



# Q2-23 Results Presentation



# Half Year Headlines

**100%**

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

**£58m**

Accelerated DP Collections from second off-balance sheet ABS

**3.2x**

Q2-23 Net Leverage

- ◆ Strong performance driven by resilient back book performance alongside attractive front book returns (20% net IRR)
- ◆ Completion of second off-balance sheet ABS which included Danish assets and resulted in £58m of accelerated collections
- ◆ Cost discipline evident with management committed to guidance provided of 300bps run-rate improvement
- ◆ Net Leverage of 3.2x with management committed to guidance provided of sub 3.0x by H2-24

<sup>1</sup> Collection performance on assets owned as at Dec-22 for the 6 months to 30 June 2023

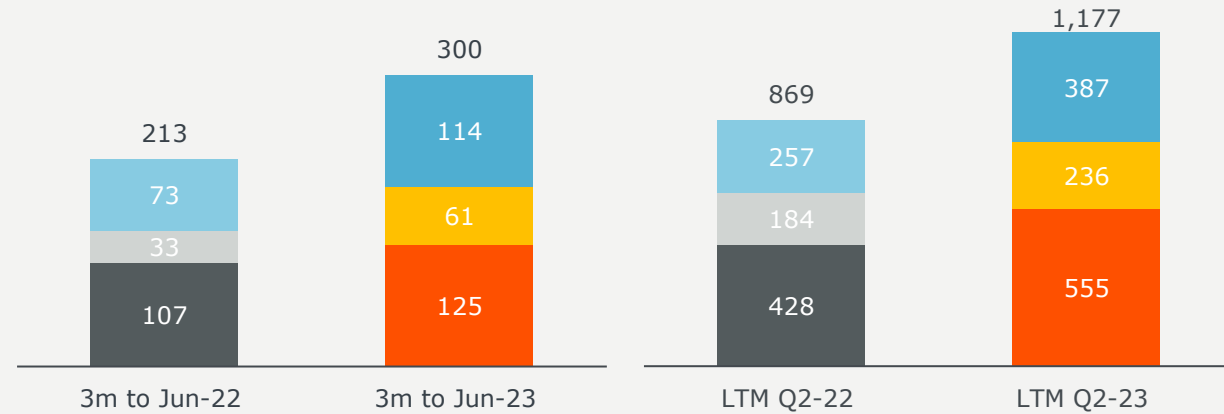
# Cash Income

**£1.2bn** LTM Cash Income

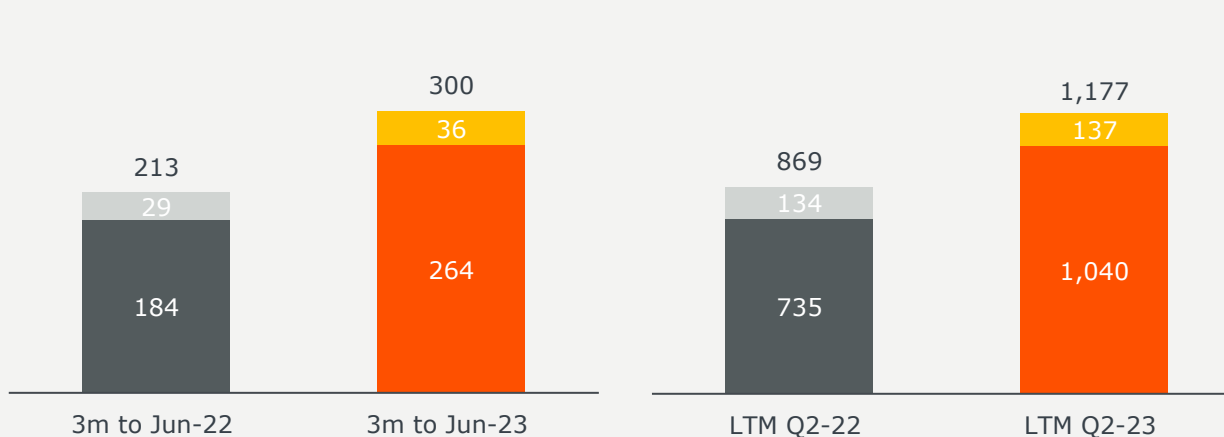
- ◆ Strong Cash Income growth supported by Balance Sheet Velocity activity and resilient collections performance
- ◆ Balance Sheet Velocity activity contribution of ~£240m in LTM view includes initial off-balance sheet ABS of £91m in Q3-22 and £150m from activity in H1-23 which is in line with ongoing expectation
- ◆ Collections continue to track in line with forecasts across FY23;
  - another quarter of good collections performance in the UK at 102% vs Dec 22 static pool
- ◆ Continued recovery in servicing income levels post DACH cyber incident which impacted Q2 and Q3 performance in 2022

■ UK
 ■ DACH
 ■ Nordics
 ■ DP
 ■ 3PC

**Cash Income by Geography (£m)**



**Cash Income by Service Line (£m)**



# Cash EBITDA and Margin

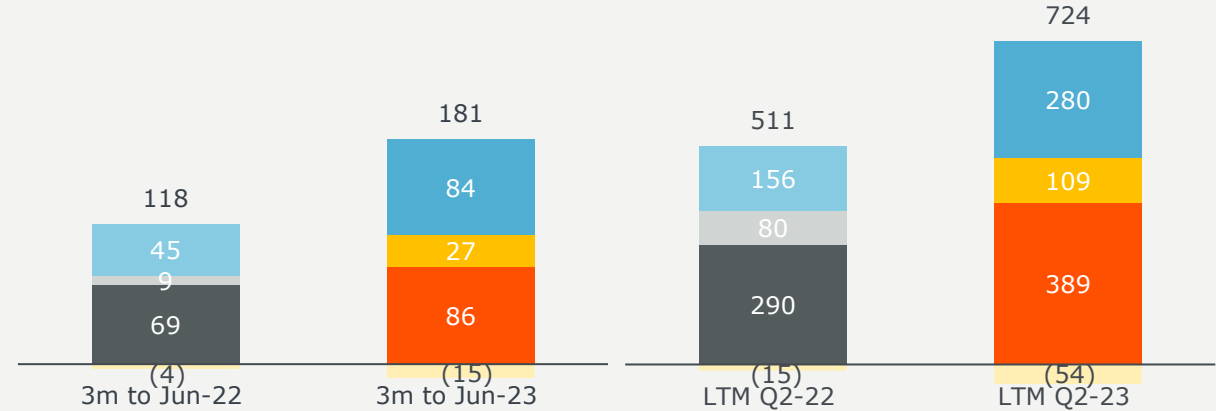
**£724<sub>m</sub>** LTM Cash EBITDA

- ◆ Positive Cash EBTIDA performance with key Balance Sheet Velocity transactions helping to accelerate value and cashflows in the LTM period
- ◆ LTM quantum to step down in Q3 as inaugural off-balance sheet ABS of £91m moves to comparative period
- ◆ DACH recovery continues with strong reported performance QoQ and YoY post cyber incident
- ◆ Margins benefitting from top line performance including the Balance Sheet Velocity initiatives. Actions underway to drive margin accretion in line with guidance of +300bps

