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2020 Full Year Results

14 October 2020

# Overview Nick Beighton | CEO

# Results summary

Retail Sales

+19%

UK +18% EU +22%

US +18% ROW +18%

EBITDA Margin\*

7.4%

+350bps YoY

PBT

£142.1m

Including c.£45m Covid-19 tailwind

Net Cash\*

£407.5m

Strong financial position

Active customers

23.4m

+3.1m in the year



# Strengthened foundations for growth with delivery against key priorities

### Strengthen organisational capabilities

4 new executive appointments completing 8 strong new exec team

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### Remove non-strategic cost

Progress across business supported the c.180bps improvement in underlying profitability 3

### Product choice, availability, price & newness

Product mix pivoted to drive greater choice in lockdown categories



### Presentation & social media engagement

Over 79 million engagements through social channels



### Optimise customer acquisition retention

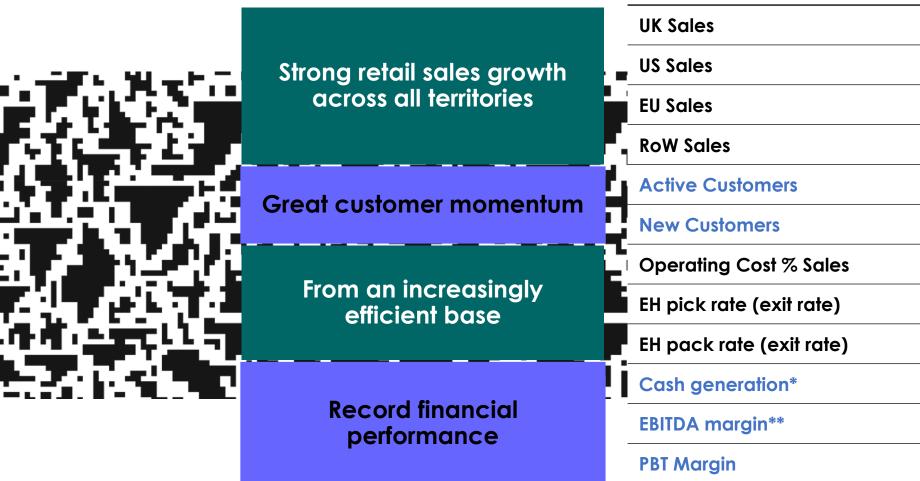
3.1m customers added to base alongside marketing cost efficiency



### Leverage benefits from transformational investments

Euro Hub pick rate +57%

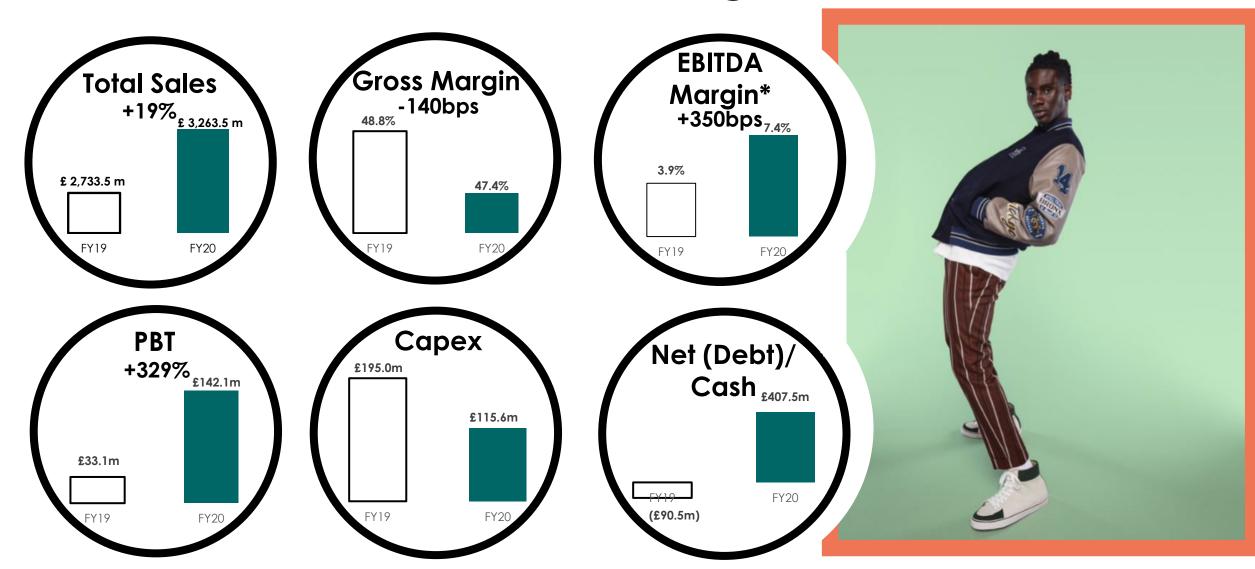
# Supporting delivery of...



