

Financial and Operational Review
For the half year ended 31 December 2017



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Headlines



- On track to achieve full-year FY 2018 guidance after 7 months trading
- H1 FY 2018 results
 - Revenue growth 8%, EBITDA growth 9%
 - Margin expansion of 20 basis points
 - Result achieved on fewer working days than in prior period
 - One-off US net tax benefit of A\$20 million
- Solid organic growth
- Accretive acquisitions and joint ventures contributing to growth
 - Acquisition of Medical Laboratory Bremen (Germany) and NYU JV completed in H1 2018
 - Active pipeline of further opportunities
- Progressive dividend policy ongoing
- Solid base for future growth
 - Strong culture, global leadership team, reputation, modern infrastructure, industry dynamics



H1 FY 2018 Summary

A\$M Statutory	H1 FY 2018	H1 FY 2017	Growth
Revenue	2,673	2,476	8%
EBITDA	445	407	9%
Net profit including US net tax benefit	229	197	16%
Net profit excluding US net tax benefit	209	197	6%
Cash generated from operations	352	333	6%
EPS including US net tax benefit (cents)	54.1	47.1	15%
EPS excluding US net tax benefit (cents)	49.4	47.1	5%

- H1 growth affected by fewer working days (Germany -3, Switzerland -2, elsewhere -1)
- Revenue and earnings growth
 - Group organic revenue growth ~5%, constant currency, normalised for working days
 - Growth further enhanced by accretive acquisitions and joint ventures
 - Group margin accretion of ~20 bps
 - Strong margin accretion in laboratory division, normalised for working days
- US tax benefit
 - Restatement of net deferred tax liabilities to new 21% tax rate
 - One-off non-cash net benefit of A\$20 million



FY 2018 Guidance Reaffirmed

EBITDA

- Guidance issued 16 August 2017: 6-8% growth on underlying FY 2017 EBITDA of A\$889 million (constant currency FY 2017 FX rates), no regulatory changes assumed
- 6-8% EBITDA growth maintained despite regulatory changes in USA and Germany

Interest expense

- Expected to increase by 10-15% (constant currency)
- Current base rates assumed to prevail

Tax rate

- Expected at ~25%, excluding one-off US net tax benefit
- Capital expenditure
 - Expected to be significantly lower in FY 2018, following completion of major infrastructure projects



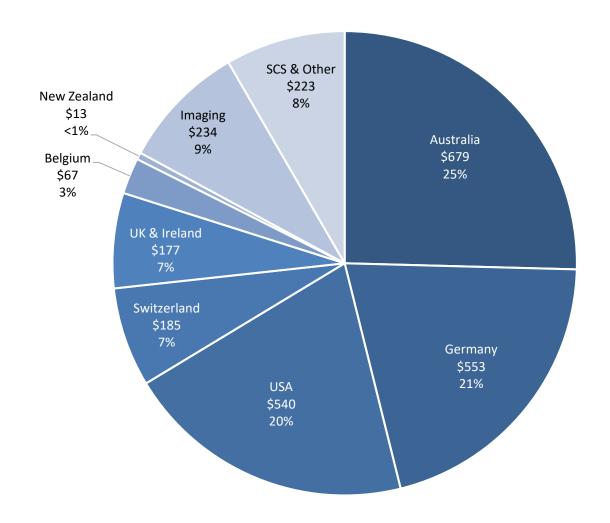
Dividends

A\$	H1 FY 2018	H1 FY 2017	Growth
Interim Dividend	0.32	0.31	3.2%

- Interim dividend franked to 20%
- Record Date 7 March 2018
- Payment Date 10 April 2018
- Dividend Reinvestment Plan to operate for interim dividend
 - Fine tuning of capital structure
 - 1.5% discount, 10 day pricing period (12 March to 23 March)
 - DRP applications due by 8 March
 - No underwriting of DRP



H1 FY 2018 Revenue Split



SCS & Other = Sonic Clinical Services (IPN Medical Centres, Sonic HealthPlus, other clinical service entities), GLP Systems and other minor operations

- Statutory revenue in A\$M
- Chart excludes interest income (\$1M)



Australia A\$679M 25%

Australian Pathology

- Revenue
 - 5% organic growth
- Earnings
 - Earnings growth and margin accretion ongoing
 - Collection centre costs stabilised
- National Bowel Cancer Screening contract
 - Successful launch 2 January 2018
 - Volumes ramping up
 - Expected annual revenue ~A\$30 million per annum



Germany A\$553M 21%

Germany

Revenue

- 20% revenue growth (constant currency)
- 4% organic revenue growth, normalised for working days

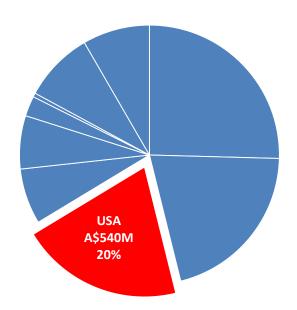
Synergistic acquisitions

- Staber Laboratory Group integration proceeding to plan, first lab merger already completed
- Medical Laboratory Bremen acquired July 2017, integration underway
- Active pipeline of further acquisitions

Regulatory changes

- Changes to EBM (statutory insurance) fees from 1 April 2018
- FY 2018 impact <0.4% of total German revenue
- Strategies to mitigate earnings impact in progress
- Private fee schedule (GOÄ) changes unlikely in medium term





