

## RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

## BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING



## HIGHLIGHTS

Group financial performance

- Strong revenue growth of $15 \%$ to $£ 72.1 \mathrm{~m}$ (12\% at constant exchange rates) driven by
Children's with Harry Potter and Sarah J. Maas
- Adjusted profit before tax grows by £1.0m to £2.5m


Bloomsbury 2020: Investing to grow digital academic \& professional revenues

- Bloomsbury 2020 revenues * grow 16\%
- Strategy on track - two new major digital resources launched so far this year
- Adjusted profit before tax includes net investment of $£ 0.6$ m in Bloomsbury 2020



Good cash generation, with

## £16.9 million

cash at $31 / 8 / 17$

Dividend increases by 50


Note: *Bloomsbury 2020 revenues include digital resource and rights \& services revenues

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Notes:

1. The above results are Adjusted by excluding highlighted items, which are shown on slide 24
2. The effective tax rate is the adjusted rate used to calculate adjusted EPS. The reported rate in the period is 19.1\% (2016/17: 25.2\%)
3. CER is results at constant exchange rates calculated by applying monthly average exchange rates for 2016/17 to the monthly results for 2017/18

## RESULTS <br> BY PUBLISHING DIVISION



H1 revenues as \% total:

|  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| £m | Consumer | Non-Consumer |
| Revenues H1 2017/18 | 44.7 | 27.4 |
| Revenues H1 2016/17 | 37.3 | 25.4 |
| Change \% | $20 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Operating profit H1 2017/18 | 2.9 | $(0.4)$ |
| Operating profit H1 2016/17 | 1.8 | $(0.4)$ |
| Change \% | $66 \%$ | $(11) \%$ |

Non-Consumer profits include $£ 0.9 \mathrm{~m}$ extra net Bloomsbury 2020 investment this period

## REVENUE <br> BY SUB-DIVISION



| H1 £m | 2017/18 | 2016/17 | Change \% | - Adult e-book sales reduce by 10\% <br> - Industry stats: UK trade e-book sales down 17\% calendar 2016 (Source: PA). US adult e-book sales down 3\% Jan-May 17 (source: AAP) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adult | 13.0 | 13.4 | (3)\% |  |  |
| Children's | 31.7 | 23.9 | 33\% |  |  |
| Total Consumer | 44.7 | 37.3 | 20\% |  |  |
| Academic \& Professional | 16.6 | 16.6 | - |  |  |
| Special Interest | 10.1 | 8.1 | 25\% |  |  |
| Content Services | 0.7 | 0.7 | 6\% |  |  |


| Total revenue | 72.1 | 62.7 | $15 \%$ |
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Total revenue $£ \mathrm{~m}$



## REVENUE MIX

| H1£m | 2017/18 | 2016/17 | Change \% | Print books $87 \%$ of total book sales -on-going demand for print format |
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| Print | 60.1 | 51.7 | 16\% |  |
| E-books | 6.6 | 5.7 | 16\% | Strong Young Adult authors like Sarah <br> J. Maas drive 16\% e-book sales growth |
| Other digital revenues | 2.3 | 2.0 | 14\% |  |
| Digital | 8.9 | 7.7 | 15\% | Digital resources revenues on track |
| Total book sales | 69.0 | 59.4 | 16\% |  |
| Copyright licences | 2.6 | 2.7 | (2)\% |  |
| Publishing services | 0.4 | 0.4 | 11\% |  |
| Other | 0.1 | 0.2 | (52)\% |  |
| Rights and Services | 3.1 | 3.3 | (4)\% | $12 \%$ - Print |
| Total revenue | 72.1 | 62.7 | 15\% | - Digital |

## GEOGRAPHIC REVENUES



Note: The above revenue increases are in local currency

## STRONG BALANCE SHEET



## CASH FLOW MOVEMENT

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## CASH FLOW PRIORITIES




Dividend

- Interim dividend increasing by $5 \%$ to 1.15 p per share
- The dividend will be paid 30 November 2017. Record date 3 November 2017. Ex-dividend date is 2 November 2017


## CONSUMER DIVISION: CHILDREN'S TRADE


Excellent
performance
Revenue up $33 \%$ to $£ 31.7 \mathrm{~m}$
$=$ E-book sales up
$60 \%$ to $£ 2.2 \mathrm{~m}$
Revenues excl. HP and
SJM up 29\%

## Harry Potter

- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone new House Editions celebrate $20^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of first being published
- Sales of Harry Potter titles grew by 40\%


