

# Q3-23 Results Presentation

# **Q3** Headlines

100%

Collection performance vs. Dec-22 static pool<sup>1</sup>

£646<sub>m</sub>

LTM Cash EBITDA

£319<sub>m</sub>

LTM NPL acquisitions

- Strong collection performance with collections at 100% of Dec-22 static pool expectations
- ◆ Returns remain attractive and on course to deploy <£350m at 20% IRR in 2023
- Ecovadis Sustainability rating upgrade to Silver from Bronze

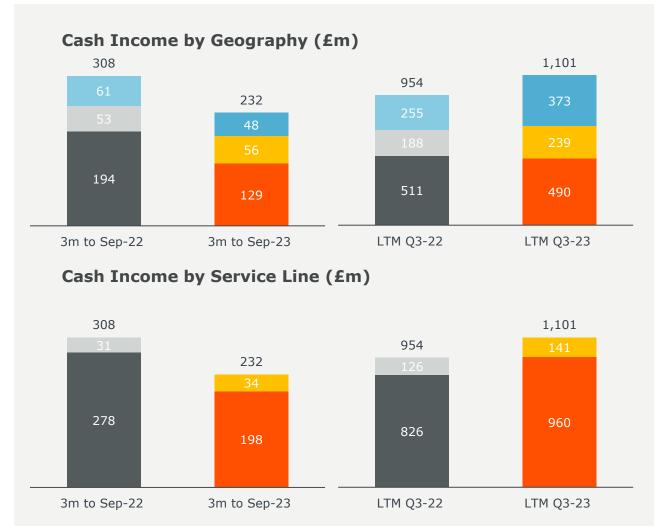


UK DACH Nordics DP 3PC

### **Cash Income**

### £1.1<sub>bn</sub> LTM Cash Income

- Strong performance across all three regions both on a quarterly and LTM basis; comparable Q3-22 period included ~£91m proceeds from Balance Sheet Velocity programme (Wolf I)
- DP Collection performance remains very robust across the Group:
  - ▶ 100% vs Dec-22 static pool; and
  - ▶ 102% performance vs priced expectations across FY23 purchases
- Modest improvement in servicing income supported by strength in servicing franchise and key client wins

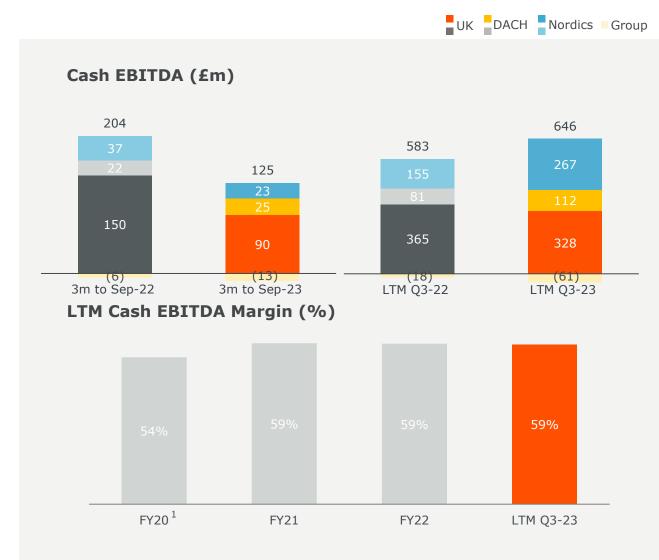


# **Cash EBITDA and Margin**

### £646m LTM Cash EBITDA

- LTM Cash EBITDA growth across all three regions supported by:
  - Strong performance on UK assets purchased, including Hoist UK book. Growth in UK YoY despite Wolf I inclusion in comparative period
  - DACH benefitting from record deployment across FY22 and post Cyber recovery
  - Nordics includes proceeds from two transactions from the Balance Sheet Velocity programme; Ongoing quantum of Cash EBITDA reflects reduced level of portfolio assets held across FY23
- Margin initiatives underway and on track to deliver anticipated savings to drive +300bps improvement as guided

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  Underlying FY20 Cash EBITDA margin of 54% when adjusting for  ${\sim}1\%$  benefit from reduced litigation volume



