



# Results for the six months to 30 September 2023

9 November 2023



# **Business review**

**Simon Borrows** 

**Chief Executive** 



# Resilient performance in a challenging market Six months to 30 September 2023



Group	Participation of the second second	Private Equity	Infrastructure
Total return on equity	NAV per share	Gross investment return	Gross investment return
10%	1,886p	11%	2%
Gearing	First FY24 dividend per share	% of portfolio value growing earnings <sup>1</sup>	Cash income
6%	26.50p	89%	£62m

#### Careful portfolio construction Our portfolio delivers resilience across the economic cycle



Portfolio at 30 September 2023

	Infrastructure Scandlines,		Industrial Technology, 6%
Value-for-money Consumer and Private Label, 69%	Healthcare, 6%	Services and Software, 4%	Online Retail and Discretionary Consumer, 3% Travel, 2%

Value-for-money, Private Label, Infrastructure and Healthcare represent ~85% of portfolio

Exceptional performance at Action, resilient performance across rest of portfolio

- 11% gross investment return for the portfolio overall
- 15% gross investment return for Action
- 89%<sup>1</sup> of portfolio growing earnings in the 12 months to June 2023

Portfolio performing resiliently in a challenging environment, with pockets of weakness...

- Strong performance for value-for-money, private label and healthcare portfolio
- Companies with discretionary consumer, construction and recruitment exposure face more challenging trading conditions

...and well positioned to continue to deliver attractive returns across the cycle

- Managed actively by 3i
- Exposed to long-term megatrends
- Prudently valued, funded and hedged for interest rate risk





# Portfolio earnings growth of top 20 PE investments (97% of PE portfolio by value)<sup>1</sup>



1 Includes top 20 Private Equity companies by value excluding ten23 health. This represents 97% of the Private Equity portfolio by value (31 March 2023: 96%). LTM adjusted earnings to 30 June 2023 and Action based on LTM run-rate earnings to P9 2023. P9 2023 runs to 1 October 2023.



#### Largest value increases (>£20m)

Portfolio company	Value growth (excl FX)	Value at 30 Sep 2023	Driver of value movement
Action	£1,810m	£12,862m	
Royal Sanders	£121m	£486m	
European Bakery Group	£96m	£207m	
AES	£45m	£396m	
Q Holding	£27m	£145m	
ten23 health	£25m	£149m	
Cirtec Medical	£21m	£579m	

#### Largest value declines (>£20m)

Portfolio company	Value decline (excl FX)	Value at 30 Sep 2023	Driver of value movement
Tato	£81m	£330m	
Luqom	£52m	£225m	
WilsonHCG	£42m	£156m	
Basic-Fit	£31m	£88m	
YDEON	£21m	£16m	

Multiple

#### Private Equity Action – strong trading to P9 and P10



- Strong trading YTD to P9 (1 October 2023)
  - Net sales of €7,912m, up 31% on PY
  - Operating EBITDA of €1,065m, up 44% on PY
  - LFL sales growth of 19.2%
  - 153 stores added, vs 150 in PY
- Performance sustained YTD to P10 (29 October 2023)
  - Net sales of €8,848m, up 30% on PY
  - Operating EBITDA of €1,212m, up 43% on PY
  - LFL sales growth of 18.5%
  - 185 stores added, vs 180 in PY

Strong profitability to the end of P10 as a result of operational leverage and tight cost control





# Private Equity Action – strong LFL sustaining with tough November and December comparables ahead



#### LFL sales growth by period

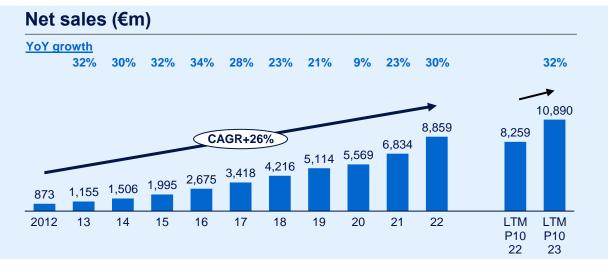


Source: Company information.

