Return to Growth strategy on track

Full year 2020 results

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FY20 Finals - Agenda

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Summary	



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2020: Extraordinary year of change

- new leadership, new strategy, new investors
- successful refinancing in July

Strategy delivering to plan

- Return to Growth strategy in tune with well-established strengths
- UK business rebuilt; strong performance in France
- reconnected with customers, suppliers and employees
- reconfirm medium term targets, recovering lost market share and returning to 3%+ operating margin and a dividend cover of 2-3x

H2 2020 performance better than expected

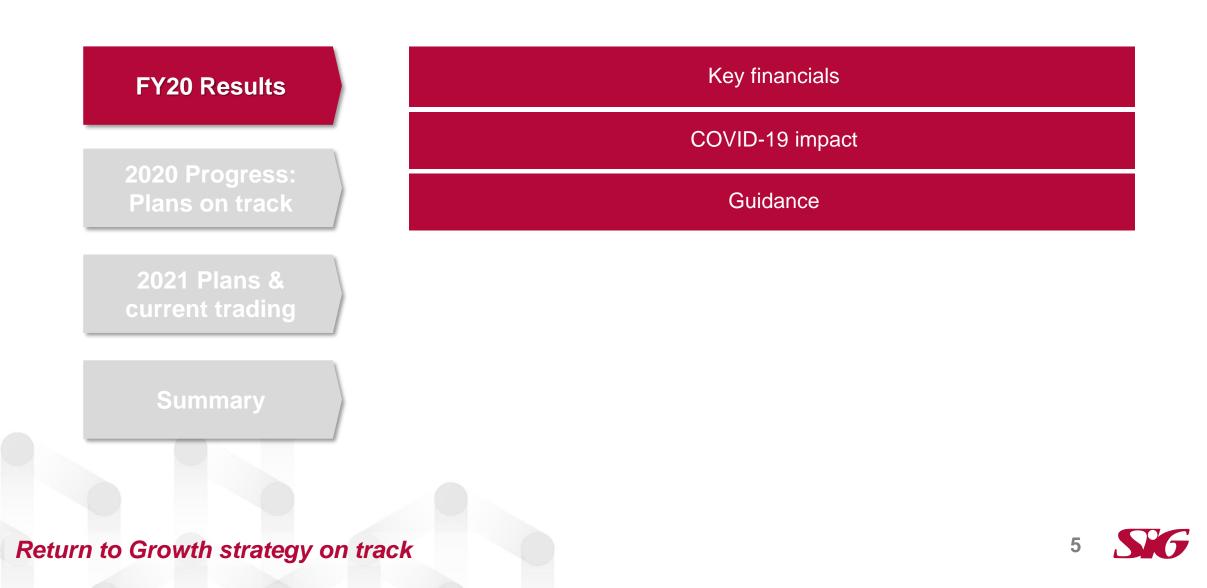
- LFL sales grew 4% in Q4
- current trading continues those trends
- UK Distribution now in growth

Focus on returning Group to profit and cash generation in H2 2021









Key financials

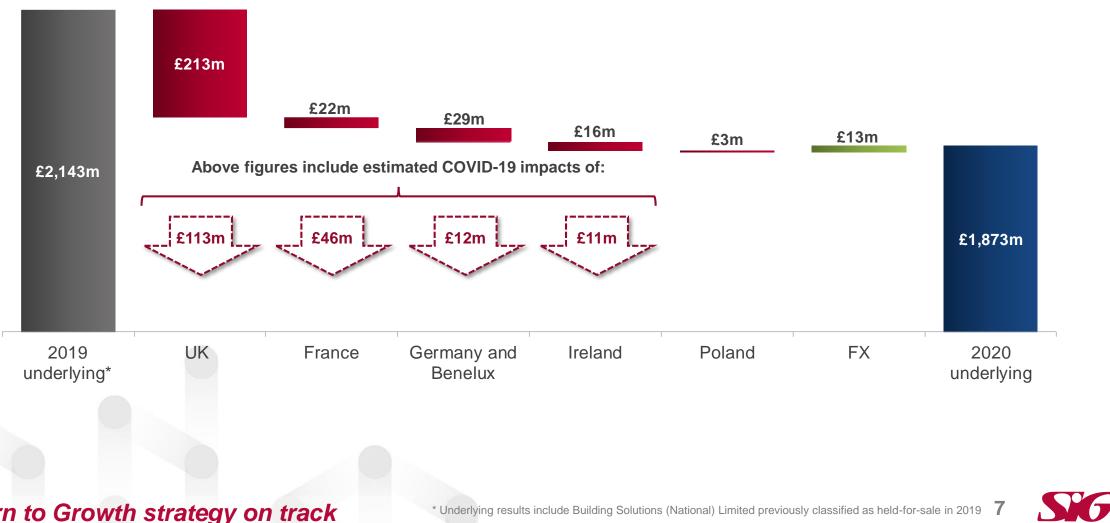
£m	H1 2020	H2 2020	FY 2020	FY 2019
Revenue	839	1,034	1,873	2,143
LFL sales	(24.1)%	(2.2)%	(13.3)%	(7.4)%
Gross profit	209	261	470	555
Gross margin	24.9%	25.2%	25.1%	25.9%
Underlying operating (loss)/profit	(43)	(10)	(53)	43
Operating margin	(5.1)%	(1.0)%	(2.8)%	2.0%
Finance costs	(11)	(12)	(23)	(25)
Underlying (loss)/profit before tax	(54)	(22)	(76)	18
Other items	(72)	(54)	(126)	(130)
Net debt	342	238	238	455
Net debt, pre IFRS 16	90	4	4	163

