Interim

Results

31 December 2004



Charles Toner



GROUP CHAIRMAN



UK turnover at £1,148.2m Up 5%

UK Operating Profit at £165.8m Up 19%

Pre-tax Profit at £171.1m Up 20%

Earnings per share at 51.1p Up 17%

Dividend of 8.99p per share Up 30%

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

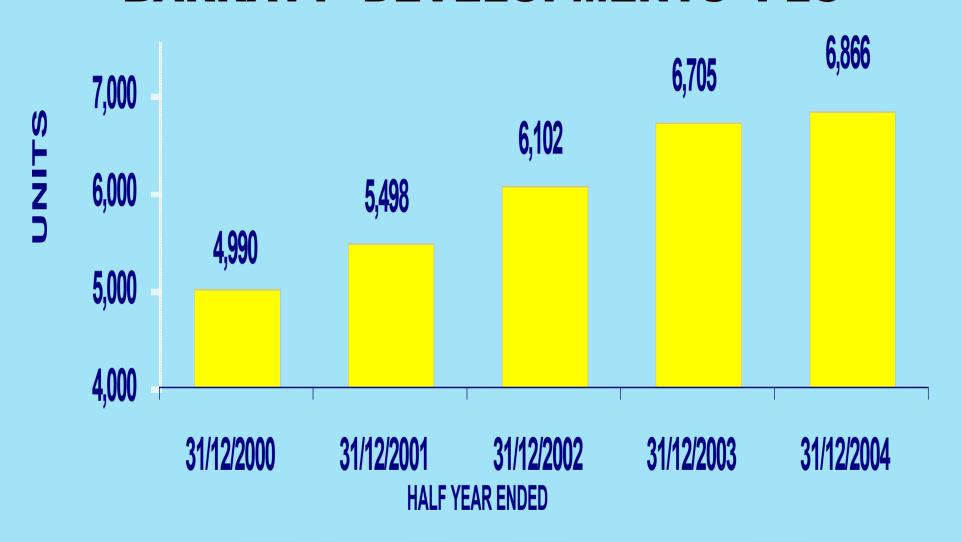


Colin Dearloye



GROUP FINANCE DIRECTOR





UK LEGAL COMPLETIONS



HALF YEAR

	31.12.04	31.12.03	INCR	REASE
	No.	No.	No.	%
Private	5610	6105	(495)	(8.1)
Social	1256	600	656	109.3
	6866	6705	161	2.4

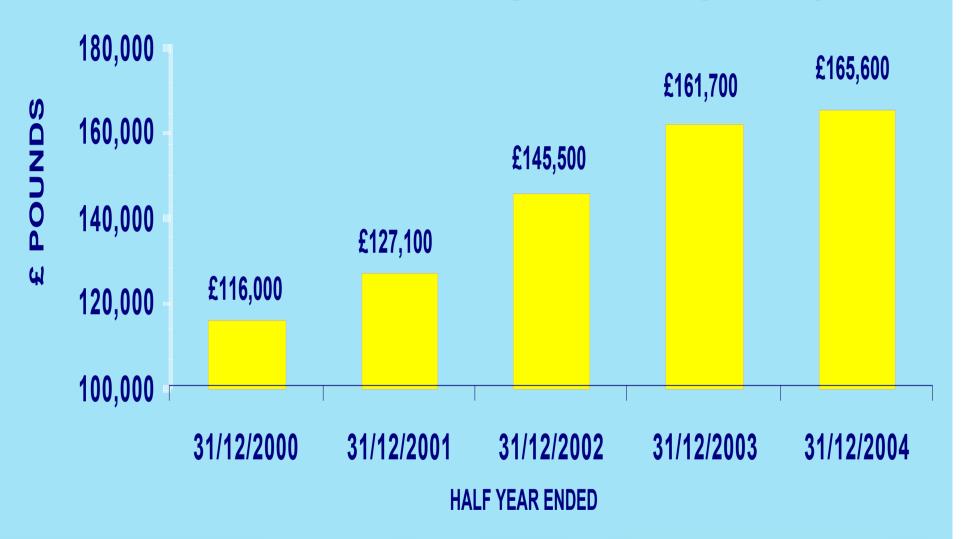


USA LEGAL COMPLETIONS

HALF YEAR

31.12.04	31.12.03	CHAN	IGE
No.	No.	No.	%
117	353	(236)	(66.8)



