

### **FY2023**

# Second Quarter Results Presentation

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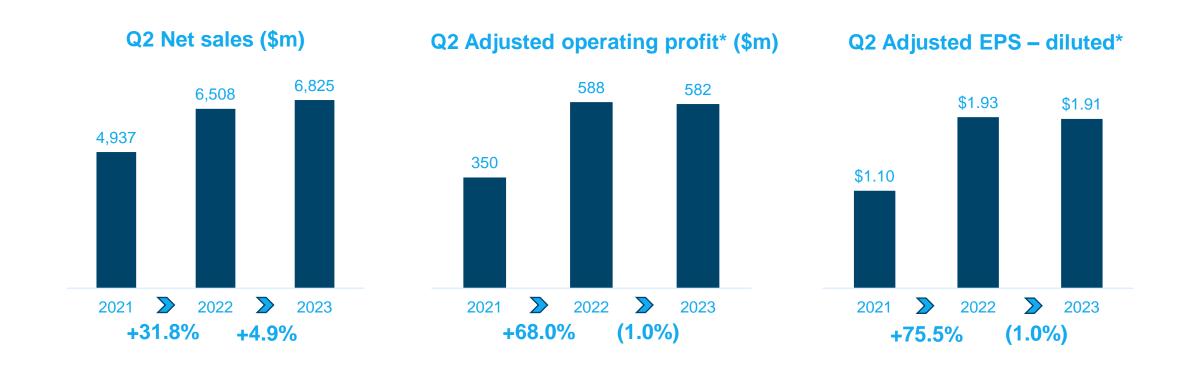
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# **01** Highlights and Introduction

Kevin Murphy, CEO

### **Second Quarter Financial Highlights**



### Solid performance, year progressing as expected

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### Balanced approach to attractive US end markets

		Q2 2023
	% of US revenue*	US revenue growth
Residential	54%	+1%
Non-residential	46%	+11%
- Commercial	32%	+9%
- Civil/Infrastructure	8%	+7%
- Industrial	6%	+24%
	100%	+5.4%

Continued growth in non-residential end markets while residential slowed meaningfully

<sup>\*</sup> Residential / Non-Residential proportions derived from management estimates as of FY2022.



### **USA Second Quarter Net Sales Growth**

Customer Group	% of US net sales*	Q2 2023 Total growth	
Residential Trade	19%	(5%)	
Residential Building and Remodel	14%	+12%	
Residential Digital Commerce	9%	(10%)	
HVAC	11%	+10%	
Waterworks	21%	+6%	
Commercial / Mechanical	13%	+8%	
Other**	13%	+17%	
USA	100%	+5.4%	

### Non-residential customer groups demonstrated greater strength

<sup>\*\*</sup> Comprises Fire and Fabrication, Facilities Supply and Industrial.



<sup>\*</sup> For year ended July 31, 2022.

## 02 Financial Review

Bill Brundage, CFO

### **Second Quarter Financial Highlights**

\$m (except per share amounts)	Q2 2023	Q2 2022	Change
Net sales	6,825	6,508	+4.9%
Gross margin	30.2%	30.6%	(40) bps
Adjusted operating profit*	582	588	(1.0%)
Adjusted operating margin*	8.5%	9.0%	(50) bps
Adjusted earnings per share – diluted*	\$1.91	\$1.93	(1.0%)
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$630	\$648	(2.8%)
Net debt : Adjusted EBITDA*	1.1x	0.8x	

### **Consistent execution delivers solid performance**

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### **USA Second Quarter**

\$m	Q2 2023	Q2 2022	Change
Net sales	6,504	6,172	+5.4%
Organic revenue growth*	+2.6%	+29.4%	
Adjusted operating profit**	579	576	+0.5%
Adjusted operating margin %	8.9%	9.3%	(40) bps

### Compounding revenue growth against very strong comparables

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Company uses adjusted operating profit as a measure of segment profit under U.S. GAAP.



<sup>\*</sup> For further details regarding organic revenue growth, visit www.corporate.ferguson.com on the Investors menu under 'Analyst Consensus and Resources'.

### **Canada Second Quarter**

\$m	Q2 2023	Q2 2022	Change
Net sales	321	336	(4.5%)
Organic revenue growth*	+3.0%	+13.8%	
Adjusted operating profit**	14	23	(39.1%)
Adjusted operating margin %	4.4%	6.8%	(240) bps

Foreign exchange movements had a 6.3% adverse impact on revenue growth and a \$2 million adverse impact on adjusted operating profit.

