



# FY16 Results

## HSS Hire Group plc

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# Agenda

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**Strategic progress**

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# Our strategy

## Customer needs

- Availability
- Safety
- Support
- Value



## Our strategy

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## Scalable benefits

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# Highlights

## Market share gains in UK and Ireland

- Group revenue up 9.6% to £342m with Services up over 60%
- Adjusted EBITA up 1.0%

## Significant changes in operating model implemented

- England, Wales and Scotland now rolled into central distribution and engineering model
- Right sizing UK network; consolidation of legacy network, underperforming branches closed

## Net debt in line with prior year, headroom > £40m

- Capex actively reduced to £42.4m, core utilisation improved to 50%
- Operating model implementation costs offset by equity placing

***Foundations laid for sustainable profit growth***

# Financial summary

53 weeks ended 31 Dec / 52 weeks ended 26 Dec

£m	2016	2015	Growth (%)
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>342.4</b>	<b>312.3</b>	<b>9.6%</b>
Adj. EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	68.6	71.0	(3.4)%
Adj. EBITDA margin	20.0%	22.7%	
<b>Adj. EBITA<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Adj. EBITA margin	6.0%	6.5%	
Non-finance exceptionals	17.0	8.5	
Adj. earnings per share (p) <sup>3</sup>	<b>2.94</b>	<b>3.20</b>	
Final dividend (p)	-	<b>0.57</b>	

- Strong revenue growth performance in Services and Key Accounts
- EBITDA margin movement reflects change in revenue mix and impact of new operating model costs from Q4
- Exceptional costs to implement new operating model including:
  - NDEC set up and parallel running
  - Onerous leases
  - Divisional re-structure

<sup>1</sup> Earnings stated before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") and before exceptional costs relating to restructuring and acquisitions

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted EBITDA less depreciation

<sup>3</sup> Calculated as PBT before amortisation and exceptional costs less tax at the average prevailing rate across period, divided by the diluted weighted average number of shares

# Segmental analysis

53 weeks ended 31 Dec / 52 weeks ended 26 Dec

£m	2016	2015	Growth
<b>Rental (and related revenue)<sup>1</sup></b>			
Revenue	262.8	262.9	(0.0%)
Contribution <sup>2</sup>	179.4	182.1	(1.5%)
<i>Contribution margin</i>	68.3%	69.3%	
<b>Services<sup>3</sup></b>			
Revenue	79.6	49.5	60.8%
Contribution <sup>2</sup>	10.3	6.1	68.9%
<i>Contribution margin</i>	12.9%	12.3%	
Branch and selling costs	(89.3)	(86.0)	
Central costs	(31.8)	(31.2)	
<b>Adj. EBITDA</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>(3.4%)</b>

## Rental

- Strong performance in Key Accounts, Irish business taking market share and continued growth in specialist businesses
- Small and medium sized customer impacted by operating model change

## Services

- Strong growth in supply chain management contracts through OneCall

## Costs

- Investment in new operating model and sales network offset by delivery of planned cost actions

# Movement in net debt, £21m improvement from Q3

53 weeks ended 31 Dec / 52 weeks ended 26 Dec

£m	2016	2015
Adj. EBITA	20.5	20.3
Depreciation	48.2	50.7
Exceptionals	(17.0)	(14.7)
Working capital	(3.2)	(7.4)
Capex <sup>1</sup> / Acquisitions	(47.5)	(118.5)
Tax	(0.4)	1.1
Net interest payable	(13.0)	(14.1)
Dividends paid	(1.8)	(0.9)
Movement relating to equity placing / IPO	12.8	182.3
<b>Net (increase) / decrease in net debt</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>	<b>98.9</b>
Closing net debt	<b>219.4</b>	<b>218.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Gross of finance lease funding

**>£40m headroom in cash and existing facilities**

## Small increase in net debt:

- Investment in central distribution and operating model
- Significant decrease in cash capex
- Improved working capital management
- Equity placing to strengthen balance sheet to deliver FY17 plans

