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Basis of preparation

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Agenda

10:45 am	Arrival and Coffee
11:00 am	Introduction (Duncan Painter)
11:10 am	Cannes Lions (Phil Thomas)
11:40 am	WGSN (Jose Papa)
12:00 pm	WGSN Product Demonstration (Sansan Chen)
12:20 pm	Lunch
12:40 pm	Plexus (Natasha Christie-Miller)
1:10 pm	Spring Fair/Autumn Fair, Money20/20 (Duncan Painter)
1:40 pm	Financials (Mandy Gradden)
1:50 pm	Q&A
2:00 pm	Close and Coffee

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Introduction to Ascential

Duncan Painter

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Introduction

Duncan Painter



Chief Executive Officer

Mandy Gradden



Chief Financial Officer

Phil Thomas



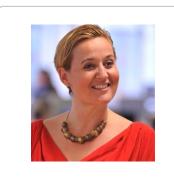
CEO Lions Festivals

Jose Papa



CEO WGSN Group

Natasha Christie-Miller



CEO Plexus

Overview

An international, business-to-business media company with a focused portfolio of market-leading events and information services products

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- Revenue: £319.1m (2014: £312.7m)
- Adjusted EBITDA: £90.9m (2014: £85.3m)
- Margin: 28.5% (2014: 27.3%)
- 32 Product lines

Exhibitions & Festivals

- Revenue: £150.4m (2014: £138.8m), 47% of Group (2014: 44%)
- Adjusted EBITDA: £56.9m, (2014: £55.3m), 57% of Group (2014: 59%)
- Margin: 38% (2014: 40%)
- 13 Product lines

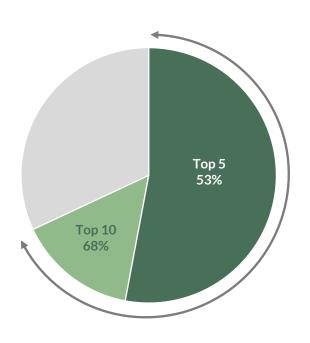
Information Services

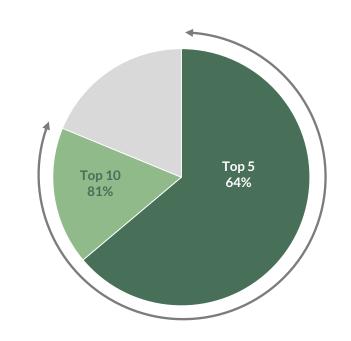
- Revenue: £168.7m (2014: £173.9m), 53% of Group (2014: 56%)
- Adjusted EBITDA: £42.8m (2014: £38.9m), 43% of Group (2014: 41%)
- Margin: 25% (2014: 22%)
- 19 Product lines

Focused Portfolio of Leading Products

2015 Group Revenue

2015 Group Adjusted EBITDA





Our Top 5 Products¹





SPRINGFAIR AUTUMNFAIR

Money 20/20



2015 Revenue £60.5m

£42.5m

13% of Total

£33.1m

10% of Total

£18.7m

6% of Total

£14.2m

4% of Total

2015 Organic² Revenue Growth

13%

118%

110%

138%

13%

2015 Customer Value Retention³

92%

94%

93%

94%

n/a

Exhibitions & Festivals
Information Services

1. Top 5 products by Adjusted EBITDA in 2015.

^{3.} For events, retention is calculated as expenditure at the most recent event by customers who were also present at the previous event, divided by total customers' expenditure at the previous event. For subscription products, retained customer value is calculated as the in-month subscription product revenue by customers who were also customers a year ago, divided by total subscription product revenue in the month one year previously.



^{2.} Organic growth is calculated to allow the reader with a more meaningful analysis of underlying performance. The following adjustments are made: (a) constant currency (restating FY14 at FY15 exchange rates), (b) event timing differences between periods (if any) (c) excluding the part-year impact of acquisitions and disposals

Recent Transformation

2012 - 2014 2015+ **Transform** Transform Programme (£37m invested) Technology platform upgrade and in-sourcing Creation of operating companies Sales excellence (incentivisation and training) Focused, International **Business-to-**Business **Active Portfolio Management Organic Growth** Media Group Complementary bolt-ons Focus on growth Non-core asset divestments Retention focus New products New locations New customers

Relentless and Disciplined Operational Approach

1

Retention-centred

- Rebook/pre-book
- Churn propensity model
- Rigorous review of churned customers

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Strong Selling Culture

- Daily sales optimisation
- Weekly/monthly performance reviews
- Sales League Tables and "Elite" sales incentive programme

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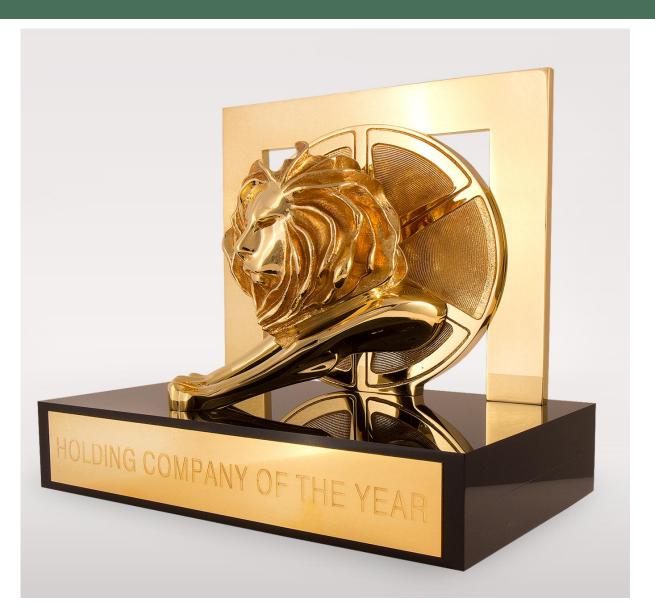
Rigorous Capital Allocation

- Focus on market-leading products with potential for growth and scalability
- Assets with lower growth potential run for cash with funds re-invested in high-growth products

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Disciplined Portfolio Management

- 6 acquisitions made during 2012-15 at average multiple of 7.8x EV/EBITDA
- 4 non-core disposals realised at 12.4x average EV/EBITDA



Cannes Lions

Phil Thomas

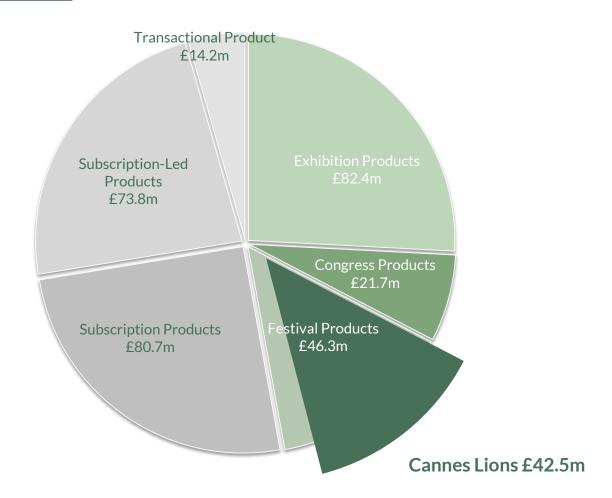


The No.1 global festival for the branded communication industry

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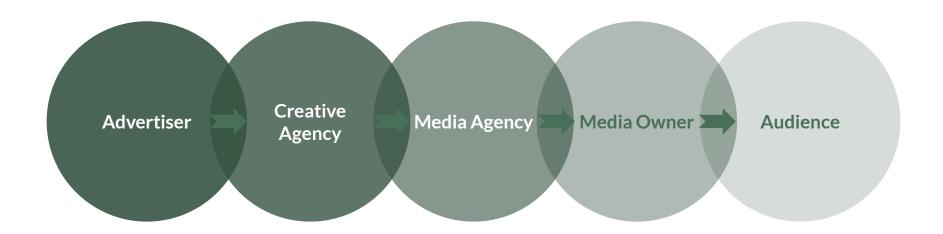
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2015 Revenue



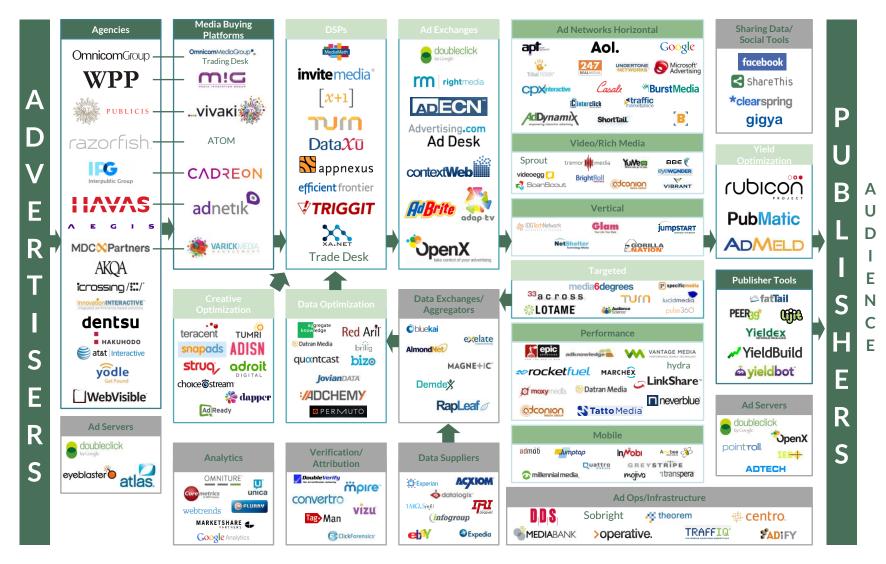
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The Traditional Advertising Value Chain



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The Current Advertising Value Chain



Source: "The advertising value chain", Luma Partners.



The Need that Cannes Lions Serves

Advertiser

Creative Agency Media Owner/ Tech Platform

How Cannes Lions Helps

Identify
Best Agencies and
Platforms

Establish Creative Credentials

Establish Creative Credentials and Demonstrate Effectiveness

Customer Objectives

Win More Business

Advertiser Perspective



"Cannes rewards creativity that makes an impression; not that just delivers impressions. For McDonald's, we've seen ROI 54% higher with creative that wins Lions than creative that doesn't."

Matt Biespiel Global Brand Development, McDonald Corporation

"Our desire to celebrate brilliance in creativity, the presence of Diageo here this week in Cannes, is a hardheaded business belief that you sell more at higher prices if you're really creative."

Andy Fennell

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Advertiser of the Year Winners

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Creative Agency Perspective

Creative Agency "Cannes Lions is the Oscars of our industry. It's an event that is extremely important to our people, and extremely important to our clients."

Sir Martin Sorrell WPP

"Cannes Lions is just as important as the World Economic Forum to Edelman."

Richard Edelman CEO and President, Edelman **Creative Agencies at the Festival**





OmnicomGroup



dentsu AEGIS network







Media Owner/Tech Platform Perspective

Media Owner/Tech Platform "Cannes Lions is a wonderful time to connect with and be inspired by the brightest minds in the advertising world. Facebook's partnership with Cannes Lions enables us to bring our family of apps and services to life during the world's Festival of Creativity."

Julie Hogan, Head of Global Event Marketing, Facebook

"Google is honoured to work with the Cannes Lions Team and share in this innovative, forward-thinking event."

