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## THE VERY GROUP LIMITED (FORMERLY SHOP DIRECT LIMITED)

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the 9 months ended 31 March 2020

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#### **INTERIM RESULTS STATEMENT**

The directors present their interim results statement of The Very Group Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group") for the nine month period ended 31 March 2020. On 13 January 2020, Shop Direct Limited changed its name to The Very Group Limited.

#### Covid-19

At The Very Group, the safety and well-being of our colleagues and customers remains our priority. In line with government advice we are ensuring the protection of our colleagues whilst we have kept our online store open for customers at a time when they need us more than ever. Colleagues who can work from home have been able to do so with minimal disruption including contact centre teams who have transitioned to home working for the first time. At sites which remain open to meet fulfilment needs, stringent safety measures, such as frequent cleaning, fewer colleagues on site at any one time and social distancing, are in place.

We have a strong business and a dedicated group of colleagues working to serve our customers. We have a multi-category offer including fashion, electrical products, white goods, homeware and furniture and seasonal products, which provides resilience against movements in individual product categories. In the final two weeks of the period to March 2020, we saw a shift in sales mix, primarily out of fashion, which saw a sharp drop and into electrical, toys, and games. Overall, trading levels have been solid but with a deterioration in retail margin with a change in product mix away from higher margin fashion into lower margin electrical goods. However, with the relatively higher purchase price of electrical goods comes higher credit utilisation, and therefore long-term revenue and profit. Given the relatively short period which we saw an impact from Covid-19 within the 9 month reporting period to March 2020, this has not had a material impact on these results.

We are working closely with our product partners to optimise the range and availability of products in demand from approximately 30 countries who continue to provide key supply chain support.

Our financial services products are a critical part of our offer: approximately 95% of our sales are via a credit account. We believe our combination of products and credit provision can alleviate the concerns our customers have about Covid-19 in a relevant way and we have seen an increase in customer account applications, including credit accounts.

#### Covid-19 update post March 2020 reporting period

Post the end of March, we have seen the following:

- The shift in sales out of fashion and into the likes of electrical, toys and games, seen at the end of March, has continued;
- Trading has strengthened during April with retail sales up over 30% against prior year;
- A 3 month payment deferral for customers impacted by Covid-19 has been implemented and we are seeing take up of this below that which was included in the stress test scenario (see below). In line with FCA guidance, these accounts have been treated as up to date and their credit files not adjusted.

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#### **INTERIM RESULTS STATEMENT (continued)**

#### Covid-19 stress testing and liquidity

It is clearly extremely difficult to quantify the expected impact of Covid-19 on our business. However, we have stress tested our forecasts for a number of scenarios and deployed strategies and tools to closely manage cash flow and mitigate any issues.

Whilst it is not our policy to provide forward guidance, we made the decision during March to plan against a stress test scenario of a decline in retail sales relative to the prior year of 25% in quarter 4 of FY20. We believe that decisive action against a prudent stress test best ensures the long-term health of the Group, our ability to serve customers, and our desire to protect jobs. Our actions include cost reduction, tight management of capital spend, a reduction in our cost of employment and sensible inventory management.

Against this scenario we are confident that we have sufficient liquidity for the next 18 months, and we are confident we will satisfy covenant requirements. As explained above, trading has been significantly better than this scenario.

At March 2020, we have cash and bank balances of £78m and which has increased to over £100m at the end of April 2020, reflecting the combination of our actions and strong trading.

#### Review of the business

The profit for the period of £33.2m (Q3 FY19 YTD: loss of £23.5m) includes pre-exceptional net finance costs of £83.9m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £75.1m) and exceptional costs of £17.0m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £105.0m). Reported EBITDA before exceptional costs increased 1.6% to £179.2m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £176.4m).

£75.0m has been invested by way of equity injection in November 2019 and a further £25.0m in February 2020. In February 2020, £50.0m of 'C2' notes have been issued under the securitisation facility, completing the £150m funding requirement announced in October 2019. Q3 FY20 net assets of £44.5m (FY19: net deficit £88.5m).

#### **Group revenue**

In a challenging retail market Very revenue grew 2.4% to £1,182.6m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £1,154.9m), benefitting from its combination of famous brands, mobile-first customer experience and options to spread the cost of purchases using credit. Littlewoods revenue was down 13.4% to £349.9m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £403.9m) including a 1.6%pts impact from the closure of the Littlewoods Clearance business. Littlewoods Clearance was closed to drive cost efficiencies and benefit profitability of the overall business. Group revenue decreased by 1.7% to £1,532.5m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £1,558.8m).

#### Notes:

1. Q3 FY20 YTD is the 9 months ended 31 March 2020. Q3 FY19 YTD is the 9 months ended 31 March 2019.

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#### **INTERIM RESULTS STATEMENT (continued)**

#### Review of the business (continued)

#### Retail revenue

Retail revenue decreased by 0.2%. Our flagship brand Very grew revenue by 3.5%, in a challenging market. Our robust business model which offers a multi-category range has continued to provide resilience against adverse movements in individual product categories.

