

# 2018 Interim Results

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# Key messages

## ➤ Disappointing first half

- UK below expectations
- International businesses performing well, particularly US
- Organically revenues similar to prior year (at constant currency)
- Operating margin impacted by commodity price volatility

## ➤ Active Portfolio Management

- Four acquisitions completed
- New build US galvanizing plant committed
- Investment in temporary safety barrier rental fleet

## ➤ Market fundamentals remain encouraging

**Proposed interim dividend 10.0p, up 6%**

# Underlying Trading Results

	H1 2018	+/-	H1 2017	FY 2017	
					FX impact: Revenue -£6.7m Operating Profit -£1.5m
Revenue (£m)	295.4	+1%	291.8	585.1	Constant currency growth +4%
Operating profit* (£m)	34.6	-11%	38.8	81.3	Constant currency decline 7%
Operating margin* (%)	11.7	-160bps	13.3	13.9	Input cost volatility impacting margin
PBT* (£m)	33.0	-12%	37.4	78.5	
EPS* (p)	32.8	-9%	36.2	75.9	Tax 22% (2017: 24%)
Dividend (p)	10.0	+6%	9.4	30.0	Maintaining progressive dividend policy

\* All references to profit measures in this presentation refer to underlying profits, which exclude certain non-underlying items as detailed in the Appendices on page 25

# Utilities

	H1 2018	H1 2017	Organic Change
Revenue (£m)	113.0	107.1	+4%
Operating profit (£m)	7.3	7.6	-3%
Operating margin	6.5%	7.1%	-60bps

## ➤ UK

- Q1 weather impacted; Q2 stronger
- Mixed performance: steel markets below par; housing & plastic pipe sound
- Improved order books

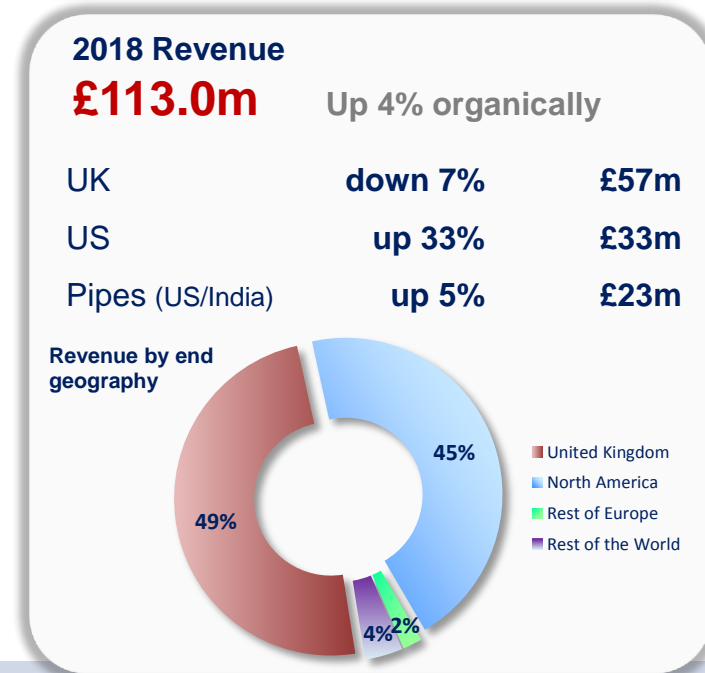
## ➤ US

- Strong growth in Composites Group, prior year acquisitions integrated
- Utility business performing well, record order book

## ➤ Pipe Supports

- Growing commercial construction market in USA
- New product introduction expanding customer reach in International market

£m	Revenue	Operating Profit
<b>2017</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>7.6</b>
F/X	(3.6)	(0.4)
M&A	5.6	0.3
Organic	3.9	(0.2)
<b>2018</b>	<b>113.0</b>	<b>7.3</b>

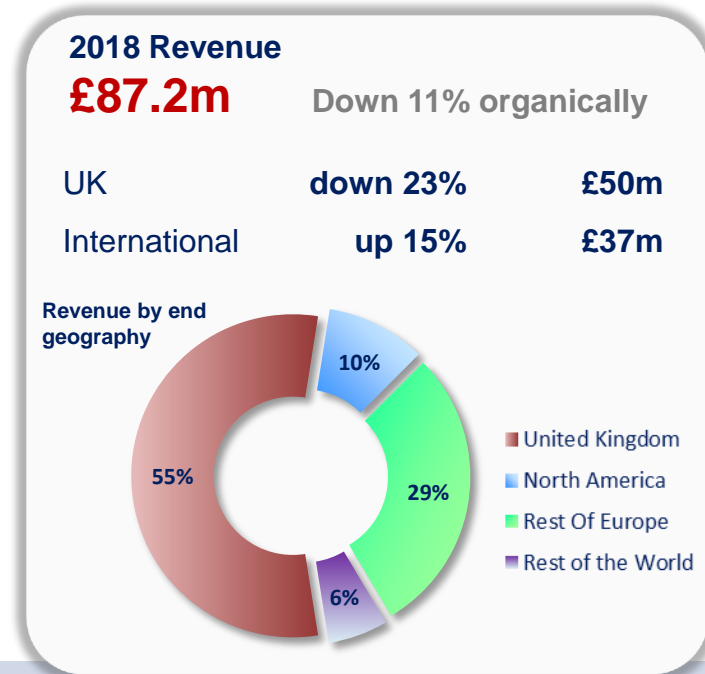


# Roads

	H1 2018	H1 2017	Organic Change
Revenue (£m)	87.2	93.8	-11%
Operating profit (£m)	8.5	10.2	-21%
Operating margin	9.7%	10.9%	-120bps

