Associated British Foods plc



Review of annual results for 52 weeks ended 12 September 2015



Financial Headlines

- Group revenue £12.8bn
- Adjusted operating profit £1,092m
- Adjusted profit before tax £1,034m
- Adjusted earnings per share 102.0p
- Dividends per share up 3% to 35.0p
- Gross capital investment of £613m
- Net debt reduced to £194m

Business Highlights

- A strong performance despite currency and commodity challenges
- Primark expansion
- Sugar
 - cost improvement
 - lower EU prices
- Significant profit progress at Ingredients and Agriculture
- Further margin improvement for Grocery

Income statement

| £m | 2015 | 2014 | Char | nge |
|---|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| | | | actual fx | constant fx |
| Revenue | 12,800 | 12,943 | -1% | +2% |
| Operating costs | (11,811) | (11,865) | | |
| Exceptional item | (98) | - | | |
| Share of joint ventures and associates | 48 | 13 | | |
| Profits less losses on disposal of non-current assets | 8 | (11) | | |
| Operating profit | 947 | 1,080 | | |
| Adjusted operating profit | 1,092 | 1,163 | -6% | -4% |
| Profits less losses on disposal of non-current assets | 8 | (11) | | |
| Amortisation of non-operating intangibles | (55) | (72) | | |
| Exceptional item | (98) | - | | |

Income statement

| £m | 2015 | 2014 | Change |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Operating profit | 947 | 1,080 | -12% |
| Loss on disposal of businesses | (172) | (2) | |
| Net interest expense | (53) | (58) | |
| Other financial expense | (5) | - | |
| Profit before tax | 717 | 1,020 | -30% |
| Tax | (193) | (237) | |
| Profit after tax | 524 | 783 | |
| Non-controlling interests | 8 | (21) | |
| Attributable to equity shareholders | 532 | 762 | |
| Adjusted profit before tax | 1,034 | 1,105 | -6% |
| | | | |

Tax

| £m | 2015 | | 2014 | |
|--|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | | |
| Underlying charge | 220 | 21.3% | 257 | 23.3% |
| Credit on goodwill & intangible amortisation | (8) | | (21) | |
| Charge on disposal of businesses and PP&E | 3 | | 1 | |
| Credit on exceptional item | (22) | | - | |
| Reported charge | 193 | 26.9% | 237 | 23.2% |

Earnings and Dividends Per Share

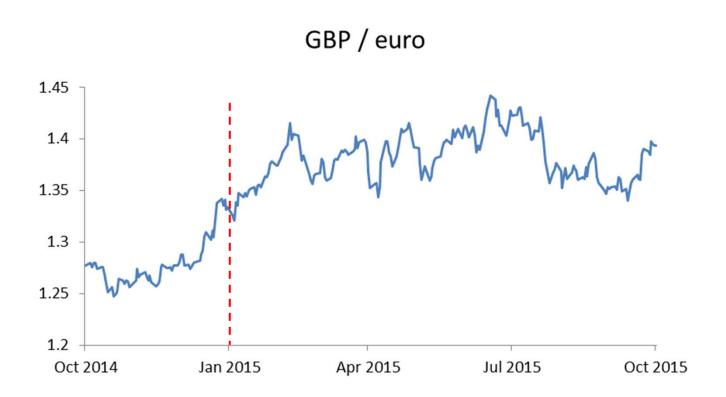
| | 2015 | 2014 | Change |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | |
| Adjusted earnings per share | 102.0p | 104.1p | -2% |
| Earnings per share | 67.3p | 96.5p | -30% |
| Dividends per share | 35.0p | 34.0p | +3% |

Balance Sheet

| £m | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|-------|-------|
| Intangible assets (including goodwill) | 1,367 | 1,467 |
| PP&E and other non-current assets | 4,806 | 5,137 |
| Working capital | 777 | 878 |
| Biological assets – current | 70 | 109 |
| Current tax | (126) | (193) |
| Net debt | (194) | (446) |
| Other net financial assets | 41 | 59 |
| Deferred tax | (108) | (114) |
| Provisions | (66) | (101) |
| Net pension liability | (16) | (43) |
| Net assets | 6,551 | 6,753 |
| | | |
| Equity shareholders' funds | 6,336 | 6,437 |
| Non-controlling interests | 215 | 316 |
| | 6,551 | 6,753 |
| | | |

