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# FY23 Preliminary Results

Halfords Group PLC

21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

# Agenda

## FY23 Financial Performance

Jo Hartley

## Business & Strategic Update

Graham Stapleton

## Q&A





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# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

*Jo Hartley*

## Basis of financial information

- Covers the 52-week period from 2 April 2022 to 31 March 2023
- All comparators are on a three-year basis unless otherwise stated (note - from FY24 we will revert to one-year comparison only)
- All figures are post IFRS 16 unless otherwise stated

# Strategic transformation and agile trading helped mitigate over £90m of headwinds. Platform built to drive profit progression in FY24 and stronger growth in the mid-term.

## Macro Headwinds



Low consumer confidence



Skilled labour shortages



Record inflation



USD FX rate

## Structural Advantages



Growing Services business



Continued investment in strategic transformation



Increasing synergy savings



Established Loyalty Club

## Tactical Action



Supporting customers



Growing market share



Improving Garage utilisation



Continued cost control

# Underlying PBT outturn within our guided range of £50-60m.

## Significant Group Revenue Growth

Group Total Revenue Growth Yo3Y

**+39.5%**

## Strong LFL Growth

Group LFL Growth Yo3Y

**+13.4%**

## Gross Margin Impacted by Mix

Group Gross Margin

**49.3%**

(-180bps Yo3Y)

## Challenging Cost Environment

Costs as % revenue

**45.3%**

(+0.4ppts Yo3Y)

## Resilient Profit Performance

Group PBT

**£51.5m**

(-£5.4m Yo3Y)

## Strong Balance Sheet

Net Debt (pre-lease debt)

**£1.8m**

(+£62.0m Yo3Y, -£47.9m YoY)

## Profitable sales growth offset by extraordinary cost inflation.

	FY23	vs. FY22	vs. FY20
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>£1,593.5m</b>	+£211.1m +15.3%	+£451.1m +39.5%
<b>Gross margin (%)</b>	<b>49.3%</b>	-290bps	-180bps
<b>Costs</b>	<b>-£721.7m</b>	-£101.1m -16.3%	-£208.2m -40.5%
<b>Underlying EBITDA</b>	<b>£186.0m</b>	-£21.1m -10.2%	-£2.6m -1.4%
<b>Underlying EBIT</b>	<b>£63.6m</b>	-£37.5m -37.1%	-£6.9m -9.8%
<b>Finance expense</b>	<b>-£12.1m</b>	-£0.9m -7.6%	+£1.5m +11.0%
<b>Underlying PBT</b>	<b>£51.5m</b>	-£38.3m -42.7%	-£5.4m -9.5%
<b>Net non-underlying items</b>	<b>-£8.0m</b>	-£14.8m	+£26.2m

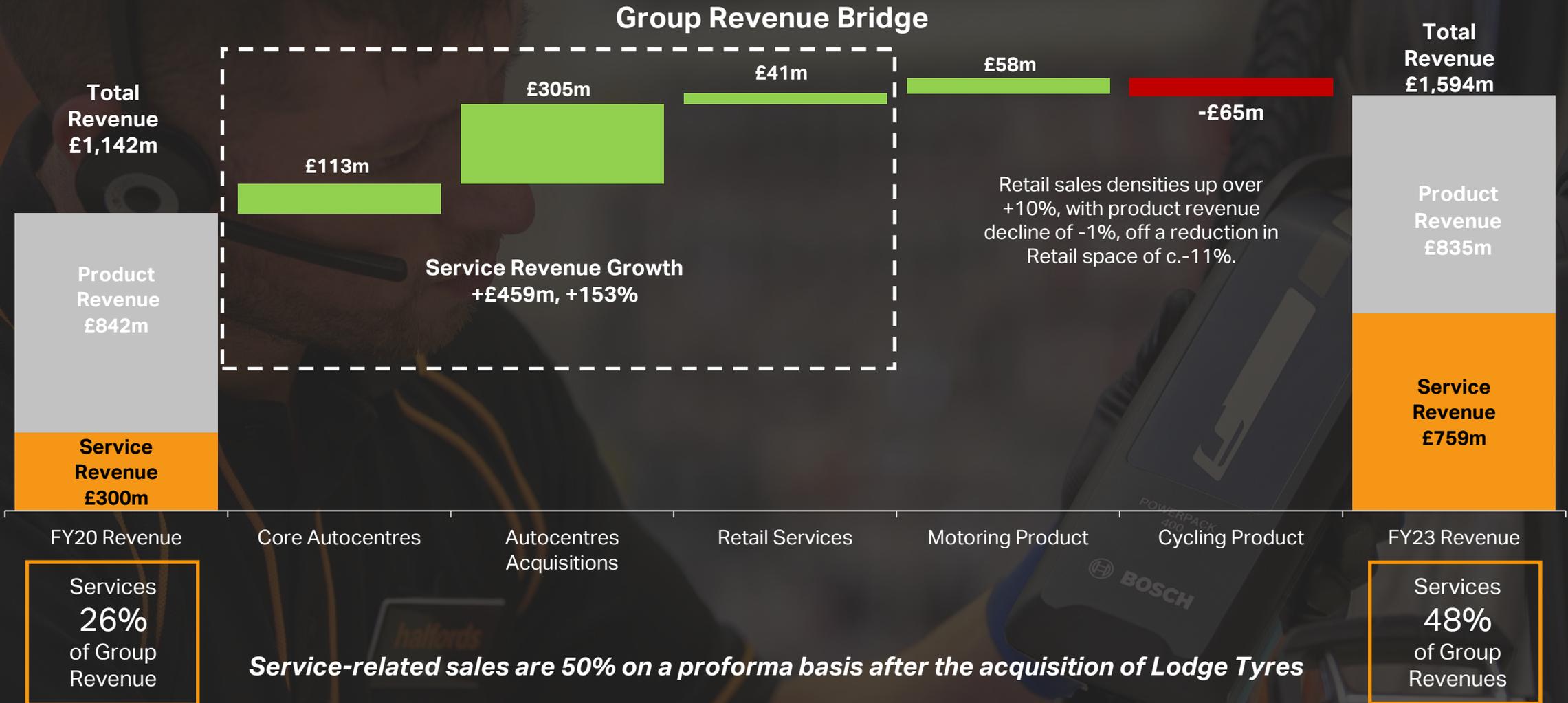
**Vs FY22** – Strong revenue growth driven by Retail Motoring and Autocentres.

**Vs FY22** – Retail margin down 230bps, and Autocentres down 500bps primarily driven by mix into tyres, which is comparatively lower margin.