Fashion & Sports revenue increased by 1.4% with Quarter 3 performance impacted by a softer market followed by impact from Covid-19 towards the end of the quarter, with customers prioritising purchases linked to living and working from home, but which demonstrates the benefit of the multicategory model. Men's, Women's and Children's sportswear clothing have continued to perform strongly. Electrical revenue grew by 1.6% in Quarter 3 albeit declined by 0.3% in the year-to-date. The quarter's growth was driven by strong performances in computing, gaming and vision, as customers responded to the new lockdown measures. Audio continued to perform strongly and has grown by 60% in the year to date. Home declined by 4.0% in the year-to-date despite strong growth seen in Garden Tools, particularly in Quarter 3. Other Categories (which represents 12% of the retail revenue mix, includes Toys, Gifts, Beauty and Leisure) grew by 0.5% against prior year, with an improvement in Quarter 3 particularly driven by Toys, which grew by 6%.

#### **Financial Services revenue**

Financial Services revenue has decreased by 5.6% including a reduction in the volume of administration fees charged in the year to date as a result of changes we have made to our administration fees policy which are designed to help customers who are not in financial difficulty, but who fall periodically into arrears.

Interest income performance has been impacted by a lower average debtor book in the year to date and higher customer payments, with interest income as a percentage of the average debtor book decreasing by 0.4%pts to 17.5% (Q3 FY19 YTD: 17.9%).

#### **Gross profit and costs**

Gross margin rate decreased by 0.8%pts to 36.9% (Q3 FY19 YTD: 37.7%), largely driven by the impact of lower financial services income and impact on retail margin from the continued switch to Very from Littlewoods. This was partially offset by bad debt performance.

Bad debt expense as a percentage of the debtor book was lower than prior year at 6.1% (Q3 FY19 YTD: 6.7%). There has been a continued strong focus on responsible lending and assessment of customer sustainability at both acquisition and during the lifetime of lending.

Distribution expenses increased to £175.0m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £172.9m), reflecting product mix and higher collate costs including through new social distancing measures in fulfilment centres. During the period the new fulfilment and returns centre at East Midlands Gateway has successfully opened and which will remove further cost in the medium term. Administrative expenses before exceptional items, amortisation and depreciation decreased to £214.0m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £240.0m) primarily driven by savings made as part of a continued focus on managing the cost base and through adoption of IFRS 16, due to the reclassification of rent expense to interest and depreciation. Total costs as a percentage of revenue decreased to 25.3% (Q3 FY19 YTD: 26.4%).

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#### **INTERIM RESULTS STATEMENT (continued)**

#### Review of the business (continued)

#### **EBITDA**

Reported EBITDA before exceptional costs increased 1.6% to £179.2m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £176.4m). As a percentage of Group revenue, the EBITDA margin increased 0.4%pts to 11.7% compared to the prior year. The higher EBITDA reflects continued strong cost performance and £6.6m positive impact on EBITDA from adopting IFRS 16. Underlying EBITDA, which excludes fair value and pension adjustments, increased 2.4% to £183.8m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £179.5m).

#### Finance costs

Pre-exceptional net finance costs of £83.9m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £75.1m) driven by higher 'B' and 'C1' and new 'C2' note drawings in the year to date, as well as the £4.4m impact of transition to IFRS 16 with the corresponding reclassification of rent expense to interest and depreciation.

#### **Exceptional items**

Exceptional items charged to operating profit of £17.0m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £105.0m) include costs associated with the move to the new fulfilment and returns centre at East Midlands Gateway, as well as restructuring costs.

#### **Taxation**

The tax charge in the income statement of £4.8m (Q3 FY19 YTD: credit of £14.2m) includes a current tax charge of £0.9m and a charge of £3.9m in relation to a decrease in the deferred tax asset.

#### Statement of cash flows

The cash and cash equivalents balance increased by £11.6m to £(76.2)m during the year-to-date (Q3 FY19 YTD: cash and cash equivalents decrease of £98.1m to £(60.4)m), including £100.0m of share capital issued, £50.0m of new 'C2' notes issued under the securitisation facility and partially offset by customer redress payments.

Cash flows in respect of capital additions for the period of £65.3m (Q3 FY19 YTD: £55.2m) across business-as-usual and strategic investments. The year-on-year increase is driven by timing of investment in strategic projects.

#### **Balance sheet**

Increase in equity of £133.0m to £44.5m (30 June 2019: deficit £88.5m) driven by the profit for the period and equity injection of £100.0m.

Inventory increased to £124.1m (30 June 2019: £94.2m) reflecting seasonal movements as well as lower fashion sales in Quarter 3. Working capital efficiency through inventory management remains a key focus. Trade and other receivables increased to £2,165.2m (30 June 2019: £2,103.6m) driven by an increase in trade debtors, reflecting seasonality. Trade and other payables broadly flat at £503.2m (30 June 2019: £502.6m).

