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# 1. Summary and Strategy Recap

# **The Market Opportunity**

Attractive Fundamentals

Building a leading specialist pension administrator with high-quality integrated business and a focus on excellent customer outcomes

**STRATEGY** 

Opportunities for Consolidation

**8% Organic Growth** projected annually over the next 5 years

Favourable Macro Trends driving long-term demand

Recurring Revenue Model: Fee-based, not linked to AUM

**Strong Financials**: 30%+ EBITDA margins

**Loyal Customers**: Average relationship of 25 years

**Existing Fragmented Market** with 100+ SIPP providers

**Increased Challenges** for small and non-core books

- Legacy systems
- Regulatory focus
- Consumer Duty

# **Executive Summary**

# 2024 pro forma results demonstrate excellent customer outcomes and strong financial performance

#### H2 2024 Milestones Delivered

- InvestAcc Acquisition: FCA CiC granted
- Equity Raise: Successfully closed
- **Team:** Built M&A and Integration capability
- Board: PLC Board established
- H2 Trading: Strong organic growth

#### Q1 2025 Delivery

- AJ Bell SIPP & SSAS Book: Acquisition exchanged
- Kartesia Partnership: New debt financing secured
- Admin Platform: Upgrade successfully delivered
- 2025 Trading: Strong start to the year



# 2. December 2024 Results and Performance Review

# Financial and Operational Highlights

#### **Excellent 2024 Pro Forma Financials**

- SIPP and SSAS customer growth: +18.0%
- Revenue growth: +16.3%
- EBITDA growth: +15.7%
- Consistent trading EBITDA Margin: 40.5%

#### **Excellent Customer Service**

- Best SIPP Provider, 2021–2024
- Defaqto Gold Award, Pension Service 2025

#### **Balance Sheet Strength (31/12/24)**

- Regulatory capital coverage 295%
- Cash after minimum regulatory capital £11.0m
- Deferred consideration of £6.2m paid in Q1 2025

#### **FY24 6 Months Results**

- Revenue: £2.5m (from 9 Oct onwards)
- Operating Loss: £(2.2)m (includes 6 months of Plc costs)





Five times Best Pension Service 2020 – 2024





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### **Pro Forma Performance**<sup>1</sup>

- 16.3% increase in revenue driven by organic growth
- 15.7% trading EBITDA growth
- Trading EBITDA margin above 40% through operational excellence

	FY23	FY24	FY24
£m			YoY %
Pension Administration	4.6	5.4	18.0%
Financial Advice	2.2	2.4	10.8%
Appointed Representative	0.9	0.9	(1.7%)
Treasury	1.3	1.8	32.0%
Total Revenue	9.0	10.5	16.3%
Operating costs	(5.3)	(6.2)	20.6%
Trading EBITDA	3.7	4.2	15.7%
Group costs		(1.4)	
Group EBITDA		2.8	
Trading EBITDA margin	40.7%	40.5%	(0.5%)
Group EBITDA margin		27.1%	-
Client retention	95.1%	96.4%	1.4%
Service quality	96.1%	98.4%	2.4%
No. of SIPPS (period end)	10,177	11,974	17.7%

### **Actual Results for 6 Months to December 2024**

- InvestAcc delivered £2.5m revenue and £0.9m EBITDA by year-end, in line with expectations
- The period includes InvestAcc trading from 9 October and 6 months of group costs
- Exceptional items relate to acquisition of InvestAcc Ltd

£m	H2 24
Pension Administration	1.3
Financial Advice	0.6
Appointed Representative	0.2
Treasury	0.4
Total Revenue	2.5
Operating costs	(1.6)
Trading EBITDA	0.9
Group costs	(1.0)
Group EBITDA	(0.1)
Exceptional items:	
Acquisition costs	(1.5)
Integration	(0.1)
EBITDA	(1.7)
Depreciation and Amortisation	(0.5)
Operating Loss	(2.2)



# 3. Acquisition Update - AJ Bell Platinum

### **AJ Bell Platinum**

Product and customer base is aligned to InvestAcc to continue delivering exceptional customer outcomes



