

HALFORDS GROUP PLC

FY20 INTERIM RESULTS

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### H1 FY20 Performance

Loraine Woodhouse, CFO

#### Strategy Update

**Graham Stapleton, CEO** 

#### Financial Guidance

Loraine Woodhouse, CFO

Q&A





- Positive cycling sales growth; increased share in our core motoring categories
- Group service-related sales, Online, B2B and Financial Services all delivered strong sales growth
- Autocentres transformation on track to deliver third consecutive year of profit growth
- Acquisition of McConechy's Tyre Service
- Halfords Mobile Expert rollout with strong customer ratings; acquisition of Tyres on the Drive
- Focus on cost and efficiency delivered significant savings
- Significant progress against our strategic objectives

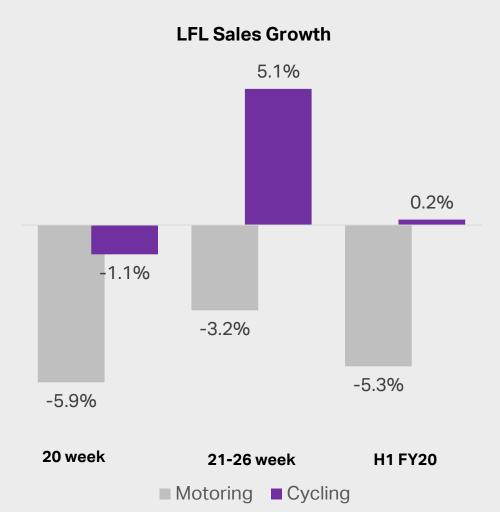


Revenue	£582.7m		-2.9% YoY -2.4% LFL
Gross Margin	50.1%		+70 bps
Operating costs*	£264.6m	_	+0.1% YoY
Underlying PBT*	£25.9m		-15.1% YoY
Basic Underlying EPS*	10.4p	1	-16.1% YoY
Free Cash Flow**	£44.2m		+29.2% YoY

**Note: \*** numbers are reflected on a pre-IFRS 16 basis, appendix 1 & 2 for post-IFRS 16 overview \*\* Free Cash Flow has been adjusted for the post period end payment run

