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Annual Results Presentation For the twelve months ended 31 December 2017

28 February 2018





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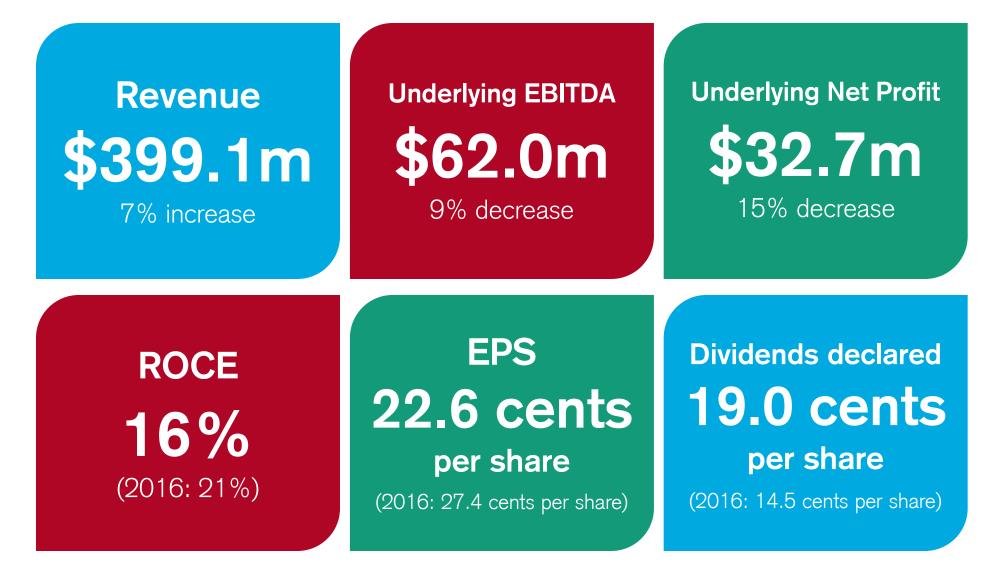
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#### **SCALES BY THE NUMBERS**



### **STRATEGIC AND OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS**

Mr Apple export volumes of 3.5m TCEs consistent with 2016 record volumes, like-for-like production only 5% less than 2016.



**OceanAir acquired** in August 2017, adding new locations and expertise in the freight forwarding and logistics business.



**Continued development in our markets, brands and new varieties:** working alongside customers to identify and satisfy their needs, particularly in the Asia markets.



TEUs shipped and airfreight tonnes handled by Storage & Logistics up 19% and 88% respectively compared to 2016: being 29,481 TEUs and 6.2M tonnes.



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**Petfood Ingredients sales volumes up 20% on 2016,** being 27,663M tonnes.

Further development in Sustainability and Health & Safety, including the appointment of a dedicated Group role.

Scales – 2017 Full Year Results

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### **GROUP FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

- Revenue \$399.1m, up 7% on 2016:
  - Solid revenue growth from Storage & Logistics and Food Ingredients divisions.
  - Horticulture revenue in line with 2016 following successful integration of Longview.
- Underlying\* EBITDA \$62.0m, at the top end of previously provided guidance:
  - Increased on-orchard costs (e.g. spraying, storage) as a result of inclement weather impacted Horticulture gross margins.
- Underlying NPAT \$32.7m.
- Reported NPAT of \$31.8m after deducting non-cash IFRS adjustments.

Income Statement				
	20	2017		16
\$ Millions	Actual	Growth %	Actual	Growth 9
Revenue Cost of Sales	399.1 (287.1)	7%	373.9 (262.5)	24%
Underlying Gross Margin ** Underlying Gross Margin %	<b>112.0</b>	1%	(202.0) <b>111.5</b> 30%	4%
Underlying EBITDA	62.0	-9%	67.9	11%
Underlying EBIT	47.8	-14%	55.8	11%
Underlying Net Profit After tax impact of:	32.7	-15%	38.6	11%
Non-cash IFRS adjustments	(1.0)		(0.5)	
Net Profit	31.8	-17%	38.2	6%
Capital employed*** Return on capital employed ***	307.5 16%		271.1 21%	

#### \* Underlying Results exclude all International Financial reporting Standards (IFRS) non-cash adjustments (most notably fair value or revaluation gains and mark-to-market gains or losses on FX contracts not exercised during the period). Management and the Board believe that Underlying results more accurately demonstrate the change in operational performance of the Group.

