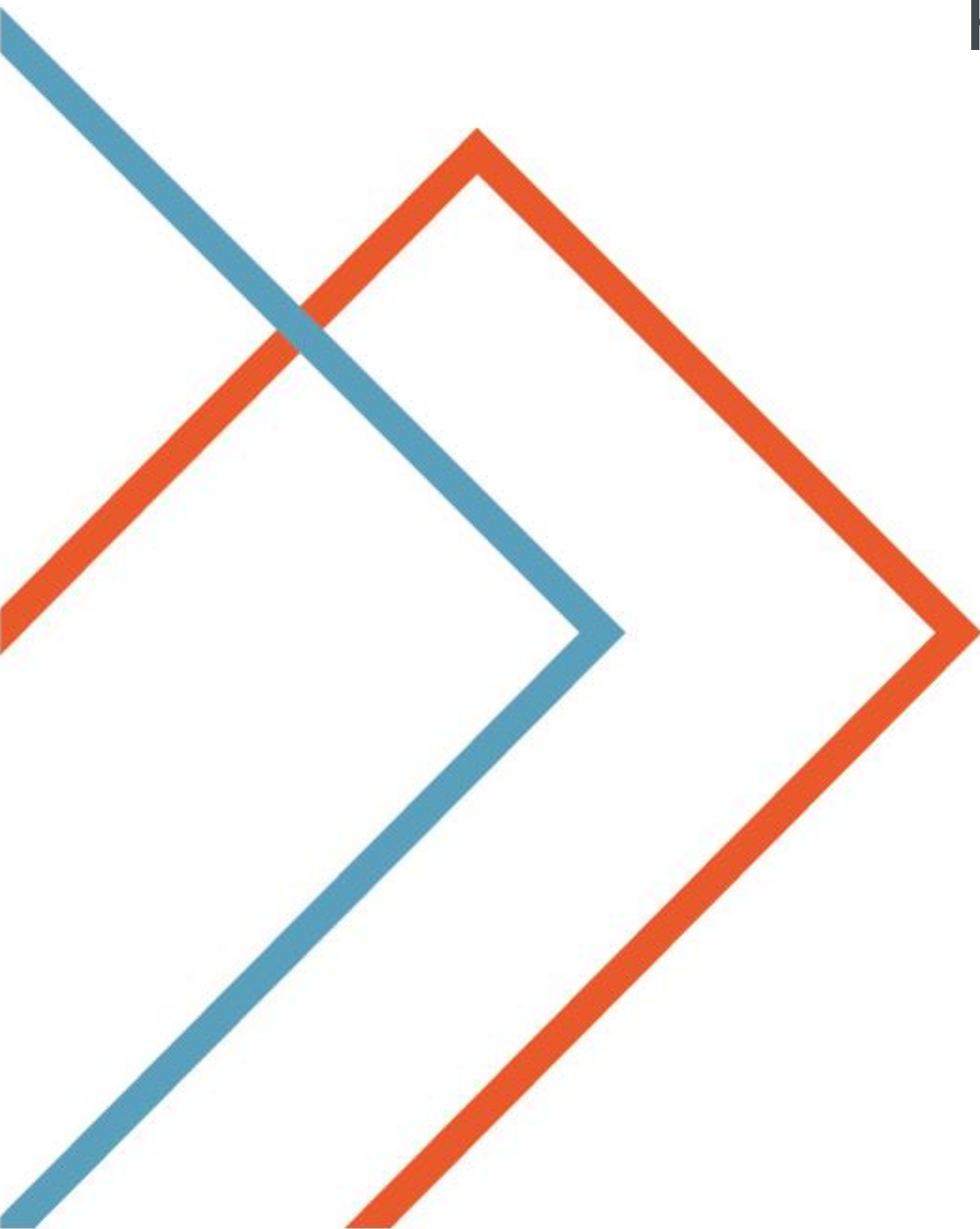


Garfunkelux Holdco 2 S.A.
QE 31 March 2021
Results



1. Highlights

- > **120 Month Estimated Remaining Collections** ("ERC") at £3,388.8m as of 31 March 2021, down 0.3% since 31 March 2020.
- > **Portfolio investments acquired** for the three months ending 31 March 2021 total £33.4m, a reduction of £24.7m compared with the three months ending 31 March 2020.
- > **Debt Purchase gross cash collections** of £192.4m in the three months ending 31 March 2021, an increase of 1.4% on the three months ending 31 March 2020.
- > **Cash income** of £228.6m in the three months ending 31 March 2021, up 0.4% compared to the three month period ending 31 March 2020.
- > **Cash EBITDA⁽¹⁾** for the three months ended 31 March 2021 of £124.5m, a 3.3% increase on the three month period ending 31 March 2020, with LTM Cash EBITDA to 31 March 2021 of £498.2m.
- > **Net debt to LTM Pro forma Cash EBITDA⁽²⁾** is at 3.6x as at 31 March 2021.
- > **Net secured debt to LTM Pro forma Cash EBITDA⁽²⁾** is at 3.1x as at 31 March 2021.

(1) Cash EBITDA is defined as cash collections on acquired portfolios plus service revenue, other revenue and other income less collection activity costs and other expenses (which together equal operating costs) and before exceptional items, depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-performing loans.

(2) Pro forma LTM Cash EBITDA as quoted is defined as Group Cash EBITDA for the twelve months ended 31 March 2021, adjusted for Pro forma cost adjustments.

1. Highlights (continued)

Commenting on the results, Colin Storrar, CEO, said:

"I am very happy with the financial performance during the first quarter of the year, with collections performance exceeding our forecasts. In particular, the pace of recovery of deferred FY20 UK collections is ahead of our expectations.

"We made pleasing progress towards our margin ambitions and the strength of our balance sheet and substantial liquidity positions our business strongly for what we continue to believe will be a substantial market opportunity."

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1. Highlights (continued)

Non-IFRS financial measures

We have included certain non-IFRS financial measures in this trading update, including **Estimated Remaining Collections** ("ERC"), **Cash EBITDA** and **Gross Money Multiples** ("GMMs").

We present ERC because it represents our expected gross cash proceeds of the purchased debt portfolios recorded on our balance sheet over the 84-month, 120-month and 180-month periods. ERC is calculated as of a point in time assuming no additional purchases are made. ERC is a metric that is also often used by other companies in our industry. **We present ERC because it represents our best estimate of the undiscounted cash value of our purchased debt portfolios at any point in time, which is an important supplemental measure for our board of directors and management to assess the gross cash generation capacity of the assets backing our business.