Ashtead group

Making it happen Full year results

13 June 2017



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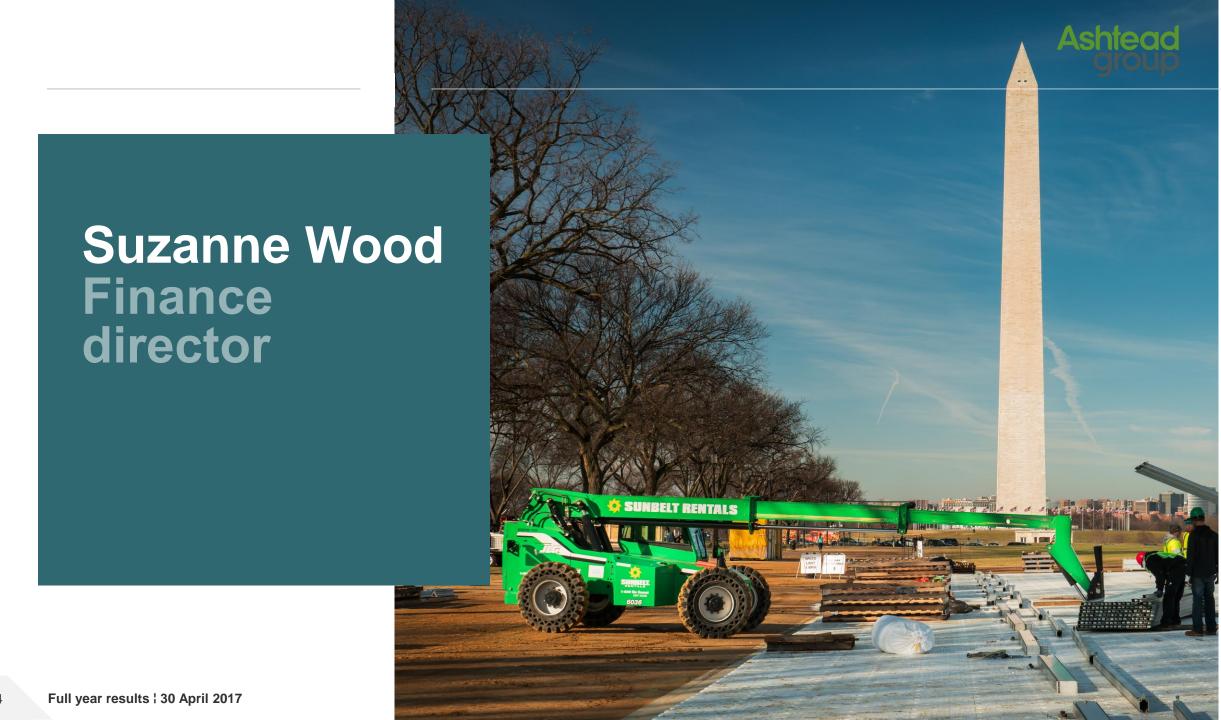
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HIGHLIGHTS



- Once again a strong year with market leading growth in revenue and profitability
- Continued progress on our growth and capital allocation priorities
 - £1,086m invested in capital expenditure
 - £437m spent on bolt-ons
 - 101 locations opened / added
 - £48m spent on share buybacks
- £319m of free cash flow generation
- Leverage maintained well within our 1.5 to 2.0 times EBITDA range
- Proposed final dividend of 22.75p making 27.5p for the year, up 22% (2016: 22.5p)
- Both divisions continue to perform well. Accordingly, the Board continues to look to the medium term with confidence.



Q4 GROUP REVENUE AND PROFIT



		Q4	
(£m)	2017	2016	Change ¹
Revenue	831	666	11%
- of which rental	727	585	11%
Operating costs	(451)	(358)	13%
EBITDA	380	308	9%
Depreciation	(163)	(123)	18%
Operating profit	217	185	3%
Net interest	(28)	(22)	11%
Profit before amortisation and tax	189	163	2%
Earnings per share (p)	25.3 p	22.0p	1%
Margins			
- EBITDA	46%	46%	
- Operating profit	26%	28%	

¹ At constant exchange rates

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

FULL YEAR GROUP REVENUE AND PROFIT



		Full year	
(£m)	2017	2016	Change ¹
Revenue	3,187	2,546	10%
- of which rental	2,901	2,260	13%
Operating costs	(1,683)	(1,368)	9%
EBITDA	1,504	1,178	12%
Depreciation	(607)	(450)	19%
Operating profit	897	728	7%
Net interest	(104)	(83)	9%
Profit before amortisation and tax	793	645	7%
Earnings per share (p)	104.3p	85.1p	7%
Margins			
- EBITDA	47%	46%	
- Operating profit	28%	29%	

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LOWER REPLACEMENT CAPEX REDUCES REVENUE AND GAINS FROM SALE OF USED EQUIPMENT



	Full year			
(£m)	2017	2016	Change ¹	
Revenue	3,187	2,546	10%	
Sale of used equipment	(162)	(191)	(25)%	
Revenue excluding sale of used equipment	3,025	2,355	13%	
Underlying profit before taxation as reported	793	645	7%	
Gains on sale of used equipment	(36)	(47)	(33)%	
Underlying profit before gains on sale of used equipment	757	598	10%	

¹ At constant exchange rates

- 2015/16 disposals inflated by corrections to Oil & Gas fleet
- 2016/17 disposals reflect lower replacement cycle
- Proceeds and margins on assets sold similar to prior year





		Full year	
(\$m)	2017	2016	Change
Revenue	3,584	3,277	9%
- of which rental	3,283	2,924	12%
Operating costs	(1,815)	(1,693)	7%
EBITDA	1,769	1,584	12%
Depreciation	(681)	(570)	19%
Operating profit	1,088	1,014	7%
Margins			
- EBITDA	49%	48%	
- Operating profit	30%	31%	





		Full year	
(£m)	2017	2016	Change
Revenue	418	365	15%
- of which rental	365	314	16%
Operating costs	(265)	(228)	16%
EBITDA	153	137	12%
Depreciation	(81)	(70)	16%
Operating profit	72	67	7%
Margins			
- EBITDA- Operating profit	37% 17%	38% 18%	

CASH FLOW



(£m)	2017	2016	Change ³
EBITDA before exceptional items	1,504	1,178	12%
Cash conversion ratio ¹	96%	91%	
Cash inflow from operations ²	1,444	1,071	18%
Replacement and non-rental capital expenditure	(527)	(562)	
Rental equipment and other disposal proceeds received	161	180	
Interest and tax paid	(151)	(85)	
Cash inflow before discretionary expenditure	927	604	
Growth capital expenditure	(608)	(672)	
Free cash flow	319	(68)	
Business acquisitions	(421)	(68)	
Dividends paid	(116)	(82)	
Purchase of own shares by the Company	(48)	-	
Purchase of own shares by the ESOT	(7)	(12)	
Increase in net debt	(273)	(230)	

