

# Location Quality Flexibility

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**CLS Holdings plc** Full year results 2021

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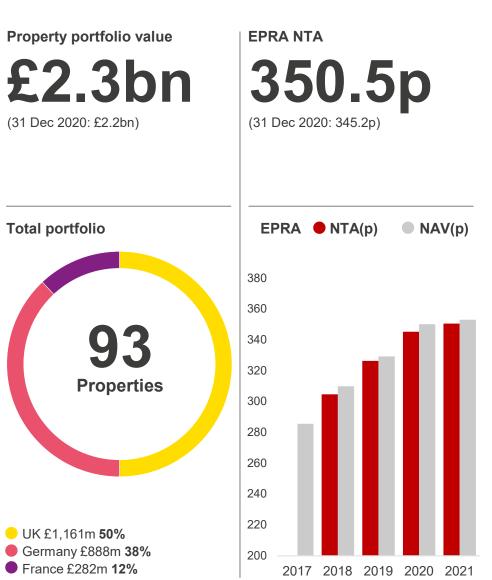
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Spring Mews, London

# Finishing strongly in 2021

- Strong H2 momentum, 40% of full year leasing transactions in Q4
- Valuations up 1.6% in local currency
- EPRA NTA up 1.5% to 350.5p. IFRS NAV up 4.7%
- Consistently high collection rate of 99% from diversified, high quality tenant base
- EPRA EPS down to 11.3p (31 Dec 2020: 12.2p) due to vacancy and FX. IFRS EPS up 54.2% from UK REIT conversion
- Launched Net Zero Carbon Pathway; increased PV capacity 112%
- 85% of debt fixed, over 50% of rent index-linked
- Full year dividend up 2.0% to 7.70p per share. Policy to be reviewed following REIT conversion
- Excellent growth opportunities within the portfolio



# Total valuation movement +1.6%

### UK

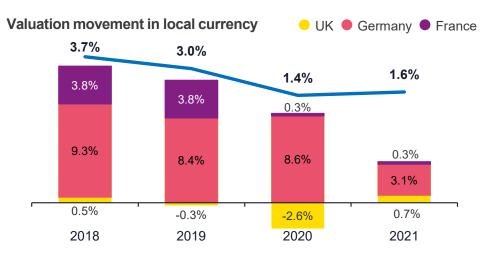
- Total valuation up 0.7%, driven by government leases and London development opportunities
  - ERV up 1.3%
  - Equivalent yield down 19bps to 5.5%

### Germany

- Total valuation up 3.1%, driven by favourable letting activity driving higher rents
  - ERV up 0.6%
  - Equivalent yield down 3bps to 4.4%

### France

- Total valuation up 0.3% due to vacancy reduction and development opportunities
  - ERV down 1.6% (flat excl. Veolia letting)
  - Equivalent yield down 20bps to 5.0%



UK	Germany	France	Group
0.7%	3.1%	0.3%	1.6%
0.7%	4.4%	0.3%	1.9%
1.3%	0.6%	-1.6%	0.7%
5.5%	4.4%	5.0%	5.0%
-19bps	-3bps	-20bps	-18bps
5.4%	7.4%	3.0%	5.8%
-50bps	+380bps	-210bps	+70bps
	0.7% 0.7% 1.3% 5.5% -19bps 5.4%	0.7%     4.4%       1.3%     0.6%       5.5%     4.4%       -19bps     -3bps       5.4%     7.4%	0.7%         3.1%         0.3%           0.7%         4.4%         0.3%           1.3%         0.6%         -1.6%           5.5%         4.4%         5.0%           -19bps         -3bps         -20bps           5.4%         7.4%         3.0%

<sup>1</sup> Local currency <sup>2</sup> Excluding additions

## Active portfolio management



### 2021

### Acquisitions

6 properties, £164.8m, NIY 3.9% 6.1% reversionary contracted rent £7.1m

### UK

• Radius House, Watford

#### Germany

- FleXion, Berlin
- The Brix, Essen
- Hansaallee, Düsseldorf
- Storkower Strasse, Berlin
- Wendenstrasse, Hamburg

