Associated British Foods plc

Review of interim results for 24 weeks ended 4 March 2017



Financial Highlights

Group revenue	up 7% [*]	£7.3bn
Adjusted operating profit	up 23% [*]	£652m
Adjusted profit before tax	up 35%	£624m
Adjusted earnings per share	up 30%	59.7p
Interim dividend per share	up 10%	11.35p
Gross capital investment		£416m
Net cash		£190m

^{*} constant currency

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Income statement

£m	2017	2016	Char	nge
		restated	actual fx	constant fx
Revenue	7,296	6,117	+19%	+7%
Operating costs	(6,684)	(5,668)		
Share of joint ventures and associates	26	23		
Profits less losses on disposal of non-current assets	2	-		
Operating profit	640	472		
Adjusted operating profit	652	481	+36%	+23%
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Amortisation of non-operating intangibles	(11)	(9)		
Transaction costs	(3)	-		

Income statement

£m	2017	2016	Change
		restated	
Operating profit	640	472	+36%
Profits on sale of businesses	255	-	
Net interest expense	(25)	(24)	
Other financial (expense)/income	(3)	4	
Profit before tax	867	452	+92%
Tax	(221)	(96)	
Profit after tax	646	356	
Adjusted profit before tax	624	461	+35%

Tax

£m	2017		2016 restated	
Underlying charge	142	22.7%	98	21.3%
Credit on intangible amortisation	(2)		(2)	
Charge on disposal of businesses and fixed assets	82		-	
Credit on transaction costs	(1)		-	
Reported charge	221	25.5%	96	21.2%

Earnings and Dividend Per Share

	2017	2016	Change
		restated	
Adjusted earnings per share	59.7p	45.8p	+30%
Earnings per share	80.5p	44.9p	+79%
Dividend per share	11.35p	10.3p	+10%

Balance Sheet

£m	2017	2016
		restated
Intangible assets (including goodwill)	1,467	1,425
PP&E and other non-current assets	5,703	5,025
Working capital	926	1,032
Biological assets – current	121	90
Current tax	(169)	(112)
Net cash/(debt)	190	(421)
Other net financial assets	75	56
Deferred tax	(90)	(101)
Provisions	(134)	(60)
Net pension (liability)/asset	(203)	16
	7,886	6,950
Equity shareholders' funds	7,803	6,783
Non-controlling interests	83	167
	7,886	6,950

Cash Flow

£m	2017	2016
		restated
Adjusted operating profit (before joint ventures and associates)	626	458
Depreciation and amortisation of operating intangibles	245	215
Working capital	(44)	(192)
Provisions	(9)	(7)
Capital expenditure - Primark	(252)	(172)
- Food	(142)	(160)
Purchase of intangibles	(22)	(16)
Tax	(164)	(87)
Net interest and other income	(20)	(19)
Pension costs less contributions	8	5
Dividends from joint ventures and associates	38	10
Other	(5)	(21)
Free cash flow	259	14
Dividends paid (including non-controlling interests)	(209)	(205)
Disposals less acquisitions	374	(9)
	424	(200)

Segmental Analysis

By business

	Revenue		Pro	Profit		Margin		ROCE	
					(annu	alised)			
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	%	%	%	
				restated		restated		restated	
Grocery	1,658	1,441	151	126	9.1	8.7	26.5	22.7	
Sugar	1,081	811	123	3	11.4	0.4	16.6	0.4	
Agriculture	552	491	23	22	4.2	4.5	14.6	14.4	
Ingredients	730	596	61	40	8.4	6.7	14.9	11.8	
Retail	3,222	2,667	323	313	10.0	11.7	26.0	32.0	
Central costs	-	-	(31)	(25)	-	-	-	-	
Continuing businesses	7,243	6,006	650	479	9.0	8.0	21.2	17.9	
Disposed businesses	53	111	2	2					
Total	7,296	6,117	652	481	8.9	7.9	20.9	17.6	

