

# Keller Group plc

## Full Year Results 2010

February 2011



# Highlights

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- 38% of revenue from Australia and developing markets
    - compares to 13% five years ago
    - total of £404m up from £276m in 2009
  - Acquisition of Waterway in Australia and Nilex in the US
  - £70.3m of cash generated from operations
  - Year end net debt of £94.0m (1.1x EBITDA)
  - Refinancing completed in December; committed facilities now £240m, with substantial covenant headroom
  - Total dividend per share of 22.8p, up 5%
  - Order book up 13% on last year
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# Group Income Statement

£m	2010	2009	% change
Revenue	1,068.9	1,037.9	+3%
EBITDA	85.0	113.2	-33%
Operating profit*	43.3	77.3	-44%
Net finance costs	(3.7)	(2.6)	
Profit before tax*	39.6	74.7	-47%
Tax	(11.0)	(22.6)	
Profit after tax*	28.6	52.1	-45%

Constant currency basis  
 – revenue down 1%  
 – operating profit down 50%

Average exchange rates  
 – US\$1.55 (2009: \$1.57)  
 – €1.17 (2009: €1.12)  
 – A\$1.68 (2009: A\$1.99)

Effective tax rate 28%  
 (2009: 30%)

\*before goodwill impairment



# Group Income Statement (continued)

£m	2010	2009	% change
Profit after tax	28.6	52.1	-45%
Goodwill impairment (post tax)	(17.1)	-	
	11.5	52.1	
Minority interests	(0.3)	(1.7)	
Attributable to shareholders	11.2	50.4	
Earnings per share before goodwill impairment	44.0p	78.8p	-44%
Earnings per share	17.3p	78.8p	
Dividends per share	22.8p	21.75p	+5%

Goodwill impairment relates to Suncoast and Keller-Terra  
– £21.8m before tax

Dividends up 5%  
– 1.9x covered by underlying earnings



# Operating Profit & Margin\*

	2010			2009		
£m	Revenue	Op Profit	Margin	Revenue	Op Profit	Margin
UK	49.6	(2.5)	(5.0%)	57.6	0.5	0.9%
USA	425.2	6.9	1.6%	467.0	32.2	6.9%
CEMEA	400.3	22.4	5.6%	386.4	33.6	8.7%
Australia	193.8	19.1	9.9%	126.9	16.6	13.1%
	<b>1,068.9</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>1,037.9</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>8.0%</b>
Central costs	-	(2.6)		-	(5.6)	
	<b>1,068.9</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>1,037.9</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

Constant currency revenues down 1%

- UK - 14%
- US - 10%
- CEMEA + 3%
- Australia + 29%

Operating profit stated after £3.8m of one-off costs

- mainly Suncoast, UK, Spain & France

US result impacted by loss at Suncoast



\*before goodwill impairment

# Group Balance Sheet

£m	2010	2009
Goodwill/intangibles	106.8	119.1
Property, plant & equipment	275.0	264.4
Other non-current assets	16.1	12.7
	<b>397.9</b>	<b>396.2</b>
Inventories	32.9	37.4
Receivables	334.6	299.9
Payables	(260.8)	(252.3)
Working capital	<b>106.7</b>	<b>85.0</b>
Capital employed	<b>504.6</b>	<b>481.2</b>
Other liabilities/provisions	(50.4)	(44.3)
Retirement benefits	(20.1)	(20.2)
Tax	(9.3)	(14.6)
Net debt	(94.0)	(78.8)
Net assets	<b>330.8</b>	<b>323.3</b>

Comparisons impacted by different year-end exchange rates

- US\$1.55 (2009: \$1.59)
- €1.17 (2009: €1.11)
- A\$1.52 (2009: A\$1.78)

Continuing focus on working capital

- receivables increase reflects higher Q4 sales
- receivables ratio improved year on year

Gearing of 28% (2009: 24%)



# Group Cash Flow Statement

£m	2010	2009
Cash from operating activities	70.3	123.2
Capex – net	(28.6)	(35.5)
Interest	(4.0)	(4.5)
Tax	(10.2)	(30.0)
Free cash flow	27.5	53.2
Acquisitions	(23.4)	(34.7)
Dividends	(14.9)	(17.4)
Other	(0.1)	(2.0)
Net cash flow	(10.9)	(0.9)
Opening net debt	(78.8)	(84.6)
Exchange movements	(4.3)	6.7
Closing net debt	(94.0)	(78.8)

Cash from operations  
83% of EBITDA  
(2009: 109%)

Capex concentrated  
on growth markets

Acquisitions spend  
largely Waterway and  
Nilex

Dividends down as  
lower payments to  
minorities



# Group Financing Position

- Bank refinancing completed in December 2010
  - new £170m facility expiring April 2015
  - extra 100bp margin
  - other key terms broadly unchanged
- \$30m of \$100m US private placement expires in 2011
  - \$70m in 2014
- Comfortably within key financial covenants
- A further £43m of other facilities held locally

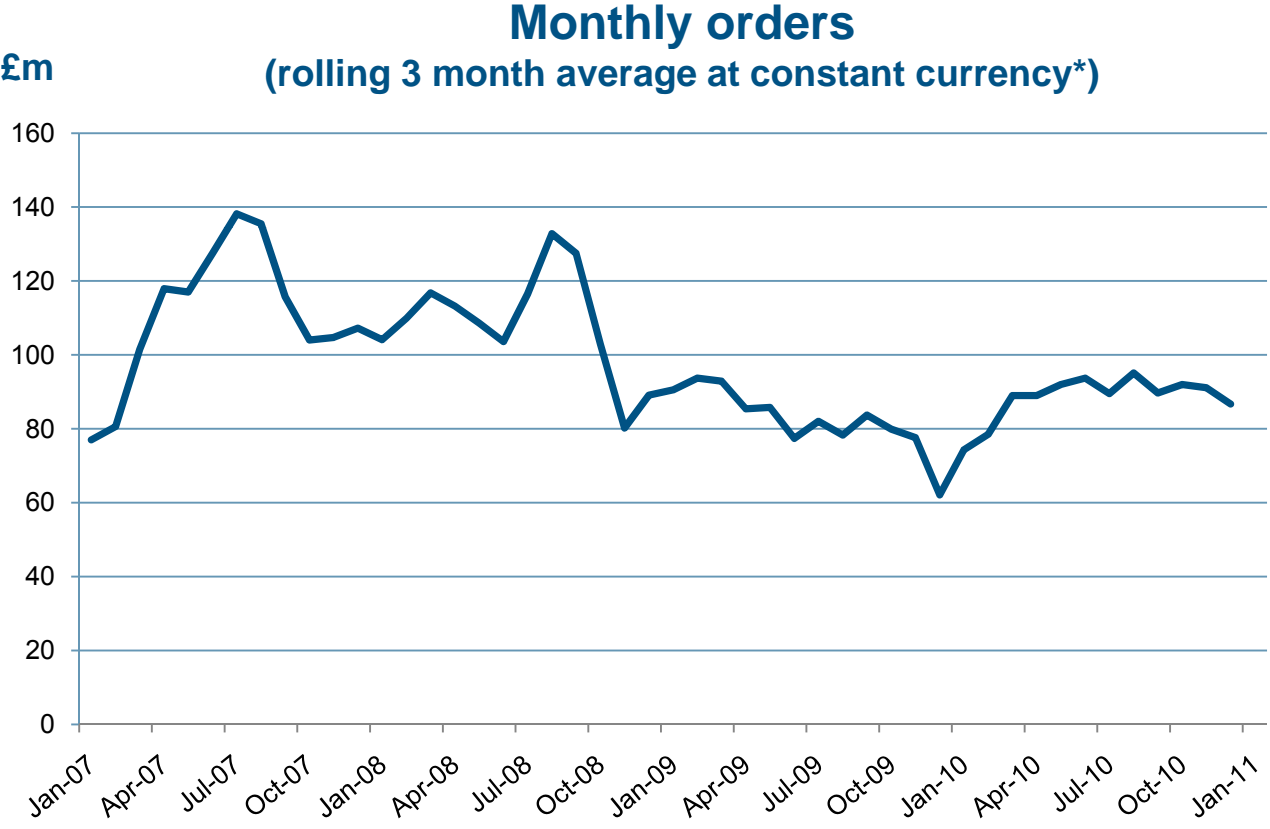
## Key Financial Covenants

<i>Test</i>	<i>Status*</i>
Net debt < 3x EBITDA	1.5x
EBITDA interest cover > 4x	23x
Net Assets > £200m	£331m

