

# **Kier Group**

# Interim results for the six months ended 31 December 2017

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# Haydn Mursell

# **Chief Executive**

## Agenda

- Overview
  - Highlights
  - Vision 2020 progress
- Financial and operational overview
- A market and client-led strategy
- Summary and outlook

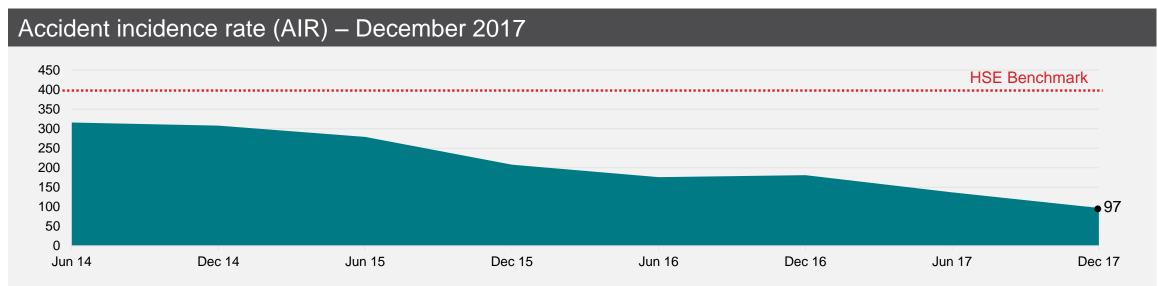
## **Highlights**

- Good first half performance
- Two-year portfolio simplification concluded
- Investment levels in Property and Residential sufficient to deliver Vision 2020 targets
- Robust order books and pipelines
  - Increased future visibility
- Interim dividend of 23.0p per share
- On course to deliver double-digit profit growth in 2018 and on track with Vision 2020 goals

## On track with Vision 2020 targets

Key metrics	2020 target	December 2017
Annual average operating profit growth	>10%	On target
Property – ROCE	>15%	Ahead
Residential – ROCE	to 15%	Improving and on track
Construction – EBITA	to 2.5%	On track
Services – EBITA	to 5.0%	On track
Net debt: EBITDA	1:1	Achieved
Dividend cover	2x	Improving and on track

## **Corporate responsibility**



#### Safety

- Industry-leading AIR <100</p>
- Workforce health and wellbeing improved

Customer experience

91% recommend us

Investment in Oracle

Finance, HR, Procurement

#### Environment

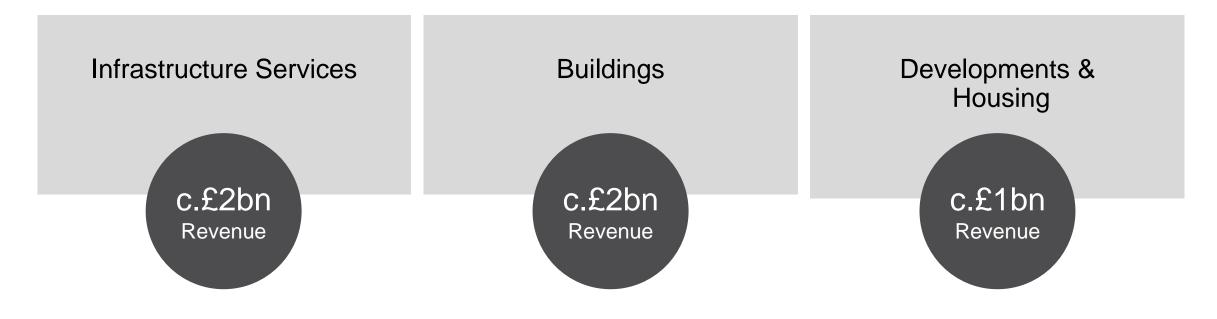
30x30 energy strategy launched and in progress

Training and development

- Active member of the 5% Club
- 'Shaping your World' campaign launched to improve the image of the industry

# Market-leading positions

Strong long-term fundamentals



Invest, build and maintain all asset classes

Repeat clients and clients working with 2+ businesses > 50% of revenue

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# Financial and operational review

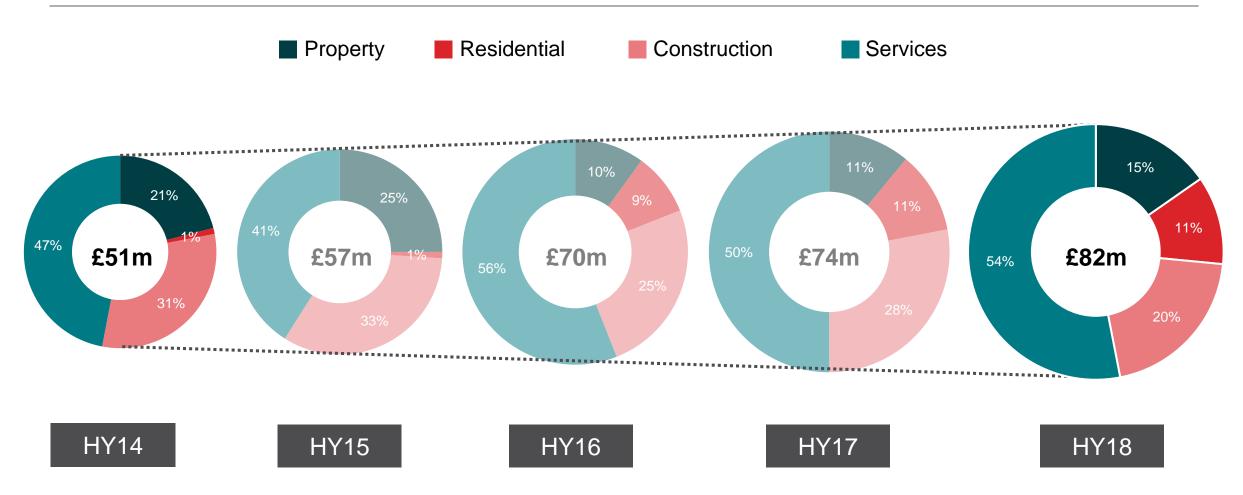
## **Financial highlights**

- Good performance in line with management expectations
- Operating profit<sup>1</sup> of £60.0m up 5%
- Earnings per share<sup>1</sup> of 41.0p up 3%
- Net debt of £239m in line with expectations
- Order book of c.£9.5bn with potential extensions of c.£2.5bn
- Interim dividend of 23p up 2%

Arising on continuing operations, stated before non-underlying items.

