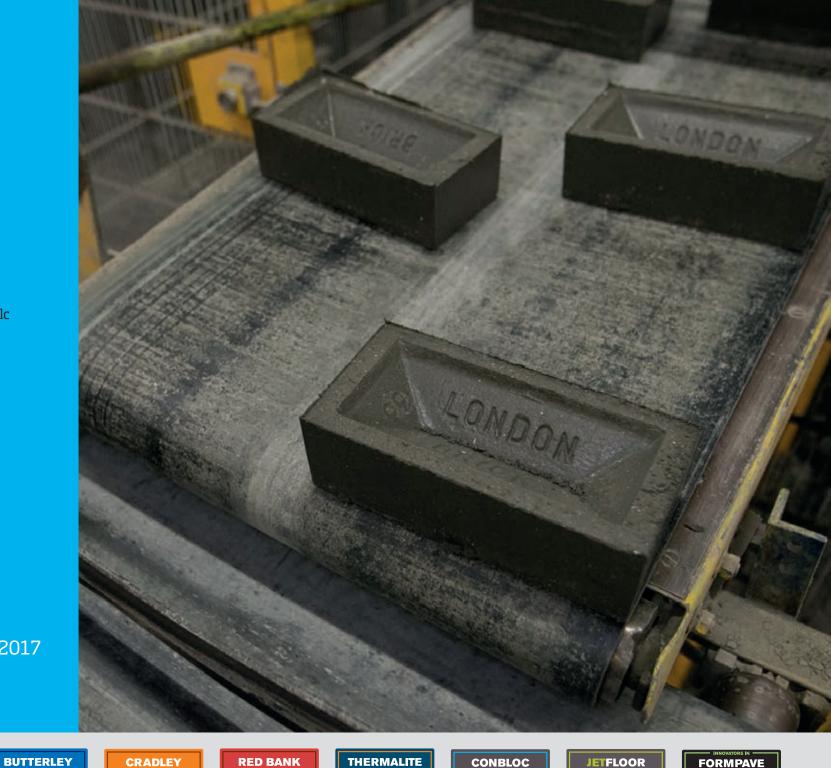


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**Results Presentation** Half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017



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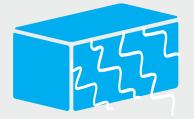
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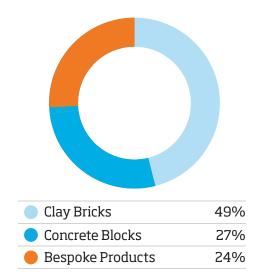


#### Revenue by segment - H1 2017 (%)

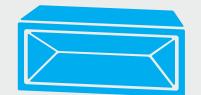




Leading UK producer of manufactured masonry products Focus on bricks and blocks with complementary range of bespoke clay & concrete products



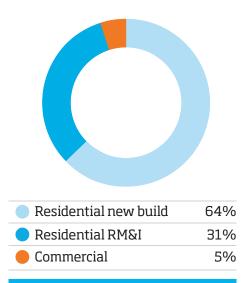
#### Revenue by end use - H1 2017 (%)



Sole manufacturer of iconic Fletton bricks sold under the London Brick brand



Balanced exposure to the new build and RM&I UK residential markets





- Double digit increase in brick and block revenue reflecting good demand from the new build residential market
- EBITDA ahead of prior year comparative due to higher volumes and increased prices which mitigated higher input costs, partially offset by sales mix
- Result included budgeted cost increases of £1.7m to enable the business to operate stand-alone since listing. The growth in EBITDA over 2016 was 5.7% after adjusting for this
- Strong cash flow performance resulting in reduction of net debt of £22.9m to £69.4m at 30 June 2017, representing 1.0 times LTM EBITDA
- Interim dividend declared of 3.1 pence per share (2016 interim: 2.0 pence)
- Agreement in July 2017 to acquire the trade and assets of Bison Manufacturing Ltd, a UK market leading manufacturer of hollowcore precast concrete flooring
- New five-year Revolving Credit Facility of £150m agreed in July 2017 on improved terms



