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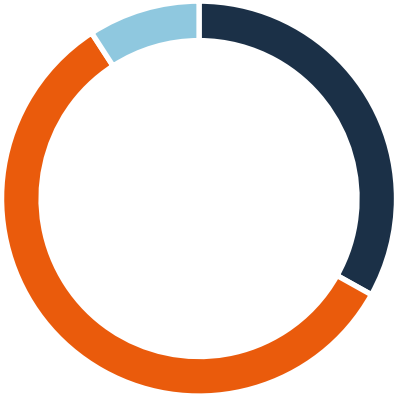
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Overview



A global diversified staffing Group

- Healthcare increased to 8% of Group NFI
- APAC reduced to 34% of Group NFI due to impact of aviation industry
- 75% of net fee income from outside of UK
- Temp/perm split in line with prior year – excluding aviation, temporary proportion has increased



- Permanent (33%, 2020: 34%)
- Temporary and Contract (58%, 2020: 57%)
- Offshore Recruitment Services (9%, 2020: 9%)



- Professional (28%, 2020: 31%)
- IT (23%, 2020: 24%)
- Healthcare (8%, 2020: 4%)
- Property, Construction & Engineering (1%, 2020: 1%)
- Commercial (29%, 2020: 28%)
- Offshore Recruitment Services (11%, 2020: 12%)



- UK (25%, 2020: 25%)
- Continental Europe (24%, 2020: 21%)
- Asia Pacific (34%, 2020: 38%)
- Americas (17%, 2020: 16%)

All charts show percentage of Group net fee income

Overview

- Strong recovery in profits – adjusted profit before tax up 67% on prior year and 8% ahead of 2019
- Progress on net fee income recovery
 - Q2 up 30% on prior year with growth in all sectors
 - Q1 down 19% v prior year reflecting strong pre-COVID comparator
 - H1 up 1% on prior year, up 4% in constant currency
- Operational investments including appointment of regional leadership roles and continued technology rollout
- Demand returning to pre-pandemic levels in many markets with skills shortages at a 15 year high

Operating highlights

- Investment in regional leadership – appointed Regional CEOs for APAC and UK & Europe in H1, and President, North America in August
- Investment in common technology – 2 more businesses live during H1
- Benefits of operational initiatives demonstrated in H1
 - US Healthcare businesses maximise the benefit of strong demand through efficient operating model which heavily utilises our offshore recruitment services operation in India
 - German temporary business was restructured at the end of 2020 to improve focus and efficiency, much improved performance in both net fee income and profits in H1
 - Moved a number of operations to a more focused sales and delivery model which has enabled these businesses to operate more efficiently and maximise their client and candidate facing activities
- Benefits from diversification have offset challenges in 2 of our key businesses
 - Aviation continue to struggle and not expected to recover in the short term.
 - Significant challenges in the labour market for our German logistics business

Investing in senior leadership



Julie Smith
Regional CEO
UK & Europe

- More than 20 years staffing industry experience with significant expertise across RPO and MSP
- Previously Vice President of Operations at Volt
- Significant international experience – expanded business across 26 European countries in previous role



Rafael Moyano
Regional CEO
APAC

- More than 15 years staffing industry experience with significant international exposure across APAC
- Previously CEO of Australia at Adecco



Garrick Cooper
President
North America

- More than 20 years experience in delivering staffing solutions across a variety of industries
- Previously Vice President of Technical at Volt

Update on strategic objectives

Objective	2021 priorities (per annual report)	2021 progress
Build scale in key markets and sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional management and sales structure Grow US presence of IT and Healthcare Expand Offshore Recruitment Services operations to new bases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional leadership in place US Healthcare strong H1 Offshore Recruitment Services now offered from Philippines
Materially increase and diversify profits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebuild net fee income and profits in operations heavily impacted by COVID-19. Focus on growing temporary and contract IT in the US Expand service offerings to clients – SOW/RPO/Direct Sourcing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NFI up 30% on prior year in Q2 with increases in all sectors Some early traction on growing temp IT in US
Invest in technology to drive revenue and productivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accelerate implementation of technology – majority of the Group complete in 18 months Deliver on benefits of common technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 more businesses live H1, more locations due H2
Reduce net debt balancing investment activity against financial constraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refinance revolving credit facility. Restart dividend Continue to focus investment on organic growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCF refinanced March 21 Dividend restarted, paid June 21 Investments focused on organic growth and delivery recovery from COVID-19

