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# **1H FY22** Results

#### December 2021

26 weeks ended 31 October 2021





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#### Agenda



**CEO Update** Brian Duffy Chief Executive Officer

Financial Review & Outlook Anders Romberg Chief Financial Officer

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# **CEO Update**

Brian Duffy, CEO





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### Strong First Half Performance With Broad-Based and Profitable Growth







**Strong growth achieved against both last year and two years ago** Group Revenue £586.2m, +44.6% vs H1 FY21<sup>1</sup> and +40.8% vs H1 FY20<sup>1</sup>

US maintains outstanding momentum Revenue £167.6m, +50.2% vs H1 FY21<sup>1</sup> and +66.7% vs H1 FY20<sup>1</sup>

Robust UK performance driven by thriving domestic clientele Revenue  $\pm$  418.6m, +42.3% vs H1 FY21 and +31.8% vs H1 FY20<sup>2</sup>

Group ecommerce sales +28.7% with stores fully opened

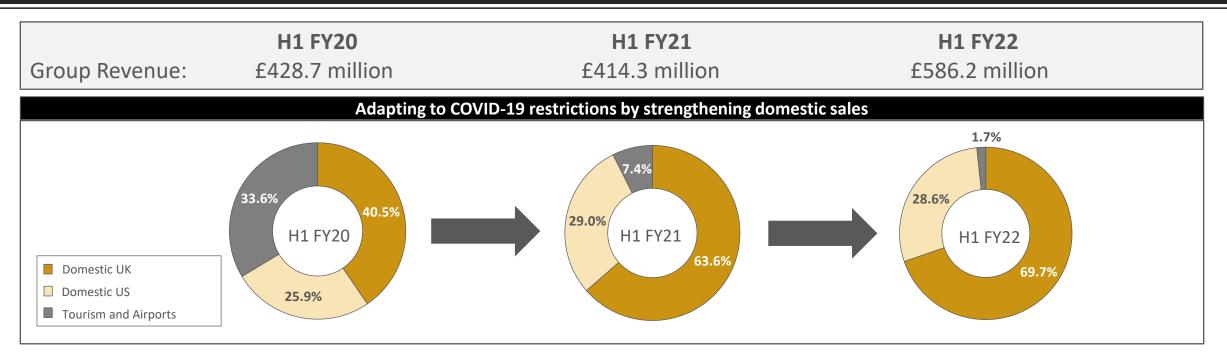
Adjusted EBITDA +58.8%, Adjusted EBIT +62.7%

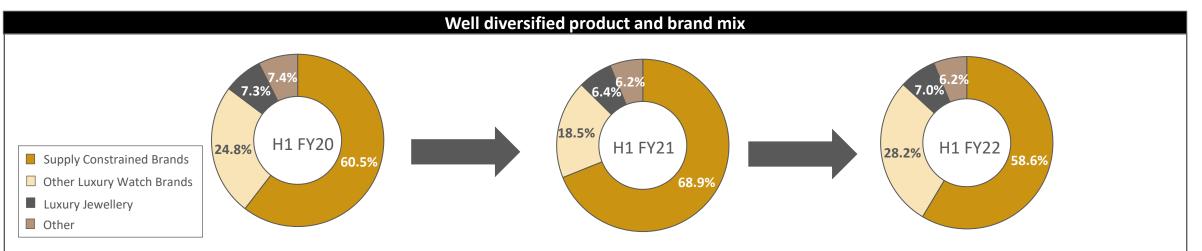
**Progressing on Long Range Plan targets** Five stores acquired in the US

<sup>1</sup> In constant currency <sup>2</sup> In H1 FY20 tourists and airports accounted for 33.6% of Group sales (1H FY22: negligible)

