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Quarterly Bondholder Report

Results for the period ended 1 December 2024



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1. The debt is secured against Punch Pubs Group Limited "PPG", the holding company of the listed debt. The results of the group are consolidated at the PPG level.



Introduction

Punch Pubs Group Limited was incorporated on 26 May 2021, following which the group acquired its trading subsidiaries on 23 June 2021.

These are the first quarter's accounts of FY25, for the 16 week period up to 01 December 2024.

Reporting calendar

09 May 2025 – Q2 FY25 quarterly report for the 12 weeks to 23 February 2025

01 August 2025 – Q3 FY25 quarterly report for the 12 weeks to 18 May 2025

24 October 2025 – Q4 FY25 quarterly report for the 12 weeks to 10 August 2025

08 December 2025 - Audited Annual report and financial statements for FY25

13 February 2026 - Q1 FY26 quarterly report for the 16 weeks to 30 November 2025

Investor calls are held twice yearly following the release of the H1 (Q2) and full year (Q4) results.



Business Review

- The Punch Pubs Group comprises 1,267 pubs, 92% of which are owned on a freehold or long-leasehold basis.
- The principal characteristics of the estate being:
 - We operate a community pub estate and therefore have limited exposure to the high-street, city centre and late-night markets and we do not operate pub brands with each pub being individual;
 - We operate a drinks-led pub estate and therefore have lower exposure to destination dining with c.80% of our income coming from drink;
 - Being a drink led community estate our pubs tend to have a smaller footprint in terms of size and labour requirement, thus benefiting from lower fixed costs to operate;
 - Our pubs are operated by independent entrepreneurs as opposed to being fully managed. Consequently, we are not directly exposed to changes in labour rates;
 - Approximately one third of our EBITDA profit comes from rental income, predominantly on inflation linked 5-year tenancy agreements.



Business Review continued

- Strong performance in the quarter, delivering £27.1m of underlying EBITDA for the 16 weeks ended 1 December 2024 versus £25.6m of underlying EBITDA in the 16 weeks ended 3 December 2023.
- For the 16 weeks to 1 December 2024 total revenue was £97.3m, compared to £96.0m in the prior year period of 16 weeks to 3 December 2023.
- All three divisions (Leased and Tenanted, Managed Partnership and Laine) delivered like-for-like underlying EBITDA growth for the quarter when compared to the prior year period of 16 weeks to 3 December 2023.
- Underlying EBITDA for the 52 weeks to 1 December 2024 was £92.6m, which compares positively to the £76.0m of Adjusted Underlying EBITDA from the wider Punch Group in the year to August 2019, being the most recent financial year prior to the Covid pandemic.
- A further £10.7m of capex has been invested into our pubs in the quarter alongside acquisitions of £11.0m.



