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FY 19 Results

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Full Year Highlights



Strong 2019 performance.

Actions taken to address impact of Covid-19



Strong FY19 Results

- second consecutive year of record profits
- strategy is working



Responding well to Covid-19 to ensure business continuity

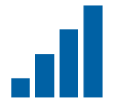
- safety & wellbeing of colleagues and customers prioritised
- continuity for customers ensured
- new technology leveraged



Cash and RCF headroom of £66.7m as at 23 May 2020

- decisive actions taken to maximise cash
- ongoing support received from lenders

Second consecutive year of record profits



Highest¹ ever Adjusted EBITDA, ROCE step changed

- Adjusted EBITDA £63.9m, 6.6% growth with margin up 0.9pp to 19.5%
- Adjusted EBITA £26.5m, with margins 1.3pp higher at 8.1%
- Material improvement in ROCE² to 20.8%, an increase of 4.1pp



Underlying³ revenue growth 3.9%

- Underlying Rental revenue growth 1.3%, c3% excluding adverse seasonal impact
- LTM⁴ utilisation maintained at high levels in Tool Hire at 51.7% and our Specialist businesses at 65.9%
- Continued strength in Services with underlying revenue +13.6%



Leverage reduced to 2.8x

- Continued reduction in net debt leverage to 2.8x⁵ (FY 2018: 3.3x)
- Net debt reduced £59.2m to £179.5m
- Cash and RCF facility headroom of £45.9m as at 28 December 2019



Significant strategic progress made

- Customer App successfully rolled out, digital share grown 10ppts in trial market
- New driver technology in place, improving efficiency
- OneCall platform operational; conversion, efficiency and margins improving
- Further improved network efficiency; removal of the cross dock and CDC closure

¹ Comparable basis after removing UK Platforms

² ROCE calculated as FY19 Adjusted EBITA divided by average total assets less current liabilities (excluding intangibles, debt and cash items)

³ Underlying revenue adjusted for loss of Services volume related to managed service contract

⁴ Utilisation calculated over the last twelve months to 28 December 2019

⁵ Net debt, as at 28 December 2019, divided by FY19 Adjusted EBITDA

Strong performance against 2020 framework

	2016	2017	2018 ¹	2019 ^{1,2}		2020 Framework
Revenue growth	9.6%	(1.9%)	6.2%	3.9%	✓	Ahead of market*
Rental revenue growth	0%	(5.7%)	3.8%	1.3%	✓	Ahead of market
Adjusted EBITDA margin	20%	14.6%	18.6%	19.5%	↗	>20%
Adjusted EBITA margin	6%	0.5%	6.8%	8.1%	↗	>9%
Leverage	3.2x	4.8x	3.3x	2.8x	↘	<2.5x*
Return on Capital Employed	9.7%	1.0%	16.7%	20.8%	✓	>20%

*Targets revised to be more challenging April 2019

Note: Market Growth 2019 = 0.4% (source European Rental Association forecast Oct 19)

¹ Results for 2018 and 2019 on a continuing operations basis, stripping out the disposal of UK Platforms

² 2019 revenue adjusted for loss of Services volume related to managed service contract

FY 19 Results

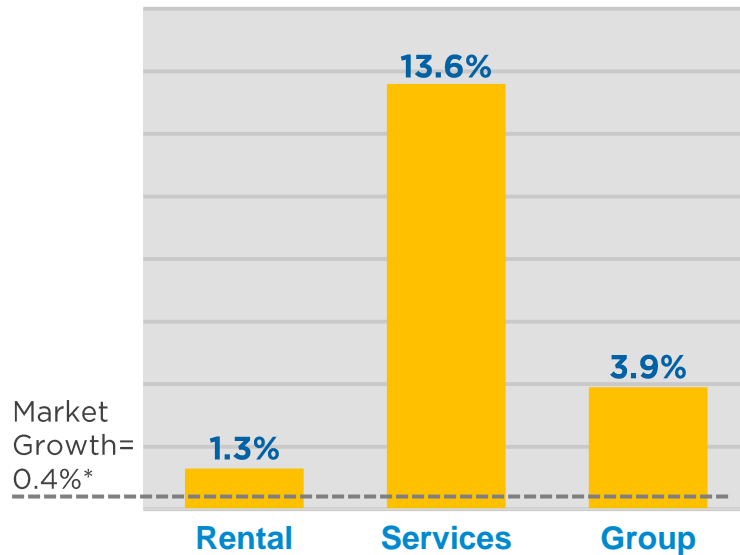
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Strong financial metrics

