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## **HALF YEAR RESULTS 30 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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# Good momentum in first half




## Revenue\* (excluding disposals)

**£192.8m**  6.5%

HY18: £181.0m

## EBITDA\*\*

**£37.0m**  9.5%

HY18: £33.8m

## PBT\*\*

**£13.4m**  24.1%


HY18 : £10.8m

## Dividend

**0.60p**  20.0%

HY18: 0.50p

## Hire fleet

**£212.0m**  8.4%

HY18: £195.6m

## Asset utilisation (UK & Ireland)

**56.2%**  2.7%

HY18: 54.7%

## ROCE\*\* (rolling 12 months)

**12.3%**  30.9%

HY18: 9.4%

## Net debt

**£62.7m**  0.6%

HY18: £63.1m

\* Comparatives restated for IFRS 15  
\*\* Before amortisation and exceptional items



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## Financial update

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# Group revenue and profit



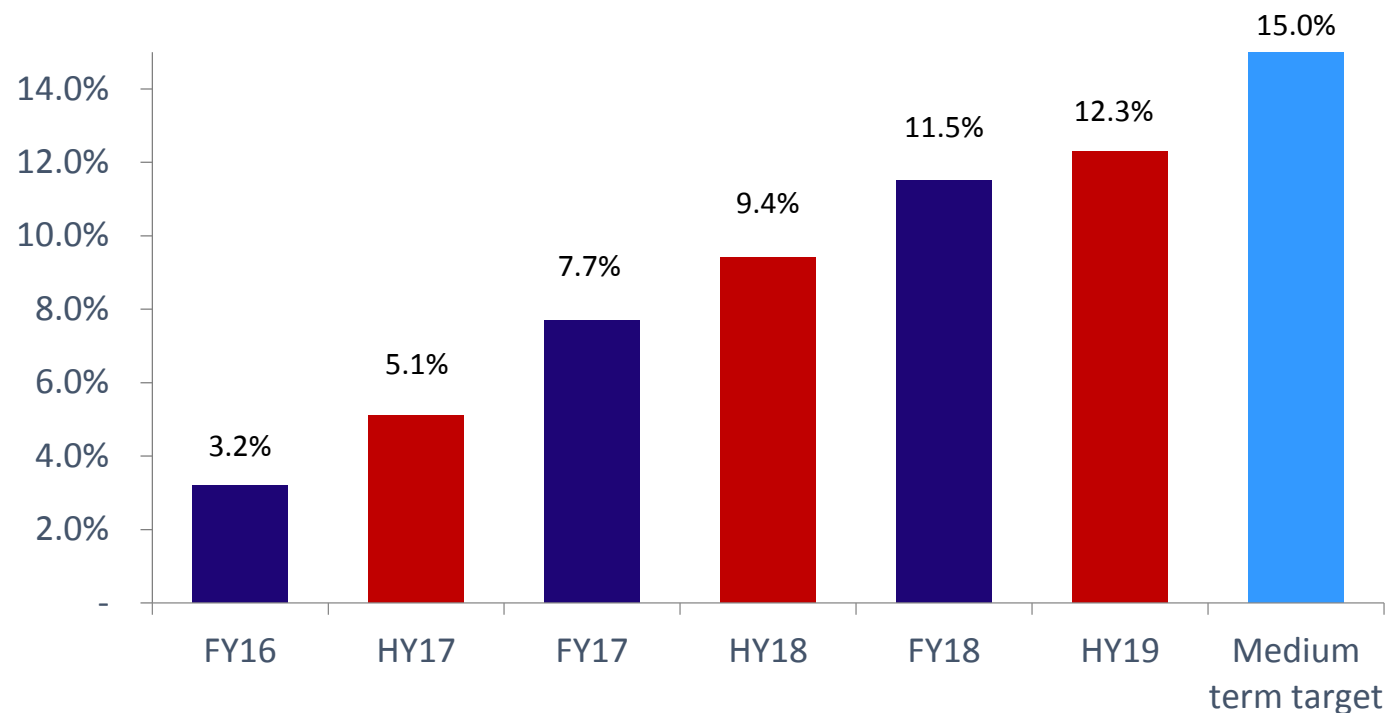
	<b>HY 2019 £m</b>	HY 2018 £m	Change %	FY 2018 £m
Revenue*	<b>194.6</b>	183.6	6.0%	373.0
Revenue* (excluding disposals)	<b>192.8</b>	181.0	6.5%	367.2
Gross margin*	<b>54.5%</b>	54.5%		54.9%
EBITDA**	<b>37.0</b>	33.8	9.5%	73.0
PBT**	<b>13.4</b>	10.8	24.1%	25.9