**Vs FY22** – Cost controlled with growth broadly in line with revenue growth despite inflation.

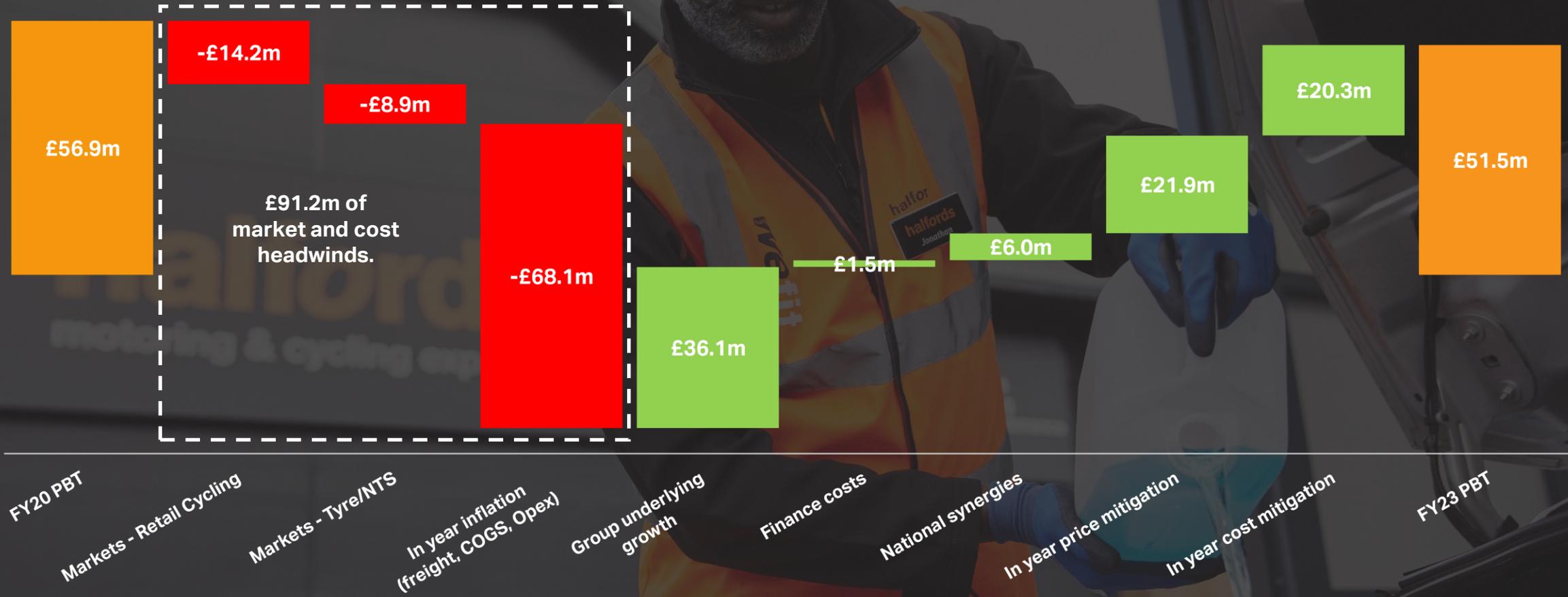
**FY23** primarily consists of organisational design costs.

# Strong revenue growth driven by the strategically important service-related sales, now representing 48% of Group Revenue.



# Structural transformation, agile trading and cost control largely offset over £90m of cost and market headwinds.

## Group Underlying PBT Bridge vs FY20



**£51.5m PBT delivered despite cost and market headwinds of over £95m, with headwinds exceeding the profit made in FY22.**

**Group Underlying PBT Bridge vs FY22**



FY22 PBT  
 Markets - Retail Cycling  
 Markets - Tyre/NTS  
 Business rates  
 In year inflation (freight, COGS, Opex)  
 Group underlying growth  
 Finance costs  
 National synergies  
 In year price mitigation  
 In year cost mitigation  
 FY23 PBT

# Operating cost growth driven by acquisitions and variable costs associated with L4L growth. Cost and efficiency savings offset operating cost inflation and investments.

Group Operating Costs Bridge vs FY22



See appendix for Operating Cost breakdown

# Full year cost and efficiency savings of £20.3m exceeded original target of £15m.

## Support Costs



c.£9.0m savings

## Organisation Structure



c.£4.6m savings

## Property Costs



c.£3.6m savings

## Continued Cost Culture

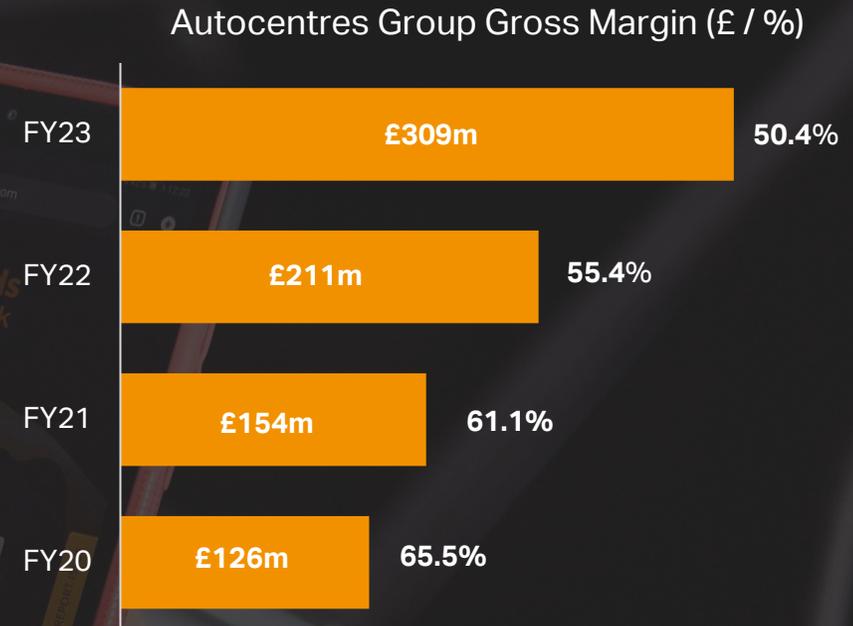


c.£3.1m savings

# AUTOCENTRES GROUP

# The underlying Autocentres businesses continued to grow, despite the consumer tyre market impact within National.

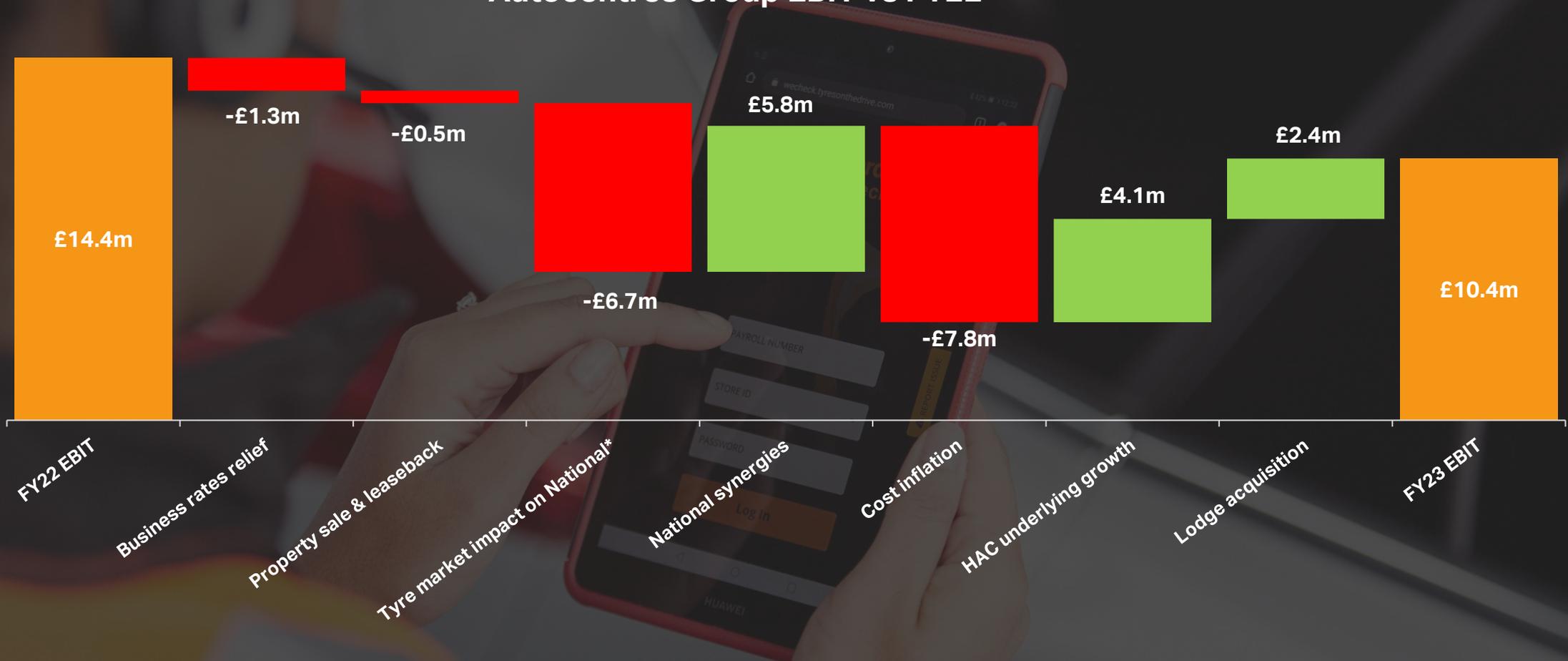
	FY23	vs. FY20	vs. FY22
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>£613.9m</b>	+220.1% Yo3Y +31.6% 3LFL	+61.2% YoY +15.4% LFL
<b>Gross Margin</b>	<b>50.4%</b>	-1,510bps Yo3Y	-500bps YoY
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>£299.0m</b>	+158.2% Yo3Y	+52.1% YoY
<b>Underlying EBIT</b>	<b>£10.4m</b>	+6.2% Yo3Y	-28.0% YoY



