

# Keller Group plc

## Full Year Results 2012

March 2013



# Highlights

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- Record revenue of £1,317.5m (2011: £1,154.3m), up 14%
- Profit before tax doubled to £43.5m (2011: £21.9m)
- Business improvement initiatives yielding good results
- Earnings per share of 45.9p (2011: 24.8p)
- Strong cash generation
  - year-end net debt of £51.2m (2011: £102.5m)
  - represents 0.6x EBITDA (2011: 1.4x)
- Total dividend maintained at 22.8p
  - dividend cover of 2.0x (2011: 1.1x)

# Group Income Statement

| £m                           | 2012    | 2011    | %change |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenue                      | 1,317.5 | 1,154.3 | +14%    |
| EBITDA                       | 91.9    | 71.4    | +29%    |
| Operating profit             | 48.3    | 28.9    | +67%    |
| Net finance costs            | (4.8)   | (7.0)   |         |
| Profit before tax            | 43.5    | 21.9    | +99%    |
| Tax                          | (13.5)  | (5.5)   |         |
| Profit after tax             | 30.0    | 16.4    | +83%    |
| Minority interests           | (0.5)   | (0.5)   |         |
| Attributable to shareholders | 29.5    | 15.9    |         |
| Earnings per share           | 45.9p   | 24.8p   | +85%    |
| Dividends per share          | 22.8p   | 22.8p   |         |

Revenue up 16% on a constant currency basis

Average exchange rates:

- US\$1.58 (2011: US\$1.60)
- €1.23 (2011: €1.15)
- S\$1.98 (2011: S\$2.01)
- A\$1.53 (2011: A\$1.55)

Effective tax rate 31% (2011: 25%)

- increase reflects mix of profits

Unchanged dividend to improve cover



# Operating Profit & Margin

|               | 2012           |             |             | 2011           |             |             |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| £m            | Revenue        | Op Profit   | Margin      | Revenue        | Op Profit   | Margin      |
| N America     | 581.9          | 32.0        | 5.5%        | 471.1          | 12.0        | 2.5%        |
| EMEA          | 358.6          | 2.2         | 0.6%        | 384.8          | 8.4         | 2.2%        |
| Asia          | 118.6          | 9.5         | 8.0%        | 76.7           | 6.0         | 7.8%        |
| Australia     | 258.4          | 8.7         | 3.4%        | 221.7          | 6.7         | 3.0%        |
|               | <b>1,317.5</b> | <b>52.4</b> | <b>4.0%</b> | <b>1,154.3</b> | <b>33.1</b> | <b>2.9%</b> |
| Central costs | -              | (4.1)       |             | -              | (4.2)       |             |
|               | <b>1,317.5</b> | <b>48.3</b> | <b>3.7%</b> | <b>1,154.3</b> | <b>28.9</b> | <b>2.5%</b> |

Constant currency revenues up 16%

- N America +22%
- EMEA -0.3%
- Asia +52%
- Australia +15%

EMEA H2 profit of £5.0m after H1 loss of £2.8m

# Group Balance Sheet

| £m                           | 2012         | 2011         |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Goodwill/intangibles         | 97.2         | 100.6        |
| Property, plant & equipment  | 248.5        | 266.1        |
| Other non-current assets     | 14.9         | 15.8         |
|                              | <b>360.6</b> | <b>382.5</b> |
| Inventories                  | 41.3         | 37.3         |
| Receivables                  | 347.1        | 334.7        |
| Payables                     | (290.8)      | (252.2)      |
| Working capital              | <b>97.6</b>  | <b>119.8</b> |
| Capital employed             | <b>458.2</b> | <b>502.3</b> |
| Other liabilities/provisions | (39.6)       | (43.2)       |
| Retirement benefits          | (18.2)       | (17.7)       |
| Tax                          | (13.5)       | (12.1)       |
| Net debt                     | (51.2)       | (102.5)      |
| Net assets                   | <b>335.7</b> | <b>326.8</b> |

## Year-end exchange rates:

- US\$1.62 (2011: US\$1.55)
- €1.22 (2011: €1.19)
- S\$1.98 (2011: S\$2.00)
- A\$1.56 (2011: A\$1.52)

## Working capital down despite increase in revenue

- all ratios showing improvement

Gearing of 15%  
(2011: 31%)



# Group Cash Flow Statement

| £m                             | 2012          | 2011           |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Cash generated from operations | 108.4         | 54.8           |
| Capex – net                    | (32.7)        | (37.4)         |
| Interest                       | (4.1)         | (5.1)          |
| Tax                            | (10.7)        | (3.8)          |
| <b>Free cash flow</b>          | <b>60.9</b>   | <b>8.5</b>     |
| Acquisitions                   | -             | (0.2)          |
| Dividends                      | (15.4)        | (15.8)         |
| Other                          | 1.7           | -              |
| <b>Net cash flow</b>           | <b>47.2</b>   | <b>(7.5)</b>   |
| Opening net debt               | (102.5)       | (94.0)         |
| Exchange movements             | 4.1           | (1.0)          |
| <b>Closing net debt</b>        | <b>(51.2)</b> | <b>(102.5)</b> |

Cash from operations  
118% of EBITDA  
(2011: 77%)



# Group Financing Position

- Over £250m of committed facilities, mainly:
  - £170m bank facility expiring April 2015
  - US\$70m private placement, payable October 2014
  - US\$40m private placement, payable August 2018
- Comfortably within all financial covenants
- A further £49m of uncommitted facilities

