# **HENRY BOOT PLC**

('Henry Boot', the 'Company' or the 'group')

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### UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

# Sales performance drives growth in profitability and underpins increased dividend

Henry Boot PLC, a Company engaged in land promotion, property investment and development, home building and construction, announces its unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2025.

# Tim Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, commented:

'Operationally, we have had a solid first half, which is no mean feat in uncertain markets, but we are also making strong progress strategically. In particular, early investment into the resources at Hallam Land, anticipating positive changes to the NPPF, are already bearing fruit in the form of a good first half, both in terms of sales and planning consents. Equally, although trading is more subdued, in HBD and Stonebridge Homes, we have grasped the opportunity to build up a store of near-term opportunity, respectively, in the development pipeline and home building landbank. The announced sale of HBC also tightens our focus on our chosen areas of land promotion, development and home building. With 80% of budgeted sales achieved, we have confidence of meeting full-year expectations, and we also have conviction that there are clear opportunities within our high quality portfolio to hit our medium term growth and return targets.'

# Financial highlights

- 19% increase in revenue to £126.4m (H1 24: £106.0m) driven by land and property disposals and profit before tax of £7.8m (H1 24: £3.7m) or £6.5m (H1 24: £3.6m) on an underlying statutory basis<sup>1</sup>
- Completed and exchanged on total land and property sales of £159.6m, our share £99.3m (H1 24: £150.8m), against an uncertain backdrop reflecting resilient demand for our prime projects and buildings
- 80% of budgeted sales for 2025 completed, exchanged or reserved, with the balance either under offer or in detailed negotiations.
- 5% increase in interim dividend to 3.24p, consistent with our progressive dividend policy and our confidence in achieving full year performance in line with market expectations and in the group's future prospects
- Return on capital employed<sup>2</sup> (ROCE) of 9.1% (H1 24: 4.9%). We remain confident of achieving returns within the target range of 10-15% over the medium term
- Capital employed at £427m (December 2024: £439m), reflecting the first tranche payment of the Stonebridge Homes (SBH) acquisition in line with the group's ambition to grow its home building business
- The group's Net Asset Value<sup>3</sup> (NAV) per share, excluding the defined benefit scheme, was 304p (31 December 2024: 312p). The NAV per share was 307p as of 30 June (December 2024: 317p)
- Net debt<sup>4</sup> at £88.1m (December 2024: £62.7m) with gearing at 21.4% (December 2024: 14.7%) as we invest in accelerating planning applications on Hallam land sites, grow SBH's land bank and position the business for future growth

## Operational highlights

# Land promotion

Hallam Land has had a strong start to 2025, with 1,222 plots sold in the first half (H1 24: 843), with 410 plots exchanged, and another 1,959 plots under offer. We are on target to exceed 3,500 plot sales this year (December 2024: 2,661)

- Following the amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and investment in our workforce and systems, we are on track to submit applications for 10,000 plots this year. To date planning for 4,844 plots has been submitted
- We have secured planning on 2,782 plots year to date, with 1,237 in H1 25. This brings our total plots with planning to 8,837 as of 30 June (December 2024: 8,822), or 9,972 including post-half-year consents
- The total land bank has grown to 107,173 plots (December 2024: 104,787)

# Property investment & development

- The Origin joint venture (JV) with Feldberg Capital, seeded by three sites with a combined Gross Development Value (GDV) of £100m, is progressing well, with good occupier interest and its first pre-let secured. The JV is expected to add a further £56m GDV in H2 25
- We have a high quality committed development programme with a GDV of £128m (our share: £37m) as well as a strong near term pipeline, including the first phase (£98m GDV) of Golden Valley, Cheltenham, an innovation and technology project located adjacent to GCHQ
- £1.5bn development pipeline (our share: £1.3bn GDV), of which 56% is focused on Industrial & Logistics (I&L) markets
- Our investment portfolio (IP) total property return<sup>5</sup> of 5.7%, was again ahead of the CBRE UK Monthly Index (4.2%). Four sales were completed or exchanged in H1 25 for a total of c.£18m at an average 12% premium. IP now valued at £96.1m (December 2024: £107.4m)

#### Home building

- In January 2025, the group increased its ownership in SBH to 62.5%, and integration has been progressing well
- During the period, SBH completed 85 homes (H1 24: 90 homes), with private average sales price on completions up 3% to £391k (H1 24: £381k)
- Net private weekly reservation rate was 0.45 in H1 25 (H1 24: 0.50), operating from an average of 9 sales outlets (H1 24: 8 outlets)
- o In line with its growth ambitions, SBH has secured 846 plots in the period, resulting in a total owned and controlled land bank of 2,487 plots (December 2024: 1,726)

## Construction

- The construction segment achieved turnover of £41.0m (H1 24: £43.5m) with an operating profit of £1.9m (H1 24: £2.9m)
- Sale of Henry Boot Construction has been agreed for £4.0m with completion around YE 25

# Responsible business

 We are making good progress towards our medium term Responsible Business Strategy targets set in January 2022, which will be refreshed in 2026

#### NOTES:

- Underlying profit before tax is an alternative performance measure (APM) and is defined as profit before tax excluding revaluation movements on completed investment properties. Revaluation movement on completed investment properties includes gains of £1.3m (2024: £nil) on wholly owned completed investment property and gains of £nil (2024: £0.1m) on completed investment property held in joint ventures. This APM provides the users with a measure that excludes specific external factors beyond management's controls and reflects the group's underlying results. This measure is used in the business in appraising senior management performance.
- Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) is an APM and is a 12 month rolling average defined as operating profit /average of total assets less current liabilities (excluding DB pension surplus) at the opening and closing balance sheet dates.
- Net Asset Value (NAV) per share is an APM and defined using the statutory measures net assets/ordinary share capital.
- <sup>4</sup> Net (debt)/cash is an APM and is reconciled to statutory measures in note 14.
- <sup>5</sup> Total property return is a metric that combines capital and income returns for the investment portfolio. It is calculated as the percentage value change plus net income accrual, relative to the capital employed and is calculated on a monthly basis and then indexed in line with the benchmark.

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## **About Henry Boot**

Henry Boot is one of the UK's leading land, property development, home building and construction businesses – and we've been transforming land and spaces since 1886. Listed on the London Stock Exchange since 1919, we're renowned for quality, expertise, delivery and a partnership approach across the group – which comprises, Hallam Land, HBD, Stonebridge, Henry Boot Construction, Banner Plant and Road Link.

Operating across the UK, and employing over 500 people, we focus on three key markets: urban development, industrial and logistics and residential. Hallam Land has facilitated 52,000 new homes since 1990, managing one of the top five largest land portfolios in the country, with the potential to facilitate over 107,000 homes. HBD manages a development pipeline of £1.3bn, the equivalent of 8.3m sq ft of developments across our key markets, while maintaining a £96.1m investment portfolio, of which 90% of the properties have an EPC rating of 'C' or higher. Stonebridge Homes, our jointly-owned home building business, manages a land portfolio capable of delivering c.2,500 homes, with an ambition to deliver up to 600 new homes a year.

Henry Boot Construction has extensive experience in both the public and private sectors, including major projects such as the £200m regeneration of Barnsley town centre, and The Cocoa Works, a £57m residential development in York. For over 65 years, Banner Plant has supplied construction products and services, operating from seven regional depots in the North of England.

We have also developed an ambitious Responsible Business Strategy to help us meet our aim of being Net Zero Carbon by 2030, and to deliver, by 2025, charitable, community and education work valued at £1m.

From land promotion, property development and investment to home building, construction and plant hire, Henry Boot is where great places start – <a href="https://www.henryboot.co.uk">www.henryboot.co.uk</a>

# **CEO's review**

Henry Boot has delivered a solid performance in the first six months of this year, generating a profit before tax of £7.8m (H1 24: £3.7m). Despite the ongoing global political and economic uncertainty, demand for our prime property has remained resilient, and particularly strong for our high quality residential land.

According to CBRE, the volume of UK commercial property transactions totalled £21.9bn in H1 25, a decrease of 18% compared to H1 2024. However, more encouragingly, rolling 12-month investment volumes were up 6% on the prior 12 months. Whilst there has been a slowdown in investment volumes in alternative sectors such as build to rent residential and student accommodation, this has been more than offset by increased transactions in the industrial, office and retail sectors over the last year.

House prices increased by 0.6% during H1 25 according to Nationwide. Completions of new homes increased by 16% year on year during H1 25 but remain some way below the post Covid-19 peak in 2022. In the land market there has been an increase in activity as housebuilders selectively acquire sites, with an emphasis on prime locations. This continues to be the focal point for Hallam Land, our land promotion business.

Against this subdued market backdrop, our strategic focus on high quality land, prime property development and premium homes allowed us to complete and/or exchange on total land and property sales of £159.6m, our share £99.3m (our share H1 24: £150.8m). As of 14 September, the total had risen to £172.0m (our share £111.9m), reflecting further progress post period end. Completing these sales allows us to crystallise the significant uplift in value we have created, due to assets being held at cost.

