



# FY 24 overview

- Disappointing overall performance with challenging sales & PBT results driven by:
  - Significant downturn in Group's South Korea market
  - Depressed consumer sentiment
- Results mask good strategic progress across a number of areas:
  - US profitability improved despite supply chain disruption
  - 4th consecutive year of growth for Spode up 45% on pre-Covid levels
  - Significant home fragrance sales and profit improvement
  - Significantly leaner cost base from 2024 ( 13% /£5.3m lower)
- Launch of transformation plan to accelerate strategy and support recovery of long-term profitable growth
- Renewed focus on building a fortress balance sheet a priority with intent to repay debt over next 2/3 years and maintain net cash position



# **Financial Performance 2024**Jon Hill

# FY 2024 performance

- Sales fall 11% due to South Korea market
  - Sales excl South Korea, at cc, down 1%
- US division profit improves 18% (largest sales market)
- Wax Lyrical sales up 25%; return to profitability
- Leaner cost base: overhead costs reduced by 13% (£5.3m)
- PBT down (£1.9m) driven by sales reduction/factory impact
- Net debt increases due to stock and later Christmas invoicing
- Dividend paused as we prioritise debt and interest cost reduction

	2024 £m	2023 £m	2024 v 2023 Change
Revenue	91.2	102.7	-11%
Headline* profit before tax	1.1	3.0	-63%
Headline* operating profit margin	3.3%	4.7%	-1.40%
Headline* EPS	5.87p	21.36p	-73%
Dividends	1.50p	5.50p	-4.00p
Net debt	(12.1)	(7.9)	-4.2

<sup>\*</sup>Headline numbers exclude exceptional items; acquisition and restructuring costs.

# **Balance sheet**

- Net assets constant at £55m
- Inventory increase due to UK made stock
  - Reduced Korea order flow
  - Cost inflation and absorption impact
- Net debt increases by £4.2m due to
  - Sales decline in S. Korea higher inventory
  - Late US Christmas season billing meant later receipts and higher y/e AR
- FCF (£3.7m)/ operating cash flow + £2.1m
- New £30m bank facility 4+1 in place with Barclays
- Legacy pension scheme remains small surplus

	2024 £m	2023 £m	2024 v 2023 Change
Non-current assets	30.3	31.6	-4%
Inventory	38.2	36.0	6%
Trade & other receivables	21.0	19.1	10%
Cash	10.9	0.9	1111%
Total current assets	70.2	55.9	26%
Trade and other payables	-23.8	-24.8	-4%
Borrowings	-23.0	-8.8	161%
Pension scheme	1.9	1.1	73%
Net assets	55.5	55.0	1%

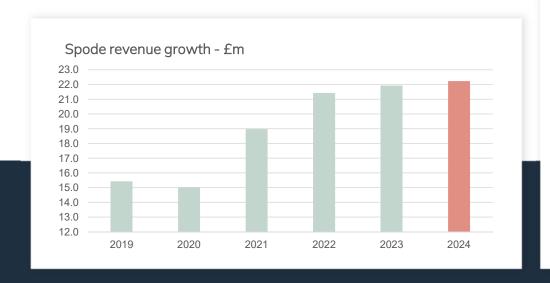
# Sales analysis by market

- North America down 7% (cc 5%) due to:
  - tougher market consumer sentiment
  - Christmas stock / supply chain disruption
- US retailer customers reported strong Christmas sell through
- South Korea -45% driven by:
  - overstocks in distributors and
  - significant market slowdown
- UK sales +5% driven by Wax Lyrical growth
- Other Int'l markets broadly flat & represent growth medium term opportunity

Sales by country	2024 £m	2023 £m	2024 v 2023 Change
North America	39.5	42.4	-7%
UK	32.4	30.8	5%
South Korea	11.8	21.5	-45%
Europe	3.6	3.7	-3%
China/Far East	3.4	3.6	-6%
Other	0.5	0.7	-29%
Total	91.2	102.7	-11%

# Sales analysis by brand

- Portmeirion chiefly impacted by £9m Korea sales reduction
- Spode continues to grow; now 45% above 2019 levels
- Wax Lyrical continues to growth + 19% through new listings
- Nambe impacted by lower tourist footfall, US premium dept stores



Sales by brand	2024 £m	2023 £m	2024 v 2023 Change
Portmeirion	29.0	39.7	-27%
Spode	22.4	21.9	2%
Royal Worcester	5.4	6.1	-11%
Pimpernel	4.1	4.6	-11%
Nambé	12.3	14.5	-15%
Wax Lyrical*	16.8	14.1	19%
Other	1.2	1.8	-33%
Total	91.2	102.7	-11%

(\*Wax Lyrical includes sales of AromaWorks acquired August 2022).