#### **Robust and Flexible Business Model**







#### **Capital Investment in our Store Network Supporting UK Growth**





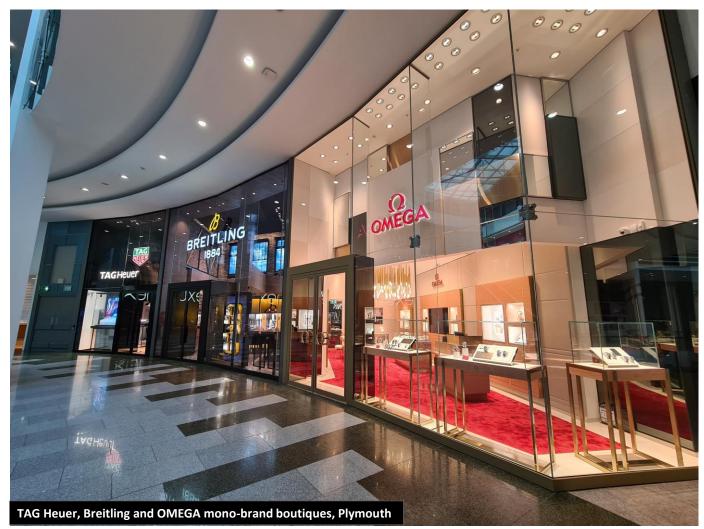
#### Investment in UK store base:

- Network expansion:
  - Opening of a mono-brand boutique in Trafford Centre
  - Opening of one Goldsmiths store and two mono-brand boutiques in Edinburgh St James
  - Opening of three mono-brand boutiques in Plymouth
- Store elevation:
  - Introduction of Goldsmiths Luxury concept in two stores (Canterbury and Reading)
  - Refurbishment of a further five stores in the UK, including two ex-Fraser Hart stores
- Nationwide scale with 130 stores at 31 October 2021:
  - 98 multi-brand stores, 32 mono-brand boutiques

#### Mono-brand boutique channel further expanded – Plymouth



#### Trio of mono-brand boutiques opened in Plymouth, new location for the Group













#### US presence further advanced and elevated

- Mayors Aventura, Phase I refurbishment complete:
  - Opening of enhanced Rolex dedicated space
  - Opening of first Bvlgari mono-brand boutique (post period end)
- Mono-brand boutiques performing well
- Ecommerce gaining momentum
- US expansion strategy further advanced with agreements to purchase five stores in four new states
- US store network totaled 36 stores in twelve states
  - 22 multi-brand stores, 14 mono-brand boutiques
  - Projects delayed by supply chain issues

Bylgari Boutique, Mayors Aventura

### US strategy advanced with purchase of five stores agreed, bringing total to 36





- Purchase of five stores agreed
  - Minneapolis, Minnesota
  - Plano (Dallas), Texas
  - Vail and Aspen, Colorado
  - Greenwich, Connecticut
- Combined annual revenue of c. \$100.0 million (last twelve months)
- Two stores completed end Q2 FY22, minimal impact to H1 FY22 performance
- Acquisition of remaining three stores completed on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