UK Sales	+18%	
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RoW Sales	+18%	Τ <u>-</u>
Active Customers	+15%	
New Customers	+19%	
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# Business Performance Mat Dunn | CFO

# Financials at a glance



# Underlying performance

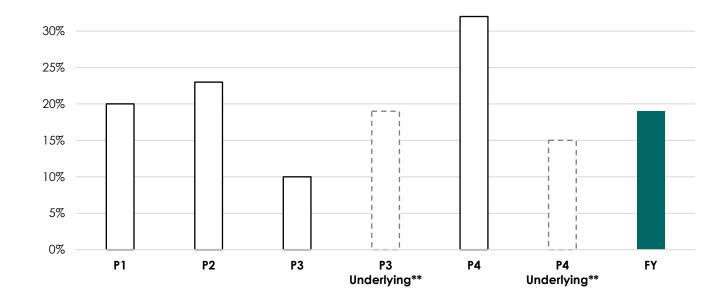
Matching actual returns through lockdown against the associated sales reflects underlying consumer demand



Overall demand continues to be impacted by reduction in 'going out' occasions; strong growth across all casualwear



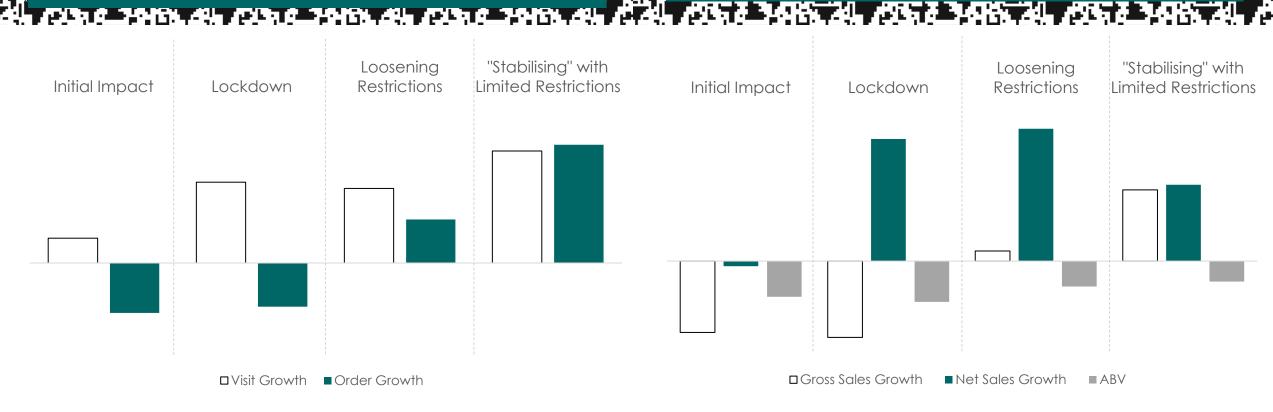
Favourable returns driven by product mix and move towards more deliberate purchasing



## UK KPI Covid-19 case study

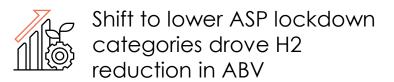
Visits recovered quickly after initial shock but the shift to more deliberate purchasing caused a slower recovery in order growth, which is also evident in...

...the difference between gross and net sales. The change in ABV reflects customer demand for lower selling price 'lockdown' categories through the half



## UK performance

### Sales increased 18% with continued market share growth





More deliberate lockdown purchasing reflected in H2 conversion and orders



Continued growth in active customer base +700k in FY20

	H1 20 KPIs	H2 20 KPIs	FY 20 KPIs
Retail Sales	+20%	+17%	+18%
Visits	+18%	+16%	+17%
Orders	+18%	+3%	+10%
Conversion	+10bps	-60bps	-30bps
ABV	+6%	(6%)	Flat
Active Customers*	6.8m (+10%)	7.1m (+11%)	7.1m (+11%)

<sup>\* 12</sup> month measures – Active customers defined as having shopped in the last 12 months as at 31 August.

### EU performance

#### Momentum rebuilt reflecting improved proposition and stock availability



Strong customer momentum as active base grew by 1.4million



Leveraging investment in automation to enhance delivery proposition



H2 performance supported by closure of retail outlets

	H1 20 KPIs	H2 20 KPIs	FY 20 KPIs	
Retail Sales	+21%	+22%	+22%	
Visits	+26%	+14%	+20%	
Orders	+21%	+8%	+14%	
Conversion	-10bps	-20bps	-20bps	
ABV	+1%	(3%)	(1%)	
Active Customers*	8.7m (+18%)	9.2m (+18%)	9.2m (+18%)	

<sup>\* 12</sup> month measures – Active customers defined as having shopped in the last 12 months as at 31 August.

### US performance

Strong start to the year supported by improved stock offer, second half impacted by Covid-19 consumer demand and airfreight disruption



US stock offer disrupted by Covid-19 airfreight restrictions



US delivery proposition improvements resonating well; NDD mix continues to grow



Continued focus on developing US stock offer

	H1 20 KPIs	H2 20 KPIs	FY 20 KPIs
Retail Sales	+25%	+11%	+18%
Visits	+16%	+22%	+19%
Orders	+21%	(3%)	+9%
Conversion	+20bps	-60bps	-20bps
ABV	+2%	(5%)	(2%)
Active Customers*	3.1m (+19%)	3.2m (+14%)	3.2m (+14%)

<sup>\* 12</sup> month measures – Active customers defined as having shopped in the last 12 months as at 31 August.