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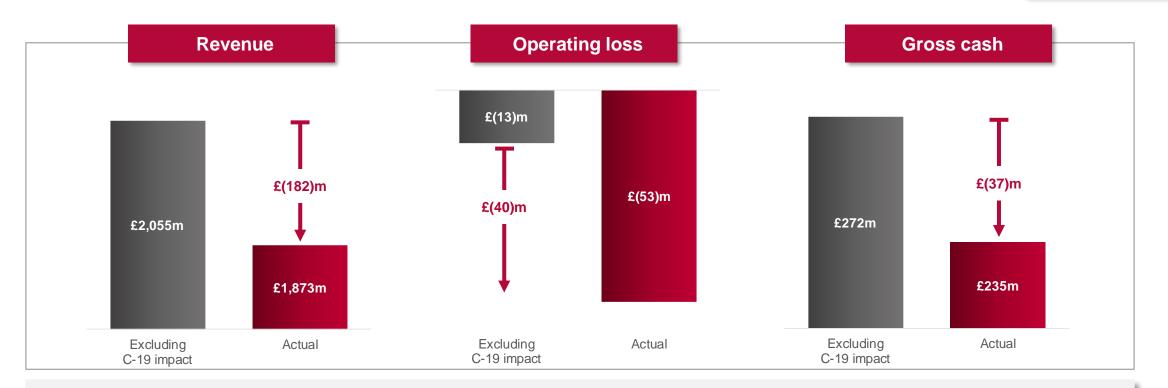
Revenue change by business unit



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* Underlying results include Building Solutions (National) Limited previously classified as held-for-sale in 2019 7

Impact of COVID-19



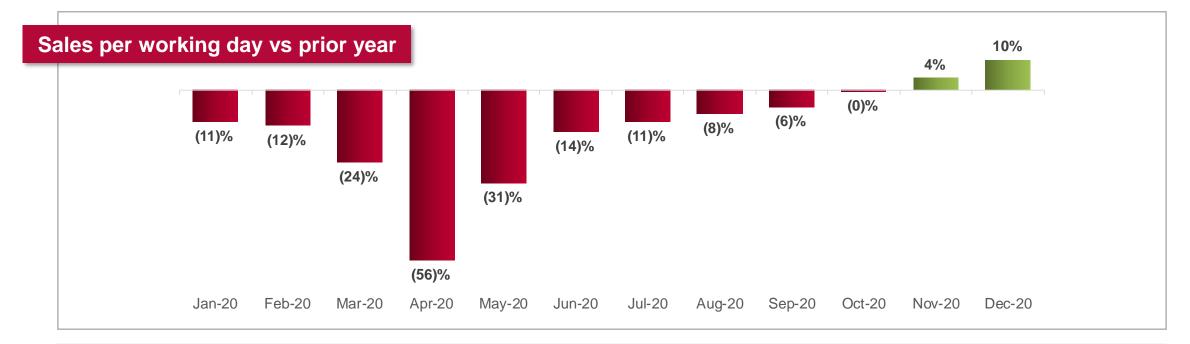
- Significant revenue impact of approximately £182m across all of the Group's key markets
- Operating loss adversely impacted by £40m as a result of reduction in sales volume coupled with a modest increase in bad debt provisions, partly offset by government support schemes
- In Q1 20, which was only partially COVID-19 affected, the Group incurred a loss of c£12.5m