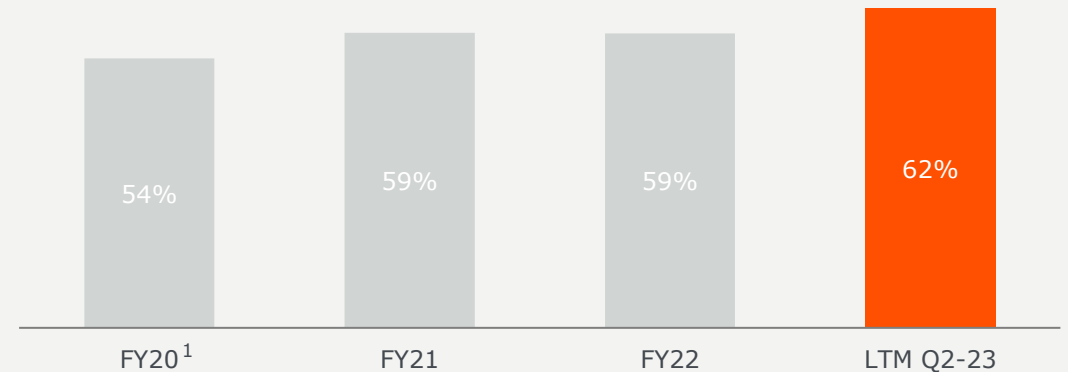
<sup>1</sup> Underlying FY20 Cash EBITDA margin of 54% when adjusting for ~1% benefit from reduced litigation volume

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Cash EBITDA (£m)



LTM Cash EBITDA Margin (%)



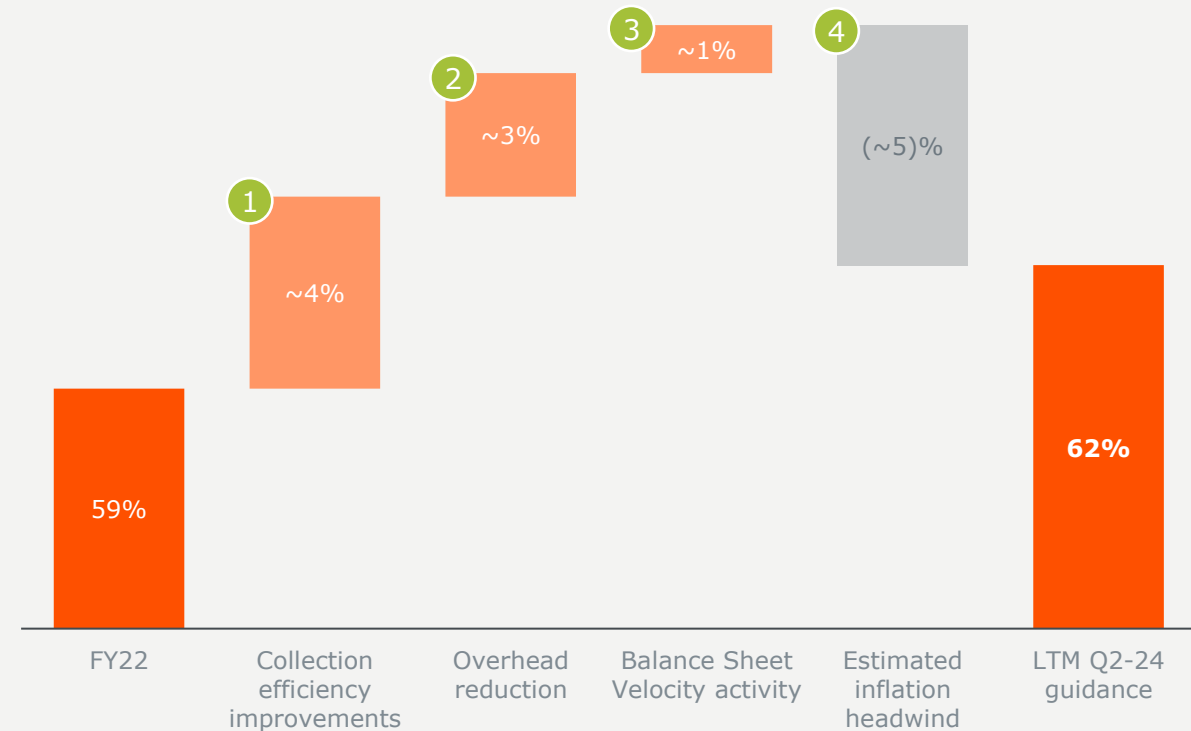
# Cash EBITDA Margin

**+300bps** Cash EBITDA margin guidance

- 1 Predominately driven by further consolidation in DACH across platforms, sites and legal entities. Activity underway and benefits expected from Q4-23 onwards
- 2 Further streamlining of overhead base with expected cost to achieve of ~£15m across H2-23. Group / central costs will reduce as part of initiative to return costs to 2022 levels
- 3 Net impact of top-line Balance Sheet Velocity activity, with all activity to date falling out of LTM guidance period but being repeated with an expected ~£100m-£150m transaction as guided
- 4 Current estimate of inflationary pressures on cost base

Note: indicative margin improvements based on position and costs as at FY22

## High Level Margin Walk



# NPL Purchasing Volumes

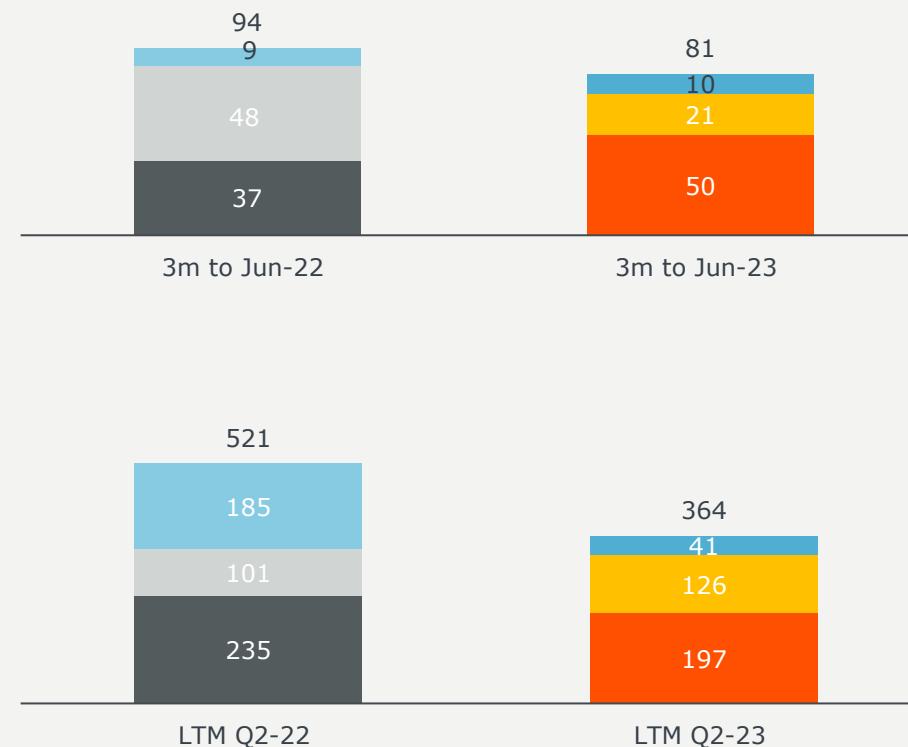
**£364m** LTM market purchases<sup>1</sup>

