

Interim Results

Six Months to
30 September 2019

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Introduction

Martin Towers, Chairman



- Revenue increased by 11.4% on a reported basis, 12.8% on a constant currency basis, and 0.9% on a like for like³ basis
- Underlying operating profit² increased by 12.5% to £17.1m
- Strong UK domestic organic growth in retail and trade sectors
- House of Plumbing acquisition completed on 1 April 2019 and performing to expectations
- Net debt reduced to £41.1m (Sept 18: £53.5m) driven by strong cash generation
- Interim dividend increased by 10.7% to 3.1p per share

Revenue¹	£181.2m +12.8%
Underlying Operating Profit²	£17.1m +12.5%
Underlying Profit Before Tax²	£16.2m +14.1%
Diluted Underlying EPS²	15.7p +12.9%
Interim Dividend Per Share	3.1p +10.7%

1 On a constant currency basis

2 Pre IFRS16 basis

3 LFL (like for like) adjusts 2019 revenue for House of Plumbing (acquired 1 April 2019) and 27 to 26-week period pro-rating

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Financial Review

Shaun Smith, Group Finance Director

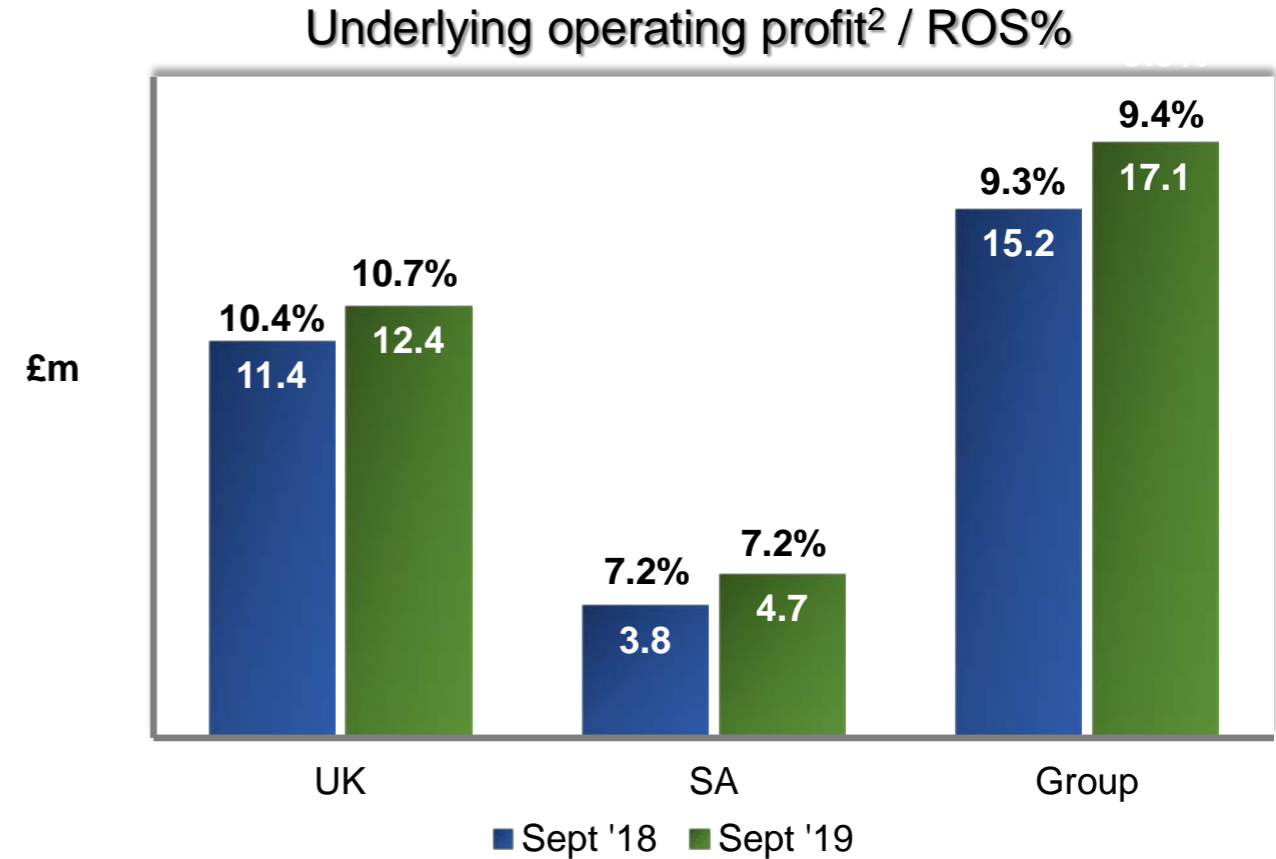
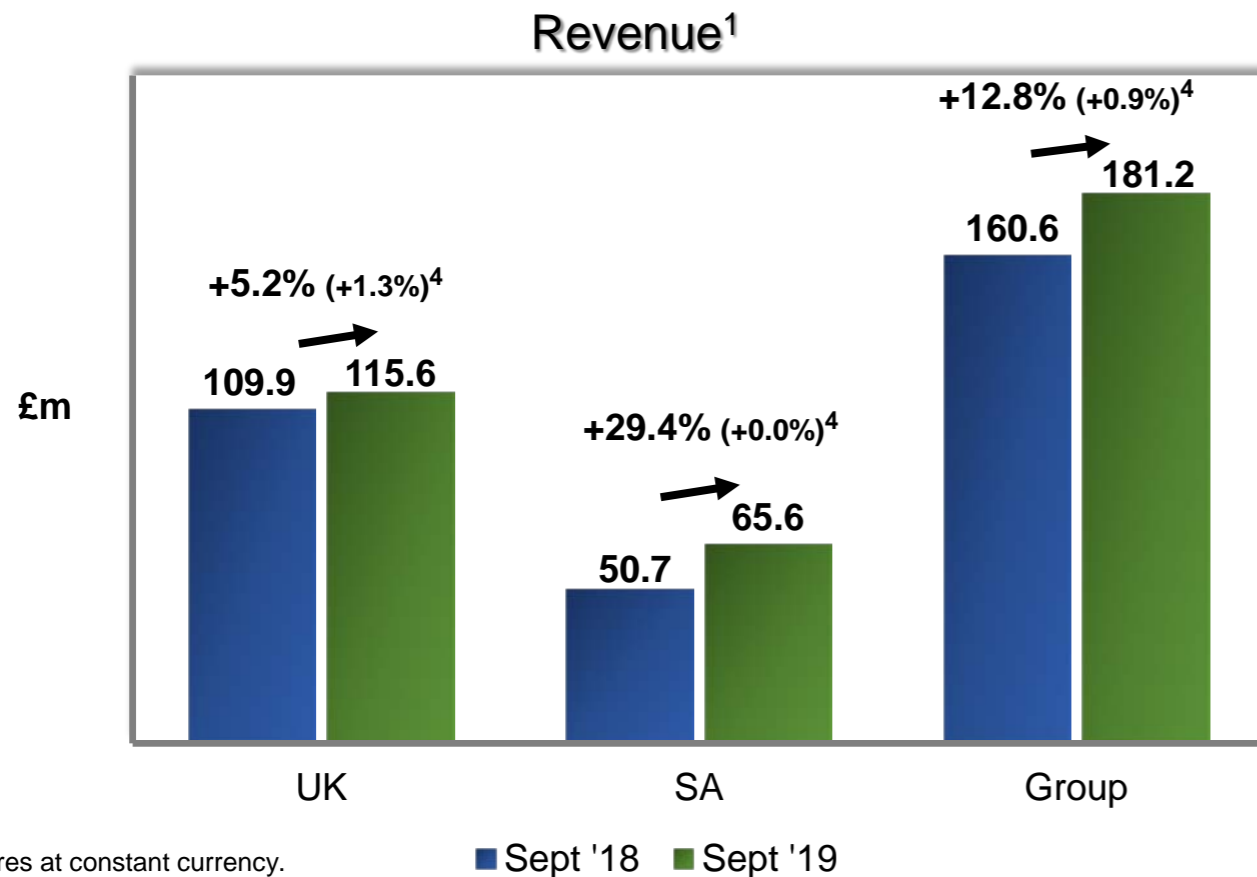
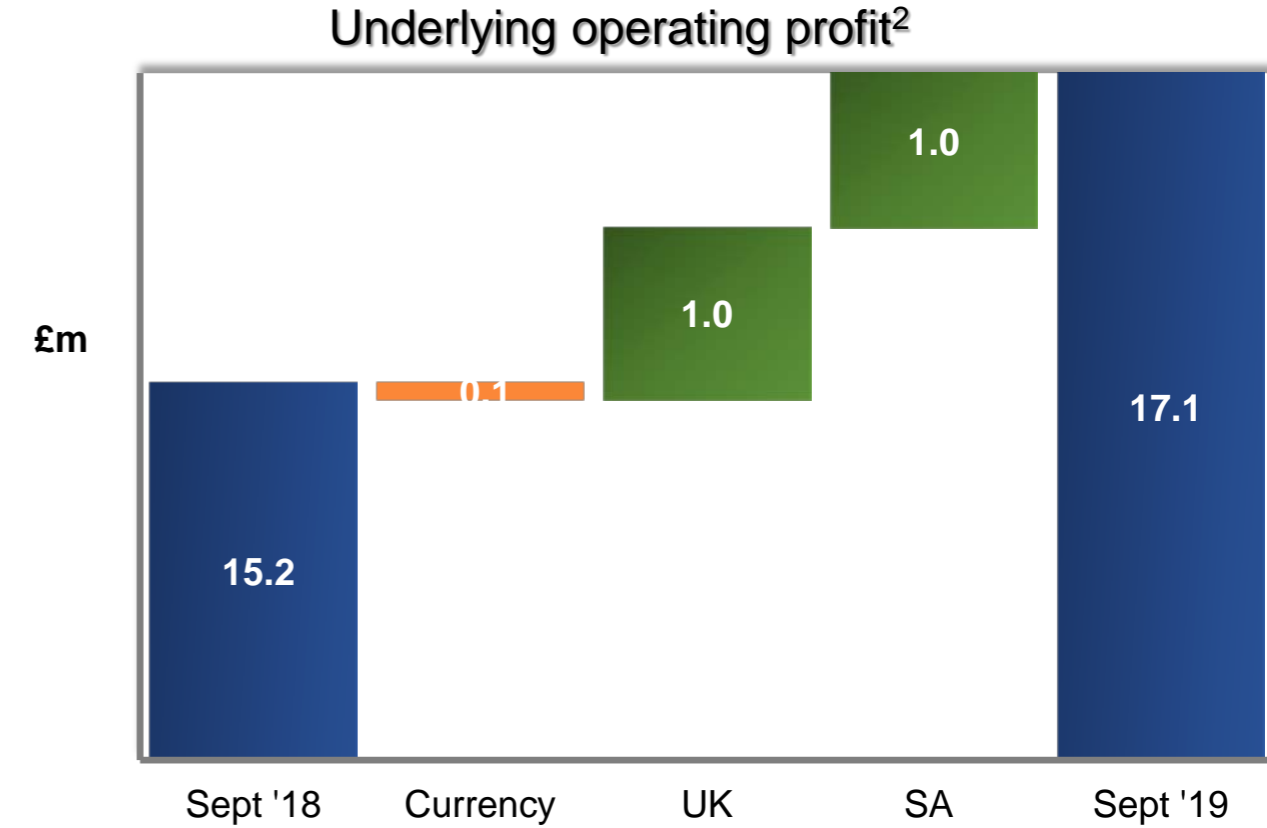
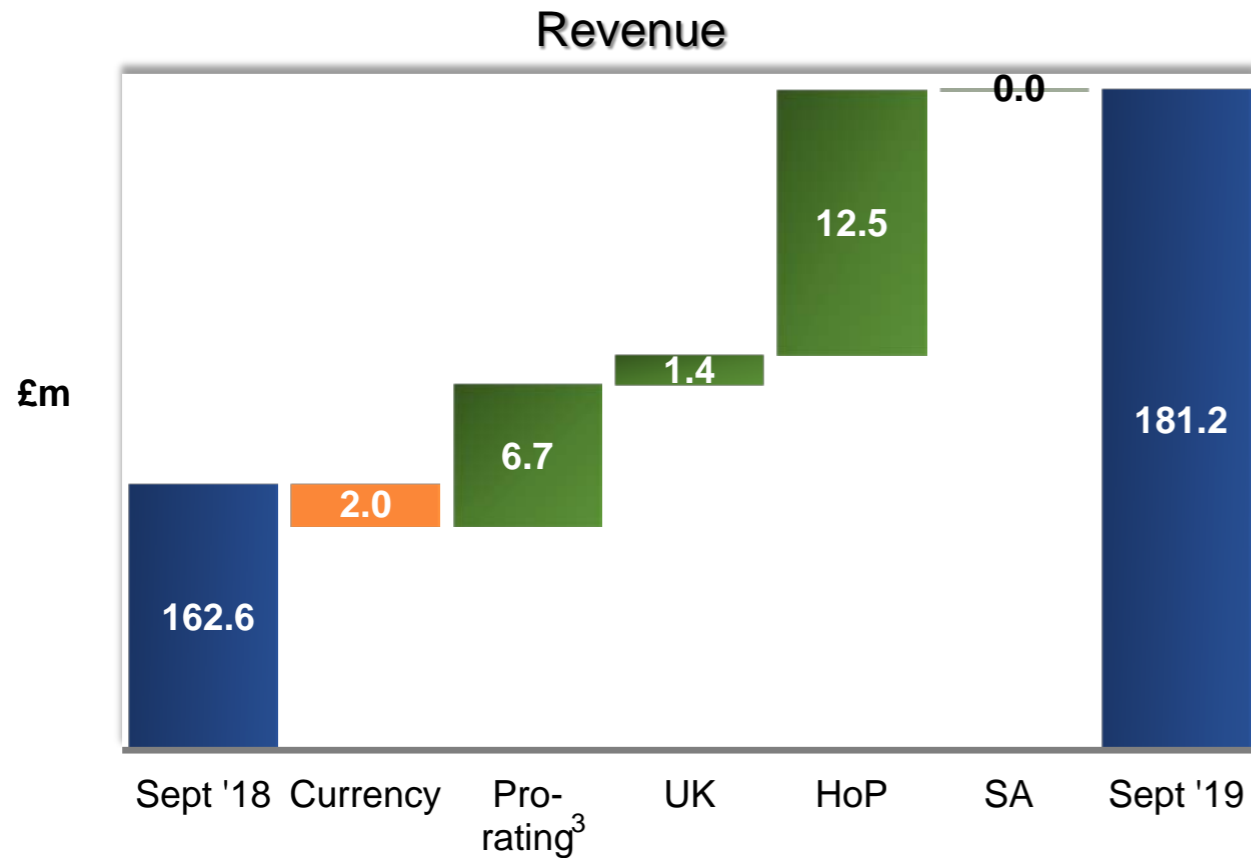


