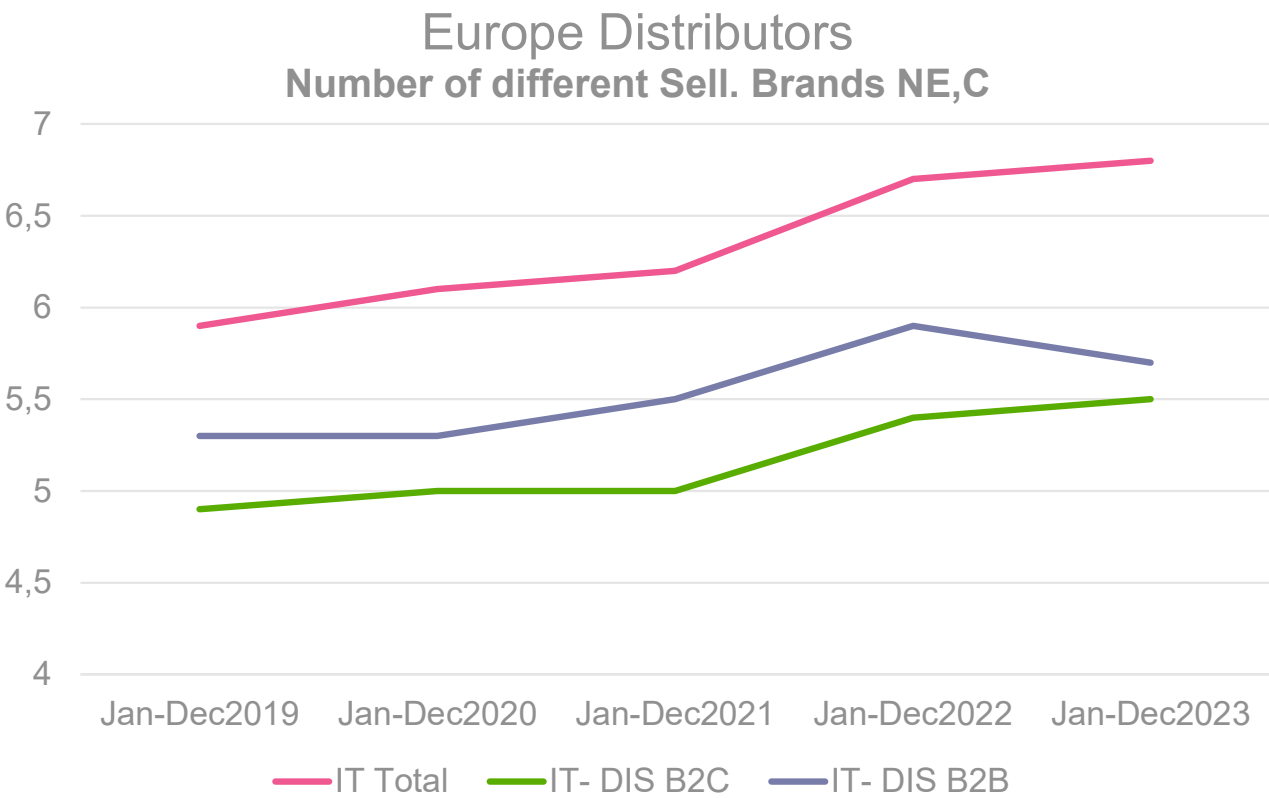
Action Cams show some significant growth for the EU distribution market

Mostly Driven by the German Distribution Market



The Advantages of B2C Sales Channels for Varied Brand Offerings

Leveraging Diversified Portfolios to Navigate the B2C Landscape



Turning Endings into Beginnings:

How Windows 10 End of Life can
drive increased demand for IT
Hardware



Businesses should start transitioning now to avoid potential issues down the line

Windows 10 End of Support



Windows 10:
A cornerstone of many businesses' IT infrastructure since its release.



End of Support:
Microsoft announced the end of support for Windows 10, scheduled **for October 14th, 2025.**



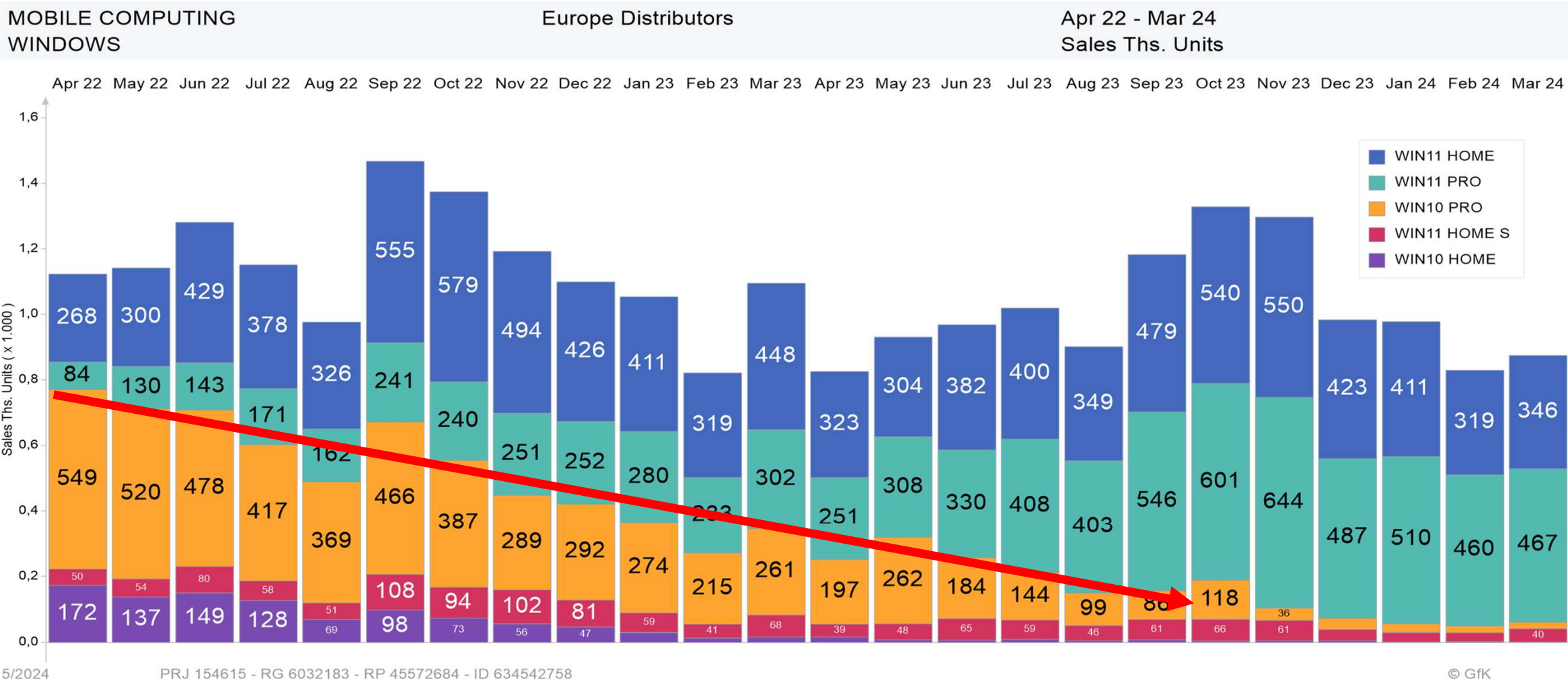
Business Impact:
After this date, Microsoft will stop providing security updates or support for Windows 10.



Vulnerabilities:
Businesses will be exposed to potential cyber threats without ongoing support.

Sales of Windows 11 Pro Sales Have Been Taking Over

Windows 10 Pro Phasing Out as End-of-Life Looms; Buyers Shift Focus Ahead of 2025 Deadline



Why Businesses Should Consider Upgrading:

Ensuring Compatibility with AI-Powered Systems

Windows 11 introduces new features like Copilot, leveraging AI for enhanced productivity

Hardware Compatibility

- These features may require compatible hardware for optimal performance.

Performance Considerations

- While older notebooks may run Windows 11, their performance with AI-intensive tasks may be limited.
- Upgrading to newer notebooks with more powerful hardware can improve performance and efficiency.

Future Proofing

- Investing in newer notebooks ensures compatibility with future software updates and emerging AI technologies.
- It prepares businesses for evolving demands and opportunities in the AI-driven landscape.



The Need for Devices with Enhanced Performance to Optimize AI Support

Local vs. Cloud AI Processing & why new devices might be necessary

AI-Powered Devices

- Cloud AI processing
- Scalable resources
- AI algorithm updates
- E.g. Smartphones with voice assistants



AI-Enabled Devices

- Local AI processing
- Data privacy control
- Independent operation
- E.g. Edge computing devices

Why new devices
could be necessary



Growing complexity of AI applications requires more computational power



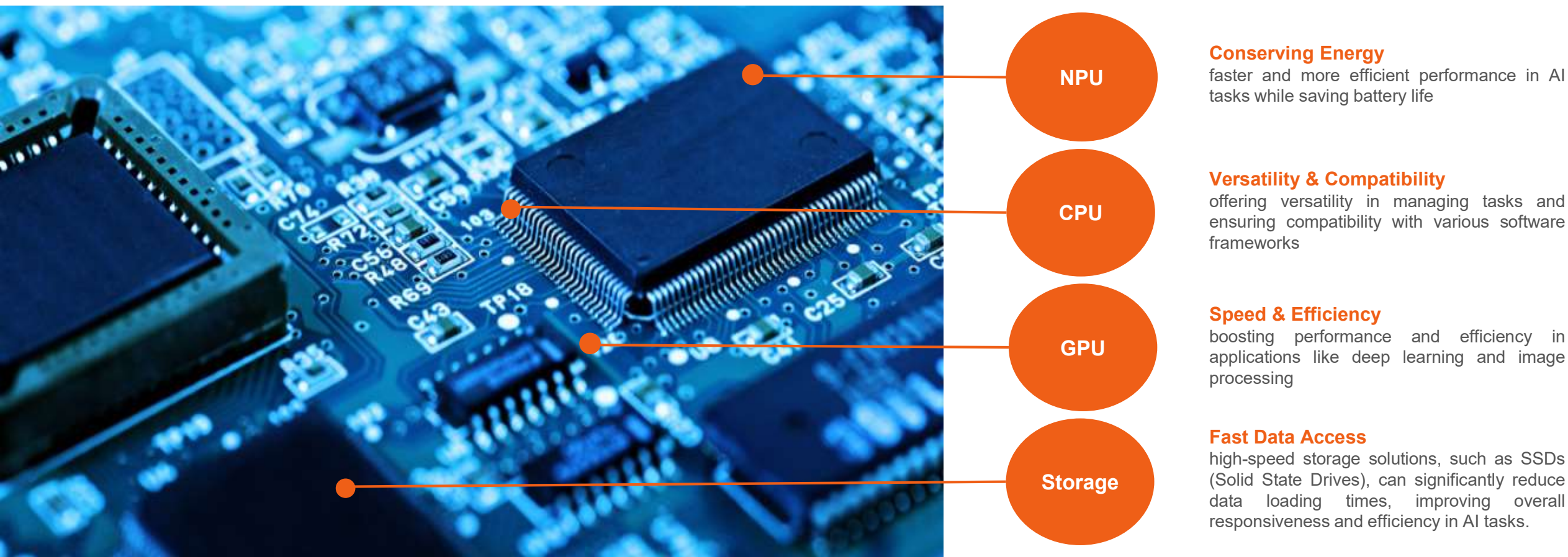
Data privacy and security concerns necessitate high-level local processing



Integration of edge and cloud AI for optimal performance and efficiency

Empowering AI: Essential Hardware Requirements for Implementation

Accelerating IT Recovery with AI-Ready Hardware Components



Maximizing Distributor Opportunities with AI-Powered Solutions

Maximizing Efficiency, Security, and Customer Satisfaction

Unlocking Business Potential with AI

- **Increased Sales Opportunities:** The transition to AI-capable PCs presents new sales opportunities, as businesses seek to upgrade their IT infrastructure to remain competitive in the digital era.
- **Value Added Services:** Offering value-added services such as installation, training, and support for AI-capable PCs, further enhancing their offerings and strengthening customer relationships.
- **Enhanced Market Position:** By embracing AI technology and offering cutting-edge solutions, you can differentiate yourselves in the market and position yourself as leaders in the rapidly evolving IT landscape.
- **Enhanced Product Offerings:** Expanding your product portfolio to include AI-capable PCs, catering to the growing demand for advanced computing solutions among businesses.

