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- ▶ Group revenue growth of 21.1% to £199.7m (2016: £164.9m)
- ▶ Group EBIT growth of 19.4% to £9.2m (2016: £7.7m)
- ▶ Interim dividend of 2.8p per share, up 16.7% (2016: 2.4p)
- ▶ Acquisition of Tesam and RepairTech completed and immediately earnings-enhancing
- ▶ Clicklink click & collect network extended to other retailers including SuperGroup and Urban Outfitters
- ▶ New operations launched including ASOS returns in Poland, River Island and The Edinburgh Woollen Mill Group
- ▶ Continued organic growth particularly in ecommerce-related activities
- ▶ Strong pipeline of new business opportunities

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Financial review

Financial Highlights

- ▶ Group revenue growth of 21.1% to £199.7m (2016: £164.9m), driven by strong growth in all divisions
- ▶ Group EBIT growth of 19.4% to £9.2m (2016: £7.7m)
 - E-fulfilment and returns management services – EBIT of £5.3m, up 25.7% (2016: £4.3m)
 - Non e-fulfilment logistics – EBIT of £6.3m, up 6.3% (2016: £5.9m)
 - Commercial vehicles – EBIT of £1.4m, up 13.5% (2016: £1.3m)
 - Profit before tax and amortisation up 21.0% to 8.4m
- ▶ EPS of 6.3p, up 18.9% (2016: 5.3p)
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Summary Income Statement

£m	6m to 31 October		Change %	Year to 30 April 2017
	2016	2017		
Revenue	164.9	199.7	21.1%	340.1
Cost of sales	(117.3)	(142.1)		(241.1)
Gross profit	47.6	57.6	20.9%	99.0
Other net gains	0.1	0.1		0.4
Admin expenses	(40.1)	(48.3)		(81.9)
Operating profit before share of equity-accounted investees, net of tax	7.6	9.4	19.4%	17.5
Share of equity-accounted investees, net of tax	-	(0.6)		0.2
Operating profit	7.6	8.8	16.2%	17.7
EBIT	7.7	9.2	19.4%	17.9
Less: amortisation of other intangible assets	(0.1)	(0.5)		(0.2)
Share of tax and finance costs of equity-accounted investees	-	0.1		(0.0)
Operating profit	7.6	8.8		17.7
Net finance costs	(0.8)	(0.9)		(1.6)
Profit before tax	6.8	7.9	15.6%	16.1
Income tax	(1.5)	(1.7)		(3.6)
Net income	5.3	6.3		12.5
Earnings per share (p)	5.3	6.3	18.9%	12.5
Interim dividend per share (p)	2.4	2.8	16.7%	-

- Strong top-line performance in the period driven by all business units
- Key EBIT metric saw continuing strong growth of 19.4%, again driven by all business units
- Finance cost up slightly, due to acquisitions
- Profit before tax and amortisation up 21.0% to 8.4m (2016: 6.9m)
- Profit before tax ahead by 15.6% to £7.9m (2016 - £6.8m)
- EPS ahead by 18.9% to 6.3p (2016 – 5.3p)
- Interim dividend up 16.7% to 2.8p (2016 – 2.4p)

Segmental performance

Revenue

£m	6m to 31 October		Change
	2016	2017	%
E-fulfilment logistics	58.9	76.1	29.2%
Non E-fulfilment logistics	61.3	65.7	7.2%
Total logistics	120.2	141.8	18.0%
Commercial vehicles	45.6	58.8	28.9%
Inter-segment sales	(0.9)	(0.9)	
Group total	164.9	199.7	21.1%

EBIT

£m	6m to 31 October		Change
	2016	2017	%
E-fulfilment logistics	4.3	5.3	25.7%
Non E-fulfilment logistics	5.9	6.3	6.3%
Central logistics costs	(2.6)	(2.5)	
Total logistics	7.6	9.1	18.9%
Commercial vehicles	1.3	1.4	13.5%
Head office costs	(1.2)	(1.3)	
Group total	7.7	9.2	19.4%

- Strong growth in all aspects of Logistics:
 - Continuing organic growth with existing customers, particularly in e-fulfilment (e.g. ASOS, John Lewis and Wilkinsons)
 - Full year benefit of prior year contract wins (e.g. ADC for John Lewis, returns for M&S, new brands for a major international retailer)
 - New contracts brought on stream (e.g. Westwing, ASOS returns in Poland, EWM and Secret Sales)
 - Storage and packing of high value products
- Continued Investment in solutions development and IT infrastructure
- Commercial vehicle growth driven by both new vehicle sales and aftersales
- Share based payment charges increased by £0.2m
- Acquisition of Tesam and RepairTech immediately earnings enhancing