## Sarah J. Maas

- Sales of Sarah J. Maas books grew by 47\%
- Bestsellers in year A Court of Wings and Ruin and Tower of Dawn
- 7 future titles contracted



## CONSUMER DIVISION: ADULT TRADE



Financial results

- Revenues £13.0m (16/17: £13.4m) Print flat, e-book sales down 10\%, following industry trends
- Profits down due to this change in sales mix and incremental overhead investment of $£ 0.1 \mathrm{~m}$ following recent strategic changes in the division



## Best sellers

- Strong US list includes Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic and White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of our Racial Divide
- In the UK, Lincoln in the Bardo wins Man Booker Prize. Tom Kerridge's Dopamine Diet and Norse Mythology both reach number one in Sunday Times lists




## NON-CONSUMER DIVISION: ACADEMIC \& PROFESSIONAL



Financial progress

- Core A\&P revenues up 2\% excl. Education. Education sales down from strong rights comparative
- A\&P digital resources revenues grow $10 \%$ to £2.2m, including a $17 \%$ increase at Bloomsbury Professional
- Digital revenues now 24\% of total book revenues (2016/17: 21\%)




## Other achievements

- Methuen Drama: James Tait Black Prize for Cyprus Avenue
- Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in an Affiliate Theatre for Rotterdam
- Carolyn Cocca's Superwomen: Gender, Power, and Representation won the Will Eisner Award for Best Academic/Scholarly Work
- Animated Landscapes, edited by Chris Pallant, won the prestigious McLaren-Lambart award for Best Book on the Subject of Animation


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## FOCUS ON BLOOMSBURY 2020 <br> INVESTING TO GROW B2B DIGITAL REVENUES

Digital resource launches 2017/18 to date

- Bloomsbury Design Library
- Bloomsbury Food Library
- Drama modules: Playwrights Canada Press, Aurora Metro, Bloomsbury Scholarly Collection: Critical Studies and Performance Practice



## H 2 launches

Launch of further major digital resources in H 2 :

- Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers
- Bloomsbury Cultural History

Bringing total launches of major resources for the year to four, one more than planned

## Financials

- £0.6 net investment in income statement for H1 (2016/17: profit £0.3m)
- Future financial targets unchanged: $£ 15 \mathrm{~m}$ revenue and $£ 5 \mathrm{~m}$ profit from digital resources by 2021/22


## BLOOMSBURY DESIGN LIBRARY




## OTHER NON-CONSUMER

## 0 <br> Special interest

- Revenues grow $25 \%$ to $£ 10.1 \mathrm{~m}$
- Key titles in the period include The Strange Death of Europe, Wisden Cricketers'Almanack and The Gut Makeover and Sod Sitting, Get Moving! from our new Green Tree health and wellness imprint
- New imprint Bloomsbury China to publish works by Chinese authors in English, working with Chinese language publishers


Content services

- Revenues grow $6 \%$ to $£ 0.7 \mathrm{~m}$
- Content delivered for new clients Freshfields, Royal Bank Canada and ICAEW
- Key titles in the period include Leading Organisations and Fully Connected


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## H2 KEY TITLES <br> HARRY POTTER NEW ILLUSTRATED EDITIONS IN 2017/18



Illustrated Edition of Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban


Harry Potter A History of Magic: The Book of the Exhibition


## H2 KEY TITLES

ANIMATED TRAILER: ILLUSTRATED EDITION OF
HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN


## H2 KEY TITLES <br> KEY COOKERY TITLES



## OUTLOOK

Trading in line with management's expectations
Bloomsbury 2020 digital publishing H2:
launch of two more major digital resources:

- Bloomsbury Cultural History
- Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers

Traditional second half weighting of book sales and delivery of R\&S income

New Illustrated The Tales of
Beedle the Bard for October 2018

Strong H2 publishing list includes:
Bloomsbury Modern Classics


The complete works of the 'Shakespeare of the



QUESTIONS


APPENDICES

## ADJUSTED INCOME STATEMENT

|  |  |  | Change <br> $\%$ | Change <br> CER\% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R1 $£ \mathrm{~m}$ | $2017 / 18$ | $2016 / 17$ |  | $15 \%$ |
| Gross profit | 36.1 | 62.7 | $12 \%$ |  |
| Gross profit margin \% | $51 \%$ | 51.4 | $17 \%$ |  |
| Marketing and distribution costs | $(11.0)$ | $(9.8)$ | $13 \%$ |  |
| Marketing and distribution costs as \% revenue | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $(2) \%$ |  |
| Administrative expenses ${ }^{1}$ | $(23.2)$ | $(20.2)$ | $15 \%$ |  |
| Operating profit ${ }^{2}$ | 2.5 | 1.4 | $82 \%$ |  |
| Operating profit margin \% | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $58 \%$ |  |
| Net finance income | - | 0.1 | $(41) \%$ |  |
| Profit before tax | 2.5 | 1.5 | $74 \%$ | $78 \%$ |
| Tax | $(0.3)$ | $(0.1)$ | $797 \%$ |  |
| Profit after tax | 2.2 | 1.4 | $55 \%$ | $59 \%$ |

