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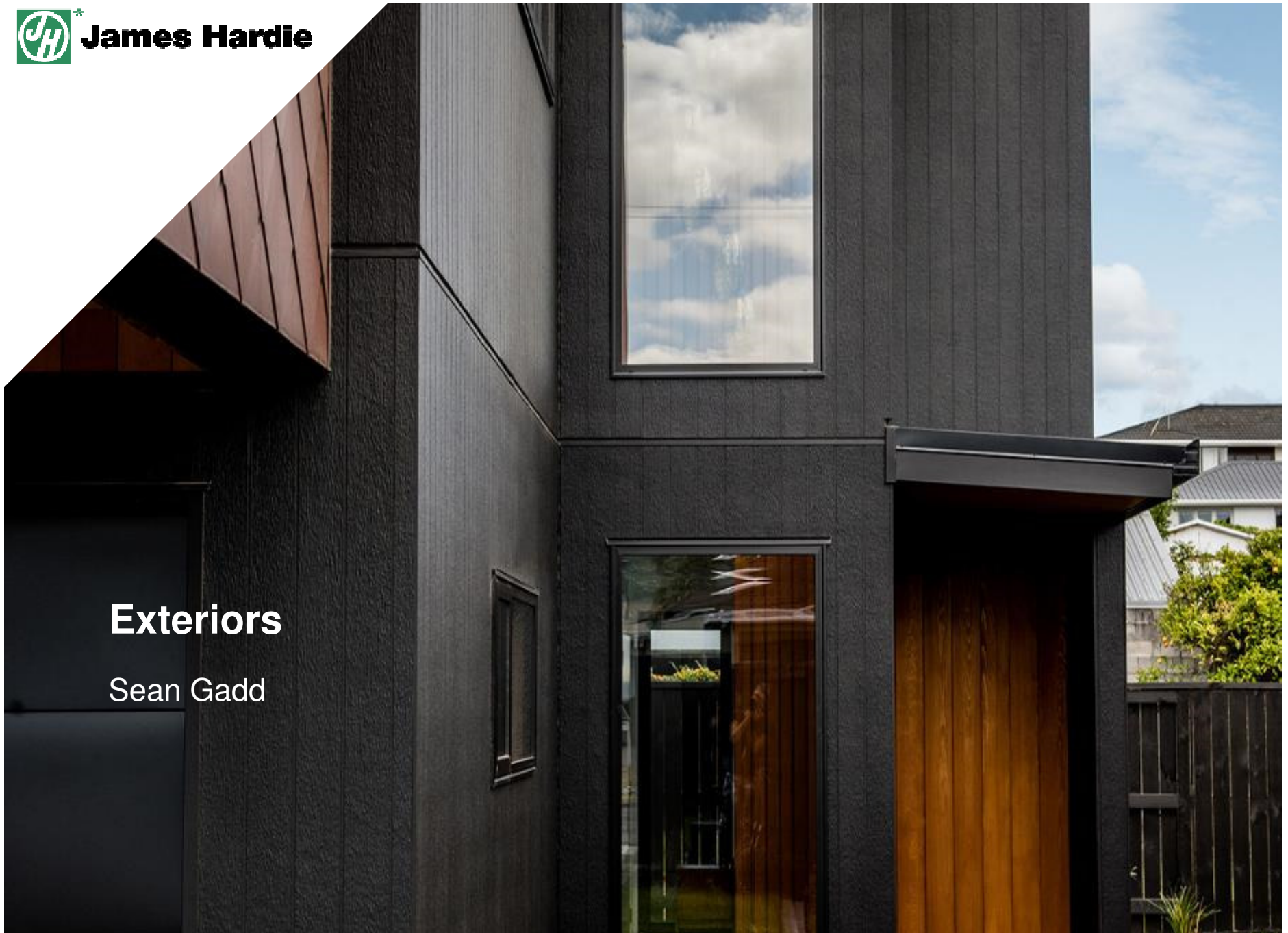
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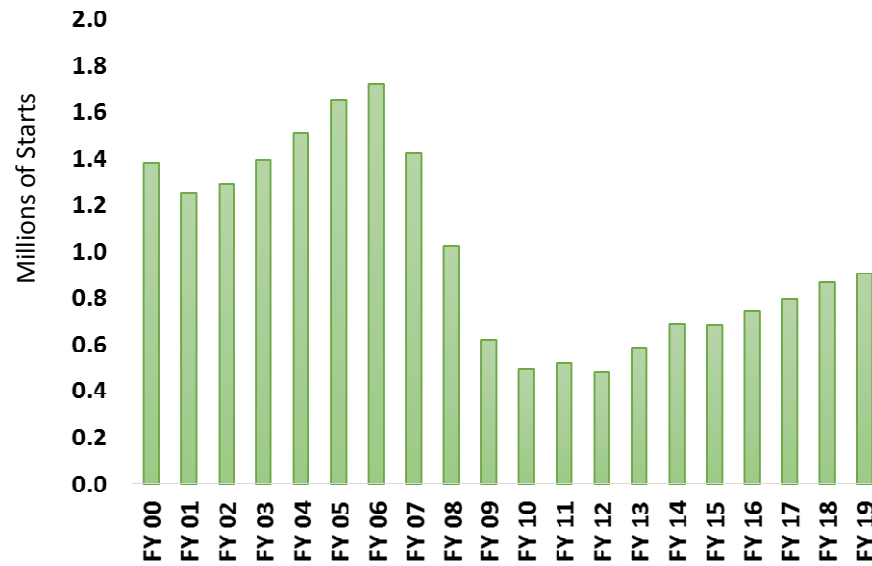
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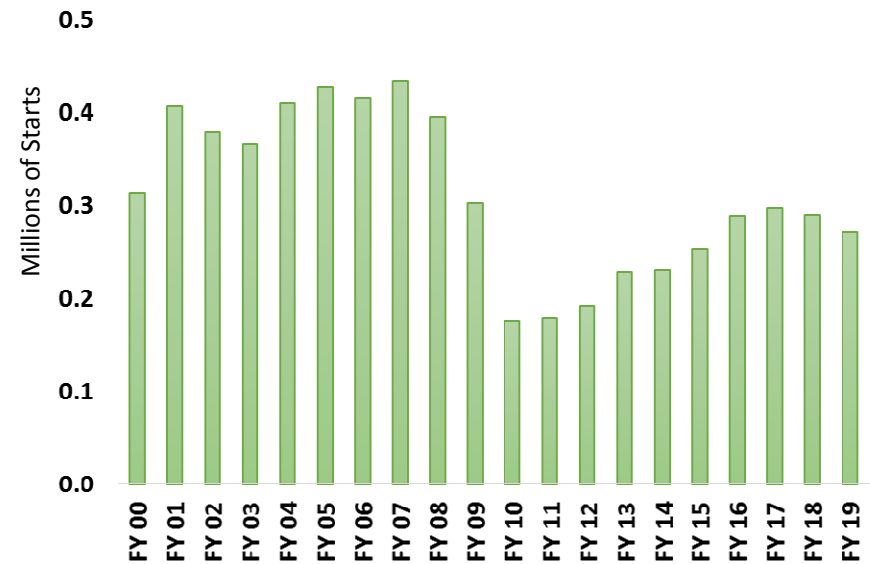
HOUSING STARTS