1 H1 LFL sales growth based on YTD P6 LFL sales growth in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

# Private Equity Action – results to P10 2023 indicate another very strong year



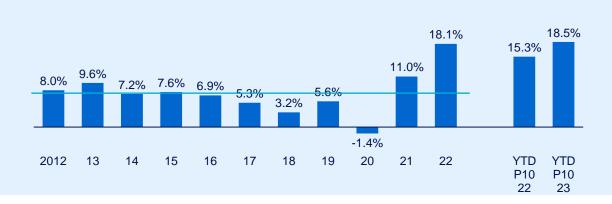


**Operating EBITDA (€m)** 





#### LfL sales growth (%)



#### Avg. LfL 2012-2022: 7.4%

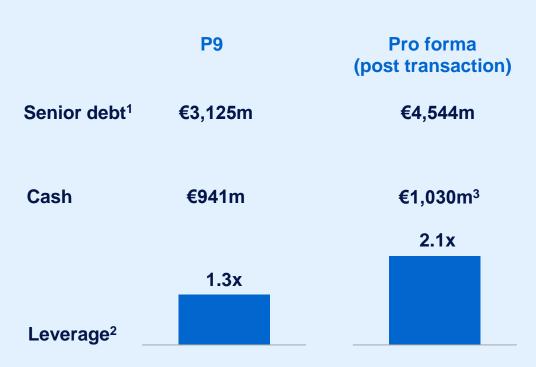
# Private Equity Action - \$1,500m USD TLB issuance completed in October



#### Transaction overview

Size	<ul> <li>\$1,500m achieved vs \$1,000m initial target</li> </ul>
Pricing	<ul> <li>325bps margin</li> <li>25bps margin reduction vs initial indications</li> </ul>
Maturity	2030
Cost	<ul> <li>Fully hedged back to Euro</li> <li>70% fixed at an all-in Euro cost of 6.3%</li> </ul>
Rating	<ul> <li>BB (upgraded) – S&amp;P</li> <li>Ba2 (upgraded) – Moody's</li> </ul>

#### Leverage



1 Excludes €500m undrawn RCF.

2 Net debt / run-rate EBITDA.



Gross proceeds to 3i from pro-rata share redemption	€877m
3i re-investment of proceeds in purchase of Action shares	€524m
Net proceeds	€353m
3i interest in Action	From 52.9% to <b>54.8%</b>

#### Infrastructure Portfolio continues to perform robustly, in line with expectations



Portfolio continues to perform well, but GIR impacted by 3iN's share price volatility

- 2% gross investment return
- Total return of 6.3% for 3iN for the first half, but share price performance remains under pressure
- All vehicles performing ahead of or in line with expectations

#### Good contribution to operating cash profit

£62m cash income from fee and portfolio income

Portfolios well positioned to deliver growth in real terms over the cycle

- Broadly counter-cyclical and exposed to defensive sectors
- Prudently funded
- Benefiting from positive correlation to inflation



#### **3i Infrastructure plc**

- 6.3% total return in H1, on track to meet annual return objective of 8-10% and dividend target for the year
- Strong trading from Tampnet, TCR and Valorem, offsetting weaker performance at DNS:NET
- Announced sale of Attero at c.31% uplift from March 2023 valuation



#### North American infrastructure

- Good progress with North American infrastructure platform
  - New investment in AmWaste
  - Further acquisition of rail assets for Regional Rail
  - Asset performance in line with or ahead of expectations