## **Operating profit**<sup>1</sup>

#### **Progression towards Services**



<sup>1</sup>Arising on continuing operations, stated before non-underlying items, excluding corporate costs.

#### **Income statement** EPS and dividend growth

	Six months to 31 Dec 2017 £m	Six months to 31 Dec 2016 <sup>3</sup> £m	Change %
Revenue <sup>1</sup>	2,154	2,001	+8
Operating profit <sup>2</sup>			
Property	12.2	7.7	+58
Residential	8.7	8.1	+7
Construction	16.7	20.8	-20
Services	44.4	37.2	+19
Corporate	(22.0)	(16.5)	+33
Underlying operating profit	60.0	57.3	+5
Underlying operating profit margin	2.8%	2.9%	
Net finance cost <sup>2</sup>	(11.2)	(10.2)	+10
Profit before tax <sup>2</sup>	48.8	47.1	+4
Basic earnings per share <sup>2</sup>	41.0p	39.7p	+3
Interim dividend per share	23.0p	22.5p	+2

<sup>1</sup>Group and share of joint ventures for continuing operations.

<sup>2</sup>Arising on continuing operations stated before non-underlying items. <sup>3</sup>Restated to classify Biogen as discontinued.

## **Property performance**

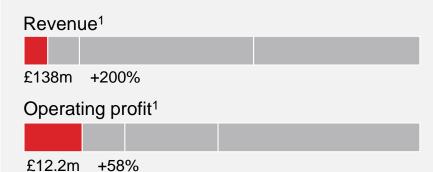
Stable capital generating continued long-term strong returns

