

# Full Year Results Presentation

**Sale process progressing alongside further operational optimisation**

**21 June 2023**



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# Strategic review conclusions

## Why undertake a strategic review?

- Pandemic and challenging economic backdrop impacted revenue generation and access to growth capital.
- High debt levels following the pandemic including financing £134.2m of historical liabilities relating to aircraft leases.
- These liabilities impacted funding for operating businesses that have different strategic and financial needs

## What were the outcomes of the review?

- Board concluded that interests of stakeholders best served by seeking new owners for operating businesses through managed sale process.
- Operating businesses will benefit from long-term strategic owners with access to capital to support growth ambitions, while offering stability and certainty to staff, customers and suppliers.
- Sale proceeds, alongside sale of non-core assets, will be used to repay debt, provide working capital and ultimately return value to shareholders.

## Current progress



**Process to sell Esken Renewables at advanced stage working with a preferred bidder**



**Esken has started the process for the sale of London Southend Airport**



**Star Handling operations at MAN and STN sold for up to £4.8m**



**Progressing plans to dispose of remaining portfolio of non-core assets**

# Business highlights

## Delivering operational progress

- Esken Renewables took steps to optimise its margins and secured additional sub-supply agreements.
- easyJet entered a multiyear agreement for the return of flying to LSA with three Summer routes – Malaga, Palma and Faro
- easyJet recently announced new all-year-round routes to Paris and Amsterdam.

## Maintaining strict financial discipline

- In November 2022, Esken secured a new lending facility comprising £50m of committed funding.
- As at 28 February 2023, Esken had cash headroom of £50.3m.
- Esken is reducing the cost base of the Group in line with the sale of assets and the requirements of the remaining businesses.

## Residual matters

- At the year end, four Propius aircraft had been returned with four aircraft remaining with c£25m of associated liabilities through to Q3 FY2024. Post year end, two further aircraft have been returned with costs in line with year-end provisions.
- Legacy tax issues resolved bar one, releasing a further £2.3m of tax provisions, remaining provision totals £1.0m.
- Legacy legal matters now largely resolved.

FULL YEAR RESULTS

# Financial performance



# Financial summary



## Revenue

**£120.0m**

Revenue improved by 14.7% following an increase in the total volume of biomass supplied by Esken Renewables.



## Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

**£5.6m**

Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> decreased from £10.6m mainly as a result of one-off income received last year.



## Loss before tax

**£27.7m**

The loss before tax improved by 22.4% largely due to favourable one-off impairment movements year on year.



## Net debt excluding IFRS 16<sup>2</sup>

**£197.6m**

Includes £133.0m of convertible debt. Net debt including IFRS 16 is £290.1m.



## Headroom

**£50.3m**

Esken had £50.3m of cash as at 28 February 2023 (including £5.3m of ring fenced LSA cash and £1.0m of restricted cash).

<sup>1</sup>Adjusted EBITDA represents profit/(loss) before interest, tax, depreciation and impairments.

<sup>2</sup>Refers to the impact of right of use assets, net investment in lease and additional lease liabilities recognised as a result of IFRS 16.



# Divisional performance

Revenue (£m)	2023	2022	Movement
Renewables	93.7	79.7	17.7%
Aviation	25.5	23.4	8.7%
<b>Two core operating divisions</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
Investments and Non-Strategic Infrastructure	0.6	0.7	(7.1%)
Group central and eliminations	0.2	0.8	(79.6%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>14.7%</b>

Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup> (£m)	2023	2022	Movement
Renewables	18.4	20.3	(9.5%)
Aviation	(3.8)	(0.8)	(390.9%)
<b>Two core operating divisions</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>(25.3%)</b>
Investments and Non-Strategic Infrastructure	(1.7)	3.3	(153.3%)
Group central and eliminations	(7.3)	(12.2)	41.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>(46.9%)</b>

<sup>1</sup>Adjusted EBITDA represents profit/(loss) before interest, tax, depreciation and impairments.

## Revenue

- Renewables tonnes supplied were 1.6m compared with 1.5m last year.
- Aviation passengers reduced from 94k last year to 89k this year, however revenue increased within the hotel and jet centre operations.
- Group central revenue reduced as a result of rental income ceasing at the end of last financial year when the assets were sold to the lessee.

