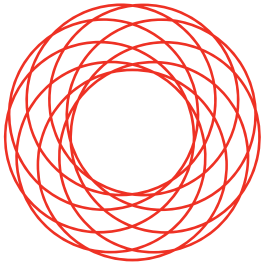


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# FULL YEAR RESULTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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# THE COLLAGEN CASING COMPANY



## Global Leader

- One of the world's leading providers of collagen casings for the processed meats sector
- Supplies 1,000 customers in 100 countries worldwide
- Provides technical support to food manufacturers



## Global Operations

**2,000+**  
staff across the world

**6**  
manufacturing operations in Scotland, Australia, the Czech Republic, the USA, the Netherlands and China



## Collagen

- Main raw material taken from the hide of carefully selected animals certified for food use
- A complex naturally-occurring polymer with unique characteristics
- Dedicated food grade sourcing arrangements



## Technology

- Differentiation through product development
- Enhanced manufacturing performance and increased capacity
- Close matching of product design to customer needs and market requirements

## OVERVIEW

### Financial Results

- Underlying EBITDA up 9% on prior year
  - Reflects strong progress in underlying business
- Sales volumes increased 7%
  - Most notably in China, SE Asia and Russia
- Strong operating cash flow\*
  - Up £19.7m on 2016
- Improved covenant ratio\*\*
  - Now 2.1 times
- Final dividend maintained
  - At 6.1p per share

### Devro 100

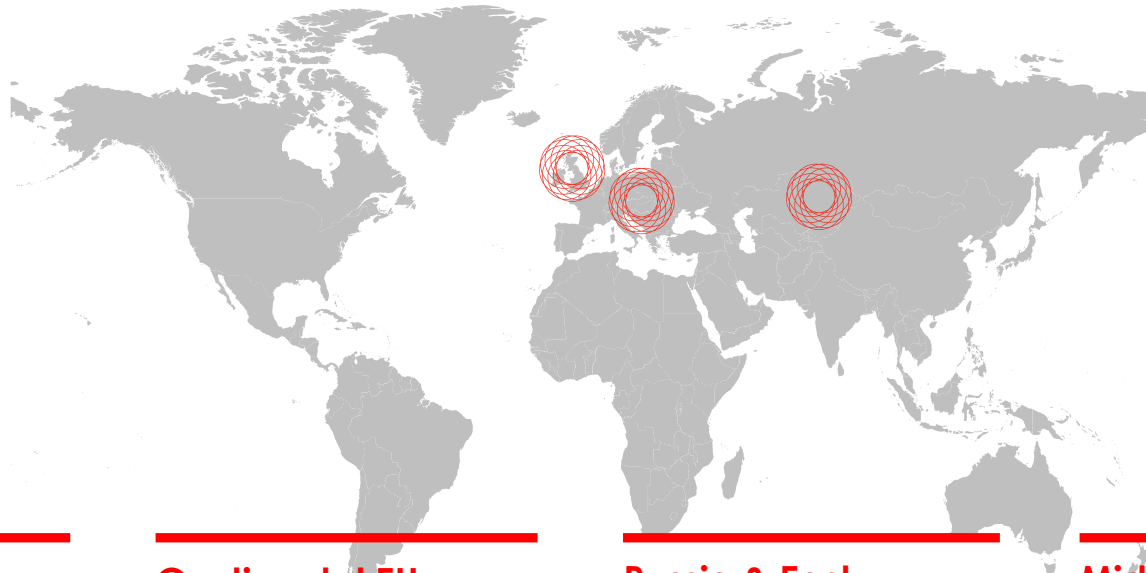
- Programme to accelerate the next stage of strategic development
- Initiated in Q4 2016 and progressing well
- Sales volume growth achieved in almost all markets during 2017
- £7 million manufacturing cost savings realised in 2017
  - Ahead of expectations
- New Fine Ultra casings introduced in H2 as planned

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# COMMERCIAL REVIEW

## REVENUE: EUROPE



### UK & Ireland

- 2% increase in volume and gains for market share
- 2% improvement on pricing attributable to success of *Select Fresh*

### Continental EU

- Excellent H2 + 13% volume growth
- Effective positioning of Devro offer and sales management

### Russia & East

- Adapted the product range to meet market requirements
- +21% volume as local customers grow volumes and Devro share recovered

### Middle E & Africa

- Small proportion of total business
- Stronger development in South Africa with focus on gut displacement

