

WOLSELEY

2013 Full Year Results





Welcome and Highlights

Ian Meakins, Chief Executive



Highlights

- Like-for-like growth, market share gains, margins ahead
- Gross margin improvements
- Decent flow-through
 - US margins
 - cost control / productivity
- Strong cash generation - dividends
- Six small bolt-on acquisitions completed
- Execution of French plans
- Continued performance management improvement
- Developing more efficient / productive business models



Operating and Financial Review

John Martin, Chief Financial Officer



Financial highlights

	2013	2012**	Change	Like-for-like Change
Ongoing revenue	£12,854m	£12,345m	+4.1%	+2.9%
Ongoing gross margin %	27.8%	27.5%	+0.3%	
Ongoing trading profit*	£725m	£655m	+10.7%	
Ongoing trading margin %*	5.6%	5.3%	+0.3%	
Impairments & exceptional items	(£174m)	(£377m)		
Net (debt) / cash	(£411m)	£45m		
Headline EPS*	181.8p	168.4p	+8.0%	
Ordinary dividend per share	66p	60p	+10.0%	

* Before exceptional items and the amortisation and impairment of acquired intangibles

** 2012 restated to exclude the results of businesses sold or held for sale at 31 July 2013

Like-for-like growth

	Q4 last year	Q1 this year	Q2 this year	Q3 this year	Q4 this year
USA	+6.7%	+7.1%	+9.7%	+8.3%	+7.8%
Canada	+4.5%	+3.1%	+1.2%	+0.0%	+3.0%
UK	+3.6%	(0.3%)	+0.3%	+5.2%	+5.1%
Nordic	(3.1%)	(4.8%)	(8.0%)	(7.5%)	(3.1%)
France	(5.0%)	(8.4%)	(12.9%)	(9.8%)	(5.8%)
Central Europe	(1.5%)	(0.5%)	(1.3%)	(4.5%)	(3.5%)
Ongoing businesses	+2.9%	+2.4%	+2.7%	+2.9%	+3.7%

USA



£m	2013	2012	Change	Like-for-like Change
Revenue	6,785	6,168	+10.0%	+8.2%
Trading profit	492	388	+26.8%	
Trading margin	7.3%	6.3%	+1.0%	
Branches	1,348	1,301		
Headcount	18,969	18,254		

Canada



£m	2013	2012	Change	Like-for-like Change
Revenue	875	850	+2.9%	+2.0%
Trading profit	51	49	+2.7%	
Trading margin	5.8%	5.8%	-	
Branches	219	220		
Headcount	2,511	2,607		

UK ongoing



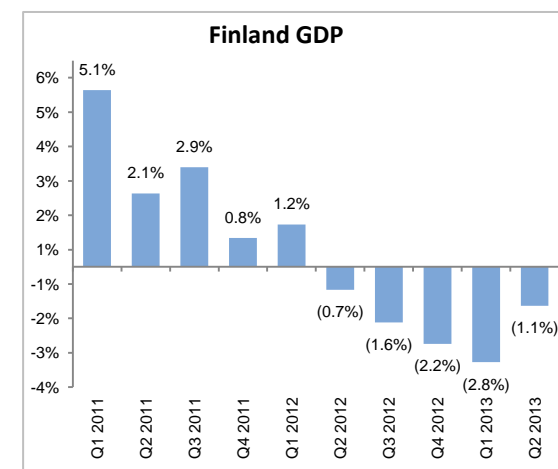
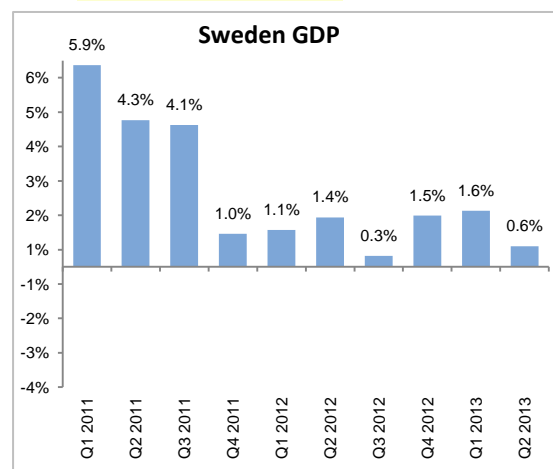
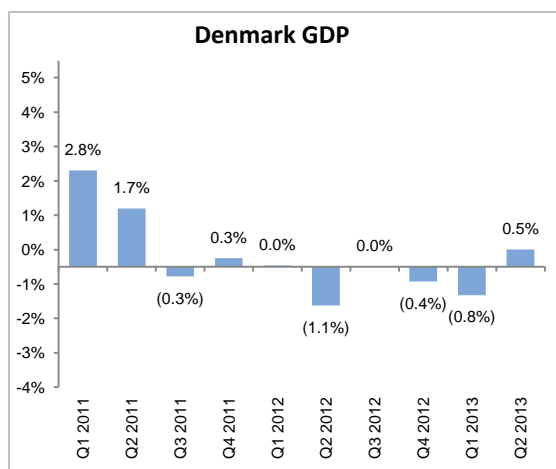
£m	2013	2012*	Change	Like-for-like Change
Revenue	1,769	1,667	+6.1%	+2.5%
Trading profit	95	93	+2.2%	
Trading margin	5.4%	5.6%	(0.2%)	
Branches	765	764		
Headcount	5,952	5,900		

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Nordic ongoing



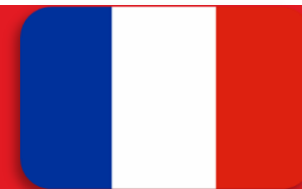
£m	2013	2012*	Change	Like-for-like Change
Revenue	1,916	2,029	(5.6%)	(5.7%)
Trading profit	86	93	(7.5%)	
Trading margin	4.5%	4.6%	(0.1%)	
Branches	260	263		
Headcount	6,145	6,276		



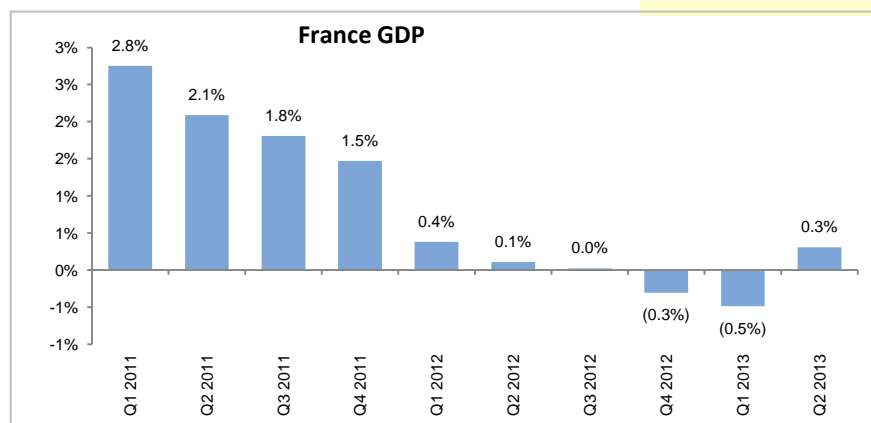
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France ongoing



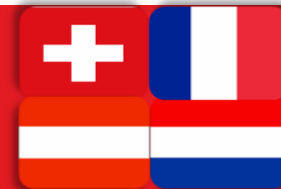
£m	2013*	2012*	Change	Like-for-like Change
Revenue	642	720	(10.8%)	(9.1%)
Trading profit	10	17	(41.2%)	
Trading margin	1.6%	2.4%	(0.8%)	
Branches	158	163		
Headcount	2,869	3,180		



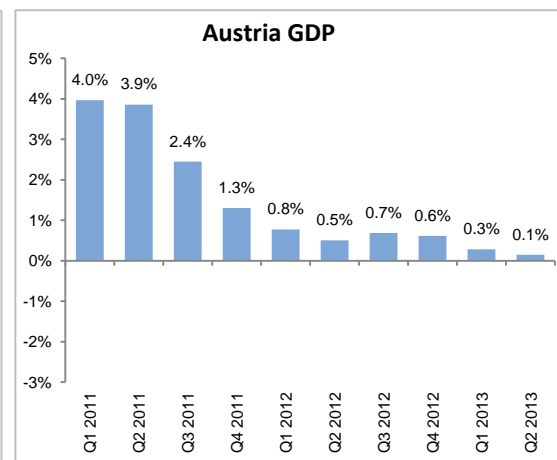
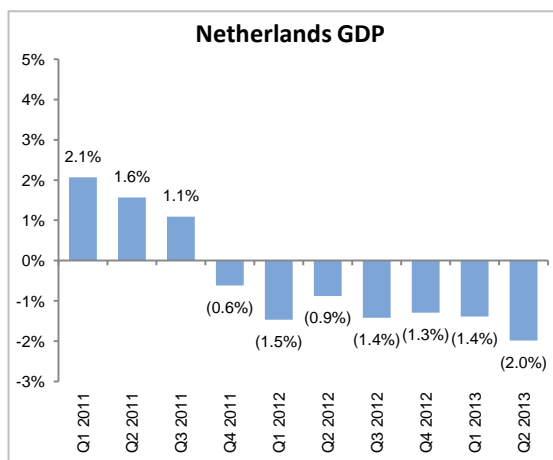
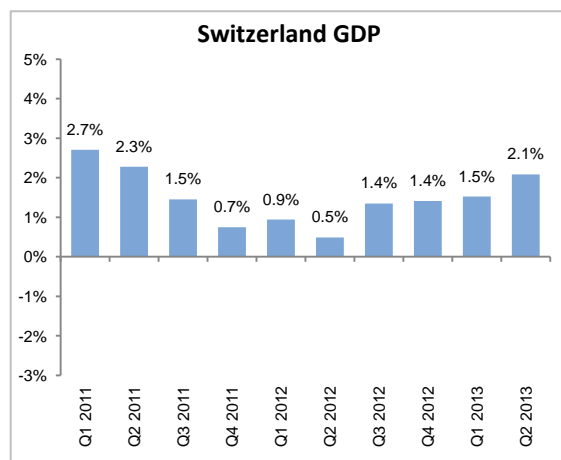
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Central Europe ongoing



