# HALF-YEAR RESULTS

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JOHN LEWIS

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PARTNERSHIP

WAITROSE & PARTNERS

## OUR PERFORMANCE: POSITIVE PROGRESS IN FIRST HALF

- Nearly one year into five-year plan to return the Partnership to sustainable profit
- **Positive momentum** in the first half
- Strengthening Waitrose and John Lewis while moving to diversify where customer demand is strong
- We're adapting fast, responding to customer needs and the shift to online
- Partners went above and beyond to serve customers despite operational challenges







### OUR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Profit before PB, tax and exceptionals

£69m

+£124m vs LHY +£12lm vs LHY-1

Loss before tax £(29)m

+£606m vs LHY

£(221)m vs LHY-1

Net Debt

Liquidity  $\mathcal{L}(1.7)$ bn  $\mathcal{L}(1.4bn)$ +£0.4bn vs FY20/21  $\mathcal{L}(0.1)$ bn vs FY20/21

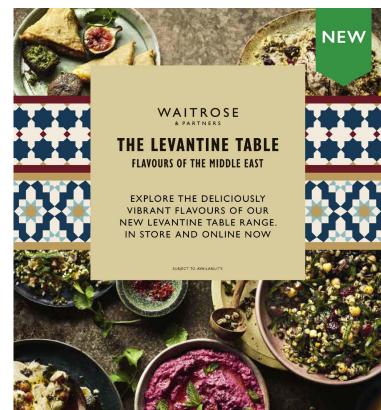
Cost savings
£66m

Targeting £300m annual costs savings by end 2022/23

### WAITROSE - GOOD MOMENTUM

- Like-for-like sales +3.5% only supermarket in growth in Q2 Kantar data
- Challenging industry conditions but Partners worked hard to deliver market leading customer service - recognised by Grocer 33 Gold Award
- Channel shift to 17% online inevitably dilutes operating margin material medium term opportunities to improve overall profitability
- Convenience: Deliveroo in 150 locations, almost £1m sales per week from new younger customers; reached agreement to expand Waitrose to 125 Shell forecourts by 2025
- On track to complete 18 full refurbishments in the year as part of commitment to £500m investment in shops in next 5 years
- **Better Together** John Lewis areas now in 17 Waitrose, on track for approx. 40 by year end







# JOHN LEWIS - MUCH IMPROVED PERFORMANCE

- Like-for-like sales +13%; trading operating profit +93%
- Highest ranked retailer for customer service (July UKCS Index)
- £50m investment in johnlewis.com planned this year; proportion of orders made via the App increased from 14% to 24%
- **ANYDAY most successful** own brand Spring launch **700k** customers (25% new). **3,600** products including Fashion
- Plans for **90 new brands** in Fashion and Beauty
- Major investments in Nursery sales up 18%
- Over 55k tickets sold to virtual events
- Edinburgh refurb completed as part of £200m earmarked for stores
- Pre-planning for **new shop formats** underway







### DIVERSIFYING WHERE TRUST MATTERS

- Financial services progress:
  - First **investment products** with Nutmeg £1m invested so far
  - More flexible home insurance
  - Point of sale credit across all channels, reaching £31m sales
- Adapting to how our customers want to shop:
  - Extended John Lewis Click & Collect to over 1,000 sites
  - Furniture rental range with Fat Llama extended to over 350 lines
  - Launched vintage furniture trial with Vinterior allowing customers to buy restored products
- Ambitions to build 10,000 rental homes over next decade, in the process of shortlisting partners





# PROGRESS ON COMMUNITIES & SUSTAINABILITY

- Charitable donations of £2.5m through our Give A Little Love campaign and other causes including international disaster relief
- Helping customers reduce waste:
  - Extended Waitrose 'Unpacked', refillable sales +9%
  - BeautyCycle has saved 425,000 products from landfill
  - John Lewis mattress range using Waitrose wool
  - Provided one million **meals to vulnerable** homes
  - Bag removal for waitrose.com saving 40 million bags
- Significant move into **plant-based** and **vegetarian** food with new ranges
- Partnering with Shell, installing 800 EV charging points in 100 Waitrose shops by 2025









## SUPPORTING OUR PARTNERS

- Toughest ever year for Partners. Major focus on practical support for mental, physical and financial health and wellbeing
- Free food and higher Waitrose discount in the lead up to Christmas
- Modernising our overall pay and benefits package. 81% of Partners paid voluntary Real Living Wage post April pay review, up from 47%. Committed to pay all Partners the voluntary Real Living Wage when profit reaches £200m
- Ambition to become UK's most inclusive business:
  - First retailer to introduce **26 weeks equal parenthood** paid maternity and paternity leave
  - Introduction of 2 weeks' paid pregnancy loss leave
  - New Flexible First policy; jobs advertised as flexible working
  - Launched two pilots to give career support and job opportunities for young people leaving the **care system**
- £54m invested in pay for non-management Partners, leading to a 4% average increase for non-management Partners.





### OUTLOOK AND SECOND HALFTRADING PRIORITIES

- Working hard to deliver the best Christmas for our customers
- Proactive steps to mitigate risks:
  - Additional freight secured for John Lewis Christmas products
  - Campaigns to recruit drivers and over 7,000 seasonal roles
  - Free food while working from October to end December
  - Continuing to be efficient to help absorb inflationary pressure

### - Waitrose:

- Expanding John Lewis areas within Waitrose to approx 40 shops by early 2022
- A bigger Waitrose **Levantine** range and new **vegan/vegetarian** own brands Plant Life and GoVeggie.
- Over **100** brand new Christmas products

### - John Lewis:

- Build on success of **ANYDAY** launch with Autumn/Winter expansion to include Men's, Women's and Children's Fashion, more Home products
- 10 new Christmas emporiums in John Lewis 3m Christmas products
- Further investment in **johnlewis.com**
- Relaunching the MyJL app to improve rewards for customers



