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#### The a2 Milk Company Investor Day 2021

The a2 Milk Company is today hosting its virtual Investor Day. The attached presentation will be delivered by Managing Director and CEO, David Bortolussi, and all members of the Executive Leadership Team.

The key objectives of the Investor Day are to:

- Introduce The a2 Milk Company Executive Leadership Team;
- Provide greater understanding of the business;
- Share latest insights on key markets, categories and channels;
- Outline the Company's ambition and revised growth strategy; and
- Provide an opportunity for Q&A.

A brief trading update is included in the Finance section.

The market landscape has experienced unprecedented change, including over the past 12 months. As a result, the Company has had to adapt its growth strategy, reorganise to prioritise on opportunities and bolster its leadership team to achieve its full potential.

The presentation will be webcast from 11am (NZDT) / 9am (AEST) and can be accessed via a2MC's website: www.thea2milkcompany.com/latest-company-news/investor-day-2021

#### **Quotes for media**

The a2 Milk Company's Managing Director and CEO, David Bortolussi said:

- "The China infant milk formula market has experienced unprecedented change over the past 12 months which has required us to adapt our growth strategy."
- "Our ambition is to rebuild The a2 Milk Company into an exciting, innovative and sustainable growth company."
- "We have reviewed our brand positioning to ensure continued distinctiveness and to capture the full potential of our China label and English label products in key channels."
- "Our brand health metrics are strong in all our markets, and we will be investing more behind the brand to increase awareness, engage with our consumers, and drive growth."
- "We are focused on realising the full potential of our core China infant milk formula business and despite current market headwinds we have a significant opportunity to grow share in the market."
- "We will innovate and expand our infant milk formula product portfolio to appeal to a broader set of consumers and to maximise our distribution potential."
- "Outside our core business, we are considering opportunities for adjacent category growth in China, ANZ and the USA as well as assessing opportunities in new emerging markets."
- "Sustainability is a fundamental priority for our business. Today we have upgraded our targets to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions to net zero for Scope 1 and 2 by 2030 and net zero for Scope 3 by 2040. We have

- also expanded our sustainable packaging targets to all our markets while reiterating our commitments to supporting thriving farms, enriching communities and responsible sourcing and distribution."
- "We have a great leadership team, passionate people and a pioneering culture to drive our execution to capture the significant growth opportunities we have going forward."

#### Authorised for release by the Board of Directors

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## **Glossary of terms**

Acronym	Meaning
a2MC	The a2 Milk Company Limited
ANZ	Australia and New Zealand
ATL	Above the line marketing
ASP	Average selling price
AUD	Australian Dollar
AUS	Australia
B2C	Business to consumer
BCD	Lower tier cities in China
BHT	Brand Health Tracker
BTL	Below the line marketing
BU	Business unit
C2C	Consumer to consumer
CAHG	China Animal Husbandry Industry Co., Ltd.
CBEC	Cross-border e-commerce
CL	China label
CNADC	China National Agriculture Development Group Corp.
COGS	Cost of goods sold
CRM	Customer relationship management
CSFA	China State Farm Holdings Shanghai Co., Ltd.
DC	Distribution centre
DOL	Domestic online channel
DT	Distributor
EBITDA	Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation
EC	E-commerce
EECA	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority
EL	English label
ERP	Enterprise resource planning

Acronym	Meaning
ESL	Extended shelf life
FX	Foreign exchange
FY	Financial year
GB	"Guo Biao", national standards of China
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GIDI	Government Investment in Decarbonising Industry
GM	Gross margin
HCM	Human Capital Management
HK	Hong Kong
HPEB	High Pressure Electrode Boiler
IMF	Infant milk formula
IT	Information Technology
KA	Key accounts
Key&A	Upper tier cities in China
KG	Kilogram
LFL	Like-for-like
LKA	Local key accounts
MAT	Moving annual total
MBS	Mother & baby stores
MNC	Multinational corporation
MT	Modern trade
MVM	Mataura Valley Milk Company
M/S	Mainstream
ND	Numeric distribution
NKA	National key accounts
NPD	New product development
NPS	Net Promoter Score

Acronym	Meaning
NZD	New Zealand Dollar
NZX	New Zealand Exchange
020	Offline to online
Р	Premium
POSM	Point of sales marketing
Q&A	Questions and answers
RKA	Regional key accounts
RMB	Official currency of China
ROI	Return on investment
RRP	Recommended retail price
RTM	Route-to-market
S1	Stage 1 infant milk formula
S2	Stage 2 infant milk formula
S3	Stage 3 infant milk formula
S4	Stage 4 infant milk formula
S&OP	Sales and operations planning
SAMR	State Administration for Market Regulation
SG	Smeaton Grange
SG&A	Selling, general and administrative expenses
SP	Super premium
TP	Taobao Partner
TRIFR	Total recordable injury frequency rate
UHT	Ultra-high-temperature treated milk
UP	Ultra premium
USD	United States Dollar
WD	Weighted Distribution
YoY	Year on Year

## **Objectives for today**

- 1 Introduce The a2 Milk Company Executive Leadership Team
- Provide greater understanding of our business
- 3 Share latest insights on our key markets, categories and channels
- Outline our ambition and revised growth strategy
- 5 Provide an opportunity for Q&A



## **Executive leadership team introduction**

## **Business leadership**



**David Bortolussi**Managing Director
and CEO



Bernard May
Chief Executive –
Mataura Valley Milk



**Kevin Bush**Executive General
Manager – ANZ



Yohan Senaratne
Executive General
Manager –
International



Xiao Li Chief Executive – Greater China



Blake Waltrip Chief Executive – USA

## **Functional leadership**



Amanda Hart
Chief People &
Culture Officer



Jaron McVicar
Chief Legal and
Sustainability Officer
& Company Secretary



Shareef Khan
Chief Operations
Officer



Race Strauss Chief Financial Officer



Eleanor Khor Chief Strategy Officer



Janelle Tong
Chief Marketing
Officer (Interim)

## **AGENDA**

	09.00	Welcome		10.00	China IMF market		11.25	ANZ
	09.05	Strategic overview		10.10	China label		11.35	USA
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	09.55	People & Culture		11.10	Break	•	12.00	Finance & IT
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12.10 **Q&A** 

13.00 Closing

## The a2 Milk Company overview



We enrich lives by harnessing the nutritional wonders of nature – through the naturally occurring  $a2 \ Milk^{TM}$  difference



Portfolio of *a2 Milk*<sup>TM</sup> based products including fresh milk, UHT, ESL, IMF, milk powder and other nutritional products



Sales primarily in New Zealand, Australia, Greater China and North America



World class manufacturing facilities and international strategic partners in China and New Zealand



Over 400 talented team members around the globe

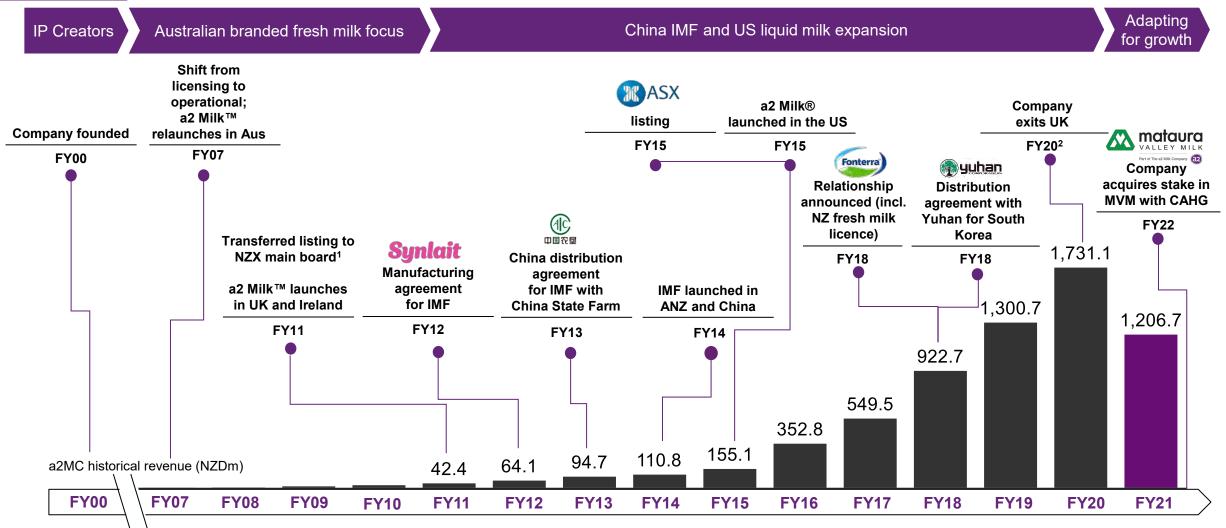


Revenue of NZD\$1.2 billion in FY21





## a2MC has had an extraordinary journey which was disrupted in FY21



Listed on the NZX alternative market (NZAX) in 2004 and transferred listing to NZX main board in 2012; <sup>2</sup> Revenue from continuing operations only

<sup>8</sup> Source: a2MC internal data

## We have taken action to address the disruption

#### **Issues disrupting a2MC in FY21**

Cross-border trade was disrupted by COVID-19, creating substantial demand/supply volatility, which caused excess inventory, exacerbating the issue



As a result of this disruption, a2MC experienced a significant decline in its English label IMF sales through both daigou/reseller and e-commerce channels

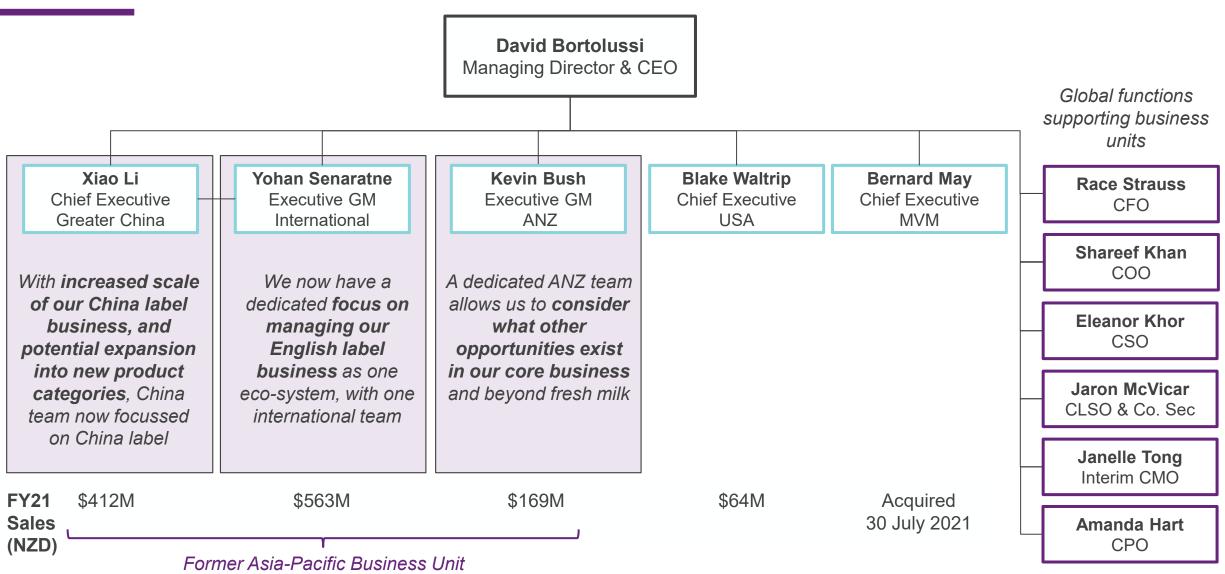


At the same time, **China infant nutrition market growth reduced significantly** from globally high rates to be flat in value terms and to decline in volume terms, a trend that became clear following China's release of 2020 birth numbers on 11 May 2021 which showed a reduction in the birth rate