	H1 Sept 2019 £m	H1 Sept 2019 Pre IFRS16 £m	H1 Sept 2018 £m	+/- Pre IFRS16	+/- Constant Currency	FY Mar 2019 £m
Revenue	181.2	181.2	162.6	+11.4%	+12.8%	331.0
Underlying ¹ operating profit	17.4	17.1	15.2	+12.5%		34.4
<i>Margin</i>	9.6%	9.4%	9.3%			10.4%
Finance charges – cash	(1.8)	(0.9)	(1.0)			(1.8)
Underlying ¹ PBT	15.6	16.2	14.2	+14.1%		32.6
Exceptional operating items ²	-	-	-			(4.0)
IAS19R admin expenses	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.7)			(1.5)
Acquisition related costs ²	(2.2)	(2.2)	(1.9)			(3.8)
Finance income – non cash ³	0.8	0.8	3.6			2.1
PBT as reported	13.3	13.9	15.2	-8.6%		25.4

¹ Underlying means before exceptional operating items, IAS19R admin costs, acquisition related costs and where relevant, non-cash finance costs

² See page 33 for details

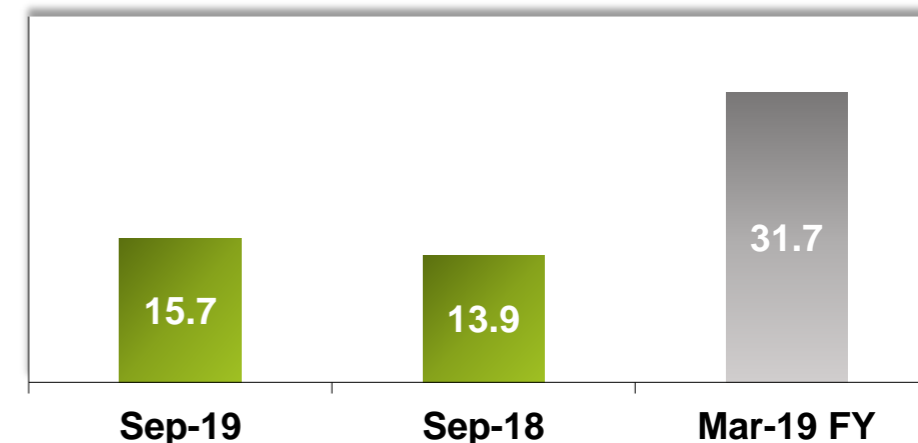
³ Includes £1.3m non-cash movement relating to “mark to market” on FX forward contracts (2018 : £4.3m)



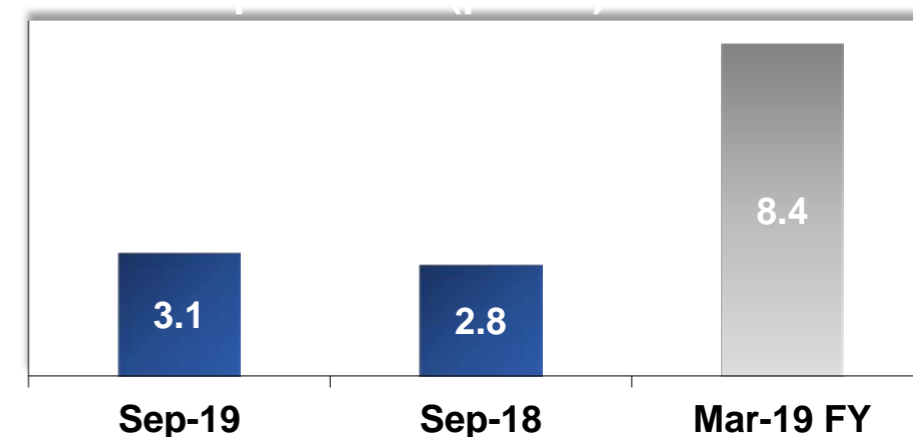
¹ All figures at constant currency.
² Pre-IFRS16 adjustment
³ 27 to 26 week pro-rating of current period
⁴ Like for like adjusts 2019 revenue for House of Plumbing (acquired 1 April 2019) and 27 to 26-week period pro-rating

	Underlying ¹				Reported			
	H1 Sept 2019 £m	H1 Sept 2019 £m Pre IFRS16	H1 Sept 2018 £m	FY Mar 2019 £m	H1 Sept 2019 £m	H1 Sept 2019 £m Pre IFRS16	H1 Sept 2018 £m	FY Mar 2019 £m
Profit before Tax	15.6	16.2	14.2	32.6	13.3	13.9	15.2	25.4
Tax charge	(3.3)	(3.4)	(3.0)	(6.9)	(3.1)	(3.2)	(3.2)	(6.0)
Earnings	12.3	12.8	11.2	25.7	10.2	10.7	12.0	19.4
Effective Tax rate	21.2%	21.0%	21.1%	21.2%	23.3%	23.0%	21.1%	23.6%

Diluted underlying EPS² (pence)



Dividend per share (pence)



Effective underlying tax rate of 21.0%² (2018: 21.1%)

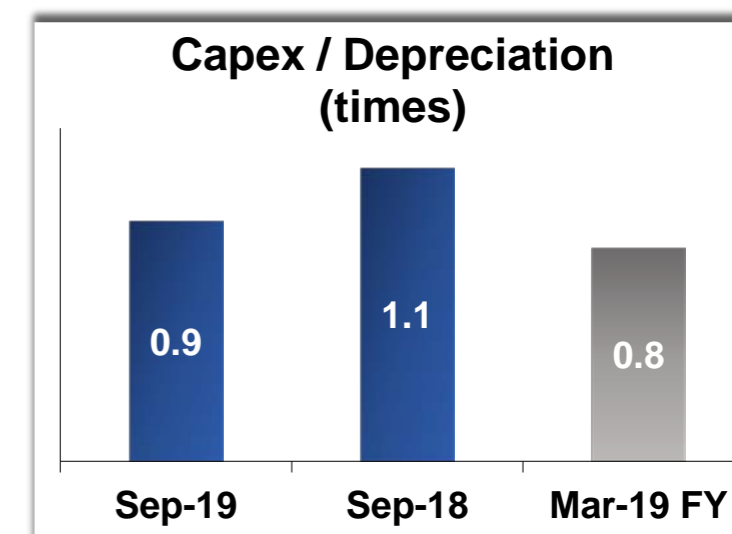
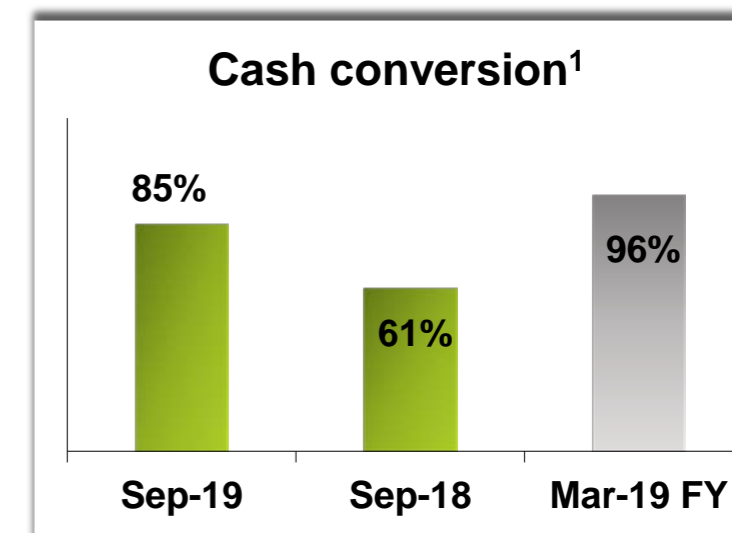
Underlying¹ earnings up 14.3%² to £12.8m (2018: £11.2m)

Interim dividend up 10.7% to 3.1p (2018: 2.8p)

¹ Underlying means before exceptional operating items, IAS19R admin costs, acquisition related costs and where relevant, non-cash finance costs, and where relevant after attributable tax

² Pre – IFRS16 basis

	H1 Sept 2019 £m	H1 Sept 2019 £m <small>Pre-IFRS16</small>	H1 Sept 2018 £m	FY Mar 2019 £m
Underlying EBITDA	20.6	20.6	18.6	41.3
Working capital	(3.1)	(3.1)	(7.9)	(2.1)
Depreciation of right of use assets	2.2	-	-	-
Operating profit impact of IFRS16	0.3	-	-	-
Other	-	-	0.7	0.6
Underlying operating cashflow	20.0	17.5	11.4	39.8
Net capital expenditure	(3.1)	(3.1)	(3.5)	(5.5)
Pension deficit recovery	(1.6)	(1.6)	(1.3)	(2.6)
Tax	(2.9)	(2.9)	(1.9)	(4.6)
Underlying free cash flow pre-financing & dividends	12.4	9.9	4.7	27.1
Exceptional and acquisition related costs	(0.4)	(0.8)	(1.4)	(1.9)
Interest	(1.8)	(0.9)	(1.1)	(1.8)
Dividends	(4.5)	(4.5)	(4.1)	(6.4)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	(9.4)	(9.4)	(2.0)	(2.1)
Principal element of lease payments	(2.0)	-	-	-
Purchase of treasury / issue of new shares	(0.9)	(0.9)	(1.1)	(0.9)
Net Cash Flow	(6.6)	(6.6)	(5.0)	14.0

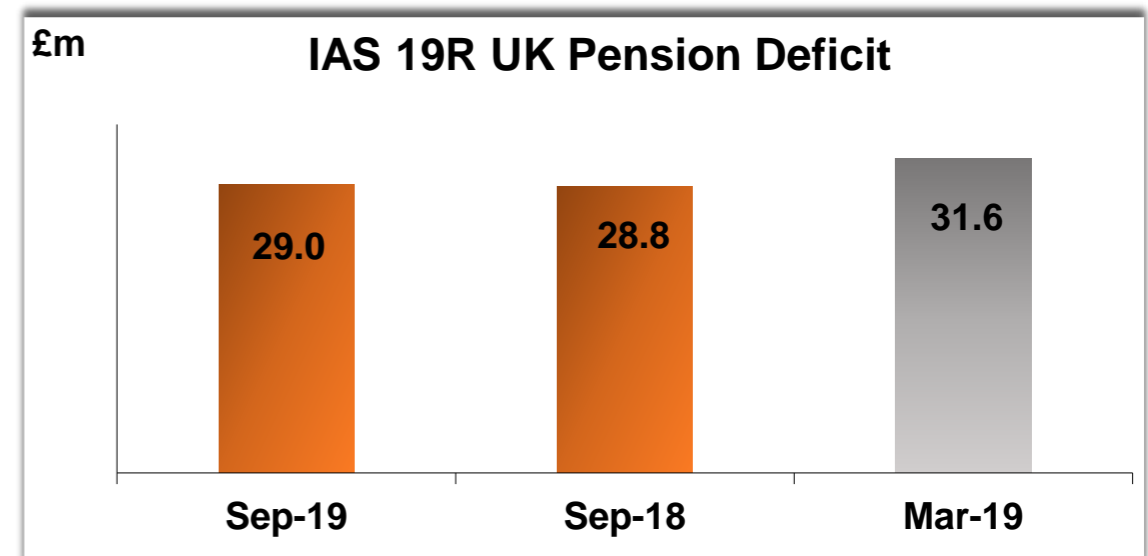
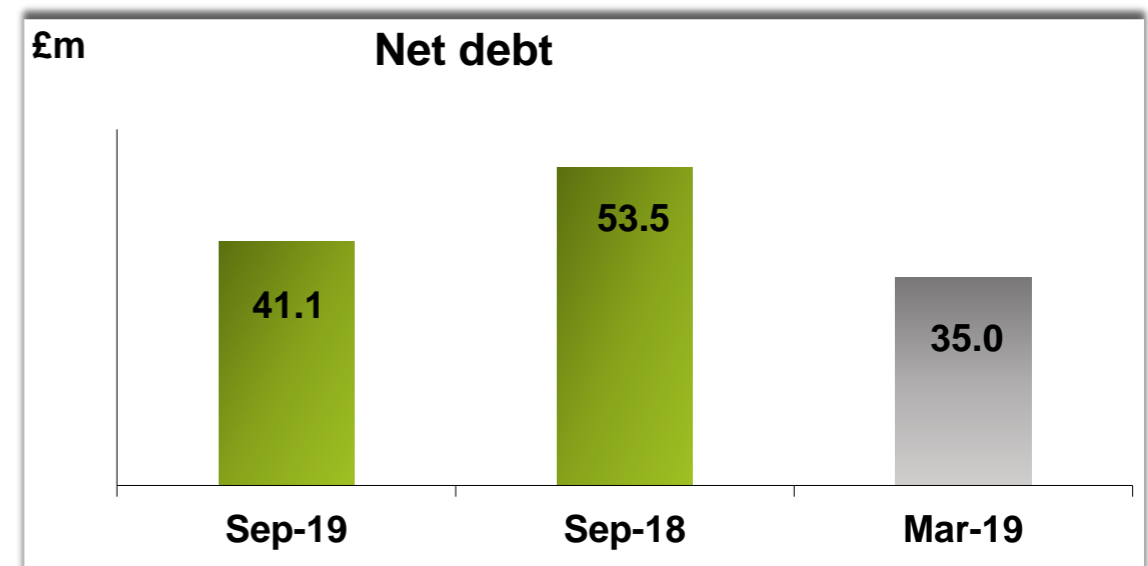
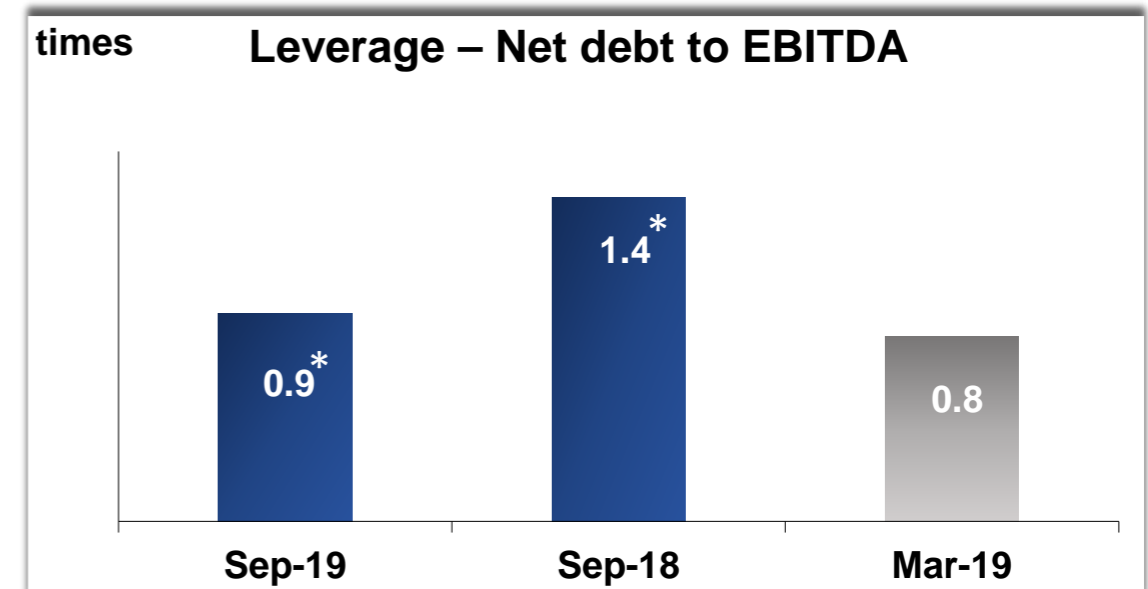