*\* calculated on a covenant basis*



# Group Orders



2010 order intake consistently above 2009 from March onwards – averaging just over £90m/month

Current order book 13% up from last year in constant currency



\*at 2010 average exchange rates

# 2011 Guidance

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## Trading

- Expect steady revenue growth for the Group as a whole
- Margins in the US and Western Europe will remain under pressure
- Australia unlikely to repeat 2010 result
- Uncertainty in Middle East and North Africa

## Financial

- Underlying interest charge up by nearly £2m
  - Expected effective tax rate of 28%
  - Capex broadly in line with depreciation
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# Strategy

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- Our Objective

- to extend our global leadership in specialist ground engineering

- Our Execution

- expansion into new higher growth geographic regions
- acquisition and development of new technologies and techniques
- transfer of technologies and techniques within our current geographic regions

- Progress in 2010

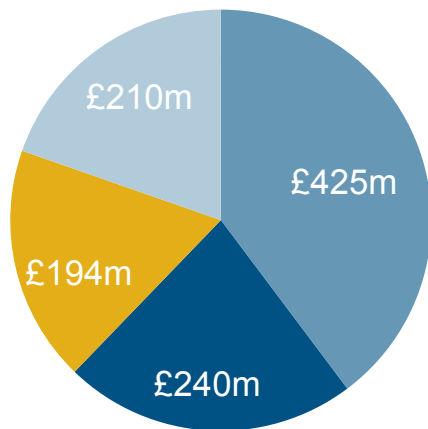
- investment and growth in India, South East Asia and Brazil
  - acquisition of Waterway and Nilex
  - further extension of our range of technologies in a number of markets
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# Strategy – Geographic Diversification

## 2010 Revenue

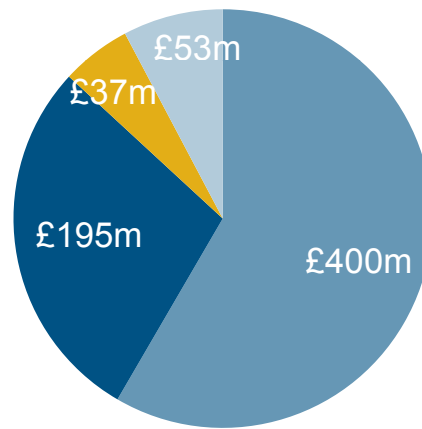
Total revenue £1,069m



- US
- Western Europe
- Australia
- Developing markets

## 2005 Revenue

Total revenue £685m



- US
- Western Europe
- Australia
- Developing markets

Revenue from Australia and developing markets up from £90m to £404m in five years

– circa 30% of growth from acquisitions, 70% organic

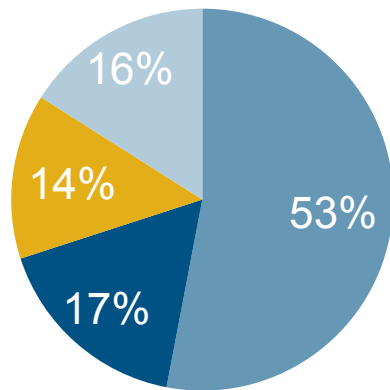
Now represents 38% of Group revenue

– up from 13% in 2005



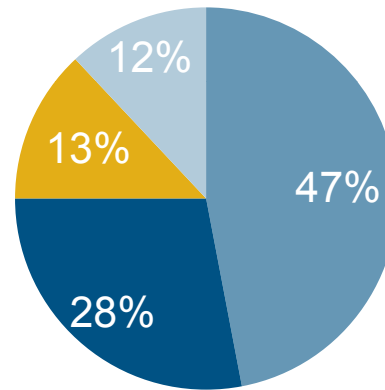
# Group Analysis of Revenue

2010 Revenue by End Market  
Total revenue £1,069m



- Infrastructure/Public Buildings
- Power/Industrial/Manufacturing
- Office/Commercial
- Residential

2009 Revenue by End Market  
Total revenue £1,038m



- Infrastructure/Public Buildings
- Power/Industrial/Manufacturing
- Office/Commercial
- Residential

Keller operates across all sectors of the construction industry

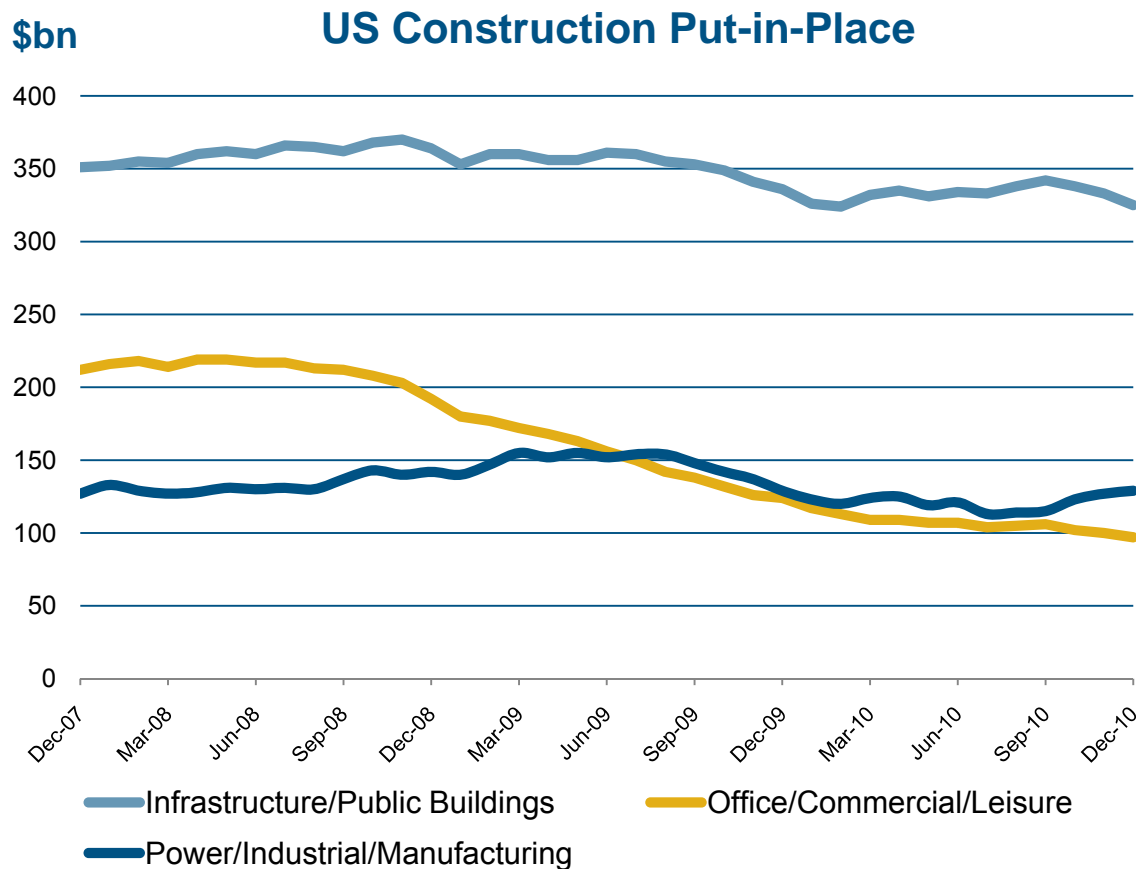
In all four divisions:

- Infrastructure/Public Buildings revenue increased
- Power/Industrial/Manufacturing revenue down significantly

Residential share increased by full year of Resource Piling



# US Non-residential Construction Market



Total US non-residential construction market down 14% in 2010

Infrastructure/Public Buildings down 7%  
- first annual decline in >20 years

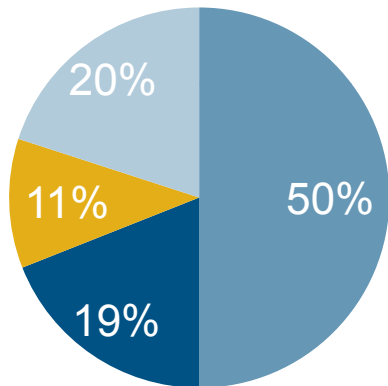
Office/Commercial/Leisure down 30%  
- more than halved since peak

Power/Industrial/Manufacturing down 14%  
- Power down 7%



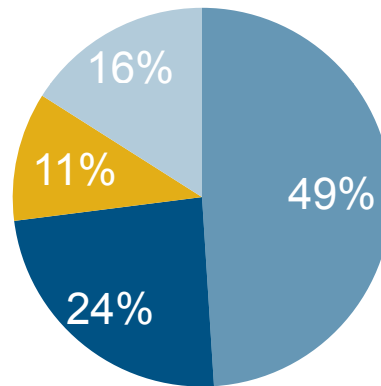
# US Analysis of Revenue

2010 Revenue by End Market  
Total revenue \$659m



- Infrastructure/Public Buildings
- Power/Industrial/Manufacturing
- Office/Commercial
- Residential

2009 Revenue by End Market  
Total revenue \$733m



- Infrastructure/Public Buildings
- Power/Industrial/Manufacturing
- Office/Commercial
- Residential

Infrastructure/Public Buildings market the most important sector

Significant change in mix since recession  
– 2007: Infrastructure/ Public Buildings only 22%



# US Foundations



Double tracking of rail bridge  
Abo Canyon, New Mexico

Moderate revenue growth in H2  
– margins still under pressure  
– overcapacity remains

Conditions vary by region  
– California and Florida most difficult  
– better conditions in the North East

Keller companies continue to extract synergies

– two largest 2010 jobs were internal JVs

January order book up 12% on last year

# US Case Studies



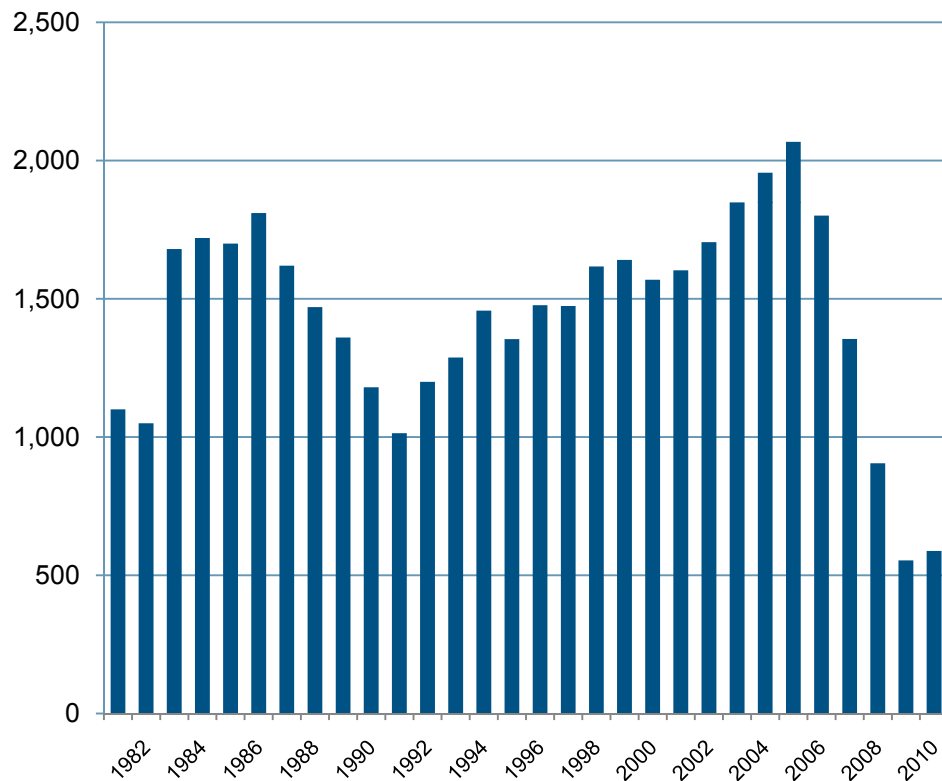
Slope protection for Government building  
Washington DC



Grouting at Thornton Composite Reservoir  
Chicago, Illinois

# US Suncoast

US Housing Starts (000's)



2010 starts 72% off 2005 peak  
– just over half the troughs of 1982 and 1991

Increase on 2009 due to first time buyer tax credit offered until April  
– since May starts back down to 2009 levels

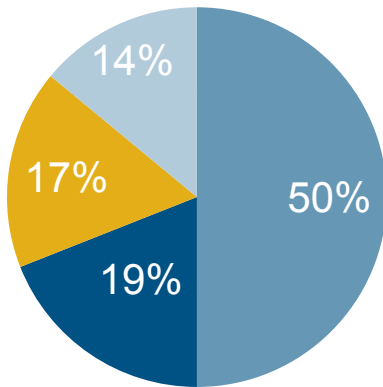
Suncoast recorded a loss  
– headcount reduced by a further 25%  
– more office closures



Source: US Census Bureau, Housing Starts

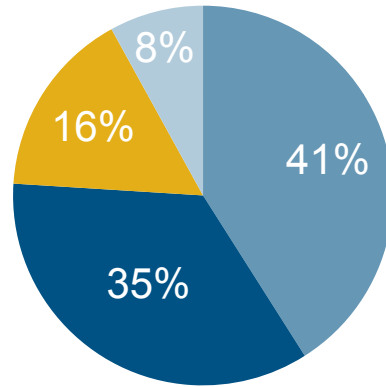
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2010 Revenue by End Market  
Total revenue €468m



- Infrastructure/Public Buildings
- Power/Industrial/Manufacturing
- Office/Commercial
- Residential

2009 Revenue by End Market  
Total revenue €433m



- Infrastructure/Public Buildings
- Power/Industrial/Manufacturing
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- Residential