> Melanie Sweet Head of Strategy, Google

Media Owner/Tech Platforms at the Festival





















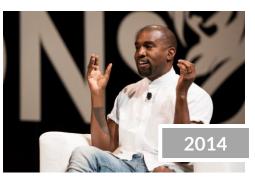
Lions Festivals Introduction Video



Cannes Lions – The Delegate Experience



2012















Cannes Lions – The Delegate Experience







Inspiration



Celebration



Cannes Lions – The Awards



Cannes Lions - The Awards

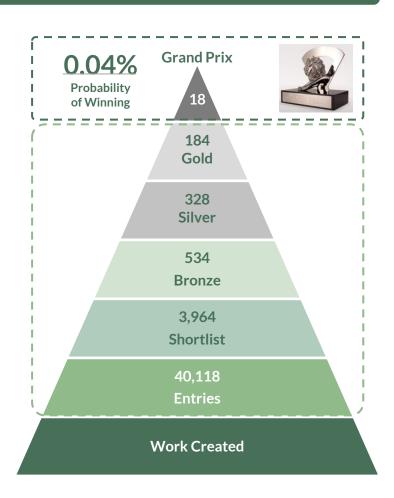
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6 Awards Shows



40k Entries and 18 Grand Prix Awarded in 2015



Why Cannes Lions Works

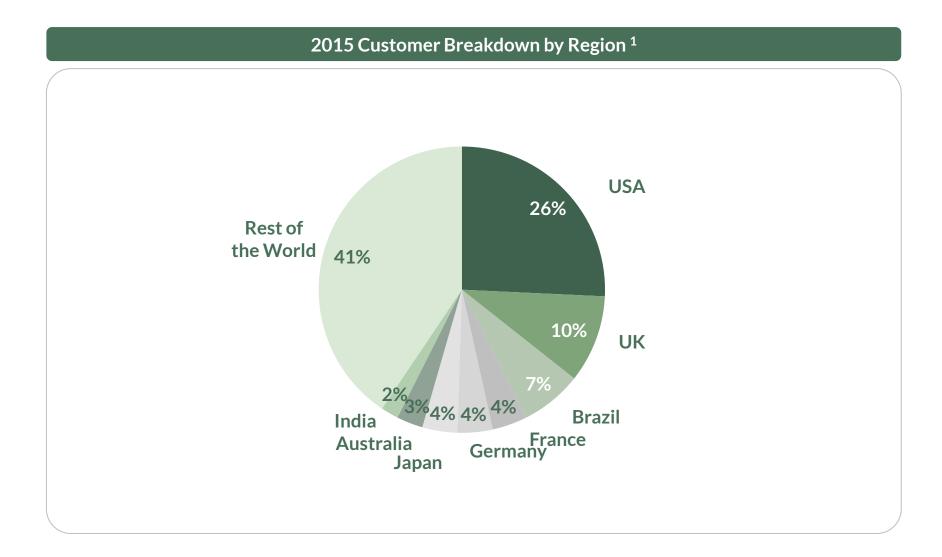


- 1 No.1 market position
- Launched Lions Health in 2014 and Lions Innovation in 2015
- More than 40k entries and 9k delegates in 2015, growing at 5% and 7% CAGR since 2012
- 250 content sessions from 508 speakers in 2015
- 6,828 press articles June 2015,28% more than the prior year
- In 2008, Cannes Lions attracted 69% of the worlds top 100 advertisers by spend; in 2015, it attracted 80%, representing \$106bn in advertising spend¹

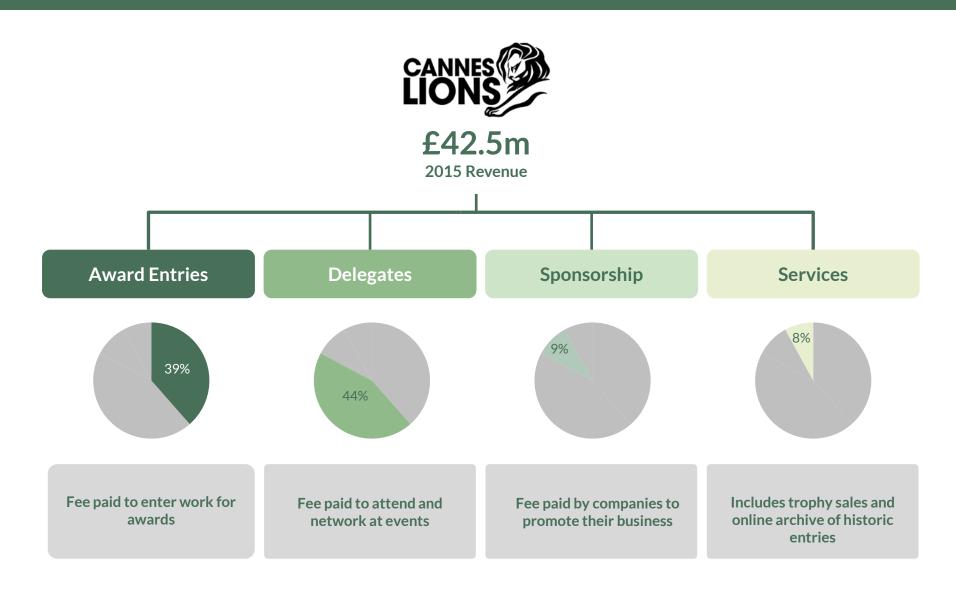


Identification of top 100 advertisers based on Advertising Age DataCenter's Global Marketers 2014 report which includes a list of the 100 largest global marketers by worldwide measured-media spending in 2013. The same list has been compared with Cannes Lions paying delegates in 2008 and 2015.

Who Are Our Customers



How We Generate Revenue



Key Drivers of Organic Growth

Grow Customer Numbers

Grow Revenue per Customer

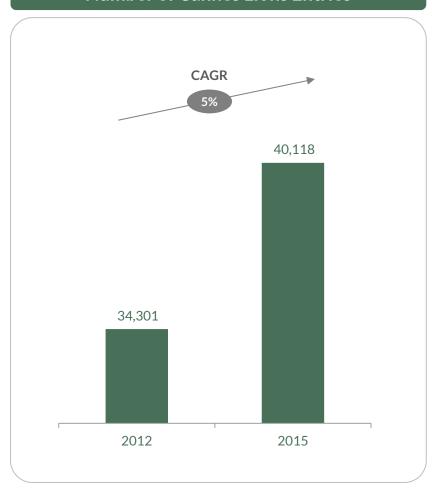
1 Grow Volume

2 Value-based Pricing

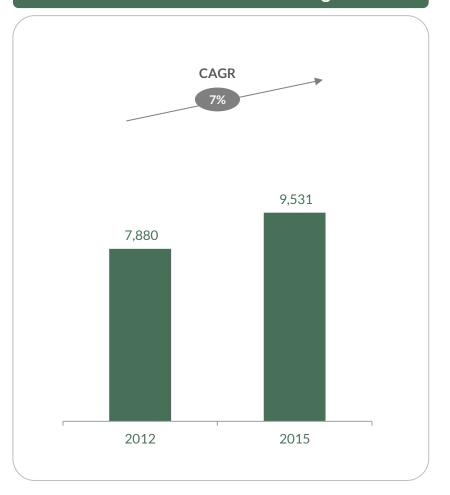
3 Continuous Product Improvement and Development

Grow Volume

Number of Cannes Lions Entries



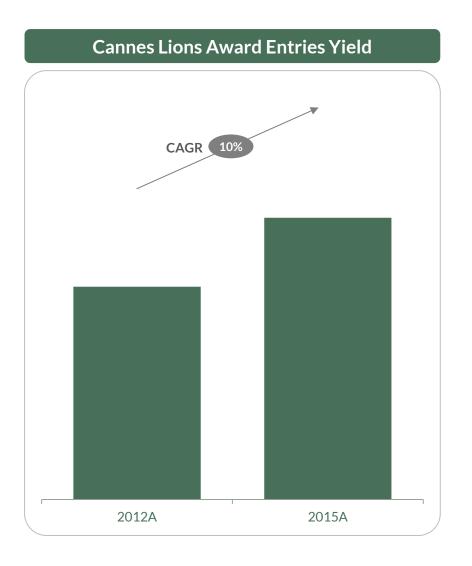
Number of Cannes Lions Delegates

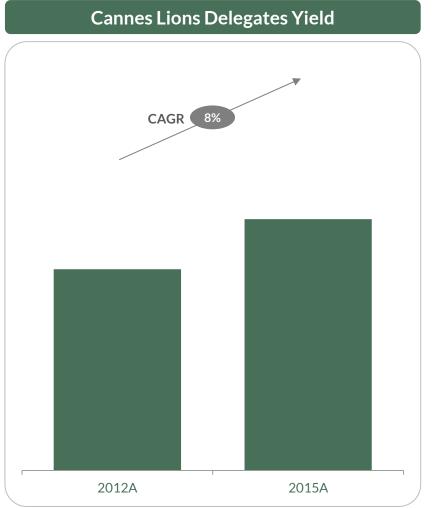


Value-based Pricing – Delegates

	CLASSIC	NETWORKING	LIONS HEALTH	INNOVATION	ENTERTAINMENT
	A full week of <u>Cannes</u> <u>Lions</u> talks, networking, Awards Ceremonies, Galas and the exhibitions.		changing creativity for	New for 2015 Ideas at the intersection of data and technology	New for 2016 Exploring the ways talent and storytelling can elevate content into the cultural mainstream and focus on unskippable creativity
STANDARD	€3,050 add €1,000 to extend to a complete	€1,495	€1,495	€1,495	€1,495
GOLD Limited availability	€4,050	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PLATINUM Sold out	€6,800	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

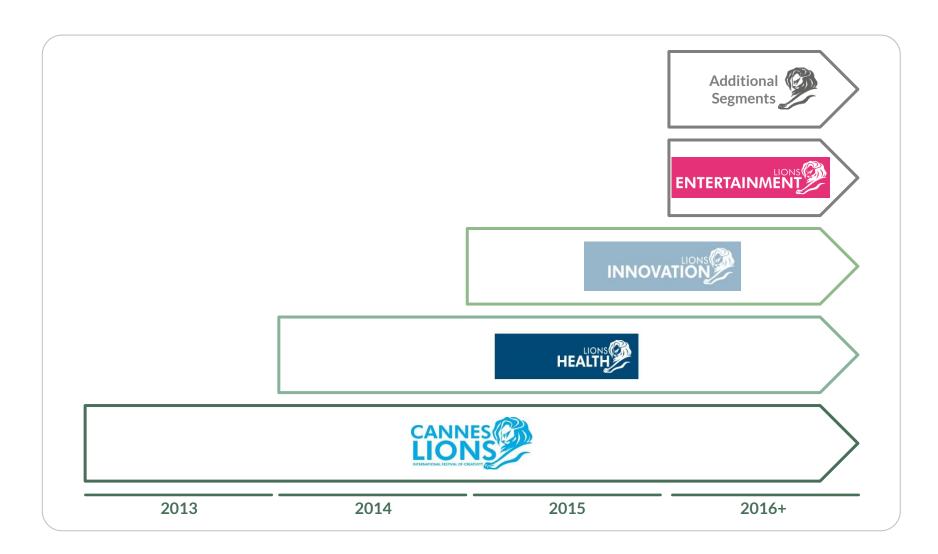
Value-based Pricing – Results to Date





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Continuous Product Improvement and Development



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Case Study: Lions Health





Year 2 KPIs (2015)

420

Delegates

1,862

Entries

€1.8m

Revenue

Case Study: Lions Innovation







Year 1 KPIs (2015)

485

Delegates

845

Entries

25%

63%

of Innovation **Customers are New to**

Cannes Lions

of Innovation Customers from C-Suite

€1.9m

Incremental Revenue

Summary

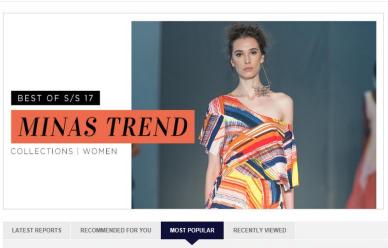
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Market Position