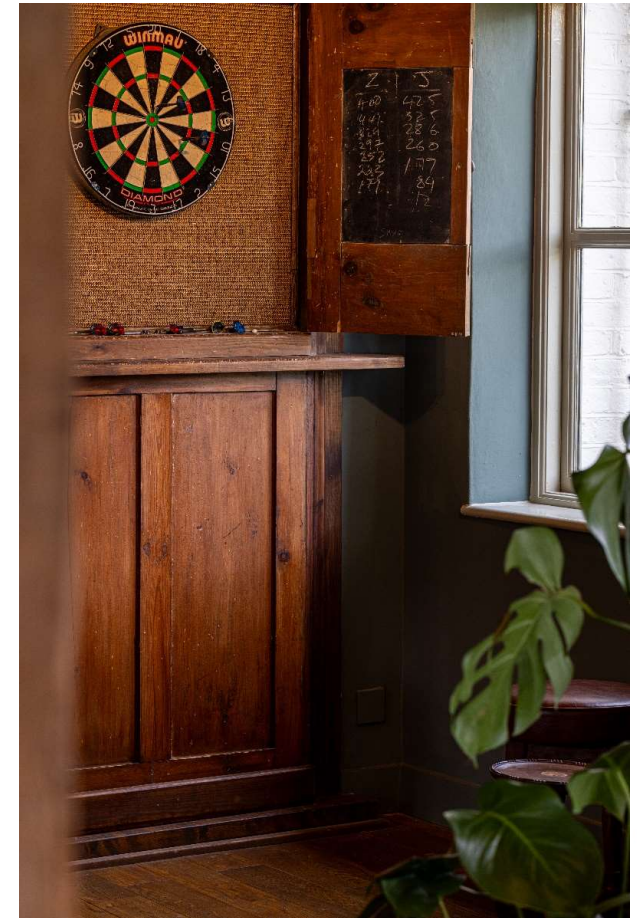
Business Review continued

- The total net book value of properties at 1 December 2024 amounted to £929.5m, which compares favourably to the full estate property valuation undertaken ahead of the High Yield Bond launch in May 2021 at £849.7m.
- The Group benefits from operating a predominantly freehold estate, with 92% of the pub portfolio owned on a freehold or long leasehold (greater than 50 years remaining lease term) basis.
- The group acquired 18 pubs in the period comprising a portfolio of 14 pubs and 4 individual pub acquisitions.
- The Group disposed of 9 pubs in the quarter to 1 December 2024, generating proceeds of £4.3m and a profit on disposal of £0.4m.
- The Group generated a net cash inflow from operating activities for the 16 weeks to 1 December 2024 of £18.7m, 16 weeks to 3 December 2023: £22.2m.
- The Group maintained strong levels of available financial resources of £74.1m at the quarter end, made up of £42.3m of liquidity and £31.8m of 47 freehold pub acquisitions funded from cash reserves and drawing on the RCF.



Business Review: Outlook

- MAT underlying EBITDA of £92.6m to 1 December 2024 will be further boosted by:
 - +£4.8m incremental EBITDA from the recent acquisition of 36 pubs in H2-FY24 and 18 pubs in Q1-FY25
 - +£2.4m of run-rate cost saving efficiencies to be realised within the next 12 months;
- Leading to an adjusted run-rate EBITDA of £99.8m at 1 December 2024.
- Quarter 2 trading to date has been encouraging with profitability ahead of the prior year.



Quarterly Results

£m

Revenue and EBITDA¹

Revenue

End of Q1: £97.3m

MAT: £324.8m

EBITDA¹

Dec-24 adjusted

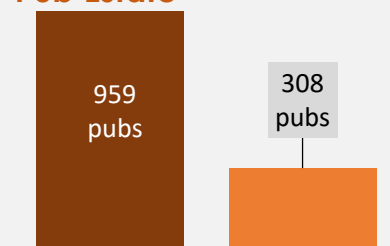
run-rate £99.8m

End of Q1: £27.1m

MAT: £92.6m

Pub Estate and Capex / Disposals

Pub Estate



Capex / Disposals

Q1 Capex: £10.7m

Q1 Disposal²: £4.3m

Q1 Acquisitions: £11.0m

Liquidity, Freehold acqⁿs & Cashflow

Liquidity and acqⁿs

Q1 FY25: £74.1m

Q4 FY24: £66.5m

Operating cash flow

End of Q1: £18.7m

MAT: £87.7m

Net Debt and Loan to value

Net Debt

Q1 FY25: £627.7m

Q4 FY24: £625.7m

Loan to value

Q1 FY25: 67.7%

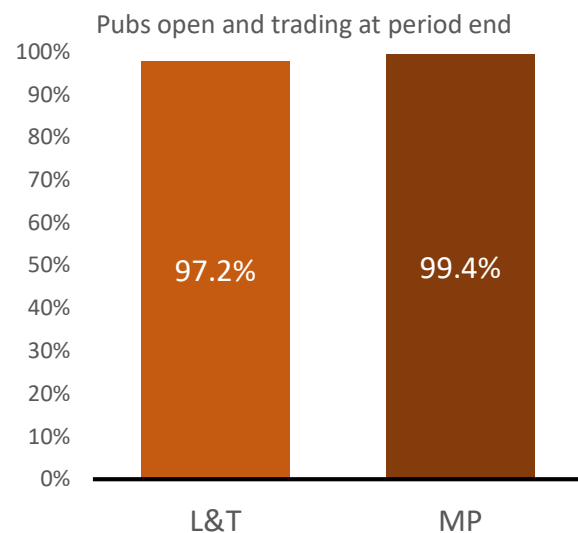
Q4 FY23: 68.3%

1. Underlying items
2. Cash proceeds

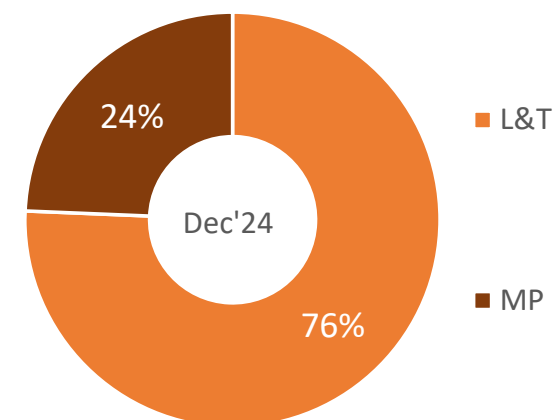


Estate Portfolio

- At the end of the quarter the Group owned 1,267 pubs, of which 97.7% were open and trading at the quarter end.



