# **MARTINCO**<sup>PLC</sup> *"The Property Franchise Group"*

Capital Markets Event 22 October 2015

## This afternoon's agenda

15:15 Welcome Richard Martin, Chairman

- 15:20 Introduction to MartinCo PLC Ian Wilson, Chief Executive Officer
- 15:25 Financial overview David Raggett, Chief Financial Officer
- 15:40 A sustainable franchise model Ian Wilson, Chief Executive Officer
- 16:10 Life as a franchisee Peter Grieve, Franchisee
- 16:40 **Outlook** Ian Wilson, Chief Executive Officer

16:55 **Q&A** 

17:15 **Refreshments** 



## Our top team are here this afternoon











Richard Martin Chairman

lan Wilson Chief Executive Officer

David Raggett Chief Financial Officer Michael Stoop Group Managing Director Penny Sanders Executive Head of Franchising



# MARTINCO PLC

Introduction to MartinCo PLC

Ian Wilson

### One of the UK's largest residential lettings and estate agency businesses

- Pure franchise model with three master franchises and five brands
- Over 20 years' experience in franchising with 284 offices and 240 franchise owners in key locations across the UK
- Estate agency operation introduced in 2012 leveraging brand name
  - 90% of the total network now offers estate agency services
- Floated on AIM of the London Stock Exchange in 2013
  - Market cap at time of IPO of £18 million, since grown to £37.5 million
  - £4 million new equity raised at time of listing
- Successful acquisition and assimilation of Legal & General's ('Xperience') property franchise business in December 2014 adding 89 offices and four brands
- Employs 40 staff based at PLC headquarters in Bournemouth



## Corporate structure





# MARTINCO PLC

Financial overview

David Raggett

# **Financial highlights**

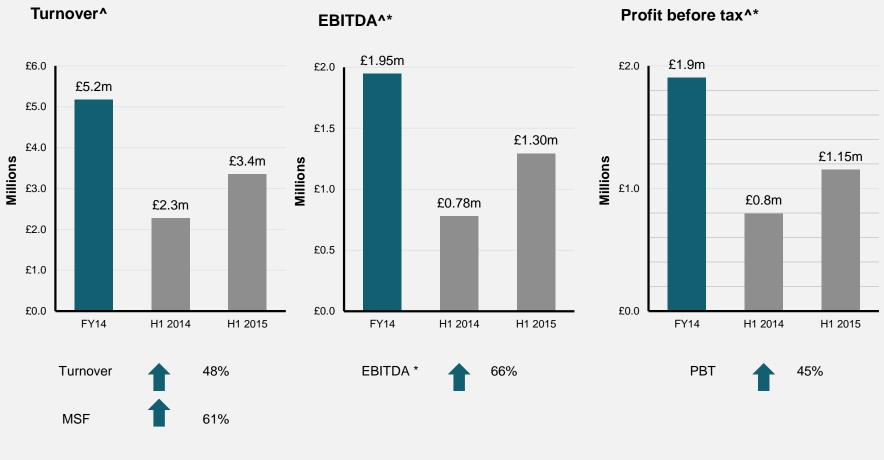
Continued growth driven by development of estate agency and lettings and successful integration of Xperience



\*Interim results - six months ended 30 June 2015

\*\*before exceptional reorganisation costs of £0.1m following the acquisition of "Xperience"

# **Financial highlights**

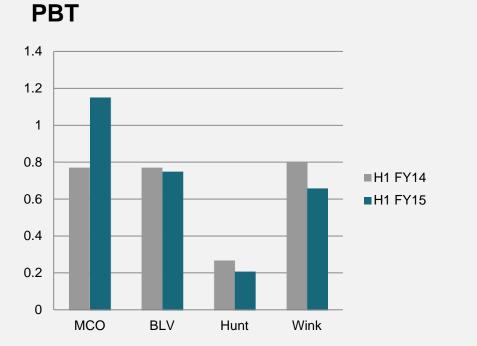


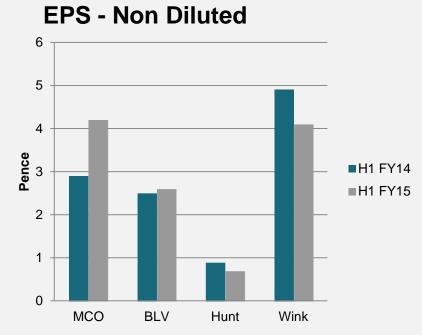
(H1 2014: £1.8m H1 2015: £2.9m)

