

2014 Final results presentation

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Introduction & Overview

- Transformation of Fairpoint as a result of successful diversification
- A strong financial performance, with maiden contribution from consumer legal services
- Adjusted profit and revenues have increased at double digit rates compared to 2013
- Strong balance sheet, cash generation and new enlarged long term bank facilities provide platform for growth
- Increased dividend reflecting strong profit performance and confidence in the future
- Significant growth opportunities and strong start to 2015

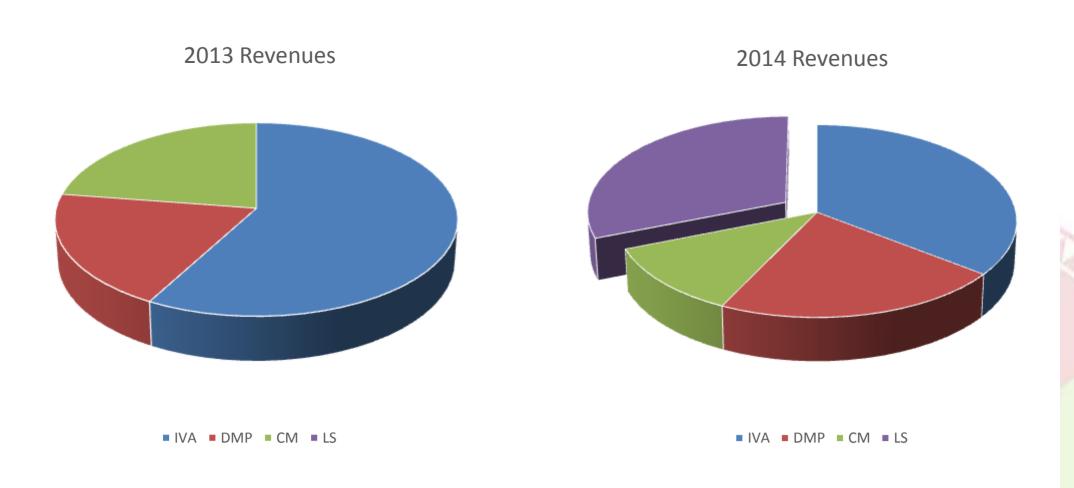
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Transforming Fairpoint

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Transformation in numbers



31% of Group revenues from Legal Services (c.45% annualised)

A consistent strategic agenda

Increased business resilience through diversification of income streams

Cost Leadership

Consolidating our chosen markets

Process into professional services

Establishing a legal services platform

A growing opportunity....

Addressable Market Size

- IVA market c.£80-100m p.a.
- DMP market c.£150m p.a.
- Consumer legal services c.£10bn p.a.

(source: Fairpoint estimates)

Legal Services

Claims Services

Debt Management

IVA

Served by a portfolio of brands















Pointing customers towards better solutions



Using a group wide set of values across all of our brands Serving markets not creating them