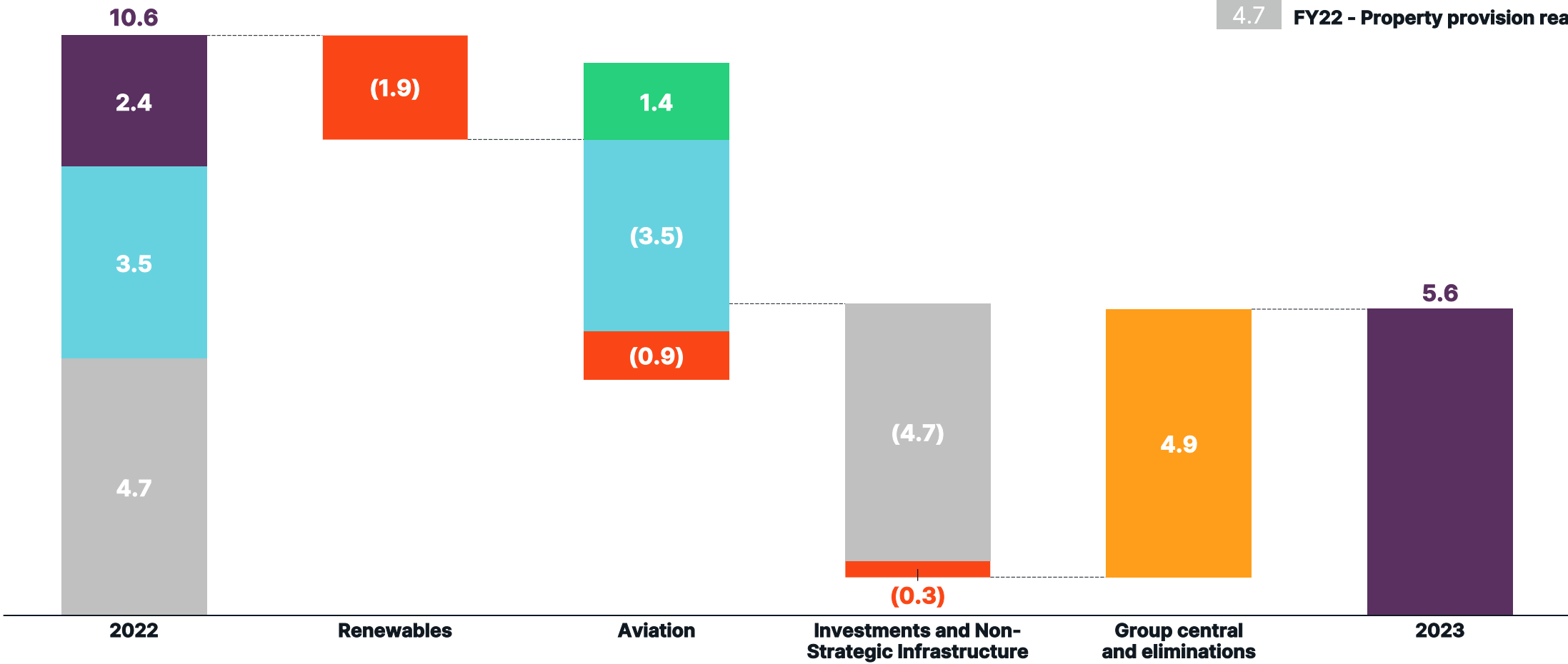
## Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

- Renewables was impacted by unplanned outages at higher margin plants resulting in reduced profitability despite an increase in revenue.
- Aviation received £1.4m in the current year, related to the recovery of airline marketing support payments, and benefitted from £3.5m in the prior year, associated with Connect Airways and the conclusion of the partnership at Teesside International Airport.
- Non-Strategic Infrastructure benefitted from a £4.7m one-off property provision reassessment in the prior year.
- Esken central has reduced costs this year after incurring £5.6m of legal costs in the prior year.

# Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> movement from 2022 to 2023

One-off items:

- 3.5 FY22 - Connect Airways & Teesside settlement
- 1.4 FY23 - Return of airline marketing payment
- 4.7 FY22 - Property provision reassessment



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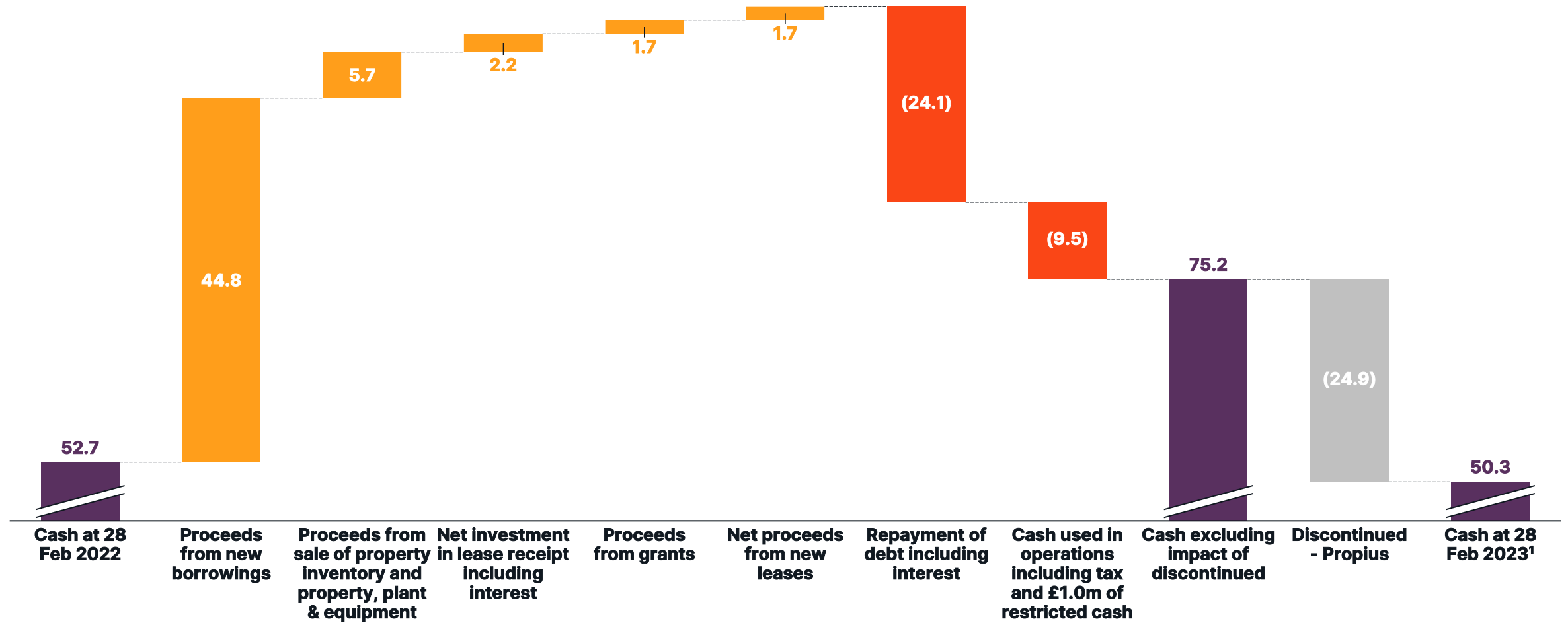


# Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> to loss for the year



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# Movement in cash



<sup>1</sup>Includes £5.3m of ring-fenced cash in London Southend Airport and £1.0m of restricted cash.

