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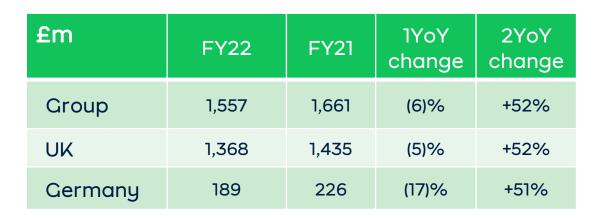
## Welcome

John Roberts Founder and Chief Executive Officer

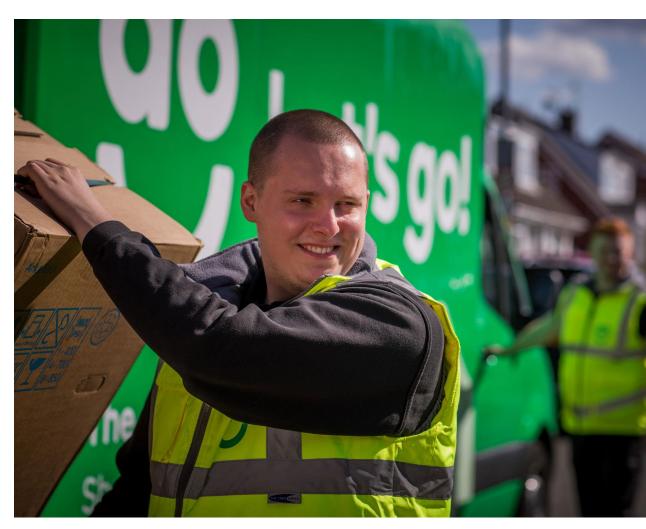
# Financial Performance

Mark Higgins Group CFO

## FY22 Revenue Highlights



- Resilient UK performance against
  extraordinary comps
- Volatile year following robust growth during Covid
- Q1 performance in line with Board's expectations
- Structural online penetration still increasing from 45% to 54%<sup>1</sup>



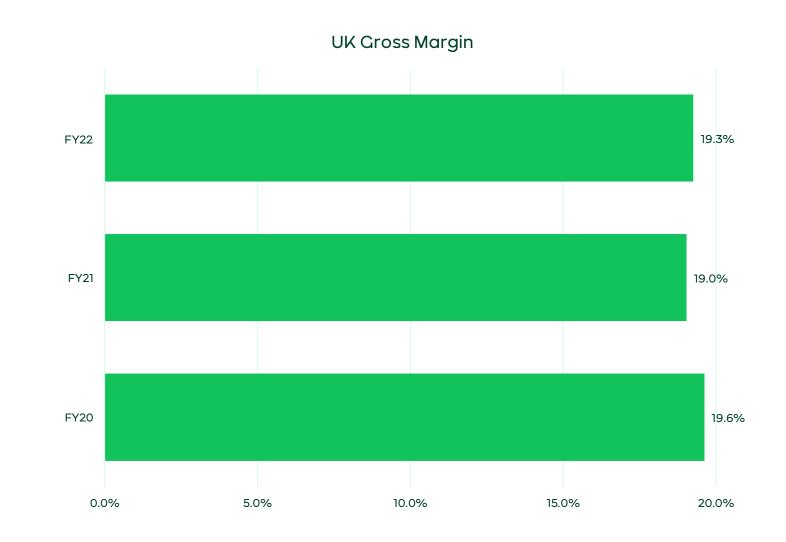


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## UK Gross margin

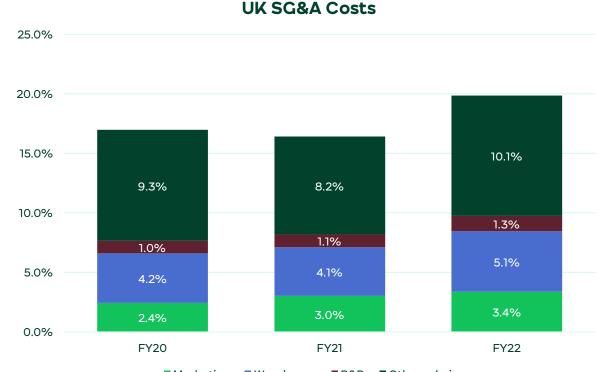
- UK margins in FY22 affected by inflationary pressures in fuel and driver rates
- Increased costs offset by
  - Higher product pricing
  - Improvement in our Mobile business profitability relative to prior year

