## **FULL YEAR RESULTS 2023**

Community Strategy delivering operational momentum

**Lawrence Hutchings Chief Executive** 

**Stuart Wetherly Group Finance Director** 





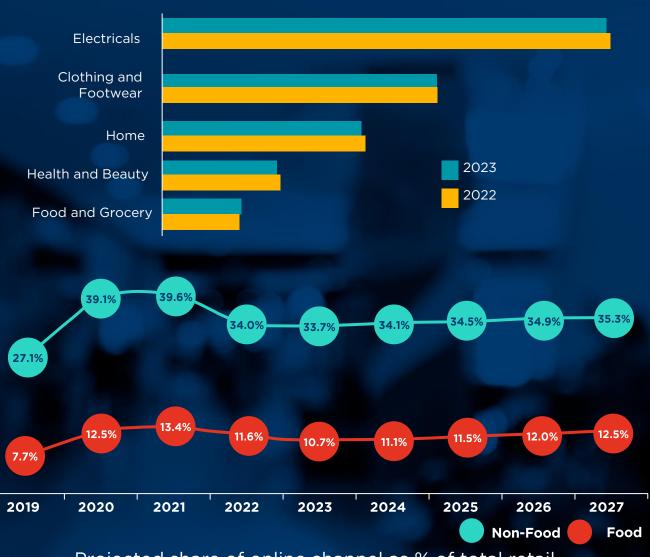




#### Retail Market - The Return To The Store

- Online retail maturity for many categories in the UK
- ☐ Store based retailing represents 75-90% of sales for our core retailers
- ☐ Grocery and value retail is largest segment of UK retail sales £510bn pa
- ☐ Value retail is the fastest growing sector of UK retail market
- ☐ Improved Leasing demand for the best locations
- Our focus on needs and value retail our community strategy - driving income and value

UK online share by category, 2023 vs. 2022 (%)



### **Strong Year of Activity**

- ☐ Gyle acquisition and equity raise significant progress against underwrite
- □ Footfall +1.5% / 44.5m shopper visits
- ☐ £16m of strategic capex projects delivered:
  - Supporting community strategy repositioning
  - Refining our customer proposition
  - Driving income growth

- 86 leasing transactions
  - +6.8% to previous passing rent
  - +16.6% to ERV
- ☐ Pipeline of leasing and capex initiatives
- Valuations stable

☐ NRI +5% like-for-like



## Continued Operational Momentum.







# FY2023 FINANCIAL RESULTS

**Stuart Wetherly Group Finance Director** 

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SUPPORTING COMMUNITY LIVING.



## **Financial Highlights**

Operational Resilience and Balance Sheet stability

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	2023	2022	Difference		
Profitability					
Net Rental Income <sup>1</sup>	£23.9m	£23.5m	+£0.4m (+5% L4L)		
Adjusted Profit <sup>1</sup>	£12.7m	£10.3m	+£2.4m/+23%		
Adjusted Earnings per share <sup>1</sup>	6.8p	6.2p	+0.6p/+9.7%		
IFRS Profit	£3.7m	£12.1m	-£8.4m		
Total Dividend	5.70p 5.25p		+8.6%		
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	December 2023	December 2022	Difference		
Net asset value					
Net Asset Value	£202.0m	£179.1m	+£22.9m		
EPRA NTA per share	88p	103p	-15p		
Debt					
	C1C 2 7m2	£130.9m	+£31.8m		
Group net debt	£162.7m	£130.9111	TESI.OIII		
Net LTV	43.6%	40.6%	+300 bps		

<sup>1.</sup> Adjusted Profit/Earnings per share incorporates profits from operating activities and excludes revaluation of properties and financial instruments, gains or losses on disposal, exceptional items and other defined terms.

<sup>2.</sup> Weighted average. Maturity is stated assuming extension options are triggered.