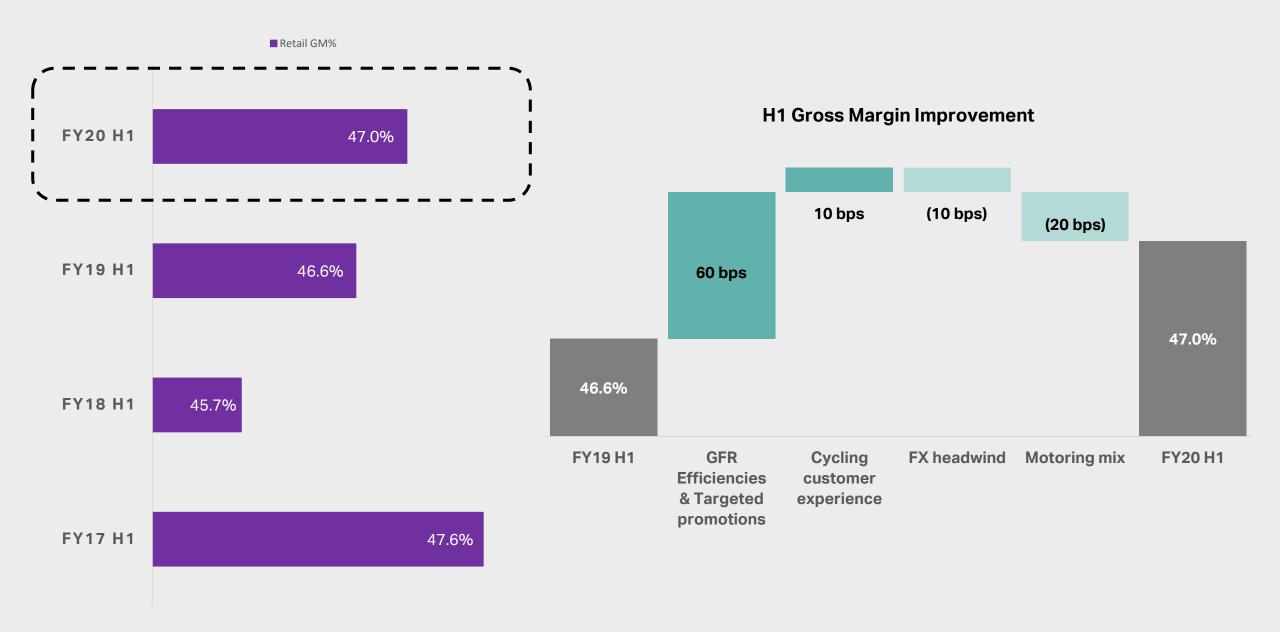


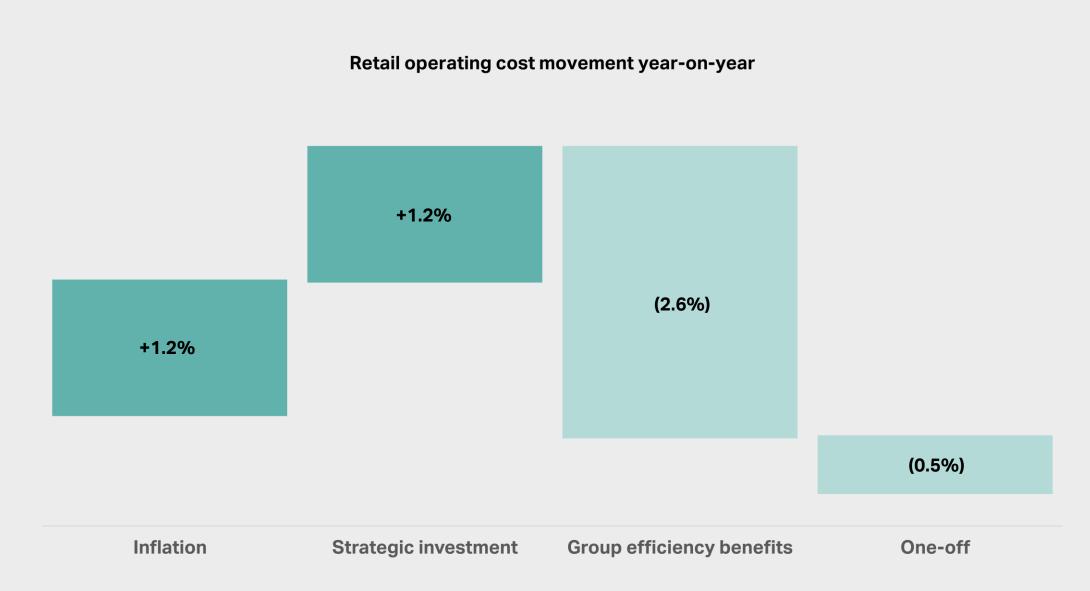




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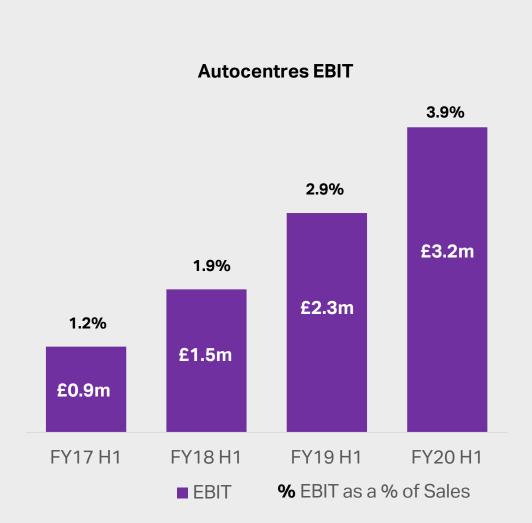


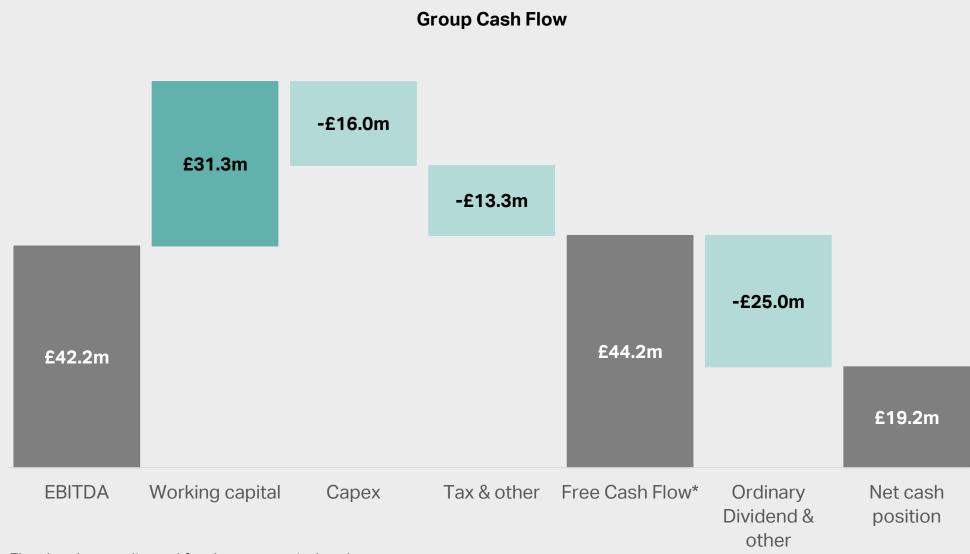




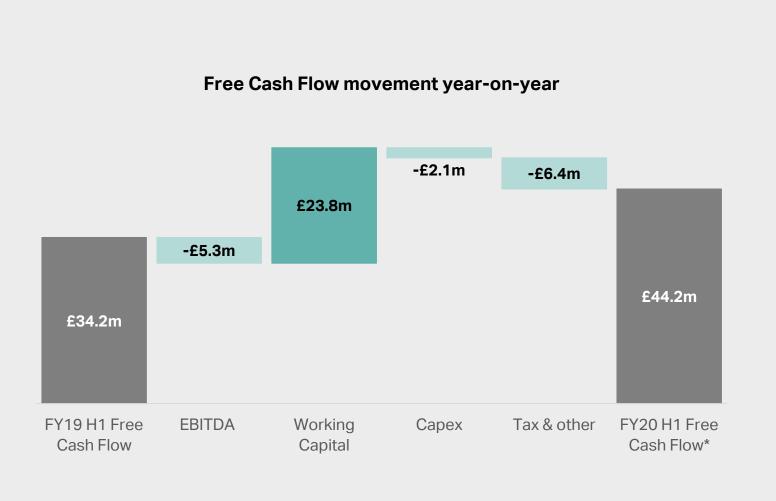
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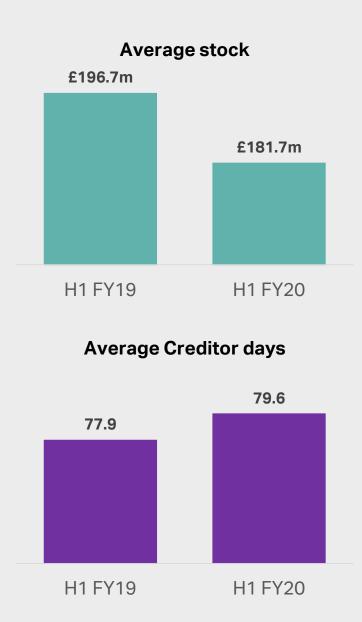
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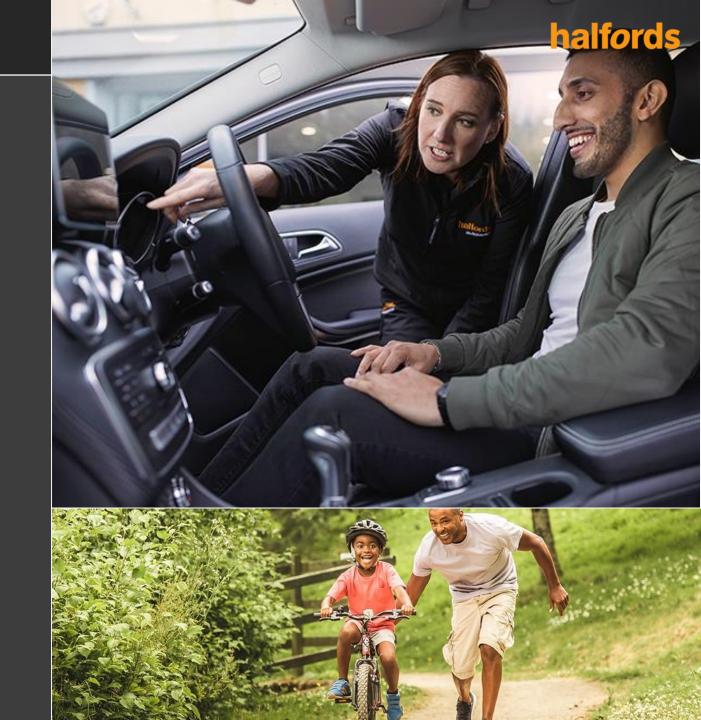
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#### Dividend pence per share (p)