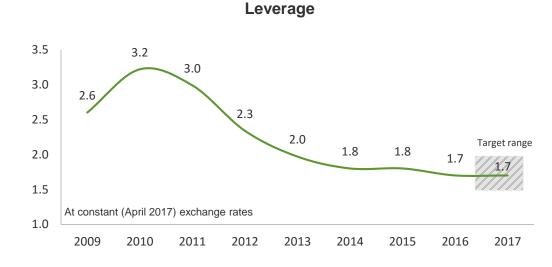
Cash inflow from operations as a percentage of EBITDA
 Before fleet changes and exceptional items
 At constant exchange rates

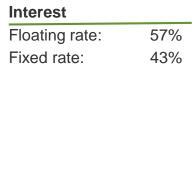
NET DEBT AND LEVERAGE

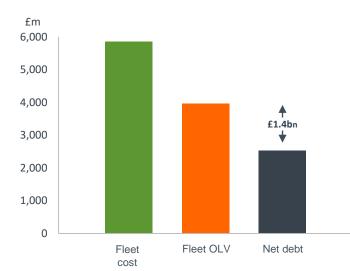




	April	
(£m)	2017	2016
Net debt at 30 April	2,002	1,687
Translation impact	229	82
Opening debt at closing exchange rates	2,231	1,769
Change from cash flows	273	230
Debt acquired	21	-
Non-cash movements	3	3
Net debt at period end	2,528	2,002
Comprising:		
First lien senior secured bank debt	1,449	1,055
Second lien secured notes	1,080	954
Finance lease obligations	5	6
Cash in hand	(6)	(13)
	2,528	2,002
Net debt to EBITDA leverage ¹ (x)	1.7	1.7







¹ At 30 April 2017 constant exchange rates



SUNBELT – US REVENUE DRIVERS



12 MONTHS

	General Tool	Specialty ¹	Total
% of business	79%	21%	100%
Rental revenue growth	+15%	+9%	+14%
Fleet on rent	+18%	+13%	+17%
Yield	-2%	-4%	-3%
Year-on-year physical utilisation	-	+5%	+1%

Presented on a billing day basis, excluding Canada

• Specialty revenue growth excluding Oil & Gas +11% (volume +15%; yield -3%)

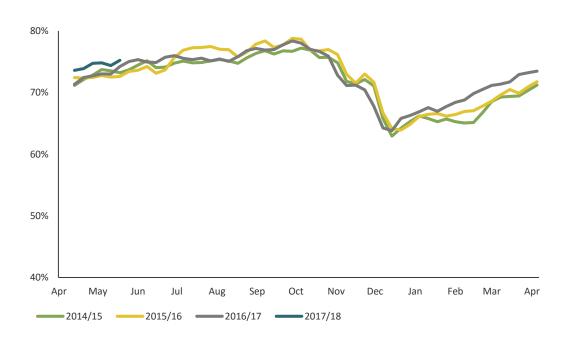
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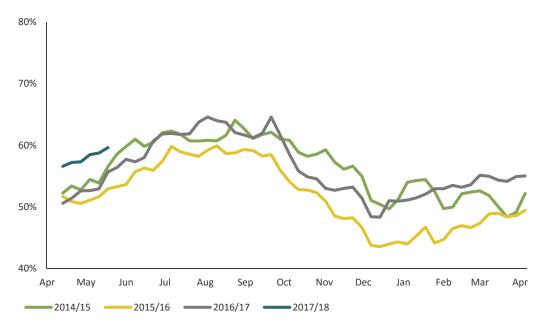




General Tool



Specialty (inc. Oil & Gas)



CONTINUED STRONG DROP-THROUGH



12 MONTHS

	Same-stores ¹	Greenfields ²	Bolt-ons ²	Oil & Gas	Total
Proportion of revenue	91%	5%	2%	2%	100%
Fleet on rent – % change	+11%	nm	nm	+1%	+17%
Net yield	-3%	nm	nm	-13%	-3%
Physical utilisation – actual	72%	62%	61%	70%	71%
Dollar utilisation	54%	47%	53%	56%	54%
Drop-through	58%	55%	56%	-51%	58%

nm – not meaningful

Presented on a billing day basis, excluding Canada

¹ Same-stores include those locations which were open as at 1 May 2015, excluding Oil & Gas locations

² Excluding Oil & Gas

CLEAR PROGRESSION IN PROFIT CENTRE CONTRIBUTION



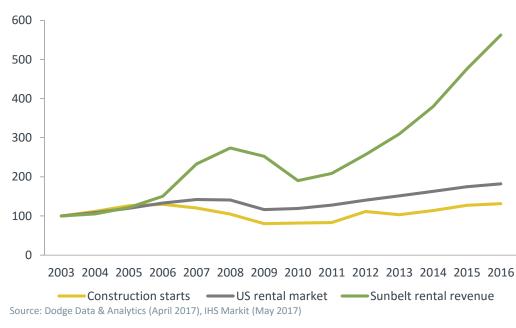
SUNBELT US

\$m	2014	/15	201	5/16	201	6/17
Rental revenue	2,468		2,895		3,232	
Total revenue	2,734		3,241		3,525	
Profit centre contribution excluding gains	1,408	51%	1,683	52%	1,911	54%
Gains	37	1%	55	2%	34	1%
Central overhead	(154)	(6)%	(167)	(5)%	(199)	(6)%
EBITDA	1,291	47%	1,571	48%	1,746	50%

UNDERSTANDING OUR GROWTH

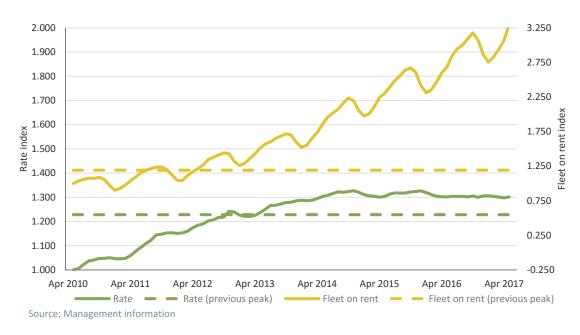
CYCLICAL AND STRUCTURAL





 We continue to gain significant share and rescale the business

Rate and fleet on rent index



Rate:

- 30% growth this cycle
- 9% growth since last peak

Volume:

- 230% growth this cycle
- 177% growth since last peak

UNDERSTANDING RATE VS YIELD





Revenue split by term

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Day	14%	14%	13%	11%	10%	10%	10%
Week	25%	25%	25%	24%	23%	22%	21%
Month	61%	61%	62%	65%	67%	68%	69%

- This cycle has seen unprecedented structural change and a range of reference points have changed
- Now doing much longer projects with greater quantities per project
- These are the products which were historically owned
- Lower rate but lower transactional cost

