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# Overview

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Chief Executive Officer



# Delivering on our strategic priorities

#### Positive letting progress with a healthy deal pipeline

- Strong leasing momentum with 23% more leases by value signed generating £6.4m (HY 2023: £5.2m¹) of annual rent. New leases 5.9% above ERV
- Net rental income growth up 5.9% to £58.9m (30 June 2023: £55.6m)
- Underlying vacancy down at 10.8% (2023: 11.0%) with WAULT maintained.
   Total vacancy at 13.2% due to recently completed refurbishments

#### On track with sales programme

 £61m sold in H1 2024, in line with book value, and more than £160m targeted in H2

#### Financing progressing as expected

- Executed all refinancings due in H1, leaving £49m in H2
- Discussions well advanced for remaining four loans due in 2024

#### Valuations outperformed the market

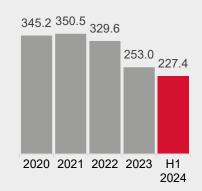
Valuations down by 4.1% in local currency driven by yield expansion

#### Good underlying performance

Proposed interim dividend maintained at 2.60p per share

<sup>1</sup> Excluding the large lease signed for The Brix in Essen (€3m) in early 2023

#### EPRA NTA (p)



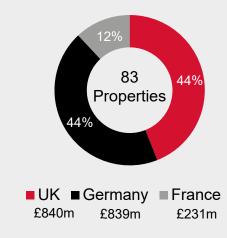
#### **EPRA EPS**

4.8p

**DPS** 

2.60p

#### **TOTAL PORTFOLIO (%)**



#### PROPERTY PORTFOLIO VALUE

£1.9bn

(31 Dec 2023: £2.1bn)

# Providing tenants with high quality office space

# 58 deals

SECURED £6.4M OF ANNUAL RENT 5.9% ABOVE ERV 23% INCREASE IN LEASES BY VALUE VS 30 JUNE 2023

(30 JUN 2023: 68 DEALS SECURED £5.2M¹ OF ANNUAL RENT 4.1% ABOVE ERV)

**LEASE EXTENSIONS** 

51%

**NEW LEASES** 

49%

(30 JUN 2023: EXT 43%, NEW 57%)

LIKE-FOR-LIKE CONTRACTED RENT

+1.9%

(30 JUN 2023: +1.5%)

LIKE-FOR-LIKE ERV<sup>2</sup>

+0.8%

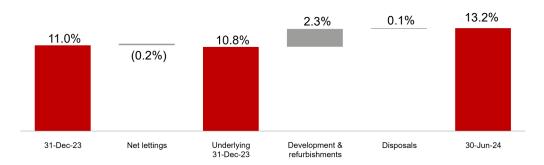
(30 JUN 2023: +1.0%)

WAULT

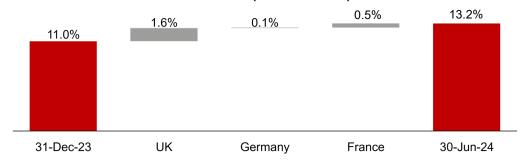
4.2 years

(31 DEC 2023: 4.3 YEARS)

#### **CHANGE IN EPRA VACANCY (GROUP)**



#### **CONTRIBUTION TO EPRA VACANCY (BY COUNTRY)**



#### **JUNE 2024 EPRA VACANCY BY COUNTRY**

UK	Germany	France	Group
19.6%	7.2%	7.1%	13.2%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excluding the large lease signed for The Brix in Essen (€3m) in early 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>-1.5% decline in like-for-like ERV including New Printing House Square

### Key lettings secured in 2024 with more to come

#### UK



Leatherhead

London



London

13,247 sq. ft, 1st floor at Kings Court

- 10 year lease
- Extensively refurbished including main building reception and WCs, installation of roof mounted PV system and shower pods
- Lettability of the property has greatly improved; 3 lettings in past 8 months
- 5<sup>th</sup> floor at Artesian for 12,052 sq. ft
- 10 year lease
- Selected for its excellent sustainability credentials (incl EPC A, 190m<sup>2</sup> green roof and being an allelectric building)
- Communal roof terrace with panoramic views across London
- 2,365 sq. ft, 9th floor at the Coade
- 5 year lease
- Extensive collaboration to design a CAT B fitout
- EPC A which aligned with tenant sustainability requirements

#### Germany



Cologne

- 15,220 sq. ft, 1st floor at Office Connect
- 6 year lease
- Tenant needs met by the high quality condition of the large scale space
- Low fit-out costs; a very positive outcome for CLS



Hamburg

- 13,137 sq. ft, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> floor at Schellerdamm 2
- 10 year lease
- Diversifies tenant base with a reputable organisation
- · Long-term lease, strengthening WAULT



Berlin

- 9,139 sq. ft, 5th floor at FleXion
- 6 year lease
- High quality space and energyefficiency measures were critical factors
- Rooftop-terrace enhanced the quality of the space for Pulsation and their employees

#### France



Paris

- 11,000 sq. ft, 3 floors at Cap G
- 3/6/9 year lease
- Existing tenant who has been with CLS for 18 years
- CLS supported pixid with redeveloping its premises to align with their ESG policy



