TVL FINANCE PLC

PERIOD ENDED 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

REPORT TO NOTEHOLDERS

£232,000,000 8.5% SENIOR SECURED NOTES DUE 2023 £195,000,000 SENIOR SECURED FLOATING RATE NOTES DUE 2023

(the "Notes")

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Capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this Interim Report shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the offering memorandum of TVL Finance PLC relating to the Notes dated 28 April 2017 (the "Offering Memorandum").

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL DATA

The report summarises the consolidated financial data and operating data from the consolidated financial statements of Thame & London Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group") which include TVL Finance PLC. For management reporting purposes we use a 5-4-4 week accounting calendar. This accounting method divides our fiscal year into four quarters, each comprising two period of four weeks and one period of five weeks. We have adopted this accounting method because it allows us to manage our business on the basis of 52 weekly periods which consistently end on the same weekday. In order to align this method with our statutory annual accounting period on the basis of a calendar year from 1 January to 31 December, we make certain adjustments to our results in the last period of each fiscal year. The Group will continue to present its consolidated financial statements going forward and will apply similar adjustments, in accordance with IFRS, to its interim financial statements.

The summary financial information provided has been derived from our records for the 39 week accounting period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018 (prior year from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017), which are maintained in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

We have presented certain non-IFRS information in this quarterly report. This information includes "EBITDA - adjusted", which represents earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation as well as exceptional items (material non- recurring and one-off in nature) as defined by IFRS and the rent free adjustment.

Management believe that EBITDA (adjusted) is meaningful for investors because it provides an analysis of our operating results, profitability and ability to service debt and because EBITDA (adjusted) is used by the management of the Group to track our business performance, establish operational and strategic targets and make business decisions.

DISCLAIMER

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FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined by the U.S. federal securities laws and within the meaning of the securities laws of certain other jurisdictions. These forward looking statements include, without limitation, those regarding our intentions, beliefs or current expectations concerning our future financial condition or performance, result of operations and liquidity; our strategy, plans, objectives, prospects, growth, goals and targets; future developments in the markets in which we participate or are seeking to participate; and anticipated regulatory changes in the industry in which we operate.

These statements often include words such as "anticipate", "believe", "could", "estimates", expect", "forecast", "intend", "may", "plan", "projects", "should", "suggests", "targets", "would", "will" and other similar expressions. These statements are not guarantees of performance or results. Many factors could affect our actual financial results or results of operations and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking forward looking statements and projections.

We undertake no obligation to review or confirm analysts' expectations or estimates or to release publicly any revisions to any forward looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report



TVL Finance plc

Update for the 39 weeks ended 26 September 2018 (Unaudited)

Strong revenue growth, continued outperformance

Highlights - 39 weeks ended 26 September 2018

- Total revenue up 8.0% to £517.6m (2017: £479.1m)
- RevPAR⁽¹⁾ up 3.0% to £41.91 (2017: £40.71)
- RevPAR growth 2.4pts ahead of competitive segment (2)
- Occupancy⁽¹⁾ **up 2.2pts** to 78.6%
- Average room rate⁽¹⁾ maintained at £53.31 (2017: £53.30)
- EBITDA (adjusted) (3) **up £5.0m** to £97.3m
- Cash of £127.7m at 26 September 2018
- 10 new hotels opened in the 39 weeks, 5 since period end in line with expectations
- 568 hotels and 43,260 rooms (up 4%) at 26 September 2018

Peter Gowers, Travelodge Chief Executive commented:

"With businesses tightening their belts and consumers looking for great value UK breaks, the demand for budget hotels continues to grow. Travelodge's national network, low prices and rising quality have helped us deliver strong sales growth and we have once again outperformed our competitive segment. With our core hotels now well positioned and customers responding well to the extra choice offered by our 'SuperRooms' and the first 'Travelodge PLUS' hotels, we are making good progress."

"The UK clearly faces somewhat uncertain short-term economic conditions in the run-up to Brexit and the leisure and hospitality sector must also absorb the additional challenges of rising regulated costs and new supply. We naturally therefore remain cautious on the immediate outlook. However, the long-term potential for low-cost hotels remains clear and with our straightforward budget positioning, rising reputation for quality and strong development pipeline, we remain well positioned once these pressures abate."

Summary

Travelodge delivered total revenue growth of 8.0% in the 39 week period, with 3.0% like-for-like RevPAR growth and a significant contribution from new hotels opened since 2017.

We have continued to outperform our competitive segment with our revenue growth 2.4pts ahead of the STR MSE segment which reported growth of 0.6%. This included the benefit of

¹ Revenue per available, Average room rate and Occupancy on a UK like-for-like basis

² Our competitive segment is the Midscale and Economy Sector of the UK hotel market as reported by Smith Travel Research (STR), an independent hotel research provider, providing aggregate benchmarking information on the UK and other hotel market performance

³ EBITDA (adjusted) = Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation, and before rent free adjustment and exceptional items

rooms closed for refit last year in connection with the roll-out of 'SuperRooms' alongside the strong trading performance.

This strong revenue growth has helped to mitigate the impact of the significant cost increases, particularly the National Living Wage and business rates. We also saw higher operational costs driven by the weather, the impact of occupancy increases and changes to legislation regarding payment card charges. EBITDA of £97.3m was up £5.0m on the prior year.

We opened 10 hotels in the 39 week period with a further 5 opened to date.

Recent Trading and Outlook

The fourth quarter of the year is one of our smallest in revenue terms, with slowing business demand in the run-up to the Christmas and New Year holiday period. As a result, we typically expect to see slowing levels of consumer demand and more modest levels of outperformance, while costs remain fairly similar to other quarters. Our development partners also tend to complete more new hotels projects in the final quarter than in other periods.

In the early weeks of the fourth quarter we have seen trends consistent with these expectations, with continued modest RevPAR growth for the segment, Travelodge continuing to outperform the segment and costs in line with expectations. We remain on-track with our new opening programme, with 15 opened to date and the expected weight of new openings in the final months of the year.

The UK clearly faces somewhat uncertain short-term economic conditions in the run-up to Brexit and the leisure and hospitality sector must also absorb the additional challenges of rising regulated costs and new supply. We naturally therefore remain cautious on the immediate outlook. However, the long-term potential for low-cost hotels remains clear and with our straightforward budget positioning, rising reputation for quality and strong development pipeline, we remain well positioned once these pressures abate.

Financial Performance

For the period (39 weeks) ended 26 September 2018:

UK like-for-like RevPAR was up 3.0% to £41.91, 2.4pts ahead of the growth rate of the MS&E segment, which was up 0.6% for the same period. Our outperformance benefited from the reopening of one of our London hotels which was temporarily closed in the first half of 2017 alongside the temporary room closures in 2017 as part of our 'SuperRoom' refit program.

We continue to use effective revenue management to optimise the balance between occupancy and rate growth. We grew UK like-for-like occupancy by 2.2pts to 78.6%, with UK like-for-like average room rate maintained at £53.31 (2017: £53.30).

The positive like-for-like sales growth, together with good growth in food & beverage sales and the contribution from our maturing new hotels opened since the beginning of 2017, has resulted in total revenue growth of 8.0% for the year to date to £517.6m. Spanish business performance was impacted by the political uncertainty in Spain, but remained resilient.

