

Fletcher Building announces FY20 half year results and dividend

Auckland, 19 February 2020: Fletcher Building today announced its results for the first half of FY20.

Summary:

- Revenue of \$3,961 million, in line with market conditions
- EBIT before significant items of \$219 million, compared to \$248 million in HY19 ¹
- Net Profit After Tax of \$82 million, compared to \$89 million in HY19
- Balance sheet remains strong, with improved cash flow
- Interim dividend of 11 cents per share declared, to be paid on 9 April 2020
- FY20 Group earnings guidance in the range of \$515 million to \$565 million reconfirmed

Fletcher Building Chief executive Ross Taylor said: “HY20 results are in line with our expectations and those set out at our Annual Shareholders’ Meeting in November 2019. Our business is now stabilised and focused, providing the foundation to drive consistent performance and growth into the future.”

Group revenue was \$3,961 million, 5% down on HY19 as anticipated, owing to reduced revenue on legacy construction projects and tougher market conditions in Australia. EBIT before significant items was \$219 million. Trading cashflow from continuing operations (excluding legacy projects) increased to \$88 million from \$36 million in HY19 due to ongoing improvements in working capital.

“Our New Zealand core businesses outside of Steel delivered a solid performance, with earnings in line with last year and improved operating margins in several areas. In Steel, trading conditions remain challenging, though we have seen volumes and margins improving as we enter the second half.

“Residential house sales are benefiting from strong demand, with a large volume of committed sales due for settlement in the second half. Construction has secured new work in target areas, and there is no change to the legacy project provisions. Insurance will respond to loss and damage to the NZ International Convention Centre caused by the October 2019 fire, and an extensive work programme to determine the rebuild plan, timeframes and cost is now underway.

¹ HY19 EBIT from continuing operations

“In the context of a challenging Australian market, we are seeing the benefits of the cost out programme, as well as our investments in digital and product innovation flowing through. With the reset well advanced, we have assessed our portfolio and decided to divest the Rocla business and are now focused on driving growth and operational performance in our other Australian businesses. The sale process is expected to be completed through calendar 2020.

“We continue to make investments in innovation and local manufacturing to drive long-term, sustainable growth for our shareholders.

“An example of this is the new state-of-the-art plasterboard facility we are building in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, which we also announced today. The facility is a firm commitment to local manufacturing, which will enable us to meet customer demand for the long term. It will also create around 100 permanent regional jobs and supports our goal of reducing carbon emissions by 30% by 2030.

“Our balance sheet remains strong, with our leverage ratio below the bottom end of our target range.

“In September 2019 we commenced an on-market share buyback of up to NZ\$300 million to deliver value to shareholders. We continue to make good progress and have acquired 27.9 million shares for \$141 million, representing 3.3% of issued capital.

“The Board has declared an interim dividend of 11 cents per share. This will reflect a more normal first-half, second-half weighting for FY20 and will be paid to shareholders on 9 April 2020.

“As reported at the Annual Shareholders’ Meeting, Group EBIT (excluding significant items) for FY20 is expected to be in the range of \$515 million to \$565 million with earnings weighted to the second half owing to the Australian cost out programme benefit, residential settlements and improved steel performance flowing through,” concluded Mr Taylor.

