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Making it happen Second quarter results

12 December 2017





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- Another encouraging quarter with underlying growth in revenue and profitability
- Growth supplemented by initial hurricane clear up
- Strong margins and cash generation a key feature of our performance
- Announcing a share buyback of at least £500m and up to £1bn to be executed over the next 18 months
- Interim dividend increased 16% to 5.5p per share
- We expect full year results to be ahead of prior expectations



Suzanne Wood Finance director





		Q2	
(£m)	2017	2016	Change ¹
Revenue	1,019	845	22%
- of which rental	945	784	22%
Operating costs	(516)	(428)	22%
EBITDA	503	417	22%
Depreciation	(178)	(149)	21%
Operating profit	325	268	22%
Net interest	(27)	(26)	5%
Profit before amortisation, exceptional items and tax	298	242	24%
Earnings per share (p)	38.7p	31.8p	23%
Margins			
- EBITDA	49%	49%	
- Operating profit	32%	32%	

¹ At constant exchange rates

² The results in the table above are the Group's underlying results and are stated before intangible amortisation and exceptional items



		H1	
(£m)	2017	2016	Change ¹
Revenue	1,899	1,552	19%
- of which rental	1,774	1,445	20%
Operating costs	(965)	(795)	19%
EBITDA	934	757	20%
Depreciation	(343)	(283)	18%
Operating profit	591	474	21%
Net interest	(54)	(48)	9%
Profit before amortisation, exceptional items and tax	537	426	23%
Earnings per share (p)	70.2p	56.0p	22%
Margins			
- EBITDA	49%	49%	
- Operating profit	31%	31%	

¹ At constant exchange rates

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		H1		
(\$m)	2017	2016	Change	
Revenue	2,084	1,787	17%	
- of which rental	1,974	1,669	18%	
Operating costs	(1,007)	(875)	15%	
EBITDA	1,077	912	18%	
Depreciation	(374)	(320)	16%	
Operating profit	703	592	19%	
Margins				
- EBITDA - Operating profit	52 <i>%</i> 34%	51% 33%		

Excludes Canada



		H1		
(£m)	2017	2016	Change	
Revenue	245	199	23%	
- of which rental	215	182	18%	
Operating costs	(152)	(123)	24%	
EBITDA	93	76	22%	
Depreciation	(46)	(38)	20%	
Operating profit	47	38	23%	
Margins				
EBITDAOperating profit	38% 19%	38% 19%		

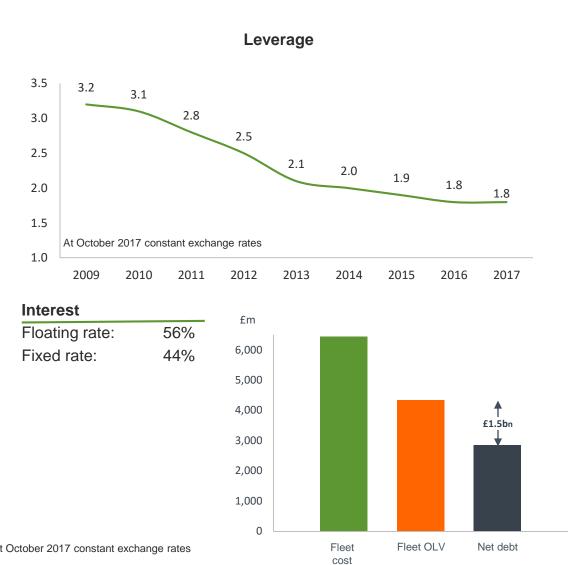
(£m)	LTM October 2017	LTM October 2016	Change ³
EBITDA before exceptional items	1,681	1,343	16%
Cash conversion ratio ¹	94%	95%	
Cash inflow from operations ²	1,581	1,270	15%
Replacement and non-rental capital expenditure	(550)	(523)	
Rental equipment and other disposal proceeds received	172	177	
Interest and tax paid	(203)	(114)	
Cash inflow before discretionary expenditure	1,000	810	
Growth capital expenditure	(598)	(697)	
Exceptional costs	(25)	-	
Free cash flow	377	113	
Business acquisitions	(558)	(165)	
Dividends paid	(137)	(113)	
Purchase of own shares by the Company / ESOT	(10)	(56)	
Increase in net debt	(328)	(221)	

¹ Cash inflow from operations as a percentage of EBITDA
 ² Before fleet changes and exceptional items
 ³ At constant exchange rates

NET DEBT AND LEVERAGE NET DEBT TO EBITDA IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR RANGE



	Octobe	er
(£m)	2017	2016
Net debt at 30 April	2,528	2,002
Translation impact	(65)	377
Opening debt at closing exchange rates	2,463	2,379
Change from cash flows	347	292
Debt acquired	41	21
Non-cash movements	-	2
Net debt at period end	2,851	2,694
Comprising:		
First lien senior secured bank debt	1,596	1,555
Second lien secured notes	1,262	1,144
Finance lease obligations	5	5
Cash in hand	(12)	(10)
	2,851	2,694
Net debt to EBITDA leverage ¹ (x)	1.8	1.8



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- While the bills need to be reconciled and then finalised, it appears that the likely impact for the Group will be:
 - an effective Group tax rate of 23-25%
 - reduction in cash tax rate to mid to high teens
 - reduced deferred tax liability resulting in a one-off, non-cash tax credit of c. £400m
- Implementation of tax reform may be phased over the next couple of years so full benefit may not be realised until financial year 2019/20

