





# Preliminary Results Presentation

Year ended 31 December 2011









March 2012

### **Executive Summary**

- ▶ 2011 a year of investment and strong progress for the group, despite on going low level of transactions
  - Underlying group operating profit £31.1m after investment costs
  - Dividend increased for full year by 3.6% to 8.7 pence per share
  - Continued cash generation and strong balance sheet net debt £38.4m after acquisition of Marsh and Parsons
- ▶ Investment of £6.1m in Estate Agency initiatives, resulting in market share increasing from 4.5% to 4.7%
- ▶ Acquisition of Marsh and Parsons for enterprise value of £50m
  - Excellent strategic fit for LSL, providing exposure to the prime central London market, with significant growth opportunity
- Robust trading in surveying with ongoing investment in industry leading service levels for lender clients
- Excellent start in provision of surveying services for private clients with revenue of £2.8m
- ▶ Renewal of Barclays contract for surveying services

### **Progress Highlights**

> Barclays contract

renewed



increased from 33%

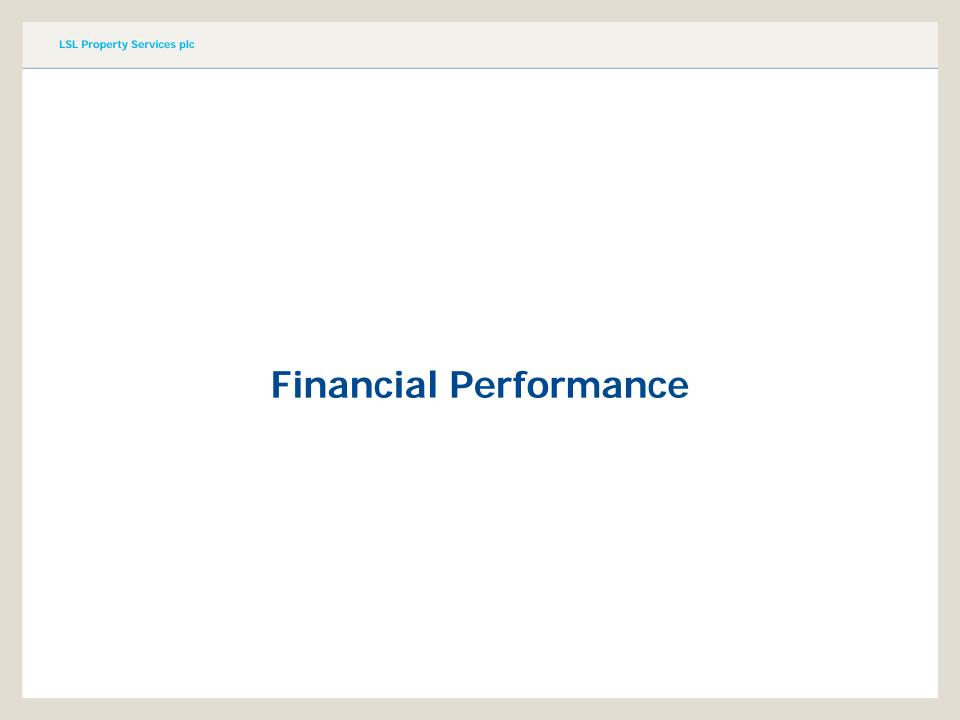
to 35%

Agency - Financial Agency - Asset Surveying **Agency – Branches** Management Services LSL #2 in market Market leader Market leader #4 in market position 2011 market 2011 2011 market down 1% 2011 market up 2% Approvals up 3% 2011 market up 3% Market **Completions down 5%** > Revenue up 13% Revenue flat > Investment in The > Revenue down 5% Bridge and people > LFL revenue up 10% Market share > Reduction of 8% in > Strong lender 2010 LSL 2011 increased from 4.5% comparatives average fee to 4.7% > Total LSL lending up > Growth in lettings B2C Revenue £2.8m from £2.8bn to and Financial Market share £6.8bn

