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19 June 2018





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- Another strong year with growth in revenue and profitability
- Continued progress on our growth and capital allocation priorities
 - £1,239m invested in capital expenditure
 - £392m spend on bolt-ons
 - 114 locations opened / added
 - £161m spend on share buybacks
- £386m of free cash flow generation
- Leverage maintained within our 1.5 to 2.0 times EBITDA to net debt range
- Proposed final dividend of 27.5p making 33.0p for the year, up 20% (2017: 27.5p)
- Outlook remains positive and we continue to look to the medium term with confidence

Michael Pratt Finance director





(£m)	2018	2017	Change ¹
Revenue	3,706	3,187	20%
- of which rental	3,418	2,901	21%
Operating costs	(1,973)	(1,683)	20%
EBITDA	1,733	1,504	19%
Depreciation	(696)	(607)	18%
Operating profit	1,037	897	19%
Net interest	(110)	(104)	9%
Profit before amortisation, exceptional items and tax	927	793	21%
Earnings per share (p)	127.5p	104.3p	26%
Margins			
- EBITDA	47%	47%	
- Operating profit	28%	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 and exceptional items



(\$m)	2018	2017	Change
Revenue	4,153	3,525	18%
- of which rental	3,887	3,232	20%
Operating costs	(2,090)	(1,779)	17%
EBITDA	2,063	1,746	18%
Depreciation	(770)	(665)	16%
Operating profit	1,293	1,081	20%
Margins			
- EBITDA	50%	50%	
- Operating profit	31%	31%	



(C\$m)	2018	2017	Change
Revenue	223	77	191%
- of which rental	185	67	175%
Operating costs	(155)	(46)	236%
EBITDA	68	31	123%
Depreciation	(40)	(21)	91%
Operating profit	28	10	192%
Margins			
EBITDAOperating profit	30% 13%	40% 13%	



(£m)	2018	2017	Change
Revenue	472	418	13%
- of which rental	405	365	11%
Operating costs	(305)	(265)	15%
EBITDA	167	153	10%
Depreciation	(97)	(81)	20%
Operating profit	70	72	(2)%
Margins			
EBITDAOperating profit	35% 15%	37% 17%	

CASH FLOW



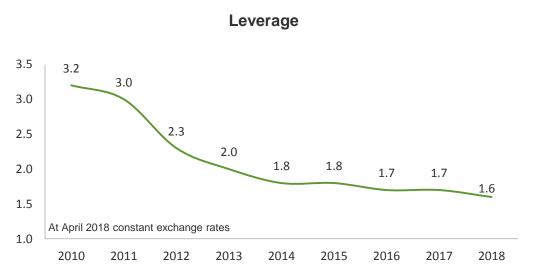
(£m)	2018	2017	Change ³
EBITDA before exceptional items	1,733	1,504	19%
Cash conversion ratio ¹	97.0%	96.0%	
Cash inflow from operations ²	1,681	1,444	20%
Replacement and non-rental capital expenditure	(517)	(527)	
Rental equipment and other disposal proceeds received	161	161	
Interest and tax paid	(208)	(151)	
Cash inflow before discretionary expenditure	1,117	927	
Growth capital expenditure	(706)	(608)	
Exceptional costs	(25)	-	
Free cash flow	386	319	
Business acquisitions	(359)	(421)	
Dividends paid	(141)	(116)	
Purchase of own shares by the Company / ESOT	(168)	(55)	
Increase in net debt	(282)	(273)	

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 TOWARDS THE LOWER END OF OUR RANGE

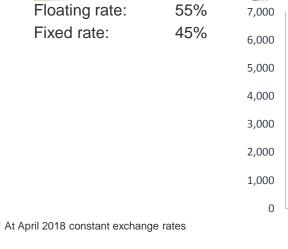


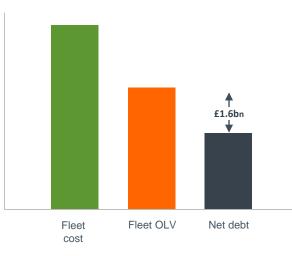
	April	
(£m)	2018	2017
Net debt at 30 April	2,528	2,002
Translation impact	(141)	229
Opening debt at closing exchange rates	2,387	2,231
Change from cash flows	282	273
Debt acquired	41	21
Non-cash movements	2	3
Net debt at period end	2,712	2,528
Comprising:		
First lien senior secured bank debt	1,509	1,449
Second lien secured notes	1,217	1,080
Finance lease obligations	5	5
Cash in hand	(19)	(6)
—	2,712	2,528
Net debt to EBITDA leverage ¹ (x)	1.6	1.7