This strong revenue growth has mitigated the impact of the significant cost increases, including the National Living Wage and business rates. We also saw higher electricity costs driven by the unseasonally cold weather in Q1 and the hot summer, higher operational costs as a result

of the higher occupancy and increased payment card charges following the legislation changes earlier in the year.

EBITDA increased by £5.0m to £97.3m (2017: £92.3m).

The business continues to generate strong cashflow with a closing cash balance of £127.7m at the period end. We also benefit from our long-term facilities including an undrawn £50m RCF. We continue to keep our cash position under review.

For the quarter (13 weeks) ended 26 September 2018:

UK like-for-like RevPAR was up 2.8% to £48.39, 1.9pts ahead of the growth rate of the STR Midscale and Economy Sector, which was up 0.9% for the same period. In the quarter our outperformance benefited from the temporary room closures in 2017 as part of our 'SuperRoom' refit program.

We continue to use effective revenue management to optimise the balance between occupancy and rate growth. We grew UK like-for-like occupancy by 2.4pts to 84.6%, with UK like-for-like average room rate maintained at £57.20 (2017: £57.30).

The positive like-for-like sales growth, together with good growth in food & beverage sales and the contribution from our maturing new hotels opened since the beginning of 2017 including the 4 new hotels in the quarter, has resulted in total revenue growth of 8.1% for the quarter to £200.4m. Spanish business performance was impacted by the political uncertainty in Spain, but remained resilient.

This strong revenue growth has mitigated the impact of the significant cost increases, including the National Living Wage. We also saw higher operational costs driven as a result of the higher occupancy and increased electricity costs as a result of the hot summer.

EBITDA in the quarter increased by £3.7m to £54.0m (2017: £50.3m).

Operational Update

We continue to make good progress towards our aim of becoming the favourite hotel for value, by delivering our customers a combination of location, price and quality that suits their travel needs.

Location

Travelodge now has 568 hotels across the UK, Ireland and Spain at the period end and we remain on-track with our new opening programme.

We opened 10 hotels up to 26 September 2018, and a further 5 since the period end, with the remainder due to open over the final weeks of the year.

Our new hotel in the City of London opened successfully in the summer and alongside our other new & maturing hotels, continues to perform in line with expectations.

Price

Our value proposition continues to support our strong revenue growth with our targeted customer offers over the period helping to drive the increased occupancy and continued outperformance against the segment.

We also continue to invest in our website with the improvements supporting an enhanced customer journey and improved conversion rates.

Quality

Our reputation for quality continues to grow, maintaining our average 4 star TripAdvisor rating and being recently named in the top 10 of TripAdvisor's "Global 'Most Excellent' Large Hotel Chains"

The 'SuperRoom' roll-out to the existing estate is nearly complete and performing well, we expect to roll-out further rooms as part of our new hotel openings on a selective basis.

Our new 'Travelodge PLUS' format across 6 hotels was successfully launched and has seen encouraging early trading signs.

The programme to upgrade our Wi-Fi product across the network has successfully completed, offering improved speed and reliability to our customers.

Accounting Standards Update

In common with many other UK operators of long-term leases, the group will be required to adopt IFRS16, a new lease accounting standard, for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

While the standard will have no impact on underlying trading or actual pre-tax cashflows, it is expected to have a material impact on the presentation of the financial statements including reported EBITDA, profit before tax and the balance sheet treatment of leasehold obligations.

Details of the expected changes to the statements as a result of the standard can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

About Travelodge

Founded in 1985, Travelodge is one of the UK's leading hotel brands. There were 568 Travelodge hotels and 43,260 rooms in the UK, Spain and Ireland as at 26 September 2018. Travelodge welcomes approximately 19 million customers every year and more than 10,000 colleagues work across the business.

Notes:

Financial results in this summary document are extracts from the management reporting of Thame and London Limited and its subsidiary companies, including Travelodge Hotels Limited. All financial references in this summary document are unaudited.

Smith Travel Research (STR) is an independent hotel research provider, providing aggregate benchmarking information on the UK and other hotel market performance.

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OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

Unaudited results of operations for the 39 weeks ended 26 September 2018.

	Period ended 26 Sep 2018 £m	Period ended 27 Sep 2017 £m	Var <u>£</u> m	Var %
Revenue by geographical region				
Revenue	<u>517.6</u>	479.1	38.5	8.0%
Revenue UK Revenue International	507.6 10.0	468.8 10.3	38.8 (0.3)	8.3% (2.9)%
Key income statement items				
Revenue	517.6	479.1	38.5	8.0%
Operating expenses	(274.0)	(251.2)	(22.8)	(9.1)%
Of which cost of goods sold	(31.8)	(29.9)	(1.9)	(6.4)%
Of which employee costs	(121.0)	(110.5)	(10.5)	(9.5)%
Of which other operating expenses	(121.2)	(110.8)	(10.4)	(9.4)%
Net external rent payable	(146.3)	(135.6)	(10.7)	(7.9)%
EBITDA (adjusted) ⁽¹⁾	97.3	92.3	5.0	5.4%
Rent free adjustment ⁽²⁾	(1.4)	(1.9)	0.5	26.3%
Depreciation	(30.8)	(25.5)	(5.3)	(20.8)%
Amortisation	(12.5)	(12.3)	(0.2)	(1.6)%
Operating profit (before exceptional items)	52.6	52.6	(0.0)	-
Finance costs before investor loan interest	(29.1)	(30.2)	1.1	3.6%
Investor loan interest	(10.6)	(10.6)	(0.0)	-
Finance income	0.6	0.2	0.4	(200.0)%
Income tax	(6.6)	(2.8)	(3.8)	(135.7)%
Profit for the period (before exceptional items)	6.9	9.2	(2.3)	25.0%
Exceptional items	(3.8)	(9.7)	5.9	60.8%
Profit for the period	3.1	(0.5)	3.6	

Revenue

Revenue increased by £38.5m, or 8.0%, from £479.1m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £517.6m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018. This increase was primarily due to like-for-like UK RevPAR growth of 3.0%, maturity of the 15 new hotels opened in 2017 and the 10 new hotels opened in the period. We also achieved strong revenue growth in food & beverage. Like-for-like UK RevPAR growth of 3.0% was ahead of the MS&E segment by 2.4pts, which showed growth of 0.6%.

Operating expenses

Operating expenses increased by £22.8m, or 9.1%, from £251.2m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £274.0m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018. Cost increases were due to increased employee costs and other operating expenses.

Employee cost increases were largely driven by the additional staff employed in our new hotels and wage inflation (including the impact of increases on the National Living Wage and pension auto-enrolment).

Higher other operating expenses have been largely driven by utility costs (impacted by both price increases and the weather), business rates, and changes to the legislation regarding payment card charges, as well as new hotels.

Net external rent payable

Net external rent payable increased by £10.7m, or 7.9%, from £135.6m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £146.3m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018. This increase was primarily due to 10 new hotel openings during the period, the annualisation of 15 new hotel openings in 2017 and upwards only rent reviews predominantly linked to RPI.