- Strong revenue and gross margin growth driven by acquisitions as well as the LFL business.
- GM% decline a result of acquiring predominantly Tyre businesses.
- Capacity constraints and a shortage of skilled labour meant high GM% SMR\* work was lower than forecast.
- GM% to stabilise as Lodge annualises from H2 FY24.
- Operating cost growth was lower than sales growth despite significant inflationary headwinds.

**Underlying growth and acquisition synergies delivered in line with the business case were offset by significant tyre market impact and inflationary headwinds.**

### Autocentres Group EBIT vs FY22



\* Impact of owning National Tyres full a full year in FY23 versus a part-year in FY22, and therefore the full year impact of the depressed consumer tyre market.

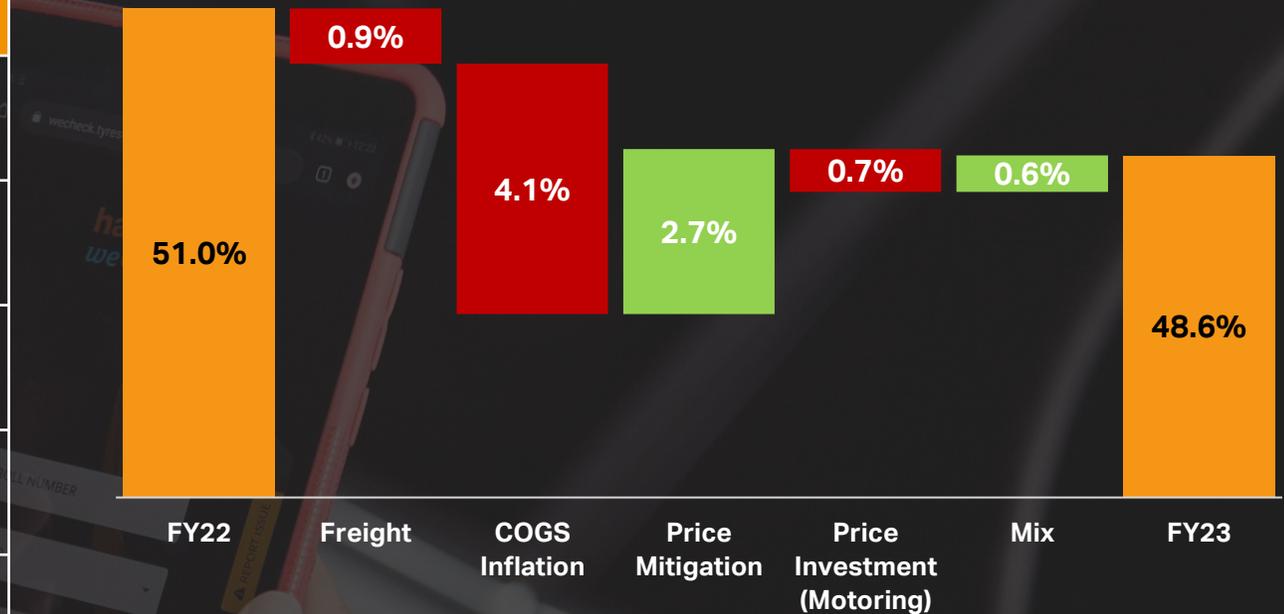
# RETAIL



**In Retail, strong trading in needs-based motoring products, alongside a focus on cost and efficiency has helped partially mitigate significant COGs inflation.**

	<b>FY23</b>	<b>vs. FY20</b>	<b>vs. FY22</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>£979.6m</b>	+3.1% Yo3Y +9.9% 3LFL	-2.2% YoY -1.8% LFL
<b>    <i>Motoring</i></b>	<b>£614.1m</b>	+10.3% Yo3Y +14.5% 3LFL	+3.2% YoY +4.0% LFL
<b>    <i>Cycling</i></b>	<b>£360.6m</b>	-8.3% Yo3Y +1.3% 3LFL	-11.3% YoY -10.9% LFL
<b>Gross Margin</b>	<b>48.6%</b>	+40bps Yo3Y	-240bps YoY
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>£417.4m</b>	+5.5% Yo3Y	-0.8% YoY
<b>Underlying EBIT</b>	<b>£58.7m</b>	-6.6% Yo3Y	-34.7% YoY

**Gross Margin Bridge – year-on-year**

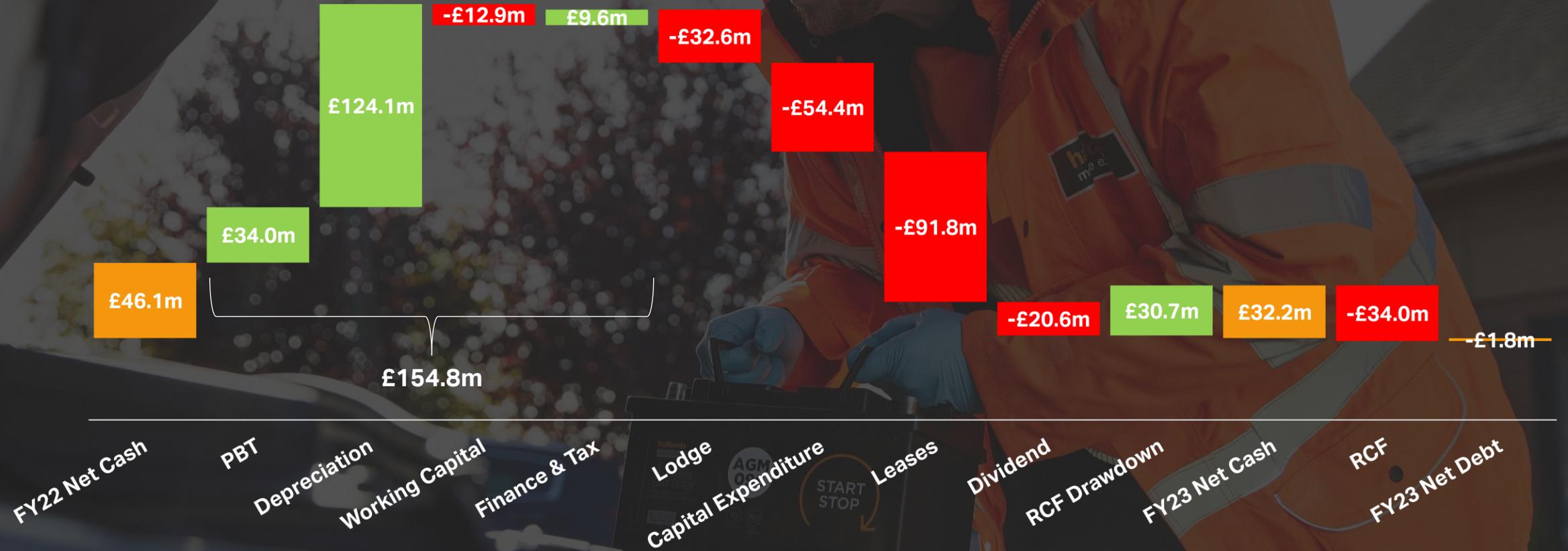


- Significant Inflation in COGs and freight impacting GM%.
- Cycling £s COGs inflation passed through to consumers. Margin not taken on cost inflation, leading to GM% dilution.
- Motoring price investment has driven strong volume growth.
- Mix into motoring product has been margin accretive.