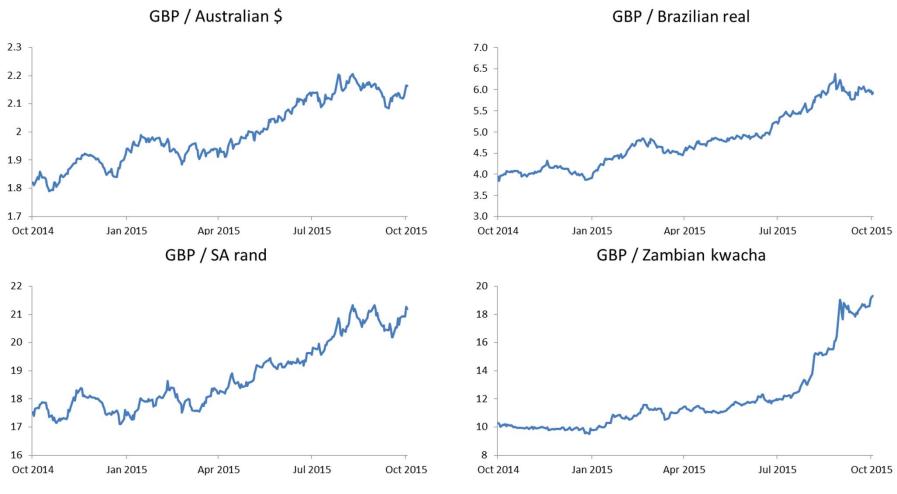
Currency

- Sterling has appreciated against our major trading currencies except the US dollar
- Weakness of euro since January



Currency

Weakness in currencies of commodity exporting countries



- £31m total impact of translation this year
- Similar total impact next year if all current rates persist

Currency - Primark



- Substantial proportion of garments sourced in US dollars
- More than half of potential currency impact mitigated by buying teams
- Adverse effect on margins next year higher impact in first half

Cash Flow

| £m | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|-------|-------|
| Adjusted operating profit (before joint ventures and associates) | 1,044 | 1,150 |
| Depreciation and amortisation of operating intangibles | 427 | 424 |
| Working capital | (66) | 100 |
| Provisions | (28) | 13 |
| Capital expenditure - Primark | (306) | (378) |
| - Food | (276) | (298) |
| Purchase of intangibles | (31) | (32) |
| Sale of property, plant and equipment | 72 | 17 |
| Tax | (230) | (246) |
| Net interest and other income | (57) | (67) |
| Pension costs less contributions | 6 | 7 |
| Other | 62 | (51) |
| Free cash flow | 617 | 639 |
| Dividends paid (including minorities) | (287) | (277) |
| (Acquisitions)/disposals including loans to joint ventures | (54) | (8) |
| Net cash flow before financing | 276 | 354 |
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Segmental Analysis

By business

| | Revenue | | Profit | | Margin | | ROCE | |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|------|------|------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| | £m | £m | £m | £m | % | % | % | % |
| Grocery | 3,177 | 3,337 | 285 | 269 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 22.5 | 20.8 |
| Sugar | 1,818 | 2,083 | 43 | 189 | 2.4 | 9.1 | 2.4 | 10.5 |
| Agriculture | 1,211 | 1,312 | 60 | 50 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 19.2 | 17.3 |
| Ingredients | 1,247 | 1,261 | 76 | 41 | 6.1 | 3.3 | 11.1 | 5.8 |
| Retail | 5,347 | 4,950 | 673 | 662 | 12.6 | 13.4 | 31.1 | 33.2 |
| Central costs | - | - | (45) | (49) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Continuing businesses | 12,800 | 12,943 | 1,092 | 1,162 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 17.6 | 18.9 |
| Disposed | _ | - | - | 1 | _ | | - | _ |
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Segmental Analysis

By geography

| | Revenue | | Profit | | Margin | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2015 £m | 2014 £m | 2015 £m | 2014 £m | 2015 % | 2014 % |
| United Kingdom | 5,444 | 5,631 | 535 | 602 | 9.8 | 10.7 |
| Europe & Africa | 4,080 | 3,924 | 335 | 393 | 8.2 | 10.0 |
| The Americas | 1,269 | 1,211 | 148 | 127 | 11.7 | 10.5 |
| Asia Pacific | 2,007 | 2,177 | 74 | 40 | 3.7 | 1.8 |
| Continuing businesses | 12,800 | 12,943 | 1,092 | 1,162 | 8.5 | 9.0 |
| Disposed businesses | | | | 1 | | _ |
| | 12,800 | 12,943 | 1,092 | 1,163 | 8.5 | 9.0 |

