



Hero Acquisitions Limited

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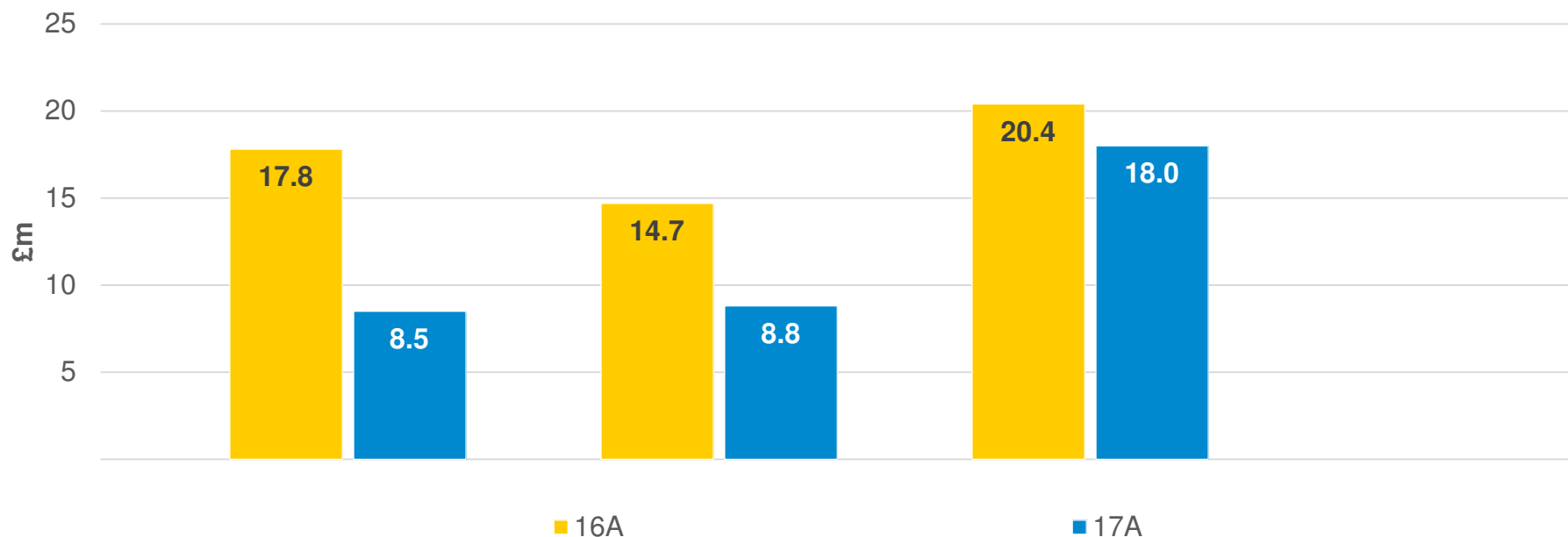
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Decisive actions returning Group to profitability in Q3 17

- Q3 17 profit ahead of H1 17
 - Adjusted EBITDA of £18.0m (H1 17 £17.3m)
 - Adjusted EBITA profit of £6.7m (H1 17 loss of £7.1m)
- Underlying revenue growth through sales initiatives
 - Underlying rental revenue flat in Q3 17 vs prior year, H1 17 was a 3% decline
 - Services revenue growth of +12% with improving margins; contribution +23%
- Delivered annualised cost savings of £13m, realised £3m in Q3 17
- Net debt reduction remains a key focus and continues to reduce
 - Net external debt £8m lower than prior year at £232.1m (Q3 16 £240.4m)
 - Facility and cash headroom in excess of £33m (Q3 16 £15m headroom)

Improved EBITDA performance

EBITDA by quarter



(£m)	Q1 17A	Q2 17A	Q3 17A
EBITA	(4.4)	(2.7)	6.7

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Q3 17 EBITA profit compared to H1 17 loss