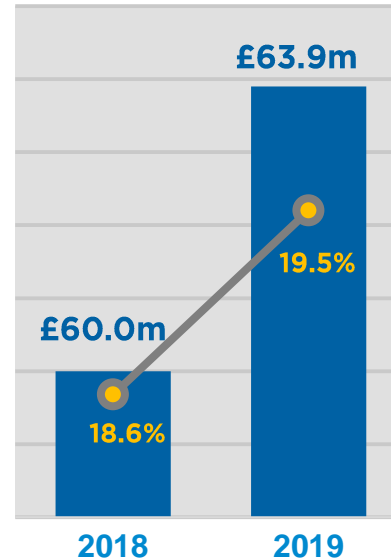
Strong Revenue Growth

Underlying Revenue Growth FY19 v FY18

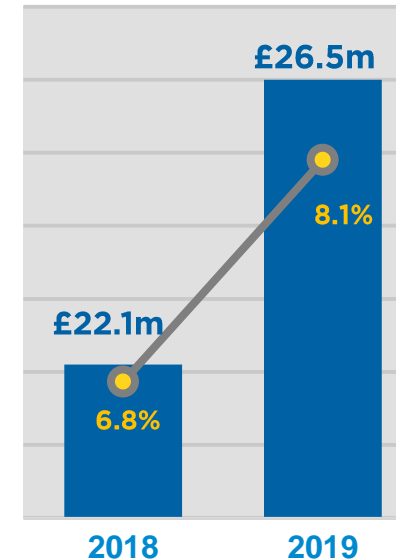


Improving Profitability

EBITDA £m, and
EBITDA Margin%



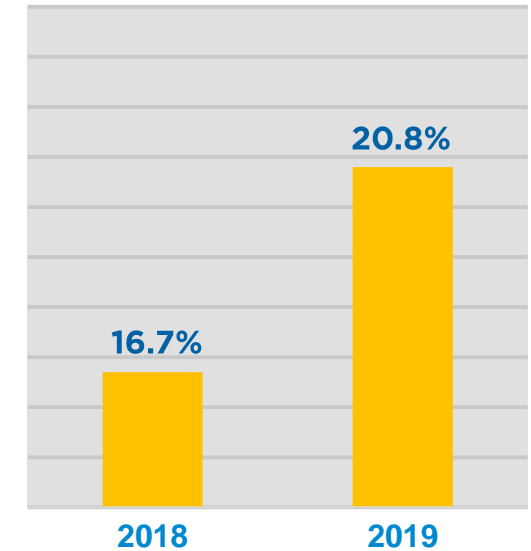
EBITA £m, and
EBITA Margin%



■ £m —●— Margin %

Enhanced Returns

ROCE



*Source European Rental Association (Oct 2019)

Note: All figures based on continuing operations and non-IFRS16 basis



Financial summary

52 weeks ended 28 December/ 29 December

Continuing Operations¹	2019	2018	Variance
Revenue	328.0	322.8	1.6%
Adjusted EBITDA²	63.9	60.0	6.6%
<i>Adjusted EBITDA margin</i>	19.5%	18.6%	
Adjusted EBITA³	26.5	22.1	20.1%
<i>Adjusted EBITA margin</i>	8.1%	6.8%	-
Exceptional credit / (cost)	8.8	(8.7)	-
Profit / (loss) for period (£m)	8.7	(4.4)	13.1
Net Debt Leverage (x)	2.8x	3.3x	0.5x
Net Debt (£m)	179.5	238.7	59.2
ROCE (%)	20.8%	16.7%	4.1pp
Adjusted basic earnings per share (p)⁴	2.76p	1.51p	1.25p

- Underlying revenue growth 3.9%, both Rental and Services businesses growing ahead of market
- Focus on profitable growth through targeted investment, price control and improved insight leading to increased returns; ROCE above 20%
- Lower operational costs supporting EBITDA and EBITA expansion
- Net debt £59.2m lower with leverage reduced to 2.8x
- Adjusted EPS increased 94%
- IFRS16 would reduce PBT for period by less than £2.0m⁵

¹ Excluding UK Platforms for all measures except Net Debt Leverage and Net Debt

² Earnings stated before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") and before exceptional items relating to restructuring and acquisitions

³ Adjusted EBITDA less depreciation

⁴ Calculated as PBT before amortisation and exceptional items less tax at the average prevailing rate across period, divided by the weighted average number of shares

⁵ Refer to appendix for more detail

Growth across both Rental and Services segments

52 weeks ended 28 December/ 29 December

£m	2019	2018	Variance
Rental (and related revenue)			
Revenue	229.0	226.0	1.3%
Contribution	155.5	155.4	0.1%
<i>Contribution margin</i>	68.0%	68.7%	-
Services			
Revenue	99.0	96.8	2.3%
Contribution	15.5	14.6	6.4%
<i>Contribution margin</i>	15.7%	15.1%	-
Branch and selling costs	(84.0)	(84.2)	-
Central costs	(23.1)	(25.8)	-
Adjusted EBITDA	63.9	60.0	6.6%