Lyon

- 8,393 sq. ft, 1st floor at Park Avenue
- 3/6/9 year lease
- Collaborated with Smile to create a high-quality space focused on employee wellbeing
- Concierge service and bike storage provided



- 3,724 sq. ft, 1st floor at Jean Jaures
- 6/9 year lease
- CLS provided a flexible "plug and play" environment in response to tenant demand



Paris

# Valuations down 4.1% but appear to be bottoming

#### Group

- 4.1% decrease in valuations in local currency driven by yield expansion across all markets
- Improving picture, valuation uplift for some properties

#### UK

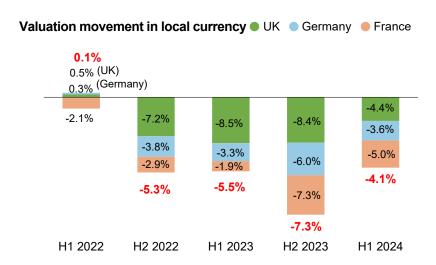
- 4.4% decline, LFL ERV down 3.3%, EY up 29bps
- Adjusting for Spring Gardens, due to the shortening lease, results in 2.9% decline for the rest of the UK portfolio

#### Germany

- 3.6% decline, LFL ERV up 0.5%, EY up 14bps
- Similar declines across most cities with ERV increasing but offset by yield expansion

#### **France**

- 5.0% decline, LFL ERV down by 0.1%, EY up 12bps
- Paris down 4.0% driven by yield expansion of 10bps and Lyon down 6.7% due to 16bps of yield expansion

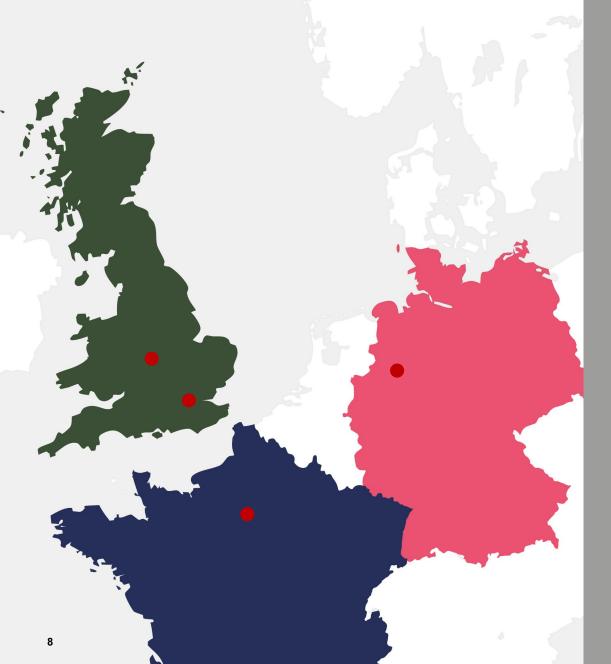


	UK	Germany	France	Group
Valuation movement 1,2	-4.4%	-3.6%	-5.0%	-4.1%
Total valuation movement (GBP)	-4.4%	-5.7%	-7.2%	-5.3%
ERV movement 1,2	-3.3%	+0.5%	-0.1%	-1.5%
Equivalent yield	7.04%	5.27%	6.12%	5.99%
Equivalent yield movement 1,2	+29bps	+14bps	+12bps	+18bps
EPRA vacancy	19.6%	7.2%	7.1%	13.2%
Vacancy movement	+380bps	+40bps	+150bps	+220bps

The above includes held for sale property

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Local currency

### Sales of £61.0m in line with book value



#### H1 Disposals

### Westminster Tower, London

- Completed in June
- Sales price £40.8m
- Proceeds used to reduce LTV

#### Aqueous II, Birmingham

- Completed in June
- Sales price £3.0m
- Non-core location

#### **Quatour, Paris**

- Completed in June
- Sales price €11.3m
- Acquired for €4.6m in 2002

#### **H2 Disposals**

#### Hansastrasse, Dortmund

- Unconditionally
  exchanged in May and
  completed early August
- Sales price €9.0m
- Acquired for €7.5m in 2017

#### Spring Mews Student, London

- CLS business plan fully executed to maximise income from the asset
- Sales process has generated significant interest with bids from experienced PBSA owners