Pub numbers	Leased & Tenanted	Management Partnerships	Total
3.December.23 ¹	925	317	1,242
Transfers	2	(2)	-
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	(5)	-	(5)
25.February.24 ²	922	315	1,237
Transfers	7	(7)	-
Additions	25	-	25
Disposals	(6)	(1)	(7)
19.May.24 ³	948	307	1,255
Transfers	-	-	-
Additions	11	-	11
Disposals	(7)	(1)	(8)
11.August.24 ⁴	952	306	1,258
Transfers ⁶	(2)	2	-
Additions	18	-	18
Disposals	(9)	-	(9)
1.December.24 ⁵	959	308	1,267



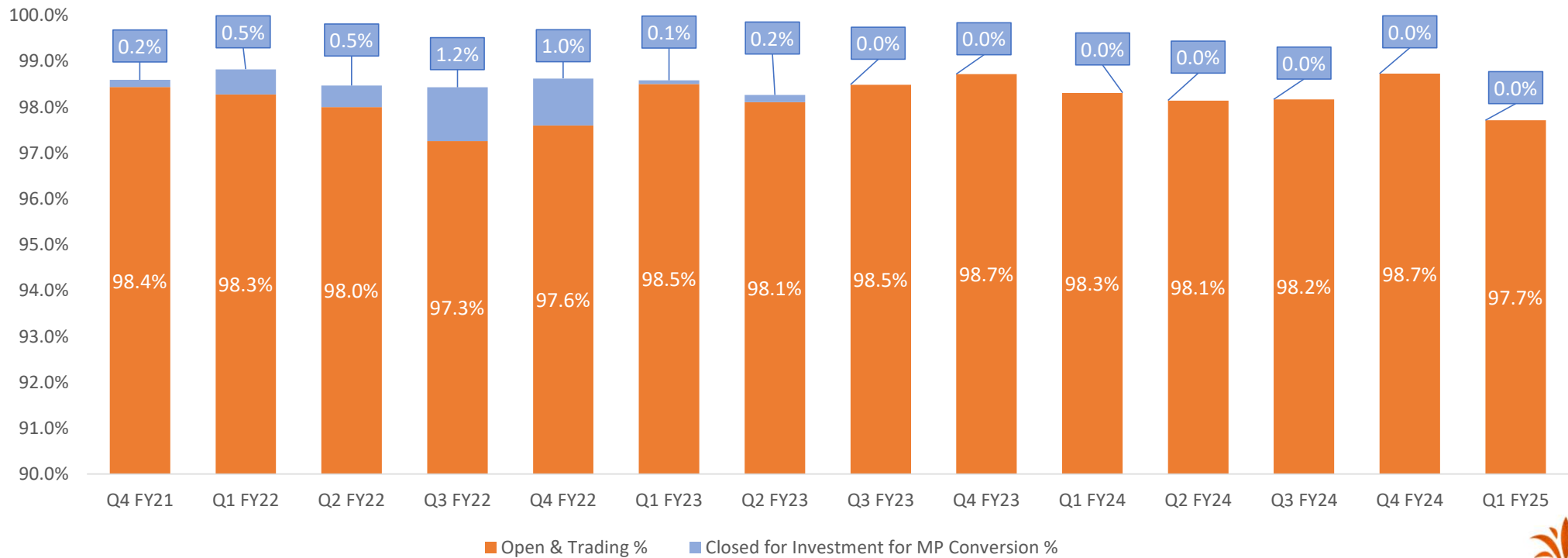
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- End of Q1 FY24
- End of Q2 FY24
- End of Q3 FY24
- Financial year end FY24
- End of Q1 FY25
- 3 transfers to Management Partnership, 1 transfer to Leased & Tenanted

