



# 2019 Preliminary Results

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# Agenda

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**4.** STRATEGIC UPDATE



**5.** Q&A



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# Overview

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Revenues  
+5% to

**£409m**

Adjusted EBITDA  
+9% to

**£122m**

Net debt to EBITDA at

**0.7x**

(excluding IFRS16)

Total ordinary dividend of

**9.7p** per share

in addition to supplementary  
dividend of 5.0p per share

## OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

New build housing  
sector broadly stable,  
albeit softer market  
conditions in H2

Making good progress  
on our key strategic  
initiatives

Clay production volumes  
benefiting from focus on  
maintenance, ongoing  
investment and new  
Eclipse plant

Announcing a new  
Clay brick growth  
project



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# Financial review

# Financial highlights

Year ended 31 December (£m) Continuing operations	2019	2018	Movement	
Revenue	409.3	391.4	+5%	▲
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	122.3	112.4	+9%	▲
Adjusted PBT	84.8	84.5	-	▲
Adjusted EPS	18.3p	18.8p	(3%)	▼
Exceptional profits on disposal of property	-	9.5		
Reported EPS	16.3p	18.8p	(13%)	▼
Total ordinary dividend	9.7p	9.5p	+2%	▲
Supplementary dividend	5.0p	6.5p		
ROCE <sup>(2)</sup>	19.3%	20.6%	(130bps)	▼
Net debt to Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	0.7x	0.4x	+0.3x	▲

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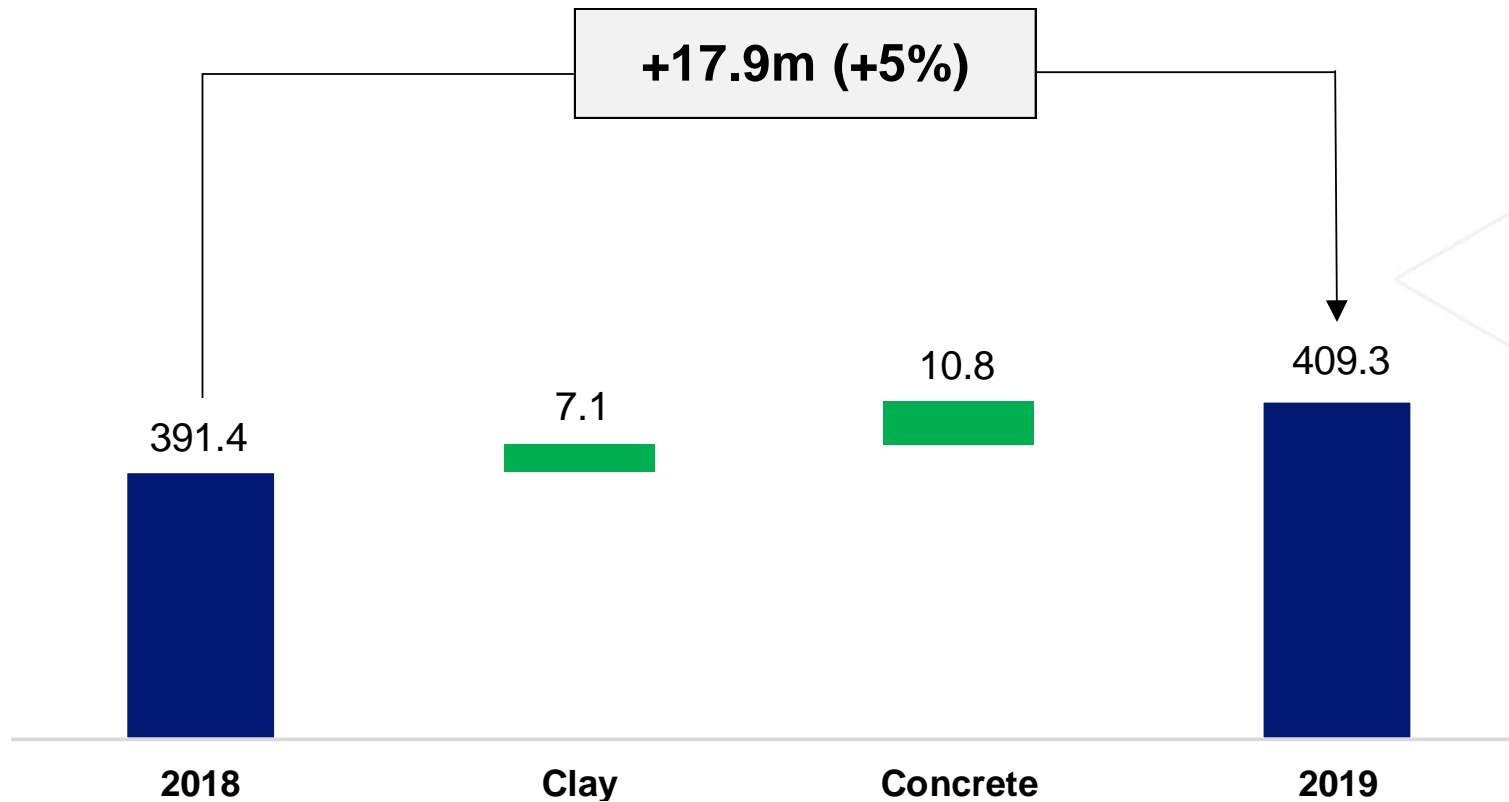
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(2) ROCE is EBIT adjusted for exceptional items as a proportion of average capital employed (net debt plus equity excluding pensions)

(3) Net debt to Adjusted EBITDA excludes the impact of IFRS 16 leasing adjustments