£m	2013*	2012*	Change	Like-for-like Change
Revenue	867	911	(4.8%)	(2.5%)
Trading profit	33	43	(23.3%)	
Trading margin	3.8%	4.7%	(0.9%)	
Branches	167	181		
Headcount	2,736	2,887		

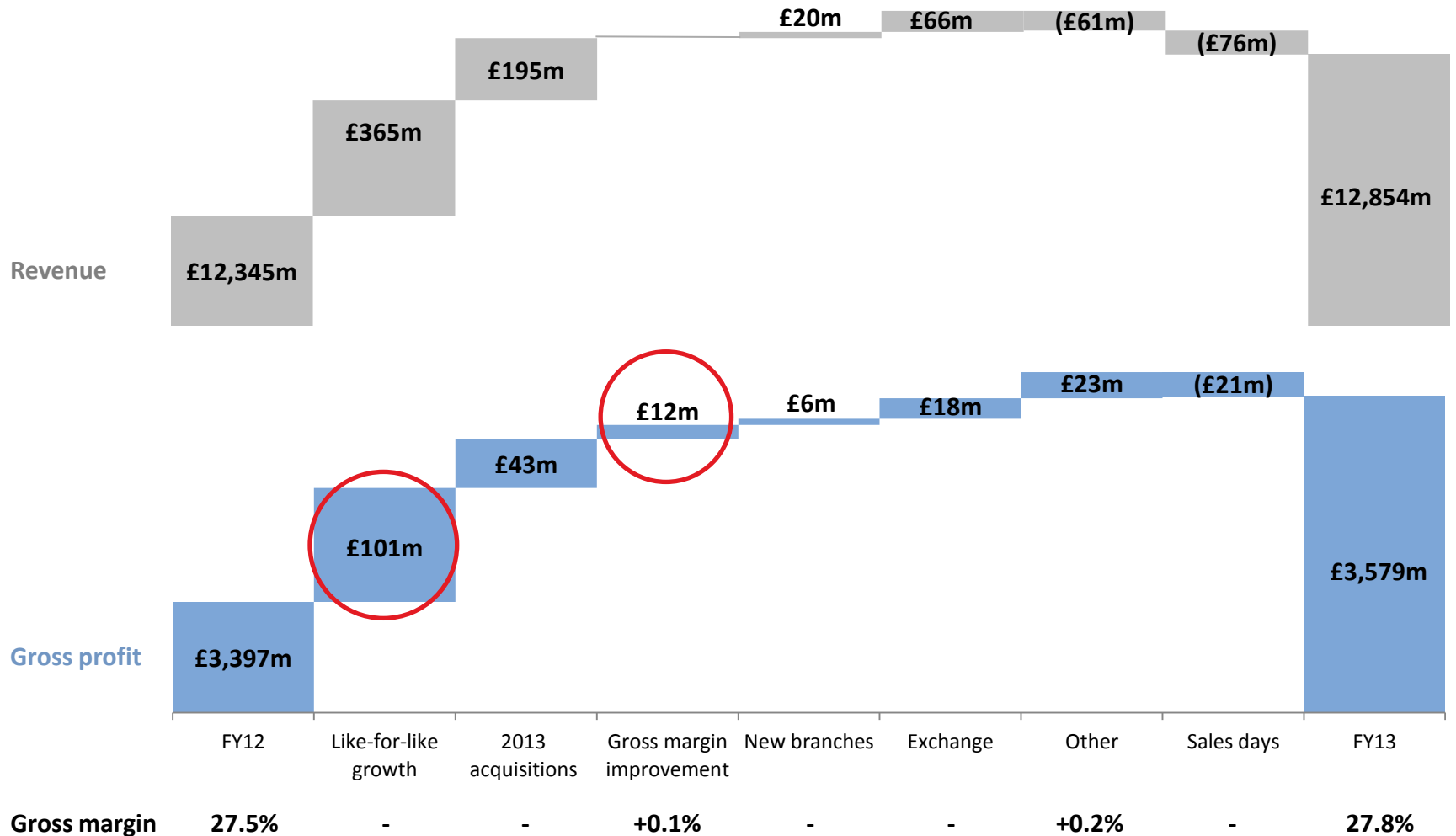


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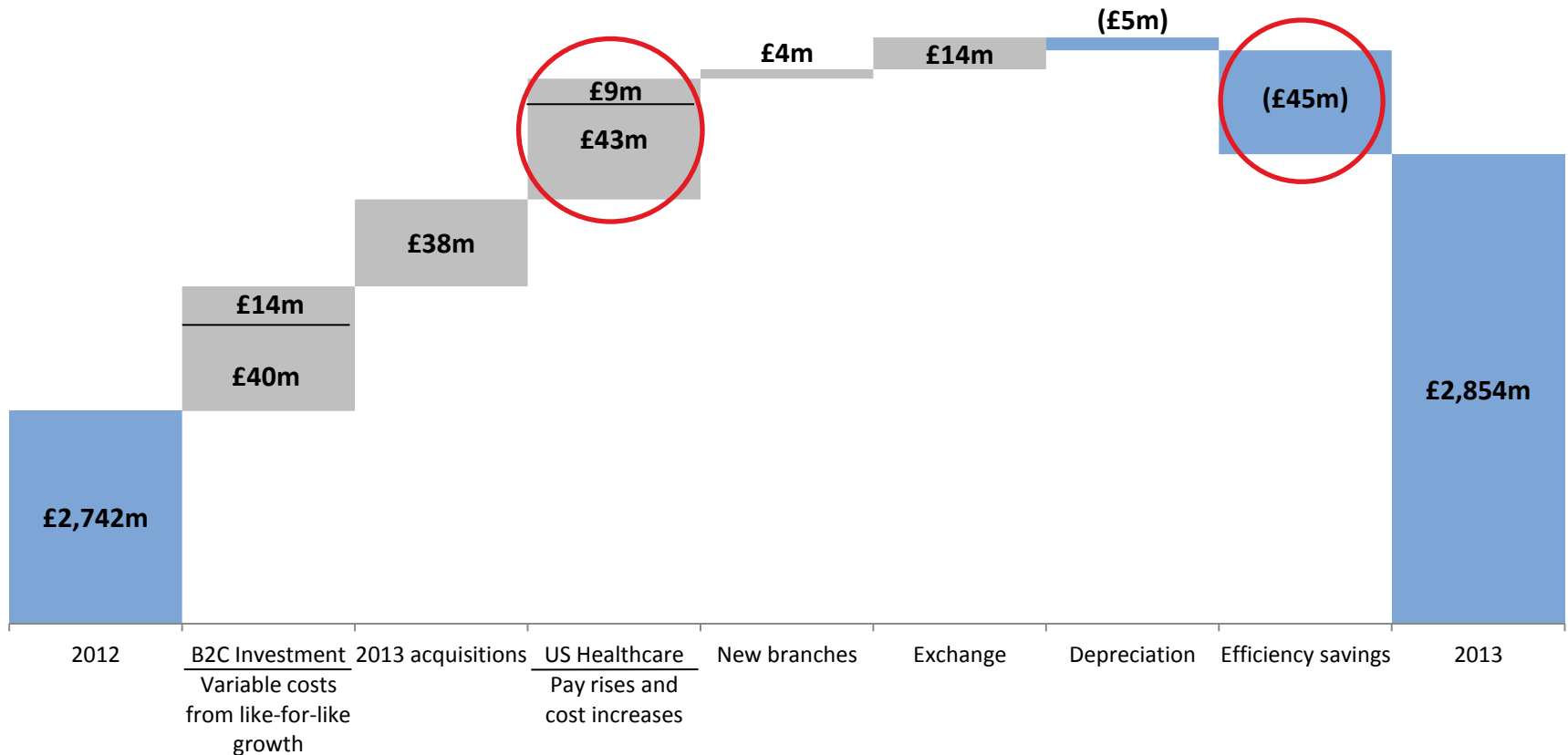
Central and other costs

£m	2013	2012
Group costs	35	32
Non-recurring items	7	(4)
	42	28

Revenue and gross profit in the ongoing business



Operating expenses of the ongoing businesses



Income statement

£m	2013	2012
Trading profit	725	665
Amortisation	(55)	(60)
Impairments and exceptional items	(174)	(377)
Financing charges	(23)	(30)
Profit before tax	473	198
Tax	(180)	(138)
Discontinued operations	12	(3)
Profit for the year	305	57

Financing and tax

£m	2013	2012
Financing		
Net interest charges	21	17
Pensions and provisions	(2)	9
Facility charges	4	4
	23	30
Tax		
P&L charge	180	138
Exceptionals, intangibles and other adjustments	21	20
Underlying P&L charge	201	158
Trading profit less financing charges	702	635
Effective tax rate	28.6%	24.9%

IAS19 changes to be applied next year will add £13m to 2013 financing charges

Impairments and exceptional items

£m Charge / (credit)	Timing of cash impact				Total
	2012 and earlier	2013	2014	2015 and later	
Severance costs	-	19	19	-	38
Property provisions	-	-	9	18	27
Impairments	67	-	-	-	67
Disposals impact	14	(10)	7	-	11
Other items	2	36	-	(7)	31
	83	45	35	11	174

Cash flow from operating activities

£m	2013	2012
Trading profit	725	665
Depreciation and amortisation	116	125
EBITDA	841	790
Working capital	(14)	52
Special pension contributions	(125)	(60)
Provisions, other movements and exceptional costs	(69)	(35)
Cash flow from operating activities	633	747