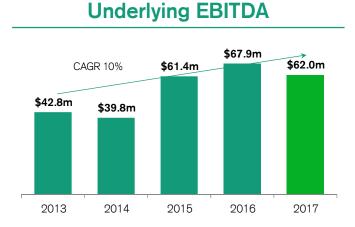
\*\* Underlying gross margin excludes fair value gains relating to Mr Apple's unharvested crop.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Capital Employed and Return on Capital Employed in 2016 excludes capital employed and net losses from the Longview acquisition which, due to the timing of the acquisition, did not contribute to 2016 profits. Longview has been included in the 2017 calculation.



#### HISTORIC AND DIVISIONAL TRENDS

- Underlying EBITDA and NPAT have increased at CAGRs of 10% and 13% respectively.
- Underlying divisional EBITDAs have also increased at CAGRs of between 8% and 14%.



#### Underlying NPAT \$38.6m \$38.6m \$32.7m \$20.0m \$19.8m \$39.6m \$32.7m \$32.7m \$20.0m \$19.8m \$2013 \$2014 \$2015 \$2016 \$2017

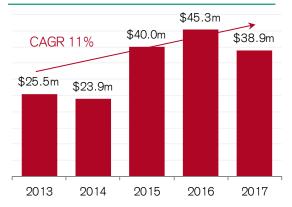
#### **EBITDA** by Division

#### **Food Ingredients**

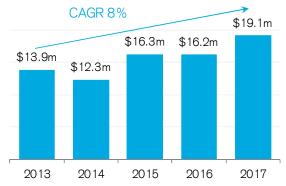


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Horticulture



#### **Storage & Logistics**



Scales – 2017 Full Year Results

### **BALANCE SHEET**

Maintaining a strong balance sheet

- Scales' balance sheet continues to reflect its investment in land, buildings, equipment and trees:
  - 731 ha. orchards owned by the Group (further 417 ha. leased).
  - 322,000 m3 of owned coldstorage space (further 453,000 m3 leased).
- During 2017, Capital Employed increased slightly by \$14m. The movements are principally due to:
  - An increase in trade debtors and inventory reflecting the increased revenues in Storage & Logistics and Meateor.
  - The acquisition of OceanAir and increase in associated goodwill.

Balance Sheet		
Dalance Sheet	2017	2016
\$ Millions	Actual	Actual
Current Assets (excluding Cash)		
Trade Debtors	23.4	17.6
Inventory	22.2	16.4
Unharvested Agricultural Produce	20.2	18.4
Other	9.8	12.1
	75.7	64.5
Current Liabilities (excluding Overdraft and Dividend	ls Declared)	
Trade Creditors & Other Payables	(22.2)	(22.0)
Other	(7.1)	(8.4)
	(29.3)	(30.4)
Net Working Capital	46.4	34.1
Non-Current Assets		
Apple Trees	30.7	31.0
Land & Buildings	142.6	140.7
Other PP&E	55.5	55.0
Investments & Intangibles	24.5	21.1
Other	7.8	11.6
	261.1	259.3
Capital Employed	307.5	293.4



