



## ANNUAL RESULTS PRESENTATION

for the year ended 31 March 2017

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## Overview of results

| Revenue    | Gross Profit | Operating margin | Headline earnings per share | Final dividend per share |
|------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| (3.3%)     | 41.6%        | 10.1%            | (35.6%)                     | 100c                     |
| R5 592m    | R1 085       | R 565m           | 400c                        | Total dividend 200c      |
| LY R5 785m | LY 38%       | LY 14.1%         | LY 622c                     | LY 517c                  |

## Overview of results

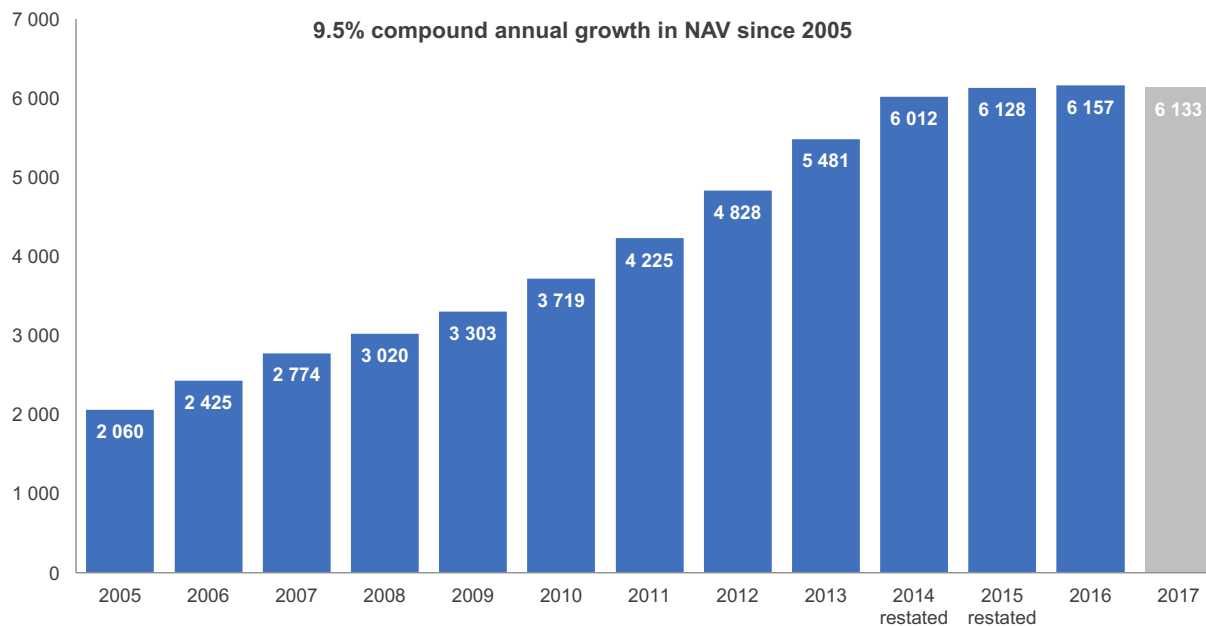
- Sales pattern for the year
  - Furniture 56.3% (LY: 54.4%)
  - Appliances 26.4% (LY: 27.9%)
  - Electronics 17.3% (LY: 17.7%)
- Increased the Gross profit margin to 41.6% from 38%
  - higher margin furniture category sales
  - competitive offering sourced locally
  - new product ranges and exclusivity supported margin

## Overview of results

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- Credit application decline rate - 38.7% (LY: 39.3%)
- Credit sales mix - 65.2% (LY 64.3%)
- Debtor costs 19.1% of net debtors (LY: 17.1%)
- Expenses well controlled
- Trading out of 761 stores (LY 760)
  - 201 small format Lewis Stores (39% of Lewis base)
  - 125 Beares Stores
- Completed acquisition and integration of all foreign stores
  - Trading out of 116 foreign stores (LY: 93 stores and 2015: 62 stores)
- Low levels of gearing

