

Preliminary results for year ended 31 March 2015

QinetiQ Group Plc



21 May 2015

Introduction

Mark Elliott | Chairman



Opening remarks

Steve Wadey | Chief Executive Officer



Opening remarks

My perspective

Looking at the market
Looking at QinetiQ
Key principles



First impressions

Strong position
Outstanding people
Ready to move forward

Year in review

David Mellors | Chief Financial Officer



Strategic

- Sale of US Services
- Separation of US Global Products with standalone infrastructure
- Paid off US Private Placement notes
- £150m share buyback well advanced
- 17% increase in full year dividend reflecting upgrade at the half year and progressive dividend policy

Operational

- Strong performance in EMEA Services
- Restructured US Global Products with new management team
- Continued high cash conversion: 103%
- Maintaining expectations for Group performance in the current financial year

A good year of strategic and operational progress

Market Drivers

- Increasingly diverse threats to our security
- Customers need to achieve more with less

UK Defence Market

- Ongoing defence transformation
 - Revised single source regulations
- New parliamentary term
 - Comprehensive Spending Review
 - Strategic Defence and Security Review

Global Markets

- US
 - post-conflict environment
- Australia and Canada
 - similar objectives to UK
- Middle East
 - building their defence and security capabilities

Market uncertainty provides new opportunities as well as challenges

Summary financial headlines

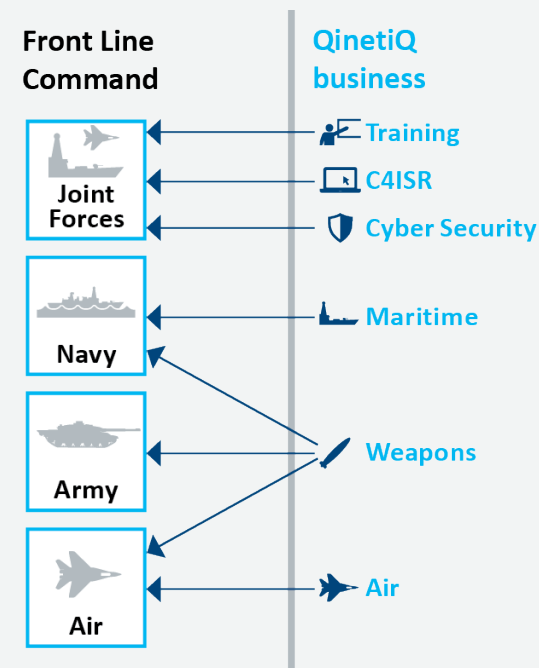
	FY15 £m	FY14[^] £m
Revenue	763.8	782.6
Operating profit*	111.3	113.7
Operating margin*	14.6%	14.5%
Earnings per share* (pence) - continuing operations	15.2	13.8
Net cash from continuing operations (post capex)*	114.9	106.2
Cash conversion from continuing operations (post capex)*	103%	93%
Net cash	195.5	170.5
Dividend (pence)	5.4	4.6

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EMEA Services – financial performance

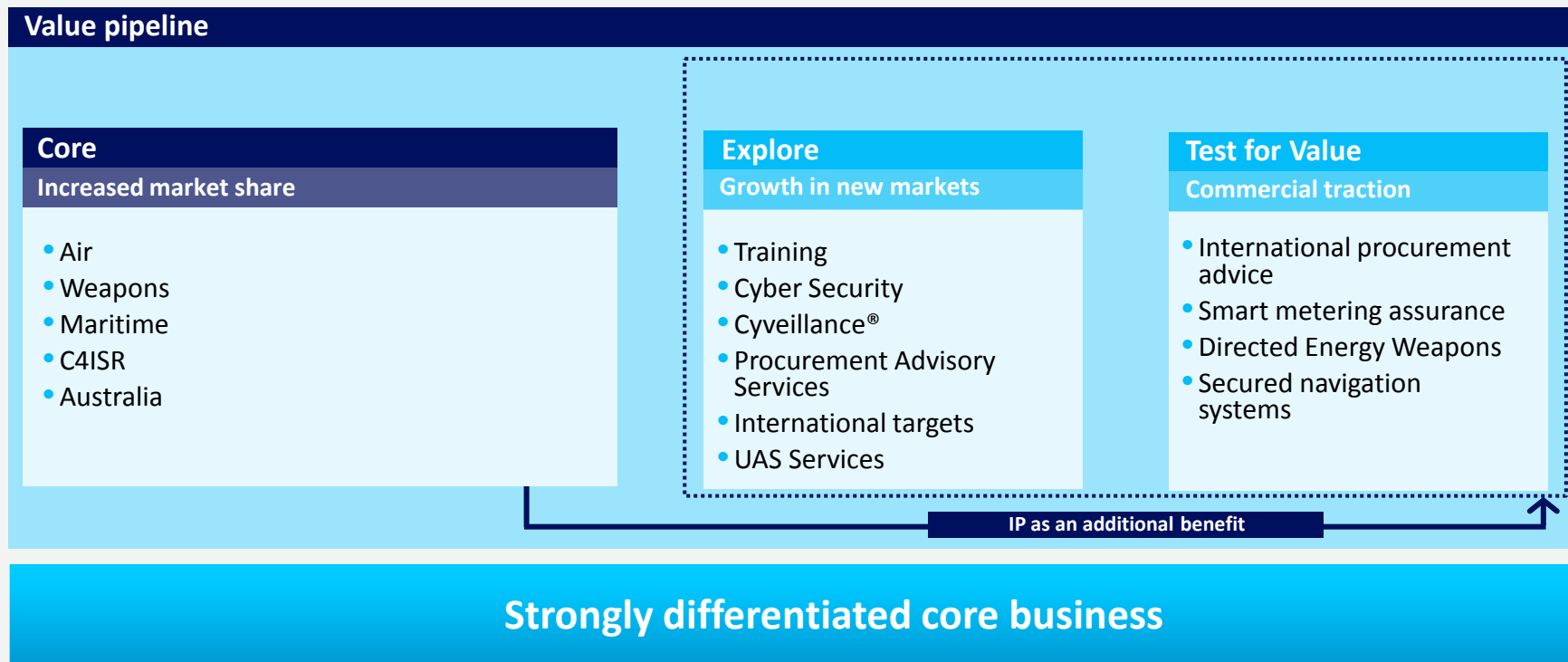
	FY15	FY14
	£m	£m
Orders†	461.6	447.8
Revenue	625.6	607.0
Underlying Operating Profit*	93.0	86.7
Underlying Operating Profit Margin*	14.9%	14.3%
Book to Bill Ratio†	1.1x	1.1x
Funded Backlog†	678.6	661.0

