



Preliminary Results Presentation Year ended 2 July 2016

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**CEO** 



### Strength

### Our underlying business has key strengths

### **Product and Range**

- 'Simply Value for Money'
- Wide product ranges
- Increasingly seasonal
- Market leader

#### **Stores**

- Well located
- Flexible space
- Efficient mezzanines

#### **Low Cost**

- Low property rents
- Modern, flexible IT systems
- Lean approach

#### **Financial**

- Operating margin
- Cash generation
- Low leverage
- High returns



### **Growth**

### We have set out our target for growth and where the opportunities lie

- Medium term 50% sales growth target
- Opportunity 1 LFL store growth
- Opportunity 2 New stores
- Opportunity 3 Home delivery

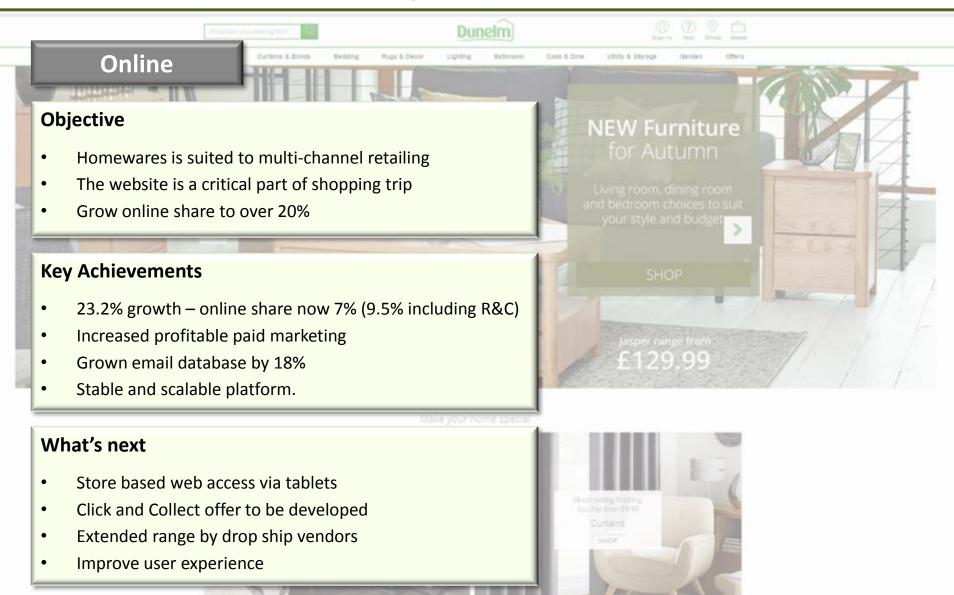


### Growth

### 8 key initiatives underpin growth and are self-help opportunities

	Online	London	Stock Management	Store Operations	Store Format	Made to Measure	Furniture	Supply Chain
LFL growth	✓		<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
New stores		✓		✓	$\checkmark$			✓
Home delivery	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓







### London

### **Objective**

- Key part of growth to 200 stores
- Under represented

### **Key Achievements**

- 3 out of 9 committed openings within M25
- Other South East opportunities in pipeline

- Continue to pursue opportunities
- Focus on capability
- Increase web participation and brand awareness



### **Stock Management**

### **Objective**

- Improve stock control processes in store
- Improve availability
- Reduce stockholding

#### **Key Achievements**

- Reduced stock by £16.5m (12.4%)
- Better retail discipline pack sizes, order quantities etc.
- Release hours on non-value added activity

- Continual improvement
- Becomes business as usual



### **Store Operations**

#### **Objective**

- Free up store colleagues from non-value adding tasks
- Improve service
- Culture of continuous improvement

#### **Key Achievements**

- Improved stock and cash processes
- Free up hours to invest directly in service
- Absorbed National Living Wage increase

- Identify further productivity opportunities
- Extend work into all store processes
- Greater collaboration between store support and stores



### Store Format

#### **Objective**

- Improve visual merchandising
- Make shopping easier for customers

#### **Key Achievements**

- Several new category merchandising trials
- Rolling out trials in rugs, lighting and tills
- De-cluttered stores, wider aisles
- Trialling improved formats Nottingham and Sheffield
- Enlarged seasonal areas