- **UK** 58% of revenue (2017: 68%)
  - Some delays to Smart motorway programme
    - Utilisation of temporary safety barrier steadily improving
    - Demand for VMS deferred
  - Investment in additional 62km of steel & concrete barrier to meet demand
  - Permanent barrier, bridge parapets & lighting column outlook stronger
- **International** 42% of revenue (2017: 32%)
  - Scandinavia & France performing well
  - Strong temporary safety barrier sales in Australasia
  - USA
    - New nationwide distributor agreement to supply Zoneguard safety barrier
    - Acquisition of WAPCO expands scale & range of road safety products into key geographies

£m	Revenue	Operating Profit
<b>2017</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>10.2</b>
F/X	(0.8)	(0.1)
M&A	4.7	0.5
Organic	(10.5)	(2.1)
<b>2018</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>8.5</b>



# Galvanizing

	H1 2018	H1 2017	Organic Change
Revenue (£m)	95.2	90.9	+7%
Operating profit (£m)	18.8	21.0	-6%
Operating margin	19.7%	23.1%	-340bps

£m	Revenue	Operating Profit
2017	90.9	21.0
F/X	(2.3)	(1.0)
Organic	6.6	(1.2)
2018	95.2	18.8

## ➤ Overall

- Profitability & margin measured against record PY comparatives
- Impacted by further zinc cost increases and UK performance

## ➤ UK: 98k tonnes ↓ 7%

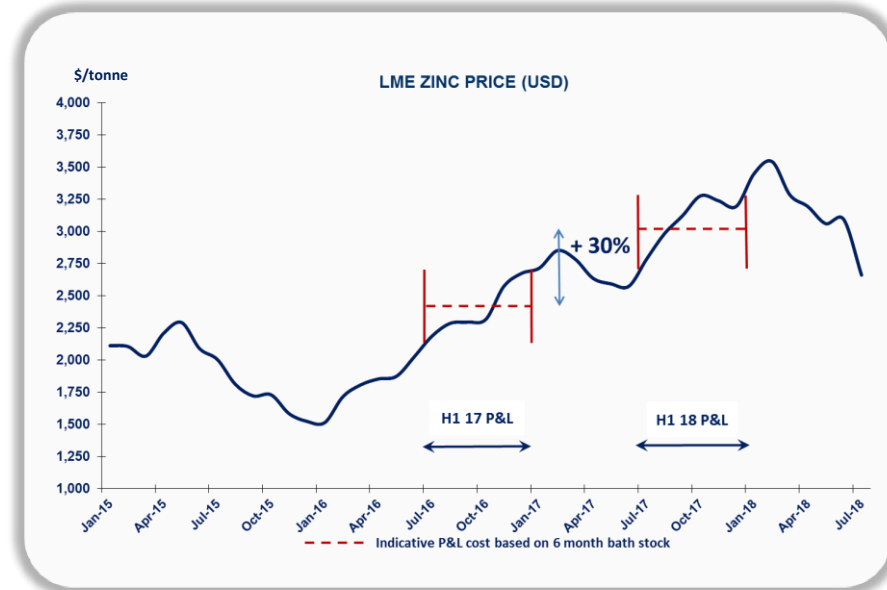
- Q1 weather impacted, recovery in Q2 but below par
- Strategic focus on smaller jobbing work

## ➤ France: 67k tonnes ↑ 1%

- Mildly improving economic backdrop but lack of structural activity
- Zinc increases difficult to pass through supply chain

## ➤ USA: 86k tonnes ↑ 12%

- Infrastructure investment and wider economy strong
- Growth in OEM and Bridge/Highway sectors
- Day to day volumes remain strong



# Free cash flow and net debt

£m	H1 2018	H1 2017	FY 2017
Underlying Operating Profit	34.6	38.8	81.3
Depreciation and amortisation	9.9	9.6	19.2
<b>Underlying EBITDA</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>100.5</b>
Other non-cash items	(1.0)	1.1	1.8
Working capital	(22.3)	(16.6)	(19.1)
Capital expenditure (net)	(8.5)	(7.4)	(19.5)
<b>Underlying operating cash flow</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>63.7</b>
Restructuring spend	(0.9)	(2.4)	(2.2)
Provisions/Pension	(1.2)	(1.2)	(2.8)
Interest paid (net)	(1.6)	(1.3)	(2.8)
Tax paid	(7.9)	(9.0)	(16.7)
<b>Statutory free cash flow</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>39.2</b>
Dividends	(7.4)	(6.7)	(20.7)
Acquisitions/disposals	(33.3)	(2.7)	(6.4)
Share issues/other (net)	(0.7)	(1.6)	(2.4)
<b>Net cash flow</b>	<b>(40.3)</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>
Note: F/X impact	(1.9)	2.3	3.3