USA

Revenue

- 4.4% growth (constant currency)
- Organic growth ~2% when normalised for working days and hurricanes (Harvey, Irma)

Hospital joint ventures

- 3 hospital lab JVs now operating successfully
- New York University hospital system JV commenced October 2017
- Further hospital laboratory opportunities in pipeline

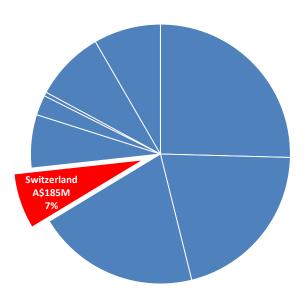
Regulatory update

- PAMA fee cuts to Medicare revenue commenced January 2018
- FY 2018 revenue impact ~US\$3 4 million
- Strategies to mitigate earnings impact in development
- Industry lawsuit in progress to overturn fee schedule implementation outcome expected mid-2018
- If lawsuit unsuccessful, significant further industry consolidation expected



Switzerland





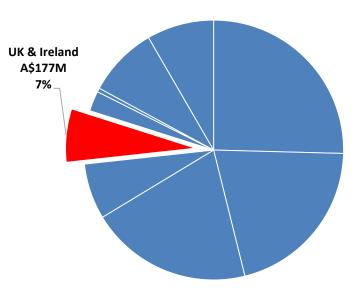
Revenue

- 3% organic revenue growth (constant currency)
- 5% organic revenue growth, normalised for working days

Operations

- Ongoing strong performance
- Small acquisition completed in Zurich (January 2018) ~CHF3 million annual revenue
- Regulatory environment stable





UK and Ireland

Revenue

- 5% organic revenue growth (constant currency)
- 6% organic revenue growth, normalised for working days

Operations

- Operations stable
- Relocation to Halo Building completed successfully during the period
- New NHS hospital laboratory contract (Barnet / Chase Farm) successfully commenced
 October 2017, adding over £12 million in annual revenue
- Active pipeline of further contract opportunities



Belgium A\$67M 3%

Belgium

Revenue

- 6% revenue growth (constant currency)
- 7% organic revenue growth, normalised for working days
- In-house NIPT (non-invasive prenatal testing) and other initiatives driving growth

Operations

Focus on efficiencies and integration of recent acquisitions

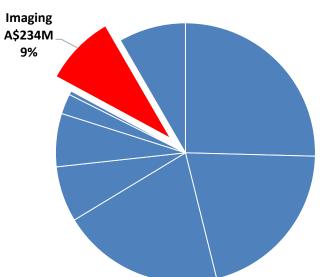
Regulatory update

- Indexation fee increase from January 2018 (full-year effect ~1% of total revenue)
- Stable outlook



Sonic Imaging





Financials

- 8% organic revenue growth, 9% normalised for working days
- Strong earnings growth

Operations

- Benefiting from investments in equipment and greenfield sites over recent years
- Leveraging resources and infrastructure to drive efficiencies
- Ongoing focus on cost control
- Strong, stable team of radiologists, managers and staff

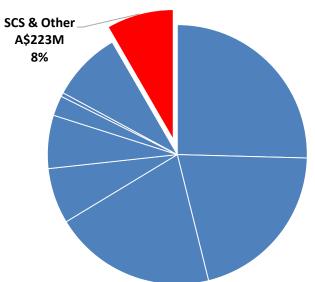
Regulatory environment

Government to implement partial fee indexation for radiology from 2020



Sonic Clinical Services (SCS)





- SCS includes medical centres (IPN) and occupational health (Sonic HealthPlus)
 - Australia's largest primary care and occupational health provider
 - 233 centres and ~2,260 GPs
- Financials
 - 3% revenue growth, 4% normalised for working days
 - Modest earnings growth for period
- Operations
 - Ongoing successful doctor recruitment and retention
 - Rationalisation of centres to enhance efficiencies
- Regulatory outlook
 - Government implementing fee indexation progressively over coming years



Capital Management

		31 December 2017	30 June 2017
Net interest-bearing debt	A\$M	2,515	2,435
Equity	A\$M	4,049	3,926
Gearing ratio	%	38.3	38.3
Interest cover	Х	10.4	10.8
Debt cover	Х	2.7	2.7

- Increase in debt due to acquisitions and exchange rate changes, partly offset by strong operating cashflow
- In October 2017, refinanced €160 million with 7 and 15 year tenors at average fixed rate of ~2%
- Sonic's current total weighted pre-tax average cost of debt is ~2.5%
- Current available headroom ~A\$650 million (before FY 2018 interim dividend)

- Gearing ratio = Net debt / Net debt + equity (covenant limit <55%)
- Interest cover = EBITA / Net interest expense (covenant limit >3.25)
- Debt cover = Net debt / EBITDA (covenant limit <3.5)
- Formulas as per facility definitions



Outlook



- On track to achieve full-year guidance
- Long-term organic revenue growth of ~5% expected, underpinned by industry drivers and well-established brands
- Active pipeline of acquisition, contract and joint venture opportunities
- Infrastructure investments in recent years driving revenue and earnings growth
- Geographical diversification provides growth opportunities and risk mitigation
- Progressive dividend policy to continue, supported by consistent, strong cashflows and earnings
- Ongoing core commitment to corporate responsibility principles
- Sonic's deeply embedded Medical Leadership culture binds our global team of 34,000 staff and provides critical market differentiation





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