## Net asset value per share





## Debtor analysis

## Debtor Performance

|                                                     |    | FY17  | FY16  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----|-------|-------|
| <b>Collections</b>                                  |    |       |       |
| Collections from instalment sales                   | Rm | 3 995 | 4 067 |
| <b>Actual collections achieved</b>                  |    |       |       |
| % of one contract instalment per customer per month |    | 73.8% | 73.3% |
| <b>Contractual arrears</b>                          | Rm | 2 343 | 2 376 |
| % of gross debtors                                  |    | 38.4% | 36.7% |
| <b>Debtor Costs</b>                                 |    |       |       |
| Total debtor costs (+6%)                            | Rm | 1 065 | 1 005 |
| ▪ Bad debts written off                             | Rm | 1 038 | 766   |
| ▪ Impairment provision                              | Rm | 27    | 239   |
| Debtor costs as a % of net debtors                  | %  | 19.1  | 17.1  |



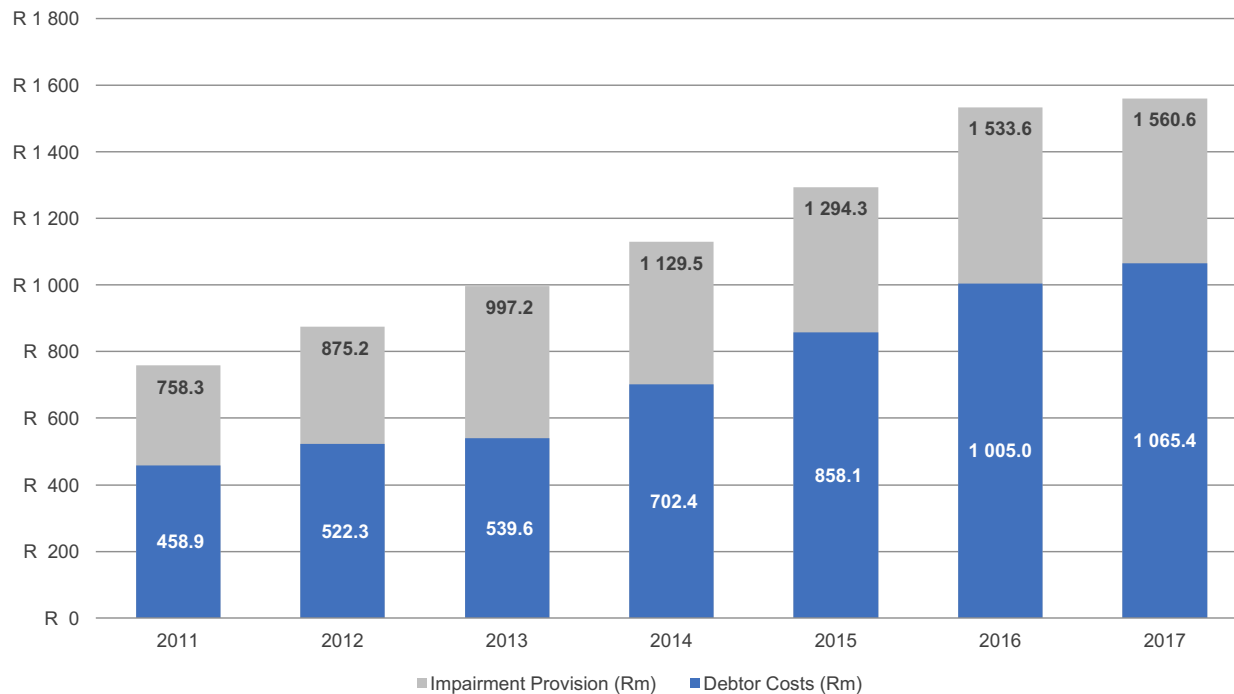
# Gross debtor analysis



| Customer Grouping                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Period   | No Customers |      | Gross Receivables |      | Impairment Provision |      | Total Arrears R 000 | Instalments in arrears |         |         |         |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|------|-------------------|------|----------------------|------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
|                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |          | No           | %    | R 000             | %    | R 000                | %    |                     | 1 R000                 | 2 R 000 | 3 R 000 | 4 R000  | >4 R 000  |
| Satisfactory paid                                | Customers who have paid <b>70% or more</b> of amounts due over the contract period. The provision in this category results from the <b>in duplum</b> provision                                            | Mar 2017 | 422 070      | 68.5 | 3 507 921         | 57.4 | 27 609               | 1.8  | 596 271             | 162 822                | 114 395 | 86 010  | 65 285  | 167 759   |
|                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Mar 2016 | 459 390      | 68.8 | 3 775 137         | 58.2 | 38 319               | 2.5  | 641 286             | 175 898                | 121 896 | 90 493  | 67 565  | 185 434   |
| Slow payers                                      | Customers who have paid <b>65% to 70%</b> of amounts due over the contract period. The provision in this category for the current period ranges from <b>14% to 67%</b> of amounts due (LY: 13% to 72%)    | Mar 2017 | 52 078       | 8.4  | 538 715           | 8.9  | 192 890              | 12.4 | 321 871             | 37 240                 | 36 064  | 33 849  | 31 573  | 183 145   |
|                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Mar 2016 | 54 507       | 8.1  | 558 758           | 8.7  | 176 249              | 11.5 | 313 201             | 37 684                 | 36 322  | 33 604  | 30 913  | 174 678   |
| Non performing customers                         | Customers who have paid <b>55% to 65%</b> of amounts due over the contract period. The provision in this category for the current period ranges from <b>25% 79%</b> of amounts due (LY: 24% to 86%)       | Mar 2017 | 47 981       | 7.8  | 576 347           | 9.4  | 258 823              | 16.6 | 366 979             | 34 413                 | 32 902  | 31 200  | 29 727  | 238 736   |