£m

Interest







<u>2017/18</u>

- Blended effective Group tax rate of 32%
- Cash tax rate of 10%
- Reduced deferred tax liability results in a one-off, non-cash tax credit to the income statement of £400m

2018/19 onwards

Effective Group tax rate of 23-25%

 Cash tax rate of mid to high single digits in 2018/19, increasing in subsequent years towards the effective rate

Note: These are estimates based on the Group's forecasts.



Geoff Drabble Chief executive







	2017/18 plan	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Full year	2018/19 outlook
Same-store ¹ organic growth ²	4 - 6%	7%	10%	13%	10%	10%	nm
Greenfields ²	3-4%	3%	4%	5%	6%	5%	nm
Organic growth	7 – 10%	10%	14%	18%	16%	15%	8 – 11%
Bolt-ons	2-3%	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	3-4%
Rental revenue growth	9 – 13%	15%	19%	23%	20%	20%	11 – 15%

US rental only revenue presented on a billing day basis

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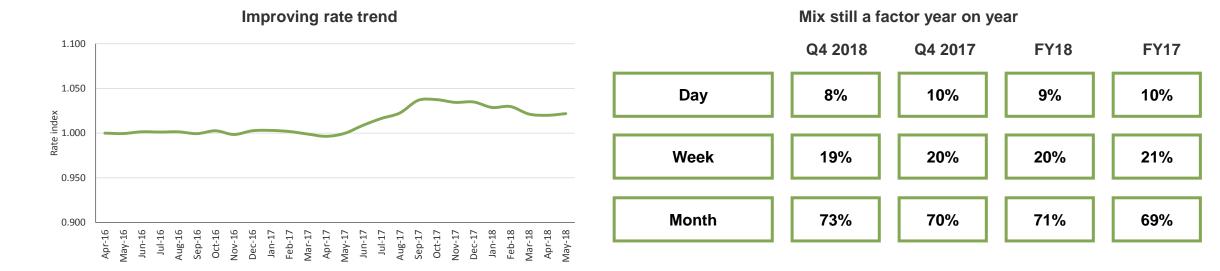
¹ Same-store includes those locations which were open as at 1 May 2016

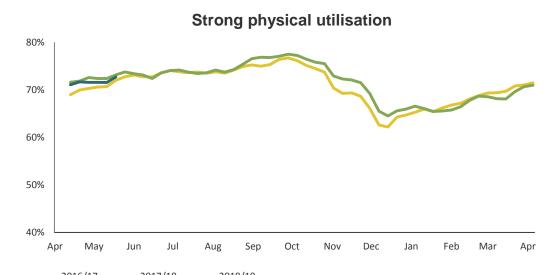
² Split between same-store and greenfield growth rates affected by fleet transfers

- Exit the year with good momentum
- Comparators distorted by hurricane activity and lapping M&A
- Capability to use balance sheet for further organic growth and bolt-on M&A as opportunities present themselves
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Improving yield trend

	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	FY2018	FY2017
Fleet on rent	+19%	+18%	+20%	+20%	+19%	+17%
Yield	-3%	+1%	+3%	nil%	nil%	-3%
EBITDA	51%	52%	48%	48%	50%	50%
EBITA	33%	35%	29%	28%	31%	31%
Rol	22%	23%	23%	24%	24%	22%

2016/17 2017/18 2018/19

GOOD ORGANIC GROWTH SUPPLEMENTED BY BOLT-ONS

SUNBELT SAME-STORE PERFORMANCE REMAINS STRONG AND THE KEY DRIVER



Full year

	Organic	Bolt-ons ²	Total ¹
Proportion of revenue	96%	4%	100%
Fleet on rent – % change	+14%	nm	+19%
Net yield	+1%	nm	nil%
Physical utilisation – actual	72%	69%	72%
Dollar utilisation	56%	45%	55%
Drop-through	nm	nm	53%

Presented on a billing day basis

¹ Excludes impact of large new high returning, low margin industrial scaffold job (3% drag on total drop-through)

