



BUNZL

2021 FULL

YEAR RESULTS





INTRODUCTION

Frank van Zanten, Chief Executive Officer

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Continued growth through the pandemic and further strategic progress



7.1%¹ revenue growth y-o-y;
17.1%¹ growth
vs. 2019



2.8%¹ adjusted operating
profit² growth y-o-y;
23.2%¹ growth vs. 2019



102% cash conversion²
supportive to 1.6x FY21
net debt/ EBITDA³ position



5.4% dividend per share
increase; 29th year of
consecutive growth



£508m of committed acquisition
spend vs £375m 5-year average;
strong pipeline



Only 2% of Group revenue
generated from consumables that
are facing regulation

Notes

1. At constant exchange rates
2. Alternative performance measure – see Appendix 1
3. At average exchange rates and based on historical accounting standards, in accordance with Group's external debt covenants

CONSISTENT LONG-TERM FOCUS

Strong track record of growth guided by a clear purpose and proven strategy



We deliver essential business solutions around the world and create long term sustainable value for the benefit of all stakeholders

Core values drive our value-added proposition

- Humility
- Reliability
- Responsiveness
- Transparency

Consistent and proven compounding strategy

- Profitable organic growth
- Operating model improvements
- Acquisition growth

With sustainability integral to our success

- Responsible supply chains
- Investing in a diverse workforce
- Taking action on climate change
- Providing tailored alternative solutions

Customers

Agile response to Covid-19 with high levels of demand fulfilled for customers

Colleagues

High employee engagement; c.90% have a strong commitment to Bunzl

Environment

Consolidation model supported **c.60%** reduction in carbon intensity since 2010

Suppliers

>10,000 strong supplier relationships ensured reliable supply over pandemic

Communities

>700 ethical audits in Asia in 2021 with remedial actions taken

Shareholders

Consistent track record; 10% dividend per share CAGR between 1992 and 2021



A close-up photograph of a construction worker's hands wearing orange and black safety gloves, holding a grey concrete block. The worker is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. The background is a blurred construction site with more concrete blocks.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Richard Howes, Chief Financial Officer

REVENUE GROWTH

Good underlying growth, supported by inflation



Revenue growth¹

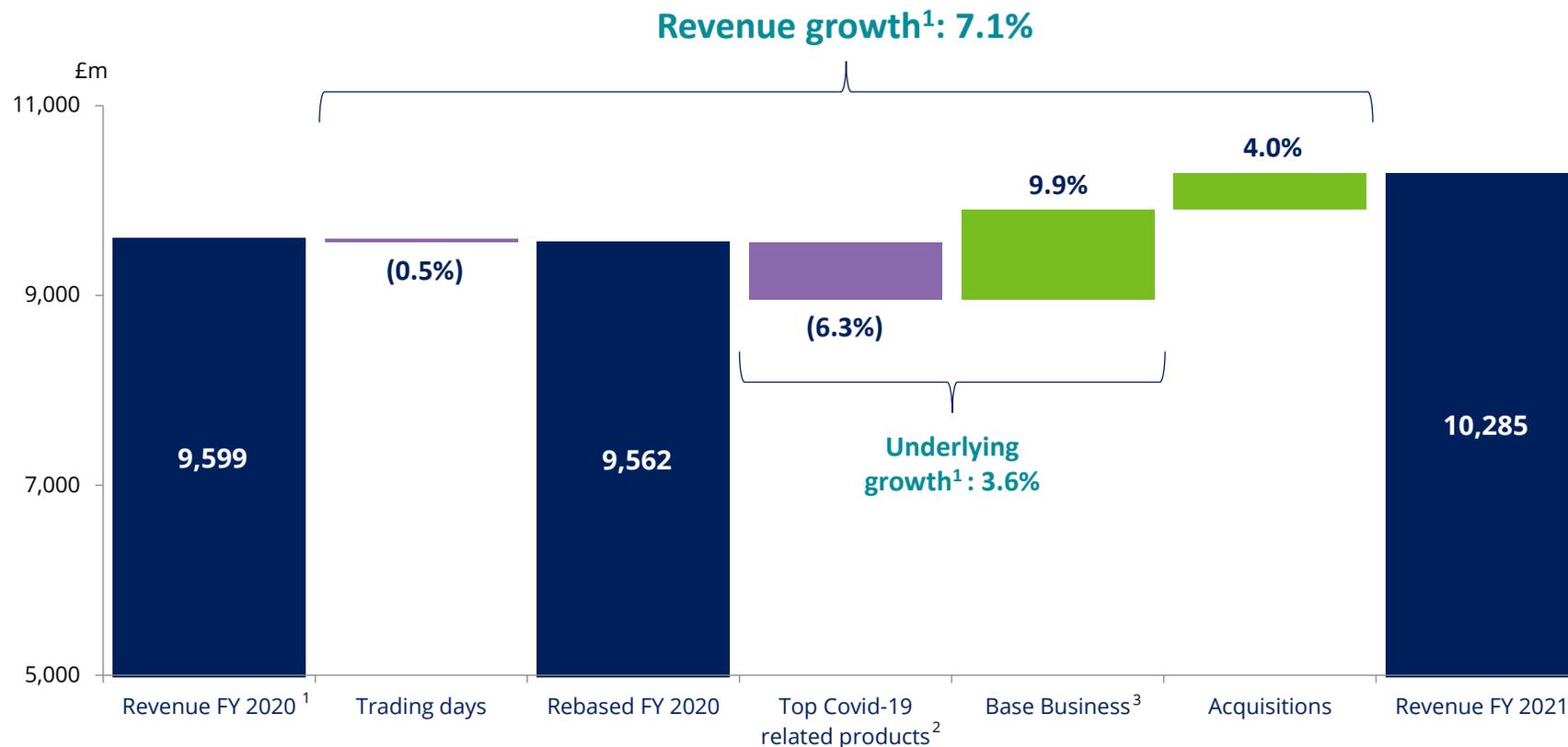
7.1%

Underlying growth vs 2020¹

3.6%

Underlying growth vs 2019¹

8.5%



Notes

- 1. At 2021 constant exchange rates
- 2. Top 8 Covid-19 related products are masks, sanitisers, disposable gloves, disinfectants, coveralls, disposable wipes, face shields and eye protection. The total revenue from these products declined from c.£2,109m in 2020 to c.£1,511m in 2021, excluding the impact of acquisitions and adjusted for trading days
- 3. Base business defined as underlying revenue excluding the top 8 Covid-19 related products

INCOME STATEMENT



Good profit growth despite expected margin headwinds from revenue mix

Adjusted operating profit¹ growth²

2.8%

compared to 2019:

23.2%

Operating margin¹ movement

c.(40)bps

Effective tax rate

22.3%

2022 tax rate guidance:

c.24%

£m	2021	2020	REPORTED GROWTH	CONSTANT EXCHANGE
Revenue	10,285.1	10,111.1	1.7%	7.1%
Adjusted operating profit ¹	752.8	778.4	(3.3)%	2.8%
Operating margin ¹	7.3%	7.7%		
Adjusted profit before income tax ^{1,3}	698.2	715.6	(2.4)%	3.9%
Effective tax rate ¹	22.3%	23.1%		
Adjusted profit for the year ¹	542.5	550.5	(1.5)%	4.9%
Adjusted earnings per share ^{1,4}	162.5p	164.9p	(1.5)%	4.9%
Total dividend per share	57.0p	54.1p	5.4%	
Statutory				
Operating profit	623.3	618.5		
Profit before income tax ³	568.7	555.7		
Basic earnings per share ⁴	132.7p	128.8p		

Notes

1. Alternative performance measure – see Appendix 1
2. At constant exchange
3. Net finance cost in 2021 was £54.6 million and £62.8 million in 2020
4. Weighted average number of shares of 333.8 million in 2021 and 333.8 million in 2020

CASH FLOW

Consistently strong cash conversion



Cash conversion¹

102%

Average cash conversion¹ since 2004

98%

Free cash flow¹ growth⁴ vs.2019

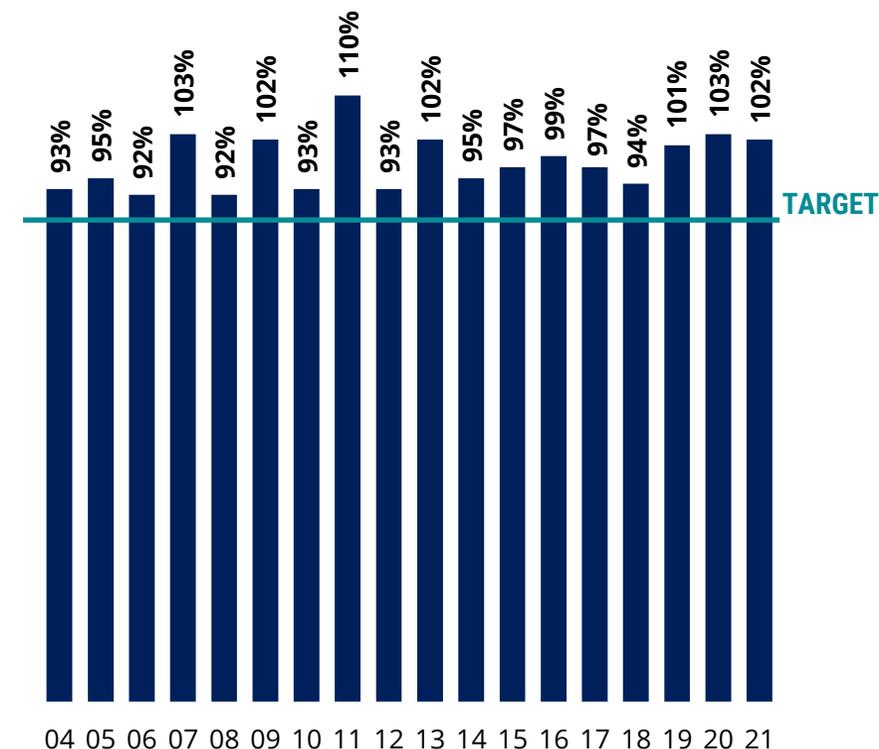
15%

£m	2021	2020
Operating cash flow ^{1,3}	741.6	776.8
Net interest (excluding lease liabilities)	(34.8)	(41.5)
Income tax paid	(181.4)	(153.8)
Free cash flow¹	525.4	581.5
Dividends paid	(180.4)	(171.5)
Net receipts/(payments) relating to employee share schemes	19.5	(8.4)
Net cash inflow before acquisitions	364.5	401.6
Acquisitions ²	(452.7)	(387.5)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow	(88.2)	14.1
Cash conversion¹	102%	103%

Notes

1. Alternative performance measure – see Appendix 1
2. Including acquisition related items
3. Before acquisition related items
4. At actual exchange rates

Cash conversion since 2004



BALANCE SHEET

Substantial capacity for continued self-funded acquisitions



Net debt : EBITDA^{1,2}

1.6x

Substantial capacity for self-funded acquisitions with 2.0x-2.5x target leverage

FY 21 committed acquisition spend

£508m

ROIC¹

15.1%

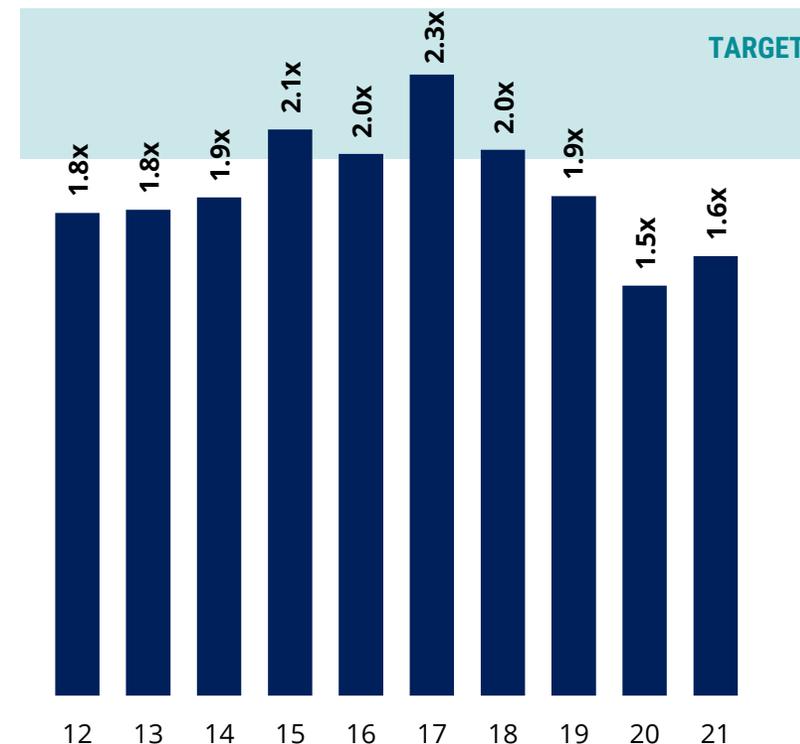
£m	DECEMBER 2021	DECEMBER 2020
Intangibles	2,766.8	2,441.9
Right-of-use assets	448.3	453.4
Property, plant and equipment	120.9	122.7
Working capital ¹	1,027.6	1,021.4
Other net liabilities	(364.8)	(323.0)
	3,998.8	3,716.4
Net pension surplus/(deficit)	31.2	(44.8)
Net debt excluding lease liabilities ¹	(1,337.4)	(1,255.0)
Lease liabilities	(488.7)	(497.5)
Equity	2,203.9	1,919.1
Net debt : EBITDA ¹	1.9x	1.8x
Net debt : EBITDA ¹ (covenant basis ²)	1.6x	1.5x
Return on invested capital ¹	15.1%	16.2%
Return on average operating capital ¹	43.3%	45.4%