** In addition, the instruments governing our indebtedness use ERC to measure our compliance with certain covenants and, in certain circumstances, our ability to incur indebtedness. Our ERC projection, calculated by our proprietary analytical models, utilises historical portfolio collection performance data and assumptions about future collection rates. While we cannot guarantee that we will achieve such collections and while our ERC projection may not be comparable to similar metrics used by other companies in our industry, our ERC forecasts have historically proven to be somewhat conservative through all phases of the economic cycle.

We present Cash EBITDA because we believe it may enhance an investor's understanding of our underlying cash flow generation at a given point in time that can be used to service or pay down debt, pay income taxes, purchase new debt portfolios and for other uses. Cash EBITDA is defined as collections on owned portfolios plus other turnover, less collection activity costs and other expenses (which together equals servicing costs) and before exceptional items, depreciation and amortisation.

Our board of directors and management use Cash EBITDA to understand cash profit in a period, mindful it is neither a proxy for future periods (since it is a lagged measure which can be influenced by the volume and mix of purchases in the latter months of the reported period), nor is it an indication of run off cash generation as the current cost base is representative of our front loaded cost curves and recent purchasing activity. Cash EBITDA is not a measure calculated in accordance with IFRS and our use of the term Cash EBITDA may vary from others in our industry. For a reconciliation of Cash EBITDA to operating profit, see page 20.

We present Gross Money Multiples ("GMMs") because it represents our expected gross cash return from purchased debt portfolios. In addition, GMMs are one of a number of return metrics that we use when making pricing and investment decisions. GMMs can be reported on a rolling basis or on a static basis. On a rolling basis, GMMs are calculated as the sum of gross collections achieved to date plus our ERC as at the reporting date, divided by purchase price. All things being equal and based on this rolling definition, GMMs should improve over time as portfolios and vintages mature. On a static basis, GMMs are calculated over a static time-period – for example, a static 120m GMM will be based upon either gross collections achieved to date plus the remaining months of ERC required to get to a 120m total period or the original priced 120m collection expectations, divided by purchase price.