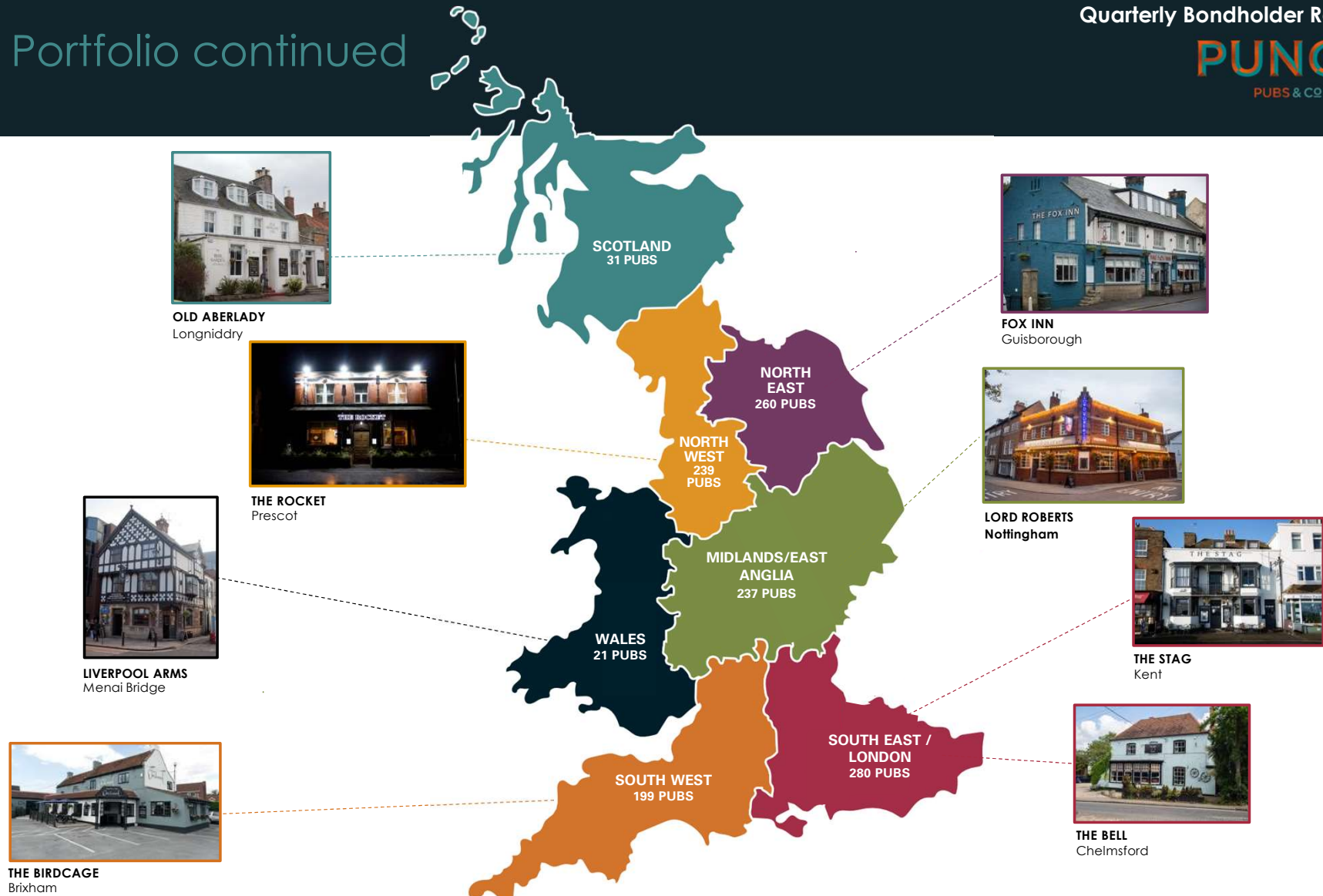


Estate Portfolio continued

- Of the 1,267 pubs owned by the group at the end of the quarter, 2.3% were temporarily closed
- Percentage of pubs open & trading over time



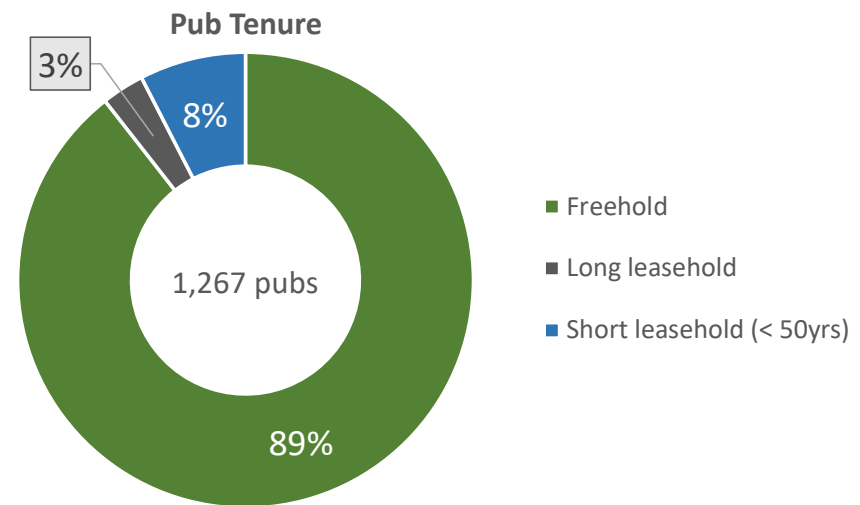
Estate Portfolio continued



Loan to Value

- 92% of the pub portfolio is owned on a freehold or long leasehold (>50 years remaining) basis;
- Net debt to property value of 67.7%.

