

## Presentation to Citi Australasian Investment Conference

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## Agenda

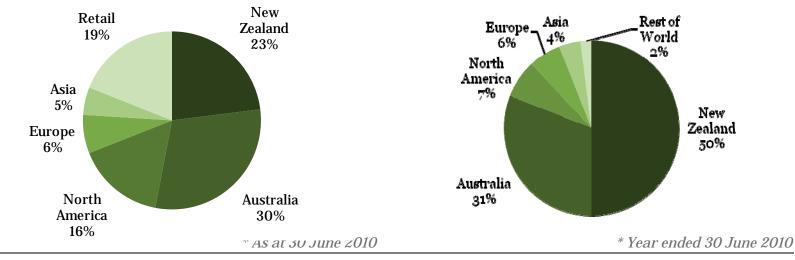
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#### Fletcher Building at a glance

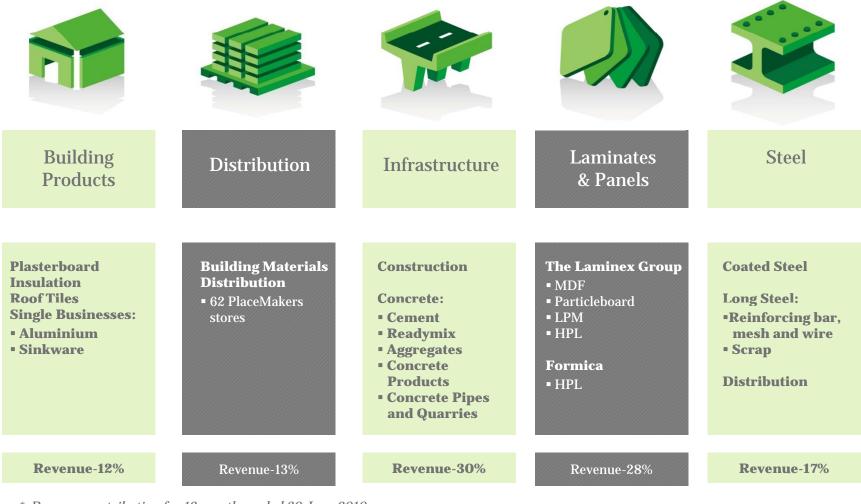
- Revenue year to 30 June 2010: NZ\$6,799 million
- **Market Capitalisation** NZ\$5.1 billion Ranked # 1 on NZX # 62 on ASX 16,000
- **Employees:**
- Listed on NZ and Australian Stock Exchanges ٠
- Shareholders: ٠



**Revenues:** 



#### **Market leading businesses**



\* Revenue contribution for 12 months ended 30 June 2010

## **Geographic exposure to end markets**

Summary	Residential	Commercial	Infrastructure	Total
New Zealand	51%	25%	24%	100%
Australia	57%	30%	13%	100%
<b>Rest of World</b>	49%	51%	0	100%
Total Group	53%	29%	18%	100%

Based on 2010 EBIT

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## **Strategy**

Longer term strategy continues to be:

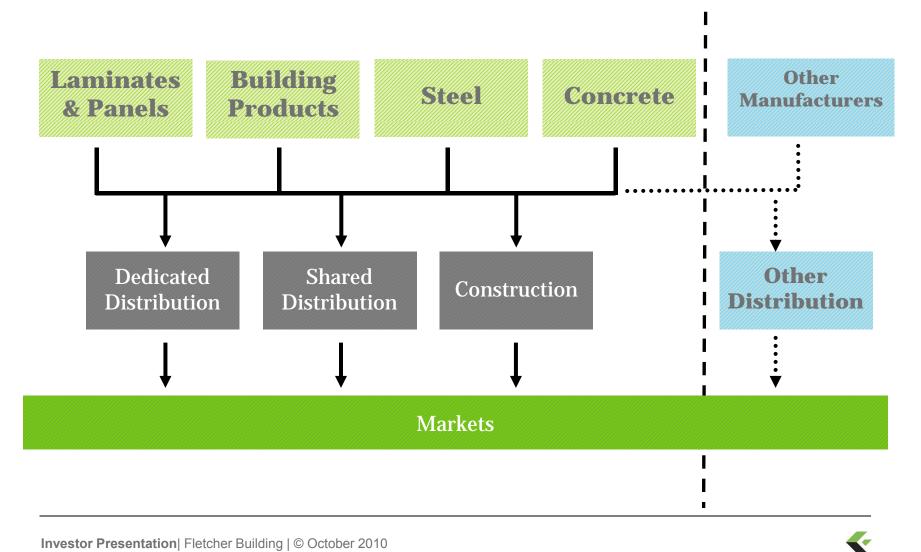
- improve earnings reliability
- maintain and improve internal capabilities
  - increased focus on growth oriented capex
  - business transformation initiatives
- pursue acquisition opportunities where these meet key investment criteria, with a focus on extending current lines of business.