### **Adjusted Profit**

Operational improvements delivering improved profitability

	2023	2022	Difference	Comment
Profitability				
Net Rental Income	£23.9m	£23.5m	+£0.4m	+5% L4L, operational recovery driving improvement
Net Interest Payable	£(7.4)m	£(9.3)m	+£1.9m	Impact of FY2022 loan repayments
Snozone (EBITDA)	£2.3m	£1.4m	+£0.9m	Return to normalised trading year and Madrid improvement
External Management Fees	£1.9m	£3.3m	-£1.4m	Impact of Luton and Redditch sales (£0.8m non-recurring)
Central operating costs	£(6.6)m	£(7.0)m	+£0.4m	Efficiency improvements offsetting inflation
Variable overhead	£(1.4)m	£(1.6)m	+£0.2m	Includes £0.6m of executive retention awards that are non-recurring
Adjusted Profit 1	£12.7m	£10.3m	+£2.4m/+23%	
Adjusted Earnings per Share 1	6.8p	6.2p	+0.60/+9.7%	

5% like for like improvement in NRI and Gyle acquisition offsetting loss of income from Blackburn sale in August 2022

Interest benefiting from £60m of loan repayments made during 2022

Snozone improvement from first year not impacted by Covid since 2019 and Madrid improvement

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### Reducing Costs Against Inflationary Pressures

Ongoing focus on driving efficiency



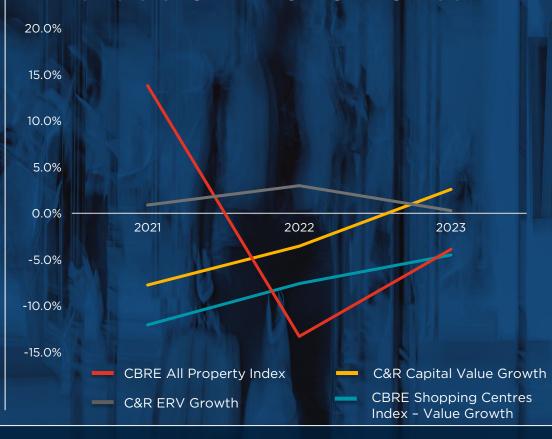
- 7% saving in 2023 through efficiency improvements and selective use of outsourcing
- Initiatives in progress to deliver similar saving in 2024
- From 2016 to 2023 central costs reduced from £9.6m to £8.0m, a reduction of 16.7% or 37% in real terms
- Scalability of the platform means Gyle acquisition has been integrated with no additional overhead

#### **Valuations**

Valuations have been stable for last two and a half years

	Dec	ember 20	023	Dec	Like for		
	£m	NIY (%)	NEY (%)	£m	NIY (%)	NEY (%)	like variance (%)
Maidstone	31.5	11.9%	11.7%	32.7	11.3%	11.5%	-3.7%
Walthamstow	77.7	6.8%	7.0%	80.0	6.0%	7.0%	-2.9%
Wood Green	149.5	7.1%	7.3%	144.0	7.6%	7.4%	3.8%
Hemel Hempstead	9.2	9.6%	17.4%	10.5	14.5%	17.5%	-12.4%
Ilford	63.3	5.7%	7.9%	55.6	5.0%	7.8%	13.8%
Gyle	41.6	11.9%	10.1%	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	372.8	7.8%	8.8%	322.75	7.2%	8.6%	15.5%
TOTAL Like-for-like (excluding Gyle)	331.2	7.3%	8.6%				2.6%

## Like for Like Valuation Movements



2023 like-for-like improvement of 2.6% supported by broadly stable core equivalent yields

Growth in Portfolio Valued Rent and ERV reflecting continued trend seen over 2022

4.0% increase in Gyle valuation since acquisition reflecting leasing progress already delivered