^ Continuing activities

\* After exceptionals

## Peer group comparison

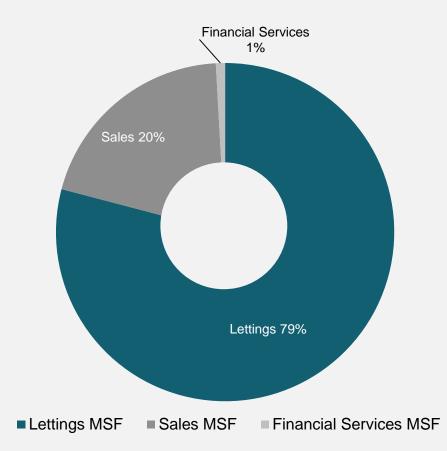




### **Group Management Service Fees Growth**



## **Group Management Services Fees Split**



Management Services Fees received for the 6 months ended 30 June 2015



# MARTINCO PLC

A sustainable franchise model

Ian Wilson

### Our franchise model



#### MARTINCO PLC / "THE PROPERTY FRANCHISE GROUP"

# 360° view



## The franchise start-up package

BENEFIT	VALUE
Funding Manager to source right funding option	£750
Google Adword campaign to generate leads	£6,000
60,000 leaflet campaign to promote your office opening	£5,000
Estate Agency boards and branded stationery supplies	£1,000
Landlord tracing service – first 100 landlord leads	£1,000
Website homepage creation	£1,500
Software installation, training and 6 months free use	£6,000
Sourcing commercial premises, negotiating lease and planning	£1,500
Project management of your shop fit	£1,000
12 days classroom training and mentoring	£2,450
12 days business generation assistance at your offices	£4,200
TOTAL VALUE	£30,400*



# Developing the franchise

- Experienced team dedicated to franchisee recruitment
- Refined selection process
  - Interview and psychometrics
  - Financial appraisal
  - "Ejector button" during training

- Multi-brand approach allows for more than one brand of franchise to operate in a given location
  - Improves market penetration
  - Segmentation strategy possible estate vs. lettings, national vs. regional, high street vs. serviced office
  - Applies competitive pressure to underachievers

- 'Hand-held' launch and ongoing head office oversight and intervention
  - Regional training programme (2,000 delegates days)
  - KPI benchmarking by business age
  - Regional business meeting programme for communication and peer pressure
  - League tables
  - Industry-experienced support managers conduct regular visits
  - Annual conference to celebrate success

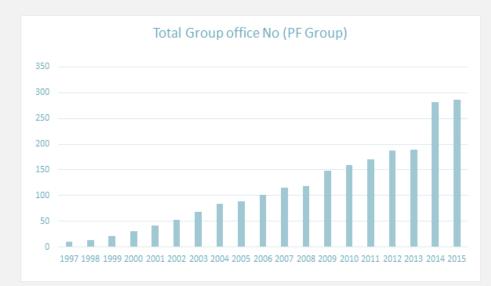
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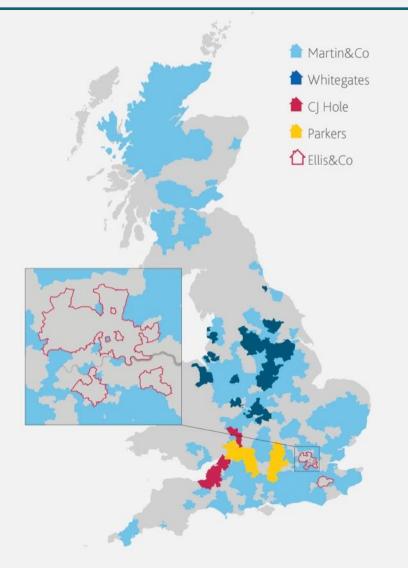
195 offices, national, lettings focus, MARTINSCO 5% estate agency 34 offices, Midlands/North, 50% whitegates lettings, 50% estate agency 22 offices South West, very strong сј ноје local brand profile 22 offices inside M25, complimentary ELLIS & CO Sales & Lettings branding to Martin & Co 14 offices M4 corridor, strong local parker brand, recent decline



# A growing national footprint

- Xperience increased office numbers from 189 to 282
- Trading in 49 new locations
- 55% of UK private rented properties within occupied territories







# **MARTINCO** PLC Life of a franchisee

Peter Grieve - Worcester (Martin & Co and CJHole) and Gloucester (Martin & Co)