Sugar

| | | 2015 | 2014 | Cha | nge |
|------------------|----|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| | | | | actual fx | constant fx |
| Revenue | £m | 1,818 | 2,083 | -13% | -9% |
| Operating profit | £m | 43 | 189 | -77% | -76% |
| Margin | | 2.4% | 9.1% | | |
| ROCE | | 2.4% | 10.5% | | |

- cost reduction
- EU price reduction this year but now stabilised
- euro weakness
- Vivergo Fuels

Cost improvement programme

- third year of ongoing programme
- sustainable cost reduction in all businesses
 - sugar extraction
 - factory efficiencies
 - energy reduction
 - overhead reductions
 - agricultural productivity
- beet cost reduction
 - 2015/16 and 2016/17 in UK
 - 2015/16 in Spain

Production

UK

- high beet yields delivered 1.45 million tonnes
- less than 1.0 million tonnes expected in 2015/16
- 2015/16 campaign progressing well

Spain

- production ahead at 0.71 million tonnes
- all factories performed well

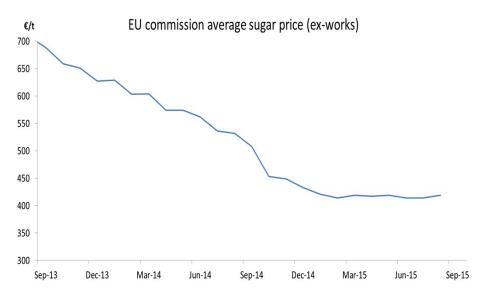
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- South Africa drought
- production at 1.64 million tonnes

China

- good factory performances, especially two remaining beet factories

Sugar prices





EU

- prices now stabilised
- much reduced quota stock levels
- some recovery in world prices

Agriculture

| | | 2015 | 2014 | Cha | nge |
|------------------|----|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| | | | | actual fx | constant fx |
| Revenue | £m | 1,211 | 1,312 | -8% | -8% |
| Operating profit | £m | 60 | 50 | +20% | +18% |
| Margin | | 5.0% | 3.8% | | |
| ROCE | | 19.2% | 17.3% | | |

- profit, margin and ROCE achievement
- China feed performed well
- growth in Speciality Nutrition
- strong growth at AB Vista

Bringing you great brands



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|------------------|----|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| | | | | actual fx | constant fx |
| Revenue | £m | 3,177 | 3,337 | -5% | -3% |
| Operating profit | £m | 285 | 269 | +6% | +5% |
| Margin | | 9.0% | 8.1% | | |
| ROCE | | 22.5% | 20.8% | | |

- strong profit growth at Twinings Ovaltine and ACH
- food commodity price deflation
- competition in bread markets
- further margin improvement
- Dorset Cereals

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Twinings Ovaltine

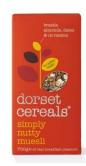
- strong profit growth
- record Twinings market shares in UK, Australia and Italy
- new range of black teas in UK
- more difficult in emerging markets for Ovaltine
- strong factory performances



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|------------------|----|-------|-------|
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- Allied Bakeries
 - capital investment programme complete
 - bread volumes increased
 - Sandwich Thins success
 - lower margins
- Jordans Dorset Ryvita
 - Jordans performed well
 - Dorset Cereals
 - Ryvita crispbread lower, Ryvita Thins growing strongly













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- Westmill / AB World Foods
 - UK ethnic restaurant and takeaway trade improved
 - Patak's and Blue Dragon maintain leading positions
 - export volumes increasing
- ACH / Stratas
 - advertising drives Mazola volume
 - exceptional Stratas profit growth



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Australia

- Tip Top
 - price
 - market share increase for major brands
- Don KRC
 - increased volumes
 - improved factory efficiencies
 - higher bought-in meat cost in first half
 - substantially better second half





Ingredients

| | | 2015 | 2014 | Chan | ge |
|------------------|----|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| | | | | actual fx | constant fx |
| Revenue | £m | 1,247 | 1,261 | -1% | +3% |
| Operating profit | £m | 76 | 41 | +85% | +100% |
| Margin | | 6.1% | 3.3% | | |
| ROCE | | 11.1% | 5.8% | | |

Second year of significant profit recovery

AB Mauri

- all regions ahead
- supply chain efficiencies
- integration of European bakery ingredients acquisition