### **Long Term Secured Debt Position**

c. 80%+ Debt is secured and fixed until at least January 2027

December 2023	Debt £M	Cash £M	Net debt £M	Gross LTV %	Net LTV %	LTV Covenant %	Maturity	Interest%	Fixed %	Interest rate status
The Mall – Maidstone, Walthamstow, Wood Green	140.0	(10.2)	129.8	54.1%	50.2%	70%	Jan 27 +12m	3.45%	100	Fixed until January 2027
Hemel Hempstead	4.0	(0.5)	3.5	43.5%	38.0%	n/a	Jun 25 +24m	11.06%	-	Floating
Ilford	39.0	(3.9)	35.1	61.6%	55.5%	70%	Sep 25 +27m	5.50% <sup>1</sup>	100	Fixed until September 2025
Gyle	16.0	(2.6)	13.4	38.5%	32.2%	75%	Sep 28	6.50%	100	Fixed until September 2028
Central cash (incl. Snozone)	-	(19.1)	(19.1)	-	-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	199.0	(36.3)	162.7	53.4%	43.6%			4.25%	97.8%	

Mall debt (70% of total) is secured and fixed until January 2027 with additional one year option Ilford - secured extension to September 2025 and further extension options to end of 2027 Hemel - covenants waived until June 2025 and options to extend to June 2027

#### Dividend

Adjusted Profit underpinning dividend progression









- Final dividend of 2.95p per share, resulting in total dividend for the year of 5.70p per share 1.2x covered by Adjusted EPS
- ✓ Covers FY23 REIT obligations
- Dividend policy to pay at least 90% of EPRA profits over the full financial year

# **BUSINESS UPDATE Lawrence Hutchings Chief Executive** C&R SUPPORTING COMMUNITY LIVING.

## **Our proven Community Strategy**

Core attributes of a successful Community centre

Dominant high growth urban location

Transport hub rail/tube/
bus/car

Tailored to needs of local community

High quality guest services

Nondiscretionary
retail and
services tenancy
mix

**Core Pillars of Merchandising** 







**Services** 



**Health and Beauty** 



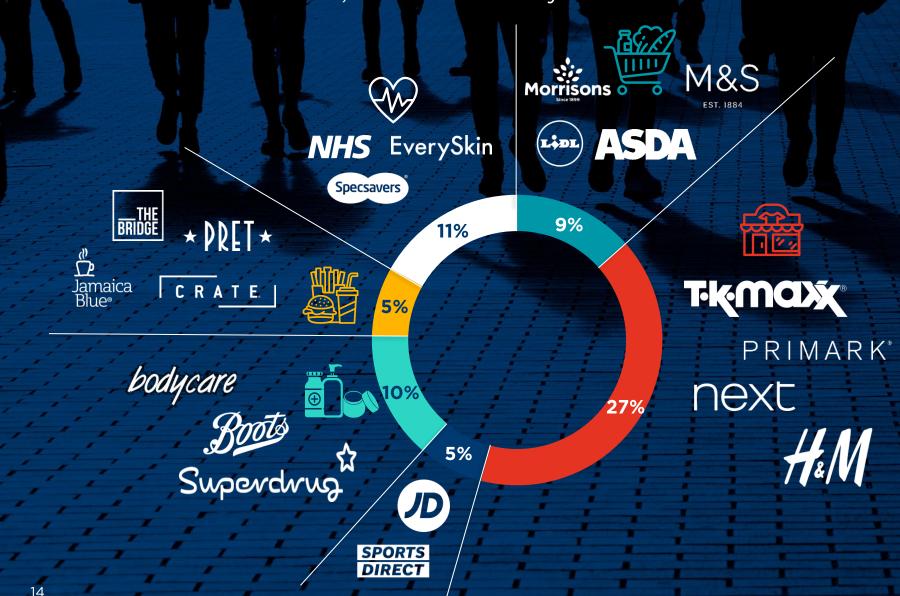
**Food Catering** 



**Value Apparel** 

## **Community Centre Merchandising**

Our focus value orientated, non-discretionary retail and services





- Leading needs-based retail and services brands, complementing local independent retail tailored to their communities
- Store first retail: value and services benefit from lower levels of online penetration
- UK underrepresented in value and discount retail