### **Disposals**

8 properties, £37.4m, NIY 4.8% contracted rent £2.3m

### UK

- Atholl House, Aberdeen
- Quest House, Hounslow
- Falcon House, Hounslow

#### Germany

- Frohbösestrasse, Hamburg
- Kreuzberger Ring, Wiesbaden

#### France

- · Gennevilliers, Paris
- · Leclerc, Paris
- La Madeleine, Lille

### £37.4m

### 2022 to date

### Acquisitions

2 properties, £75.7m, NIY 5.1% 5.6% reversionary contracted rent £4.1m

£75.7m

£164.8m

### Germany

- Düsseldorf
- Dortmund

Completion - April 2022

### **Disposals**

2 properties, £10.1m, NIY 6.0% contracted rent £0.8m

### UK

- Kings House, Bromley
- Crosspoint House, Wallington

Completion - January & March 2022

### £10.1m

# Financials & Occupiers

Andrew Kirkman Chief Financial Officer



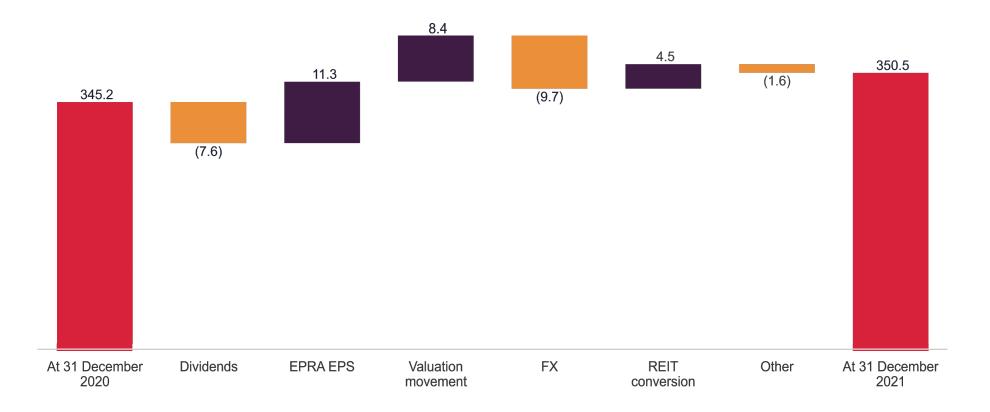
# **Summary of key metrics**

ерга NTA <b>350.5</b> р	ерка ерз <b>11.3р</b>	<ul> <li>EPS (pence)</li> <li>EPRA EPS (pence)</li> </ul>	38.7	30.5	33.3		29.3
(31 Dec 2020: 345.2p) +1.5%	(31 Dec 2020: 12.2p) -7.4%		12.6	13.1	12.0	19.0 12.2	11.3
			2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cost of debt	Weighted debt maturity	Cost of debt (%)	2.51	2.43	2.42		
<b>2,22%</b> (31 Dec 2020: 2.28%) -6bps	<b>4.4 years</b> (31 Dec 2020: 4.6 years) -0.2 years			2.40	2.42	2.28	2.22
			2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total proposed dividend	Total accounting return <b>3.7%</b>	Distributions (£m)	25.9 17.5	28.1 19.1	30.1 20.5	30.8 21.2	31.4 21.8
(31 Dec 2020: 7.55p) <b>+2.0%</b>	(31 Dec 2020: 8.1%) -440bps		8.4	9.0 2018	9.6	9.6 2020	9.6 <b>2021</b>

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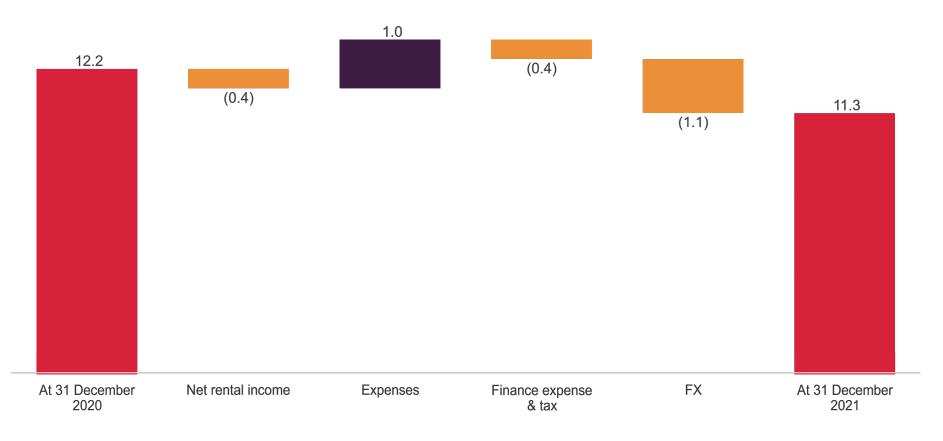
## **Increase driven by valuations and earnings**

