# Debt Investor Call.

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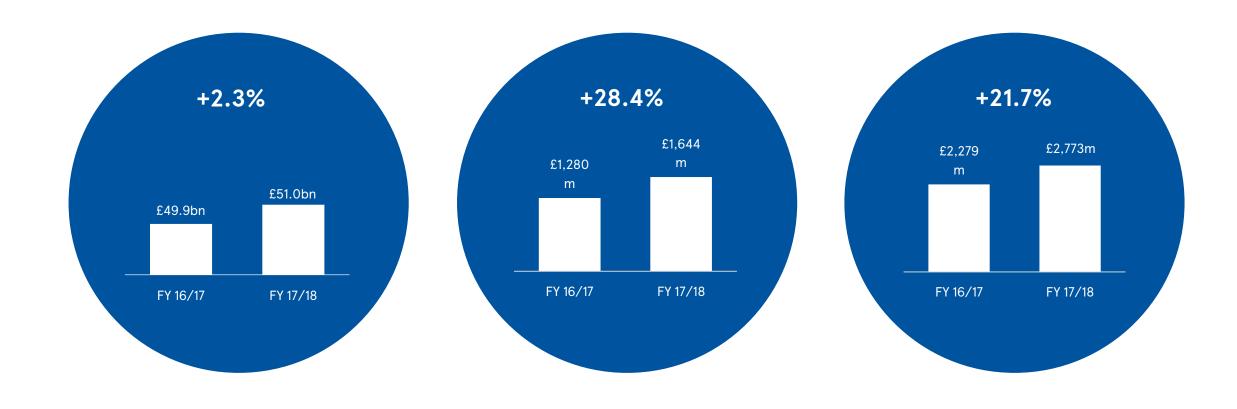


## FY results.





#### A year of progress



- 1. Group sales growth at actual rates on a comparable days and a continuing operations basis.
- 2. Group operating profit before exceptional items on a continuing operations basis.
- 3. Retail cash generated from operations on a continuing operations basis.

Positive sales growth<sup>1</sup>



Strong retail cash generation<sup>3</sup>

Strong profit growth<sup>2</sup>

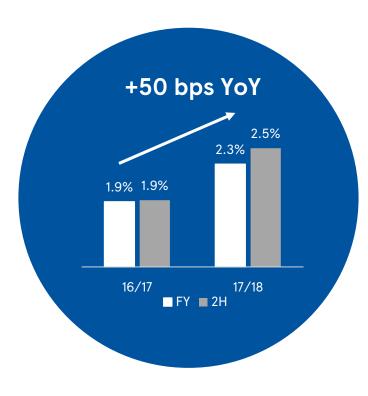
#### **UK** performance



Emphasis on fresh food volumes



More customers shopping with us<sup>1</sup>

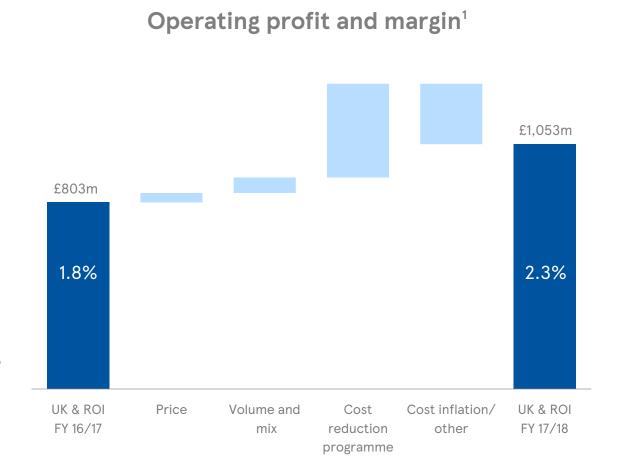


Improved profitability



#### **UK & ROI**

- Strong sales:
  - >2% LFL in every quarter; 2.4% in 4Q
  - UK fresh food volume up 0.7%, outperforming the market by 1.7%<sup>2</sup>
  - Own Brand increased to 51% of sales
- Improved profitability:
  - £404m saved through cost savings plan
  - 2H operating margin strengthened to 2.5%
- £1.9bn cash generated from operations