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## **UK SG&A costs**

- Warehousing costs increased due to lower sales impacting the recovery of full year leasing costs on new properties
- Advertising and marketing costs reflect increased costs in digital advertising and brand awareness spend
- Other admin includes investment in call centre staff and IT staff in H2FY21 flowed through to FY22
- Reduction of inventory well progressed as reflected in working capital on the next slide



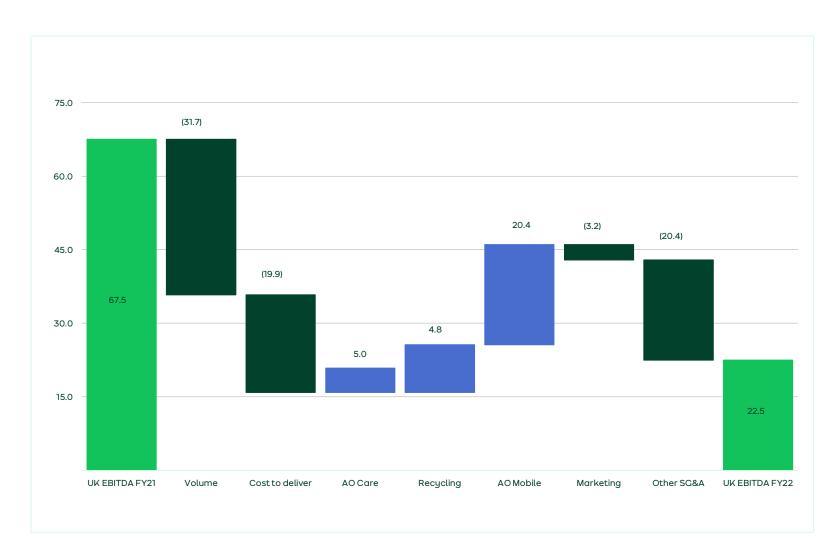
■ Marketing ■ Warehouse ■ R&D ■ Other admin

#### For the 12 months ending 31 March 2022

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## **UK Adjusted EBITDA progression**



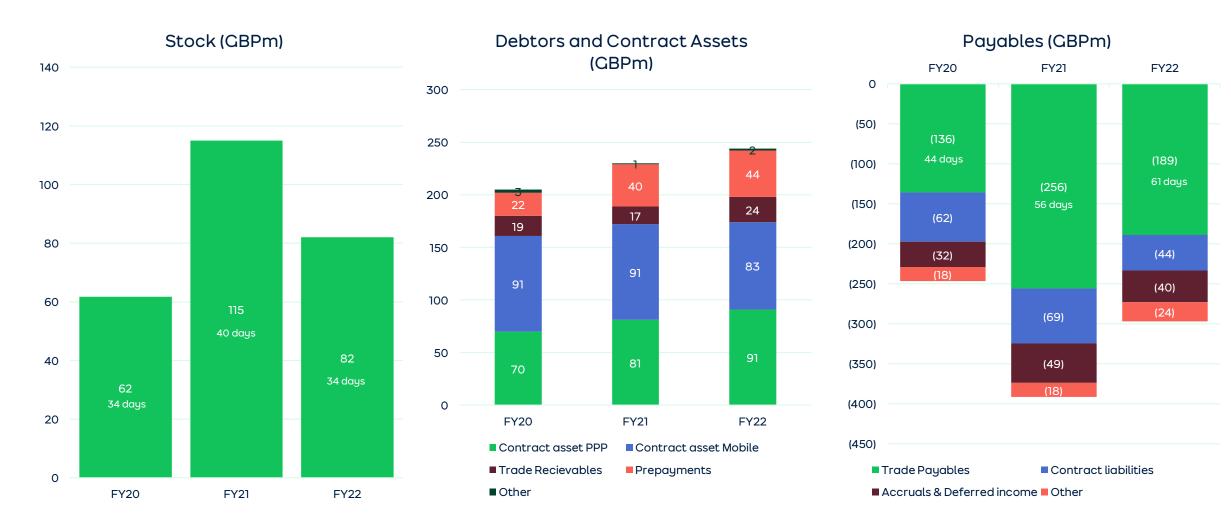


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- Cost structure at beginning of year set up for bigger business
- B2B and Recycling performed well
- AO Care performance in line with expectations post year end.
- Increased acquisition and brand spending offset by lower TV and Mobile brand spend
- Other Admin includes call centre/IT staff costs incurred in H2FY21 flowed through to FY22