- Revenue up 6.0%:
  - Up 6.5% excluding disposals, primarily due to acquisitions
  - Up 2.0% like for like excluding disposals, primarily due to services growth
- Profit before tax\*\* up 24.1%:
  - Gross margin stable overall
  - Overheads flat year on year, excluding acquisitions
- No exceptional items in the period (HY18: £4.7m)
- Adjusted tax rate 20.1% (HY18: 20.4%)
- IFRS 15 limited impact
- IFRS 16 preparatory work underway

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# Group ROCE\* – continued momentum

(rolling 12 months)



- Future actions:
  - Revenue growth
    - Hire
    - Services
  - Operational efficiency
  - Asset optimisation
  - Acquisitions



# Segmental analysis – UK and Ireland



	<b>HY 2019 £m</b>	<b>HY 2018 £m</b>	<b>Change %</b>	<b>FY 2018 £m</b>
Revenue*				
Hire	<b>115.5</b>	109.3	5.7%	220.6
Services	<b>59.9</b>	57.6	4.0%	118.0
Disposals	<b>1.8</b>	2.6	(30.8)%	5.8
	<b>177.2</b>	169.5	4.5%	344.4
Gross margin*				
Hire	<b>76.5%</b>	76.7%		76.8%
Services	<b>22.0%</b>	22.7%		23.4%
Disposals	<b>(8.3)%</b>	(17.3)%		2.1%
	<b>57.2%</b>	56.9%		57.2%
EBITDA**	<b>35.3</b>	32.9	7.3%	70.8
EBITA**	<b>14.0</b>	13.1	6.9%	30.2

- Revenue (excluding disposals) increased 5.1%
- LFL hire revenues up 0.5%. SME revenue growth >20%, offsetting lost Carillion revenue
- Customer mix and utilisation improved hire gross margin, offset by product mix
- Services gross margin reduced due to product mix
- Excluding acquisitions, overheads in line with HY18
- EBITDA\*\* and EBITA\*\* margins increased to 19.9% and 7.9% respectively (HY18: 19.4% and 7.7%)

# Segmental analysis – International



	<b>HY 2019 £m</b>	<b>HY 2018 £m</b>	<b>Change %</b>	<b>FY 2018 £m</b>
Revenue				
Hire	<b>3.9</b>	4.2	(7.1)%	7.9
Services	<b>13.5</b>	9.9	36.4%	20.7
	<b>17.4</b>	14.1	23.4%	28.6
<i>Gross margin</i>				
Hire	<b>62.9%</b>	60.9%		59.6%
Services	<b>17.1%</b>	11.2%		13.4%
	<b>27.5%</b>	26.1%		26.2%
EBITDA*	<b>4.0</b>	3.1	29.0%	6.4
EBITA*	<b>2.9</b>	1.8	61.1%	4.0

- Revenue growth 30.5% on constant currency basis
- Services benefitted from growth in rehire
- Minimal capital investment ahead of a major contract review in FY20
- People costs increased to support business growth
- Continued year on year improvement in EBITA\* which grew 61.1%

# Group balance sheet



	30 Sep 2018 £m	30 Sep 2017 £m	31 Mar 2018 £m
Intangibles and joint ventures	<b>16.3</b>	9.2	15.1
Property, plant and equipment	<b>245.4</b>	232.0	239.5
Inventories	<b>8.2</b>	7.3	7.9
Trade and other receivables	<b>101.9</b>	96.6	99.7
Trade and other payables	<b>(94.7)</b>	(80.3)	(83.7)
Other	<b>(11.9)</b>	(12.0)	(11.3)
Net debt	<b>(62.7)</b>	(63.1)	(69.4)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>202.5</b>	189.7	197.8

- Hire fleet £212.0m (£15.1m from powered access acquisitions) (HY18: £195.6m)
- Average age of fleet reduced to 3.6 years (HY18: 4.2 years)
- Debtor days 68 (HY18: 68); creditor days 103 (HY18: 103)
- £6.7m reduction in net debt since 31 March 2018; £21.3m spent on acquisitions in November 2017