¹ Underlying operating cash flow / Underlying EBITDA, pre-IFRS16 basis

Leverage 0.9 times underlying EBITDA

Net debt £41.1m
 (March 19: £35.0m, Sept 18: £53.5m)

IAS19R deficit £29.0m
 (March 19: £31.6m, Sept 18: £28.8m)



* Pro forma EBITDA includes full year EBITDA for acquisitions

- IAS 19R deficit £29.0m (March 19: £31.6m, September 18: £28.8m)
 - Assets increased by £22.0m to £418.4m
 - Liabilities increased by £19.4m to £447.4m

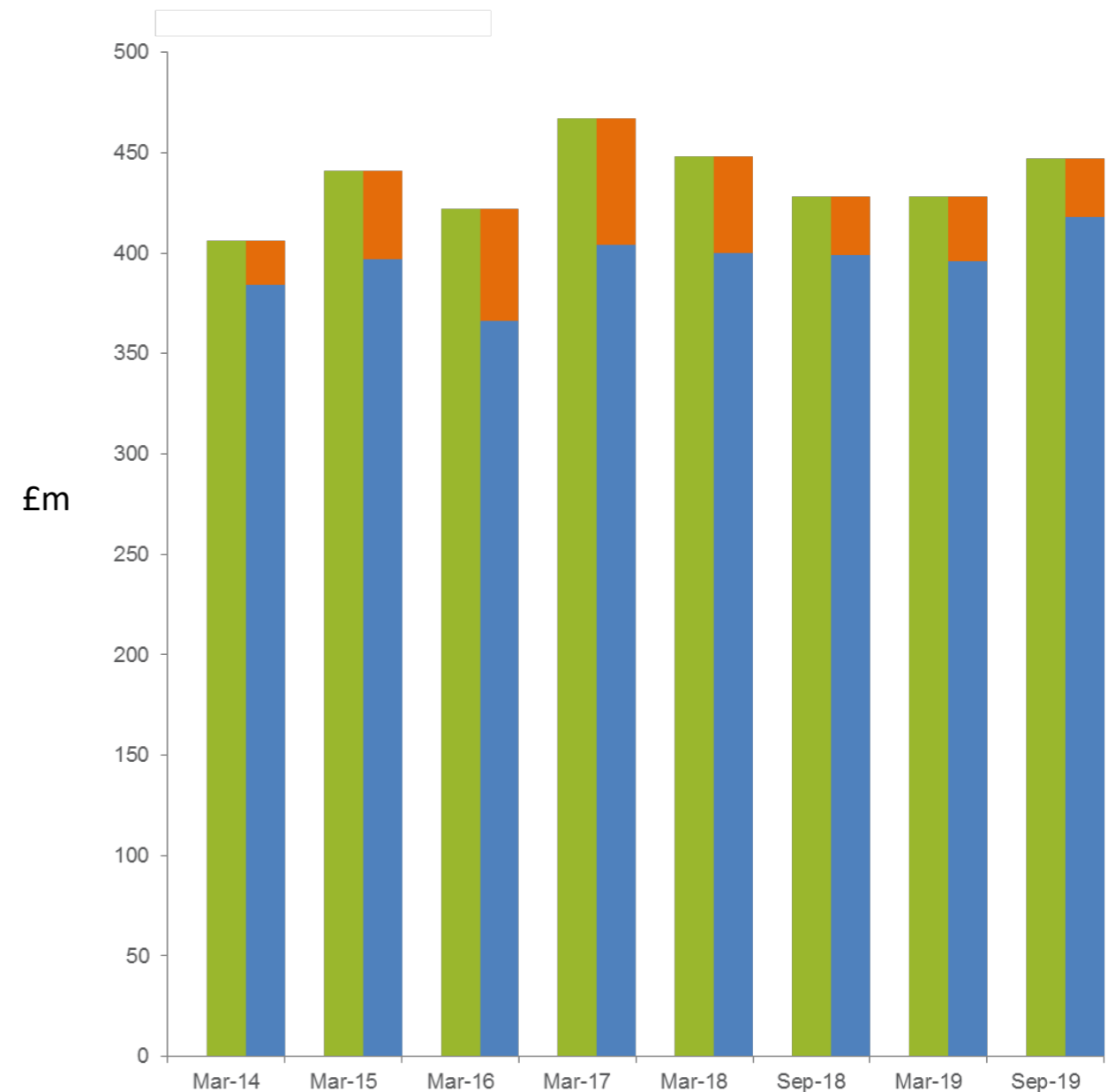
- Triennial valuation as at 1 April 2018 finalised
 - New recovery plan agreed; contributions £3.25m pa plus CPI for 6.5 years to 30 Sept 2025

- Super-mature scheme
 - 6,890 members (March 2019: 7,035). 69% of pensioners with average age 77
 - Annual pensioner payroll near peak at £20m pa

- Scheme closed to new entrants and future accrual in 2013

- Company and Trustee agreed to a strategy of further de-risking

UK Pension IAS 19R Assets & Liabilities



Liabilities	406	441	422	467	448	428	428	447
Assets	384	397	366	404	400	399	396	418
Deficit	22	44	56	63	48	29	32	29
Disc Rate	4.30%	3.30%	3.55%	2.60%	2.65%	2.95%	2.50%	1.90%
RPI	3.2%	2.90%	2.90%	3.15%	3.10%	3.20%	3.25%	3.10%



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Operating Review

Nick Kelsall, Group Chief Executive

➤ **Strong Performance**

- Robust revenue and earnings growth in challenging markets
- Proven business model delivering market outperformance & share gains
- Winning strategy – focus & strong execution; further growth opportunities
 - **UK**
 - Solid UK growth - trade segment >50% revenues
 - Triton - Q1 destocking, now stabilised
 - Merlyn, Vado, Abode & Norcross Adhesives – continued momentum and share gain
 - Johnson Tiles - growth in trade & retail
 - Croydex - retail recovery and trade growth
 - **South Africa**
 - Market outperformance & share gains
 - House of Plumbing - integrated & performing in line with expectations; rollout opportunity

➤ **Acquisition Pipeline**

- Well developed; number of potential opportunities
- Focus on complementary products

➤ **2023 Strategic Vision**

- £600m revenue target by 2023
- 50% revenues derived from overseas
- Sustainable ROCE of >15%
- Confident of further progress

			Group H1 Revenue	%
UK	 See you first thing Britain	Market leader in the manufacture and marketing of showers in the UK	£24.5m	13.5
		Market leading supplier of shower enclosures and trays	£21.9m	12.1
		Leading manufacturer and supplier of taps, mixer showers, bathroom accessories and valves	£21.1m	11.6
		Market leading, innovative designer, manufacturer and distributor of high quality bathroom furnishings & accessories	£11.7m	6.5
		Leading niche designer and distributor of high quality kitchen taps, bathroom taps and kitchen sinks	£8.6m	4.7
		Leading manufacturer and supplier of ceramic tiles in the UK	£21.5m	11.9
		Manufacturer of tile and stone adhesives, grouts and related products	£6.3m	3.5
UK Revenue Growth (27 weeks to 6 th October 2019)			+5.2% (+1.3% LfL)²	£115.6m 63.8%

SOUTH AFRICA	 OUR HOME IS YOUR HOME	Leading chain of retail stores focused on tiles, and associated products, such as sanitary ware, showers and adhesives	£31.7m	17.5
		Leading manufacturer of ceramic and building adhesives	£12.6m	6.9
		Leading manufacturer of ceramic and porcelain tiles	£8.3m	4.6
	¹	Market leading supplier of specialist plumbing materials focussed on the specification and commercial sectors	£13.0m	7.2
SA Revenue Growth (constant currency, 27 weeks to 6 th October 2019)			+29.4% (+0.0% LfL)²	£65.6m 36.2%

GROUP REVENUE GROWTH (constant currency, 27 weeks to 6th October 2019) **+12.8% (+0.9% LfL)²** **£181.2m 100%**

¹ Acquired 1st April 2019

² LfL adjusts H1 FY20 revenue for House of Plumbing and from 27 to 26 week period on pro-rated basis

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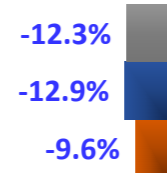


UK Operations

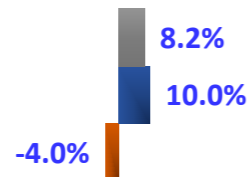
Nick Kelsall, Group Chief Executive

% Revenue Change ¹

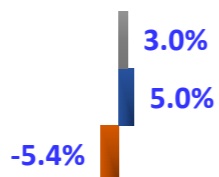
■ Overall ■ UK ■ Export



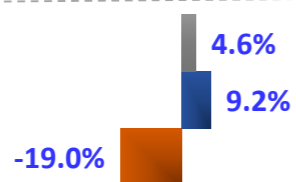
Q1 destocking in both UK and Eire markets – impact stabilised



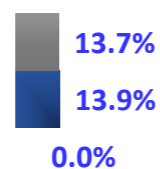
Excellent overall UK performance; French export growth offset by Eire



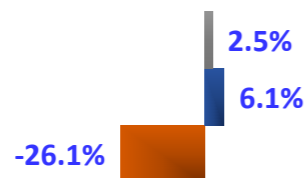
Strong UK retail and specification growth. Improving export performance



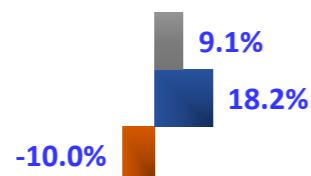
UK growth in retail and trade; European export growth offset by USA



Strong branded and OEM growth driven by share gains and NPD



UK growth driven by housebuilders & trade supported by LVT success; challenging French and Middle East markets



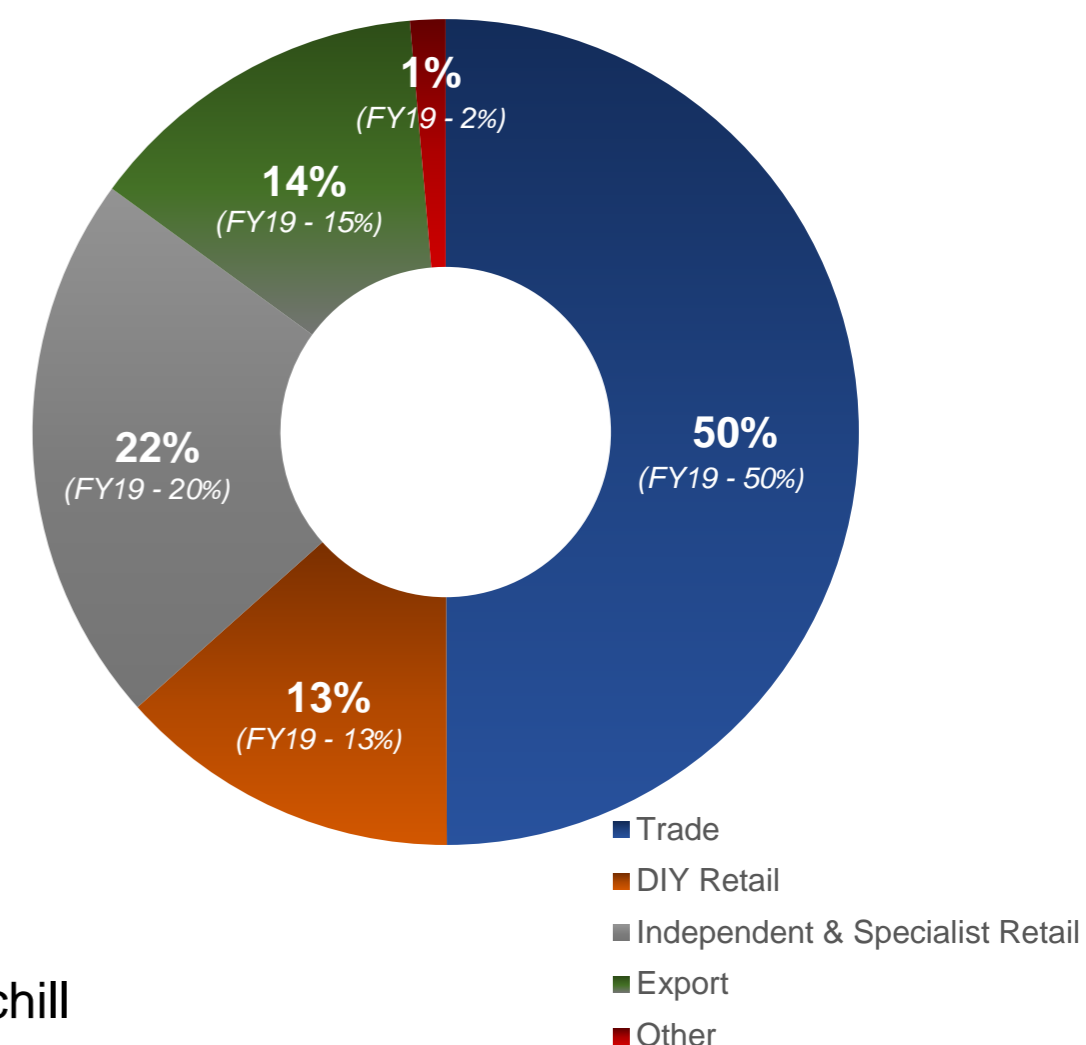
Robust growth in UK DIY channel; Middle East project delays

¹ H1 FY20 versus H1 FY19. H1 FY20 adjusted from 27 to 26 week period on pro-rated basis

Trade

- Increasing orientation to trade segment
- Strong Screwfix Q2 growth – Triton, Adhesives and Croydex
- Significant new account wins across the Group:
 - Avant Homes (*Top 20 Housebuilder*) – Abode and Merlyn
 - Robertson Homes (*Scottish Housebuilder of the Year 2019*) – Merlyn
 - Beaulieu Homes and Bloor Homes (*Top20 Housebuilder*) – Vado
 - Sainsbury’s portfolio refit (*600 supermarkets & 800 convenience stores*) – Vado
 - London & Quadrant (*UK’s No.2 Housing Trust*) – Merlyn, Vado & Johnson Tiles
- Triton – digital shower growth in bathroom pod manufacturers
- Johnson Tiles – LVT successfully launched into Redrow and Persimmon
- Abode – strong growth with Howdens
- Croydex – inclusive/adaptive products into McCarthy & Stone and Churchill