#### Key actions we have taken

- Recognised stock write-downs and deliberately slowed down sales in 4Q21, together with other planned initiatives, to reduce inventory levels and rebalance English label IMF pricing across channels
- Swapped older distributor inventory with more recent stock to improve on-shelf product freshness
- **Increased brand investment** with a significant campaign in 4Q21 to drive consumer demand
- Bolstered leadership team with new internal and external talent
- Reorganised our Asia-Pacific division for enhanced focus on our key business opportunities
- Refreshed our growth strategy to realise the full potential of our business

## We have reorganised to enhance focus on our key business opportunities



Note: Segment reporting based on geographic results where International sales are recorded in both the China and ANZ reporting segments Source: a2MC internal data

## We have undertaken a holistic review of our growth opportunities

Market

Brand

Continuing the journey to focus on our China market opportunity in particular

**Reviewing our brand positioning** to create continued distinctiveness amongst an evolving consumer base and new entrants in the category

Assessing our route-to-market for English label IMF and capturing the full potential of our China label IMF distribution in key channels

Re-imagining our infant formula product portfolio in English label and China label to appeal to a broader set of consumers and maximise distribution potential

Outside our core, we are also considering opportunities for **adjacent category growth** in China, ANZ and USA as well as assessing opportunities in new emerging markets

**Product** 

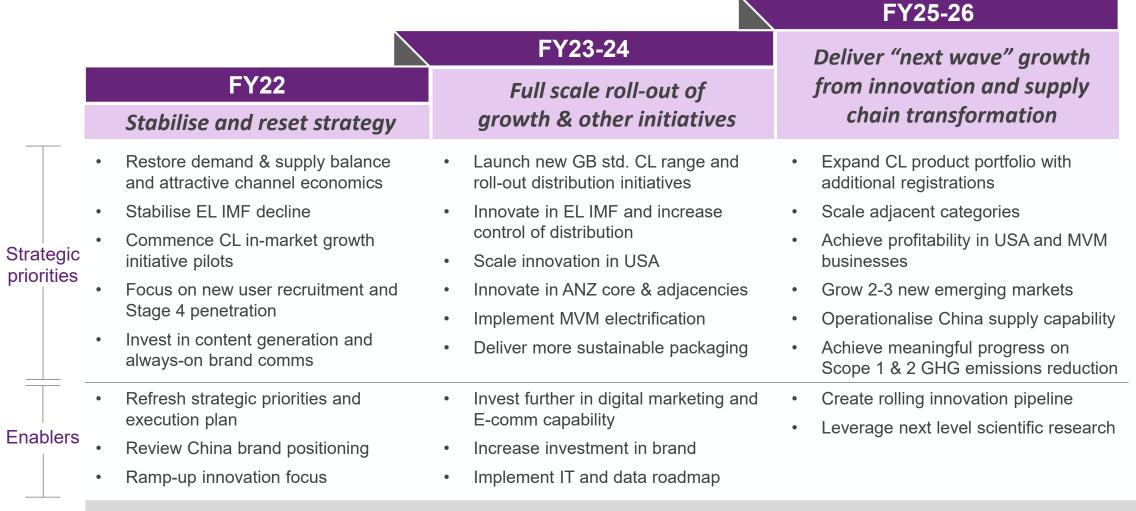
Channel

Adjacencies

## We have adapted our a2MC growth strategy

Purpose	To enrich lives by harnessing the nutritional wonders of nature										
Ambition	Rebuild a2MC into an exciting, innovative and sustainable growth company										
Goals		Create the safest and most diverse, nclusive and engaging place for our planet and cows, re-				Bring the unique benefits of pure and natural a2 Milk™ to as many			Shareholders Create long-term, enduring value for shareholders and a trusted, transparent relationship		
Strategic priorities	<ul> <li>planet leadership</li> <li>Invest in our people to enable them to thrive</li> <li>Take direct action to lead the industry in GHG emissions reduction and farming practices</li> </ul>		China IMF  ain more control over L and EL distribution and get closer to our consumer  consumer		IMF production Enter adjaction categories	on su  our CL and EL  duct portfolios  jacent product es in relevant  to drive growth		<ul> <li>Transform our supply chain</li> <li>Expand CL register market access</li> <li>Utilise MVM capak</li> <li>Develop China sup capability over time</li> </ul>	pility	5	<ul> <li>Accelerate path to profitability</li> <li>Take action to realise potential in USA</li> <li>Expedite insourcing and 3<sup>rd</sup> party volume to significantly increase MVM utilisation</li> </ul>
Enablers	Brand strength		Science & inno	vation Strategi		egic relationships		Ca	ap	pability development	
Values	Bold Passion Pioneering spirit			Humility			Respect			Integrity	

## Our strategy is designed to drive growth across multiple horizons



Explore opportunities to accelerate strategy execution through M&A, JV and alliances

## We are focused on five key non-financial measures of success over time

#### **People**

1

Safety TRIFR <10 with continuous improvement

Engagement >80%

Diversity and inclusion rated >4 out of 5 by team

#### Sustainability

2

GHG emissions reduction

- Scope 1+2 net zero by 2030
- Scope 3 net zero by 2040

100% completion of Farm Environmental Plans and Certified Animal Welfare Programs

100% reusable, recyclable or compostable packaging with 50% average recycled content

#### **Brand health**

3

China unprompted awareness >25%

Australian fresh milk loyalty >40%

USA household penetration >10% in premium milk

#### **Market share**



Top-5 CL IMF player with share >5%

Leading EL IMF range with share >25%

Australian fresh milk share >15%

USA premium milk share >5%

Incremental \$100m revenue from existing and new emerging markets

#### **Innovation**



Access to ≥3 CL registrations

Expanded EL IMF portfolio

Incremental \$200m in revenue from dairy and other nutritionals to China

>25% of sales from new products in Australia and USA

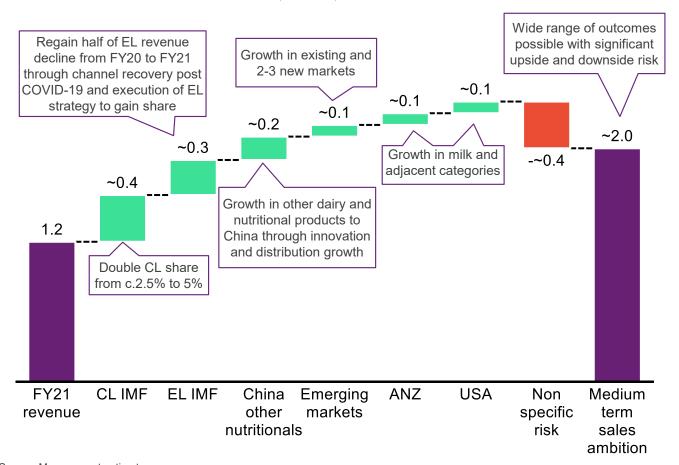
## Defining a specific timeline to achieve our financial goals is challenging

- The pace and degree of change in the China IMF market over the past 12 months is truly unprecedented including from the prolonged COVID-19 impact and the reduction in the number of Chinese newborns
- There are key macro uncertainties impacting the future outlook, including:
  - How the China birth rate will evolve and the impact policy changes may have on this
  - The extent and pace of recovery in cross-border trade post COVID-19
  - How the competitive landscape will evolve in China including the outcome of the new GB registration process
  - The extent and pace of change in consumer product and channel preferences
  - How the China regulatory framework and international relations may evolve and impact trade
- Because of these uncertainties and the range of potential outcomes, it is very difficult to define future state targets and when they will be achieved the path is also unlikely to be linear
- However, we remain confident that with our unique brand proposition, coupled with our team's ability to execute,
   we are well placed to rebuild a2MC into an exciting, innovative and sustainable growth company

## Notwithstanding, we have an ambition to grow sales to over NZD\$2 billion

#### **Medium-term indicative sales ambition (≥ 5 years)**

#### a2MC future state revenue ambition (B, NZD)



#### **EBITDA** margin dynamics

#### Indicative range

- IMF sales, particularly EL, key driver of upside/downside risk
- Target margins probably in the "teens" in the medium term due to expected market conditions, investment and innovation
- Target margins possibly in the "low-to-mid 20s" in the medium-to-long term subject to higher than expected market recovery, EL channel growth and share gains

#### Key accretion drivers

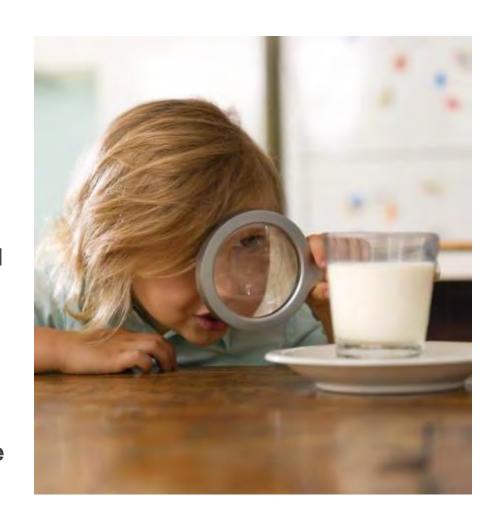
- Operational leverage impact of share growth, cross-border trade recovery and/or increase in China birth rate
- Mix impact on delivered margin (EL > CL > ANZ > USA)
- Mitigation of USA losses and path to profitability
- Nutritionals insourcing margin capture by MVM
- Pricing, promotional activity, trading terms and FX

