

# **INTERIM RESULTS**

6 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2018

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Appendix 1 summarises our business for those new to the Curtis Banks Group

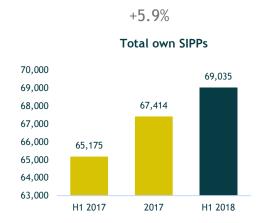
### **HIGHLIGHTS**

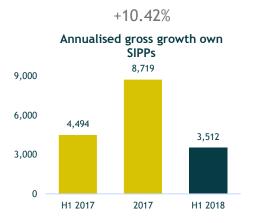
- Revenue increased 7.5%
- Adjusted profit before tax increased 16%
- New SIPP product on schedule to launch in 2018
- Enhanced sales structure in place to capitalise on organic growth opportunities
- Reprioritising systems review to enhance digital functionality and user experience
- Margin enhancement on track
- Investing for organic growth, alert to selective acquisition opportunities

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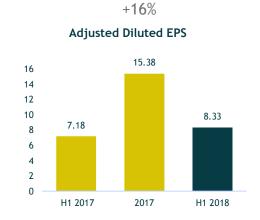
### **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**













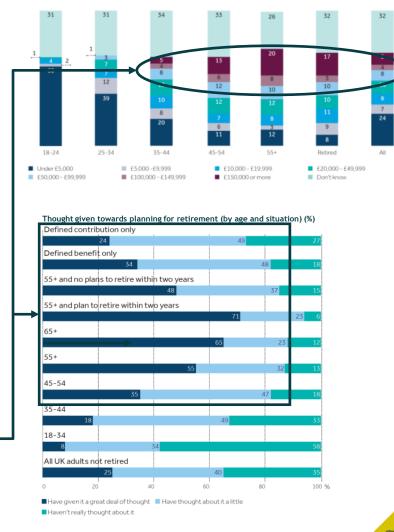
Percentage changes based on H1 2017 vs H1 2018, other than growth in own SIPPs

Baby boomer generation continues to strongly align with our target market, delivering quality, long term revenue organic growth opportunities.

- A demographic with proven pension wealth
- · Strong propensity to seek financial advice
- Acute awareness of the need for retirement planning and their own pension provision
- SIPP market almost doubled (98%) in volume since pension freedoms, showing a trend to SIPPs
- Growth opportunity is to capitalise on the trend to quality



Current size of total defined contribution pension savings by age (adults with defined contribution pension(s) they have not yet accessed) (%)





# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

# PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

Profit and Loss (£'000)	H1 2017	H1 2018	% Change		
Revenue:					84% recurring fe
Fee income	16,873	17,772	5.3		
Interest income	4,489	5,188	15.6	4	Favourable conc
Total revenue	21,362	22,960	<i>7</i> .5		movement in total
Administrative expenses:					
Staff costs	10,352	10,918	5.5		
Property costs	865	848	(1.9)		
Operational costs	4,873	5,174	6.2		
Total administrative expenses	16,090	16,940	5.2		
Adjusted Operating profit	5,272	6,020	14.2		Increase in Ac
Adjusted operating margin	24.7	26.2	150bps		
Finance Costs (net)	266	179	(4.0)		
Adjusted profit before tax	5,006	5,841	16.7		
Non Recurring Costs	364	357	(3.9)		
Amortisation	561	706	26		
Profit before tax	4,081	4,778	17.1		
Tax	807	770	(4.6)		
Total comprehensive income	3,274	4,008	22.4		

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> Adjusted Margin

# **BALANCE SHEET**

Balance Sheet (£'000)	H1 2017	H1 2018	
Intangible Assets	46,937	43,910	
Property Plant and Equipment	1,079	1,171	
Deferred Consideration	(1,010)	(602)	SIPP annual fees received in advance
Deferred Income	(10,810)	(11,255)	
Borrowings	(19,120)	(16,005)	Net Cash of £5.9m
Net Current Assets	3,227	7,033	(2017: £3.6m)
Cash	22,768	21,929	
Net Assets	43,071	46,181	Strong cash balances
Share Capital + Share Premium	33,693	33,720	
Retained Earnings + Option Reserve	9,378	12,461	
Shareholder's Equity	43,071	46,181	