Services

and Parsons

Acquisition of Marsh



# **Summary Group Financials**

#### **Actual**

| £m  | 2011  | 2010  |        |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| P&L   |       |       |        |
| Revenue   | 218.4 | 206.6 | 5.7%   |
| Underlying Group Operating Profit <sup>(1)</sup>        | 31.1  | 31.9  | (2.5%) |
| Margin  | 14.3% | 15.4% |        |
| Exceptionals  | (2.4) | 10.2  |        |
| Net Finance Costs                                       | (1.8) | (2.2) |        |
| PBT   | 17.6  | 36.0  |        |
| PBT before amortisation and exceptionals <sup>(2)</sup> | 28.5  | 33.9  |        |
| Adjusted EPS  | 21.0p | 21.0p | 0%     |
| Cashflow  |       |       |        |
| Operating Cashflow <sup>(3)</sup>                       | 22.4  | 30.7  |        |
| Balance Sheet   |       |       |        |
| Net Debt  | 38.4  | 4.9   |        |
|   |       |       |        |



#### **Dividend**

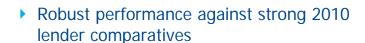
- ➤Total 8.7 pence per share, up 4%
- Dividend Policy: 30-40% of Underlying Profit after tax
- ➤ Dividend yield 3.6% (share price 240 pence)
- Note 1. Underlying Group Operating Profit is before exceptional costs, amortisation of intangible assets and share-based payments
- Note 2. Adjusted PBT is PBT less amortisation and exceptional costs. 2010 includes £3.9m profit from the sale of an investment
- Note 3. Operating cash flow is cash generated from operations pre exceptional costs and after capital expenditure

# Financial Performance – Surveying

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- Winner Best Surveyor/Valuer

| Surveying Segment              |        |        |       |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--|--|--|
|                                | 2011   | 2010   |       |  |  |  |
| Mortgage approvals '000        | 1,226  | 1,203  | 2%    |  |  |  |
| Jobs '000                      | 500    | 531    | (6%)  |  |  |  |
| Turnover £m                    | 76.6   | 80.9   | (5%)  |  |  |  |
| Expenditure £m                 | (52.9) | (53.6) | (1%)  |  |  |  |
| Underlying Operating Profit £m | 23.7   | 27.3   | (13%) |  |  |  |
| Margin                         | 31.0%  | 33.7%  |       |  |  |  |



- Remortgage mix impact
- Investment in service
- PI costs in line with expectations



- Track record of profitability through the cycle
- Market is over 60% lower than 2007
- Investment in service and value add services over the period

# Financial Performance – Estate Agency

| Market                                       | 2011    | 2010    | Inc/ (dec) |   |
|--|---------|---------|------------|---|
| IVIAI NCL                                    | 2011    | 2010    | THE? (dec) | _ |
| House Puchase Mortgage Approvals (Jan – Dec) | 593,000 | 575,000 | 3%         | - |

| 2010    | Inc / (dec) |
|---------|-------------|
| 2F 744  |             |
| 25,766  | 6%          |
| 52.4    | 8%          |
| 18.6    | 49%         |
| 24.6    | 20%         |
| 13.9    | 0%          |
|         |             |
| 125.7   | 13%         |
| (118.5) | 11%         |
| 7.2     | 42%         |
|         | •           |

- Market share growth and strong advance in revenue and profit
- ▶ Investment of £6.1m in market share initiatives
- ▶ Lettings and financial services on track for 3 year profit improvement plan
- ▶ 49% increase in FS includes 29% increase in branch revenues
- ▶ HEAL breakeven result on target for 3 year profit improvement plan

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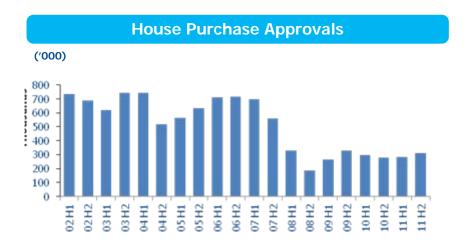
- Winner Best Broker for protection (Linear)
- Winner Best Mortgage Network (First Complete)
- -Runner up Best Mortgage Network (Pink)