Other cash flow

£m	2013	2012
Cash flow from operating activities	633	747
Net interest	(35)	(19)
Tax paid	(184)	(86)
Acquisitions	(111)	(41)
Disposals	44	317
Capex	(140)	(135)
Dividends (including £348m special dividend)	(521)	(142)
Net purchase of shares by Employee Benefit Trusts	(103)	-
FX and other items	(39)	(73)
(Increase)/decrease in net debt	(456)	568
Opening net cash/(debt)	45	(523)
Closing net (debt)/cash	(411)	45

Net debt, pensions and commitments

£m	2013	2012
Net (debt)/cash as reported	(411)	45
Impact of timing of payment runs	(160)	(145)
Adjusted net debt	(571)	(100)
Net pension liabilities	(133)	(358)
Operating lease commitments	(868)	(842)

Committed facilities of £2.1bn

Planned FY14 capital investment

£m

FY14 Capex

Freehold DCs and hubs

85

Branch expansion, showrooms and refurbishment

42

Environment, health and safety

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Network infrastructure

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Technology and processes

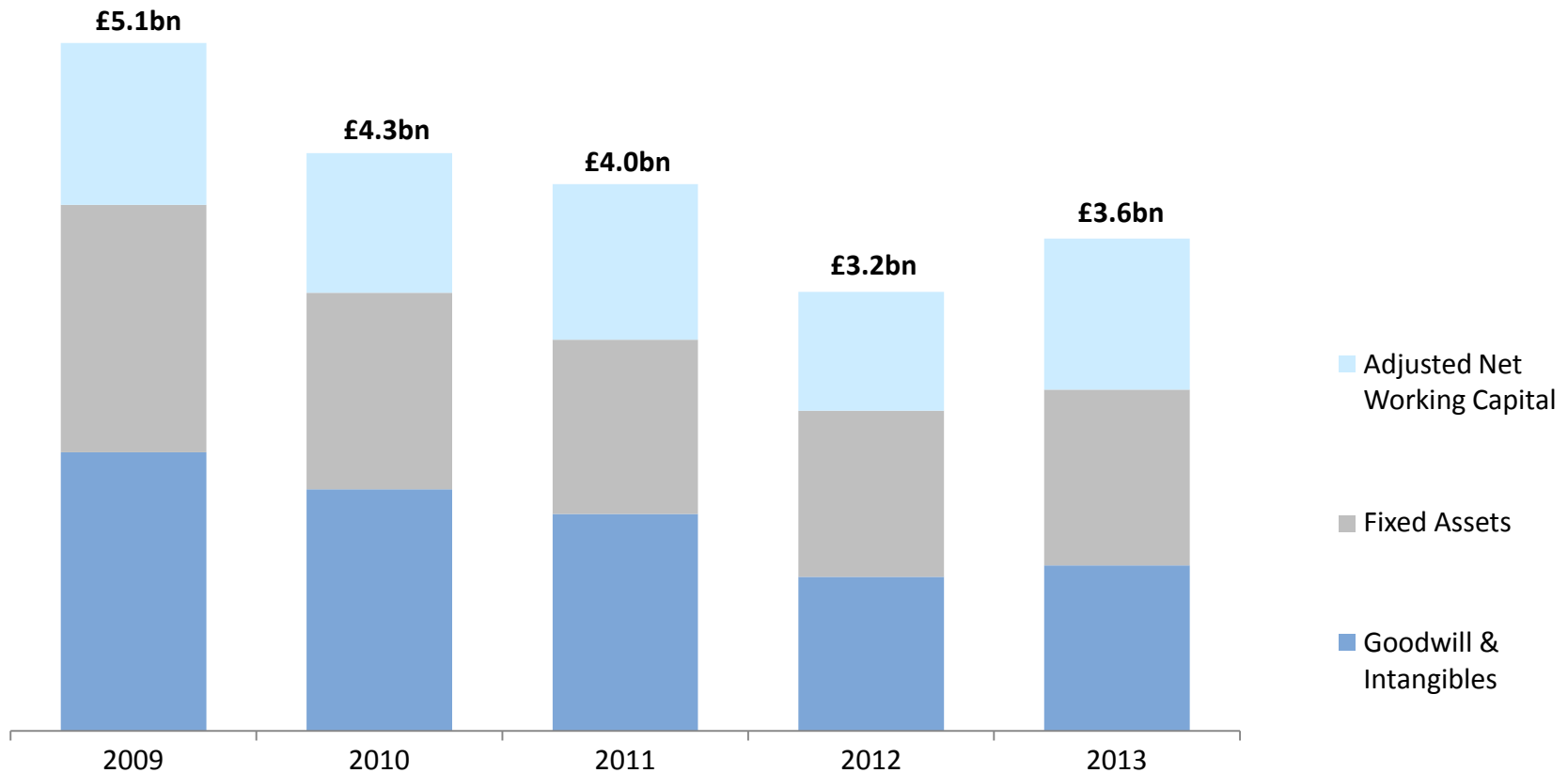
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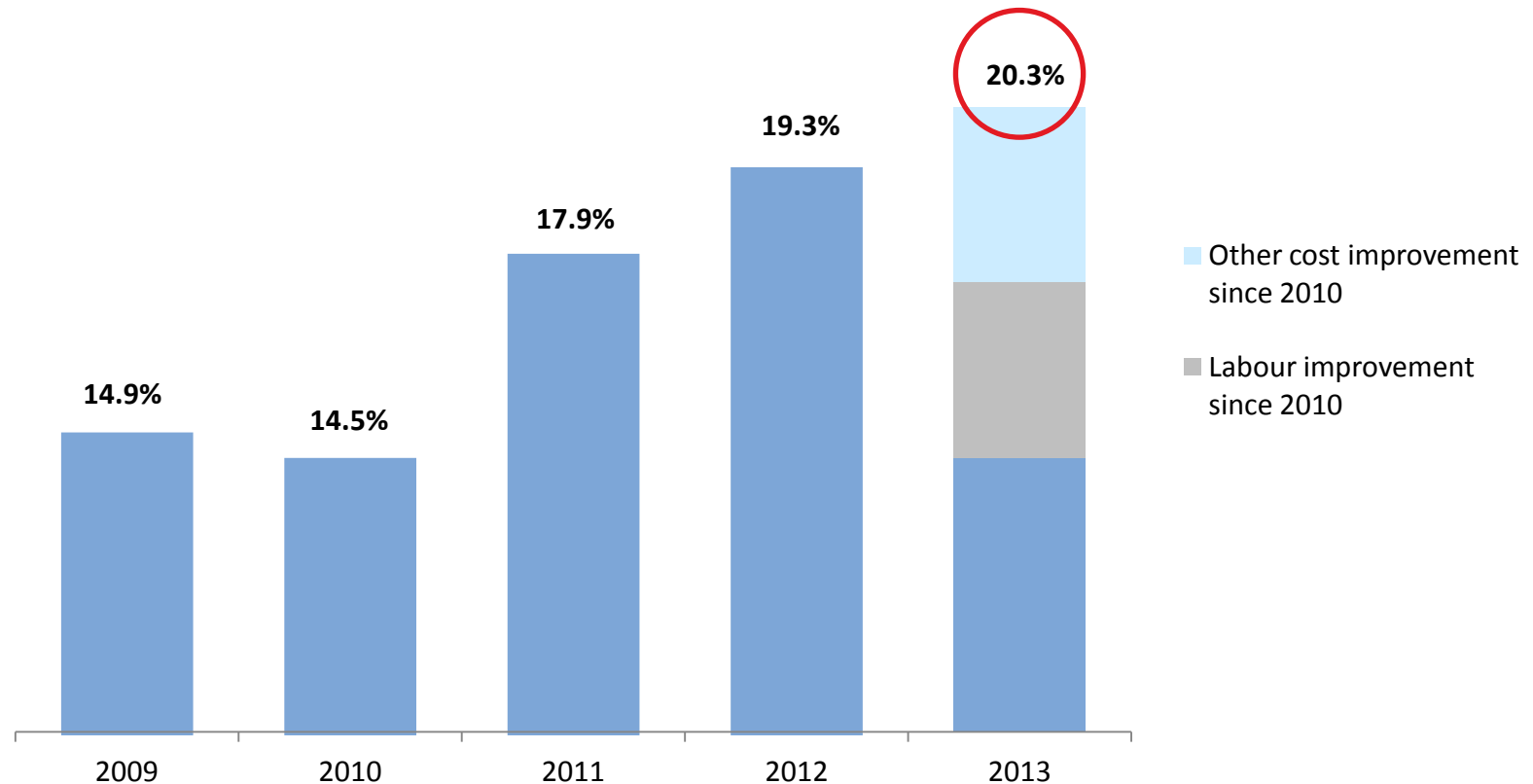
Guidance

	FY14
Capital investment	£200m - £220m
Incremental opex in technology and processes	£20m
Trading profit impact of FX at current rates (£ = \$1.60)	£13m lower profit
Impact of trading days	In line with FY13
Restructuring	£20m
Effective tax rate	28.5% to 29.0%
Working capital investment	12 - 13% of incremental sales
Net debt / EBITDA	No more than 1x to 2x
Implementation of IAS19	FY13 restatement of £13m
Discontinuing losses	£5m