£1.5bn GDV

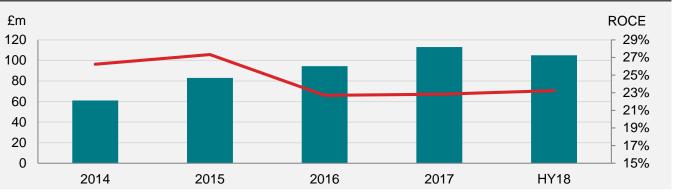
£105m

23%

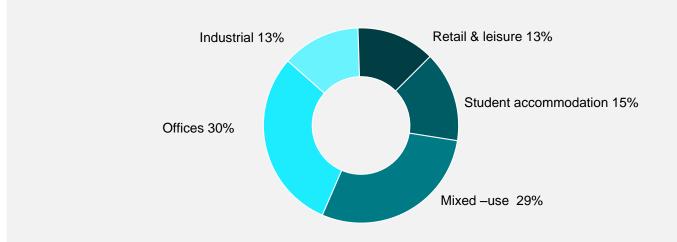
#### Financials



#### ROCE & average capital employed



#### Equity invested c.£200m



#### <sup>1</sup> Group and share of joint ventures from continuing operations

Regional bias outside London

Well-diversified end-market exposure

**Operational highlights** 

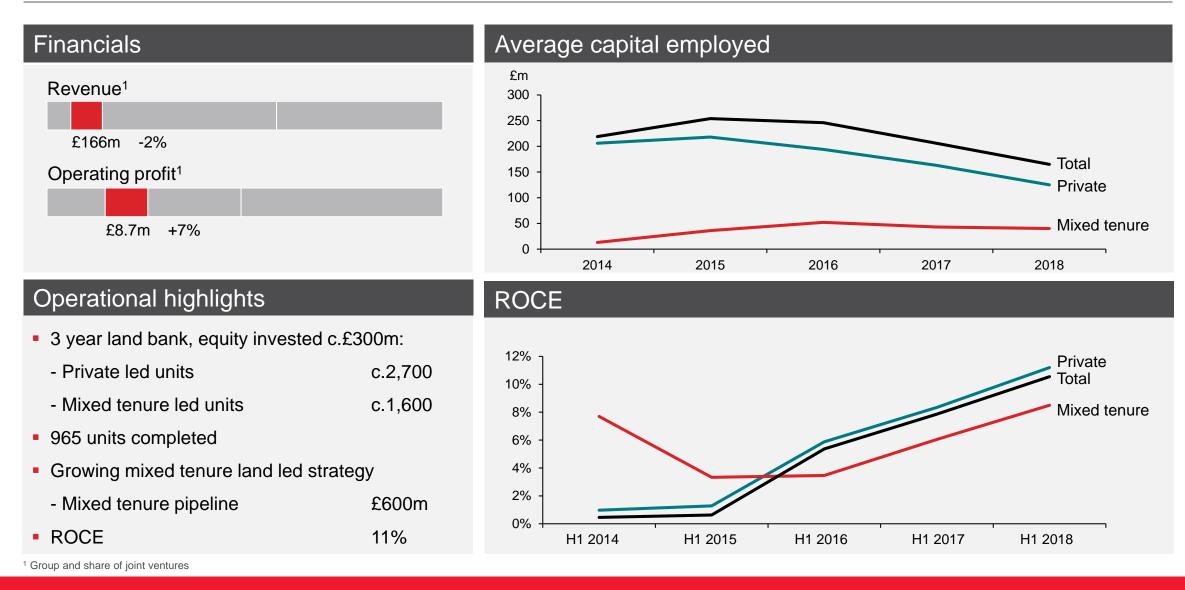
Average capital employed

8 year pipeline

ROCE stable

## **Residential performance**

Stable capital with ROCE increasing

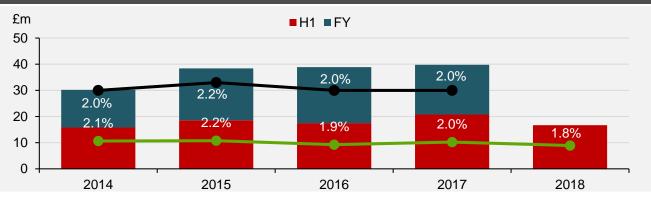


## **Construction performance**

#### Robust order book

# Financials Revenue<sup>1</sup> £949m -7% Operating profit<sup>1</sup> £16.7m -20%

#### Underlying operating profit and margins



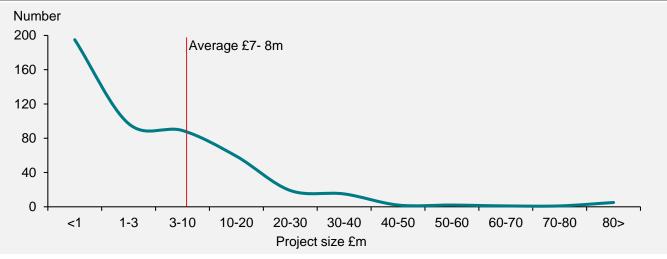
#### **Operational highlights**

Order book

£4.7bn +12%

- Caribbean and Hong Kong settlement concluded; £7.7m final cost incurred
- Revenue second half weighted, 100% secured for 2018
- 70% delivered through frameworks
- Average project size £7 8m

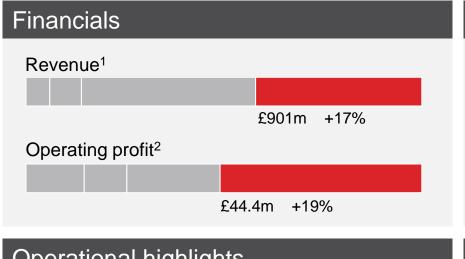
#### Contract size distribution



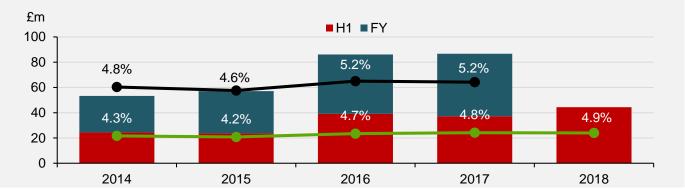
<sup>1</sup> Stated before non-underlying items.

## **Services performance**

#### Increasing revenue with stable high quality margins



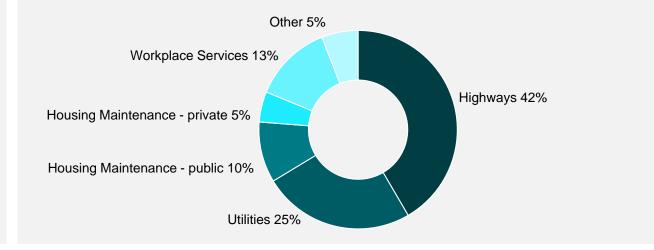
#### Underlying operating profit and margins



#### **Operational highlights**

- Order book £4.8bn +2%
- Strong Highways performance
- Areas 3 & 9 three-year extensions in negotiation
- Stable operating margin
- McNicholas integration progressing well

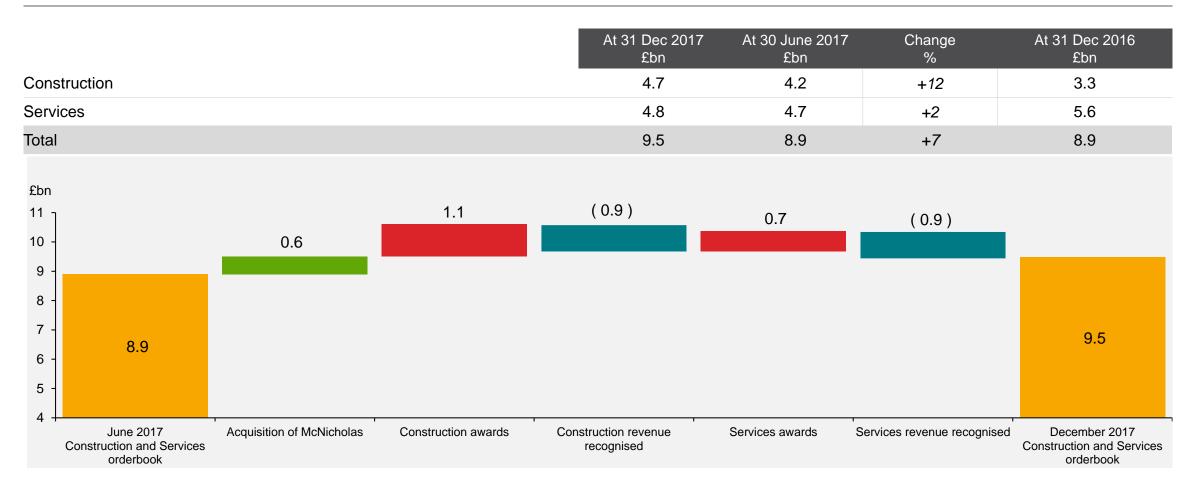
#### Sector mix



<sup>1</sup> Group and share of joint ventures.

<sup>2</sup> Stated before non-underlying items

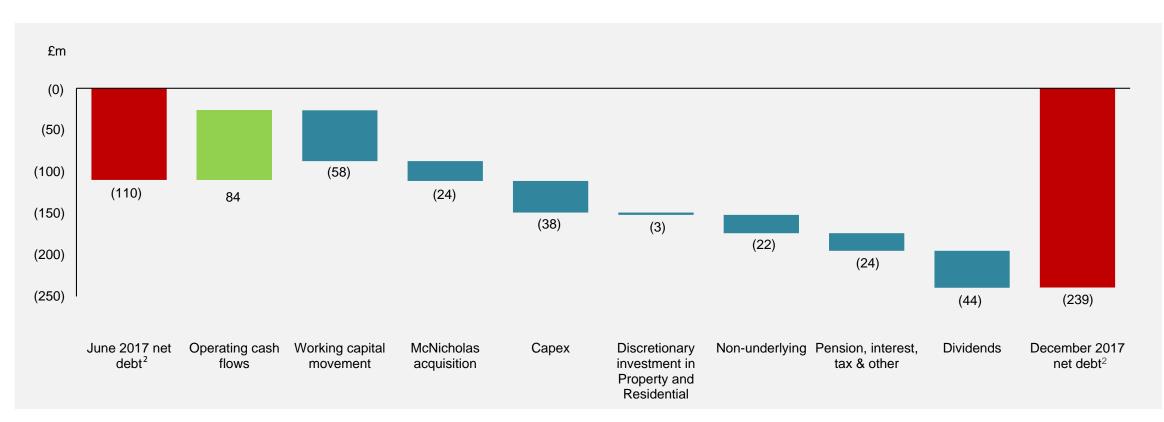
## **Construction and Services order book**