## **UK Working Capital**



#### Values and number of days is at 31 March

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## **Cash flow & liquidity**

£m	FY22	FY21
AdjustedEBITDA	9	64
Exceptional cashflows	-	(2)
Non-cash movements	6	(5)
Net change in working capital	(68)	59
Movement in inventories	41	(68)
Movement in receivables	(8)	(36)
Movement in payables and provisions	(101)	163
Taxation received / (paid)	2	(2)
Cash (used in) / generated from operating activities	(51)	115
Сарех	(10)	(9)
Financing activities	14	(45)
Movement in cash	(47)	60
Opening cash	67	7
Closing cash	20	67
Unutilised facility	30	76
Total liquidity	50	143

- Net working capital movement was the key driver of cash flow which is unwinding
- RCF facility renewed for £80m underpins cash position
- Placing in July restored liquidity levels to historical norm relative to revenues
- Net debt (pre IFRS 16) of £32.7m excluding operating leases
- Germany closure costs estimated at less than £5m
- Capex of £10m expected to halve into future years



## Germany

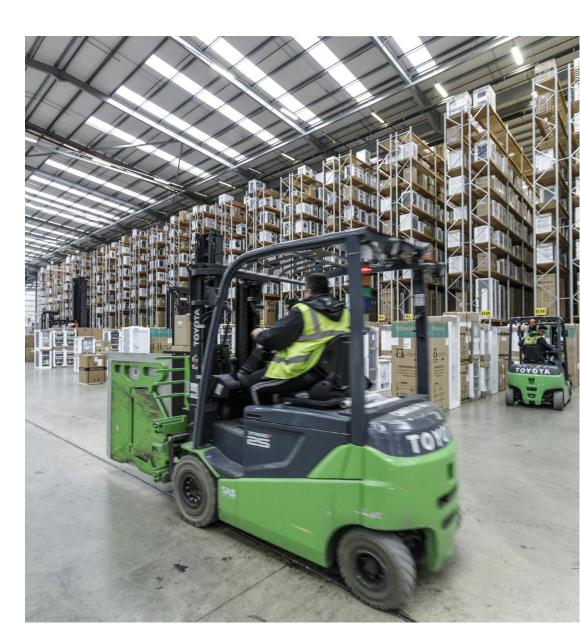
- Strategic review announced January 2022; decision to close June 2022
- Managing orderly closure of the business
  - Business ceased trading on 1 July 2022
  - Physical operations have mostly ceased on 1 August
- Expected cash costs in FY23 to be nil £5m versus original estimate of £15m



## FY23 strategic pivot to cash and profit

#### • FY23 actions

- Rationalisation of stocks and SKUs
- Reduce Capex to £5m
- Less than £5m of German closure costs
- Headcount savings
- Additional actions in progress
  - Rightsizing warehousing and logistics
  - Review of offices and facilities
  - Removal of international overheads
  - Housebuilders and Tesco closed



## FY23 financial outlook



- Consumer markets continue to be affected by cost of living challenges and volatility
- Sensible strategic pivot to profit and cash generation with growth in medium term
- Guidance FY23:
  - Group Adj. EBITDA £20m £30m
  - Revenues £1bn to £1.25bn
  - Capex of £5m
- Medium term operating ambitions:
  - Continuing adjusted EBITDA margin 5+%
  - Improved cash generation
  - Revenue growth 10+%



