

# FY24 Results Presentation

### **FY24 in Review**

#### **100**% Collection performance vs Dec-23 Static Pool<sup>1</sup>

>23% Capital deployed at attractive Net IRRs

 $\sim$ £202<sub>m</sub> Liquidity

- Continued operational delivery with collections in line with expectations
- Disciplined deployment of capital at increasingly attractive returns
- Balance sheet management through sustainable Balance
   Sheet Velocity programme and strategic co-invest
   partnerships
- Delivery of cost management actions with ongoing savings expected in FY25
- Ongoing commitment to sustainability with release of fourth annual report and improvement across key metrics
- Balance sheet refinancing to provide foundations to deliver sustainable growth across core markets

# Alignment of People, Profit and Purchase delivered results



Reduction in operational emissions compared with 2019, surpassing our target to reduce by 65% by 2025<sup>1</sup>



Lowell customers cleared debts in 2024<sup>2</sup>, with market-leading Net Promoter Scores in each region<sup>3</sup>



Female representation in our senior team, surpassing our target to reach 40% by 2025<sup>4</sup>





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Note(s): <sup>1</sup> Operational emissions includes Scope 1, Scope 2, and business travel emissions. <sup>2</sup> Customers who no longer held an active account at year-end having had an active account at some point during 2024 <sup>3</sup> NPS was introduced in DACH in March 2024. Our scores compare favourably in each of our operating regions. DACH: 23 Nordics: 56 UK: 58. According to Bain & Company, the creators of NPS, a score over 20 is 'favourable' and anything above 50 is 'excellent'. <sup>4</sup> Female representation target set in 2021 to align to findings from the Hampton Alexander review that identified 40% representation as the minimum threshold to avoid under representation

- Strong and improving performance across key metrics; achieving 9 of the 14 timebound goals we set back in 2021 to align to global best practice
- Ecovadis ESG Silver rating places Lowell in the top 15% of 2024 companies
- Release of Lowell's Financial Vulnerability Index 2025; helping to identify trends which allow us to adapt and ensure we provide the right assistance at the right time to consumers

### **Lowell's UK Financial Vulnerability Index 2025**

# **45.5** Headline UK FVI score, up 1.6pts from Q4-23

240 Constituencies with above UK average FVI scores

- A tool designed to measure and monitor financial resilience across the UK, developed in partnership with Opinium
- Available at <u>www.lowell.com/FVI</u>



#### **Key Takeaways:**

- Financial vulnerability growing, reaching `middle-class' and `affluent' households ever more
- Rising dependence on social benefits deepening financial struggles across the UK
- Economic inequality deepening due to regional and demographic disparities
- Provides valuable insight to help Lowell with its support to customers and pathway to becoming debt-free
- Current trends signal growing risk of future credit defaults across all demographics, likely to lend itself to accelerated future supply growth
- Greater need for trusted and reputationally strong CMS partners

# **Financial Highlights**

#### **£1.0**<sub>bn</sub> LTM Cash Income

#### **100%** Collection Performance

**£390**m LTM Reported Portfolio Acquisitions

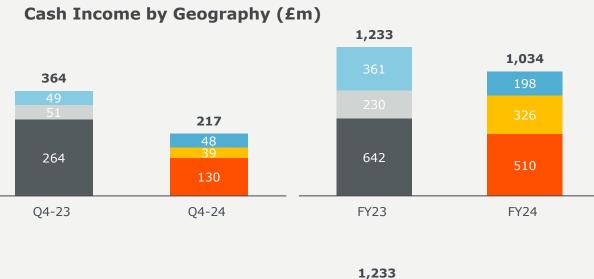
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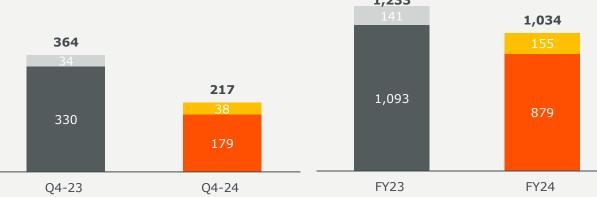
- Resilient collection performance aligning to Balance Sheet expectation
- FY24 reported portfolio acquisitions of £390m;
  - includes £60m associated with consolidated co-invest structure; and
  - acceleration of certain FY25 opportunities into FY24 which will see purchasing moderate across FY25 to compensate
- Strong position of liquidity further strengthened through upsize and extension on key ABS facility ahead of wider balance sheet refinancing