Single Family Starts



Source: Dodge Data & Analytics

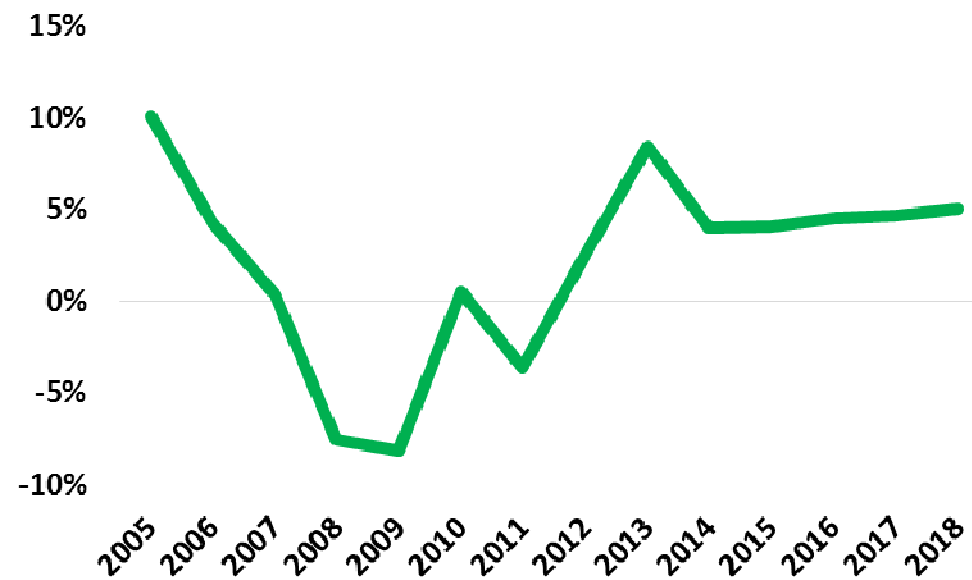
Addressable Multi-Family Starts



Single-family growth stable. Multi-family growth moderating.

REPAIR & REMODEL

Repair & Remodel Project Growth



Source: Hanley Wood

Repair & remodel projects continue to grow at ~5% annually

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Market is growing at a moderate rate, which is good for James Hardie
- It provides the right environment to grow market share
- Builders and contractors are confident and looking to differentiate

AGENDA

- Strategy = 35/90
- How it works
 - Penetration vs. vinyl and wood
 - Defend against lower value alternatives
- Key enablers of the strategy
 - ColorPlus® Technology
 - Non-metro markets
 - Aspyre