£m (pro-forma basis)	2017 H1	2016 H1	Change	2016 FY
Revenue	162.7	146.0	11.4%	294.5
EBITDA before exceptionals	38.7	38.3	1.0%	69.4
EBITDA margin %	23.8%	26.2%	(240bps)	23.6%
PBT before exceptionals	31.4	30.4	3.3%	53.1
EPS before exceptionals (pence)	12.6	12.0	5.0%	21.0
Operating cash flow before exceptionals	31.9	24.9	28.1%	69.8
Net debt	69.4	119.0	(41.7%)	92.3
Interim/Total dividend (pence)	3.1	2.0		5.8

## Pro-forma adjustments



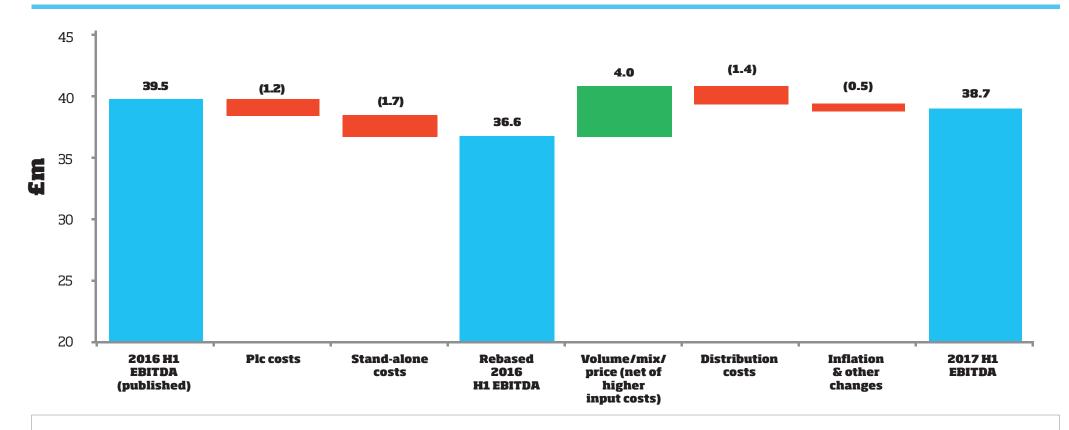
£m	2017 H1	2016 H1	2016 FY
EBITDA before exceptionals	38.7	39.5	70.6
Additional PLC costs in 2017	-	(1.2)	(1.2)
EBITDA before exceptionals (pro-forma basis)	38.7	38.3	69.4
Depreciation & amortisation	(5.1)	(4.9)	(10.4)
Operating profit before exceptionals (pro-forma basis)	33.6	33.4	59.0
Finance charge (based on debt structure at IPO for full period)	(2.2)	(3.0)	(5.9)
PBT before exceptionals (pro-forma basis)	31.4	30.4	53.1
Tax charge at effective rate	(6.3)	(6.4)	(11.1)
Earnings before exceptionals (pro-forma basis)	25.1	24.0	42.0
Number of shares	200.0	200.0	200.0
EPS before exceptionals (pro-forma basis)	12.6p	12.0p	<b>21.0p</b>

## Pro-forma basis is stated after making the following adjustments:

In 2016 deducting additional plc overheads to make results comparable with 2017 Finance charge deducted in 2017 Finance charge deducted in 2017	ture at For 2016, assuming that the equity structure post IPO	Excluding exceptional items
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#### **EBITDA bridge**