#### **Cash Income**

#### ►£1.0bn FY24 Cash Income

- Strong top-line performance supported by resilient collection performance and increasing servicing revenues;
  - Underlying collections in line with balance sheet expectation; and
  - YoY variance reflects reduced BSV value across FY24, reduction of ~£130m and resulting impact from lower asset base
- Underlying servicing showing strong growth as guided;
  - Benefitting from both underlying increased volumes and servicing mandates from BSV initiatives and co-invest transactions
- FY24 and Q4-24 show impact from consolidation of co-invest structure, full reconciliation in Appendix





UK DACH Nordics DP 3PC

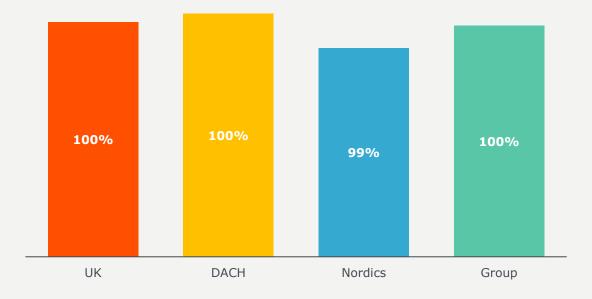
# **Collection Performance**

**100**% Group Collection Performance vs Dec-23 static pool<sup>1</sup>

>105%
Collection Performance on 2024
purchased assets vs pricing
expectation

- Group performance in FY24 in line with balance sheet expectation, evidencing strength in Group's accurate forecasting
- Resilient and consistent performance across all regions
- FY24 acquisitions acquired at increasingly attractive net IRRs, but already outperforming their priced expectation at 105%

#### **FY24 Collection performance**

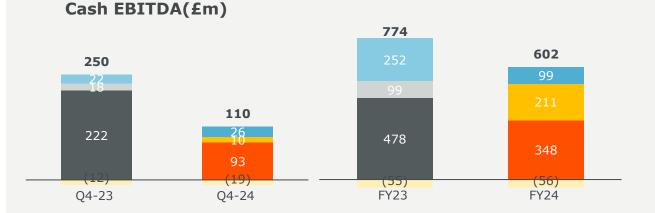


Note(s): <sup>1</sup> Collection performance excludes benefit from accelerated collections from Balance Sheet Velocity programme

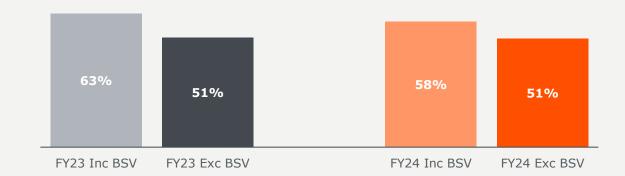
#### **Cash EBITDA**

#### **£602**m FY24 Cash EBITDA

- Cash EBITDA movements reflective of timing, quantum and location of BSV activity across last 24months;
  - FY24 included ~£130m less BSV proceeds vs FY23, and reflects impact from having lower asset base across FY24
- Underlying performance aided through strong DP collection performance, and growing servicing revenues
- Margin strength evident through cost action measures, despite increasing proportion of servicing Cash Income;
  - $\sim$ 15% servicing contribution vs 11% in FY23