Our aspirations by geography:

New Zealand	Maintain and extend domestic businesses, strengthen
	channels to market.

- AustraliaCreate the leading Australasian building products and<br/>construction materials business by establishing strong<br/>market positions.
- **International** Develop existing operations into the world's leading laminates and panels business.

## Fletcher Building has a vertically integrated value chain



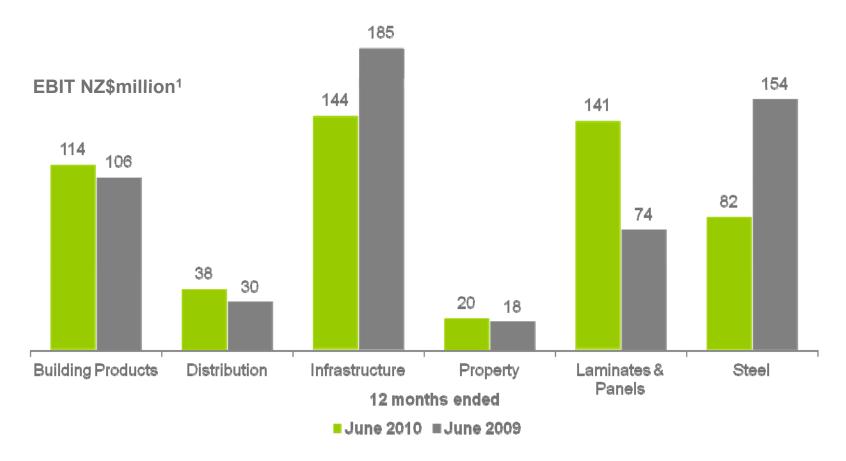


## **2010 annual results summary**

NZ\$m	June 2010 12 months	June 2009 12 months	% Change
Sales	6,799	7,103	-4
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	727	769	-5
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	521	558	-7
Net earnings <sup>1</sup>	301	314	-4
Unusual items after tax	-29	-360	
Net earnings	272	-46	
$EPS - cps^1$	49.7	59.7	-17
Dividend - cps	29	38	-24

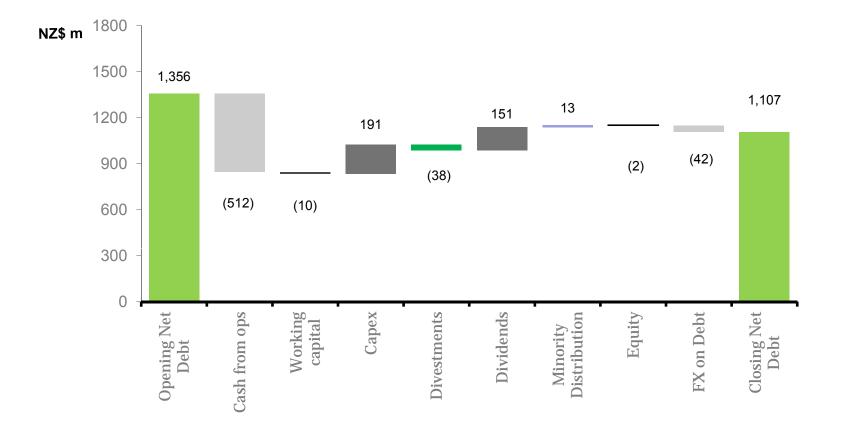
1. EBITDA, EBIT, Net Earnings and EPS all before Unusual Items

# Strong earnings recovery in Laminates & Panels, lower volumes in Infrastructure and Steel impacted earnings



1. Earnings before interest, tax, and unusual items

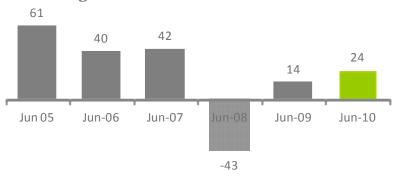
## **Net debt levels reduced in FY2010**



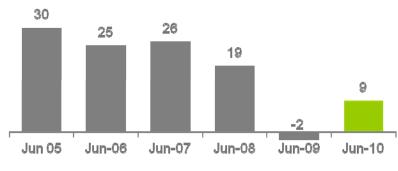
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#### **Key Ratios**