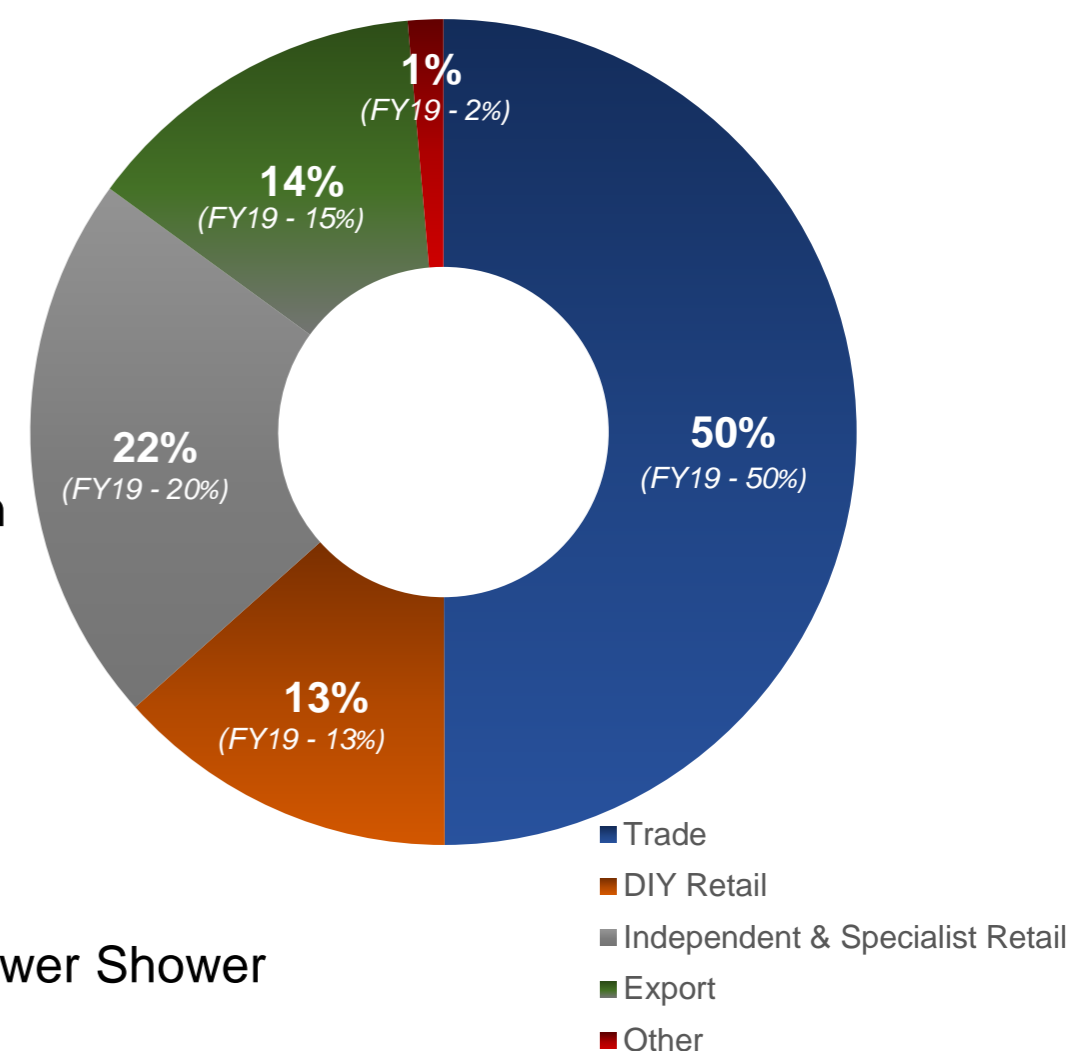
UK Revenue - H1 FY20¹
(v FY19²)



Independent & Specialist Retail

- Merlyn – increased share of wallet in independents
- Vado – excellent growth driven by sales and marketing initiatives & NPD
- Triton – continued growth in electrical wholesalers
- Croydex – strong online growth; further listings Tesco, John Lewis and The Range to benefit H2

UK Revenue - H1 FY20¹
(v FY19²)



DIY Retail


- Triton – Q2 recovery following Q1 destocking
- Croydex – Homebase growth despite credit limitations
- Abode – increased Wickes and BMX penetration through sinks and NPD
- Johnson Tiles – strong Wickes performance including LVT range extension
- Adhesives – further gains with Wickes and B&Q

Export

- Triton – Eire destocking prior to launch of new silent running Integrated Power Shower
- Merlyn – French growth offset by subdued performance in Eire
- Johnson Tiles – challenging French DIY and Middle East markets
- Vado – export stabilised in Q2; Africa strong; Europe and Middle East muted
- Adhesives – healthy Middle East project pipeline impacted by delays
- Croydex – European momentum offset by US destocking & increased tariffs


¹ Reported – 27 weeks to 6th October 2019 ² Reported – 12 months to 31st March 2019

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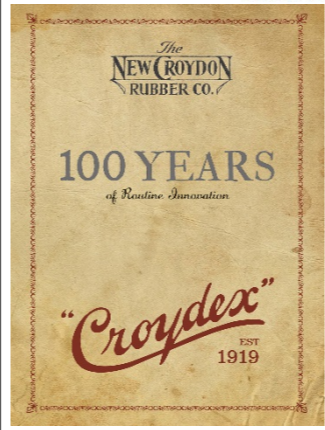
Launch of classic traditional style by Vado

TRITON | THE UK'S SHOWER COMPANY



Launch of instantaneous water heaters

Croydex
THINK BATHROOMS



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100th Anniversary
Success through innovation & NPD

VADO



"Individual" range of special finishes

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IQ range - 'Easiest door you will ever fit'

VADO




Best Bathroom Tap Brand,
2018 BKU Awards
Third time in 4 Years

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INNOVATION IN DESIGN
KITCHEN PRODUCTS



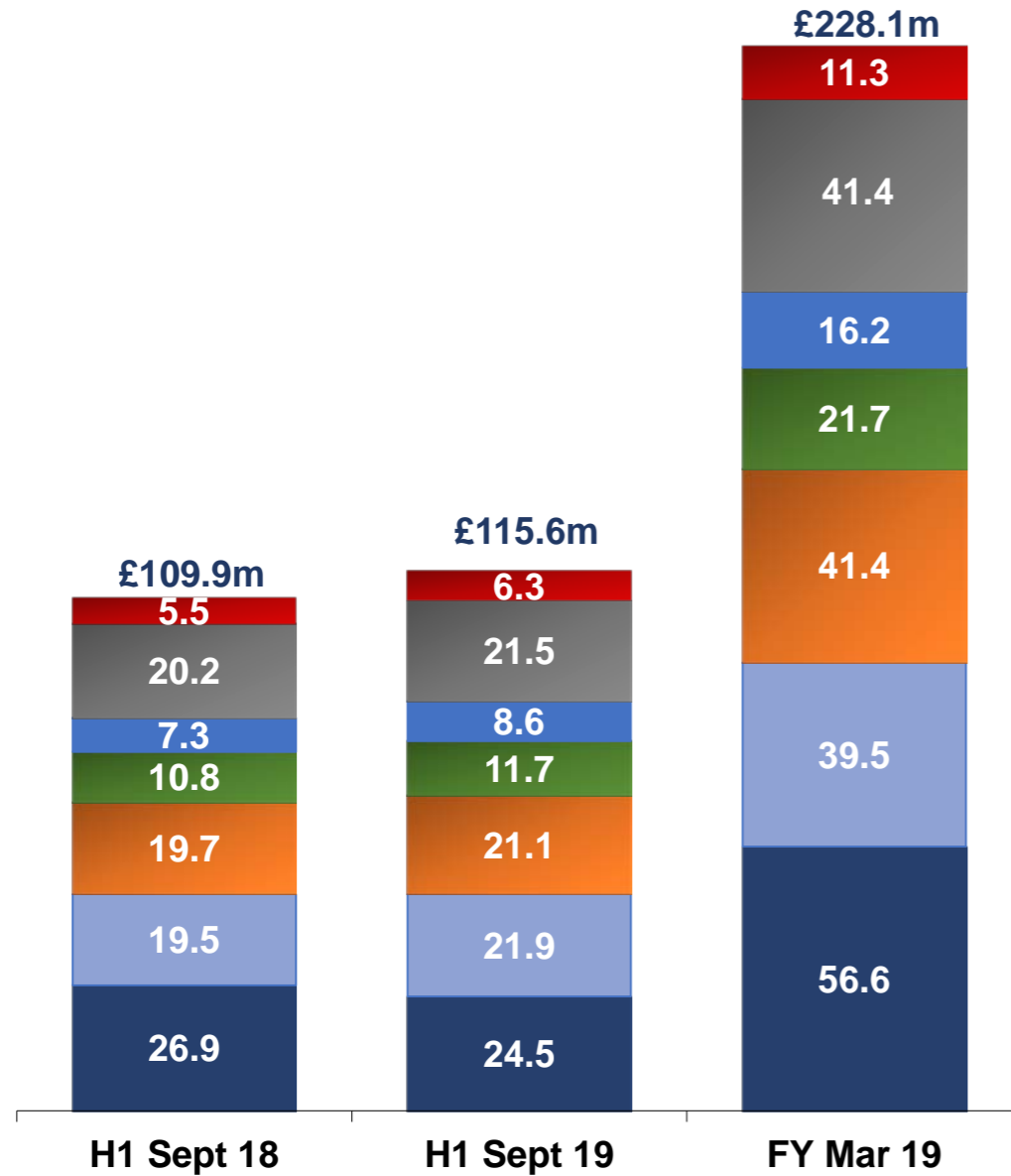
Launch of Hex professional

JOHNSON-TILES

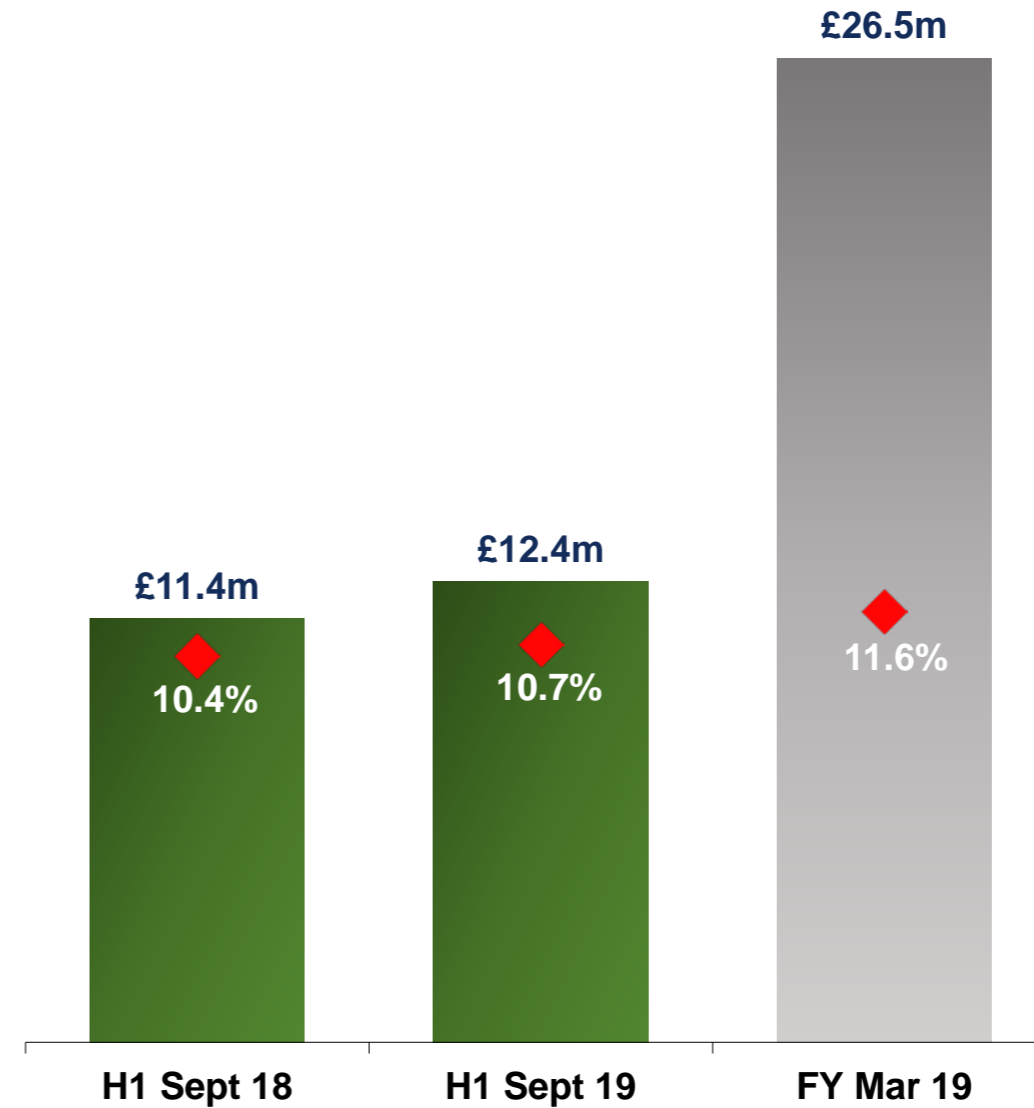


Further success with specification wins

Revenue



Underlying Operating Profit



- Triton
- Merlyn
- Vado
- Croydex
- Abode
- Johnson Tiles
- Adhesives

- Underlying Operating Profit
- Return on Sales %

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South Africa

Nick Kelsall, Group Chief Executive



PEARLS

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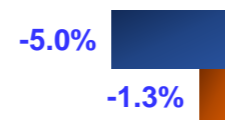
THE CAPITAL
PEARLS

% Revenue Change³

■ £ - Reported ■ Constant Currency



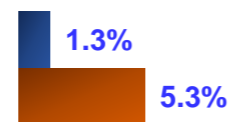
Continued resilient performance in a tough market



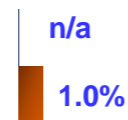
Share gains despite challenging macro environment



Growth in core South Africa market held back by ongoing restrictions in Zimbabwe



Strong revenue growth driven by NPD and additional plant capacity



Customer service driven business model driving specification share gain

¹ Acquired 1st April 2019, % growth on prior year on constant currency basis when not under Norcross ownership

² Norcross South Africa revenue change % excludes House of Plumbing

³ H1 FY20 versus H1 FY19. H1 FY20 adjusted from 27 to 26 week period on pro-rated basis