<sup>4</sup> American Dream and WOS Cincinnati expected to open during 2022





Watches of Switzerland, Cincinnati, Ohio

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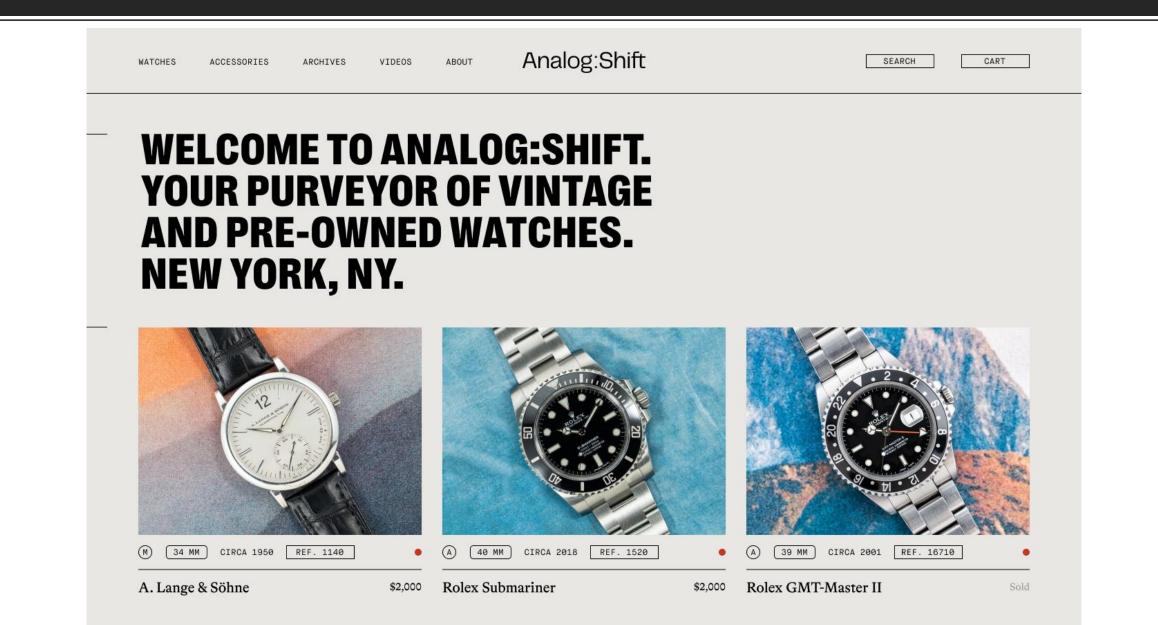
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### **Rolex Boutique, Wynn Resort, Las Vegas**