## REVENUE: AMERICAS



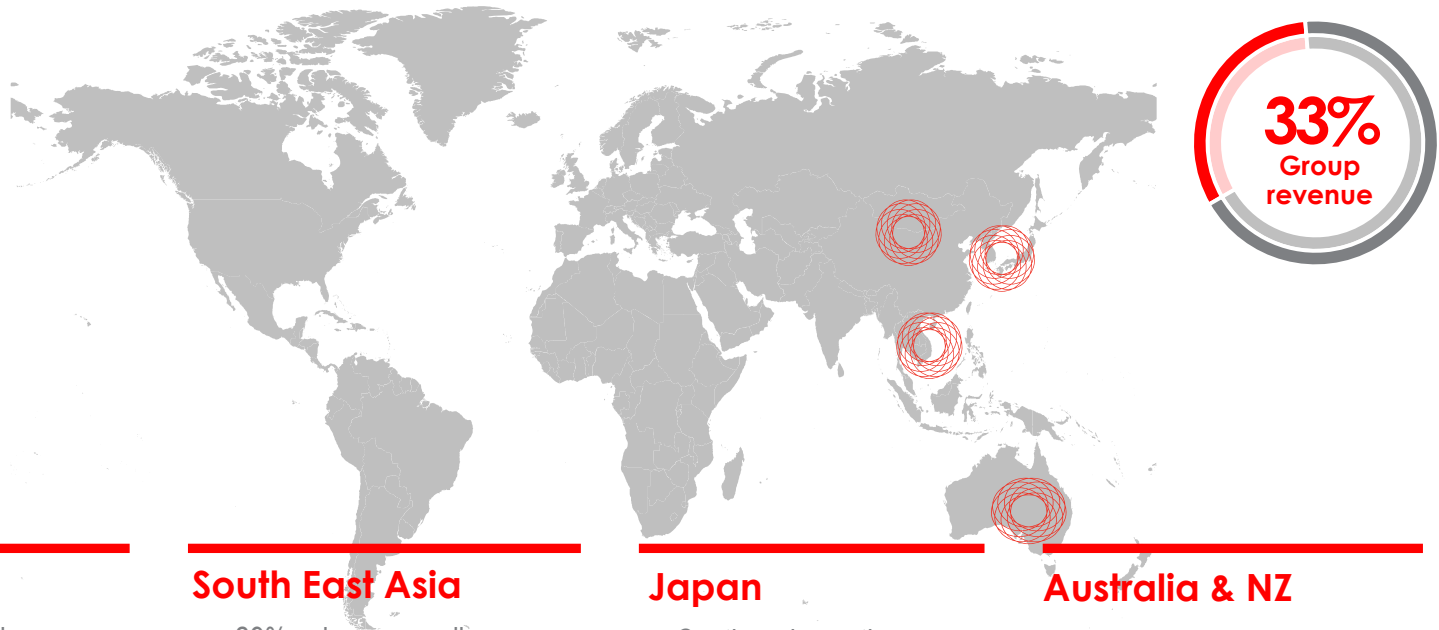
### North America

- +3% volumes reflects continued growth in beefstick category
- Continued consolidation of key accounts and leading brands provides opportunities for long-term partnerships

### Latin America

- Impacted by change in sourcing of products away from old USA plant
- 25% decline in volumes attributed to prior year changes
- Q4 stabilised
- Opportunities to regain market share in the region

## REVENUE: ASIA / PACIFIC



### China

- +69% volume growth as capacity and product from new plant supply the market
- Pricing consistent with prior year
- Premium segments being developed

### South East Asia

- +29% volume overall
- Strongest advances in Thailand

### Japan

- Continued growth in savoury snack and confectionery products
- New *Fine Ultra* casings introduced

### Australia & NZ

- Mature market
- Overall consumption lower
- Volumes adversely impacted by customer manufacturing changes

## MARKET DYNAMICS

### Regional mix

- Growing volume in Europe and USA where markets are consolidating with pressure on leading brands
- Regained share in important markets of Russia and SE Asia
- Gaining share in China during a period of local oversupply
- Latin America decline due to change in Devro's product sourcing
- Devro continues to hold share in mature markets with historic high market shares, particularly UK

### Pricing

- Devro remains price leader in most markets and accounts
- Increasing number of price-driven tenders following acquisitions, and consolidation among customers, impacting market dynamics; providing opportunity for long term supply contracts
- New business and regained share achieved in a number of markets
- Holding price in many markets and accounts where Devro is long established and fully valued as a partner

### Short-term / medium-term

- Global demand growth estimated at 7% for 2017
- Global industry capacity coming into balance
- Devro has greater capacity available at lower unit cost following major capital investment programme
- Devro continues to seek revenue growth in all areas, focussing on the most profitable market opportunities, with an emphasis on growing market share in developing economies



## MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

### **Established manufacturing plants in UK (Scotland), Czech Republic and Australia:**

- Benefiting from operating in a single global supply chain organisation
- Achieving improved productivity levels compared with prior year
- Stable raw material and input costs



### **Following major investments, two new plants in operation throughout 2017:**

- Nantong, China: performed particularly strongly, with high levels of productivity and efficiency, with sales matching output in latter part of the year.
- South Carolina, USA: making progress with specialist snack stick casing, actual output lower than anticipated, priority for management in 2018 as further progress will release more capacity for sales.