#### LTM Cash EBITDA Margin (%)



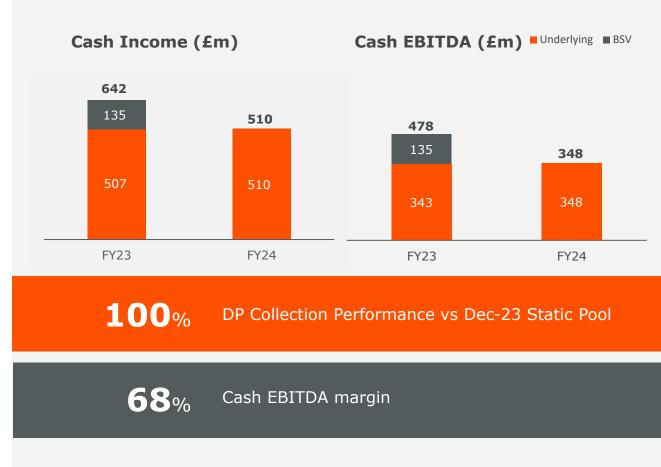
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### UK

# **£269**<sub>m</sub> FY24 NPL Purchases<sup>1</sup> **£2.6**<sub>bn</sub> 120m ERC

- Backbook performance in line with expectations at vs 100%
- YoY fall in Cash Income & Cash EBITDA reflects fall out of one off BSV initiative sales proceeds of £135m, with underlying grown of c. £5m in Cash Income & Cash EBITDA, respectively.
- Cost saving initiatives have contributed to strong margins after cost saving initiatives were successfully implemented, increasing underlying margins from 67% to 68%.
- Collections include £9m increase due to consolidating the co-invest structure with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party

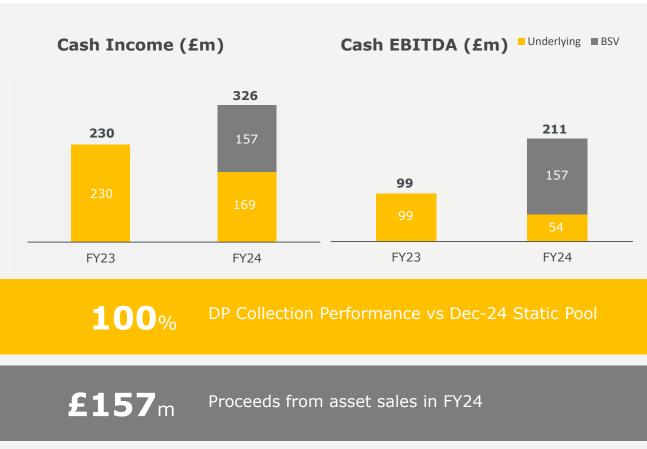


Note(s): Underlying view presented simply by backing out proceeds from BSV activity. <sup>1</sup> Includes £60m associated with consolidation of co-invest structure

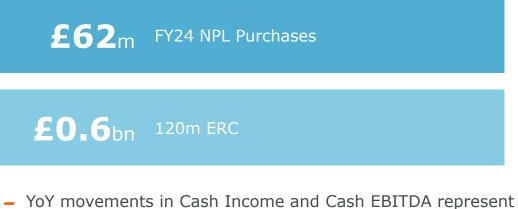
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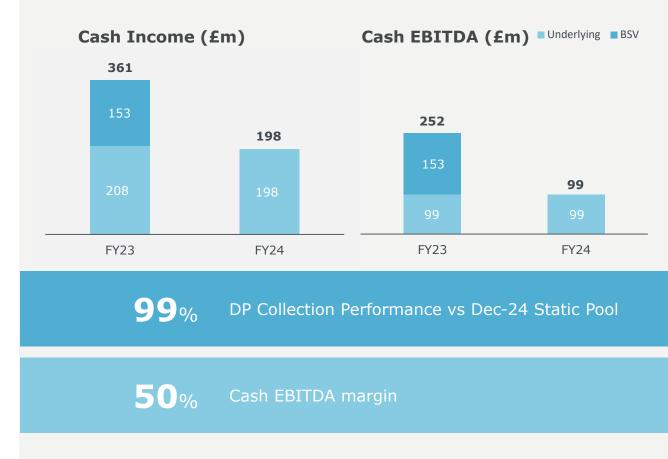
- Transitional period for the region as it pivots to a service-led model following asset sales during H1-24
- DP capital deployed reflects contractual commitments which will begin to run-off
- Ongoing market participation through use of co-invest partners, with Lowell providing servicing capabilities
- Cash Income and Cash EBITDA includes one off sale proceeds of £157m in FY24 as part of BSV programme