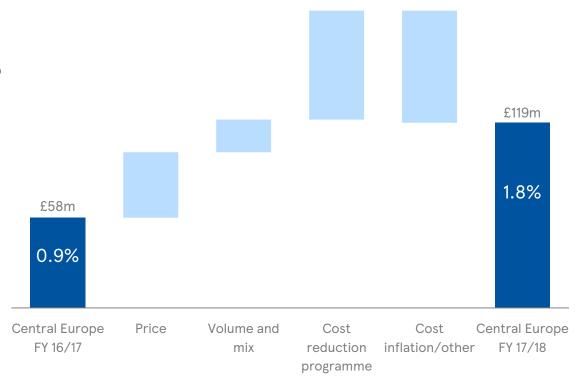
Before exceptional items.

<sup>2.</sup> Data is for the 52-weeks ending 25 February and is sourced from IRI Retail Advantage™, global insight providers to the retail industry. IRI market definition excludes Aldi and Lidl.

#### **Central Europe**

- Focused sales growth:
  - Food like-for-like sales growth +1.2%
  - Small store like-for-like sales growth +3.2%
- Profit more than doubled to £119m
  - £70m saved through cost savings plan
- £389m cash generated from operations

### Operating profit and margin<sup>1</sup>



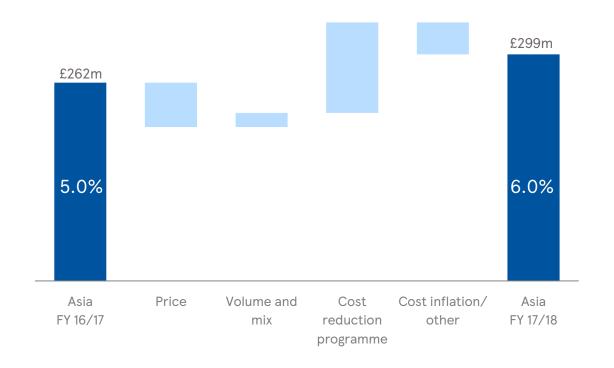
1. Before exceptional items.



#### Asia

- Strategic actions to focus on sustainable, profitable sales growth
  - Bulk sales impact of c.(6)%
  - 44% reduction in short-term couponing
- Further improvement in profitability despite full year deflation of c.(1)%
  - Operating margin up 99b.p.
  - £120m saved through cost savings plan
- £490m cash generated from operations