- Increased control of joint ventures would add £0.5bn to the order book
- The order book provides long-term visibility with 100% of revenues secured for FY18

## Group net debt

#### Strong operating cash conversion<sup>1</sup> of 125%

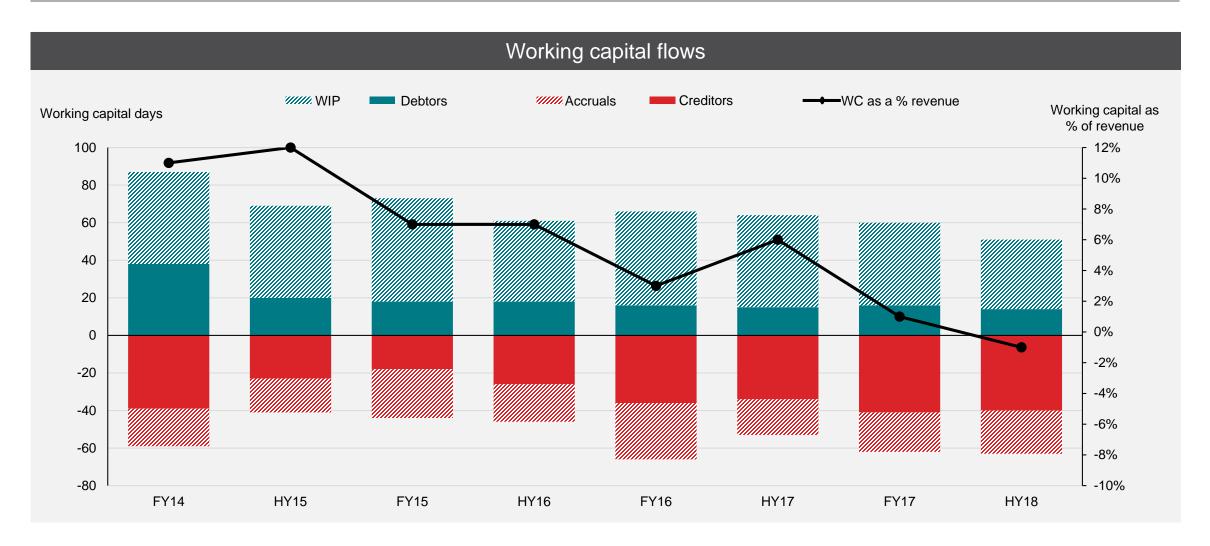


- Cash conversion consistently greater than 100% over the past five years
- McNicholas acquired in July 2017 for £24m

<sup>1</sup>Cash conversion is calculated by dividing operating cash flows by underlying operating profit. This calculation excludes the impact of the Caribbean and Hong Kong closures. <sup>2</sup>Net debt is shown net of the impact of hedging instruments.

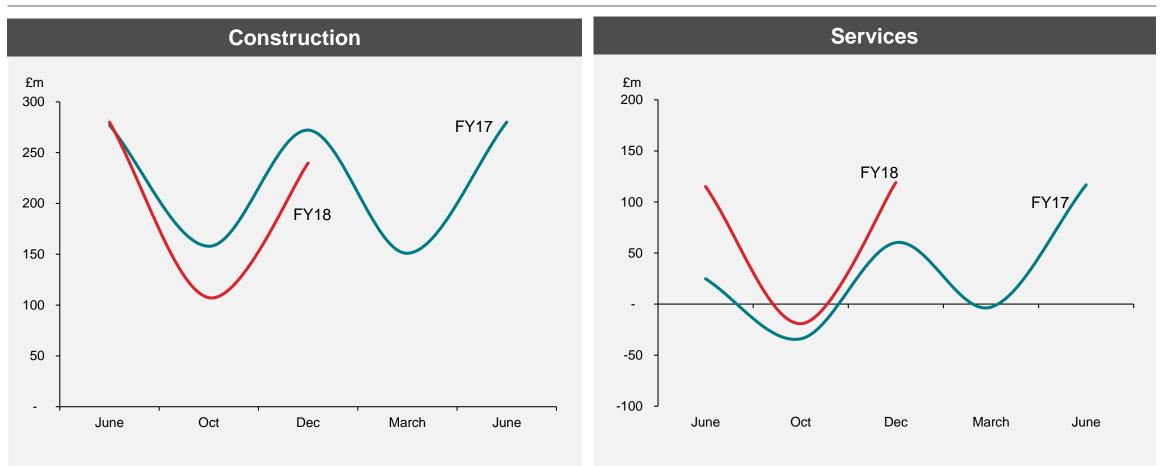
# **Contracting – working capital flows**

#### Improving working capital



# **Contracting cash balance**

#### Improving net cash



Average net cash in Construction and Services has increased.

