

### Summary

#### H1 2021

- Record Loans under Management of c.£5bn and originations of £1.6bn, helping thousands of businesses - UK originations up 109% year-on-year.
- Our technology platform is transforming the SME borrowing experience with instant decisions for 60% of applications.
- Improving loan performance demonstrates quality and resilience of portfolio.
- High levels of demand from institution investors to fund loans.
- Strong financial performance:
  - Total income: £120.6m (H1 2020: £101.2m) up 19% year-on-year.
  - Profit: £53.3m AEBITDA (H1 2020 -£84.1m) and £35.5m operating profit (H1 2020: -£113.5m).
  - Strong growth in net assets to £254.1m (Dec-20: £217.6m)

#### Looking ahead

- Acceleration in adoption of online small business lending, will benefit Funding Circle going forward.
- Operating our core loan product alongside government guarantee programmes in the UK and US.
- Continue to scale Instant Decision Lending with long term target of 80% of loan decisions automated.
- Leveraging our technology to launch new solutions to help SMEs:
  - Embedded finance
  - FlexiPay
  - Business Charge Card
- Attractive financial profile: powered by UK, we expect to be AEBITDA profitable on an ongoing basis and will invest in additional growth opportunities.



Our mission:

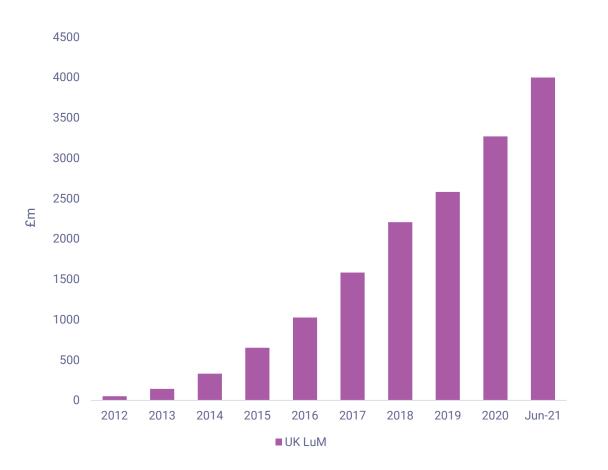
Build the place where small businesses get the funding they need to win.

How we do it:

We deliver an amazing experience for small businesses powered by machine learning and technology.

# Long term strategy benefiting from structural changes accelerated by Covid

Growth in loans under management over 10+ years

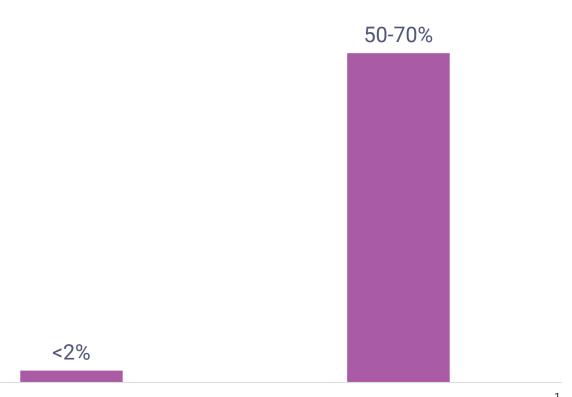


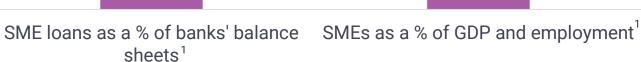
Structural changes accelerated by Covid will benefit Funding Circle

- Significant acceleration in adoption of online borrowing
- Strong demand from investors looking for attractive risk-adjusted returns
- SMEs have ongoing financing needs
- Government support shows SMEs are strategically important to economic growth



### Small business lending is underserved by traditional lenders





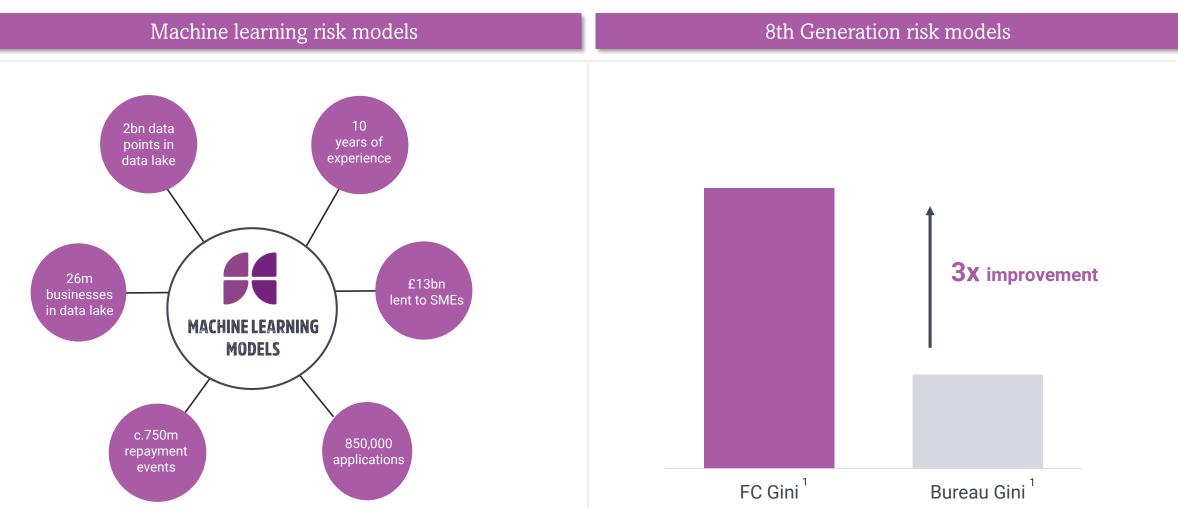




OECD SME and Entrepreneurship Outlook 2019

<sup>2.</sup> OC&C analysis: Target addressable market in UK and US. Excludes commercial mortgages, loans / debt products <5k and >500k in local currency and loans with APR >25%. In US, higher minimum threshold of \$25k