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# Current trading / Outlook

- Strong growth in Key Accounts and Services revenue
- Continued focus on EBITA margin to improve returns: 37 underperforming branches closed
- Q1 trading, excluding impact of 53<sup>rd</sup> week and reflecting the impact of branch closures, broadly flat year on year; improving trend
- Reducing net debt remains a core priority, therefore the Board has made the decision not to pay a final dividend in respect of FY16
- Cash and facility headroom at c. £30m after fleet investment and bond interest payment in quarter
- FY17 capex to be below FY16 levels
- 2017 EBITA growth weighted towards H2 as operating model leveraged and sales initiatives gain momentum



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# Optimising our distribution and branch network

- Central distribution and engineering capability implemented across England & Wales
  - Testing and maintenance of fast moving core hire fleet
  - Deliveries to and collections from CDCs and LBs
- Activity commenced to right-size UK network:
  - Net 7 distribution centres closed
  - 18 underperforming branches closed in Q4 16
  - 11 new local branches opened



***Scalable platform for future operational efficiency***

# Optimising our distribution and branch network

- Central distribution extended to support Scotland during Q1 17
- Re-profiling of stock completed across the network to drive maximum fleet availability
- Continuous process of optimisation
  - 37 underperforming branches closed in Q1
  - Ongoing CDC consolidation
  - Offsetting the operating costs of the new distribution network



***Driving improved customer availability***

# Win new, and deepen existing, customer relationships

- Strong key account growth
  - One stop shop improving customer relationship
  - Services revenues building
  - Amey contract mobilised and maturing
  - Strong pipeline built and managed
- Stable customer base: > 37,000 live accounts
- Focus on re-connecting with small and medium sized customers impacted by change in operating model

£m revenue	2016	Growth (£m)	Growth (%)
Existing key accounts	119.2	16.3	15.8%
New key accounts <sup>1</sup>	28.9	28.9	
<b>Total key accounts</b>	<b>148.1</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>43.9%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Customers who were not classified as Key Account customers in the prior period

***Continued strong growth amongst Key Accounts***

# Win new, and deepen existing, customer relationships

- Differentiating our customer proposition, superior fleet availability 'anytime, anywhere'
- Looking to go deeper into markets to leverage our operational capability
- Initial focus on large core markets (e.g. Manchester, London)
  - Pre 8 am deliveries inside M25
  - Additional customer facing FTE on the ground
  - Centralised appointment booking and tracking
- Increasing on-site activity and focus
- Implementing customer 'win-back' /re-engagement programme

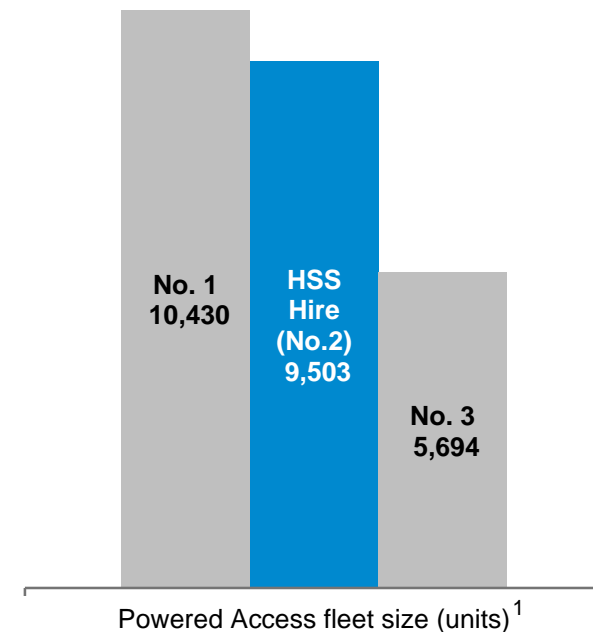


***Re-engaging with small and medium sized customers to drive rental growth***

# Continued development and growth of our specialist businesses

- Scale in Power and Powered Access: 2<sup>nd</sup> largest powered access fleet in UK
- Two new co-located depots opened in East and West London to drive efficiency and service
- All Seasons Hire extended into Manchester and Scotland
- Cross selling to HSS customers as part of 'one stop shop' proposition
- Leveraging fleet investment from FY14 / 15
- Through new refurbishment centre opened in December 2015 we refurbished 526 units with a replacement value of >£5m