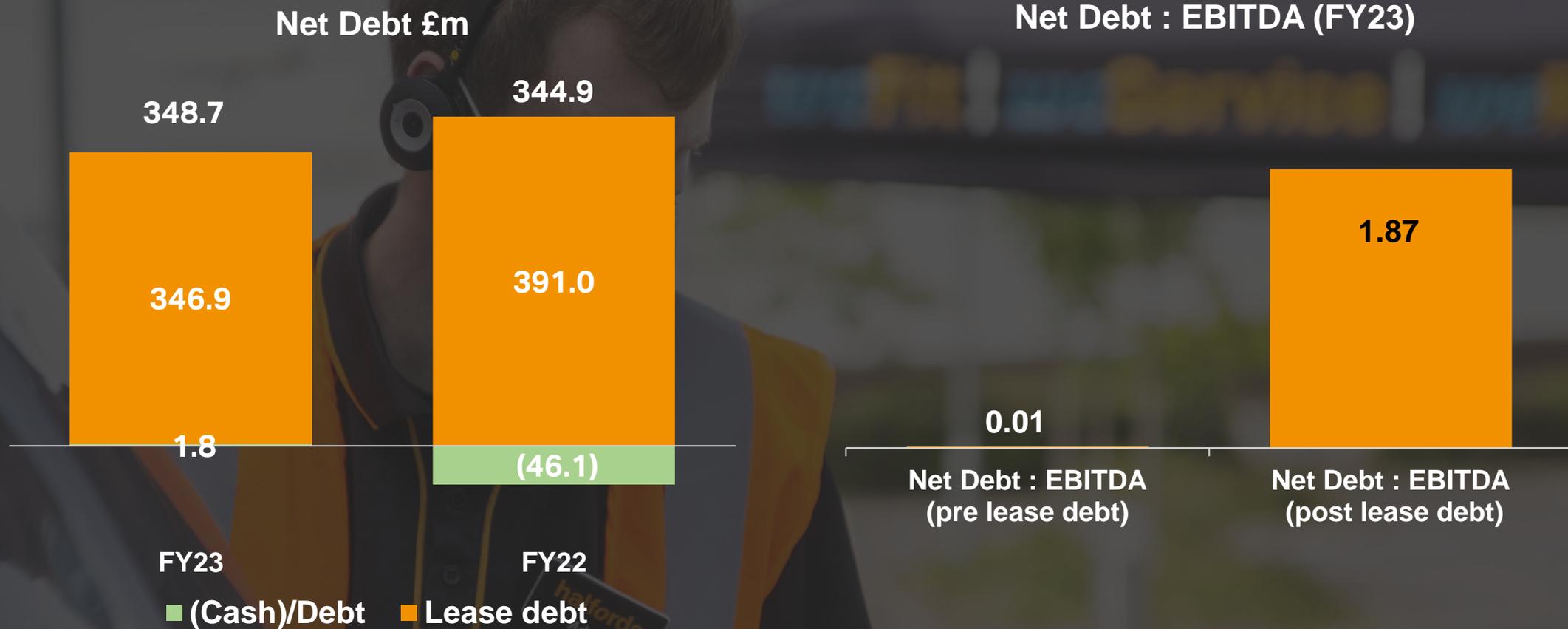
# CASH & BALANCE SHEET

Continued strong cash position, allowing investment in the business and returns to shareholders.

### Movement in Net Debt pre-lease debt - F22 vs FY23



**Net debt excluding lease debt of £1.8m. Leverage including lease debt within guided range.**



- Net debt (post lease debt) : EBITDA ratio within targeted range of 1.8x – 2.3x (post M&A).
- £180m debt facility (inclusive of a £20m overdraft) which has been extended until December 2025.

# Progressive dividend for FY23, following proposed 7p final dividend.

Dividend per share



## Capital Allocation Priorities



Maintaining a prudent balance sheet



Investment for growth



M&A focused on Autocentres



Dividend covered by 1.5x – 2.5x underlying P.A.T.



Surplus cash returned to shareholders

## FY23 Summary: Resilient results, against an exceptionally challenging backdrop.

1. £51.5m of PBT delivered, *within guided range* despite over £90m of year-on-year market and inflationary headwinds.
2. Significant revenue growth of +15.1% year-on-year and L4L growth at +2.4% with increased market share across all key categories by *supporting customers through the cost-of-living crisis*.
3. Over £20m of cost savings delivered, *ahead of our £15m target*.
4. Lodge Tyre acquired and integration continued in National with *both delivering forecast synergy savings*, providing a platform for future growth.
5. *Cash and working capital well controlled*, resulting in net debt on the balance sheet at c.£2m, and retail stock volumes below last year despite very volatile trading environment.
6. *Progressive final dividend* of 7p per share confirmed, reflecting confidence in medium term strategy described at our CMD.



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# BUSINESS & STRATEGIC UPDATE

*Graham Stapleton*

We have supported our Motoring customers through the cost-of-living crisis.

### Motoring Value Campaigns

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**NEVER BEATEN ON PRICE**  
ON FITTED TYRES

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**NEVER BEATEN ON PRICE**  
ON 1000s OF MOTORING ESSENTIALS

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### Market Leading Motoring Club

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GET  
**£30 OF INSTANT BENEFITS**  
JOIN FOR FREE TODAY

**KEEP ON MOTORING FOR LESS**

Our customers have responded to our investments to support their motoring needs.

Awareness  
increase

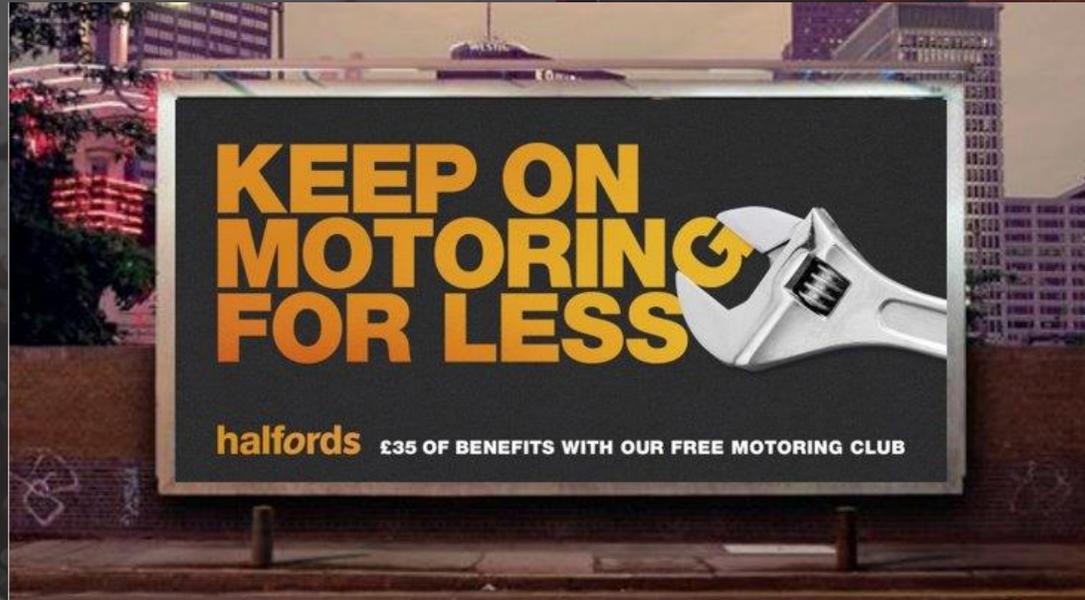
**+4.6%**

Consideration  
increase

**+7%**

Value Perception  
increase

**+7.9%**



FY23 Tyre  
Market Share

**+0.4ppts**

FY23 Motoring  
Market Share

**+2.6ppts**

As we outlined at our Capital Markets Day, we are delivering against our strategy.