£61m sales completed with further sales of over £160m to come in H2 2024

# Financials & Occupiers

Andrew Kirkman
Chief Financial Officer



### **Summary of key metrics**

**EPRA EPS** 

4.8p

(30 JUN 2023: 5.2p) **(-7.7%)** 

**EPRA NTA per share** 

227.4p

(31 DEC 2023: 253.0p) **(-10.1%)** 

#### PROPOSED INTERIM DIVIDEND

2.6p

(30 JUN 2023: 2.6p) **MAINTAINED** 

**TOTAL ACCOUNTING RETURN** 

-8.0%

(30 JUN 2023: -9.9%) N/M<sup>1</sup>

#### **COST OF DEBT**

3.81%

(31 DEC 2023: 3.61%) **+20BPS** 

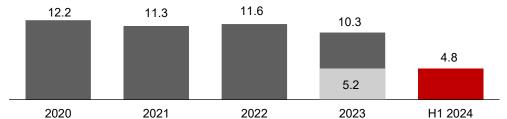
% OF DEBT FIXED AND CAPPED

82%

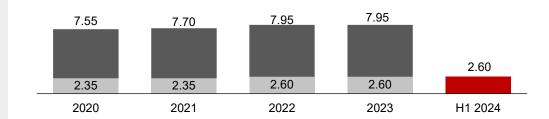
(31 DEC 2023: 80%) **+2%** 

#### <sup>1</sup> Movement between two negative numbers is not meaningful

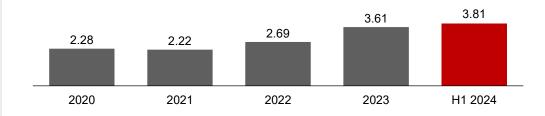
#### **EPRA EPS (PENCE)**



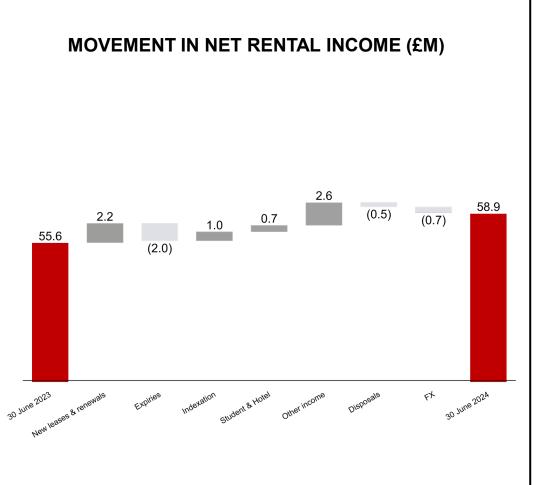
#### **DIVIDEND/SHARE (PENCE)**



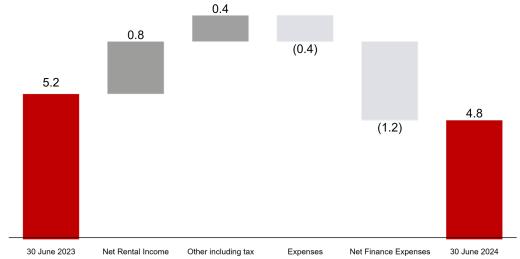
#### COST OF DEBT (%)



# 5.9% increase in net rental income; EPRA earnings down 7.7% due to increased finance costs

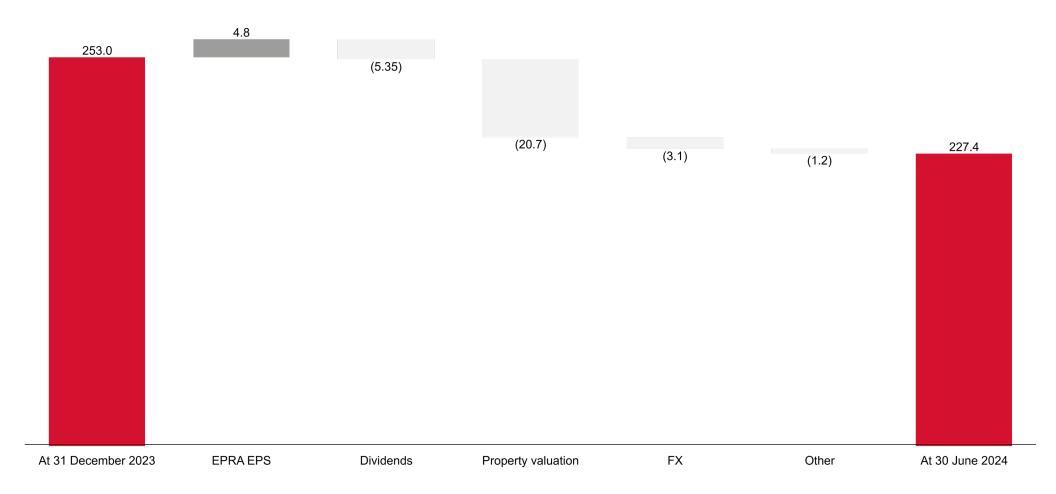


#### **MOVEMENT IN EPRA EPS (PENCE PER SHARE)**



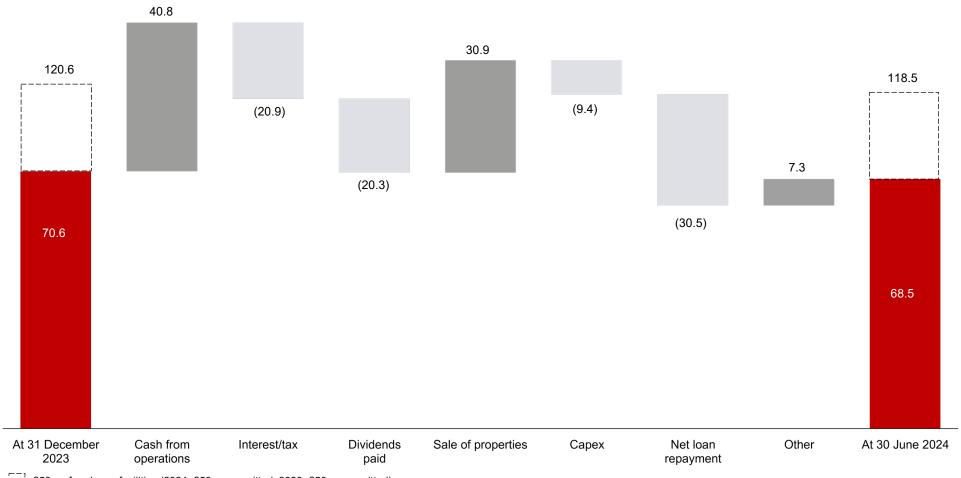
# NTA impacted by property valuation decline

