

Financial and Operational Review For the half year ended 31 December 2018

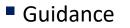


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### Headlines



- On track to achieve full-year FY 2019 guidance after 7 months trading
- Guidance now upgraded to include Aurora acquisition
- H1 FY 2019 results
  - Revenue growth 9%
  - Organic revenue growth 4.5% constant currency
  - Underlying EBITDA growth: 7% actual currency, 3.4% constant currency
  - Net profit growth 7% (adjusted for one-off tax gain in previous year)
  - Cash generated from operations up 5%, with 101% conversion of EBITDA to cash flow
- Strong performance in US, Australian and Swiss laboratory operations
- Aurora Diagnostics acquisition (completed January 2019)
  - Major strategic acquisition to augment future growth
  - Funded by well-supported A\$928 million equity raising
- Progressive dividend policy maintained
- Well positioned for strong, ongoing growth



### H1 FY 2019 Summary

A\$M Actual Currency	H1 FY 2019	H1 FY 2018	Growth
Revenue	2,901	2,669 <sup>1</sup>	9%
EBITDA (underlying)	485	451	7%
EBITDA	471	441 <sup>1</sup>	7%
Net profit	223	209 <sup>2</sup>	7%
Cash generated from operations	369	352	5%
EPS (cents)	51.9	49.4 <sup>2</sup>	5%

- Revenue and earnings
  - Underlying EBITDA growth 3.4% (constant currency)
  - Group organic revenue growth 4.5% (constant currency)
  - Revenue reduced by ~A\$13 million due to merger of US Midwest business into ProMedica JV
- Accounting standard change (AASB 15)
  - New revenue standard, effective 1 July 2018
  - Reclassification of doctor contract intangible amortisation as an offset to revenue
  - H1 FY 2019 revenue and EBITDA negatively impacted by A\$4.5 million

<sup>1</sup> Comparative period number reduced by A\$4 million for new revenue accounting standard

<sup>2</sup> Comparative period number reduced by A\$20 million for one-off US net tax benefit



#### FY 2019 Guidance

- FY 2019 guidance (pre-Aurora Diagnostics acquisition)
  - EBITDA growth 3-5% on underlying FY 2018 EBITDA of A\$962 million (constant currency)
  - Interest expense to increase by ~4% (constant currency)
  - Effective tax rate ~25%
- On track to achieve original guidance after 7 months
  - 3.4% underlying EBITDA growth (constant currency) for H1 FY 2019
- Upgraded FY 2019 guidance to include Aurora
  - EBITDA growth 6-8% on underlying FY 2018 EBITDA of A\$962 million (constant currency)
  - Interest expense to approximate FY 2018 level of A\$75 million (constant currency)
  - Effective tax rate ~25%



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#### Dividends

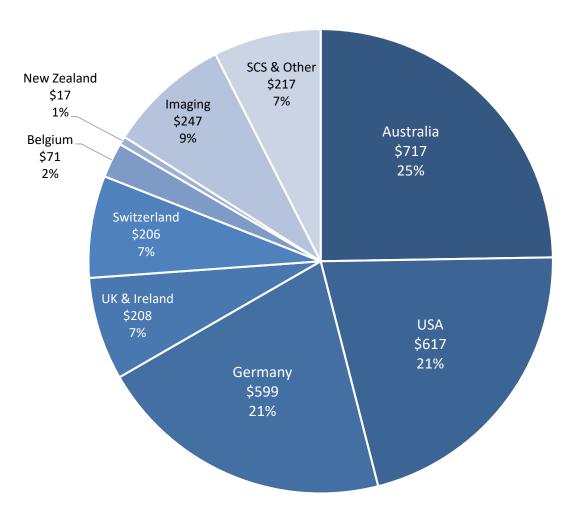
A\$	H1 FY 2019	H1 FY 2018	Growth
Interim Dividend	0.33	0.32	3.1%

#### Interim dividend franked to 20%

- Record Date: 11 March 2019
- Payment Date: 26 March 2019
- Dividend Reinvestment Plan suspended



#### H1 FY 2019 Revenue Split



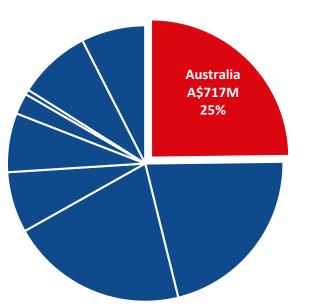
SCS & Other = Sonic Clinical Services (IPN Medical Centres, Sonic HealthPlus, other clinical service entities), GLP Systems and other minor operations

- Statutory revenue in A\$M
- Chart excludes interest income (\$2M)