# Markets Review Mike Raybould

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## **US** market review



#### Cause

- Weaker consumer sentiment
- China Typhoons / East Coast Port Strikes
- Retailers reducing stock



#### Effect

- Sales down 5%(cc)
- Late arrival key Christmas stock
- Lost sales / replen orders in Q4
- Retailers reported strong Christmas sell through
- US div profit still up 18% YOY



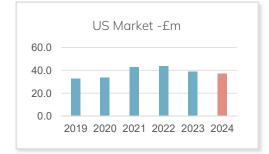
#### Action

- Booked earlier
   Christmas production
   2025 (contingency)
- New Christmas catalogue to leverage full range
- Renewed focus on independent channel
- Support retailers with new product and exclusives
- Secure new customers / listings



### Outlook

- Increasing Christmas business ( key strength)
- Other seasonal / gifting growth
- Price maker
- Growing own ecommerce channel
- Short term caution on tariff and customer volatility



## South Korean market review



#### Cause

- Long Covid shutdown-> huge replen demand on reopening (2022/23)
- Restock bumped into Asian market slowdown late '23/2024



#### Effect

- Significant overstocks in distributors
- Retail footfall down
- Market orders significantly reduced over and above general market slowdown
- Margin reduction from lost sales compounded by lower factory utilisation
- Online sell through / brand search/market share remain strong



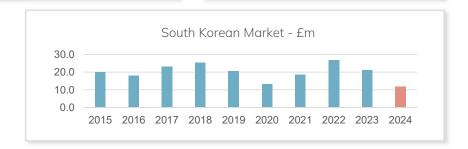
#### Action

- Supported customers to reduce stock levels
- Accelerated new products
- Reviewed routes to market to reduce supply chain length and improve visibility of stock in market
- Work on new product category opportunities
- Launched Christmas ranges



### Outlook

- Overstock reduction more to do in 2025
- Expect modest recovery 2025 and further return to historic levels 26/27
- Expand Christmas in 2025/26
- Launch new categories with Botanic Garden design



# **Home Fragrance Division review**



#### Cause

- Covid impacted strong independent channel presence / slow to recover
- Sales fall resulting in division turning to loss in 2021-23



### Effect

Sales fall resulting in division turning to loss in 2021-23



#### Action

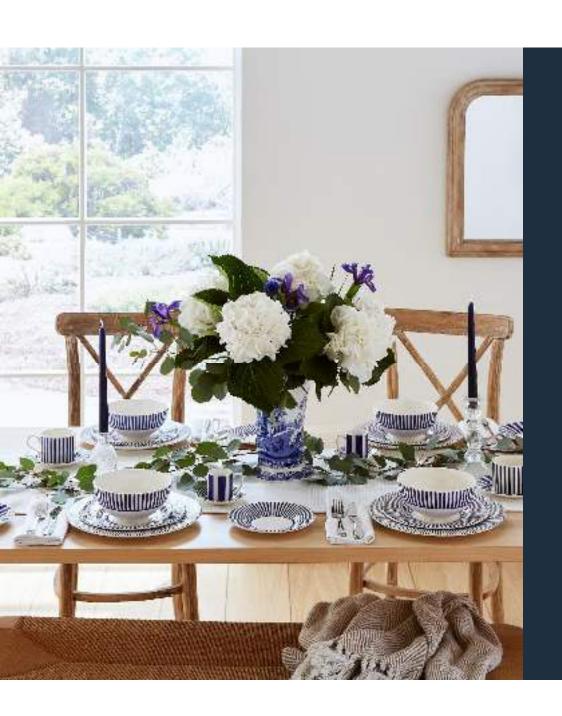
- Strategy evolved to target high footfall Grocery channel
- New products developed
- Significant new listing wins with strong sell through
- Improved Christmas ranges
- Factory utilisation improved
- Sales +25% ( +59% YO2Y)
- Profit +£0.9m / back in profit 2024