**Inspire** our customers with a differentiated, super-specialist offer

**Support** our customers through an integrated, unique and more convenient services offer

Enable a **lifetime** of motoring and cycling



To access the Halfords Capital Markets Day April 2023 contents please follow the attached QR code



# The changing shape of our business evidences our strategic shift into a more resilient motoring services and B2B focused business.

**FY19**

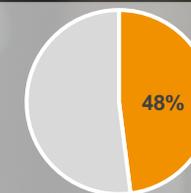
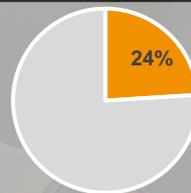
**FY23**

**Group Revenue**

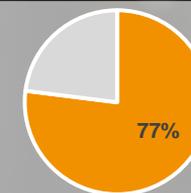
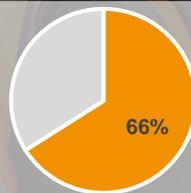
**£1.1bn**

**£1.6bn**

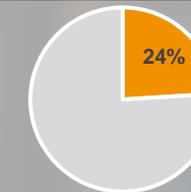
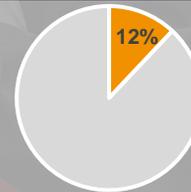
**Revenue from Services**



**Revenue from Motoring**



**Revenue from B2B**





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# FY23 STRATEGIC PROGRESS



# Our FY23 transformation has centered around 4 strategic priorities ...

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**Building a Nationwide, market leading garage services business**

**Leveraging our unique data capability**

**Optimising the shopping experience across a town**

**Developing our SaaS business**

In FY23 we focused on building our unique physical infrastructure ...

Halfords Mobile Expert launched

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mobile expert

FY18

Garages:  
316  
Vans: 0

Acquisition of Tyres On The Drive, & McConechy's

Tyres **OnTheDrive**

**McCONECHY'S**  
TYRE & EXHAUST CENTRES

FY20

Acquisition of Universal Tyre

**Universal**  
TYRE & AUTOCENTRES

FY21

Acquisition of National Tyres

**NATIONAL**  
TYRES AND AUTOCARE  
Going the **EXTRA** mile

FY22

Acquisition of Lodge Tyre

**LODGE TYRE**  
EST 1988

FY23

Garages:  
643  
Vans: 748

# The acquisition of Lodge Tyre has made Halfords the UK's largest Commercial Tyre Service Provider.

- Lodge completes full UK coverage of commercial vehicle tyre & service market.
- Already delivering business case. Additional improvements in performance at McConechy's and Universal via new combined commercial garages leadership.
- Significant synergies through consolidated procurement, and the ability to win National contracts.



**McCONECHY'S**  
TYRE & EXHAUST CENTRES

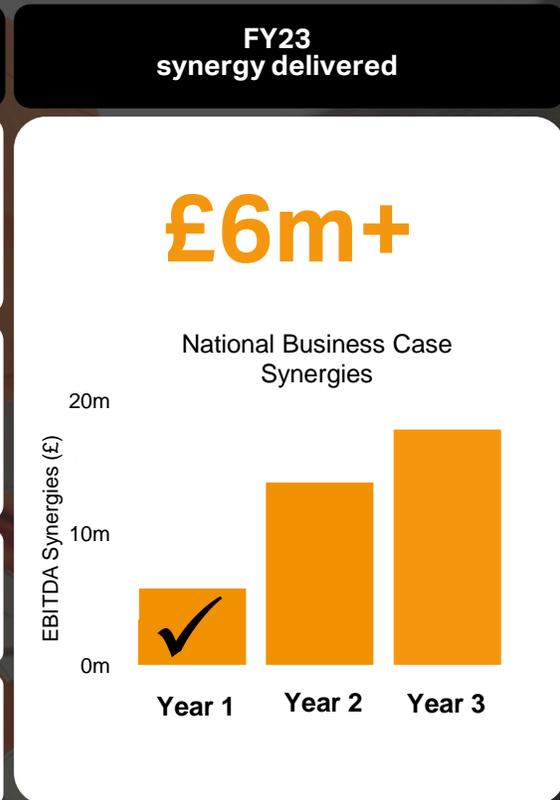
**LODGE TYRE**  
EST. 1988

**Universal**  
TYRE & AUTOCENTRES

# We delivered our £6m National Tyres synergies target in FY23.



	Value area	Synergy plan	Progress	Key successes	
	Grow scale (Purchasing)	Tyre & parts economies of scale		<b>£5m+</b> Annualised savings negotiated	<b>128,000</b> Wholesale tyres to HAC group
		Halfords to use Viking network			
		Halfords GNFR contracts			
	National coverage (People & property)	Exit underperforming sites		<b>£1m</b> Annualised head office saving	<b>26</b> Sites merged or closed
		Technician redeployment			
		Consolidation of central support roles			
	Leverage core platform (Performance)	Integration into Halfords.com		<b>100%</b> Garages using Avayler	<b>27%</b> Growth in National SMR
		Rollout of Avayler system			
	Expand capabilities Other synergies	Synergies from group fleet business		<b>17%</b> YoY growth in fleet revenue	<b>SAME DAY</b> Tyre booking
		Improved Halfords tyre proposition			



We are building valuable relationships with 1.7m Motoring customers.

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Choose between our Free or Premium memberships.

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### Club Benefits

#### MOT deals

10-Point vehicle health check

£10 welcome voucher

Priority phone & email contact

Your personal digital garage

Digital wallet loyalty card

FREE fitting (includes pair of tubes/balms)

5% OFF (excludes petrol & motoring)

FREE next day delivery (online orders)

Priority booking slots with HME

### Free

Access a great range of benefits worth over £100.

#### £10 OFF MOT

1 x FREE



### Premium

Be ready for anything with benefits worth over £100.

#### FREE MOT

2 x FREE



FY23 highlights:

Club Members  
**1.7m**

Record NPS  
**+4pts**

# The Club has already delivered tangible financial benefits to the Group ...

## We are enjoying tangible benefits from valuable Motoring Club members

Customer Type	Subscription Revenue	Shop Frequency	Average Spend per Visit*	Customer Numbers	Revenue Uplift per Customer	Revenue Vs Non-Loyalty
Non-Member	£0	2.1x	£36			
Free Member	£0	3.2x	£44	1.58m	£63	+£98.8m
Paying Loyalty Member	£44	5.1x	£65	116k	£245	+£30.7m

### FY23 highlights:

Higher Group cross-shop

**15%**

Vs 4% for non-members

\*Excludes subscription revenues. All values exclude VAT. Customer numbers for full financial year. All other numbers from customers signing up during first 6 months and behaviour up to week 52.

In FY23, we rolled out the more capital-efficient elements of our Fusion trial to 50 towns.

**Upgrading the retail car park service and referral model**



**Solution selling**



## Avayler signed its third major international client.

- Mobivia becomes first major European client contracted. Mobivia operates 9 brands over 2,000 sites.
- Successful launch of Avayler in Germany via Mobivia's ATU brand
- Extended US reach with new contract via Tire Pro, a 600-garage chain who are now rolling out Avayler to their mobile fleet



**TIRE PROS**





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# FY24 YEAR-TO-DATE

## Trading year-to-date has been strong

- Positive Group LFL growth year-to-date.
- Overall, sales performance has been ahead of our expectations underpinned by **strong market share performance** across all key categories.
  - **Highest recorded market share results**
    - ✓ **Consumer Tyres**
    - ✓ **Oils**
- Overall, markets performing in-line with Capital Markets Day expectations.