ERC, Cash EBITDA and GMMs and all other non-IFRS measures have important limitations as analytical tools and you should not consider them in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results as reported under IFRS.

2. Operating & financial review

The following table summarises key performance indicators at, and for the periods ended 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2020.

(£ in millions unless otherwise noted)	Three months ended or as at 31 March 2021	Three months ended or as at 31 March 2020
Portfolio investments acquired	33.4	58.1
Gross cash collections (in total)	430.5	437.3
Gross cash collections (DP 'debt purchase')	192.4	189.7
Gross cash collections (3PC 'third party collections')	238.1	247.6
3PC income	36.2	38.0
Cash income	228.6	227.7
Cash EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	124.5	120.5
84 month ERC	2,786.4	2,827.8
120 month ERC	3,388.8	3,399.3
180 month ERC	4,036.1	4,008.0

(1) Cash EBITDA is defined as cash collections on acquired portfolios plus service revenue, other revenue and other income less collection activity costs and other expenses (which together equal operating costs) and before exceptional items, depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-performing loans.

2. Operating & financial review (continued)

Collections

Strong collections performance resulted in DP Collections of £192.4m in the three months ending 31 March 2021, an increase of £2.7m on the three month period ending 31 March 2020.

Income

Total income of £175.1m was generated in the three months ending 31 March 2021, an increase of £16.2m on the three month period ending 31 March 2020.

Total income includes income from portfolio investments of £99.7m in the three months to 31 March 2021 (three months to 31 March 2020: £101.2m) and net portfolio write-up of £30.5m in the three months to 31 March 2021 (three months to 31 March 2020: £8.3m).

Service revenue in the three months to 31 March 2021 of £43.8m included 3PC income of £36.2m and lawyer service revenue of £7.6m (three months to 31 March 2020: 3PC income of £38.0m and lawyer service revenue of £10.2m).

Operating expenses

Operating expenses, including exceptional costs of £4.2m, were £129.3m for the period (three months to 31 March 2020: £137.7m). Of which £74.4m were collection activity costs, which include lawyer service costs which totalled £7.7m in the three months to 31 March 2021 (three months to March 2020: £10.4m).

Finance costs

Finance costs totalled £47.8m for the three months ended 31 March 2021, see note 3.

Cash flow

Net cash generated by operating activities after portfolio purchases and exceptional costs totalled £81.0m in the three months to 31 March 2021. Net cash generated from operating activities before portfolio purchases and income taxes paid totalled £121.3m in the 3 months to March 2021.

While returns achieved on an individual portfolio can vary, the business has a consistent and impressive track record of generating strong and sustainable unlevered returns on its aggregate purchased portfolios. Gross Money Multiple as at 31 March 2021 is shown below.

	UK As at 31 March 2021		DACH As at 31 March 2021		Nordics As at 31 March 2021	
	Invested (£ millions)	Gross Money Multiple ⁽¹⁾	Invested (€ millions)	Gross Money Multiple ⁽¹⁾	Invested (€ millions)	Gross Money Multiple ⁽¹⁾
Total 120 month	2,092	2.6x	697	3.0x	1,228	2.4x
Total 180 month	2,092	2.8x	697	3.2x	1,228	2.6x

(1) Gross Money Multiple presented in this quarterly report only includes actuals to date and forecast collections for the next 120 or 180 months, although collections can extend past that period.

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Unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of comprehensive income
3 months ended 31 March 2021

	Note	3 months to 31 March 2021 £000	3 months to 31 March 2020 £000
Continuing operations			
Income			
Income from portfolio investments	4	99,737	101,215
Net portfolio write up	4	30,462	8,295
Portfolio fair value release	4	(276)	(322)
Service revenue	2	43,815	48,177
Other revenue		1,080	1,157
Other income		286	358
Total income		175,104	158,880
Operating expenses			
Collection activity costs		(74,437)	(81,363)
Other expenses		(54,819)	(56,381)
Total operating expenses		(129,256)	(137,744)
Operating profit		45,848	21,136
Finance income		4,553	9,439
Finance costs	3	(47,770)	(61,400)
(Loss)/Profit for the period, before tax		2,631	(30,825)
Tax (expense)/credit		(2,696)	6,955
Loss for the period		(65)	(23,870)
Other comprehensive expenditure			
Items that will or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Foreign operations – foreign currency translation differences		(16,766)	(23,592)
Other comprehensive expenditure, net of tax		(16,766)	(23,592)
Total comprehensive expenditure for the period		(16,831)	(47,462)

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of the interim financial statements.