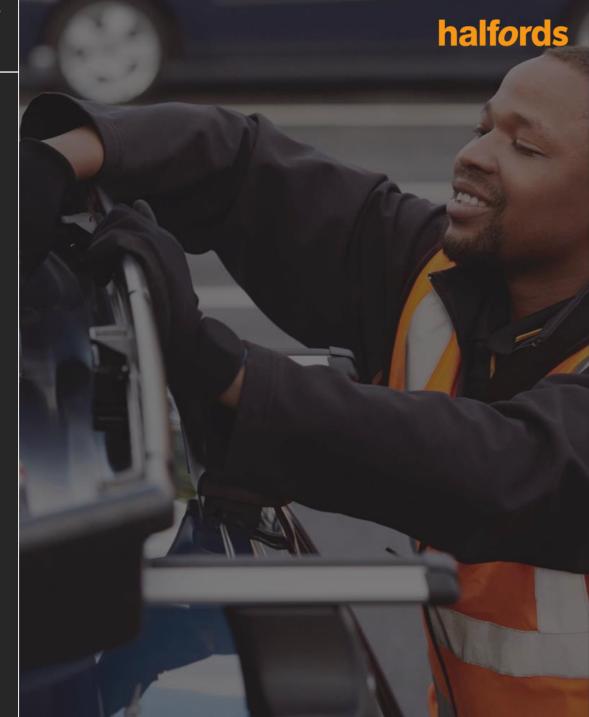
• Interim dividend of 6.18 pence paid on 17th January 2020 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 6th December 2019

- Market share gains in both motoring and cycling
- Group services, online and B2B delivering strong growth
- Margin gains; strong cost control
- Autocentres remain on track to deliver third consecutive year of profit growth
- Strong Group cash generation
- Acquisition of McConechy's Tyre Service and Tyres on the Drive



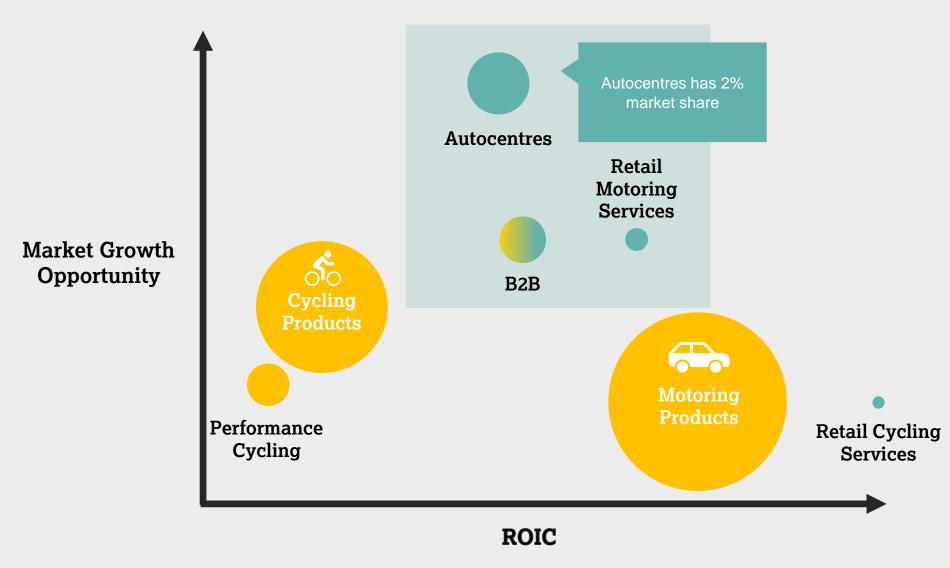
## Halfords is the UK and Ireland's leading retailer of motoring and cycling products and services

- UK and Ireland's leading retailer of motoring and cycling products and services.
- Trusted brand with over 125 years of heritage
- Market leading brand awareness in our retail business
- Over 20 million customers visit us each year
- Largely recognised as a retailer of products









Product

Services

Size of bubble represents relative size of segment

**Note:** This graph is indicative only and bubbles are relative to each other **Source:** Internal analysis, Companies House, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Trading

# To inspire and support a lifetime of motoring and cycling

Inspire our customers through a differentiated, super-specialist shopping experience



**Support** our customers through an integrated, unique and more convenient services offer



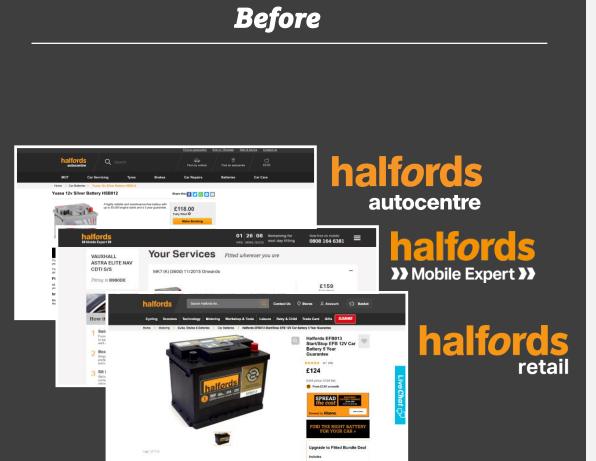
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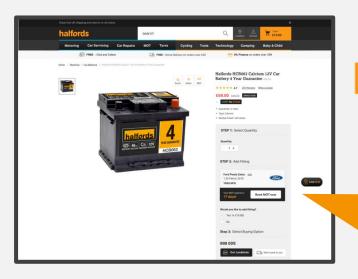