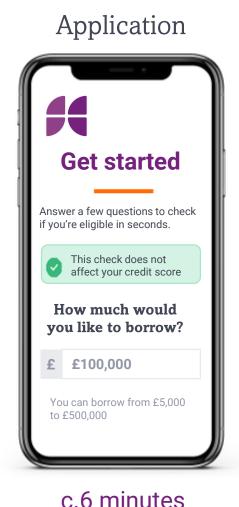
### Our risk models are 3X better than bureau scores

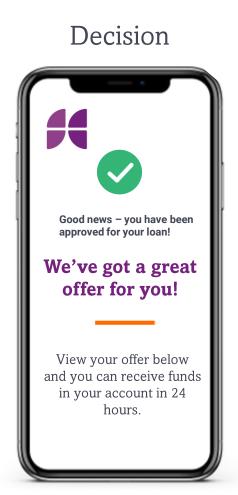




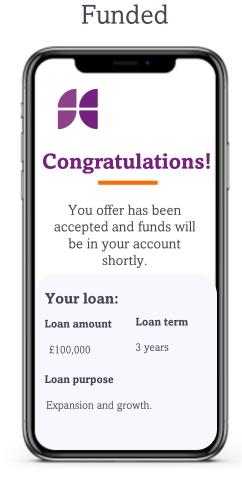
# Our Instant Decision Lending technology is revolutionising SME lending

Instant decision enables SME owners to receive a decision in minutes with annual interest rates from 4.9%<sup>1</sup>





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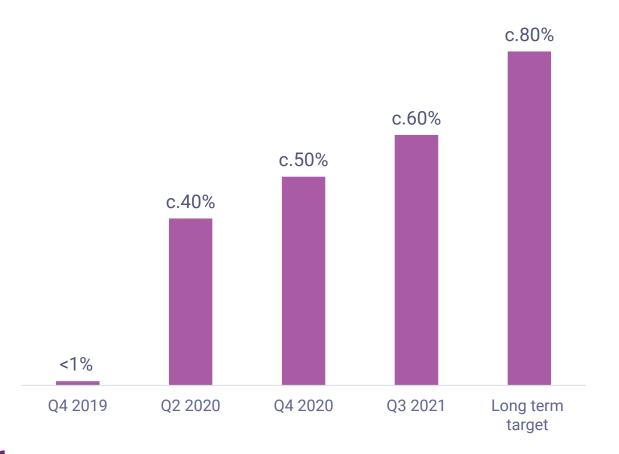


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24 hours

### This technology has huge benefits for Funding Circle





#### Instant Decision Lending delivers:

#### Credit performance as accurate as non-IDL loans

• IDL leverages the same risk models, developed over 10 years, as non-IDL loans.

#### **Higher conversion**

 Getting an instant decision can improve borrower conversion by up to 25%.

#### Lower processing costs and scalability

 H1 2021 UK originations up 109% year-on year, without adding additional headcount.

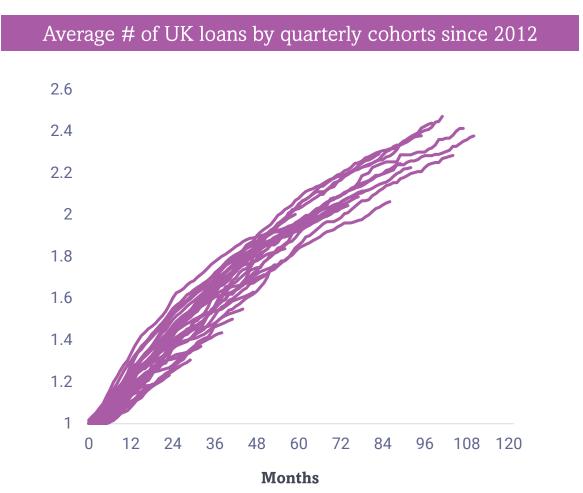
#### Ability to launch new products

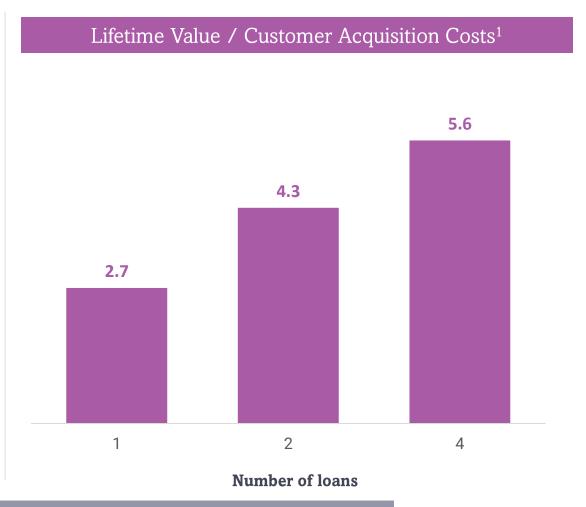
FlexiPay beta testing launched in August.