# Group cash flow – strong cash generation



	HY 2019 £m	HY 2018 £m	FY 2018 £m
<b>Adjusted operating profit</b>	<b>14.2</b>	12.3	29.2
Depreciation	<b>22.8</b>	21.5	43.8
<b>EBITDA*</b>	<b>37.0</b>	33.8	73.0
Exceptional items	-	(4.7)	(7.2)
(Profit)/ loss on disposal	<b>(0.3)</b>	0.7	(0.7)
Working capital	<b>6.4</b>	(2.6)	(3.0)
Movement in provisions	<b>(0.5)</b>	2.4	1.1
Share-based payments	<b>0.8</b>	0.6	1.2
Purchase of hire fleet	<b>(30.3)</b>	(25.4)	(44.8)
Proceeds from sale of hire fleet	<b>6.3</b>	9.0	17.6
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>19.4</b>	13.8	37.2

- Depreciation charge included £1.0m relating to powered access acquisitions
- No exceptional items in the period
- Purchase of hire fleet in HY19 predominantly powered access, generators, tools and lighting
- Growth capex £11.9m

# Group net debt reconciliation



	<b>HY 2019 £m</b>	<b>HY 2018 £m</b>	<b>FY 2018 £m</b>
<b>Net debt at start of period</b>	<b>(69.4)</b>	(71.4)	(71.4)
Cash from operations	<b>19.4</b>	13.8	37.2
Interest paid	<b>(1.5)</b>	(1.8)	(4.7)
Tax received/(paid)	<b>(1.6)</b>	1.4	(1.6)
Non-fleet capex	<b>(2.9)</b>	(2.4)	(3.4)
Acquisitions (excluding net debt assumed)	<b>(0.3)</b>	-	(10.7)
Dividends	<b>(6.0)</b>	(3.5)	(6.1)
Finance lease payments	<b>(0.1)</b>	(0.2)	(8.5)
Other	<b>(0.3)</b>	1.0	(0.2)
<b>Net debt at end of period</b>	<b>(62.7)</b>	(63.1)	(69.4)

- Average interest margin 1.80% (HY18: 2.27%). FY18 interest paid included exceptional charge and refinance fees
- Tax received in HY18 included a repayment of £3.5m for prior year refunds
- Net debt: EBITDA\* 0.82x (HY18: 0.95x)
- Significant available facilities:
  - £180m (£84.2m undrawn)
  - £220m accordion
- No defined benefit pension schemes





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## Strategy and business update

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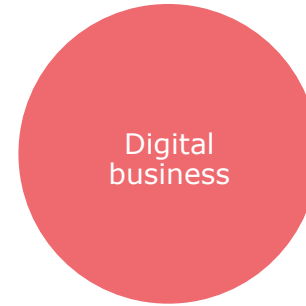


# Operational highlights

- Strong growth in SME customer numbers and revenues
- UK and Ireland asset utilisation improved to 56.2% (2017: 54.7%)
- Asset optimisation trials being rolled out
- Fleet age reduced to 3.6 years (2017: 4.2 years) through targeted investment
- Customer service delivery promise strengthened in London
- Digital strategy gaining momentum
- Services revenues increased by 8.7%



# Key strategic priorities



- Grow market share with SME customers
- Differentiate through excellent service delivery
- Cross sell to grow specialist businesses
- Further improve operational efficiency
- Become a fully digital business
- Value enhancing acquisitions