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OUR PLAN FOR GROWTH

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## DEVRO'S THREE PART STRATEGY

### ACCELERATING DELIVERY THROUGH...



#### **Revenue growth**

- Gut replacement in developed markets
- Increased demand in emerging markets
- Pricing and value for customers



#### **Manufacturing efficiency**

##### **Reduce cost**

- Maximise productivity of existing assets
- New capacity in lowest unit cost technology
- Reducing costs



#### **Collagen research and development**

##### **Innovate & invent**

- Differentiated products
- Modern processes improve efficiency
- Creating new opportunities

**Earnings growth & improving return on capital**

## ...THE DEVRO 100 PROGRAMME



### Revenue growth

- Focus on improved sales capabilities

Revenue growth

### Next generation of differentiated products

- To deliver a step change in product attributes and performance

Product differentiation

### Improving manufacturing efficiency

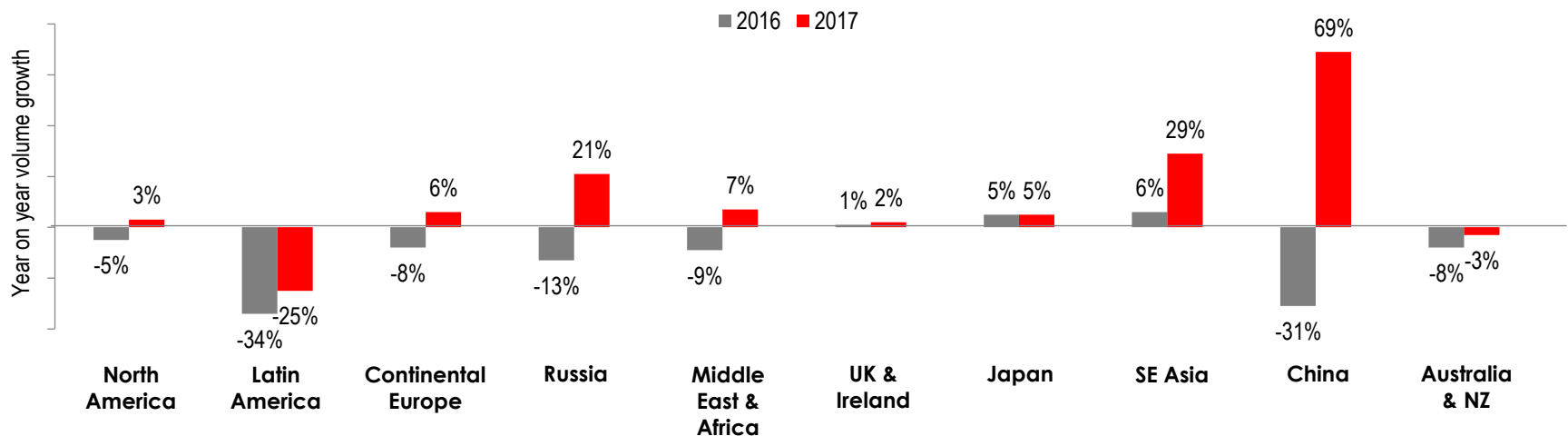
- Using single global supply chain organisation to:
  - Maximise productivity of existing assets
  - Reduce unit cost

Unit cost reduction

# REVENUE GROWTH

## Actions & achievements in 2017

- Volume growth of 8% for edible collagen casings
- Focus on target markets and customers
- Extension of sales capability training
- Co-ordinated global tendering and pricing at all accounts



Revenue growth

Product differentiation

Unit cost reduction

## NEXT GENERATION OF DIFFERENTIATED PRODUCTS

### FINE ULTRA

**Introduced** as planned in two variants in H2 2017, tailored to deliver unique characteristics for our customers



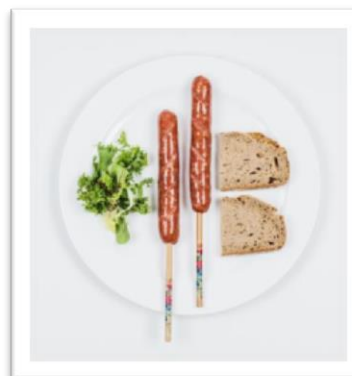
Targeting major markets for processed sausages in Europe and Asia



For consumers:  
Improved pan and deep frying



For manufacturers:  
Increased robustness during filling



Revenue growth

Product differentiation

Unit cost reduction

## IMPROVING MANUFACTURING EFFICIENCY

### Actions & achievements in 2017

- New supplier contracts agreed based on global purchase requirements
- *Global Best Practice* teams established for each stage of production process
- Standardised operations blueprint implemented with conversion cost reduction following redundancies
- Energy savings through investing in more efficient technologies
- Operating cost savings achieved through standardisation and simplification of organisation structure and processes

	2017 savings	Total 2019 benefit range
Material costs	£1.4m	£3.5m-£4m
Conversion costs	£5.6m	£7.5m-£9m
<b>Production costs</b>	<b>£7.0m</b>	<b>£11m-£13m</b>
Operating costs	£0.7m	£2m-£3m
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>£7.7m</b>	<b>£13m - £16m</b>

Revenue growth

Product differentiation

Unit cost reduction

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# FINANCIAL REVIEW



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Revenue

- Increased 7% year-on-year to £256.9m
- Volume gains of 7% plus further 4% from FX benefits
- Partially offset by -4% price/mix, including increased volumes in China

## Profit

- Underlying operating profit of £38.1m; in line with prior year
  - Volume gains, cost savings and FX, offset by full costs from new plants & price/mix
- Reported operating profit of £33.0m, increased from £15.4m in 2016
- Underlying EPS 12.5p (2016: 13.3p)

## Exceptional items

- Related to Devro 100 programme
- Total of £5.1m for 2017
  - Lower than expectations
  - Expectations for total programme unchanged at £10-12m

