

# Agenda



Business update & overview	Toby Courtauld, Chief Executive		
The Flex market, the GPE offer & leasing	Simon Rowley, Director of Flex Workspaces		
Our Flex growth opportunity	Nick Sanderson, Chief Financial and Operating Officer		
Summary	Toby Courtauld, Chief Executive		
Q&A			





# **Q3 Business Update**



## **Strong Operational Performance**

- £16.1 million of leases signed (9 months to 31 Dec 2023)
  - 10.7%> Mar '2023 ERV
- £4.9 million in quarter; 5.5% >Mar '2023 ERV
- Reaffirmed portfolio rental value guidance of +2.5% to +5%
  - Best space likely higher still

## Two committed developments; progressing well

- Good progress at 2 Aldermanbury Square, EC2; basement under construction; anticipated completion Q1 2026
- Vacant possession obtained at French Railways House, SW1
  - 67,600 sq ft of new Grade A space
  - Profit on cost: 24.9%; development yield 6.5%



## Preparation ongoing for two profitable near-term schemes

- Minerva House, SE1 anticipated H1 start
  - 143,100 sq ft of new Grade A offices; river frontage
- Soho Square Estate, W1 planning permission to be refined
  - 91,000 sq ft new build; potential start Q1 2025
- Healthy returns expected: PoC >18%; dev. yield >6.0%

## **Further Flex expansion**

- Commitment to 141 Wardour Street
  - 29,900 sq ft of new Fully Managed space
  - Anticipated PoC >19.0%; yield on cost >6.5%

## **Confident Outlook Maintained**



# Why Flex matters



1. The default choice for sub 5,000 sq ft office space

57% of West End lettings sub 5,000 sq ft<sup>1</sup>

2. The market is sizeable and growing

50m sq ft by 2028¹ in central London

3. The customer base is diverse & broader than just SMEs

- 57% customers to have 10%+ in flex (2028)<sup>1</sup>
- 4. Customers are paying us a premium for hassle-free spaces
- +103% net effective rent beat<sup>2</sup>

5. It will create income and valuation growth for GPE

+195% growth in NOI by 20283

6. We have strong growth ambitions

1m sq ft Flex portfolio

Flex is a prerequisite for maximising returns from smaller central London spaces

1. CBRE, Instant Offices 2. GPE Fully Managed LTM 3. Committed Fully Managed space by 2028

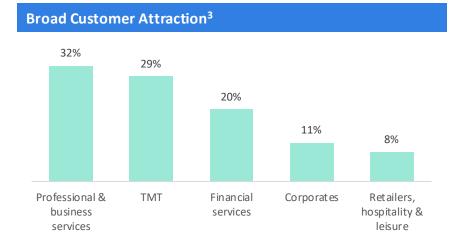
# The Flex Market Opportunity

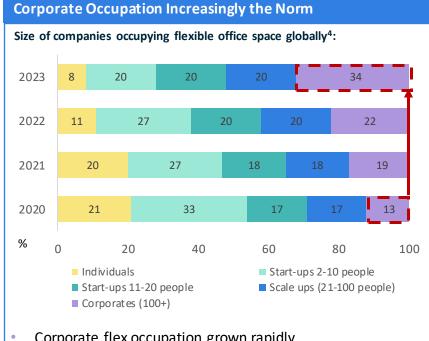
Themes play to GPE positioning



## The Market is Maturing

- Increasingly default choice for smaller spaces: 57% of West End lettings sub 5,000 sq ft1
- Operator health variable: WeWork effect; impact short term supply & increased focus on ownership
- Market is maturing: more Management Agreements, more owners to enter = more valuation evidence
- **Demand growing:** corporates leading; 57% customers to have 10%+ footprint as Flex by 2028<sup>1</sup>
- Size of enquiries rising: 80% of all enquiries<sup>2</sup> for 20+ desks; 45% for 20-50 desks = GPE Flex sweet spot
- Focus on best in class: location, quality of fit-out, amenity





- Corporate flex occupation grown rapidly
  - now 34% of global flexible office occupation
- Majority let to businesses of 21+ employees