- Improve new format in trial stores
- Continue category trials
- Refit 15 stores in improved format



### Made to Measure

### **Objective**

- Grow overall market share
- Differentiate service from competitors

#### **Key Achievements**

- Trialling new operations in stores
- Improved productivity at manufacturing centre

- Enhanced service, presentation and range in store
- Continue to improve speed and accuracy of manufacturing
- New IT system to manage customer order
- Easier to shop online and in store





### **Furniture**

### **Objective**

- Improve and develop range across all channels
- Improve service and layout
- Greater delivery options

### **Key Achievements**

- Launched new room set trials
- Improved display mechanisms

- Improved range
- More supply chain options
- Improved web assisted sales in store
- Investment in sales training



### **Supply Chain**

#### **Objective**

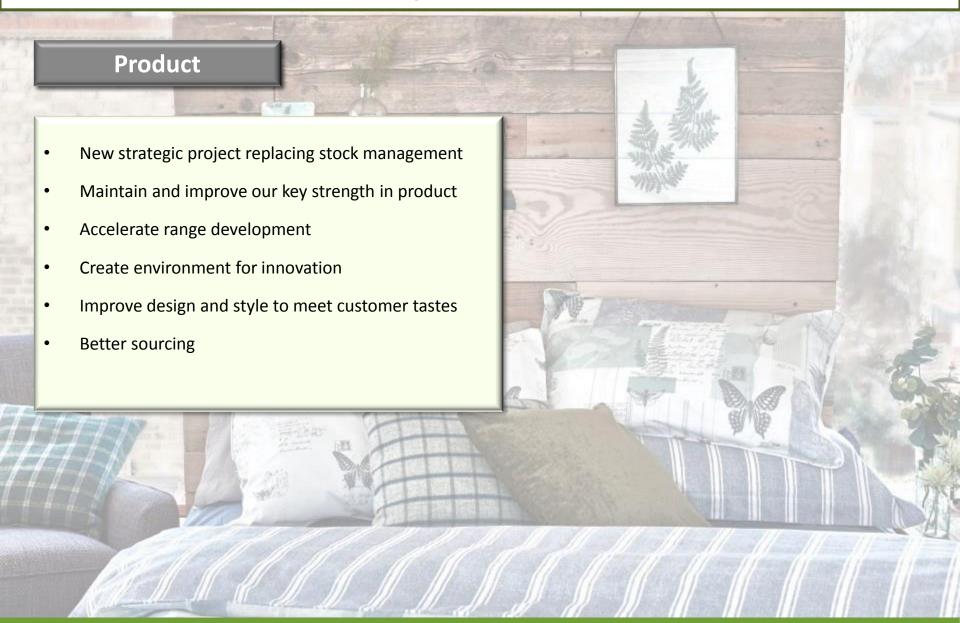
- Enable lower cost logistics platform
- Improve warehouse productivity
- Closer integration of online and store supply chain

#### **Key Achievements**

- Successfully opened new warehouse in Stoke
- Eliminated third party stock requirements
- Transitioned 1-man delivery operation into Stoke

- Further integrate e-commerce and direct to store distribution
- Increase availability and delivery performance
- Improvements to retail planning systems





## Other Projects and Business Enablers

- IT roadmap world class retail systems to improve customer experience and develop lean efficient processes
- Improve customer service and reduce contacts
- Continuous improvement in Head Office 'Keep it Simple' initiatives
- Investment in capability and training at all levels
- Improved customer insight
- Clearer brand articulation and communication to customers



# **Overall Objectives**

- Improve the shopping trip for customers both in store and online
- Improve the supply chain to provide a better service at reduced cost
- Improve the operating model both in store and in the Store Support Centre
- Improve sales density and grow market share



### **Outlook**

- Hot weather dampening footfall in new financial year
- Market outlook may be uncertain
- Difficult economy enables us to take share
- Value for money proposition
- Plenty of self-help
- Should open up opportunities
  - Property
  - Trading



