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Year End Debt Investor Call - 2016

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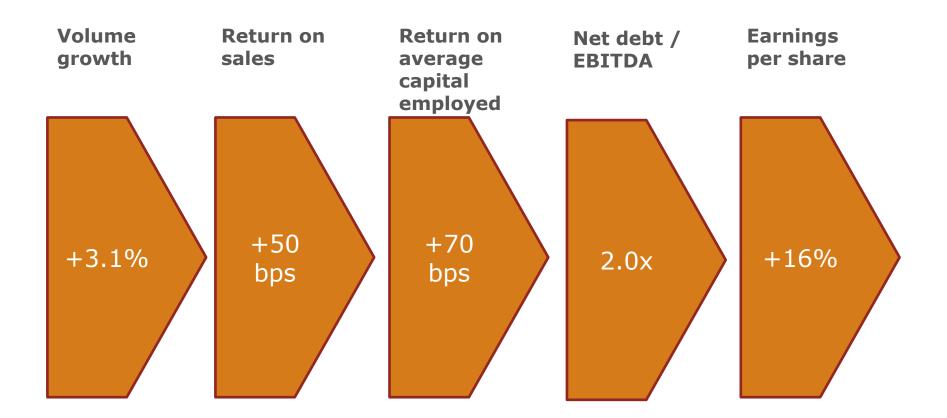


Another year of growth, returns and momentum

- Continued outperformance of the market
 - Volumes +3.1%
 - Growth in all regions
 - Excellent growth from pan-European customers
- Significant investment in strengthening the business
 - Five acquisitions in the 2015/16 financial year
 - New or expanded presence in 13 countries and c. 4,000 new employees
 - Investment to drive strategic priorities
- Further acquisitions announced today
 - Gopaca corrugated business in Portugal
 - Creo specialist Point of Sale / display in the UK
- Continued delivery against all our financial medium-term targets
- Good momentum into 2016/17

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2015/16: another year of out-performance



Note - Volumes on a like-for-like basis. All figures on a constant currency basis, before exceptional items and amortisation

Metric	Medium-term target	2015/16	Progress
Volume growth ⁽¹⁾	$GDP^{(2)} + 1\% = 2.8\%$	3.1%	 Growing ahead of the market
Return on sales ⁽³⁾	8% - 10%	9.3% 🗸	/ +50bps
ROACE ⁽³⁾	12% - 15%	15.4% 🗸	/ +70bps
Cash conversion ⁽⁴⁾	<u>></u> 100%	112% 🗸	/ In target range
Net debt / EBITDA ⁽⁵⁾	≤2.0x	2.0x 🗸	 In target range

(1) Corrugated box volumes, adjusted for working days, on a like-for-like basis

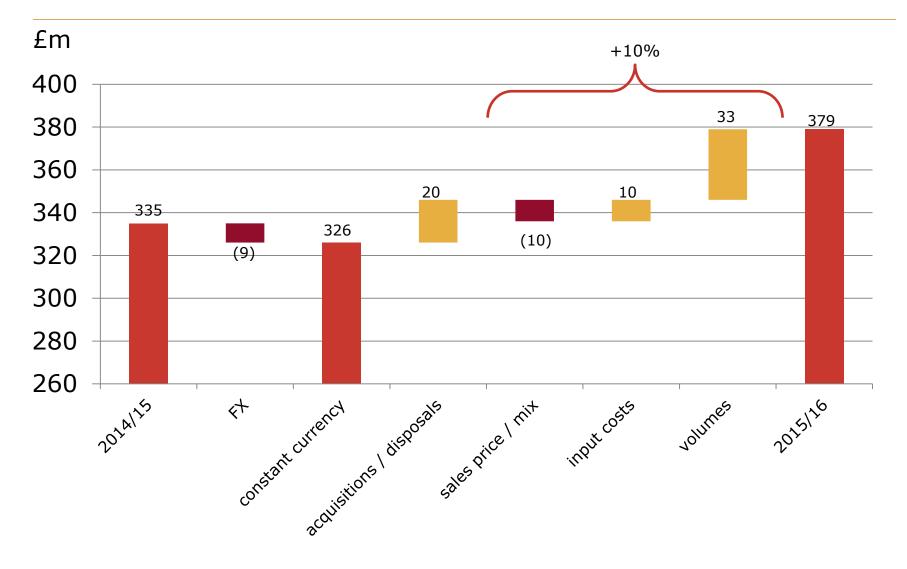
- (2) GDP growth (year-on-year) for the countries in which DS Smith operates, weighted by our sales by country for the period April 2015– March 2016 = 1.8%. Source: Eurostat (13 May 2016)
- (3) Calculated on operating profit before amortisation and exceptional items (on a constant currency basis)
- (4) Free cash flow before tax, net interest, growth capital expenditure, pension payments and exceptional cash flows as a percentage of earnings before interest, tax, amortisation and exceptional items
- (5) Calculation as defined by the Group's banking covenants