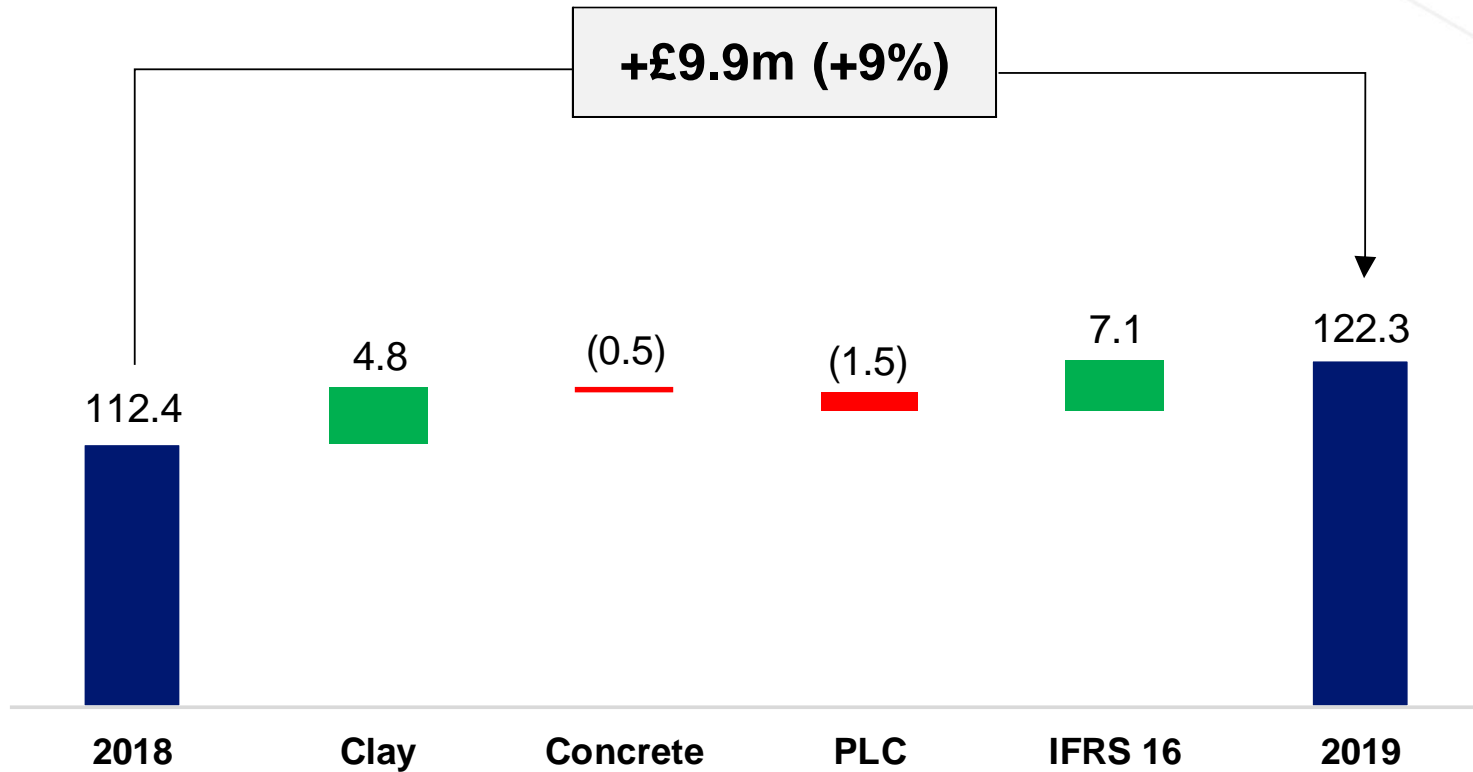
- Resilient trading performance
- Solid revenue growth across both divisions
- Adjusted EBITDA up 2%, excluding impact of IFRS16
- Adjusted EPS is slightly lower year-on-year reflecting higher D&A and higher tax rate
- Reported EPS is lower year-on-year primarily due to the exceptional profit on disposal of surplus properties in 2018
- ROCE movement primarily reflects recent capex investment, acquisition of Longley Concrete and increased inventory in 2019

# Solid revenue growth across both divisions



- Group revenue up 5% to £409m
- Clay division growth reflects positive pricing benefits with volumes slightly lower due to market conditions in H2
- Concrete revenue growth primarily reflects solid growth in roofing and consolidation of Longley acquisition

# Adjusted EBITDA bridge



- Adjusted EBITDA +9% to £122m, reflecting;
- Revenue growth in Clay division, partly offset by higher energy and maintenance costs
- Concrete profitability reflects softer RMI and infrastructure markets, partly offset by £0.7m benefit from Longley acquisition in H2
- Increase in PLC costs primarily due to higher operating expenses and lower R&D credit
- £7m benefit from the adoption of IFRS 16
  - £5m Clay
  - £2m Concrete



# Strong cash flow supporting growth and returns

Year ended 31 December (£m)	2019	2018	Change	% Change
<b>Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>122</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>+9%</b>
Δ in net working capital	(24)	(7)	(17)	
Net interest	(3)	(4)	+1	
Tax	(13)	(10)	(3)	
Post-employment benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	(2)	(7)	+5	
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	(8)	-	(8)	
<b>Adjusted operating cash flow</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>(14%)</b>
Capex	(39)	(31)	(8)	
<b>Adjusted free cash flow</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>(38%)</b>

Note

(1) Adjusted cash flow excludes the cash flow impact of exceptional items

(2) 2019 Adjusted EBITDA includes a benefit of £7.1m relating to IFRS 16 leasing adjustments

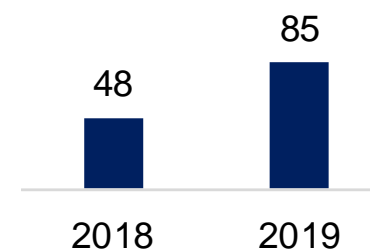
(3) Additional cash contributions to DB pension scheme

(4) Includes share based payment charge and 2019 lease payments

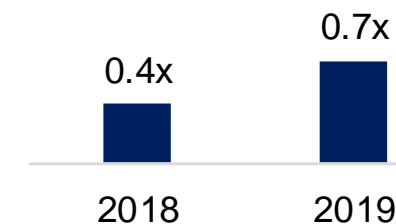
(5) Net debt and leverage exclude the impact of IFRS 16 leasing adjustments

- Working capital outflow primarily reflects inventory build in Clay division, from historically low levels at start of year
- Capex reflects higher maintenance spend of c.£25m and first year of enhancement projects
- Lower tax paid in 2018 benefited from receipt of claims made in the prior year for allowable expenses. Higher tax payments expected in 2020 due to HMRC rule change
- Other notable cash movements - dividend payments of £60m (including supplementary dividend) and acquisition of Longley Concrete £13m

Net debt<sup>(5)</sup> (£m)