Segmental Analysis

By geography

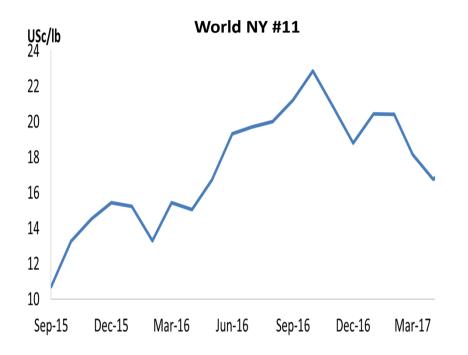
	Revenue		Profit		Mar	gin
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	%
				restated		restated
United Kingdom	2,589	2,488	204	210	7.9	8.4
Europe & Africa	2,800	2,080	278	158	9.9	7.6
The Americas	752	575	107	73	14.2	12.7
Asia Pacific	1,102	863	61	38	5.5	4.4
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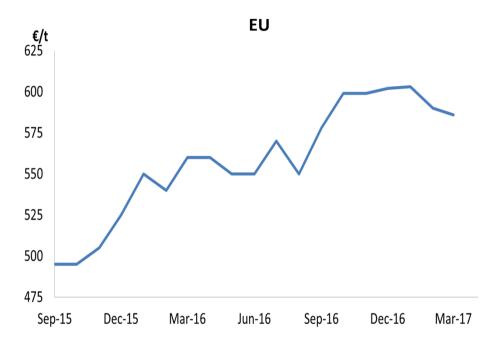
Sugar

		2017	2016	Chai	nge
			restated	actual fx	constant fx
Revenue	£m	1,081	811	+33%	+16%
Operating profit	£m	123	3		
Margin		11.4%	0.4%		
ROCE		16.6%	0.4%		

- one of the world's lowest cost producers
- performance improvement savings
- South China cane sugar sold
- buy-out of Illovo minorities
- higher sugar prices
- all country operations profitable

Sugar prices





- second year of lower world sugar stocks
- EU stock levels significantly lower

European operations

- UK
 - lower beet cost
 - low production at 0.9 million tonnes
 - stronger euro

- Spain
 - increased production

- Improvement in cost base
 - agricultural development
 - process efficiencies
 - co-product revenues

Anaerobic digestion Bury St Edmunds



Illovo

- fully owned since June 2016
- acceleration of cost reduction
- focus on regional sales and domestic consumers

Malawi consumer











Old

Tanzania consumer





Old New

Illovo

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- acceleration of cost reduction
- focus on regional sales and domestic consumers
- recovery from drought
- higher volumes

Agriculture

		2017	2016	Chai	nge
				actual fx	constant fx
Revenue	£m	552	491	+12%	+8%
Operating profit	£m	23	22	+5%	-8%
Margin		4.2%	4.5%		
ROCE		14.6%	14.4%		

- revenue growth, higher commodity prices
- China progress
- strong performance from AB Vista
- development of speciality proteins

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- Twinings Ovaltine strong growth
- continued recovery at George Weston Foods
- sale of US Herbs & Spices
- small acquisitions in sports nutrition

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- Twinings Ovaltine
 - strong profit increase
 - Twinings share gains in major markets
 - Ovaltine
 - growth in developing markets
 - new products in Thailand
 - innovative marketing







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powder ready to drink

Australian Morning Tea









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Allied Bakeries

- margin decline from competition and inflation
- higher sales volumes
- new Kingsmill pack design
- investment in new doughnut line in Wakefield

Silver Spoon

- competitive market, margin decline





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- Jordans Dorset Ryvita
 - progress in cereals
 - Ryvita crispbread decline slowed



- AB World Foods
 - good growth for Patak's and Blue Dragon
 - striking new Blue Dragon design





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ACH / Stratas

- higher vegetable oil volumes and margins
- share gains in home baking

Australia

- bread volume growth
- cost reductions at Don KRC
- much improved margin





Ingredients

		2017	2016	Char	Change	
				actual fx	constant fx	
Revenue	£m	730	596	+22%	+3%	
Operating profit	£m	61	40	+53%	+27%	
Margin		8.4%	6.7%			
ROCE		14.9%	11.8%			

AB Mauri

- good trading in North America
- Asia much improved
- South America performed well despite economic challenges

ABF Ingredients

- excellent performance by all businesses
- enzymes growth
- sustained growth in speciality lipids and protein extrusion