“AI-powered solutions isn't just the next step in the evolution of the PC—It's the next step in rethinking the workplace”



Employees welcome methods that streamline their workday and enable them to create a greater impact

80%

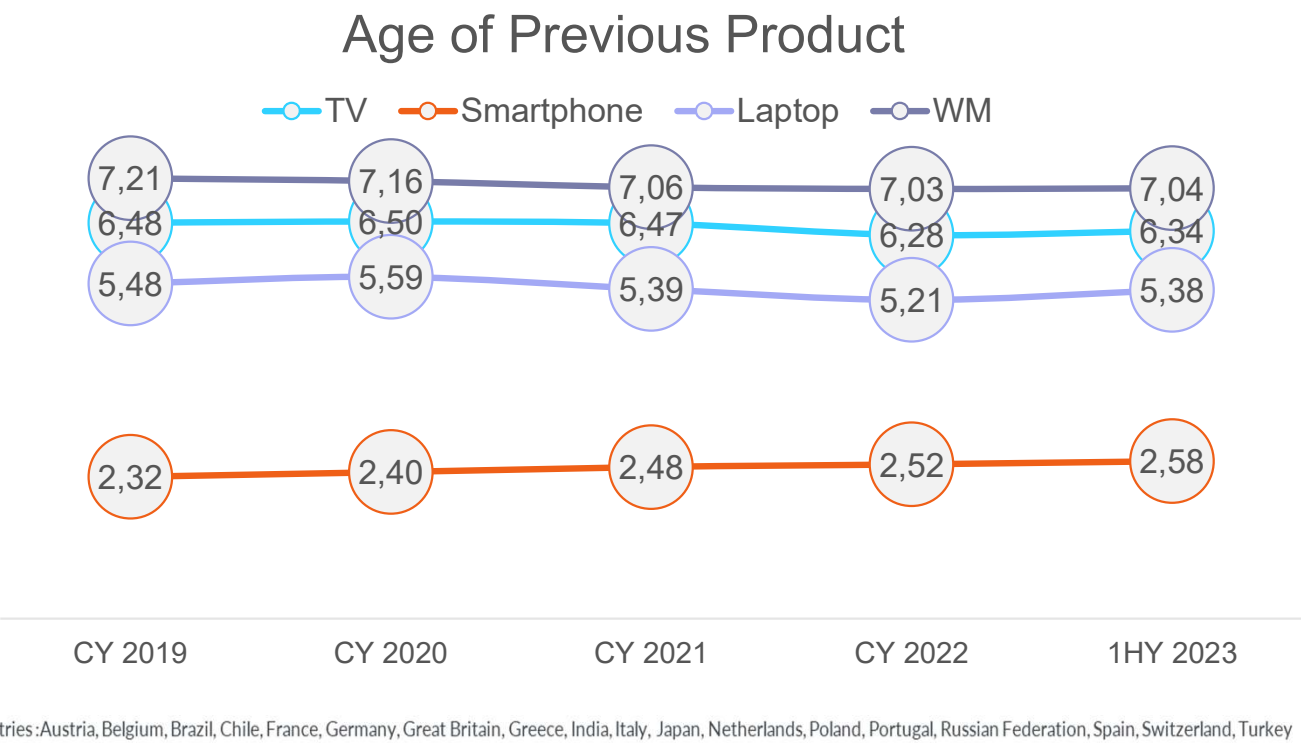
of employees express a preference for AI to summarize their meetings, action items, and assist in planning their day.*



*Source: Will AI fix work? Work trend index annual report, Microsoft, May 9, 2023.

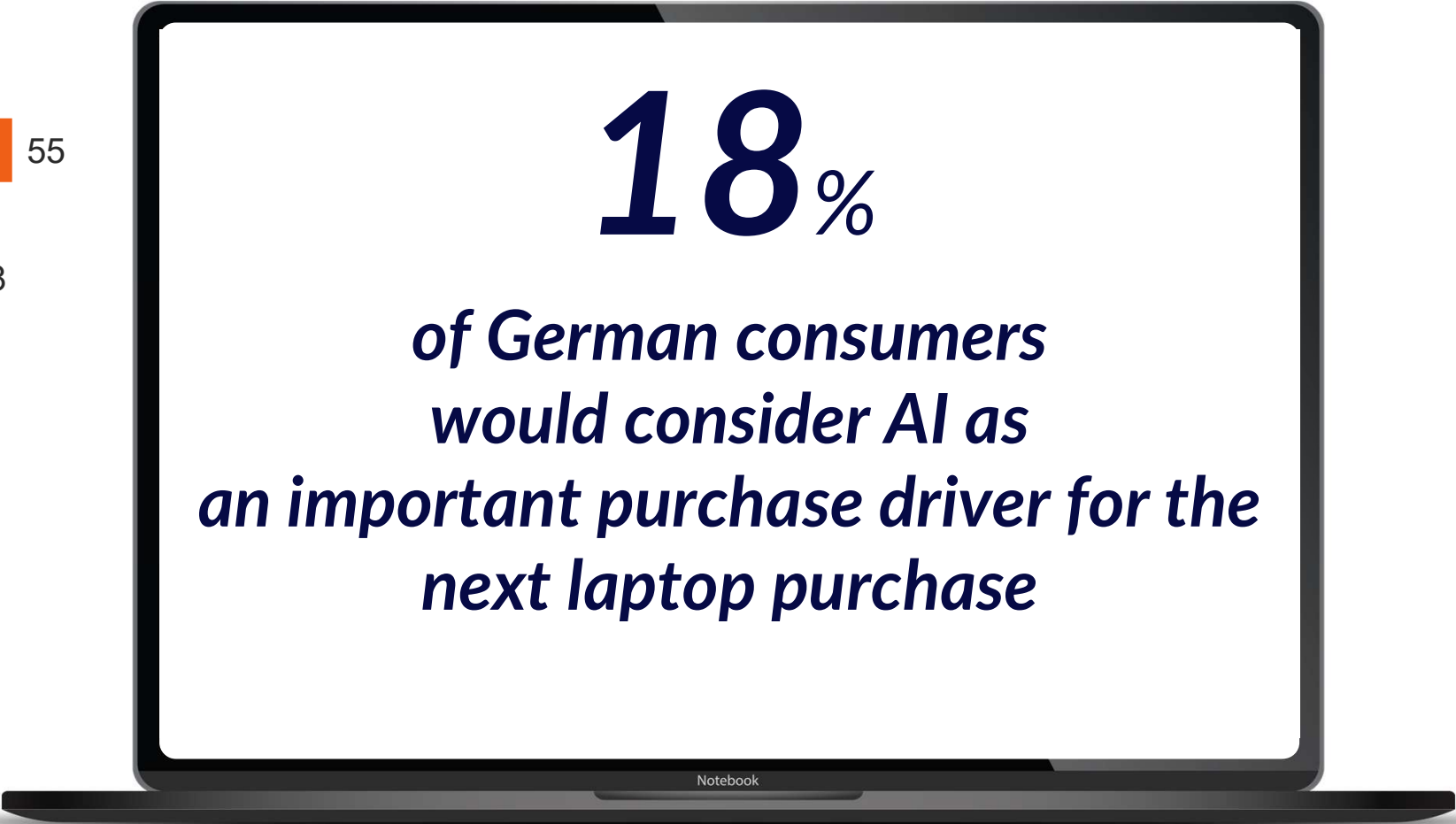
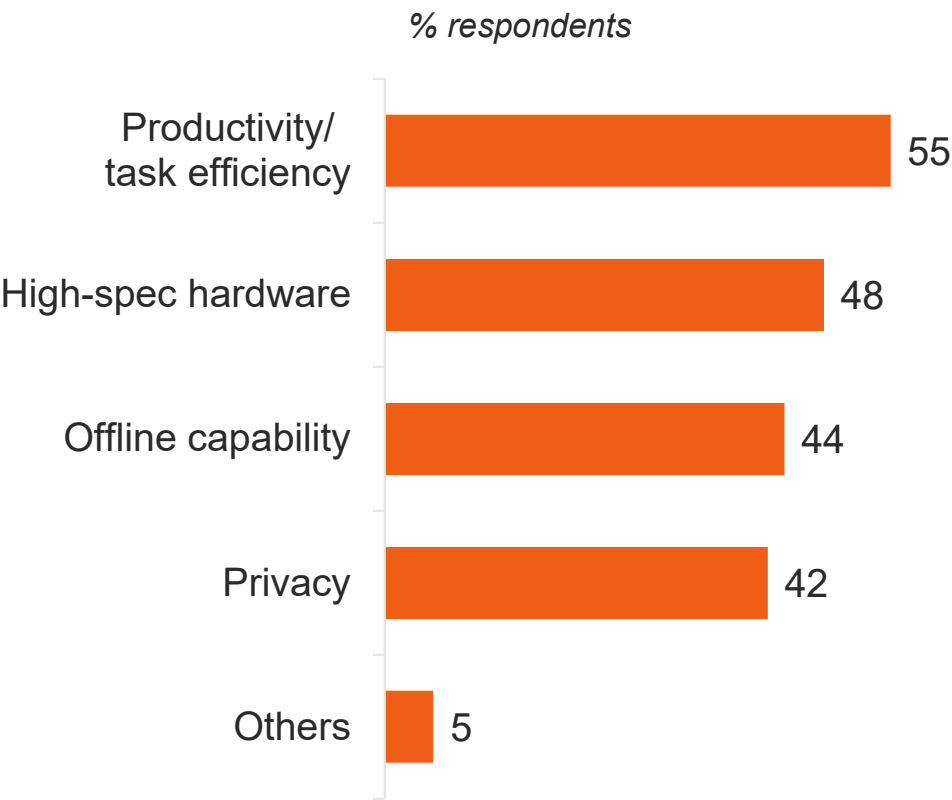
Average age of laptops has been decreasing since 2020

The 2020/2021 purchase boom brings laptops to the end of their life cycle



What are the main purchase drivers for AI laptop PC?

