

# FY25 Interim Results

Strong first half trading momentum as we deliver on our plan to accelerate profitable growth

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# Strategy update

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# My reflections: One year in role

Strong foundations well-established; significant opportunity to accelerate profitable growth and value-creation for all stakeholders





### Our plan for profitable growth and value creation

Becoming the customers' first choice for kitchenware

Medium term objectives			
<b>100</b> UK retail stores	£100m Revenue	<b>10%</b> Operating profit margin	
Our strategic priorities			
Accelerate profitable sales gro	wth	Improve operating efficiency	
Create an even better place to v	vork	Being a force for good	

### FY25 H1 highlights

Strong first half trading momentum as we deliver on our plan to accelerate profitable growth

**GROWING MARKET SHARE +5% outperformance** 

**CONTINUED TRADING MOMENTUM** revenue +7.5% YoY

RECORD ACTIVE CUSTOMERS +11.7% YoY

**GROWTH THROUGH VOLUME** H1 GM% as expected

**COST DISCIPLINE** and investment for long term growth

**NEW STORE PIPELINE** 4 opened in H1, 5 opened since

**PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT** Electricals phase 3 launched



## **Expand our UK store network**

Enabling more customers to shop with us as we progress towards 100 stores

- 12 new stores to open in FY25
  - 4 opened in H1, 5 more opened before Black Friday
  - o 3 more planned to open in Q4
- Strong site selection
  - A-grade locations give access to >150m footfall p.a. across 12 new centres
  - Early performance is encouraging
  - Average payback 1.5Y on new stores
- Optimising estate as we go, closed 2 garden centre stores
- New store pipeline for FY26 in progress





# Strengthen our specialist product offer

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Creating more reasons to shop with us and broadening our appeal to more customers

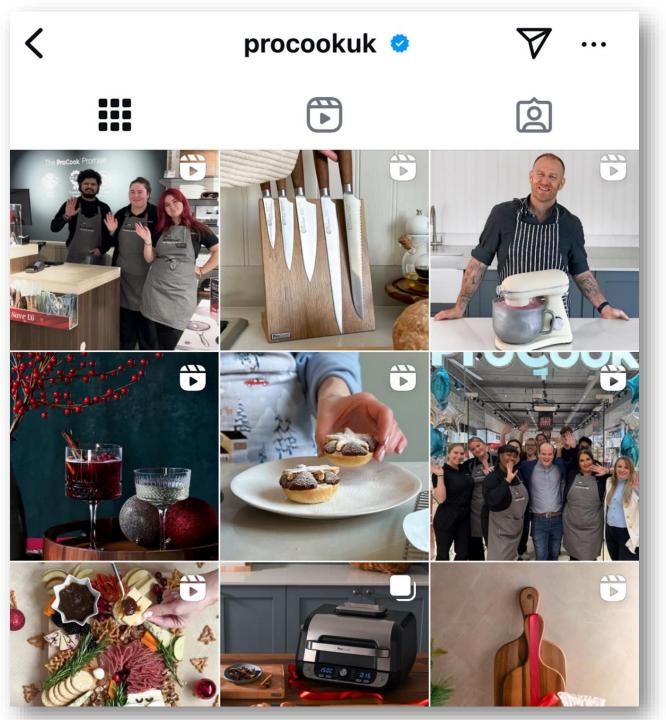
- Improving and expanding award-winning product ranges
  - Electricals phase 3 launched, phase 4 ready for launch in Q4
  - Range refresh of 9.5% in H1
- Black Friday promotional special-buys
- Christmas seasonal gifting range
- Focus on strategic supplier relationships
- Range review and category strategy process improvements

# Deliver best in class omnichannel service

Putting the customer first to improve service and experience across all touchpoints

- Trustpilot excellent-rated with >120,000 5\* reviews
- NPS now embedded across our business operations
  - Proactively removing points of friction
  - Improving NPS trend in both channels
- Enhancing user experience in Ecomm
  - Navigation, basket and checkout experience
  - Conversion rate +14% YoY
- Improved Customer Service team metrics pre-peak
  - Transitioned to live chat for faster resolution