(£m)	Q1 FY25
Secured Notes 6.125%	600
Revolving Credit Facility	33
Less: Cash	(5)
Net Debt	628
Property, plant & equipment ¹	928
Loan to Value	67.7%



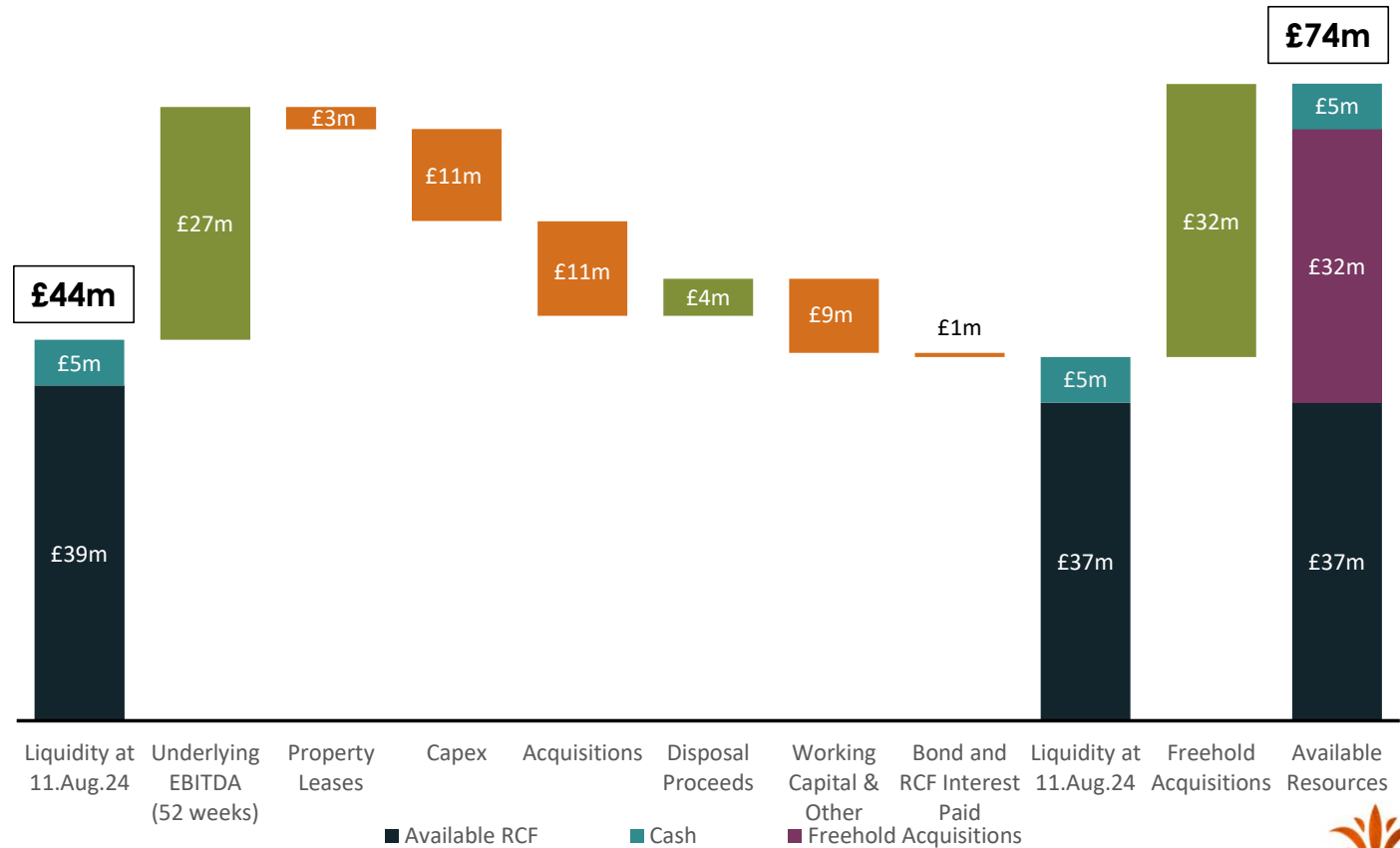
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1. PP&E includes assets classified as held for sale