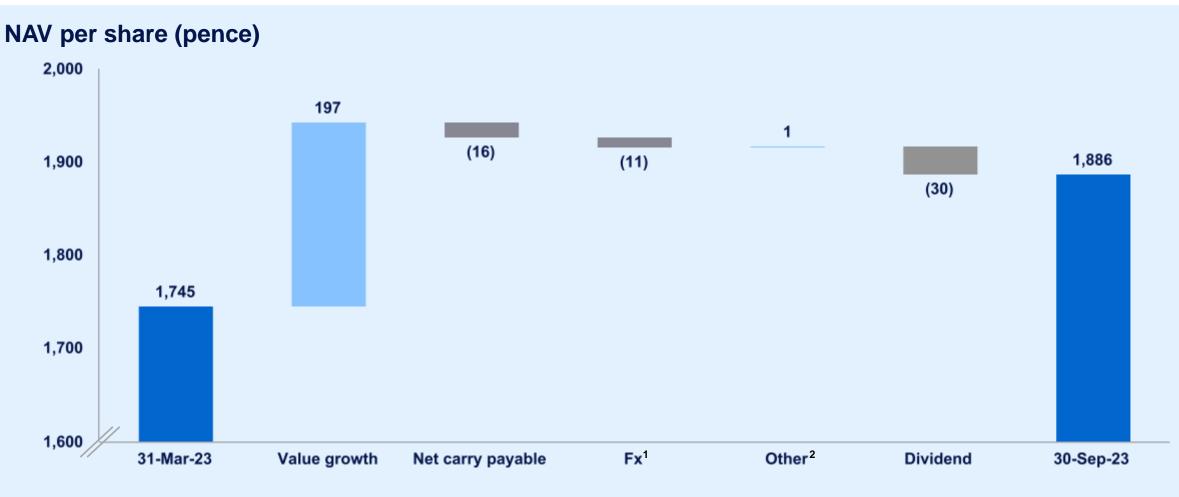
# **Financial review**

James Hatchley Group Finance Director



#### NAV per share progression Total return on equity of 10% for the half





#### NAV per share up 8% to 1,886 pence

1 FX net of derivatives.

2 Other includes portfolio income, third-party fee income and operating costs.

Good value growth despite challenging macroeconomic and geopolitical climate £1.9bn value increase driven by Action's performance



#### Value movement by basis excluding FX (£ million)



# Private Equity Action valuation approach unchanged



#### **Enterprise value (post discount)**

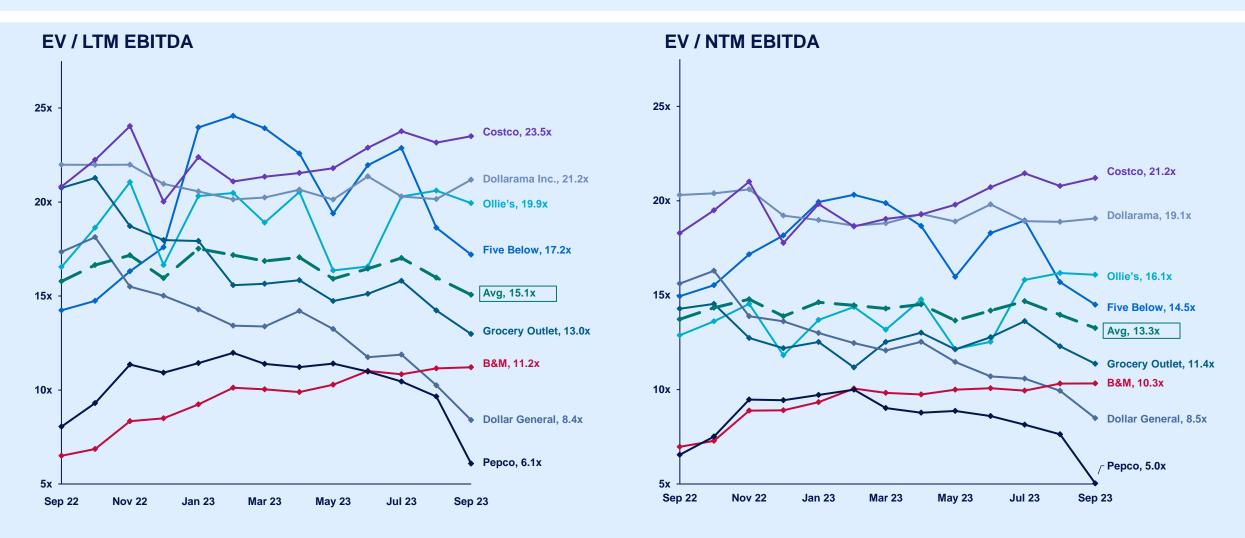


- LTM Operating EBITDA to P9 2023 of €1,530m
- LTM run-rate EBITDA of €1,634m
- Net debt of €2,184m at 30 September 2023
- 18.5x (Mar-23: 18.5x) multiple post discount
- Valuation at 30 September 2023 of £12,862m
- Ownership of Action at 30 September 2023 of 52.9%<sup>1</sup>