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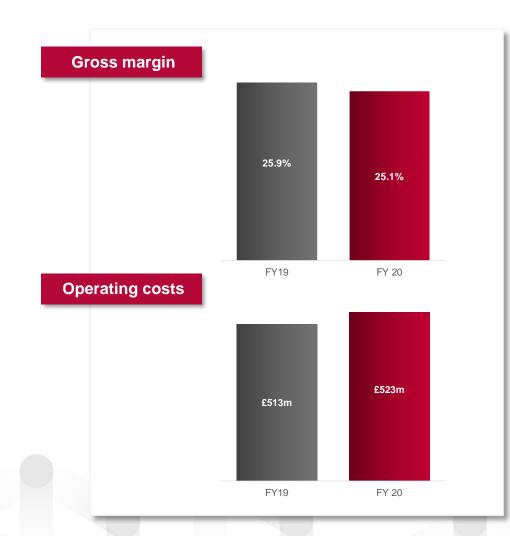
Group revenues – back to growth



- As reported at mid-year, significant COVID-19 impact in March and April as lockdown severely impacted UK, Ireland and France businesses, driven by branch closures
- Staged re-openings, together with adoption of revised health and safety protocols, enabled steady improvement from May
- Inflexion point in September and 4% growth in Q4
- Trading to date in 2021 is consistent with the overall Q4 trends



Gross margin and operating costs



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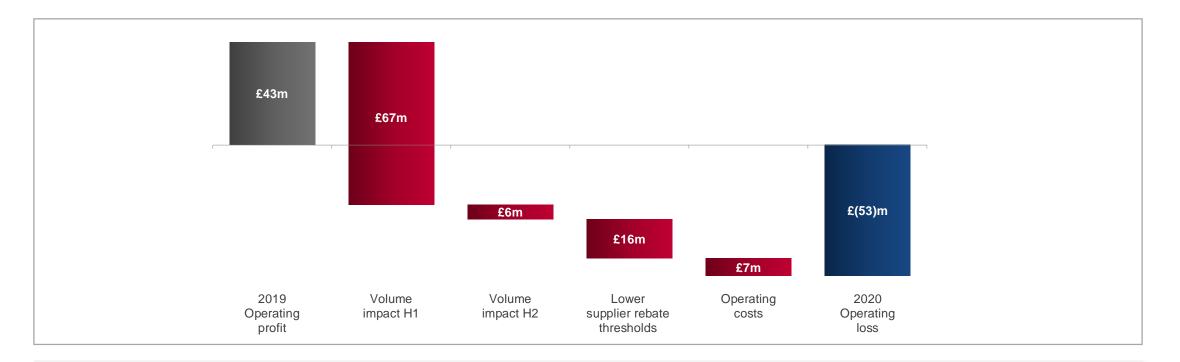
• Full year gross margin of 25.1%, 80bps lower than 2019

- Gross margin decline principally due to abnormally low sales volumes in key markets driving lower levels of rebates
- Improved sales in H2 led to 30bps improvement vs H1

- Operating costs of £523m, reflecting a year-on-year increase of 1.9%
- Increase principally as a result of release of accruals in prior year, normalisation of incentives, bad debts, inflation and translational FX
- UK merger cost savings largely re-invested in front line



Operating profit/loss



- Gross profit reduction of £89m (excluding FX), driven by lower sales volumes. Gross margin also negatively impacted by associated reduction in supplier rebates
- Year-on-year increase in operating costs (excluding FX of £3m) partially offset by government support benefits

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Other items – continuing operations

	PBT Impact			PBT Impact			Cash Impact	
£m	H1 2020	H2 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020				
Amortisation of acquired intangibles	(2.8)	(2.8)	(5.6)	-				
Impairment charges	(42.8)	(33.3)	(76.1)	-	Impairment of Goodwill and write off of capitalised IT Costs (SAP 1HANA)			
Disposals/exits	1.5	(1.2)	0.3	0.2				
Net restructuring costs	(3.5)	(3.2)	(6.7)	(6.7)	Initiatives in different OpCos, including the merger of the UK businesses			
Investment in omnichannel retailing	(4.1)	(0.1)	(4.2)	(9.7)	Exit of previous e-commerce strategy			
Onerous contract costs	-	(13.2)	(13.2)	(1.8)	Onerous contracts on cessation of SAP 1HANA integration			
Costs associated with refinancing	(6.9)	(0.5)	(7.4)	(8.3)	Advisor fees on successful renegotiations of Group's debt structure			
Other specific items	(1.1)	(0.4)	(1.5)	(1.7)				
Non-underlying finance costs	(12.0)	0.4	(11.6)	-	Loss on modification of debt			
Total Other items	(71.7)	(54.3)	(126.0)	(28.0)				