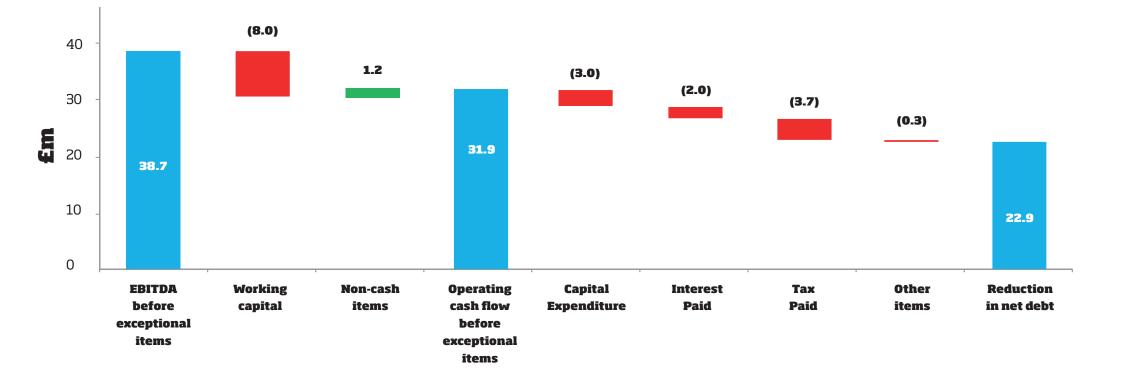




- Investment made in specific overhead areas (eg IT, sales & marketing, HR and business development) to take business forward as a stand-alone entity post-listing
- Sales volumes of bricks, aggregate blocks and precast products up on last year, driven by increased sales to housebuilders. Partially offset by aircrete block sales which, though lower than last year, performed more consistently
- Selling price increase achieved in line with expectations, adverse mix impact due to higher sales to volume housebuilders
- Increase in raw material costs principally due to PFA for aircrete and expanded polystyrene (EPS), cement and steel in precast
- Distribution costs increase due to higher volumes, increase in fuel price and increased proportion of third party fleet

#### **Cash flow**





- Strong operating cash flow generation of £31.9m up £7m compared to same period in 2016
- Increase in working capital entirely due to seasonality
- Capital expenditure included £0.7m relating to Claughton, balance to be spent H2



£m	30-jun-17	31-Dec-16
Intangible assets	13.9	13.7
Property, plant and equipment	144.5	147.2
Deferred tax asset	0.1	0.4
Total non-current assets	158.5	161.3
Current assets		
Inventories	37.2	39.0
Trade and other receivables	46.0	31.6
Cash and cash equivalents	69.3	56.2
Total current assets	152.5	126.8
Total assets	311.0	288.1
Trade and other payables	(56.7)	(51.5)
Trade and other payables to related parties	-	(0.7)
External borrowings	(138.7)	(148.5)
Other liabilities	(20.7)	(18.2)
Net assets	94.9	69.2

£m	30-Jun-17	31-Dec-16
Net debt	69.4	92.3
Financing costs capitalised	1.9	2.2
Net debt (excluding financing costs)	71.3	94.5
EBITDA (12 month rolling)	69.8	70.6
Net Debt : EBITDA (Times)	1.0	1.3

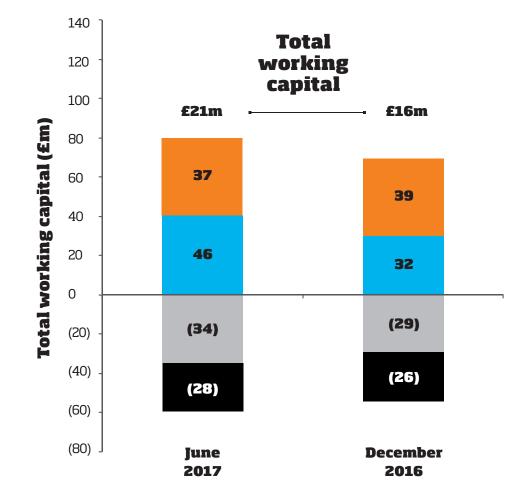
- Further reduction in net debt from £92.3m at year end 2016 to £69.4m due to strong cash generation
- Net debt:EBITDA of 1.0x lower than covenant requirement of < 3.5X at 30 June 2017
- No DB pension scheme



