

## **WEBCAST: BRINGING THE UK ECONOMY BACK TO LIFE**

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## Introduction

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- Ben Collett, Managing Director, Operational Restructuring
- <u>Phil Dakin</u>, Managing Director, Restructuring Advisory
- Matt Ingram, Managing Director, Restructuring Advisory
- Ryan McNelley, Managing Director and European Head of Portfolio Valuation
- Henry Wells, Managing Director and Head of UK M&A Advisory



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- 2. The legacy of government initiatives Phil Dakin
- **3.** Impacts of COVID-19 on portfolio valuations Ryan McNelley
- 4. Transactions: post lockdown activity and outlook Henry Wells
- Panel Discussion: Challenges and opportunities: insights and comments on what lies ahead
  - <u>Panelists:</u> Jacco Brouwer, Ben Collett, Phil Dakin, Ryan McNelley and Henry Wells
  - Moderator: Matt Ingram
- 6. Q&A

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## The Legacy of Government Initiatives

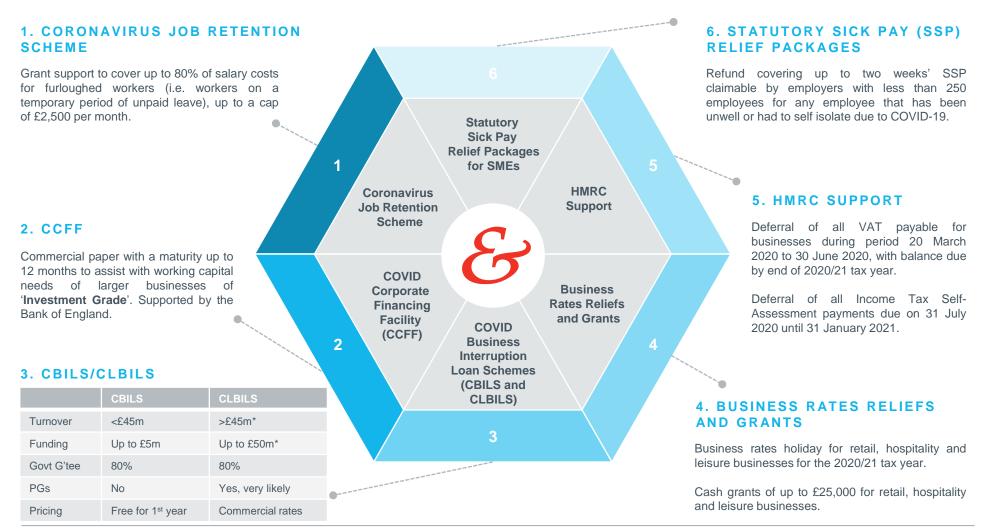
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## THE LEGACY OF GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

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What are the government measures to provide financial support to UK businesses?



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## THE LEGACY OF GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

The hard work is yet to come.....

#### CBILS/CLBILS DEBT BURDEN

- Serviceability of CBILS and CLBILS loans are being based on historic norms. However, there is likely to be a new version of 'normal' trading for many business for the next 12-24 months, one which is materially lower than that seen prior to COVID-19.
- Future refinancing of debt will see a new lens being applied by the lenders when the government and public's eyes are no longer focused on them. Accordingly, refinancing may be harder to achieve, material pricing uplifts applied and a change in collateral requirements.

#### OPERATIONAL DEPENDENCE

- For those in the most affected sectors, such as leisure and hospitality, the business rates relief will be a drug that businesses struggle to wean themselves off.
- There is likely to be further lobbying for business rates reductions or an extension to this scheme.
- The loss of business rates income for local councils will materially impact their own budgets, which will ultimately lead to local or central government cuts to other services or schemes.

#### **RISING FISCAL DEFICIT**

- With the level of funding being supplied to support the government's various initiatives, the November half-year Budget will be interesting. We can expect...
- A possible return to/continuation of austerity measures seen under the rein of George Osbourne.
- A likely u-turn, or delay at least, on Boris' spending plans.
- Tax increases across the board and unlikely to be limited to high-earners.

#### TRADING LIABILITIES

- During lockdown everyone has been 'in it together' with a general acceptance that bills will be paid when businesses re-open. Once they do, attitudes are likely to change and enforcement actions more likely.
- HMRC liabilities will be significant and in some cases too much to bear. The government may be required to writeoff, rather than just defer these liabilities.
- Insolvencies are likely to materially rise and the CVA become the preferred business tool to compromise debts in order for management teams to maintain control.

