

Topps Tiles



Full Year Results 2020

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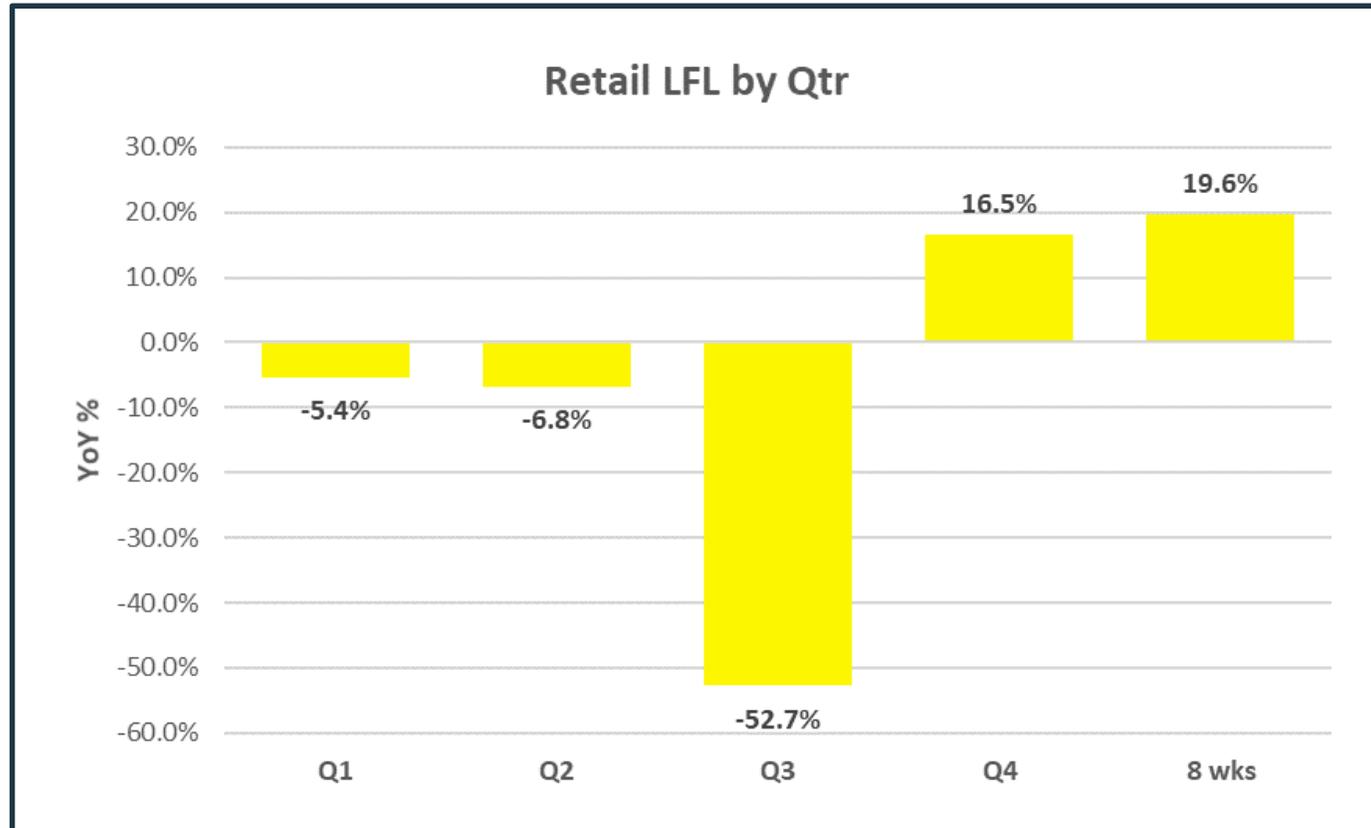




**FY20 Highlights
& Strategy**

Rob Parker

Chief Executive Officer



FY20 Performance Summary

LFL sales	(12.5)%
Sales	£192.8m
Adj. Pre Tax Prof	£3.6m
Adj. EPS	1.57p
Stat Pre Tax Loss	£9.8m
Adj net cash	£26.0m

Customer satisfaction 89%

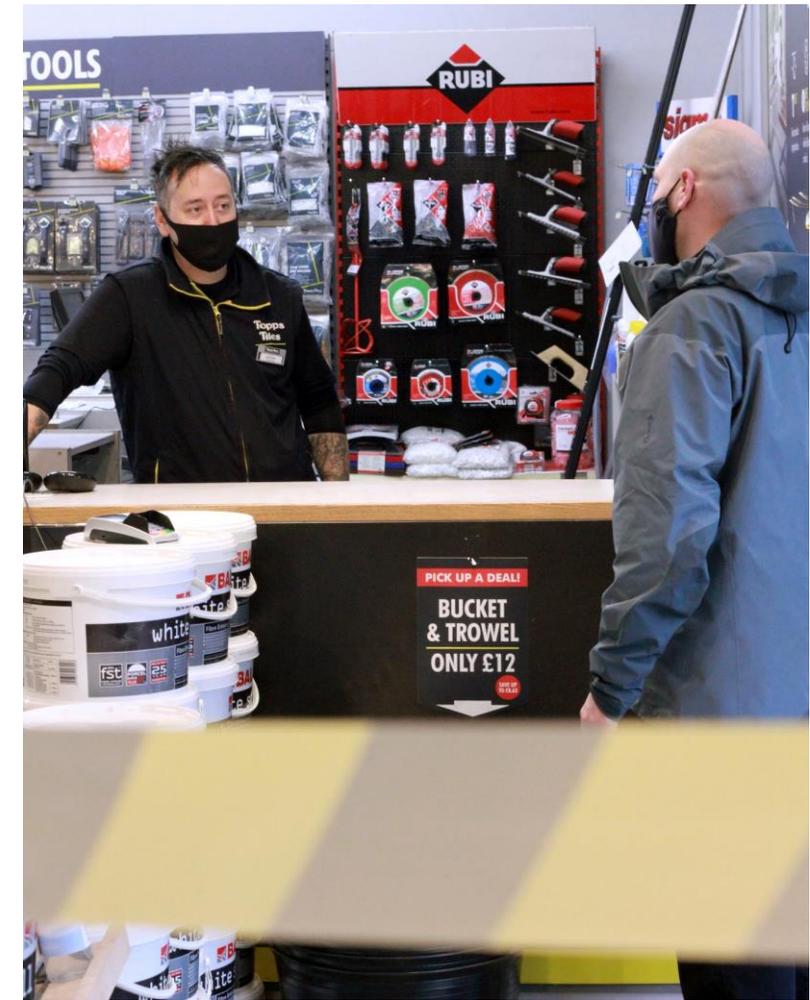
Web sales +45%

Commercial sales £7.5m, +53%

Net cash generation +£37.3m

A year of challenge and change for Topps – emerging stronger and refreshed

- Retail stores trading in line with Government guidance – over half of retail sales are to trade customers
- Retail trading from July very robust - benefitting from home improvement and DIY boom
- Very strong cash performance – improved by £37m to £26m net cash, available headroom of £75m
- No claims against Job Retention Scheme since early August
- Cost reduction exercise – c. £4m of annualised savings (split centre and stores) and capex reduction in year of 42%
- Supplier relations strong – key to working capital response during closure period and continued supply during period of supply chain pressure
- Online sales strong - up around 3x on pre-crisis levels during closure, +45% across the year
- Commercial market slower over H2 with hospitality and leisure heavily impacted



Business Strengths - The Leader In Tiles...