# ROW performance

### Localised trading stance supported customer momentum



Solid growth in Australia despite significant disruption to airfreight



Standout growth in MENA region supported by strong Ramadan



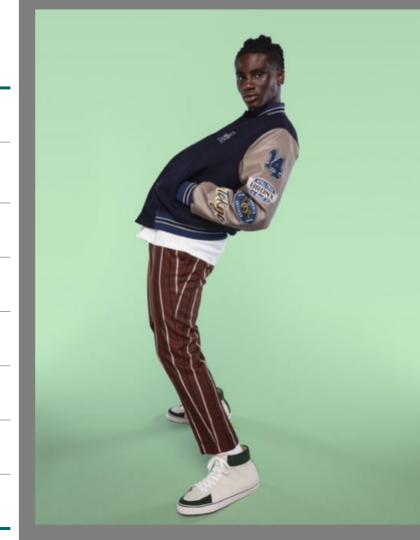
Growth in items per basket and ABV driven by optimisation of delivery proposition

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Visits	+24%	+15%	+19%	
Orders	+19%	(6%)	+5%	
Conversion	Flat	-30bps	-20bps	
ABV	+6%	+18%	+12%	
Active Customers*	3.7m (+23%)	3.9m (+18%)	3.9m (+18%)	

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### Income statement

	FY20 % of sales incl IFRS 16	IFRS 16 Impact	FY20 % of sales excl IFRS 16	FY19 % of sales	Underlying Change
Gross Margin <sup>1</sup>	47.4%		47.4%	48.8%	(140bps)
Distribution Costs <sup>1</sup>	(13.6%)		(13.6%)	(15.2%)	160bps
Warehouse	(9.6%)	40bps	(10.0%)	(11.0%)	100bps
Marketing	(3.7%)		(3.7%)	(4.4%)	70bps
Other Costs	(12.3%)	40bps	(12.7%)	(14.3%)	160bps
EBITDA Margin	8.2%		7.4%	3.9%	350bps
Depreciation	(3.6%)	(80bps)	(2.8%)	(2.6%)	(20bps)
EBIT Margin	4.6%		4.6%	1.3%	330bps



# Profitability



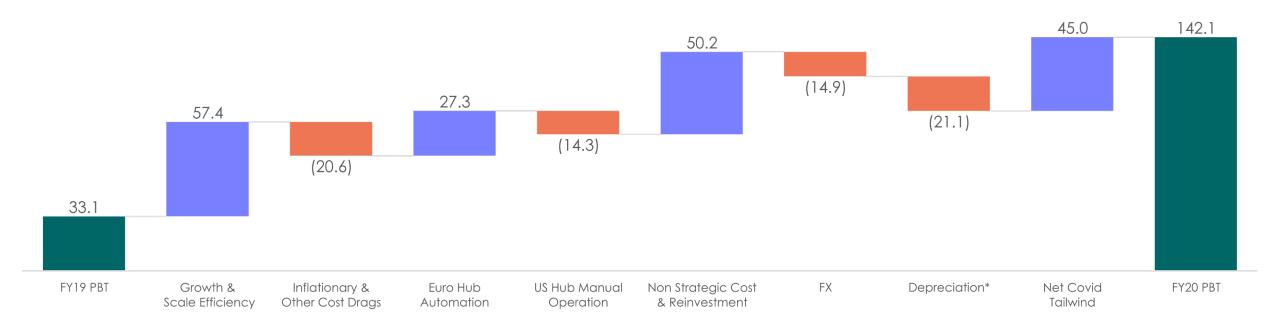
c.£45m net Covid-19 tailwind from reduction in return rates



Euro Hub automation driving significant efficiency



c.£50m net cost benefit from removal of non-strategic cost



### Cash flow and net cash



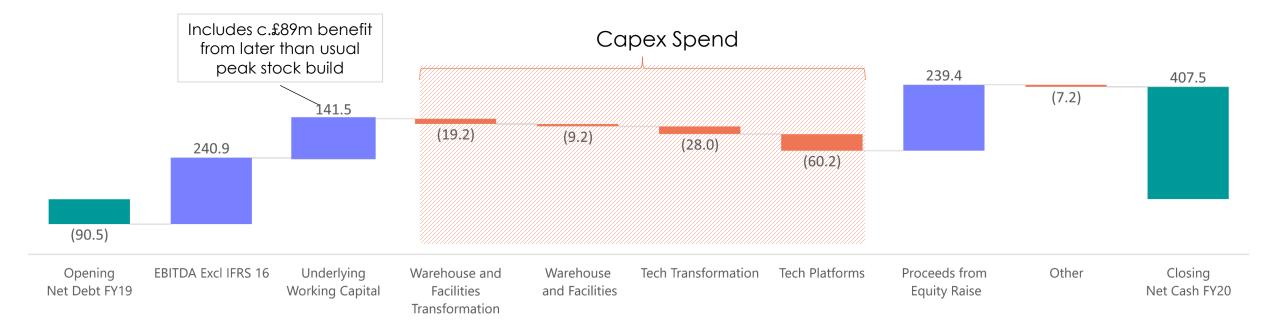
Strong cash position driven by record EBITDA and proactive capital raise