Geoff Drabble Chief executive

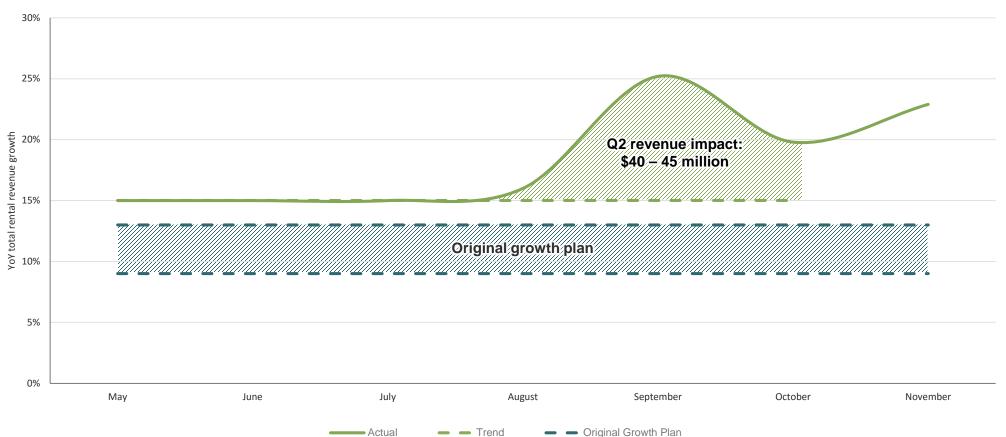




	2017/18 plan	Q1	Q2	6 months to October 2017
Same-store ¹ organic growth ²	4-6%	7%	10%	8%
Greenfields ²	3 – 4%	3%	4%	4%
Organic growth	7 – 10%	10%	14%	12%
Bolt-ons	2-3%	5%	5%	5%
2017/18 growth outlook	9 – 13%	15%	19%	17%

Rental only revenue presented on a billing day basis, excluding Canada ¹ Same-store includes those locations which were open as at 1 May 2016 ² Split between same-store and greenfield growth rates affected by fleet transfers

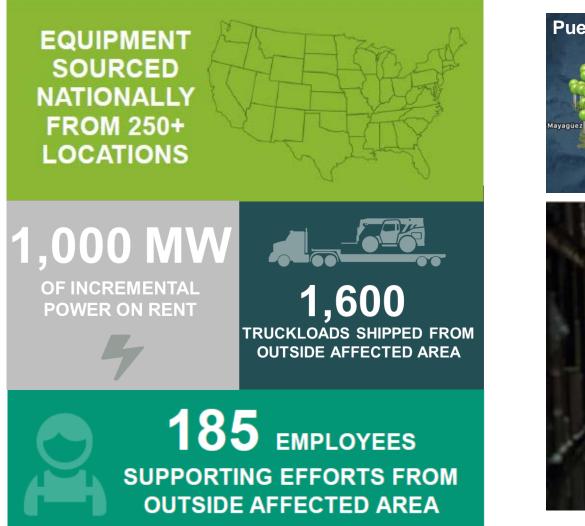


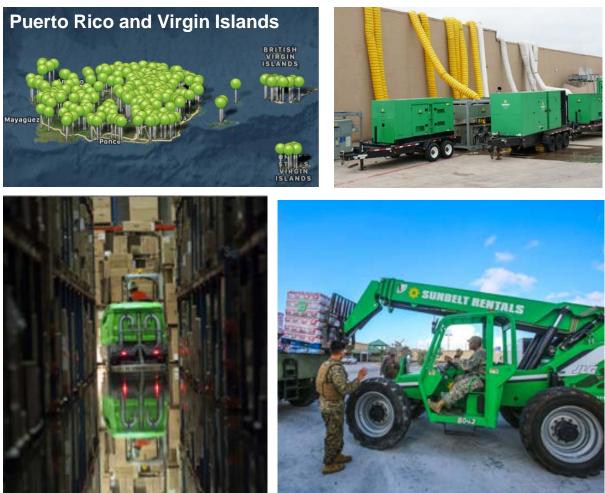


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STRONG REVENUE GROWTH AND IMPROVING MARGINS SUNBELT RENTALS





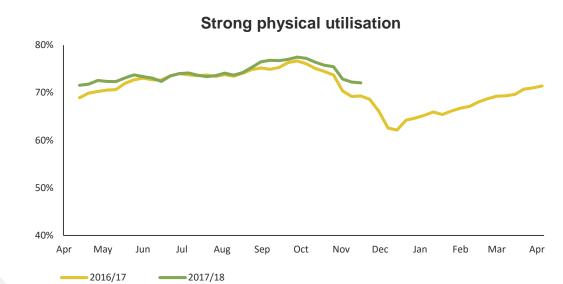
H1 2016

10%

22%

68%

Improving rate trend Mix still a factor year on year 1.100 Q2 2017 Q2 2016 H1 2017 1.050 Day 9% 10% 9% Rate index 1.000 Week 21% 22% 21% 0.950 Month 70% 68% 70% 0.900 Apr-16 Jun-16 May-16 Jul-16 Aug-16 Sep-16 Oct-16 Nov-16 Dec-16 Jan-17 Feb-17 Mar-17 Apr-17 May-17 Jun-17 Jul-17 Aug-17 Sep-17 Oct-17 Nov-17



Yield positive in Q2 with improving margins

	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	H1 2017	H1 2016
Fleet on rent	+19%	+18%	+19%	+16%
Yield	-3%	+1%	-1%	-2%
EBITDA	51%	52%	52%	51%
EBITA	33%	35%	34%	33%
Rol	22%	23%	23%	23%