Financial Results 2014

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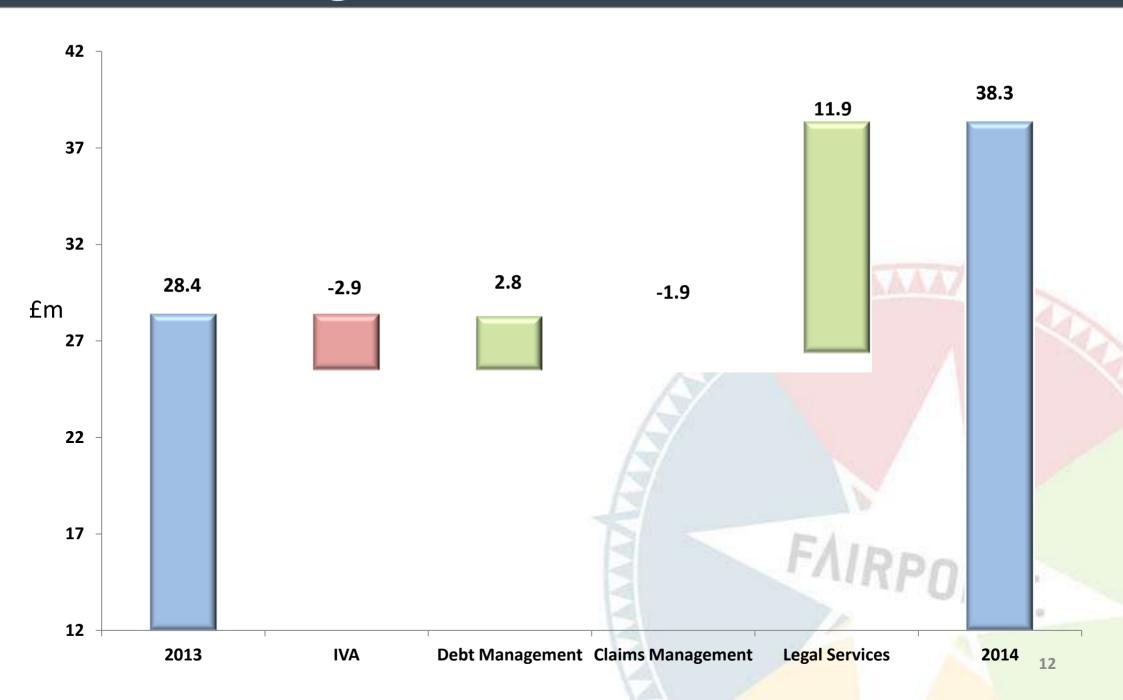


Income statement highlights

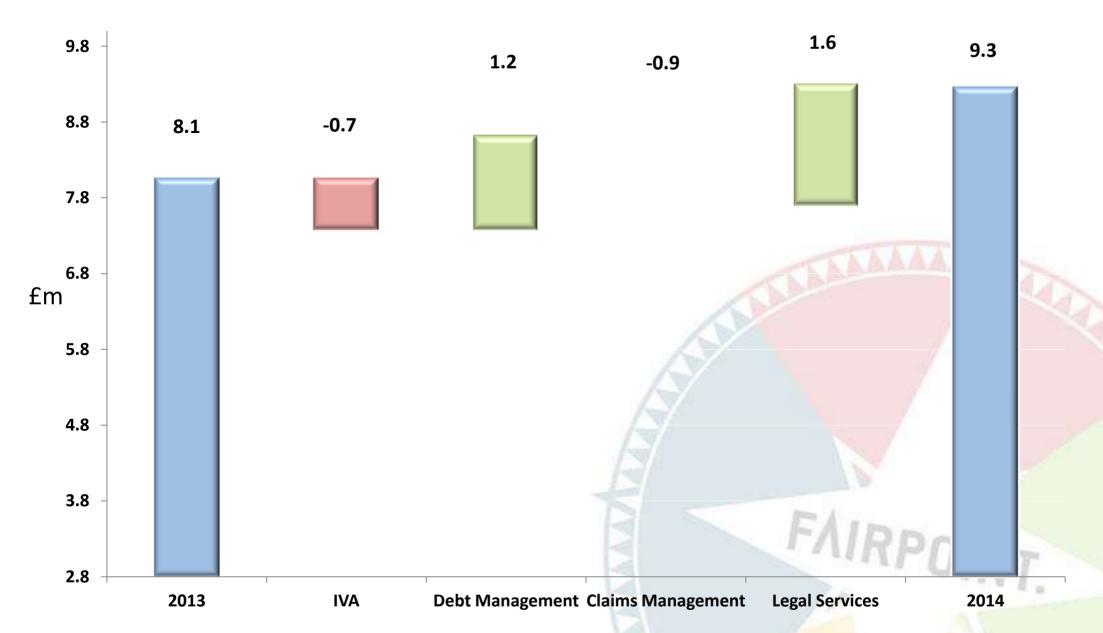
£m	31 Dec '14	31 Dec '13
Revenue	38.3	28.4
Gross profit	20.3	15.1
Adjusted profit before tax	9.3	8.1
Profit before tax	3.4	5.9
Adjusted basic EPS	17.17p	15.03p

