



# Annual Results 2021/22

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# Overview



# Picton at a glance

Established in 2005, Picton is an internally managed diversified UK REIT with a

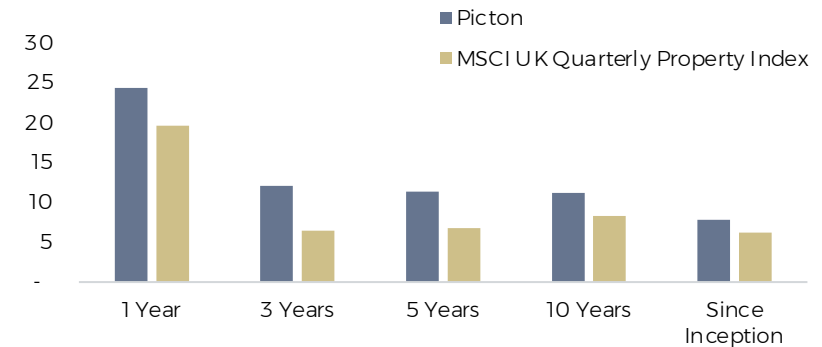
**£849 million**  
commercial property portfolio

## Our purpose

To be a responsible owner of commercial real estate, helping our occupiers succeed and being valued by all our stakeholders.

**Portfolio outperformance** against MSCI UK Quarterly Property Index (over one, three, five and ten years, and since inception).

## Annualised total property return (%)

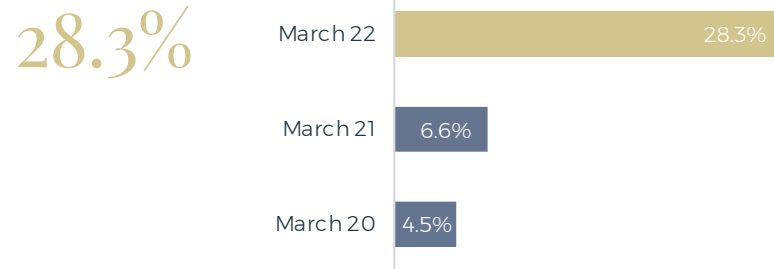


## For year ended March 2022

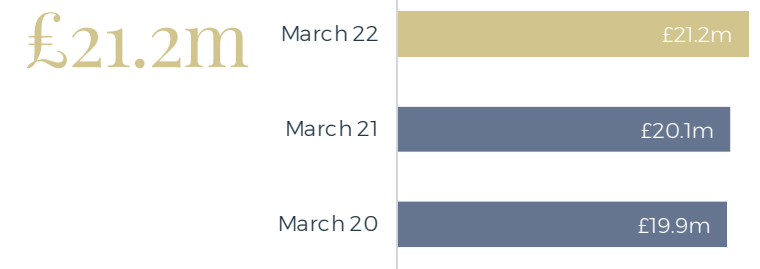
- Strong financial performance
- Outperforming property portfolio
- Improving income and occupancy
- Responsible stewardship

## Positive performance measures

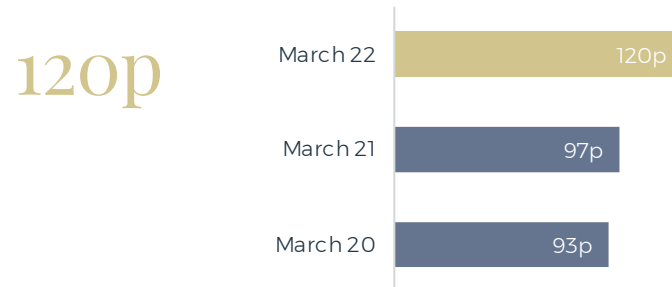
### Total return



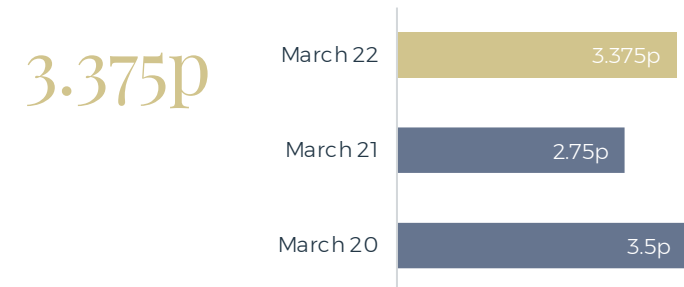
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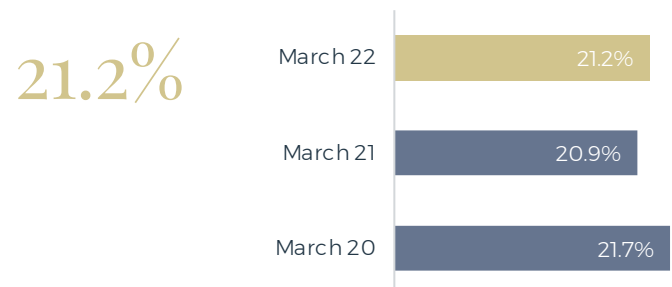
### EPRA NTA per share



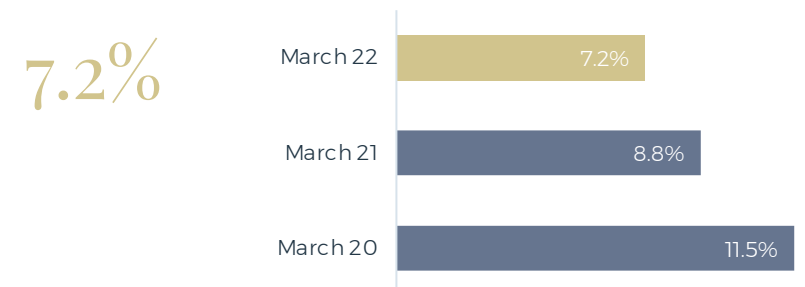
### Dividends paid per share



### Loan to value



### EPRA vacancy rate



## Corporate

**£657m**

Net assets

**3.8%**

Dividend yield\*

**£509m**

Market capitalisation\*

**1.0%**

Cost ratio

**£219m**

Borrowings

**21%**

Loan to value

## Portfolio

**£849m**

Value

**4.0%**

Net initial yield

**47**

Number of assets

**5.4%**

Reversionary yield

**400**

Number of occupiers

**93%**

Occupancy



**Industrial weighting**

**60%**

London & South East **44%**

Rest of UK **16%**



**Office weighting**

**30%**

Central London **11%**

Rest of UK **10%**

South East **9%**



**Retail and Leisure weighting**

**10%**

Retail Warehouse **7%**

High Street (Rest of UK) **2%**

Leisure **1%**

# Our strategy

Through our occupier focused, opportunity led approach, we aim to be one of the consistently best performing diversified UK REITs.