#### **MOVEMENT IN EPRA NTA (PENCE PER SHARE)**



# Consistent cash generation with disposal proceeds to reduce leverage

#### **MOVEMENT IN LIQUID RESOURCES (£M)**



£50m of undrawn facilities (2024: £50m committed, 2023: £50m committed)

# Financing – strategy and overview

#### **Resilient financing strategy**

- CLS uses secured, non-recourse SPV financing and benefits from many different lending relationships
- Maintain over £100m of cash and undrawn facilities, and covenant headroom
- No Group loan-to-value or interest cover covenants
- LTV increased to 50.3% from valuation declines despite net debt down by £40m in the first half
- LTV will reduce below 50% when remaining £20.4m
   Westminster Tower proceeds received in September
- Forecasting to achieve c.45% LTV at year-end from further sales with more reduction targeted in future
- 82% of debt is fixed or capped

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 Cost of debt increased to 3.81% but is expected to remain stable or slightly reduce by year end. Going forward, cost of debt forecast to decline

#### **Key debt metrics**

	UK	Germany	France	Group
Drawn debt (£m)	491.0	439.7	102.2	1,032.9
Number of loans	9	22	12	43
Loan-to-value	58.1%	52.3%	43.8%	50.3%¹
Cost of debt	4.52%	2.81%	2.66%	3.81%
Years to maturity	4.0	2.8	2.4	3.3

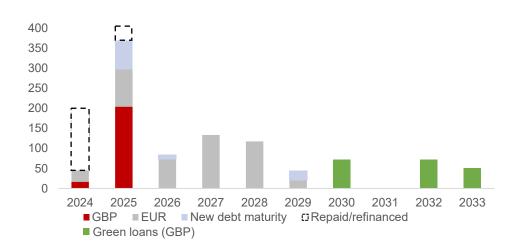
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes centrally held cash of £68.5m

# Financing – delivery in H1 and focus for H2

#### 2024 debt - refinancings delivered on schedule

- At start of 2024, £195.4m of maturing debt and amortisation due in 2024
- By March, this had reduced to £98m across six loans
- Now, £49m for four loans with three banks remaining with discussions well-advanced
- In H1 2024, £137.1m was refinanced or extended at an average rate of 5.64%

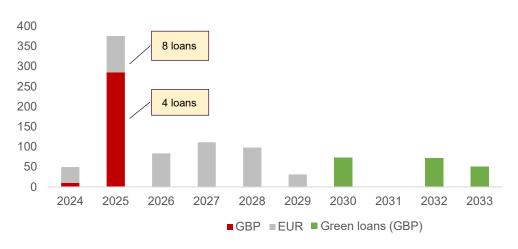
#### Start of 2024/current position (£'m)



#### 2025 refinancing - progressing as expected

- £377m debt expiring in 2025 across 12 loans and 9 lenders
- Most of the £377m expires in the fourth quarter of 2025 and £13m will be reduced by the usual amortisation payments (of which £4.7m is in 2024)
- Starting discussions early and already engaged with banks about £299m (80%) of refinancings

#### **Current position (£'m)**



# High-quality and diversified tenant base

**RENT COLLECTION** 

99% (31 Dec 2023: 99%)

**TENANT SIZE<sup>1</sup>** 

22% GOVERNMENT

44%

**LARGE** 

19%

13%

**TOP 15 TENANTS (32% OF CONTRACTED RENT)** 



















































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#### **TENANT DIVERSITY %**



- 1 Government 22.2%
- 2 Information Technology 13.9%
- 3 Commercial and Professional 13.0%
- 4 Communication Services 8.0%
- 6 Consumer Discretionary 7.9%
- 6 Healthcare 6.9%
- Industrials 6.8%
- Financials 6.7%
- Other 5.8%
- Consumer Staples 4.6%
- Real Estate 4.2%

### Over 50% of income index-linked

#### **United Kingdom**



PERCENTAGE OF RENTAL INCOME INDEX-LINKED

33%

- · Leases are not generally index-linked
- Leases >5 years generally subject to upwards only open market rent review every five years
- Spring Gardens lease subject to RPIX (HY 2024 uplift c. 3.3%)
- Other indexed leases reference RPI or CPI

#### **Germany**



PERCENTAGE OF RENTAL INCOME INDEX-LINKED

57%

- Majority of leases linked to German CPI (Verbraucherpreisindex)
- CLS HY 2024 average c. 3.9% inflation increase
- A further c.17% are subject to annual stepped rent of c. 2.4%

#### **France**



PERCENTAGE OF RENTAL INCOME INDEX-LINKED

100%

- · All leases subject to annual review
- Lease reviews subject to Indice des Loyers des Activités Tertiares (ILAT)
- CLS HY 2024 average c. 3.2% inflation increase

