

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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#### 3. Investment in technology stack:

Delivering growth in programmatic advertising revenue with improved margins

#### 4. Buy & build strategy resulting in increased revenue diversification:

Imagine and Team Rock fully integrated, Home Interest on track







# FINANCIAL KPIs

Operating profit\* **£8.9m (2016: £2.8m)** 

EBITDA margin\* **13% (2016: 9%)** 

Operating cash inflows\* £17.1m (2016: £6.5m)

Recurring revenues **27% (2016: 25%)** 

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Continuing: £m	2017	2016	YoY Var
Revenue	84.4	59.0	43%
EBITDA*	11.0	5.2	112%
EBITDA margin*	13%	9%	44%
Operating profit*	8.9	2.8	218%
Diluted EPS*	21.0p	9.2p	128%
Net (debt) / cash	(10.0)	0.5	
Free cash flow*	15.3	4.6	233%

Acquisitions have been quickly and successfully integrated into the wider Group

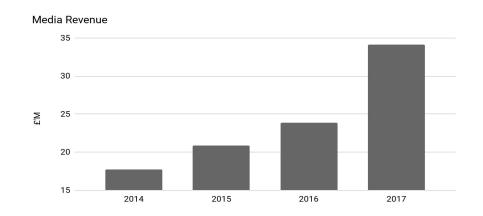
Focus on profitability and higher margin activities has resulted in improved EBITDA margin

Cash conversion improvement with significant increase in adjusted free cash flows

Strong EPS performance

#### **GROUP PERFORMANCE - REVENUE**

Continuing: £m	2017	2016	YoY Var
Media	34.1	23.9	43%
Magazine	50.3	35.1	43%
Total continuing	84.4	59.0	43%
% recurring	27%	25%	8%



A good year in Media with strong organic revenue growth of 34%\* enhanced by acquisitions:

- eCommerce revenue up 107% to £8.9m (2016: £4.3m), excluding impact of 2017 acquisitions 107%
- Digital advertising revenue up 21% to £19.5m (2016: £16.1m), excluding impact of 2017 acquisitions 18%
- Events revenue up 58% to £5.2m (2016: £3.3m), excluding impact of 2017 acquisitions 9%

Magazine division revenue increased by 43% to £50.3m (2016: £35.1m) largely driven by acquisitions. Full integration of acquired businesses means like-for-like visibility difficult to track, underlying decline continue in the magazine portfolio.

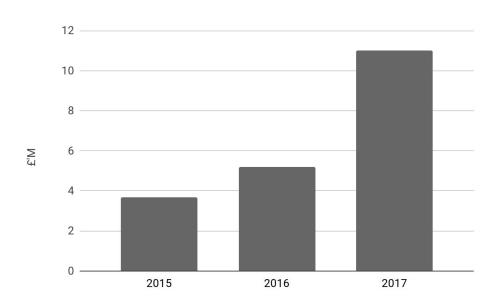
\*Excluding impact of 2017 acquisitions

# SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTED EBITDA GROWTH

Significant growth in EBITDA from 2015 - 2017 reflecting the Group's strategy to become a global platform for specialist media

EBITDA growth underpinned by strengthened diversified revenue streams from acquisitions and organic growth through innovation

Reflects margin expansion (EBITDA margin increased to 13% from 9% in 2016), revenue growth across both the Media and Magazine divisions and continued focus on managing costs and operational efficiency





### **GROUP PERFORMANCE - EBITDA**

£m	2017	2016	YoY Var
Media Division Gross Contribution	27.6	19.5	42%
GC margin	81%	82%	(1pp)
Magazine Division Gross Contribution	33.4	23.5	42%
GC margin	66%	67%	(1pp)
Admin costs and other overheads	(50.0)	(37.8)	(32%)
Overheads and unattributable costs as % of revenue	59%	64%	(5pp)
EBITDA	11.0	5.2	112%
EBITDA margin	13%	9%	4рр

Margin differential between Media and Magazine divisions remains at 15% leading to EBITDA margin expansion as revenue mix changes

Small decline in Media margin as a result of increase in events mix through Home Interest acquisition

Good performance on holding margin in Magazine division

Full integration of acquisitions has allowed overheads to reduce to 59% of revenue from 64%



### **P&L EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS**

£m	2017	2016
Property	1.2	(0.5)
Restructuring and redundancy	1.1	1.8
Acquisition and integration related costs	1.4	2.2
Total P&L	3.7	3.5

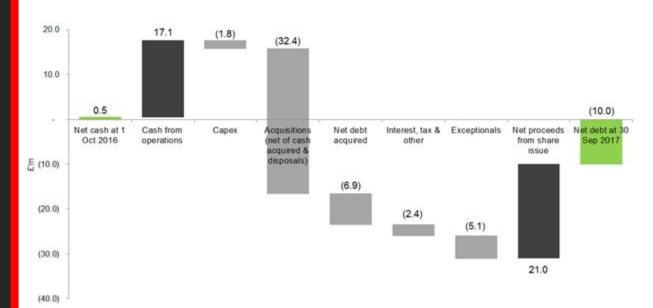
The vacant property provision movement during the year relates to surplus office space predominantly in the US