# **Keith Down**

**CFO** 



# **Financial Highlights**

	FY16 52 weeks	FY15 52 weeks	Year on year change
Sales	£880.9m	£822.7m	+7.1%
LFL sales growth	+2.5%	+5.8%	
Gross margin	49.8%	49.2%	+60 bps
EBITDA	£154.3m	£142.6m	+8.2%
Profit before tax	£128.9m	£121.4m	+6.2%
EPS (fully diluted)	50.3p	46.8p	+7.5%
Free cash flow	£110.4m	£86.5m	+27.6%

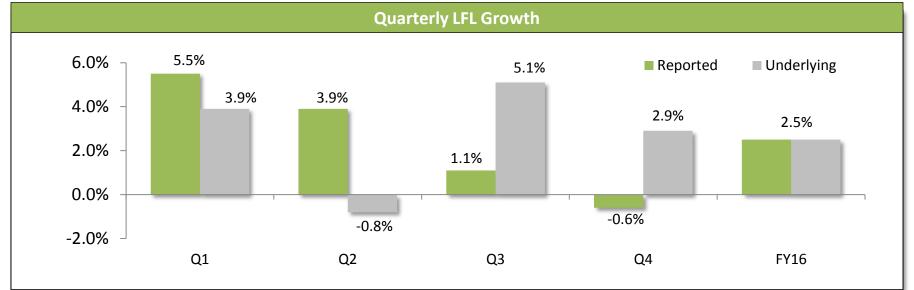
FY15 53 weeks	Year on year change
£835.8m	+5.4%
49.2%	+60 bps
£144.2m	+7.1%
£122.6m	+5.1%
47.3p	+6.3%
£87.0m	+26.9%



# Sales Growth (52 weeks)

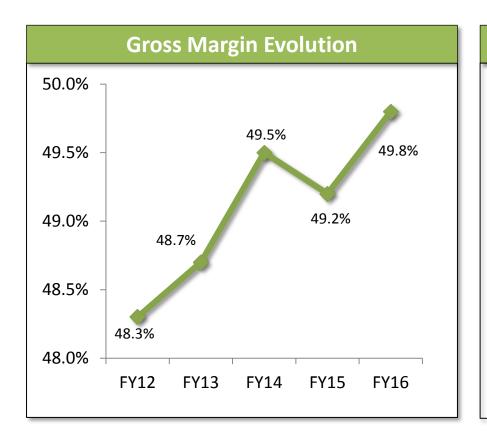
	FY16 Sales £m	Growth £m	Growth %
LFL stores	729.0	7.4	1.0%
Home Delivery	61.9	11.7	23.2%
Total LFL	790.9	19.1	2.5%
Non-LFL stores	90.0	39.1	n/a
Total	880.9	58.2	7.1%







### **Gross Margin Trend/Drivers**

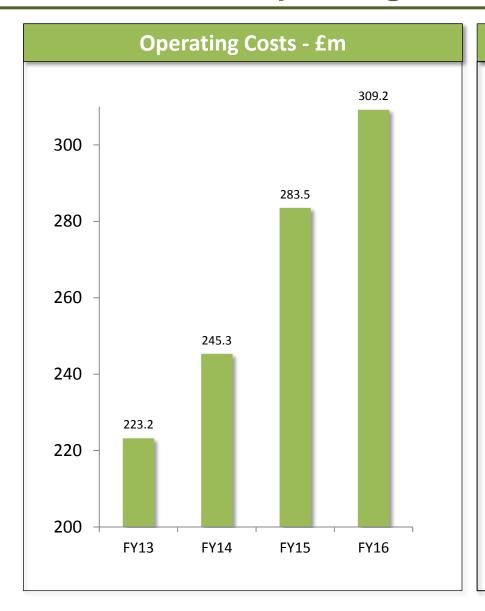


### **Key Drivers**

- Stable selling prices
- COGS reductions due to
  - Increase scale
  - Direct sourcing increase to 21%
- Improved clearance and product life cycle



### **Operating Costs (52 weeks)**



#### **FY16 Key Drivers**

#### **Stores**

- New store openings (6 openings less 2 closures)
- Increase in National Living Wage offset by productivity savings