An award-winning provider of SIPP and SSAS administration services, with long term customers and experienced colleagues<sup>2</sup>

2,666

SIPP Customers

£1.8bn

SIPP AuA

£669k

Average SIPP value

888

SSAS Customers

£1.4bn

SSAS AuA

c.15 year

Average customer lifetime

46

Staff at base location

£3.2bn

Total AuA

10 years+

Avg. Staff tenure



Which? Recommended Provider – Self-Invested Personal Pensions 2024



The Times Money Mentor Awards 2023 – Best SIPP/Pension Provider



Best Retirement Provider – November 2022

### **AJ Bell - Roadmap To Success**

#### **Key Value Drivers**

- Customer retention and outcomes
- Leveraging Carlisle infrastructure
- Swift execution by experienced team

### **Integration Playbook**

**BPA Exchange –** 

27th March 2025

Customer data validation

Data extraction and migration

Re-build data records and grant online access

Completion – estimated Q3/Q4

AJ Bell staff TUPE consultation

Staff recruitment and training

Customer and IFA engagement

Re-open to new business and commercial property

### **AJ Bell - Financials**

#### Consideration Structure of up to £25m:

£m On completion	<b>Cash</b> 17.5	Ordinary shares 1.0
H1 2026 deferred consideration contingent on client migration success	6.5	-
Maximum consideration	24.0	1.0

	£m
Acquisition costs	2.1
Integration costs	2.8
Annual revenue (per 12 mths to 30/09/24)	10.0
Expected EBITDA margin	45.0%
Cost to deliver	1.1x
Implied EBITDA multiple	5.6x

### **Funding For Growth**

#### **Capital Philosophy**

- Balanced use of debt and equity to support M&A-led growth
- Ambition to build a broad and diverse equity base
- Disciplined approach to leverage (e.g. AJ Bell 2.5x falling to 2x)

#### **Senior Credit Facility Secured with Kartesia**

- Provides strategic flexibility for M&A execution
- Funds AJ Bell acquisition
- Can provide additional funding for future acquisitions
- Flexible drawdowns aligned with deal milestones

Senior Credit Facility

6 year term

£5m drawn at exchange, balance on completion

Interest rate SONIA + 6.75%\* —

\*Margin 6.75% linked to gross leverage, ratchet to 6.00%. 6 monthly interest payments to maximise cash flow



# 4. Q1 2025 Trading Update



#### Q1 Trading vs Q1 24

• Total customer growth: 20.6%

• Revenue growth: 19.3%

#### **Q1 Admin Platform Upgrade**

- Successful upgrade to Platinum Pro
  - Over 9.5m data records
  - >12,000 customers
  - Cost absorbed in operating expenses
- Delivered increased functionality and resilience

#### **Corporate Activity**

- AJ Bell
  - Exchange of contracts
  - Integration playbook
- Senior Credit Facility Secured with Kartesia
- CFO appointment

#### **Q1 – Mobilising Key Projects**

- Customer fee review
- Treasury Function



# 5. Outlook

### SIPPs: one of the most tax efficient retirement savings products

#### **Pension Life Cycle**

- 1. Set up a pension and start paying in
- 2. Keep in mind tax allowances and reliefs
- 3. Choose your **investments** growth free from capital gains
- 4. Account for pension fees
- 5. Save for the long term
- 6. Review your pension's performance
- 7. **Withdraw** your savings when you retire (25% tax free) or transfer to the **next generation**

#### **IHT Considerations**

Pensions are the **most tax effective** way to save for your retirement

We have seen **no change in behaviour** in InvestAcc since the last budget announcement

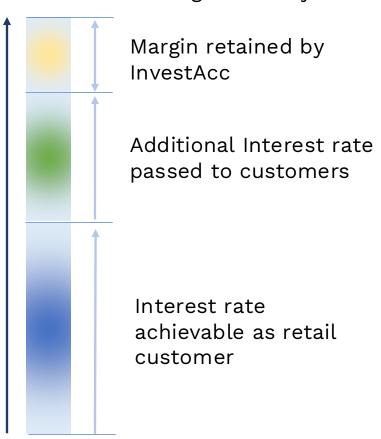
Tax year end 2025 was our **most successful on** record in terms of new SIPPs