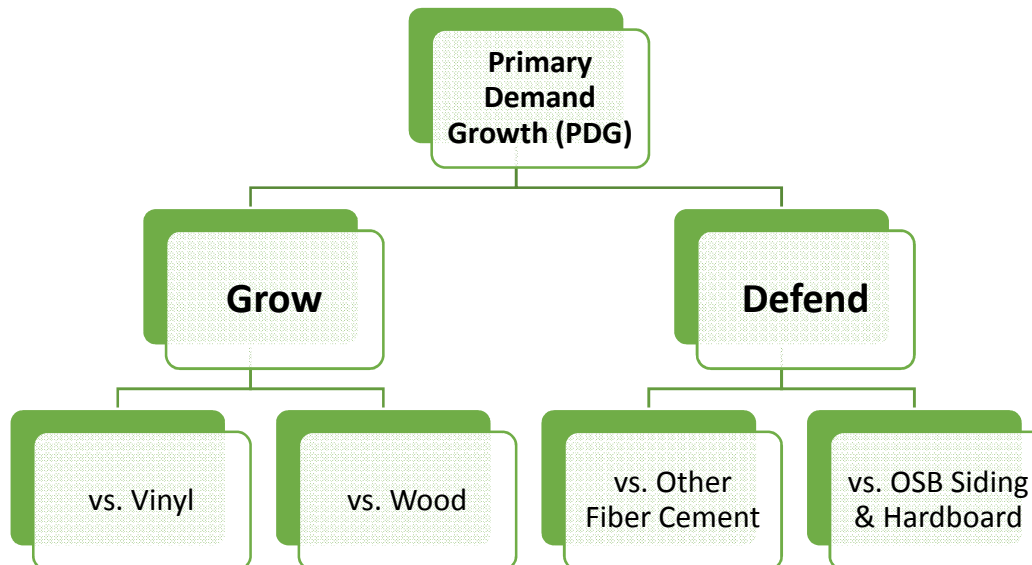


35/90 – Exteriors Growth Strategy



35/90 – EXTERIORS GROWTH STRATEGY

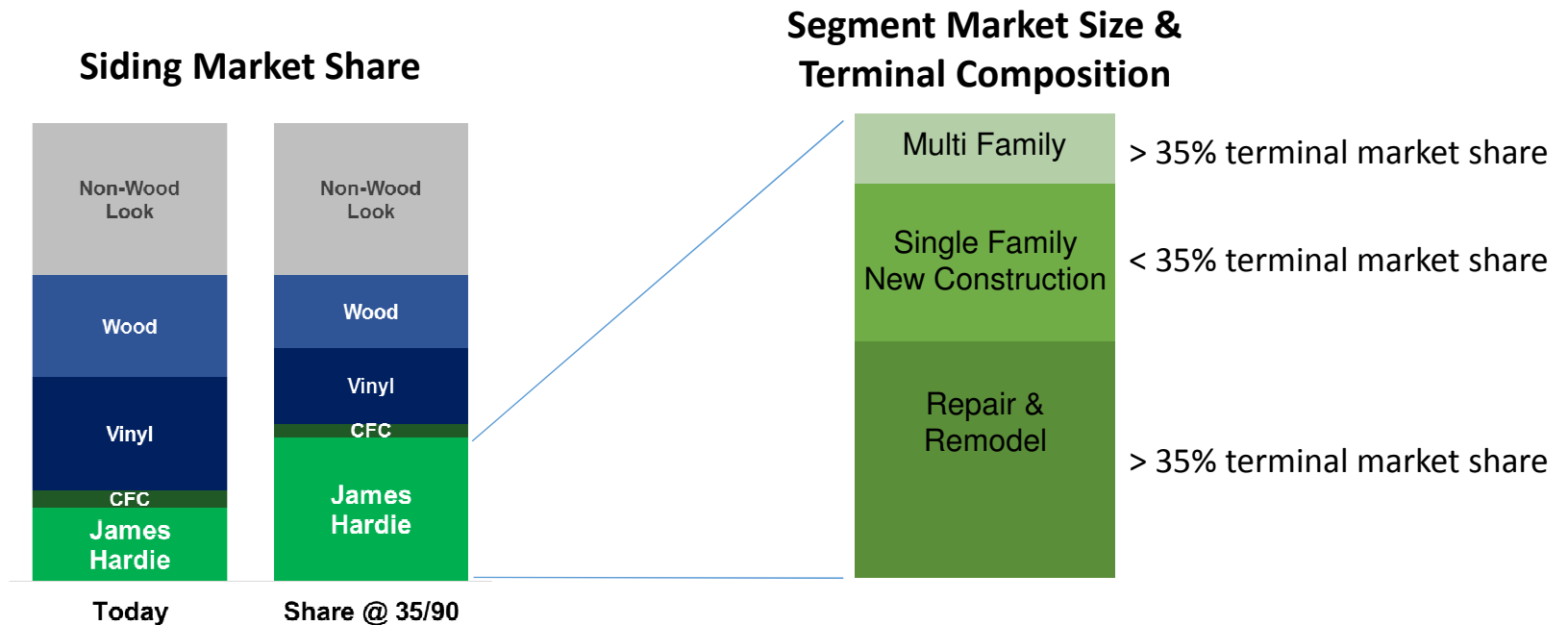
- Exteriors growth strategy remains 35/90
- Organic growth strategy measured by our growth above our market index (primary demand growth)
- Primary demand growth is delivered by:
 - Winning share from vinyl and wood
 - Defending against lower value alternatives



35/90 – EXTERIORS GROWTH STRATEGY

Market segmentation ... JH positioned for growth in all segments

- Single family ~85%, multi-family ~15%
- ~40% new construction, ~60% repair and remodel



Source: NAHB + Internal Management Estimates

35/90 requires participation in all geographies and segments

35/90 – VALUE PROPOSITION VS. COMPETITION

Vinyl

- Exterior appeal
 - curb, porch and deck
- Durability
 - Resistance to fire & abuse
- Low maintenance with a refresh solution
- Based on the value, James Hardie fiber cement is affordable

Wood & Wood Alternatives

- Product Durability
- Low maintenance
- Full product range for all types of homes and segments
- Full exterior & core color offering
- JH company support & representation

Competitive Fiber Cement

- Trusted brand
- Engineered for Climate®
- Technology
- Manufacturing scale
- Representation & support
- Diversified segments

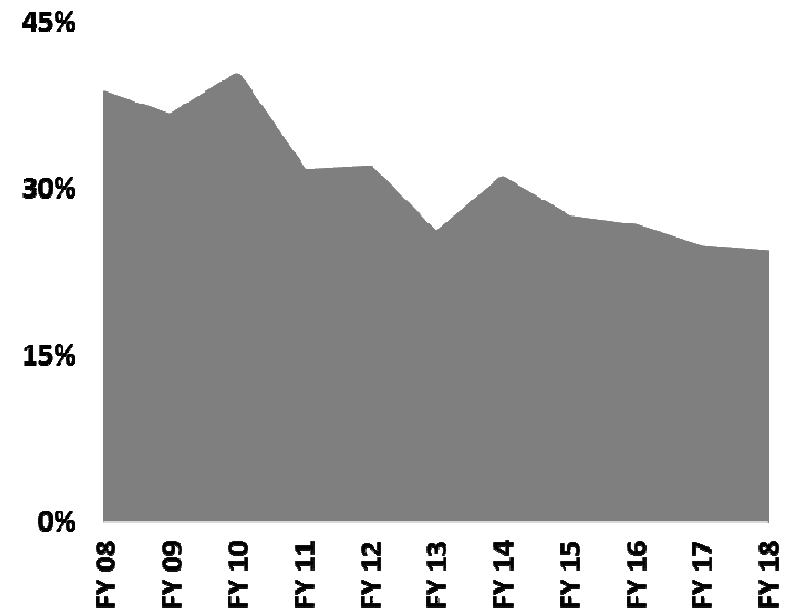


Grow Against Vinyl



JAMES HARDIE VERSUS VINYL

Historic Vinyl Share

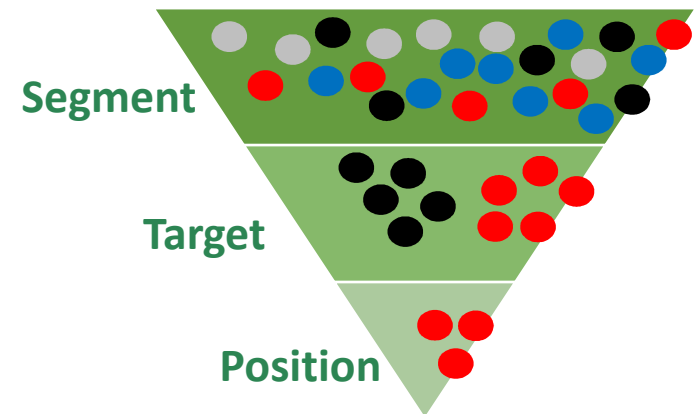


Source: NAHB + Internal Management Estimates

Positioned to accelerate our market share against vinyl with color by leveraging our superior value proposition, sales force and market development approach