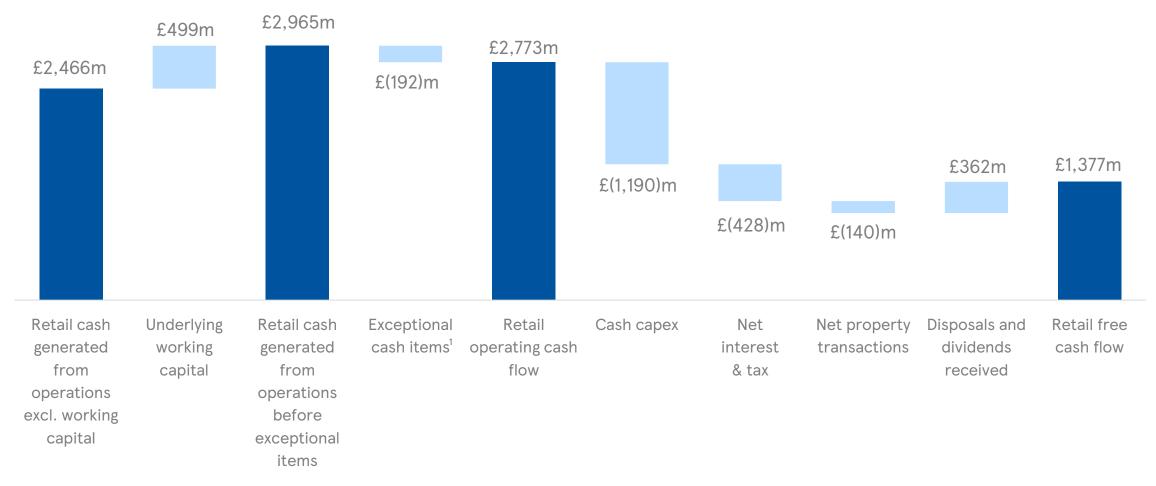
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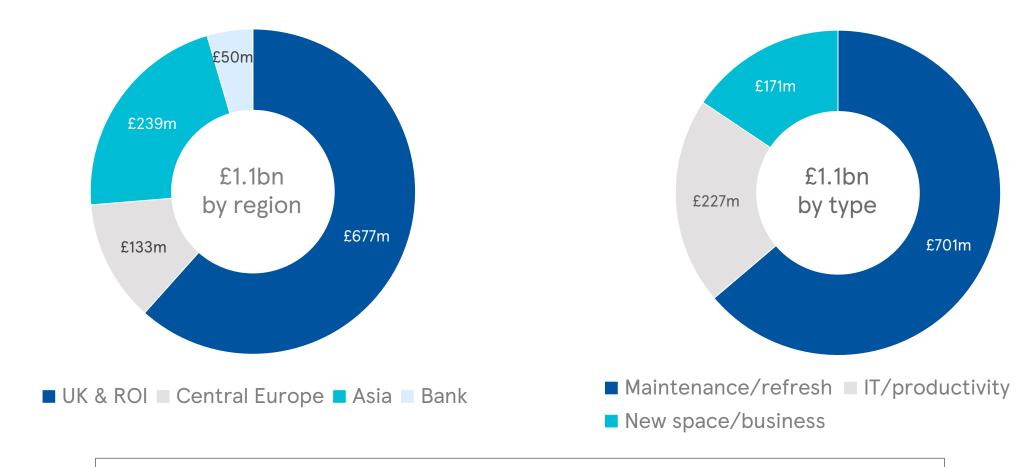
#### Sources and uses of cash



<sup>1.</sup> Exceptional cash items includes £(120)m of restructuring payments, £(92)m utilisation of onerous leases, £(149)m for payments in relation to the Deferred Prosecution Agreement with the SFO and shareholder compensation payments, offset by a £160m VAT refund and £9m of other items.



#### Capital expenditure



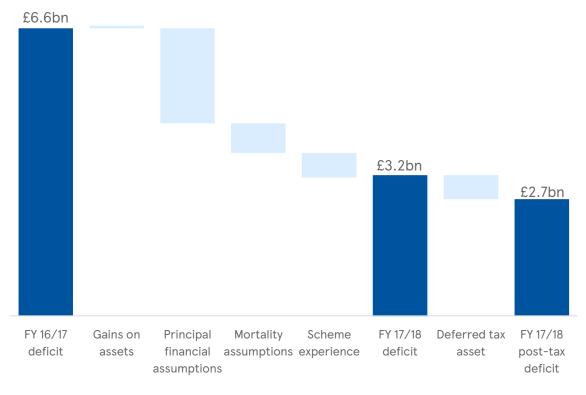
FY 18/19 onwards capex guidance: between £1.1bn and £1.4bn



#### **Pension**

- Triennial pension review concluded
  - Small increase in annual contributions to £285m p.a. from April 2018
  - Actuarial deficit as at March 2017: £3.0bn
- IAS 19 pension deficit reduced to £2.7bn
- Discount rate more appropriately reflects corporate bond yields over life of liabilities