## Key Financial Covenants

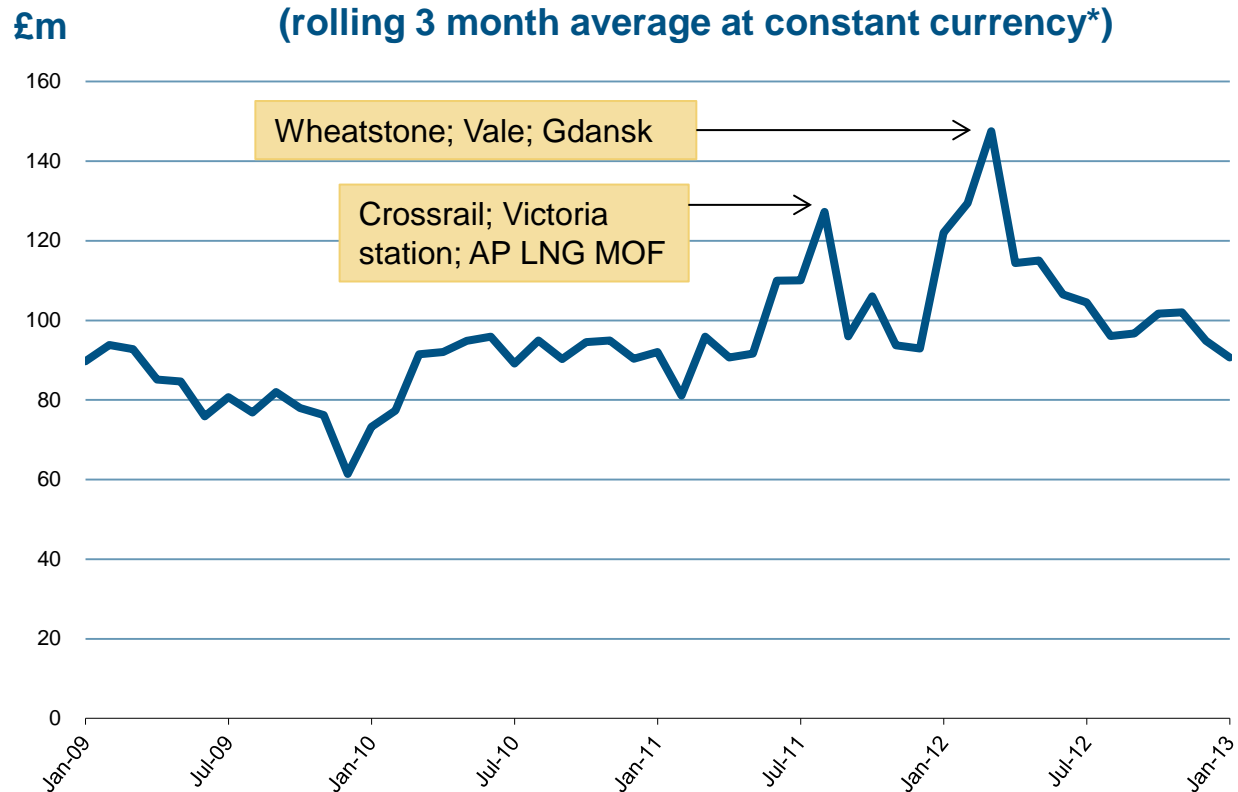
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|----------------------------|----------------|
| Net debt < 3x EBITDA       | 0.8x           |
| EBITDA interest cover > 4x | 17.5x          |
| Net assets > £200m         | £335.7m        |

\* Calculated on a covenant basis

# Group Order Intake

## Monthly orders

(rolling 3 month average at constant currency\*)



Recent order intake at healthy levels

No major (>£20m) projects awarded in H2 2012

Excluding work over a year out, order book similar to last year



\*at 2012 average exchange rates

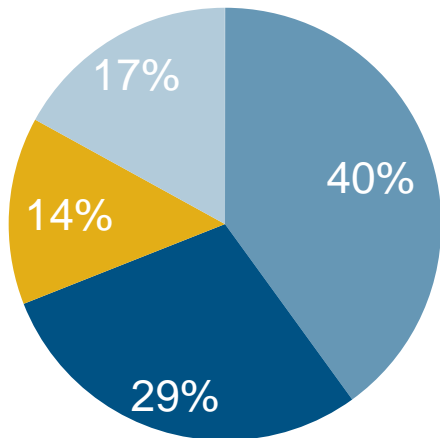
# 2013 Guidance

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- Major projects unlikely to repeat at the same level in 2013
- Business improvement initiatives will deliver margin benefit
- Usual seasonal H2 bias
- Expected effective tax rate of 31%
- Capex to be around £40m

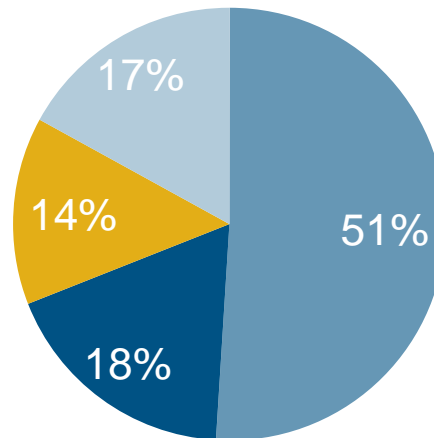
# Group Revenue by End Market

**2012 Revenue by End Market**  
Total revenue £1,318m



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

**2011 Revenue by End Market**  
Total revenue £1,154m



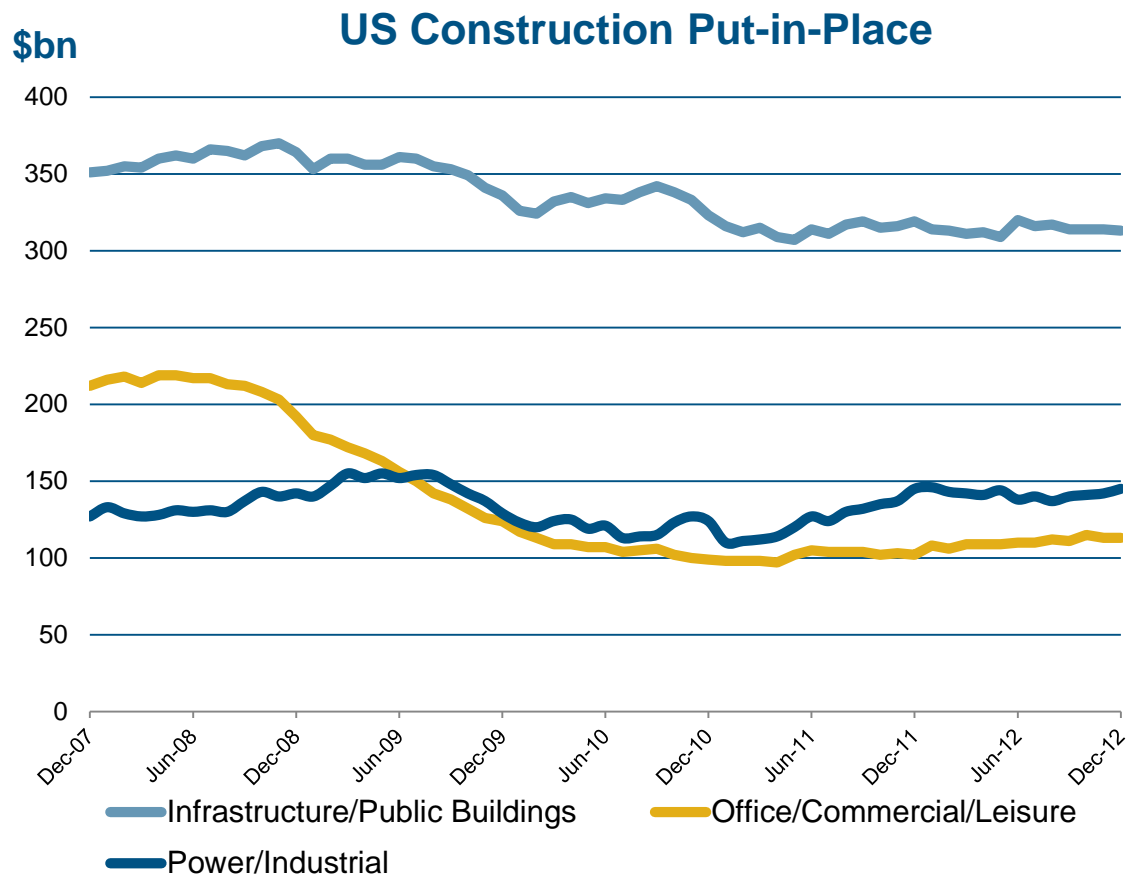
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- Residential