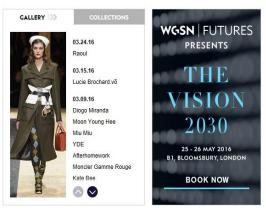
Advantaged
Business Model

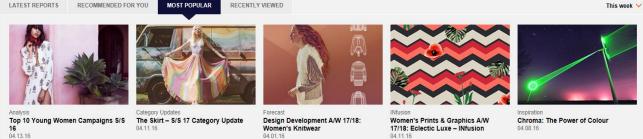
Strong
Growth Prospects

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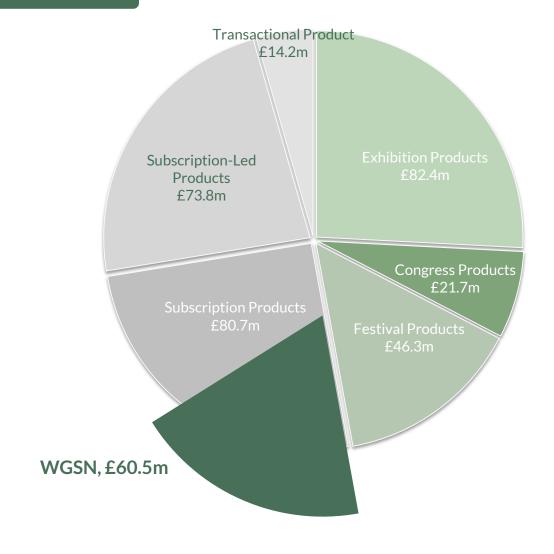
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The essential, global, platform for fashion that enables customers to plan and trade their ranges effectively

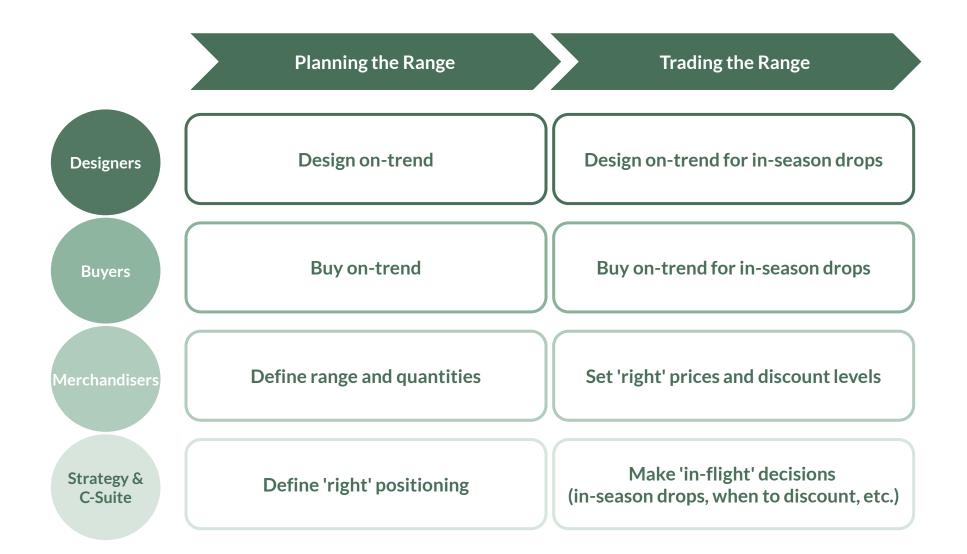
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WGSN

2015 Revenue



The Needs WGSN Serves



The Product Suite

WGSN Platform WGSN StyleTrial Powered by SoundOut **WGSN MINDSET WGSNINstock** WGSN FASHION WGSN Lifestyle & Interiors ■ Trend forecasts and ■ Trend forecasts and ■ Uses crowd ■ Retail price, range Advisory service design inspiration design inspiration sourcing to identify and colour that helps clients ■ 13 product best-sellers/dogs architecture interpret the ■ 17+ million hicategories ■ Can return high analytics based on implications of res images ■ Launched 2010 and volume of tests in over 100m SKUs global trends on ■ Over 4k reports relaunched 2015 48h tracked daily their range annually ■ Launched 2015 ■ Launched 2012 ■ Launched 2013 $\sqrt{\sqrt{}}$ 111 111 111 Designers 111 11 111 \checkmark **Buyers** Merchandisers 1 111 111 11 111 Strategy/CXO 1 1

^{✓ ✓ ✓} Target User

WGSN in Action - The Kimono



The Criticality of Planning and Trading the Range Effectively

Getting it Wrong



J.CREW

"We didn't have the right cardigan"

CEO of J.Crew

Net loss of \$426m Q1 2015

Getting it Right



NEW LOOK 2014

New Look sold 40,000 kimonos a week for 13 weeks, equating to one every five seconds

"Driven by the fact that we hit key trends effectively"

CEO of New Look

LFL sales up 9% Underlying operating profit up 38%

The WGSN Process



Filtered through our People



Supplemented by Big data Analytics



WGSN Unique Global Trend Forecast

- Catwalk shows
- Influential blogs
- Digital/magazine subscriptions
- Trade shows
- Influential festivals
- Mindset projects
- Research trips
- Street shots in major cultural hubs
- Constant social media monitoring

- Global specialists
- **■** Expert collaborators

- WGSN image and reports library
- Images mapped in Catwalk Analytics
- WGSN INstock data
- GA Big Query analysis of report views

- WGSN's unique trend days twice per year
- Two-year vision and fashion forecast
- 400 reports per month



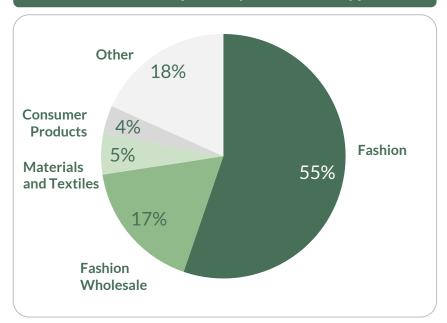
How WGSN Works



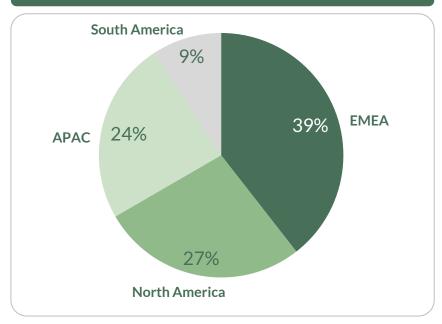
- 1 Unrivalled range of products; Time on Site per Active User +18.9% YoY/ Over 4,000 reports in 6 languages
- 6,253 customers in 2015
- 3 No large-scale global competitor
- 1.14 products per customer in 2015 vs. 1.01 in 2012
- £5.3m spent in Opex/Capex on product 2015

Our Customers

2015 Subscription by Customer Type



2015 Subscription by Region



"Designing without WGSN is like being a surgeon without the best technology and the best medications.

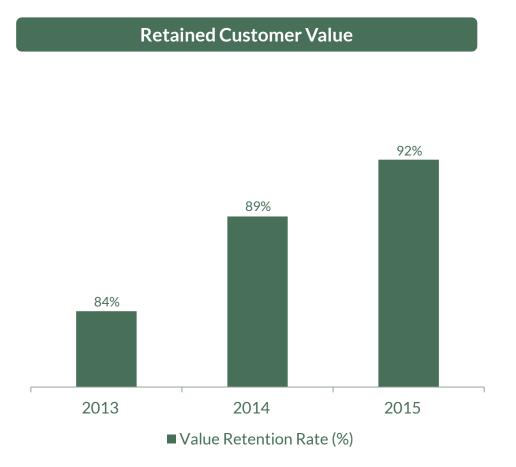
Why would you?"

Francine Candiotti, Design Director, Fila

"WGSN is like the Bloomberg for investment banking. I will not plan our product or market to clients without WGSN's help."

Andy Zhong, Director of Overseas Development, Prosperity Textiles (HK) Ltd

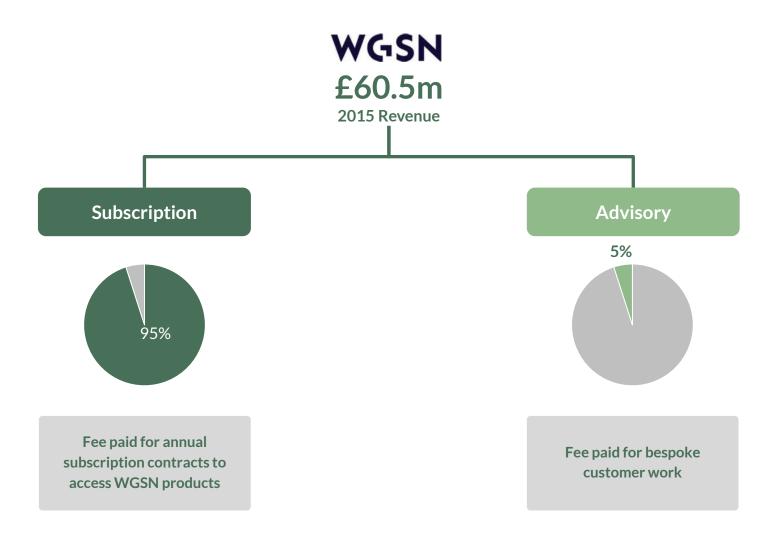
Strong Retained Customer Value



Key Milestone

- **Dec 2013:** Stylesight acquisition
- Aug 2014: Unified product Launch
- Aug 2015: Auto- renewal launched across client base
- Mar 2016: Launch of a single multi-product platform

How We Make Money



Positive Financial Dynamics

Auto Renewal Built-in Price Escalator Bill Subscriptions Up-front Strong Cash Profile Make Once, Sell Many Times **High Incremental Margin High Retention** High Revenue Visibility

Key Drivers of Organic Growth

Grow Customer Numbers

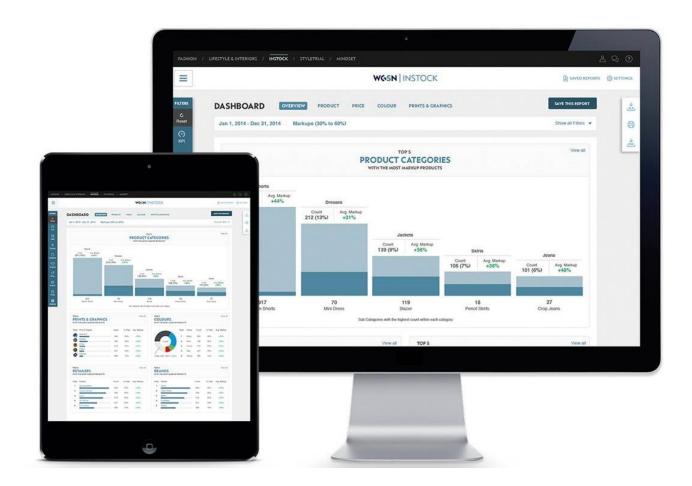
Grow Revenue per Customer

Continual Product Development

Up-Sell and Cross-Sell

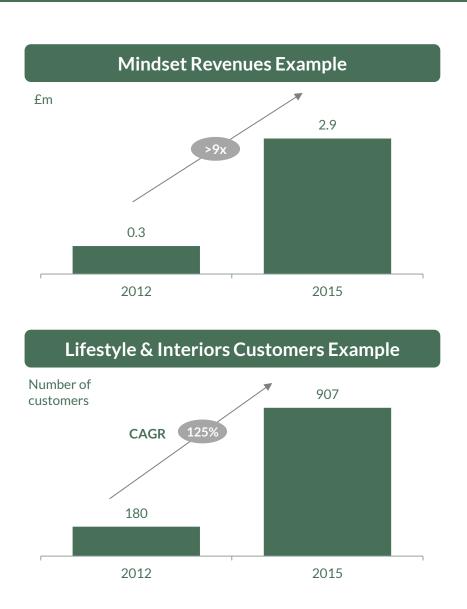
Continual Product Development - Example

INStock v3



Grow Revenues per Customer – Up-Sell and Cross-sell

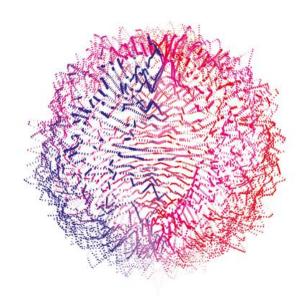




A Critical Workflow Tool for Our Customer

No.1 **Self-reinforcing** Suite of Products **Market Position Attractive** Strong **Financial Dynamics Growth Prospects**