Group

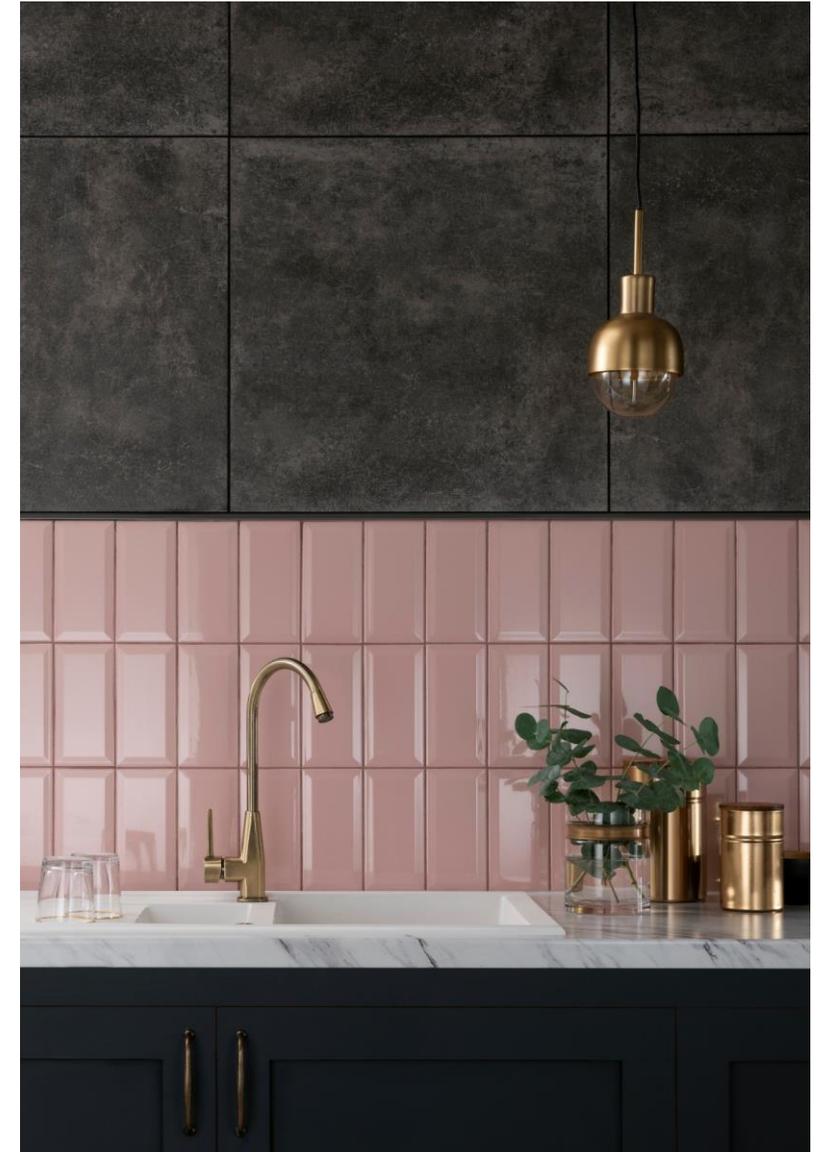
- Attractive market - stable, long term demand with minimal disruption from alternative technologies
- Market leading position with differentiation in product and customer service – difficult to replicate
- High gross margin, with strong cash conversion and low capital requirement

Retail

- Very high levels of customer satisfaction – 80+%
- Business serves a broadly even trade and retail customer mix
- True omni-channel retail business – critical for homeowners
- Locational convenience key for trade (300+ sites)
- Flexible property portfolio is strength and competitive advantage

Commercial

- Commercial tile market is attractive and represents significant expansion opportunity with ambition to be #1



Strategic Progress During The Year

Group

- New market share goal – 1 in 5 by 2025
- Strategic focus on broadening customer base – within Retail and beyond (Commercial)
- Leading product – 2nd ‘Collection’ launched – Matrix – genuine differential to market
- Leading People – world class customer service and top 10 employer status (Glassdoor)
- New CFO appointed in November 20
- Sustainability becoming a key part of agenda

Retail

- New strategy launched – Great Experience, Great Product, Great Value
- Stronger push into ‘value’ – ‘Get The Look for Less’, promo & essentials pricing
- New web site launched Oct ‘19 – omni-channel digital capability key to performance this year
- Continued refinement of the store estate – net 20 store closures
- Benefiting from CV19-driven home improvement and DIY boom

Commercial

- Ambition to be #1 remains – c. £25m of sales
- Group tile expertise, supplier relationships and scale are key sources of competitive advantage
- Strata business integrated into Parkside
- FY20 progress slower than expected due to CV19 and market remains challenging
- Impairment of £5.6m of goodwill, intangibles & PPE (non cash)

Our Ambition

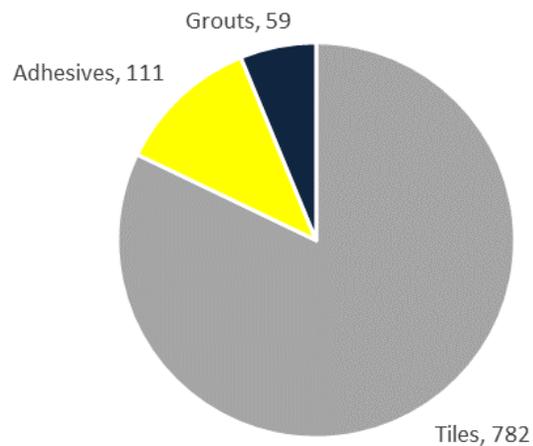
Where we are today

- Market leader with 17% of combined domestic and commercial tile market (including adhesives and grouts)
- Retail business the clear leader in the domestic tile market
- Commercial market entered in 2017 - doubled our addressable market whilst maintaining specialism in tiles

What we want to achieve

- Goal to achieve £1 in every £5 spent on tiles, adhesives and grouts in the UK by 2025
- Achievable by outperforming market by c. 3.5% each year over next five years
- Delivery of goal creates material profit upside over medium term