- ◆ Reduced purchasing volumes reflect alignment to FY23 purchasing guidance of ~£350m
- ◆ Committed and incurred spend of ~£300m to date for FY23<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ All markets remaining encouraging in terms of supply and returns;
  - ▶ 2023 vintage expected to be priced at a blended net IRR of 20%, a healthy spread to current WACD of ~8%
- ◆ Flows expected to reflect ~75% of FY23 spend, contributing heavily to the 2023 vintage priced returns

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Hoist UK Portfolio acquisition of £290m and ~£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. <sup>2</sup> Includes committed spend for H2-23 to date

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## Purchases (£m)



# Balance Sheet and Cash Generation

**£4.1bn** 120m ERC

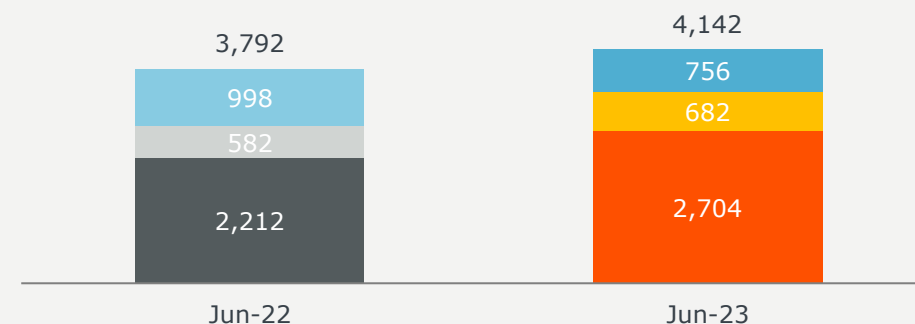
**£223m** Excess cash generated after Replacement Rate

- ◆ ERC growth YoY reflecting Hoist UK onboarding in Q4-22 and modest purchasing above Replacement Rate in 2023
- ◆ Cashflow generation benefits from our ability to securitise paying assets, accelerating cashflows and enabling Lowell to take advantage of opportunities in a growing returns environment

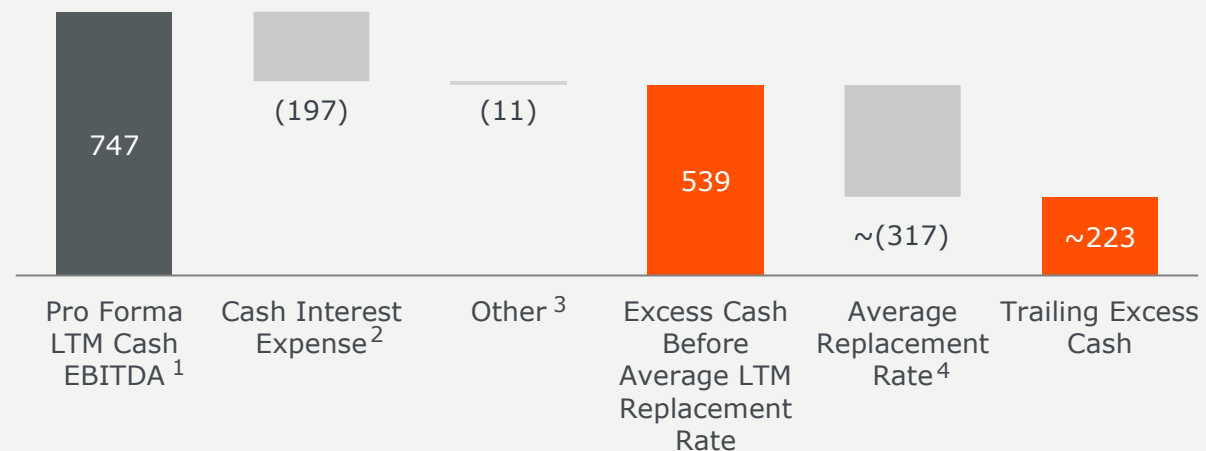
<sup>1</sup> Pro Forma Cash EBITDA includes £23m Cash EBITDA from Hoist UK acquisition. <sup>2</sup> Cash Interest calculated as next 12 months interest on debt instruments and drawings as of 30 June 2023. <sup>3</sup> Other represents Cash tax expenses paid LTM Jun-23 (£5m) and Management's maintenance capex estimate (£6m). <sup>4</sup> Average Replacement Rate as calculated in Appendix, this calculation does not account for any future ERC deconsolidation associated with potential Balance Sheet Velocity initiatives

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## 120m ERC (£m)



## Cash Generation (£m)



## Off-Balance Sheet ABS Transaction - Wolf II (Denmark)

**£58<sub>m</sub>** Acceleration of DP cashflows

**£8<sub>m</sub>** Fair value Asset recognised to reflect future cashflows due to Lowell

**£2<sub>m</sub>** Gain vs Book Value of Assets

- ◆ Second off-balance sheet securitisation, this time using re-performing assets in Denmark. Deal closed in May 2023
- ◆ Structure follows the previous transaction;
  - ◇ Sale of 100% Senior Notes
  - ◇ 51% of the Junior Notes have been sold resulting in deconsolidation
  - ◇ Sold at a gain to book value of assets
  - ◇ Cash backed process resulting in the acceleration of cash flows associated with underlying accounts
- ◆ Deconsolidation crystallises the associated ERC earlier in lifecycle
- ◆ The Group continues to service the accounts on profitable terms on behalf of the Note holders and retains a minority stake in the Junior Notes (49%) to benefit from future upside potential



# Off-Balance Sheet ABS – Transaction Rationale

## IRR

Acceleration of cashflows, ongoing servicing and Junior Note holding is accretive to Net IRRs

## GMM

Minor dilution to GMM as cashflows accelerated

## Net Debt

Acceleration of cashflows provides optionality for debt reduction or re-investment

- ◆ Opportunity to crystallise value earlier on pockets of ERC where assets have been turned into attractive paying cashflows. Assets have typically been held more than 3 years before inclusion in the structures
- ◆ The lower risk profile is evidenced by an investment grade rating, creating a new asset class of 'reperforming unsecured consumer receivables' which are attractive to ABS investors with a lower cost of capital
- ◆ Provides meaningful acceleration of cashflows which gives optionality;
  - Re-invest in frontbook assets at attractive returns and repeat cycle of turning non-paying into paying assets; or
  - Reduce net debt
- ◆ Retaining minority interest through 49% Junior Note holding in the structure allows Lowell to continue to benefit from upside in collections on deconsolidated assets
- ◆ Unlike an 'On-Balance Sheet' ABS, both the assets and associated debt leave the Balance Sheet; ensuring there is no 'layering' for Senior Secured Investors