² Bolt-on locations acquired from 1 May 2016

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Individual store evolution

Cluster evolution

		EBITA m	nargin %
Store vintage	Locations	2016	2018
Mature stores (up to FY11)	325	39	40
Initial openings (FY12-FY16)	207	30	36
Recent openings (FY17-FY18)	126	N/A	32
EBITA margin excluding central costs	658	36	38
Central overheads		(5)	(7)
EBITA margin as reported		31	31

Profile	Non- construction	EBITA % ¹	ROI ²
Mature	>60%	41%	29%
Mid-Term	c. 40%	35%	22%
Early	c. 20%	32%	19%

Source: Capital Markets Day presentation – April 2018

Top 100 markets

¹ EBITA margin calculated excluding central overheads

² Rol calculated with reference to profit centre contribution, excluding central overheads. Average investment excludes goodwill and intangible assets.

Source: Capital Markets Day presentation – April 2018





US rental revenue forecasts

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Industry rental revenue	+4%	+6%	+6%	+6%	+5%



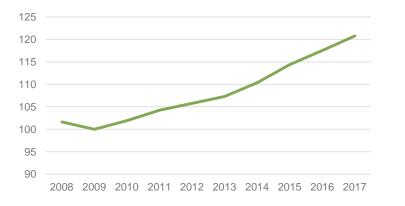
Dodge construction starts

Source: Dodge Data & Analytics (May 2018)

Square footage under roof rental opportunity



Real personal consumption expenditures Indexed: 2009=100



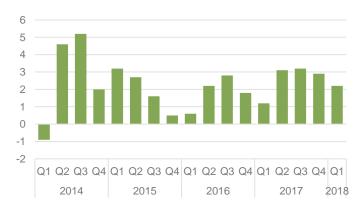
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (May 2018)

Unemployment rate (%)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (May 2018)

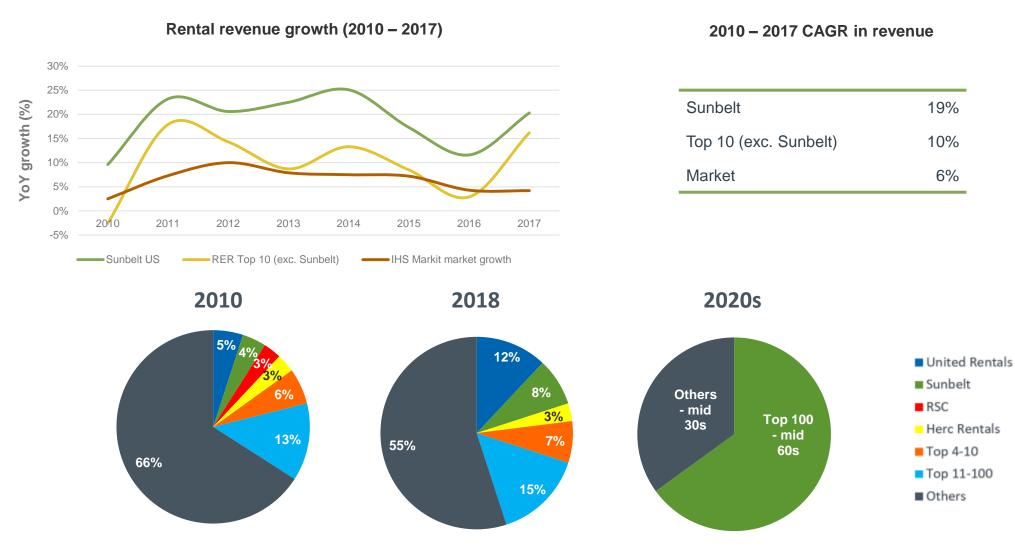
Real GDP Percentage change from preceding quarter



Seasonally adjusted at annual rates Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (May 2018)







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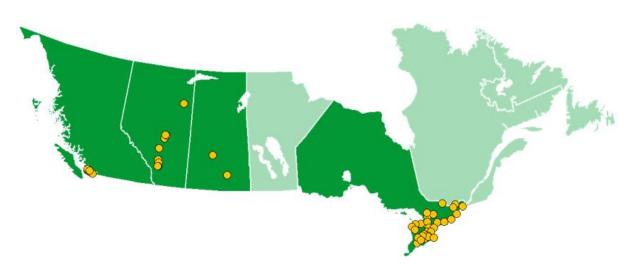
(C\$m)	2018	2017	% growth
Rental revenue	185	67	175%
EBITDA	68	31	123%
EBITA	28	10	192%