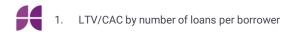


# Great experience leads to stable repeat rates and attractive unit economics









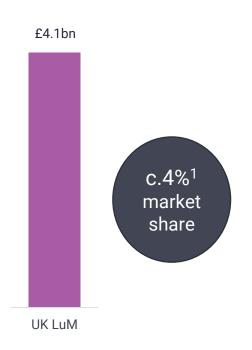
48% of operating income came from existing UK borrowers and investors in H1 2021

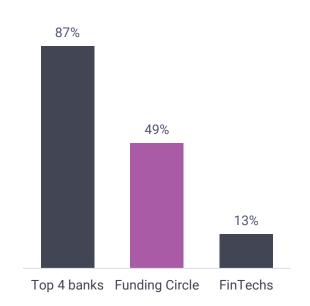
### Large scale, brand awareness and customer satisfaction

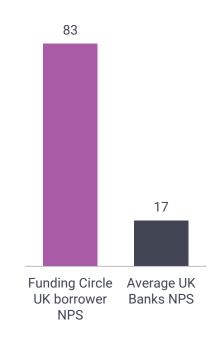
Largest UK lending platform

Leading SME FinTech brand awareness<sup>2</sup>

High customer satisfaction rates<sup>3</sup>









<sup>1.</sup> Target addressable market in UK based on OC&C analysis. Excludes commercial mortgages, loans / debt products < 5k and > 500k in local currency and loans with APR > 25%

<sup>2.</sup> Hall & Partners brand awareness research for Funding Circle – October 2020

<sup>.</sup> Net Promoter Score ("NPS") scores from Funding Circle NPS survey 2021. and average NPS of UK main banks via Customer Guru: https://customer.guru/

## Huge societal impact: £13bn lent to c.120,000 small businesses since 2010



Typical Funding Circle borrowers

- 12 years trading history
- 8 employees
- £1m revenue
- £80k loan size
- 50 months average term

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"Following lockdown, our online orders increased massively, so there was a challenge trying to source new stock. Funding Circle's technology meant the whole experience was easy and super quick."

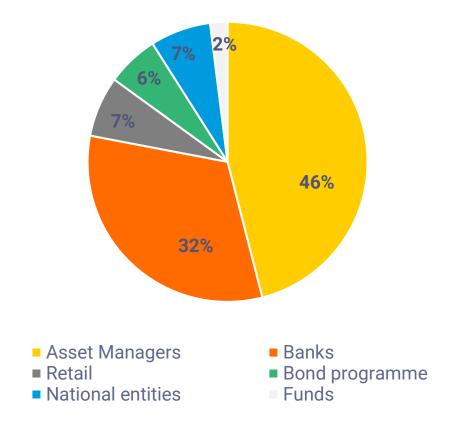
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Mike Turner co-founder and MD of Bird and Blend

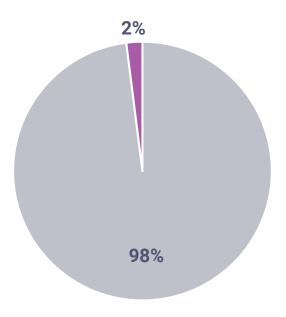
135,000 jobs created and sustained and £10bn contributed to GDP in 2020<sup>1</sup>

### £4.9bn of loans under management funded via a platform model

Diverse mix of investor types on the platform



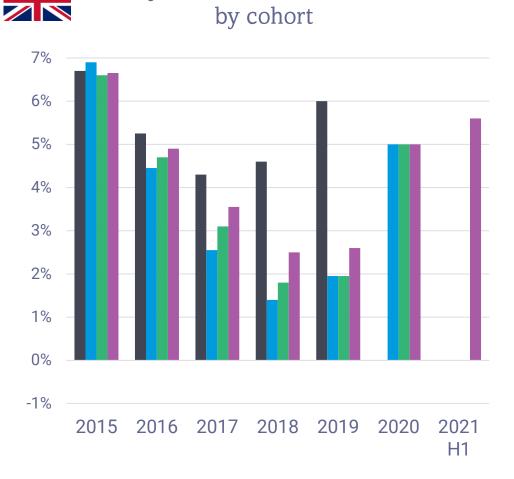
Funding Circle equity invested is only 2% of LuM



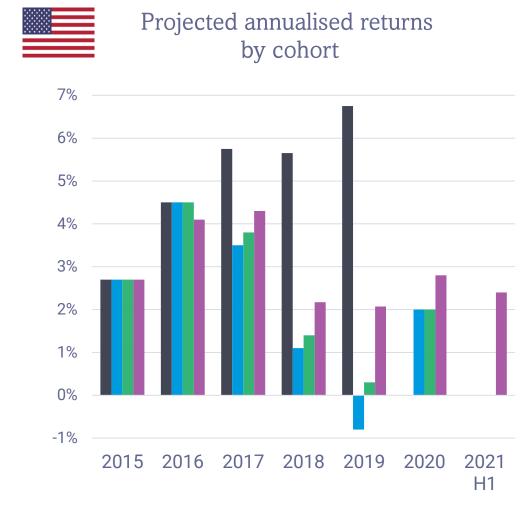
- Group LuM excluding FC equity invested (£4.8bn)
- FC equity invested (£105m)\*



