

## **Preliminary Results**

for the year ended 24 September 2010









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## Highlights



#### **FINANCIAL**

- Strong Group performance\*
  - Operating profit growth +17.6%
  - Sales growth +6.9%
- Retained profit of €34.5m
- 32% reduction in net debt to €193.4m

#### **BUSINESS**

- Convenience Foods portfolio
  - Malt, Water and Continental disposals completed
  - Convenience Foods now 90% of Group activity
- Excellent performance in Convenience Foods

<sup>\*</sup> on continuing basi





## Financial Review

Geoff Doherty Chief Financial Officer

## 2010 Results Highlights



		Versus FY09
Revenue	€856.0m	+6.9%
Operating profit*	€59.7m	+17.6%
Operating margin*	7.0%	+63bps
Effective tax rate	17%	+1%
Net debt	€193.4m	-32%
Adjusted EPS**	16.7c	-4.0%

<sup>\*</sup> before exceptional items and acquisition related amortisation
\*\* before exceptional items, acquisition related amortisation, pension financing, change in the fair value of derivatives and FX effects

### Convenience Foods





Continuing

€m	FY10	FY09	%Change
Revenue	784.5	708.6	+10.7%
Operating profit*	54.1	44.7	+21%
Margin	6.9%	6.3%	
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- Strong sales growth volume rather than price led
- Strong consumer trends towards 'on the go' and 'at home' food consumption
- 63 bps improvement in operating margin driven by volume, efficiency and productivity gains

#### **Discontinued**

€m	FY10	FY09	%Change
Revenue	55.3	85.8	-36%
Operating (loss)/profit*	(0.1)	1.7	

- Water and Continental disposals completed
- Good exit prices

<sup>\*</sup> before exceptional items and acquisition related amortisation







#### Discontinued

€m	FY10	FY09
Revenue	90.6	217.1
Operating profit*	8.6	20.5
Margin	9.4%	9.4%

\* before exceptional items and acquisition related amortisation

- Malt business disposed for total consideration of up to €113m
- FY10 reflects six months to date of disposal. FY09 is full year
- Spot malt margins in decline, indicative of malt earnings returning to lower point of cycle
- Proceeds represented a surplus of €16.6m over book value



## Ingredients & Property



#### Continuing

€m	FY10	FY09	% Change
Revenue	71.5	92.2	-23%
Operating profit*	5.6	6.1	

Comprises edible oils, molasses and surplus property trading

Group, post Malt

Represents a modest part of the

Solid performance overall in a difficult domestic Irish market

<sup>\*</sup> before exceptional items and acquisition related amortisation



## Decreasing Finance Costs



€m	FY10	FY09
Bank interest payable	(25.3)	(28.3)
Unwind discount to present value	( <u>0.2</u> )	( <u>0.4</u> )
Finance cost*	(25.5)	(28.7)
Pension (charge)/credit	(0.2)	1.2
FX/fair value of derivatives	( <u>1.8</u> )	( <u>20.4</u> )
Net finance	( <u>27.5</u> )	( <u>47.9</u> )

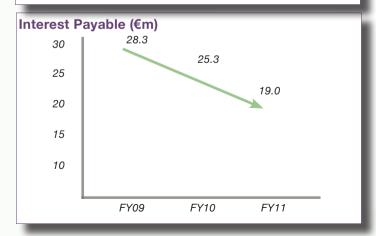
<sup>\*</sup> before fair value and pensions



## FY11: Significant Decrease Forecast in Interest Payable



FY11 Forecast	€m
Bank interest payable	15.5
Commitment fees	2.0
Facility fee amortisation	<u>1.5</u>
Total cash interest	<u>19.0</u>



- Restructuring of net debt post disposals
- Settlement of a portion of the Group's fixed interest swaps for €9.6m
- Significant reduction in bank interest payable with 25% decrease forecast
- 'All in' cost of funds over average net debt of c.6.9%



# Net Exceptional Gain from Malt, Water & greencore Continental Disposals

FY10 exceptionals €m	Profit/(Loss)*	Cash on completion	Earnout/other	Total Consideration
Malt disposal	16.6	106.3	7.0	113.3
Water disposal	(2.6)	14.1	3.0	17.1
Continental foods disposal	( <u>4.5</u> )	9.0	3.0	<u>12.0</u>
Net increase in equity/cash	9.5	129.4	13.0	142.4
Recycling of FX*	(7.3)	_	-	-
Net profit / cash	2.2	129.4	13.0	142.4

<sup>\*</sup> no impact on equity

### **EPS & Dividend**





€cent	FY10	FY09
Adjusted EPS Dividend per share	16.7	17.4
Interim paid Final proposed	3.0 <u>4.5</u>	3.0 <u>4.5</u>
	<u>7.5</u>	<u>7.5</u>

- Adjusted EPS down 4%
- Dilutive impact of Malt in year substantially offset by growth in Convenience earnings
- Continuing adjusted EPS in FY10 is 13.3 cent

## Cashflow







€m	Continuing	Discontinued	Total
EBITDA	80.6	12.5	93.1
Working capital movement	24.6	(46.8)	(22.2)
Net capex	(21.3)	(2.8)	(24.1)
Free cashflow	83.9	(37.1)	46.8
Pension deficit funding	(10.3)	-	(10.3)
Interest payments	(27.9)	-	(27.9)
Taxation payments	(1.3)	(0.9)	(2.2)
Operating cashflow	44.4	(38.0)	6.4
Dividends payable	(13.2)		
Disposal proceeds	120.8		
Settlement of interest rate swaps	(9.6)		
Purchase of own shares	(2.0)		
Deferred consideration/minority interest payments	(2.9)		
Net cashflow	99.5		
Other movements including FX	(9.5)		
Opening net debt			(283.4)
Closing net debt			(193.4)