GOOD ORGANIC GROWTH SUPPLEMENTED BY BOLT-ONS

SUNBELT SAME-STORE PERFORMANCE REMAINS STRONG AND THE KEY DRIVER



HALF YEAR

	Organic ^{1,2}	Bolt-ons ³	Total ²
Proportion of revenue	96%	4%	100%
Fleet on rent – % change	+13%	nm	+19%
Net yield	nil%	nm	-1%
Physical utilisation – actual	75%	74%	74%
Dollar utilisation	54%	47%	54%
Drop-through	56%	59%	57%

Presented on a billing day basis, excluding Canada

¹ All central overheads included within organic

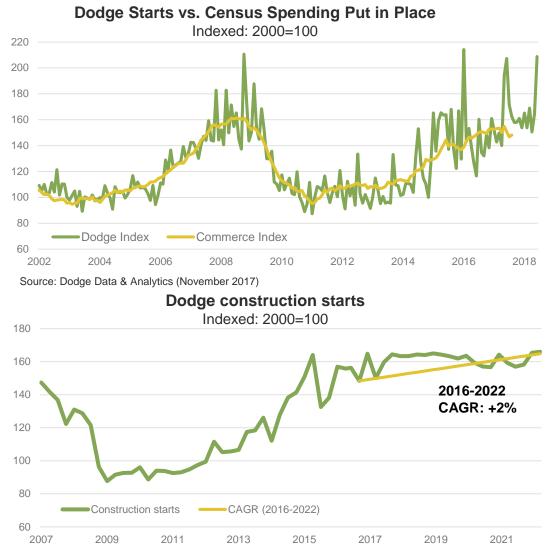
² Excludes impact of large new high returning, low margin industrial scaffold job (3% drag on total drop-through)

³ Bolt-on locations acquired from 1 May 2016

nm – not meaningful

MARKET OUTLOOK – ENCOURAGING MEDIUM-TERM FORECASTS SUNBELT DODGE MOMENTUM INDEX VOLATILE AS ALWAYS BUT 7% HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR





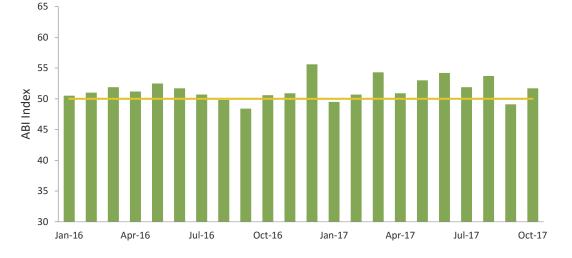
Source: Dodge Data & Analytics (November 2017)

US rental revenue forecasts

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Industry rental revenue	+4%	+4%	+5%	+5%	+4%

Source: IHS Markit (October 2017)





Source: American Institute of Architects





Sunbelt Canada

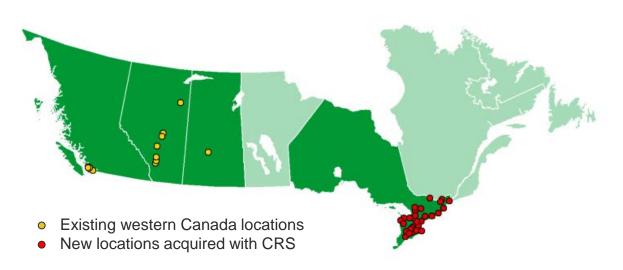
(C\$m)	H1 2017	H1 2016	% growth
Rental revenue	75	33	129%
EBITDA	37	15	151%
EBITA	21	5	304%

- Rental revenue growth in western Canada of 22%
- Rental revenue growth in eastern Canada of 21%

Canadian rental revenue forecasts

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Industry rental revenue	+4%	+3%	+4%	+5%	+5%

Source: IHS Markit (October 2017)



Total market size

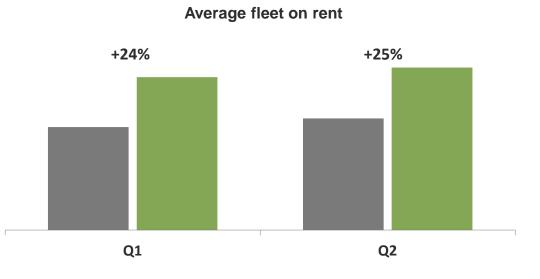
(\$bn)	US	UK	Canada
Market size	49.3	7.8	5.2

Source: IHS Markit / ARA (October 2017) and IHS Markit / European Rental Association (2017)

A-PLANT REVENUE DRIVERS

PLANT GROWTH CONTINUES BACKED BY FLEET INVESTMENT





Year over year change in yield



Physical utilisation

Margins remain constant

	H1 2017	H1 2016
EBITDA	38%	38%
EBITA	19%	19%



CONTINUED FOCUS ON FLEET INVESTMENT IN 2017/18



		H1 2017	H1 2016	Initial guidance ¹	Revised forecast ¹
Sunbelt ² (\$m)					
- rental fleet	- replacement	134	130	300 – 350	300 – 325
	- growth	595	540	600 - 850	925 - 1,000
- non-rental fleet		75	57	100	125
		804	727	1,000 – 1,300	1,350 – 1,450
A-Plant (£m)					
- rental fleet	- replacement	31	22	50 - 60	65 – 70
	- growth	56	56	40 - 50	60 - 65
- non-rental fleet		15	9	15	25
	_	102	87	105 – 125	150 – 160
Group (£m)					
Capital outlook (gross)		708	683	875 – 1,125	1,190 – 1,275
Disposal proceeds		(59)	(52)	(105 – 140)	(110 – 130)
Capex outlook (net)		649	631	770 – 985	1,080 – 1,145