# Improving loan performance demonstrates quality and resilience of portfolio



Projected annualised returns

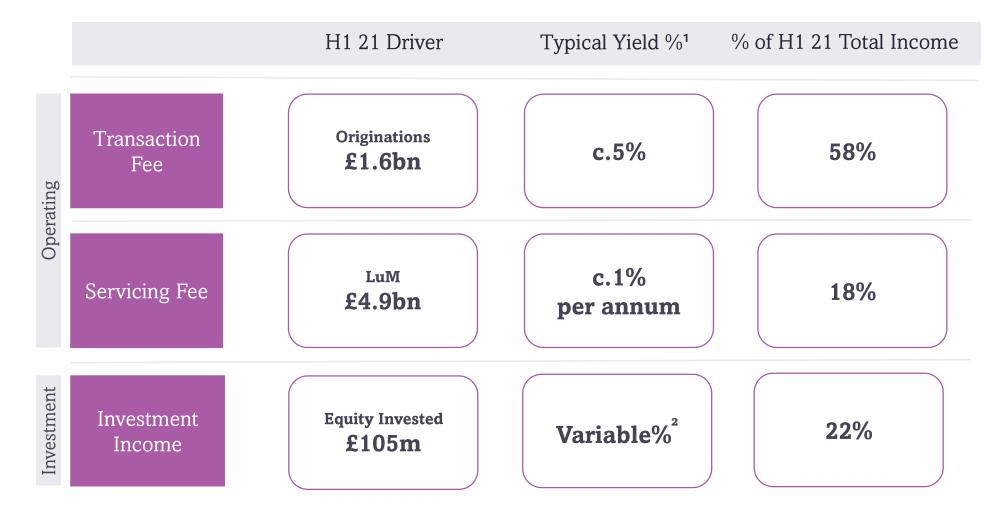






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# Revenue model - Fee income based model with equity invested where it makes platform stronger



<sup>1.</sup> Typical Yield may vary depending on government schemes and marketplace mix.

Go-forward yield will depend on the nature of where Funding Circle's equity is invested e.g. investments such as ABS typically yield higher returns but with higher volatility. Co-investments in loans, will typically earn lower returns but with lower volatility.

## **Group Financial Performance**



### Key Financial Metrics

£m	H1 2020	H2 2020	H1 2021
Loans Under Management (LuM)	3,722	4,214	4,933
Originations	1,112	1,630	1,635
Operating income	64.8	90.9	94.5
Investment income	36.4	29.9	26.1
Total income <sup>1</sup>	101.2	120.8	120.6
Fair value (losses)/gains²	(96.1)	(22.2)	8.1
Net income	5.1	98.6	128.7
Expenses above AEBITDA	(89.2)	(78.3)	(75.4)
AEBITDA <sup>2</sup>	(84.1)	20.3	53.3
Operating AEBITDA	(24.4)	12.6	19.1
Investment AEBITDA	(59.7)	7.7	34.2
Expenses below AEBITDA	(12.5)	(11.3)	(13.9)
Exceptionals	(16.9)	(1.8)	(3.9)
Operating profit (loss)	(113.5)	7.2	35.5
Profit (Loss) before taxation	(115.1)	7.0	35.4
Cash <sup>3</sup>	131.2	103.3	168.1
Net Assets	216.9	217.6	254.1

- Total income: £120.6m
   up 19% year-on-year
- Profit: £53.3m AEBITDA and £35.5m operating profit
- Net assets: strong growth in net assets to £254.1m

<sup>1.</sup> Total income is defined as fee income and investment income less investment expense and before non-cash fair value gains/losses

<sup>2.</sup> Adjusted EBITDA (Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation) excluding share-based payments, exceptional items and foreign exchange gains or losses. Investment AEBITDA represents investment income, investment expense and fair value adjustments and operating AEBITDA represents AEBITDA

<sup>3. £38</sup>m of cash in H1 2021 crystallized from US warehouse sale

### UK LuM, originations and total income<sup>1</sup>

LuM at £4.1bn Originations at £1.4bn Total income<sup>1</sup> at £98.8m £m 98.8 4,072 93.6 1,449 1,381 3,271 59.3 2,566 662 H1 20 H2 20 H1 21 H1 20 H2 20 H1 21 H1 20 H2 20 H1 21 5% **27**% **59%** (17)% 91% 109% **12**% 60% 67%



YoY

growth

1. Total income is defined as fee income and investment income less investment expense and before non-cash fair value gains/losses

### UK AEBITDA<sup>1</sup> and operating profit

£41.0m AEBITDA<sup>1</sup> in H1 2021

£31.2m operating profit in H1 2021







### US LuM, originations and total income<sup>1</sup>

Originations of £247m Total income<sup>1</sup> at £20.2m, with a LuM<sup>2</sup> at £733m further £16m of PPP transaction fees deferred £m 410 38.0 904 759 733 247 25.0 20.2 171 H1 20 H2 20 H1 21 H1 20 H1 21 H2 20 H1 20 H2 20 H1 21 (9)% (43)% (34)% (15)% 3% (11)% 28% **67%** (42)%

YoY

growth<sup>3</sup>

Total income is defined as fee income and investment income less investment expense and before non-cash fair value gains/losses. PPP deferred revenues of £16 million being spread over the future expected term of the PPP