# **Our Flex Offers: Fitted**

Hassle-free experience; business ready





Private floor with your own front door



Customer branded, customisable space



Desks, chairs & soft furnishings all included



Plug and play with a secure internet connection



sesame® smart building app and lifestyle concierge service



Straight forward process, simple, flexible agreements



No intermediary; deal directly with GPE



Space to grow: expand organically within 1.9 m sq ft office portfolio

No. of units<sup>1</sup> 38

Annualised rent roll £9 million

Average lease term 4.3 years term certain

Average unit size 3,400 sq ft

Average rent £82 psf, +66%<sup>2</sup>

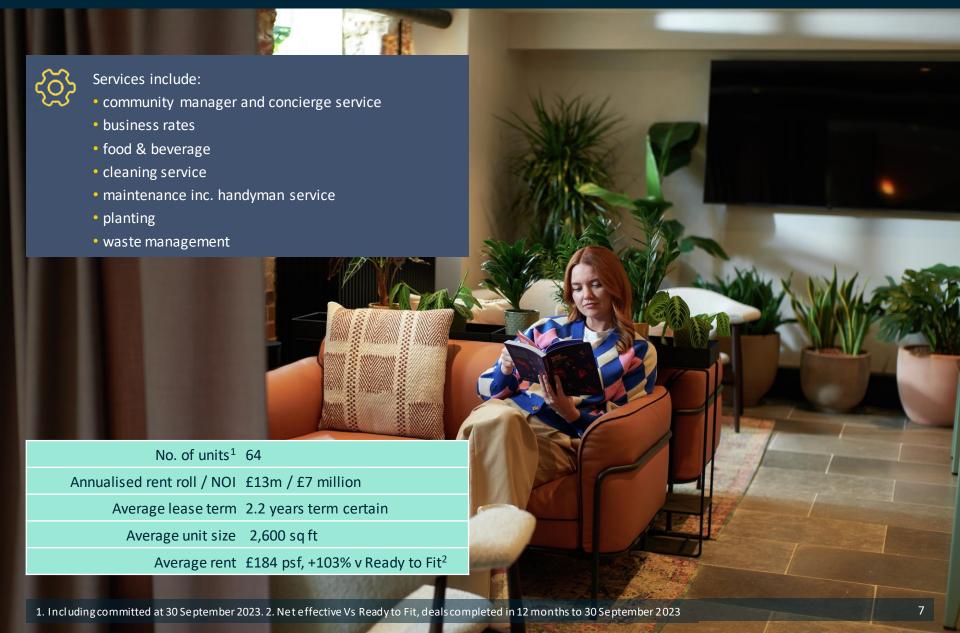


1. Including committed at 30 September 2023. 2. Net effective vs Ready to Fit, deals completed in 12 months to 30 September 2023

# **Our Flex Offers: Fully Managed**

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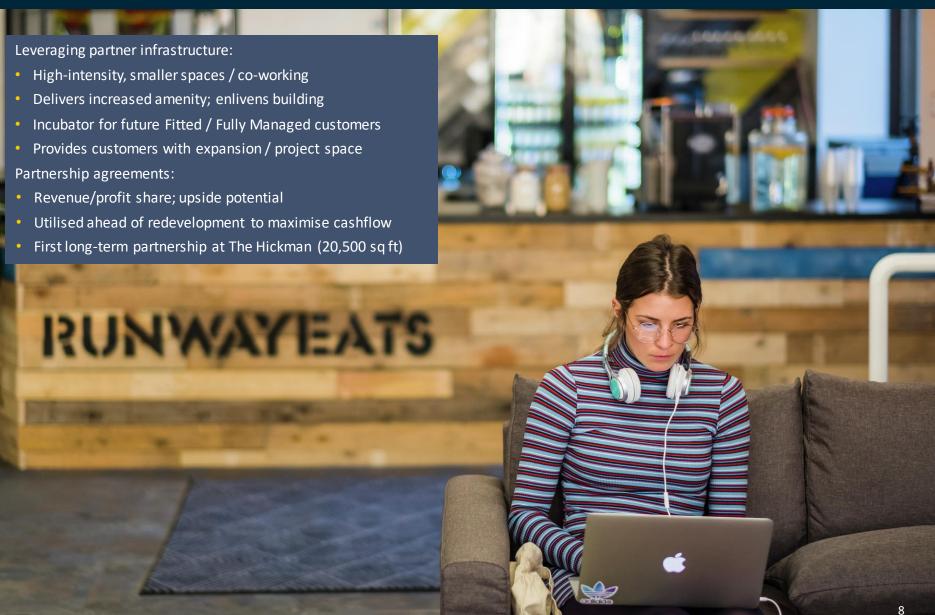
All the benefits of Fitted, plus full-service delivery by GPE; all-in-one bill