## **Capital structure summary**

- The Group continues to have strong operational cash conversion
  - Cash conversion >100% for 5 years
- Investment in Property and Residential sufficient to achieve Vision 2020 targets
  - Capital investment maintained and recycled
- Working capital debtor and WIP collection improved
- Stable supply chain finance utilisation
- The Construction and Services contracting divisions are generating cash in excess of profit
- From FY19 average Group net debt is expected to decrease

- H1 average net debt £350m
- Assets (at cost) £500m
- On track: net debt <1x EBITDA</p>

#### **Pensions** Strong performance with asset gain of £90m

- Pension deficit reduced to £19m driven by asset gain
- Triennial valuation concluded
  - Annual deficit reduction payments reduced to £21m until 2020

		At 31 Dec 2017 £m	At 30 June 2017 £m	Change £m	At 31 Dec 2016 £m
Group Pension Schemes	:				
	Market value of assets	1,749	1,637	+112	1,651
	Present value of liabilities	(1,772)	(1,721)	-51	(1,733)
Deficit in the schemes		(23)	(84)	+61	(82)
Deferred tax		4	14	-10	14
Net pension liability		(19)	(70)	+51	(68)
Key assumptions:	Discount rate	2.50%	2.65%		2.75%
	Inflation rate - RPI	3.10%	3.20%		3.20%
	Inflation rate - CPI	2.00%	2.10%		2.10%

## Guidance

	FY18	FY19-20
Operating profit		
Property	ROCE > 15%	ROCE >15%
Residential	ROCE improving	15%
Construction	Margin c. 2%	2.5%
Services	Margin c. 5%	5%
Central costs	£35-40m incl. McNicholas integration costs and parallel running costs	Reducing to 2020
Finance costs	Growing in line with average net debt	
Tax rate	c.18%	
Average net debt	H2 £370m, FY £360m	Reducing
Pension contribution	£25m	£21m
Capex (incl. finance leases)	c.£65m	c.£35m
Dividend		Target 2x dividend cover
Free cash flow	c.£20 - £40m pa	

## **Financial summary**

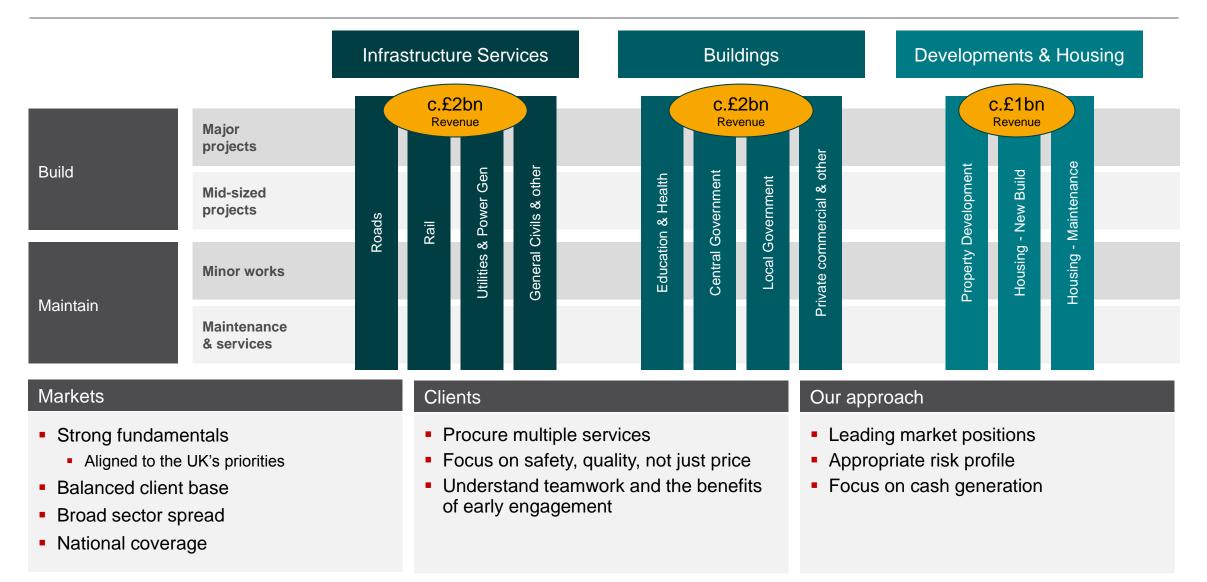
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- Earnings per share<sup>1</sup> of 41.0p up 3%
- Net debt position in line with expectations
- Stable investment in Property and Residential divisions
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# A market and client-led strategy

## Haydn Mursell, Chief Executive

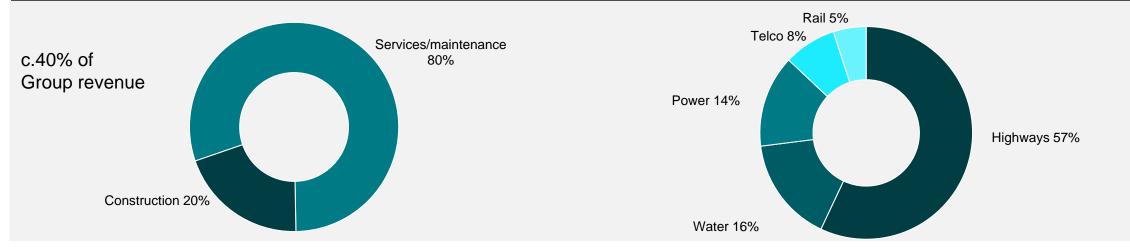
## Strategy focused on market-leading positions



## **Infrastructure Services**

Markets	Position <sup>1</sup>		Approach and performance
<ul> <li>Highways</li> </ul>	1 Kier	£1.7bn	Long-term order book
<ul> <li>Rail</li> <li>Energy (Power generation &amp; distribution)</li> </ul>	2 Costain	£1.6bn	<ul><li>Beyond 2020</li><li>Lower risk contracts</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Energy (Power generation &amp; distribution)</li> <li>Water</li> </ul>	3 Balfour Beatty	£1.5bn	<ul> <li>Maintenance focus</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Telecoms</li> </ul>	4 Amey	£1.2bn	<ul> <li>Essential services</li> </ul>
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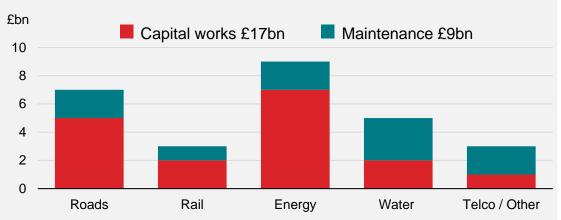




<sup>1</sup>Company accounts, analyst research, management estimates.