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# FY24 FOCUS





To fully **leverage** our unique, digital and data-enabled omnichannel **platform**, driving **improved financial returns**.

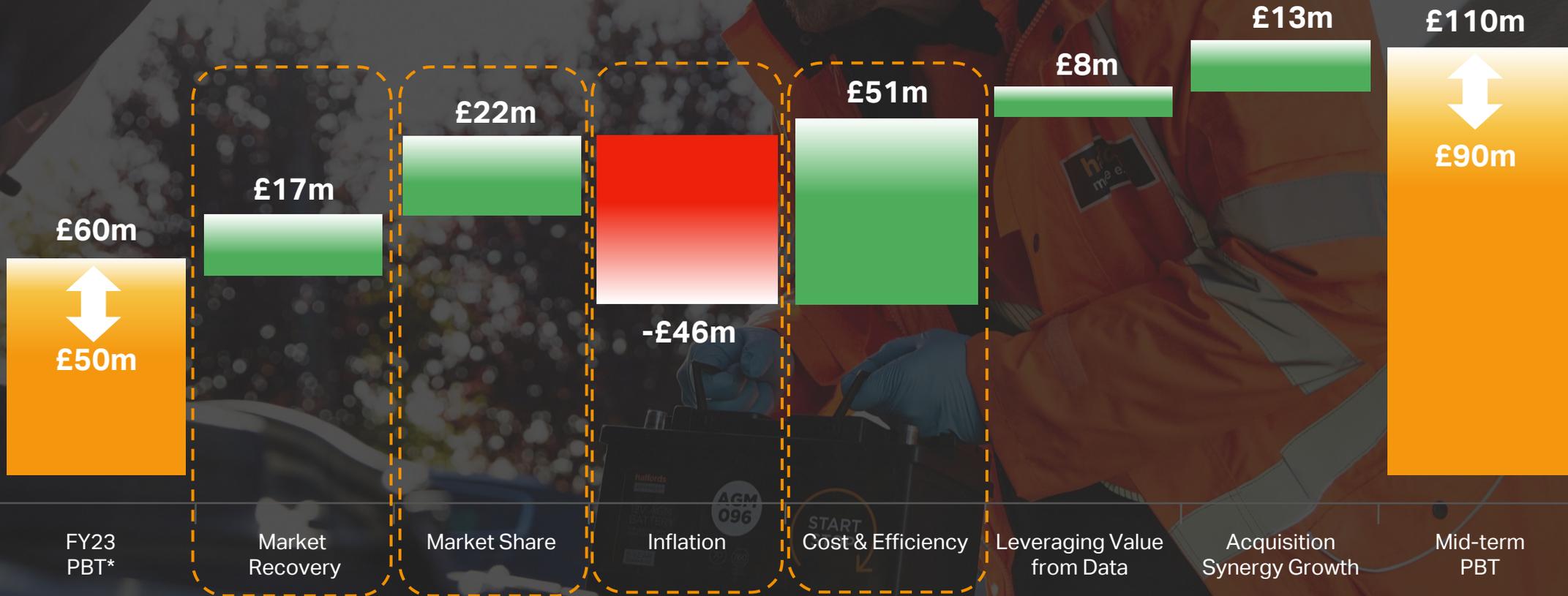


At our Capital Markets Day, we outlined a plan to get £90-110m PBT in the mid-term. Market recovery, share, cost inflation, and efficiency were the most material moving parts.

Group PBT Bridge - FY23 to mid-term

Group Revenue c.£1.6bn  
Operating Margin c.3-4%

Group Revenue c.£1.9bn  
Operating Margin c.5.5%



\*FY23 as per guidance at 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Capital Markets Day

FY24 represents Year 1 of our CMD plan. Our expectations in this year are underpinned by the following 4 building blocks.

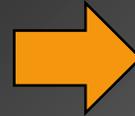
**Inflation**



**Cost & Efficiency**



**Market Volumes**



**Market Share**



At the CMD we highlighted an expected £46m of inflation in the mid-term ...

We expect c.£46m of cost increase in the mid-term...

 <p><b>FX Rate</b> Assumed at \$1.23 throughout plan</p> 	 <p><b>Utilities</b> Broadly back to FY22 levels</p> 	 <p><b>Wages</b> 4% average per annum vs FY23</p> 	 <p><b>Freight</b> Assumed -20% reduction vs FY23</p> 
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In FY24, we expect to see c.£30m of this inflation – nearly two thirds of the mid-term expectation.



**FX Rate**

(c.84% of FY24 requirement bought at rate of \$1.22)



**Utilities**

(c.75% of FY24 requirement bought)



**Pay**

(Assumes National Minimum Wage and general rate inflation)



**Freight**

(c.50% saving year-on-year in container rates)



*Our FY23 FX and energy hedging policy postponed significant inflation, which will now be seen in FY24.*

At the CMD we highlighted an expected £51m of cost savings in the mid-term ...

...offset by c.£51m of cost savings



**Product cost reduction**

c. 3.5% cost of goods



**Retail property savings**

Up to 20 closures  
10% saving on lease renewals



**Other efficiency programmes**

Support costs, org design, W&D, store and garage costs

In FY24, we expect to deliver c.£30m of cost and efficiency savings – nearly 60% of our mid-term target.



**Product Cost Reduction**



**Outsourcing / Organisational Structure**



**Property & Warehousing Savings**



**"Good Not For Resale" Reduction**



*Approximately 1/3 of the required cost and efficiency target will be achieved through initiatives already delivered in FY23.*

At the CMD we highlighted that we expected mid-term growth across Retail Motoring, Cycling, and Consumer Tyres ...

	Retail		Autocentres	
	Retail Motoring 	Cycling 	Consumer Tyres 	Motoring Servicing 
<b>Market Size</b>	c.£4bn	c.£1.2bn	c.£2.2bn	c.£9bn
<b>FY23 Market Volumes vs pre-COVID</b>	Broadly flat	c.-24%	c.-14%	c.+4%
<b>CMD – Market volumes Mid-term vs pre-COVID</b>	+2%	c.-10%	c.-3%	Broadly flat
<b>Market Growth Assumed over Mid-term</b>	 +2%	 c.+18%	 c.+13%	 Broadly flat

In FY24, we expect to see growth across both Retail Motoring and Consumer Tyres, a resilient performance in Motoring Servicing, and a small decline in Cycling.

	Retail		Autocentres	
	Retail Motoring 	Cycling 	Consumer Tyres 	Motoring Servicing 
Market Growth Assumed over Mid-term	 +2%	 c.+18%	 c.+13%	 Broadly flat
Growth Assumed Year 1 FY24 vs FY23	 c.+0.5%	 c.-1%	 c.+2.6%	 Broadly flat

To date, the Tyre and Motoring Products markets are ahead of expectations. Cycling performance impacted by customer sentiment and poor weather.

	Retail		Autocentres	
	Retail Motoring 	Cycling 	Consumer Tyres 	Motoring Servicing 
<b>Growth Assumed Year 1</b> FY24 vs FY23	 c.+0.5%	 c.-1%	 c.+2.6%	 Broadly flat
<b>Market Volume movement –</b> April FY24 vs April FY23	 c.+1.3%*	 c.-10.8%	 +4.6%	 Broadly flat

At the CMD, we highlighted that we expected to take share across all of our major markets over the mid-term.

	<i>Retail</i>		<i>Autocentres</i>	
	Retail Motoring 	Cycling 	Consumer Tyres 	Motoring Servicing 
<b>Market Size</b>	c.£4bn	c.£1.2bn	c.£2.2bn	c.£9bn
<b>Approximate Volume Share FY23</b>	c.41.8%	c.37.0%	c.9.5%	c.3.5%
<b>Approximate Volume Share Mid-term estimate</b>	c.43.0%	c.39.0%	c.11.0%	c.3.8%
<b>Approximate Volume Share change</b>	 +1.2%	 +2.0%	 +1.5%	 +0.3%

In FY24, we expect to take share in all markets.