### Outlook

- Significant sales momentum
- New listings wins for 2025
- Opportunities to grow int'l markets
- Further factory efficiencies with minimal capex





# Strategy & Priorities

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# Transformation Plan to accelerate LT strategy delivery

#### **Foundation Strong**

- Premium brand portfolio
- Global markets
- Uk factories
- People

#### **Progress Made**

- Spode growth
- Online penetration
- Invested factories
- WL growth and profitability

#### **Near Term**

- Markets likely to remain challenging / volatile
- Focus on Brand mindset
- Recognise need to accelerate our progress

New Transformation Plan



Recognise need to accelerate our progress in challenging markets



**AMBITION & GROUP STRATEGY** 

# **Transforming Our Business:** Our short term (2025/26) priorities

01 Return to growth in our established market 02 Fortress balance sheet Invest in our premium brands 03 Explore & develop 05 Excellence everywhere Our focus is on improving execution &



investing for growth

#### **AMBITION & GROUP STRATEGY**

# 1. Return to growth in our established markets

- Strong positions in US, UK & South Korea currently represent 92% of Group sales
- Accelerate in stock dates for key Christmas collections
- Grow Seasonal product / market share
  - Christmas including leveraging our leading Spode Christmas Tree range
  - Developing strength in other seasonal/gifting events
- South Korea: support our partners to eliminate over stocks and with new product/ categories
- Develop our customer base incl a renewed focus on key independents channel (US & UK)
- Continue to develop online channels incl our own websites
- Reset of UK own retail strategy

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# **Example: Growing our Christmas / seasonal business**



#### **AMBITION & GROUP STRATEGY**

# 2. Fortress balance sheet

- Focus on generating cash
- Intent to repay debt within 2-3 years
- Focused plan to reduce inventory
- Releases interest cost savings / capital for investment behind our premium brands
- Aim is for this to accelerate growth engine in both established and international market





#### **AMBITION & GROUP STRATEGY**

# 3. Invest in our premium brands



Intent to spend much more on brand marketing as funds allow



Improve customer experience across brand touchpoints



Continue to develop online brand and product consumer experience



Commitment to 'Made in Stoke-on-Trent'



Re-energise own UK retail portfolio

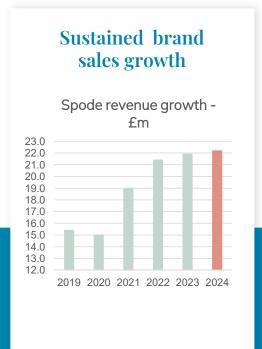
# Example: Spode brand - amplifying investment & reach

#### Heritage brand

- Premium brand
- Strong heritage
- Authentic back story

# Drive brand fans & engage

- Social media
- Influencers
- 2024 Brand fans +37%, insta engagement +48%
- 2025: accelerate UK and US engagement
- Increasing influencer and social media spend





Viral Spode insta post 8m+ views

#### **AMBITION & GROUP STRATEGY**

# **Made in Stoke**

- % UK made fell in 2024
- Driven chiefly by reduction in Korea production orders (Botanic Garden)
- Ambition to increase % Made in Stoke
  - Customers want it
  - Drives factory economics
  - Supports our premium brands
- Short term challenge on comparative costs (UK vs Asia made) & margins
- But believe will payback over 2-3 yrs with sales price, demand
- Work on-shoring opportunities underway.



# 4. Explore & develop

- International markets
  - Currently trade with 57 markets that only drive 8% of Group sales
  - Leverage our extensive brand / product portfolio to create 3-5 new big markets
- Explore value & potential of extensive design archive tableware, customer exclusives, licensing opportunities
- Continue to develop new, beautiful product; innovate for existing and new markets



Develop 3-5 larger markets

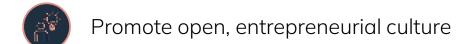
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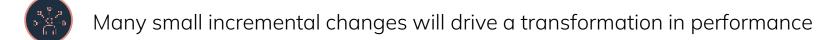
# 5. Excellence everywhere









