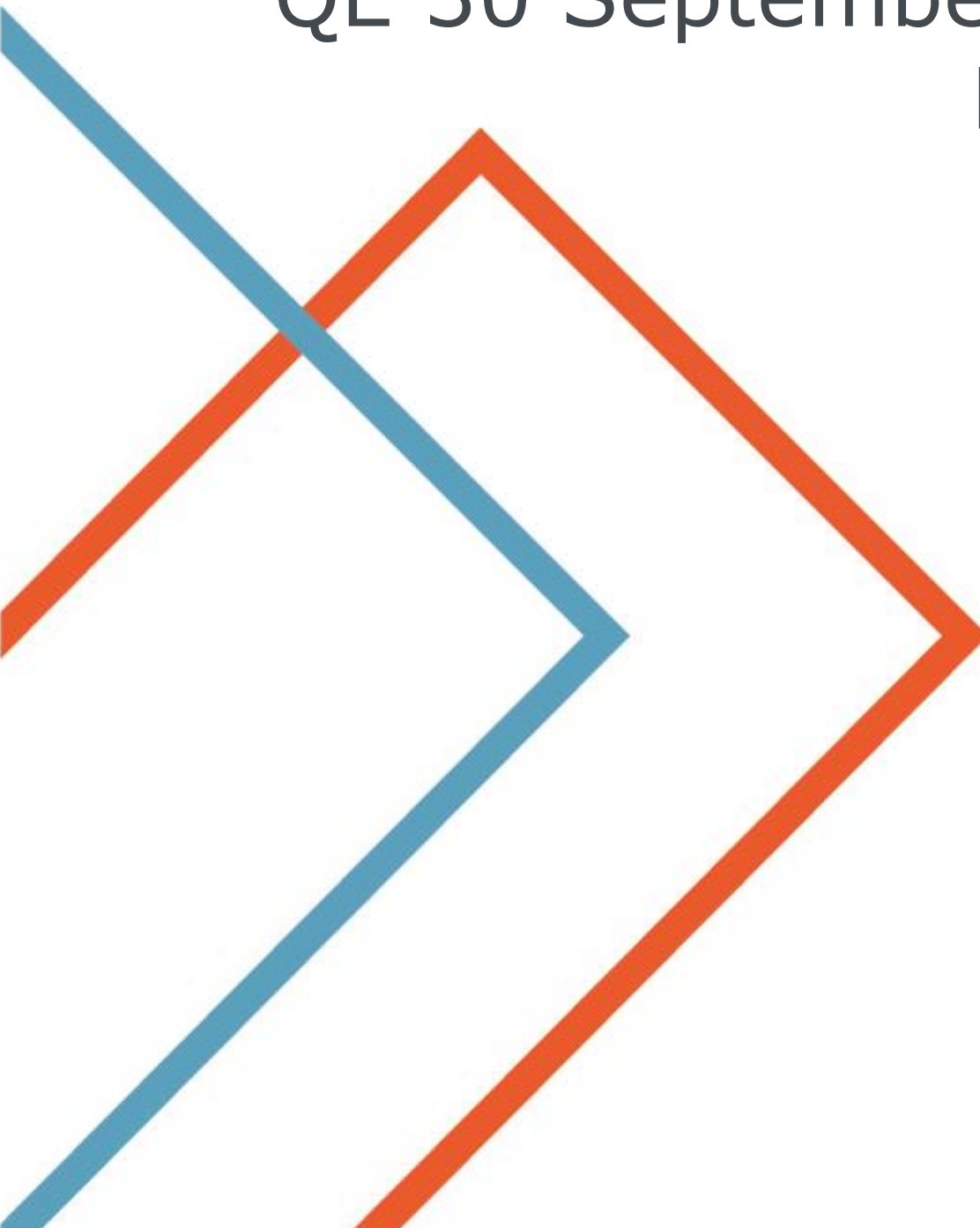


Garfunkelux Holdco 2 S.A.
QE 30 September 2023
Results



1. Highlights

- > **120 Month Estimated Remaining Collections** ("ERC") at £4,115.9m as of 30 September 2023, up 9.3% since 30 September 2022.
- > **Portfolio investments held at amortised cost acquired** for the three months ending 30 September 2023 total £66.3m, a decrease of £45.1m compared with the three months ending 30 September 2022⁽¹⁾.
- > **Debt Purchase gross cash collections** of £198.1m in the three months ending 30 September 2023, a decrease of 28.7% on the three months ending 30 September 2022.
- > **Cash income**⁽²⁾ of £232.4m in the three months ending 30 September 2023, a decrease of 24.6% compared to the three month period ending 30 September 2022.
- > **Cash EBITDA**⁽²⁾ for the three months ended 30 September 2023 of £125.3m, a 38.6% decrease on the three month period ending 30 September 2022, with LTM Cash EBITDA to 30 September 2023 of £645.8m.
- > **Net debt to LTM Pro forma Cash EBITDA**⁽³⁾ is at 3.7x as at 30 September 2023.
- > **Net secured debt to LTM Pro forma Cash EBITDA**⁽³⁾ is at 2.9x as at 30 September 2023.

(1) Excludes FV portfolio acquisitions of £12.5m in Q3-22, reflecting the retained 49% Junior Note holding in the off-balance sheet ABS structure. Q3-22 reported balance of £123.9m included this acquisition.

(2) 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. Q3-22 includes £90.9m gross accelerated debt purchase cashflows relating to the deconsolidation of the publicly rated ABS structure.

(3) Pro forma LTM Cash EBITDA as quoted is defined as Group Cash EBITDA for the twelve months ended 30 September 2023, adjusted for Pro forma cost adjustments.

1. Highlights (continued)

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

“The business continues to demonstrate its operational excellence and underwriting expertise. These results reflect another strong quarter of delivery and provide great momentum as we near the end of 2023. I am encouraged by the progress made across our cost reduction and collections efficiency programmes and expect the benefits of these to be fully visible as we enter 2024 to support our leverage and margin ambitions”

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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 21.

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 30 September 2023 and 30 September 2022.