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Unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position
As at 31 March 2021

	Note	31 March 2021 £000	31 March 2020 £000
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Goodwill		1,187,406	1,203,812
Intangible assets		146,948	145,065
Property, plant and equipment		49,980	52,037
Portfolio investments	4	1,054,957	1,059,569
Other financial assets		4,966	9,706
Deferred tax assets		38,082	22,920
Total non-current assets		2,482,339	2,493,109
Current assets			
Portfolio investments	4	540,685	588,571
Inventories		25	73
Trade and other receivables	5	46,432	56,800
Other financial assets		12,290	11,477
Derivatives		-	3,694
Assets for current tax		873	3,019
Cash and cash equivalents		136,467	139,510
Total current assets		736,772	803,144
Total assets		3,219,111	3,296,253
Equity			
Share capital		4,385	4,385
Share premium and similar premiums		1,109,586	516,721
Reserves		(120,980)	(114,430)
Retained deficit		(398,529)	(294,495)
Total equity		594,462	112,181
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	7	2,232,045	2,582,962
Provisions for pension		9,515	9,643
Provisions		4,914	5,272
Other financial liabilities		41,584	36,151
Deferred tax liabilities		31,477	38,785
Total non-current liabilities		2,319,535	2,672,813
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	100,646	94,533
Provisions		33,296	18,247
Borrowings	7	120,879	344,099
Derivatives		5,182	7,338
Other financial liabilities		13,896	13,993
Current tax liabilities		31,215	33,049
Total current liabilities		305,114	511,259
Total equity and liabilities		3,219,111	3,296,253

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Unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of changes in equity
3 months ended 31 March 2021

	Share Capital £000	Share premium & similar premiums £000	Capital Reserve £000	Translation reserve £000	Valuation reserve £000	Retained deficit £000	Total £000
Balance at 31 December 2019	4,385	516,721	(8,291)	(81,666)	(881)	(270,625)	159,643
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(23,870)	(23,870)
Exchange differences	-	-	-	(23,592)	-	-	(23,592)
Total comprehensive expenditure	-	-	-	(23,592)	-	(23,870)	(47,462)
Balance at 31 March 2020	4,385	516,721	(8,291)	(105,258)	(881)	(294,495)	112,181
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(103,969)	(103,969)
Capital contribution	-	590,083	-	-	-	-	590,083
Revaluation of share premium	-	2,782	-	-	-	-	2,782
Actuarial loss on pension	-	-	-	-	(787)	-	(787)
Deferred tax on pensions	-	-	-	-	54	-	54
Exchange differences	-	-	-	10,949	-	-	10,949
Total comprehensive income/ (expenditure)	-	592,865	-	10,949	(733)	(103,969)	499,112
Balance at 31 December 2020	4,385	1,109,586	(8,291)	(94,309)	(1,614)	(398,464)	611,293
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(65)	(65)
Exchange differences	-	-	-	(16,766)	-	-	(16,766)
Total comprehensive expenditure	-	-	-	(16,766)	-	(65)	(16,831)
Balance at 31 March 2021	4,385	1,109,586	(8,291)	(111,075)	(1,614)	(398,529)	594,462

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Garfunkelux Holdco 2 S.A.
Unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows
3 months ended 31 March 2021

	Note	3 months to 31 March 2021 £000	3 months to 31 March 2020 £000
Net cash generated by operating activities	8	80,957	22,818
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(122)	(767)
Purchase of intangible assets		(4,494)	(3,245)
Net cash used in investing activities		(4,616)	(4,012)
Financing activities			
Proceeds from loans and borrowings		2,979	96,097
Repayment of borrowings		(36,231)	(74,419)
Payment of lease liabilities		(5,077)	(3,265)
Interest paid		(11,092)	(26,629)
Net cash used in financing activities		(49,421)	(8,216)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		26,920	10,590
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		114,552	124,495
Effect of movements in exchange rates on cash held		(5,005)	4,425
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		136,467	139,510

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3 months ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union. These interim financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for derivative financial instruments that have been measured at fair value. Those standards have been applied consistently to the historical periods.

