# The partner of choice for self-care products

Interim results 6 months to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

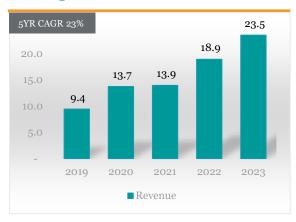
September 2023





### Financial overview\*

#### Group Revenue £'m



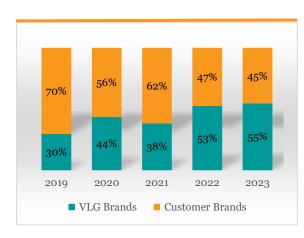
#### Gross Profit £'m / %



Adj. EBITDA¹ £'m / %



Revenue Mix %



Operating Profit £'m

(pre amortization, impairment & exceptional items)



### Cash Generation £'m

(from underlying activities2)



<sup>\*</sup> Exclude one-off HSG impact in 2020



## Financial highlights – 6 months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

- Group revenues of £23.5m, a growth of 24.5% over H1 2022, on a proforma¹ basis revenue performance was 10.4% ahead of H1 2022
- Momentum from key brands (Balance Activ, Lift and growth from recently acquired Earol brand)
- Strong growth from Customer Brands, incl. £1.2m of revenue from newly developed products (H1 22: £0.7m)
- Adjusted EBITDA<sup>3</sup> increased 33.4% to £4.4m (H1 2022: £3.3m) and adjusted EBITDA<sup>3</sup> margin up 1.3% to 18.9% (H1 2022: 17.6%)
- Cash generated from underlying activities of £4.8m (H1 2022: £1.8m) and improved cash conversion of 108% (H1 2022: 56%)
- Increase in free cashflow to £2.6m (H1 2022: £0.5m)
- Net debt reduced to £15.3m with Group net leverage<sup>2</sup> reduced to 1.47x at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: 1.65x)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Proforma basis i.e. if the acquisition had been in place for the whole of the prior period.

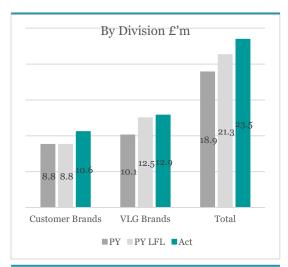
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Group net leverage calculated as net debt (excl. finance leases) and using proforma Adjusted EBITDA<sup>3</sup> on a trailing 12-month basis.

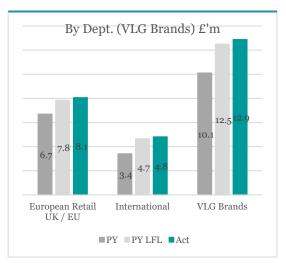
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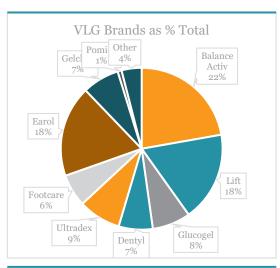
## Financial Review

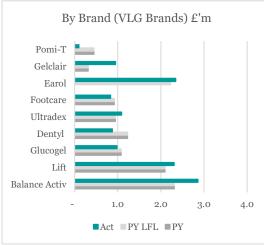


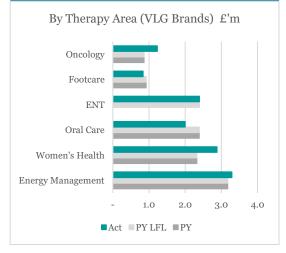
## H1 2023 Revenue analysis

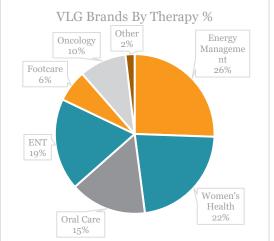














## Global challenges and mitigation strategies

#### **Key challenges:**

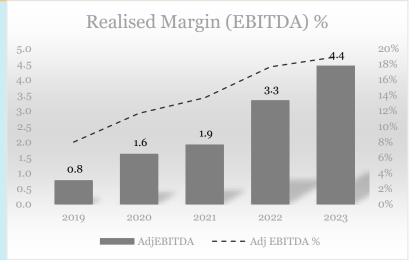
- Raw material shortages / inflation higher competing demand and lower production due to energy prices, meaning longer lead times, pressure on input prices and availability of goods across 2021-22
- Global logistics challenges driven by COVID and higher fuel/energy costs
- Ukraine / Russia crisis global sanctions and volatility causing supply chain disruption led to alternative sourcing of materials

