



# 2023 Interim Results

## September 2023

PORTMEIRION GROUP PLC  
2023



## H1 23 overview

- Resilient performance with total sales down 3% on tough comparator (record 2022 sales) despite diminished consumer sentiment
- North America down 13% reflecting previously stated customer de-stocking
- Robust sales performance outside of North America
- Profit: £nil due to high operational gearing drop through on sales – Group traditionally second half weighted
- Christmas order books ahead of prior year and started to ship per forecasts
- Maintaining focus on tight control of operating costs
- Operating margin medium-term target of 10% remains viable and long-term target of 12.5%
- Interim dividend maintained at 3.50p

# H1 2023 performance

- Sales decline 3% versus record 2022 sales due to increased caution on ordering from US retailer customers
- Sales remain +26% ahead of 2019 pre-Covid levels
- Peak inflation cost in inventory including container freight – subsides H2 2023/2024
- Small underlying profit increase across UK/ROW/South Korea/Wax Lyrical
- Interim dividend maintained
- Net debt increase due to higher working capital – expected to improve by year end below FY 2022 levels

## Profit Walk

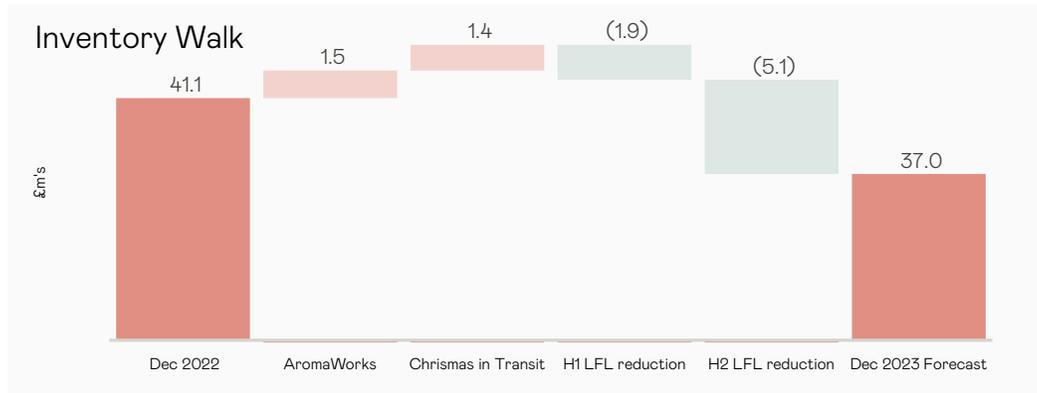


	2023 £m	2022 £m	2019 £m	2023 v 2022 Change	2023 v 2019 Change
Revenue	44.1	45.5	34.9	-3%	+26%
Headline* profit before tax	0.0	2.0	0.5	-100%	-100%
Headline* operating profit margin	1.6%	4.3%	1.7%	-2.7%	-0.1%
Headline* EPS	(0.12p)	12.00p	3.96p	-101%	-103%
Dividends	3.50p	3.50p	8.00p	-	-4.50p
Net debt	(15.0)	(6.8)	(5.8)	-8.2	-9.2

\*Headline numbers exclude exceptional items; acquisition and restructuring costs.

# Strong balance sheet maintained

- Net assets increased by 1%
- Significant facility headroom
- Net debt £15.0 million, December 23 forecast reduction of 30% year on year
- Like-for-like inventory reduction of 5% with more progress to come in H2
- Pension scheme small surplus



	2023 £m	2022 £m	2019 £m	2023 v 2022 Change	2023 v 2019 Change
Non-current assets	41.0	38.9	30.3	5%	35%
Inventory	42.1	42.6	24.2	-1%	74%
Trade & other receivables	17.3	14.0	12.9	24%	34%
Cash	1.5	3.2	2.2	-53%	-32%
Total current assets	60.9	59.8	39.3	2%	55%
Trade and other payables	-22.3	-27.0	-16.7	-17%	34%
Borrowings	-16.4	-10.0	-8.0	64%	-105%
Pension scheme	0.6	1.4	0.6	-57%	-
Net assets	63.8	63.1	45.5	1%	40%