### Financials - Cashflow and Debt

| £m  |       | 2011   |        | 2010  |  |  |
|---|-------|--------|--------|-------|--|--|
| Operating Cashflows   |       |        |        |       |  |  |
| Operating Profit  |       | 31.1   |        | 31.9  |  |  |
| Depreciation  | 2.6   |        | 1.8    |       |  |  |
| PI payments   | (4.0) |        | (2.7)  |       |  |  |
| Share of JV results   | (0.7) |        | -      |       |  |  |
| Working Capital   | (1.8) |        | 4.7    |       |  |  |
|   |       | (3.9)  |        | 3.8   | _  |  |
|   |       | 27.2   |        | 35.7  |  |  |
| Exceptionals  |       |        |        |       |  |  |
| HEAL Received   | (0.5) |        | 26.0   |       |  |  |
| Exceptionals Paid   | (2.1) |        | (18.6) |       |  |  |
|   |       | (2.6)  |        | 7.4   | _  |  |
|   |       | 24.6   |        | 43.1  |  |  |
| Capex   |       | (3.2)  |        | (4.9) |  |  |
| Acquisitions  |       | (47.5) |        | (3.9) |  |  |
| Other – disposals, dividends and interest recd, share purchases |       | 7.1    |        | 2.6   |  |  |
| Tax paid (incl VAT)   |       | (4.2)  |        | (3.5) |  |  |
| Interest paid   |       | (1.4)  |        | (2.0) |  |  |
| Dividends paid  |       | (8.9)  | _      | (8.1) | _  |  |
| Net Cashflow  |       | (33.5) |        | 23.3  |  |  |
| Closing net debt  |       | (38.4) |        | (4.9) | <ul> <li>reduction in net debt during the year, I constrained by £25m hedge</li> </ul> |  |

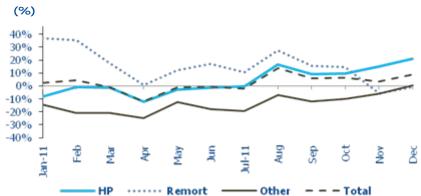


### **Mortgage Market Overview**









#### **House Purchase Approvals**

- > 593,000 2011 up 3%
- Annual growth rate -4% H1 but +10% H2 2011

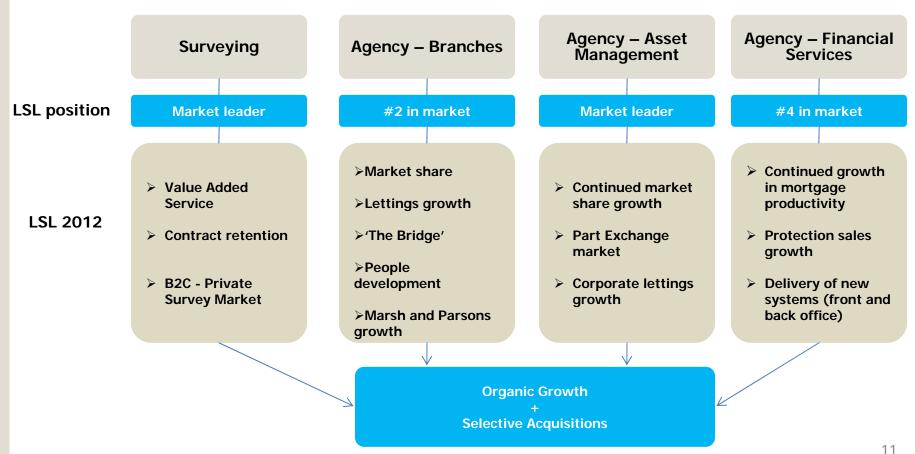
#### **Total Mortgage Approvals**

- ▶ 1.2m 2011 up 2%
- Strong remortgage activity Q1 Q3
- Lenders still focused on repayment of c£300bn by 2014 under the Special Liquidity Scheme and the Credit Guarantee Scheme
- Eurozone pressures and uncertainties
- Impact of increased regulation
  - of lender balance sheets
  - of products, e.g. interest only, pre MMR