As flagged in our FY 24 results announcement in March, a lower starting forward sales position, the delay between increased activity and the timing of key transactions means the FY 25 performance is weighted heavily to the second half. This follows a similar pattern to last year, where our performance over the final six months allowed us to deliver results in line with expectations. With further sales completed since the period end, we are confident of again achieving a full year performance in line with market expectations\*.

Since amendments were made to the NPPF earlier this year, there have been significant improvements in securing outline consents. In anticipation of this, in 2024, we completed a strategic workforce plan within Hallam Land, making the early decision to increase resources and fast-track a number of planning applications, with a target to submit applications for 10,000 plots this year. I am pleased to say that having submitted planning for 4,844 plots year to date and with a significant pipeline of applications ready to submit in the coming months, we are on track to achieve our goal. We have achieved planning on 2,782 plots year to date, of which 1,237 plots (H1 24: 332) were secured in H1 25. This means we have increased our store of worth with planning for 9,972 plots, with 8,837 plots at 30 June (December 2024: 8,822). All these sites continue to be held at cost, materially understating our conservatively assessed NAV.

Hallam Land has experienced good demand for its prime deliverable sites year to date, completing and exchanging on 1,792 plots at a total gross sales value of £113.5m (Hallam Land share £41.5m). With a further 1,799 plots under offer, we are on track to exceed our medium term target of selling 3,500 plots this year.

While the government's amendments to the NPPF have improved the process for securing outline consents, including an uptick in success at appeal, the same progress has not been seen for obtaining detailed consents. Many local planning authorities remain under resourced, which has extended the timeframe for decisions and subsequently delayed the opening of new outlets across the home building industry. If the government is to meet its target of delivering 1.5 million homes by 2030, it must address this issue.

The net private reservation rate per active sales outlet per week in H1 25 was 0.45 (H1 24: 0.50) as many of our customers took longer to commit to buying homes in an environment which for them had become more uncertain. We have therefore seen softer trading conditions during the summer period, with our sales rate also affected by several of our active sites nearing completion and consequently not offering the full product range. Whilst we have made good progress growing our total land bank, reservation levels have also been impacted by delays in securing detailed planning at Whitby, Barnby

Dunn and Market Rasen, which reduced the opening of new sales outlets. The net private reservation rate for the 6 weeks to 14 September was 0.38. As a result, total home completions for 2025 are now anticipated to be c.240-250. There remains a long term structural undersupply of housing in our targeted regions, and we maintain our medium term ambition to build 600 homes per annum.

Over the past 12 months, due to slower occupier demand as businesses extend decision making in the current unsettled environment and more uncertain investment markets, we have been selective in replenishing HBD's committed development programme. We have however, continued to build up a strong near-term pipeline, which offers us optionality to increase our commitments and respond swiftly when market conditions improve.

A standout scheme in our near-term pipeline is Golden Valley, Cheltenham, a £1bn flagship mixed use campus adjacent to GCHQ, focused on national security and emerging technologies such as AI and quantum computing. This world-class innovation district will eventually deliver around 2,500 new homes, 1.25m sq ft of commercial space with the National Cyber Innovation Centre at its heart and support the creation of almost 12,000 jobs. In July, we received outline planning consent for approximately 1m sq ft of prime commercial space, including IDEA, a 160,000 sq ft National Cyber Innovation Centre, along with 576 residential units. We expect to commit to phase one (£98m GDV) in H1 26. I believe our involvement in a government backed project of this importance is a great reflection of our team's track record of delivering high quality large scale innovation led projects. Our credentials in this growth sector are further strengthened by HBD's recent appointment as the development partner at 'Duxford AvTech', a £162m GDV technology campus at IWM Duxford.

Another key element of HBD's development programme is our 25:75 I&L JV with Feldberg Capital, Origin, which was seeded with three sites from our pipeline with a combined GDV of c.£100m. The JV, which was only formed in December 2024, is running well, with all the schemes progressing on time and on budget. We have also seen a good level of occupier interest. We are looking to profitably accelerate the development of a further seven units at Walsall, Markham Vale, and Preston, with a total GDV of £56m (our share: £14m) by transferring the sites into the JV. The schemes are set to be added to the committed development programme by the year end.

The group's IP has once again performed well, with a total property return over six months of 5.7%, which is ahead of the CBRE UK Monthly Index at 4.2%. On a like-for-like basis capital values in the IP increased by 2.0% in H1 25. In the first six months of the year, we have either completed or exchanged on four sales, for a total of £17.7m at an average 12% premium to 31 December book value. As a result, at 30 June the IP was valued at £96.1m (31 December 2024: £107.4m). Our focus has been on recycling capital rather than acquiring standing investments, completing disposals of c.£59.4m over the past four years at an average of 16% above book value. This strategy has been accretive to performance.

During the first half of the year and including post H1 sales up to 14 September, 80% of budgeted sales for 2025 have either been completed, exchanged or reserved. Significant transactions that have exchanged or are anticipated to complete this year, include:

- Queniborough, Leicestershire (Hallam Land) in September, we exchanged on the sale of 160 residential plots to Harpur Crewe. The sale is scheduled to complete in October.
- Origin (HBD) a site with the potential to deliver three units totalling 101,000 sq ft at Spark, Walsall has been conditionally exchanged for sale into our Origin JV. The transaction is expected to complete in H2 25.

The remaining transactions which are in advanced discussions, once completed in H2 25, will mean we hit our sales target for 2025. This includes securing SBH's completion target of c.240-250 units, of which 124 units are either completed or exchanged as of 14 September, with a further 68 units reserved. There are several other deals across the group also in negotiation:

- Across Hallam Land's portfolio, a total of 1,799 plots across four sites are currently under offer, which, when concluded, will see Hallam Land exceed its financial target for 2025.
- The Chocolate Works in York (HBD) the sale of the final two-acre development site is under offer to a national developer. We expect the sale to complete in Q4 25.
- Aptus, Preston (HBD), a site with outline planning for three units totalling 107,000 sq ft, is under offer to be transferred into our Origin JV.

The group's NAV per share, excluding the defined benefit scheme, was at 304p (December 2024: 312p) after the payment of the increased final dividend for 2024 of 4.62p and completion of the first tranche of the SBH acquisition. The IFRS NAV per share was 307p as at 30 June (December 2024: 317p).

Net debt was £88.1m as at 30 June 2025 (December 2024: £62.7m), reflecting an acceleration of planning applications on Hallam Land sites and the growth of SBH's landbank, with acquisitions at Bracebridge Heath and Kingston Village (total 641 plots). This has resulted in an increase in our gearing to 21.4% as at 30 June 2025 (December 2024: 14.7%), although it is below the 25.5% level this time last year. While this is marginally above our optimal 10–20% range, our gearing remains relatively low, and this gives us the flexibility to utilise our existing borrowing facilities to continue to invest in growing the business where there are good opportunities to do so.

We remain committed to investing in our long term future, and so far this year, we have made good strategic progress. I am glad to report the following:

- We have agreed the sale of Henry Boot Construction (HBC) to PWS, a new company formed by the HBC management team, for £4m. This transaction aligns with the group's focus on high-quality land, prime property development and premium homes. I believe a more focused portfolio will better serve shareholders by enhancing synergies and long-term growth prospects while simplifying the group's structure and investment case. The transaction is expected to be completed around the year end.
- In January 2025, the group increased its ownership in SBH to 62.5%. We immediately initiated an integration plan and identified a list of quick wins, which have already been implemented. Additional integration benefits and cost savings, including working with Hallam Land to set up a strategic land portfolio, merging and rationalising centralised services with our group central functions, will be achieved as we grow our ownership. In H1 25, we also added 846 plots to our landbank as we scale up the business to align with our growth aspirations.
- We are modernising our digital and technology capabilities. This summer we began to successfully roll out
  Microsoft Dynamics 365, which will digitise processes within Henry Boot, store information and support
  group collaboration. At the same time, we are increasing our use of AI to improve business processes.

# **Dividend**

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 3.24p (H1 24: 3.08p), with the 5% increase demonstrating our progressive dividend policy and continued confidence in the future prospects for the business. This will be paid on 24 October 2025 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 3 October 2025.

# **Strategy**

The group set a medium-term strategy in 2021 to grow the size of the business by increasing capital employed from £365m to £500m, focusing on its three key markets: I&L, residential and urban development, while maintaining ROCE within a 10–15% range.

See below for the progress made in the first half of 2025 against our stated medium term targets:

Measure	Medium term target	H1 25 Performance	Progress
Capital employed	To over £500m		On track to grow capital employed to over £500m
Return on average capital employed	10–15% pa	12-month rolling ROCE of 9.1%	Maintain our medium term target through the cycle

<sup>\*</sup>Market expectations being the average of current analyst consensus of £30.0m profit before tax, comprising four forecasts from Deutsche Numis, Jefferies, Panmure Liberum and Peel Hunt.