# Sales analysis by market

- US/Canada impacted by retailer destocking
- UK sales +2% despite weakened consumer sentiment
- South Korea growth due to timing, new ranges, increased online distribution – expect slower H2 in department store channel
- Total ROW ceramic markets +10% (excluding Russia/Eastern Europe) – part of long term strategy

Sales by country	2023 £m	2022 £m	2019 £m	2023 v 2022 Change	2023 v 2019 Change
US	12.9	14.1	8.5	-9%	52%
UK	11.7	11.5	12.3	2%	-5%
South Korea	14.3	13.4	10.5	7%	36%
Canada	1.5	2.6	0.5	-42%	200%
Europe	1.5	1.4	1.5	7%	-
Australia	0.1	0.7	0.3	-86%	-67%
China/Far East	1.5	0.6	0.1	150%	1400%
Middle East	0.1	0.4	0.6	-75%	-83%
Russia/Eastern Europe	-	0.2	0.4	-100%	-100%
Other	0.5	0.6	0.2	-17%	150%
Total	44.1	45.5	34.9	-3%	26%

## Sales analysis by brand

- Continued growth in Spode (+8% vs. H1 2022) and 68% ahead of pre-Covid level
- c40% of Group sales from key heritage ranges Portmeirion Botanic Garden and Spode Christmas Tree which continue to perform well
- Nambe sales impacted by North American retailer destocking
- Wax Lyrical sales +9% as we benefit from AromaWorks acquisition and expect further growth in H2

Sales by brand	2023 £m	2022 £m	2019 £m	2023 v 2022 Change	2023 v 2019 Change
Portmeirion	22.5	22.1	21.7	2%	4%
Spode	5.7	5.3	3.4	8%	68%
Royal Worcester	2.6	3.1	2.5	-16%	4%
Pimpernel	2.3	2.6	1.1	-12%	109%
Nambe	5.4	6.7	-	-19%	100%
Wax Lyrical*	4.9	4.5	6.2	9%	-21%
Other	0.7	1.2	-	-42%	100%
Total	44.1	45.5	34.9	-3%	26%

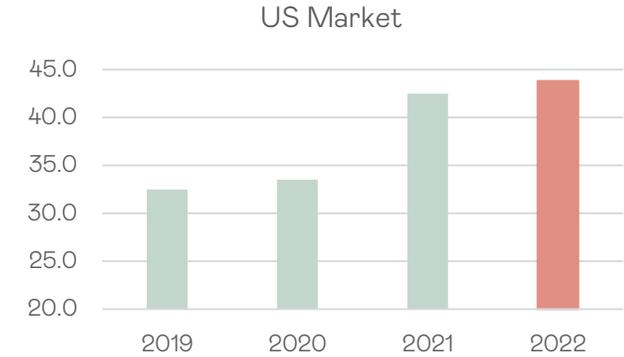
(\*Wax Lyrical includes sales of AromaWorks acquired August 2022).

# US market review

- Backdrop of good run of growth & market share gains 2019-2022
- H1 2023 tough consumer sentiment compounded by significant de-stocking
- Nambe brand hit hardest – premium department store/decline in tourism
- Our brands performing better than overall market/category
- GM% pressure on mix change as department store/ecommerce sales fall
- Consumers stick to Amazon proposition, our sales out up c30% YOY

Secured significant new listings to mitigate market conditions include:

- William Sonoma: new Spode range with repeat orders H2
- Firmdale hotels Spode contract: NY/London hotels ships H2
- New Spode Kit Kemp into Macys/Bloomingdales Sept 23
- Spode Christmas Tree – new ornaments into 225 Macys stores Q4 2023
- Sophie Conran range into Macys Bridal programme for 2024
- Expect margins to improve on falling container freight costs H2



# Home fragrance division update

- H1 sales up 9% driven by AromaWorks acquisition (H2 2022)
- Good progress on integration – all lines now absorbed into existing factory /resource levels
- AromaWorks sales have started to ramp up and expected to grow through H2 2023 and into 2024
- Wax Lyrical improved sell through in existing accounts including Dunelm and Amazon