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## Impacts of COVID-19 on Portfolio Valuations

Ryan McNelley Managing Director, Portfolio Valuation

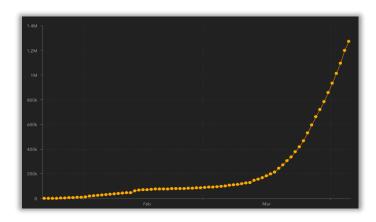


## **PRESERVING VALUE IN AN UNCERTAIN MARKET**

The world turned upside down in the space of 6 weeks!

- Unprecedented economic dislocation
- Unprecedented government action
- Unprecedented market dynamics

Equals: More difficult valuation challenges than ever before!



However, valuation principles remain a guiding light in times of uncertainty.

#### Fair Value is:

"... the price that would be received TO SELL an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an ORDERLY transaction between market participants at the measurement date."

#### A Fair Value ≠ Fire Sale Price

- A Fair Value takes into account current market conditions
- Fair Value takes into account information that is known and knowable at the measurement date
- The need for fair value: Investors (LPs) need timely reported fair value based Net Asset Values (NAV) for decision making, financial reporting, exercising fiduciary duty



- While some companies will be more impacted than others, no company is immune to the market's "re-pricing" of risk: higher return expectations at a given risk level mean lower asset prices
- 2. Some evidence exists that suggests private investments are generally less volatile than actively traded investments
- **3.** Virtually all Private Equity managers worldwide will need to value their 31 March NAVs with "imperfect information" i.e., without the benefit of portfolio company 2020 re-forecasts

## **CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRIVATE EQUITY**

- Opaque 2020 forecasts from portfolio companies
- Long-term portfolio company forecasting in the 'new normal'?
- Market approach versus income approach
- Liquidity planning and potential new equity injections
- Rent payment holidays and interest payment holidays
- Government intervention and stimulus
- Cost of capital and borrowing rates
- Treatment of debt in the Waterfall: book value versus fair value
- Benchmarking of comparable company multiples
- Lack of comparable M&A activity
- Altered exit assumptions

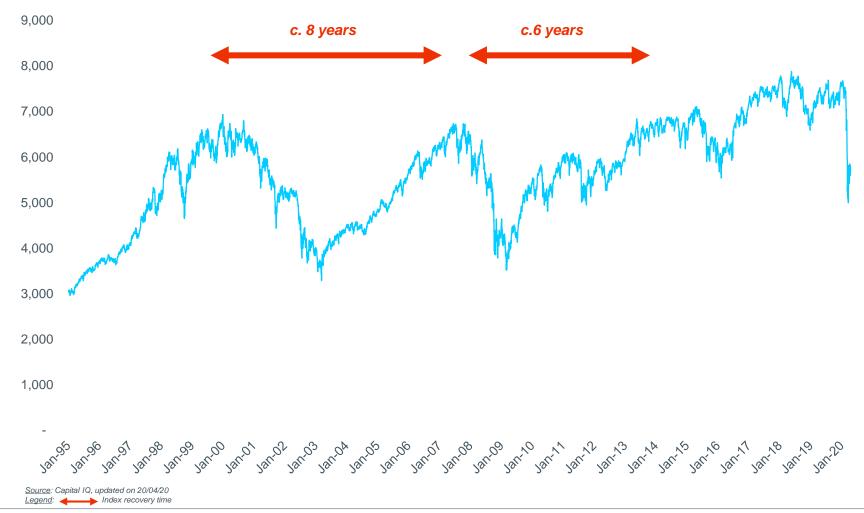
# Transactions: post lockdown activity and outlook

Henry Wells Managing Director, M&A Advisory



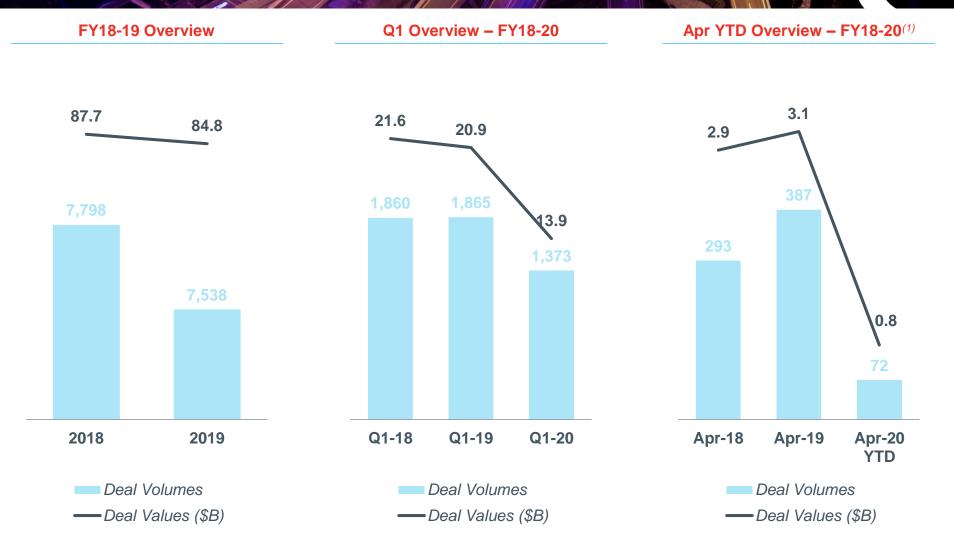
# FTSE 100 INDEX – PERFORMANCE AND RECOVERY TIME