Land promotion plot sales	c.3,500 pa	1,222 plots in H1 25	On course for FY 25 to exceed sales of 3,500 plots
Development completions	Our share c.£200m pa	FY 25 £42m GDV	Expect to be below target due to selective replenishment of the committed programme. A strong near term pipeline allows us to increase commitments as markets improve
Grow investment portfolio	To around £150m	£96.1m as at 30 June 2025	Focus on profitably recycling capital instead of acquiring new investments. Will remain patient in growing the portfolio
Stonebridge Homes sales	Up to 600 units pa	85 homes completed in HY 25	Total home completions for 2025 to be c.240-250, reflecting market conditions and delay in opening new sales outlets. Our firm ambition remains up to 600 homes pa.
Construction order book secured	Minimum of 65% for the following year	45% at H1 25 for 2026	On course to meet target

# Responsible business

We launched our Responsible Business Strategy (RBS) in January 2022, with our primary aim to be Net Zero Carbon by 2030 with respect to Scopes 1 and 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. I am pleased with the progress we have made so far against our 2025 objectives and targets. Our strategy is guided by three principal objectives:

- To further embed ESG factors into commercial decision making so that the business adapts, ensuring long term sustainability and value creation for the group's stakeholders.
- To empower and engage our people to deliver long term meaningful change and impact for the communities and environments Henry Boot works in.
- To focus on issues deemed to be most significant and material to the business and hold ourselves accountable by reporting regularly on progress.

# Performance against our 2025 targets

At the midpoint of our final year for the 2025 Responsible Business targets, the table below highlights the significant progress we have made. We are pleased that we are on track to achieve the majority of our goals before we refresh our RBS in 2026.

Our people	Performance	Our places	Performance

Develop and deliver a group-wide Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Delivery is underway, including the launch of a financial wellbeing programme with Finwell and a well-established network of Mental Health First Aiders.	Contribute £1,000,000 of financial (and equivalent) value to our charitable partners	We have contributed (financial and equivalent value of) over £990,000 to our charitable and community partners.
Increase gender representation in the business, aiming for 30% of our team and line managers being female	Female representation across our workforce has increased to 30% (2024: 29%).	Contribute 7,500 volunteering hours to a range of community, charity, and education projects	More than 10,000 volunteering hours have been delivered, meaning we have already significantly exceeded our goal.
Our planet	Performance	Our partners	Performance
Reduce Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by over 20% to support reaching NZC by 2030	Total direct GHG emissions (Scopes 1 and 2) in 2024 were 2,989 tonnes (2023: 2,833 tonnes), which equates to a 10% reduction from the 2019 baseline.	Engage key partners to create a more diverse and inclusive built environment sector and form business-led partnerships to improve EDI	EDI Working group has engaged with organisations including the CBI and BITC to collaborate with business and supplier partners to review initiatives to improve diversity.
Reduce consumption of avoidable plastic by 50%	Waste Management Plan due for implementation to enable baselining and reduction in avoidable plastic.	Collaborate with all our partners to reduce our environmental impact	We continue to engage with membership organisations and our supply chain to share knowledge and best practice.

#### **Outlook**

Despite starting the year in an uncertain market environment, demand for our prime projects remains resilient, and we continue to make good strategic progress by increasing our focus on land promotion, property development and home building. This, alongside the day to day activities within the group are enabling us to further expand our strong pipeline of opportunities, while crystalising value within our portfolio.

Significant steps include the sale of HBC and the agreed route to full ownership of SBH. Now that we are the majority owner of SBH, we have greater autonomy to both grow and improve its landbank, while continuing to establish the brand and its network of sites across our three targeted regions. We expect this strategy will drive volume growth and return on capital as the business scales up. We have also started to extract synergies and efficiencies through integrating the business into Henry Boot.

Hallam Land has had a particularly good half in terms of sales, planning consents and applications. The NPPF has established a presumption in favour of development and, while planning remains slow and complicated, we can skilfully navigate the system to create value within this improved policy framework. During the life of this Parliament, it is Hallam Land's firm intention to materially increase our plots with planning and, in so doing, build up a material store of future profit.

Similarly, HBD is well positioned with a strong near term development pipeline including smart JV's like Origin and nationally significant schemes like Golden Valley. Having taken a highly selective approach to starting developments

over the past few years, we expect to grow our committed developments as early as next year, while remaining disciplined in our approach and attuned to market conditions.

This all provides a clear path of growth, which as a well funded, long term business, we are able to pursue. In the meantime, with 80% of budgeted sales secured, we are on course to meet our full-year expectations, and our balance sheet remains rock solid. This puts us in a strong position for the future and gives us confidence to once again increase the dividend, by 5%.

# **Business review**

#### Land promotion

Hallam Land has performed strongly, delivering an operating profit of £13.8m, which was more than three times the amount in the comparable period last year (H1 24: £4.2m). This was from sales of 1,222 plots (H1 24: 843), with a further 410 plots exchanged and another 1,959 plots under offer, all of which are targeted for completion in 2025. This leaves Hallam Land well positioned to exceed sales of 3,500 plots this year.

UK greenfield land values were broadly unchanged in H1 25, softening slightly by 0.3% according to Savills Research. Whilst there has been an overall increase in activity during 2025, deals continue to take longer to progress than in the post Covid-19 bounce back period. Changes to the NPPF introduced in 2025 are starting to filter through into the land market in terms of achieving outline planning. Unfortunately, this has not yet been reflected in detailed consents with 36% fewer homes across the UK granted full approval consent in the 12 months to June 2025, compared with the 2021 peak, according to the Home Builders Federation.

During the period, Hallam Land has seen strong demand for its high quality land, achieving an average gross profit per plot of £15,734 (H1 24: £9,680) from 1,222 disposals across 8 sites. These sales delivered an average ungeared internal rate of return of 22.5% p.a and include:

- 75 residential plots at Ambrosden, Oxfordshire, to Mulberry Homes, which were particularly profitable for the group, given the site's freehold status. The site was acquired in 2014, with outline planning granted in December 2023.
- 290 residential plots at Sittingbourne, Kent, to Taylor Wimpey. In 2017, Hallam Land entered into a promotion agreement and submitted an outline planning application in November 2022. After an initial refusal in 2022, consent was successfully secured on appeal in July 2024.
- 112 residential plots at Yalding, Kent to Fernham Homes. Hallam Land purchased the freehold of the site in 2018 and submitted a planning application in November 2023 in line with the draft allocation. Hallam Land appealed in May 2024 on the basis of non-determination and successfully secured approval in December 2024.

During H1 25 Hallam Land have exchanged or completed on the sale of a further 570 plots. At 30 June 2025, an additional 1,799 plots were under offer at sites located in Tamworth, Hambleton, Haverhill and Carlton Selby. When agreed, together with those sites already exchanged and completed, this will exceed Hallam Land's financial target for 2025.

In the first half of this year, following the government's revision to the NPPF, Hallam Land has seen positive changes to the planning system, which have significantly increased our ability to secure outline consents. In the year to date, Hallam Land has secured planning on 2,782 plots, of which 1,237 plots were granted in the first half of the year (H1 24: 332). This brings the total number of plots within the portfolio with planning permission (or a Resolution to Grant, subject to S106) to 9,972 plots or, as of 30 June, 8,837 plots (December 2024: 8,822).

There are also a further 14,604 plots currently awaiting determination, of which 1,189 plots are subject to appeal. Hallam Land has been successful in utilising the appeal system to unlock more sites with appeals won on 1,986 plots across 5 sites in H1 25.

In response to the easing of planning policy, Hallam Land continues to accelerate applications in line with its target of submitting 10,000 plots this year and helping deliver much-needed homes across the country. Hallam Land is making

good progress on this ambition, submitting 4,844 plots year to date, and we anticipate maintaining this momentum in 2026.

Hallam Land has grown its land bank to 107,173 plots (December 2024: 104,787), securing 8 new sites which have the potential to deliver 3,608 plots. There is significant latent value in the group's strategic land portfolio, which is held as inventory at the lower of cost or net realisable value. As such, no uplift in value is recognised within its accounts relating to any of the 8,837 plots with planning and any increase in value created from securing planning permission is only crystallised into profit on disposal.

Residential Land	Plots	
With permission	In	

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	b/f	granted	sold	c/f	planning	ruluie	TOtal
2025	8,822	1,237	(1,222)	8,837	14,604	83,732	107,173
2024	8,501	2,982	(2,661)	8,822	13,146	82,819	104,787
2023	9,431	1,014	(1,944)	8,501	13,468	79,003	100,972
2022	12,865	435	(3,869)	9,431	12,297	73,976	95,704
2021	15,421	452	(3,008)	12,865	11,259	68,543	92,667

# Property investment and development

Property investment and development, which is now solely made up of HBD, has delivered an operating profit of £0.8m (H1 24: £3.2m). The results of SBH have been reclassified from the property Investment and development segment to be reported within home building, and the prior period restated.

According to the CBRE Monthly Index, commercial property values increased by 1.4% in H1 25. Industrial property continues to deliver the highest growth with capital values up 2.0% during the period ahead of retail up 1.6%, and offices up 0.8%. Rental value growth also remains strongest for the industrial sector at 2.0% in H1 25, with yields broadly unchanged over the period.

Industrial and logistics, a sector where long-term growth is underpinned by a number of structural societal drivers, experienced a 10% increase in take-up compared to H1 24. Although it remains below the exceptional bounce during Covid-19, demand is back in line with the 10-year average. Activity has been driven by internet retailers and third-party logistics providers as well as by manufacturers looking to de-risk supply chains through nearshoring operations. Whilst the overall vacancy rate has risen, relatively moderate development activity and stronger demand for modern energy-efficient space means that new-build availability remains more constrained. It is also anticipated that the increase in defence spending will increase occupier demand for the sector.

