

Northgate plc

Preliminary Results

Year ended 30 April 2010

30 June 2010



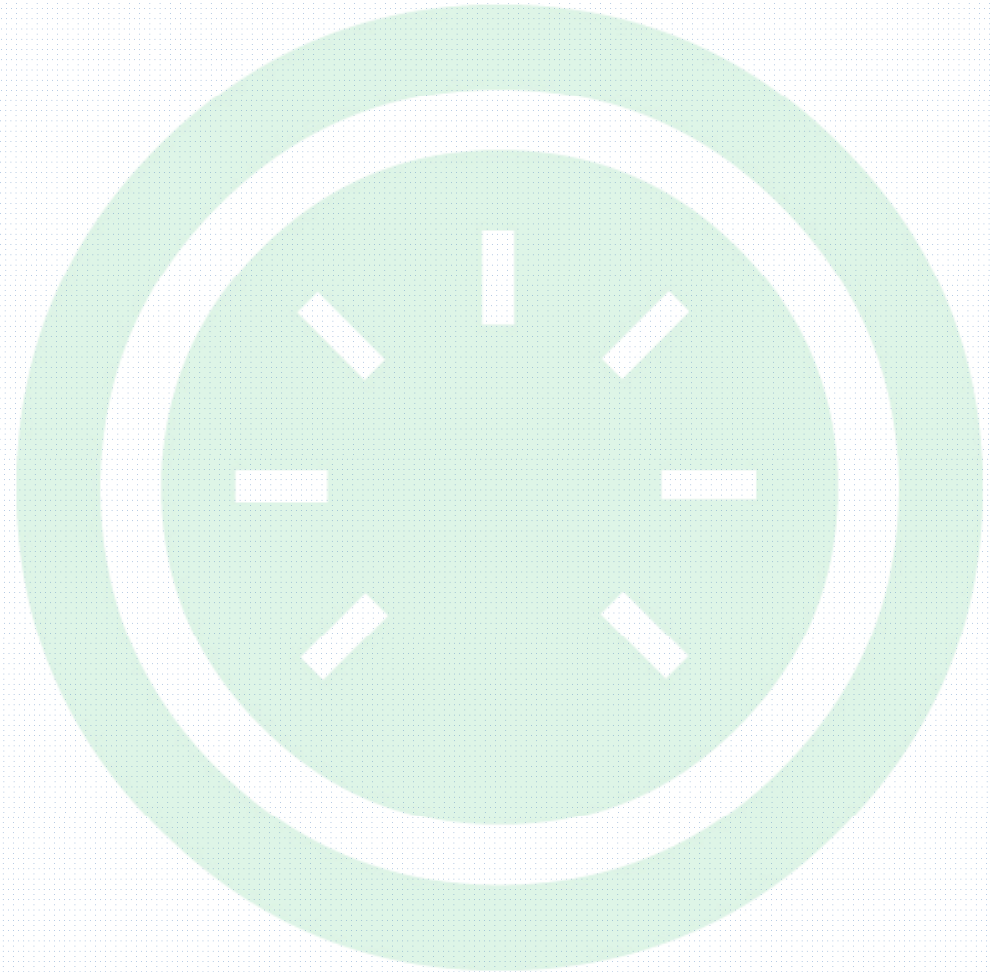