Securitisation borrowings increased to £1,443.5m (30 June 2019: £1,372.6m), broadly in line with gross trade debtors together with the additional issue of £50.0m 'C2' notes. The securitisation facility expires in December 2022 with A-S' Notes (£1,143.3m), 'A-J' Notes (£181.7m), 'B' Notes (£105.0m), 'C1' Notes (£105.0m) and 'C2' Notes (£50.0m), a total maximum commitment of £1,585.0m.

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#### **INTERIM RESULTS STATEMENT (continued)**

#### Review of the business (continued)

#### **Funding update**

The FY19 Annual Report and Group Financial Statements were prepared on a going concern basis. Within these, it was recognised that there was a material uncertainty due to the Group requiring £150.0m of additional funding following an unexpected late surge in PPI claim volumes ahead of the 29 August 2019 FCA deadline. The £150.0m has been received in the year-to-date through £100.0m of equity injections and £50.0m of 'C2' notes issued under the securitisation facility.

#### UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

		9 months to 31 March 2020		9 months	9 months to 31 March 2019			Year to 30 June 2019		
	Notes	Pre- exceptional items £'m	Exceptional items <sup>(5)</sup> £'m	Total £'m	Pre- exceptional items £'m	Exceptional items <sup>(5)</sup> £'m	Total £'m	Pre- exceptional items £'m	Exceptional items <sup>(5)</sup> £'m	Total £'m
Revenue	4	1,532.5	-	1,532.5	1,558.8	-	1,558.8	1,993.4	-	1,993.4
Operating profit/(loss	) 4	138.9	(17.0)	121.9	142.4	(105.0)	37.4	226.2	(310.2)	(84.0)
Finance income Finance costs	_	0.1 (84.0)	- -	0.1 (84.0)	0.1 (75.2)	- -	0.1 (75.2)	0.6 (102.1)	- -	0.6 (102.1)
Profit/(loss) before tax		55.0	(17.0)	38.0	67.3	(105.0)	(37.7)	124.7	(310.2)	(185.5)
Tax (charge)/credit	8	(4.8)	-	(4.8)	14.2	-	14.2	(6.3)	21.8	15.5
Profit/(loss) for the period/year		50.2	(17.0)	33.2	81.5	(105.0)	(23.5)	118.4	(288.4)	(170.0)
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the Group	<u>-</u>	50.2	(17.0)	33.2	81.5	(105.0)	(23.5)	118.4	(288.4)	(170.0)

<sup>(5) -</sup> See note 5 - Exceptional items

#### UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	9 months to 31 March 2020 £'m	9 months to 31 March 2019 £'m	Year to 30 June 2019 £'m
Profit/(loss) for the period/year	33.2	(23.5)	(170.0)
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Remeasurement on retirement benefit obligations before tax Impact of pension scheme buy-out Tax on pension scheme buy-out Income tax effect	(0.3) - - -	(1.1) 22.2 (7.8) (1.2)	2.0 22.2 (7.8) (3.4)
Other comprehensive (expense)/income	(0.3)	12.1	13.0
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Foreign currency translation gain/(loss)	0.1	(0.4)	(0.6)
Other comprehensive (expense)/income	(0.2)	11.7	12.4
Total comprehensive income/(expense) attributable to: Owners of the company	33.0	(11.8)	(157.6)