Productivity and Task Efficiency As Main Drivers



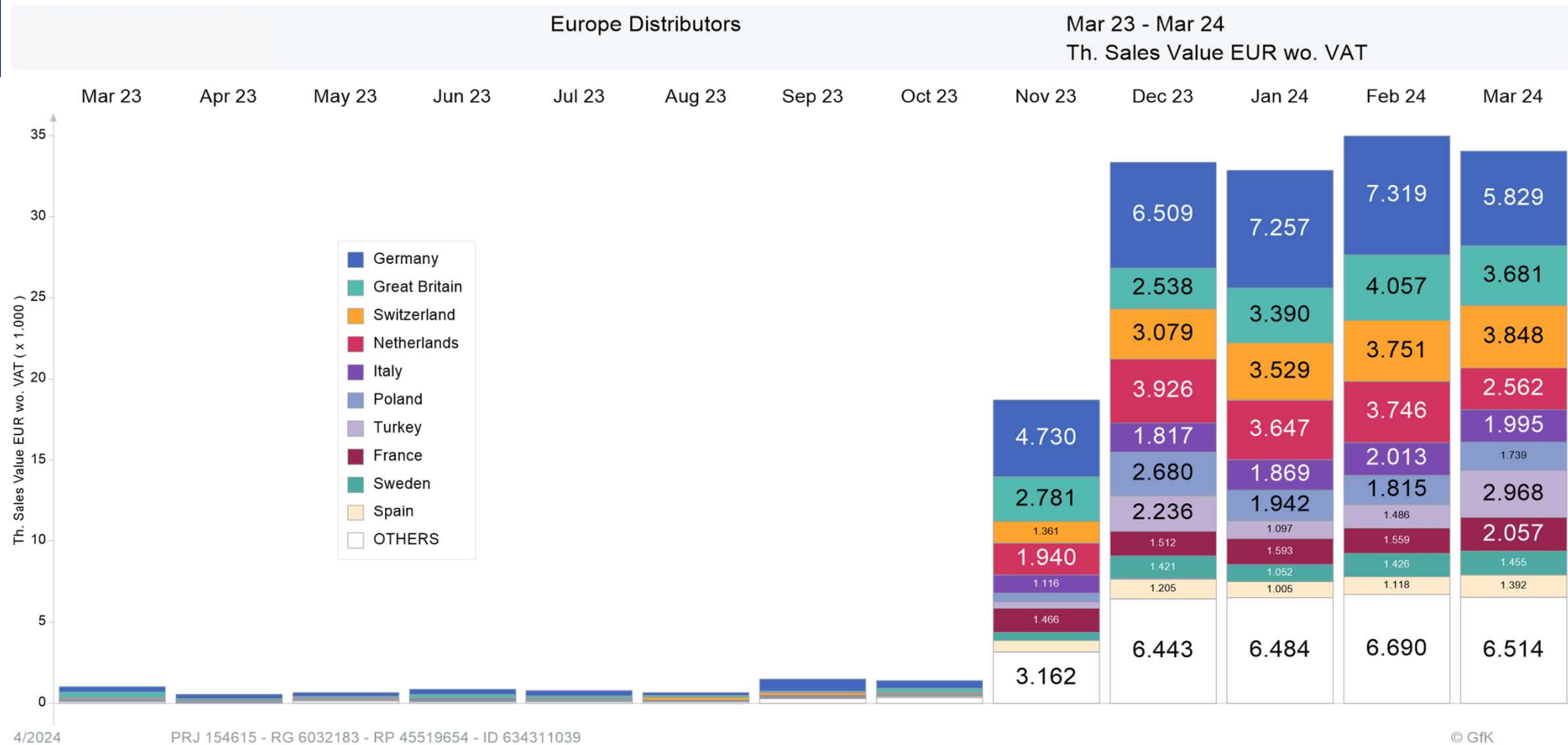
Germany Takes the Lead: Pioneering the Market for AI Equipped Computing Devices



The Global Rise of AI- Ready PCs: Trends Unfolding from November 2023 Onwards

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AI PC
Sales Value

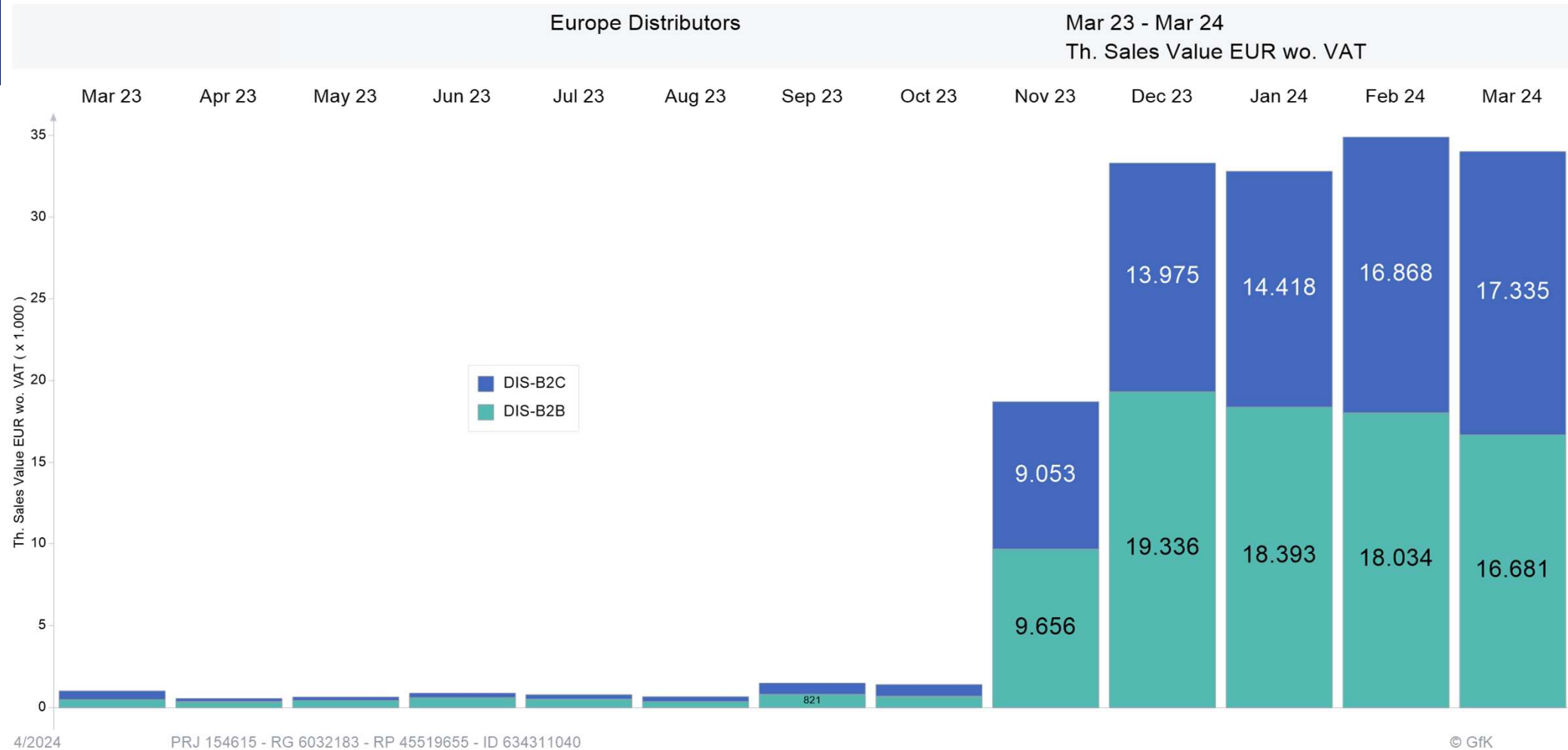


AI-Ready PCs in B2B: Driving Incremental Revenue Growth

Evaluating Revenue Streams: B2B Outperforms B2C in the Current Landscape

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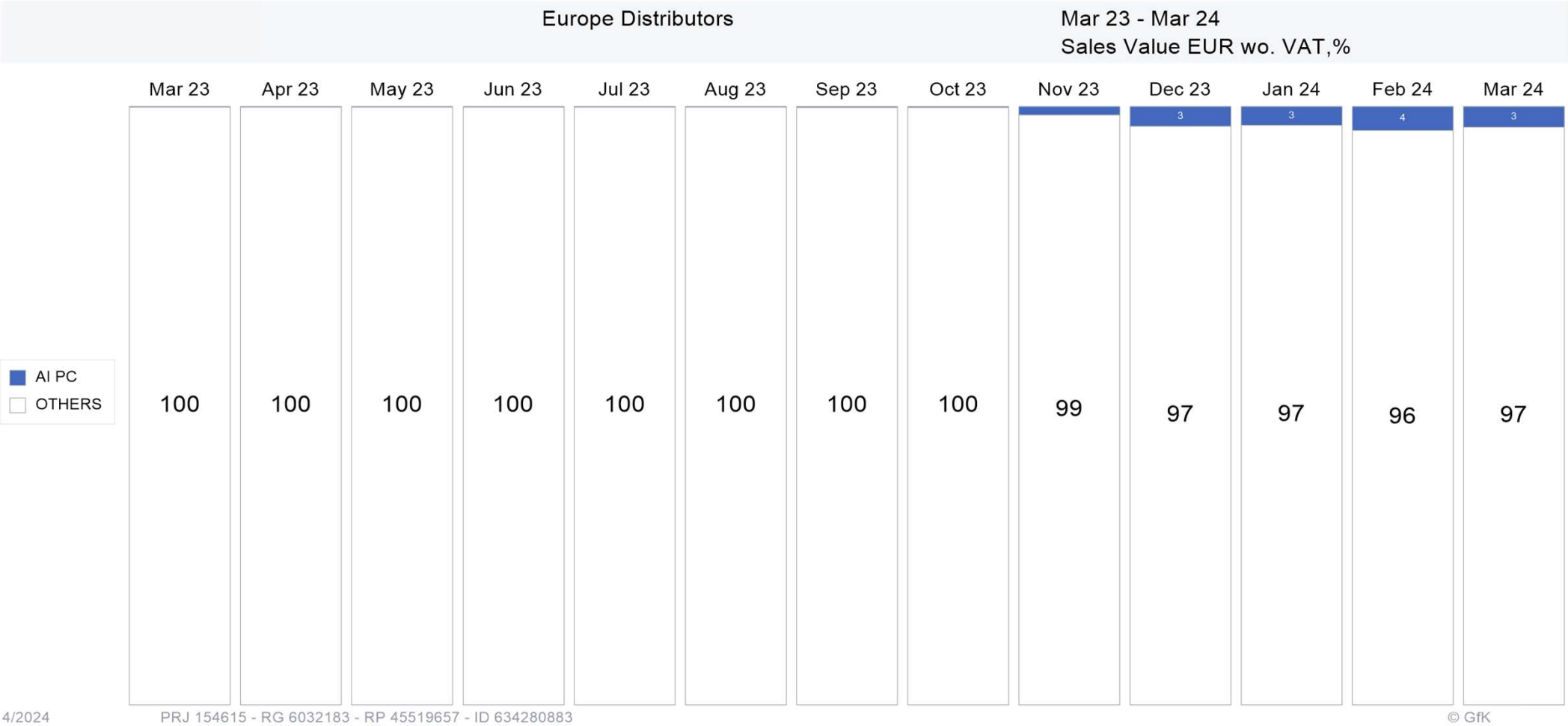