Balance sheet reflects focus on productive assets

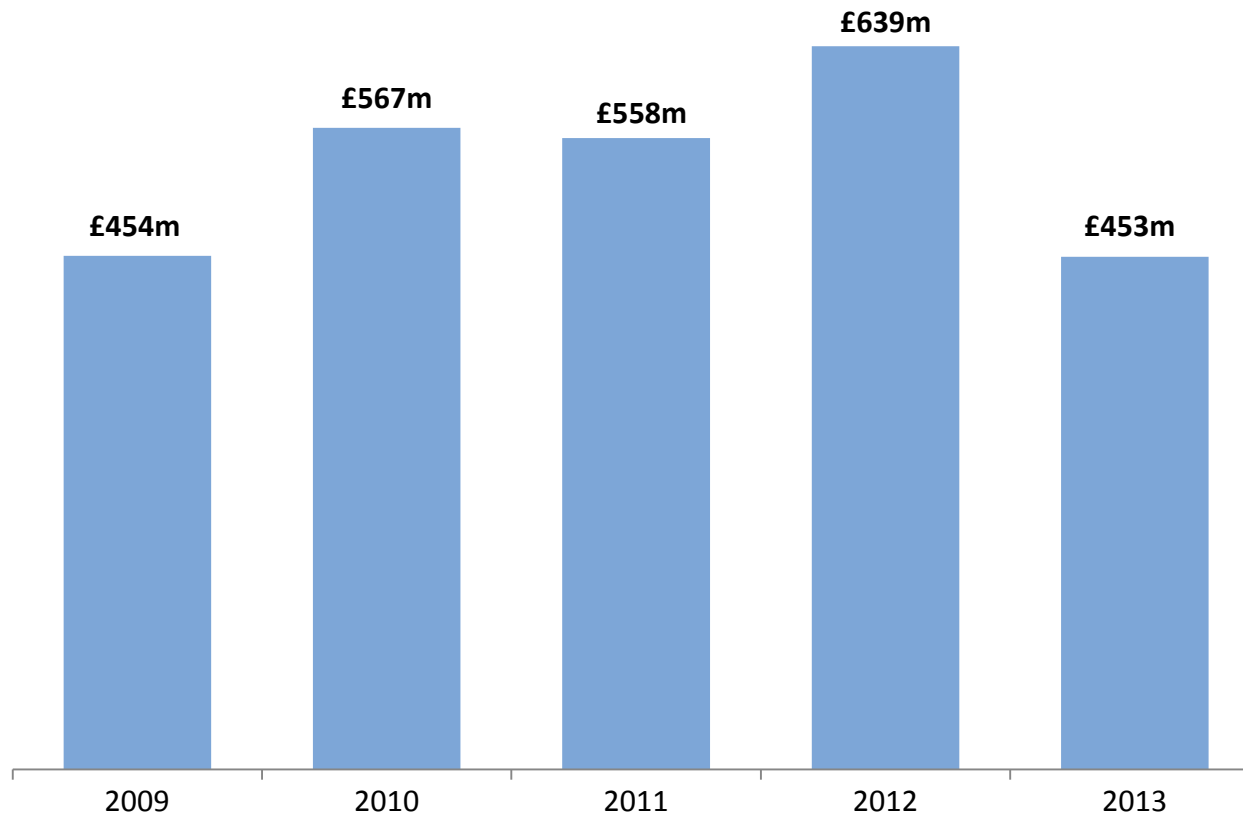


Improved productivity: trading profit / gross profit*



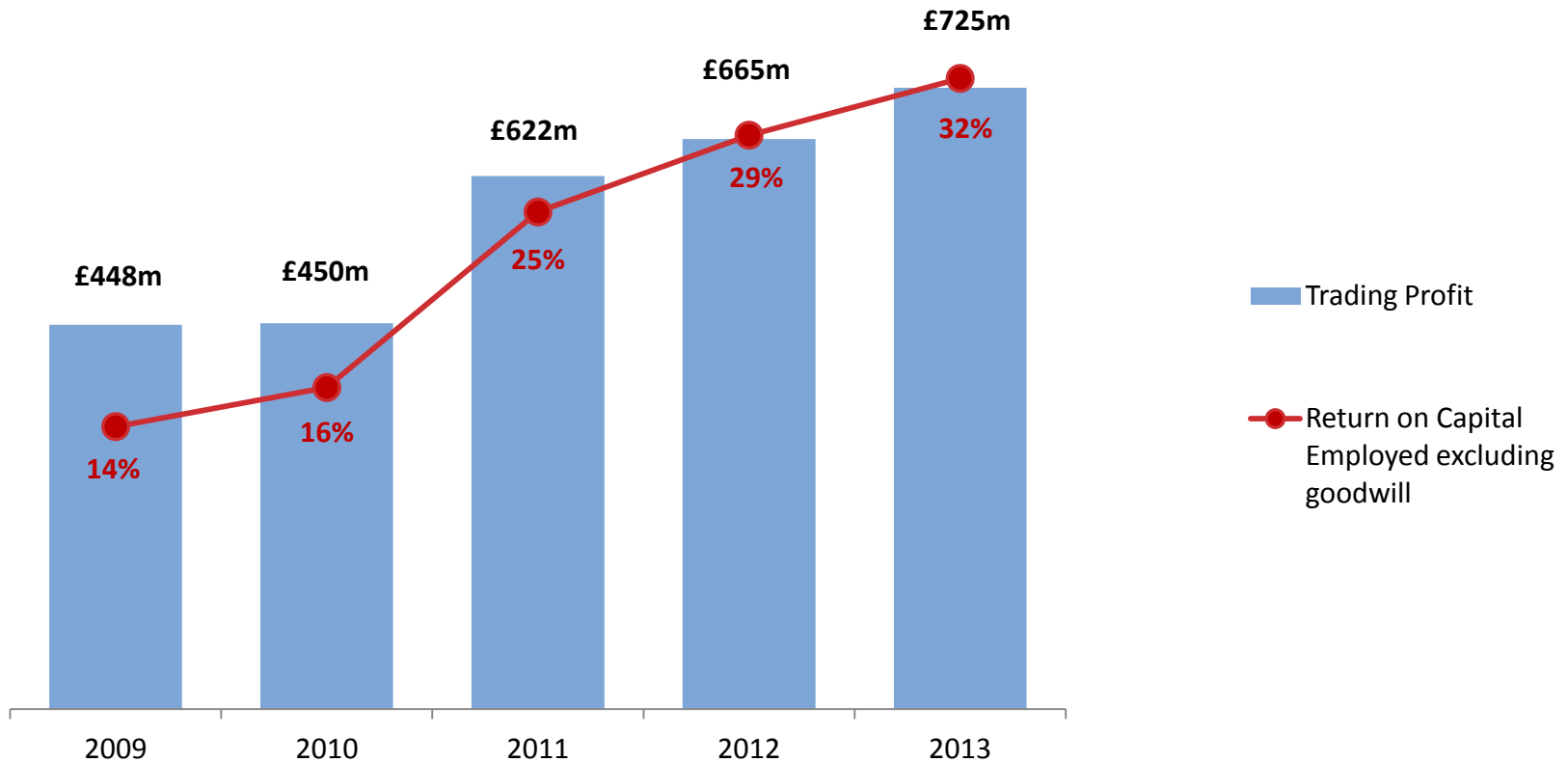
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Sustained strong free cash flow*

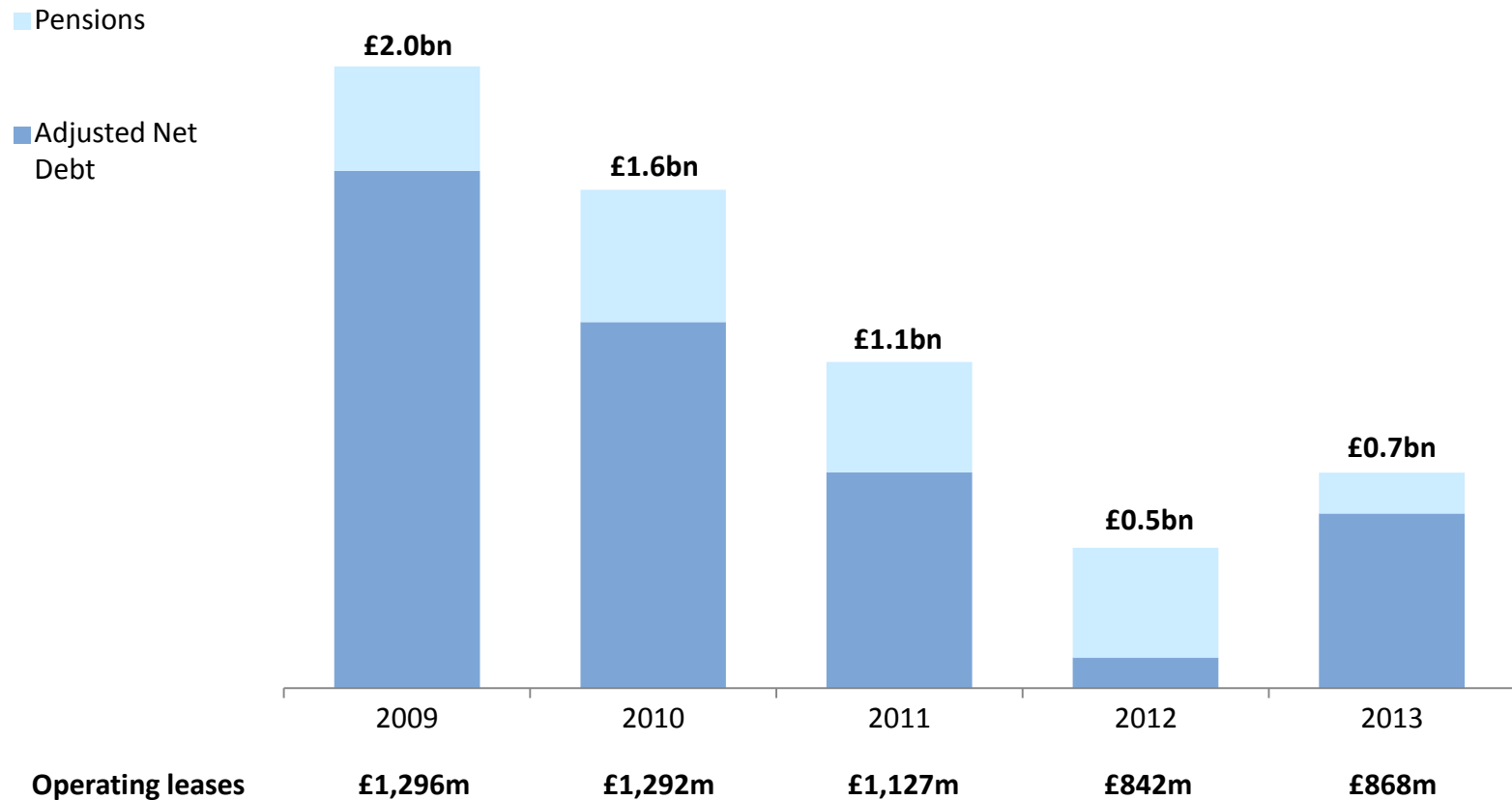


* Adjusted for year end working capital measures and excluding provisions, exceptionals, share purchases and one-off pension payments

Sustained profitable growth and attractive returns on capital employed



Conservative balance sheet



Dividends

- Final dividend of 44p per share (full year of 66p per share; +10%)
- Dividend covered 2.8x by headline EPS
- Special dividend of £300m, approximately 110p per share
- Net debt / EBITDA after fulfilling these commitments approximately 1.0x.

