

# KINGFISHER PLC FULL YEAR RESULTS

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# Welcome & agenda

### Thierry Garnier (CEO): Operational & strategic update

Market drivers & trends

Our progress in FY 20/21

Clear strategy and actions to drive share growth

Group financial priorities and drivers

### **Bernard Bot (CFO): FY 20/21 results**

Performance overview

Cash, debt and liquidity

Outlook and FY 21/22 guidance



# Key messages

The home improvement market is attractive and resilient, with supportive new longer-term drivers

Market trends offer us opportunities

We are emerging from the COVID crisis stronger

We are making progress fixing issues from previous years

Our new strategy is delivering – empowered banners supported by the Group's scale, strength and expertise

Clear financial priorities and drivers



# Strong financial progress in FY 20/21

Total sales: £12.34bn, +6.8%<sup>(1)</sup> (LFL +7.1%)

Clear improvements in competitive position in all key markets

Strong current trading momentum:
Q1 21/22 Group LFL +24.2% (to 18 March 2021)

Adjusted PBT: £786m, +44%

Free cash flow: £938m, +391%

Resuming dividends: proposed total DPS of 8.25p



# Attractive market with new longer-term industry support

Market growth supported by structural drivers

Provides relatively high margins vs. other retail industries

Resilient against e-commerce pureplay competitors

Proven to be robust through economic downturns

**COVID** has established new longer-term industry support



More working from home



Home as a 'hub' & nest



New generation of DIY'ers emerging

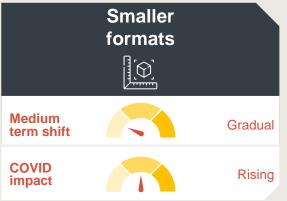


Desire for increased comfort and wellness



## Market trends offer us opportunities













# Our strategic direction and key strengths



## Our strategic direction



Kingfisher banners are not the same. This is a strength



A clear vision to build customer propositions



We will 'power' these banners as a Group



Simpler and leaner



### Positioned for growth



Access to attractive markets, with favourable drivers



Top 2 position in all key markets (#1 in UK, Poland, Turkey)



c.80,000 skilled and engaged colleagues



Collective buying scale & successful own exclusive brands (44% of total sales)



Diverse banners covering general home improvement, trade and discounting



c.1,390 stores



Industry-leading Responsible Business practices



Strong e-commerce sales growth and penetration of 18%



# We are emerging from the COVID crisis stronger

# Roll-out of company strategy fully on track



No delay in our plans from COVID

Focus on speed, agility and 'done is better than perfect'

# Acceleration of e-commerce progress by at least two years



Rapidly implemented changes to manage high demand

E-commerce sales +158%; 18% penetration (FY 19/20: 8%)

# Leading with Responsible Business agenda



'Doing the right thing' by colleagues, customer & communities

Repaid over £1.1bn of government-supported debt and foregone c.£150m of furlough and business rates relief<sup>(1)</sup>

# Improved banner awareness and brand reputation



Clear reconnection with our DIY brands

Strong new customer growth and step change in digital adoption

# Greater conviction in costs and inventory reduction



Effective cost reduction actions during the crisis

Average net stock days down c.10%

### Stronger balance sheet



Net leverage of 0.9x (including leases)

Access to over £2.2bn in total liquidity (as at 18 March 2021)



# We are making progress fixing issues from previous years

# 1 Build the new team

Group Executive team strengthened

Key teams reinforced at banners

# 2 Rebalance local vs. Group

Completed fundamental reorganisation of commercial operating model

Implementing new IT & digital operating model, and Group 'Centres of Excellence'

### 3 Focus

Significantly reduced non-critical range reviews

Paused large, time-consuming projects

Paused SAP roll-out in Brico Dépôt France

Completed SAP roll-out in Castorama France, Poland and Romania

Exited Russia

Retained Iberia

# 4 New trading approach

Reintroduction of local ranges

More trading events

Targeted price investments

# 5 Fix France

Reigniting 'discounter DNA' at Brico Dépôt

Significant improvement in IT and supply chain operations

Good progress in rebuild of range – still much to do (mainly Castorama)

# Clear strategy and actions to drive share growth

Our retail banners address diverse customer needs, operate different models and have a clear positioning and plan

