



HALF YEAR RESULTS FOR THE 26 WEEKS ENDED 26 SEPTEMBER 2020

## SETTING THE SCENE

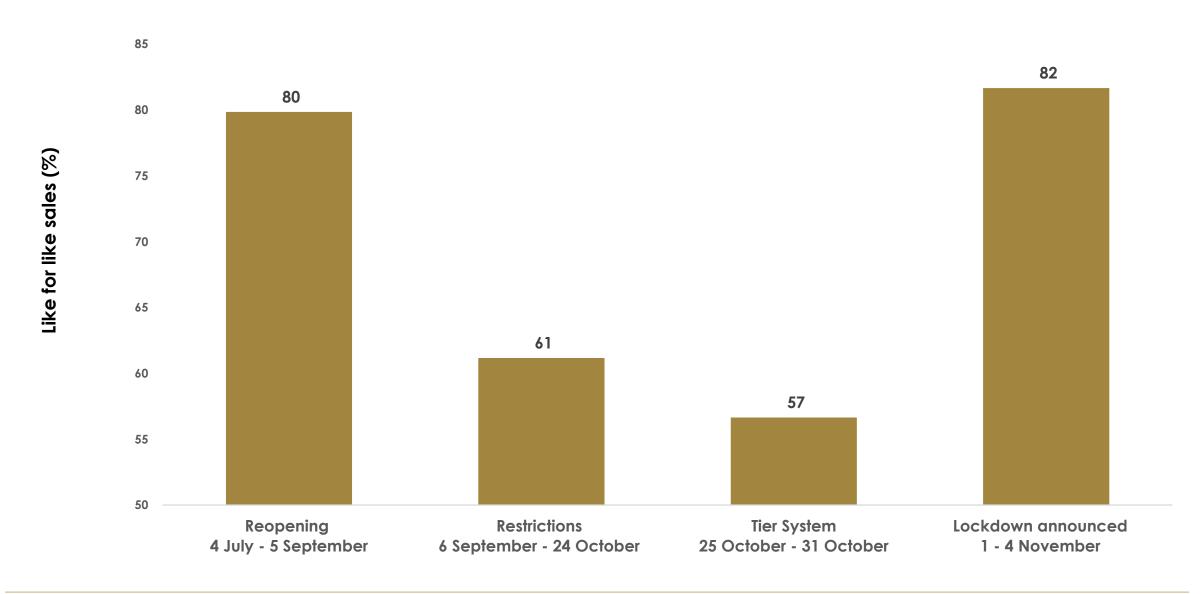
- These are extraordinary times but this presentation will show that
   Fuller's is in good shape to navigate a course through
- The investment made in ensuring our pubs and hotels were coronavirus safe was well-received by our customers
- Trade grew steadily during the summer but was impacted by the increased restrictions prior to the second lockdown
- We have used lockdown to good advantage, accelerating existing plans and using the closure to complete planned investments
- We are optimistic about the future of the business and we know our customers are keen to once again return to safe and sensible socialising in our pubs and hotels
- We have the right long-term strategy, the right people, the right pubs, and the financial resources to exit the coronavirus pandemic in the best possible position



