

Nichols

HALF YEAR PRESENTATION

July 2025



AGENDA



01	Strategic & Operational Review:	Andrew Milne, CEO
02	Financial Review:	David Taylor, Interim Finance Director
03	Looking Ahead:	Andrew Milne
04	Q&A	Andrew Milne and David Taylor



ANDREW MILNE



DAVID TAYLOR

HALF YEAR 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



**WE
MAKE
LIFE
taste
BETTER**

01

Continued delivery against the key strategic initiatives outlined in the CMD

02

Strong revenue growth in Africa of +17% vs H1 24

03

Successful go-live of ERP to launch business transformation programme

04

Adjusted operating profit growth +4% vs H1 24 and in line with plan

05

Strong well diversified business model proving beneficial supported by strong cash position

06

Full year adjusted PBT forecast in line with market expectations



STRATEGIC & OPERATIONAL REVIEW

OUR STRATEGY IS CLEAR AND FOCUSED



ACCELERATE GROWTH IN OUR PACKAGED BUSINESS

DRIVE BOTTOM LINE VALUE FROM OUT OF HOME



MORE FROM THE CORE

Accelerate organic growth through distribution and brand investment in our core brands, categories, channels and geographies



THIRST FOR NEW

Drive incremental growth through innovation, geographic expansion and acquisition



FUEL FOR GROWTH

Fuel growth through efficiencies and leveraging asset light model



HAPPIER FUTURE

Build a happier future for people and planet

BRANDS

PARTNERSHIPS

PEOPLE



UK PACKAGED SOFT DRINKS MARKET

RESILIENT UK SOFT DRINKS MARKET



SQUASH



VALUE
+2.8%

VOLUME
+4.3%

RTD STILL JUICE



VALUE
+20.2%

VOLUME
+22.4%

FLAVOURED CARBS



VALUE
-4.1%

VOLUME
-4.8%

ENERGY



VALUE
+30.7%

VOLUME
+37.8%

£56.7M RSV

Value +4.9%

Volume
+4.1%

Soft Drinks
Category

£6.4B RSV

Value +7.5%

Volume
+5.1%

VALUE
+3.5%

VOLUME
+0.1%

VALUE
+7.3%

VOLUME
+4.2%

VALUE
+7.0%

VOLUME
+2.0%

VALUE
+11.8%

VOLUME
+7.3%

STRATEGY IN ACTION MORE FROM THE CORE



CATEGORY STRATEGY DRIVING INCREASED DISTRIBUTION & VISIBILITY IN STORE



- Leveraging the category strategy
- Customer collaboration
- Branded bays in squash aisles
- Strong availability and visibility
- Strong growth

UK PACKAGED

STRATEGY IN ACTION THIRST FOR NEW

VIMTO ACCELERATION



- New functional squash offering
- Targeting new consumption occasions



- Double concentrate
- Driving visibility & sustainability



- Vimto energy price-marked packs
- Independent retailers focus via wholesale



- Beyond the Bottle
- Health & Wellness brand licenses

UK PACKAGED

STRATEGY IN ACTION MORE FROM THE CORE

AT THE HEART OF OVER 100 RAMADANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST



- World class execution of iconic bottle
- Multi-media communications campaign
- Back on TV

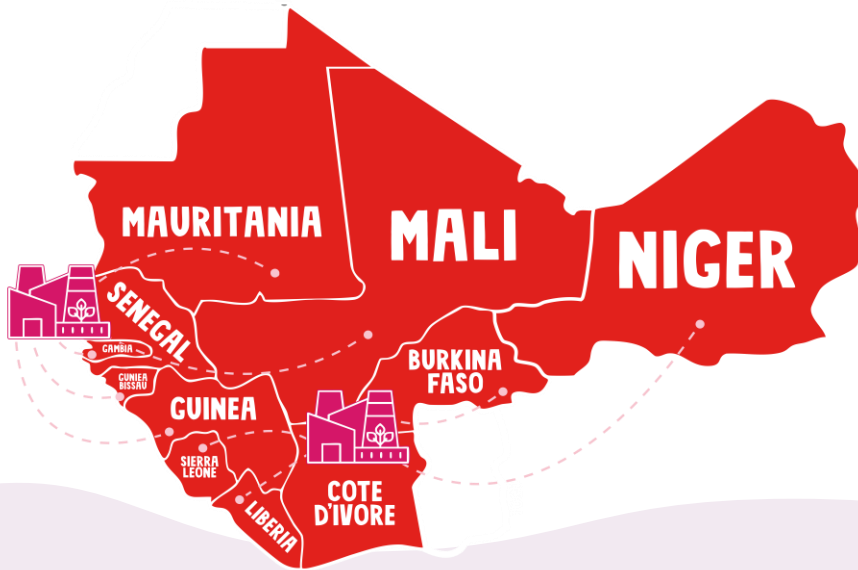
- Over 100 Ramadans
- **THE** Iftar table beverage
- Emotional connection

