



2026

Half Year Results

2 December 2025

Presenters

Stewart Gilliland, Interim Executive Chair
Rohan Cummings, Chief Financial Officer



HY2026 Summary

Remain on track for full year guidance

- Revenue declined by 13% to \$131.4m (HY2025: \$151.3m)
- Adjusted operating profit of \$5.7m and adjusted operating margin of 4.3%
- Net cash closed at \$1.9m. Cash outflow year-on-year improved by 16%
- Operational improvements: Australian warehouse relocation and China site closure
- CEO recruitment remains underway with Stewart Gilliland committed to the role of Interim Executive Chair until finalised
- Future contingent proceeds on sale of DGA TBC, albeit currently estimated at \$nil

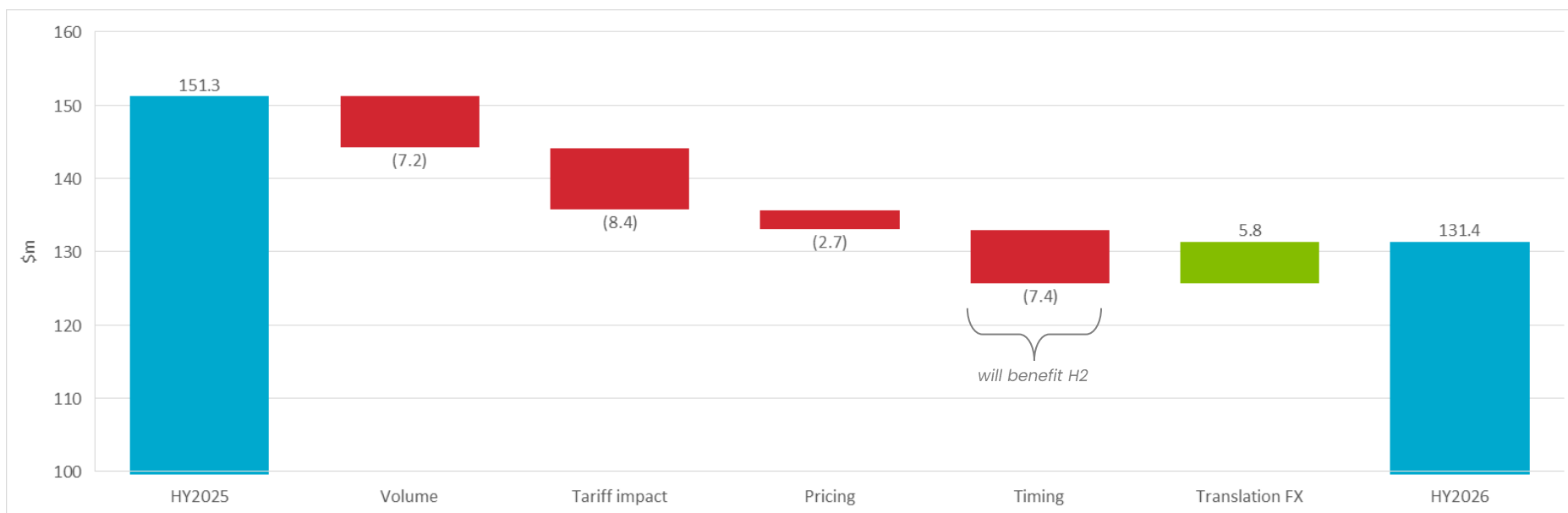


Financial Review



Group Revenue

Revenue	HY2026 \$m	HY2025 \$m	Change %
DG Europe	58.8	59.0	-
DG UK	50.3	71.9	(30)
DG Australia	22.8	21.1	8
Eliminations	(0.5)	(0.7)	
Total	131.4	151.3	(13)



- Revenue from continuing operations decreased by 13% to \$131.4m.
- Reduction reflects the market headwinds previously communicated:
 - **Volume:** softer demand in the UK
 - **Tariffs:** the impact of tariffs on UK sales into the US
 - **Pricing:** Competitive pricing pressure across Europe
- **Timing:** \$7.4m of shipments shifted into H2, primarily within Europe, which will benefit the second half.
- **FX:** positive impact from FX translation into USD. On a constant currency basis, Group revenue decreased by 16%.