#### **Nordics**



- fall out of FY23 BSV initiatives sales proceeds of £153m
- Underlying performance remains very strong; aggregated margin reflects sizeable contribution from capital-light servicing revenues which have benefitted from BSV and co-invest activity
- Efficiency improvement will aid participation across increasingly attractive capital deployment opportunities





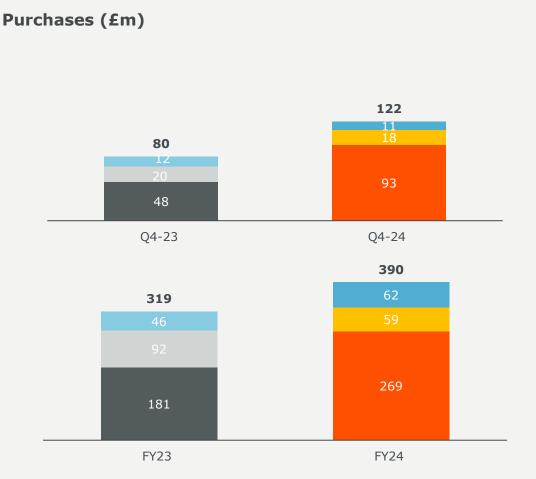
### **NPL Purchasing Volumes**

£390<sub>m</sub> Reported FY24 NPL acquisitions<sup>1</sup>

**23**% FY24 vintage net IRR

- Enhanced volume reflects consolidation of co-invest structure, with £60m reflecting partner's contribution
- Underlying FY25 economic spend modestly above guidance, reflecting acceleration of some attractive opportunities in the Nordic region
- Purchasing exceeding ERC Replacement Rate and priced at >23% Net IRR as guided
- Healthy pipeline visibility for FY25 already helping shape strong 2025 vintage with  $\sim$ £180m<sup>2</sup> committed to date

Note(s): <sup>1</sup> DP Purchases are presented on a reported view consistent with the Statutory Accounts which include the consolidation of the co-invest structure. Further detail provided in Appendix. <sup>2</sup> Excludes any  $3^{rd}$  party spend in co-invest vehicle which would be consolidated



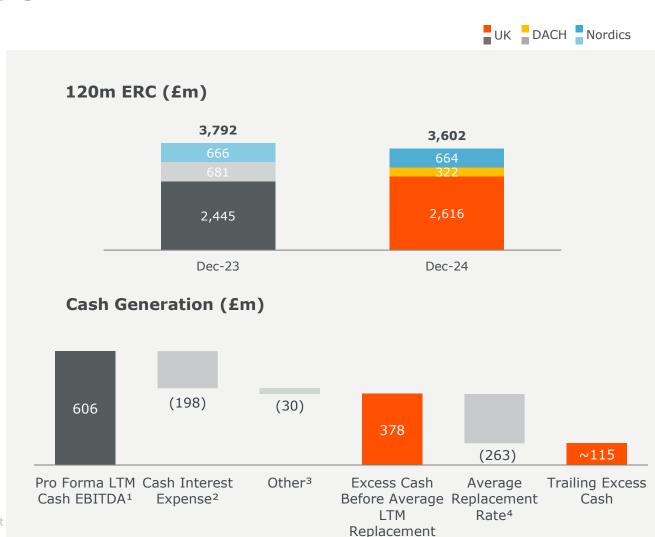
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### **Balance Sheet and Cash Generation**

**£3.6**bn 120m ERC Excess cash generated after ~**£115**m **Replacement Rate**  YoY ERC reduction reflects benefit of accelerated cashflows from the Balance Sheet Velocity programme; £157m in FY24 - A further £0.7bn of collections expected from current assets beyond next 120 months - Free cash flow continues to benefit from ability to securitise paying assets and accelerating cashflows through the Balance Sheet Velocity programme