#### **Diversified Income**

Our repositioning and remerchandising is transforming the quality and diversity of our income base

06. **NEXT** 1.9% 4.2% 07. Superdrug 1.9% 02. Tkmax 2.8% 03. PRIMARK 2.5% 08 jobcentreplus 1.8% 09. L.DL 1.6% 04. #4// 2.0% 2.0%

## The Continuing Momentum of Physical Retail Stores

Footfall recovery continues -



**+8.3**%

Ilford has the largest variance vs. 2022

**+4.1**%

Gyle Footfall 2023 vs. 2022

10.1m 2024 visits year to date

## **Leasing Performance**

Year-on-year increase in transaction volumes and spreads

FY 2023

45 New lettings

41 Renewals

+6.8% +16.6%

Comparison to previous rent<sup>1</sup>

Comparison to ERV<sup>1</sup>

Weighted average lease length to expiry

Weighted average lease length to break

#### Leasing Spreads to ERV<sup>1</sup>

FY 22

+14.2%

FY 23

**+16.6**%

**Leasing Transactions**Volumes and Values





<sup>1.</sup> For lettings and renewals (excluding development deals and CVA variations) with a term of 1 year or longer which do not include turnover rent element.

## **Leasing Momentum Continuing Into 2024**

Deals completed post year end

21

#### **Deals Closed**

in first three months of 2024 with headline rent of £1.35m



#### Letting:

bodycare

Leasing spread:Vs ERV: 5.9%

Vs PPR: 1.3%











Ryman

THE PERFUME SHOP H.SAMUEL

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#### **Deals Exchanged**

**Headline Rent £618k** 



**Lettings** 











#### Renewals



**Demand Continues...** 

## **2024 Leasing Progress**

Continuing retailer demand driving leasing pipeline













Heads of Terms Agreed

39



£1.58m

## **Gyle Acquisition - Recap**

Compelling basis and structure delivering significant earnings enhancement - in line with proven community centre strategy

£40m

acquisition price equates to 13.5% NIY, rebasing to c. 12%

More than

80% reduction from peak valuation

£100

PSF capital value - c. 60% discount to replacement cost

£16m

Stapled debt at 40% LTV - 5yr capped at 6.5%

Community and asset fundamentals underpinned by two anchor tenants:



130k sq. ft

MARKS& SPENCER

79k sq. ft

Anchor tenants (on peppercorn rent)

2,800 car park spaces



8.6m footfall p.a.



**Transport Connectivity** 



6 miles from city centre



2.7 miles from the airport



## **Gyle Asset Plan**

Focus on quick wins: Leasing (occupancy and renewals), branding and refresh



#### LEASING

- Grow income through improving occupancy
- Lease renewals: Improve income security,
  WALT and fit out upgrades

STATUS

7 Leasing transactions completed (600k rent) Further 9 in solicitors' hands (670k net rent) Above UW plan in aggregate



#### **CAR PARK**

Install EV Charging and ANPR
 Carpark upgrade and resurfacing

STATUS

ANPR - Installation underway
EV: Tender process commenced
Upgrade works: commenced



#### REFRESH

- Internal environment refresh
- Rebrand
- New signage and entrances

STATUS

Retail Interiors: Designers appointed First phase concepts received Target first phase on site Q3 2024



#### **FOOD CATERING**

**✓** Increase food & leisure provision

STATUS

Project team appointed - planning, design, structural reviews underway

## **Gyle Leasing Progress**

Strong leasing momentum delivering ahead of plan. Asset management initiatives underway.

#### Leasing

- Seven permanent lettings and renewals (£600k rent) completed with national brands since acquisition.
- Current pipeline of nine permanent lettings and renewals (£670k rent) in advanced Heads of Terms.
- Strong interest from a combination of new brands to the centre and existing tenant wishing to upsize.



