

NAHL Group plc Interim Results 2016

21 September 2016

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Overview

H1 Highlights – Performance In Line With Expectations



Highlights

- Revenue up 1.3% to £25.8m (2015 H1: £25.4m)
- Underlying operating profit up 24.5% to £8.8m (2015 H1: £7.0m)
- Underlying operating profit margin up from 27.7% to 34.0%
- Profit before tax up 17.1% to £7.5m (2015 H1: £6.4m)
- Excellent cash conversion of 95.7% (2015 H1: 95.5%)
- Interim dividend 6.35p per share (2015 H1: 6.25p)
- PI strengthened margins higher value blend of cases
- Good organic revenue and profit growth in Conveyancing, strengthened by acquiring Searches UK Jan 2016
- · Critical Care performed well and trading ahead of plan

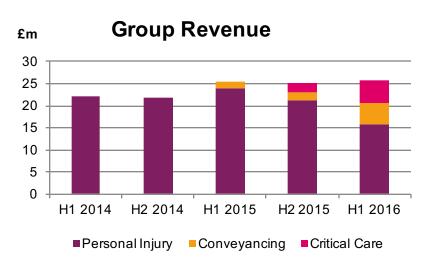
Financial Performance

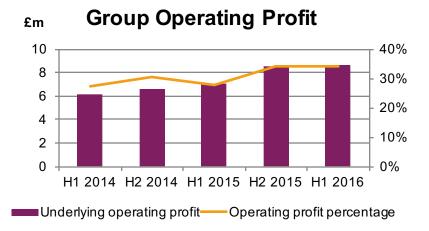
Income Statement



Good profit growth

£'000	% change	Six months to 30 June 2016	Six months to 30 June 2015	Twelve months to 31 December 2015
Revenue				
Personal Injury		15,864	23,913	45,081
Conveyancing+		4,665	1,498	3,522
Critical Care*		5,234	-	2,113
Total	1.3%	25,753	25,411	50,716
Cost of sales		(10,991)	(13.911)	(25,785)
Gross profit	28.4%	14,762	11,500	24,931
Gross margin		57.3%	45.3%	49.2%
Administrative expenses‡		(6,012)	(4,470)	(9,309)
Underlying operating profit‡	24.5%	8,750	7,030	15,622
Operating profit margin		34.0%	27.7%	30.8%





⁺ Conveyancing division comprises Fitzalan Partners acquired Feb 2015 and Searches UK acquired Jan 2016 * Critical Care comprises Bush and Company acquired Oct 2015

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Balance Sheet and Cash Flow



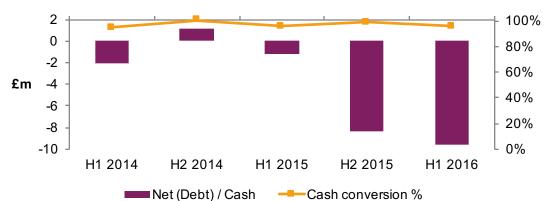
Robust balance sheet

Continued excellent cash conversion

£'000	Six months to 3		Twelve months to 31 Dec 2015	£'000
Total fixed assets	69,481	44,315	67,949	Underlying operating profit
Working capital	(4,079)	(5,839)	(4,551)	onderlying operating profit
Cash & cash equivalents	6,522	9,324	10,056	Depreciation and amortisation
Bank loans	(12,936)	(5,901)	(14,782)	Working capital movements
Pre-LASPO ATE product	(3,167)	(4,610)	(3,601)	
liability				Net cash flow from
Adjusted net debt	(9,581)	(1,187)	(8,327)	operating activities
Net assets	55,821	37,289	55,071	Cash conversion

Twelve months to 31 Six months Six months to December 2015 to June 2016 30 June 2015 8,750 7,030 15,622 86 104 177 (459)(421)(587)8,377 6,713 15,212 95.7% 97.4% 95.5%

Net cash / (debt) and cash conversion



Dividend and EPS



Progressive dividend			EPS grow	EPS growth			
	Interim Dividend 2016	Interim Dividend 2015	Total Dividend 2015	Pence		Six months to 30 June 2015	Twelve months to 31 December 2015
Dividend per share	6.35p	6.25p	18.75p	Group Basic EPS	13.2p	12.5p	25.6p
Total dividends	£2,879,701	£2,571,875	£8,230,000	Group Diluted	12.9p	12.3p	25.0p
Share price at period end*	206.50p	322.0p	224.8p	EPS			
Dividend as % of share price*	3.1%	1.9%	8.3%				

- Interim dividend 6.35p per share up 1.6% (2015 H1: 6.25p)
- Policy remains to pay 66% of retained earnings on 1/3rd interim & 2/3rd final basis
- Dividend payable 31 October 2016 to shareholders registered 30 September 2016
- Earnings per share 13.2p, up 5.6% from 12.5p in 2015 H1

Divisional Review

Personal Injury – Solid Margin Improvement



- H1 performance as expected
- Enquiries volumes deliberately reduced with focus on higher value case types
- Demand stabilised
- Improved margins
- Division right sized for lower enquiries
- · Partnership strategy evolving
- · Brand remains the most trusted and recognised
- NAH management team strengthened

