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PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW



OVERVIEW

Continued robust performance in the face of economic headwinds, as our decision to invest in the future is benefitting our business and our customers

1

Overall group revenue increased 0.1% compared with Q3 FY22 YTD, while Very revenue grew by 2.2% to £1,426.7m (Q3 FY22 YTD: £1,395.4m). This was supported by growth in Electricals and Toys, Gifts & Beauty and was ahead of the online non-food market¹

2

Very Finance revenue continued to grow, increasing by 6.8% in Q3 FY23 YTD to £319.6m (Q3 FY22 YTD: £299.4m) as we attracted new customers and payment behaviour continued to normalise post-pandemic. Debtor book quality remains good, with bad debt as a percentage of the debtor book seeing a marginal improvement year on year

3

We have continued to focus on managing costs and have kept operating costs flat as a percentage of revenue, despite the inflationary environment

4

Our resilient revenue performance and effective cost control helped us deliver a strong £211.4m adjusted EBITDA² after strategic investment in pricing. Adjusted EBITDA margin has improved by 0.7%pts compared with pre-pandemic in FY20

5

Our investments in pricing, product availability and the digital customer experience have led to increased market share¹, growing customer numbers and continued achievement of our best-ever Net-Promoter-Score³

6

Our focus remains as ever on earnings, earnings quality and liquidity. We are confident that our resilient business model will allow us to continue navigating the current headwinds facing our sector

1 – Based on British Retail Consortium data for the total online non-food market

2 – To align with reporting best practice, with effect from Q1 FY23 Underlying EBITDA as a term we will be replaced by Adjusted EBITDA

3 – Net promoter score is a measure of customer satisfaction of a business



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FINANCIAL REVIEW



ECONOMIC VALUE MODEL

We have a consistent focus on the drivers of earnings, earnings quality and liquidity



REVENUE

A robust revenue performance and growing Very Finance business delivered a resilient performance against a challenging market



Q3 FY23 YTD vs Q3 FY22 YTD performance¹

Revenue

+2.2% to **£1,426.7m**

- Growth in Very revenue of 2.2% as retail revenue is consistent year on year and Very Finance continues to grow
- Strong performance in Electricals and Toys, Gifts & Beauty, offsetting reductions in Fashion & Sports
- Very Finance revenue increased by 6.8%, reflecting growth in the Very Debtor book



Q3 FY23 YTD vs Q3 FY22 YTD performance¹

Revenue

+0.1% to **£1,680.2m**





- Group revenue increased by 0.1%, underpinned by strong Very performance across retail and Very Finance
- Resilient performance against a market that contracted by 2.8%², showing the benefits of our investments in pricing, product availability and the customer experience
- Decline in Littlewoods revenue of 8.9% is in line with expectations as strategy of managed decline continues

RETAIL

Our stable retail performance was underpinned by growth in Electricals and Toys, Gifts and Beauty

Retail sales

- Very retail performance was stable year on year despite the challenging consumer environment and a market that contracted 2.8%¹, with the reduction in Group retail sales of 2.5% owing to Littlewoods managed decline
- Fashion and Sports sales decreased by 8.2%. Without Sports, Fashion revenue fell 1.3%, annualising against the step up in Q3 FY22 YTD driven by Omicron and facing into a heavily promotional environment
- Electricals saw growth of 3%, driven by good availability across categories and underpinned by strong performance of small domestic appliances and wearable tech
- Home reduced slightly by 1.6%, with growth in beds, textiles and pet care offset by softened garden and home improvement categories
- Toys, Gifts and Beauty continues to be a standout performer, growing 12.8% and with a particularly strong performance across toys and personal care

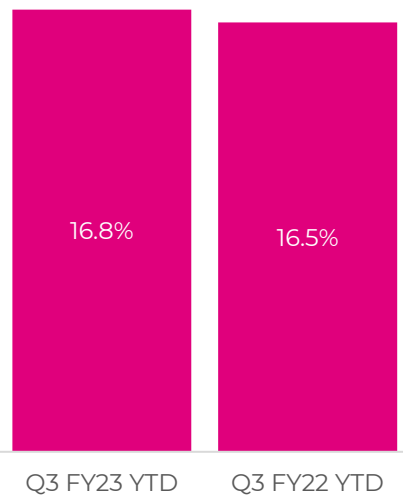
	Fashion and Sports	Electrical	Home	Toys, Gifts and Beauty
				