- 3% revenue growth
 - Core Air, Weapons & Maritime all performed well
- Strong margin driven by:
 - Good utilisation, better project management, productivity improvements
 - Assisted by c£4m project completion milestone and insurance recovery
- FY16 revenue cover: c80% at 1 April 2015; similar to prior year
- Opportunity for future value – LTPA investment



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 † Excludes the third term £998m renewal of the LTPA contract. Book to Bill ratio is orders won divided by revenue recognised excluding the LTPA contract

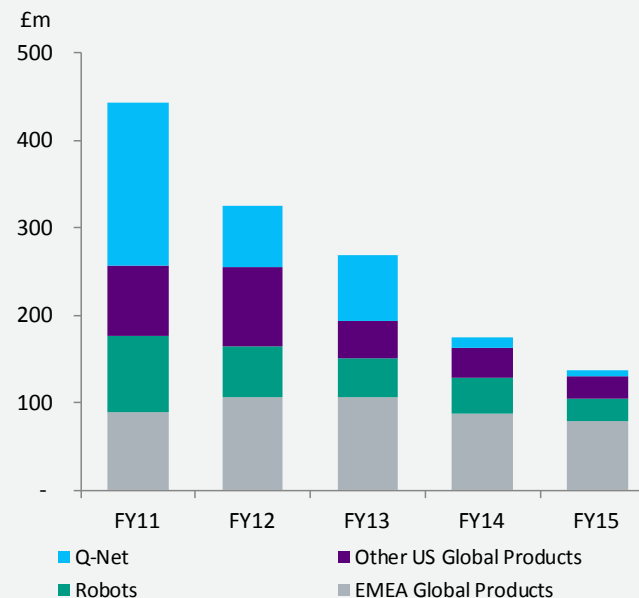
EMEA Services – Year in review



Global Products – financial performance

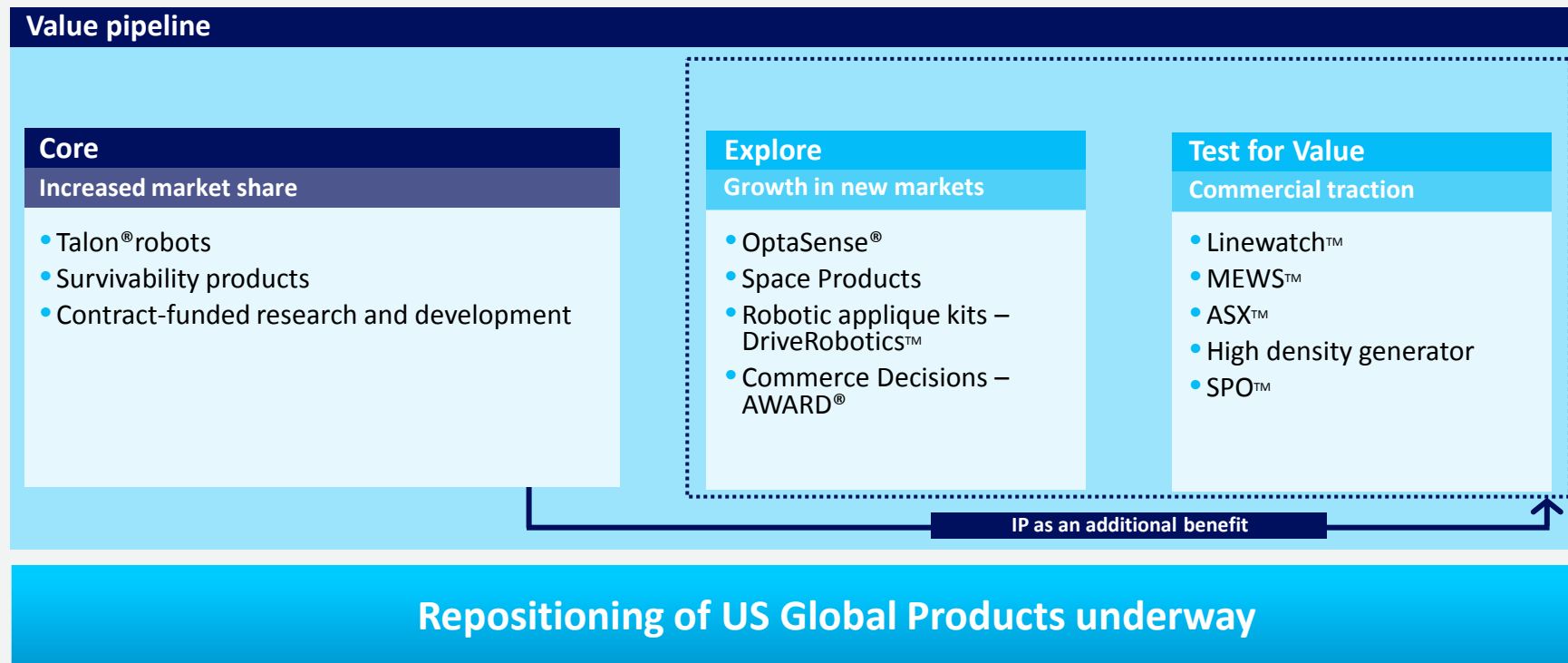
	FY15	FY14
	£m	£m
Orders	152.0	149.1
Revenue	138.2	175.6
Underlying Operating Profit*	18.3	27.0
Underlying Operating Profit Margin*	13.2%	15.4%