## Cash flow

- Continued strong cash generation, with operating cash flow\* of £61.2m
  - Improved EBITDA
  - Lower capital expenditure and exceptional spend

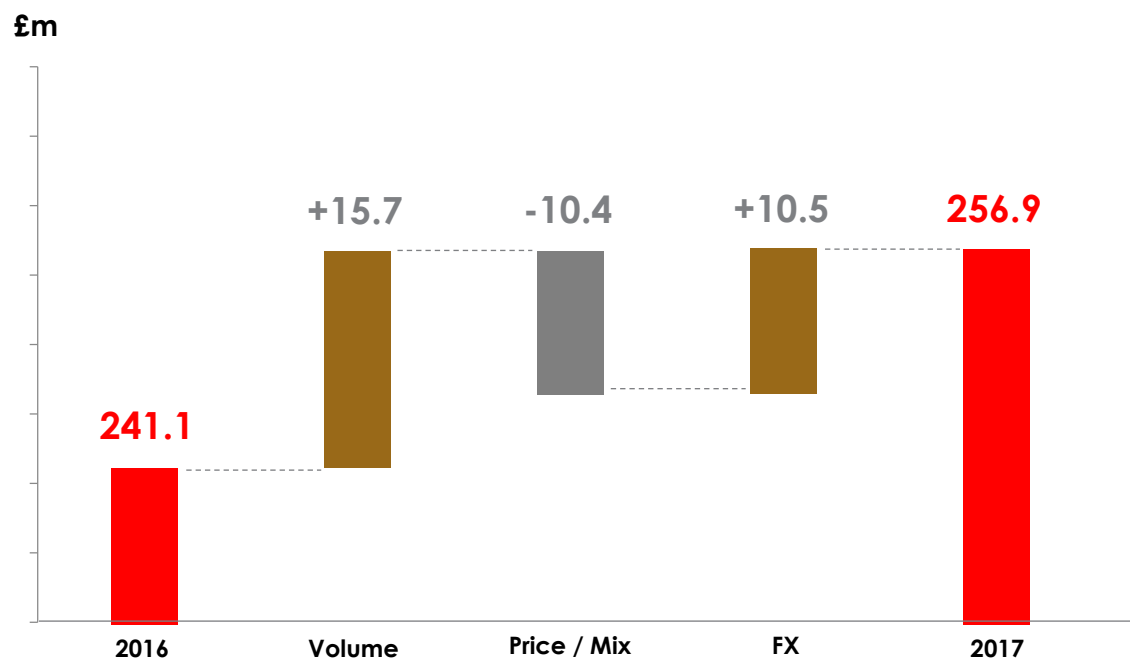
## Covenant ratio

- Key covenant ratio\*\* improved to 2.1 times
  - Due to increased underlying EBITDA and lower net debt

## Dividend

- Final dividend maintained at 6.1p per share, in line with prior year

# GROUP REVENUE



## Volumes

- Increased 7% year on year

## Price/mix

- Adverse by 4%
- Country mix (e.g. China)

## FX

- Benefit of 4% for 2017

## REVENUE DEVELOPMENT

### Europe

(43% total revenue)

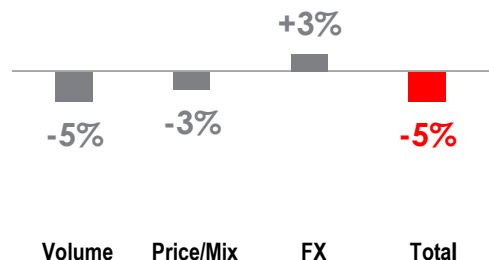


#### Revenue

- Volume – growth in all sales areas; particularly strong in Russia
- FX – sterling weaker vs euro

### Americas

(24% total revenue)

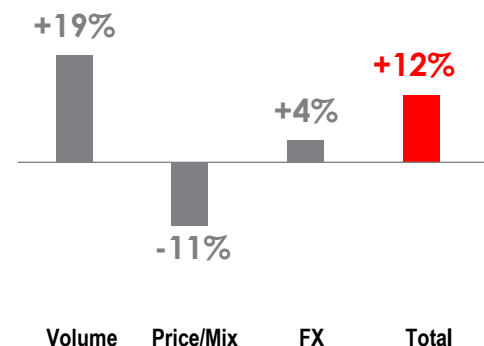


#### Revenue

- Volume – growth in North America; offset by expected reduction in Latin America, which had stabilised by Q4
- FX – sterling weaker vs US dollar