¹ Initial guidance and revised forecast at £1=\$1.30
 ² Presented including Canada

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Clear priorities Consistently applied Organic fleet growth £708m on capital expenditure - Same-store - Greenfields £298m on bolt-ons Bolt-on acquisitions Interim dividend increased 16% to 5.5p Returns to shareholders Share buyback announced; minimum of Progressive dividend policy £500m and up to £1bn

Share buybacks



- We have built on the momentum established in Q1 with improving volumes, rates and margins
- Encouraging markets and good execution allow us to look to our 2021 plans with confidence
- Buyback of at least £500m and up to £1bn announced
- Interim dividend increased to 5.5p
- All divisions are performing well with strong end markets
- We will continue to grow responsibly maintaining leverage towards the upper end of our range of 1.5 to 2 times net debt to EBITDA
- We now expect full year results ahead of our prior expectations
- The Board continues to look to the medium term with confidence



Appendices



	F	Revenue			EBITDA			Profit	
	2017	2016	Change ¹	2017	2016	Change ¹	2017	2016	Change ¹
Sunbelt US (\$m)	1,117	946	18%	580	488	19%	386	324	19%
Sunbelt US (£m)	850	730	16%	442	376	17%	294	250	18%
A-Plant	126	103	23%	48	40	21%	24	20	20%
Sunbelt Canada	43	12	260%	17	5	237%	10	2	415%
Group central costs	-	-	-	(4)	(4)	(6)%	(4)	(4)	(6)%
-	1,019	845	21%	503	417	20%	324	268	21%
Net financing costs							(26)	(26)	3%
Profit before amortisation, exceptional	items and tax						298	242	23%
Amortisation and exceptional items							(34)	(7)	405%
Profit before taxation							264	235	12%
Taxation							(93)	(81)	15%
Profit after taxation							171	154	11%
Margins									
- Sunbelt US				52%	52%		35%	34%	
- A-Plant				38%	39%		19%	20%	
- Sunbelt Canada				39%	41%		24%	17%	
- Group				49%	49%		32%	32%	

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		Revenue			EBITDA			Profit	
	2017	2016	Change ¹	2017	2016	Change ¹	2017	2016	Change ¹
Sunbelt US (\$m)	3,823	3,357	14%	1,910	1,669	14%	1,192	1,056	13%
Sunbelt US (£m)	2,991	2,409	24%	1,495	1,199	25%	934	760	23%
A-Plant	464	386	20%	169	144	17%	80	70	15%
Sunbelt Canada	79	35	124%	32	14	133%	15	5	238%
Group central costs	-	-	-	(15)	(14)	3%	(15)	(14)	3%
	3,534	2,830	25%	1,681	1,343	25%	1,014	821	24%
Net financing costs							(110)	(93)	19%
Profit before amortisation, exception	nal items and tax					_	904	728	24%
Amortisation and exceptional items							(60)	(30)	96%
Profit before taxation						_	844	698	21%
Taxation							(294)	(238)	24%
Profit after taxation						_	550	460	20%
Margins									
- Sunbelt US				50%	50%		31%	31%	
- A-Plant				36%	37%		17%	18%	
- Sunbelt Canada				40%	38%		19%	13%	
- Group				48%	47%		29%	29%	

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HALF YEAR

	General Tool	Specialty	Total
% of business	79%	21%	100%
Rental revenue growth	+17%	+20%	+17%
Fleet on rent	+19%	+17%	+19%
Yield	-2%	+3%	-1%
Year-on-year physical utilisation	+1%	+9%	+1%

Presented on a billing day basis, excluding Canada

SUNBELT PHYSICAL UTILISATION







RENTAL FLEET AT ORIGINAL COST

				Growth in re	ntal fleet
	31 October 2016	30 April 2017	31 October 2017	LTM ¹	Current year ¹
Sunbelt US in \$m	6,135	6,439	7,135	16%	11%
Sunbelt US in £m	5,023	4,977	5,373	7%	8%
A-Plant	721	774	858	19%	11%
Sunbelt Canada	108	95	211	96%	123%
	5,852	5,846	6,442	10%	10%

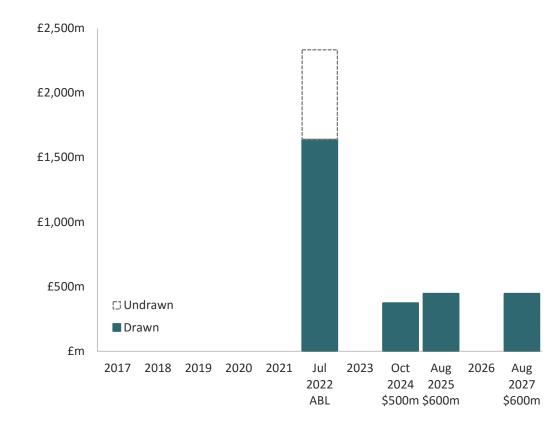
¹ As reported



		Consideration
Q4-2016/17	Arsenal	\$39m
	Pride	\$277m
	Van's Equipment	\$25m
Q1-2017/18	Noble	\$34m
	RGR	\$58m
	MSP	\$23m
	Green Acres	\$5m
Q2-2017/18	CRS	C\$287m
	Lift	\$9m
	RentalCo	\$1m
Q3-2017/18	Maverick	\$22m

- 30 greenfield locations added in addition to the 37 bolt-on locations in the period
- Excluding CRS, of the 37 stores added in North America, 15 were specialty
- CRS added an additional 30 stores in Canada