# Leverage and Liquidity

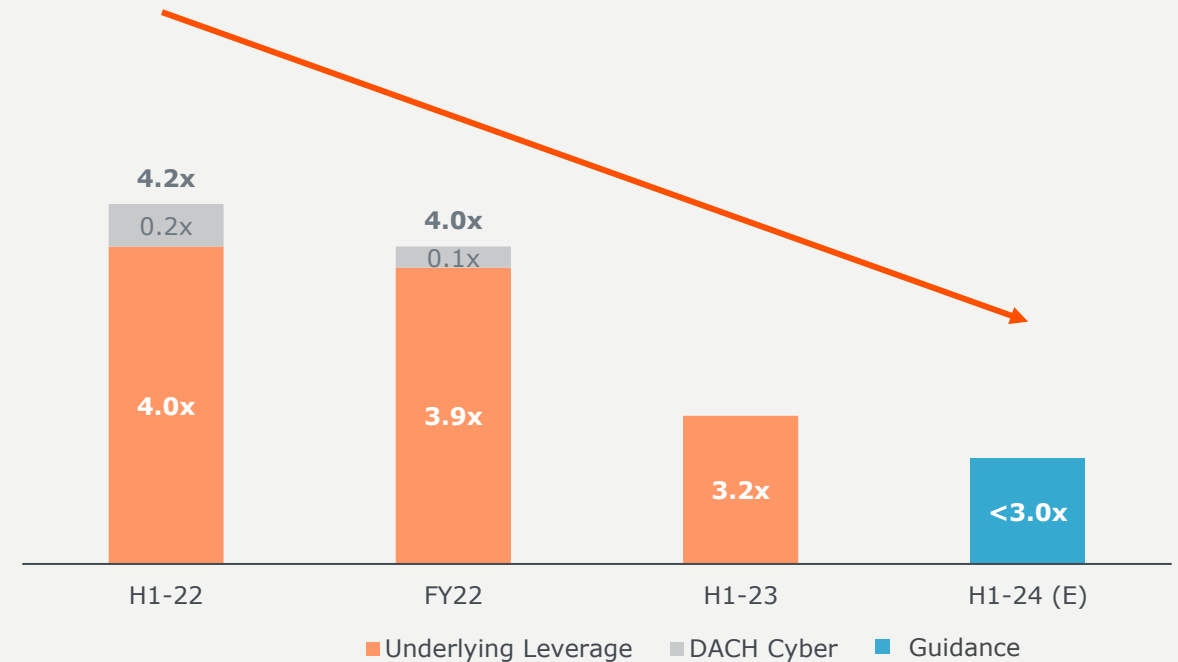
**£209<sub>m</sub>** Liquidity<sup>1</sup>

**3.2<sub>x</sub>** Net Leverage

- ◆ Group remains committed to de-leveraging whilst sustainably growing the business
- ◆ Significant improvement in leverage and liquidity apparent in 2023 following execution of Balance Sheet Velocity initiatives
- ◆ Liquidity movement across Q2 impacted by timing of certain cash flows, most notably: ~£70m interest payments and ~£10m deferred consideration (Solvencia acquisition in 2020), alongside working capital movements and FX impact
- ◆ The Group is committed to sustainably operating at a leverage of <3.0x within the next 12 months

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## Leverage Evolution



# Delivering on our Leverage Guidance

Balance Sheet Velocity initiatives support lower leverage but underpinned by improvements in underlying business to drive organic de-leveraging

## Balance Sheet Management

- ◆ Repeatability of Balance Sheet Velocity actions;
- ◆ Wolf II delivered in Q2-23
- ◆ Expectation that transactions are repeated at least annually, driven by size of backbook and ability to convert customers into re-performing cashflows

## Collections and Margin

- ◆ Resilient collection performance to drive outperformance vs collection expectations
- ◆ Regional led programmes to deliver increased value from backbook assets across 2023
- ◆ Improved collections effectiveness and benefits of growing scale will deliver margin improvement of +300bps over the next 12 months

## Purchases and Returns

- ◆ Purchasing levels closer aligned to Replacement Rate and cash generated from operations
- ◆ FY23 guidance of ~£350m
- ◆ Improving returns on a gross and net basis; 2023 vintage Net IRR of 20% with GMM expected to increase towards 2.0x across H2

# Bond Repurchase

**£17**<sub>m</sub>

Total notional value of notes repurchased

**£13**<sub>m</sub>

Total amount paid

- ◆ Conducted in line with capital structure and liquidity management objectives
- ◆ Subdued market pricing providing opportunity to reduce debt in issue at attractive price point. Limited volume available in market at current pricing
- ◆ Funded from cash on balance sheet
- ◆ Notes will remain held, no plans to resell to the market

<sup>1</sup> Totals converted for presentational purposes only at Jun-23 closing rate of £0.863: €1

## Instruments Repurchased


	Notional amount	Amount paid
£440m Senior Secured Notes 7.75%	£10.7m	£8.1m
€795m Senior Secured Notes 6.75%	€3.3m	€2.5m
€630m Senior Secured Notes EURIBOR +6.25%	€4.0m	€3.0m
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>£17.0m</b>	<b>£12.8m</b>
	Notional amount remaining in market	
£440m Senior Secured Notes 7.75%	£429.3m	
€795m Senior Secured Notes 6.75%	€791.7m	
€630m Senior Secured Notes EURIBOR +6.25%	€626.0m	
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>£1,653.2m</b>	

# Sustainability Update




## Better for Customers

	NPS	TARGET
UK	HY: 54	Above Market rate
NORDIC	HY: 55	


**LIVE** NPS process live in all regions

 Digitalisation fuelled by consumer insights



## Better ethics & understanding

-  Stable colleague engagement **73 points**
-  Proactive schedule of Government, policymakers, media and client engagement
-  5<sup>th</sup> FVI identifies financial vulnerability is returning to pre-pandemic levels

## Better for Society

- 6.5m** Consumers reached in UK and DACH with financial education campaigns
- LIVE** All colleagues offered paid volunteering day
-  Financial education activity gains traction in all regions

## Responsible Business

-  Re-set climate goals to align to SBTi Net Zero Standards 'Best Practice'
-  **50%** of sites fuelled by green electricity