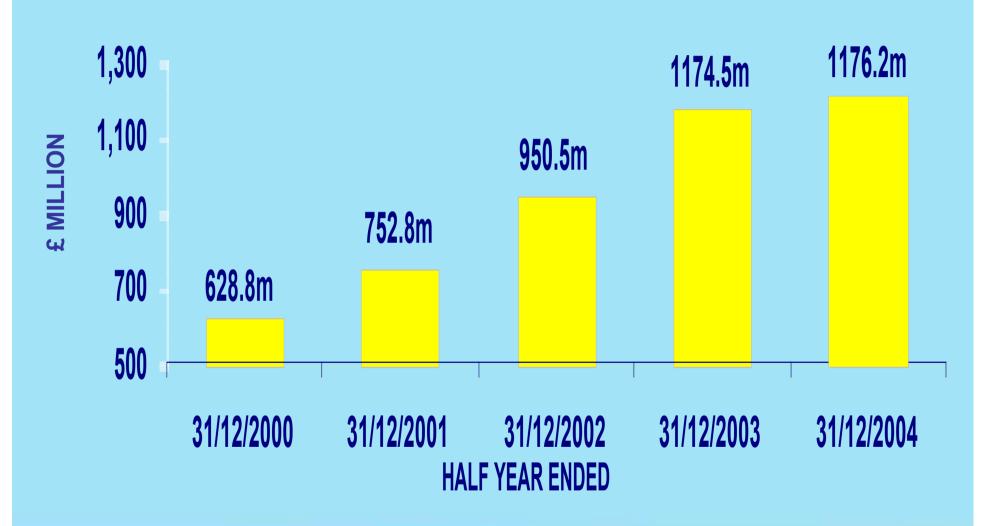




HALF YEAR

	31.12.04	31.12.03	INCR	EASE
	£	£	£	%
Private	179,000	168,800	10,200	6.0
Social	105,800	90,000	15,800	17.6
	165,600	161,700	3,900	2.4





TOTAL TURNOVER

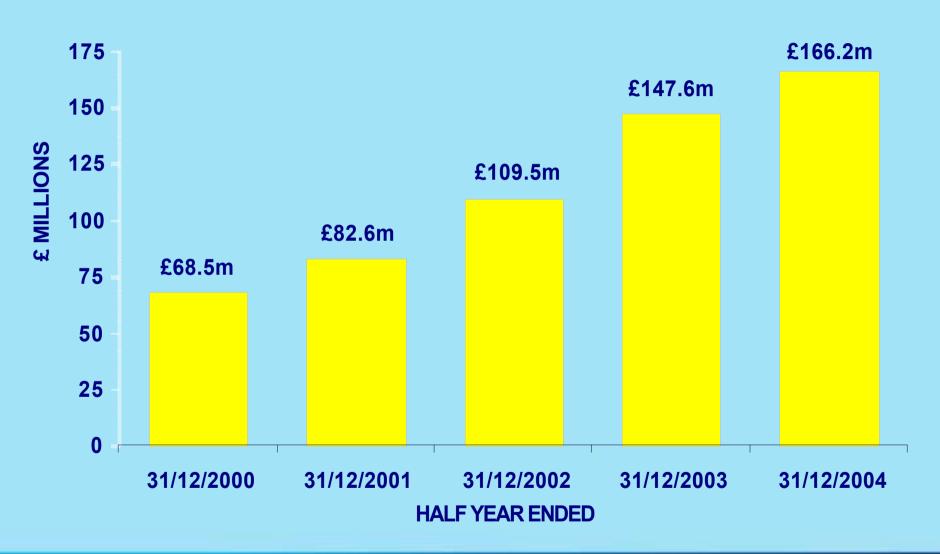


HALF YEAR

	31.12.04 31.12.03		INCREASE	
	£M	£M	£M	%
UK HOUSEBUILD	1143.2	1084.4	58.8	5.4
UK NON-CORE	5.0	7.7	(2.7)	(35.1)
UK	1148.2	1092.1	56.1	5.1
USA	28.0	82.4	(54.4)	(66.0)
TOTAL	1176.2	1174.5	1.7	0.1