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# Portfolio & Sustainability

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Chief Executive Officer



# Generating returns through selective refurbishment



#### Bismarckstrasse, Berlin

- Building purchased in 2006 with rent at €12 psqm; current ERV over €30 psqm
- Refurbishment for €14m of the complete building including facade, HVAC system and LED-lighting
- Property will be rebranded as "The Loop, Berlin". Expecting BREEAM Excellent rating
- Currently 30% let, to increase to 50% by the end of 2024, and targeted to be fully let by mid 2025
- Targeted unlevered profit on cost above 20%, higher with development finance in progress



#### The Brix, Essen

- Building acquired in April 2021 with 28% vacancy and now fully let
- CLS will spend €20m to substantially improve energy efficiency, sustainability and amenities
- Building being refurbished alongside a 30-year, indexed-linked lease with the City of Essen for 17,400 sqm
- Works to be handed over in three steps: March, April and December 2025
- Targeted unlevered profit on cost above 20%, and the lease will produce over €3m of annual rent



#### **Debussy, Paris**

- CLS will convert existing office building into serviced apartments
- CLS will invest €12m over two years to deliver 57 serviced apartments, which will be operated by Edgar Suites on a 12-year lease. Completion in 2026
- The conversion facilitates the ability to recycle the structure and reduce the impact of embodied carbon
- Targeted unlevered profit on cost above 15%, which will be higher when forecast variable rent is achieved

# Citadel Place/Spring Gardens, Vauxhall

- The property is one of the largest in the CLS portfolio and represents an exciting opportunity to further regenerate the area and create a vibrant community hub while also delivering long-term shareholder returns
- The existing lease with the NCA expires in February 2026 and planning approval is targeted for mid-2026 with the first public consultation held in July 2024 and planning submission early 2025
- CLS has partnered with renowned architectural firm Allies and Morrison combining modern aesthetics with a commitment to sustainability
- Development includes 180-200 new homes, 450 bed student accommodation, ground floor retail units and shared amenity space
- Creates options to provide portfolio diversification
- GDV in the region of c.£300-400m and CLS is targeting to partner with a residential developer once planning has been achieved. Unlevered profit on cost target of 15-20%









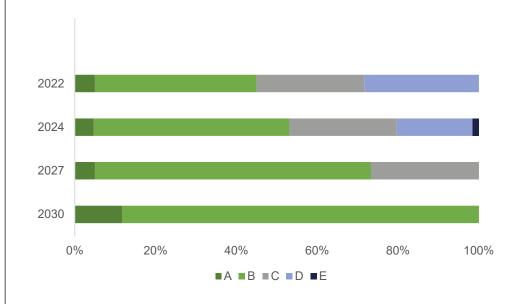
# Progress in 2024: energy & carbon

- Net Zero Carbon Pathway total programme spend to end of 2024 expected to be £17m
- 13 carbon reduction and energy efficiency projects completed in 2024 thus far, with a further 57 projects due to finish before year end. In total, savings of over 750 tonnes CO2e¹ per annum will be achieved
- Smart metering now covers over 80% of our total Group utility supplies whilst our managed portfolio in Germany and the UK is equipped with smart water meters and leak detection systems
- Maintained over 99% of Group electricity supply being carbon-free

LIKE-FOR-LIKE DECREASE IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION AT HY 2024

4.3%

#### **EPC (UK) ratings evolution**



1CO2e Carbon dioxide equivalent

# Summary & Outlook

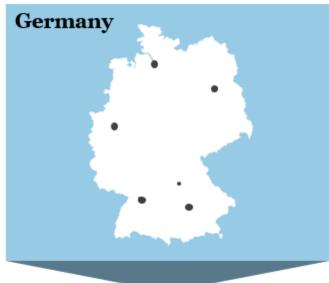
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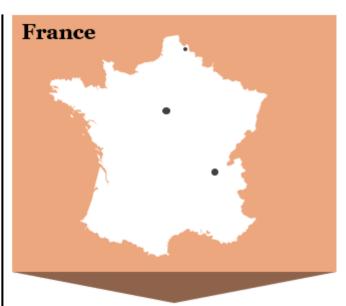
# CLS view – UK recovery further ahead than Europe



- Political stability providing positive backdrop
- Economic recovery and sentiment further ahead than Europe
- Leasing markets strong for centrally located properties while peripheral locations challenging
- Demand for fully fitted Cat B gaining further share
- Vacancy in London 9.2%, South-East stable at 12.6%



- Lettings to Government and Mittelstand continuing to perform well
- Germany's economic recovery and sentiment fragile; larger corporates cautious
- Investment market showing signs of recovery with buyers slowly returning in Q2
- Rental growth across the board for the right properties, likely to continue with limited new construction
- Average vacancy in top-seven cities 6.1%, Cologne at 3.5% and Dusseldorf at 10.0%