Leverage<sup>(5)</sup>

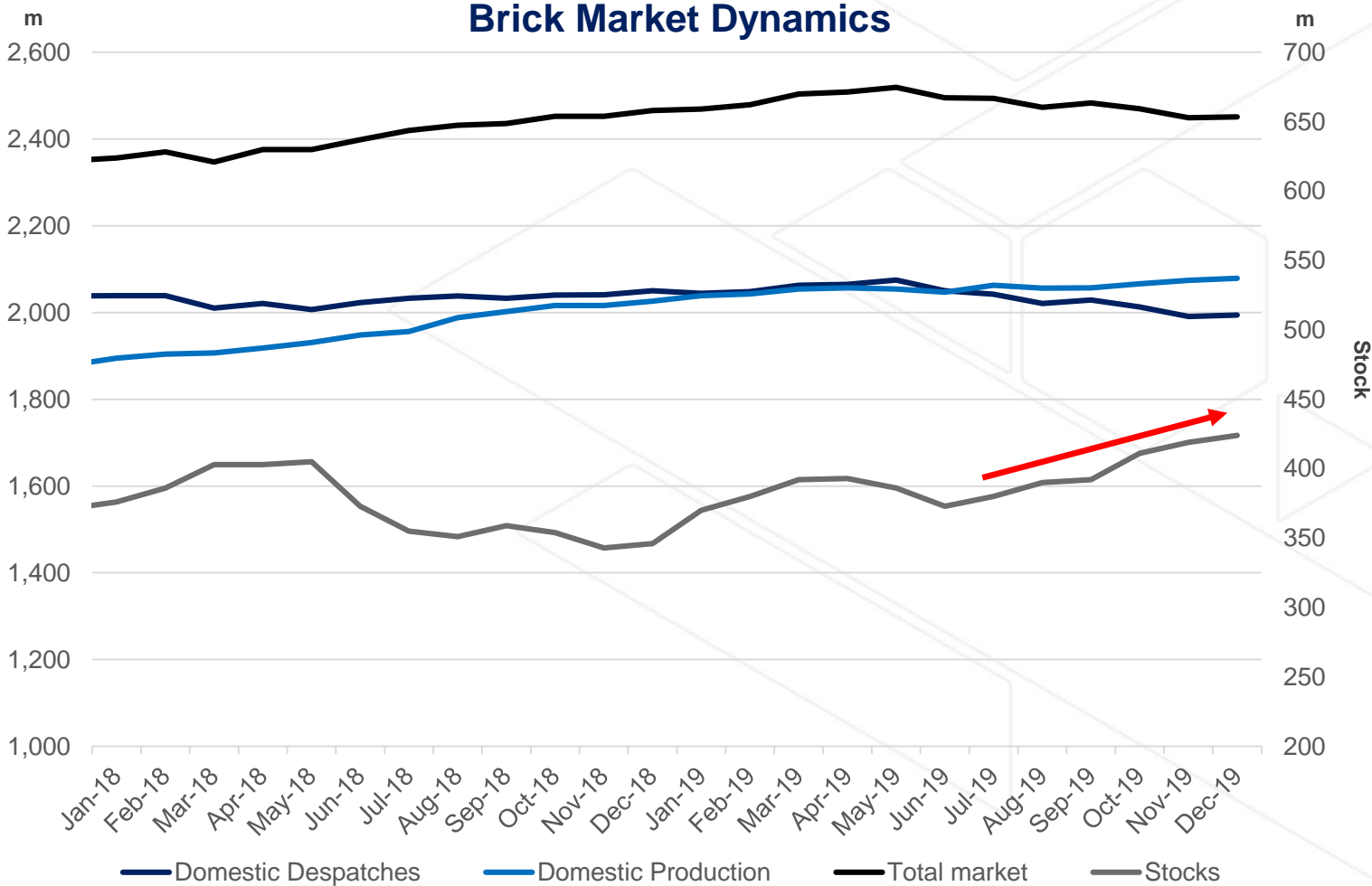
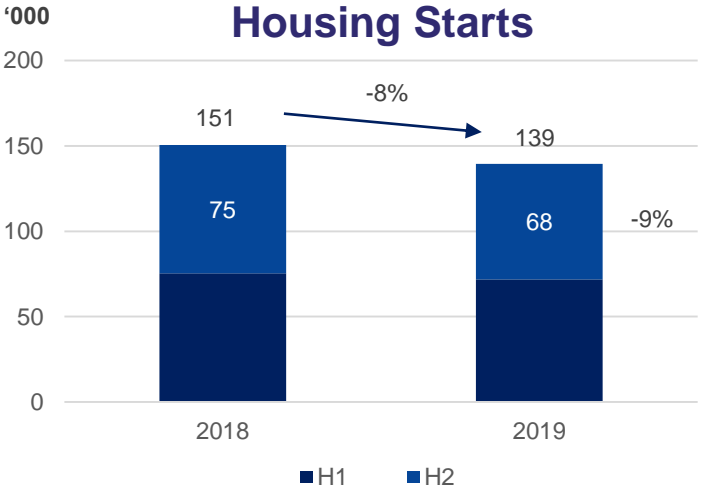
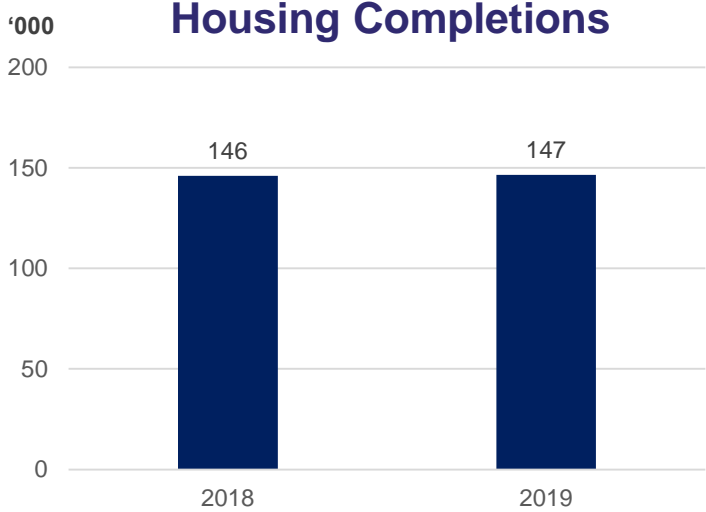




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# Recent market dynamics



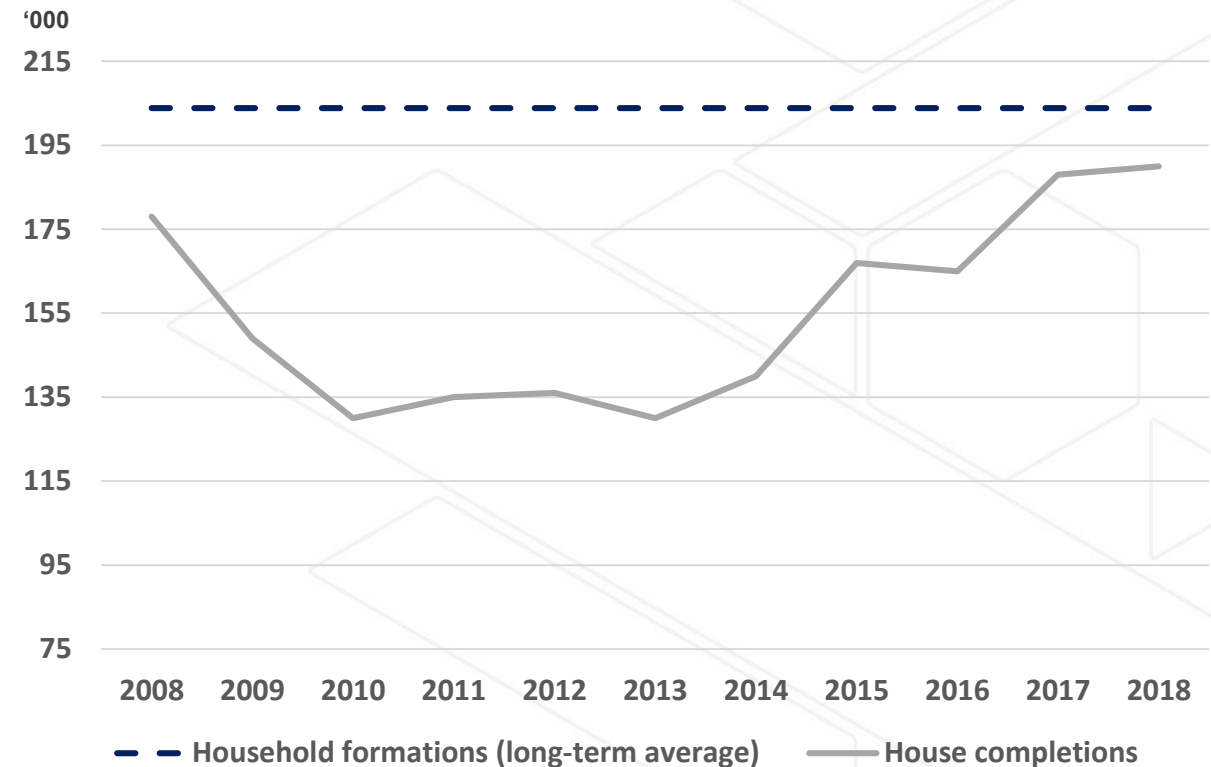
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Note: Housing starts and completions from NHBC data, which does not include all UK new build residential construction activity and is provided for illustrative purposes only



# Market fundamentals remain supportive

- Substantial housing deficit
- Government commitment to new house building
- Help-to-buy scheme extended to 2023
- High employment levels, low interest rates and good mortgage availability
- First time buyer mortgage approvals at the highest level since 2006



# Strategic progress in Clay

Year ended 31 December (£m)	2019	2018	Change	% Change
Revenue	300.5	293.4	+7.1	+2%
Adjusted EBITDA	106.7	96.7	+10.0	+10%
Margin	36%	33%		

