





HomeChoice International PLC





### Annual results 2017

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We are a leading provider of innovative **Retail** and **Financial Services** products to a loyal and growing female customer base in southern Africa

## Profitable growth through two divisions

#### HomeChoice (Retail) FinChoice (Financial Services) An omni-channel retailer in • A fintech business selling innovative southern Africa offering her loans, insurance and value-added convenience and own delivery financial services network Serves the HomeChoice customer Providing innovative own brand base of good credit standing textiles, homewares, personal Developing markets in Botswana electronics, apparel and Namibia Expanding our offer to include branded goods Credit facility a powerful enabler of sales Segmental operating profit Segmental operating profit Revenue Revenue R2 338m R421m R666m R257m

### A business of scale ...

Number of customers 796 244		Revenue R3 billion	Digital credit extended R1.2 billion
	uments processed )6 712	Number of web and mobi visits <b>11 million</b>	Number of deliveries 949 346
	Number of products (SKUs) 15 281	Number of orders (Retail transactions) <b>1.3 million</b>	Number of loans 513 469

### ... with a track record of consistently strong growth



## A deep understanding of our customer

- An African woman, a daughter or granddaughter of customers before
- 40 years old with 2 children
- Knows us for quality, value and affordability
- Earns R10 000 gross monthly, spends it carefully (74% of customers have an additional source of income)
- Recent homeowner, beneficiary of government electrification, sanitation and RDP programmes
- 78% of our customers live in urban areas and 8% are outside of SA
- Is tech savvy 80% use their mobile phones to access our mobi platforms
- Socialises digitally our Facebook community posts 400 messages daily



142 000 shoppers on the day



685 000 Facebook community



15 500 customers engage on Instagram



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### She engages with us through her channel of choice



She buys aspirational retail and financial products suited to her lifestyle



### Complete interior decorated offer – a key differentiator



### Strong product innovation recognising her needs



# We bring brands to the mass market through affordable credit



She loves our own-brand, we have added 60 new brands

### Credit: a powerful enabler and contributor to growth

- Deep knowledge and experience of managing credit in female mass market over 34 years
- Retail drives acquisition for the group (92% of customers utilise credit)
  - Lower risk segment female, house proud, repeat retail customer on credit
  - Merchandise margin enhancing risk appetite
  - Conservative risk profile
- New customers offered low-value, short-term credit stepped up on performance
- Risk profile intrinsic to customer segmentation
- Financial Services leverages risk, data and response models to make loan offers
  - Retail filter significantly reduces loans risk and drives better profit margins



#### **Risk-filtering process**



### Benefits of retail risk filter



### Delivery infrastructure unique in mass market

2 e-commerce enabled, single pick (1 item) warehouses

Last mile delivery through our own 64 independent micro enterprises



949 346 deliveries in 2017 Deliver door to door, or through SA Post Office Courier partners provide further support



# Our strategy



# A proven strategy delivering consistent growth and returns







### A rapidly diversifying Retail business and growing Financial Services offering



### Diversifying to capture further opportunities

2018 and beyond

**New products** 

New channels

New geographies

- Expansion of retail product offering
  - Introduction of brands across every category, we anticipate introducing further 140 brands
  - Introduce further private label brands
- Expand our reach through 30 showrooms and micro hubs
  - Offering ability to "see and feel" product
  - Distributed click and collect
- Expand FinChoice product offering
  - Introduce further female-oriented insurance
  - Introduce companion card linked to MobiMoney™ account to enable mobi-wallet functionality
  - Launch further value-added services and products
- Further expand FinChoice offering outside of South Africa





# Driving business growth through rich data and strong analytical skills

- 34 years of data and analytics experience
  - Rich customer data including behavioural, attitudinal and transactional information
- Retail a powerful driver of customer acquisition for the group
- Data insights inform better decisions
  - Lending through credit scorecards
  - New customers selected using risk and response models
  - Data utilised to inform merchandise range, stock management, marketing resources
  - Customer offers and content is targeted for highest impact
- We leverage our customer base and insights to increase the lifetime value of customers