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Connected Intelligence

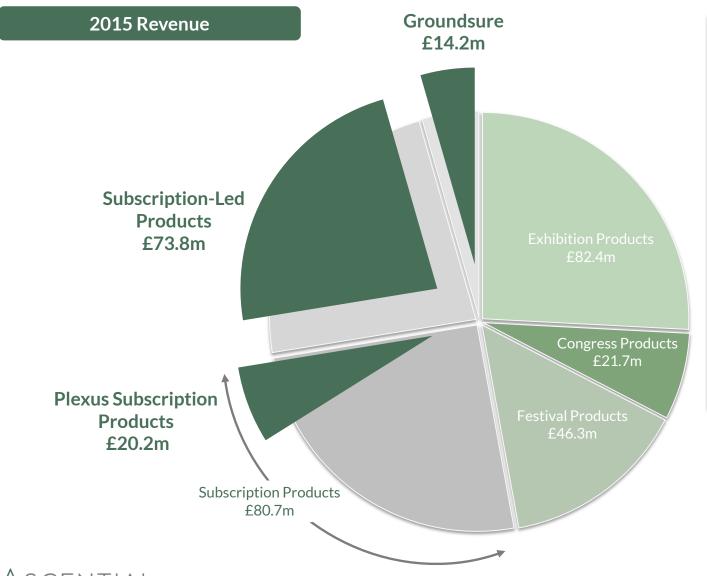
Natasha Christie-Miller



Provides critical information and access to the right people



Information Services - Plexus



Product Type	Plexus Brands	
Subscription	Planet RetailGleniganDeHavilland	
Transactional	Groundsure	
Subscription-Led	 Health Service Journal Retail Week MEED Nursing Times Drapers Construction News NCE Architects Journal Architectural Review LGC MRW Retail Jeweller Ground Engineering HVN/RAC 	

Needs Served

1 Strategic and Tactical Decision-making



Planet**Retail**





Retail Week

2 Business Development









3 Learning and Development



Executive Education
Bringing the future to your organization.

We don't just teach — we turn executives into experts. Our professional and organizational development programs offer advanced classes from leading retail experts and business school faculty. The result is real-world insights that serve as a catalyst for exciting new business transformations. You'll also have the unique opportunity to network with retail and brand thought leaders.

TALK WITH SALES









Belonging











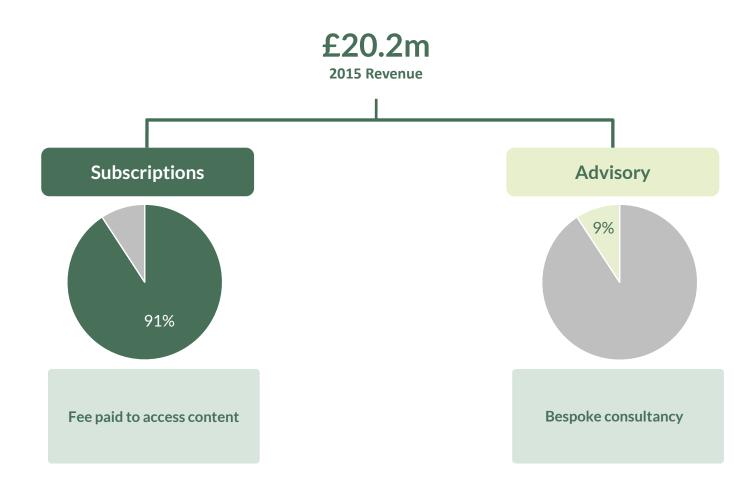


Key Plexus Product Introduction Video



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How We Make Money - Subscription Products



Key Subscription Products

Market-leading Positions

Planet**Retail**



GGlenigan

How it helps it clients

Helps FMCG and professional services customers identify and execute sales and new market opportunities with retailers

Helps clients identify and win construction contracts and leads

Strong retention rates and ARPC

Value Retention Rate: 84% ARPC: £28.0k

Value Retention Rate 79% ARPC: £3.8k

Blue Chip Client Base



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Ordnance Survey







Continued
Product
Development

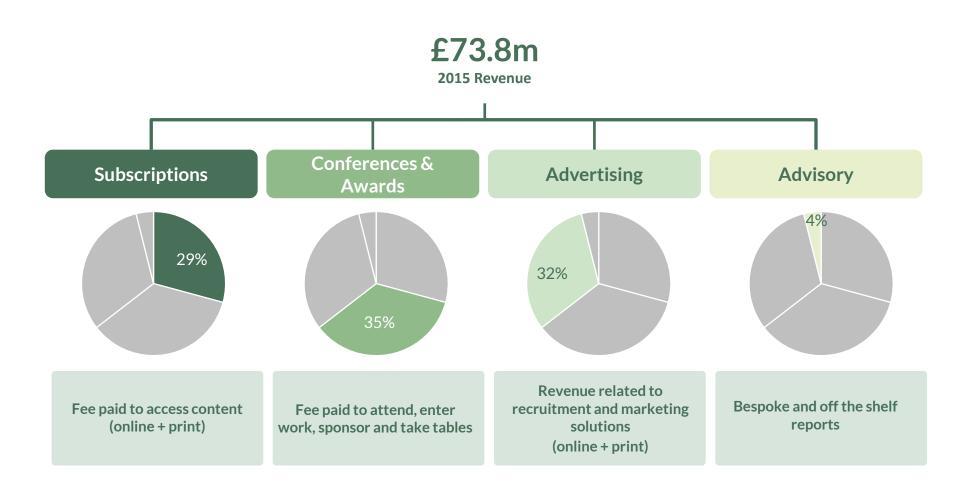
SHOPOLOGY**
SHOPPER INSIGHTS FROM PLANET RETAIL

Analysis on the actions and views of 90,000 shoppers in 15 markets.

Glenigan 2.0.

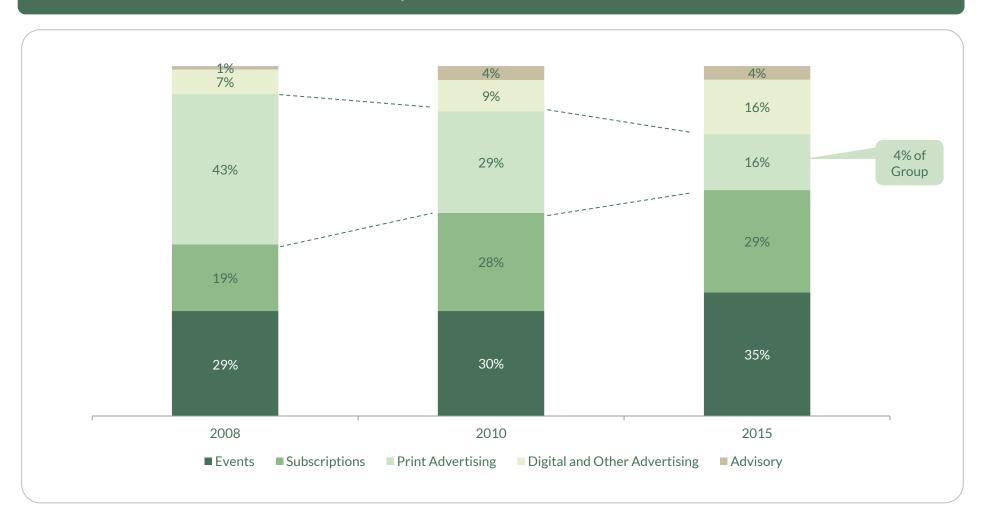
Migration of customer base to a single interface, with enhanced search functionality, deliverable across all media devices

How We Make Money - Subscription-Led Products



Revenue Streams Increasingly Robust

Subscription-Led Revenue Breakdown



How We Grow Subscription-Led Products

Grow Subscribers

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Grow Revenue per Subscriber

- 1 Focus on Highest-growth Products
- 2 Drive Subscriptions as the Foundation

Drive Scale, Repeatable Awards and Conferences

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Focus on Highest-Growth Products

Focus Implies:

- Focused capital allocation
- Organisation structure and time orientated to growth drivers

Results of Focus

Products	HSJ, Retail Week, Nursing Times	11 Other Products
2015 Revenue	£27m	£47m
2013-15 Revenue CAGR	5%	-1%1
2013-15 Revenue CAGR (ex print advertising)	13%	2%
Print Advertising as % of Revenue	10%	19%
Subscription and Events as % of Revenue	65%	64%

Key Subscription-Led Products

Market-leading Positions

FOR HEALTHCARE LEADERS

RetailWeek

Well-established Brands

Established
1892
>17k Subscribers

Established
1988
>8k Subscribers

Attractive Revenue Mix

2% 3% Advisorv 16% 26% 7% Digital and Other 14% Advertising 24% ■ Print Advertising 29% ■ Subscriptions 50% ■ Events 29%

Transitioning to Corporate Subs Model 39%

Corporate Subscriptions (ex. HSJi) Corporate Subscriptions (ex. Retail Week Prospect)

Increasing Adoption of High-Value
Data Product Extensions

HSJ® intelligence

£943k £12.7k

2015 Billings

ARPC



40%

£9.3k

First 5 Months ARPC

2 Drive Subscriptions

Product Development

Improved product quality

2 Sales & Marketing

- Improved acquisition funnel
- Retention first approach

3 Corporate Subscriptions

- Convert small numbers of individual subscribers into single corporate subscription package
- 33% of our subscriptions are part of a corporate
- Our corporate subscriptions have a value renewal rate of 95%

High-Value Data
Product Extensions

HSJintelligence

ARPC = £12.7k

£943k billings 2015

PROSPECT

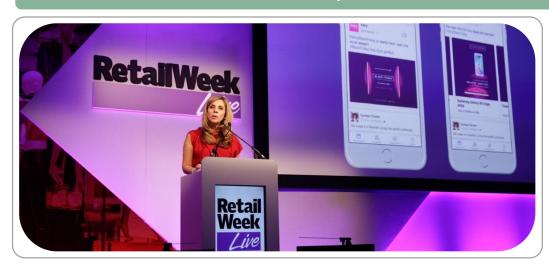
40 customers at ARPC of £9.3k, five months post launch

2 Drive Subscriptions cont.



3 Drive Scale, Repeatable Conferences and Awards

Example: Retail Week Live and Awards



"Everybody recognises that within the retail industry this is the top event."

lan Filby, DFS

"It would be unthinkable not to be here."

Richard Boland, Retail Trust



£2.9m

2015 Revenue for RW Live and Awards

15%

2015 YoY Growth for RW Live and Awards

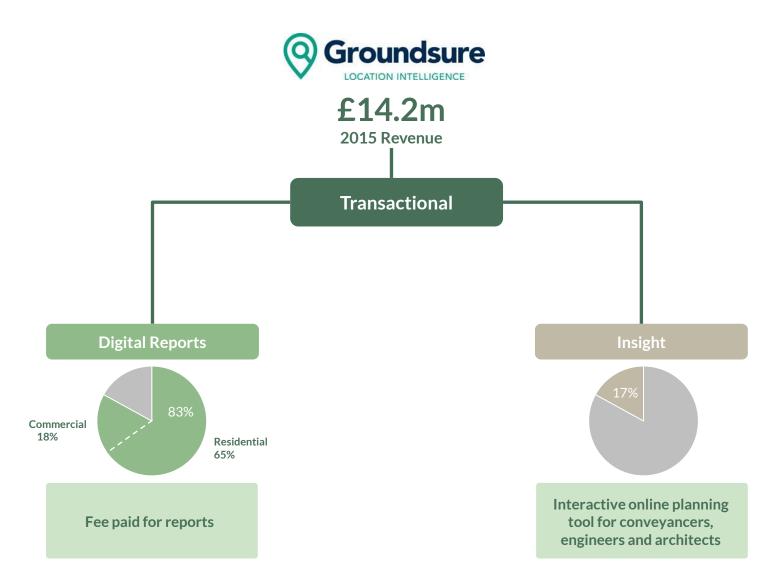
Transactional Product - Groundsure

Needs Served

- Address the needs of two primary groups:
 - Conveyancers
 - Architects/Engineers
- Assess risks related to:
 - Flood
 - Contaminated Land
 - Ground Stability
 - Planning
 - Radon
 - etc.