Retail

Families, interior Designers & Small Private Builder

Specification

Commercial Specifications and Supply & Fit

Export

- **TAF**
 - Driving growth through improved retail operational execution
 - Trialling flooring “store-within-a-store” concept – positive feedback
- **TAL**
 - Massmart and smaller independent retail accounts driving retail growth
- **JTSA**
 - Further NPD & investment in online and social media marketing driving demand
- Increasing focus on trade and specification segment post HoP acquisition
- Progress in a challenging market; blue-chip prestigious project wins
 - TAF – increasing share of specification spend through LVT product extension
 - TAL – Leonardo Towers (*tallest building in Africa*)
 - JTSA – commercial housing momentum - Ballito Hills, 1,320 unit housing estate
- HoP – successfully integrated
 - Opportunity to develop national footprint - initial locations identified
 - Continued large project wins e.g. Stern City (largest parkland residence)
- Zimbabwe – difficult political and economic conditions continue
- TAF and TAL growing share of Massmart’s sub-Saharan business

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Investment in VFM store format

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THE PROFESSIONAL CHOICE




Cape Town plant upgrade increased capacity +25%

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71 new SKUs launched in H1

House of Plumbing




Seamlessly integrated & performing in line with expectations

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Flooring “store-within-a-store” concept

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Ongoing development “flooring system” products

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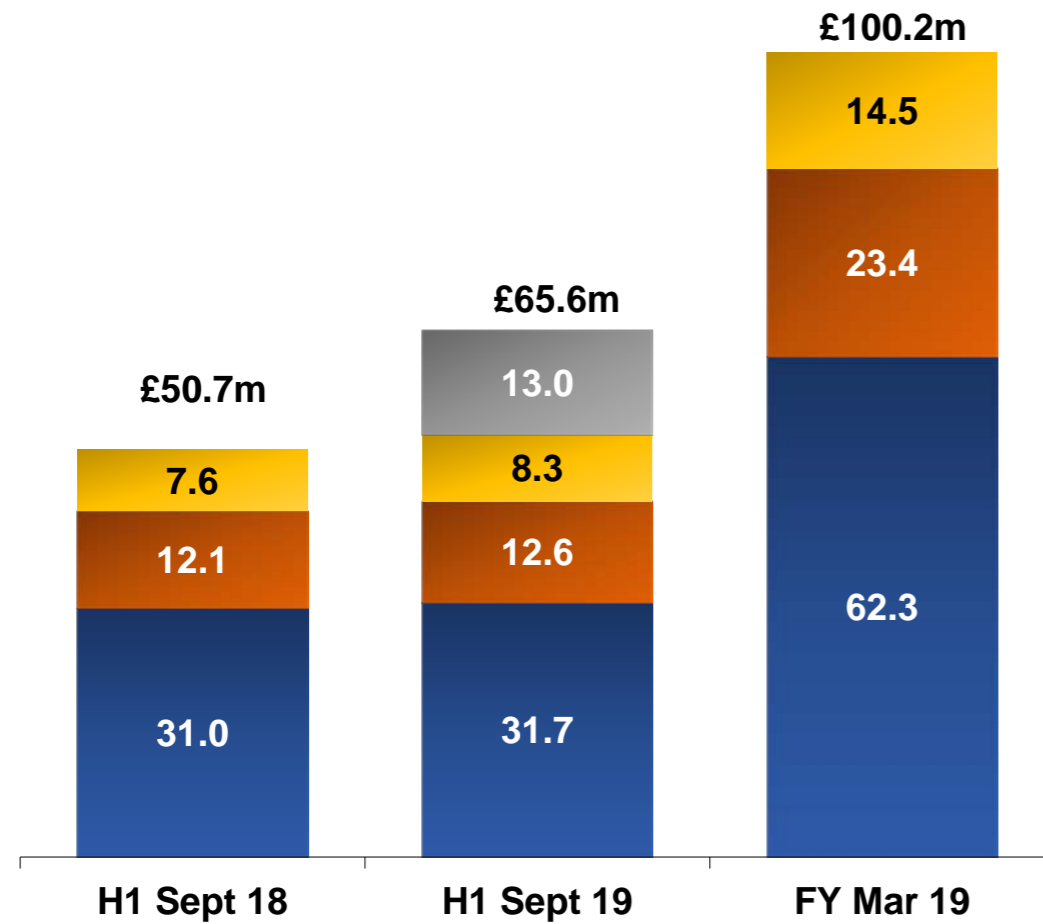
Jo’burg plant upgrade increased capacity +10%

House of Plumbing

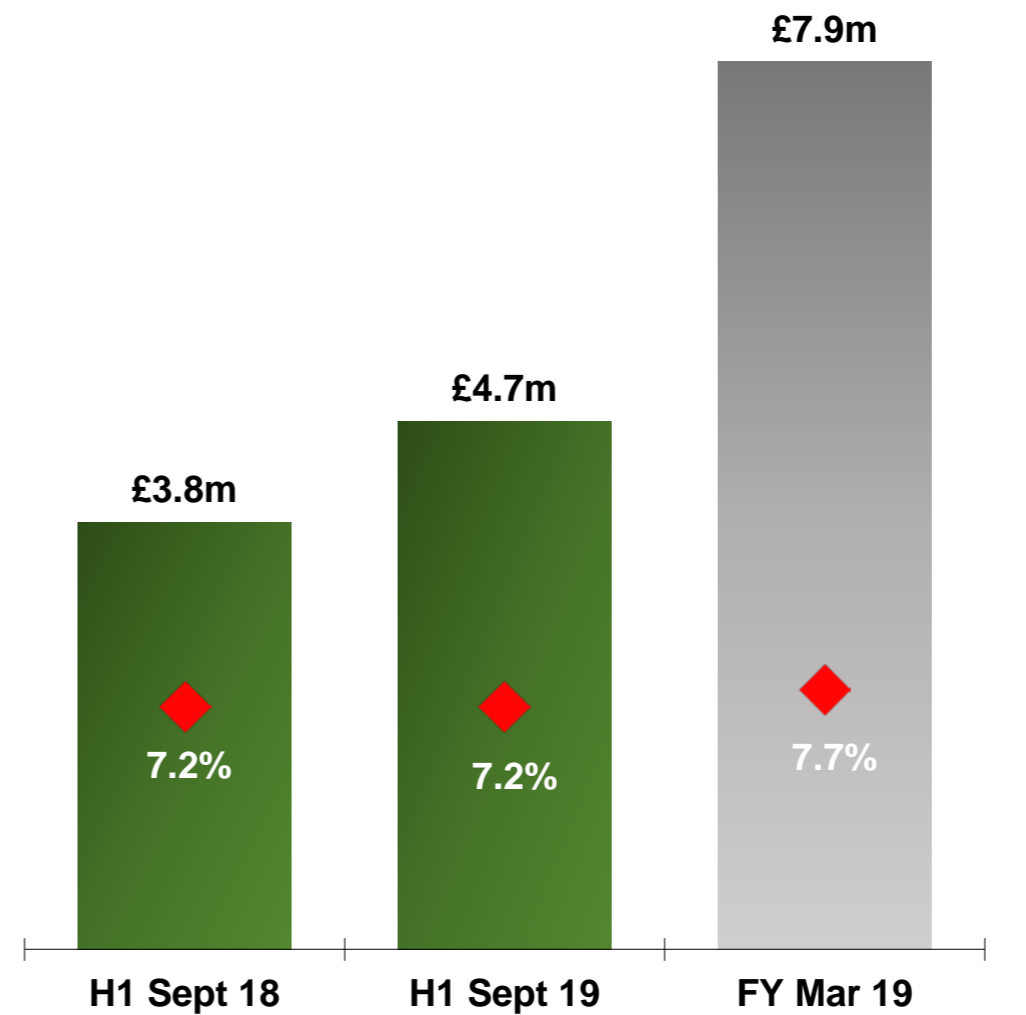


National rollout – store locations identified

Revenue ¹



Underlying Operating Profit ²



■ Tile Africa ■ TAL ■ Johnson Tiles ■ HoP³

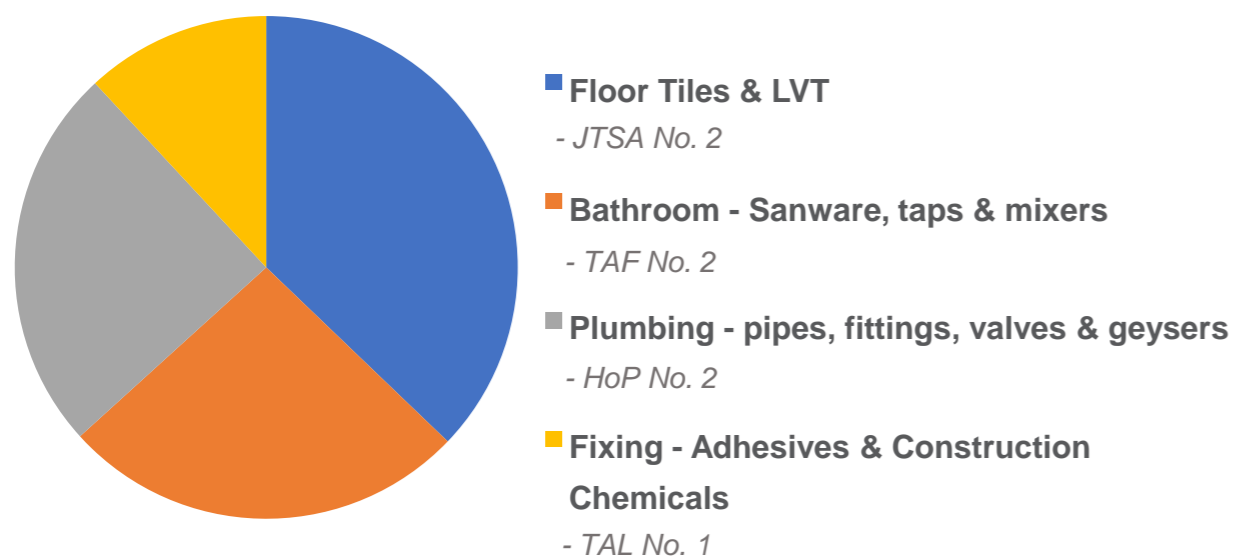
■ Underlying Operating Profit ◆ Return on Sales %

¹ On a constant currency basis

² On a reported basis

³ House of Plumbing acquired 1st April 2019

South Africa total market size ~ £1.3bn (MSP)



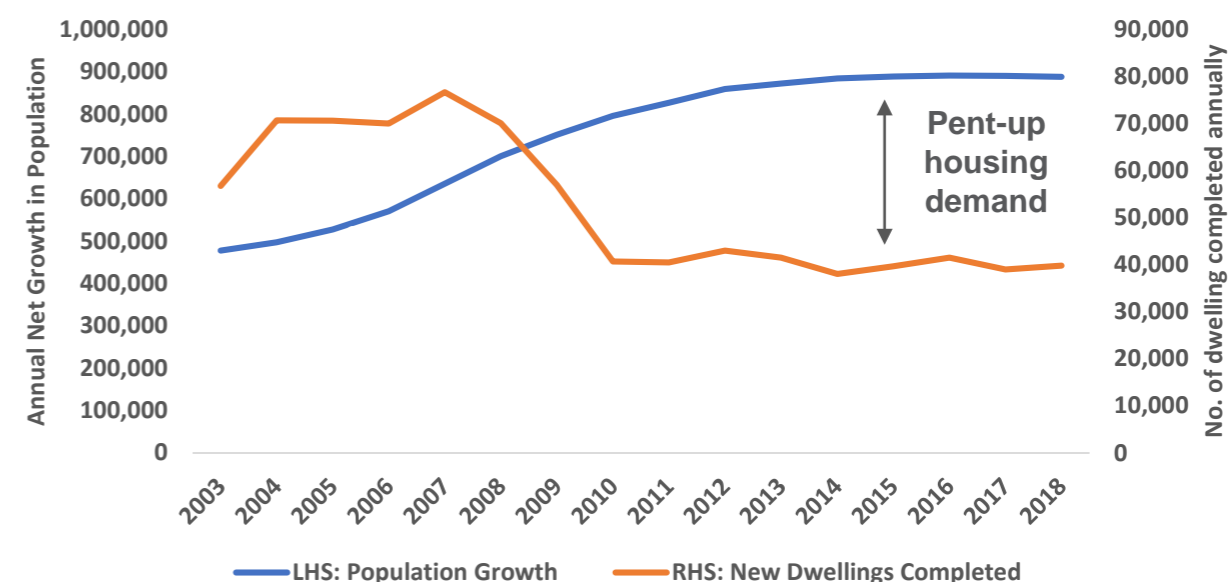
NXSA market leading positions in a large market

➤ Short Term Macroeconomic Outlook

- Ramaphosa re-election provides a mandate for reform:
 - “We must not have an economy that discourages and chases away investors from investing in South Africa”
- Economic reformers appointed to key cabinet posts
- Tough immediate economic outlook:
 - 2019 Q1 – weaker-than-expected GDP figures
 - Most severe quarterly slump in a decade
 - Recovery in Q2

Continued robust NXSA performance in current challenging conditions

Annual Population Growth v Dwellings Completed



Significant opportunity – Pent-up housing demand

➤ Attractive Medium Term Market Opportunity

- Sizeable market segments
- Construction levels remain half of 2007 peak
- Shortage of housing & infrastructure – significant opportunity
- Young and growing population driving household formation
 - Median age 27.1
 - Median age of marriage Male 36, Female 32
 - 66% under the age of 35
- Supportive long-term socio-economic demographics favour our markets
- NXSA well positioned to take advantage of market opportunity

Household formation driving our core markets

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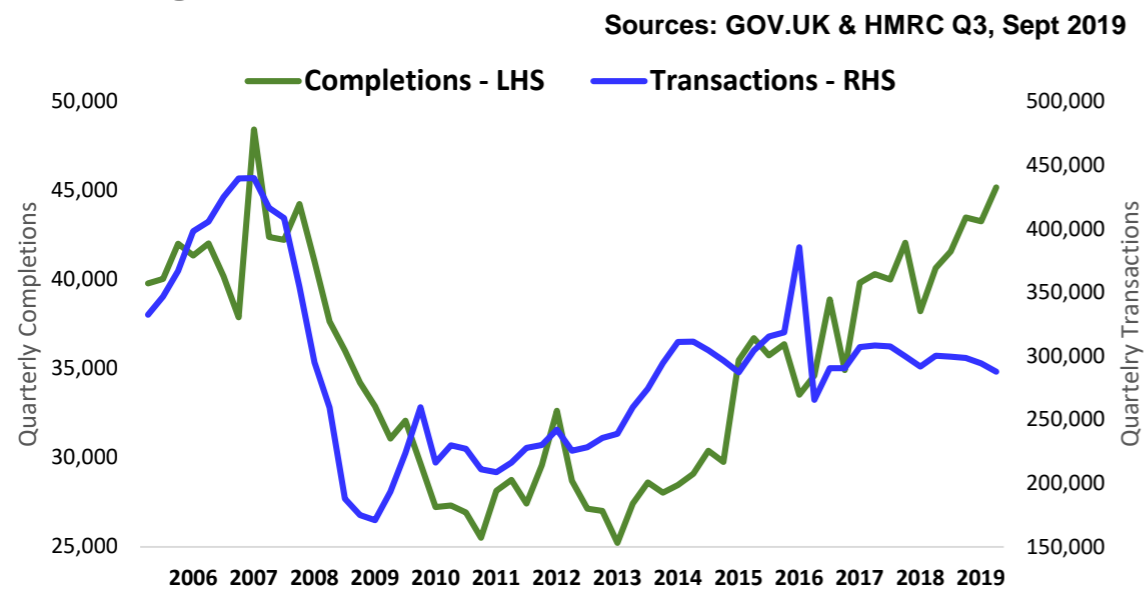
Group Outlook & Strategy