Financial review



Summary income statement

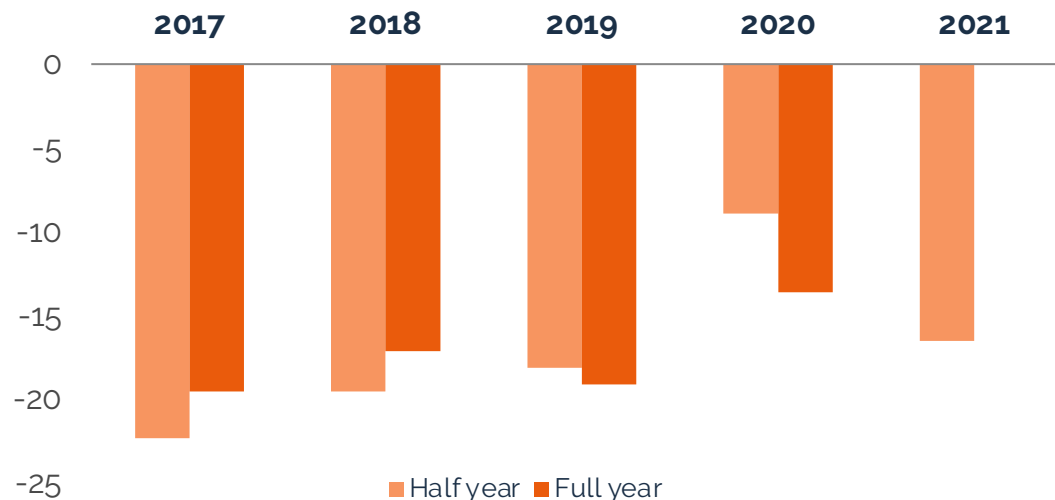
£m	2021	2020	% change	% change (constant currency)	2019	% change	% change (constant currency)
Revenue	129.8	136.1	-5%	-3%	175.5	-26%	-24%
Net fee income	28.4	28.2	+1%	+4%	36.3	-22%	-19%
Administrative costs	(24.1)	(25.2)	-4%		(32.0)	-25%	
<i>Adjusted operating profit – Sectors</i>	6.7	4.6	+46%		6.2	+8%	
<i>Central costs</i>	(2.4)	(1.6)	+50%		(1.9)	+26%	
Adjusted operating profit	4.3	3.0	+43%	+54%	4.3	-%	+8%
Adjusted profit before tax	4.0	2.4	+67%		3.7	+8%	
Adjusted, diluted EPS	4.1p	1.9p	+116%		3.3p	+24%	

Adjusted net debt

- Net debt increased from 31 December reflecting working capital outflows as trading recovered
- Headroom remains strong at £12.4m
- Interest charge remains low, benefitting from settlement of tax audits and release of tax interest accrual
- Revolving credit facility of £15m refinanced in March 2021 – 2.5 year maturity

	30 June 2021	31 Dec 2020	30 June 2020
Adjusted net debt	£16.5m	£13.6m	£8.9m
Headroom (exc invoice financing)	£12.4m	£17.6m	£18.1m
Net finance costs	£0.3m	£1.0m	£0.6m

Adjusted net debt (£m)

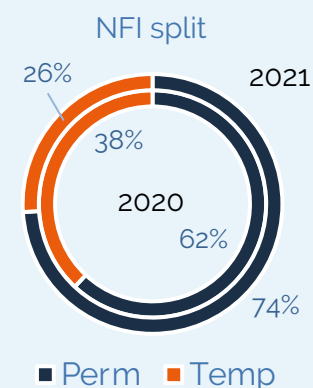


Sector analysis



Professional

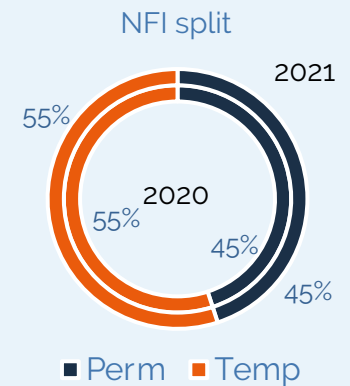
£m	2021	2020	% change	% change (constant currency)
Revenue	21.6	35.3	-39%	-40%
Net fee income	8.2	8.8	-7%	-7%
Adjusted operating profit	0.5	0.5	-%	-%
% of Group net fee income	28%	31%		



- Excluding aviation Professional has recovered well – Q2 NFI up 59% on 2020.
- Aviation demand continues to be weak and no significant signs of recovery seen yet. We expect this to remain in the short-term but continue to believe this business has good medium and long term potential. Investing in restructuring and broadening our service offering to ensure we are well placed for when this industry recovers.
- Due to aviation being almost 100% temp, sector has moved to be even more perm weighted. Focused on growing temp where markets allow this.