INTERNATIONAL

STRATEGY IN ACTION MORE FROM THE CORE



LOCALISED PRODUCTION & INCREASED MARKETING IN WEST AFRICA DRIVING STRONG GROWTH



- Vimto in Africa is 60 million litres, 50% is Red Can
- Local production & concentrate strategy to drive speed to market and product availability in 11 key Red Can markets

- Successful implementation in three markets in H1 2025, three to follow in H2, and five more in 2026 in line with plan
- Marketing programmes & activation teams driving demand
- Supply chain risk reduction for operational resilience

INTERNATIONAL

STRATEGY IN ACTION THIRST FOR NEW

PORTFOLIO GROWTH MIDDLE EAST



- Growing Zero sugar portfolio for consumers
- Driving penetration and bringing incremental growth

MALAYSIA LAUNCH



- Launch into new geography
- 1L squash in over 3000 stores nationwide
- TV advertising campaign

INTERNATIONAL

STRATEGY IN ACTION FUEL FOR GROWTH

OUT OF HOME



- Continued simplification in line with the strategic review
 - New cinema customer
 - Starslush phased exit
- Profitable outlets focus

BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION



- ERP system (SAP) now live
- Benefits include:
 - Supply chain and procurement efficiencies
 - Reduced business risk

STRATEGY IN ACTION **HAPPIER FUTURE**

EVERYONE MATTERS



- Day to Make a Difference raised £30k for Cancer Research
- Strong support given to a range of partners focused on making a difference to young people's lives

PRODUCTS WE'RE PROUD OF



- Light-weighting bottles reduced plastic usage by 160 tonnes p.a.
- Launch of double concentrate & functional squash products driving sustainability & nutrition

OWNING OUR CLIMATE IMPACT



- Localised production in Senegal now supplying three markets
- EV's fleet trial within our OoH business



FINANCIAL REVIEW

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Strong progress on all key financial metrics in line with strategic ambition

GROUP
REVENUE

£85.5m

+1.8%

H1 2024: £84.0m

ADJUSTED
EBITDA

£14.3m

+1.1%

H1 2024: £14.1m

ADJUSTED OPERATING
PROFIT

£13.6m

+4.1%

H1 2024: £13.1m

ADJUSTED OPERATING
PROFIT MARGIN

15.9%

+30bps

H1 2024: 15.6%

ADJUSTED PROFIT BEFORE TAX
(PBT)

£14.6m

+0.8%

H1 2024: £14.5m

ADJUSTED PBT
MARGIN

17.1%

(20bps)

H1 2024: 17.3%

ADJUSTED EARNINGS
PER SHARE (BASIC)

29.90p

+0.1%

H1 2024: 29.87p

CASH AND CASH
EQUIVALENTS

£61.6m

(£8.7m)

H1 2024: £70.3m

FREE CASH FLOW
(FCF)