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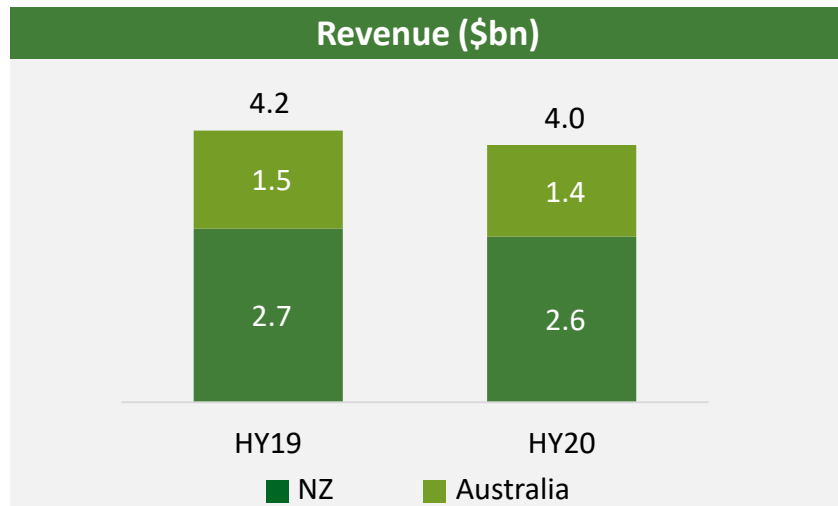
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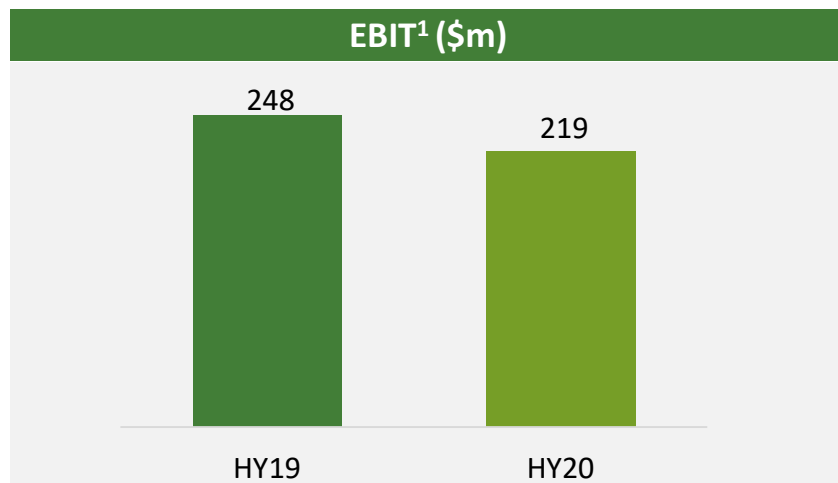


Revenue in line with expectations, full year earnings guidance reconfirmed



Revenue

- NZ core revenue steady
- Construction revenue lower as legacy projects complete
- Australia lower from residential and infrastructure market decline



EBIT – First Half

- NZ core earnings solid, except Steel
- Timing of Residential and Development sales second half weighted
- AU cost-out benefits flow more fully in second half

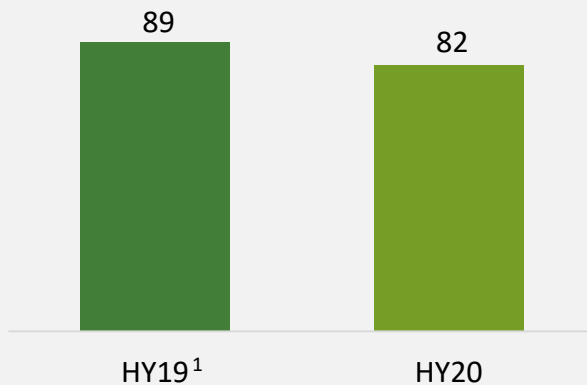
EBIT – Full year guidance of \$515-565m reconfirmed

- Earnings weighted to 2H20 on Steel improvement, Residential sales timing, Australia turnaround



Reported net earnings in line with expectations, and interim dividend of 11 cents per share declared

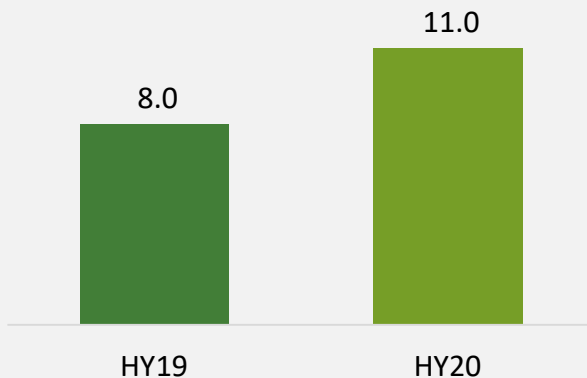
Reported Net Earnings \$m



Net Earnings

- Incorporates changes to operations and accounting changes
- HY20 includes \$35m sig items associated with the Australian cost-out programme

Interim Dividend (cps)