Underlying improvements in working capital and lower capital expenditure



Closing position enhanced by timing of peak stock build



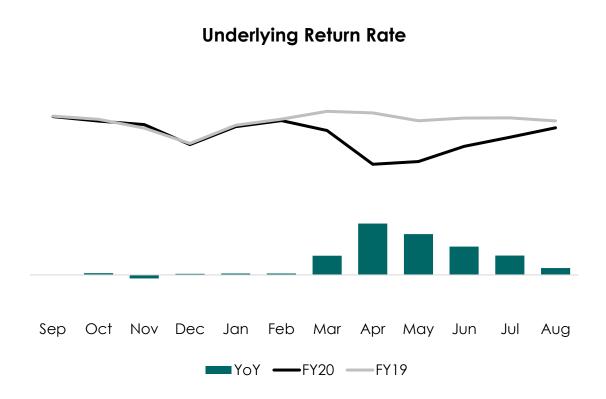
### Outlook for customer behaviour

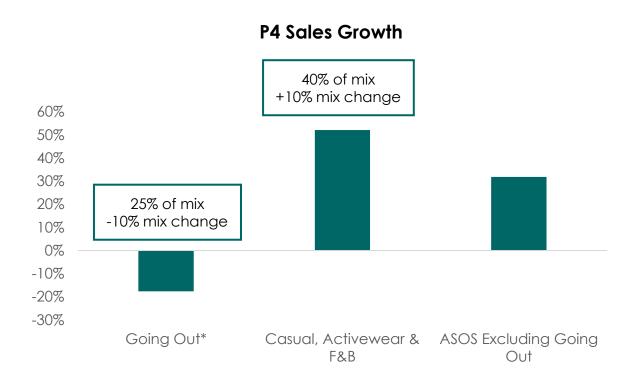
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We expect underlying returns rates to continue to normalise...

...whilst we expect demand for 'going out' product to remain subdued





## Expectations, technical & funding

### Funding platform

£408m

+

£350m

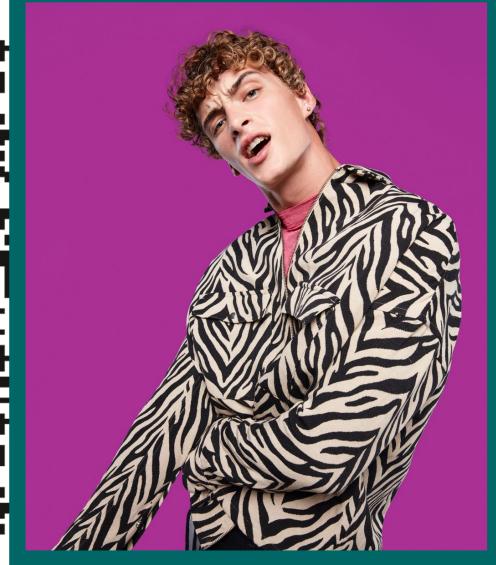
Net Cash

RCF

- → Robust financial position; positioned for growth despite uncertainty ahead
- → Net cash position to support trading and operations; RCF providing contingency for volatility

#### **Expectations & Technical**

- → Capex increasing to £170m-£180m including rephasing of TGR and commencement of investment in 4<sup>th</sup> Fulfilment Centre
- → Expect to absorb ongoing incremental Covid-19 costs of c.£22m from warehouse and freight disruption
- → Brexit preparations well advanced; financial impact assessment of WTO tariffs estimated at c.£25m



# Building a Global Retail Leader Nick Beighton | CEO

### The ASOS vision



We become the #1 destination, by meeting all the fashion needs of 20-somethings in a way that engages, inspires and excites through...



Design that can't be found anywhere else

### The ASOS Platform

One platform with all the relevant product, all of the time

### The ASOS Experience

Inspiring, exciting, friction-free and personalised

# Our strategy is to deliver this worldwide, supported by an effective, efficient and sustainable model

### 1. Truly global retailer

### 2. The ASOS Brands

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### 3. The ASOS Platform

One platform with all the relevant product, all of the time

### 4. The ASOS Experience

Inspiring, exciting, friction-free and personalised

5. Effective, efficient and sustainable model

# We are pursuing a clear set of priorities to guide our focus over the next 3 years



Expand our overall scale and local scale by accelerating growth in key markets

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Grow our unique ASOS brands by launching new brands and improving on both speed to market and price

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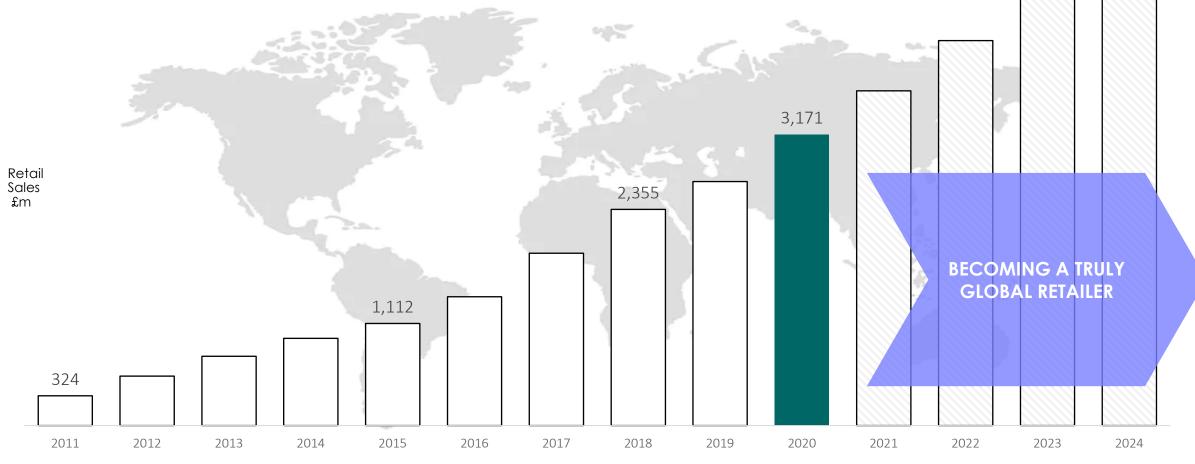
Enhance our flexible and multi-brand platform by growing high potential categories, implementing flexible fulfilment and improving our proposition

