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# **Financial and Operational Performance on Track**

- KEY FINANCIAL	5	OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS
<b>£965.7m</b> +10.9%	LTM Revenue	Z3 - Madatatione Art10 KEPREMI 24 / 42 DROPS COMPLETE
<b>£84.0m</b> +10.4%	Underlying LTM EBITDA	V       28 Van 1       07.15       15.50       On terms       6 of 10       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       2       1       1       2       1       1       2       1       1       2       1       1       2       1       1       2       1       1       2       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1       1 <t< th=""></t<>
<b>£43.7m</b> +14.1%	Underlying LTM PBT before brand amortisation	Image: Construct of Live, how can I help you today?         Image: Construct of products & improve         Image: Construct of products &
<b>£74.1m</b> <i>88.2%</i>	LTM Free Cashflow Generation / Conversion	Type your message here

Solid results reflecting underlying growth and strong operational execution Strategy refined and good progress being made

All LTM growth rates reflect LTM to Dec-18 growth relative to FY18



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# **Financial Overview**

(£m)	H1 2018 22 weeks 30-Dec- 2017	H1 2019 22 weeks 30-Dec- 2018	FY 2018 52 weeks 28-Jul-18	LTM <sup>3</sup> H1 2019 52 weeks 30-Dec-2018
Revenue	327.1	422.3	870.5	965.7
Growth (%)	+0.2%	+29.1%	+14.1%	+10.9%
Underlying Growth <sup>1</sup> (%)	n/a	+9.9%	+2.0%	+4.1%
Underlying EBITDA	24.9	32.8	76.1	84.0
Growth (%)	(18.3%)	+31.7%	(7.6%)	+10.4%
Underlying PBT <sup>2</sup>	10.6	16.0	38.3	43.7
Growth (%)	(39.1%)	+50.9%	(23.7%)	+14.1%
Underlying EPS	4.1p	5.7p	14.0p	15.6p
Growth (%)	n/a	39.0%	(25.1%)	+11.4%
Ordinary DPS	3.7p <sup>4</sup>	3.7p	11.2p	11.2p

OVERVIEW A solid trading performance in a challenging market Gross margin improvement from FX offset by cost inflation

Investment in central resource to drive through strategic initiatives

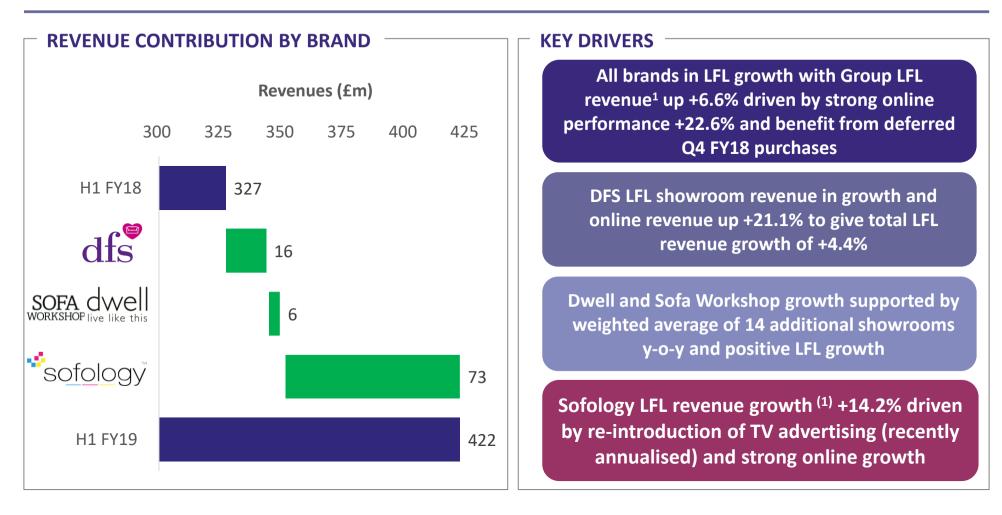
#### Good growth in line with expectations reflecting the Sofology acquisition and solid underlying trading

(1) Underlying growth is pro forma for acquisitions (i.e. Sofology included for the 22 weeks and 52 weeks to Dec-18 and Dec-17 and 52 weeks to July 2018 and July 2017)

- (2) PBT excludes amortisation charges for brand names FY19 H1 £0.6m, FY18 H1 £0.2m, FY18 £1.1m, LTM H1 2019 £1.5m
- (3) All LTM growth rates reflect LTM to Dec-18 growth relative to FY18
- (4) FY18 interim dividend

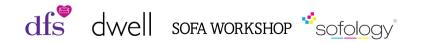


# **Drivers of Group Revenue Growth**

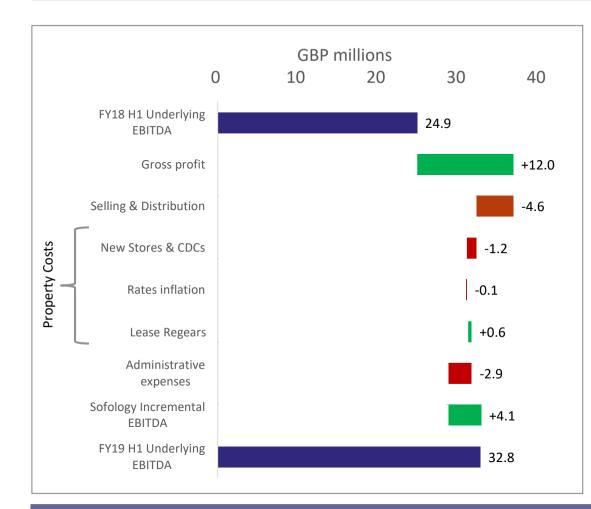


# £95m increase in revenue driven by LFL revenue growth in all brands and from four additional months of Sofology trading in the current year