£m	13 weeks Q3 17	13 weeks Q3 16	Q3 Growth %	26 weeks H1 17	27 weeks H1 16	H1 Growth %
Revenue	89.6	89.8	(0.2%)	160.5	166.2	(3%)
Adj. EBITDA ¹	18.0	20.4	(12%)	17.3	32.5	(47%)
Adj. EBITDA margin	20.1%	22.7%		10.8%	19.5%	
Adj. EBITA²	6.7	8.3	(19%)	(7.1)	9.8	
Adj. EBITA margin	7.5%	9.2%		(4.4%)	5.9%	
Exceptional costs³	3.4	5.5		12.6	7.0	

¹ Earnings stated before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") and before exceptional items

² Adjusted EBITDA less depreciation

³ Exceptional costs reflect impact of branch and office closures and associated fixed asset impairments, implementation of cost reduction programme and preparatory refinancing costs

Segmental analysis

Q3 performance demonstrates a significant step change on H1

£m	Q3 17	Q3 16	Q3 Growth	H1 17	H1 16	H1 Growth
Rental (and related revenue)						
Revenue	65.4	68.1	(4%)	119.3	128.7	(7%)
Contribution	44.0	48.4	(9%)	73.9	86.7	(15%)
Contribution margin	67.3%	71.1%		61.9%	67.4%	
Services						
Revenue	24.2	21.7	12%	41.3	37.5	10%
Contribution	3.2	2.6	23%	5.2	5.2	0%
Contribution margin	13.2%	12.0%		12.6%	13.9%	
Branch and selling costs	(20.2)	(22.7)		(41.3)	(45.5)	
Central costs	(9.0)	(7.8)		(20.5)	(13.9)	
Adj. EBITDA	18.0	20.4	(12%)	17.3	32.5	(47%)

Rental

- Underlying rental revenue flat in Q3 2017¹
- Contribution down 3.8pp driven by network costs (2pp) and sales, product and customer mix (1.8pp)