### Asia-Pacific

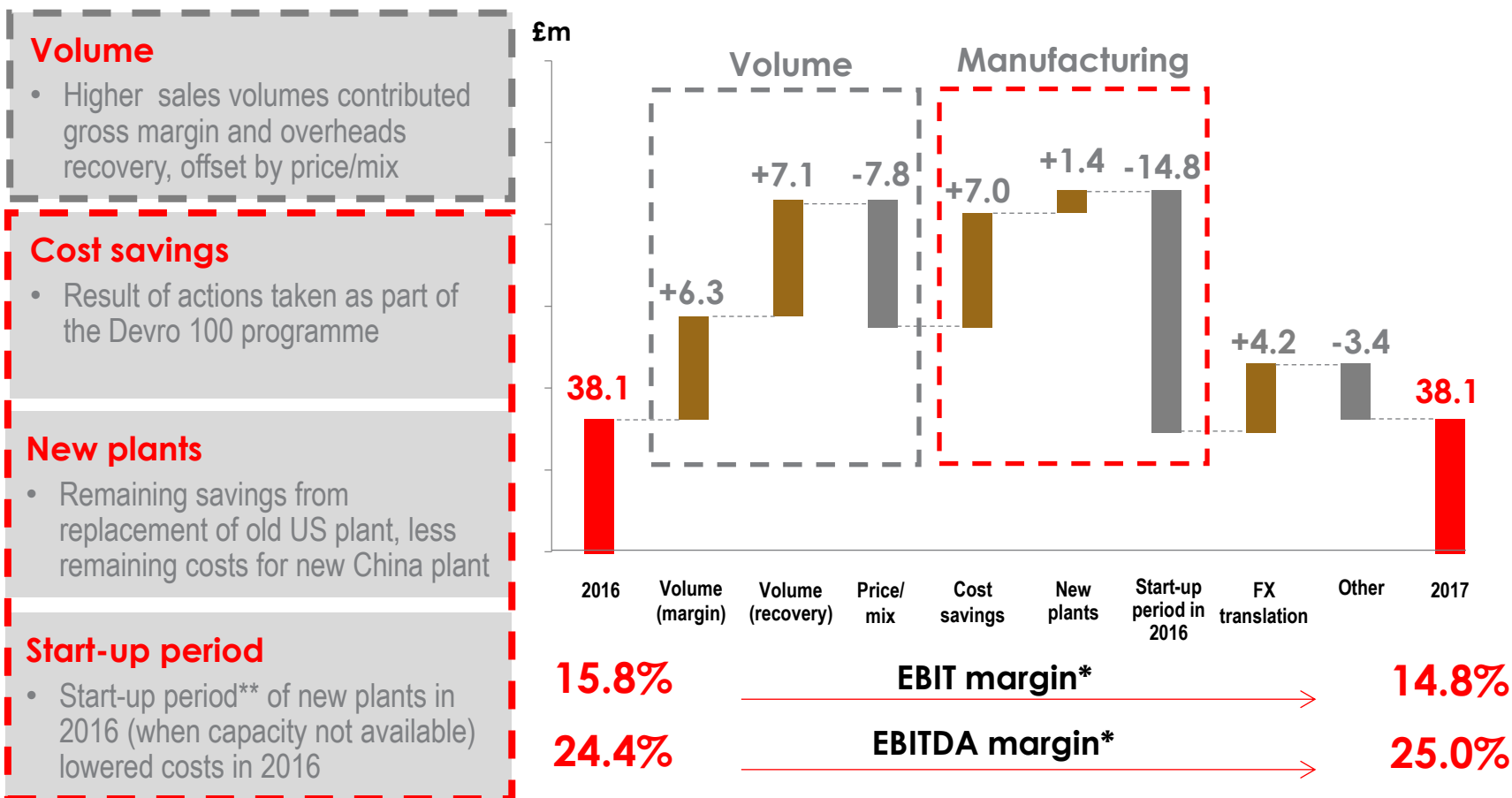
(33% total revenue)



#### Revenue

- Volume – increase in China sourced from new plant; significant growth in SE Asia
- Price/mix – mainly country mix from China
- FX – sterling weaker against several key currencies

# EBIT\* MOVEMENT



\*Shown on underlying basis (before exceptional items)

\*\* Incremental costs included in exceptional items

## EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

	2017 £m	2016 £m
Devro 100	5.1	2.0
Investment projects	-	20.7
Total exceptional items	5.1	22.7

### Devro 100

- Final stage of six year transformation of business
- Major programme focussed on:
  - Acceleration of revenue growth
  - Substantial improvement in manufacturing efficiencies
  - Introduction of next generation of differentiated products

### Investment projects

- Completed in 2016
- No further exceptional items in 2017

## EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS - DEVRO 100 GUIDANCE

	Cash costs		Benefits
	Exceptional items £m	Capex £m	Year-on-year £m
Total	£10m-£12m	£7m-£8m	£13m-£16m
2017 (actual)	£5m	£2m	£7m
2018	£5m-£7m	£5m-£6m	£3m-£4m
2019	-	-	£3m-£5m

## FINANCE COSTS\*

### Higher loan balance

- Relates to RMB loans to fund investment in China, which on average increased over 2017