- Rental revenue growth in western Canada of 20%
- Rental revenue growth in eastern Canada of 25%

Canadian rental revenue forecasts

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

Source: IHS Markit (April 2018)



Total market size

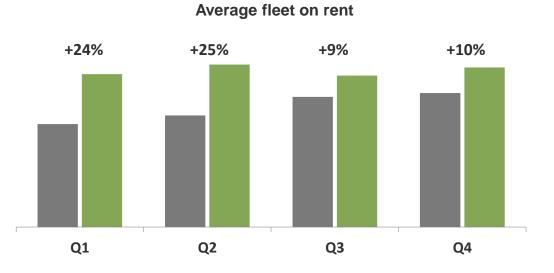
(\$bn)	US	UK	Canada
Market size	49.3	8.1	5.2

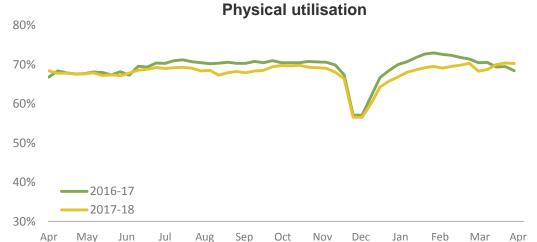
Source: IHS Markit (April 2018) and IHS Markit / European Rental Association (2017)

A-PLANT REVENUE DRIVERS

PLANT GROWTH CONTINUES BACKED BY FLEET INVESTMENT







Year over year change in yield



	Full	year
	2018	2017
EBITDA	35%	37%
EBITA	15%	17%



CONTINUED FOCUS ON FLEET INVESTMENT IN 2018/19



			2016	2017	2018	2019 Outlook ¹
Sunbelt US (\$m)	- rental fleet	- replacement	558	391	347	300 - 400
		- growth	818	648	921	850 – 950
	- non-rental fleet		125	108	142	120
			1,501	1,147	1,410	1,270 – 1,470
Sunbelt Canada		- replacement	17	17	21	10 – 20
(C\$m)		- growth	66	11	55	100 – 110
	- non-rental fleet		10	6	15	10
			93	34	91	120 – 140
A-Plant (£m)	- rental fleet	- replacement	95	74	77	55 – 65
		- growth	47	90	60	25 – 30
	- non-rental fleet		22	16	27	40
			164	180	164	120 – 135
Group (£m)	Capital outlook (gros	ss)	1,240	1,086	1,239	1,130 – 1,300
	Disposal proceeds		(200)	(169)	(158)	(100 – 130)
	Capex outlook (net)		1,040	917	1,081	1,030 – 1,170

¹ Stated at $\pounds 1 = \$1.35$ and $\pounds 1 = C\$1.80$



Clear priorities Consistently applied Organic fleet growth - Same-store £1.2bn on capital expenditure - Greenfields £392m on bolt-ons **Bolt-on acquisitions** £200m spent on share buybacks under Returns to shareholders programme previously announced; minimum of £600m and up to £1bn - Progressive dividend policy - Share buybacks



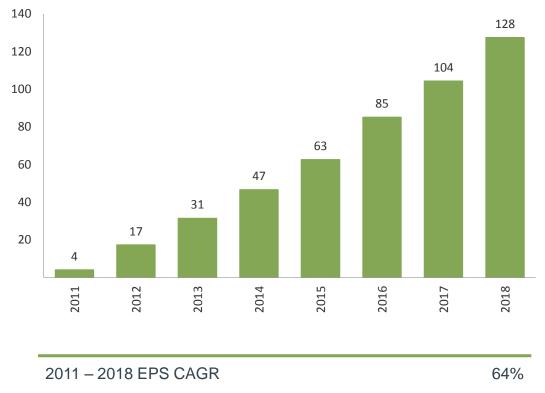
2021 assumptions

Organic growth	7 - 10% p.a.
Group EBITDA margin	47-48%
Group EBITA margin	29-30%
Three year capital expenditure spend	c. £3bn
Leverage in range of 1.5 to 2.0 times EBITDA	

Available for M&A and share buybacks

c. £3.5bn

Group underlying EPS



Targeting EPS growth to 2021	15 – 20% p.a.
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- Good momentum carried into 2018/19 with supportive markets
- We have a clear plan to 2021 to deliver 15 20% EPS growth per annum
- Leverage maintained within our 1.5 to 2.0 times range as we focus on responsible growth
- Final dividend of 27.5p making 33.0p for the year as we remain committed to a progressive dividend policy
- The Board continues to look to the medium term with confidence



