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# **Our Presenting Team**



#### Melvyn Garrett, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Finance

- Joined LiveWest in 2013 (then Devon and Cornwall Housing (DCH))
- Previously Europe, Middle East and Africa Finance and Operations Director at Motorola Mobility
- Previously held finance, strategy and chief executive positions in the transport, electronics and distribution sectors; with eight years spent in the USA



#### **Andrew Hart, Director of Corporate Finance**

- Joined LiveWest in 2014 (then Devon and Cornwall Housing (DCH))
- 25 years' finance experience including 10 years in corporate finance consultancy
- Previously Managing Director at TradeRisks specialising in treasury risk management



# Agenda

- Introduction to LiveWest
- Company Overview
- Operational Performance
- Business and Development Plan
- Financial Performance
- Treasury
- Transaction Overview



# Introduction to LiveWest



# **Company Highlights**

£1bn

**Borrowing capacity** 

Own and

manage

36,222 homes

in South West

Strong

**Financial** 

Management

(Moody's Credit Report June 2019)

Improved Satisfaction Levels:

90%

Overall customer satisfaction

2.67x

EBITDA MRI Interest Cover

£2.2m

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434

People moved in the past year from supported housing to live independently

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Moody's rating (updated June 2019)

2.12x

Social lettings Income cover

Homes England Strategic Partner

1,337

Skilled and committed employees, living our values and making things happen

G1 / V1

Highest regulatory rating
July 2019

**75%** 

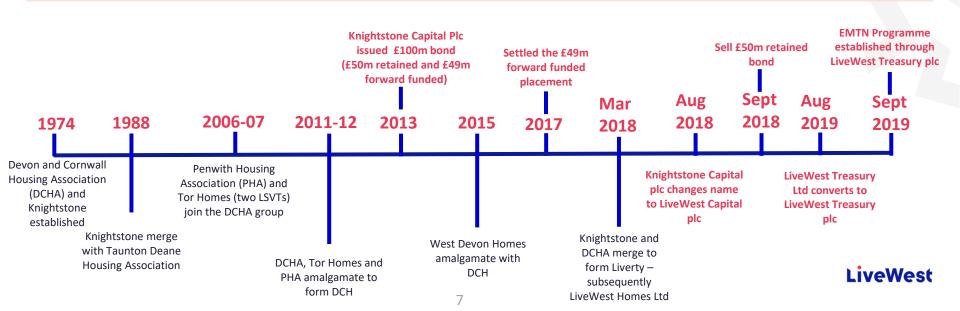
Income from social lettings as % of Turnover

40%
Gearing Ratio

LiveWest

### Introduction

- Devon and Cornwall Housing (DCH) and Knightstone merged on 5 March 2018 to form LiveWest Homes
- South West of England focus, operating from Gloucestershire to the Isles of Scilly
- Own and manage over 36,000 properties in just 24 Local Authorities
- Operate in strong urban areas including Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Taunton and Truro
- High demand with house prices averaging 8.8 times salaries in the South West



### **Merger Achievements**

- Over 1,000 affordable homes developed since merger
- Outperformed budget in 2018/19
- Merger savings ahead of target
- As a result efficiency targets increased from £12m by 2020/21 to £17m by 2022/23
- Integration progressing well
- Signed Homes England Strategic Partnership to provide 935 additional homes
- £200m of new financing (retained bond sale and revolving credit facilities)
- Transition to:
  - New management team
  - New brand

	2019	2018	2017
		LiveWest	
Social – owned and managed	33,734	33,021	32,127
Non-Social	2,488	2,418	2,418
Total	36,222	35,439	34,473
Turnover	£233m	£231m	£220m
Operating Margin (before asset disposals)	28%	27%	33%
Net Debt	£788m	£712m	£682m
Net Debt per Unit Owned	£22,518	£20,721	£20,213



# **Strategy**

The LiveWest strategy is to take forward the key themes from our merger business case to:

- 1. Deliver 16,000 new homes over the next 10 years
- 2. Continue to deliver high-quality services, and ensure these are fit for the future:

We are more than just a landlord: we invest in empowerment and support services that add value to our work, improve people's life chances and sustain communities

We are working with and empowering local communities: we invest in neighbourhoods making them stronger for the long term, building the foundations of a better future