£14.2m

+£5.2m

H1 2024: £9.0m

ADJUSTED RETURN
ON CAPITAL EMPLOYED

30.4%

+330bps

H1 2024: 27.1%

INTERIM ORDINARY
DIVIDEND PER SHARE

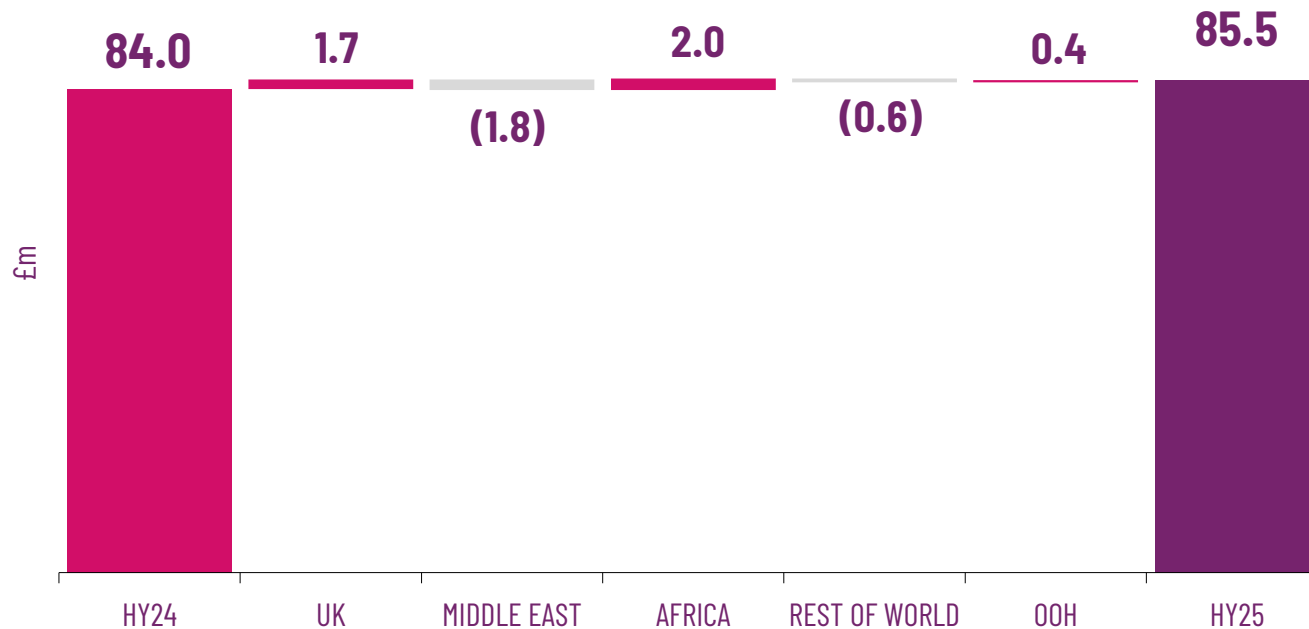
15.0p

+0.7%

H1 2024: 14.9p

REVENUE

Increase in revenue to £85.5m, predominantly driven by higher volumes



- Group revenue +1.8% (LFL +3.7%)
- UK Packaged +3.7%
- International Packaged -2.5% (LFL +5.7%) due to phasing of ME – earlier timing of Ramadan in 2025 – and shift to concentrate model in West Africa
 - ME -53.2%
 - Africa +16.9% (LFL +29.0%)
 - ROW -13.6%
- Packaged business +1.8% (LFL +4.3%)
- OoH +1.9% in line with expectations following further simplification