#### Key dilution pressures

- Operational de-leverage impact of China IMF market headwinds and regulatory risks
- Mix impact on delivered margin (EL > CL > ANZ > USA)
- Increasing brand reinvestment rate and margin pressure in China as competition intensifies
- Innovation, reformulation and FX impact on margin
- Supply chain transformation period
- Investment in capability and sustainability

## **Key messages for today**

- The market landscape has experienced **unprecedented change over the past 12 months**, requiring us to adapt
- As a result, we have adapted our growth strategy to achieve the full potential of our business
- Importantly, our **brand is strong**, we have a relatively small share in China IMF and **significant opportunity** to capture
- We have **reorganised to prioritise** our most important growth levers and have a clear plan to execute
- We have a great leadership team and pioneering culture to lead the execution





## How it began...

- The a2 Milk Company was founded in New Zealand by two passionate pioneers scientist Dr Corrie McLachlan and his business partner, Howard Paterson who recognised that not all milk is the same
- Early scientific research revealed that there was a **difference between beta casein proteins in cows' milk** with predominantly two types A1 and A2 and McLachlan discovered there was a safe and simple way to identify cows that produced milk that was naturally A1-protein free. **From there The a2 Milk Company was born**
- Since then we have worked alongside scientists from around the world to pioneer the scientific understanding of the unique benefits of A1-protein free milk and bring true benefits to our consumers
- To this day our purpose remains the same, to enrich lives by harnessing the nutritional wonders of nature through the naturally occurring a2 Milk™ difference





Our founders' sense of purpose continues to exist today

Howard Paterson's contribution to the company was not merely that he....persuaded many of us to invest in the A2 story. **Equally important were Howard's boundless enthusiasm and his unshaking belief that A2 Corporation Limited...was also a company that was destined to do good for human health globally** 

Annual Report 2003

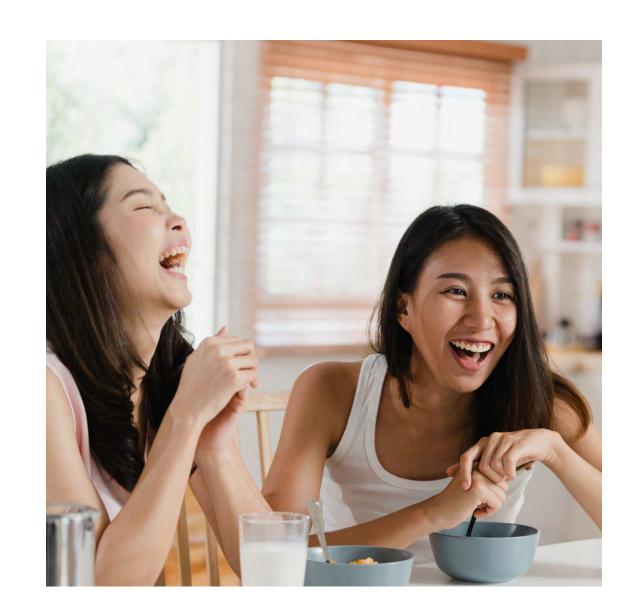
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## **Our brand proposition**

Our a2 Milk™ comes from cows specially selected to naturally produce milk with only the A2 beta-casein protein type.

Many people say they can feel the difference





## Our proposition has enabled us to build a leading position in market

Pioneer, innovator and leader in understanding the unique benefits of a2 Milk™ (single-minded focus)

Premium and high quality product and brand experience

Pure and natural dairy with superior taste and country provenance

Aspirational and progressive values and lifestyle positioning



## We have maintained this leadership despite multiple challengers



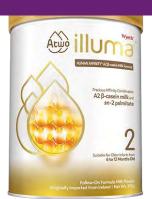




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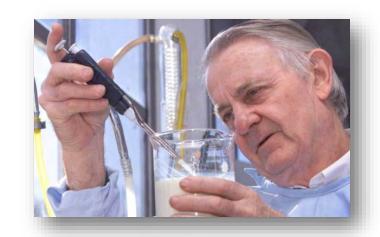


...is dedicated exclusively to the A2-protein difference





## Our brand foundations have been built on three main areas









Underpinned by developing science



Advocated by others



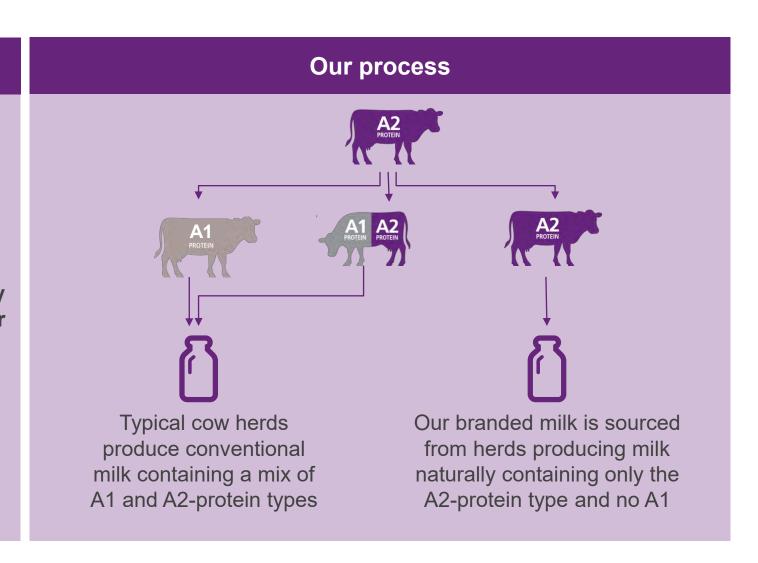
Celebrated by us

## The a2 Milk™ difference goes beyond the selection of a cow

#### The a2 Milk™ difference

The difference starts with selecting the right cow...

...but it doesn't stop there;
The a2 Milk Company also
applies expertise, proprietary
know-how and care to deliver
consistently high quality
across all our products



## We continue to invest in further understanding the a2 Milk™ difference



#### 1980's

Prof. Robert (Bob) Elliott begins research into differing health effects of milk protein types



#### 1990's

Dr Corrie McLachlan joins Prof. Elliott in furthering the understanding of different beta casein protein types



#### 2000's

a2 Milk™ brand is launched and later enters China and the USA



#### 2006-2013

Consumer experiences begin to inform further research hypotheses



#### 2016

Human clinical trial in China reports post-dairy digestive discomfort was reduced in milk intolerant adults when drinking A1protein free milk (compared to conventional milk)



Human clinical trial conducted amongst 5-6 year old Chinese children showing consistent results to adult studies. Commenced study with Deakin University to examine potential benefits of a2 Milk™ on gut-brain axis in women



#### **Future** research

Investing into further clinical research and patent development



Early work identifying different beta casein protein types exist (A1 and A2-protein)



Lab studies focus on better understanding how A1 and A2-protein types break down during digestion



A series of animal studies report digestive benefits of A1-protein free milk to gut function



Mechanistic work on cell culture identified A1 protein derived BCM-7 interaction with human cells identifying the potential mechanism



Larger scale human clinical research is published in China (600 adults) which showed a reduction in acute GI symptoms after consuming A1-protein free milk



Infant milk formula clinical trial in China initiated to better understand the benefit of a2 Platinum® on infant digestion and comfort













## Our products create a positive wave of advocacy

"This Milk is great!!! If you like milk but can't drink regular milk....you really need to try this...."

Noelle (USA)



"Completely changed my stomach problems, since using a2 Milk™ never been better"

Wendy (Australia)



"a2™ makes my tummy happier than regular milk!!"

Michelle (USA)

"I considered myself lactose intolerant for a long time, but I felt well after drinking a2 Milk™ by accident. Now I've decided to purchase it regularly, and it turns out that I'm not intolerant to lactose but to A1 BCM-7 instead"

YiyiTiara (China)

## Our brand naturally sits at the heart of macro consumer trends



# NATURAL & WHOLEFOOD REVOLUTION

"real" wholefood
goodness, minimally
processed, "clean" label
and transparency



## PROACTIVE WELLNESS

Consumers are proactively addressing their health in a holistic and personalised way with tailored products that meet physical needs



## RISE OF PROTEIN POWER

Protein is consumers' short-cut super-hero, shifting beyond quantity and into quality and optimal protein types



#### AWARENESS OF GUT-HEALTH IMPORTANCE

Increased awareness of gut-immune health has triggered demand for "digestion" solutions to protect consumer health and wellness



## PURPOSE-DRIVEN BRANDS

Consumers now look beyond "what" a brand does to "why" it exists, with an expectation that brands will stand for something "more" than functional benefits

## We deeply understand our consumers and their needs

Implemented
robust and
comprehensive brand
health tracking
across China, USA
and Australia

Undertaken
consumer usage &
attitude studies and
other insight
innovation

Invested in Consumer Segmentation

Introduced
comprehensive and
detailed portfolio
tracker of broader
dairy categories in
China

Invested in
data analytics to
track consumer and
market trends, NPD
and competitor
actions

Enhanced our analytical ability to isolate and measure communication effectiveness and test & learn initiatives in China

# We have consistently invested in and celebrated our brand in positive and uplifting ways in advertising













## We will continue to go beyond "A2" to drive a more purposeful brand



Sustainability from farm to consumer



Processing innovation to eliminate waste



Smarter recyclable packaging



Playing a bigger role in our community

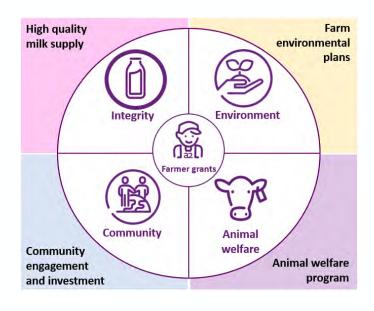


# Our sustainability program has evolved significantly including updated commitments to achieve net zero by 2030 for Scope 1 & 2 and by 2040 for Scope 3

