

MATALAN

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Matalan announces sale and leaseback of Knowsley Head Office

On 18 December 2020, following an extensive marketing process, Matalan completed the sale and leaseback of its Head Office property in Knowsley, Liverpool. The sale represents the planned completion of transactions set out during the financing activity undertaken in June, following the significant Covid-19 driven disruption to the business. The property was sold by way of a share sale of Jonmar Limited (the company in the Matalan group which owned the Head Office) to JMax Knowsley Limited, a company owned by John Hargreaves, with the property being Jonmar Limited's sole asset.

As envisaged, the disposal proceeds of £25m have been applied in prepayment and cancellation of part of Matalan's £25m revolving credit facility provided pursuant to the Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme and part of the pre-existing £50m revolving bank credit facility, reducing the company's overall level of indebtedness.

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About Matalan

Matalan, a leading out of town fashion and homeware retailer, serves its customers through 231 stores in the UK, an e-commerce platform and 40 overseas franchise stores. The ultimate parent company of Matalan is Missouri Topco Limited, with the group being ultimately controlled by the Hargreaves family.