SEGMENTAL

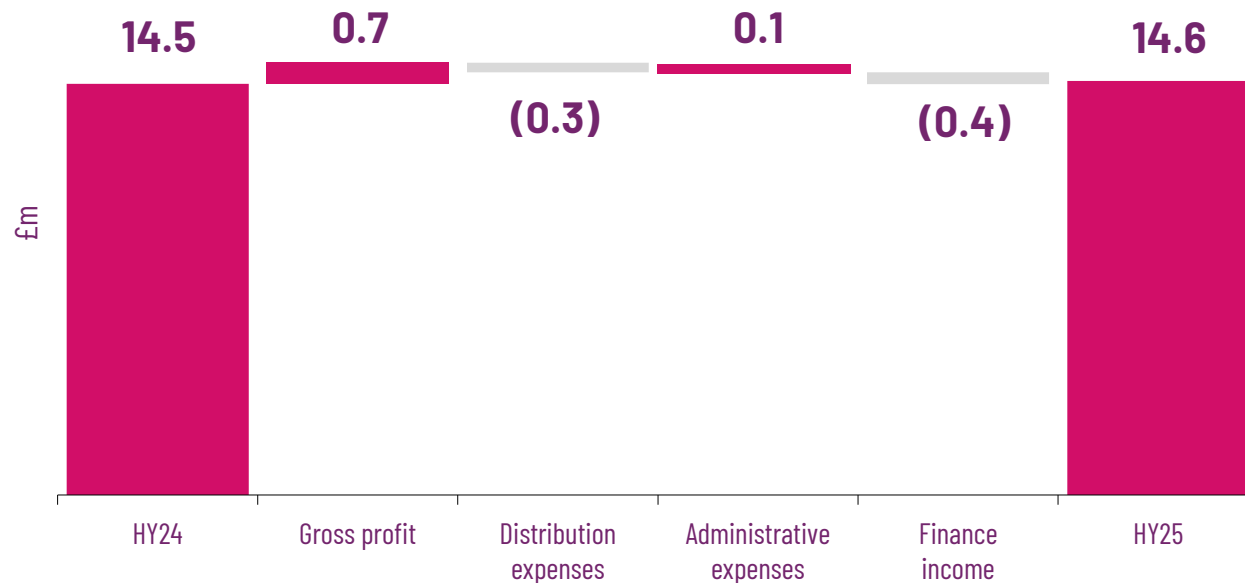
Profit growth delivered by all our businesses

	Packaged Regions			Out of Home £m	Central £m	Total Group £m
	UK £m	International £m	Total Packaged £m			
H1 25						
Revenue	47.0	19.5	66.5	19.0	-	85.5
Adjusted operating profit			19.3	3.1	(8.8)	13.6
Adjusted operating profit margin			29.1%	16.5%		15.9%
	Packaged Regions			Out of Home £m	Central £m	Total Group £m
	UK £m	International £m	Total Packaged £m			
H1 24						
Revenue	45.4	20.0	65.4	18.6	-	84.0
Adjusted operating profit			18.8	3.0	(8.6)	13.1
Adjusted operating profit margin			28.7%	15.9%		15.6%

- Adj. OP increased by 4.1% to £13.6m
- Absolute gross profit increase offsetting increases in distribution and administrative expenses
- Total Packaged profit +£0.5m (+3.0%)
 - 29.1% ROS
- OoH profit +£0.1m (+5.6%)
 - 16.5% ROS
- Central costs increased to £8.8m (+2.3%)
 - Investment to support strategy
 - Overall costs well controlled

ADJUSTED PROFIT BEFORE TAX

Continued focus on cost and investment in Operations and Supply Chain



- Gross profit
 - Gross profit +£0.7m
 - Gross margin maintained at 44.1%
- Administrative Expenses
 - Investment in Operations & Supply Chain
 - Investment in IT
 - Control of OoH overhead
- Reduced net interest income of £1.0m (H1 2024: £1.4m) following £20m special dividend paid in H2 2024