# **CASH FLOWS**

Cash flows (£'000)	H1 2017	H1 2018
Profit before tax	4,081	4,778
Adjustments for non cash flow expenses	976	1,221
Adjustments for interest expenses	293	226
Changes in working capital	956	(4,009)
Tax paid	(524)	(625)
Net cash flows from operating activities	5,782	1,591
Purchase of intangible assets	(56)	(23)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(255)	(282)
Purchase of treasury shares	(250)	(498)
Consideration paid on business acquisitions	(452)	(193)
Net cash flows from investing activities	(1,013)	(996)
Equity dividends paid	(1,610)	(2,557)
Net movement in borrowings	(1,579)	(1,579)
Net interest paid	(267)	(203)
Net cash flows from financing activities	(3,456)	(4,339)
Net increase in cash	1,313	(3,744)

## Principle timing differences on cash flows include:

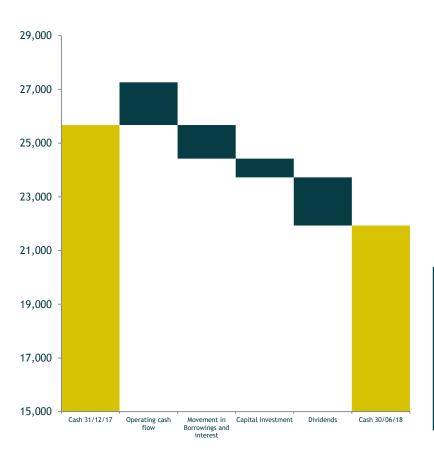
- Increase of £1.2m in accrued interest on deposits
- Settlement of accrued office closure costs of £0.7m
- Increase in fees receivable £0.8m
- Secured pre-funds £0.5m
- Increased bonus payments £0.5m

Positive cash flows

Employee Benefit Trust loans

Debt repaid in line with terms

### DISTRIBUTION OF CASH FLOW AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT



(£'000)	H1 2017	2017	H1 2018
EBITDA	5,221	10,107	6,320
Operating cash flow	5,732	12,107	1,591
Movement in Borrowings and interest	(1,346)	(3,662)	(1,782)
Capital Investment	(1,013)	(1,841)	(996)
New Equity	0	27	0
Dividends	(1,610)	(2,413)	(2,557)
Free cash flow	1,313	4,218	(3,744)

### Cash flow in H1 2018 includes:

- Working capital movements of £4m
- Increase in equity dividends paid of £0.9m
- Loan of £0.5m to Employee Benefit Trust



# SIPP PROPOSITION

## **OUR CURRENT SIPP PROPOSITION** Average revenue per SIPP 2017 full year results excluding bank interest 20,281 Full SIPPs £951 £947 25,597 Mid SIPPs £394 £387 23,157 eSIPPs £132 £126 Other SIPP 8,517 £278 £274 administration\*

<sup>\*</sup> Fee underpins reduce significant variation

### MOVEMENT OF SIPPS

H1 2018	Full SIPPS	Mid SIPPs	eSIPPs	Total own SIPPs	Third Party Administered	Total
Gross organic growth rate *	3.60%	13.26%	13.56%	10.42%	0.77%	9.28%
SIPPs added organically	370	1,637	1,505	3,512	35	3,547
SIPPs lost through attrition	(628)	(722)	(541)	(1,891)	(578)	(2,469)
Attrition rate *	6.12%	5.85%	4.88%	5.61%	12.76%	6.46%
Total SIPPs	20,955 20,539 20,281 2016 2017 H1 2018	22,682 25,597 22,097 2016 2017 H1 2018	22,193 23,157 19,428 2016 2017 H1 2018	67,414 69,035 62,480 2017 H1 2018	9,060 8,517 2016 2017 H1 2018	77,552 76,474 72,983 2016 2017 H1 2018

<sup>\*</sup> Organic growth and attrition rates are annualised and based on the number of SIPPs at the beginning of the year

The simplicity and scale of our business model position us well to face the regulatory and key risks facing the wider industry.