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2. On a covenant basis - at average exchange rates and based on historical accounting standards, in accordance with Group's external debt covenants

Net debt : EBITDA^{1,2} over the last 10 years

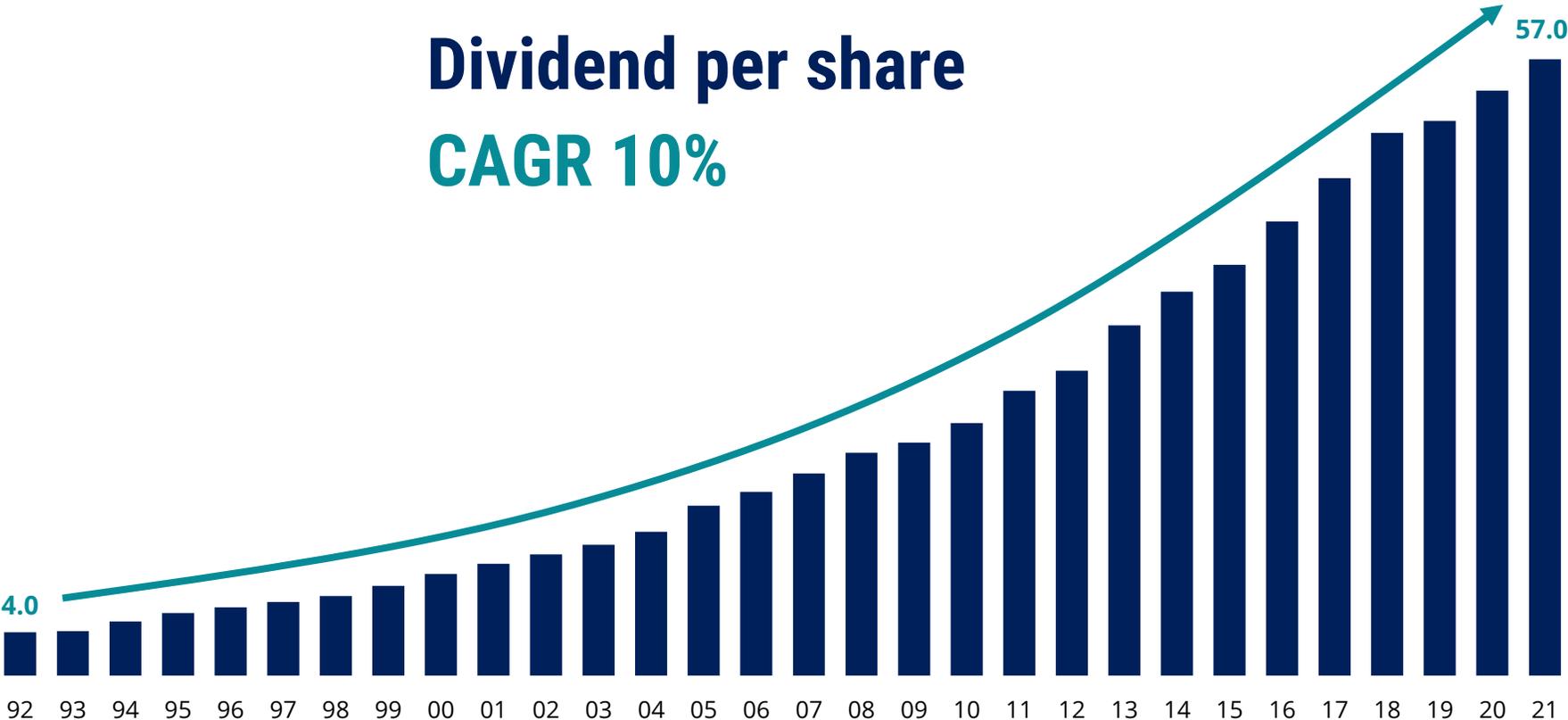


DIVIDEND GROWTH CONTINUES



Good dividend growth as dividend cover begins to normalise

29 years
of consecutive
dividend
increases



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Another strong year that positions Bunzl for continued success



- Strength and resilience of diversified business model demonstrated
- Strong double digit profit growth 2021 vs 2019
- £508 million of committed acquisition spend largely funded by cash generated in 2021
- Net debt to EBITDA in a strong position for continued acquisition investment
- 29th consecutive year of dividend growth, with 10% CAGR since 1992



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BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Frank van Zanten, Chief Executive Officer

DIVERSIFICATION DRIVES RESILIENCE

Sector mix transitioning to normalisation



Diversification has supported the business over a multi-year period

Healthcare, Safety and Cleaning & Hygiene impacted by reduced Covid-19 related sales in 2021 but remain higher than in 2019

Foodservice and Retail made a strong recovery in 2021

	2021 revenue as % of Group total	Underlying revenue 2021 vs. 2019	Underlying revenue 2021 vs. 2020
 Healthcare  Safety  Cleaning & Hygiene	33% vs 32% in 2019	 +10% vs 2019	 (12)% y-o-y Driven by the expected decline in Covid-19 related sales
 Grocery  Other	29% vs 28% in 2019	 +10% vs 2019	 +9% y-o-y
 Foodservice  Retail	38% vs 40% in 2019	 +6% vs. 2019	 +16% y-o-y

All sectors supported by Covid-19 related product sales

COVID-19 RELATED SALES



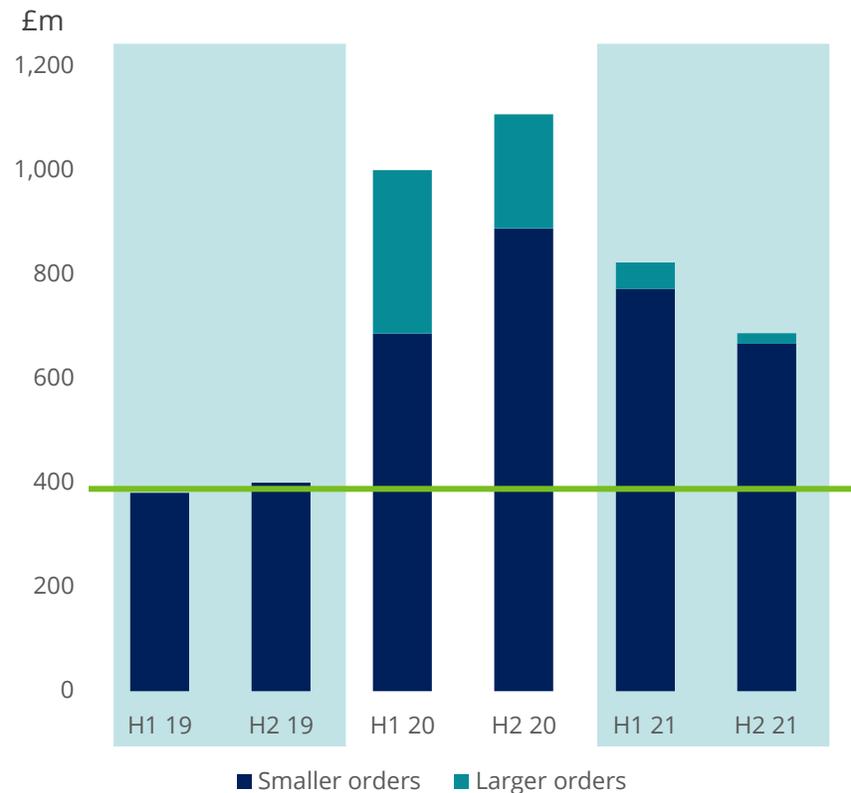
Sales reduced as expected but remain substantially higher than 2019

