

### Presentation team

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#### **Geoff Rowley**

Chief Executive Officer

Geoff is the Group Chief Executive Officer and joint founder of FRP. He has over 30 years experience. Recent UK and international assignments have included The Body Shop, Horizonte Minerals, Henry Construction Group, Just Cash Flow Group, Palace Revive Developments and Debenhams.



#### Jeremy French

Chief Operating Officer

Jeremy is the Chief Operating Officer of the Group and joint founder. He has been the Group's Managing Partner since inception in 2010, is a Chartered Accountant and Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, and has more than 35 years' experience.



#### **Gavin Jones**

Chief Financial Officer

Gavin is the Chief Financial Officer and is part of the Group's PLC Board. He formerly held executive roles including a Divisional CFO at Marsh, Regional Financial Controller at Aon and an Executive Director at ABN AMRO's Investment Banking division.







# National coverage local contacts

105

<u>Partners</u>

777

Team members 33

Office locations

8 EIGHT INTERNATIONAL









As at October 2024. Excludes consultants.



## Specialist services to support throughout a corporate's lifecycle

#### Corporate Finance and Debt Advisory

FRP Corporate Finance has continued to invest in both external and internal talent. It expanded its geographical footprint in the period with the acquisitions of Lexington Corporate Finance (based in Cardiff) and Williams Ali (based in Newcastle). Both businesses will trade as FRP Corporate Finance.

Early in the first half FRP also acquired The Hilton-Baird Group, which sits within the Debt Advisory Pillar. Based in Southampton it operates nationally and provides commercial finance and commercial finance brokerage, outsourced risk and receivables audit, as well as credit management and commercial debt collection services; a key client group is Asset-Based Lenders (ABLs). Trading is as expected.

Moving into H2 2025, the pipeline of new opportunities remains solid, as uncertainty moderates and sentiment stabilises following the budget. We continue to see good levels of activity with signs of an increase in debt refinancing and restructuring related M&A activity.

#### **Financial Advisory**

Anticipation of the new government's budget drove an increase in activity in the transaction services market, which FRP's Financial Advisory pillar was well-placed to support. This principally resulted in an increase in buyside Financial Due Diligence (FDD) mandates, business valuations and pre-lending mandates.

Financial Advisory continues to support cross-pillar initiatives and increase its national coverage. The valuation team doubled following the Globalview acquisition in October 2024 and FRP now offers a broader range of valuation services to clients.

#### **Forensic Services**

The Forensic Services market has been relatively buoyant in the period, especially in litigation and contentious insolvency related matters.

The Group has continued to expand its service offering by bolstering the team, including with the hire of a Forensic Services Partner in our new Belfast office.

#### **Restructuring Advisory**

The first half began well with the completion of a number of notable projects, including The Body Shop. The UK general election in July 2024 was followed by a three-month period of economic stagnation in the UK, with uncertainty in advance of the new government's budget delaying decision making. During this pre-budget period, there was a spike in the number of solvent liquidations.

The increase in employers' National Insurance Contributions announced in the recent budget is likely to put further pressure on businesses with large workforces and lower margins. The retail and hospitality sectors in particular, which were already navigating post-Covid debt service and other inflationary cost pressures, are expected to face additional financial challenges.



## Financial highlights

**32%** 

Revenue growth 23% organic

H1 2025: £77.6 million H1 2024: £58.7 million

£13.3m

Net cash H1 2025

H1 2024: £11.7M

Undrawn RCF £10M and £7.8M accordion acquisition facility

44%

Adjusted\* EBITDA growth

H1 2025: £22.3 million H1 2024: £15.5 million

**42%** 

Adjusted EPS growth of 5.97p H1 2024: 4.20p

> Basic EPS of 5.34p H1 2024: 3.76p

**29%** 

Underlying adjusted EBITDA margin

H1 2024: 26%

0.95p

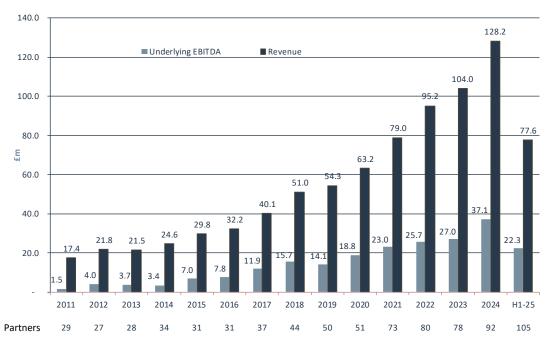
Q2 interim dividend

H1 2025: 1.9p (Q1 0.95p + Q2 0.95p) H1 2024: 1.8p



\* Adjusted Underlying EBITDA excludes exceptional costs and a share-based payment expense that arises from a) the Employee Incentive Plan (EIP) funded on IPO and b) deemed remuneration amortisation linked to acquisitions