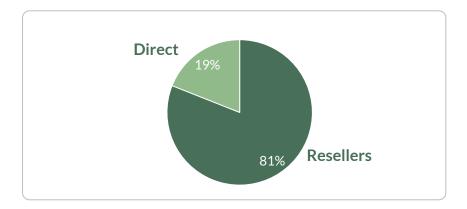


How We Make Money - Transactional Product

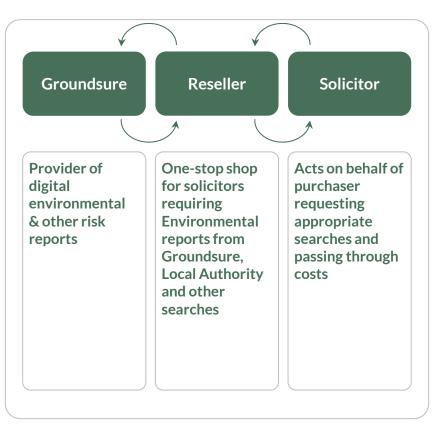


Our Digital Reports Sales Model - Groundsure

2015 Customer Breakdown



Primary Sales Model



How We Grow: Digital Reports

Key Volume Growth Drivers

- Higher quality products
- Great customer relationship
- Great user training
- More resellers
- More share within resellers
- Add-on reports
- Volumetric pricing

Residential

Transaction Volume

2012

130 121 125 111

2013

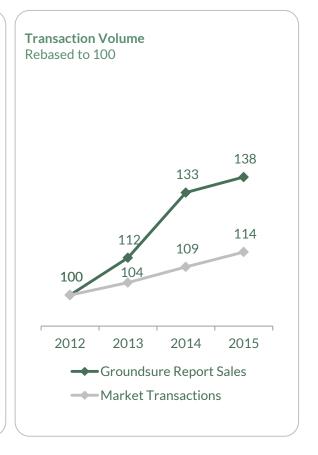
2014

→Groundsure Report Sales

→ Market Transactions

2015

Commercial

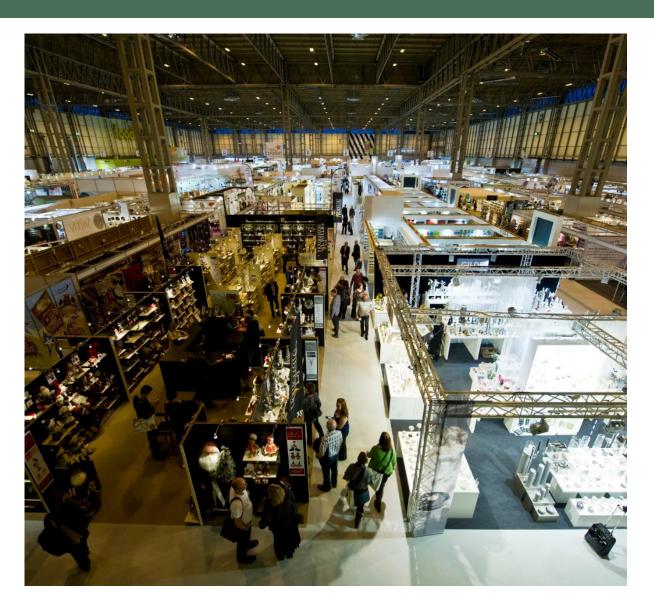


Summary

Addressing
Clear Customer
Needs

Digital Products
Accelerating
Growth Opportunities

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Spring/Autumn Fair

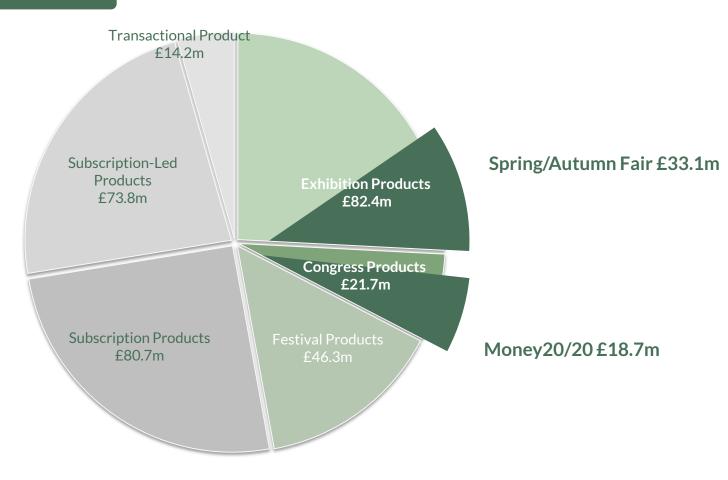
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Spring/Autumn Fair and Money20/20

2015 Revenue



Spring/Autumn Fair: Gateway to UK Retailing

Spring Fair

- UK's biggest trade exhibition
- 13 show sections
- 5 days at NEC in Birmingham in February

2.7k

Exhibitors

64k

Visitors

Autumn Fair

- UK's second biggest trade exhibition
- 8 show sections
- 4 days at NEC in Birmingham in September

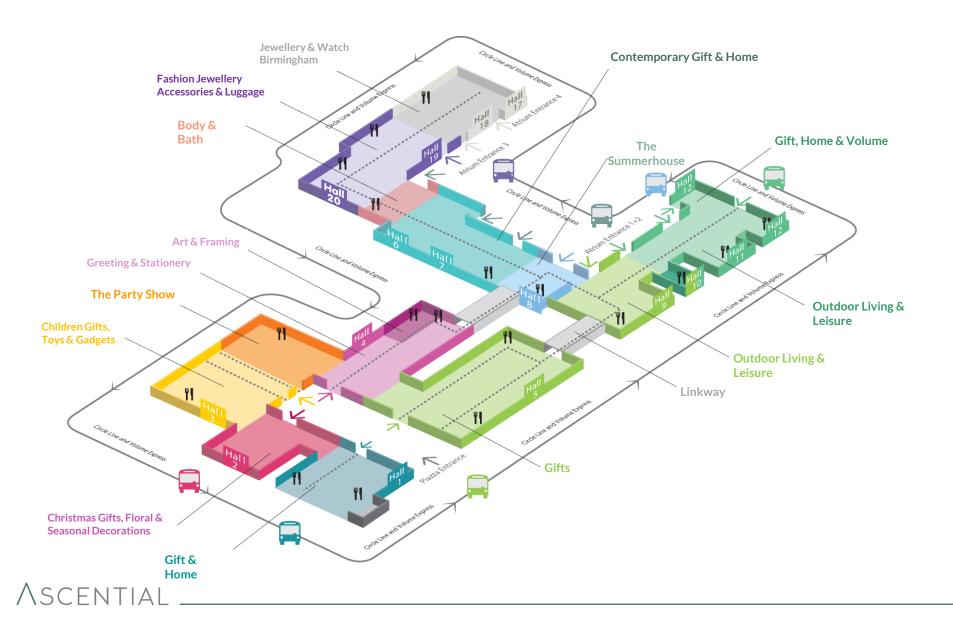
1.4k

Exhibitors

28k

Visitors

How Spring Fair Works



Who Are Our Customers

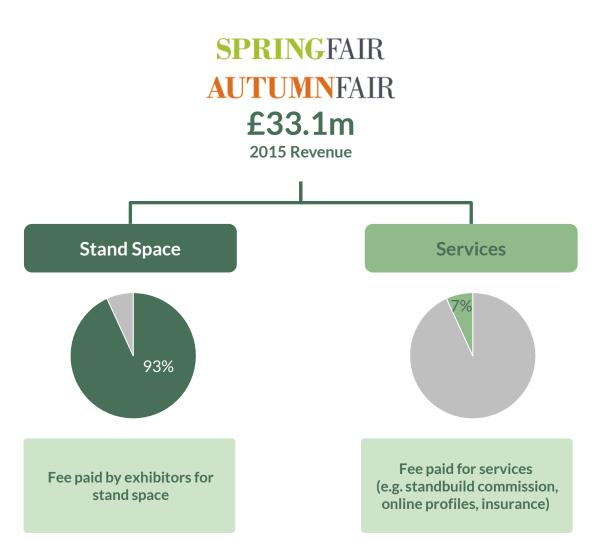
Exhibitor Breakdown by Show Sector

■ Contemporary Gifts 5% 16% ■ Gifts ■ Fashion Accessories Greetings ■ Volume ■ Jewellery & Watch ■ Toy Show ■ Home ■ Kitchen & Dining Brands of China ■ Body & Bath Other

Over 60,000 Visitors Attended Spring Fair in 2015



How We Make Money



- 76% stand revenue contracted within three months of the previous year's event¹
- Positive cash flow throughout
- All revenues derived from exhibitors; free for visitors

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Key Drivers of Growth

Grow Customer Numbers



Grow Revenue per Customer

1 Seize Opportunities by Constantly Editing Show

2 Drive Quality of Visitors

Charge Differently Based on Stand Types and Locations, and Up-sell

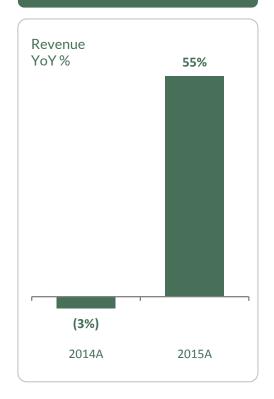
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Continuous Editing of the Show

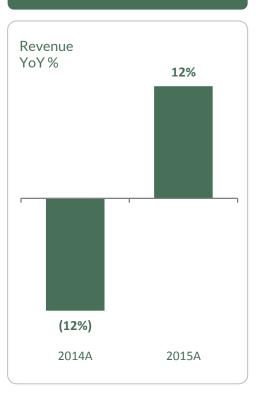
At 2014-15 show:

- Moved Home section to Hall 1 giving room to expand
- Moved Kitchen and Dining Section to Hall 9, generating more footfall as the area was connected to Gifts section

Home Section



Kitchen and Dining Section



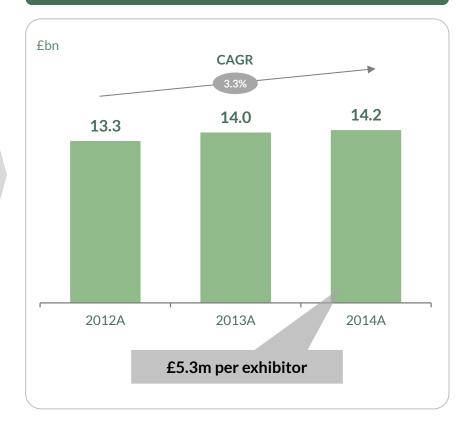
Drive Quality of Visitors

Improved Visitor Targeting

Visitor Marketing via Exhibitors

Improved Visitor Experience

Visitor Spending Power¹

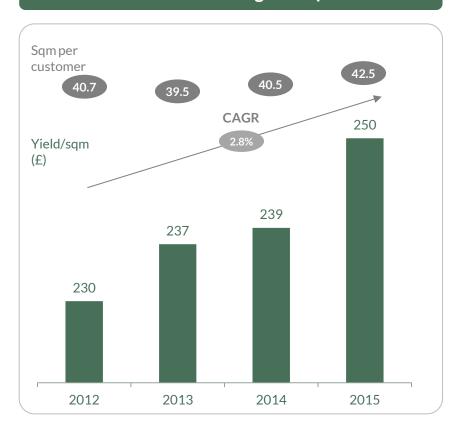




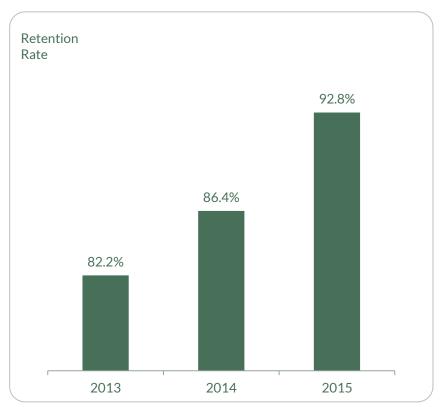
Buying budget has been estimated by the Company by asking visitors at Spring / Autumn Fair to select one of a number of pre-defined ranges to indicate their budget for the relevant year during event registration. The midpoint within each range has been multiplied by the number of visitors selecting that range (scaled to total as a small proportion chose not to answer) and added to the product of midpoint and number of visitors for each other range to arrive at a aggregate estimated figure for buying budget.