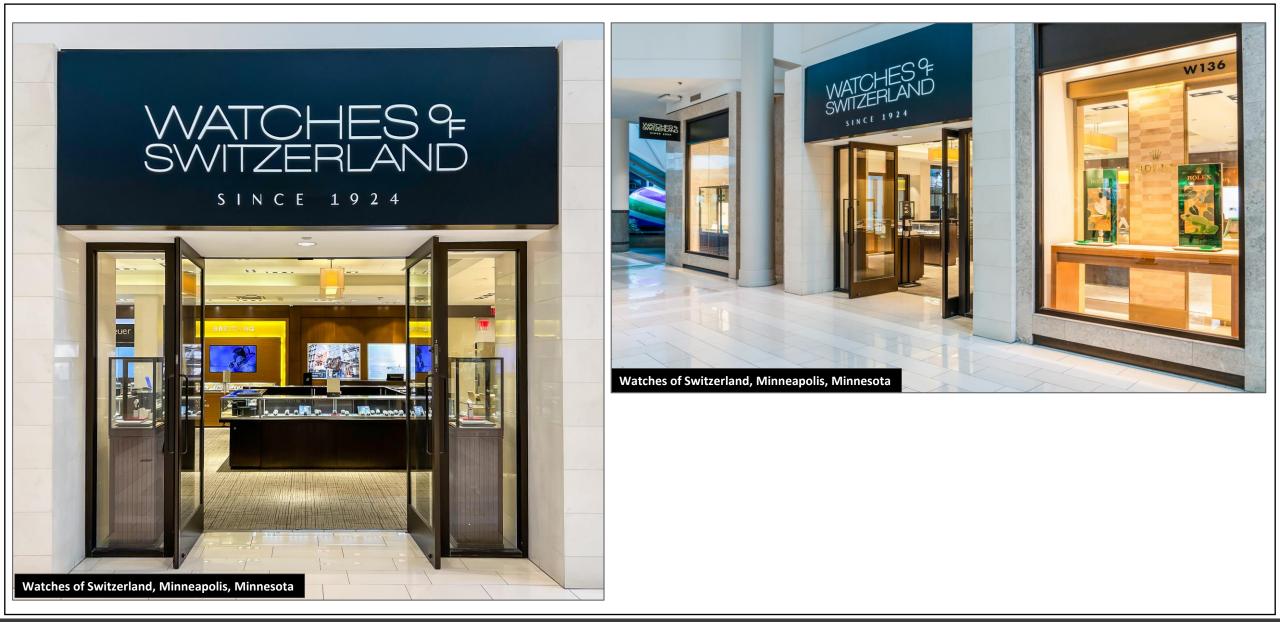




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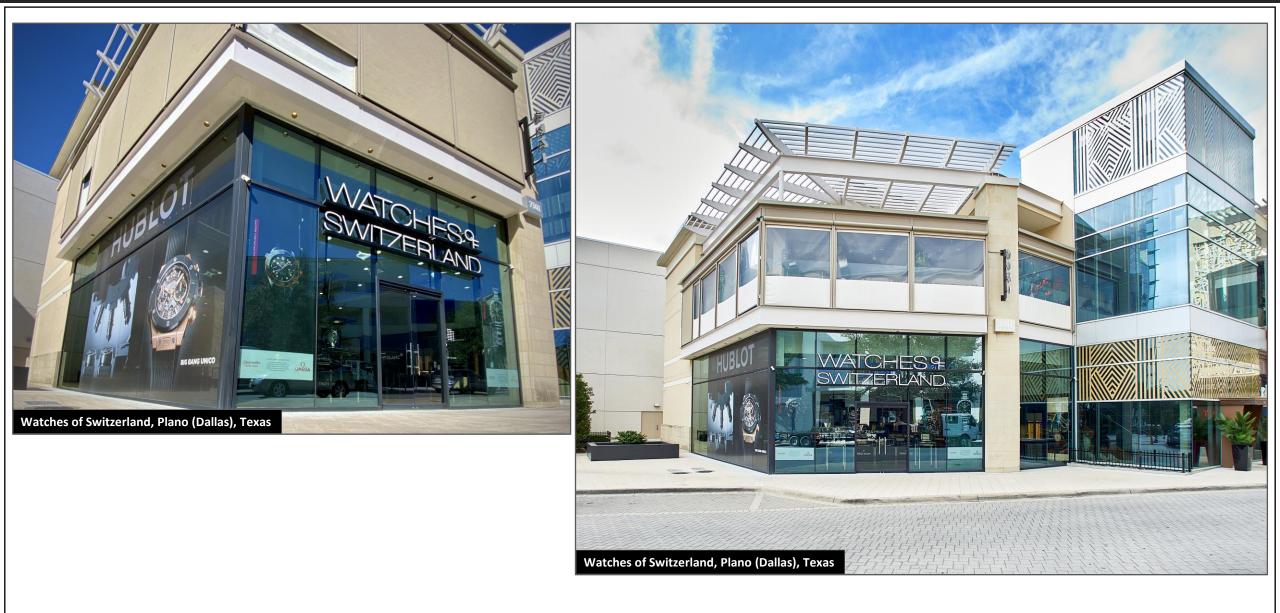
#### Watches of Switzerland, Minneapolis, Minnesota