#### **H1 2023 factors:**

- Input costs supplier increases have plateaued and there is more availability, inventory procured at inflated prices during the height of the supply chain challenges have now wound through the P&L
- Customer price increases further costs passed onto customers where possible, but there is a lag effect, impact will be favourable on H2-2023
- **Fair value adjustments** once-off impact from fair value of inventory adjustment on HLH acquisition has been absorbed fully (circa 0.7% impact on gross margin)

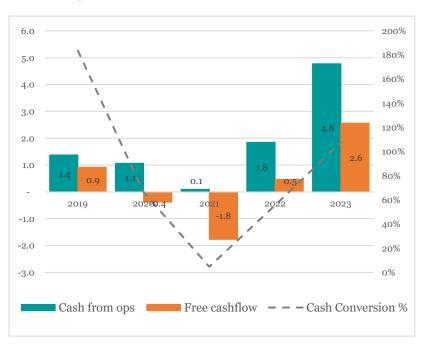
## **Our Mitigation Strategies**

- Customer price increases/passing on costs to share impact of rising costs
- **Forward orders** from customers for greater visibility for procurement and production
- Procurement purchasing large quantities at better prices, and increasing inventory held in order to absorb supply chain and customer disruption
- **Alternative suppliers** identified to protect against future supply chain disruption/ price rises
- **Diversified product portfolio** through M&A more products, more customers & more markets





## Cash generation and net debt reduction



Net Cash / (Debt) £ million	31 Dec 2022	30 Jun 2023	31 Dec 2023 (Cavendish)
Gross debt (excl. finance leases)	(22.3)	(19.0)	(16.6)
Cash	5.6	3.7	4.8
Net Cash / (Debt)	(16.7)	(15.3)	(11.7)
SFA defined EBITDA	10.1	10.4	10.7
Group Net Leverage¹ (excl. leases)	1.65x	1.47x	1.1X
Free cashflow	2.9 (twelve months)	2.6 (six months)	6.8 (twelve months)

#### H1-2023 Highlights:

- Cash generated from operations £4.8m (H1-22: £1.8m) and underlying cash conversion 108% (H1-22: 56%)
- Free cashflow £2.6m (H1-22: £0.5m)
- Deferred consideration of £3.0m on HL Healthcare acquisition paid in full during the period

#### **Outlook:**

- Further cash generation improvement expected in second half
- Enabling further reductions in net debt and leverage to between 1.0-1.1x by end of FY23



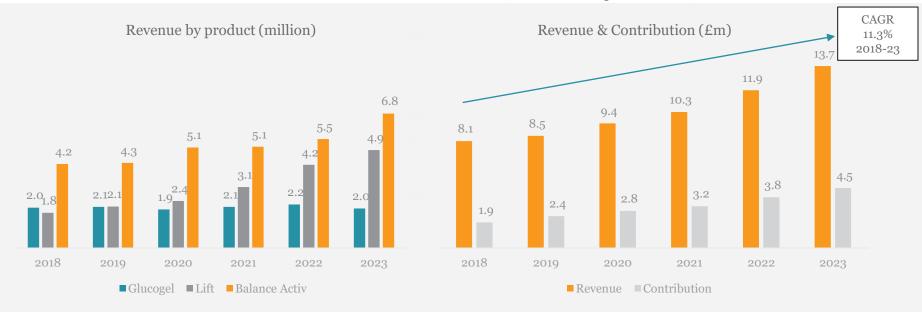
## BBI Healthcare Limited – *case study*

- Acquired June 2021 consideration paid £35 million
- Immediately earnings enhancing and highly cash generative
- 3 key brands in 2 new therapeutic areas – women's health and diabetes
- New manufacturing plant in Sweden
- Key new partner for VLG (Bayer Consumer Care AG)



- Strong synergistic opportunities cost savings, manufacturing and cross selling – drivers of realised margin
- Opportunities for expansion (excess capacity) and new product development
- 5 (five) new products developed by VLG since acquisition
- 15 new listings secured in H1-2023
- Balance Activ and Lift revenues in growth 24% and 16% resp. in H1-2023