Book to Bill Ratio	1.1x	0.8x
Funded Backlog	116.7	97.1

- Drawdown impact still reducing revenues in conflict-skewed US portfolio
- US cost reductions partially protected margin
- Profit impacted by \$5m of additional costs separating from US Services infrastructure
- More than half of its FY15 revenue under contract at 1 April 2015; slightly higher than last year



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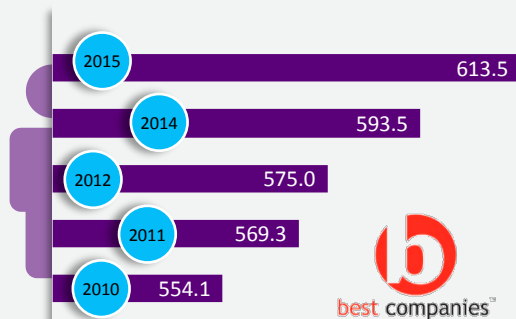
Global Products – Year in review



Our employees and customers – non-financial KPIs

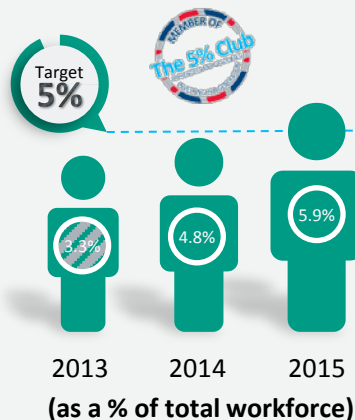
Employee engagement

Best Companies Employee Survey



Investing in future capability

Apprentices & Graduates

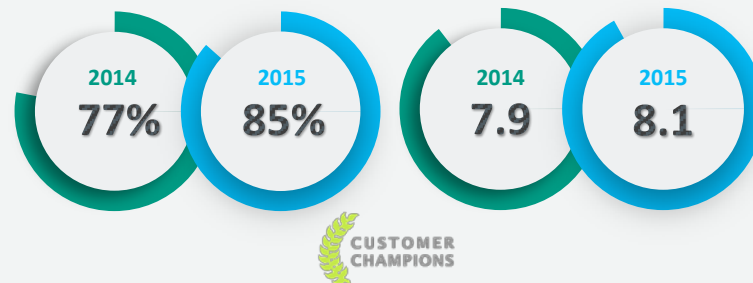


Customer satisfaction

Customer Champions Survey

85% said we are performing as a top 3 supplier

QinetiQ's overall project performance (out of 10)