- Strong revenue growth from acquisitions in Legal Services and DMP
- Adjusted profit before tax up by 15% to £9.3m (2013: £8.1m):
 - Adjusted for amortisation of acquired intangible assets of £3.3m (2013: £1.6m) and exceptional charges of £2.5m (2013: £0.6m)
- Finance costs of £0.5m (2013: £0.3m)
- Effective tax rate on adjusted PBT of 19.8% (2013: 21.0%)
- Adjusted basic EPS of 17.17p (2013: 15.03p), up by 14.2%
- Proposed final dividend of 4.10p, giving total dividend of 6.4p, up 7%

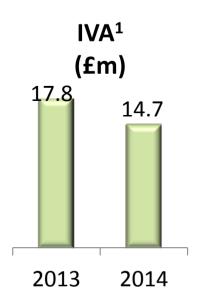
Revenue bridge



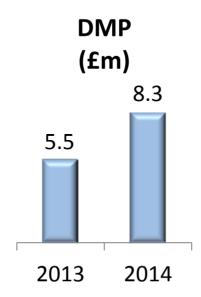
Adjusted profit bridge



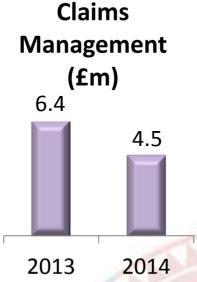
Segment summary – revenue



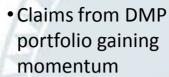
- 2,716 new cases (2013: 4,491)
- Average gross fee per new case £3,437 (2013: £3,239)
- •17,628 fee paying cases under management (2013: 19,337)



- Acquisition of three back books adding nearly 17,000 cases
- 25,462 cases under management (2013: 15,688)







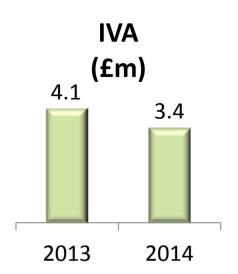


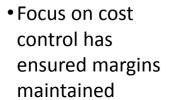
- Acquisition of Simpson Millar completed 16
 June 2014
- Further acquisition of Bristol based family law specialists in July 2014

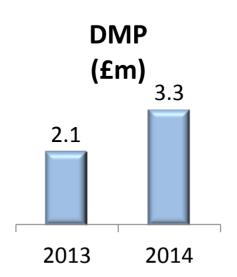
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¹ Includes unwind of discount of £2.3m (2013: £3.1m) less bad debt charge of £1.2m (2013: £1.7m)

Segment summary – adjusted PBT

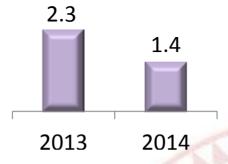






- Margin improvement due to economies of scale
- Growth largely driven by acquisition agenda





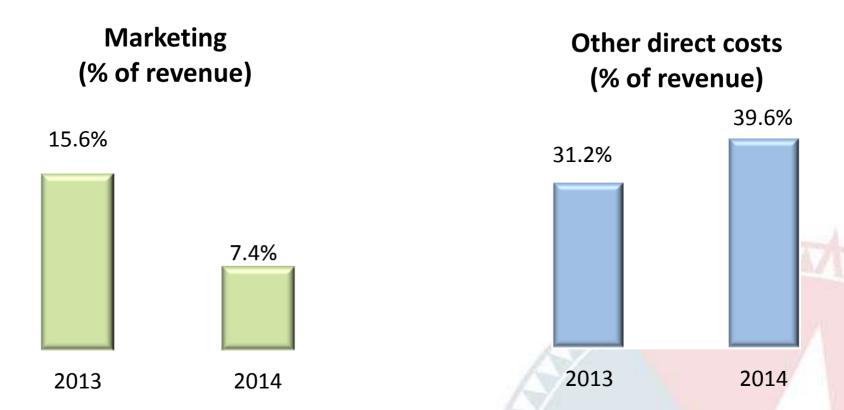
- Revenue reduction impacted profitability
- 'Writefully Yours' brand being further developed
- Simpson Millar expected to support more sustainable claims activity