# **Our Flex Offers: Flex Partnerships**

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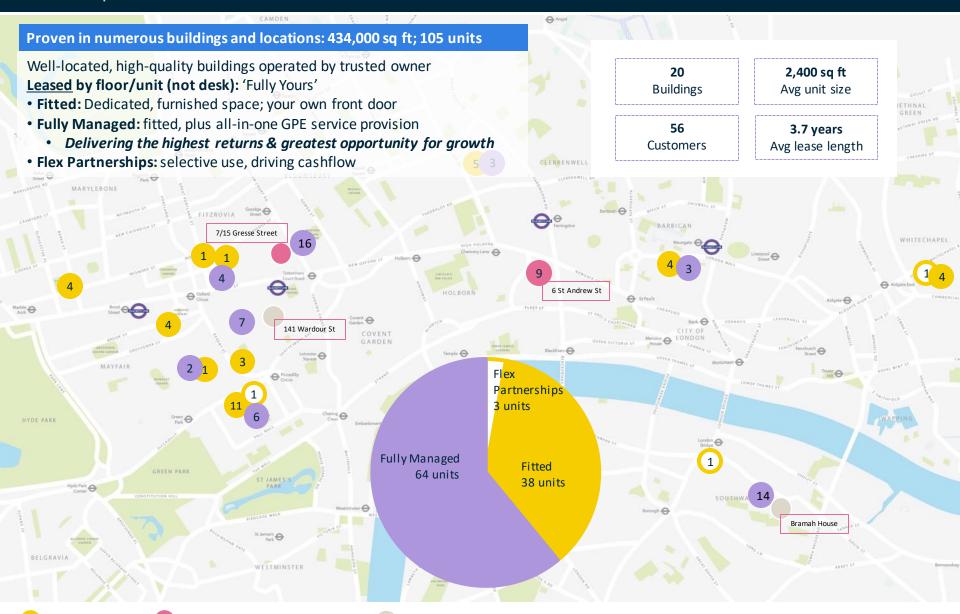
By desk and room



# Not WeWork, Not Co-Working

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Our Unique Flex Offer

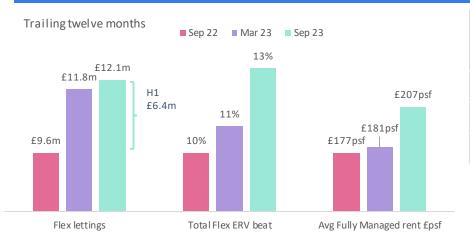


# **Our Flex Performance**





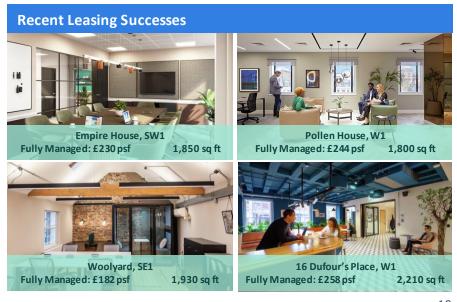
## **Leasing Momentum Driving Performance**



Lattings 12mths to Cont 22	Fitted	Fully Managed		
Lettings 12mths to Sept-23	Actual	Actual	Target	
Net Effective Rent Beat <sup>1</sup>	+66%	+103%	>50%	
Relative Cashflow Beat <sup>1,2</sup>	+30%	+76%	>35%	
Average lease term <sup>3</sup>	5.8 yrs	2.1 yrs	n/a	

## **GPE Positioning Driving Strong Leasing**

- Record level of monthly enquiries in November (177)
- Strong quarter<sup>6</sup> for Fully Managed transactions
  - 8 deals completed
- 95% Flex Occupancy
- Taking less than 12 weeks to let space (on average)
- £2.9m deals completed/under offer since Dec '23
  - Avg. £200 psf; 10.9% ahead of ERV

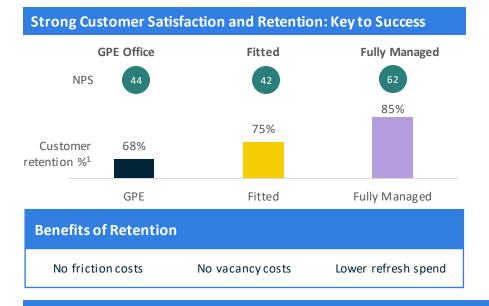


<sup>1.</sup> Relative to Ready to Fit 2. 10-year cashflow after voids and fit out costs

# **Flex Opportunity**



Customer retention key; further benefits from scale



## **Benefits from GPE Scale**

- Clustering
  - Customer retention & growth
  - Opex management
- Pricing power
- Fit-out capex economies
- Team capability & expertise:
  - Design & delivery
  - Operations & customer experience
  - Leasing