Infrastructure/Public Buildings revenue very robust

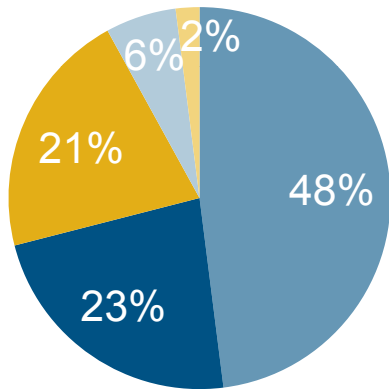
Significant decline in Power/Industrial/Manufacturing revenue



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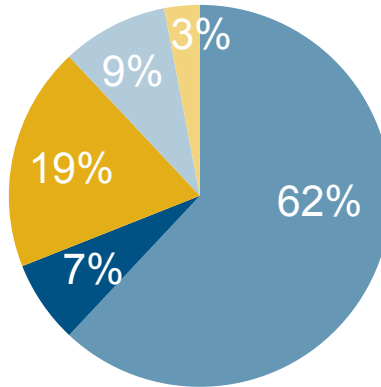
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2010 Revenue by Region  
Total revenue €468m



- Western Europe
- Asia
- Eastern Europe
- Middle East
- Other

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Significant decrease in major Western European countries, most notably France

Asian growth helped by full year of Resource Piling

Poland two thirds of Eastern Europe



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# CEMEA Highlights



Emergency landslide repair

A6 Motorway, Spain

Excellent progress in Asia

- Singapore, Malaysia and India all had record revenue and profit

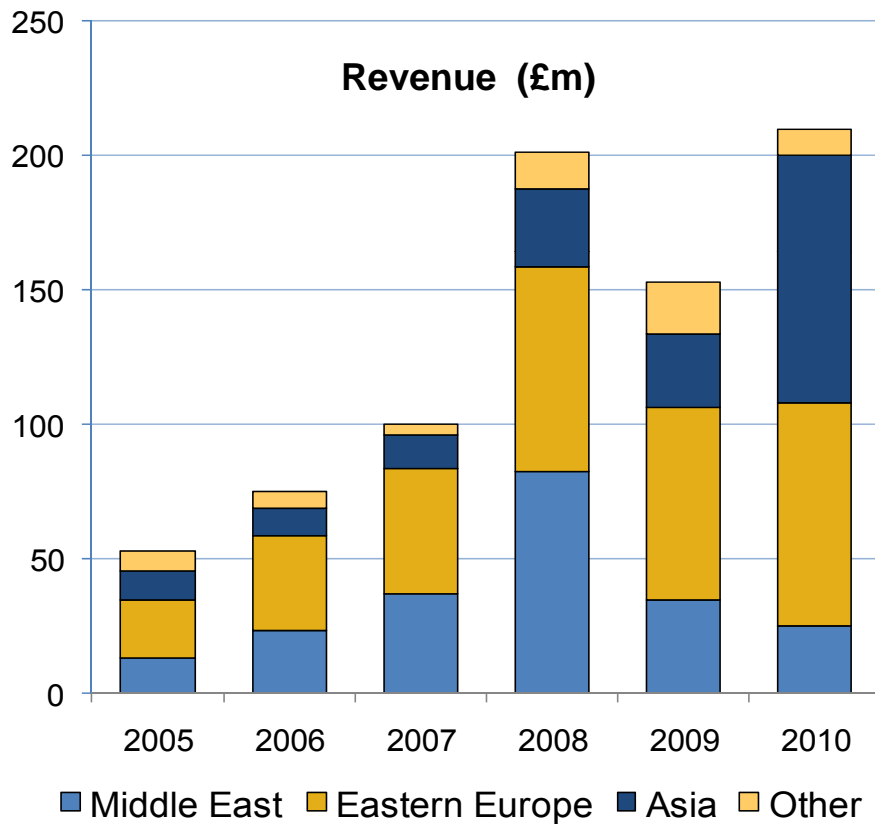
Poland continues to grow and expand its product offering

Very difficult markets in Western Europe

- Germany the best market
- significant restructuring/downsizing in France and Spain

No improvement in the Middle East

# CEMEA – Developing Markets



Revenue quadrupled in five years  
– despite significant decline in the Middle East

Excellent progress in Asia  
– comprises Singapore, India, Malaysia and Vietnam

Poland two thirds of Eastern Europe  
– current Polish order book at record levels

Other mainly North Africa and Brazil

# CEMEA Case Studies



Ground improvement

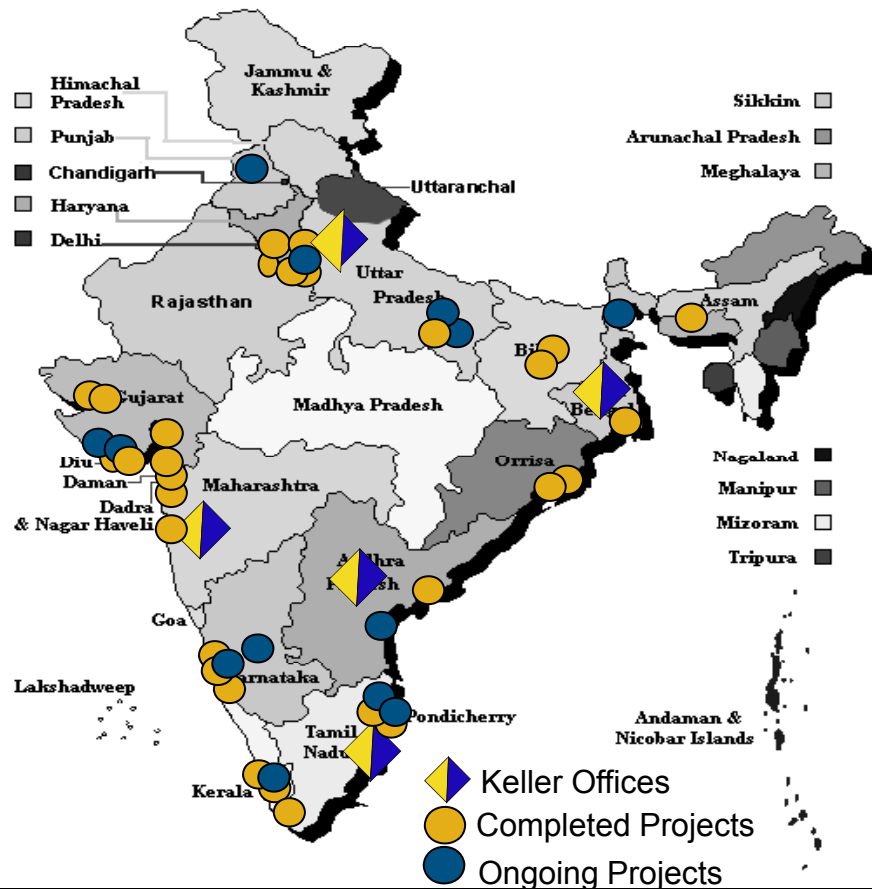
A4 Motorway, Poland



Foundations for fabrication yard

Pipavav Shipyard, India

# Developing Markets Case Study - India



Initial jobs used Keller's ground improvement technologies

- steadily extended product offering
- now also offer piling, grouting & anchors

Grew significantly in 2010

- revenue trebled to £16m at good margins
- employees up from about 150 to over 300
- equipment transferred from Middle East