Covid-19 related products decline driven by fewer larger orders

Deflation on certain Covid-19 related products impacted H2 margin

Covid-19 related orders remain substantially higher than in 2019

Absolute Covid-19 related products¹ revenue



Note

1. Covid-19 related products are the top 8 Covid-19 related products, which are masks, sanitisers, disposable gloves, disinfectants, coveralls, disposable wipes, face shields and eye protection

- Glove prices stabilised towards the end of 2021 but will impact year-on-year comparison in the first half of 2022
- Bunzl's global sourcing capabilities, including Shanghai sourcing office, continues to be a competitive advantage
- **Expect Covid-19 related orders to remain ahead of 2019 levels in 2022**

RECOVERY OF THE BASE BUSINESS

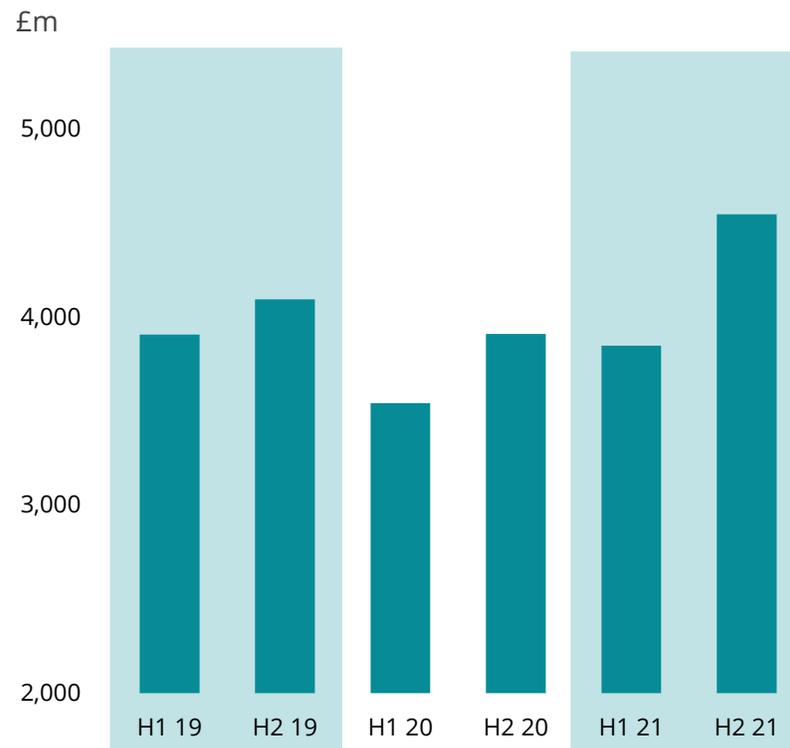


Base business recovery supported by inflation through 2021

2021 base business revenue broadly in-line with 2019, driven by inflation and recovery in H2

Foodservice, Grocery and Retail were the drivers of improvement over the year; Safety, Cleaning & Hygiene still impacted

Absolute base business¹ revenue



- Recovery led by North America and Latin America
- Foodservice, Retail and Grocery drove the improvement over the year, strongly supported by inflation
- Healthcare traded well compared to 2019
- Cleaning & Hygiene and Safety impacted by work from home and soft end safety markets

Note

1. Base business defined as underlying revenue, which is revenue excluding acquisitions made over the period and adjusted for trading days, excluding the top 8 Covid-19 related products

INFLATION



Product cost Inflation managed to date with successful pass-through

Inflation strongly supportive to revenue growth, with Covid-19 related inflation in H1 and base business inflation in H2

Operating cost inflation more than offset by revenue growth driven by product cost inflation and efficiency measures

Inflation dynamics somewhat supportive to operating margin

Product cost inflation

Covid-19 related products

Glove prices stabilising; Current prices will impact H1 22 revenue year-on-year

Base business

Strong inflation in plastics, paper and chemicals

Good progress in passing through product price inflation to customers

- With our largest customers, particularly in North America, product price movements often factored into agreements
- Elsewhere, regular price renegotiations required

Inflation remained strong to the end of the year, but some moderate tempering of plastic prices seen in some regions

Operating cost inflation

Wage inflation particularly strong in North America and UK & Ireland

- More benign impact in Continental Europe and Asia Pacific
- Started to stabilise in North America

Outbound freight inflation has risen, as has property cost inflation linked to lease expiries

Operating efficiency measures in 2021

Group continued to take actions to enhance efficiencies

- >15 warehouse consolidations
- UK & Ireland shared service roll-out with a range of new technologies implemented

NORTH AMERICA / CONTINENTAL EUROPE



Inflation supported North America; Europe saw growth excluding larger Covid orders

	North America				
£m	2021	2020	REPORTED	CONSTANT EXCHANGE	UNDERLYING
Revenue	6,144.7	5,843.8	5.1%	12.4%	9.2%
Adjusted operating profit ¹	401.3	395.7	1.4%	8.5%	
Operating margin ¹	6.5%	6.8%			
Return on average operating capital ¹	42.9%	41.3%			

	Continental Europe				
	2021	2020	REPORTED	CONSTANT EXCHANGE	UNDERLYING
Revenue	1,972.9	2,127.3	(7.3)%	(2.7)%	(5.7)%
Adjusted operating profit ¹	191.8	238.1	(19.4)%	(14.0)%	
Operating margin ¹	9.7%	11.2%			
Return on average operating capital ¹	47.3%	59.6%			

- Strong growth achieved despite the decline in Covid-19 related sales and impact of Covid-19 related deflation on margin
- Substantial product inflation, particularly in grocery and foodservice, and strong recovery in demand in foodservice and retail
- Overall, the base business in the second half traded strongly ahead of 2019 levels
- Operating cost inflation accelerated through the year but was more than offset by revenue growth attributable to product inflation
- Overall, revenue in 2021 was 20% higher than in 2019²

- Revenue and profit decline driven by limited larger Covid-19 related orders which strongly benefited the prior year
- Excluding larger Covid-19 related orders underlying sales grew moderately, supported by inflation and growth in the base business
- Strong growth in foodservice and non-food retail base businesses, but soft cleaning & hygiene and safety end markets
- Profit margin reduction reflects the return towards a more normalised revenue mix, driven by the reduction in larger Covid-19 related orders
- Overall, revenue in 2021 was 12% higher than in 2019²