We have in place three strategic pillars including a range of priorities which guide the direction of the business:

## Portfolio Performance



- 1 Creating and owning a portfolio which provides income and capital growth
- 2 Growing occupancy and income profile
- 3 Enhancing asset quality, providing space that exceeds occupier expectations
- 4 Outperforming the MSCI UK Quarterly Property Index

## Operational Excellence



- 1 Maintaining an efficient operating platform, utilising technology as appropriate
- 2 Having an agile and flexible business model, adaptable to market trends
- 3 Delivering earnings growth
- 4 Having an appropriate capital structure for the market cycle
- 5 Growing to deliver economies of scale

## Acting Responsibly



- 1 Ensuring we maintain our company values, positive working culture and alignment of the team
- 2 Working closely with our occupiers, shareholders and other stakeholders
- 3 Ensuring sustainability is integrated within our business model and how we and our occupiers operate
- 4 Adapting to and mitigating impact of climate change
- 5 Reducing emissions to become carbon net zero by 2040

# Annual Results



## Strong financial performance

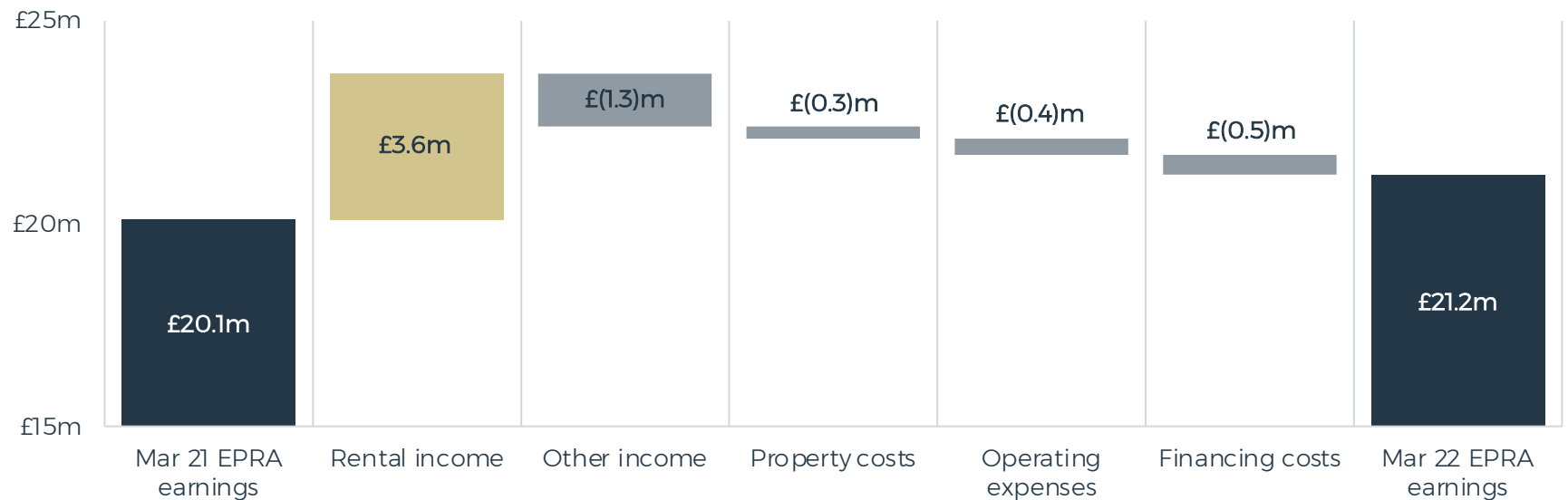
- Profit for the year of £147.4 million, the highest recorded since launch in 2005
- Net assets of £657 million, or 120p per share, an increase of 24.4%
- Earnings per share of 27.0p
- Total return of 28.3%
- Total shareholder return of 18.7%
- 23% increase in dividends paid of £18.4 million, with dividend cover of 115%



# Income statement

## Post pandemic income recovery

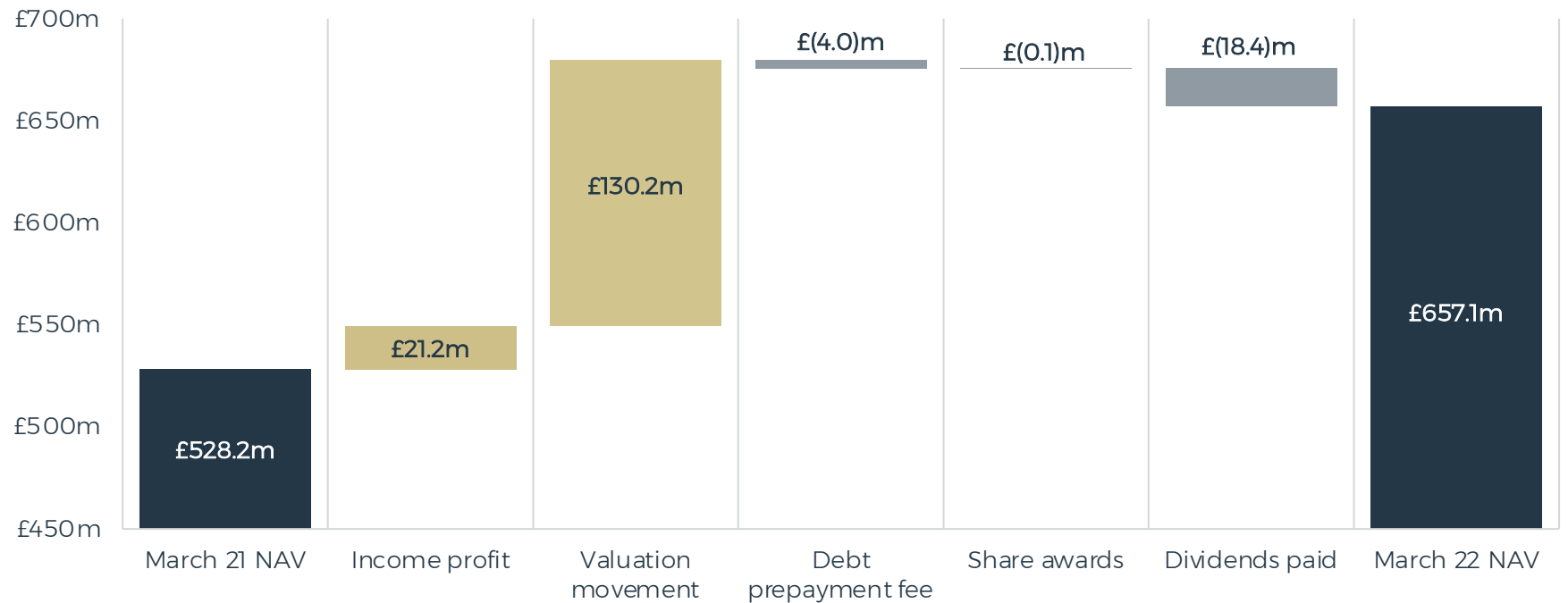
- Increased EPRA earnings of £21.2 million
- Rental income increased as a result of higher occupancy, reduced bad debt provisions and new acquisitions
- Other income less than received in prior year
- Property costs impacted by general inflationary pressure
- Administrative costs also impacted by inflation, plus higher remuneration and sustainability projects
- Financing costs higher this year due to refinancing and use of RCF



Please refer to Income Statement on page 41.