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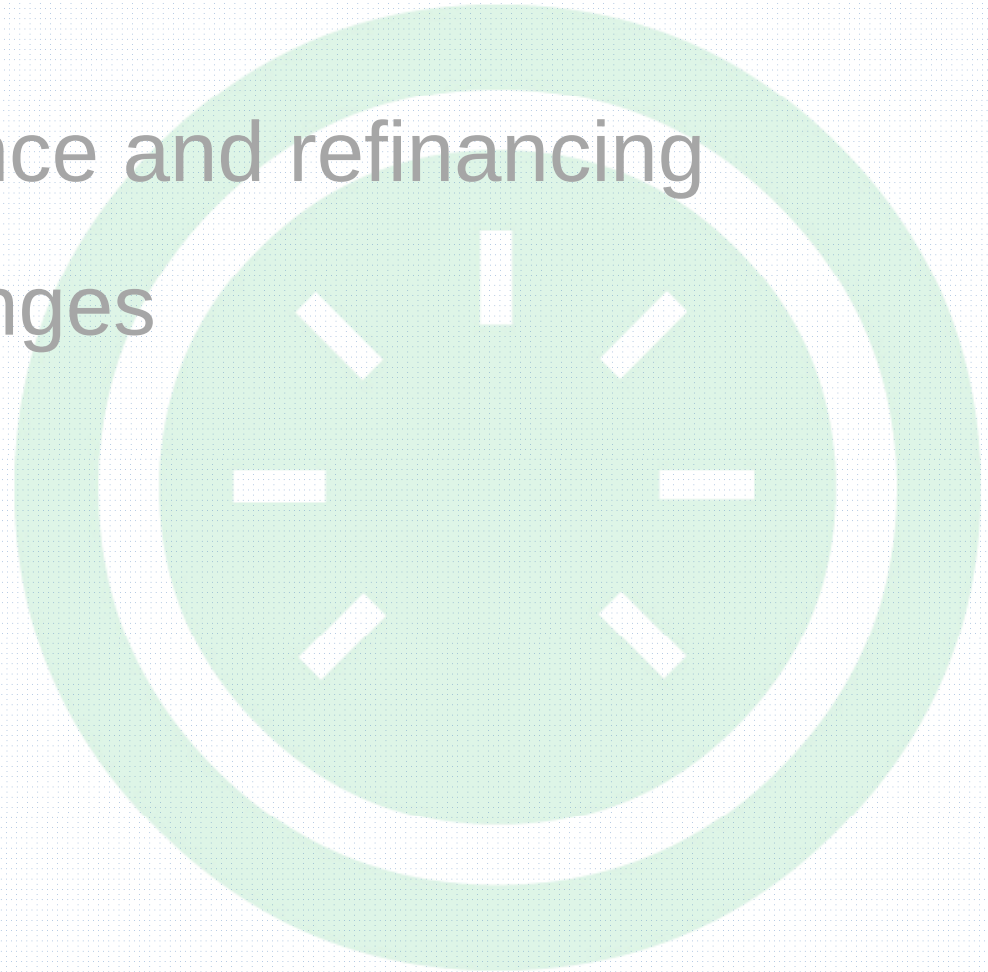
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Chairman