# Grow brand awareness and customer engagement

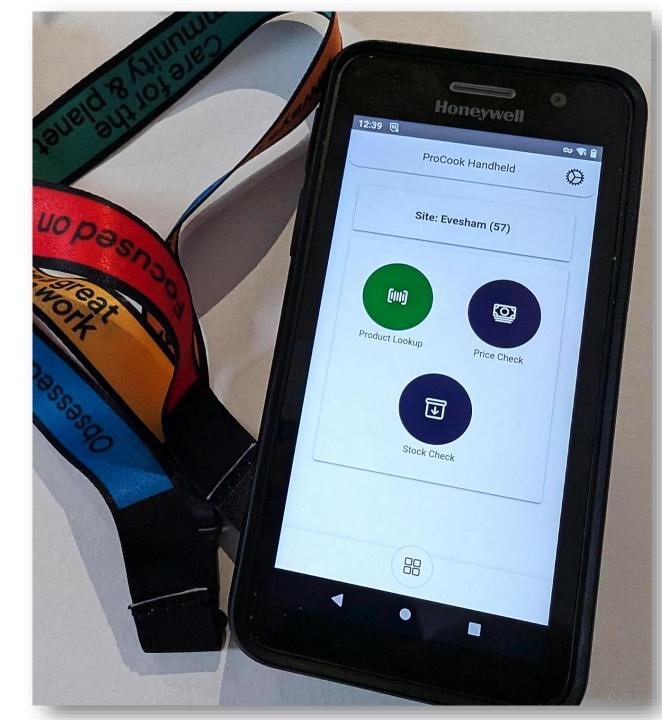
Helping new customers discover ProCook and encouraging existing customers to shop with us again

- Improved creative pivoting to lifestyle and inspirational content across all channels
  - Autumn and Christmas campaign inspiration
  - Improved email and recipe content
- Social marketing experimentation
  - Increased brand reach +34% YoY
  - Meta followers now >100,000
  - Improving marketing efficiency
- Relaunched Amazon UK with a curated range

## **Supply chain transformation**

Making our operations more efficient to deliver better service and availability for customers at lower cost

- End to end mindset shift
- Retail delivery trials underway with new 3PL partner
  - Cage deliveries to protect stock, reduce waste, and improve put-away process
  - Increased delivery frequency to improve availability and reduce stock in store
- Stock file accuracy and replenishment
  - Hand-held terminals developed and deployed
  - Replenishment system enhancements
- Warehouse pick and pack process improvements



# **Financial update**

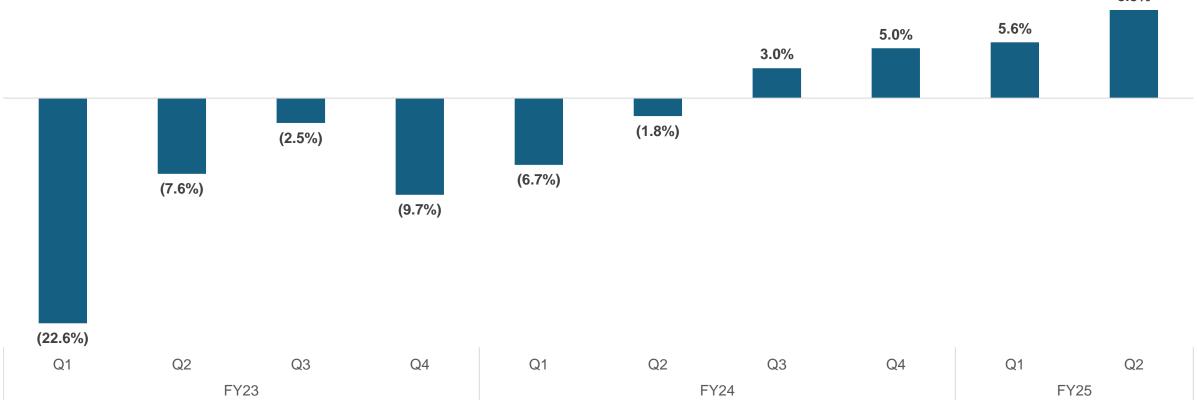
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### **Continued trading momentum**