Concentrating on large infrastructure and industrial jobs

Challenge is to continue growing whilst managing the risks of rapid expansion



# Australia Highlights



Various piling methods

Freemantle Port, WA

Australian businesses had another excellent year

Public spending and resources sector remain strong

- together > 70% of Keller's revenue

Integration of Waterway on plan

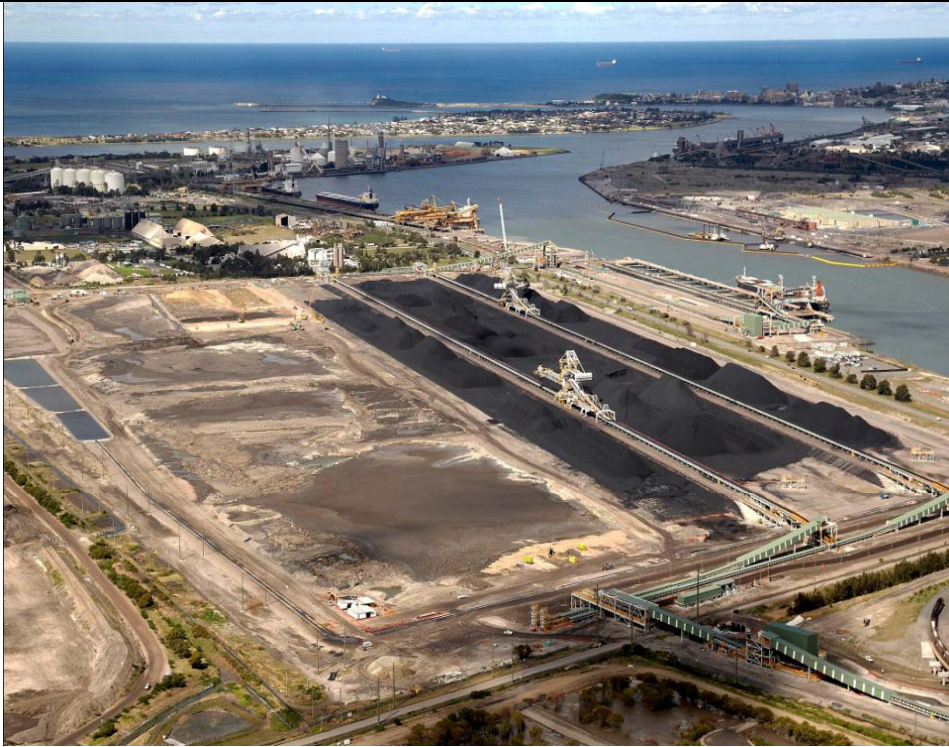
2011 activity likely to decrease

- a lull in the market

- some disruption from floods

Several large projects being tendered for 2012

# Australia – Case Studies



Dynamic replacement & soil mixing  
Newcastle, NSW



Wharf upgrade  
Sydney, NSW

# UK Highlights



Retaining wall

Olympic Park, London

Market remains very difficult

Further redundancies and reorganisation  
- cost of £1m

H1 2011 will be challenging

H2 2011 will benefit from Crossrail and Victoria Station upgrade

# Outlook

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- Contract awards in H2 continued to be ahead of 2009
  - order book 13% up on last year
- US and Western European markets remain depressed
  - overcapacity will keep pressure on margins
- Impact of unrest in Middle East/North Africa uncertain
- Australian fundamentals remain strong
  - 2011 likely to be quieter than 2010 and 2012
- Growth opportunities in developing markets

# Appendix



# Introduction to Keller

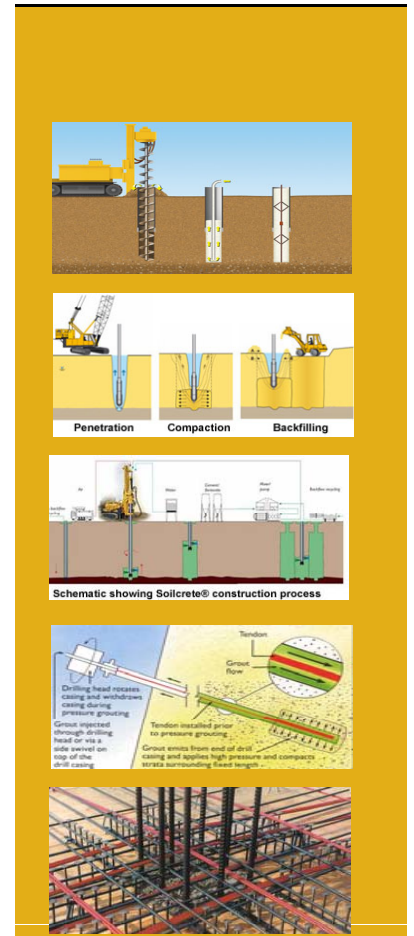
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- **The world's largest independent ground engineering contractor**
  - ground engineering is a small, niche sub-sector of construction
  - growing faster than construction, reflecting:
    - more pressure to build on brownfield and marginal land
    - more ambitious development and infrastructure projects
- **Unrivalled geographic coverage, working in around 40 countries**
  - clear market leader in US and Australia
  - well established businesses in most West European countries
  - growing in developing markets
- **Generally work as a subcontractor for main contractors**
- **Typical contracts are**
  - short duration and less than £500k
  - across the construction spectrum

