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#### **ABOUT CREIGHTONS**





Best in Class Consumer–Centric Beauty and Wellness Product business

#### What We Do:

- Ideation, Design, Develop, Manufacture, Source and Distribute
- High Quality Beauty, Personal Care and Wellness products
- Broad range of categories including; Skincare, Haircare, Bath + Body, Self Tan, Babycare,
   Male Grooming, SPF formulations and Fragrance/Body Mists

#### **How We Do It and Who For:**

- Full-service supply, concept to distribution
- Major retails chains of all types and brands

#### **Route to market:**

- 3 revenue streams: Private Label, Owned Brands, Contract Manufacturing
- UK and International Markets

#### The Team:

- 380 employees over two manufacturing sites in the UK
- Head Office Peterborough, Cambridgeshire and Tiverton, Devon
- Design, Brand + Product Development, R+D, Packaging, Purchasing, Supply Chain/Forecasting, Technical Compliance, Manufacturing and Customer Service/Distribution







Industry Leaders in Private Label
Brand Owners and Creators

Award-Winning Innovation & Exceptional Quality
Flexible, Agile, Scalable, Full-Service Solutions

Ethical & Sustainable – Proudly SEDEX Registered

#### **QUALITY • SERVICE • INNOVATION**

Passionate and skilled team committed to the industry



Award Winning



Performance Products



Innovative Solutions



Global Appeal

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

£27.2m

Comparable Performance (2024 : £27.1m)

Revenue

44.7%

Improved by 0.7% (2024: 44.0%)

**Gross Margin** 

£1.45m

NI Increased Labour Cost Impact (2024: £1.70m)

**Operating Profit** 

£2.2m

£0.4m NLW and NIC + £0.2m people investment (2024: £2.5m)

**EBITDA** 

£2.9m

Increased by £1.4m
Working Capital Management
(2024: £1.5m)

**Net Cash on Hand** 

1.49p

Reduction in PBT (2024: 1.61p)

**Diluted EPS** 

#### **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**



- Improved Gross profit margin of 70 bps to 44.7% (2024: 44.0%) on marginally higher revenue of £27.2m (2024: £27.1m) owing to cost reduction, product mix and manufacturing efficiencies.
- Distribution costs decreased by **4.1% to £1.3m (2024: £1.4m)**, representing **4.9%** of revenue **(2024: 5.2%)**, reflecting the focus on operational efficiency and cost control.
- Administration costs have increased by **6.4% to £9.4m (2024: £8.8m)**, reflecting the impact of the rise in the cost of the national living wage and national insurance costs.
- Inventory levels remained comparable at £8.7m (2024: £8.7m), demonstrating disciplined stock management
- Investment of £0.2m of indirect labour to support strategic revenue drive in private label growth, international sales expansion and launch to market of 'fast follow' product in brand



#### REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS



**Private Label** 

+15.4%

£16.6m

(2024: £14.4m)

**Brands** 

-2.2%

£8.7m (2024: £8.9m) **Contract Manufacturing** 

-50.5%

£1.9m

(2024: £3.8m)

#### Private Label

• Customers: Two newly acquired last year contributing to growth

Category Diversification: Fragrance driving, SPF evolving

Customer Partnerships: Superdrug Own Label Supplier Of the Year 2025

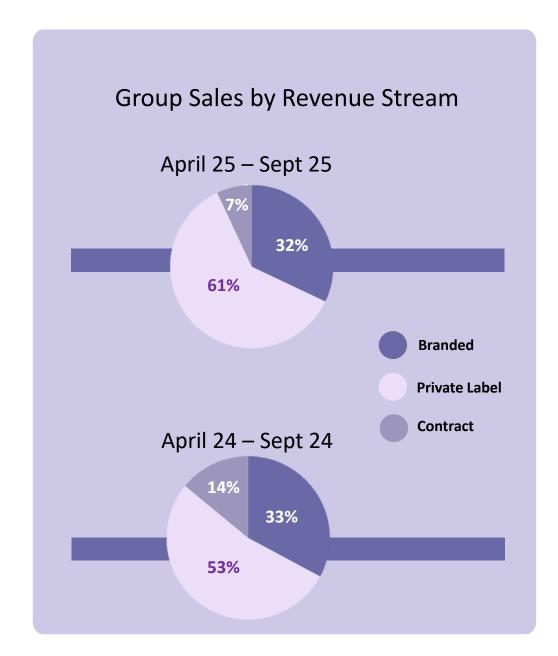
• **Team Investment**: additional team members and internal development