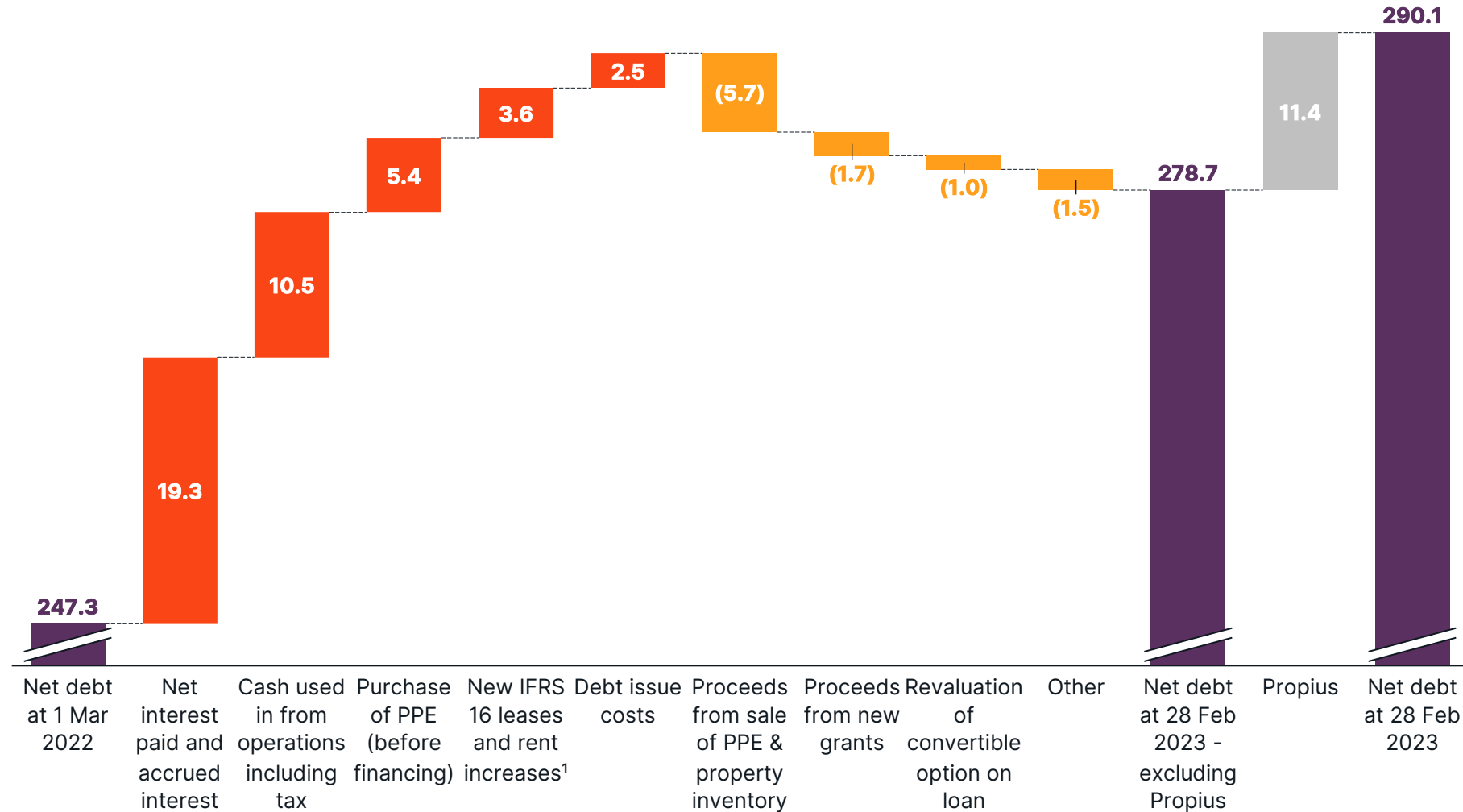
# Balance sheet

£m	Feb 2023	Feb 2022
Intangible assets	54.7	54.7
Tangible assets	218.2	223.0
IFRS 16 ROU assets and net investment in lease	62.1	64.7
Investment and non-current receivables	17.7	17.0
Current assets (excluding cash)	35.9	36.4
Cash	50.3	52.7
<b>Gross assets</b>	<b>438.9</b>	<b>448.5</b>
Loans and borrowings	(247.9)	(193.2)
IFRS 16 lease liabilities <sup>1</sup>	(92.5)	(106.8)
Other liabilities	(58.6)	(77.9)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>70.6</b>
Gearing - excluding IFRS 16 <sup>1</sup>	281.1%	124.7%
Gearing	726.8%	350.5%

- **Tangible assets and right of use assets** decreased due to depreciation.
- **Cash** held is in line with management expectations.
- **Loans and borrowings** increased as includes new debt facility held at £45.2m (net of costs). The convertible debt balance increased by £14.1m as interest accrues and costs are unwound.
- **IFRS 16 lease liabilities<sup>1</sup>** reduced due to repayments made, largely relating to legacy aircraft leases. £15.0m of the IFRS 16 lease liabilities at Feb 2023 relates to Propius.
- **Other liabilities** reduced due to repayments made under aircraft maintenance provisions and the settlement of tax to HMRC.

