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# # PICTON Introduction



# Picton at a glance

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

£745 million

diversified commercial property portfolio

#### Our purpose

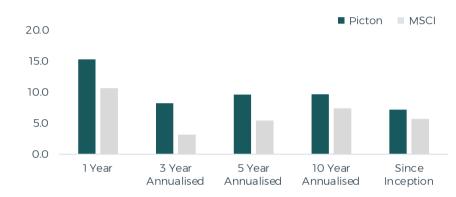
Through our occupier focused, opportunity led approach we aim to be one of the consistently best performing diversified UK REITs.

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

### Portfolio upper quartile outperformance

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

### **Total property returns (%)**



### For period ended September 2021

- Strong financial results
- Valuation gains and asset management drive outperformance
- Improving portfolio activity, occupancy and rent collection
- Sustainability progress



# **Business overview**

Corporate summary	
£574M	3.6%
Net assets	Dividend yield
£519M	1.1%
Market capitalisation	Cost ratio
£180M Borrowings	$\frac{22\%}{\text{Loan to value}}$

Portfolio summary	_
£745M	4.5% Net initial yield
46	5.9%
Number of assets	Reversionary yield
350 Number of occupiers	93% Occupancy
Number of occupiers	Occupancy



Industrial weighting

55.9%

South East	41.2%
Rest of UK	14.7%



33.1%

South East	10.2%
Rest of UK	10.5%
City and West End	12.4%



Retail and Leisure weighting

11.0%

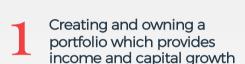
Retail Warehouse	6.9%
High Street Rest of UK	2.6%
Leisure	1.5%



## **Our strategy**

In order to continue delivering shareholder value, we have put in place three strategic pillars that include a range of priorities to guide the direction of the business:

# Portfolio Performance



- 2 Growing occupancy and income profile
- Enhancing asset quality, providing space that exceeds occupier expectations
- Outperforming the MSCI UK Quarterly Property Index

# Operational Excellence



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

# Acting Responsibly



- Ensuring we maintain our company values, positive working culture and alignment of the team
- Working closely with our occupiers, shareholders and other stakeholders
- Ensuring sustainability is integrated within our business model and how we and our occupiers operate



# **Acting responsibly**

- Overarching Sustainability Policy published
- Continued investment into sustainable refurbishments including improvement of five EPCs securing B rating
- Pathway to net zero carbon being developed and to be published by March 2022
- Member of Better Buildings Partnership and will become signatory to their Climate Change Commitment





Stanford Building
London WC2
Improved the EPC rating
from E to B
Letting to Blackwood





50 Farringdon Road London EC1 Improved the EPC rating from D to B. Air conditioning improvements decarbonising from gas to electric Fully leased



**50 Pembroke Court Chatham**Improved the EPC rating from D to B **Letting to NatWest** 



# Market update

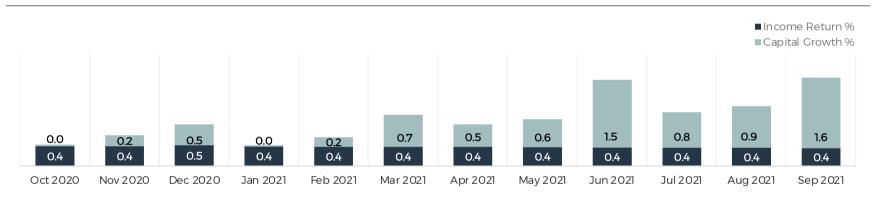


# **UK commercial property market**

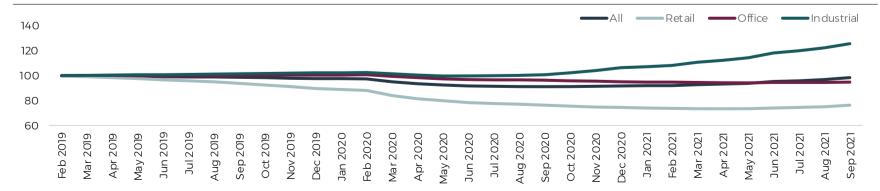
### Marked improvement in total returns since easing of lockdown restrictions

- Industrial has been the strongest performer, generating a total return of 15.9% for the six months to September 2021
- Office total return of 2.6% for the six months to September 2021
- Retail total return of 7.5% for the six months to September 2021