Very YoY	(8.2)%	+3.0%	(1.6)%	+12.8%
Very PY-2	+6.5%	+39.9%	+12.3%	+24.7%
TVG YoY	(9.4)%	+0.2%	(3.6)%	+8.3%
TVG Q3 FY23 mix	30.1%	44.9%	12.7%	12.3%
TVG Q3 FY22 mix	32.3%	43.7%	12.9%	11.1%

¹ – Based on British Retail Consortium data for the total online non-food market

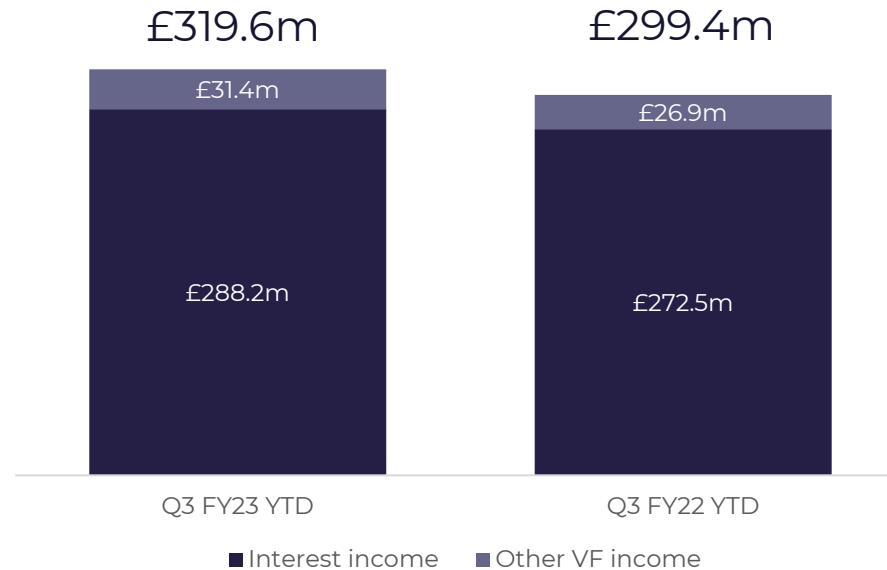
VERY FINANCE

A strongly performing debtor book and normalisation of customer payment rates contributed to growth in Very Finance revenue of 6.8%

Interest income as % of average debtor book



Very Finance revenue



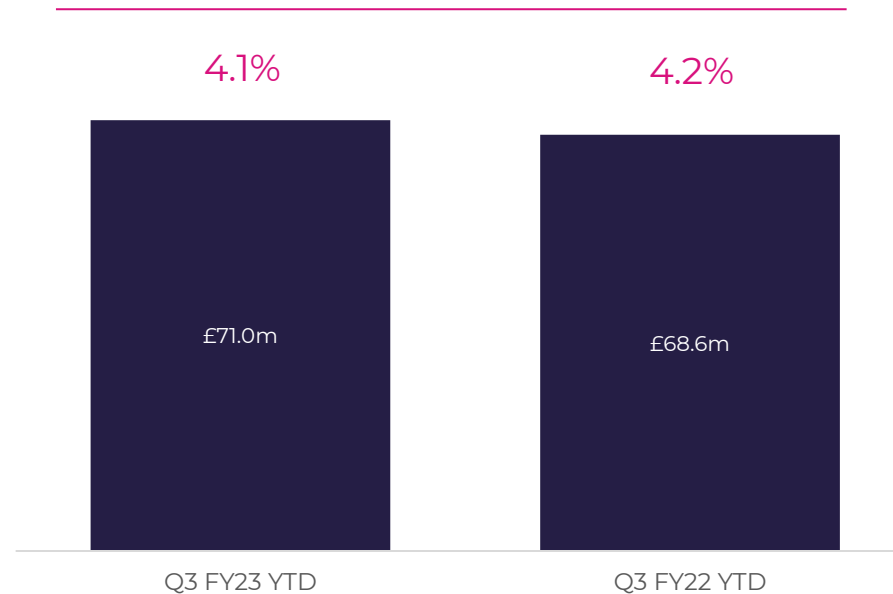
- We have continued to see a normalisation of customer payment rates which were unusually elevated during Covid-19 and still remain higher than pre-pandemic levels, as previously guided
- This normalisation and the acquisition of new credit customers contributed to Very Finance growth of 6.8%
- Interest income remained stable as a percentage of the average debtor book, at 16.8%
- The overall Group average debtor book grew by 3.6%, and the Very average debtor book increased by 6.8% year on year
- To partially offset the increase in the cost of providing flexible ways to pay, we have taken the decision to increase Very customer APR by 3%pts