#### **Brands**

- Must Win Brands:
  - Emma Hardie impact by No.1 customer's cyber attack, no orders for 4 months
  - Revenue gains in The Curl Company and Tzone brands
  - Margin gains in Feather + Down and Emma Hardie
- Fast Follow: Driving growth in U.S. off-price sector
- Team Investment: International Sales, Fast Follow, 3rd Party Sourcing

#### **Contract Manufacturing**

- **Revenue Decline**: Key customer delayed new launch from early 2026 to 2027 coupled with reducing forecasts for 2025
- No investment or new business priority this year

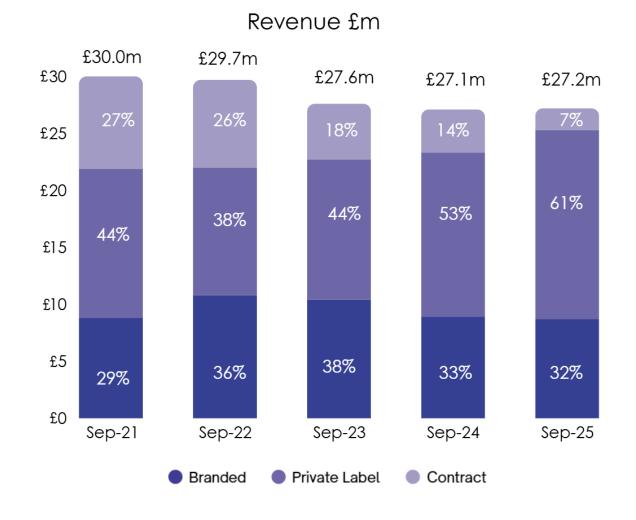




# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## REVENUE STREAMS

# Revenue for the interim period was £27.2m (2024: £27.1m), an increase of 0.5% Private label continues positive sales momentum Branded sales challenged but historic decline stabilised due to NPD, team investment and 'fast follow' strategy Challenging market for Contract continues to reduce performance



#### **GROSS PROFIT MARGIN**

#### Sept 2022:

Increase in direct costs due to global supply chain and inflationary pressures

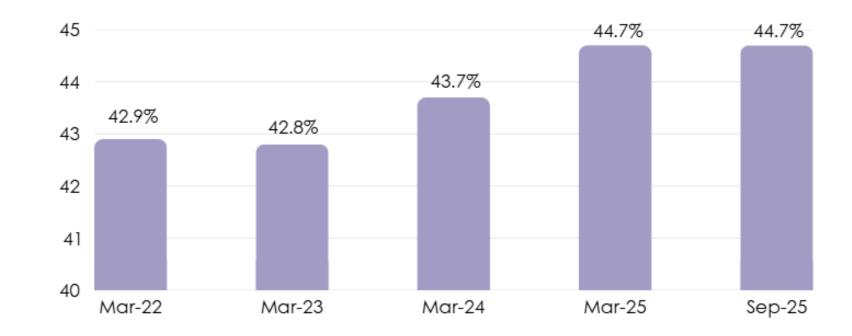
FY 2023 onwards:

GPM has been on an increasing trend

Sept 2025:

GPM increased 0.7% against Sept 2024 last year

#### Gross profit margin - %



#### **OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE EXCEPTIONALS**



Operating profit for H1 in FY26 remains positive despite the challenging economic backdrop

Administrative costs have increased by 6.4% to £9.4m (2024: £8.8m)

NLW and NIC increased indirect labour by £0.2m.

Investment to drive sales growth further increased indirect labour by £0.2m.

Cost saving initiatives reduced overhead costs by £0.1m.