2019 market size at RSP : tiles, adhesives and grouts

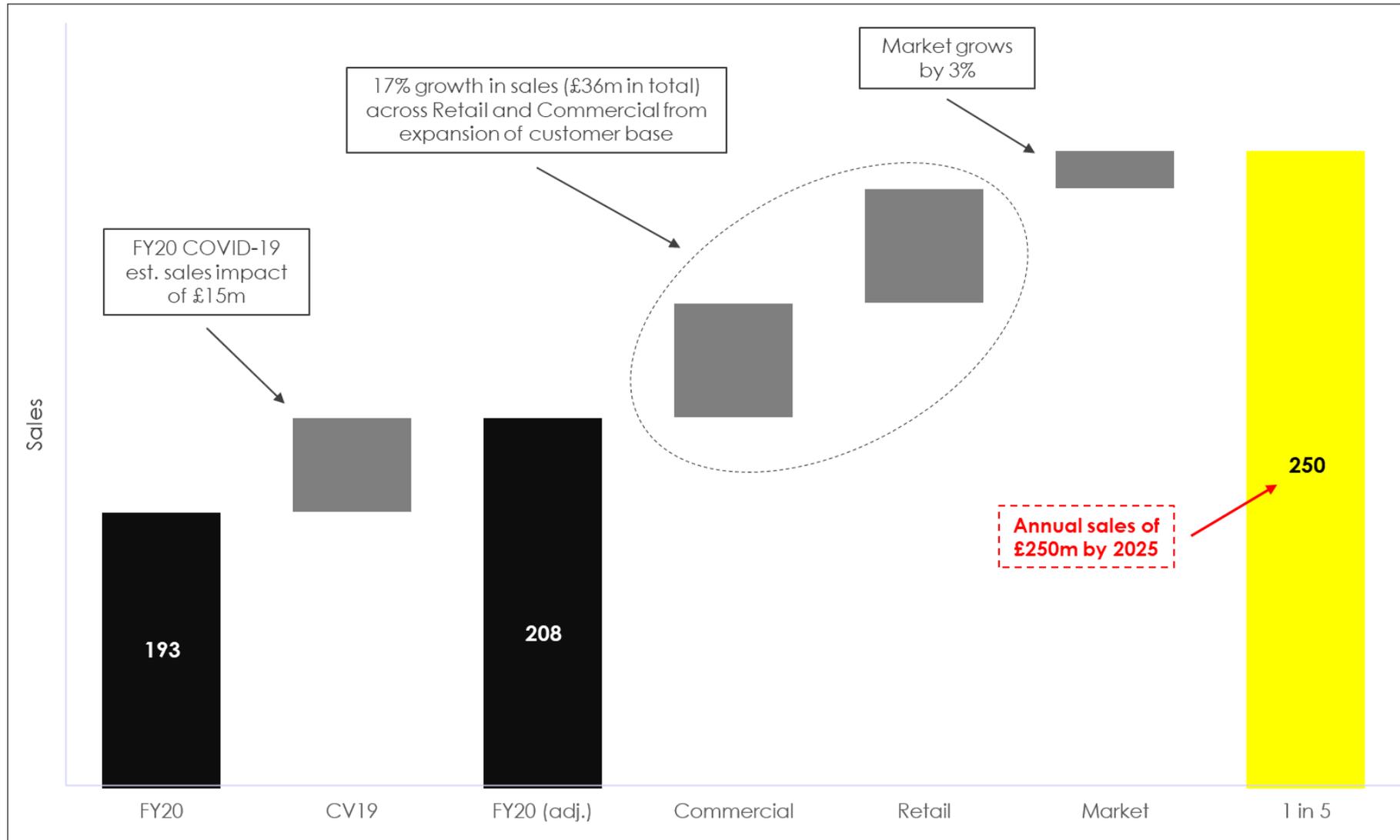


Market share	
Market @ RSP	£952m
Topps sales*	£165m
Share	17%

* Based on sales of coverings, adhesives and grouts



What It Might Be Worth



Adjusted net margin over last 5 years of between 7% and 10%

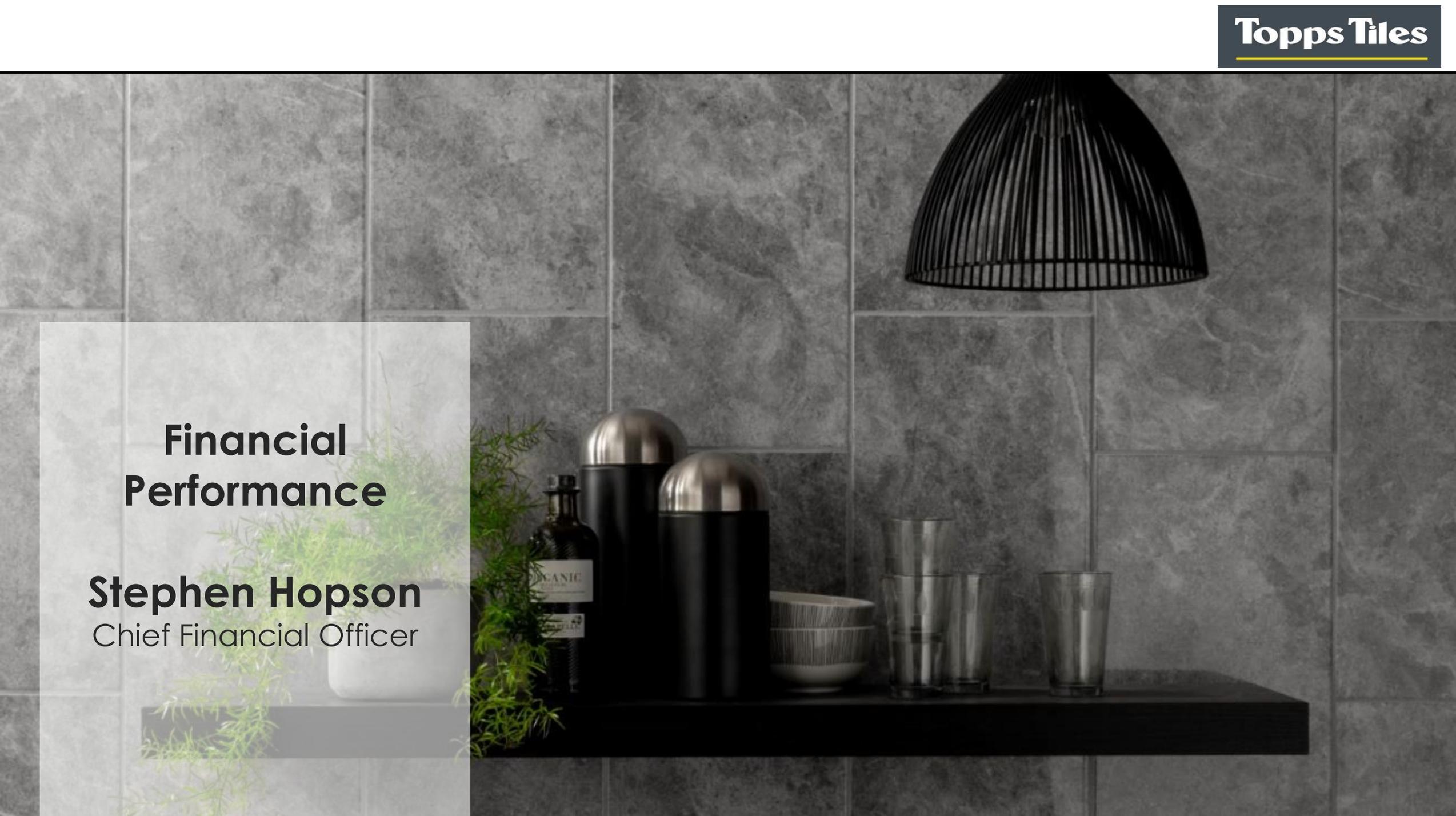
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Financial Performance

Stephen Hopson
Chief Financial Officer



Income Statement Highlights - adjusted measures

52 weeks ended 26 September 2020

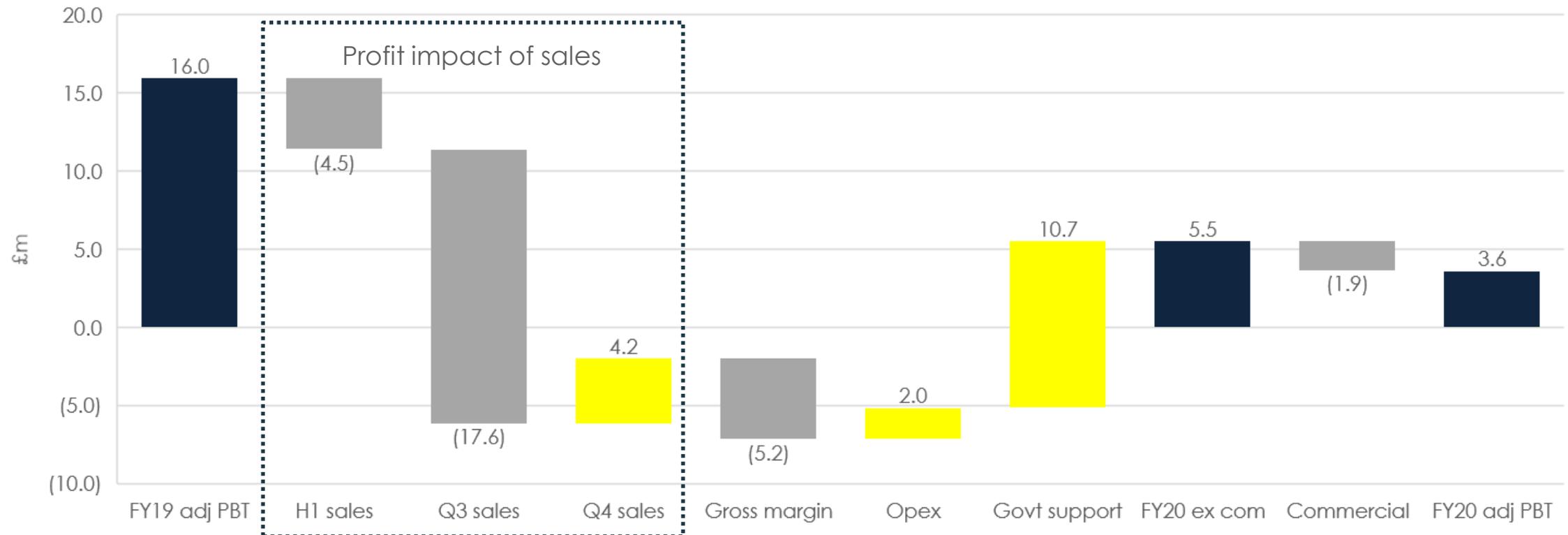
Note – FY19 as reported in the prior period and excludes Commercial	FY 20	FY 19	YoY
Sales - £m	192.8	214.3	(10.0)%
Gross Profit - £m	112.8	132.9	(15.1)%
Gross Margin %	58.5%	62.0%	(3.5)ppts
Opex - £m	108.4	116.1	+6.6%
Interest - £m	0.8	0.9	+11.1%
PBT - £m	3.6	16.0	(77.5)%
Net Margin %	1.9%	7.5%	(5.6)ppts
EPS - pence	1.57	6.61	(76.2)%

- Sales decrease of 12.5% on a LFL basis : Q1 (5.4)%, Q2 (6.8)%, Q3 (52.7)%, Q4 +16.5%. Commercial £7.5m vs £4.9m in PY, up 53% including benefit of acquiring Strata in FY19
- Gross margin decrease of 3.5 ppts. Commercial business results in 0.7 ppts dilution, Retail margin down 2.8 ppts
- Adjusted operating expenses reduce due to Government support through Covid related temporary store closures (total support of £10.7m); adjusted operating expenses also include £5.0m of opex for Commercial
- Adjusted PBT of £3.6m, includes £1.9m loss for Commercial (excluded in prior year)

Note - Adjusted measures exclude several items which are either one off in nature or fluctuate significantly from year to year (such as some property related items), and are pre-IFRS 16 adjustments. In FY 19, the results from the Commercial business were also excluded from adjusted measures.