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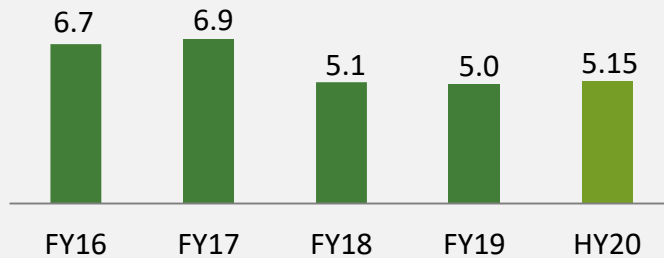
- Interim dividend payment to be made on 9 April 2020
- Return to normal split between interim and final dividends



Strong focus on 'Protect' reset, Science Based Targets verified

Safety

Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate¹

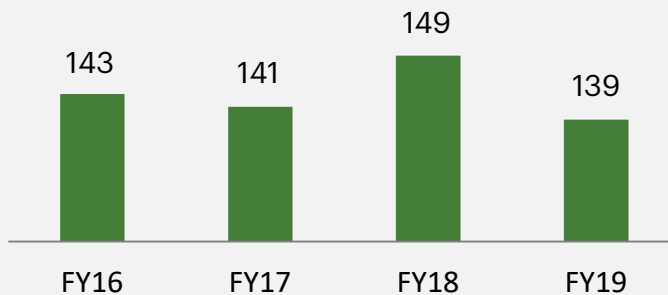


Safety

- Major safety program 'Protect' reset launched across all businesses
- Our aim is to be injury free as a business
- Focus is on culture, mindsets, skills and the identification and effective management of critical risks
- Success will see TRIFR fall to well under 5.0 in the coming years

Sustainability

Carbon Emission Intensity²



Sustainability

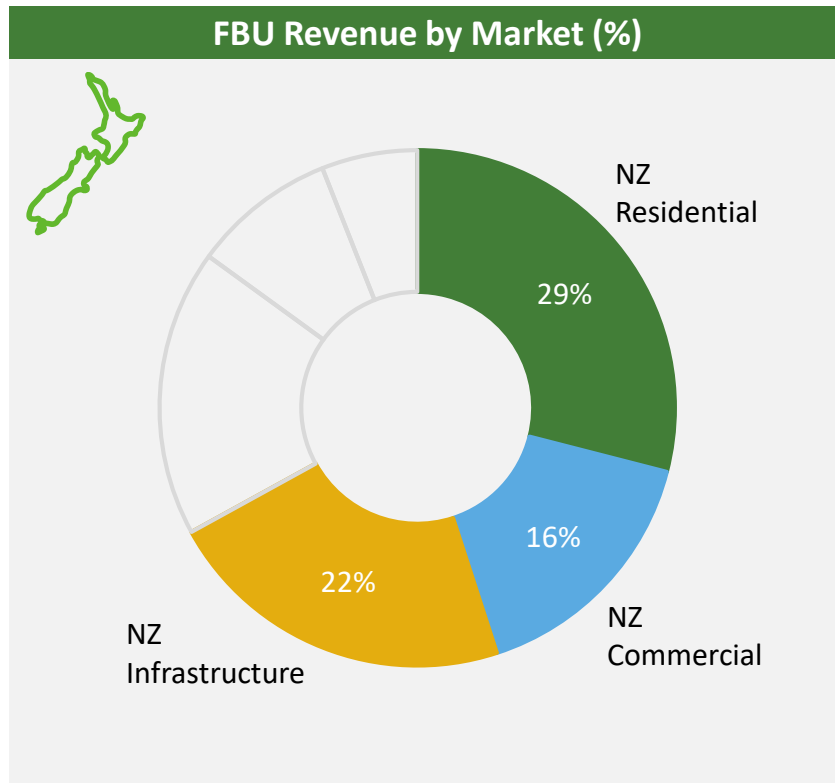
- Committed to reduce carbon emissions by 30% by 2030
- Aligns with aims to limit global warming to below 2°C
- First building materials and construction company in NZ or Australia to have accredited Science-Based Targets for carbon reduction



Market Overview and Divisional Performance



New Zealand market steady year on year, outlook remains positive



Residential

- Activity levels steady year on year:
 - Consents growth weighted to multi-unit dwellings (smaller floor area, typology mix change)
 - Standalone housing flat on total floor area basis
 - New subdivision trending slightly lower