Depreciation / amortisation

Depreciation increased by £5.3m, or 20.8%, from £25.5m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £30.8m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018. This is mainly due to new hotel openings and investment in maintenance, refurbishment and upgrading our hotels to offer SuperRooms, Travelodge PLUS and improved Wi-Fi.

Amortisation increased by £0.2m, or 1.6%, from £12.3m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £12.5m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018. This is mainly due to ongoing website development.

Finance costs

Finance costs before investor loan interest decreased by £1.1m, or 3.6%, from £30.2m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £29.1m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018. The decrease was primarily due to the lower bond interest costs following the refinancings in April 2017 and January 2018.

Finance income

Finance income of £0.6m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018 is bank interest received. The year on year increase from £0.2m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 was primarily due to amounts received in respect of 2017 in April 2018.

Taxation

Income tax is recognised based on management's best estimate of the income tax rate expected for the financial year, which includes the impact of recently enacted legislation in relation to hybrid mismatches, corporate interest restriction and amendments to the use of carried forward losses.

These legislative changes impact the deductibility of interest expense and result in the income tax charge of £6.6m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018 including a charge for both current and deferred tax. The income tax charge of £2.8m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 related to deferred tax only.

The current tax charge of £1.7m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018 relates to profits for the period charged at the current rate of corporation tax, including charges relating to items disallowed for tax purposes, offset by differences between accounting

depreciation and capital allowances and tax losses. There was no current tax charge for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017.

The deferred tax charge of £4.9m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018 relates to differences between accounting depreciation and capital allowances, and utilisation of a deferred tax asset in relation to carried forward disallowed interest, which is forecast to be almost fully utilised in 2018, offset by changes in deferred tax on intangible assets and tax losses. The deferred tax charge for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 was £2.8m.

Cash tax payments of £0.7m were made in relation to the period (with £0.6m of that amount paid in October).

Exceptional items

Exceptional items decreased by £5.9m, or 60.8%, from £9.7m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £3.8m for the period of 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018.

Exceptional items of £3.8m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018 included £2.5m of charges in respect of the costs of early redemption, legal and advisors' fees and management incentives relating to the restructuring of the Group's debt and other exceptional corporate activities, together with a charge of £0.5m relating to the release of prepaid fees following the partial repayment of the fixed rate bond. In addition, £0.8m related to the surrender of the lease at our closed Gatwick Airport hotel.

Exceptional items of £9.7m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 included £6.5m of charges in respect of the costs of early redemption, legal and advisors' fees and management incentives relating to the restructuring of the Group's debt and other exceptional corporate activities, together with a charge of £3.2m relating to the release of prepaid fees following the partial repayment of the fixed rate bond.

Cash flow

As at 26 September 2018, we had cash of £127.7m, an increase of £15.9m compared to £111.8m as at 27 September 2017. Operating cash inflows during the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018 of £101.5m were partially offset by investing cash outflows of £45.9m, which relate to the purchase of intangible and tangible fixed assets of £46.5m less interest received of £0.6m, and financing cash outflows during the period of £22.9m.

Included in financing cash outflows of £22.9m was the partial repayment in January 2018 of the existing senior secured fixed rate sterling denominated notes of £29.0m, offset by the issue of new senior secured floating rate sterling denominated notes of £30.0m; together with bond interest payments and finance fees of £19.0m, refinancing transaction costs of £1.4m and finance lease interest payments of £3.5m.

Our cash cycle reflects the monthly payment of creditors and staff and fluctuates throughout the quarter with rent paid quarterly in advance around the end of each quarter. As a result, our quarterly cash position is generally at a low just after the end of March, June, September and December following payment of the quarterly rent bill, monthly creditor payments and payroll.

	Period ended 26 Sep 2018 £m	Period ended 27 Sep 2017	Var £m	Var %
Net cash generated from operating activities Net cash used in investing activities Net cash used in financing activities	101.5 (45.9) (22.9)	103.8 (39.3) (26.5)	(2.3) (6.6) 3.6	(2.2)% (16.8)% 13.7%
Net increase in aggregate cash and cash equivalents	32.7	38.0	(5.3)	(13.8)%
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	95.0	73.9	21.1	28.6%
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	127.7	111.9	15.8	14.2%

Net cash generated from operating activities

Net cash generated from operating activities decreased by £2.3m, or 2.2%, from £103.8m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £101.5m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018. This was due primarily to a higher operating profit of £1.9m and an increase in depreciation and amortisation of £5.5m, partially offset by a decrease of £9.7m in working capital (which was primarily attributable to the surrender of the lease at our closed Gatwick Airport hotel).

Net cash used in investing activities

Net cash used in investing activities increased by £6.6m, or 16.8%, from £39.3m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £45.9m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018. This was primarily due to the standard refit recycle, investment in SuperRooms and Travelodge PLUS, additional investment in IT and energy efficiency projects, and development pipeline growth.

Net cash used in financing activities

Net cash used in financing activities decreased by £3.6m, or 13.7%, from £26.5m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £22.9m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018. This was primarily due to lower external interest payments and finance fees of £0.7m and lower refinancing transaction costs of £2.9m.

Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure of £46.5m in the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018 has mainly been in relation to on-going maintenance and refits, including SuperRooms and Travelodge PLUS, and we expect to refit the entire estate over a 7 to 8 year period, with interim works as appropriate in the heavier use hotels. Investment in IT and the energy efficiency projects as well as development pipeline spending have also contributed to spending.

Working capital requirements

Inventory primarily includes food and beverage products sold through our bar cafes. Trade and other receivables primarily consist of rent prepayments as we pay quarterly in advance. We have low trade receivables, as most of our customers pay at the time of booking, however,

business customers taking advantage of our business account card benefit from interest free credit.

Liabilities to trade and other creditors include prepaid room purchases from customers who have yet to stay. Other current liabilities include normal trade creditors, accrued wages and salaries, other current debts and accrued interest and taxes.

	Period ended 26	Period ended 27		
	Sep 2018	Sep 2017	Var	Var
	£m	£m	£m	%
Decrease / (increase) in inventory	(0.1)	_	(0.1)	_
Increase in receivables	(16.0)	(11.5)	(4.5)	39.3%
Increase in payables	31.2	32.0	(0.7)	(2.3)%
Total working capital movement (before exceptional items)	15.1	20.5	(5.4)	(26.2)%
Provisions and exceptional items	(7.1)	(2.8)	(4.3)	153.3%
Total working capital movement	8.0	17.7	(9.7)	(54.6)%

Working capital inflow before exceptional items of £15.1m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018 compared to an inflow of £20.5m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017 is impacted mainly by the timing of property costs (rent, insurance, service charges etc.) and creditor payments around the period end.

Working capital inflow after exceptional items of £8.0m for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018 compared to an inflow of £17.7m for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September is again driven primarily by the surrender of the lease at our closed Gatwick Airport hotel.

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

Unaudited results of operations for the 13 weeks ended 26 September 2018 (Q3).