Adjusted Operating Profit

Adjusting Operating Profit	HY2026 \$m	HY2025 \$m	Change %
DG Europe	7.5	8.7	(14)
DG UK	0.7	7.2	(90)
DG Australia	1.7	1.1	54
Central & Eliminations	(4.2)	(4.1)	
Total	5.7	12.9	(56)



- Adjusted operating profit declined to \$5.7m:
- Revenue headwinds** (−\$12.9m): reflect lower volumes, the impact of US tariffs, pricing pressure and shipment timing effects which will reverse and benefit H2
- Freight** (+\$2.6m): benefit from normalising freight rates vs elevated rates in the prior year
- Strategic initiatives** (+\$0.8m): benefit from the closure of China site in the prior year
- Net overhead savings** (+\$1.9m): mainly driven by DG UK and lower audit fees, offset by CEO recruitment fees

Segmental Performance

	Revenue			Adjusted operating profit			Adjusted operating margin	
	HY2026	HY2025	Change	HY2026	HY2025	Change	HY2026	HY2025
	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m	%		
DG Europe	58.8	59.0	-	7.5	8.7	(14)	12.7%	14.7%
DG UK	50.3	71.9	(30)	0.7	7.2	(90)	1.5%	10.0%
DG Australia	22.8	21.1	8	1.7	1.1	54	7.6%	5.4%
Central & Eliminations	(0.5)	(0.7)		(4.2)	(4.1)			
Total	131.4	151.3	(13)	5.7	12.9	(56)	4.3%	8.6%

DG Europe

- Stable revenue despite pricing pressures and timing shift into H2
- Profit decline driven by pricing impact, partially offset by freight tailwinds

DG UK

- Revenue decline 30% – softer UK demand, impact of US tariffs and seasonal timing shift into H2
- Decline in profit due to sales impact, partially offset by reduced overheads

DG Australia

- 8% revenue growth – particularly through Party ranges
- Profit growth driven by sales growth and margin mix

Central costs

- Increase in costs during transitional period
- However, action taken to reduce central costs into the future:
 - Overhead reduction through PLC central team rationalisation, lower audit and consulting costs
- Successful bank deal negotiation results in lower bank and interest charges

Financial Summary

	Adjusted		
	HY2026 \$m	HY2025 \$m	Change
Revenue	131.4	151.3	(13)%
Gross profit	26.3	36.2	(25)%
Gross margin	20.0%	23.9%	(390)bps
Overheads	(20.6)	(23.3)	(8)%
Operating profit	5.7	12.9	(56)%
Operating profit margin	4.3%	8.6%	(430)bps
Net finance costs	(0.4)	(0.6)	(33)%
Profit before tax	5.3	12.3	(57)%
Tax	(0.1)	(2.2)	95%
Effective tax rate	2.4%	17.6%	
Profit after tax	5.2	10.1	(41)%
Diluted earnings per share	4.9c	10.2c	(47)%
Loss from discontinued operations			

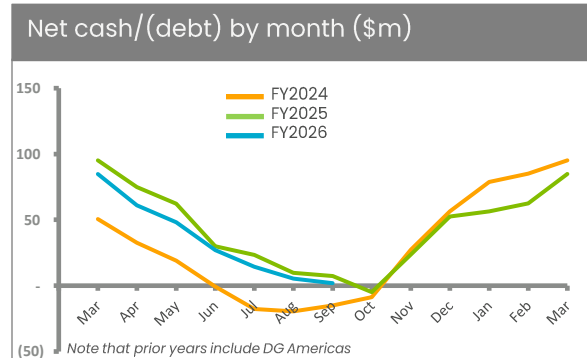
Reported	
HY2026 \$m	HY2025 \$m
131.4	151.3
25.3	35.4
19.2%	23.4%
(21.0)	(26.8)
4.3	8.6
3.3%	5.7%
(0.6)	(0.6)
3.7	8.0
0.3	(2.2)
(8.0)%	27.0%
4.0	5.8
4.1c	5.7c
(150.4)	(1.5)

