

## Hero Acquisitions Limited (subsidiary of HSS Hire Group plc) H1 FY16 Results









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## **First half highlights**

#### **Profitable market share growth**

- Revenue up 13.5%
- Adjusted EBITA up 73.3%
- Adjusted EBITA margin up 160 bps

#### Significant progress in strategy execution

- NDEC supporting 50% of network; capacity for growth
- 41% growth in key accounts

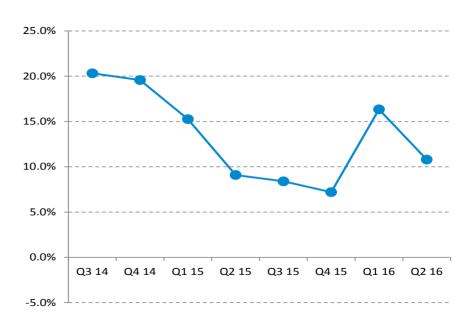
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Continued growth of specialist businesses and further utilisation improvements

Delivering strong revenue and underlying profit growth

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### **Financial summary**

#### 27 weeks ended 2 July / 26 weeks ended 27 June

£m	2016	2015	Growth (%)	Organic (%)
Revenue	166.2	146.4	13.5%	12.8%
Adj. EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	32.5	29.0	12.1%	10.6%
Adj. EBITDA margin	19.5%	19.8%		
Adj. EBITA <sup>2</sup>	7.8	4.5	73.3%	
Adj. EBITA margin	4.7%	3.1%		

- Revenue growth across the business, particularly HSS OneCall and key accounts
- EBITDA margin movement reflecting change in revenue mix
- Improved EBITA margin reflecting positive impact of service activity

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted earnings stated before exceptional costs relating to restructuring and acquisition costs. See appendix C

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



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### **Segmental analysis**

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£m	2016	2015	Growth (%)
Core business			
Revenue	141.8	124.0	14.4%
Adj. EBITDA	18.1	18.0	0.6%
Adj. EBITDA margin	12.8%	14.5%	
Specialist businesses			
Revenue	24.4	22.4	8.9%
Adj. EBITDA	14.3	10.9	31.2%
Adj. EBITDA margin	58.6%	48.7%	

#### 27 weeks ended 2 July / 26 weeks ended 27 June

#### Core

- Growth in key accounts, OneCall and Training
- Margin diluted by service revenues

#### **Specialist**

Continued utilisation improvement and exploitation of fleet investment delivering revenue and margin growth

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### Segmental analysis (new format)

#### 27 weeks ended 2 July / 26 weeks ended 27 June 2015 2016 £m Growth Rental (and related revenue)<sup>1</sup> Revenue 1337 126.2 5.9% Contribution<sup>2</sup> 86.5 83.5 3.6% 66.2% Contribution margin 64.7% Services<sup>3</sup> Revenue 32.5 20.260.9% Contribution<sup>2</sup> 52 41 26.8% Contribution margin 16.0% 20.3% Branch and selling costs (46.2)(49.8)Central costs (9.5)(12.5)32.5 Adj. EBITDA 29.0 12.1%

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#### **Rental**

 Volume growth and shift towards key account business at lower average rates

#### **Services**

Strong growth in lower margin supply chain management contracts through OneCall

#### Costs

**HSS OneCall** reinted TecServ **HSS Training** 

Investment in sales network offset by delivery of planned cost actions

<sup>1</sup> Rental income earned from owned tools and equipment and directly related revenue e.g. resale, transport and other ancillary revenues	
<sup>2</sup> Revenue less cost of sales (excluding depreciation and exceptional items), distribution costs and directly attributable costs	

<sup>3</sup> Comprises the group's third party supplied rehire business (HSS OneCall). HSS Training and TecServ

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#### Movement in net debt

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£m	2016	2015
Adj. EBITA	7.8	4.5
Depreciation	24.7	24.4
Exceptionals	(7.0)	(5.2)
Working capital	(10.6)	(6.1)
Capex <sup>1</sup>	(29.3)	(59.2)
Acquisition of All Seasons Hire	-	(11.0)
Тах	(0.7)	(1.1)
Net interest payable	(6.4)	(8.0)
Movement in group undertakings / IPO funds flow	(3.3)	49.8
Net (increase) / decrease in net debt	(24.8)	(11.7)
Closing net debt	455.0	

27 weeks ended 2 July / 26 weeks ended 27 June

#### **Temporary increase in** third party net debt reflecting:

- Exceptional spend on NDEC
- Extra rental payment
- Settlement of capex purchases

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







### **Current trading and FY16 outlook**

- Q3 16 trading has started ahead of Q3 15
- Continued strong growth in key accounts and services revenue
- Capital efficiency: increased utilisation and refurbishment lowering capex to £40 £45m
- Continued focus on EBITA margin to improve returns

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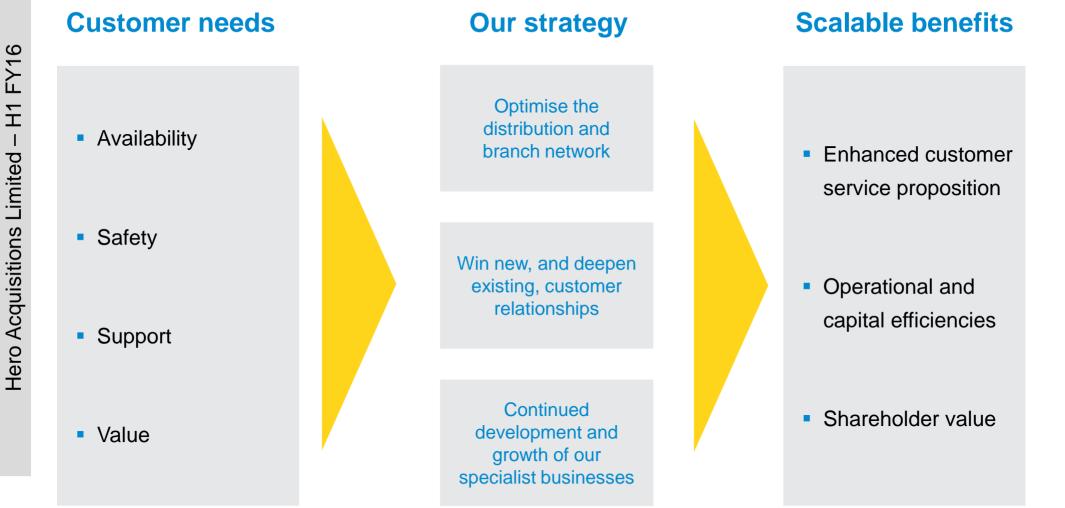
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### **Our strategy**