## NAV growth primarily driven by valuation gains in industrial assets

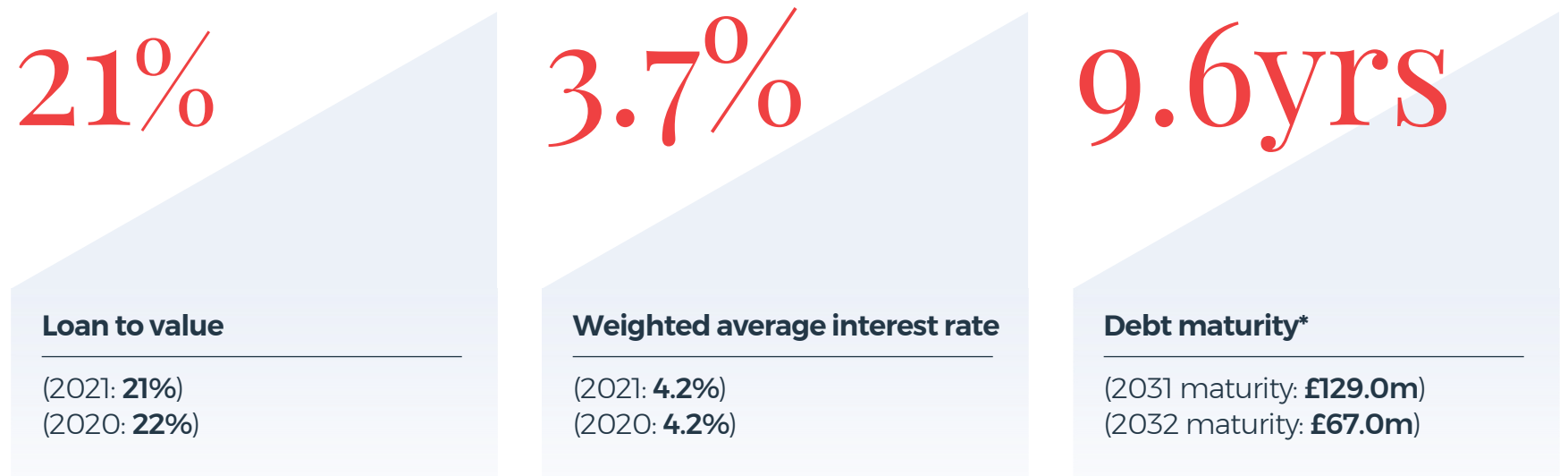
- Increased net assets to £657.1 million, up £128.9 million over the year
- Like-for-like valuation increase of 20.8%
- Debt prepayment fee of £4.0 million incurred on refinancing of senior debt facility
- Dividends paid of £18.4 million, maintaining a well covered dividend



Please refer to Balance Sheet on page 42.

## Debt maturity extended and costs reduced during the year

- Total debt drawn of £219 million with the loan to value ratio maintained at 21%
- Refinanced an existing debt facility, increasing borrowings by £49 million, reducing the interest rate to 3.25% and extending the term by four years
- Proceeds used to finance acquisitions
- Currently £45 million undrawn under revolving credit facility with maturity extended by a further year until May 2025



\* Ignoring annual amortisation and RCF.  
Please refer to Borrowings Summary on page 40.

# Market update



## MSCI Total return year to 31 March 2022

**All property**  
**+19.6%**

**Industrial**  
**+40.7%**

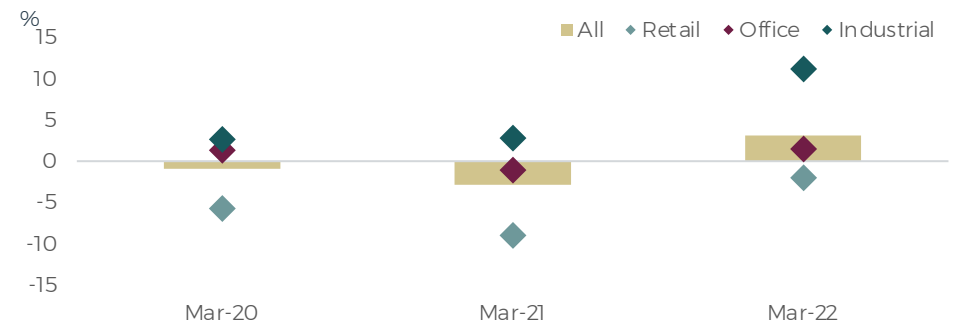
**Office**  
**+6.9%**

**Retail**  
**+14.9%**

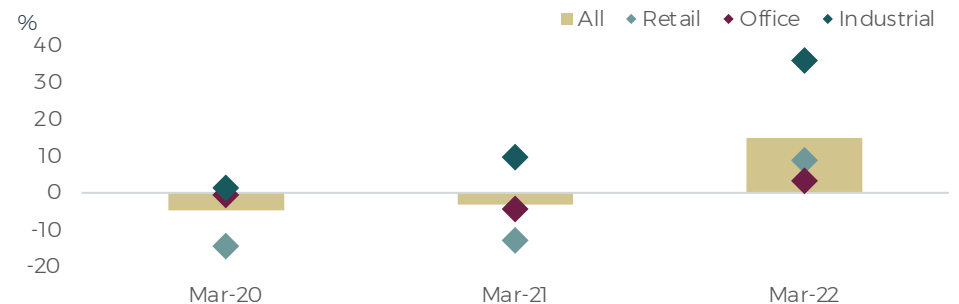
- Strong rental growth in industrial sector with limited supply
- WFH impacted office occupational demand. Better quality space at a premium
- Retail rental falls past the worst but still negative

- Strong investor demand for industrials despite increased pricing
- Investor interest for offices more selective. Leasing risk and capital expenditure a concern
- Growth returned to retail warehouse subsectors and where underpinned by alternative use
- UK attractive to international investors
- Economic backdrop to dampen returns

### Annual rental value growth



### Annual capital value growth



Source: MSCI UK Quarterly Property Index

Occupier focused, Opportunity led.