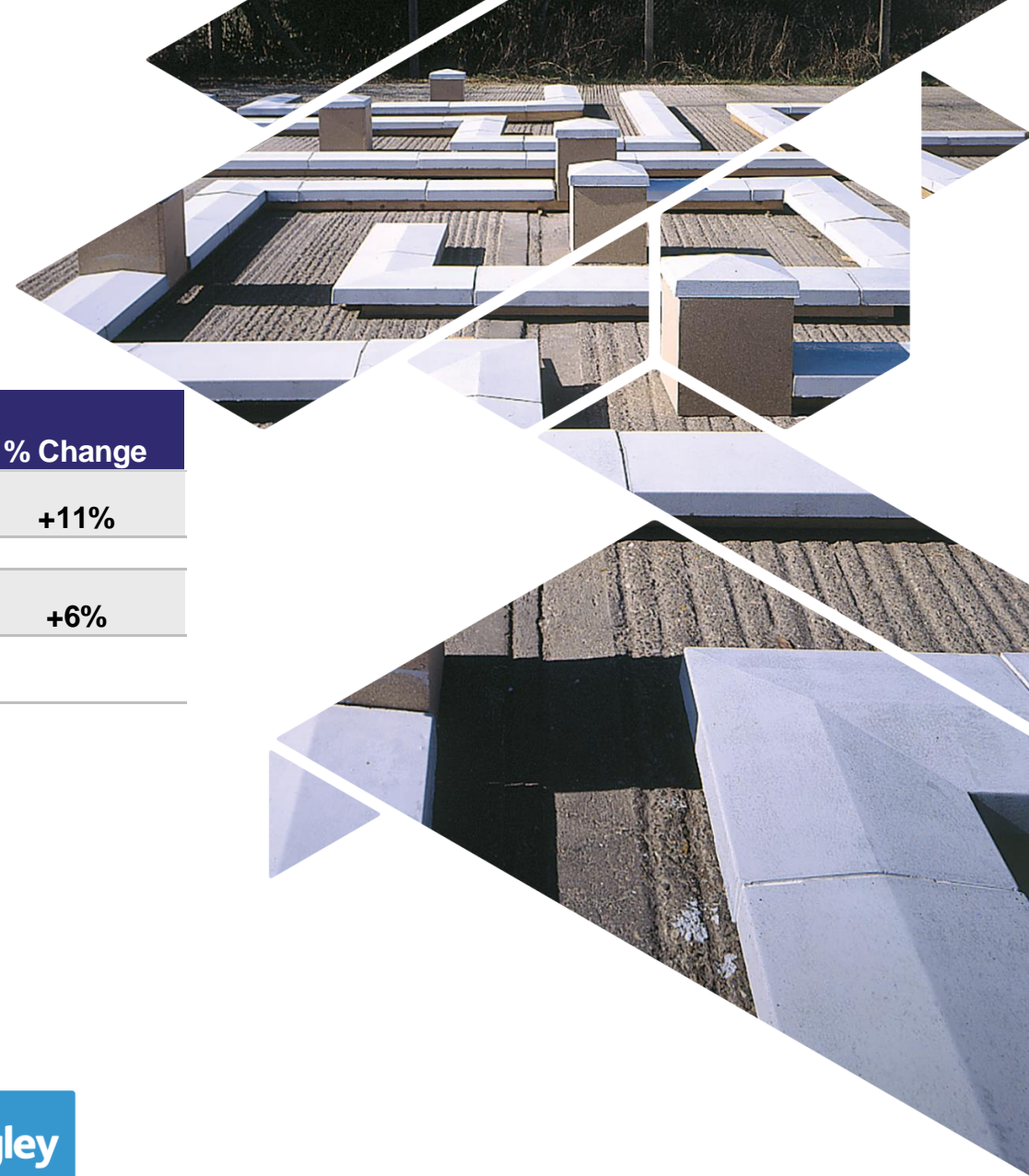
- Good progress with strategic initiatives;
  - Improving our commercial capabilities
  - Maintenance culture
  - Manufacturing output and reliability, including first full year of Eclipse
- Inventory levels increased from historic lows at end of 2018, well positioned for improvement in market conditions



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Note: 2019 adjusted EBITDA included £5m benefit from IFRS 16

# Concrete update



Year ended 31 December (£m)	2019	2018	Change	% Change
Revenue	108.8	98.0	+10.8	+11%
Adjusted EBITDA	21.9	20.6	+1.3	+6%
Margin	20%	21%		

- Divisional re-organisation complete
- Solid trading results despite tougher market conditions
- Strong growth and market share gain in roofing
- Integration of Longley concrete progressing as planned



# Concrete division overview



## HOUSE BUILDING

### AESTHETIC PRODUCTS

- Roof tiles
- Walling and cast stone

Revenue:  
c.£50m



### STRUCTURAL AND LANDSCAPING

- Flooring
- Lintels
- Fencing

Revenue:  
c.£50m



## INFRASTRUCTURE

### RAIL AND CIVILS

- Rail
- Retaining walls and civil products

Revenue:  
£10m



# Outlook

- Market fundamentals remain robust
- Political uncertainty resulted in subdued market conditions in the second half of 2019 and a slower start to 2020
- Activity levels anticipated to improve as the year progresses, and as a result, we expect to deliver a stable outcome for the year