GROUP TURNOVER





GROUP OPERATING PROFIT



	HALF YEAR			
	£M	£M	£M	%
	31.12.04	31.12.03	INCRE	ASE
UK HOUSEBUILD	163.6	143.8	19.8	13.8
NON-CORE/ CENTRAL O/H	2.2	(4.5)		
USA	0.4	8.3		
SUB-TOTAL	166.2	147.6	18.6	12.6
GROUND RENT DISPOSAL	6.4	-		
TOTAL	172.6	147.6	25.0	16.9
	%	%		%
UK HOUSEBUILD MARGIN	14.3	13.3		1.0

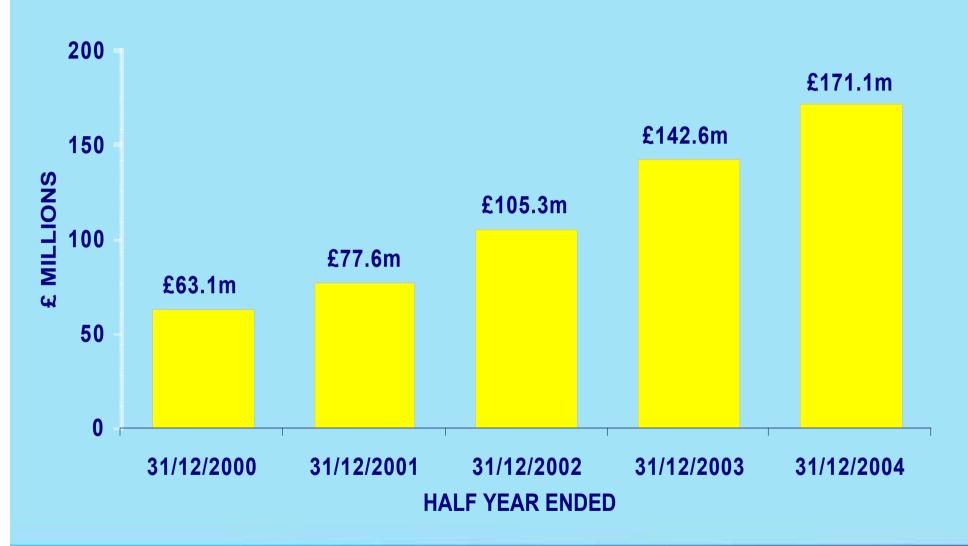


HALF YEAR

	31.12.04	31.12.03	INCREASE
	£M	£M	£M
CHARGE	1.5	5.0	(3.5)
AVERAGE FUNDING	(24.0)	176.0	(200.0)
AVERAGE GEARING	Nil	18%	







PRE - TAX PROFIT



HALF YEAR

	31.12.04	31.12.03	INCRE	ASE
	£M	£M	£M	%
PRE TAX PROFIT	171.1	142.6	28.5	20.0
TAX	51.3	40.7	10.6	26.0
EARNINGS	119.8	101.9	17.9	17.6
EPS - BASIC	51.1p	43.6p	7.5p	17.2







BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE



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HALF YEAR ENDED 31.12.04	TOTAL	USA	EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS	UK CONTINUING
	£M	£M	£M	£M
TURNOVER				
CONTINUING OPERATIONS	1148.2	-	-	1148.2
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	28.0	(28.0)	-	<u>-</u>
	1176.2	(28.0)	-	1148.2
OPERATING PROFIT				
BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS	165.8	-	-	165.8
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS	6.4	-	(6.4)	-
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	0.4	(0.4)	-	-
	172.6	(0.4)	(6.4)	165.8
FINANCE	(1.5)	0.4	-	(1.1)
PRE TAX PROFIT	171.1	-	(6.4)	164.7

