

DFS FURNITURE PLC

# INTERIM RESULTS

MARCH 2026



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# INTRODUCTION

## STRATEGIC PROGRESS DRIVES SIGNIFICANT PROFIT GROWTH; LEVERAGE NOW IN TARGET RANGE

### Order intake growth, GM progression and increased profit:

- Group order intake outperformance; +2.3% YoY in broadly flat market
- Gross margin rate progression continues; +110 bps YoY
- Revenue growth and cost discipline driving strong year on year PBTu(A) growth

### Financial position strengthened:

- Substantial absolute debt reduction
- Significant reduction in leverage, now within target range (0.5x-1.0x)
- Reintroduction of dividend

### Significant growth potential:

- Expect to grow profit through core upholstery growth, Home opportunity and leveraging platforms
- Well positioned for market recovery; market leadership position, scale benefits and high operational gearing driving c40% revenue to profit drop through
- Strong FCF expected: well invested asset base & cash generative model

**£31M PBTU(A) / 5% MARGIN  
UP +£14M YOY**

**0.8X LEVERAGE  
DOWN FROM 1.4X  
AT FY25**

**MEDIUM-TERM TARGETS: £1.4BN  
REVENUE & 8% PBT MARGIN**

# HIGHLIGHTS

**+14%**

Home YoY order intake growth

**42%**

Exclusive brand participation

**+10%**

DFS customer NPS now at record levels  
(YoY % improvement in score)



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# RESULTS OVERVIEW

## STRONG REVENUE & PROFIT GROWTH SUPPORT CONTINUED DELEVERAGING

<i>(£m) unless otherwise stated</i>	H1 FY26	H1 FY25	YoY
Revenue	547.7	504.5	8.6%
<b>Underlying PBT(A)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>13.9</b>
Reported PBT	30.3	15.8	14.5
<b>Underlying basic EPS</b>	<b>9.8p</b>	<b>5.3p</b>	<b>4.5p</b>
Net bank debt	60.6	116.7	(56.1)
<b>Leverage<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.8x</b>	<b>1.6x</b>	<b>(0.8x)</b>

- Order intake growth and benefit from a stronger opening order book drove 8.6% year on year revenue growth
- PBTu(A) and EPS growth supported by revenue growth, gross margin progression and operational leverage
- Continued strengthening of the balance sheet; net debt reducing significantly and leverage of 0.8x now within our target range of 0.5x-1.0x (1.0x adjusted for working capital phasing)

<sup>1</sup> Excludes brand amortisation of £1.4m in each of H1 FY25 and H1 FY26

<sup>2</sup> Leverage per banking covenant definition (Pre-IFRS 16)



# REVENUE

## STRONGER OPENING ORDER BOOK AND YOY ORDER INTAKE GROWTH DRIVING 8.6% REVENUE GROWTH

Order intake growth	H1 FY26 YoY		
DFS	2.0%		
Sofology	3.4%		
<b>Order Intake</b>	<b>2.3%</b>		
Gross sales & revenue growth (£m)	H1 FY26	H1 FY25	YoY
DFS	573.1	523.1	9.6%
Sofology	161.2	152.5	5.7%
Other <sup>1</sup>	0.2	-	-
<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>734.5</b>	<b>675.6</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
<b>Revenue<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>547.7</b>	<b>504.5</b>	<b>8.6%</b>

- Order intake growth in both brands despite strong comparatives and a broadly flat market<sup>3</sup>
- Exclusive brands and tech enabled sofas resonating well in DFS driving up average order values; Home proposition performed strongly with order intake growth +14% year on year
- Sofology range evolution and marketing driving order volumes up
- Gross sales recognised on delivery of orders to customers; YoY growth higher than order intake growth due starting the year with a higher order bank, impacting Q1 sales

<sup>1</sup> Sales generated by The Sofa Delivery Company

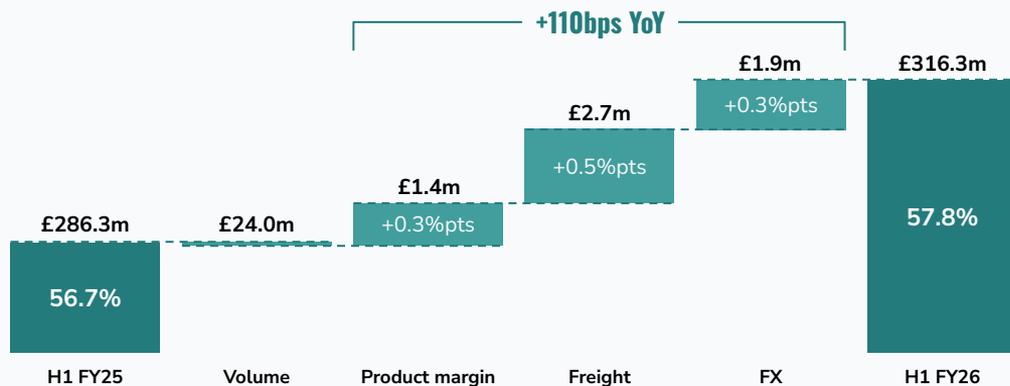
<sup>2</sup> Stated after deducting VAT, the cost of providing warranty products and interest free subsidy costs from gross sales