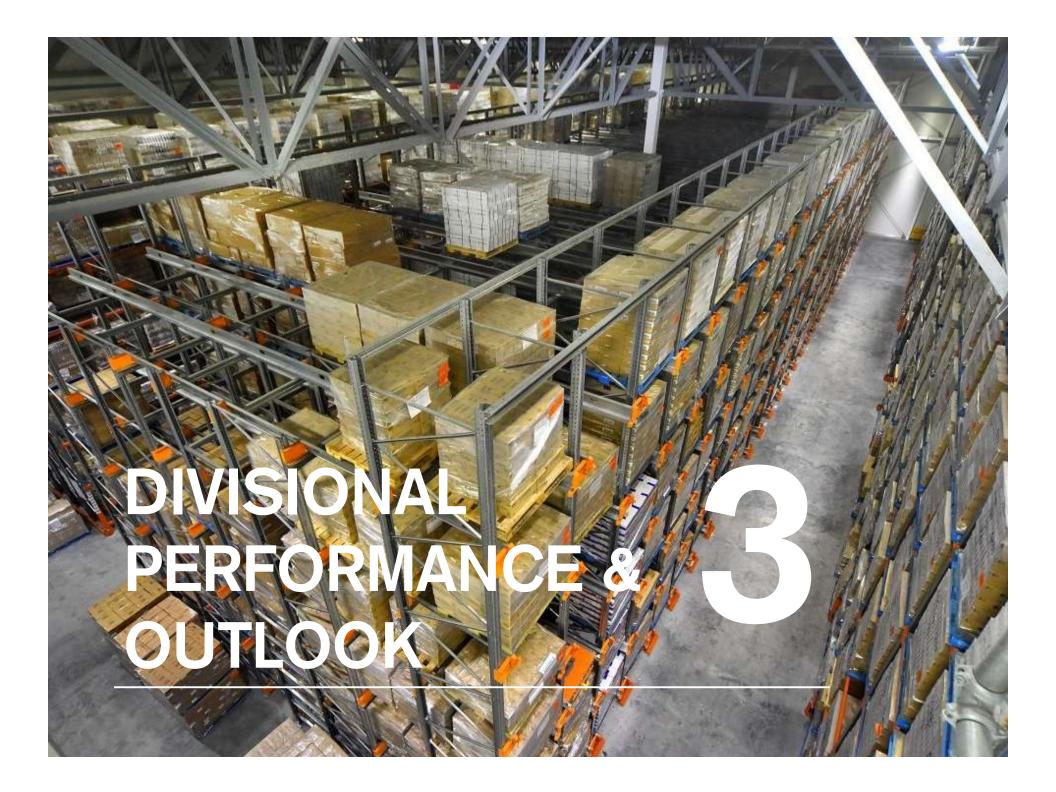
### **BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**

#### Maintaining a strong balance sheet

- At 31 December 2017, Net Debt was \$40.8m. The increase in Net Debt on 2016 was due to movements in working capital.
- Average net debt for the year was \$54.8m, or 0.9x EBITDA.
- Our strong financial position enables us to react quickly and confidently to potential strategic acquisitions and other opportunities.
- Significant headroom on covenants.

Balance Sheet (continued)		
	2017	2016
\$ Millions	Actual	Actual
Non-Current or Other Liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	(28.2)	(28.2)
Other financial liabilities	(4.0)	(4.9)
Dividends declared	(12.6)	(11.0)
	(44.8)	(44.1)
Net Debt		
Cash less Overdraft	5.7	6.4
Borrowings	(46.5)	(41.0)
Net Debt	(40.8)	(34.6)
Total Equity	221.9	214.6
Covenants		
Interest Cover		
Ratio	18.3x	24.1x
Covenant	3.0x	3.0x
Headroom	511%	703%
Senior Debt Coverage		
Ratio	0.7x	0.5x
Covenant	2.5x	2.5x
Headroom	257%	432%





### HORTICULTURE – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

A strong performance despite a challenging growing season

- Revenue of \$228m (1% below 2016 revenue).
- Gross profit down 8% on 2016, impacted by additional on-orchard expenses and additional labour.
- Underlying divisional EBITDA of \$38.9m (14% below 2016 results), representing a resilient performance in a challenging growing season.
- Packout of 80% (in line with 2016 packout of 81%). Mr Apple is constantly achieving incremental gains in orcharding that lead to superior export packout.
- Longview fully integrated with existing Mr Apple infrastructure, improving capacity and unlocking potential for future efficiencies.
- Continued robust performance from Fern Ridge (EBITDA of \$2.3m).

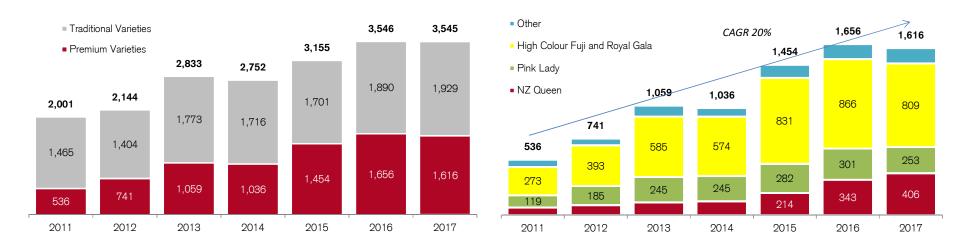
	201	2017		2016	
\$ Millions	Actual Growth %		Actual Growth 9		
Revenue	228.0	-1%	230.1	<b>29</b> %	
Underlying Gross Profit	58.0	<b>-8</b> %	63.0	-3%	
Underlying Gross Profit Margin	25%		27%		
Other income, admin and operating expenses	(19.1)	8%	(17.7)	-31%	
Mr Apple Underlying EBITDA	36.6	-16%	43.6	11%	
Fern Ridge Underlying EBITDA	2.3	N/A	2.1	N/A	
Longview Underlying EBITDA	-	N/A	(0.4)	N/A	
Underlying Horticulture EBITDA	38.9	-14%	45.3	1 <b>3</b> %	
Depreciation and amortisation	(7.8)		(6.2)		
Underlying Horticulture EBIT	31.1	-21%	39.1	14%	



