

## **Highlights**

- Resilient performance; well positioned as activity recovers
  - Swift and decisive action taken to respond to COVID-19
  - Further contract renewals and market share gains
  - Strong balance sheet and cash generation; significant facility headroom
  - Continued strategic and operational progress
    - Embedding ESG into our business
    - Increasing proportion of transactions undertaken digitally
- Current trading and outlook
  - October hire revenue c.3.5% below prior year
  - No significant impact from lockdown 2 to date
  - October 31 utilisation increased to 60.2% (2019: 57.9%)
  - Assuming current trading continues the Board intends to pay a dividend for the full year
  - Full year results expected to be towards the top end of analysts' expectations











# Resilient performance, well positioned as activity recovers

Group financial highlights	НҮ	HY	
	2021	2020	Change
	£m	£m	%
Revenue (pre-disposals)	162.3	204.2	(20.5)
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	41.0	52.7	(22.2)
PBT <sup>1</sup>	5.9	16.4	(64.0)
Net debt	57.8	85.1	(32.1)
Leverage	0.9x	1.1x	
ROCE	8.6%	12.2%	(3.6) <sub>pp</sub>
EPS (pence per share)	0.88	2.56	(65.6)
Dividend (pence per share)	0.00	0.70	(100.0)

- Financial performance significantly impacted by reduced activity levels from COVID-19 pandemic
- Decisive action to protect customers and colleagues while maintaining trading
- Focus on cash preservation resulted in net debt reducing during H1
- Leverage below Board's target level with significant headroom
- Dividend policy remains unchanged



<sup>1</sup> Before amortisation and exceptional items



		HY 2021 £m	HY 2020 £m	Change %
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Revenue				
	Hire	91.4	116.5	(21.5)
	Services	54.2	70.0	(22.7)
	Disposals	1.5	1.5	-
		147.1	188.0	(21.8)
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Gross margin	LUma	750/	770/	(2.2)
	Hire	75%	77%	(2.2)pp
	Services	23%	27%	(4.3) <sub>pp</sub>
	Disposals	20%	19%	(2.0)
		55%	58%	(2.8) <sub>pp</sub>
Gross prof	it	81.0	108.5	(25.3)
Overheads	1	(72.2)	(90.1)	(19.9)
EBITA <sup>1</sup>		8.8	18.4	(52.2)
Headcount	(No.)	3,173	3,447	(7.9)



#### Revenue

- Hire revenue on an improving trend throughout H1 following initial c.40% fall in April, recovered to c.-7% in September, c.-3.5% in October
- Strong performance from the rehire, testing and consumables businesses, reacting quickly to changing customer demands

#### Margin

 Reduced capex spend and tight control of other direct costs partly mitigated revenue shortfall

#### **Overheads**

 Cost base reduced with action taken to manage property costs, reduce discretionary spend, and furlough/redundancy of staff

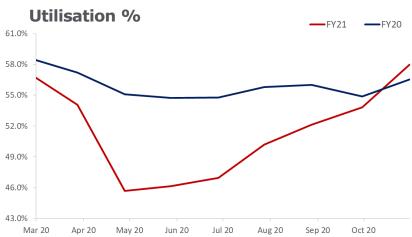


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# A resilient performance underpinned by continued recovery in hire<sup>1</sup>

Optimising asset utilisation using artificial intelligence





#### **UK and Ireland hire revenue**

- Robust recovery in YoY hire revenue from low of c.-40% in April to c.-3.5% in October
- Revenue from major customers has returned to almost prior year levels
- SME customers returned to year on year growth in September

#### **UK and Ireland asset utilisation**

- Asset utilisation on 31 October 60.2% (Oct-19: 57.9%)
- Artificial intelligence used to optimise asset utilisation
- Digital dashboards in place to monitor asset and logistic efficiencies







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### **International division**

		HY 2021 £m	HY 2020 £m	Change %
Revenue				
	Hire Services	3.8 12.9	3.9 13.8	(2.6) (6.5)
	Disposals	16.7	17.7	(5.6)
Gross margin				
	Hire Services Disposals	49% 18%	58% 21%	(9.3) <sub>pp</sub> (3.2) <sub>pp</sub>
		25%	29%	(4.0)pp
Gross prof	it	4.2	5.1	(17.6)
Overheads	1	(2.4)	(2.6)	(7.7)
EBITA <sup>1</sup>		1.8	2.5	(28.0)
Share of J\	/	0.6	1.5	(60.0)
Headcount	(No.)	583	623	(6.4)