Restructuring and redundancy costs relate mainly to staff termination payments and other restructuring activities

The acquisition and integration related costs represent fees incurred in respect of the acquisitions and subsequent integrations of Imagine, Team Rock and Home Interest



### **CASH FLOW**



Cash inflow from operations before exceptional items of £17.1m (2016: £6.5m) reflects a significant focus on improving the Group's working capital cycle, timing benefit of Home Interest acquisition and bonus accrual

Acquisitions of Imagine and Home Interest were funded through the issue of shares and £20m additional bank debt (of which £10m already delivered)

Exceptional cash flows represent deal fees, restructuring and integration costs associated with acquisitions and onerous property costs

Tax debt repayment of £1m - penultimate year of tax debt settlement with final payments in 2018

# 2017 IN SUMMARY

- 1. Strong improvement in operating profit and margin
  - Result of successfully completing and integrating several key strategic acquisitions
- 2. Strong cash performance
  - Adjusted free cash flows of £15.3m (2016: £4.6m)
- 3. Acquisitions integrated and on track
- 4. We are considering the payment of a dividend in the current financial year





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# WHERE WE ARE GOING OUR STRATEGY

Future is a global platform for specialist media with scalable, diversified brands.

Creating fans of our brands by giving them a place they want to spend their time, where they go to meet their needs. Continuing to create loyal communities.

Expanding our global reach through organic growth, acquisitions and strategic partnerships.

Diversifying our monetisation models to create significant revenue streams.

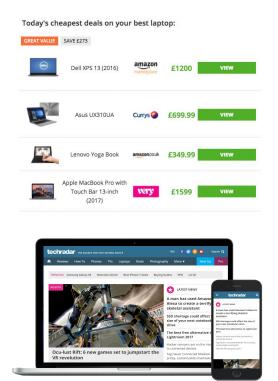


### **GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR SPECIALIST MEDIA**

Facilitating material diversified revenue streams









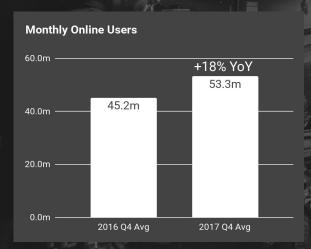
#### SPECIALISED MEDIA IN MULTIPLE SECTORS

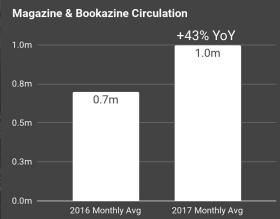
Specialist high value sectors, scalable markets delivering diversified revenues

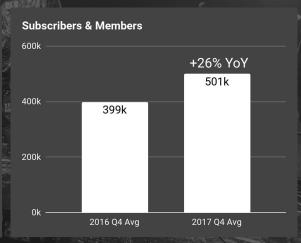


## **OUR AUDIENCE IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS**

Highly passionate and engaged communities





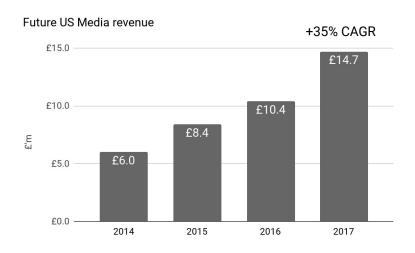




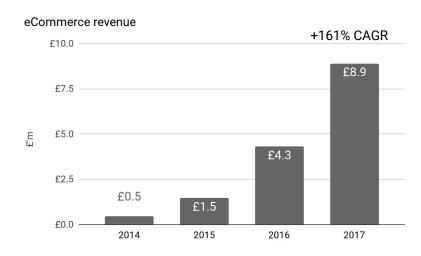
# MONETISING AUDIENCE MORE EFFECTIVELY

Scalable technology combined with data insight supports organic growth

#### Future US Media growth



#### eCommerce growth

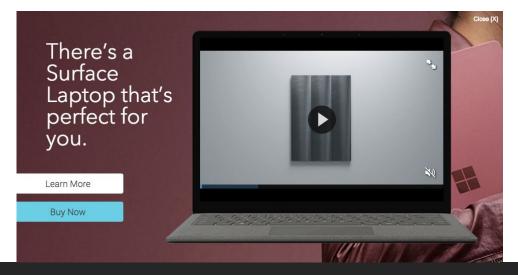


### INVESTMENT IN TECH DRIVING DIGITAL ADVERTISING GROWTH

Investment in technology stack and improving viewability, load times and implementing lead header bidding has facilitated:

- Growth in digital advertising: up 21% year-on-year
- Data driven yield management driving growth
- Coupled with innovations in ad solution