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLID	ATED BALANC	E SHEET		
		31 March	31 March	30 June
	Notes	2020 £'m	2019 £'m	2019 £'m
Assets		<del>-</del>		~
Non-current assets Goodwill		202.5	252.5	202.5
Other intangible assets		202.5	252.5 224.1	202.5 215.1
Property, plant and equipment		7.8	9.7	10.2
Right-of-use assets	3	121.8	-	-
Deferred tax asset		145.2	142.8	149.1
		712.3	629.1	576.9
Current assets	<del>-</del>			
Inventories	_	124.1	114.0	94.2
Trade and other receivables	7	2,165.2	2,191.2 0.1	2,103.6
Income tax asset Cash and bank balances		1.5 78.3	56.9	1.8 14.8
Derivative financial instruments	6	2.5	2.5	4.8
	_	2,371.6	2,364.7	2,219.2
Total assets	_	3,083.9	2,993.8	2,796.1
Equity and liabilities	=			
Equity				
Share capital	12	(200.0)	(100.0)	(100.0)
Accumulated deficit		155.5	42.7	188.5
Total (equity)/deficit	_	(44.5)	(57.3)	88.5
Non-current liabilities	_			
Loans and borrowings	10	(550.0)	(550.0)	(550.0)
Securitisation facilities	10	(1,443.5)	(1,447.0)	(1,372.6)
Retirement benefit obligations Deferred income		(58.4) (34.1)	(61.7) (39.0)	(58.0) (36.2)
Obligations under finance leases		(115.9)	(1.9)	(1.6)
Provisions	9	(5.0)	(22.2)	(16.8)
	<u> </u>	(2,206.9)	(2,121.8)	(2,035.2)
Current liabilities	_			
Trade and other payables		(503.2)	(544.8)	(502.6)
Loans and borrowings	10	(154.5)	(117.3)	(102.6)
Obligations under finance leases		(13.6)	(1.5)	(1.5)
Deferred income Provisions	9	(56.3) (104.9)	(62.1) (89.0)	(61.9) (180.8)
FIOVISIONS	9 _	(104.9)	(89.0)	(100.0)
	_	(832.5)	(814.7)	(849.4)
Total liabilities		(3,039.4)	(2,936.5)	(2,884.6)
Total equity and liabilities	_	(3,083.9)	(2,993.8)	(2,796.1)
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#### **UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	Share capital £'m	Retained earnings £'m	Total £'m
Changes in equity for the 9 months to 31 March 2020			
Balance as at 1 July 2019	100.0	(188.5)	(88.5)
Profit for the period Other comprehensive expense	-	33.2 (0.2)	33.2 (0.2)
Total comprehensive income	-	33.0	33.0
Issue of share capital	100.0	-	100.0
Balance at 31 March 2020	200.0	(155.5)	44.5
Changes in equity for the 9 months to 31 March 2019			
Balance as at 1 July 2018 as previously reported	100.0	85.3	185.3
Changes on transition to IFRS 9	-	(116.2)	(116.2)
Balance as at 1 July 2018 as restated	100.0	(30.9)	69.1
Loss for the period Other comprehensive expense	-	(23.5) 11.7	(23.5) 11.7
Total comprehensive expense	-	(11.8)	(11.8)
Balance at 31 March 2019	100.0	(42.7)	57.3
Changes in equity for the year to 30 June 2019			_
Balance as at 1 July 2018 as previously reported	100.0	85.3	185.3
Changes on transition to IFRS 9	-	(116.2)	(116.2)
Balance as at 1 July 2018 as restated	100.0	(30.9)	69.1
Loss for the year Other comprehensive income	-	(170.0) 12.4	(170.0) 12.4
Total comprehensive expense	-	(157.6)	(157.6)
Balance at 30 June 2019	100.0	(188.5)	(88.5)

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#### UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	9 months to 31 March 2020 £'m	9 months to 31 March 2019 £'m	Year to 30 June 2019 £'m
Net cash flows from operating activities		(86.5)	(171.4)	(128.1)
Investing activities Interest received Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment Acquisitions of intangible assets		(5.3) (60.0)	0.1 (1.2) (54.0)	0.6 (1.9) (49.8)
Net cash used in investing activities		(65.3)	(55.1)	(51.1)
Financing activities Repayments of finance leases Issue of share capital Drawdowns from securitisation facilities		(7.3) 100.0 70.7	(1.2) - 129.6	(1.5) - 55.2
Net cash flows from financing activities		163.4	128.4	53.7
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		11.6	(98.1)	(125.5)
Opening cash and cash equivalents		(87.8)	37.7	37.7
Closing cash and cash equivalents	11	(76.2)	(60.4)	(87.8)

UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) TO NET CASH FROM

### **OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	9 months to 31 March 2020 £'m	9 months to 31 March 2019 £'m	Year to 30 June 2019 £'m
Profit/(loss) for the period/year	33.2	(23.5)	(170.0)
Adjustments for: Depreciation	7.3	2.5	2.0
Amortisation Impairment of intangible assets	33.0	31.5 -	42.8 3.7
Impairment loss on fixtures and equipment Impairment of goodwill	1.8	1.2	2.2 50.0
Financial instrument net losses/(gains) through profit and loss Finance income	2.3	- (0.1)	(2.3) (0.6)
Finance costs Income tax expense/(credit)	83.2 4.8	74.2 (14.2)	100.4 (15.5)
(Decrease)/increase in provisions Adjustments for pensions	(87.7) 2.2	(16.6) 2.9	69.8 9.6
Operating cash flows before movements in			
working capital	80.1	57.9	92.1
(Increase)/decrease in inventories Increase in trade and other receivables Decrease in trade and other payables	(29.9) (62.8) (7.3)	(12.1) (130.9) (24.0)	7.7 (39.9) (72.6)
Cash absorbed by operations	(19.9)	(109.1)	(12.7)
Income taxes paid Interest paid	(0.4) (66.2)	(0.3) (62.0)	(17.1) (98.3)
Net cash flows from operating activities	(86.5)	(171.4)	(128.1)

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#### NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. General information

The Very Group Limited (formerly Shop Direct Limited) is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales under the Companies Act. The address of its registered office is First Floor, Skyways House, Speke Road, Speke, Liverpool L70 1AB. With effect from 13 January 2020, the name of the Company was changed from Shop Direct Limited to The Very Group Limited.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements were approved for issue on 13 May 2020.

