

# Countrywide

## Returning to profitable growth

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# Agenda

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# Introduction

<b>2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FY 2018 outlook:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– H1: EBITDA of £10.7m<sup>(1)</sup>; slightly better than guidance previously given; net debt £211.7m</li><li>– H2: Positive outlook due to improved pipeline in Sales, the traditionally strong H2 in FS and B2B and flow through impact of cost-out actions</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>3 year plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Back to basics underpins the three-year turnaround plan to re-build the pipeline and grow market share; aim to deliver by 2021:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Objective to return to 2016 levels of profitability</li><li>– Reduce leverage below 1.0x</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Capital Structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fully underwritten equity capital raise of £140m; proposed structure includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Firm placing; and</li><li>– Placing and open offer</li><li>– Majority of proceeds to repay existing bank debt</li></ul></li><li>• Amended £125m 4 year RCF facility and covenant package</li></ul>

<sup>(1)</sup>H1 2018 EBITDA includes £1.1m benefit from adoption of IFRS 15

# Countrywide

**H1 Financial performance - &  
FY Outlook:**  
Himanshu Raja, Group CFO



# Group summary financials

	H1 2018	H1 2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	YoY	
	£m	£m	£'m	%
Income	303.6	332.7	(29.1)	(9%)
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	10.7	27.8	(17.2)	(62%)
Depreciation \ Amortisation \ JV	(13.2)	(13.6)	0.5	3%
Operating (loss)/profit	(2.5)	14.2	(16.7)	(118%)
Net finance costs	(5.0)	(6.0)	1.0	17%
(Loss)/profit before tax	(7.6)	8.1	(15.7)	(193%)
Tax	1.8	(1.4)	3.2	(227%)
Underlying (loss)/ earnings	(5.8)	6.7	(12.5)	(186%)
Exceptionals, amortisation etc	(200.0)	(7.2)	(192.8)	n/a
Loss after tax	(205.8)	(0.5)	(205.3)	n/a
Adjusted EPS (pence)	(2.5)	3.0		(183%)
Net debt	211.7	221.7		
Leverage	4.7x	3.1x		

- **Group income declined 9% driven by opening pipeline deficit in Sales, with YoY exchanges down 18%**
- **Reduction in central costs completed in H1 which funded the build back of staffing in Sales & Lettings**
- **Adjusted EBITDA of £10.7m slightly better than recent guidance**
- **Net finance costs , before exceptionals, down £1m due to a lower average net debt**
- **£200m of exceptional and non-underlying items are primarily non-cash goodwill and intangibles write downs (£211m). £11m of expected future cash outflows to 2026**
- **Leverage at 30 June 18 4.7x**

(1) Restated for the adoption of IFRS 15, with £1.1m EBITDA benefit in H1

(2) Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation, exceptional items, contingent consideration, share-based payments and share of losses from joint venture, referred as 'adjusted EBITDA'

# HY 18 Adjusted EBITDA to retained result bridge

	HY 18 £m	HY 17 £m
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	10.7	27.8
Depreciation and amortisation	(13.2)	(13.6)
<b>Underlying operating (loss)/profit before exceptional items</b>	(2.5)	14.2
<b>Exceptional, amortisation and other items:</b>		
Share based payments	(1.7)	(1.2)
Contingent consideration and Share of JV	(4.6)	(1.1)
Amortisation of acquired intangibles	(2.0)	(2.9)
<b>Impairment and related charges:</b>		
Impairment of goodwill, brands and customer contracts	(180.6)	-
Impairment of software and tangible assets	(30.1)	-
	(210.7)	-
<b>Strategic restructuring:</b>		
Strategic and restructuring costs	(7.1)	(2.7)
Onerous lease/closure provision	(8.4)	-
Profit on disposal of financial assets and PI settlement	3.2	-
	(12.3)	(2.7)
Financing costs	(3.8)	-
Taxation impact of exceptional and non-underlying items	35.2	0.7
<b>Total exceptional and non-underlying items</b>	(200.0)	(7.2)
Net finance costs	(5.0)	(6.0)
<b>(Loss)/profit before taxation</b>	(207.6)	0.9
Underlying taxation	1.8	(1.4)
<b>(Loss)/profit for the period</b>	(205.8)	(0.5)

## Impairment charges:

- £211m of principally non-cash impairment charges on goodwill, brands, customer contracts, software and tangible assets

## Strategic restructuring & other:

- £3.7m redundancy costs and £3.4m professional fees incurred in relation to restructuring
- Onerous lease property provisions: total cash impact of £8.4m over the life of the leases to 2026
- Income of £3.2m from settlement of a historic PI claim in Group's favour and true up of a PI provision

# Cash flow

	HY 18 £m	HY 17 £m
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	10.7	27.8
Working capital, provisions and other	(13.7)	(13.7)
<b>Operating cash flow (non-GAAP)</b>	(3.0)	14.5
<b>Uses of funds:</b>		
Capex	(5.2)	(6.8)
Net finance expense	(4.0)	(5.4)
Tax	2.0	0.4
Pension contributions	(2.0)	(2.0)
<b>Acquisitions, disposals and other:</b>		
Acquisitions/deferred & contingent consideration	(7.3)	(2.5)
Disposals	16.0	0.5
Employee share plans/Share placing	(0.5)	36.1
Other	(3.6)	(1.4)
<b>Net cash-flow before exceptionals</b>	(7.5)	33.4
Exceptional items	(7.2)	(2.7)
<b>Net cash-flow after exceptionals</b>	(14.7)	30.7

- **OCF held at £3m outflow despite £17.2m decline in adjusted EBITDA**
- **OCF reflects unwind of £17.9m of previous cyclical cash management practices**
- **Exceptional cash outflow relates to:**
  - **Redundancy cost mainly in relation to the Group's central functions;**
  - **Professional fees and financing fees;**
  - **offset by receipt from settlement of PI claim**



# 2018 outlook

Adjusted EBITDA: H1 2017 £27.8m; H2 17 £34.8m; H1 2018: £10.7m

## Anticipated H2 2018 business drivers

FS



Strong improvement  
in FS

B2B



Flat in B2B

Cost  
efficiency



Partial flow through  
of cost out actions

Sales &  
Lettings



Recovery in Register\* and  
Pipeline\*; operating in a  
subdued market with  
longer transactions cycle

