## ToppsTiles



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## Introduction

## Matthew Williams <br> Chief Executive Officer

## HY16 Highlights

| Financial performance | - Sales of $£ 108.0 \mathrm{~m},+4.7 \%$ LFL <br> - Adj profit before tax $£ 10.3 \mathrm{~m},+13.2 \%$ <br> - Interim dividend @ 1.0pps, +33.3\% |
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| Range | - Strengthened specialist focus <br> - Design led NPD, innovation, exclusives <br> - Hero ranges - Spaces ${ }^{T \mathrm{TM}}$ |
| Convenience | - Lab stores roll outs/roll backs <br> - Target of 450 UK stores <br> - Further trade channel progress |
| Inspiration | - World class customer service <br> - NPS - top five in UK retail <br> - Natural service - largest ever training initiative |

# Financial Performance 

## Rob Parker <br> Chief Financial Officer

## Income Statement Highlights - Adjusted

## 26 weeks ended 2 April 2016

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|  | HY 16 | HY 15 | YoY |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales - £m | 108.0 | 104.0 | $+3.8 \%$ |
| Gross Profit - £m | 66.5 | 63.2 | $+5.2 \%$ |
| Gross Margin \% | $61.5 \%$ | $60.7 \%$ | +80 bps |
| Adjusted Opex - £m | $(55.6)$ | $(53.5)$ | $+3.9 \%$ |
| Adjusted Operating Profit - £m | 10.9 | 9.6 | $+13.5 \%$ |
| Adjusted Interest - £m | $(0.6)$ | $(0.6)$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Adjusted PBT - £m | $\mathbf{1 0 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{+ 1 3 . 2 \%}$ |
| Adjusted Net Margin \% | $9.5 \%$ | $8.8 \%$ | $\mathbf{+ 7 0 b p s}$ |
| Adjusted EPS - pence | $\mathbf{4 . 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{+ 1 5 . 5 \%}$ |

- Strong sales growth of $+4.7 \%$ on a LFL basis
- Gross margin grown by 80bps, including strong trade performance
- Adjusted PBT of $£ 10.3 m,+13.2 \%$
- Interim dividend of 1.0 pence per share, $+33 \%$


## Margin Performance



- Half year gross margin of $61.5 \%,+30$ bps vs $\operatorname{FY} 15,+80$ bp vs HY15
- Includes dilution from growth of lower margin trade business - now c.51\% of mix
- Underlying gains driven from supply chain, new product development and own brand/exclusivity
- Further modest gains expected into 2017 - supported by exit from wood range


## Adjusted Operating Expenditure Bridge

26 weeks ended 2 April 2016


- Adjusted opex increased by $£ 2.1$ m
- New space reflects increase in average number of stores from 336 to 342 yoy
- Inflation of c. 1.5\%
- Depreciation costs rise in line with recent higher capital expenditure
- Profit share increase reflects company performance
- Marketing driven by phasing of activity yoy


## Operating Leverage \& Net Margin

| £m | HY 2015 | Incremental | HY 2016 | YoY |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales | 104.0 | 4.0 | 108.0 | $3.9 \%$ |
| Gross Profit | 63.2 | 3.3 | 66.5 | $5.2 \%$ |
| Gross Margin | $60.7 \%$ | $81.5 \%$ | $61.5 \%$ | +80 bps |
| Adj Operating Profit | 9.7 | 1.2 | 10.9 | $12.3 \%$ |
| Operating Margin | $9.3 \%$ | $29.7 \%$ | $10.1 \%$ | +80 bps |
| Adj PBT | 9.1 | 1.2 | 10.3 | $13.1 \%$ |
| Net margin | $8.8 \%$ | $29.7 \%$ | $9.5 \%$ | $+70 b p s$ |

- Operating margin and net margin has improved by 80bps yoy
- Key driver is growth in gross margin, combined with sustained sales growth and modest cost growth
- Target of 25\% incremental operating margin remains, $30 \%$ delivered in H 1


## Balance Sheet Highlights

2 April 2016

| £m | HY 2016 | HY 2015 | YoY |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inventory | 27.2 | 30.4 | $-10.5 \%$ |
| Stock Days | 121 | 141 | $-14.2 \%$ |
| Net Assets | 12.9 | 4.6 | $+180 \%$ |
| Cash | 11.6 | 14.0 | $-17.1 \%$ |
| Borrowings | 40.0 | 45.0 | $-11.1 \%$ |
| Net Debt | 28.4 | 31.0 | $-8.4 \%$ |

- Inventory down on prior year, days cover also reducing as sales grow
- Net assets position continues to strengthen
- Net debt position in line with year end, further reduction in drawn facilities during the period


## Cash Flow Highlights

| Summary Cashflow | HY 16 |  | HY 1.5 |  | YoY |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m | £m |
| Cashflows from operating activities (EBITDA) | 13.8 |  | 12.6 |  | 1.2 |  |
| Change in working capital | $(0.4)$ |  | $(1.9)$ |  | 1.5 |  |
| Interest | $(0.4)$ |  | $(1.3)$ |  | 0.9 |  |
| Tax | $(1.9)$ |  | $(1.8)$ |  | $(0.1)$ |  |
| Operations |  | $\mathbf{1 1 . 0}$ |  | $\mathbf{7 . 6}$ |  | $\mathbf{3 . 4}$ |


| Capital Expenditure | $(4.7)$ |  | $(5.2)$ |  | 0.5 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Proceeds from disposals | 0.0 |  | 0.6 |  | $(0.6)$ |  |
| Purchase of own shares | $(2.0)$ |  | $(0.5)$ |  | $(1.5)$ |  |
| Other | 0.0 |  | 0.1 |  | $(0.1)$ |  |
| Investments |  | $\mathbf{( 6 . 7 )}$ |  | $\mathbf{( 5 . 0 )}$ |  | $\mathbf{( 1 . 7 )}$ |


| Dividends | $(4.4)$ |  | $(3.1)$ |  | $(1.3)$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Movement in loans | $(5.0)$ |  | $(5.0)$ |  | 0.0 |  |
| Financing |  | $\mathbf{( 9 . 4 )}$ |  | $\mathbf{( 8 . 1 )}$ |  | $\mathbf{( 1 . 3 )}$ |
| Net movement in cash |  | $\mathbf{( 5 . 0 )}$ |  | $\mathbf{( 5 . 5 )}$ |  | $\mathbf{0 . 5}$ |