- **Net finance costs** (\$0.4m): favourable driven by lower borrowing costs following new bank deal
- **Adjusted tax charge** (\$0.1m): favourable driven by one-off tax provision release resulting in exceptionally low ETR
- **Adjusting items** (\$1.4m): primarily relate to DG Australia warehouse relocation
- **Loss from discontinued operations** (\$150.4m): represents the loss on sale of DG Americas, coupled with DGA trading losses of \$10.1m in the period

Cash Flow

	HY2026 \$m	HY2025 \$m
Adjusted EBITDA	10.3	17.9
Add back share-based payment charge	0.7	0.6
Movements in working capital	(51.2)	(65.1)
Adjusted cash used by operations	(40.2)	(46.6)
Adjusting items	(1.5)	(3.3)
Cash used by operations	(41.7)	(49.9)
Capital Expenditure	(2.4)	(1.8)
Tax paid	(2.4)	(3.1)
Interest received/(paid)	0.4	(0.8)
Lease liabilities principal repayments	(2.7)	(2.0)
Dividends paid (including non-controlling interests)	–	(0.7)
FX and other	0.9	1.3
Movement in net cash for continuing operations	(47.9)	(57.0)
DG Americas cash outflow	(33.3)	(30.8)
DG Americas disposal costs	(1.7)	–
Movement in net cash	(82.9)	(87.8)
Opening net cash	84.8	95.2
Closing net cash	1.9	7.4

- Net cash outflow for continuing Group improved 16% year-on-year
- Working capital improvement with normalisation versus increase in prior year to rebuild from lower inventory levels in March 2024
- Adjusting items and capex in the period relate to Australia warehouse relocation
- Interest income versus payment in prior year due to lower borrowing costs
- DG Americas outflow of \$33.3m, plus disposal costs of \$1.7m



The Group Today



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Strong heritage, long-established & stable relationships, well-structured categories and product ranges across the UK, Europe and Australia