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update**

# Our strategy to create long term value

## Purpose:

To build a better world, by being at the heart of building

## Vision:

Enabling the construction of homes that inspire people to work and live better



**A purpose-led company**

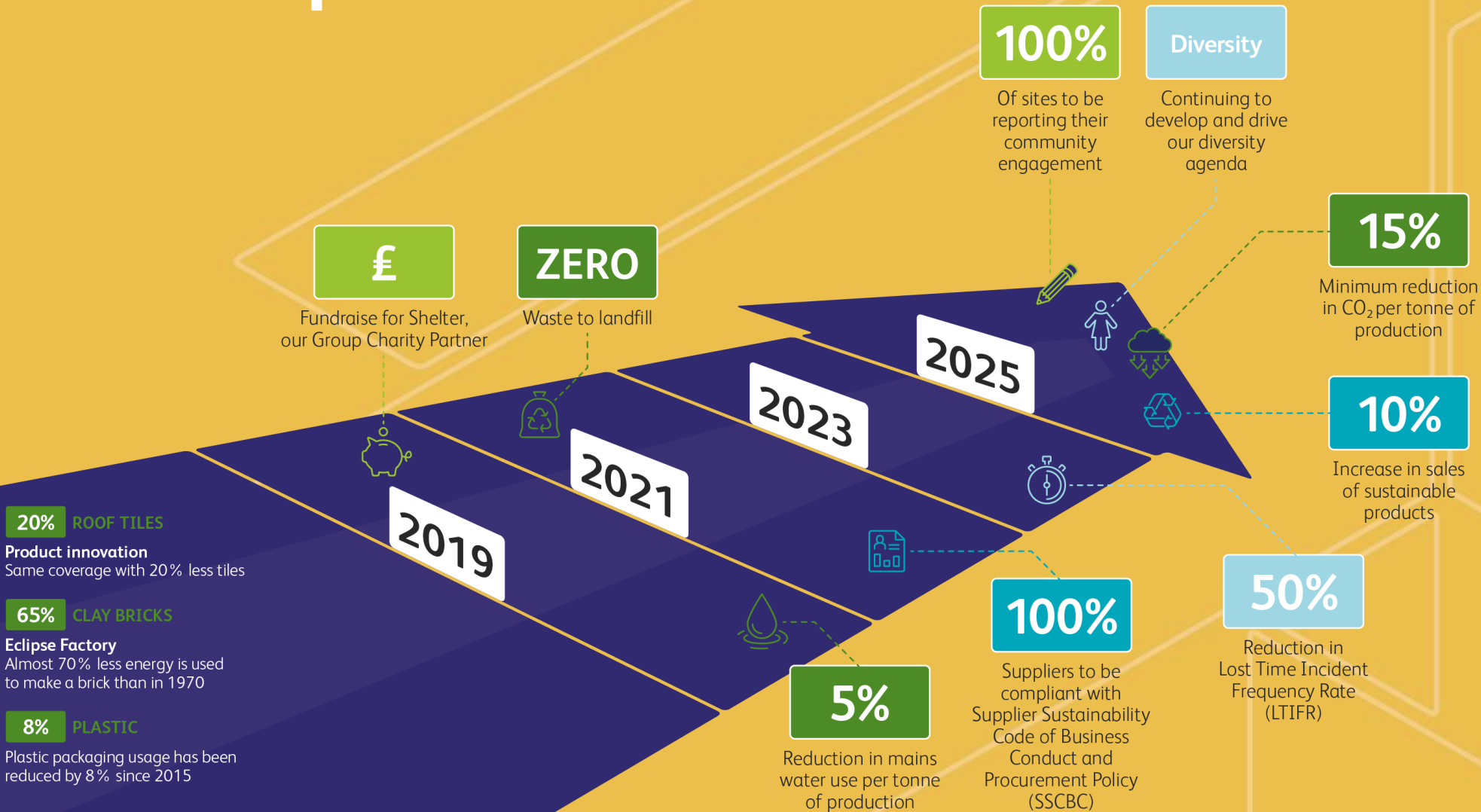
# Sustainable Performance

Developing our leadership position with commitment to ongoing investment and optimisation, to drive world class sustainable performance across our operations.

- Sustainability embedded into all aspects of our business with the launch of our 2025 roadmap
- Health and Safety roadmap
- Improved maintenance processes and embedding a continuous improvement culture in our manufacturing operations
- Investment in our people and driving performance culture



# Sustainability Roadmap



## Recent Progress

Carbon reduction

Solar Farm Investment

Automated LED lighting

Plastics reduction



# Innovation

The construction industry continues to evolve, as our customers look to control construction costs and drive efficiency in the build process.

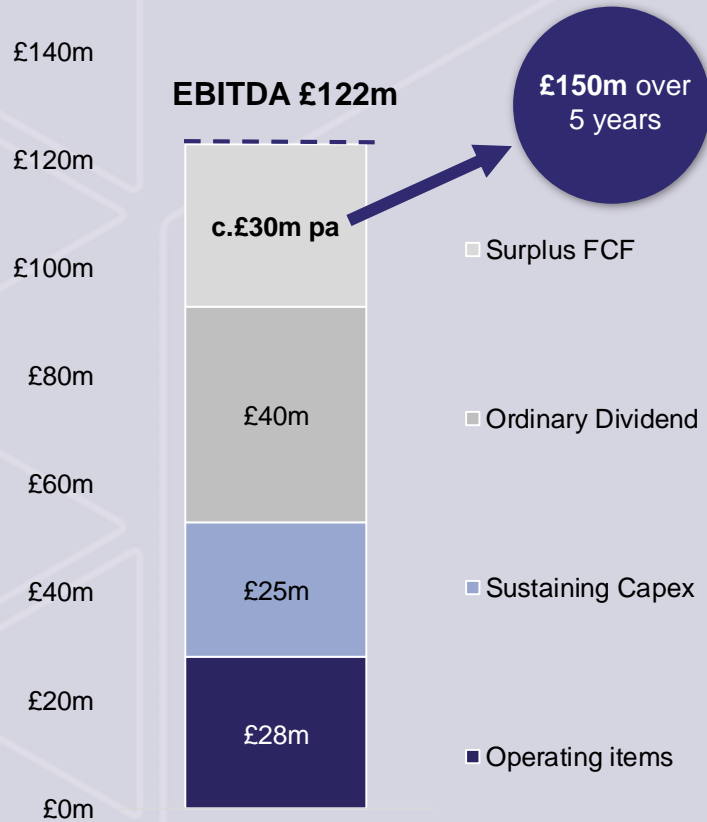
We are committed to being at the forefront of innovation as the market evolves, with a clear focus on strengthening our commercial functions, delivering great customer service and developing new products.

- London i-studio design centre launch
- Investment in new product development and digital platforms to improve customer experience
- Supply chain optimisation to improve customer service
  - Pilot scheme demonstrated significant reduction in cancellation rates
- Focus on components and building solutions (e.g. MechSlip)

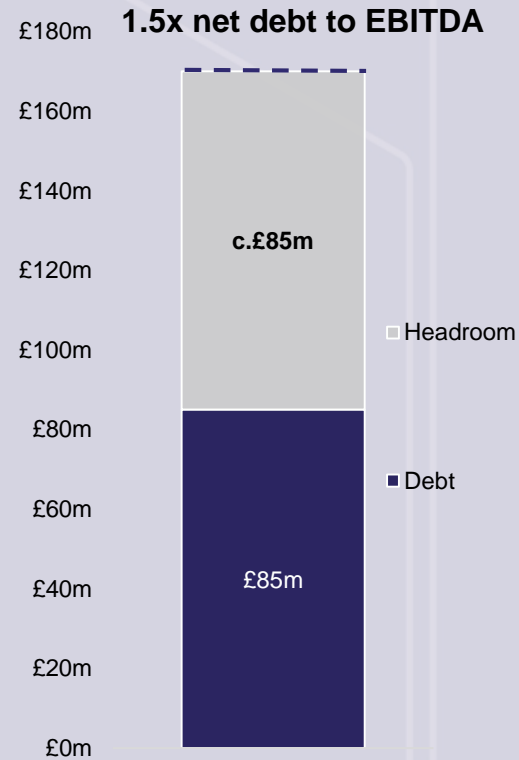


# Over £200m of capital available to deliver growth and shareholder returns over the next 5 years

## Normalised FCF generation



## Balance Sheet headroom



## Surplus property disposals

Further **£10m - £20m** of surplus property disposals expected over the next 3-5 years

Annual FCF generation is provided for illustrative purposes only. Operating items of £28m assumes normalised working capital, tax, interest and lease payments  
 Balance Sheet headroom calculated as difference between current debt and upper end of leverage range (excluding IFRS16)

# Disciplined capital allocation

Maintain and enhance our existing assets

Sustainable and progressive ordinary dividend

Deliver major organic growth projects and invest selectively in inorganic growth

Return surplus capital to shareholders when appropriate



## STRONG BALANCE SHEET

Net debt to EBITDA ratio range of **0.5x to 1.5x** through the cycle

# Selective growth

Our core business provides a solid platform for future growth, with strong brands, customer relationships and established routes to market. With a strong balance sheet, we have the capacity to invest in both organic growth projects and M&A.