FY25 H1 revenue +7.5% YoY, and +4.2% LFL, outperforming the UK Kitchenware market by +6%

#### **Quarterly revenue growth %**

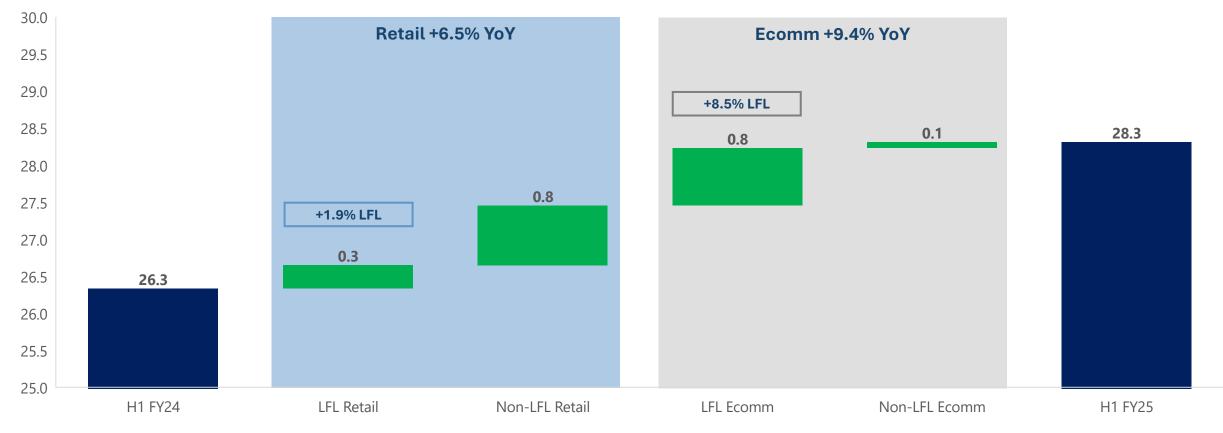


8.8%

### **Continued trading momentum**

FY25 H1 revenue of £28.3m, with positive LFL growth in both channels

#### Revenue growth by channel (£m)



LFL (Like For Like) revenue reflects:

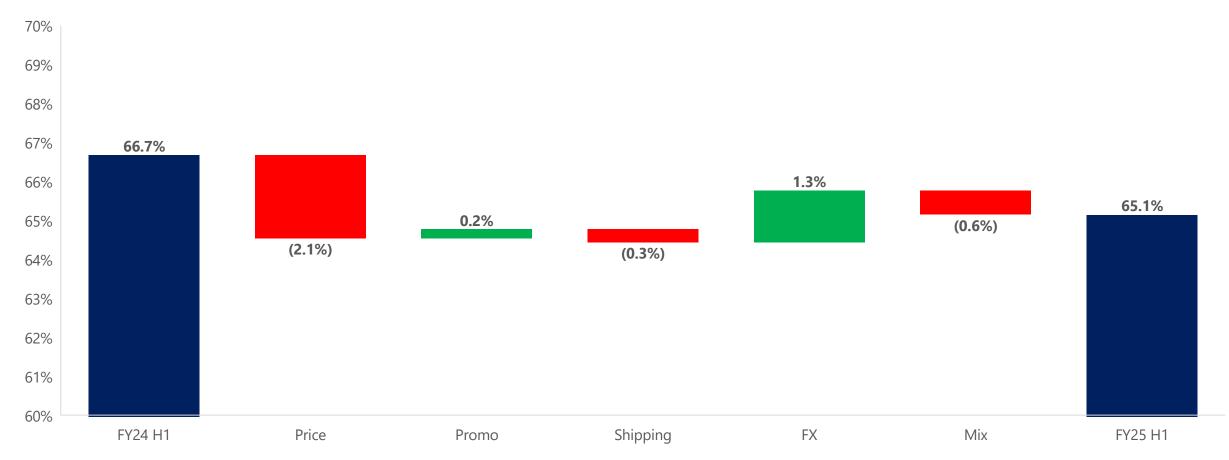
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- Retail : Continuing Retail stores which were trading for at least one full financial year prior to the 1 April 2024, inclusive of any stores which may have moved location or increased/ decreased footprint within a given retail centre.

