

Crest Nicholson Holdings plc

## **HALF YEAR RESULTS 2022**



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## **AGENDA**

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HALF YEAR SUMMARY

## **DUNCAN COOPER**

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## **PETER TRUSCOTT**

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- STRATEGY UPDATE AND OUTLOOK

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# HALF YEAR SUMMARY STRONG FIRST HALF OF TRADING

- Excellent financial and operational performance
- Improved returns with strong balance sheet
- Retained five-star customer satisfaction rating
- Expansion in Yorkshire and East Anglia on track
- New science-based sustainability targets announced
- FY22 earnings guidance upgrade



## FINANCIAL REVIEW

**DUNCAN COOPER**GROUP FINANCE DIRECTOR



## **INCOME STATEMENT**

## EARNINGS RECOVERY ON TRACK

£m	HY22	HY21	% Change
Revenue	364.3	324.5	12.3 🛦
Adjusted cost of sales <sup>1</sup>	(286.8)	(261.2)	
Adjusted gross profit <sup>1</sup>	77.5	63.3	22.4 🔺
Adjusted gross profit margin <sup>1</sup>	21.3%	19.5%	+180bps ▲
Administrative expenses	(20.7)	(23.1)	(10.4) 🔺
Net impairment losses on financial assets	(2.3)	(0.2)	
Adjusted operating profit <sup>1</sup>	54.5	40.0	36.3 🛕
Adjusted operating profit margin <sup>1</sup>	15.0%	12.3%	+270bps ▲
Adjusted net finance expense <sup>1</sup>	(3.9)	(4.8)	
Share of joint venture results	1.9	0.9	
Adjusted profit before tax <sup>1</sup>	52.5	36.1	45.4 🔺
Adjusted income tax1	(12.1)	(7.3)	
Adjusted profit after tax <sup>1</sup>	40.4	28.8	
Exceptional items net of income tax	(82.6)	0.2	
(Loss)/profit after tax	(42.2)	29.0	_
Adjusted basic earnings per share (p) <sup>1</sup>	15.7	11.2	40.2 🔺
Dividend per share (p)	5.5	4.1	
Return on capital employed	18.3%	10.5%	780bps▲

- Adjusted gross profit up 180bps
- Admin expenses remain a focus
  - £2.5m JRS repayment in HY21
- £2.3m impairment for sale of London Chest Hospital in May 2022
- £105.0m exceptional charge for combustible materials before tax
- Effective tax rate of 19.6%
- Interim dividend of 5.5 pence per share
- ROCE up strongly to 18.3%



<sup>1</sup> HY22 figures, adjusted for exceptional items charge of £105.0m before income tax, relating to net combustible materials charge.

HY21 figures, adjusted for exceptional items credit of £0.2m, relating to net combustible materials charge £7.9m, inventory impairment credit £7.6m and financing credit £0.5m.

## **SALES METRICS**

## DEMAND REMAINS ROBUST ACROSS ALL TENURES

	HY22	HY21	% Change
Outlets (average)	58	57	1.8 🔺
SPOW (open market)	0.72	0.69	4.3 🔺
Home completions (units)			
Open market (private)	754	701	7.6 🔺
Affordable	184	198	(7.1) 🔻
Bulk <sup>1</sup>	158	118	33.9 🛕
Total	1,096	1,017	7.8 🛕

<b>ASP</b> <sup>2</sup> £000	HY22	HY21	% Change
Home completions			
Open market (private)	409	398	2.8 🔺
Open market (including bulk)	385	373	3.2▲
Affordable	179	176	1.7 🔺
Total housing ASP (weighted average)	355	335	6.0▲

- Outlets in line with HY21
  - Planning remains challenging
- SPOW rate remains strong
  - Consistent execution across all divisions
- ASP up reflecting
  - Sales price inflation offset by mix
  - Location and type of bulk deals in H1
- Forward sales at 10 June 2022
  - 2,891 units and £814.9m GDV
  - Over 96% of FY22 covered



<sup>1</sup> Bulk home completions reflect sales to Private Rented Sector (PRS), Registered Providers (excluding S106) and private investors

**<sup>2</sup>** ASP includes the impact of joint ventures

## **EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS**

## COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS REMEDIATION PROGRAMME

- Guided market previously to £80–120m range in April 2022
- £105.0m net combustible materials charge
  - £70.3m for Building Safety Fund projects (£85.0m total)
  - £34.7m for existing projects, 30 year look back
- £146.1m total provision; expected to be utilised within five years
- Remains complex and iterative
  - One in-scope notification received since signing
  - Peak uncertainty has now passed