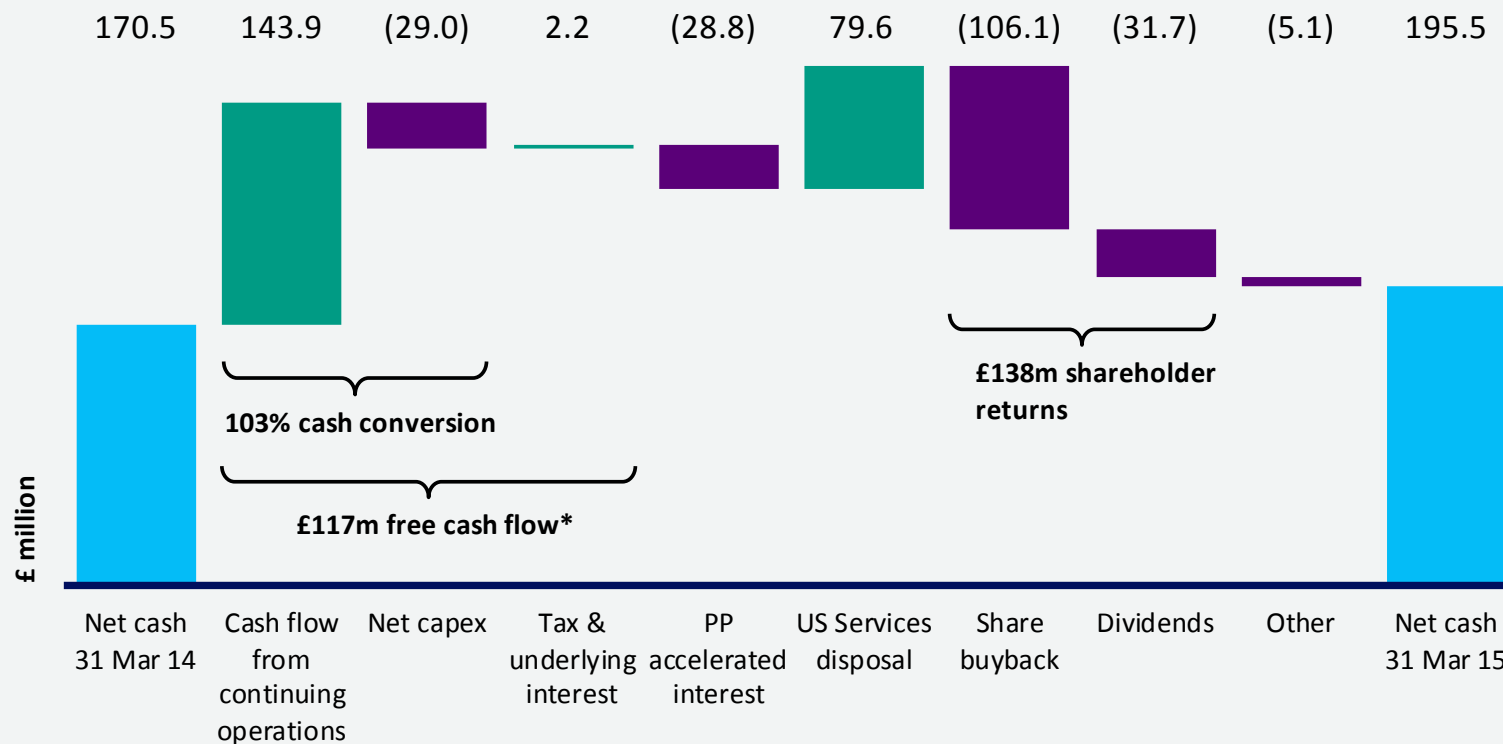
Strong position; ready to move forward

Specific adjusting items*

	FY15	FY14
	£m	£m
Items with cash impact		
Reduction in pension liabilities on closure to future accrual (net of costs)	-	27.1
Gain on disposal of business - UK Calibration	-	1.1
Non-cash items		
Amortisation of acquired intangibles	(2.8)	(3.4)
Impairment of goodwill	-	(41.9)
Other	0.4	(0.1)
Total specific adjusting items (pre-tax)	(2.4)	(17.2)
Tax on the above	(1.4)	(4.6)
Recognition of deferred tax asset - UK tax losses	25.2	-
Total specific adjusting items - continuing operations	21.4	(21.8)
 Total specific adjusting items (post-tax) - discontinued operations	 (13.4)	 (94.9)
Total specific adjusting items - total	8.0	(116.7)

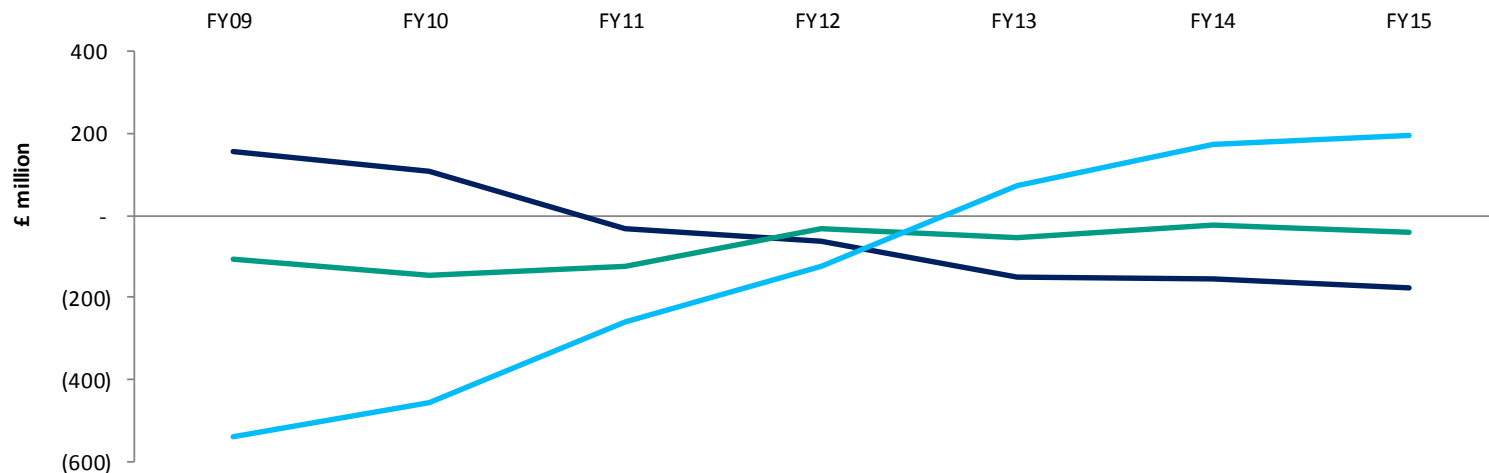
* Specific items adjusted in arriving at underlying performance as defined in appendix