Liquidity and RCF Funded Freehold Acquisitions

- The Group maintained strong levels of available financial reserves of £74.1m at the quarter end, made up of £42.3m of liquidity and £31.8m of 47 freehold pub acquisitions funded from cash reserves and drawing on the RCF.
- Disposal proceeds relate to the disposal of 9 pubs for cash proceeds of £4.3m at £0.4m above book value.
- Working capital and property lease cash flows are influenced by the timing of quarter ends.



Consolidated Income Statement

- YTD non-underlying items include:
 - £(0.5)m of one-off costs including professional fees, restructuring and conversion of pubs to the MP division
 - £0.4m of profit on sale of assets
 - £(0.1)m of share-based payment charges
- YTD finance costs include:
 - £(12.1)m of net interest payable
 - £(1.7)m of interest payable on lease liabilities
 - £(0.1)m net pension interest costs
 - £(0.8)m amortisation of deferred issue costs
 - £0.1m bank interest receivable

	Quarter 1	YTD	MAT
(£m)	01.Dec.24 ¹	16 weeks	52 weeks
Revenue	97.3	97.3	324.8
Operating costs	(70.2)	(70.2)	(232.2)
Underlying EBITDA	27.1	27.1	92.6
Depreciation & Amortisation	(5.9)	(5.9)	(17.8)
Finance Costs	(14.6)	(14.6)	(47.8)
Underlying profit before tax	6.6	6.6	27.0
Non-underlying items	(0.2)	(0.2)	(26.8)
Taxation credit / (charge)	(1.6)	(1.6)	(6.1)
Profit / (loss) for the period	4.8	4.8	(5.9)

1. 16 weeks of trading ended 1 December 2024



Consolidated Balance Sheet

- Loans are the £600.0m loan notes issued in June 2021. This is offset by deferred issue costs of £3.7m, that will be released over the life of the loan.
- The short-term loans relate to the RCF, the total balance drawn down at 1 Dec 2024 is £33.0m.
- The loan facility is available until June 2026 and the RCF until January 2026, the group has £37.0m undrawn at 1 Dec 2024.
- Accruals and deferred income include £16.2m of accrued interest on the debt held.
- The actuary report for the defined benefit pension scheme showed a net asset, we have restricted this to nil under IFRIC 14.

(£m)	Quarter 1 01.Dec.24	Quarter 4 11.Aug.24
Fixed Assets & Intangible Assets	923.7	907.1
Right of use assets	63.0	61.7
Non current assets	986.7	968.8
Trade debtors, prepayments & other debtors	17.2	14.7
Inventories	4.4	4.0
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	7.0	9.9
Intercompany loans	-	-
Cash at bank	5.3	5.3
Current assets	33.9	33.9
Short-term loans	(33.0)	(31.0)
Trade & other creditors	(28.1)	(34.6)
Lease liability	(10.1)	(10.4)
Accruals & deferred income	(31.0)	(18.3)
Social security & other taxes	(4.0)	(3.4)
Current liabilities	(106.2)	(97.7)
Loans	(596.3)	(595.5)
Lease liability	(63.4)	(61.0)
Deferred tax	(26.1)	(24.6)
Retirement benefit obligations	-	-
Non-current liabilities	(685.8)	(681.1)
Net assets	228.6	223.9
Net debt	627.7	625.7



Performance Summary



- Summary of quarterly performance for each quarter since the formation of the Bond Group.

