



# **FY25 RESULTS**

## **FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

**Dan Finley CEO | Phil Ellis CFO**

**AUGUST 27 2025**





# DAN FINLEY

**GROUP CEO**



# **FY25 YEAR OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE**

**BOARD RECOGNISED NEED FOR CHANGE**

**APPOINTED AS CEO 1ST NOVEMBER**

**FOCUS ON STABILISING THE BUSINESS**



# **FY25 £41.6M ADJUSTED EBITDA**

**ONLY POSSIBLE DUE TO AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS**

**£50M ANNUALISED COST SAVINGS**

**50% REDUCTION IN BOTH STOCKHOLDING AND CAPEX**



A man with short dark hair, wearing dark sunglasses and a maroon polo shirt, is leaning against a light-colored wall. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

# **STANDOUT PERFORMANCE BY THE DEBENHAMS BRAND**

**£654M GMV +34% YOY**

**£25M ADJUSTED EBITDA**

**SUCCESSFUL MUTIYEAR TURNAROUND**



# **DEBENHAMS TURNAROUND IS THE BLUEPRINT FOR THE WIDER GROUP**

**CAPITAL LITE**

**STOCK LITE**

**COST LITE**





# **SIGNIFICANTLY DELEVERAGED**

**SUCCESSFULLY OVERSUBSCRIBED EQUITY RAISE**

**SALE OF NON CORE PROPERTY ASSETS**

**GROSS BORROWING REDUCED BY £200M**

**NET DEBT DOWN TO £78.2M**

**POST YEAR END - NEW 3 YEAR FINANCE FACILITY SIGNED**

A woman with long dark hair, wearing dark sunglasses and a bright yellow sleeveless vest over a matching skirt. She is standing against a background of a clear blue sky and white sand dunes. She has a silver cuff bracelet on her left wrist.

# **MULTI YEAR TURNAROUND**

**DRIVING PROFITABILITY**

**MAXIMISING SHAREHOLDER VALUE**

**SUPERCHARGING THE DEBENHAMS BRAND**

**TURNAROUND OF THE YOUTH FASHION BRANDS**





# PHILELLIS

**GROUP CFO**





**APPOINTED GROUP CFO IN MARCH 2025**  
**MANAGING DIRECTOR DEBENHAMS PAY+**

**PREVIOUSLY**  
**DEBENHAMS FINANCE DIRECTOR**  
**COMMERCIAL FINANCE DIRECTOR JD SPORTS**  
**HEAD OF COMMERCIAL FINANCE VERY GROUP**



# KEY FINANCIAL DATA

| 12 MONTHS TO END OF FEB (£M) | FY25    | FY24    | CHG      |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| GMV (pre returns)            | 1,606.8 | 1,632.5 | (2)%     |
| GMV (post returns)           | 1,137.4 | 1,121.7 | 1%       |
| Revenue                      | 790.3   | 902.3   | (12)%    |
| Gross margin                 | 52.6%   | 53.1%   | (50)bps  |
| Statutory gross margin       | 49.3%   | 53.1%   | (380)bps |
| Operating costs              | (375.5) | (440.2) | (15)%    |
| Adjusted EBITDA              | 41.6    | 40.4    | 3.0%     |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin       | 5.3%    | 4.5%    | 80bps    |
| Statutory loss before tax    | (263.9) | (164.5) | (60)%    |
| Inventory                    | 72.2    | 208.0   | (65)%    |
| Capex                        | 27.5    | 64.8    | (58)%    |
| FCF                          | (40.2)  | (62.9)  | 36%      |
| Net cash / (debt)            | (78.2)  | (95.0)  | (18)%    |

**GMV performance driven by strong growth in Debenhams offset by weaker performance in youth brands**

**Revenue decline of 12% largely reflects the growing importance of our marketplace model**

**Adjusted EBITDA growth of 3% demonstrates successful cost saving initiatives**

**Significant inventory reduction of 65%, with 90% of stock now <6 months old**

**Improving free cash flow**

**Net Debt reduced to £78.2M**



# FY25 GMV

| £M                     | FY25    | FY24    | CHG   |
|------------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| GMV (pre returns)      | 1,606.8 | 1,632.5 | (2)%  |
| Debenhams Brand        | 654.0   | 488.7   | 34%   |
| Karen Millen           | 157.1   | 161.9   | (3)%  |
| Youth Brands           | 795.6   | 981.9   | (19)% |
| Group GMV post returns | 1,137.4 | 1,121.7 | 1%    |