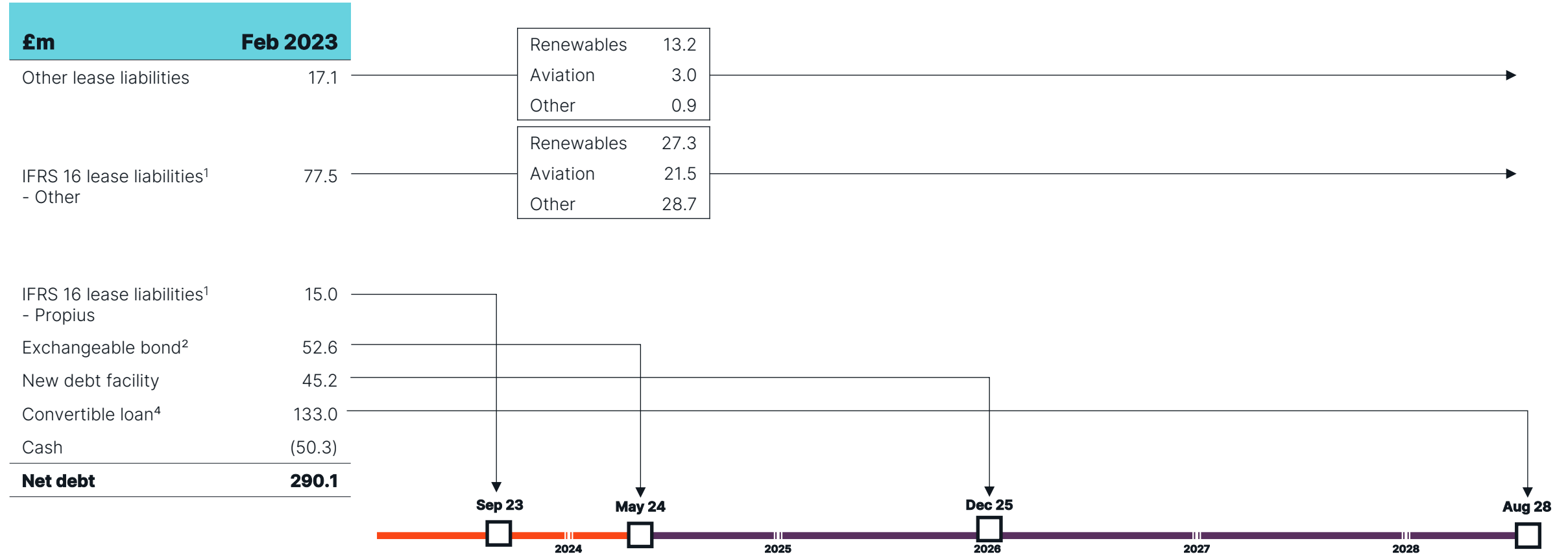
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# Net debt movement



£m	Feb 2023
Convertible loan	133.0
Exchangeable bond	52.6
New debt facility	45.2
IFRS 16 lease liabilities <sup>1</sup>	92.5
Other lease liabilities	17.1
Cash	(50.3)
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>290.1</b>

# Debt timelines



<sup>1</sup>IFRS 16 lease liabilities refers to leases which have a corresponding right of use asset or net investment in lease.

<sup>2</sup>£10.2m of shares in Logistics Development Group plc are held as at 28 February 2023 as security against the bond and could be sold on maturity to mitigate the liability.

<sup>4</sup>This is the 30% convertible loan issued by London Southend Airport to Carlyle for £125m in August 2021. This balance includes accrued interest.