Continuing operations	2015/16	Change <i>constant currency</i>
Revenue (£m)	4,066	+9%
Operating profit ⁽¹⁾ (£m)	379	+16%
Return on sales	9.3%	+50bps
Adjusted EPS ⁽¹⁾	27.4p	+16%
Dividend per share	12.8p	+12%
Asset turnover ⁽²⁾	1.7x	0bps
Return on average capital employed ⁽¹⁾	15.4%	+70bps

(1) Before amortisation, exceptional items and share of associates

(2) Revenue divided by average capital employed for the year

Organic and acquisition driven profit growth



£m	2015/16	2014/15
EBITDA	506	452
Working capital	56	101
Pension payments/other	(42)	(35)
Capex (net of proceeds)	(201)	(149)
Tax and interest	(81)	(62)
Free cash flow	238	307
FCF per share	25.2p	32.6p

	2015/16	2014/15
Average monthly working capital/sales	1.6%	2.7%

Investing in the business

- Capex
 - Strict financial discipline and criteria
 - Opportunity to invest ahead of depreciation in growth and efficiency
- Acquisitions
 - Strict financial discipline and criteria
 - Track record of cost and cash synergies
- Strength of balance sheet
 - Consistent record of cash generation
 - Working capital discipline
 - Investment grade credit rating



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Erlensee display plant, Frankfurt, opening Nov 2016

Appendix

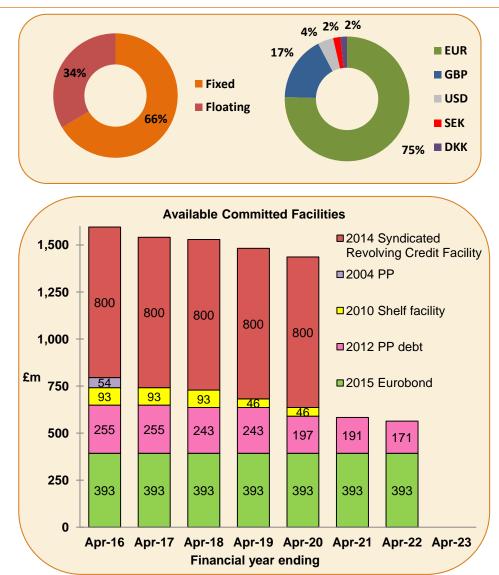
Foreign exchange exposure

2015/16	Revenue (%)	EBITA (%)	Average rate FY 2015/16	Closing rate 30 April 2016
GBP	22%	18%		
EUR	61%	65%	1.3401	1.2724
PLN	3%	3%	5.7321	5.5760
SEK	3%	3%	12.6004	11.6780
DKK	2%	1%	9.9082	9.4678
USD	2%	4%	1.4966	1.4673
Other	7%	6%		

• Note that the difference in the % of GBP at EBITA versus revenue is due to a significant proportion of central costs being in GBP

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Debt analysis



Net Debt	£ 1,099m
Net Debt/ EBITDA ratio*	2.0x
EBITDA/ Net Interest ratio*	12.7x

As at 30 April 2016, the weighted average remaining life of the Group's committed borrowing facilities was 4.7 years.

* Ratios as defined in the Group's banking agreements.