

# Full Year Results

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# Introduction

John Treharne Chair of the Board





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#### Year in review

- Post pandemic recovery full year of sales delivering £38m of FBITDA I NR<sup>1</sup>
- 28 new openings highest ever in a single year
- Brand transformation completed
- New digital platform launched
- First carbon neutral gym chain in the UK

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### **Current year outlook**

- Macroeconomic challenges
  - Consumer cost-of-living pressures and high utility cost inflation
- Revenue increases broadly offset by cost increases

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#### Medium term

- Continued yield optimisation
- Significant headroom for new site growth

### 2022 Highlights

**229 Open sites**2021: 202

**14% Membership growth**2022: 821k 2021: 718k

+4.%

ARPMM¹ growth

H2 2022: £18.30

H2 2021: £17.60

**£38.0m EBITDA LNR<sup>2</sup>**2021: £5.7m

200 New Fiit classes 12%
Increase to visits per member<sup>3</sup>

£3.3m Social value generated per site<sup>4</sup> lst Carbon neutral gym chain in the UK





# Financial update

Luke Tait
Chief Financial Officer

### Financial summary

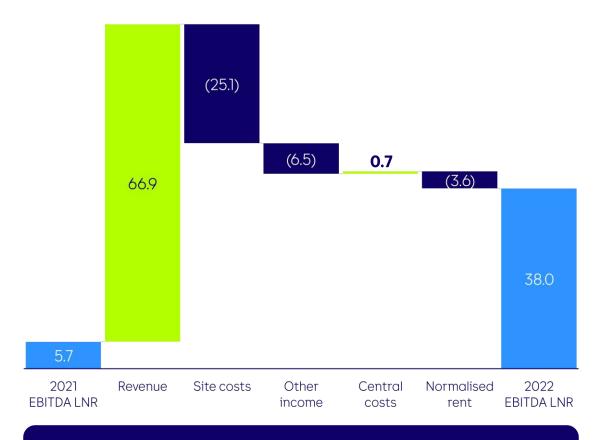




### Group adj. EBITDA LNR of £38.0m

£m	2022	2021	2019
Revenue	172.9	106.0	153.1
Cost of sales	(2.0)	(1.7)	(1.4)
<b>Gross Profit</b>	170.9	104.3	151.7
Site costs	(85.0)	(60.2)	(64.5)
Other income	0.8	7.3	-
Central costs	(15.4)	(16.0)	(12.7)
Normalised rent	(33.3)	(29.7)	(25.9)
Group Adj. EBITDA LNR	38.0	5.7	48.5
Margin %	22%	5%	32%
add back Normalised rent	33.3	29.7	25.9
Depreciation & Amortisation	(59.3)	(52.7)	(41.5)
Net Financing costs	(16.1)	(16.6)	(14.9)
Share based payments	(1.4)	(2.9)	(1.9)
Group Adj. (Loss) / Profit before Tax	(5.5)	(36.8)	16.2
Total non-underlying items	(13.9)	(7.4)	(10.0)
(Loss) / Profit Before Tax	(19.4)	(44.2)	6.2