## Outlook

- Closure of legacy tax enquiries - c. $£ 4 \mathrm{~m}$ remains outstanding with HMRC
- Capex outlook remains at $£ 10 m-£ 12 m$ (subject to any freehold acquisition)


# Strategy \& Operations 

## Matthew Williams <br> Chief Executive Officer

## Market Backdrop




## The UK Tile Market - 2015

The UK tile market is split into two end-use segments:

- Domestic/RMI - principally refurbishment of residential properties (c.55\%)
- Commercial/new build - infrastructure projects, small business and new build domestic properties (c.45\%)

The UK Tile Market is valued at RSP c. $£ 640 \mathrm{~m}$


## Strategy "Out Specialising the Specialists"



- 5 year plan focussed on profitable sales growth
- 'Out Specialising the Specialists' continues to have significant potential
- Access small business segment of the commercial market through existing channels
- New Product Development continues to deliver range advantage and is a key margin driver
- Continuous design led innovation with more than one new range launched a week into our stores and online
- Closer collaboration / enhanced relationships with selected suppliers
- Focus on exclusivity, own brand and protecting ranges is key to success
- Wood exit being progressed in the summer 2016 - further reinforces our specialist credentials

- Topps' buyers work with the leading manufacturers to develop tile designs currently focussed on four key themes:
- Statements (ethnic, stripes, geometrics)
- Raw Comfort (outdoor to in, industrial, upcycled)
- Simply Minimal (minimal shades, open plan, lighting, clear lines)
- Luxurious Living (sumptuous, precious metals, elegance)
- Technology is key enabler of accessibility
- This has driven excellent coverage in the key home improvement magazines



## IdealHome

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- Extending applications of our range with the introduction of the "Spaces ${ }^{\top M "}$ indoor/outdoor range
- Range available in marble, stone, patterned and wood effect options
- Outdoor tile utilises unique Serafoam ${ }^{\circledR}$ technology creating a 40 mm thick lightweight, easy to lay product which is exclusive in the UK market

- Opportunity for up to 450 UK stores
- 342 stores trading at period end - growth target of 10 to 15 per annum
- Continued development of core format informs investment in existing store estate
- Estimated 15 full refits per annum
- Annual programme of all store improvements
- Target of 2 year cash payback on all investments
- Look \& feel of stores driving brand re-appraisal

- Increased focus on trade channel to ensure we are well placed to exploit 'do it for me' trend and optimise availability
- Trade channel sales now $51 \%$ of mix with continued growth expected
- Relationship with store team remains key foundation
- Our growing trade rewards programme now has over 15,000 traders redeeming $£ 20$ vouchers to spend or use against 'trade-up' products
- $60 \%$ of all trade channel sales linked to rewards programme

- High customer service requirement - infrequent purchase, no recognisable brands and limited product knowledge
- Customer journey often starts online and is a key aspect of inspiration and customer appraisal
- Our world-class customer service continues to be at the heart of an inspirational in-store customer experience
- NPS score of $69 \%$ - ranks us within top 5 of UK retailers

- Service ethic engrained in our culture
- Colleague engagement and development key areas of focus
- At Topps service has always meant being honest, knowledgeable and helpful, but never ever pushy
- Delivering biggest ever training programme - focussed on "natural" service and being THE specialist
- Rewarding service and performance are key to Topps' DNA - all colleagues participate in profit share schemes



## Summary \& Outlook

- Continuing to grow ahead of the market
- Current trading -7 weeks to 21 May 2016
- Like-for-like revenue growth +8.4\%
- Earlier Easter favourable impact of c.1.1\%
- Sources of future growth
- Market indicators positive
- LFL growth driven by strategy of "Out-specialising the specialists"
- Further growth in portfolio - up to 450 UK stores
- Exploration of broader commercial opportunities

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## Appendix

## Income Statement Highlights - Statutory

|  | HY 16 | HY 15 | YoY |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adjusted PBT - £m | 10.3 | 9.1 | $+13.2 \%$ |
| Adjustments - £m | $(0.4)$ | $(0.1)$ | n/a |
| MTM (FX) $-£ m$ | 0.2 | 0.1 | n/a |
| PBT - £m | 10.1 | 9.1 | $+11.0 \%$ |
| Adj Net Margin \% | $9.5 \%$ | $8.8 \%$ | $+70 b p s$ |
| Tax \% | $20.3 \%$ | $21.8 \%$ | n/a |
| PAT - £m | 8.0 | 7.1 | $+12.7 \%$ |
| EPS - pence | 4.12 | 3.67 | $+12.2 \%$ |
| Interim dividend - pence | 1.00 | 0.75 | $+33.3 \%$ |

- Adjusting items includes one off costs relating to the centralisation of support functions onto one site in Leicester and exit of the Topps Clearance brand
- Statutory PBT of $£ 10.1 \mathrm{~m}, 11.0 \%$ increase