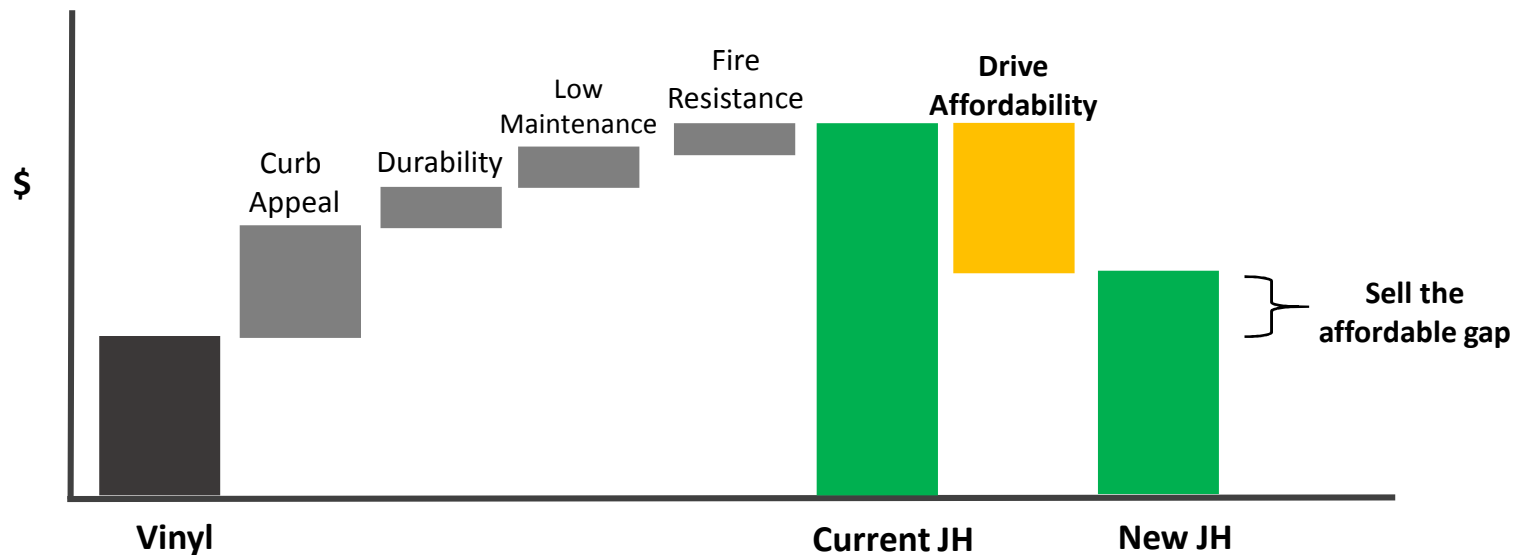
MARKET DEVELOPMENT VS. VINYL – NEW CONSTRUCTION

- Market development approach → Segment, Target, Position → “Money Ball”
- For the target builder looking to differentiate
- Providing a better looking home
 - Sell their homes at a higher price
 - Sell their homes faster
- Supporting through transition
- Leveraging the win



TOTAL COST VERSUS PERCEIVED VALUE

Fiber Cement has a compelling value proposition against vinyl



Source: Internal Management Estimates



Curb Appeal

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Durability

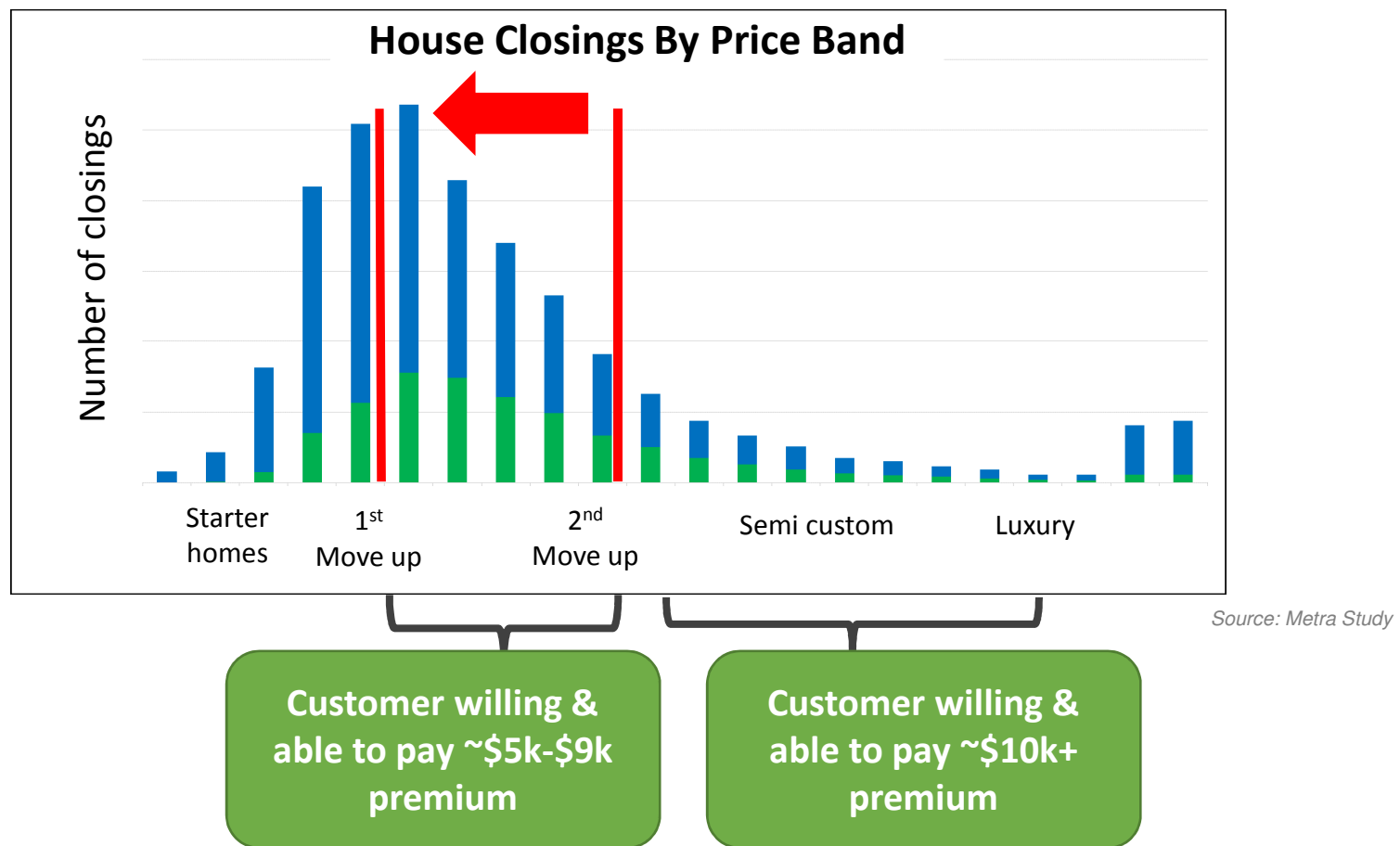
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Fire Resistance

ACCELERATING GROWTH AGAINST VINYL

In the single-family new construction segment, driving affordability for the builder will significantly increase the available market size for James Hardie



4 KEY LEVERAGE POINTS FOR AFFORDABILITY

Channel

- Enable most efficient supply chain

Install

- Increase available capacity
- Drive site & process efficiency
- Deliver optimized systems

Product

- ColorPlus® Technology eliminates field paint costs
- Product enhancements to drive efficiencies