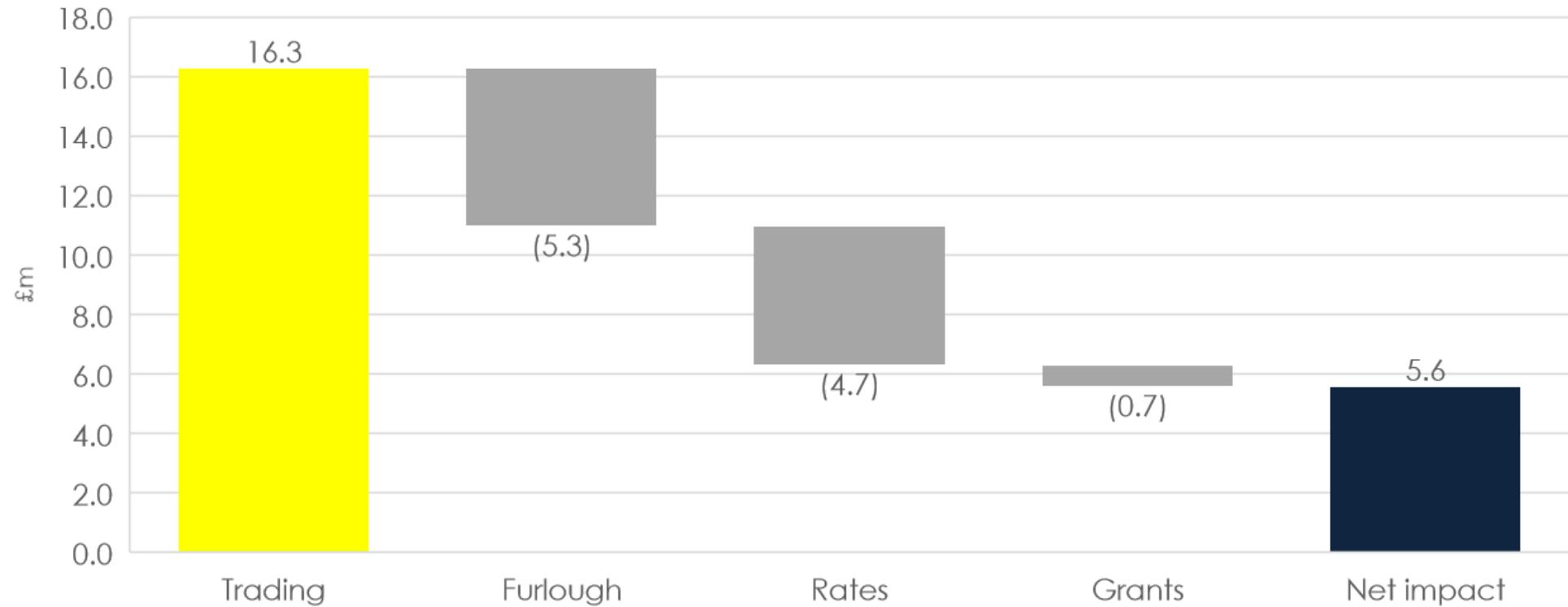
Adjusted Profit Before Tax Bridge

52 weeks ended 26 September 2020



- FY19 adjusted PBT excludes the Commercial business – results now included in adjusted PBT from FY20
- LFL retail sales down 6.1% in H1 in a challenging trading environment
- Q3 significantly impacted by Covid-19 with stores shut in April followed by a gradual safe re-opening
- Significant strength in Q4 with LFL sales up 16.5%
- Gross margin within Retail down 2.8 ppts : increased product/price competitiveness, delivery expense and inventory charges
- £2m reduction in opex ex government support, including £1.8m of annualised £4m of savings
- £10.7m of government support, primarily while stores closed in Q3

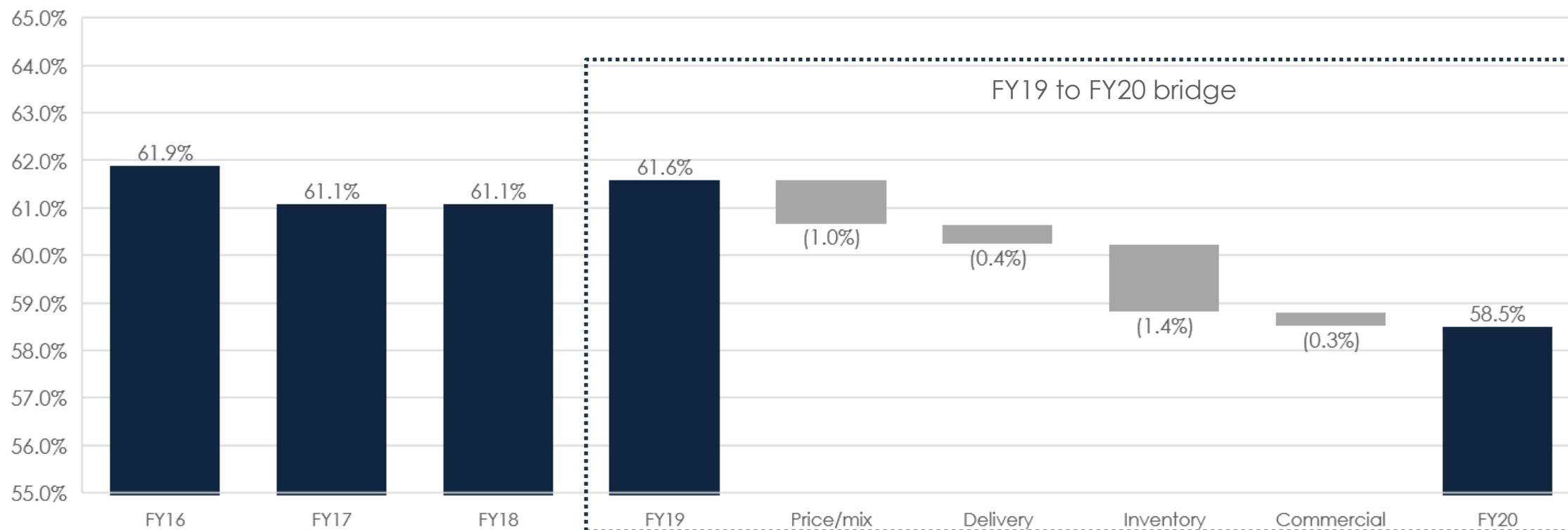
Covid-19 : Profit Impact



- Stores closure from 23 March – major impact on Q3 sales and margins
- Government support of £10.7m in FY20 from furlough, business rates and grants
- Net profit impact of £5.6m – contributing to statutory loss

Gross Margin Performance

52 weeks ended 26 September 2020

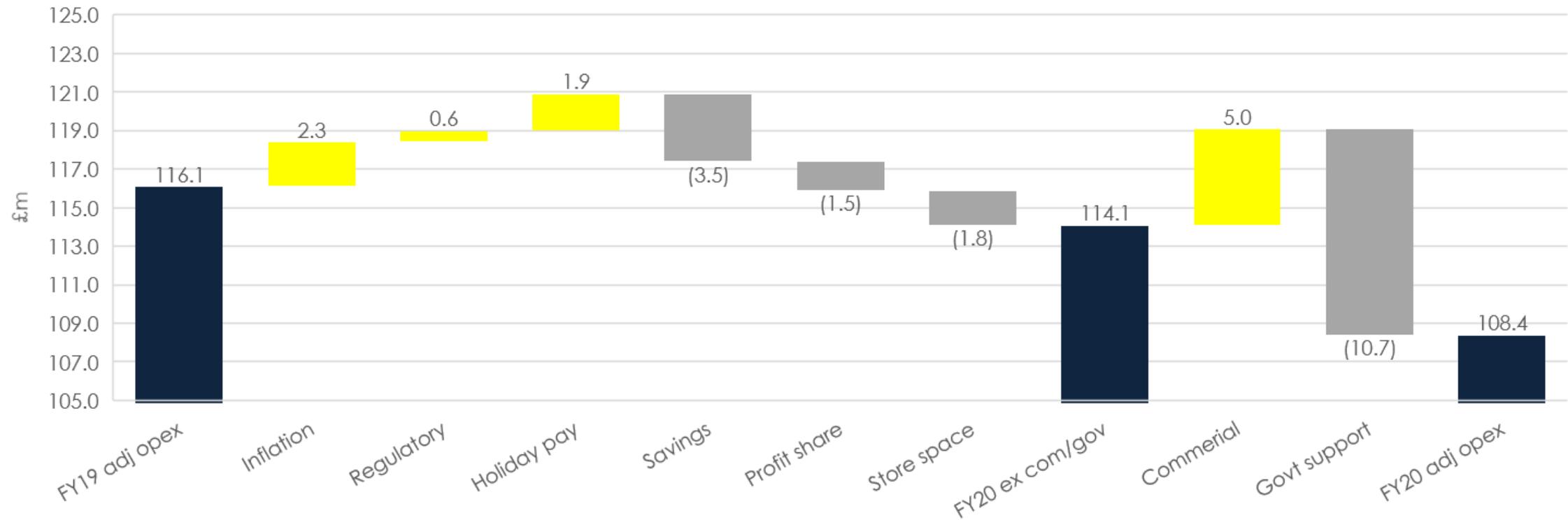


- This slides shows Group margin, including Commercial from FY17
- Retail margin (ie excluding Commercial) moved from 62.0% to 59.2%, down 2.8 pts
- Key factors driving retail margin were increased pricing competitiveness and product mix changes, web sales delivered direct, especially during lock down, higher inventory write off and obsolescence provision
- 30 bps incremental dilution from higher FY20 Commercial sales mix (sales increased from £4.9m to £7.5m)