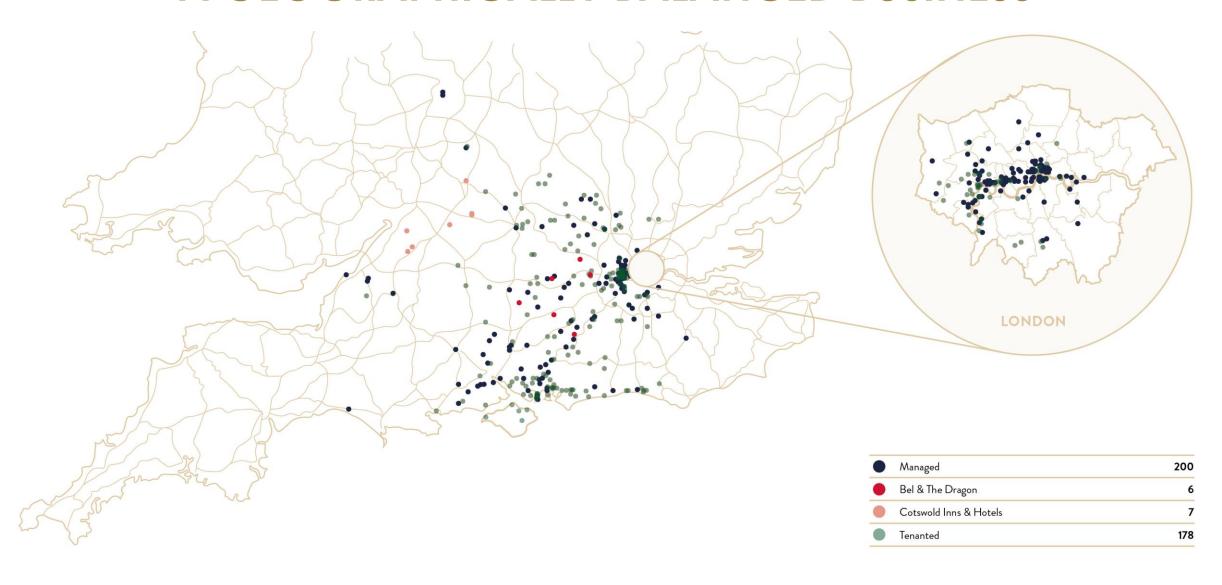


The Manor House, Moreton-in-Marsh (bottom)

## MANAGED PUBS AND HOTELS



# A GEOGRAPHICALLY BALANCED BUSINESS



## UTILISING THE CLOSURE PERIOD

- Used the temporary closure of the estate to ensure we emerge stronger from lockdown
- Continued with planned investments and brought forward planned schemes in Bel
   The Dragon and Cotswold Inns & Hotels
- Accelerated the roll out of planned digital initiatives such as Order & Pay and the introduction of Wireless Social as our new Wi-Fi partner
- Implemented targeted marketing campaigns using social and digital media, and our single customer view database, to promote our pubs and hotels
- Completed the Transitional Services Agreement with Asahi, our move to Pier House, and the integration of Bel & The Dragon and Cotswold Inns & Hotels – both people and systems
- Streamlined our support function to create a leaner, more efficient central resource
- Rightsized across the pub estate to reflect likely short-term sales impact –
   redeployed as many team members as we have made redundant
- Business is well-placed for reopening, a return to normality, and future growth





The Fox & Pelican at Grayshott near Hindhead

## INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE

- Accelerated our programme of investing in external spaces and gardens to create further winterproof trading areas
- Completed six major schemes:
  - Opened The White Horse at Wembley, adjacent to the iconic Wembley Stadium complex, part of a redevelopment including over 6,000 new homes
  - Completed refurbishments at The Coach & Horses in Soho, The Trinity in Borough, The Windmill in Waterloo, The Grove Lock near Leighton Buzzard and The Fox & Pelican in Grayshott, near Hindhead
- Completed smaller schemes in several Bel & The Dragon sites and at a number of Cotswolds Inns & Hotels, including a spectacular new dining room at The Bear of Rodborough
- Brought forward future plans to take advantage of the current closure – small investments underway at 10 sites





The Dining Room at The Bear of Rodborough, Stroud (top) and The Anglers, Teddington

## **COTSWOLD INNS & HOTELS**

- An excellent and timely acquisition
- Acquired for an enterprise value of £40m in October 2019 paid from existing banking facilities
- Seven superb freehold sites in the Cotswolds
- A premium customer experience in stunning locations, popular as wedding venues and with international and domestic tourists
- Cost synergies already delivered on overheads and procurement terms
- Delicious, fresh, seasonal food, a premium portfolio of drinks, excellent bedrooms and exceptional customer service
- Boom in staycation business led to higher sales than prior year
- Planning consents already in place to add further bedrooms to the sites
- Five of our highest performing sites in the first half are in the Cotswold estate





The Swan, Bibury (top) and bedroom at The Lamb, Burford

### TENANTED INNS

- Committed to ensuring our tenants are always in the strongest position to build their businesses and serve their communities
- Commercial rent suspended for first four months of the financial year
- Tapered rent introduced from August
- Innovative initiatives and community support shown by our entrepreneurial Tenants throughout the pandemic
- Commercial rent, again suspended from November
- Highly cash generative part of our balanced business bounced back quickly after first lockdown
- Excellent retention of Tenants throughout the pandemic
- Good interest from potential Tenants, showing confidence in this part of our business
- Strong partnerships with our Tenants who emerged from the first lockdown in a robust position, and will do so again





Tia Nicholson and Ashley Cherrett, Tenants at The Cedars in Ryde, Isle of Wight (top) and Steve & Nick de Wiggondene-Sheppard, Tenants at The Bell at Outwood, Surrey