	Quarter from 28 Jun 2018 to 26 Sep 2018 £m	Quarter from 29 Jun 2017 to 27 Sep 2017 £m	Var £m	Var %
				
Revenue by geographical region Revenue	200.4	185.3	15.1	8.1%
Revenue UK Revenue International	196.7 3.7	181.2 4.1	15.5 (0.4)	8.6% (9.8)%
Key income statement items Revenue	200.4	185.3	15.1	8.1%
Operating expenses Of which cost of goods sold Of which employee costs Of which other operating expenses Net external rent payable	(96.4) (11.5) (43.0) (41.9) (50.0)	(88.8) (10.8) (39.7) (38.3) (46.2)	(7.6) (0.7) (3.3) (3.6) (3.8)	(8.6)% (6.5)% (8.3)% (9.4)% (8.2)%
EBITDA (adjusted) (1) Rent free adjustment (2) Depreciation Amortisation	54.0 (0.5) (10.4) (4.0)	50.3 (0.6) (9.0) (4.0)	3.7 0.1 (1.4)	7.4% 16.7% (15.6)%
Operating profit (before exceptional items)	39.1	36.7	2.4	6.5%
Finance costs before investor loan interest Investor loan interest Finance income Income tax	(9.8) (3.6) 0.2 (5.5)	(10.0) (3.6) 0.1 (5.3)	0.2 (0.0) 0.1 (0.2)	2.0% - 100.0% (3.8)%
Profit for the period (before exceptional items)	20.4	17.9	2.5	14.0%
Exceptional items	(1.3)	0.0	(1.3)	-
Profit (loss) for the period	19.1	17.9	1.2	(6.7)%

Revenue

Revenue increased by £15.1m, or 8.1%, from £185.3m for the period from 29 June 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £200.4m for the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018. This increase was primarily due to like-for-like UK RevPAR growth of 2.8%, maturity of the 15 new hotels opened in 2017 and the 4 new hotels opened in the period. We also achieved strong revenue growth in food & beverage partially offset by negative growth from our hotels in Spain. Like-for-like UK RevPAR growth of 2.8% was ahead of the MS&E segment by 1.9pts, which showed growth of 0.9%.

Operating expenses

Operating expenses increased by £7.6m, or 8.6%, from £88.8m for the period from 29 June 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £96.4m for the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018. Cost increases were due to increased employee costs and other operating expenses.

Employee cost increases were largely driven by the additional staff employed in our new hotels and wage inflation (including the impact of increases on the National Living Wage and pension auto-enrolment).

Higher other operating expenses have been largely driven by increased spend on travel agent commissions and new hotels.

Net external rent payable

Net external rent payable increased by £3.8m, or 8.2%, from £46.2m for the period from 29 June 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £50.0m for the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018. This increase was primarily due to 4 new hotel openings during the period (and an additional 6 opened in the first half of the year) and the annualisation of new hotel openings in 2017 and upwards only rent reviews predominantly linked to RPI.

Depreciation / amortisation

Depreciation increased by £1.4m, or 15.6%, from £9.0m for the period from 29 June 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £10.4m for the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018. This is mainly due to new hotel openings and investment in maintenance, refurbishment and upgrading our hotels to offer SuperRooms, Travelodge PLUS and improved Wi-Fi.

Amortisation was flat at £4.0m for the period from 29 June 2017 to 27 September 2017 and the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018.

Finance costs

Finance costs before investor loan interest decreased by £0.1m, or 1.0%, from £10.0m for the period from 29 June 2017 to 27 September 2017 to £9.8m for the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018. The decrease was primarily due to the lower bond interest costs following refinancing in January 2018.

Finance income

Finance income of £0.2m for the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018 is bank interest received. The year on year increase from £0.1m for the period from 29 June 2017 to 27 September 2017 was primarily due to the increase in LIBOR rate.

Taxation

Income tax is recognised based on management's best estimate of the income tax rate expected for the financial year, which includes the impact of recently enacted legislation in relation to hybrid mismatches, corporate interest restriction and amendments to the use of carried forward losses.

These legislative changes impact the deductibility of interest expense and result in the income tax charge of £6.6m for the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018 including a charge for both current and deferred tax. The income tax charge of £5.3m for the period from 29 June 2017 to 27 September 2017 related to deferred tax only.

The income tax charge of £5.5m for the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018 includes a charge for both current and deferred tax. The income tax charge of £5.3m for the period from 29 June 2017 to 27 September 2017 related to deferred tax only.

The current tax charge of £1.7m for the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018 relates to profits for the period charged at the current rate of corporation tax, including charges relating to items disallowed for tax purposes, offset by differences between accounting depreciation and capital allowances and tax losses. There was no current tax charge for the period from 1 January 2017 to 27 September 2017.

The deferred tax charge of £3.8m for the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018 relates to differences between accounting depreciation and capital allowances, and utilisation of a deferred tax asset in relation to carried forward disallowed interest, which is forecast to be almost fully utilised in 2018, offset by changes in deferred tax on intangible assets and tax losses. The deferred tax charge for the period from 29 June 2017 to 27 September 2017 was £5.3m.

Cash tax payments of £0.6m were made in relation to the period (with that amount paid in October).

Exceptional items

Exceptional items were £1.3m for the period from 28 June 2018 to 26 September 2018 compared to nil in the period of 29 June 2017 to 27 September. The charge of £1.3m included £0.5m in respect of the costs of early redemption, legal and advisors' fees and management incentives relating to the restructuring of the Group's debt and other exceptional corporate activities. In addition, £0.8m related to the surrender of the lease at our closed Gatwick Airport hotel.

RISK FACTORS

Note holders are reminded that investing in the Notes involves substantial risks and Note holders should refer to the "Risk Factors" section of the Offering Memorandum, published on 28 April 2017, and the 2017 Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2017 for a description of the risks that they should consider when making investment decisions about the Notes.

As outlined in the 2017 Annual Report Travelodge faces a number of risks relating to the terms of Brexit. These include potential changes to UK GDP growth and business confidence and its impact on consumer demand, the inflationary and interest rate environment and its impact on our cost base, changes to border and immigration policies impacting our ability to recruit and retain staff and other factors such as the value of sterling or the imposition of tariffs and the impact on supplier costs.

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THAME AND LONDON LIMITED

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 26 September 2018

THAME AND LONDON LIMITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

		Period ended 26 Sep 2018			Period ended 27 Sep 2017	
	Before exceptional items £m	Exceptional items £m	After exceptional items	Before exceptional items £m	Exceptional items £m	After exceptional items £m
Revenue	517.6		517.6	479.1		479.1
Operating Expenses	(274.0)	(1.6)	(275.6)	(251.2)	(4.3)	(255.5)
Rent	(147.7)	(0.8)	(148.5)	(137.5)		(137.5)
EBITDA after rent free adjustment	95.9	(2.4)	93.5	90.4	(4.3)	86.1
Depreciation / Amortisation	(43.3)	-	(43.3)	(37.8)	-	(37.8)
Operating Profit	52.6	(2.4)	50.2	52.6	(4.3)	48.3
Finance Costs	(39.7)	(1.4)	(41.1)	(40.8)	(5.4)	(46.2)
Finance Income	0.6	-	0.6	0.2	-	0.2
Profit before Tax	13.5	(3.8)	9.7	12.0	(9.7)	2.3
Income Tax	(6.6)	-	(6.6)	(2.8)	-	(2.8)
Profit for the Period	6.9	(3.8)	3.1	9.2	(9.7)	(0.5)

Memorandum - EBITDA (adjusted) ⁽¹⁾		
	Period ended 26 Sep 2018 £m	Period ended 27 Sep 2017 £m
EBITDA (adjusted) ⁽¹⁾	97.3	92.3
Rent free adjustment ⁽²⁾	(1.4)	(1.9)
EBITDA after rent free adjustment	95.9	90.4
Exceptional items	(2.4)	(4.3)
EBITDA after rent free adjustment and exceptional items	93.5	86.1

^{1.} EBITDA (adjusted) = Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation, and before rent free adjustment and exceptional items (which is consistent with our internal management reporting and statutory reporting of our main UK trading entity under FRS 102). Exceptional items have been removed as they relate to non-recurring, one-off items.