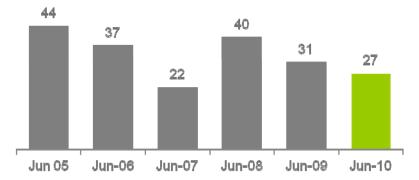
#### **Total Shareholder Return (TSR) Percentage**



**Return on Average Equity Percentage**<sup>1</sup>









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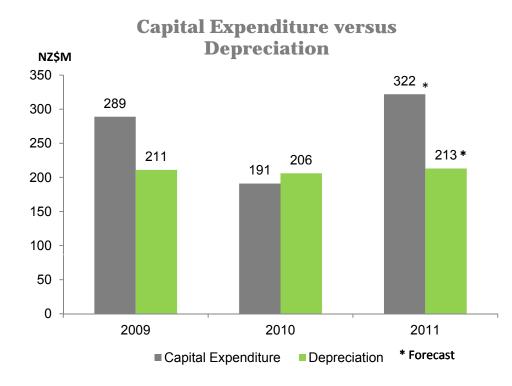
1. Net earnings / average equity

2. Earnings before interest, tax, and unusual items / average funds



Jun-10

# Capital expenditure – focus shifting to growth-orientated initiatives



- Stay-in-business capex approx 60% of depreciation.
- Growth capex includes acquisitions:
  - ACP acquisition already completed
- Other growth capex:
  - Laminex MDF plant upgrade
  - New construction materials recycling plant
  - PlaceMakers store expansion



## NZ Update: Residential market

- Approvals currently running at approx. 16,000 per annum vs. 15 year average of 23,700
  - Apartment consents are running at 15 year lows, down 45%
  - -Single dwelling consents are up 28%\*
- Alterations and additions are up 2.8% after 2 years of decline\*
  - "Leaky home" remediation expected to positively impact this trend
- House prices to disposable income 4.9x versus 3.2x long run average
- Debt serviceability is unchanged in real terms since 1990 due to:
  - -Lower mortgage interest rates
  - -Real wage earnings growth

\* 12 months to 31 August 2010

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## NZ Update: Impact of Christchurch earthquake

- All FBU Christchurch based businesses are back up and running
- Trading in Christchurch has been quiet while repairs are assessed and insurance claims are lodged
- No significant impact on trading result is expected in the first half of FY2011
- Residential rebuilding activity expected to accelerate in second half of FY2011
- Fletcher Construction selected to manage the Earthquake Commission's project management office.
- Commercial and infrastructure repairs expected to be undertaken over a longer time frame

## NZ Update: Watertightness – fixing "leaky homes"

- PWC report to government of March 2010 estimated 22,000 to 89,000 dwellings affected
- Consensus forecast is 42,000 dwellings require repair, at a total cost of \$11.3 billion

-10 years for complete remediation

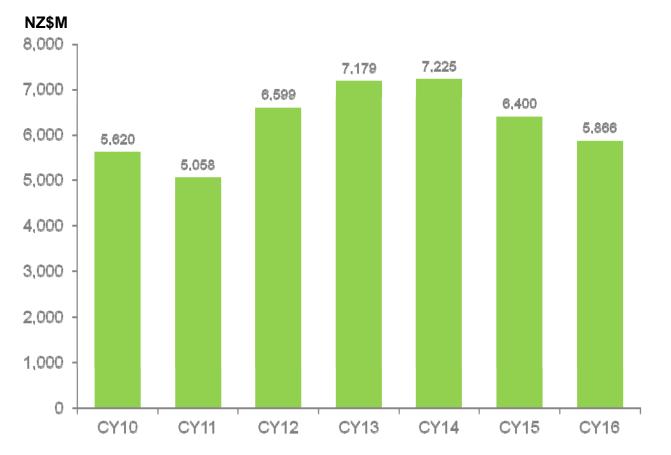
- New scheme proposed from first quarter of 2011:
  - -Government to pay 25% cost of repair
  - -Local council to pay 25% cost of repair
  - Home owner to pay remaining 50%, but supported by government guarantee of associated bank borrowing

## NZ Update: Commercial Activity

- Activity levels in the non-residential sector are at their lowest levels since early 2004\*
- Value of non-residential consents to August 2010 \$3.97 billion, down 21.8% on prior year
- Shortage of development finance is hampering sector recovery
- Biggest falls have been in office buildings, storage and warehouses
- Continued growth in government-funded work health, cultural and education facilities
- Government funded infrastructure pipeline remains robust
- \* Source: Dept of Building and Housing

#### NZ Update: Infrastructure Outlook

**National Infrastructure Plan: CY10 to CY16** 



Source: National Infrastructure Plan March 2010



## Outlook 2011

Caution required in formulating outlook for 2011:

New Zealand:

- Slow and gradual continuing recovery in residential building activity.
- Commercial construction activity expected to remain at very low levels.
- Infrastructure spending likely to dip in 2011 before growing in 2012.