### **Income and Capital Growth (%)**



### **Sector Indexed Capital Growth (%)**



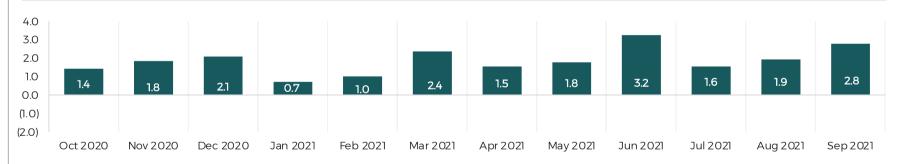


## **Industrial market**

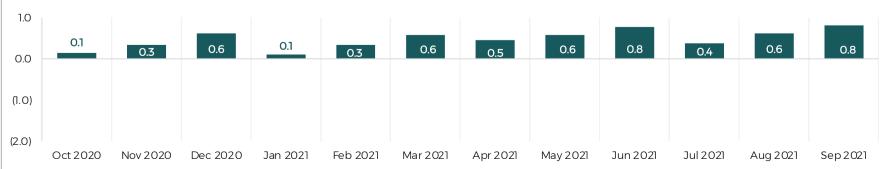
### Investor and occupational demand remains strong

- Capital growth 13.5% for the six months to September 2021
- Strongest subsector Industrial London at 16.5%. Weakest subsector Industrial South West at 8.9%
- Rental growth positive in all subsectors. Strongest subsector Industrial Eastern at 4.8%. Weakest Industrial South West at 2.4%
- Industrial occupancy 94.3% September 2021 (March 2021 92.6%)

### **MSCI Capital Growth (%)**



### **MSCI Rental Value Growth (%)**



<sup>\*</sup> Source: MSCI UK Monthly Property Index

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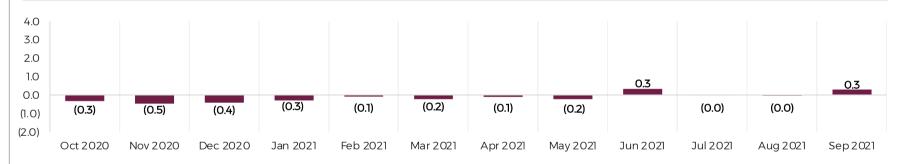


## Office market

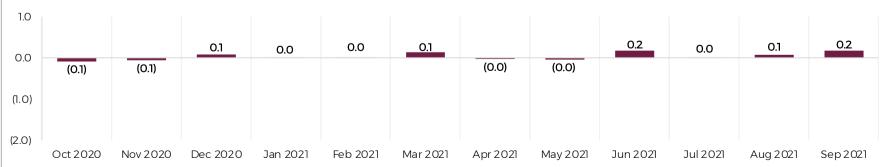
### Returns muted reflecting a slower than anticipated return to the office

- Capital growth 0.2% for the six months to September 2021
- Strongest subsector Office Eastern at 3.5%. Weakest subsector Office Scotland at -3.4%
- All office rental growth 0.4%. Strongest subsector Office Midlands & Wales at 2.1%. Weakest Office Inner South East at -0.5%
- Stronger demand for high quality space

### **MSCI Capital Growth (%)**



### **MSCI Rental Value Growth (%)**



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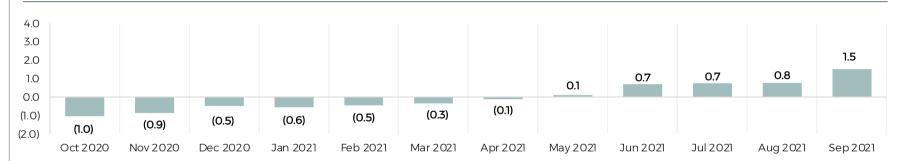