### HORTICULTURE – OWN-GROWN VOLUMES

#### Premium and traditional volumes at a similar level to 2016

- Total own grown export volumes of 3.5m TCEs in line with 2016 (supported by approximately 200,000 TCEs from Longview orchards).
- Growth in premium volumes affected by the inclement weather conditions:
  - Strong growth in volumes of the Asia-targeted NZ Queen variety (an increase of 18% to over 400,000 TCEs).



#### Mr Apple Grown Export Volumes (TCE 000s)

Volumes may have changed slightly from previous announcements as final sales data on unsold fruit is received.

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Growth in Premium Volumes (TCE 000s)

### **HORTICULTURE – PRICES**

Recognition by customers and consumers of the superior quality of the Mr Apple brand

• Compared to the record 2016 prices achieved, our 2017 apple prices were affected by an overall softening of prices in the market.

Apple Prices by Variety		
	2017	2016
NZD / TCE, FOB	Actual Growth %	Actual Growth %
Premium Varieties	36.3 <i>-3%</i>	37.4 -1%
Traditional Varieties	28.6 <i>-2%</i>	29.3 <i>5%</i>
Total Mr Apple Orchards	<b>32</b> .1 <i>-3%</i>	<b>33</b> .1 <i>2%</i>
Price uplift - Premium vs Traditional	27%	28%





### **HORTICULTURE – OTHER KPIs**

- Both internal and external grower volumes maintained notwithstanding higher than average rainfall and the impact from ex-Cyclone Cook.
  - On a like-for-like basis, Mr Apple export volumes were down by ~5%, favourably comparable to the broader industry.
- Exchange rates broadly comparable to 2016.
- Foreign exchange exposure the impact of current spot rates, if maintained, will present a headwind for the business post 2018

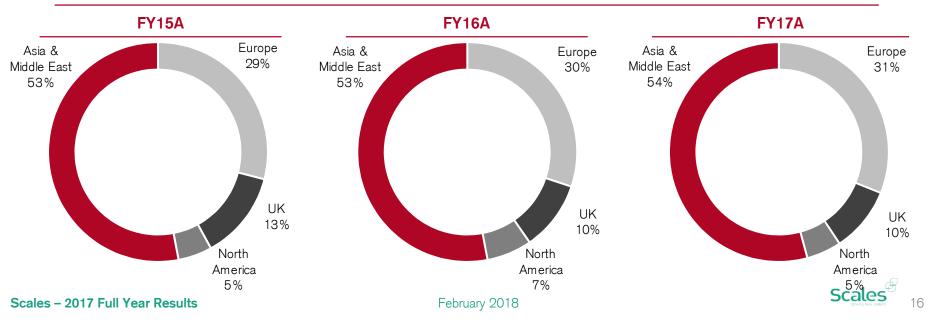
Key Performance Measures				
	2015	2017		6
	Actual d	Growth %	Actual of	Growth %
Volumes (TCE 000s)				
Mr Apple own-grown volumes	3,545	0%	3,546	12%
External grower volumes	1,250	5%	1,187	17%
Total volume sold	4,794	1%	4,733	13%
FX Rates				
NZD:USD	0.69	0%	0.70	-4%
NZD:EUR	0.60	0%	0.60	1%
NZD:GBP	0.46	-1%	0.47	-3%
NZD:CAD	0.88	2%	0.86	0%



### **HORTICULTURE – STRATEGY**

#### Asia & the Middle East remain the key focus for Mr Apple

- During 2017 Mr Apple picked over half a billion apples. The Horticulture division sold apples to more than 160 customers in over 40 countries.
- Asia & Middle East are the key focus for the Horticulture division, accounting for more than half of our sales, and are expected to become increasingly relevant for the division:
  - We scrutinise per hectare orchard returns and will continue to redevelop lower-performing orchards and varieties into higher value apples. As historical redevelopment matures, volumes of premium varieties will continue to increase.
  - > We continue to invest in our marketing, packaging, products and brands that are targeted to these markets.
  - > Affiliation with our key strategic shareholder, China Resources Ng Fung, provides improved access to the large China market.
- Ongoing focus on brand development and acquiring Plant Variety Rights to meet emerging needs:
  - > Dazzle® successfully launched in December 2016 and gaining market recognition as a promising new variety.