### Customer experience is our "brand"

We aim to drive a personalised, easy and consistent experience across all our channels, supported by skilled staff

- Thumb-stopping good content
- Speed and ease of engagement key
- Exceptional value and quality delivered consistently
- Customer journeys mapped and refined
- Agents use information to deliver personalised and relevant conversations
- Aim to have real-time insights to predict her experience and digital solutions to automate relevant responses

#### Relevant, competitive offers



Quick 3-step

FNHANCE

experience

Quick 3-step order in digital



## Our transformation journey to a digital player



# 2017 performance



### Strong performance in a tough environment

- Strong revenue growth of 12.7%
  - Retail sales up 16.8%
  - Loans disbursed up 17.5%
- Improved gross profit margin and good credit risk performance
- Flat finance charges reduced NCR interest caps and introduction of credit facility
- Strong growth in ancillary services (insurance and service fees)
- EBITDA up 14.1% to R801 million
- Operating profit up 16.0% to R751.9 million





#### Credit extended via digital channels up 40% to R1.2 bn Rand million



### Sound credit risk performance in both businesses

- Group debtor costs growth of 5.3%, well below revenue growth
- Retail Gross book up 19.8%
  - Investment in fraud detection and prevention
  - Reviewed credit limits and introduced new scorecards
  - Improved cash collections through enhanced processes and strategy
  - Improvement in early-stage vintages
- Financial Services Gross book up 17.8%
  - Focus on shifting to shorter terms increased cash yield (avg term reduced to 14.4 months from 15.5)
  - Improved roll rates and collections driven by implementation of late payment fees





### Improved risk has enabled reduction in provisions

	2017	2016	2015
Retail: gross receivables (Rm)	1 806.1	1 507.3	1 208.6
Provision as % of receivables	17.9%	18.9%	18.7%
Non-performing loans (NPL) (120+ days)	9.9%	10.3%*	9.5%
NPL cover	1.8	1.8*	2.0
Financial Services: gross receivables (Rm)	1 351.7	1 147.3	947.6
Provision as % of receivables	14.0%	15.5%	16.6%
Non-performing loans (NPL) (120+ days)	4.2%	4.7%	4.6%
NPL cover	3.3	3.3	3.6

\*Restated

- Vintages in both businesses showing improving trends
- Non-performing loans as percentage of the book have reduced in both businesses
- Improved credit risk performance has resulted in reduction in provisions
- NPL times cover remains conservative

### Stable and improving risk vintages



### Funding our future growth strategy

- Strong cash generation
  - Cash conversion improving to 44.8%
  - Continual focus on inventory management stock turn improving to 2.7 times
- Gearing remains conservative < 0.8x EBITDA</li>
  - Secured R800 million of terms facilities utilised R550 million to pay down debt
  - Net debt to equity of 28.1%
- · Planned equity capital raise
  - Partly fund strategically important capital expansion projects
  - Placement focused on diversifying the shareholder base and improving share liquidity
  - Major shareholders will proportionally sell down as part of equity raise, to further improve liquidity
  - Share issue subject to shareholder approval at AGM on 11 April 2018



#### Cash generated from operations up 29.5% to R358.7 m Rand million





### Continued investment in areas of strategic importance

### Expand product offering

- Broadening product range and continuing to introduce new brands
- Stock investment and extended credit terms
- Accelerate growth in FinChoice loan
  disbursements and value-added services

### Enhance customer experience

- Fulfilment infrastructure to increase speed of delivery
- Drive personalisation through data and customer insights
- UX lab, BI investment, data science capabilities



### Infrastructure growth

- Accelerate showroom expansion to 30 stores
- Build click and collect capability in showrooms and micro hubs
- Fit-out of additional warehouse



### Drive digital transformation

- Roll out Oracle commerce cloud
- Introduce niche online stores
- Accelerate development of fintech platform
- Technology is the bedrock of our business we have to continually invest in and upgrade our platforms