Australia:

- Residential building activity expected to be sustained.
- Commercial likely to remain subdued; infrastructure has had momentum but outlook less certain.

North America and Europe: gradual improvement likely, but timeframes uncertain.

Asia: most markets have reasonable growth prospects.

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## Summary of activity data

Building Consents	June 2010 12 months	June 2009 12 months	June 2008 12 months	10/09 %Mvmt
New Zealand	12 months	12 11011(115	12 11011(115	
- Residential Consents	16,022	14,175	23,261	+13
- Non Res WPIP (\$m)	4,587	5,314	5,067	-14
- Infrastructure WPIP (\$m)	6,303	6,224	5,620	+1
Australia			Sour	ce: Infometrics
- Residential Consents	166,029	132,968	162,732	+25
- Non Res WPIP (A\$Bn)	35.6	32.9	31.8	+8
- Infrastructure WPIP (A\$Bn)	80.4	75.4	61.1	+7
US			Source	: BIS Shrapnel
- Residential Construction*	508,700	430,400	721,900	+18
- Commercial & Industrial (US\$Bn)*	48.9	77.8	124.6	-37
- Institutional (US\$Bn)*	110.7	131.9	126.1	-16
* FY10 data includes estimates for April - June			Source	e: McGraw Hill

## **New Zealand emissions trading scheme**

- New Zealand's emissions trading scheme (ETS) extended coverage to industrial and transport emissions on 1 July, 2010.
- Most of our operations that emit CO2 from fossil fuel combustion do not directly participate in the ETS, but are subject to higher energy costs, passed on by energy suppliers.
- Our cement and steel manufacturing operations are direct participants in the ETS because of process emissions and emissions from imported coal .
  - These operations also meet the threshold tests for emissions-intensive, trade-exposed industries.
  - Both will receive a free allocation of emission units, to partly offset their increased costs.
- Overall the ETS will impose a small additional cost on NZ operations. Reducing emissions and improving energy efficiency will reduce these costs further.

## **Building Products**

#### **Plasterboard**

#### Winstone Wallboards

• New Zealand's sole manufacturer and leading supplier of gypsum plasterboard

#### Insulation

#### Fletcher Insulation/Tasman Insulation NZ/Forman Group/Home&Dry

• No.1 in Australasia with approx 35% of bulk glasswool insulation market

#### **Roof Tiles**

#### AHI Roofing/Decra Roofing Systems

• Mayor global supplier of metal roof tiles

#### **Single Businesses**

- Fletcher Aluminium
- Tasman Sinkware





#### **Building Products result**

	June 10	June 09	
NZ\$m	12 Mths	12 mths	<b>%</b> ∆
Sales	798	771	+4
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	140	131	+7
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	114	106	+8
Funds Employed	667	644	+4
EBITDA <sup>1</sup> /sales %	17.5	17.0	
EBIT <sup>1</sup> /sales %	14.3	13.7	
ROFE <sup>1</sup> %	17.1	16.5	

- **Plasterboard** benefited from improved NZ housing starts in second half and from cost-out initiatives
- **Insulation** earnings impacted by \$18m charge due to Australian government's withdrawal of stimulus package.
  - NZ performed strongly
- **Roof Tiles** Earnings up due to growth in volumes in Africa and NZ, and favourable steel prices.

## **Distribution**



#### **PlaceMakers**

- The premier suppliers of building materials to New Zealand's commercial and residential construction markets
- 62 outlets across New Zealand trading as PlaceMakers
- 34% market share of the core building materials sectors
- No.1 in key building materials
- Trade focus: 85% of sales
- Most outlets operated as joint ventures



#### **Distribution result**

NZ\$m	June 10 12 Mths	June 09 12 mths	<b>%</b> ∆
Sales	878	883	-1
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	47	40	+18
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	38	30	+27
Funds Employed	139	144	-25
EBITDA <sup>1</sup> /sales %	5.4	4.5	
EBIT <sup>1</sup> /sales %	4.3	3.4	
ROFE <sup>1</sup> %	27.3	20.8	

- Sales stable year over year with a pick-up in activity seen in second half from increase in residential house building.
- Forward indicators for commercial building activity weak.
- 27% growth in operating earnings driven by cost reductions.