Source : Bank of England

# **Strategy**





# **Surveying: Operations and Development**

#### **Market Share**

| Surveying Market Sha | re    |       |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ′000                 | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  |
| Jobs Performed       | 461   | 439   | 531   | 500   |
| Mortgage Approvals   | 1,980 | 1,301 | 1,203 | 1,226 |

#### **Operational Update**

- High service levels maintained and regular positive feedback from all key clients
- Additional investment in service
- Strong lender comparatives
- Additional remortgage volumes do not all result in valuations
- Retention of Barclays contract
- C&G contract ends July 2012

### **Private Survey Income**

| Income per day and Mix  |        |         |         |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Income per day          | Dec 10 | Q1 2011 | Q4 2011 |
| Total income per day £k | 4.4    | 7.2     | 12.8    |
| Mix                     |        |         |         |
| RICS Condition Report   | 15%    | 13%     | 9%      |
| RICS Homebuyer Report   | 53%    | 60%     | 75%     |
| Building Survey         | 32%    | 27%     | 16%     |

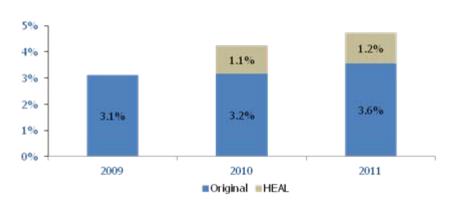
- ▶ £2.8m total income 2011
- Consistently ahead of budget during the year
- Income and margin benefitting from mix
- Platform for future growth via new channels

# **Estate Agency – Market share growth**

#### Market share

- Measures LSL exchanges v Bank of England mortgage approvals
- Share increased from 4.5% in 2010 to 4.7% in 2011
- Allowing for the typical 3 month lag between approval and exchange, LSL share increased from 4.3% to 4.8%

LSL exchanges: BOE mortgage approvals - with 3 month lag



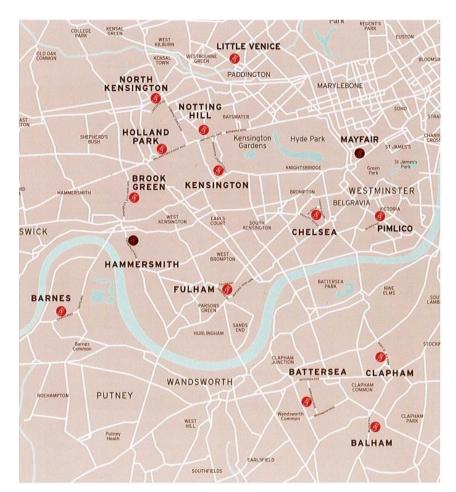
#### **Key initiatives**

- Additional £6.1m revenue investment in agency including
  - 'The Bridge' call centre service (£1.9m)
  - Ongoing investment in people (£2.1m)
  - ▶ Land and New Homes (£0.7m)
  - Online activity (£0.4m)
  - Further investment in IT (£0.9m incl £0.4m capex)
- Profit per branch increased by £6k during 2011 to £5k
- Pipelines up 7% yoy in December 2011 and 9% yoy in January 2012
- ▶ HEAL on target for 3 year profit improvement plan
  - Breakeven for 2011, a £3.2m improvement

### **Marsh and Parsons**

- Leading Central London Estate Agency established in 1856
- 14 offices in West and South West London
   5 in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
- Balanced business model Residential Sales and Lettings
- Highly experienced and successful management team – Peter Rollings and Liza-Jane Kelly
- ▶ 2011 Revenue up 13% to £26.4m, operating profit up 13% to £7.1m