UK UNDERLYING ONGOING BUSINESS B



HALF YEAR

	31.12.04	31.12.03	INC/(DEC)
	M3	£M	£M.
FIXED ASSETS	11.8	11.2	0.6
CURRENT ASSETS	2369.1	2056.4	312.7
CREDITORS < 1 YEAR	(1079.8)	(968.0)	(111.8)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	1289.3	1088.4	200.9
CREDITORS > 1 YEAR	(88.4)	(105.5)	17.1
NET ASSETS	1212.7	994.1	218.6
NET ASSETS PER SHARE	505p	416p	

BALANCE SHEET



£M	31.12.04	31.12.03	INC/(DEC)
LAND UK	1563	1296	267
USA		56	(56)
	1563	1352	211
WIP UK	569	428	141
USA	-	25	(25)
	569	453	116
PX UK	25	19	6
TOTAL	2157	1824	333





	31.12.04	31.12.03	INC/(DEC)
	£M	£M	£M
UK	480.5	356.0	124.5
USA	-	7.1	(7.1)
	480.5	363.1	117.4
DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR	398.0	292.2	105.8
DUE AFTER 1 YEAR	82.5	70.9	11.6
	480.5	363.1	117.4











HALF YEAR ENDED 31.12.04	£M	£M
OPERATING PROFIT		172.6
INCREASE IN LAND	(220.2)	
INCREASE IN WIP	(53.5)	
GROSS INVESTMENT IN LAND & WIP		(273.7)
INCREASE IN LAND CREDITORS		89.3
INCREASE IN PART EXCHANGE		(8.9)
INCREASE IN DEBTORS/DECREASE IN CREDITORS		(14.7)
OTHER NON CASH MOVEMENTS		(3.0)
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	_	(38.4)
TAX & DIVIDENDS		(87.3)
DISPOSAL PROCEEDS		84.5
FINANCING		(7.6)
DECREASE IN CASH		(48.8)





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David Pretty



GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE



COMPLETIONS

6,865

Up 2%



year of increased output



MORE homes in total

MORE homes on brownfield

than ANY OTHER housebuilder







Flousing Lack



Activity Moderated

More Normal level of activity

More Stable & Sustainable market



We Prepared for these conditions



(£757m last year)



Sales **Encouraging** since Jan '05

Sales sufficient to Achieve our Goals



FORWARD SALES

Now stand at: Record £1 billion

(£833m last year)

(93% last year)

