

Preliminary Results 2005

Year ended 31 December 2005

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Key themes

- **11% adjusted NAV per share growth**
 - 17% before SDLT impact
 - strong investment portfolio performance
 - growing development pipeline
- **Improved portfolio performance**
 - operating profits from portfolio up 15% to £47m
 - like-for-like revenue growth of 7.2%
 - operating margin up to 63.2%
- **Increasing investment activity in sector**
 - strong shareholder support for £30m fundraising
 - UNITE transactions and broader activity
 - expecting good valuation evidence in 2006
- **Long term view of market remains positive**
 - short term disruption in domestic applications
 - overseas applications solid
 - Housing Act introduced



Headline results

	2005	2004	Change
Net asset value			
Basic NAV per share (IFRS)	314p	289p	↑ 9%
Adjusted NAV per share	367p	335p	↑ 10%
Adjusted NAV per share (fully diluted)	363p	328p	↑ 11%
Earnings			
Profit before tax	£28.1m	£17.1m	↑ 64%
Adjusted profit/(loss) before tax	£3.4m	£(3.8)m	↑ £7.2m
Portfolio operating margin	63.2%	62.1%	↑ 1.1%
Portfolio			
Portfolio value (including share of JVs)	£1.18bn	£1.12bn	↑ 5%
Completed and managed beds at December	30,729	26,319	↑ 17%
Gearing (net debt as % of adjusted NAV)	162%	197%	↓ 35%

Operational update

- **Hospitality Services**
 - beds under management up 17%
 - team restructured to increase customer-facing presence
 - systems investment commenced
- **Development**
 - margins maintained between 20% to 25%
 - 5,700 beds secured in year
 - 10 planning consents in year
 - planning and acquisition resource strengthened
- **Modular Construction**
 - record production of 3,150 in year
 - 53% of 2005 deliveries modular
 - delivery benefits proven
- **People**
 - Investor in People accreditation
 - Investment team established
 - Relocation of Bristol Head Office



Student market update

Long term demand

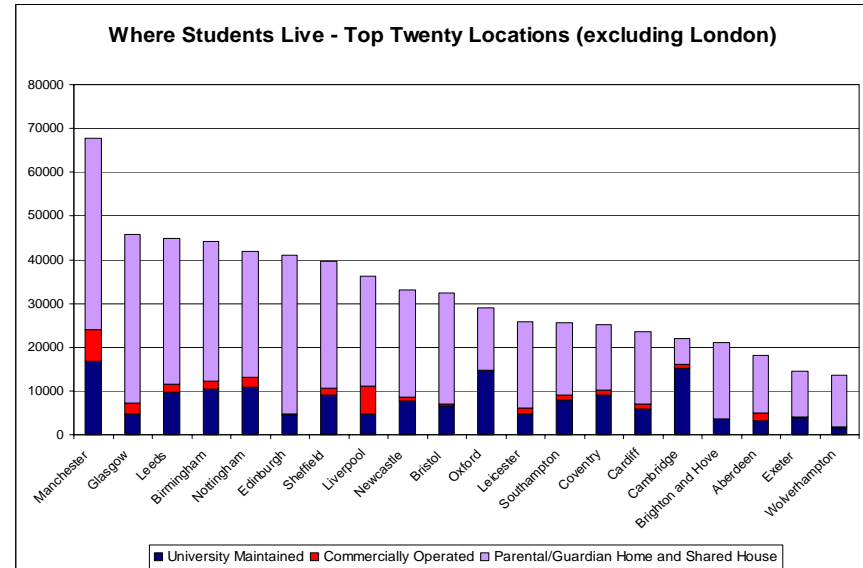
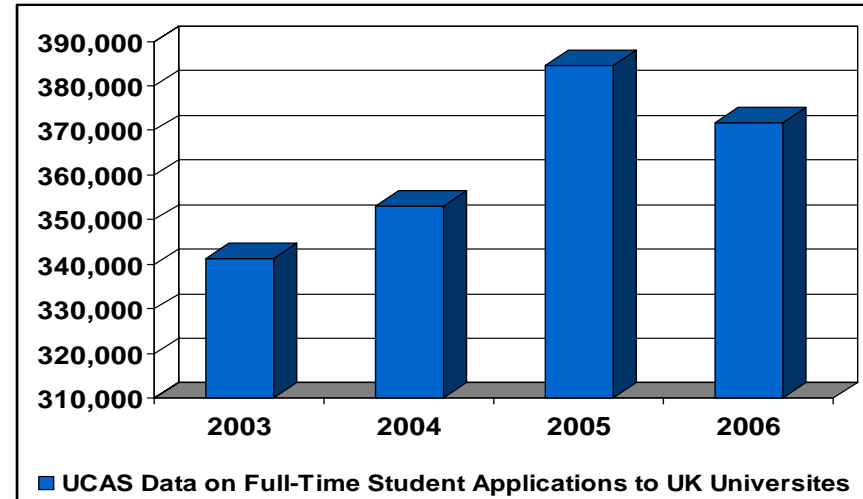
- Overall demand - 1.4 million full time students
- 100,000 unsuccessful applicants in 2005/06
- Exceptional increase in applications for 2005/06 partially reversing in 2006/07
- Annualised growth of 2.6% over two years
- HEFCE forecasts total student numbers to increase by c.200,000 by 2010