#### 2. Summary of accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

This condensed set of financial statements for the nine months ended 31 March 2020 should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the EU.

The financial information for the year ended 30 June 2019 does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. A copy of those accounts, prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the EU, have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The audit report on those accounts was unqualified, did not draw attention to any matters by way of emphasis without qualifying their report and did not contain any statement under section 498 (2) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2020 will be prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the EU. This condensed set of financial statements has been prepared applying the accounting policies and presentation that will be applied in the preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020.

The financial statements are drawn up to the Saturday nearest to 30 June or 31 March, or to 30 June or 31 March where this falls on a Saturday.

#### Going concern

At year end the Directors recognised that there was a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt as to the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. The material uncertainty was due to a material increase in the volume of customer redress claims in the weeks leading up to the FCA set deadline of 29 August 2019 resulting in an additional £150.0m provision being recognised as at 30 June 2019. The Directors resolved to seek additional funding of £150.0m to meet the final customer redress claims liability and ensure that the Group has sufficient liquidity to continue its business activities as a going concern.

On 19 November 2019 the Group received a £75.0m equity injection from its parent Shop Direct Holdings Limited. On 7 February 2020 the Group received a further £25.0m equity injection from its parent Shop Direct Holdings Limited.

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### NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### Going concern (continued)

In addition to the equity injections, the Group issued £50 million of new "C-2" notes under the existing receivables securitisation programme on 5 February 2020. This concludes the Group's funding of £150.0m to meet the final customer redress claims liability and ensures that the Group has sufficient liquidity to continue its business activities as a going concern.

As such the Directors no longer consider that there is a material uncertainty regarding the Group's ability to continue as a going concern given the updated funding. After making appropriate enquiries the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements.

#### New and revised standards

#### **IFRS 16 Leases**

During the current financial year, the Group has adopted IFRS 16 which supersedes IAS 17 (Leases) and was effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. Under IFRS 16, a lessee recognises a 'right-of-use' asset for all leases, which represents its right to use the underlying leased asset for the period of the lease. At the commencement date of a lease, a lessee is required to recognise both a right-of-use asset and a lease liability. Note 3 details the IFRS 16 leases transition and accounting policy choices applied.

#### 3. IFRS 16 transition

IFRS 16 was adopted by the Group on 1 July 2019 and the modified retrospective approach was applied to transition. Under the modified retrospective approach, a lessee does not restate comparative figures; instead the Group applies the new standard from the beginning of the current period.

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### NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 3. IFRS 16 transition (continued)

#### Initial measurement

At the commencement date, the right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which is equal to the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability plus payments made less incentives received before the commencement date of the lease.

The lease liability is measured initially at the present value of future lease payments. The present value of unpaid lease payments is the total lease payments unpaid, discounted at either the interest rate implicit in the lease or if that is not available, the Group's incremental borrowing rate.

The Directors consider the Group's incremental borrowing rate to be a critical accounting estimate and have used the rate of interest that best reflects what the Group would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, with a similar security and in a similar economic environment to its leases.

A 1% increase in the incremental borrowing rate used would decrease the opening value of right-of-use assets and equal lease liability by £5.2m. A 1% decrease in the incremental borrowing rate would increase the opening value right-of-use assets and equal lease liability by £5.8m.

The following accounting policy choices have been applied:

- The requirements of IFRS 16 have not been applied to leases of less than 12 months and those leases with an annual cost of less than £5,000 (such costs are recognised on a straight line or other systematic basis):
- IAS 17 lease assessments have been grandfathered (lease definition conclusions applied under IAS 17 have been carried forward on transition to IFRS 16);
- Non-lease components are not separated from lease components within the lease liability;
- No costs have been included in the right-of-use asset value for dismantling and removing the
  underlying asset, restoring the site on which it is located or restoring the underlying asset to
  the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease.
- VAT is not included in the lease liability.

#### Subsequent measurement

The right-of-use asset is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liability arising from a reassessment of lease term, revision to lease break assumptions or revision to in-substance fixed lease repayments. The depreciation and impairment accounting policies applied to the right-of-use assets are consistent with those applied to the respective tangible asset categories with depreciation charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability, reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made and adjusted to reflect any reassessment of lease term, revision to lease break assumptions or revision to insubstance fixed lease repayments. The interest expense is recognised within Finance costs within the Income statement.

The following tables present the assets and liabilities recognised on the balance sheet in relation to assets leased by the Group. Comparative information has not been provided for the reasons set out above.

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### NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 3. IFRS 16 transition (continued)

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Tright-of-use assets	Cost	Accumulated	Total
	£'m	Depreciation £'m	£'m
At 1 July 2019	79.7		79.7
Adjustments Additions Depreciation	(2.3) 50.7	(6.3)	(2.3) 50.7 (6.3)
At 31 March 2020	128.1	(6.3)	121.8

The adjustments to the cost of the right-of-use assets relate to a rent reduction and lease incentive received in October 2019.