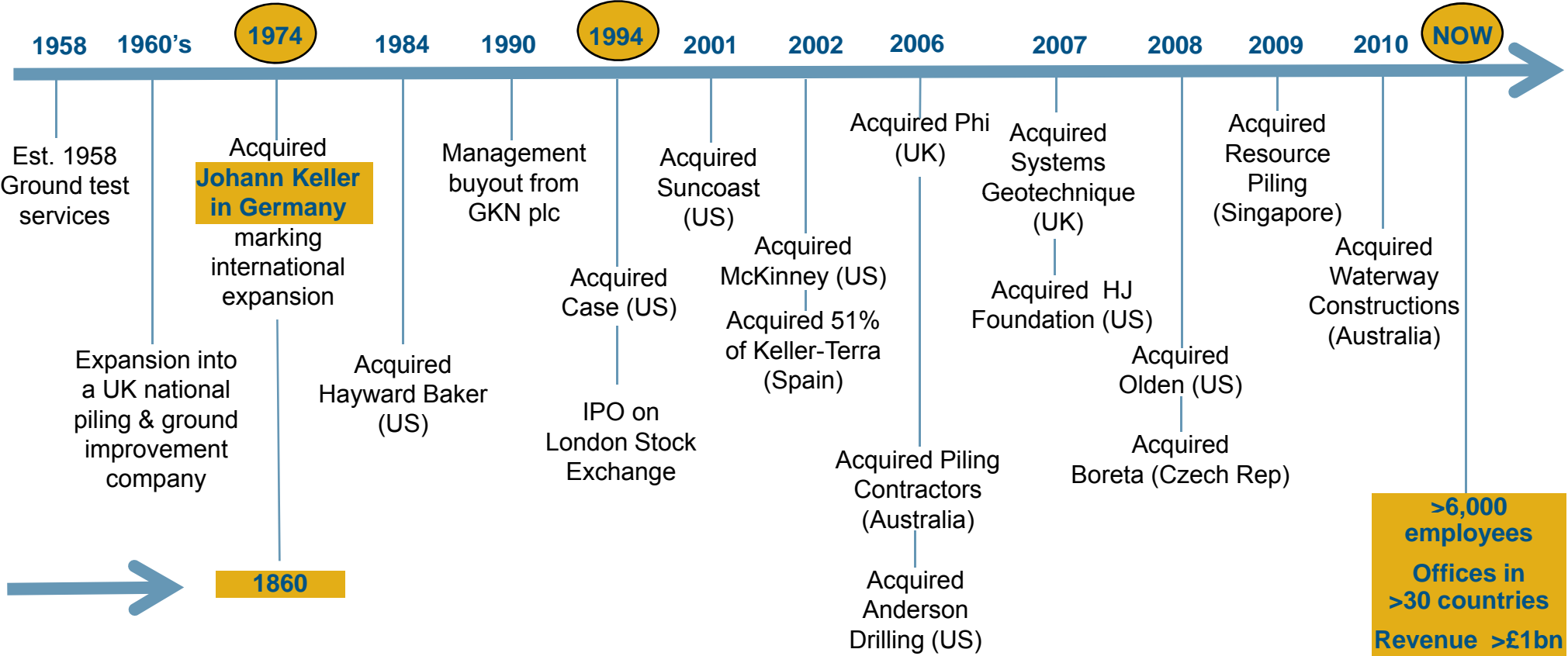


# Ground Engineering Worldwide

Activities	% of 2010 revenue	Regions of use	Applications
<b>Piling</b>	41%	US/UK Eastern Europe Middle East & Asia Australia	Foundation support Earth retention
<b>Ground improvement</b>	20%	US/UK Continental Europe Middle East & Asia Australia	Foundation support Seismic risk protection
<b>Speciality Grouting</b>	17%	US/UK Continental Europe Asia Australia	Control of building settlement Groundwater control
<b>Anchors, Nails, Minipiles</b>	16%	US/UK Continental Europe Asia	Excavation support Slope protection Underpinning
<b>Post-tension concrete</b>	6%	US	Slab-on-grade foundations High rise structures



# History of Keller



# Strategy

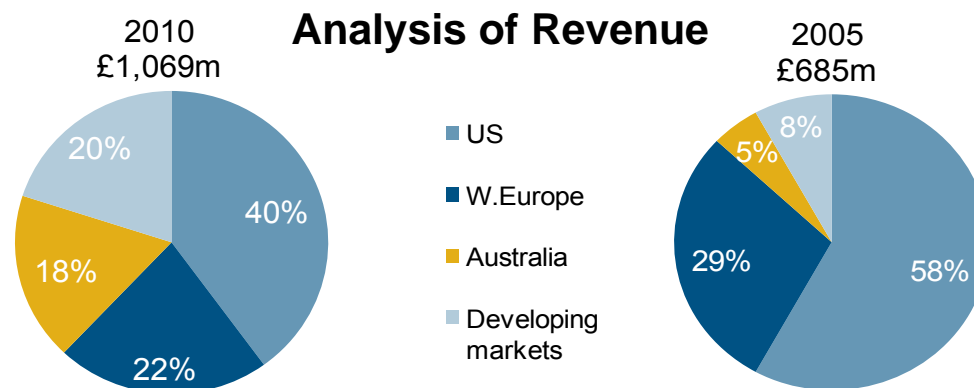
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- Our Objective

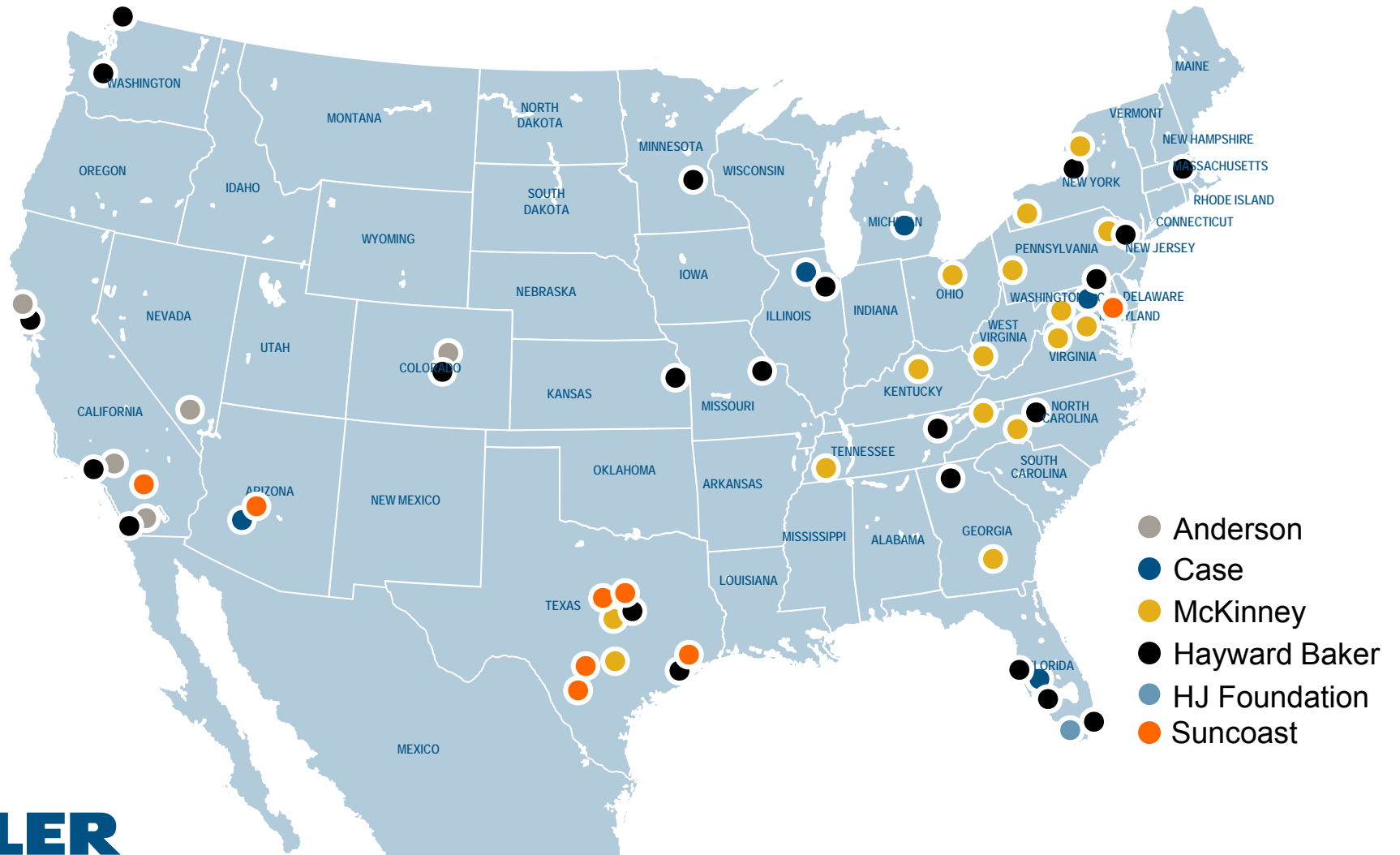
- to extend our global leadership in specialist ground engineering through:
  - organic growth, particularly in developing markets
  - targeted acquisitions