DIVISION PERFORMANCE

# Operating performance



# ESG



## Environmental

### Net zero

Across its businesses Esken produced 23,633 tonnes of carbon dioxide, representing a 11% decrease on the baseline year for Scope 1 and 2 emissions.

Esken developed a Net Zero Roadmap to eliminate Scope 2 emissions by 2030.



## Social

### Charity partnerships

Esken continued to support its charity partnerships through fundraising and launched a volunteering programme, contributing over 500 hours of volunteering to benefit the communities in which we operate.



## Governance

### KPIs

The company established an ESG risk register and put in place ESG performance KPIs linked to Executive remuneration.



DIVISION PERFORMANCE

# Esken Renewables



# Esken Renewables focused on improving margins

- Esken Renewables supplied 1.6m tonnes of biomass fuel, up 9.4% - resulting in revenue increasing by 17.7% to £93.7m - unplanned outages at plants where we supply higher margin waste wood fuel, coupled with the impacts of inflation, resulted in a 9.5% reduction in adjusted EBITDA to £18.4m.
- Future margins will be supported by continued annual contracted indexation revisions, fleet size optimisation and cost control measures.
- Closed a loss-making processing and storage site, which is expected to deliver an additional £0.9m of annual recurring adjusted EBITDA from 1 April 2023.
- Secured a new sub-supply arrangement in Yorkshire and the Cramlington supply contract moving to an exclusive basis from September 2022.



## Volumes supplied

Volumes supplied up 9.4% to 1.6m tonnes.



## Revenue

Revenue up 17.7% to £93.7m.



## Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> reduced 9.5% to £18.4m.

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# Reduced waste wood supply and gate fee income

## Sourcing wood from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties across the UK.

Primarily servicing regions where supply of Unprocessed Waste Wood is lower (NW & NE) or ER does not have a Processing facility (SW/Wales & N.I.).

## Receiving wood and charging a gate fee

Significant market share in London/SE market. Receiving gate fee income. c.80% "spot" with established supply chain.

## Sourced 100% via a key strategic supply partner.

Material is typically sourced from managed woodlands, and it is then process into a fuel. ER typically earn a fixed margin per MT.

C O N T R A C T E D  
S U P P L Y

**0.7m MT**

Third party processed waste wood

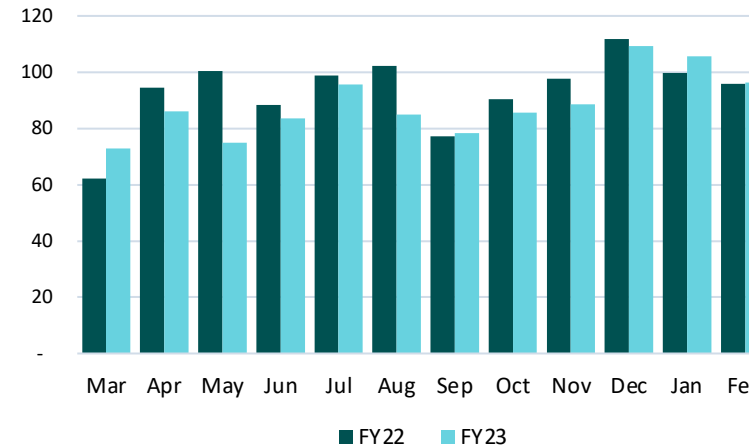
**0.5m MT**

Unprocessed waste wood

**0.5m MT**

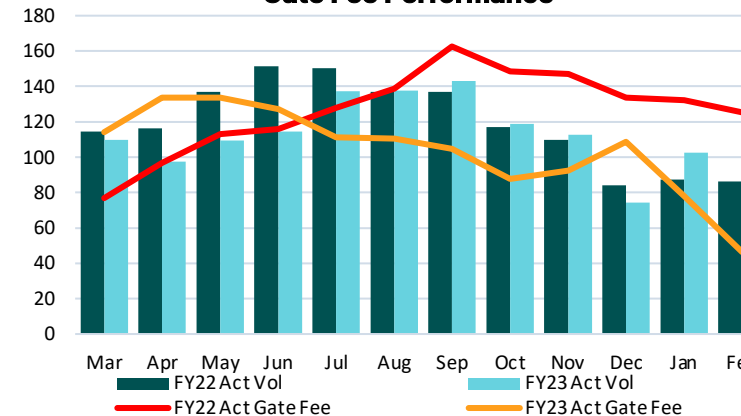
Forest by product

Sales Volume - Waste Wood



Several key waste wood biomass plants experienced unforeseen issues, impacting volume supplied year on year by -6.9%.