Our purpose	To enrich lives by harnessing the nutritional wonders of nature										
		OUR PEOPLE, cons to be healthy and		Protecting nature and THE PLANET for future generations utilising The a2 Impact Fund™							
Our focus	Passionate Quality people nutrition		Enriching communities	Thriving farms	Climate impact & natural resources	Sustainable packaging	Responsible sourcing & distribution				
Our targets & commitments	Safety TRIFR < 10 Engagement > 80% A minimum of 40% women and 40% men in leadership positions Sustainability Champions at all worksites	Highest quality products with the A2-protein difference from the A2-protein pioneers Relentless focus on product quality & safety	Enriching community wellbeing	Farm environmental plans for 100% of farms by 2023 Certified animal welfare program for 100% of farms by 2023	Scope 1 & 2 net zero 2030; Scope 3 2040 Reviewing water, waste and biodiversity measures	Aligned to APCO targets for products sold in all markets	Committed to the principles of Modern Slavery Act Responsible sourcing				
Our programs	Safety and wellbeing Human Synergistics Culture Amp Employee & sustainability committee	Scientific research  Innovation and new product development stage and gate  Quality systems	Community engagement and investment through key partnerships across our markets	Farm environmental plans  Animal welfare  On-farm pilot / research	GHG emissions reduction  Water, waste and biodiversity  Climate risk and opportunities	Sustainable packaging roadmap and action plan	Responsible sourcing & distribution roadmap and action plan				
	All underpinned by the highest standards of governance and doing business the right way										

## We are supporting the role our farmers play in our supply chain







# Farm environmental plans

#### Plans developed to:

- Lower GHG emissions
- Manage water quality and efficiency
- Manage soil quality
- Boost on-farm biodiversity
- Improve nutrient (effluent) management

#### **Target**

100% of farms supplying raw A1-protein free milk to have a farm environmental plan in place by the end of 2023



# Animal welfare program

#### Program designed to:

- Meet globally recognised standards set by the World Organisation for Animal Health and uphold the Five Freedoms framework for animal welfare
- Our approach is to drive improvement, reduce risk and ensure farmers are welfare centric – this is achieved through the combination of increased audits, wider audit scope, milk monitoring, on-farm technology and training

#### **Target**

100% of farms to be certified under an upgraded program by the end of 2023

## We are investing to significantly reduce our GHG emissions



- New Zealand's first High Pressure Electrode Boiler (HPEB) will replace all current coal-fired heat duties on the MVM site by October 2023
- HPEB is a clean and 100% renewable energy alternative which will reduce MVM's processing emissions to almost zero
- Co-funding from the New Zealand Government Investment in Decarbonising Industry (GIDI) Fund, which is administered by EECA (the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority)
- Project total capital expenditure:
   NZD16.3 million



# Boiler conversion to biomass

- Boiler 2 at Dunsandel will be converted from coal-fired to biomass
- Wood pellets are a more sustainable fuel than coal and will significantly reduce carbon emissions at the Dunsandel site
- Co-funding from the New Zealand GIDI Fund
- a2MC contribution of NZD1.2 million















# We are committed to making a meaningful change in our packaging



# Progress in sustainable packaging

- Continue to investigate and look towards innovative packaging design for sustainable solutions
- Operationalise sustainable packaging initiatives within our supply chain
- Target setting for products sold outside of Australia





Reusable, recyclable, or compostable packaging



Plastic packaging being recycled or composted



Average recycled content, included in packaging<sup>1</sup> (revised from 30% in 2020)



Phase out of the problematic and unnecessary single-use plastics packaging



# We support the communities in which we operate



#### **FOODBANK**

- Supported Foodbank since 2015
- FY21 became a Foodbank National Donor Partner
- FY22 sponsorship of their School Breakfast Program

240,219kgs of product donations to people in need in FY21 equivalent to 432.830 meals





#### **CURE KIDS**

Supported Cure Kids over the past two years to research digestive health for children, with a special focus on coeliac disease and irritable bowel disease

> \$200k donated to Cure Kids towards research



#### **FEED THE CHILDREN**

 Supported Feed the Children to give struggling families the supplies they need to send their kids back to school with confidence

10% of every carton of a2 Milk® purchased, up to \$100k. was donated to Feed the Children





## MORE GOOD FOR **RURAL SCHOOLS**

 Partnered with rural schools in China and Guangming Daily to support school children with nutrition stations to help drive better educational outcomes

Product donations and customised health care plans for families and their children

Providing disaster relief support in our communities including:

NZD1M donation to assist in the development of a COVID-19 vaccine and AUD350K donation to support the Bushfire Relief



## Our team is powered by its purpose

## **OUR PURPOSE**

# We enrich lives by harnessing the nutritional wonders of nature

## **OUR VALUES**



# **Bold passion**Driven to realise our

amazing potential as a

Company and

individuals



## **Pioneering spirit**

Unconventional open-minded thinking that re-imagines the possibility, outcome driven



#### **Humility**

We're never done growing and discovering and we have a willingness to continually iterate and learn



### Respect

Seek to understand difference in all its forms



### Integrity

Do the right thing for our consumers, partners, people... and our cows





# We have held onto this, whilst scaling for growth

# We have more than doubled our relatively small team over the past five years

#### Total employee headcount



# We have retained existing teams whilst introducing new talent



"I'm passionate about working for The a2 Milk Company because I really am making a difference. We not only change the lives of our consumers but we also change the lives of our farmers, adding value back into dairy."

Russel Ebel, National Field Sales Manager – Australia (15 years)



"The a2 Milk Company is a place where I can be an integral part of building an innovative and game changing brand."

Carly Hofstedt, Senior Manager, Innovation – US (4 years)



"I am most impressed by the passionate, driven and motivated people who have come together to deliver on our shared a2 vision." John Zhang, Head of Legal and Compliance – China (2 years)

# Our strategy is to attract passionate people, provide opportunities for them to grow and maintain an environment which celebrates diversity and inclusion

## **Our People Strategy**

- Harness the substantial passion people bring to The a2 Milk Company into opportunities for our team to grow with the business to achieve their potential
- Continue to treat each member of our small team as an extension of our own families, maintaining the highest health and safety standards so that everyone goes home each night safe and well
- Build on the natural energy that comes with working at The a2 Milk
   Company and promote an environment that allows people to thrive personally and professionally
- Leverage the unique attributes of working at a big "small" company, including through accelerated learning, development and leadership opportunities
- Celebrate diversity in all its forms, create an environment of inclusion and in doing so, continue to attract and retain the highest quality talent





# CHINA IMF MARKET

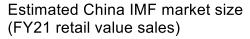
**Eleanor Khor (Chief Strategy Officer)** 

# **Summary of key messages**

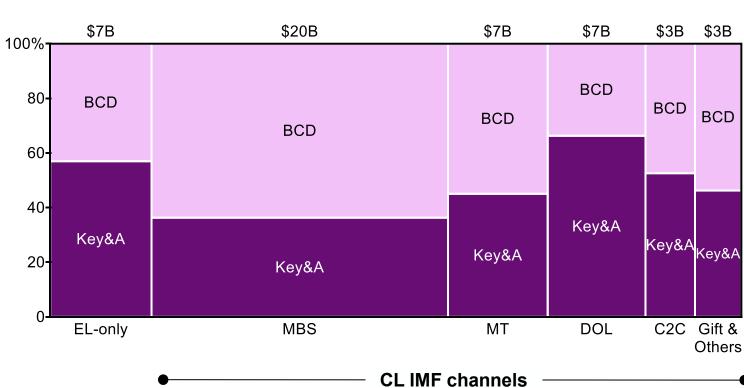
- While the China IMF market remains the largest and most attractive in the world, FY21 marked an inflection point where volume growth started to decline
- With declining volumes, retail pricing is also now under pressure, as premiumisation through price band trade-up is not enough to offset ASP decline
- Making conditions even more challenging is the fact that consumers are no longer actively prioritising international brands. Instead, consumers are looking for brands that resonate, and local competitors are more effectively connecting with consumers in their home market than MNCs
- This is potentially unsurprising given the speed at which the consumer landscape is evolving. Generations are getting "shorter" and the market is now made up of mostly post-90s mums with very different attitudes and behaviours
- Regulatory environment remains a watching brief and anticipated to change more rapidly

# The China IMF market is the largest and most attractive in the world

## **Estimated China IMF market retail value sales (FY21)**







## Commentary

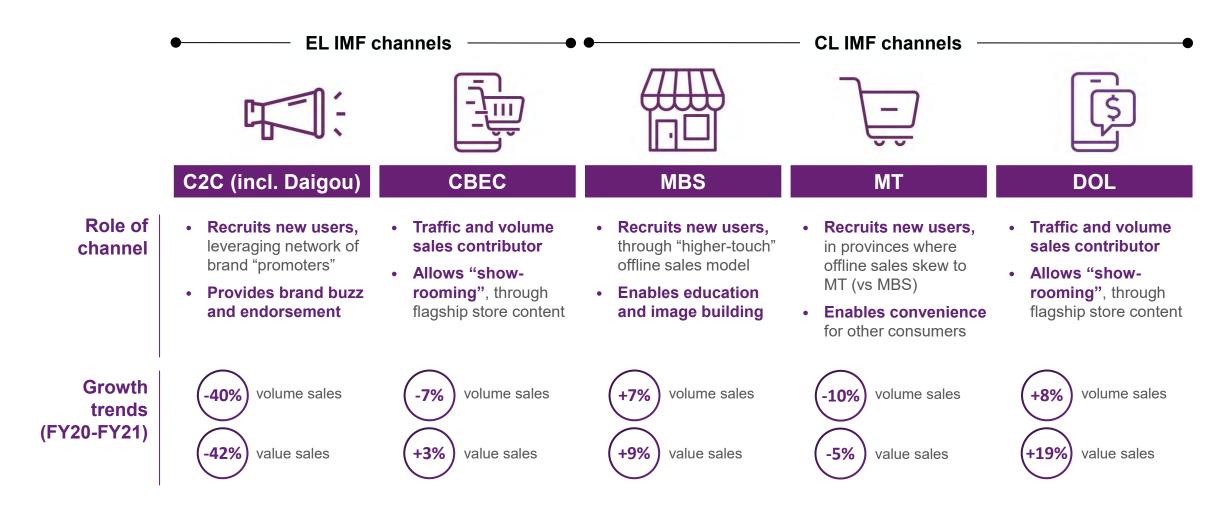
#### China is the biggest, most premium IMF market in the world

- China has a huge population with a strong desire for high quality, premium nutrition for their children
- In addition, Chinese children tend to use IMF for longer, staying on Stage 3 for ~20 months.
   In contrast, while Europeans have relatively high retail price points, children quickly switch from IMF to other foods

### The competitive landscape in China is fragmented, creating opportunity for brands that resonate with consumers

- China is a uniquely fragmented market with the top 5 brands representing ~45% of the market
- In addition, consumers in China are generally more open to trying new brands, creating a path to growth for brands that can connect with consumers