- Debt facilities committed for average of 6 years
- No amortisation
- No financial monitoring covenants whilst availability exceeds \$310m (October 2017: \$1,067m)

CASH FLOW FUNDS ORGANIC FLEET GROWTH HEALTHY EBITDA MARGINS ENSURE SIGNIFICANT TOP LINE CASH GENERATION THROUGH THE CYCLE



	LTM Oct													
(£m)	2017	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
EBITDA before exceptional items	1,681	1,504	1,178	908	685	519	381	284	255	356	364	310	225	170
EBITDA margin	48%	47%	46%	45%	42%	38%	34%	30%	30%	30%	33%	35%	35%	32%
Cash inflow from operations before fleet changes and exceptionals	1,581	1,444	1,071	841	646	501	365	280	266	374	356	319	215	165
Cash conversion ratio	94%	96%	91%	93%	94%	97%	96%	99%	104%	104%	94%	97%	96%	97%
Replacement capital expenditure	(550)	(527)	(562)	(349)	(335)	(329)	(272)	(203)	(43)	(236)	(231)	(245)	(167)	(101)
Disposal proceeds	172	161	180	103	102	96	90	60	31	92	93	78	50	36
Interest and tax	(203)	(151)	(85)	(95)	(56)	(48)	(57)	(71)	(54)	(64)	(83)	(69)	(41)	(31)
Cash flow before discretionary items	1,000	927	604	500	357	220	126	66	200	166	135	83	57	69
Growth capital expenditure	(598)	(608)	(672)	(588)	(406)	(254)	(135)	-	-	-	(120)	(63)	(63)	(10)
M&A	(558)	(421)	(68)	(242)	(103)	(34)	(22)	(35)	(1)	89	(6)	(327)	(44)	1
Exceptional costs	(25)	-	-	-	(2)	(16)	(3)	(12)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(69)	(20)	(6)
Cash flow available to equity holders	(181)	(102)	(136)	(330)	(154)	(84)	(35)	19	191	246	(1)	(376)	(70)	54
Dividends paid	(137)	(116)	(82)	(61)	(41)	(20)	(15)	(15)	(13)	(13)	(10)	(7)	(2)	-
Share issues/returns	(10)	(55)	(12)	(21)	(23)	(10)	(4)	-	-	(16)	(24)	144	69	-
	(328)	(273)	(230)	(412)	(218)	(114)	(53)	4	178	217	(35)	(239)	(3)	54

CYCLICAL CASH GENERATION CASH POSITIVE AS GROWTH MODERATES – HIGHLY GENERATIVE DURING DOWNTURN

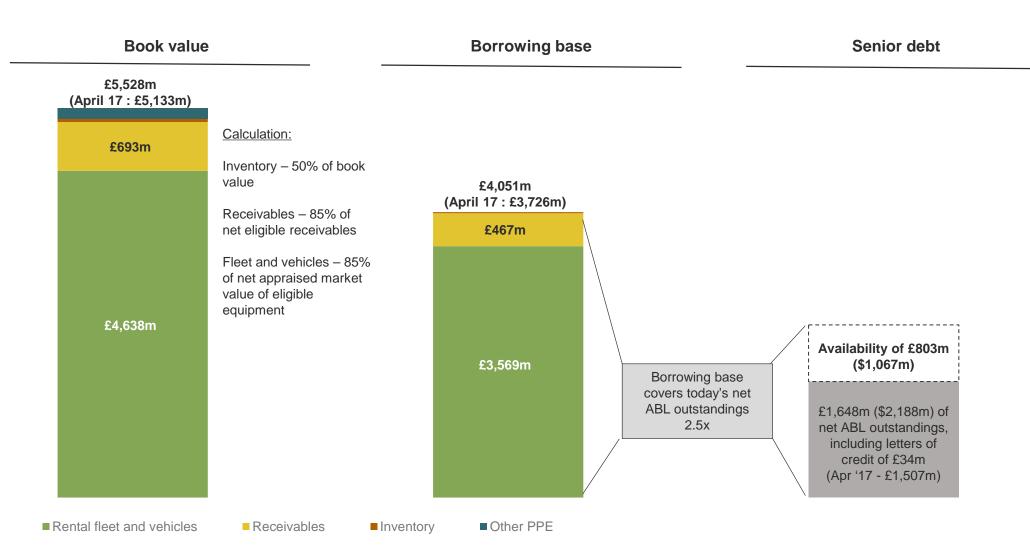


High growth	Moderate to flat growth	Declining market

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Moderate growth	Cyclical downturn
Cash flow from operations	280	365	501	646	841	1,071	1,444	Growing	Decreasing but remains positive
Capital expenditure	225	476	580	741	1,063	1,240	1,086	Moderating	Significantly reduced
Sunbelt average fleet growth	-	+9%	+16%	+21%	+29%	+24%	+18%	Low (<15%)	Flat to declining
Free cash flow	54	(13)	(50)	(51)	(88)	(68)	319	Positive	Highly positive
Leverage (absent significant M&A)	2.9x	2.3x	1.9x	1.8x	1.8x	1.7x	1.7x	1.5x – 2.0x	Initial increase, subsequent decline
Dividend	3.0p	3.5p	7.5p	11.5p	15.25p	22.5p	27.5p	Increasing	Maintained