Note:
1 A breakdown of administrative expenses can be found on slide 25 .
2 The adjusted income statement excludes highlighted items of $£ 0.8 \mathrm{~m}$ for the amortisation of acquired intangible assets (H1 2016/17: £0.9m for the amortisation of acquired intangible assets and $£ 0.4 \mathrm{~m}$ for other highlighted items).

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

1. Administrative expenses movement:

2. The effect of the change in allocation methodology for central administrative expenses on the divisional results for the year ended 28.2.17 is shown below:

| £000 | Children's Trade | Adult <br> Trade | Total Consumer | A\&P | Special <br> Interest | Content Services | Total NonConsumer | Total Group |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Original operating profit | 7,610 | 330 | 7,940 | 2,757 | 1,225 | 75 | 4,057 | 11,997 |
| Change in allocation methodology for central administrative expenses | 2,269 | (794) | 1,475 | $(1,058)$ | (547) | 130 | $(1,475)$ |  |
| Restated operating profit | 9,879 | (464) | 9,415 | 1,699 | 678 | 205 | 2,582 | 11,997 |

## ADJUSTED SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

H1 2017/18

| £000 | Children's Trade | Adult <br> Trade | Total Consumer |  | A\&P | Special <br> Interest | Content Services | Total NonConsumer |  | Total Group |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Print sales | 28,407 | 10,703 | 39,110 | 88\% | 12,092 | 8,613 | 307 | 21,012 | 77\% | 60,122 | 84\% |
| Digital sales | 2,246 | 1,955 | 4,201 | 9\% | 3,861 | 732 | 82 | 4,675 | 17\% | 8,876 | 12\% |
| Rights \& Services | 1,034 | 350 | 1,384 | 3\% | 655 | 748 | 328 | 1,731 | 6\% | 3,115 | 4\% |
| Total revenue | 31,687 | 13,008 | 44,695 | 100\% | 16,608 | 10,093 | 717 | 27,418 | 100\% | 72,113 | 100\% |
| \% of total | 44\% | 18\% | 62\% |  | 23\% | 14\% | 1\% | 38\% |  | 100\% |  |
| UK | 17,797 | 6,512 | 24,309 | 55\% | 11,801 | 7,113 | 610 | 19,524 | 71\% | 43,833 | 61\% |
| US | 9,900 | 5,004 | 14,904 | 33\% | 4,194 | 2,108 | 64 | 6,366 | 23\% | 21,270 | 29\% |
| Australia | 3,022 | 948 | 3,970 | 9\% | 321 | 766 | 14 | 1,101 | 4\% | 5,071 | 7\% |
| India | 968 | 544 | 1,512 | 3\% | 292 | 106 | 29 | 427 | 2\% | 1,939 | 3\% |
| Total revenue | 31,687 | 13,008 | 44,695 | 100\% | 16,608 | 10,093 | 717 | 27,418 | 100\% | 72,113 | 100\% |
| Gross margin | 16,021 | 5,309 | 21,330 |  | 9,834 | 5,046 | 486 | 15,366 |  | 36,696 |  |
| Gross margin \% | 51\% | 41\% | 48\% |  | 59\% | 50\% | 68\% | 56\% |  | 51\% |  |
| Marketing and distribution | $(5,070)$ | $(2,389)$ | $(7,459)$ |  | $(2,008)$ | $(1,505)$ | (57) | $(3,570)$ |  | $(11,029)$ |  |
| Contribution | 10,951 | 2,920 | 13,871 |  | 7,826 | 3,541 | 429 | 11,796 |  | 25,667 |  |
| Administrative expenses | $(6,243)$ | $(4,712)$ | $(10,955)$ |  | $(8,572)$ | $(3,177)$ | (489) | $(12,238)$ |  | $(23,193)$ |  |
| Operating profit/(loss) | 4,708 | $(1,792)$ | 2,916 |  | (746) | 364 | (60) | (442) |  | 2,474 |  |
| Operating profit/(loss) \% | 15\% | (14\%) | 7\% |  | (4\%) | 4\% | (8\%) | (2\%) |  | 3\% |  |
| \% of total | 190\% | (72\%) | 118\% |  | (30\%) | 15\% | (3\%) | (18\%) |  | 100\% |  |
| PBTA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,529 |  |