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### **Optimise the distribution and branch network**

- Evolving network to drive efficiency gains and support future scalable growth
  - Centralised maintenance and logistics
  - Next day fulfilment
  - Re-focus local branch staff on sales
- NDEC implementation will complete in FY16
- Optimisation of Customer Distribution Centre network
- Selective branch upgrade programme

#### **National Distribution and Engineering Centre**



- Currently serving 50% of network (c.160 branches)
- c.1,000 product lines stocked, serviced and supplied to network
- Currently testing c. 9,000 items and maintaining c. 800 items/wk

#### Step-changes availability and capacity for growth

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### Win new, and deepen existing, customer relationships

- Enhanced customer proposition supported by NDFC
- Investment in key account teams
  - Customer sector specialisms 0
  - New business capabilities 0
- Multi channel offering
  - Branch optimisation 0
  - E-commerce 0
- Cross selling Specialist categories

41% growth in key accounts

£m revenue	2016	Growth (£m)	Growth (%)
Existing key accounts	51.4	6.5	14.4%
New key accounts	12.0	12.0	
Total key accounts	63.4	18.5	41.0%

- 3% increase in average number of account customers
- Net promoter score of 42 (top third of TNS **NPS Benchmark**)

Brands and channels positioned for our diverse customer base

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### **Developing our specialist businesses**

- Increased cross selling of brands via HSS
  OneCall
- Benefiting from FY15/16 fleet investment
- Increasing geographic reach and operational efficiency through co-location
- Simplification of operating structure will deliver sales efficiencies
- Additional capacity in new Refurbishment Centre enhancing buy/refurbish decision flexibility



- Revenue up 8.9% to £24.4m
- EBITDA up 31.2% to £14.3m
- Utilisation improved to 76% (H1 15: 73%)

Specialist capabilities enhancing customer proposition

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- Strong revenue and underlying profit growth; Q3 trading ahead of prior year
- Significant strategy execution progress; NDEC on plan for 2016 completion
- Simplification of operating structures to deliver sales efficiencies and support cost reduction
- Focus on continued margin improvement and capital efficiency to improve returns
- Creating an infrastructure for scale and volume growth



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# Appendices









## **Appendix A Group structure**

- This appendix provides the reader with an overview of the aroup structure between:
  - HSS Hire Group plc, the new holding company admitted to the London Stock Exchange (LSE) in 2015;
  - Hampshire Topco Limited, the previous top company in the group: and
  - Hero Acquisitions Limited, the consolidated level at which we report H1 FY16 numbers today to meet the reporting obligations attached to our Senior Secured Notes



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- Under the reporting obligations of our Senior Secured Notes issued in February 2014 we report Hero Acquisitions Limited group consolidated accounts on a guarterly 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

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### **Appendix C Result after tax**

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27	weeks	ended	2 July /	26 weeks	ended 27	' June

£m	2016	2015
Adj. EBITA	7.8	4.5
Amortisation	(1.7)	(0.9)
Adjusted finance expense	(18.0)	(14.2)
Exceptionals	(7.0)	(5.2)
Reported LBT	(18.9)	(15.7)
Тах	(0.7)	-
Reported LAT	(19.6)	(15.7)

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### **Appendix D** Balance sheet

#### As at 2 July / 26 December

£m	2016	2015
Intangible assets	154.9	153.9
Tangible assets	185.7	183.2
Deferred tax asset	1.3	1.9
Net current assets / (liabilities) <sup>1</sup>	38.8	34.3
Other net liabilities	(9.9)	(9.2)
Net debt (ex. accrued interest) <sup>2</sup>	(451.1)	(462.4)
Accrued interest	(3.9)	(3.8)
Net liabilities	(84.3)	(66.0)

<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 Q&A

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### **Appendix E** Net third party debt calculations

As at 2 July / 26 December

£m	2016	2015
Cash	(1.4)	(1.8)
Bank overdraft	1.1	1.5
RCF	67.0	46.0
Finance lease obligations	33.0	32.6
Senior Secured Notes <sup>1</sup>	136.0	136.0
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Net third party debt (ex accrued interest)	235.7	214.4
Accrued interest	3.9	3.8
Net third party debt	239.6	218.1

- Reflects net debt owed to unrelated third parties
- Net third party debt therefore excludes the net amounts due to group undertakings

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





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### Appendix E (cont...) Net debt calculations

#### As at 2 July / 26 December

£m	2016	2015
Cash	(1.4)	(1.8)
Bank overdraft	1.1	1.5
RCF	67.0	46.0
Finance lease obligations	33.0	32.6
Net amounts due to group undertakings	215.4	212.1
Senior Secured Notes <sup>1</sup>	136.0	136.0
Net third party debt (ex accrued interest)	451.1	426.4
Accrued interest	3.9	3.8
Net third party debt	455.0	430.2

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

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