# GREGGS Superdrug \$



cardfactory OpticalExpress BarrheadTravel



## Capex repositioning - Completed Projects

Supporting remerchandising into Community format - driving our income growth





17&CENTRAL







**Expanding NHS Diagnostics facility in Wood** Green

- Former basement storage space
- Exceeding NHS expectations on usage and patient engagement and experience



17&Central: Former food court transformation into Market Hall

Blueprint for further expansion in food catering offers



Market leading community food catering facilities Wood Green

Five catering units, independent local traders

## **Capex - Pipeline Projects**

High impact, accretive, flexible, short cycle, pre-let merchandising and ESG initiatives







## **Ilford Repositioning Masterplan**

Comprehensive repositioning into Community Centre Format

7 Phase multi year masterplan provides flexibility



#### **Ground Floor**

#### Phase 1

- New 30,000 grocery anchor
- Between new Elizabeth Line station and car park
- Catalyst to remerchandise balance of Ground Floor

#### Phase 2

- Combination of fresh and Catered food offer
- Services and general merchandise
- Targeting additional grocery offer







## Ilford Masterplan - Progress

Repositioning into Community Centre



#### Level 1

#### Phase 3:

Relocation and expansion of

## **TKMOX**

- New 26k sqft anchor store
- Exceeding targets
- Significant footfall and sales uplift in surrounding retailers

#### Phase 4:

- Additional anchor store identified for current level 1 mall
- 26k sqft
- Under offer with leading value apparel operator







## Ilford Masterplan - NHS Primary Care



Comprehensive repositioning and remerchandising through a 7 phase multi year plan

#### Level 2

#### Phase 5:

- 20,000 sqft NHS Primary Care facility in amalgamation of eight shops and common area
- Opening Q2 24

#### Phase 6:

- Kids Soft Play
- 10,000 sqft
- Under offer to experienced commercial operator

#### Phase 7:

Additional 15,000 sqft MSU



## Unlocking value through mixed use

Case Study: Walthamstow residential

**Three Phase Masterplan** 

Phase 1: 495 Apartments - BTR

- 30% affordable
- 560 Jobs
- Training for local residents
- £21.6m capital receipt received July 2022

Phase 2: 50k sqft retail and 43 apartments in low rise

Phase 3: new Victoria Line station access in centre



Further opportunities for mixed use development in Ilford, Wood Green and Gyle



## **Walthamstow Phase 1 Progress**

17&Central residential development update





#### **Continued out-performance**

2023 Revenue: **£14.8m** +16% vs. 2022

EBITDA: **£2.3 m +64% vs. 2022** 

#### **Snozone Madrid - acquired in Feb 2021**

2023 Revenue: £3.9m (2022: £3.4m)

2023 EBITDA: £0.6m (2022: £(0.2)m)









Water
Consumption
(18)% vs
2019<sup>1</sup>



Scope 2: Electricity Consumption (16)% vs 2019<sup>1</sup>



Scope 1: Natural Gas Consumption (25)% vs 2019<sup>1</sup>



#### **ESG Strategy Progress**

Our social and environmental initiatives continue to positively impact our communities and performance

#### **Environmental Impact**



Scope 2 H1: Electricity Consumption





**Total Energy Consumption** 

38% vs 2019<sup>1</sup>



Scope 1 H1:

Natural Gas Consumption

72% vs 2019<sup>1</sup>



**23,730 trees planted** between C&R and Snozone, offsetting 2285 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>



100% Scope 3 data collected

#### **Social Impact**



140 Charities supported



**464.5 Volunteering hours** 



112 Community events hosted



**£180k** invested in supporting communities



The Mall Wood Green winners of the REVO Award for Asset Management Initiative for the CDC

## Gyle









- Return to physical stores
- Balance sheet stability
- Gyle acquisition
- Investments in capex

Ongoing investments in customer proposition and tenancy mix

Income growth through leasing and capex

**Continued Operational Momentum** 