# IMF channels are experiencing very different growth trends

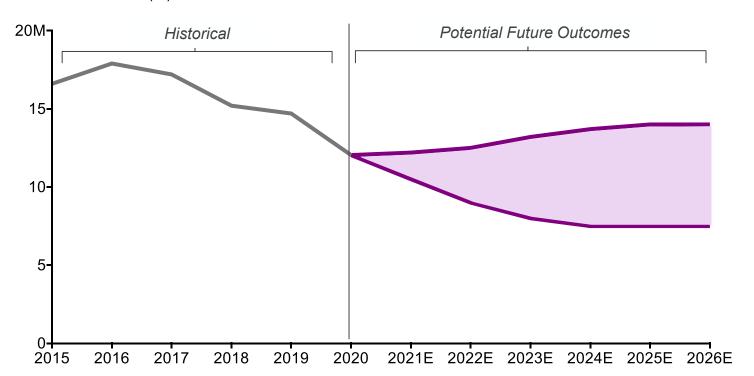


#### Source:

## IMF market volumes impacted by decline in newborns, which should partly recover over time

### Number of newborns in China has declined and future is uncertain





### Commentary

- The number of newborns in China has declined, primarily due to changing socio-demographics
- Further pressure on the birth rate is anticipated in the near term, following COVID-19 impact and earlier advice relating to pregnancy and vaccination, followed by some recovery in the birth rate
- Longer term birth rate may recover following the introduction of the 3<sup>rd</sup> child policy and the potential for further measures to stimulate the birth rate which are likely to have a positive impact

# IMF market will skew to BCD cities, in line with the number of newborns

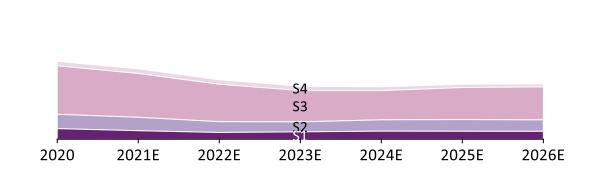
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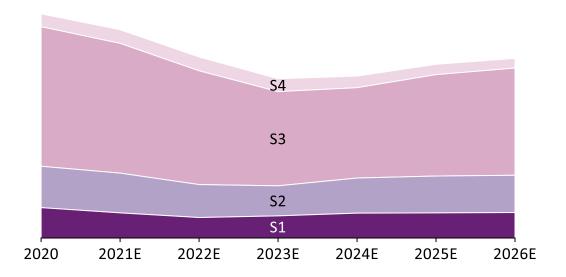
## Key/A city market outlook subdued

Volume by stage/ mn tins (by calendar year)

## BCD city market supported by higher birth rate

Volume by stage/ mn tins (by calendar year)

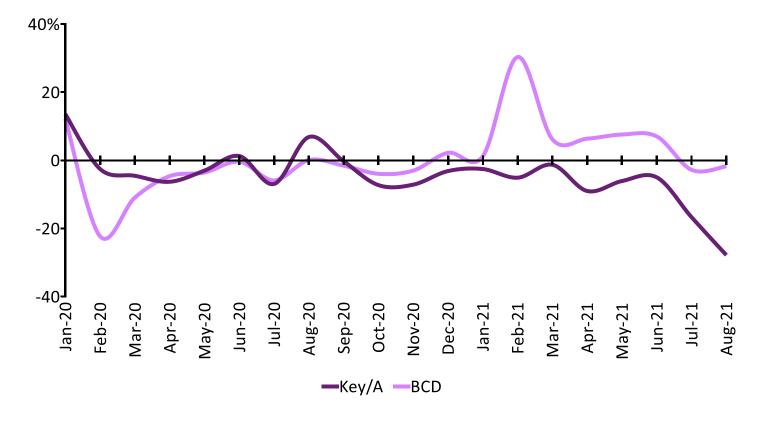




# We are already seeing diverging Stage 1 growth rates in Key/A vs BCD cities

## Key/A and BCD cities MBS monthly Stage 1 value growth vs pcp

#### Monthly Stage 1 value growth vs pcp



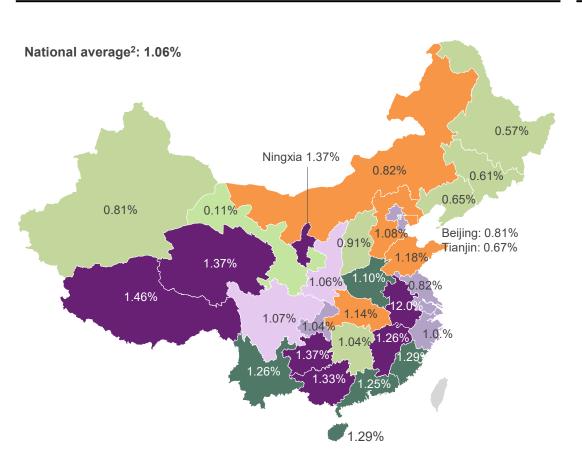
### Commentary

- Key&A cities typically have higher cost of living, with birth rate typically negatively correlated with the costs of raising a child
- In addition, a higher rate of the population in Key&A cities are college-educated, and therefore, more likely to prioritise career and professional development over raising a child
- In contrast, lower tier cities have greater affordability and include a higher mix of rural areas, which are both generally associated with a higher birth rate

## Provincial differences also exist in terms of birth rates across China

## Latest official provincial birth rate (2019)<sup>1</sup>

## **Province archetypes**



# Economy driven

- Birth rate negatively correlated with cost of living; expect increasing gap between developed provinces vs. others
- More births in lower cost provinces: Guizhou, Jiangxi, etc
- Fewer births in higher cost provinces: Beijing, Shanghai, etc

# Social factors driven

- Birth rate driven by social demographic factors; expect existing social factors to remain in force
- More births in provinces biased towards larger family units: Guangdong, Fujian, etc.
- Fewer births in provinces with lower marriage rates,
   younger generation emigration, etc: Liaoning, Xinjiang, etc.

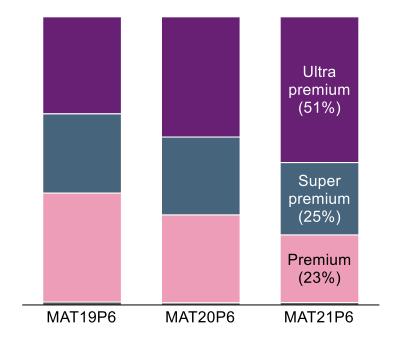
# **Policy** driven

- Historically, significant uplift from 2<sup>nd</sup> child policy including in provinces such as Hebei, Shandong, Hubei, Inner Mongolia
- However, although there was an immediate uplift post implementation of the policy, the trend did not continue in all provinces in subsequent years

# There continues to be a clear trade-up to ultra-premium segments

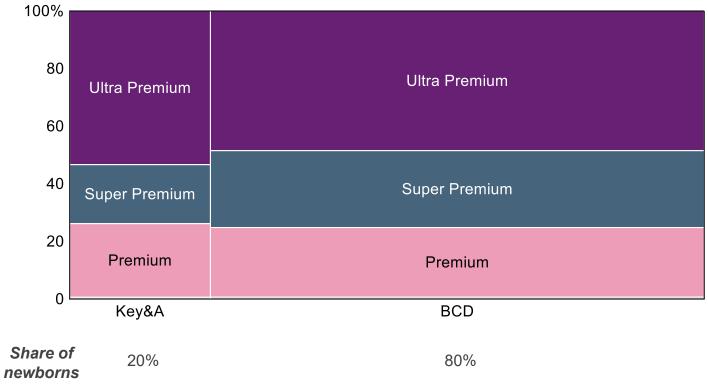
## IMF market by price segment

# China IMF retail value sales by price band (FY21)

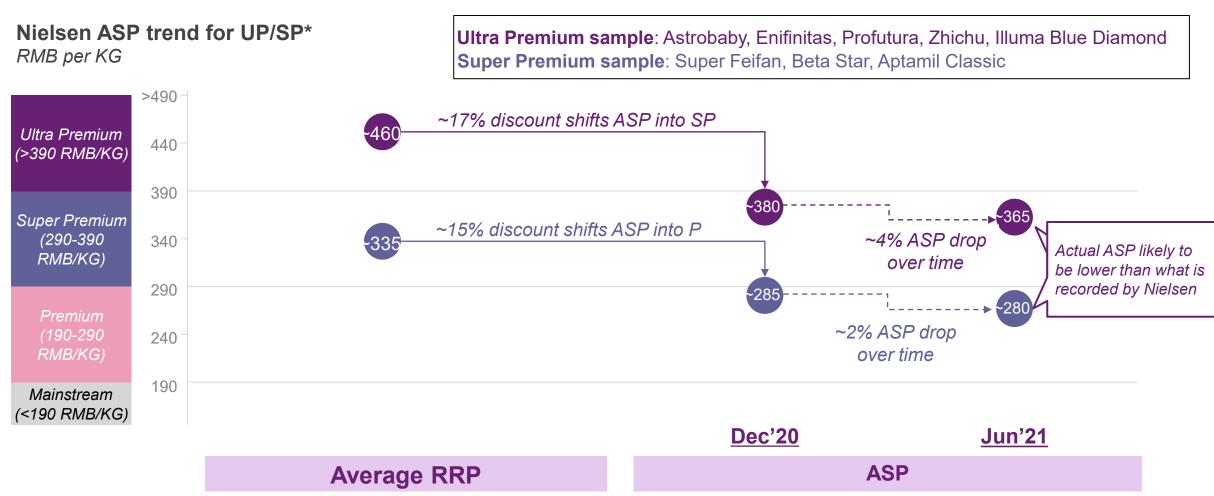


## IMF market by city tier and price band

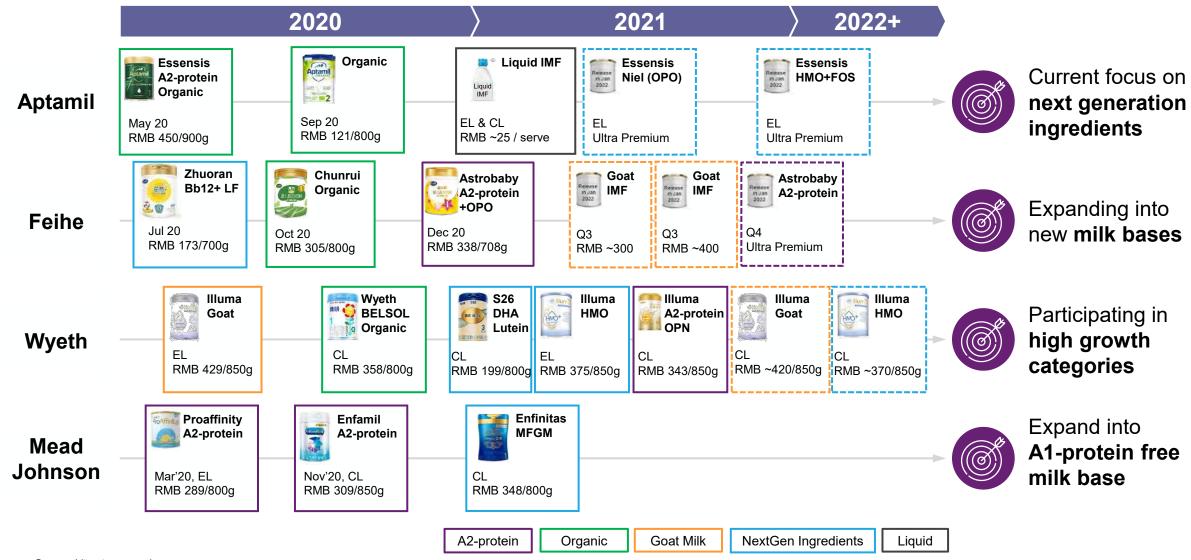
China IMF retail value sales by city tier by price band (FY21)