## ADJUSTED SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

H1 2016/17

| £000 | Children's Trade | Adult <br> Trade | Total Consumer |  | A\&P | Special <br> Interest | Content Services | Total NonConsumer |  | Total Group |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Print sales | 21,621 | 10,812 | 32,433 | 87\% | 12,192 | 6,909 | 185 | 19,286 | 76\% | 51,719 | 83\% |
| Digital sales | 1,401 | 2,176 | 3,577 | 10\% | 3,427 | 626 | 65 | 4,118 | 16\% | 7,695 | 12\% |
| Rights \& Services | 875 | 393 | 1,268 | 3\% | 1,032 | 534 | 424 | 1,990 | 8\% | 3,258 | 5\% |
| Total revenue | 23,897 | 13,381 | 37,278 | 100\% | 16,651 | 8,069 | 674 | 25,394 | 100\% | 62,672 | 100\% |
| \% of total | 38\% | 21\% | 59\% |  | 27\% | 13\% | 1\% | 41\% |  | 100\% |  |
| UK | 13,039 | 7,300 | 20,339 | 55\% | 11,732 | 5,900 | 630 | 18,262 | 72\% | 38,601 | 61\% |
| US | 7,909 | 4,476 | 12,385 | 33\% | 4,409 | 1,731 | 20 | 6,160 | 24\% | 18,545 | 30\% |
| Australia | 2,335 | 1,197 | 3,532 | 9\% | 298 | 427 | 16 | 741 | 3\% | 4,273 | 7\% |
| India | 614 | 408 | 1,022 | 3\% | 212 | 11 | 8 | 231 | 1\% | 1,253 | 2\% |
| Total revenue | 23,897 | 13,381 | 37,278 | 100\% | 16,651 | 8,069 | 674 | 25,394 | 100\% | 62,672 | 100\% |
| Gross margin | 11,872 | 5,787 | 17,659 |  | 9,793 | 3,642 | 319 | 13,754 |  | 31,413 |  |
| Gross margin \% | 50\% | 43\% | 47\% |  | 59\% | 45\% | 47\% | 54\% |  | 50\% |  |
| Marketing and distribution | $(3,882)$ | $(2,652)$ | $(6,534)$ |  | $(2,085)$ | $(1,106)$ | (73) | $(3,264)$ |  | $(9,798)$ |  |
| Contribution | 7,990 | 3,135 | 11,125 |  | 7,708 | 2,536 | 246 | 10,490 |  | 21,615 |  |
| Administrative expenses | $(4,772)$ | $(4,593)$ | $(9,365)$ |  | $(7,418)$ | $(3,017)$ | (453) | $(10,888)$ |  | $(20,253)$ |  |
| Operating profit /(loss) | 3,218 | $(1,458)$ | 1,760 |  | 290 | (481) | (207) | (398) |  | 1,362 |  |
| Operating profit /(loss) \% | 13\% | (11\%) | 5\% |  | 2\% | (6\%) | (31\%) | (2\%) |  | 2\% |  |
| \% of total | 236\% | (107\%) | 129\% |  | 21\% | (35\%) | (15\%) | (29\%) |  | 100\% |  |
| PBTA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,456 |  |

The results for the period ended 31 August 2016 have been restated to reflect a change in the allocation of central administration costs, in order to provide a better understanding of underlying divisional results as follows:

| Change in allocation | 727 | $(245)$ | 482 | $(435)$ | $(111)$ | 64 | $(482)$ | - |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Original operating profit | 2,491 | $(1,213)$ | 1,278 | 725 | $(370)$ | $(271)$ | $\mathbf{8 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 3 6 2}$ |