# Countrywide

**Strategy & turnaround plan:**  
Peter Long and Himanshu  
Raja



# Experienced management team at industry and corporate level

## Group Executive Committee



**Peter Long**

*Executive Chairman*

- Joined in 2016 as Non-Executive Chairman; subsequently appointed Executive Chairman in 2018
- Extensive business experience at Executive and Non-Executive level



**Paul Creffield**

*Group Managing Director*

- Re-joined Countrywide in 2006
- 35 years industry experience



**Peter Curran**

*MD, Financial Services*

- Joined in 2015
- Over 10 years experience in the intermediary mortgage sector



**Paul Chapman**

*Chief Operating Officer*

- Joined in 2011
- 20 years industry experience



**Paul Wareham**

*MD, Business to Business*

- Joined in 2013
- 35 years industry experience



**Dan Thompson**

*Group HR Director*

- Joined in 2016
- Over 15 years HR experience



**Himanshu Raja**

*Group CFO*

- Joined in 2017
- 25 years experience in large multinational organisations, including turnarounds

## Sales & Lettings Operational / Divisional Management



**Jonathan Simpson**

*MD, North*

- Joined in 1991
- 31 years' industry experience



**Toby Phillips**

*MD, South (incl. Mid Markets London)*

- First joined in 1989
- 29 years' industry experience



**Lesley Cairns**

*MD, Hamptons International*

- Joined Hamptons in 2006
- 30 years' industry experience



**John Hards**

*National Lettings Director*

- Joined in 1994
- 35 years' industry experience



**Ezra Nahome**

*CEO, Lambert Smith Hampton ("LSH")*

- Joined LSH in 2000
- 25 years industry experience

# Clear strategy to turnaround the business and deliver profitable growth

## 1. Back to basics Sales & Lettings

- Rebuild and sustain the register and pipeline
- Right level of staffing, spans of control and capability
- Pricing & fee discipline
- Decentralise decision making and empower branch network
- Restore Lettings capability and expertise
- Turnaround loss making branches

## 2. Ancillary services

- Deliver ancillary services sales in financial services and conveyancing
- New incentive structures and commission arrangements for sale of ancillary services

## 3. Cost efficiency

- Invest to address legacy IT infrastructure and reduce costs
- Rationalise the end to end processes in the customer contact centres
- Reduce overheads and drive cost efficiency in central support functions

## 4. Financial discipline and cash flow

- Aim to reduce leverage to below 1.0x in medium term
- Improve working capital discipline and capital allocation
- Timeliness of billing and collections

## 5. Continued growth in B2B and FS

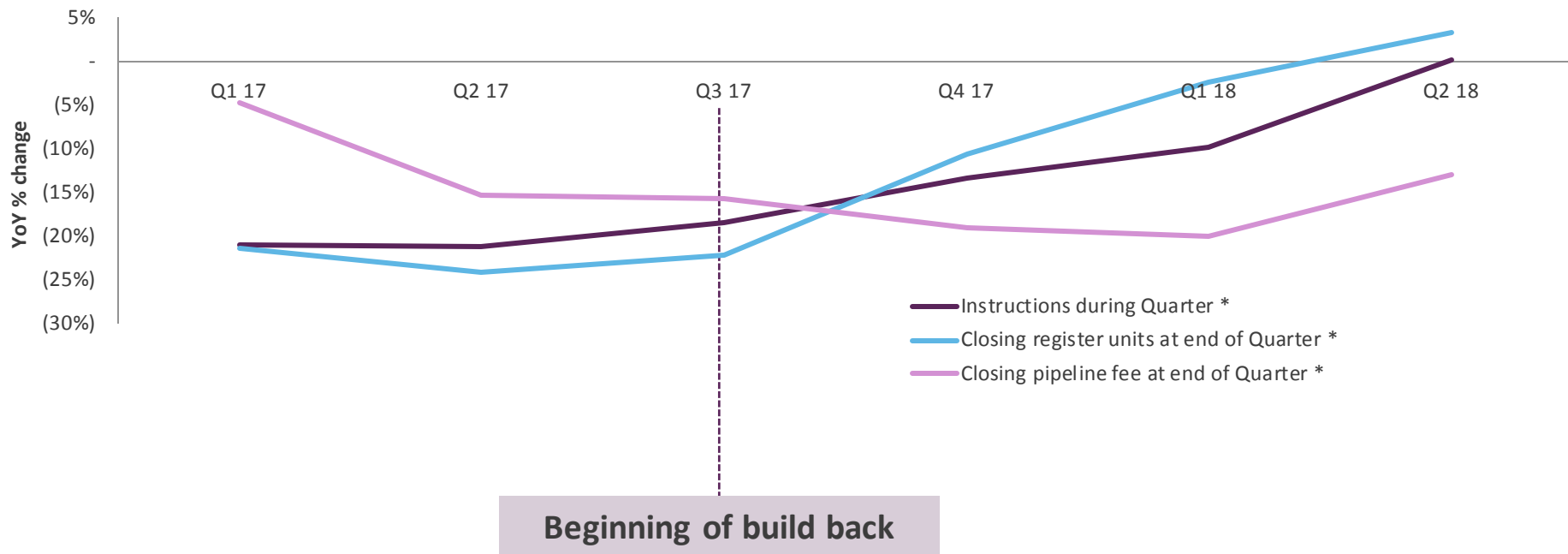
- Increase number of mortgage & protection consultants in branch network
- Improve re-mortgage conversion
- Continue to expand digital offerings in Surveying and Valuation
- Combined offering to developers and property investors
- Improved productivity and customer service