Lease liabilities recognised on transition	Total £'m
At 1 July 2019	79.5
Adjustments Additions Disposals Interest Payments	(0.8) 50.7 - 4.7 (6.9)
At 31 March 2020	127.2

The opening lease liability reflects an amount equal to the lease liability on transition of £79.7m, adjusted for prepaid lease payments of £0.2m.

The right-of-use liability was due as follows at 31 March 2020;

,	£'m
Due within 1 year Due 2 - 5 years	12.0 37.0
Due after 5 years	78.2
Total	127.2

Reporting under IFRS 16 rather than IAS 17 has resulted in a positive EBITDA impact during the 9 months to 31 March 2020 of £6.6m.

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#### 4. Segmental analysis

By business segment

	9 months to 31 March 2020 £'m	9 months to 31 March 2019 £'m	Year to 30 June 2019 £'m
Analysis of revenue:			
Very† Littlewoods◊	1,182.6 349.9	1,154.9 403.9	1,488.1 505.3
	1,532.5	1,558.8	1,993.4
Gross profit	566.2	587.2	788.8
Distribution costs excluding depreciation Administrative costs excluding depreciation and	(175.0)	(172.9)	(224.9)
amortisation Other operating income	(214.0) 2.0	(240.0) 2.1	(295.6) 2.7
Dec assentional EDITDA*			
Pre-exceptional EBITDA*:	240.8	242.9	244.2
Very† Littlewoods≎	240.6 86.3	242.9 106.1	344.3 139.9
Central costs	(147.9)	(172.6)	(213.2)
	179.2	176.4	271.0
Exceptional items	(17.0)	(105.0)	(310.2)
Depreciation	(7.3)	(2.5)	(2.0)
Amortisation	(33.0)	(31.5)	(42.8)
Operating profit/(loss)	121.9	37.4	(84.0)
Finance income	0.4	0.4	0.0
Finance income Finance costs	0.1 (84.0)	0.1 (75.2)	0.6 (102.1)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	38.0	(37.7)	(185.5)

The analysis above is in respect of continuing operations.

<sup>\*</sup> Pre-exceptional EBITDA is defined as operating profit from continuing operations before amortisation of intangible assets, depreciation and exceptional items.

<sup>†</sup> Very revenue includes Very.co.uk and VeryExclusive.co.uk.

<sup>♦</sup> Littlewoods revenue includes Littlewoods.com and LittlewoodsIreland.ie.

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#### 4. Segmental analysis (continued)

By geographical location of destination	9 months	9 months	Year to
	to 31 March	to 31 March	30 June
	2020	2019	2019
	£'m	£'m	£'m
Revenue:	4.400.4	4 400 4	4.040.0
United Kingdom	1,469.4	1,498.1	1,916.8
Rest of World	63.1	60.7	76.6
	1,532.5	1,558.8	1,993.4
Operating profit/(loss): United Kingdom Rest of World	116.7	33.3	(89.8)
	5.2	4.1	5.8
	121.9	37.4	(84.0)

The analysis above is in respect of continuing operations.

Turnover by origin is not materially different from turnover by destination.

#### **Non-GAAP** measures

	9 months to 31 March 2020 £'m	9 months to 31 March 2019 £'m	Year to 30 June 2019 £'m
Reconciliation of pre-exceptional earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA" to underlying EBITDA	)		
Pre-exceptional EBITDA	179.2	176.4	271.0
Adjusted for:			
Fair value adjustments to financial instruments Foreign exchange translation movements on trade	2.3	-	(2.3)
creditors	8.0	2.0	2.6
IAS19 and IFRIC14 pension adjustments	1.5	1.0	1.1
Underlying EBITDA	183.8	179.4	272.4

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#### 5. Exceptional items before tax

	9 months to 31 March 2020 £'m	9 months to 31 March 2019 £'m	Year to 30 June 2019 £'m
Regulatory costs and associated administrative expenses Restructuring costs New fulfilment centre Impairment of intangible assets Impairment of goodwill Professional fees	5.4 7.9 - - 3.7	91.0 14.0 - - - -	241.0 13.0 1.5 3.7 50.0 1.0
	17.0	105.0	310.2

The restructuring costs reflect expenditure on the rationalisation of processes and functions within the Group. During the financial year ended 30 June 2019, the Group closed its standalone clearance operation, Littlewoods Clearance, which comprised seven UK outlets, websites, a fulfilment centre and head office team.