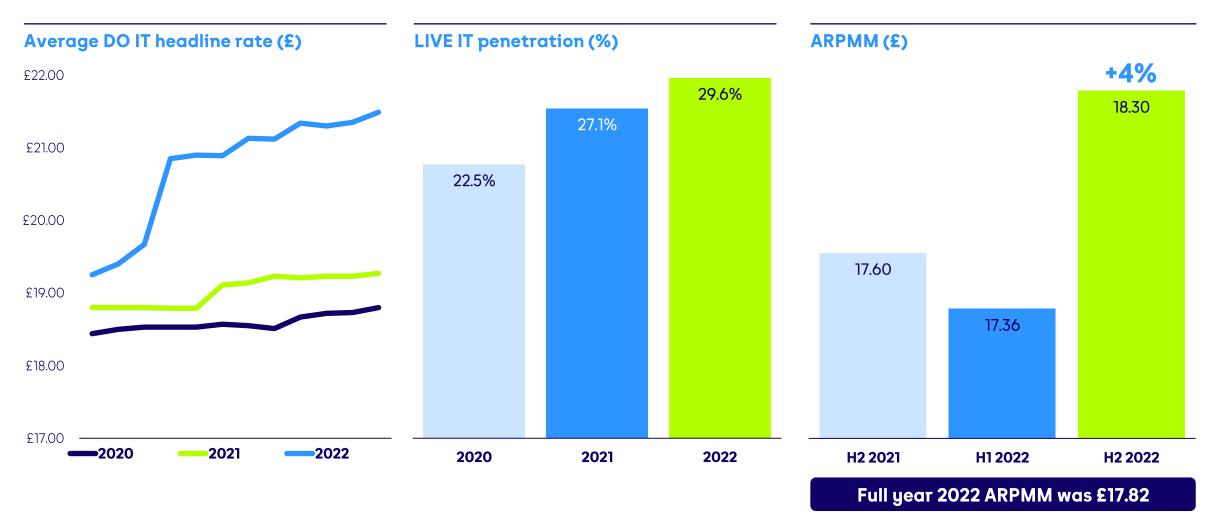
2022 brought a return to a full year of trading, with revenue increasing by 63% YoY; +13% vs 2019



A full year of operations, plus the removal of Covid-19 assistance meant all site costs increased, up 41% YoY



# ARPMM growth of 4% from price optimisation and higher LIVE IT penetration



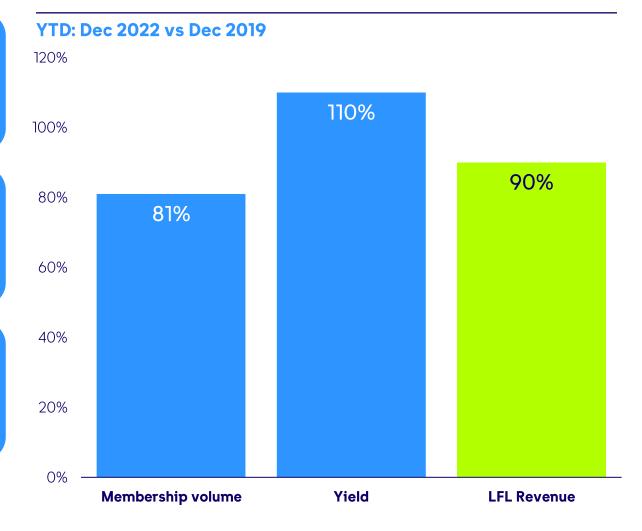


# LFL revenue recovery for mature estate unchanged throughout the year

LFL revenue recovery for our mature gyms open up to 2018 settled at 90% of pre Covid-19 levels throughout 2022

Membership volume recovery on a LFL basis is c.81% of 2019 levels, with yield at c.110%

Gyms in the North of the UK have recovered better than those in London and the South (LFL Revenue: North 98%; London 85%; South 89%)





### 28 new site openings



### Expansionary

25 organic new sites were opened in 2022 at an average cost of £1.3m

In addition, three sites were acquired from Fitness First in March 2022, bringing our total estate to 229 as at Dec 2022