- **Working capital outflow £22.3m**
  - H1 outflow reflective of seasonal trading patterns/organic growth
  - Inventory +£7.2m
    - c.£4m inventory build supporting H2 order books
    - Zinc price c.£2m
  - Debtor days 61 (December 2017: 61)
  
- **Capex 1.1 times depreciation/amortisation**
  - 2018 guidance c.£35m (1.7 times), previously c.£25m
  
- **Acquisitions include WAPCO at £30.9m**
  
- **Net debt : EBITDA 1.4 times (Dec 2017: 1.0 times)**

£m	H1 2018	Dec 2017	H1 2017
Net debt	<b>141.2</b>	99.0	109.1

# Highways England: Road Investment Strategy ('RIS')



Temporary Safety Barrier



Crash Cushions



Permanent Safety Barrier



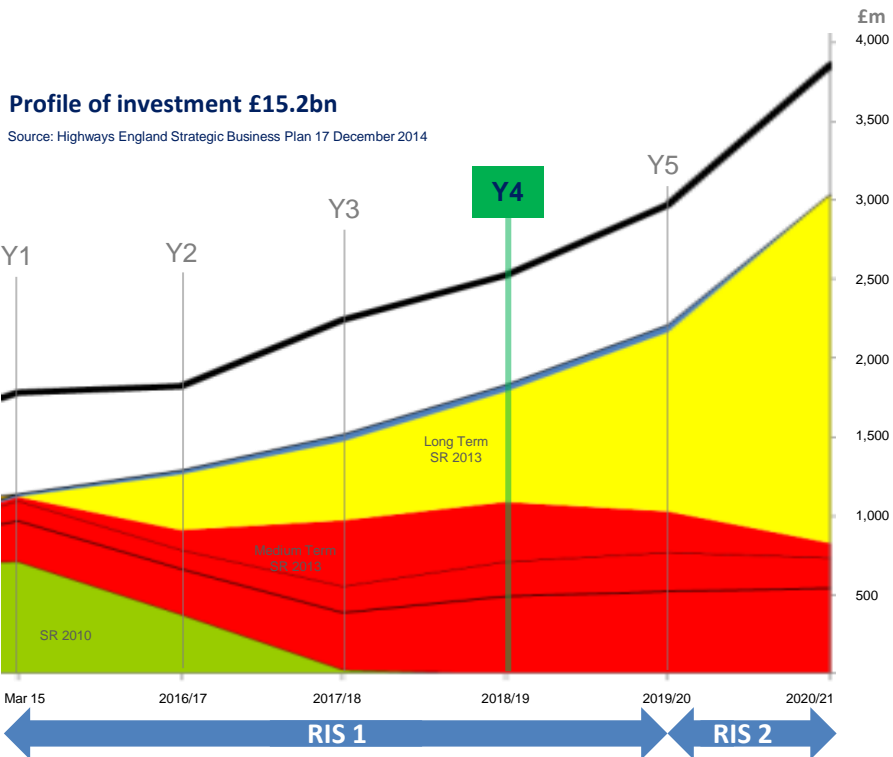
Variable Message Signs



ROTTM Sign

## Profile of investment £15.2bn

Source: Highways England Strategic Business Plan 17 December 2014



Major improvement schemes			
Scheme	2017/18 Plan	2018/19 Plan	Notes
M1 junctions 16-19	Current	Complete	
M6 junctions 16-19	Current	Current	Dec 18 complete
A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon	Current	Current	
M1 junctions 23-25	Current	Current	Oct 18 complete
M4 junctions 3-12	Q3 18	Started	Aug 18 now J8-12
M6 junctions 2-4	Q1 18	Started	Apr 18
M6 junctions 13-15	Q1 18	Started	July 18 3mth delay
M23 junctions 8-10	Q2 18	Started	Jun 18 2mth delay
M27 junctions 4-11	Q3 18	Q3 18	Jan 19 3mth delay
M62 junctions 10-12	Q3 18	Q3 18	Aug 18
M6 J21a-26	New	Q1 19	B/fwd
M56 J6-8	New	Q1 19	
M3 J9-14	New	2019/20	

Source: Highways England Delivery Plan 2018-2019

RIS2: Potential investment £30bn (2021-25)

62km (£10.6m) investment in Zoneguard and Rebloc Barrier for 2019 projects

Source: Construction News 13 December 2017



# UK Infrastructure

- Offshore wind - landing platforms
- Biogas anaerobic digestion
- Energy from Waste
- Hinkley Point - nuclear



ENERGY

SECURITY

- Increased demand for HVM products
  - Royal wedding
  - President Trump visit
- Increased site security
  - government buildings
  - border security
  - data centres
  - outdoor events
  - oil & gas terminals
  - airports



RAIL

AMP6

- CP6 – 2019 to 2024 expected spend £47bn
- HS2 construction now H2 19
- Composite platform extensions
- New depots for new rolling stock
- Security upgrade on electrification