Keller operates across all sectors of the construction industry

Infrastructure/Public Buildings the largest sector

Significant increase in Power/Industrial across the Group

# US Non-residential Construction Market



Total US non-residential market up 6% in 2012 (2% down in 2011)  
 - private up 15%, public down 2%

Infrastructure/Public Buildings flat following two years of decline

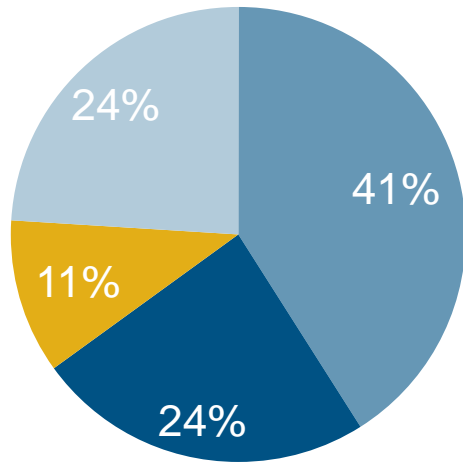
Office/Commercial up 7%  
 - privately funded segment up 9%

Power/Industrial up 22%  
 - driven mainly by Power



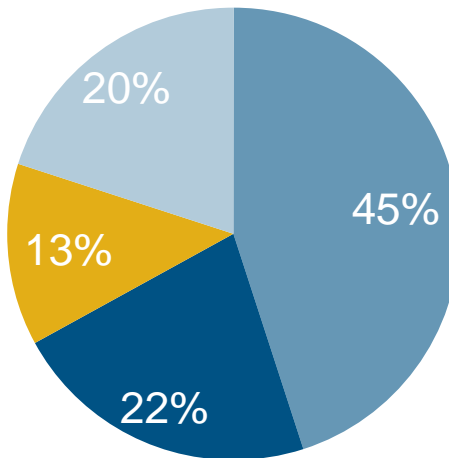
# North America Revenue by End Market

**2012 Revenue by End Market**  
Total revenue \$919m



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

**2011 Revenue by End Market**  
Total revenue \$754m



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

Infrastructure/Public Buildings less dominant  
- down from 50% in 2010

Power/Industrial very robust  
- Power represents more than half

Office/Commercial flat in dollar terms

Residential revenue up 47%

# North America - Foundations



Piling, condominiums

Miami, USA

Revenue up 20%

Margin improved to 5.9% (2011: 3.2%)

- business refocusing
- targeting of growth segments

Good results from transmission-line projects

- revenue up to c.\$75m (2011: < \$10m)

Pick-up in Miami market benefits HJ

Further organic growth in Canada

# Geo-Foundations



Jet grouting, rail grade separation project  
Toronto, Canada

Toronto-based geotechnical specialist,  
acquired Jan 2013

Design-build solutions across the  
construction market

- principally serves eastern Canada

Offers micro-piling, ground anchors,  
specialty grouting services

- still relatively new techniques in Canadian  
market

Increasing market acceptance + Hayward  
Baker products/input = significant growth  
prospects