We are directing resources to services and communities where there is greatest need: where we can make the biggest impact, and where community investment makes the most substantial difference to customer satisfaction and our overall service offer

3. Ensure the financial and organisational resilience that underpins our ambitious plans

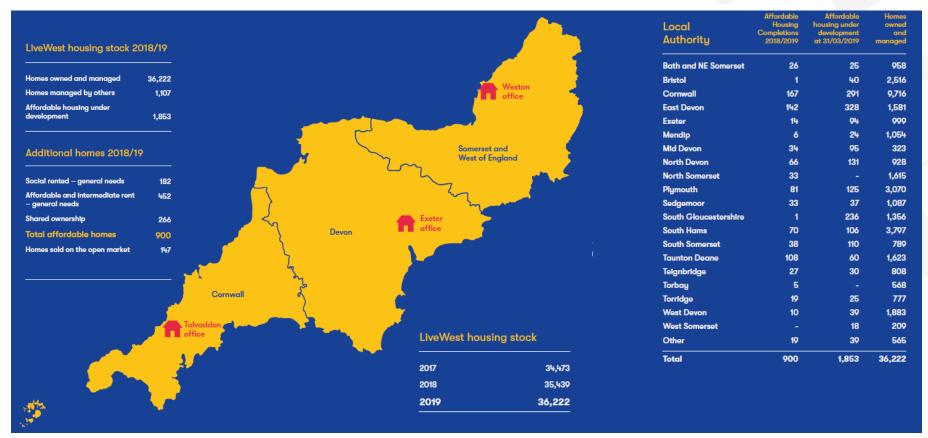
All this whilst creating significant social value for customers and the broader community.



# Company & Governance Overview

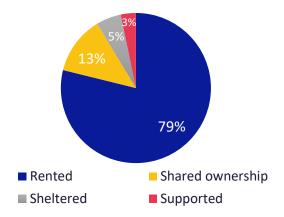


# **Area of Operation (Managed Housing Stock)**





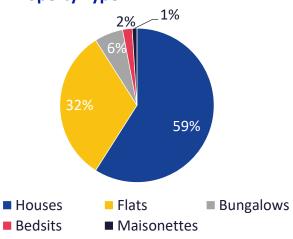
#### **Social Housing**



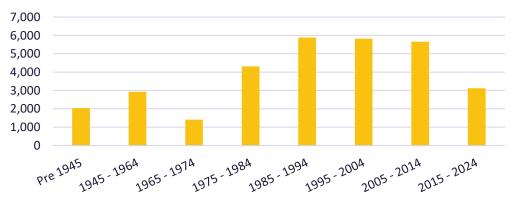
# **LiveWest: Stock Profile**

Rented	26,599
Sheltered	1,816
Supported	1,095
Shared ownership	4,224
Social Stock owned and managed	33,734
Non-Social	2,488
Total	36,222

#### **Property Type**



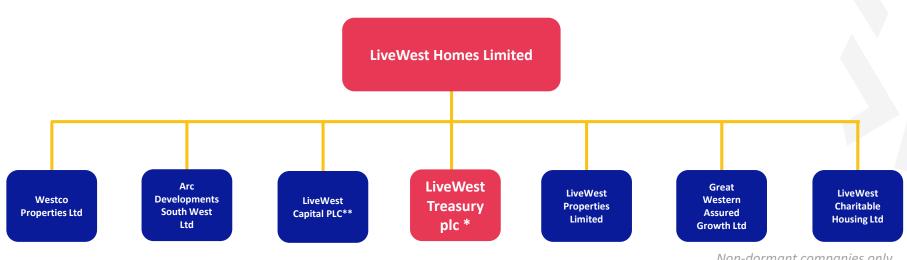
#### **Stock Age Profile**





## **Corporate Structure**

- Only one Registered Provider in the group, LiveWest Homes Limited
- A programme of rationalisation of subsidiaries is anticipated, with the aim of simplifying the structure further over time



Non-dormant companies only

\* Programme Issuing Entity

\*\* £100m Bond issued by this entity



#### **Board and Governance**

- Our board comprises:
- Eight independent members, two executives:

Chair: Linda Nash

CEO: Paul Crawford

- Treasury and Development committees each include a specialist co-opted member
- Board experience includes: construction; national housebuilder; financial; regulator; housing sector



Linda Nash Chair, Member of RC



Antony Durbacz Chair of ARC, Member of TC



Jenefer Greenwood Chair of RC



John Newbury Senior Independent Director Member of ARC, CSC and



**Andrew Wiles** Member of ARC and CSC



Melvyn Garrett Deputy Chief Executive and xecutive Director of Finance Member of DC and TC



Chair of DC, Member of TC







Chief Executive.