## Summary





- Strong performance in Convenience Foods
- Solid Ingredients & Property performance
- Increase in operating margin
- 32% reduction in net debt
- Significant reduction in bank interest costs
- Total result for financial year of €34.5m







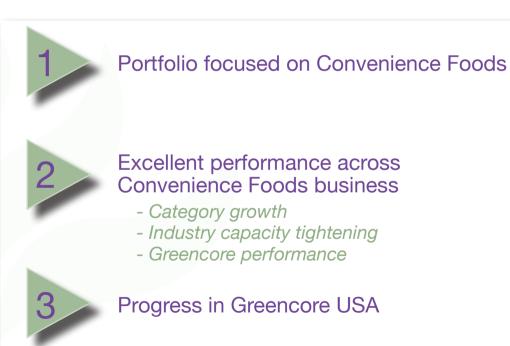
## Operating Review & Outlook

Patrick Coveney Chief Executive Officer



## **Operating Review**

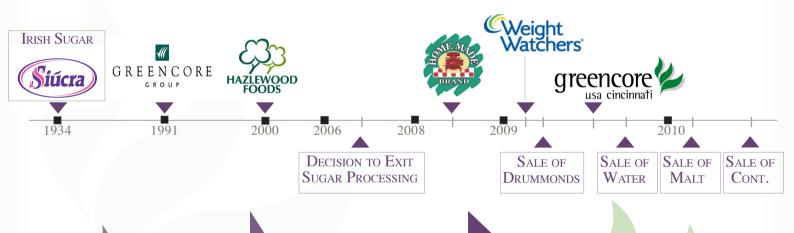






### Our Portfolio





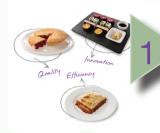
Irish Sugar Company Regional Ingredients and agribusiness player

Broad based food and agribusiness company

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## Convenience Foods Portfolio - Disposals



#### Malt

- A standalone business in need of capital investment
- Cyclical earnings ranging from nil to c.€25m, with highly seasonal working capital demands
- Earnings on downward trajectory
- Consideration of €113.3m

#### Water

- A beverage business within a Convenience Foods portfolio
- Trading remained challenging despite profit improvement plans
- Sold to Highland Spring a natural owner of this business
- Consideration of €17.1m

#### Continental

An ex-growth market with overcapacity

#### **Impact**



- Focused growth portfolio now firmly established
- 2. Earning cyclicality reduced
- Strengthened balance sheet with net debt reduced by 32%



## Excellent Performance Across Convenience Foods Business



#### **Continuing business**

Sales growth +10.7%

Operating profit growth +21.1%

Operating margin 6.9%

Consumers driving both volume and value growth



- Greencore gaining market shares and enhancing margins
- Manageable level of input inflation



## Consumers Driving Growth





#### Accelerating market growth\*



#### **Driven by**

- Consumers still demand convenience
- Increased 'at-home' and 'on-the go' food consumption
- Out-performance by top 5 retailers and 'out of town' formats
- Promotional intensity and 'value innovation' sustaining volumes both are here to stay
- Food as an affordable treat



## Industry Capacity Tightening





#### Ready meals market



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- Large players reshaping landscape
- At least six facilities closed
- More than 15% of industry capacity removed\*

#### Food to Go market







- Smaller players exiting the market
- Four smaller facilities closed and/or deployed
- Approximately 5% of industry capacity removed\*

#### **Impact**



- Tight credit environment has curtailed capacity additions
- 2. Recent market growth has absorbed much of the available marginal capacity



## Greencore Performance - Sales

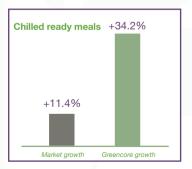




Market growth



- Drove up our share of Sainbury's business by c.10% through category expansion and new delivery formats
- New business wins including Dunnes Stores (Ireland) and Superdrug
- Successful migration of Somerfield Stores to Co-op direct to store distribution model



- Launch of Tesco Restaurant Collection and sustained strong Italian ready meal performance
- Asda Traditional, Extra Special and Healthy meals launched, with further Italian business secured
- Successful integration of Co-op/Somerfield Italian business
- Now produce 5 of the top 10 Italian ready meals in the market, with our share of the overall ready meal market substantially ahead



## Greencore Delivery - Margin



## Benefit of FY09 efficiency initiatives

- Overhead costs rebased in all areas
- 5% indirect labour saving
- Pay freeze across our factories, with senior management team taking 5% pay cut

#### Operational leverage

- Market growth and Greencore share gains have had positive impact
- Stable, well invested and efficient facilities allow the contribution from new business wins to fall to the 'bottom line'

#### Productivity gains

- Benefits of Lean Leadership Academy and performance culture coming through
- Simplification of our processes
- Capacity has been released reducing the need for enhancement capex



## Progress in USA







- Sales momentum with underlying sales 18% ahead of the previous year and 53% ahead of FY08
- Food to Go represents a key growth driver, with fresh manufactured sandwiches replacing 'made in store' lines at two core customers
- Broadening of relationships with our core customers but also commenced trading with several significant new players
- Significant capital refit of Newburyport to enhance capacity by up to 50% and upgrade infrastructure at a total cost of c. \$5m
- Greencore processes, culture and capability being embedded in the business

### Outlook





- Very strong trading in Convenience Foods in FY10
- Good start to FY11
- Manageable input price inflation
- Significant reduction in Group interest expense



# Avality Efficiency

### Summary



- Focused Convenience Foods portfolio put in place with disposal activity now complete
- Food consumption trends should underpin growth in the years ahead
- Strong team and category competences
- On track to deliver strong growth on a continuing basis in FY11



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