^{2.} In many of our leases we receive a rent free period at the beginning of the lease term. Under IFRS, the benefit of this rent free period is held as deferred income on our balance sheet and is recognised in our income statemement as a deduction to the actual rent expense in each period, on a straight line basis, over the full life of the lease. As a result, our IFRS rent expense does not reflect our cash payments of rent in any period. EBITDA in each period recognises the portion of the credit attributable to such period as if such credit were applied on a straight line basis until the next rent review, normally five years, which is the measure which is used for internal management reporting.

THAME AND LONDON LIMITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

Currency translation differences

Total comprehensive expense

27 September 2017

			Unaudited Period ended 26 Sep 2018 £m	Unaudited Period ended 27 Sep 2017 £m
Profit / (loss) for the period			3.1	(0.5)
Items that will subsequently be reclassified into Movement on fair value of cash flow hedges	profit and loss:		0.1	_
Currency translation differences			0.3	(0.4)
Other comprehensive income / (expense) for the	period, net of tax	x	0.4	(0.4)
Total comprehensive income / (expense) for the	period		3.5	(0.9)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 SEPTEMBER 2018	Foreign Exchange Reserve £m	Cash Flow Hedge Reserve £m	Accumulated Losses £m	Total deficit £m
1 January 2018	(0.6)	0.4	(89.5)	(89.7)
Profit for the period	-	-	3.1	3.1
Other comprehensive income Movement in fair value of hedging derivatives Currency translation differences	0.3	0.1	-	0.1 0.3
Total comprehensive income	0.3	0.1	3.1	3.5
26 September 2018	(0.3)	0.5	(86.4)	(86.2)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 27 SEPTEMBER 2017				
	Foreign Exchange Reserve	Cash Flow Hedge Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Total deficit
	<u>£m</u>	£m	£m_	£m
1 January 2017	(0.2)	0.6	(78.8)	(78.4)
Loss for the period	-	-	(0.5)	(0.5)
Other comprehensive expense Movement in fair value of hedging derivatives	-	_	-	-
Currency translation differences	(0.4)	_	_	(0.4)

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THAME AND LONDON LIMITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Unaudited	Unaudited
	26 Sep	27 Sep
	2018	2017
	£m	£m
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Intangible assets	374.8	383.8
Property, plant and equipment	140.2	128.7
Financial derivative asset	0.6	1.0
Deferred tax asset	41.6	52.2
Deferred tax asset	557.2	565.7
CURRENT ASSETS	337.2	
Inventory	1.1	1.4
Trade and other receivables	64.8	58.7
Cash and cash equivalents	127.7	
Casif and Casif equivalents		111.9
	193.6	172.0
TOTAL ACCETS	750.0	727.7
TOTAL ASSETS	750.8	737.7
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES	(460.4)	(4=4.4)
Trade and other payables	(162.4)	(151.1)
	(162.4)	(151.1)
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bond related debt	(420.5)	(418.0)
Investor loan	(127.9)	(113.7)
Obligations under finance leases	(32.6)	(32.2)
Deferred tax liability	(62.5)	(69.0)
Deferred income	(17.4)	(13.1)
Provisions	(13.7)	(20.0)
	(674.6)	(665.9)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(837.0)	(817.1)
NET LIABILITIES	(86.2)	(79.3)
EQUITY		
Foreign exchange reserve	(0.3)	(0.6)
Cash flow hedge reserve	0.5	0.6
Accumulated losses	(86.4)	(79.3)
TOTAL EQUITY	(86.2)	(79.3)
TOTAL EQUIT	(0012)	(75.5)
Memorandum - Analysis of net funding	£m	£m
Analysis of het funding		
Cash at bank	127.7	111.9
Casil at Dalik	12/./	111.9
External debt redeemable (excluding finance leases):		
Fixed Rate Bond	(232.0)	(261.0)
Floating Rate Bond	(195.0)	(165.0)
Issue costs	6.5	` 8.0
Gross debt	(420.5)	(418.0)
External net debt	(292.8)	(306.1)
Investor loan	(127.9)	(113.7)
Finance leases	(32.6)	(32.2)
Net debt		
Net dept	(453.3)	(452.0)

THAME AND LONDON LIMITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Unaudited	Unaudited
	Period ended 26	Period ended 27
	Sep 2018	Sep 2017
	£m_	£m
NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	101.5	103.8
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	0.6	0.1
Purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	(46.5)	(39.4)
Net cash used in investing activities	(45.9)	(39.3)
-	(45.5)	(33.3)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(0.1)	(0.0)
Finance fees paid (including exceptional items)	(0.1)	(0.2)
Interest paid	(18.9)	(19.7)
Finance lease payments	(3.5)	(3.3)
Issue of floating rate bonds	30.0	165.0
Repayment of fixed and floating rate bonds	(29.0)	(129.0)
Finance issue transaction costs	(1.4)	(4.3)
Repayment of investor loan		(35.0)
Net cash used in financing activities	(22.9)	(26.5)
Net increase in aggregate cash and cash equivalents	32.7	38.0
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	95.0	73.9
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	127.7	111.9
Memorandum - Analysis of free cash flow 1	Unaudited	Unaudited
	Period ended 26	Period ended 27
	Sep 2018	Sep 2017
	£m	£m
EBITDA (adjusted) ²	97.3	92.3
Working capital	13.7	18.6
Working capital	111.0	110.9
Net cash flows from operating activities before exceptionals	111.0	110.5
Capital expenditure	(46.5)	(39.4)
Capital experialcare	(40.5)	(55.4)
Free cash flow generated for the year	64.5	71.5
Non-trading cash flow		
Interest costs		
- bank interest paid	(1.0)	(1.1)
- bond interest paid	(17.9)	(18.6)
- finance fees paid	_ (0.1)	(0.2)
Interest income	" `0.6	0.1
Interest element of finance lease rental payments	(3.5)	(3.3)
Cash spend on provisions and exceptional items ³	(10.9)	(11.4)
Non-trading cashflow	(32.8)	(34.5)
Cook managed at		
Cash generated	<u>31.7</u>	37.0
Opening Cash	95.0	73.9
Movement in cash	31.7	<i>37.0</i>
Net refinancing proceeds	1.0	36.0
Repayment of investor loan note		(35.0)
Closing Cash	127.7	111.9
Opening external net debt	(323.4)	(306.0)
Net increase in aggregate cash	32.7	38.0
Net refinancing	(1.0)	(36.0)
	(0.0)	(0.9)
Net finance issue transaction costs		
Net remaining Net finance issue transaction costs Net amortised bond transaction costs	(1.1)	(1.2)
Net finance issue transaction costs		(306.1)