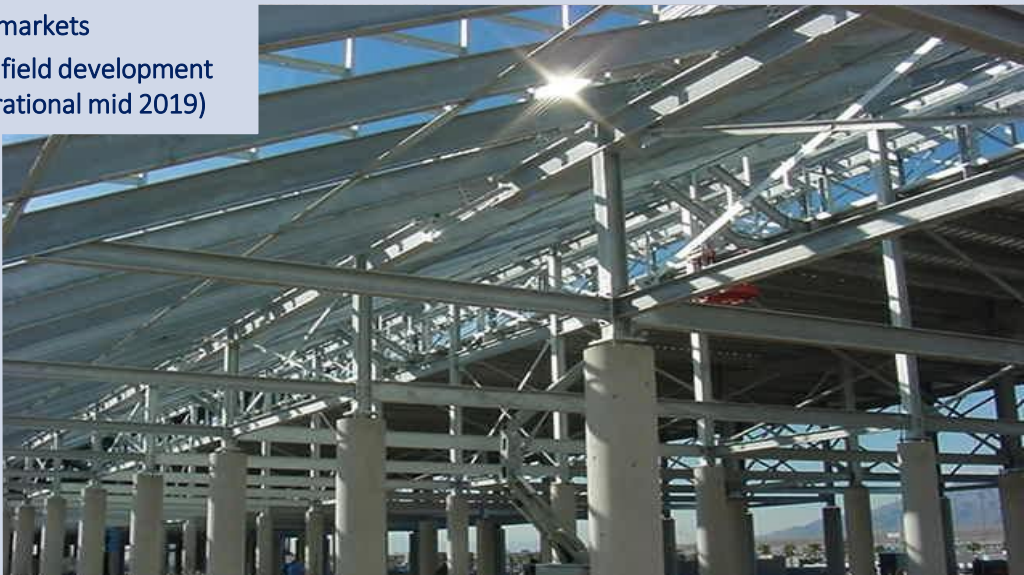
- AMP6 drinking water tanks projects
- Flood alleviation
- Water treatment plant security



# Galvanizing - USA



- Bridge replacements in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria
- HVM ballistic products
- Investment in energy/chemical plants
- OEM and industrial markets
- Committed to greenfield development of a new plant (operational mid 2019)





# Composites - USA



- 2017 acquisitions fully integrated
- Strong backlog for:
  - Waterfront projects
  - Bridges
  - Sewage treatment plants
  - Cooling towers





# Utilities - USA



- Power transmission investment strong
- Upgrades to ageing network
- New substations for solar connections
- Market on extended lead times
- Record backlog for H2 18





# 2018 Acquisitions



Acquired 1 January 2018

Supplying road signs and ancillary products into UK contractors, D Gibson has been absorbed into Mallatite, our existing sign and lighting column operation.



Acquired 28 March 2018

A Swedish traffic management business, Signalvakter has been integrated into ATA, our existing Scandinavian business and will extend our product offering.



Acquired 27 April 2018

Design, supply and install GRP products to the construction and rail markets. Integrated into Lionweld, our existing UK composites operation.



# 2018 Acquisitions

## Work Area Protection Corporation (“WAPCO”)

Acquired 9 May 2018

Acquisition cost: \$42.0m

Annual Revenue: \$47.7m

A leading provider of innovative traffic safety solutions.

WAPCO develop, manufacture and distribute a range of road work safety zone products.

Product portfolio consists of attenuators, message boards, traffic cones, channelizers / drums, intelligent transportation systems and arrowboards. Provides an extended platform to introduce proprietary products from the UK to the US and vice versa.



**St. Charles, IL**  
(Traffic Cones / Channelizer Drums)

**New Castle, DE**  
(Intelligent Transportation Systems)

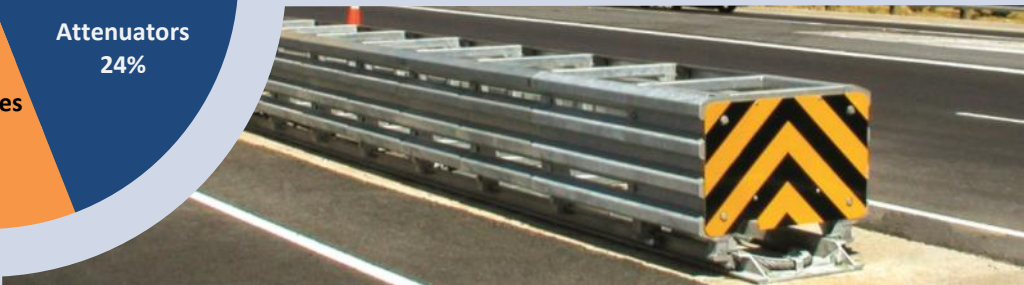
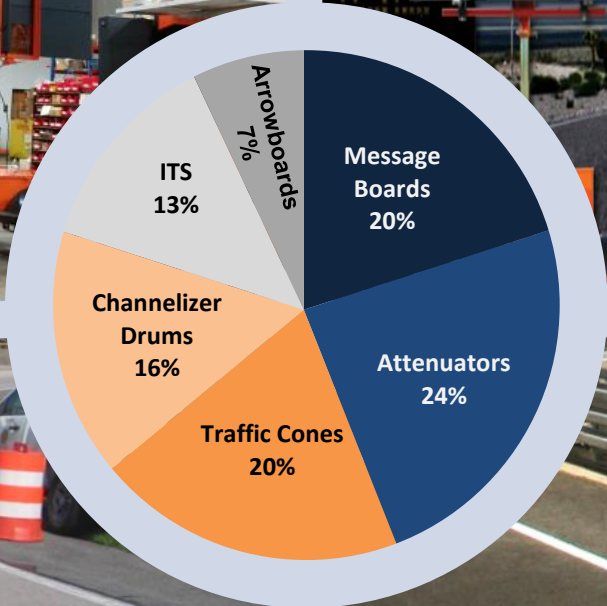