FTSE 100 Index



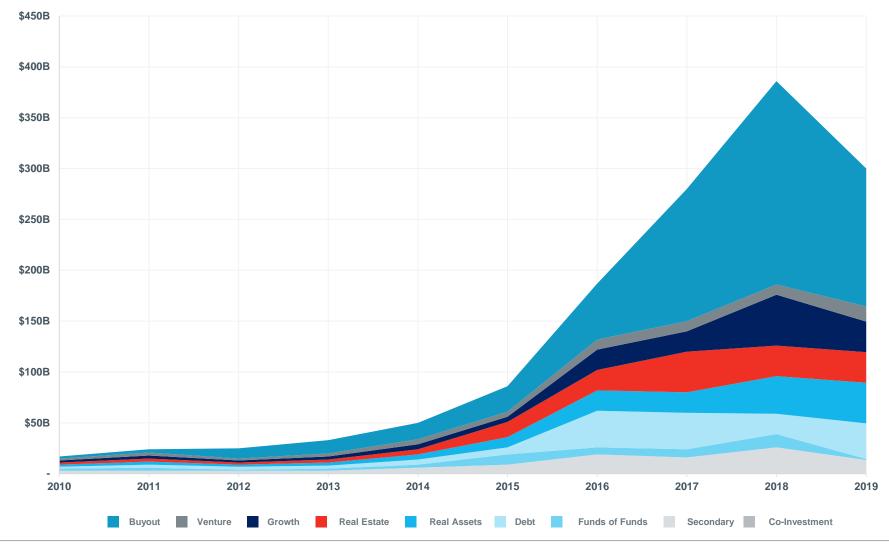
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## **EUROPEAN MID-MARKET M&A TRANSACTIONS**



Sources: MergerMarket as of 16/04/20 – transactions of targets headquartered in Europe, with EV below £200M; D&P Analysis Note: (1) April 1st to Apr 16<sup>th</sup>

## GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY – FUNDS RAISED AND NOT YET INVESTED ("DRY POWDER")

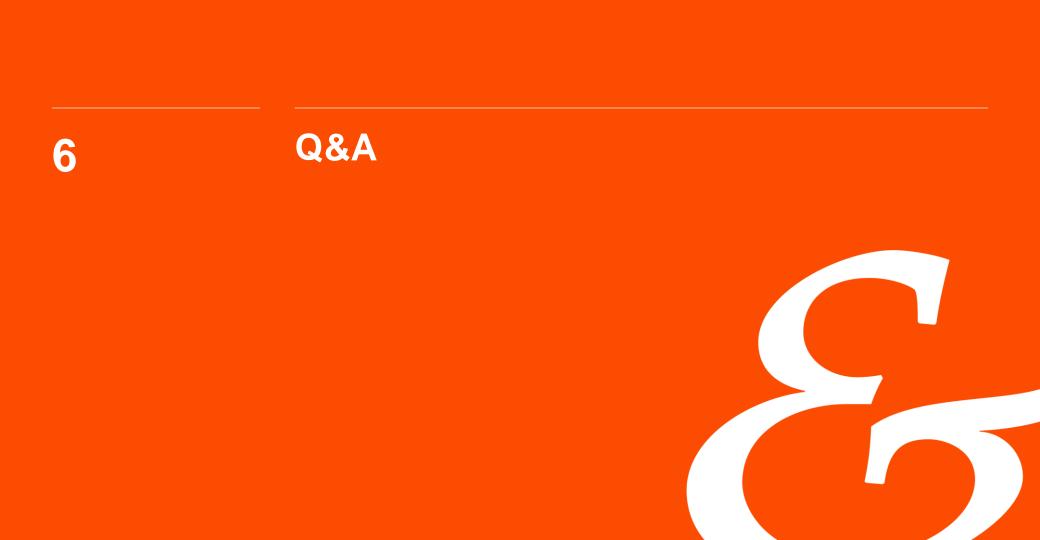


### FUTURE TRANSACTION ACTIVITY - SOME OBSERVATIONS



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Panel Discussion: Challenges and opportunities: insights and comments on what lies ahead