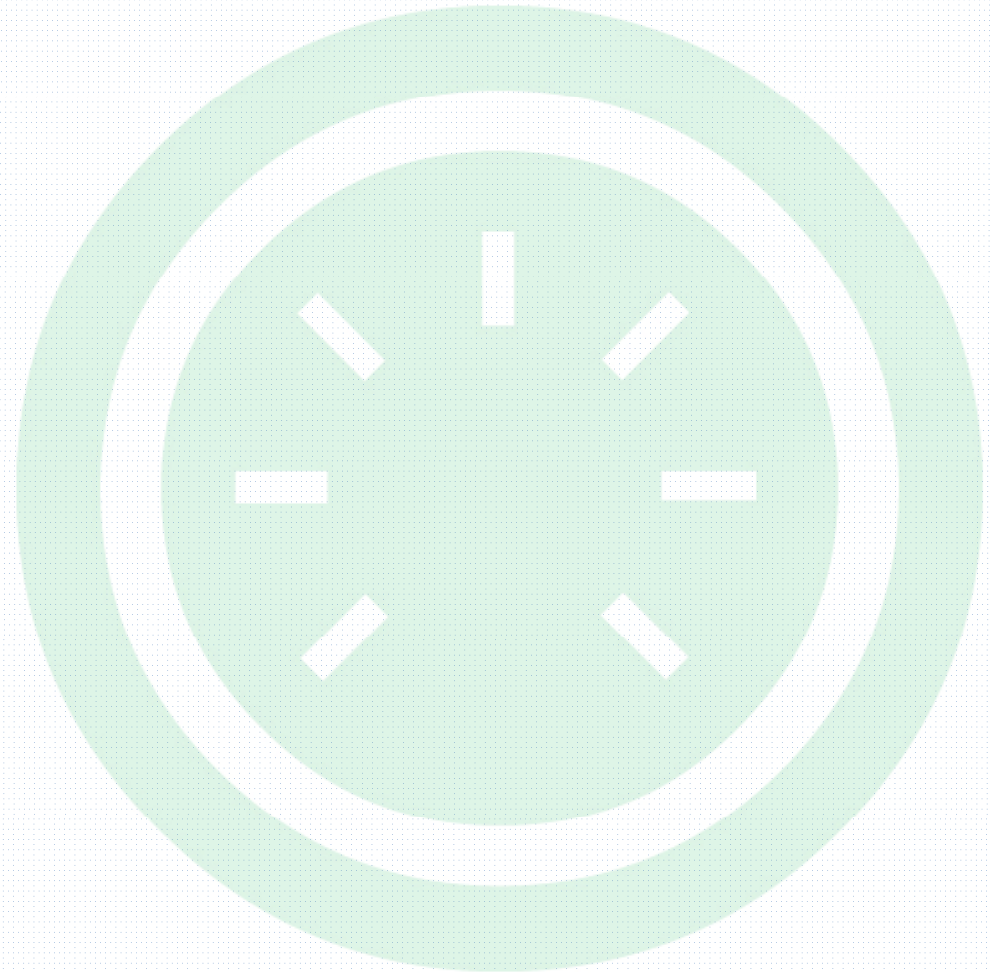


Group summary

- Historic performance and refinancing
- Management changes
- UK restructuring
- Spain