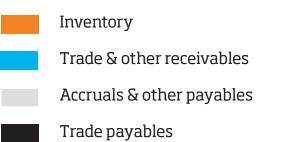
	New	IPO facility	New facility agreed in July
Term Loan	-	£140m	2017 with a group of 5
RCF	<b>£150m</b>	£30m	international banks (HSBC, Santander, RBS Natwest,
Total Committed	<b>£150m</b>	<b>£170m</b>	Lloyds and Bank of Ireland)
Accordion	£50m	-	
Term	July 2022	April 2021	
Margin range	125 - 225 bps	150 - 250 bps	Covenants unchanged -
Amortisation	-	£10m pa	require interest cover of at
Number of banks	5	7	least 4.0 X and net debt : EBITDA to be below 3.0 X

RCF facility more efficient and flexible in meeting Group's funding requirements





# **Trade working capital breakdown**



	June 2017	Dec 2016
Inventory days*	78	83
Debtor days*	35	39
* Count back basis		

• Reduction in brick inventories due to good trading conditions

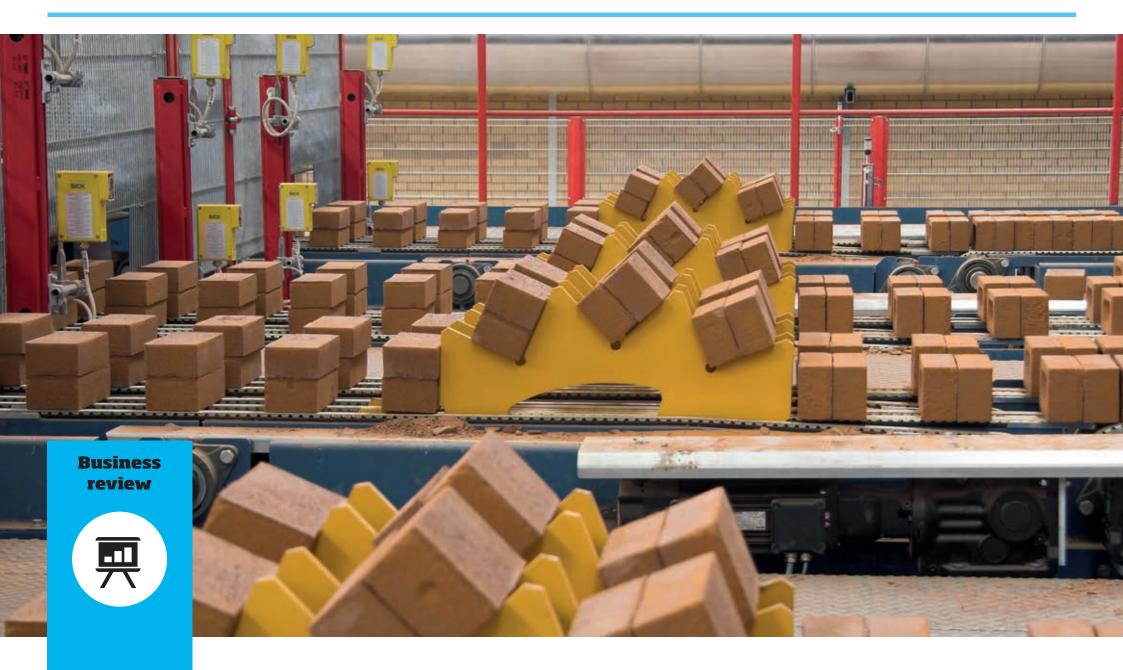
• Strong reduction in debtor days



- Good progress in the period, supported by continued strength of new build market
- Strong cash generation, with operating cash conversion of 86% and double digit free cashflow yield
- Robust balance sheet, with reduction in Net debt:EBITDA to 1.0 times
- New RCF facility will provide flexibility and lower costs of funding
- Progressive dividend policy being followed by the Board

#### **Business review**





#### **Bricks and Blocks review**



£m	2017 H1	2016 H1	% Change	2016 FY
Revenue	123.7	108.7	13.8%	221.3
EBITDA before exceptionals (pro-forma)	35.7	34.8	2.6%	62.7
EBITDA margin % (pro-forma)	28.9%	32.0%	(310bps)	28.3%