### **Gross margin**

Gross profit increased by +5.1% YoY with GM% reducing by -160bps driven by price investment, shipping costs and product mix, partly offset by FX benefits and lower promotional discounting YoY

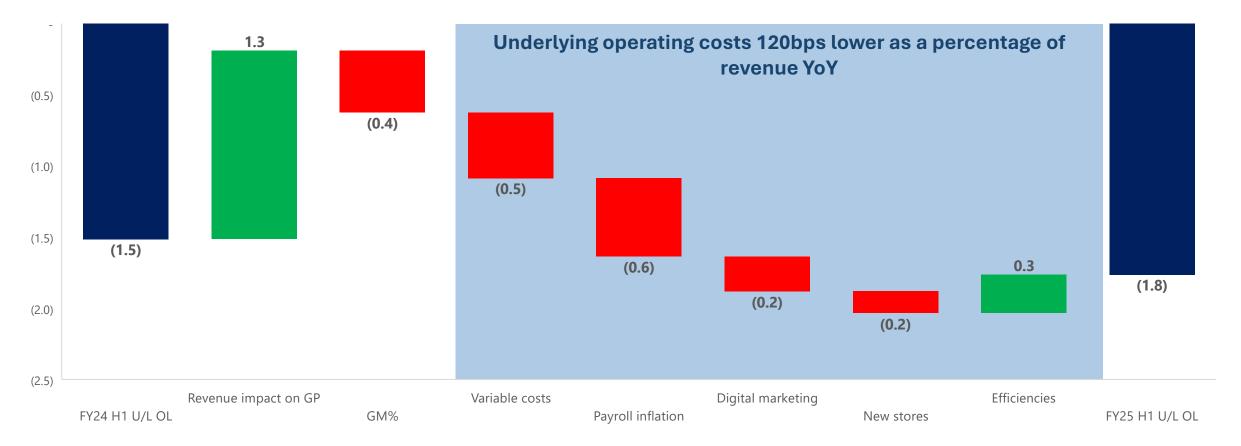
**Gross margin % YoY** 



## **Underlying operating loss**

Operating loss of £1.8m in H1 is £0.3m higher than last year. Continued cost discipline with operating costs reducing as percentage of revenue despite inflationary headwinds and investment choices

#### H1 Underlying operating loss YoY (£m)



<sup>1</sup> Underlying operating profit/ (loss) presented before non-underlying items