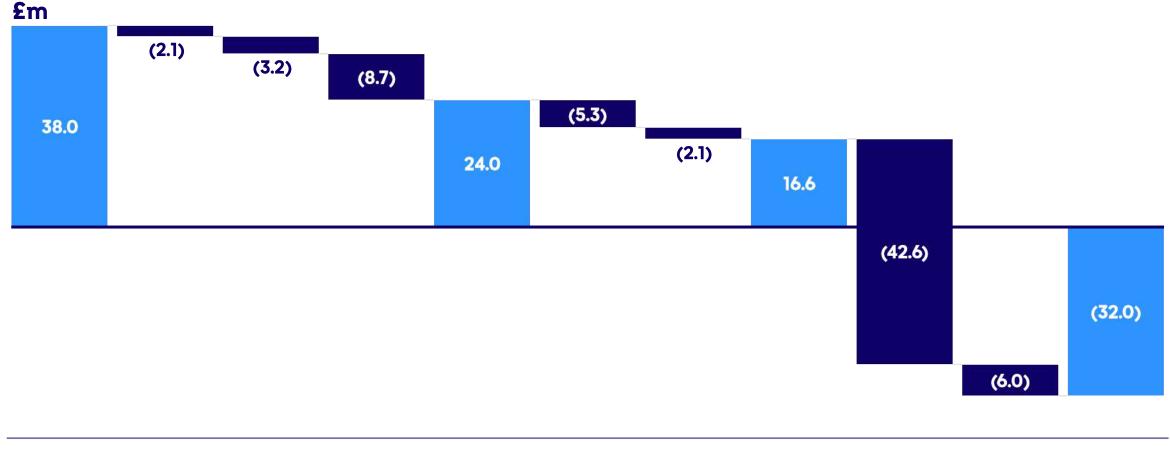
### **Maintenance**

Maintenance capex increased to 7% of revenue (2021: 5%)

£m	2022	2021	% YoY
New site capex	35.2	24.2	
Brand relaunch	2.5	-	
Tech & data capex	8.8	5.2	
Expansionary Capex Additions	46.5	29.4	58%
Proceeds from disposal of equipment	(0.4)	-	
Expansionary Capex Creditor movement	(3.5)	(0.4)	
Expansionary Capex Cash Flow	42.6	29.0	47%
Maintenance Capex Additions	11.9	4.7	153%
Maintenance Capex Creditor movement	(3.2)	(0.8)	
Maintenance Capex Cash Flow	8.7	3.9	123%
Total Capex Additions	58.4	34.1	71%
Total Cash Flow Capex	51.3	32.9	56%



# Investment funded by Free Cash Flow of £16.6m and Non-Property Net Debt increase



Group Adj. EBITDA LNR Movement in Rent Movement in Other Working Capital **Working Capital** 

Maintenance Capex

**Group Operating** Cash Flow

Non-Underlying Costs

Interest & Tax

Free Cash Flow

Expansionary Capex (Net of Disposal Proceeds) Refinancing Fees

Net Consideration Cash flow before of Acquisition and movement in debt



# Net debt at 2.0x Adj. EBITDA LNR

£m	2022	2021
Bank facilities	80.0	100.0
Lease facilities <sup>1</sup>	15.0	-
Total facilities	95.0	100.0
RCF drawn	(70.0)	(45.0)
Cash & cash equivalents	5.4	7.3
Bank net debt	(64.6)	(37.7)
Finance lease indebtedness	(11.5)	(6.5)
Non-Property Net Debt <sup>2</sup>	(76.1)	(44.2)
Leverage <sup>2</sup>	2.0x	7.7x
Fixed charge cover <sup>2</sup>	2.0x	1.1x

Net debt to EBITDA at top end of planned operating range of 1.5x – 2.0x







## ROIC of mature sites excl. acquisitions at 20%



The core mature estate ROIC has significantly recovered but has not returned to pre-pandemic levels



When excluding gyms which are workforce-dependent, the organic mature estate achieved 22% ROIC



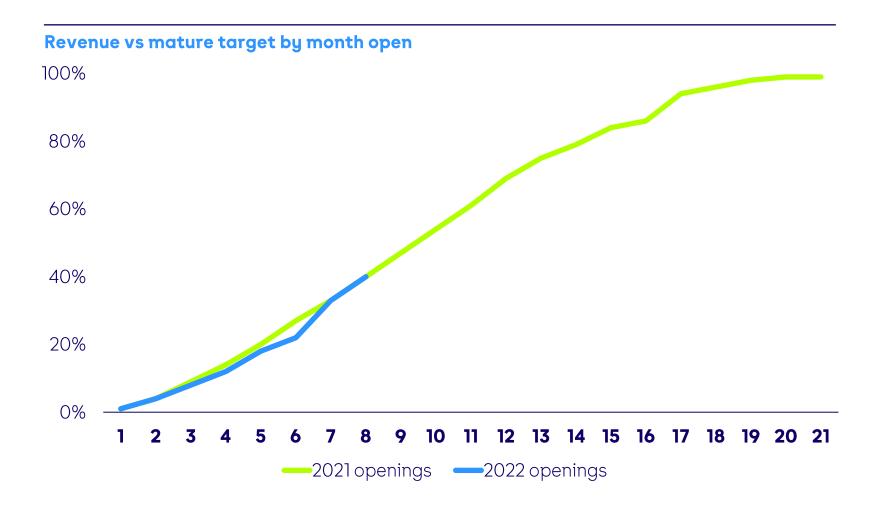
The former easyGym and Lifestyle gyms reached 18% ROIC in 2022, due to the premium incurred to acquire these sites