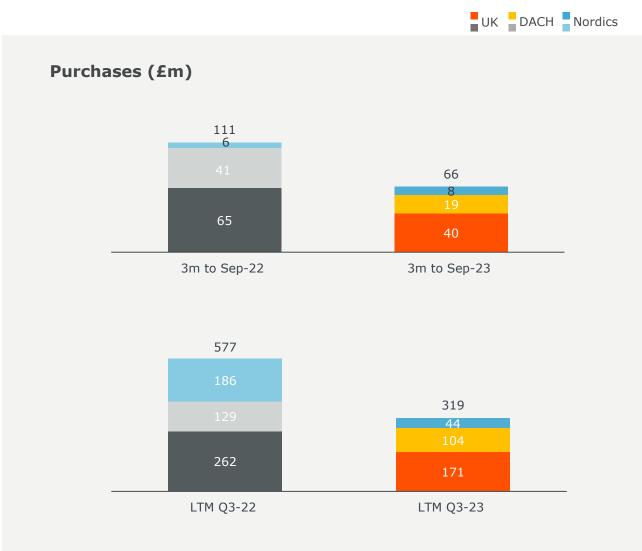
# **NPL Purchasing Volumes**

£319<sub>m</sub> LTM NPL acquisitions<sup>1</sup>

20% Expected FY23 vintage net IRR

- Reduced purchasing volumes reflect alignment to FY23 purchasing guidance of <£350m</li>
- ◆ Committed and incurred spend of ~£315m to date for FY23 set to deliver net IRR of 20%
- ◆ Healthy pipeline visibility for FY24 already helping shape strong 2024 vintage with ~£150m committed to date

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  Excludes Hoist UK Portfolio acquisition of £290m and  $\sim$ £20m fair value portfolio acquisitions (£12m and £8m), reflecting the retained 49% Junior Note holding in the two off-balance sheet ABS structures (Wolf I and II) which is shown in the Financial Statements.  $^2$  Includes committed spend for Q4-23 to date



### **Balance Sheet and Cash Generation**

£4.1<sub>bn</sub> 120m ERC

**£171**<sub>m</sub>

Excess cash generated after Replacement Rate

- ◆ ERC growth YoY reflecting Hoist UK onboarding in Q4-22 and continued purchasing at ERC Replacement Rate levels
- Free cash flow benefitting from ability to securitise paying assets, accelerating cashflows and enabling Lowell to take advantage of opportunities in a growing returns environment

¹ Pro Forma Cash EBITDA includes £23m Cash EBITDA from Hoist UK acquisition. ² Cash Interest calculated as next 12 months interest on debt instruments and drawings as of 30 September 2023. ³ Other represents Cash tax expenses paid LTM Sep-23 (£4m) and Management's maintenance capex estimate (£6m). ⁴ Average Replacement Rate as calculated in Appendix, this calculation does not account for any future ERC deconsolidation associated with potential Balance Sheet Velocity initiatives.



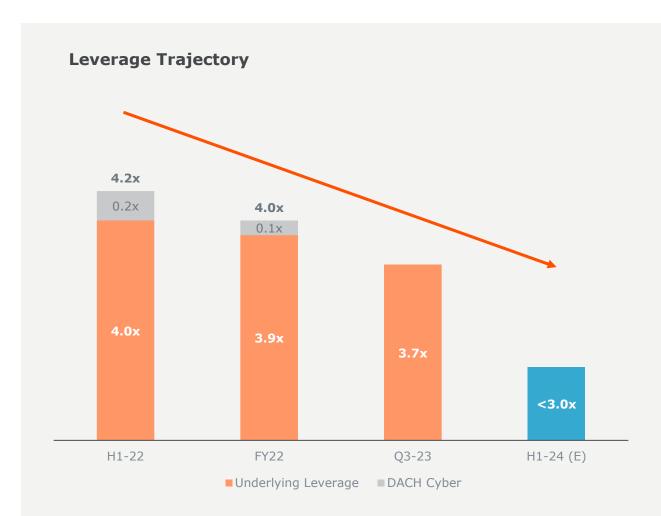
# **Leverage and Liquidity**

£215<sub>m</sub> Liquidity<sup>1</sup>

3.7<sub>x</sub> Net Leverage

- Group remains committed to de-leveraging which will be supported by
  - Balance sheet management;
  - Collections efficiency and cost reduction; and
  - Sustainable purchasing levels and increasing returns
- ◆ Current focus on increasing liquidity and reducing net debt in order to achieve commitment of <3.0x leverage
- Group currently in discussions for a third off-balance sheet ABS transaction which will utilise UK assets

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated as unrestricted cash on balance sheet plus amounts available to draw on RCF and UK Securitisations at 30 September 2023. Liquidity reported excludes reserves held in securitisation vehicles of ~£20m which are due back to Lowell once facilities mature. Amounts currently treated and reported as 'restricted' cash.