Note - Gross margin in FY18, FY19 and FY20 includes dilution from the Commercial business

Adjusted Operating Expenditure Bridge

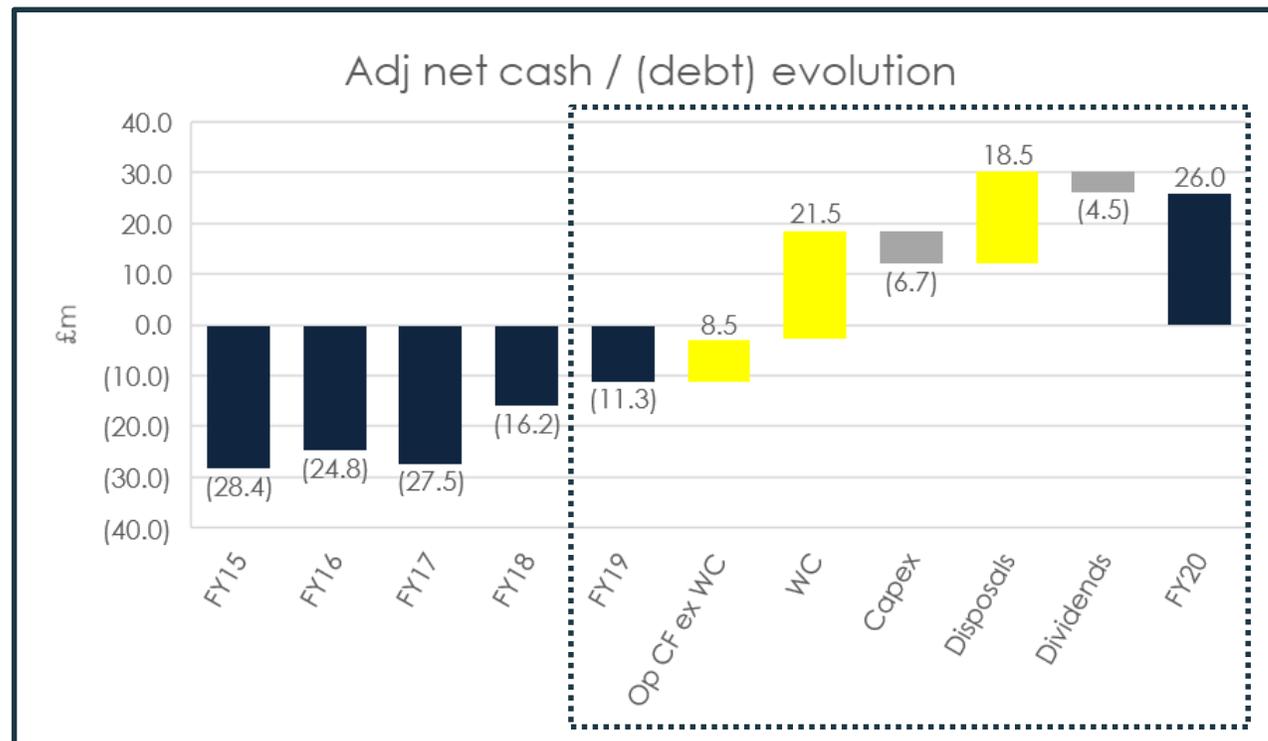
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- Inflation of c. 2.0%
- Regulatory cost of £0.6m from national living wage and pension changes
- Increased holiday pay accrual as a result of carry forward of holiday into new financial year (Covid-19)
- Other savings in employment costs, property costs, marketing and supply chain, including £1.7m specific to lock down
- Employee profit share decrease by £1.5m, due to challenging trading in the current year
- Average of 357 stores vs 366 in the prior year generating £1.8m reduction in costs
- £5.0m additional cost due to inclusion of Commercial business in adjusted measures in current period
- Government Support for Covid-19 temporary store closures (furlough £5.3m, rates holiday £4.7m, grants £0.7m)

	FY 20	FY 19	YoY
Adjusted Profit before tax (£m)	3.6	16.0	(12.4)
Adjusting items (£m):			
Property	(0.1)	(2.9)	2.8
Commercial trading & acq costs	n/a	(2.7)	n/a
Other	(0.5)	2.1	(2.6)
Profit before tax after 'normal' adjusting items	3.0	12.5	(9.5)
Accounting items (£m):			
Commercial impairment	(5.6)		
IFRS 16	(7.2)		
Profit before tax (£m)	(9.8)	12.5	(22.3)

- Adjusting items in FY20 consist of:
 - Property related items included pre-IFRS16 gain on sale and leaseback of Grove Park (£4m), vacant property costs and impairment of property assets
 - Commercial losses treated as an adjusting item until FY19 – underlying from FY20 (£1.9m loss)
 - Other in FY20 includes costs relating to business restructure, FY19 included a refund of historic import duty
- In FY20, two significant non-cash adjustments relating to accounting adjustments:
 - Non-cash impairment of Commercial business goodwill, intangible assets and PPE based on prudent view of commercial market following Covid-19
 - IFRS16 impact, of which (£7.6m) one off and £0.4m business as usual



- Balance sheet transformed in FY20, first adj net cash position in many years
- Sale and leaseback of head office and warehouse for £17.9m net of costs in June 2020
- Strong WC management throughout crisis and higher creditors at year end
- VAT deferral (£6m) and some creditor upside will reverse – also timing impact of FY21 53 week year (£7m)
- Dividend paused, in line with guidance at Interims, Board keen to reinstate policy as soon as is appropriate - expected in FY21 subject to positive adjusted EPS

Credit facilities

Facility	Limit	Expiry
Revolving Credit Facility	£39m	July 2022
Credit facilities through CLBILS	£10m	June 2021
Headroom to facilities at year end of £75m		

Income Statement

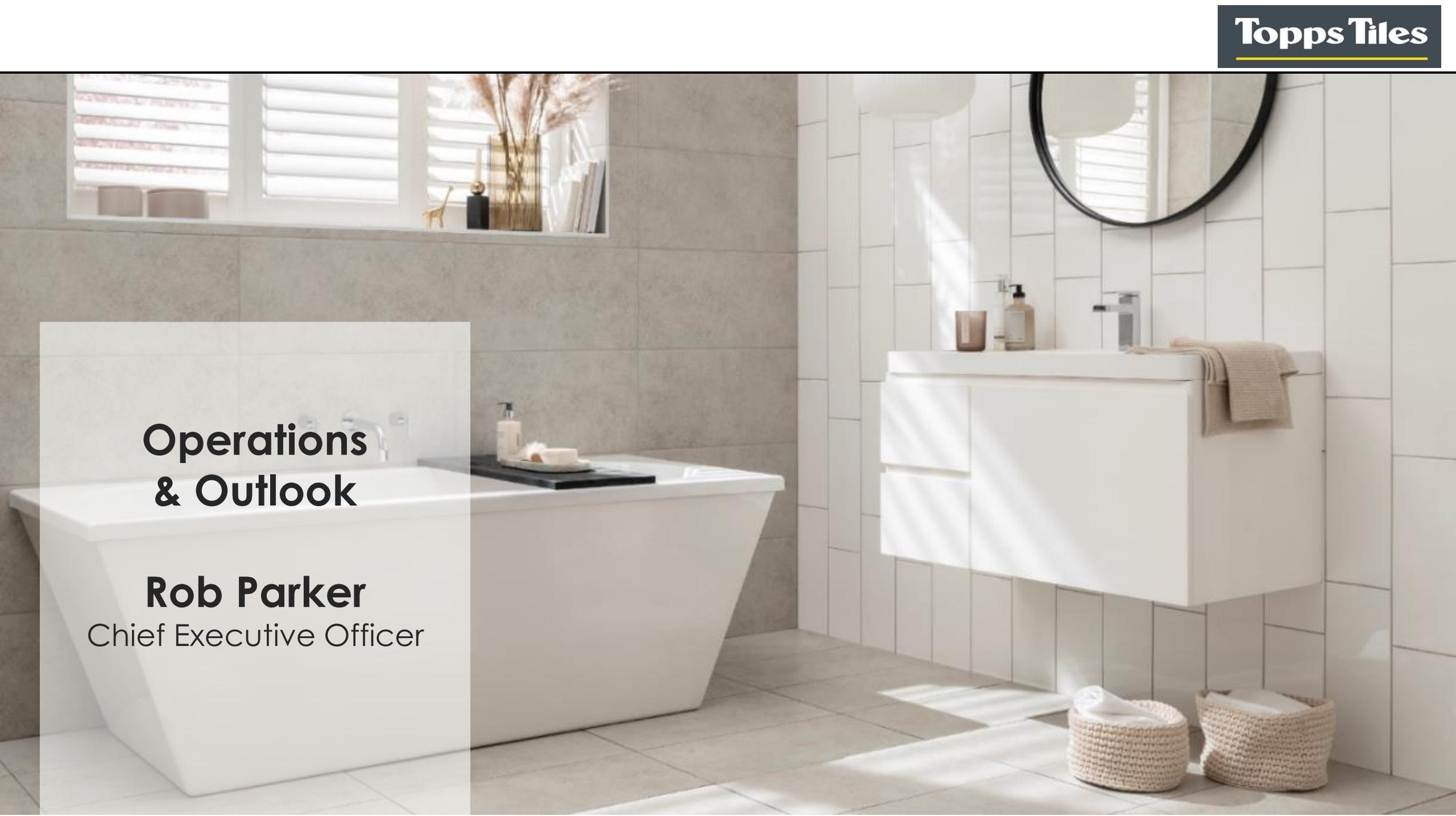
- Gross margin – c 59%-60% – dilutive impact as commercial grows and continued investment in value
- Adjusted opex – c £115m - £116m (including Commercial, pre-IFRS16)
- Interest (pre IFRS 16) – non-utilisation charge on £39m RCF of c £0.5m
- Net business as usual IFRS 16 impact immaterial however c £3m switch between opex and interest