## Breadth and depth of customers

**Attracting New Customers** 





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Handshake



Morgan Stanley

SPECTRUM EQUITY



Transitioning
Ready to Fit
customers to Flex

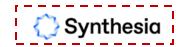
NEW LOOK



GPE customers for 10+yrs

Retaining existing Flex customers





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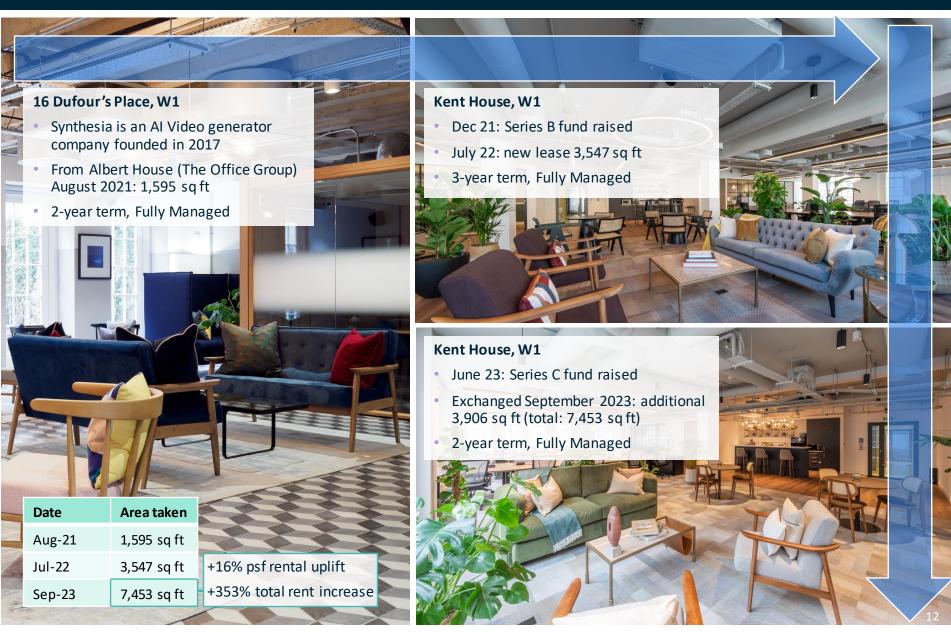


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# **Growing With Our Flex Customers**

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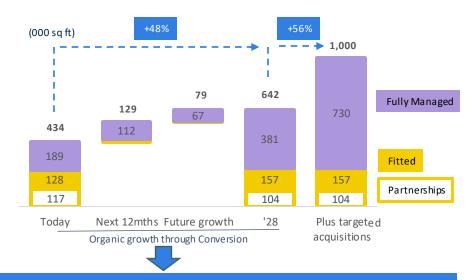
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Targeting growth to 1m sq ft: predominantly Fully Managed

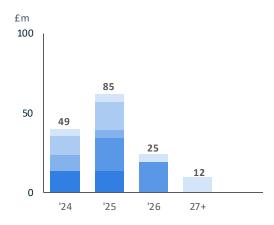
#### Growth to 1m+ sq ft: Predominantly Fully Managed

- Organic: Portfolio well suited; 84% GPE office spaces <10k sq ft</li>
  - 208k sq ft (48%) further planned conversions
- Acquisitions: 5 purchases for Flex in last 18 months; £127m;
   146k sq ft
  - · Clear criteria, disciplined approach
  - More expected in next 12 months



## Organic Growth - Predominantly into West End Fully Managed Buildings

#### Expected Capex £171m



Committed Capex	£42m
6/10 St Andrew Street	£27m
Alfred Place	£15m
141 Wardour Street	£22m
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7/15 Gresse Street	£40m
Egyptian House	£30m
Kent House	£13m
Other Flex Capex	£24m





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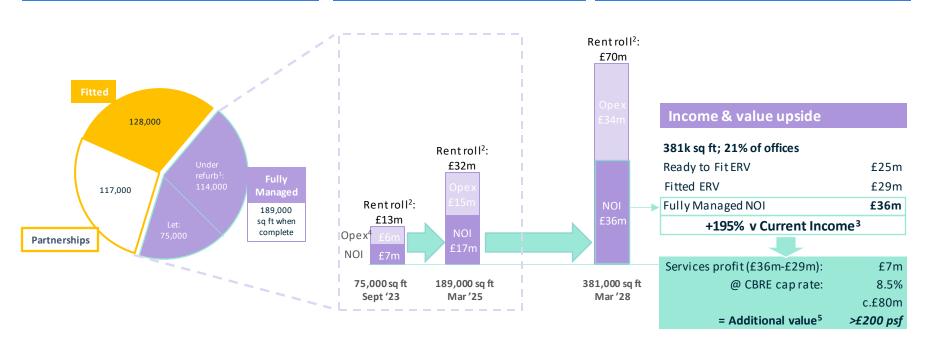


