

Norcros plc

Interim Results

Six Months to 30 September 2013



Introduction

Martin Towers
Chairman



- Revenue increased by 16.3% on a constant currency basis
- Underlying operating profit² increased by 3.5%
- Significantly improved underlying operating cash³ generation : 102% of underlying EBITDA
- Further progress on legacy leaseholds – Groundwell sublet to 31 December 18
- Interim dividend up 9.7%

Revenue¹

£116.7m

+16.3%



Underlying operating profit²

£6.8m

+3.5%



Underlying operating cash³

£10.1m

+206%



Dividend

0.17 pence

+9.7%



1 On a constant currency basis

2 Underlying operating profit is operating profit before exceptional operating items and non underlying operating items

3 Underlying operating cash is cash generated from operations before cash flows from exceptional items and pension deficit recovery contributions

Financial Review

Martin Payne
Group Finance Director



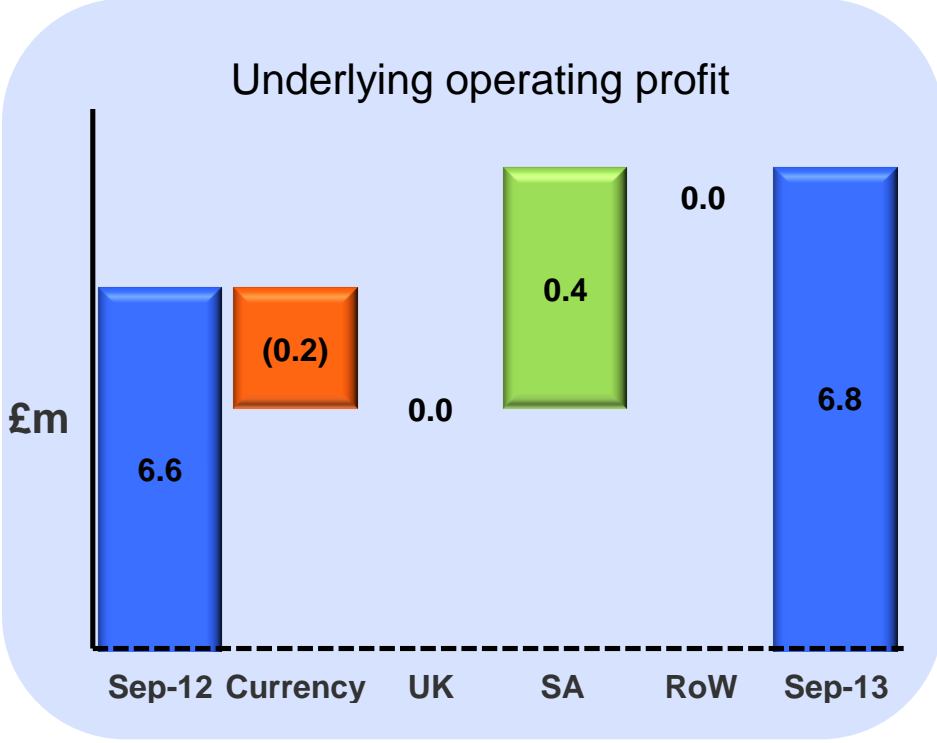
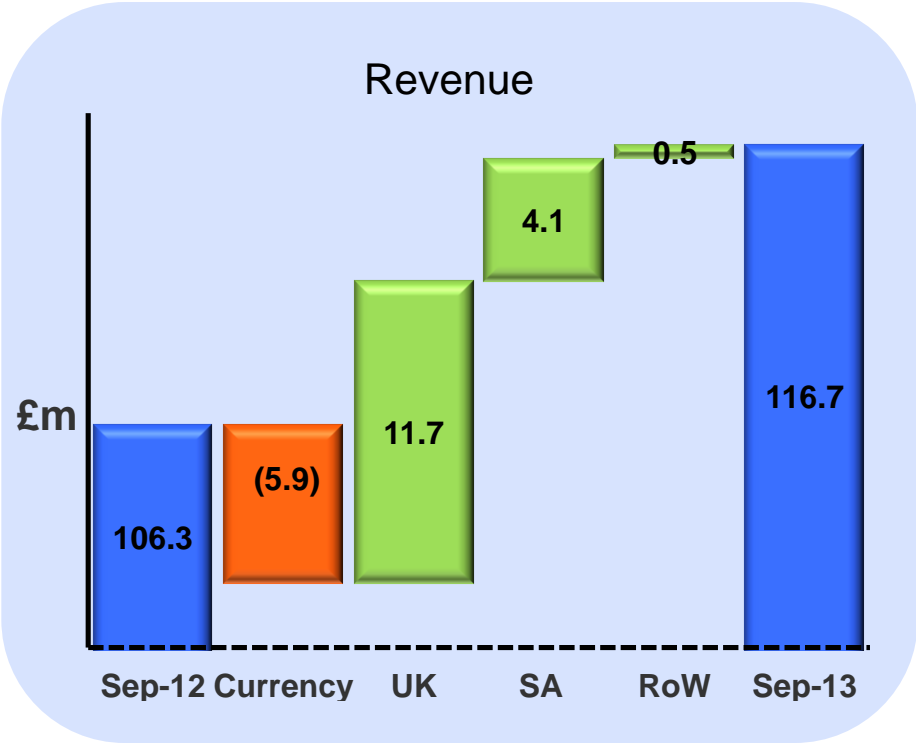
	26 weeks Sept 2013 £m	26 weeks Sept 2012 ³ £m	+/-		52 weeks Mar 2013 ³ £m
			Reported	Constant Currency	
Revenue	116.7	106.3	+9.8%	+16.3%	210.7
Underlying ¹ operating profit	6.8	6.6	+3.5%	+6.5%	13.0
<i>Margin</i>	5.8%	6.2%			6.2%
Finance charges – cash	(0.7)	(0.6)			(1.3)
Underlying ¹ PBT	6.1	6.0	+2.3%	+4.9%	11.7
Exceptional operating Items	(1.2)	-			(4.4)
Non underlying operating items ²	(1.0)	(0.7)			(1.5)
Finance charges – non cash ⁴	(3.4)	(0.9)			(0.4)
PBT as reported	0.5	4.4			5.4