Cash flow

£'m	H1 2020	H2 2020	FY 2020	FY 2019
Total operating loss*	(102)	(65)	(167)	(83)
Depreciation and non-cash items	80	75	154	178
Working capital and provisions	(7)	(24)	(31)	71
Interest and tax	(14)	(18)	(32)	(35)
Capital expenditure	(13)	(7)	(21)	(35)
Sale of property and assets	5	1	6	8
Free cash flow	(51)	(39)	(90)	104
Acquisitions/disposals	150	(3)	147	8
Lease liabilities	(27)	(28)	(55)	(60)
(Repayment)/drawdown of debt	(29)	(56)	(85)	42
Dividends	-	-	-	(22)
Capital raise	(1)	153	152	-
Change in cash	41	28	68	72
Cash at beginning of the year	145	197	145	79
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	12	10	22	(5)
Cash at end of the year	197	235	235	145

FY20 Results

Working Capital:

- FY 2020 affected by unwinding of historic mid-year and year-end delays in supplier payments (c£45m) and lower factoring (c£10m)
- H2 affected by settlement of £13m of government deferrals from H1



Guidance

- UK and Group expected to be back to profit and cash generation in H2 2021
- Cash outflow in H1 due to usual seasonality in working capital
- Capex c£30m in 2021 in line with medium term
 expectations

Tax rate

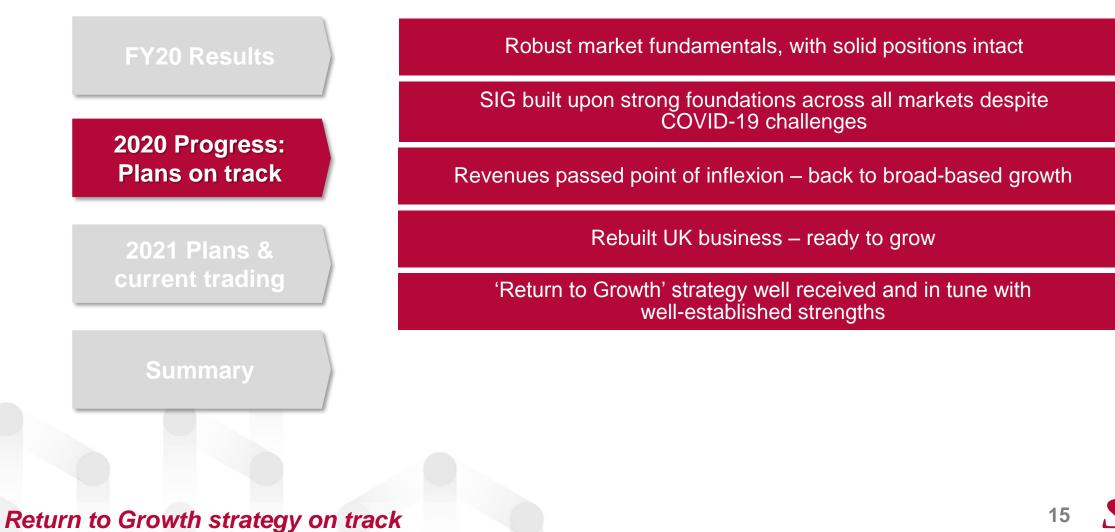
- EU operations expected to continue on prevailing local rates
- UK Group continues to have unrecognised deferred tax assets and so not expected to report a tax charge





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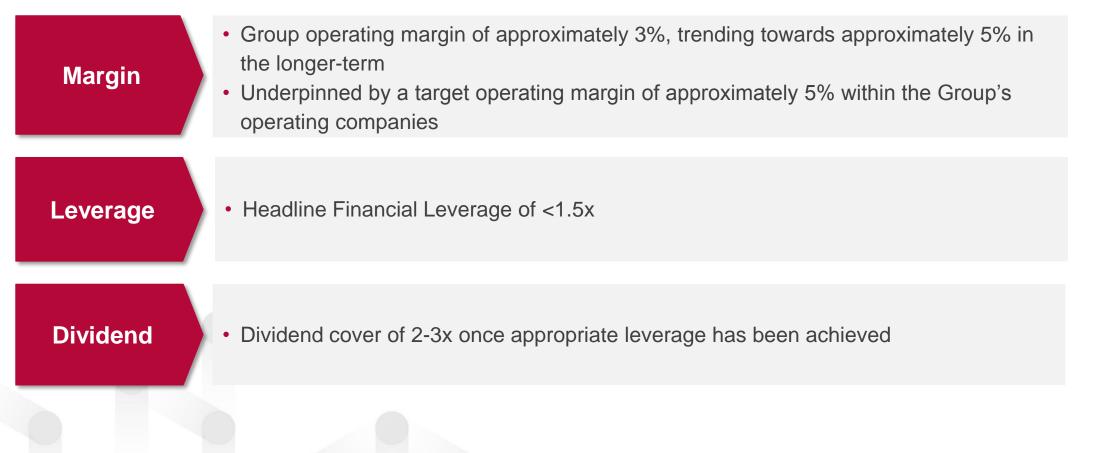
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Medium term goals confirmed

In the medium term, post 2021, the Group has the following key financial goals:





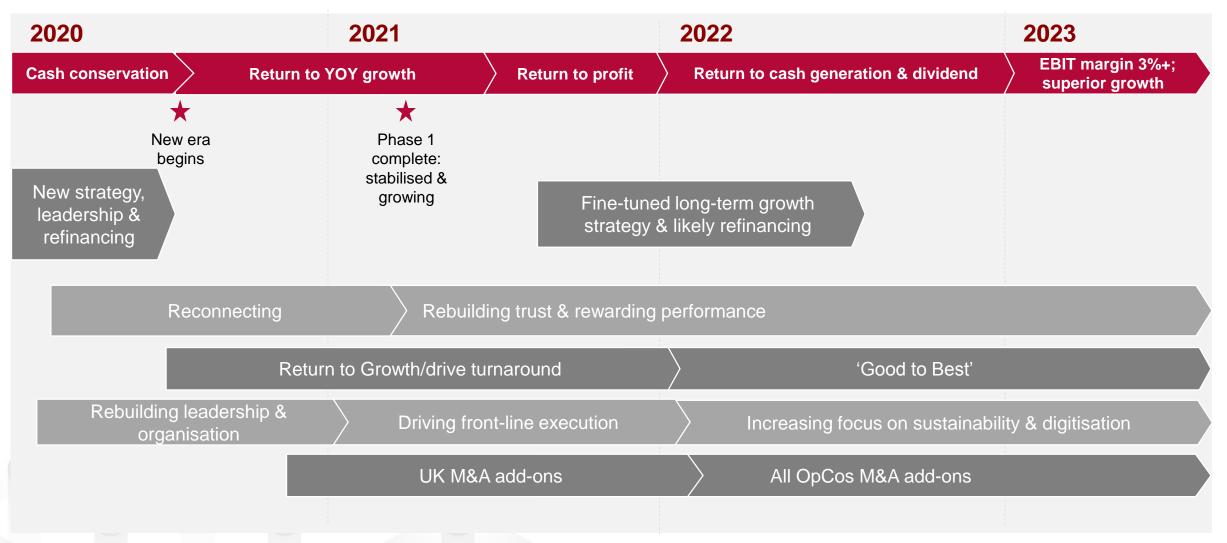
Long term structural growth drivers

Impact of COVID-19 on the construction sector has been widespread, but structural drivers remain

Fiscal stimulus	 Construction potentially a prime direct area of fiscal stimulus for UK and EU Governments' post COVID-19 Post COVID-19 national recovery funds likely to support construction activity through infrastructure creation and capital projects
UK housing shortage	 Residential under-build remains key social and political factor in the UK Government considering extension of Help to Buy
Position in cycle	 European and UK construction at mid-point in cycle before the COVID-19 pandemic, not at cyclical high Lower likelihood of overbuild correction once situation recovers
Climate/ ESG	 Commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions supports greater activity in construction of low carbon buildings Energy efficiency linked product verticals such as insulation and roofing well positioned for growth



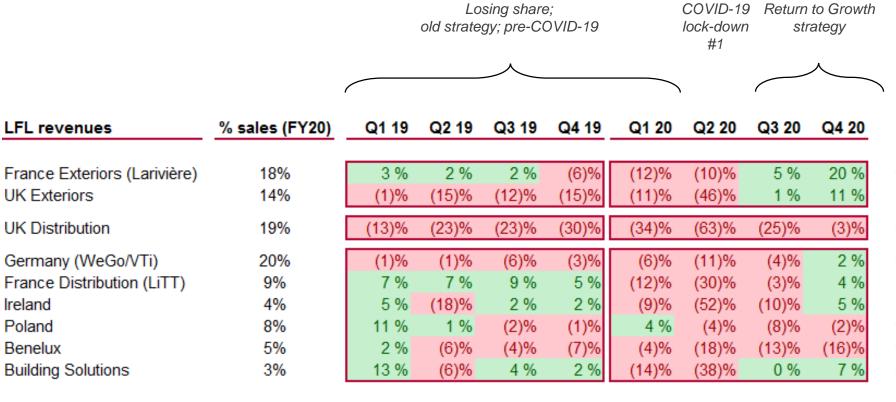
Return to Growth strategy: Key milestones





Group returns to sales growth vs prior year

(2)%



(9)%

(8)%

(11)%

(15)%

(33)%

(8)%

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- Strong demand in exteriors/RMI markets
- UK Distribution +ve from December
- 1st growth in 9 quarters
- COVID-19 subdued demand
- Weak NL markets/ local issues
- Reversed disposal end Q2 2020