(£ in millions unless otherwise noted)	Three months ended or as at 30 September 2023	Three months ended or as at 30 September 2022
Portfolio investments acquired ⁽¹⁾	66.3	123.9
Service revenue	34.3	30.7
Cash income	232.4	308.3
Cash EBITDA ⁽²⁾	125.3	203.8
84 month ERC	3,377.9	3,004.9
120 month ERC	4,115.9	3,765.1
180 month ERC	4,897.0	4,519.2

(1) Q3-22 includes FV portfolio acquisitions of £12.5m reflecting the retained 49% Junior Note holding in the off-balance sheet ABS structure.

(2) 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. Q3-22 includes £90.9m gross accelerated debt purchase cashflows relating to the deconsolidation of the publicly rated ABS structure.

2. Operating & financial review (continued)

Collections

DP Collections were £198.1 in the three months ending 30 September 2023, a decrease of £79.6m⁽¹⁾ on the three month period ending 30 September 2022.

Income

Total income of £156.5m was generated in the three months ending 30 September 2023, an increase of £17.1m on the three month period ending 30 September 2022.

Total income includes income from portfolio investments of £110.0m in the three months to 30 September 2023 (three months to 30 September 2022: £105.2m) and net portfolio write-up of £10.3m in the three months to 30 September 2023 (three months to 30 September 2022 net portfolio write-up: £2.9m).

Service revenue in the three months to 30 September 2023 of £34.3m included 3PC income of £33.9m and lawyer service revenue of £0.4m (three months to 30 September 2022: 3PC income of £30.7m and lawyer service revenue of £nil).

Operating expenses

Total operating expenses, including exceptional costs of £11.1m, were £130.7m for the period (three months to 30 September 2022: £117.2m). Of which £68.6m were collection activity costs, which include lawyer service costs which totalled £0.5m in the three months to 30 September 2023 (three months to 30 September 2022: £nil).

Finance costs

Finance costs totalled £67.1m for the three months ended 30 September 2023 (three months to 30 September 2022: £48.5m), see note 3.

Cash flow

Net cash generated from operating activities after portfolio purchases and exceptional costs totalled £16.4m in the three months to 30 September 2023. Net cash generated from operating activities before portfolio purchases and income taxes paid totalled £81.2m in the 3 months to 30 September 2023.

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 30 September 2023 is shown below.