Services

- Improving contribution through revenue growth and profit improvement plan

Costs

- Cost reduction initiatives delivered £3m savings against Q1 2017 run rate

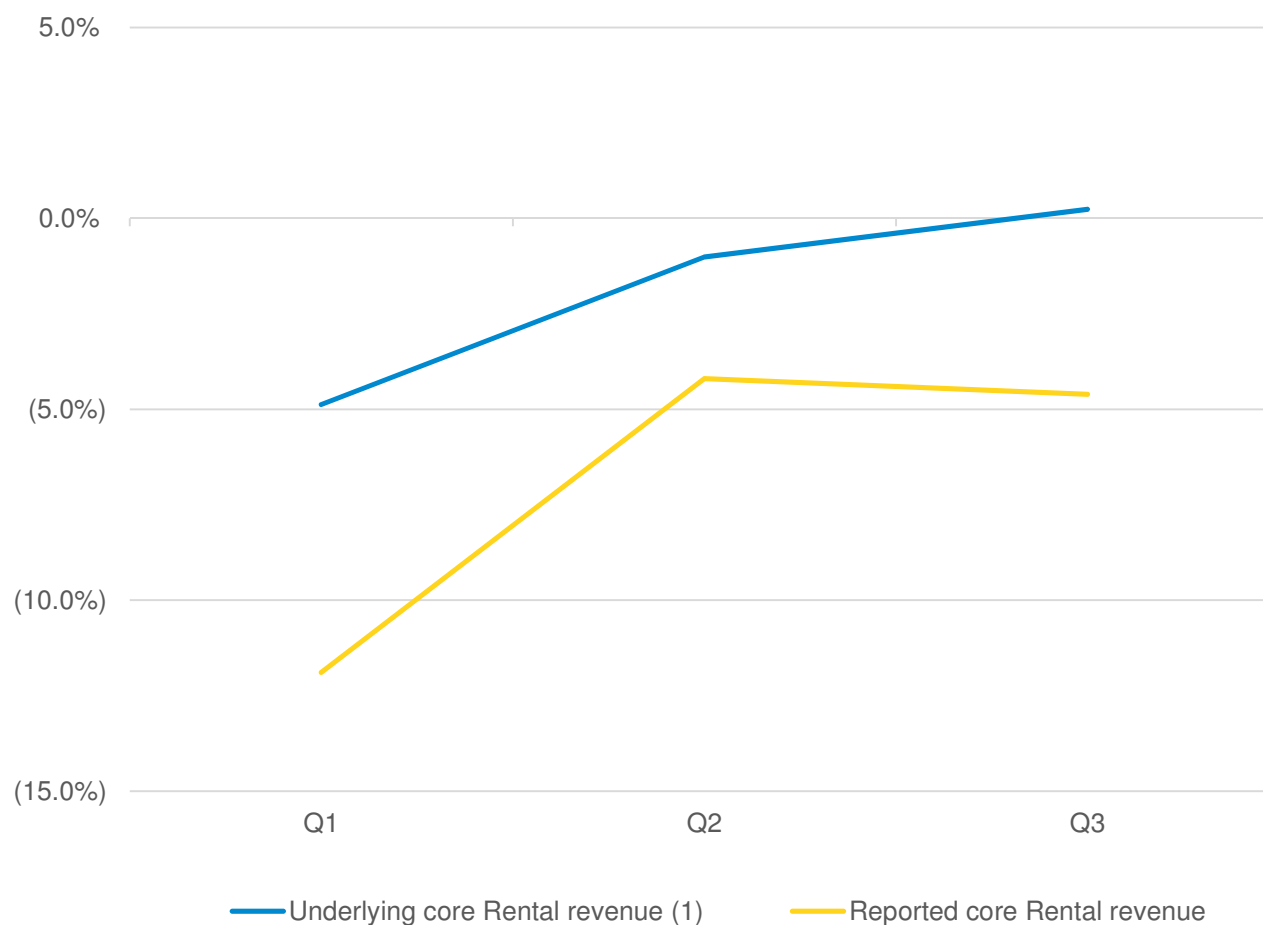
¹ Underlying revenue is total rental revenue adjusted for branch closures, asset disposals in Q4 2016 and cooling product seasonality

Recovery in underlying Rental revenue

Driving rental revenue

- Sales initiatives driving improved performance
- Focus on Rental revenue across the whole organisation through aligned incentives
- Improved availability and service fulfilment supporting growth
- Asset utilisation in Q3 of 55% in Core and 76% in Specialist business
- Targeted investment for high demand and highly utilised assets

Underlying Rental revenue trend improving



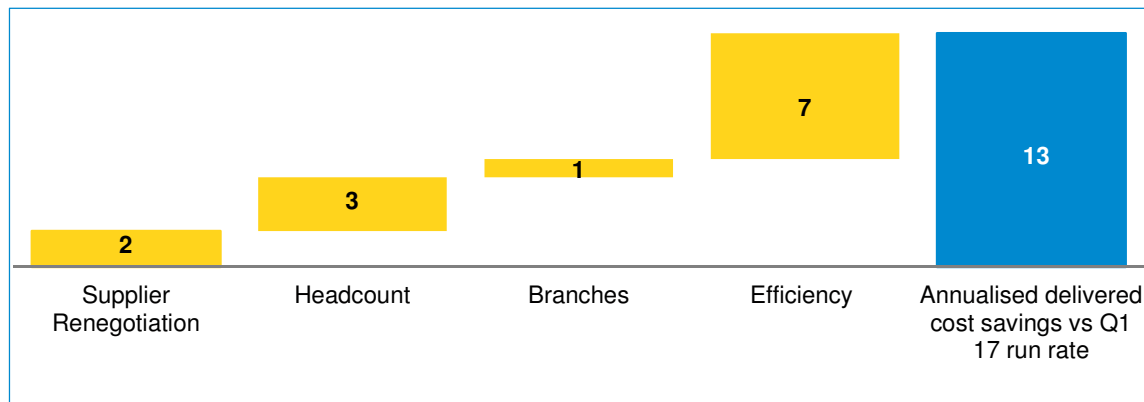
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Costs reduced through cost actions taken