Movement in EPRA NTA (pence per share)



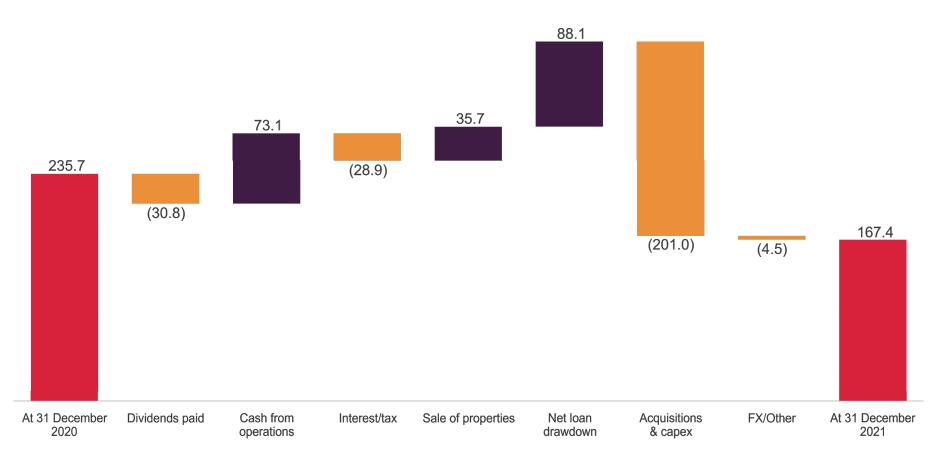
## **Improving momentum impacted by FX**

Movement in EPRA EPS (pence per share)



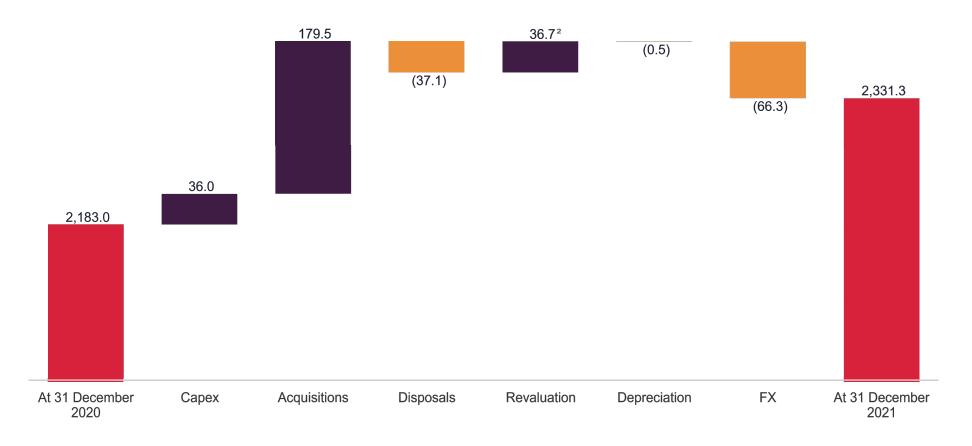
## **Strong cash position whilst continuing to invest**

Movement in liquid resources (£m)



## **Growth through acquisitions & investment**

Movement in property portfolio<sup>1</sup> (£m)



<sup>1</sup> Comprises investment property, PPE and properties held for sale

<sup>2</sup> Includes movement in rent free debtor of £2.7m

# Sustainable debt management

### Preserving debt maturity, low interest rates

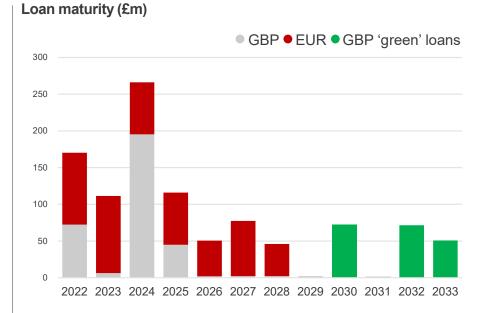
- Debt maturity 4.4 years (31 Dec 2020: 4.6 years)
- Cost of debt 2.22% (31 Dec 2020: 2.28%)
- 3.2x interest cover ratio (31 Dec 2020: 3.3x)