### Solid performance in seasonally weakest quarter

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### **Half Year Financial Highlights**

\$m (except per share amounts)	H1 2023	H1 2022	Change
Net sales	14,756	13,311	+10.9%
Gross margin	30.4%	30.9%	(50) bps
Adjusted operating profit*	1,446	1,355	+6.7%
Adjusted operating margin*	9.8%	10.2%	(40) bps
Adjusted earnings per share – diluted*	\$4.87	\$4.43	+9.9%
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$1,542	\$1,462	+5.5%

### **Strong first half performance**

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### Cash Flow – Half year

\$m	H1 2023	H1 2022
Adjusted EBITDA*	1,542	1,462
Working capital	115	(841)
Interest and tax	(502)	(417)
Other items	20	25
Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations	1,175	229
Capex	(242)	(122)
Proceeds from the sale of assets and divestitures	3	2
Free cash flow*	936	109

### Strong cash generation with further progress on working capital

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### **Capital Allocation**

### 1 Organic Growth

#### **Working Capital**

 Positive cash flow impact of \$115m from working capital during the first half

#### **Capex investments**

- Market Distribution Centers
- Technology
- Branch expansion and refurbishment

## 2 Dividends

Quarterly dividend of \$0.75
 per share, implies
 annualized increase of 9%
 over the prior year.

## 3 Acquisitions

- Five completed since August 1<sup>st</sup>
- ~\$330 million annualized revenues

# 4 Surplus Capital Returns

- ~\$0.6 billion share repurchases completed during first half
- ~4.6 million shares repurchased in first half
- ~\$0.4 billion remaining under current share repurchase program

1.1x Net debt : Adjusted EBITDA\*

at January 31, 2023



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### FY2023 Guidance

### Net sales growth and adjusted operating margin guidance remain unchanged

- Net sales growth of low single digits
  - Driven by market outperformance, completed acquisitions and one additional sales day.
- Adjusted operating margin of 9.3% to 9.9%
- Interest expense of \$185 \$205 million
- Adjusted effective tax rate of approximately 25%
- Capital expenditures of \$400 \$450 million

<sup>\*</sup> This is a non-GAAP measure. See slide 2 of this presentation for more information on forward-looking statements and non-GAAP financial information.



# 03 Strategy and closing remarks

Kevin Murphy, CEO

Leading positions in large, growing and fragmented markets

Additional growth from bolt-on acquisitions

Why Ferguson?



Scale delivers sustainable market outperformance

Long-term track ecord of outperformance and cash generation

### Leading positions in highly fragmented North American markets

Balanced approach to attractive end markets

### ~\$340b North American Opportunity





46% NON-RESIDENTIAL





40%
NEW CONSTRUCTION

### \$29b Revenue in FY2022

Market opportunity and Residential / Non-Residential and RMI / New Construction proportions derived from management estimates as of FY2022.

### **US** residential long term growth drivers

- 1. Undersupply of homes
  - Undersupply of ~2-4 million units with rental vacancy rates at historic lows
- 2. Age of housing stock
  - Median home is ~40 years old
- 3. Remodel investment
  - ~190 million housing starts since the Great Recession
  - Over half of remodel projects involve a professional

While residential end markets face near term pressure, we believe they are attractive over the longer term

Source: (1) FannieMae (2022); Urban Institute Housing Supply Chartbook (December 2021). (2) National Association of Realtors (2022). (3) FRED Economic Data (sourced from U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development); National Association of Realtors, 2019 Remodeling Impact Report: D.I.Y.





### **US** non-residential long term growth drivers

- Mega projects
  - Non-residential projects over \$400 million represent a growing number of starts (currently ~30% of starts).
  - 348 projects in excess of \$400 million scheduled over the next 5 years with average project size of ~\$1.9 billion.
  - Key areas include:
     Chip and semi-conductor manufacturing, electric vehicle and battery plants, biotech facilities and waterworks plants.

Mega projects in excess of \$400m expected to generate ~\$650 billion of construction activity over the next 5 years



Source: Dodge Data & Analytics (December 2022) and management estimates as of Q2 FY2023. "Mega projects" defined to include projects classified by Dodge Data & Analytics as non-residential projects over \$400 million.

### **US non-residential long term growth drivers**

- Legislative Acts
  - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \$1.2 trillion package including support for core waterworks infrastructure.
  - CHIPS and Science Act \$39 billion of manufacturing incentives.
  - Inflation Reduction Act \$0.5 trillion package including support for non-residential and HVAC.

Legislative acts are expected to generate over \$1.5 trillion of support in coming years.

#### Source:

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law No: 117-58), enacted November 15, 2021, 135 Stat 429 CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (Public Law No: 117-167), enacted August 9, 2022, 136 Stat 1366 Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Public Law No. 117-169), enacted August 16, 2022, 136 Stat 1818





### **US non-residential long term growth drivers**

- Aging infrastructure
  - Average age of US commercial buildings is over 50 years old.
  - Average age of US drinking water and wastewater pipes is ~45 years old
  - Majority of wastewater treatment plants are designed to have an average lifespan of 40-50 years.
  - Utilities companies replacing less than 5% of drinking water pipelines per annum (suggesting >20 years to replace all).

Aging infrastructure presents a structural market tailwind with a mix of repairs, maintenance and larger overhaul investment.



Source: 2021 SMR Research Corporation Study, 2021 ASCE Wastewater Report Card and 2021 ASCE Drinking Water Report Card

### **Closing Remarks**

### Thank you to our associates.

- 1. Strong first half execution
- 2. Balanced market exposure and flexible business model positions us well for near term uncertainties
- Our scale and advantaged platform positions us to capture growth from emerging structural trends in our end markets
- 4. Underpinned by strong balance sheet and cash generation





# **04** Appendix

### Leading positions in highly fragmented North American markets

~75% of revenue generated from #1 or #2 market positions



Market size, share and position are approximates derived from management estimates as of FY2022.



### Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted Operating Profit and Adjusted EBITDA

	Three months ended		Six months ended January 31,			
	January 31,					
(In millions)	2023	2022	2021	2023	2022	2021
Net income	\$374	\$436	\$94	\$969	\$996	\$429
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	_	_	183	_	(25)	164
Provision for income taxes	121	96	21	318	272	127
Interest expense, net	47	22	22	88	49	50
Other expense, net	7	1	(1)	5	2	(1)
Operating profit	549	555	319	1,380	1,294	769
Corporate restructurings <sup>(1)</sup>	_	6	(1)	_	7	5
Amortization of acquired intangibles	33	27	32	66	54	60
Adjusted Operating Profit	582	588	350	1,446	1,355	834
Depreciation & impairment of PP&E	36	34	33	73	70	65
Amortization & impairment of non-acquired intangibles	12	26	8	23	37	16
Adjusted EBITDA	\$630	\$648	\$391	\$1,542	\$1,462	\$915

<sup>(1)</sup> For the three and six months ended January 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, corporate restructuring costs related to the incremental costs of the Company's listing in the United States.



### **Net Debt**

Net debt comprises bank overdrafts, bank and other loans and derivative financial instruments, excluding lease liabilities, less cash and cash equivalents. Long-term debt is presented net of debt issuance costs.

	As of Janua	ary 31,
(In millions)	2023	2022
Long-term debt <sup>(1)</sup>	\$3,936	\$2,749
Short-term debt <sup>(2)</sup>	91	296
Derivative liabilities (assets)	17	(10)
Cash and cash equivalents	(597)	(828)
Net debt	\$3,447	\$2,207

- (1) The increase in long-term debt as of January 31, 2023 primarily reflects the Company's \$1 billion bond financing completed in April 2022, as well as the \$500 million in term loans entered into in October 2022, net of other borrowings and repayments since January 2022.
- (2) Includes bank overdrafts of \$36 million and \$46 million, respectively.

### **Adjusted EBITDA (Rolling 12-month)**

Adjusted EBITDA is net income before charges/credits relating to depreciation, amortization, impairment and certain non-GAAP adjustments. A rolling 12-month adjusted EBITDA is used in the net debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio to assess the appropriateness of the Company's financial leverage.

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(In millions, except ratios)	January 3	1,
	2023	2022
Net income	\$2,095	\$2,039
Loss from discontinued operations (net of tax)	2	(31)
Provision for income taxes	655	377
Interest expense, net	150	97
Other expense, net	4	(7)
Corporate restructurings <sup>(1)</sup>	10	13
Depreciation and amortization	317	318
Adjusted EBITDA	\$3,233	\$2,806
Net Debt: Adjusted EBITDA	1.1x	0.8x
Depreciation and amortization Adjusted EBITDA	\$317 \$3,233	\$2,806

<sup>(1)</sup> For the rolling twelve months ended January 31, 2023 and 2022, the corporate restructuring costs primarily related to incremental costs in connection with the Company's listing in the United States.



### Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS

Three m		ee months ended		Six	Six months ended		
	January 31,			January 31,			
(In millions, except per share amounts)	2023	2022	2021	2023	2022	2021	
Net Income	\$374	\$436	\$94	\$969	\$996	\$429	
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)		<u> </u>	183		(25)	164	
Income from continuing operations	374	436	277	969	971	593	
Corporate restructurings <sup>(1)</sup>	_	6	(1)	_	7	5	
Amortization of acquired intangibles	33	27	32	66	54	60	
Discrete tax adjustments <sup>(2)</sup>	(3)	(39)	(54)	(3)	(39)	(54)	
Tax impact on non-GAAP adjustments <sup>(3)</sup>	(8)	(4)	(7)	(16)	(10)	(15)	
Adjusted Net Income	\$396	\$426	\$247	\$1,016	\$983	\$589	
Earnings per share - diluted <sup>(4)</sup>	\$1.80	\$1.97	\$1.23	\$4.64	\$4.38	\$2.63	
Adjusted earnings per share - diluted	\$1.91	\$1.93	\$1.10	\$4.87	\$4.43	\$2.61	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - diluted	207.8	221.2	225.0	208.8	222.0	225.3	

<sup>(1)</sup> For the three and six months ended January 31, 2022 and 2021, corporate restructuring costs related to the incremental costs of the Company's listing in the United States.



<sup>(2)</sup> For the three and six months ended January 31, 2023, discrete tax items primarily related to adjustments in connection with amended returns. For the three and six months ended January 31, 2022, the discrete tax adjustments primarily related to prior year tax adjustments, including amended tax return items. For the three and six months ended January 31, 2021, the discrete tax adjustments relate to the release of uncertain tax positions following the closure of tax audits.

<sup>(3)</sup> Represents the tax impact of non-GAAP adjustments, including the tax impact on the amortization of acquired intangibles.

<sup>(4)</sup> Presented in accordance with US GAAP on a continuing operations basis.

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