Member of DC

Tony MacGregor Chair of TC, Member of ARC

ARC = Audit and Risk committee CSC = Customer Services committee

DC = Development committee RC = Remuneration committee TC = Treasury committee



#### **Board and Governance**

#### **Our Executive team structure:**

CEO Paul Crawford





Finance – Business Planning, Treasury Management, Development Finance

People Services

Facilities Management

Communications & Public Affairs

Strategy & Customer Insight



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE Jill Farrar

Sovernance

Legal Service: & Audit Risk

Procurement



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS & DIGITAL CHANGE lan Fisher

Information Technology

Business Systems

Programme Management

Business Intelligence



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
Russell Baldwinson

**Housing Development** 

Open Market & Shared Ownership

Asset Disposals



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
Suzanne Brown

Housing Management
Property Services & Asset
Management
Compliance (Home Standards,

Health & Safety & Environmental)

Customer Services

Supported Housin

"LiveWest's management team demonstrate strong financial management, which is captured in their 'a' score for financial management." Moody's Credit Rating Report June 2019



# Operational Performance



# **Key Indicators**

	March 2019	March 2018	March 2017
Management cost per unit	£1,052	£1,083	£1,051
Maintenance cost per unit	£1,701	£1,618	£1,600
Social housing interest cover	212%	228%	237%
Rent arrears	1.83%	1.90%	2.09%
Void rent loss	0.51%	0.51%	0.42%
Landlord Surplus %	33%	31%	33%
Operating surplus %	28%	27%	30%
Net Debt per unit owned	£22,518	£20,721	£20,213
Units developed (affordable)	900	812	829
Customer satisfaction	90%	89%	NR

- Management costs per unit in both 2018 & 2019 include one-off restructuring costs. If these were excluded the cost per unit in 2019 would have been <£1,000, a c.10% real reduction from 2017
- Total maintenance cost per unit reflects the planned investment across LiveWest
- Rent arrears % remains in the top quartile and has improved over the last 2 years despite Universal Credit recipients totalling more than 4,000
- Void rent loss performance remains top quartile
- Customer satisfaction is a key measure of us meeting our aim to deliver high quality services



#### LiveWest: ESG

- Average SAP rating: 71 vs National Average of 62:
  - Efficiency improvements are prioritised on lowest performers with a disposal plan where improvements are not possible
- Supported 1,400 customers with issues including family breakdown, mental health and benefit navigation securing £1.6m in government payments
- Delivered Get Active project with Sport England 4,700 participants
- 317 grants for community groups, reducing isolation, improving communal spaces
- 434 people moved on from supported housing to live independently
- 1,196 volunteer hours donated by LiveWest staff
- £2.2m invested in Community investment schemes in 2019
- Housing First lead partner in Bristol and Cornwall

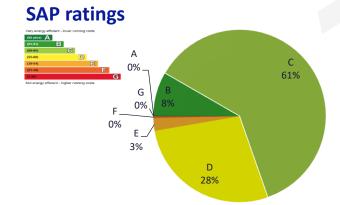


#### **Accreditations and Memberships**











LiveWest Resident and Community Investment Annual Report April 2018 - March 2019 Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government English Housing Survey Headline Report 2017-18



### **Rent Collection**

	March 2019	March 2018	March 2017
Rent arrears	1.83%	1.90%	2.09%
Void rent loss (general needs)	0.51%	0.51%	0.42%
Tenants in receipt of Universal Credit	4,010	1,319	631
Average days to re-let	22.8	24.1	24.6