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Reconciliation of net cash flows from operating activities before exceptionals to net cash generated from operating activities (note 13)

Net cash flows from operating activities before exceptionals	111.0	110.9
Cash spend on exceptional items through profit and loss	(2.4)	(4.3)
Cash spend on exceptional items through working capital	(7.1)	(2.8)
Net cash generated from operating activities	101.5	103.8

^{3.} In 2018, cash spend on provisions and exceptional items of £10.9m includes costs of refinancing the Travelodge Group of £1.4m, costs related to the surrender of the lease at Gatwick Airport of £8.4m and other costs of £1.1m. In the period ended 27 September 2017, cash spend on provisions and exceptional items of £11.4m includes costs of refinancing of £8.6m and other costs of £2.8m.

^{2.} EBITDA (adjusted) = Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation, and before rent free adjustment and exceptional items (which is consistent with our internal management reporting and statutory reporting of our main UK trading entity under FRS 102). Exceptional items have been removed as they relate to non-recurring, one-off items.

1 General information

Thame and London Limited ("T&L") is the holding company of the Travelodge group ("Travelodge" or "The Group"), including Travelodge Hotels Limited ("THL") the principal trading company of Travelodge UK and TVL Finance PLC.

2 Significant accounting policies

New and Amended Standards

The following new and amended standards are effective for the year ending December 31, 2018 and have been adopted in these statements.

IFRS 9, 'Financial Instruments'
IFRS 15, 'Revenue from contracts with customers'

As the impact of adoption was immaterial no adjustment was necessary to the prior period figures previously presented.

Basis of consolidation

The unaudited financial statements consolidate the financial information of the Group and entities controlled by the Group and its subsidiaries up to 26 September 2018. Control is achieved when the investor is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Uniform accounting policies are adopted across the Group.

The results of subsidiary undertakings acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from the effective date of acquisition or disposal, as appropriate.

All intra-Group transaction balances, income and expenses are eliminated on consolidation.

Business combinations

The acquisition of subsidiaries is accounted for using the purchase method. The cost of the 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. Any costs directly attributable to the business combination are expensed through the income statement. The acquirer's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities that meet the conditions for recognition under IFRS 3 (Revised), Business Combinations, are recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date, except for non-current assets (or disposal companies) that are classified as held for sale in accordance with IFRS 5, Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations, which are recognised and measured at fair value less costs to sell.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents the amount receivable for goods and services supplied to customers in the normal course of business, net of trade discount and VAT. The principal revenue stream of the Group is providing budget hotel accommodation and is recognised when customers stay.

Exceptional items

In order to understand the underlying performance of the business, material, non-recurring items are separately disclosed as exceptional items in the income statement.

Leasing

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Minimum rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Incentives received by the Group to enter into leases as a lessee are credited to the income statement on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Rental income from operating leases (sub-lets) is recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

Assets held under finance leases, which confer rights and obligations similar to those attached to owned assets, are capitalised as property, plant and equipment and are depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and their useful lives. The capital elements of future lease obligations are recorded as liabilities, while the interest elements are charged to the income statement over the period of the leases to produce a constant rate of charge on the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

IFRS 16, a new lease accounting standard, comes into effect for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. The group's evaluation of the effect of adoption of this standard is ongoing. It will have a material effect on the presentation of the financial statements including reported Profit / (Loss) Before Tax, although no impact on actual pre-tax cash flows.

IFRS 16 will significantly increase the group's recognised assets and liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheet introducing right-of-use assets and lease liabilities calculated based on discounted future committed lease payments. It will also materially change the presentation and timing of recognition of charges in the Consolidated Income Statement. The operating lease expense currently reported under IAS 17, typically on a straight-line basis, within EBITDA (adjusted), will be replaced by depreciation of the right-of-use asset and notional financing costs on the lease liability. This will result in increased 'lease-related expenses' being charged to the Consolidated Income Statement in the early years of a lease due to the front-loaded notional financing costs, significantly reducing reported Profit / (Loss) Before Tax.

In addition, the presentation of the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows will be affected. Actual lease payments, which are currently part of Operating Profit / (Loss) or Movements in Payables within Net Cash Generated from Operating Activities, will now be split into a notional repayment of principal lease liability and a notional interest payment. The presentation of these cash payments in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows will therefore be notionally split (based on the discount rate and outstanding lease liability amounts) between Financing Activities (the notional repayment of principal lease liability) and Operating Activities (the notional interest payment). Though presented in different parts of the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, actual total pre-tax cash payments will remain unchanged.

In adopting IFRS 16 an entity is permitted to follow one of two approaches: the full retrospective approach or the modified retrospective approach. This is a single choice that must be applied to all leases. The Group has chosen to adopt the modified retrospective approach, which does not require restatement of comparative periods. Instead the cumulative impact of applying IFRS 16 is accounted for as an adjustment to equity at the start of the accounting period in which it is first applied, known as the 'date of initial application'. Discount rates will be applied to future committed lease payments to calculate the lease liability and are an area of significant judgement and estimation, particularly given the term of our leases.

Leasing (Continued)

Following consultation, HMRC have confirmed that the tax treatment will follow the accounting treatment for 'lease-related expenses' for lessees adopting IFRS 16 or FRS 101 from 1 January 2019. The expected result of lessees adopting IFRS 16 or FRS 101 will be increased 'lease-related expenses' being charged to the Consolidated Income Statement in the early years of a lease due to the front-loaded financing costs, reducing reported Profit (Loss) Before Tax. HMRC have confirmed that taxation of leases with right-of-use assets will remain dependent on the current accounting classification of leases, so the current distinction between operating leases and finance leases will continue to be relevant for Corporate Interest Restriction (CIR) purposes. Where there is a lease that is currently classified as an 'operating lease' for these purposes, any notional finance charge that is identified for accounting purposes under IFRS 16 or FRS 101 will not be treated as 'tax interest' for CIR purposes. HMRC have also confirmed that there is no requirement to recognise the right-of-use asset equal to the lease liability for tax purposes, however, any transitional adjustment will be spread over the weighted average remaining length of leases at the date of transition.

The group is currently assessing the estimated impact that initial application of IFRS 16 will have on its consolidated financial statements. The actual impacts of adopting the standard on 1 January 2019 are still however subject to change because:

- the new accounting policies are subject to change until the group presents its first financial statements that include the date of initial application;
- discount rates can only be finalised after 1 January 2019 as a result of market conditions inherent in calculating these rates; and

For the group's 5 property leases that were previously classified as finance leases, the carrying amounts of the right-of-use asset and the lease liability at the date of initial application will equal the carrying amounts of the lease asset and the lease liability immediately before that date, as measured applying IAS 17. IFRS 16 is then applied to these right-of-use assets and lease liabilities from the date of initial application.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation. Provisions are measured at the Directors' best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the balance sheet date, and are discounted to present value where the effect is material. Provisions recognised as at 26 September 2018 principally relate to onerous leases.