<sup>3</sup> Proprietary banking data covering 14 specialist upholstery retailers



# GROSS MARGIN

## FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF GROSS MARGIN RATE IMPROVEMENT



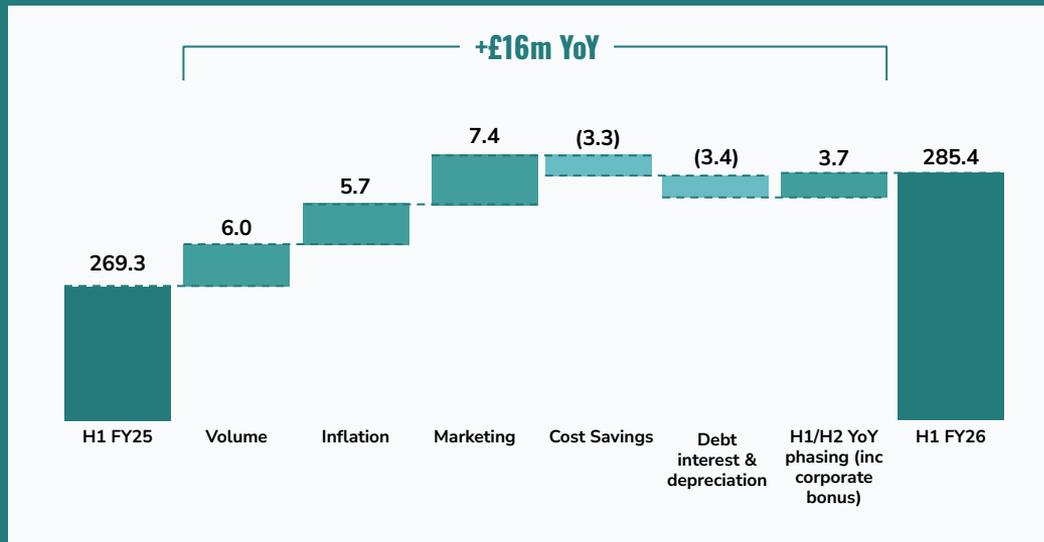
- Continued improvements in product margin through group buying synergies and product reengineering, benefit of Sonia rates coming down, offset by investment in interest free credit proposition
- Benefits from freight and FX tailwinds:
  - Freight rate per container down YoY: \$1k change in cost per container equates to c£7-8m annualised impact
  - FX benefit of 3 cents YoY
- Now close to target 58% rate



# OPERATING COSTS (INC DEP & INTEREST)

ONGOING COST SAVINGS & LOWER FINANCING COSTS, PARTIALLY OFFSET COST INFLATION & FUND INVESTMENT

- Volume costs include wage commissions and delivery costs
- Inflation is primarily wage and NIC rate / threshold change related
- Marketing investment to build awareness of Home proposition and Sofology brand via the 'So Fussy' campaign
- Savings include FYE of £50m cost saving programme initiatives and new customer service projects
- Interest reduction driven by lower average debt levels and lower SONIA rate and leverage premium
- Some costs phased earlier in the year, principally the weighting of the corporate bonus



# CASH FLOW

## SIGNIFICANT DELEVERAGE THROUGH STRONG FREE CASH FLOW GENERATION

<b>£m (unless otherwise stated)</b>	<b>H1 FY26</b>	<b>H1 FY25</b>
Underlying EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	90.4	80.9
Capex	(13.1)	(10.4)
Interest	(5.2)	(7.5)
Tax	(4.3)	1.9
Principal & interest paid on lease liabilities	(39.3)	(46.6)
Working capital	17.7	28.9
Other <sup>2</sup>	0.2	1.0
<b>Underlying free cash flow</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>48.2</b>
Non-underlying items	-	(0.1)
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>48.1</b>
<b>Closing net bank debt</b>	<b>(60.6)</b>	<b>(116.7)</b>
<b>Leverage<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>0.8x</b>	<b>1.6x</b>
<b>Fixed Charge Cover<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>1.9x</b>	<b>1.7x</b>