IT

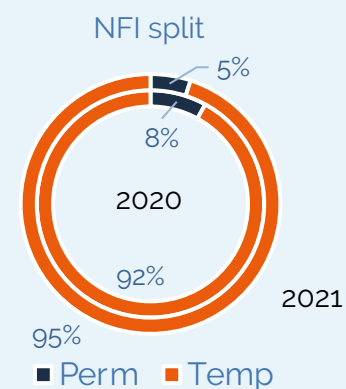
£m	2021	2020	% change	% change (constant currency)
Revenue	18.9	22.1	-14%	-11%
Net fee income	6.5	6.7	-3%	+2%
Adjusted operating profit	1.6	1.2	+33%	+45%
% of Group net fee income	23%	24%		



- Japan performed strongly with profits and net fee income up on 2020
- US had a solid H1 but behind a very strong 2020 comparator
- UK profits improved with benefits of restructuring activity including a move to a more sales and delivery focused model. Mobility of talent is an ongoing challenge with c.80% of placements outside of UK.

Healthcare

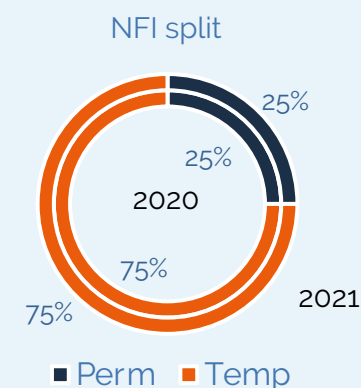
£m	2021	2020	% change	% change (constant currency)
Revenue	13.9	5.9	+136%	+153%
Net fee income	2.2	1.2	+83%	+100%
Adjusted operating profit	0.9	0.1	+800%	+800%
% of Group net fee income	8%	4%		



- Record half for this sector – H1 2021 revenue greater than 2020 FY revenue
- Strong performance driven by vaccination and testing programmes in the US and Finland
- Activity levels expected to drop back closer to normal levels in H2 as vaccination programmes slow

Property, Construction & Engineering

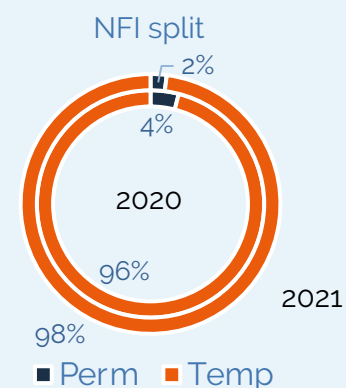
£m	2021	2020	% change	% change (constant currency)
Revenue	1.8	1.8	-%	-%
Net fee income	0.4	0.4	-%	-%
Adjusted operating loss	(0.1)	(0.1)	-%	-%
% of Group net fee income	1%	1%		



- Sector performance in line with 2020
- Demand in core business supplying sales staff to the new homes sector remains extremely low – COVID-19 restrictions resulted in alternative sales approaches
- Removal of restrictions potential catalyst for change in demand, next few months will indicate whether changes to operating models have become permanent
- Focus of business changing to areas with higher demand such as white-collar construction roles

Commercial

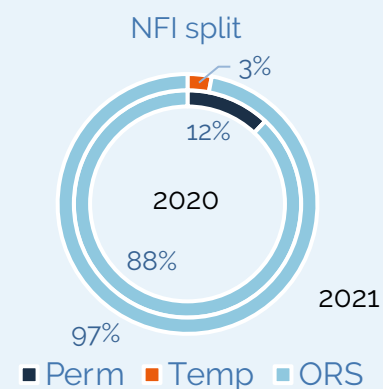
£m	2021	2020	% change	% change (constant currency)
Revenue	67.7	65.5	+3%	+6%
Net fee income	8.4	8.0	+5%	+8%
Adjusted operating profit	2.0	1.5	+33%	+33%
% of Group net fee income	29%	28%		



- Overall positive performance with increases in revenue, net fee income and adjusted operating profit – net fee income up 17% in Q2
- Germany – Logistics business had a strong year in 2020, facing a more challenging 2021. Good demand, but difficulties recruiting workers due to strong German labour market and the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on recruiting workers from Eastern Europe
- Germany – Temporary business performed well in H1, benefitting from restructure at the end of 2020. Some short term challenges expected due to automotive summer factory closures due to supply issues
- LATAM – Strong performance in Chile which has had a successful vaccination campaign, offset by a weaker performance in Peru which has faced greater challenges with COVID-19

Offshore Recruitment Services

£m	2021	2020	% change	% change (constant currency)
Revenue	6.4	5.8	+10%	+21%
Net fee income	3.2	3.4	-6%	+3%
Adjusted operating profit	1.8	1.4	+29%	+38%
% of Group net fee income	11%	12%		



- Dubai operation exited with effect 1 January 21, business contributed £0.4m to revenue and NFI in 2020
- Core business performed well with growth in NFI and significant growth in profits
- Strong demand from clients – internal headcount now over 1,500