### **Retail and Leisure market**

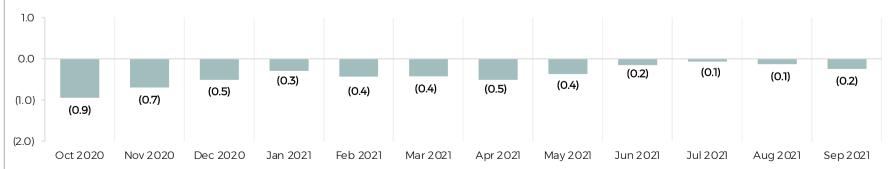
### Retail warehousing drives rebound

- Capital growth 3.8% for the six months to September 2021
- Strongest subsector Retail Warehouse Midlands & Wales at 8.7%. Weakest subsector Standard Retail Outer South East at -6.7%
- All retail rental growth -1.5% and negative in all subsectors bar one. Strongest subsector Retail Warehouse London at 0.3%. Weakest Standard Retail Wales -6.7%
- Oversupply most noticeable in Shopping Centres and High Streets
- Online sales 23% lower than pandemic peak

### **MSCI Capital Growth (%)**



### **MSCI Rental Value Growth (%)**



\* Source: MSCI UK Monthly Property Index

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# M PICTON Half Year Results



# **Financial summary**

### **Strong financial results**

- 8.6% increase in net assets to £574 million, or 105p per share
- Profit of £54.4 million (30 September 2020 £3.7 million)
- EPRA earnings of £10.9 million (30 September 2020 £10.1 million)
- Total return of 10.2%
- Shareholder return of 12.7%
- Dividend cover of 121%
- Dividend increased by 6.3% over the period (dividends paid over 30% higher than last year)

105p

2.Op

1.65p

**NAV** per share

(31 March 2021 **97p**)

**EPRA** earnings per share

(30 Sept 2020: 1.8p)

Dividends paid per share

(30 Sept 2020: 1.25p)



### **Income statement**

### **Increased profit and earnings**

- EPRA earnings of £10.9 million
- Rental income improved through increased occupancy and reduction in bad debts
- Property costs reduced, reflecting higher occupancy levels over the period
- Operating expenses higher, offset by lower finance costs





# **Balance sheet**

### NAV growth driven by valuation gains

- Increased net assets to £574 million
- Like-for-like valuation increase of 7.4%
- Dividends paid of £9 million, dividend cover of 121%





# **Capital structure**

### Low gearing, with RCF used to fund acquisition

- £14 million drawn under revolving credit facility to fund property acquisition
- Further £36 million available under facility
- Extended revolving credit facility until May 2024
- 92% of debt fixed
- Drawn borrowings at blended rate of 4.0% (March 2021: 4.2%)

22%

£180m 8.0yrs

#### Loan to value

(31 March 2021 21%)

### **Debt outstanding**

(31 March 2021 **£166m**)

### **Debt maturity\***

(2024 maturity: £14.0m) (2027 maturity: **£80.0m**) (2032 maturity: **£67.0m**)

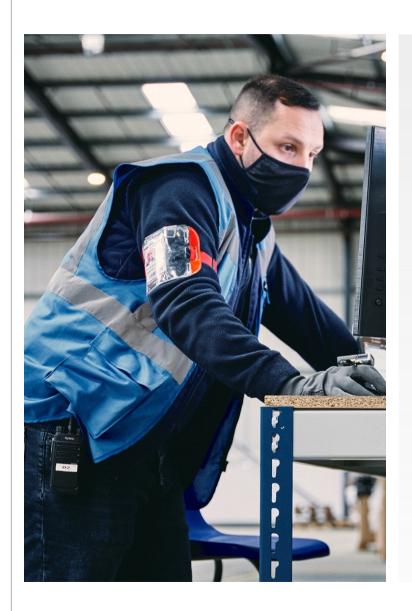
<sup>\*</sup> Ignoring annual amortisation.



# PICTON Portfolio highlights



# **Operational performance**



### **Outperforming property portfolio**

9.0% - vs - 7.6%

**Total property** return

**MSCI UK Quarterly Property Index** 

Portfolio top quartile outperformance against MSCI over one, three, five and ten years, and since inception

7.4%

Like-for-like valuation increase

3.2%

Like-for-like increase in contractual passing rent 1.9%

Like-for-like estimated rental value increase

93%

Occupancy increased by 2% over the half year

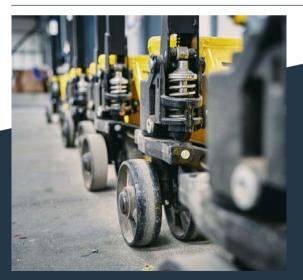


# **Operational performance**

### Improving portfolio activity, occupancy and rent collection

- 15 lettings / agreements to lease completed, securing £2.4 million per annum, 2.2% above the March 2021 ERV
- Six lease renewals / regears completed, retaining £0.3 million per annum, 5.4% above the March 2021 ERV
- Eight rent reviews completed, securing an uplift of £0.1 million per annum, 10.8% above the March 2021 ERV