	Q4 FY21	Q1 FY22	Q2 FY22	Q3 FY22	Q4 FY22	Q1 FY23	Q2 FY23	Q3 FY23	Q4 FY23*	Q1 FY24	Q2 FY24	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24	Q1 FY25
From	26.May.21	16.Aug.21	6.Dec.21	28.Feb.22	23.May.22	15.Aug.22	6.Dec.22	27.Feb.23	22.May.23	14.Aug.23	4.Dec.23	26.Feb.24	20.May.24	12.Aug.24
To	15.Aug.21	5.Dec.21	27.Feb.22	22.May.22	14.Aug.22	5.Dec.22	26.Feb.23	21.May.23	13.Aug.23	3.Dec.23	25.Feb.24	19.May.24	11.Aug.24	1.Dec.24
No. of trading weeks	8	16	12	12	12	16	12	12	12	16	12	12	12	16
Portfolio														
Opening	1,230	1,279	1,274	1,276	1,276	1,271	1,269	1,267	1,256	1,248	1,242	1,237	1,255	1,258
Acquisitions	56	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	11	18
Transfer to ULP	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	(7)	(5)	-	-	(4)	(2)	(2)	(11)	(8)	(6)	(5)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Closing	1,279	1,274	1,276	1,276	1,271	1,269	1,267	1,256	1,248	1,242	1,237	1,255	1,258	1,267
(£m)														
Underlying EBITDA	14.2	25.2	14.5	20.4	23.2	23.9	15.0	20.3	22.1	25.6	17.6	21.8	26.1	27.1
Cash generated from operations	8.7	12.9	10.8	29.6	16.9	17.1	18.1	23.0	20.6	22.2	21.1	19.0	28.9	18.7
Capex														
Investment	8.4	8.0	7.5	6.1	12.7	11.5	5.2	6.9	7.2	7.7	5.6	7.3	8.2	10.7
Acquisition	53.0	2.8	1.5	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.1	8.1	11.0
Total	61.4	10.8	9.0	6.7	12.7	11.5	5.2	6.9	7.2	7.7	5.6	24.4	16.3	21.7
Disposal proceeds	(1.4)	(5.6)	0.1	(0.2)	(3.2)	(1.1)	(0.9)	(6.4)	(2.8)	(4.1)	(2.7)	(4.2)	(3.8)	(4.3)
Net investment	60.0	5.2	9.1	6.5	9.5	10.4	4.3	0.5	4.4	3.6	2.9	20.2	12.5	17.4
Net Debt														
Secured loan notes	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)	(600.0)
Revolving credit facility	(30.0)	(30.0)	(40.0)	(40.0)	(30.0)	(30.0)	(35.0)	(20.0)	(20.0)	(20.0)	(25.0)	(28.5)	(31.0)	(33.0)
Cash and cash equivalents	22.5	26.7	15.2	35.5	12.6	16.0	12.7	16.2	10.3	4.1	5.2	1.0	5.3	5.3
Nominal value of net debt	(607.5)	(603.3)	(624.8)	(604.5)	(617.4)	(614.0)	(622.3)	(603.8)	(609.7)	(615.9)	(619.8)	(627.5)	(625.7)	(627.7)

* Cash has been restated to reclassify £2.6m of utility deposits from Cash to Working Capital





Our Punch Promise

'Doing Well, by Doing Good'



OUR HIGHLIGHTS

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Our second Punch Promise ESG Report



Punch's Third Menovist event, including an extra day dedicated to Publicans' Well-being



Biodiversity Partnership with Eden Project – Pollinator Pubs over 60 pubs now signed up



People's Captain Mental Health First Aider Training



Third Pub Heroes Event – made up of our inspirational Publicans & MPs – next event to be held at Thatcher's Cider farm in March



Donated 5,000 portions of soups to Only A Pavement Aways Fill A Flask campaign



Supplier Charter launched/driving industry blueprint for supply chain collaboration. Launched our first TCFD report



Punch People volunteering at Only A Pavement Away Homeless charities – Birmingham City Mission, Refettorio Felix in London & Barnabus, Manchester.



Community Beach & Woodland Cleans 2024

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AWARDS UPDATE



Corporate Reporting Awards – Winner of the Best Use of the SDGs 2024/Shortlisted for Best ESG Report



Publican Awards 2024 – Winners of Best Partnership Pub Company (501+ Sites) Category and shortlisted for Publican Awards 2025 for Best Sustainable Pub Co



Shortlisted for two Springboard Awards for Excellence - Best Recruitment Initiative & Employee Health & Well-being



Mind Workplace Well-being Award, achieving Gold for the second year.



Winner for Licensed Trade Charity Champions 2024 and LTC Staff Well-being Award winner 2023



Shortlisted for MCA Hospitality Awards – Sustainability Category 2025



First Pub Company to receive the BII Corporate Sustainability Champion Award



Winner at the BII NITA's for Innovative Training in Sustainability 2024 and shortlisted for Innovative Training in ED&I

We're supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

We have identified four of the 17 goals as a priority to the business.

These goals cover a range of themes that align with some of the great things we already do.

The goals are the blueprint to achieving a more sustainable world and will ultimately support us in our decisions moving forward.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



Our Commitment

We will promote and enable positive mental health and physical well-being for all in our business and the communities we serve.