Outlook

- New financial year growth rates similar to Q4
- US continued to grow steadily
- UK market is encouraging
- Continental Europe:
 - economic conditions are very challenging and we expect them to remain so
 - we will continue to take actions to reduce our cost base



Business Review and Strategy Update

Ian Meakins, Chief Executive



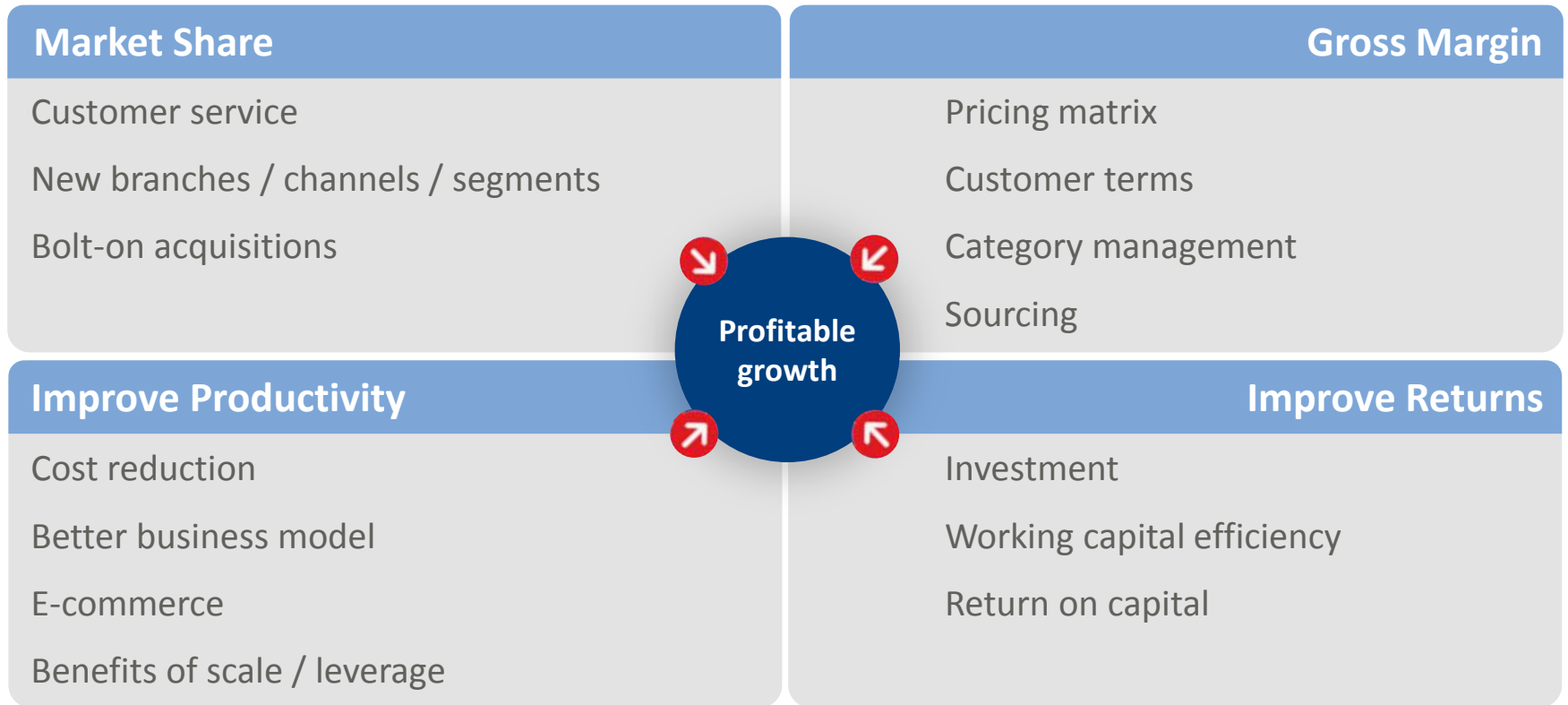
Wolseley Strategy

Re-cap

1. Develop our great portfolio of strong businesses
2. Drive performance systematically across Group
3. Accelerate profitable growth
4. Drive evolution of business models
5. Deliver Group synergies
6. Underpin strategy with strong balance sheet

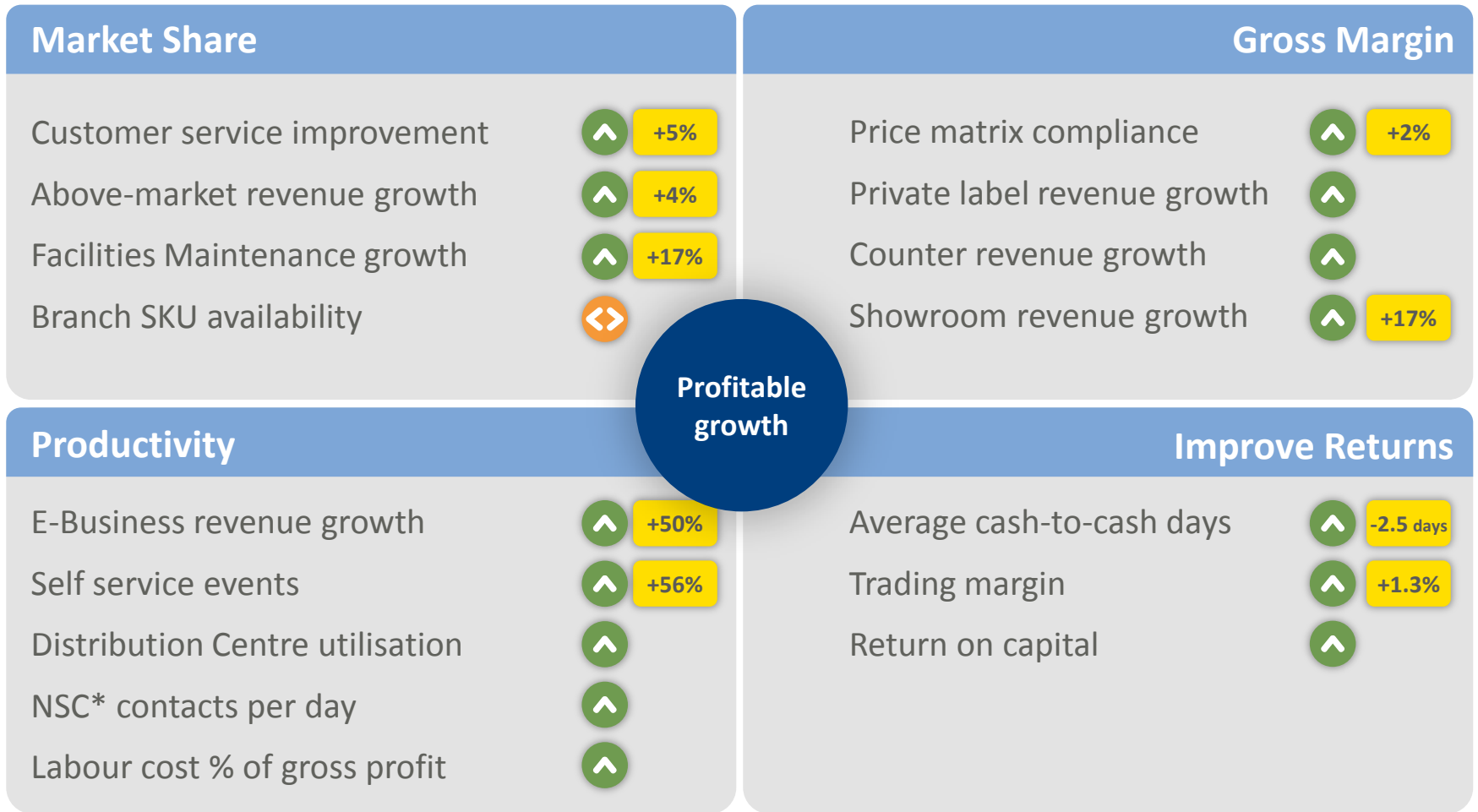
Accelerate Profitable Growth

Profit Levers – Re-cap



Many small improvements generate very good performance

Accelerate Profitable Growth US Blended Branches



Profitable growth





*National Sales Centre

vs prior year -
 improved
 the same
 worsened




Accelerate Profitable Growth

UK Plumb & Parts

Market Share




Customer service improvement	 +10%
Over-market revenue growth	
B2B e-commerce growth	
Customer on-time-in-full measure	

Gross Margin




Gross margin improvement	
Accounts manual pricing	 -14%
Sourcing benefits	

Profitable growth

Productivity

Part-time employees % total	 +3%
% product through DC	
Labour cost % gross profit	 -1%