Share Capital

Ordinary share capital is classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new ordinary shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Prepaid Room Purchases

Prepaid room purchases are where cash is received at time of room booking prior to arrival date and is recognised when customers stay.

3 ANALYSIS OF RESULTS BY GEOGRAPHICAL REGION

Revenue	Unaudited Period ended 26 Sep 2018 £m	Unaudited Period ended 27 Sep 2017 £m
UK	507.6	468.8
International	10.0	10.3
	517.6	479.1
EBITDA (before exceptionals)		
UK EBITDA (adjusted) ⁽¹⁾	95.9	90.2
Rent free adjustment	(1.4)	(1.9)
UK after rent free adjustment	94.5	88.3
International	1.4	2.1
EBITDA after rent free adjustment	95.9	90.4
Operating profit before exceptionals		
UK	51.3	50.6
International	1.3	2.0
	52.6	52.6
Profit before tax before exceptionals		
UK	12.3	10.1
International	1.2	1.9
	13.5	12.0
Exceptional items (note 6)	(3.8)	(9.7)
Profit before tax	9.7	2.3

^{1.} EBITDA (adjusted) = Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation, and before rent free adjustment and exceptional items (which is consistent with our internal management reporting and statutory reporting of our main UK trading entity under FRS 102). Exceptional items have been removed as they relate to non-recurring, one-off items.

4 NET OPERATING EXPENSES (BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS)

	Unaudited	Unaudited
	Period ended	Period ended
	26 Sep 2018	27 Sep 2017
	£m	£m
Cost of goods sold	31.8	29.9
Employee costs	121.0	110.5
Operating expenses	121.2	110.8
Net operating expenses before rent, depreciation and amortisation	274.0	251.2
Net operating expenses before tent, depreciation and amortisation	2/4.0	251.2
Pont navable (third party landlerds) for enerating leases	149.3	138.4
Rent payable (third party landlords) for operating leases		
Rent receivable	(3.0)	(2.8)
Net external rent payable	146.3	135.6
Rent free adjustment ¹	1.4	1.9
Net rent	147.7	137.5
Not operating expenses before depreciation and amortisation	421.7	388.7
Net operating expenses before depreciation and amortisation	421./	300.7
Depreciation	30.8	25.5
Amortisation	12.5	12.3
Net depreciation and amortisation	43.3	37.8
itet aepi esiation ana americation	45.5	37.10
Total net operating expenses	465.0	426.5

^{1.} In many of our leases we receive a rent free period at the beginning of the lease term. Under IFRS, the benefit of this rent free period is held as deferred income on our balance sheet and is recognised in our income statemement as a deduction to the actual rent expense in each period, on a straight line basis, over the full life of the lease. As a result, our IFRS rent expense does not reflect our cash payments of rent in any period. EBITDA (adjusted) in each period recognises the portion of the credit attributable to such period as if such credit were applied on a straight line basis until the next rent review, normally five years, which is the measure which is used for internal management reporting.

5 FINANCE COSTS

	Unaudited Period ended 26 Sep 2018	Unaudited Period ended 27 Sep 2017
	£m	£m
Finance fees	1.4	1.4
Interest on bank loans	0.8	1.1
Interest on fixed and floating rate bonds	22.4	23.4
Interest on obligations under finance leases	3.9	3.7
Unwinding of discount on provisions	0.6	0.6
Finance costs before interest on investor loan and exceptional items	29.1	30.2
Interest on investor loan	10.6	10.6
Finance costs before exceptional items	39.7	40.8
Exceptional items: Fees in relation to restructuring of debt	1.4	5.4
Finance costs	41.1	46.2

6 EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

In the period to 26 September 2018, exceptional charges of £3.8m include £2.5m of charges in respect of the costs of early redemption, legal and advisors' fees and management incentives relating to the restructuring of the Group's debt and other exceptional corporate activities, together with a charge of £0.5m relating to the release of relevant prepaid fees following the partial repayment of the fixed rate bond. In addition, £0.8m relates to the surrender of the lease at Gatwick Airport.

In the period ended 27 September 2017, exceptional costs of £9.7m are refinancing costs relating to the floating rate bonds. £6.5m comprises fees and management incentives relating to the new floating rate bond and £3.2m comprises the release of the relevant portion of 2016 fees on extinguishment of the old floating rate bond.

7 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Unaudited Period ended 26 Sep 2018 £m	Unaudited Period ended 27 Sep 2017 £m
Opening net book value Additions	379.8 7.5	389.6 6.6
Movement on capital creditors Amortisation	(0.0) (12.5)	(0.1) (12.3)
Closing net book value	374.8	383.8

The closing net book value at 26 September 2018 comprises brand value of £145.0m, assets under construction of £10.8m, lease premiums of £213.1m and IT software of £5.9m.

The closing net book value at 27 September 2017 comprises brand value of £145.0m, assets under construction of £9.4m, lease premiums of £222.6m and IT software of £6.8m.

Lease premiums are amortised on a straight line basis over the lease period. Each hotel to which a lease premium asset is assigned is considered to be a separate cost generating unit when assessing impairment.

Impairment reviews are performed annually at the Group's year end of 31 December. The Group prepares cash flow forecasts derived from the most recent financial budgets and financial plans approved by the Directors and extrapolates cash flows beyond this time based on an estimated long term growth rate of 2.5% (2017: 2.5%). The key assumptions are consistent with past experience and with external sources of information. The resulting cash flows are discounted back at the Group's risk adjusted pre-tax weighted average cost of capital of 9.0% (2017 9.0%). When calculating the discount rate, the market-weighted average cost of capital for the sector was used based on a portfolio of similar hotel businesses. Reviews are performed on a site by site basis over the length of the lease. The Directors have considered the Group's financial projections and the assumptions which underpin those projections including future growth of the budget hotel sector, brand demand and occupancy, the new hotel opening profile and development pipeline opportunities.

IT software is measured initially at purchase cost and is amortised on a straight line basis over three years.

8 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Unaudited Period ended 26 Sep 2018 <u>£m</u>	Unaudited Period ended 27 Sep 2017 £m
Opening net book value Additions Movement on capital creditors Depreciation	132.5 38.9 (0.5) (30.7)	121.3 32.7 0.2 (25.5)
Closing net book value	140.2	128.7

The closing net book value at 26 September 2018 comprises assets under construction of £8.5m, freehold and long leaseholds of £1.6m, financed leased land and buildings of £15.7m and fixtures and fittings of £114.4m.

The closing net book value at 27 June 2018 comprises assets under construction of £6.2m, freehold and long leaseholds of £1.6m, financed leased land and buildings of £15.8m and fixtures and fittings of £113.5m.

Freehold and long leasehold properties are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided on cost in equal annual instalments over the estimated remaining useful lives of the assets.