**Retail**

**Autocentres**

Retail Motoring



Cycling



Consumer Tyres



Motoring Servicing



Approximate Volume Share  
Change Mid term

↑ +1.2%

↑ +2.0%

↑ +1.5%

↑ +0.3%

Share expectation year 1  
FY24 vs FY23

↑ c.+0.6ppts  
YOY

↑ c.+0.7ppts  
YOY

↑ c.+0.2ppts  
YOY

↑ +0.2ppts  
YOY

Year-to-date, we have exceeded targets and grown share across all categories.

	Retail		Autocentres	
	<b>Retail Motoring</b> 	<b>Cycling</b> 	<b>Consumer Tyres</b> 	<b>Motoring Servicing</b> 
<b>Share expectation year 1</b> FY24 vs FY23	 c.+0.6ppts YOY	 c.+0.7ppts YOY	 c.+0.2ppts YOY	 +0.2ppts YOY
<b>April Share Movement</b> FY24 vs FY23	 c.+1.5ppts YOY*	 c.+3.8ppts YOY	 c.+0.2ppts YOY	 YOY**

\*Kantar Market Value Feb-Apr 2023. Volume data and one month not currently available

\*\* Market share information is not available – estimate based on year-on-year LFL SMR sales which exceed market growth expectations. A longer period is needed to form detailed estimate.

Our share gains will be supported by three major initiatives in FY24 ...

1

Growing our market leading extended *car parts* proposition



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Leveraging our significant *financial services* offer



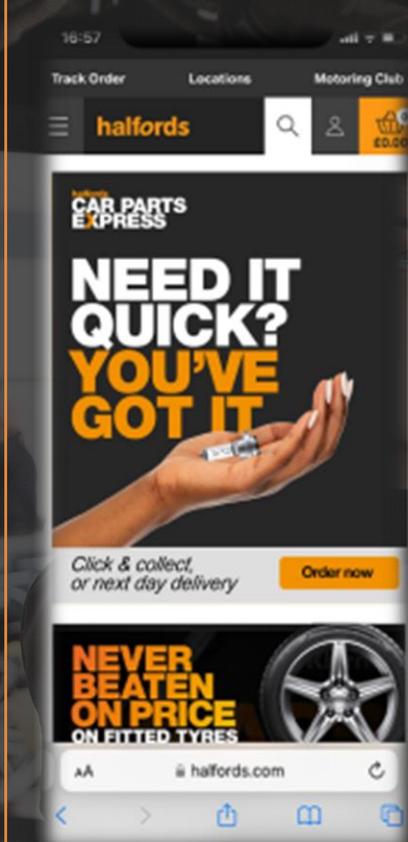
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Major improvements to *utilisation* across our garage business



# We will establish our unique customer offer in the £1bn specialist parts market.

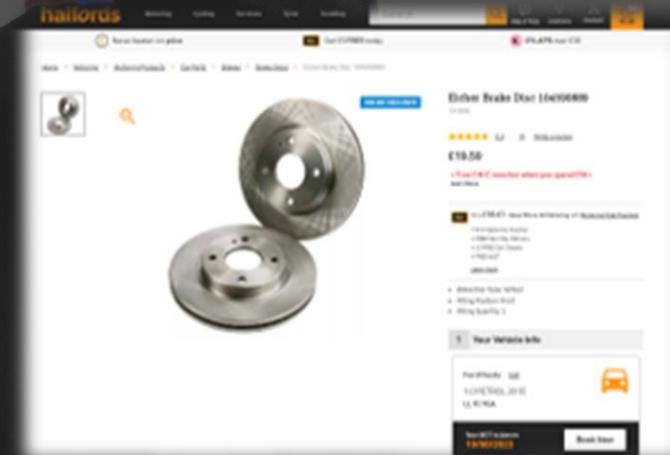
## We will create a unique parts offer



- **Market leading convenience and expertise** – “Click & Collect” in store in 60 minutes will go live in H1.
- **Unique super-specialist fitting offer** – available across stores, garages or at home.
- **“Never beaten on price”** – competitive pricing through scale and service attach.

## We aim to own “the 4th B” - Brakes

- As a major part of creating a unique parts offer, we aim to lead the market for “have a go” customers.
- We will leverage our existing market leading position in 3Bs (batteries, bulbs and blades) together with the Motoring Club to gain traction in the market.



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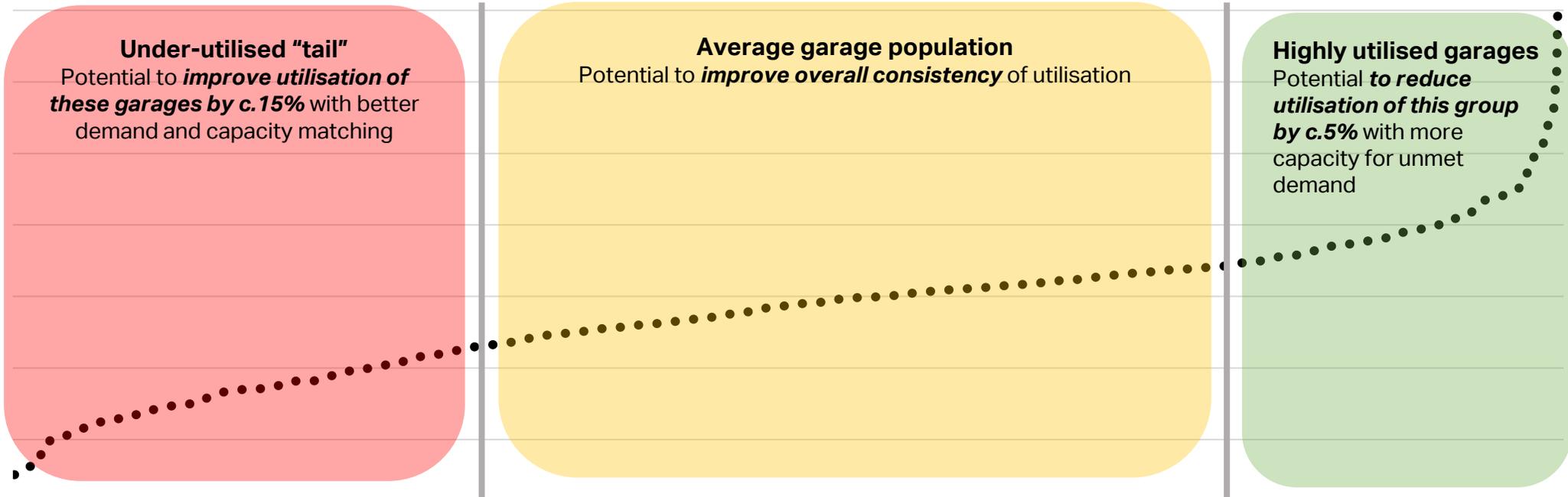
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- Offer expected to be particularly beneficial to tyre proposition, which is typically a high invoice value, distressed purchase.