# Distribution costs have decreased by 4.1% to £1.3m (2024: £1.4m)

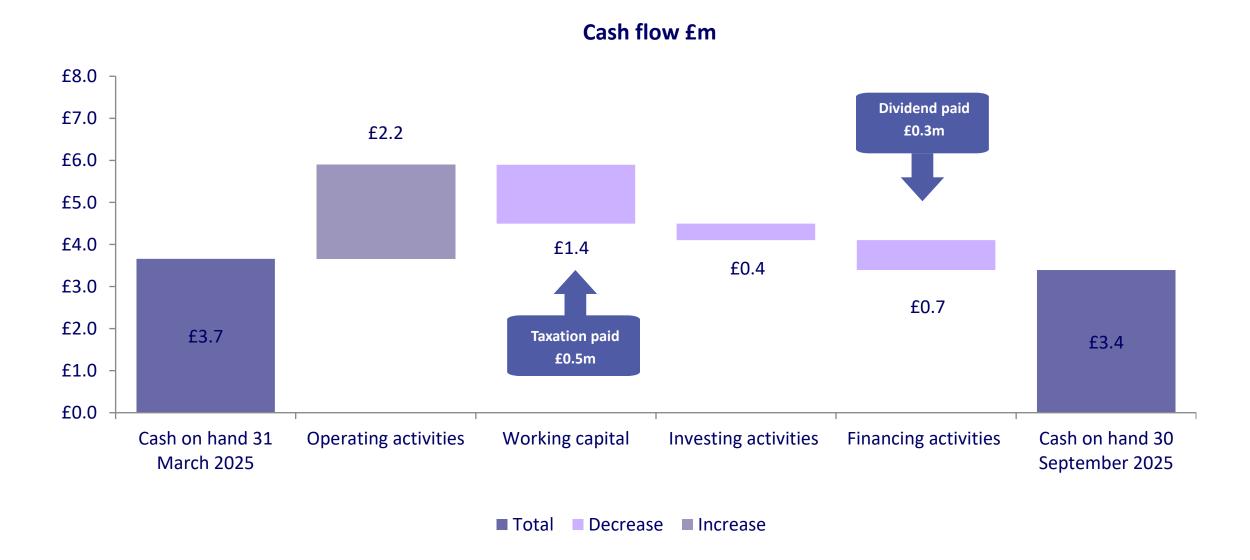
A change in the sales mix has contributed to a reduction in outbound freight costs.

#### Operating profit before exceptionals - £m



# CASH FLOW MOVEMENT (£m)





#### **WORKING CAPITAL**



Stock levels comparable at £8.7m to September 2024

Efficient use of working capital: Inventory is moving at a healthy rate, reducing the amount of cash tied up in stock.



Stock turn (closing stock) is 3.4 times (2024 3.4 times)

Continue to monitor inventory levels closely to maintain operational efficiency, customer service level performance and avoid excess holding costs.



Trade debtor days 67 days (2024: 65 days)

Debtors increased by £0.1m compared to September 2024 and £2.2m compared to March 2025.

The movement since FY25 reflects timing of sales activity in Q2 2026 vs Q4 2025



Creditors increased by £1.1m compared to March 2025

Reflecting timing of supplier payments.

We are actively exploring extended supplier payment terms to assist with working capital.



# STRATEGY UPDATE

# STRATEGIC PILLARS













Build Brands Grow
Private Label
Share

R+D Focused Business Maintain
Core Stable
Foundations

Well Invested

Manufacturing

&

Capabilities

Develop
Teams
and
People

Deliver for Shareholders













### **GROW PRIVATE LABEL SHARE**



#### **HOW WE DO IT**



Customer Partnerships

Work with the best-in-class retailers



R+D Category Development

**Innovative Solutions** 



**UK Supply** 

Retain the leading position in UK supply



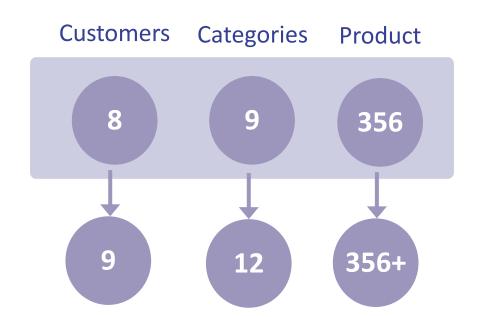
**Global Sourced** 

Add via sourced finished product



**Margin Positive** 

**Driving Focus** 





#### **GROW PRIVATE LABEL SHARE**



#### PRIORITIES FOR GROWTH

**Category Maximisation** 

**Category Expansion** 

**Cost Performance** 

Filling the 'White Space'