## **Private Equity**



#### Action – peer group multiples support 18.5x run-rate EBITDA multiple for Action



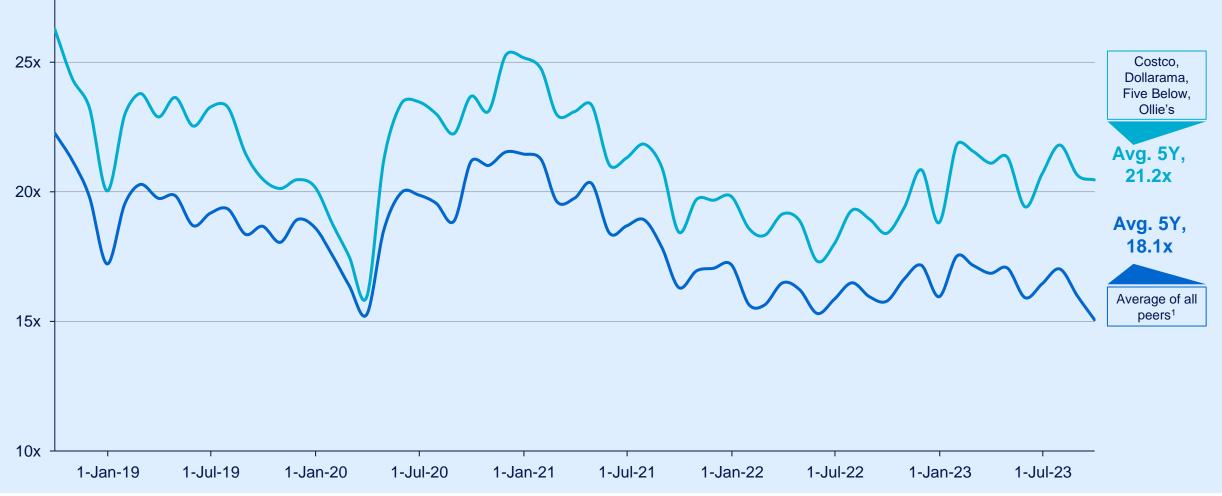
#### Valuation at 30 September 2022 translates to 12.8x run-rate EBITDA achieved one year later

Source: CapIQ. Based on pre IFRS-16/ASC 842 multiples.

# Private Equity Action – peer group valuation multiples over time



#### EV / LTM EBITDA over the last five years

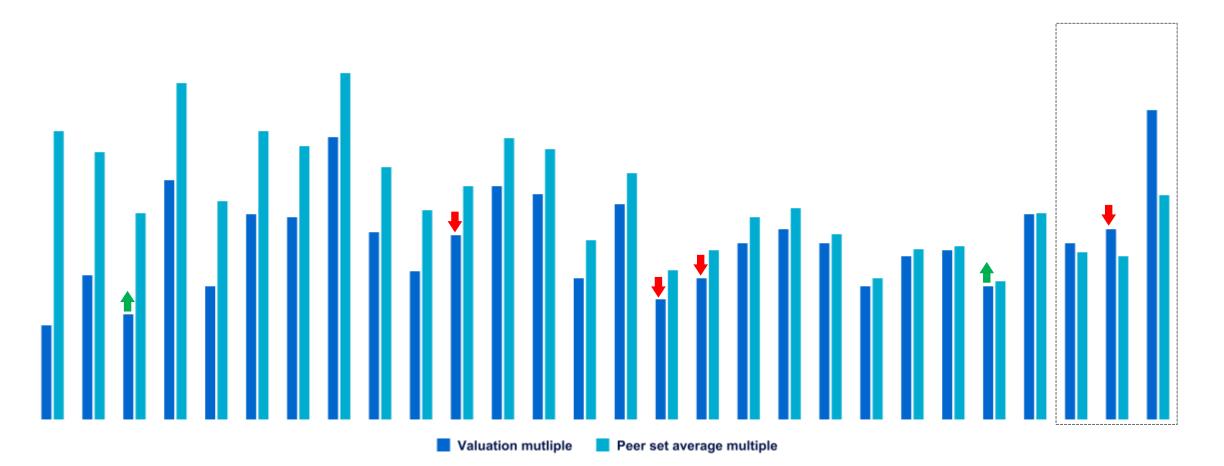


Source: CapIQ.