• Strong revenue growth reflecting good demand from new build market and relatively weaker comparator

- Brick volumes up by double-digit % and soft mud volumes in particular were strong
- Excellent performance by aggregate block business on back of increased sales volume, facilitated by additional shift and capacity utilisation at the Oxfordshire plant in particular
- Aircrete block sales volumes lower but business performed more consistently, assisted by securing a number of alternative raw material supply sources. Inventory rebuilt to maintain customer service
- EBITDA increased by £0.9m due to higher volumes and prices, offset partially by mix, higher input costs and stand-alone overheads. Repair costs at Measham higher as for comparative period they were included in late 2015 to coincide with the shut down for major improvement project



• Claughton dryer upgrade commenced April 2017.

- Project completed on schedule with total cost expected at £3.3m, £0.2m lower than the initial estimate
- Claughton kiln was re-lit in last few weeks and production will resume in H2
- Production efficiency improvements and additional capacity of 5m bricks per annum (c 11%)









An awareness campaign of the most iconic brick brand in the UK has injected real impetus in the market place and resonated with key stakeholders.







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- Multi Layered campaign targeting merchants, builders and homeowners
- Sponsorship of SkillBuild 2017
- London Brick Roadshow mini events at merchant sites
- Engagement through pro builder and social media channels
- Celebrity endorsement, gaining further reach within the social media platforms



£m	2017 H1	2016 H1	% Change	2016 FY
Revenue	40.0	38.1	5.0%	74.8
EBITDA before exceptionals (pro-forma)	3.0	3.5	(14.3%)	6.7
EBITDA margin % (pro-forma)	7.5%	9.2%	(170bps)	9.0%

- Underlying revenue grew by 5.0% due to continued positive performance in precast flooring, supported by demand from new build housing
- Precast business affected adversely by higher cost of EPS which was not fully recovered by price increase. Extra costs incurred on implementing a lean manufacturing project at Hoveringham which will result in increased output in the second half
- Formpave successfully installed a new block press machine on time and to budget. This will improve quality, enable higher production and greater efficiency. Performance in the period was affected by aggressive competitor pricing, especially for its main Aquapave product
- Red Bank has seen a positive trading first half, benefiting from the implementation of an enhanced sales, estimation and design service in early 2017



## Business overview

- Bison is the UK market leading manufacturer of hollowcore precast concrete flooring with a highly automated manufacturing facility located at Swadlincote, Derbyshire
- The business has been under Laing O'Rourke management since 2008





 The Bison brand is highly respected and valued within the precast market

# **Products**





• Flooring

• Structural Precast Components

# **Financials\***

Revenue:	£22.8 m
EBITDA:	£(1.1)m
Gross assets:	£10.0 m

\*All quoted figures are those deemed attributable to the asset subject to the transaction (in financial statements of seller)



## **Overview**

## **Consideration:** £20 million

**Structure:** Agreement signed to acquire the trade and assets of Bison Manufacturing Ltd from Laing O'Rourke plc

Assets: The primary asset is the state of the art highly automated Swadlincote manufacturing facility in Derbyshire, opened in 2006. We estimate that constructing a similar facility on a greenfield site would cost in excess of £35m.





Return:

Following completion during Q3 2017, Forterra expects to generate a return in excess of its cost of capital by 2019



## **Strategic rationale**

- This Acquisition provides a unique and immediate opportunity for Forterra to take a leadership position in the UK precast concrete market whilst also expanding its currently capacity-constrained business
- Enables Forterra to take advantage of the growing residential, commercial and infrastructure markets for these concrete products; markets which are underpinned by government initiatives to tackle the country's housing deficit and improve infrastructure.
- Leverage of the Bison brand which is highly respected and valued in the precast market and should benefit the current Forterra business going forward