H1 21 LuM includes £333m PPP loans

Geographic segment growth stated in local currency to eliminate FX variations

### US AEBITDA<sup>1</sup> and operating profit

£11.8m AEBITDA<sup>1</sup> in H1 2021 driven by Investment AEBITDA

£3.8m operating profit in H1 2021

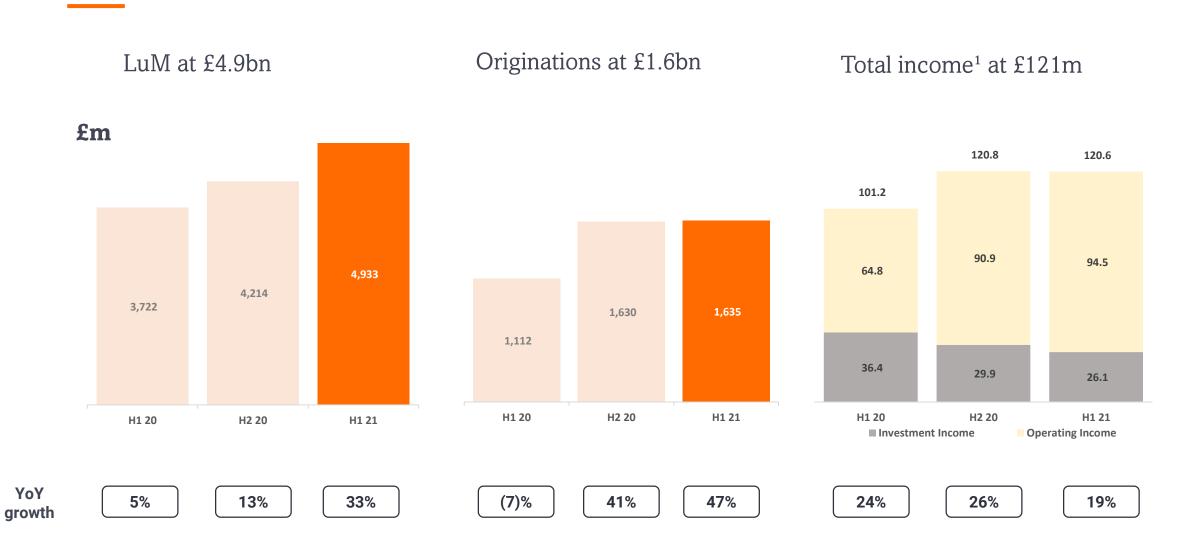
£m





Margin

### Group LuM, originations and total income<sup>1</sup>





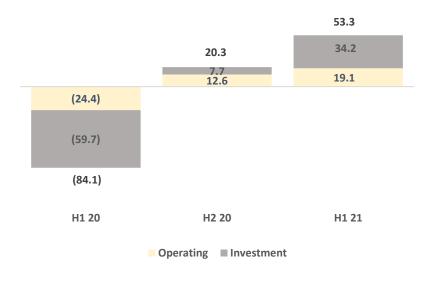
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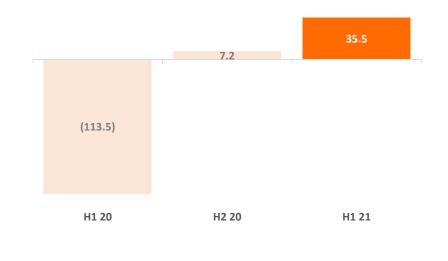
### Group AEBITDA<sup>1</sup> and operating profit

AEBITDA<sup>1</sup> £53m in H1 21

Operating profit of £36m in H1 21

£m





Margin

(83)%

17%

44%

(112)%

6%

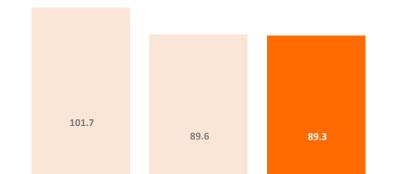
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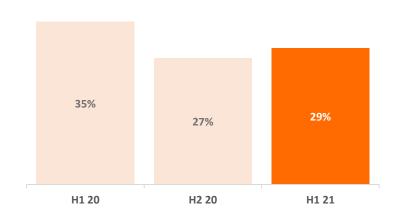
### Operating expenses

Cost management initiatives led to a 12% decrease H1 20 vs H1 21

£m



Reduced marketing costs from 35% in H1 20 to 29% of operating income in H1 21







H1 20

(15)%

H2 20

(12)%

H1 21



<sup>1.</sup> Operating expenses are before exceptional items and include the following cost areas: people; marketing; depreciation, amortization and impairment; loan repurchase charge; other costs

### Net Assets

Net assets of £254m, up £37m¹ (17%) since 31-Dec 20. This includes cash of £168m.



- Funding Circle deploys its equity where it makes the platform stronger. This may include limited co-investment and investment in new products.
- We see the ability to do this as a source of competitive advantage. We don't deploy capital with the sole purpose of deepening profit through investment returns.
- Absolute equity invested at Jun-21 of £105m is in-line with the guardrail we communicated at the FY results of being within the Dec-20 absolute level of £118m.
- We intend to re-cycle the investments over time as opportunity for realisations allow and we will continue to leverage some of our co-investments where appropriate. This is demonstrated by the sale of the US warehouses in Jun-21.



## Looking ahead



### The Funding Circle flywheel drives competitive advantage





### 2021 priorities

UK







- Core loans for borrowers that do not require a guarantee.
- Operate Recovery Loan Scheme for other borrowers.
- Launch new products using technology platform.

- Core loans for borrowers that do not require a guarantee.
- Originate permanent government guarantee loans on behalf of banks.
- Continue to operate our referral model for other borrower needs.