Notes

1. Alternative performance measure - see Appendix 1

2. At constant exchange rates

UK & IRELAND / REST OF THE WORLD



Good second half recovery in UK & Ireland; strong growth in Latin America

	UK & Ireland				
£m	2021	2020	REPORTED	CONSTANT EXCHANGE	UNDERLYING
Revenue	1,254.2	1,287.7	(2.6)%	(2.4)%	(6.2)%
Adjusted operating profit ¹	67.0	68.6	(2.3)%	(2.2)%	
Operating margin ¹	5.3%	5.3%			
Return on average operating capital ¹	38.4%	41.4%			

	Rest of the World				
	2021	2020	REPORTED	CONSTANT EXCHANGE	UNDERLYING
	913.3	852.3	7.2%	11.0%	4.7%
	116.5	104.2	11.8%	18.3%	
	12.8%	12.2%			
	48.9%	50.9%			

- Revenue performance driven by the decline in larger Covid-19 related orders which strongly benefited the prior year
- Excluding larger Covid-19 related orders, good underlying sales growth driven by acceleration of recovery in the second half
- By Q4 the base business was approaching 2019 levels, supported by inflation
- Margin impact from reduced Covid-19 related sales offset by reduced net charge in relation to provisions and improvement in the base business; meaningful improvement in operating margin in H2
- Overall revenue in 2021 was 1% higher than in 2019², with the second half of the year being 6% higher than in 2019

- Rest of the World delivered very strong growth despite the strength of performance in the prior year
- Growth driven by Latin America with strength in the base business, which traded very strongly ahead of 2019 levels, and acquisitions
- Latin America operating margin was impacted by Covid-19 related product deflation in the second half
- Asia Pacific revenue grew modestly with acquisitions and base business growth offset by a decline in Covid-19 related orders. Operating margin expansion due to strong growth within healthcare and warehouse consolidations
- Overall revenue in 2021 was 34% higher than in 2019²

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2. At constant exchange rates

2021 ACQUISITIONS SNAPSHOT



Second highest level of committed spend in Bunzl history

Acquisitions in 2021

14

Second highest level of committed spend in Bunzl history, despite pandemic

£508m

Acquisitions delivering to plan



- McCue Corporation acquired in October 2021
- Distributor of safety and asset protection solutions, such as barriers, floor railings and bumpers, for warehouses and high footfall environments
- Operates in the US, UK and other international markets
- Revenue of \$90 million (c.£65 million) in 12 months to July 2021



- Medshop acquired in September 2021
- Online distributor of medical supplies and devices to a diverse range of healthcare customers, predominately in Australia
- Revenue in 2020 of AUD 22 million (c.£12 million)



- Intergro acquired in September 2021
- Distributor of agricultural supplies to commercial growers in the Eastern US with a strong own brand portfolio
- Revenue of \$23 million (£17 million) in 2020



- Workwear Express acquired in October 2021
- A leading business in personalised workwear and promotional clothing with a strong e-commerce focus, based in the UK
- Revenue £29 million in 12 months to March 2021



- Hydropac acquired in November 2021
- Distributor of insulated packaging solutions based in the UK
- Revenue of £7 million in 2020



- Tingley Rubber acquired in December 2021
- Distributor of own brand protective safety footwear and apparel in the US
- Revenue of \$68 million (c.£49 million) in 2021

CONTINUED ACQUISITION MOMENTUM

Almost £1 billion of committed spend over 2020 and 2021



Acquisitions over 2020 and 2021

22 announced acquisitions with almost £1 billion of committed spend

Acquisitions across all Bunzl business areas and weighted to safety, cleaning & hygiene and healthcare sectors

Some larger fast growing businesses within the mix

Companies acquired in 2020 and 2021

North America



UK & Ireland



Continental Europe



Latin America



Australasia



ACQUISITIONS A KEY COMPONENT OF HISTORIC SUCCESS



Momentum and headroom supportive to future growth

Acquisition contribution to revenue growth since 2011

c.2/3

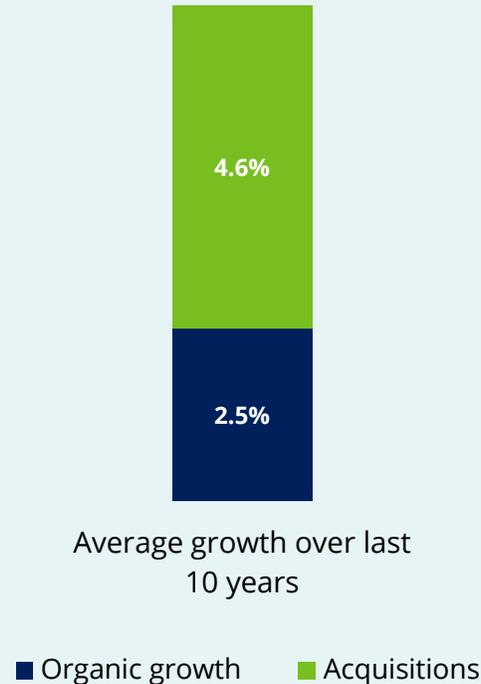
Significant committed spend over 2020 and 2021

c.£1 billion

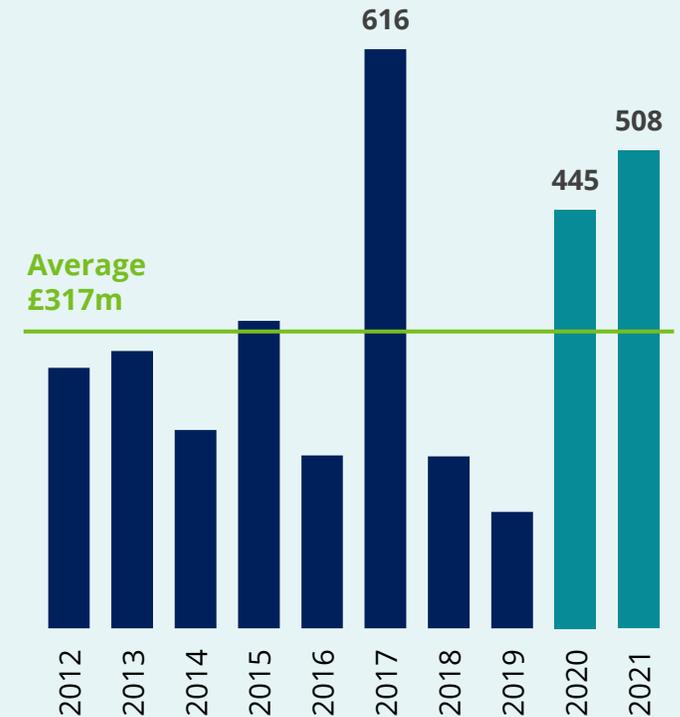
Active pipeline

Leverage and annual cash generation provides significant headroom for further investment

Average components of revenue growth over last 10 years



Committed acquisition spend over the last 10 years (£m)



GROUP PACKAGING SNAPSHOT

Strong position to continue to support customers with the transition

£0.2bn (2%)

Consumables facing regulation

£0.8bn (8%)