Pension Administrators are subject to **legislative consultation** on their role in IHT calculation

Constantly monitoring **IFA and Customer feedback** 

# **Creating a Group Treasury Function**

Total return on cash deposits achievable through Treasury Function



#### **Consumer Duty Focused Design**

Higher interest rates for customers

 Pooling deposits drives scale and ability to achieve rates that customers could not achieve

#### Shared benefit

- Customer will receive better rates than they can achieve independently
- InvestAcc current retention rate 16% is below market average c.50%

Treasury function requires investment

- · Underlying system, people, expertise being developed
- Delivery in H2 2025
- One off exceptional Investment of c£1m to be broadly equivalent to H2 revenue impact

Delivering high quality earnings

Ability to reduce volatility

# **M&A Pipeline**

A pipeline of high quality acquisitions, deliverable over the next 3 years

	InvestAcc	A J Bell	
Customers Revenue EBITDA	12,000+ £8.8m £3.6m	3,500+ £10m	Clear path to £20m+
Valuation EBITDA multiple	£36m 10x (trailing)	£25m c5.5x	EBITDA

#### **Compelling M&A Opportunity:**

- Strong pipeline across specialist providers, life companies, and platforms
- Expertise, focus and momentum make us a compelling partner
- We remain focused on:
  - Valuations of 5-8x EBITDA
  - 30% synergy delivery (based on business acquisition)
  - Up to 1.5x cost to deliver



# 6. Summary and Key Priorities

### **Summary and Key Priorities**

#### **Summary**

#### **InvestAcc**

- Positive performance and momentum in our core trading business
- Customer service excellence continues to drive organic growth

#### M&A

- AJ Bell delivery of our 2<sup>nd</sup> transaction
- Senior Credit Facility Secured with Kartesia – long term M&A partner

#### **Capability**

PLC Board established, CFO and M&A team recruited

#### **Key Priorities**

#### **InvestAcc**

- Delivery of continued organic growth and customer service excellence
- Build and implementation of a Treasury Function
- Customer fee review

#### M&A

- AJ Bell deliver integration playbook and completion
- Secure next transaction from pipeline

#### **Capability**

• Develop centralised functions for growth



# 7. Q&A



# **Appendix**









Founded in 2020 as Marwyn Acquisition Company II and renamed in October 2024, InvestAcc Group has the long-term goal to establish itself as a **market** leader offering tailored services, technology and products that meet the diverse intergenerational needs of customers and families.



#### **Long-Term Goal**

To support families with key life moments by establishing a global market leader offering tailored services, technology and products that meet diverse intergenerational needs.

# Starting Point

To build the UK's leading specialist pensions administration business with an initial focus on the SIPP and SSAS market.

# **Execution Approach**

Create a resilient and customercentred market leader through a combination of a targeted buy-and-build M&A strategy and strategic partnerships.



# **Highly Experienced Management Team**



#### Mark Hodges InvestAcc Group Chairman



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Sale to Phoenix for £3.3bn in 2020

CEO of Centrica's £11bn consumer division





#### Will Self | InvestAcc Group CEO

SUFFOLKLIFE





Sale to L&G for £62m in 2008

CEO of listed £35bn AUA saving & pension specialist

Sale to Aegon for £140m in 2016



#### Vinoy Nursiah | InvestAcc Group CFO1





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CFO of AIM-listed integrated wealth management group with over £10bn AuM

CFO of CSC Global Financial Markets

Finance Director and oversaw acquisition by Eilan which saw AuM growth to over €1trn



