



FY16 Results

Hero Acquisitions Limited

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- Availability
- Safety
- Support
- Value



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- Optimise the distribution and branch network
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Highlights

Market share gains in UK and Ireland

- Group revenue up 9.6%, Services up over 60%
- Adjusted EBITA up 0.5%

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

Facility and cash headroom in excess of £29m

- Capex actively reduced to £42.4m, core utilisation improved to 50%
- Cash proceeds from c. £13m equity placing by parent, HSS Hire Group plc, subsequently made available to Group giving pro-forma facility and cash headroom of >£42m as at 31 December 2016

Foundations laid for sustainable profit growth

Financial summary

53 weeks ended 31 Dec / 52 weeks ended 26 Dec

£m	2016	2015	Growth (%)
Revenue	342.4	312.3	9.6%
Adj. EBITDA ¹	68.5	70.9	(3.4%)
Adj. EBITDA margin	20.0%	22.7%	
Adj. EBITA²	20.3	20.2	0.5%
Adj. EBITA margin	5.9%	6.5%	
Non-finance exceptionals	16.9	5.7	
Finance exceptionals	-	5.9	
Total exceptional costs	16.9	11.6	

- 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:
 - NDEC setup and parallel running
 - Onerous leases
 - Divisional re-structure

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

² Adjusted EBITDA less depreciation

Segmental analysis

53 weeks ended 31 Dec / 52 weeks ended 26 Dec

£m	2016	2015	Growth
Rental (and related revenue)¹			
Revenue	262.8	262.9	(0.0%)
Contribution ²	179.4	182.1	(1.5%)
<i>Contribution margin</i>	68.3%	69.3%	
Services³			
Revenue	79.6	49.5	60.8%
Contribution ²	10.3	6.1	68.9%
<i>Contribution margin</i>	12.9%	12.3%	
Branch and selling costs	(89.3)	(86.0)	
Central costs	(32.0)	(31.3)	
Adj. EBITDA	68.5	70.9	(3.4%)

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

53 weeks ended 31 Dec / 52 weeks ended 26 Dec

£m	2016	2015
Adj. EBITA	20.3	20.2
Depreciation	48.2	50.7
Exceptionals	(16.9)	(11.6)
Working capital	(4.8)	(7.8)
Capex ¹ / Acquisitions	(47.5)	(118.5)
Tax	(0.4)	1.1
Net interest payable	(12.9)	(14.7)
Movement relating to equity placing / IPO	(15.6)	(39.0)
Net (increase) / decrease in net debt	(29.7)	(119.5)
Closing net debt	453.7	

¹ Gross of finance lease funding

>£29m headroom in cash and existing facilities

Larger net debt balance reflects:

- Investment in central distribution and operating model
- Significant decrease in cash capex
- All stated pre cascade of proceeds from parent equity placing in December 2016

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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 53rd week and reflecting the impact of branch closures, broadly flat year on year; improving trend
- Reducing net debt remains a core priority
- 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 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

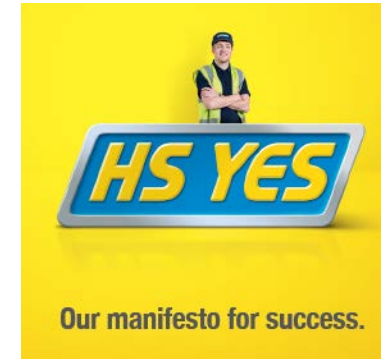
£m revenue	2016	Growth (£m)	Growth (%)
Existing key accounts	119.2	16.3	15.8%
New key accounts ¹	28.9	28.9	
Total key accounts	148.1	45.2	43.9%

¹ 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

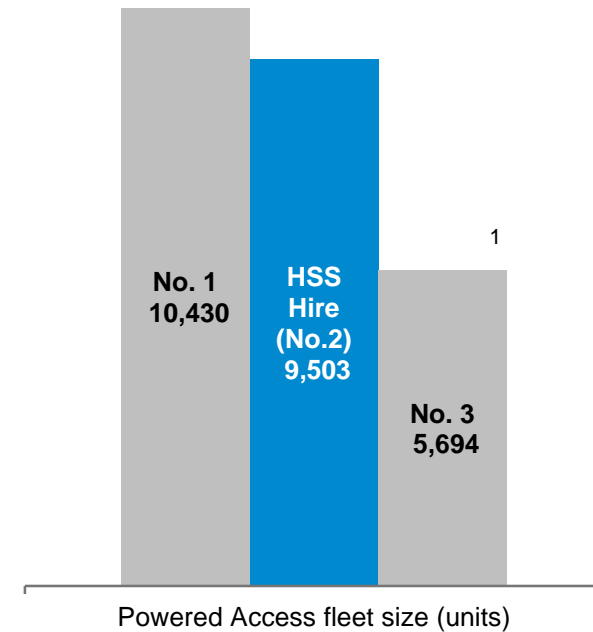


Re-engaging with small and medium sized customers to drive rental growth

Continued development and growth of our specialist businesses

- Scale in Power and Powered Access: 2nd 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