# Strong track record of profitable growth



**FRP** 

15%

Revenue CAGR over 13 years

19%

Revenue CAGR since IPO in 2020 over 4 years

(14% to IPO in 2020 over 9 years)

## Operational highlights

## 4 Acquisitions

- The Group completed four acquisitions in H1 2025; the Hilton-Baird Group in Southampton, Lexington Corporate Finance in Cardiff, Williams Ali Corporate Finance in Newcastle, and London-based Globalview Advisors.
- These acquisitions are in line with FRP's strategy to generate sustainable profitable growth by combining a focus on organic growth with acquisitions that meet the Group's selective criteria.
- All four acquisitions have integrated well and are performing in line with expectations.

### 25% Team Growth

- In a competitive environment, we have continued to recruit talented individuals to join FRP and help us grow in targeted areas. Our team grew to 777 as at 31 October 2024, representing 25% growth year-on-year.
- Consistent high level of staff retention compared to the wider professional services industry with voluntary attrition this half of 10%, H1 2024: 10%).
- FRP has also been working on wellbeing initiatives through a partnership with the Charlie Waller Trust, formed a Balanced Minds Committee and launched 'Mind. Set', an online podcast series.
- We are committed to ensuring FRP attracts diverse talent through an inclusive, collaborative and meritocratic company culture.

### 69% Utilisation

- Colleague utilisation increased to 69%, mainly engaged on confidential advisory projects (non formal appointment).
- FRP remained the number 1 administration appointment taker by volume. The formal administration appointments market declined overall by 11% year-on-year and in this period FRP's admin market share fell to 12% by volume (H1 2024: underlying 15%, Reported including groups 20%).



# Cross-pillar activity



Financial Advisory & Restructuring Advisory

#### Project Aire

Undisclosed

FRP's multidisciplinary team successfully secure buyer for retail group in accelerated sales process.



Financial Advisory & Corporate Finance

#### Yoda PLC

ESG consultants

Adviser to YODA plc on the preparation on its ESRS/TCFD Compliant Sustainability Report.



Corporate Finance & Restructuring Advisory

#### The Body Shop

Undisclosed

Advisers to The Body Shop on the sale of the ethical beauty brand to investment company Auréa.



Debt Advisory & Corporate Finance

#### Fuelsoft

Undisclosed

Adviser to newly launched investor, Rose Street Partners, on its investment in leading provider of software for the fuel distribution industry, Fuelsoft.



Financial Advisory & Corporate Finance

#### **Project Lion**

#### Undisclosed

FRP provided sale side advisory for a residential and commercial property maintenance company. FRP also prepared the financial model for the process.



Financial Advisory & Corporate Finance

#### Holkham Holiday Parks

Undisclosed

Advisers to holiday park operator, Holkham Estate, on its acquisition of McDonnell Caravans



Corporate Finance & Debt Advisory

#### MML

#### Undisclosed

Advisers to private equity firm, MML, on its investment in leading compliance consultancy, Cosegic.



Restructuring Advisory & Corporate Finance

#### Project Round

#### Undisclosed

FRP team maximise returns for creditors through successful partial sale and wind-down of logistics group following a serious cyber-attack.



# Restructuring market activity (H1 2025)

	Total market	FRP	FRP market share
Liquidations and Admins	10,791 (-11% down on H1 24)	586 (-13% down on H1 24)	5% (H1 24: 6%)
Liquidations	10,000 (-11% down on H1 24)	488 (-2% down on H1 24)	5% (H1 24: 4%)
Administrations only	791 (-11% down on H1 24)	98 (-45% down on H1 24 including groups)	12% (H1 24: 15% on an underlying basis excluding groups)*

Figures represent the volume of appointments as per London and regional Gazettes

Liquidations made up of CVLs & Court Work

<sup>\*</sup>The administration market share prior year H1 2024 reported 20% is slightly higher than underlying (c. 15%) due to some group appointments



# Acquisitions

In line with our inorganic growth strategy to acquire small partner teams. Criteria: cultural fit, strategic fit, economic fit. Structured with retention, similar Lock-in to IPO partners.