GOOD PROGRESS ON 2021 PLAN



ACQUISITIONS AND GREENFIELDS

		O	Ма	arket
		Consideration	Broad General Tool	Power and climate control
2016/17	I&L Rentals	\$67m	✓	
	LoadBanks	\$6m		✓
	Portable Rental Solutions	\$11m		✓
	CanSource Direct	C\$9m	✓	
	Tower Tech	\$13m		✓
	Post Falls	\$4m	✓	
	Rick's Action Rental	\$0.4m	✓	
	New Mexico / El Paso branches of BlueLine	\$27m	✓	
	Arsenal	\$39m	✓	
	Pride	\$277m	✓	
	Van's Equipment	\$25m	✓	
2017/18	Noble	\$47m	✓	
	RGR	\$58m	✓	
	MSP	\$23m	✓	

- 49 greenfield locations added in addition to the 24 bolt-on locations
- Of the 73 stores added in North America, 32 were specialty

EXECUTION OF 2021 PLAN





	Market growth	2017/18 plan	
Mature stores (up to FY11)	3 – 4%	4 – 6%	c.1.5x market growth
Recent openings (FY12 – FY16)	3 – 4%	4 – 6%	c.1.5x market growth
Organic growth – same-store		4 – 6%	
Greenfields		3 – 4%	
Organic growth		7 – 10%	
Bolt-ons		2 – 3%	
2017/18 growth outlook		9 – 13%	

- 2017/18 plan is again for circa 60 new locations
- Good pipeline of bolt-on opportunities as growing acceptance of scale advantages



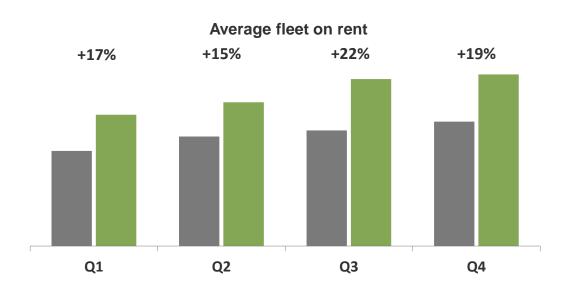


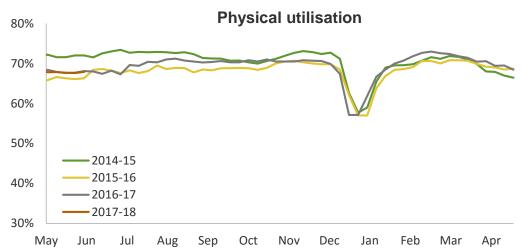
		2015	2016	2017	2018 Outlook
Sunbelt (\$m)					
- rental fleet	- replacement	395	572	403	300 – 350
	- growth	873	871	657	600 – 850
- non-rental fleet		100	133	111	100
		1,368	1,576	1,171	1,000 – 1,300

A-PLANT REVENUE DRIVERS



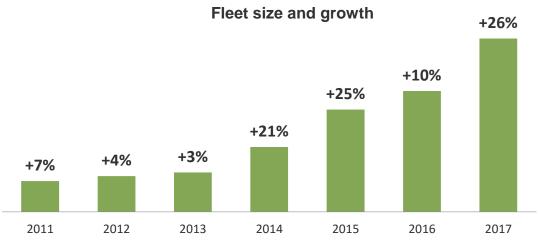






Year over year change in yield





GOOD PROGRESS AT DIVERSIFYING BUSINESS



ACQUISITIONS AND GREENFIELDS

		Compidentian		Ма	rket	
		Consideration (including acquired debt)	Broad General Tool	Industrial	Power and climate control	Entertainment
Acquisition						
2016/17	Mather & Stuart	£14m			✓	
	Tool and Engineering Services	£1m		✓		
	Lion Trackhire	£38m				✓
	Opti-cal Survey	£14m	✓			
2017/18	Plantfinder	£24m	✓			
Fleet purch	ases					
2016/17	Galliford Try	£11m	✓			
	Shepherd Engineering Services	£4m	✓			
	Hewden	£29m	✓	✓	✓	
	Kier Hoists	£2m		✓		

28 locations added during the year

A-PLANT AND GROUP FLEET PLAN FOR 2017/18



ANTICIPATED A-PLANT VOLUME GROWTH DOUBLE-DIGIT TO MID-TEENS

		2015	2016	2017	2018 Outlook¹
A-Plant (£m)					
- rental fleet	- replacement	46	95	74	50 – 60
	- growth	108	47	90	40 – 50
- non-rental fleet		19	22	16	15
		173	164	181	105 – 125
Sunbelt (\$m)					
- rental fleet	- replacement	395	572	403	300 – 350
	- growth	873	871	657	600 - 850
- non-rental fleet		100	133	111	100
		1,368	1,576	1,171	1,000 – 1,300
Group (£m)					
Capital outlook (gross)		1,063	1,240	1,086	905 – 1,165
Disposal proceeds		(121)	(200)	(169)	(110 – 140)
Capex outlook (net)		942	1,040	917	795 – 1,025

¹ Outlook at £1 = \$1.25

CAPITAL ALLOCATION



OUR PRIORITIES FOR USING CAPITAL ARE RETURNS FOCUSED

1.	Organ	ic (arowth
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- Invest in same-store fleet growth
- Continue programme of opening around 60 greenfield locations per year in North America

2. Bolt-on acquisitions

 Targeted bolt-on acquisitions to support geographic expansion and to grow specialty businesses

3. Regular dividends

- Full year dividend increased in line with profits
- Ongoing progressive dividend policy which is sustainable through the cycle

4. Share buybacks

 Capital returns to shareholders will be kept under regular review reflecting the priorities above

SUMMARY



- Markets remain very supportive
- Shift to rental and consolidation continue to provide further opportunities as we optimise the benefits of scale
- Remain committed to 2021 plan for further market share gains and profitable growth over the medium term
- Strong margins result in significant cash generation which will be deployed in line with our capital allocation priorities
- As a consequence the Board continues to look to the medium term with confidence

Appendices Full year results | 30 April 2017

DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE – Q4



	F	Revenue			EBITDA			Profit	
	2017	2016	Change ¹	2017	2016	Change ¹	2017	2016	Change ¹
Sunbelt (\$m)	894	809	11%	427	393	8%	248	243	2%
Sunbelt (£m)	714	565	26%	341	275	24%	199	170	17%
A-Plant	117	101	15%	42	38	11%	21	20	5%
Group central costs	-	-	-	(3)	(5)	(22)%	(3)	(5)	(22)%
	831	666	25%	380	308	23%	217	185	17%
Net financing costs							(28)	(22)	26%
Profit before amortisation and tax						_	189	163	15%
Exceptionals and amortisation							(8)	(12)	(32)%
Profit before taxation						_	181	151	19%
Taxation							(61)	(49)	23%
Profit after taxation						_	120	102	18%
Margins									
- Sunbelt				48%	49%		28%	30%	
- A-Plant				36%	38%		18%	20%	
- Group				46%	46%		26%	28%	