Price Differentiation and Up-Sell

Value-based Pricing and Up-Sell



Value Retention





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The Payments Industry is Evolving Rapidly

Mobile Payments



Crypto Currencies



Card-Linked Deals



Cloud-based Payments



Frictionless Identity



Mobile Money Transfers



Mobile Wallets



Low-cost Remittance Platforms

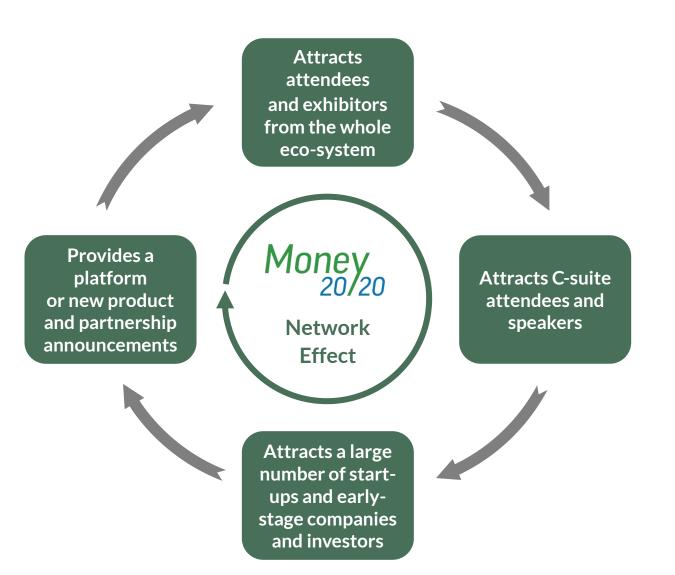


Smart Terminals





How Money 20/20 Works



"The place to be for great insight into the future of payments and to meet with all the big hitters of the industry. A must attend conference."

GM of Retail and Prepaid, Paypal

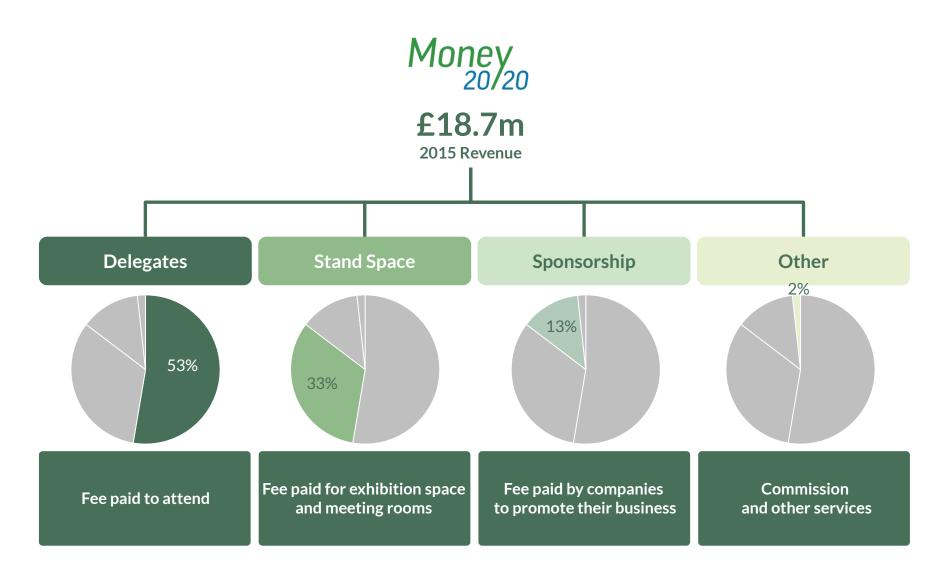
"Best event ever!"

MD, Bain Capital Ventures

"It completely blew me away, it's head and shoulders above anything else"

> CMO, ZNAP

How We Make Money



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The Delegate Proposition

- 598 speakers in 2015
- 4 content streams per day, varying by day, including
 - Risk & Compliance
 - Bank & Non-Bank Disrupters
 - Mobile Payments and Security
 - Marketing Services
 - Payments Disruptions
 - Entrepreneurship & Innovation
 - Retailers: What's in store
- 385 exhibitors
- 10,426 attendees with whom to network
- Daily demos, case studies & announcements



The Exhibitor and Sponsor Proposition

- Showcase products to over 10,000 attendees
- Raise brand awareness
- Host meetings
- Product and partnership announcements

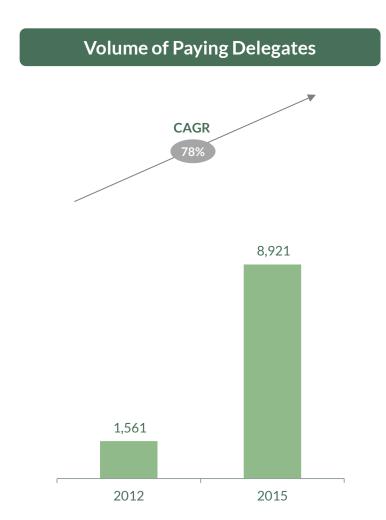


Money20/20 Introduction Video



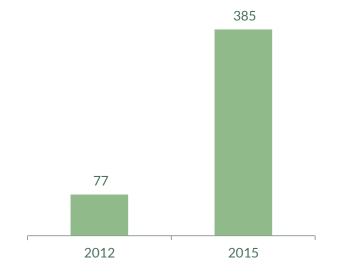
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Volume Growth









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Key Drivers of Organic Growth

Grow Customer Numbers



Grow Revenue per Customer

- 1 Continuously Improve Congress Quality
- 2 Sales and Marketing Excellence
- 3 Geo-cloning

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Geo-cloning - Money 20/20 Europe (April 2016)



- 3,700 attendees, from over 70 countries
- over 200 sponsors
- 420 speakers, over 60% CEOs/founders:
 - Visa Europe
 - **BBVA**
 - Western Union
 - ING

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Summary

Spring/ Autumn Fair

Largest Trade Exhibitions in UK

76% of Revenue Contracted within Three Months¹

Over 90% Exhibitor Value Retention

Money 20/20

Market Leading
Payments Congress

Strong Growth Characteristics

Geo-clone
Opportunities



Group Financials

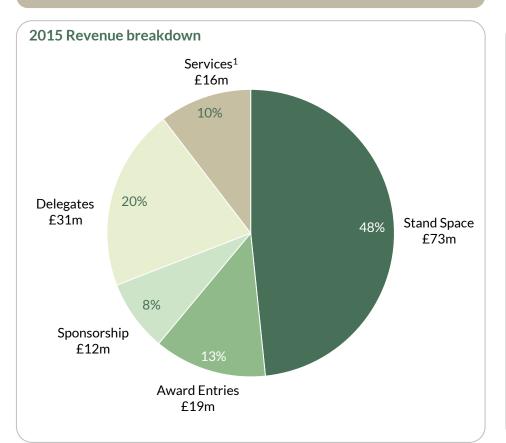
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Our revenue model

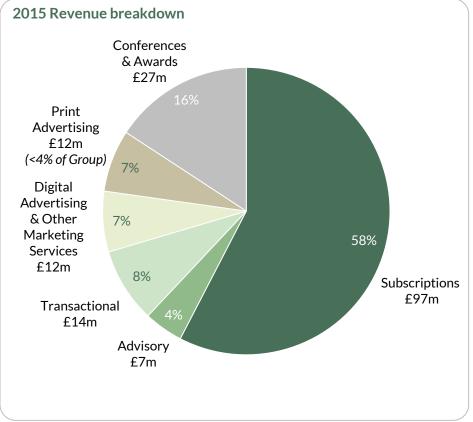
Exhibitions & Festivals

- 2015 Revenue: £150.4m (47% of Group)
- 2015 EBITDA: £56.9m (57% of Group) Margin: 38%
- 13 Product Lines



Information Services

- 2015 Revenue: £168.7m (53% of Group)
- 2015 EBITDA: £42.8m (43% of Group) Margin: 25%
- 19 Product Lines



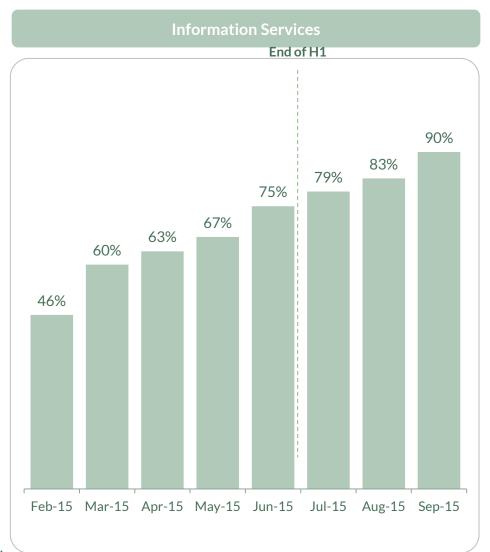


Note: All financials as reported. Adjusted EBITDA before deduction of corporate costs of £8.8m.

1 Including hotel and stand build commission, exporter introduction services and archive services.

Strong revenue visibility

Percentage of Secured 2015 Revenue

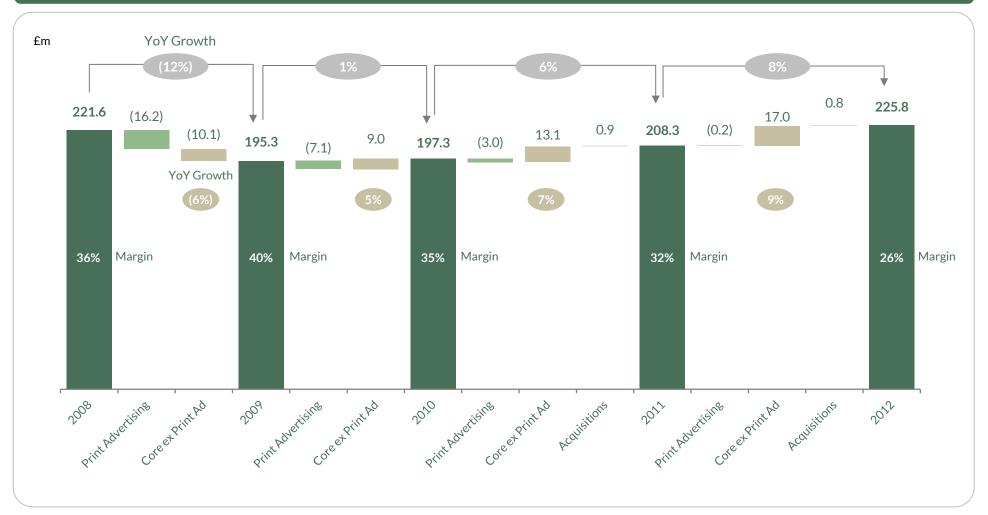


Exhibitions and Festivals End of H1 95% 91% 88% 87% 83% 76% 64% 55% Feb-15 Mar-15 Apr-15 May-15 Jun-15 Jul-15 Aug-15 Sep-15

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Revenue Performance through the Recession

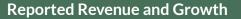
Group Underlying Revenue Bridge from 2008 to 2012 1,2



¹ Underlying revenue is defined as reported revenue less revenue from products subsequently disposed of or discontinued.