## **Future benefits**

- Bison facility currently operating at c50% capacity utilisation allows Forterra to expand its own precast concrete business and increase sales across the range of concrete products
- Forterra to benefit from production efficiencies and economies of scale as a result of:
  - Proposed consolidation of production between sites
  - Efficiency improvements
  - Leveraging of purchasing synergies
  - Positive impact of the Bison brand within the market
- The acquisition provides an opportunity to partner with Laing O'Rourke, a leading innovator in construction and pioneer of off-site construction methods
  - a five year commercial agreement has been negotiated as part of the transaction for Forterra to supply hollowcore and other precast products to Laing O'Rourke





#### Priorities

Embed manufacturing excellence

Align capacity and utilisation to market conditions

Deliver operational efficiency

Product and service innovation

Product range enhancement

#### Actions

- > Implement facility optimisation programmes
- > Invest in modern process technology
- > Continual focus on Health and Safety and Sustainability
- > Respond to market conditions
- > Flex cost base where necessary
- > Continuous improvement programmes covering:
  - Resource usage / Energy efficiency
  - Supply chain management
  - Distribution optimisation
- > Develop new products and services
- > Enhance our customer service and build on existing relationships
- > Expand housing construction product footprint
- > Investigate bolt on acquisitions



• Pleased with first half performance:

 - increased sales through strong brick and aggregate block volumes, underpinned by robust activity levels in the new build residential market, albeit against a relatively weaker volume comparator due to supply chain destocking which unwound during 2016

- underlying price increases which mitigated increases in the operating cost base

- Current levels of activity from our housebuilder customers and our order book continue to be positive, but we remain watchful over any negative impact from a weakening of consumer confidence on the housing and RMI markets
- The Board expects to continue to make progress in the second half, and our expectations for the full year are unchanged

Q & A

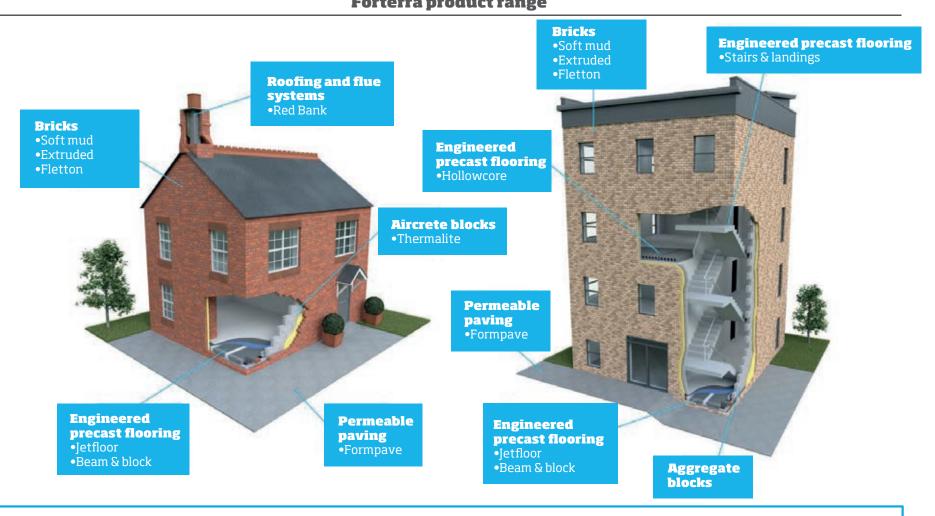






Pure UK focus	Growth		focus Growth Resilience		lience	Efficiency	
	Room for volume growth in core bricks	Further growth from cross-selling	Iconic Fletton brick	Substantial exposure to a more stable RM&I market	Efficient core brick manufacturing	High return / low risk capex	
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<section-header><text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text></section-header>	Clear runway for growth with limited short term capex requirements Volume growth available spare capacity Short-term normalisation of import levels; destocking of supply chain working through Medium term capacity expansion options Price growth moderate but steady price growth	95% of sales from the housing market Highly complementary products across the housebuilding market Bricks (outer wall cavity) Blocks (inner wall cavity) Concrete flooring Chimney/roofing	Sole manufacturer Highestmargins Largely RM&I Tremium and resilient pricing No imports available Regularbrick price	Resilient RM&I balancing newbuild	Superior output per facility; highly efficient operations Measham (c.105m capacity): the most efficient soft mudplant inUK Brick capacity per facility: c.61m Sales per facility: c.£15m	Immediate focus on low cost incremental capacity additions for the second second for the second second for the second second for the second second second for the second second second second for the second second second second second for the second second second second second second for the second second second second second second second for the second seco	