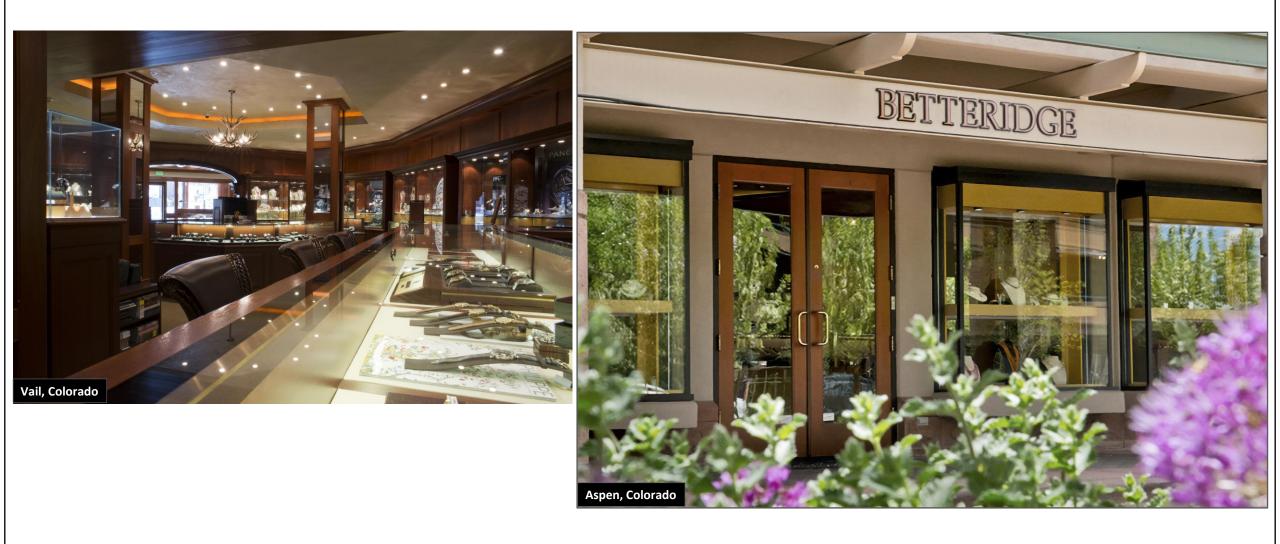


#### Watches of Switzerland, Plano (Dallas), Texas









#### Greenwich, Connecticut



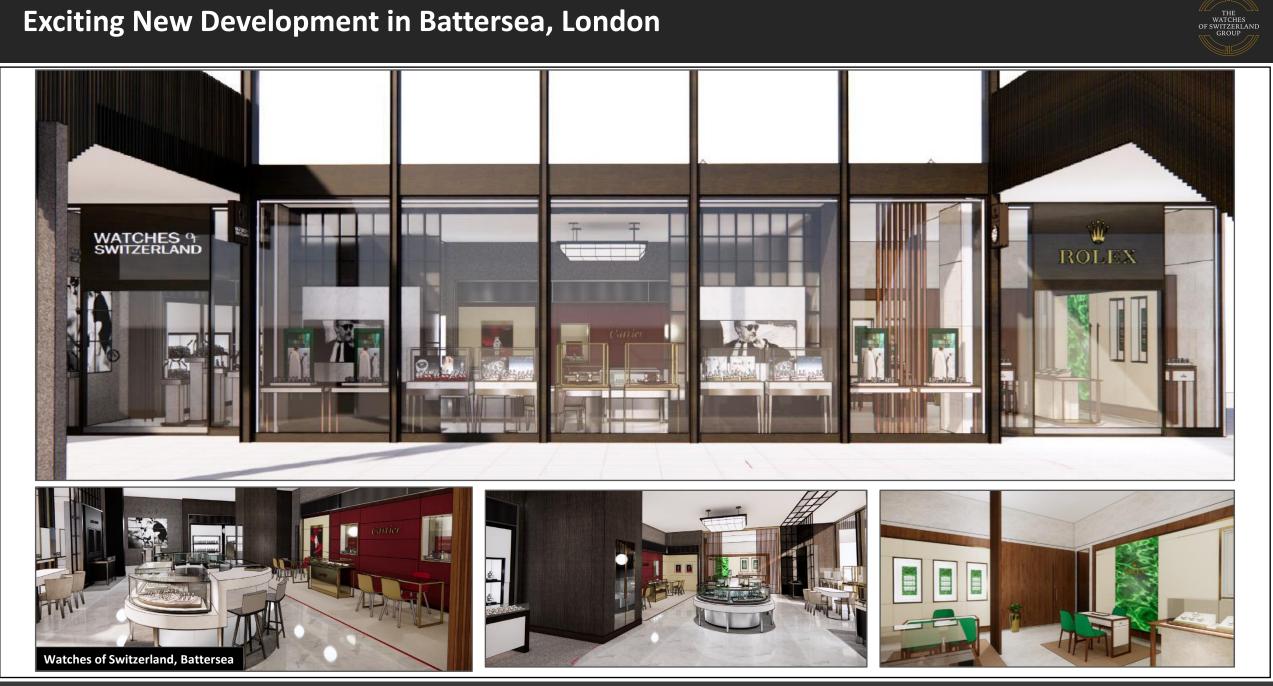


#### **Further Store Investment Planned – American Dream**



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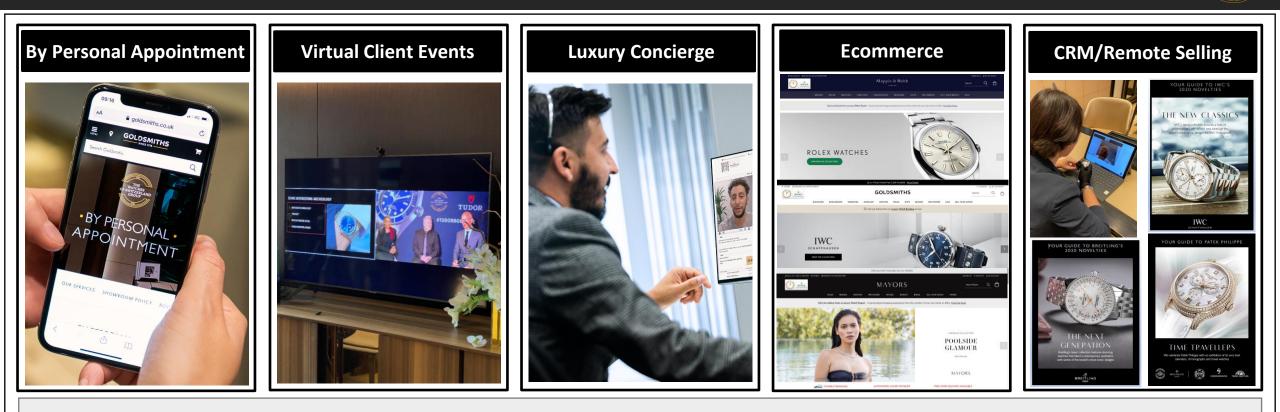
#### **Exciting New Development in Battersea, London**



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#### Continued investment in digital and technology to further enhance customer experience





- Group ecommerce sales +28.7% on last year, despite stores having been fully opened in H1 FY22
- Customer experience further elevated through initiatives introduced during COVID-19
  - 40.0% of UK sales through "By Personal Appointment"
  - UK Luxury Watch and Jewellery Virtual boutique expanded
  - Ecommerce, CRM, clienteling and digital marketing initiatives enhanced

#### **UK: Digital Marketing Driving Awareness**

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#### FREE NEXT DAY DELIVERY

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#### **Digital Reach First Half FY22**

Monthly reach on social 40.1M Total campaign impressions 2.9BN (includes Search & Shopping) Total campaign clicks 25M