£m	Mature Excl. Acq	*Organic	*Acquisition
Number of gyms	154	140	26
Revenue	0.84	0.87	0.89
Gross profit	99%	99%	99%
Fixed property costs	(28)%	(27)%	(25)%
Other opex	(39)%	(37)%	(36)%
EBITDA LNR <sup>1</sup>	0.27	0.30	0.34
EBITDA margin	32%	35%	38%
Average capital cost	1.4	1.4	1.9
Mature ROIC <sup>1</sup>	20%	22%	18%

'Mature' includes all gyms open up to 2020

<sup>\* &#</sup>x27;Organic' and 'Acquisition' exclude the 16 workforce-dependent gyms

## New sites performing well





Sites opened in 2021 reaching 100% of their mature revenue targets

Sites opened in 2022 progressing well

### Continual focus on cost efficiency

### **Utilities**

# **Current Outlook**

- c.£10m increase in annual cost
- 96% of energy costs fixed until end of 2023
- Impact on mature ROIC c. -3%\*

### Mitigations Implemented

- Site energy auditing identifies high consumption gyms, setting specific targets for energy efficiency
- Centralising access to air conditioning control systems to allow optimisation across the estate
- Lighting across the estate is now 100% LED

### Future Initiatives

 Installation of solar panels, voltage optimisation units and air heat pumps offer further opportunities to limit consumption

### Other cost areas

# Cleaning optimisation

# Operational structures

Near-shoring technology development

Organisational effectiveness



### **Current trading and outlook**



#### Jan/Feb trading

- 890,000 members as at Feb 2023, up 8% vs Dec 2022
- Revenue year to date up 19% vs
   Feb 2022 average members up
   8% and ARPMM up 10%
- L4L Revenue at 97% of 2019



#### 2023 Full year outlook

 Revenue increase from yield and new openings now expected to broadly cover cost increases year on year



# Investment in capex and strategic projects self financed from free cash flow

- Up to 12 new openings expected in 2023
- Leverage<sup>1</sup> to remain within range of 1.5-2.0x







# Business & Strategy update

Richard Darwin
Chief Executive Officer

## Business fundamentals performing strongly

Visits per member up 12% since 2019

Record OSAT<sup>1</sup> results, with 57% of our gym members giving 5/5 overall satisfaction ratings

Highest ever social value, generating £756m in 2022 (2019: £700m)

Strong engagement and Investors in People Gold accreditation

....but market recovery has been uneven post Covid-19



### **Market dynamics**

# Factors behind speed of recovery:



Establishment of post Covid-19 routines, digital fitness and continuation of working from home trends



Economic impact of costof-living crisis

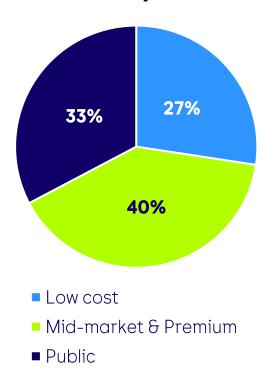
### Mitigated by:







# Share of UK gym membership 2022<sup>1</sup>





# **2022 Strategic priorities**





Market opportunity & organic rollout





Optimising yield & profitability





Developing the technology platform



Rolling out the new brand



## Post Covid, top 2 operators have taken market share

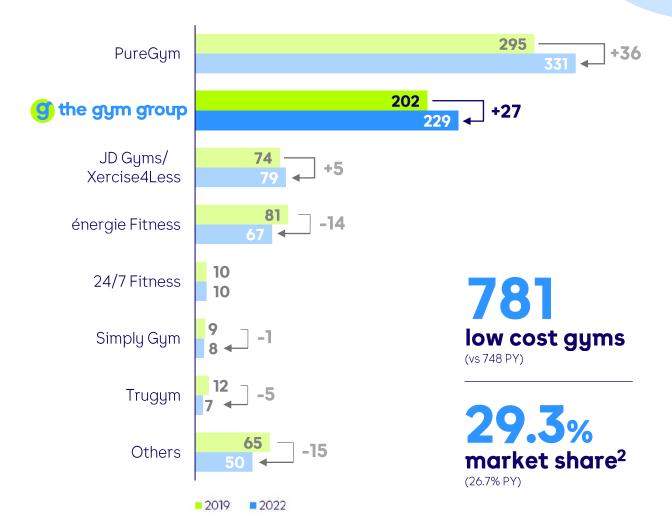


The UK gym market is showing resilience post Covid-19, but is down 0.5m members since 2019<sup>1</sup>

The low cost sector retained market share at 27% through the pandemic<sup>1</sup>

Mid-market and public sectors continue to lose members and market share<sup>1</sup>

The Gym Group grows market share to 29.3%





# Expansion since 2019 concentrated in residential and town – highest returning locations

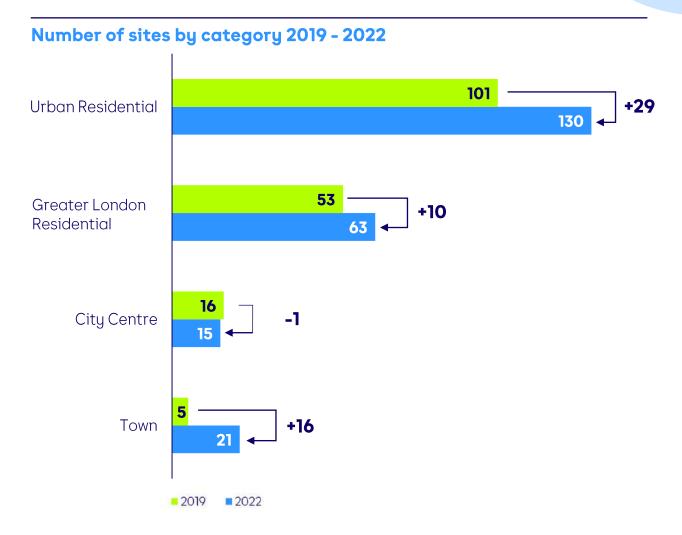


Substantial growth in high performing Urban Residential (+29%) and Greater London (+19%) locations

City Centre locations have been impacted most by changes to workforce routines (except for student gyms)

Town and urban locations enable a range of sizes between 7,000-21,000 sq. ft

Focused growth in similar locations in for 2023





### Growth delivered across a range of sizes





# Birmingham Selly Oak

### **City Residential**

Retail park
Opened August 2022
Size: 15,145 sq.ft



### Romford

#### **Greater London**

Commuter town centre Opened November 2022 Size: 20,839 sq.ft



### **Glenrothes**

#### Town

Retail park
Opened August 2022
Size: 9,074 sq.ft



## Optimising yield and profitability



# Optimised price point

- Increased headline rates by +£2.22 Dec 2022 vs 2021
- Closing the gap to competitors while still delivering outstanding value

# Remained lowest cost provider

 Other national chains still £2.00-£2.50 higher in competing locations

# Launched pay up front membership

- 12-month membership at discounted monthly price
- High value option for members willing to commit to tenure

# +2.5ppts Higher LIVE IT penetration

- Improved merchandising and promotional mechanics
- Enhanced value with inclusion of Fiit ondemand fitness app