**Garland, TX**  
(Message Boards / Arrowboards)

**Lake City, FL** (Distribution Centre)  
(Message Boards / Arrowboards)



# Work Area Protection Corporation ("WAPCO")



# Outlook

## UTILITIES

- US infrastructure investment remains strong
- UK improved order book for H2

## ROADS

- UK Road Investment Strategy ('RIS1'/'RIS2') underpins investment
- Organic growth opportunities from International businesses

## GALVANIZING

- US benefitting from increased infrastructure spend
- Stable outlook in UK and France

## OVERALL

- Notwithstanding a more cautious investment environment in the UK, our niche infrastructure markets remain encouraging

“...order books support a good second half.”



# Disclaimer

## *Cautionary statement*

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# Appendices

# Business Segments

**HS** INFRASTRUCTURE

**HS** UTILITIES

**HS** ROADS



**HS** GALVANIZING

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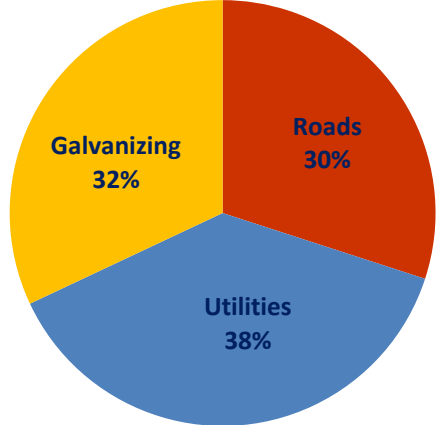
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UK

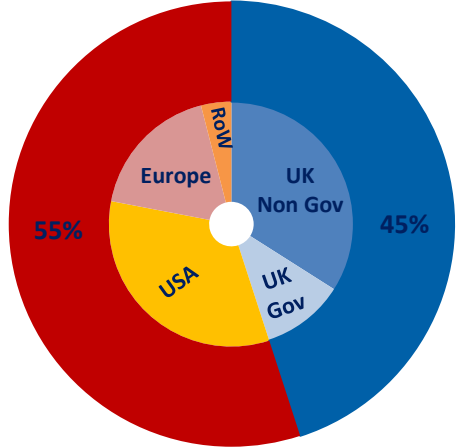


# Segment and geographical analysis

Revenue: £295.4m  
By segment

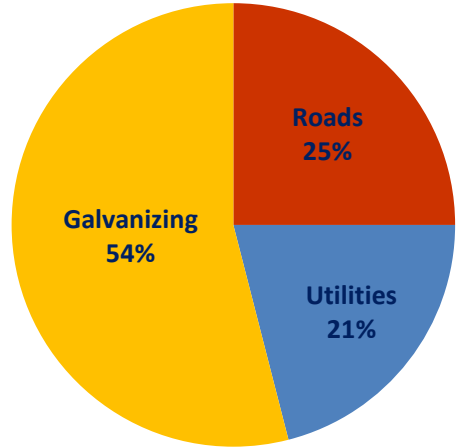


Revenue: £295.4m  
By end market geography

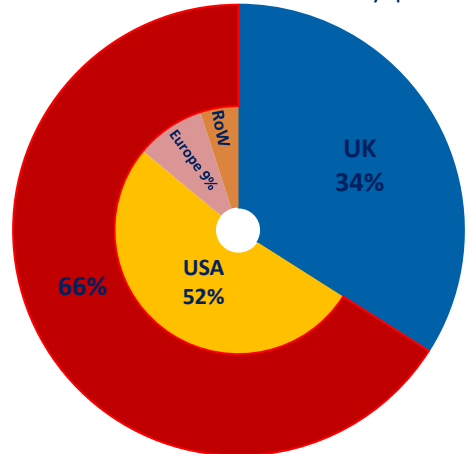


A well balanced business:  
products,  
markets &  
geographies

Operating Profit: £34.6m  
By segment



Operating Profit: £34.6m  
By plant location



# Segment analysis

£m	H1 2018	Organic	M&A	FX	H1 2017
<b>Utilities</b>					
Revenue	<b>113.0</b>	3.9	5.6	(3.6)	107.1
Underlying operating profit	<b>7.3</b>	(0.2)	0.3	(0.4)	7.6
<i>Margin</i>	<b>6.5%</b>				7.1%
<b>Roads</b>					
Revenue	<b>87.2</b>	(10.5)	4.7	(0.8)	93.8
Underlying operating profit	<b>8.5</b>	(2.1)	0.5	(0.1)	10.2
<i>Margin</i>	<b>9.7%</b>				10.9%
<b>Galvanizing</b>					
Revenue	<b>95.2</b>	6.6	-	(2.3)	90.9
Underlying operating profit	<b>18.8</b>	(1.2)	-	(1.0)	21.0
<i>Margin</i>	<b>19.7%</b>				23.1%
<b>Group</b>					
Revenue	<b>295.4</b>	-	10.3	(6.7)	291.8
Underlying operating profit	<b>34.6</b>	(3.5)	0.8	(1.5)	38.8
<i>Margin</i>	<b>11.7%</b>				13.3%