(1) Sofology and Group LFL revenue includes Sofolology on a pro forma basis (i.e. included in the 5 months to Dec-18 and 5 months to Dec-17)



# **EBITDA Progression**



#### **KEY DRIVERS**

Selling & distribution costs largely flexing in line with revenue

Property cost increase driven by new showrooms and CDCs. Rent savings on core estate starting to flow through

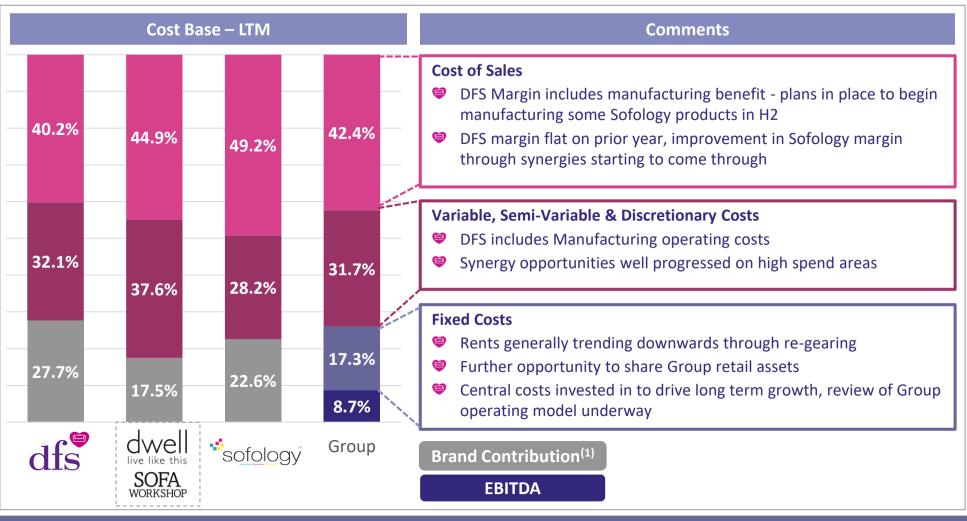
Investment in resource to drive strategic initiatives together with team restructuring costs drives Admin cost increase

Non underlying Sofology integration costs of £2.0m in FY18 and £1.3m in H1 FY19 with £5m expected in total in line with our expectations

EBITDA increase driven by LFL revenue growth and strong performance from Sofology



# **Cost Base – Flexible, Low-Cost DFS Platform to Drive Group Opportunity**

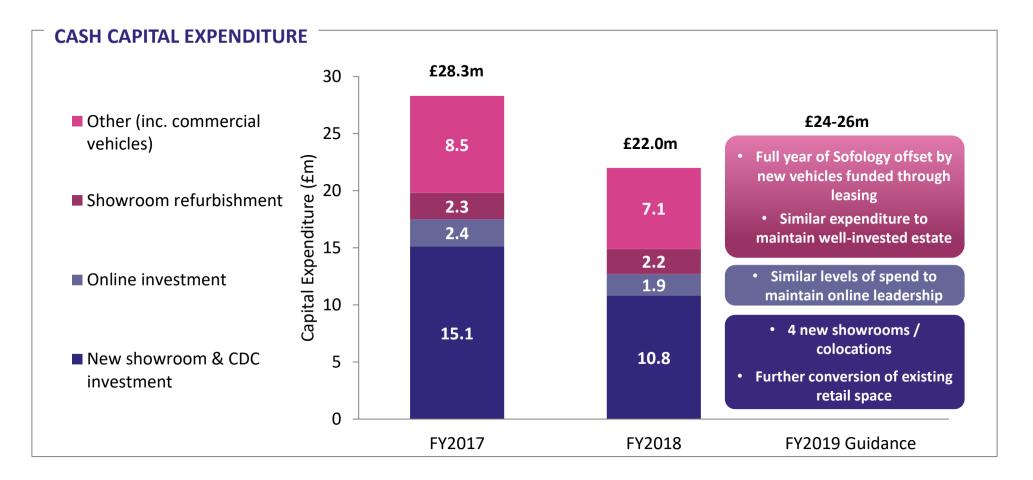


DFS has a cost base that responds to the long-term market environment, and can be utilised to drive group operating benefits

(1) Brand contribution is defined as underlying EBITDA (being earnings before interest and tax excluding depreciation charges and non-underlying items) excluding property costs and central administration costs.



# **Investment in Infrastructure for Future Growth**



Conservative capex approach given market environment, but growth investment maintained FY19 capex will increase to c.£24-£26m reflecting full year ownership of Sofology



# **Excellent Cash Generation Continues**

(£m)	FY 2018	LTM Dec-2018	
Underlying EBITDA	76.1	84.0	
Capex	(22.0)	(23.6)	
Change in working capital	6.3	13.7	
Free cash flow <sup>(1)</sup>	60.4	74.1	
<i>Conversion (% of EBITDA)<sup>(2)</sup></i>	79.4%	88.2%	
Net debt	(159.0)	(158.1)	
Multiple of underlying EBITDA (x)	2.09x	1.88x	

#### COMMENTARY

Disciplined approach to growth investments with short payback periods

Negative w/c model and volume growth drives w/c improvement

Net debt continues to reflect impact of Sofology acquisition and is being reduced over time