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Appendices



DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE – Q4



	F	Revenue			EBITDA	A			
	2018	2017	Change ¹	2018	2017	Change ¹	2018	2017	Change ¹
Sunbelt US (\$m)	1,034	879	18%	495	420	18%	292	246	19%
Sunbelt Canada (C\$m)	62	20	218%	8	9	(4)%	(5)	3	(278)%
Sunbelt US (£m)	738	702	5%	352	336	5%	208	197	5%
A-Plant	118	117	1%	39	42	(8)%	13	21	(36)%
Sunbelt Canada	35	12	198%	5	5	(15)%	(3)	2	(291)%
Group central costs	-	-	-	(5)	(3)	30%	(5)	(3)	29%
-	891	831	7%	391	380	3%	213	217	(2)%
Net financing costs							(28)	(28)	(1)%
Profit before amortisation, exceptional	items and tax						185	189	(2)%
Amortisation and exceptional items							(10)	(8)	27%
Profit before taxation							175	181	(3)%
Taxation							(75)	(61)	24%
Profit after taxation							100	120	(17)%
Margins									
- Sunbelt US				48%	48%		28%	28%	
- A-Plant				33%	36%		11%	18%	
- Sunbelt Canada				14%	45%		(8)%	14%	
- Group				44%	46%		24%	26%	

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DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE – TWELVE MONTHS



		Revenue			EBITDA			Profit	
	2018	2017	Change ¹	2018	2017	Change ¹	2018	2017	Change ¹
Sunbelt US (\$m)	4,153	3,525	18%	2,063	1,746	18%	1,293	1,081	20%
Sunbelt Canada (C\$m)	223	77	191%	68	31	123%	28	10	192%
Sunbelt US (£m)	3,103	2,724	14%	1,542	1,348	14%	966	835	16%
A-Plant	472	418	13%	167	153	10%	70	72	(2)%
Sunbelt Canada	131	45	190%	40	18	123%	17	6	191%
Group central costs	-	-	-	(16)	(15)	6%	(16)	(15)	7%
-	3,706	3,187	16%	1,733	1,504	15%	1,037	898	16%
Net financing costs							(110)	(105)	6%
Profit before amortisation, exceptional	items and tax						927	793	17%
Amortisation and exceptional items							(65)	(28)	130%
Profit before taxation							862	765	13%
Taxation							107	(264)	nm
Profit after taxation							969	501	93%
Margins									
- Sunbelt US				50%	50%		31%	31%	
- A-Plant				35%	37%		15%	17%	
- Sunbelt Canada				31%	40%		13%	13%	
- Group				47%	47%		28%	28%	



FULL YEAR

	General Tool	Specialty	Total
% of business	78%	22%	100%
Rental revenue growth	+18%	+30%	20%
Fleet on rent	+19%	+24%	+19%
Yield	-1%	+5%	nil%
Year-on-year physical utilisation	nil%	+15%	1%

Presented on a billing day basis

SUNBELT PHYSICAL UTILISATION







RENTAL FLEET AT ORIGINAL COST

	30 April 2018	30 April 2017	Growth in rental fleet ¹
Sunbelt US in \$m	7,552	6,439	17%
Sunbelt Canada in C\$m	394	168	135%
Sunbelt US in £m	5,482	4,977	10%
A-Plant	862	774	11%
Sunbelt Canada in £m	223	95	135%
	6,567	5,846	12%

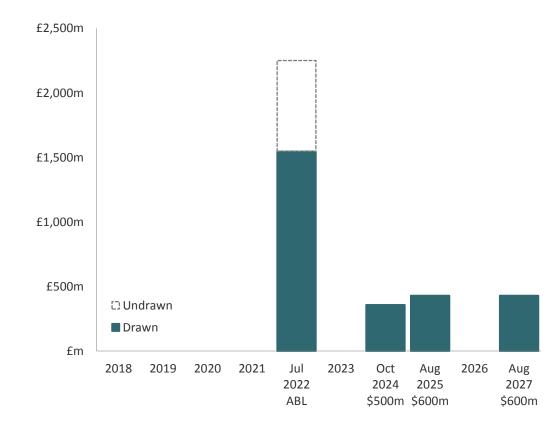
¹ As reported



Acquisition		Consideration	Acquisition		Consideration
Noble	May 2017	\$34m	Nickell	February 2018	\$15m
RGR	May 2017	\$58m	Beaupre	February 2018	\$57m
MSP	June 2017	\$23m	WGE	February 2018	\$3m
Green Acres	June 2017	\$5m	DJ's	March 2018	\$6m
CRS	August 2017	C\$287m	NERA	March 2018	\$4m
Lift	October 2017	\$9m	BCS	March 2018	\$1m
RentalCo	October 2017	\$1m	A&B	March 2018	\$21m
Maverick	November 2017	\$22m			