## ORGANIC PROJECTS ARE SCREENED FOR THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA;

- Attractive return profile ✓
- Improved competitive positioning ✓
- Improvement in production cost profile ✓
- Sustainability credentials and environmental impact ✓

## INORGANIC GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES ARE TARGETED;

- To expand our regional reach or product portfolio ✓
- Primarily within the residential building envelope ✓
- To build leading market positions and leverage existing routes to market ✓

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# Strong pipeline of organic growth projects

## Long history of capacity expansion and development projects

- Leighton Buzzard 2005
- Throckley 2006
- Chesterton 2014
- New roof tile line 2017
- Eclipse 2018

## New wire cut clay brick manufacturing facility

Redevelopment of existing manufacturing facility at our Atlas site in the Midlands to create state-of-the-art 80m capacity brick factory

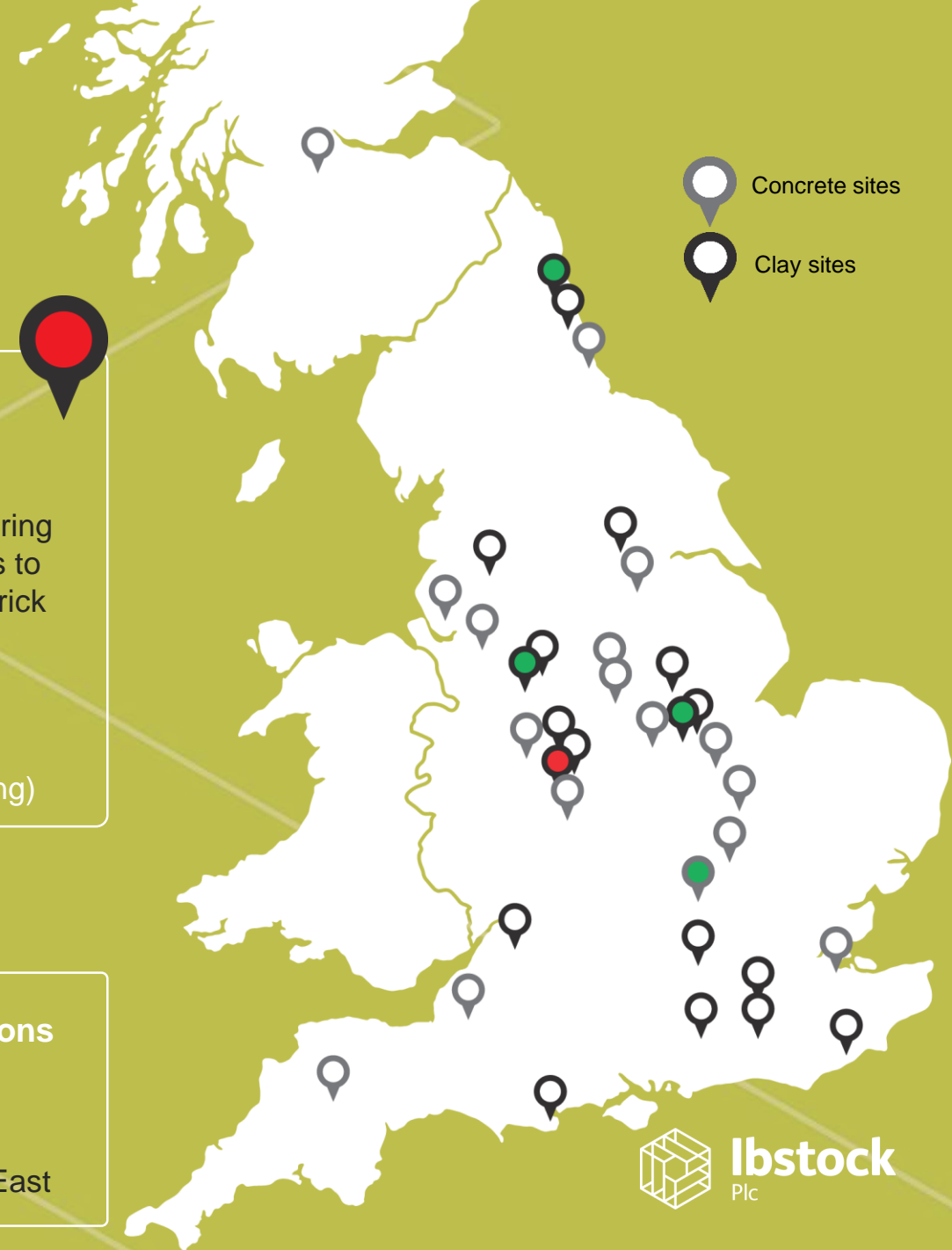
CAPEX: c.£45m  
COMMISSIONING: 2022  
STATUS: Approved (subject to planning)

## Potential future development options

- New concrete flooring plant
- Soft-mud expansion project in South East

Total capex for 2020 expected to be c.£40m

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# Summary



UK focused business with strong market positions

- Ibstock Clay
- Ibstock Concrete

## SUSTAIN



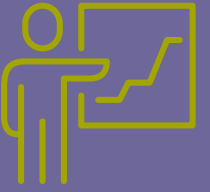
- Sustainability roadmap
- Operational excellence

## INNOVATE



- Commercial excellence
- Product innovation

## GROW



- Organic growth projects
- M&A optionality

**Opportunities to strengthen our business and drive growth over the medium term**



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# Q&A



# Appendix

# Key investment highlights

Market leadership positions	Structural demand growth	Industry structure	High barriers to entry	Strong customer service ethic	Multiple growth options	Experienced senior management team	Strong financial performance
#1 in UK bricks	Strong household formations with supportive UK government policy	Three UK brick manufacturers c90% of capacity	Vertically integrated business model with planning and capital barriers	High quality, broad product range and strong customer relationships	Additional capacity, product innovation and strategic development	Highly experienced management team with extensive industry experience	High operational gearing, strong returns and cash flow



# Leading manufacturers of....

- WALLING**
- FACING BRICKS
  - SPECIAL BRICKS
  - WALLING STONE
  - SPECIAL WALLING STONE
  - ARCHITECTURAL MASONRY
  - CAST STONE
  - FAÇADE SYSTEMS
  - RETAINING WALLS
  - LINTELS, SILLS AND ARCHES

- ROOFING**
- ROOF TILES
  - CHIMNEYS
  - ROOF WINDOWS
  - SOFITS
  - ROOFING ACCESSORIES

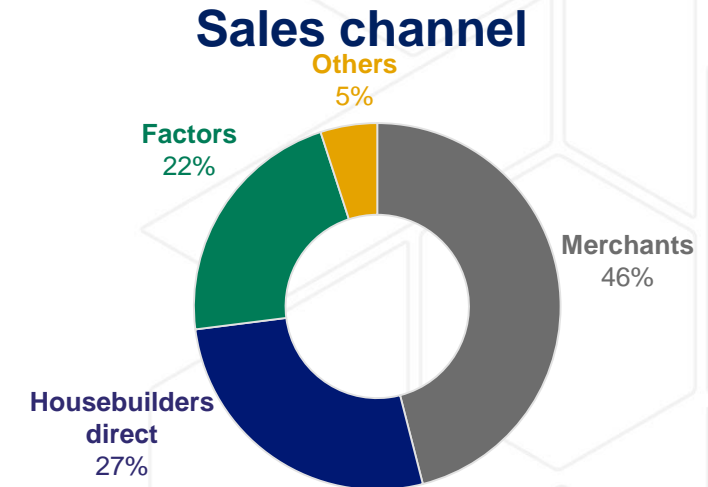
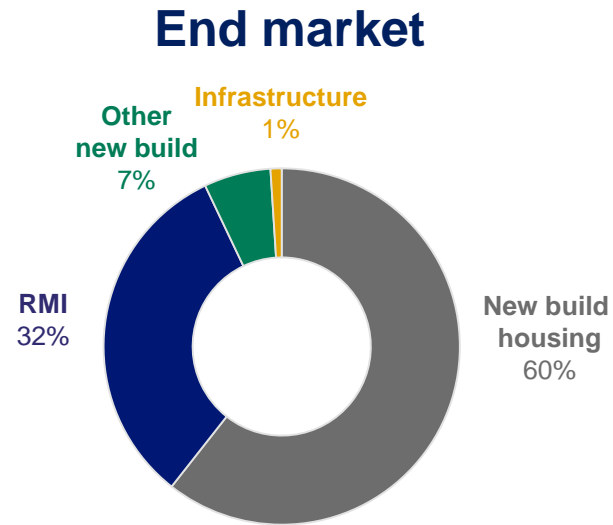
- RAIL AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
- TROUGHING
  - CABLE THEFT PROTECTION
  - BOARDS, BLOCKS AND BASES
  - CATCHPITS
  - INSPECTION CHAMBERS