Supply across key markets

- Universities still meet less than a quarter of potential demand
- 100,000 bed shortfall continues for first year students
- Housing Act: April 2006. Expected to increase quality, but further reduce supply

UNITE approach

- Detailed understanding of local markets
- Focus on cities with greatest demand/supply imbalance and/or growth potential



Source: HESA/King Sturge Research 2005

UNITE Top 10 Markets

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2006 Rank	2005 Rank	City	Expected Completed Beds 12/06	Completed Beds 2005	FT Student Numbers (04/05)	Projected Market Share 12/06	3 Yr Growth in FT Student Numbers
1	(3)	London	3,179	2,564	204,993	2%	12%
2	(4)	Sheffield	3,132	2,365	39,993	8%	7%
3	(1)	Bristol	3,082	3,082	32,677	9%	10%
4	(2)	Liverpool	2,832	2,832	36,072	8%	9%
5	(5)	Manchester	2,345	2,345	54,976	4%	12%
6	(10)	Leeds	2,215	1,251	47,556	5%	16%
7	(9)	Cardiff	1,612	1,278	27,628	6%	11%
8	(6)	Glasgow	1,582	1,366	46,573	3%	5%
9	(7)	Portsmouth	1,402	1,402	15,803	9%	24%
10	(8)	Aberdeen	1,301	1,301	18,435	7%	7%
			22,682	19,786	524,706	4%	



Note: Includes beds under management

Net asset value growth

Key Indicators	Dec 05 pps	Dec 04 pps
NAV per share (IFRS)	314	289
Provision for deferred tax	38	46
MTM of interest rate hedges	15	-
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Adjusted NAV per share	<u>367</u>	<u>335</u>
Fully diluted	363	328
NNNAV per share	302	276
Gearing (on adjusted NAV)	162%	197%
	£m	£m
Capex - UNITE	110	182
- JVs	78	14
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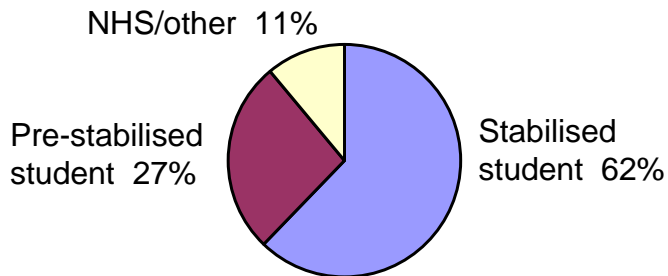
	£m	pps	% NAVPS fd
<u>Investment portfolio</u>			
- Rental growth	16.7	14.5	4.4%
- Yield compression	35.5	30.7	9.4%
- Specific write-downs	(6.0)	(5.2)	-1.6%
<u>Development portfolio</u>			
- Development surpluses	20.6	17.8	5.4%
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	66.8	57.8	17.6%
Earnings/other	3.8	3.3	1.0%
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Underlying growth	70.6	61.1	18.6%
Share issuance	30.1	(4.0)	-1.2%
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	100.7	57.1	17.4%
Removal of SDLT relief			
- Investment portfolio	(20.3)	(16.3)	-5.0%
- Development portfolio	(7.2)	(5.8)	-1.7%
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Adjusted fd NAV growth	73.2	35.0	10.7%

The investment portfolio

	Beds	£m
Completed properties		
- wholly owned	25,438	1,029
- JVs	2,276	136
JV partner share	(1,361)	(86)
UNITE share	<u>26,353</u>	<u>1,079</u>