# Industrial market

- Very strong industrial occupational demand and rents rising in all subsectors
- Occupiers are seeking space to remove supply chain disruption
- Rising construction costs may limit speculative development and lead to higher rents

*“Strong demand and dwindling supply will continue to drive rental increases through 2022 and beyond.”*

BNP Paribas RE, Industrial & Logistics Insider, Q1 22

- Significant growth driven by investor demand for industrial property reflecting strong occupational market
- Standard industrial demand more correlated to the wider economy - not just Amazon led demand

*“Void rates dwindled to a new historic low which continues to underpin investor confidence”.*

Gerald Eve, In Brief, March 2022

## Rental growth 3-months to April 2022



## Capital growth 3-months to April 2022



Source: MSCI UK Monthly Property Index

Occupier focused, Opportunity led.

# Office market

- Office demand impacted by lengthened WFH disruption
- The Big 6 centres continue to show resilience
- The uplift in vacancy has largely been driven by secondary space coming on to the market

*“Demand for office space is healthy, as occupiers, many of whom put requirements on hold, are now actioning searches and committing to space.”*

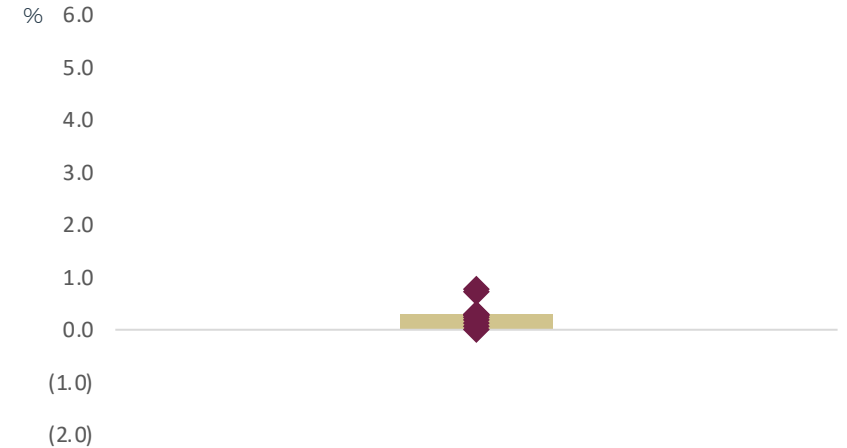
Colliers, UK Property Snapshot, April 2022

- Stable yield environment and positive sentiment
- Sustainability credentials increasingly important
- Capital expenditure costs required impacting pricing
- Alternative use can underpin values in some markets

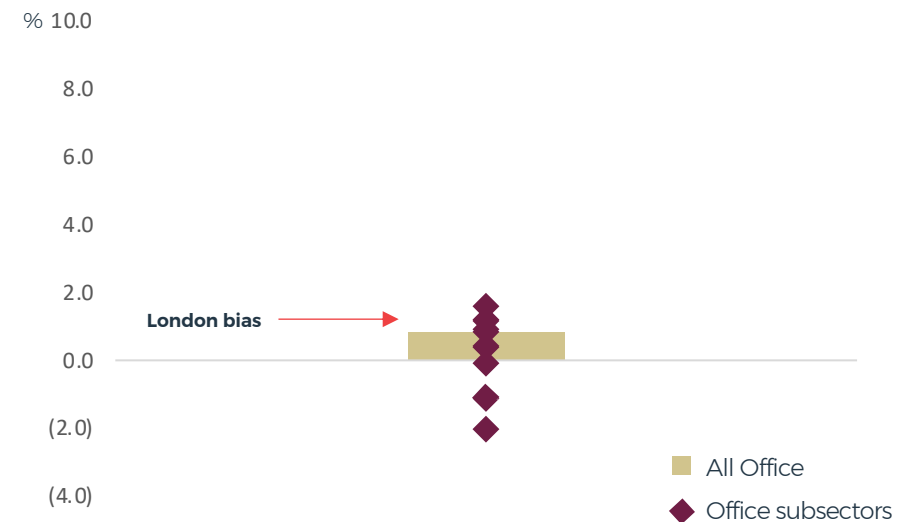
*“Investor appetite for UK offices continue to grow.”*

CBRE, UK Property Snapshot, Q1 22

## Rental growth 3-months to April 2022



## Capital growth 3-months to April 2022



Source: MSCI UK Monthly Property Index

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# Retail market

- Retail warehouse rents stabilised but vacancies impacting rents elsewhere
- Footfall is still around 15% below 2019 levels, with town centres still lagging retail parks
- Total UK retail sales 10% ahead of 2019 levels with online ahead of pre-Covid-19 levels

*“Stabilisation of occupier markets, renewed acquisition activity and a reduction in overall retail footprint as some retail floorspace is repurposed to other uses are likely to keep vacancy rates more in check going forward.”*

Knight Frank, Two years on from COVID, April 22

- Retail rebound driven almost exclusively by the retail warehousing subsector or where there is higher alternative use values

*“Retail Park yields continue to compress while other retail yields remain stable.”*

CBRE, UK Property Snapshot, Q1 22

## Rental growth 3-months to April 2022



## Capital growth 3-months to April 2022



Source: MSCI UK Monthly Property Index

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# Portfolio highlights





## Outperforming property portfolio

**24.3%** — VS — **19.6%**  
 Total property return      MSCI UK Quarterly Property Index

**20.8%**  
 Like-for-like valuation increase

**5.4%**  
 Like-for-like estimated rental value increase

**6.9%**  
 Like-for-like increase in contracted rent

**2.1%**  
 Like-for-like increase in passing rent

**93%**  
 Occupancy increased by 2%

## Occupier focused asset management

### 34 lettings / agreements to lease

Securing £4.9 million per annum, 8% above the March 2021 ERV

### 21 lease renewals / regears

Retaining £2.2 million per annum, 3% above the March 2021 ERV

### 12 rent reviews

Securing an uplift of £0.2 million per annum, 7% above the March 2021 ERV

### Asset upgrades

£10 million invested into refurbishment, repositioning and sustainability projects

### Rent collection

Now back to pre-pandemic levels



## Strong occupational demand

### Key letting activity in:

#### Barking

45,000 sq ft - 5% ahead of ERV

#### Gloucester

22,000 sq ft - 87% ahead of ERV

#### Rugby

99,500 sq ft - 11% ahead of ERV

- Limited void
- Demand strong from wide range of occupier types
- Significant reversionary potential of £2.2 million p.a.
- Vacancy of only £0.6 million p.a.