Investment in Fully Managed space to drive returns; NOI up by 195% by 2028



Rising to 189,000 sq ft post refurbishment: £17m NOI by 2025

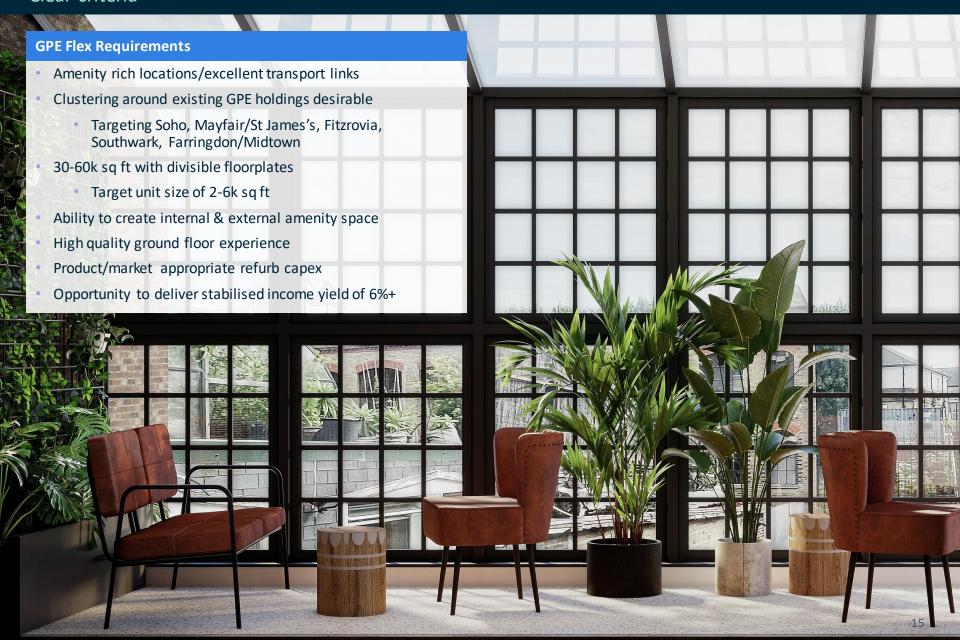
Further growth to 381,000 sq ft by 2028: £36m of NOI by 2028 (up 195%³)