- Strong maiden contribution from Simpson Millar
- Good progress made on integration planning (sales, marketing and support services)
- Establishing Group platform

Operational efficiency



- Continued focus on cost efficient marketing and cost control
- •Other direct costs increase reflects first time inclusion of Legal Services
- •Overall, direct costs maintained at 47% of revenue (2013: 47%)

Balance sheet

£m	31-Dec-14	31 Dec '13
Property, plant & equipment	1.2	1.0
Goodwill	16.8	12.0
Other intangible assets	17.4	7.3
Trade receivables & amounts		
recoverable on IVA	8.3	-
Total non-current assets	43.7	20.3
Trade receivables & amounts		
recoverable on IVA	15.3	23.7
Other current assets	9.0	2.2
Cash	2.4	2.9
Total assets	70.4	49.1
Equity & reserves	46.2	43.8
Non-current financial liabilities	9.3	_
Deferred tax	1.3	0.2
Contingent consideration	2.2	-
Deferred consideration	0.1	_
Total non-current liabilities	12.9	0.2
Trade and other payables	7.7	4.3
Current financial liabilities	0.6	0.1
Contingent consideration	2.4	0.0
Deferred consideration	0.3	0.0
Corporation tax	0.3	0.7
Total current liabilities	11.3	5.1
Total equity and liabilities	70.4	49.1

• Acquisition of Simpson Millar has introduced the following net assets:

	£m
Goodwill	4.8
Tangible and intangible assets	5.6
Trade receivables	1.6
Unbilled income	5.0
Cash	0.7
Trade and other payables	(3.8)
Deferred and current tax	(1.1)
Total net assets	12.8

- Simpson Millar acquisition satisfied by £6.1m of cash (funded by new facility), £2.0m in new shares and contingent consideration of £4.6m
- Contingent consideration of up to £6m dependent on financial performance of Simpson Millar over two years ending June 2016 and funded 50% in cash and 50% in shares

Cash flow

£m	31 Dec '14	31 Dec '13
Operating	5.7	6.0
- Operating pre exceptional items	7.3	6.6
Investing	(13.4)	(2.7)
Financing	7.2	(2.3)

Operating includes:

- Outflows associated with exceptional costs of £1.6m
- First time working capital outflows associated with Simpson Millar LLP of £1.3m
- Simpson Millar working capital days of 140
- Tax payments reduced by £1.2m

Investing includes:

- £12.6m of acquisitions, three corporate entities and one DMP back book (2013: £1.9m)
- Financing includes:
 - £2.6m dividends paid (2013: £2.4m)
 - Repayment of PNC facility and refinancing with AIB

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Debt position and facilities

£m	31 Dec '14	31 Dec '13
Principal bank debt	(10.0)	-
Cash	2.4	2.9
Net bank (debt) cash	(7.6)	2.9
Other asset related finance	-	(0.1)
Net (debt) cash	(7.6)	2.8

- New 5 year £20m banking facility signed with AIB, comprising £12m revolving credit facility and an £8m term loan:
 - £5m of term loan repayable during 5 year term
 - £3m repayable at end of 5 year term
- Replaces £13m asset based PNC facility which was due to expire April 2016
- Refinancing incurred one-off legal, professional and other charges of £0.5m
- Movement in net debt during the period reflects £12.6m cash investment in Simpson Millar and three DMP back books
- EBITDA to debt ratio 0.7x
- Ample capacity for further acquisition activity