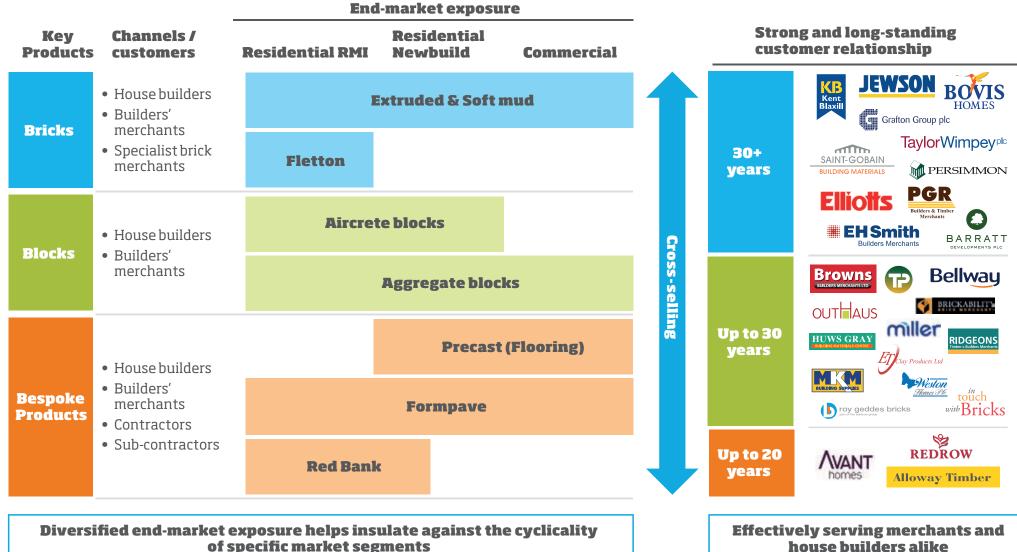
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Forterra product range

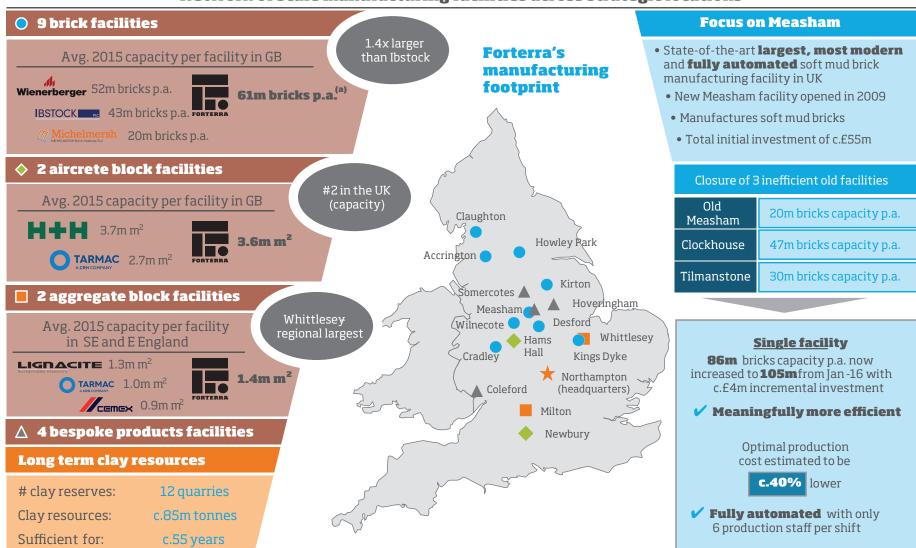
#### Broad product offering addressing a wide range of critical applications in housing construction

