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WELCOME

IAIN FERGUSON Chairman



AGENDA

PETER TRUSCOTT

INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

BILL FLOYDD

- HY24 PERFORMANCE
- FINANCIAL UPDATE
- FY24 OUTLOOK

PETER TRUSCOTT

- MARKET OVERVIEW
- OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Q&A

IAIN FERGUSON

INTRODUCTION: MARTYN CLARK, CEO DESIGNATE



INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

PETER TRUSCOTT
Chief Executive



HY24 PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

- Trading conditions, a mixed picture
 - Base rate stable
 - Rate cut expectation
- Transaction levels aligned with expectations
 - SPOW rate 0.47
 - Pricing remains stable
- Highly selective on land acquisition in tightened land market
 - Strong land portfolio
 - Short-term focus on planning
- Completed sites review concluded
- Net debt better than expectations



HY24 RESULTS

BILL FLOYDD Group Finance Director



INCOME STATEMENT

£m	HY24	HY23
Revenue	257.5	282.7
Adjusted gross profit ¹	32.5	50.6
Adjusted gross margin ¹	13.6%	17.9%
Adjusted operating profit ¹	6.2	22.1
Adjusted profit before tax ¹	2.6	20.9
Exceptional items before tax	(33.5)	7.5
Adjusted basic earnings per share (p) ¹	0.7	6.1
Dividend per share (p)	1.0	5.5

- Revenue down 9% reflecting weak forward order book coming into the year
- Gross profit impacted by flat sales prices and mix
 - Actively managing low margin sites
- Adjusted operating profit at £6.2m after £5.9m impact of completed sites review
- Exceptional items relate to completed sites review and combustibles



^{1.} HY24 and HY23 figures for exceptional items as disclosed on slide 15

SALES METRICS

	HY24	HY23	% Change
Outlets (average)	45	48	-6.3%
SPOW (open market)	0.47	0.54	-13.0%
Home completions (units) ^{1,2}			
Open market (private)	435	532	-18.2%
Bulk ³	177	115	53.9%
Affordable	176	247	-28.7%
Total	788	894	-11.9%
Joint ventures	145	86	

ASP £000 ⁴	HY24	HY23	% Change
Home completions			
Open market (private)	421	433	-2.8%
Open market (including bulk)	402	405	-0.7%
Affordable	177	179	-1.1%
Total housing ASP (weighted average)	349	341	2.3%

- Lower outlets due to planning constraints
- Full year SPOW rate of 0.45 on track
- Pricing remains stable
- Cancellation rate at normalised level
- Forward order book for H2 24 as at 30 April 450 open market and 277 affordable homes



¹ Includes joint venture units at full unit count

² Presented on an equivalent unit basis which allocates a proportion of the unit count for a deal to the land sale element where the deal contains a land sale

³ Bulk home completions reflect sales to Private Rented Sector (PRS), Registered Providers (excluding S106) and private investors

⁴ ASP calculation includes the Group's share of joint venture units and sales prices

PROGRESS ON TRACK

Outstanding work	At 17 Jan 2024	At 7 June 2024
Apartment buildings	2 buildings remaining	1 remaining (completion: July 2024)
Grade 1 listed building	Preliminary stage	Final sign off: June 2024
Road/Pavement	Not started	Delayed but to complete in August
Landscaping	Not started	Progressing to plan
Pedestrian bridge	Planning approval pending	Pending approval Expected completion 9 months after planning approval
Sales	74 of 239 apartments to sell	55 apartments to sell





GRADE 1 BUILDING WORKS NEARING COMPLETION











EXTERNAL BUILDING WORKS COMPLETED











SITE OVERVIEW





COMPLETED SITES PROVISION

Scope of review

- Initial review covered four key sites and sites completed prior to FY19
- Subsequently extended to cover all completed sites
- c.140 sites reviewed in total

External consultants appointed in March

- Review of Crest's approach
- Review and challenge of cost estimates
- Recommendations made to improve process

Review recently concluded

- Extension of scope has resulted in higher costs than previously indicated
- One-off costs estimated at £31.4m.
- Excludes recoveries

Treatment of costs

- £25.5m as exceptional charge for HY24
- Balance of £5.9m recorded as one-off pre-exceptional charge

Roadmap to address these issues to be rolled out



EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

£m	HY24	HY23
Adjusted cost of sales		
Combustible materials charge	(8.9)	(1.4)
Combustible materials credit	4.4	10.0
Net combustible materials (charge) /credit	(4.5)	8.6
Completed sites (charge)	(25.5)	-
Legal claim	(0.3)	-
Total cost of sales (charge) / credit	(30.3)	8.6
Net finance expense	(3.2)	(2.2)
Combustible materials credit of joint ventures	-	1.1
Total exceptional (charge) / credit	(33.5)	7.5
Tax credit / (charge) on exceptional items	8.4	(2.0)
Total exceptional (charge)/credit after tax credit	(25.1)	5.5