|                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Mar 2016 | 50 690       | 7.6  | 589 858           | 9.1  | 241 999              | 15.8 | 353 286             | 35 071                 | 33 189  | 31 195  | 29 501  | 224 330   |
| Non performing customers                         | Customers who have paid <b>55% or less</b> of amounts due over the contract period. The provision in this category for the current period ranges from <b>35% to 100%</b> of amounts due (LY: 34% to 100%) | Mar 2017 | 94 118       | 15.3 | 1 484 119         | 24.3 | 1 081 237            | 69.3 | 1 057 904           | 67 299                 | 66 090  | 64 564  | 63 075  | 796 877   |
|                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Mar 2016 | 103 495      | 15.5 | 1 558 864         | 24.0 | 1 077 046            | 70.2 | 1 068 377           | 70 458                 | 68 649  | 66 504  | 64 447  | 798 319   |
| Gross Debtor Analysis                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Mar 2017 | 616 247      | 100  | 6 107 102         | 100  | 1 560 559            | 100  | 2 343 026           | 301 774                | 249 451 | 215 624 | 189 660 | 1 386 517 |
|                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Mar 2016 | 668 082      | 100  | 6 482 617         | 100  | 1 533 613            | 100  | 2 376 150           | 319 111                | 260 056 | 221 796 | 192 426 | 1 382 761 |
| Total Impairment provision as a % of Net Debtors |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2017     | 28%          |      |                   |      |                      |      |                     |                        |         |         |         |           |
|                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2016     | 26%          |      |                   |      |                      |      |                     |                        |         |         |         |           |

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## Debtor costs vs. Impairment provision (Rm)





Financial results

## Income statement

|                                     |       | FY17         | FY16  | %       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|---------|
| Revenue                             | Rm    | <b>5 592</b> | 5 785 | (3.3%)  |
| Merchandise sales                   | Rm    | <b>2 608</b> | 2 668 | (2.2%)  |
| Gross profit margin                 | %     | <b>41.6</b>  | 38.0  |         |
| Operating profit                    | Rm    | <b>565</b>   | 815   | (30.7%) |
| Operating margin                    | %     | <b>10.1</b>  | 14.1  |         |
| Attributable earnings               | Rm    | <b>358</b>   | 961   | (62.8%) |
| EPS (FY16: Investment Income R495m) | cents | <b>404</b>   | 1083  | (62.7%) |
| Headline EPS                        | cents | <b>400</b>   | 622   | (35.6%) |

## Segmental analysis

| 2017             |    | Group        | Lewis | Best Home and Electric | Beares |
|------------------|----|--------------|-------|------------------------|--------|
| Revenue          | Rm | <b>5 592</b> | 4 137 | 725                    | 730    |
| Revenue growth   | %  | <b>(3.3)</b> | (9.4) | (8.6)                  | 71     |
| Operating profit | Rm | <b>565</b>   | 424   | 111                    | 29     |
| Operating margin | %  | <b>10.1</b>  | 10.3  | 15.3                   | 4.1    |
| Number of stores |    | <b>761</b>   | 513   | 123                    | 125    |