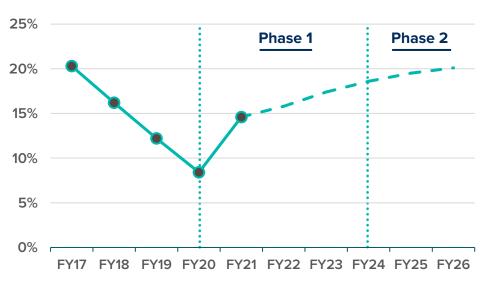


## **OPERATING MARGIN RECOVERY**

#### ON TRACK WITH OUR FIVE YEAR TARGETS

#### **OPERATING MARGIN**

FY17 - FY26e



Rebuilding a sustainable and growing earnings platform

- Depleting poor legacy sites and bringing new land in
  - Old Vinyl, Hayes completed in H1
  - Sherborne Wharf, Birmingham to complete in H2
  - Brightwells Yard, Farnham in FY22 to FY25
  - Standardised house types essential
- Disposal of London Chest Hospital, East London in H2
  - Asset marked to market in H1 –£2.3m loss
  - ECL because of JV intercompany loan
  - £16.0m consideration (50% in Oct 22, 50% in FY23)
  - Significant WIP avoidance
- Overheads remain tightly controlled
  - New divisions being carefully built and established



## **BALANCE SHEET**

## SET FOR GROWTH, RETURNS AND RESILIENCE

- Net cash at £173.3m (HY21: £130.4m)
- Net debt including land creditors at £6.6m (HY21: £48.1m)
- Average net cash at £98.6m (HY21: £80.5m)
- Pension surplus under IAS 19 at £35.4m (HY21: £8.6m)
  - Triennial valuation complete
  - £3.4m for FY22, £1.5m for FY23
- Flexibility to deliver strategy
  - Meet combustible materials obligations
  - Fuel organic or inorganic growth
  - 2.5x dividend policy

#### **LAND CREDITOR ROLL OUT BY YEAR (£m)**



## **CASH MANAGEMENT**

## RETAINED FOCUS ON CASH AND DISCIPLINED CAPITAL ALLOCATION

£m	HY22	HY21	Change
Operating (loss)/profit before changes in working capital,			"
provisions, and contributions to retirement benefit obligations	(54.5)	30.0	(84.5)▼
Decrease in trade and other receivables	6.7	14.2	(7.5)▼
Increase in inventories	(83.6)	(8.0)	(75.6)▼
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables, and provisions	79.9	(28.6)	108.5
Contribution to retirement benefit obligations	(2.6)	(5.6)	3.0 🛕
Cash (used by) / generated from operations	(54.1)	2.0	(56.1) ▼
Finance expense paid	(3.2)	(3.5)	0.3
Income tax paid	(1.4)	(7.4)	6.0 🛕
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(58.7)	(8.9)	(49.8)▼
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	5.2	(1.2)	6.4
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(25.6)	(1.3)	(24.3)▼
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(79.1)	(11.4)	(67.7)▼
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	350.7	239.4	111.3 🔺
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	271.6	228.0	43.6▲

- Exceptional charge impact
  - Profit and growth of provision
  - Income tax
- Inventory growth
  - Higher land investment
- Pension contribution
  - Triennial valuation



## **CURRENT LAND PORTFOLIO**

### INCREASED ACTIVITY IN COMPETITIVE LAND MARKET

Plots <sup>1</sup>	36,985	37,813
GDV (£bn)	11.8	12.3
ASP (£k)	326	330
Short-term	14,677	15,510
land	JV plots	JV plots
	1,478	1,325
Strategic land	22,308	22,303
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	FY21	HY22

#### **Short-term land**

- 1,096 home completions
- 2,204 plots added since FY21
  - 558 plots at Stefen Way, Daventry
  - 500 plots at Charlotte Avenue, Bicester
- 76.1% owned vs controlled (FY21: 74.2% owned)
- GDV increase also due to replans and inflation
- JV units at HY22 include 291 at LCH

#### **New land activity**

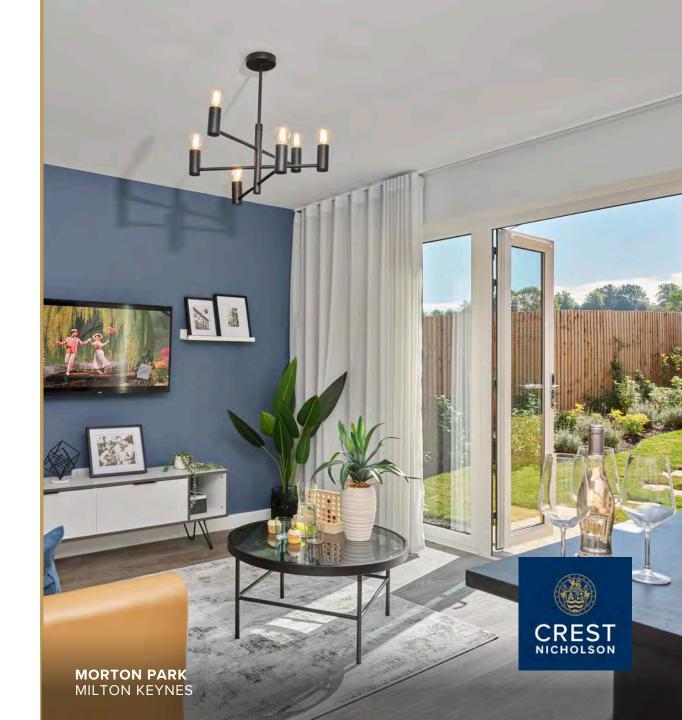
Approved 1,543 plots for purchase at 26.8% GM (after S&M)