### Financed/refinanced £196.7m of debt at 1.62%

- £61.7m at 2.65% and €160.6m at 1.16%
- £172.8m fixed at 1.70%
- Portfolio has 85% fixed and 15% floating debt

### Long term and sustainably-linked financing

- £61.7m Scottish Widows 12-year ESG loan
- Rate of 2.65% inclusive of 10bps incentive for achieving sustainability targets



	UK	Germany	France	Group
Drawn debt (£m)	525.1	394.0	118.4	1,037.5
Number of loans	11	23	13	47
Loan-to-value	44.9%	44.2%	41.6%	37.1% <sup>1</sup>
Cost of debt	3.05%	1.29%	1.65%	2.22%
Years to maturity	5.0	3.5	2.7	4.4

<sup>1</sup>Includes centrally held cash of £167.4m

**Occupiers** 

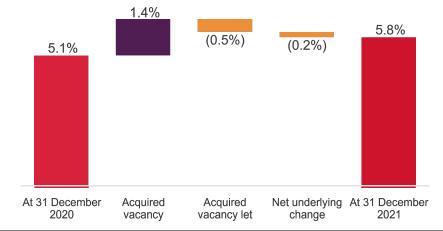
# **Securing income**

# 125 deals secured £12.9m of annual rent 0.4% above ERV

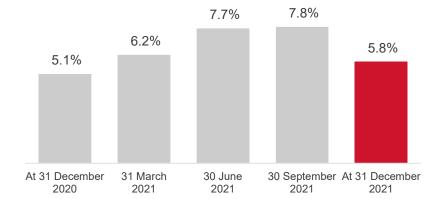
(31 Dec 2020:116 deals secured £13.6m of annual rent 8.2% above ERV)



Change in EPRA vacancy 2021

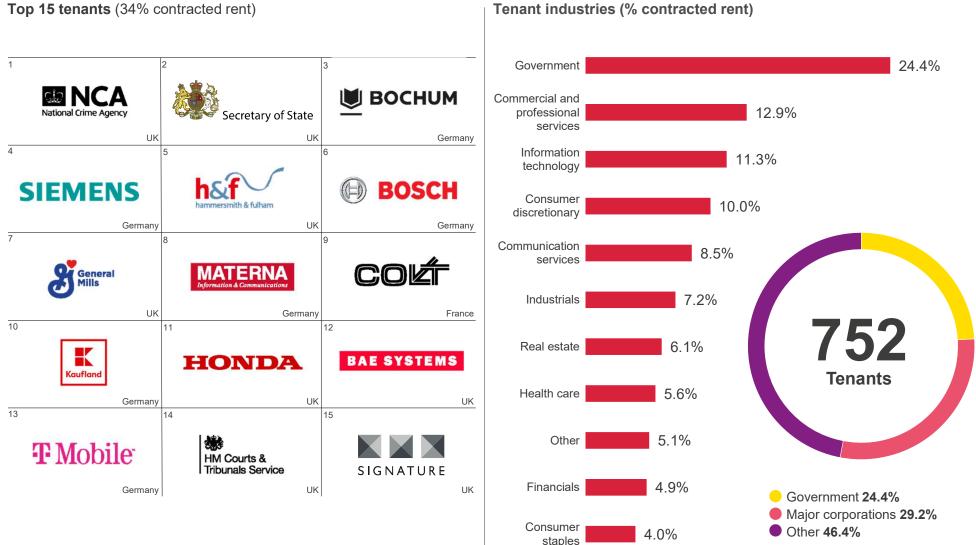






**Occupiers** 

# **High quality tenant base**



**Tenant industries (% contracted rent)** 

### Occupiers

# **Over 50% of Group rent indexed**



## Percentage of rental income-index linked **28%**

- Leases are not generally index-linked
- Leases > 5 years generally subject to upwards only open market rent review every 5 years
- Spring Gardens lease subject to RPIX
- Other indexed leases reference RPI or CPI