# However, like-for-like ASP is under pressure



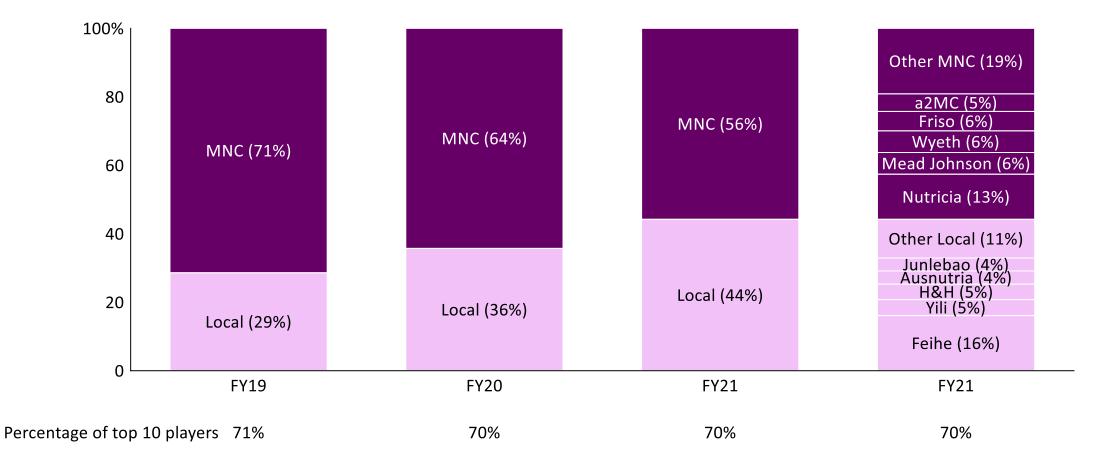
# Focus of competitors' innovation is generally in the ultra-premium segment



MNC Local

# Local brands are taking share from MNCs

China IMF market share (incl. CL and EL)



# However, "local vs MNC" is less important than building a brand that resonates

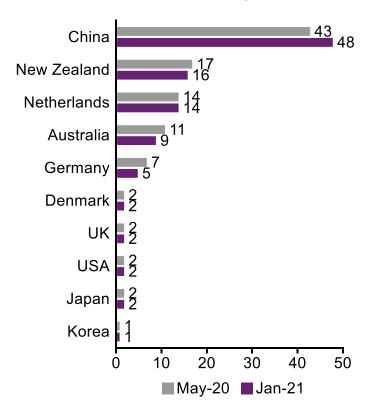
## **Extreme product choice** exists for Chinese parents



- There are an extremely high number of brands for Chinese parents to consider (>400 registered brands)
- However, research suggests consumers ultimately only want to assess 3-5 brands

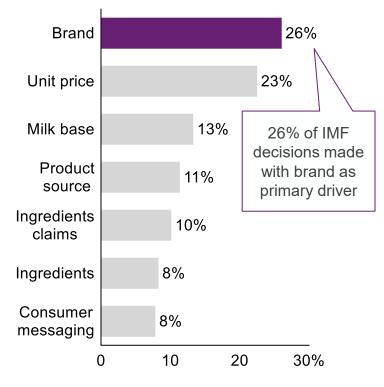
## China now the most trusted IMF country, followed by NZ

#### Most trusted source country for IMF



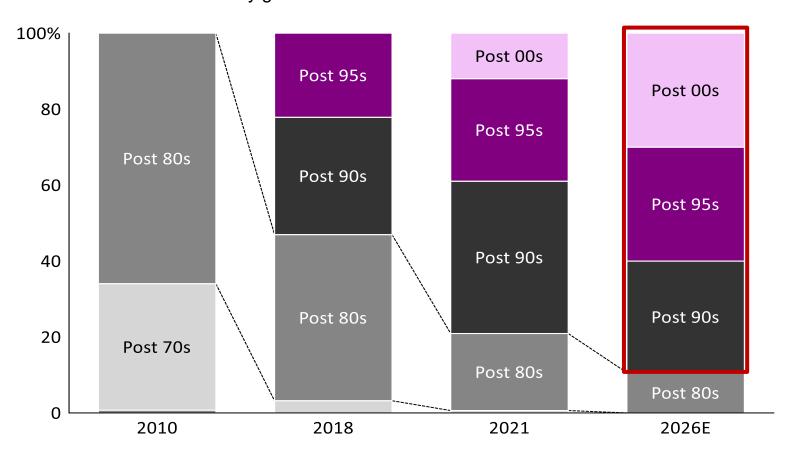
## Ultimately consumers look for "brands" that resonate

#### IMF purchase importance driver



## Brands must seek to connect with a rapidly evolving consumer landscape

#### Mix of new births in China by generation of mother



#### **Comments**

- A unique feature of the IMF category is that consumers "graduate" relatively quickly and new users must constantly be recruited into the brand funnel
- Complicating this further is that brands must communicate with a constantly evolving consumer base, with new "generations" of mothers entering the category
- Each generation of consumer has grown up in a different environment, has different values and obtains information from different sources – brands must adapt to stay relevant across generations of consumers

# Post-90-95s mothers are very different to post-80s mothers



## Post-80s parents

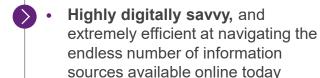


**Post-90s parents** 



**Post-95s parents** 

- 1 Upbringing
- Parents from the 1950s, who tended to be more traditional than future generations
- Books as a major tool in education, using fewer number of sources than what is available today
- Parents from the 1960s, who tended to be more open-minded than earlier generations
- Online boom occurred during later childhood, so although "digitally savvy", can find today's large number of information sources somewhat overwhelming
- Parents from the 1970s, some of whom have benefited from the economic boom



- <sup>2</sup> Social environment
- Focused on achieving success through hard work
- Economic success as a measure of overall success
- · Focused on "experiences" for life enrichment



- Questioning whether economic success is the end goal

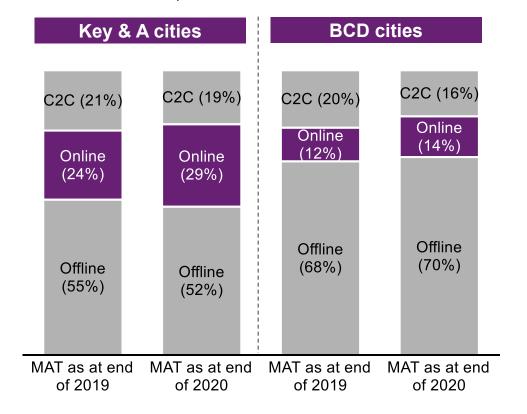
Less defined life goals and ambitions. However, this is also due to post-95s parents currently still <30 years old

- Parenting mindset
- Potential for "tiger-mum" parenting approach, wanting their children to "win" from the beginning
- Perceives pressure to be a "perfect mum", delivering on all dimensions for themselves and their child
- Being younger in absolute age, post-95s parents are more focused on experiencing their children's development

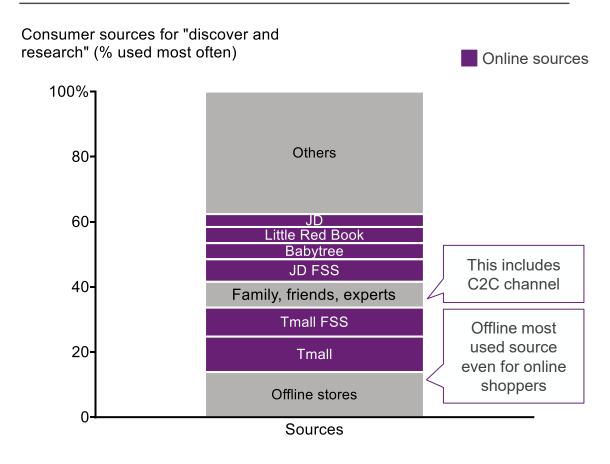
# We are already seeing this evolution in the way current consumers approach IMF

## Online becoming bigger first purchase channel

#### Channel for first time IMF purchase



## Fragmented ecosystem for educating online shoppers



# CHINA LABEL

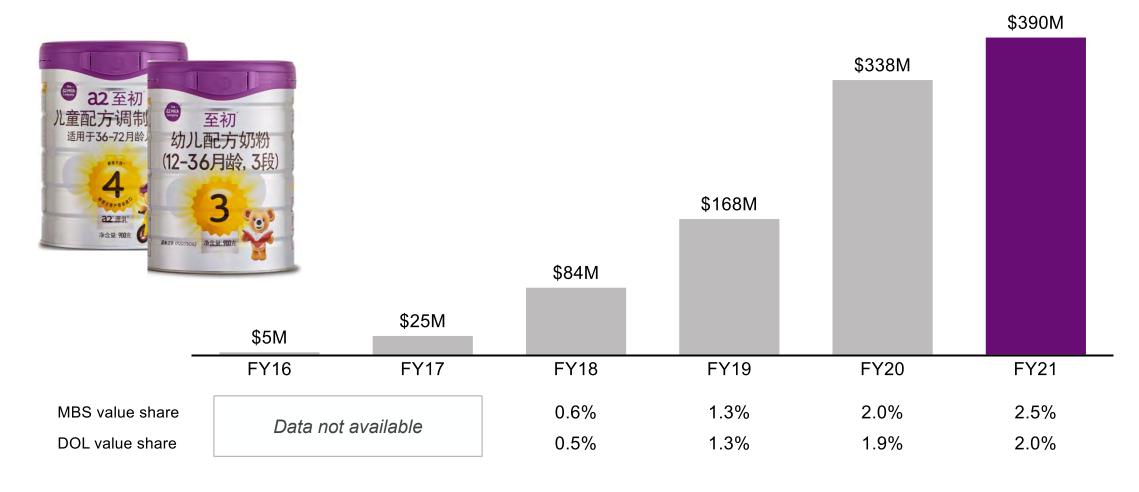
Xiao Li (Chief Executive – Greater China)