**Strong performance in the Debenhams brand, further demonstrating the success of the marketplace model**

**Strong growth in categories such as Beauty, strengthening the breadth of our offering**

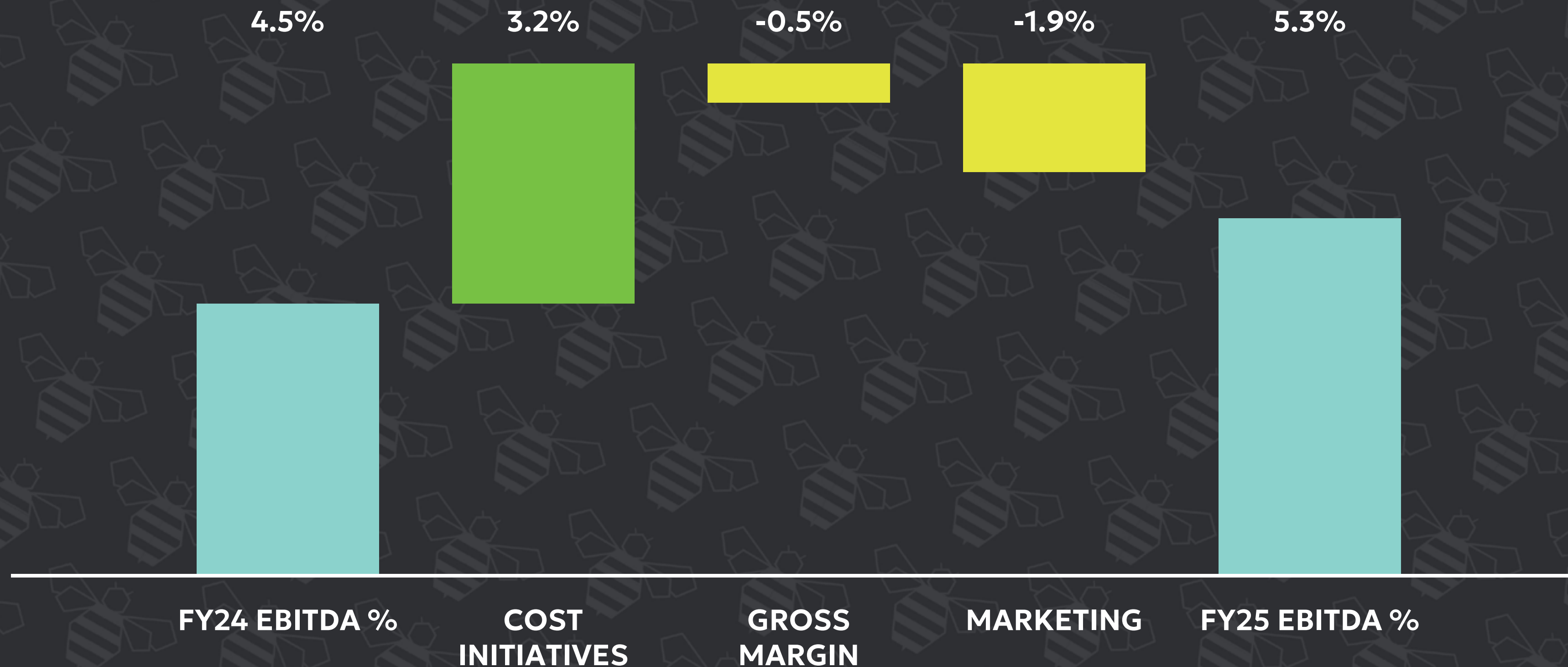
**Stable performance in Karen Millen which maintained a strong market position but was impacted by the macro environment**

**Youth brands impacted by cost-of-living challenges**

**Going forward Youth brands to focus on cash generation and profitability**



# EBITDA MARGIN



**EBITDA margin improvement was a direct result of successful cost savings initiatives focused on reducing our operating cost base.**

**A significant reduction in distribution and admin expenses was slightly offset by higher marketing spend, as we continued to invest in our brands, and a lower gross margin.**



# CASHFLOW SUMMARY

| AS AT END OF FEBURARY 2025 (£M)                        | FY25           | FY24           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities                   | (85.0)         | 1.1            |
| Decrease in inventories                                | 66.9           | 12.7           |
| Movement in receivables & payables                     | (39.1)         | 0.8            |
| Decrease/(increase) in discontinued operations         | 39.1           | (13.2)         |
| Tax repaid   | 5.4            | 0.6            |
| <b>Cash used / generated from operations</b>           | <b>(12.7)</b>  | <b>1.9</b>     |
|  |                |                |
| Capital expenditure & equity investments               | (27.5)         | (63.4)         |
| Proceeds from sale of PPE                              | 56.6           | 0.6            |
| Finance income   | 3.1            | 7.7            |
| <b>Cash generated / used in investing activities</b>   | <b>32.2</b>    | <b>(55.0)</b>  |
|  |                |                |
| Net proceeds from share issues                         | 38.1           | 0.1            |
| Purchase of own shares                                 | 0.0            | (15.3)         |
| Finance expense  | (25.2)         | (15.6)         |
| Lease payments   | (10.0)         | (13.3)         |
| Financing activities from Discontinued Operations      | (3.8)          | (3.6)          |
| Repayment of borrowings                                | (202.1)        | 0.0            |
| <b>Cash used / generated from financing activities</b> | <b>(202.9)</b> | <b>(47.8)</b>  |
|  |                |                |
| <b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>           | <b>(183.4)</b> | <b>(100.9)</b> |

**Strategic initiatives including the sale of non-core assets and the November equity placing enabled a £200M reduction in borrowings. At year end, net debt was £78.2M.**