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Improve our inspiring and personalised customer experience through the application of data science and AI to deliver the most engaging experience

Develop our effective, efficient and sustainable model by transforming our organisation and operations including upgrading talent and capabilities, improving cross-functional ways of working and further driving responsible fashion into everything we do

Our journey to becoming Truly Global started with building the foundations



ESTABLISHING UK BUSINESS

GROWING AS A UK EXPORTER

**BUILDING GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE** 

### 1. Truly global retailer

2. The ASOS

Brands

3. The ASOS

Platform

4. The ASOS Custome Experience

5. Effective, efficient and sustainable mode

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**Expand our global reach and local scale** by accelerating growth in key markets

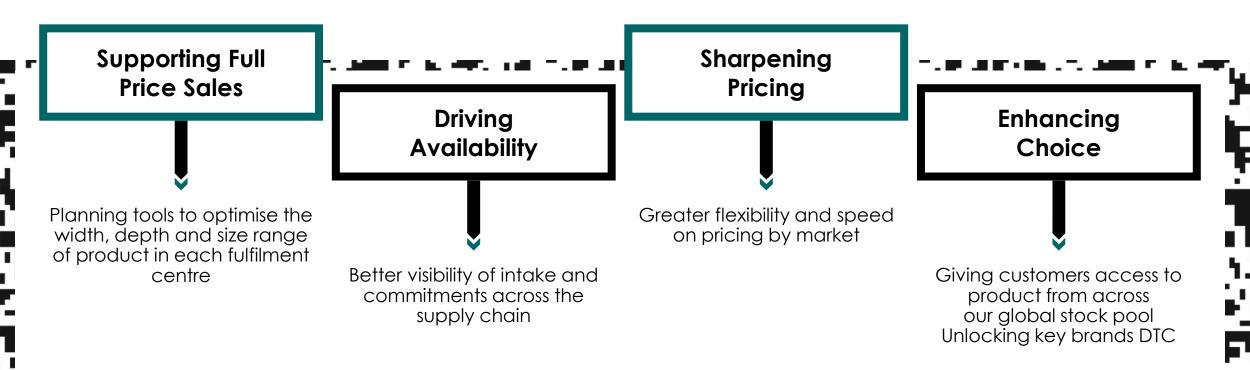
# TGR is transforming our Technology to enable global growth



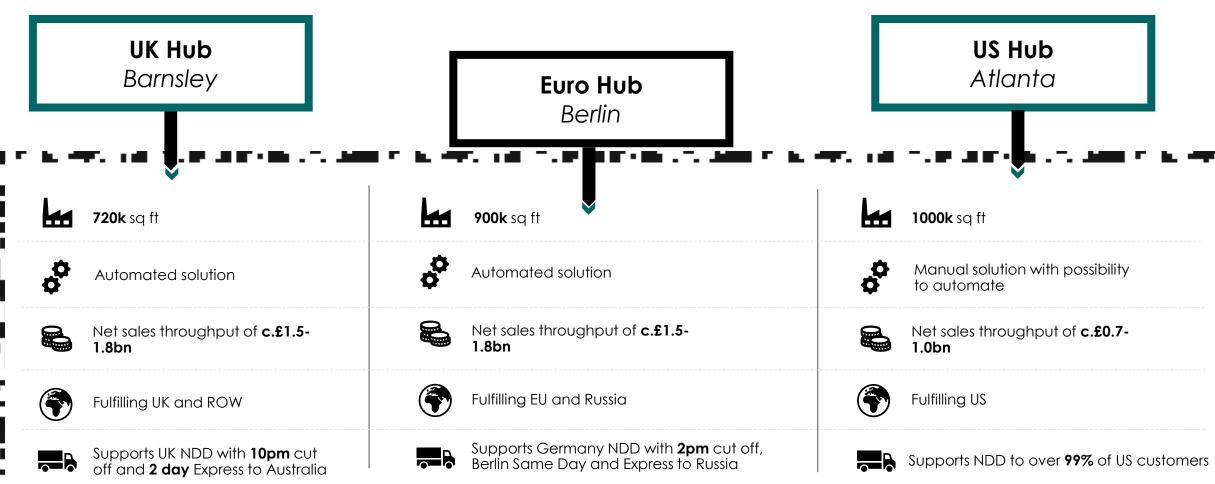
Planning and ranging by fulfilment centre...



...trading dynamically by market



# Our warehouse infrastructure delivers global capabilities to support our ambitions



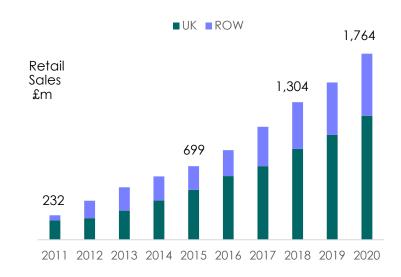
# We are continuing to invest in capacity to support our growth trajectory

ASOS will outgrow Barnsley capacity in the next few years

Deploying learnings from our previous fulfilment centre builds..