# **Australian Pathology**



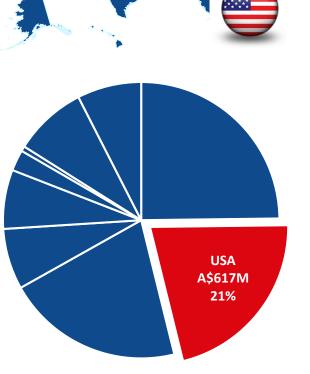


#### Revenue

- 6% organic growth
- National Bowel Cancer Screening contract contributed to growth
- Earnings
  - Earnings growth and margin accretion ongoing
  - Collection centre costs stabilising
- Operations
  - National roll-out of Sonic's total lab automation system underway (GLP Systems)
  - Ongoing procurement wins, including significant savings from recent major contract
  - New, expanded, state-of-the-art lab to open in Adelaide in H2
  - Additional efficiency gains from proprietary IT solutions



#### USA



#### Revenue

- Revenue growth 6% (constant currency)
- Organic revenue growth 8% (constant currency), boosted by hospital laboratory joint ventures
- Revenue reduced by ~US\$9 million due to contribution of Midwest business into 49% owned ProMedica joint venture (effective 1 September 2018)
- PAMA Medicare fee cuts a relatively minor (~1.3% of total US revenue) headwind in calendar 2019
- Operations
  - Further hospital laboratory opportunities and acquisitions in pipeline
  - Billing system enhancement project beginning to deliver additional revenue
  - Successful implementation of Sonic's Apollo laboratory information system in Midsouth division (Memphis, Tennessee)





# USA – Aurora Diagnostics Acquisition

- Acquisition completed 30 January 2019
- Purchase price US\$540 million, annual revenue US\$310 million
  - Financially attractive, EPS accretive acquisition
- Aurora is one of the leading anatomical pathology providers in the USA
  - Operates 32 pathology practices with ~1,200 staff, including ~220 pathologists
  - Serves ~23,000 physicians and over 100 hospital contracts, with practices in 19 states
  - Strong, experienced anatomical pathology management and pathologist team
- Strategic rationale
  - Aurora closely aligned with Sonic's global patient-centric culture
  - Transforms Sonic's US business, providing opportunity to further differentiate Sonic's culture and Medical Leadership model
  - Complements and diversifies Sonic's US market presence and physician exposure
  - Adds significant scale in the attractive and fragmented US anatomical pathology market
  - Provides platform for further growth in both anatomical and clinical pathology markets
  - Leverages Sonic's deep anatomical pathology and hospital experience in other markets



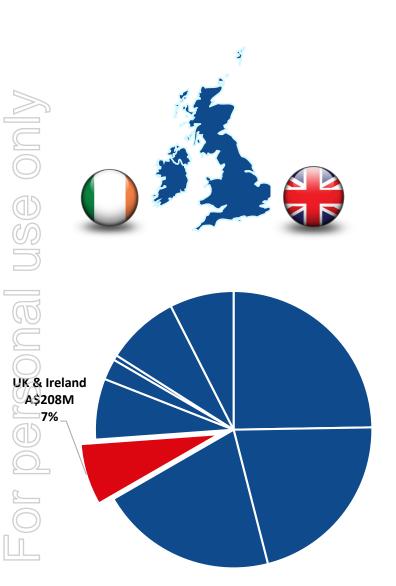




### Germany

- Revenue
  - Revenue growth 3% (constant currency)
  - Flat organic revenue growth (constant currency), impacted by European heat wave and regulatory changes
- Operations
  - Wide range of synergy activities under way, including laboratory mergers
  - Pathology Trier acquired July 2018, revenue ~€20 million p.a., integration complete
  - Active pipeline of further acquisitions
- Regulatory changes
  - Revenue impacted by changes to EBM (statutory insurance) referrer bonus system, now stabilized – partially offset by selective fee quota increases
  - EBM billing represents ~40% of total revenue



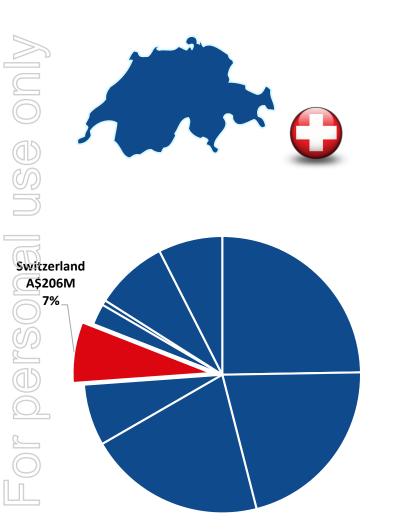


# **UK and Ireland**

- Revenue
  - Organic revenue growth 9% (constant currency)
  - Revenue enhanced by Barnet / Chase Farm hospital laboratory contract (commenced October 2017)
  - Strong growth in private market (non-National Health Service)
- Operations
  - Barnet / Chase Farm integration under way, margin dilutive in H1 FY 2019
  - Currently bidding for a number of long-term NHS contracts with potential revenues in excess of £100 million per annum
  - Strong pipeline of private market opportunities