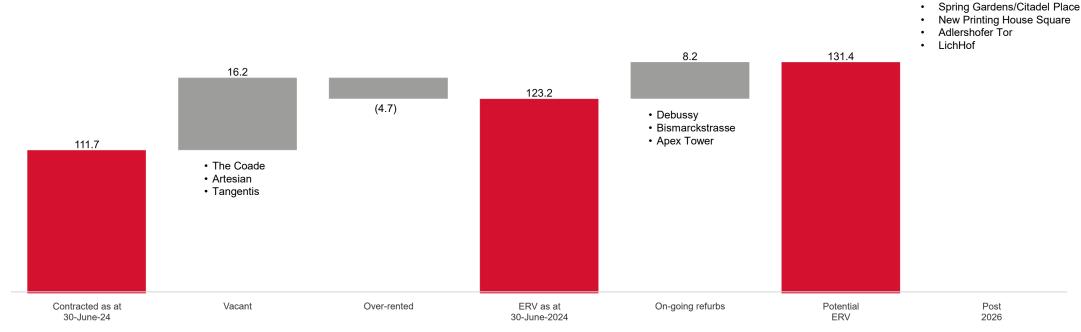


- Political uncertainty after election offsetting positive Olympics effect
- Stable letting market for small to medium size floorplates
- Supply in Paris forecast to increase in next 18 months but some offset from conversion of old stock
- Vacancy in Greater Paris 9% although with large differences between districts
- Lyon vacancy 5.7% with restrictive policies for new developments

# Significant growth opportunities

- Focus on reducing current vacancy; leases signed at Artesian and the Coade
- Indexation also driving rental growth, over 50% of portfolio index-linked which captures higher rents
- Significant near-term upside from letting completed refurbishments with strong ESG credentials
- Medium-term, larger development opportunities in central London, including a mixed-use development in Vauxhall

#### ERV POTENTIAL OF THE PORTFOLIO BEFORE INDEXATION (£M)1

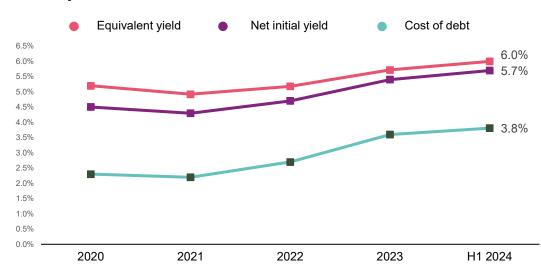


<sup>1</sup>Not a profit forecast, for illustrative purposes only Does not include prospective acquisitions, disposals or like-for-like rental growth

# Delivering on our strategic priorities

- Maintaining strong leasing momentum and driving occupancy
- Disciplined execution of property sales to reduce LTV
- Progressing refinancings, with four loans remaining for 2024, as the interest rate outlook improves
- Committed to, and on track with, our Net Zero Carbon Pathway
- Pursuing upside opportunities embedded in the portfolio

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





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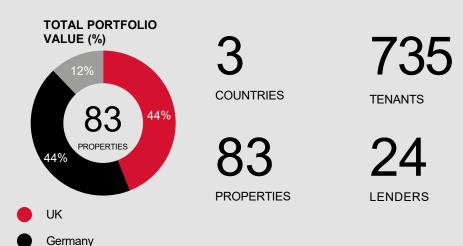


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### **Overview**

- CLS Holdings plc is a 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, futurefocused and sustainable properties
- Since 2022, our UK business is a REIT



#### **TOP 10 SHAREHOLDERS**

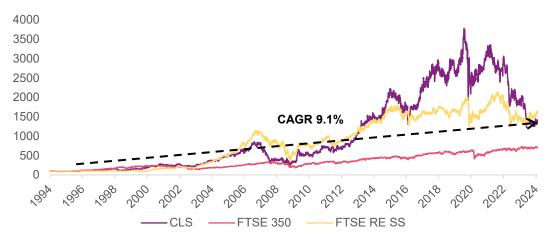
AS AT 19 JULY 2024

France

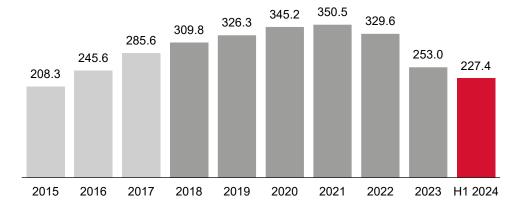
1	The Sten and Karin Mortstedt Family and Charity Trust	55.3%
2	Mr Bengt Mortstedt	6.9%
3	Allianz	3.6%
4	Blackrock	3.3%
5	Janus Henderson	2.8%
6	Amati Global	2.3%
7	Columbia Threadneedle	2.0%
8	Vanguard	1.9%
9	Invesco	1.7%
10	Hargreaves Landsdown	1.4%

# Long-term growth

#### TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN

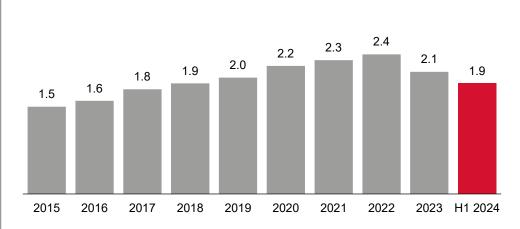


#### EPRA NTA (PENCE)1

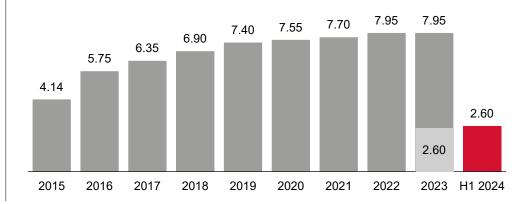


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EPRA NAV shown for years 2014-2017 as this was the preferred EPRA measure during this period