Rental

- Revenue increased 1.3%, despite strong seasonal comparators, through targeted investment and sales initiatives including upselling ancillary products
- Price control maintained strong underlying margins with reported margin impacted by product mix; lower seasonal product and higher ancillary sales

Services

- Underlying growth 13.6%¹, third successive year of double digit growth
- Further margin expansion following implementation of new automated system

Costs

- Ongoing effective cost control including removal of cross-dock and consolidation of head-office

¹ Underlying revenue adjusted for loss of Services volume related to managed service contract



Material reduction in net debt

52 weeks ended 28 December/ 29 December

£m	2019	2018 ¹
Adjusted EBITDA	63.9	71.3
Cash Exceptionals	(6.6)	(11.9)
Working capital	(0.8)	(1.7)
Capex	(31.1)	(33.4)
Tax	0.5	(0.2)
Net interest payable	(18.5)	(17.3)
Net refinancing costs	-	(11.2)
Disposal of subsidiary	51.5	-
Other	0.3	(1.6)
Net decrease / (increase) in net debt	59.2	(6.0)
Closing net debt	(179.5)	(238.7)
Leverage	2.8x	3.3x

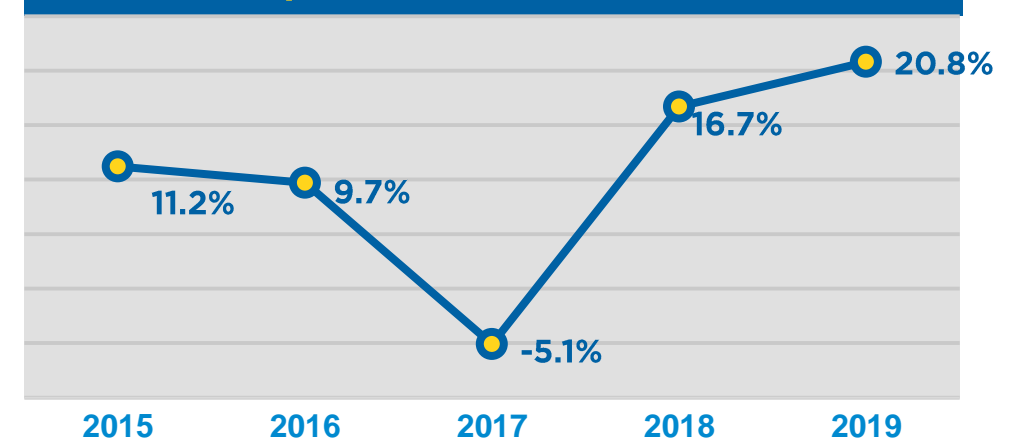
- **Net debt reduced £59.2m since FY18**
- Continued EBITDA momentum
- Cash exceptionals relate to payments under onerous contracts and leases
- Continued focus on working capital management, reduction in overdue debt
- Capex deployed selectively in higher returning product categories
- Sale of UK Platforms completed 11 January 2019
- Total cash and RCF facility **headroom of £45.9m** as at 28 December 2018

¹ Total Group Continued and Discontinued for 2018

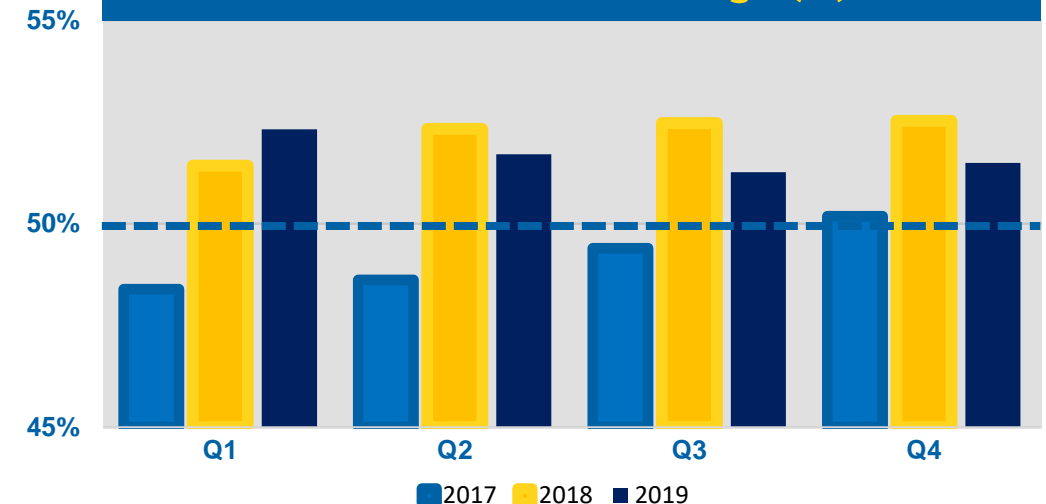
Significant improvement in returns

- FY19 product **investment of £27.1m**, deployed selectively in highest returning areas using improved decision-making tools
- Maintained **high levels of utilisation**, improved in Q4 2019
- **Improved ROCE:**
 - Overheads reduced by £18m in last two years
 - Leveraged insight tools across the full product life-cycle
 - Improved pricing control driving profitability
 - Growth in capital-light Services business
- Continued **reductions in cost-to-serve**
 - Cross-dock removed
 - Increased network efficiency - Tottenham CDC closure