**Extend coverage in current categories** 

Skincare, Bodycare, Bath +
Shower, Self Tan, Babycare Product and customers



**Fine Fragrance + Body Mists** 

2 key retailers commencing delivery H2 and into 2026

SPF Skincare + Body Care

Multiple open briefs and tenders underway



**Keeping Competitive** 

Proactive Sourcing
Smart Buying
Efficient Manufacturing

#### **Value for Money**

**Central Focus** 



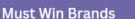
# Underrepresented Categories

Opportunities to add value, differentiate, innovate and deliver high-quality alternatives

Trend Monitoring
Consumer Insight
Proactive Product Innovation

#### BUILD BRANDS





#### HOW WE DO IT

**Fast Follow** 



















#### **PRIORITIES FOR GROWTH**

#### **Channel Expansion**

#### International

Additional resource implemented

#### Travel

- Feather & Down First trial cruise executed
- Phase two; three additional trial cruises early 2026

#### Off Price USA

· Growing with 'Fast Follow' activity

#### Differentiation

#### **Fast Follow**

• Initial concepts created, currently presenting to market, sales impact commences H1 2026

#### **Product Differentiation**

• 3rd Party Sourced Product positive momentum First products to land for H1 2026 sales

#### **Brand Creation**

#### **New Brand Launch Spring/Summer 2026**

• Premium brand extension to Feather + Down launching Spring 2026

#### **Brand Relaunch + Repositioning**

· Completed strategic review of Janina (whitening oral care) working in partnership with key leading UK retailer

# FAST FOLLOW







#### **Fast Follow**

Accelerated concept ideation

Working with key strategic retailers

3<sup>rd</sup> Party Sourcing aiding speed to market

Multi-Category

Bath + Shower

Skincare

Bodycare

Haircare

**Body Mists** 

# R+D FOCUSED





#### **HOW WE DO IT**





Evaluation of materials more sustainable products



#### **PRIORITIES FOR GROWTH**

#### **New Team Structure**

**Innovation Driven** 

Revenue Opportunity Focused

**Smarter Working** 

Speed to Market

#### **Formulation Database**

Maximising expertise

Improving Speed to Market

Focus on 'Fast Follow' and 'White Space' opportunities

#### **Digital Transformation**

Invested in leading cloud-base R+D cost and management platform

Improved access, visibility and speed



#### WELL INVESTED MANUFACTURING + CAPABILITIES



#### **HOW WE DO IT**

**Investment Priorities** 

Increase capacity

Increase flexibility

Improve labour efficiency and utilisation

Extend capabilities

AI & automation solutions to improve processes & efficiencies

#### PRIORITIES FOR GROWTH

01 WMS system

Labour and operational efficiency and accuracy gains

Operational Sept 2025

**03** Fragrance line upgrade

Category Diversification for Revenue growth

Phase 1 complete. Phase 2 during H2

02 Digital Transformation

Evocon (live production data) and Manage Artworks implementation commenced.

Due to complete early H2.

New ERP system

Reduce business risk by replacing current legacy system

Scoped and short list underway

Capacity Focus

Facilitating growth

Targeted plan of upgrades and replacements to maximise capacity



# **SUMMARY**

- Resilient financial performance with improving gross profit margins, despite material increased labour costs
- Private Label customer partnerships and category diversification driving growth
- Continuing to advance strategically and operationally
- Investment in Growth
  - Refocusing Brand approach
     Fast Follow initiatives and International focus
  - → 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Sourced Product
     Add to and complement both Brand and Private Label ranges
  - Extending Teams Investment in people in both Private Label and Brand Fast Follow to drive growth
  - Restructured R+D team Deliver improved speed to market, maximise existing development investments and joined up approach with commercial teams
- Investment in Efficiencies and Capabilities
  - ☐ Digital Transformation projects momentum
  - ☐ Fragrance filling line investment to compete
  - Capacity and labour efficiency focused plan of machinery upgrades to deliver on growth

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