#### Movement in IAS 19 deficit





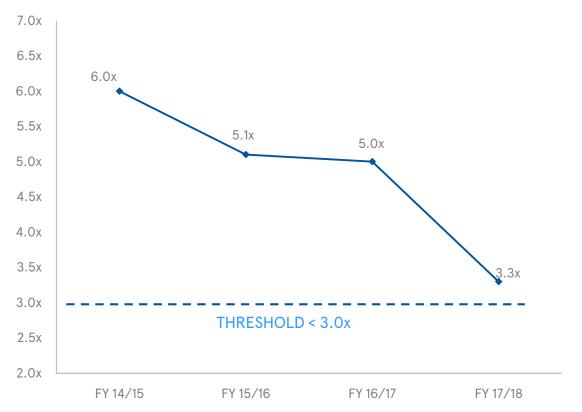
#### **Balance sheet progress**



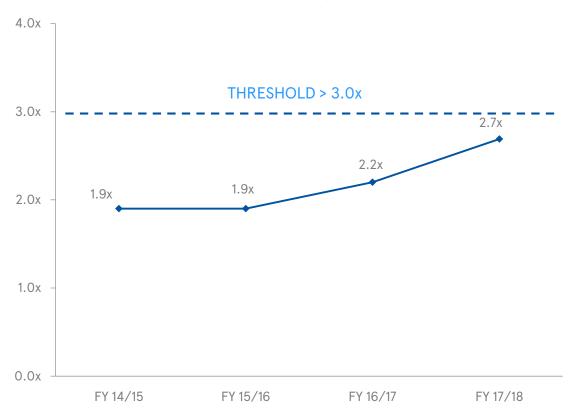


#### Improving debt metrics





#### Fixed charge cover<sup>2</sup>

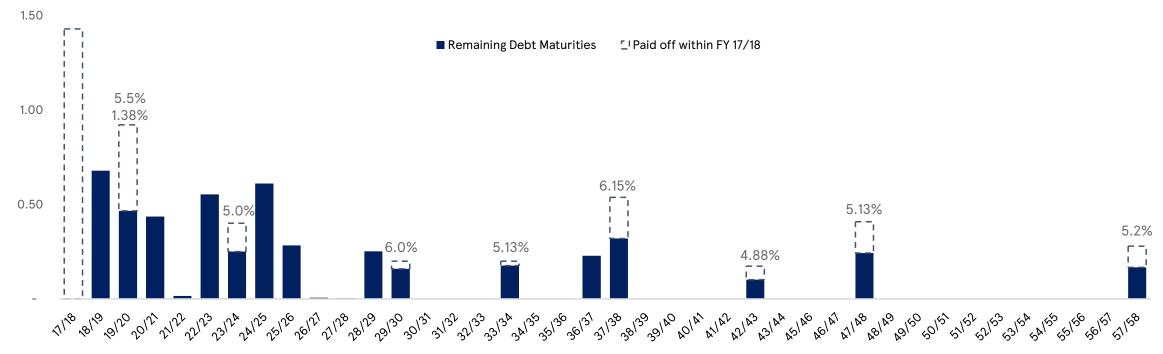


- 1. Net Debt + defined pension deficit (net of tax) + discounted operating lease commitments / EBITDAR
- 2. EBITDAR / (Net finance costs (before exceptional charges, IAS 19 net pension finance costs and IAS 30 fair value remeasurements) + Retail operating lease expense)