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## US: Impactful Event and PR Activity Driving Awareness and Sales





#### **Our People**





#### Advancing the ESG programme

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#### Developing our sustainability and social impact strategy:

- Committee of the Board ensuring ESG priorities are governed at the highest level of our business
- Recent memberships:
  - FTSE4Good Index
  - Business in the Community (BITC)
- Delivering on our pledge for British Retail Consortium's Climate Action Roadmap, with a commitment to achieve Net Zero in the UK by 2040
- Supporting a more circular economy

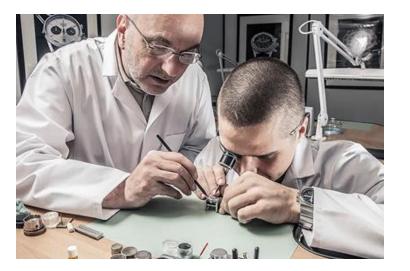




BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY Responsible Business Network











£3.0M pledged to the Watches of Switzerland Group Foundation across FY21 and FY22:

- Support a number of causes, with an emphasis on helping poor and vulnerable people out of poverty
- Pledged over £1.0 million to key charity partners:
  - Foodbanks
  - The Prince's Trust
  - The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, Glasgow
  - Crisis (homeless charity)
- Appointment of a Board of Directors and Ambassadors across sectors including fashion, sport and commerce

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## **Financial Results & Outlook**