On 11 April 2018 the Group announced a proposal to upgrade its fulfilment capabilities by creating an automated 850,000 square foot distribution and returns centre in the East Midlands. The Group plans to begin exiting its existing fulfilment sites in Greater Manchester from mid-2020. As the Group is dual running multiple sites, all running costs for the East Midlands site including depreciation and finance costs related to the site's finance leases are included in exceptional costs. When the East Midlands site becomes the Group's principal distribution centre, running costs associated with East Midlands will be charged to normal operating profit, with any remaining running costs for the existing sites to be charged to exceptional costs.

The professional fees relate to corporate projects.

During the financial year ended 30 June 2019, the Group recognised regulatory charges of £241.0m to cover the estimated cost of customer redress claims in respect of historic shopping insurance sales to the claim's deadline set by the FCA of 29 August 2019. The remaining provision of £87.8m at 31 March 2020 is expected to be fully utilised within 12 months.

Impairment of intangible assets during the year ended 30 June 2019 relates to the impairment of brands.

Impairment of goodwill during the year ended 30 June 2019 relates to the impairment of the goodwill that arose on acquisition of Douglas Insurance Limited in 2008.

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#### Derivative financial instruments

At the balance sheet date details of outstanding forward exchange contracts that the Group has committed to are as follows:

	31 March 2020 £'m	31 March 2019 £'m	30 June 2019 £'m
Notional amount – Sterling contract value	102.8	146.4	106.0
Fair value of asset recognised	2.5	2.5	4.8

Changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments amounted to a loss of £2.3m in the period (9 months to 31 March 2019: £nil), which is included in administrative expenses.

The fair value of foreign currency derivatives contracts is their market value at the balance sheet date. Market values are based on the duration of the derivative instrument together with the quoted market data including interest rates, foreign exchange rates and market volatility at the balance sheet date.

The financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value are all grouped into Level 2 – directly observable market inputs other than Level 1 inputs. There were no transfers between Level 1 – quoted prices for similar instruments and Level 2 during the year.

#### 7. Trade and other receivables

	31 March	31 March	30 June
	2020	2019	2019
	£'m	£'m	£'m
Trade receivables Amounts owed by group undertakings (note 13) Prepayments and other receivables	1,381.6	1,420.2	1,374.4
	517.3	512.9	514.5
	266.3	258.1	214.7
	2,165.2	2,191.2	2,103.6

### NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 8. Taxation

The taxation charge for the 9 months to 31 March 2020 is based on the estimated tax rate for the full year to 30 June 2020 of 19.0% (9 months to 31 March 2019: 19.0%).

	9 months to 31 March 2020 £'m	9 months to 31 March 2019 £'m	Year to 30 June 2019 £'m
Current taxation UK corporation tax Prior year adjustment Foreign tax	(0.3)	(0.5) - (0.7)	(0.5) (6.7) (1.1)
Total current income tax	(0.8)	(1.2)	(8.3)
<b>Deferred tax</b> Arising from origination and reversal of temporary differences	(4.0)	15.4	23.8
Tax (charge)/credit in the income statement	(4.8)	14.2	15.5

#### 9. Provisions

	Warranties £'m	Restructuring £'m	Regulatory £'m	Total £'m
At 1 July 2019	0.8	22.2	174.6	197.6
Increase in provisions Provisions utilised	-	3.3 (4.2)	(86.8)	3.3 (91.0)
At 31 March 2020	0.8	21.3	87.8	109.9
Non-current Current	0.8	5.0 16.3	- 87.8	5.0 104.9
	0.8	21.3	87.8	109.9

### NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 9. Provisions (continued)

	Warranties £'m	Restructuring £'m	Regulatory £'m	Total £'m
At 1 July 2018	0.8	26.6	100.4	127.8
Increase in provisions Provisions utilised	-	9.8 (5.7)	91.0 (111.7)	100.8 (117.4)
At 31 March 2019	0.8	30.7	79.7	111.2
Non-current Current	0.8	22.2 8.5	- 79.7	22.2 89.0
	0.8	30.7	79.7	111.2
	Warranties £'m	Restructuring £'m	Regulatory £'m	Total £'m
At 1 July 2018				
At 1 July 2018 Increase in provisions Provisions utilised	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m
Increase in provisions	£'m	£'m 26.6 6.8	£'m 100.4 241.0	<b>£'m</b> 127.8 247.8
Increase in provisions Provisions utilised	£'m 0.8 -	£'m  26.6  6.8 (11.2)	£'m  100.4  241.0 (166.8)	£'m 127.8 247.8 (178.0)

### NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 10. Borrowings

	31 March 2020 £'m	31 March 2019 £'m	30 June 2019 £'m
Secured non-current loans and borrowings at amortised cost			
Securitisation facility	1,443.5	1,447.0	1,372.6
Senior secured notes	550.0	550.0	550.0
	1,993.5	1,997.0	1,922.6
Current loans and borrowings at amortised cost			
Secured revolving credit facility	150.0	110.0	95.0
Unsecured bank overdrafts	4.5	7.3	7.6
	154.5	117.3	102.6

The underlying currency of the unsecured bank overdrafts of £4.5m (31 March 2019: £7.3m) is Euros. Within the securitisation facility £25.9m (31 March 2019: £24.4m) is denominated in Euros. The underlying currency of all the other borrowings and overdrafts set out above is Sterling.