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Chief Executive

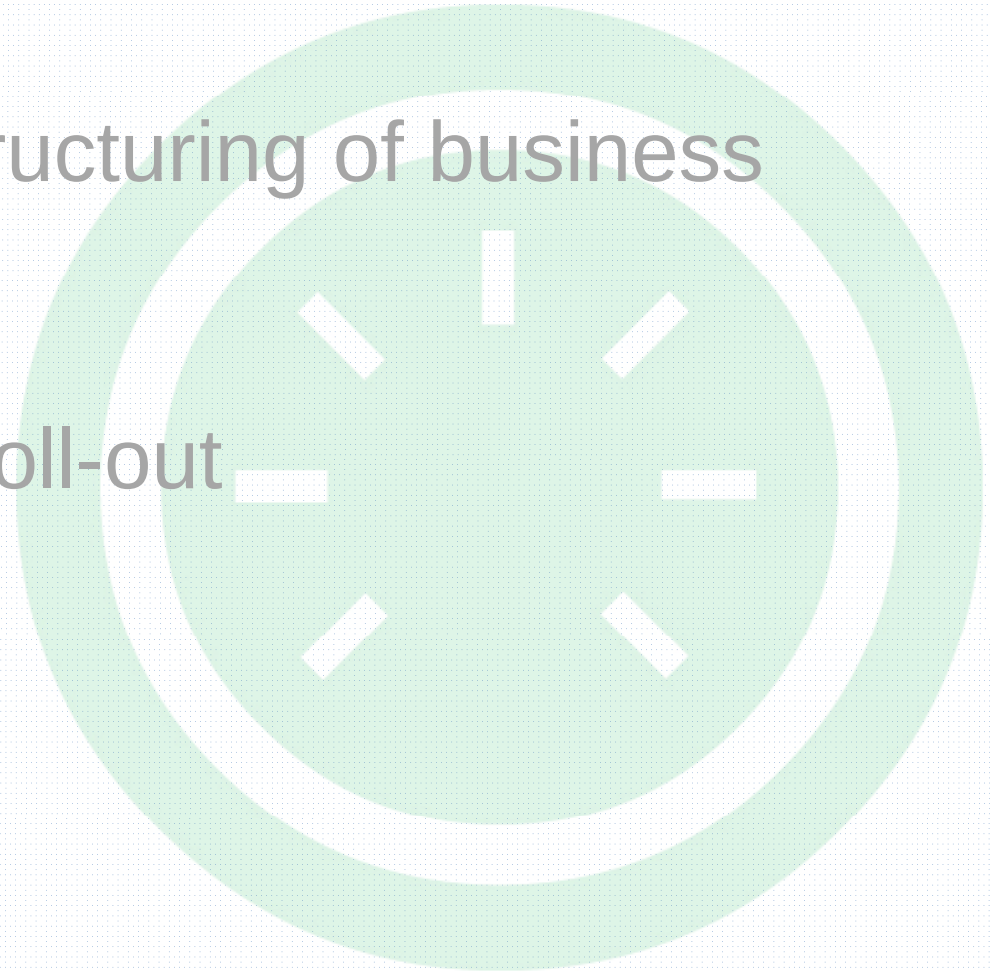


UK operational highlights

- Utilisation at 91% average
- Hire rate increase of 3%
- Stabilisation of hire market
- Improvement in used vehicle residual market

UK priorities

- Fundamental restructuring of business
- Pricing increases
- Completion of IT roll-out
- Focus on ROCE



UK restructuring

- One Northgate
- Starts with 20 companies $\Rightarrow$ 12 companies run as one business under one brand
- New system basis for business blueprint and improved customer service
- Targeting annualised savings of >£10m by April 2011
- Other potential savings – maintenance spend is over £50m in total

Spain operational highlights

- Achievement of utilisation targets
- Fleet management resulting in cash generation
- Development of used vehicle sales capability
- Impact of and focus on debtors
- New management for Spanish operations

Spain priorities

- Maintaining utilisation over 90%
- Focus on improving hire rates and ROCE
- Further cost efficiencies
- Sector diversification
- Debtor management

Financial performance



Financial performance

	April 2010	April 2009
Operating profit	£82.8m	£71.8m
Profit before tax	£36.5m	£27.5m
Operating margin	14.7%	11.8%
Net debt	£598m	£886m
Gearing	213%	571%
ROCE	8.4%	5.8%

Operating profit reconciliation

	UK	Spain	Head Office	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
2009 Operating profit	43.8	32.6	(4.6)	71.8
2010 Operating profit	58.9	30.0	(6.1)	82.8
Variance	15.1	(2.6)	(1.5)	11.0
<i>Variances:</i>				
- Disposal values	20.9	13.6	-	34.5
- Rental performance	(1.2)	(10.8)	-	(12.0)
- Overheads	(4.6)	(5.4)	(1.5)	(11.5)

Exceptional items

	2010 £m	2009 £m
Restructuring costs (Execs. £1.1m)	6.3	3.1
Net property losses	0.4	-
Impairment of assets	-	180.9
Exceptional administrative expenses	6.7	184.0
Covenant deferral fees	2.2	1.1
Old facility fees	4.2	-
Make whole on US loan notes	8.8	-
Termination of interest swaps	-	32.7
Exceptional interest expense	15.2	33.8

Cash flow and net debt

	£m
Opening net debt 1 May 2009	886
Cash flow	(261)
Exchange movements	(9)
Non-cash movements	(18)
Closing net debt 30 April 2010	598
Facilities headroom (see Appendix)	240