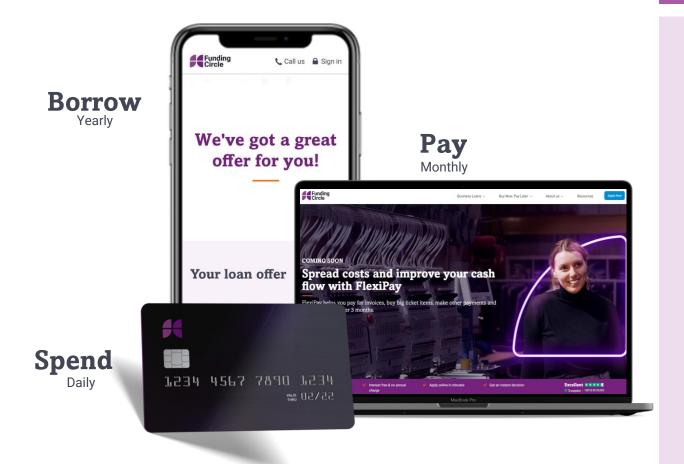
Embedding
Funding Circle
natively into
partners' websites
and platforms

 Application Programming Interface (API) beta launched in Q3

- Sandbox launched and working with 5 initial partners in finance broking sector
- Beta launch will enable embedded offers in partner environments. Plan to on-board new partners and optimise API from 2022



### Helping solve more small business problems



#### Benefits of new solutions

### Leverage proprietary technology to help more SMEs

 Using Funding Circle to settle monthly payments and for daily spend requirements brings us into more frequent part of customers' lives.

#### Support growth in core product

 Reinforces usage by existing customers and enables Funding Circle to accept more customers who in time graduate to longer term core loan product.

#### **Grow ecosystem**

TAM for UK SME payments c.£1 trillion.

#### Align with long term mission

 Build the place where small businesses get the funding they need to win.



### Bringing flexibility to SME payments

### FlexiPay NEW



#### **Key features**

- Unique BNPL<sup>1</sup> product for spreading the cost of paying invoices
- Instant ability to settle invoices, one-off 3% fee and then spread the repayment over 3 months interest free
- Running in beta phase for existing borrowers



### Early customer feedback highlights the attraction of FlexiPay

#### Livity, Intrit Facilities Management

"FlexiPay is a brilliant idea which will help me bridge the gap between supplier payments and to negotiate better with my suppliers. The application was simple and easy."

#### Paul, P&W Waste Solutions

"I signed up to FlexiPay as I had a payment due to a supplier and it allowed me to buy extra supplies which I needed. FlexiPay is one of the best ideas for small businesses and I will definitely be using it on an ongoing basis and telling people about it."

#### Carl, Advanced Joinery

"I like the product as it helps me pay suppliers on time, keep a good reputation and manage cash flow. The application process was straightforward and it only took a few minutes to complete."

#### Will, MWP Frames

"I was attracted to FlexiPay because it allows me to pay my suppliers early and manage cash flow. I plan on using this product a few times each month and would recommend to others."

## Early FlexiPay customers are located across the UK





### Supporting customers to manage their daily spending activities

## **Business Charge Card** NEW



#### **Key features**

- 1% cashback and nothing to pay for one month
- Opportunity to settle the balance in full at the end of the month or spread the repayment FlexiPay
- Wait list now open, roll out in 2022



### Strong H1 result; H2 expectations unchanged

#### Full year outlook:

- The business performed strongly in H1 2021 and the financial performance was above expectations.
- We remain mindful of the uncertain economic environment. In line with our expectations, there has been an initial reduction in lending as we have transitioned to operating our core loan product alongside government guarantee programmes in the UK and the US.
- As the economic environment becomes clearer we anticipate an acceleration in lending and are well placed to capture this going forward.
- We continue to expect AEBITDA will be skewed towards H1 with an expectation of H2 AEBITDA profit in the low single digit millions.



### Funding Circle in the medium term

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- **UK:** represented c.80% of Group total income in H1 2021. The business continues to offer operational leverage, is AEBITDA and Operating Profit profitable (and has been AEBITDA profitable since 2018), and cash generative.
- Strong growth opportunities in core market over the medium term.

Additional growth opportunities

- **US:** The US is 5x the size of the UK market, but at an earlier stage of development. PPP provided a boost to volumes and revenues in H1 2021. Post PPP as we invest to grow market share, the US will likely be AEBITDA loss making for the next few years. We will carefully manage the level of investment.
- **New products:** there is a big but early stage opportunity to support more customers by leveraging our technology platform. We announced the beta launch of FlexiPay. These new products will generate a small income contribution initially; stepping up in the future following successful roll out.

Group

**Group**: powered by UK, we expect to be AEBITDA profitable on an ongoing basis and will invest in additional growth opportunities.



# Q&A



## Financial appendices



### Government support for businesses during Covid-19

Coronavirus
Business
Interruption
Scheme (CBILS)

- CBILS started in March 2020. Loans available up to £5 million, available on repayment terms of up to six years. No personal guarantees for facilities under £250,000.
- The scheme provides the lender with an 80% government-backed guarantee against the outstanding balance of the finance. The borrower remains 100% liable for the debt.
- The Government pays the first year's interest and fees to the borrower, known as a Business Interruption Payment (BIP).
- Lenders pay a guarantee fee to participate on the scheme.
- CBILS applications ended on 31 March 2021, with ongoing fulfilment in Q2.