Nick Kelsall, Group Chief Executive

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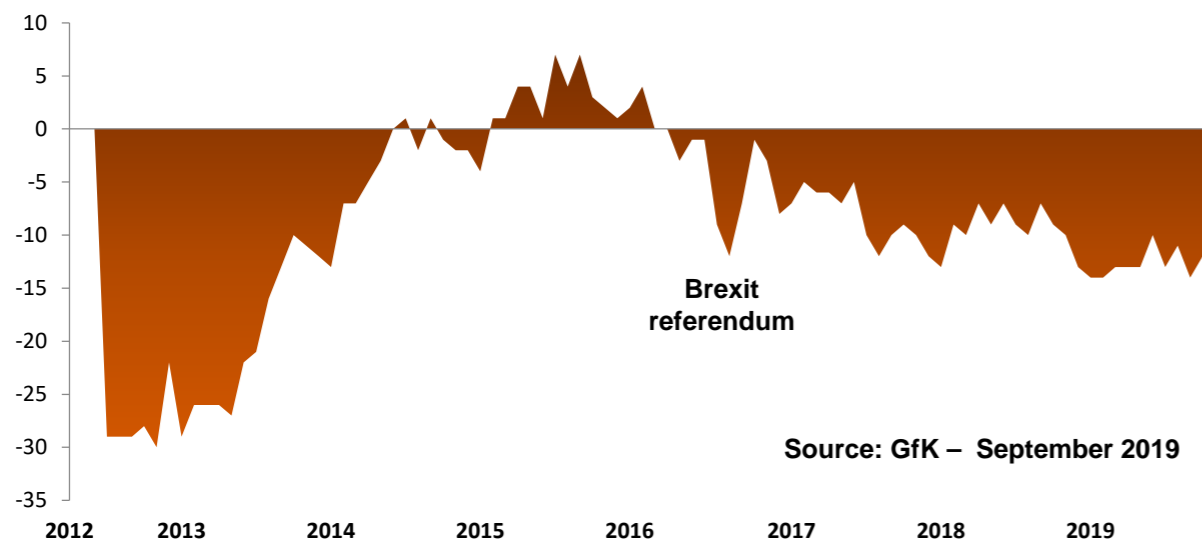
House Building Growth; Fragile Consumer

Key Housing Stats



Ongoing growth in completions; transactions stable

GfK Consumer Confidence

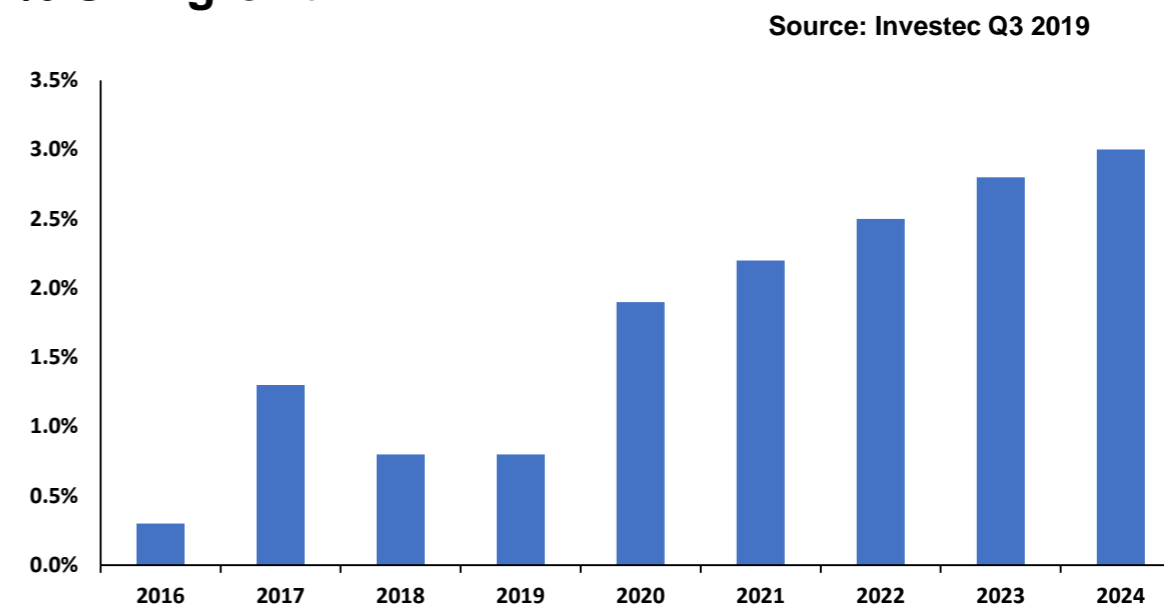


Consumer confidence remains weak

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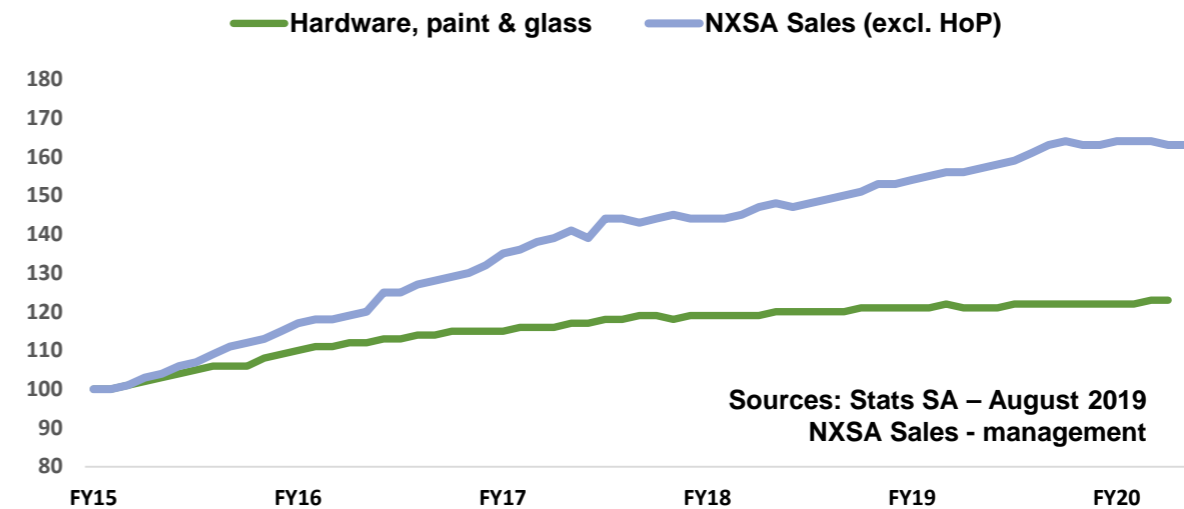
Improving Outlook

% GDP growth



Forecast recovery from recent sluggish growth

NXSA Sales (Rand) v RMI Indicator (Index March 2015=100)



NXSA continues to outperform the market

2023 VISION

“A leading supplier of bathroom and kitchen products in selected geographies, offering strong brands, contemporary designs, trusted quality, outstanding service, innovation and a wide product range.”

STRATEGIC TARGETS

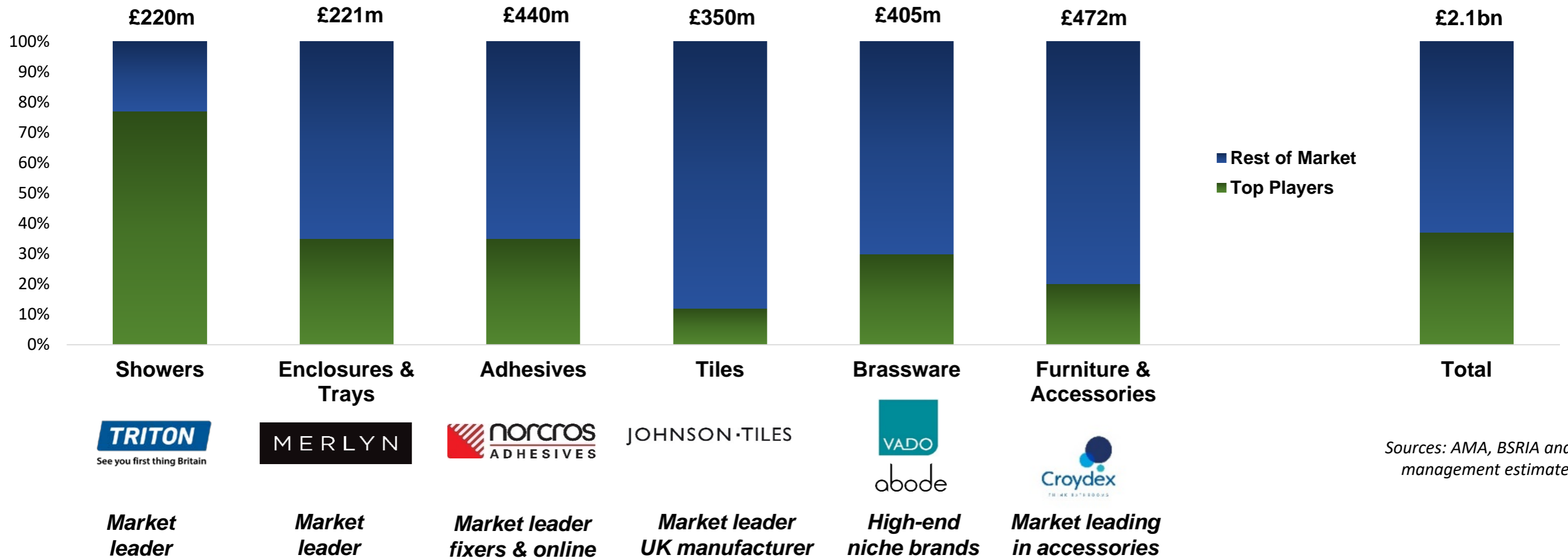
£600m revenue by 2023

Organic & Acquisitions

**50% revenues derived
from overseas**

**Sustainable ROCE
of >15%**

UK Bathroom – Selective Markets @ MSP

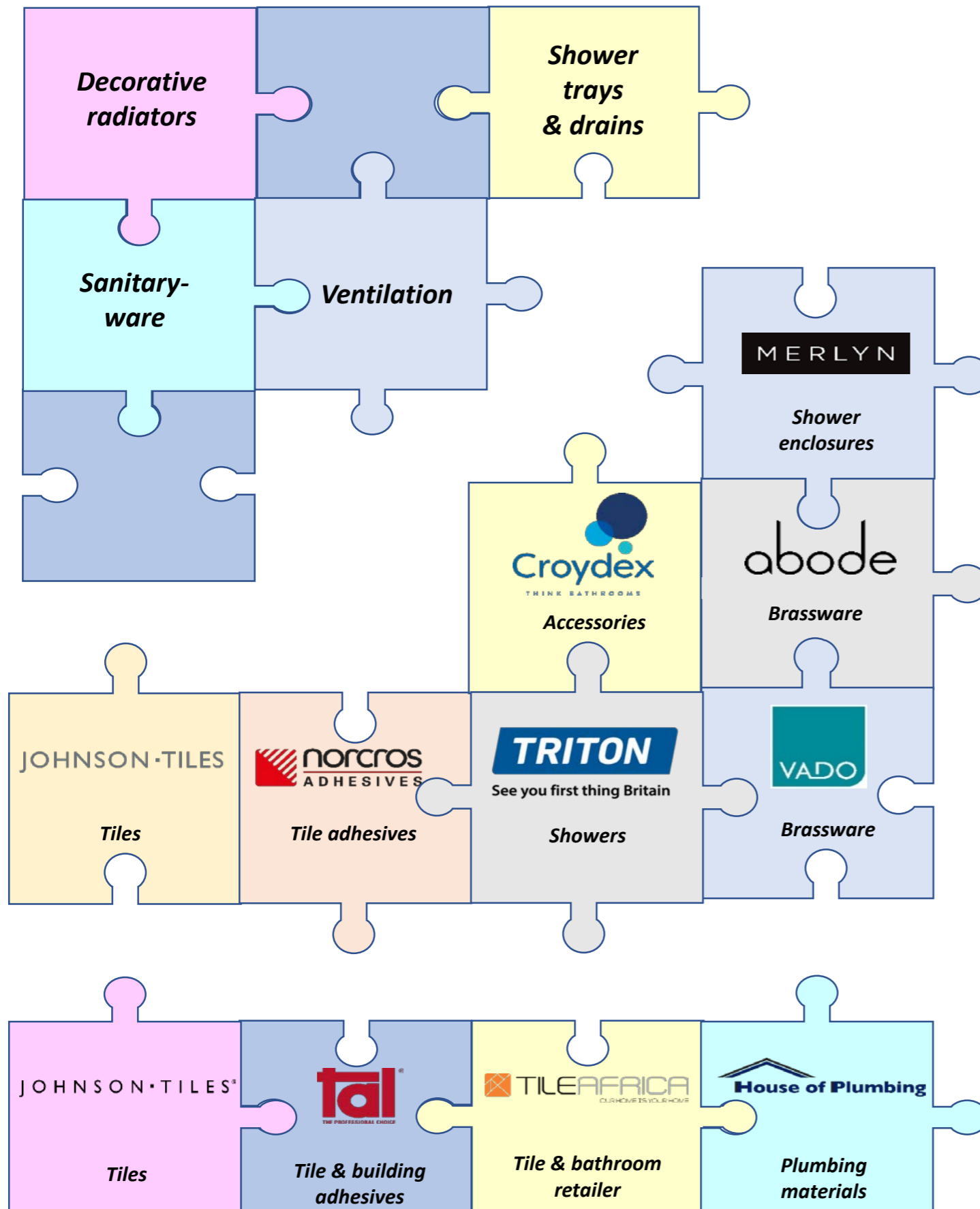


Significant potential to broaden product portfolio & consolidate fragmented markets – organic & acquisition opportunities