Impairment reviews are performed annually at the Group's year end of 31 December. The Group prepares cash flow forecasts derived from the most recent financial budgets and financial plans approved by the Directors and extrapolates cash flows beyond this time based on an estimated long term growth rate of 2.5% (2017: 2.5%). The key assumptions are consistent with past experience and with external sources of information. The resulting cash flows are discounted back at the Group's risk adjusted pre-tax weighted average cost of capital of 9.0% (2017: 9.0%). When calculating the discount rate, the market-weighted average pre-tax cost of capital for the sector was used based on a portfolio of similar hotel businesses. Reviews are performed on a site by site basis over the length of the lease. The Directors have considered the Group's financial projections and the assumptions which underpin those projections including future growth of the budget hotel sector, brand demand and occupancy, the new hotel opening profile and development opportunities.

9 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Unaudited Period ended 26 Sep 2018 £m	Unaudited Period ended 27 Sep 2017 £m
Amounts due within one year: Trade amounts receivable - Gross amounts receivable - Bad debt provision	11.6 (0.2)	10.3 (0.1)
- Net amounts receivable Other amounts receivable	11.4 7.8	10.2
Accrued income Prepayments	1.8 43.9	1.7 41.2
	64.8	58.7

10 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade payables Other payables	Unaudited Period ended 26 Sep 2018 <u>£m</u> (25.2) (13.1)	Unaudited Period ended 27 Sep 2017 £m (25.8) (14.2)
Social security and other taxation Accruals Deferred income Prepaid room purchases Capital payables Provisions (Note 12)	(15.2) (56.8) (0.9) (41.6) (8.3) (1.2)	(14.1) (49.9) (1.4) (37.5) (6.5) (1.7)
Amounts falling due within one year	(162.4)	(151.1)
Amounts falling due after one year: Deferred income Provisions (Note 12)	(17.4) (13.7)	(13.1) (20.0)
Total	(193.5)	(184.2)

11 FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Maturity Date	Unaudited Period ended 26 Sep 2018 £m	Unaudited Period ended 27 Sep 2017 £m
Cash at bank and in hand		127.7	111.9
External debt redeemable:			
Fixed Rate Bond	May 2023	(232.0)	(261.0)
Floating Rate Bond	May 2023	(195.0)	(165.0)
Issue Costs		6.5	8.0
External debt		(420.5)	(418.0)
Net external debt		(292.8)	(306.1)
Investor Loan Note	January 2026	(127.9)	(113.7)
Net debt before finance leases	3	(420.7)	(419.8)
Finance leases		(32.6)	(32.2)
Net debt including finance leases		(453.3)	(452.0)

Senior secured notes

Senior secured fixed rate sterling denominated notes of £290.0m were issued on 10 May 2016 with a termination date of 11 May 2023. Of these, £29.0m were repaid on 28 April 2017, and a further £29.0m were repaid on 3 January 2018. Interest is fixed at 8.5% and is payable on a semi-annual basis.

Senior secured floating rate sterling denominated notes of £100.0m were issued on 10 May 2016 with a termination date of 11 May 2023. These were repaid on 28 April 2017 with early repayment fees of £2.1m applied. Interest was floating at three month LIBOR plus a margin of 7.5%.

New senior secured floating sterling denominated notes of £165.0m and £30.0m were issued on 28 April 2017 and 3 January 2018 respectively, with a termination date of 15 May 2023. Interest is floating at three month LIBOR plus a margin of 4.875% and is payable on a quarterly basis.

Revolving credit facility

A sterling denominated revolving credit facility of £50.0m is available to the group. At the date of these financial statements no drawings on this facility had been made.

Letter of credit facility

The letter of credit facility has a maximum usage of £30.0m. At 26 September 2018, the group had utilised £15.4m.

Issue costs

Costs incurred in issuing the senior secured sterling denominated notes, revolving credit and letter of credit facility have been deducted from the fair value of the notes and facilities, which are carried at amortised cost.

Investor loan note

The interest rate charged on the investor loan note is 15%. As at 26 September 2018, accrued interest for the period from 1 January 2018 to 26 September 2018 totalled £10.5m (2017: £10.6m). The investor loan note has a termination date of January 2026.

Interest rate hedge

The interest rate hedge is against the old senior secured floating rate bond of £100.0m with an effective date from 15 November 2016 and a termination date of 15 August 2019. The pay rate of the hedge is fixed at 0.376% and the receive rate of the hedge floats to LIBOR.

At 26 September 2018, the fair value of the hedge was £0.6m (2017: £1.0m).

Swaption

On 30 June 2017, Travelodge entered into a swaption in relation to the new senior secured floating stering denominated notes of £165m.

The swaption commences on 15 May 2019 and terminates on 15 May 2021. If, on 15 May 2019, LIBOR is greater than 1.5%, Travelodge will receive a cash settlement on the difference between LIBOR and 1.5% on £100m to cover a portion of the scheduled quarterly payments on the floating rate notes of £165m, up to 15 May 2021.

If, on 15 May 2019, LIBOR is less than 1.5%, the product will not be activated and will expire.

At 26 September 2018, the fair value of the swaption was £0.1m.

12 PROVISIONS

	Unaudited Period ended 26 Sep 2018	Unaudited Period ended 27 Sep 2017
	£m	£m
At 1 January	(23.0)	(23.2)
Cash spend	8.7	2.2
Unwinding of discount on provisions	(0.6)	(0.6)
Foreign exchange rate movement	(0.0)	(0.1)
At 26 September 2018 / 27 September 2017	(14.9)	(21.7)
The balance can be analysed as:		
Due in less than one year	(1.2)	(1.7)
Due in greater than one year	(13.7)	(20.0)
-	(14.9)	(21.7)

A discount rate of 4% (2017: 4%) being the pre-tax risk free rate adjusted for property risk is used to calculate the net present value of the provisions.

Provisions of £14.9m can be analysed as: onerous lease provisions of £1.7m relating to future rent and rates liabilities on sub leased historic restaurant units, £9.8m relating to seven UK hotels and two Spanish hotels where it is considered improbable that trading profits will be generated within a period of 7 years and £3.4m of other provisions.

On 7th September 2018, Travelodge surrendered the lease of its Gatwick Airport hotel (one of two hotels leased at the airport). This resulted in the release of a provision of £6.8m.

Onerous lease provisions relate to the future discounted cash outflow in relation to certain rent and rates liabilities where no economic benefit is expected to accrue to the Group. These provisions have an average lease term of 15 years and have been discounted at a pre-tax risk free rate of 4.0% (2017: 4.0%).

13 NOTE TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Unaudited Period ended 26 Sep 2018 £m	Unaudited Period ended 27 Sep 2017 £m
Operating profit	50.2	48.3
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	30.8	25.5
Amortisation of other intangible assets	12.5	12.3
·	43.3	37.8
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	93.5	86.1
Movement in inventory	(0.1)	_
Movement in receivables	(16.0)	(11.5)
Movement in payables	32.8	31.4
Movement in provisions	(8.7)	(2.2)
Total working capital movement (1)	8.0	17.7
Cash flows from operating activities	101.5	103.8

^{1.} Working capital movement of £8.0m (2017: £17.7m) is after exceptional outflows of £7.1m (2017: outflows of £2.8m) and after rent free adjustment of £1.4m (2017: £1.9m). Working capital movement in "Memorandum - Analysis of free cash flow" on page 19 is stated before exceptional movements and before rent free adjustment.