## VLG Brands



## VLG Brands – key H1 themes

- Focus on organic growth
  - Distribution gains UK, international penetration elsewhere
  - In market growth
  - Online expansion
  - New products developed and launched
- Overall portfolio in growth second half weighted, as usual
- Women's Health, Energy and Oncology Support deliver strong growth
- Net growth in points of distribution in the UK & EU retail estimated worth of £0.6m incremental revenue in H2 2023 / £1.3 annualised
- New product development program increasing in H1 delivering growth in brand portfolio
- International business development team bolstered
- New channel development

## UK and EU Retail - H1 Results, H2 plans







**TESCO** 





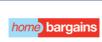
- · Raspberry chews
- · Blueberry chews
- · Very berry shot





#### DELIST

· Smooth mint 500ml





· Value pack 6ct



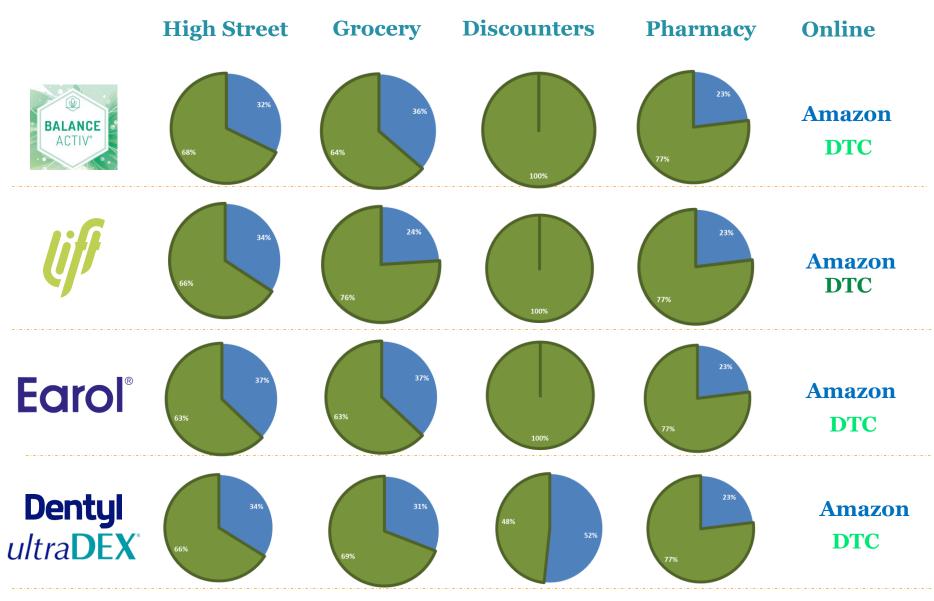


DISTRIBUTION DECREASE

BV Pessary

## **UK and EU Retail – Distribution opportunity**





## New Product Development – in action







**Lift Activ Energy Boost** 

Lift Your Game!

Fast acting glucose giving an immediate burst of energy, with the additional benefits from vitamins and minerals to help reduce tiredness and fatigue.

Free from caffeine, taurine, gluten, and fats. Vegan-friendly.

## **Earol**®



**BABY EAROL** 

A new metered dose ear spray for babies, made from a gentle blend of pharmaceutical-grade olive and mineral oil to soften and naturally remove earwax and soothe dry and itchy ears.

Suitable for use from 6 months.



## New Product Development – in action







#### Balance Activ Intimate Daily Foam Wash

Lightweight foam wash that matches and helps maintain the pH of delicate vulval skin, which helps promote good vaginal health.





#### HerFlora Supplement

A complete multi-vitamin & minerals supplement with 4 billion live cultures food, formulated specifically for Women. From supporting immunity and promoting the balance of vaginal flora, to keeping tiredness at bay and contributing to normal fertility and maternal tissue growth.