Commercial

- Activity levels trending slightly lower

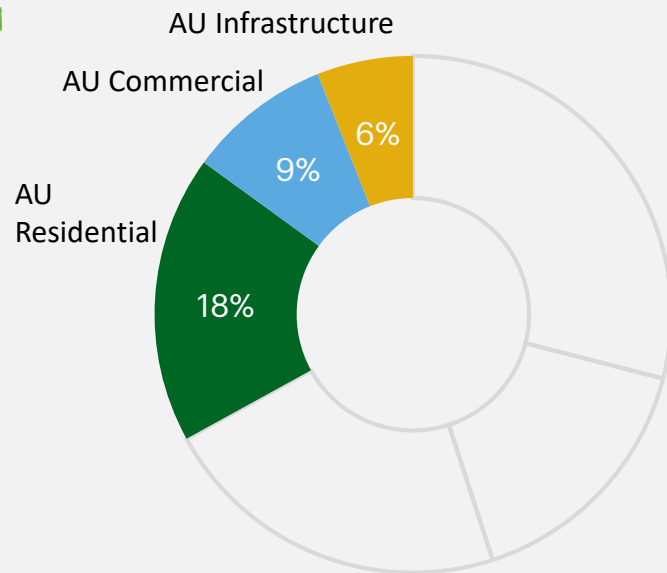
Infrastructure

- Softer activity in 1H20 on project timing and wet first quarter
- Strong long term outlook supported by \$12b government infrastructure package



Australia sharp decline in residential sector but looks to be turning; expect improvements in all sectors from FY21

FBU Australia Revenue by Market



Residential

- Material contraction in line with expectations
- Expect c150-160k approvals in FY20, down 20% year on year
- Signs of market stabilising, recovery from FY21

Commercial

- Steady activity levels. Approvals looking positive

Infrastructure

- Activity remains weak in key sectors, especially water and roading
- Government commitment of \$100b spend over next 10 years



Division performance summary

| | Revenue | EBIT ¹ | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Building Products | \$645m HY19: \$672m | \$66m HY19: \$91m | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good performance in plasterboard, insulation and laminates • Steel remains challenging |
| Distribution | \$824m HY19: \$809m | \$50m HY19: \$55m | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue in line with market • Competitive Auckland market • Strategic investment in digital and automation |
| Concrete | \$403m HY19: \$404m | \$49m HY19: \$44m | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market share gains • Volumes slightly down; price gains in aggregates and ready-mix • Investments in lower carbon cement |
| Residential and Development | \$224m HY19: \$251m | \$35m HY19: \$43m | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market demand strong and prices supportive • Settlements weighted to H2 |
| Construction | \$774m HY19: \$866m | \$14m HY19: \$17m | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue ex-legacy up 3% • Winning new work in target areas • EBIT weighted to H2 |
| Australia | \$1,453m HY19: \$1,557m | \$35m HY19: \$43m | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue held relative to declining market • Turnaround momentum in Laminex and Insulation • Full run-rate of cost-out benefit to flow in H2 |



Share buyback tracking to plan

Share buyback

- On-market share buyback programme of up to NZ\$300m
- This form of shareholder distribution takes into account tax effectiveness for all shareholders and earnings per share accretion
- Commenced on 9 September 2019
- 27.9m shares purchased on NZX and ASX exchanges to date for NZ\$141m (3.3% issued capital)



FY20 focus on driving consistent performance

| | FY2020 PERFORMANCE | FY2021–23 GROWTH |
|---|---|--|
| 1. Strengthen and grow the NZ core | Performance focus | Performance and growth |
| 2. Profitable growth in Residential and Development | Continue strong performance | Growth across low and medium density housing |
| 3. Stabilise Construction | Business fix complete Legacy projects complete | Predictable performance and growth |
| 4. Turnaround and grow Australia | Reset complete Portfolio rationalised | Performance and growth |
| 5. Lift performance across all key enablers | Major investment in safety and innovation | Good focus and cadence across all enablers |



FY20 market outlook

Expect market activity in H2 to be broadly in line with H1

New Zealand Market FY20 Outlook



- NZ residential expected to be similar to first half. With ongoing trends to smaller and attached dwelling units
- Civil expected to trend slightly lower
- Infrastructure slightly softer until the renewed infrastructure activity comes onstream from FY21 and beyond