## **CORONAVIRUS FINANCIAL RESPONSE**

- For the entire first quarter of the financial year, all pubs and hotels remained closed
- Actions taken to minimise cash outflows during estate closure:
  - Government support for business has been accessed
  - Undertaken proactive discussions with our landlords and supply chain
  - Temporary salary reductions for Board and Executive Team members
- Agreed revised covenants with all lenders, focused on liquidity for March, June, September and December
- Entered into the Covid Corporate Financing Facility programme and issued £100m of commercial paper
- Commenced a phased reopening programme for our Managed Pubs and Hotels on 4 July 2020
- Returned to profitability and positive cash generation in August and September

# **KEY METRICS**

	H1 2021	H1 2020
Managed LFL sales	75.2%	
Revenue and other income	£45.6m	£167.1m
Adjusted (loss)/profit before tax	£(22.2)m	£17.9m
Adjusted EPS	(33.33)p	26.17p
Net debt	£187.4m	£178.9m*

All figures relate to continuing operations
\*Net debt figure is at 28 March 2020. Net debt excludes lease liabilities.

## **GROUP PERFORMANCE**

	APRIL - JUNE CLOSED £m	JULY REOPENING £m	AUGUST – SEPTEMBER TRADING £m
Revenue and other income	1.2	6.0	38.7
Operating costs*	(17.5)	(9.6)	(36.7)
Operating (loss)/profit*	(16.3)	(3.6)	2.0
Depreciation and amortisation	5.0	1.6	3.2
Adjusted EBITDA*	(11.3)	(2.0)	5.2

- April June reflect the period of full lockdown when the entire estate was closed
- Operating costs are shown net of government support from the furlough scheme
- July was a period of phased reopening, culminating with 76% of our Managed estate open
- August and September show a rapid return to profitability despite reduced capacity and social distancing rules

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding separately disclosed items Numbers exclude the impact of IFRS 16

## GEOGRAPHICAL SPLIT OF MANAGED SALES

		No of Sites	Invested LFL Index
Outside M25	Rural	25	103.3
	Suburban	35	84.0
	Urban	18	88.3
	Total	78	91.5
Inside M25	Rural	-	
	Suburban	63	69.9
	Urban	37	45.1
	Total	100	62.5
	Total	178	75.2

- Figures reflect the benefit of the balanced nature of the Fuller's Managed Pubs and Hotels business
- A further 22 pubs remain closed and another six were noncomparable due to refurbishment closures – and therefore not included in these figures
- Rural figures do not include the seven Cotswold Inns & Hotels, which were in growth against their prior year
- High quality Central London estate well set to bounce back when conditions allow

## A RESILIENT BUSINESS

	AUGUST 2020	SEPTEMBER 2020	Total
Managed			
Revenue	14.5	19.9	34.4
Operating profit*	1.4	2.9	4.3
Tenanted			
Revenue	2.0	2.3	4.3
Operating profit*	0.7	0.9	1.6
Total operating profit*	2.1	3.8	5.9

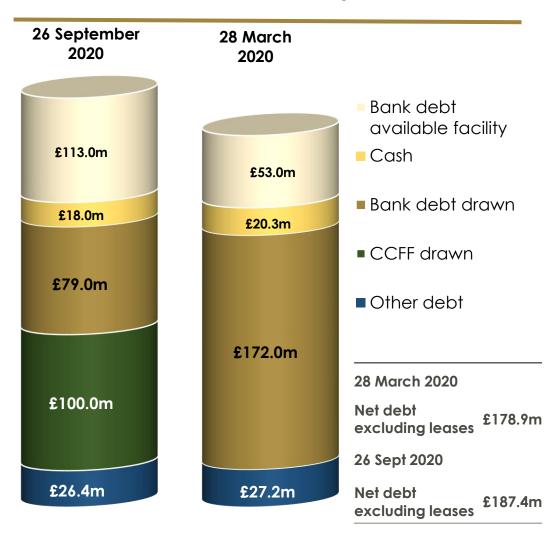
- August was a four week month and trading included nine days of Eat Out to Help Out
- September was a five week month, which included the final four days of Eat Out to Help Out
- Our Managed Pubs and Hotels were successful in finding new ways to maximise trade under the new guidelines and the majority traded profitably after reopening
- The vast majority of our Tenants opened in July. Commercial rent suspended during lockdown – phased reintroduction from August