Emerging Trends: Steady Growth in Market Share Since November 2023

Anticipating Increased Market Share Throughout 2024/2025

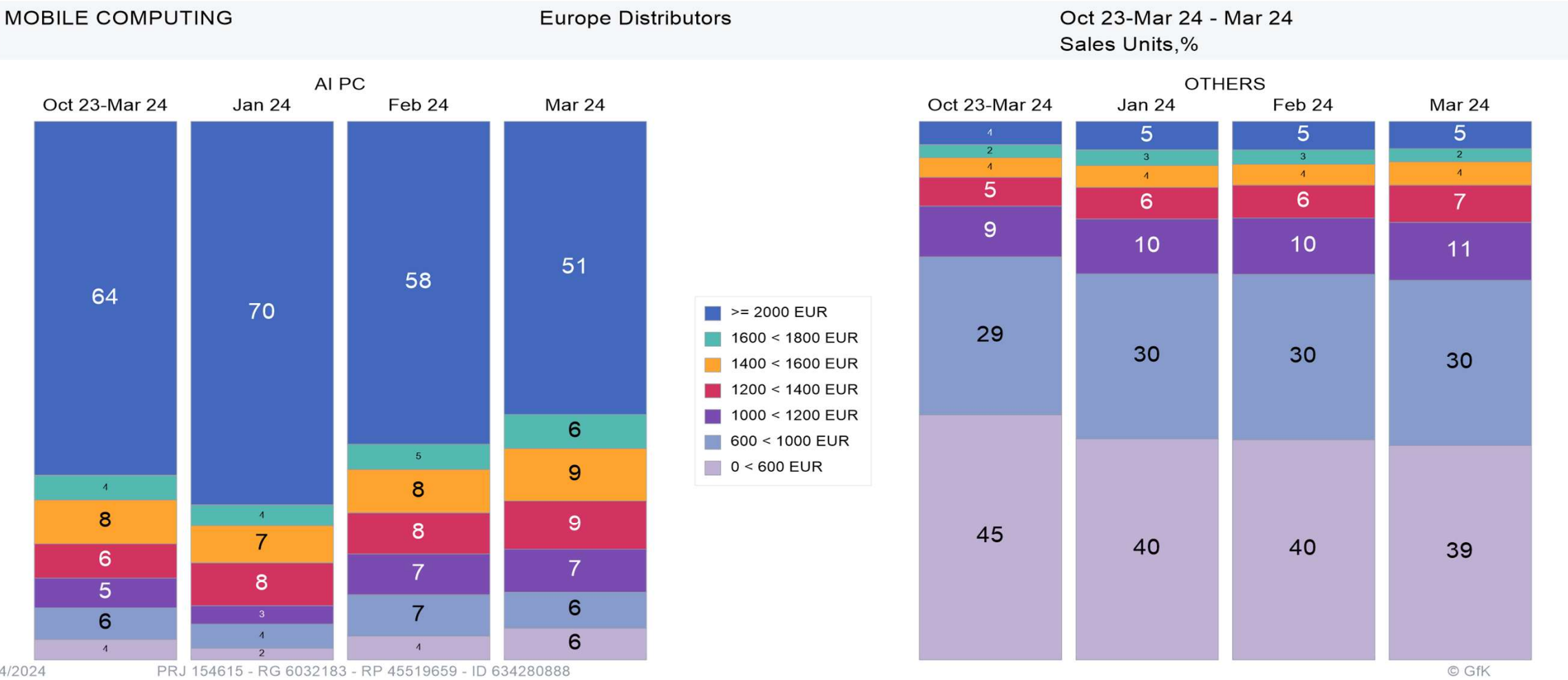
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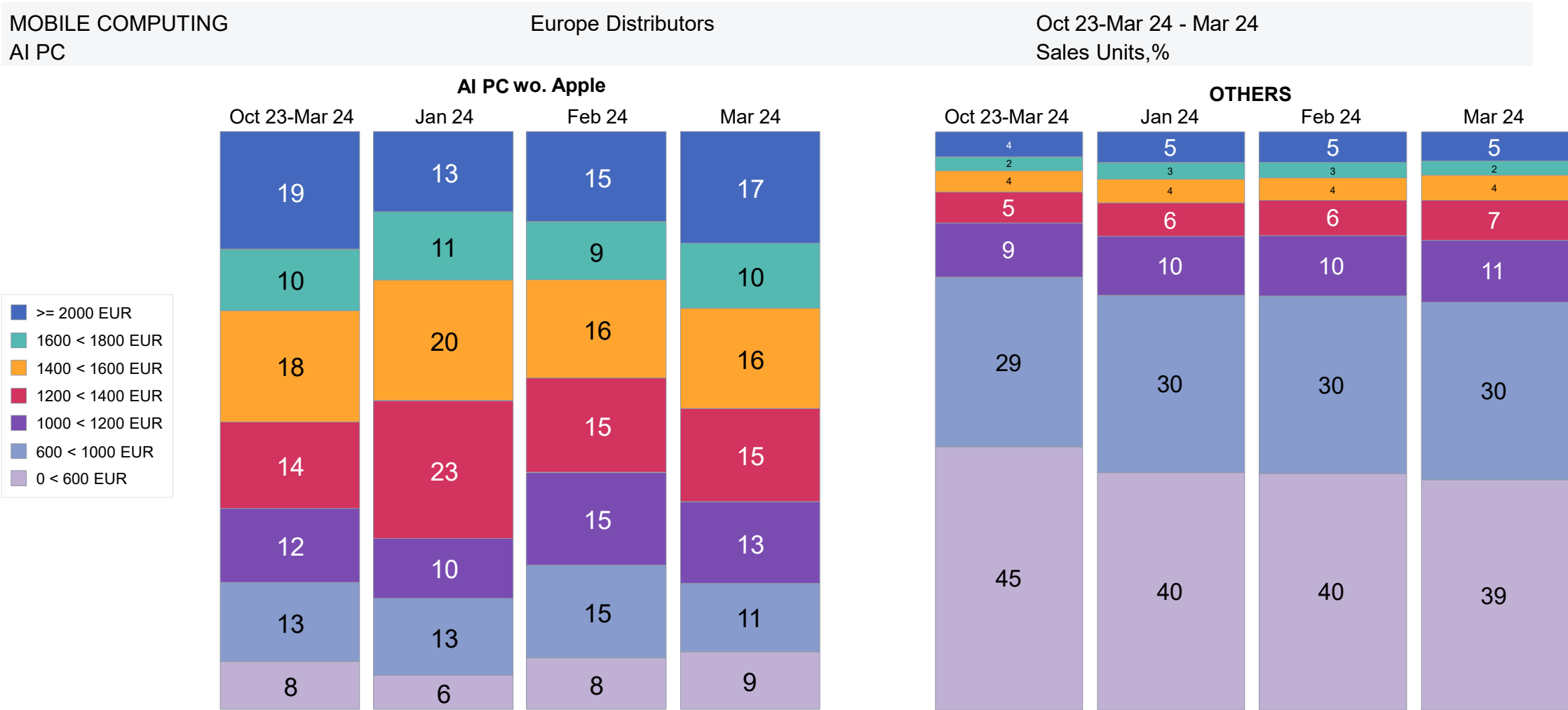
AI-Enabled PC's Enter the Premium Product Market

Analysis including Brand Apple



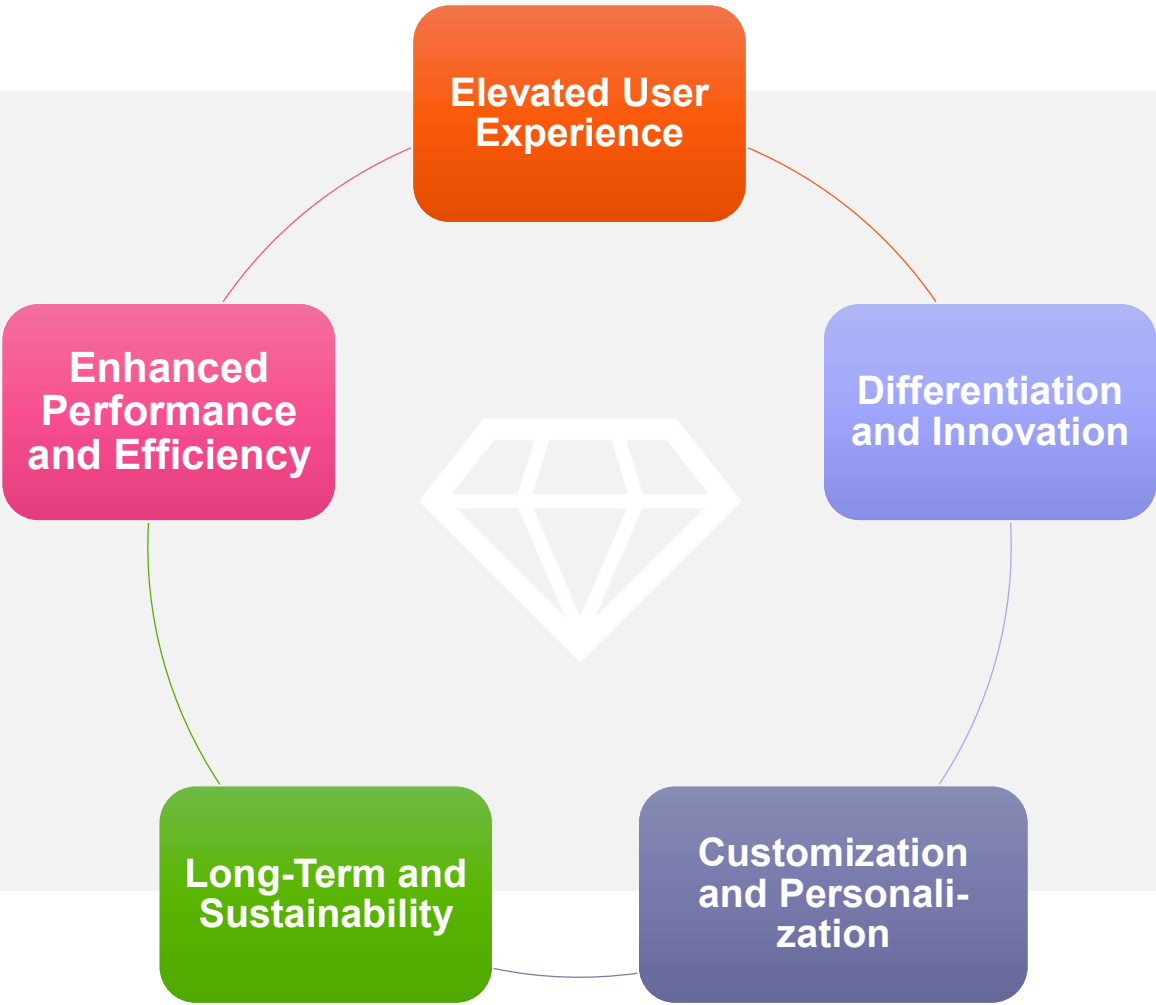
Positioning in the Upper Price Classes: The Rise of AI Capable PCs as Premium Offerings

Analysis without Brand Apple



Further Enhancing the Premiumization Trend with AI-Capable Devices

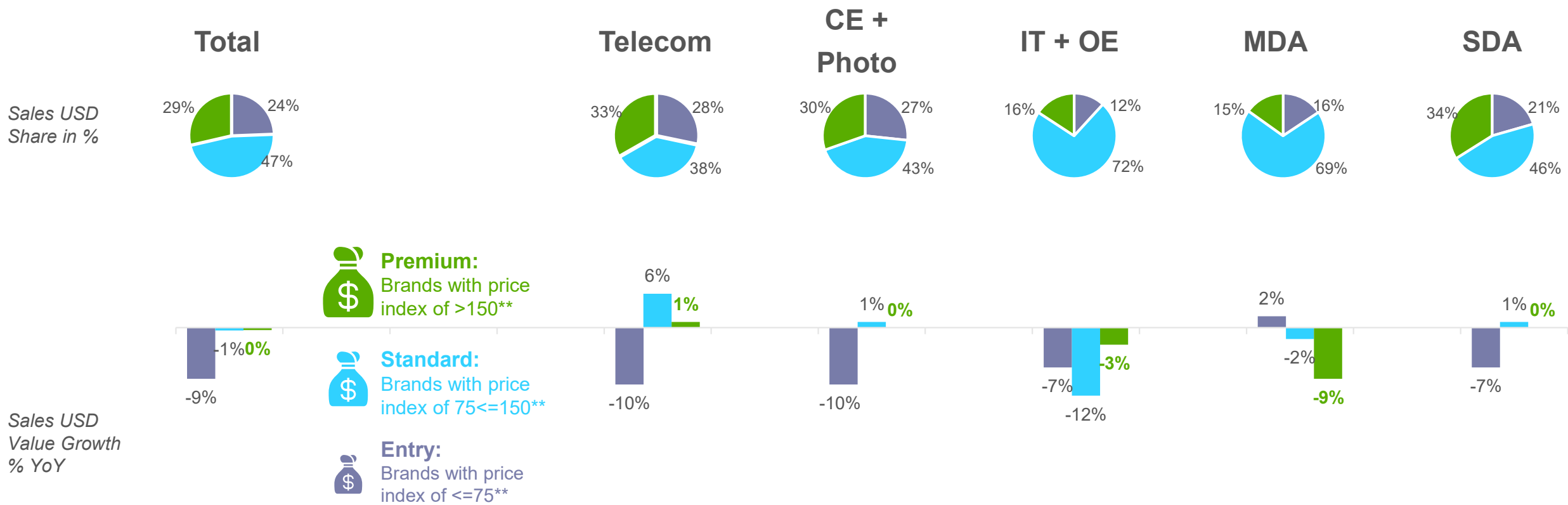
Offering high-end products to meet evolving consumer demands