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## **GOVERNMENT COVID-19 BUSINESS INITIATIVES**

	1. CORONAVIRUS JOB RETENTION SCHEME	2. COVID CORPORATE FINANCING FACILITY (CCFF)	3. COVID BUSINESS INTERRUPTION LOAN SCHEME (CBILS)
Overview	<ul> <li>Businesses are able to access grant support (not a loan) to cover up to 80% of salary costs for furloughed workers (i.e. workers on a temporary period of unpaid leave)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Commercial Papers can be issued by larger businesses (via their bank) to be purchased by the Bank of England ("BoE"), with a maturity of up to 12 months</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A loan scheme for SMEs delivered by the British Business Bank and accessible through 40 accredited lenders, with an 80% government backed guarantee on loans</li> </ul>
Level of financial support	<ul> <li>Grant capped at £2,500 per month per furloughed worker</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>BoE will purchase a minimum of £1 million security from an individual participant</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Loans from £1,000 up to £5 million</li> <li>Unsecured loans up to £250k (at lender's discretion)</li> </ul>
Eligibility	All UK businesses eligible	<ul> <li>UK incorporated companies incl. those with foreign-incorporated parents</li> <li>Companies with significant employment in UK or with a UK headquarters</li> <li>Companies generating significant revenues, serving a large number of customers or holding large number of sites in the UK</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>UK based SME with turnover not exceeding £45 million per annum</li> <li>Companies must generate more than 50% of turnover from trading activity</li> </ul>
Additional details	<ul> <li>Employees remain employed and it is the employer's choice to fund the 20% difference</li> <li>Wages can be backdated to 1 March 2020</li> <li>Scheme will cover an initial period of three months (and extended if necessary)</li> <li>However, it is our understanding that the first payments will not reach corporates until early May 2020</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>BoE to provide major support to companies that make a material contribution to the UK economy (i.e. larger companies)</li> <li>Facility should support liquidity among larger firms, helping them to bridge working capital needs due to coronavirus disruption</li> <li>Final eligibility decisions will be made by the BoE risk management staff, taking into account a number of different factors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Facilities offered, with varying terms: <ul> <li>Term loan</li> <li>Overdraft</li> <li>Asset Lending</li> <li>Invoice Discounting</li> </ul> </li> <li>The government will cover set-up fees and first 12 months interest</li> <li>The borrower always remains fully liable for the debt</li> </ul>

## **OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES**

	4. BUSINESS RATES RELIEFS AND GRANTS	5. HMRC SUPPORT	6. STATUTORY SICK PAY (SSP) RELIEF PACKAGES
Overview	<ul> <li>Business rates holiday for English retail, leisure and hospitality companies for the 2020/2021 tax year - irrespective of the rateable value</li> <li>Additional grant scheme will provide cash grants of up to £25,000 per property</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>HMRC has agreed to defer all VAT payable by UK companies during the period 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2020, and defer income tax payments falling under the Self- Assessment Scheme to January 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SSP is payable to qualifying employees (from day one) for those not able to work due to self isolation or being unwell as a result of COVID-19</li> </ul>
Level of financial support	<ul> <li>Businesses with rateable value of under £15,000 will receive a grant of £10,000</li> <li>Businesses with a rateable value between £15,001 - £51,000 will receive a grant of £25,000</li> </ul>	• N/A	<ul> <li>Current rate of SSP is £94.25 per week, with maximum two weeks' pay per employee</li> </ul>
Eligibility	<ul> <li>Companies in the retail, hospitality and/or leisure sectors eligible for both schemes</li> <li>Casinos and gambling clubs not eligible</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For VAT deferral, all UK businesses are eligible</li> <li>For income tax deferral, self-employed workers are eligible</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Small or medium-sized UK businesses that employ fewer than 250 people as of 28 February 2020</li> <li>Claims can be backdated to 13 March 2020</li> </ul>
Additional details	The respective local authority will write to each business to confirm they are eligible	<ul> <li>VAT taxpayers will be given until the end of the 2020/21 tax year to pay any amounts that have been deferred</li> <li>VAT refunds and reclaims will be paid by the government as normal</li> <li>Time To Pay arrangements on any liabilities falling outside of the timeframes stipulated must be negotiated and agreed with HMRC on a case-by-case basis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Employers will be able to reclaim up to a maximum of two weeks' SSP per eligible employee</li> <li>Employers should maintain records of staff absences and payments of SSP</li> </ul>