1 Underlying means before exceptional operating items, non underlying operating items and where relevant, non cash finance costs

2 Non underlying charges include IAS19R pension administration costs and intangible amortisation

3 Restated for IAS19R

4 £2.3m higher charge for “mark to market” on FX forward contracts



	Underlying ¹			Reported		
	Sept 2013 £m	Sept 2012 £m	Mar 2013 £m	Sept 2013 £m	Sept 2012 £m	Mar 2013 £m
Profit before Tax	6.1	6.0	11.7	0.5	4.4	5.4
Tax (charge)/credit	(0.8)	0.1	(0.7)	-	0.4	0.2
Earnings	5.3	6.1	11.0	0.5	4.8	5.6
Effective Tax rate	14%	n/a	6%	-	n/a	n/a

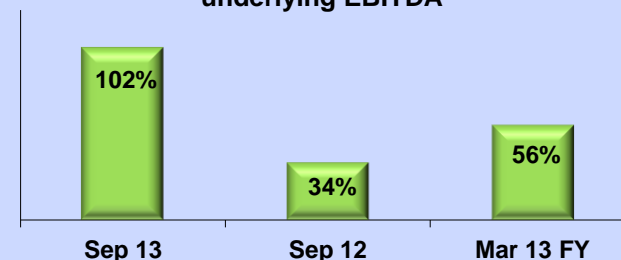
- Effective underlying tax rate 14%
- Basic underlying¹ EPS at 0.9p
- Interim dividend up 9.7%



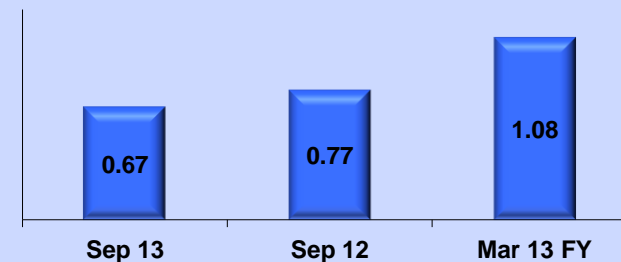
¹ Underlying means before exceptional operating items, non underlying operating items, non cash finance costs, and where relevant after attributable tax

	26 weeks Sept 2013 £m	26 weeks Sept 2012 £m	52 weeks March 2013 £m
Underlying EBITDA	9.9	9.7	19.2
Working Capital	(0.2)	(6.9)	(7.7)
Other	0.4	0.5	(0.7)
Underlying operating cash	10.1	3.3	10.8
Capital Expenditure	(2.1)	(2.4)	(6.7)
Proceeds from property disposal	1.4	1.1	2.5
Pension deficit recovery	(1.0)	-	(2.0)
Tax	(0.4)	(0.3)	(1.0)
Underlying free cash flow pre financing and dividends	8.0	1.7	3.6
Exceptional costs	(2.6)	(1.2)	(2.2)
Interest	(0.8)	(0.6)	(1.3)
Dividends	(1.8)	(1.6)	(2.5)
Cash costs of acquisition	0.1	-	(10.6)
Other	(0.3)	0.1	0.2
Net Cash Flow	2.6	(1.6)	(12.8)

Underlying Operating Cash Flow to underlying EBITDA



Capex / Depreciation (times)