	UK		DACH		Nordics	
	As at 30 September 2023		As at 30 September 2023		As at 30 September 2023	
	Invested (£ millions)	Gross Money Multiple ⁽²⁾	Invested (€ millions)	Gross Money Multiple ⁽²⁾	Invested (€ millions)	Gross Money Multiple ⁽²⁾
Total 120 month	2,906	2.4x	992	2.7x	1,603	2.4x

(1) Q3-22 includes £90.9m gross accelerated debt purchase cashflows relating to the deconsolidation of the publicly rated ABS structure.

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

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Unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of comprehensive income
3 months ended 30 September 2023

	Note	3 months to 30 September 2023 £000	3 months to 30 September 2022 £000
Continuing operations			
Income			
Income from portfolio investments	4	109,950	105,183
Net portfolio write up	4	10,255	2,856
Portfolio fair value gain	4	1,741	266
Portfolio fair value release	4	-	(95)
Service revenue	2	34,291	30,708
Other revenue		160	354
Other income		73	97
Total income		156,470	139,369
Operating expenses			
Collection activity costs		(68,560)	(68,723)
Other expenses		(62,120)	(48,430)
Total operating expenses		(130,680)	(117,153)
Operating profit		25,790	22,216
Finance income		4,534	100
Finance costs	3	(67,138)	(48,546)
Loss for the period, before tax		(36,814)	(26,230)
Tax credit		8,694	8,139
Loss for the period		(28,120)	(18,091)
Other comprehensive expenditure			
Items that will or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Foreign operations – foreign currency translation differences		(30,193)	(3,405)
Other comprehensive expenditure, net of tax		(30,193)	(3,405)
Total comprehensive expenditure for the period		(58,312)	(21,496)

The notes on pages 11 to 21 form part of the interim financial statements.

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Unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position
As at 30 September 2023

	Note	30 September 2023 £000	30 September 2022 £000
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Goodwill		1,133,981	1,208,110
Intangible assets		111,984	127,134
Property, plant and equipment		61,242	34,809
Portfolio investments – amortised cost	4	1,368,054	1,348,855
Portfolio investments – fair value	4	20,435	12,670
Other financial assets		2,749	2,923
Deferred tax assets		79,452	74,882
Total non-current assets		2,777,897	2,809,383
Current assets			
Portfolio investments – amortised cost	4	633,652	501,335
Portfolio investments – fair value	4	3,353	-
Inventories		-	46
Trade and other receivables	5	47,715	45,913
Other financial assets		10,400	14,553
Derivatives		15,856	1,782
Assets for current tax		1,204	3,726
Cash and cash equivalents		135,208	175,400
Total current assets		847,388	742,755
Total assets		3,625,284	3,552,138
Equity			
Share capital		4,385	4,385
Share premium and similar premiums		1,109,586	1,109,586
Reserves		(197,273)	(128,769)
Retained deficit		(591,660)	(459,252)
Total equity		325,038	525,950
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	7	2,642,504	2,532,382
Retirement benefit deficit		6,217	9,237
Provisions		5,785	4,985
Other financial liabilities		47,088	27,963
Deferred tax liabilities		26,099	38,750
Total non-current liabilities		2,727,692	2,613,317
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	71,171	90,360
Provisions		6,905	6,807
Borrowings	7	455,333	268,817
Other financial liabilities		17,325	16,586
Current tax liabilities		21,820	30,301
Total current liabilities		572,554	412,871
Total equity and liabilities		3,625,284	3,552,138

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Unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of changes in equity
3 months ended 30 September 2023

	Share Capital £000	Share premium & similar premiums £000	Capital Reserve £000	Translation reserve £000	Valuation reserve £000	Retained deficit £000	Total £000
Balance at 1 July 2022	4,385	1,109,586	(8,291)	(116,105)	(968)	(441,161)	547,446
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(18,091)	(18,091)
Exchange differences	-	-	-	(3,405)	-	-	(3,405)
Total comprehensive Expenditure	-	-	-	(3,405)	-	(18,091)	(21,496)
Balance at 30 September 2022	4,385	1,109,586	(8,291)	(119,510)	(968)	(459,252)	525,950
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(68,972)	(68,972)
Actuarial loss on pension	-	-	-	-	3,036	-	3,036
Exchange differences	-	-	-	(58,341)	-	-	(58,341)
Total comprehensive income / (expenditure)	-	-	-	(58,341)	3,036	(68,972)	(124,277)
Balance at 31 December 2022	4,385	1,109,586	(8,291)	(174,446)	2,068	(510,133)	423,160
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(53,405)	(53,405)
Exchange differences	-	-	-	13,598	-	-	13,598
Total comprehensive income / (expenditure)	-	-	-	13,598	-	(53,405)	(39,807)
Balance at 31 June 2023	4,385	1,109,586	(8,291)	(160,857)	2,068	(563,538)	383,353
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(28,120)	(28,120)
Exchange differences	-	-	-	(30,193)	-	-	(30,193)
Total comprehensive income / (expenditure)	-	-	-	(30,193)	-	(28,120)	(58,313)
Balance at 30 September 2023	4,385	1,109,586	(8,291)	(191,049)	2,068	(591,660)	325,039