	Key industry risks	Opportunities & mitigations		
•	Ongoing regulatory scrutiny of the SIPP market	No negative strategic impact foreseen from current direction		
•	Claims and legal action against non-standard assets	<ul> <li>Robust historic and current controls puts us in a strong position. Advisers likely to turn away from providers with legacy liabilities</li> </ul>		
•	Pressure from inflationary costs and lower cost simpler products	Driving higher value organic growth with restructured sales division, and diversifying revenue with complementary property services		
•	In specie contributions as an industry-wide issue with unknown outcome	Limited exposure		
•	Slowdown of DB-DC transfers may catalyse a broader slowdown in transfers	<ul> <li>Low reliance on DB transfers for organic growth, embedded long term high value relationships with key distributers</li> </ul>		



# PROGRESSING OUR STRATEGY

### FIVE KEY DELIVERABLES BEFORE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

We continue to deliver our strategic activities as planned, in a controlled and sustainable manner...

## 5 key deliverables

- New product in final development, launching 2018, other products rationalised
- Sales structure in place, fully resourced ready for new product
- New digital solutions for new product, with enhanced user experience
- Enhanced property services extended
- GDPR compliance successfully delivered

... to deliver the pathway towards attaining our sustainable target margin.

### KEY STAGES TO DRIVING ORGANIC GROWTH







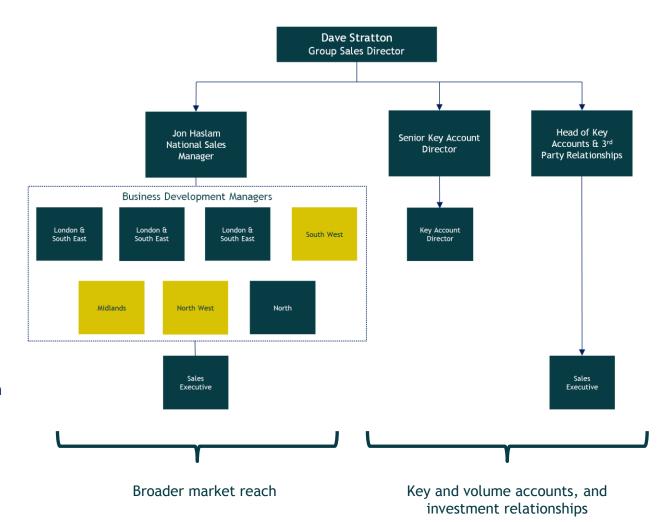
National Group sales team

Enhanced user experience and digital journey

New single product in Curtis Banks brand

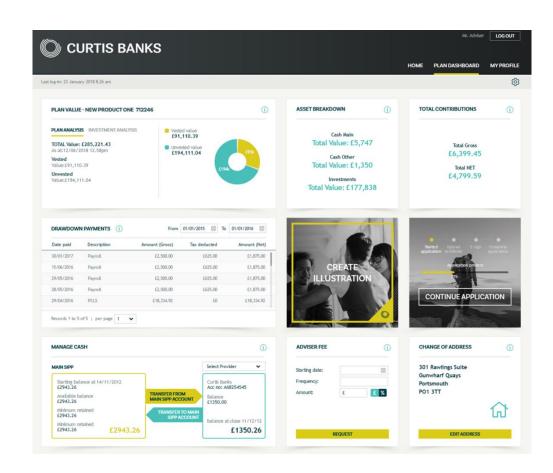
### **NEW SALES STRUCTURE**

- Key appointments H2 2018
- 4 of 7 Business Development Managers in place
- £800,000 full year costs from H2 2018
- Delivers:
  - Full nationwide coverage
  - Access to new advisers and distributors
  - Greater market penetration



#### ENHANCED DIGITAL EXPERIENCE AND ONLINE FEATURES

- Existing websites decommissioned and replaced with redesigned Group site
- New Group site repurposed as brochureware to support growth
- New secure site experience supports:
  - New business quotes and applications
  - Enhanced client management
  - Enhanced asset management
  - Superior user experience
- Delivers administration efficiencies for users and the Group, supporting client retention
- Directly supports our new product
- A reprioritised systems delivery