Focus on attractive sub-market segments and channels – excellent platform to implement consolidation strategy

ONE STOP SHOP FOR BATHROOMS



- **Consolidator in Large and Fragmented Markets**
 - Many opportunities across product sub sectors and channels
 - Significant organic and acquisition growth potential
- **Acquisition Criteria**
 - Complementary to Norcross DNA
 - Market leading positions and strong brands
 - Strong organic sales growth and potential to drive synergies
 - Preferred channels and operating in selective geographies
- **Synergies**
 - Collaborative approach across all channels e.g. specification
 - Export market potential
 - Utilising Group infrastructure & best practice
- **Strong Track Record**
 - Vado – strong market share gains
 - Croydex – growth across all channels (*excl. Homebase*)
 - Abode – significant momentum; blue-chip account wins
 - Merlyn – accelerating growth; specification & independents
 - House of Plumbing – national rollout opportunity

➤ **Resilient Results in Challenging Markets**

- Proven business model delivering market outperformance
- Clear, focused and winning strategy
 - **UK**
 - Continued share gains in trade & independents
 - Q1 destocking now stabilised
 - Growth in retail despite challenging environment
 - **South Africa**
 - Continued outperformance in tough market
 - Medium term dynamics supportive
 - House of Plumbing – good strategic fit and significant rollout opportunity

➤ **Acquisition Pipeline**

- Well developed opportunities with organic growth and synergy potential
- First class track record

➤ **2023 Strategic Vision**

- Opportunity to consolidate & grow complementary businesses
- £600m revenue target by 2023
- 50% revenues derived from overseas
- Sustainable ROCE of >15%



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Appendix

Exceptional items

	H1 Sept 2019 £m	H1 Sept 2018 £m	FY Mar 2019 £m
Onerous lease	-	-	(3.0)
GMP Equalisation	-	-	(1.0)
	-	-	(4.0)

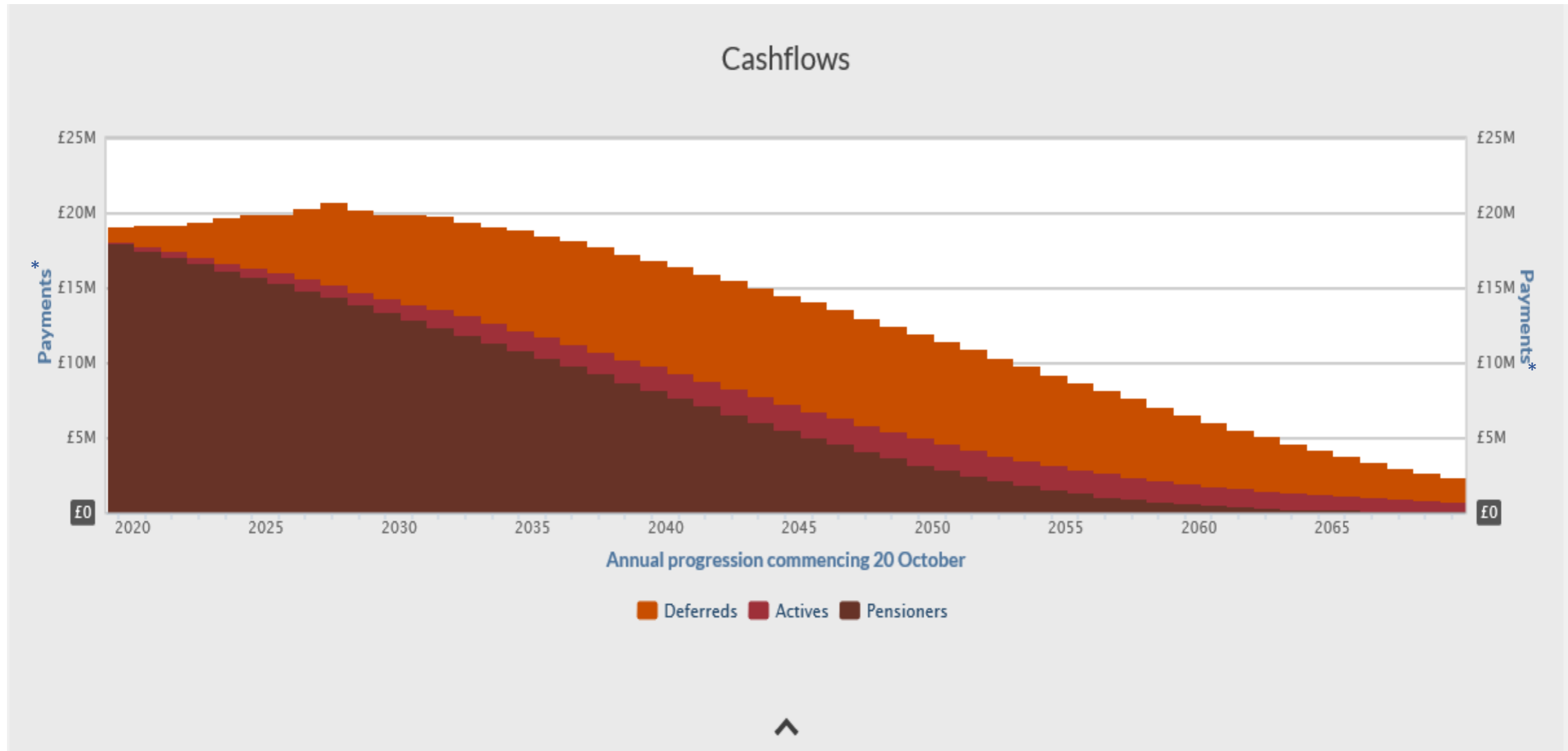
Acquisition related costs

	H1 Sept 2019 £m	H1 Sept 2018 £m	FY Mar 2019 £m
Acquisition related deferred remuneration (earn out)	(0.3)	-	(0.2)
Intangible asset amortisation	(1.9)	(1.8)	(3.5)
Advisory fees	-	(0.1)	(0.1)
	(2.2)	(1.9)	(3.8)

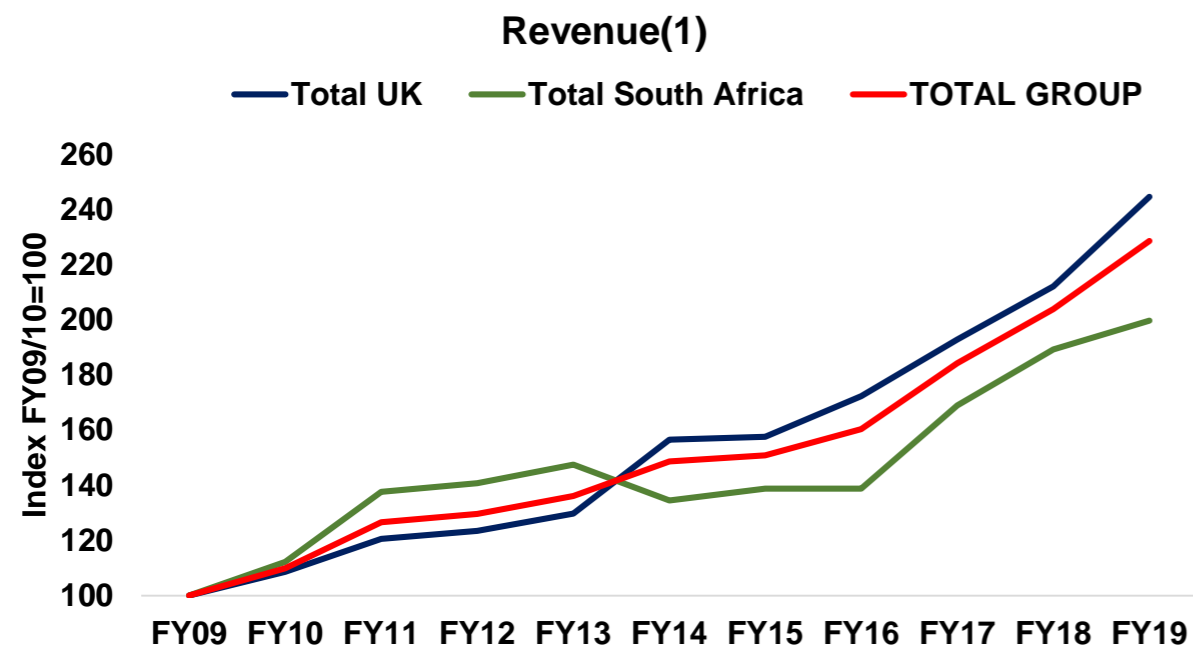
	H1 Sept 2019 £m	H1 Sept 2018 £m	FY Mar 2019 £m
Net debt – opening	(35.0)	(47.1)	(47.1)
Net cash flow	(6.6)	(5.0)	14.0
Other non-cash movements	-	(0.1)	(0.2)
Foreign exchange	0.5	(1.3)	(1.7)
Net debt – closing	(41.1)	(53.5)	(35.0)

£m	H1 Sept 19 pre IFRS16	IFRS16 Adjustment	H1 Sept 19	Explanation
Income Statement				
Underlying operating profit	17.1	0.3	17.4	Lease costs (+£2.5m) replaced with IFRS16 lease depreciation (-£2.2m)
Finance charges	(0.9)	(0.9)	(1.8)	Interest expense on IFRS16 lease liabilities
Underlying profit before tax	16.2	(0.6)	15.6	
Underlying tax	(3.4)	0.1	(3.3)	Tax impact on IFRS16 adjustments
Earnings				
Underlying earnings	12.8	(0.5)	12.3	
Diluted underlying EPS (pence)	15.7p	(0.6p)	15.1p	
Cash flow				
Underlying operating cash flow	17.5	2.5	20.0	Lease costs (+£2.5m) reclassified from operating cash flow to interest payment and principal lease payment (financing cash flow)
Net cash flow	(6.6)	-	(6.6)	No overall cash impact
Balance Sheet				
Right of use asset	-	26.5	26.5	Discounted lease cash flows on transition / acquisition depreciated over life of the asset
Financial lease liability	-	29.7	29.7	Discounted finance lease cash flows

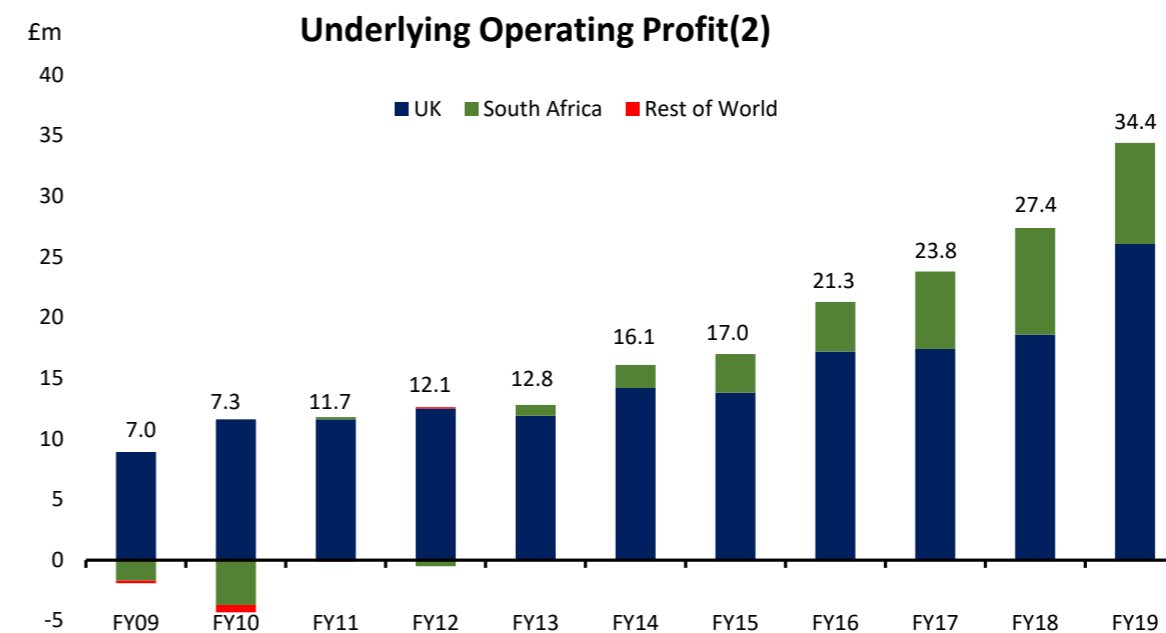
Cash outflow close to peak



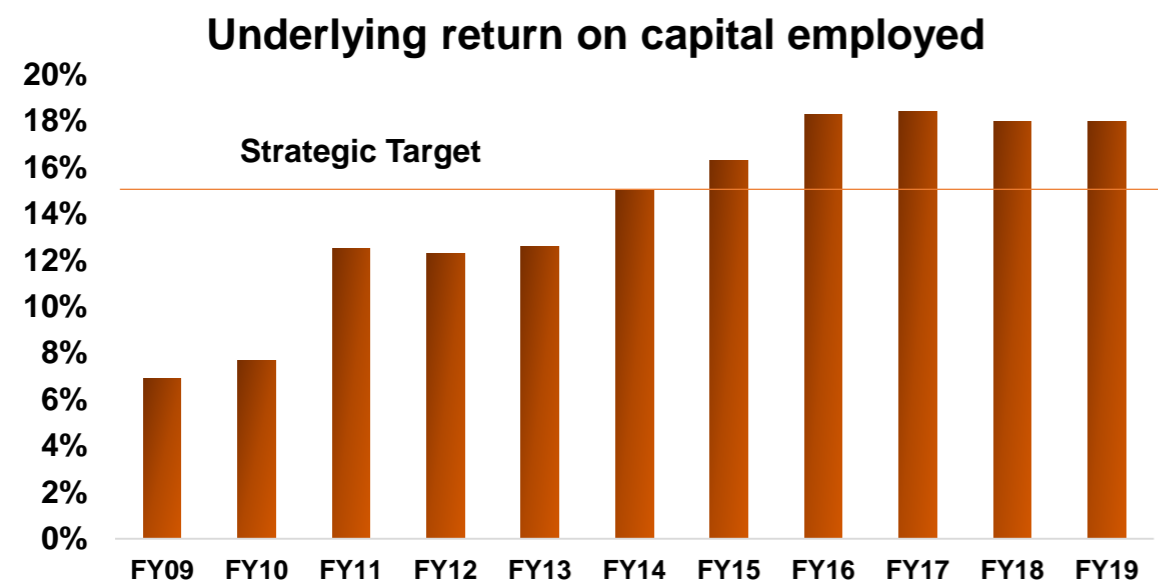
* Annual pensioner payroll, excludes non-predicted costs such as transfer out and early retirement payments