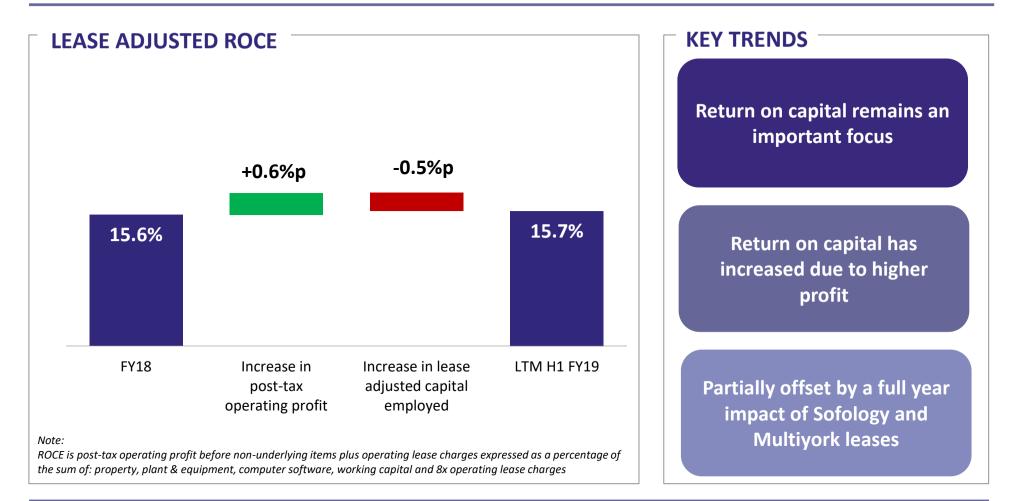
Cash generation continues to be strong, gearing is reducing as planned and on track to be back in-line with policy of 1.5x in the near term

(1) FCF is calculated as Underlying EBITDA – Capital Expenditure + Change in Working Capital

(2) Cash conversion is calculated as FCF / Underlying EBITDA



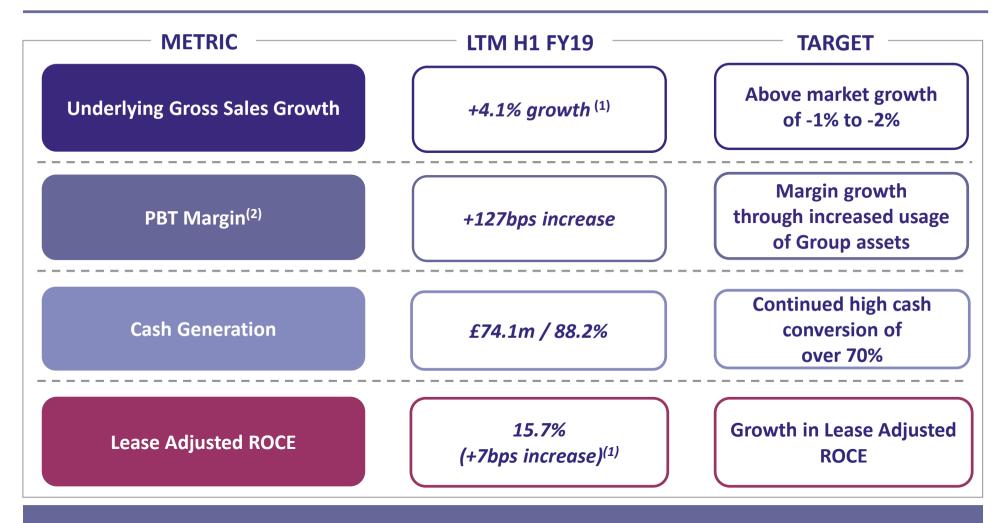
# **Return on Capital**



Increased returns driven by higher profits but remain below historical levels due to the Multiyork and Sofology acquisitions. These are expected to drive higher returns on capital in the future



# **Key Financial Metrics**



In assessing our financial performance we currently focus on four key measures that we believe underpin long-term shareholder returns

(1) LTM H1 FY19 growth reflects growth on FY18. Gross sales growth is calculated including Sofology on a pro forma basis
 (2) PBT margin used in calculating growth is the PBT margin pre non underlying costs and pre brand amortization charges





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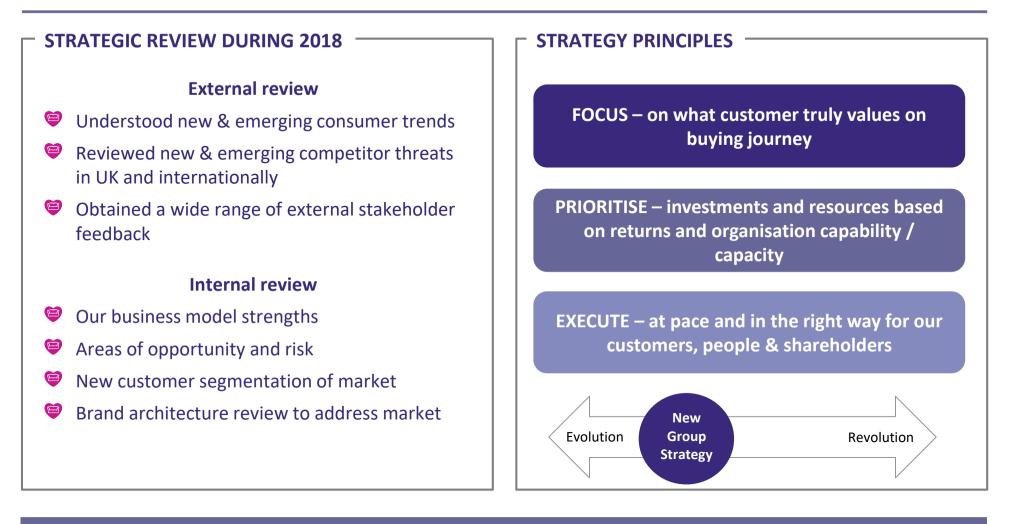
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# **Approach to Strategic Review**