Summary cash flow statement

£m	6m to 31 October		Year to 30
	2016	2017	April 2017
EBIT	7.7	9.2	17.9
Depreciation & Amortisation	2.2	3.4	5.1
Other non-cash items ¹	(0.1)	1.2	0.6
Change in working capital	2.5	(1.2)	2.0
Cash generated from operations	12.3	12.6	25.7
Net interest paid	(0.7)	(0.9)	(1.6)
Tax paid	(1.5)	(2.0)	(3.2)
Net cash flows from operating activities	10.1	9.7	20.8
<i>as % of EBITDA²</i>	103%	76%	91%
Net capital expenditure	(5.6)	(3.6)	(2.3)
Investment in joint venture	(2.0)	-	(2.0)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-	(11.8)	-
Net cash flows from investing activities	(7.6)	(15.4)	(4.3)
Loan advance to joint venture	(0.3)	-	(1.4)
Net drawdown of bank loans	4.9	14.1	(6.0)
Finance leases advanced	2.1	-	4.9
Repayment of capital on finance leases	(2.7)	(3.7)	(5.7)
Shares issued	-	0.2	-
Dividends paid	(4.0)	(4.8)	(6.4)
Net cash flows from financing activities	0.3	5.8	(14.6)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	2.5	0.1	2.0

1. Other non cash items comprise share of equity-accounted investees, share based payments, exchange differences and movement in fair value of derivatives

2. EBITDA calculated as EBIT plus depreciation and amortisation

- EBITDA ahead 27.3%
- Working capital outflow due to one late customer payment of £1.6m
- Strong underlying cash flow and cash conversion
- Majority of capex is back-to-back with agreements by customers to repay the capital through open-book contract mechanisms

Summary balance sheet

£m	6m to 31 October		Year to 30 April 2017
	2016	2017	
Intangible assets	24.8	36.8	24.8
Property, plant & equipment	38.3	46.7	38.9
Interest in equity-accounted investees	2.0	1.6	2.2
Non-current financial assets	-	1.4	1.4
Deferred tax assets	-	-	0.3
Non-current assets	<u>65.1</u>	<u>86.5</u>	<u>67.6</u>
Inventories	37.2	30.9	30.0
Trade & other receivables	57.5	70.8	47.7
Cash & cash equivalents	1.5	0.9	0.9
Current assets	<u>96.2</u>	<u>102.6</u>	<u>78.6</u>
Trade & other payables	102.4	110.6	85.1
Borrowings	6.7	7.8	7.4
Short term provisions	0.1	0.3	0.1
Current tax liabilities	1.8	1.9	2.2
Current liabilities	<u>111.0</u>	<u>120.6</u>	<u>94.8</u>
Borrowings	24.9	33.3	20.0
Long term provisions	0.8	1.4	1.3
Deferred tax liabilities	-	1.3	-
Non-current liabilities	<u>25.7</u>	<u>36.0</u>	<u>21.3</u>
Net assets	<u>24.6</u>	<u>32.5</u>	<u>30.1</u>

- Acquisition of Tesam (May) and RepairTech (June)
- Investment in fixed assets largely to support new open-book contracts under which capital will be repaid over the term of the contract
- Net debt £38.8m, in-line with the Board's expectations

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Operational review

Overview

The Group's strategy is set around four key principles – all of which have seen positive developments during the period under review:

- ▶ Build on Clipper's market leading customer proposition and continue to expand the customer base
- ▶ Continue European expansion through our profitable German platform
- ▶ Develop new, complementary products and services
- ▶ Consider complementary acquisition opportunities

E-fulfilment and Returns Management Services

The positioning of Clipper as a retail solution provider has generated new contracts:

- Secret Sales
- Westwing
- ASOS – returns facility created in Poland - *Boomerang*
- M&S – further product group expansion
- Fenty Cosmetics within Harvey Nichols
- River Island – returns management – *Boomerang*
- M&S – national returns centre project – *Boomerang*
- *Clicklink* - third party “onboarding” continues – Superdry, Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie, Ted Baker (into JLP), Inditex (Pull & Bear and Bershka) and Jaeger are now “live”