Source: Company information



Cross-selling opportunities from multi-channel distribution across complementary product offering Effectively serving merchants and house builders alike Relationships underpinned by quality and service





Network of scale manufacturing facilities across strategic locations

Note: Average production capacity of each company calculated as total production capacity of that company in 2015 divided by the total number of facilities held by such company in the relevant area (a) (a) Includes the Cradley brick facility (c.1m brick production capacity p.a.) which focuses on special shaped bricks

Source: Company information, BDS (Jan-2016), Management estimates

## Incremental brick capacity from de-bottlenecking projects

Status	🖌 Completed	🖌 Commenced	🖌 Completed	Potential	
	Measham expansion	Desford gas supply upgrade	Claughton dryer replacement	Accrington kiln buffer extension	
Selected examples					
Description	<ul> <li>Completed in Jan-2016</li> <li>Expand the Measham facility by an additional c.19m p.a.brick production capacity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ensure sufficient gas volume and pressure to service increased production</li> <li>Includes on site works to pipework, metering, external grid reinforcement and kiln burners</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dryer upgrade as current dryers are at the end of life</li> <li>Required improvement to allow increased production</li> </ul>	• Project to be carried out in 2018+	Total
Est. downtime	8 weeks	8 weeks	14 weeks	2 weeks	
Est. capex required	c.£4m	c.£3.5m	c.£3m	c.£2.5m	c.£13m
Est. capacity increase	c.19m p.a.	c.10m p.a.	c.5m p.a.	c.10m p.a.	c.45m p.a.
Est. completion	Jan -2016	2016/2017	2017	2018	

Identified smaller efficiency projects to achieve c.45m capacity expansion; lower risk and smaller capex requirements



£m	2017 H1	2016 H1	2016 FY
Revenue	162.7	146.0	294.5
Cost of Sales	(94.4)	(83.3)	(175.2)
Gross Profit	68.3	62.7	119.3
Distribution Costs	(24.4)	(21.2)	(43.7)
Administrative expenses	(10.4)	(7.3)	(16.2)
Other operating income	0.1	0.4	0.8
Operating Profit	33.6	34.6	60.2
Add back: depreciation & amortisation	5.1	4.9	10.4
EBITDA	38.7	39.5	70.6
Additional costs in 2017 as a stand-alone PLC	-	(1.2)	(1.2)
EBITDA (pro-forma basis)	38.7	38.3	69.4



£m	2017 H1	2016 H1	2016 FY
EBITDA before exceptionals	38.7	39.5	70.6
Depreciation	(5.0)	(4.7)	(10.1)
Amortisation	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3)
— Exceptional items	-	(10.3)	(8.9)
Operating profit	33.6	24.3	51.3
Net finance expenses	(2.2)	(11.3)	(14.2)
Income tax expenses	(6.3)	(4.2)	(9.6)
Net profit for the period	25.1	8.8	27.5
Exceptional items:	-	(10.3)	(8.9)
Transaction costs	-	(9.1)	(9.1)
Separation costs	-	(1.2)	(1.3)
Indemnity payment received	-	-	1.6
Loss on disposal of Structherm	-	-	(0.1)



£m	2017 H1	2016 H1	2016 FY
EBITDA before exceptionals	38.7	39.5	70.6
Working capital	(8.0)	(14.8)	(1.0)
Non-cash movements	1.2	0.2	0.2
Operating cash flow before exceptionals	31.9	24.9	69.8
Cashflows relating to exceptionals	(0.1)	(11.0)	(13.6)
Cash generated from operations	31.8	13.9	56.2
Interest paid	(2.0)	(10.1)	(12.4)
Tax paid	(3.7)	(1.9)	(6.3)
Net cash flow from operations	26.1	1.9	37.5
Capital expenditure	(3.0)	(4.5)	(9.1)
Proceeds from sale of PP&E	-	0.2	0.3
Dividends paid	-	-	(4.0)
Net cash flow before financing	23.1	(2.4)	24.7

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