**£1.6m p.a.**  
leased during the year

**98%**  
Occupancy

**67%**  
EPC rated A-C



	Distribution	Standard Industrial	
<b>Capital value</b>	19%	81%	
	Within M25	South East	Rest UK
<b>Capital value %</b>	47%	26%	27%
<b>Average capital value psf</b>	£445	£181	£71
<b>Equivalent yield</b>	3.3%	4.3%	5.7%
<b>Average contracted rent psf</b>	£13	£8	£4
<b>Average ERV psf</b>	£16	£9	£5

## Flight to quality

### Key letting activity in:

#### Chatham

12,500 sq ft - 8% ahead of ERV

#### Glasgow

21,400 sq ft - 19% ahead of ERV

#### London (Stanford)

5,900 sq ft - 3% below ERV

- Focus on providing high quality space
- With occupier amenities and improving environmental credentials
- Occupancy improved during the year but further upside
- £2.5 million p.a. of vacancy upside

**£2.9m p.a.**  
leased during the year

**87%**  
Occupancy

**74%**  
EPC rated A-C



	Single let	Multi-let	
	London	South East	Rest UK
<b>Capital value</b>	4%	96%	
<b>Capital value %</b>	37%	31%	32%
<b>Average capital value psf</b>	£814	£206	£237
<b>Equivalent yield</b>	5.1%	8.1%	7.4%
<b>Average contracted rent psf</b>	£45	£20	£18
<b>Average ERV psf</b>	£47	£19	£20

## Occupational demand improving

### Key letting activity in:

#### Bury

16,000 sq ft – in line with ERV

#### Swansea

15,500 sq ft – in line with ERV

#### Covent Garden\*

6,000 sq ft - 22% ahead of ERV

- Rental values stabilising
- Occupier demand improving for right locations
- Only four vacancies – one of which is now an office element of leisure scheme

## £0.4m p.a.

leased during the year

## 93%

Occupancy

## 73%

EPC rated A-C



	Retail Warehouse	High Street	Leisure
<b>Capital value %</b>	65%	21%	14%
<b>Average capital value psf</b>	£139	£121	£98
<b>Equivalent yield</b>	6.9%	10.0%	7.8%
<b>Average contracted rent psf</b>	£11	£19	£8
<b>Average ERV psf</b>	£10	£12	£10

## Top five voids account for over 65% of total void

### £0.9m

**Office**  
**Angel Gate**  
**London**

Seeing greater occupational demand off a low base. Occupier lounge being widely used, and occupier engagement app launched.

### £0.5m

**Office & industrial**  
**Colchester Business Park**  
**Colchester**

46% of the void is an industrial unit that came back in January. All void space being refurbished.

### £0.4m

**Office**  
**Metro**  
**Salford**

Refurbishment on site and completes in the summer. Adjacent to the Metro station with a high parking ratio.

### £0.4m

**Office**  
**Rum Runner Works**  
**Birmingham**

Unique office space with views over the canal basin. Seeking a single occupier for the whole. Shortlisted for BCO refurbishment prize.

### £0.3m

**Office**  
**Longcross**  
**Cardiff**

Refurbishment recently completed. Now includes occupier amenity space, new reception and a high parking ratio.

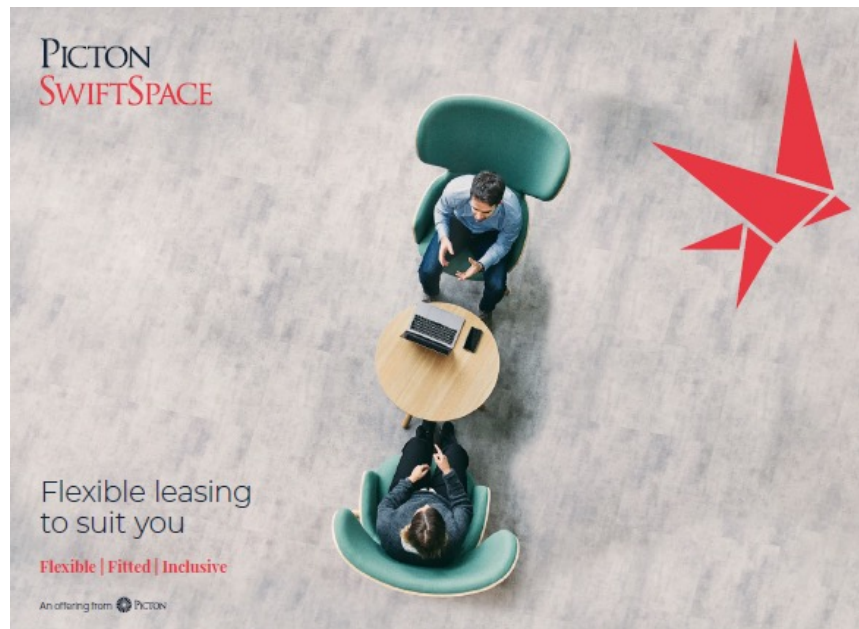




## Adapting to post Covid-19 environment

### Flexible leasing solution

- Targeting smaller office suites
- Flexibility and ease of occupation
- Bespoke to suit occupier changing and evolving needs
- Simple - speed up moving in process and reducing upfront costs
- Three different offerings, Flexible, Fitted and Inclusive



## Selective activity to support income and value growth



### Madleaze Trading Estate, Gloucester

- Comprises 18 industrial units totalling 304,000 sq ft on a 10.3 acre site
- Let to eight occupiers and currently includes two vacant units
- Freehold
- Total rental income of £0.75 million per annum, equating to a low £2.74 per sq ft

### Created dominant estate on 29 acre site

- Combined purchase price reflects a net initial yield of 6.1% and £35 per sq ft
- Better able to relocate and retain occupiers
- Significant active management potential and rental upside
- Longer-term redevelopment potential with waterside frontage

Acquired a city centre industrial estate for £13.1 million in October 2021

Acquired adjacent industrial estate in for £10.4 million February 2022

Sold a non-core retail asset for £0.75 million, 16.3% ahead of the March 2021 valuation

### Mill Place Trading Estate, Gloucester

- Comprises 38 industrial units totalling 365,000 sq ft on a 19.1 acre site
- Let to 27 occupiers and 22,000 sq ft leased since purchased
- Freehold/ part leasehold
- Total rental income of £0.68 million per annum, equating to a low £2.79 per sq ft