Improve Returns




Average cash-to-cash days	 -0.2 days
Trading margin	 +0.2%
Return on capital	

vs prior year -







Accelerate Profitable Growth Stark

Market Share



Market share, low margin customers		
Customer service improvement		+5%
Share of loyal customers		+6%

Gross Margin




Consumer % total revenue		-1%
Private label % total revenue		
E-sourcing / auctions		
Price matrix compliance		

Profitable
growth

Productivity

No. of full-time employees		-8%
Labour % gross profit		-2%

Improve Returns

Average cash-to-cash days		-1.3 days
Trading margin		+1%
Return on capital		

vs prior year -



Accelerate Profitable Growth

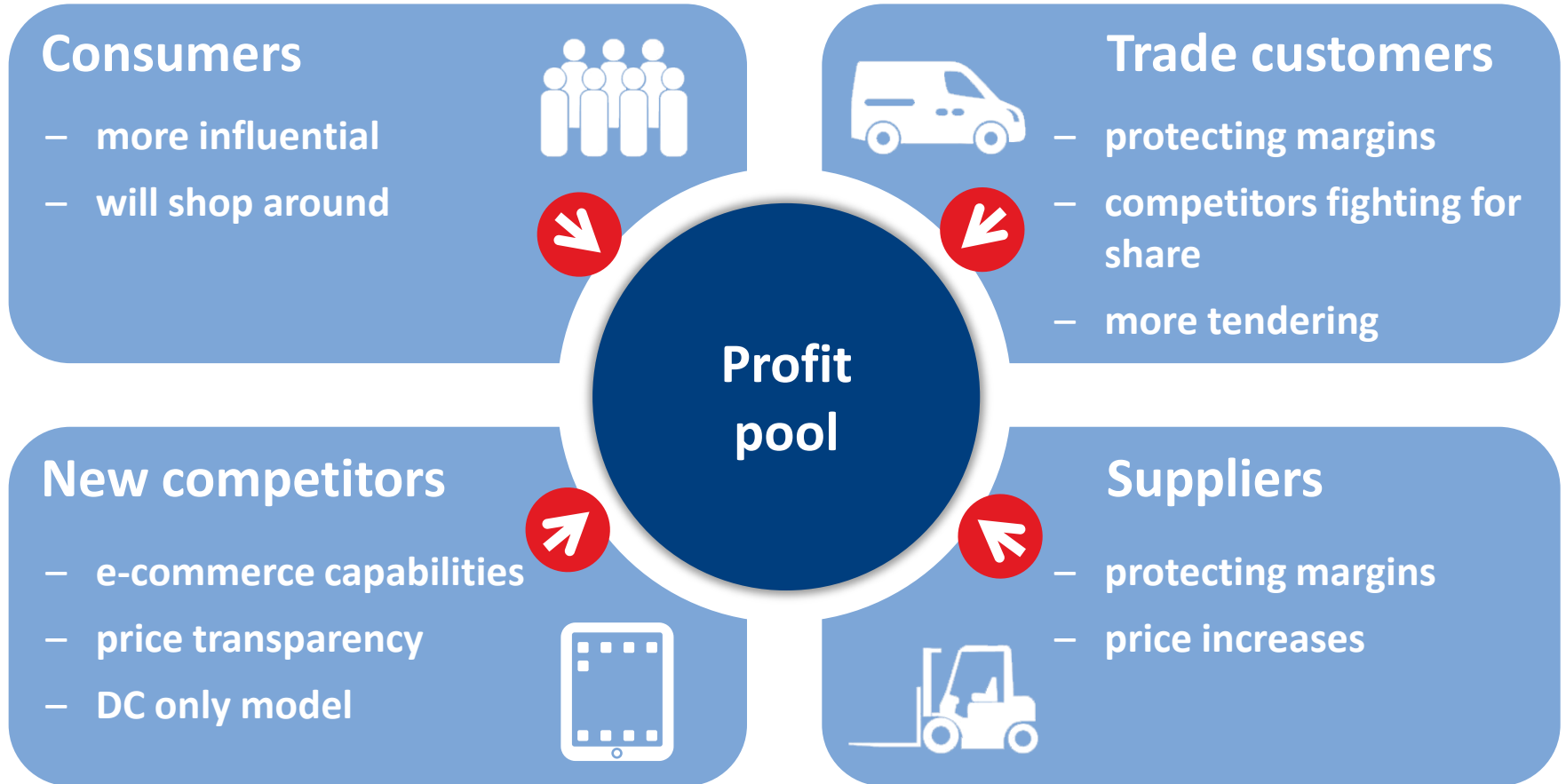
- Many small initiatives deliver results improvement
- Required to offset continuous margin pressure from
 - consumers
 - customers
 - competitors
 - suppliers
- Further margin progress achievable in reasonable markets
 - continued improved performance management
 - more efficient / productive business models

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Ongoing Pressures on Distributors' Profit Pool



Evolution of Business Models

Benefits

Loose confederation



Systematically / centrally managed network




- Improve service to existing customers at lower cost
- Gain wallet share of existing and new customers
- Improve gross margins over time
- Best trained and most engaged employees
- Integrate bolt-on acquisitions – deliver synergies
- Continued growth in adjacent segments
- Deliver better leverage – benefits of scale



Gain share profitability

Evolution of Business Models

Major Initiatives

	Major Initiatives	Current performance
Customer 	Segmentation	●●○○○○
	Pricing	●●●○○○
	Order capture	●●●●○○
	Sales management	●○○○○○
Supplier 	Category management	●●○○○○
	Rebate management	●●●●○○
	Low cost country sourcing	●●●○○○
	Lowest cost of goods	●●○○○○
Supply-Chain 	Product availability	●●●●○○
	Interface / integration	●●○○○○
	Delivery options	●●●●○○
	Productivity	●●●○○○
Branch Operations 	Transactional data	●●●●○○
	Telephony / infrastructure	●○○○○○
	Product information	●○○○○○
	Cost management	●●●●○○

Evolution of Business Models

USA

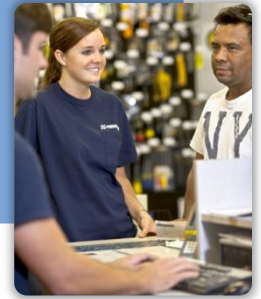
National promotions

- across 540 branches
- disciplined execution
- revenue generated +140%



Branch of the future

- centralised sales approach
- +25% sales per day
- +40% sales per associate
- roll-out to major cities



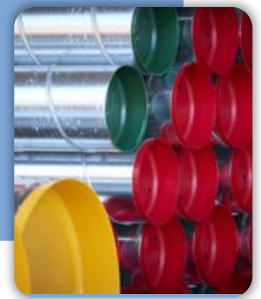
National Sales Center

- team of sales / subject matter experts
- national opportunities emerging
 - MRO and Facilities Maintenance
- customer contacts per day +60%



Sourcing – e-auctions

- imported stainless welded pipe
- managed jointly between US and UK
- savings of 7%



Evolution of Business Models

Implications on Infrastructure / Processes / IT / Investment

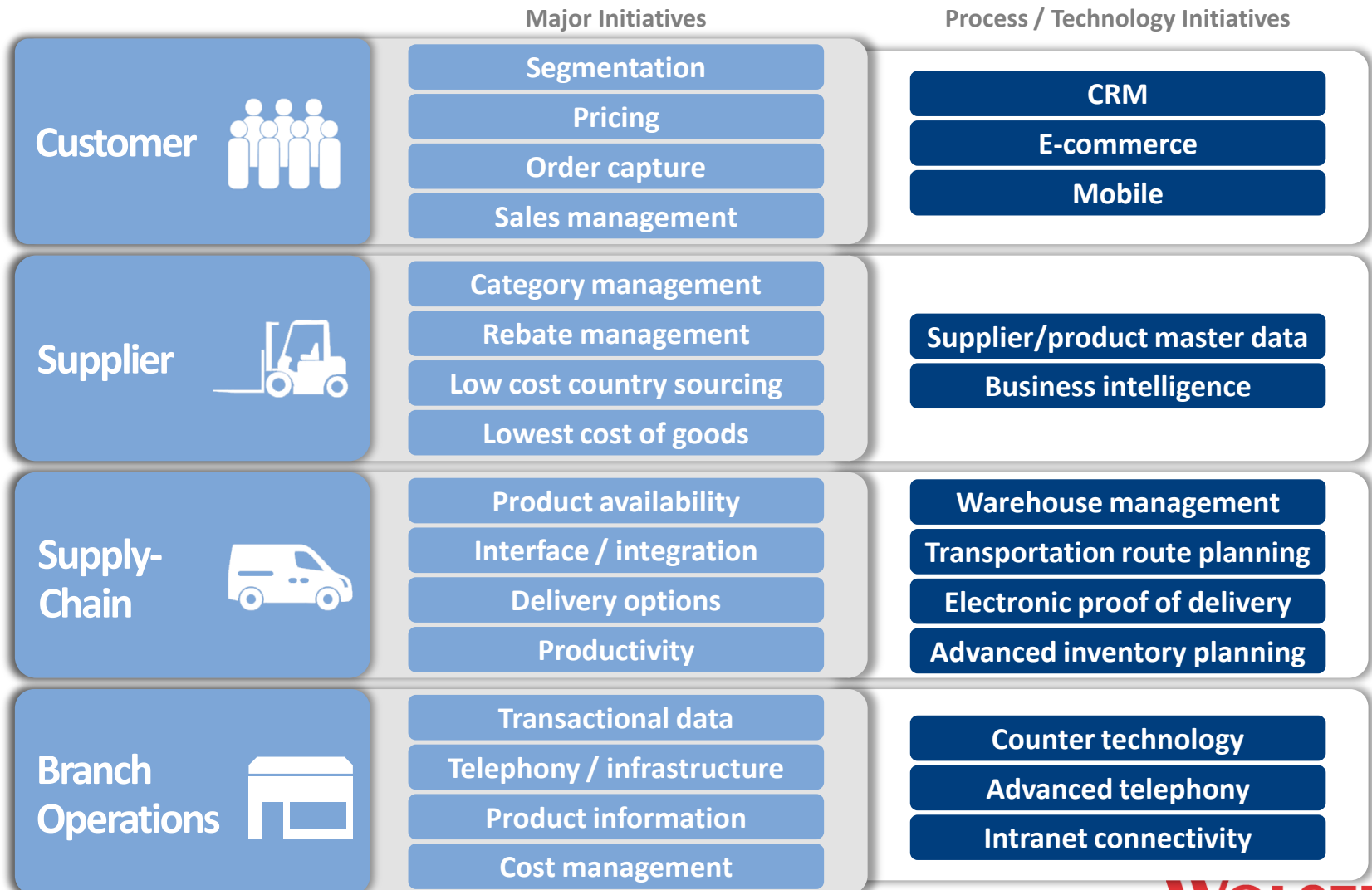
- Current business models
 - fit for purpose
 - branch-based transactions
 - processes adequate but manual intervention
 - data management poor
 - difficult to get one view of customer / supplier
 - legacy systems slow/costly to interface with
- Targeted investment required
 - develop more efficient / productive processes
 - improve flexibility to interface with modern systems
 - improve data / reduce manual processes
 - migrate processes from legacy to modern platforms
 - phased programme to deliver benefits rapidly/reduce risks