\$1,067M OF AVAILABILITY AT 31 OCTOBER 2017



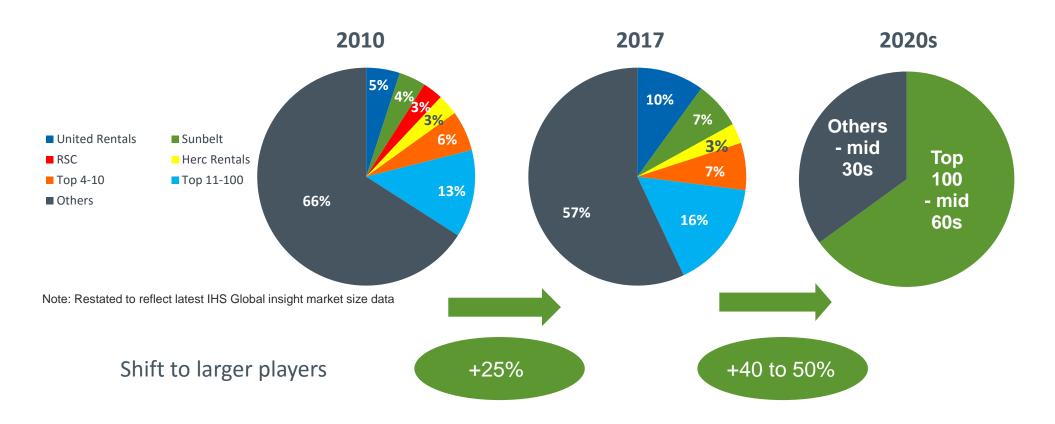


- Borrowing base reflects July 2017 asset values
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	Facility	Interest rate	Maturity
	\$3.1bn first lien revolver	LIBOR + 125-175 bps	July 2022
Delt	\$500m second lien notes	5.625%	October 2024
Debt	\$600m second lien notes	4.125%	August 2025
	\$600m second lien notes	4.375%	August 2027
	Capital leases	~7%	Various
		S&P	Moody's
Ratings	Corporate family	BB+	Ba1
	Second lien	BBB-	Ba2
Availability	 Covenants are not measured if avail 	lability is greater than \$310 million	
ixed charge coverage	 EBITDA less net cash capex to inte exceed 1.0x 	rest paid, tax paid, dividends paid and de	bt amortisation must equal or
covenant	 Greater than 1.0x at October 2017 		

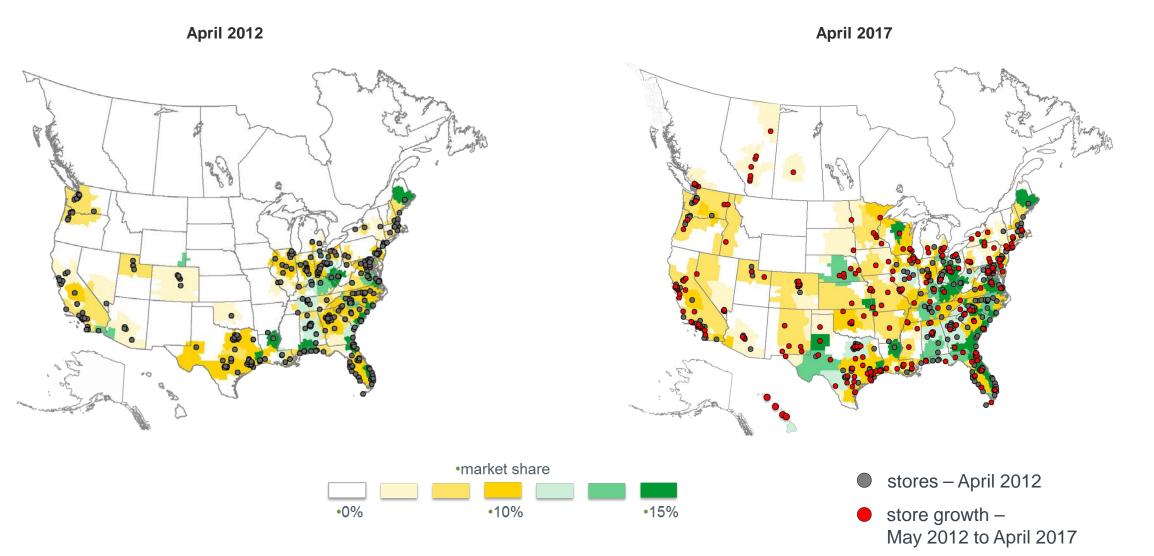
THE BIG ARE GETTING BIGGER WHICH PROVIDES FURTHER OPPORTUNITY Ashteodory US MARKET SHARE