- Capex investments maintained at relatively low levels compared to long term average; full year expectation remains at £24-28m
- Debt interest reduced £2.3m due to lower average net debt levels and to a lesser extent falling SONIA rates
- Corporation tax increase due to profit performance and the prior year including receipts from historical overpayments
- Lease payments reflect £7m timing benefit that will reverse in H2
- Working capital
  - Inflow driven by negative working capital model; Expect partial unwind in H2 aligned to typical seasonality trends
  - Higher inflow in the prior year associated with strengthening trading performance across the period
- Significant reduction in leverage; at 0.8x now within 0.5x-1.0x target range (1.0x adjusted for working capital phasing)

<sup>1</sup> Underlying operating profit before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and impairment

<sup>2</sup> Other of £0.2m (H1 FY25: £1.0m) includes losses/gains on disposal of assets, FX revaluations, share based payment expense, purchase of shares by Employee Benefit Trust and adjustment for non-underlying P&L charge/credit

<sup>3</sup> Per banking covenant definitions (Pre-IFRS 16)

# MARKET DRIVERS AND NEAR TERM OUTLOOK

## MARKET DRIVERS RELATIVELY STABLE

### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE - MAJOR PURCHASES



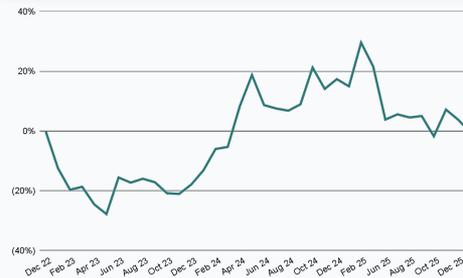
- c80% of transactions are replacements
- Strong correlation between consumer confidence and market demand
- Overall index and appetite for major purchases slightly improving over last 12 months but below pre-pandemic average
- Unemployment rate has increased to 5.2% for the period of October to December 2025

### REAL HOUSEHOLD DISPOSABLE INCOME



- Real disposable income in growth and projected to continue albeit at relatively low levels
- Household savings rates remain well above pre-pandemic averages but are slowly falling

### PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS



- Drive c20% of upholstery purchases
- Long term YoY growth now likely feeding into market demand
- Growth rate has slowed given recent macro uncertainty

Consumer confidence: GfK

Property transactions: HMRC (March - May 2025 - average used to avoid distorting impact of stamp duty changes)

Household disposable income growth: OBR forecasts - November 2025

# FY26 OUTLOOK

## PREVIOUS GUIDANCE REITERATED

- Remain comfortable with our previous guidance of £43-50m PBTu(A)\*
  - Some softening in footfall trends linked to adverse weather conditions
  - Gross margins remain strong
  - Costs under good control
- Expect to see a partial reversal of H1 working capital inflow
- Cash capex guidance unchanged at £24-28m
- Continue to focus on deleveraging, investment in growth and sustainable returns to shareholders
- Reinstating Interim dividend of 1.0 pence / share (£2.3m)

*\*Subject to no material supply chain disruption resulting from current geopolitical events impacting the timing of delivery of customer orders.*