New strategy is focused on strengthening our market leading position over the medium term



# Today, we continue to build a strong, competitive position...

#### HARD WON BUSINESS MODEL STRENGTHS...

- Unrivalled scale c 31% sofa market share\*
- Complementary brands across all customer segments\*\*
- Well invested platform on line, showrooms, supply chain
- Vertical integration end-to-end control from design to customer service
- Made to order stockless model, negative working capital
- The best people in the sector in our opinion!



## Our business model is strong, resilient and well set up for future growth

\* Source: GlobalData \*\* DFS segmentation research with CACI and Boxclever, November 2018



# ...with an increasing emphasis on the omni-channel customer





Our business model is already set up to satisfy all elements of the customer journey

(1) Independent customer research as conducted by DFS



# However, we are acutely aware of changing external market dynamics



The external context drives our imperative to evolve and adapt our business in the medium term





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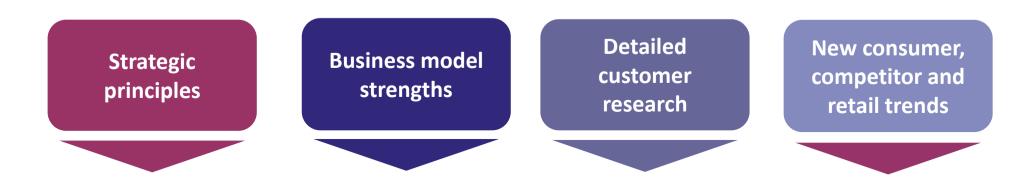
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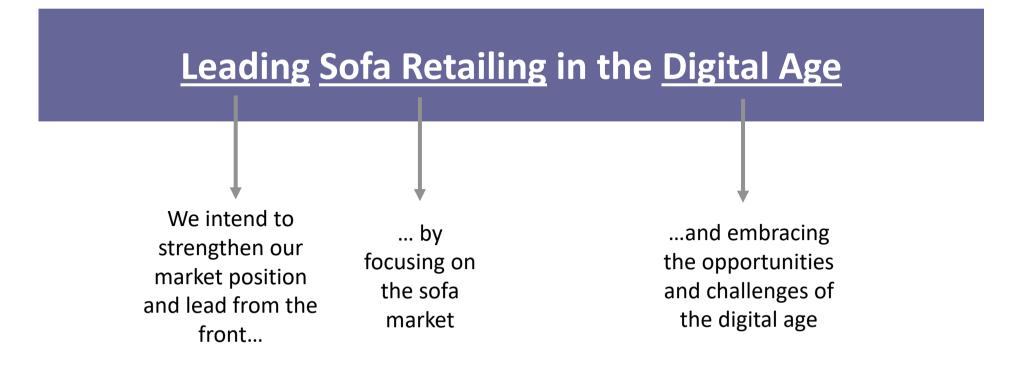
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# **New Strategy for the Group**







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Our strategy will transform our Group in the medium term by focusing on three inter-related pillars:

**1. Drive DFS Core** 



## 2. Build the Platforms



A renewed focus on driving the core DFS business across all channels Build platforms to enable profitable Group growth Unlock and deliver new profitable growth

3. Unlock New Growth

We expect to drive £40m of incremental profit, split broadly equally across these pillars