### Percentage of rental income index-linked 64%

- Majority of leases linked to German CPI (Verbraucherpreisindex) published by Federal Statistical Office Germany
- Subject to "hurdle" after which inflation is added to lease, typically 5% cumulative from lease commencement
- Leases not indexed are generally subject to annual stepped rents

## Percentage of rental income index-linked 100%

- All leases subject to annual review using the Tertiary Activities Rent Index (indice des loyers des activités tertiaries – ILAT)
- Published by the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE)

# **Portfolio & Sustainability**

Fredrik Widlund Chief Executive Officer

**Bellevue**, Paris

### Portfolio

# **Location Quality Flexibility**

### Location

- Proven and successful location criteria in large cities with good transportation links
- Property lot size growing to justify changing requirements

### Quality

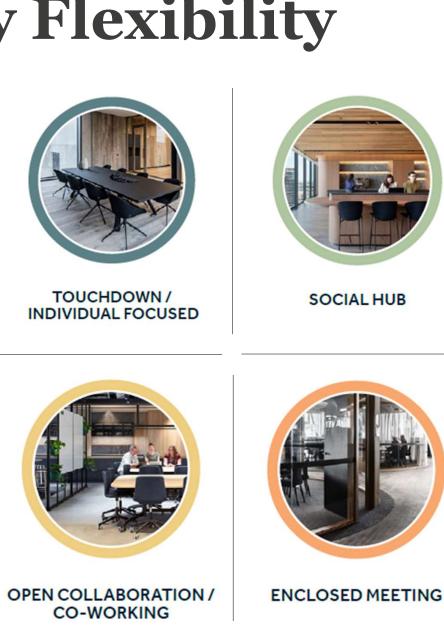
- Enhanced amenities (showers, lockers, gyms, café, outside space) and technology (BMS apps, air quality monitoring)
- 15 refurbishment projects in UK, 12 in Germany and 4 in France. Over £22m of capex for 2022

### Flexibility

- To meet tenant demand for flexibility, we offer varying lease lengths and expansion space for existing occupiers
- Flexible plug and play "Base Offices" in 5 UK locations, Germany next

Building tenant survey 2021:

- 78% have a high level of overall satisfaction
- 74% felt well-supported during Covid



### Portfolio

# **Major projects**

Vauxhall Walk, "Coade" London



Prescot Street, "Artesian" London



Park Avenue, Lyon



- New build 28,500 sq. ft energy efficient commercial office over 10 floors
- Roof terraces with views to the City and Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens
- No fossil fuels, Hybrid VRF, openable windows and fresh air at 14lp/s
- Galliford Try are constructing at pace, concrete superstructure has now reached fourth floor. PC due Q1 2023
- Financials: total investment of £18m, ERV £1.5m, profit on cost c.20%

- Refurbishment work now encompasses the entire 94,000 sq. ft building
- Slight increases in NIA and an additional 1,000 sq. ft of roof terrace
- No fossil fuels, Hybrid VRF, Bi-Polar UV, openable windows and fresh air at 14lp/s
- BW Interiors are making good progress onsite. PC due Q2 2023
- Financials: total investment of £29m, ERV £4.9m, profit on cost of over 20%

- Refurbishment of 75,700 sq. ft office creating additional 2,300 sq. ft of space
- Complete façade and window replacement improving insulation and acoustics
- Targeting a DPE (EPC equivalent) improvement from G to B
- Sud Architect proceeding on time. PC due Q4 2022
- Financials: total investment of €11m, ERV €1.6m, profit on cost of over 20%

### Sustainability

# Progress in 2021

- New Sustainability Strategy launched in August 2021
- Net Zero Carbon Pathway to 2030 published and investment into identified sustainability initiatives started. Fully costed at £58m, est. 20% recovery
- Largest ever PV installation at Pacific House, Reading with a capacity of c.200kWp
- Over 50 small / medium energy efficiency projects delivered to improve buildings
- GRESB score increased from 72 to 85/100 and awarded 4 out 5 green stars

### <sup>1</sup>kWp to kWh

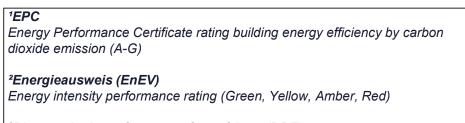
When the solar PV panels are operating, they will convert the sun's radiance into electrical energy, which is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh). PV panels with a peak power of 270kWp which are working at maximum capacity for one hour will produce 270kWh.