### **Marsh and Parsons**



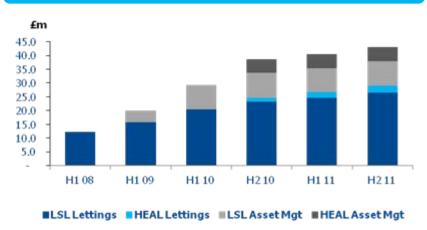


- Benefits to LSL
  - Exposure to economically attractive prime central London market
  - Trusted premium brand
  - High quality management team with exciting growth plans for the business
  - Opportunities for synergies
  - Further growth through new openings and bolt on acquisitions
  - Two branch openings planned for 2012

## Estate Agency – Counter Cyclical Income

### **Total Asset Management & Lettings income up 11% to £43m**

### **Balanced Growth: Asset Management and Lettings**



- Lettings up 18%
- Asset Management income flat against declining market
- Significant asset management fee pressure8% reduction
- LSL market leader in asset management with share increased to 35% (33% 2010)

Rolling 12 month revenue

| Lettings growth |      |      |       |
|-----------------|------|------|-------|
| £m              | 2010 | 2011 | % inc |
| LSL Original    | 23.3 | 26.5 | 13%   |
| HEAL            | 1.3  | 2.6  | 102%  |
| Total           | 24.6 | 29.1 | 18%   |

| Asset Management           |      |      |       |
|----------------------------|------|------|-------|
|                            | 2010 | 2011 | % inc |
| Repossessions '000         | 36.3 | 35.8 | (1%)  |
| Asset Management income £m | 13.9 | 13.9 | 0%    |

### **Financial Services**

Investment in the FS channel has helped to strengthen LSL's relationship with key lender clients

#### LSL position transformed during 2011

- ➤ Acquisitions of two loss making businesses in 2010
- Successful integration of First Complete and Pink during 2010 and 2011
- ➤ 10% LFL increase in revenue 2011
- ➤ Both First Complete and Pink made a profit in 2011
- ➤ LSL now a top 4 UK mortgage distributor in the UK
- ➤ Total LSL mortgage lending increased from £2.8bn in 2010 to £6.8bn in 2011

#### 2012 Plan

- Continued growth in mortgage productivity
- > Further growth in protection sales
- > Delivery of new front and back end systems

## **Summary**

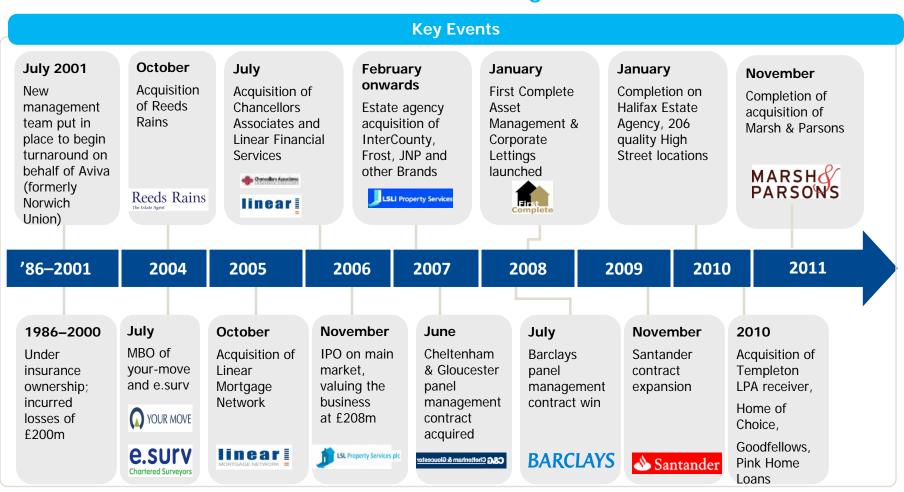
### Key areas of focus and growth opportunities

- Surveying
  - Contract retention in B2B
  - Expansion of private survey services
- Estate Agency
  - Increasing branch profitability through growth of market share, average fee, lettings and financial services
  - Growing Marsh & Parsons in the London market new branches and acquisitions
- Utilising the strong cash generation and balance sheet for selective acquisitions
- Confident of delivering growth in shareholder value at current levels of housing transactions



### LSL's Genesis

### LSL's business transformation from a loss making insurance distribution arm



### Who are We Now?