Based on pre IFRS-16/ASC 842 multiples.

1. Includes B&M Retail, Costco, Dollar General, Dollarama, Five Below, Grocery Outlet, Ollie's Bargain Outlet, Pepco. Peers are included from when multiples are available post IPO (Grocery Outlet – Sep-19 and Pepco – Jun-21).

# Private Equity Valuation multiples continue to compare favourably to average multiples for peer sets<sup>1</sup>



#### Only three companies have valuation marks above their peer set averages All multiples are within peer set ranges

1 Valuation multiples used for assets valued on an earnings basis compared to a peer group that represents the average of the reference peer groups of 3i's portfolio assets.

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## Private Equity Good portfolio performance



Six months to 30 September £ million	2023	2022
Gross investment return	1,826	1,970
of which foreign exchange <sup>1</sup>	(127)	685
GIR % of opening portfolio	11%	16%
Declications	1	102
Realisations		193
Cash investment	50	292

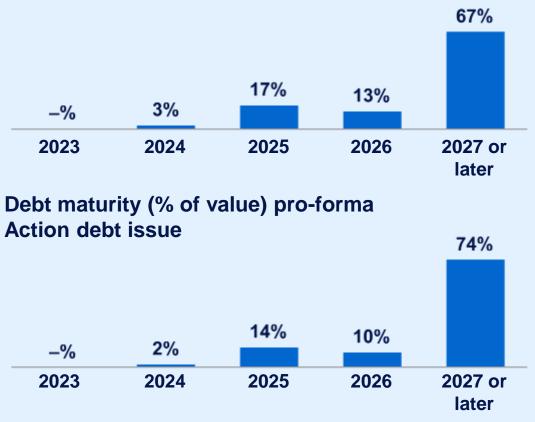
£ million	30 September 2023	31 March 2023
Portfolio Value	18,275	16,425

#### Private Equity Portfolio leverage remains moderate





#### Debt maturity (% of value, Sep-2023)



#### Over two thirds of PE portfolio term debt hedged against interest rate risk

1 This represents 93% (Mar-23: 92%, Sep-22: 87%) of the Private Equity portfolio by value. Quoted holdings and companies with net cash are excluded from the calculation. Net debt and adjusted earnings as of 30 June 2023 (Mar-23: 31-Dec-22, Sep-22: 30-Jun-22) and Action based on net debt and last 12 months run-rate earnings to the end of P9 2023 (Mar-23: P3 2023, Sep-22: P9 2022).

## Infrastructure Solid performance in the period



Six months to 30 September £ million	2023	2022
Infrastructure gross investment return	31	35
Realised loss over value	(3)	_
Unrealised profit/(losses) on revaluations <sup>1</sup>	2	(47)
Dividend and interest income from the portfolio	24	24
Foreign exchange	8	58
GIR % of opening portfolio	2%	3%
£ million	30 September 2023	31 March 2023
Infrastructure portfolio value	1,433	1,409

£ million	30 September 2023	31 March 2023
Scandlines value	547	554

# Operating cash position Objective to at least break even



Six months to September £ million	2023	2022
Private Equity	16	7
Infrastructure	62	48
Scandlines	10	12
Cash income	88	67
Operating cash expenses <sup>1</sup>	(82)	(84)
Operating cash profit/(loss)	6	(17)

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£20,255m	<ul><li>Portfolio value</li><li>High quality, well constructed portfolio</li></ul>	
£55m	Gross cash held centrally	
£1,208m	<ul> <li>Gross fixed term debt made up of bonds expiring 2029, 2032 and 2040</li> <li>Average cost of 4.8%</li> </ul>	
£900m	<ul> <li>Undrawn RCF</li> <li>Base £500m RCF available until 2027 and additional £400m available until 2025</li> </ul>	
£955m	<ul> <li>Liquidity at 30 September</li> <li>Pro forma c.£1.2bn, including net Action proceeds of c.£300m</li> </ul>	
+c.£300m	<ul> <li>Subsequent to the period end, 3i received proceeds of c.£760m from the Action share redemption, of which c.£300m has been held on the Balance Sheet</li> </ul>	