BAD DEBT

Payment rates and bad debt continue to normalise, but remain favourable compared with pre-pandemic levels

- Bad debt as a percentage of the average debtor book is marginally lower year on year at 4.1%, with the quantum increasing by 3.5% compared with Q3 FY22 YTD as the debtor book has grown
- This is in line with our expectations as customer behaviour reverts to historic trends, but we are yet to see bad debt reach pre-pandemic levels
- We are not seeing signs of distress in the debtor book. Nevertheless, we continue to take a cautious, risk-informed view of bad debt whilst lending responsibly to customers

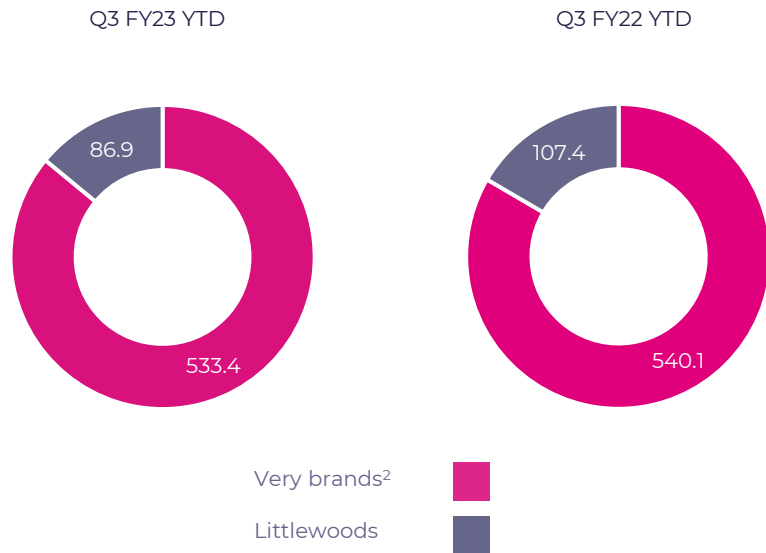
Bad debt as a % of average debtor book (£m)



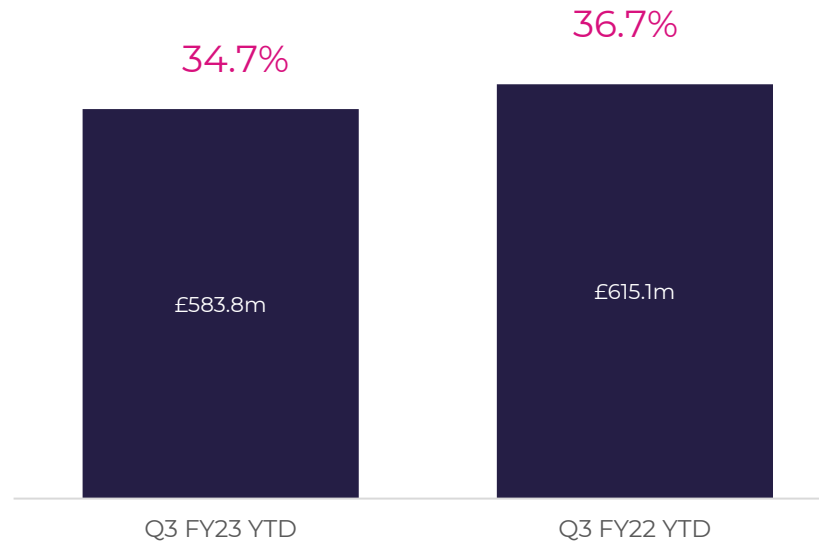
GROSS MARGIN

Robust gross margin at 34.7% following pricing investment and changing sales mix

Gross margin by brand (£m)¹



Gross margin (£m) and gross margin rate



- Gross margin reduced by 2.0% pts to 34.7% (FY22: 36.7%)
- Retail margin decline was driven by investment in pricing on key categories, changes in category mix, and response to market promotional dynamics
- Very Finance gross margin remained stable compared with Q3 FY22