- UK mixed, weather impacted Q1
- Strong growth in US
- Positive Pipe Supports market

- Some delays in Smart motorway programme
- Improving outlook
- International markets performing well

- UK weather impacted Q1, below par
- France economic backdrop improving
- US volumes strong on infrastructure investment growth
- Zinc input cost volatility impacting margins

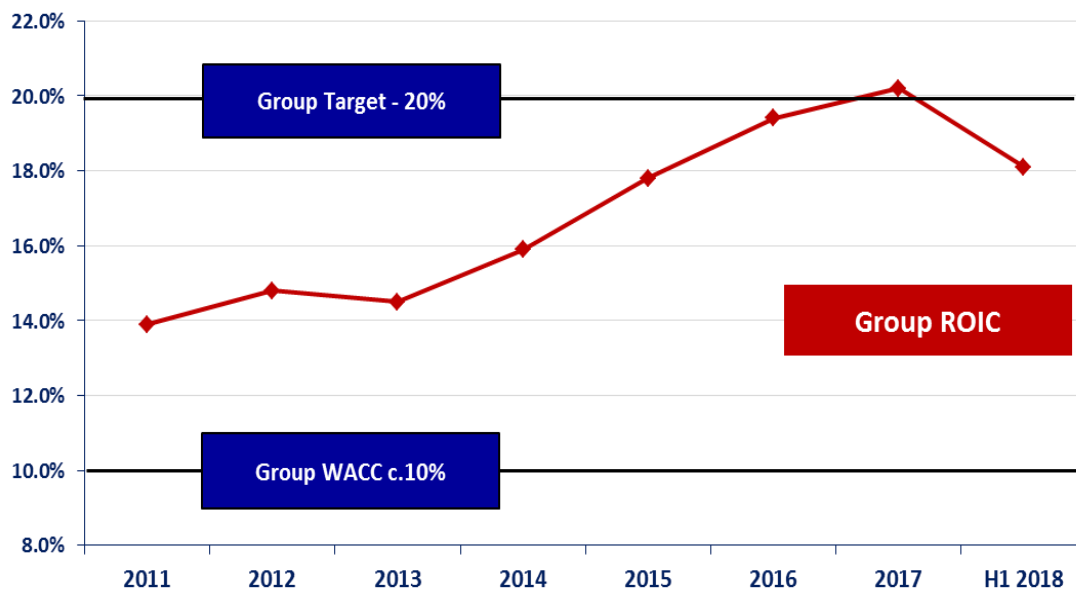
# Margin

	Margin (%)		H1 Target Range %	FY Target Range %
	H1 2018	H1 2017		
Infrastructure Products	7.9	8.9	8 – 11	8 – 11
- Utilities	6.5	7.1	7 – 11	7 – 11
- Roads	9.7	10.9	9 – 13	10 – 14
Galvanizing Services	19.7	23.1	19 – 22	19 – 22
<b>Group</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>11 – 14</b>	<b>12 – 15</b>

- Raw material input cost volatility impacts margin
- Utilities below range due to weak Q1 in UK
- Roads & Galvanizing lower but within range

# Return on Invested Capital

ROIC%  
before tax



Group	12m to H1 18	12m to H1 17
Operating Profit (£m)	77.1	77.4
Av. Invested Capital (£m)	425.4	390.2
ROIC %	18.1	19.8

Divisional (%)	12m to H1 18	12m to H1 17
Utilities	16.7	17.3
Roads	17.7	20.4
Infrastructure Products	17.2	19.0
Galvanizing	19.1	20.7

# Foreign exchange sensitivities

	H1 2018	H1 2017	Change	FY 2017
Average rates				
Euro	1.14	1.16	↓ 2%	1.14
US\$	1.38	1.27	↑ 9%	1.29
Closing rates				
Euro	1.13	1.14	↓ 1%	1.13
US\$	1.32	1.30	↑ 2%	1.35

Ready reckoner for annual translation impact of movement in FX rates

Sensitivity to +/- 1 cent move in:	Revenue	Operating profit
Euro	+/- £0.6m	+/- £50k
US\$	+/- £1.6m	+/- £310k

Impact on H1 2018:	Revenue	-ve £6.7m or 2%
	Operating profit	-ve £1.5m or 4%

Potential full year impact:*	Revenue	-ve £7.2m or 1%
	Operating profit	-ve £1.7m or 2%

\* Compares impact on FY2018 results assuming exchange rates at 31 July 2018 (principally £1 = \$1.31 and £1 = €1.12) prevail for the remainder of 2018, versus average exchange rates for 2017