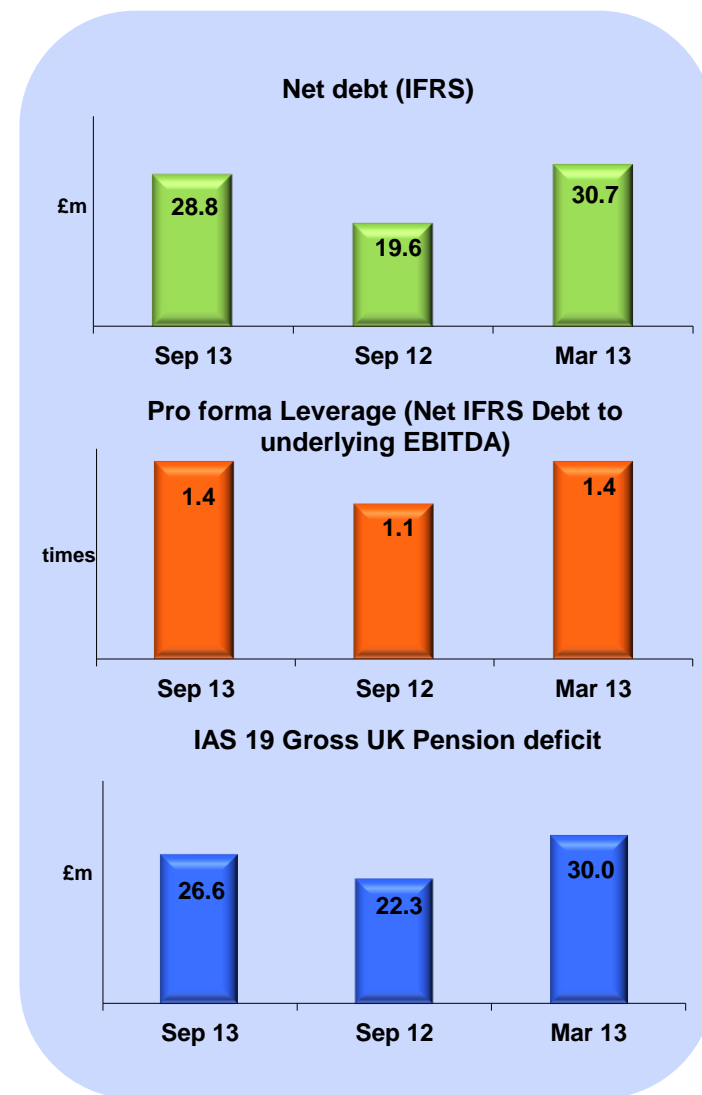


- Lower debt; leverage 1.4x underlying EBITDA

- IAS19R Pension deficit decreased to £26.6m
 - Recovery plan payments of £1.0m in H1
 - 4.3% discount rate
 - 3.1% RPI / 2.1% CPI

- WM Morrison / Highgate Park development
 - Planning consent obtained
 - Slower than anticipated progress

- Swindon / Groundwell lease
 - Sublet to 31 Dec 2018
 - Reduction in net cash outflow on legacy leases by c. £4.0m p.a. over the 5 year period from 1 April 2014