- 49 greenfield locations added in addition to the 50 bolt-on locations in the period
- Excluding CRS, of the 69 stores added in North America, 31 were specialty
- CRS added 30 stores in Canada





- Debt facilities committed for average of 6 years
- No amortisation
- No financial monitoring covenants whilst availability exceeds \$310m (April 2018: \$1,115m)

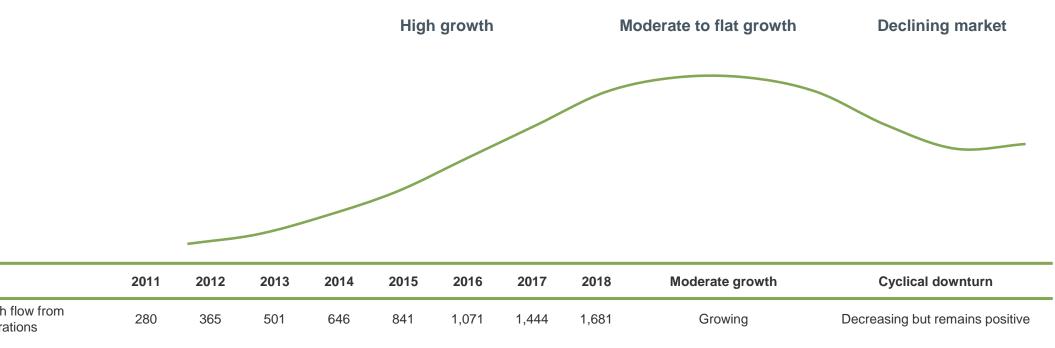
CASH FLOW FUNDS ORGANIC FLEET GROWTH HEALTHY EBITDA MARGINS ENSURE SIGNIFICANT TOP LINE CASH GENERATION THROUGH THE CYCLE



(£m)	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
EBITDA before exceptional items	1,733	1,504	1,178	908	685	519	381	284	255	356	364	310	225	170
EBITDA margin	47%	47%	46%	45%	42%	38%	34%	30%	30%	30%	33%	35%	35%	32%
Cash inflow from operations before fleet changes and exceptionals	1,681	1,444	1,071	841	646	501	365	280	266	374	356	319	215	165
Cash conversion ratio	97%	96%	91%	93%	94%	97%	96%	99%	104%	104%	94%	97%	96%	97%
Replacement capital expenditure	(517)	(527)	(562)	(349)	(335)	(329)	(272)	(203)	(43)	(236)	(231)	(245)	(167)	(101)
Disposal proceeds	161	161	180	103	102	96	90	60	31	92	93	78	50	36
Interest and tax	(208)	(151)	(85)	(95)	(56)	(48)	(57)	(71)	(54)	(64)	(83)	(69)	(41)	(31)
Cash flow before discretionary items	1,117	927	604	500	357	220	126	66	200	166	135	83	57	69
Growth capital expenditure	(706)	(608)	(672)	(588)	(406)	(254)	(135)	-	-	-	(120)	(63)	(63)	(10)
M&A	(359)	(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	27	(102)	(136)	(330)	(154)	(84)	(35)	19	191	246	(1)	(376)	(70)	54
Dividends paid	(141)	(116)	(82)	(61)	(41)	(20)	(15)	(15)	(13)	(13)	(10)	(7)	(2)	-
Share issues/returns	(168)	(55)	(12)	(21)	(23)	(10)	(4)	-	-	(16)	(24)	144	69	-
	(282)	(273)	(230)	(412)	(218)	(114)	(53)	4	178	217	(35)	(239)	(3)	54