# 1. Back to basics in Sales & Lettings

## Sales – early indications of the build back

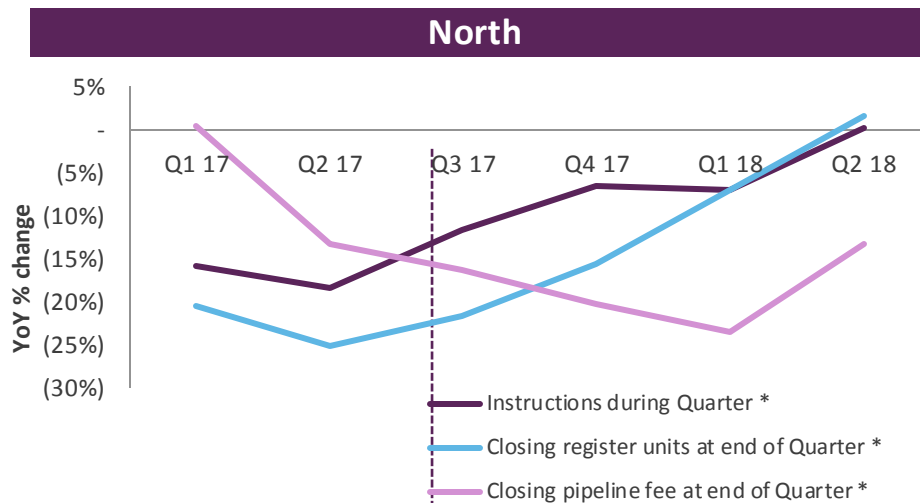
### Total UK - Sales



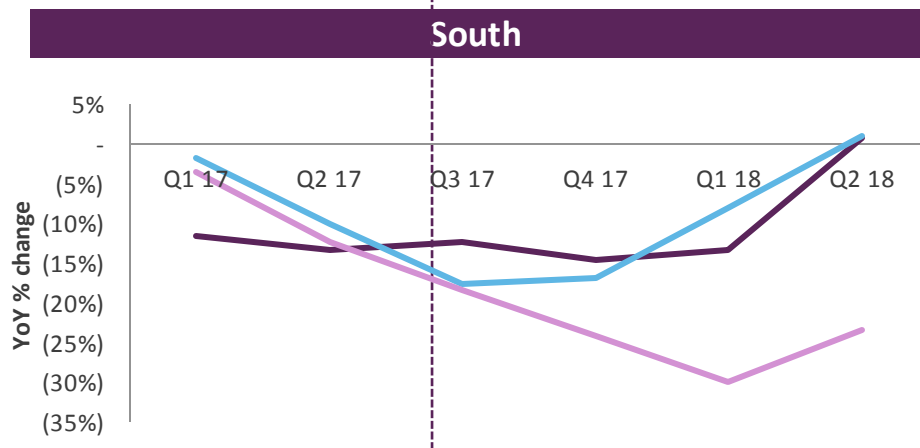
- Closing register of properties available for sale up 3% YoY as at 30 June 2018, up 13% from 31 December 2017
- Closing pipeline fee deficit as at 30 Jun 18 was down 13% YoY from being down 19% YoY at 31 December 2017
- Usually a 4-6 month lag before the operational improvement feeds through to financial performance

# 1. Back to basics in Sales & Lettings

## Sales – Recovery in the North has been quicker than in the South



- Closing register at 30 June 2018 up 2% YoY having been down 16% YoY at 31 Dec 2017. Register up 14% from 31 December 2017.
- Closing pipeline fee deficit reduced from 20% down YoY at 31 December 17 to 13% down YoY at 30 June 18.
- Pipeline fee levels expected to be ahead of 2017 peak levels in Q3/Q4 2018.



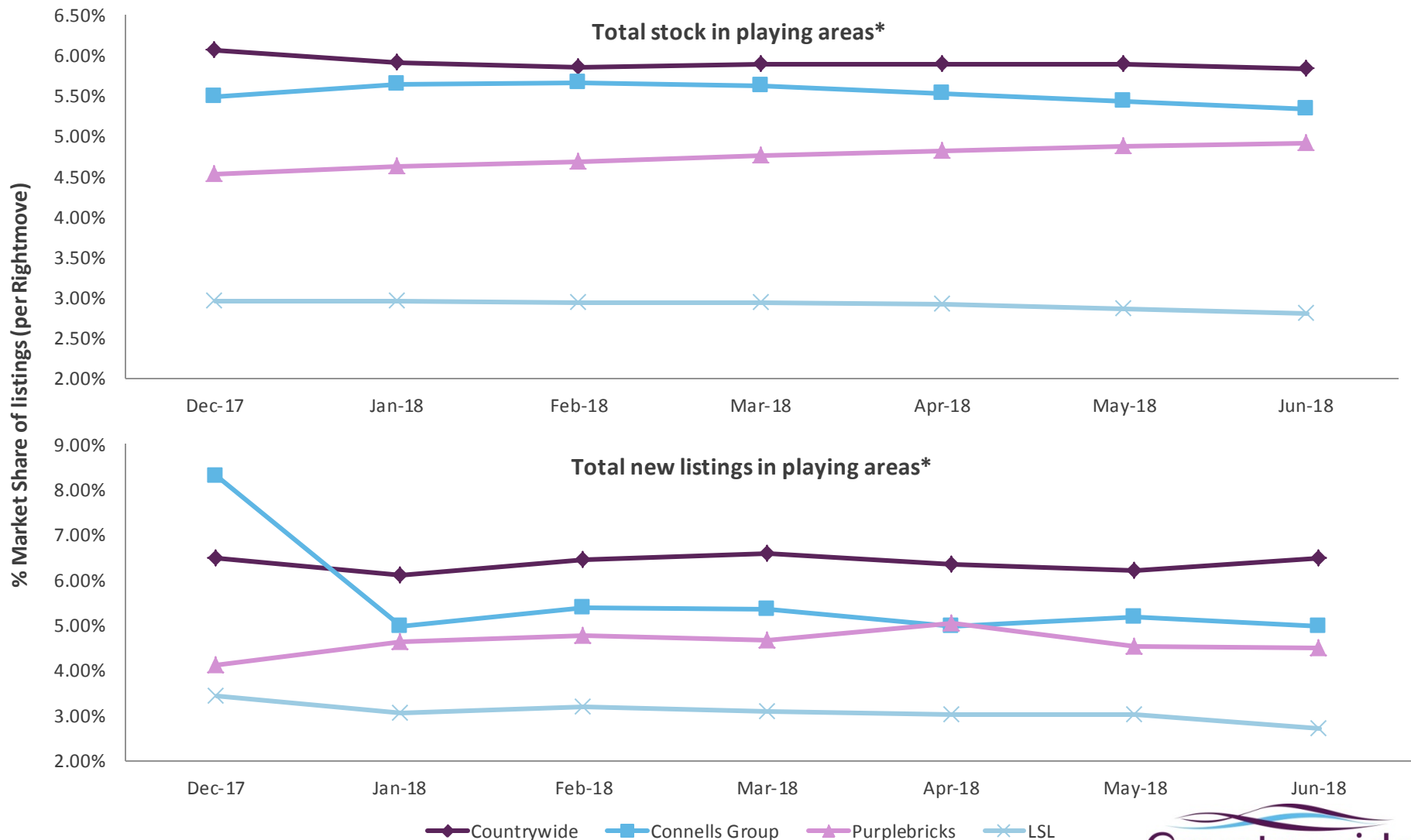
- Closing register at 30 June 2018 up 1% YoY having been down 17% at 31 Dec 2017. Register up 15% on 31 December 2017.
- Closing pipeline fee deficit reduced from 24% down YoY at 31 December 17 to 23% down YoY at 30 June 18.
- Pipeline fee levels expected to be ahead of 2017 peak levels in Q4 2018/Q1 2019