# Outlook and Guidance

**~£350<sub>m</sub>** FY23 Purchasing ambition

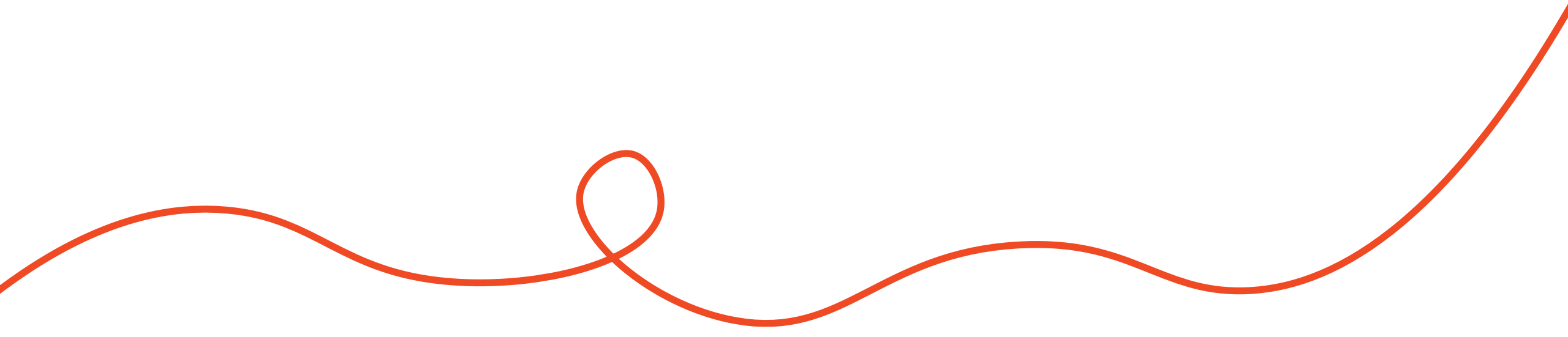
**+300<sub>bps</sub>** Margin expansion target with 12 months

**<3.0<sub>x</sub>** Net leverage target within 12 months

- ◆ Reduced purchasing levels in FY23 and an expected vintage IRR of 20%
- ◆ Greater emphasis on self-funded growth and deleveraging supported by increased Balance Sheet Velocity
- ◆ Despite inflationary pressure the cost initiatives across cost to collect and overheads will drive margin expansion over the next 12 months, supported by top line growth.
- ◆ Net leverage ambition of sub 3.0x in next 12 months



# Appendix



# ERC Profile

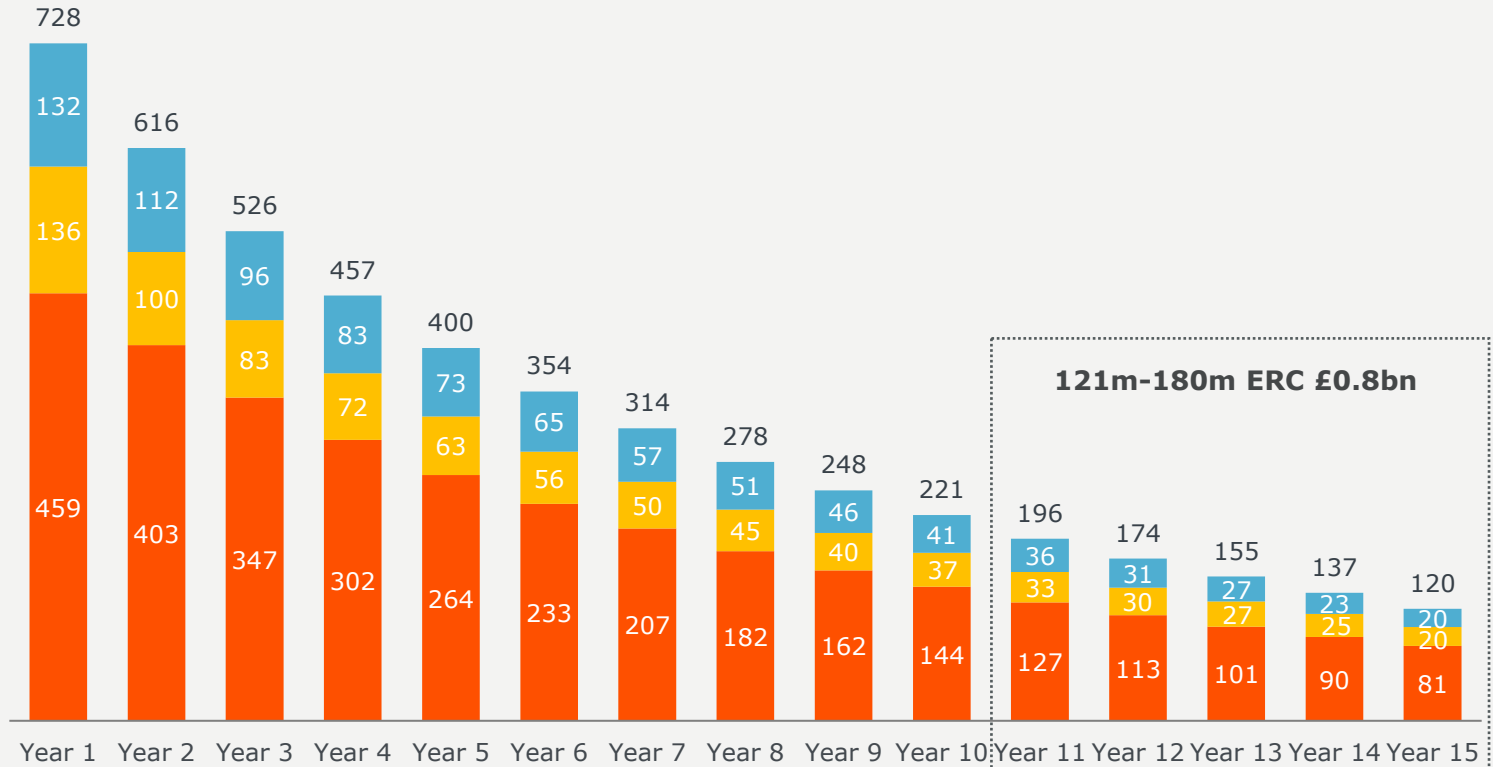
Diversified backbook formed of 20 vintages, ~4,500 portfolios and across a range of originating sectors

