# 2017 Full Year Results

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### Highlights

#### Strong progress in 2017 with ongoing delivery against our objectives

#### Financial:

Controlled revenue growth with an improved marketing margin

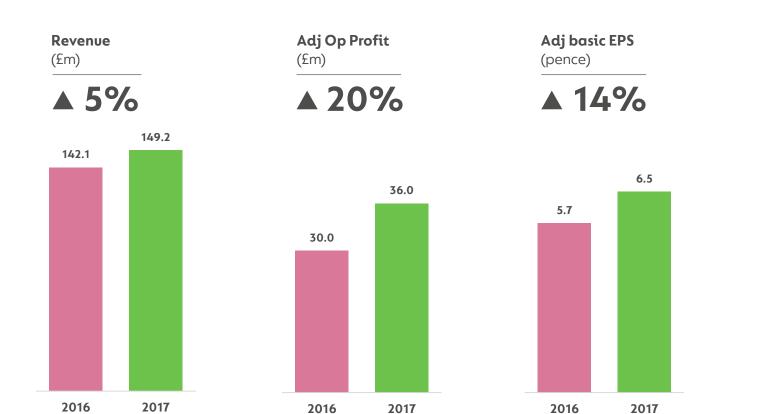
- Increased adjusted operating profit by 20%
- Continued to generate strong operational cash flow, reducing leverage
- Paid our first dividend

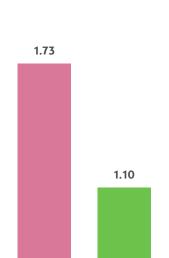
#### **Transformation:**

- Transformed the way we work, building internal competence
- Recruited new talent with a focus on engineering/tech capability
- Completed strategic minority investments in Mortgage Gym and Souqalmal
- Announced the acquisition of MVC for £36.5m

We continue to save our customers everywhere time and money

### GoCompare





2017

Leverage

**▼**0.6x

2016

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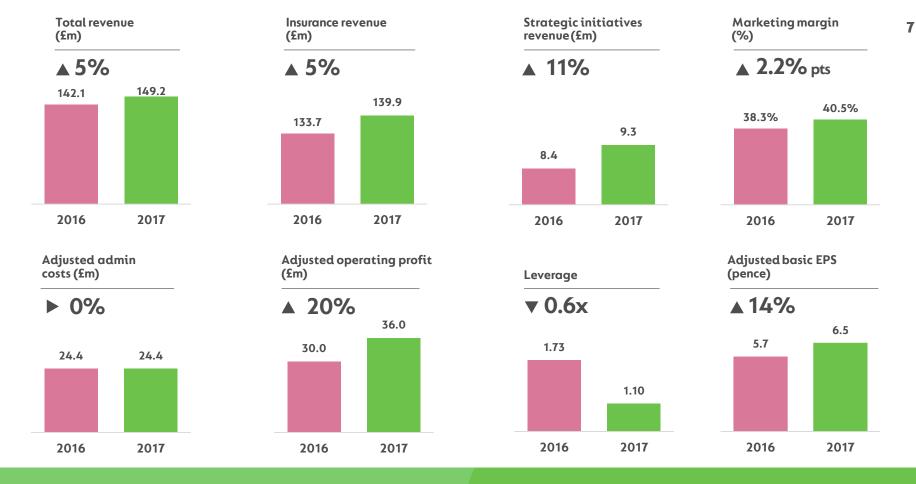
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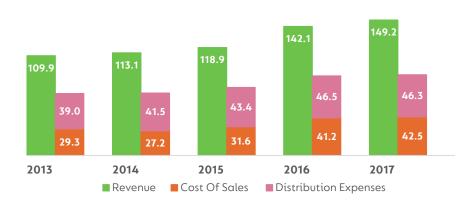
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#### Revenue and marketing spend (£m)

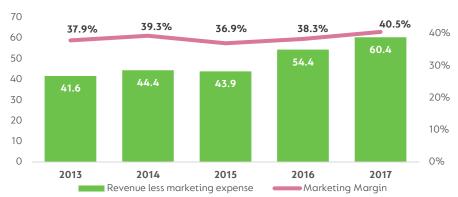


Revenue growth of 5% compared to 2016 with marketing spend up 1% - a disciplined approach

Increase in cost of sales reflects inflation in on-line cost per click

Distribution costs broadly flat

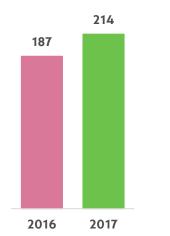
#### Marketing margin and contribution (£m)