**Proportion of Group** Sustainability-linked loans electricity from renewables as proportion of Group debt 92% 21% Solar PV electricity generated Waste diverted from landfill (kWh)<sup>1</sup> 100% 469,411 GRESB score (/100) Solar PV capacity installed (kWp)<sup>1</sup> 933 85 72 70 63 56 440 305 283 104 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2017 2018 2020 2019 2021

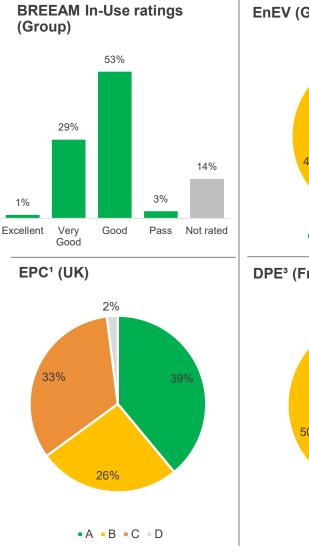
### Sustainability

# **Portfolio ratings**

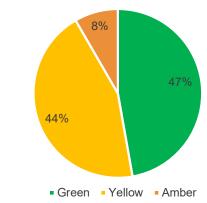
- 2030 Zero Carbon Pathway aligned with minimum energy efficiency standards
  - EPC B in the UK (already 2023 compliant)
  - **DPE E in France**
  - Monitoring changing regulatory landscape in Germany but low average age of portfolio and high current rating
- Undertaken Group wide BREEAM In-Use assessments (environmental impact assessment method for non-domestic buildings)



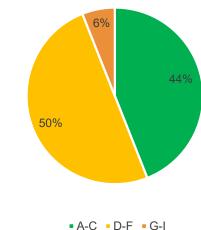
<sup>3</sup>Diagnostic de performance énergétique (DPE) Energy intensity performance rating (A-I)



### **EnEV** (Germany)



**DPE<sup>3</sup>** (France)



# Markets and Outlook

Fredrik Widlund Chief Executive Officer

### Markets

# **CLS view**



- UK economic growth and Covid approach driving real estate market confidence
- UK occupiers recognise the office as essential part of their overall business strategy
- Lack of liquidity and investments for quality South East offices
- Leasing activity improving for the right assets, positive momentum expected to continue

- Strong, diversified economy, now with increasing government spending, GDP returning to pre-pandemic levels
- Monitoring energy dependency impact
- Lending conditions and bank appetite for new business remain
- Favourable supply and demand dynamics in the office market
- Leasing activity and demand positive we are seeing this continue in 2022

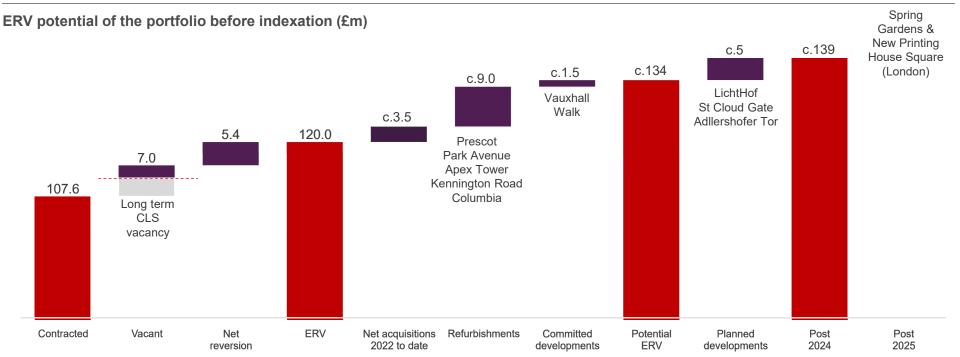
- Paris CBD vacancy low, parts of Paris challenging with supply imbalances, especially La Défense
- Lyon performing strongly, low vacancy and rental growth
- Demand for smaller space <1,000 sqm holding-up well, benefitting CLS
- Commercial property transaction volumes low
- Leasing activities and demand expected to remain at current levels for 2022