Outlook

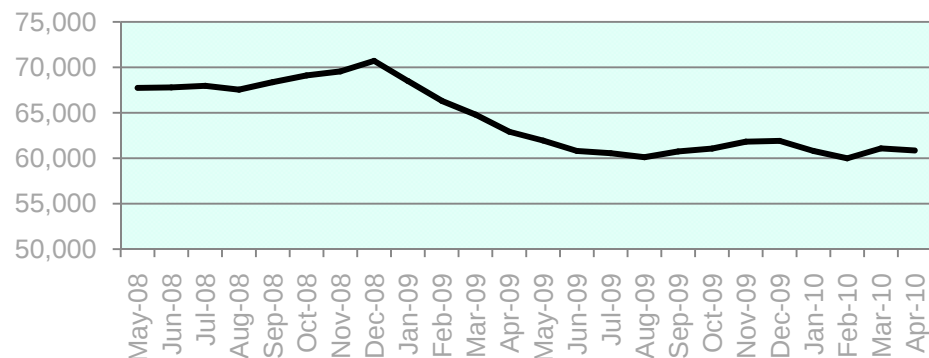


UK KPIs

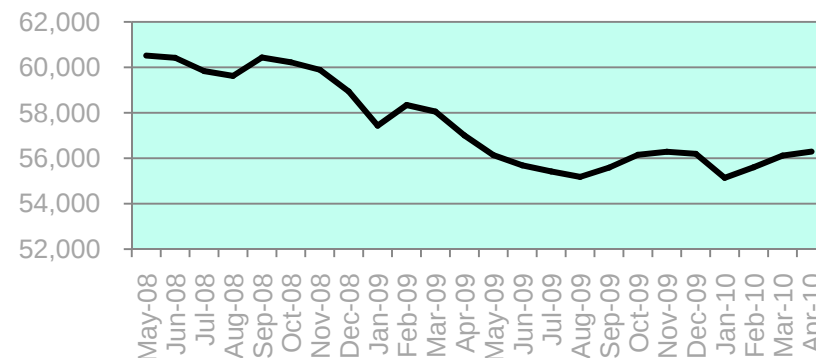
	2010	2009
Fleet size (closing)	60,900	62,900
Utilisation (average)	91%	88%
Closing vehicles on hire	56,200	56,700
Revenue per vehicle p.a.	£5,118	£5,090
Operating margin	18.0%	12.4%
Headcount	2,122	2,253

UK KPI performance

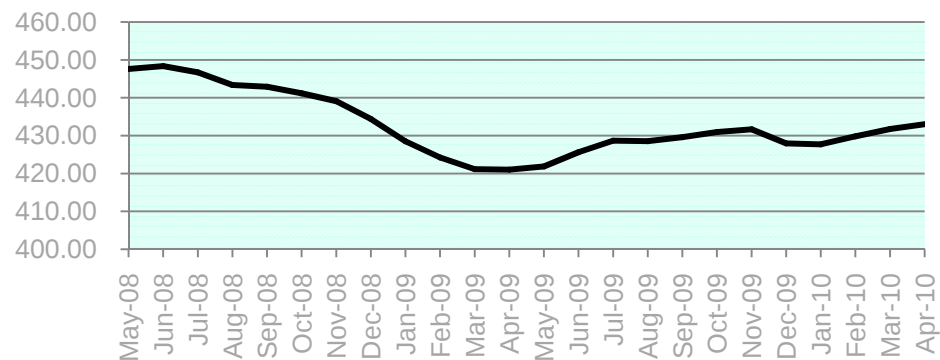
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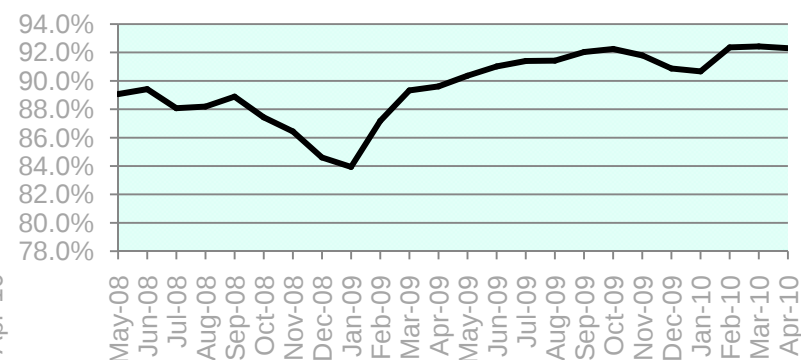
Vehicles on rent



