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01 Management Summary

Scaling proven, control system trailing behind

Core statement

Revolut is a globally scaled, profitable and product-broad neobanking provider carrying a structurally growing regulatory and governance risk. In four of the five assessed dimensions the position sits clearly above the market average. The fifth dimension — regulation and governance — carries the risk: it is the only area in which development trails the pace of scaling, and simultaneously the area in which setbacks do not act gradually but abruptly.



Figure 1 — Key figures Revolut, financial year 2025. Sources [1][2].

The three load-bearing findings

Reach and economics are exceptional. 68.3m retail customers — around 16m of them added net in 2025 alone — carry roughly \$6.0bn in revenue at a pre-tax profit of \$2.3bn and a PBT margin of 38%. It is the fifth consecutive profitable year [1].

Product and model breadth is robust. Eleven product lines each generate more than \$135m in revenue; customer deposits of around \$67.5bn anchor the model well beyond pure payments [1][2].

Regulation is the bottleneck. The UK full banking licence was granted only in March 2026 after a process lasting roughly five years; a money-laundering penalty in Lithuania and Prudential Regulation Authority requirements weigh on the governance profile [3].

Assessment profile at a glance

Dimension	Score (0–100)	Finding
Reach & scaling	90	Globally leading user base, high organic momentum
Profitability	82	Five profitable years, 38% PBT margin
Product & model breadth	80	Eleven viable product lines above \$135m

Dimension	Score (0–100)	Finding
Growth quality	72	Solid, but dependent on pace and market cycle
Regulation & governance	55	Most critical dimension; control system trailing

Figure 2 — Qualitative assessment profile. Rivalerra judgement, not a measured quantity.

A Review assesses a defined subject along disclosed dimensions and delivers an overall verdict. It does not develop strategy and deliberately issues no recommendation. Independent strategy development with option appraisal is the subject of an Advisory mandate.

Scope of work · Review package discipline

02 Starting position

The numerical basis of financial year 2025

Earnings and customer base

Group revenue in financial year 2025 stood at around \$6.0bn, an increase of 46% year on year. Pre-tax profit reached \$2.3bn, corresponding to a PBT margin of 38% — the fifth consecutive profitable year.

Metric FY2025	Value	Source
Group revenue	~\$6.0bn (+46%)	[1]
Pre-tax profit	~\$2.3bn	[1]
PBT margin	38%	[1]
Retail customers	68.3m	[1]
Net customer additions 2025	~16m	[1]
Customer deposits	~\$67.5bn	[2]
Secondary-market valuation 2025	~\$75bn	[2]
Product lines above \$135m revenue	11	[1]

Figure 3 — Business base 2025 per annual report and financial press. Sources [1][2].

Reading the growth profile

Across the period 2021 to 2025 the average annual revenue growth rate is roughly 60%. The decisive observation, however, is not the pace but that it is accompanied by profitability. That distinguishes Revolut from a large part of the neobanking peer field, where growth is predominantly financed through losses.

03 Reach & scaling

The most stable position in the profile

With 68.3m retail customers across more than 40 markets, Revolut leads globally at provider level. Scaling did not come through acquisitions but through organic inflow — a net addition of around 16m customers in a single year is an exceptional figure even measured against traditional retail banks.

This reach is the most stable position in the entire assessment profile. It is hard to attack because it rests on network and habit effects that cannot be broken open by price alone. Switching costs here do not arise contractually but through usage routine and the anchoring of the account in everyday life.

Score: 90 out of 100. It is the dimension with the greatest distance to the competitive field and simultaneously the one least vulnerable in the short term.

04 Profitability & model breadth

Proven — but not equally in every market environment

A PBT margin of 38% sustained across five profitable years demonstrates that the business model holds. At the same time the earnings base is broader than the image of a pure account app suggests: eleven product lines each generate more than \$135m in revenue.

The qualification

This breadth is a strength and simultaneously the starting point of the first qualification. A relevant share of earnings comes from areas that are cyclical and market-dependent — wealth and crypto revenues in particular. Diversification reduces dependence on a single source but partly shifts it into cyclical segments.

For the assessment this means: profitability is proven, its repeatability under changed market conditions is not proven to the same degree. This yields 82 out of 100 for profitability and 80 out of 100 for product and model breadth; growth quality is scored 72 out of 100 because it remains coupled to the current market environment.