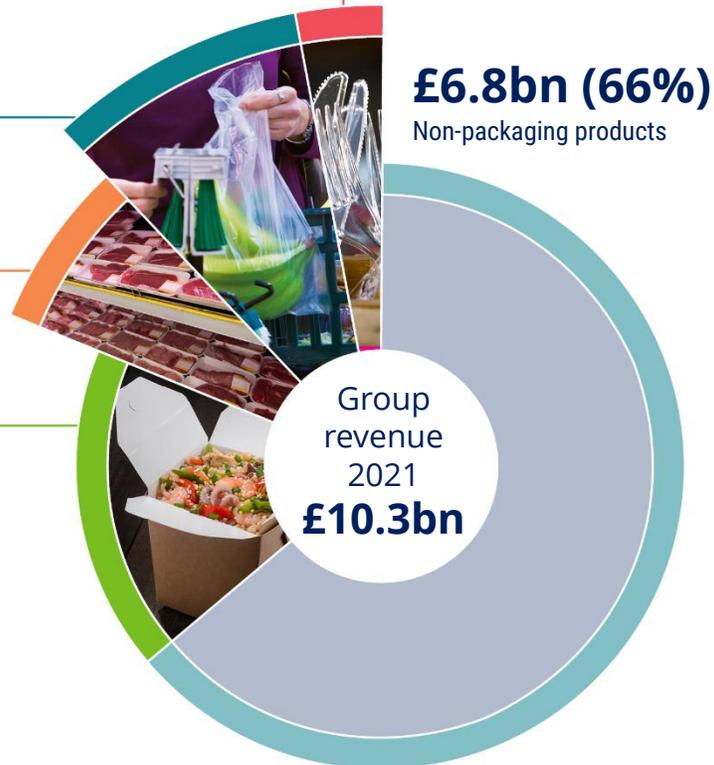
Consumables likely to transition

£0.7bn (6%)

Packaging with an important purpose

£1.8bn (18%)

Packaging and products made from alternative materials



Only 2% of revenue generated by consumables facing regulation

- 84% of Group revenue attributable to non-packaging products or packaging products made from alternative materials that are well suited to a circular economy
- 2021 picture is broadly consistent with 2019, supported by inflation
- Covid caused a move back to single use plastics for hygiene reasons which is expected to be temporary
- Growth in packaging made from alternative products in 2021 due to customers transitioning, regulatory changes and shortages of plastic products

Notes

- Packaging refers to packaging and other products within the foodservice, grocery and retail sectors which are facing legislation or consumer pressure
- We have continued to exercise our judgement to allocate the sales in 2021 to non-packaging products and the four packaging categories shown
- See appendix 5 for explanations of packaging categorisations

HOW WE ARE SUPPORTING CUSTOMERS



Proactively supporting our customers with new legislation and targets

Helping customers meet their plastics ambitions

- In 2020, Empire, Canada's second largest grocery retailer, and parent company of Sobeys, Safeway, IGA, Foodland, FreshCo and many other food retail brands in Canada became **the first national grocer in Canada to replace single use plastic shopping bags** with reusable and paper bags across their banners
- Today Bunzl's **multiple supplier relationships** are a strong advantage in offering a complete solution to replace more than **800 million** plastic bags annually
- Bunzl's inventory management provided further **reassurance around product availability during launch**
- In order to manage costs within the category we identified **cost saving opportunities**
 - Implementation of an upgraded digital platform for all their one-stop-shop needs



Providing value-added advice ahead of UK plastics and waste tax changes

- In 2022 the UK is introducing a **plastic tax** on products that have less than 30% recycled content
- We have been **proactively assessing our customer's portfolios** utilising our **proprietary technology** to assess the potential financial impact to them
- We are **supporting ways to mitigate** these costs through potential changes to products



PROGRESS AGAINST OUR SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENTS



Tailored solutions for a better world

Better packaging solutions

Today: We are committed to supporting our customers to remove, replace and reduce single use plastics

In 2021:

- 2% of Group revenues relate to consumables facing regulation
- 84% of Group revenue attributable to non-packaging products or packaging¹ products made from alternative materials

Tomorrow: Significantly increase the amount of recyclable, compostable or reusable packaging supplied to our customers

Responsible supply chain

Today: Our supply chain in Asia is covered by direct auditing and assurance practices²

In 2021:

- 754 audits in Asia
- 10 suppliers terminated

Tomorrow: Expanding our programme to ensure 90% of our spend in high-risk markets is sourced from assessed and compliant suppliers

Investing in our people

Today: We are focused on engagement and diverse leadership succession

In 2021:

- Initiatives have driven a strong improvement in the UK & Ireland, with women comprising 22% of senior leader roles vs. 13% in 2019
- Encouraging retention levels despite labour market tightness

Tomorrow: Expanding our diversity programmes to encourage leaders from a more diverse pool of talent

Focus on Climate Change

Today: Our consolidation model supports carbon efficiency

In 2021:

- 12% reduction in carbon intensity³
- Joined the Race to Zero

Tomorrow: 50% more efficient by 2030³ (compared to 2019 baseline) and net zero by 2050, inclusive of scope 3, at the latest⁴

Notes

1. Packaging refers to packaging and other products within the foodservice, grocery and retail sectors which are facing legislation or consumer pressure
2. Asia is the most significant market by spend within regions that are classified as high risk
3. Scope 1 and 2 emissions
4. Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions

STRENGTH THROUGH THE PANDEMIC



Pandemic has highlighted the strength of Bunzl's business model and strategy

Financial performance 2021 vs. 2019

- Revenue **+17%** higher¹, with underlying revenue² **+9%** higher¹
- Adjusted operating profit³ **+23%** higher¹
- Mix of sector and product revenue provided resilience through the period
- Average of **102%** cash conversion; Free Cash Flow **+15%** higher at actual exchange rates
- **Two further years** of consecutive dividend per share growth

Continued strategic progress

- Almost **£1bn** of committed acquisition spend over 2020 and 2021
- Percentage of digital orders increased from **62%** in 2019 to **67%** in 2021
- **84%** of Group revenues in 2021 generated by non-packaging products and packaging⁴ products made from alternative materials
- Strength of employee engagement with **88%** having a strong commitment to Bunzl
- Launch of **sustainability commitments**, including net zero carbon ambition

Attractive outlook

- Exited 2021 with net debt: EBITDA^{3,5} of **1.6x** compared to target level of 2.0-2.5x
- Active acquisition pipeline
- Continued support of Covid-19 related products through transitional period
- Longer-term attractive sector exposure

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2. Underlying revenue is a measure of revenue over comparative periods at constant exchange rates, excluding the incremental impact of acquisitions and disposals and adjusted for differences in trading days between years