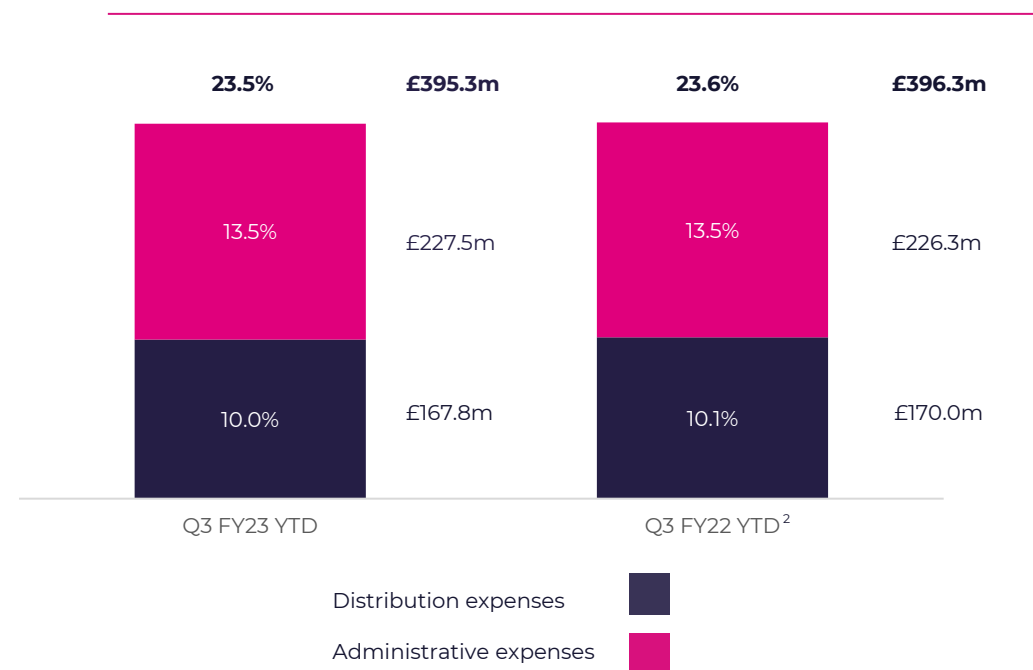
COST CONTROL

Our strong cost discipline means we have maintained flat operating costs despite inflationary pressures



- Cost control has always been a key strength of our business
- Despite the current inflationary environment, we are pleased to have maintained operating costs, with a marginal reduction in absolute terms
- As a percentage of revenue this is a decrease of 0.1% pts to 23.5%
- Distribution costs fell by 1.3% year on year and reduced by 0.1% pts as a % of revenue
- Admin expenses were maintained at 13.5% of revenue, with technology transformation investment offset by savings in marketing spend
- Controlling costs will continue to be a key focus as we move through Q4 FY23

Operating costs¹ as % of revenue (£m)



1 – Operating costs are stated exclusive of depreciation and amortisation

2 – Q2 FY22 comparators have been restated to reflect the impact of the SaaS accounting policy change which was effective from Q4 FY22

ADJUSTED EBITDA¹

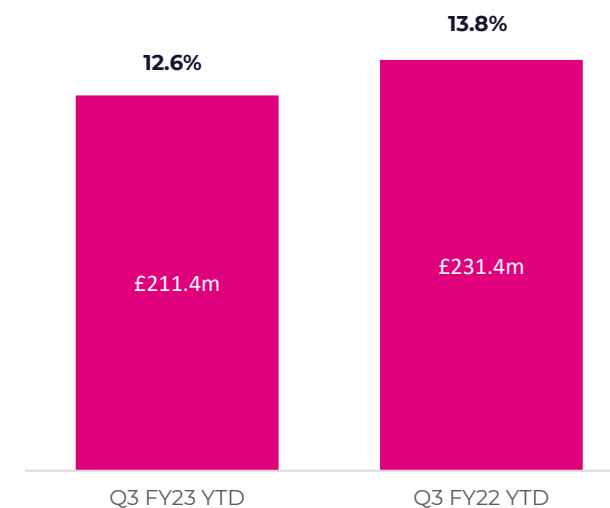
Resilient earnings amid a challenging retail market

- Our robust business model and strategic initiatives mean we continue to deliver strong positive earnings in FY23, despite the challenging retail environment
- Pre-exceptional EBITDA for Q3 YTD comes to £190.1m (Q3 FY22 YTD: £221.0m). This reflects the reduction in margin as sales mix has changed and we have invested in pricing to fuel customer and specific category growth
- At an adjusted EBITDA¹ level, we saw £211.4m, a decline from £231.4m last year
- Adjusted EBITDA margin fell 1.2%pts owing to changes in sales mix and our decision to invest in pricing