Diverse dynamics is also visible in price bands across sectors

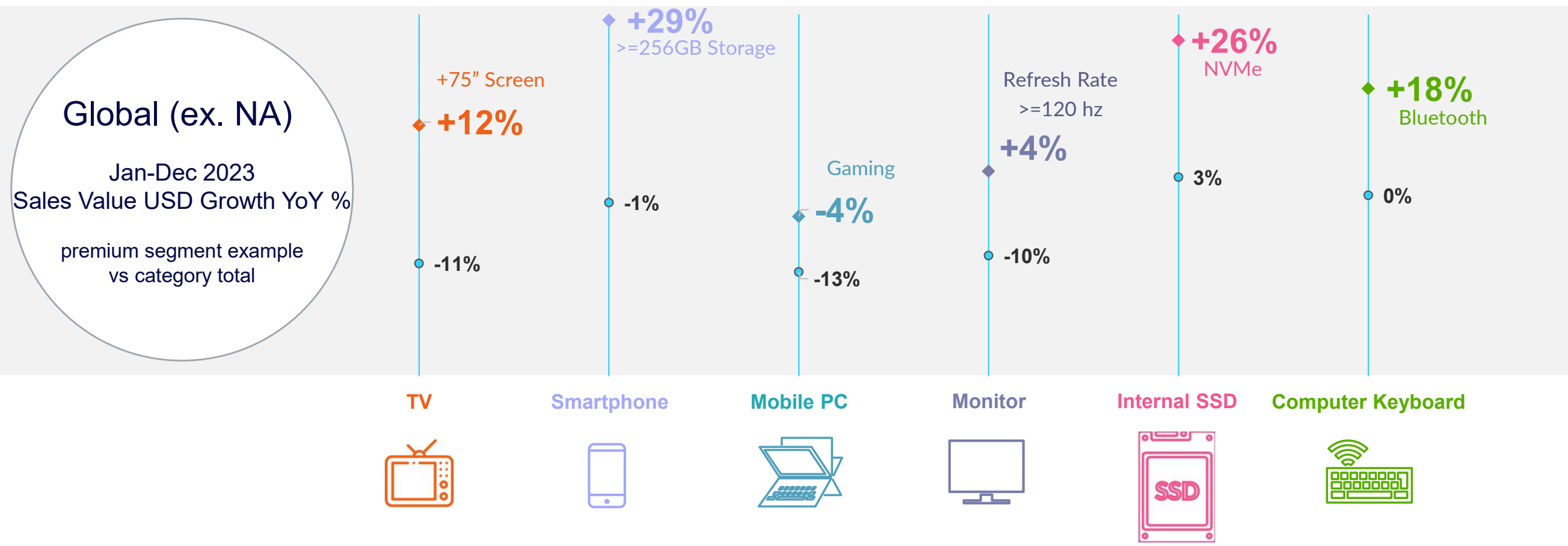
While premium resurface in telecom, it is declining slower than others for IT/OE and SDA and declining significantly for MDA

Global, YTD December 2023 / Key Technical Consumer Goods product groups*



Source: GfK Market Intelligence: Sales Tracking Retailer Market, International Coverage (excl. North America), USD (NSP) Value & growth. PRJ 249348 - RG 5670422 - RP 40319047 - ID 589517860.
*Cooling, Washing machines, Air treatment, Vacuum cleaners, Shavers, Food preparation, Dental care, Hot beverage makers, Mobile computing, Monitors, Pointing dev, Keying dev, Media tablets, Smartphones, Laser printing dev, Inkjet printing dev, PTV/FLAT, Soundbar/base, Audio home sys., Desk comp excl. mediabox&mediastick, Headphones, Headsets. ** Price Index per brand is aggregated up from a country/product group level to use comparable price index information within one country and product group. E.g., price index of Bosch in Germany/fridges is used for the analysis, not price index of Bosch across all product groups (to avoid bias) | Global TCG Trends Report Q4 2023 – Global Strategic Insights

Select premium feature sales increased/declined slower than the category average



Source: GfK Market Intelligence Tracking Retailer Market Sales Value USD growth rate YoY Global excl North America and India, Greece| NVME =Non-volatile memory express | Global TCG Trends Report Q4 2023 – Global Strategic Insights

Maintaining Relevance:

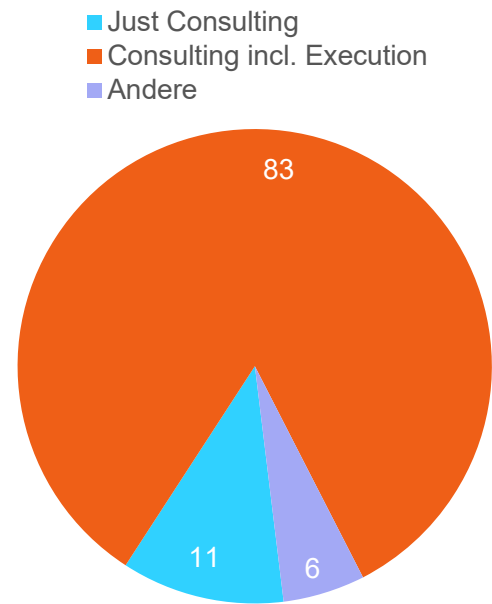
The Continuing Importance of Managed
Services



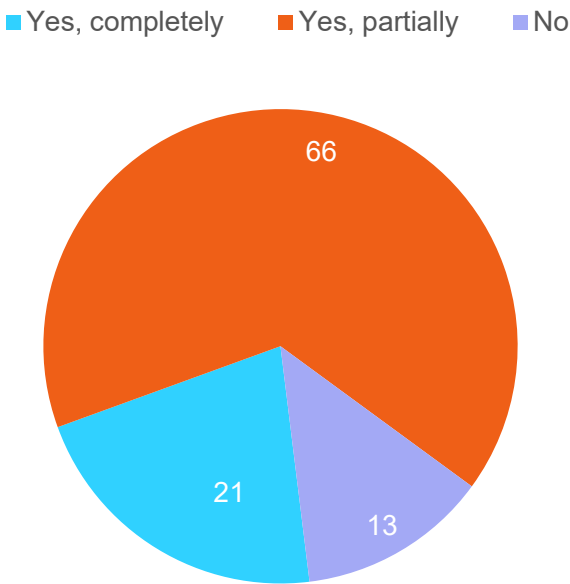
Maximizing Value: The Challenge of Charging for Consulting Services

Only 21% of respondents can charge for the consulting effort in full

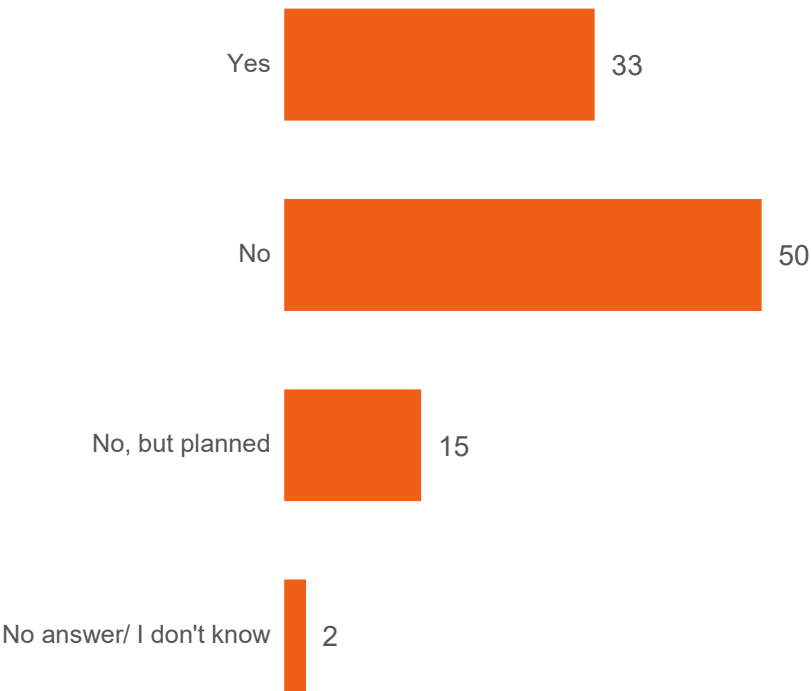
Type of Consultation



Charge for the entire consulting effort?



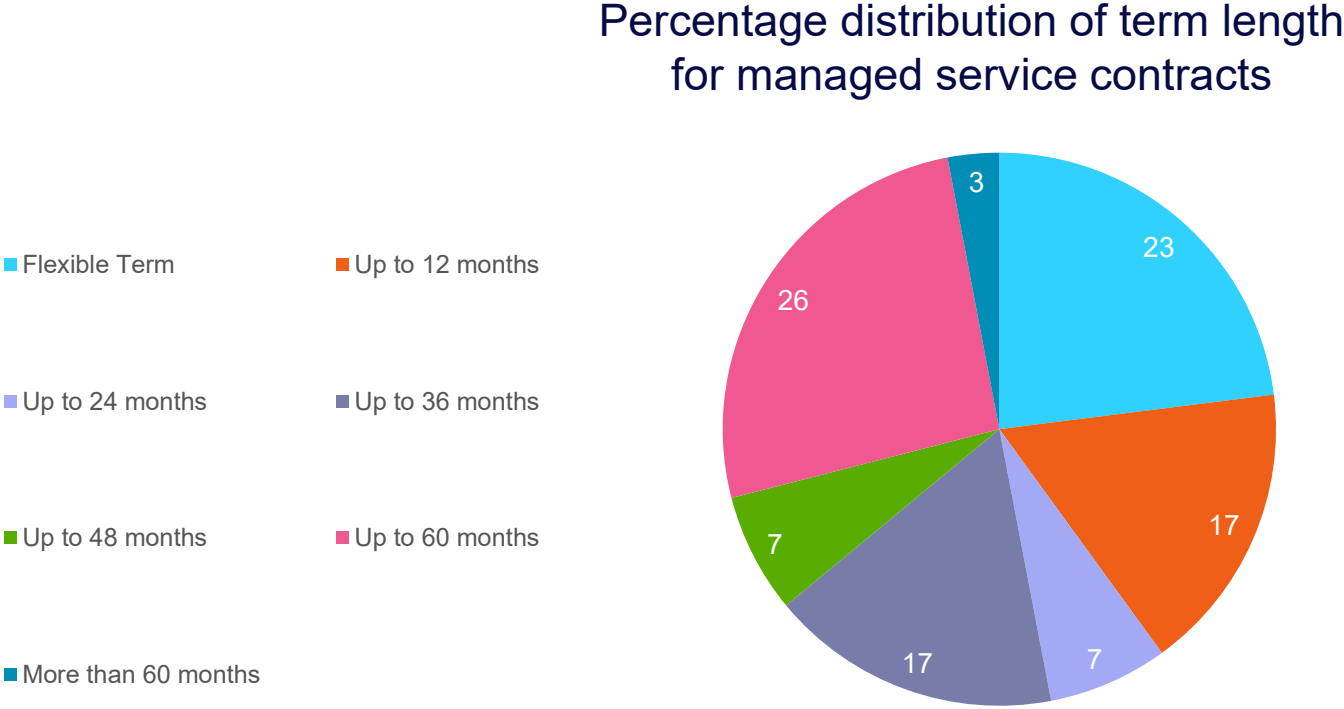
Offer of funding consultation?