Movements in net cash



* from continuing operations

Balance sheet position



	FY09 £m	FY10 £m	FY11 £m	FY12 £m	FY13 £m	FY14 £m	FY15 £m
Working capital	154.0	107.2	(30.7)	(62.7)	(148.3)	(155.3)	(174.6)
Retirement benefit obligation (pre-tax)	(105.2)	(147.3)	(124.6)	(31.5)	(54.1)	(22.2)	(39.4)
Net (debt) / cash	(537.9)	(457.4)	(260.9)	(122.2)	74.0	170.5	195.5

EMEA Services

Defence transformation, and the forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review and SDSR are expected to have an impact on the UK defence market this year. This will provide future opportunities for EMEA Services to build on its strong record of delivering 'more for less', whilst recognising that in FY16 there will be uncertainty and the potential for interruptions to order flow. The portion of revenue under contract at the start of FY16 was similar to a year ago and the balance is supported by a pipeline of opportunities but order flow and contract cover will be watched closely over the coming months. Overall, given the opening backlog position, expectations for the performance of EMEA Services in the current financial year are unchanged.

Global Products

In Global Products, newer products are recording notable milestones and the amount of revenue under contract at the start of FY16 is up slightly on a year ago, but the drawdown of American overseas military forces is continuing to depress demand for conflict-related products. As the division has a lumpy revenue profile which is dependent on the timing and shipment of key orders, there is a range of possible outcomes for the performance of Global Products in the current year.

Group performance

In balancing the market uncertainties with the strength of the Group's operations, the Board is maintaining its expectations for Group performance in the current financial year.

Questions

**QinetiQ iPad
App**



Appendices



Underlying performance is stated before

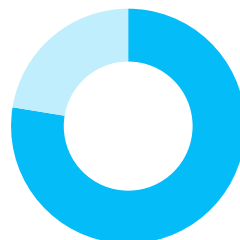
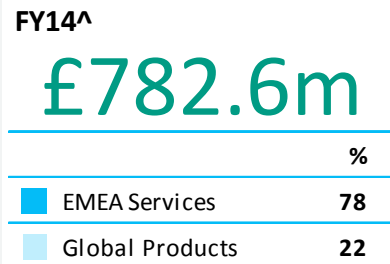
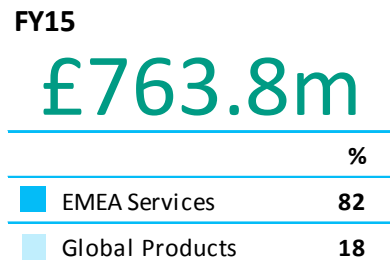
- Amortisation of intangibles arising from acquisitions
- Pension gain on closure to future accrual and associated Scheme-closure mitigation costs
- Pension net finance expense
- Gains/losses on business divestments and disposal of investments
- Restructuring costs
- Impairment of property
- Impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets
- Tax on the above items
- Tax credits on one-off recognition of deferred tax asset in respect of UK trade losses

Organic growth

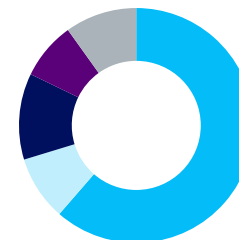
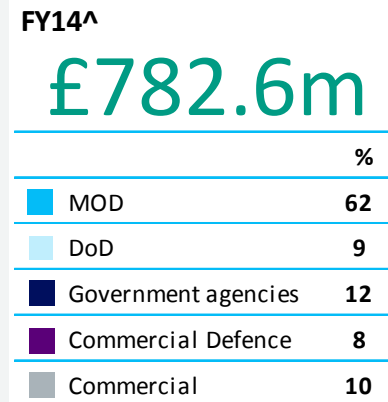
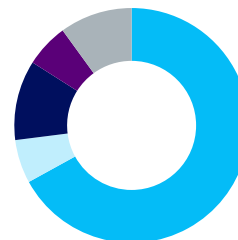
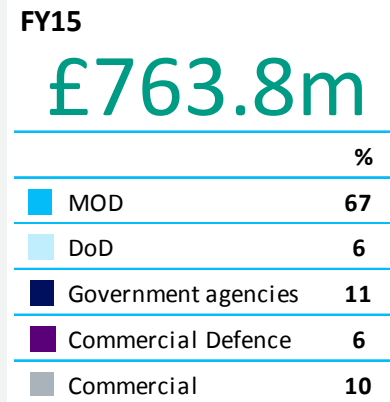
- Is calculated at constant foreign exchange rates, adjusting the comparatives to incorporate the results of acquired entities and excluding the results for any disposals for the same duration of ownership as the current period