#### As at March 2019:

- £1m arrears balance of tenants on Universal Credit:
  - Represents 5.76% Rent arrears of tenants on Universal Credit (0.6% of Income from Social Housing Lettings)
- 44% of income received direct as Housing Benefit
- 14,947 Tenants on Housing Benefit of which 9,583 on full Housing Benefit

#### Improving arrears performance in spite of welfare reform measures:

- Seven day waiting period scrapped, meaning first payment to be made in five weeks instead of six weeks
- Where a claimant migrates from Housing Benefit (HB) to Universal Credit, HB will continue to be paid for a two week period following the UC claim date Some Local Authorities using Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) to cover rent until UC is paid to claimant
- 'Managed migration' to UC for working aged tenants from January 2020 to December 2023

#### Controls/mitigators include:

- Trusted Partner status with the Department of Work and Pensions
- Weekly monitoring of arrears and void performance
- Modelling the impact of Universal Credit on our income
- Financial Inclusion Strategy and action plan in place
- Mitigation plans in place for known welfare reform changes



# **Fire Safety**

- Continued robust processes to assure effective landlord safety management
- Fire risk management:
  - No buildings with ACMs (Aluminium Composite Materials)
  - 10 blocks over six storeys and one of nine storeys
  - Structured response to Grenfell across the organisation
  - Supported Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government (MHCLG) reporting requirements
  - Reviewed procedures with support of our fire brigade partners
  - Re-assessed all buildings where potential for additional risks was identified, any necessary actions implemented
  - Resources made available for any necessary works
  - Ongoing resourcing of fire risk management across the organisation
  - Retrofit of sprinkler systems based on tenant vulnerability
  - New developments include consultation with fire specialists at an early stage of our design process
- Business plan includes £23m provision for additional fire safety measures

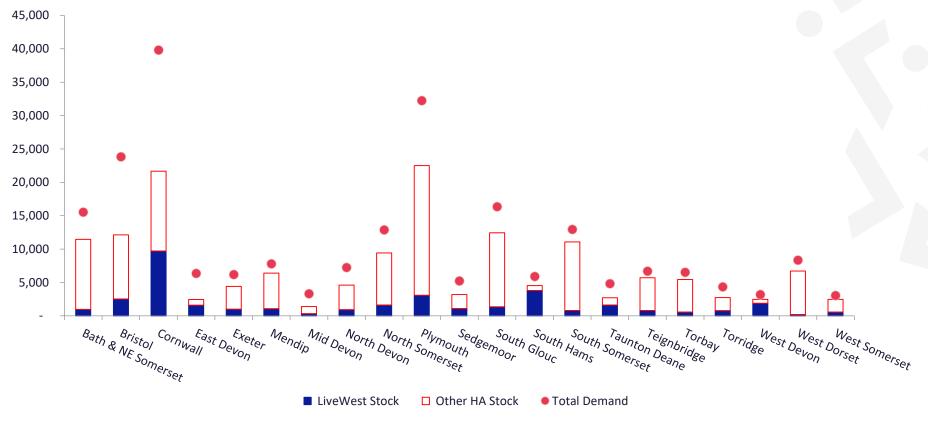


Development Plan



# **Market Conditions (1)**

#### Waiting Lists and Stock by LA



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# **Market Conditions (2)**

#### Average rent as a % of LHA rate



#### Annual change in house prices by LA as at May 2019



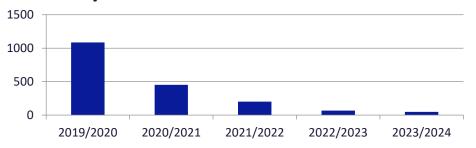
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Source: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-house-price-index-england-may-2019/uk-house-price-index-england-may-2019

## **Development Strategy**

- Build on a proven track record
- Business plan of at least 7,000 homes over the next 5 years and 16,000 homes over next 10 years
  - Over 90% affordable tenures (affordable rent, social rent, shared ownership)
  - Remainder open market sales as a means of creating financial capacity for investing in new affordable homes, along with control over s106 provision
  - 1,853 new affordable homes in contract as at 31 March 2019
- Open market focus on principal housing market areas: Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Truro and Taunton
- Homes England Partnership with Sovereign to deliver a total of 2,275 new homes by March 2024. LiveWest is committed to deliver 935 of these homes with £46m grant
- Increasing focus on modern methods of construction, including modular homes