Our Targets

- 1) Punch Pubs & Co will form five strategic partnerships that promote physical and mental health initiatives, culminating in every Punch pub in every community taking part in at least one of these programmes by 2025.
- 2) Every employee, Publican and Management Partner will receive innovative training and resources to ensure that we provide safe and inclusive spaces for our guests by the end of 2024.
- 3) As a responsible retailer, we will more than double sales of low and no-alcohol by the end of 2025*.

*Low and no-alcohol includes beer, cider, lager, spirits and wines.

7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



Our Commitment

We are committed to driving energy efficiency across our business and supply chain in order to address our impacts on climate change.

Our Targets

- 1) All of our pubs will have a minimum EPC rating of C or above by the end of 2026*. *Unless listed under the PRS Exemption Register at the time of goal setting.
- 2) We will reduce our energy consumption* in our Management Partnerships (MP) pubs and at our Head Office by 30% by the end of 2026**.

*Leased & Tenanted energy consumption will be captured in our Scope 3 emissions.

**Baseline of 2022. Additional MP pubs will use baseline data from the year the pub transfers to MP.

- 3) We aspire to procure the majority of the electricity, in our Management Partnerships pubs, from certified renewable sources by the end of 2027*.

*The UK Government has committed to decarbonising the electricity system by 2035.

**8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH**



Our Commitment

We commit to safe and inclusive working conditions, fair pay and responsible growth within our business and across our supplier network.

Our Targets

1) Working with our industry partners, we will develop eight regional partnerships with schools and colleges to pro-actively support hospitality as a long-term career of choice by the end of 2024.

2) Punch is a Living Wage employer and to recognise this commitment, we aim to achieve an official accreditation by the end of 2024*.

*Relates to fully employed Punch personnel.

3) We will grow sales by at least 30% in any new and invested Management Partnerships pub by 2025, benefiting local communities through the creation of skilled hospitality roles by an expected additional six to eight people per pub.

12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



Our Commitment

We commit to reducing our impact on our people and the planet through ambitious targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, waste and the sourcing of our food and drink from suppliers.

Our Targets

- 1) We will send zero waste to landfill by the end of 2028, faster if we can.
- 2) We will only work with suppliers that support our bold vision for our people and the planet. To achieve this, we will have an ambitious supplier charter and industry-accredited framework by 2024.
- 3) Our aspiring goal is to reduce our direct emissions (Scope 1 & 2) by 80% by 2032, and we will also be Net Zero by the end of 2040.

Glossary

Term	Definition
Bond launch	The first day immediately after the bond was issued, 25 th June 2021
EBITDA	EBITDA represents earnings before depreciation, amortisation, non-underlying items, profit on sale of property, plant and equipment, non current assets classified as held for sale, impairment, movement in valuation of properties, loss on sale of subsidiaries, finance income, finance costs, tax of the Group and loss attributable to non-controlling interest
Leased & Tenanted (L&T)	The Leased and Tenanted part of our business, in which we rent our properties to tenants who run these pubs and often reside on the premises, The majority of these pubs operate under "tie" arrangements, which each tenant pays below market rent and, in return, is required to purchase the majority of their drinks from us at an above market price.
Liquidity	Total value of cash and cash equivalents plus the amount undrawn under the RCF
Loan to value	Net debt as a percentage of property, plant and equipment
Management Partnership (MP)	The Management Partnership model, is designed to maximise profitability and optimise the retail proposition in each of our pubs, while at the same time minimising operating costs for our Group. Each of these pubs are generally operated by a limited company and by a self-employed management partner, who receives a share of the pub's sales. The publican generally takes responsibility for running the pub on a day-to-day basis, including employing staff, while we generally determine the retail proposition and product offering.
MAT (Moving Annual Total)	The total of the previous 12 months up to the period end date
Net Debt	Nominal value of loan notes and RCF less cash & cash equivalents
Operating cash flow	Net cash generated from operating activities (per the statutory cashflow under IFRS)
PPG	Punch Pubs Group Limited, the top company in the bond group that acts as a guarantor
Property, plant & equipment	Total tangible fixed assets, this comprises of; land & buildings, fixtures & fittings in the pub estate and assets held for sale
RCF	Revolving credit facility, a £70 million super senior revolving credit facility, provided by Barclays Bank Plc and National Westminster Bank Plc
Underlying Adjusted EBITDA	As defined in the Offering Memorandum dated 18 th June 2021
Underlying profit before tax	Underlying EBITDA plus depreciation, amortisation and underlying finance costs
Unlicensed Premises (ULP)	A premises without a licence to sell alcohol, these comprise of our corporate offices, development opportunities, and premises that generate rental income



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