Continue to improve contribution

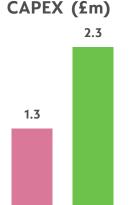
Marketing margin of 40.5% - 2.2&pts better than in 2016. Expect further increase in 2018 as improvements in funnel conversion continue





#### Adjusted admin costs (£m)





2017

2016

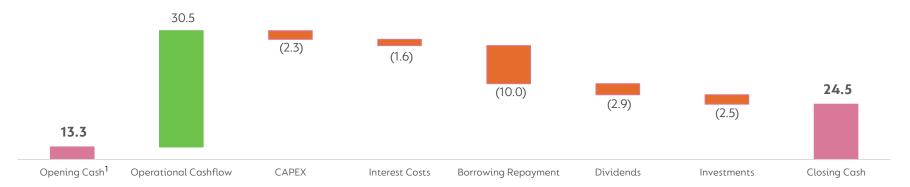
Headcount increased by 27 to 214 as we recruit new talent

Increase in staff costs has been offset by significant savings in consultancy and contractors spend

Admin costs will increase in 2018 as we see full year impact of 2017 recruitment with a further increase in headcount in 2018

CAPEX increased slightly in 2017 but remains modest at £2.3m

#### 2017 cash flow (£m)



Strong operational cash flow

£1m invested in Mortgage Gym and £1.5m in Souqalmal

Cash of £24.5m at end of year

£16.5m cash combined with draw down of £20m from RCF used to fund acquisition of MVC in January 2018

Leverage of 1.10x at year end, rising to 2.0x following MVC acquisition

	<b>Demerger</b> (Proforma)	31/12/16	31/12/17	Jan 18 – Post MVC
Borrowings	£(75.0)m	£(73.1)m	£(63.9)m	£(83.9)m
Cash	£4.0m	£18.4m	£24.5m	£8.0m
Net debt	£(71.0)m	£(54.7)m	£(39.4)m	£(75.9m)
Leverage	2.80x	1.73x	1.10x	2.0x

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> adjusted for £5.1m timing difference

Final dividend pay out ratio of 21% of PAT¹- 0.7pence per share taking the full year dividend to 1.4pence per share

Dividend pay-out at the lower end of the range as cash has been utilised for investments and M&A, in line with the Group's strategy

Continue to prioritise capital allocation as follows:

- 1. Operational requirements
- 2. Repayment of debt £10m per annum
- 3. Dividends target pay out ratio of 20% 40%
- 4. Strategic investments and M&A

Expect to make further investments in 2018

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{1}}$  adjusted for the share based payment charge net of tax for the Foundation Awards

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### Focus on discipline creates opportunity to innovate

#### Continuous focus on:

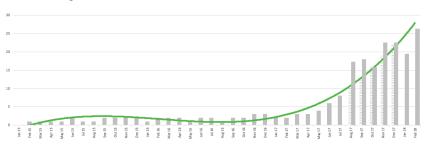
- Improving customer conversion
- Improving marketing efficiency

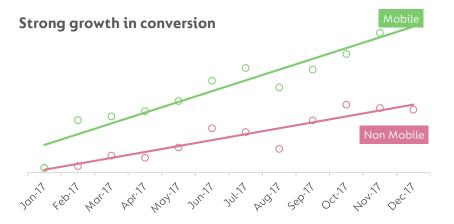
MVC - fast start to creating group value

Innovating internally and externally

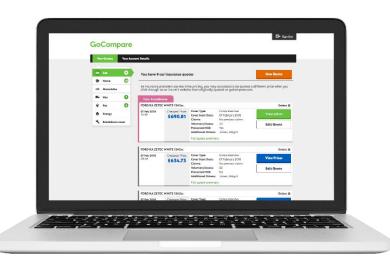


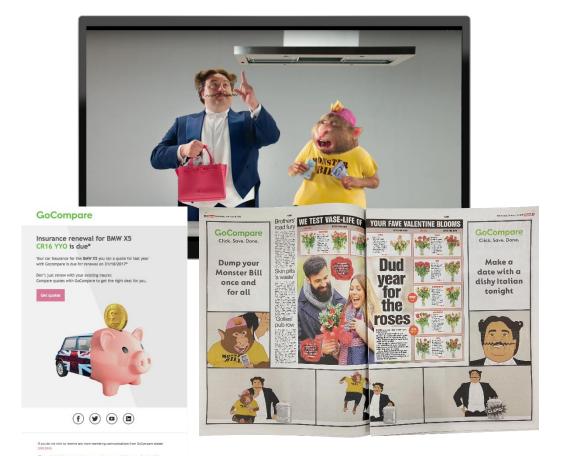
### Doubled engineering resources = accelerating release cycle





- Transformation of organisation
- Accelerated release cycle
- Strong progress in growing conversion





### Applying agile test and learn methodology

 For example print: Daily cartoon campaign launched with The Sun

### Smarter planning and buying of media

- In-house competency build
- Scientific approach matching spend and customer insight.