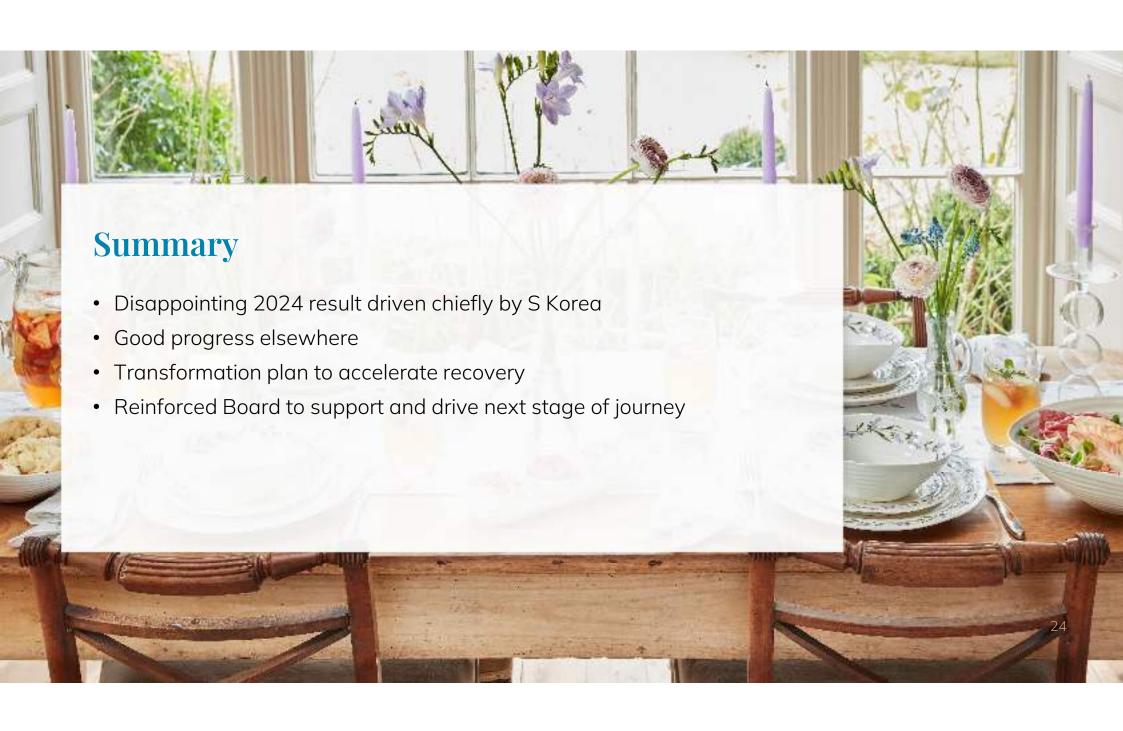


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# Summary & Outlook

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# **Outlook** 2025 Outlook Started 2025 positively • Mindful challenges from uncertain economic environment • See significant global potential from our premium brands • Clear on near term priorities / actions to drive transformation • Focus on net debt reduction and improving free cash flow Long Term Outlook • Premium brands supported with significant increased investment • Eliminate net debt and reinvest interest cost saved in sales & marketing Develop much bigger market positions in international • New product, categories and leverage design archive • Wider market recovery



# **Portmeirion Group**Supplementary Information

#### ABOUT PORTMEIRION GROUP

# Our premium brands



Unmistakeable homeware design

Since 1770

#### Portmeirion<sup>®</sup>

Beautiful tableware taking inspiration from nature

Since 1960



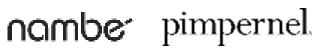
Refined design and heritage for the table

Since 1751



Iconic mid-century modern design in homewares and giftware

Since 1951



The premier brand for placemats

Since 1945



UK made home fragrance and body care

Since 1980













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# High class global customer list





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#### **ABOUT PORTMEIRION GROUP**

## **Defined Benefit Pension Scheme**

- Closed to accrual and new entrants 5 April 1999
- New entrants now enter the Group Defined Contribution Scheme
- Triennial Valuations up to date:
  - Last Triennial Valuation: 5 April 2023; agreed no contributions
  - Next Triennial Valuation: 5 April 2026
- 5 April 2023 (Triennial valuation): Surplus of £1.2m; Scheme Assets £27.8m / Liabilities £26.6m
- 31 December 2024: Surplus of £1.9m; Scheme Assets £25.1m / Liabilities £23.2m
- Scheme Advisors: Capita (Corporate), First Actuarial (Trustees)
- · Funds managed by: L&G, Schroders, BMO

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