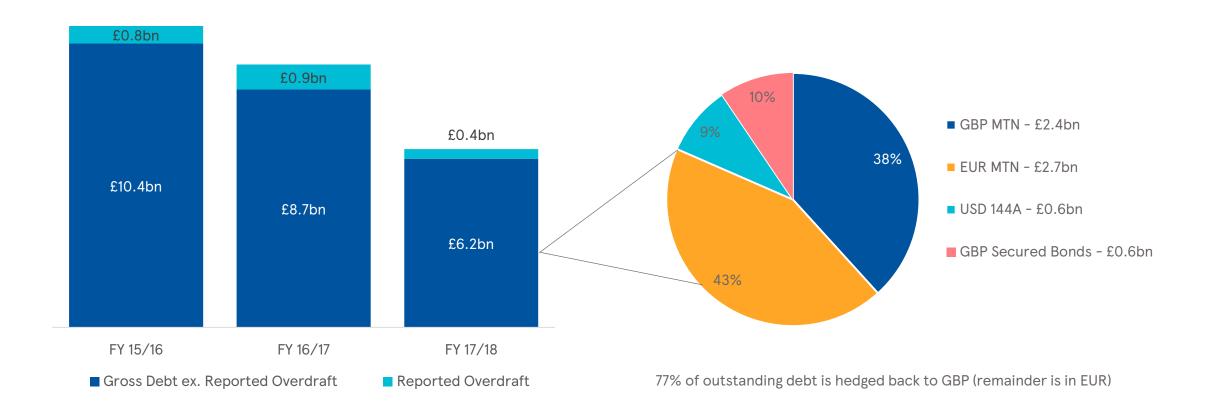
#### **Debt reduction**

- Repayment of £2.7bn of outstanding debt during FY 17/18:
  - £1.4bn maturities
  - Tender offers in July (£500m) and October (£800m)
  - c.£50m annualised interest savings





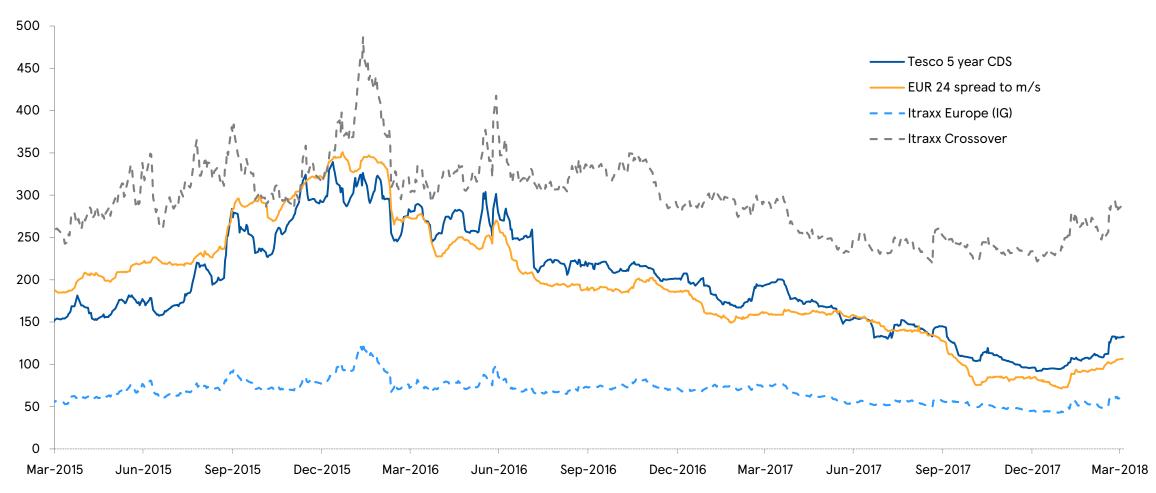
#### Gross debt position and outstanding debt by type







#### Further tightening in credit spreads



Source: Bloomberg.



#### Financial summary.

- Continued strong growth in sales (+2.3%), profit (+28.4%), cash (+21.7%) and earnings (+62.7%)
- Increased profitability → 3.0% Group operating margin in second half
- £594m cost savings in year; £820m savings to date
- £2.7bn debt repaid in year
- Total indebtedness down £4.4bn to £12.3bn
- Dividend reinstated: interim 1.0p + final 2.0p



# In the UK, creating the leading food business.



























#### **Booker results (unaudited)**

- Q4 customer satisfaction up further 0.3% on Q3, to 85.7%
- Q4 like-for-like sales up 9.9%
- c.£195m FY 17/18 operating profit before exceptional items
- c.£120m FY 17/18 net cash



#### Joining forces

#### Investors back <u>Tesco's</u> £4bn deal to merge with Booker

#### **Gurpreet Narwan**

Shareholders have backed Tesco's £4 billion takeover of Booker, effectively clearing away the final hurdle to the combination of Britain's biggest supermarkets group with the country's leading wholesaler.