Revenue by sector and customer – continuing Group

Revenue by sector (%)



Revenue by customer (%)



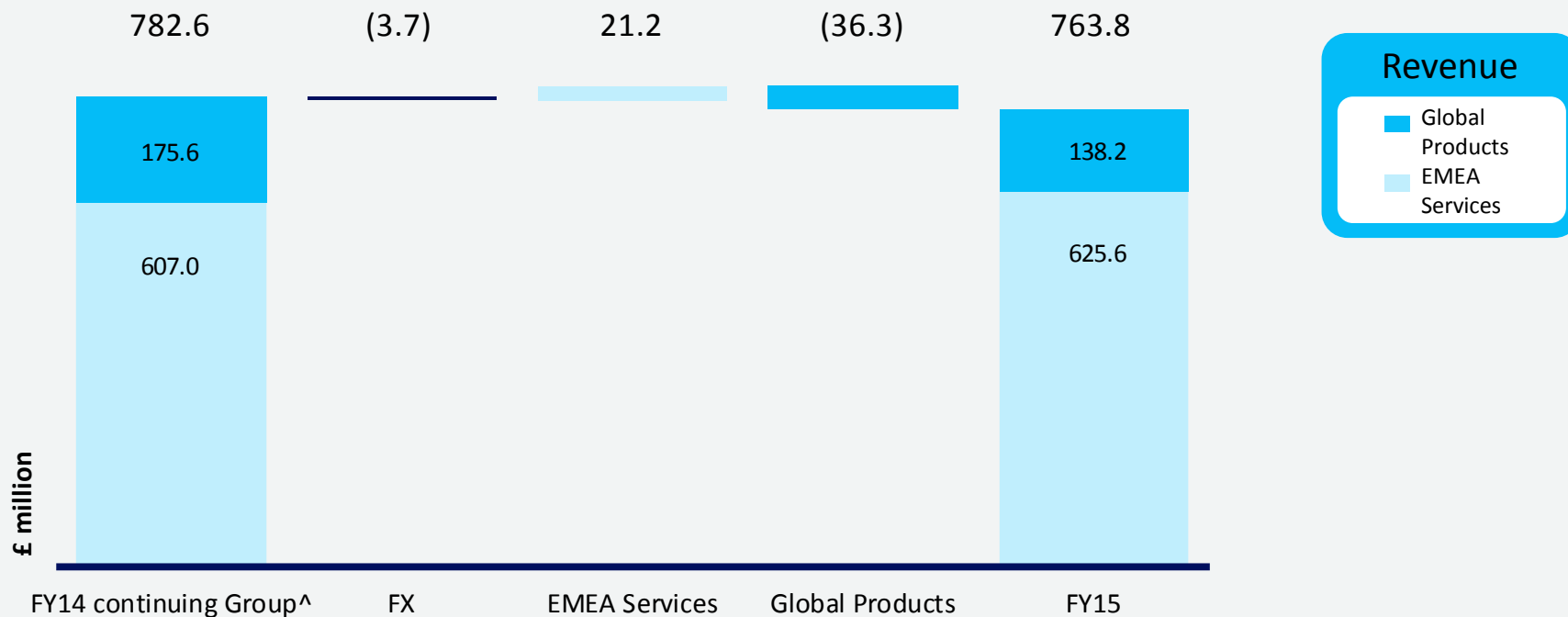
Income Statement

	FY15	FY14[^]
	£m	£m
Revenue	763.8	782.6
Underlying operating profit*	111.3	113.7
Net finance expense	(3.5)	(12.5)
Underlying profit before tax*	107.8	101.2
Amortisation & impairment of acqn-related intangibles - continuing	(2.8)	(3.4)
Impairment of goodwill and reversal of impairment of PP&E	-	(40.5)
Pension net finance expense	(0.6)	(1.7)
Net pension curtailment gain and closure mitigation costs	-	27.1
Gain on disposal of investments	-	1.1
Other restructuring	1.0	0.2
Profit before tax	105.4	84.0
Taxation	12.0	(16.0)
Profit from continuing operations	117.4	68.0
Loss from discontinued operations (net of tax)	(12.7)	(80.7)
Statutory profit/(loss) after tax	104.7	(12.7)