**Capex significantly reduced, down 58% YoY, as we become increasingly cash focused.**

**Focus on stock-lite, marketplace model.**



# GROUP KPIs

| TWELVE MONTHS TO END OF FEB            | FY25  | FY24  | CHG    |
|--|-------|-------|--------|
| Active Customers <sup>(1)</sup>        | 11.4m | 12.0m | (5)%   |
| Number of Orders <sup>(2)</sup>        | 30.3m | 31.7m | (4)%   |
| GMV per active customer <sup>(3)</sup> | £141  | £136  | 4%     |
| Marketplace % of GMV <sup>(4)</sup>    | 29.6% | 15.4% | 14%pts |

**The decline in active customer numbers and the number of orders is primarily driven by our Youth Brands, partially offset by Debenhams customer growth.**

**Marketplace % of GMV c.30% with focus on growing this**

(1) Defined as having shopped in the last 12 months on the website and app, including marketplace.

(2) Defined as number of website and app orders in last 12 months divided by number of active customers.

(3) Defined as GMV pre returns divided by the number of active customers

(4) GMV pre returns generated from External Marketplace sales divided by total Group GMV pre returns



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a sleeveless, form-fitting, light blue dress, is posing on a light-colored floor against a textured, light-colored wall. She is leaning forward with her hands on the floor, looking directly at the camera. The text "STRATEGIC UPDATE" is overlaid in large, bold, white capital letters.

# STRATEGIC UPDATE

**DAN FINLEY - GROUP CEO**



**WE ARE**



**Debenhams**  
**GROUP**



A woman with long, dark hair is shown from the waist up, wearing a sleeveless, shimmering, sequined dress. She is looking slightly to the right with a soft expression. The background is dark, and the lighting highlights the texture of her dress and her features.

# **DEBENHAMS GROUP TRANSFORMATION UNDERWAY**

**CREATING THE RIGHT OPERATING MODEL**

**SUPERCHARGING THE DEBENHAMS BRAND**

**PIVOT TO FASHION LED MARKETPLACE MODEL**

**EXPLORING THE SALE OF PLT TO A STRATEGIC BUYER**



A woman with short brown hair, wearing dark sunglasses and a dark blue denim dress with a buttoned placket and short puffed sleeves, stands in front of a dense green bush with light pink flowers. The scene is brightly lit, with shadows cast across her dress and the foliage.

# CREATING THE RIGHT OPERATING MODEL

**LEAN**

**RIGHT SIZED**

**TECH ENABLED**





# **SUPERCHARGE** **Debenhams**

**15K+ BRANDS**

**DEBENHAMS PAY+**

**GROW TAKE RATE**



# **PIVOT TO A FASHION LED MARKETPLACE MODEL**

**PROPRIETARY TECHNOLOGY**

**EXPAND CUSTOMER CHOICE**

**LEVERAGE CUSTOMER AUDIENCE**





A woman with long dark hair is wearing a long, shimmering, sequined dress. She is posing with one hand on her shoulder, looking upwards and to the side. The background is black.

# **OUTLOOK**

**STRONG PROFITABLE GROWTH IN DEBENHAMS BRAND**

**ALL BRANDS NOW TRADING PROFITABLY**

**RIGHT SIZING YOUTH BRANDS**

**- FOCUSING ON CASH GENERATION AND PROFITABILITY**

**EXPECT H1 FY26 ADJUSTED EBITDA TO BE AHEAD OF LAST YEAR**

**SIGNIFICANT MEDIUM-TERM OPPORTUNITY**



# QUESTIONS?



**DAN FINLEY**  
**GROUP CEO**



**PHIL ELLIS**  
**GROUP CFO**



# APPENDICES

A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a blue two-piece dress with a light-colored lace or ruffled waistband, is walking from left to right. She is looking down and slightly to her left. The background consists of a light-colored, textured wall on the left and a blurred outdoor scene with a parking lot and some buildings on the right. The word "APPENDICES" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.



|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>GMV PRE RETURNS</b>      | <b>All merchandise sold to customers after cancellations and before returns, including VAT, carriage receipts and premier subscription income</b> |
| <b>GMV POST RETURNS</b>     | <b>All merchandise sold to customers after cancellations and returns, including VAT, carriage receipts and premier subscription income</b>        |
| <b>ADJUSTED EBITDA</b>      | <b>Calculated as PBT, interest, depreciation, amortisation, share-based payment charges and exceptional items</b>                                 |
| <b>ADJUSTED EBIT</b>        | <b>Calculated as EBIT excluding share-based payment charges, amortisation of acquired intangible assets and exceptional items</b>                 |
| <b>ADJUSTED PBT</b>         | <b>Calculated as PBT, excluding share-based payment charges, amortisation of acquired intangible assets and exceptional items</b>                 |
| <b>ADJUSTED DILUTED EPS</b> | <b>Calculated as Diluted EPS, excluding share-based payment charges, amortisation of acquired intangible assets and exceptional items</b>         |
| <b>NET CASH/DEBT</b>        | <b>Net cash is cash less borrowings</b>   |
| <b>ACTIVE CUSTOMERS</b>     | <b>Defined as having shopped in the last 12 months</b>  |





**THANK YOU**



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