Recovery in the North has been quicker than in the South

\* See glossary for definition

# 1. Back to basics in Sales & Lettings

## Still the largest estate agency network in the UK today



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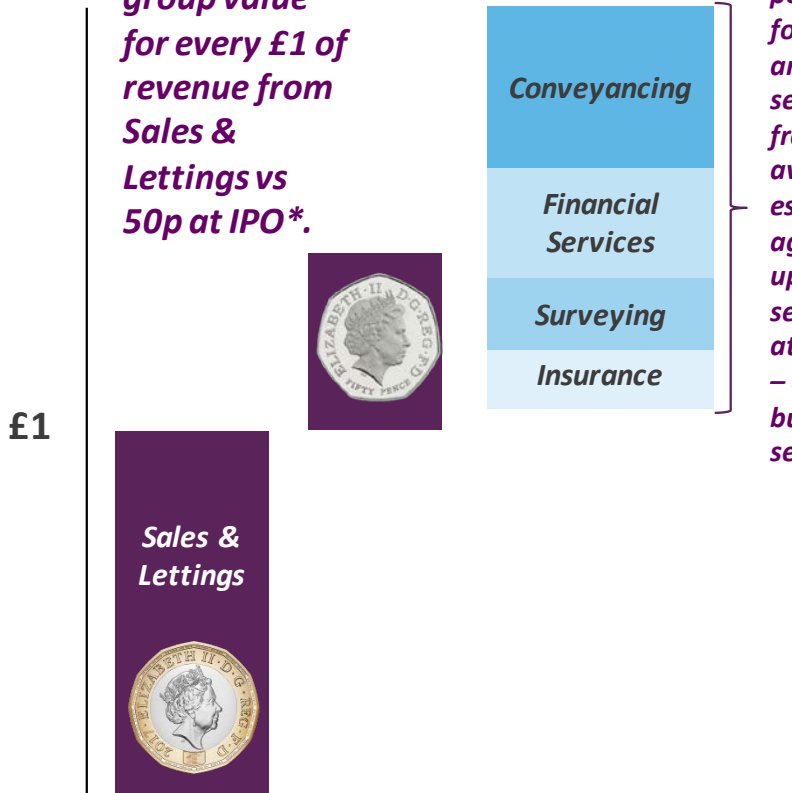




# 2. Recovering ancillary revenues

Ancillary services showing improved performance and further growth potential

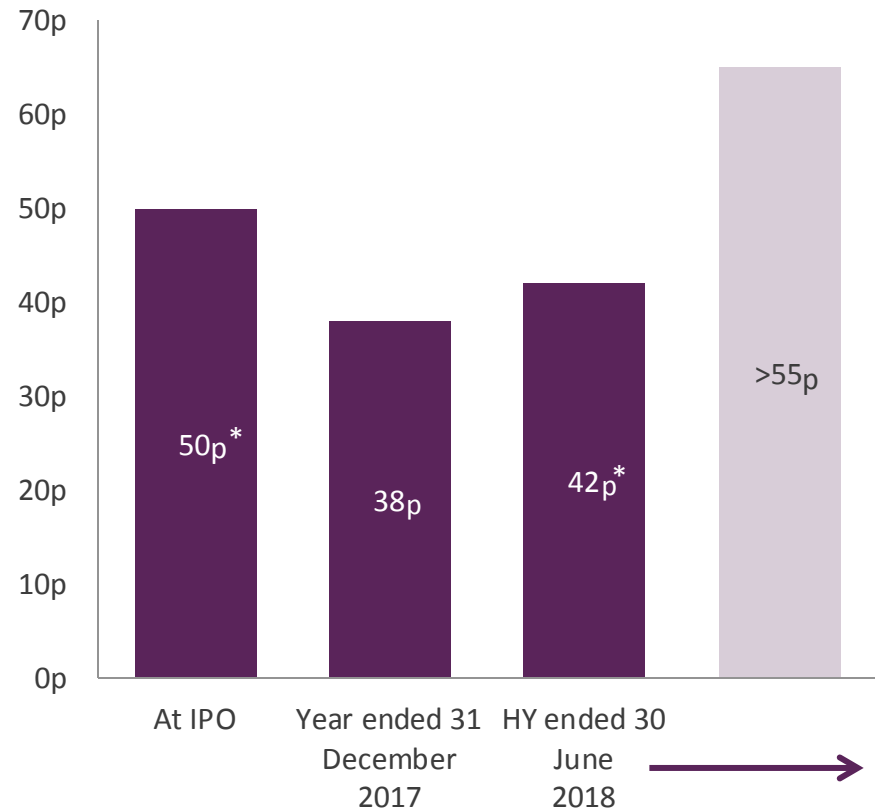
Today we deliver c. 42p group value for every £1 of revenue from Sales & Lettings vs 50p at IPO\*.