Australia Market FY20 Outlook



- AU residential approvals stabilising and returning to growth in FY21
- Non-residential broadly flat
- Infrastructure project activity to remain lumpy

Market outlook assumes no material economic impact on coronavirus



Second half outlook

FY20 EBIT guidance of \$515m - \$565m reconfirmed

Earnings weighted to second half, but more marked than usual owing to:

- Improved performance from Steel
- Stronger pipeline of Residential house sales due for settlement
- Construction pavement season weighted to H2, benefiting Higgins
- Benefits of AU cost-out programme nearing full run-rate



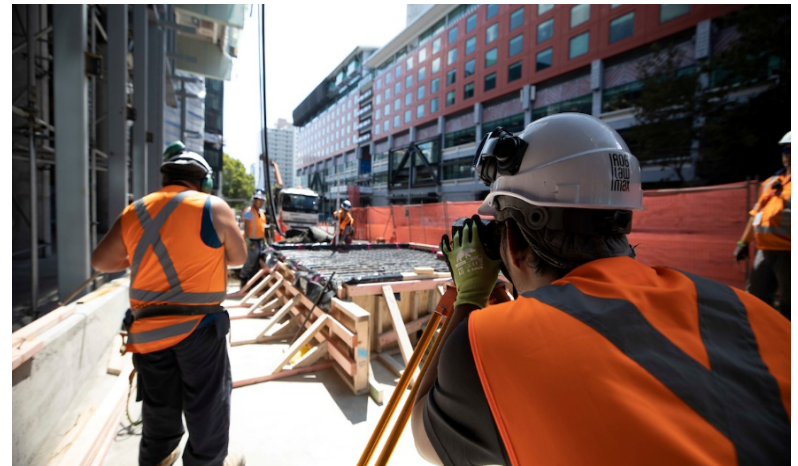
Winstone Wallboards new manufacturing and distribution facility in Tauranga

- To build new plasterboard facility in Tauriko industrial park, Tauranga
- C\$400 million investment (50% land and buildings, 50% equipment), which consolidates manufacturing and distribution and enables capacity growth in future
- This is a firm commitment to local manufacturing, which will enable us to meet customer demand over the long term
- The new facility will bring significant economic benefit to the region. It will create around 100 new permanent jobs in Tauranga and at peak construction there will be around 300 people working on site.
- Larger, more efficient facility with greater ability to recycle used plasterboard and 10% reduction in carbon emissions initially, increasing to 30% over 10 years
- Planned to be opened in 2023



NZICC Update

- Major construction work on NZICC to begin mid-year
- The damage we found inside the building was significant. The fire has affected secondary steel that supports the roof and holds up key elements of equipment. Areas of the façade adjacent to the roof will likely need to be replaced. And there is significant water damage to both equipment and finishes.
- Completion by APEC highly unlikely based on the fire and water damage we found
- We continue to commit significant resources to the project and have a team of around 200 people on site as the recovery progresses
- We are working closely with SkyCity to deliver a world-class venue for New Zealand
- Contract Works and Third Party Liability insurances will respond to loss and damage



Two hundred workers a day are back on-site at the NZICC in February as the recovery and rebuild process continues.



Ihumātao

- The situation at Ihumātao has been complex and challenging for all parties involved.
- Over the last five years, we have taken time to listen to a variety of stakeholders including iwi who have mana whenua over the land, and also to gain all the right council and government approvals for the development to go ahead.
- We acknowledge the cultural and historical significance of the surrounding area, and that's why we have worked closely with local iwi to design a scheme which gives over a third of our land to the historic reserve adjacent.
- In July last year, the Prime Minister requested that we pause our development on the land we legally own to provide more time to explore alternative solutions before they came back to us. We have respected this process and stood back as requested while the parties discussed an outcome.
- Our most recent view as we continue to work with senior levels of Government is that the situation is close to resolution and we can hopefully come to an agreement in the short term.
- While this is encouraging, the reality is that we are the legal owners of a piece of land which is fully consented, that is empathetic to iwi considerations and the adjacent stonefields site, and which we are entitled to develop. Fletcher Building has done our very best to allow for the parties to reach an agreement over an extended period, but we are not in a position to hold off development indefinitely. However, we remain hopeful of a resolution in the near future which all parties can be comfortable with.