Cash flow

- Capex – £5m - £6m including core investment plans and continued investment in LED lighting
- Working capital outflows due to VAT repayment (£6m), 53rd week (£7m) and normalisation of Q4 creditors (estimate £4m - £6m)

General

- Store optimisation programme to continue
- Board keen to reinstate dividend policy as soon as possible subject to delivering positive adjusted EPS



**Operations
& Outlook**

Rob Parker
Chief Executive Officer

Group strategy - serving a broader customer base



Core purpose - to inspire customers through our love of tiles



- A key source of competitive advantage – we are experts in ranging, sourcing and procurement of tiles
- Global sourcing base – innovation, quality and exclusivity
- Strength of supply chain – strategic partners account for 80% of retail purchases
- 87% of our retail tile range own brand or exclusive
- 32 new ranges launched this year with 35% of these design-led by us in collaboration with partners
- A further 11 ranges launched to support our 'Get the Look for Less' initiative
- Tile technology creating new growth opportunities – 20mm porcelain now an alternative to traditional paving and tiles replacing shower trays (Aquabase)
- Commercial business – access to 8,000 products through global relations with 2/3 of purchases through strategic suppliers
- Technical authority increasingly important and especially in Commercial market – in-house capability

Hero Range – Matrix® Collection

- Small format coloured ceramic wall tiles accompanied by perfectly matching trims and grouts
- 23 colours available in two sizes and two finishes
- Colours developed in collaboration with a leading colourist and built on customer insight
- Broad appeal to both Retail and Commercial channels
- Co-ordinate or mix and match colours to create striking design statements
- Launched Autumn 20



Leading People

- High levels of engagement are key to delivering world class customer service
- Voted top 10 UK employer (Glassdoor Dec 2019)
- Named a top 5 retailer for our handling of CV19 crisis by Retail Week and Glassdoor
- Strong wellbeing agenda – push into mental health awareness this year with ‘Time to Talk’ initiative and programme to training mental health first aiders
- Internal progression key – 35% of vacancies filled internally
- Colleague turnover of 28.8% (PY 36.8%)
- Apprenticeship schemes allow us to deploy apprentice levy into people development across the business (levels 3 to 6)





SEQUEL VIBE

Recycled Content  98%

- 'Sustainability Council' created to drive focus
- University of East Anglia engaged to research business environmental impact. Focus on production, customer messaging and operations.
- Summary of key business activities:
 - Product – new range launched with 98% recycled content
 - Transport – now insourced giving us greater control
 - Supply chain – suppliers sign up to a Responsible Sourcing Code – focus on behaviour and ethics
 - Recycling – 84% of tile waste is recycled, tile brochure now digital only
 - Stores – LED lighting being rolled out to all stores

Topps Tiles

Retail

CUSTOMER ENTRANCE

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MONDAY	7.00-6.00
TUESDAY	7.00-6.00
WEDNESDAY	7.00-6.00
THURSDAY	7.00-6.00
FRIDAY	7.00-6.00
SATURDAY	8.00-6.00
SUNDAY	10.00-5.00
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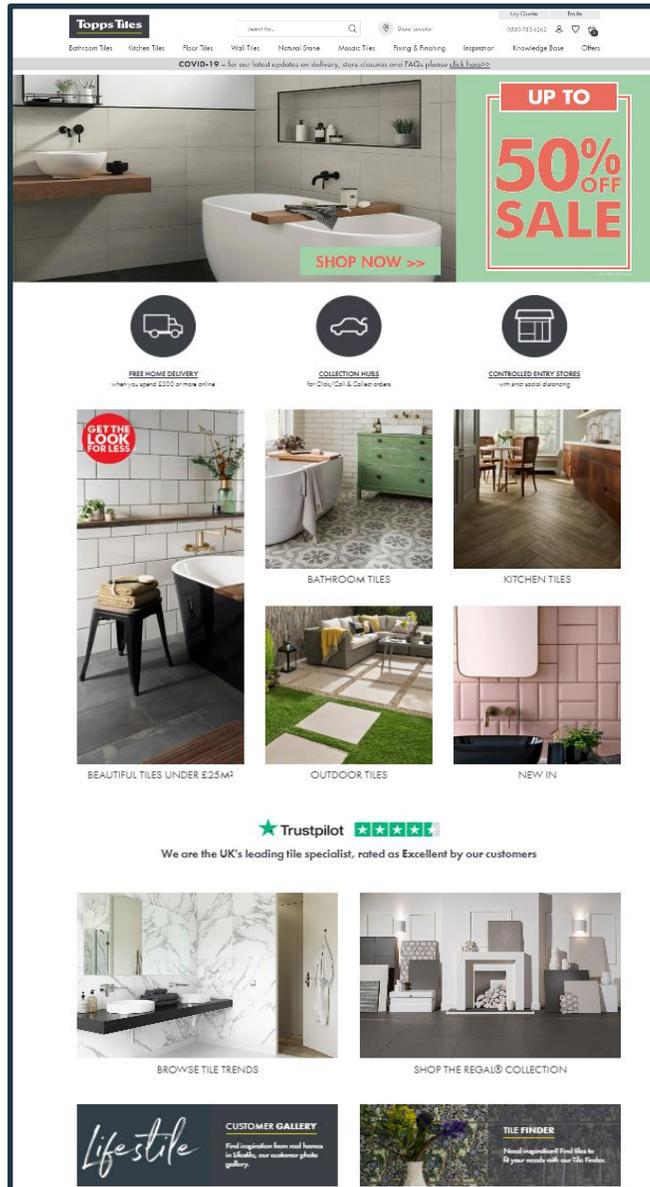
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Great Experience - Digital



- Brand new trade and retail websites launched in October 2019 built on Magento – the world’s leading retail ecommerce platform
- New website fully integrated with our internal systems ensuring genuine omni-channel capabilities for the customer and colleagues
- Online revenue trebled during lockdown and remains in strong year on year growth
- Sample service remains key for engagement and lead generation - free cut sample service launched (available online and in store)
- Social media vital to brand appraisal - especially visual platforms like Pinterest and Instagram
- Digital trade activity in strong growth
- Web traffic numbers in significant growth year on year

Great Experience – Stores

- In store experience is crucial – world class shopping experience supported by 88.5% overall satisfaction rating (5* reviews)
- Two distinct but related customer groups served through common space – fitters and homeowners
- Fitters account for 55% of sales, 97,000 registered traders - relationships, loyalty scheme and locational convenience are key
- Omni-channel model key to homeowner – service, inspiration and convenience crucial
- Fitters often provide recommendation to homeowner – hence serving both customers a major strength
- Portfolio of 342 stores provides competitive advantage
- Opportunity to enhance financial returns through modest closure programme – net 20 closures delivered in FY20
- Flexibility in portfolio is a strength - average unexpired lease term of 3.4 years



- 'Value' opportunity - coverings and essentials
- 'Get The Look For Less' rebranded and relaunched – encompasses our lower priced ranges – easy navigation for colleagues and customers
- 16 new products added across 11 ranges – enhancing our competitive position and widening our appeal to a broader range of customers
- 'Essential' accessory items reviewed and prices reduced – 60 lines reduced by an average of 20%
- Trade pricing reviewed through 'bulk deals' – further discounts for volume – 5+ items
- Strong promo message crucial to value perception – half price/50% off