¹ As reported

DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE – TWELVE MONTHS



		Revenue			EBITDA			Profit	
	2017	2016	Change ¹	2017	2016	Change ¹	2017	2016	Change ¹
Sunbelt (\$m)	3,583	3,277	9%	1,769	1,584	12%	1,088	1,014	7%
Sunbelt (£m)	2,769	2,181	27%	1,366	1,054	30%	841	675	25%
A-Plant	418	365	15%	153	137	12%	72	67	7%
Group central costs	-	-	-	(15)	(13)	10%	(15)	(14)	10%
	3,187	2,546	25%	1,504	1,178	28%	898	728	23%
Net financing costs							(105)	(83)	26%
Profit before amortisation and tax						_	793	645	23%
Exceptionals and amortisation							(28)	(28)	(1)%
Profit before taxation						_	765	617	24%
Taxation							(264)	(209)	26%
Profit after taxation						_	501	408	23%
Margins									
- Sunbelt				49%	48%		30%	31%	
- A-Plant				37%	38%		17%	18%	
- Group				47%	46%		28%	29%	

¹ As reported

UNDERSTANDING RATE VS YIELD





	Rate ¹	Monthly revenue ²	C	ontract mix			Revenue ²		Chan	ge
	(\$)	(\$)	FY17	FY16	FY15	FY17	FY16	FY15	17 v 16	16 v 15
Daily	420	10,080	10.0%	10.5%	11.0%	1,008	1,058	1,109		
Weekly	1,015	4,060	20.0%	21.0%	21.5%	812	853	873		
Monthly	2,590	2,590	70.0%	68.5%	67.5%	1,813	1,774	1,748		
			100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	3,633	3,685	3,730	-1.4%	-1.2%

¹ Rough terrain forklift – page 48 of H1 presentation

- Rate is unchanged year-over-year
- Revenue is 3% lower due to change in rental periods since 2015
 - This is yield, not rate
- Compensation is lower transactional cost



² Based on 24 billing days in a month

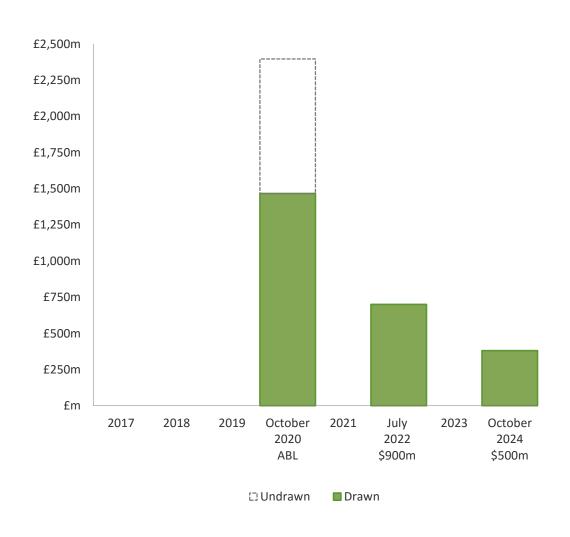
CASH FLOW FUNDS ORGANIC FLEET GROWTH HEALTHY EBITDA MARGINS ENSURE SIGNIFICANT TOP LINE CASH GENERATION THROUGH THE CYCLE



(£m)	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
EBITDA before exceptional items	1,504	1,178	908	685	519	381	284	255	359	380	310	225	170	147
EBITDA margin	47%	46%	45%	42%	38%	34%	30%	30%	33%	38%	35%	35%	32%	29%
Cash inflow from operations before fleet changes and exceptionals	1,444	1,071	841	646	501	365	280	266	374	356	319	215	165	140
Cash conversion ratio	96%	91%	93%	94%	97%	96%	99%	104%	104%	94%	97%	96%	97%	95%
Replacement capital expenditure	(527)	(562)	(349)	(335)	(329)	(272)	(203)	(43)	(236)	(231)	(245)	(167)	(101)	(83)
Disposal proceeds	161	180	103	102	96	90	60	31	92	93	78	50	36	32
Interest and tax	(151)	(85)	(95)	(56)	(48)	(57)	(71)	(54)	(64)	(83)	(69)	(41)	(31)	(33)
Cash flow before discretionary items	927	604	500	357	220	126	66	200	166	135	83	57	69	56
Growth capital expenditure	(608)	(672)	(588)	(406)	(254)	(135)	-	-	-	(120)	(63)	(63)	(10)	-
M&A	(421)	(68)	(242)	(103)	(34)	(22)	(35)	(1)	89	(6)	(327)	(44)	1	15
Exceptional costs	-	-	-	(2)	(16)	(3)	(12)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(69)	(20)	(6)	(17)
Cash flow available to equity holders	(102)	(136)	(330)	(154)	(84)	(35)	19	191	246	(1)	(376)	(70)	54	54
Dividends paid	(116)	(82)	(61)	(41)	(20)	(15)	(15)	(13)	(13)	(10)	(7)	(2)	-	-
Share issues/returns	(55)	(12)	(21)	(23)	(10)	(4)	-	-	(16)	(24)	144	69	-	-
	(273)	(230)	(412)	(218)	(114)	(53)	4	178	217	(35)	(239)	(3)	54	54

ROBUST AND FLEXIBLE DEBT STRUCTURE

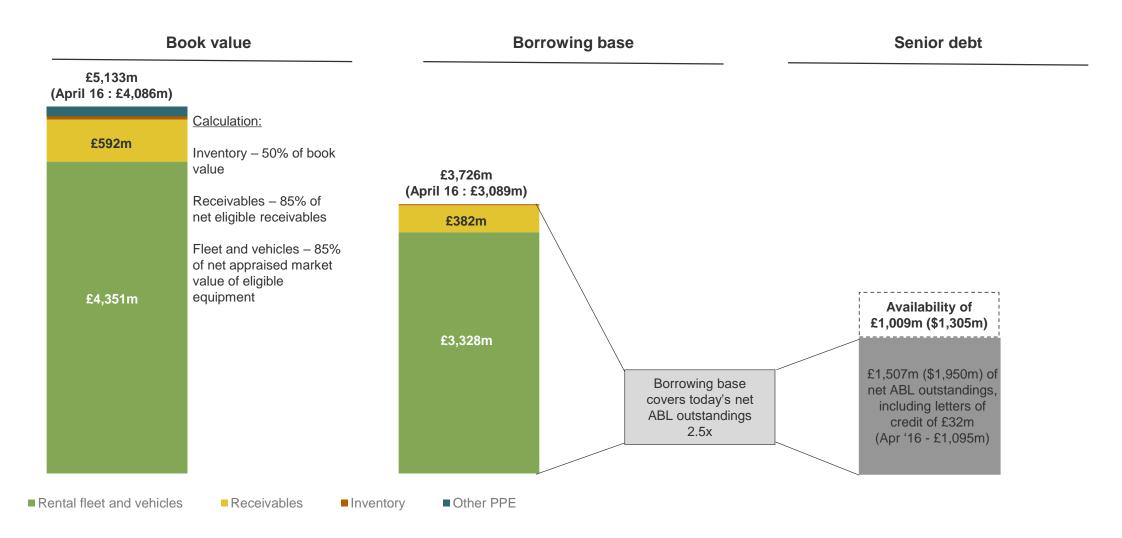




- Debt facilities committed for average of 4 years
- No amortisation
- No financial monitoring covenants whilst availability exceeds \$310m (April 2017: \$1,305m)