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## Retail



### Consistently strong growth

- Merchandise sales up 16.8% to R1.7 billion
  - Strong demand in mature category of homeware textiles and expanded branded goods offering
- Gross profit margin improves 190 bps, reflecting good buying discipline and exchange rate
- Finance income flat, due to annualisation of lower interest rates and implementation of credit facility
- Continued investment in people and process to optimise affordability requirements
- Good cost control, with improved marketing efficiencies through digital expansion
- Strong trading, improved credit performance reflected in operating profit up 13.6% to R421.2 million





## Building on own-brand to digital department store

- Organic growth delivered through product innovation and newness
  - Heritage in textiles remain a core strength
- Own-brand strategy enhances margin unique product offering
- Hugely successful roll-out of external brands up 159%
  - Improved net margin of branded goods through stock management
- Product (>80% imported) sourced directly from wide and stable supplier base
  - Low supplier concentration risk
- Supply chain optimisation driving cost reduction



#### Growing contribution of external brands Percentage



# Unique ability to maintain margins through product configuration

### Selling price R1449



Reversible comforter or duvet set



Standard pillowcases





EasyBed and comfy flat sheet



free 5-piece reversible duvet set



### Weaker Rand



Reversible comforter or duvet set



Standard and additional pillowcases





EasyBed and comfy flat sheet



Selling price R1449



free 5-piece reversible duvet set



3 scatter cushions and throw

### **Stronger Rand**



### Giving her a choice of engagement channels

- Marketing driving 20 000 names for group
  - Effective marketing campaigns attract new customers
  - Television primary channel driving 31% of new customers
  - Targeted mailing remains relevant
  - E-mailing a key digital acquisition tool
- Continuing to build on omni-channel strategy
  - Digital is fastest-growing channel, up 48% (15.4% of business)
  - Significant investment in digital platforms Oracle commerce engine (2018)
  - Contact centre remains core channel, with significant improvement in agent tenure
- 3 new showrooms secured to drive access to new markets and click and collect strategy





# **Financial Services**



# FinChoice focuses on digitally enabled and convenient products



All our credit, insurance and value-added products are accessible 24/7 by mobile self-service

## Rapidly growing Financial Services business

- Disbursements up 18% to R1.5 billion
  - MobiMoney<sup>™</sup> facility product well received
  - Strong growth from new insurance products
- Strong revenue growth despite flat Interest income, due to interest rate caps
- Strong credit performance
- Costs well contained due to digital efficiencies
- Investments in diversification and technology
- Consistently strong profit margins due to group benefits of customer acquisition and proven credit, and efficient digital platforms
- Operating profit up 13.6% to R256.8 million





### A low-risk digital financial services provider

- New customer growth up 17% to 41 000
- Focus on shorter-term loans (avg. 14.4 months) and low value (avg. balance R10 444) from the proven retail base
- Income diversification is a key strategy:
  - Strong policy growth in new funeral insurance business in 2<sup>nd</sup> full trading year
  - Built lending capability for Botswana and Namibia (piloting Botswana Feb 18)
  - Controlled external customer acquisition leveraging credit expertise and platforms (disbursement mix – 8% new)







#### Loan disbursements up 17.5% to R1.5 bn

### Her mobile engagement is core to our fintech business

- Digital engagement provides convenience and empowerment
- Loan transactions occur 24/7 with 32% outside normal working hours
- 68% of loan transactions are digital
- Mobi origination launched in 2017 has become 16% of all new loans
- New MobiMoney<sup>™</sup> product is digital-only and will be foundation for mobi-wallet portal
- Our contact centre of digitally trained agents supports her online relationship
- Strong focus on her digital customer experience





#### 45% growth in mobi registration





# Conclusion



## An exciting future based on a strong foundation

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Well positioned in the large and growing mass market

- Innovative own-brand products augmented by brand roll-out will drive growth
  - Excellent ability to drive growth through leveraging the customer base

Digitally led, well positioned to capitalise on this growth trend with logistics expertise

- 5 Deep knowledge and experience in mass-market credit
- 6 Good cash generation, strong balance sheet to finance growth
- 7 Strong and experienced management team that has driven ten years of growth (20.6% revenue CAGR)
- 8 Clear strategy of diversification to deliver digital department store and fintech platform



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