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# STRONG LIQUIDITY POSITION

- Net debt at 26 September 2020 of £187.4m excluding leases
- Working capital started to rebuild following our phased reopening programme
- Bank facilities of £292m, £26m of debentures. Total £318m
  - £131m of liquidity (cash and undrawn bank facilities) at half year
  - £192m bank facilities expire August 2021
  - £100m of commercial paper issued under the Covid Corporate Financing Facility which expires in May 2021
  - Average cost of gross borrowings for H1 2021 of 2.8% (FY 2020: 2.3%)
  - Refinance process underway and existing lending group all remain supportive

#### Available facilities and cash at year end



# STRONG BALANCE SHEET UNDERPINNED BY AN EXCELLENT ESTATE

- High quality asset base
  - 92% of Fuller's estate is freehold by book value
  - Property portfolio was last revalued in 1999
- The Estate is well balanced with 56% sitting outside the M25
- Our London estate is a blend of suburban, community, City, transport hubs and West End locations
- We have continued to invest in our estate with over £7m invested during the first half
- New freehold offices at Pier House, in Strand-on-the-Green by the Thames, have long-term value

	H1 2021 £m
Property, plant & equipment	607.5
Right-of-use assets	88.9
Other non-current assets	32.1
Current assets (excluding cash)	26.7
Net debt	(187.4)
Other current liabilities	(47.3)
Lease liabilities	(94.1)
Other non-current liabilities	(25.3)
Net assets at 26 September 2020	401.1

## **CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION**

- Proven ability to quickly return to profitability and cash generation, assuming sensible social distancing rules are in place
- Balanced estate helps to reduce exposure to risk in city locations, while office workers gradually return
- Tight management of stock levels leading into November lockdown period has helped avoid significant write-offs
- Continued to rightsize staffing in our support centre, pubs and hotels to ensure optimal trading cost base for reopening
- Maximised opportunities to furlough staff during November lockdown period
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## **OUTLOOK**

- Fuller's is well-placed to emerge in a strong position as the UK reopens, improved test and trace is implemented, and vaccination programme gets underway
- Clear, long-term strategy remains unchanged with a focus on delicious food, a vibrant portfolio of drinks, beautiful bedrooms and outstanding customer experience, all delivered in well-invested pubs and hotels in iconic locations
- Balanced estate in terms of operational style, geography and demographics – a key facet for recovery
- Projects underway around further digital initiatives, exciting marketing plans, and continued investment in the estate
- Passionate and dedicated people ready and excited to open on
   2 December 2020 and to deliver a great Christmas for our customers
- Entrepreneurial Tenants ready and waiting to reopen
- Good liquidity headroom and strong financial position, underpinned by 92% freehold estate, ensures Fuller's is well-placed for the immediate future and a return to long-term growth





## **APPENDIX: COSTS DURING CLOSURE**

April - June

		CLOSED
		H1 2021
		£m
Revenue and other income		1.2
Cost of sales		(0.5)
Staff costs	(20.4)	
Coronavirus JRS	16.8	
Net staff costs		(3.6)
Property costs		(3.7)
Utilities		(0.7)
Depreciation and amortisation		(5.0)
Other costs		(4.0)
Operating loss*		(16.3)

- Revenue primarily consisted of rental income on unlicensed premises
- £16.8 million of staff costs were reclaimed through the CJRS – for much of the first three months c99% of eligible staff were placed on furlough
- A total of £23.3 million was reclaimed under the CJRS in H1 2021
- £6.5 million of property costs were saved because of the business rates holiday

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# APPENDIX: A FOCUSED PUBS AND HOTELS BUSINESS VISION & VALUES

We create exceptional experiences full of style and spirit – characterful pubs and hotels where everyone feels they belong... and where people leave happier than when they arrived

#### Underpinned by our values:

- Doing things the right way
- Being part of the family
- Celebrating individuality
- Always asking what's next?

#### And by our purpose:

Happy Teams, serving Happy Customers





# **APPENDIX: FULLER'S ESTATE**

No. of Bedrooms	1,028	_	_	_	1,028	_	1,028	
Total Group	408	-	(17)	_	391	(3)	388	
The Stable	14	-	(14)	_	-	_	-	
Total Fuller's	394	_	(3)	_	391	(3)	388	44%
Tenanted Inns	177	-	-	1	178	(2)	176	28%
Managed Pubs & Hotels	217	_	(3)	(1)	213	(1)	212	58%
	28 Mar 2020	Acquired /new	Disposed	Transfers	26 Sept 2020	Acquired/ (disposed)	26 Nov 2020	Within the M25