## Acquired west London office building for £13.7 million

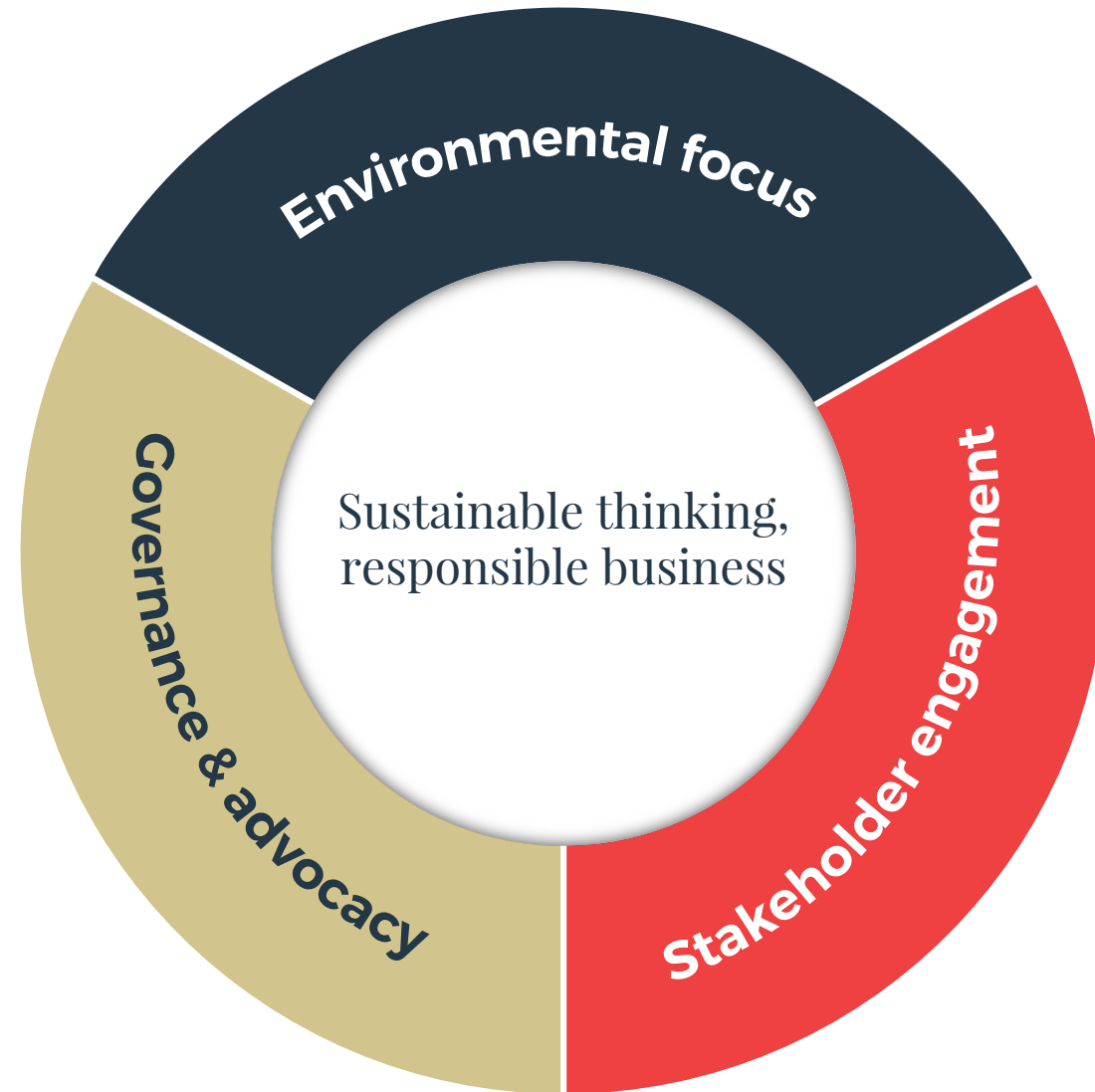


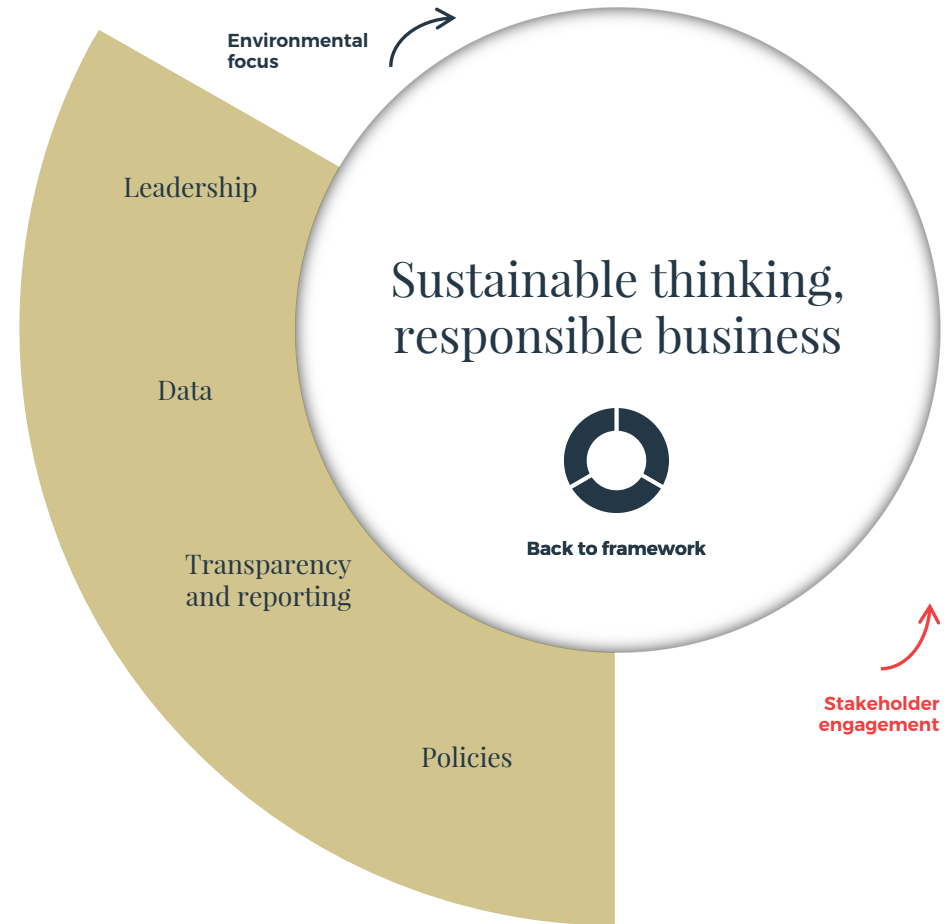
### **Charlotte Terrace, Hammersmith Road, W14**

- Comprises a 32,900 sq ft unbroken parade of four buildings redeveloped in 1990 behind a Grade II listed façade
- Will benefit from £1bn Olympia regeneration
- Let to nine occupiers with over 50% of the lettable area vacant
- Total rental income of £0.5 million per annum, equating to a low £34 per sq ft
- Purchase price reflects a net initial yield of 3.3% with an expected reversion to over 8%
- Opportunity to roll out SwiftSpace flexible lease offering
- Pricing underpinned by alternative use value