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100%



Rebuilt UK business in six months

- Reorganisation of senior management under Phil Johns' leadership
 - new board in place; 5 of 7 market-facing UK Directors joined in 2020 with an average 27 years' industry experience - all but 1 are SIG alumni
- UK merger and reduction in central roles completed generating £4m of savings and reduction of 70 roles
 - total UK headcount steady at 2,700, despite 16% joiners & leavers

Cost savings reinvested in rebuilding UK Distribution

- 240 joiners and 140 redeployed
- industry leading category organisation rebuilt
 - 86 new senior sales and category experts (average industry experience of 13 years), offset by 74 sales leavers; 1/3rd of the 86 are SIG alumni
 - 32 new branch manager positions
 - onboarding of 101 sales recruits primarily 'virtually' during lockdown

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NB: Up to 2,000 of total UK workforce of 2,700 were furloughed, ¾ of whom were back working by end H1. No COVID-19 related redundancies











Constructing the future

Our strategy: To continuously grow our leadership positions and market share through expertise, service and proximity





Strategic pillars



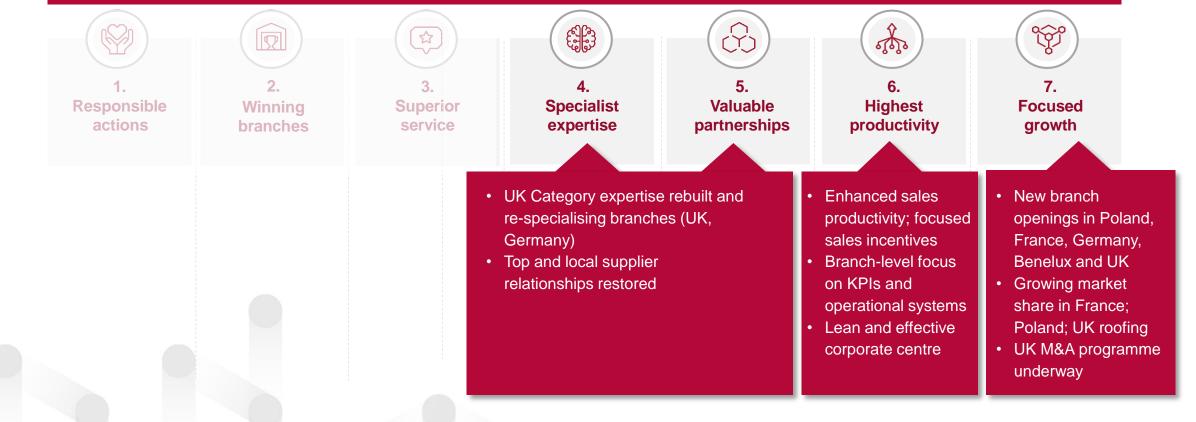


Strategic pillars

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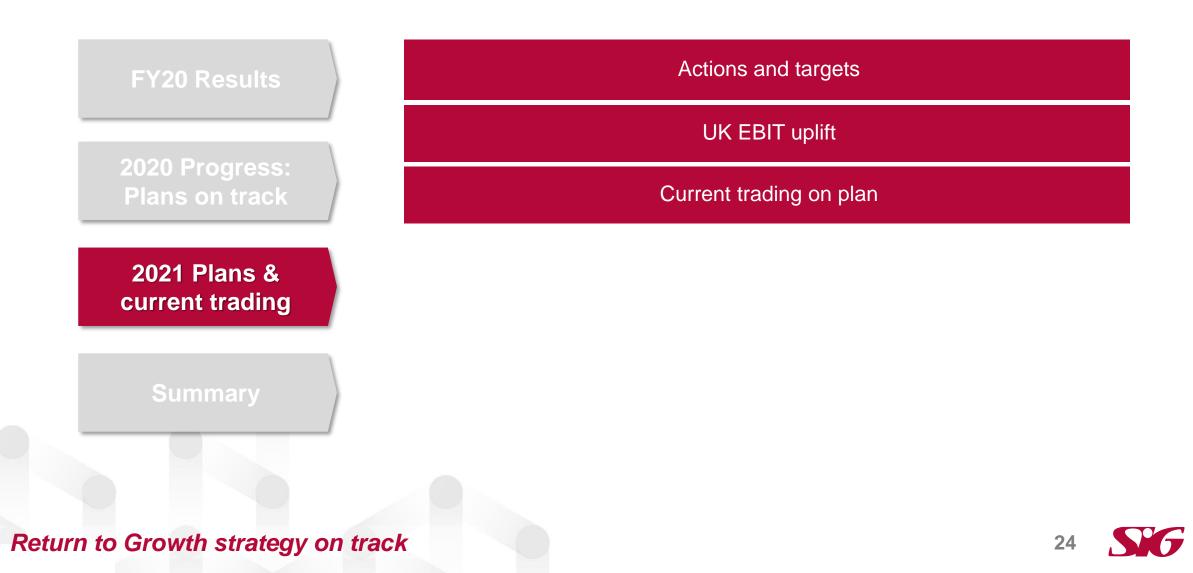
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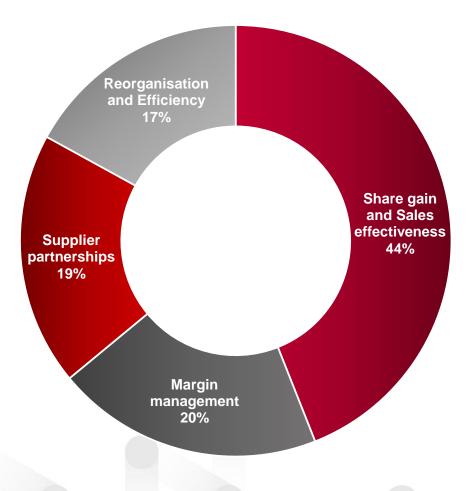
- Continue to upgrade sales teams/branches; revised incentives; enhanced sales tools
- Deepen expertise; enhance service; build trust
- Work more closely with key suppliers
- Continue to build decentralised/disciplined branch franchise model (CRM, Pricing, WMS, TMS, Power BI)
- Extend and enhance branch network
- Catch-up investment, including selective digitisation
- Upgrade centre: lean (fewer activities) and effective (higher quality)
- Highly selective M&A as an enabler and accelerator of priorities

