



# **Primed For** Growth

**Capital Markets Update** 24 July 2025

# Agenda

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### PHP investment case



Demographic tailwind

UK population is growing and ageing, demand for space is leading to high occupancy



Dividend

29-year track record of dividend growth currently yielding at c.7.4%<sup>2</sup>, confident in future progressive and covered dividend growth



NHS policy

Significant continued shift to primary care, as set out in the 10 Year Health Plan



Rental growth

Rental growth outlook set to continue with over 3% net rental income growth



Significant opportunity

50% of existing primary care premises in the UK are not fit for purpose<sup>1</sup>. Neighbourhood Health Centres are the future



Long income

WAULT of approx. 10 years and principal occupiers take new leases of 20-30 years



Secure income

88% of rent is paid for by the UK and Irish Governments



Low costs & fixed debt

Strong control on overhead with EPRA cost ratio of <10%. 100% of debt fixed or hedged, low average cost of 3.4%

<sup>1.</sup> Source: "Independent Investigation of the National Health Service in England" Lord Darzi, September 2024 2. As at 23 July 2025 closing price of 95.60



# H1 2025 key financial and operational highlights

#### H1 2025 financial highlights

- Net rental income £78.6m +3.1% (H1 2024: £76.2m)
- Adjusted earnings £47.3m +2.2% (H1 2024: £46.3m)
- Revaluation surplus £19.8m +0.7% (H1 2024: deficit -£40m); driven by rental growth delivering an increased total property return +3.6% (H1 2024: +1.4%)
- Adjusted NTA per share 106.2p +1.1% (2024: 105.0p)
- Increased adjusted NTA return +4.5% (H1 2024: +0.4%) including dividends paid in period

#### Focus on income growth with disciplined approach to shareholder returns and capital deployment

- 29<sup>th</sup> year of consecutive dividend growth equivalent to **7.1p<sup>1</sup> per share +2.9%** (2024: 6.9p)
- Dividend cover maintained at 100% in H1 2025 (FY 2024: 101%)
- LTV of 48.6% (2024: 48.1%) continues to be within target range of 40% to 50%
- Average cost of debt unchanged at 3.4% (2024: 3.4%)
- One of the lowest EPRA cost ratios in the sector reduced further to 9.8% (H1 2024: 10.1%)
- Disciplined pipeline, focused on asset management and development opportunities in Ireland

# 29th year of consecutive dividend growth

**Portfolio** 

**£2.81 billion** (2024: £2.75 billion)

Rent roll

**£158 million** (2024: £154 million)

**Government backed income** 

**88%** (2024: 89%)

Index linked income

**28%** (2024: 27%)

Occupancy

**99.1%** (2024: 99.1%)

**WAULT** 

**9.1 years** (2024: 9.4 years)

Net debt: fixed or hedged

**100%** (2024: 100%)

# Improving rental growth outlook

#### **Rent reviews**

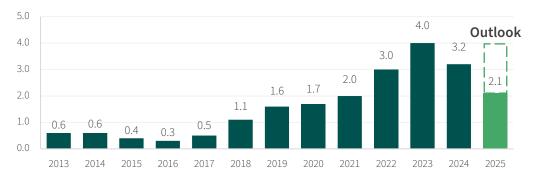
- £2.1m additional rent in H1 2025 from rent reviews, 8.6% increase over previous rent, 3.0% p.a. total weighted average rental growth
- 66% reviewed to open market (ave. **2.3%** p.a.), includes **37 reviews arising in 2022, 2023 and 2024 which delivered an increase of 12.3% over the previous passing rent or 3.6% p.a.**
- 28% index linked (ave. **4.0%** p.a.), 25% of UK indexed reviews include caps and collars, typically between 6-12% over a 3-year review cycle
- 6% on fixed uplift (ave. **2.6%** p.a.)
- Ireland 100% index linked (ave. **3.4%** p.a.)
- Assura FY 24/25 results reinforce improving rental growth outlook + £4.5 million or an uplift of 6.1% or 3.2% p.a. (OMV +2.2%, indexed/fixed +3.6%)

#### **Asset management**

Advanced pipeline of 43 projects - improving rental growth outlook with the current weighted average rent of £195psm due to increase by around 15% to £223psm



#### Additional income from rent reviews (£m)





# Combination expected to deliver significant strategic and financial benefits to PHP and Assura shareholders

Earnings enhancing

- Annualised run-rate synergies of approx. £9m (expected in full from the end of year 1)
- Expected to have one of the lowest EPRA cost ratios in the sector
- Embedded value of the low fixed cost, long-term, debt facilities retained

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#### Greater scale

- Portfolio of longleased, sustainable infrastructure assets, with income security
- Increased public markets presence, greater index weighting and improved investor flows