Over 730 employees



Over 22,000 SKUs



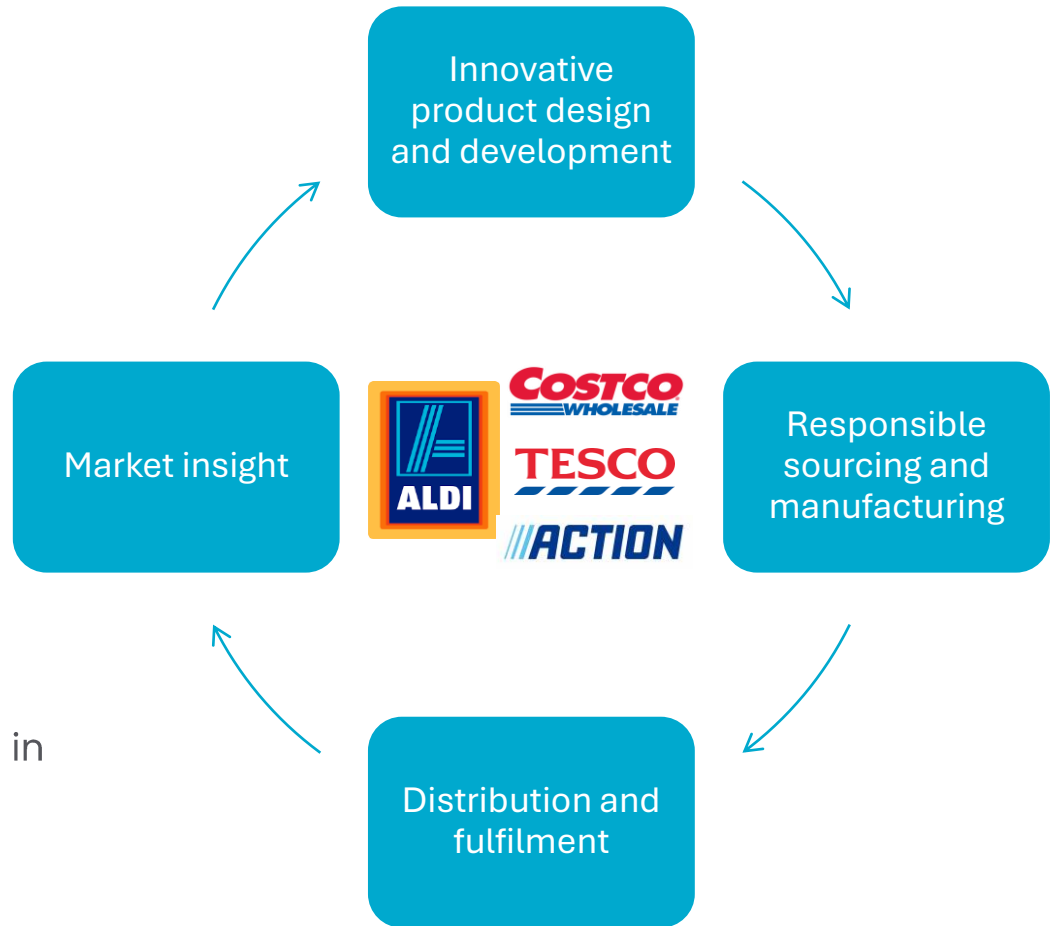
Over 550 million units



Sales to 70 countries



Three manufacturing facilities in Wales, Netherlands & Poland



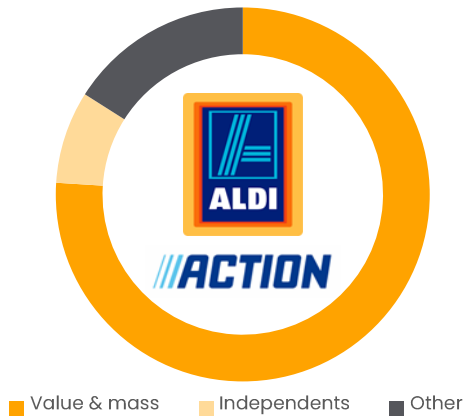
Design Group Europe

Design, Source & Manufacture Celebrate & Create products across three sites in the Netherlands and Poland

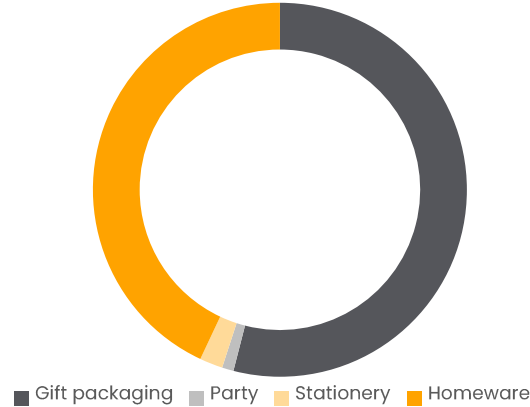
45% of Group Revenue

189 employees

Customers



Product



Type



Strategic focus

- Product differentiation
- Premiumisation through increasing average selling price
- Customer expansion
- Commercial capability

Countries we sell to



Design Group UK

Design, Source & Manufacture Celebrate & Create products across sites in Wales, Newport Pagnell and the Far East

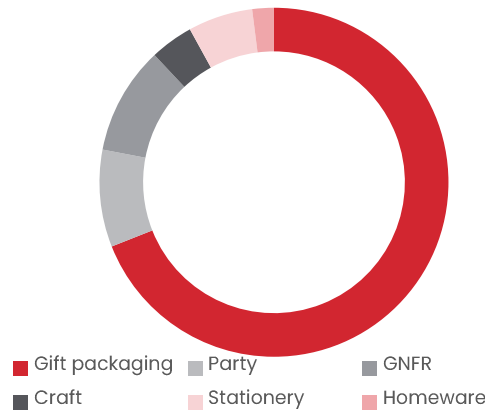
38% of Group Revenue

368 employees

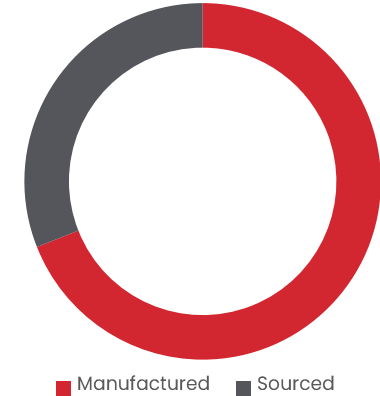
Customers



Product



Type



Strategic focus

- Efficiencies delivered from China site closure and Far East sourcing office
- Product differentiation into higher margin categories
- Commercial capability
- Channel diversification