Basis: Befragte, die IT/TK-Lösungen, MPS und/oder DMS/ECM anbieten| Welche Art der Beratung nehmen Ihre Kunden in Anspruch? n=131 |Der Beratungsaufwand wird immer komplexer. Stellen Sie den gesamten Beratungsaufwand in Rechnung? n=131 | Bieten Sie Fördermittelberatung an? n=131

Flexibility in Managed Service Contracts

Nearly 30% of contracts feature ≥ 60 -month terms

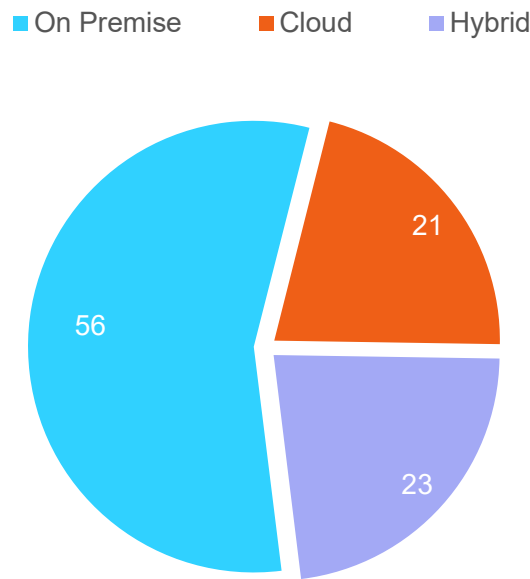


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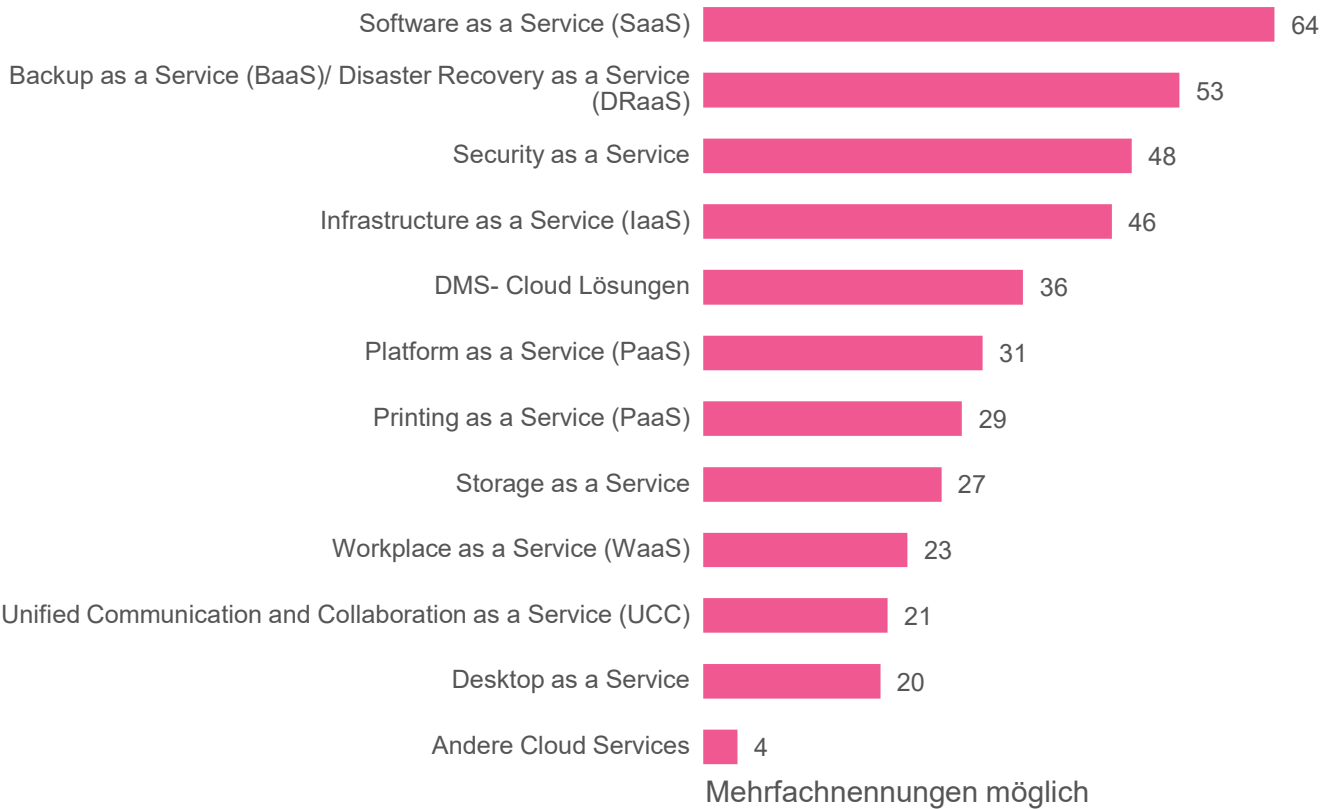
Cloud Dominance: The Rise of SaaS and DRaaS Solutions

21% of business solutions reside in the cloud

Share of business solutions



Offered Cloud- Solutions



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Sustainability

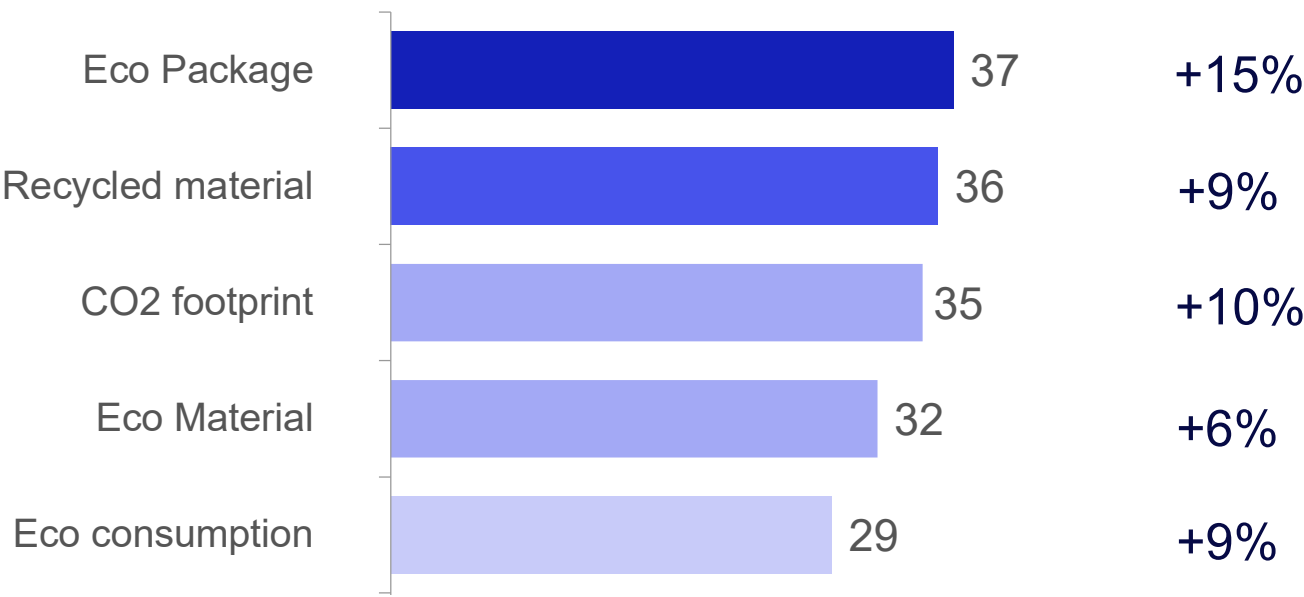
A Continuing Imperative in Shaping Our Future



Significant Growth for all Eco Claims

Carbon-neutral transportation ranks 3rd place – distributors can actively contribute

Sales share of Eco claims | Sales Units % | Jan-Mar 2024



GfK Market Intelligence: Sales Tracking, *Smart-Mobilephones-Phablets, EU5: DE, FR, GB, IT, ES March 2024

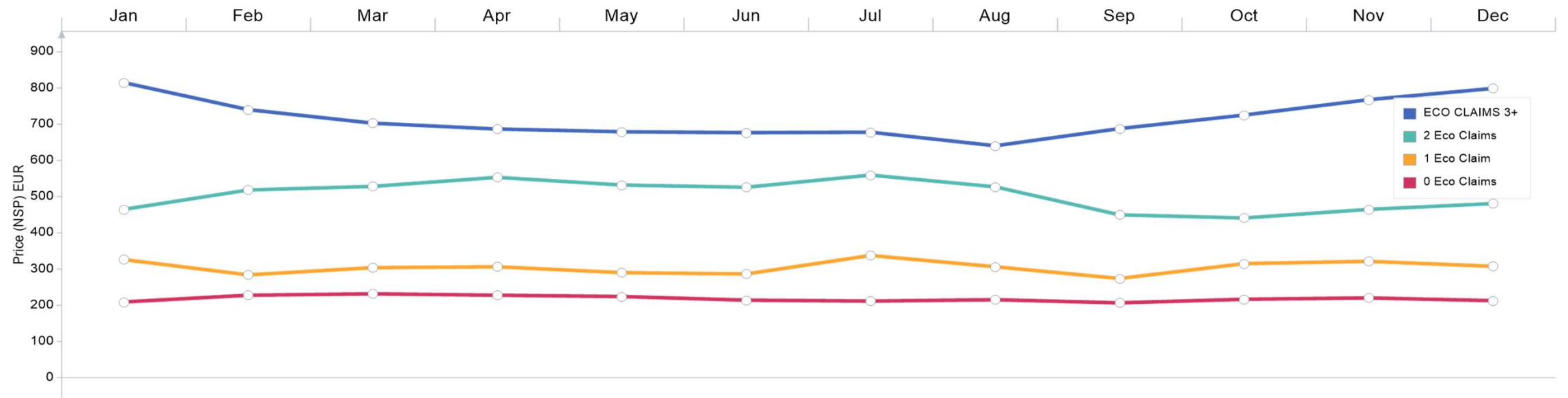
Products with multiple eco-claims achieve higher price points

Eco-claims support premium price ranges

Smart+Mob PH+Phab.

5 CTR WE (DE,ES,FR,GB,IT) Distributors
Feature Development

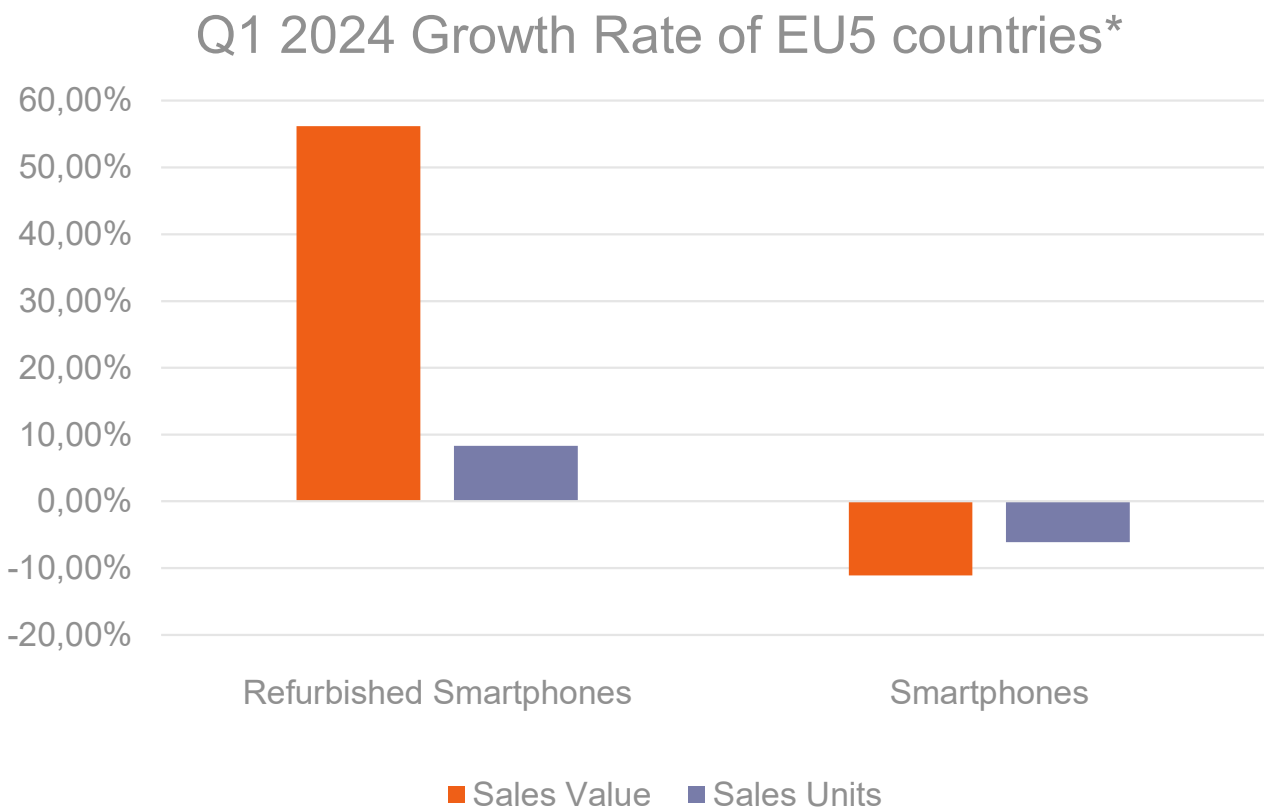
W13:24
Price (NSP) EUR



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Refurbished Smartphone Market Surges in Q1 2024, Despite Still Modest Share