Growth sector

- 10 Year Health Plan and Government policy placing greater focus on primary care and community healthcare facilities
- Shift from hospital to primary care will enhance ability to benefit from the improving rental growth outlook

Further valuation upside

- Return to normalised, long-term, trading valuation rating<sup>1</sup> provides potential for significant further share price valuation upside vs. crystalising value in cash the short term
- Believe this is an inflexion point on the property cycle

Strong management

- PHP has historically delivered strong total property returns
- Disciplined approach to investment and asset management
- M&A track record and have delivered integration with synergies before

Forensic focus on creating shareholder value and growing the dividend with this earnings accretive transaction

<sup>1.</sup> PHP and Assura long-term trading valuation on a Price/NAV and Dividend yield basis is set out on page 7 of the investor presentation that can be found at the following link <a href="https://www.phpgroup.co.uk/investors/offer-for-assura-plc/">https://www.phpgroup.co.uk/investors/offer-for-assura-plc/</a>

### Attractive strategy and financial framework

#### **Proposed operating policies**

- Progressive dividend paid on a quarterly basis
- 80% to 90% government backed income target
- Focus on organic rental growth > 3% to deliver sector leading, risk adjusted total property returns
- Long income with occupiers on new or regeared leases typically in excess of 20 years
- Risk controlled and capital light asset management and development projects

#### Financial framework

- Targeting strong investment grade credit rating of BBB+ or better
- LTV target of 40% to 50%
- Interest cover target of >2.5x with > 90% of debt fixed or hedged
- Strong control on costs and overheads with one of the lowest EPRA cost ratios in the sector (sub 10%)

### Capital structure – strong support from the capital markets for the combination

# Achieved to date

- £1,125m<sup>1</sup> bridging and back stop facility from new and existing lenders
- Fitch confirmed that Assura would remain investment grade after the combination
- £900m of Assura listed bonds to remain, with no change of control event
- £416m waivers on change of control on various Assura facilities
  - Obtained change of control waivers in respect to Assura revolving credit facility
  - Agreement of a restated two-year maturity for Assura's £266m term loan from Barclays, plus extension options to 2029
- Ongoing discussions with private placement holders and other lending banks regarding change of control waiting for the combination to complete

### Next steps following completion

- Execute strategic JV(s) / selected disposals to reduce leverage to 40% to 50% LTV target in the short term
- Refinance and "term-out" balance of bridging facility and Assura's short duration private placement loans
  - Convertible bond £300m
  - Private placements and listed bond market
  - Convert Tranche C of bridging facility to an RCF (as stated in the facility agreement) to provide c.£300m of further undrawn liquidity headroom
  - Positive discussions with several potential new lenders, keen to be involved in enlarged Group, regarding RCF
- Accelerate process to move PHP's secured debt structure to an unsecured basis, starting with RCF's (originally planned for 2027/2028)

### Joint venture and disposal strategy – good progress continues



# Engagement with counterparties

- Positive ongoing discussions with a number of highly credible counterparties
- Strong interest in JV opportunities with PHP



# Shortlisting and proposed structuring

- Shortlist being finalised to progress to heads of terms
- Preferred structure is strategic JV(s)



# Targeting completion

- High confidence in delivering a transaction in the short-term
- Supports reducing LTV to 40%–50% range

#### Market backdrop

- Assura announced a JV with USS in May 2024 which has acquired £159m of primary care assets, with capacity to increase to £400m
- New pools of capital are assessing the asset class: global infrastructure funds, pension funds, life assurance companies, managing significant capital at a lower cost

#### Recommended combination of PHP and Assura

PHP offer

- Assura shareholders receive, for each Assura share:
  - 0.3865 new PHP shares
  - 12.50 pence in cash
  - 0.84 pence special dividend,payable on the transaction becoming unconditional
- In addition, Assura shareholders retain, with no adjustments the Assura dividends paid on 9 April 2025 and 9 July 2025
- Based on an acquisition of all shares in Assura, Assura shareholders will hold 48% of the enlarged Group

Look-through offer value

- The daily closing look-through value of PHP's offer¹ has been consistently ahead of the Consortium all-cash proposal² since the PHP 2.7 announcement on 16 May 2025³
- Due to the recommended combination, the Board believes that PHP's share price has been impacted by technical
  factors resulting from merger arbitrage activity, with some funds hedging long positions in Assura with a
  corresponding short position in PHP, leading to an elevated short position which is temporary and which the Board
  expects to reverse post completion of a transaction