### **Income statement**

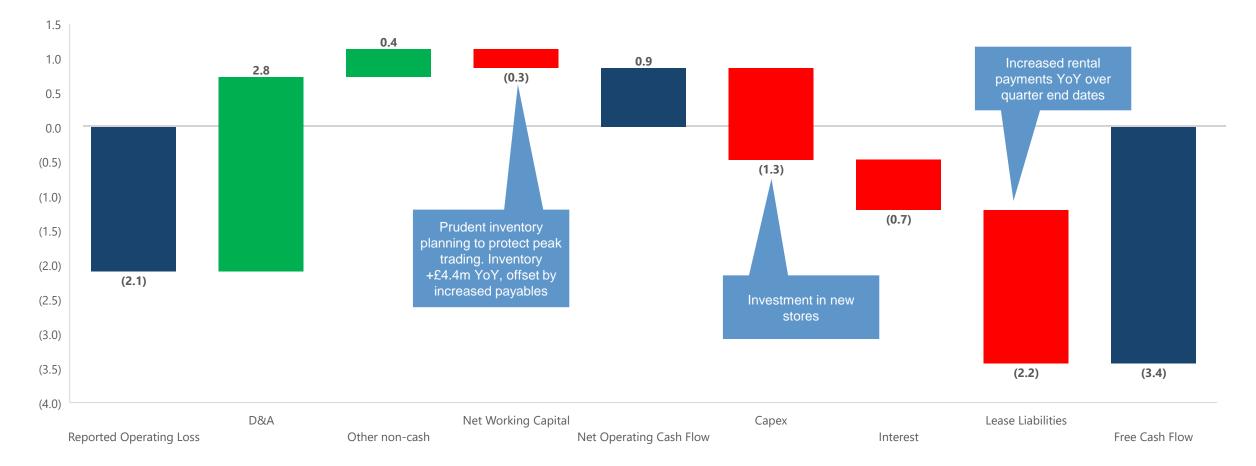
£0.9m adverse swing year on year from temporary unrealised FX losses in H1 impacting Underlying PBT. Underlying EBITDA flat year on year at £1.2m

£m	FY25 H1	FY24 H1
Revenue	28.3	26.3
Gross profit	18.4	17.6
GP%	65.1%	66.7%
Net operating costs	(20.2)	(19.1)
Operating loss	(1.8)	(1.5)
OP %	(6.4%)	(5.8%)
Finance expense	(0.7)	(0.7)
Other (losses)/ gains	(0.4)	0.5
Underlying LBT	(2.9)	(1.7)
LBT %	(10.2%)	(6.5%)
Non-underlying items	(0.3)	(1.5)
Reported LBT	(3.2)	(3.2)
Underlying EBITDA	1.2	1.2

- Revenue growth of +7.5% and +4.2% LFL
- Gross margins -160bps driven by price investment
- Operating costs +£1.1m year on year, 1.2% point improvement as % revenue:
  - $\circ$  Investment in marketing and new stores (+£0.5m)
  - Payroll inflation (+£0.6m)
  - Volume growth in LFL Retail and Ecomm (+£0.4m)
  - Cost efficiencies (-£0.3m)
- Unrealised FX losses of -£0.4m in H1 compared to +£0.5m gain in prior year
- Non-underlying items related to IPO Share based payments end in Nov 2024

### **Free cash flow**

H1 net debt of £4.2m with £11.8m available liquidity, covenant compliant and reflecting prudent earlier inventory intake as a result of supply chain disruption



# **Current trading update**

Continued trading momentum in H2 to date despite challenging consumer backdrop

	8 weeks to 8 Dec 2024		
£m	FY25	FY24	YoY%
Revenue	14.7	13.7	7.5%
Ecommerce	6.0	5.5	9.3%
Retail	8.7	8.2	6.3%
LFL Revenue <sup>1</sup>	13.2	13.1	0.9%
LFL Ecommerce	5.9	5.5	7.7%
LFL Retail	7.3	7.6	(4.0)%

- Weak footfall during early weeks, coinciding with Budget and later Black Friday, but has improved since
- Retail LFL -4%, new stores contributing +10.3%pts towards total Retail growth of 6.3%
- Continued Ecommerce momentum, LFL revenue +7.7%

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## FY25 full year outlook unchanged

H2 seasonality, new store benefits, GM% improvement, and established efficiencies provide confidence around ability to deliver the full year outturn



#### H1 Underlying OL %

### **Summary**

Strong first half trading momentum as we deliver on our plan to accelerate profitable growth

Continued **sales momentum** in a subdued market

Investment and strategic progress will support growth

Improving customer proposition and brand awareness

Confident in business model and foundations

Delivering our plan to accelerate profitable growth





Revenue

### Operating profit margin

10%



# Appendices

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### Strategic plan



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### **Medium term targets**

Accelerating profitable growth

100	£100m	10%
UK retail stores	Revenue	<b>Operating profit margin</b>

**Revenue ambition £m** 



### Revenue

#### H1 revenue +7.5% YoY, with positive LFL growth in both channels

£m	FY25 H1	FY24 H1	ΥοΥ%
Revenue	28.3	26.3	7.5%
Ecommerce	10.0	9.1	9.4%
Retail	18.3	17.2	6.5%
LFL Revenue <sup>1</sup>	26.7	25.7	4.2%
LFL Ecommerce	9.9	9.1	8.5%
LFL Retail	16.8	16.5	1.9%