Cost actions implemented

- Efficiency through network e.g distribution routing
- Closed 68 branches since Q3 16
- Reduced central headcount by c. 100
- Closed former head office site
- Renegotiated terms with suppliers
- All implementation costs now incurred
- Proforma benefit of £11m vs Q3 17 LTM

Breakdown of cost actions implemented



Costs reducing in line with plan

£m	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q3 v Q1
Rental segment; Distribution, stock maintenance and other non-variable costs	(20)	(19)	(19)	+1
Services segment; Non-variable costs	(1)	(1)	(1)	-
Branch, selling and central overheads	(31)	(31)	(29)	+2
Total overheads	(52)	(51)	(49)	+3

Third party net debt £8m lower against prior year

39 weeks ended 30 September 2017 / 40 weeks ended 1 October 2016

£m	2017	2016
Adjusted EBITDA	35.3	52.8
Cash exceptional items	(3.1)	(12.5)
Working capital	(8.4)	(10.3)
Capex ¹	(24.5)	(40.1)
Net interest paid	(12.4)	(12.1)
Tax paid	(0.2)	(0.1)
Intergroup funding including placing	13.4	-
Decrease / (increase) in 3rd party net debt	0.1	(22.3)
Opening 3 rd Party net debt	(232.1)	(218.1)
Closing 3rd Party net debt	(232.0)	(240.4)

Lower net debt balance reflects:

- Lower adjusted EBITDA
- Flow down of funds from PLC from December 2016 placing
- Improved working capital management
- Capital efficiency and lower investment in non-fleet capex
- Disposal of non-core cleaning equipment, rental and maintenance business in Q4

¹ Gross of finance lease funding

>£33m facility headroom at end of Q3 17 (Q3 16: less than £15m)

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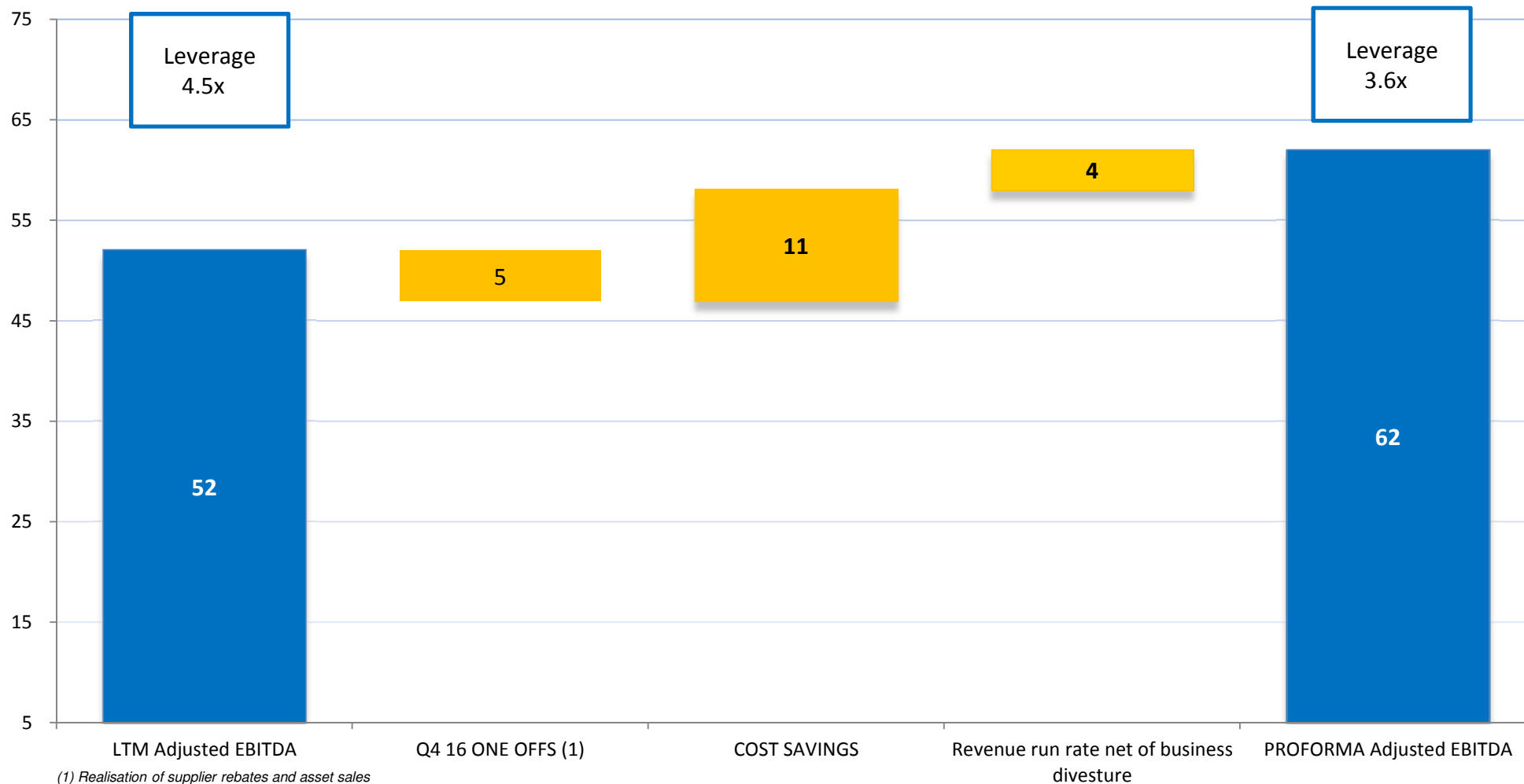
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Initiatives already undertaken improving continuing EBITDA