# Being responsible





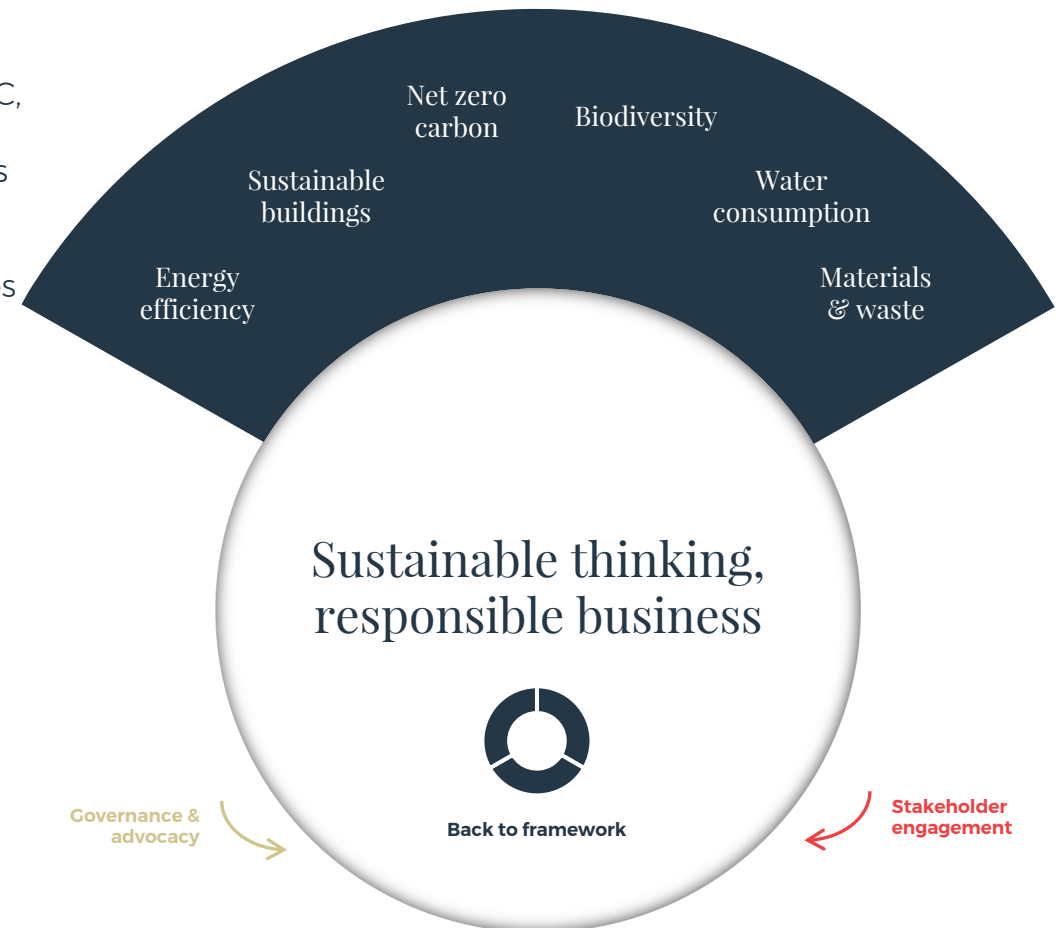


## Governance & advocacy

- Became a signatory to the Better Buildings Partnership Climate Commitment
- Published our Sustainability Policy
- Completed assessment of climate-related risks
- Achieved EPRA Gold awards for reporting
- 2022 environmental data to be independently assured

## Environmental focus

- Developed and published our net zero carbon pathway
- Improved portfolio EPC ratings\* (71% A-C, with 29% D & E)
- Removed gas supplies from three assets
- Increased the number of green leases completed
- Introduced further biodiversity measures
- Reduced GHG emissions compared to 2019 baseline





## Stakeholder engagement

- Provided further sustainability training for the team
- Introduced new supplier clauses and a due diligence questionnaire to address modern slavery risks
- Helped develop the BBP Responsible Management Toolkit
- Pandemic 'return to office' information packs provided for occupiers



## Target date of 2040, ten years ahead of UK wide target

- Sets out our approach to tackling climate change and our priority actions to decarbonising our portfolio
- In line with Better Buildings Partnership framework
- Includes both our emissions and our occupiers
- Includes embodied and operational emissions
- We will monitor and regularly report progress

01.  
Reduce embodied carbon



02.  
Optimise energy efficiency



03.  
Maximise on-site renewable energy



04.  
Maximise high-quality off-site renewable energy procurement



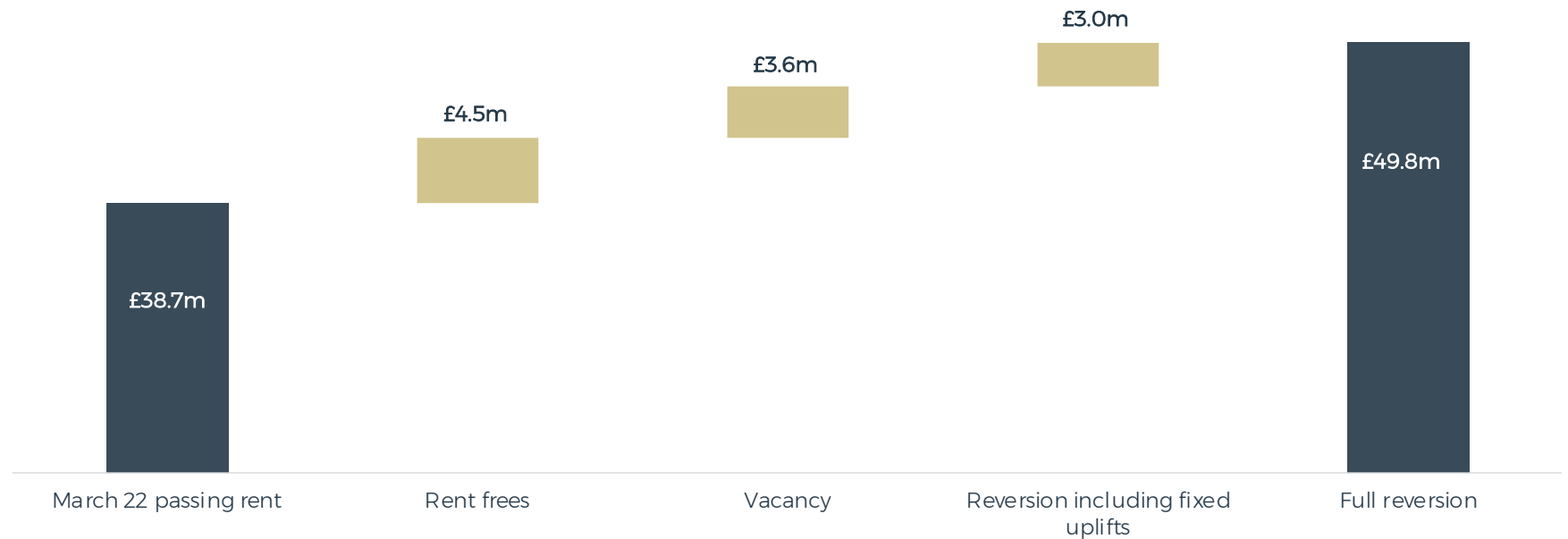
05.  
Purchase high-quality carbon offsets for residual emissions



# Outlook



- Macroeconomic conditions unhelpful but bottom up fundamentals look encouraging
- Supply of quality space limited in most markets, which is supportive of rental growth
- Focus on occupiers and amenities and net zero carbon will make assets more resilient
- 98% of drawn debt fixed until at least 2031, with RCF available for future opportunities
- Significant income upside through vacancy and reversion



# Appendices



**Michael Morris**  
**Chief Executive**

Michael has over 25 years of experience in the UK commercial property sector and was appointed to the Picton Property Income Board on 1 October 2015.