# North America Case Studies

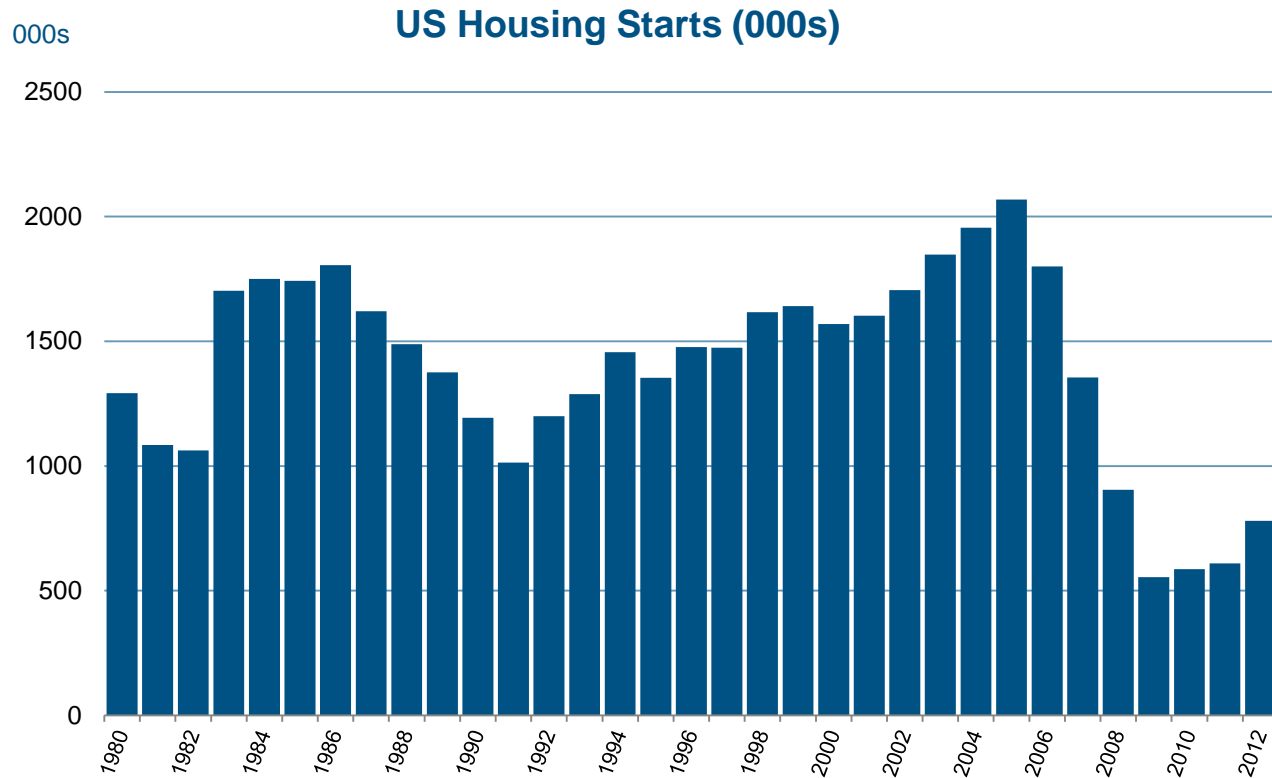


Piling, transmission line project  
New Jersey, USA



Post-tension slab on grade  
Texas, USA

# North America - Suncoast

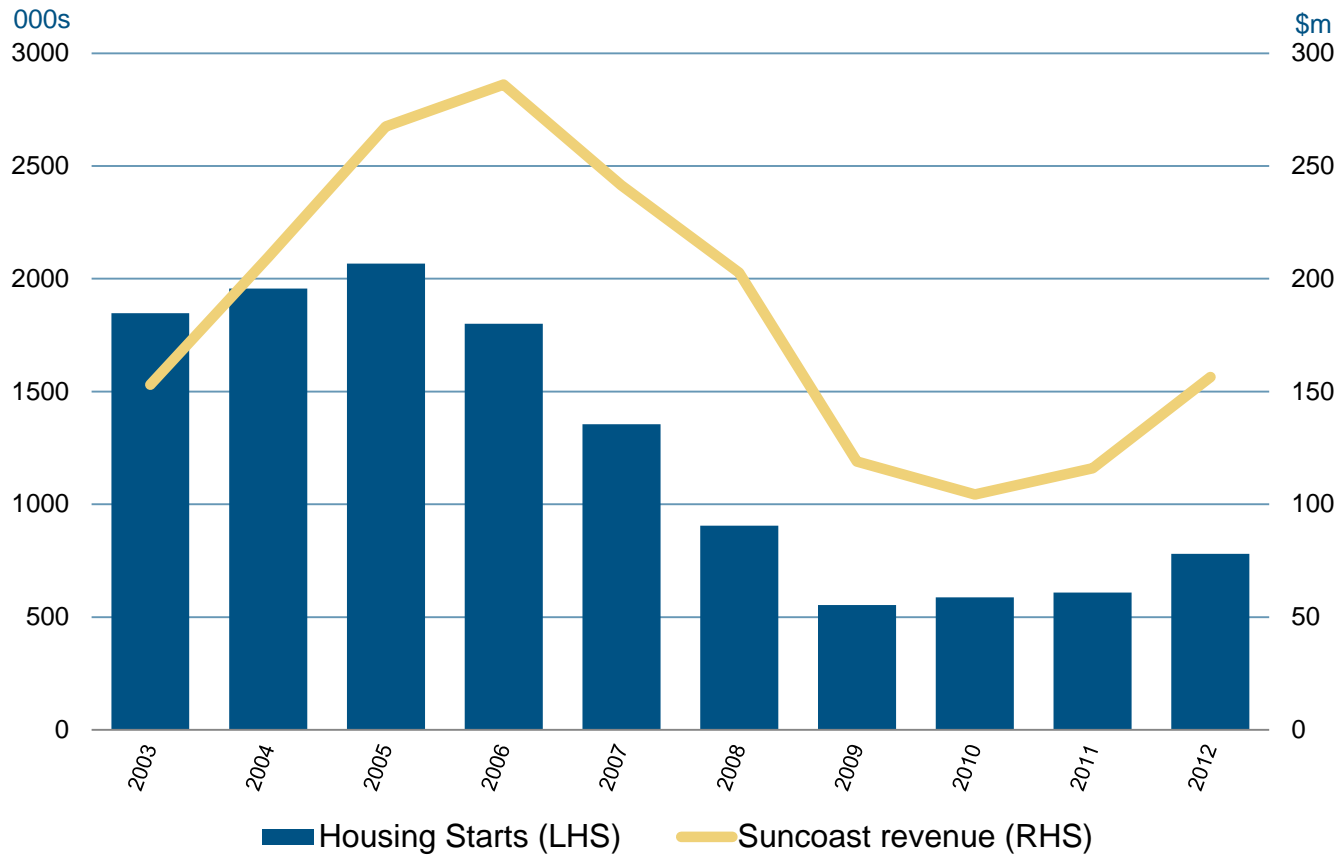


US housing starts continue to improve  
– still well below long term norm



Source: US Census Bureau Housing Starts

# North America - Suncoast



**Much improved outcome at Suncoast**

- revenue up 35%
- return to profit after five years

**Steady increase in production**

**Reaping rewards of earlier restructuring**

- significantly lower cost base
- improved operational efficiency

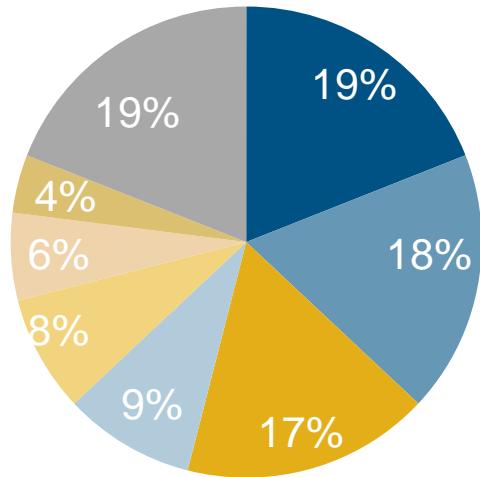


Source: US Census Bureau Housing Starts / Keller

# EMEA<sup>1</sup> Regional Split

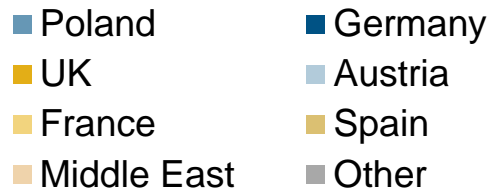
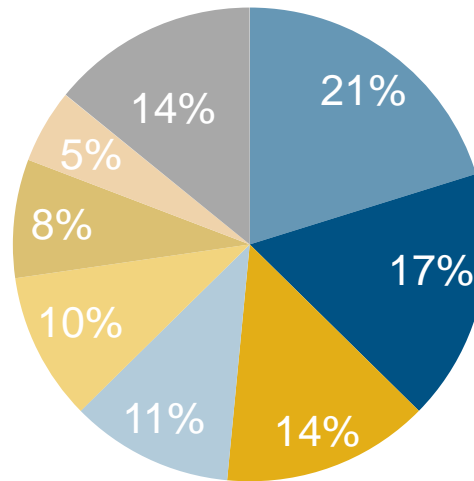
## 2012 Revenue by Region

Total revenue €441m



## 2011 Revenue by Region

Total revenue €443m



Over half of revenue from Germany, Poland and UK

Southern European markets distressed

- France/Spain now only 12% (2007: 29%)

Middle East still relatively subdued in 2012

Equipment redeployed to more active markets



<sup>1</sup>EMEA = Europe, Middle East & Africa

# EMEA Highlights



Vibro replacement, gas plant  
Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia

Cost reductions and efficiency improvement measures

- first-half loss converted to full-year profit

Good progress on large infrastructure projects

- Gdansk Tunnel
- Victoria Station
- Crossrail

Well executed first project in Turkey

Middle East now starting to get busier

# EMEA Case Studies



Excavated TBM chamber, road tunnel

Gdansk, Poland

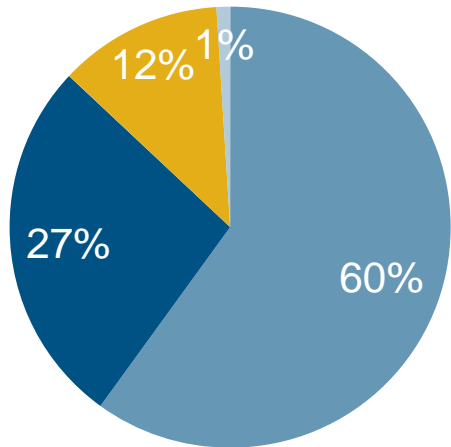


Specialty grouting, Victoria Station Upgrade

London, UK

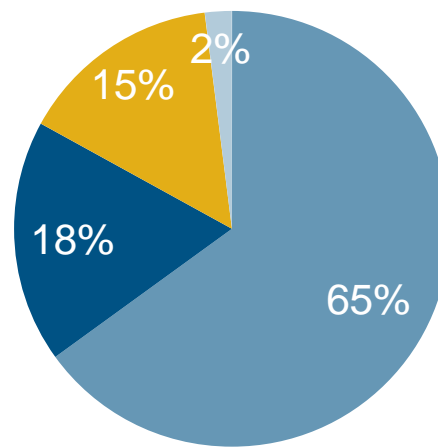
# Asia Regional Split

2012 Revenue by Country  
Total revenue S\$235m



■ Singapore ■ Malaysia  
■ India ■ Other

2011 Revenue by Country  
Total revenue S\$154m



■ Singapore ■ Malaysia  
■ India ■ Other

Malaysia share up to 27%  
(2011: 18%)

- strong contribution from Vale contract

India share reduced,  
reflecting general economic slowdown

- consolidation likely in 2013 before long-term growth resumes

# Asia Highlights



Off-shore piling, iron ore distribution facility

Lumut, Malaysia

Excellent result from Malaysia

- first piling contract in Malaysia (Vale) successfully completed
- second large piling contract now underway

Much improved result from Resource Piling

- greater co-operation with other Keller companies

First large job won in Hong Kong for many years

India trading profitably/cash positive in difficult trading conditions

# Australia Highlights



Off-shore piling, materials offloading facility  
Queensland, Australia

## Best-ever year for Waterways

- excellent performance on APLNG MOF
- demonstrates value added from acquisitions

## Piling Contractors back in profit

Iron-ore related projects setback; coal and LNG unaffected

# Australia – Wheatstone



Testing of side-loaders  
for Wheatstone, Australia

A\$180m contract for on-shore piling supply and installation

Repetitive piling process, but with challenging logistics

- remote site with difficult climatic conditions
- major steel tube supply from Korea

Successful test piling complete and major supply contracts awarded

Mobilisation now expected June 2013

# Business Improvement Initiatives

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- Three major business improvement initiatives announced last year
  - increasing our revenue and profit from large projects
  - further improvement of the Group's risk management
  - accelerating our global transfer of technologies
  
- Additional focus on regional initiatives already in progress, including:
  - significantly increased sector focus on US transmission lines
  - expansion in Brazil, Canada and India

# Business Improvement Initiatives - Progress

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- More revenue and profit from large projects than ever before
- Refreshed risk management processes
  - fewer poorly-performing contracts
  - improvement in the Group's operating margin
- Introduced piling into Brazil and Malaysia
- Transferred more plant and equipment between regions
  - reduced capital expenditure
- Significantly increased market share in US transmission-line work
- Developed the business in Canada
  - organic growth in Canada
  - acquisition of Geo-Foundations

# Outlook

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- Varied economic conditions expected across our global markets
  - North America – continued strengthening, building on residential recovery
  - Europe – recovery unlikely in the near term
  - good opportunities in Australia and Asia
- Contract awards remain at a healthy level
  - order book at end Jan similar to one year earlier
- 2013 expected to be another year of progress