## ADJUSTED SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS <br> H1 2017/18 AT CONSTANT EXCHANGE RATES



| £000 | Children's Trade | Adult <br> Trade | Cons | Total <br> sumer | A\&P | Special Interest | Content Services | Total NonConsumer |  | Total Group |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Print sales | 27,404 | 10,254 | 37,658 | 88\% | 11,839 | 8,372 | 298 | 20,509 | 76\% | 58,167 | 83\% |
| Digital sales | 2,133 | 1,883 | 4,016 | 9\% | 3,835 | 732 | 82 | 4,649 | 17\% | 8,665 | 13\% |
| Rights \& Services | 1,003 | 341 | 1,344 | 3\% | 641 | 745 | 328 | 1,714 | 7\% | 3,058 | 4\% |
| Total revenue | 30,540 | 12,478 | 43,018 | 100\% | 16,315 | 9,849 | 708 | 26,872 | 100\% | 69,890 | 100\% |
| \% of total | 44\% | 18\% | 62\% |  | 23\% | 14\% | 1\% | 38\% |  | 100\% |  |
| UK | 17,797 | 6,512 | 24,309 | 57\% | 11,801 | 7,113 | 610 | 19,524 | 73\% | 43,833 | 63\% |
| US | 9,147 | 4,632 | 13,779 | 32\% | 3,964 | 1,952 | 59 | 5,975 | 22\% | 19,754 | 28\% |
| Australia | 2,734 | 840 | 3,574 | 8\% | 288 | 687 | 13 | 988 | 4\% | 4,562 | 7\% |
| India | 862 | 494 | 1,356 | 3\% | 262 | 97 | 26 | 385 | 1\% | 1,741 | 2\% |
| Total revenue | 30,540 | 12,478 | 43,018 | 100\% | 16,315 | 9,849 | 708 | 26,872 | 100\% | 69,890 | 100\% |
| Gross margin | 15,522 | 5,067 | 20,589 |  | 9,688 | 4,954 | 484 | 15,126 |  | 35,715 |  |
| Gross margin \% | 51\% | 41\% | 48\% |  | 59\% | 50\% | 68\% | 56\% |  | 51\% |  |
| Marketing and distribution | $(4,830)$ | $(2,260)$ | $(7,090)$ |  | $(1,965)$ | $(1,449)$ | (55) | $(3,469)$ |  | $(10,559)$ |  |
| Contribution | 10,692 | 2,807 | 13,499 |  | 7,723 | 3,505 | 429 | 11,656 |  | 25,156 |  |
| Administrative expenses | $(6,035)$ | $(4,534)$ | $(10,569)$ |  | $(8,418)$ | $(3,148)$ | (488) | $(12,054)$ |  | $(22,623)$ |  |
| Operating profit | 4,657 | $(1,727)$ | 2,930 |  | (695) | 357 | (59) | (397) |  | 2,533 |  |
| Operating profit \% | 15\% | (14\%) | 7\% |  | (4\%) | 4\% | (8\%) | (1\%) |  | 4\% |  |
| \% of total | 184\% | (68\%) | 116\% |  | (28\%) | 14\% | (2\%) | (16\%) |  | 100\% |  |
| PBTA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,587 |  |

Constant exchange rate results for overseas subsidiaries are calculated using the monthly average exchange rate for the same period last year

## ACTIVE DIGITAL RESOURCES

| Product | Market | Model |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Arcadian Library | Institutional | Purchase |
| Berg Fashion Library | Institutional | Subscription |
| Bloomsbury Design Library | Institutional | Purchase and Subscription |
| Bloomsbury Food Library | Institutional | Subscription |
| Bloomsbury Popular Music | Institutional | Subscription |
| Bloomsbury Professional Law \& Tax Products | B2B | Subscription |
| Bloomsbury Collections | Institutional | Purchase |
| Reeds Almanac Online | B2C | Subscription |
| Churchill Archive | Institutional | Purchase and Subscription |
| Churchill Central | B2C | Sponsorship funded |
| Churchill for Schools | Secondary Schools | Sponsorship funded |
| Cooked.com | B2C | Joint Venture |
| Drama Online | Institutional | Purchase and Subscription |
| Fairchild Books Fashion (textbook rental) | B2C | Purchase and Rental |
| Fairchild Books Library | Institutional | Subscription |
| Fashion Photography Archive | Institutional | Purchase and Subscription |
| IZA World of Labor | Institutional | Sponsorship Funded |
| Whitakers Online | B2C | Subscription |

## ADJUSTING ITEMS

A All metrics and commentary in this presentation are at reported foreign exchange rates and include Adjusting items unless stated otherwise

Adjusted results are included in this presentation as, in the opinion of the Directors, they provide additional understanding of the ongoing performance of the Group

A Adjusting items are highlighted items as shown on slide 24

Certain financial data within this presentation has been rounded. All percentage movements are based on the results to the nearest thousand

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