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**B&Q** 

BRICO

DEPOT

**SCREVFIX** 

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The role of the Group is to enable our banners to serve their customers better



Grow e-commerce sales



Test compact store concepts and adapt our store footprint



Differentiate and grow through own exclusive brands (OEB)



Lead the industry in Responsible
Business practices



Build a mobile-first and service orientated customer experience



Source and buy better, reduce costs and same-store inventory

As a result we are seeing clear improvements in our competitive position



## B&Q and TradePoint – revitalised and well positioned

Operating Drivers

Managed unprecedented demand levels; Overall improvement of stock quality

E-commerce

Group digital technology stack implemented; Implemented next day delivery from store (98% UK population); Trialling click & collect (C&C) lockers

Range

New OEB and local brands performing strongly

**Customers** 

Strong customer growth and step change in digital adoption; Significant improvement of store customer NPS

**Trading** 

Maintained price index significantly below competitors; Targeted and localised trading events

Mobile-first and services

Launched kitchens remote selling; Relaunched kitchen installations in all UK mainland stores; Speedy Hire (tool hire) concessions in TradePoint

Stores and expansion

Testing two new compact formats (Merton, Twickenham); Trialling concessions at ASDA; Opened two medium boxes



**Proof points** 

LFL sales +13.0% and strong market share gains

TradePoint sales +c.11% (c.19% of B&Q sales)

Strong customer growth (+21%) and online customers +168%

E-commerce sales +117%; 10% of sales (+5ppts)

88% of online orders picked in store (+39ppts)

56 'digital hub' stores

## B&Q and TradePoint – 2021 focus areas



Continued rebuild of availability ahead of peak trading periods



Increase available range for online orders; Develop innovative last-mile delivery



Further improve and broaden choice through brands and OEB



Relaunch TradePoint; Launch NeedHelp in B&Q



Test compact stores and big-box rightsizing



# Screwfix – positioned for next stage of growth

Operating Drivers

Managed significant changes to operating model during first lockdown to operate ~100% online with COVID-secure C&C

E-commerce

Expanded capacity to service extraordinary increase in website traffic

Range

Strong focus on OEB ranges

**Customers** 

Step change in customer growth

**Trading** 

Improved and held price index below closest competitors; Targeted and localised trading events

Mobile-first and services

>60% of e-commerce transactions from mobile in FY 20/21

Stores and expansion

30 new stores in the UK and 8 in Republic of Ireland (ROI); Trialled 'ultra-compact' format (Screwfix 'Collect' in London)



#### **Proof points**

LFL sales +6.6% and strengthened competitive position

11m customers in 2020 – 1 in 5 of UK adult population

Strong customer growth (+16%) and online customers +146%

38 new stores in UK and ROI – now at 722 in total

E-commerce sales +165%; 78% of sales (+45ppts)

C&C grew from 22% to 66% of total sales

## Screwfix – 2021 focus areas



Invest in fulfilment capacity to support growth; Upgrade IT platform to further enhance proposition



Rapidly roll out new Screwfix app – focused on convenient 'mobile-first' collection and last-mile delivery



Further extensions to core ranges; More OEB ranges tailored to the pro



Continued targeted price investments



Continue store openings in the UK and accelerate ROI; Medium-term target of >900 stores in UK & ROI



Commence broader international expansion in H1 21/22



# Castorama France – significant progress 'repairing' in 2020

Operating Drivers

SAP 'pain points' identified and addressed

**E-commerce** 

Group digital technology stack fully implemented; Accelerated C&C and 'delivery from store' services; Enhanced C&C 'drive-thru'

Range

Good progress in rebuild of ranges (brands and OEB); New OEB kitchens and lighting ranges implemented

**Customers** 

Strong growth of online customers (+219%); Successful introduction of Sunday openings

**Trading** 

Reintroduced trading events and localised offers

Mobile-first and services

Launched new website (incl. visual search) & new mobile app; Strengthened partnership with NeedHelp

Stores and expansion

6 loss-making stores closed (2 further stores to convert to Brico Dépôt in 2021); Trialling first express format