#### Mr Apple – Sales by Region (TCEs)

#### **S&L – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

#### Strong uplift from Storage & Logistics with EBITDA up 18% on 2016

- Revenues of \$126.0m, 16% ahead of 2016 reflecting strong growth from the Coldstorage and Logistics businesses.
- EBITDA of \$19.1m, 18% ahead of 2016.
- Strong growth from the Coldstore division:
  - Industry conditions and storage times returning to normal trends reaping the rewards from previous extensions to the network.
  - Coldstore merger completed effective 1 January 2018. The Whakatu Coldstores and Polarcold Stores businesses have been combined under the "Polarcold" brand.
  - As a part of this process, the Polarcold logo was modernised. New signage will be gradually be rolled out across the network.



	2017		2016	
\$ Millions	Actual	Growth %	Actual	Growth %
Revenue	126.0	16%	108.4	1 <b>3</b> %
Cost of Sales	(81.4)	16%	(70.2)	14%
Gross Profit Gross Profit Margin	<b>44.6</b> <i>35%</i>	17%	<b>38.2</b> <i>35%</i>	12%
Other income, admin and operating expenses	(25.5)	16%	(22.0)	23%
EBITDA				
All Coldstores	14.5	24%	11.7	-7%
Liqueo	1.3	-42%	2.3	30%
Scales Logistics	3.3	46%	2.3	17%
Total Storage & Logistics EBITDA	19.1	18%	16.2	0%
EBITDA Margin	15%		15%	
Total Storage & Logistics EBIT	13.3	22%	10.9	-4%

### S&L – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE (CONT'D)

#### Ongoing improvements from Scales Logistics

- Excellent performance from Scales Logistics, EBITDA up 46% on 2016 results, reflecting:
  - Strong increases in underlying activity: TEUs shipped and airfreight tonnes handled both significantly ahead of 2016 with growth of 19% and 88% respectively.
  - > We continue to evolve our expertise in perishable logistics. The OceanAir acquisition furthered this objective.
- Bulk liquid storage business, Liqueo, impacted by the loss of a large customer, lower volumes and closure costs.
  - Liqueo has progressively moved its liquid handling activities at the Whakatu Industrial Park to a better suited facility closer to the Napier Port (this facility was acquired in 2015). The 2017 result was impacted by one-off costs in finally exiting this facility.
  - > Near term future outlook is positive with large anticipated volume increases from one key client in particular.





#### S&L – KPIS

- A 5% increase in the total available refrigerated coldstore space with additional leased area in Christchurch secured for current and expected future demand.
- Scales Logistics (including airfreight division Balance Cargo) achieved excellent growth :
  - Increased revenue from:
    - Scales Logistics internal customers (Fern Ridge, Meateor).
    - Balance Cargo key external customers.
  - > Acquisition of new customers.
  - Addition of OceanAir.

Key Performance Measures				
	2017		201	6
	Actual	Growth %	Actual	Growth %
Coldstores Total available refrigerated coldstore space (m3 000s)	775.1	5%	737.6	2%
Liqueo Installed capacity of all tanks (MT)	20,308	0%	20,308	-10%
Logistics TEUs shipped (TEUs) Airfreight tonnes managed (MT)	29,481 6,217	19% 88%	24,713 3,306	17% 17%



### S&L – STRATEGY AND OUTLOOK

Storage & Logistics benefits from a long-term view and appropriate levels of investment

- The outlook for 2018 is positive:
  - The Coldstore business expects to consolidate returns from new and existing customers requiring additional storage. The year commenced with higher levels of goods in store relative to this time last year.
  - New racking to be installed in existing stores will improve the utilisable space and earnings potential of those sites whilst also improving safety and handling efficiency.
  - Scales Logistics anticipates further increases in activity (TEUs shipped and airfreight tonnes managed).
  - Liqueo expected to benefit from additional forecast storage volumes.





