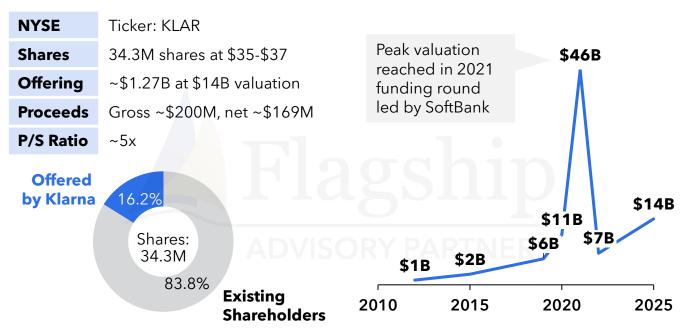


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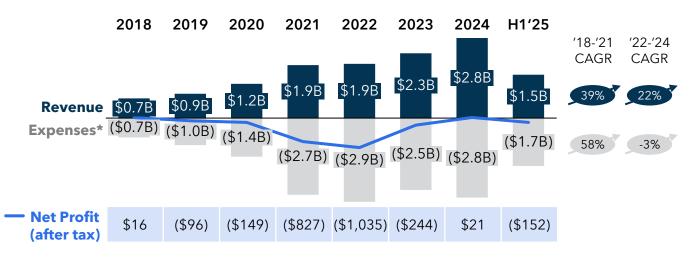




Sources: Klarna SEC filing, Klarna, NYT, Sifted, Reuters, CNBC

#### **Tinancial Performance**

(net profit in millions of \$, revenue and expenses in billions of \$)



Note: \*expenses includes operating expenses, other expenses, and tax expenses; numbers reported prior to 2021 were converted from SEK to USD via average annual FX Sources: Klarna SEC filing & annual reports

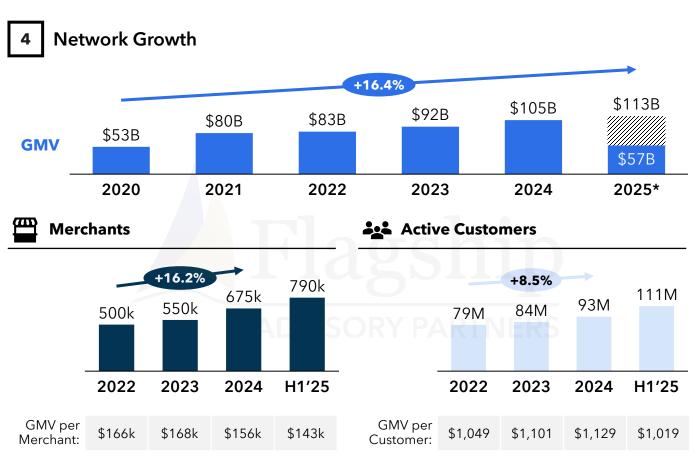
- Klarna's accelerated expansion into the U.S. in 2019 drove growth, but eroded profitability
- Expense discipline, particularly reduced U.S. credit losses, has helped cut losses since 2022
- Klarna achieved net profitability in 2024 but reverted to a loss in H1 2025



# GMV Breakdown by Payment Options (% of GMV, GMV in billions of \$)

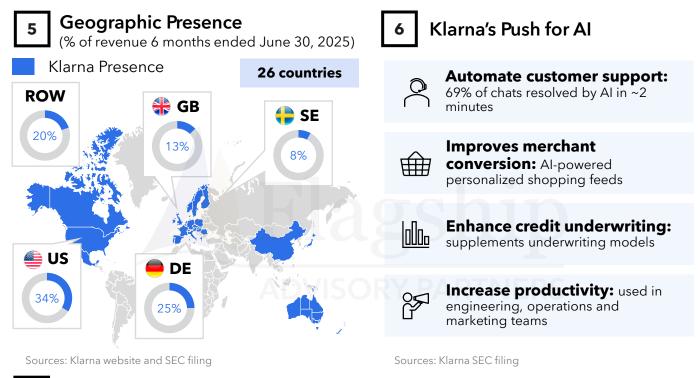


Note: \*LTM from June 30, 2025. GMV is defined as gross merchandise volume

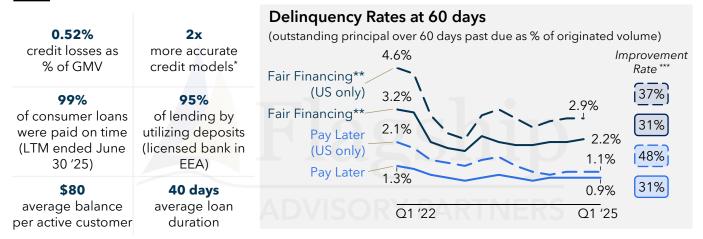


Note: \*2025 GMV is annualized based on H1 2025 data. GMV per merchant or customer is based on the forecasted 2025 GMV. Sources: Klarna annual reports and SEC filing





## 7 Credit Quality Indicators



Note: \*In comparison to VantageScore 4.0 in US and Schufa in DE; \*\*Fair financing delinquency rates are at 6 months; \*\*\* Improvement rates are Q1 '22 to Q4 '24 for Fair Financing and Q1 '25 for Pay Later Sources: Klarna SEC filing

#### **General Commentary & Highlights**

- **U.S. Listing:** Klarna's choice of New York underscores the U.S. as a destination for fintech IPOs (vs. current HQ in Stockholm)
- **Fintech Signal:** The deal will serve as a test case for investor appetite toward late-stage fintech listings and credit/lending businesses after a muted IPO cycle despite macroeconomic challenges
- Al Narrative: Klarna's heavy emphasis on Al may appeal to tech-focused investors, though its durability as a competitive moat remains unproven with recent drawbacks (e.g., due to declining service quality and customer dissatisfaction, Klarna has started to rehire human agents again)
- Reduced Credit Risk: Overall delinquency rates have improved by about one-third since Q1 '22
- **Return to Profitability:** Klarna narrowed losses through lower credit losses and efficiency, achieving a 2024 profit but returning to losses in H1 2025
- BNPL Implications: Klarna's IPO can be a strong indicator of market sentiment towards BNPL



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