- GARDEN AND LANDSCAPING**
- FENCING
  - CAPS AND COPINGS
  - BOLLARDS
  - BALUSTRADES
  - PATH EDGING
  - URBAN LANDSCAPING

- FLOORING AND GROUNDWORK**
- FLOOR BEAMS
  - DOOR STEPS
  - GULLY SURROUNDS
  - SCREED RAILS

- BESPOKE SERVICES**
- ENGRAVING AND CUTTING
  - FLOOR BEAM DESIGN AND SUPPLY SOLUTIONS
  - BESPOKE CONCRETE PRODUCTS

# A leading provider of clay and concrete building products



Key supplier to the housing sector

Complementary product offerings

Cross-selling opportunities

Innovative solutions

Opportunity to add new product sectors

RMI exposure provides cyclical resilience

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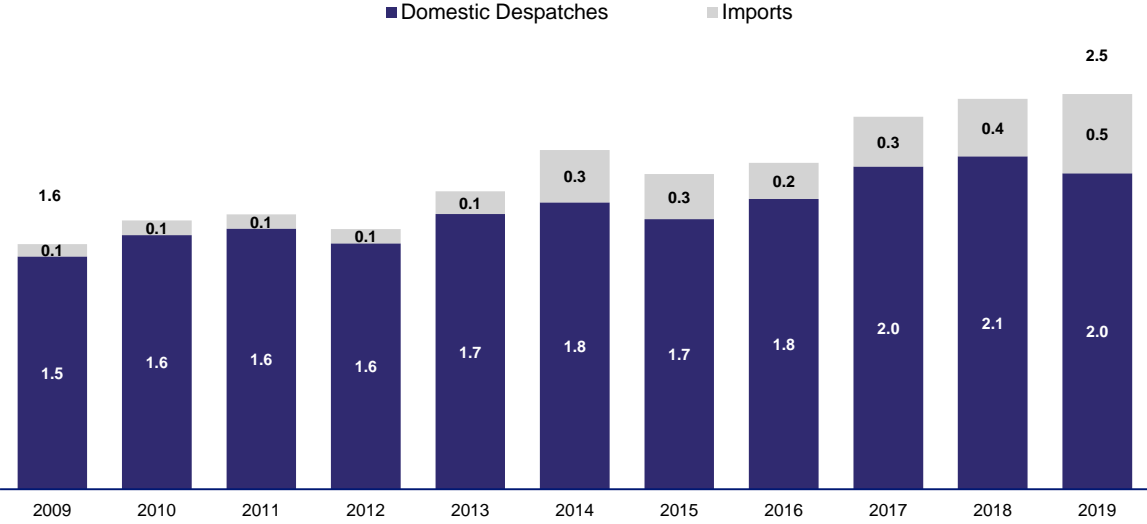
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# Brick market dynamics

**Brick Consumption (billions of bricks)**

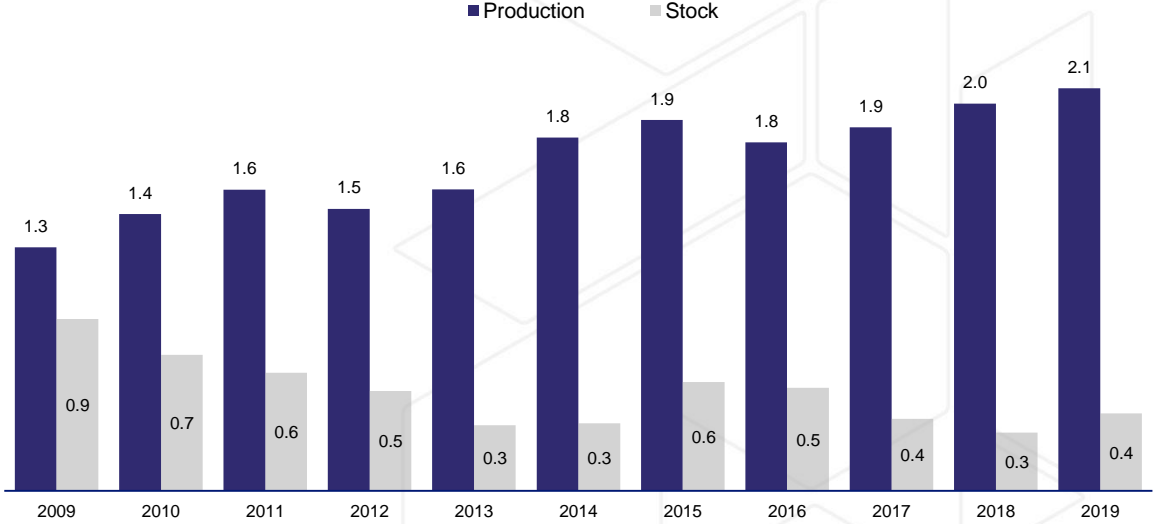


Continued demand for bricks from new build housing

Imports continue to fill the gap between GB supply and demand

Increased availability of imports which are at record levels

**Brick Production and Stock (billions)**



All GB industry manufacturing sites now in production

Increased production from existing manufacturing capacity and addition of Eclipse