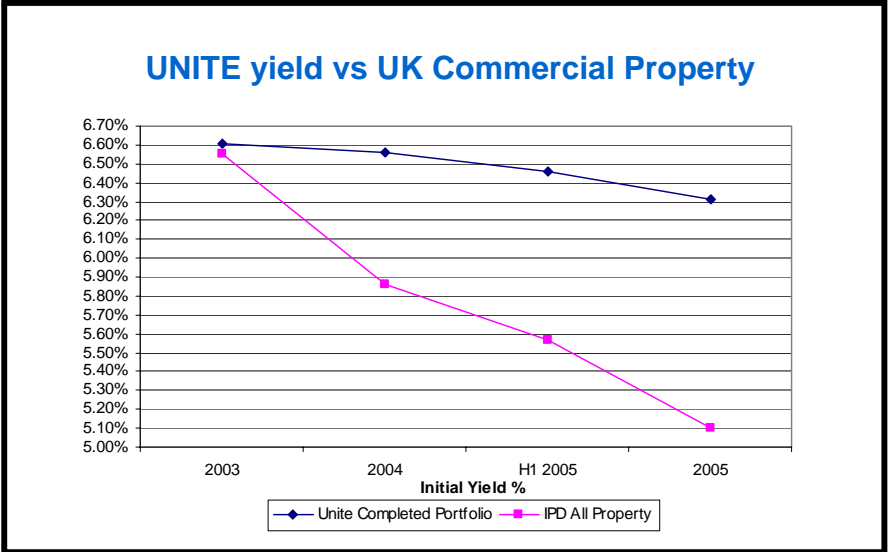
Average stabilised yield 6.32% (Dec 04: 6.56%)

Breakdown of Investment Portfolio:



Capital growth

	£m	% total portfolio
Rental growth	16.7	1.8%
Yield compression	35.5	3.8%
Specific write downs	(6.0)	-0.7%
Removal of stamp duty exemption	(20.3)	-2.2%
	<u>25.9</u>	<u>2.8%</u>



The development portfolio

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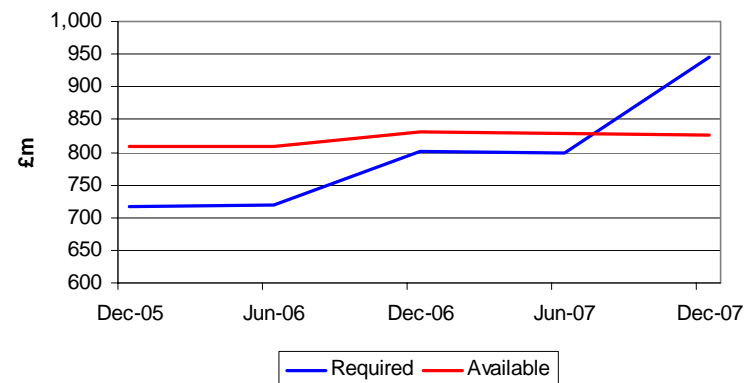
Secured future developments

	Beds	Completed Value £m	Average stabilised yield
2006 – UNITE	2,468	107.5	6.75%
– JV	<u>1,808</u>	<u>114.9</u>	<u>6.40%</u>
	4,276	222.4	6.57%
2007 – UNITE	3,374	169.2	6.69%
– JV	<u>658</u>	<u>72.4</u>	<u>6.28%</u>
	4,032	241.6	6.57%
2008 +	<u>2,173</u>	<u>162.8</u>	<u>6.48%</u>
	<u><u>10,481</u></u>	<u><u>626.8</u></u>	<u><u>6.55%</u></u>

Built out NAV

	£m	fd pps
NAV to recognise: wholly-owned	50.2	42.0
NAV to recognise JVs	40.3	26.1
JV partner share	<u>(25.6)</u>	<u>(16.1)</u>
	<u>64.9</u>	<u>52.0</u>
Built-out adjusted fd NAV (pps)		<u><u>415.0</u></u>
31 December 2004		365.9

Debt Headroom



Joint ventures

Capital Cities Joint Venture

	Beds	Completed Value £m
Investment portfolio	1,114	86.9
Assets under development	844	70.7
Secured for transfer to JV	1,175	120.7
Future NAV to recognise		35.8

Summary balance sheet

	£m
Portfolio value	113.7
Borrowings	(63.9)
Other assets/liabilities	(2.4)
Net assets	<u>47.4</u>
Gearing	135%
Profit for the period (after set up costs)	£nil
Management fees charged	£2.0m

Student Village Joint Venture

	Beds	Completed Value £m
The Forge, Sheffield - completed	1,162	48.9
The Plaza, Leeds – under development	964	44.3
Future NAV to recognise		4.5

Summary balance sheet

	£m
Portfolio value	72.5
Borrowings	(48.0)
Other assets/liabilities	2.3
Net assets (inc. shareholder loans)	<u>26.8</u>
Gearing	179%
Profit for the period	£0.5m
Management fees charged	£0.8m