- ▶ The Ollerton site has been extended (60ksqft) to accommodate further Wilko growth
- ▶ The ADC site has been extended (140ksqft) to be ready for anticipated growth in customer activity
- ▶ Extended contracts with ME+EM and Browns
- ▶ We have a strong pipeline of opportunities to work through in 2018
- ▶ Completed the acquisition of RepairTech – immediately earnings enhancing

SECRETSALES.com

WESTWING
HOME AND LIVING

ASOS

RIVER ISLAND

M&S
EST. 1884

clicklink
connecting retailers to customers

wilko

ME+EM

Browns
LONDON SINCE 1976

Non E-fulfilment

A further strong performance in the period.

- ▶ Set up a store fulfilment operation for Store Twenty One
- ▶ Further developed the Store Returns Centre solution for M&S
- ▶ Successfully started the transport solution for the Edinburgh Woollen Mill group of companies – EWM, Ponden Mill, Viyella, Jane Austen, Peacocks & Jaeger. Over 1000 stores across UK and Eire
- ▶ Implemented the BAT Vype solution
- ▶ Commenced the transport solution for Crosswater Holdings
- ▶ Completed the acquisition of Tesam – immediately earnings enhancing

STORE
TWENTY
ONE

M&S
EST. 1884

The Edinburgh Woollen Mill 

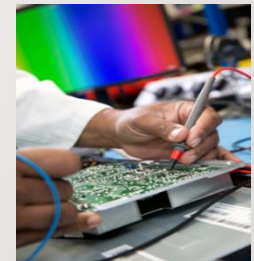
crosswater 

RepairTech & Servicecare

Both businesses are now fully integrated into the Clipper family and have a Clipper “look and feel” running through their websites etc. whilst retaining their brand names



- ▶ Samsung are training the team to handle high-end LED equipment
- ▶ HiSense, the fastest growing global TV brand, have selected RepairTech as their UK partner
- ▶ Foxconn (Sharp) have selected RepairTech as their UK partner
- ▶ VESTEL have selected RepairTech as their UK partner
- ▶ JLP have appointed us for extended guarantee work on Nintendo, Toshiba and Linsar TV
- ▶ The Southam RepairTech facility is being extended to double capacity
- ▶ We have secured a new contract with Anker (the largest supplier of small electronics to Amazon) which will see us handle all return/refurbishment activity for sale on the Amazon certified refurbishment solution
- ▶ We are also now providing services to Karcher and AO



Team Development

We have developed a number of initiatives throughout the period to further enhance Clipper as an employer of choice:

- ▶ Created a senior management role focused on Learning & Development
- ▶ Created a senior management role focused on Talent Acquisition
- ▶ Relunched the Graduate scheme and refocused attention on key universities and the Novus Trust
- ▶ Developed the Competency Framework across all levels of the management team
- ▶ Developed the Intranet and have worked to enhance internal communication

Industry Awards in Period

- ▶ Reverse Logistics Award (ASOS Bridal-wear) – Supply Chain Excellence Awards 2017
- ▶ Supply Chain Leader of the Year 2017 – Retail Week Supply Chain Awards



Black Friday – A Few Observations

- ▶ **More than a third of UK sales were made on mobiles this Black Friday**, with 15% made via tablet and 49% made from desktops. 60% of all sales made between 6 and 9am in the UK on Cyber Monday were made from mobiles or tablets.
[Cyber Weekend 2017: The year mobile toppled desktop for sales](https://www.campaignlive.co.uk/article/cyber-weekend-2017-year-mobile-toppled-desktop-sales/1451276)
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- ▶ **John Lewis achieved a daily sales record on Black Friday**: sales at the store rose 7.2% in the week to 25 November compared with the same week last year to hit a weekly high of £214.3m. Beauty products sold particularly well, with sales up 27.5%, electrical products and women's fashion were up 9.7% and 8.3% respectively.
[John Lewis defies the gloom to hit Black Friday sales record](https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/nov/28/john-lewis-defies-the-gloom-to-hit-black-friday-sales-record)
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- ▶ The amount spent on UK online retail sales on **Black Friday 2017 was up 11.7% to £1.39bn** according to IMRG – up 9% on forecast. [IMRG Black Friday 2017](#)

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Summary and Q&A