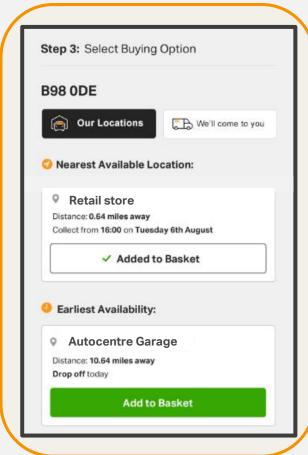
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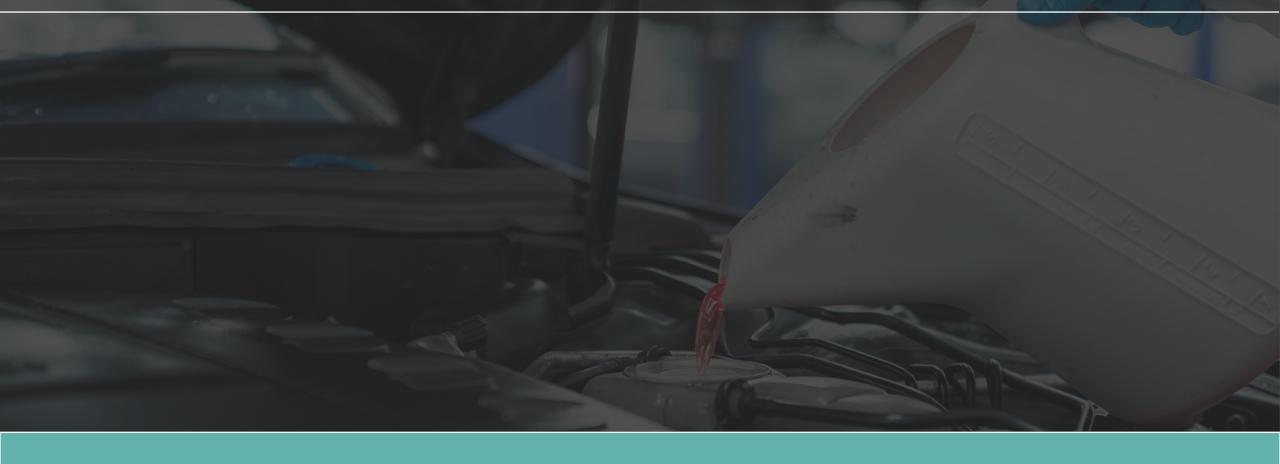










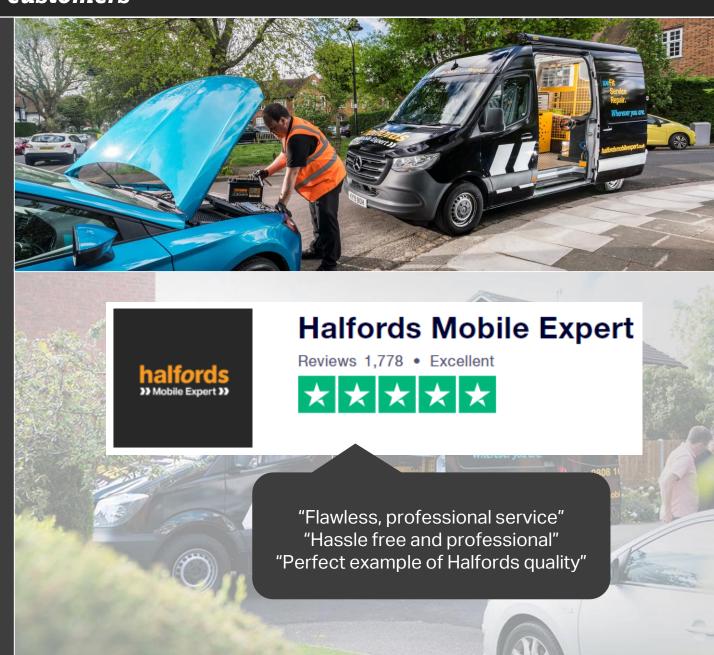


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## Our customers rate our proposition highly and is bringing new customers to the Group, particularly younger and female customers

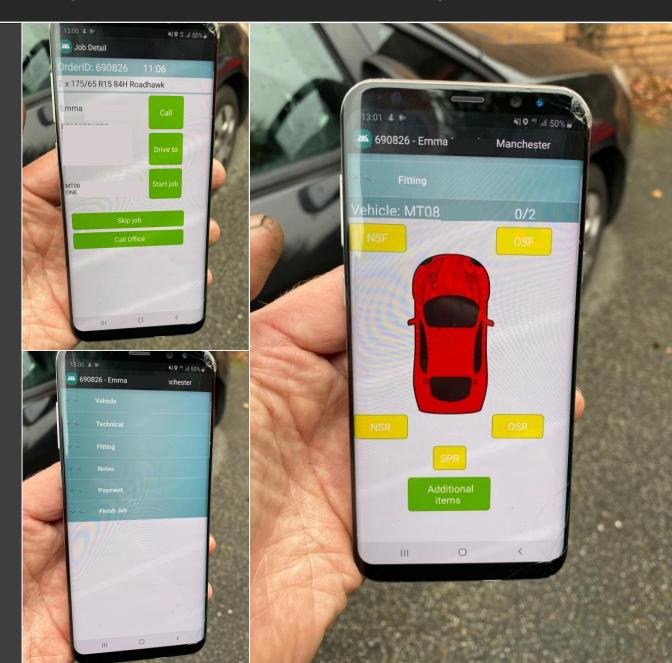
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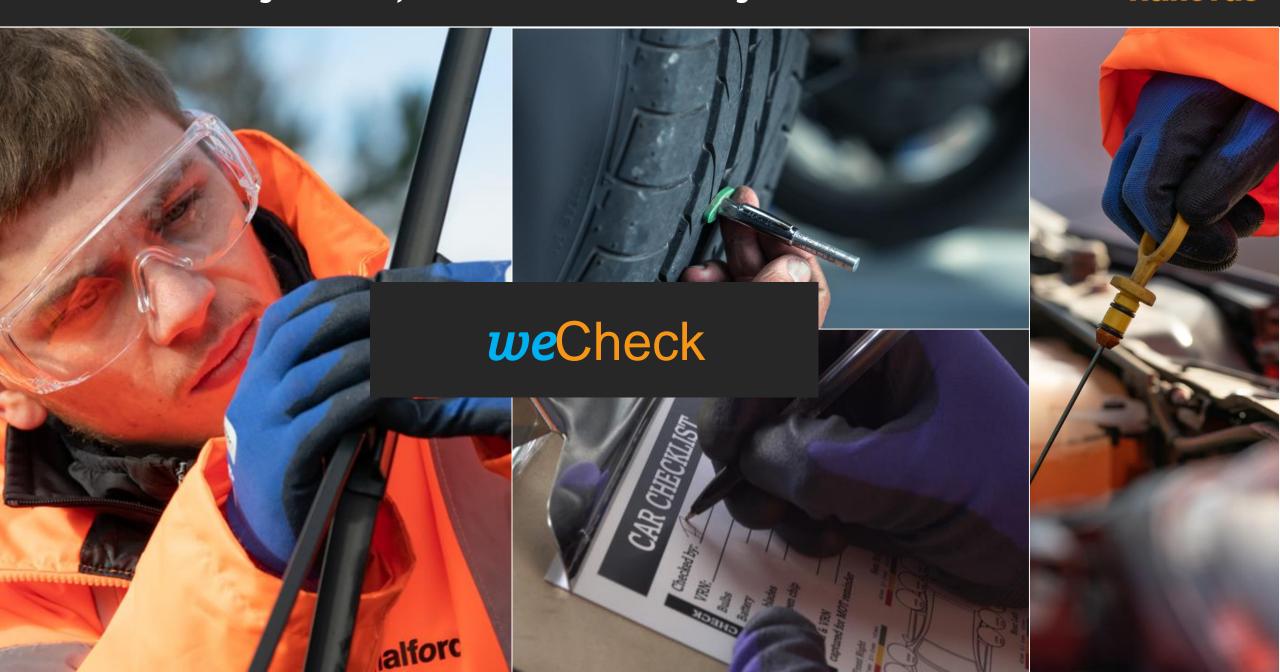
- Delivering strong customer satisfaction scores
- Introducing new customers to the Group
- Attracting a different customer to our traditional automotive services business