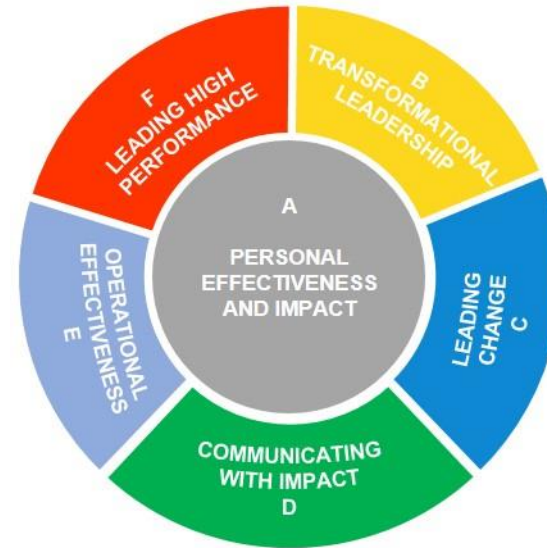
<sup>1</sup> Source: Cranes and Access Magazine, Top 30 Powered Access Companies 2016



**Specialist businesses enable greater share of customer wallets**

# Strengthening team at all levels

- New leadership team with breadth of commercial insight and experience
- Building sales capability
  - Introduction of new capability model in branches
  - Optimised field sales structures to be closer to customer
- New management talent programmes launched



***Building leadership capability to inspire high performance***

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### Targeting:

- Rental revenue 
- EBITA margin 
- Net debt 
- ROCE 



# Progress in executing strategy

- 2016 was a year of significant complex operational change and investment
- Optimisation continues - right-sizing network and re-profiling ranges
- New operating model enables superior fleet availability, started to leverage in core markets
- Focus on re-establishing growth in our core Rental business through FY17 and beyond
  - Management team strengthened
  - Sales initiatives active, positive early signs at end of Q1
- Q1 17 revenue, excluding 53<sup>rd</sup> week, expected to be broadly flat
- 2017 EBITA growth weighted towards H2 as operating model leveraged and sales initiatives gain momentum

***Foundations laid for sustainable profit growth***

# Q&A

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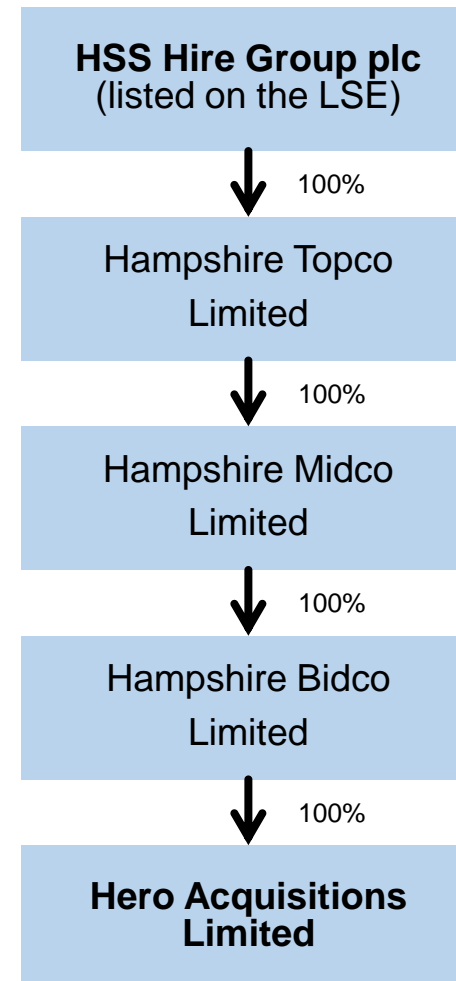
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# Appendix A