# Private Equity Further payment of carried interest related to Action in the period of £258m



Six months to September £ million	2023	2022
Income statement		
Carried interest receivable	-	2
Carried interest payable	(147)	(157)
Net total expense	(147)	(155)

£ million	30 September 2023	31 March 2023
Balance sheet		
Carried interest receivable	5	6
Carried interest payable	(962)	(1,325)
Net total payable	(957)	(1,319)



September March September **Pro forma** 2023 2022 share purchase 2023 52.7% 52.9% 52.9% 54.8% Gross holding in Action £30m £455m<sup>1</sup> Further investment in Action 8% 6% 5% 10% x0.95 Action carry dilution on GIR (approximately) 47.7% 48.9% 50.0% 52.0% Net holding in Action (post carry dilution) +4.3%

# Our dividend policy aims to maintain or grow the dividend year-on-year subject to:

- maintaining our conservative balance sheet strategy
- careful consideration of the outlook for investments and realisations and market conditions





# **Closing remarks**

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#### **Private Equity portfolio construction**

#### **Core PE portfolio**

- Our origination engine, invested with a 2x MM objective
- 4-6 year investment timeframe, realised regularly
- Selected assets have the potential to become longerterm compounders

Longer-term compounders

- 5-6 assets to be identified
- EBITDA ~€/\$100m, cash generative
- Can continue to meet 15% return hurdle

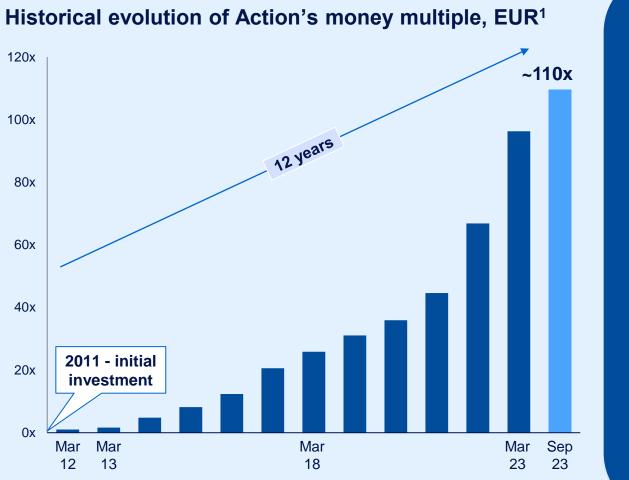
# **MACTION**

- Returns materially in excess of 3i's return objective
- ~110x MM to date on initial investment
- Significant growth and cash flow potential
- No exit planned

#### All segments capable of meeting or exceeding our mid-teen return objective over the long term

# Power of compounding is starting to manifest for Action





Illustrative time required for Action's MM to reach 200x at constant valuation multiple





# **Additional information**



Permanent capital. Long-term, sustainable approach

Thematic approach to investment with exposure to long-term secular growth trends

Proven model, underpinned by robust processes, patience and price discipline

Active management of portfolio companies with significant influence and board representation

Resilient and prudently funded portfolio, positioned to withstand current macro challenges