### Life of a franchisee

2008: Opened Martin & Co Worcester - scratch start-up

2010: Acquired Martin & Co Gloucester – resale

**2013:** Acquired Cox & Co Ltd – portfolio of 212 managed properties

**2014:** Acquired Houston Clarke Ltd – portfolio of 40 managed properties

**2014/15:** Turnover £821,681 (+2.6%) – Gross profit £689,871 (+2.2%)

**2015:** Opened C J Hole in Worcester Combined managed portfolio of circa 760 properties

**September 2015:** a record month with turnover of £101,000 (+10.5% YTD)

### Why Martin & Co? Why C J Hole? What's next?





# MARTINCO PLC Outlook

Ian Wilson

# A supportive macro environment

### Pension reforms

• Over-55s will be responsible for 3 million future property deals, with nearly 40% of homeowners planning at least one more property purchase

#### Net migration

- · Net migration at a record high
- The foreign-born population has lower home ownership rates (43%) and is almost 3 times as likely to be in the private rented sector (39%)

#### Property investment & buy to let yields

 Consistent 13.2% per annum net total return over 10-years has been earned from buy-to-let investment

#### Employment

 Average earnings circa £25,000 and lenders typically lending up to 3.5 times earnings, new buyers find it almost impossible to get on the property ladder

#### Mortgages

- Average UK house prices now £284,000† and average price paid for a starter home is now £215,000 <sup>†</sup>
- House prices for first-time buyers hit a record high in August, with the typical first-time buyer paying 3.8%<sup>†</sup> more than in 2014

### **Financial Services**

Ongoing demand for additional services to support landlords, homeowners and tenants

# Buy to Let – a real asset class

Attractive annual net returns compared to equities, bonds and inflation



SOURCE: MARTIN & CO, LAND REGISTRY, REGISTERS OF SCOTLAND, ONS, FTSE NB. NET TOTAL RETURN FIGURES ALLOW FOR 20% MANAGEMENT COSTS ON RENTAL INCOME BUT DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ALLOWANCE FOR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS.

# The market opportunity

- Lettings resilient and growing (market and asset class) with the rise of "generation rent" because of housing supply/demand imbalance
  - There are currently 5.4 million private rented homes in the UK
  - Number of private-rented households in UK expected to reach 7.2 million by 2025

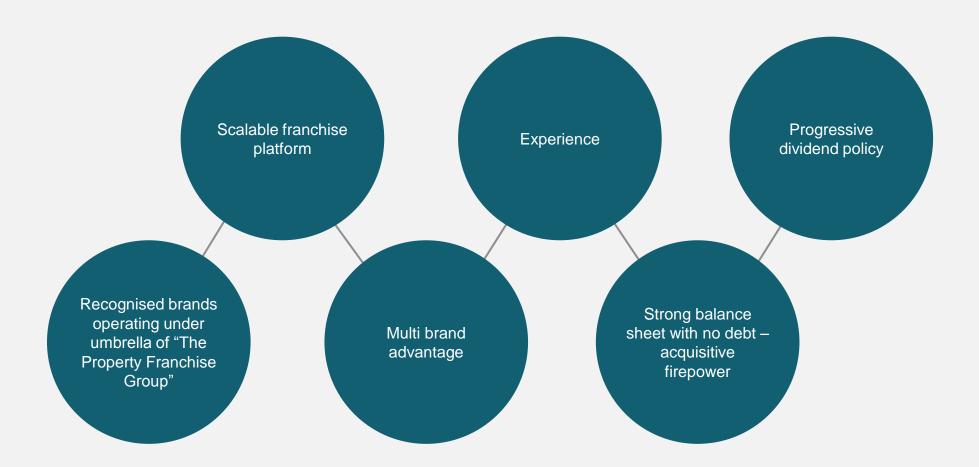
- Highly fragmented market with consolidation prospects
  - Over 16,000 operators in estate/lettings agency space
  - Estimated 30 property franchise "systems"

- Landlords increasingly look to agents to manage portfolio
  - Advise on government regulation on safety, financial regulation and planning
  - Access to advertising on high traffic property websites
  - Tenant credit checking and legal cover

# Strategy in outline

- Operate as a pure franchise model "delivering local services through local people"
- Generate revenue from royalties from IP/brand, not through direct service provision to franchisees or clients
- Diversify into estate agency (keep lettings dominant in mix)
- Diversify into financial services (work starts in earnest in 2016)
- Will not diversify into commercial, survey and auctions
- Will operate only within the UK
- Focus on brand building, and developing a brand strategy based on segmentation
- Organic growth through continued franchisee recruitment
- M&A activity in the broadest space extending from assisting franchisees to acquire local portfolios, up to and including acquisition of other PLC property franchisors

## Our strategy for growth



# MARTINCO PLC

Q&A