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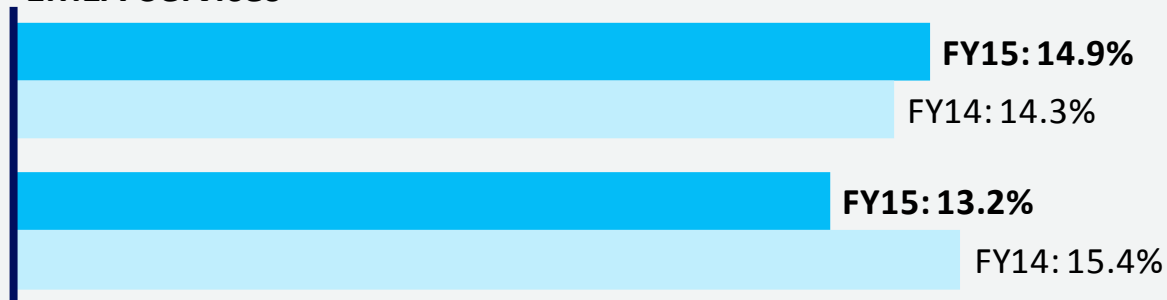
Revenue bridge



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Segmental analysis of profit and margin

EMEA Services

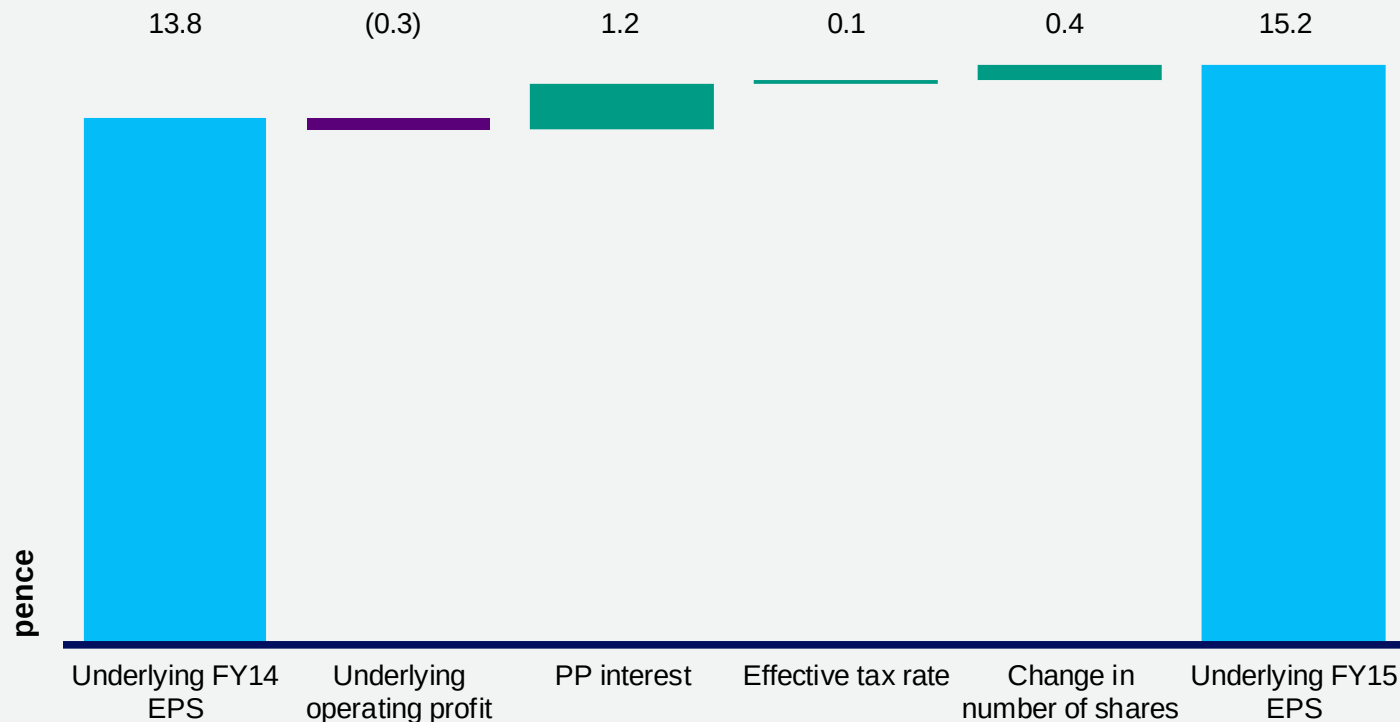


Global Products

	Operating profit*	
	FY15 £m	FY14 £m
EMEA Services	93.0	86.7
Global Products	18.3	27.0
Continuing Group	111.3	113.7