# **Flex Acquisitions**

Clear criteria

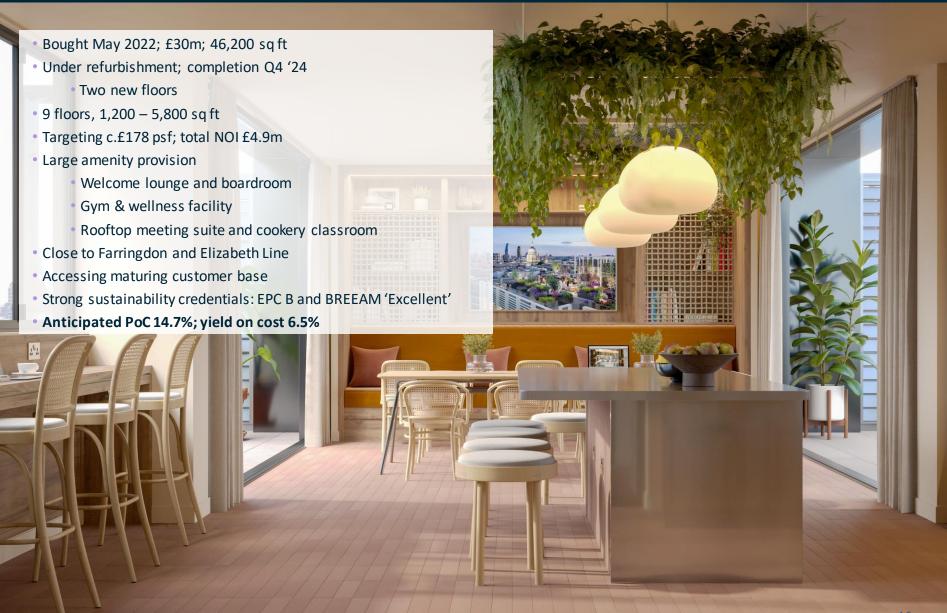




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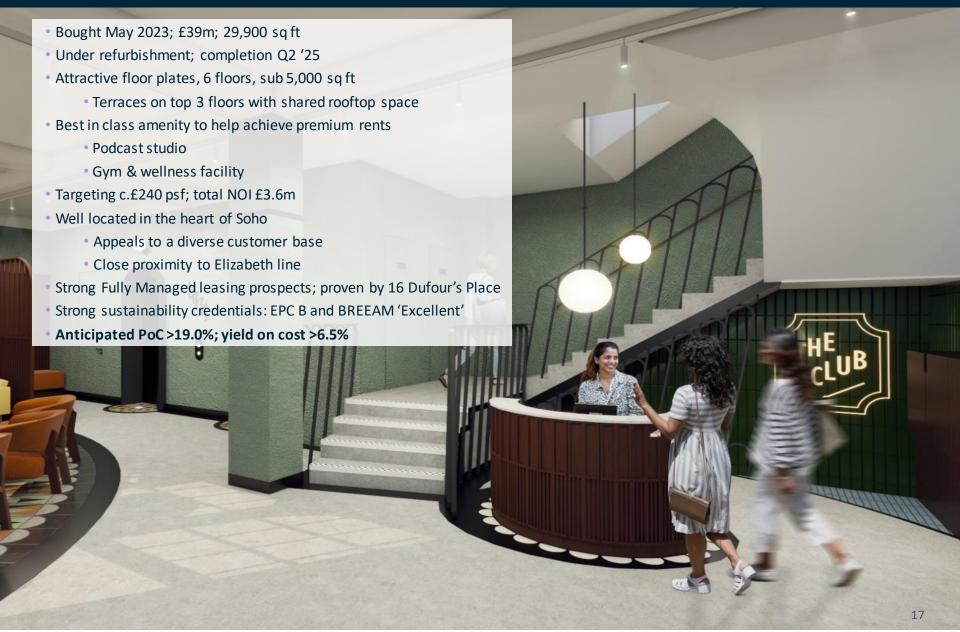
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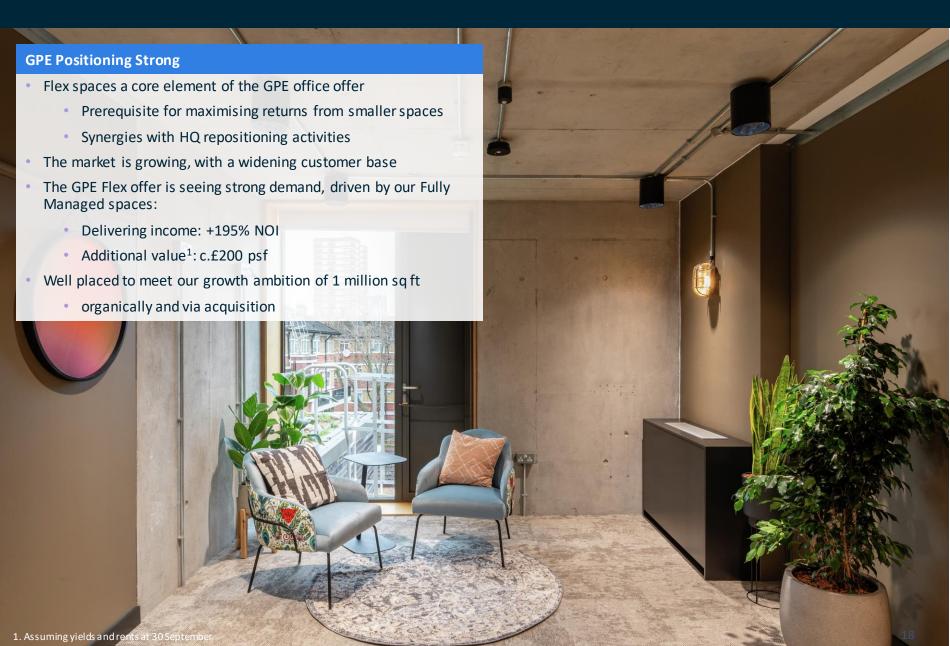
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# **Summary**







# **GPE Group Strategy**

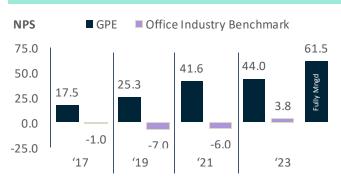
# Addressing all the key themes



Key Themes	Addressing Each Through Our Strategic Givens		
Macro challenges	Low financial leverage; through the cycle focus on in-demand markets with supply shortage		
Best outperforms rest	Create the best; leasing well & prime rents rising 100% central London; 75% West End; one of lowest vacancy rates globally		
Best is changing	Reposition properties; sustainable, flexible, healthy, tech-enabled, connected		
Flex; growing importance across London	Ambition; 0.4m today to 1m sq ft  Customer First; our compelling Flex offer delivering market-leading NPS		
Sustainable spaces win	Sustainability is an imperative; +21% avg value premium <sup>1</sup> ; innovating		
Return of the cycle	Match risk to cycle; take advantage; long track record of outperformance selling prime completed business plans buying well-located raw material to create Prime:		