Gate Fee Performance



Gate fee income reduced during the summer months with reduced availability of waste wood compared to corresponding period in prior year.

# Aviation



# Progress in Aviation despite post pandemic challenges

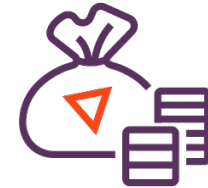
- In January 2023 LSA signed a multi-year partnership agreement with easyJet – with routes serving Faro, Malaga and Palma.
- Staffing challenges and industrial action at airports across Europe impacted flights inbound to LSA during the second half of the year. As a result, passenger numbers reduced by 5.3% to 89k.
- In May 2023 easyJet started a new all year-round route from LSA to Amsterdam. The airline also added up to an additional 4x a week to Faro.
- The new route and increased frequencies to Faro means the airline will now operate up to 18 weekly departures this summer - a 30% increase in easyJet operations compared with last summer.
- easyJet also announced year-round flights to Paris Charles de Gaulle will start 29 October 2023.
- LSA has a strong proposition to address London peak time capacity constraints.
- Esken took the opportunity to sell its sub scale ground handling operations (Star Handling) at MAN and SEN for £4.8m. Aviation division now focused entirely on LSA.

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## Passenger numbers

Passenger numbers reduced by 5.3% to 89k during the period.



## Revenue

Revenue increased by 8.7% to £25.5m.



## Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> loss of £3.8m includes £1.4m of recovered airline marketing costs.



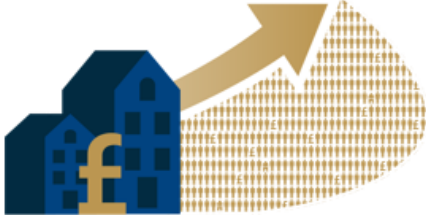
# Proven and well-invested solution to London's airspace capacity constraint



Ideally placed to benefit as London airspace capacity constraints reassert themselves



Well-connected with LSA-owned station and fast journey times to and from Central London



Serving a progressively affluent catchment (20m wider reach)



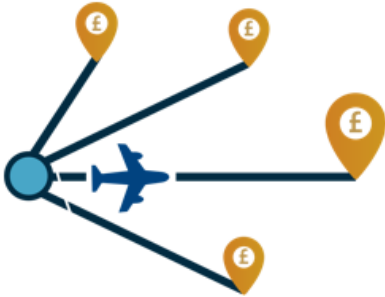
Diversified revenue generation across purpose-built infrastructure



London's quickest and easiest award-winning passenger experience



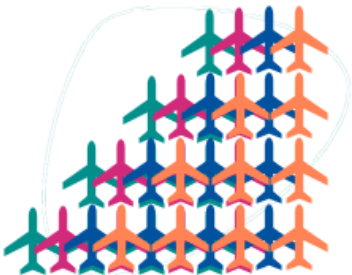
Accelerated upside to base case unlocked through a clear roadmap of capital investment



Best opportunity for airlines to secure peak slots at a higher cost efficiency



On track to accelerate recovery significantly beyond pre-Covid levels



Continued demand supported by short-haul airlines increasing their fleets over the coming years

# Unlocking shareholder value



## Renewables being optimized and disposal advancing

Esken Renewables sale process at advanced stage working with a preferred bidder on an exclusive basis.



## London Southend Airport re-start is well under way

LSA's partnership with easyJet is growing with increased flight frequencies and new routes. Airport is proactively marketing to new airlines.



## Sale of further assets progressing

Post period, Esken completed the sale of Star Handling operations at Manchester and Stansted airports for up to £4.8m.



## Reducing central costs inline with asset sales

Esken is reducing the cost base of the Group to a level sufficient to support the remaining operations as we progress the sale process.