Debt finance

New facilities in 2005

	Purpose	Principal	Term
Epic (UNITE) securitisation conduit	Investment	£250m	7 years
Medium term syndicated facility	Investment/ development	£225m revolving	4 years

Average cost of debt: 6.5%

UNITE Finance One Securitisation (2002)

- Small asset substitution planned for late 2006
 - assets earmarked for redevelopment/disposal
- Operating data
 - Occupancy lower in Liverpool assets
 - Impact offset by tenancy mix and rental growth in portfolio
- Mark-to-market £22m pre tax



Emerging investment activity

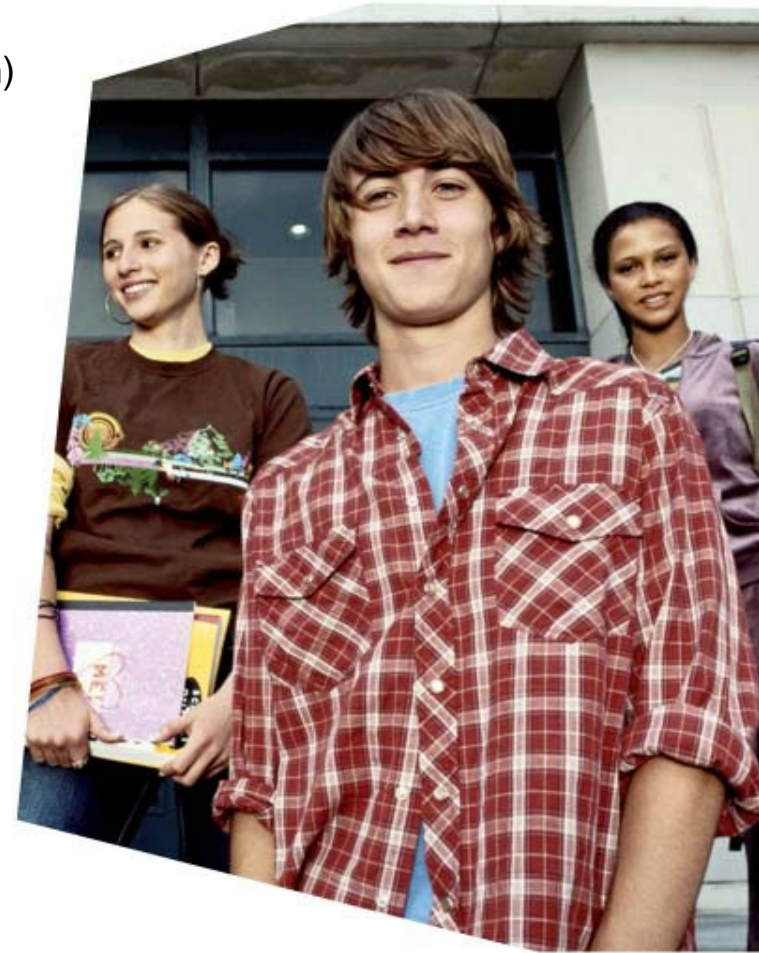
- **UNITE transactions in 2005**
 - second Lehmans joint venture (35 bps yield compression)
 - Capital Cities joint venture
 - sale and leaseback to Cordea Savills (55 bps yield compression)
 - competitive bidding on all transactions

- **Other funds intended**
 - c. £600 m of new funds announced targeting the student accommodation sector
 - capitalisation position unclear
 - lack of quality product in market
 - will underpin valuations

- **Interest likely to increase selling activity**
 - competitors more likely to sell
 - purchasers/investors will need management solution

- **Watching developments in REITs**

- **Review of options/opportunities for UNITE over next six months**



Portfolio performance

2005 performance

	Dec 05 £m	Dec 04 £m
Gross rental income	81.1	66.8
Direct operating costs	(26.0)	(18.0)
Portfolio overhead	<u>(8.0)</u>	<u>(7.8)</u>
Portfolio operating profit	47.1	41.0
JV contribution	<u>0.9</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>48.0</u>	<u>41.0</u>
<i>Basic operating margin</i>	<i>59.2%</i>	<i>61.2%</i>
<i>Portfolio operating margin*</i>	<i>63.2%</i>	<i>62.1%</i>

*On whole portfolio under management

2005/06 Academic Year

	05/06	04/05
Total beds in operation	30,729	26,319
Occupancy	<u>94.0%</u>	<u>94.8%</u>
Like-for-like revenue growth		
– Stabilisation	3.1%	3.3%
– Core rental growth	4.1%	3.5%
	<u>7.2%</u>	<u>6.8%</u>