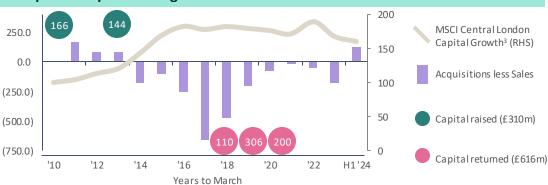
Return of the cycle

## **Exceptional Customer Satisfaction<sup>2</sup>**



## **Disciplined Capital Management**

into supply crunch



Disciplined capital management; assets (buy & sell); equity (raise & return)

Addressing the themes through differentiated, growth strategy; we know how to execute well

# **London Market Conditions**



Macro affecting yields; London leasing fundamentals compelling; best rents rising

'Best vs Rest'2

Active Demand Higher<sup>8</sup>

## **Main Messages**

#### Near-term macro challenges; central London outperforming UK

• London GVA > UK GDP (1.7% vs 1.4% avg '24-'26)1

## London leasing fundamentals remain compelling

- Population growing; 135,000 net new jobs '23- '28<sup>1</sup>
   = c.14m sq ft of net demand
- Barriers to entry rising; e.g. planning & sustainability
- Demand up for central, quality, sustainable spaces
- Supply / demand: moving further in our favour
- · Widening gap best vs rest; best rents rising

#### All themes that we stand to benefit from

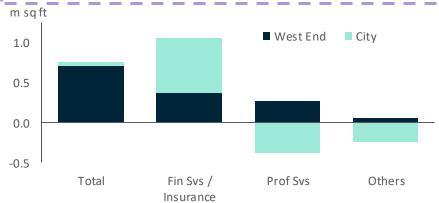
GPE leasing well; dialled into richest seams of demand:
 Prime HQ, great Flex spaces; in the core

# Rental values (2018=100) Grade A as % of market lettings<sup>4</sup> The Best – top Grade A<sup>3</sup> The Rest – avg Grade B<sup>3</sup> 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

# **Leasing Activity Robust**



# Net change +12% since Mar 23; now 17% above 10-year avg

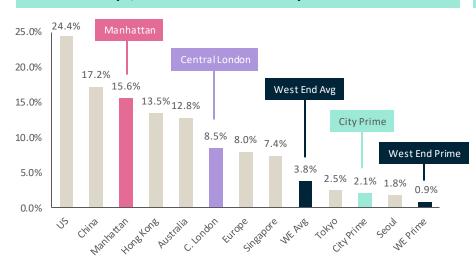


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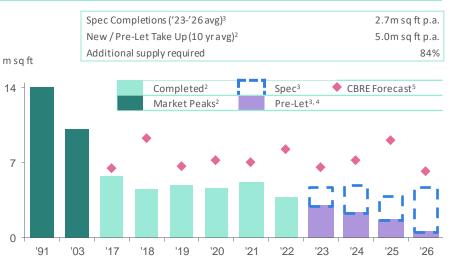
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Vacancy low; prospective supply low; best rents rising

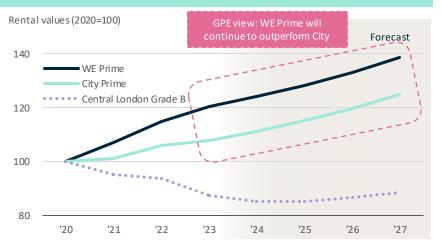
## Office Vacancy<sup>1</sup>; West End Prime Globally Low



# New Office Supply to Tighten Further<sup>2, 3</sup>



## Office Prime Headline Rental Growth<sup>6</sup>



## Structural Decline in Rent as % of Salary Cost<sup>7</sup>

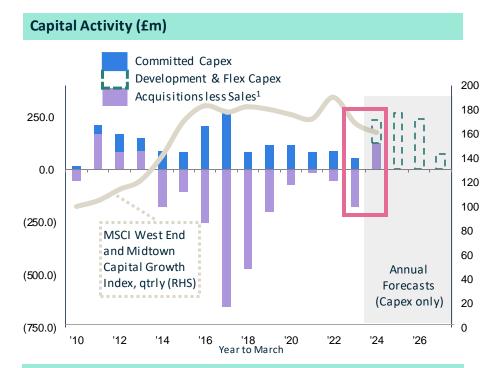


**GPE:** 75% core West End; 93% near Elizabeth Line; **Conditions play to our positioning and strengths** 

# Where Next For Capital Activity?

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Take advantage of re-emerging cycle





- HQ & Flex in core locations well timed into supply shortage
- Healthy demand; rents to rise