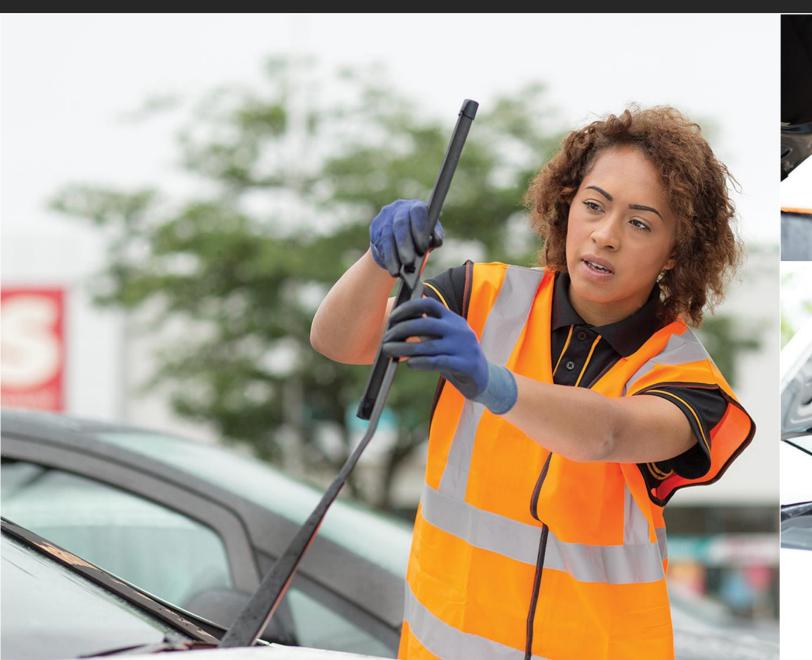


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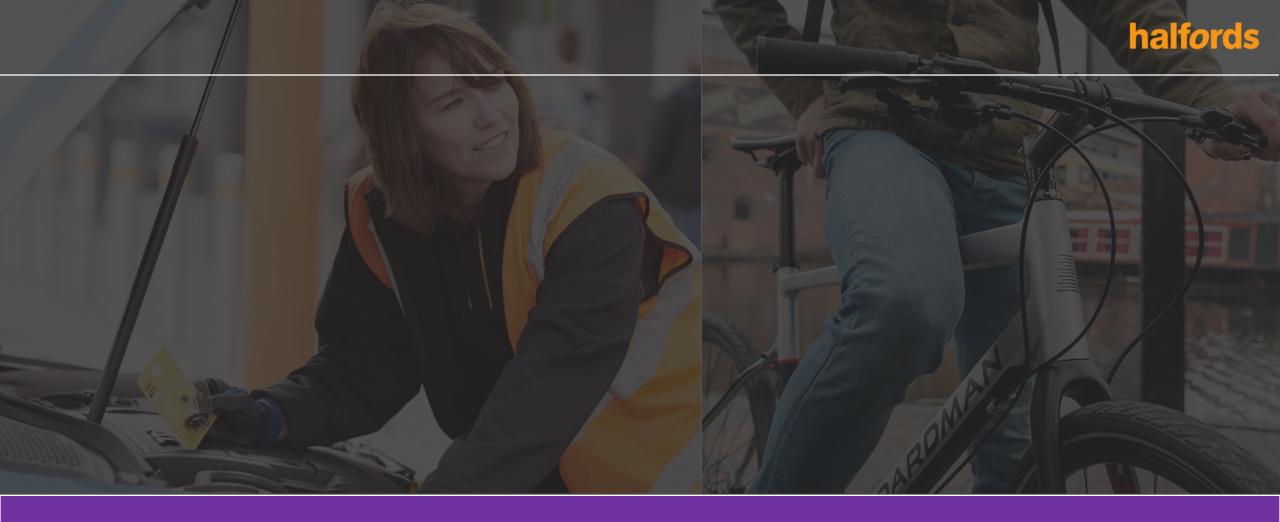
- ...leveraging best-in-class proprietary software
- ...targeting a healthy mix of tyre replacement and other services
- ...leveraging the Garage assets of the business











Enable a **lifetime** of motoring and cycling



- Much of the investment funded from cost and efficiency savings:
  - Goods for resale
  - Rent savings in Retail
  - Savings in distribution costs
  - Reduction in electricity costs
  - Selling and Administrative costs