#### Personalised customer communication

- Leveraging existing infrastructure, zero capital requirement
- Higher precision message, offer and timing

on and interest rates

#### **Company Overview**

- £11.8m Turnover (2017)
- £4m EBITDA (2017)
- 65 people (+ 24 outsourced in India)
- Av. 4m monthly page visits
- Up to 7.5m page visits during peak trading
- **8m** email subscribers of which ~2m active in the last 3 months

#### Consumers

- Strong overlap with GoCo 70% of MVC customers also use GoCo
- High frequency of engagement –
   45% of MVC users did so in last 3mths
   72% within last 6 mths
- Similar demographics consistent household income distribution, home ownership...
- ...whilst MVC over-index for females (60:40) and a slightly younger consumer base (~60% <45 yrs)</li>

#### **Partners**

- Work with ~2,500 retailers
- Key sectors include Travel, Fashion, Home and Restaurants
- Average around **400 best-in- market deals per month**
- **Best-in-market offers** typically last around 1 to 2 weeks
- Typical offer of 10-15% off RRP







- UK MVC = 100%+ of profit, 90% of revenue
- Focus on UK, resources removed from other initiatives
   (e.g. adjacencies & international)

### 2 Focus on competencies

- Focus on strengthening MVC Commercial & Trading team in London
- SEO plan and management now led by GoCompare team
- Tech and Finance under review for potential relocation to Newport



### Commercial opportunities

- We are working quickly to identify opportunities for both businesses
- Number of quick-wins already identified and in flight

### In-flight opportunities

### GoCompare

Average Once A Year Transaction





Move from Transaction to Relationship



More Savvy Savers MyVoucherCodes

Regular Interactions and Engagement

Insurance, Finance and Utility Partners = ♠ CPA

- Gives GoCompare the opportunity to re-engage with its customers on MVC to develop a relationship:

  leverage customer overlap
- Bundled offers to incentivise conversion on GoCompare: maximise MVC relationships
- Provide a new channel for existing GoCompare partners to get exposure to MVC customers: increase CPA for MVC

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# GoCo 2020 is a three-year plan to solve botheration through strategic resource allocation

# **GoCo** 2020

- Experienced executive team strong background across sectors and geographies gives unique insight into effective resource allocation
- Focused on both internal and external innovation
- Focus on sector outperformance



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Faisal Galaria
Strategy and M&A



Jackson Hull
Tech and Operations



**Lee Griffin**Founder



**Nick Wrighton**Finance



Nick Edwards
Chief of staff

# We have a robust screening process through which we examine opportunities for M&A and investments to fuel further innovation

### Needs to be a good fit with the vision (piece of the puzzle)

- Help people save time and money
- Reduce botheration and hassle
- Benefits to both GoCompare and acquired company
- · Can be in adjacencies rather than a direct hit

### Delivers medium term shareholder value creation

• Earnings accretive

Is growing in an attractive market

GoCompare can help it grow through management expertise, platform or distribution

#### Is innovative/market leading?

- Investment in future possibilities, including data
- Plug capability gaps/technical holes







We target outperformance from strong execution and internal innovation

### Continuous improvement

- Marketing efficiency
- Conversion rate
- Repeat purchases

### Agile Product Development Target new customer growth

**Data Science & Marketing** 

- Target new customer growth and a disproportionate share of market growth
- Developing Al

**New customer** 

• Higher LTV

Funnel conversion rate +4% 2016v2017 YoY Marketing efficiency improved 2.2% pts 2016v2017 YoY

Autoswitching Data led journey improvements

Our employees are a source of competitive advantage – they need to reflect the UK population, their different points of view and experiences. This helps us better serve our customers and foster a better company culture.

#### Sustainable Engagement



#### We're getting great feedback...

- Launch of "GoCo values": genuine, fair, bold, open & driven
- Strong employee value proposition we hired 59 new starters in 2017, with heavy emphasis on product, engineering and data science
- Employee base from 187-214 YoY

#### ...but, attracting the best talent is a long-term plan

- Launched Diversity & Inclusion program: we commit to close our diversity gaps
- Announcing the 2018 launch of the GoCompare "Digital & Tech Solutions" BSc apprenticeship degree with Aston University. First intake from local schools



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### Delivering at pace, with discipline

- A continued, disciplined approach to improving marketing margin and revenue
- A fast and successful integration of the MVC business into the Group
- The Board remains confident of meeting its expectations for the full year 2018
- Performance skewed towards the second half of the year.

# Q&A