# Appendix



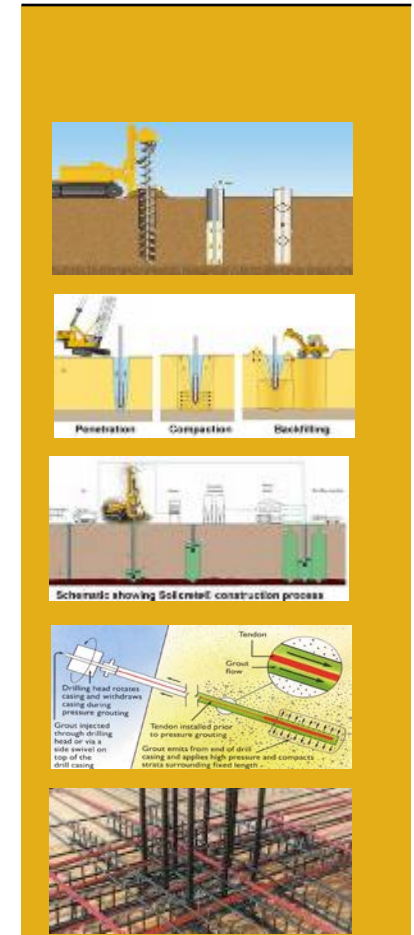
# Introduction to Keller

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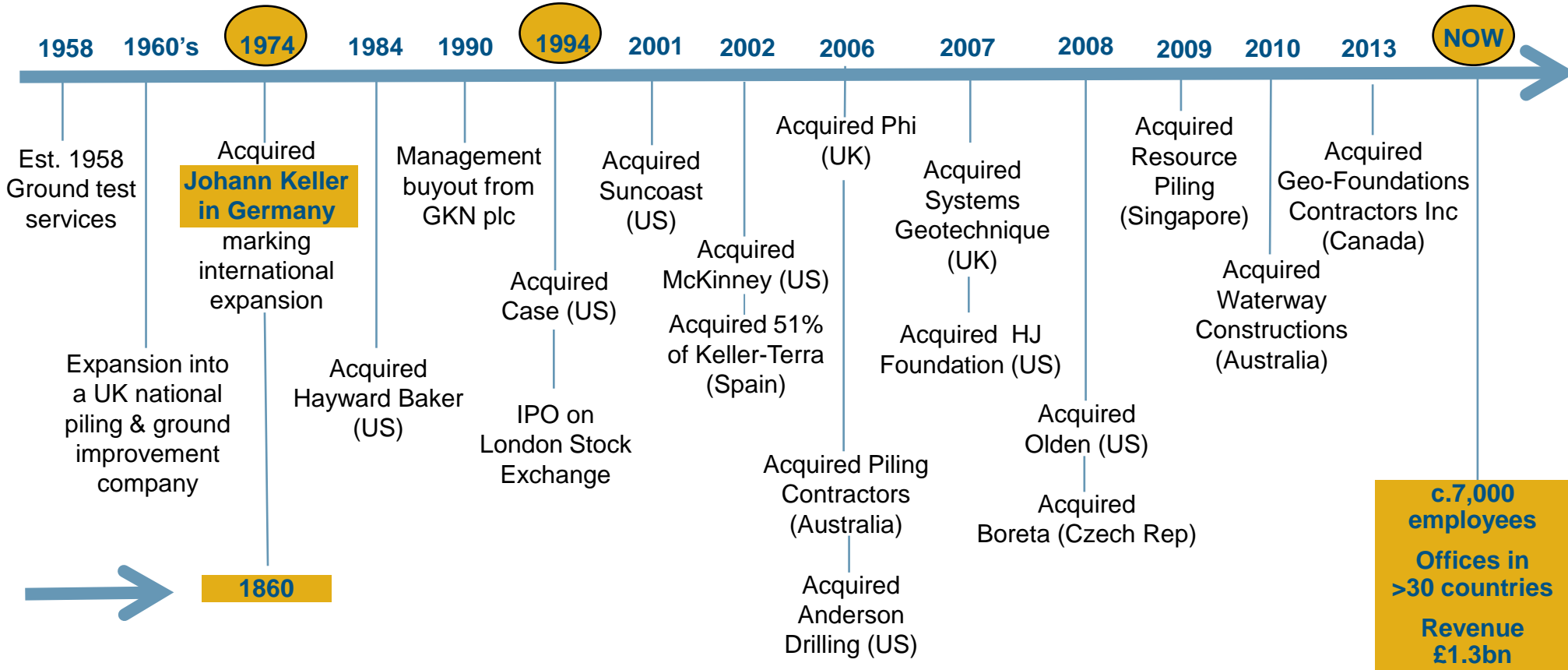
- **The world's largest independent ground engineering contractor**
  - ground engineering is a small, niche sub-sector of construction
  - growing faster than construction, reflecting:
    - more pressure to build on brownfield and marginal land
    - more ambitious development and infrastructure projects
- **Unrivalled geographic coverage, working in over 30 countries**
  - clear market leader in US, Australia and Poland
  - 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 2012 revenue | Regions of use  | Applications   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| <b>Piling</b>                    | 44%               | North America/UK<br>Eastern Europe<br>Middle East<br>Asia & Australia | Foundation support<br>Earth retention                  |
| <b>Ground improvement</b>        | 22%               | North America<br>EMEA<br>Asia<br>Australia                            | Foundation support<br>Seismic risk protection          |
| <b>Speciality Grouting</b>       | 13%               | North America<br>Europe<br>Asia<br>Australia                          | Control of building settlement<br>Groundwater control  |
| <b>Anchors, Nails, Minipiles</b> | 13%               | North America<br>Europe<br>Asia                                       | Excavation support<br>Slope protection<br>Underpinning |
| <b>Post-tension concrete</b>     | 8%                | North America   | Slab-on-grade foundations<br>High rise structures      |



# History of Keller



# Strategy

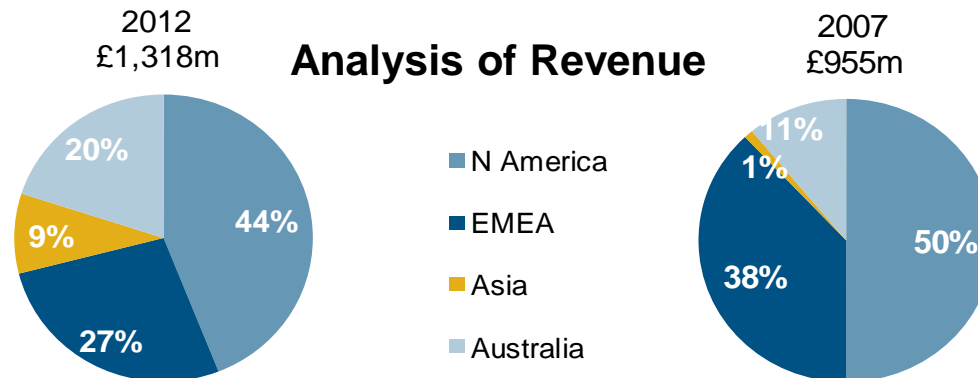
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- Our Objective