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...and developing capacity now ahead of requirements



Russia fulfilment switched to Euro Hub to provide current headroom for UK growth

#### Gradual project build

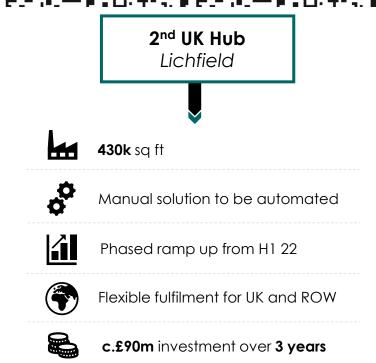
Project timing designed to allow gradual ramp up ahead of capacity requirements for peak FY23

#### Capacity at risk reduced

Capacity and fulfilment capabilities in existing 3 fulfilment centres reduces risk of disruption when bringing 4<sup>th</sup> centre on stream

### Greater experience managing new facility ramp up

Deploying learnings and implementing stronger cross-functional approach to build



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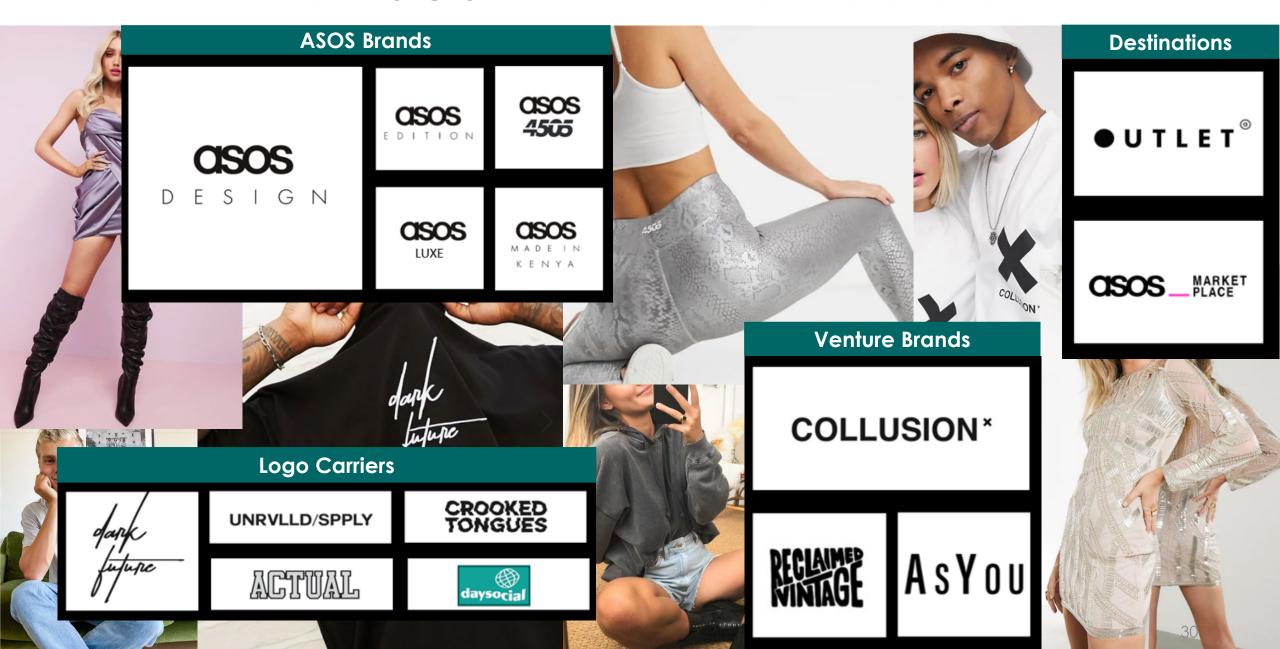
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**Grow our unique ASOS brands** by launching new brands and improving on both speed to market and price

### The ASOS Brands Architecture



### Collusion & ASOS 4505

Delivering great growth with strong demand through lockdown





### ASOS Luxe & Dark Future

Performance supported by increased product choice and influencer campaigns

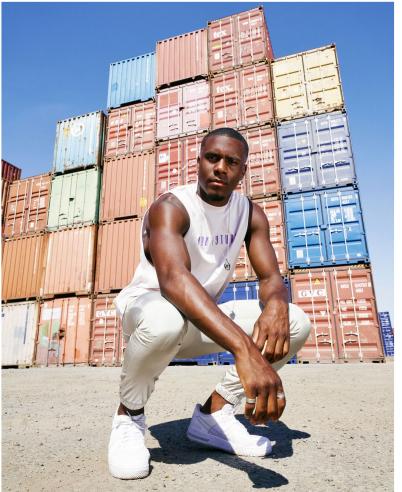


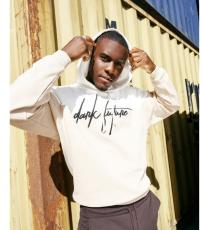
















# Continuing to develop our brands at speed

### Launching AsYou – fashion forward product at lower price points

		Start of supplier visits to scope capacity with sourcing partners Drop 1 sketching started		Supplier Capa	city secured	Drop 1 product Studio test shoo		Sign off approv factories/suppl Influencer Strat	y partners	PR/Influencer of teasers Drop 2 product	
	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 14
AsYou Brand created Brand identity established Team scouted		Drop 1 sample fittings	model	Test shoot samp and PR sample Drop 2 Brainsto	s made	Model fits begin	n	Product shot in ASOS studios		Launch	