96% of the rent due for the six months to September 2021 has been collected 97% of the September 2021 quarter's rent has been collected or is expected to be received under monthly payment plans









# **Investment activity**

### Selective activity to support income and value growth

Completed the acquisition of a freehold, city centre industrial estate for £13.1 million

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

- Madleaze Trading Estate 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
- Total rental income of £0.75 million per annum, equating to a low £2.74 per sq ft
- Purchase price reflects a net initial yield of 6.1% on letting the vacant units and a capital value of £44 per sq ft, well below construction cost
- Significant active management potential, rental upside
- Longer-term redevelopment potential





# Our business model in action

# Office

#### 50 Pembroke Court Chatham

- Refurbishment improved the EPC from a D to a B
- All remaining offices leased to NatWest on a five-year lease, subject to break, at a rent of £0.3 million p.a.
- 7% ahead of March 2021 ERV

# **Industrial**

#### Mayesbrook House Barking

- Unit became vacant due to business being impacted by Covid-19
- Obtained vacant possession and refurbished unit
- Letting is on a 15-year lease at £0.6 million p.a.
- 43% ahead of the previous rent and 4% ahead of the March 2021 ERV

# **Retail and Leisure**

### Angouleme Retail Park Bury

- Refurbished and updated in 2020
- Final vacant unit leased to JD Gyms on a ten-year lease at £0.2 million per annum via Agreement for Lease
- Rent in-line with March 2021 ERV
- Park is fully let









# Vacancy breakdown

### Top five voids account for over 70% of total void

£1.0m

#### Office

#### Angel Gate London

Space let during the half year. We are on site refurbishing space as well as creating a communal occupier lounge facility. Considering possible change of use to residential of part.

£0.4m

#### Retail

## Stanford Building London

Ground and basement retail unit available. Low void holding costs. Market beginning to pick up.

£0.4m

#### Office

#### Longcross Cardiff

Refurbishment on site and almost complete. It will offer best in class space in its category.

£o.4m

#### Office

### Regency Wharf Birmingham

Leisure block converted to offices – completion due November 2021. Unique space with views over the canal basin.

£o.4m

#### Office

#### Tower Wharf Bristol

Two refurbished suites with some occupational interest.







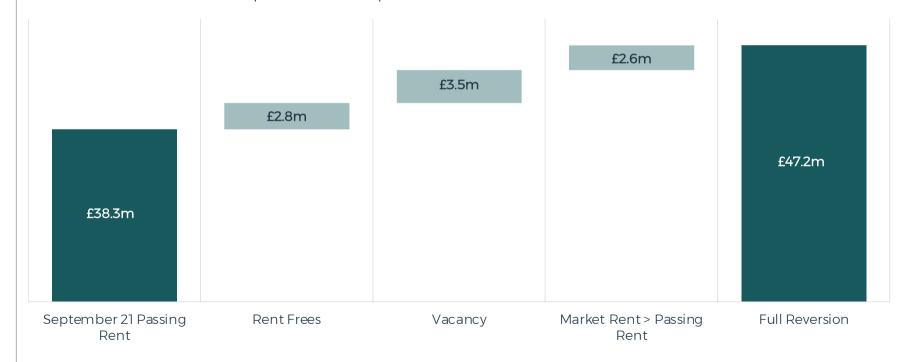


# **Outlook and focus**



# **Outlook for growth**

- More normalised business activity a positive factor
- Rent collection increasingly close to pre-pandemic levels
- Increase in occupancy and valuations gains reflecting improving conditions
- Desire to grow to enhance earnings further
  - With low LTV we will continue to selectively deploy revolving credit facility to fund acquisitions
  - Focus on areas where rental growth will offset inflationary concerns
  - > Economies of scale will provide further upside





# **\*\*** PICTON Appendices



## Management team



Michael Morris
Chief Executive

Michael has over 25 years' 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' 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