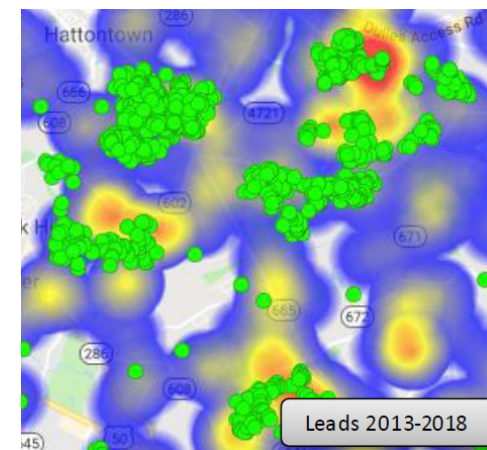
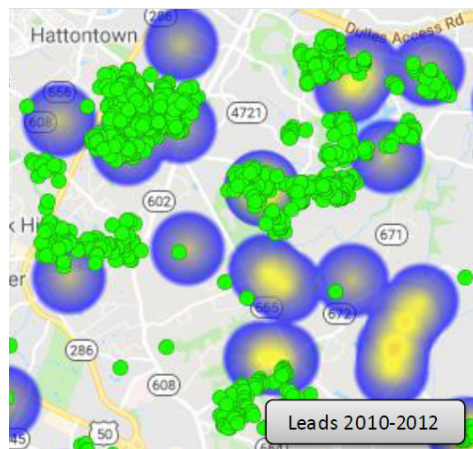
Sales Execution

- Value articulation
- Non-product value-add services
- Tactical pricing for influential customers



MARKET DEVELOPMENT VS. VINYL – REPAIR AND REMODEL

- Market development approach → Segment, Target, Position
- Target homeowner looking for a re-side
- In the right neighborhood
 - James Hardie “Lockdown”
 - Vinyl battleground



VALUE FOR CONTRACTORS

Via an aligned contractor

- Looking to partner and grow
- Position James Hardie fiber cement products in the home
- At the right price

Take advantage of everything the James Hardie Contractor Alliance Program has to offer:



GET RECOGNIZED AND DIFFERENTIATE YOUR BUSINESS ▼



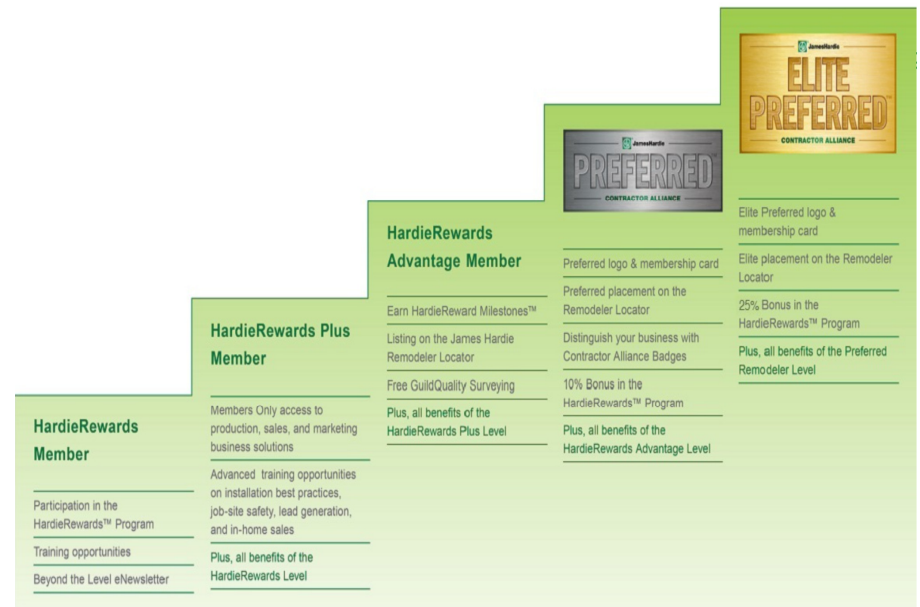
ACQUIRE NEW TOOLS AND SKILLS TO INCREASE PROFITABILITY ▼



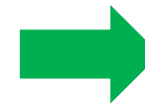
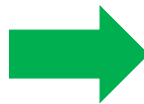
EARN HARDIEREWARD™ POINTS AND OTHER BENEFITS ▼



ALIGN WITH THE #1 BRAND OF SIDING ▼



RE-SIDE LEADS FOR PARTNER CONTRACTORS



WE FOUND 6 CONTRACTORS NEAR ZIP CODE 60515

Preferred Contractor

OPAL ENTERPRISES, INC
Naperville, IL 60563

96%
Recommendation Rate
based on 10 reviews
[View Profile](#)

5.0
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Preferred Contractor

SMARTBUILD CONSTRUCTION INC
Addicks, IL 60001

100%
Recommendation Rate
based on 22 reviews
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Over 15,000 home owner leads generated in 2017

REPAIR AND REMODEL

- Drive awareness and preference for James Hardie with ColorPlus® technology in vinyl battleground neighborhoods
- Sell value proposition directly to the home owner via an aligned contractor
- Leverage that home in the desired neighborhood
- Move the battleground neighborhood to a fiber cement standard ... then move to an adjacent neighborhood that references this new standard
- Create the “Wake”

ENHANCING THE WAKE





Defend Against Lower Value Alternatives



WIN AGAINST LOWER VALUE ALTERNATIVES

- As we pull a market off a vinyl standard, builders we don't touch move to hard siding
- Lower value alternatives can pick up some of this business
 - “Me too” positioning
 - Utility product benefit, particularly trim
 - Ease of install

WIN AGAINST LOWER VALUE ALTERNATIVES

- Targeted geographic approach
- Sell the superior advantages of James Hardie fiber cement exterior to the homeowner via our builders and aligned contractors
- Tactically deliver competitive packages to the builder
 1. ColorPlus® Technology
 2. Full-wrap
 3. 100% Hardie™
- Build stronger partnerships and value with installers and trades
- Deliver a winning strategy in non-metro markets

POSITION FIBER CEMENT AGAINST WOOD



James Hardie siding products are designed to combat the shortcomings of wood and wood alternatives to provide a **longer-lasting, lower-maintenance, weather resistant** exterior

“No Wood Is Good”

Don't be fooled. When it comes to long-term on-the-wall performance, engineered wood siding still performs like wood.

STRATEGIC GAME PLAN

- Product superiority – cement vs. wood
- Company vs. Company – primary demand / value creation
- Full product portfolio
 - Move to ColorPlus® Technology as the primary solution
 - Sell full wrap (primed siding and trim)
 - Fulfill design needs with the Aspyre collection from James Hardie™
- Create barriers throughout our value chain to maintain market position as we drive adoption of fiber cement
- Focus on the affordability gap driving conversions
- Leverage our sales resources and execute fast – single focus

VALUE ADD PARTNER PROGRAMS

SIDE™
MASTER

SAFETY • INTEGRITY • DURABILITY • EFFICIENCY



JamesHardie



GO-FORWARD

- Central US market focus
- “No Wood is Good” marketing strategy
- Maintain direct sales, primary demand model
- Continue to develop account management competency
- Accelerate growth in non-metro markets
- Improved non-product value creation to JH partners