Recovery Loan Scheme (RLS)

- RLS launched in April 2021 with loans available up to £10 million on repayment terms of up to six years. No personal guarantees for facilities under £250,000.
- The scheme provides the lender with an 80% government-backed guarantee against the outstanding balance of the finance.
- Businesses are required to meet the costs of interest payments and any fees associated with the facility.
- Borrowers can have existing CBILS/BBLS facilities.
- Lenders pay a guarantee fee to participate on the scheme.
- The scheme is initially set to run until 31 December 2021, subject to review.

Paycheck Protection Programme (PPP)

- PPP originally ran April-August 2020 and then restarted in January 2021.
- Loans are designed to help businesses keep their workforce employed during Covid.
- These loans have an interest rate of 1% and maturity of 5 years\*.
- PPP loans are 100% forgivable if all employee retention criteria are met and the funds are used for eligible purposes.
- SBA pays the lender an origination fee that is a % of the loan amount accessed.
- PPP ended in May 2021.



### Group Income Statement

	H1 2020 H2 2020		H1 2021				
			Before				
	Total	Total		Exceptional items	Total		
	£m	£m	£m		£m		
Transaction fees	47.8	74.7	70.5		70.5		
Servicing fees	13.8	16.4	21.9		21.9		
Other fees	3.2	(0.2)	2.1		21.9		
Operating income	64.8	90.9	94.5	_	94.5		
Investment income	49.8	39.2	33.5		33.5		
Investment expense	(13.4)	(9.3)	(7.4)		(7.4)		
Total income	101.2	120.8	120.6		120.6		
Fair value (losses)/gains	(96.1)	(22.2)	8.1		8.1		
Net income	5.1	98.6	128.7	-	128.7		
People costs	(48.3)	(37.0)	(39.4)		(39.4)		
Marketing costs	(22.4)	(24.4)	(27.4)		(27.4)		
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	(20.6)	(10.3)	(8.3)	(3.9)	(12.2)		
Loan repurchase charge	(5.5)	(0.7)	(0.1)		(0.1)		
Other costs	(21.8)	(19.0)	(14.1)		(14.1)		
Operating expenses	(118.6)	(91.4)	(89.3)	(3.9)	(93.2)		
Operating profit (loss)	(113.5)	7.2	39.4	(3.9)	35.5		
Finance income	0.3	0.1	0.1		0.1		
Finance costs	(0.8)	(0.6)	(0.6)		(0.6)		
Share of net loss of associates	(1.1)	0.3	0.4		0.4		
Profit (Loss) before taxation	(115.1)	7.0	39.3	(3.9)	35.4		



<sup>1.</sup> Exceptional items related to US lease exit £3.9m

### Segment profit split

#### Operating and investment income<sup>1</sup> and AEBITDA<sup>2</sup> (£m)

			H1 2020			H2 2020				
		Operating	Investment	Total	Operating	Investment	Total	Operating	Investment	Total
Group	Income	64.8	36.4	101.2	90.9	29.9	120.8	94.5	26.1	120.6
Group	AEBITDA	(24.4)	(59.7)	(84.1)	12.6	7.7	20.3	19.1	34.2	53.3
UK	Income	43.3	16.0	59.3	80.6	13.0	93.5	85.8	13.0	98.8
OIC	AEBITDA	(3.3)	(18.8)	(22.1)	24.8	3.9	28.6	27.7	13.3	41.0
US	Income	17.6	20.4	38.0	8.1	16.9	25.0	7.1	13.1	20.2
00	AEBITDA	(13.2)	(40.9)	(54.1)	(12.1)	3.9	(8.2)	(9.1)	20.9	11.8
DM	Income	3.9	-	3.9	2.2	-	2.2	1.6	-	1.6
DIVI	AEBITDA	(7.9)	-	(7.9)	-	-	-	0.5	-	0.5

#### Segment AEBITDA to Operating profit / (loss) (£m)

Segment profit	H1 2020			H2 2020				H1 2021				
	United Kingdom	United States	Developing Markets	Total	United Kingdom	United States	Developing Markets	Total	United Kingdom	United States	Developing Markets	Total
Adjusted EBITDA	(22.1)	(54.1)	(7.9)	(84.1)	28.6	(8.3)	-	20.3	41.0	11.8	0.5	53.3
Depreciation and amortisation	(4.1)	(3.4)	(0.7)	(8.2)	(5.3)	(3.1)	(0.6)	(9.0)	(5.6)	(2.7)	-	(8.3)
Share-based payments and social												
security costs	(3.0)	(1.2)	(0.1)	(4.3)	(2.0)	0.0	(0.3)	(2.3)	(4.2)	(0.6)	-	(4.8)
Foreign exchange losses										(8.0)	-	(8.0)
Exceptional items	-	(12.0)	(4.9)	(16.9)	-	(1.5)	(0.3)	(1.8)	-	(3.9)	-	(3.9)
Operating profit / (loss)	(29.2)	(70.7)	(13.6)	(113.5)	21.3	(12.9)	(1.2)	7.2	31.2	3.8	0.5	35.5



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Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA (Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation) excluding share-based payments, exceptional items and foreign exchange gains or losses. Investment AEBITDA represents investment income, investment expense and fair value adjustments and operating AEBITDA represents AEBITDA excluding investment AEBITDA