#### **Home Delivery**

Increased volumes

#### Logistics

Investment in new warehouse - £3m of transition costs

#### IT

- Significant recruitment
- Depreciation of web re-platform

#### Marketing

Increased spend on digital marketing

#### Exec

Invested in senior management



# **Operating Costs – FY17**

#### **FY17** Key Drivers

#### **Stores**

- c. 9 new stores opening
- 15 refits into new format
- National Living Wage continuing to be offset by productivity

#### **Home Delivery**

Volume growth

#### Marketing

Investment in customer insight and brand

#### Logistics

- Transition of iForce
- Further Stoke improvements

#### IT

- Further capability investment
- Further investment in systems

#### Exec

Full year impact of new appointments

Overall, expect operating cost growth to be higher than sales growth



# **Profit After Tax (53 weeks)**

(£m)	FY16	FY15
Operating Profit	129.3	122.5
Operating margin	14.7%	14.7%
Financial Items	(0.4)	0.1
Profit Before Tax	128.9	122.6
Tax	(26.6)	(26.5)
Effective tax rate	20.6%	21.6%
Profit After Tax	102.3	96.1
CDC (fully diluted)	50.0	47.0
EPS (fully diluted)	50.3p	47.3p
Dividend	25.1p	21.5p



# **Operating Cash Generation (53 weeks)**

(£m)	FY16	FY15
Operating Profit	129.3	122.5
Depreciation and amortisation	25.0	21.7
Working capital movement	18.3	0.1
Share based payments expense	1.4	0.3
Net interest	0.1	0.5
Tax paid	(25.9)	(26.9)
Net cash from operations	148.2	118.2
Capital expenditure	(39.8)	(31.2)
Proceeds on disposal of property	2.0	-
Free cash flow	110.4	87.0
Free cash flow : PBT	86%	71%
Cash conversion <sup>1</sup>	115%	96%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Net cash from operations as a proportion of operating profit



# **Working Capital Movement (53 weeks)**

(£m)	FY16	FY15
Stock decrease / (increase)	16.5	(17.6)
Receivables (increase) / decrease	(1.2)	1.5
Payables increase	3.0	16.2
Overall movement	18.3	0.1

### **Key Drivers**

Improved intake planning and stock control



# **Capital Investment**

(£m)	FY16	FY15
New store fit-outs	7.6	14.1
Refits and other store investments	10.4	5.2
IT investment	7.2	6.2
Fogarty acquisition	4.8	-
Freehold investment	-	4.3
Warehouse	11.9	-
Other	0.6	1.7
Total	42.5	31.5

- 6 new stores fitted out in FY16, 12 in comparable period
- 7 major refits completed in FY16
- Continued investment in IT systems to support initiatives



## **Capital Investment – FY17 Drivers**

- c.9 new stores average fit at £1.2m per store
- 15 refits estimated investment c.£20m in total reflecting new format
- IT investments continued development, estimated £6m in total
- Continued investment in Stoke re transfer of services, estimated £5m
- Potential freehold opportunities one site committed, £5.5m investment
- Total expected capital expenditure c.£50m



# **Net Cash Generation (53 weeks)**

(£m)	FY16	FY15
Free cash flow	110.4	87.0
Ordinary dividends paid	(44.6)	(41.5)
Special distribution paid	(63.8)	(141.7)
Purchase of treasury shares	(7.8)	-
Other	0.5	(0.3)
Change in net debt <sup>1</sup>	(5.3)	(96.5)
Year end net debt <sup>2</sup>	(79.3)	(73.6)
Daily average net debt	(50.0)	(75.4) <sup>3</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excludes movement in prepaid loan fees of £0.4m

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes balance of prepaid loan fees - FY16: £0.8m, FY15: £1.2m

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Over period from special distribution (20 March 2015) to 4 July 2015