Material improvement in ROCE (%)¹



Tool Hire utilisation remains high (%)²



¹ Continuing Operations on LTM basis.

² Utilisation calculated on value basis.

Covid-19

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Q1 Trading impacted by Covid-19

13 weeks ended 28 March / 30 March

Continuing Operations¹	2020	2019	Variance
Revenue (£m)	76.0	82.2	(7.6%)
Adjusted EBITDA²	12.1	13.1	(7.0%)
<i>Adjusted EBITDA margin</i>	16.0%	15.9%	0.1pp
Adjusted EBITA³	3.4	3.5	(2.3%)
<i>Adjusted EBITA margin</i>	4.4%	4.2%	0.2pp
Net Debt Leverage (x)	2.8x	2.9x	0.1x
Liquidity headroom (£m)	46.5	44.8	1.7
ROCE (%)	22.0%	19.9%	2.1pp

- Performance in Q1 FY20 heavily impacted in week 13 following COVID-19 lockdown
- In first 12 weeks underlying Revenue⁴ and adjusted EBITDA grew, in line with management expectations
- Continued improvement in liquidity headroom and net debt leverage
- Net debt reduced to £177.2m
- ROCE continued to be above 20%

¹ Excluding UK Platforms for all measures, results on a non-IFRS16 basis for comparability

² Earnings stated before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") and before exceptional items relating to restructuring and acquisitions

³ Adjusted EBITDA less depreciation

⁴ Underlying growth excludes impact of loss of Services volume associated with a change to one managed service contract

Decisive response to Covid-19

Safety and Wellbeing

- Moved to home-working in early March, with all colleagues working at home where possible to do so since 23rd March
- Social distancing measures in place ahead of UK branch closures on 24th March and Ireland branches on 30th March. Additional protection for colleagues with Key Worker designation
- Heightened colleague communications throughout organisation, reinforcing government advice and promoting wellbeing and mental health. Daily Executive calls steering actions

Continuity for Customers

- Our 27 Customer Distribution Centres remained open ensuring continuity of supply for critical customer activity*. Recently expanded to safely supply more customers by leveraging technology
- OneCall rehire business continues to operate as normal, proving particularly attractive to customers struggling to find supply
- Field sales colleagues re-organised to pick up branch enquiries

Leveraging Technology

- Launched click & collect service at CDCs mid-April, offering alternative to branch collections
- Shift to digital channels rather than traditional over-the-counter or phone ordering
- Shift from classroom to online training courses for customers

Actions implemented to preserve liquidity

Liquidity Summary

	Dec 19	Mar 20	May 20
Liquidity headroom £m¹	45.9	46.5	66.7
Covenant Headroom	1.3x	1.3x	1.2x²

¹ Cash and undrawn Revolving Credit/overdraft facility

² Tested at end of June 2020

- Total cash outflow reduced by 50%
- Cash and RCF facility headroom of £66.7m at 23 May 2020
- Exploring Government backed finance facilities to further increase liquidity to accommodate prolonged recovery