Fire remediation

- £8.9m charge related to build costs inflation and scope of work
- £4.4m recovered from third parties
- £3.2m imputed interest

Legal claim

No substantive change in the half, legal fees



CURRENT LAND PORTFOLIO

BALANCE IN LOW MARGIN SITES REDUCING

Plots ¹	31,959	33,752
GDV (£bn)	11.6	12.2
ASP1 (£k)	367	364
Short-term		14,922
land	14,146	JV plots ¹
	JV plots ¹ 950	1,095
Strategic	17,813	18,830
land	_	
	HY24	FY23

- Focus on working through low margin sites
- Share of portfolio with low margins reduced from 8% to 5%
- Sub 10% margin revenue in FY24 similar to FY23 and halving in FY25
- Sufficient land with advanced planning stage into FY26 at stronger margins



¹ Plot numbers based on management estimates of site capacity. Includes joint venture units at full unit count. Presented on an equivalent unit basis which allocates a proportion of the unit count for a deal to the land sale element where the deal contains a land sale. ASP reflects joint venture plot at Group share.

BALANCE SHEET

NET DEBT BETTER THAN EXPECTATIONS

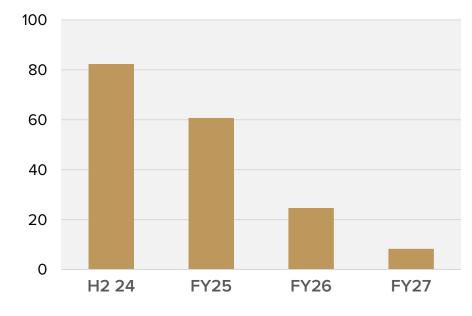
Balance sheet – key items (£m)	HY24	HY23
Inventories	1,181.9	1,108.1
Land creditors	(175.9)	(148.2)
Net (debt) / cash	(9.4)	66.2
Net assets	803.1	876.6

- Net asset reduction from completed site costs and dividend payment
- RCF facility of £250m matures 2026
- Private placement of £100m maturity 2024 2029

Profile of private placement repayment

P.P. repayment date	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	Aug 2027	Aug 2029
% of total	15%	20%	50%	15%

LAND CREDITOR ROLL OUT (£m)





CASH FLOW

Operating cash flow (£m)	HY24	HY23
PAT	(23.4)	21.1
Non cash items	2.2	14.6
Operating cash before working capital charges	(21.2)	35.7
Movement in inventories	(17.8)	(120.0)
Other working capital movements	(28.0)	(81.1)
Cash (used by) operations	(67.0)	(165.4)
Finance and tax	4.4	(11.7)
Dividend	(29.5)	(29.5)
Other	18.2	(3.4)
Cash (decrease)	(73.9)	(210.0)

Key HY24 cash flow items are:

- Dividend of £29.5m (HY23: £29.5m)
- Working capital £45.8m vs £201.1m prior year
- FY24 net debt expected range: £40m £60m
- Improvement in net debt driven by stronger discipline and focus with some deferrals on land and combustibles



FY24 OUTLOOK

GUIDANCE

	FY24
Completions	1,800 – 1,900 units c. 25% affordable c. 75% open market and bulk
Outlets	c. 45
SPOW	0.45
Build cost inflation	c. flat
Net finance costs	£8 -9m
Adjusted profit before tax ¹	£22m- £29m
Net debt	(£40m) — (£60m)



H1 OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

- Improvement in operational disciplines
- Completed sites review concluded
- Farnham and low margin sites being progressed to conclusion
- Strong land portfolio
- Focus on balance sheet discipline

Good progress enabling stronger performance as market conditions improve



MARKET OVERVIEW

PETER TRUSCOTT Chief Executive



MARKET CONTEXT

FY24 OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

- Political and economic environment
 - UK General Election imminent
 - Global issues persist
- Land and planning
 - Slowing new site releases pose a sectorwide challenge for outlets
 - Approvals process remains slow
 - Nutrient neutrality continues to impact
- Housing sector fundamentals remain positive
 - Structural imbalance between supply and demand
 - Average wage growth outweighs house price inflation
 - Rate reduction will improve overall sentiment



OPERATIONAL UPDATE

PETER TRUSCOTTChief Executive



PROGRESS ON PRIORITIES FY24

OPERATIONAL FOCUS

- To return to five star customer service rating
 - Consistently tracking above 90% since February last year
- Maintain flexible and efficient operating platform
 - Improvement in operation rigour and sharpened focus on efficiency
- Progress made in converting land to implementable planning consent
 - Strong land approval pipeline
- Good progress in Building Safety remediation
- Health and safety remains key priority
 - Achieved high industry scores