**Proof points** 

LFL sales +6.2%; outperformed the market

Significant improvement of store & website customer NPS

c.5k new SKUs introduced

18 core SAP issues identified and addressed

E-commerce sales +187%; 5% of sales (+3ppts)

Click & collect in 2 hours & home delivery with DPD

## Castorama France – 2021 focus areas



Optimise supply chain; Continued rebuild of availability ahead of peak trading periods



Increase available range for online orders



Range 'repaired' by end of 2021; Further broadening of range through brands and OEB



Focused trading events;
Maintain strong price positioning



Expand installation/'handyman' services



Test compact stores and big-box rightsizing



## **Group 'powers': E-commerce**

## **Progress in 2020**



# New Group digital technology stack

supporting 500k orders per week (B&Q and Castorama France)

#### Digitallyenabled picking

for all fulfilment routes (B&Q and Castorama France)

# 'Digital hub' model for B&Q

to improve home delivery efficiency (covers 98% of UK population)

### Home delivery

expanded range & more last-mile delivery options

# More C&C options

trialling C&C lockers; implemented 'drive-thru' and car park collections



#### **Proof points**

E-commerce sales +158%; 18% of sales (+10ppts)

Strong improvement in website customer NPS in the UK and France over FY 20/21

C&C sales +226%; 78% of e-commerce sales (+16ppts)

Reached over 1.5m orders a week in summer 2020

89% of online orders picked in store, ex-Screwfix (+32ppts)

C&C – 1 minute at Screwfix, 1 hour at B&Q and Iberia, 2 hours at Brico Dépôt France, Castorama France and Poland



### **Forward Focus**

Implementation of new IT/digital operating model

Roll out of
Group digital
technology
stack in Poland

Digitally-enabled picking for Poland and 'digital hub' for Castorama France Extension of ranges online and faster home delivery

Explore marketplace model

# Group 'powers': Own exclusive brands (OEB)



#### **Clear purpose**

Growth and penetration

Drives affordability

High functionality, innovation and differentiation

Supports Responsible Business

£5.3bn

Total OEB sales

**+7.5%**Sales growth<sup>(2)</sup>

44%

of Group sales(1)

5 leading own brands deliver 23% of Group sales









GoodHome

Strong growth of brand awareness in 2020

New commercial operating model driving greater focus on OEB development, sourcing and engineering

Commenced new kitchen range roll-out in 2020, supported by new overall customer experience. Strong customer satisfaction



## **Forward Focus**



Develop low-cost, high spec innovative designs



Drive specific OEB for different formats



Extend the ranges to support choice



Prioritise key range reviews



Increase speed to market

# Group 'powers': Mobile-first capabilities and services

#### Focus areas

Drive a mobile-led online customer experience

Modernise the in-store experience

Improve our 8 key 'foundation services'

Roll out enhanced design services

Strengthen our installation capability

**Extend NeedHelp services platform** 



Acquisition of NeedHelp services marketplace

56%

Mobile accounts for c.56% of e-commerce orders



Trialling new self-checkout and 'Scan & Go' solutions



Speedy Hire concessions – trial of new tool and equipment hire outlets within TradePoint



Relaunched kitchen installations ('Local Plus') in all UK mainland B&Q stores



Trialling new 3D tool for kitchen & bathroom design



# Group 'powers': Store formats and footprint evolution



#### Our beliefs

Stores are a central driver of our retail and e-commerce business

Medium-box (2-6k sqm) stores are strong formats and perform well in existing banners

We have some over-spaced 'big-box' stores (>8k sqm) in the UK and France

Compact stores (<2k sqm) are a key enabler for market share growth in urban catchments

Partnership models can enable us to attract new customers and generate revenues



### Strategic direction

Our store numbers will increase – but average store size will reduce

We are rebalancing store openings to introduce more medium-box stores

We will test & deliver rightsizings at B&Q and Castorama France

We are testing new compact stores to establish viable blueprints

We are testing shop-in-shop, concession & franchise models



Six compact store trials in 2020: B&Q express (x2), B&Q shop-in-shop at ASDA (x2), Casto Solférino (Lille), Screwfix Collect (London)



c.30% space reduction achieved at B&Q Canterbury – March 2021



Two medium boxes opened at B&Q and one in Poland in 2020





Franchise agreement with Al-Futtaim Group to expand B&Q into the Middle East



Achieved 25% rent reduction on nine B&Q leases



## **Group 'powers': Responsible Business**

# We are becoming a more inclusive company

'Doing the right thing' during COVID

Local and Group diversity & inclusion plans

Launched Group-wide share ownership plan



**Colleagues** 

We will be 'forest positive' and help tackle climate change



**Planet** 

27% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions since FY 16/17

Now committed to deliver on 1.5°C climate targets to 2025 (pending SBTi approval)