£4.1bn 120m ERC

£4.9bn 180m ERC

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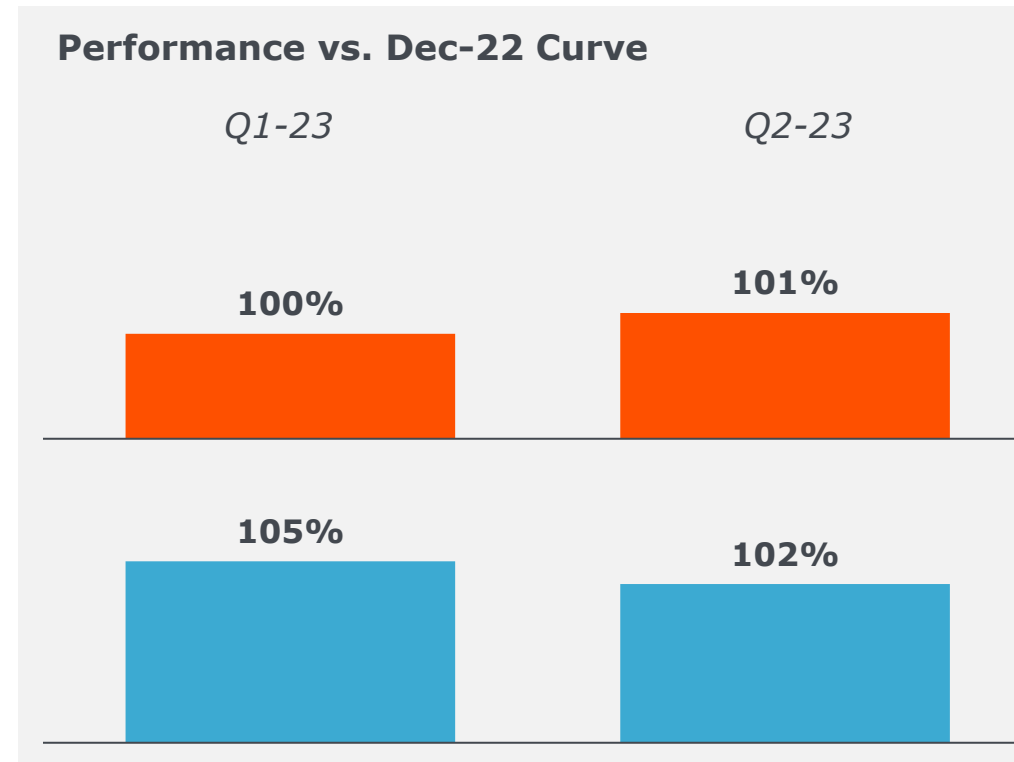
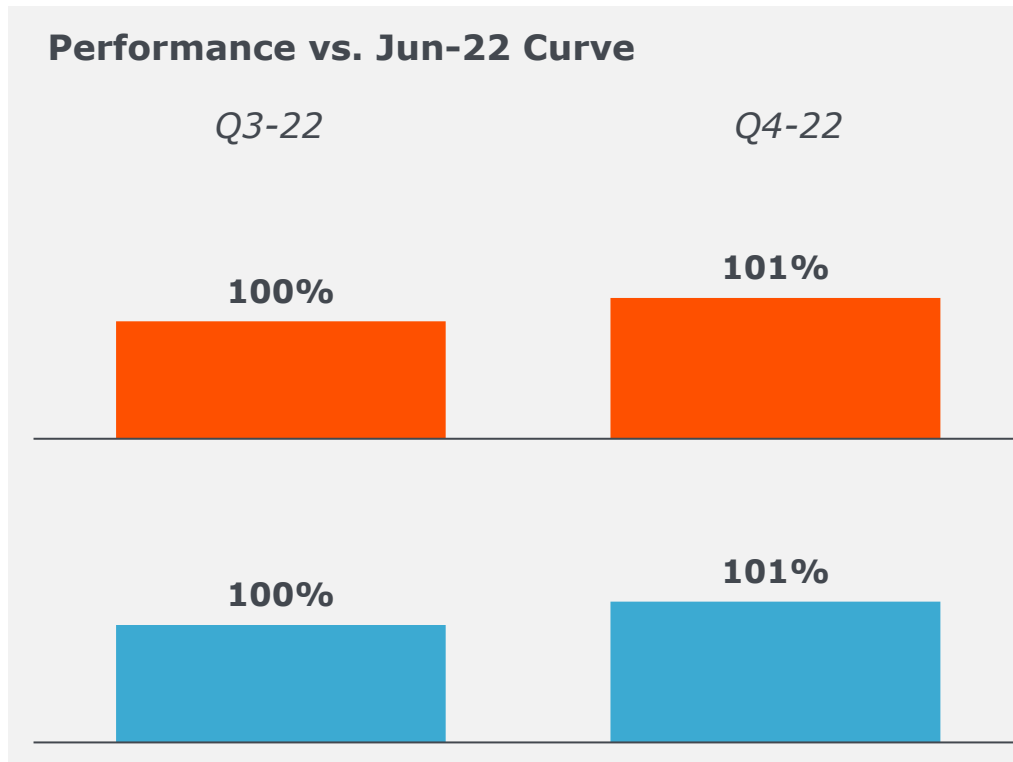
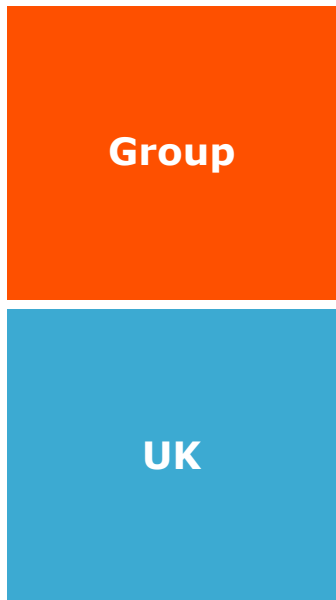
(£m)



**121m-180m ERC £0.8bn**



# Back Book Performance



Collections resilience clearly apparent with management confident of future outperformance as DACH post cyber recovery continues

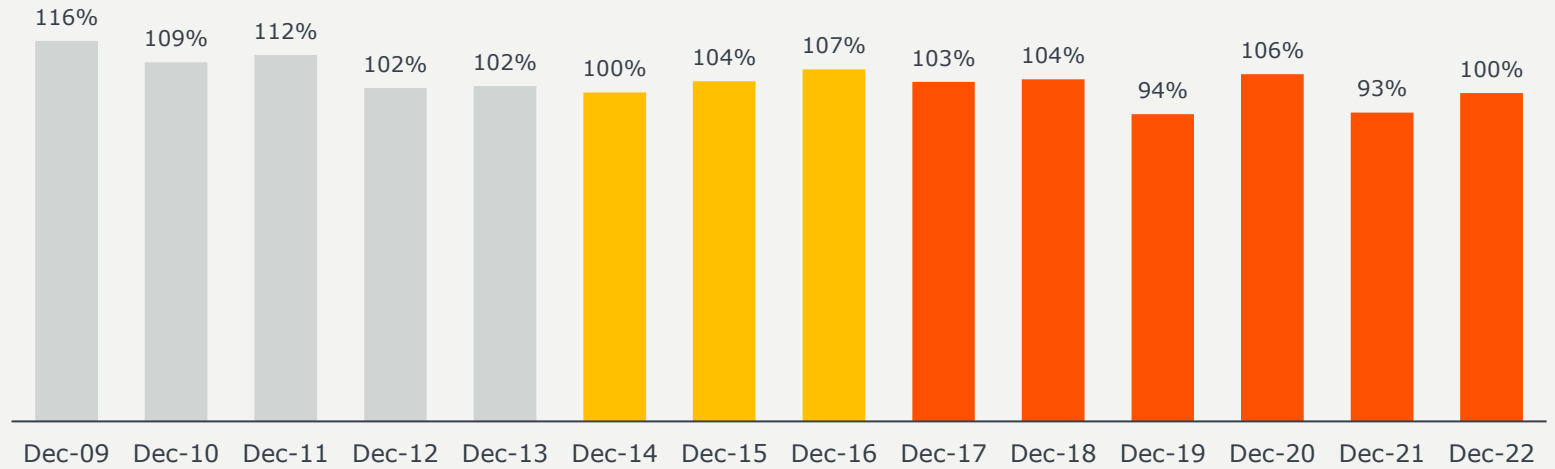
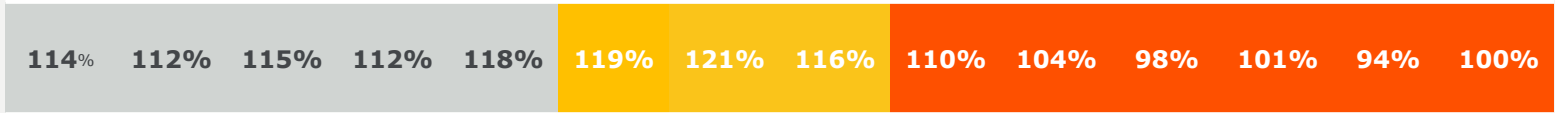
# Historic Collection Performance