Note(s): <sup>1</sup> Pro Forma Cash EBITDA includes £4m of cost adjustments to reflect the full run rate benefits of changes enacted. <sup>2</sup> Cash Interest calculated as next 12 months interest on debt instruments and drawings as of 31 December 2024. <sup>3</sup> Other represents Cash tax expenses paid LTM Dec-24 (£24m) 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



Rate

#### **On-Balance Sheet Co-Investment with 3rd party**

#### $£121_{m}$ Total DP spend via co-invest

**£61**m Lowell's capital investment (being 51%)



 Announcement of UK co-invest structure with a listed 3rd party for the joint purchase of assets in the UK

- Co-invest structure allows for:
  - Open-ended revolving transaction, which structurally supports continued acquisition of assets
  - Lowell holds legal title to portfolio assets and retains 51% of Notes resulting in on-balance sheet transaction
  - 49% of remaining Notes held by 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- Structure enables Group deployment of purchases and provides ability to tender in a wider range of deals
- The Group continues to service the accounts on profitable terms on behalf of the Noteholders, and benefits from asset overperformance
- As the Group holds 51% of the structure, it is consolidated in full across the balance sheet, P&L and KPIs. Impact disclosed in Appendix

# Leverage and Liquidity

**4**.**0**<sub>x</sub> Reported Net Leverage

**£202**m Reported Liquidity Dec-24<sup>1</sup>

- Leverage increase reflecting timing of BSV activity, with modest increase across Q1-25 also expected as previous activity falls out of LTM view
- Liquidity remains strong ahead of facilitation of full balance sheet refinancing and is further strengthened with upsizing of ABS Facility 2 by £50m, with a maturity extension to June 2030



**£450**<sub>m</sub> Reduction in Secured Debt

**3**yrs Maturity extended until 2028

9.5% High Yield Coupon

- Agreement reached with both High Yield and RCF providers
- Total Secured debt reduced by £450m, £200m by cash repayment<sup>1</sup> at refinancing date and £250m novated into a new holding company
- The Recapitalisation Transaction has support of the Noteholders and RCF Lenders
- Transaction expected to complete in Q2-25

#### **The Year Ahead**

►£300m Purchases to continue modestly ahead of ERC Replacement Rate<sup>1</sup>

>22% Expected 2025 Vintage net IRR



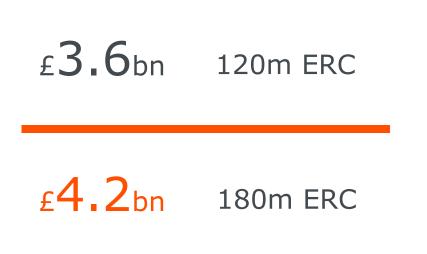
- FY25 purchases outlook represents moderation for overspend in FY24;
  - represents growth vs Replacement Rate;
  - at continued attractive returns far in excess of cost of capital; and
  - will be supplemented by co-invest initiatives
- Balance Sheet Velocity initiatives are expected to deliver increased proceeds in H1-25 following a deferral of activity previously guided for FY24 before reverting to the previously guided £100m-£150m in Q4-25
- Underlying margin will continue to benefit from overhead cost control alongside leveraging of cost base as top-line grows through sustainable capital deployment and increasing servicing revenue