\$1,305M OF AVAILABILITY AT 30 APRIL 2017





Borrowing base reflects July 2016 asset values

DEBT AND COVENANTS



Facility	Interest rate	Maturity
\$3.1bn first lien revolver	LIBOR + 125-175 bps	July 2020
\$900m second lien notes	6.5%	July 2022
\$500m second lien notes	5.625%	October 2024
Capital leases	~7%	Various

Ratings

	S&P	Moody's
Corporate family	BB+	Ba1
Second lien	BBB-	Ba2

Availability

Covenants are not measured if availability is greater than \$310 million

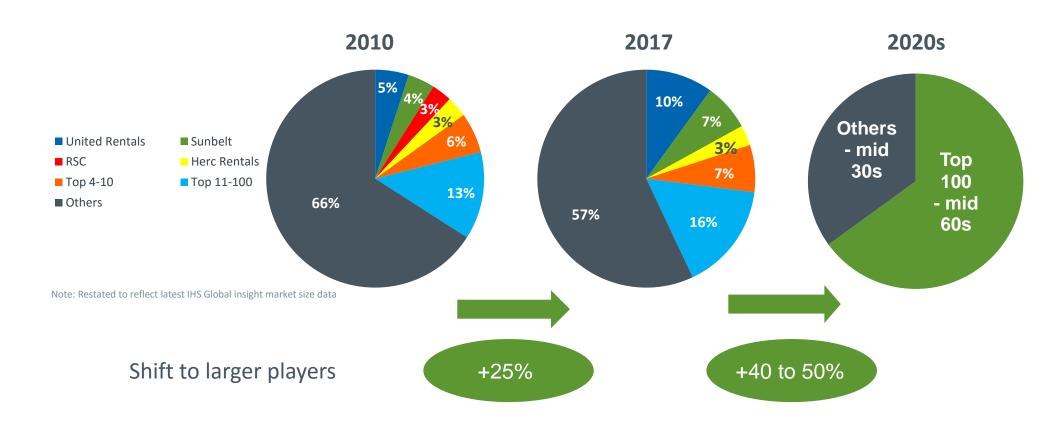
Fixed charge coverage covenant

- EBITDA less net cash capex to interest paid, tax paid, dividends paid and debt amortisation must equal or exceed 1.0x
- Greater than 1.0x at April 2017