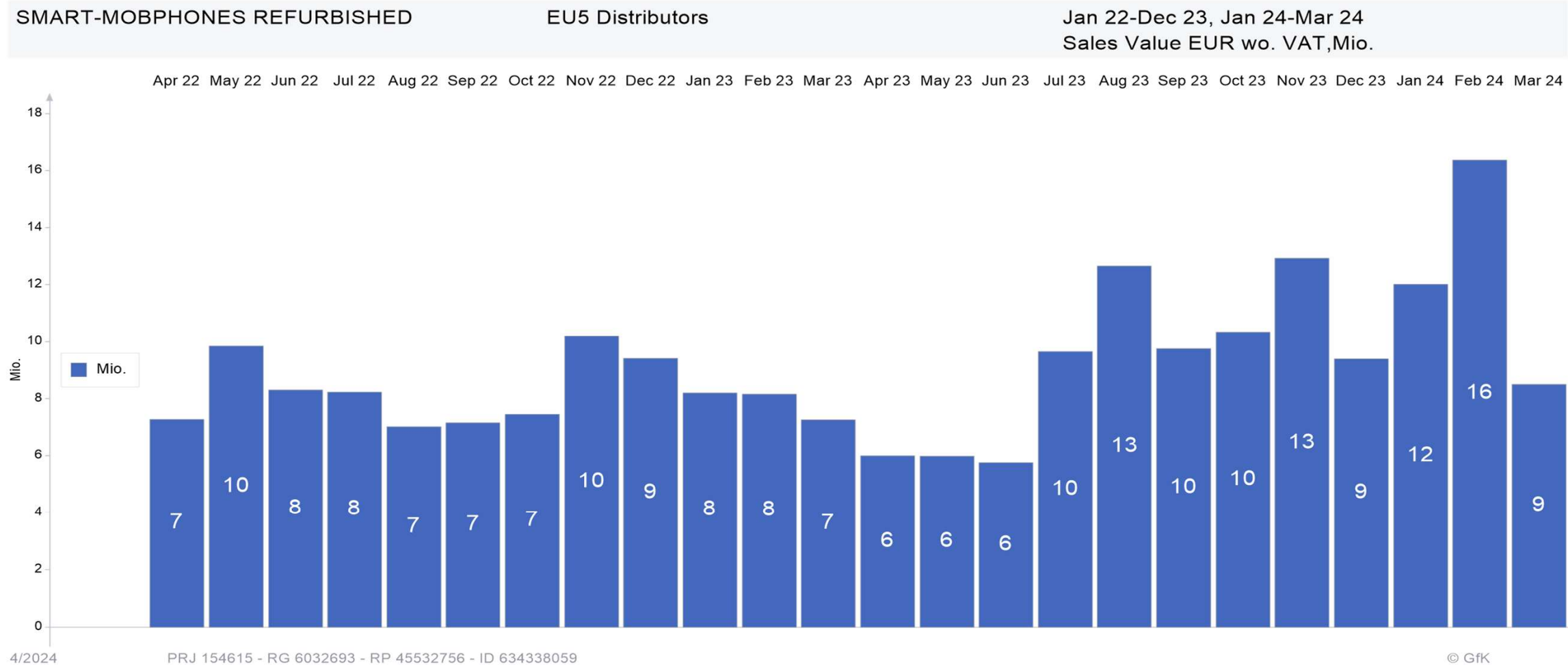
Q1 Data Reveals Remarkable Growth in EU 5 Refurbished Sales Amidst Declining Performance of New Smartphone Market



*EU5 countries are based on DE, FR, UK, IT, ES

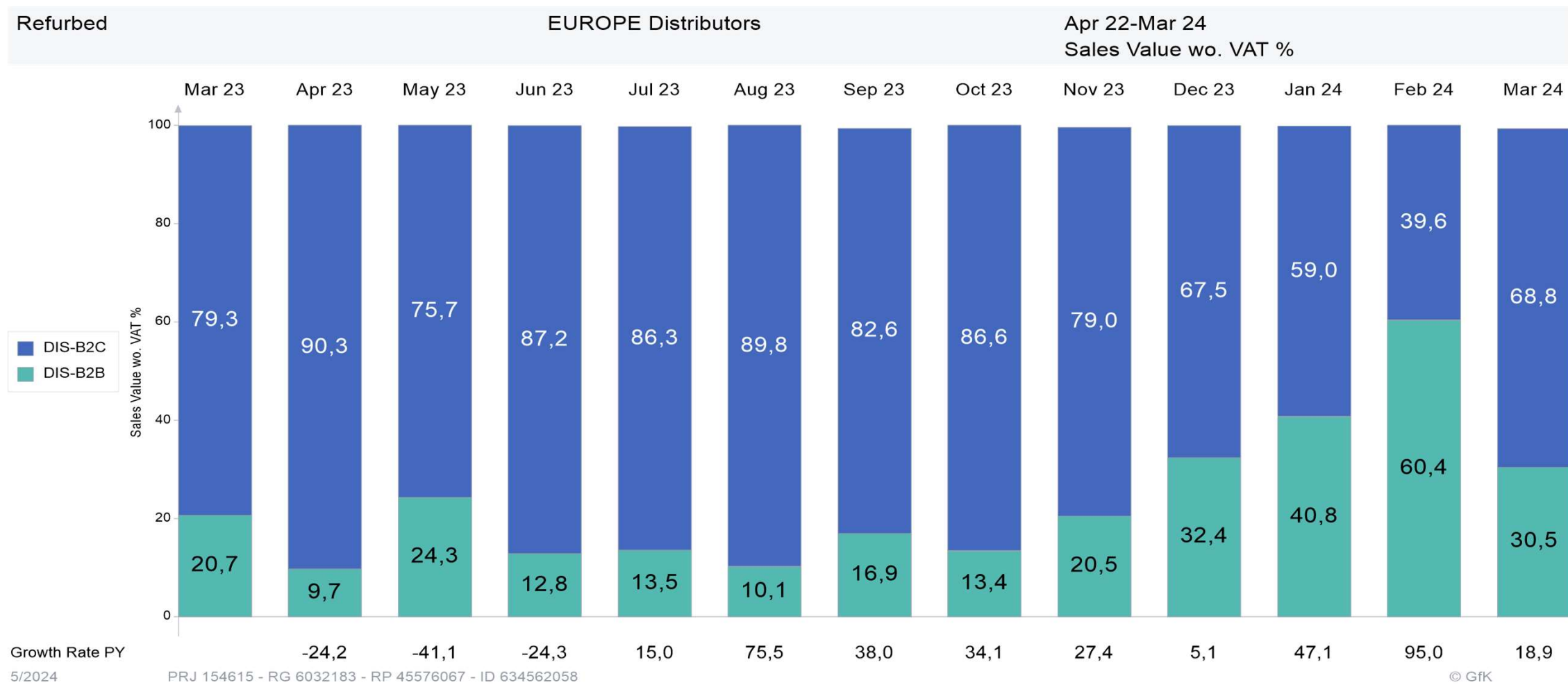
Enhanced Profit Potential with Refurbished Smartphones in 2024

Increased Revenue Opportunities in the European Refurbished Smartphone Market



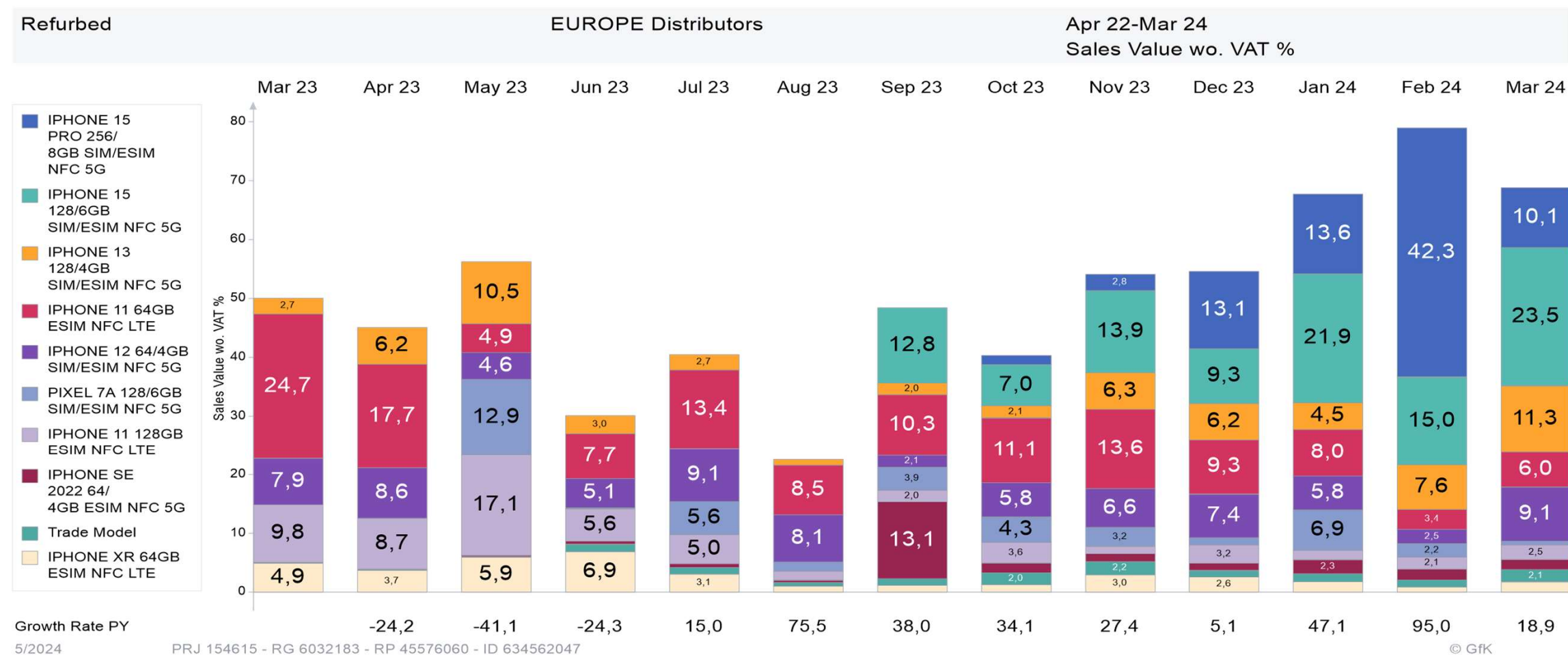
Refurbished Products Propel Profit Margins through Retail Channels

Selling Refurbished Products to B2C Channels Yields Highest Revenue for Distributors