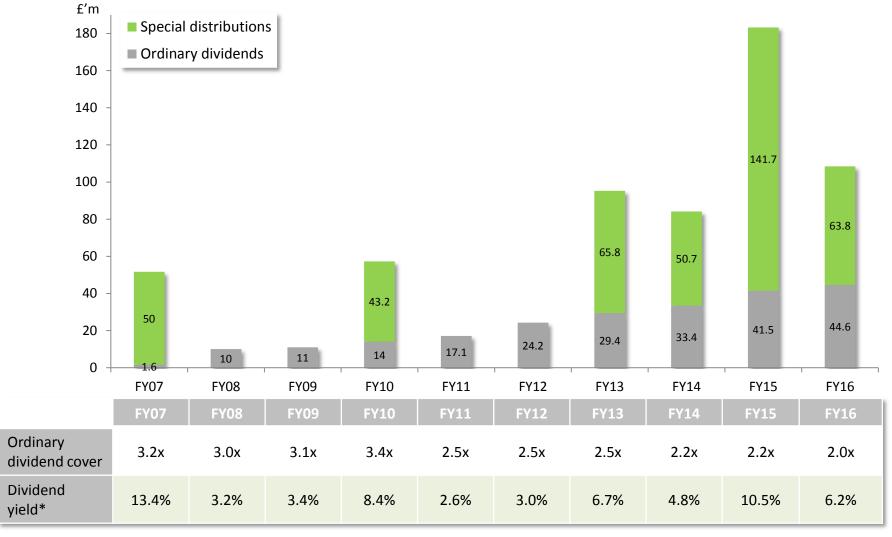
### **Net Debt and Dividend Policy**

- Board is targeting net debt in the range of 0.25
  0.75 x net debt/EBITDA
- EBITDA: £154.3m
- Period end net debt of £79.3m. This equates to 0.51 x EBITDA
- We will regularly review the net debt positions and return surplus capital as appropriate
- Dividend policy moved to range of 1.75x to 2.25x dividend cover

RCF			
Facility	£150m RCF		
Expiry	February 2020		
<ul><li>Covenants</li><li>Leverage</li><li>Fixed charge cover</li></ul>	< 2.5x > 1.75x		



### **Cash Returns to Shareholders**



Total cash returns since IPO = £642m (317.8p per share)

Chart shows actual cash payments in each financial year



<sup>\*</sup>Based on average share price for FY07-FY16



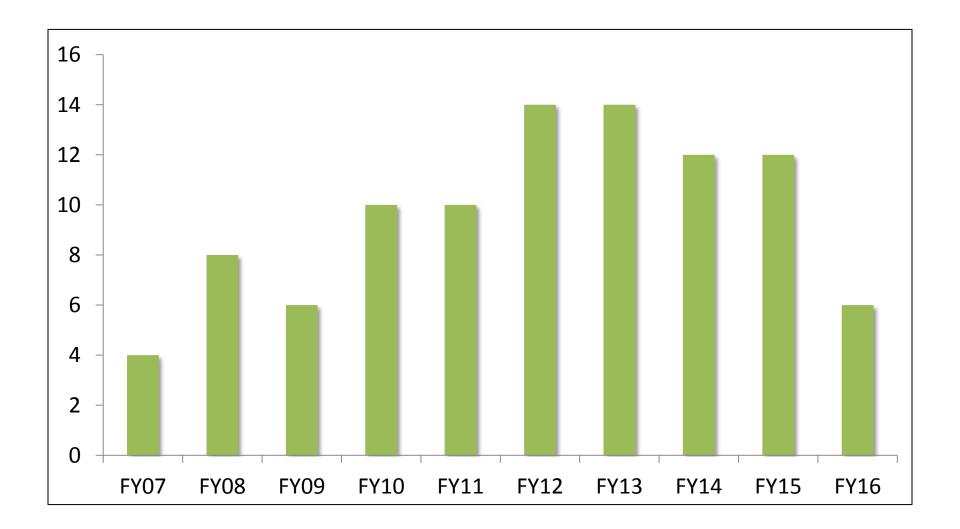


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# **Appendices**



# **Store Openings By Year**





# **Summary Balance Sheet**

(£m)	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2016	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2015
Total non-current assets	188.9	173.9
Inventories	116.6	133.1
Receivables	19.2	18.0
Cash	14.9	16.2
Financial instruments	6.8	-
Total assets	346.4	341.2
Current liabilities	(108.2)	(100.8)
Non-current liabilities	(138.6)	(135.3)
Net assets	99.6	105.1
Share capital	2.0	2.0
Share premium/other reserves	50.7	44.6
Retained earnings	46.9	58.5
Total equity	99.6	105.1



### **LFL Historic Growth**