#### Ecommerce

- Website +8.5% recuperating LY website migration challenges
- £0.1m (+0.9%pt) impact of re-launch of Amazon UK

### Retail

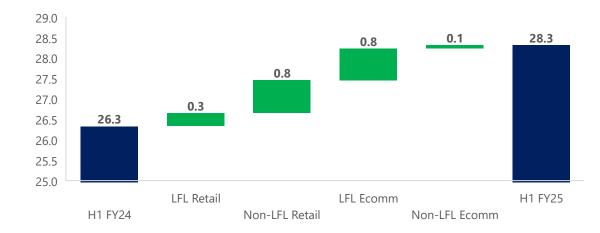
- Total +9.4% YoY, 4 new stores plus 2 new stores LY
- LFL of +1.9%, fifth consecutive quarter of growth

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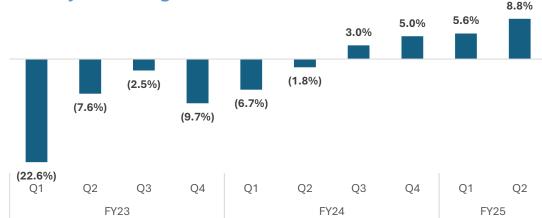
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Year on Year revenue £m



#### **Quarterly revenue growth %**



### **Gross margin**

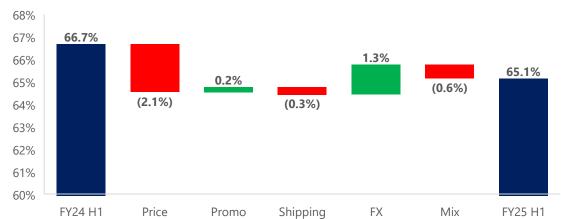
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£m	FY25 H1	FY24 H1	YoY %
Gross profit	18.4	17.6	5.1%
Gross margin %	65.1%	66.7%	(160) bps
Ecommerce gross margin %	66.8%	68.0%	(120) bps
Retail gross margin %	64.5%	66.2%	(170) bps

- Price investment from H2 FY24 continued through majority of FY25 H1 with -210bps impact YoY
- Heightened shipping costs year on year reflect timing of intake into Inventory average costs
- Weaker USD through H1 delivered +130bps FX benefit
- Continued targeted reduction in promotional discounting year on year

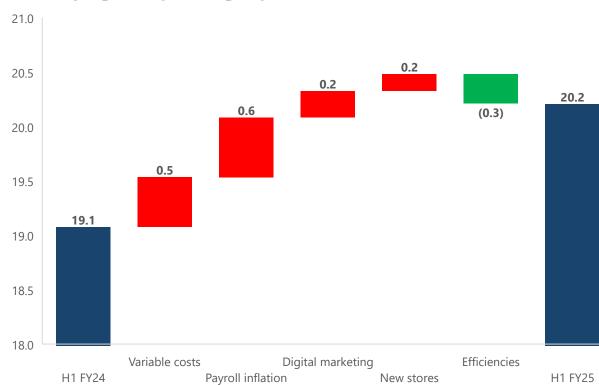






## **Underlying net operating expenses**

Operating expenses reflect continued cost discipline with costs reducing as a percentage of revenue despite inflationary headwinds and investment choices including retail expansion digital marketing experimentation



#### Underlying net operating expenses £m

Underlying operating profit £m <sup>1</sup>	FY25 H1	FY24 H1	Yo Y %
Ecommerce	1.9	1.9	0.3%
OP%	18.8%	20.5%	
Retail	2.2	2.3	(6.9)%
OP%	11.9%	13.6%	