Basis of consolidation

The Group interim financial statements consolidate the interim financial statements of Garfunkelux Holdco 2 S.A. ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (together "the Group") for the three month period ending 31 March 2021.

The Group controls an investee if and only if the Group has:

- > Power over the investee (i.e. existing voting rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee);
- > Exposure, or rights, to variable return from its involvement with the investee; and
- > The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its return.

Generally there is a presumption that a majority of voting rights results in control. To support its presumption and when the Group has less than a majority of voting rights or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee including:

- > The contractual arrangements with the other investee;
- > Rights arising from the contractual arrangements; and
- > The Group voting rights and potential voting rights.

All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated on consolidation.

Going concern

In assessing whether the going concern basis is appropriate to adopt, the directors have undertaken a thorough review of forecast cash flow models and scenarios for a period in excess of 12 months from the date of approval of these accounts.

These scenarios have been subject to stress testing, and downside scenarios have been considered, taking into account the Group's resilient performance since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the scenarios considered to be reasonable by management the Group maintains sufficient liquidity and cash reserves to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

On 4 November 2020 the Group refinanced all of its outstanding senior secured and senior notes and also extended its revolving credit facility, such that the Group's earliest debt maturity horizon is 10 April 2024 and the latest is 1 May 2026, being the securitisation loan and the €630m senior secured notes respectively.

Consequently, the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the interim financial statements on a going concern basis.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Foreign currency

The Group entities initially record all their transactions in the Functional Currency of each entity and items included in the financial statements of these entities are measured using their Functional Currency.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective Functional Currencies of Group entities at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated to the Functional Currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income ("SCI"). Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are retranslated to the Functional Currency at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined.

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations, including goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on consolidation, are translated to the Group's Presentational Currency (Sterling) at foreign exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. The revenues and expenses of foreign operations are translated at an average rate for the period where this rate approximates to the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Exchange differences arising from this translation of foreign operations are reported as an item of other comprehensive income and accumulated in the translation reserve.

Business combinations

Acquisitions of subsidiaries and businesses are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration for each acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values (at the date of exchange) of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. Acquisition-related costs are recognised in the SCI as incurred.

Goodwill

Goodwill arising in a business combination is recognised as an asset at the date that control is acquired (the acquisition date). Goodwill is measured as the excess of the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest (if any) in the entity over the net of the acquisition date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed.

Total goodwill is tested for impairment annually. Additionally, if there is evidence of impairment in any cash-generating unit ("CGU"), goodwill allocated to that CGU is also tested for impairment.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition and effective interest rate method

Finance revenue on portfolio investments

Income from portfolio investments represents the yield from acquired portfolio investments, net of VAT where applicable. Acquired portfolio investments are held to collect contractual cash flows of payments of solely principal and interest, recognising them at amortised cost in line with IFRS 9.

The effective interest rate ("EIR") is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts of the acquired portfolio asset to the net carrying amount at initial recognition, (i.e. the price paid to acquire the asset). These estimated future cash receipts are reflective of the conditions within the markets which the Group operates and range from 84 months to 120 months.

Acquired portfolio investments are acquired at a deep discount and classified as purchased or originated credit impaired ("POCI") in line with IFRS 9. As a result the estimated future cash flows, and hence EIR, reflect the likely credit losses within each portfolio.

Increases in portfolio carrying values can and do occur should forecasted cash flows be deemed greater than previous estimates and because of the rolling nature of the period to derive future cash receipts. The difference in carrying value following an enhanced collection forecast is recognised in the net portfolio write up line within income, with subsequent reversals also recorded in this line. This line represents the net impairment gains on portfolio investments.

As part of the acquisition accounting around the purchase of Metis Bidco Limited by Simon Bidco Limited on 13 October 2015 the portfolio investments were uplifted to their fair value at the date of acquisition. The portfolio fair value release represents the unwinding of this fair value uplift. This uplift is being unwound in line with the standard profile of a gross collection curve of these portfolios.