# Non-underlying items

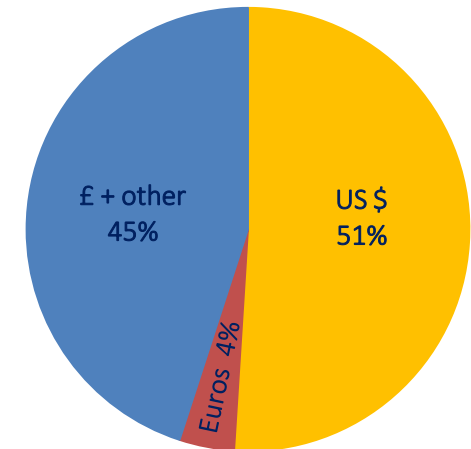
	H1 2018	H1 2017	FY 2017
<b>Operating items</b>			
Business reorganisation costs	(0.3)	(2.0)	(2.8)
Acquisition costs	(1.2)	(0.2)	(0.6)
Amortisation of acquisition intangibles	(2.0)	(2.0)	(4.0)
Impairment of asset held for sale	(0.1)	-	(0.4)
Pension settlement gain	-	0.2	-
CA Traffic - profit on sale/intangible impairment	-	0.6	0.6
	<b>(3.6)</b>	<b>(3.4)</b>	<b>(7.2)</b>
<b>Financing costs</b>			
Refinancing expense/amortisation	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.7)
Net pension interest	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.4)
	<b>(4.1)</b>	<b>(3.9)</b>	<b>(8.3)</b>
Cash in year	(1.0)	1.8	1.8
Future cash	(0.5)	(1.4)	(1.8)
Non cash	(2.6)	(4.3)	(8.3)
	<b>(4.1)</b>	<b>(3.9)</b>	<b>(8.3)</b>

# Availability and usage of debt facilities

£m	Net Debt	Facility
Committed	168.6	229.5
On demand		10.7
Cash	(27.4)	-
	141.2	240.2

Maturity		
On demand	2017 to 2020	2021
10.7	0.4	229.1

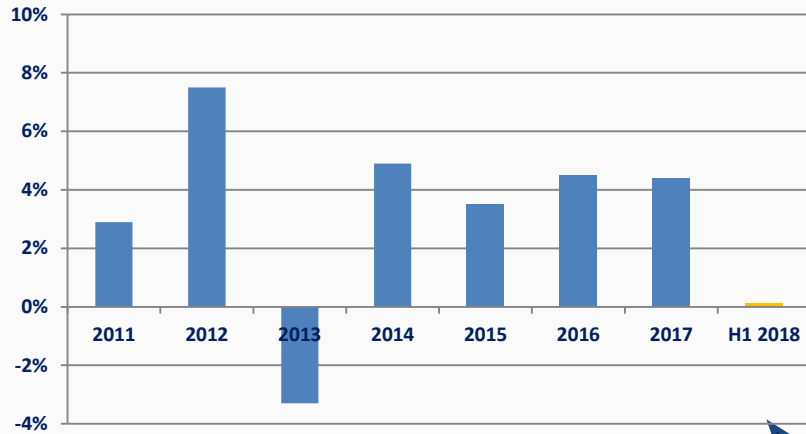
Net Debt by Currency



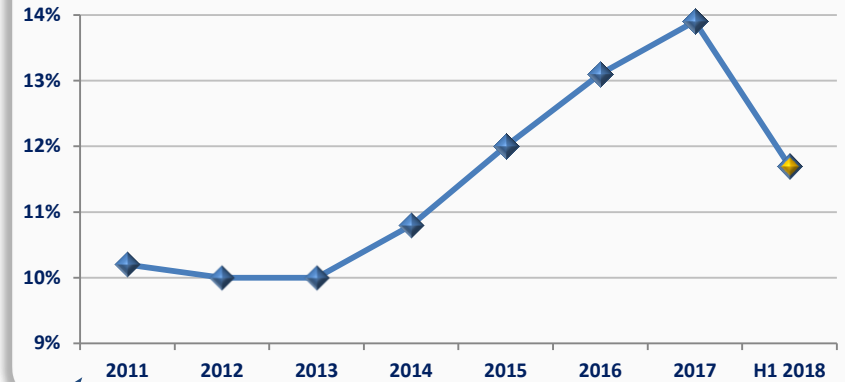
- Principal facility in place until April 2021
- Facilities provide significant headroom
  - Net debt : EBITDA 1.4 times (covenant 3 times); Interest cover 34.5 times (covenant 4 times)
- Target net debt : EBITDA range between 1.5 to 2.0 times