2021 Targets

- UK back to profit, get back to strong positive Group-wide EBITDA
- Market share gains in all businesses
- Maintained margins at pre COVID-19 norms; overheads held in check
- Preserve required working capital and investment levels
- Group back to cash generation in H2 2021; enable earliest refinancing



UK EBIT uplift – 2021



- UK back to profit; Group back to cash generation in H2 2021
- Market share gains through winning branches and customer focus
- Gross margin recovery; partnering and enriching product mix
- Decentralised and disciplined franchise model
- Selective add-on acquisitions as enabler and accelerator of priorities
- Catch-up investment, including selective digitisation



2021 Plans & current trading

Current trading: on plan with encouraging trends

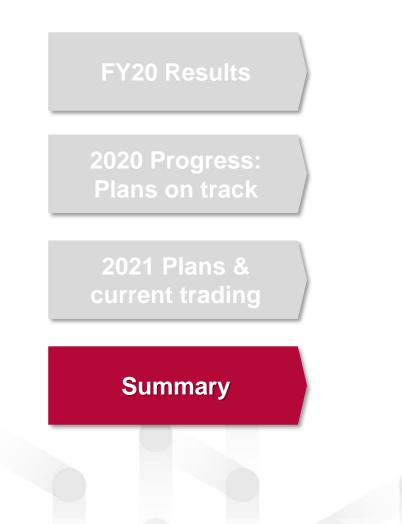
2021 Plans & current trading

- Sales and profit continue to be on plan
- Remain cautious due to:
 - COVID-19
 - Supply chain challenges due to increase in material shortages
 - Rising input costs
- Q1:
 - Strong RMI
 - Trading picking up since February
 - UK Distribution returning to growth as planned





2021 Plans and current trading



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Summary

Summary: Return to Growth strategy on track

- Our teams continue to show great resilience and commitment in the face of COVID-19
- Return to Growth strategy on track
 - UK business rebuilt and relaunched
 - strategy in tune with well-established strengths
 - reconnected with customers, suppliers and employees
- Right foundations in place to grow the business sustainably and profitably







Questions



Appendix



Underlying financials by segment

	Revenue	Change	LFL	Gross margin	Change	Operating (loss)/profit	Change	Operating margin	Change
UK Distribution	£357m	(33.1)%	(33.4)%	22.5%	(370)bps	£(45.4)m	£(53.3)m	(12.7)%	(1,420)bps
UK Exteriors	£310m	(10.5)%	(11.1)%	27.3%	(100)bps	£(7.4)m	£(19.2)m	(2.4)%	(580)bps
Total UK	£668m	(24.2)%	(24.6)%	24.7%	(240)bps	£(52.8)m	£(72.5)m	(7.9)%	(1,010)bps
France Distribution	£168m	(8.9)%	(10.3)%	27.4%	+0bps	£7.1m	£(4.1)m	4.2%	(190)bps
France Exteriors	£345m	0.8%	0.4%	24.3%	+90bps	£8.3m	£(0.3)m	2.4%	(10)bps
Total France	£513m	(2.6)%	(3.4)%	25.3%	+50bps	£15.4m	£(4.4)m	3.0%	(80)bps
Germany	£371m	(2.8)%	(5.1)%	28.0%	+30bps	£0.4m	£(4.0)m	0.1%	(110)bps
Benelux	£92m	(11.1)%	(12.8)%	24.6%	(10)bps	£2.5m	£(2.7)m	2.7%	(230)bps
Total Germany and Benelux	£462m	(4.6)%	(6.8)%	27.3%	+30bps	£2.9m	£(6.7)m	0.6%	(140)bps
Ireland	£81m	(15.2)%	(16.8)%	23.4%	(160)bps	£0.8m	£(6.0)m	1.0%	(620)bps
Poland	£150m	(4.2)%	(2.7)%	20.0%	(30)bps	£2.0m	£(2.3)m	1.3%	(150)bps
Total Group	£1,873m	(12.6)%	(13.3)%	25.1%	(80)bps	£(53.3)m	£(95.8)m	(2.8)%	(480)bps