#### PROPERTY VALUATION (£BN)

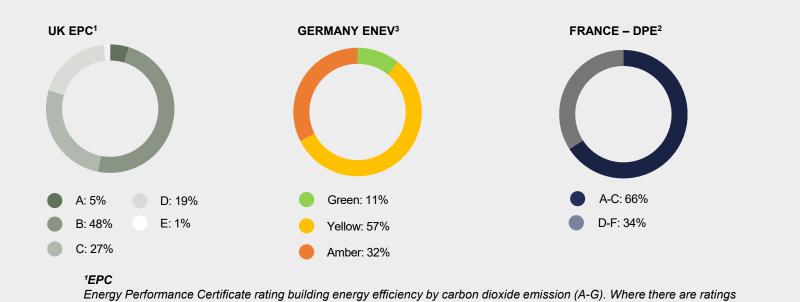


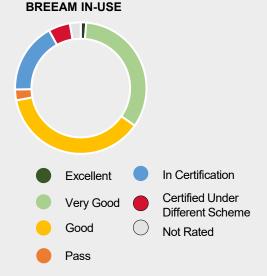
#### **DISTRIBUTIONS (PENCE PER SHARE)**



# Ambition to develop leading green credentials

- Awarded Gold in the EPRA Sustainability Best Practices Recommendations
- Maintained our GRESB 4 Stars rating
- Whole of the managed portfolio is BREEAM In-use (or equivalent) certified, with most buildings assessed to Version 6
- UK EPC ratings continue to improve; over half of our UK office buildings are already EPC B or higher and we have reduced our EPC D rated buildings by nearly 20%
- Fully compliant with 2024 minimum EPC regulations in the UK and on track to meet the 2030 Décret Tertiaire energy efficiency targets in France





<sup>2</sup>Diagnostic de performance énergétique (DPE) Energy intensity performance rating (A-I)

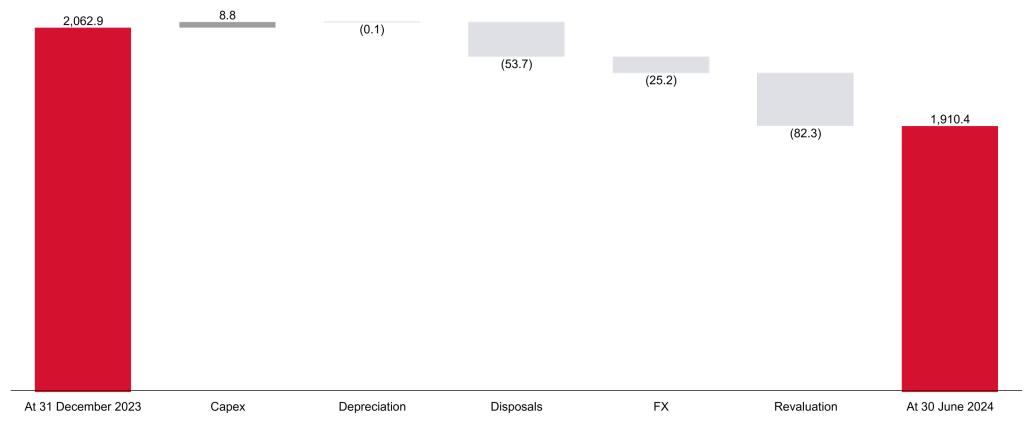
for individual units in a single building, these have been averaged.

<sup>3</sup>Energieausweis (EnEV)

Energy intensity performance rating (Green, Yellow, Amber, Red)

# Actively disposing of assets to reduce LTV

#### MOVEMENT IN PROPERTY PORTFOLIO<sup>1</sup> (£M)



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

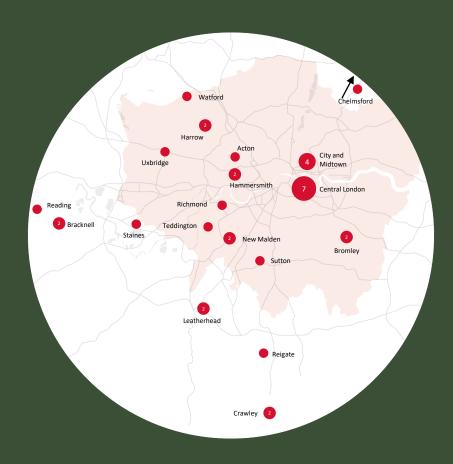
# **United Kingdom**

#### **LONDON & SOUTH EAST**





London	26
South East	9
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**VALUE OF PROPERTY PORTFOLIO** 