# Strategic Progress

John Roberts Founder and Chief Executive

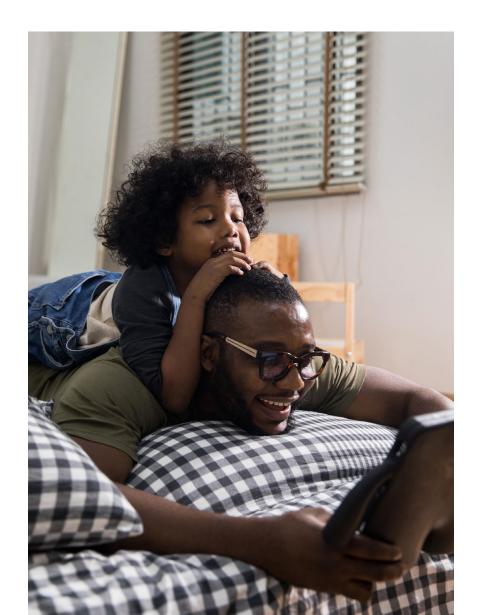


#### "To make our customers lives easier by helping them brilliantly"



## **Ongoing Disruption**

- AO model provides some inherent protection:
  - 4 million customers added last two years
  - 55% repeat purchase rate
  - Largely ABC demographic customer base insulated by Covid savings boom
  - Distress sales are over 70% of our MDA mix
- Strong finance offer deployed responsibly to help customer spread costs



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## Strategic Realignment

#### In progress or completed

- 1. Cash and profit focus with growth anticipated in the medium term
- 2. Simplification and focus
- 3. Operational efficiencies
- 4. Overhead reduction
- 5. Removal of internationalrelated overheads

#### Future strategic actions

- 6. Leverage AO platform
- 7. Leverage significant customer base





## **AO Flywheel**

5 Pivot to profitable growth Operational gearing Focus Repeat The destination for electricals Product information Choice Price Service

**Amazing service** 

Market leading customer satisfaction NPS scores AO Culture & Values

Invest & innovate

Grow profitable sales and "Total Addressable Market" Leverage AO platform New categories and channels

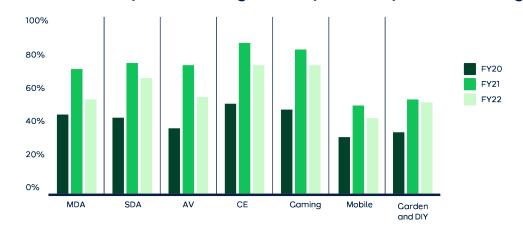
**Customer loyalty** 

55% repeat purchase rate Cross category purchase Increasing share of wallet

## **Total addressable market**



#### **Online penetration UK**<sup>1</sup> Post - Covid online penetration higher than pre-Covid period in all categories





- One of the UK MDA market leaders with 18% total market share and 32% online share
- Total addressable market three times larger than at IPO
- Big growth opportunities and upside in newer categories

### Vertically integrated platform with scale and quality



Incredible AO infrastructure operating at the highest levels of quality and service

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1.4m sq ft UK warehousing capacity, 70,000 deliveries 7 days a week; next day delivery available for over 90% of UK postcodes<sup>1</sup>



Industry leading electricals recycling capabilities



Attractive to leverage with partners including Homebase



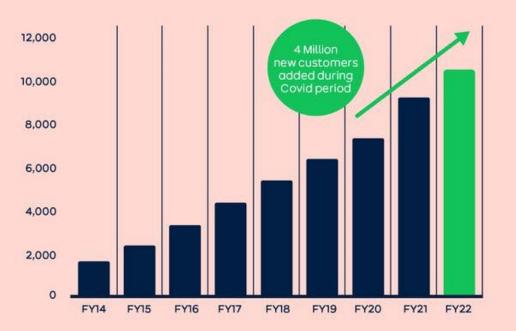
Recycling operations Distribution centres Outbases



### **Delighting Customers**



#### UK customers<sup>1</sup> ('000s)



#### UK new customers vs repeat customers<sup>2</sup> %



#### UK trustpilot scores<sup>3</sup>



#### ao.com on social media



 $^1\!A\,customer\,is\,defined\,as\,an\,individua\,l\,$  who has purchased on a o.com in the UK

<sup>2</sup>Arepeat customer is defined as an individual customer who has previously purchased on a o.com. <sup>3</sup>Trustpilot website, June 2022

## Doing the right thing

Ownership of one of Europe's largest and state of the art recycling plants with over 5m white goods processed since 2017, including over 2m fridges<sup>1</sup>

Extended producer responsibility for retailers from changes to legislation creates new, attractive opportunities, eg. Homebase

Innovative plastic recycling process turning waste plastics into high quality "environmentally friendly" polymers

Recycled polymers being used in new appliances and other products in our cradle to cradle, circular economy strategy



## Outlook



- Q1 FY23 trading in line with Board expectations
- MDA market underpinned by distress purchases
- Remain mindful of macroeconomic challenges
- Continue to put customers first and focus on our fundamentals
- Value of a well invested culture and strong partnerships

# Thank you

## Questions