#### Balance Activ Intimate Daily Wipes

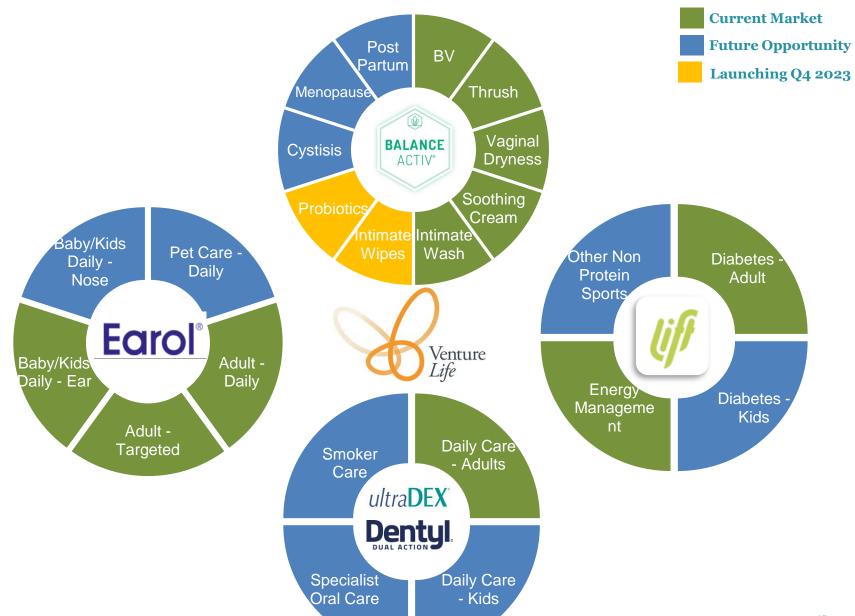
Gyno-tested, pH-friendly, soothing and portable. Relieve discomfort and enjoy comfort on the go.

### Balance Activ Thrush Cream

With 3 benefits to help the body fight the cause, relieve the symptoms, and prevent the recurrence of thrush, without being a drug.

## **Future Opportunities for Venture Life**





## UK and EU Retail – Key Brand H1 & H2 story











J Sainsbury's launched **5** new SKUs in range

New product listings agreed for Intimate Foam Wash, BV value pack (14) in Boots and Amazon

J Sainsbury's launched 6 new Lift SKUs in their Wellness range

ASDA and Morrisons positively reviewing newly developed products

Earol launched in Amazon in June 2023

Earol launched in Tesco August 2023

Dentyl Dual Action "half price" promotions delivering strong uplift

Boots off-shelf end H1 contributing positively to the brand's performance due to enhanced visibility on shelf

Newly developed products **Herflora** and **Wipes** landing in Superdrug Introducing **Intimate Soothing Cream, Thrush cream, BV pessary** in Well Pharmacy

Launching **Balance Activ** in the Women's Health Zone in Superdrug in 10 flagship stores

**Tesco launching** 2 new Lift Newly Developed Products in Wellness Category

ASDA increasing distribution on the existing blueberry chews 10ct (from 263 to 505 stores)

4 Lift Newly Developed Products and lemon & lime shot launching in Boots online by October 2023 **Baby Earol** Newly Developed Product to launch in Boots and Amazon by September B&M launching a trial of **Dentyl Dual Action** cherry 500ml in
November 2023

B&M launching a till point activation on the **Dentyl Dual Action** clove 500ml and cherry 500ml

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## **International – Key Brand H1 & H2 story**











Distribution Agreements signed (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Taiwan).

Registration in Canada.

Anvisa's approval obtained in Brazil.

Partner in Nordics achieves further market penetration.

Product improvements from a regulatory and production perspective.

New partners under discussion.

Line extension for **BV pessary** signed in Austria.

Moisture pessary and Wipes under assessment with existing partners.

Strong order book from Bayer showing growth expected vs 2022.

Strong order book for Gelclair with growth vs 2022 expected.

New partnerships under negotiation in Spain.

Strong order book with growth vs 2022 expected for Vaxol. Brand.

Ongoing negotiations with existing partner for extension to South America

Further discussions ongoing n south of EU

Agreement signed in Philippines where strong growth is expected in the coming years.

New claim and alternative manufacturer allowing discussions within major EU countries.