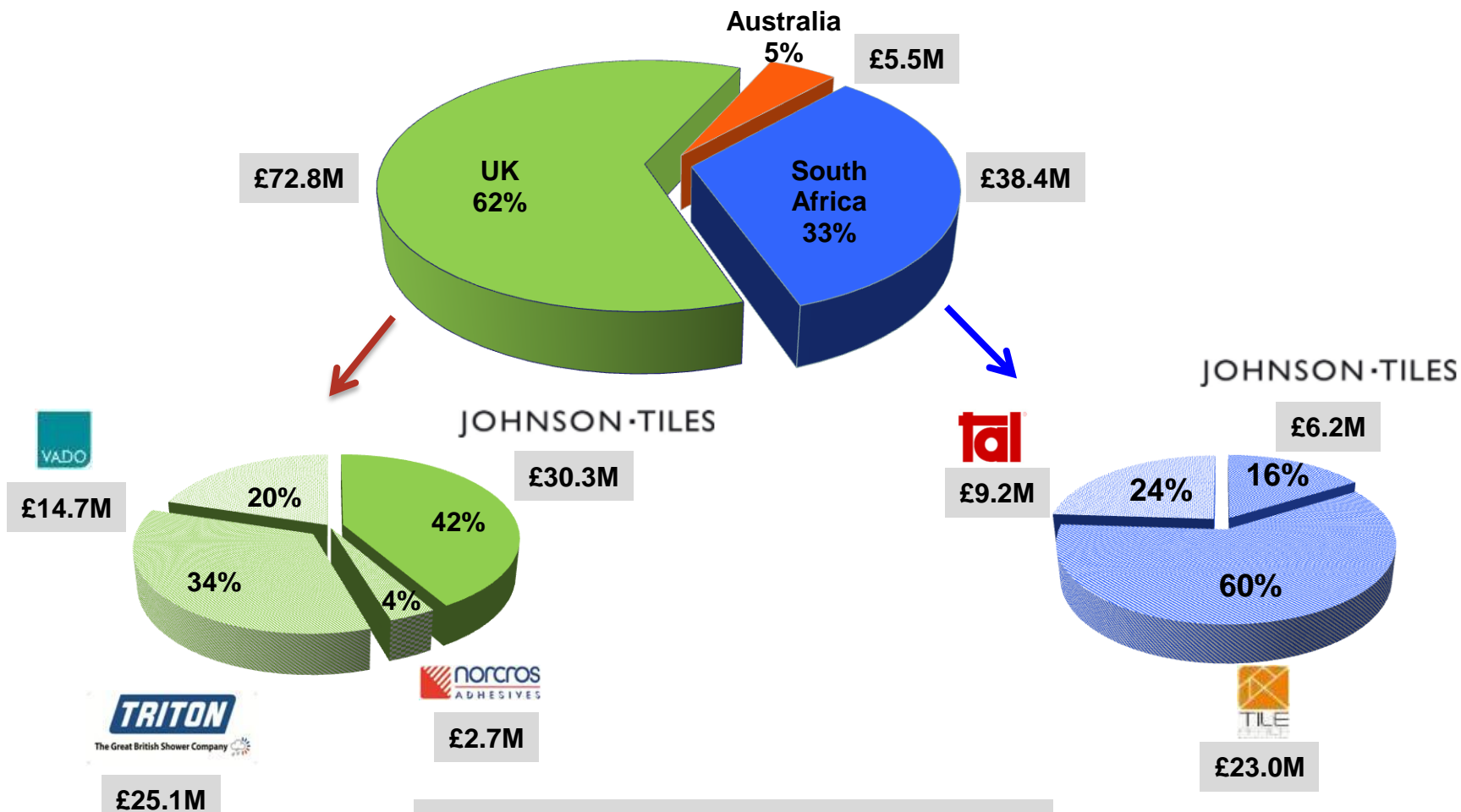


Operating Review

Nick Kelsall

Group Chief Executive

Group Revenue – 6 months to 30 September 2013: £116.7m



Revenue Growth @ constant currency:

Group	+16.3%
UK	+19.1%
SA	+12.1%
Australia:	+10.3%



The Great British Shower Company

Overall Revenue +1.5%

- UK +1.5%
- Exports +1.3%

- UK market volume now flat versus March 2013 -5%
- Outperformance in trade and retail; share gain
- Exports – Irish market bottoming out
- Q1 impacted by retail destocking; Q2 much stronger – revenue +12%
- Successful launch of T80Z fast fit and digital product
- Margins improved; profits higher reflecting higher revenues and mix
- Excellent level of cash generation maintained





Overall Revenue +14.1%

- UK Revenue +26.1%
- Export + 1.9%

- Q1 overall revenue +9.3%; Q2 +19.2%
- Performance strong in UK trade and retail
 - Retail Partnership Programme
 - Merchant buying groups
- Export performance impacted by destocking and contract timing
- Profit marginally up; continued sales & marketing investment for future growth
- Strong UK pipeline for H2 building on Q2 momentum
- 2 new ranges of taps and showers to be launched in H2



JOHNSON-TILES

Overall Revenue	-11.3%
• UK	-15.4%
• Exports	+30.5%

- UK sales decline – B&Q range review prior year and retail destocking
- Core DIY business ahead - market share gain in B&Q
- Trade business in line; improving in Q2
- Export growth very strong, driven by France and Middle East
- Operating loss in H1; lower revenues, higher energy costs and production inefficiencies
- Restructuring programme implemented; benefits in H2