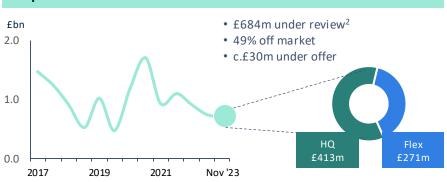
#### **Grow Flex**

- Existing c.434k sq ft
- Grow to 1 million sq ft; organic growth and acquisitions
- Built operating capability
- Growth market; strong demand; rents rising

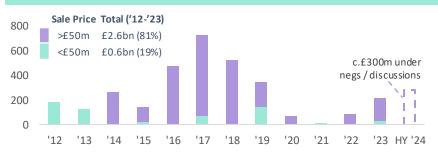
## Recycle Capital

- Buy value-add opportunities; value emerging;
  - c.£700m under review
- Selling; c.£300m in negotiation/early discussions
  - Crystallising value on completed plans; typically HQ
  - Feeding strongest part of market

#### **Acquisitions under Review**

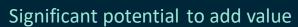


## Sales; £3.2bn since 2012

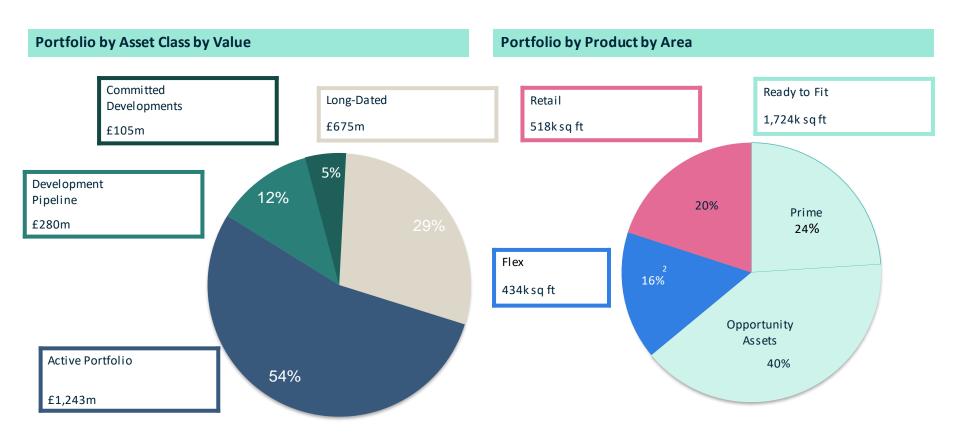


Clear operating direction; taking advantage of cycle Maintaining our capital allocation discipline

# Our Portfolio<sup>1</sup>







1. At 30 Sept. 2. % of total portfolio

# **Our Flex Performance**

How we measure performance

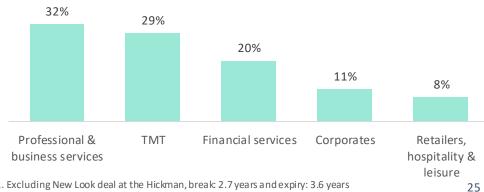


	Tar	get	Lettings 12mt	:hs to Sept-23	Calculation	D
	Fitted	Managed	Fitted	Managed	Calculation	Purpose
Net effective rent beat	30%+	50%+	66%	103%	Flex NE rent – Opex Ready to Fit NE rent	Additional rent being generated from Flex
10yr cashflow beat	10%	35%	30%	76%	Flex 10yr net cashflow Ready to Fit 10 yr net cashflow	Additional cashflow being generated from Flex, ignoring valuation movement
Yield on cost	5.0%+	6.0%+	5.0%	6.0%	Flex NE rent – opex – voids Book value + Capex Average over 10 years post refurb	Relative income return on capital invested
Services margin	n/a	20%	n/a	39%	Fully Managed NE rent – Opex <u>– Fitted NE rent</u> Opex	Excess income being generated for every £1 of opex spent to provide Fully Managed service
Average lease term	n/a	n/a	Break: 3.6yrs <sup>1</sup> Expiry: 5.8yrs	Break: 1.3yrs Expiry: 2.1yrs	Years from lease start to a) first break and b) lease expiry	Flex customers' lease terms comparable to Ready to Fit

## Key assumptions / definitions:

- NE (Net Effective) Rent: Headline rent rent free
- **Net cashflow**: NE rent, after opex, voids and capex
- Opex: For Fully Managed; service provision, business rates, legal/letting/broker fees, SDLT
- Voids: 50% customers vacate on expiry, with 3 month void equates to occupancy of 95%
- Capex: Initial CAT A/B capex, plus £5psf p.a. refresh over 10 years

#### Our Flex customers by sector



1. Excluding New Look deal at the Hickman, break: 2.7 years and expiry: 3.6 years

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