- Incremental investment, not 'big bang'
 - FY14 Capex (technology and processes) £35m
- Phased over next 2-3 years
- Deliver lowest cost platform

Evolution of Business Models

Process / Technology Initiatives



Evolution of Business Models

Multiple mobile applications

Capability:

- branch finder
- product search and order
- bar code integration
- works on multiple devices

Benefits:

- enhanced service
- lower cost to serve
- better gross margins
- larger order value



Evolution of Business Models

B2B E-commerce

Parts Center Online:

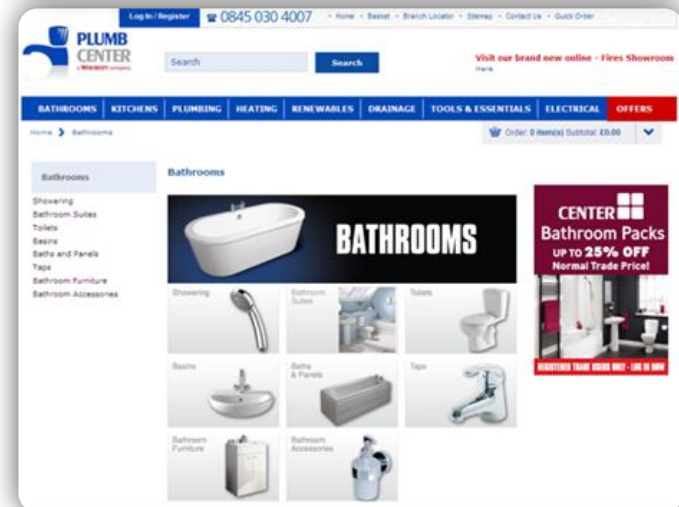
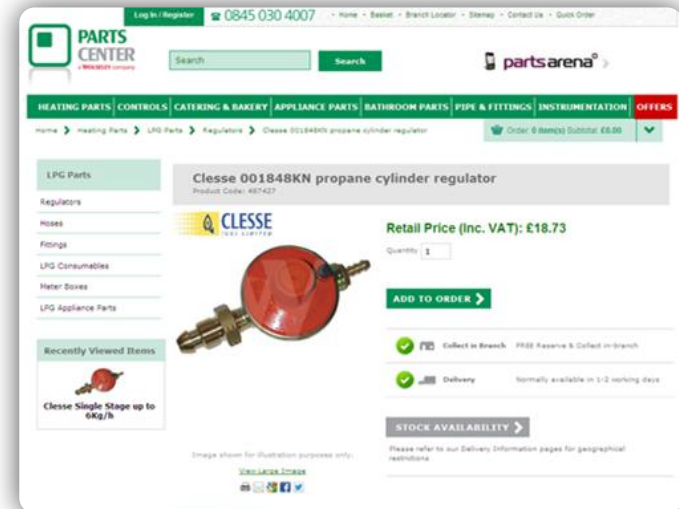
- 104,000 products
- 60,000 photographs
- specialise search 'models this fits'

Plumb Center Online:

- 'Plumb Center recommends...'
- available across distribution network
- price display options
- choose from Retail or Terms driven

Benefits:

- better service / availability
- lower cost to serve
- better gross margins



Evolution of Business Models

Electronic proof of delivery

Capability:

- electronic signatures
- point of sale transactions

Benefits:

- improved customer service
- lower cost to serve
- less customer disputes
- process credit card transactions rapidly

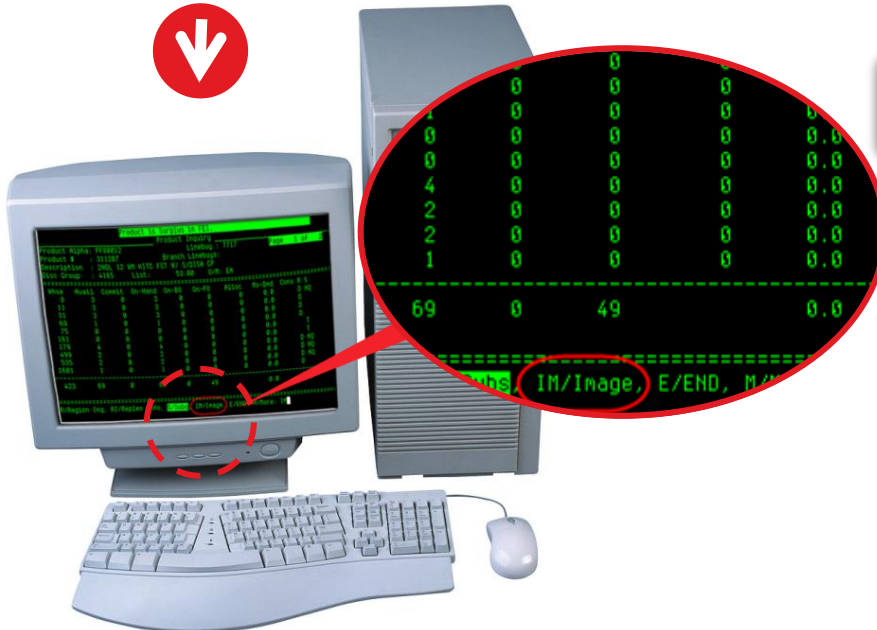


Evolution of Business Models

Improving legacy systems

- Builds on product master data images established for B2B/B2C e-commerce
- Images of products/specification sheets available at counter

Type 'IM' in Product Query
for a specific image



Select 'Specification'
for data sheet



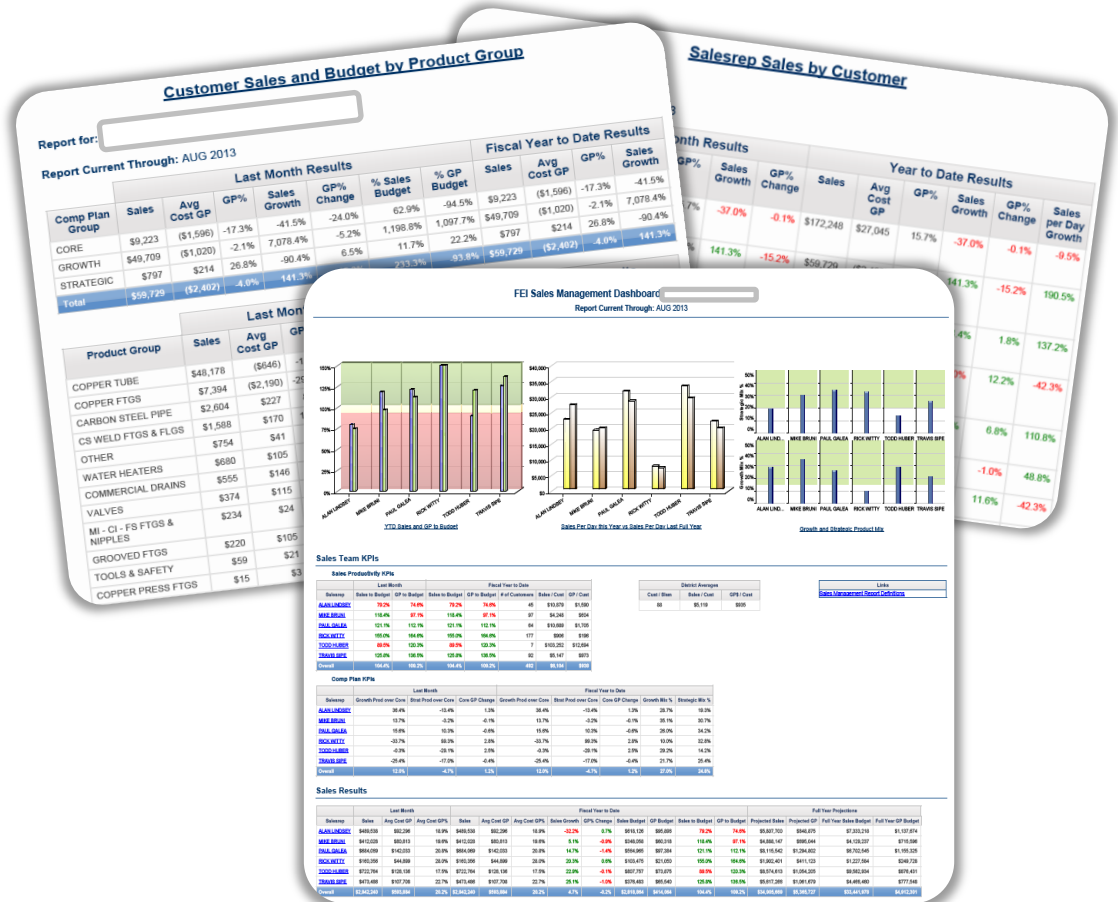
Evolution of Business Models Better Salesforce Management