- Top 10 players grew 5% in 2016
- Top 10 players grew 10% in 2015

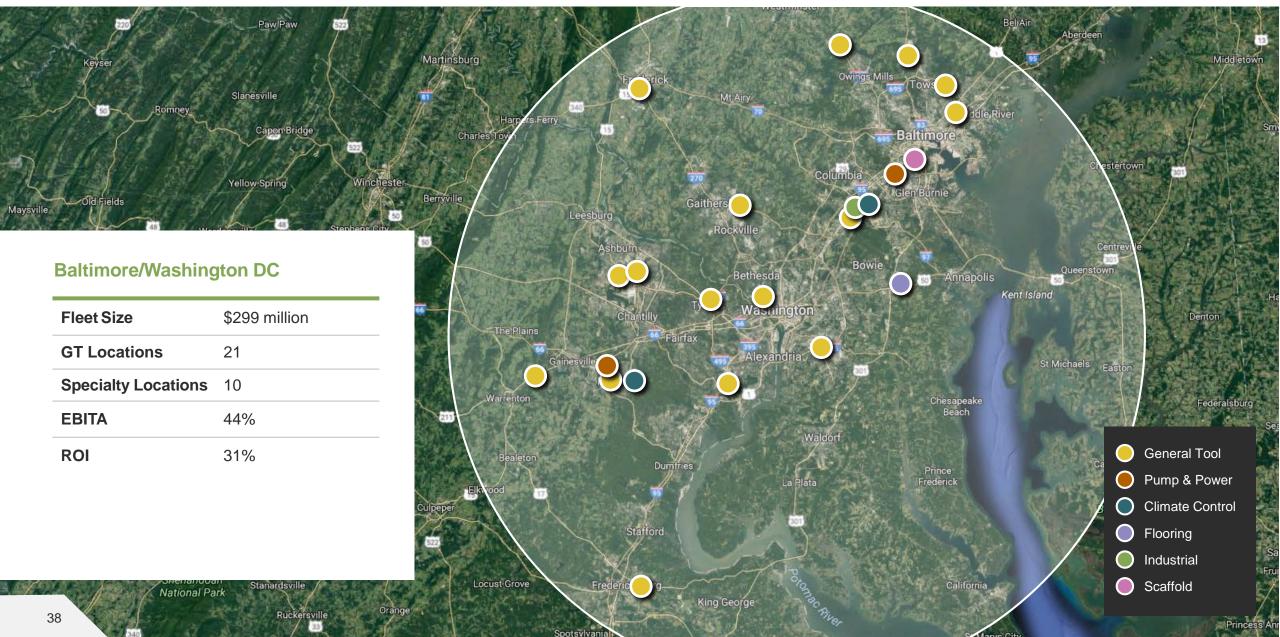
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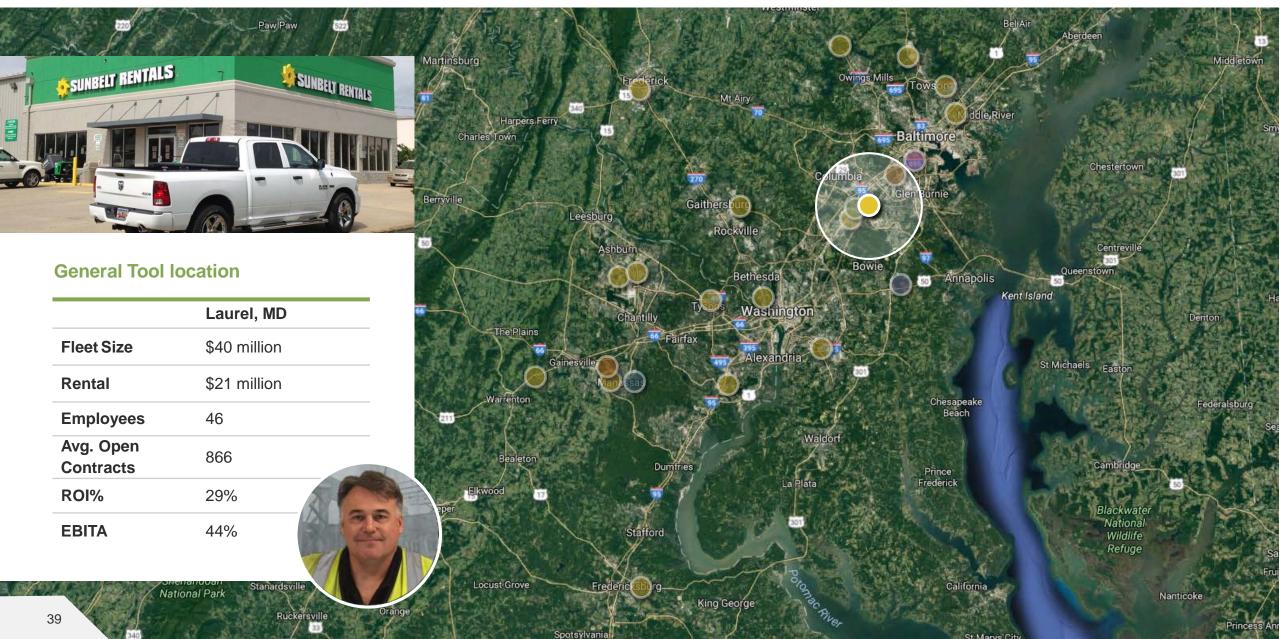
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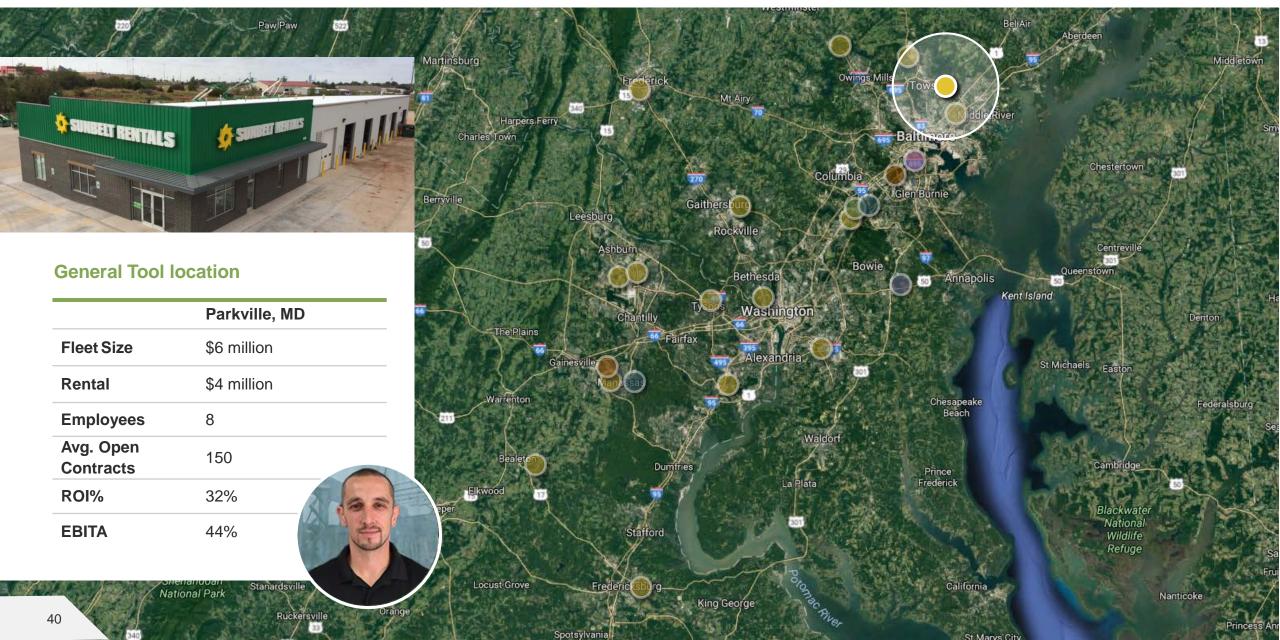
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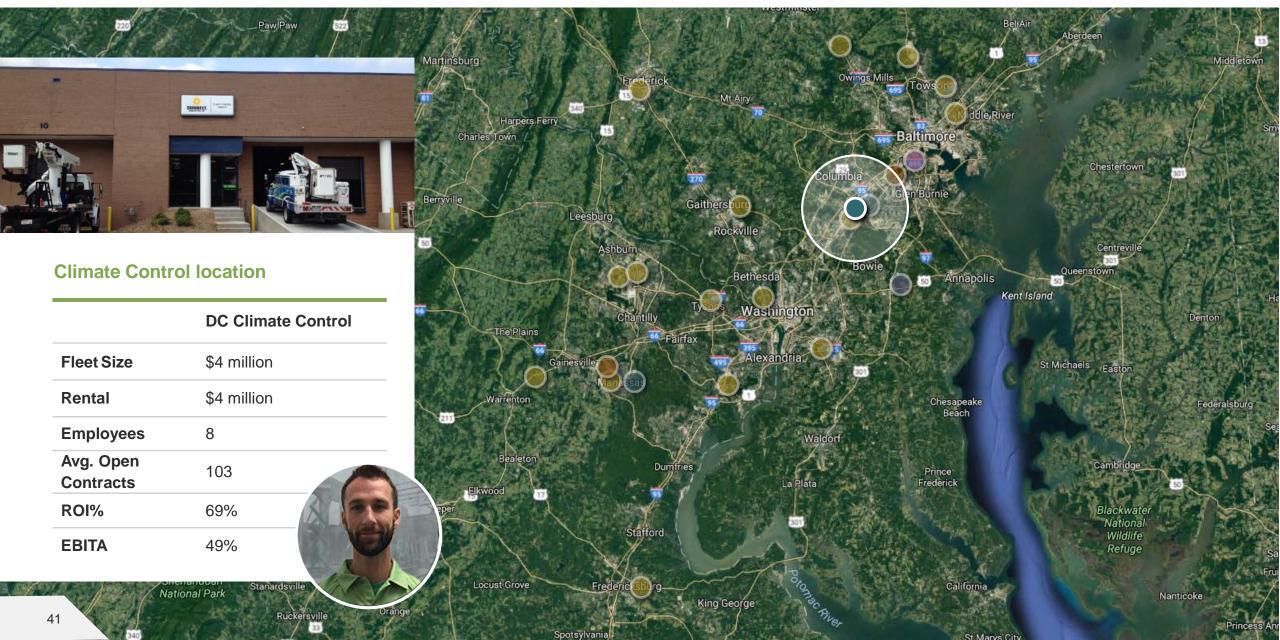
MIDSIZE GENERAL TOOL LOCATION