Adjusted EBITDA¹ reconciliation

(£ millions)	Q3 FY23 YTD	Q3 FY22 YTD Restated ²	Var %
	£m	£m	
Pre-exceptional EBITDA	190.1	221.0	(14.0)%
<i>Adjusted for</i>			
Fair value adjustments to financial instruments	6.7	(4.0)	
FX translation movements on trade creditors	4.0	(1.4)	
SaaS accounting change	10.6	15.8	
Adjusted EBITDA	211.4	231.4	(8.7)%

Adjusted EBITDA¹



ADJUSTED FREE CASHFLOW¹

Positive adjusted free cash inflow of £47.5m



Cash flow

(£m)	Q3 FY23 YTD	Q3 FY22 YTD Restated ²
Adjusted EBITDA	211.4	231.4
Securitisation interest, management fees and SaaS	(65.1)	(49.2)
Adjusted EBITDA post securitisation interest, management fees and SaaS	146.3	182.2
<i>Net working capital movement:</i>		
Movement in inventories	(19.1)	(20.9)
Movement in trade receivables	(93.0)	(81.0)
Movement in prepayments and other receivables (exc. refinancing costs)	(42.6)	(53.1)
Movement in trade and other payables (exc. refinancing costs)	(5.4)	(84.1)
Movement in securitisation facility	106.1	102.4
Net working capital (post securitisation funding)	(54.0)	(136.7)
Pension contributions	-	-
Capital expenditure	(44.8)	(29.2)
Adjusted free cashflow	47.5	16.3

A statutory net cash flow is presented on page 22

- The adjusted free cash inflow of £47.5m is an improvement compared with £16.3m in the prior year. Whilst EBITDA is lower in the period this has been more than offset by continued strong working capital management
- Movement in trade receivables reflects the growth in our debtor book, which grew at a faster rate compared with Q3 FY22 YTD and which is in part offset by the movement in the securitisation facility
- The movement in prepayments and other receivables reflects the timing of payments in the prior year and HMRC VAT repayments in FY23
- The smaller relative movement in trade and other payables reflects the lower inventory spend in FY22, which meant lower trade creditors and made last year's outflow more pronounced. The Group has also utilised seasonal working capital facilities
- Capital expenditure reflects spend across a number of business-as-usual and strategic investments

£47.5m

Q3 FY23 YTD
ADJUSTED FREE
CASHFLOW

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FORWARD VIEW



OUTLOOK

The delivery of a strong performance in the face of economic headwinds demonstrates that our decision to invest in the future is benefitting our business and our customers

1

The Group has delivered top line growth and controlled costs, while responsibly managing our growing debtor book. This has resulted in robust earnings and increased market share, despite the current economic and market challenges

2

We have a range of strategic levers at our disposal and this flexibility has allowed us to respond to market dynamics in an agile way; reducing operating costs and delivering improved underlying free cashflow despite the inflationary environment

3

The investments we have made in our customer value proposition have ensured good product availability, competitive pricing and an improved digital experience, resulting in customer growth and our best-ever customer satisfaction results

4

Our focus remains as ever on earnings, earnings quality and liquidity. We will continue to achieve this by taking appropriate actions, including dynamic pricing, cost control, and working capital management, alongside the expert risk management of our debtor book

5

Through the remainder of FY23 and beyond, we will continue the transformation of our tech platform to ensure we offer the range of products, flexible ways to pay, and services that our customers value