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Anders Romberg, CFO





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Profit & Loss (£m, pre-IFRS 16 and exceptionals)	H1 FY22	H1 FY21	Yoy %
Group revenue	586.2	414.3	41.5%
Net margin	220.5	150.5	46.5%
Margin %	37.6%	36.3%	
Store costs	(100.2)	(72.1)	(39.0)%
4-wall EBITDA	120.3	78.4	53.5%
Margin %	20.5%	18.9%	
Overheads	(33.1)	(24.3)	(36.5)%
Opening and closing costs	(4.4)	(1.9)	(120.6)%
Adjusted EBITDA	82.8	52.2	58.8%
Margin %	14.1%	12.6%	
Adjusted EBIT	67.5	41.5	62.7%
Margin %	11.5%	10.0%	
Net finance costs	(1.8)	(3.2)	44.5%
Adjusted profit before tax	65.7	38.3	71.6%
Adjusted EPS (p)	21.8	12.6	73.0%

- Broad-based and margin-enhancing growth in the US and the UK
  - Group revenue +44.6% vs H1 FY21, +40.8% vs H1 FY20 (both at constant currency)
- Net margin +130 basis points, primarily reflecting favourable product mix
- Adjusted EBITDA +58.8% to £82.8 million, achieving margin of 14.1% (1H FY21: 12.6%)
  - Store costs % sales improved by 30 basis points in spite of 1H FY21 impacted by government support
- **Adjusted EBIT +62.7% to £67.5 million** (1H FY21: £41.5 million)

Balance Sheet (£m, pre-IFRS 16)	31 Oct 2021	25 Oct 2020	Yoy %
Non-current assets			
Goodwill & Intangible assets	155.9	151.9	2.6%
PPE	100.6	97.9	2.7%
Other	8.6	9.0	(3.3)%
Current assets			
Inventories	240.8	221.9	8.5%
Trade and other receivables	19.4	17.6	10.0%
Cash and cash equivalents	150.0	119.8	25.2%
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	(193.6)	(197.6)	2.0%
Other	(3.8)	(2.7)	(39.5)%
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	(25.9)	(22.1)	(17.0)%
Borrowings	(118.3)	(139.7)	15.4%
Other	(9.5)	(12.0)	20.1%
Net assets	324.2	244.0	32.9%

- Inventories +8.5% vs last year
  - Well poised for Holiday season
- Cash & cash equivalents £150.0 million, with total headroom of £235.8 million
- Net cash of £30.0 million as at 31 October 2021 (25 October 2020: net debt of £(22.7)million)



Cash Flow (£m, pre-IFRS 16)	H1 FY22	H1 FY21	Yoy %
Adjusted EBITDA	82.8	52.2	58.6%
Share-based payments	0.1	1.6	(93.8)%
Working capital	24.8	69.9	(64.5)%
Pension contributions, tax paid	(3.3)	(4.6)	28.3%
Cash generated from operations	104.4	119.1	(12.3)%
Maintenance capex	(0.8)	(0.4)	(100.0)%
Interest	(1.3)	(2.6)	50.0%
Free cash flow	102.3	116.1	(11.9)%
Free cash flow conversion	123.6%	222.6%	
Expansionary capex	(19.9)	(8.6)	(131.4)%
Acquisitions	(9.0)	(0.1)	
Exceptional costs	(0.3)	-	(100.0)%
Financing activities	-	(59.7)	100.0%
Cash flow	73.1	47.7	53.2%