Earnings performance

	2005 £m	2004 £m
Portfolio operating profit	48.0	41.0
Net interest charge	<u>(42.7)</u>	<u>(37.0)</u>
	5.3	4.0
Non rental profits	<u>3.3</u>	<u>1.2</u>
	8.6	5.2
Corporate and pre-contract costs	(7.2)	(6.5)
Other items	<u>2.0</u>	<u>(2.5)</u>
	3.4	(3.8)
Major IFRS items:		
Revaluation of investment portfolio/JVs	29.0	20.9
Ineffective hedge charge (2005 only)	<u>(4.3)</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit before tax per income statement	28.1	17.1
Tax credit/(expense)	<u>4.2</u>	<u>0.2</u>
Profit for period	<u><u>32.3</u></u>	<u><u>17.3</u></u>

UNITE Hospitality Services

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- UNITE brand and reputation
- 35,000 beds under management for 2006/07, 121 properties
- 1,000+ beds in 13 cities
- Managed improvement in operating margins
 - 2003: 60.5%
 - 2004: 62.1%
 - 2005: 63.2%
- Student hospitality concept
- Strong management team



Expertise

Core strengths

- marketing sales and lettings
- facilities management
- new building mobilisation
- student hospitality

Managing multiple stakeholders

- students
- parents
- Universities
- JV partners
- third party asset owners

Account management

- relationships with 52 Universities
- nominations and marketing agreements
- secondary benefits



Scaleability

Operating platform

- local and regional operating model
- more people on site at customer interface
- capacity for new buildings

Systems

- underpinning local and regional management model
- investment in IT systems
- online student interaction

Student hospitality

- national consistency
- range of product, offering and price point
- small communities to student villages to premium studios
- wide customer choice



Growth

Research

- market segmentation
- sector research
- customer research
- recommendation 80%+
- customer expectations 79%

Brand evolution

- research led
- differentiated student hospitality brand
- driving rental growth of 7.2%

Offering

- 51 week tenancies for postgraduates, overseas students, and customer convenience
- 4,095 customers booked for over 50 weeks
- future focus to improve mix



Case Study: Plymouth

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Students studying in Plymouth

- 20,270 students
- 11% growth over 4 years

Plymouth University

- Major investment to centralise campus in city centre: an extra 2,500 places
- Ambition to be in top 15 for research within 15 years
- 4.6 applications for every available place

UNITE portfolio

- First property opened 2001
- 1,101 beds in 5 properties
- 68% direct let, 32% nominations

Strong operating performance

- 74% customer satisfaction, 93% recommendation
- 51% 50+ week tenancies
- Basic demand led pricing model

Summary and outlook

- Continued demand and supply imbalance
- Delivering business performance
 - revenue growth
 - strong, visible roll-out programme
- Flexible capital base
- Investment activity demonstrating valuations
 - conservative yields
- Branded student hospitality experience
- Capability, capacity and opportunity for future growth



Appendices

- Our property portfolio
- Portfolio operating margin
- NNNAV calc.

Our property portfolio

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	Beds	Properties	Completed value £m	Average stabilised yield
Completed Portfolio:				
2004 and prior	23,028	89	931	6.30%
2005 completions	2,410	6	98	6.49%
Joint venture properties	2,276	7	136	6.16%
	27,714	102	1,164	6.32%
Beds under management	3,015	8	-	-
Development portfolio:				
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2008+	2,173	7	163	6.48%
	10,481	26	627	6.55%
Total	41,210	141	1,791	6.39%

Note: Includes 100% share of assets held in JVs

Portfolio operating margin

	2005		2004	
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Rental income				
- wholly owned		81.1		66.8
- operated in joint ventures		5.1		-
		<u>86.2</u>		<u>66.8</u>
Property operating costs				
- wholly owned	(26.0)		(18.0)	
- operated in joint ventures	(0.9)		-	
Overheads attributable to property operations	<u>(8.0)</u>		<u>(7.8)</u>	
		<u>(34.9)</u>		<u>(25.8)</u>
		51.3		41.0
Rent on properties under management		3.2		0.5
		<u>54.5</u>		<u>41.5</u>
Gross margin on portfolio under management		<u>54.5</u>		<u>41.5</u>
Gross margin percentage		<u>63.2%</u>		<u>62.1%</u>

	2005 £m	2004 £m
Net assets	382.7	321.8
Fair value of swaps	-	(9.3)
Fair value of fixed rate debt	(22.1)	(10.9)
Deferred tax	6.6	6.1
NNNAssets	<u>367.2</u>	<u>307.7</u>
NNNAV per share	302p	276p