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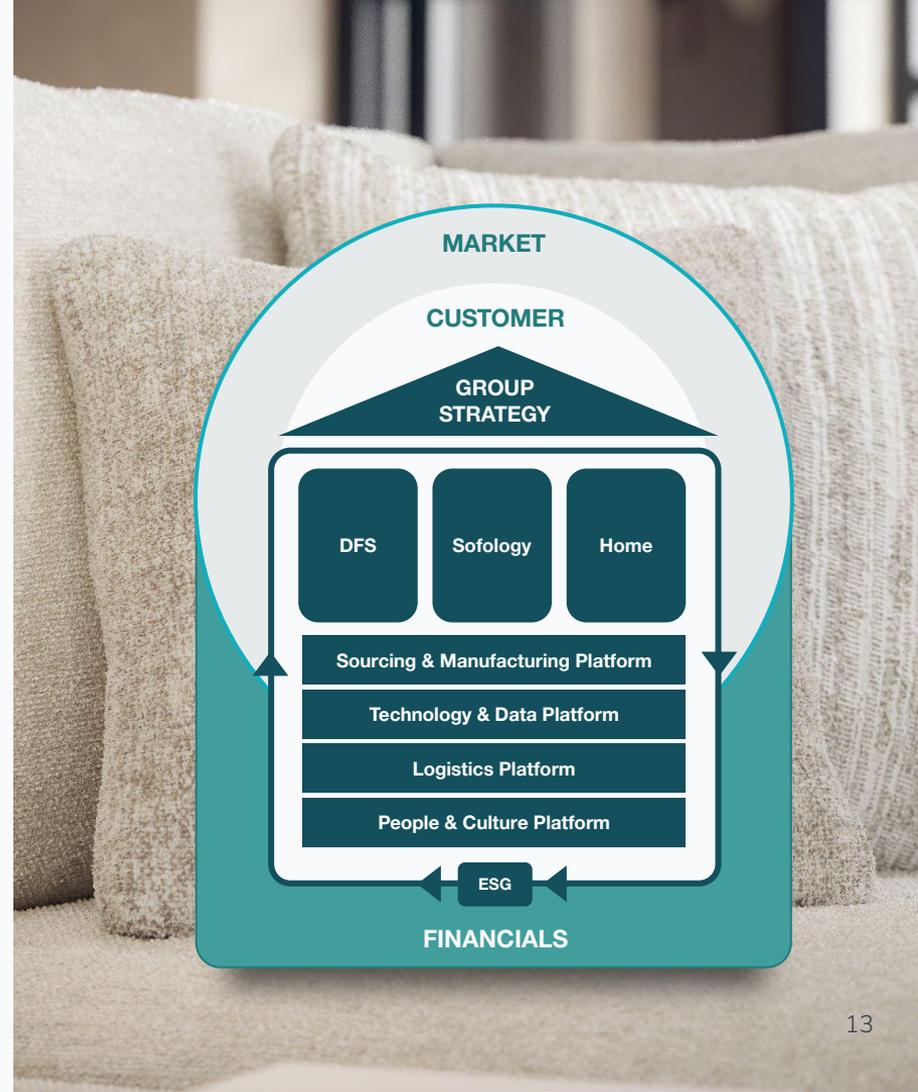
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# STRATEGIC PROGRESS RESULTING FROM OUR FOCUS IN THREE KEY AREAS

**SCALE AND VERTICAL INTEGRATION**

**DATA AND TECHNOLOGY**

**PEOPLE & CULTURE**

**OUR KEY  
ENABLERS THAT  
HELP US SUCCEED**

# LEVERAGING OUR SCALE

## DRIVING MARKET LEADERSHIP THROUGH SCALE, INNOVATION AND MARGIN STRENGTH

### Market Leader

39% share with integrated end-to-end platform



**Exclusive & Differentiated**  
42% of DFS mix from exclusive brand partnerships

**Innovation Built In**  
Tech-enabled ranges and high-impact collaborations

**Sofology Momentum**  
Strong marketing campaigns and new ranges

**Home Growth Engine**  
Brand partnerships and space expansion driving order intake growth

JOULES  
EXCLUSIVELY AT DFS

FRENCH CONNECTION  
EXCLUSIVELY AT DFS

HouseBeautiful  
EXCLUSIVELY AT DFS

TED BAKER  
LONDON  
EXCLUSIVELY AT DFS

COUNTRY LIVING  
EXCLUSIVELY AT DFS

LaZboy  
RANGES EXCLUSIVELY AT DFS

# LEVERAGING OUR VERTICAL INTEGRATION

COMBINING VOLUME WITH OUR VERTICALLY INTEGRATED BUSINESS MODEL DRIVES EFFICIENCY AND PROFITABILITY

## Design-Led Value Creation

Margin and cost discipline engineered from day one

## Integrated Creative Engine

Faster execution, lower external spend

## Manufacturing Scale & Control

Experience and capacity driving quality and cost leverage

## Delivery Advantage

The Sofa Delivery Company delivering strong NPS and driving new opportunities

## Customer Experience Excellence

Shared expertise, consistent customer outcomes



# UTILISING DATA AND TECHNOLOGY

DRIVING EFFICIENCY AND CONTINUOUS CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE IMPROVEMENT THROUGH OUR PROPRIETARY PLATFORMS

## Building Capability Across Platforms

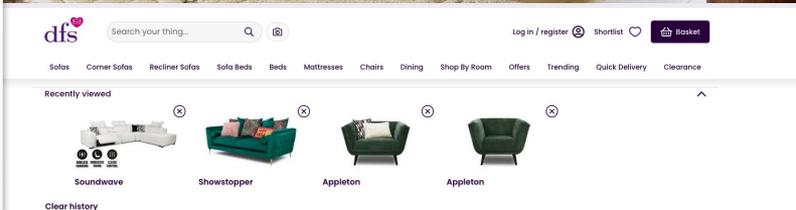
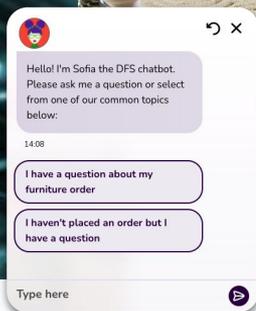
Proprietary systems and AI personalised journeys, enhance operational performance and boost customer engagement