## Committed programme as at 30 June 2025

Scheme	GDV (£m)	HBD share of GDV (£m)	Commercial ('000 sq ft)	Residential size (Units)	Status	Completion
Industrial						
Origin, Markham, Ark	20	5	107	_	Speculative / part pre let	Q4 25
Origin, Welwyn, Inter	28	7	71	_	Speculative/ part under offer	Q3 25
Origin, Walsall SPARK	52	13	271	_	Speculative	Q4 25
Preston, Roman Way	10	5	150	_	Pre-sold	Q4 25
Southend, ABP	4	4	16	_	Pre-let	Q4 25

-	114	34	615	_	-	
Urban Residential					•	
Aberdeen, Bridge of Don	12	1	_	420	Pre-sold	Q3 25
Land & other						
Leicester, Melton Road	2	2	20	_	Pre-sold	Q2 25
					-	
Total for the year	128	37	635	420	<u>.</u>	
% sold or pre-let	35%	40%*				

<sup>\*</sup>This includes space pre-let or under offer in the joint venture Origin at 14/09/25

HBD's committed development programme has marginally increased since the year end to £128m (HBD share: £37m GDV) following the addition of a c.16,500 sq ft logistics unit at Southend. Some 40% of the schemes in the committed programme have been pre-let or pre-sold. The majority of the schemes are in I&L, including those held in our Origin JV, with Feldberg Capital. Initially, the JV was seeded with three schemes from our development pipeline, with a combined GDV of c.£100m (HBD share: £25m). All three of these projects are on programme and are attracting a good level of occupier interest, and in September Origin secured its first pre-let, a 17,000 sq ft unit at Ark, Markham Vale to Capital Angling, while at Welwyn Garden City another c.18,000 sq ft unit is under offer.

Origin will continue to grow in H2 25, with a further three sites from HBD's pipeline either exchanged or under offer to be sold profitably into the JV. The three schemes have a total GDV of £56m (HBD share: £14m) and comprise:

- Aptus, Preston (JV) three units with planning totalling 107,000 sq ft are under offer to be transferred into the Origin JV. Building works are expected to commence in Q4 25.
- Spark, Walsall (Phase two) in August 2025, a reserved matters planning application was secured for three units consisting of 101,000 sq ft. Construction is expected to begin in Q4 25.
- Ark, Markham Vale (Phase two) post H1 25, a planning application for a further 54,000 sq ft has been submitted. Subject to the consent being granted, work is expected to start in Q4 25.

After taking a more prudent approach to committing to new projects due to market conditions over the past 12 months, HBD has built a strong near term pipeline. This includes:

- The landmark £1bn Golden Valley, located adjacent to GCHQ in Cheltenham. In July, the scheme received outline planning permission for around 1m sq ft of prime commercial space, including IDEA, the new 160,000 sq ft National Cyber Innovation Centre referred to in the UK government's Modern Industrial Strategy, as well as 576 residential units of various tenures. This first phase of the development (£98m GDV) is set to begin in H1 26.
- c.3.8m sq ft of I&L schemes with planning permission at various flagship projects, including Walsall,
   Southend, Luton and Preston.
- Humber Goole Freeport South (Phase one: £130m GDV), in partnership with St John's College Cambridge, a resolution to grant has been achieved in relation to an outline planning consent to develop a 5.5m sq ft high quality, sustainable industrial and manufacturing park, with buildings ranging from 40,000 sq ft to 1m sq ft.

Updates on recently completed key projects include:

Island, (HBD share: £33m GDV), the Net Zero Carbon office in Manchester city centre, developed in a JV with Greater Manchester Pension Fund, 50% has been leased to Virgin Media and with fit-out on track, the occupier is aiming to move in by Q4 25. Following the successful launch, we are progressing well with leasing the remaining space.

- At SetI (HBD share: £32m GDV), a 102-unit premium apartment building in Birmingham, we have increased sales by 43% since the beginning of the year, with total sales having either completed or unconditionally exchanged now at c.£20m (December: c.£14m). All sales to date have been completed in line with target price levels. Following further progress post period end, as at 14 September 91% of the units are now sold or reserved.
- Finally, at Momentum Rainham, (an 80:20 JV with Barings), a four unit NZC I&L development, HBD
  continue to progress discussions with potential occupiers, with letting activity in the mid and large box
  market in Greater London remaining limited in H1 25.

HBD's future total development pipeline has grown to £1.5bn GDV (HBD share: £1.3bn GDV). All these opportunities sit within the Company's three key markets of I&L (56%), Urban Commercial (22%) and Urban Residential (22%).

Post half year, HBD has been appointed the development partner of 'Duxford AvTech', adding £162m GDV to its development pipeline. The project totals 435,000 sq ft and is set to create a technology campus that will be at the intersection of academia, industry and government, dedicated to developing low and zero carbon aircraft technology at IWM Duxford, 8 miles south of Cambridge city centre. HBD is targeting high sustainability credentials for the new campus, including BREEAM Excellent and an EPC A+ Rating.

## Investment portfolio – key stats

	Jun 2025	Dec 2024
Market values - inc. share of JVs	£96.1m	£107.4m
Total Area - '000 sq ft	607	767
'Topped-up' net initial yield	5.7%	5.5%
Reversionary yield	6.8%	6.7%
WAULT to Expiry <sup>1</sup>	10.0 years	9.7 years
Occupancy <sup>2</sup>	94%	94%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Weighted average unexpired lease term (WAULT) on commercial properties

The IP has continued to outperform the wider market, with a total property return of 5.7% for H1, which was ahead of the total return from the CBRE UK Monthly Index (4.2%). Since 2022, HBD has focused on recycling capital from its investment portfolio rather than acquiring standing investments, completing on c.£59.4m sales over the past 4 years at an average premium of 16%. This has continued in H1 25, with HBD exchanging and/or completing on four sales, for a total of £17.7m representing an average 12% premium to December 2024 book values. This includes TWO45, Skelmersdale, where we secured planning for 245,000 sq ft of industrial space, representing a 66% increase in size on the original building. The sale to Garbe, a German fund, for £9.5m was completed in June and generated an ungeared IRR of 25% p.a.

As a result of sales, the total value of the IP (including our share of completed JV investment properties and assets held for sale) stands at £96.1m (December 2024: £107.4m). On a like-for-like basis capital values increased by 2.0% in H1 25, with rental value growth of 2.9% for the I&L assets which represent 73% of the total portfolio by value. During the period, occupancy remained at 94% (December 2024: 94%) with the weighted average unexpired lease term now 10.0 years (8.3 years to first break).

Currently, 90% of the IP (based on floor area) has an EPC rating of 'C' or higher, with 52% being rated 'A' or 'B'. The 10% of the portfolio that does not have an EPC within the target range is allocated for either redevelopment, refurbishment or sale in the short to medium term.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>As a percentage of completed property portfolio estimated rental value (ERV)

# **Home building**

The results of SBH have been reclassified from Property investment and development to be reported as Home building and the prior period restated. SBH delivered 85 home completions in H1 25 (H1 24: 90) and revenue of £30.0m (H1 24: £29.2m) with an operating loss of £(2.0)m (H1 24: £(0.5)m). The average sales price (ASP) for private units completed in the period was £391,000, a 3% increase on the same period last year (H1 24: £381,000). Housing completions in 2025 are expected to be H2 weighted in line with previous years.

According to Nationwide, after taking account of seasonal effects, UK house prices increased by 0.6% during H1 25, with growth impacted by the increase in stamp duty at the start of April. According to the National House Building Council, the number of new homes registered in H1 25 was up 16% on H1 24, but the level of completions remains 47% below the H1 22 peak. Recent changes to the planning system are taking time to feed into an improvement in the time taken to secure detailed planning consent, and as a result at 30 June 2025 SBH was operating from 9 active sales outlets, compared to our budget expectations of 12 outlets.

The net private reservation rate per active sales outlet per week in H1 25 was 0.45 (H1 24: 0.50). Following a slower start to the year the sales rate increased to 0.51 in Q2 25, compared to 0.38 in Q1 25. We have seen good interest at recently launched sites with pricing levels remaining stable across our regions. There continues to be some cost inflation, but it is currently running at a manageable rate.

Whilst many of our customers remain cautious, and mortgage rates have not fallen as quickly as anticipated at the start of the year, our private sales rate has also been impacted by several of our active sites nearing the end of their sales programme and consequently not offering the full product range. The net private weekly reservation rate for the 6 weeks to 14 September was 0.38. Due to a slower outlet opening profile and softer market conditions in recent months we now expect total home completions for 2025 to be c.240-250.

SBH's total owned and controlled land bank stands at 2,487 plots (December 2024: 1,726), equating to a healthy 9 years' supply based on completions in the last 12 months. Three sites were added in the period at Whitby, Wynyard and Kingston Village, which together have the potential to deliver 846 homes. A further 406 plots are under offer across four sites, which will grow our presence in both the Midlands and the North East. The consented land bank now stands at 945 plots (December 2024: 862) and we expect to be selling from around 15 outlets, across all three of our targeted regions: Yorkshire, North East and the Midlands in 2026.