#### FOOD INGREDIENTS – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Record sales volumes from Meateor

- Meateor continues its steady growth in securing and selling petfood ingredient volumes. During 2017, 27,663 MT
  of petfood ingredients were sold by Meateor up 20% on 2016, delivering a corresponding increase in divisional
  revenues.
- Profruit sales volumes remained relatively steady at 5.6mL of juice concentrate:
  - > A robust result given the difficult growing conditions and continued improvements in industry orcharding practices (thus provision of a reduced amount of fruit suitable for processing).
- Divisional EBITDA reduced by 13% from 2016 level reflecting increasing margin pressures within the division.
- The Group is focused on strategic initiatives to enhance our relationships with suppliers and customers as well as to build further scale within the division.

Financial Performance - Food Ingredie	nts			
	2017		2016	
\$ Millions	Actual	Growth %	Actual	Growth %
Divisional Revenue	68.9	1 <b>9</b> %	58.0	1 <b>9</b> %
Underlying Food Ingredients EBITDA Depreciation & Amortisation	<b>8.0</b> (0.5)	<b>-12%</b> 6%	<b>9.2</b> (0.5)	<b>22%</b> 1%
Underlying Food Ingredients EBIT	7.5	-13%	8.7	<i>23%</i>
KPIs				
Meateor Volume Sold (MT) Juice Concentrate Sold (million Litres)	27,663 5.6	20%	22,971 5.7	14%



# CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

### **PERFORMANCE AGAINST BENCHMARKS**

#### Return on Capital Employed and EBITDA Margins targets exceeded

- We monitor Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) and EBITDA Margins for each division and the group, targeting a ٠ long-run combined ROCE of 15% and EBITDA Margin of 13%.
- Group capital employed increased by \$14m (5%) between 2016 and 2017, mainly due to an increase in working capital.
- ROCE from all divisions were in excess of their ٠ individual divisional targets.
- Overall EBITDA margin remain positive and above ٠ target levels.

Capital Management		
	2017	2016
	Actual	Actual
Return on Capital Employed		
Horticulture <sup>1</sup>	19%	28%
Storage & Logistics	13%	11%
Food Ingredients	30%	53%
Group	16%	21%
Target	15%	15%
<b>EBITDA Margins</b> <sup>2</sup>		
Horticulture	17%	20%
Storage & Logistics	15%	15%
Food Ingredients	10%	13%
Group	16%	18%
Target	13%	1 <i>3%</i>

1. Due to the timing of the acquisition (November 2016), Longview was excluded from the calculation of Horticulture and Group 2016 ROCE. It has been included in 2017.

2. Excluding share of profit from joint venture





### **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

#### Strategic investment

- Operational capital expenditure of \$7.4m was slightly higher than 2016 whilst \$6.0m was invested in growth projects, positioning us strategically for future earnings growth.
- Investments during 2017 included:
  - ➢ Horticulture:
    - Redevelopment of orchards to premium varieties such as Dazzle®.
    - Installation of an apple washer at Longview.
    - Upgraded vehicles and accommodation for RSE workers.
    - Various IT upgrades.
  - Storage & Logistics:
    - Racking upgrades at Whakatu for improved FMCG storage.
    - Finalisation of the warehouse management system upgrade at Polarcold.
    - Racking at Scales Logistics.

Capital Expenditure		
	2017	2016
	Actual	Actual
Operational capital expenditure		
Horticulture	3.8	3.3
Storage & Logistics	3.3	3.4
Food Ingredients	0.2	0.4
Other	0.1	0.0
Total operational capital expenditure	7.4	7.0
Growth capital expenditure		
Horticulture	5.2	5.0
Storage & Logistics	0.8	3.7
Food Ingredients	-	-
Total growth capital expenditure	6.0	8.7
Total capital expenditure	13.5	15.7





### WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT 2018

#### A positive outlook

- Market dynamics remain supportive:
  - ➢ Horticulture:
    - Apple harvesting is underway, having commenced 7-10 days ahead of last year, notwithstanding the wet weather experienced by the region. Early crop indications are positive.
    - Gross production is expected to be consistent with 5-year average volumes.
    - Export volumes will be influenced by packout, it is hoped this will be slightly ahead of 2017.
    - Costs are expected to be more in line with a less challenging growing season
    - Focused marketing and branding efforts will continue throughout Asia.
  - Storage & Logistics:
    - We anticipate that the 2018 result will build upon 2017.
    - Additional volume and revenue is expected from new and existing FMCG customers within the storage division.
    - Increased fruit volumes are projected for the logistics businesses.
  - ➢ Food Ingredients:
    - An anticipated increase in volumes with potential changes in product mix.
    - Continued consideration of opportunities to grow and develop this division.
- Based on factors known to us at the time of writing, the Directors support previously provided guidance for 2018 (EBITDA of \$58 million to \$65 million).