### **Outlook and Guidance**

<#550m FY23 Purchasing Expectation

+300bps

Margin expansion target with 9 months

<3.0<sub>x</sub>

Net leverage target within 9 months

- Reduced purchasing levels in FY23 and an expected vintage IRR of 20%
- Continued emphasis on deleveraging supported by increased **Balance Sheet Velocity**
- Margin growth acceleration expected following launch of several cost reduction actions across Q3
- Net leverage of sub 3.0x expected at Q2-24



# Appendix

(£m)

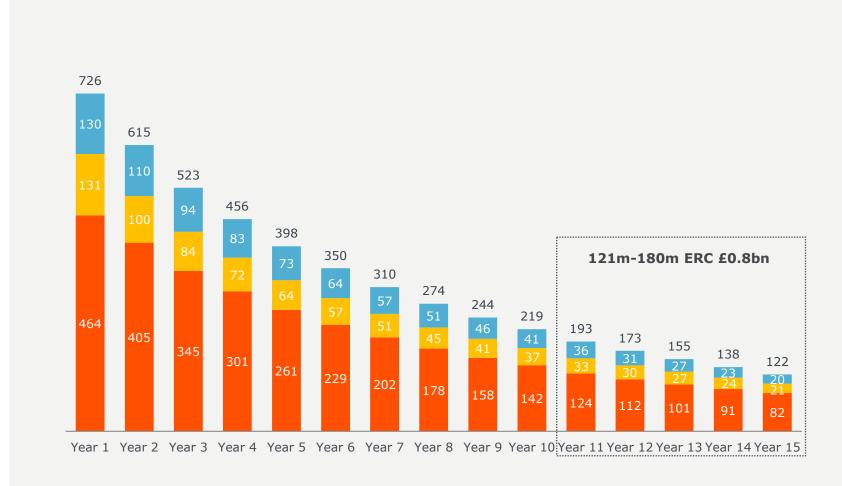
#### ■ UK ■ DACH ■ Nordics

### **ERC Profile**

Diversified backbook formed of 20 vintages, ~4,500 portfolios and across a range of originating sectors