<sup>1</sup> Plot numbers based on management estimates of site capacity

## **SUMMARY**

- Strong first half of trading
- Forward sales of 2,891 units and £814.9m GDV
- Net cash at £173.3m provides flexibility
- Five-year financial targets on track
  - ROCE up to 18.3%
  - Adjusted operating margin up to 15.0%
- FY22 APBT to be in range of £135-140m



## MARKET OVERVIEW AND STRATEGY UPDATE

PETER TRUSCOTT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



## **MARKET OVERVIEW**

- Current trading
  - Robust lead indicators
  - Sales rate in line with seasonal expectation
  - Sales price inflation continues to offset build cost inflation
- Sector challenges
  - Materials availability and pricing
  - Competitive land market
  - Planning and regulatory change
- Strong long-term fundamentals
  - Structural imbalance of supply and demand
  - Good mortgage availability, interest rates remain low
  - Strong political support for home building

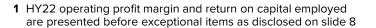


## FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL TARGETS

### **FY24 TARGETS ON TRACK**

	HY22		FY24	FY26
HOME COMPLETIONS (UNITS) TRADING DIVISIONS	1,096 5	>	>3,000 5+	>4,200 8
REVENUE COMPOSITION		>	60% PRIVATE 20-25% AFFORDABLE 15-20% PRS/BULK	
OPERATING PROFIT MARGIN <sup>1</sup>	15.0%	>	18-2	0%
RETURN ON CAPITAL EMPLOYED <sup>1</sup>	18.3%	>	22-25%	
LAND CREDITORS (% OF NET ASSETS)	21.3%	<b>&gt;</b>	<30%	
DIVIDEND POLICY (COVER)	2.5x	<b>&gt;</b>	2.5	ōχ

- Targets to reflect 2-phase growth agenda
  - Aspiration to deliver >4,200 units by FY26
- Growing partnerships business
  - Significant market opportunity
  - Resilience through the cycle
- Operating margins back to industry levels in Phase 1
- ROCE to improve across the plan period
- Land creditors <30% of net assets</li>
- Strong earnings accretion from enlarged group





## **GOOD PROGRESS AGAINST STRATEGY**

## STRONG FUNDAMENTALS TO SUPPORT GROWTH

- Margin and ROCE recovery on track
- Volume growth
- Active in land market at targeted returns
- Expansion plan on track

## **Standardised house types**

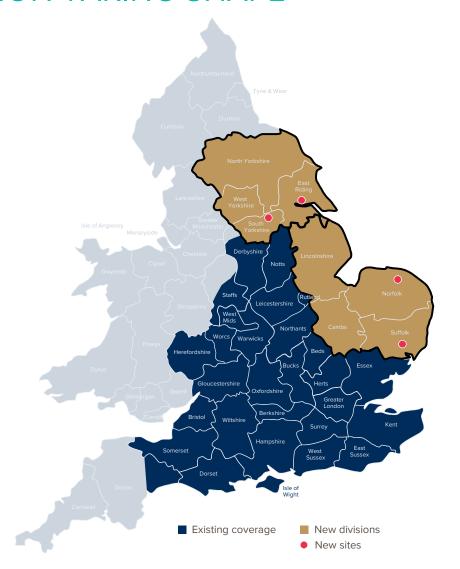




## **DELIVERING GROWTH**

## YORKSHIRE AND EAST ANGLIA EXPANSION TAKING SHAPE

- Yorkshire
  - New office opened in Thorpe Park, Leeds
  - Key leadership appointments now in place
  - Two sites approved for purchase
- East Anglia
  - To be located in Bury St Edmunds
  - Recruitment for team underway
  - Two sites acquired
- Remain open to M&A







## FIVE-STAR CUSTOMER SERVICE

## DELIVERING A GREAT CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

- Retained five-star customer satisfaction rating
- Preparing for the New Homes Quality Code
- Increased social media campaigns and engagement
- New process for identifying customer after care issues







# MULTI CHANNEL APPROACH STRATEGIC LAND CAPABILITY

- Growth in sales to PRS and affordable partners
- Strong track record in strategic land
  - Enhanced team capability
- Recent success to support future growth
- New opportunities secured





## SUSTAINABILITY & SOCIAL VALUE

## GOING FURTHER WITH NEW SCIENCE-BASED TARGETS

- Good progress against 2025 sustainability targets
  - Reduce scope 1 and 2 carbon intensity by 25%
  - Reduce waste intensity by 15%
  - Procure 100% renewable electricity
- Embedded in business strategy
  - Strong governance and leadership
  - Targets set and linked with remuneration
- Going further with new science-based targets
  - From a 2019 base year reduce scope 1 and 2 emissions by 60% by 2030
  - Reduction of scope 3 emissions intensity by 55% over the same period
  - Transition to net-zero across the value chain by 2045





## **SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK**

### **Summary**

- Strong operational and financial performance
- Clarity on fire safety remediation
- Good visibility on forward order book

#### **Outlook**

- Earnings upgrade for FY22
- Five-year targets on track