- Market leading and trusted brand
- Unique and differentiated omnichannel portfolio
- Great progress in delivering the strategic plan
- Significant growth opportunities in high value markets

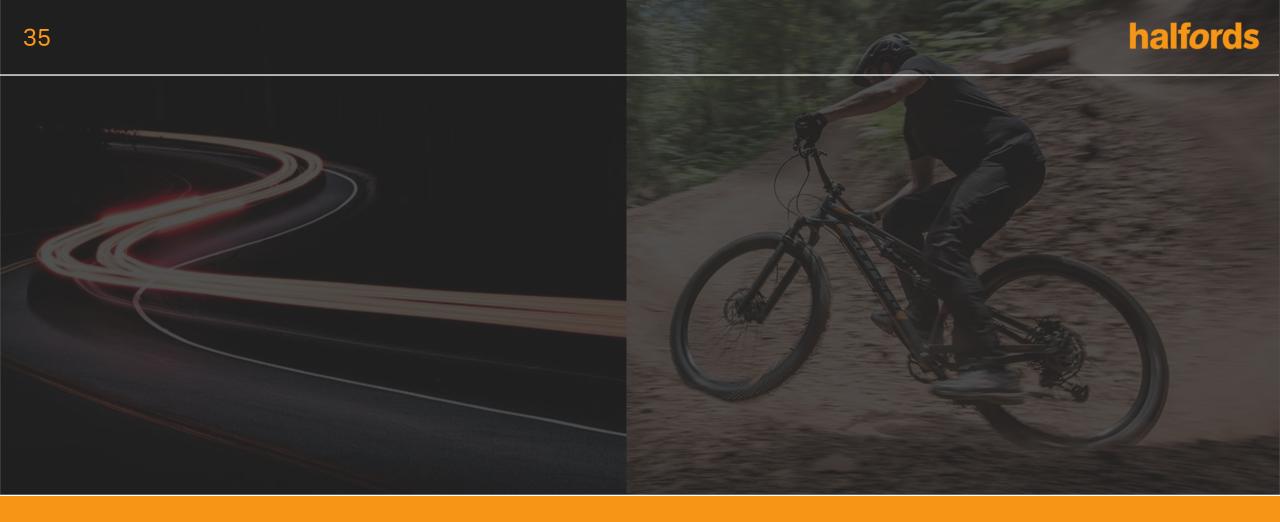
#### **Tailwinds**

- Cars and bikes are becoming more complex
- Customers are demanding greater levels of convenience
- Growth in the number of Do It For Me (DIFM) customers



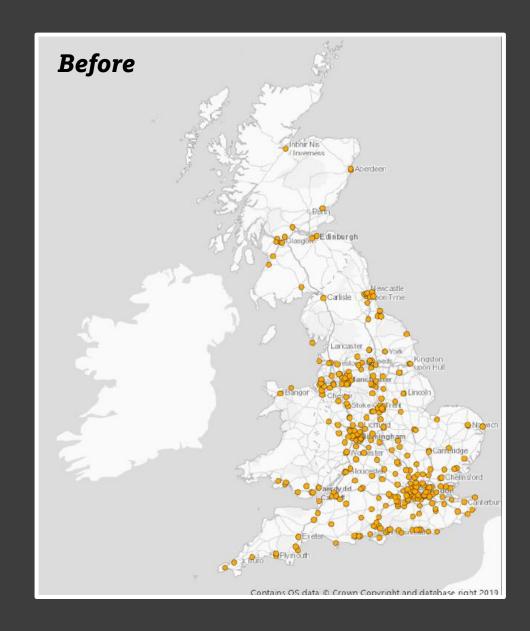
#### **Opportunities**

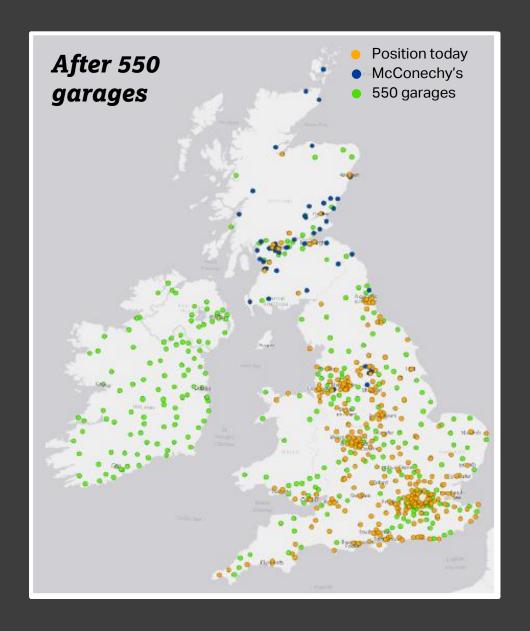
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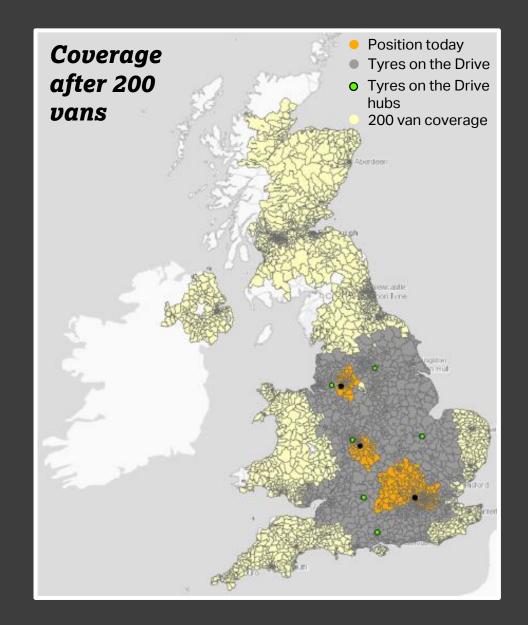
**Accelerating the Strategy** 