- Our Execution

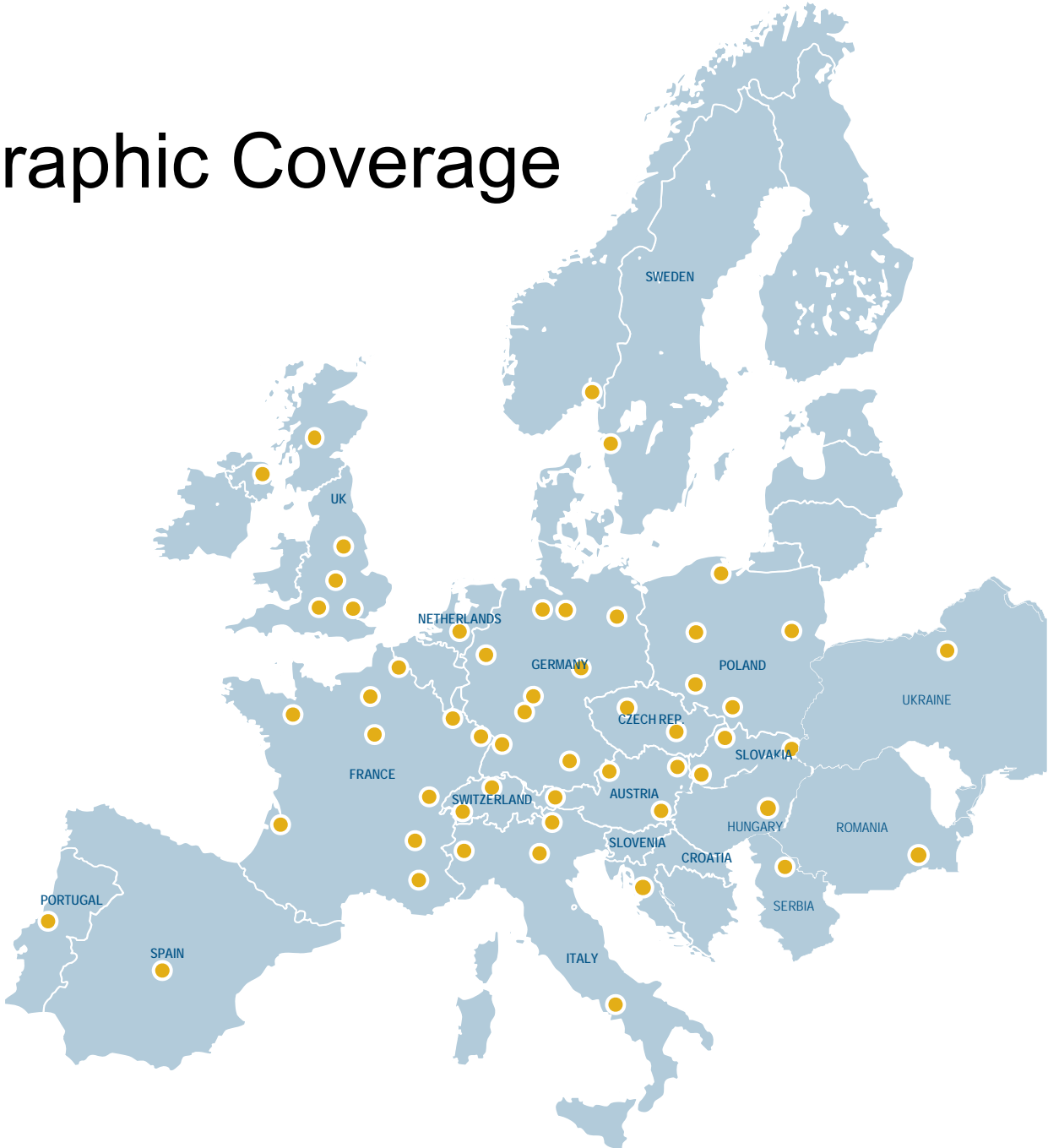
- transfer of technologies and techniques within our current geographic regions
- offering design and build capability and alternative solutions
- expansion into new higher growth geographic regions
- acquisition and development of new technologies and techniques