 $\pm 4.1$ bn 120m ERC

£4.9bn 180m ERC



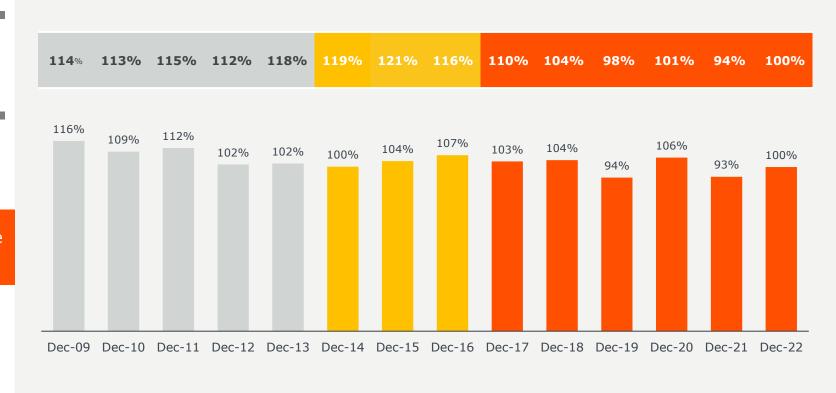
### **Historic Collection Performance**

■ UK ■ UK and DACH ■ UK, DACH and Nordics

Cumulative collection performance to Sep-23 vs static pool

Next 12 months actual collections vs static pool

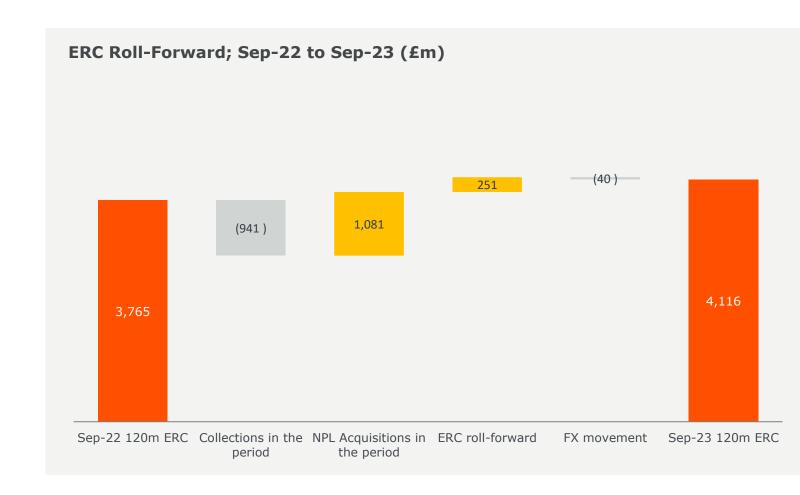
100% Cumulative Collection Performance vs Dec-22 Static Pool



Note: Collection performance metrics exclude asset sales and accelerated collections from ABS deconsolidation where applicable.

### 120m ERC Roll-Forward

- NPL Acquisitions in the period: purchases in the period grossed up to 120m ERC based on respective priced 120m GMMs
- ERC roll-forward takes into account:
  - Mechanical nature of revaluation (roll-in of value present in the tail)
  - Change in collections expectations leading to an uplift or reduction in estimated cash-flows



### **Pro Forma Cash EBITDA Reconciliation**

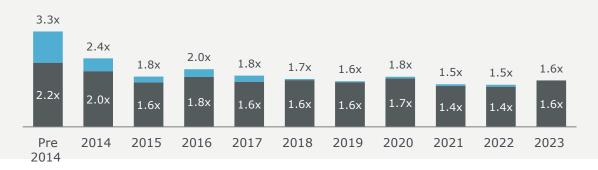
#### Cash EBITDA (£m)

	LTM Sep-23	LTM Sep-22
UK	329	365 <sup>1</sup>
DACH	110	81
Nordics	269	155
Group Costs <sup>2</sup>	(61)	(18)
Group Cash EBITDA	646	583
Pro Forma Cost Adjustments <sup>3</sup>	4	1
Pro Forma Hoist UK contribution <sup>4</sup>	6	-
Pro Forma Cash EBITDA	656	584

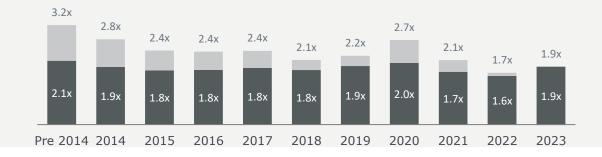
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes the contribution from the Wolf I transaction of £91m. <sup>2</sup> Group cost increase reflects reclassification of costs from the regions as part of continued move to increase efficiency and transparency of true underlying regional performance. <sup>3</sup> Pro Forma cost adjustments represent adjustments made to reflect the full run rate benefits of changes enacted. <sup>4</sup> Hoist UK Cash EBITDA for the 1 month prior to completion

# 120m GMMs Per Vintage









Note: Current GMM is calculated using actual collections to Sep-23 plus ERC across the next 120m for all regions. Priced GMM is calculated using the priced collection expectation over the initial 120m for all regions.

¹ Includes Hoist UK acquisition. ² Indicative combined Group GMMs shown on a 120m basis and all translated at Sep-23 closing FX rate which may result in differences across reporting periods as FX rates change

# **Calculation of Group 120m ERC Replacement Rate**

£m	Sep-23
120m ERC	4,116
Year 1 Collections	726
Roll-forward (Year 11 Collections)	193
Collections to replace	533
2022 vintage GMM	1.6x
2023 vintage GMM	1.9x
Blended GMM <sup>1</sup>	1.8x
Replacement Rate as calculated at Sep-23	303
Replacement Rate as calculated at Sep-22	264
Average LTM Replacement Rate <sup>2</sup>	283

#### **GMM Weighted Average Calculation (£m)**

2022 Vintage	UK	DACH	Nordics	Total
Purchases (£m)	526	141	96	763
% of total purchases	69%	19%	13%	100%
Actual 120m GMM	1.7x	1.6x	1.5x	
Weighted Average				1.6x
2023 Vintage	UK	DACH	Nordics	Total
Purchases (£m)	133	72	34	239
% of total purchases	56%	30%	14%	100%
Actual 120m GMM	2.1x	1.6x	1.6x	
Weighted Average				1.9x
Blended GMM				1.8x

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Blended GMM represents the average 120m GMM for 2022 and 2023 vintages, across the UK, DACH and Nordics as at Sep-23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Average Replacement Rate is an average of the Replacement Rate as calculated at Sep-23 and the Replacement Rate as calculated at Sep-22.