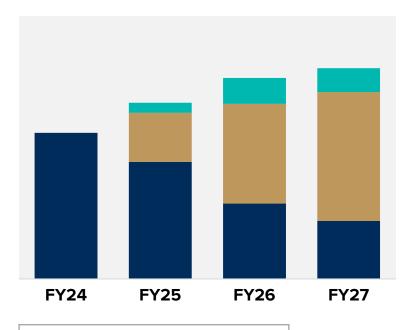


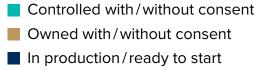
CURRENT LAND PORTFOLIO

SUPPORT FUTURE GROWTH

- Sufficient land at advanced planning stages
 - Good visibility for FY25 and beyond
- Land market remains tight
- Ongoing focus on strategic land bank pull through

LAND PLANNING PROFILE GM EVOLUTION









SUSTAINABILITY & SOCIAL VALUE

GOOD PROGRESS ON TARGETS

- On track with environmental targets, including good progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Advancing our preparation for the Future Homes Standard, with some sites implementing air source heat pumps alongside other technologies
- Maintaining active collaboration with the Future Homes Hub and other industry stakeholders to address environmental challenges

SUSTAINABILITY BENCHMARKS AND INDICES

Rated Aon climate change



AA rated

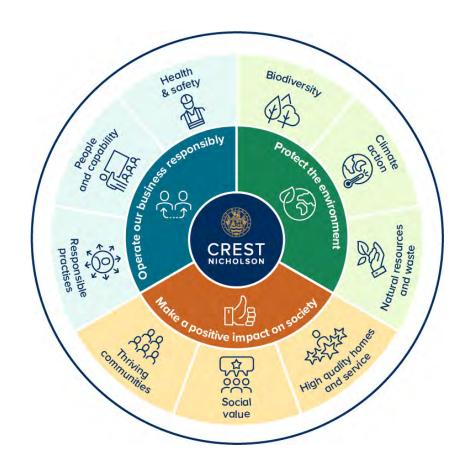


Constituent of



Assessed as low risk (15.0)





SUMMARY

PETER TRUSCOTTChief Executive



SUMMARY

- Operationally good progress made in the half
- Net debt better than expectations
- Effective resolution of legacy issues
 - Roadmap being rolled out
- Ability to capitalise on higher margin land portfolio in future years
- Well positioned for future growth
 - High quality short term land portfolio
 - Increase operational rigour to optimise margins









WRAP UP

IAIN FERGUSON
Chairman



INTRODUCTION

MARTYN CLARK
Chief Executive Officer, designate



APPENDIX



INCOME STATEMENT

£m (unless otherwise stated)	HY24	HY23	% Change
Revenue	257.5	282.7	(8.9)
Cost of sales	(225.0)	(232.1)	
Adjusted gross profit ¹	32.5	50.6	(35.8)
Adjusted gross profit margin ¹	12.6%	17.9%	
Net administrative expenses	(26.1)	(28.3)	
Net impairment losses on financial assets	(0.2)	(0.2)	
Adjusted operating profit ¹	6.2	22.1	(71.9)
Adjusted operating profit margin ¹	2.4%	7.8%	
Adjusted net finance expense ¹	(3.6)	(2.5)	
Share of joint venture results	-	1.3	
Adjusted profit before tax ¹	2.6	20.9	(87.6)
Adjusted income tax ¹	(0.9)	(5.3)	
Adjusted profit after tax ¹	1.7	15.6	(89.1)
Exceptional items net of income tax	(25.1)	5.5	
Profit after tax	(23.4)	21.1	(210.9)
Adjusted basic earnings per share (p) ¹	(9.1)	8.2	(211.0)



 $[{]f 1.}\,$ HY24 and HY23 figures for exceptional items as disclosed on slide 15

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 April 2024, £m	HY24	HY23
Non-current assets	70.7	80.3
Inventories	1,181.9	1,108.1
Cash and cash equivalents	88.7	163.6
Other current assets	117.8	110.3
Total assets	1,459.1	1,462.3
Non-current interest-bearing loans + borrowings	(83.9)	(97.4)
Other non-current liabilities	(128.0)	(117.5)
Current interest-bearing loans + borrowings	(14.2)	-
Current provisions	(104.3)	(72.3)
Other current liabilities	(325.6)	(298.5)
Total liabilities	(656.0)	(585.7)
Net assets	803.1	876.6



CASH FLOW (FULL VERSION)

£m	HY24	HY23
Operating (loss)/profit before changes in working capital and provisions	(21.2)	35.7
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other receivables	(7.8)	34.2
Increase in inventories	(17.8)	(120.0)
Decrease in trade, other payables and provisions	(24.4)	(114.6)
Contribution to retirement benefit obligations	(0.8)	(0.7)
Cash used by operations	(72.0)	(165.4)
Finance expense paid	(2.8)	(2.9)
Income tax received/(paid)	7.2	(8.8)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(62.6)	(177.1)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	19.1	(1.1)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(30.4)	(31.8)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(73.9)	(210.0)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	162.6	373.6
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	88.7	163.6
Private placement	(100.0)	(100.0)
Fees	1.9	2.6
Net (debt)/cash	(9.4)	66.2