	Hilton Baird, Southampton	Lexington, Cardiff	Williams Ali, Newcastle	Globalview, London
Type + team	Share, 4 partners + 36 colleagues	Share, 1 partner + 14 colleagues	Share, 2 partners + 5 colleagues	Share, 1 partner + 8 colleagues
Pillars	Debt Advisory	Corporate Finance	Corporate Finance	Financial Advisory
Rationale	Deepens asset backed lender (ABL) client relationships  Services include commercial finance brokerage, ABL audit and commercial debt collections	Wales was a target region for FRP and this acquisition further strengthens our National Corporate Finance business	Enables the Group to increase market share, broaden its service offering to clients and expand its geographical footprint	Increased specialist value resources, with expertise in financial valuations
Opportunities <b>FRP</b>	Clients include independent lenders, banks, SME and corporate businesses as well as Insolvency Practitioners from across the UK and Europe	Add additional service lines within Wales to broaden the local service offering to clients	Complements FRP's existing strong presence in the North East in a target region for the expansion of our Corporate Finance offering	Enables the Group to increase market share and broaden its valuation service offering to clients

# Team growth





# Colleague update

	H1-22	H1-23	H1-24	H1-25
Partners	76	80	88	105
Fee earners	310	342	396	512
Subtotal - Fee earners	386	422	484	617
Support  Total Colleagues (exc consultants)	99 <b>485</b>	114 <b>536</b>	138 <b>622</b>	160 <b>777</b>
Total Colleagues (exc consultants)	400	330	022	///
Support as % of total	20%	21%	22%	21%
Utilisation %	60%	61%	65%	69%
Revenue by partner (£m) 6 months to Oct	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
	776			
Voluntary Attrition	6%	10%	10%	10%

#### Internal progression & promotions

On 1 May 2024, 7 colleagues were promoted to Partner which was part of an overall total of 87 promotions across the Group.

#### New talent & evolution

- Claire Dale joined as new People Director to lead on FRPs "People Proposition" and future talent acquisition, making us an employer of choice. Claire presented the People and Talent strategy to the Board in September 2024.
- Louise Jackson, former Group Director of Talent and Leadership at Selfridges, joined as a new Non-Executive Director and Remuneration Committee chair.

#### **Talent Acquisition**

430

522

135 **657** 

21%

68%

1.4

11%

> Establishing an internal talent acquisition team to lead on our talent mapping and attraction, ensuring that we extend our net as widely as possible during recruitment and also present our employee brand as inclusive to attract the best talent from diverse sources.

#### Colleague Retention

Consistent high level of colleague retention within FRP compared to the wider professional services industry, consistently remaining at 10% for both H1 2025 and H1 2024.

#### Team growth

In a competitive environment, we have continued to recruit talented individuals to join FRP and help us grow in targeted areas. Our team grew to 777 as at 31 October 2024, representing 25% growth year-on-year.



## Income Statement

	6 months	6 months	Year Ended
	31 Oct 24	31 Oct 23	30 April 24
	£'million	£'million	£'million
Revenue	77.6	58.7	128.2
Personnel costs	(42.9)	(33.0)	(69.6)
Depreciation and amortisation	(1.5)	(1.3)	
Other operating expenses	(14.9)	(12.5)	(25.3)
Operating profit	18.3	11.9	30.5
Finance income	0.1	0.2	0.2
Finance costs	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.8)
Net finance costs	(0.5)	(0.4)	(0.6)
Profit before tax	17.8	11.5	29.9
Taxation	(4.7)	(2.7)	(7.9)
Profit after Tax	13.1	8.8	22.0
Earnings per share (in pence)			
Total	5.15	3.53	8.78
Basic	5.34	3.76	9.35
Diluted	5.20	3.64	9.18
Adjusted earnings per share (in pence)			
Total	5.97	4.20	9.94
Basic	6.19	4.49	10.58
Diluted	6.03	4.34	10.39