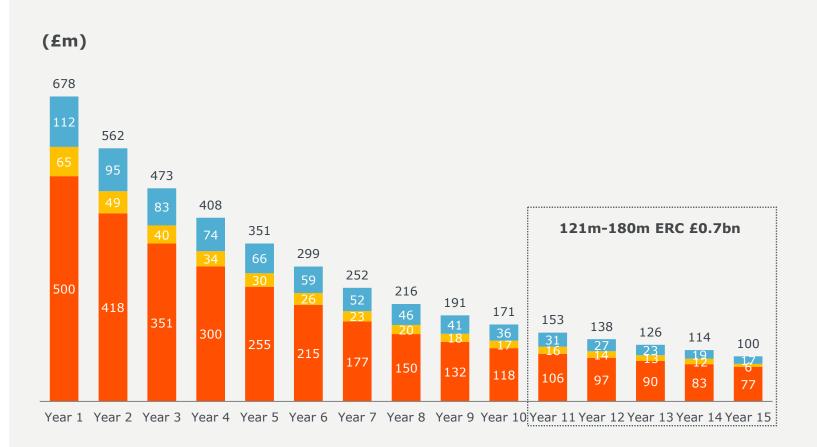


# Appendix

# **ERC** Profile

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





■ UK ■ DACH ■ Nordics

#### **Historic Collection Performance**

Cumulative collection performance to date vs static pool

Next 12 months actual collections vs static pool

**100**% Cumulative Collection Performance vs Dec-23 Static Pool



96% 102% 100%



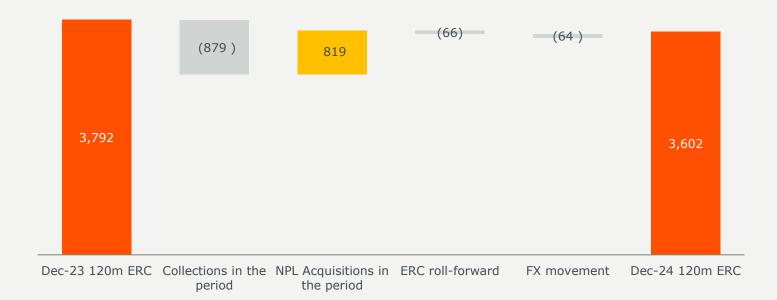
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ERC Roll-Forward; Dec-23 to Dec-24 (£m)

# **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 reflects:
  - Mechanical nature of revaluation (roll-in of value present in the tail);
  - Change in collections expectations leading to an uplift or reduction in estimated cashflows; and
  - Net reduction in future ERC following Balance Sheet Velocity transactions



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

Cash EBITDA (£m)

	FY24	FY23
UK	348	478
DACH	211	99
Nordics	99	252
Group Costs <sup>1</sup>	(56)	(55)
Group Cash EBITDA	602	774
Pro Forma Cost Adjustments <sup>2</sup>	4	22
Pro Forma Cash EBITDA	606	797

Note(s): <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 months prior to completion as if it had been owned for 12 months

### **Balance Sheet Velocity Reconciliation**

#### BSV (£m)

	Q1-23	Q2-23	Q4-23	FY23	Q1-24	Q2-24	FY24
Swedish portfolio sale	95	-	-	95	-	-	-
Wolf II – Off-balance sheet ABS - Nordics	-	58	-	58	-	-	-
Wolf III – Off-balance sheet ABS - UK	-	-	135	135	-	-	
DACH portfolio sale	-	-	-	-	41	116	157
Total	95	58	135	288	41	116	157

#### **Reconciliation - On-Balance Sheet Co-Investment Consolidation**

Cash KPIs (£m)	BAU Economic view (inc 51%)	Impact (49%)	Reported (100%)	Notes
DP Collections	870	9	879	Reflects collections on the 49% of DP assets in structure now consolidated on Lowell balance sheet
Servicing Income	156	(1)	155	Removal of service revenue now fully consolidated
Cash Income	1,026	8	1,034	
Cash EBITDA	594	8	602	
P&L – Income (£m)				
Income from portfolio investments	411	5	416	
Net portfolio write up & Fair value gain	43	2	45	
Servicing Income	156	(1)	155	
Other Income	5	-	5	
Total Income	615	6	621	
Other KPIs (£m)				
DP Purchases	330	60	390	
Net Debt	2,365	58	2,423	<i>Reflects a debt like item associated with the funding for the 49%</i>
ERC (120m)	3,539	63	3,602	Recognises ERC associated with the 49%

### 120m GMMs Per Vintage



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2019

1.7x

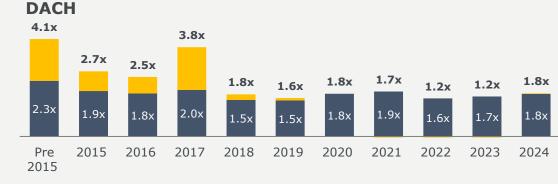
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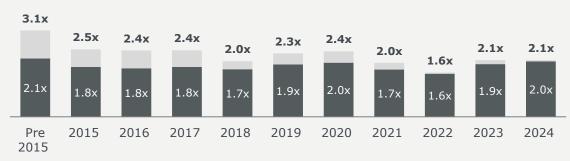
2021