Current top sellers



Printed bardot dress - £6



Pool sliders - £4



Mascara - £2 Lipstick - £2 Powder - £2.50

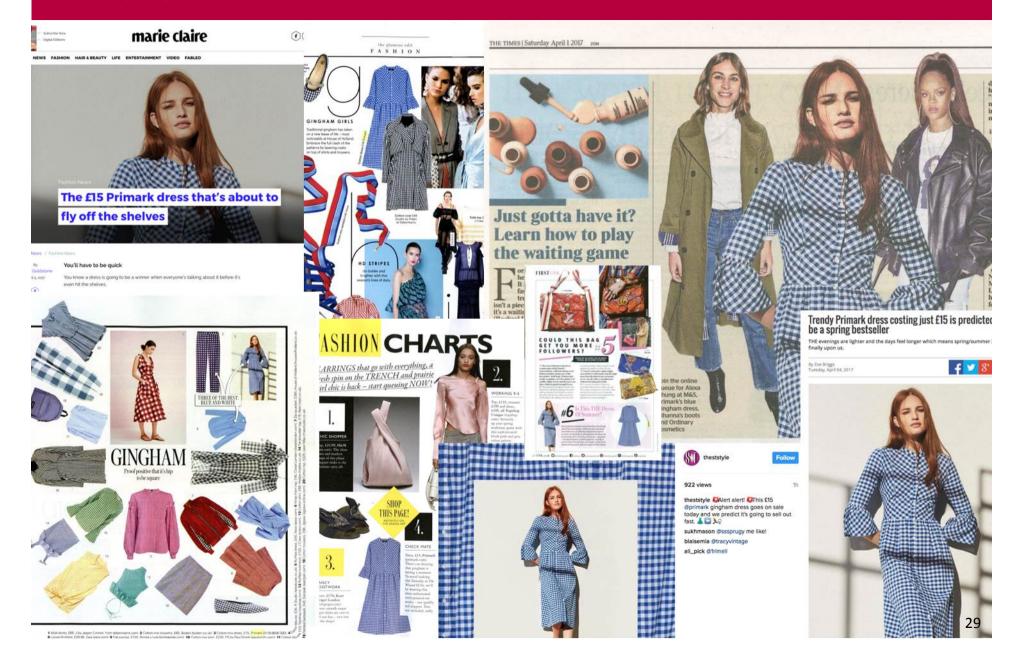


Guns 'n' Roses Distressed Tee - £9



Embroidered flared sleeve top - £10

The gingham dress



Summer







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- 12% sales growth, comparable week, constant currency
- extensive new store opening programme
- strong market share gains
- currency-related margin decline

Retail

- UK
 - sales up 7%
 - 2% like-for-like growth
 - total clothing market share well ahead
 - strong offering in existing and new categories
- Continental Europe
 - selling space up 20%
 - huge potential in all markets
 - many existing stores overtrading, destination
 - new stores very well received
 - some cannibalisation
 - Hamburg opening

Hamburg



US

- 7 stores now trading
- Staten Island has started very well
- store offering continues to develop and evolve
- Boston store extended

Staten Island



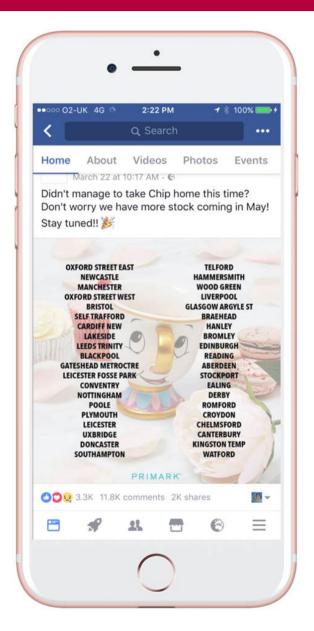
Digital and social media

- 9.5 million followers
- grown by over 100,000 per month
- across all geographies and languages
- mobile usage now 60% of all digital visits
- 10% more content viewed on Primark.com
- greater use of video



Instagram - the Chip cup!