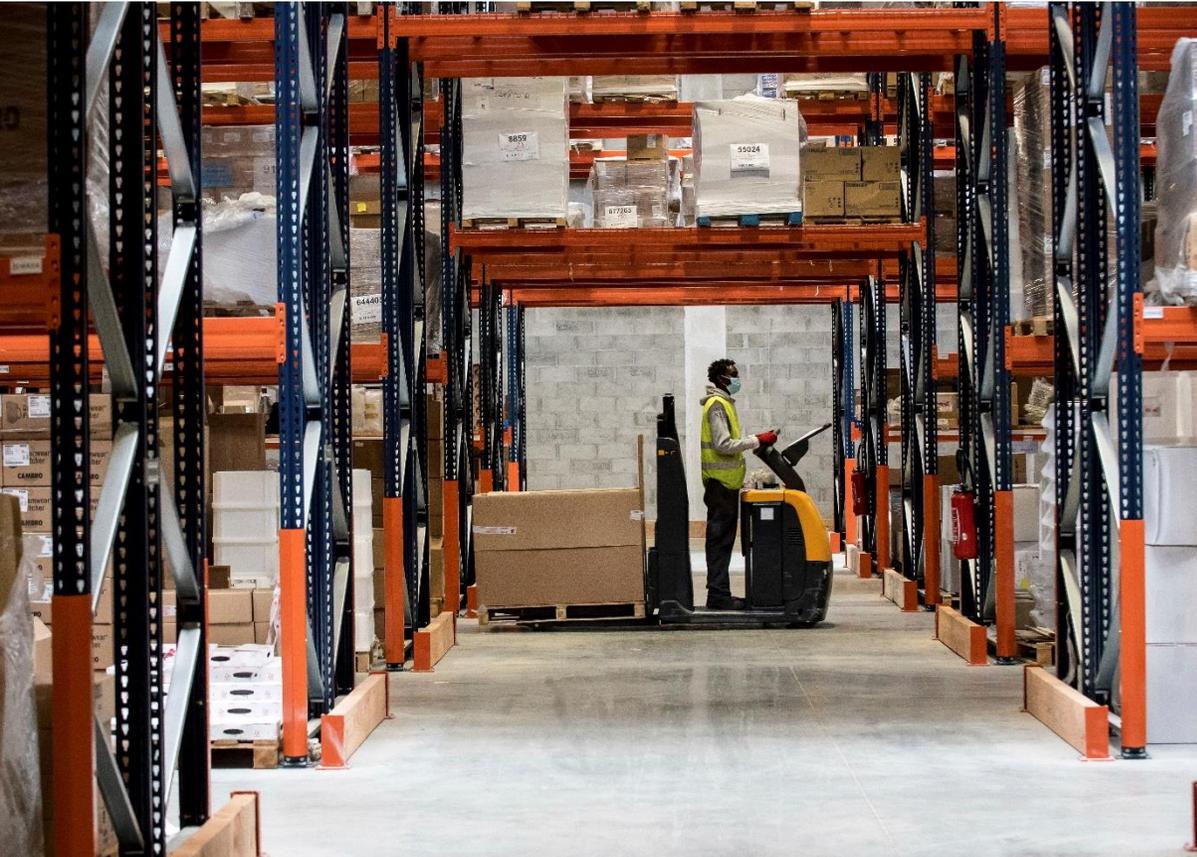
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5. At average exchange rates and based on historical accounting standards, in accordance with Group's external debt covenants

2022 OUTLOOK

Guidance upgraded compared to pre-close statement



- Expect moderate revenue growth¹ in 2022, driven by the impact of acquisitions completed in the last 12 months and supported by a slight increase in organic revenue
- Continued recovery of the base business expected to be offset by the further normalisation of sales of Covid-19 related products, albeit these are expected to remain ahead of 2019 levels
- Inflation support in plastics, paper and chemical products and the year-on-year impact of deflation on certain Covid-19 related products expected to remain dynamics within our performance
- We also expect Group operating margin² in 2022 to be slightly higher than historical levels, as the mix of sector and product sales continues to transition to more typical levels for the Group

Notes

1. At constant exchange
2. Alternative performance measure - see Appendix 1

CONSISTENT AND PROVEN COMPOUNDING STRATEGY



Strong total shareholder returns

Proven track record

Strong returns and cash generation	Organic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Driven by economic activity – Bunzl's drivers include exposure to growing sectors, winning new customers, own brand mix and sustainable products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – +9% revenue CAGR since 2004 – 2.5% organic revenue growth (average 2004-2021)
	Operational efficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Proactive operational efficiency initiatives – Includes warehouse consolidations, improved IT and digital solutions and route planning software that drives efficiencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 98% average cash conversion since 2004
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisitions Dividend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 183 acquisitions since 2004 – Attractive pipeline for acquisitions with long runway for growth – Commitment to sustainable annual dividend growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – £4.4bn invested in new acquisitions since 2004 – 29 years of annual dividend growth – ROIC well ahead of WACC

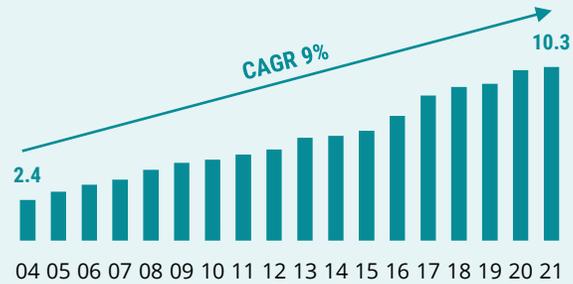


Note: 1. Alternative performance measure

**Proven
compounding
growth strategy
CAGR**

c.9-10%

Revenue (£bn)



Adjusted operating profit¹ (£m)



Adjusted EPS¹ (p)



Dividend per Share (p)



Note: 1. Alternative performance measure





Appendices

APPENDIX 1

Alternative performance measures



This presentation includes various performance measures defined under International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') as well as a number of alternative performance measures. The principal alternative performance measures used in this presentation are:

Underlying revenue growth - Revenue excluding the incremental impact of acquisitions and disposals compared to revenue in prior years at constant exchange and adjusted for differences in trading days between years

Adjusted operating profit - Operating profit before customer relationships and brands amortisation, acquisition related items, non-recurring pension scheme charges and profit or loss on disposal of businesses

Operating margin - Adjusted operating profit as a percentage of revenue

Adjusted profit before income tax - Profit before income tax, customer relationships and brands amortisation, acquisition related items, non-recurring pension scheme charges and profit or loss on disposal of businesses

Adjusted profit for the period - Profit for the year before customer relationships and brands amortisation, acquisition related items, non-recurring pension scheme charges, profit or loss on disposal of businesses and the associated tax

Effective tax rate - Tax on adjusted profit before income tax as a percentage of adjusted profit before income tax

Adjusted earnings per share - Adjusted profit for the year divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue

Adjusted diluted earnings per share - Adjusted profit for the year divided by the diluted weighted average number of ordinary shares

Operating cash flow - Cash generated from operations before acquisition related items after deducting purchases of property, plant and equipment and software and adding back the proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment and software and deducting the payment of lease liabilities

Free cash flow - Operating cash flow after deducting payments for income tax and net interest excluding interest on lease liabilities