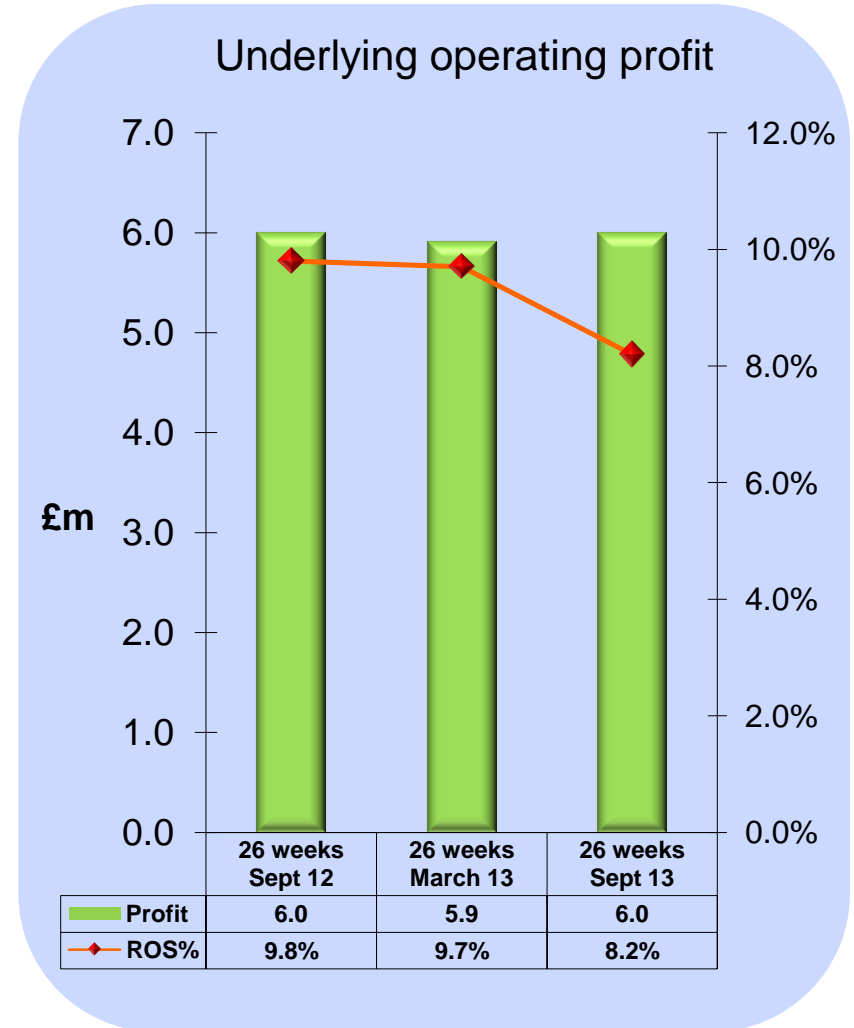
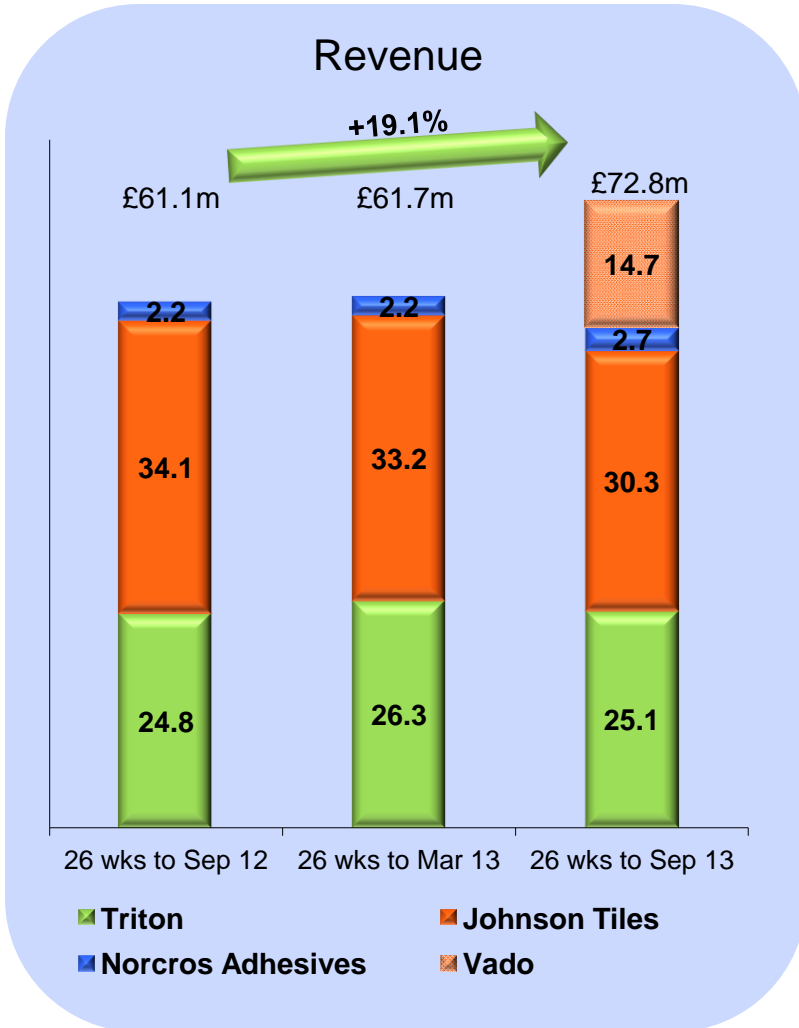




Overall Revenue +22.2%

- Increased share in difficult market
- Further penetration of distributor accounts
- Pull-through of housebuilder business
- Screwfix account gaining momentum
- Continued new product introductions; Tile to Gypsum and Pro 50 Self Leveller
- Increase in profitability
- Increased customer and product reach





JOHNSON-TILES

Overall Revenue +31.1% at constant currency

- Strong growth in independent and export markets
- Significant reduction in operating loss
 - Benefits of prior year restructuring and management changes
 - Production costs lower despite higher input costs
- Growth opportunities in specification and exports
- Phase 2 of turnaround programme:
 - Imported product to create “one stop shop”
 - Inkjet and larger product sizes
 - Enrich mix and improve average selling price





Overall Revenue +4.0% at constant currency

- Like for like +19.5% (exc Nortec disposal)
- Export +46.5%

- Strong growth in Builder's Warehouse and Union Tiles
- Operating profit higher and cash generation strong
- Investment in best in class laboratory in H1
- Plans to increase plant capacity in Q4 to meet expected demand
- Further focus on widening geographic and product base
 - Nigeria/Kenya
 - Pourable floor coverings