£839.7m

PERCENTAGE OF GROUP'S PROPERTY INTERESTS

44%

**NUMBER OF PROPERTIES** 

35

LETTABLE SPACE

1.6m sq. ft

NUMBER OF TENANTS

217

**VACANCY RATE** 

19.6%

WEIGHTED AVERAGE LEASE LENGTH TO END

3.3 years

**LEASES SUBJECT TO INDEXATION** 

32.6%

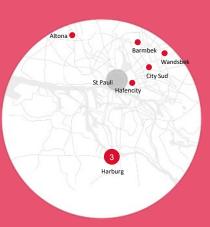
**GOVERNMENT AND LARGE COMPANIES** 

74.7%

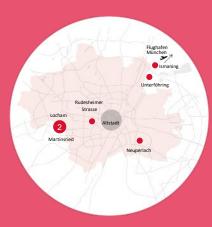
# **Germany**



#### **HAMBURG**



#### **MUNICH**



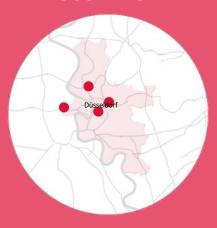
#### **GERMANY PROPERTIES**

Hamburg	8
Munich	6
Berlin	4
Dusseldorf	4
Stuttgart	3
Dortmund	3
Cologne	
Nuremberg	
Bochum	
Essen	1
	32

**BERLIN** 



#### **DUSSELDORF**



**VALUE OF PROPERTY PORTFOLIO** 

£839.0m

PERCENTAGE OF GROUP'S PROPERTY INTERESTS

44%

**NUMBER OF PROPERTIES** 

32

LETTABLE SPACE

3.5m sq. ft

**NUMBER OF TENANTS** 

370

**VACANCY RATE** 

7.2%

WEIGHTED AVERAGE LEASE LENGTH TO END

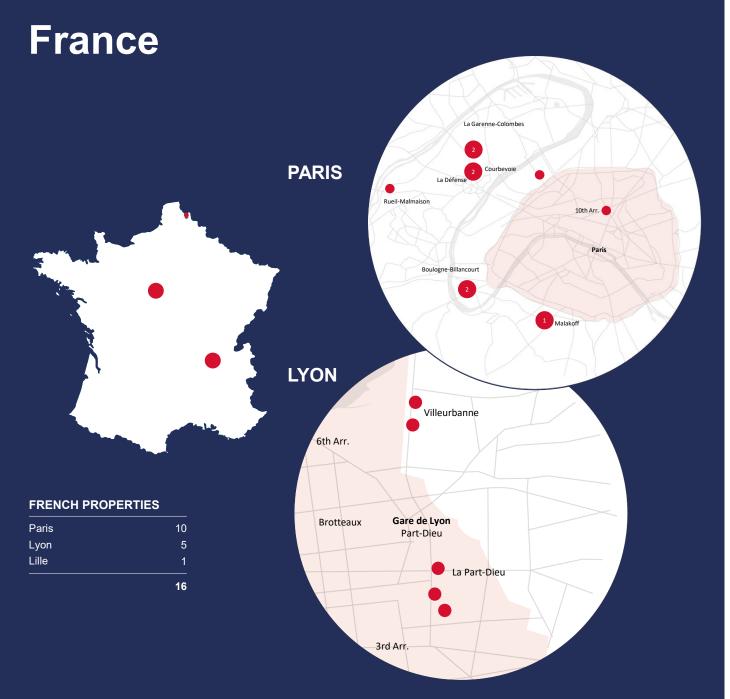
4.7 years

**LEASES SUBJECT TO INDEXATION** 

57.2%

**GOVERNMENT AND LARGE COMPANIES** 

58.2%



**VALUE OF PROPERTY PORTFOLIO** 

£231.7m

PERCENTAGE OF GROUP'S PROPERTY INTERESTS

12%

**NUMBER OF PROPERTIES** 

16

LETTABLE SPACE

0.7m sq. ft

**NUMBER OF TENANTS** 

148

**VACANCY RATE** 

7.1%

WEIGHTED AVERAGE LEASE LENGTH TO END

5.3 years

LEASE SUBJECT TO INDEXATION

100%

**GOVERNMENT AND LARGE COMPANIES** 

54.4%

# **Group statistics**

At 30 June 2024	Valuation¹ (£m)	Valuation movement (local currency)	EPRA EF	PRA 'topped up' NIY <sup>3</sup>	Equivalent yield <sup>4</sup>	EPRA Vacancy	Weighted average unexpired lease term (years)	ERV of lettable space (£m)	Contracted rent (£m)	Contracted ren (£/€/sq. ft)
UK	839.7	(4.4%)	5.58%	6.46%	7.04%	19.6%	3.3	59.8	50.2	£32.68
Germany	839.0	(3.6%)	5.07%	5.17%	5.27%	7.2%	4.7	48.6	47.6	€16.20
France	231.7	(5.0%)	5.05%	5.39%	6.12%	7.1%	5.3	14.8	13.9	€24.99
Total portfolio	1,910.4	(4.1%)	5.27%	5.70%	5.99%	13.2%	4.2	123.2	111.7	£19.72

<sup>1.</sup> Valuations performed by Cushman and Wakefield (UK) and JLL (Germany and France)

<sup>2.</sup> Excludes developments; calculations based on passing rents

<sup>3.</sup> Excludes developments; calculations based on contracted rents

<sup>4.</sup> Excludes owner-occupied land, student accommodation and hotel, in group currency

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