ABF Ingredients

- highly successful year for enzymes
- profit improvement for yeast extracts, cereal extrusion and speciality lipids

Retail

| | | 2015 | 2014 | Chai | nge |
|------------------|----|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| | | | | actual fx | constant fx |
| Revenue | £m | 5,347 | 4,950 | +8% | +13% |
| Operating profit | £m | 673 | 662 | +2% | +5% |
| Margin | | 12.6% | 13.4% | | |
| ROCE | | 31.1% | 33.2% | | |

- expansion constant currency sales up 13%
- very high sales densities in new stores
- like-for-like sales ahead 1%
- markdowns returned to normal level
- investment in warehouse infrastructure
- first store opened in the US
- 41st store in Spain, still queueing!

Retail

| | | 2015 | 2014 |
|------------------|----|-------|-------|
| Revenue | £m | 5,347 | 4,950 |
| Operating profit | £m | 673 | 662 |

- over the year
 - warm 2014 autumn
 - very good Christmas
 - strong finish
- like-for-like sales up 1%, up 4% excluding Netherlands and Germany
- by country
 - Spain, Portugal, Ireland well ahead
 - UK positive
 - France continues to excite
- first US store, Boston, trading well

Autumn/winter 2015







Store experience - Denim

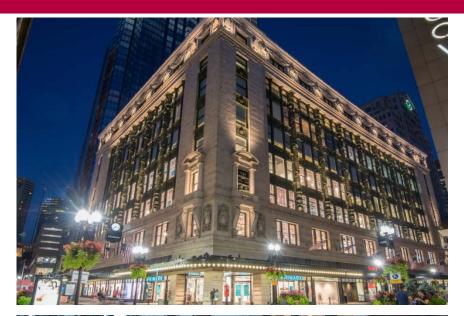








Boston









Madrid Gran Via



Selling space expansion

- Addition of 0.9 million sq ft
 - opened in 20 new locations
 - relocated two stores
 - closed three stores
 - extended four stores
- Significant new space added in Germany, Netherlands, Belgium
- Large stores:
 - Dresden, Braunschweig, Krefeld, Weiterstadt
 - Arnhem, The Hague

Primark – selling space expansion

| | 2015 | | 20 | 14 |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | # of stores | sq ft 000 | # of stores | sq ft 000 |
| UK | 164 | 6,083 | 164 | 6,039 |
| Spain | 40 | 1,369 | 40 | 1,338 |
| Germany | 19 | 1,194 | 13 | 829 |
| Republic of Ireland | 36 | 1,028 | 37 | 1,035 |
| Netherlands | 12 | 547 | 8 | 346 |
| Portugal | 8 | 267 | 7 | 232 |
| France | 5 | 231 | 5 | 231 |
| Austria | 4 | 193 | 3 | 142 |
| Belgium | 4 | 166 | 1 | 34 |
| USA | 1 | 77 | | |
| | 293 | 11,155 | 278 | 10,226 |

Further expansion

- 1.5 million sq ft to open in 2015/16
- Significant European expansion
 - France, UK and Spain
 - first store in Italy

Seven stores in north-east US

Warehouse expansion

- Capacity doubled since September 2013
 - Torija, Spain doubled
 - Mönchengladbach, Germany 60% increase
 - Bethlehem, Pennsylvania opened this summer
 - Bor, Czech Republic opened in September
 - Magna Park, UK to be relocated to larger site at Islip, Northamptonshire
 - Roosendaal, Netherlands late next year

Summary of these results

- A strong operational performance
- Sugar
 - cost improvement
 - lower EU prices
- Significant profit progress at Ingredients and Agriculture
- Further margin improvement for Grocery
- Primark expansion

Looking ahead

- Good underlying trading
- Expect currency pressures to lead to modest decline in adjusted eps
- EU sugar prices have stabilised, cost improvement programme continues
- Further progress for Ingredients
- Momentum for Grocery and Agriculture
- Accelerating Primark expansion

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Exchange rates

| Average rates used to translate the income statement | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|-------|-------|
| US\$ | 1.55 | 1.66 |
| euro | 1.34 | 1.22 |
| South African rand | 18.42 | 17.43 |
| Australian \$ | 1.96 | 1.80 |

| Closing rates used to translate the balance sheet | 2015 | 2014 |
|---|-------|-------|
| US\$ | 1.54 | 1.62 |
| euro | 1.37 | 1.25 |
| South African rand | 20.99 | 17.86 |
| Australian \$ | 2.18 | 1.80 |

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