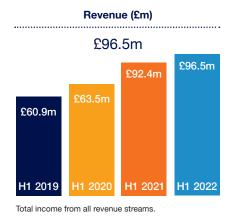
■ Financial review

We measure the development, performance and position of our business against a number of key indicators:



Strategy/objective

Shareholder value and financial performance



Profit before exceptional items2 and tax.

Strategy/objective

Shareholder value and financial performance

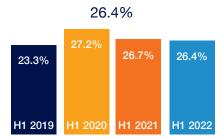


Total comprehensive income attributable to the equity holders of the Company, adjusted for exceptional items², divided by total number of ordinary shares. H1 2022 reflects the dilutive impact of the Q2 2022 placing of 3,809,524 new shares to part fund the acquisition of the Fluent Money Group, which did not complete until 12 July 2022.

Strategy/objective

Shareholder value and financial performance

Gross profit margin



Gross profit generated as a proportion of revenue.

Strategy/objective Managing gross margins

Adjusted overheads % of revenue



Group's administrative expenses¹ as a proportion

Strategy/objective Operating efficiency

Adjusted profit before tax margin



Group's adjusted profit before tax² as a proportion

Strategy/objective

Shareholder value and financial performance

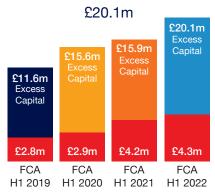
Adviser numbers



The average number of mainstream advisers³ for H1 2022 was 1,890 (H1 2021: 1,584)

Strategy/objective Increasing the scale of operations

Capital adequacy (£m)



Excess capital requirements over amounts required by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

Strategy/objective Financial stability

Adjusted unrestricted cash balances (£m)



Bank balances at 30 June available for use in operations⁴.

Strategy/objective Financial stability

¹ Adjusted administrative expenses stated before £1.5m (H1 2021: £nil) of costs relating to the acquisition of The Fluent Money Group, £0.4m (H1 2021: £0.6m) of costs relating to the First Mortgage option, and £0.2m (H1 2021: £0.2m) of amortisation of acquired intangibles.

² Adjusted profit before tax is stated before the items in (1) above, £0.7m of net fair value gains on deferred considerations (H1 2021: £nil), and £0.03m (H1 2021: £nil) of net fair value losses on derivative financial instruments. Adjusted earnings per share is stated on the same basis, net of any associated tax effects.

³ Based on average number of mainstream advisers for the period. Mainstream advisers exclude directly authorised advisers, later life advisers, and advisers from associates in the process of being onboarded.

⁴ Adjusted unrestricted cash balance at 30 June 22 excludes net proceeds from the £40m equity placing (£38.4m net of expenses) to part fund the acquisition of The Fluent Money Group that completed 12 July 2022.