#### **Parkbury Industrial Estate Radlett, Herts**

- Lot size band -£60 million +
- Size (sq.ft.) 343,800
- Multi-let industrial estate within M25
- 24 units
- Principal occupiers include Blanco, Franke Coffee and XMA
- Fully let

#### River Way Industrial Estate Datapoint Business Park Harlow, Essex

- Lot size band -£60 million +
- Size (sq ft.) 454,800
- Multi-let industrial estate 20 miles from London
- 11 units
- Principal occupiers include BOC, DHL and Fedex
- Fully let

## London E16

- Lot size band between £30m - £40m
- Size (sq.ft.) 55,100
- Greater London Industrial Estate
- Multi-let
- Six units
- Close to DLR and A13
- Fully let

#### **Stanford Building** Long Acre, London WC2

- Lot size band between £30m - £40m
- Size (sq.ft.) 20,100
- Prime Covent Garden asset
- Grade II listed
- Picton occupy first floor
- All other office space and flat leased
- Flagship retail store available



#### **Angel Gate, City Road** London EC1

- Lot size band between £30m - £40m
- Size (sa ft.) 64,600
- Multi-let courtyard office development
- Offering a mix of selfcontained units and individual floors
- Repositioned to offer contemporary space
- 20,000 sq ft available













## Top 10 assets

#### **Lvon Business Park Barking**

- Lot size band between £30m - £40m
- Size (sq ft.) 99,400
- Greater London industrial estate
- Multi-let
- Ten units
- Adjacent to A13
- Fully let

#### **Shipton Way, Express** Park, Rushden, Northants

- Lot size band between £20m - £30m
- 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

#### **Tower Wharf** Cheese Lane, Bristol

- Lot size band between £20m - £30m
- Size (sq ft.) 70,600
- Multi-let Grade A office Multi-let office
- **BREEAM Excellent** rated
- Reception refurbishment recently completed
- 12,500 sq ft to lease

#### 50 Farringdon Road **London EC1**

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

#### 30 & 50 Pembroke Court Chatham, Kent

- Lot size band between £20m - £30m
- Size (sq ft.) 86,100
- Two Grade A office buildings
- Principal occupiers include Canterbury CC University, Vanguis Bank and NatWest
- Fully let













# **Borrowings summary**

### Long-term fixed rate debt and available revolving credit facility

	Canada Life	Aviva	NatWest
Amount drawn	£80.0 million	£85.6 million	£14.0 million
Undrawn	Fully drawn	Fully drawn	£36.0 million
Fixed/floating rate	Fixed	Fixed	Floating
Туре	Secured	Secured	Secured
Interest rate	4.08%	4.38%	3 month libor + 1.5% (currently 1.6%)
Commitment fee	-	-	0.6%
Maturity	2027	2032	2024 (ability to extend by a further year)
Covenant LTV	65%	65%	55%
Covenant ICR	1.75x	N/A	2.5x
Covenant DSCR	N/A	1.4x	N/A
Repayment	Full balance due in 2027	£67 million repayable on maturity. Remainder repayable through annual amortisation	Ability to redraw and repay over term



# Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

### Increased profit driven by valuation gains

	Sept 2021 (£ million)	Sept 2020 (£ million)
Rental income	19.7	17.6
Other Income	0.1	1.3
Property expenses	(2.3)	(2.4)
Administrative expenses	(2.7)	(2.3)
Finance costs	(3.9)	(4.1)
Tax	-	-
EPRA earnings	10.9	10.1
Unrealised movement on property assets	43.0	(6.4)
Gains on disposal of property assets	-	-
Revaluation on owner occupied property	0.5	-
PROFIT BEFORE DIVIDENDS	54.4	3.7
Dividends paid	9.0	6.8
Dividends paid per share (pence)	1.65	1.25



# **Consolidated balance sheet**

### Industrial valuation gains strengthen balance sheet

	Sept 2021 (£ million)	March 2021 (£ million)
Property assets *	730.2	669.2
Cash	16.7	23.4
Other assets	24.7	19.9
TOTAL ASSETS	771.6	712.5
Borrowings	(177.2)	(163.7)
Other liabilities	(20.8)	(20.6)
NET ASSETS	573.6	528.2
Net asset value per share (pence)	105	97

<sup>\*</sup> Including owner occupier property



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