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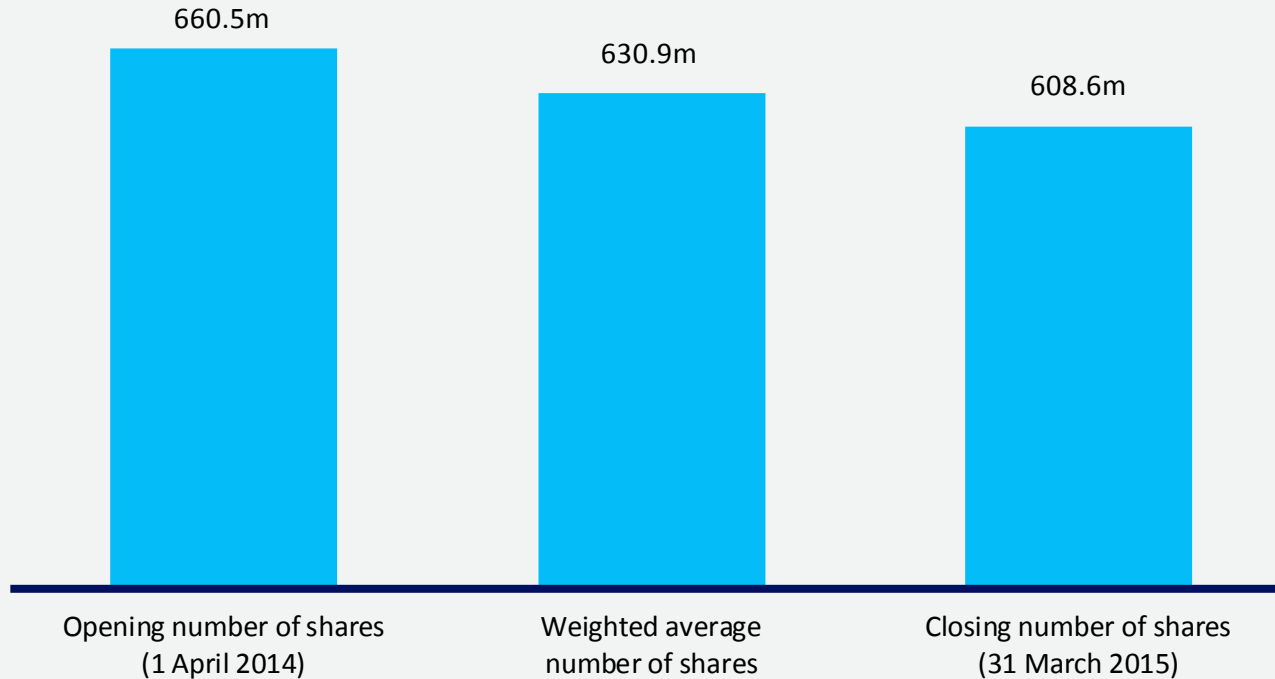
Earnings per share (pence) – underlying performance



Continuing operations only



Number of shares in issue



Balance sheet

	31 March 2015	31 March 2014
	£m	£m
Goodwill	107.2	141.3
Intangible assets	15.3	44.2
Property, plant and equipment	229.6	233.8
Working capital	(174.6)	(155.3)
Retirement benefit obligation (net of tax)	(37.8)	(20.9)
Other assets and liabilities	(37.1)	(35.5)
Net cash	195.5	170.5
Net assets	298.1	378.1

	FY15 £m	FY14^ £m
Underlying tax charge*	(11.8)	(11.4)
Tax on non-recurring items	23.8	(4.6)
Headline tax charge	12.0	(16.0)
Underlying tax rate*	10.9%	11.3%

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Cash conversion

	FY15 £m	FY14[^] £m
Underlying operating profit*	111.3	113.7
Cash flow from operations*	143.9	127.0
Net capex	(29.0)	(20.8)
Net cash flow from continuing operations post capex	114.9	106.2
Cash conversion %*	103%	93%
Net interest paid	(6.6)	(11.3)
Taxation - continuing operations	8.8	2.1
Free cash flow*	117.1	97.0

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Movements in net cash

	FY15	FY14
	£m	£m
Free cash flow from continuing Group	117.1	97.0
PP accelerated interest	(28.8)	-
Reorganisation costs	(0.6)	(10.3)
Pension scheme closure	-	(4.0)
Disposal related pension contribution	(6.0)	-
US Services disposal proceeds	79.6	-
Acquisition of businesses	(3.7)	-
Share buyback and purchase of own shares	(106.8)	(0.5)
Dividends	(31.7)	(26.8)
Cash generated from discontinued operations	1.8	30.3
Other	2.0	(0.1)
Change in net cash before FX	22.9	85.6
FX translation impact	2.1	10.9
Change in net cash	25.0	96.5
Opening net cash - 1 April	170.5	74.0
Closing net cash - 31 March	195.5	170.5

Defined benefit pension scheme – IAS 19 balance sheet position

	FY15 £m	FY14 £m
Market value of assets	1,454.6	1,304.6
Present value of scheme liabilities	(1,494.0)	(1,326.8)
Net pension liability before deferred tax	(39.4)	(22.2)
Deferred tax asset	1.6	1.3
Net pension liability	(37.8)	(20.9)
Assumptions	FY15 %	FY14 %
Discount rate	3.2%	4.2%
Inflation (CPI)	2.1%	2.6%

Sensitivity of deficit to main assumptions:

Assumption	Change in assumption	Sensitivity
Discount rate	Increase / decrease by 0.1%	Decrease / increase by £28m
Inflation	Increase / decrease by 0.1%	Increase / decrease by £28m
Life expectancy	Increase by 1 year	Increase by £37m

Credit facilities

	Maturity date	Denomination	Value in denomination	Value £m
Revolving Credit Facility	August 2019	£m	166.0	166.0
Revolving Credit Facility	August 2019	\$m	100.0	67.3
Total Committed Facilities				233.3

Employee numbers

	31 March 2015	31 March 2014
EMEA Services	5,576	5,399
Global Products	674	834
Continuing operations	6,250	6,233
US Services	-	2,704
Total	6,250	8,937

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