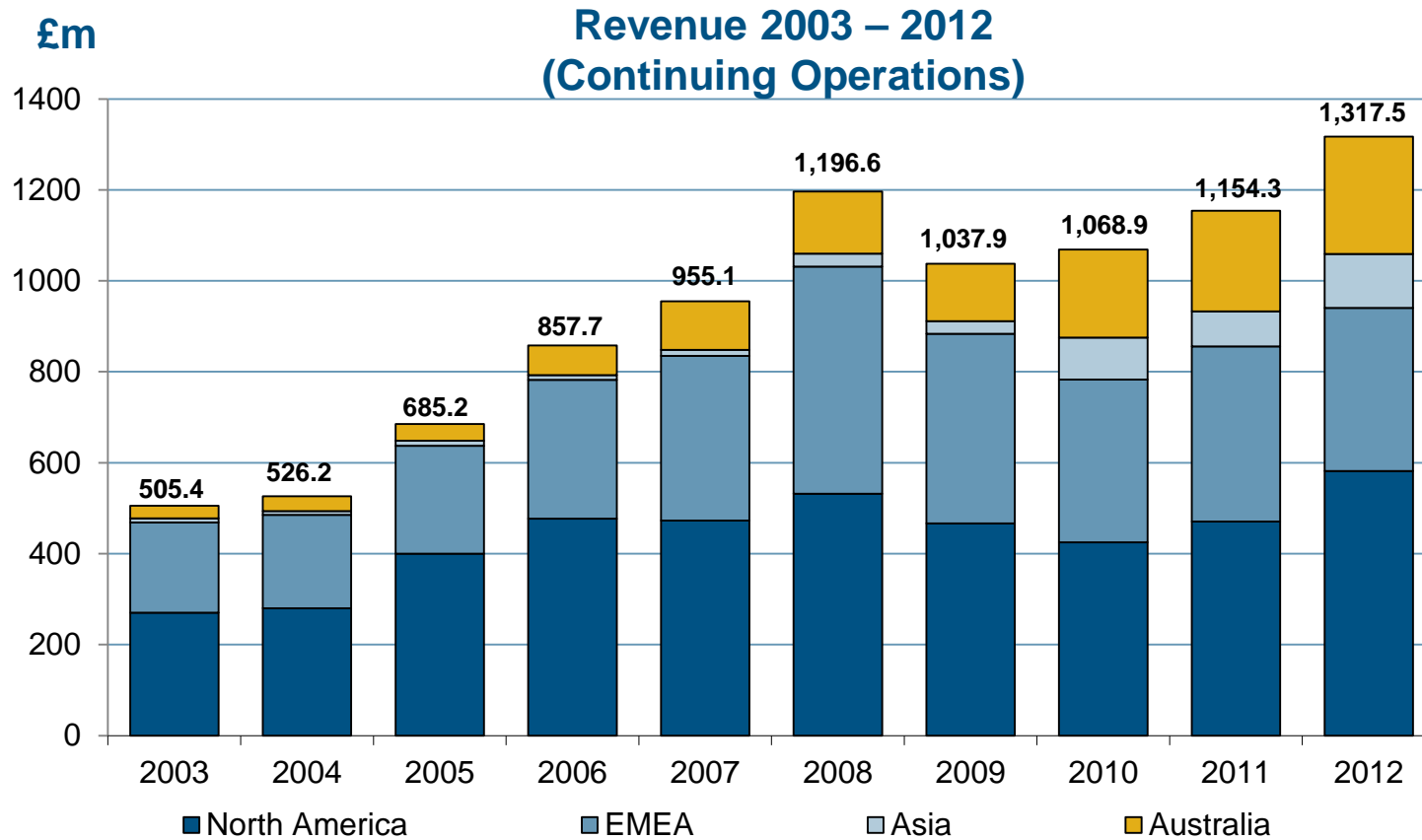
- to extend our global leadership in specialist ground engineering through:
  - organic growth, particularly in developing markets
  - targeted acquisitions

- Our Execution

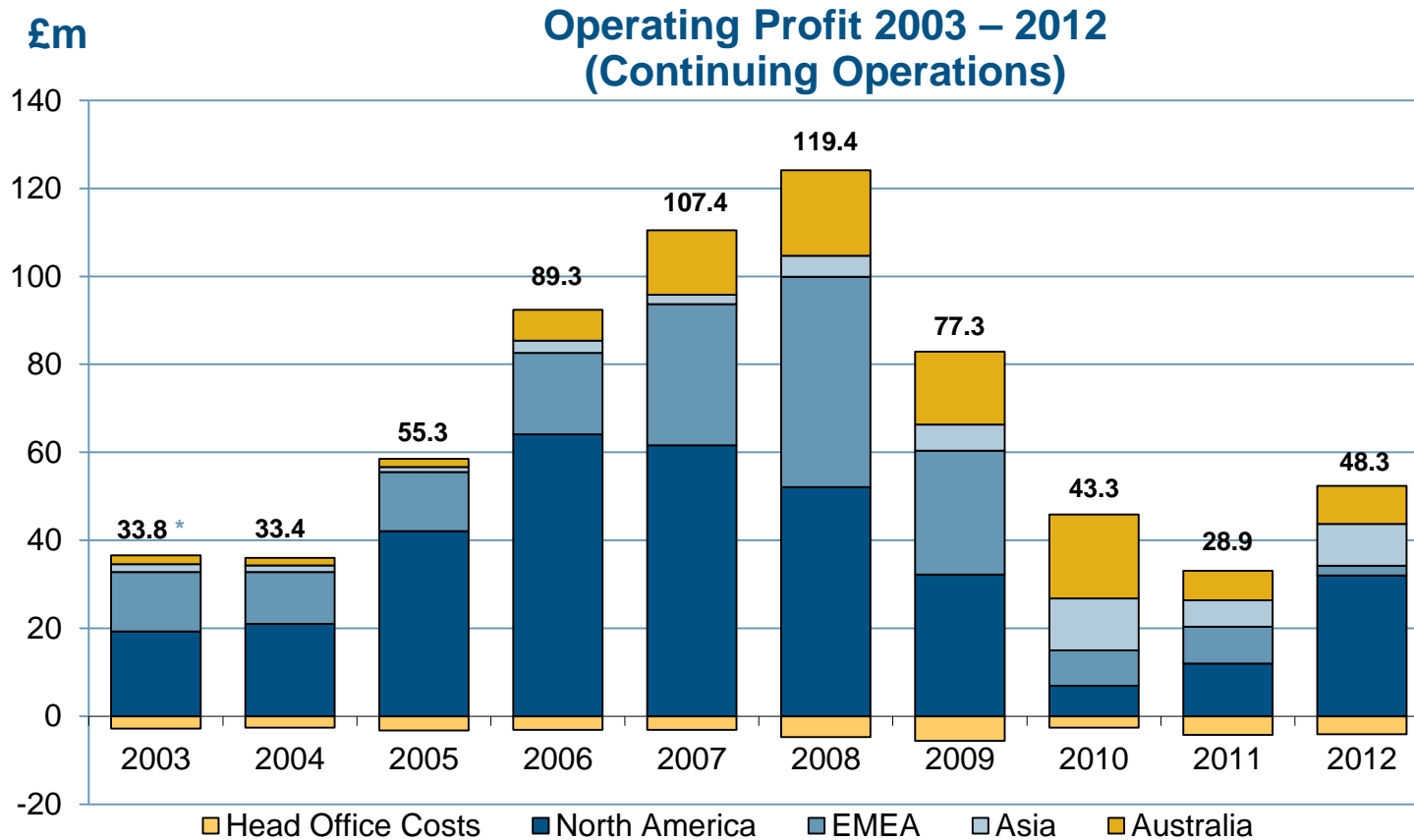
- transfer of technologies and techniques within our current geographic regions
- offering design and build capability and alternative solutions
- expansion into new higher growth geographic regions
- acquisition and development of new technologies and techniques