Partnership with Rainforest Alliance

## We help make greener, healthier homes affordable

Focus on 'sustainable home' OEB product development

c.40% of total Group sales now from sustainable products

Supporting government initiatives around greener homes



**Customers** 

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Communities

#### We will fight to fix bad housing

Strong support for local communities and healthcare authorities during COVID

New B&Q Foundation and Shelter partnership targeting to raise >£1m in 2021

New Foundations successfully launched in France, Poland and Romania

## **Group financial priorities**

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Prioritise top line growth and grow sales ahead of market

Clear strategy and actions to drive market share growth

Focused on store and website customer satisfaction

Attractive market with new longerterm industry support Aim to grow adjusted
PBT in line with sales<sup>(1)</sup>
+
gradually faster than sales
over time

Focused on driving scale benefits and cost self-help

Enabling us to accelerate investment in top line growth

3

Generate strong free cash flow to underpin shareholder returns

Inventory self-help and capex discipline (capex c.3.0-3.5% of sales)

Progressive, sustainable dividend policy (cover 2.25-2.75x)

Committed to efficient capital structure while maintaining prudent position in times of uncertainty

# **Key drivers**



E-commerce sales growth & penetration

Grow our e-commerce business and lead the industry





'Big-box' rightsizings

Starting with tests at B&Q and Castorama France



OEB sales growth

Grow OEB sales, providing differentiation, value for money, and margin



Costs & samestore inventory reduction

Opportunity for self-help and to reverse inefficiencies



New compact stores

Test and roll out compact stores across our markets





Responsible Business

'Forest positive' and helping to limit global warming to 1.5°C







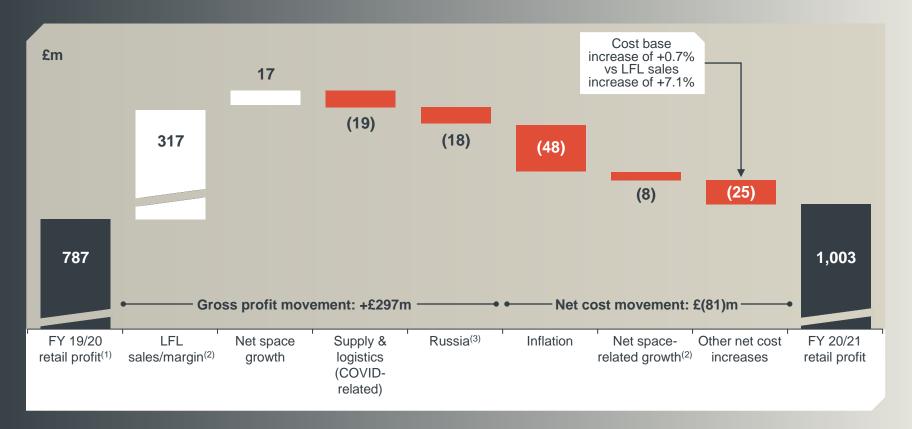
# **Geographic summary**

	FY 20/21 sales		Retail profit/(loss)		Retail profit margin		
	£m	% chg <sup>(1)</sup>	% LFL	£m	% chg <sup>(1)</sup>	%	bps chg <sup>(1)</sup>
UK & Ireland	5,743	+12.3%	+10.7%	681	+36.3%	11.9%	+210bps
B&Q	3,707	+12.8%	+13.0%				·
Screwfix	2,036	+11.4%	+6.6%				
France	4,309	+3.2%	+5.1%	181	+7.9%	4.2%	+20bps
Castorama	2,265	+3.3%	+6.2%				
Brico Dépôt	2,044	+3.2%	+3.8%				
Poland	1,550	+8.0%	+4.9%	146	(1.9)%	9.4%	(100)bps