Despite some opposition and boardroom divisions, investors on both sides supported the deal vesterday, paving the way for the formation of a grocery company with annual revenues of more than £60 billion.

Just over 85 per cent of Tescos investors approved the deal and 83 per cent of Booker shareholders will run Tesco's British business. voted in favour. Last year the takeover sailed through a review by the Competition and Markets Authority, which concluded that it would not lead to

had raised concerns about the deal. Glass Lewis said last week that the premium offered by Tesco "clearly lags regional trends", and added: "We see little cause for Booker investors to support what appears to be a less-thancompelling control transaction."

Institutional Shareholder Services also recommended that Booker shareholders should reject the offer, under which, it said, Tesco "appears to be getting the better deal".

With the shareholders' support secured, Dave Lewis, chief executive of

Mr Lewis said: "This merger is about growth, bringing together our retail and wholesale skills to create the UK's leading food business. [It] opens up new

On time, as proposed



Significant cost synergy potential



Significant revenue growth potential



#### Unlocking new growth









Range optimisation

New innovative formats

Expanded delivered offer

Click & Collect, Mobile, Banking



#### **Synergies**

Synergies





Revenue aspiration

**Exceptional costs** 

#### Minimum change, maximum impact

**Purpose** 

'Serving Britain's Customers a little better every day'

**Values** 

1. No one tries harder for customers

2. We treat people how they want to be treated

3. Every little help makes a big difference

**Operating Principles** 

Health Safe + Legal

Customer satisfaction

Cash profitability

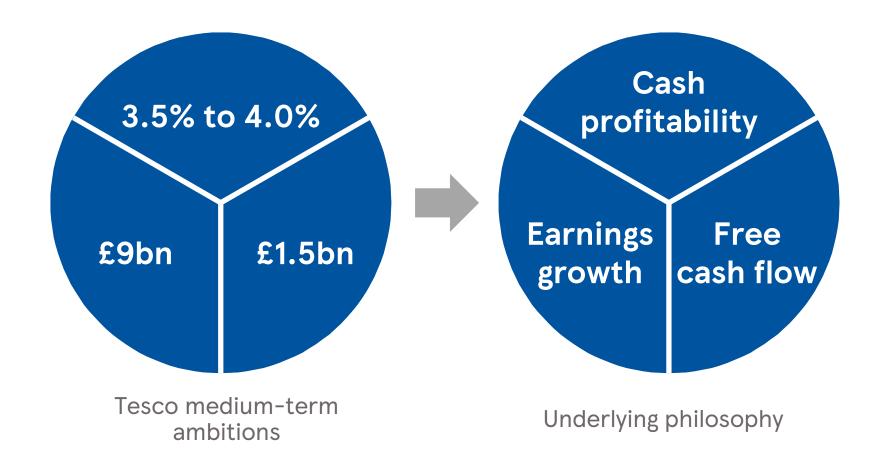
20/80: Minimise change for maximum benefit

'One Team' with specialised channel expertise (Retail, Wholesale, Online)