### Projected annualised returns ranges – H1 2021 forecast

Cohort	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
UK	6.6% - 6.7%	4.7% - 5.1%	3.3% - 3.8%	2.0% - 3.0%	2.1% - 3.1%	4.5% - 5.5%	5.1% - 6.1%
US	2.6% - 2.8%	4.0% - 4.2%	4.1% - 4.6%	1.7% - 2.7%	1.6% - 2.7%	2.5% - 3.1%	2.3% - 2.5%



### Funding Circle's investment in vehicles

	Investment as shown on Balance Sheet ("Committed Capital")						Downside /						
£m	Dec-19	Additional investment / withdrawals	Investment income	Fair value adjustment	Dec-20	Additional investment / withdrawals	Investment income			Downside	Upside 1	Upside 2	Estimated future cash flows
Vertical securitisation retention	13	3 (1)			12	2 (4)			8	8	8	8	9
Co-investments	-	. 21			21	13	3		37	37	37	37	51
Other investments and PPP	13	(2)			11	(1)			10	10	10	10	11
Warehouses	94	(10)	28	(42)	70	(48)	10	5	37	31	39	41	42
Horizontal securitisation retention	25	i 17	38	(76)	4	(6)	13	3	13	7	16	20	18
Invested	145	25	66	(118)	118	(46)	26	8	105	92	110	116	130
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Investment AEBITDA impact: (£52)m

Investment AEBITDA impact: £34m



### Net Assets and investment in vehicles

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								As at 31 December 2020	As at 30 June 2020
	Trading business	Investments in PPP	Warehouses	Securitisations	Investments in trusts and co-investments	Other <sup>2</sup>	Total	Total	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Investment in SME loans	0.7	226.5	108.8	207.1	37.0	9.7	589.8	558.8	758.6
Cash & cash equivalents	134.2	0.8	9.5	15.7	7.9		168.1	103.3	131.2
Other assets	-	1.0	-	2.7	(7.9)	-	(4.2)	11.1	13.3
Borrowings/bonds	-	(228.3)	(81.3)	(204.1)	_	-	(513.7)	(489.8)	(717.4)
CASH & INVESTMENTS	134.9	-	37.0	21.4	37.0	9.7	240.0	183.4	185.7
Other assets	95.3	-	-		_	-	95.3	109.0	102.0
Other liabilities	(81.2)	-	-		-	-	(81.2)	(74.8)	(70.8)
NET ASSETS	149.0	-	37.0	21.4	37.0	9.7	254.1	217.6	216.9
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#### Investments of £105m

Our intention remains to sell elements of the warehouses and securitisations investments when appropriate



<sup>\*</sup> All investments in warehouses and securitisations are bankruptcy remote from the core business

<sup>1.</sup> Securitisations include vertical tranche of £8m and horizontal tranche of £13m

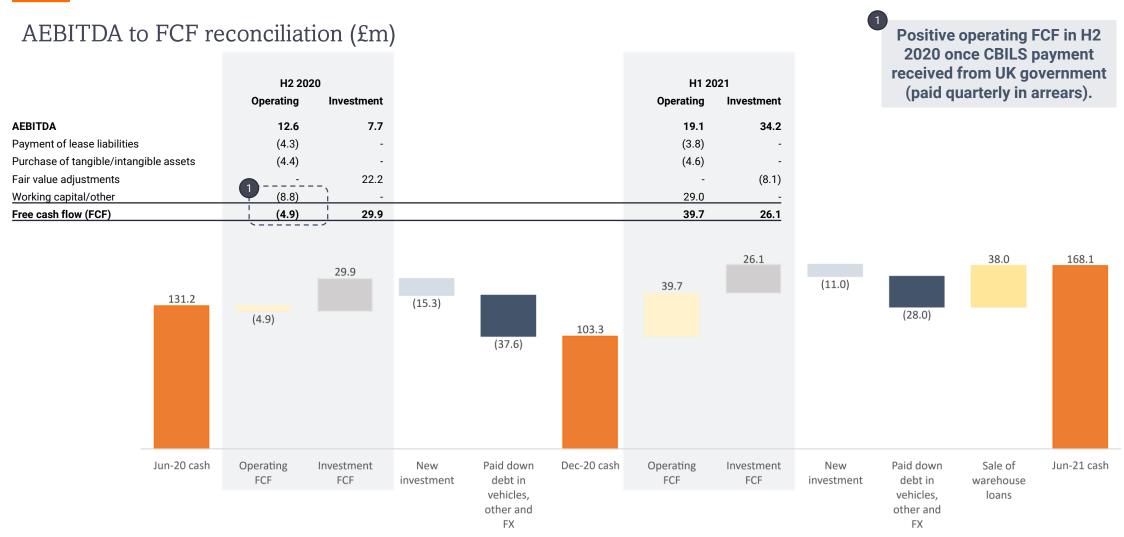
<sup>2.</sup> Other includes £9.7m investment in Private Funds

## Statement of changes in equity

£m	H1 20	H2 20	H1 21
Net Assets b/f	319.0	216.9	217.6
Profit/(Loss) for year	(115.2)	6.9	33.4
FX	8.7	(7.0)	(0.4)
Issue of share capital	0.3	-	0.3
Employee share schemes	4.1	0.8	3.2
Net Assets c/f	216.9	217.6	254.1



### AEBITDA to FCF reconciliation and cash flow





Free Cash Flow represents net cash flows from operating and investment activities, including the payment of lease liabilities, but excludes net investment in new products and is stated before financing activities

<sup>3.</sup> Other and FX is £(2.6)m in H2 2020 and £nil in H1 2021

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