The potential for sale of ancillary services from an average estate agency is up to 8 service attachments – 4 for each buyer and seller

## Ancillary services

Pence of revenue for every £1 of revenue from Sales & Lettings



\* At IPO sales of ancillary services also included other items of income such as insurance rebates; with the like for like figure to the current calculations being 41p. The average figure for the half year ended 30 June 2018 was 41p.

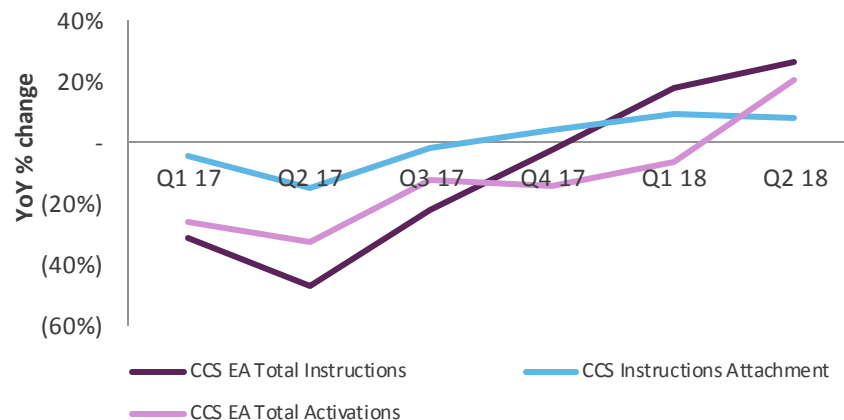
## 2. Recovering ancillary revenues

### Further opportunities

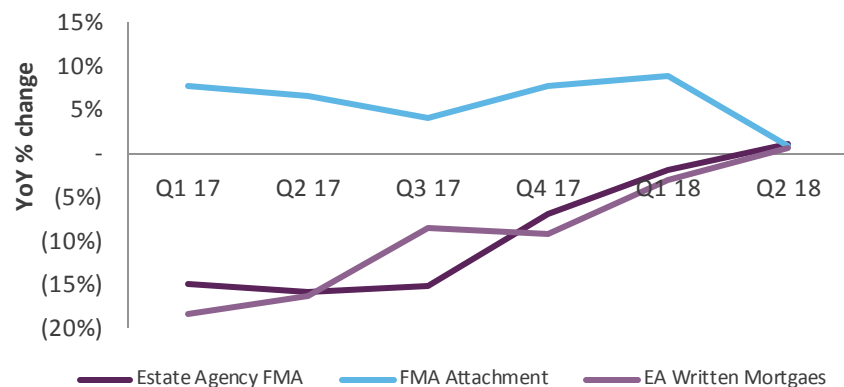
#### More for us to go for...

- **Our footprint on the high street positions us well to provide ancillary services:**
  - **A leading independent employed mortgage broker**
  - **National network of mortgage consultants**
  - **Leading UK lenders are on our panel**
- **Further upside potential from Lettings management, Surveying and re-mortgage (maximising the customer loan-to-value through their mortgage cycle)**

#### Conveyancing attachment rates\*



#### FS attachment rates\*

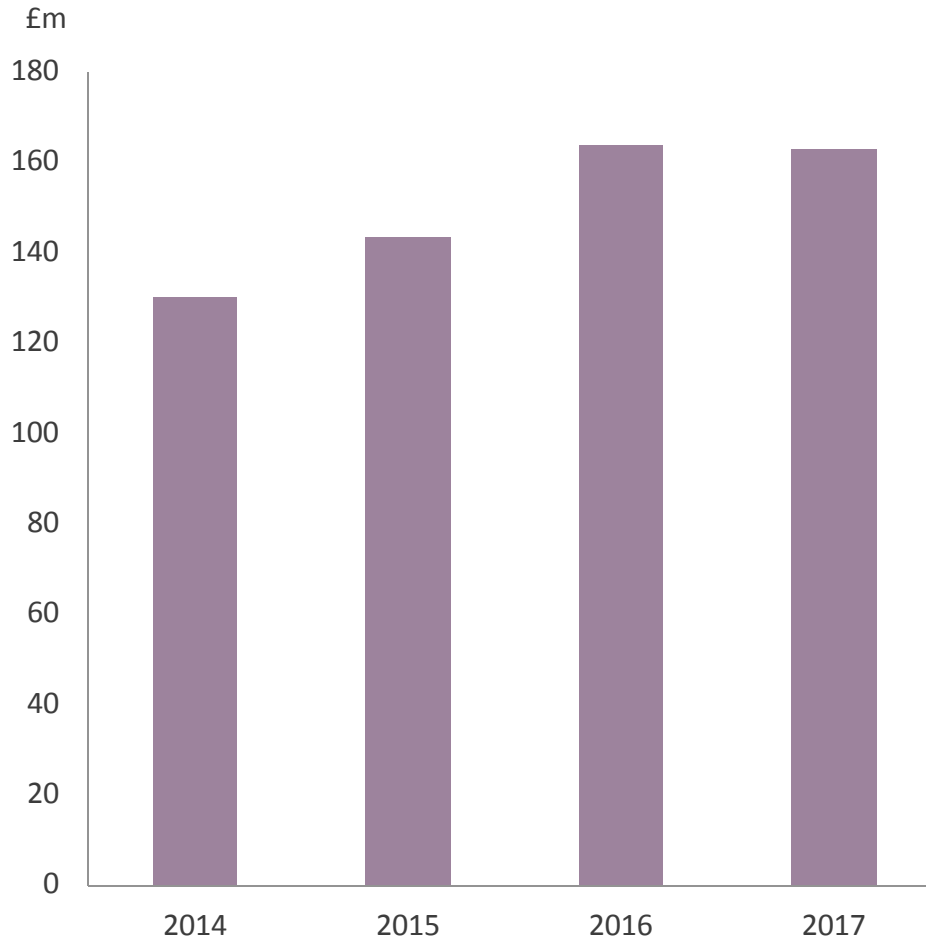


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# 3. Cost efficiency

Right sizing the support functions and investing in fee earning activities

## Indirect costs



- **Direct costs (linked to fee earning activity) reduced by £46m (9%) between 2016 and 2017**
- **Indirect costs between 2014 and 2017 increased by £33m; in part due to acquisitions and prior strategy**
- **Cost efficiency agenda now underway**
  - **Invest to address our legacy IT infrastructure and line of business applications**
  - **Contact centre optimisation to improve customer experience through localisation and improved productivity**
  - **Right size and drive cost efficiency in our central support functions**

