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## boohoo group plc - trading statement for the four months ended 31 December 2018

#### Strong growth across all brands in all regions

	Fo	our months to	31 December	r	Ten months to 31 December					
£ million	FY19	FY18 Increase CER <sup>(</sup>		CER <sup>(1)</sup>	FY19	FY18	Increase	CER <sup>(1)</sup>		
Group total revenue	ue <b>328.2</b> 228.2 44%		43%	723.5	491.1	47%	46%			
Revenue by region										
UK	180.0	135.7	33%	33%	414.0	299.0	38%	38%		
ROE <sup>(2)</sup>	44.4	28.2	57%	54%	95.7	56.0	71%	63%		
USA	70.4	39.6	78%	80%	138.6	79.2	75%	77%		
ROW <sup>(3)</sup>	33.4	24.7	35%	32%	75.2	56.9	32%	29%		

(1): CER designates Constant Exchange Rate translation of foreign currency revenue. (2) ROE is rest of Europe. (3) ROW is rest of world.

# **Highlights**

### Group

- Strong revenue growth of 44% (43% CER) across all geographic regions
- Gross margin for the four months 54.2%, up 170bps
- Strong balance sheet with net cash of £189 million (31 December 2017: £127 million)

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- Revenue £163.5 million, up 15% (14% CER). Year-to-date revenue £372.5 million, up 15% (13% CER)
- Gross margin for the four months 52.2%, up 150bps

#### PrettyLittleThing

- Revenue £144.2 million, up 95% (96% CER). Year-to-date revenue £312.8 million, up 114% (115% CER)
- Gross margin for the four months 56.4%, up 110bps

# **Nasty Gal**

- Revenue £20.6 million, up 74% (76% CER). Year-to-date revenue £38.3 million, up 89% (93% CER)
- Gross margin for the four months 54.4% (2018: 55.3%)

#### Guidance

Group revenue growth for the financial year to 28 February 2019 is expected to be 43% to 45%, ahead of our previous guidance of 38% to 43%. We expect group adjusted EBITDA margins to be between 9.25% and 9.75%, narrowing the range from the 9% to 10% as previously guided. All other guidance remains unchanged.

# Mahmud Kamani and Carol Kane, Joint CEOs, commented:

"We are delighted to be reporting yet another great set of financial and operational results and would like to say a very big thank you to all our team and customers. We remain firmly focused on continuing to provide our customers with great fashion at unbeatable value. The global growth opportunity is significant and we will be addressing it in a controlled way – investing in our proposition, operations and infrastructure to capitalise on the opportunity."

### Investor and analyst conference call

boohoo group plc will today host a conference call for analysts and investors at 9.30am (UK time). The dial in details for the call are as follows:

UK Toll Number: +44 3333000804 UK Toll-Free Number: 08003589473 Participant pin code: 73664912#

For international access numbers, please click <u>here</u>.

#### Notice of results

boohoo group plc expects to report its results for the 12 months to 28 February 2019 on 24 April 2019.

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### About boohoo group plc

### "Leading the fashion eCommerce market"

Founded in Manchester in 2006, the group started life as boohoo.com, an inclusive and innovative brand targeting young, value-orientated customers. For over 12 years, boohoo has been pushing boundaries to bring its customers up-to-date and inspirational fashion, 24/7. boohoo has grown rapidly in the UK and internationally, expanding its offering with range extensions into menswear through boohooMAN.

In early 2017 the group extended its customer offering through the acquisitions of the vibrant fashion brand PrettyLittleThing, and free-thinking brand Nasty Gal. United by a shared customer value proposition, our brands design, source, market and sell great quality clothes, shoes and accessories at unbeatable prices. This investment proposition has helped us grow from a single brand, into a major multi-brand online retailer, leading the fashion eCommerce market for 16 to 30-year-olds around the world. Today the boohoo group sells to over 11 million customer accounts across all its brands around the world.

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# Appendix – prior period revenues by region

# Revenue by period for the ten months to 31 December 2018 (FY19)

£'000		4m to 31 Dece	ember	;	10m to 31 December				
	FY19	FY19 FY18 yoy %		yoy % CER	FY19	FY18	yoy %	yoy % CER	
Total	328,231	228,215	15 44% 43% <b>723,542</b> 491,0		491,090	47%	46%		
Revenue	e by region								
UK	179,952	135,642	33%	33%	414,009	299,022	38%	38%	
ROE	44,431	28,232	57%	54%	95,682	56,023	71%	63%	
USA	70,427	39,618	78%	80%	138,598	79,214	75%	77%	
ROW	33,421	24,723	35%	32%	75,252	56,830	32%	29%	

£'000		3m to 31	May			3m to 31 A	ugust	st 6m to 31 August				
	FY19	FY18	уоу %	yoy % CER	FY19	FY18	yoy %	yoy % CER	FY19	FY18	yoy %	yoy % CER
Total	183,561	120,077	53%	52%	211,748	142,798	48%	47%	395,309	262,875	50%	49%
Revenue	e by region											
UK	110,738	74,532	49%	49%	123,319	88,849	39%	39%	234,057	163,381	43%	43%
ROE	22,257	12,220	82%	71%	28,993	15,571	86%	73%	51,250	27,791	84%	72%
USA	31,389	17,906	75%	78%	36,782	21,690	70%	71%	68,171	39,596	72%	74%
ROW	19,177	15,419	24%	22%	22,654	16,688	36%	31%	41,831	32,107	30%	27%

# Revenue by period for the year to 28 February 2018 (FY18)

£'000	4	lm to 31 Dec	cember		2	2m to 28 Fe	bruary	12m to 28 February				
	FY18	FY17	yoy %	yoy % CER	FY18	FY17	уоу %	yoy % CER	FY18	FY17	уоу %	yoy % CER
Total	228,215	114,294	100%	93%	88,710	53,025	67%	65%	579,800	294,635	97%	92%
Revenu	e by region											
UK	135,642	65,465	107%	107%	56,592	34,820	63%	63%	355,614	181,981	95%	95%
ROE	28,232	13,963	102%	76%	10,258	6,059	69%	54%	66,281	34,735	91%	73%
USA	39,618	19,299	105%	102%	13,475	5,910	128%	133%	92,690	40,435	129%	122%
ROW	24,723	15,567	59%	46%	8,385	6,236	34%	29%	65,215	37,484	74%	64%

£'000		3m to 31			3m to 31 A	ugust		6m to 31 August				
	FY18	FY17	yoy %	yoy % CER	FY18	FY17	yoy %	yoy % CER	FY18	FY17	уоу %	yoy % CER
Total	120,077	58,222	106%	98%	142,798	69,094	107%	104%	262,875	127,316	106%	101%
Revenue	e by region											
UK	74,532	37,396	99%	99%	88,849	44,300	101%	101%	163,381	81,696	100%	100%
ROE	12,220	6,938	76%	61%	15,571	7,775	100%	92%	27,791	14,713	89%	77%
USA	17,906	6,385	180%	155%	21,690	8,841	145%	136%	39,596	15,226	160%	145%
ROW	15,419	7,503	105%	80%	16,688	8,178	104%	98%	32,107	15,681	105%	89%