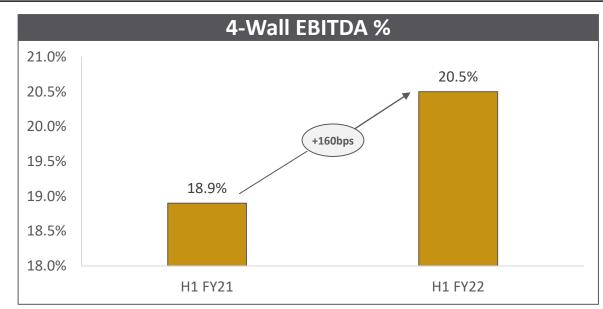
#### Free cash flow £102.3 million

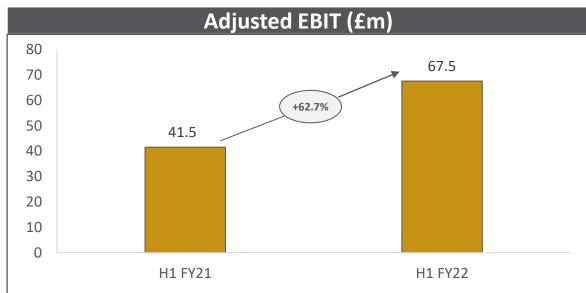
- 1H FY21 working capital impacted by the timing of inventory payments due to store closures during the first UK lockdown
- Free cash flow conversion of **123.6%** (1H FY21: 222.6%)
- Expansionary capex cash paid of £19.9 million (1H FY21: £8.6 million):
  - 8 stores opened
  - 3 stores expanded
  - 5 stores refurbished
- Acquisitions of £9.0 million
  - 2 stores acquired in the period
  - 3 stores acquired after the close of the period

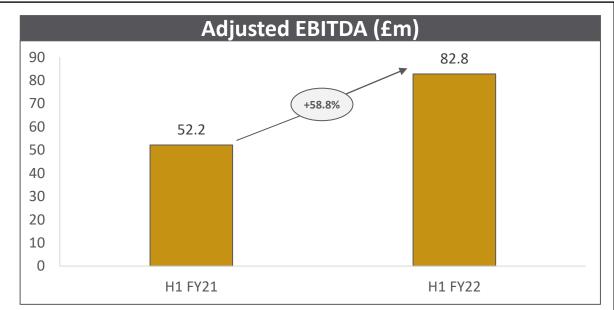
\* H1 FY21: £59.7 million non-term loan borrowings paid back in the period

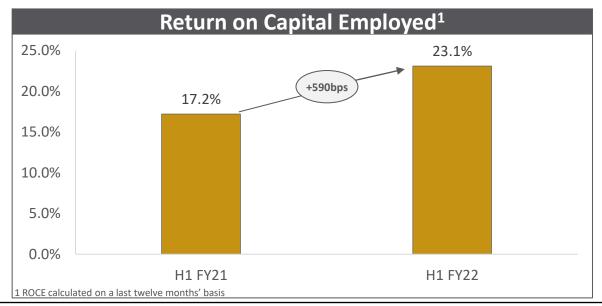
### **Financial KPIs**









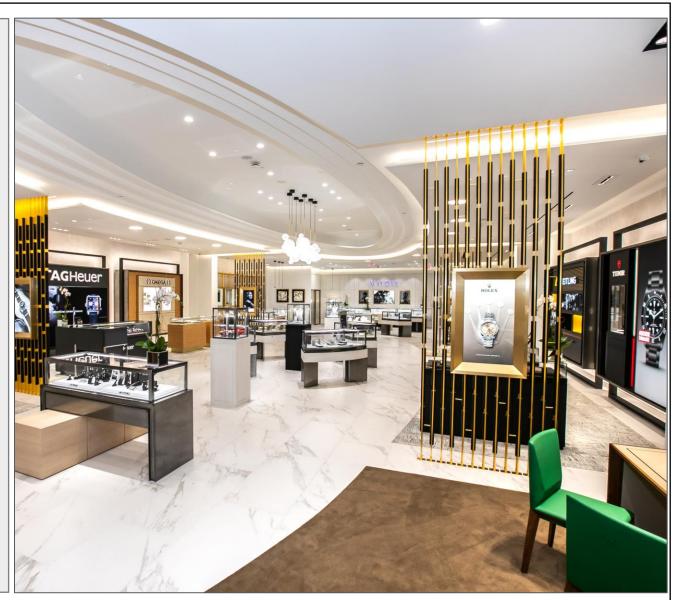


#### FY22 Guidance



FY22 guidance is based on no disruption to supply, 52 weeks, pre-IFRS 16

- Revenue: £1.15bn to £1.20bn
- EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin %: +1.0% to +1.5% vs last year
- Depreciation, amortisation, impairment and profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets: £30.0m to £32.0m
- Total finance costs: £4.0m to £4.5m
- Underlying tax rate: 21.0% to 22.5%
- Capex: £45.0m to £50.0m
- Net debt: £10.0m to £20.0m
- Average USD/GBP FY rate \$1.40



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# Conclusions

Brian Duffy, CEO





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