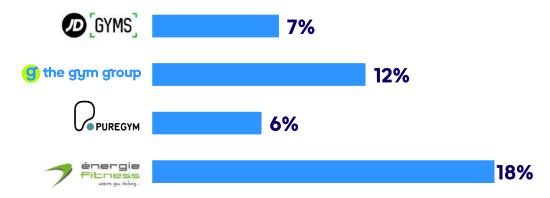
# Developing 3 Tier architecture

- Designed to drive both yield and volume
- Trial planned for Summer 2023

#### Average difference to The Gym Group in competing locations

	<b>Dec 2021</b>	<b>Dec 2022</b>
[GYMS]	+£4.12	+£2.33
PUREGYM	+£4.48	+£2.35
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#### Price growth vs competitors in all locations 2021-2022





# A best-in-class technology platform to drive performance

# New Digital Platform and infrastructure

- Designed for mobile devices
- State of the art analytics and tracking
- Highly optimised for search and sales conversion
- Scalable, secure, resilient and cost efficient

# **Data Optimisation tools**

- Data science models to support pricing decisions
- New data warehouse and analytics tools
- Churn models to support retention strategies

# New Product and Proposition

- New 12-month pay upfront premium product
- The best online experience to members (one of the highest rated apps in the sector)
- Fiit app included in LIVE IT
- New corporate offering

#### **Tech Statistics**

**75%** traffic on mobile

99.99% site reliability in key Jan/Feb period

App ratings: **4.7 Apple 4.6 Android** 

App users: **700,000** as at Feb 2023 (up 50,000 since Dec 2022)

**400+ pricing** changes made in 2022





#### **Overall Benefits**

- Improved sales conversion: conversion up 1.0-1.5% over 4 months
- Higher yields: increased yield sophistication
- Improved member experience: OSAT and visits per member at all-time high



## Brand relaunched successfully in 2022

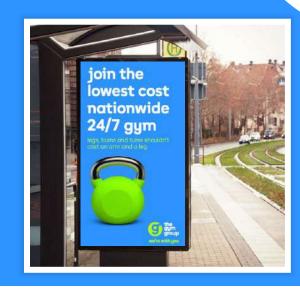


Creating a more memorable identity to drive marketing effectiveness

Relaunched brand in Aug 2022, updating our website, signage and app

New advertising campaign,
Gym Face - talks to the gym
intimidated / growth audience.

Most effective audio visual campaign creative to date with 14 percentage points increase in correct attribution from 2021 campaign assets (The Nursery, Nov 22)



Invested in media across Tik Tok,
Meta and YouTube, to reach the
18-24 audiences with our new
brand, and new campaign



# Brand transformation project focused on improving a number of brand KPIs



Improving brand awareness will reduce price sensitivity and reliance on discounting, increasing yields.

A strong brand will improve search effectiveness, drive organic traffic, reduce performance media spend and CPAs

The impact is measured using 3 key metrics:

## **01.**Brand awareness

- Unprompted awareness grew from 7% to 10%
- Prompted awareness grew from 16% in February 2022 to 21% in February 2023 (YouGov Brand Index)

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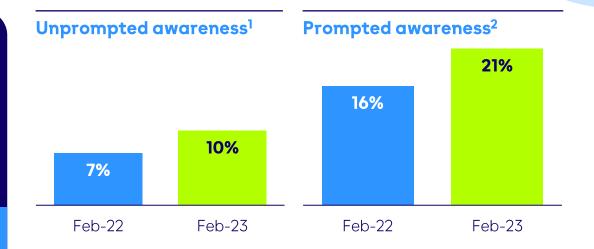
#### Organic search

- The Gym Group brand search demand has increased, with 2/3rds of all searches now for new brand
- Relaunched brand drives more impressions and better click through rates

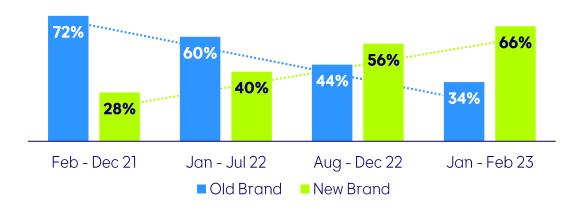
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#### Performance marketing conversion rate