- Contract extension with principal customer confirmed through to February 2021, with ongoing discussions over future opportunities
- Revenue and gross profit reflect renegotiated commercial terms with principal customer and the impact from COVID-19 pandemic
- JV performance impacted by reduced shutdown activity and disruption caused by COVID-19 pandemic



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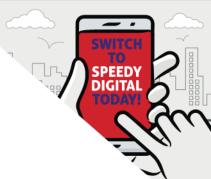
# Well placed to continue to pursue financial and strategic objectives



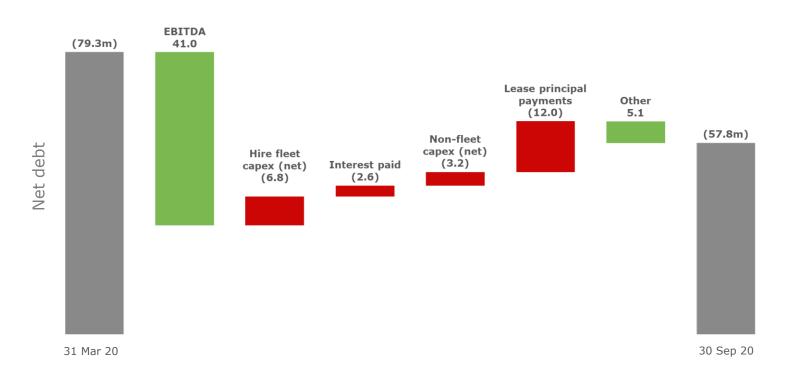
Balance sheet	30 Sep 2020 £m	31 Mar 2020 £m	
Intangibles and joint ventures	29.4	30.4	<ul> <li>Hire fleet decreased by £15.1m since year end, reflecting reduced capital expenditure</li> </ul>
Hire fleet	212.0	227.1	<ul> <li>Conservative hire fleet capital expenditure of</li> </ul>
Other fixed assets	27.6	30.5	£7.2m (HY20: £27.4m)
Right of use assets	58.9	64.7	<ul> <li>Average fleet age of 3.9 years (3.4 years at Mar-20)</li> </ul>
Net working capital	(4.1)	(2.0)	<ul> <li>Debtor days 67.2 (HY20: 68.2), cash</li> </ul>
Trade and other receivables	95.4	102.3	collections have remained strong throughout H1
Trade and other payables	(84.5)	(90.9)	• ROCE fell to 8.6% (HY20: 12.2%)
Lease liabilities	(66.8)	(72.9)	
Net debt <sup>1</sup>	(57.8)	(79.3)	
Net assets	210.1	209.9	1 Excluding impact of IFRS 16



# Conservative net debt with significant facility headroom



Net debt and financing



- Net debt reduced by £21.5m since year end following decisive action to preserve cash
- Tight control over discretionary spend and capex, leveraging historic low age of fleet and in house repair capabilities
- Significant facility availability and cash of £110.7m (Mar-20: £99.0m)
- Leverage<sup>1</sup> reduced to 0.9x (Mar-20: 1.0x)
- We continue to explore value enhancing acquisitions and organic growth opportunities

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## **Continuing strategic progress**

- Prompt and decisive action taken to reduce costs and preserve cash during COVID-19
- Customer service promise expanded; 350 products now available with 4 hour delivery
- Major customer renewals and new wins secured
- Continued growth in SME customer revenues
- Further investment in IT systems and applications to support digital ambitions
- Depot closures and consolidations leading to increased efficiency
- Leading the industry on ESG
- Growing services revenues; Lloyds British performed well, Geason claim settled













### **Market environment**



- Revenue impacted from lockdown 1 as construction sites closed;
   slow remobilisation as sites implemented new ways of working
- No significant impact from lockdown 2 to date as customers continue working
- Excellent pipeline of infrastructure opportunities:
  - HS2
  - Rail CP6
  - Water AMP7
- Housing completions strong but slowing into 2021
- Commercial property market weaker
- Pricing pressures remain, although longer term contract renewals and market share gains provide resilience and visibility
- Gaining market share in powered access following integration of acquired businesses