# **Summary of key messages**

- We have built a significant business in China over a relatively short period, and have been the exception to the trend of MNC brands losing share to domestic brands
  - There are several key drivers of our growth, with clear runway remaining
    - Footprint expansion has been the biggest driver of our offline growth, with opportunity to expand further
    - Like-for-like growth in mature stores has been relatively flat, making this an increased future focus for us
    - We have had strong performance in Key&A cities and in key accounts, enabled by our in-market investment; however, we under-index in lower tier cities, providing a further growth opportunity
    - We have performed particularly well in select provinces, which provide "proof points" of our potential
    - Good progress in building online capability; however, our DOL share is underweight relative to our MBS share, suggesting more work is required to
      over-index in online
- Underpinning our growth has been the strength of our brand, our differentiated product and the increasing investment we are making to increase consumer awareness and understanding of our unique difference
  - We have invested to refine our understanding of our target consumers, enhanced our brand tracking capability to understand how our proposition resonates, and are continuously improving the effectiveness by which we communicate with our consumers
  - With these key tools in place, we have stepped up our China marketing investment and brand health tracking reveals that we have done so while maintaining market leading brand health measures, which is critical given the importance of "brand" when making IMF purchase decisions
  - Effectiveness of our brand investment and activation is also evident in our strong growth in early-stage products (despite the decline in newborns) and Stage 4, giving us confidence in our ability to recruit and retain users
  - In addition to opportunities to grow within our current portfolio, further opportunity exists with an expanded portfolio. However, this is dependent on our ability to access more CL registrations over time

# a2MC has built a significant business in China in a short period

China label IMF revenue (NZD)

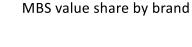


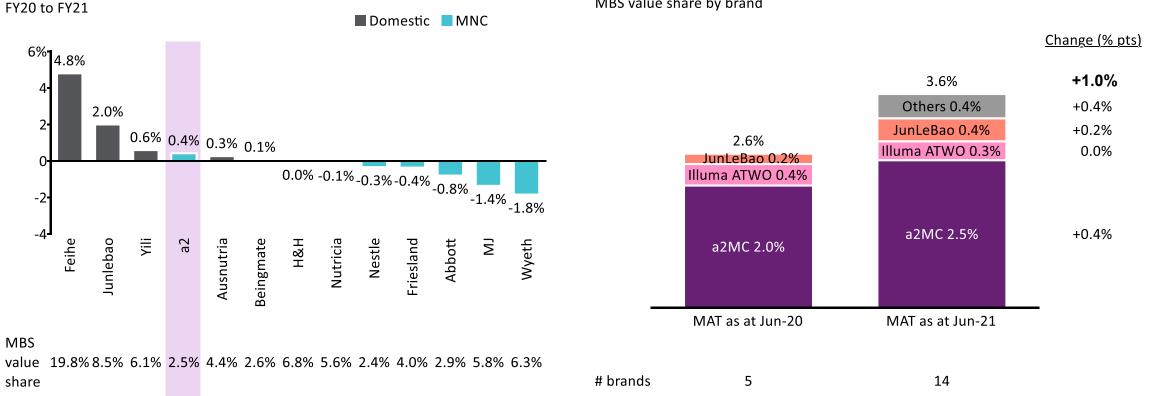
# a2MC has been the exception to the trend of domestic brands winning share from MNCs; new A2-protein IMF competitors are helping to grow the category

## MBS MAT value share change from FY20-FY21

Change in MBS value share from

# **Channel share of A2-protein IMF brands**





## We have continued to expand our store footprint, which has been the primary driver of our growth offline

## a2MC CL IMF offline footprint

## Drivers of a2MC distributor sell-out (i.e. sales to retailers)

-8%

FY21

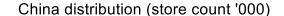
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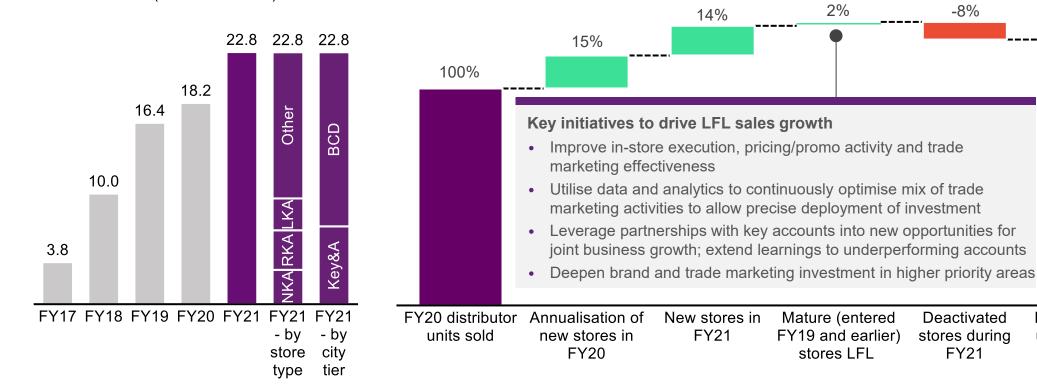
FY21 distributor

units sold (excl.

inventory

change)

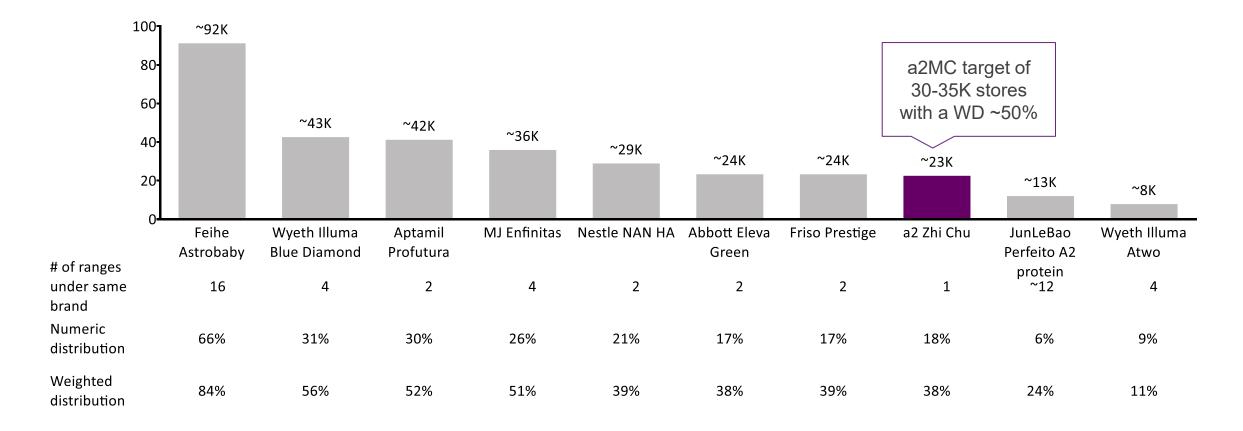




Note: Difference between distributor sales to retailers and a2MC ex-factory sales is inventory held by distributors

# Runway remains to further expand our footprint

## **Estimated number of offline stores for ultra premium brands (FY21)**



Note: Numeric distribution is the percent of stores in China that sell the item; Weighted distribution is the percent of stores in China that sell the item weighted by the sales of the stores

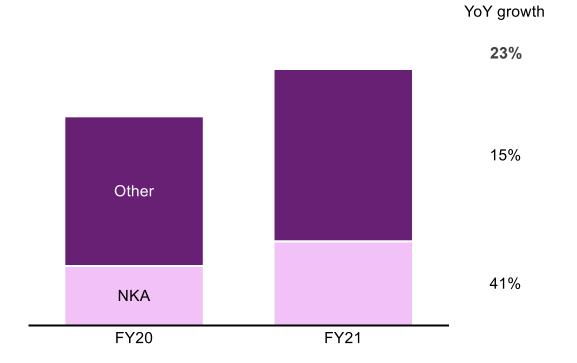
Source: ND% and WD% from Nielsen MBS retail measurement service: mother and baby stores only retail sales (by value) as at end of FY21; estimated number of stores assumes ~140K MBS stores (except for a2MC where actual number of active stores has been shown)

# Performance in national key accounts (NKAs) has been an important growth driver; however, opportunity remains in some chains

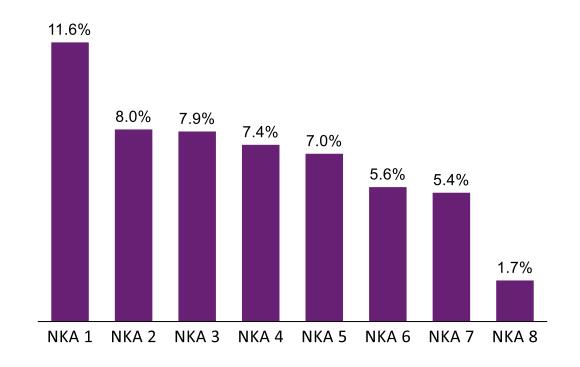
## We have focused our efforts on building share in national key accounts

## However, opportunity remains to grow in some underpenetrated chains





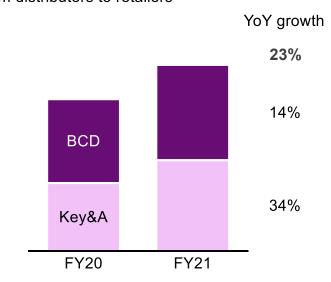
#### a2MC share in NKAs (FY21)



# Strong performance in Key&A cities, however, opportunity remains in BCD cities

## Majority of growth driven by sales in Key&A cities

#### a2MC CL offline IMF volume sales from distributors to retailers

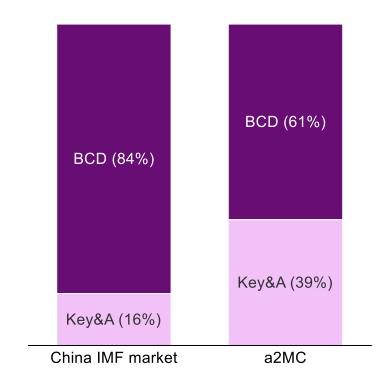


#### Nielsen MBS value share (MAT)

Key&A 4.7% 5.8% BCD 1.5% 1.8%

## However, a2MC is underindexed in BCD cities





## **Key initiatives for BCD growth**

- Further develop our distributor network to enable strong coverage of lower tier cities
- Partner with distributors to continue to expand our CL footprint
- Apply learnings from NKAs to relevant regional key accounts
- Deepen marketing investment in select, higher priority areas for accelerated growth
- Strong channel and inventory management