Average monthly rate



Utilisation

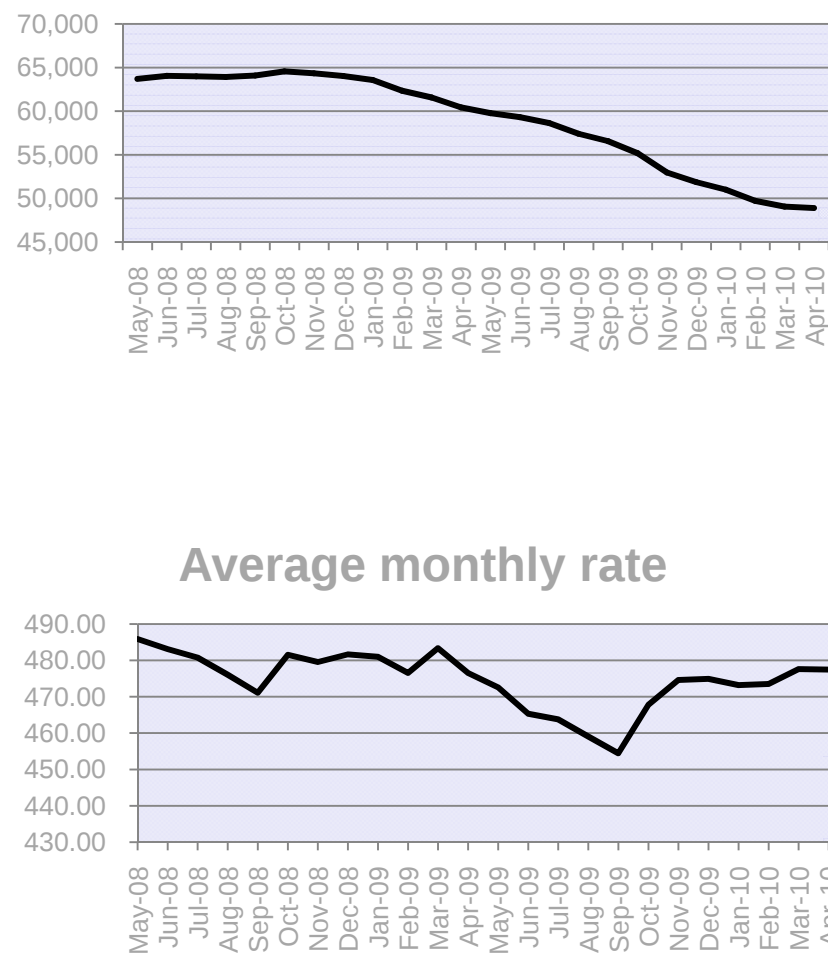


Spain KPIs

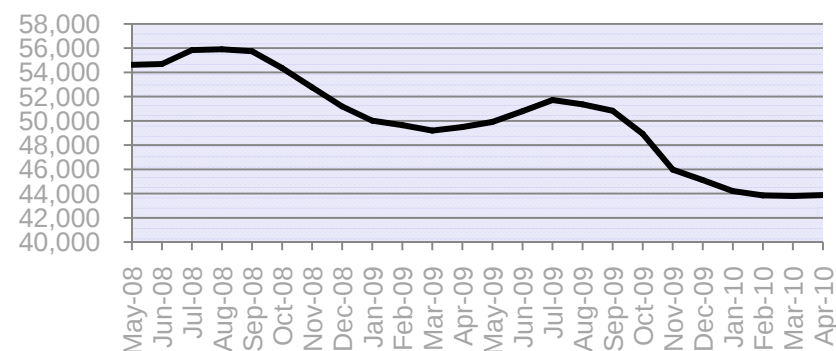
	2010	2009
Fleet size (closing)	48,900	60,400
Utilisation (average)	88%	83%
Closing vehicles on hire	44,100	50,500
Revenue per vehicle p.a.	€4,914	€4,793
Operating margin	12.7%	12.7%