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Commercial

PARKSIDE

ARCHITECTURAL TILES

strata
tiles



Commercial Strategic Rationale

- Strategy of 'disrupt and construct' with an ambition to lead the market – est. £25m of sales
- Commercial market is approximately the same size as domestic - entry doubles our addressable market whilst maintaining our specialism in tiles
- Group tile expertise, supplier relationships and scale are key sources of competitive advantage
- Commercial operation started in August 2017 with acquisition of Parkside – specialism in casual dining and hospitality
- Strata acquired April 2019 – specialism in retail and transport hubs
- Participation provides insights into tile trends and new technology through close relationships with designers and architects
- #1 ambition remains - Commercial is a key part of growth strategy and market share goal



Performance and Strategic Progress



- Sales of £7.5m, +53% YoY (including benefit from acquiring Strata in PY)
- Progress over H1 was strong – growth of 246% YoY
- CV19 disruption in H2 significant – sales down 18%
- Trading loss of £1.9m, FY21 a further trading loss expected as the construction sector recovers post CV19
- Strata sales support integrated into Parkside central team – separate brand and sales team remains
- Team of 25 industry specialist salespeople
- Digital interaction critical to success – architects and designers access services digitally and more home working
- Commercial market has many varied sectors - flexibility to focus on more attractive sectors during current period is a strength

Working with well known brands



- **Summary**

- New market share goal – ‘1 in 5 by 2025’
- Focus on serving a broader customer base – currently through enhancing value credentials in Retail and growth of Commercial business
- Balance sheet transformed - £26m net cash position at year end

- **Current trading and Outlook**

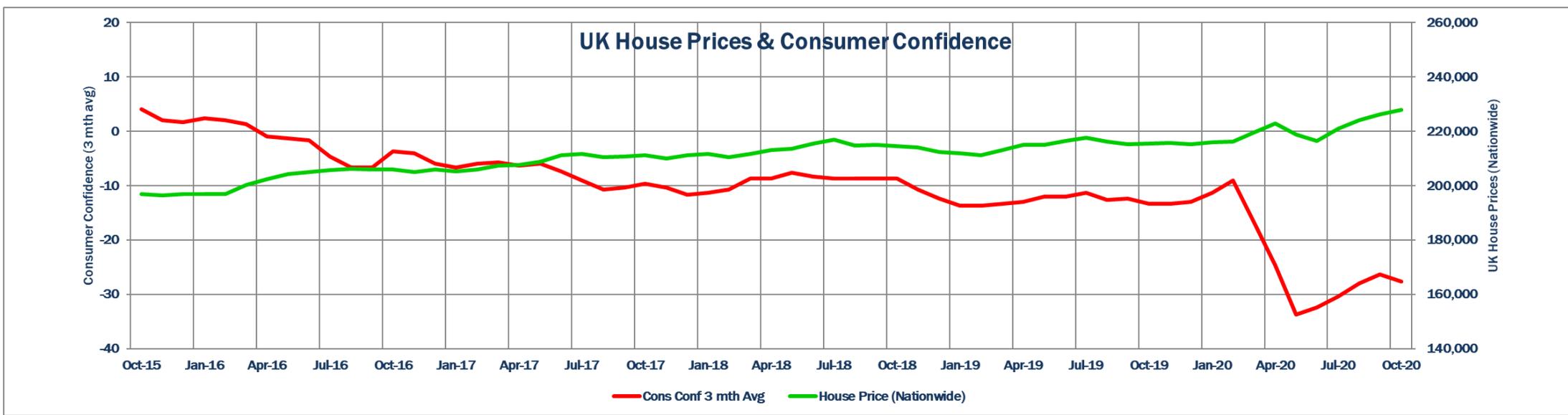
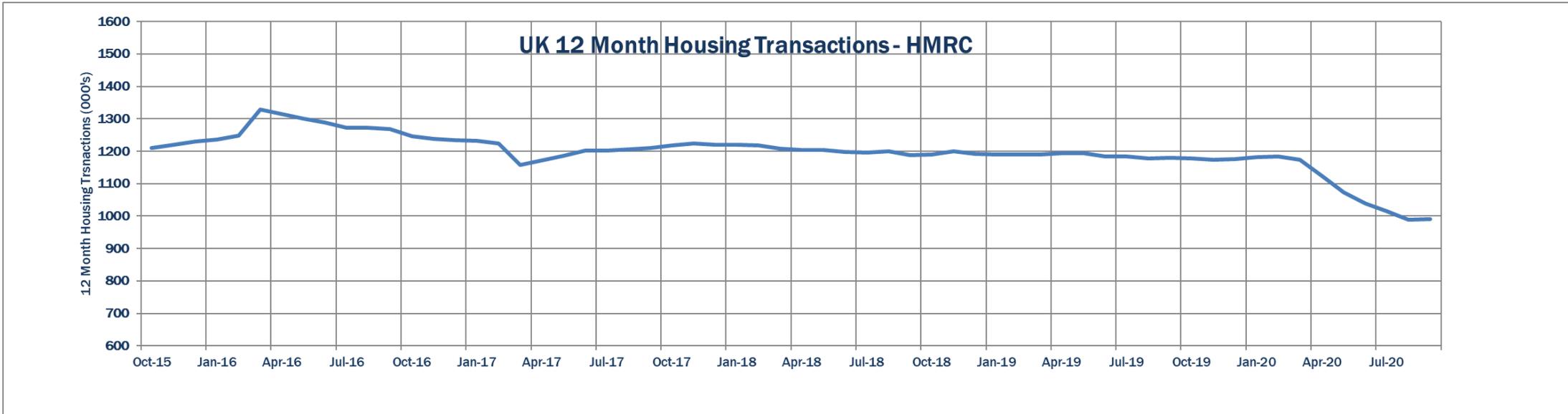
- New financial year has begun strongly – Retail LFL sales up 19.6% in first eight weeks
- Omni-channel offer, specialist credentials and strong financial base = competitive advantage
- Well-positioned for growth as the UK economy recovers
- Board keen to return to dividend policy, subject to delivering positive adjusted EPS