#### **Infrastructure Services**

Markets	Highways
Market size: £26bn	Market leader in the UK
<ul> <li>Kier 7% share</li> </ul>	Repairs and maintenance stable
<ul> <li>Maintenance</li> </ul>	Areas 3 and 9 extensions in negotiation
Stable	<ul> <li>Capital works increasing</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Capital works</li> </ul>	Smart Motorways - 100% share of schemes
<ul> <li>8% pa growth</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>RIS2 up to £30bn (RIS1 £15bn – £17bn)</li> </ul>



Outlook - Highways		
Maintenance	Stable	
Capital works	Growth	

## **Infrastructure Services**

#### Utilities

- Top 3 player in the UK
- Build and maintain utility networks
- McNicholas performing well
  - Strengthened positions in Telco and Energy
- Strong near-term pipeline
  - AMP7 totex c.£44bn (AMP6 £44bn)
  - £7bn investment to 2020 in broadband

#### Others

#### Energy

- Hinkley
- Rail
  - HS2, Crossrail
  - CP6 c.£36bn (CP5 £30bn) on renewals, total market with enhancements valued at £47bn
- Very selective on new work



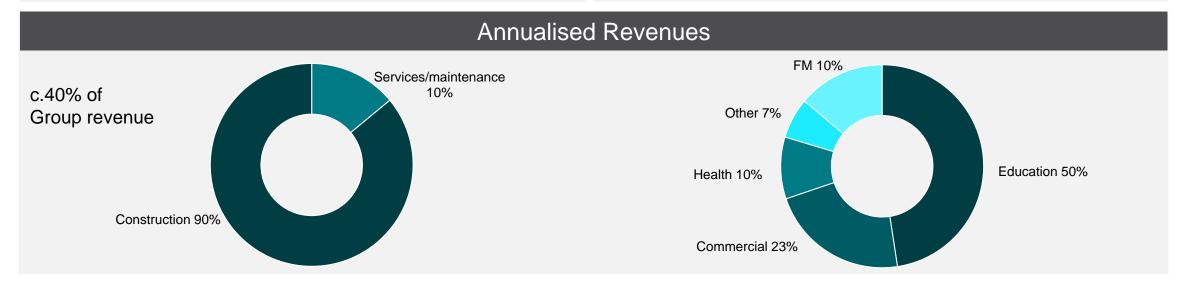
## **Buildings**

#### Markets

- Building
  - Education
  - Health
  - Commercial
- Facilities Management (FM)
  - c.30% from Building clients

#### Approach and performance

- 70% framework awards
- Long-standing and repeat clients
  - Similar across Building and FM
- National coverage
- Modest value contracts
  - Average project size c.£7-8m



## **Buildings**

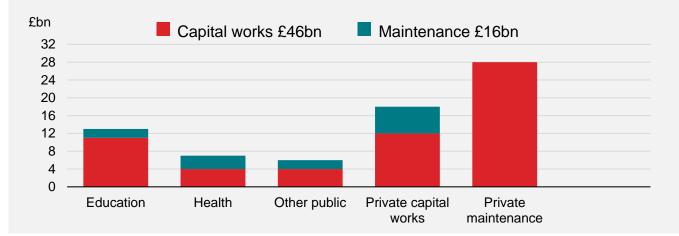
#### Markets

- Value of market £62bn
- Kier 3% share
- Disciplined approach
  - Contract selection
  - Cash generation
  - Supply chain partners

Pc	Position <sup>1</sup>				
1	Kier	£1.9bn			
2	Balfour Beatty	£1.5bn			
3	Galliford Try	£1.0bn			
4	BAM Construct	£1.0bn			
5	Morgan Sindall	£0.8bn			

#### Building

- Focus on frameworks
  - Leading Education and Health provider
    - ESFA framework & P22 framework
- Fewer than 5 projects >£50m in value
- London and SE activity <10% revenue</p>
- Growth forecast to be ahead of market
  - Strength of our market position
  - New sectors
    - Defence
    - Life sciences
    - Aviation



<sup>1</sup>Company accounts, analyst research, management estimates.

## **Developments & Housing**

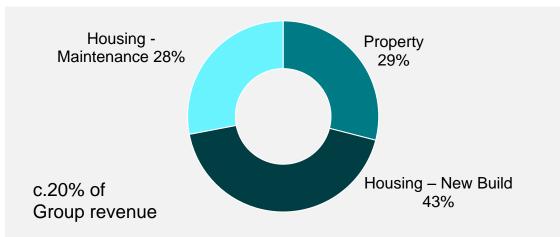
#### Markets

- Property developments
  - Mixed-use
  - Offices
  - Student accommodation
  - Retail and leisure
  - Industrial
- £500m asset base (cost)

Housing

New build

Maintenance



#### Property developments

- Top 3 trader developer
- Quick turnover of schemes
- Capital efficient joint ventures
- Non-speculative approach
  - >80% of activity is outside London
- Broad sector spread with £1.5bn pipeline
- Achieved Vision 2020 capital levels
  - >15% ROCE achieved
- Significant benefit to the Group
  - Utilises free cash flow
  - Delivers excellent returns
  - Provides clients with development expertise
  - Generates >£100m of revenue for other parts of the Group

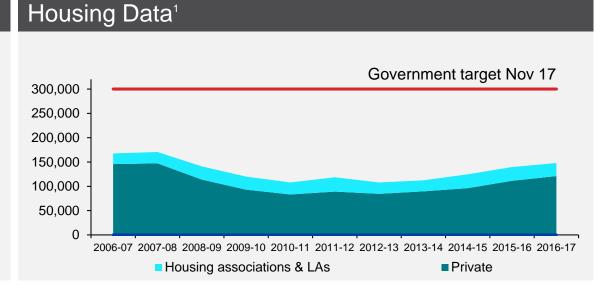
## **Developments & Housing**

#### Housing – new build

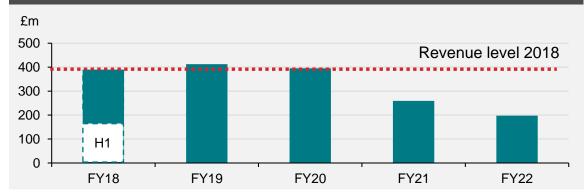
- Achieved Vision 2020 capital levels
- On track for 15% ROCE by 2020
- Severe affordable housing shortage in UK
- Average private house price c.£240k
- Help to Buy accounts for 50% of sales
- Improving national coverage
- Increasing use of joint ventures
- Pipeline of £2bn over next 5+ years