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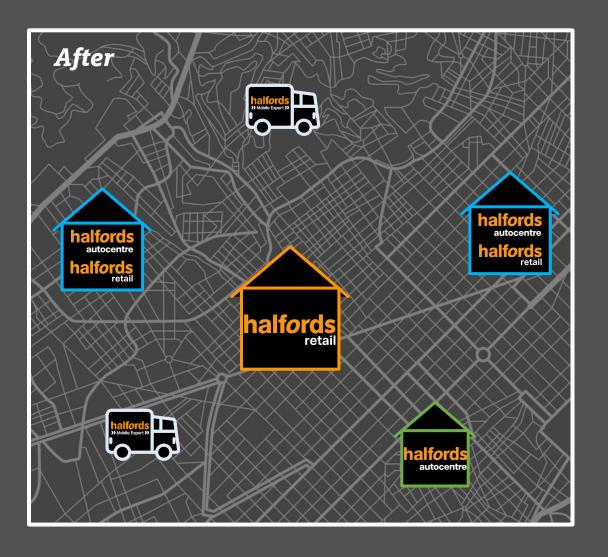










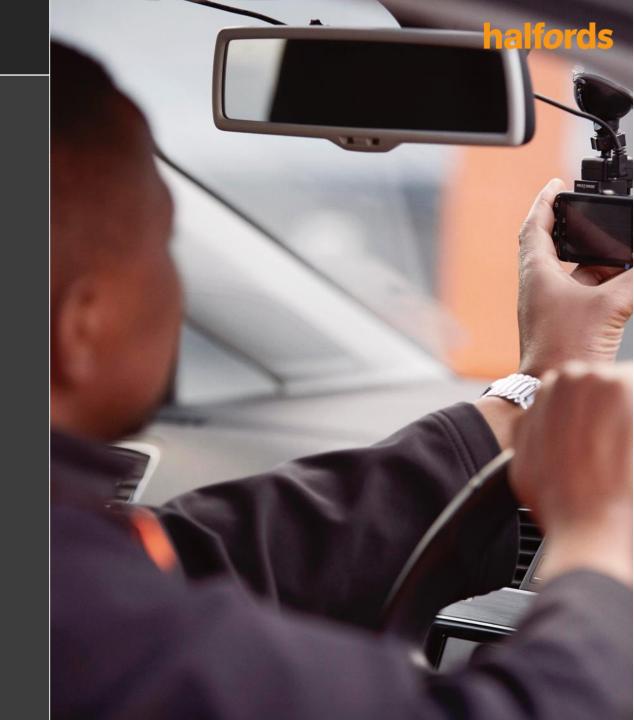


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Infrastructure	<ul> <li>Investment in a new customer contact centre and tools to deliver 'best in class' customer contact</li> <li>Development of a digital services customer and colleague management system</li> </ul>
	Continued investment in B2B systems and infrastructure
People	<ul> <li>Investment in colleagues to underpin our Services offering and ensure we retain the right skills in the right locations</li> </ul>
Acquisition	<ul> <li>To accelerate the growth in Autocentres, we will need to support organic growth with appropriate acquisitions</li> </ul>
	Successfully integrating McConechy's Tyre Service and Tyres on the Drive acquisitions
Marketing	<ul> <li>Investment in marketing to drive awareness of our services, with an increased focus on social and digital marketing</li> </ul>

# ...which will be delivered through our ongoing focus on delivering cost and efficiency benefits

- Delivering cost and efficiency benefits across the Group:
  - Supply chain
  - Property portfolio
  - Procurement
- Strategic buying alliance with Mobivia
- Improving the profitability of our cycling products business





**Customers, Colleagues, Shareholders** 

#### 44 Customer will have...

...significantly more convenient services proposition

...services consistently delivered, when and where they want them

...better access to technical advice and expertise

...a market leading digital customer experience both online and in stores, garages and mobile

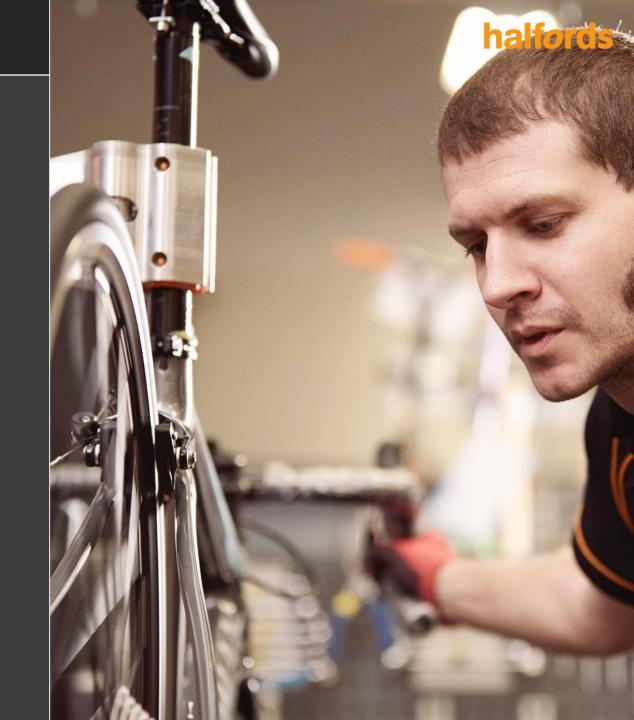


...clarity and focus across the Group

...excitement around accelerated investment and growth

...investment in expertise and specialism

...cross-Group career opportunity



...sustainable profit growth and improved ROIC

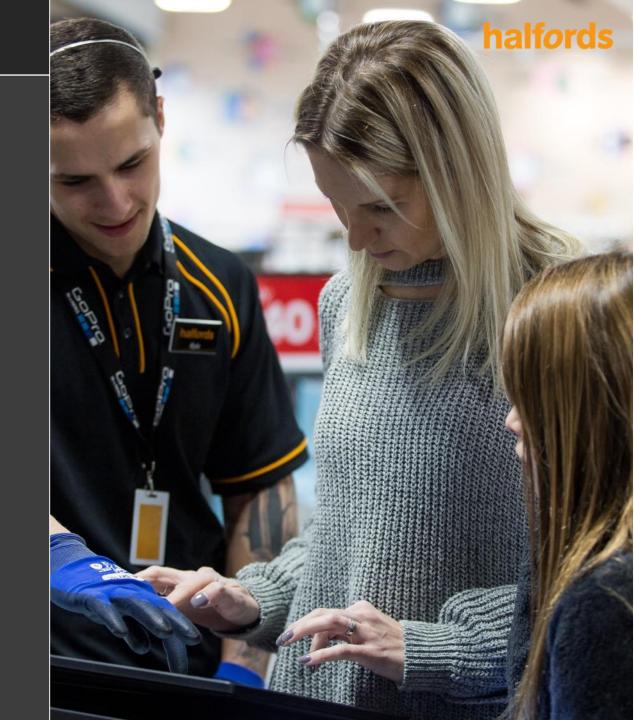
...greater focus on areas of significant growth opportunity