THE BIG ARE GETTING BIGGER WHICH PROVIDES FURTHER OPPORTUNITY



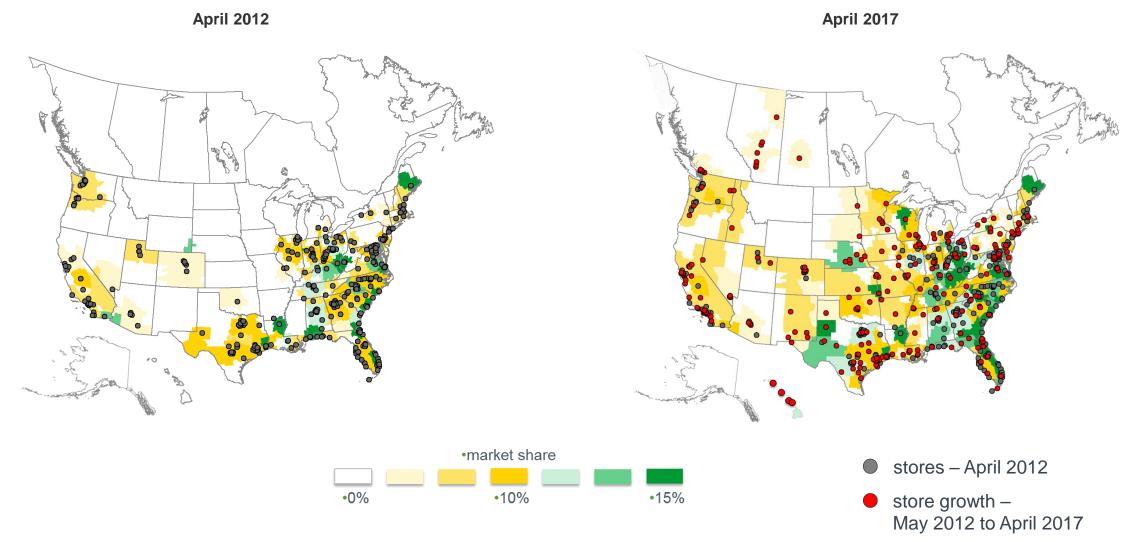
US MARKET SHARE



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

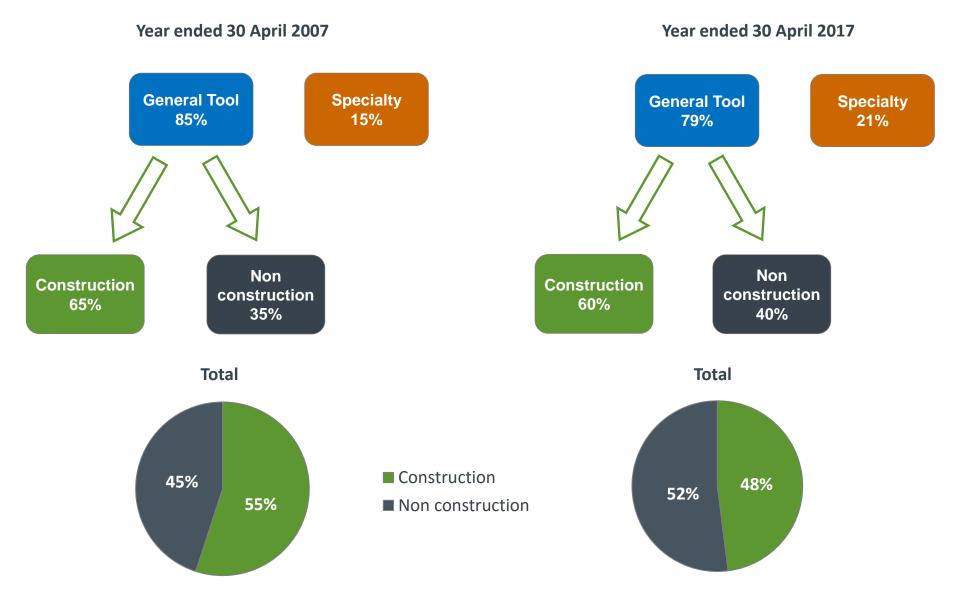
WE HAVE INCREASED OUR FOOTPRINT AND GAINED SIGNIFICANT MARKET SHARE





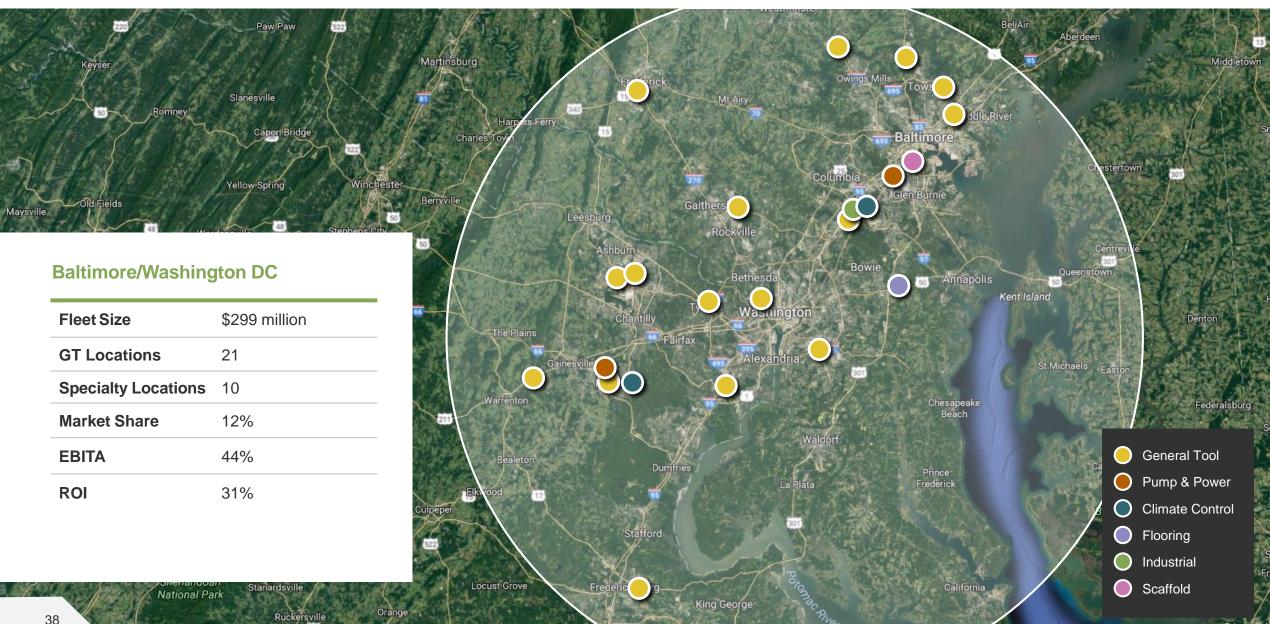