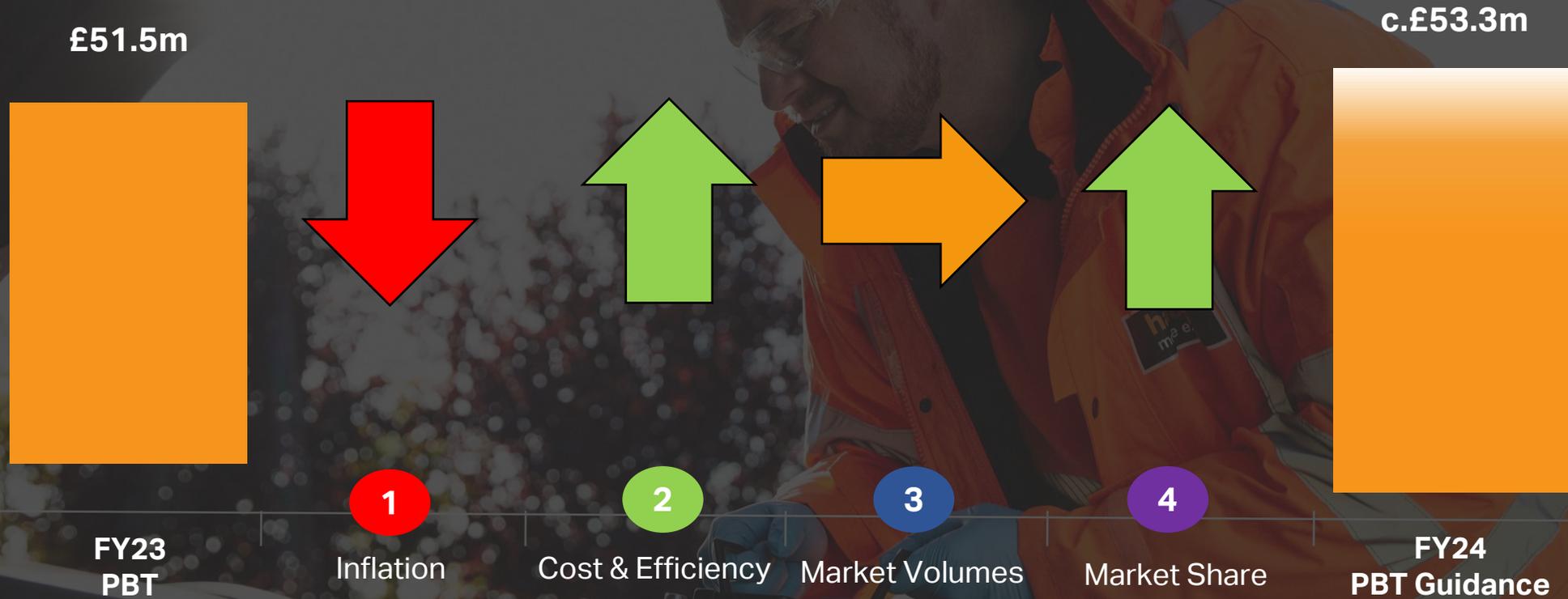
Our utilisation plan is built upon improving the "tail" of garages which are c.15% below our company average performance.

### Garage utilisation distribution:



= c.10% total improvement in utilisation

We believe our plan will deliver year-on-year profit growth in FY24 and are comfortable with current analyst consensus of £53.3m.



See Appendix for further FY24 guidance detail

## Conclusion & Summary

1. **FY23** was another year of strategic progress, with a solid financial performance given the context and economic backdrop.
2. **Year-to-date** trading has been strong, with good market share and LFL growth.
3. **FY24** will see us face further market and cost headwinds, but our plans to take share and drive efficiency means we expect profits to grow, in line with current analyst consensus of £53.3m.
4. In the **mid-term**, we reiterate the aspiration laid out at our April CMD of delivering PBT in the range of £90-£110m, with a significant step-up in profit expected in **FY25**.

# Q&A





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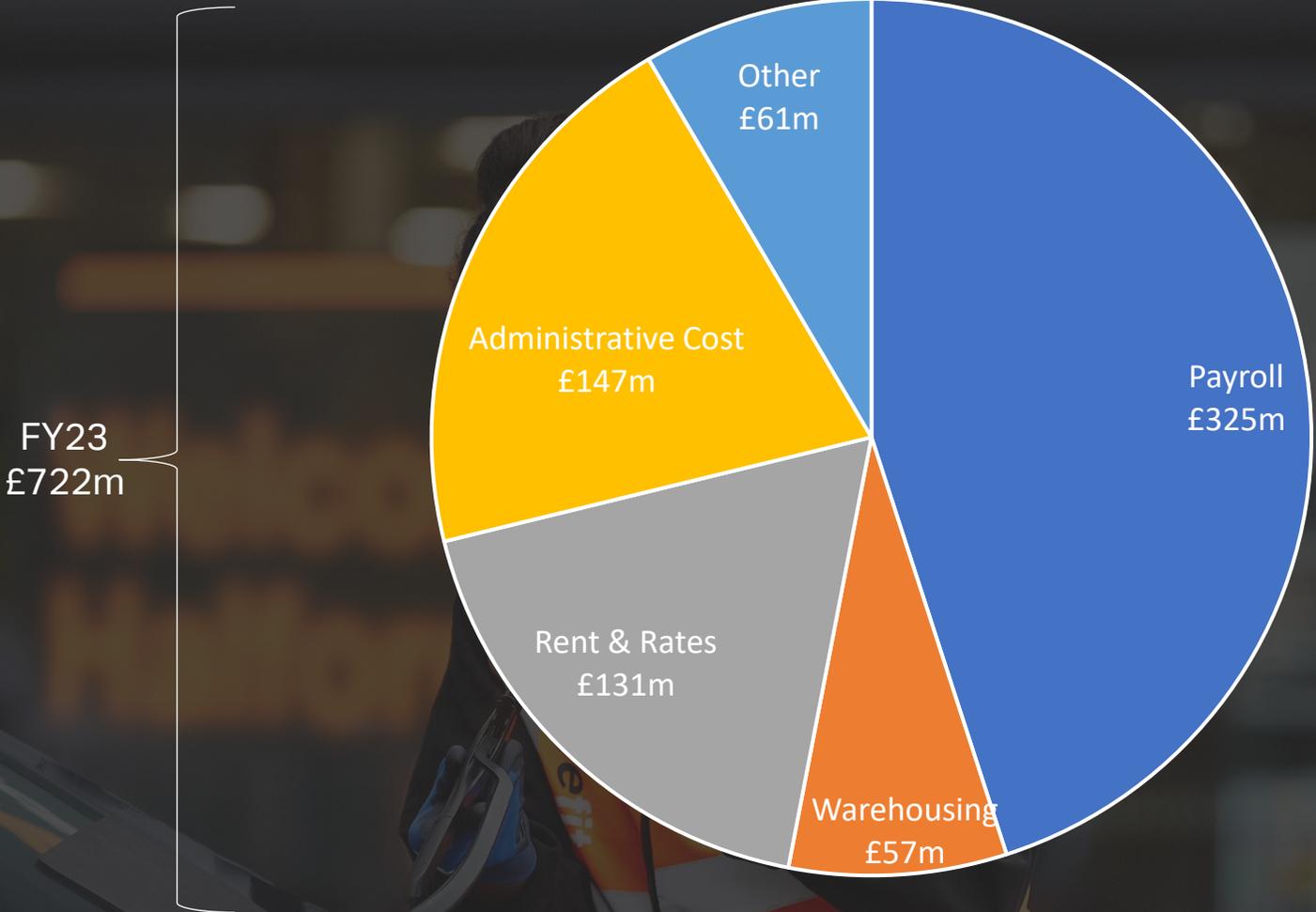
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# APPENDIX



# Appendix 1 - FY23 Group Operating Cost Breakdown

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## Appendix 2 – Further Guidance Detail

- *We anticipate H1 PBT to be down YoY, and H2 to be up YoY, with the H1 variance impacted by the one-off FX credit taken in H1 FY23.*
- *We expect to invest some gross margin rate year-on-year, as we look to support customers through the cost-of-living crisis, whilst driving profitable sales growth.*
- *Capex for FY24 is expected to be at the lower end of our £50-60m p.a. mid-term average presented at the CMD, as we look to maximise ROCE.*
- *A cash outflow is envisaged in H1 FY24, with a corresponding and offsetting cash inflow in H2, ending the year with a small net cash (pre-lease debt) position.*