ColorPlus® Technology



WIN WITH COLOR

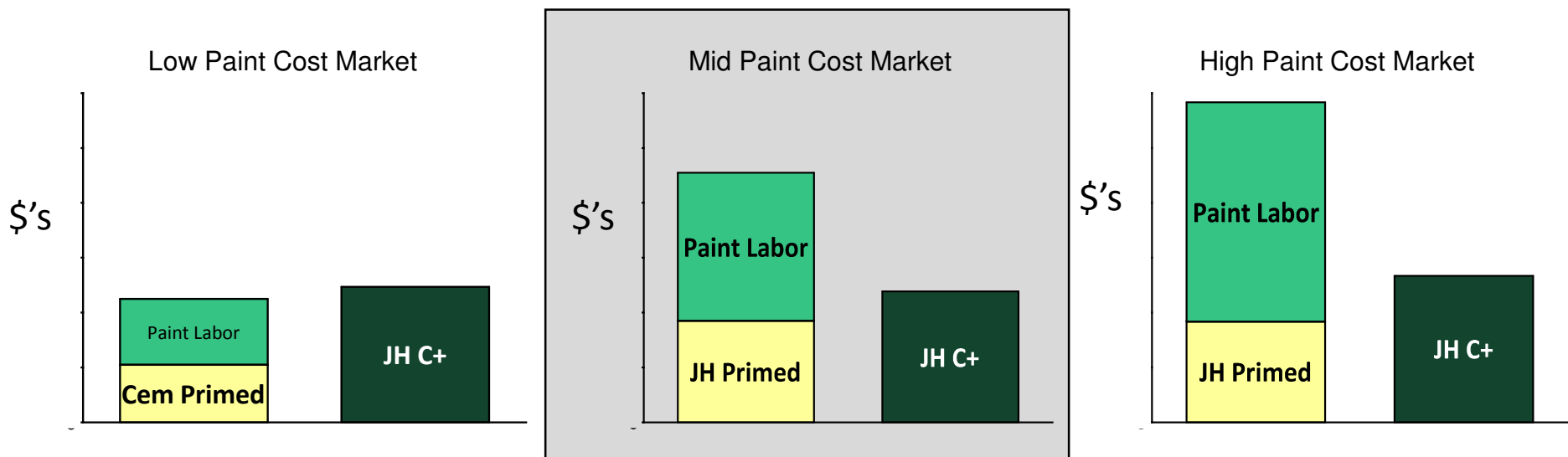
- ColorPlus® Technology remains a key enabler for future growth against vinyl and lower value alternatives
- James Hardie has significant scale advantage with ColorPlus® Technology
- ColorPlus® Technology penetration flattened as we moved away from building an efficient supply chain design
- ColorPlus® Technology is at the forefront of our go-to-market strategy

COLORPLUS® TECHNOLOGY VALUE PROPOSITION

ColorPlus® Technology can create more value for customers:

- KEEP: Delivers a factory applied finish – better than field paint
- REINFORCE: Able to provide benefit of a lower total cost solution in many markets ... particularly “mid paint cost markets”


Cost of Primed Hardie & Field Paint vs. ColorPlus® Technology (Before Cost of Install)



Source: Internal Management Estimates

COLORPLUS® TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

In addition to competitive installed cost, ColorPlus® offers other important benefits:



Competitive Advantage

- Hardie's scale enables more efficient manufacturing and distribution of prefinished product
- Hardie's pull strategy enables channel members to get acceptable inventory turns on stocked colors
- A prefinished market builds moats due to complexity of execution for close alternatives



JH Returns

- ColorPlus® Technology delivers strong contribution to company returns

COLORPLUS® TECHNOLOGY PENETRATION: BLOCKERS

Blocking Challenges: “Medium Paint Cost Markets”

Product

- Not clearly delivering affordability
- Promoting more accessories & color choices than most want to pay for

Install

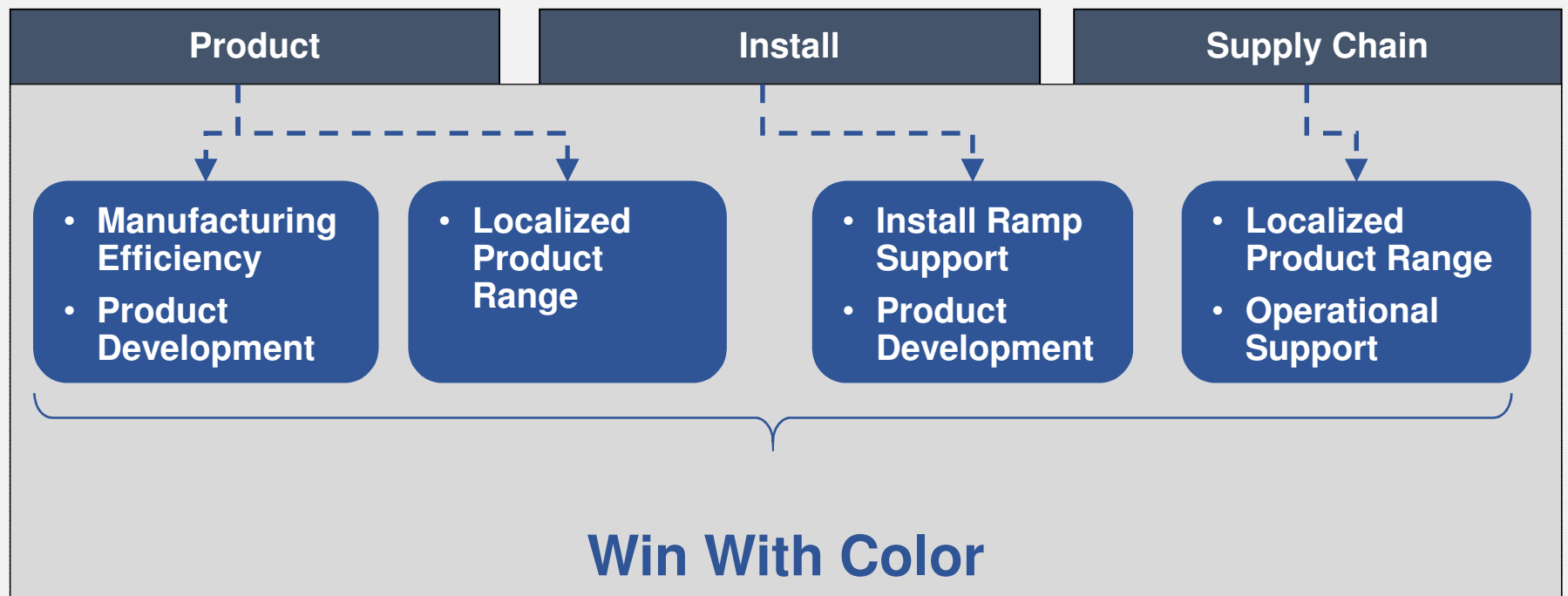
- Pool of capable C+ labor is lacking in many markets
- Installers unfamiliar with C+, learning curve inefficiency can lead to higher install costs