## STRATEGY

### **REFRESHING OUR STRATEGY**

#### A greater focus on pure Agri-Business

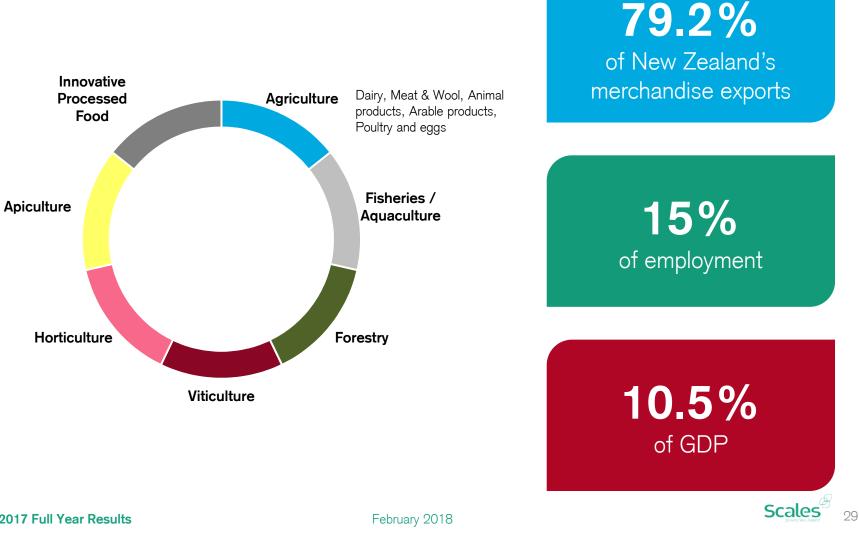
- We have refreshed our group investment / growth strategy, adopting a greater focus on pure agri-businesses.
- We will focus on opportunities that play well to our strengths:
  - Fully-vertically integrated.
  - ➤ Export-led.
  - > Add value from our Chinese relationships.
- This is an extremely exciting time to be a diversified investor in, and grower of, New Zealand agribusinesses.
  - New Zealand stakeholders expect the agriculture sector to embrace environmentally friendly, sustainable and high value production making best use of current natural resources and creating long lasting environmental benefits.
  - This is reflected in recent government announcements covering areas such as climate change and expectations of foreign investment.
- Successful implementation of the strategy will ultimately result in a meaningful rebalance of our current portfolio of businesses:
  - > We will look to acquire businesses that play well to our strengths.
  - > We will seek to divest operations that are not well-aligned with our strengths.



### **REFRESHING OUR STRATEGY (CONT'D)**

Agri-Business encompasses the following primary industries

The Primary Sector accounts for:



## APPENDICES

#### **RECONCILIATION TO STATUTORY ACCOUNTS**

• This table reconciles Underlying EBITDA and Underlying Net Profit to Net Profit as Reported in our Financial Statements.

Reconciliation of Underlying EBITDA to Net Profit		
	2017	2016
\$'000	Actual	Actual
	62,007	67,856
RECONCILIATION TO GAAP INFORMATION - Depreciation - Amortisation - Finance revenue - Finance charges - Taxation	(13,661) (588) 175 (3,039) (12,164)	(11,438) (661) 167 (2,533) (14,753)
Underlying Net Profit	32,730	38,638
<ul> <li>Foreign exchange contract revaluations / hedge ineffectiveness</li> <li>Change in fair value gain on apple inventory</li> <li>Cash settled share-based payments</li> <li>Change in gross liability for Non Controlling Interests</li> <li>Equity settled employee benefits</li> <li>Taxation</li> </ul>	214 (40) (92) (629) (389) (23) (959)	(1,258) 993 - (270) 75 (460)
Net Profit as reported in Financial Statements	31,771	38,178



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