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The in-line FY26 update was expected, with FY27 guidance the key focus and coming in below consensus (we estimate the average outcome of the guidance implies a c.10% downgrade, we are currently 12% below FY27 consensus). This is partially offset by an accelerated £400m SBB scheme, representing a net £100m uplift and a total capital return yield of c.10%. Overall, the update points to a continued subdued housing market and will be a negative read-across for the sector.

Recommendation: Hold
Closing Price: £2.78

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FY26 adjusted PBT is expected to come in line with market expectations of £559.9m (GbE: £562m). Completions increased 5% to 17,667, while sales rates remained flat at 0.63 (0.55 ex-bulk). ASPs rose 3.8% to £396k. Forward sales declined 3.5% to c.£2.8bn.

An accelerated £400m shareholder buyback has been confirmed following investor activist activity, with dividends temporarily replaced by the scheme. This represents a net £100m uplift (c.£100m SBB already in numbers and we had previously assumed c.£200m of dividends), equating to a total capital return yield of c.10.25%. This is supported by a strong balance sheet with the net cash position at year-end standing at £772m (FY26: £722m). The net cash position in FY26 has benefited from "reduced land spend and the delayed timing of legacy building remediation payments".

The outlook for FY27 remains challenging, with guidance of 17,200 to 18,200 completions (-2.6% to +3.0% volume growth), minimal house price inflation, build cost inflation of 3-4%, and synergies of £27m. We estimate this implies a PBT range of £424m to £531m, with an average of £477.5m. Our current estimate is £463.4m, 12% below FY27 consensus.

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B&M European Value Retail Q1'27: In-line, led by France; UK LFLs remain subdued

BME has reported its Q1 FY27 trading with UK LFL sales -2.3% yoy (vs. GBYe -2% and VA -1.4%). Group sales were +2.0% to £1,433m (in-line with consensus of £1,431m) helped by France +12.3% c.FX and +5.3% LFLs. At this stage, no FY guidance being provided, though the statement notes higher UK General Merchandise margins yoy to continue into H2, with FMCG trading margins lower as B&M invested in pricing, and clean inventory levels exiting the gardening season. With Q1 having been flagged as softer already due to a tough comp and colder April/May weather yoy, the UK LFL outturn is not surprising, albeit with limited evidence so far of the "Back to B&M Basics" turnaround plan coming through. At this point we expect limited changes to consensus today (£476m pre-IFRS 16 adj EBITDA, +4% yoy), albeit shares may be softer on the lack of progress in LFLs following the better June weather that has continued into July.

Recommendation: Hold
Closing Price: £2.04

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No guidance is being given until the H1 results in November, post Spring/Summer selling season. For FY27, we currently model +3.9% group sales to £5,999m on +0.8% UK LFL with pre-IFRS 16 adj EBITDA +2.5% to £470m, post IFRS-16 adj EBIT +4.8% to £453m and adj EPS +6.5% to 22.6p. We note VA on £5,959m sales on +0.6% UK LFL, £476m pre-IFRS 16 adj EBITDA, £437m post IFRS-16 adj EBIT and 21.9p adj EPS.

Despite the uncertain macro, shares are +21% ytd, trading on 9x cal.26 P/E and 5.8x EV/EBITDA, supported by c.10% FCF yield. The "Back to B&M Basics" turnaround plan promises to return UK LFL sales to consistently positive growth, with still some work to do on ranges and price points to drive footfall/ transactions and, in time, return margins to >10%. This statement suggests the turnaround momentum is yet to be fully bedded in, which given the recent sunny weather and potential World Cup boost, may be a disappointment to some today.

B&M UK General Merchandise LFL sales grew yoy in May and June following a tough April comp while FMCG LFLs continued to decline. France LFL sales +5.3% with c.FX sales +12.3% with an encouraging mid-single digit growth in LFL transaction volumes. Heron Foods LFL sales +2.6% (total +2.8%) benefitting from range reviews and positive clearance contribution.

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Irish Banks Draft European Commission report proposes loosening leverage ratio requirements

It was reported across several media outlets yesterday, including the FT here , that the European Commission will propose loosening the leverage ratio requirements for European banks in a report to be published on Friday. The leverage ratio is a non-risk-based backstop, calculated as Tier 1 capital divided by total leverage exposure including assets and off-balance-sheet items, and the EU's 3% minimum has been binding since 28 June 2021. Regulators are revisiting the framework because leverage requirements can become a binding constraint rather than a backstop, especially for low-risk, balance-sheet-intensive activity. The reported European Commission draft would remove some Pillar 2 capital requirements linked to the leverage ratio for some banks, reduce reporting requirements, simplify additional buffers and review the EBA mandate, with the draft still subject to change. This follows US changes to the enhanced supplementary leverage ratio, effective 1 April 2026, and UK proposals to reduce the Tier 1 leverage minimum from 3.25% to 3.0%, remove the countercyclical leverage buffer and introduce a releasable 25bp general leverage buffer. Separately, the report also proposes an overhaul of the planned European Deposit and Insurance Scheme, reducing reporting requirements and reviewing the mandate of the EBA.

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This is positive for the European banks sector overall, particularly for banks where the leverage ratio has become a binding constraint rather than a backstop, because the direction of travel increases capital flexibility and reduces duplication in the capital stack. For the Irish banks, we see limited impact because AIB, Bank of Ireland and PTSB already operate with strong FY25 leverage ratios and relatively high RWA density, leaving capital generation and distributions more important for the equity story than leverage relief.

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