## Technology Embedded In Product & Tools

Integrated sound, wireless charging, showroom locators, 'Complete at Home' features and soft search credit checker drive differentiation and higher order values

## Tech Enabled Customer Service & Performance

Intelligent call routing, automated communications and call analysis improve service, productivity and ecommerce NPS



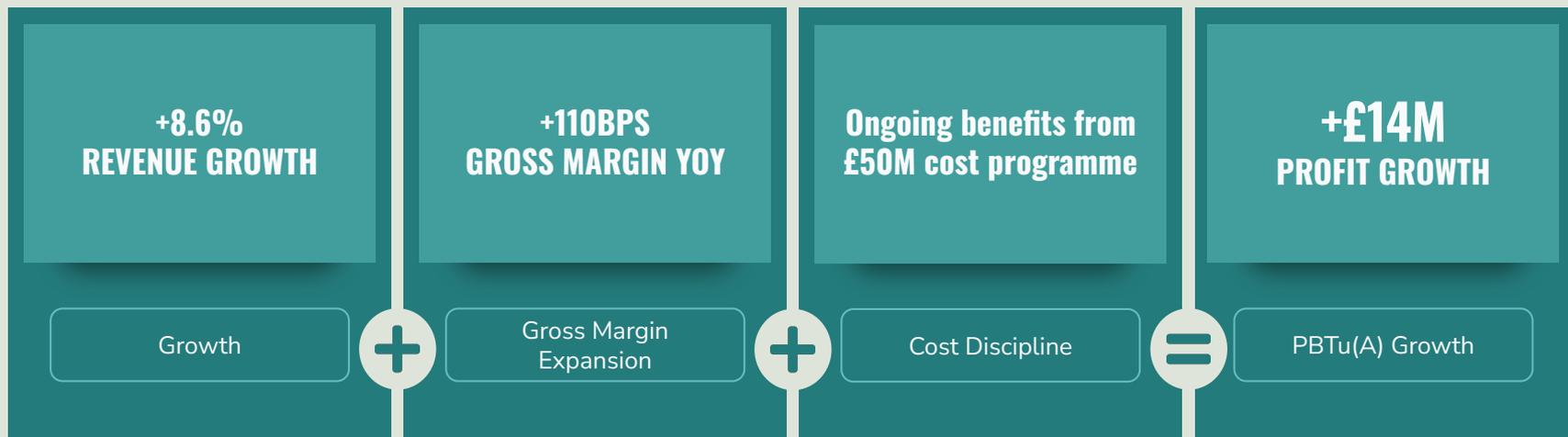
# HARNESSING OUR UNIQUE CULTURE TO DRIVE PERFORMANCE

OUR UNIQUE CULTURE IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR PERFORMANCE

- Leadership Development Programme
- New DFS Group Employee Value Proposition
- Seven Colleague Inclusion Networks
- Property decarbonisation agenda supporting SBTi target



# AS A RESULT OF OUR STRATEGIC PROGRESS WE HAVE DELIVERED AGAINST OUR KEY FINANCIAL FOCUS AREAS



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# PROFIT GROWTH DRIVERS

## THREE CLEAR MEDIUM TERM OPPORTUNITIES



# CONCLUSIONS

## WELL POSITIONED FOR FUTURE GROWTH

- Resilient performance in a subdued market
- Continued margin progression, strong cash generation and reduced leverage
- Multiple self-help and growth levers within our control
- Structurally better positioned for market recovery
- Confident in delivering medium term targets



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# APPENDIX



# GROUP SHOWROOM PROFILE

## AS AT 28 DECEMBER 2025 (VS. 29 DECEMBER 2024)

	UK	ROI	TOTAL
Large format (c. 15,000sq.ft.+)	90	3	93
Medium format (c. 10,000sq.ft.)	17	2	19
Small format (c. 5,000sq.ft.)	2	-	2
DFS outlet	1	-	1
<b>DFS TOTAL</b>	<b>110 (0)</b>	<b>5 (0)</b>	<b>115 (0)</b>
Large format (c. 15,000sq.ft.+)	55	-	55
Medium format (c.10,000-15,000 sq.ft)	2	-	2
<b>Sofology TOTAL</b>	<b>57 (0)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57 (0)</b>