Capability:

- KPIs per salesman
- KPIs per customer
- KPIs per supplier

Benefits:

- accurate real-time data
- better managed teams
- better gross margins



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Deliver better leverage from benefits of scale

Summary

- Progress on better performance management
 - needed to more than offset ongoing margin pressures
- Developing more efficient / productive business models
 - requires “proportionate” process / IT investment
 - progressive / de-risked programme
- Targeted investment necessary to drive profitable share gain
 - lowest cost platform
 - better leverage and benefits of scale



Appendices



Regional analysis

£m	Revenue 2013	Revenue 2012	Trading profit 2013	Trading profit 2012
Ongoing				
USA	6,785	6,168	492	388
Canada	875	850	51	49
UK	1,769	1,667	95	93
Nordic	1,916	2,029	86	93
France	642	720	10	17
Central Europe	867	911	33	43
Central and other costs	-	-	(42)	(28)
	12,854	12,345	725	655
Sold or held for sale				
UK	-	231	-	2
Nordic	-	96	-	1
France	270	716	-	9
Central Europe	30	33	-	(2)
Group	13,154	13,421	725	665

Acquisitions

The results of acquisitions made during the year was as follows:

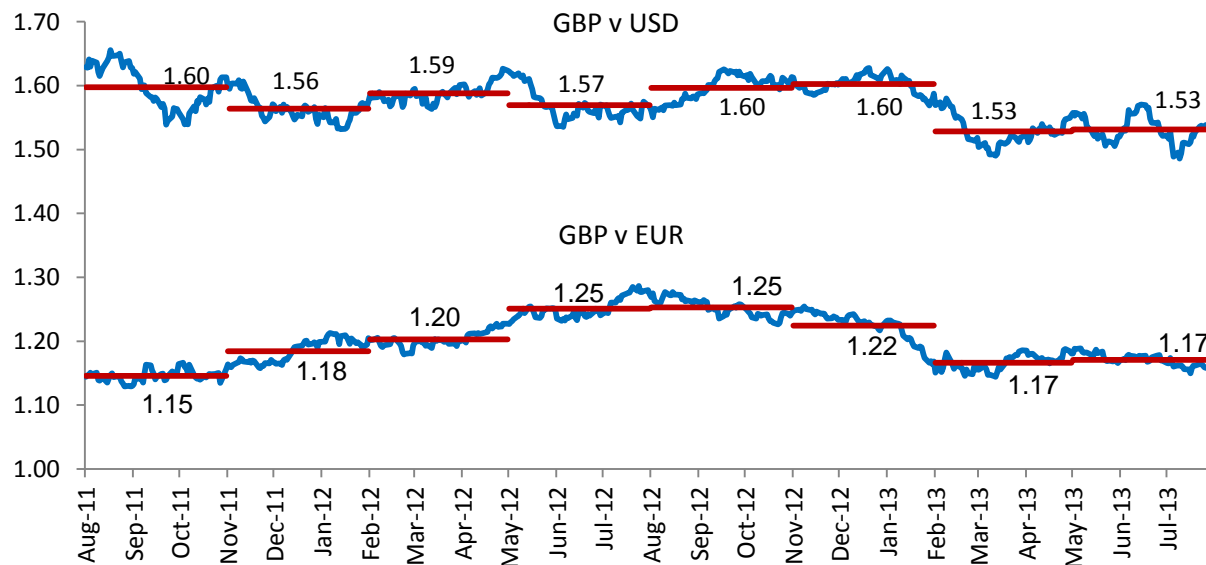
	Revenue £m	Trading profit £m
USA	125	8
UK	67	(3)
Central Europe	3	-
	<hr/> 195	<hr/> 5

If we had acquired these businesses on 1 August 2012 the results would have been:

USA	149	9
UK	134	(4)
Central Europe	17	2
	<hr/> 301	<hr/> 7

FX impact

	2012 average rate	2013 average rate	Current spot rate 26-Sep-13	2013 Trading profit £m	2013 impact gain/(loss) £m	2014 impact* gain/(loss) £m
USD	1.58	1.56	1.60	492	+4	(11)
CAD	1.59	1.57	1.65	51	-	(2)
EUR	1.19	1.20	1.19	36	-	-
Other				93	+1	-
					+5	(13)



* Estimated impact in FY14 if exchange rates stay at the current levels throughout the period

Branch numbers

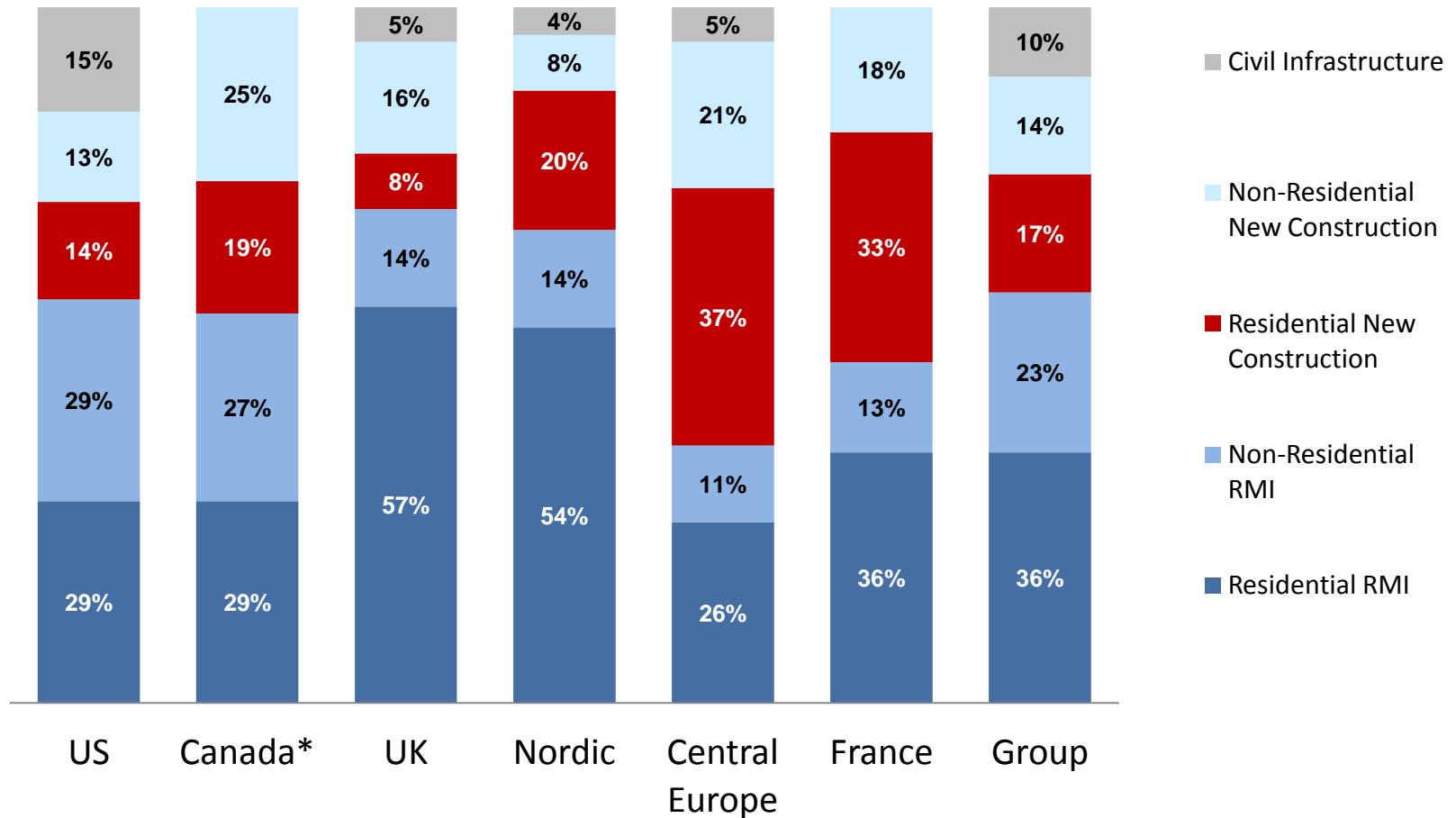
	FY12	Consolidated / separated	Transferred	Acquired	Opened	Closed, sold / held for sale	Ongoing FY13
USA	1,274	27	-	13	54	(20)	1,348
Canada	220	-	-	-	4	(5)	219
UK	919	(155)*	-	22	6	(27)	765
Nordic	264	-	-	-	8	(12)	260
France	313	-	(41)	-	-	(114)	158
Central Europe	142	-	41	2	2	(20)	167
	3,132	(128)	-	37	74	(198)	2,917

*UK restated due to consolidation of Plumb Center and Parts Center counters

Headcount numbers

	FY12	Transferred	Acquired	Sold / held for sale	Net joiners / (leavers)	Ongoing FY13
USA	18,245	9	304	-	411	18,969
Canada	2,607	-	-	-	(96)	2,511
UK	5,913	(9)	554	(4)	(502)	5,952
Nordic	6,340	-	-	(64)	(131)	6,145
France	5,293	(970)	-	(1,080)	(374)	2,869
Central Europe	2,023	970	46	(100)	(203)	2,736
Other	120	-	-	-	(16)	104
	40,541	-	904	(1,248)	(911)	39,286

Product destination analysis



Group: RMI 59%, New Residential 17%

* Restated in line with Group methodology