#### **Delivery Profile - contracted units**



#### **Development target areas**



# **Development Risk Policy and Appraisal Criteria**

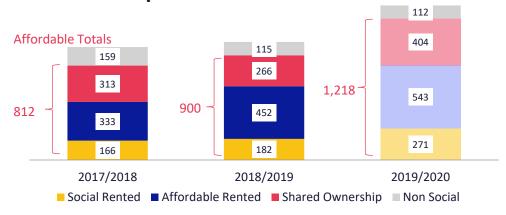
- Investment appraisal yield and profit margin targets set annually by the board and monitored by the Development Committee
- Internal Financial Framework Limit of 30% on the proportion of all sales (including shared ownership) to total turnover
- Impairment exposure limits to keep land holdings within risk limits
- Scheme approvals at board, Development Committee or officer level dependent on size and duration
- The Development Review Team has oversight of our housing market activity (sales and affordable units) on a monthly basis with quarterly reporting to the Development Committee
- Minimum 2 year liquidity policy (including uncommitted spend)
- Liquidity buffer to account for sales risk equivalent to six months' sales delay and a 15% fall in values
- Contractor exposure limits
- Housing market scenario testing with early warning trigger levels



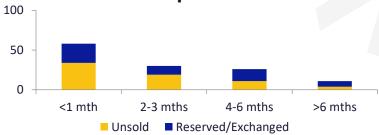
## **Development Track Record**

- Affordable housing delivered through land led schemes and s.106
- Open market sites delivered through joint venture with house builders, or contractors for smaller sites
- Sales of open market and shared ownership homes totalled 399 units for the year (422 for the year to March 2018)
- At 31 March 2019 we had 125 shared ownership homes in stock (March 2018: 111) and 2 open market homes (March 2018: 28)

#### **Homes developed**



#### **Shared ownership stock**



Gross Development Spend (£m)	2019	2018
Housing Properties	115	85
Houses for sale	60	48



# Waters Edge, Exmouth, Devon



# Nansledan, Cornwall



# Financial Performance



## **Financial Performance**

	2019	2018	2017
Landlord turnover - £m	175	171	168
Surplus landlord activities - £m	57	52	56
Landlord Surplus %	33%	31%	33%
1st tranche property sales - £m	22	23	23
Open market sales - £m	29	29	20
Total property sales - £m	51	52	43
Property sales % of turnover	22%	23%	20%
Total Turnover	233	231	220
Operating Surplus - £m (pre asset disposals)	66	62	66
Operating Surplus - £m (post asset disposals)	81	69	74
Operating Margin % (pre asset disposals)	28%	27%	30%
Net surplus - £m	56	45	52
Net surplus %	24%	19%	24%
Gearing %	40%	38%	38%
EBITDA-MRI Interest cover %	267%	252%	289%
Debt as multiple of turnover	3.44	3.09	3.10
Net Debt per unit owned	22,518	20,721	20,213

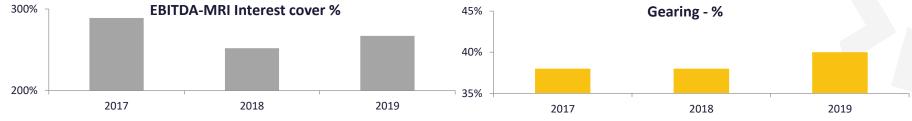
<sup>•</sup> Well positioned to continue to increase development, improve our service offerings and maximise the opportunities that will result from merger



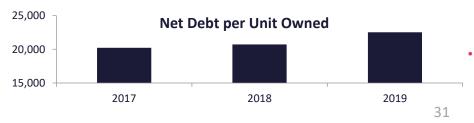
#### **Financial Performance**



- Operating surplus increased to £66m from £62m in 2018 largely as a result of efficiencies brought about by merger
- Value for money initiatives have maintained the underlying operating margin, and improved landlord margin in spite of welfare reform



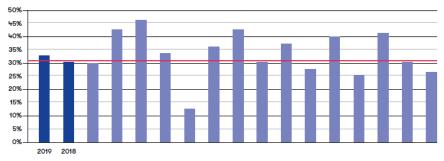
- Within 2018 interest costs are one off merger costs for lender consent of £0.7m and termination fees in respect of an uneconomic loan facility of £3.7m, affecting interest cover in that year
- Significant interest cover and gearing headroom compared with lenders covenants and internal targets