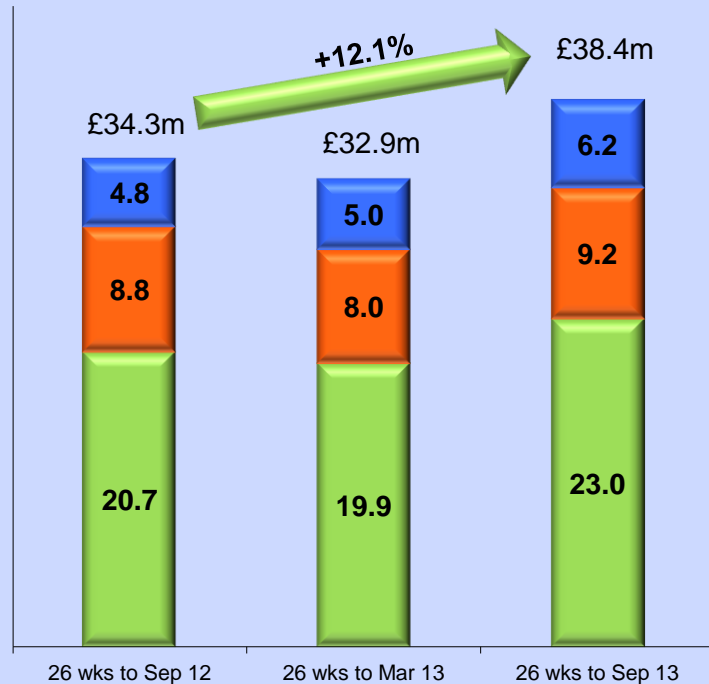


Overall Revenue +11.2% at constant currency

- Benefits of improved in-stock levels in store
- Increased investment in marketing
- Imported product to increase depth of offer
- Underlying profit higher than last year
- Strong regional footprint
 - 21 out of 29 stores upgraded
 - New store update: 2 in FY15, 1 in FY16
- Grow bathroom category
 - Move to direct sourcing/Vado benefit