¹ 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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Scalable benefits

- 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 53rd week, expected to be broadly flat
- 2017 EBITA growth weighted towards H2 as operating model leveraged and sales initiatives gain momentum

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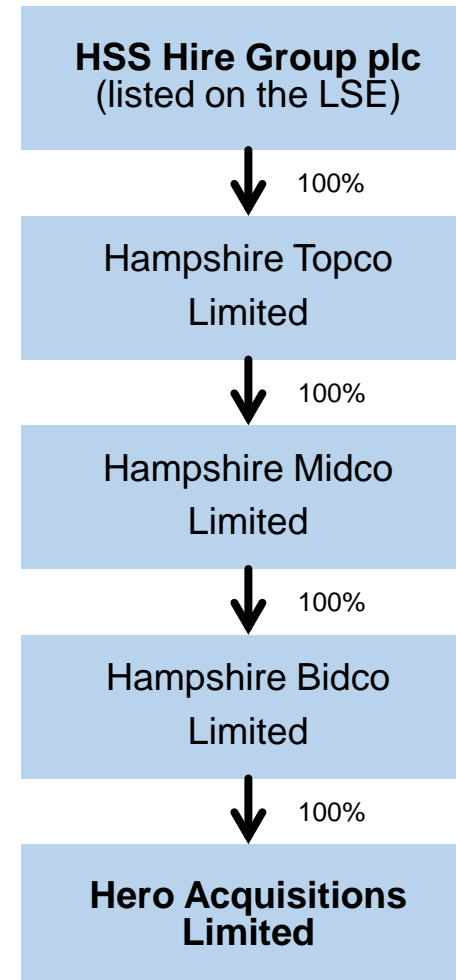
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Appendix A

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 also report today;
 - Hampshire Topco Limited, the previous top company in the group; and
 - Hero Acquisitions Limited, the consolidated level at which we report 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

Result after tax

53 weeks ended 31 Dec / 52 weeks ended 26 Dec

£m

	2016	2015
Adj. EBITA	20.3	20.2
Amortisation	(3.7)	(2.5)
Adjusted finance expense	(36.3)	(31.6)
Exceptionals	(16.9)	(11.6)
Reported LBT	(36.6)	(25.5)
Tax	3.1	1.6
Reported LAT	(33.6)	(23.9)

Appendix D

Balance sheet

As at 31 December / 26 December

£m	2016	2015
Intangible assets	155.3	154.3
Tangible assets	178.5	183.2
Deferred tax asset	0.8	1.9
Net current assets / (liabilities) ¹	31.0	27.8
Other net liabilities	(9.8)	(9.2)
Net debt (ex. accrued interest) ²	(449.9)	(420.3)
Accrued interest	(3.9)	(3.8)
Net liabilities	(98.0)	(66.0)

¹ 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

² 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 third party debt calculations

As at 31 December / 26 December

£m	2016	2015
Cash	(2.4)	(1.8)
Bank overdraft	0.0	1.5
RCF	66.0	46.0
Finance lease obligations	28.7	32.6
Senior Secured Notes ¹	136.0	136.0
Net third party debt (ex accrued interest)	228.3	214.4
Accrued interest	3.9	3.8
Net third party debt	232.1	218.1

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

¹ Shown gross of issue costs

Appendix F

Net debt calculations

As at 31 December / 26 December

£m	2016	2015
Cash	(2.4)	(1.8)
Bank overdraft	0.0	1.5
RCF	66.0	46.0
Finance lease obligations	28.7	32.6
Net amounts due to group undertakings	221.6	205.9
Senior Secured Notes ¹	136.0	136.0
Net third party debt (ex accrued interest)	449.9	420.3
Accrued interest	3.9	3.8
Net third party debt	453.7	424.0

- The FY15 results presentation omitted short term receivables from group undertakings in the calculation of net amounts due to group undertakings therefore overstating this value at that time.
- As a result net third party debt stated for 2015 in this presentation is £6.1m less than in the FY15 results presentation, but now correctly reflects the underlying accounts

¹ Shown gross of issue costs