 Returns on brand search advertising spend has improved by 34%



#### **Clicks Brand Search Engine – Key Changes**





## **Growing sustainably**

### 2022 Highlights

#### **Our environment**

- Submitted our pathway to net zero to SBTi for validation<sup>1</sup>
- Reduced our Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 11%
- Launched energy saving initiatives

#### **Our members**

- Generated £756m of social value through exercise (vs target of £700m)
- Increased percentage of members visiting at least 4x per month by 7%

#### Our people

- Investor in People Gold award
- Improved senior leaders gender balance by 6.3 percentage points





MSCI Only MSCI AAA rated travel & hospitality business

<sup>1</sup>SBTi – Science Based Target initiative

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## **Strategic Priorities for 2023**



# Optimise yield

New digital infrastructure enables implementation of a more flexible 3 price product architecture to optimise yield further (trial due to start in Summer 2023)



# Mature estate performance

Continue to ensure operational excellence with strong member satisfaction, increase in visits per member and optimised performance



# New site rollout

Business to self-fund growth in 2023 - new site rollout focussed on high returning sites in residential and town locations



# Strong cost control

Ensure low cost advantage and mitigate part of energy inflation through initiatives to reduce consumption

### Summary

### A year of significant recovery

- 28 new sites opened
- Rebrand and tech launched

#### Price optimisation continues

- Yield increases
- 3 price product architecture

# Difficult economic environment expected to continue in 2023

- Consumer discretionary spend
- High levels of inflation
- Revenue increases broadly offset by cost increases

# Focused growth in 2023 to self fund

High yielding sites in strong residential locations





Q&A



# **Business KPIs (5 year)**

Financial	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	YoY
Revenue	172.9	106.0	80.5	153.1	123.9	63%
Group Adj. EBITDA LNR	38.0	5.7	(10.2)	48.5	39.1	n/a
Group Operating Cash Flow	23.1	6.3	(16.3)	39.2	34.0	n/a
<b>Group Operating Cash Flow Conversion</b>	60.8%	110.6%	160.3%	80.8%	86.8%	(45%)
Expansionary Capital Expenditure	38.4	29.0	21.8	30.9	58.0	32%
Non-Property Net Debt	76.1	44.1	47.3	47.4	46.0	73%
Operational						
Gyms in operation	229	202	183	175	159	13%
Members at year end ('000)	821	718	578	794	724	14%
Average members ('000)	808	681	708	796	693	18%
Average revenue per member per month (£) <sup>1</sup>	17.82	17.60	17.20	16.02	14.89	2%



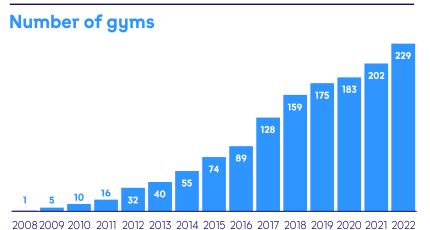
### **Definition of non-statutory measures**

- Group Adjusted EBITDA LNR operating profit before depreciation, amortisation, share based payments costs, non-underlying items and normalised rent.
- **Normalised Rent** the contractual rent that would have been paid in normal circumstances without any agreed deferments, recognised in the monthly period to which it relates.
- Adjusted Loss/Profit before Tax loss/profit before tax before non-underlying items.
- Group Operating Cash Flow Group Adjusted EBITDA Less Normalised Rent, movement in working capital and maintenance capital expenditure.
- Free Cash Flow Group Operating Cash Flow less cash non-underlying items, bank and non-property lease interest and tax.
- Non-Property Net Debt bank and non-property lease debt less cash and cash equivalents.
- Leverage Non-Property Net Debt to Group Adjusted EBITDA LNR
- Fixed Charge Cover Adjusted EBITDAR to Net Finance Charges and Normalised Rent
- Return On Invested Capital of Mature Sites Mature Gym Site EBITDA divided by total capital initially invested in the mature sites.
- Maintenance capital expenditure costs of replacement gym equipment and premises refurbishment.
- **Expansionary capital expenditure** costs of fit-out of new gyms (both organic and acquired), technology projects and other strategic projects. It is stated net of contributions towards landlord building costs.