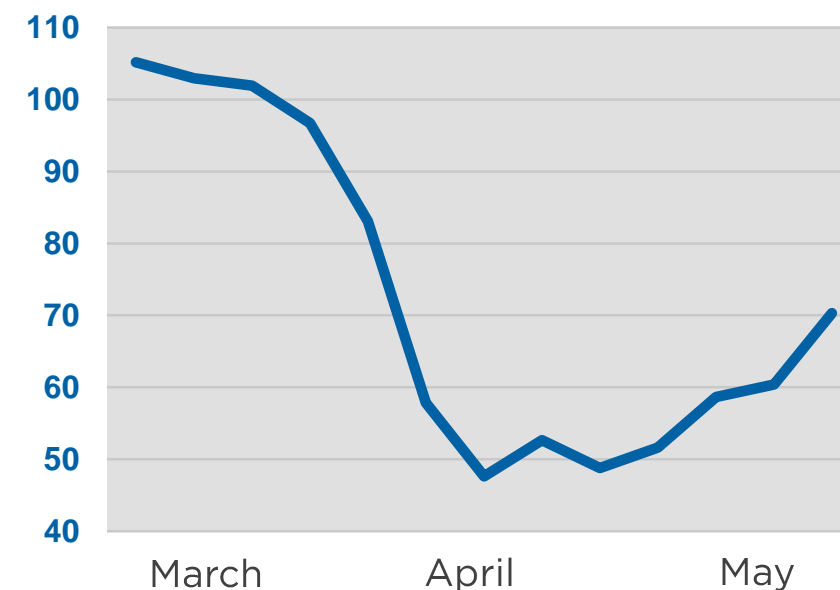
Actions Taken to Protect Liquidity

Managing capex to demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleet capex under ongoing review
Preserving colleagues' roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furloughed 60% of colleagues • Salary reductions for management • c£7.5m cash savings in total
Working with landlords	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent holidays agreed • Increased flexibility on rental payments over balance of 2020
Taking advantage of tax relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAT for Q2 2020 deferred to April 2021 • PAYE deferred to June 2020 • Business rates relief for branch network
Positive support from lenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance lease repayment holidays agreed

Current Trading

- Limited impact until week 13 FY20
- Significant drop (c50%) in activity immediately after lockdown, driven by:
 - Our decision to focus on critical activity
 - Cash customers turned off for safety reasons
 - Site closures and reduced customer productivity
 - Larger contractors more resilient than small traders
- Gradual lift in activity driven by:
 - Government relaxation of lockdown
 - Internal restrictions lifted, alongside new operating procedures
 - Growth in digital channel and click-and-collect
- For the period 23 March to 23 May, revenue has been c40% below the original management forecast for that period

Percentage of 2019 Revenue¹



¹ Underlying revenue excludes impact of loss of Services volume associated with a change to one managed service contract

Strategy Update

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Continued focus on three strategic priorities

1 DELEVER

the
Group

2 TRANSFORM

the
**Tool Hire
business**

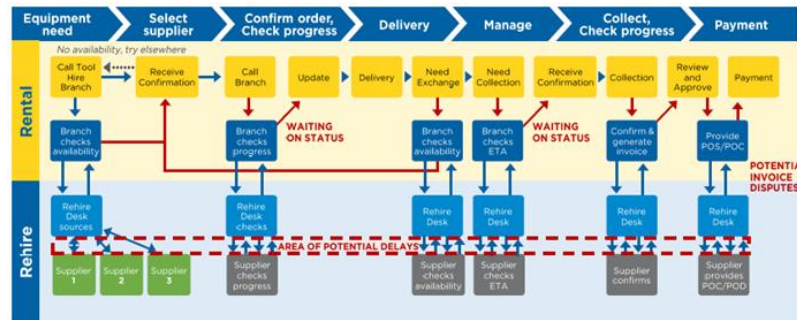
3 STRENGTHEN

**commercial
proposition**

**Well advanced
Continued focus**

**Significant
opportunity
during next phase**

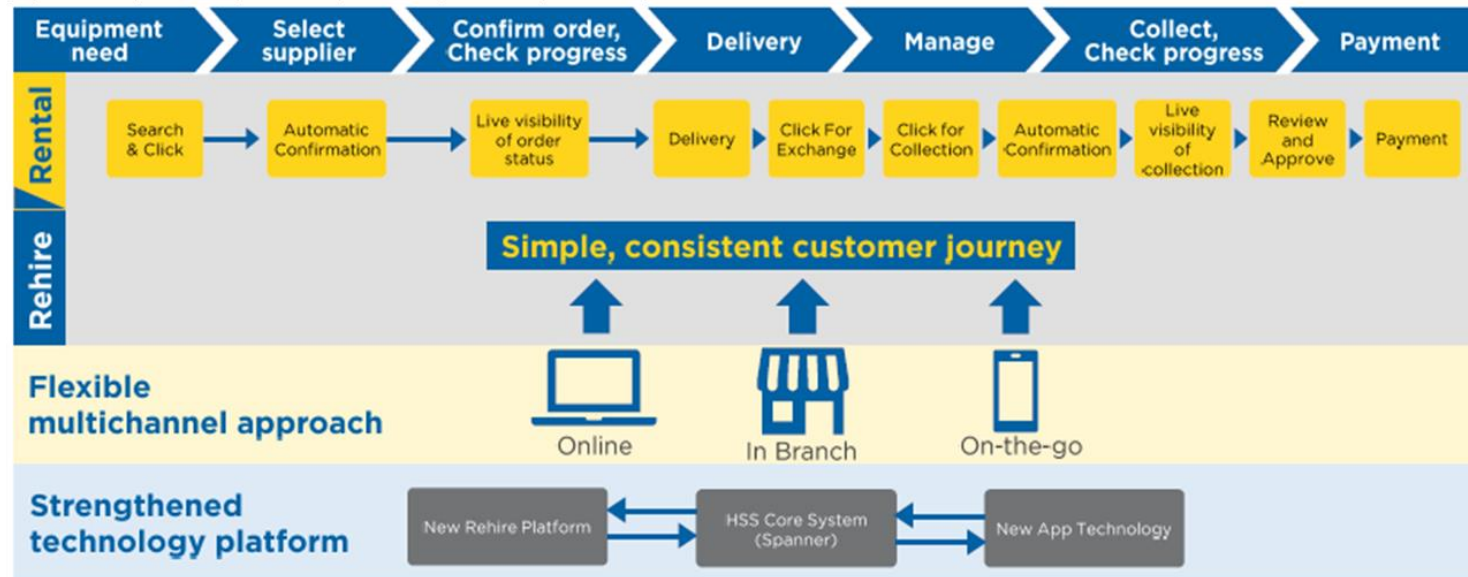
We set out to step-change the equipment hire journey using new technology