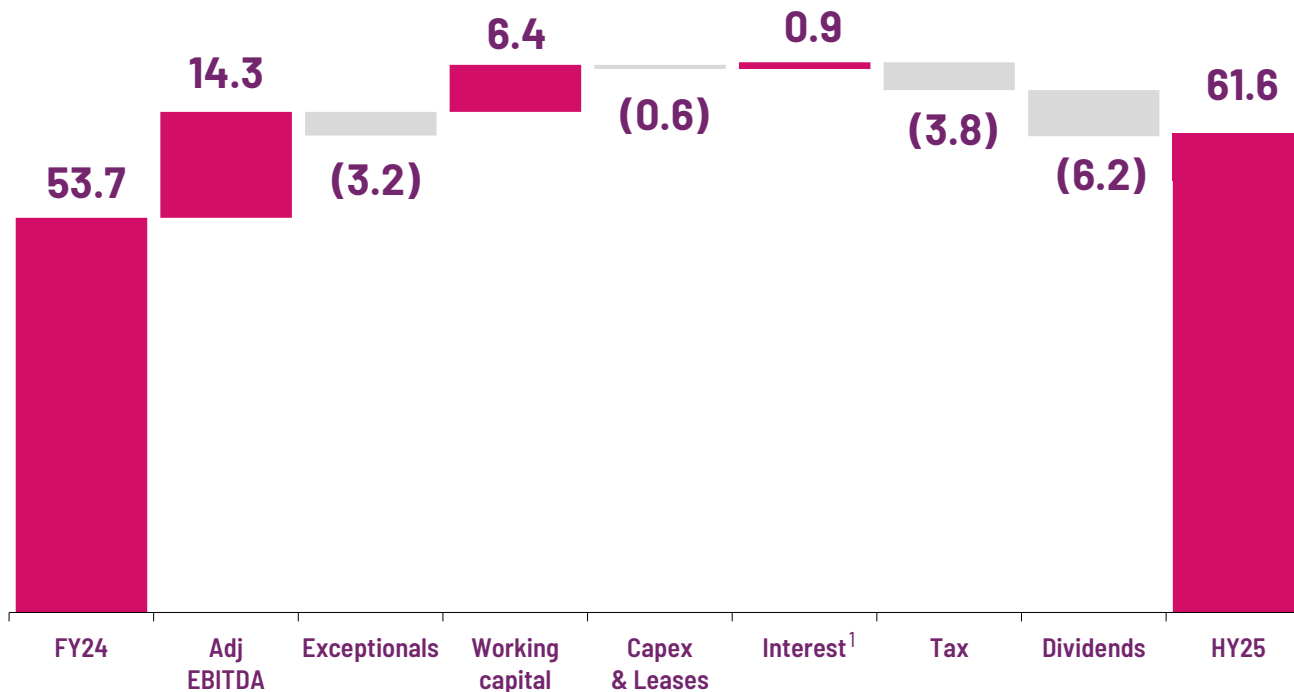
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Further investment in the Group's Business Change Programme leading to successful launch of new ERP system

	H1 2025	2024
Business Change Programme and Systems Development	£3.2m	£7.6m
Historic Incentive Scheme	-	(£0.2m)

NET CASH

Strong cash maintained to support growth



- Strong net cash position at £61.6m
- Adjusted EBITDA £14.3m +1.1%
- Exceptional cash out £3.2m - ERP
- Free cash flow of £14.2m driven by lower working capital requirements
- Reduced net interest income £0.9m¹ - £20m special dividend paid H2 2024

¹ Excludes noncash interest income relating to the Group's pension scheme

CAPITAL ALLOCATION AND DIVIDENDS

Ability to deliver strategy and create shareholder value

Capital Allocation

Investment
in profitable
growth

Progressive
ordinary
dividend

Potential
M&A

Surplus cash
returned to
shareholders

Dividend

2x
cover

29.9p
Adj. EPS (basic)

15.0p
12 September 2025



LOOKING AHEAD

H2 2025 FOCUS

STRATEGIC FOCUS UK PACKAGED

IGNITING INNOVATION



- Wonderfuel Launched Q2 2025
- Successful distribution build: Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Ocado, Booths
- Major Back-to-School activation in September to drive trial and win with families
- £1m investment in marketing in H2: TV, digital, sampling, shopper marketing

STRATEGIC FOCUS UK PACKAGED

BRAND INVESTMENT



- **LOVE THE TASTE** brand campaign year two
- Bigger & Bolder: increased investment, product range, and number of packs
- Proven ROI and penetration growth
- Widely supported by retail & wholesale customers

STRATEGIC FOCUS INTERNATIONAL

USA



- Local production to drive financial and sustainability benefits
- Mitigation against tariffs

INNOVATION



- New flavours & pack formats in the Middle East
- 250ml Red Can in West Africa to capitalise on new consumption occasions

AFRICA



- Roll-out of locally produced Red Cans to supply three additional markets in 2025, and then five more in 2026



SUMMARY & OUTLOOK

SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

- **Strong financial delivery** in line with our 2024 CMD medium term ambitions
 - **£225m Turnover**
 - **20% PBT margin**
 - **£45m PBT**
- **A growing and resilient soft drinks category**
- **Clear and focused strategy**
 - Accelerate growth in Packaged business
 - Drive bottom line value from OoH
 - Continued focus on driving efficiencies through Operational Change and Business Transformation
- **FY adj PBT in line with market expectations** giving confidence in delivering medium-term financial ambitions and creating further shareholder value