² Core revenue is defined as reported revenue less revenue from acquisitions, disposals and discontinued operations.

Key Financial Highlights





Adjusted EBITDA and Margin



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High Level Income Statement

_	Reported		Gro	wth
£m	2015	2014	Reported	Organic ¹
Exhibitions & Festivals	150.4	138.8	8.4%	13.1%
Information Services	168.7	173.9	(3.0)%	0.5%
Revenue	319.1	312.7	2.1%	6.1%
Exhibitions & Festivals margin	56.9 37.8%	55.3 39.9%	2.8%	10.5%
Information Services margin	42.8 25.4%	38.9 22.4%	10.0%	15.4%
Central costs	(8.8)	(8.9)		
Adjusted EBITDA ²	90.9	85.3	6.6%	14.0%
margin	28.5%	27.3%		
Depreciation	(17.5)	(18.1)		
Adjusted operating profit	73.4	67.2		
Amortisation/impairments	(29.5)	(26.6)		
Exceptional items	(11.0)	(18.0)		
Share-based payments	(0.5)	-		
Operating Profit	32.4	22.6		
Gain on disposal	4.8	-		
Net finance costs	(28.8)	(28.0)		
Profit before tax	8.4	(5.4)		
Tax	7.7	25.2		
Profit after tax	16.1	19.8		

Headlines

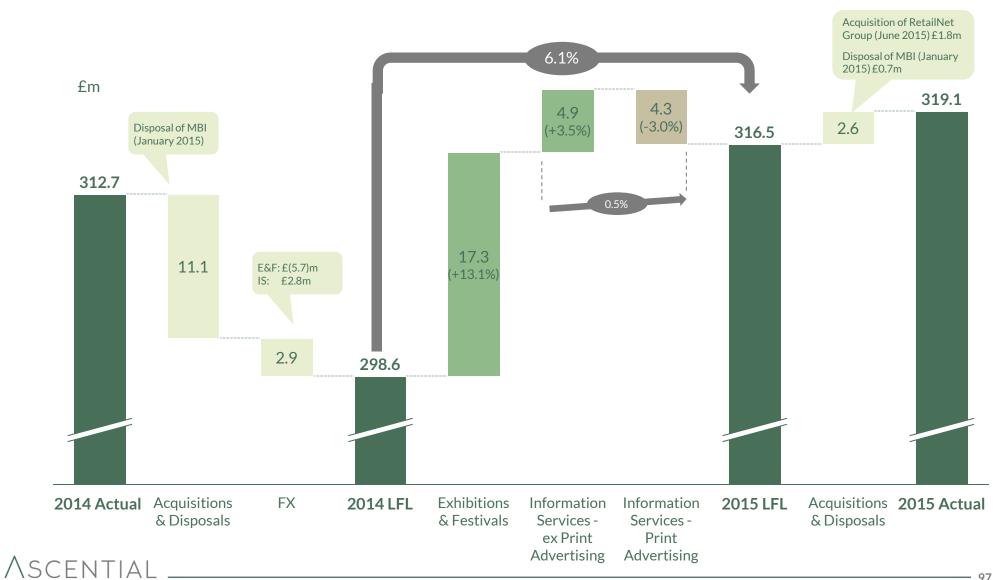
- Strong Exhibitions & Festivals Organic revenue growth at 13%. Reported revenue growth of 8% impacted by currency headwinds.
- Information Services revenue broadly flat on organic basis (or up by 3.5% excluding declines in print advertising). Reported revenue growth impacted by both currency and disposal of MBI.
- Exhibitions & Festivals margins impacted by foreign exchange movement and investment in Money20/20 Europe.
- Information Services margins strongly up on full year of Stylesight efficiencies despite structural decline in print advertising.

^{1.} Organic growth is calculated to allow the reader with a more meaningful analysis of underlying performance. The following adjustments are made: (a) constant currency (restating FY14 at FY15 exchange rates), (b) event timing differences between periods (if any) (c) excluding the part-year impact of acquisitions and disposals.



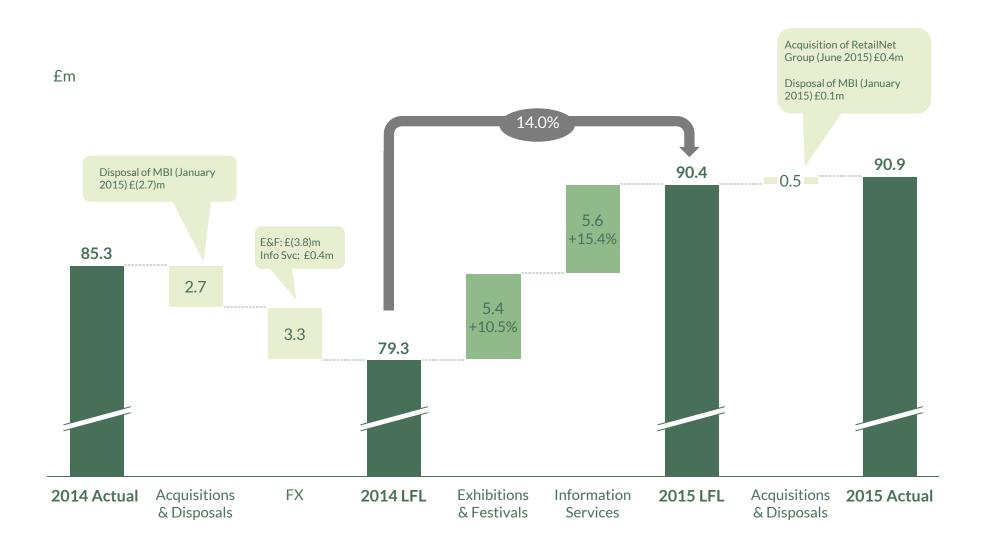


Revenue Growth - by Segment



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EBITDA Growth - by Segment



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Margin Development

Adjusted EBITDA Margin

	Exhibitions & Festivals	Information Services	Group
2014	39.9%	22.4%	27.3%
M&A impact FX impact Money20/20 Europe WGSN cost synergies Print decline	(1.2)% (0.5)%	(0.1)% (0.2)% 1.8% (1.1)%	0.1% (0.9)% (0.2)% 1.0% (0.6)%
Other	(0.4)%	2.6%	1.8%
2015	37.8%	25.4%	28.5%

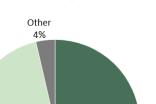
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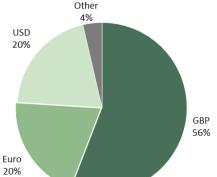
- Exhibitions & Festivals margin:
 - Currency headwinds impacted reported margin given Euro revenues and high sterling cost base.
 In line with prior year – if stated on a constant currency basis.
 - 2015 margin includes £0.7m of investment in Money20/20 Europe (to be held in April 2016).
- Information Services margin:
 - Has strengthened in part through the full year impact of cost efficiencies following WGSN's combination with Stylesight and launch of the single product.
 - Counteracts negative impact from decline in print advertising revenues.
 - Top-line growth, together with operational leverage inherent within in the business, responsible for remaining 2.6% of expansion.

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Currency Exposure

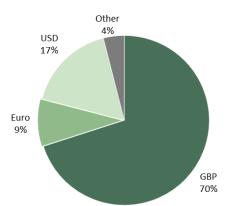
Currency Distribution



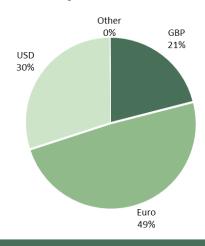


Revenue

Costs



Adjusted EBITDA



Sensitivity Analysis

Each 1% movement in Euros to the Pounds Sterling exchange rate has a c.£0.6m (2014: £0.6m) impact on revenue and a circa £0.4m (2014: £0.4m) impact on Adjusted EBITDA.

Each 1% movement in US Dollars to the Pounds Sterling exchange rate has a c.£0.7m (2014: £0.6m) impact on revenue and a circa £0.3m (2014: £0.2m) impact on Adjusted EBITDA.

2015 Impact

When comparing 2014 and 2015, changes in currency exchange rates had an adverse impact of £2.9m (0.9%) on Group revenue and £3.3m (3.7%) adverse impact on Group Adjusted EBITDA.

FX Rates

The weighted average rate and closing exchange rates for the two main currencies were as follows:

vs £	Weig	Weighted		sing
VSE	2015	2014	2015	2014
Euro	1.40	1.23	1.36	1.28
US Dollar	1.53	1.64	1.48	1.56

- We do not hedge our income statement currency exposure.
- Our post-IPO debt facilities are denominated c.50% in EUR, 25% in GBP and 25% USD, broadly correlated to EBITDA generation.

Strong Cash Conversion

Cash Flow

£m	2015	2014
Adjusted EBITDA	90.9	85.3
Working capital movements	1.1	$(4.5)^{1}$
Operating cash flow	92.0	80.8
Capex	(10.9)	(11.3)
Tax	(1.2)	(1.2)
Free cashflow	79.9	68.3
% Free cashflow conversion	88%	80%
Exceptional cash	(11.9)	(14.8)
M&A consideration/ proceeds	(9.1)	(25.3)
Cashflow before financing activities	58.9	28.2
Interest Debt repayments/(drawdown)	(37.9) 1.4	(26.6) (11.2)
Net cash flow	22.4	(9.6)

Commentary

- Group operating cash flow driven by strong operational performance and return to a small working capital inflow.
- Free cash flow conversion up +8% ppts to 88%.
- Capex broadly flat reflecting the well-invested nature of the business.
- Cash tax was modest as a result of the utilisation of historic tax losses in the UK and US.
- M&A includes:
 - Acquisition of RetailNet Group for consideration net of cash acquired of £5.1m (of which a net £2.5m was paid in the year and £2.6m is deferred until 2018).
 - Deferred consideration relating to Money20/20 and Educar of £17.1m.
 - Sale of MBI for £11.0m (£10.6m net of costs and cash disposed).
- Interest paid includes £13.2m relating to arrangement fees for the April 2015 refinancing.

Financial Guidance

Medium Term Outlook

Revenue

- Targeting maintaining group constant currency revenue growth in line with 2015
- Targeting high-single digit constant currency revenue growth in Exhibitions & Festivals

Adjusted EBITDA ¹ Margin

- Exhibitions & Festivals business margins have historically been stable in a range of 38-40%
- Targeting Group margin expansion of 50-100bps each year, driven by Information Services

Capex

• Capex requirements expected to be similar to recurring capex levels in the historical period at c.3.5-4.0% of revenue

Leverage

• Targeting de-leveraging by 0.5x per year

Distribution Policy

Targeting a payout ratio of c.30% of adjusted net income¹

Current Trading and Outlook

"While still early in 2016, we are encouraged by the current level of forward bookings and are confident of another good year of growth for the Group."

- A positive start to 2016 in line with our expectations.
- Our major product developments are on track. Key H1 milestones:-
 - Rollout starts of WGSN single platform and INstock v3 during April
 - Money 20/20 Europe in April
- No change to guidance from IPO



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Adjusted Income Statement

		2015			2014	
<u>£m</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>	Adjustments	Statutory	 <u>Adjusted</u>	Adjustments	Statutory
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Revenue	319.1		319.1	312.7		312.7
Costs	(228.2)		(228.2)	(227.4)		(227.4)
Adjusted EBITDA	90.9		90.9	85.3		85.3
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	(17.5)	(29.5)	(47.0)	(18.1)	(26.6)	(44.7)
Exceptional items		(11.0)	(11.0)		(18.0)	(18.0)
Share-based payments		(0.5)	(0.5)			
Operating Profit	73.4	(41.0)	32.4	67.2	(44.6)	22.6
Gain on disposal		4.8	4.8			
Net finance costs	(24.5)	(4.3)	(28.8)	(28.0)		(28.0)
Profit before tax	48.9	(40.5)	8.4	39.2	(44.6)	(5.4)
Tax	(6.7)	14.4	7.7	12.1	13.1	25.2
Profit after tax	42.2	(26.1)	16.1	51.3	(31.5)	19.8

Adjustments are made for amortisation and impairment, exceptional items, share-based payments, disposal of businesses, and, in interest, accelerated amortisation of debt fees and break costs on refinancing.