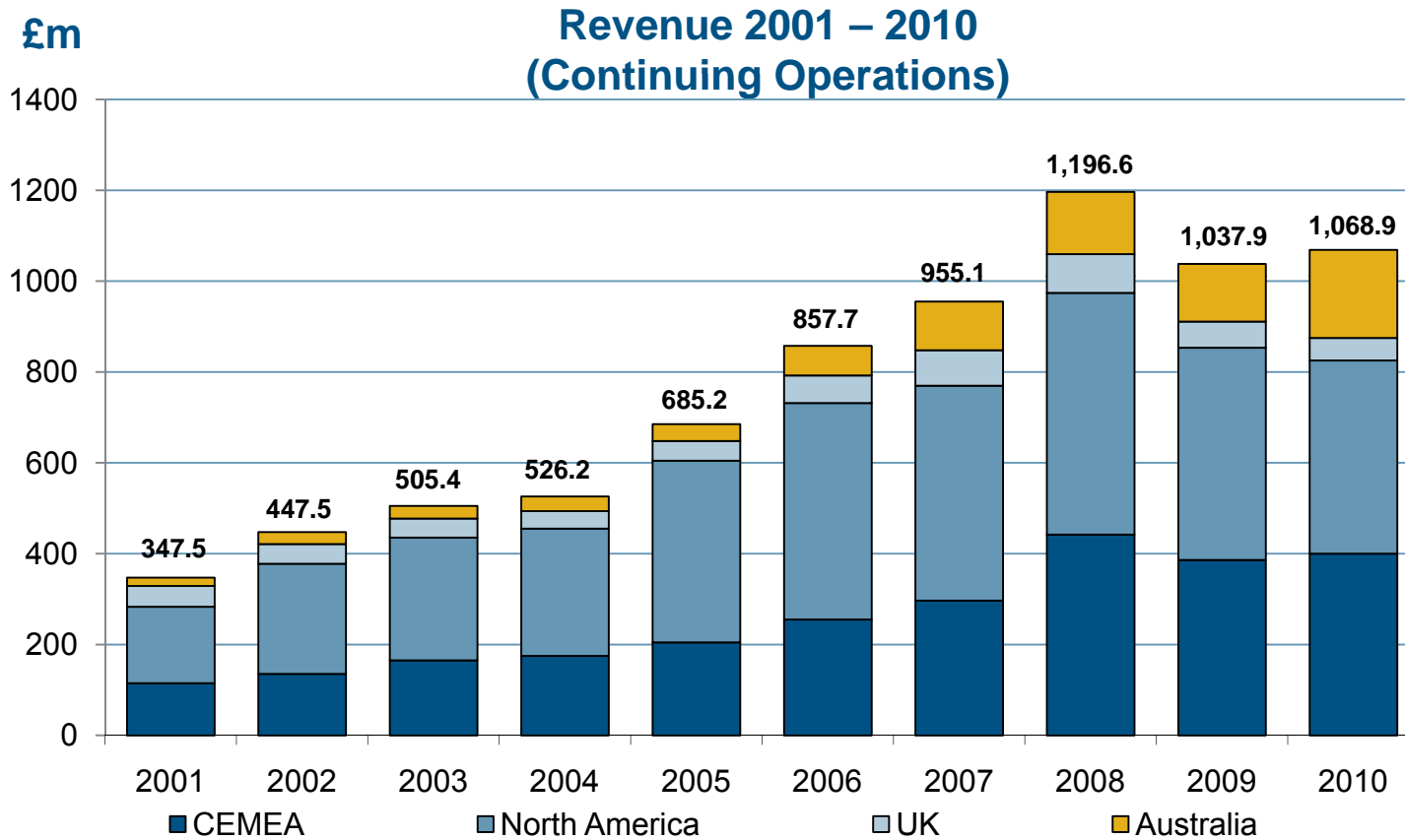
# US Geographic Coverage



# Europe Geographic Coverage



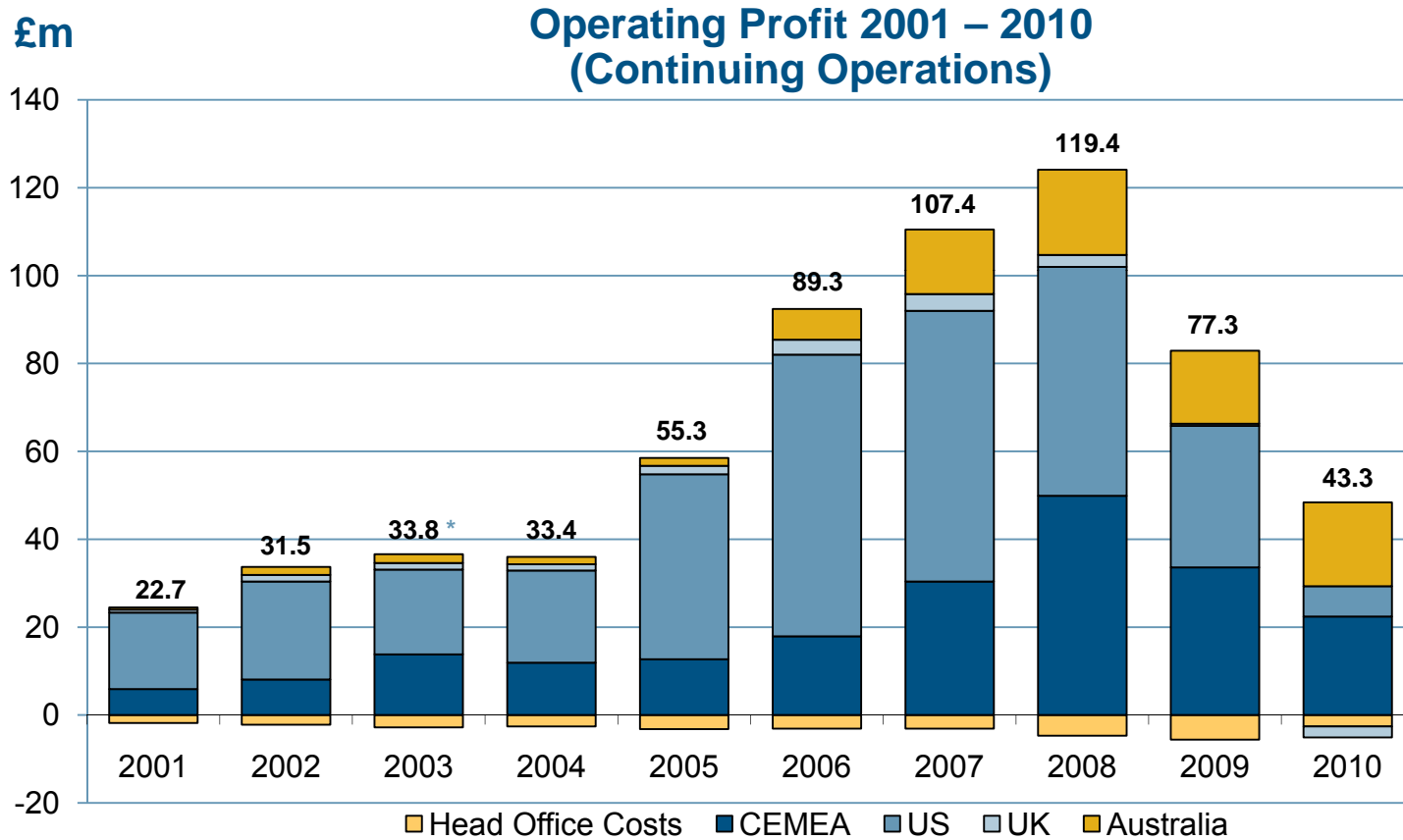
# Ten Year Track Record



Compound annual growth rate of 13%



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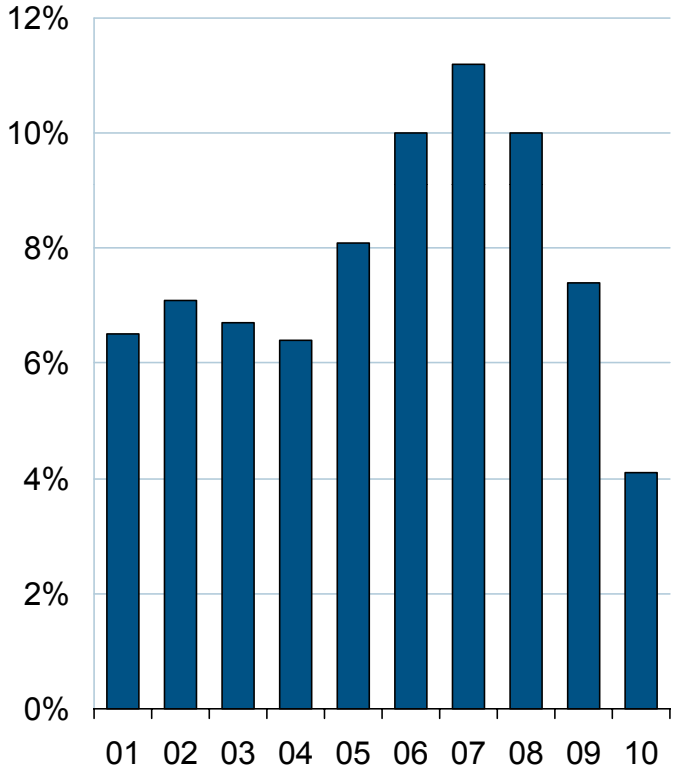


Compound  
annual growth  
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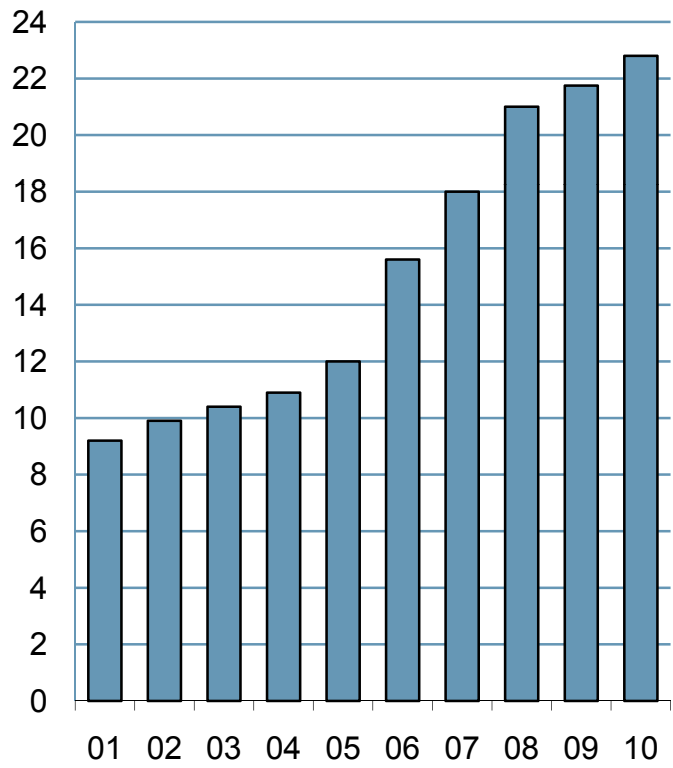


# Financial Performance

Operating margin\*



Dividend per share (pence)



Operating margin at historic low

Dividend increased every year since flotation in 1994



\*from continuing operations