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

Cumulative collection performance to Jun-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 Jun-23	LTM Jun-22
UK	389	290
DACH	109	80
Nordics	280	156
Group Costs <sup>1</sup>	(54)	(15)
<b>Group Cash EBITDA</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>511</b>
Pro Forma Cost Adjustments <sup>2</sup>	-	2
Pro Forma Hoist UK contribution <sup>3</sup>	23	-
<b>Pro Forma Cash EBITDA</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>513</b>

<sup>1</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>2</sup> Pro Forma cost adjustments represent adjustments made to reflect the full run rate benefits of changes enacted. <sup>3</sup> Hoist UK Cash EBITDA for the 4 months prior to completion

## Deconsolidation of Wolf II Off-Balance Sheet ABS – Reconciliation

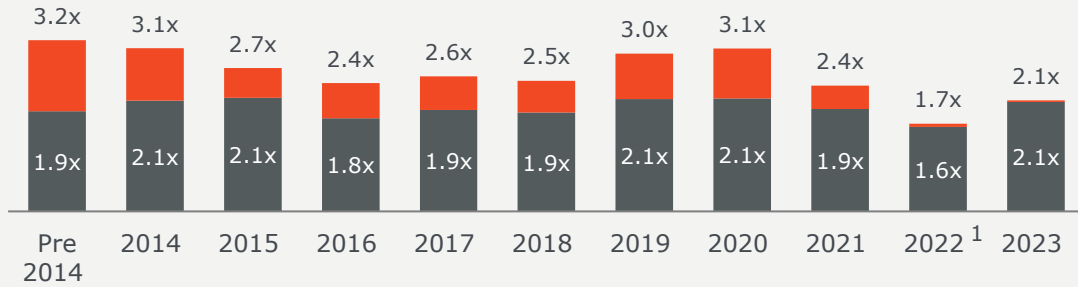
Transaction Walk (£m)	£m	Notes
Senior Note Advance	41	Amount advanced on initial ABS commencement to Lowell
51% Junior Note sale (cash)	7	Cash received from 51% Junior Note sale
51% Junior Note sale (deferred income element)	1	Deferred Income to be received from 51% Junior Note sale
49% Junior Note implied value	8	Value of Lowell's 49% Junior Note holding
<b>Value recognised upon deconsolidation (A)</b>	<b>58</b>	Acceleration of value recognised in Cash Income
Book value of asset	55	Book value of assets held in SPV at Apr-23
May-23 Yield	1	May-23 yield applied on monthly opening balance
<b>Final Book Value deconsolidated (B)</b>	<b>56</b>	Reduction in Portfolio Investments on Lowell balance sheet
<b>Gain on deconsolidation vs book value of assets (A – B)</b>	<b>2</b>	Gain recognised on deconsolidation and reported within Net Portfolio Write-up
<b>120m ERC Impact (£m)</b>		
	£m	Notes
Removal of assets held in deconsolidated SPV	(89)	Gross Collections expected in next 10 years from assets held in ABS SPV
Recognition of 49% Junior Note Holding as a Fair Value asset	12	Gross Collections expected in next 10 years from 49% Junior Note Holding
<b>Net Impact</b>	<b>(77)</b>	<b>Net Reduction in Lowell ERC</b>

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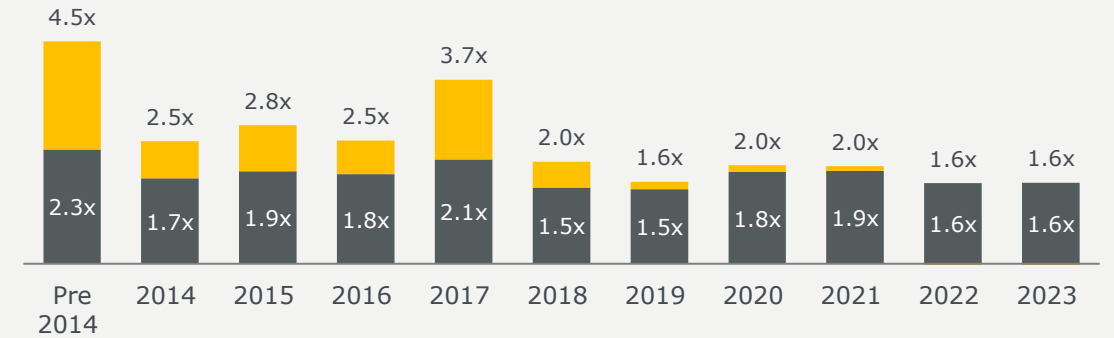
Transaction Walk (£m)	£m	Notes
Initial ABS Advance	100	Amount advanced on initial ABS commencement to Lowell
Amortisation to Aug-22	(35)	Amount repaid on ABS facility as at date of deconsolidation
51% Junior Note sale (cash)	10	Cash received from 51% Junior Note sale
51% Junior Note sale (deferred income element)	3	Deferred Income to be received from 51% Junior Note sale
49% Junior Note implied value	12	Value of Lowell's 49% Junior Note holding
<b>Value recognised upon deconsolidation (A)</b>	<b>91</b>	Acceleration of value recognised in Cash Income
Book value of asset	76	Book value of assets held in SPV at Aug-22
Aug-22 Yield	2	Aug-22 yield applied on monthly opening balance
<b>Final Book Value deconsolidated (B)</b>	<b>78</b>	Reduction in Portfolio Investments on Lowell balance sheet
<b>Gain on deconsolidation vs book value of assets (A – B)</b>	<b>13</b>	Gain recognised on deconsolidation and reported within Net Portfolio Write-up
<b>120m ERC Impact (£m)</b>		
	£m	Notes
Removal of assets held in deconsolidated SPV	(144)	Gross Collections expected in next 10 years from assets held in ABS SPV
Recognition of 49% Junior Note Holding as a Fair Value asset	35	Gross Collections expected in next 10 years from 49% Junior Note Holding
<b>Net Impact</b>	<b>(109)</b>	<b>Net Reduction in Lowell ERC</b>