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APPENDICES



INCOME STATEMENT

Income statement

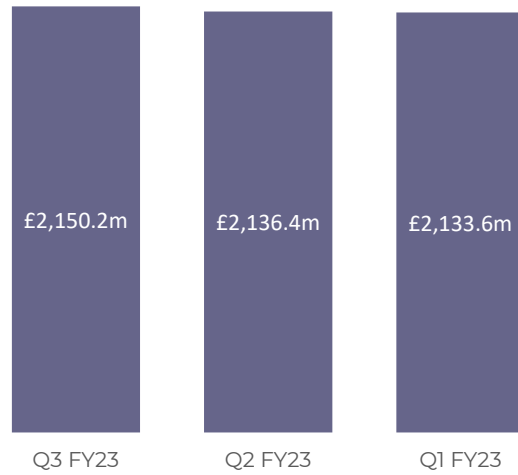
(£m)	Q3 FY23 YTD	Q3 FY22 YTD Re-stated ¹	Variance (%)
Very.co.uk	1,426.7	1,395.4	2.2%
Very.ie ²	55.4	65.3	(15.3)%
Littlewoods	198.1	217.6	(8.9)%
Group revenue	1,680.2	1,678.3	0.1%
Gross margin	583.8	615.1	(5.1)%
<i>% margin</i>	34.7%	36.7%	
Distribution expenses	(167.8)	(170.0)	(1.3)%
Administrative expenses	(227.5)	(226.3)	0.5%
Other operating income	1.6	2.2	(27.3)%
Pre-exceptional reported EBITDA	190.1	221.0	(14.0)%
<i>% reported EBITDA margin</i>	11.3%	13.2%	
<i>Operating costs as % of revenue</i>	23.5%	23.6%	
Adjusted EBITDA	211.4	231.4	(8.7)%
<i>% adjusted EBITDA</i>	12.6%	13.8%	

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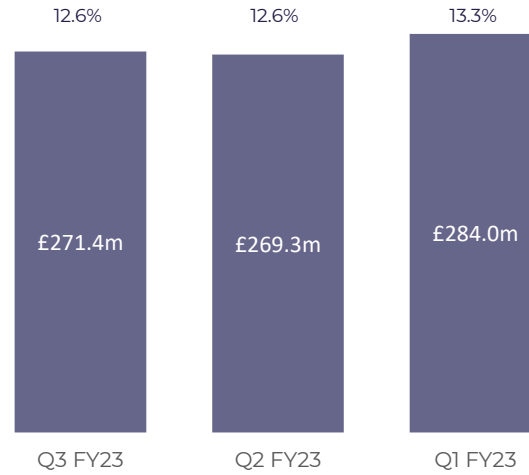
2 – In July 2022, Littlewoods Ireland was rebranded as Very.ie. Where relevant, prior year brand comparators have been restated

LTM KPIs

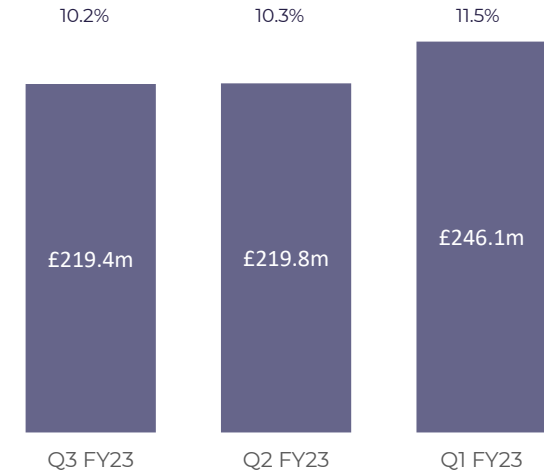
LTM revenue (£m)



LTM adjusted EBITDA (£m)



LTM consolidated EBITDA (Leverage) (£m)



As agreed with our auditors, adjusted EBITDA as an alternative performance measure does not include the impact of IAS 38 SaaS.

CASHFLOW STATEMENT

(£m)	Q3 FY23 YTD	Q3 FY22 YTD Restated ¹
Adjusted EBITDA (post securitisation interest, management fees and SaaS)¹	146.3	182.2
<i>Net working capital movement:</i>		
Movement in inventories	(19.1)	(20.9)
Movement in trade receivables	(93.0)	(81.0)
Movement in prepayments and other receivables	(42.6)	(53.1)
Movement in trade and other payables	(5.4)	(84.1)
Movement in securitisation facility	106.1	102.4
Net working capital (post securitisation funding)	(54.0)	(136.7)
Pensions contributions	-	-
Fair value adjustments	-	-
Capital expenditure	(44.8)	(29.2)
Underlying free cashflow	47.5	16.3
Increase in bond amounts	-	25.0
Bond refinancing costs	-	(20.9)
Dividend paid	(7.5)	(25.0)
Free cashflow (post refinancing and dividend)	40.0	(4.6)
Interest paid (excluding securitisation interest)	(47.4)	(34.4)
Income taxes (paid) / received	(0.6)	(1.4)
Cash impact of exceptional items (including customer redress)	(23.1)	(31.6)
Management fees	(5.6)	(5.4)
Parental expenses	(3.9)	(3.8)
(Repayments of) / draw downs from finance leases	(8.5)	(15.2)
Repayment of bank loans	(7.1)	-
Movement in revolving credit facility	75.0	60.0
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	18.8	(36.4)