1. Excluding unusual items



## Infrastructure

#### **Concrete New Zealand**

#### *Firth/Humes Pipeline Systems/Golden Bay Cement/Winstone Aggregates*

- 15% of NZ aggregates markets
- 55% of NZ cement market
- 34% of NZ readymix concrete market
- 50% of NZ pre-cast and concrete pipe market

#### **Concrete Australia**

#### Rocla Quarry Products/Rocla Pipeline Products

• 35% of Australian concrete pipe market

#### Construction

#### **Fletcher Construction**

- New Zealand's leading construction company
- Commercial (buildings) and Engineering (infrastructure)
- South Pacific (general)

#### **Property**

#### Fletcher Residential

New Zealand's largest home builder





#### Infrastructure result

NZ\$m	June 10 12 mths	June 09 12 mths	<b>%</b> ∆
Sales	2,020	2,052	-2
EBITDA - Concrete NZ - Concrete Aust. - Construction - Property	98 69 47 20	125 78 52 18	-22 -12 -10 +11
Total EBITDA	234	273	-14
EBIT	164	203	-19
Funds Employed	1,022	1,042	-2
EBITDA/sales %	11.6	13.3	
EBIT/sales %	8.1	9.9	
ROFE %	16.1	19.5	

#### **NZ Concrete**

- Lower volumes in cement, aggregates, readymix and concrete pipe.
- Continued softness in commercial construction activity only partly offset by increase in residential construction.

#### Australia Concrete

- Weaker demand for most pipeline products.
- Quarry volumes down year on year.

#### Construction

Infrastructure work levels remained high, driven by government funded work.

## Laminates & Panels

#### Laminex

- Leading high pressure laminate & decorative surfaces
- Estimated Australasian market shares
  - $\ Decorated \ board No.1$
  - Medium density fibreboard No.1
  - Particleboard No.2
- Over 50 distribution outlets owned across Australasia

#### Formica

- Global player, strongest brand internationally for high pressure laminate
- No. 2 in the US, No. 1 in Canada
- Market share leader in HPL in UK and Spain
- In Asia, focus is mainly on commercial applications



#### Laminates & Panels result

NZ\$m	June 10 12 mths	June 09 12 mths	<b>%</b> ∆
Sales	1,930	2,076	-7
EBITDA			
- Laminex	148	99	+49
- Formica	69	59	+17
Total EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	217	158	+37
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	141	74	+91
Funds Employed	1,695	1,832	-7%
EBITDA <sup>1</sup> /sales %	11.0	7.6	
EBIT <sup>1</sup> /sales %	7.3	3.6	
ROFE <sup>1</sup> %	8.3	4.0	

1. Excluding unusual items

#### Laminex

- Australian domestic volumes higher due to improved residential, export volumes declined with plant closure.
- NZ volumes down due to slowdown in commercial sector.

#### Formica

- North America volumes down 5%.
- Europe: has stabilised with some improvement in Northern Europe.
- Asia: volumes up 8% year on year

## **Steel**

#### **Rollforming and Coated Steel**

#### Pacific CoilCoaters/Stramit Building Products/Dimond

- Approx. 24% of Australian market (Stramit)
- Major player in New Zealand roofing market (Dimond)

#### **Long Steel**

#### Pacific Steel Group/Sims Pacific Metals (50%)

- No.1 in New Zealand market
- 50% shareholding in Sims Pacific Metals
- NZ's sole electric arc furnace

#### Distribution

#### Fletcher Easysteel/CSP Coating Systems/Fletcher Reinforcing

• Reinforcing bar, flats, rod and wire



#### **Steel result**

NZ\$m	June 10 12 Mths		<b>%</b> ∆
Sales	1,172	1,321	-11
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	107	175	-39
$EBIT^1$	82	154	-47
Funds Employed	535	562	-5
EBITDA <sup>1</sup> /sales %	9.1	13.3	
EBIT <sup>1</sup> /sales %	7.0	11.7	
ROFE <sup>1</sup> %	15.3	27.4	

- Volatile operating environment with uncertain demand and declining prices.
- Long steel prices down 30% but volumes 5% higher driven by exports.
- Lower rollforming and coated steel volumes in Australia and NZ impacted by lower commercial activity.

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