# Your Future SIPP

Focussed pension administration, by Curtis Banks

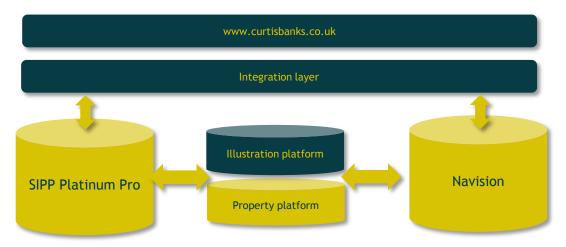


- Delivery method demonstrates the depth of integration across the Group
- Removes internal competition and external market confusion
- Modular, competitive pricing
- Branded Curtis Banks, other products moved to heritage status
- Great personal service delivered by experienced account managers
- Directly supported by new online portal, delivering enhanced efficiency and digital experience



#### SYSTEMS REVIEW UPDATE

- We have reprioritised our systems review, investing £300,000 on the front end portal for end H2 2018 delivery
- The reprioritisation enables our new product to benefit from a superior web front end to support organic growth
- Delivers enhanced user experience without change to existing systems
- New SIPP proposition written to Navision
- Platinum Pro upgrade deprioritised until 2019
- No changes to anticipated costs or risks



Delivered or delivering as part of new product launch

### ENHANCED PROPERTY SERVICES

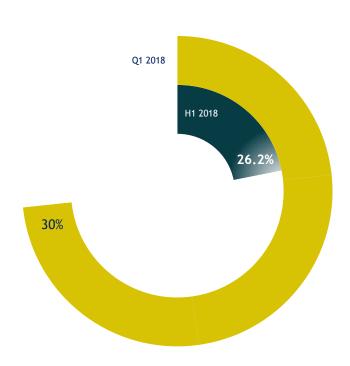
- Unique diversification within a focussed market
- Rivergate SRA approval received and trading commenced May 2018
- Rivergate revenues growing, with positive contribution expected in 2019



- Templemead lead valuer in place
- Key commercial contracts in place and benefitting other Group property activities



### PATHWAY TO MARGIN ENHANCEMENT



### Margin enhancement progress

### Margin enhancement progressing to plan



### SUMMARY & OUTLOOK

- Strong H1 trading results
- On track for launch of new product, backed by enhanced sales team
- Investing for growth, pursuing acquisitions
- Further improvement in margin as we grow our top line and achieve operational efficiencies
- Market for the right SIPP providers remains compelling
- We are well positioned to deliver strong medium term growth
- 2.0p interim dividend for the year (2017: 1.5p)

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# **APPENDIX 1**

#### ABOUT CURTIS BANKS GROUP

A market leading SIPP administrator combining strong organic growth with accretive acquisitions

77,552 SIPPs 570 staff Experienced leadership

Strong cash generation with predictable earnings

Long term client relationships, typically 20+ years

Transparent and focussed business model with stable organic growth and no exposure to advice risks

Sole focus on SIPP administration

Non-advisory

No direct to consumer distribution or risk

Revenue driven by administration volume

The largest dedicated SIPP provider in the UK, with over 6,000 commercial properties

Full, mid and eSIPPs provided

Third party administration and partnerships

All new business via intermediaries

Fixed fees, no investment exposure

Delivering on a strategic plan to yield continued revenue growth and improved margins

Clear plan for next stage of growth

Targeting revenue growth

Enhanced capability for future organic and acquisitive growth

Realised benefits of past acquisitions

# **OUR STRATEGY**

5 KEY
STRATEGIC
OBJECTIVES

**ENHANCE REVENUE** 

**GENERATION**Deliver a wider range of services

to enhance value and meet

consequent benefit to revenue

customer needs with a

## MEET CHANGING CUSTOMER NEEDS

Adapting to the changing needs of the UK population and regulatory environment to be the SIPP provider of choice both pre and post retirement.

## DRIVE EFFICIENCY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Continue technology advances appropriate to the business to deliver improved margins through efficiency and improved service to customers.

## ROBUST AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODEL

Market leading governance, capitalisation and robust systems to ensure a sustainable long term business and confidence for our business partners, customers and shareholders.

## CAPITALISE ON THE RIGHT GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Focus on profitable areas of organic market growth and selective acquisitions of well-aligned books or businesses, with a clear business identity.