Supply Chain

- Complexity of product offering can lead to increased investment in inventory
- Lack of local availability of product range hinders builder adoption
- No clear direction from JH to help coordinate supply chain

COLORPLUS® TECHNOLOGY PENETRATION: SOLUTIONS

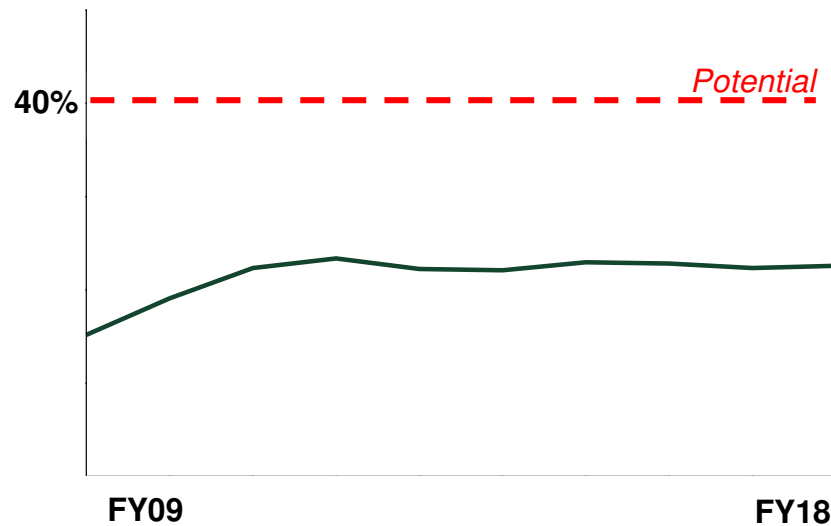
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PILOT MARKETS SHOW POTENTIAL OF ‘WIN WITH COLOR’

As we activate our “**Win With Color**” strategy in pilot markets, we see good indicators for future markets

NA Color Penetration



“Win With Color” Pilot Markets



Target for C+ to comprise ~40% of our product mix

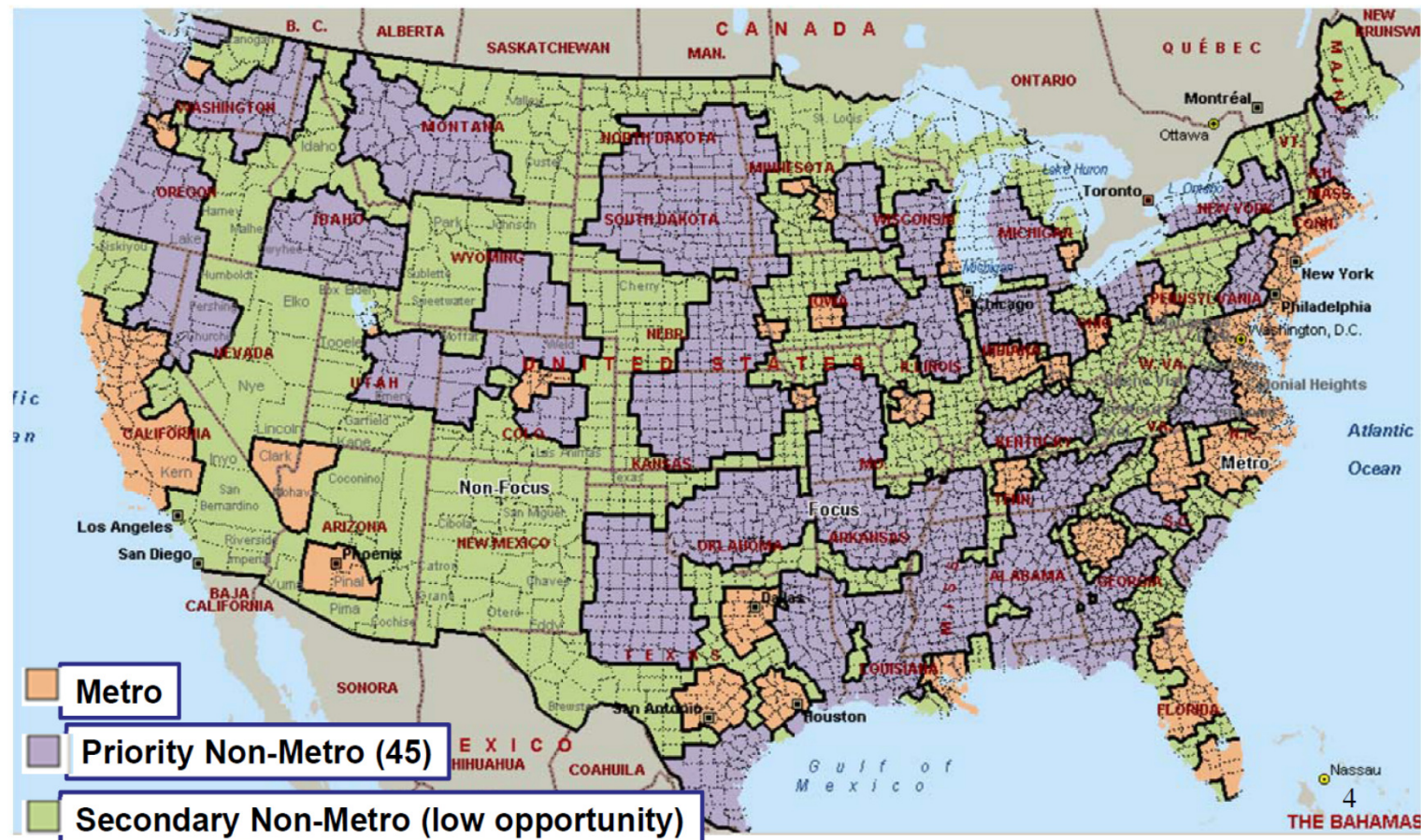


Non-Metro



NON-METRO MARKETS

- Winning in non-metro markets remains key deliverable to achieve 35/90



NON-METRO MARKET ASSUMPTIONS

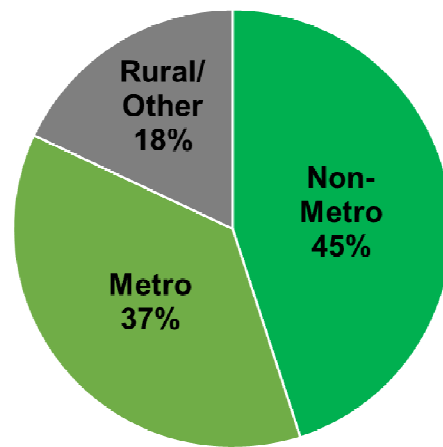
- Lower population density → *more difficult to cover with direct sales*
- Lower average income & home values → *less willingness to pay*
- Large geographic spread & lower volumes → *more expensive distribution*
- Fragmented installer base → *harder to train on new products*
- Relationship-driven culture → *more influence by local dealers*