# Ten Year Track Record

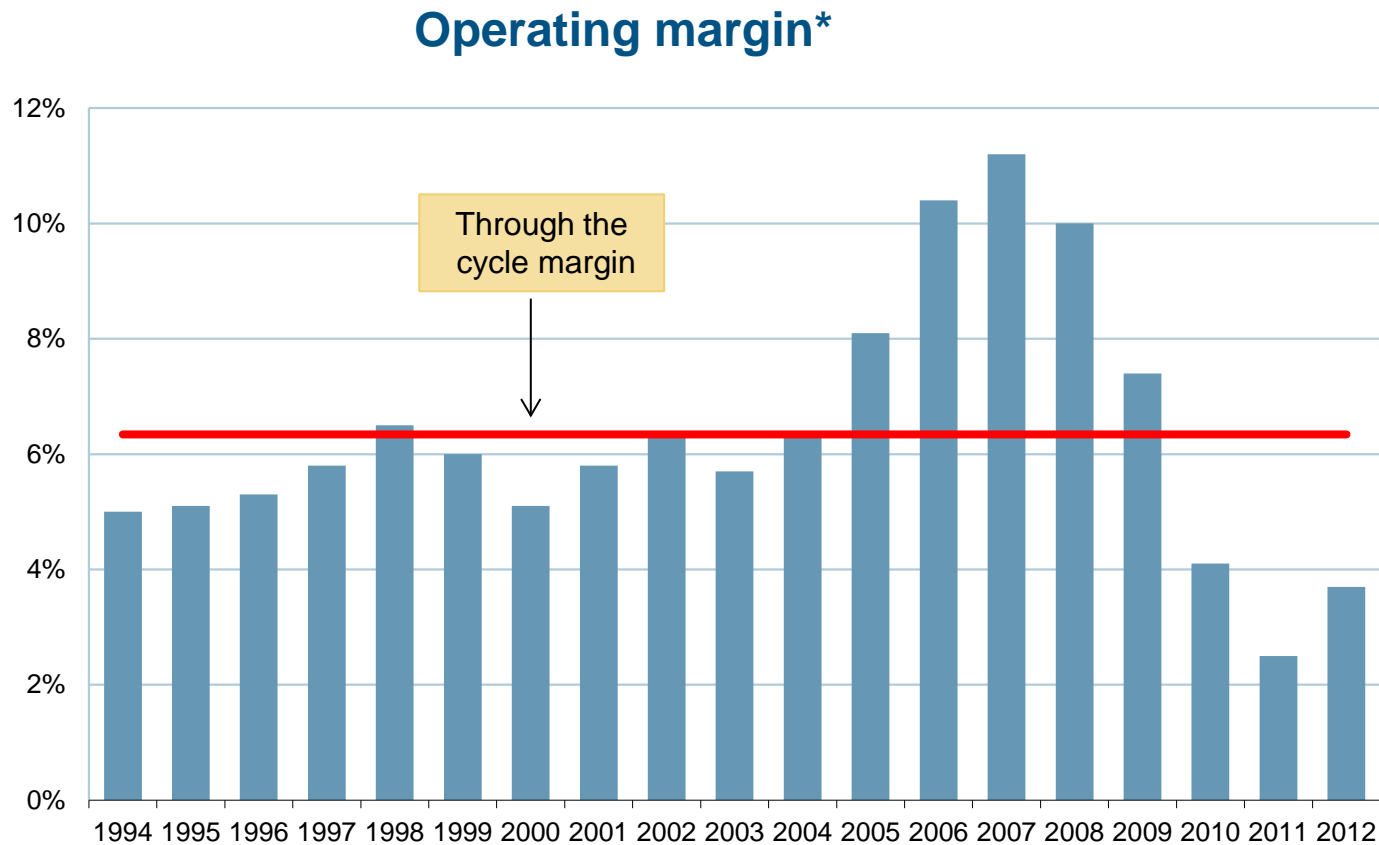


# Ten Year Track Record



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# Operating Margin Trend



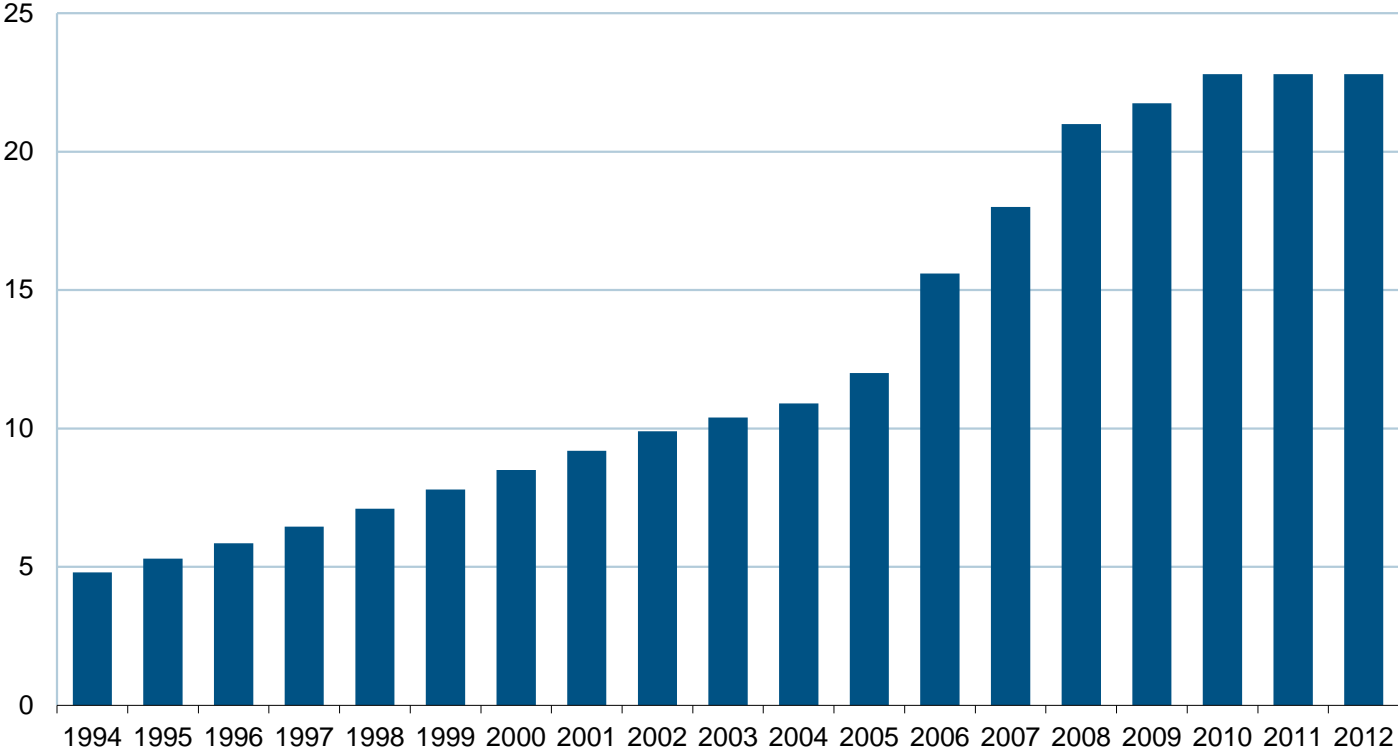
Operating margin recovering from historic low



\*pre-exceptionals and from continuing operations

# Dividend

Dividend per share (pence)



Dividend increased every year since 1994 flotation until 2011