CYCLICAL CASH GENERATION

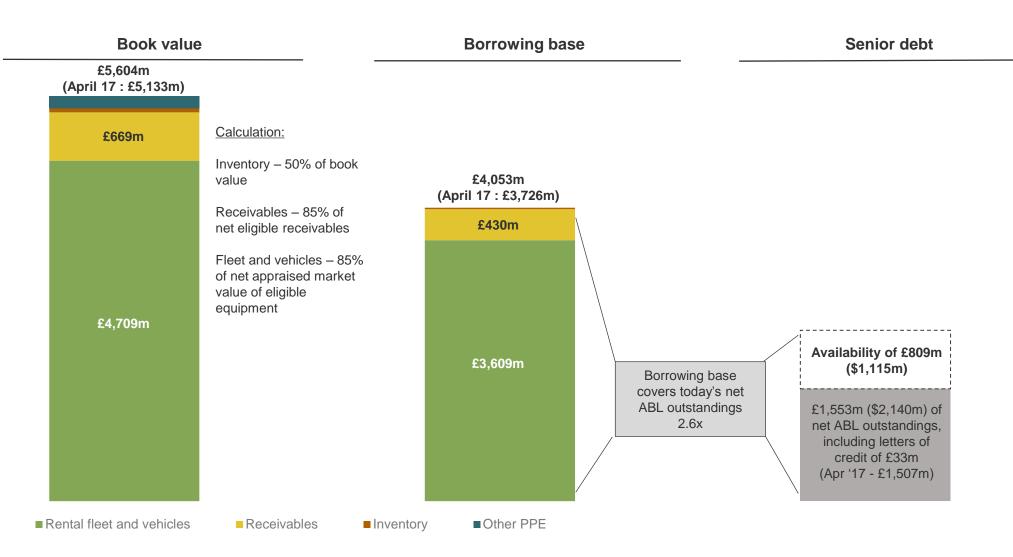
CASH POSITIVE AS GROWTH MODERATES – HIGHLY GENERATIVE DURING DOWNTURN



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2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Moderate growth	Cyclical downturn
280	365	501	646	841	1,071	1,444	1,681	Growing	Decreasing but remains positive
225	476	580	741	1,063	1,240	1,086	1,239	Moderating	Significantly reduced
-	+9%	+16%	+21%	+29%	+24%	+18%	+17%	Low (<15%)	Flat to declining
54	(13)	(50)	(51)	(88)	(68)	319	386	Positive	Highly positive
2.9x	2.3x	1.9x	1.8x	1.8x	1.7x	1.7x	1.6x	1.5x – 2.0x	Initial increase, subsequent decline
3.0p	3.5p	7.5p	11.5p	15.25p	22.5p	27.5p	33.0p	Increasing	Maintained
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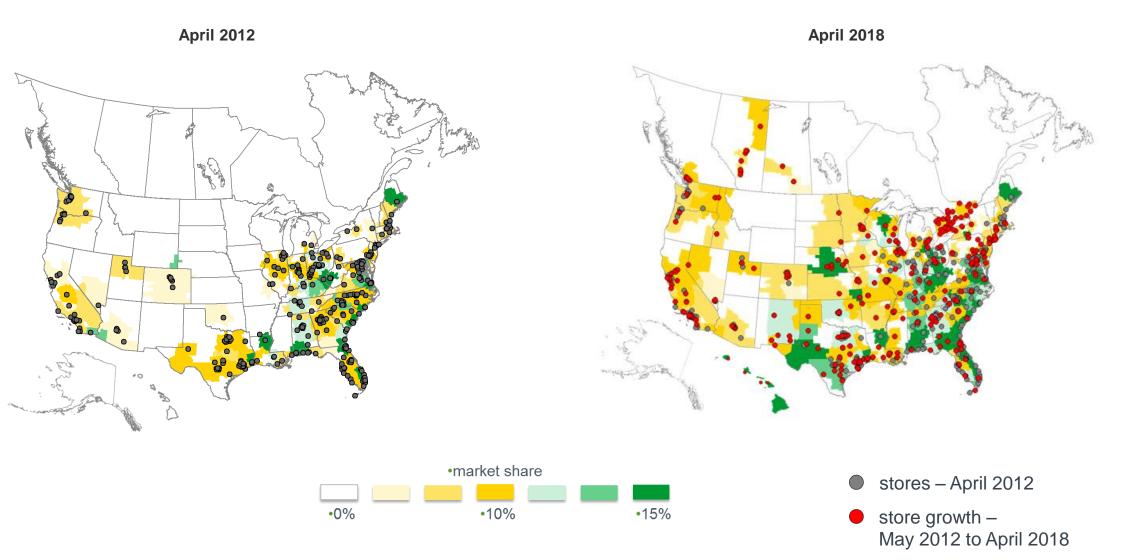
- Borrowing base reflects July 2017 asset values
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	Facility	Interest rate	Maturity				
	\$3.1bn first lien revolver	LIBOR + 125-175 bps	July 2022				
Daht	\$500m second lien notes	5.625%	October 2024				
Debt	\$600m second lien notes	4.125%	August 2025				
	\$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 available 	ilability is greater than \$310 million					
ed 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 April 2018						