Financial trends

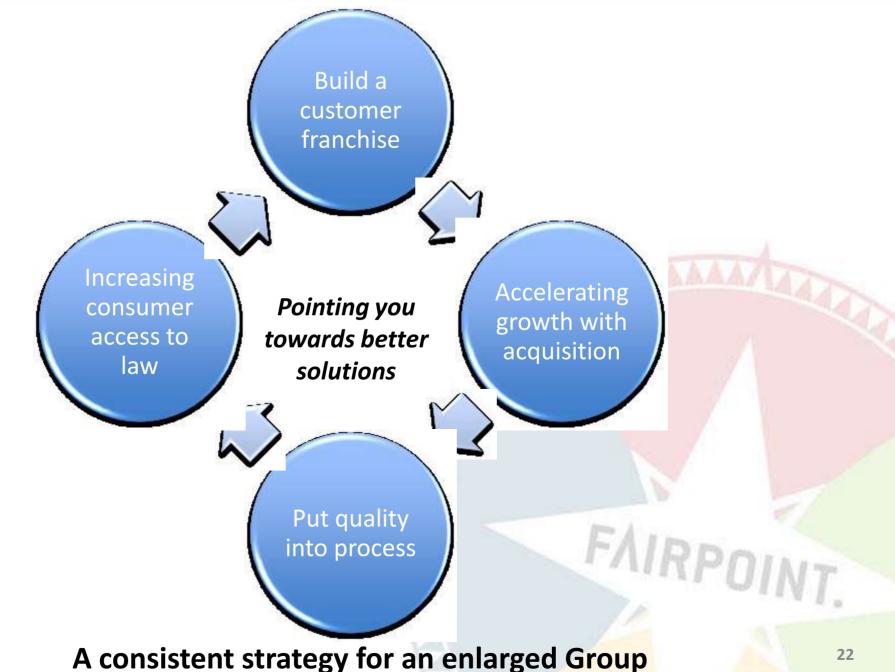
- Segmental trends:
 - IVA segment expected to remain challenging with focus on efficiency
 - DMP segment potential for further consolidation
 - Claims management continuing important contribution expected as new products and services explored
 - Legal services platform has been established with opportunities for further organic and acquisition growth
- 2015 full year effective tax rate expected to be 21-22%
- 2015 full year amortisation of acquired intangibles expected to be £4.1m
- Final dividend of £1.7m payable in June 2015
- First Simpson Millar contingent consideration payment due July 2015 of up to £1.5m of cash and £1.5m in shares

Prospects for 2015

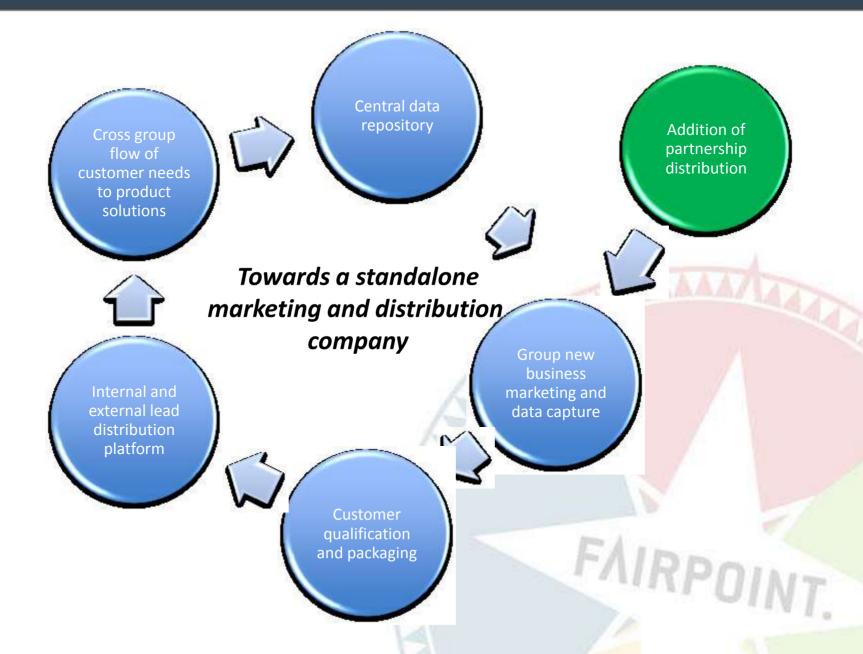
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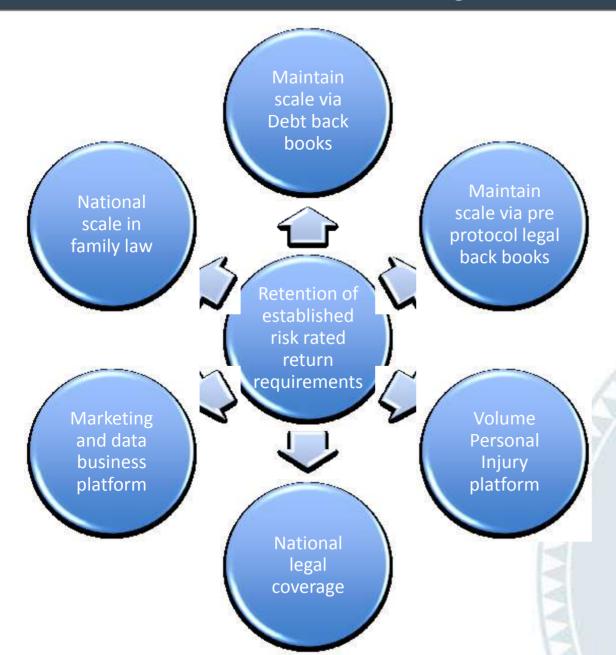
Mission & strategic themes