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Unaudited condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows
3 months ended 30 September 2023

	Note	3 months to 30 September 2023 £000	3 months to 30 September 2022 £000
Net cash generated by operating activities	8	16,383	65,248
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(4,361)	(174)
Purchase of intangible assets		(4,338)	(4,124)
Net cash used in investing activities		(8,699)	(4,298)
Financing activities			
Purchase of senior secured notes		(16,920)	-
Proceeds from loans and borrowings		56,150	429,886
Repayment of borrowings		(73,154)	(443,646)
Payment of lease liabilities		(2,260)	(2,891)
Interest paid		(32,162)	(15,528)
Net cash used in financing activities		(68,346)	(32,179)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		(60,662)	28,771
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		195,471	143,588
Effect of movements in exchange rates on cash held		399	3,041
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		135,208	175,400

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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 and fair value portfolio assets 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 30 September 2023.

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 throughout the cost of living crisis over the second half of 2022 and 2023. 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. The Group has available liquidity of c.£215m.

The Group's earliest debt maturity horizon is July 2025 and the latest is October 2027, being two of the Group's securitisation facilities.

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 relate to the following 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/down 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/down 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.

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.

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.

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.

Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset to another entity. On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised) and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in OCI is recognised in profit or loss.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Derecognition of financial assets (continued)

If the terms of the financial asset are modified, then the Group evaluates whether the cash flows of the modified asset are substantially different. If the cash flows are substantially different, then the contractual rights to cash flows from the original financial asset are deemed to have expired. In this case, the original financial asset is derecognised, and a new financial asset is recognised at fair value less any eligible transaction costs.

If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises collateralised borrowings for the proceeds received.

During the prior and current years, the Group met the criteria to derecognise a portfolio of financial assets.

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 OCI, e.g. derivative liabilities. The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Fair value measurements

The fair value of financial instruments is determined in accordance with IFRS 13 (Fair Value Measurement).

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.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

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 30 September 2023 £000	3 months to 30 September 2022 £000
3PC income	33,896	30,708
Lawyer service revenue	395	-
	34,291	30,708

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3. Finance costs

	3 months to 30 September 2023 £000	3 months to 30 September 2023 £000
Interest payable on the Senior Secured Notes	33,207	29,279
Fees payable on financing structures	3,586	1,772
Interest and fees payable on Revolving credit facility	4,223	686
Interest payable on shareholder loan	13,021	11,875
Net loss on financial instruments designated as FVTPL	1,931	781
Net foreign exchange (gain)/loss	-	203
Interest payable on securitisation facilities	10,005	3,466
Other interest payable	422	162
Interest expense from lease liabilities	743	322
	67,138	48,546

4. Portfolio investments – amortised cost

	30 September 2023 £000	30 September 2022 £000
Non-current	1,368,054	1,348,855
Current	633,652	501,335
Total	2,001,706	1,850,190

	30 September 2023 £000	30 September 2022 £000
At start of the period	2,008,671	1,888,272
Portfolios acquired during the period	66,345	111,376
Collections in the period	(197,828)	(277,619)
Income from portfolio investments	109,950	105,183
Net portfolio write up	10,255	2,856
Portfolio fair value release	-	(95)
Net foreign exchange movement	4,313	20,217
At end of the period	2,001,706	1,850,190

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4. Portfolio investments – fair value