CLIMATE CONTROL LOCATION







SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS



Taken from Capital Markets Day presentation (October 2016)



Rental Markets	Тор 25	26-50	51-100	100-210	
Rental Market %	56%	19%	16%	9%	
Cluster Definition	>10	>7	>4	>1	
Clustered	11 markets 176 stores	10 markets 101 stores	3 markets 20 stores	14 markets 33 stores	
Non-Clustered	14 markets 95 stores	15 markets 68 stores	44 markets 81 stores	38 markets 38 stores	
No Presence 0		0	3	58	

Taken from Annual Report for the year ended 30 April 2017



Store vintage	- Locations	Revenue (\$bn)			
		2016	2021	2016 EBITA margin % ¹	Evolution
Mature stores 310 (up to FY11)	310	2.5	3.3 – 3.5	39	 Continue to build at circa 1.5x market growth
	010				 EBITA improvement through scale and efficiency
Recent openings (FY12-FY16)	236	0.7	0.9 – 1.0	30	 Growth at rate of mature stores as we broaden the product offering and establish ourselves in newly penetrated markets
					 EBITA margin trends towards mature stores
Future openings (FY17-FY21)	329	N/A	0.8 - 1.0	N/A	 Similar evolution in revenue and margins as recent openings
	875	3.2	5.0 - 5.5	36	

¹ EBITA margins exclude central cost

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IMPORTANT TO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THROUGH THE CYCLE KEY METRICS