Significant growth platforms in Action and other consumer and healthcare assets

# Q2 NAV increased from 1,814 pence to 1,886 pence





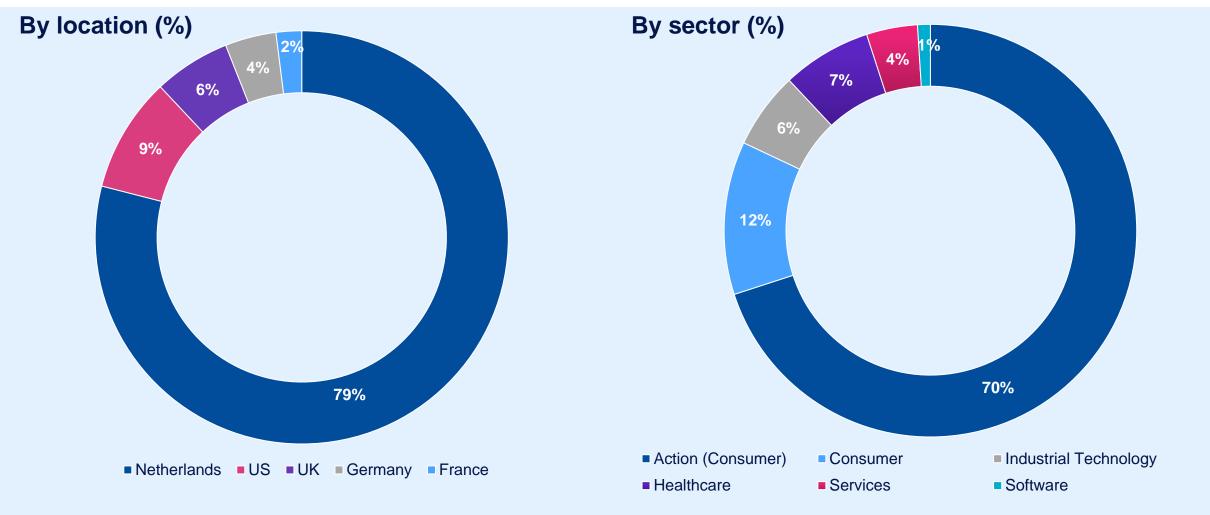
# 3i Group 20 large investments



Investment	Business description	Valuation September 2023 (£m)	Valuation March 2023 (£m)
Action	General merchandise discount retailer	12,862	11,188
3i Infrastructure plc	Quoted investment company, investing in infrastructure	818	841
Cirtec Medical	Outsourced medical device manufacturing	579	552
Scandlines	Ferry operator between Denmark and Germany	547	554
Royal Sanders	Private label and contract manufacturing producer of personal care products	486	369
AES Engineering	Manufacturer of mechanical seals and provision of reliability services	396	351
nexeye	Value-for-money optical retailer	390	393
SaniSure	Manufacturer, distributor and integrator of single use bioprocessing systems and components	375	389
Tato	Manufacturer and seller of specialty chemicals	330	411
Smarte Carte	Provider of self-serve vended luggage carts, electronic lockers and concession carts	316	300
Evernex	Provider of third-party maintenance services for data centre infrastructure	315	305
WP	Global manufacturer of innovative plastic packaging solutions	273	274
Luqom	Online lighting specialist retailer	225	271
European Bakery Group	Industrial bakery group specialised in home bake-off bread and snack products	207	73
MPM	An international branded, premium and natural pet food company	198	181
Audley Travel	Provider of experiential tailor-made travel	173	162
WilsonHCG	Global provider of recruitment process outsourcing and other talent solutions	156	196
BoConcept	Urban living designer	155	160
ten23 health	Biologics focused CDMO	149	111
Q Holding	Manufacturer of catheter products serving the medical device market	145	117

# Private Equity portfolio by value at 30 September 2023



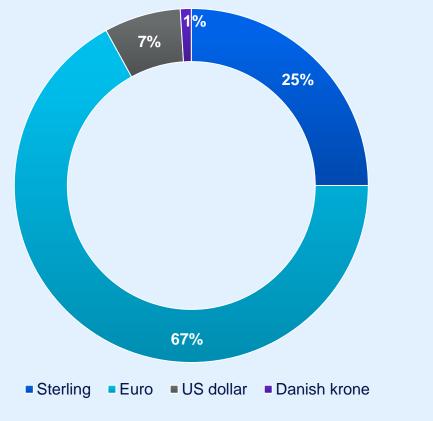


Portfolio of 39 investments (31 March 2023: 39)

## Net asset exposure by currency



#### Net assets by currency 30 September 2023



74% of net assets denominated in euro or US\$

- €2.6bn (incl. Scandlines) of euro and \$1.2bn of US dollar exposure now hedged
- Majority of net asset exposure to euro and US dollar remains
- Including the hedging programme: 1% movement in euro = £121m, 1% movement in US dollar = £12m

# Our purpose



We generate attractive returns for our shareholders and co-investors by investing in private equity and infrastructure assets.

As proprietary capital investors we have a long-term, responsible approach.

We aim to compound value through thoughtful origination, disciplined investment and active management of our assets, driving sustainable growth in our investee companies.