THE BENEFIT OF OUR DIVERSIFICATION HAS BEEN SHOWN IN RECENT RELATIVE PERFORMANCE WILL REMAIN A KEY ELEMENT OF OUR STRATEGY





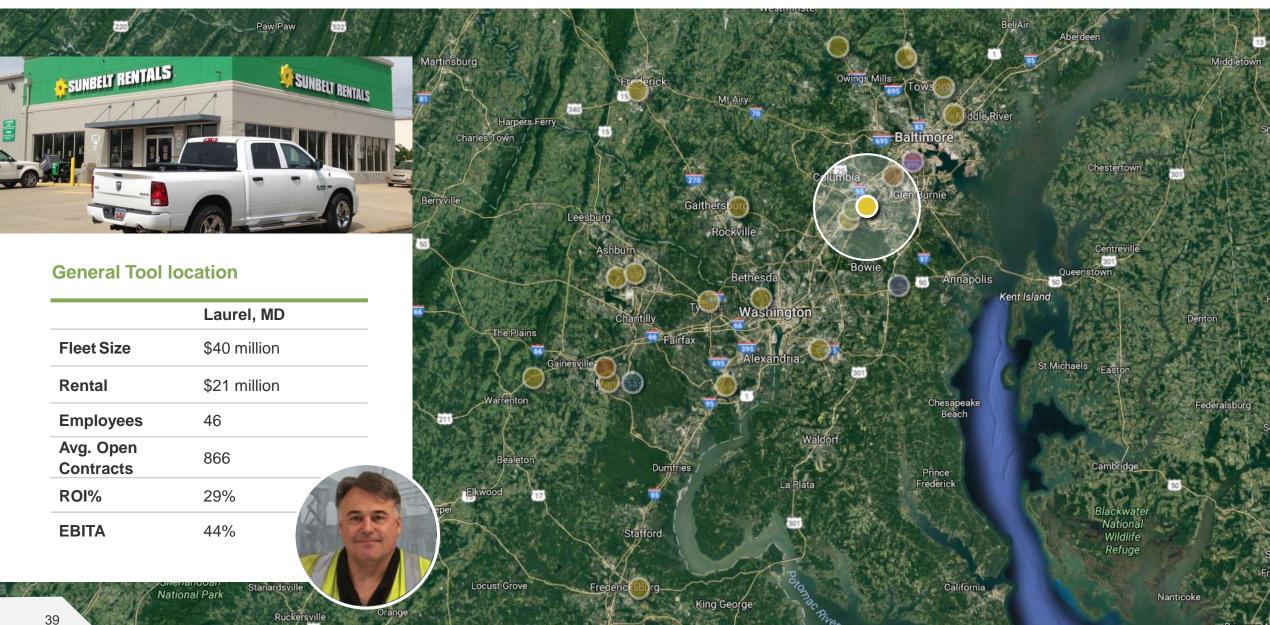
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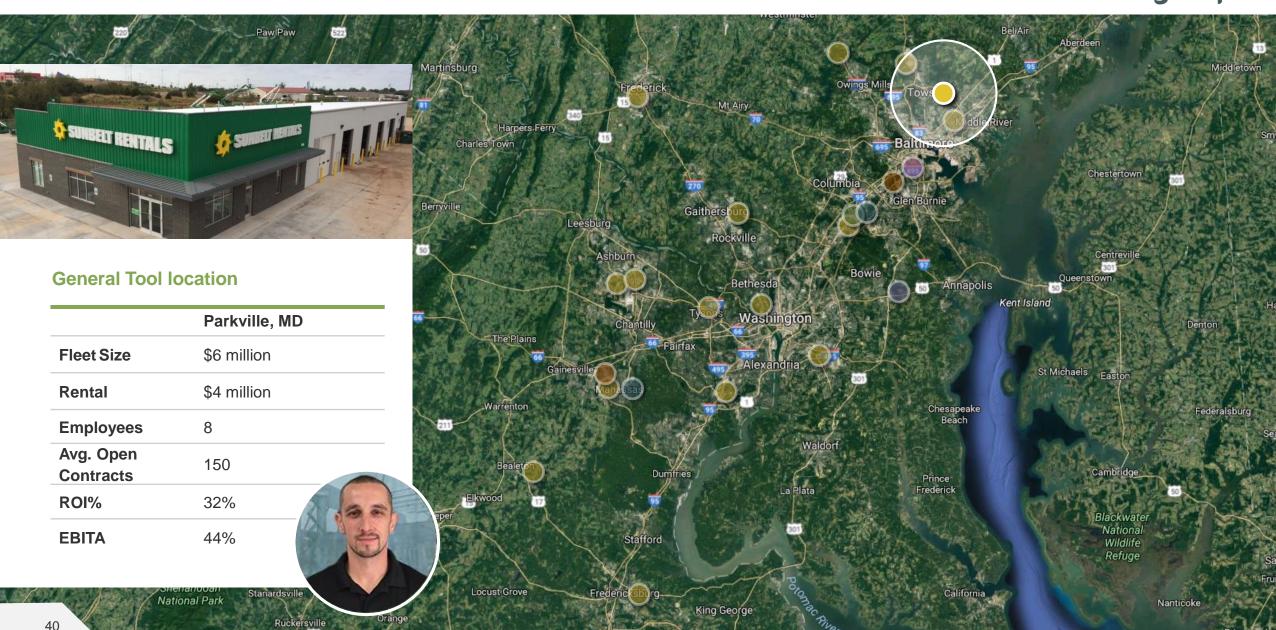
LARGE GENERAL TOOL LOCATION