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Note: Data represents underlying performance post IFRS 16. Group stated net of central costs



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Capital structure

Debt structure			Struc	ture	Draw	down			
	Date of		30 Jun	31 Dec	30 Jun	31 Dec		•	Covenant in
£'m	expiry	Denomination	2020	2020	2020	2020	£'m	Covenant	effect from
Private placement notes	2023 - 2026	EUR/USD	187	136	187	136	Net debt (maximum)	200	Jan 2021 to Dec 2022
Old RCF (£233m)	27 May 2021	GBP	233	-	70	-	Net worth (minimum)	250	Jan 2021
New RCF (£25m)	31 May 2023	GBP	-	25	-	-		230	onwards
Term loan	31 May 2023	GBP	-	70	-	70	Liquidity levels (minimum)	40	Jan 2021
Total			420	231	257	206			onwards

- As previously announced, the Group renegotiated its debt structure in the summer of 2020
- · Covenants were slightly revised in early March 2021
- A quarterly leverage threshold covenant is introduced from March 2022 starting at 4.5x and an interest cover covenant is introduced from June 2022 starting at 0.75x

Capital raise

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- In mid July, the Group completed a successful capital raise of £165m
- Fees associated with the raise totalled c£13m, giving net proceeds of £152m
- Capital raise included a total investment by CD&R of c£83m
- IKO Enterprises took up its full allocation

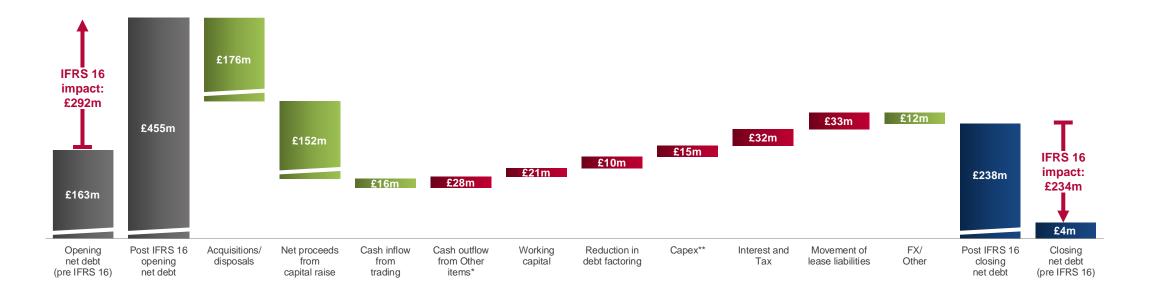
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NB: Covenants are tested on a 'frozen' GAAP basis i.e. the changes in accounting resulting from the implementation of IFRS 16 will not affect the covenant testing



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Net debt walk



- Net debt improvement of £159m (pre IFRS 16), supported by Air Handling disposal proceeds and successful capital raise
- On a post IFRS 16 basis, the net debt position as at 31 Dec totalled £238m



Impact of businesses identified as non-core

	Underlying revenue	Underlying PBT
As reported at FY 2019 results	£2,084.7m	£15.6m
Businesses identified as non-core in 2019:		
Building Solutions (National) Ltd	£58.3m	£2.1m
Restated at FY 2020 results	£2,143.0m	£17.7m



Number of trading sites in 2020

	31 Dec 2019	Acquired	Closed/ merged	31 Dec 2020
UK Distribution	44	-	(1)	43
UK Exteriors*	117	1	(2)	116
Total UK	161	1	(3)	159
France Distribution	38	-	-	38
France Exteriors	108	-	(2)	106
Total France	146	-	(2)	144
Germany	51	-	-	51
Benelux	15	-	-	15
Total Germany and Benelux	66	-	-	66
Ireland	9	-	-	9
Poland	43	-	-	43
Total Group	425	1	(5)	421

* UK exteriors includes 7 (2019: 7) trading sites relating to Building Solutions which was previously classified as held for sale in 2019 published results

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