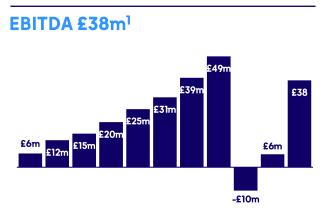


## The story so far...





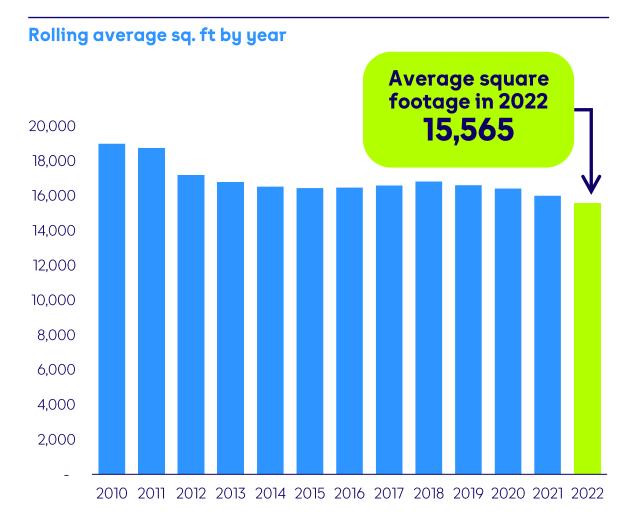


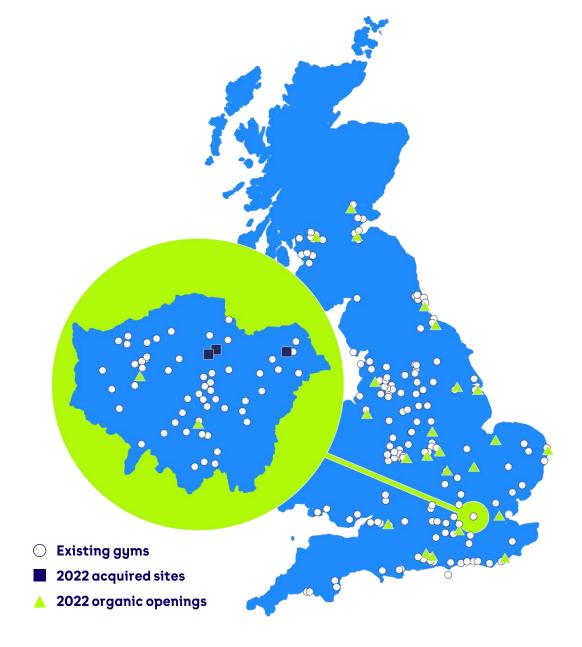


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## **Property**







### Investment case

	Growing market opportunity	02. High quality gym estate	Compelling member proposition	04. Innovation in technology & marketing	O5. Sustainability at the core of our business	O6. Attractive financial model
Investment rationale	Low cost segment leading growth of the UK health and fitness market	Disciplined site selection assisted by strong covenant for landlord	Attractive low cost product drives high levels of member acquisition	Investment in tech & marketing capability enables a low cost, high marketing business	Supporting communities with affordable fitness and flexible careers in a sustainable way	High returns on capital, maintained as the market develops
Post Covid-19	+ increased focus in health & fitness following Covid  + strong value proposition means low cost gyms will be in high demand	+ locating in residential areas of urban areas and towns	+ multi-site network and hybrid product offer	+ scale advantages and market leading tech and marketing investments enable us to operate efficiently	<ul> <li>+ expansion of our network will bring affordable fitness to more communities and increase social value</li> <li>+ investment into energy saving initiatives reduce emissions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>+ target high return on capitals</li> <li>+ focus on opportunities that reflect lower membership and higher yield</li> </ul>





# Thank you