Industry stocks increased from historically low levels



# Concrete division key products

RAIL AND INFRASTRUCTURE

AESTHETICS PRODUCTS

LANDSCAPING

PRESTRESSED PRODUCTS



Roofing

Cast stone

Flooring beams

Fencing products

Rail and civil products

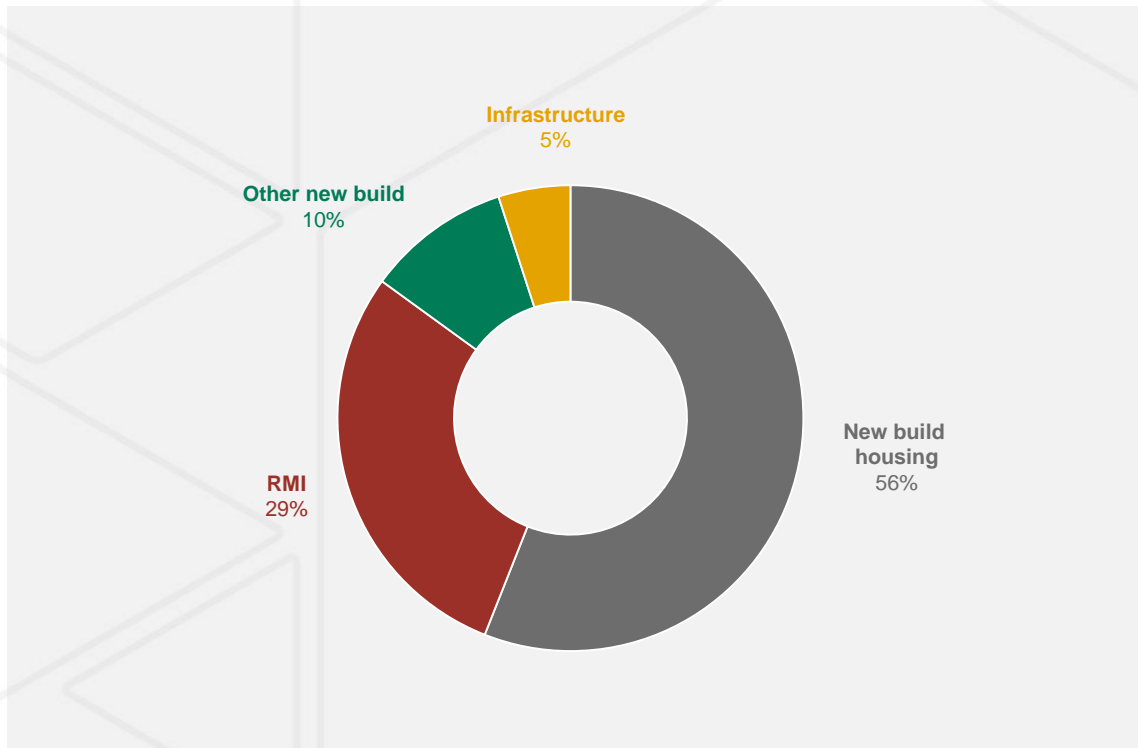
Walling stone

Lintels

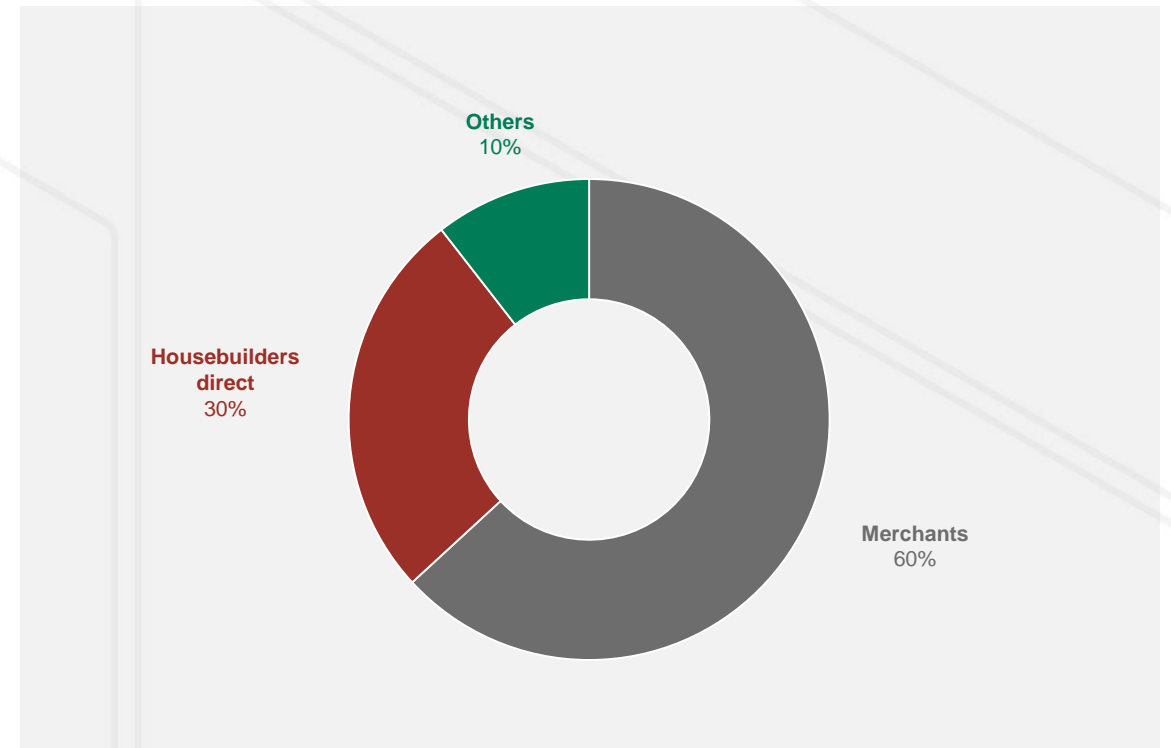
Retaining wall systems

# Concrete division revenue analysis

## END MARKET



## SALES CHANNEL



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# Summary balance sheet

31 December (£m)	2019	2018
<b>Assets</b>		
PP&E	386	365
Right of Use assets	30	-
Intangible	103	101
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>466</b>
Inventories	84	68
Trade receivables	58	56
Assets held for sale	1	-
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>590</b>
Payables	(88)	(92)
Lease liabilities	(30)	-
Other liabilities excluding debt & pension	(84)	(83)
<b>Net assets excluding debt &amp; pension</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>415</b>
Net debt	(85)	(48)
Pension	89	81
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>448</b>

# Summary cash flow

12 months to 31 December	2019	2018
<b>Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>122</b>	<b>112</b>
Working capital	(24)	(7)
Net interest	(3)	(4)
Tax	(13)	(10)
Post-employee benefits <sup>(2)</sup>	(1)	(4)
Other	(5)	(5)
<b>Net cash flow from operations</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>82</b>
Total capex	(39)	(31)
Surplus asset disposals	3	16
Acquisition of Longley	(13)	-
Proceeds of sale of US subsidiary	-	76
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(49)</b>	<b>61</b>
Lease payments	(8)	-
Dividends paid	(60)	(65)
Other	4	(6)
<b>(Increase) / decrease in net debt</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>72</b>

Note

(1) 2019 Adjusted EBITDA includes a benefit of £7.1m relating to IFRS 16 leasing adjustments

(2) Cash costs above P&L costs

# Adjusted P&L reconciliation 2019

(£m)	Adjusted	Fair Value Adjustments	Property	Exceptionals	Other	Reported
Revenue	409	-	-	-	-	409
Costs	(287)	-	-	(3)	-	(290)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>119</b>
D&A	(26)	(9)	-	-	-	(35)
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84</b>
Finance	(3)	-	-	-	1	(2)
Tax	(18)	2	-	1	(1)	(16)
<b>PAT</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>EPS (pence per share)</b>	<b>18.3p</b>	<b>(1.6p)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.4p)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16.3p</b>

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(3) The fair value adjustments arose as a result of the 2015 disposal of the Group by CRH plc and the acquisition of Longley during the year

# Adjusted P&L reconciliation 2018

(£m)	Adjusted	Fair Value Adjustments	Property	Exceptionals	Other	Reported
Revenue	391	-	-	-	-	391
Costs	(279)	-	-	(3)	-	(282)
Other	-	-	9	2	-	11
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120</b>
D&A	(16)	(8)	-	-	-	(24)
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96</b>
Finance	(4)	-	-	-	1	(3)
Tax	(15)	1	(1)	-	(2)	(17)
<b>PAT</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>EPS (pence per share)</b>	<b>18.8p</b>	<b>(1.7p)</b>	<b>1.9p</b>	<b>(0.1p)</b>	<b>(0.1p)</b>	<b>18.8p</b>

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(4) The property adjustment relates to the exceptional profit on disposal of major surplus land sales

(5) Exceptional costs included within EBITDA relate to additional UK pension scheme closure costs of £2.0m and other corporate and restructuring costs totaling £1.3m

(6) Exceptional income included within EBITDA relates to the release of a provision for contingent consideration