## **Brand Commentary**

BV UK Market Size/growth % vs LY 2.3m
-6.6 %
growth v LY

Balance Activ VMS/ppt chg % vs LY

44.0 % +4.0 Ppts vs LY

Balance Activ

NR size/growth % vs LY

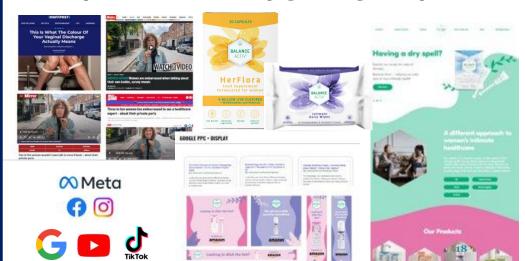
1m +6.4% growth v LY **2023 Strategy**: Brand Evolution, Drive brand awareness & Category Expansion

#### H<sub>1</sub> reflection

- Brand look and feel and product copy refreshed in line with consumer trends and brand position – reflected across socials and new optimised website.
- Omni-channel digital brand campaign using new brand animation.
   Strong results Impressions 8.7M, Reach 5M & CTR 4.48% (Above average)
- The Big Vagina report was reported over 100 times with a combined potential reach of 1.4 Billion driving visibility. And resulted in 2 Televised earned coverage of the report

#### **H2 Focus**

- Development and launch of BA NPD Intimate wipes and Probiotics
- Continue brand and NPD exploration into wider women health categories
- Develop and build 2024 brand campaign to strengthen BA position



Source: Nielsen data w/e Jul 12023 YTD ;Dashboard financial data end of June 2023 Venture Life Group plc | Private & Confidential





## H<sub>1</sub> 2023 Commercial Results

## **Brand Commentary**

GLUCOSE Market Size/growth % vs LY £11.2m
Estimated FY

+17 %
growth v LY

LIFT VMS/ppt chg % vs LY



LIFT
NR size/growth % vs LY



**2023 Strategy**: Brand Evolution, Drive brand awareness and Category Expansion

#### H<sub>1</sub> reflection

- Launch of **Lift Activ Energy Boost** with added vits & mins in Tesco. Targeting sports and everyday lifestyle energy
- Social media focus has seen followers up **+197%** for H1. with impressions and engagements growing over 1000%
- Diabetes Awareness Week June 12 18th reached over 500k consumers.

#### H<sub>2</sub> Focus

- Build out Lift Activ Energy Boost range in other retailers and on Amazon
- Launch an e-commerce platform (DTC)
- Implement Lift marketing plans to support new products and DTC platform. Working with influencers to endorse new range and media coverage.



New Lift Activ Energy Boost





Coverage for National Diabetes Week



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Liked by sophlouise98 and 117 others



Social Media Coverage

16 likes fiabetic\_health\_coach\_ COMPETITION TIME! 4 ... mo 19

Source: Nielsen data w/e Jul 1, 2023; Dashboard financial data end of June 2023, EPOS w/e Jul 1, 2023 Venture Life Group plc | Private & Confidential





## **Brand Commentary**

ENT UK Market Size/growth % vs LY £26.7 m +5.1 % growth v LY

EAROL VMS/ppt chg % vs LY 13.6 % +0.1% Ppts vs LY

**EAROL** NR size/growth % vs LY

1,1m **-5.0** % Decline v LY

Source: Nielsen data w/e July 1st2023; Dashboard financial data end of June 2023

#### **2023 Strategy**: Brand refresh, retail distribution build UK

#### H<sub>1</sub> Reflection

- New Earol packaging now available in stores
- New website and social media accounts launched with updated digital imagery available for Earol, EarolSwim and Baby Earol for Amazon.

#### H<sub>2</sub> Focus

- Baby Earol **launching in Boots** on the first week of October, in addition to launching on Amazon and updated website content. PR and influencer activity will be utilised to support.
- FSC cartons and SRP artworks to be developed for roll out in Q1 2024 for Earol and Baby Earol.
- Features in Training Matters, CI+ Directory. In addition to Pharmacy Magazine and P3 Pharmacy (as MVP Awards winner).













## **Brand Commentary**

**MOUTHWASH** Market Size/growth % vs LY £77.9 m +0.1% growth v LY

DENTYL NR size/growth % vs LY

£0.8 m **-11.7** % Decline v LY

DENTYL VMS/ppt chg % vs LY

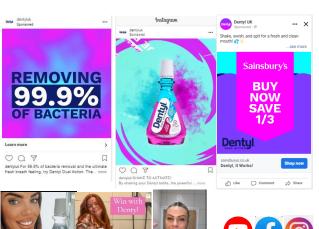
1.3 % -0.3% Ppts vs LY **2023 Strategy**: Switch in competitors' user through communicating product efficacy and driving consumer WOM.