Iberia	310	(7.0)%	(7.0)%	3	+62.7%	1.2%	+50bps
Romania	242	+11.8%	+10.8%	(14)	+38.8%	n/a	n/a
Turkey <sup>(2)</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	9	+22.4%	n/a	n/a
Total ex-Russia	12,154	+7.8%	+7.4%	1,006	+26.0%	8.3%	+120bps
Russia	189	(31.8)%	(8.8)%	(3)	+83.9%	n/a	n/a
Total	12,343	+6.8%	+7.1%	1,003	+27.4%	8.1%	+130bps

<sup>1)</sup> Variance in constant currency

Setail profit includes the equity-accounted profit of Koçtaş (Kingfisher's 50% JV in Turkey): FY 20/21: £9m (FY 19/20: £9m)

# Group retail profit bridge

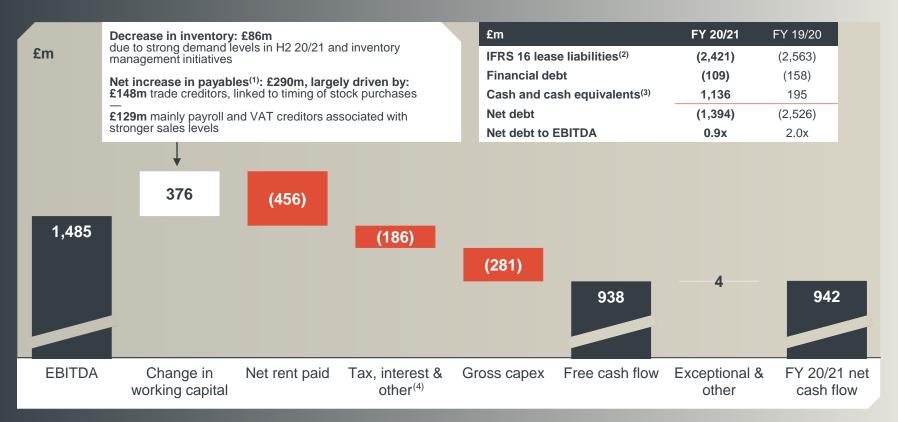




# **Exceptional adjusting items**

£m	FY 20/21	FY 19/20	Comments
Adjusted PBT	786	544	
Transformation exceptional costs	-	(8)	
Store closures	-	(67)	
Russia & other exit costs	(27)	(130)	Mainly additional impairments that reflect the net proceeds from sale of Russia
Russia loss on disposal	(49)	-	Loss on disposal largely relating to transfer of cumulative FX losses from reserves
Store impairments / reversals	42	(118)	Reversal of PY impairments based on revised future store performance projections
Romania impairments	-	(39)	
FTA settlement and business tax	-	(50)	
Property disposals	13	15	Profit recorded on the disposal of a property in the UK
Other	(9)	(44)	Commercial model restructuring, partly offset by China warranty provision release
Exceptional adjusting items <sup>(1)</sup>	(30)	(441)	
Statutory PBT	756	103	

# Summary cash flows and net debt



Net of decrease in receivables of £12m



FY 19/20 includes Russia lease liabilities held for sale of £36m

<sup>3)</sup> Net of bank overdrafts. FY 19/20 includes Russia cash and cash equivalents held for sale of £6m

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Other' includes pensions and the add-back of non-cash share-based compensation charges

Significant liquidity headroom and solid financial position

Over £2.2bn of total liquidity as of 18 March 2021



Cash & cash equivalents

£775m RCFs (undrawn)

Repaid in full government-supported debt in the UK (CCFF, £600m) and France (PGE, €600m)

Financial debt of £109m<sup>(1)</sup> as of 31 January 2021

Low net leverage as of 31 January 2021





Targeting solid investment grade credit rating

Net debt to EBITDA ratio of 0.9x



Below net leverage target of c.2.0x in short term to provide liquidity headroom



# Group 'powers': Costs & same-store inventory reduction

Plan to drive cost and same-store inventory reduction well under way; COVID crisis has reinforced opportunities