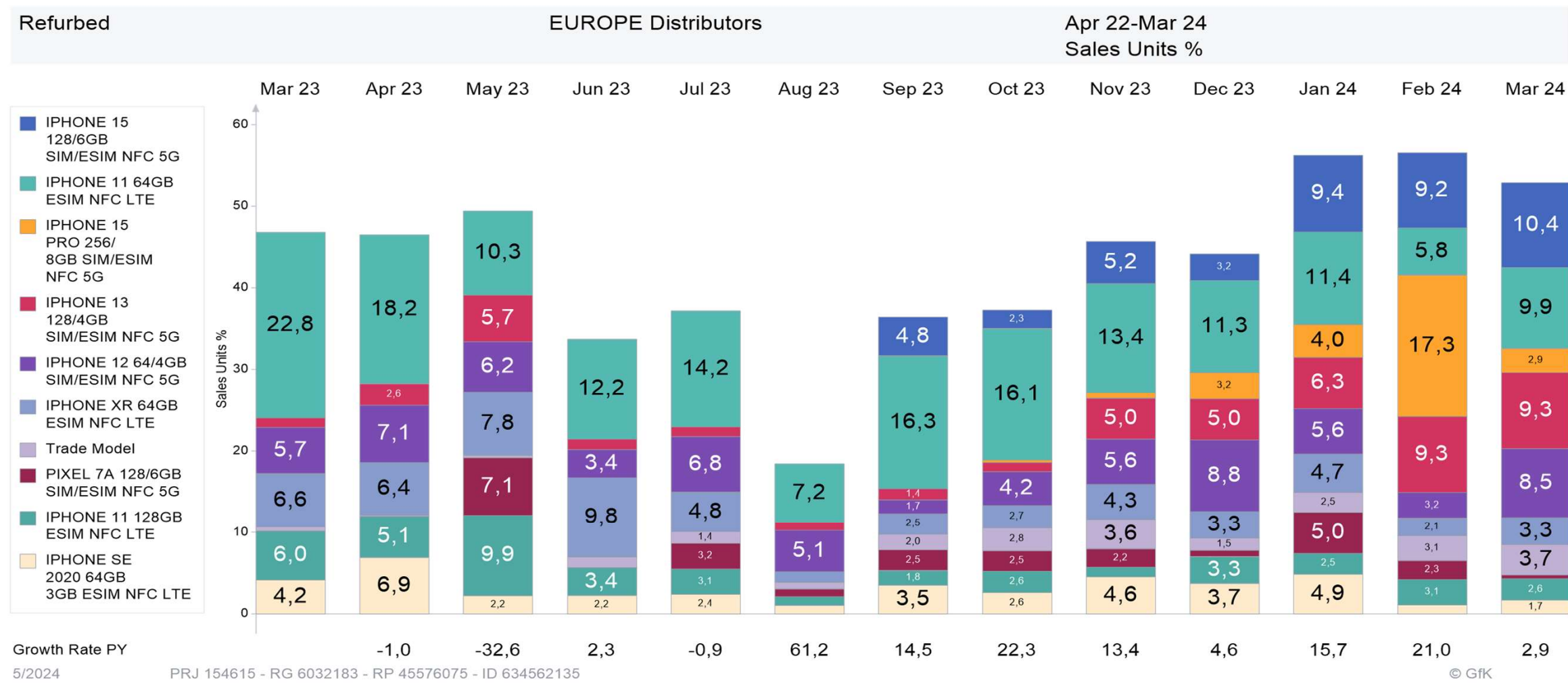
iPhone 15 Models Drive European Distribution Markets in 2024

Latest Apple Devices Lead the Refurbished Market in Resale Value, due to higher price points



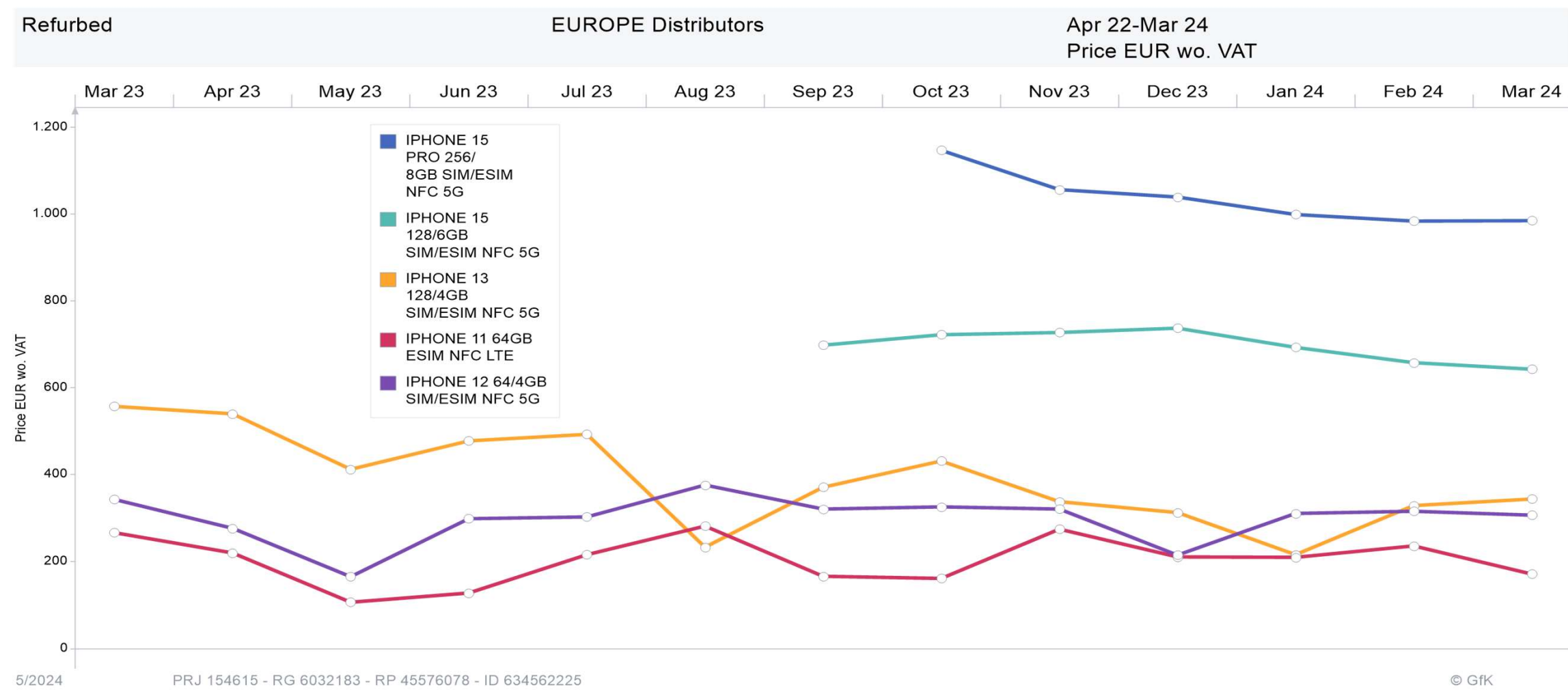
The Enduring Appeal of iPhone 11: Why It Remains a Consumer Favorite

Affordability, Reliability, and Familiarity Drive Continued Popularity Despite Newer Releases



Premium Pricing: Refurbished Newest iPhone Models Command Highest Price Range in 2024

Other Models Remain Below 600€ in Europe's Smartphone Market

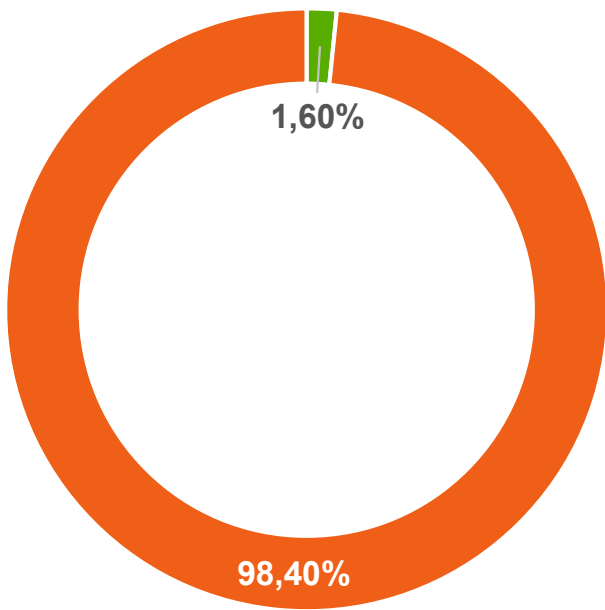


Refurbished Smartphones Gain Traction in European Distribution Market

Increasing Demand Reflects Growing Popularity and Relevance Among Consumers

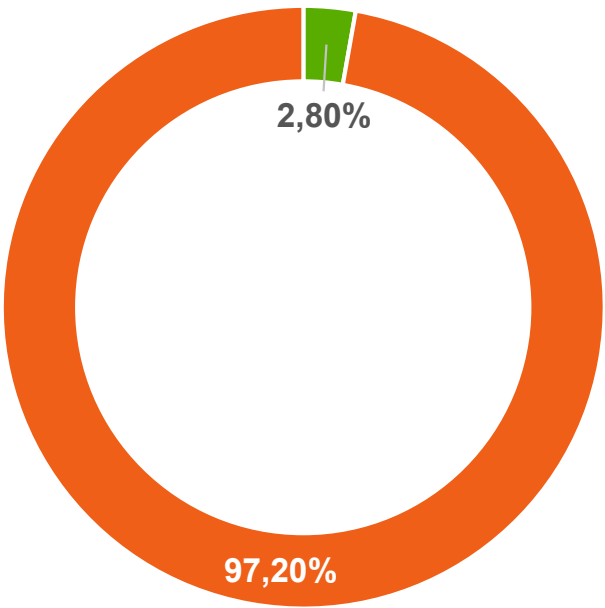
EU5 Distributors Sales Value wo. VAT

January 2023- March 2023



■ Refurbished Smartphones ■ Smartphones

January 2024- March 2024



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Distributor business: What to look for in 2024+?

Emerging Technologies & Premiumization



Managed Services
(esp. Security Services)

Sustainability



Data-driven
Insights

Explore gfknewron Distribution

Addressing questions relevant to your business

Understand market dynamics

- What technical feature is driving market growth recently and where should I start to experience the momentum?

Analyzing vendor dynamics

- Are there any newcomer or established brands in the market that I should consider adding to my portfolio?

Spot opportunities

- What are the emerging trends in the distribution market, and how can we align our product portfolio accordingly?



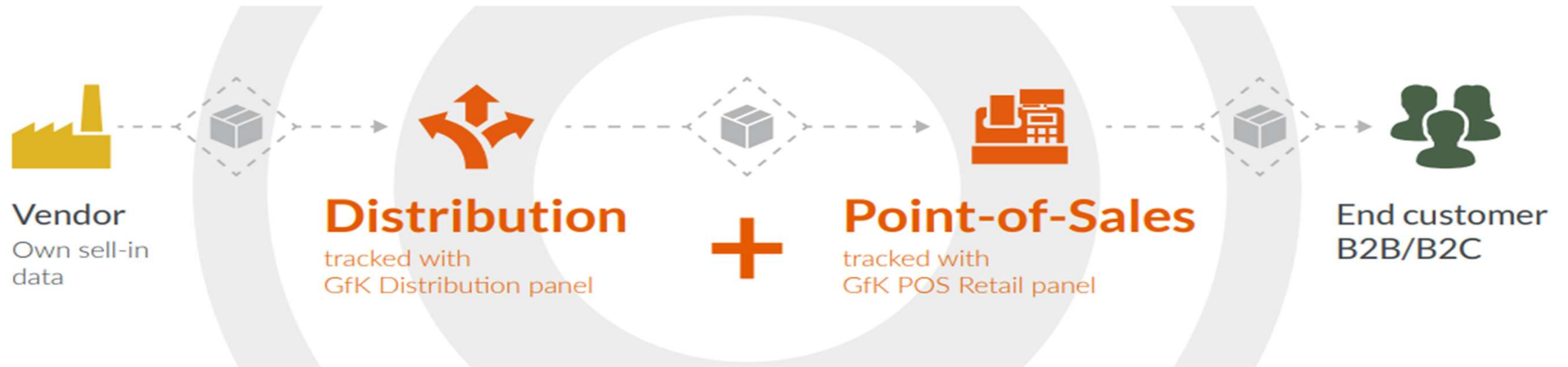
Partnership Principles



Get the Complete Picture!

Meet the perfect match of distribution and point-of-sales market intelligence

*The world's leading POS panel & largest Distributor Sales Tracking**



- **What** is selling
 - **Where** is it selling
 - **When** is it selling
 - **At what Price** is it selling
- ✓ **Benchmark your performance**
 - ✓ **Maximize your sales impact and channel ROI**
 - ✓ **Predict future sales performance**
 - ✓ **Assess inventory and POS gross margins in just one go**

*Tech and Consumer durables based on country coverage and product groups

Our Partnership Model

Gain customized & valuable market insights as part of a global network

Free of Charge



Data Exchange



Benchmarking



Tailored Reporting
DIS & POS*



* Depends on Partnership Level

Join our network!

Benefit from a partnership with GfK and participate within our panel of 300 distribution partners worldwide.