- Variable costs increase with volumes in both channels
- Wage inflation reflects increase to National Living Wage and SSC pay increases
- Investment in website marketing
- Pre-opening costs of new store openings
- Cost efficiencies reflect continued focus on discretionary spend and marketing effectiveness

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### **Income statement**

	H1 FY25	H1 FY25	H1 FY25	H1 FY24	H1 FY24	H1 FY24
£m	Underlying	Non- underlying	Reported	Underlying	Non- underlying	Reported
Revenue	28.3	-	28.3	26.3	-	26.3
Gross profit	18.4	-	18.4	17.6	-	17.6
GP%	65.1%		65.1%	66.7%		66.7%
Net operating costs	(20.2)	(0.3)	(20.5)	(19.1)	(1.4)	(20.5)
Operating (loss) / profit	(1.8)	(0.3)	(2.1)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(3.0)
OP %	(6.4%)		(1.4%)	(5.8%)		(11.2%)
Finance expense	(0.7)	-	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.1)	(0.8)
Other (losses) / gains	(0.4)	-	(0.4)	0.5	-	0.5
(Loss) / Profit before tax	(2.9)	(0.3)	(3.2)	(1.7)	(1.5)	(3.2)
PBT %	(10.2%)		(11.3%)	(6.5%)		(12.3%)
Taxation	0.7	-	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.8
Profit for the period	(2.2)	(0.3)	(2.5)	(1.3)	(1.1)	(2.4)

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### **Financial position**

£m	13 October 2024	15 October 2023	31 March 2024
Non-current assets	9.6	9.2	8.9
Right of use assets	20.5	25.5	20.5
Inventories	16.9	11.9	9.7
Trade and other receivables	2.2	3.4	3.7
Corporation tax	0.9	0.8	0.2
Cash and cash equivalents	3.1	1.4	2.0
Total current assets	23.1	17.5	15.6
Trade and other payables	(16.2)	(10.7)	(10.4)
Lease liabilities	(3.3)	(3.8)	(3.3)
Borrowings	(7.3)	(4.6)	(2.8)
Other current liabilities	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Total current liabilities	(27.0)	(19.3)	(16.7)
Lease liabilities	(19.3)	(26.3)	(19.3)
Other non-current liabilities	(0.6)	(0.9)	(0.6)
Total non-current liabilities	(19.9)	(27.2)	(19.9)
Net assets	6.3	5.7	8.4

### **Cash flow statement**

£m	H1 FY25	H1 FY24
Reported loss before tax	(3.2)	(3.2)
D&A, impairment and loss on disposal	2.8	2.6
Share based payments	0.4	0.7
Net working capital (outflow) / inflow	(0.2)	2.6
Finance expense	0.7	0.8
FX losses / (gains)	0.3	(0.5)
Net operating cash flow	0.8	2.9
Net capital expenditure	(1.3)	(1.0)
Interest	(0.7)	(0.8)
Payment of lease liabilities	(2.2)	(1.4)
Free Cash Flow	(3.4)	(0.3)
Change in borrowings	4.5	(0.2)
Dividends	-	-
Net Cash Flow	1.1	(0.5)
Cash	3.1	1.4
Borrowings	(7.3)	(4.6)
Net debt / cash	(4.2)	(3.2)

Revolving credit facility	
Facility	£10.0m
Expiry	April 2025
Committed	Yes
Covenants <sup>1</sup>	
Leverage: (net debt : EBITDA)	<2.0x
Fixed charge cover: (EBITDAR : Fixed charges)	>1.3x H1 FY25, then >1.4x
Trade finance facility	
Facility	£6.0m
Expiry	February 2025
Committed	No
KPI tests	
KPI: Stock ratio (Inventory : facility)	>1.5x

<sup>1</sup> Covenants are calculated on a pre-IFRS 16 basis

- £11.8m available liquidity in current facilities at H1
- Positive and long-standing relationship with HSBC, in ongoing and regular dialogue