He has worked with the Group since launch in 2005 and is the Chief Executive. Within this role he is responsible for the implementation of all aspects of the Company's strategy.



**Andrew Dewhirst**  
**Finance Director**

Andrew joined the Group in March 2011 and became its Finance Director in 2018. He has over 30 years of experience in the real estate and financial services sector.

Andrew is an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and a member of the Investment Property Forum. He is the Chair of the Responsibility Committee.



**Jay Cable**  
**Head of Asset Management**

Jay is Head of Asset Management and in this role, he is responsible for overseeing all asset management activities in respect of the Group's property portfolio.

He has over 20 years of real estate experience and is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and of the Investment Property Forum. He sits on the Executive Committee and the Transaction and Finance Committee.

# Top 10 assets

## 1/

### Parkbury Industrial Estate Radlett, Herts.

- Lot size band - £100 million +
- Size (sq ft) 343,800

- Multi-let industrial estate within M25
- 24 units
- Principal occupiers include Blanco, Franke Coffee and XMA
- Fully let



## 2/

### River Way Industrial Estate Harlow, Essex

- Lot size band - between £50m - £75m
- Size (sq ft) 454,800

- Multi-let industrial estate 20 miles from London
- 11 units
- Principal occupiers include BOC, DHL and Argyll Stores
- Fully let



## 3/

### Datapoint Business Park London E16

- Lot size band - between £30m - £50m
- Size (sq ft) 55,100

- Greater London industrial estate
- Multi-let
- Six units
- Principal occupiers include L.A.S. and MGN.
- Close to DLR and A13
- Fully let

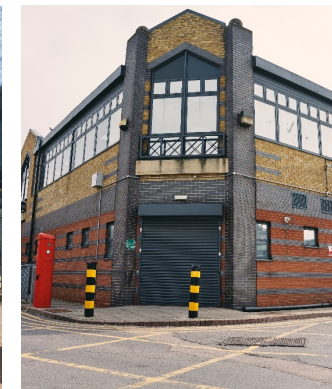


## 4/

### Lyon Business Park Barking

- Lot size band - between £30m - £50m
- Size (sq ft) 99,400

- Greater London industrial estate
- Multi-let
- Ten units
- Principal occupier is Jones Hire
- Adjacent to A13
- 26,000 sq ft available



## 5/

### Stanford Building Long Acre, London WC2

- Lot size band - between £30m - £50m
- Size (sq ft) 19,600

- Prime Covent Garden asset
- Grade II listed
- Picton occupies first floor
- Retail unit leased to Scotch & Soda
- Fully let



## 6/

**Shipton Way,  
Rushden, Northants.**

- Lot size band - between £30m - £50m
- Size (sq ft) 312,900
- Single-let
- Centrally located within the UK's distribution heartland
- Modern distribution warehouse on a 14 acre site
- Good road connectivity adjacent to the A45



## 7/

**Angel Gate, City Road  
London EC1**

- Lot size band - between £30m - £50m
- Size (sq ft) 64,600
- Multi-let courtyard office development
- Offering a mix of self-contained units and individual floors
- Repositioned to offer contemporary space
- 26,800 sq ft available



## 8/

**Tower Wharf  
Cheese Lane, Bristol**

- Lot size band - between £20m - £30m
- Size (sq ft) 70,600
- Multi-let Grade A office
- BREEAM Excellent rated
- Principle occupiers include Ashfords, Oracle and McCann
- 7,000 sq ft available



## 9/

**50 Farringdon Road  
London EC1**

- Lot size band - between £20m - £30m
- Size (sq ft) 31,300
- Multi-let office
- Located adjacent to Farringdon Crossrail station
- Principal occupiers include Volker Wessels, PA Consulting and Reed
- Fully let



## 10/

**Sundon Business Park,  
Luton, Beds.**

- Lot size band - between £20m - £30m
- Size (sq ft) 127,800
- South East industrial estate
- Multi-let
- 13 units
- Close to J11a M1
- 11,300 sq ft available



# Borrowings summary

	<b>Canada Life</b>	<b>Aviva</b>	<b>NatWest</b>
<b>Amount drawn</b>	£129.0 million	£84.9 million	£4.9 million
<b>Undrawn</b>	Fully drawn	Fully drawn	£45.1 million
<b>Fixed/floating rate</b>	Fixed	Fixed	Floating
<b>Type</b>	Secured	Secured	Secured
<b>Interest rate</b>	3.25%	4.38%	SONIA + 1.5% (currently 2.3%)
<b>Commitment fee</b>	-	-	0.6%
<b>Maturity</b>	2031	2032	2025
<b>Covenant LTV</b>	65%	65%	55%
<b>Covenant ICR</b>	1.75x	N/A	2.5x
<b>Covenant DSCR</b>	N/A	1.4x	N/A
<b>Repayment</b>	Full balance due in 2031	£67 million repayable on maturity. Remainder repayable through annual amortisation	Ability to redraw and repay over term



	March 2022 (£ million)	March 2021 (£ million)
<b>Rental income</b>	40.1	36.6
<b>Other income</b>	0.2	1.5
<b>Property expenses</b>	(4.9)	(4.6)
<b>Administrative expenses</b>	(5.7)	(5.4)
<b>Finance costs</b>	(8.5)	(8.0)
<b>Tax</b>	-	-
<b>INCOME PROFIT AFTER TAX</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>20.1</b>
<b>Unrealised movement on property assets</b>	129.8	12.8
<b>Gains on disposal of property assets</b>	-	0.9
<b>Revaluation of owner-occupied property</b>	0.4	-
<b>Debt prepayment fees</b>	(4.0)	-
<b>PROFIT BEFORE DIVIDENDS</b>	<b>147.4</b>	<b>33.8</b>
<b>Dividends paid</b>	18.4	15.0
<b>Dividends paid per share (pence)</b>	3.375	2.75

# Consolidated balance sheet

	March 2022 (£ million)	March 2021 (£ million)
<b>Property assets</b>	830.0	665.4
<b>Cash</b>	38.5	23.4
<b>Other assets</b>	27.3	23.7
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>895.8</b>	<b>712.5</b>
<b>Borrowings</b>	(216.8)	(163.7)
<b>Other liabilities</b>	(21.9)	(20.6)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>657.1</b>	<b>528.2</b>
<b>Net asset value per share (pence)</b>	120	97

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