Build a customer franchise



More consolidation options



Key influences:

- Fit with target operating model
- **Consolidation opportunities**
- Regulatory landscape
- Competitive field
- Cash flow profile of targets

Putting quality into process

"In touch" programme

Mapped processes and defect reporting

Customer outcomes focused

Common and highest regulatory standard throughout

Increasing consumer access to law

Unlocking latent demand for law

Growing the range of fixed rate products
Conditional fee arrangements
Contingent fee arrangements
... to compliment time based work in traditional markets

Marketing law 'v'
lawyers'
marketing

Securing a route to market using marketing channels Focusing lawyers on law Reducing classic professional services model risks

Process to create propositions

Unlocked latent demand is a function of perceived open ended costs associated with advice Lack of process results in lack of predictability in costs

Driving towards scale

Substantial availability of consolidation opportunities Scale will drive process costs down

Increasing consumer access to law

Peter Watson



Fragmented market a catalyst for change

Regulatory Environment

Restricted legal services open to non-lawyer ownership.

Fixed fees/fee caps eroding margins.

Regulatory objective to improve access for consumers.

Value for money proposition of increasing importance.

Referral fee ban changing customer acquisition behaviours.



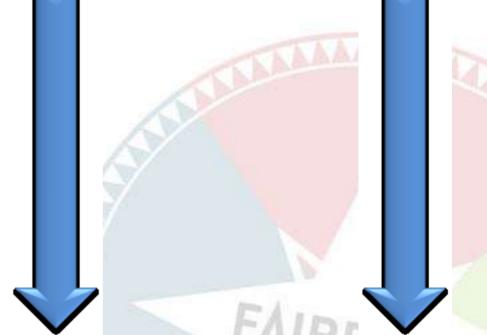
Fragmented Market

Over 10,000 law firms in a £10bn consumer law industry.

Scale economics limited. 94% of firms have <10 partners.

Access to Capital

Access to capital becoming increasingly difficult for traditional firms.



- ⇒ The regulatory environment is driving consolidation
- ⇒ New entrants with new business models are key to achieving the consumer objective
- ⇒ Legal services 2.0 requires efficiency, delivery innovation and change acceptance



Accelerating progress with Fairpoint

Success achieved through:

- a clear direction, supported by
- **innovative operations** underpinned by
- a real focus on quality of service and skills