# Regulatory process

- The PHP offer is **not conditional** on any regulatory or competition clearances
- PHP continue to engage with the CMA in respect to its Phase 1 review which is progressing well and in keeping with expectations
- 1. PHP Offer from 16 May 2025 to 23 June 2025 of 0.3769 new PHP shares and 12.50 pence in cash, plus retain 0.84 pence April dividend and retain 0.84 pence July dividend. PHP Offer from 23 June 2025 of 0.3865 new PHP shares and 12.50 pence in cash, plus retain 0.84 pence April dividend, retain 0.84 pence July dividend plus 0.84 pence special dividend
- 2. Consortium offer from 16 May 2025 to 11 June 2025 of 49.40 pence, inclusive of 0.84 pence April dividend; Consortium Best and Final cash offer from 11 June 2025 of 52.10 pence, inclusive of 0.84 pence April dividend and 0.84 pence July dividend
- 3. Calculation based on the relevant PHP offer (per footnote 1) and Consortium offer (per footnote 2) in the public domain at the end of each day up to close on 22 June 2025

### **Next steps**

# Acceptance of the offer

- Assura Shareholders who have not yet accepted the PHP offer are urged to do so as soon as possible and, in any event, no later than 1.00 p.m. (London time) on 12 August 2025
- PHP requires shareholder acceptances of greater than 50% of the voting shares of Assura to become
  unconditional TAKE ACTION NOW
- Further details of how to accept the offer can be found in the Revised Offer Document at this link <a href="https://www.assuraplc.com/investor-relations/shareholder-information/offer-from-php">www.assuraplc.com/investor-relations/shareholder-information/offer-from-php</a>
- Strong support from PHP shareholders for the combination, with 99% votes in favour from voting shareholders at its general meeting







# The Government's 10 Year Health Plan for England, July 2025

Shift from hospitals to community with Neighbourhood Health Centres (NHC) at the core of the Government's vision



"The creation of a
Neighbourhood Health Service
marks a break from the past
and a sharp choice: to put a
higher share of NHS
expenditure into community
settings, and less in hospitals
over the next 10 years."

"Establishing a Neighbourhood Health Centre in every community across the country."

# PHP is strategically well placed to assist and support the Government and NHS with the NHC programme:

- c.500 existing assets across the country
- Many already operate in a manner consistent with NHCs, offering multidisciplinary services across a broad spectrum of care
- Our community assets can be extended, refurbished, and optimised in a capital light way delivering double digit returns
- PHP will also deliver new builds where needed
- Strong engagement with local ICBs to deliver these near-term asset management and development opportunities

<sup>1.</sup> Source: "Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England" July 2025

### Eastbourne Victoria Medical Centre development – A neighbourhood health centre

#### **Development opportunity:**

- Unfit for purpose smaller separate GP practices
   unable to cope with increasing patient demand
- Merged as a single primary care network
- Existing premises were inadequate for the growing population
- Nationally and locally the NHS is implementing a strategic move of transferring services away from hospital settings to modern purpose-built spaces

#### PHP developed the centre in 2021:

- Flexible building to meet future demand and changing requirements
- BREEAM Excellent rating
- Outstanding 2024 rent review of c.12% increase expected

#### The outcome:

Let for 25 years to allow patients and the wider primary care network to access a wide range of health and care services including:

- 15 GPs (physical, telephone and video) and 108 other staff including clinical professionals
- Minor operations and procedures
- Mental health assessments and practitioners
- Training for GPs, nurses and paramedics
- Walk-in centre
- Non-NHS services (medicals, insurance, vaccinations)
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational therapy
- Social prescribing
- Clinical pharmacy



3 separate GP practices merged into one superpractice, under new management, in purpose-built accommodation







# Trinity Medical Centre, Wakefield – Creating value through asset management

#### **Asset management opportunity:**

- Originally built in 1998 for 2 GP practices, opticians, and pharmacy on 25-year leases expired in 2023
- Situated in a very convenient community location serving 27,700 patients
- PHP to reconfigure and expand site creating 13
   additional consulting rooms and an enhanced
   community care facility

#### Value created for PHP:

- Secured new 25-year lease, generating £58k p.a.
   (+13%) additional Government-backed rent
- PC due Q1 2026
- BREEAM "Very Good" targeted
- Profit on cost of 13%

#### Shifting care into the community:

- A strategic local neighbourhood hub built around patient need, delivering services previously requiring hospital care now deliverable in the community including:
- Minor operations and surgical procedures
- Out-of-hours service
- Teaching and training to medical professionals
- Maternity and midwifery services
- Blood tests
- Family planning
- Vaccination
- Diagnostic and screening procedure





# Kilburn Park Medical Centre – A purpose-built modern medical centre



Practical completion 26 June 2025

# Fireside chat with Sir Jeremy Hunt and Dame Clare Gerada



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### **Closing remarks**

- PHP is primed for growth and the 10 Year Health Plan plays to our strengths
- We have multiple levers to generate shareholder value:
  - A **combination with Assura** would be transformational, creating a business with greater scale, operating excellence and the ability to further invest in primary care assets at attractive returns
  - Strong rental reversion potential in both portfolios
  - Significant asset management and development opportunities to support the Government's initiatives
  - Opportunity to create new primary care assets if sensible rent uplifts can be achieved (by the DVs)
- We are confident in our ability to deliver dividend and earnings growth from our existing portfolio, which would only be enhanced by the successful merger with Assura