	30 September 2023 £000	30 September 2022 £000
Non-current	20,435	12,670
Current	3,353	-
Total	23,788	12,670

	30 September 2023 £000	30 September 2022 £000
At start of the period	22,343	-
Portfolios acquired during the period	-	12,497
Collections in the period	(296)	(93)
Fair value gain	1,741	266
At end of the period	23,788	12,670

5. Trade and other receivables

	30 September 2023 £000	30 September 2022 £000
Trade receivables	17,388	11,402
Prepayments and accrued income	13,533	11,367
Other receivables	15,453	22,281
Tax receivable	1,341	863
	47,715	45,913

6. Trade and other payables

	30 September 2023 £000	30 September 2022 £000
Trade payables	6,740	6,560
Other taxes and social security	3,278	11,190
Accruals and deferred income	30,137	41,296
Other payables	31,016	31,314
	71,171	90,360

Other payables includes amounts due of £13.9m in respect of portfolios purchased but not yet paid for as at 30 September 2023 (30 September 2022: £4.0m)

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7. Borrowings

	30 September 2023 £000	30 September 2022 £000
Non-current		
Unsecured borrowing at amortised cost		
Shareholder loan owed to Garfunkelux Holdco 1 S.à r.l.	584,823	533,324
Total unsecured	584,823	533,324
Secured borrowing at amortised cost		
Senior Secured Notes	1,657,007	1,701,267
Prepaid costs on secured borrowings	(12,543)	(15,220)
Securitisation loans	413,217	313,011
Total secured	2,057,681	1,999,058
Total borrowings due for settlement after 12 months	2,642,504	2,532,382
Current		
Unsecured borrowing at amortised cost		
Other interest payable	283	290
Total unsecured	283	290
Secured borrowing at amortised cost		
Interest on Senior Secured Notes	42,943	43,240
Prepaid costs on secured borrowings	(7,801)	(5,808)
Revolving credit facility	342,808	155,336
Securitisation loans	77,100	75,759
Total secured	455,050	268,527
Total borrowings due for settlement before 12 months	455,333	268,817

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8. Note to the statement of cashflows

	Note	3 months to 30 September 2023 £000	3 months to 30 September 2022 £000
Loss for the period before tax		(36,814)	(26,230)
Adjustments for:			
Income on portfolio investments	4	(109,950)	(105,183)
Net portfolio write up	4	(10,255)	(2,856)
Portfolio fair value release	4	-	95
Portfolio fair value gain	4	(1,741)	(266)
Collections on owned portfolios	4	198,125	277,712
Depreciation and amortisation		12,290	9,604
Finance income		(4,534)	(100)
Finance costs	3	67,138	48,546
Unrealised (loss)/gain from foreign exchange		(6,899)	14,449
Decrease in trade and other receivables		18,788	(21,091)
(Increase)/ Decrease in trade and other payables		(35,940)	4,941
Movement in other net assets		(8,970)	(12,482)
Cash generated by operating activities before portfolio acquisitions		81,238	187,139
Portfolios acquired ⁽¹⁾		(65,208)	(119,689)
Income taxes refunded / (paid)		353	(2,202)
Net cash generated by operating activities		16,383	65,248

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

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Reconciliations

Profit to Cash EBITDA	3 months to 30 September 2023 £000
Loss for the period	(28,120)
Net finance costs	62,604
Taxation charge	(8,694)
Operating profit	25,790
Net portfolio write-up	(10,255)
Portfolio fair value gain	(1,741)
Portfolio amortisation	88,175
Non-recurring costs / exceptional items, net of exceptional income	11,146
Depreciation and amortisation	12,290
Cash EBITDA	125,405

Cash collections to Cash EBITDA	3 months to 30 September 2023 £000
Cash collections	198,125
Other income	34,524
Operating expenses	(130,679)
Non-recurring costs / exceptional items, net of exceptional income	11,146
Depreciation and amortisation	12,290
Cash EBITDA	125,405

Net cash flow to Cash EBITDA	3 months to 30 September 2023 £000
Decrease in cash in the period	(60,662)
Movement in debt	17,003
Portfolios acquired	65,208
Interest paid	32,162
Taxation servicing	(354)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	8,699
Payment of lease liabilities	2,260
Cash flow before interest, portfolio purchases, tax expenses and capital expenditure	64,317
Working capital adjustments	49,942
Non-recurring costs / exceptional items, net of exceptional income	11,146
Cash EBITDA	125,405