1.4x

2022



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



Disclosure Note: FY24 vintage 84m ERC of £595m and 84m priced GMM of 1.9x

1.6x

2017

1.5

2018

1.8x

2016

1.6x

2015

2.2x

Pre

2015

Note: Current GMM is calculated using actual collections to Dec-24 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 Indicative combined Group GMMs shown on a 120m basis and all translated at the FX rate from the month of portfolio purchase

1.7x

2024

L.6x

2023

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

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

2023 Vintage	UK	DACH	Nordics	Total
Purchases (£m)	181	92	46	319
% of total purchases	80%	N/A	20%	100%
Actual 120m GMM	2.5x	N/A	1.8x	
Weighted Average				2.4x
2024 Vintage	UK	DACH	Nordics	Total
Purchases (£m)	269	59	62	390
% of total purchases	69%	N/A	16%	100%
Actual 120m GMM	2.2x	N/A	1.8x	
Weighted Average				2.1x
Blended GMM				2.3x

£m	Dec-24
120m ERC	3,602
Year 1 Collections	678
Roll-forward (Year 11 Collections)	153
Collections to replace	525
2023 vintage GMM	2.4x
2024 vintage GMM	2.1x
Blended GMM <sup>1</sup>	2.3x
Replacement Rate as calculated at Dec-24	233
Replacement Rate as calculated at Dec-23	293
Average LTM Replacement Rate <sup>2</sup>	263

Note(s): <sup>1</sup> Blended GMM represents the average 120m GMM for 2023 and 2024 vintages, across the UK, DACH and Nordics as at Dec-24. <sup>2</sup> Average Replacement Rate is an average of the Replacement Rate as calculated at Dec-24 and the Replacement Rate as calculated at Dec-23.

### Leverage and Liquidity

<b>£202</b> m	Liquidity <sup>1</sup>	
£m		Dec-24
RCF Capacity		377
Amounts Drawn		(372)
Securitisation Availability <sup>2</sup>		72
Cash		125
Available Liquidity		202

£m	Dec-24
Net Debt	2,423
Pro Forma LTM Cash EBITDA	606
Net Debt / Pro Forma LTM Cash EBITDA	4.0x
Senior Secured Net Debt / Pro Forma LTM Cash EBITDA	3.0x
<b>4</b> .0 <sub>x</sub> Net Leverage <sup>3</sup>	

Note(s): <sup>1</sup> Calculated as unrestricted cash on balance sheet plus amounts available to draw on RCF and UK Securitisations at Dec-24. <sup>2</sup> Amounts available across ABS Facility 1, Facility 2 and Facility 3 as at Dec-24, reflects upsizing of ABS Facility 2 from £375m to £425m in March 2025. <sup>3</sup> Calculated as Net Debt to LTM Pro Forma Cash EBITDA.

#### Net Debt and Borrowings at 31 December 2024

Net Debt Bond Principal	£m
£440m Senior Secured Notes 7.75%	429
€795m Senior Secured Notes 6.75%	656
€630m Senior Secured Notes EURIBOR +6.25%	519
RCF Drawings and Other	
GBP Drawn RCF	228
EUR Drawn RCF	144
ABS – Facility 1	146
ABS – Facility 2	368
ABS – Facility 3	-
Consolidated co-invest debt	58
Cash	
Cash	125
Senior Secured Net Debt	1,851
Net Debt	2,423
Gross Debt	2,548

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	3.50%
GBP m	375	Asset Backed Loan – Facility 2	Jun-30	SONIA	4.50%
GBP m	170	Asset Backed Loan – Facility 3	Oct-27	SONIA	3.90%

### Glossary

3PC	-	Third Party Collection
ABS	-	Asset backed securitisation
Acquisitions	-	The purchases of NPLs
BSV	-	Balance Sheet Velocity
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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