Outlook

# **Driving portfolio growth**

- Strong H2 2021 momentum, 40% of full year leasing transactions in Q4
- Vacancy reductions, reversions and net acquisitions
   Longer term development opportunities in central will drive rental income growth in 2022
- Over 50% of the portfolio index-linked, driving further rental upside

- Significant medium-term upside from refurbishment and developments
- London



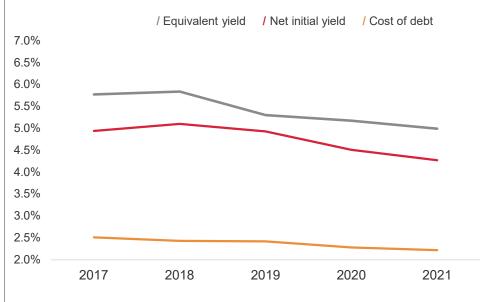
### Outlook

# **Key takeaways**

- Robust 2021 financial delivery, strong H2 performance resulting from resilient strategy and business model
- Valuations up 1.6% in local currency, earnings impacted by vacancy and FX. High collection rate at 99%
- Launched Net Zero Carbon Pathway and more than doubled our PV capacity
- Significant portfolio upside from vacancy reduction, reversion, indexation, refurbishments and developments, and recently exchanged acquisitions
- Location, quality and flexibility: CLS' properties are well positioned for future working patterns and tenant demand



#### Net initial yield vs. cost of debt



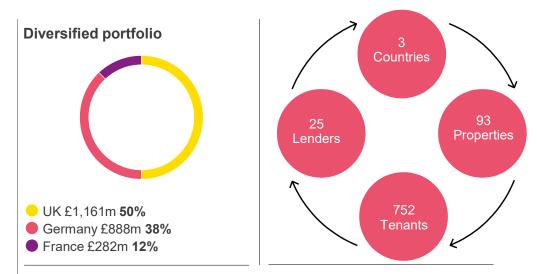


# Appendic

Front de Parc, Lyon

# Overview

- CLS Holdings plc is a FTSE 250 property investment company which has been listed on the London Stock Exchange since 1994
- We are a supportive, progressive and sustainably focused commercial landlord that specialises in owning and managing office buildings, with a range of lease lengths, in order to achieve stable cash flows
- We operate in London and the South East of the UK, and in the larger cities in Germany and France
- Our investments are based on our long term vision, continuously modernising our portfolio into viable, future-focused and sustainable properties



### Top 10 shareholders

As at 16 March 2022

The Sten and Karin Mortstedt Family and Charity Trust	51.5%
Mr Bengt Mortstedt	6.5%
BlackRock	4.0%
BMO Global Asset Management	4.0%
Janus Henderson Group	3.3%
Invesco	1.9%
abrdn	1.9%
AXA	1.9%
Vanguard	1.6%
Amati Global Investors	1.5%

**EPRA NAV** (pence)

126.8

2013

# Long-term growth

353.0

2013

2012

2014

2015

2016

350.1

329.2

309.8

2018

2019

2020

2021

285.6

2017

245.6

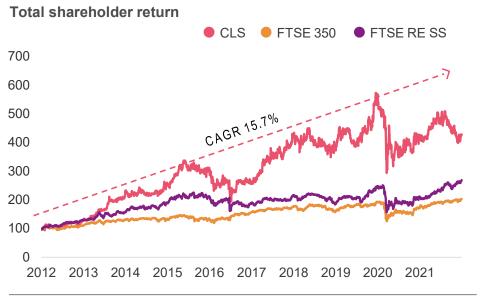
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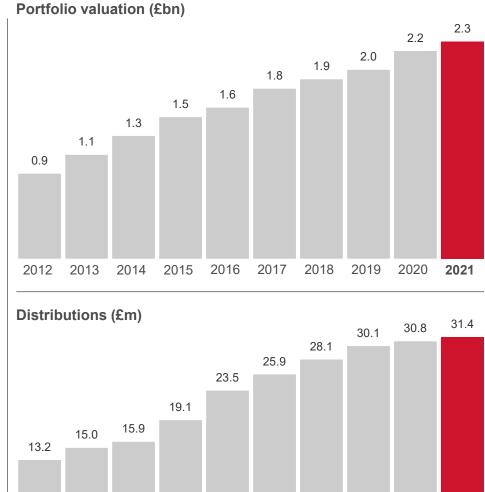
208.3