### Higher interest rates

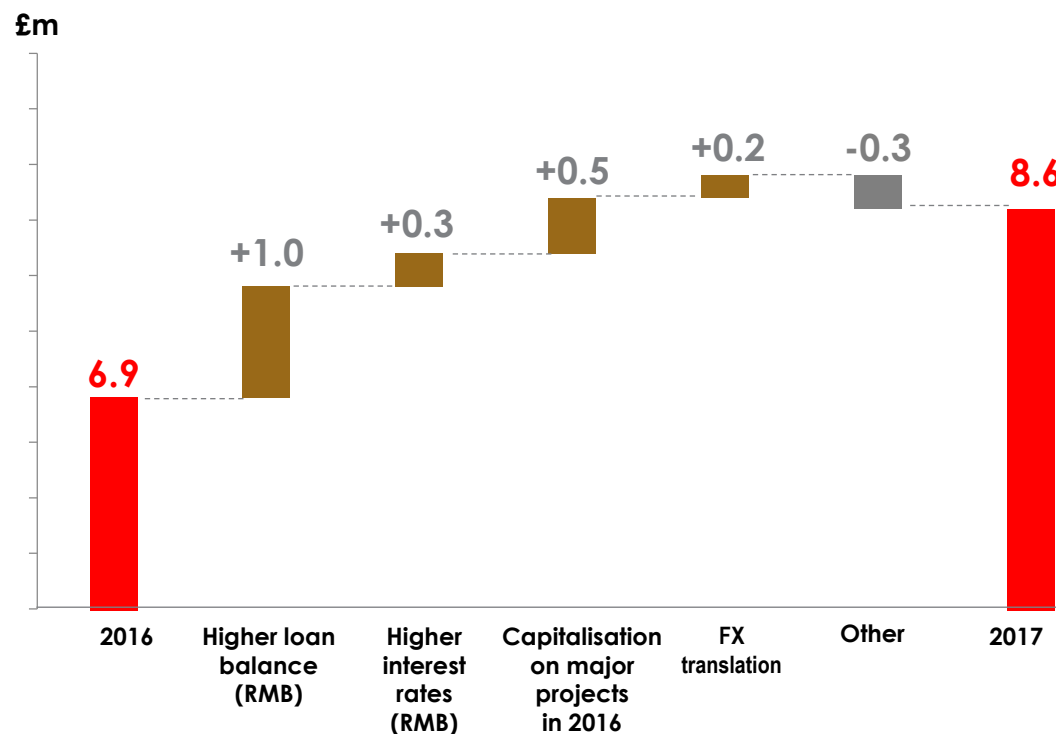
- Also relates to RMB loans; interest rates increased in 2017 vs 2016

### FX

- Sterling weakened against key currencies (including USD and RMB)

### Capitalisation

- Ceased in 2016 once new plants started-up

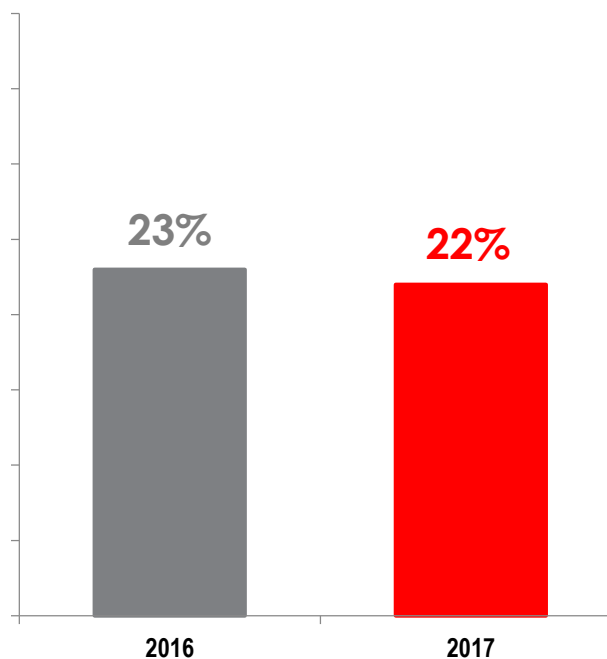


\* Excluding net finance cost on pensions

## TAX RATE

### Effective tax rate\*

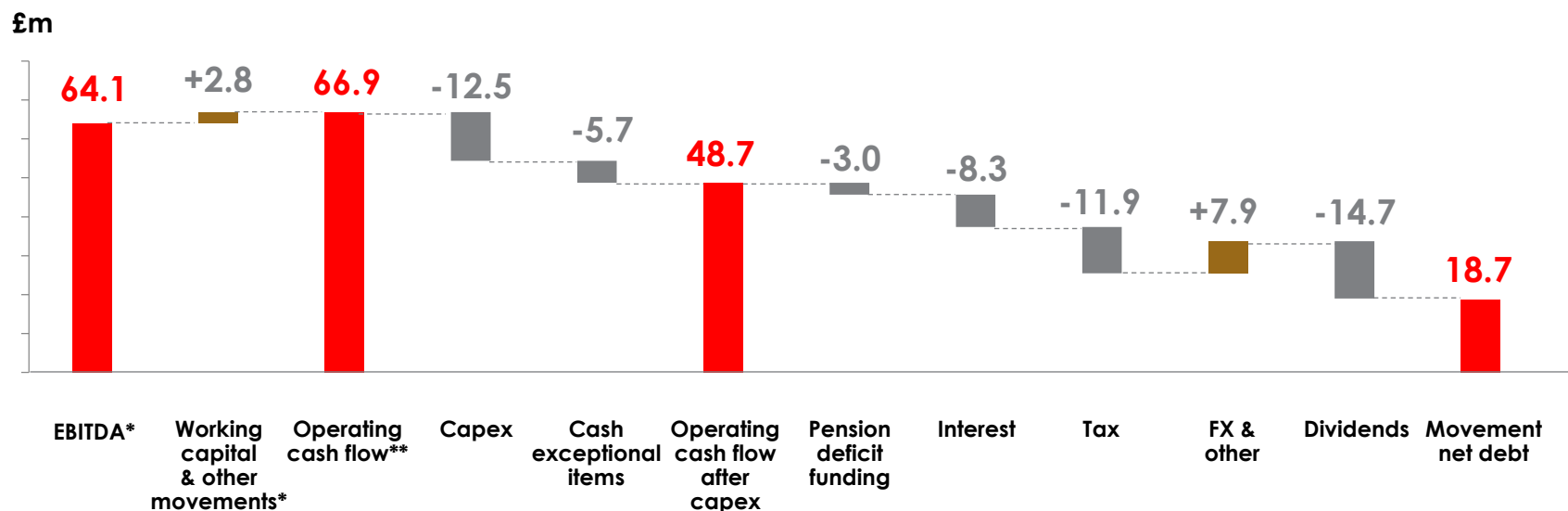
- Broadly in line with 2016
- Reflects mix of profits in different tax jurisdictions across the group
- Charge of £4.2m related to US tax reforms reported in exceptional items
- Review of internal funding structure helping to manage future impacts of US tax reforms and other changes