#### Construction

The group's construction segment, which includes HBC, BP and Road Link (A69), delivered an operating profit of £1.9m (June 2024: £2.9m).

The UK construction market remained challenging during H1 25 with the volume of new work contracting by 7.1% since late-2022 according to data from the Office for National Statistics. The S&P Global UK Construction Purchasing Managers Index shows that total activity has fallen during 2025, with a reduction in housing, commercial and civil engineering activity.

HBC has now secured 94% of its orderbook for 2025 and is on track to secure turnover in line with budget. In H1 25, HBC secured a £16m contract for the National Centre for Child Health Technology in Sheffield, a new world-class research and technology centre for children and young people. HBC has also been appointed to deliver a £10m restoration of a historic University of Huddersfield building.

Today we have announced that it has been agreed to sell the entire issued share capital of HBC to PWS, a company newly formed by the HBC management team, for £4.0m, which is being funded by PWS in the form of a vendor loan from the group. The transaction also provides for additional overage payable to the group in the future based on certain

performance criteria. The sale is in line with the group's strategic focus on three key areas of high-quality land, prime property development and premium homes. HBC is not part of the group's medium term growth strategy and makes only a small contribution to group profits.

The transaction is expected to complete around the year end. The excess of the carrying value of the vendor loan above the net assets being disposed of will be reflected as a profit on disposal. The group will continue to provide temporary support to HBC under a transitional services agreement, with operational oversight from two Henry Boot representatives on the HBC board until the point when the vendor loan has been repaid.

Banner Plant and Road Link (A69) are both trading in line with management expectations. Road Link has entered the final 7 months of the PFI contract.

## **Financial review**

#### Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

Group revenue for the period increased 19.2% to £126.4m (H1 24: £106.0m) with transactional activity in land promotion and property development increasing on the prior period, despite relatively subdued housing and commercial real estate markets. Stonebridge delivered 85 plot completions (H1 24: 90) with most of their activity weighted to H2.

Gross profit was up 29.6% on the prior period at £32.0m (H1 24: £24.7m) a solid performance. With the increase being delivered by plot disposals in the land promotion segment which increased to 1,222 plots (H1 24: 843) resulting from increased freehold sales in the period at an average gross profit per plot of £16k (H1 24: £10k).

Administrative expenses increased £2.7m on the prior period (H1 24: decreased £0.1m) with continued investment in our people, systems, brand and due to a one-off bad debt recovery in the prior year.

Fair value of investment properties increased £0.9m (H1 24: increase £0.1m) with group assets performing ahead of the CBRE index. Profits on sale of investment properties were £1.4m (H1 24: £nil), including £1.0m from assets held for sale (H1 24: £nil). The group's share of losses from joint ventures and associates was £1.2m (H1 24: £1.9m profit), including investment property valuation losses of £0.4m (H1 24: £0.1m gain).

Property revaluation gains/(loss)	H1 25	H1 24	2024
	£'m	£'m	£'m
Wholly owned investment property:			
- Completed investment property	1.3	_	1.2
- Investment property in the course of construction	_	_	3.3
	1.3	_	4.5
Joint ventures and associates:			
- Completed investment property	<del>_</del>	0.1	0.1
- Investment property in the course of construction	(0.4)	_	_
	_	_	0.1
	0.9	0.1	4.6

This results in an operating profit of £10.2m (H1 24: £5.9m) which generated a profit before tax<sup>1</sup> of £7.8m on a statutory basis or £6.5m on an underlying basis (H1 24: £3.7m statutory or £3.6m underlying). Earnings per share follows the above, increasing to 4.8p (H1 24: 2.8p).

#### Return on capital employed

Higher operating profits in the period resulted in an increase in return on capital employed (ROCE) to 9.1% on a rolling 12 month basis (H1 24: 4.9%). Over a 12-month period we continue to believe a target return of 10-15% is appropriate for our current operating model.

## Finance and gearing

Financing costs were £4.0m (H1 24: £4.3m) reflecting the impact of lower borrowing levels and interest rates. This is partially offset by finance income of £1.7m (H1 24: £2.1m) as an element of financing costs are recovered through our joint venture arrangements.

At 30 June 2025, net debt was £88.1m (H1 24: £103.9m). This reflects recycling of assets into cash offset by additional investment in strategic and residential land and work in progress. Debt levels are forecast to remain broadly consistent in H2 as profits continue to be reinvested in acquiring key residential sites and progressing planning on strategic land sites to deliver future growth.

As a result of the decrease in debt in H1, gearing levels have fallen to 21.4% (H1 24: 25.5%) and while above our preferred operating range of 10%–20% we remain within the board approved limit of 30%.

#### Cash flows

Having refinanced in FY 24, the group has a secured financing facility in place to 2029 of up to £180m.

Operating cash inflows before movements in working capital were £11.5m (H1 24: £6.6m).

Working capital requirements have increased due to continued progression of residential and strategic land investments, resulting in outflows of £21.2m (H1 24: £13.4m) which in turn meant that operations generated outflows of £9.7m (H1 24: £6.8m). After interest paid of £3.1m (H1 24: £3.6m) and tax paid of £4.8m (H1 24: £3.9m) net cash outflows from operating activities were £17.6m (H1 24: £14.2m).

In January 2025, the group completed the acquisition of the first tranche of Stonebridge Homes, increasing its ownership to 62.5% for cash consideration of £10.0m (H1 24: £nil) and increased investment in associates of £2.8m (H1 24: nil), these investments are offset by proceeds on disposal of investment property of £5.0m (H1 24: £0.2m) and assets held for sale of £9.3m (H1 24 £nil) resulting in net cash outflows from investing activities of £0.1m (H1 24: £4.1m).

The final dividend on ordinary shares for FY 24 increased by 5% to £6.2m (H1 24: £5.9m).

## Statement of financial position

Total non-current assets were £193.0m (31 December 2024: £161.5m). Significant movements arose as follows:

- an increase in non-current trade receivables of £36.4m (31 December 2024: £8.5m) due to the ageing of receivables due from joint venture arrangements;
- the pension scheme asset has decreased £3.0m to £6.9m (31 December 2024: £9.9m); and,
- an increase in investments in joint ventures and associates of £4.4m to £17.7m (31 December 2024: £13.3m), being additional investments of £5.6m offset by losses generated of £1.2m (H1 24: £1.8m profit).

Current assets were £34.2m lower at £427.9m (31 December 2024: £462.1m) resulting from:

- lower trade and other receivables of £57.2m (31 December 2024: £90.5m), due to the ageing of receivables due from joint ventures arrangements;
- A £10.4m uplift in inventories to £343.3m (31 December 2024: £332.9m) due to investment in our strategic and home builder land banks;
- cash and cash equivalents which were £6.9m lower at £9.9m (31 December 2024: £16.8m) due to current cash requirements and timing on loan repayments; and,
- assets held for sale which decreased £5.4m following the disposal of a mutli-let industrial led business park in the property investment and development segment.

Total liabilities rose to £208.8m (31 December 2024: £198.5m) with the most significant changes arising from:

- trade and other payables, including contract liabilities, decreased £5.5m to £101.2m (31 December 2024: £106.7m) due to payables of sizeable land purchases made on deferred terms; and,
- borrowings, including lease liabilities, increased to £94.6m (31 December 2024: £75.5m) as the Group continues to invest in strategic and home building land assets through the year with many transactions completing in H2.

Profit for the year less dividends paid were broadly neutral in H1. The acquisition of a further 12.5% interest in Stonebridge Homes recognised directly through equity along with an actuarial loss on the defined benefit pension scheme saw net assets decrease to £412.1m (31 December 2024: £425.1m) with the net asset value per share decreasing by 3.1% to 307p (31 December 2024: 317p), an underlying decrease of 2.6% to 304p (December 2024: 312p) when excluding the defined benefit pension scheme surplus net of tax liability.