MIDSIZE GENERAL TOOL LOCATION





DIFFERENT SIZE GENERAL TOOL LOCATIONS SATISFY MULTIPLE NEEDS



	Day	Week	Month
Suggested	\$419	\$990	\$2,695
Book	\$415	\$990	\$2,695
High	\$445	\$1,065	\$2,860
Average	\$420	\$1,015	\$2,590
Floor	\$400	\$970	\$2,390

Rough Terrain Forklifts	Laurel, MD	Parkville, MD		
Quantity	99 units	12 units		
Utilization	85%	72%		



Example of Rental

Major Commercial
Project

4 units

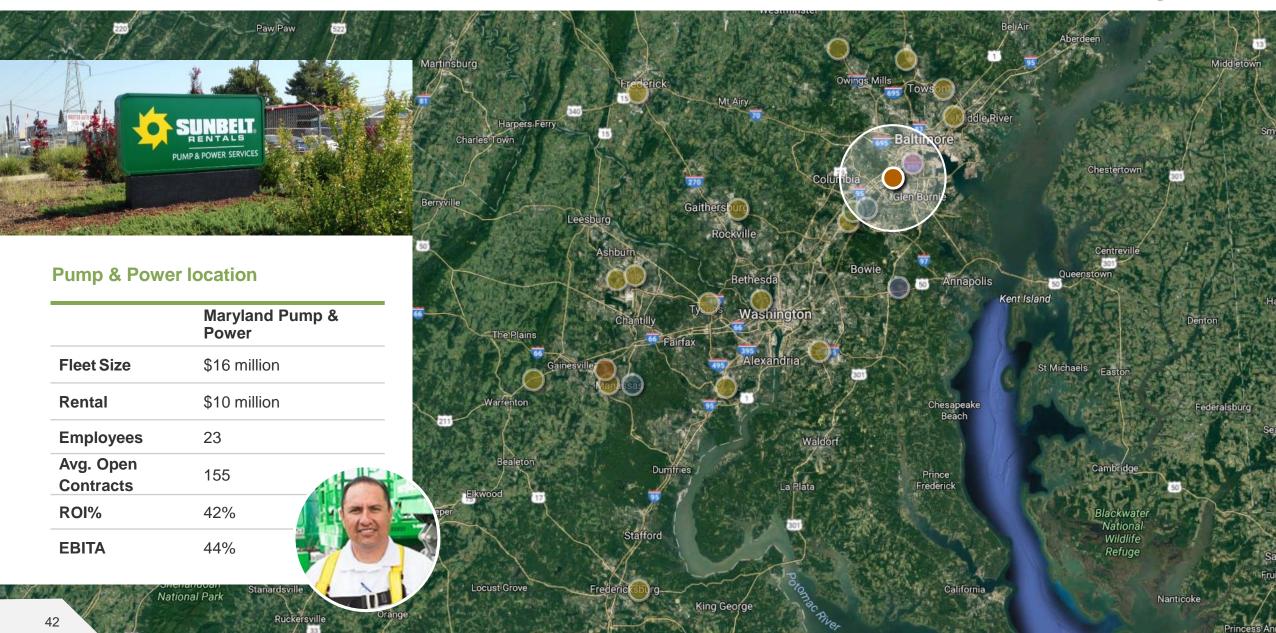
1 unit

Multi-Month Rental

2 Day Rental

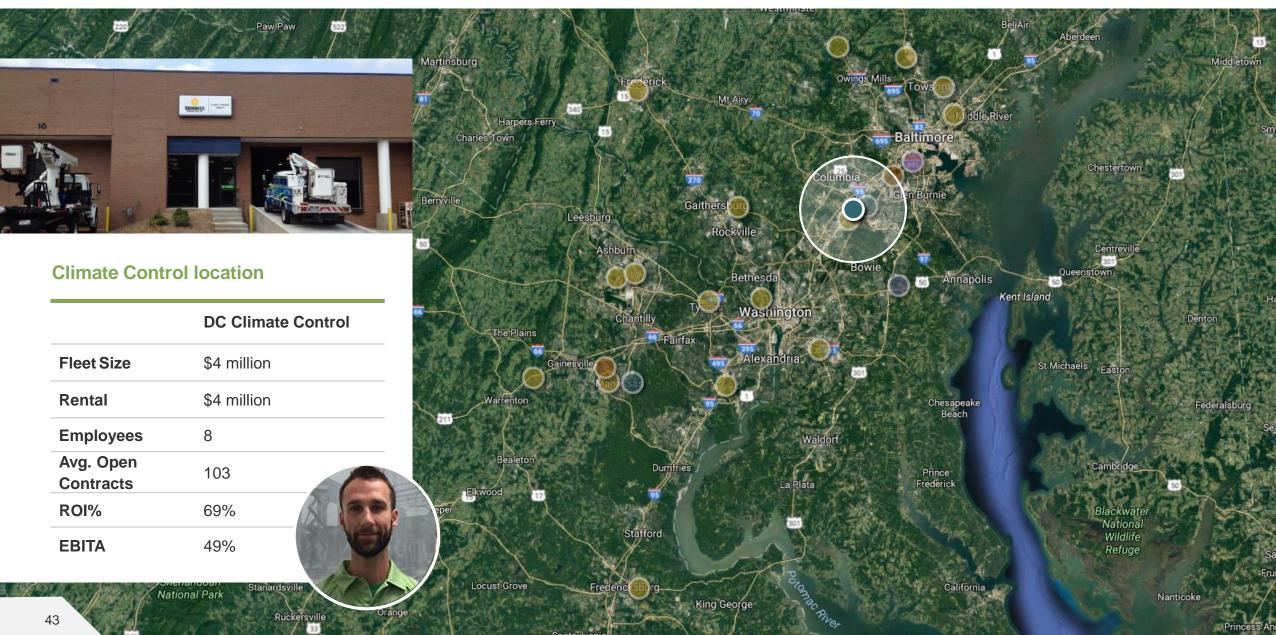
PUMP & POWER LOCATION





CLIMATE CONTROL LOCATION









SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS







Rental Markets	Top 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

OUR FINANCIAL ROAD MAP TO 2021



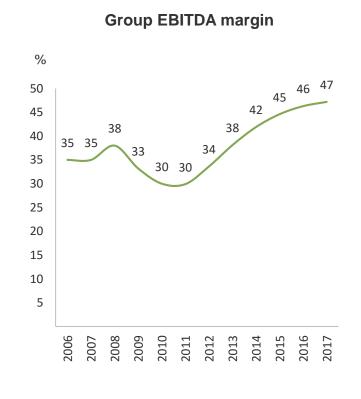
				Evolution	
Locations	2016	2021	2016 EBITA margin %¹		
310	2.5	3.3 – 3.5	39	 Continue to build at circa 1.5x market growth EBITA improvement through scale and efficiency 	
236	0.7	0.9 – 1.0	30	 Growth at rate of mature stores as we broaden the product offering and establish ourselves in newly penetrated markets 	
				 EBITA margin trends towards mature stores 	
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		
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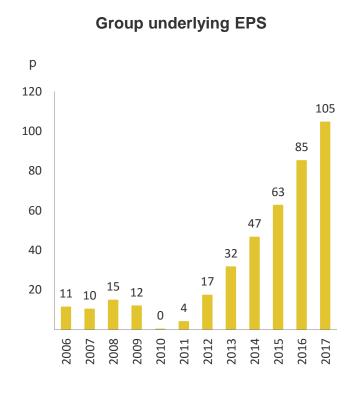
¹ EBITA margins exclude central cost

IMPORTANT TO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THROUGH THE CYCLE KEY METRICS









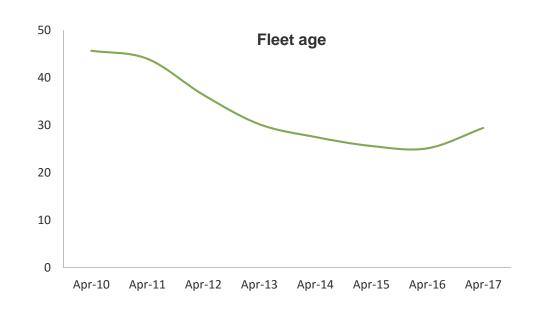
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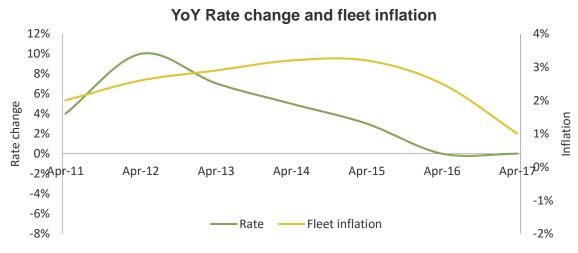








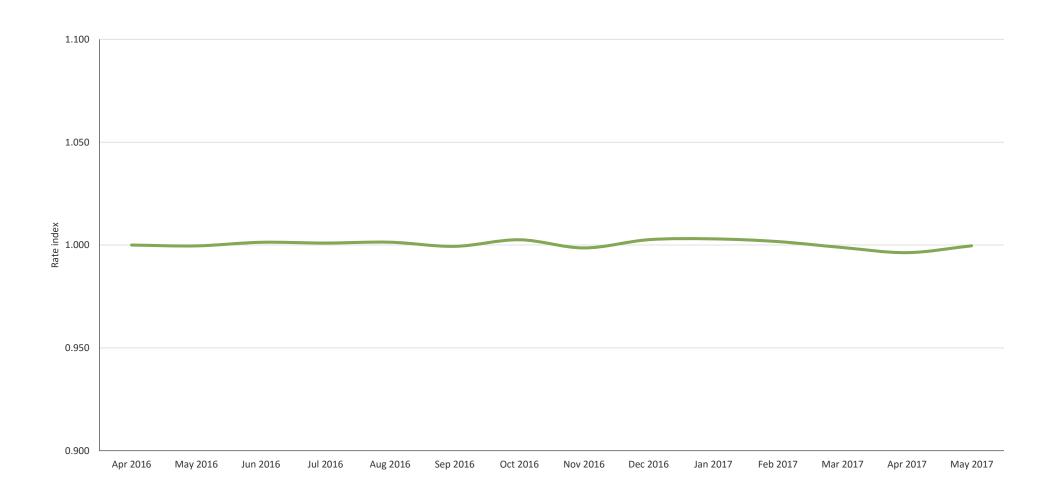




CURRENT RATE TREND



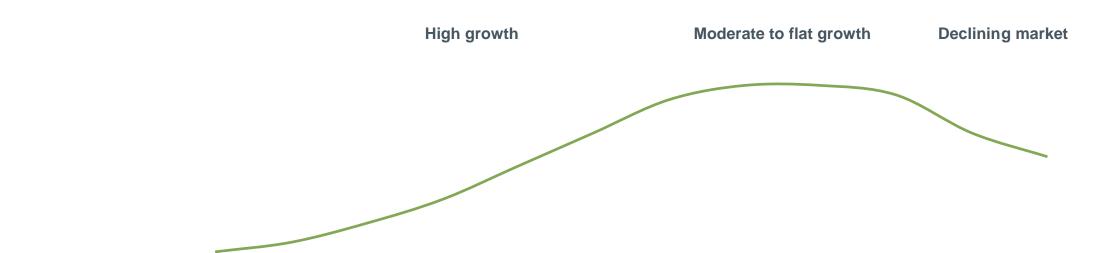




CYCLICAL CASH GENERATION



CASH POSITIVE AS GROWTH MODERATES – HIGHLY GENERATIVE DURING DOWNTURN



	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

Ashtead group