...from complicated, opaque and slow...



...to simple, transparent and fast.



New foundations have served us well during Covid-19 crisis

What We Did

- Launched **market-leading** end-to-end customer app in April 2019
- Introduced driver app technology enabling **live-order tracking** and improved operational efficiency
- **Fully integrated** both with our industry-leading fully transactional website
- **Brenda** platform launched in April 2019. Fully rolled out by September. All colleagues trained and all suppliers on-boarded



Results Achieved

- 34,000 downloads
- 4.7 App store rating
- 16,000+ active digital users
- **E-channel adoption** trial in the Midlands is delivering 10ppt improvement in digital conversion
- Surge in channel shift during Covid
- 20% **conversion** improvement
- 68% increase in **productivity**
- 100bp **margin** improvement
- Depth of supply chain and responsiveness has been a considerable advantage during Covid

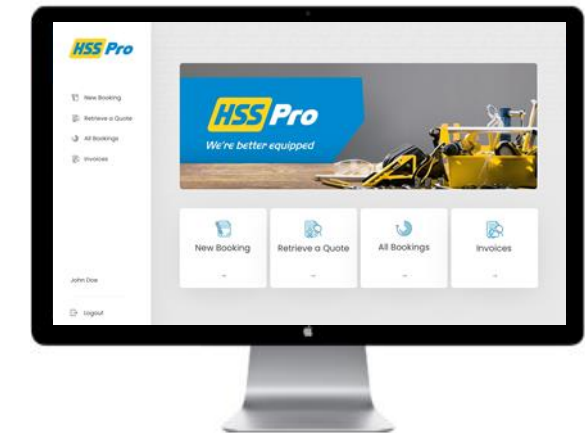
Adapting to New Norm

- **Significant** customer shifts to digital channel during Covid-19 crisis (over 40% penetration)
- Promoting zero contact **click-n-collect** as an alternative to branch collections
- National salesforce rollout, targeting **40%+ adoption**
- **Brenda** has enabled remote working and driven business continuity
- Next phase of **powering** sales colleagues with this new technology

What's next? Putting Brenda technology in to the field

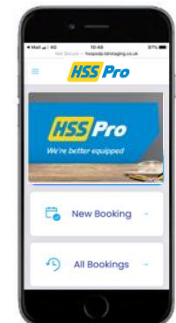
Continuing to develop new technology during Covid-19

- Automating hire-versus-rehire decision-making to **maximise return on capital**
- Providing colleagues with **direct access** to all products & services
- Improving customer experience, response times and conversion rates - **driving revenue and NPS**



Benefiting all stakeholders

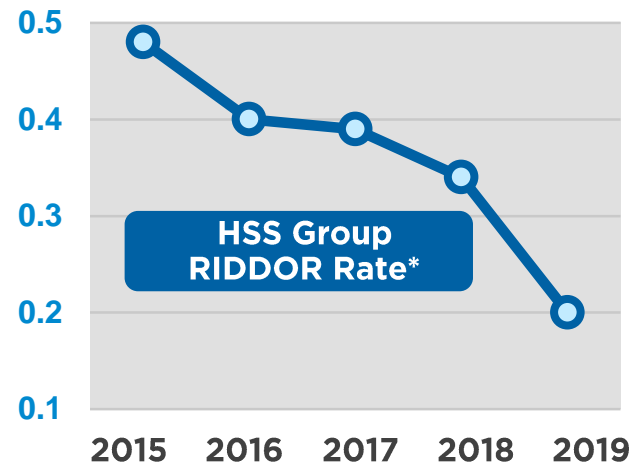
- Customers: **quicker** response times, **simple** consistent journey, **digital adoption**
- Colleagues: time to competency, **modern** & user-friendly, more **effective**
- Suppliers: more enquiries, earlier notice, **higher volumes**