Exceptional Items

Exceptional Items

£m	2015	2014
IPO costs	1.7	-
Acquisition integration costs	0.9	7.3
Business restructuring	1.7	0.3
M&A Expenses	0.9	2.8
Professional fees on capital restructuring	0.3	3.6
Money20/20 earnouts	5.5	1.8
Refinancing	-	1.2
Other	-	1.0
Total	11.0	18.0

Commentary

- Of the total £17m IPO-related costs £15m will be recognised in 2016 (£3m expensed and £12m written-off against share premium). (This is in addition to the £5m of debt arrangement fees on the new, post-IPO, facilities)
- M&A activity and integration costs relate chiefly to the acquisition of RetailNet Group.
- Business restructuring costs primarily relate to the creation of Plexus (£1.7m) from a combination of EMAP, MEED, 4C Group and Planet Retail.
- Money20/20 earnout exceptionals relate to deferred consideration that is contingent on the continuing employment of certain vendors:
 - 2015: £5.5m for the full 12 months (2014: £1.8m for a four month period).
 - Expected 2016: c.£3.5m, 2017: c£1.5m.

Taxation

Taxation		
£m	2015	2014
Current tax charge	(5.0)	(6.2)
Recognition of tax losses	7.8	18.3
Deferred tax credit on intangibles amortisation	8.5	8.7
Other deferred tax movements	(3.6)	4.4
Deferred tax credit	12.7	31.4
Total reported tax credit	7.7	25.2
Reported profit before tax	8.4	(5.4)
Reported ETR	nm	nm
Adjusted tax (charge)/credit	(6.7)	12.1
Adjusted profit before tax	48.9	39.2
Adjusted ETR	(14)%	31%
Cash tax paid	(1.2)	(1.2)

Comments

- The Group has significant tax assets available to utilise both in the UK and US, totaling £13.1m and £11.5m as assets on the balance sheet respectively.
- The large deferred tax credit in 2015 mainly relates to the recognition of the tax value of losses incurred by the Group in previous years in both the UK and the US.
- Current tax charge reduced compared to 2014 in respect of overseas taxation due to one-off charges in 2014.
- Adjusted tax charge excludes the tax effects of the adjusting items namely amortisation of acquired intangibles (tax effect £10.1m), exceptional items (tax effect £3.3m) and write off of debt arrangement fees and break fees on April refi (tax effect £1.0m).
- Adjusted ETR reflects benefit of tax loss recognition credits, offset in 2015 by impact of future UK tax rate reductions on value of tax losses.

Net Finance Costs

Net Finance Costs

£m	2015	2014
Net interest payable	(28.2)	(32.6)
FX gain on cash and debt	4.2	2.9
Recurring amortisation of fees	(2.4)	(3.0)
Break fees and accelerated amortisation of fees	(4.3)	-
Other finance charges	(2.3)	(1.2)
FV gains on derivatives	4.2	5.9
Net finance costs	(28.8)	(28.0)

Commentary

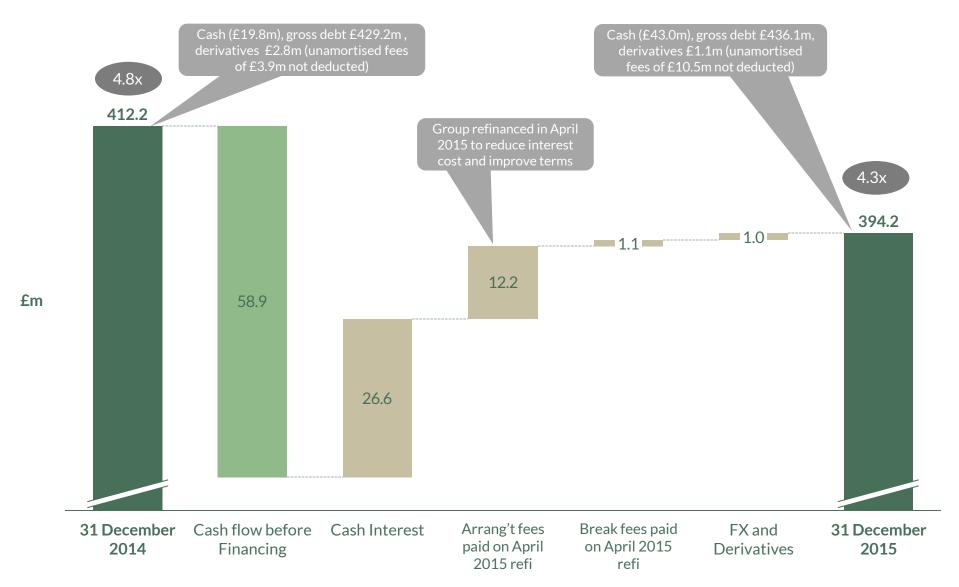
- Reduction in net interest payable driven by:
 - reduced borrowings and
 - reduced rate of interest payable following the Group's
 April 2015 refinancing
- April 2015 refinancing also resulted in £4.3m (2014: £nil) of break fees and write-off of loan arrangement fees, in addition to the regular amortisation of such fees of £2.4m (2014: £3.0m).
- Other finance charges includes the fair value unwind of deferred consideration e.g. Money20/20.
- Fair value gains on derivatives primarily relate to cross currency swaps closed out at the IPO refinancing and interest rate swaps closed out in April 2015.

Cash Flow

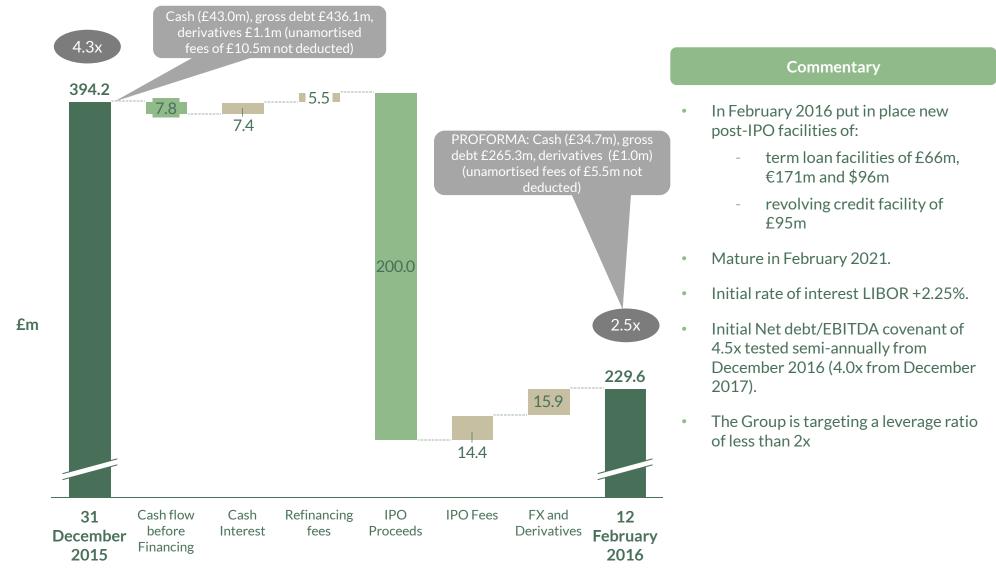
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Adjusted EBITDA	90.9	85.3
Working capital movements	1.1	(4.5)
Operating cash flow	92.0	80.8
Capex	(10.9)	(11.3)
Tax	(1.2)	(1.2)
Free cashflow	79.9	68.3
% Free cashflow conversion	88%	80%
Exceptional cash	(11.9)	(14.8)
M&A consideration/ proceeds	(9.1)	(25.3)
Cashflow before financing activities	58.9	28.2
Interest	(37.9)	(26.6)
Debt repayments/(drawdown)	1.4	(11.2)
Net cash flow	22.4	(9.6)
Cash	43.0	19.8
Gross debt	(436.1)	(429.2)
Capitalised fees	10.5	3.9
Derivatives	(1.1)	(2.8)
Net debt	(383.7)	(408.3)
Leverage	4.2x	4.8x



Net Debt Bridge - 2015 (Covenant Basis including derivatives)



Net Debt Bridge – 2016 to IPO (Covenant Basis inc Derivatives)



Capital Expenditure

Capital Expenditure

2015	2014
3.3	3.8
1.3	0.5
1.1	2.1
4.5	4.5
10.2	10.9
3.2%	3.5%
0.7	0.4
10.9	11.3
17.5	18.1
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Commentary

- Product Development in 2015 includes digital products such as Retail Week Prospect and WGSN's INstock V3.
- Property includes the fit out of WGSN's new New York office.
- Business Applications includes elements of the Cannes Lions' IT systems upgrade.
- On-going recurring capex is expected to remain at c.3.5% of sales for the foreseeable future.
- Depreciation will trend towards capex from 2016 onwards as the depreciation impact of the £25m invested in Transform in 2012/13 unwinds.

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Balance Sheet

£m	2015	2014
Assets		
Non-current assets		
Intangible assets	658.7	683.3
Property, plant and equipment	10.2	12.5
Investments	0.7	0.6
Derivative financial assets	0.6	-
Deferred tax assets	40.2	35.7
	710.4	732.1
Current assets		
Assets classified as held for sale	-	9.9
Inventories	17.6	14.6
Trade and other receivables	65.3	51.9
Derivative financial assets	0.4	-
Cash and cash equivalents	43.0	19.8
· ·	126.3	96.2
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	-	3.6
Trade and other payables	195.3	192.0
Borrowings	2.4	15.1
Provisions	2.3	3.1
Derivative financial liabilities	0.4	2.8
	200.4	216.6
Non-Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	423.2	410.2
Provisions	0.2	0.2
Deferred tax liabilities	40.7	49.9
Derivative financial liabilities	1.7	-
Other non-current liabilities	20.6	14.9
	486.4	475.2
Net Assets	149.9	136.5
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	544	544
Translation reserve	(7)	(4)
Retained earnings	(387)	(403)
Shareholders' Funds	149.9	136.5
Shareholders Fullus	147.7	130.3



Multiple Levers for Growth

Information Services **Initiatives Auto Renewal with Embedded** Auto renewal widely rolled out in 2015 – positive impact expected in 2016 **Price Increases** WGSN InStock and StyleTrial HSJ Intelligence **New Digital Products** Nursing Times Learning Retail Week Prospect **Exhibitions & Festivals** Initiatives Prebook Rebook/ Onsite rebook launched in 2014 **Onsite Rebook** Develop concepts to move to membership model Effective for Autumn Fair 2015 show Now rolling out for Spring Fair, CWIEME and Bett • e.g. Pure in 2013 to focus on premium brands • e.g. Spring Fair 2015 to drive growth in Home and Kitchen/Dining sections Bett Brazil CWIEME Istanbul Money20/20 Europe Bett Middle East

Show Extension

Lions Health

Lions Innovation

Lions Entertainment

32 Product Lines: 23 Hold a No.1 Market Position

\SCENTIAL | £319.1m **Exhibitions & Festivals Information Services** £150.4m £168.7m **Exhibitions Festivals** Subscription-led Congresses **Subscription Transactional** £46.3m £73.8m £14.2m £82.4m £21.7m £80.7m Spring/Autumn Fair Money20/20 **Cannes Lions Health Service Journal** Groundsure **WGSN** Bett Planet Retail Retail Week **World Retail Congress Lions Regionals** Pure Glenigan **MEED CWIEME** DeHavilland **Nursing Times RWM Drapers** Glee Construction News **BVE** NCE **Naidex Architects Journal** UKTI1 **Architectural Review** LGC MRW Retail Jeweller **Ground Engineering** HVN/RAC

Products in bold hold a No.1 position per OC&C Analysis (in this analysis, Cannes Lions and Lions Regionals are counted as one product)