### Cost programme

Improve store productivity

**GNFR & shared services** 

Reduce dual-running costs of Group/banners

Supply chain efficiencies

IT cost optimisation

Lease renegotiations



### Sourcing and buying

Strategic partnerships with top brands

**OEB** sourcing and engineering improvements

Manage clearance levels efficiently



### 'Same-store' inventory reduction

Build on significant planning and forecasting improvements

Optimise routes to market

Reduce slow-moving and delisted product stock



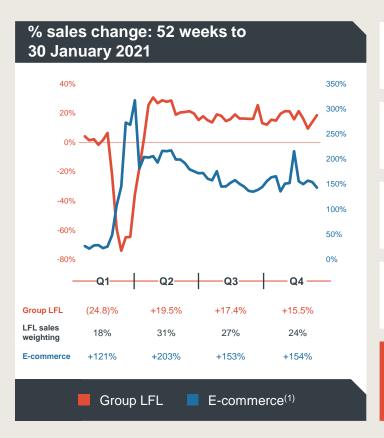
FY 20/21 proof points **Contribution to 30bps** reduction in CTS %<sup>(1)</sup>

Contribution to stable gross margin %

Average net stock days reduction of c.10%



## FY 20/21 sales evolution and current trading



FY 20/21 started positively, reflecting early 'Focus and Fix' actions

From mid-late March 2020, significant impact of lockdown measures and voluntary closure of stores in UK & France

Sales trends improved from late April 2020 as stores reopened. Strong e-commerce growth

Strong trading through autumn/winter lockdowns

Good start to new financial year – Q1 21/22 Group LFL +24.2% (to 18 March 2021). Mindful of continued uncertainty related to COVID in continental Europe

# FY 21/22 outlook and guidance

	FY 19/20	H1	H2	FY 20/21
Group total sales	11,513	5,921	6,422	12,343
% growth (constant currency) LFL % 2-year LFL <sup>(1)</sup> %	(0.8)% (1.5)%	(1.1)% (1.6)%	+15.5% +16.6%	+6.8% +7.1% +5.5%
Adjusted PBT (as reported)  Non-recurring net cost savings <sup>(2)</sup> Adjusted PBT (re-based)	544 - <b>544</b>			786 (85) <b>701</b>
Adjusted PBT (re-based) margin %	4.7%			5.7%

#### FY 21/22 outlook and guidance

The following guidance applies in the event of no adverse change in COVID-related confinement measures (for example, new lockdown restrictions resulting in further store closures)

H1 21/22 – expect low double-digit LFL sales growth

**H2 21/22** – planning for LFL scenarios of -15% to -5% (2-year LFLs for H2 of -1% to +11%)

H2 planning scenarios reflect strong comparables and uncertainty over macro/consumer environment

Aiming to grow full year adjusted PBT (re-based)(3) in line with sales<sup>(4)</sup>

Strategy execution and supportive new market trends provide opportunity for long-term growth



<sup>2-</sup>year LFL is calculated by compounding current and prior year LFL growth. For example, current year LFL growth of 10% and prior year LFL growth of 5% results in 2-year LFL growth of 15.5%

In line with our guidance, FY 20/21 adjusted PBT includes c.£85m of non-recurring net cost savings Re-based FY 20/21 adjusted PBT excludes c.£85m of non-recurring net cost savings



# **Summary**

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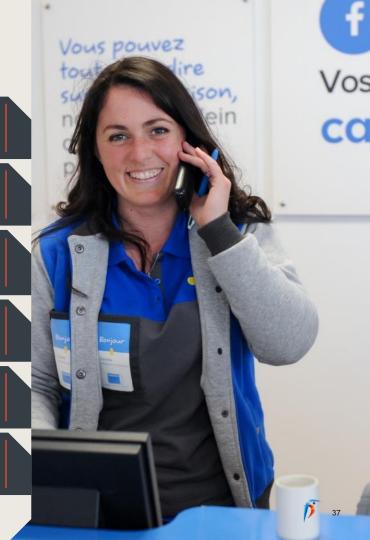
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# **ADR** programme

Kingfisher ADRs trade on OTCQX – the premier tier of the U.S. over-the-counter market under the following information:

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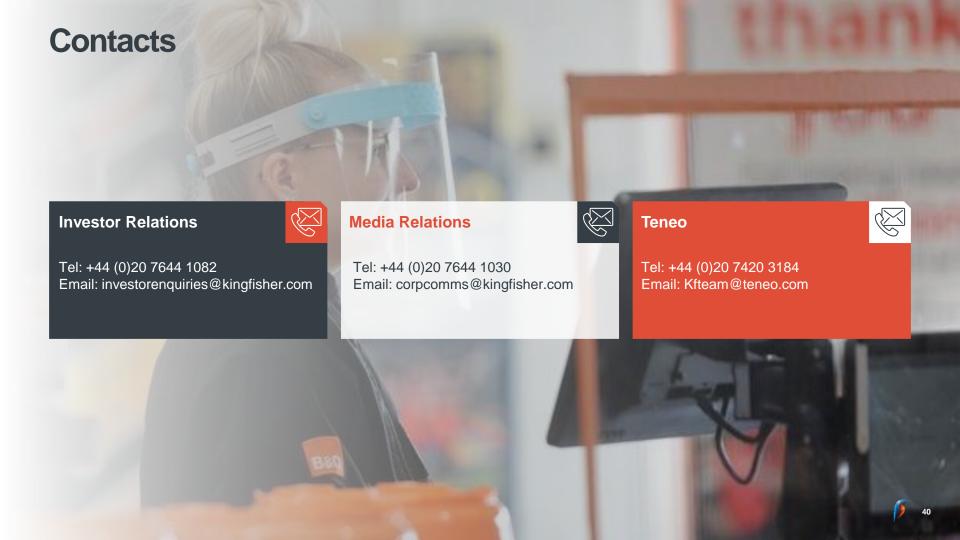


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# FY 21/22 technical guidance

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LFL sales outlook



H1 21/22 – expect low double-digit LFL sales growth

**H2 21/22** – planning for LFL scenarios of -15% to -5% (2-year LFLs for H2 of -1% to +11%). Range reflects strong comparable & uncertainty over the macroeconomic and consumer environment in H2

Space



Anticipate net space growth (excluding Russia) to impact total sales by c.+1.5%, largely from the UK and Poland. Total sales impact from the disposal of Russia will be c.-1.5%

Costs



Central costs – expected to be broadly flat year on year (FY 20/21: £54m)

COVID-related costs – expected to be c.£10m (FY 20/21: £45m)

Net finance costs



Expected to decrease by c.£10m as a result of lower lease liability balance and lower non-lease interest (FY 20/21: £160m)

Adjusted PBT



Aiming to grow full year adjusted PBT (before c.£85 million of non-recurring net cost savings in FY 20/21) in line with sales<sup>(1)</sup>

Tax rate



Group adjusted effective tax rate expected to be c.23%<sup>(2)</sup> (FY 20/21: 23%)

Cash flow



**Capital expenditure** – targeting gross capex of up to 3.5% of total sales, including c.£70m of capex deferred from FY 20/21 (FY 20/21: £281m; FY 19/20: £342m)

**Tax** – as anticipated, in February 2021 we paid c.£57m (excluding interest) to HMRC in relation to the EC state aid challenge (contested and recorded as a receivable)

# UK & Ireland – continued B&Q and Screwfix strength

#### B&Q

#### LFL sales +13.0%

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E-commerce sales +117%<sup>(1)</sup>; c.10% of sales

TradePoint LFL +c.11%; c.19% of sales





#### Screwfix

#### LFL sales +6.6%

E-commerce sales +165%<sup>(1)</sup>; c.78% of sales

	FY 20/21	FY 19/20	% chg <sup>(1)</sup>
Sales (£m)	5,743	5,112	+12.3%
LFL (%)	+10.7%	(0.3)%	
Gross margin (%)			+80bps
Operating costs			+7.2%
RP (£m)	681	499	+36.3%
RP margin (%)	11.9%	9.8%	+210bps

#### Total UK & Ireland

**Sales up 12.3%, LFL sales up 10.7%** – reflecting strong trading from Q2 20/21 onwards, following the impact of COVID-related temporary store closures and disruption in Q1 20/21