#### NOTES:

- Underlying profit before tax is an alternative performance measure (APM) and is defined as profit before tax excluding revaluation movements on completed investment properties. Revaluation movement on completed investment properties includes gains of £1.3m (2024: £nil) on wholly owned completed investment property and gains of £nil (2024: £0.1m) on completed investment property held in joint ventures. This APM provides the users with a measure that excludes specific external factors beyond management's controls and reflects the group's underlying results. This measure is used in the business in appraising senior management performance.
- Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) is an APM and is defined as operating profit/ average of total assets less current liabilities (excluding DB pension surplus) at the opening and closing balance sheet dates.
- <sup>3</sup> Net Asset Value (NAV) per share is an APM and is defined using the statutory measures net assets/ordinary share capital.
- Net (debt)/cash is an APM and is reconciled to statutory measures in note 14.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

for the half year ended 30 June 2025

	Half year	Half year	Year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2025	2024	2024
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue	126,424	106,047	328,379
Cost of sales	(94,454)	(81,373)	(253,836)
Gross profit	31,970	24,674	74,543
Administrative expenses	(23,350)	(20,689)	(47,317)
	8,620	3,985	27,226
Increase/(decrease) in fair value of investment properties	1,320	(28)	4,464
Profit on sale of investment properties	465	37	102
Profit on sale of assets held for sale	958	_	_
Share of (loss)/profit of joint ventures and associates	(1,197)	1,860	2,431
Operating profit	10,166	5,854	34,223
Finance income	1,661	2,116	5,115
Finance costs	(4,029)	(4,283)	(8,678)
Profit before tax	7,798	3,687	30,660
Tax	(1,871)	(478)	(7,030)
Profit for the period from continuing operations	5,927	3,209	23,630
Revaluation of group occupied property	_	(14)	64

Deferred tax on property revaluations	_	(48)	(67
Actuarial (loss)/gain on defined benefit pension scheme	(3,052)	2,024	2,196
Deferred tax on actuarial (loss)/gain	763	(506)	(549
Total other comprehensive (expense)/income not being reclassified to profit on subsequent periods	or loss (2,289)	1,456	1,644
Total comprehensive income for the period	3,638	4,665	25,274
Profit for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Parent Company	6,391	3,689	23,333
Non-controlling interests	(464)	(480)	29
	5,927	3,209	23,630
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Owners of the Parent Company	4,102	5,145	24,977
Non-controlling interests	(464)	(480)	297
	3,638	4,665	25,274
Basic earnings per ordinary share for the profit attributable to owners of the Parent Company during the period	4.8p	2.8p	17.4բ
Diluted earnings per ordinary share for the profit attributable to owners of the Parent Company during the period	4.6p	2.7p	17.0ր
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED	D)		
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Liabilities

**Current liabilities** 

Trade and other payables	85,966	82,578	89,820
Contract liabilities	3,471	4,915	4,882
Current tax liabilities	105	3,304	2,909
Borrowings	94,052	111,929	74,443
Lease liabilities	863	898	895
Provisions	2,756	3,177	1,723
	187,213	206,801	174,672
Net current assets	240,641	236,565	287,438
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11,740	13,647	11,991
Borrowings	526	2,083	1,092
Lease liabilities	2,592	3,389	3,017
Deferred tax liability	6,720	5,896	7,568
Provisions	_	422	154
	21,578	25,437	23,822
Net assets	412,065	408,144	425,148
Equity			
Share capital	13,803	13,799	13,801
Property revaluation reserve	1,008	949	1,008
Retained earnings	388,864	383,181	399,791
Other reserves	8,318	8,252	8,293
Cost of shares held by ESOP trust	(645)	(645)	(645)
Equity attributable to owners of the Parent Company	411,348	405,536	422,248
Non-controlling interests	717	2,608	2,900
Total equity	412,065	408,144	425,148

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)** for the half year ended 30 June 2025

	Attributable to owners of the Parent Company							
					Cost of			
		Property			shares held		Non-	
	Share	revaluation	Retained	Other	by ESOP		controlling	Total
	capital	reserve	earnings	reserves	trust	Total	interests	equity
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 January 2024	13,799	1,011	383,219	8,248	(875)	405,402	4,716	410,118
Profit for the period	_	_	3,689	_	_	3,689	(480)	3,209
Other comprehensive expense	_	(62)	1,518	_	_	1,456	_	1,456
Total comprehensive income	_	(62)	5,207	_	_	5,145	(480)	4,665
Equity dividends	_	_	(5,890)	_	_	(5,890)	(1,628)	(7,518)
Proceeds from shares issued	_	_		4	_	4	_	4
Share-based payments	_		645	_	230	875	_	875
	_	_	(5,245)	4	230	(5,011)	(1,628)	(6,639)
At 30 June 2024 (unaudited)	13,799	949	383,181	8,252	(645)	405,536	2,608	408,144

At 1 January 2024	13,799	1,011	383,219	8,248	(875)	405,402	4,716	410,118
Profit for the year	<del></del>	_	23,333	_	_	23,333	297	23,630
Other comprehensive expense	_	(3)	1,647		_	1,644		1,644
Total comprehensive income	_	(3)	24,980	_	_	24,977	297	25,274
Transfer between reserves	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Equity dividends	_	_	(10,019)	_	_	(10,019)	(2,113)	(12,132)
Purchase of treasury shares	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Proceeds from shares issued	2	_	_	45	_	47	_	47
Share-based payments		_	1,611	_	230	1,841	_	1,841
	2	_	(8,408)	45	230	(8,131)	(2,113)	(10,244)
At 31 December 2024 (audited)	13,801	1,008	399,791	8,293	(645)	422,248	2,900	425,148
Profit for the period	_	_	6,391	_	_	6,391	(464)	5,927
Other comprehensive income		_	(2,289)	_	_	(2,289)	_	(2,289)
Total comprehensive income	_	_	4,102	_	_	4,102	(464)	3,638
Equity dividends	_	_	(6,190)	_	_	(6,190)	(1,455)	(7,645)
Equity dividends Investment in subsidiary		_	(6,190) (9,778)	_ _	_	(6,190) (9,778)	(1,455) (264)	(7,645) (10,042)
• •	_ _ _ 2	_ _ _		_ _ 25	_ _ _	,		,
Investment in subsidiary	_ _ 2 _	_ _ _		  25 	_ _ _ _	(9,778)		(10,042)
Investment in subsidiary Proceeds from shares issued		  	(9,778)	  25  25	_ _ _ _ _	(9,778) 27		(10,042) 27

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)** for the half year ended 30 June 2025

	Half year	Half year	Year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2025	2024	2024
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	(9,716)	(6,761)	42,573
Interest paid	(3,123)	(3,575)	(7,772)
Tax paid	(4,761)	(3,857)	(9,235)
Net cash flows from operating activities	(17,600)	(14,193)	25,566
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of subsidiary	(10,000)	_	_
Purchase of investment in associates	(2,838)	_	_
Purchase of intangible assets	(5)	_	_
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(125)	(375)	(1,391)
Purchase of investment property	(1,170)	(43)	(96)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment (excluding assets held for hire)	123	66	272
Proceeds on disposal of assets held for sale	9,288	_	_
Proceeds on disposal of investment properties	4,982	176	625

Repayment of loans from joint ventures and associates	803	1,004	13,456
Advances to joint ventures and associates	(2,123)	(8,266)	(17,410)
Distributions received from joint ventures and associates	_	1,500	2,850
Interest received	918	1,851	3,695
Net cash flows from investing activities	(147)	(4,087)	2,001
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from shares issued	27	4	47
Advances/(Payments to) from joint ventures and associates	11	(71)	(75)
Decrease in borrowings	(40,957)	(7,722)	(56,117)
Increase in borrowings	60,000	35,216	45,134
Principal element of lease payments	(457)	(284)	(694)
Dividends paid - ordinary shares	(6,180)	(5,879)	(9,998)
<ul> <li>non-controlling interests</li> </ul>	(1,505)	(1,628)	(2,113)
<ul><li>preference shares</li></ul>	(10)	(11)	(21)
Net cash flows from financing activities	10,929	19,625	(23,837)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(6,818)	1,345	3,730
Net cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	16,764	13,034	13,034
Net cash and cash equivalents at end of period	9,946	14,379	16,764

#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the half year ended 30 June 2025

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company is a public limited company, listed on the London Stock Exchange and incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The address of its registered office: is Isaacs Building, 4 Charles Street, Sheffield, United Kingdom, S1 2HS.

The financial information set out above does not comprise statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 434 of the Companies Act 2006 and is neither audited nor reviewed. The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, which were prepared in accordance with UK-adopted International Accounting Standards, have been reported on by the group's auditors and delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The Independent Auditors' Report was unqualified and did not contain any statement under Section 498 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The half-yearly financial information has been prepared in accordance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority and with UK adopted International Accounting Standard IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

The half-yearly financial information has been prepared using the same accounting policies and methods of computation as compared with the annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

A number of other standards, amendments and interpretations became effective from 1 January 2025, which do not have a material impact on the group's financial statements or accounting policies.

#### Going Concern

The group meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through a secured loan facility. The facility was renewed on 21 May 2024, at a level of £125m, for a period of three years and extended by one year in May 2025 with the ability to extend by one more year in May 2026 taking the facility renewal to 21 May 2029 on comparable terms to the existing agreement. The facility includes an accordion to increase the facility by up to £60m, increasing the overall facility to

£185m. The group increased the facility on 21 March 2025 to £140m, which increased headroom over the going concern period.

The Directors have considered the group's principal risk areas, including the risk of economic slowdown, that they consider material to the assessment of going concern.

The Directors have prepared forecasts to 31 December 2026 covering a base case and severe downside scenario.

Having conducted significant stress testing at the year-end they have further considered the outcome of our half year position and their latest forecasts, while taking into account the current trading conditions, the markets in which the group's businesses operate and associated credit risks together with the available committed banking facilities and the potential mitigations that can be taken, to protect operating profits and cash flows.

The severe downside scenario considered includes short-term curtailment in transactional activity and percentage reductions in other activities mirroring recent downturn experiences. This is followed by a short to medium-term recovery, coupled with the ability to manage future expenditure as described in the 2024 Annual Report.