05 Regulation & governance

The critical finding of this Review

This is where the critical finding lies. The UK full banking licence was granted only in March 2026 — after a process lasting roughly five years. A period of this length is, in a licensing context, a signal and not merely a delay.

Matter	Status	Effect on the profile
UK full banking licence	granted 03/2026 after ~5 years	Process duration as a signal about the supervisory view of the control system
Money-laundering penalty Lithuania	imposed (reported)	Concrete objection in the area of financial crime compliance
PRA requirements	in place (reported)	Requirements on risk management and IT — affects the control layer, not the product
Customer support	recurring weak point	Not a supervisory metric, but bears on the same dimension of operational scalability

Figure 4 — Regulatory and governance findings. Sources [3][4].

Interpretation

The finding is not that Revolut is failing in regulatory terms, but that the control and compliance system has not yet kept pace with the speed of global scaling. That is a catch-up condition, not a defect — but a catch-up condition with growing exposure, because every additional licence and every additional market raises the requirements.

Score: 55 out of 100. It is the only dimension below the market average and simultaneously the one with the highest impact on results in the event of a setback.

06 Position picture

Strengths and critical points in overview

Strengths

Profitability: \$2.3bn pre-tax profit, 38% margin, five consecutive years

Reach: 68m retail customers across more than 40 markets

Product breadth: eleven lines each above \$135m in revenue

Capital and valuation: \$75bn valuation, \$67.5bn customer deposits

Organic scaling without acquisitions

Critical points

Regulation: UK full banking licence only in March 2026, after roughly five years

Compliance: money-laundering penalty in Lithuania, PRA requirements on risk and IT

Earnings cyclical: dependence on wealth and crypto revenues

Service: customer support as a recurring weak point

Control system trailing the speed of scaling

Opportunities

Full banking licence opens access to the UK lending and deposit business

Deposit base of \$67.5bn as a foundation for interest income

Product breadth permits earnings shift under cyclical pressure

Network and habit effects secure the customer base

Risks

Further supervisory objections with abrupt rather than gradual effect

Market cycle hitting wealth and crypto revenues simultaneously

Additional licences raise compliance requirements disproportionately

Reputational effect of operational service shortcomings at growing customer numbers

Figure 5 — Position picture as an assessment basis, not as a recommendation. Sources [1][2][3][4].

07 Overall verdict

Verdict without recommendation

Revolut is strategically strongly positioned. Reach, profitability and product breadth are proven and exceptional in competitive comparison. In four of the five assessed dimensions the position sits clearly above the market average.

The fifth dimension carries the risk. Regulation and governance are the only area in which development trails the pace of scaling — and simultaneously the area in which setbacks do not act gradually but abruptly.

The verdict reads: strategically strong, with a growing regulatory and governance risk that does not follow from the business model but from its pace. Revolut has furnished the proof of scaling and of profitability; it must furnish the proof of regulatory maturity anew at every new order of magnitude.

Scope of this verdict

How to respond to this finding is not the subject of a Review. This report assesses a defined subject and establishes where the position holds and where it does not keep up. An independently developed strategy with option appraisal, prioritisation and a fully modelled business case is the subject of an Advisory mandate. That is not an omission but the scope of work.

A Appendix

Methodology and sources

Methodology

The subject assessed is a defined one — strategic positioning — along five disclosed dimensions. The basis is the triangulation of publicly available sources: the FY2025 annual report, financial press, disclosures on valuation and secondary market, and reported information on licensing and supervision. The assessment profile is qualitative and represents a Rivalerra judgement, not a measured quantity. Statements on regulation and supervisory requirements rest on third-party reporting. Analysis as at July 2026.

Scope of work

The report follows the Rivalerra Review standard: structured assessment of a defined subject with an overall verdict, without recommendation. Revolut is a named demonstration case built exclusively on publicly available data — not a real mandate. No confidential data was used.

Sources

[1] Revolut Annual Report FY2025 / CNBC — revenue, pre-tax profit, customer numbers, product lines.

[2] Financial press / secondary market — customer deposits around \$67.5bn, valuation around \$75bn (2025).

[3] PRA / FCA / Tech.eu / Financial Times (reported) — UK full banking licence 03/2026, money-laundering penalty Lithuania, PRA requirements.

[4] American Banker / industry analyses — reading of the neobanking competitive field.

Note on sources. The 0 to 100 assessment profile is a qualitative Rivalerra judgement and is expressly marked as such. Statements on supervision and licensing rest on third-party reporting and were not primarily verified.