QUESTIONS



APPENDICES

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Unaudited Half year to 30 June 2025 £'000	Unaudited Half year to 30 June 2024 £'000	Audited Year ended 31 December 2024 £'000
Continuing operations			
Revenue	85,488	83,976	172,809
Cost of sales	(47,788)	(47,021)	(93,855)
Gross profit	37,700	36,955	78,954
Distribution expenses	(5,502)	(5,171)	(10,214)
Administrative expenses	(21,783)	(21,402)	(47,249)
Operating profit	10,415	10,382	21,491
Finance income	1,037	1,458	2,660
Finance expenses	(39)	(37)	(117)
Profit before taxation	11,413	11,803	24,034
Taxation	(2,887)	(2,927)	(6,196)
Profit for the period	8,526	8,876	17,838
Earnings per share (basic)	23.33p	24.29p	48.84p
Earnings per share (diluted)	23.31p	24.28p	48.81p
Adjusted for exceptional items			
Operating profit	10,415	10,382	21,491
Exceptional items	3,214	2,713	7,370
Adjusted operating profit	13,629	13,095	28,861
Profit before taxation	11,413	11,803	24,034
Exceptional items	3,214	2,713	7,370
Adjusted profit before taxation	14,627	14,516	31,404
Adjusted earnings per share (basic)	29.90p	29.87p	64.02p
Adjusted earnings per share (diluted)	29.87p	29.86p	63.98p

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Unaudited 30 June 2025 £'000	Unaudited 30 June 2024 £'000	Audited 31 December 2024 £'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8,596	8,773	8,743
Intangibles	137	215	175
Pension surplus	3,939	3,715	3,721
Total non-current assets	12,672	12,703	12,639
Current assets			
Inventories	9,858	10,491	9,322
Trade and other receivables	44,828	42,205	44,340
Corporation tax recoverable	679	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	61,586	75,973	55,185
Total current assets	116,951	128,669	108,847
Total assets	129,623	141,372	121,486
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	-	5,682	1,512
Trade and other payables	40,142	32,899	33,271
Corporation tax payable	-	74	243
Total current liabilities	40,142	38,655	35,026
Non-current liabilities			
Other payables	1,680	1,801	1,672
Deferred tax liabilities	787	626	743
Total non-current liabilities	2,467	2,427	2,415
Total liabilities	42,609	41,082	37,441
Net assets	87,014	100,290	84,045
EQUITY			
Share capital	3,697	3,697	3,697
Share premium reserve	3,255	3,255	3,255
Capital redemption reserve	1,209	1,209	1,209
Other reserves	3,030	2,151	2,471
Retained earnings	75,823	89,978	73,413
Total equity	87,014	100,290	84,045

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Half 30 June 2025 £'000	Half 30 June 2024 £'000	Audited Year ended 31 December 2024 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit for the financial period	8,526	8,876	17,838
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortisation	711	975	1,909
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	(55)	56	52
Finance income	(939)	(1,458)	(2,480)
Finance expense	39	37	117
Tax expense recognised in the income statement	2,887	2,927	6,196
Change in inventories	(536)	(1,682)	(513)
Change in trade and other receivables	(273)	(405)	(2,984)
Change in trade and other payables	7,286	1,971	2,549
Charge for share-based payments	-	-	272
Change in pension obligations	(44)	(61)	39
Fair value gain on derivative financial instruments	(47)	(30)	37
	9,029	2,330	5,194
Cash generated from operating activities	17,555	11,206	23,032
Tax paid	(3,813)	(3,171)	(6,131)
Net cash generated from operating activities	13,742	8,035	16,901
Cash flows from investing activities			
Finance income	939	1,458	2,480
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(174)	(146)	(851)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	225	15	18
Net cash generated from investing activities	990	1,327	1,647
Cash flows from financing activities			
Payment of lease liabilities	(573)	(409)	(755)
Dividends paid	(6,246)	(5,692)	(31,153)
Net cash used in financing activities	(6,819)	(6,101)	(31,908)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	7,913	3,261	(13,360)
Exchange gain on cash and cash equivalents	-	-	3
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	53,673	67,030	67,030
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	61,586	70,291	53,673