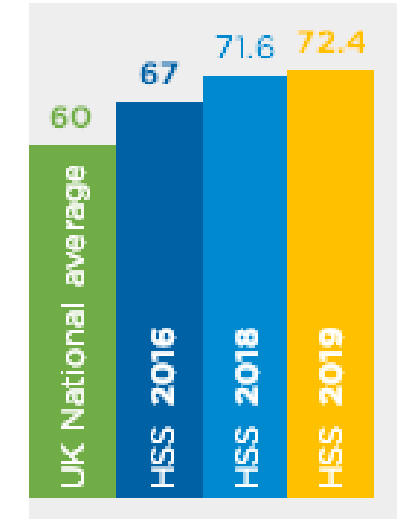
Rollout in H2

Improved safety, colleague engagement and customer service

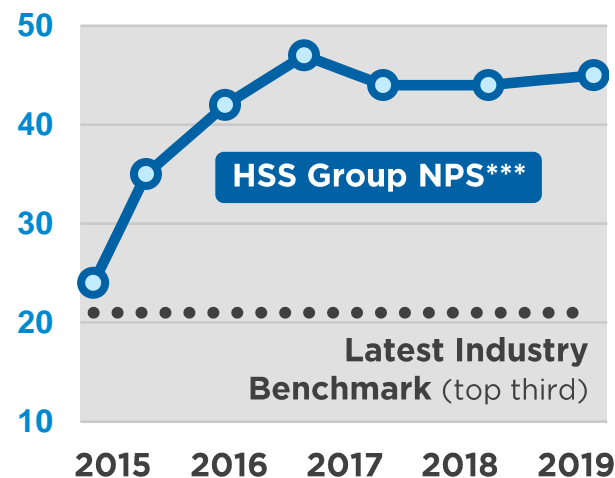
- **Safety** remains at the heart of what we do
- In 2019 we reduced our RIDDOR accident frequency rate by over 40%



- **Colleague engagement** scores** improved again, and significantly above UK average
- Ongoing participation in strategic projects



- **Net Promoter Score** improved from 44 to 45, significantly ahead of the industry benchmark (21)



- Launch of **values** designed to drive behaviours and enhance engagement

» **MAKE IT SAFE**
 » **MAKE IT HAPPEN**
 » **MAKE IT BETTER**
 » **MAKE IT TOGETHER**

* Reportable accidents per 100,000 hours worked

** Source: Anthem Engagement

*** Source: KantarTNS (benchmark is 2016 B2B services, manufacturing and utilities)



Exciting plans continue to differentiate HSS

- Strategic initiatives in place to support us through the next phase of Covid-19 recovery and beyond, ultimately providing **significant differentiation** from the market
- Continued investment in **technology** to strengthen our commercial proposition:
 - Shift to **low-touch digital channels**
 - **Technology driven growth** in our Services business
 - Leveraging our OneCall technology platform, Brenda, to **strengthen returns further**
- Ongoing **transformation** of Tool Hire business:
 - **Profit Smart:** Deploying enhanced decision-making tools further into our organisation
 - **Standout Service:** Differentiated reliability
 - **Demand Creation:** Enhanced salesforce effectiveness
 - **Cost Agile:** Ongoing cost focus and alternative go-to-market options
- Whilst continuing to drive **customer service, colleague engagement and safety**

Summary



Record results in 2019.

Now focused on leveraging our strong commercial proposition whilst focusing on cash preservation

- **Continued growth, improved returns**

- Record Adjusted EBITDA on a comparable basis at £63.9m and margins improved to 19.5%
- EBITA at £26.5m with margins improved to 8.1%
- Material reduction in leverage to 2.8x
- ROCE step change to 20.8%

- **Immediate actions taken in response to COVID-19 pandemic**

- Focus on conserving cash and maximising liquidity
- Support from Group lenders
- As at 23 May, Group has cash and revolving credit facility headroom of £66.7m

- **New Technology platform strengthens our commercial proposition**

- Digital capability meeting customer requirements, further roll out underway, channel shift accelerating
- OneCall automated platform provides functionality to expand customer and supplier offer

Appendices





Appendix A

Exceptional items

52 weeks ended 28 December/ 29 December

£m	2019	2018
Onerous leases	(2.9)	(2.6)
Accelerated amortisation of debt issue costs	(1.9)	(1.5)
Cost reduction programme	(0.8)	(1.1)
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	(0.4)	(0.7)
Strategic review	-	(1.0)
Business divestiture	-	(0.2)
Other	-	0.5
Gross exceptional items	(6.9)	(6.6)
Profit on disposal UKP	14.8	(2.1)
Exceptional credit / (cost)	8.8	(8.7)