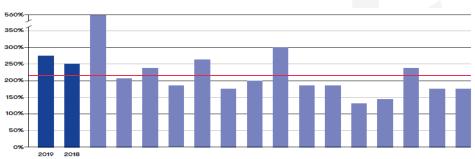
Increased investment in land and work-in-progress has led to debt per unit of £23k, against £21k in 2018

# **Benchmarking**

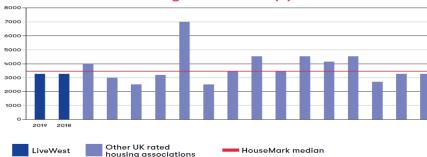


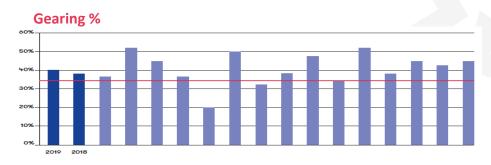


#### EBITDA – MRI Interest Cover %



#### **Headline social housing Cost Per Unit (£)**





- Comparing LiveWest against a selection of Moody's rated housing associations using HouseMark data
- Comprises of current A2 or higher rated associations



# **Treasury**



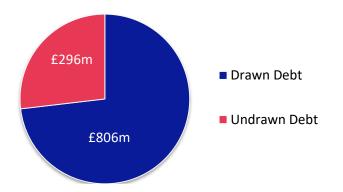
#### **Debt Portfolio – March 2019**

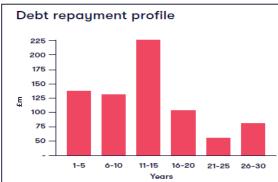
	Loans	Swaps	Net loans	%	Target range
Fixed	275	366	641	80%	60% - 90%
Floating	527	(386)	141	17%	0% - 40%
Index linked	4	20	24	3%	0% - 25%
Total Debt	806	-	806	100%	
Cash and liquid investments	(18)	-	(18)		
Net Debt	788	-	788		

- £106m MtM value Swaps
- MtM is fully secured (Including buffer against rate movement)
- Weighted Average Maturity of 11 years

Average cost of borrowing 3.16%

£1bn borrowing capacity





		Total
NAB Security Pool -		Value
Current	Units	£m
MV-STT	3,957	414.2
EUV-SH	5,897	325.5
Shared Ownership	823	48.8
Nil Value	140	-
Total	10,817	788.5



# **Treasury Policy**

- Treasury Committee review and recommend policy and strategy to the board
- Treasury Policy reviewed annually
- Treasury Committee meet and monitor quarterly
- Business plan stress tested

#### **Credit risk**

- Approved list of counterparties
- Minimum credit rating criteria
- Maximum exposure levels

#### Interest rate risk

- Fixed/Variable/Index-linked targets
- Monitored against market conditions throughout the year by Treasury committee and Executive team

#### **Liquidity risk**

- Minimum 24 month liquidity + Liquidity Buffer
- Liquidity Buffer for 6 months sales delay + 15% fall in value

#### Margin call

- Free standing derivatives secured through charged property
- Policy requires sufficient security to cover fall in long term interest rates of 0.5%



<sup>&</sup>quot;The group also has strong stress testing with quantified mitigating actions." Moody's Credit Rating Report June 2019

# Transaction Overview



# **Transaction Terms**

Indicative Transaction Overview	
Issuer	LiveWest Treasury plc
Initial Guarantor	LiveWest Homes Limited
Programme Rating	A2 by Moody's
Deal size	£250 million (with up to a £100m retained element)
Maturity	Long dated
Documentation	As per Programme Admission Particulars dated 24 September 2019
Asset Cover	105% EUV-SH / 115% MV-ST + Charged Cash
Information Covenants	Compliance Certificate, financial statements, meetings on request
Denominations	£100k+1k
Listing	London, International Securities Market
Bookrunners	Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets / MUFG / Santander
Note and Security Trustee	Prudential Trustee Company Limited
Target Market	MiFID II Professional and Eligible Counterparties only



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