Outlook



Outlook

- Continuing to invest in the business
 - Embed regional leadership structure and regional strategies
 - Continue technology rollout – more locations planned for H2
- Strong demand in most markets leading to skills shortages in key sectors
- COVID-19 expected to remain a challenge in short-term
 - Global group operating in countries with slower vaccination programmes/less effective responses
 - Lockdown restrictions remain in place across the Group
 - Expected drop off in Healthcare as vaccination programmes slow in US/Finland
 - Remains an ongoing risk of additional waves and variants
- Enhanced leadership team well positioned to deliver on our ambitions

Appendices



Our sectors and markets

	UK	Continental Europe	Asia Pacific	Americas
Professional	Sales and operations	Sales	Sales and operations	
IT	Sales and operations	Sales	Sales and operations	Sales and operations
Healthcare		Sales and operations		Sales and operations
Property, Construction & Engineering	Sales and operations			
Commercial		Sales and operations	Sales and operations	Sales and operations
Offshore Recruitment Services	Sales		Sales and operations	Sales

Income statement

Six months ended 30 June 2021

£m	2021	2020	% Change	% Change (constant currency)
Revenue	129.8	136.1	-5%	-3%
Net fee Income	28.4	28.2	+1%	+4%
Administrative costs	(24.1)	(25.2)		
Adjusted operating profit*	4.3	3.0	+43%	+54%
Interest	(0.3)	(0.6)		
Adjusted profit before tax*	4.0	2.4	+67%	
Fair value charge on acquisition of non-controlling shares	-	(0.1)		
Impairment of goodwill	(0.6)	-		2021 relates to aviation
Impairment of other intangible assets	(0.3)	(2.6)		2021 relates to aviation
Amortisation of intangible assets identified in business combinations	(0.7)	(0.9)		
Taxation	(1.4)	(0.2)		
Profit/(loss) for the year	1.0	(1.4)		
Adjusted, diluted EPS* (p)	4.1	1.9	+116%	
Diluted EPS (p)	1.6	(2.7)		

* Adjusted to exclude amortisation of intangible assets identified in business combinations, exceptional items, impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets, fair value charges on acquisition of non-controlling shares and in the case of earnings also adjusted for any related tax.

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2021

£m	2021	2020	
Property, plant and equipment and right-of use assets	9.7	10.9	Limited new leasing activity in 2021
Goodwill and other intangibles	40.7	47.2	Impact of 2020/2021 impairment in aviation and FX
Trade and other receivables	49.9	44.6	Increase in trade receivables reflects recovery in trading
Cash and cash equivalents	21.4	25.0	
Deferred tax assets	3.2	2.8	
Total assets	124.9	130.5	
Trade and other payables	(33.6)	(38.3)	
Borrowings	(37.2)	(32.4)	
Lease liabilities	(8.4)	(9.0)	Limited new leasing activity in 2021
Other liabilities	(4.4)	(4.2)	
Total liabilities	(83.6)	(83.9)	
Net assets	41.3	46.6	

Cash flow statement

Six months ended 30 June 2021

£m	2021	2020
Profit/(loss) for the year	1.0	(1.4)
Depreciation, amortisation, fair value charge on acquisition of non-controlling shares, share-based payments and impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets	5.1	7.5
Tax and interest	1.7	0.8
Working capital	(4.1)	10.4
Cash generated from operations	3.7	17.3
Lease payments	(3.1)	(3.6)
Tax and interest	(1.6)	(1.8)
Dividends to shareholders	(0.5)	-
Net investments and capital expenditure	(1.3)	(1.5)
Purchase of own shares in Employee Benefit Trust	(0.2)	-
Net cash flow from loans and borrowings	4.4	(3.4)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-	(0.3)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period	1.4	6.7
Foreign exchange	(0.8)	0.7
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	0.6	7.4

2021 includes £0.6m deferred consideration in respect of ConSol Partners

Shareholder information

- Shares in issue – 49.6m ordinary shares
- Market capitalisation - £40.2m (9 August 2021)
- 1m vested options (0.9m currently held in EBT), 2.7m unvested options (3 year performance criteria)
- Significant shareholders set out below (updated August 2021)

Shareholder	Number of shares	% held
Anthony Martin	13,924,595	28.0%
H M van Heijst	6,450,000	13.0%
Close Brothers Asset Management	5,911,708	11.9%
Hof Hoorneman Fund Management	4,835,511	9.8%
Beliggingsclub't Stockpaert	3,645,000	7.4%
Ramsey Partnership Fund	2,441,000	4.9%
Allianz Global Investors	1,590,000	3.2%

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