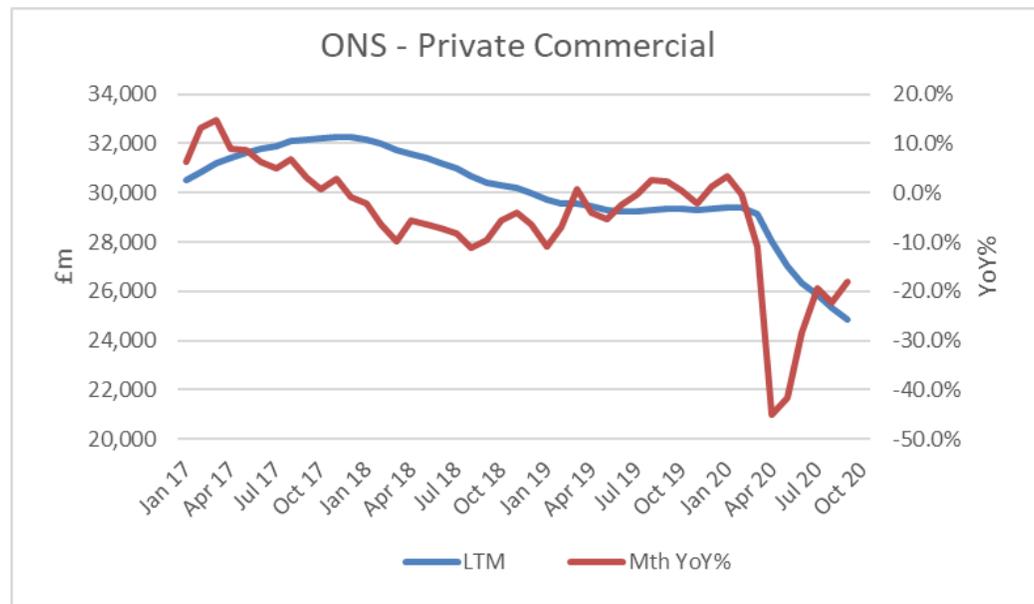
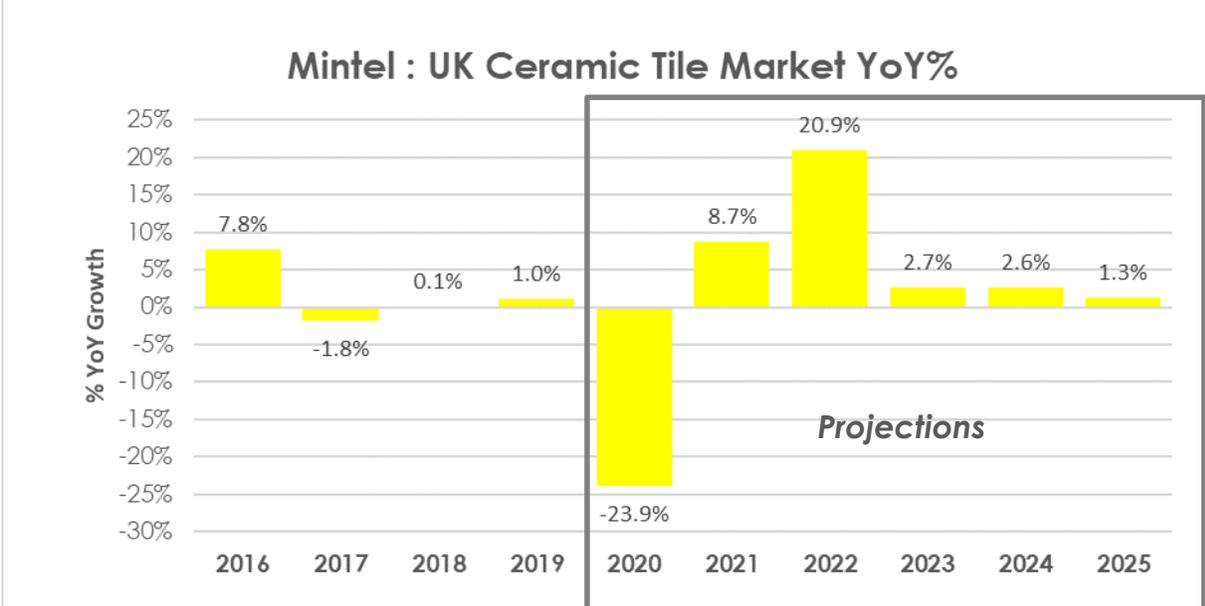
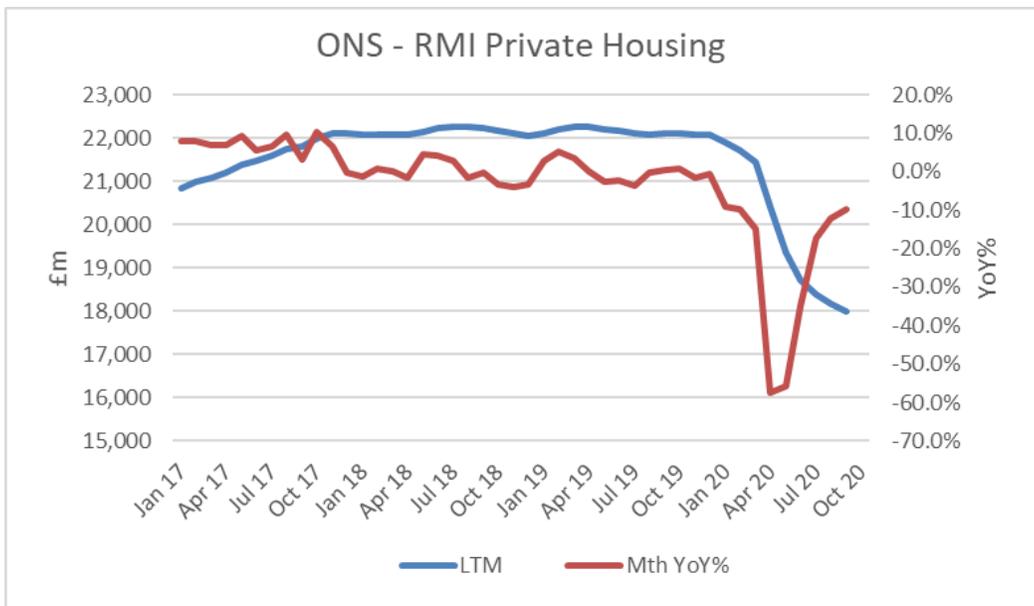
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Q&A

Appendix





Insights

- Private RMI declined by 49.4% over Q3 and declined by 13.0% over Q4. Decline of 18.6% over 12 months to September.
- Private commercial declined by 38.4% over Q3 and declined by 19.9% over Q4. Decline of 15.4% over 12 months to September.
- UK tile market projected to decline by 24% in 2020 and recover to 2019 level by 2022.

Cash Flow Highlights (Pre-IFRS 16)

52 weeks ended 26 September 2020

	FY 20 (pre-IFRS 16)		FY 19		YoY	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Cash flows generated by operations before WC	10.4		21.6		(11.2)	
Change in working capital	21.5		4.6		16.9	
Interest	(0.9)		(0.9)		-	
Tax	(1.0)		(3.4)		2.4	
Operations		30.0		21.9		8.1
Capital expenditure	(6.7)		(7.8)		1.1	
Sale proceeds & other investments	18.5		(2.6)		21.1	
Investments		11.8		(10.4)		22.2
Free cash flow		41.8		11.5		30.3
Dividends	(4.5)		(6.6)		+2.1	
Reduction/(increase) in net cash		37.3		4.9		32.4

- Free cash flow was a £41.8m inflow on a pre-IFRS 16 basis
- Key drivers for the £37.3m improvement in net cash were:
 - £18.5m disposals including sale and leaseback of warehouse & head office freeholds
 - Working capital movements incl c. £8m working capital impact of stronger trading in Q4, £6m deferred VAT payments, lower stock, hol pay accrual
 - Reduced capital expenditure, lower tax and dividend payments

- Adopted by the Group as at 29 September 2019 using the 'modified retrospective approach'
 - Comparatives not restated
 - Cumulative impact of new standard recognised in retained earnings
- No economic impact and does not impact the cash flows of the Group
- One off impact of (£7.6m) on sale and leaseback accounting and impairment of closure programme stores
- BAU impact of £0.4m however c £3m movement between operating costs and finance costs vs IAS17

Impact on profit

52 weeks ended 26 September 2020

	Presented under IAS 17 £m	Impact of IFRS 16 £m	Presented under IFRS 16 £m
Group revenue	192.8	-	192.8
Cost of sales	(80.0)	-	(80.0)
Gross profit	112.8	-	112.8
Operating costs	(114.6)	(4.2)	(118.8)
Group operating loss	(1.8)	(4.2)	(6.0)
Net finance costs	(0.8)	(3.0)	(3.8)
Loss before taxation	(2.6)	(7.2)	(9.8)

Impact on cash flow

52 weeks ended 26 September 2020

	Presented under IAS 17 £m	Impact of IFRS 16 £m	Presented under IFRS 16 £m
Net cash from operating activities	30.0	21.0	51.0
Net cash from investing activities	11.8	0.4	12.2
Net cash used in financing activities	(29.5)	(21.4)	(50.9)
Cash flow	12.3	-	12.3

Balance Sheet Highlights (Statutory – post IFRS 16)

26 September 2020

	FY 2020	FY 2019	YoY	FY 2020 (pre-IFRS 16)
Goodwill/Intangibles - £m	0.9	5.8	(4.9)	0.9
Freehold Property - £m*	3.1	13.8	(10.7)	3.1
Fixed Assets - £m	25.8	34.4	(8.6)	26.1
Right-of-use & Sub Let Assets - £m	109.9	-	+109.9	-
Inventory - £m	29.3	30.9	(1.6)	29.3
Trade & other receivables/payables - £m	(54.9)	(35.2)	(19.7)	(55.2)
Borrowings - £m	(5.0)	(30.0)	+25.0	(5.0)
Lease liabilities - £m	(124.2)	-	(124.2)	-
Cash - £m	31.0	18.7	+12.3	31.0
Net Cash / Debt - £m (pre-IFRS 16)	26.0	(11.3)	+37.3	26.0
Net Assets - £m	14.1	30.2	(16.1)	23.9

- Goodwill and intangibles reduction relates to impairment of commercial assets recognising prudent market view
- The Group holds five freehold properties with a book value of £3.1m, having sold the Grove Park Warehouse and Head Office site on a sale and leaseback deal during the year (gross sale price £18.1m)
- Fixed assets reduction relates to assets connected to the warehouse and head office sale as well as 20 fewer stores vs year end and impairment due to closures
- Right-of-use assets of £106.3m, Sub Lease asset £3.6m, Deferred Tax asset £1.4m, brought on balance sheet due IFRS 16
- Inventory decrease in YoY with focus on stock reduction in Q3 to protect liquidity. Inventory days at 134 days (2019: 134)
- Lease liabilities of £124.2m brought on balance sheet from the implementation of IFRS 16
- Net debt position turned into a £26m net cash position - an improvement of £37.3m YoY

* Note: Freehold property includes two properties categorised as 'Assets classified as held for sale' at the year end