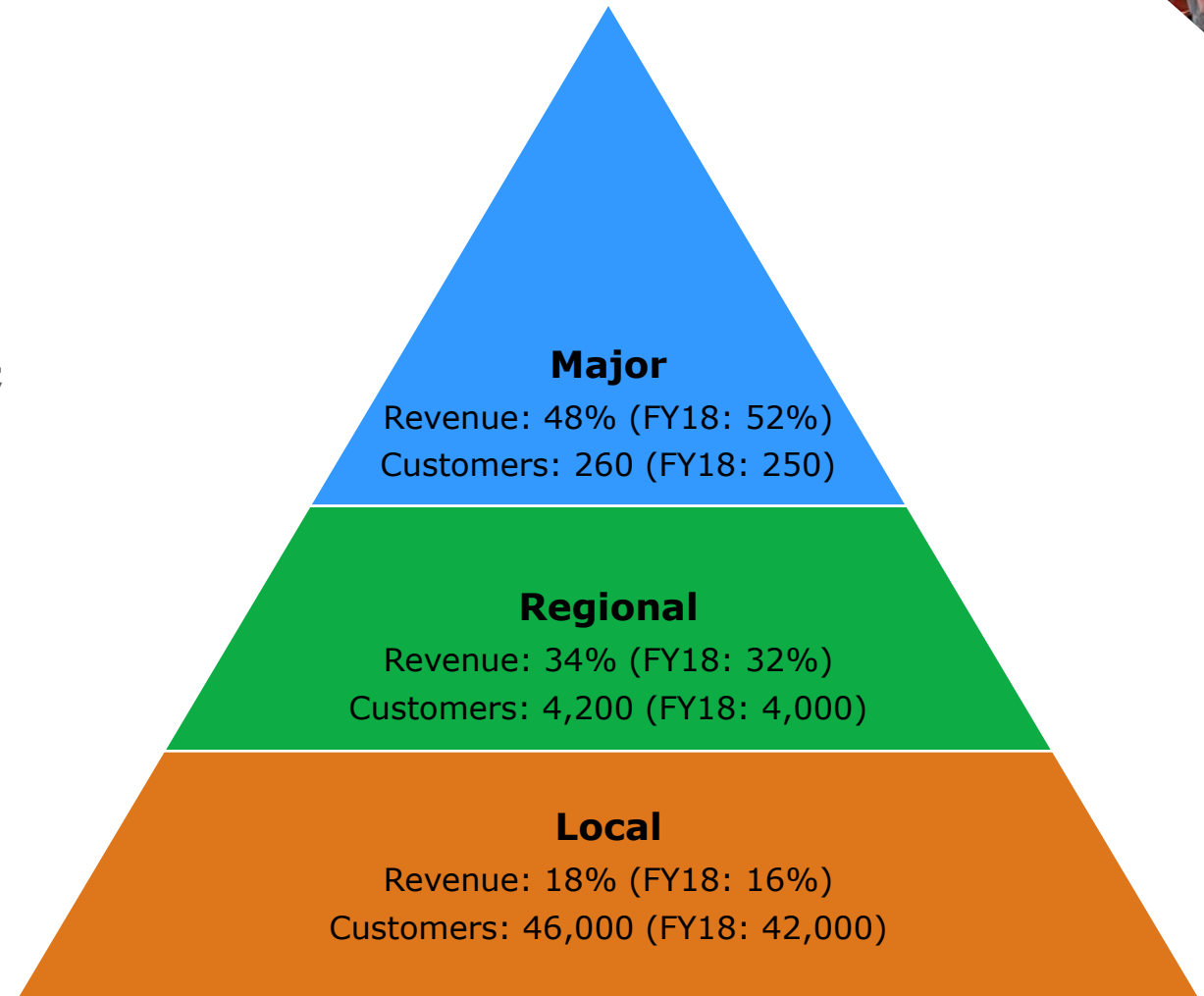




## Grow market share with SME customers



- Strong growth in SME revenues, replacing Carillion revenue
- Telemarketing centre set up in Newport with 30 staff; proactive engagement with SME customers
- Greater use of marketing and promotions to increase SME customer engagement
- Appointment of digital market agency to target CRO, SEO, PPC and enhance social media presence
- Business development activity increasing with new recruitment



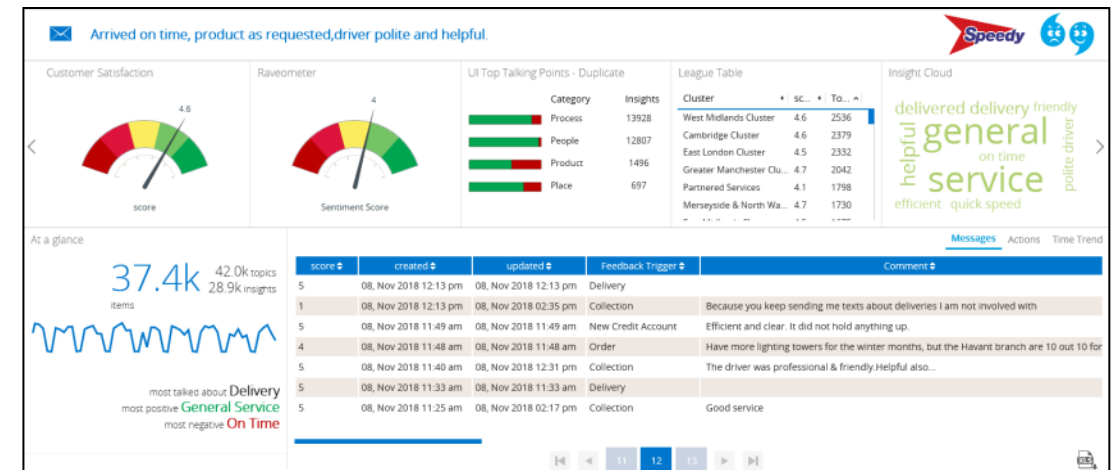


Service  
delivery

# Differentiate through excellent service delivery

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- Capital commitment same day service promise introduced nationwide on 1 May; no service delivery failures to date
- Same day delivery promise strengthened on 1 November to include further assets and four hour delivery window in London
- Customer surveys now fully embedded in the business
- Improved reporting identifying trend analysis and root causes
- Surveys to be expanded to include internal service metrics