- On a statutory basis, the cash inflow for the period was £18.8m, compared with a cash outflow of £(36.4)m at Q3 FY22
- Movement in trade receivables reflects the growth in our debtor book, which grew at a slightly quicker rate compared with Q3 FY22 and which is in part offset by the movement in the securitisation facility
- The smaller relative movement in trade and other payables reflects the lower inventory spend in FY22, which meant lower trade creditors and made last year's outflow more pronounced. The Group has also utilised seasonal working capital facilities
- Capital expenditure relates to business-as-usual and strategic investments
- Cash impact of exceptional items includes spend on our tech transformation project and the release of a previously recognised restructuring provision in relation to the closure of our customer care centre in Aintree in 2021 as a result of the shift to home-working

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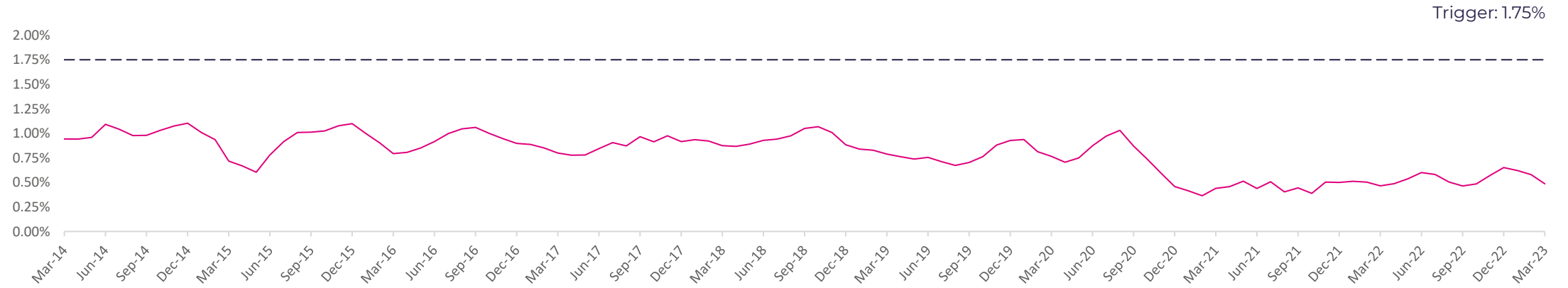
NET LEVERAGE

Net leverage											
(£ millions)	Q3 FY23	Q2 FY23	Q1 FY23	Q4 FY22	Q3 FY22	Q2 FY22	Q1 FY22	Q4 FY21	Q3 FY21	Q2 FY21	Q1 FY21
Cash and bank balances	62.2	4.0	26.9	43.4	41.7	5.6	22.0	78.1	92.5	55.7	120.5
Fixed rate notes	(575.0)	(575.0)	(575.0)	(575.0)	(575.0)	(575.0)	(575.0)	(550.0)	(550.0)	(550.0)	(550.0)
Revolving credit facility	(150.0)	-	(150.0)	(75.0)	(150.0)	-	(90.0)	(90.0)	(150.0)	-	(150.0)
Other debt	(35.3)	(39.2)	(38.8)	(42.2)	(0.2)	(8.2)	(2.7)	(0.7)	(0.8)	(1.1)	(1.6)
Total gross debt (excluding securitisation)	(760.3)	(614.2)	(763.8)	(692.2)	(725.2)	(583.2)	(667.7)	(640.7)	(700.8)	(551.1)	(701.6)
Total net debt (excluding securitisation)	(698.1)	(610.2)	(736.9)	(648.8)	(683.5)	(577.6)	(645.7)	(562.6)	(608.3)	(495.4)	(581.1)
LTM Consolidated EBITDA (Leverage)	219.4	220.5	246.1	244.7	272.9	274.4	262.2	256.5	262.5	247.3	239.4
Net leverage	3.18x	2.77x	2.99x	2.65x	2.50x	2.10x	2.46x	2.19x	2.32x	2.00x	2.43x