# **Strategic priorities**





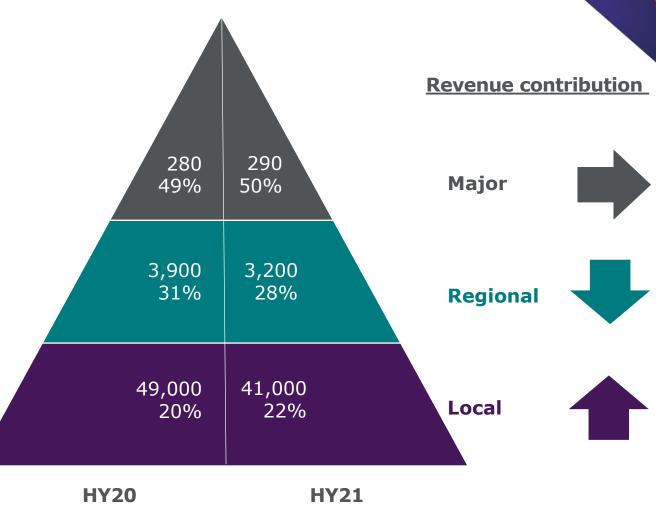






### **Customer service**

- Customer numbers and activity levels reduced due to COVID-19
- Key wins and contract extensions with major customers
- Unique nationwide 4 hour delivery promise increased to cover 350 products
- Regional customer numbers declined due to increased competition and price deflation
- Increasing proportion of revenue from local customers in line with strategy although active customer numbers in period reduced
- Customer Relationship Centre increasing customer engagement including for services businesses



Customer numbers / revenue %



## **Digital transformation**

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- Increasing proportion of transactions undertaken through digital channels
- Digital customer journey enhanced:
  - Live delivery and collection tracking
  - HAV / Eco product selector
  - Equipment test inspection and compliance checker
  - Online customer dashboards
  - Cash transaction; checkout as guest
- Continued application of artificial intelligence /machine learning to forecast behaviour and stock requirements
- Project underway to enhance product data for online content enrichment
- Bespoke system integrations underway with major customers







## People

- 3,756 employees (FY19: 4,065)
  - UK and Ireland headcount 3,173 (FY19: 3,464)
  - International headcount 583 (FY19: 601)
- New HRD appointed; priorities include learning and development, succession planning, training and diversity
- Apprentice and graduate programmes continuing
- Enhanced employee communications during COVID-19; regular updates on employee app (The Hub) and regular management / colleague calls
- Wellbeing survey underway; full employee survey to be undertaken in early 2021
- MHFAs appointed throughout the business











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## **Leading the way in ESG**

- Energise is Speedy's CSR roadmap to be a more responsible business, launched in October 2019
- Sustainable products generate c.20% of revenue
- Further investment planned in new technologies eg cordless, hybrid and solar
- Non Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM) roadmap in place along with Stage 5 engine compliance
- Commercial vehicle fleet is 86% Euro 6 compliant. Steps in place to transition to hybrid / electric vehicles
- First company to be awarded DVSA earned recognition on HS2 for our commitment to transport compliance, safety and sustainability
- Trialing use of HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil) as a direct replacement for red diesel with Keltbray





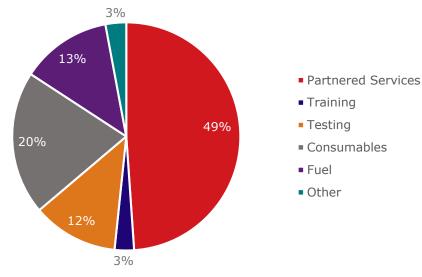


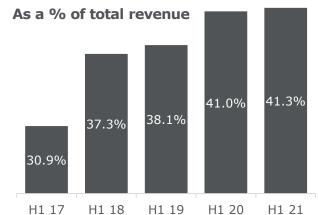
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### **Services revenue**

- Services revenue increased from 31% of total revenue in HY17 to 41% in HY21
- Services provide greater visibility, lower risk and are ROCE enhancing
- Services includes rehire with good opportunities for growth
- Strong HY21 performance from rehire (largely accommodation) and consumables
- Lloyds British performing ahead of expectations
- Geason claim from funding agency resolved; actions underway to further improve financial position









Services revenue

### **International**



- Middle East business continues to perform well under challenging conditions
- ADNOC contract extended until 28 February 2021; in active discussions in relation to longer term opportunities
- Business development activities diversifying client base
- Total capex £nil (HY19: £2.1m)
- Kazakhstan JV performed well, albeit results are below prior year due to cyclical shutdown activity







## **Summary and outlook**

- Resilient H1 performance; restructuring to optimise the business
- Strong balance sheet and cash generation, with significant facility headroom
- Market share gains reflect customer service focus
- Good momentum into H2; October hire revenue c.3.5% behind prior year, utilisation ahead of prior year at 60.2%
- Well positioned and invested to take advantage as activity recovers
- Assuming current trading continues the Board intends to pay a dividend for the full year
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