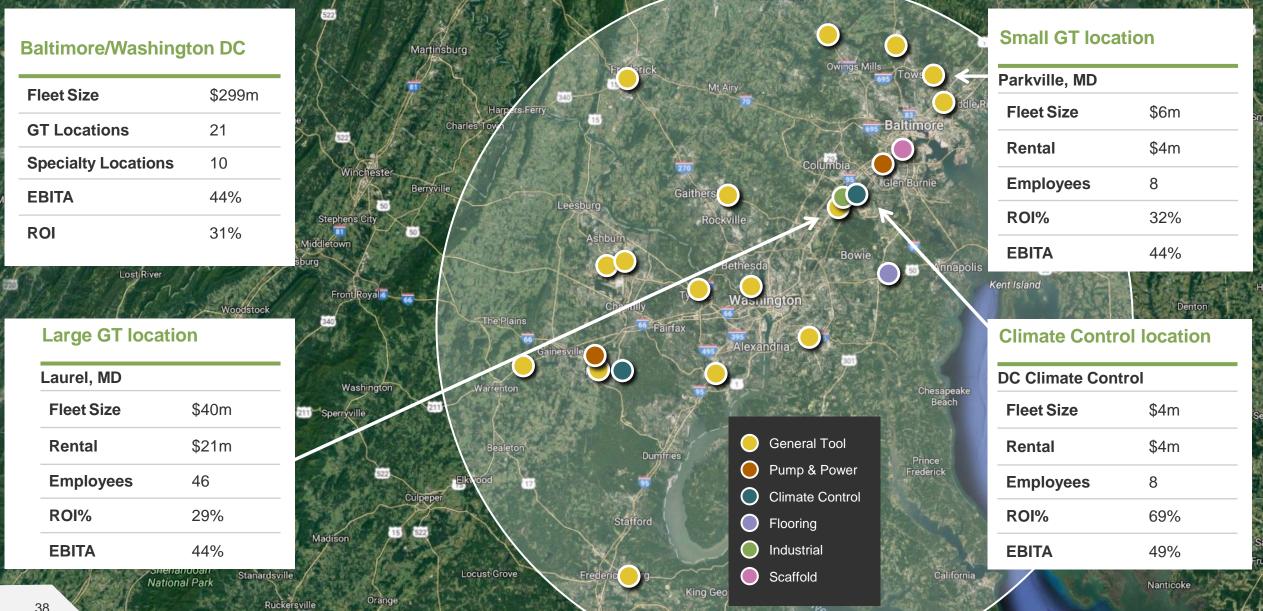
WE HAVE INCREASED OUR FOOTPRINT AND GAINED SIGNIFICANT MARKET SHARE





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SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD OUT FURTHER CLUSTERS



		US	Canada				
Rental markets	Тор 25	26-50	51-100	100-210	Тор 10	11-25	26-76
Rental market %	57%	19%	15%	9%	64%	22%	14%
Cluster definition	>15	>10	>4	>1	>10	>4	>1
Clustered	5 markets 113 stores	5 markets 58 stores	5 markets 28 stores	12 markets 30 stores	1 market 9 stores	0	2 markets 8 stores
Non-clustered	20 markets 192 stores	20 markets 116 stores	42 markets 80 stores	41 markets 41 stores	6 markets 27 stores	4 markets 8 stores	2 markets 2 stores
No presence	0	0	3	57	3	11	47



		Reven	ue (\$bn)		
Store vintage Locations	2016	2021	2016 EBITA margin % ¹	Evolution	
Mature stores 210	310	2.5	3.3 – 3.5	39	 Continue to build at circa 1.5x market growth
(up to FY11)	FY11) 310 2.0 3.3 - 3.5 39	00	 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

Taken from Capital Markets Day presentation (October 2016)

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