Spain KPI performance

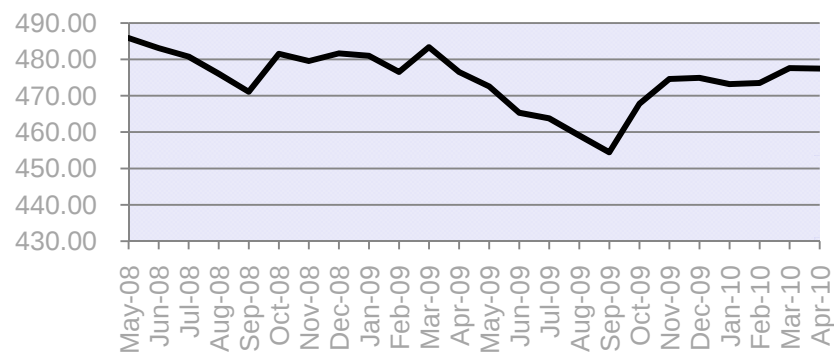
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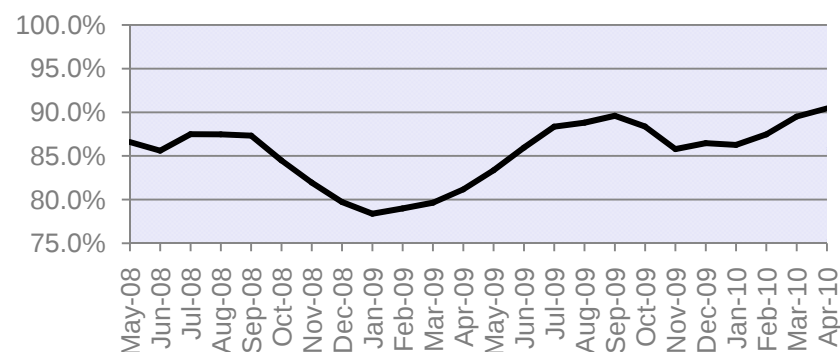
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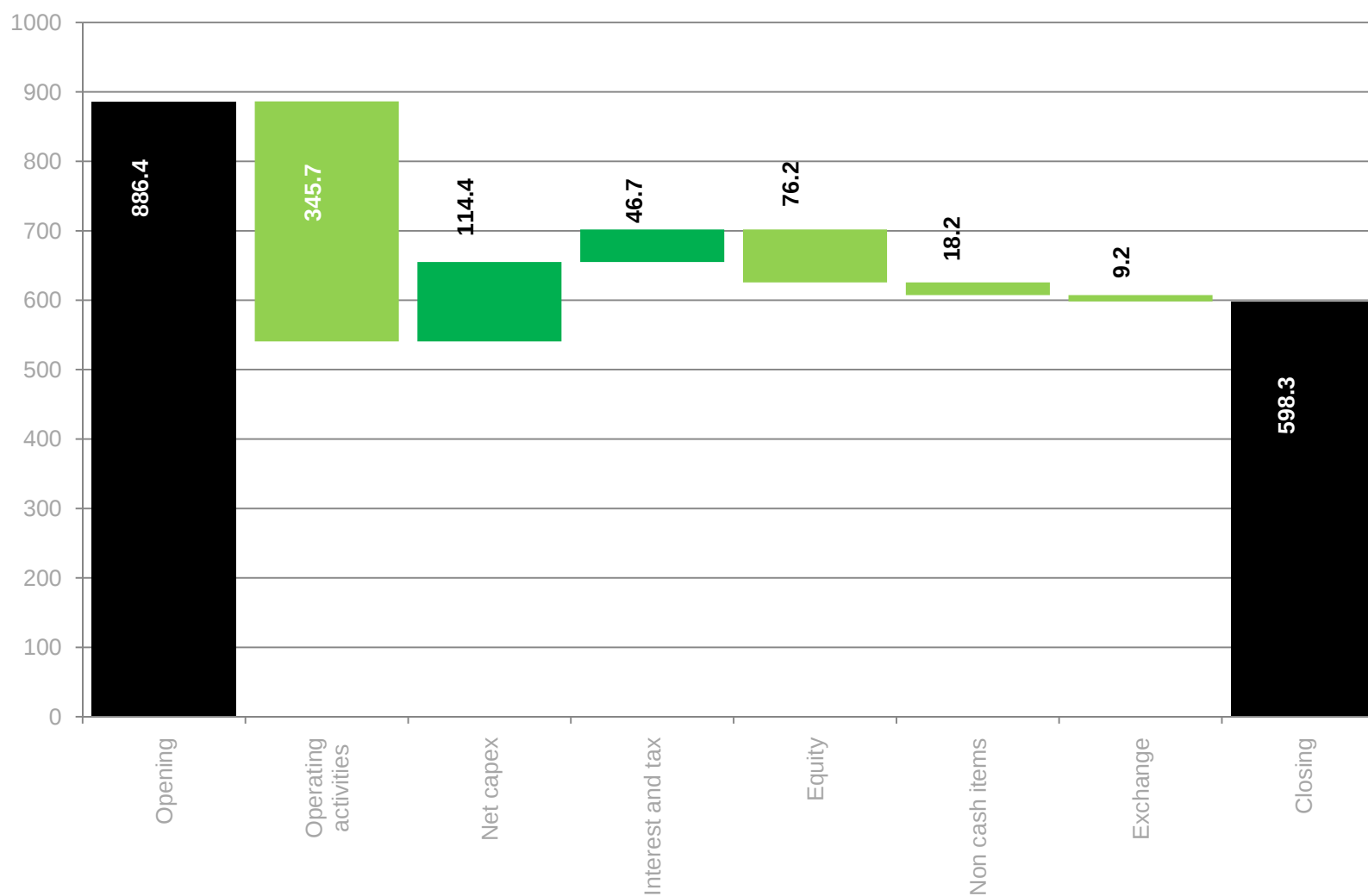
Financial summary

