# **Ocado Group plc 3rd Quarter Results**

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# OCADO GROUP PLC

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#### **Trading Statement**

Ocado Group plc ("Ocado") today announces its trading statement for the 12 weeks to 9 August 2015.

### Key financials

	12 weeks to	12 weeks to	Growth
	9 August 2015	10 August 2014	
Gross sales (Group) <sup>1</sup>	£272.0m	£231.9m	17.3%
Gross sales (Retail) <sup>1</sup>	£252.0m	£218.5m	15.3%
Average orders per week <sup>2, 3</sup>	190,000	163,000	16.6%
Average order size <sup>2</sup>	£110.46	£111.64	(1.1)%

As at 9 August 2015 the Group had cash and cash equivalents of £51.8 million and external borrowings<sup>4</sup> of £44.4 million.

# Tim Steiner, Ocado's Chief Executive Officer, said:

"We are pleased with the continued steady growth of our business in a retail environment that remains tough.

"We believe our commitment to improving what we offer to customers through innovation and our proprietary IP will support further growth. Notwithstanding the competitive nature of the marketplace, we expect to continue growing slightly ahead of the online grocery market."

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## Notes

- 1. Gross sales (Retail) refers only to the results of Ocado.com, Fetch.co.uk and Sizzle.co.uk. Gross sales (Group) includes the benefits from the Morrison agreement and Retail business. Gross sales include revenue plus VAT and marketing vouchers.
- 2. Refers to Ocado.com, Fetch.co.uk and Sizzle.co.uk orders. Average order size excluding standalone orders for Fetch and Sizzle declined by 0.6%.
- 3. Growth percentage calculated on a rounded basis.
- 4. Gross debt excluding the finance lease payable to MHE JV Co.
- 5. The figures used in this announcement are unaudited.
- 6. A copy of this trading update is available on www.ocadogroup.com.

#### **Cautionary statement**

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