# Strategic KPI's

## Organic revenue growth

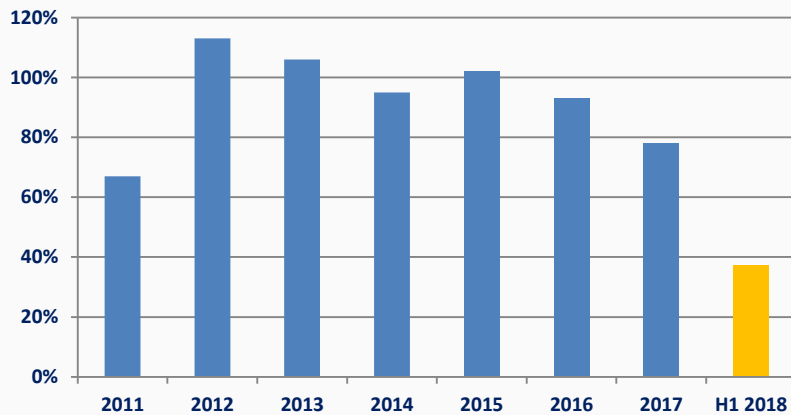


## Operating margin



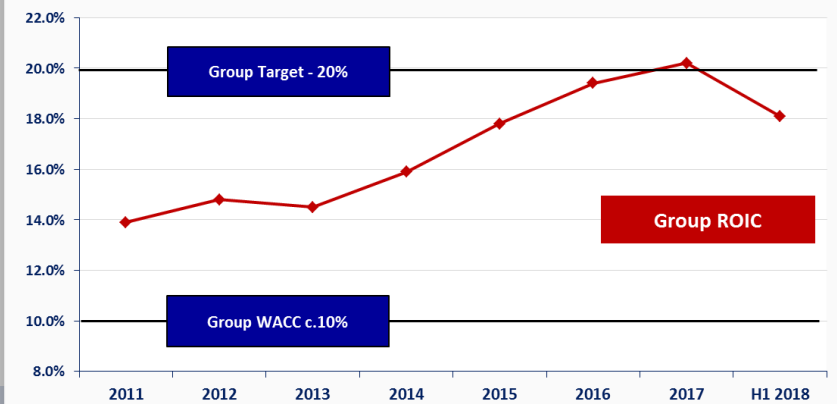
Driving Returns

## Underlying cash conversion\*



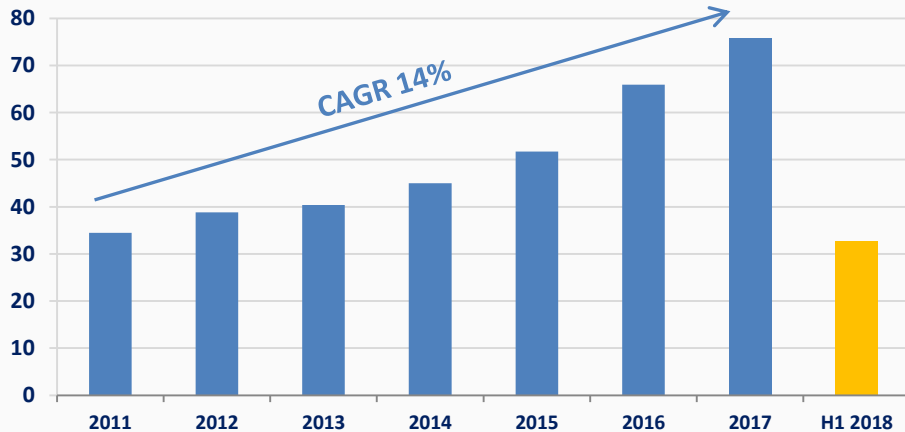
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## Return on invested capital



# Earnings and Dividend

## Earnings per share (p)

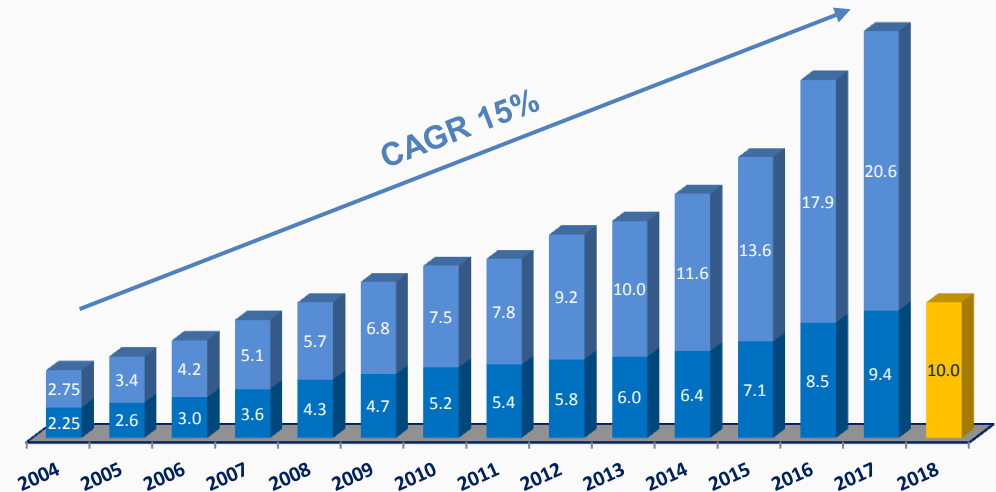


## Dividend (p)

	2018	Change	2017	Change	2016
Interim dividend per share	10.0p	↑ 6%	9.4p	↑ 11%	8.5p
Final dividend per share			20.6p	↑ 15%	17.9p
Total dividend per share			30.0p	↑ 14%	26.4p

## Dividend

- 14 successive years of dividend growth
- Central to strategy and TSR ethos
- Progressive dividend policy driven by cumulative:
  - EPS growth
  - FCF generation
- Target cover ratio c.2.5 times



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