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#### **Opportunities:**

Asset management and development

Strategic joint venture

Ireland

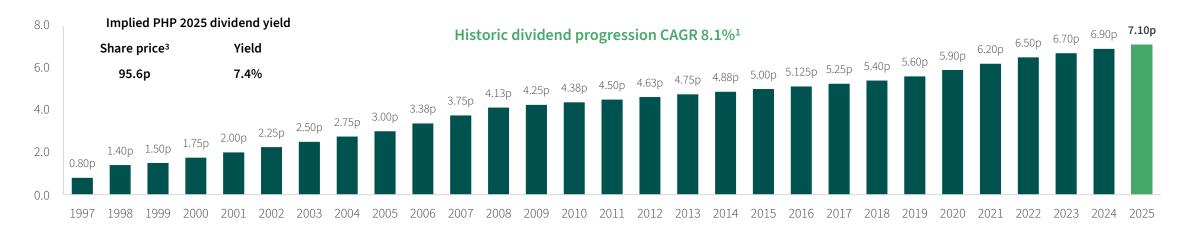
Community diagnostics

Neighbourhood Health Centres Recycling of assets into accretive acquisitions

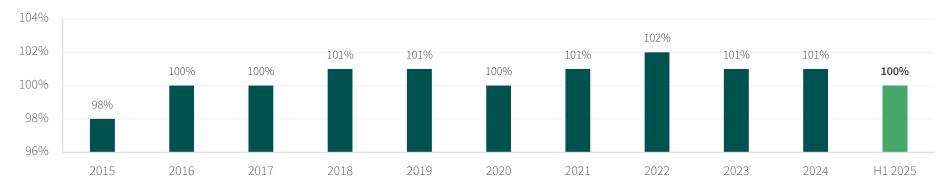
Adjacent sectors and geographies



# 29th year of consecutive growth and sector outperformance



#### Historic dividend cover



- 1. CAGR: 1997 to 2025
- . Based on Q1, Q2 and Q3 2025 dividend of 1.775p paid or declared per share annualised and is illustrative only
- 3. Share price is the closing mid-market price on 23 July 2025

# Acquisition in Ireland, completed in February 2025

#### Laya Health and Wellbeing Clinic

- Accretive earnings yield 7.1%, fully occupied and let to Laya Healthcare Limited
- State-of-the-art health and wellbeing clinic with urgent care and diagnostics facilities
- Great relationship with the occupier who has invested €5.5 million in the building to provide a number of diagnostic and scanning services
- The recently completed investment by Laya was project managed by Axis PHP, the Group's market-leading team in Ireland
- The FRI lease has an unexpired term of just over 12 years and benefits from fixed rental uplifts in 2027 and 2032
- PHP remains committed to Government backed cash flows and sees a significant opportunity ahead to grow its Irish portfolio
- This was an opportunistic acquisition at an accretive earnings yield



Laya Health and Wellbeing Clinic, Cork, Ireland

€22.0m

7.1%

### **Development pipeline**

- Short-cycle and de-risked development activity: Adding high quality assets, capturing attractive development margins and supporting ESG commitments
- Irish forward funded developments: Three projects in pipeline with a total cost of £64m/c.€75m

#### Forward funded development

# Youghal Primary Care Centre, Ireland

Tenants:

- HSE

- GP's

Start on site: Q3 2025 PC date: Q4 2026

GDV: €15m (£12.5m)

Size: 3,800 sqm

No. of GP's: 3
Patients: N/A
WAULT: 25 years
Rent Review: Irish CPI
BER rating: A3
Net Zero Carbon: N/A



#### Forward funded development

# **Enniscorthy Enhanced Community Care Centre, Ireland**

Tenants:

- HSE

- TUSLA

 Start on site:
 Q1 2026

 PC date:
 Q2 2027

 GDV:
 €20m (£16.7m)

Size: 4,600 sqm
No. of GP's: N/A
Patients: N/A
WAULT: 25 years
Rent Review: Irish CPI
BER rating: A3

Net Zero Carbon: N/A



#### Forward funded development

#### **Donnybrook Primary Care Centre, Ireland**

Tenants:

- HSE / TUSLA

- GP's

Start on site: Q1 2026 PC date: Q2 2027

GDV: €40m (£33.3m) Size: 7,100 sqm

No. of GP's: 4
Patients: N/A
WAULT: 25 years
Rent Review: Irish CPI
BER rating: A3
Net Zero Carbon: N/A



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