This secures 90% of full year projection



Historically **Low** interest rates

Good employment levels

Restricted supply

Moderating price increases

Improving confidence & affordability

SOUND MARKET



PART EXCHANGE

Only 6% of buyers use



PX STOCK

At 31/12/04: 178 units & £25m stock

Now reduced: 153 units & £22m stock

Can react Quickly to demand



WIDE Geographic Spread

Selling To ALL Market Sectors



GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD

Price range: £80k to £2m

Affordable Ave. price of £165.6k

Over 85% of private under £250k

70% below £200k

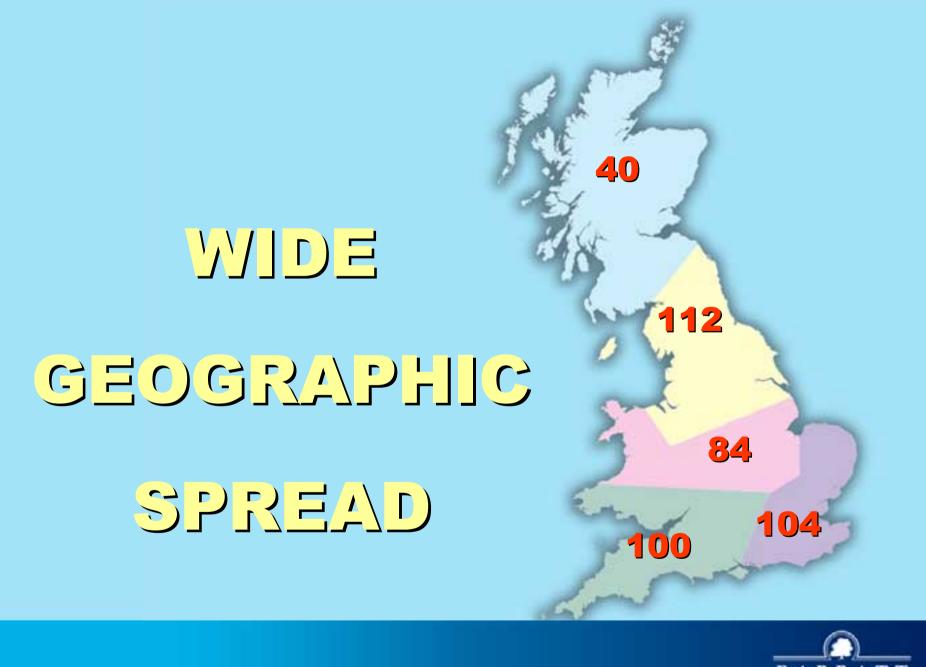


HOMES OVER ELOUK

South East: Only 4%

Nationally: Under 2%







URBAN REGENERATION

Remain industry Leaders

Track record Over 25 years

82% brownfield - Nationally

95% brownfield - South East



URBAN REGENERATION

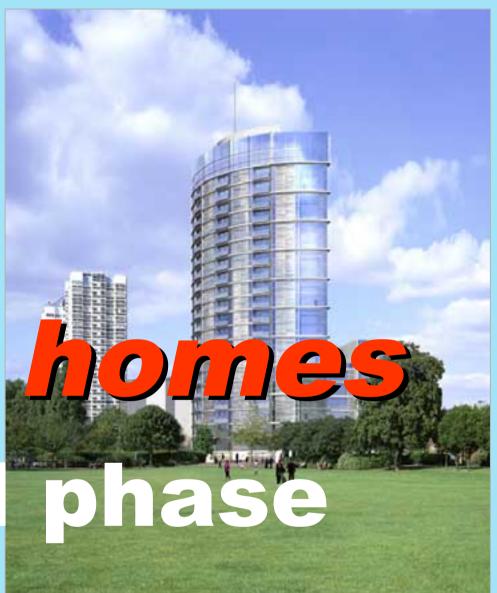
Over 11,600 on brownfield in 2004

Well placed to benefit further











SOCIAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS

Half year to 31/12/04 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{256}{6}$ homes

Full year to 30/06/05 approx 2,000 homes

Enormous ever growing shortage

Sales Guaranteed: Gov. funded

Similar Pre-tax margins to private

Very well placed to benefit



LAND AND PLANNING

Exercised Prudence

Nevertheless acquired 8,974 plots

Total land stocks: 51,443 plots (owned & contracted)

Plus further 8,000 plots (agreed)

Equals a total land bank: 59,443 plots



LAND BANK

4 Years supply

All land already owned/contracted for 05/06

(Over 85% with detailed planning permission)

80% owned/contracted for 06/07



We will Increase our land bank to

Underpin future growth and provide

Further cover for planning delays



PLANNING SITUATION

Barker Report highlighted Undersupply

Improvements will Take Time

Meantime getting **Worse**



PLANNING SITUATION

Still won approvals for over 7,300 plots

Restriction continues to Underpin market

Companies like us will **Prosper**



SUPER DIVISIONS

Each capable of building 700 homes PA

Teams Strengthened

Additional funds

Increasing volumes from 2006/07





Edinburgh's most prolific house builder



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As part of the C100th project, Elevati is buting 335 number grammers, rotuding a number of nemal horses for her workers More than 90% are already sold.

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The project, on a 300-acre borner Room Detrained below who is providing around 2,000 new horses, a hostene park and other years with ampletyment for up for 5,000 people, durint shapping contra-rations station, conversity facilities, sports