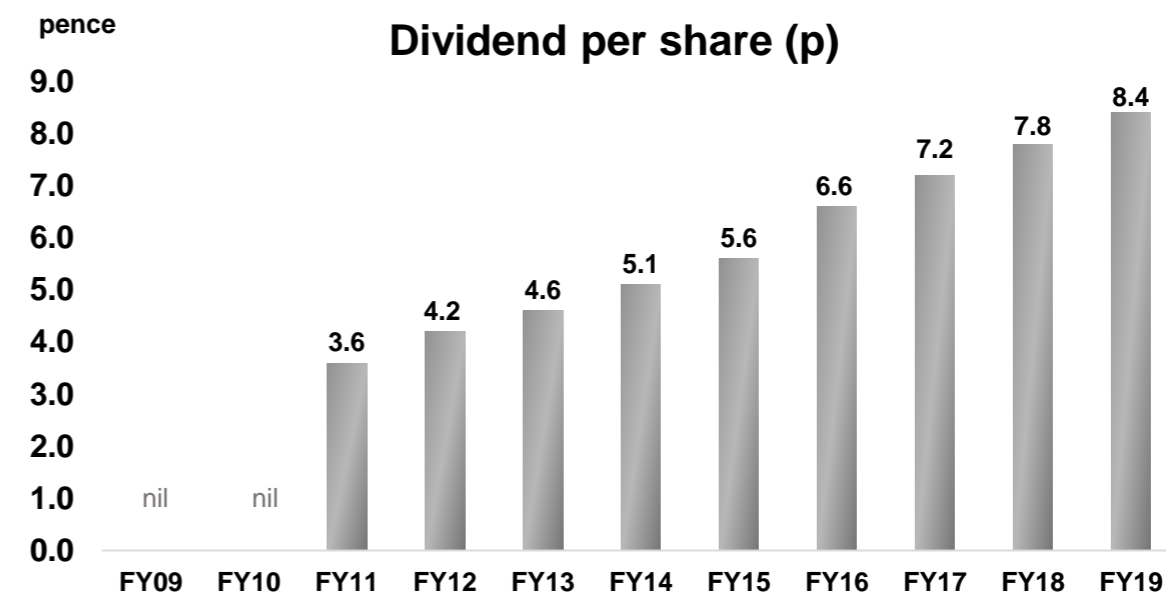
Organic growth enhanced by acquisitions



UK profit growth, SA turnaround & exit RoW



Strong Return on Capital ~ increasing ROCE %

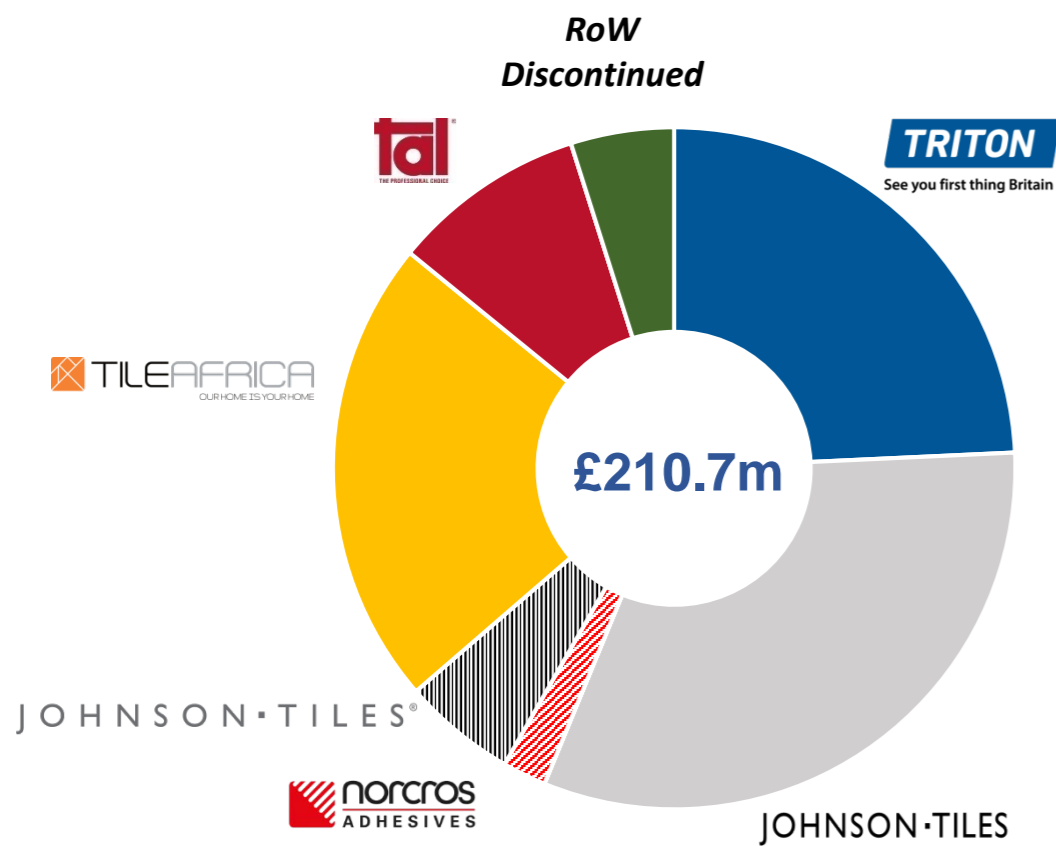


Track record of progressive dividend growth

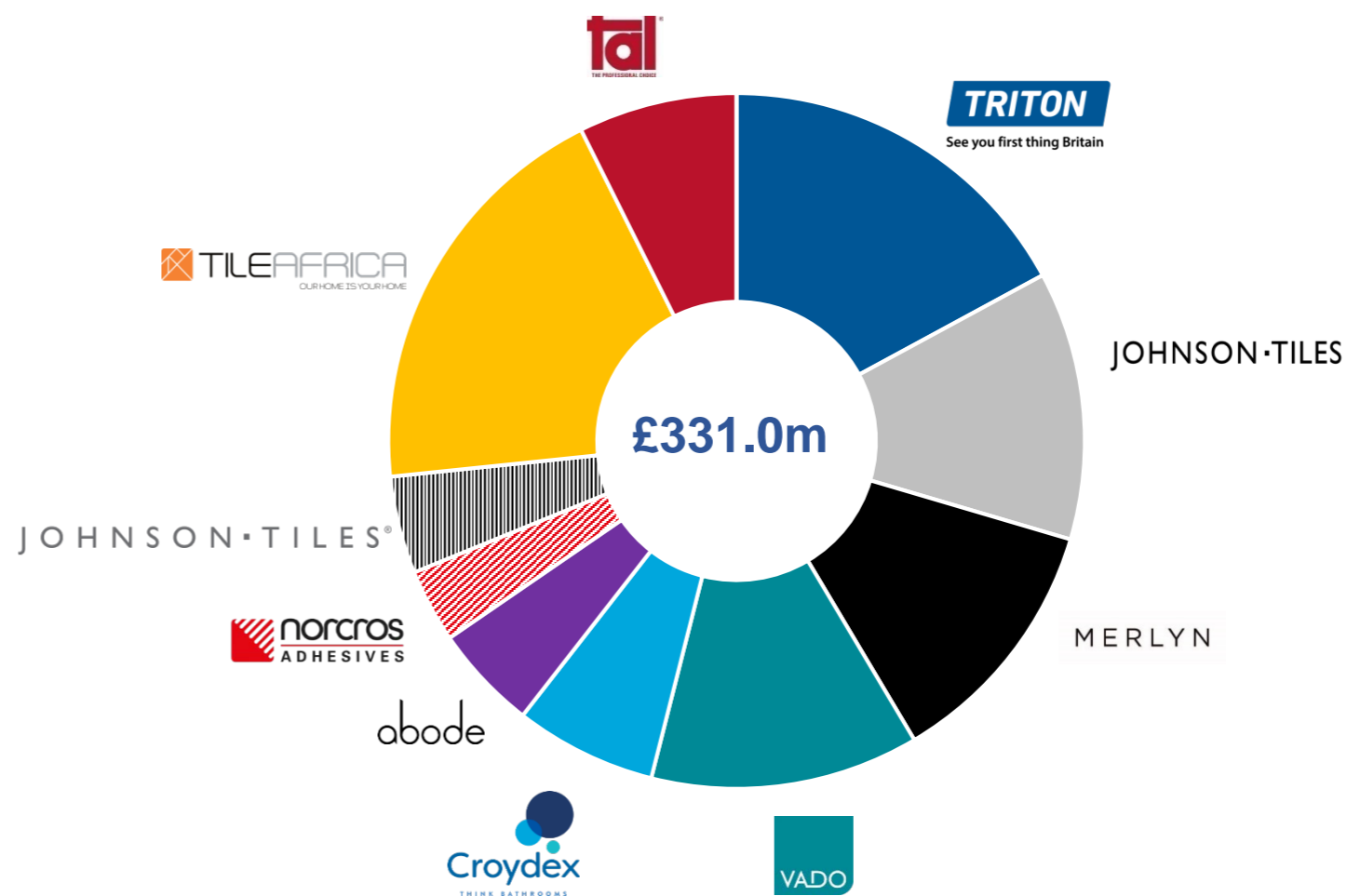
¹ Reported - financial years ending 31st March, total Group includes Rest of World

² Underlying Operating Profit Underlying means before exceptional operating items, IAS19R admin costs, acquisition related costs and where relevant, non-cash finance costs

Revenue FY 13¹



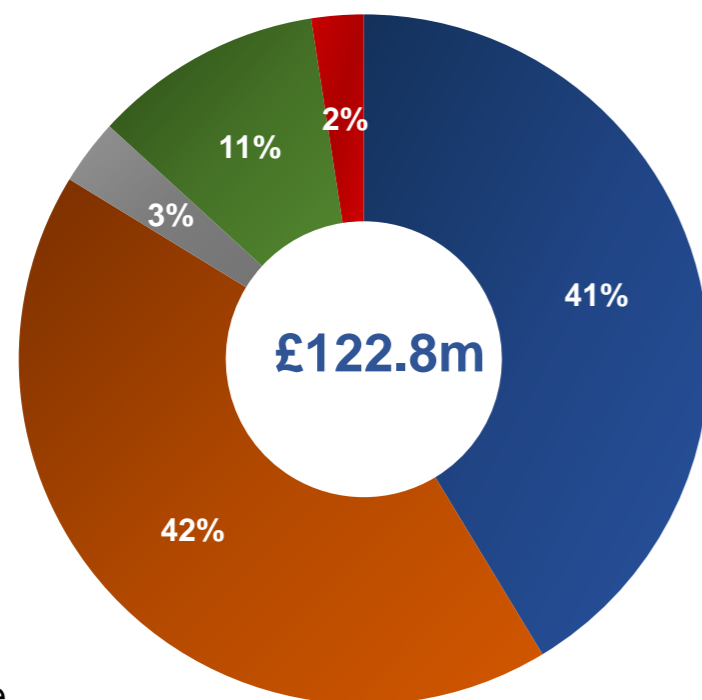
Revenue FY 19¹



Strong portfolio of complementary brands; reduced reliance on Triton

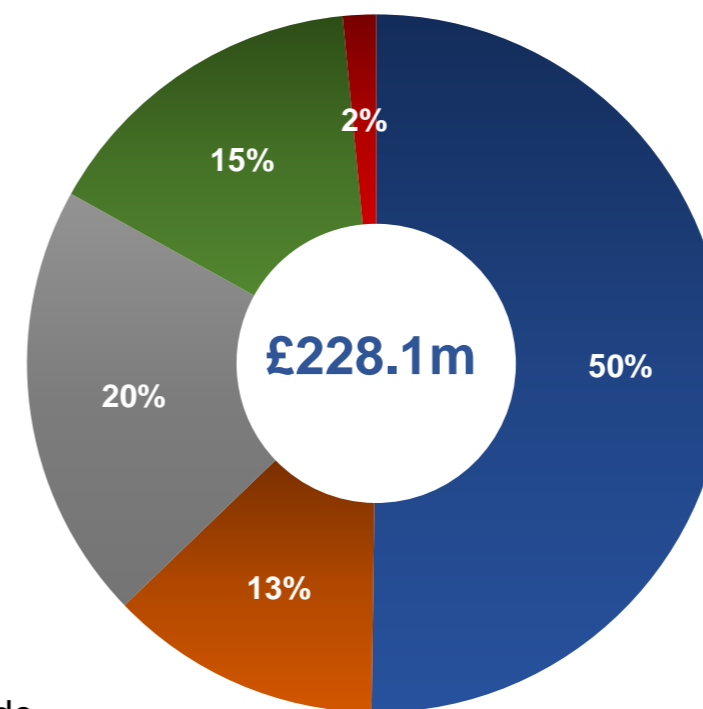
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UK Channel Revenue - FY13 ¹



- Trade
- DIY Retail
- Independent & Specialist Retail
- Export
- Other

UK Channel Revenue - FY19 ¹

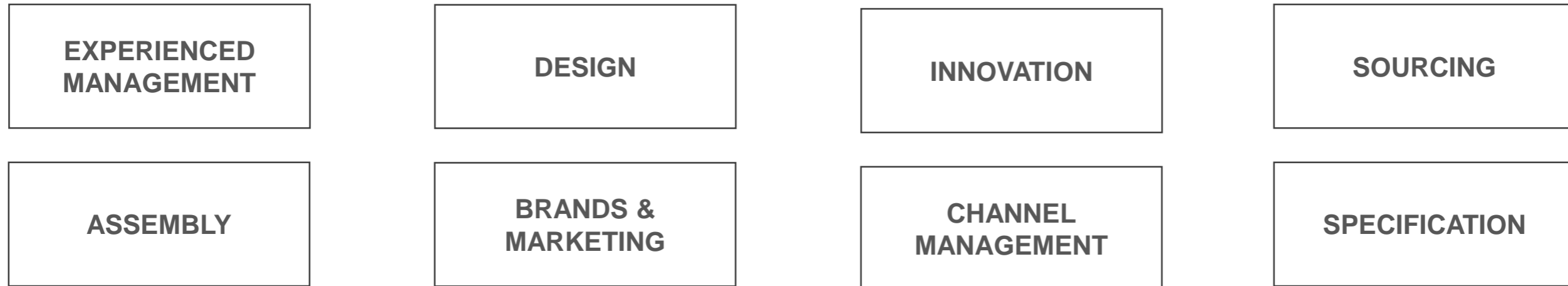


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- Other

UK business better balanced with strategic focus on attractive trade, specification & independent segments

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Core Competencies



Cohesive portfolio of specialist, well invested, market leading businesses outperforming the market



#1 UK & Eire



#1 UK & Eire



#1 South Africa




Leading niche designer & distributor



#1 UK Tile Manufacturer

Share opportunities as failures of under-capitalised competitors in fragmented market



Shower Enclosures

October 2018
Wound up



Taps & Sinks

April 2018
In administration



Tile Manufacturers

February 2019
In administration

Norcros business model winning share in fragmented markets