Lease adjusted operating profit - Adjusted operating profit after adding back the depreciation of right-of-use assets and deducting the payment of lease liabilities

Cash conversion - Operating cash flow as a percentage of lease adjusted operating profit

Working capital - Inventories and trade and other receivables less trade and other payables, excluding non-operating related receivables, non-operating related payables (including those relating to acquisition payments) and dividends payable

Return on average operating capital - The ratio of adjusted operating profit to the average of the month end operating capital employed (being property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, software, inventories and trade and other receivables less trade and other payables)

Return on invested capital - The ratio of adjusted operating profit to the average of the month end invested capital (being equity after adding back net debt, lease liabilities, net defined benefit pension scheme liabilities, cumulative customer relationships and brands amortisation, acquisition related items and amounts written off goodwill, net of the associated tax)

EBITDA - Adjusted operating profit on a historical GAAP basis, before depreciation of property, plant and equipment and software amortisation and after adjustments as permitted by the Group's debt covenants, principally to exclude share option charges and to annualise for the effect of acquisitions and disposal of businesses

Net debt excluding lease liabilities - Net debt excluding the carrying value of lease liabilities

Constant exchange rates - Growth rates at constant exchange rates are calculated by retranslating the results for prior years at the average rates for the year ended 31 December 2021 so that they can be compared without the distorting impact of changes caused by foreign exchange translation

APPENDIX 2

Statutory P&L



£m	2021	2020
Revenue	10,285.1	10,111.1
Adjusted operating profit ¹	752.8	778.4
Operating margin ¹	7.3%	7.7%
Adjusting items	(129.5)	(159.9)
Operating profit	623.3	618.5
Net finance expense	(54.6)	(62.8)
Profit before income tax	568.7	555.7
Reported tax rate	22.1%	22.6%
Profit for the year	442.8	430.0
Basic earnings per share	132.7	128.8p

Notes

1. Alternative performance measure – see Appendix 1

APPENDIX 3

Acquisition growth



183
acquisitions

£375m
Average annual
spend in last 5
years¹

	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Number of acquisitions	7	7	9	8	7	2	9	10	13	11	17	22	14	15	6	3	9	14
Committed acquisition spend (£m)	302	129	162	197	123	6	126	185	277	295	211	327	184	616	183	124	445	508
Annualised acquisition revenue (£m)	430	270	386	225	151	27	154	204	518	281	223	324	201	621	148	97	602	322

Notes:

1. Average annual spend for the five years over 2017 - 2021

APPENDIX 4

Revenue by customer markets in 2021



Safety

Personal protection and safety equipment, including gloves, boots, hard hats, ear and eye protection and other workwear, as well as cleaning and hygiene supplies and asset protection products to industrial, construction and ecommerce sectors

Cleaning & hygiene

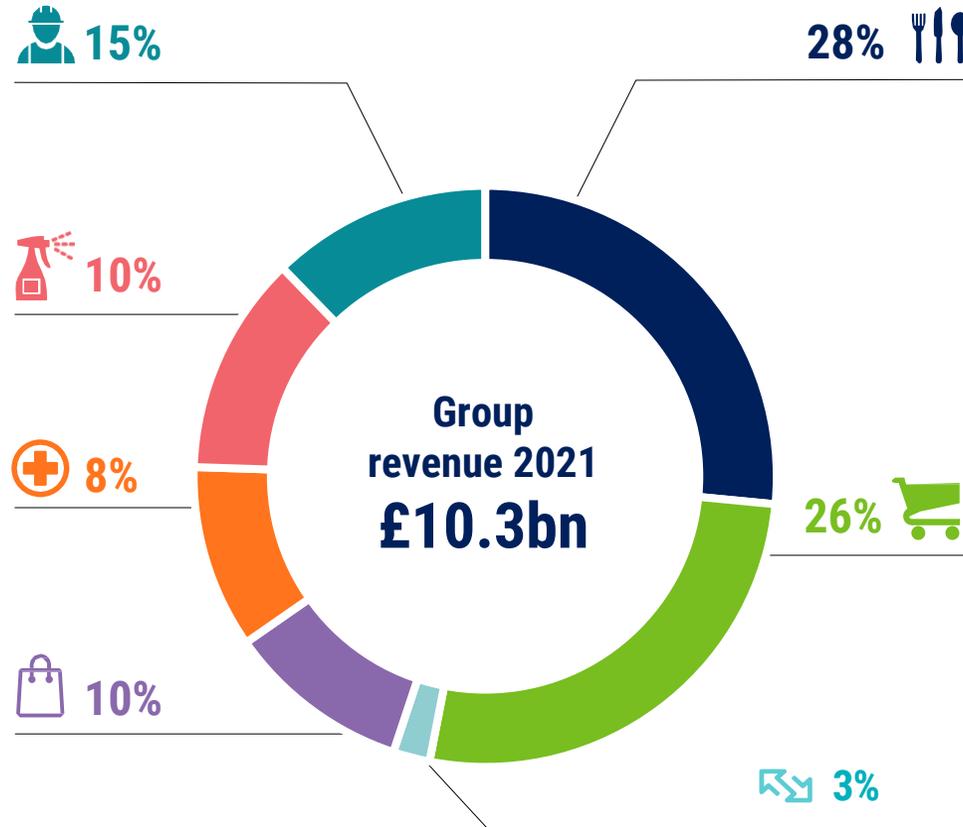
Cleaning and hygiene materials, including chemicals and hygiene paper, to cleaning and facilities management companies and industrial and public sector customers

Healthcare

Healthcare consumables, including gloves, masks, swabs, gowns, bandages and other healthcare related equipment, as well as cleaning and hygiene products and healthcare devices to hospitals, care homes and other facilities serving the healthcare sector

Retail

Goods-not-for-resale, including packaging and other store supplies and a full range of cleaning and hygiene products, to retail chains, boutiques, department stores, home improvement chains, office supply companies and related e-commerce sales channels



Foodservice

Non-food consumables, including food packaging, disposable tableware, guest amenities, catering equipment, agricultural supplies, cleaning and hygiene products and safety items, to hotels, restaurants, contract caterers, food processors, commercial growers and the leisure sector

Grocery

Goods-not-for-resale, including food packaging, films, labels, cleaning and hygiene supplies and personal protection equipment to grocery stores, supermarkets and convenience stores

Other

A variety of product ranges to other end user markets

APPENDIX 5

Packaging categorisations



Packaging categories

Description



1. Consumable products facing regulation

Plastic products most commonly being addressed by legislation in our markets



2. Consumable products likely to transition to alternative materials

Plastic products that have measures in place (driven by legislation or voluntarily applied by some brands) to control their usage, for example a charge for using plastic bags



3. Packaging with an important purpose

Plastic products where alternatives do not currently exist at scale or where careless substitution of plastic could lead to significant negative, unintended consequences such as increased food waste



4. Packaging and products made from alternative materials

Products that are widely recyclable or compostable (in line with national guidance), made from a renewable resource, for example palm leaf or sugar cane, or reusable products like 'bags for life' or refillable coffee cups

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