# **SIMPLICITY**

Simple, scalable business model

# **STABILITY**

Predictable annuity-style repeat revenue

# **GROWTH**

Strong organic growth

# **STRENGTH**

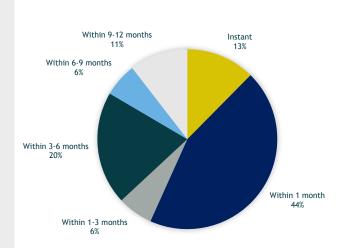
Strong governance and management

- New business introduced by quality advisory firms with longstanding relationships
- No advice risk exposure
- Revenue enhancements and operating efficiencies will deliver higher margins
- Long term client relationships, typically 20+ years
- Fixed fees and reliable cash generation
- No direct to consumer distribution or risk
- Gross new organic growth rate of 9%
- One of the largest operators with an excellent reputation
- Scope for further acquisitions to increase scale
- Highly experienced leadership
- Well capitalised
- Strong senior management

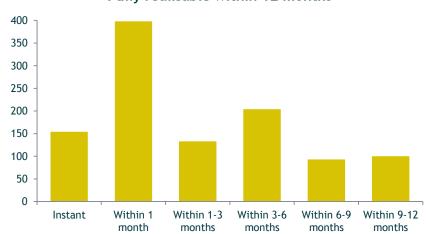
Our pooled banking system enables us to place SIPP money, under a tightly governed framework, in a diverse range of deposits.

### Total SIPP cash balance £1.1bn

### **Deposit tranches**



### Fully realisable within 12 months



Future interest rate increases will not meaningfully impact Group operational revenue as clients will share in any uplift in bank base rate.

# APPENDIX 2

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - SPLIT BETWEEN INSURANCE POLICYHOLDERS AND THE GROUP'S SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

Statement of Comprehensive income (£'000)	Group	Policyholder	Shareholder
Revenue	137,977	115,017	22,960
Administrative expenses	(131,957)	(115,017)	(16,940)
Finance costs (net)	(179)	0	(179)
Adjusted Profit Before Tax	5,841	0	5,841
Non-recurring costs	(357)	0	(357)
Amortisation	(706)	0	(706)
Profit before tax	4,778	0	4,778
Tax	(770)	0	(770)
Total comprehensive income	4,008	0	4,008

# BALANCE SHEET - SPLIT BETWEEN INSURANCE POLICYHOLDERS AND THE GROUP'S SHAREHOLDERS AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

Balance Sheet (£'000)	Group	Policyholder	Shareholder
Intangible Assets	43,910	0	43,910
Property Plant and Equipment	3,263,141	3,261,970	1,171
Investments			
Deferred Consideration	(602)	0	(602)
Deferred Income	(18,600)	(7,345)	(11,255)
Borrowings	(89,397)	(73,392)	(16,005)
Net Current Assets	7,189	156	7,033
Cash	427,256	405,327	21,929
Non-participating insurance contracts	(3,586,716)	(3,586,716)	0
Net Assets	46,181	0	46,181
Share Capital	33,720	0	33,720
Retained Earnings + Option Reserve	12,461	0	12,461
Shareholder's Equity	46,181	0	46,181

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - SPLIT BETWEEN INSURANCE POLICYHOLDERS AND THE GROUP'S SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

Cash flows from operating activities (£'000)	Group total	Policyholder	Shareholder
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Profit before tax	4,778		4,778
Adjustment for non cash flow expenses	1,006		1,006
Adjustment for interest expense	215		215
Adjustment for share based payment expense	226		226
Policyholder adjustments	20,460	20,460	0
Changes in working capital and tax paid	(9,786)	(5,152)	(4,634)
Net cash flows from operating activities	16,899	15,308	1,591
Purchase of intangible assets	(23)		(23)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment (net)	(19,367)	(19,085)	(282)
Purchase of treasury shares	(498)	0	(498)
Net cash flows from acquisitions	(193)	0	(193)
Net cash flows from investing activities	(20,081)	(19,085)	(996)
Equity dividends paid	(2,557)	0	(2,557)
Net decrease in borrowings	(4,651)	(3,072)	(1,579)
Interest paid	(203)	0	(203)
Net cash flows from financing activities	(7,411)	(3,072)	(4,339)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(10,593)	(6,849)	(3,744)

# YOUR BOARD

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Will Self

Chris Macdonald

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Founder & strategic adviser to the Board