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**Gross margin up 80bps**<sup>(1)</sup> – largely reflecting higher full-price sales and lower clearance in B&Q, partly offset by higher supply & logistics costs in Screwfix

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Costs up 7.2%<sup>(1)</sup> – largely due to higher staff costs, 41 net new store openings, and COVID-related costs; partially offset by temporary cost reduction measures (e.g. reduced advertising & marketing)

# France – significantly improved competitive position

#### **Castorama France**

**LFL** sales +6.2%

E-commerce sales +187%<sup>(1)</sup>; c.5% of sales



#### **Brico Dépôt France**

LFL sales +3.8%

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E-commerce sales +169%<sup>(1)</sup>; c.5% of sales

	FY 20/21	FY 19/20	% chg <sup>(1)</sup>
Sales (£m)	4,309	4,082	+3.2%
LFL (%)	+5.1%	(3.2)%	
Gross margin (%)			(120)bps
Operating costs			(0.9)%
RP (£m)	181	164	+7.9%
RP margin (%)	4.2%	4.0%	+20bps

#### **Total France**

**Sales up 3.2%, LFL sales up 5.1%** – reflecting strong trading from Q2 20/21 onwards. Eight Castorama store closures impacted total sales by c.-2%. Benefitted by c.+1% due to more Sunday trading days. Significantly improved competitive position in the market (Banque de France<sup>(2)</sup> up 6.1%) versus previous years

**Gross margin % down 120bps**<sup>(1)</sup> – reflecting more trading events, upweighting of special promotions (*arrivages*), higher supply & logistics costs

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**Costs down 0.9**%<sup>(1)</sup> – largely due to cost saving initiatives and 'activité partielle' relief, and the closure of eight Castorama stores. Partially offset by higher staff costs (headcount and higher frontline staff incentives & bonuses) and COVID-related costs

RP = retail profit

Variance in constant currency

<sup>(2)</sup> Banque de France data for DÍY retail sales (non-seasonally adjusted) for 12 months to 31 January 2021

# Poland – strong sales recovery; focusing on costs

#### **Castorama Poland**

LFL sales +4.9%

E-commerce sales +171%<sup>(1)</sup>; c.4% of sales



	FY 20/21	FY 19/20	% chg <sup>(1)</sup>
Sales (£m)	1,550	1,461	+8.0%
LFL (%)	+4.9%	+1.6%	
Gross margin (%)			(60)bps
Operating costs			+9.4%
RP (£m)	146	151	(1.9)%
RP margin (%)	9.4%	10.4%	(100)bps

#### **Castorama Poland**

**Sales up 8.0%, LFL sales up 4.9%** – reflecting strong trading (in particular in Q2 and Q3 20/21, following COVID-related footfall declines in Q1 20/21). Space growth contributed c.3% to total sales. Three new stores opened during the year

 $\textbf{Gross margin \% down 60bps} ^{(1)}-\text{largely reflecting mix, price positioning, and higher distribution costs}$ 

Costs up 9.4%<sup>(1)</sup> – largely due to space growth, wage & general inflation, higher frontline staff incentives & bonuses, and COVID-related costs; partially offset by benefit from an employment support scheme

RP = retail profi

# Romania – progress made; Iberia – impacted by lockdown

#### Brico Dépôt Romania

#### Sales +11.8%, LFL sales +10.8% -

driven by higher demand across all product categories and successful rebranding of former Praktiker stores to Brico Dépôt

Retail loss down c.40%, driven by stronger trading and lower operating costs



#### Brico Dépôt Iberia

Sales -7.0%, LFL sales -7.0% -

largely due to COVID-related temporary store closures in Spain (in H1 20/21), partially offset by a strong recovery in H2 20/21 (LFL sales +10.8%)

Operating costs well controlled, despite impact of lockdowns on sales



	FY 20/21	FY 19/20	% chg <sup>(1)</sup>
Sales (£m)	242	216	+11.8%
LFL (%)	+10.8%	+8.8%	
RL (£m)	(14)	(23)	n/a

	FY 20/21	FY 19/20	% chg <sup>(1)</sup>
Sales (£m)	310	326	(7.0)%
LFL (%)	(7.0)%	(4.7)%	
RP (£m)	3	2	62.7%