...less exposure to the volatility of FX, weather and consumer sentiment

...higher barriers to entry for our competitors



- Acceleration of the existing plan
- It will mean:
  - Service-related sales will double as a % of Group sales
  - Autocentres will represent a larger proportion of our Group profit
  - Continued reduction in fixed costs
  - Lower exposure to recent headwinds





#### **Accelerated Investment**

- Optimise our new Group website
- Integrate our McConechy's acquisition and increase to 400 garages
- Integrate our Tyres on the Drive and grow to 100 vans
- Scale our WeFit services
- Trial a new shopping experience in two locations

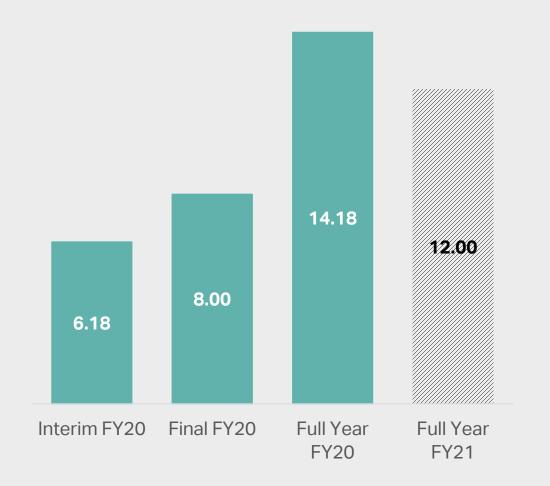


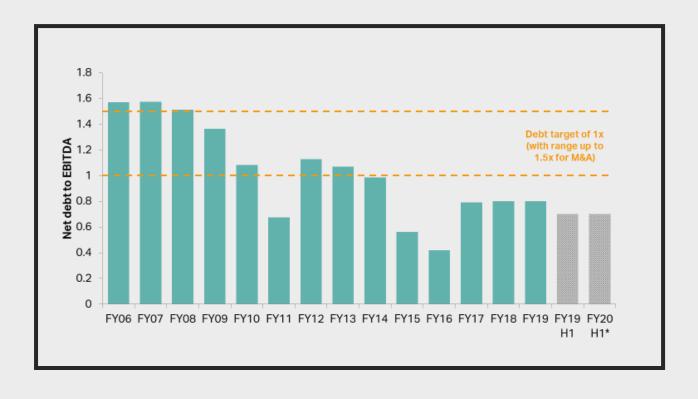
#### Supported by

 Improving profitability in our cycling products business and continuing the delivery of strong cost efficiencies across the Group



#### Dividend pence per share (p)





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• Re-confirm FY20 (pre-IFRS 16, 52-week) PBT guidance £50m - £55m

#### Cash Flow

 H2 FY20 Cash Flow impacted by additional capital / acquisition costs (c.£11m) + additional restructuring costs (c.£2m - £3m)

## Capex

- FY20: Additional c.£11m (including acquisition) from McConechy's and Tyres on the Drive
- FY21: No change to existing CMD capex guidance; appropriate acquisitions in support of strategy

#### FY21 Profit

- FY21 operating cost base will increase to enable investment in services business
- FY21 PBT guidance provided at prelims

# Today

"A low financial return consumer products-focused business, with an equal emphasis on motoring and cycling"

#### **Future**

"A consumer and B2B services-focused business, with a greater emphasis on motoring, generating higher and more sustainable financial returns."



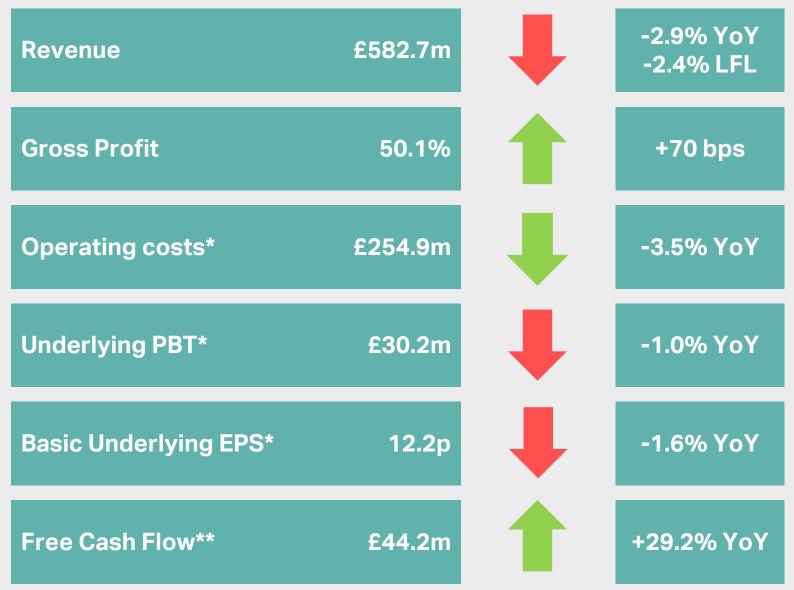
#### Income statement impact

Rent	£45.9m		
Depreciation	(£36.2m)		
Operating profit adjustment	£9.7m		
Interest	(£5.4m)		
Profit before tax adjustment	£4.3m		
Balance Sheet impact			
Right-of-use asset	£370.0m		

£427.1m

**Profit before tax adjustment** 

- The Group has initially applied IFRS 16 at 30 March 2019
- A right-of-use lease asset and a lease liability is included on the balance sheet, and depreciation and interest has been charged to the income statement instead of existing rental charges and operating expenses
- Discount rates ranging between 1.14% to 3.94%
  have been applied based on UK Government Gilt
  rates of an appropriate duration and adjusted by an
  indicative credit premium
- The Group has adopted the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated and the cumulative effect of applying IFRS 16 is recognised in Retained earnings at the date of initial application.



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- 1 Maintaining a prudent balance sheet
- 2 Investment for growth
- Maintain the ordinary dividend
- Appropriate M&A
- 5 Surplus cash returned to shareholders



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