#### Housing – maintenance

- Post Grenfell challenges for clients
- Competition for limited 'usual' workload
- Agile workforce and broader client relationships help to mitigate this



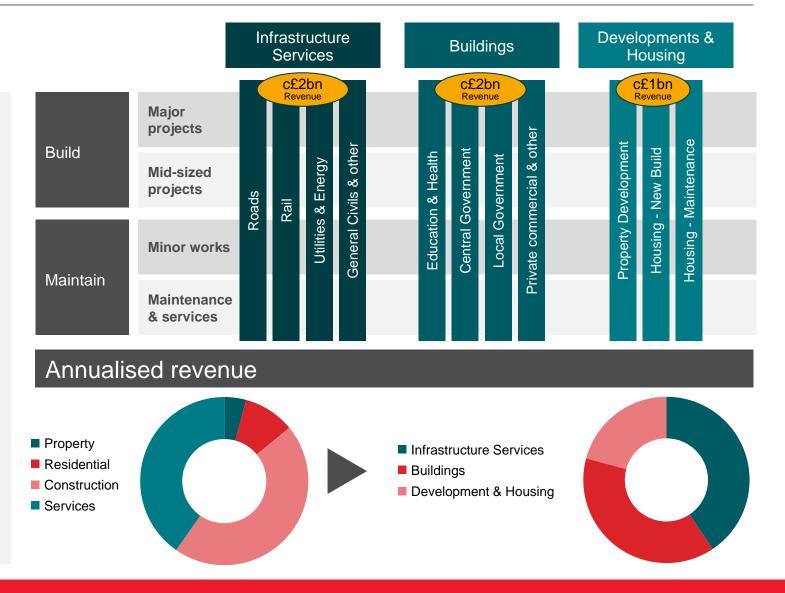
#### Pipeline – new build



<sup>1</sup>Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

## **Robust business model**

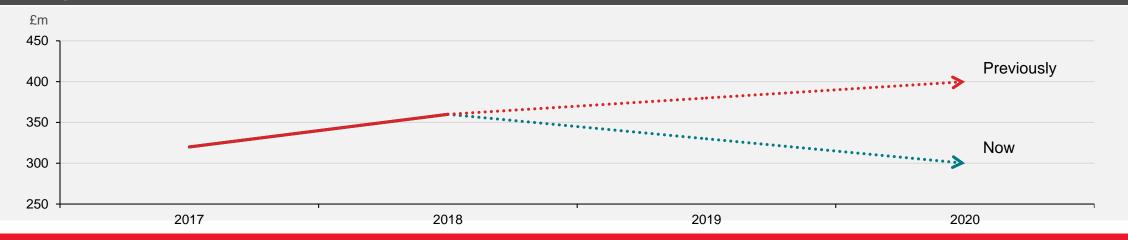
- Three market verticals
- Strong long-term fundamentals
- Leading market positions
- Strong client relationships
- Focus on qualitative measures, not only price
- Multiple services available
- Opportunity for growth



## **Future growth**

	Growth opportunity	How
Infrastructure Services	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Leading market positions</li> <li>UK under investment – fibre rollout, CP6, HS2+, Smart Motorways</li> <li>Capital works 8% pa growth; maintenance contracts extended to 2022</li> </ul>
Buildings	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Leading market positions</li> <li>Growing population – schools, healthcare</li> <li>New sectors – defence, life sciences, aviation</li> </ul>
Developments & Housing	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Property stable, non-speculative approach</li> <li>Severe UK affordable housing shortage</li> <li>Margin improvement also via land bank mix</li> </ul>

#### Average net debt



## Approach

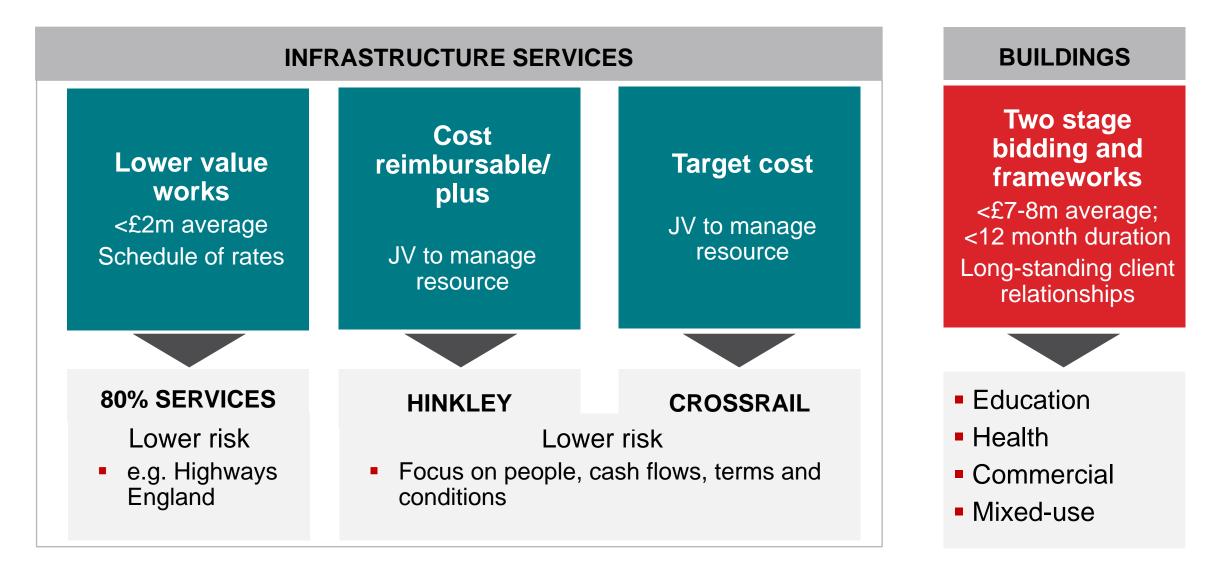
Contracting risk management approach



- Careful selection on 'where to' operate
  - Sectors
  - Geographies
  - Contract types / Procurement routes
- Pre-contract / Pre-investment review
- Group commercial standards
  - Risk and value based