Countries we sell to



Design Group Australia

Design, Source & Distribute Celebrate & Create products in Australia

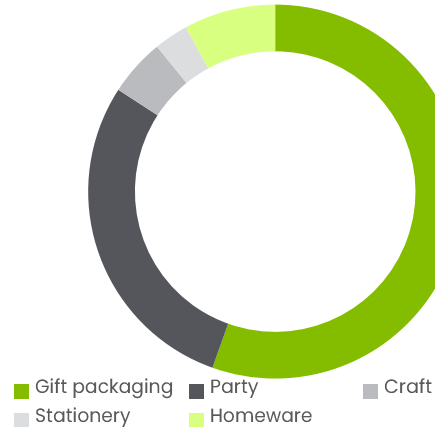
17% of Group Revenue

158 employees

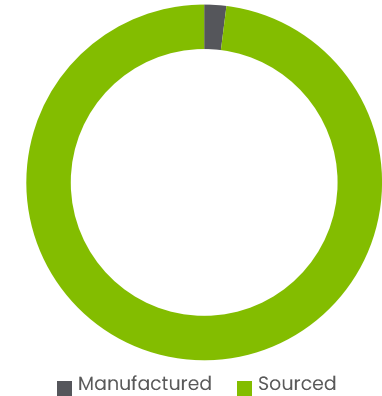
Customers



Product



Type



Strategic focus

- Warehouse relocation completed
- Diversifying revenue growth opportunities
- Optimise efficiency following relocation
- Premiumisation through improved mix, increasing average selling price

Countries we sell to



Looking Ahead



Guidance

Reaffirming guidance as presented in July 2025

	FY2026	FY2027-28
Revenue	\$270m-\$280m	+0-5% p.a.
Adjusted Operating Margin	3-4%	4-5%
Cash	\$40m-\$45m	+\$6-\$8m p.a.

Capital allocation

1. Organic growth – selective investment in organic growth opportunities
2. Shareholder distributions:
 - Following the sale of DG Americas, currently insufficient distributable reserves in PLC to be able to pay a dividend
 - Project underway to create distributable reserves, with a further update in due course
 - Committed to reinstating shareholder distributions as soon as it is appropriate and possible to do so
3. Maintain a strong balance sheet and cash position
4. M&A – selective investment in bolt-on, accretive, strategically aligned businesses

Drivers of long-term growth

DRIVERS OF LONG-TERM GROWTH

PREMIUMISATION



- Upgrading products through thoughtful redesign & improved materials
- Optimising pricing to reflect product value & support margin expansion
- New product development with a focus on higher retail price points



PRODUCT DIVERSIFICATION



- Expanding into higher-margin categories
- Diversifying portfolio to reduce concentration risk



CUSTOMER & CHANNEL EXPANSION



- Enhancing customer reach and distribution
- Expanding into new channels
- Increased manufactured volumes will improve operating leverage and margins



COMMERCIAL CAPABILITY



- Strengthening commercial and marketing excellence to support strategic execution of sales and margin growth
- Examples include training, commercial academy and market insights

These drivers are underpinned by our ongoing focus on low cost, efficient manufacturing and sourcing