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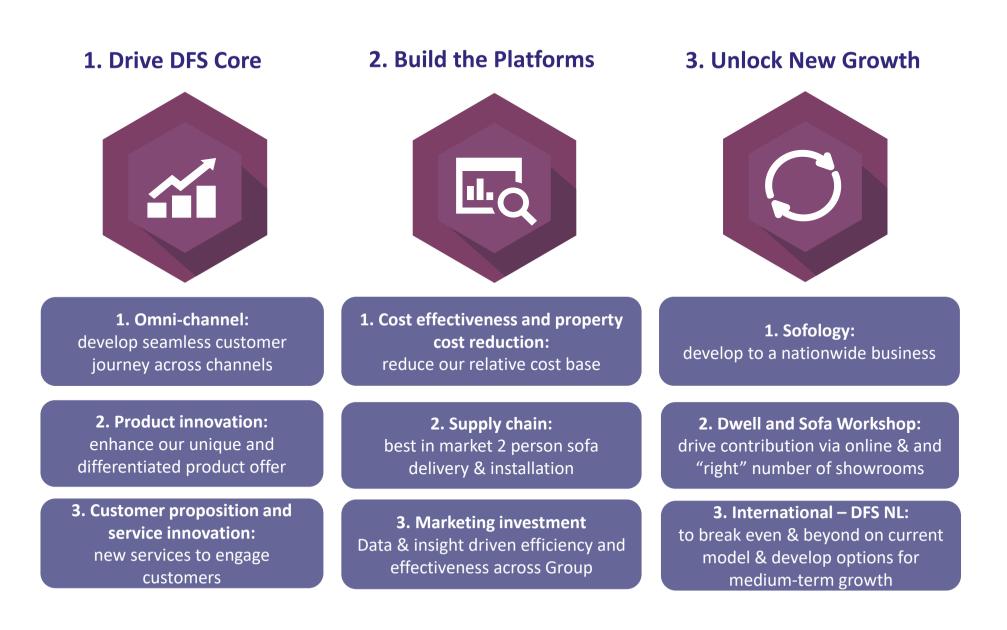
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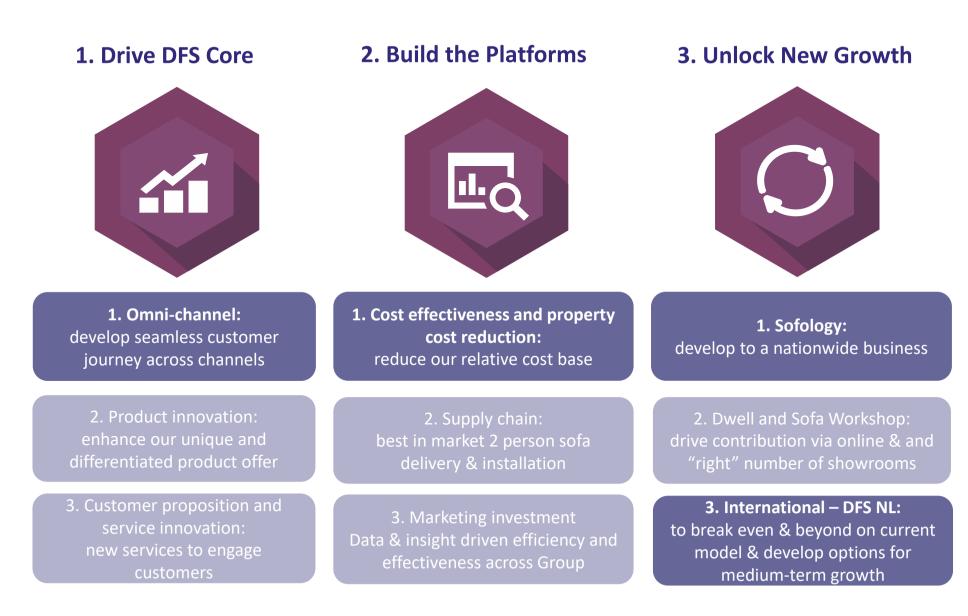
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## 1. Drive DFS Core



1. Omni-channel: develop seamless customer journey across channels

2. Product innovation: enhance our unique and differentiated product offer

 Customer proposition and service innovation: new services to engage customers

#### 2. Build the Platforms



1. Cost effectiveness and property cost reduction: reduce our relative cost base

 Supply chain:
 best in market 2 person sofa delivery & installation

 Marketing investment
 Data & insight driven efficiency and effectiveness across Group

### 3. Unlock New Growth



 Sofology: develop to a nationwide business

 Dwell and Sofa Workshop:
 drive contribution via online & and "right" number of showrooms

3. International – DFS NL: to break even & beyond on current model & develop options for medium-term growth



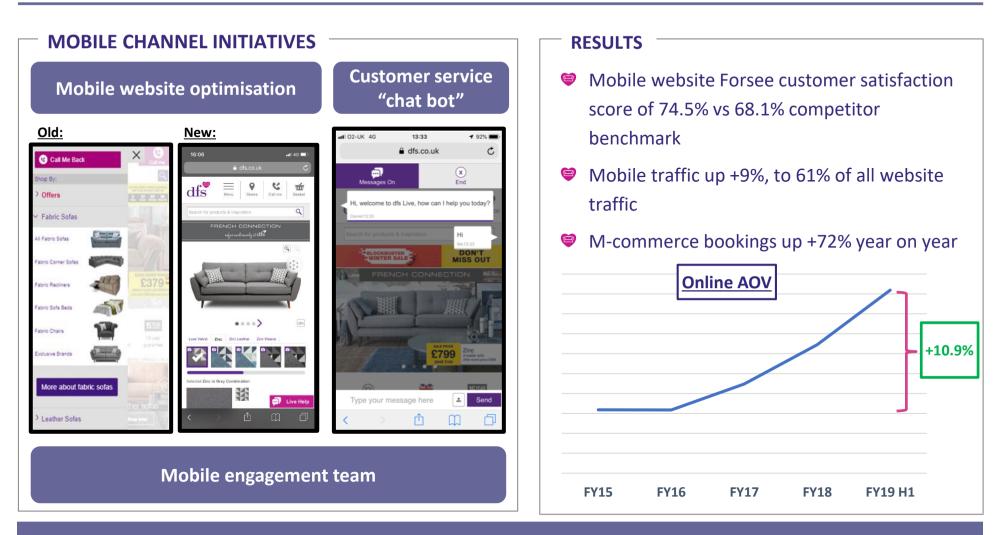
# **Drive DFS Core – Overview**

KEY METRICS		With 117 showrooms and market leading
£706m	LTM total revenues	websites, DFS has the leading omni-channel proposition in the UK & Ireland
<b>Top 25</b>	Best Big Companies to Work For	1,800 highly engaged and trained colleagues focused on sales and customer service
17%	Proportion Partnership brands	Unique and differentiated product offering, with continued growth of our exclusive brands
21%	H1 FY19 growth in online revenues	Well invested and innovative web platforms and digital engagement tools driving channel growth
28%	LTM brand contribution	Investment to be focused on increasing efficiency of existing estate and in omnichannel technologies

The clear market leader in the UK & Ireland is 50 years old this year, and we intend to focus energy and investment in driving this business forward



# Drive Core DFS – Mobile Case Study



With 85% of consumers starting their sofa buying journey online, mobile has increasingly become the first engagement with DFS. We are innovating to both drive m-commerce and importantly engage consumers