## Analysis of costs (excluding debtor costs)

|                       | FY17         | FY16  | %      |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------|--------|
|                       | Rm           | Rm    |        |
| Employment costs      | <b>987</b>   | 946   | 4.3%   |
| Admin and IT          | <b>318</b>   | 275   | 16%    |
| Marketing             | <b>200</b>   | 192   | 3.9%   |
| Occupancy costs       | <b>371</b>   | 329   | 12.6%  |
| Transport / Travel    | <b>203</b>   | 224   | (9.6%) |
| Depreciation          | <b>90</b>    | 86    | 5.3%   |
| Other operating costs | <b>270</b>   | 260   | 4.0%   |
| Total                 | <b>2 439</b> | 2 312 | 5.5%   |
| % of revenue          | <b>43.6%</b> | 40.0% |        |

Second half expense increase of only 2.7%

## Balance sheet

|                                              | FY17<br>Rm   | FY16<br>Rm   |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b><u>Assets</u></b>                         |              |              |
| Property, plant and equipment and trademarks | 415          | 431          |
| Inventory                                    | 455          | 445          |
| Insurance investments                        | 750          | 1 669        |
| Insurance and reinsurance assets             | 555          | 1 185        |
| Trade and other receivables                  | 4 226        | 4 514        |
| Tax and deferred tax assets                  | 139          | 53           |
| Cash on hand                                 | 789          | 587          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                          | <b>7 329</b> | <b>8 884</b> |
| <b><u>Equity and liabilities</u></b>         |              |              |
| Shareholders equity and reserves             | 5 445        | 5 449        |
| Trade and other payables                     | 271          | 270          |
| Insurance and reinsurance liabilities        | 619          | 1 153        |
| Interest-bearing borrowings                  | 947          | 1 975        |
| Net retirement benefits                      | 47           | 37           |
| <b>Total equity and liabilities</b>          | <b>7 329</b> | <b>8 884</b> |

## Capital ratios

|                        | FY17        | FY16  |
|------------------------|-------------|-------|
| ROE – after tax (%)    | <b>6.6%</b> | 17.6% |
| ROCE – after tax (%)   | <b>6.7%</b> | 14.7% |
| ROA – before tax (%)   | <b>8.3%</b> | 15.8% |
| Gearing ratio (%)      | <b>2.9%</b> | 25.5% |
| Total dividend (cents) | <b>200c</b> | 517c  |





## Regulatory Update

## Regulatory update

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- Affordability assessment regulations
  - Minimum monthly expense table
  - Three payslips / bank statements requirement
  - NCR impact study and recommendations
- Litigation

## Customer protection insurance

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- Capping of credit life
  - August 2017 implementation
  - Only applicable to new policies
  - Applied to deferred amount at inception
- Estimated impact on Insurance Revenue
  - 2018            R15 million
  - 2019            R50 million
  - 2020            R40 million
- Effect of lower credit sales in Debtors base
  - Similar trend to current year ( approx. 9.5% reduction)



## Outlook

## Financial and operating targets

| Performance indicators                                  | Achieved<br>2017 | Target<br>2017 | Target<br>2018 | Medium-term<br>targets |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Gross profit margin (%)                                 | 41.6             | 39 - 41        | 38 - 42        | 41 - 43                |
| Debtor costs as a percentage of net debtors             | 19.1             | 16 - 18        | 17 - 20        | 14 - 16                |
| Satisfactory paid customers (%)                         | 68.5             | 66 - 70        | 66 - 70        | 70 - 72                |
| Operating profit margin (%)                             | 10.1             | 12 - 15        | 5 - 10         | 12 - 15                |
| Credit sales as a percentage of total sales             | 65.2             | 63 - 66        | 63 - 66        | 63 - 66                |
| Increase in operating costs<br>(excluding debtor costs) | 5.5%             | 8%             | 2% – 4%        | 3% - 5%                |
| Gearing (%)                                             | 2.9              | 25 - 30        | Zero           | Less than 25%          |

## Outlook

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- Challenging trading environment
- Shifting competitive landscape
- Rest of Africa contribution
- Management of the debtors book
- Merchandise
- Expense focus
- Strong Balance Sheet
  - low levels of gearing
  - solid platform for growth
- Share repurchase programme



QUESTIONS