#### H<sub>1</sub> reflection

- 'It Works' campaign launched in May to communicate the product efficacy, achieving > **5M** impression.
- Influencer campaign in IG/FB & TIKTOK to drive consumer WOM, reached out to 200k followers.
- Search campaign reactivated, +2.8k new users to the website.

#### H<sub>2</sub> Focus

- Enhance instore communication for 'It Works' campaign through on pack collar
- Always on social media & search campaign support to sustain brand awareness
- Continue to drive sustainability project.













## **Brand Commentary**

HALITOSIS Market Size/growth % vs LY £1.9 m +13.1 % growth v LY

ULTRADEX
NR size/growth % vs LY

£0.9 m
+0.3 %
growth v LY

ULTRADEX VMS/ppt chg % vs LY



Market size increased drastically, driven by Breathco Deep price cut, which dilute UDX share. absolute value maintain at mthly £140k in L3M **2023 Strategy**: Drive brand awareness among bad breath sufferers, recruit new user with dentist backed claims

#### H<sub>1</sub> reflection

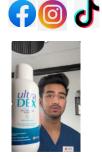
- Sustaining brand awareness among dental professional through advertising in FMC network.
- Search campaign reactivated, +40% new users to the website

#### **H2 Focus**

- Partner with Dr Ash for 'Dr Says' campaign with online video on Youtube channel to communicate Ultradex as trusted brand by dentist for 30 years, with unique ActiveOxi Technology to treat the root cause of bad breath.
- Engage with dental students for 'bad breath challenged' to drive social buzz.
- Always on social media & search campaign to sustain brand awareness









## Customer Brands



## Customer Brands – NPD fuelling growth

- Strong growth of +20% over H1 2022
- Revenues of £10.6 million includes £1.2 million of new products developed in 2022
- Shows value of long term relationships in delivering revenue growth
- New products developed for 10+ existing customers
- Growth is broadening customer concentration











## Commercial strategy development – active channel expansion

VLG Brands	Customer Brands	Private Label
Totally owned by us	Owned by customer	Owned by customer
	Service Provider	Service Provider
Our Own Distribution in retail or distributor	Customer distribution in retail, online, or distributor model	Usually only own retail footprint distribution
Our Own development and manufacture	Development and manufacture	Development and manufacture
Our own marketing	Customer marketing	Customer marketing
Our promotion	Customer promotion	Customer promotion































## Sustainable Life – to be a Trusted, Responsible and Sustainable Business

#### **2023 targets:**

- Focus on Italian site:
  - B Corp
  - Carbon footprint
  - Net zero 2050 plan
  - LCA for 3 key brands
- All on target for 2023 completion
- 2024 focus on rest of the Group for the same





































#### 2023 achievement so far...

- Ecovadis credentials:
  - 90,000 assessed companies
  - 175 countries
  - Across 200 industries
  - Silver in top 25%







## Financial Roadmap

**2022** (Actual)

Revenue £44.0m Gross margin 40.2% EBITDA margin 20.4% 5yr revenue CAGR 24% VLG Brands revenue 53%

Net leverage 1.65x

**2018** (Actual)

Revenue £18.8m Gross margin 38.8% EBITDA margin 14.4% 5yr revenue CAGR 27% VLG Brands revenue 35% M&A accelerators

**20**24 (Market consensus)

Revenue £55.0m Gross margin 41.0% EBITDA margin 23.9% 2yr revenue CAGR 12% VLG Brands revenue 63% Net leverage 0.4x 2027 (Medium term aspiration)

Revenue circa £100m Gross margin c.48-50% EBITDA margin c.28-30% 3yr revenue CAGR 22%

3yr revenue CAGR 22% VLG Brands revenue 75% **Net leverage 0.7**x



## H1 trajectory and outlook

#### H<sub>1</sub> Highlights

- Both VLG and Customer Brands in growth vs PY LFL with acquired businesses growing
- Gross margin still weighed on by legacy higher input prices
- OPEX efficiencies coming through
- Digital transformation progressing
- Good operating cash conversion, reducing net debt and leverage
- Deferred contingent consideration on HLH fully paid

#### **H2 Outlook**

- Higher margin VLG Brands weighted much more to H2
- Additional customer price increases effective from Q3 onwards
- High visibility of H2 revenue through strong order book comprising significant increase in the higher margin VLG brands, compared to same time last year
- Impact of new listings secured in UK
- Continued good operating cash conversion and free cash flow improvement



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