### AsYou

### Launching AsYou – fashion forward product at lower price points



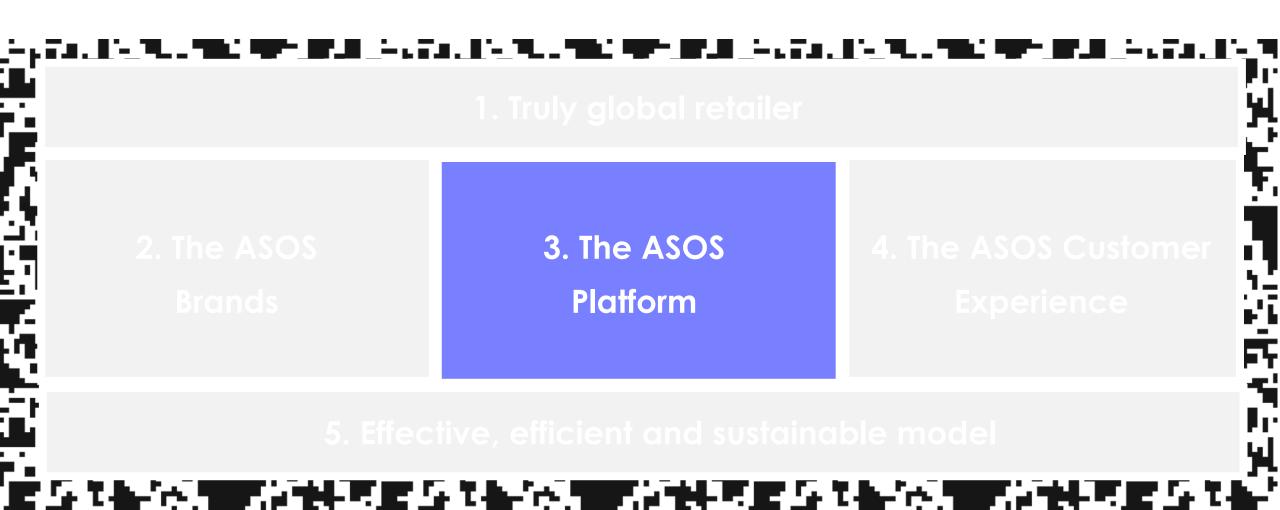












**Enhance our flexible and multi-brand platform** by growing high potential categories, implementing flexible fulfilment and improving our proposition

# Increasing choice through our multi-brand platform with development of relevant categories

### **Activewear**

"Curating the best edit of sports lifestyle and activewear product for our 20-something customer from the most globally relevant brands"

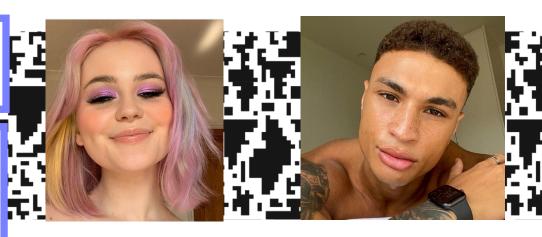


+49%

FY20 Activewear Sales

+73%

FY20 Face + Body Sales



### Face + Body

"The **best global edit** of brands spanning **mass to luxury**, supporting ASOS' purpose to **give customers confidence** to be who they want to be...

A wonderland of possibilities with **endless** ways to be you"

# Flexible Fulfilment will further enhance curated customer choice on our platform

Enhancing US branded offer with key brands in our network Expand to include other brands across our network

Fully flexible offer

Improve availability with key brand partners with D2C

Enhance range with new partners offering D2C



#### **Network**



#### **Choice and Availability**







#### **Global Brand Partnerships**









Improve our personalised customer experience through the application of data science and experimentation to deliver the most engaging experience

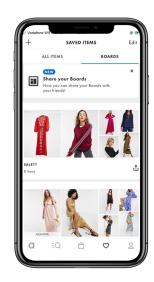
### Continuing to build engagement through our apps & sites with a constantly evolving customer experience

Customers can now share their **ASOS Product Boards with friends** 

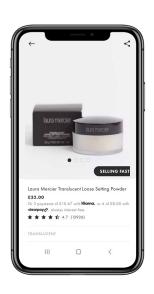
**Customer reviews support** engagement and purchase confidence

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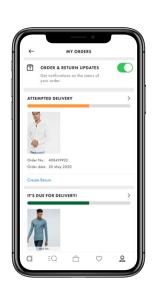
Customers can now track orders and receive order and return status updates PRESIDENT PRESIDENT PRESIDENT PARTIE PAR













# Delivering inspirational presentation and engaging content across the most relevant channels



Inspirational fashion-led presentation...

...supported by the most relevant influencers...

...across multiple content formats and channels

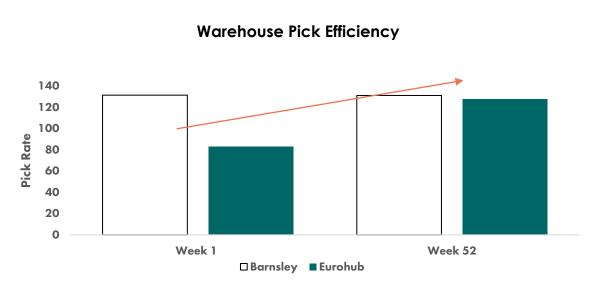


**Develop our effective, efficient and sustainable model** by transforming our organisation including upgrading talent and capabilities, improving crossfunctional ways of working and further driving responsibility into everything we do

# Leveraging benefits from our transformational investments

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Investment in automation driving significant KPI improvements





### Developing our organisational culture & structure

Enhancing our organisation capabilities...