Result: Lower cost, easier to install lower value alternatives have disproportionate share

IMPORTANCE OF NON-METROS

Non-metro markets are in the aggregate a larger market than metros ... we cannot achieve 35/90 without a stronger presence in these markets

US Housing Starts – Addressable



We believe we need
~20% penetration of non-
metros to achieve 35/90

Source: Dodge Analytics & Internal Management Definitions

As a result, we are developing strategies for more effective non-metro performance and will allocate increasing resources to this segment

NON-METRO – HOW IT WORKS

- James Hardie's job is to change the market standard
- Find or create natural aggregation points
- Improve efficiency/cost
- Integrate non-metro installers and dealers into the James Hardie network



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE AND GO-FORWARD GAME PLAN

- Introduce non-metro segment team to accelerate market adoption
- Aligning partners & eliminating market barriers
- Create a repeatable approach to plan, target & accelerate growth
- Focus on the affordability to drive conversion from vinyl and wood based alternatives
- Right dealer, right installer ... delivering color in an easy way

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- We cannot deliver 35/90 without growth in non-metros
- Implementation of a James Hardie market acceleration team
- Network of in market partners delivering the value proposition of fiber cement to builders and homeowners
- Affordability throughout the supply chain remains key
- Unique programs to ensure long term retention of conversions following market development activities



Aspyre Collection from James Hardie™



ASPYRE ENABLES GROWTH AGAINST WOOD...

To achieve 35/90, we must capture market share against wood

The Aspyre collection is a product line designed to target 300 mmsqft of high-end wood

Aspyre allows us to defend against low-value alternatives and new entrants, while extending the fiber cement S-curve as traditional James Hardie users graduate to higher-end aesthetics

Aspyre extends the reputation of James Hardie as a product leader



BY TARGETING THE TOP-OF-MARKET SEGMENT...



Applications

- Vertical and Horizontal Siding
- Reveal accents and Columns
- Ship porch ceiling and outdoor living space

Aspyre Products

- Shiplap: ~3500 Sqft
- Reveal: ~2000 Sqft

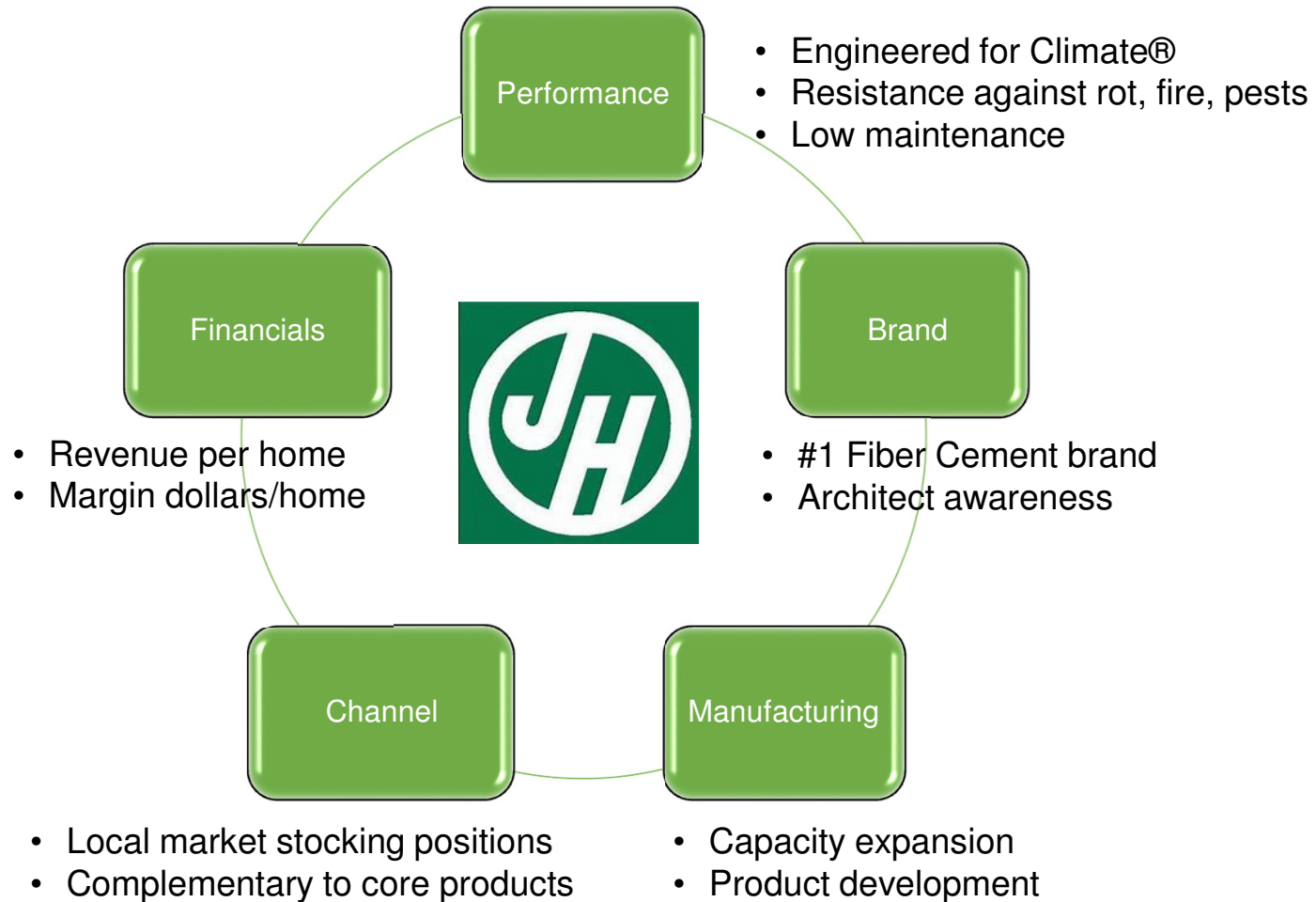
ENABLING VERSATILE DESIGN OPTIONS...



- Lock-joints enable hidden fasteners and easy install
- Thick planks enable mitered corners delivering desired contemporary design
- Machined profiles enable high-end wood profiles and design

BUILDING ON CORE JH ADVANTAGES

James Hardie Advantage





Key Takeaways



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Housing market remains relatively strong
- Hardie is set to accelerate share growth through market development against vinyl and through a sales approach against low value alternatives and wood
- Hardie has the scale advantage to use color as a key enabler
- Hardie has an innovative approach for small markets that will enable us to grow there
- The Aspyre Collection from James Hardie™ rounds out our product offering, protecting our brand and allowing us to grow against wood



Q&A