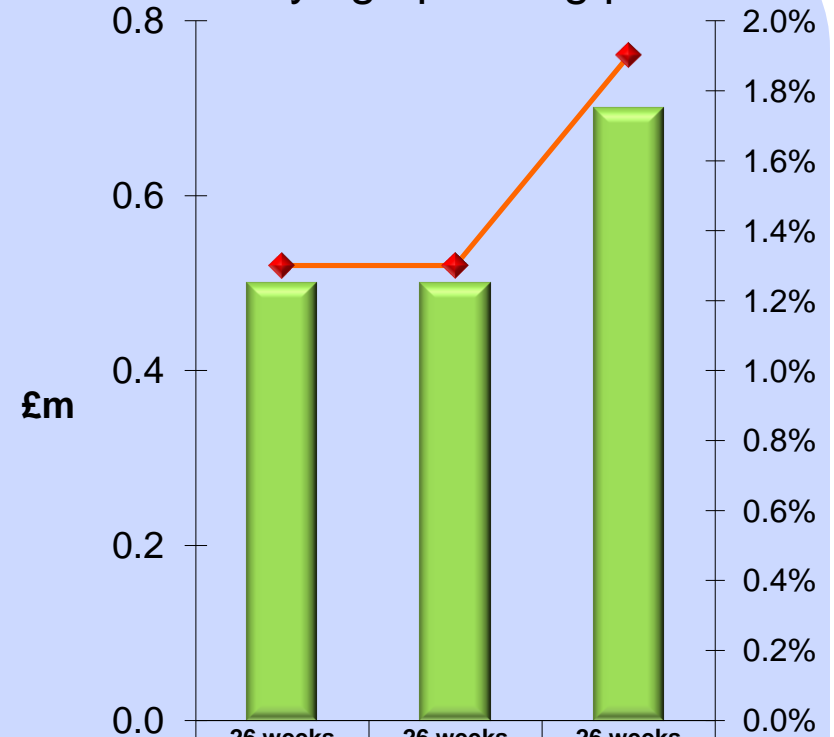


Revenue¹



■ Tile Africa ■ TAL ■ Johnson Tiles

Underlying operating profit



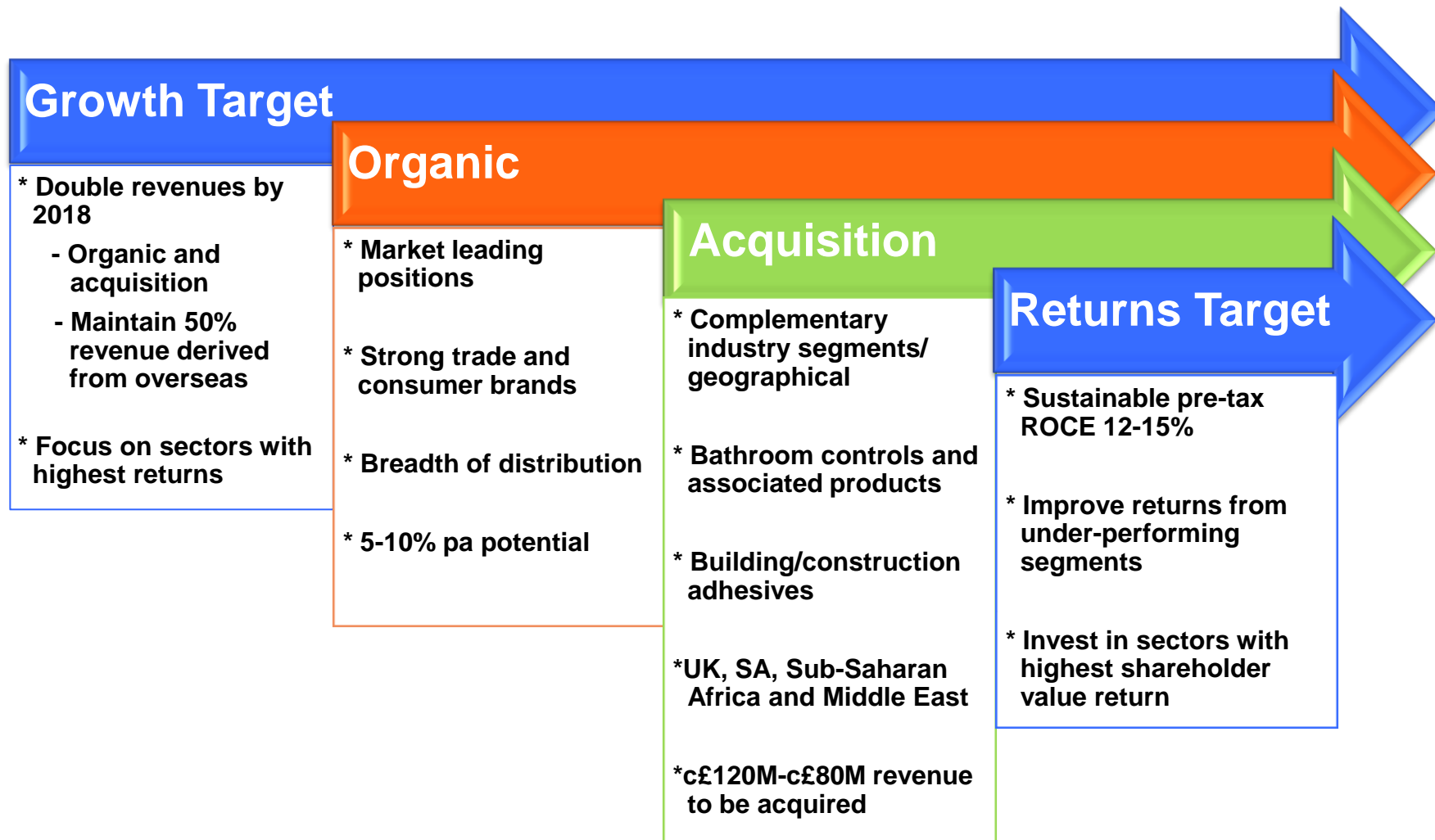
■ Profit	0.5	0.5	0.7
◆ ROS%	1.3%	1.3%	1.9%

¹ At constant currency



Group Strategy Update

Nick Kelsall
Group Chief Executive

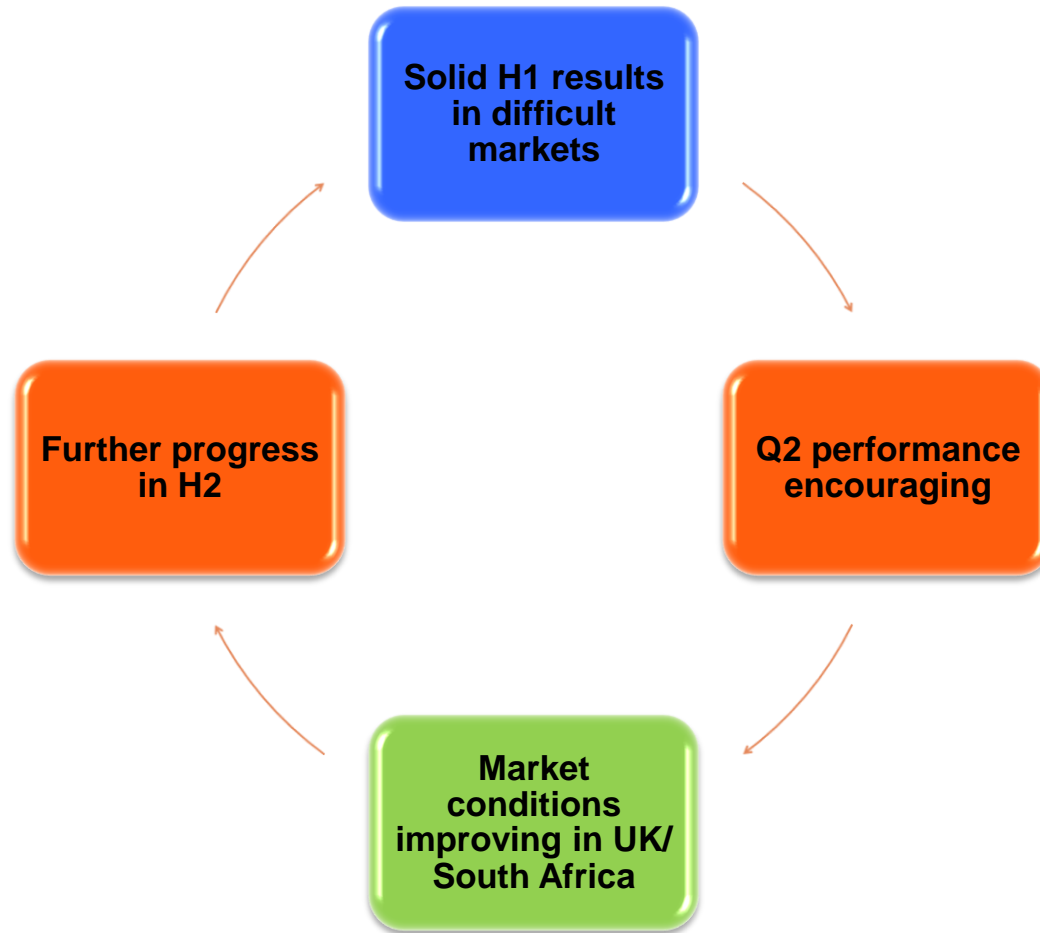


- Range of Vado revenue synergies have been identified

- Clearer view of scale once products are launched
 - Benefits to flow in FY 14/15
 - Further update at full year