# 3. Cost efficiency

Target £30m - £35m cost out from the 2017 base by 2021\*

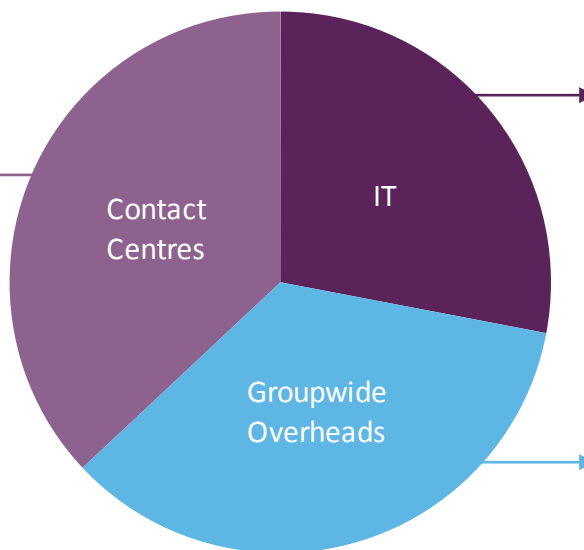
## Indirect cost base - 2017

### Contact centres – aiming to deliver 15-20% cost reduction by 2021:

- Rationalise the end-to-end processes in the customer contact centres
- Localise PMC's decision making
- Harmonise on-shore and off-shore activity
- Address workflow and data
- Eliminate manual activity and hand offs

### Range of other levers available including:

- Turn-around loss making branches
- Flexible lease terms; 40% can be exited within a year and only 8% > 5 years



### IT – aiming to deliver 30-35% cost reduction by 2021:

- Opportunity rich environment
- Optimise the Group's IT infrastructure and applications:
  - Multiple data centres
  - Multiple voice and data networks
  - Over 450 applications

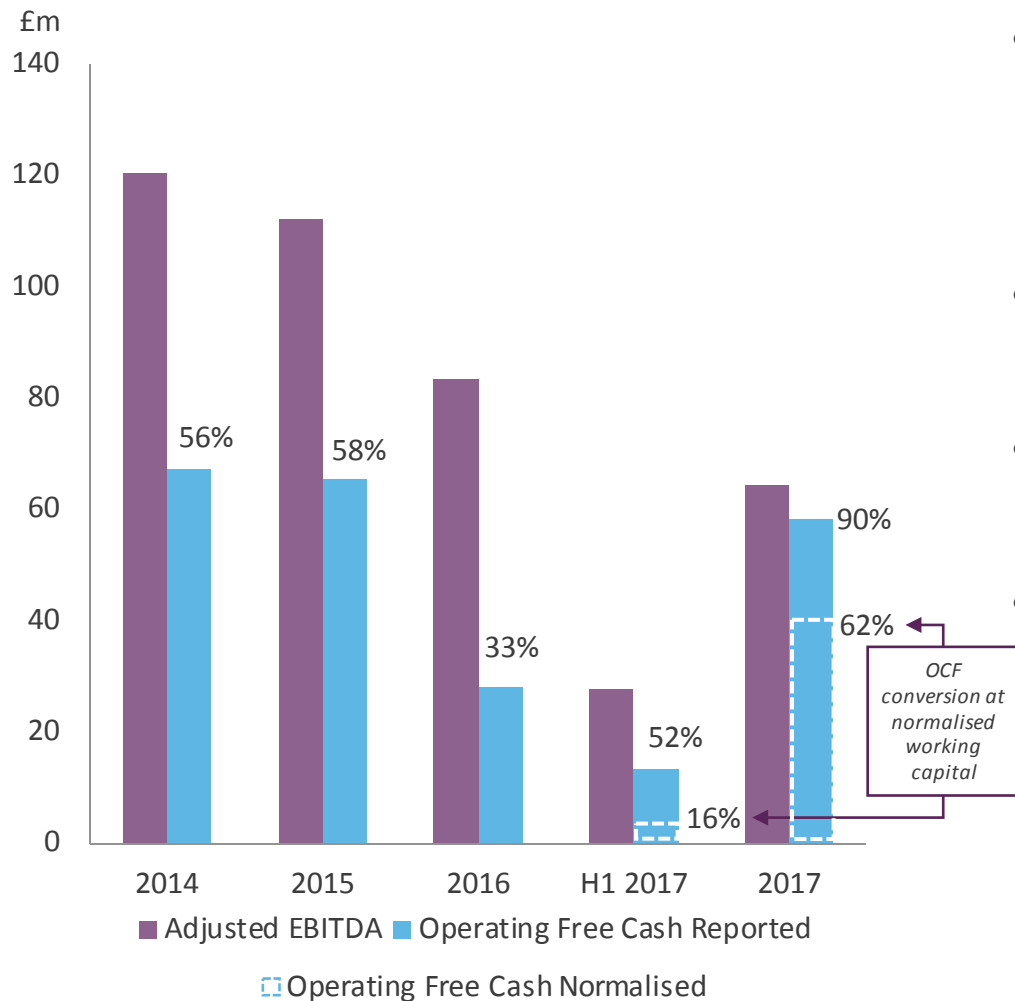
### Groupwide overheads – aiming to deliver 5-10% cost reduction by 2021:

- Rationalise end-to-end finance and HR processes
- Better terms from supply chain rationalisation
- Facilities rationalisation – relocation from Group's Central London HQ – saving c£1.5m per annum
- £9.2m of embedded cost savings delivered in 2018; offset by re-investment in right sizing frontline staff in Sales & Lettings and MPC's within FS