	31 March 2020 £'m	31 March 2019 £'m	30 June 2019 £'m
The borrowings are repayable as follows: Within one year	154.5	117.3	102.6
In the second year In the third to fifth year Over five years	1,993.5 -	1,997.0 -	1,922.6 -
Amount due for settlement after one year	1,993.5	1,997.0	1,922.6

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#### 10. Borrowings (continued)

The principal features of the Group's borrowings are as follows:

- (a) The Group has a UK securitisation facility against which it has drawn £1,417.6m (31 March 2019: £1,422.6m), secured by a charge over certain eligible trade debtors of the Group. The facility is composed of 'A-S' Notes (£1,143.3m), 'A-J' Notes (£181.7m), 'B' Notes (£105.0m), 'C1' Notes (£105.0m) and 'C2' Notes (£50.0m), a total maximum commitment of £1,585.0m which expires in December 2022.
- (b) The Group has an Irish securitisation facility against which it has drawn £25.9m (31 March 2019: £24.4m), secured by a charge over certain eligible trade debtors of the Group. The facility has a total maximum commitment of €38.0m which expires in December 2021.
- (c) The Group has senior secured notes of £550.0m, at 7.75%, due November 2022 with a secured revolving credit facility of £150.0m of which £150.0m was drawn down at 31 March 2020 (31 March 2019: £110.0m).

#### 11. Cash and cash equivalents

	31 March	31 March	30 June
	2020	2019	2019
	£'m	£'m	£'m
Cash at bank	78.3	56.9	14.8
Secured revolving credit facility	(150.0)	(110.0)	(95.0)
Bank overdrafts	(4.5)	(7.3)	(7.6)
Cash and cash equivalents in statement of cash flows	(76.2)	(60.4)	(87.8)

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and short-term bank deposits with an original maturity of 12 months or less, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. The carrying amount of these assets is approximately equal to fair value. The revolving credit facility, which expires in May 2022, rolls over on a monthly basis and hence is classified within cash and cash equivalents, and is classified as repayable within one year (see note 10).

#### 12. Share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	31 March	31 March 2020		31 March 2019		30 June 2019	
	No. m	£'m	No. m	£'m	No. m	£'m	
Ordinary shares of £1 each	200	200	100	100	100	100	

On 19 November 2019 the Company issued 75,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each at a nominal value of £1 per share. On 7 February 2020 the Company issued a further 25,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each at a nominal value of £1 per share.

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#### 13. Related party transactions

Balances and transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, have been eliminated on consolidation and have not been disclosed. Transactions between the Group and its fellow group companies are disclosed below.

During the year, Group companies entered into the following transactions with fellow group companies and related parties who are not members of The Very Group Limited Group:

#### **Recharged costs**

	31 March	31 March	30 June
	2020	2019	2019
	£'m	£'m	£'m
Yodel Delivery Network Limited	3.4 0.4	3.9	5.2
Arrow XL Limited		0.5	0.6
	3.8	4.4	5.8
Purchase of services			
	31 March	31 March	30 June
	2020	2019	2019
	£'m	£'m	£'m
Yodel Delivery Network Limited Drop & Collect Limited Arrow XL Limited Trenport Holdings Limited Telegraph Media Group Limited Shop Direct Holdings Limited	(49.8)	(47.9)	(61.5)
	(18.9)	(18.9)	(24.6)
	(31.2)	(31.8)	(42.9)
	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.6)
	(0.6)	-	(1.7)
	(3.8)	(3.8)	(5.0)
	(105.5)	(103.6)	(137.3)

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#### 13. Related party transactions (continued)

The Group had the following balances outstanding with its fellow group companies:

#### Amounts due from fellow Group undertakings

Amounts due from fellow Group undertakings	31 March	31 March	30 June
	2020	2019	2019
	£'m	£'m	£'m
Shop Direct Holdings Limited Yodel Delivery Network Limited Drop & Collect Limited Arrow XL Limited Primevere Limited Primevere Equipment Limited	480.5	475.5	480.5
	3.8	0.8	0.2
	0.3	-	0.3
	0.5	0.1	0.3
	21.0	22.0	22.0
	11.2	14.5	11.2
	517.3	512.9	514.5
Amounts due to fellow Group undertakings	31 March	31 March	30 June
	2020	2019	2019
	£'m	£'m	£'m
Drop & Collect Limited		(0.1)	

The amounts outstanding are unsecured and repayable on demand. No guarantees have been given or received. No provisions have been made for doubtful debts in respect of the amounts owed by related parties.

#### 14. Seasonality

The retail sales for the Group are subject to seasonal fluctuations. Demand is highest during the months of October to December.