\* Shown on underlying basis (before exceptional items)



# CASH FLOW 2017



2016:	58.8	+5.6	64.4	-24.0	-22.9	17.5	-2.5	-7.7	-5.8	-14.9	-14.7	-28.1
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## Operating cash flow after capex

- Strong growth due to improved EBITDA, and lower capex and exceptional spend

## Movement net debt

- Dividend maintained
- Strengthening of sterling reduced net debt by £7m
- Higher tax payments related to increased tax rate in 2016

\* Shown on underlying basis (before exceptional items) \*\* Shown on underlying basis and before pension deficit funding

## NET DEBT AND KEY BANKING COVENANTS

	<b>Dec 2017</b> £m	<b>Jun 2017</b> £m	<b>Dec 2016</b> £m	<b>Current covenant</b>
Net debt	134.9	151.9	153.6	
Net debt** / EBITDA* ratio	2.1x	2.4x	2.7x	<3x
EBITDA* / Net interest payable ratio	8x	9x	8x	>4x

\* Shown on underlying basis (before exceptional items) \*\* Includes derivative liabilities of £0.4m (Jun 2017: £0.2m; Dec 2016: £2.6m)

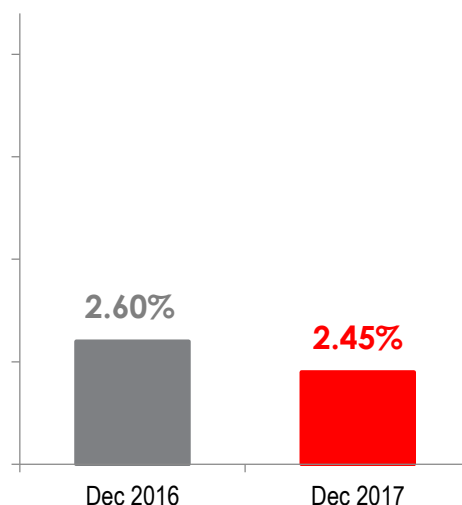
## PENSIONS

### Net pension deficit

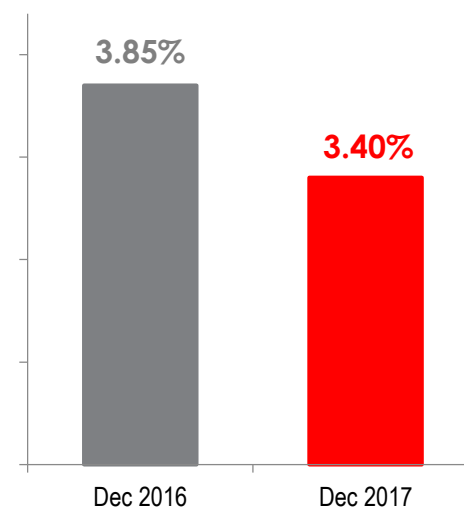
- Triennial valuation of UK scheme completed with no increase in deficit funding contributions
  - Shortened recovery plan
- Reduced net deficit primarily due to updated mortality assumptions for UK scheme
- Partially offset by reduced discount rates in UK and US

	Dec 2017 £m	Dec 2016 £m
Net pension deficit	82.0	96.0

### UK discount rate



### US discount rate



## THE OUTLOOK

- **Global demand growth projections 2-4% pa**
- **Devro 100 programme underpins the 3-part strategy**
  - Improved sales capability
  - Next generation of differentiated products
  - Unit cost reduction savings of £13m-£16m
- **Devro has a modern asset base**
  - With capacity to support growth
- **Targeting year-on-year growth with attractive financial returns**