\* Includes £9.2m of embedded cost savings delivered in 2018

## 4. Financial discipline and cash flow

Aiming for 80-90% Operating Cash flow conversion



- Continue to drive better normalised working capital management (adjusted for unwind of cyclical cash management actions)
- Improved capital discipline and capital allocation
- Leverage the Group's purchasing power through better procurement terms
- Capital and Refinancing Plan intended to reduce adjusted EBITDA to net debt ratio to around 2.0-2.5x and to strive to reduce to below 1.0x over the medium term

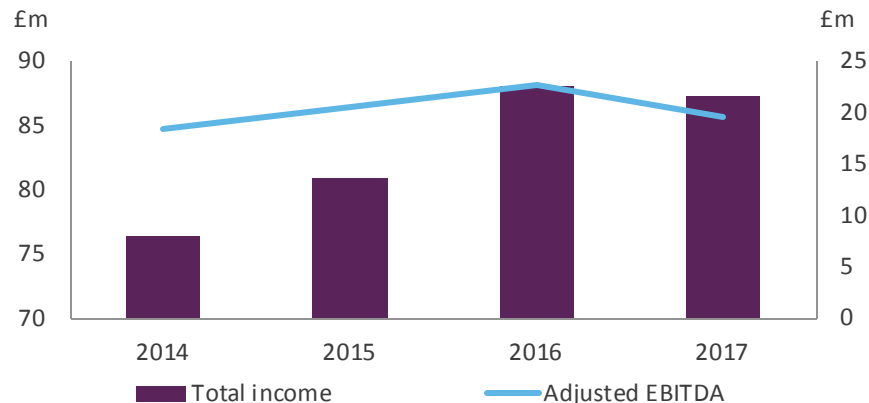
# 5. Continued growth in Financial Services

## 2014–2017

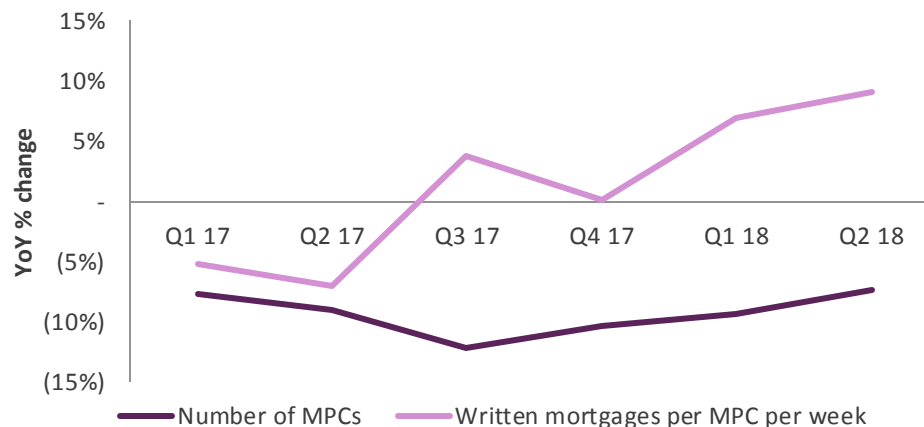
- A leading independent mortgage broker with written mortgage value of £17.7bn in 2017, up from £10.3bn in 2014
- Number of mortgages completed increased 36% to over 96k since 2014
- Income has increased 14% since 2014 to £87.3m and adjusted EBITDA has increased 6% to £19.7m
- Number of successful brands addressing various segments of the property mortgage market; provide significant opportunity for further growth

## Priorities 2018 and beyond

- Invest and grow the number of mortgage and protection consultants in our branch network
- Improve productivity through investment in sales skills
- Improve remortgage conversion through enhanced customer contact
- Improve retention and renewal



## Operational KPIs progressing well



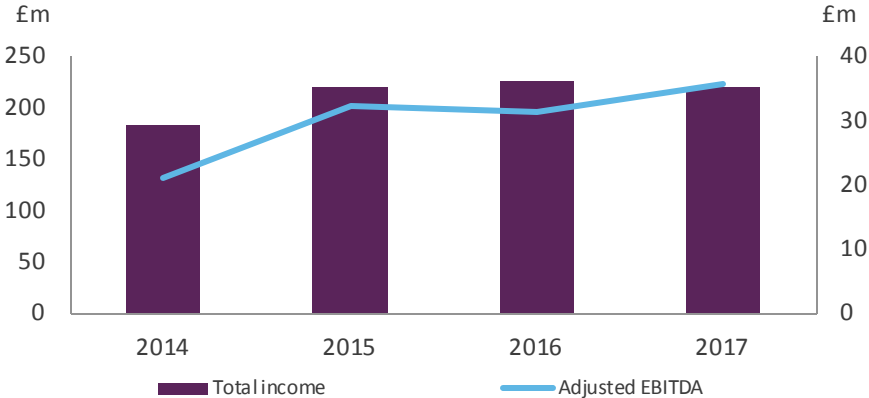
# 5. Continued growth in B2B

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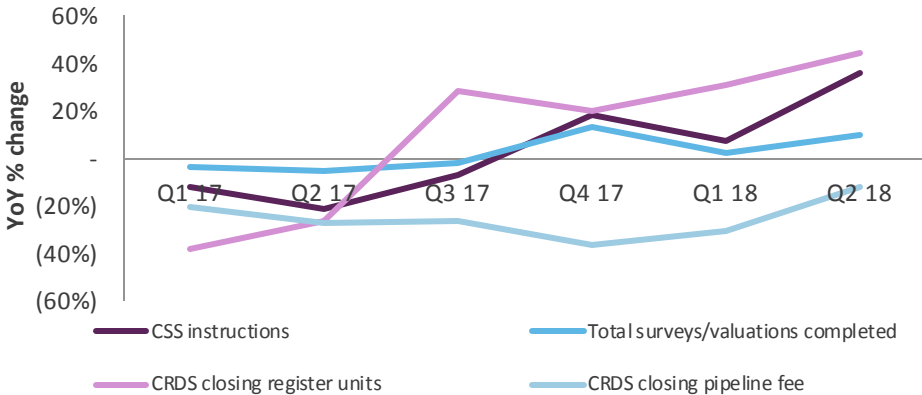
- 66% growth in adjusted EBITDA since 2014; with adjusted EBITDA margin growth from 12% in 2014 to 16% in 2017
- c25% share of surveying market; 365k surveys and valuations in 2017 up 10% from 332k in 2014
- Conveyancing volumes suffer as dependent on Sales and Lettings for instructions (down more than 20% since 2014)