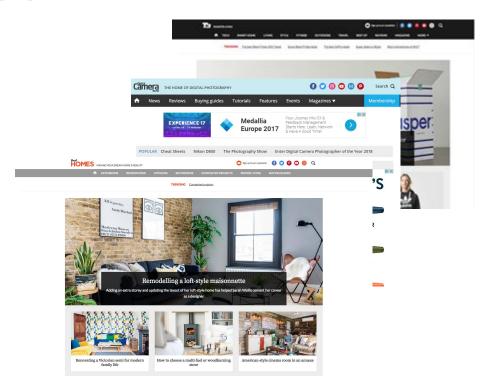






# DATA-LED INNOVATION THROUGH CONTENT & TECHNOLOGY

- New initiatives delivered to drive organic growth
- Launched:
  - DigitalCameraWorld.com in July 2017 recognising the needs of our audience
  - o Realhomes.com in November 2017, a home interiors website, to take advantage of current trends in our audience's online search and purchase intent
- Redesigned and relaunched T3.com, with a focus on optimising the home page for the user





## HOME INTEREST ACQUISITION

Differentiated & specialist brands



Nationwide, market-leading events





#### **BUY & BUILD: HOME INTEREST CASE STUDY**

Investments made in our platform and data underpin our buy & build strategy





- Focus on building eCommerce revenue
- Focus advertising using the advantages of our technology stack



# **SUMMARY**

- **1.** Strategy to diversify revenues delivering substantial growth in revenue and profit
- **2.** Strong revenue performance in eCommerce, ongoing investment in digital assets underpin organic growth
- **3.** Buy & build strategy resulting in increased revenue diversification, Imagine and Team Rock fully integrated, Home Interest on track
- **4.** Good start to current financial year, with continued delivery of the strategy in line with Board's expectations, including the launch of two new brands.







**HOW WE BEHAVE...** 

- We are part of the audience and their community
- We are proud of our past and excited about our future
- We all row the boat
- Let's do this!
- It's the people in the boat that matter
- Results matter; success feels good



### **DELIVERED BY A TEAM WITH A TRACK RECORD**

Organised to focus on results and the ability to scale



Zillah Byng-Thorne Chief Executive



Julian March Managing Director Media, Games, Video & Ents

20 years in the Media Industry

Expert in TV & digital media production



Claire MacLellan Managing Director Media Services & People & Culture

12 years experience of expanding brands internationally in Middle East, Asia, India, Europe and Australia



Ben Greenish Managing Director UK Commercial Sales, Events & Home Interest

25+ years in the Media Industry

Business, sales & media expert with multi-sector & geographic experience



Jason Kemp Director of eCommerce & TheRadar.com

25 years in the Retail Industry

Retail, consulting and technology entrepreneur



Penny Ladkin-Brand Chief Financial Officer

7 years in the Media Industry

Specialist in pricing and digital monetisation models



Kevin Li-Ying Chief Technology Officer

12 years in the Media Industry

Specialist in search technologies, data processing, web development and service oriented architecture



Aaron Asadi Managing Director Magazines

14 years in the Media Industry

Multi-format, global consumer content specialist



Neville Daniels Managing Director Australia

17 years in the Media Industry

Ex KPMG working on corporate transactions in UK, NZ and Germany

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### **GLOBAL SCALABLE & DIVERSIFIED BRANDS**

Market-leading and award-winning

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Consumer technology website in the UK, growing 16%



PC gaming website in the world, growing 33%





"Best Online Consumer Media Brand" AOP Digital Publishing Awards 2016



Creative & design content website in the UK and US



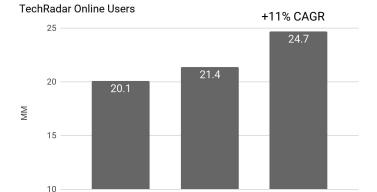


"Event of the Year: Consumer Media" PPA Awards 2016 Visitor numbers up 6%





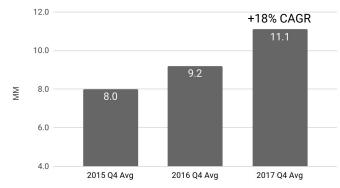
"World's Most Influential Rock Music Website" Sounds of Style 2017



2016 Q4 Avg

#### PC Gamer Online Users

2015 04 Ava



# GLOBAL SCALABLE & DIVERSIFIED BRANDS

Top 5 brands account for 55% of total brands' revenue\*









techradar.

### **ACQUISITIONS**

Expanding our global reach through acquisitions



- Completed in October 2016
- Integration fully completed
- Resulted in significant cost synergies and cash generation
- Added significant scale to Magazine division
- Introduced new knowledge vertical



- Acquired in January 2017
- Integration fully completed
- Added scalable brands with loyal fanbases
- Complements existing music making vertical
- Introduced new music listening vertical
- Expanded events portfolio with the addition of 3 new events

# Homebuilding &RENOVATING Real HOMES PERIODLIVING

- Home Interest acquired in August 2017
- Integration progressing well expected to be completed by end of calendar year
- Added market-leading national home interest events
- Introduced new home interest vertical