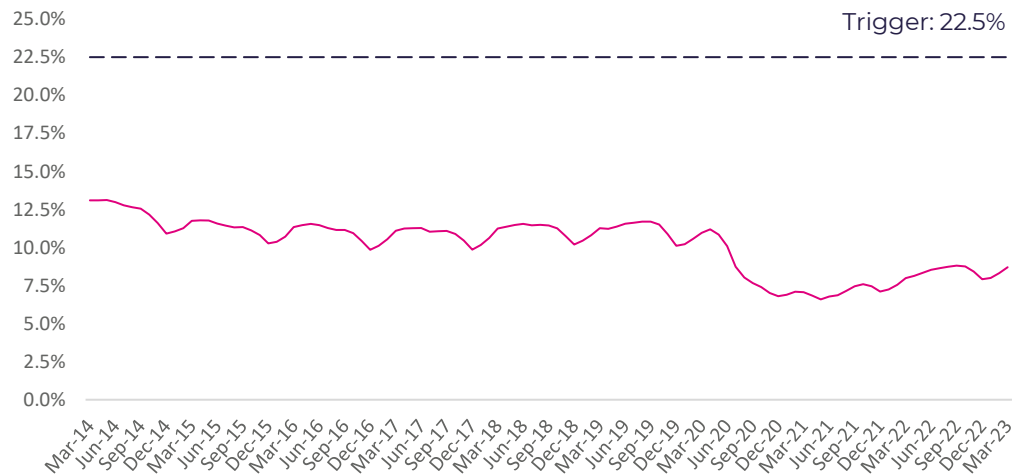
Note: LTM Consolidated EBITDA (Leverage) is updated terminology as Adjusted EBITDA is used elsewhere. The terminology aligns with that used in the legal agreements and is reconciled as per the legal proforma on the prior page.

SECURITISATION PERFORMANCE COVENANTS

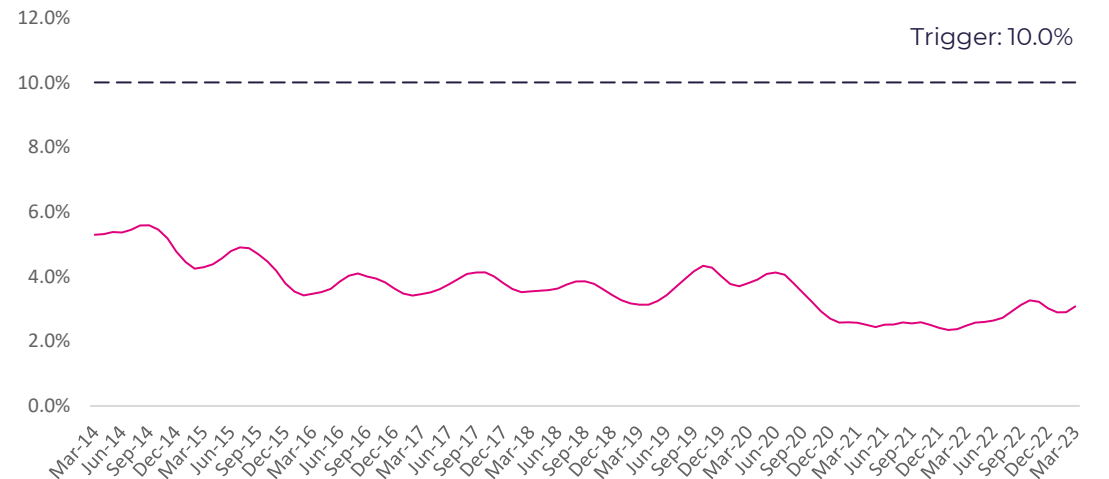
Default three month moving average



One to five month delinquency rates



Five-plus months delinquency rates



BALANCE SHEET

(£ millions)	Q3 FY23	Q3 FY22 Restated ¹
Non-current assets	1,232.1	743.7
Current assets	1,966.5	2,384.9
<i>Of which:</i>		
<i>Inventories</i>	131.2	123.1
<i>Trade and other receivables</i>	1,773.1	2,216.7
<i>Cash and bank balances</i>	62.2	41.7
Current liabilities	(780.1)	(694.4)
<i>Of which:</i>		
<i>Trade and other payables</i>	(525.3)	(481.2)
<i>Provisions</i>	(4.0)	(6.0)
<i>Securitisation borrowings</i>	(50.0)	-
Non-current liabilities	(2,228.3)	(2,250.6)
<i>Of which:</i>		
<i>Retirement benefit obligations</i>	(1.3)	(1.6)
<i>Securitisation borrowings</i>	(1,497.8)	(1,491.6)
Total equity and liabilities	(3,198.6)	(3,128.6)

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