Priorities 2018 and beyond

- Focus on highest levels of service for our existing lender clients
- Target new business opportunities
- Invest in new techniques and technologies to drive innovation in our surveying and valuation businesses to increase productivity and enhance customer service
- Continue to build on our combined offering to developers and property investors providing “joined up” services for acquisition, development, management and sales/lettings
- Continue to invest in our B2B academy – driving our graduate/colleague intake programme to support our talent pipeline



## Operational KPIs progressing well



# Turnaround Strategy – Illustrative Size of the Prize



- (1) Assumes no recovery in the London housing market
- (2) After the impact of the proposed Tenant fee ban; estimated EBITDA impact of £16m annualised net of mitigating actions. Net illustrative impact on adjusted EBITDA: £10m-£15m
- (3) Illustrative reduction in interest costs (all other bars are illustrative impact on Adjusted EBITDA)



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**Conclusion:**  
Peter Long, Executive  
Chairman



# Returning to profitable growth - conclusion

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- 1 Focused turnaround strategy with a clear 3-year plan
- 2 Experienced new management team to guide Company through the turnaround
- 3 Long term capital structure to enable the turnaround
- 4 Turnaround has begun and is working

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## Questions & answers



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## Appendices



# Sales and Lettings – loss of operational gearing from opening pipeline deficit

	HY 18 £m	HY 17 £m	YoY	
			£'m	%
Income	159.1	180.6	(21.5)	(12%)
Adjusted EBITDA	(1.8)	12.4	(14.2)	(115%)
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	n/a	7%		
Exchanges	20,630	25,044	(4,414)	(18%)
Average Commission Rate	1.1%	1.2%	(0.1%)	(4%)
Average Cash Fee (£)	3,286	3,411	(125)	(4%)
Average House Price (£)	286,523	284,612	1,911	1%
Managed Properties (Average)	87,090	90,506	(3,416)	(4%)
Branches (Average)	874	933	(59)	(6%)
Branches (Closing)	871	935	(64)	(7%)
Employees FTE (Average)	5,439	5,745	(307)	(5%)

H1 2018 EBITDA loss is a result of the flow through impact of a lower opening pipeline in Sales:

- **Loss of operating leverage from lower sales volumes; down 18%**
- **Partially offset by continued strong contribution from Lettings with margin maintained around the historic average**
- **Average sales fee down 4% to £3,286 despite a 1% increase in house prices – overhang of previous poor pricing and fee disciplines**

**Expect a stronger H2 from recovery in register of properties available for sale and of the pipeline of agreed sales**

# Financial Services – a resilient performance

	HY 18 £m	HY 17 £m	YoY	
			£'m	%
Income	40.2	42.6	(2.4)	(6%)
Adjusted EBITDA	7.3	8.6	(1.3)	(16%)
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	18%	20%		
<b>KPIs</b>				
Gross mortgage value (core) £'bn	2.4	2.6	(0.2)	(8%)
Gross mortgage value (non core) £'bn	7.1	5.3	1.8	34%
Total mortgages completed (number)	51,134	43,461	7,673	18%
Gross mortgage value (total) £'bn	9.5	7.9	1.6	20%
Employees FTE (Average)	977	1,002	(25)	(2%)

## Financial performance:

- Branch channel mortgage distribution down 8% due to attrition of MPC's (Average H1 18: 527 vs H1 17: 575)
- Strong performance from alternative channels terms of number of mortgages written:
  - The Buy to Let Business/telephony + 49%
  - The Mortgage Bureau + 14%
  - Mortgage Intelligence Network + 31%

## Operational highlights:

- 18% growth in total mortgages completed (market growth at 6%<sup>(1)</sup>)
- 20% growth in gross mortgage distribution to £9.5bn (2017: £7.9bn); (market growth 1%<sup>(1)</sup>)

**Strong confidence in H2 2018 due to increased branch headcount; higher referrals from the Sales business and the continued strong performance of the alternative channels**



## B2B – a resilient performance

	HY 18	HY 17	YoY	
	£m	£m	£'m	%
Income	103.7	108.6	(4.9)	(4%)
Adjusted EBITDA	11.4	14.7	(3.3)	(22%)
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	11%	14%		

### KPIs

Surveys and valuations (Total)	192,097	181,415	10,682	6%
CRDS exchanges	1,396	2,056	(660)	(32%)
Corporate properties under management (average)	37,677	36,222	1,455	4%
Employees FTE (Average)	2,541	2,598	(57)	(2%)

### Financial performance

- Revenue and EBITDA YoY decline vs H1 2017 mainly driven from a weak six months in CRDS where opening pipeline was down 35% YoY
- Delayed stock releases and longer sales cycles

### Operational highlights

- Surveying (income up 2% YoY) with over 10,000 more valuations in H1 18
- Conveyancing improved profitability from operational improvements
- Net promoter scores in H1 2018 have been consistently above 50 and driven current Feefo rating of 4.2/5.0

**Strong confidence in H2 2018 due to continued resilience in Surveying, higher conveyancing referrals and CRDS closing register up 44% YoY**

# Glossary

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**Instructions** means new mandates to sell property

**Register** is the available properties for sale

**Pipeline** represents the sum of the total future fees from agreed sales subject to contract

**Playing area** is defined as a postcode sector that we operate within from branches

**Ancillary services** represents Conveyancing, Surveying, Lettings management, Mortgage, Mortgage protection and insurance products offered to our Sales customers

**Conveyancing attachment rates** defined as conveyancing instructions (sales and purchase) as a percentage of listings within that branch / area / region

**FS attachment rates** defined as first mortgage appointments from our sales and lettings instructions as a percentage of listings within that branch / area / region