...building a more robust model for delivering strategic change...

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...and embedding greater discipline into our culture

4 new executives added to complete 8 strong exec team

Reshaped our teams into more effective structures

Cross functional team to co-ordinate change and projects across the business

Driving alignment and momentum

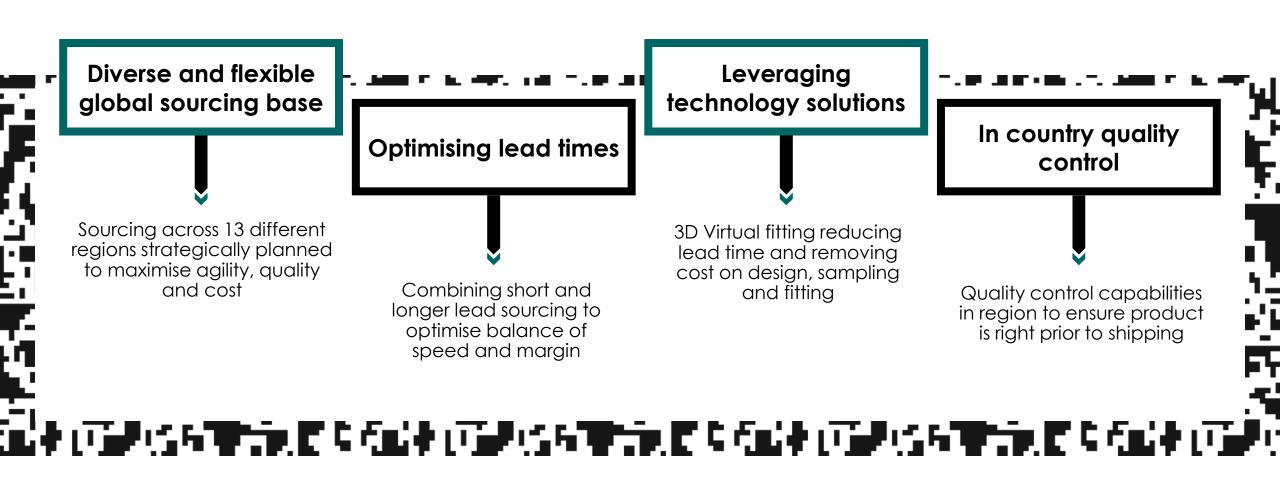
Authentic Brave

Creative

**Disciplined** 



# Delivering speed to market through an increasingly efficient supply chain



## Fashion With Integrity

Fashion

With

Integrity

#### **Product**

- ASOS Design 85% more sustainable cotton & 40% more sustainable fibres:
- Launched first circular design collection;
- 20% reduction in carbon use, 4% reduction in waste and 10% reduction in water use in our product manufacture vs. a 2012 baseline.\*

#### People

- Strengthened requirements for brand partners with UK manufacturing, requiring commitment to Transparency Pledge and Fast Forward auditing;
- Joined the ILO Global Proposal Call to Action;
- Submitted evidence to the Government, providing our recommendations on strengthening of the Modern Slavery Act

#### **Planet**

- Concluded our Carbon 2020 programme, delivering a 30% reduction in carbon emissions per order since 2015;
- Continued rollout of low-impact electric vehicles to Berlin following launch in London

#### **Packaging**

- Joined the Ellen MacArthur Initiative's New Plastics Economy Global Commitment and set a range of ambitious plastic targets for 2025;
- Transitioned to 90%recycled content in our garment bags and 80%-recycled in our mailing bags, both of which are 100% recyclable;
- Removed close to 40% of unnecessary packaging lines

**FY21 priorities** 

Announce our ambitious commitments for Fashion With Integrity for 2025 and beyond, bringing together our workstreams across the business;

Continue to accelerate our communication and engagement with our customers on these topics;

Further develop and launch initiatives around clothing takeback and resale, and trial reusable mailing bags.

# Summary

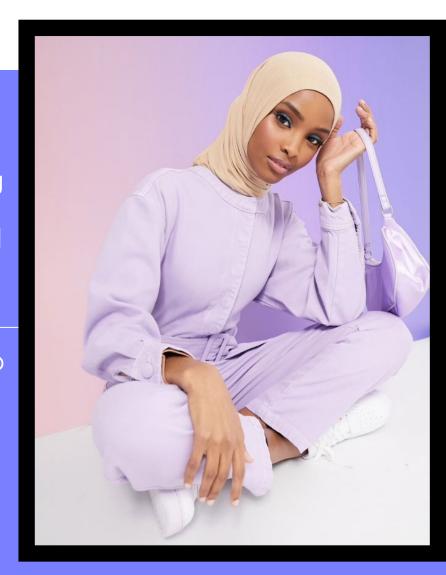
Strong profit & cash generation driven through rigorous performance management

Navigated a challenging year with a clear focus on doing the right thing for our people and partners

Strengthened foundations for growth; emerging as a stronger, more resilient and agile business

Robust funding in place to manage volatility and support future growth

Significant shortterm uncertainty reflecting disruption to 20something lifestyles Well positioned to capture future global opportunity



# Q&A

Please type your question into the question box