Case Study

Free Standing Display Units

INNOVATION

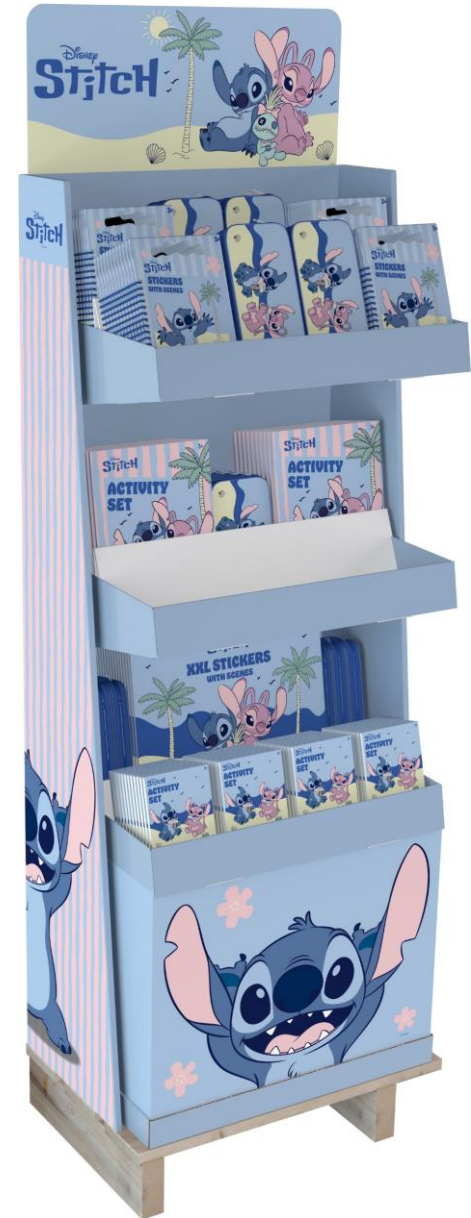
- Free standing display units (FSDUs)
- Growth area in FY2026 with further opportunity into the future

STRATEGY SUCCESS

- Expansion into new product categories
- Premiumisation through licensing

MARGIN GROWTH

- Higher average selling price
- Sales growth +42% vs HY2025



ESG

Sustainability is more than a responsibility. It's an opportunity for competitive advantage, powered by our innovation and scale to make proactive, positive change

We aim to drive long-term value for shareholders, customers and employees through a more sustainable and differentiated offering



Product

- Leverage our design and innovation strengths
- Fully recyclable product ranges and packaging
- *Smartwrap™* – shrink free giftwrap solution
- *Eco Nature™* – made from recycled materials, fully recyclable, made in the UK



Planet

- Minimising carbon footprint through renewable electricity contracts & solar panels
- No waste to landfill in manufacturing sites
- Carbon reporting platform for scope 1 and 2 emissions. Scope 3 reporting in progress
- Group targets and net zero strategy in progress



Governance

- Ethical and sustainable practices embedded across our operations
- Climate integrated within our risk management framework
- Clear governance and transparent reporting



People

- Health, safety and wellbeing a Board priority
- Charitable donations and partnerships, such as with the Trussell Trust
- Responsible supply chain
- Monitor and promote diversity, equality and inclusion



Outlook

- Reaffirm full-year guidance of \$270–280 million revenue and adjusted operating margin of 3–4%
- Strong order-book visibility entering H2, with 96% of full-year forecast sales (HY2025: 88%), providing confidence in performance
- Focus on our long-term growth drivers to deliver margin enhancement and sustainable cash generation across all regions



Appendix



Capital Allocation

Capital deployment to support growth ambitions, whilst maintaining a strong balance sheet

Organic growth

- Selective investment in organic growth opportunities
- Further investment in innovation and technology to help gain market share

Strong balance sheet

- Strong balance sheet and cash position maintained

Shareholder Distributions

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M&A

- Cash generation and strong balance sheet provides ability to acquire bolt-on, accretive, strategically aligned businesses that ensure the Group remains profitable and cash generative, providing sustainable growth

Divestment of DG Americas

- Successful sale of DGA to Hilco on 30 May 2025
- Hilco sale and/or liquidation process of DGA is still ongoing, with any future net proceeds to the Group contingent on completion of this process
- As at 30 September 2025 expected cash flows from future proceeds was estimated at \$nil
- A loss from discontinued operations of \$150.4m has been recognised within the interim reported results (loss on sale \$140.3m, trading losses to May 2025 \$10.1m)
- Following the divestment, the Group intends to adopt GBP presentation currency from the FY2026 full-year results

Investment Case

1. A strong, stable business at the core

Focus on developing the business from a stable platform, leveraging our strengths:



2. Multiple opportunities to harness growth organically, and expansion across:

- Channels
- Customers and geographies, across both Celebrate and Create
- New product categories

3. Sustainable growth in revenue and margin expected over coming years

Value will become apparent through profit and cash generation, underpinned by a strong balance sheet

Premiumisation