- Committee for capital investment appraisals
- Post contract and reporting processes

#### **Approach** Infrastructure Services and Buildings



## Summary and outlook

On course for Vision 2020 targets

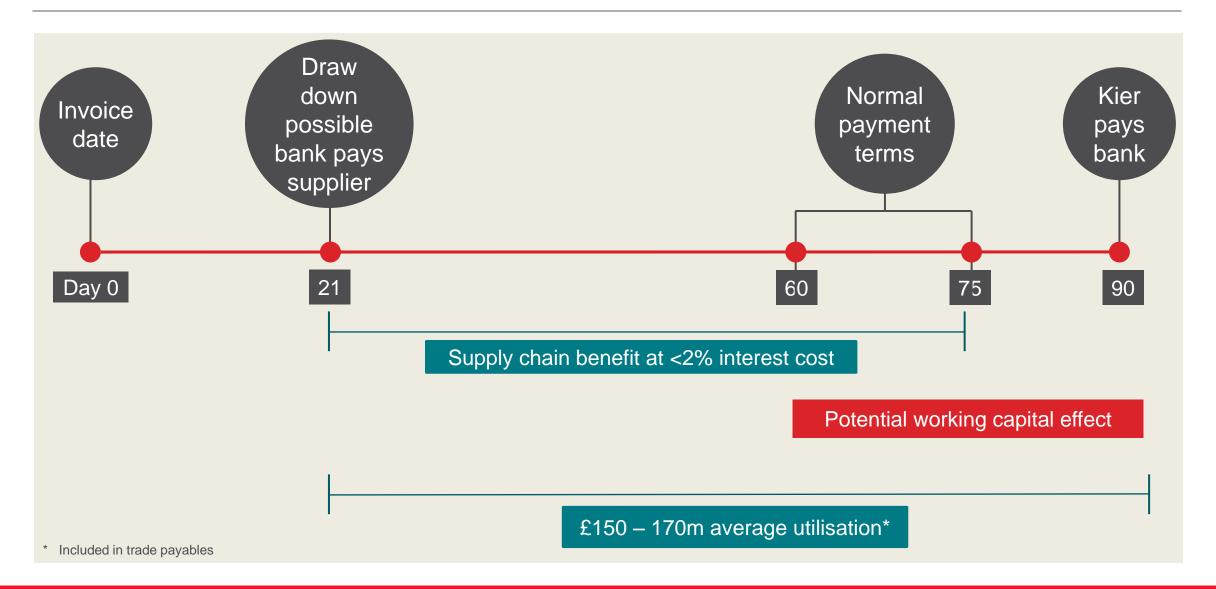
- Good first half performance
- Leading market positions in long-term growth markets focused on UK priorities
- Proven track record of financial and operational delivery
- Disciplined bid and risk management
- Strengthening order books/pipelines
- Confident to deliver double-digit profit growth in 2018 and in achieving Vision 2020 targets

Infrastructure Services	Buildings	Developments & Housing
<ul> <li>No 1 highways provider – capital works &amp; maintenance</li> <li>Top 3 player in utilities</li> <li>Investment needed in the UK</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No 1 regional builder</li> <li>National reach, local delivery</li> <li>Common clients with FM</li> <li>Serving a growing population</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Top 3 trader developer</li> <li>Top 3 provider of affordable and social housebuilding and maintenance market</li> <li>UK shortage / Gov't focus</li> </ul>



# **Appendices**

## Supply chain finance illustrated



## **Investments portfolio (as at 31 December 2017)**

	Project	Status	Capital value £m	Kier equity/loan stock £m	Equity %
	Woking housing	In operation	31	2.0	50.0
Local authority	Social Power, Harlow	In operation	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Glasgow (direct let)	In operation	22	3.9	75.0
Student accommodation	Newcastle (direct let)	In operation	31	9.8	75.0
Southampton (direct let)		In construction	37	9.3	75.0
	East Ayrshire Schools	Preferred bidder	43	1.0	24.0
Education	South Ayrshire Schools	In construction	24	0.6	24.0
	Queen Margaret Schools	Preferred bidder	25	0.6	24.0
Committed Investme	nt			£28.3m	

Of the £28.3m committed, £26.4m has been invested to date Directors' valuation at 7.5% for PFIs and at appropriate yields for student accommodation - £32.9m

## **Free cashflow**

	6 months to 31 Dec 2017 £m	6 months to 31 Dec 2016 £m
Underlying operating profit	60.0	57.3
Depreciation & amortisation	14.5	13.3
Underlying EBITDA	74.5	70.6
JV dividends less share of profits	29.2	(5.0)
Working capital movement	(56.3)	(15.4)
Capex	(37.8)	(30.4)
Net interest	(10.2)	(9.2)
Тах	0.2	(4.7)
Pension	(14.5)	(15.7)
Non-underlying	(15.0)	24.5
All other movements	(0.9)	7.8
Free cash flow	(30.8)	22.5
Net investment in joint ventures	(35.3)	(74.9)
Dividends	(44.4)	(27.7)
Acquisitions and disposals	(17.9)	-
Change in Net debt	(128.4)	(80.1)
Opening Net debt <sup>1</sup>	(110.1)	(98.8)
Closing Net debt <sup>1</sup>	(238.5)	(178.9)

<sup>1</sup>Net debt is shown net of the impact of hedging instruments.

## **Kier Strategic Highways - current contracts**

Local authority planned and reactive maintenance contracts	Area	Duration
<ul> <li>Surrey</li> </ul>	Area 3	2018 – in negotiation for 3 year extension
<ul> <li>Suffolk</li> </ul>	Area 6	2019
<ul> <li>Lincolnshire</li> </ul>	Area 7 (design services)	2021
<ul> <li>Northamptonshire</li> </ul>	Area 8	2019
<ul> <li>Torbay</li> </ul>	Area 9	2019 – in negotiation for 3 year extension
Transport for London (South Area)	Area 13	2032
<ul> <li>London Boroughs (Croydon, Harrow, Kingston)</li> </ul>	South West (design services)	2022

Shropshire (commencing 1/4/18)

## Our risk management gateway process

Controls and intervention points