As reported in the 2024 Annual Report, the most sensitive covenant in our facilities relates to the ratio of EBIT (Earnings Before Interest and Tax) on a 12-month rolling basis to senior facility finance costs. Our downside modelling, which reflects a 26% reduction in revenue and 63% reduction in profit before tax from our base case for 2025, demonstrates significant headroom over this covenant throughout the forecast period to the end of December 2026.

Their review supports the view that the group will have adequate resources, liquidity and available bank facilities to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the half-yearly financial information.

#### Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of half-yearly financial information requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing these half-yearly financial statements, the significant judgements made by management in applying the group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

For the purpose of the Board making strategic decisions, the group is currently organised into four operating segments: Property investment and development; Home building; Land promotion; and Construction. Group overheads are not a reportable segment; however, information about them is considered by the Board in conjunction with the reportable segments.

During the year, the group added a new operating segment – Home building – following the acquisition of a further 12.5% interest in Stonebridge Homes which now stands at 62.5%. The segment was identified based on the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker, being the Board of Henry Boot. The Home building segment is managed separately due to its distinct nature and customer profile. Comparative results have been restated.

Operations are carried out entirely within the United Kingdom.

Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market prices.

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the group's accounting policies, as detailed above.

Segment profit represents the profit earned by each segment before tax and is consistent with the measure reported to the group's Board for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

Half year ended 30 June 2025 Unaudited

	Property						
	investment						
	and	Home	Land		Group		
	development	building	promotion	Construction	overheads	Eliminations	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue							
External sales	30,969	29,968	31,936	33,551	_	_	126,424
Inter-segment sales	194	_	_	7,474	48	(7,716)	_
Total revenue	31,163	29,968	31,936	41,025	48	(7,716)	126,424
Gross profit/(loss)	5,015	1,452	18,980	6,517	10	(4)	31,970
Administrative expenses	(5,809)	(3,498)	(5,214)	(4,635)	(4,198)	4	(23,350)
Other operating income	1,546	_	_	_	_	_	1,546
Operating profit/(loss)	752	(2,046)	13,766	1,882	(4,188)	_	10,166
Finance income	651	_	499	364	293	(146)	1,661
Finance costs	(34)	(2)	(491)	(203)	(3,472)	173	(4,029)
Profit/(loss) before tax	1,369	(2,048)	13,774	2,043	(7,367)	27	7,798
Tax	(461)	671	(3,444)	(469)	1,832	_	(1,871)
Profit/(loss) for the period	908	(1,377)	10,330	1,574	(5,535)	27	5,927

Half year ended 30 June 20	24 Unaudited
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-	Property						
	investment						
	and	Home	Land		Group		
	development	building	promotion	Construction	overheads	Eliminations	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue							
External sales	20,709	29,169	13,022	43,147	_	_	106,047
Inter-segment sales	204	_	_	355	84	(643)	
Total revenue	20,913	29,169	13,022	43,502	84	(643)	106,047
Gross profit	5,876	2,617	8,944	7,223	14	_	24,674
Administrative expenses	(4,545)	(3,165)	(4,745)	(4,326)	(3,908)	_	(20,689)
Other operating income/(expense)	1,870	_	(1)	_	_	_	1,869
Operating profit/(loss)	3,201	(548)	4,198	2,897	(3,894)	_	5,854
Finance income	1,547	_	274	249	173	(127)	2,116
Finance costs	(25)	_	(716)	(243)	(3,453)	154	(4,283)
Profit/(loss) before tax	4,723	(548)	3,756	2,903	(7,174)	27	3,687
Tax	206	(822)	(939)	(716)	1,793	_	(478)
Profit/(loss) for the year	4,929	(1,370)	2,817	2,187	(5,381)	27	3,209

	Property						
	investment				0		
	and development	Home building	Land promotion	Construction	Group overheads	Eliminations	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue							
External sales	69,194	100,745	78,036	80,404		_	328,379
Inter-segment sales	387	_	_	777	150	(1,314)	_
Total revenue	69,581	100,745	78,036	81,181	150	(1,314)	328,379
Gross profit/(loss)	17,848	9,130	33,747	13,823	4	(9)	74,543
Administrative expenses	(9,929)	(7,270)	(9,456)	(8,935)	(11,736)	9	(47,317)
Other operating income	6,997	_	_	_	_	_	6,997
Operating profit/(loss)	14,916	1,860	24,291	4,888	(11,732)	_	34,223
Finance income	5,486	45	1,784	486	36,183	(38,869)	5,115
Finance costs	(85)	_	(1,517)	(506)	(6,891)	321	(8,678)
Profit/(loss) before tax	20,317	1,905	24,558	4,868	17,560	(38,548)	30,660
Tax	(3,681)	1,023	(6,482)	(1,479)	3,589	_	(7,030)
Profit/(loss) for the year	16,636	2,928	18,076	3,389	21,149	(38,548)	23,630
Sogment coacts					£'000	£'000	£'000
					£'000	£'000	£'000
Segment assets					007 004	000.005	0.40,000
Property investment and develop	pment				237,301	262,665	246,892
Home building					126,280 195,974	109,686 192,532	120,770 183,539
Land promotion  Construction					37,334	43,209	37,896
Group overheads					6,879	7,897	7,632
- Croup overneads					603,768	615,989	596,729
Unallocated assets					000,100	010,000	000,720
Retirement benefit assets					6,923	9,800	9,930
Deferred tax assets					219	214	219
Cash and cash equivalents					9,946	14,379	16,764
Total assets					620,856	640,382	623,642
Segment liabilities							
Property investment and develop	pment				27,413	24,338	24,870
Home building					21,422	17,458	21,948
Land promotion					27,095	34,260	38,767
Construction					23,657	25,222	18,082
Group overheads					4,346	3,461	4,903

108,570

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#### **Unallocated liabilities**

Current tax liabilities	105	3,304	2,909
Deferred tax liabilities	6,720	5,896	7,568
Current lease liabilities	863	898	895
Current borrowings	94,052	111,929	74,443
Non-current lease liabilities	2,592	3,389	3,017
Non-current borrowings	526	2,083	1,092
Total liabilities	208,791	232,238	198,494
Total net assets	412,065	408,144	425,148

#### 4. REVENUE

The group's revenue is derived from contracts with customers. In the following table, revenue is disaggregated by primary activity, being the group's operating segments and timing of revenue recognition:

		Timing of revenue recognition			Timing of revenue recognition	
Activity in the United Kingdom	30 June 2025 Unaudited £'000	At a point in time	Over time	30 June 2024 Unaudited £'000	At a point in time	Over time
Construction contracts:						
- Construction	19,142	_	19,142	28,632	_	28,632
- Property investment and development	21,169	_	21,169	11,398	_	11,398
Sale of land and properties:						
- Property investment and development	6,723	6,723	_	6,186	6,186	_
- Home builder unit sales	29,968	29,968	_	29,156	29,156	_
- Land promotion	31,850	31,850	_	12,926	12,926	_
PFI concession	6,927	6,927	_	6,797	6,797	_
Revenue from contracts with customers	115,779	75,468	40,311	95,095	55,065	40,030
Plant and equipment hire	7,482			7,718		
Investment property rental income	3,077			3,126		
Other rental income – property development	_			12		
Other rental income – land promotion	86			96		
	126,424			106,047		

# 5. EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE

Earnings per ordinary share is calculated on the weighted average number of shares in issue being 134,017,794 (30 June 2024: 133,986,686). Diluted earnings per ordinary share is calculated on the weighted average number of shares in issue adjusted for the effects of any dilutive potential ordinary shares.

# 6. DIVIDENDS

Half year Half y	ear Year
<b>ended</b> en	led ended
<b>30 June</b> 30 J	ine 31 December
<b>2025</b> 2	2024
<b>Unaudited</b> Unaud	ted Audited
£'000 £	£'000

Amounts recognised as distributions to equity holders in period:

Preference dividend on cumulative preference shares	10	11	21
Interim dividend for the year ended 31 December 2024 of 3.08p per share (2023: 2.93p)	_	_	4,119
Final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2024 of 4.62p per share (2023: 4.40p)	6,180	5,879	5,879
	6,190	5,890	10,019

An interim dividend amounting to £4,325,000 (2024: £4,119,000) will be paid on 24 October 2025 to shareholders whose names are on the register at the close of business on 3 October 2025. The proposed interim dividend has not been approved at the date of the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and so has not been included as a liability in these Financial Statements.

# 7. TAX

Half year	Half year	Year
ended	ended	ended
30 June	30 June	31 December
2025	2024	2024
Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
£'000	£'000	£'000
2,239	455	6,207
(281)	54	(751)
1,958	509	5,456
(87)	(31)	1,574
(87)	(31)	1,574
1,871	478	7,030
	ended 30 June 2025 Unaudited £'000  2,239 (281) 1,958	ended ended 30 June 30 June 2025 2024 Unaudited Unaudited £'000 £'000  2,239 455 (281) 54  1,958 509  (87) (31) (87) (31)

Corporation tax is calculated at 25% (31 December 2024: 25%) of the estimated assessable profit for the period being management's estimate of the weighted average corporation tax rate for the period. The group's effective rate of tax of 24.0% is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax due to income from joint ventures and associates which is reported net of tax.