#### Revenue growth

32%, 23% organic, 9% was inorganic

#### **Personnel Costs**

- 155 new colleagues (including partners) split between acquisitions and lateral hires
- Salary increases (promotions and pay rises)
- Rollover

#### **Operating Expenses**

Increase as a result of:

- Acquisitions and associated expenses
- Increased property costs
- New systems and upgrades to current systems
- Business development & Marketing
- General supplier inflation

Adjusted Earnings Per Share 42% increase in EPS to 5.97p

**Effective Tax rate** 26% (H1 2024 23%)



## Underlying adjusted EBITDA +44%

£m	H1 2025 H	1 2024	FY 2024
Reported profit before tax (PBT)	17.8	11.5	29.9
Add back deprecation, amortisation and interest	2.0	1.7	3.4
Reported EBITDA	19.8	13.2	33.3
Add share based payment expense relating to the Employee Incentive Plan (EIP)	1.3	1.6	2.2
Add share based payment expense - Deemed remuneration	1.2	0.7	1.6
Add exceptional items	-	-	_
Adjusted underlying EBITDA	22.3	15.5	37.1

#### Adjusted for

- > Employee Incentive Plan (plan) used to grant options that vest 3 years after granting. Non-cash expense, scheme funded on IPO by the Partners. Backed by shares that are held in a trust and part of the existing share capital (IFRS 2). In March 23 these options started to vest
- Deemed remuneration non-cash item, arises on acquisitions due to shares subject to a lock-in period / continuing service (IFRS 3)

#### Not adjusted for

- > Employers National Insurance due on the Employee Incentive Plan (EIP) awards when the options vest. £0.4m expense in H1 FY25 (£0.4M H1 FY24)
- Acquisition costs



### **Balance Sheet**

	6 months	6 months	Year Ended
	31 Oct 24	31 Oct 23	30 April 24
	£'million	£'million	£'million
		27.1	
Total non-current assets	38.2	25.1	27.2
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Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	86.5	68.5	70.2
Cash and cash equivalents	22.2	15.7	32.9
Total current assets	108.7	84.2	103.1
Total assets	146.9	109.3	130.3
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	37.0	26.6	35.4
Loans and borrowings	3.0	1.6	1.6
Lease liabilities	1.7	1.6	1.5
Total current liabilities	41.7	29.8	38.5
Non-current liabilities			
Other creditors	7.4	5.1	5.7
Loans and borrowings	5.9	2.4	1.6
Lease liabilities	6.1	4.5	6.6
Total non-current liabilities	19.5	12.0	13.9
Total liabilities	61.2	41.8	52.4
Net assets	85.7	67.5	77.9



#### Non-Current assets

Increase in goodwill as a result of acquisitions

#### **Current assets**

Strong financial position with net cash of £13.3 million as at 31 October  $^{24}$ 

#### Trade and other receivables

Primarily unbilled revenue/work in progress (WIP) increase year on year due to acquisitions and large complex existing cases, including where settlement is contingent on asset realisation i.e. property sales extending completion timeline

The majority of WIP relates to restructuring cases and represents the value of work done that the relevant insolvency practitioner deems recoverable and will be agreed by the relevant creditors/stakeholders as part of the fee process

Debtors also increased due to a large invoice raised at the end of the period where funds are currently sitting on deposit and will be released before the end of the calendar year 2024.

#### Liabilities

Consists primarily of ongoing profit share owed to partners, property lease liabilities, taxes and accruals