NAH – Well Placed to Adapt to Regulatory Change



- Nov 15 Chancellor's Autumn Statement
 - Removal of general damages for "low value" RTA
 - Possible increase to SCL for PI claims to £5000.(currently £1000)
 - RTA only or claims or other areas of PI?
- EU referendum causes further delays H2 2017?
- Post consultation plans to move quickly post regulation
 - Brand strategy
 - Digitisation
 - Commercial models
 - Partnership strategy
 - · Small Claims processing

NAH well placed to capitalise on market leading position, brand recognition, expertise and flexible model

Conveyancing – Good Organic Growth, Positive Outlook Despite Market Disruption



- Good organic revenue and profit growth
- Division moves towards 'one-stop shop' model for B2B as well as B2C
- Reduced volumes since EU referendum but now improving
- · Opportunities in highly fragmented sector
- Changing consumer habits for procuring legal services creates opportunities
- Continued focus on new commercial opportunities:
 - New customer acquisition
 - · Margin and pricing optimisation initiatives
 - Digital marketing investment
 - · Investment in telecoms infrastructure
 - Develop new product propositions

Board remains confident of longer term outlook for Conveyancing





Critical Care – Strong Performance, Ahead of Plan



- Strong contribution from division
- · Investment in people and strengthening / focus of business development activities
- · Continued investment in marketing
- Continued focus on new commercial opportunities:
 - · Develop and expand markets with simplified service offering
 - Individual customer development plans
 - · Investment in IT infrastructure
 - Expand new product propositions
- Management team strengthened

Strong performance gives Board optimism about growth prospects for Critical Care



Growth Strategy & Outlook

Group Strategic Priorities Strategic Focus Remains Unchanged



Market development

Target higher value cases in NAH

Gain proactive role in NAH claims process

Grow market share in conveyancing and critical injury divisions.

Panel development

New and innovative SCL ready commercials for PLFs

Increase customer revenue in Fitzalan and Bush – via focused business development.

SCL processing via outsourcing and/or joint venture

Product and service development

Regulatory change gives opportunity to broaden NAH brand

Move Bush into lower value claims (£250k - £500k)

Develop the Fitzalan portfolio – through enhanced digital marketing

Targeted acquisitions

Opportunities from consolidation across all three legal sectors

Further opportunities for infill acquisitions

Summary & Outlook



- · Results in line with expectations
- Further progress with strategic diversification
- Positive contributions from Critical Care and Conveyancing
- Searches UK extends Conveyancing offering
- NAH well positioned to respond to regulatory changes
- Group operates across a number of highly fragmented markets
- Board remains committed to progressive dividend policy
- Second half trading has commenced in line with our expectations

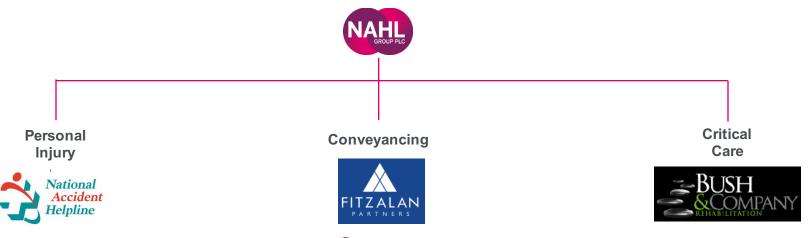
A solid financial performance with results in line with expectations

Questions

NAHL Group plc – a Broader, More Diversified Business



- NAHL Group plc is a leading UK consumer marketing and services business focused on the UK consumer legal services market
- The Group comprises three divisions:
 - Personal Injury via NAH which provides outsourced marketing services and products to law firms
 - Conveyancing via Fitzalan Partners and Searches UK which provides marketing services to law firms and conveyancers as well as property searches and surveys
 - Critical Care via Bush & Company which provides a range of specialist services in the catastrophic and serious injury market to both claimants and defendants



NAHL At a Glance



Significant shareholders				
Name	Holding (%)			
Schroder Investment Management	16.42			
AXA Framlington	9.98			
Hargreave Hale	8.36			
Miton Asset Management Limited	7.71			
JP Morgan Asset Management	7.29			
River & Mercantile Asset Management	6.75			
Investec Asset Management	5.79			
Blackrock Investment Mgt (UK)	4.33			
Invesco AIM Capital Management	3.74			
Baillie Gifford & Co Limited	3.53			

Industry data & sector	
Current index	FTSE AIM All-Share
Sector	Media
Market capitalisation	£117.66 million
Shares in issue	45.35m
Free float	42.87m
Share Price Year High	420.00p
Share Price Year Low	189.00p
Total 2015 Dividend	18.75p

The Board	
Russell Atkinson	CEO
Steve Dolton	CFO
Steve Halbert	Non-executive Chairman
Tim Aspinall	Independent Non-executive Director
Gillian Kent	Independent Non-executive Director

Analyst coverage		
Broker	Target Price	Recommendation
Investec	490p	BUY
Arden	N/A	BUY