- Business plan being developed for Adhesives in wider Sub-Saharan Africa
 - Market research undertaken
 - Nigeria - greenfield manufacturer
 - Kenya - via distribution
 - Markets currently small, but conversion will drive high levels of growth





Clear and Focused Growth Strategy

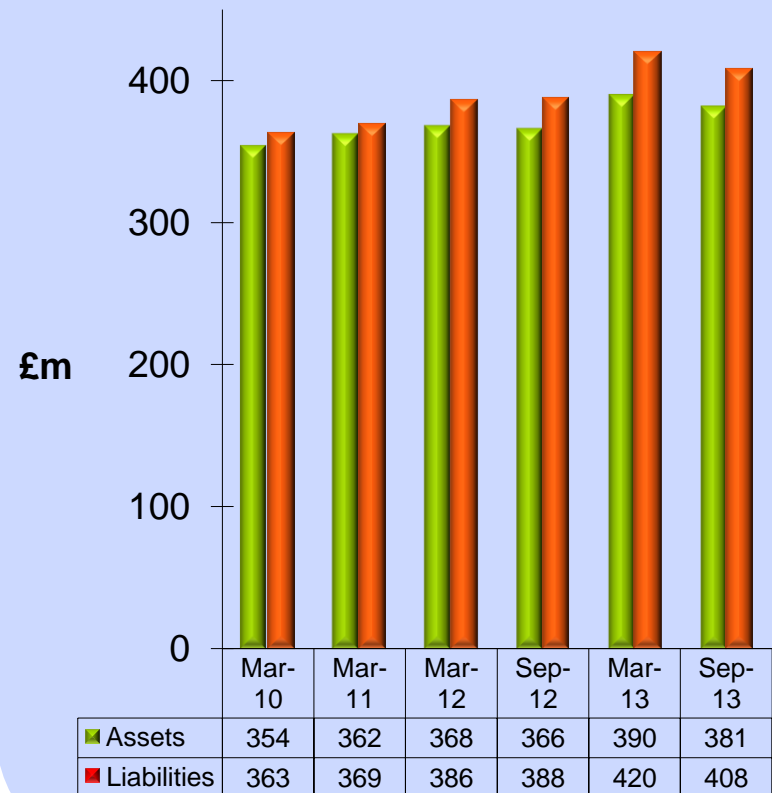


Appendices



- Assets under management - £381m
- Scheme closed to new entrants and future accrual from April 13 - stops future build up of liabilities
- Mature Scheme; 10,155 members
 - Pensioners (62%), Deferred (38%)
 - Average age of pensioners is 76
- Actuarial valuation as at March 31 2012 agreed
 - Deficit £61.9m
 - Recovery Plan 15 years at £2.0m per annum + CPI, from March 13
- Sept 13 IAS19 deficit of £26.6m based on:-
 - 4.3% discount rate
 - 3.1% RPI / 2.1% CPI

UK Pension IAS 19 Assets & Liabilities



	Sept 2013 £m	Sept 2012 £m	March 2013 £m
Exceptional operating items			
Increase in legacy leasehold provision	-	-	(3.0)
Business unit restructuring	(1.5)	-	(0.2)
Disposal of Nortec in TAL business	-	-	(0.3)
Disposal of former Nortec site in TAL business	0.5	-	-
Acquisition related deferred remuneration (Earn out)	(0.2)	-	-
Vado acquisition costs	-	-	(0.9)
	(1.2)	-	(4.4)
Non underlying operating items			
IAS19 R pension administration charges	(0.8)	(0.7)	(1.5)
Intangible amortisation (Vado)	(0.2)	-	-
	(1.0)	(0.7)	(1.5)

- Swindon - Light Industrial Units
 - Lease expiry 2014
 - Occupied to lease expiry
 - Current cash shortfall against rental income c. £0.5m p.a.

- Swindon - Warehousing / Distribution Unit
 - Lease expiry 2022
 - Sublet to 31 Dec 2018 (Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd)
 - Current cash shortfall c. £1.0m p.a, reducing to c. £0.2m p.a from April 2014

- Sheffield - Warehousing / Distribution Units
 - Lease expiry 2082
 - Vacant
 - Current cash shortfall c. £0.4m p.a.

	Sept 2013 £m	Sept 2012 £m	March 2013 £m
Net debt (IFRS) – opening	(30.7)	(17.8)	(17.8)
Net cash flow	2.6	(1.6)	(12.8)
Other non cash movements	(0.2)	(0.1)	-
Foreign exchange	(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Net debt (IFRS) - closing	<u>(28.8)</u>	<u>(19.6)</u>	<u>(30.7)</u>