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# APPENDICES



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# INCOME STATEMENT

	Underlying*			Statutory		
	2017 £m	2016 £m	Change	2017 £m	2016 £m	Change
Revenue	256.9	241.1	+7%	256.9	241.1	+7%
EBITDA	64.1	58.8	+9%			
EBIT	38.1	38.1	-	33.0	15.4	+114%
Finance costs**	(8.6)	(6.9)	+25%	(8.6)	(6.9)	+25%
Tax charge	(5.8)	(6.7)	-13%	(6.0)	(4.0)	+50%
Profit after tax	20.9	22.2	-6%	15.6	2.2	+609%
EPS	12.5p	13.3p	-0.8p	9.3p	1.3p	+8.0p

## Depreciation & amortisation

- Underlying depreciation & amortisation increased £5.3m year-on-year, reflecting start up on new plants in 2016

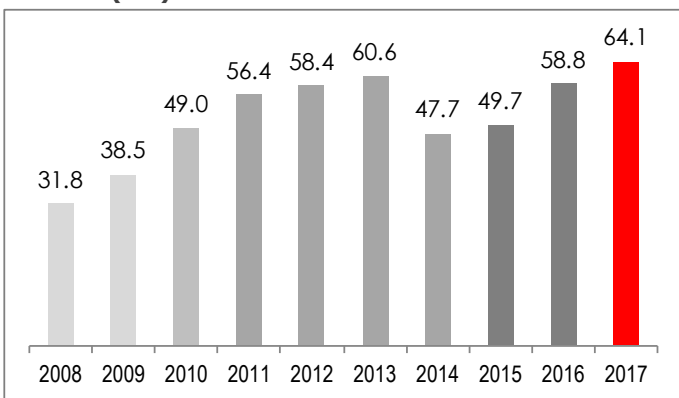
## EPS (year-on-year change)

- EBIT\* per share -
- Finance cost per share -1.0p
- Tax\* per share 0.2p
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- EPS\* -0.8p

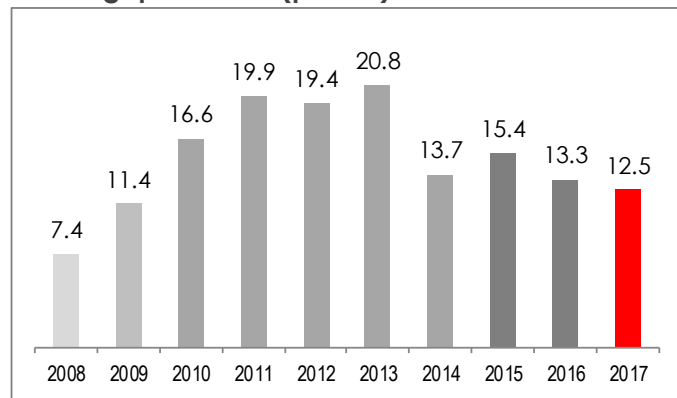
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## KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

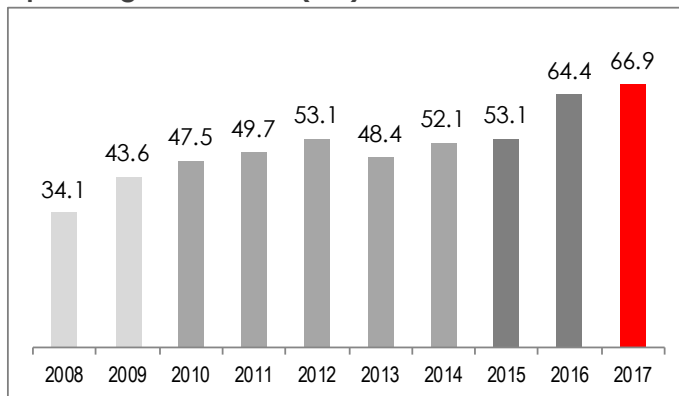
**EBITDA\* (£m)**



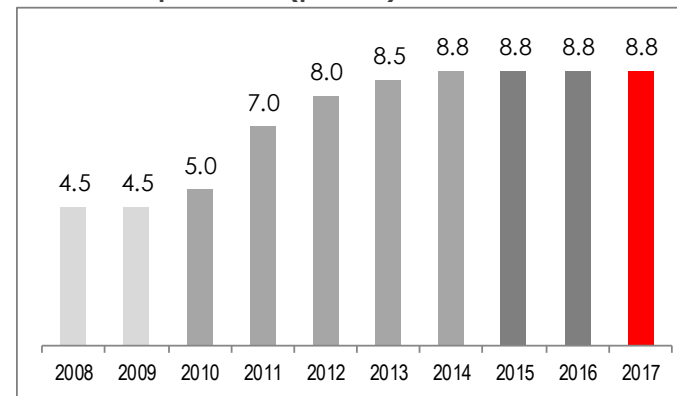
**Earnings per share\* (pence)**



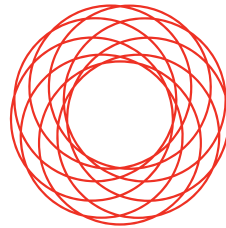
**Operating cash flow\*\* (£m)**



**Dividends per share (pence)**



\* All figures relate to continuing operations and are shown on underlying basis (before exceptional items). Figures for 2007 to 2012 have been restated for revised pension accounting rules (IAS19R) \*\* Shown on an underlying basis and before pension deficit funding



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