Cross  
selling

# Cross sell to grow specialist businesses



- Services revenues up by 8.7% following restructuring in 2017 and increased marketing activities
- Testing Inspection and Certification (Lloyds British):
  - Strong pipeline of opportunities
  - Recruitment a key challenge
- Product and consumable sales:
  - Strong growth in consumables revenues
  - Fuel managed service offering improving profitability
- Training:
  - Facilities available in larger superstores; utilisation rates improving
  - Range of courses on offer under review



Operational  
efficiency

# Operational efficiency

- ROCE up to 12.3%; target 15%
- Asset optimisation programme continuing using AI; capex targeted to high returning assets, disposal of non utilised assets
- Asset replenishment programme and logistics capabilities under review
- Damage charging process simplified
- Product lines rationalised; majority of FY19 investment in 500 products

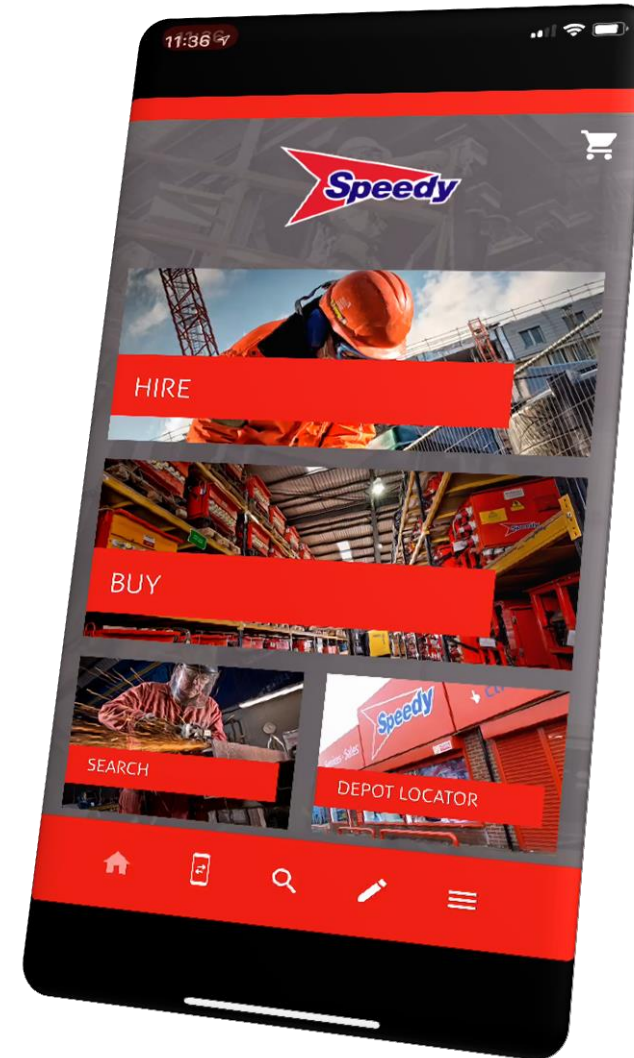




Digital  
business

# Digital business

- Speedy mobile App now live:
  - On hire
  - Off hire
- Top 50 products available for click and reserve
- AI and ML informing management decision making
- East London trial expanded to further depots
- Major customers mandating use of the App
- Continue to drive cultural change
- Data quality improvements underway



# Value enhancing acquisitions



- Leverage target c.1.5x pro forma EBITDA
- Leverage currently 0.82x
- Significant headroom for acquisitions / organic growth
- Further acquisitions of hire businesses in specialist areas
- Services acquisitions to increase brand presence, on line offering and technical capabilities
- Two powered access acquisitions completed November 2017; now integrated into the Speedy structure; organic growth strategy underway



# Summary and outlook



- Strong first half performance; significant improvement in Group profitability
- Asset utilisation increased to 56.2% from 54.7%
- Strong growth in SME customer numbers and revenues offsetting Carillion revenue
- Good progress on digital strategy through use of mobile App and AI / ML
- Improved customer service proposition; four hour delivery promise now live in London
- Confident of delivering full year results in line with our expectations



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