2015

177.4

2014





2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

115.4

2012

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Percentage of Group's property interests

Number of properties

Number of tenants

EPRA vacancy rate

Lettable space

Government and major corporates

Weighted average lease length to end

m	
£1,160.9m	
50%	
44	4
227	
5.4%	
2.0m sq. ft	
64.6%	U
4.3 years	U La Sa Bi Ta



### **United Kingdom properties**

London	33
South East	10
Birmingham	1
Total	44

# Germany

Value of property portfolio

Percentage of Group's property interests

Number of properties

Number of tenants

EPRA vacancy rate

Lettable space

Government and major corporates

Weighted average lease length to end

£888.0m	
38%	
31	
367	
7.4%	
3.5m sq. ft	
40.5%	Germany pr Hamburg Munich
5.0 years	Berlin Stuttgart Dusseldorf



Bochum

3 Essen

Total

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## France

Value of property portfolio

Percentage of Group's property interests

Number of properties

Number of tenants

EPRA vacancy rate

Lettable space

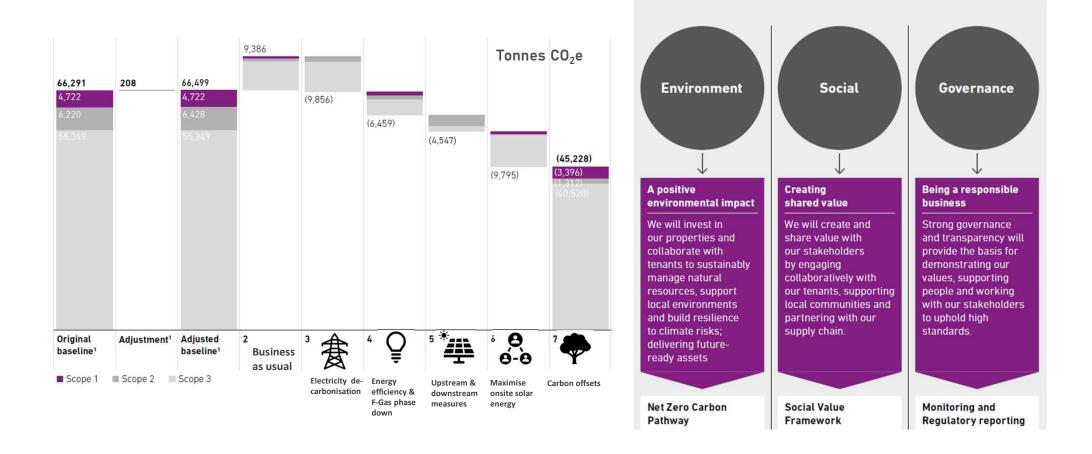
Government and major corporates

Weighted average lease length to end

£282.4m	
12%	
18	
158	
3.0%	
0.8m sq. ft	
46.4%	
5.0 years	



## Net Zero Carbon Pathway & Sustainability Strategy



# **Group statistics**

At 31 December 2021	Valuation¹ (£m)	Valuation increase (local currency)	EPRA NIY <sup>2</sup>	EPRA 'topped up' NIY³	Equivalent yield⁴	EPRA vacancy	Weighted average unexpired lease term (years)	ERV of lettable space (£m)	Contracted rent (£m)	Contracted rent (per sq. ft)
UK	1,160.9	0.7%	4.85%	5.07%	5.51%	5.4%	4.3	60.7	55.0	£28.88
Germany	888.0	3.1%	3.78%	4.21%	4.39%	7.4%	5.0	44.9	38.8	€13.95
France	282.4	0.3%	3.80%	4.50%	5.04%	3.0%	5.0	14.4	13.8	€21.25
Total	2,331.3	1.6%	4.27%	4.64%	4.99%	5.8%	4.6	120.0	107.6	£17.97

1. Valuations performed by Cushman and Wakefield (UK and France) and JLL (Germany)

2. Excludes developments; calculations based on passing rents

3. Excludes developments; calculations based on contracted rents

4. Excludes developments and assets held for sale

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