Service Revenue

Service revenue represents amounts receivable for tracing and debt collecting services (commissions and fees) provided to third party clients including collection lawyers, net of VAT where applicable. Performance obligations within service contracts are the collection of cash and hence these are satisfied when the Group collects on debt. Payment is due from clients shortly after cash is collected on their behalf. Revenue is recognised when performance obligations are satisfied.

Impairment of acquired portfolio investments

Acquired portfolio investments are reviewed for indications of impairment at the Statement of Financial Position ("SFP") date in accordance with the IFRS 9 forward looking expected credit loss ("ECL") model. As the Group's portfolio investments are classified as POCI assets, lifetime ECL is included in the calculation of EIR. The estimation of ECL includes an assessment of forward-looking economic assumptions. Impairment represents changes to carrying values, discounted at the EIR, of the portfolio investments as a result of reassessments of the estimated future cash flows. These are recognised in net portfolio write up in the SCI.

The impairment adjustment is calculated by discounting regularly revised cash flow forecasts developed for each individual portfolio investment, at the initially set EIR. The cash flow forecasts, which represent the undiscounted value of the ERC of the Group's portfolio investments at a given point in time, are calculated over the portfolio expected useful life, based on previous month's collections and portfolio performance information collated within our proprietary valuation model.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Group's consolidated SFP when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

This category relates to financial assets and liabilities that must be recognised at fair value through profit or loss. Such assets or liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price, which at this point equates to fair value. They must be measured subsequently at fair value.

Amortised cost financial assets

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

Portfolio investments are acquired from institutions at a substantial discount from their face value. The portfolios are initially recorded at their fair value, being their acquisition price, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method.

The portfolio investment is analysed between current and non-current in the SFP. The current asset is determined using the expected cash flows arising in the next twelve months after the SFP date. The residual amount is classified as non-current.

Trade receivables, loans, and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'Trade and other receivables'. Trade and other receivables are measured at amortised cost using the EIR method, less any impairment. Interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

The Group has forward flow agreements in place in relation to the future acquisition of portfolio investments. The fair value and subsequent amortised cost of portfolios acquired under these agreements are determined on the same basis as the Group's other acquired portfolio investments.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit or loss / SCI (FVTPL), are assessed for indicators of impairment at each period end. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been affected.

Financial liabilities and equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement.

Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities held by the Group are measured at amortised cost using the EIR method, except for those measured at fair value through the SCI, e.g. derivative liabilities. The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Collection activity costs

Collection activity costs represent direct staff costs and the direct third party costs in providing services as a debt collection agency or collecting debts on acquired portfolio investments; examples include printing and postage, third party commissions, search and trace costs, litigation, telephone and SMS costs.

Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the period. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the SCI because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other periods and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the period end.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, if it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation and if a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

2. Service revenue

	3 months to 31 March 2021 £000	3 months to 31 March 2020 £000
3PC income	36,241	37,971
Lawyer service revenue	7,574	10,206
	43,815	48,177

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3. Finance costs

	3 months to 31 March 2021 £000	3 months to 31 March 2020 £000
Interest payable on the Senior Secured Notes	28,959	27,504
Interest payable on the Senior Unsecured Notes	-	5,404
Fees payable on the notes	1,207	2,704
Interest and fees payable on Revolving credit facility	1,169	2,821
Interest payable on shareholder loan	10,558	9,273
Net fair value loss on financial instruments designated as FVTPL	2,825	-
Interest payable on securitisation	1,605	2,128
Other interest payable	989	536
Net foreign exchange loss	-	10,549
Interest expense from lease liabilities	458	481
	47,770	61,400

4. Portfolio investments

	31 March 2021 £000	31 March 2020 £000
Non-current	1,054,957	1,059,569
Current	540,685	588,571
Total	1,595,642	1,648,140

	31 March 2021 £000	31 March 2020 £000
At start of the period	1,661,765	1,660,138
Portfolios acquired during the period	33,420	58,093
Collections in the period	(192,387)	(189,674)
Income from portfolio investments	99,737	101,215
Net portfolio write up	30,462	8,295
Portfolio fair value release	(276)	(322)
Other*	(37,079)	10,395
At end of the period	1,595,642	1,648,140

*Relates primarily to foreign exchange movements.