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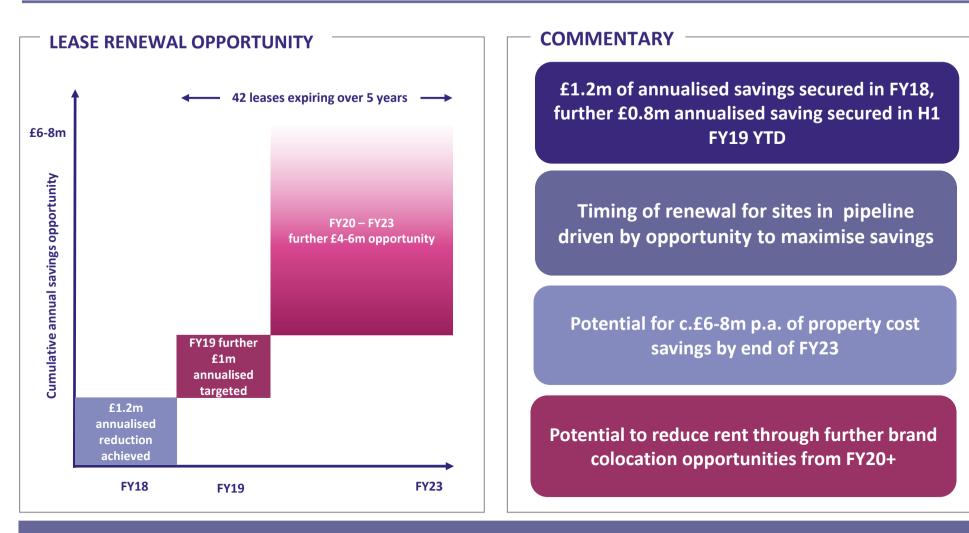


2. Dwell and Sofa Workshop: drive contribution via online & and

3. International – DFS NL: model & develop options for medium-term growth



# **2** Build Platforms – Property Portfolio



We continue to make progress on reducing our property costs as leases reach expiry dates. Group scale creates opportunity for material rent savings in the medium to long term



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# Unlock New Growth – Sofology

#### **OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

New management team in place since Oct 18

Good progress on near term synergies with £1.5m delivered in the P&L in the LTM period to Dec-18

Strong top line growth based on distinctive omnichannel proposition

New showrooms opened in FY18 & H1 FY19 trading well

Targeting increased revenues of over £300m while generating industry leading EBITDA margins of 6%-8%

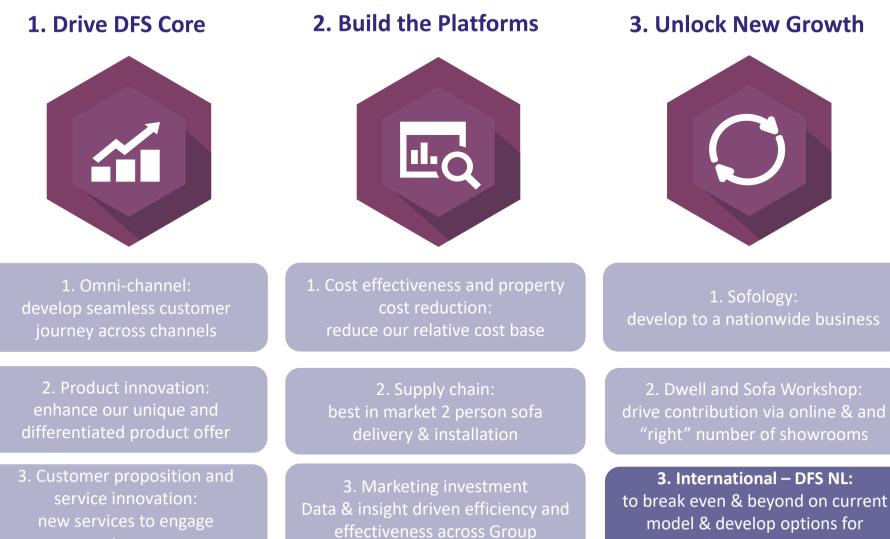
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- Significant gaps in
   Sofology network and
   only in 22 of top 50 DFS
   UK locations
- Opportunity to drive DFS group benefits on existing leases
- Identified future locations, including potential colocations
- Phasing of openings to be based on the 'right' opportunities in medium term, with up to six showrooms per year

Potential for up to 70 showrooms nationwide (currently 42). Phasing of openings to be based on "right" opportunities in medium term. Near term focus on co-locations and right property deals



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medium-term growth

# **3** Unlock New Growth – Netherlands Development

#### THE NETHERLANDS TV CAMPAIGN AND RANGING







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Marketing reduced during summer hot weather period