- Profit on disposal of UK Platforms £12.7m, £2.1m of transaction costs recognised in H2 2018.
- Onerous leases of £2.9m as a result of CDC closure, consolidation of head-office and minor revision of existing provisions
- Cost reduction programme including removal of cross dock
- Accelerated amoritsation of debt issue costs following early £38m prepayment of term facility with UK Platforms sales proceeds

Appendix B

Balance sheet

52 weeks ended 28 December/ 29 December

£m	2019	2018 Restated ³
Intangible assets	160.4	163.7
Tangible assets	101.9	109.1
Deferred tax and derivative assets	-	2.9
Net current assets / (liabilities) ¹	21.5	20.5
Other net liabilities	(32.8)	(35.2)
Net debt (ex accrued interest) ²	(168.4)	(219.1)
Accrued interest	(3.6)	(4.6)
Assets held for sale	-	33.2
Net assets	79.0	70.5

- Assets held for sale relate to UK Platforms

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.

³ Restated for prior year adjustment to reserves relating to cumulative historical error (2017 and earlier) understating deposits for certain cash customers, immaterial in any single financial year

Appendix C

Net debt

52 weeks ended 28 December/ 29 December

£m	2019	2018
Cash	22.7	19.9
RCF	-	(13.0)
Finance lease obligations	(16.6)	(21.0)
Term Loan/ Senior Secured Notes ¹	(182.0)	(220.0)
Net debt (ex accrued interest)	(175.9)	(234.1)
Accrued interest	(3.6)	(4.6)
Net debt	(179.5)	(238.7)

- Reflects third party borrowings
- Leverage of 2.8x (FY18: 3.3x)

¹ Shown gross of issue costs

Appendix D

IFRS 16

Overview

- No impact on cashflow
- IFRS16 implemented from FY20
- Modified retrospective approach chosen – no restatement of FY19
- Making use of available exemptions for short term leases and low value assets
- Lease liabilities calculated on lease term except on properties with less than two years to expiry - judgement used

Expected Impact in FY20

**Adjusted
EBITDA
increases
c.£20m**

**PBT
decreases by
less than £2m**

**Adjusted
diluted EPS
decreases by
c.0.8p**

**Net Debt
increases
c.£85m**

**New Right
of Use Assets
created
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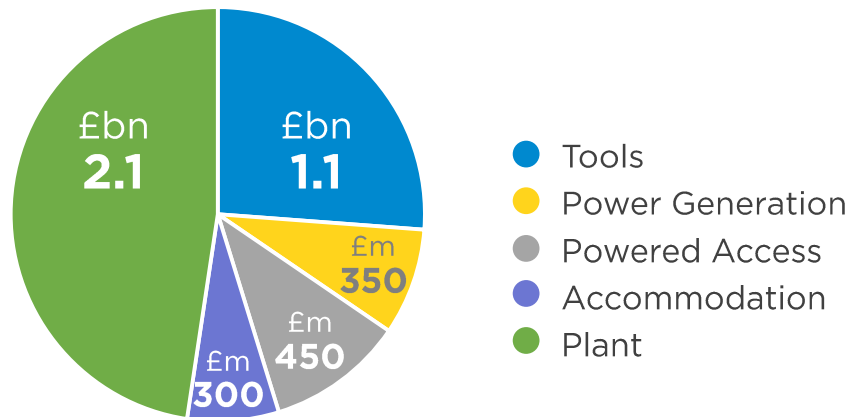
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Appendix E

Opportunities in equipment hire

UK Equipment hire:

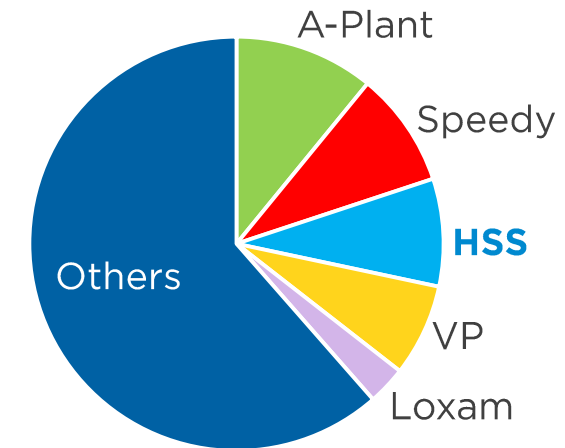
By Category



- The equipment hire market is extremely **diverse** both by product and customers
- The different categories require different operating models and therefore very few players can directly address all categories
- Customers require a wide range of equipment and serve a **diverse** set of **end-markets**

UK Equipment hire:

By Supplier



- The equipment hire market is extremely **fragmented**
- There are approximately 1,000 small **independent** hire companies
- There is a **lack of differentiation** amongst leading players
- The industry is **digitally immature** and companies have not kept up with customer needs