# **Leverage and Liquidity**

### £215<sub>m</sub> Liquidity<sup>1</sup>

£m	Sep-23
RCF Capacity	394
Amounts Drawn	(343)
Securitisation Availability <sup>2</sup>	79
Cash	84
Available Liquidity	215

£m	Sep-23
Net Debt	2,406
Pro Forma LTM Cash EBITDA	656
Net Debt / Pro Forma LTM Cash EBITDA	3.7x
Senior Secured Net Debt / Pro Forma LTM Cash EBITDA	2.9x

**3.7**<sub>X</sub> Net Leverage<sup>3</sup>

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# **Net Debt and Borrowings at 30 September 2023**

#### **Net Debt**

Bond Principal	£m
£440m Senior Secured Notes 7.75%	429
€795m Senior Secured Notes 6.75%	686
€630m Senior Secured Notes EURIBOR +6.25%	542
RCF Drawings and Other	
GBP Drawn RCF	151
EUR Drawn RCF	192
ABS – Facility 1	165
ABS – Facility 2	225
ABS – Facility 3	101
Cash	
Cash	84
Senior Secured Net Debt	1,916
Net Debt	2,406
Gross Debt	2,491

Note: Bond principal amounts shown above are net of the Bond repurchase in August 2023, which reduced the notional amounts by £10.7m, €3.3m and €4.0m respectively.

#### **Bonds**

Currency	Issue	Security	Maturity	Coupon
GBP m	440	Senior secured notes	Nov-25	7.75%
EUR m	795	Senior secured notes	Nov-25	6.75%
EUR m	630	Senior secured notes	May-26	EURIBOR +6.25%

#### **Revolving Credit Facility (RCF) and Securitisation Facilities**

Currency	Committed Amount	Security	Maturity	Interest	Margin
EUR m	455	Super Senior Secured RCF	Aug-25	SONIA / EURIBOR	3.00%
GBP m	175	Asset Backed Loan - Facility 1	Jul-25	SONIA	3.35%
GBP m	225	Asset Backed Loan - Facility 2	Jan-27	SONIA	3.50%
GBP m	170	Asset Backed Loan - Facility 3	Oct-27	SONIA	3.90%

# **Glossary**

ЗРС	-	Third Party Collection
ABS	-	Asset backed securitisation
Acquisitions	-	The purchases of NPLs
Cash EBITDA	-	Defined as collections on owned portfolios plus other turnover, less collection activity costs and other expenses (which together equals servicing costs) and before exceptional items, depreciation and amortisation
Cash Income	-	Total income for the period adding back portfolio amortisation and portfolio fair value release and deducting net portfolio write-up, lawyer service revenue, other revenue (less payment services income) and other income
DACH	-	Germany, Austria and Switzerland
DP	-	Debt Purchase
EBITDA	-	Defined as operating profit plus depreciation and amortisation, non-recurring costs and exceptional items (net of exceptional income) and portfolio fair value adjustment (where applicable)
ERC	-	Estimated Remaining Collections over 84, 120 or 180 months
EURIBOR	-	Euro Interbank Offer Rate
GMM	-	'Gross money multiple', being the expected collections on a portfolio or particular vintage, divided by its respective purchase price. Reported on either a 'static' or 'current' basis

Gross Profit	-	Gross Profit calculated as Cash Income less Collection Activity Costs excluding Lawyer Service activity, less the amounts captured within Collection Activity Costs related to Non-recurring Costs / Exceptional Items (net of exceptional income)
IFRS	-	International Financial Reporting Standards
Net Debt	-	Senior Secured Notes bond principal plus Senior Notes bond principal plus RCF drawn amounts plus securitisation drawn amounts less cash
Nordics	-	For the purpose of the presentation include Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland
NPL	-	Non Performing Loans
RCF	-	Revolving Credit Facility
Replacement Rate	-	The estimated amount of purchases to maintain current Group ERC
SASB	-	Sustainability Accounting Standards Board
SONIA	-	Sterling overnight index average

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- ♦ FY23 Results April 2024
- ◆ Q1-24 Results May 2024

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