#### **COMMENTARY**

Ranging refined for local market and further marketing testing carried out

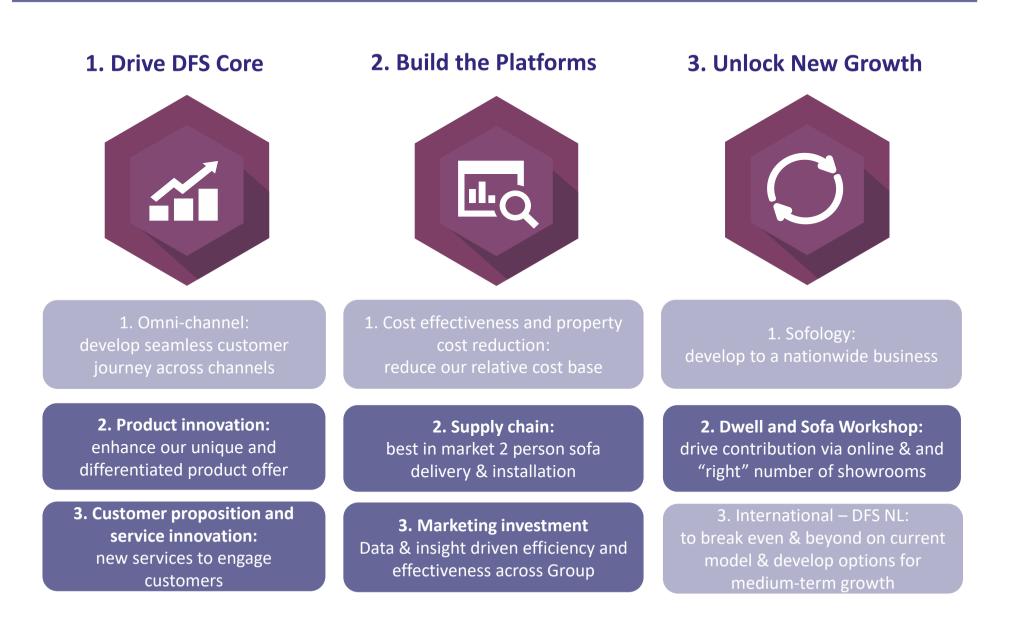
LFL revenue growth of 29% in the 50 weeks since initial TV campaign (despite weak market during summer 2018 hot weather period)

Drop through to profit provides encouragement. EBITDA losses likely to reduce to (£1-1.5m) in FY19, with a route to break even and beyond

Positive signs from Netherlands national TV campaign and promotional campaigns. We can see the route to break even and beyond and are developing options for future growth

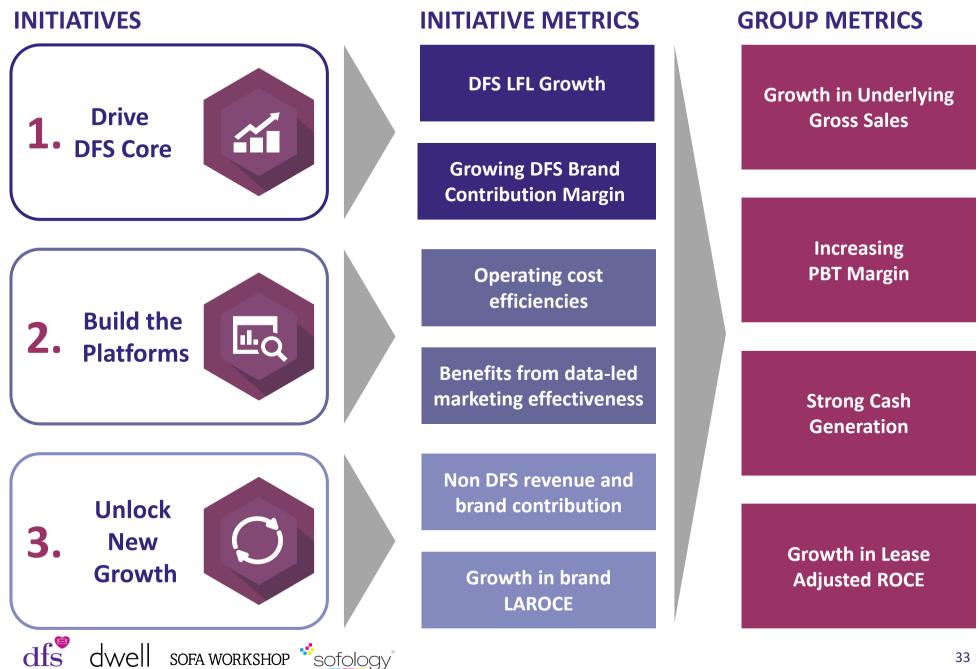


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# **Our New Strategy: Driving Our Key Financial Metrics**





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# **Market Drivers**



# With generally weak market indicators, continued trend of -1% to -2% market growth expected for 2019

- 1. GfK Consumer Confidence average of individual scores for each year
- 2. HMRC number of residential property transactions completions with a value over £40,000 for England and Wales
- 3. Bank of England 12 month average growth rate of total (excluding the Student Loans Company) sterling net unsecured lending to individuals (in %) seasonally adjusted
- 4. Global Data reports -2.1% in 2017 and -1.2% in 2018



# **Summary and Outlook**

#### SUMMARY

- Pleased with trading in 1H with all brands in LFL growth
- Online channel continues to perform strongly
- **Prior investments in operating initiatives are driving profit and service improvements**
- Sofology performance pleasing, synergies on track and clear opportunity to enlarge its estate
- Strategy evolved and progress being made

#### OUTLOOK

- Challenging market anticipated in 2019 given political and economic uncertainty
- Identifying underlying growth rates is challenging in the short term, however 2H has seen a softer start
- Based on market conditions at present, our profit expectations for the year remain unchanged