## H2

- Wax Lyrical: significant new listing/account wins include Asda Oct 23 in over 400 stores
- Further grocery/national retailer account wins expected for H1 2024
- First delivery into M&S from Nov 23
- Expect return to division profitability

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# Ambition & Group Strategy

# Significant opportunity for top line growth over next 5 years



## Geography: Grow ROW sales outside of core markets

- Developing new markets including Asia and leveraging our full range portfolio
- ROW ceramic sales continue to grow (+10% in H1 2023)



## Online: Further develop online sales channels in core markets to reach more customers

- Own ecommerce decline vs. PY but much improved UK operating margins
- Own customer lists continue to grow (+10% YOY)
- Expanding ranges online in South Korea in H2.



## New product launches

- Extending hugely successful heritage ranges: BG Minimeirion and Spode Kit Kemp
- Spode Christmas Tree extended for H2 2023
- Targeting contemporary : Significant new ranges ready for launch in next six months



## Leveraging our full brand/range portfolio more effectively

- Leveraging wider ranges across South Korea and other ROW markets
- Working on potential launches of Botanic Garden into new categories
- Spode sales continue to grow +8%

# Medium & long term targets for significant operating margin growth

Operating margin medium-term target 10% and long-term 12.5%

1. Opportunity for productivity gains & automation in our UK tableware factory
2. Leveraging our fixed cost base as we grow top line sales
3. Improve profitability of Covid impacted home fragrance division

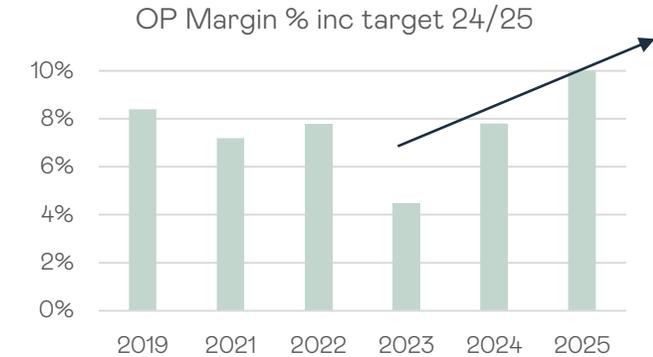


# Progress on operating margin growth

- H1/FY2023 operating margins down:
  - Sales fall & US GM % on mix change
  - Peak cost inflation in stock H1; subsides H2 2023/2024

Progress on growing LT operating margins:

- (1) Factory efficiency
  - (1) Productivity rates continue to improve
  - (2) 2 further capex schemes go live in Q4 yielding further efficiencies
  - (3) Completed a successful trial of real time data system ->full implementation in Q4 – drives faster reaction times and productivity gains
- (2) Wax Lyrical profitability
  - (1) Volume listing wins including Asda and AromaWorks sales momentum building
  - (2) On target to return to profit in due course
- (3) Top Line leverage
  - (1) North America sales/de-stocking hurts short term operating margins
  - (2) Made and retained clear market share gains in US over past 3 years; market will stabilise
  - (3) ROW sales continue to grow



# Energy & Carbon Net Zero

- Launched new net zero & sustainability ambition: 'Crafting a better future'
- New global Energy & Sustainability committee in place, reporting to CEO
- H1 Energy consumption in factories successfully reduced by 6%
  - Kiln burner modulation project – improves control over firing conditions
  - Review and implementation of energy efficient equipment – includes replacement of heaters and more efficient spray glazing equipment.
- Work underway on roadmap to
  - Significantly further reduce energy usage
  - Increase use of sustainable energy and self generation
  - Greener packaging solutions



Carbon net zero ambition by 2040

# Summary

- Tough H1 driven by, as previously stated, decreased order flow in North America
- Well placed for when market rebounds, will enjoy the benefit of market share gains and newly won listings
- ROW still growing (part of LT strategy)
- H2/Christmas trading started in line with forecasts and healthy order book (ahead of last year)
- Stock reducing and cost inflation subsiding
- Operating margin growth targets are unchanged
- Confident about long-term prospects for the Group
- Expect FY sales and profit to be in line with consensus market expectations