# 8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

		Investment	
	Completed	property	
	investment	under	
	property	construction	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fair value			
At 1 January 2025 (audited)	96,275	_	96,275
Subsequent expenditure on investment property	751	419	1,170
Amortisation of capitalised letting fees	(9)	_	(9)
Disposals	(4,517)	_	(4,517)
Transfer to assets held for sale	(2,920)	_	(2,920)
Transfer from inventory	_	272	272
Increase in fair value in period	1,320	_	1,320
At 30 June 2025 (unaudited)	90,900	691	91,591
Adjustment in respect of tenant incentives	2,104	_	2,104
Market value at 30 June 2025	93,004	691	93,695

Fair value			
At 1 January 2024 (audited)	100,602	_	100,602
Subsequent expenditure on investment property	43	_	43
Amortisation of capitalised letting fees	(10)	_	(10)
Disposals	(139)	_	(139)
Transfer to assets held for sale	_	_	_
Decrease in fair value in period	(28)	_	(28)
At 30 June 2024 (unaudited)	100,468	_	100,468
Adjustment in respect of tenant incentives	3,017	_	3,017
Market value at 30 June 2024	103,485	_	103,485
Fair value			
At 1 January 2024	100,602	_	100,602
Subsequent expenditure on investment property	73	3	76
Capitalised letting fees	20	_	20
Amortisation of capitalised letting fees	(34)	_	(34)
Disposals	(523)	_	(523)
Transfer to assets held for sale	_	(8,330)	(8,330)
Transfers from investment property under construction	(5,030)	5,030	_
Increase in fair value in period	1,167	3,297	4,464
At 31 December 2024 (audited)	96,275	_	96,275
Adjustment in respect of tenant incentives	2,867	_	2,867
Market value at 31 December 2024	99,142	_	99,142

At 30 June 2025, the group had entered into contractual commitments for the acquisition and repair of investment property amounting to £2,300,000 (31 December 2024: £nil).

# 9. BORROWINGS

	Half year	Half year	Year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2025	2024	2024
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Bank loans	92,500	110,000	72,500
Sale and leaseback	2,078	4,012	3,035
	94,578	114,012	75,535
Movements in borrowings are analysed as follows:			£'000
At 1 January 2025			75,535
Secured bank loans			60,000
Repayment of secured bank loans			(40,000)
New leases of sale and leaseback			_
Repayment of sale and leaseback			(957)
At 30 June 2025			94,578

Bank loans include the group's revolving loan facility which runs to May 2028 and is drawn for durations of up to six months.

# 10. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

Since 31 December 2024, the following movements on provisions for liabilities and charges have occurred:

- The road maintenance provision represents management's best estimate of the group's liability under a five-year rolling programme for the maintenance of the group's PFI asset. During the period £1,093,000 has been utilised and additional provisions of £1,477,000 have been made, all of which were due to normal operating procedures.
- The Land promotion provision represents management's best estimate of the group's liability to provide infrastructure and service obligations, which remain with the group following the disposal of land. During the period, £767,000 has been utilised and additional provisions of £1,262,000 have been made.

#### 11. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEME

The main financial assumptions used in the valuation of the liabilities of the scheme under IAS 19 are:

	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2025	2024	2024
	%	%	%
Retail Prices Index (RPI)	2.80	3.20	3.05
Consumer Prices Index (CPI)	2.45	2.65	2.65
Rate in increase to pensions in payment liable for Limited Price Indexation (LPI)	2.45	2.65	2.65
Revaluation of deferred pensions	2.45	2.65	2.65
Liabilities discount rate	5.65	5.20	5.55

Amounts recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in respect of the scheme are as follows:

	Half year	Half year	Year
	Ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2025	2024	2024
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Service cost:			
Ongoing scheme expenses	358	353	698
Net interest income	(273)	(174)	(347)
Pension Protection Fund	7	22	36
Pension expenses recognised in profit or loss	92	201	387
Remeasurement on the net defined benefit liability:			
Return on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest expense)	4,519	6,794	12,978
Actuarial gains arising from changes in demographic assumptions	_	_	(255)
Actuarial gains arising from experience adjustments	(3,614)	(9,226)	(15,088)
Actuarial losses arising from changes in financial assumptions	2,147	408	169
Actuarial losses/(gains) recognised in other comprehensive income	3,052	(2,024)	(2,196)
Total	3,144	(1,823)	(1,809)

The amount included in the Statement of Financial Position arising from the group's obligations in respect of the scheme is as follows:

	Half year	Half year	Year
	Ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2025	2024	2024
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Present value of scheme obligations	(136,175)	(145,396)	(138,220)
Fair value of scheme assets	143,098	155,196	148,150
	6,923	9,800	9,930

# 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There have been no material transactions with related parties during the period.

There have been no material changes to the related party arrangements as reported in note 29 to the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Half year

Half year

875

(51)

939

228

Year

Transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note.

# 13. SHARE CAPITAL

Share-based payment expense

Pension scheme debit/(credit)

	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2025	2024	2024
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	£'000	£'000	£'000
400,000 5.25% cumulative preference shares of £1 each (31 December 2024: 400,000)	400	400	400
134,026,296 ordinary shares of 10p each (31 December 2024: 134,010,541)	13,403	13,399	13,401
	13,803	13,799	13,801
14. CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS			
	Half year	Half year	Year
	ended	ended	ended
	30 June	30 June	31 December
	2025	2024	2024
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Profit before tax	7,798	3,687	30,660
Adjustments for:			
Amortisation of PFI asset	251	268	522
Goodwill impairment	_	102	1,040
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,993	2,325	4,063
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	437	435	857
Revaluation (increase)/decrease in investment properties	(1,320)	28	(4,464)
Amortisation of capitalised letting fees	9	10	34

1,841

338

(Profit)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment (excluding equipment held for hire)	(105)	36	(151)
Profit on disposal of equipment held for hire	(327)	(789)	(1,156)
Profit on disposal of investment properties	(465)	(37)	(102)
Profit on disposal of assets held for sale	(958)	_	_
Finance income	(1,661)	(2,116)	(5,115)
Finance costs	4,029	4,283	8,678
Share of loss/(profit) of joint ventures and associates	1,197	(1,860)	(2,431)
Operating cash flows before movements in equipment held for hire	12,045	7,196	34,614
Purchase of equipment held for hire	(1,078)	(1,666)	(4,183)
Proceeds on disposal of equipment held for hire	509	1,073	1,550
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	11,476	6,603	31,981
Increase in inventories	(10,699)	(52,784)	(35,253)
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(4,147)	16,961	18,791
(Increase)/decrease in contract assets	(801)	(192)	966
(Decrease)/increase in payables	(4,134)	18,796	22,266
(Decrease)/increase in contract liabilities	(1,411)	3,855	3,822
Cash generated from operations	(9,716)	(6,761)	42,573

Net debt is an alternative performance measure used by the group and comprises the following:

Analysis of net debt:			
Cash and cash equivalents	9,946	14,379	16,764
Bank overdrafts	_	_	_
Net cash and cash equivalents	9,946	14,379	16,764
Bank loans	(92,500)	(110,000)	(72,500)
Other loans – sale and leaseback	(2,078)	(4,012)	(3,035)
Lease liabilities	(3,455)	(4,287)	(3,912)
Net debt	(88,087)	(103,920)	(62,683)

#### 15. GROUP RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Directors consider that the principal risks and uncertainties which could have a material impact on Henry Boot's performance over the remaining six months of 2025 remain consistent with those set out in the Strategic Report on pages 71 to 78 of the group's Annual Report and Financial Statements. These risks and uncertainties are:

External markets; Sustainability targets; Underperformance of subsidiaries; Reputational incident; Loss of critical systems; Business continuity incident, attract; Retain and develop workforce; Loss of key personnel; Health, safety and environment; Execution; Failure to adhere to regulations; Adverse changes in regulations; Funding; Erosion of profits; Fraud.

The Directors remain cautiously optimistic about our markets as the UK continues on a path of recovery. Interest rates trending downwards and changes in the national planning policy framework are supportive, yet the geopolitical environment continues to be volatile and improvement is marginal.

Henry Boot operates a system of internal control and risk management in order to provide assurance that it is managing risk while achieving our business objectives. No system can fully eliminate risk and therefore the understanding of

operational risk is central to the management process within Henry Boot. The long-term success of the Group depends on the continual review, assessment and control of the key business risks it faces.

#### 16. APPROVAL

The issue of these statements was formally approved by a duly appointed committee of the Board on 22 September 2025.

# **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENTS OF THE DIRECTORS**

The Directors confirm that these condensed interim Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting', as adopted by the European Union and that the interim management report includes a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7 and DTR 4.2.8, namely:

- an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements, and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year; and
- material related-party transactions in the first six months and any material changes in the related-party transactions described in the last Annual Report.

The Directors of Henry Boot PLC are listed in the Henry Boot PLC Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024. A list of current Directors is maintained on the Henry Boot PLC group website: <a href="https://www.henryboot.co.uk">www.henryboot.co.uk</a>.

On behalf of the Board

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Director Director

23 September 2025 23 September 2025