Clear direction

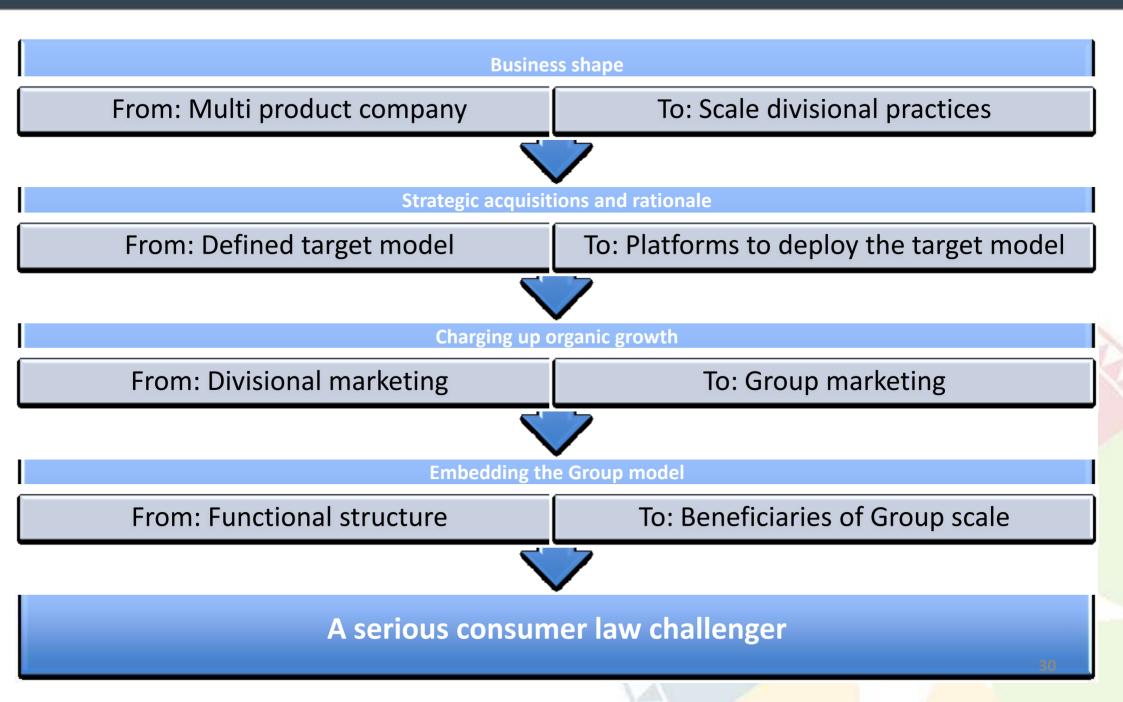
- Anticipating market
 opportunities and threats
 through creation of a full
 service Legal business
- Progressive and innovative approach to operational processes
- Solid organic growth in addition to a number of business and WIP acquisitions
- Ethical and progressive culture

Innovative operations

- Sector leading digital marketing platform
- Call centre sales team
- Case management technologies
- Volume wills production software
- Spoke and hub structure with Leeds at the centre
- Vertical integration medical reporting, financial services, costs drafting

Quality of service and skills Lexcel Immigration & Asylum

Building the platform for growth



Integration: an encouraging start

Unlocking latent demand

Over 40 fixed fee products
Conditional fee products e.g. personal injury, clinical negligence
Contingent fee products e.g. care home claims
On the clock facility for markets requiring more complex support

Marketing law 'v'
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Campaign management software developed Centralised helpline established Digital marketing platform in place

Process to create propositions

Process in place for fixed fee products

Route map to extend to additional products in development

Group approach being leveraged

Driving towards scale

Substantial divisional and group experience of acquisition Good recent progress of H2 acquisitions and integration Key strategic gaps identified Market consolidation activity presenting opportunities

Summary and questions

Chris Moat



Investment Summary

- Participation in highly specialised markets with attractive margins, low capital intensity and strong cash generation
- Market leading positions being established in highly fragmented markets ripe for consolidation
- Strong competitive positioning with robust barriers to entry
- Transitioning from diversification and cost management strategy to growth
- Strong financial position with new enlarged long term bank facilities to fund growth
- Attractive and growing dividend
- Growing momentum and confidence

Strong start to 2015 with benefit of acquisitions and continued tight cost control