## Group structure

- This appendix provides the reader with an overview of the group structure between:
  - HSS Hire Group plc, the new holding company admitted to the London Stock Exchange (LSE) on 9 February 2015, whose FY16 numbers we report today;
  - Hampshire Topco Limited, the previous top company in the group; and
  - Hero Acquisitions Limited, the consolidated level at which we have also reported today to meet the reporting obligations attached to our Senior Secured Notes



## Appendix B

# HSS Hire Group plc vs Hero Acquisitions Ltd

- Under the reporting obligations of our Senior Secured Notes issued in February 2014 we report Hero Acquisitions Limited group consolidated accounts on a quarterly basis
- The main differences between the two reporting levels are:
  - IPO and other advisory fees charged above the Hero Acquisitions group;
  - Higher intangibles and higher amortisation costs in the HSS Hire Group plc group, principally related to intangibles relating to the acquisition of the Hero Acquisitions group in 2012;
  - Lower net debt in HSS Hire Group plc group due to the netting down of intercompany debts; and
  - Differences in tax and interest resulting from the above differences

# Appendix C

## Adjusted earnings calculations

53 weeks ended 31 Dec / 52 weeks ended 26 Dec

£m	2016	2015
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>(2.7)</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<i>Add: Depreciation and amortisation</i>	<i>54.4</i>	<i>55.7</i>
<i>Add: Exceptionals costs (non-finance)</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>8.5</i>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>71.0</b>
<i>Less: Depreciation</i>	<i>(48.2)</i>	<i>(50.7)</i>
<b>Adjusted EBITA</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>20.3</b>
<i>Less: Net finance cost<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>(14.7)</i>	<i>(14.5)</i>
<b>Adjusted PBT</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<i>Less: Tax (at prevailing rate)</i>	<i>(1.2)</i>	<i>(1.2)</i>
<b>Adjusted PAT</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Pre exceptional finance costs which principally relate to the partial redemption of the SSNs in 2015 and the restructure of the group's debt during FY14

# Appendix D

## Balance sheet

*As at 31 December / 26 December*

£m	2016	2015
Intangible assets	178.8	180.2
Tangible assets	178.5	183.2
Deferred tax asset	0.8	1.9
Net current assets / (liabilities) <sup>1</sup>	30.9	27.9
Other net liabilities	(16.1)	(16.9)
Net debt (ex. accrued interest) <sup>2</sup>	(215.5)	(214.4)
Accrued interest	(3.9)	(3.8)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>153.4</b>	<b>158.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Current assets less current liabilities. Current assets / liabilities captured within net debt e.g. the current portion of finance leases are not reflected in working capital

<sup>2</sup> Comprises cash and all debt principal balances, including those which would ordinarily be shown within current assets, current liabilities (excluding accrued interest) or non current liabilities. See appendix F



# Appendix E

## Net debt calculations

*As at 31 December / 26 December*

£m	2016	2015
Cash	(15.2)	(1.8)
Bank overdraft	0.0	1.5
RCF	66.0	46.0
Finance lease obligations	28.7	32.6
Investor Loan Notes	-	-
Senior Secured Notes <sup>1</sup>	136.0	136.0
<b>Net debt (ex accrued interest)</b>	<b>215.5</b>	<b>214.4</b>
Accrued interest	3.9	3.8
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>219.4</b>	<b>218.1</b>

- Reflects borrowings from all third parties and includes the net amounts due to group undertakings
- Leverage of 3.2x (2015: 3.1x)

<sup>1</sup> Shown gross of issue costs