£m

	April 2010			April 2009
	UK	Spain	Total	Total
Revenue (excluding vehicle sales)	328.2	235.5	563.7	609.6
Operating profit (excluding vehicle disposals)	52.4	34.2	86.6	108.6
Vehicle disposals	6.5	(4.2)	2.3	(32.2)
Total operating profit	58.9	30.0	88.9	76.4
Head office	-	-	(6.1)	(4.6)
Group operating profit			82.8	71.8
Operating margin %	18.0%	12.7%	14.7%	11.8%
Cash interest			(40.4)	(42.4)
Non cash interest			(5.9)	(1.9)
Profit before tax			36.5	27.5

Operating cash flows

£m



Group fleet capital expenditure

		2010 £m	2009 £m
Purchases	UK	205.5	208.4
	Spain	93.6	112.0
Disposals	UK	(118.0)	(98.7)
	Spain	(71.4)	(50.5)
Net fleet capex		109.7	171.2
Vehicles			
Purchases	UK	18,750	16,900
	Spain	9,100	8,800
		27,850	25,700
Disposals	UK	(22,700)	(23,400)
	Spain	(19,800)	(13,200)
		(14,650)	(10,900)

Facilities headroom

£m

**April
2010**

Syndicated bank facilities

648

US loan notes

213

Other facilities

4

865

Closing net debt

598

Unamortised arrangement fees

27

625
Headroom

240

Cost of borrowing

£m

**April
2010**
Rate

Fixed rate borrowings

US loan notes

213

8.7%

Bank borrowings

237

5.6%

450
7.0%

Floating rate bank borrowings

175

3.8%

Arrangement fees

(27)

-

Net debt
598
5.9%

Financial covenants

April 2010

1) EBIT : Interest

Actual

1.92 x

Covenant

1.21 x

2) Net debt/EBITDA

Actual

2.04 x

Covenant

2.46 x

3) Net tangible worth

Actual

£291.6m

Covenant

£240.0m

4) Loan to value

Actual

67%

Covenant

85%