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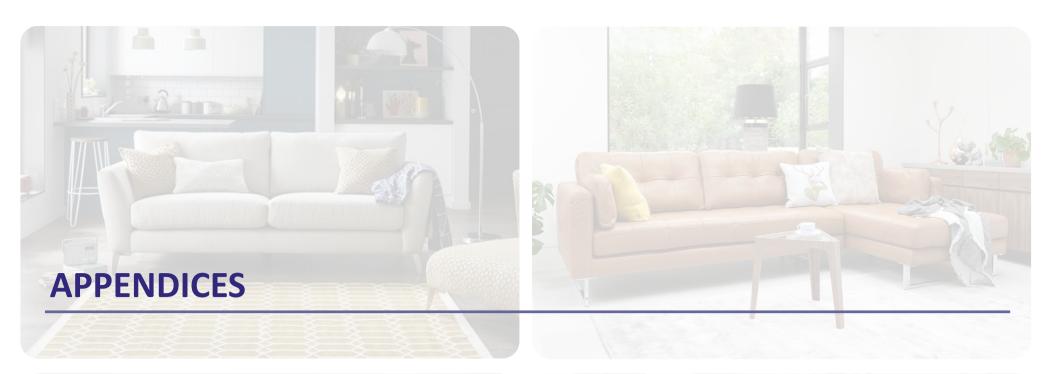
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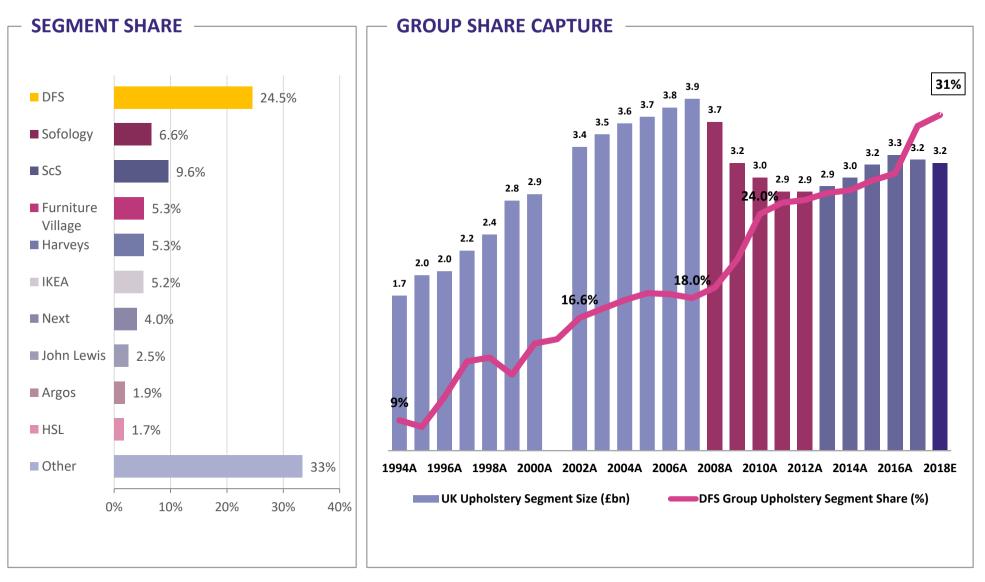








# **Segment Shares - Sofas**



Source: 2007 data and prior based on DFS management information, 2008-2016 data is as published by Verdict at the time and is delivery charge inclusive, 2017-2018 data is as published by Global Data and excludes delivery charges but includes Sofology



# **Group Showroom Profile**

#### AS AT 30 DEC 2018 (VS. 28 JULY 2018) UK ROI Holland Spain TOTAL 95 2 100 Large Format (c. 15,000sq.ft.+) 2 1 Medium Format (c. 10,000sg.ft.) 13 (+1) 2 3 18 (+1) \_ Small Format (c. 5,000sq.ft.) 6 5 1 --Other (5,000sq.ft.) 1 1 \_ --DFS TOTAL 113 (+1) 125 (+1) 4 6 2 Sofology (10-12,000 sq.ft. & 5-7,000 sq.ft. Mezzanine) 42 (+1) 42 (+1) Standalone 3 3 DFS Co-locations 33 33 \_ Dwell (c. 3,500-6,000sq.ft) 36 36 Standalone 22 (+1) 22 (+1) 10 10 DFS Co-locations \_ -Sofa Workshop (c. 2,500sq.ft) 32 (+1) 32 (+1)



# **Performance for the 6 months to Dec-18 and Dec-17**

6 months to 30 December 2018	DFS	Other brands	Group Ex Sofology	Sofology	Total
Gross sales	486.6	42.2	528.9	139.9	668.8
Revenue Cost of sales	372.8 (149.0)	34.3 (15.7)	407.0 (164.7)	110.6 (54.2)	517.6 (218.9)
Gross profit Selling and distribution costs (excl. property costs)	223.8 (115.4)	18.5 (12.3)	242.3 (127.7)	56.4 (28.9)	298.7 (156.6)
Brand contribution	108.3	6.3	114.6	27.5	142.1
Property costs Underlying administrative expenses			(42.4) (22.5)	(11.2) (8.1)	(53.6) (30.6)
Underlying EBITDA		   	49.7	8.2	57.9
<u>6 months to 30 December 2017</u>	DFS	Other brands	Group Ex Sofology	Sofology	Total
Gross sales	467.5	34.9	502.3	24.4	526.7
Revenue Cost of sales	358.3 (143.5)	28.4 (12.5)	386.7 (156.1)	19.2 (9.7)	405.9 (165.7)
Gross profit Selling and distribution costs (excl. property costs)	214.8 (112.3)	15.8 (9.9)	230.6 (122.3)	9.6 (4.6)	240.2 (126.9)
Brand contribution	102.5	5.9	108.4	4.9	113.3
Property costs Underlying administrative expenses			(41.7) (19.6)	(1.8) (1.0)	(43.5) (20.6)

Underlying EBITDA



49.2

47.1

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