The North





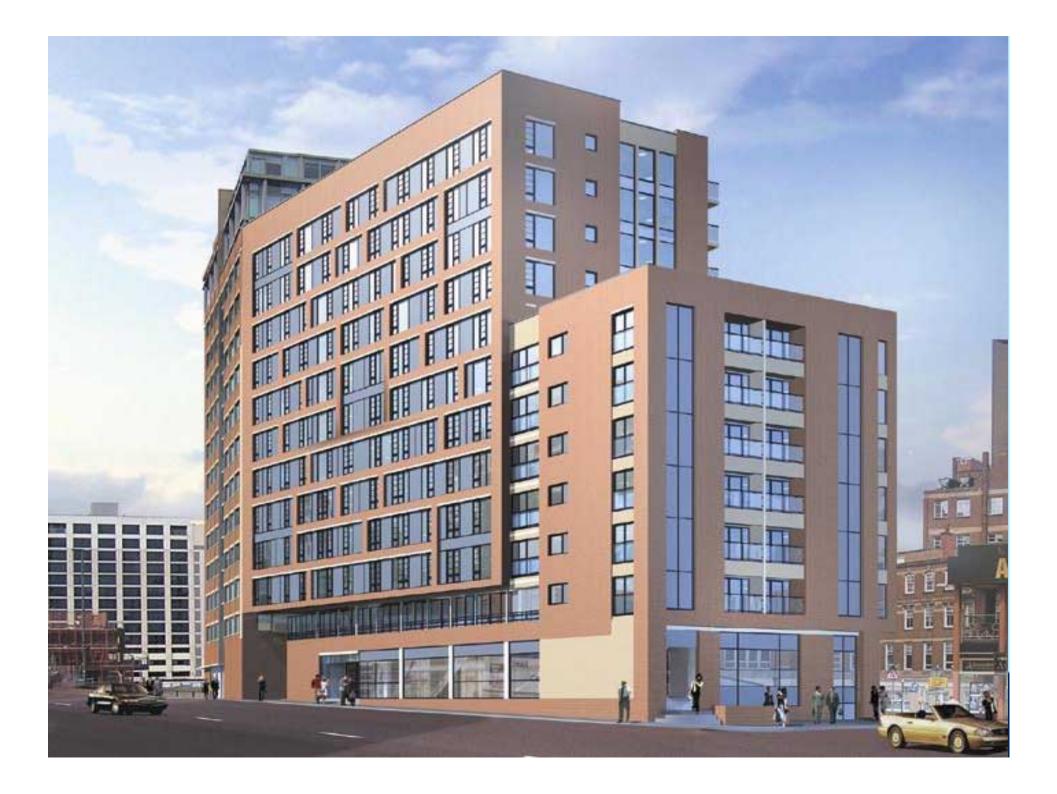
URBAN UPDATE





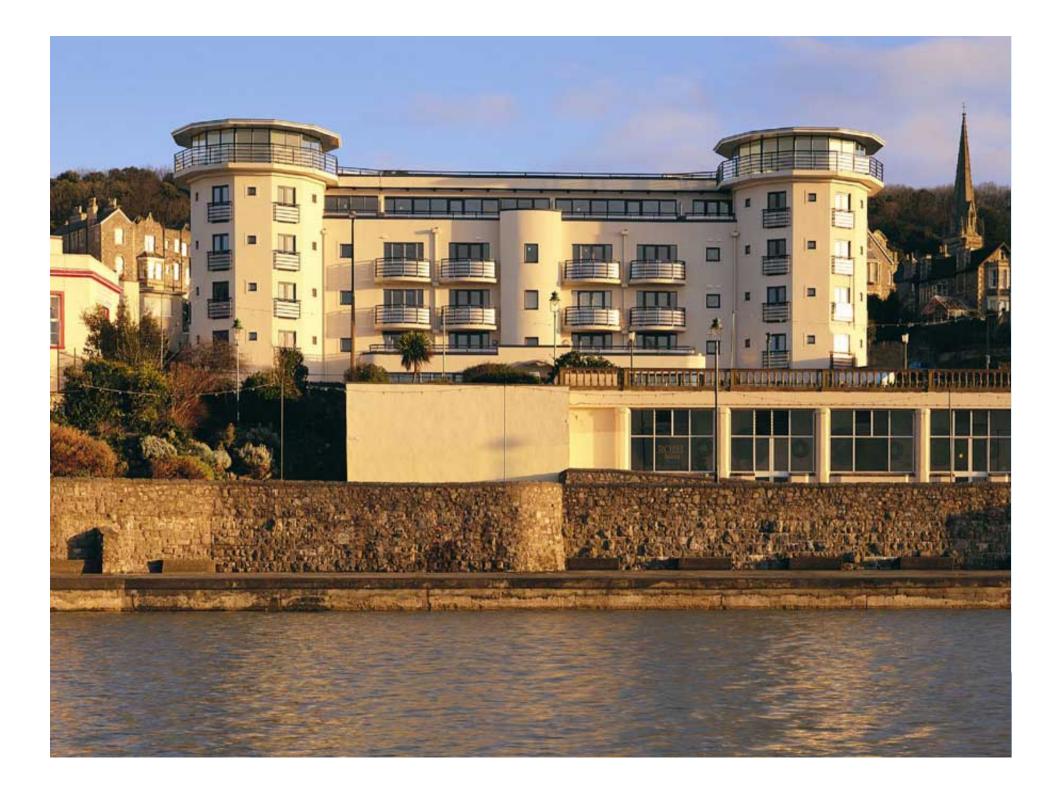




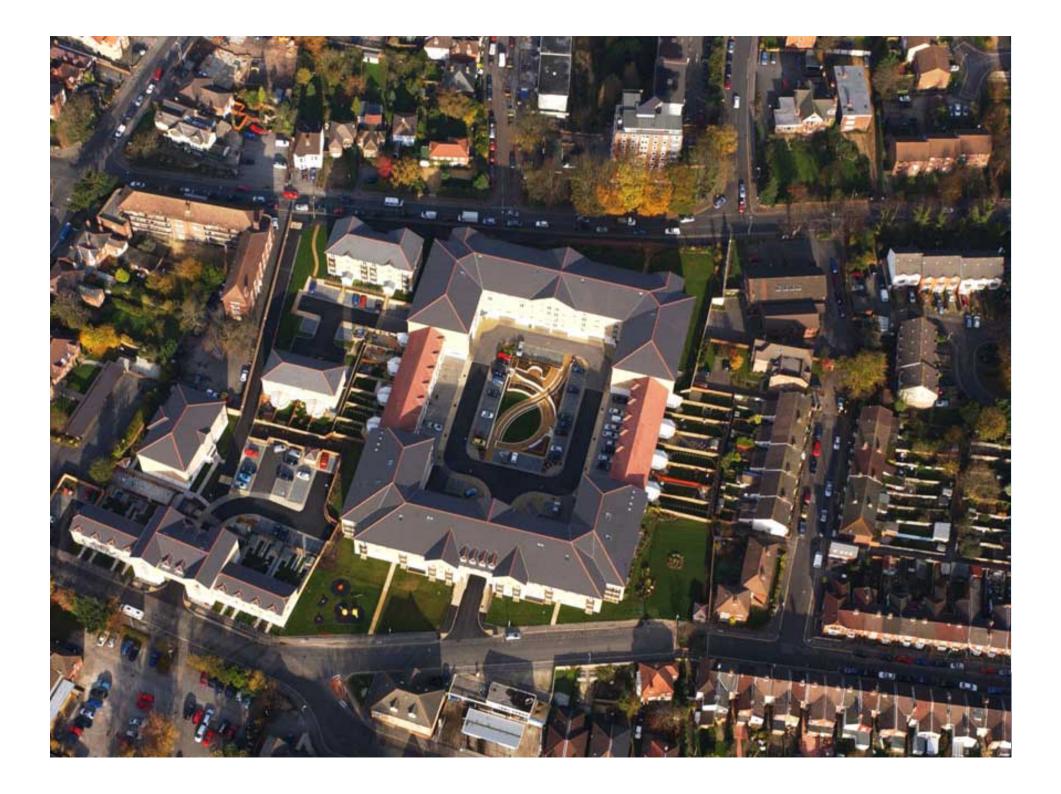














































CUSTOMER CARE





Record 57





AWARD WINNING QUALITY





SKILLS TRAINING



SUMMARY

Yet another **Good** half year

Half year forward sales £803m

(£757m last year)

Forward Sales now record £1 billion

With completions secures 90% of full year

Confident of Record full year



LOOKING AHEAD

Land bank Mcreasing

CO/Ce strengths

Strong finances

Proven marketing expertise

Sustainable margins



In Good shape



Confident about the future