# 120m GMMs Per Vintage

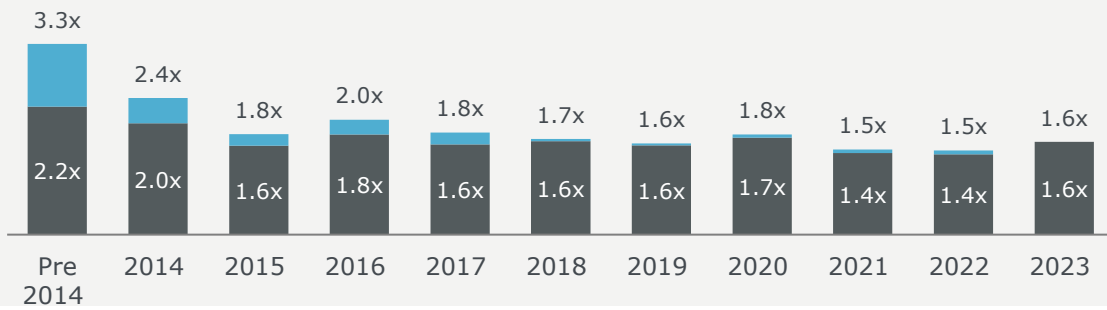
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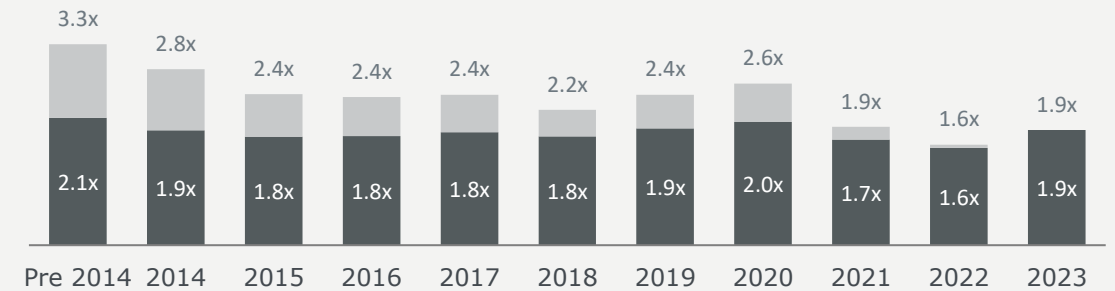
## DACH



## Nordics



## Combined Group<sup>2</sup>



Note: Current GMM is calculated using actual collections to Jun-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.  
<sup>1</sup> Includes Hoist UK acquisition. <sup>2</sup> Indicative combined Group GMMs shown on a 120m basis and all translated at Jun-23 closing FX rate which may result in differences across reporting periods as FX rates change

# Calculation of Group 120m ERC Replacement Rate

£m	Jun-23
120m ERC	4,142
Year 1 Collections	728
Roll-forward (Year 11 Collections)	196
Collections to replace	532
2022 vintage GMM	1.6x
2023 vintage GMM	1.9x
Blended GMM <sup>1</sup>	1.7x
Replacement Rate as calculated at Jun-23	304
Replacement Rate as calculated at Jun-22	329
<b>Average LTM Replacement Rate<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>317</b>

## 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	1.4x	
<b>Weighted Average</b>				<b>1.6x</b>
2023 Vintage	UK	DACH	Nordics	Total
Purchases (£m)	93	53	26	173
% of total purchases	54%	31%	15%	100%
Actual 120m GMM	2.1x	1.6x	1.6x	
<b>Weighted Average</b>				<b>1.9x</b>
<b>Blended GMM</b>				<b>1.7x</b>

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

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



# Leverage and Liquidity

**£209<sub>m</sub>** Liquidity<sup>1</sup>

£m	Jun-23
RCF Capacity	393
Amounts Drawn	(386)
Securitisation Availability <sup>2</sup>	78
Cash	124
<b>Available Liquidity</b>	<b>209</b>

£m	Jun-23
Net Debt	2,424
Pro Forma LTM Cash EBITDA	747
<b>Net Debt / Pro Forma LTM Cash EBITDA</b>	<b>3.2x</b>
Senior Secured Net Debt / Pro Forma LTM Cash EBITDA	2.6x

**3.2x** Pro Forma Net Leverage<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Calculated as unrestricted cash on balance sheet plus amounts available to draw on RCF and UK Securitisations at Jun-23. Liquidity reported excludes reserves held in securitisation vehicles of ~£22m which are due back to Lowell once facilities mature. Amounts currently treated and reported as 'restricted' cash. <sup>2</sup> Amounts available across ABS Facility 1, Facility 2 and Facility 3 as at Jun-23. <sup>3</sup> Calculated as Net Debt to LTM Pro Forma Cash EBITDA.

# Net Debt and Borrowings at 30 June 2023

## Net Debt

Bond Principal	£m
£440m Senior Secured Notes 7.75%	440
€795m Senior Secured Notes 6.75%	686
€630m Senior Secured Notes EURIBOR +6.25%	544
RCF Drawings and Other	
GBP Drawn RCF	159
EUR Drawn RCF	227
ABS – Facility 1	151
ABS – Facility 2	225
ABS – Facility 3	116
Cash	
Cash	124
<b>Senior Secured Net Debt</b>	<b>1,931</b>
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>2,424</b>
<b>Gross Debt</b>	<b>2,548</b>

Note: Does not reflect the Bond repurchase activity in August 2023

## 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

<b>3PC</b>	-	Third Party Collection			
<b>ABS</b>	-	Asset backed securitisation			
<b>Acquisitions</b>	-	The purchases of NPLs			
<b>Cash EBITDA</b>	-	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			
<b>Cash Income</b>	-	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			
<b>DACH</b>	-	Germany, Austria and Switzerland			
<b>DP</b>	-	Debt Purchase			
<b>EBITDA</b>	-	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)			
<b>ERC</b>	-	Estimated Remaining Collections over 84, 120 or 180 months			
<b>EURIBOR</b>	-	Euro Interbank Offer Rate			
<b>GMM</b>	-	'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			
			<b>Gross Profit</b>	-	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)
			<b>IFRS</b>	-	International Financial Reporting Standards
			<b>Net Debt</b>	-	Senior Secured Notes bond principal plus Senior Notes bond principal plus RCF drawn amounts plus securitisation drawn amounts less cash
			<b>Nordics</b>	-	For the purpose of the presentation include Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland
			<b>NPL</b>	-	Non Performing Loans
			<b>RCF</b>	-	Revolving Credit Facility
			<b>Replacement Rate</b>	-	The estimated amount of purchases to maintain current Group ERC
			<b>SASB</b>	-	Sustainability Accounting Standards Board
			<b>SONIA</b>	-	Sterling overnight index average

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# Upcoming Events

- ◇ **Q3-23 Results** – November 2023
- ◇ **Non-Deal Investor Day Meetings** – Nov/Dec 2023 (TBC)
- ◇ **FY23 Results** – April 2024

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