YCDBSOYA - Speed



#### Sustainable value creation for shareholders



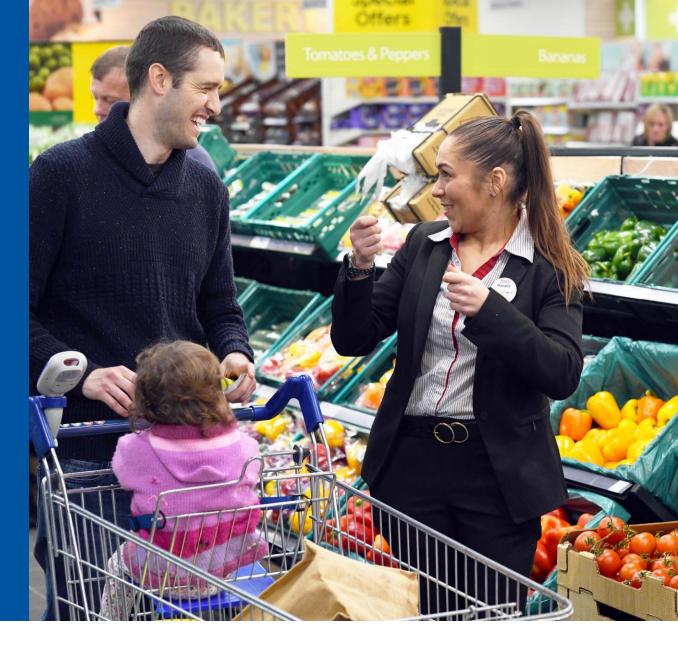


#### Summary.

- Delivering against our six strategic drivers
- Continued momentum in our performance
  - Sales up, profits up, cash up, debt down
  - Shifting the mix <u>and</u> more customers are shopping at Tesco
  - Balance sheet significantly strengthened
- Very confident that the UK's leading food business can unlock significant future growth

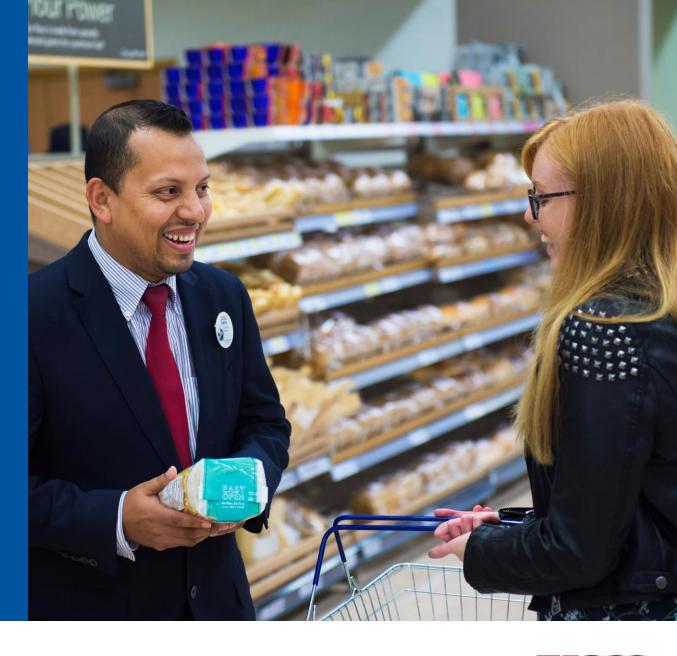


# Q&A.





# Appendix.





#### Guidance

Operating margin 3.5% to 4.0% Group operating margin by 19/20

Operating costs Reduce operating costs by a further £1.5bn by 19/20

**Retail cash generation** Generate £9bn of cash from operations by 18/19

Working capital Underlying decrease of around £0.2bn per annum

**Pension deficit contribution** £285m per annum from April 2018 (previously £270m)

Capex £1.1bn - £1.4bn per annum

Net finance costs<sup>1</sup> c.4% of long-term debt per annum

**Effective tax rate** Decreasing to c.20% over medium term

**Dividend**Targeting cover of around 2 times EPS in medium term

Broadly one-third: two-thirds split between interim and final

**Debt metrics**Total indebtedness less than 3.0x EBITDAR

Fixed charge cover greater than 3.0x

Booker Consolidated from 5 March 2018



<sup>1.</sup> Before exceptional charges, IAS 19 net pension finance costs and IAS 39 fair value remeasurements.

#### **Credit ratings**

Agency	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook
S & P	BB+	В	Stable
Fitch	BB+	В	Stable
Moody's	Ba1	NP	Stable

Stable outlook from all three credit rating agencies



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