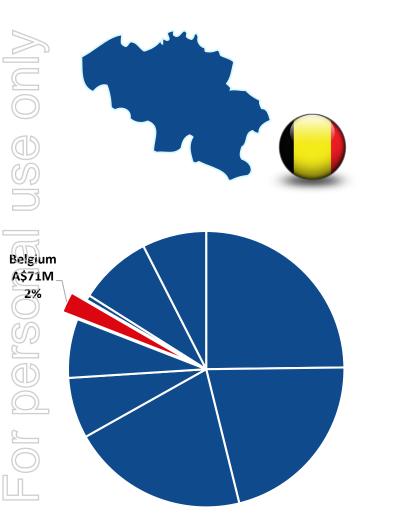
### Switzerland



- Revenue
  - Organic revenue growth 5% (constant currency)
- Operations
  - Ongoing strong performance
  - Zug Cantonal Hospital contract successfully transitioned and operations commenced
- Regulatory environment stable



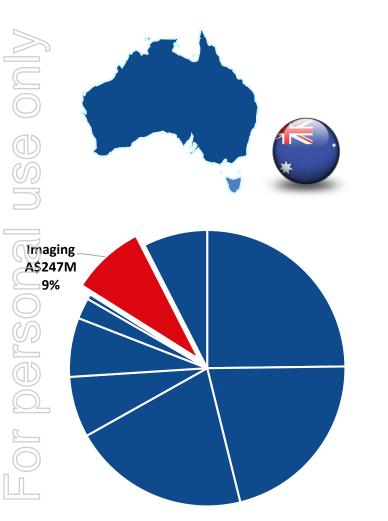
# Belgium



- Revenue
  - Organic revenue growth flat (constant currency)
  - Growth impacted by European heat wave
- Operations
  - Stable, consistent performance
- Regulatory update
  - Indexation fee increase in January 2018 and January 2019 equivalent to ~1% increase in total revenue per year



# Sonic Imaging



#### Financials

- 6% organic revenue growth
- Moderate earnings growth
- Operations
  - Continued benefits from investments in equipment and greenfield sites
  - Ongoing drive to leverage national infrastructure to achieve synergies
  - Strong culture of Medical Leadership and stable team of radiologists, managers and staff
- Regulatory environment
  - Government to implement partial fee indexation for radiology from 2020
  - Ongoing industry initiatives aiming to broaden scope of indexation



# Sonic Clinical Services (SCS)

- SCS includes medical centres (IPN) and occupational health (Sonic HealthPlus)
  - Australia's largest primary care and occupational health provider
  - 240 centres and ~2,350 GPs
- Financials
  - Flat revenue growth resulting in minor earnings decline
  - Growth impacted by weaker market conditions, including lower flu incidence this season
- Operations
  - New revenue growth initiatives in train
  - Ongoing successful doctor recruitment and retention
  - Continued consolidation of selected centres and infrastructure to enhance efficiencies
  - National roll-out of IT infrastructure completed, to provide operational and financial benefits



SCS & Other A\$217M

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### **Capital Management**

		31 December 2018	30 June 2018
Net interest-bearing debt	A\$M	2,076	2,483
Equity	A\$M	5,001	4,283
Gearing ratio	%	29.3	36.7
Interest cover	Х	10.0	10.1
Debt cover	Х	2.0	2.5

- A\$600 million institutional equity placement completed December 2018 to part-fund Aurora acquisition (closed in January 2019)
- Excluding equity raised, net debt increased mainly due to currency rate movements (~A\$90 million) and acquisitions (A\$108 million)
- Share Purchase Plan for retail shareholders completed February 2019, raising A\$328 million
- Strong balance sheet and substantial headroom available for further acquisitions

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



# Outlook



- Company well set for ongoing strong growth
- Rich pipeline of acquisitions, joint ventures and contracts ahead
- Strong balance sheet with headroom for expansion
- Geographical diversification provides growth opportunities and risk mitigation
- Stable and dynamic global management teams
- Technology and innovation driving efficiencies
- Procurement and other synergy initiatives delivering ongoing benefits
- Respected brands, quality services, Medical Leadership culture





# Thank you