#### James Corsellis | NED, Marwyn CIO





Sale to Hasbro for \$4bn Sale to TDR for £2.1bn in 2019 in 2019



Acquired Vodafone Spain for €5bn in 2024

#### Knowledge, experience and track record in executing

- Led multiple successful value-creation M&A transactions
- Experience leading consolidation of the Pensions Sector
- Over 65 years of combined operational and strategic experience in the financial services and wealth sector
- Extensive knowledge operating in Public Markets and regulated environments, having overseen numerous change in control processes

#### Supported by Marwyn M&A expertise

- Marwyn build partnerships to jointly create investment ideas with experienced CEOs / entrepreneurs, before then working in partnership through the investment lifetime
- Marwyn use their fund capital alongside co-investment capital to deliver a private equity approach in the public and private markets
- A history of successful public market fund raises, having raised over £4.0 billion to date across 13 comparable vehicles
- Successfully integrated over 80 bolt-on acquisitions into the platforms
- Track record of delivering £6.3 billion in gross equity profits for investors

#### Selected previous Marwyn transactions:













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# **Drivers for a Growing Market**

**UK**, expected

intergenerational

wealth transfer

wealth transfer

**Our core vision** is underpinned by four macro trends providing opportunity for the bespoke SIPP and SSAS market:

Migration away from DB schemes 30% Ageing population  $\langle \! \rangle$ 21m leading to greater dependence on and demographics people aged over 55 in Increase in the number personal pension solutions the UK (2023) of people aged 65-79 (UK, over the next 10 years) SIPP/SSAS market is dominated Trapped and 42% 36% by 'sandwiched' mass-affluent concentrated wealth **UK** household **UK household** generation wealth in pensions wealth in property **57% Demand for flexible product options Increasing family** 5.4m  $\langle \vee \rangle$ to support key family life moments reliance **UK** care providers **UK first-time buyer** unpaid care to friend / mortgages supported family member by parents **75% Intergenerational** SIPP/SSAS continue to be a a genuine  $(\checkmark)$ £7.0tn

**UK** parents provide

financial support to children

who have left home

intergenerational tool

# The Size of the Opportunity

The size of the opportunity has been demonstrated through recent FCA analysis:



Total SIPP Operator assets under administration

Platform-based SIPP assets

(Up from £130bn in 2022)

Traditional SIPP Operator assets

**Total customer base** 

simple SIPP: invested solely in shares and funds, £85k average fund size with ~£400bn of AuA

Full SIPP: includes more complex assets and commercial property, £339k average fund size with ~£100bn of AuA

#### **Full SIPP Market Providers**

#### Specialist Providers

Providers: 27

Accounts: ~338k

Full and Simple SIPP AuA: ~£117bn

#### Life Companies

Providers: 10

Accounts: ~2,500k

Full and Simple SIPP AuA: ~£159bn

#### Investment Platforms

Providers: 15

Accounts: ~1,790k

Full and Simple SIPP AuA: ~£213bn

We are actively executing the first steps in achieving our vision of creating the UK's leading specialist pensions administrator through targeted mergers and acquisitions and strategic partnerships.

# In 2024 we acquired InvestAcc Holdings Limited

Offering a scalable, highly reputable foundation from which to integrate acquisitions and deliver exceptional customer outcomes



An award-winning provider of SIPP and SSAS administration services, working with financial advisers throughout the UK

- Ore business providing SIPP & SSAS administration services through three products, flagship Minerva SIPP launched in 2003
- Subsidiary providing financial advice through Chartered Financial Planners and Investment Managers (Vesta Wealth)
- Proven track record of delivering exceptional customer service, acknowledged through numerous industry awards
- Commercial property and land investment experts, with a dedicated property team supporting over 3,500 commercial properties
- Highly knowledgeable team of experts across various types of investment, with a focus on high quality customer outcomes

13,000+

Pension Customers

3,500

Commercial properties

100+

Staff at base location

£5bn

AuA

96%

Customer retention

~5 years

Avg. staff tenure

£8.8m

YE Oct 23 Revenue

**25+ year** 

Average customer lifetime

~15 years+

Avg. senior team tenure



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Finalist: Best SIPP Provider



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