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5. Trade and other receivables

	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
	£000	£000
Trade receivables	12,280	13,131
Prepayments and accrued income	8,325	19,675
Other receivables	23,177	22,458
Tax receivable	2,650	1,536
	46,432	56,800

6. Trade and other payables

	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
	£000	£000
Trade payables	8,862	11,369
Other taxes and social security	10,932	7,927
Accruals and deferred income	29,974	34,661
Other payables	50,878	40,576
	100,646	94,533

Other payables includes amounts due of £1.0m in respect of portfolios purchased but not yet paid for as at 31 March 2021 (31 March 2020: £0.5m).

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7. Borrowings

	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
	£000	£000
Non-current		
Unsecured borrowing at amortised cost		
Senior Notes	-	196,500
Prepaid costs on unsecured borrowings	-	(5,204)
Shareholder loan owed to Garfunkelux Holdco 1 S.à r.l.	464,696	414,052
Total unsecured	464,696	605,348
Secured borrowing at amortised cost		
Senior Secured Notes	1,654,100	1,825,418
Prepaid costs on secured borrowings	(21,877)	(24,951)
Securitisation loans	135,126	177,147
Total secured	1,767,349	1,977,614
Total borrowings due for settlement after 12 months	2,232,045	2,582,962
Current		
Unsecured borrowing at amortised cost		
Interest on Senior Notes	-	9,006
Other interest payable	1,063	560
Total unsecured	1,063	9,566
Secured borrowing at amortised cost		
Interest on Senior Secured Notes	38,096	27,227
Prepaid costs on secured borrowings	(4,623)	-
Revolving credit facility	-	231,120
Securitisation loans	86,343	76,186
Total secured	119,816	334,533
Total borrowings due for settlement before 12 months	120,879	344,099

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8. Note to the statement of cashflows

	Note	3 months to 31 March 2021 £000	3 months to 31 March 2020 £000
Profit/(loss) for the period before tax		2,631	(30,825)
Adjustments for:			
Income on portfolio investments	4	(99,737)	(101,215)
Net portfolio write up	4	(30,462)	(8,295)
Portfolio fair value release	4	276	322
Collections on owned portfolios	4	192,387	189,674
Depreciation and amortisation		11,933	10,078
Finance income		(4,553)	(9,439)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		246	128
Finance costs	3	47,770	61,400
Unrealised (gains)/losses from foreign exchange		(3,294)	212
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other receivables		6,243	(9,519)
Increase in trade and other payables		(3,253)	(6,001)
Movement in other net assets		1,077	1,740
Cash generated by operating activities before portfolio acquisitions		121,264	98,260
Portfolios acquired ⁽¹⁾		(35,785)	(73,974)
Income taxes paid		(4,522)	(1,468)
Net cash generated by operating activities		80,957	22,818

(1) Portfolios acquired represents the amount paid for portfolio purchases in the period, taking into account timing differences.

Reconciliations

Profit to Cash EBITDA

	3 months to 31 March 2021 £000
Loss for the period	(65)
Net finance costs	43,217
Taxation charge	2,696
Operating profit	45,848
Portfolio amortisation	92,650
Net portfolio write up	(30,462)
Portfolio fair value release	276
Non-recurring costs / exceptional items, net of exceptional income	4,206
Depreciation and amortisation	11,933
Cash EBITDA	124,451

Cash collections to Cash EBITDA

	3 months to 31 March 2021 £000
Cash collections	192,387
Other income	45,181
Operating expenses	(129,256)
Non-recurring costs / exceptional items, net of exceptional income	4,206
Depreciation and amortisation	11,933
Cash EBITDA	124,451

Net cash flow to Cash EBITDA

	3 months to 31 March 2021 £000
Increase in cash in the period	26,920
Movement in debt	33,252
Portfolios acquired	35,785
Interest paid	11,092
Taxation servicing	4,522
Capital expenditure and financial investment	4,616
Payment of lease liabilities	5,077
Cash flow before interest, portfolio purchases, tax expenses and capital expenditure	121,264
Working capital adjustments	(1,019)
Non-recurring costs / exceptional items, net of exceptional income	4,206
Cash EBITDA	124,451