#### **Loans and Borrowing**

Drew on the accordion facility to fund Hilton Baird acquisition

## Cashflow

IIOW	6 months	6 months	Year Ended
	31 Oct 24	31 Oct 23	30 April 24
	£'million	£'million	£'million
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before taxation	17.7	11.5	29.9
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment (non cash)	1.5	1.3	2.8
Share based payments: employee options	1.3	1.6	2.2
Share based payments: deemed remuneration	1.2	0.7	1.6
Net finance expenses	0.5	0.4	0.6
Increase in trade and other receivables	(15.2)	(7.5)	(9.0)
Increase /(decrease) in trade and other payables	1.8	(1.5)	
Tax paid	(4.9)	(5.4)	
Net cash from operating activities	3.9	1.1	25.6
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible assets	(0.6)	(0.2)	(0.9)
Acquisition of subsidiaries less cash acquired	(10.6)	(4.1)	(4.4)
Interest received	0.1	0.2	0.2
Net cash used in investing activities	(11.1)	(4.2)	(5.1)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid	(7.8)	(6.8)	(11.0)
Principal elements of lease payments	(0.8)	(1.0)	(1.8)
Drawdown of new loans	7.2		
Repayment of loans and borrowings	(1.5)	(8.0)	(1.6)
Interest paid	(0.6)	(0.4)	(0.9)
Net cash used in financing activities	(3.5)	(9.0)	(15.3)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(10.7)	(12.0)	5.2
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	32.9	27.7	27.7
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	22.2	15.7	32.9

Increase in Receivables from April 24
As a result of business growth (both number and size of cases) there has been an expected increase in overall WIP, primarily administrations.

In addition, Debtors have also increased due to a sizeable fee raised in October, where the cash is held on deposit until late December.

#### Increase in Payables from April 24

 Profit & tax owed to partners/HMRC, offset by reduction in VAT liability and year end bonus provision



# Capital allocation

- 1. Investment in the Group to drive continued organic growth
- 2. Selective acquisitions in line with criteria (culture, strategy & economic fit)
- 3. Quarterly dividends in line with policy

Any other distribution of capital to be determined









# Work in Progress (WIP, unbilled)

FRP provides services on credit and mandates take an average of five to seven months to complete, leading to a large unbilled revenue (work in progress) balance. Larger, more complex administration appointments are more remunerative but can also extend the working capital cycle.

- A) Despite significant revenue growth, WIP as a percentage of revenue remains constant
- B) Debtor days are smaller c.1month



#### WIP (£M) vs WIP as a % of Revenue



#### WIP & Debtor days



## Cash collections

#### Cash Collections H1 Vs H2



Historically FRP has collected a greater amount of cash in the  $2^{nd}$  half of the year, averaging 55% of total collections in H2.

In FY24 59% of cash was collected in H2. Therefore, the WIP growth in H1 25 is as expected.



# Key competitors

Company	Description	Domicile/ Market	Conflict free	Sector	Corporate Finance offering
FRP	Specialist Independent	UK	YES	Large Medium Small	YES
Grant Thornton	Large accountancy firms	UK/Global	NO	Large	YES
interpath Teneo	PE backed ex big 4	UK/Global	YES	Large	YES
Begbies Traynor  UN EUROPEAN  Quantuma	Specialist Independent	UK	YES	Medium Small Micro	YES
AlixPartners	American players investing in UK market	Global	YES	Large	YES



Additional competitors are sub-scale – highlights highly fragmented market

# Growing referral network





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## Acquisition timeline









#### 2020-2021

**Newcastle restructuring team** – adding to our existing office

JDC Group – A leading specialist corporate finance (including transactional tax) and forensic advisory firm in the East of England.

**Abbott Fielding** – A business recovery firm operating across the South East.

**Spectrum Corporate Finance** – Previously the largest independent corporate finance and debt advisory firm in the South of England was acquired by FRP in March 2021.



#### 2022

Glasgow team hire - FRP opened a new office in Glasgow, bringing the firms Scottish office count to four, following the appointment of a 13-strong restructuring team.

# Bridgeshield Asset Management – FRP expanded into asset management services, increasing our service offering and opening a new office in Leigh-on-Sea.

**APP Advisory** – Our first international office in Cyprus, providing assurance, taxation and business consulting services internationally.

#### 2023

Wilson Field - The acquisition strengthened our restructuring advisory team in Yorkshire, adding to the experience in our existing Leeds office.

#### 2024

**GWC** - Based in the Isle of Man providing restructuring services to international clients.

**Hilton Baird** - National Debt Advisory firm located in Southampton, to work alongside existing local restructuring team. Strong asset based lender relationships.

**Lexington Corporate Finance** - Strengthens FRP's corporate finance offering team based in Wales and increases FRP's total corporate finance partners to 27 across 11 locations.

**WilliamsAli** - Ccomplements FRP's existing strong presence in the North East in a target region for the expansion of our corporate finance offering.

**Globalview** - Globalview provides valuation services to clients primarily in the United Kingdom. This will enable the Group to increase market share and broaden its valuation service offering to clients.