ProForma Adjusted EBITDA



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Summary and outlook

- October was the fifth successive month of EBITA profit, albeit marginally behind expectations
- Cost saving initiatives fully implemented by end of Q3, further analysis of cost base undertaken in Strategic Review
- Asset utilisation in Q3 of 55% in Core and 76% in Specialist business
- Net debt reduction remains key focus and continues to reduce since end of Q3
- We remain focused on improving Group profitability noting caution should October's adverse seasonal effects continue for the remainder of the year
- Facility and cash headroom now in excess of £35m (Oct 16 £15m)
- Strategic Review progressing with update on 7 December 2017

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Appendix A

Net third party debt calculations

As at 30 September / As at 1 October

£m	2017	2016
Cash	(1.3)	(4.4)
Bank overdraft	-	5.1
RCF	68.5	71.0
Finance lease obligations	27.4	31.1
Senior Secured Notes ¹	136.0	136.0
Net debt (ex accrued interest)	230.6	238.9
Accrued interest	1.5	1.5
3rd Party net debt	232.0	240.4
Net intercompany borrowings	251.7	220.5
Closing Net debt	483.7	460.9

¹ Shown gross of issue costs

Appendix B

Q3 progress on H1

£m	H1 2017	Q3 2017	9M 2017	H1 2016	Q3 2016	9M 2016
Revenue	160.5	89.6	250.2	166.2	89.8	256.0
Adjusted EBITDA ¹	17.3	18.0	35.3	32.5	20.4	52.8
<i>Adj. EBITDA margin</i>	10.8%	20.1%	14.1%	19.5%	22.7%	20.6%
Adjusted EBITA ²	(7.1)	6.7	(0.4)	9.8	8.3	18.0
<i>Adj. EBITA margin</i>	(4.4%)	7.5%	(0.0%)	5.9%	9.2%	7.0%

Appendix C

Group structure

- This appendix provides the reader with an overview of the group structure between:
 - HSS Hire Group plc, the parent company listed on the London Stock Exchange; and
 - Hero Acquisitions Limited, the consolidated level at which we report today to meet the reporting obligations attached to our Senior Secured Notes
- The main differences between the two reporting levels are:
 - Costs incurred at a HSS Hire Group plc level
 - 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 elimination of intercompany debts; and
 - Differences in tax and interest resulting from the above differences