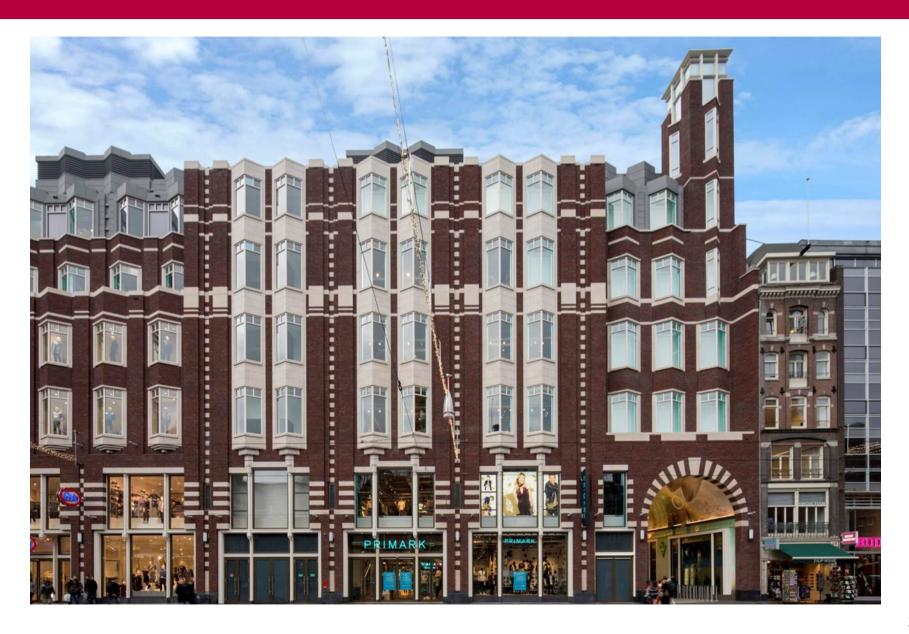




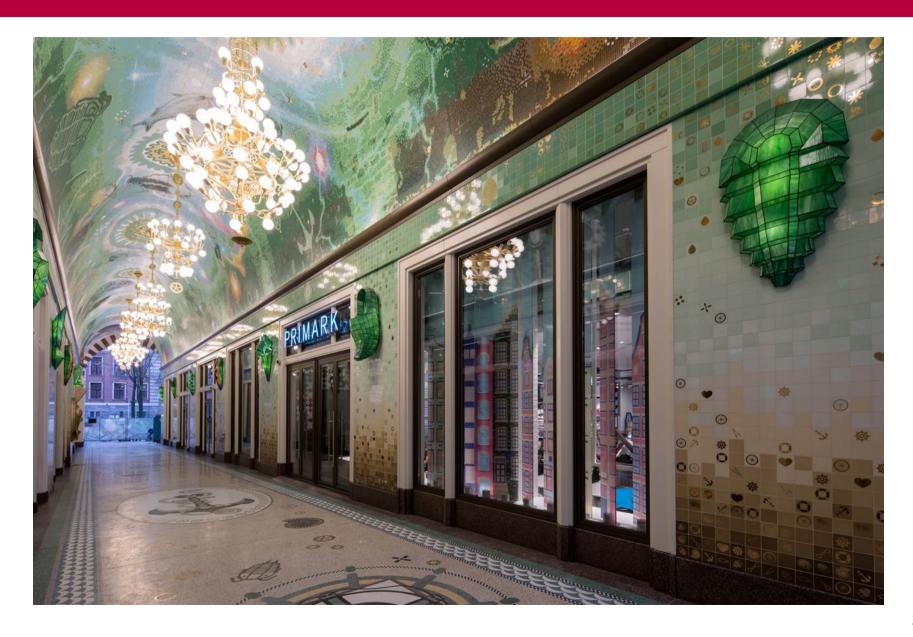
Selling space expansion

- 0.8 million sq ft added
- 12% weighted average increase
- 16 new stores in 8 countries
- flagship in Amsterdam
- Oxford Street East extended

Amsterdam - Damrak



Amsterdam - Damrak



Oxford Street East



Primark selling space

HY 17		HY 16	
# of stores	sq ft 000	# of stores	sq ft 000
176	6,622	166	6,113
42	1,565	41	1,503
22	1,401	19	1,208
37	1,084	36	1,028
16	770	13	585
10	503	6	270
6	375	2	158
9	300	8	267
5	242	4	192
4	166	4	166
2	99	_	-
329	13,127	299	11,490
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Further expansion

0.3 million sq ft already added in second half

Charleroi	Belgium
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Granada Spain

Staten Island US

Uxbridge UK

Zwolle Netherlands

Downtown Crossing extended US

Now expect to add close to 1.5 million sq ft this financial year

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Outlook

- Underlying revenue momentum to continue in second half
- Second half rate of profit growth lower than first half
- Expectation for full year improved
- Good growth in adjusted earnings

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2016 half year restatement - for cane roots

£m	As reported	Adjustment	Restated
Adjusted operating profit	486	(5)	481
Taxation	(97)	1	(96)
Adjusted profit after tax	367	(4)	363
Adjusted earnings per share (pence)	46.1	(0.3)	45.8
Basic earnings per share (pence)	45.2	(0.3)	44.9
Property, plant & equipment	4,736	28	4,764
Biological assets (non-current)	83	(83)	0
Deferred tax liabilities	(234)	13	(221)
Net assets	6,992	(42)	6,950

Exchange rates

Average rates used to translate the income statement	2017	2016
US\$	1.25	1.49
euro	1.16	1.36
South African rand	17.06	22.01
Australian \$	1.66	2.09

Closing rates used to translate the balance sheet	2017	2016
US\$	1.23	1.40
euro	1.16	1.27
South African rand	16.03	21.96
Australian \$	1.62	1.93

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Notes

Adjusted operating profit is stated before the amortisation of non-operating intangibles, profits less losses on disposal of non-current assets and transaction costs. These items, together with profits less losses on the sale and closure of businesses, are excluded from adjusted profit before tax and adjusted earnings per share. Constant currency is derived by translating the 2016 results at 2017 average exchange rates.