# a2MC's share position also varies widely by province

MBS ONLY

Value share by province (MAT Jun 2021)		Province 1	Province 2	Province 3	Province 4	Province 5	Province 6	Province 7	Province 8	Province 9	Province 10	Province 11	Province 12	Province 13
Local	Feihe	17%	17%	32%	27%	19%	19%	23%	9%	21%	22%	25%	16%	14%
	Junlebao	5%	5%	7%	13%	7%	11%	10%	8%	9%	5%	14%	13%	8%
	Yili	4%	8%	12%	10%	3%	4%	5%	6%	3%	10%	16%	5%	6%
MNC	Nutricia	10%	10%	7%	3%	5%	4%	5%	6%	3%	4%	3%	4%	5%
	Wyeth	10%	8%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	8%	2%	9%	3%	4%	11%
	Mead Johnson	4%	5%	6%	4%	6%	6%	4%	9%	2%	5%	2%	7%	15%
	<b>a</b>	3.5%	4.3%	4.0%	2.7%	1.9%	1.3%	2.0%	2.8%	1.2%	3.4%	0.6%	2.2%	1.2%

# Key account growth enabled by investment in activation



#### **ROADSHOWS**

- High impact events designed to build brand awareness and engagement
- 877 events run in FY21 across 158 cities



#### **MAMA CLASSES**

- Provide an opportunity for deeper brand education
- Range in size from <20</li> people to "mega" classes with >100 people
- 42.3K events run in FY21



#### **BRAND AMBASSADORS**

- In-store consultants to provide mothers with advice, sales support and connect them with other mothers
- 4.5K a2MC consultants as at the end of FY21



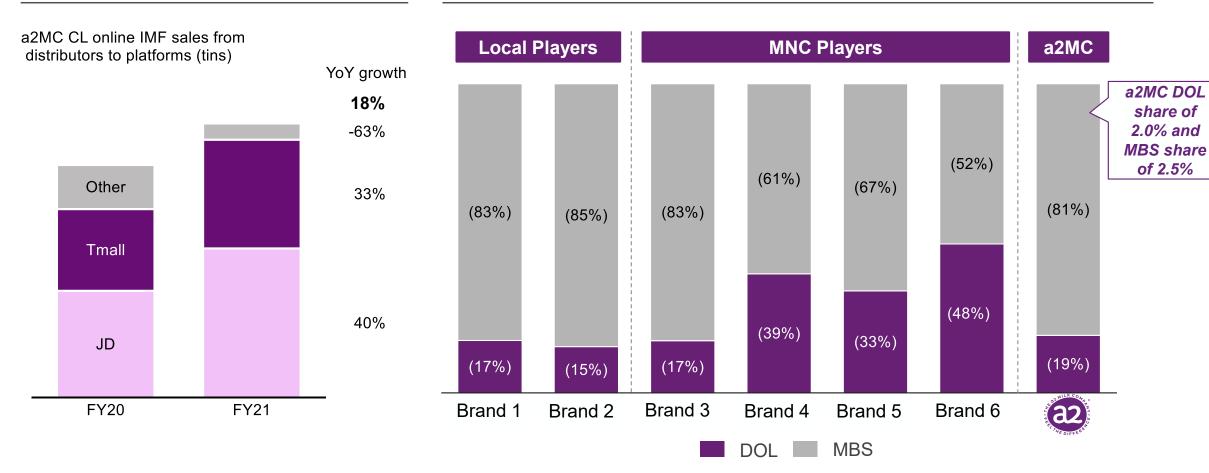
## **IN-STORE EXPERIENCE**

- Ranging from in-store shelf displays and brand banners to flagship fitouts
- a2MC rolled out 106 flagship stores in FY21

# We have made good progress in growing sales via domestic online channels; however, we still under-index relative to our MBS channel share

## a2MC DOL sales growth

## Retail sales mix by local vs MNC players



# We take an integrated approach to investing in our brand



- Historically leveraged broadcast media for awareness building, supplemented by in-market events, which can be deployed at a city-level
- Recent focus on improving our capability in social and digital media to engage consumers throughout their brand journey
- Targeted deployment of online and offline investments in purchase conversion
- Improving monitoring of effectiveness and efficiency of marketing spend, to drive continuous improvement, and to ensure we get maximum impact from our investment

# Our brand investment begins with a deep understanding of our consumers

#### **Original segmentation**

#### Resourceful mum



'I want a natural product from a high quality overseas milk source that I can trust'

Prefers imported products

Overseas natural, imported sourcing

#### Savvy rational

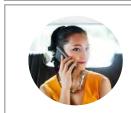


'I want a product with the most enhanced. scientific formula'

Focused on productfeatures

Prefers formulations based on latest IMF science

#### Peacock mum



'I want something that is exclusive and seen to be the best'

Prefers expensive and exclusive brands

Driven by status

### Balanced progressive mum

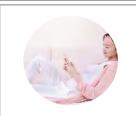


'I am open-minded and progressive about life and raising my child'

#### Progressive mindset against lifestyle and parenting

Open-minded and willing to try innovative brands

#### Carefree mum



'I want something that my kid likes and makes my life easy'

#### **Practical**

Values convenience and availability

#### Value seeker mum

**New archetypes added** 



'I want a product that delivers the best value within my budget'

brand'

Prefers value-formoney

High price sensitivity

Skews to local brands

#### China Pride mum



'I want something specifically designed for Chinese babies, ideally from a local

Prefers local brands designed and manufactured in China

Proud of Chinese lifestyle

Defining

drivers

# We have enhanced our brand health and competitor tracking capabilities



- Conduct quarterly IMF brand health and equity tracking in China as well as quarterly global competitor NPS and trend tracking
- Robust sample sizes and broad geographic coverage with 9600 IMF mothers surveyed per quarter across all regions, city types (both K&A and BCD cities) and provinces
- Key performance indicators for tracking and diagnosis include: loyalty through the funnel, net promoter score (NPS) and brand equity measures
- Enhanced analytical capabilities that enable us to isolate and measure communication effectiveness, test & learn marketing and trade initiatives
- Track new IMF formulation, ingredients and milk bases to consider in a connection with our product innovation and scientific research programs

# We are also continuously improving our approach to measuring marketing effectiveness along the brand funnel

	Awareness	Consideration	Trial/purchase		
Broadcast media	<ul><li>Assess impact with BHT</li><li>Compare by province</li></ul>				
Digital/social		<ul> <li>Review impact of investment on search indices, brand buzz, engagements and EC traffic</li> <li>Conduct social listening of positive and negative sentiment</li> </ul>			
E-commerce		<ul> <li>Analyse effectiveness and efficiency of driving traffic and recruiting new fans/members</li> </ul>	Analyse effectiveness and efficiency of triggering purchase, mix of new purchasers		
POSM	Conduct BHT correlation analysis to understand impact on awareness		<ul> <li>In-store sales analysis to assess impact of POSM post-installation</li> <li>BHT analysis to test impact on sales velocities and trial</li> </ul>		
Roadshows		Conduct BHT correlation analysis to	Measure direct ROI (based on GM		
Mama classes		understand impact on consideration	value of sales) and <b>indirect ROI</b> (incl. new user value)		
In-store consultants			<ul> <li>Compare effectiveness and efficiency across provinces</li> <li>Cross-check with BHT correlation analysis against purchase metrics and change in Stage 1 share</li> </ul>		

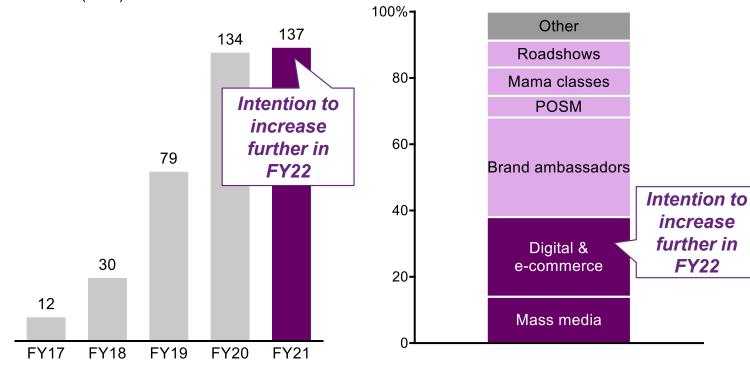
### With these tools in place, we have stepped up our investment in marketing

#### Marketing has increased over the past 5 years

#### Marketing mix weighted to in-channel activities

#### Comments

China marketing investment both CL & EL (NZD)



- Although we have increased our marketing spend, we estimate that we are still underinvesting compared with competitors
  - Our research suggests we invest less than half of other MNC brands and a fraction of leading domestic brands
- Our intention is to further increase our marketing investment as well as adapt our marketing mix
  - Historically, strong investment in online content by our EL resellers has allowed us to focus on building awareness and driving purchase conversion
  - Following EL channel disruption, we are increasing our brand-led digital and social media investment to supplement efforts from resellers

# Investments are deployed across the brand funnel

# ATL marketing to build awareness







# In-market events to engage and educate consumers



# In-store POSM and brand ambassadors to convert

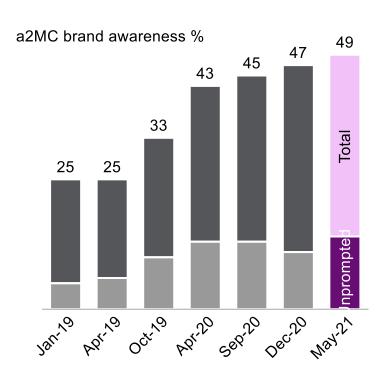


### Marketing effectiveness evident in strong brand health metrics

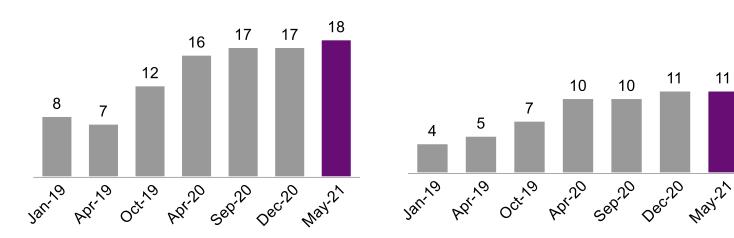
#### **Brand awareness**

#### **Ever trialled**

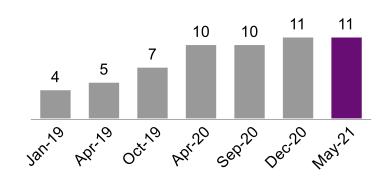
#### **Brand used most often**







a2MC brand used most often %



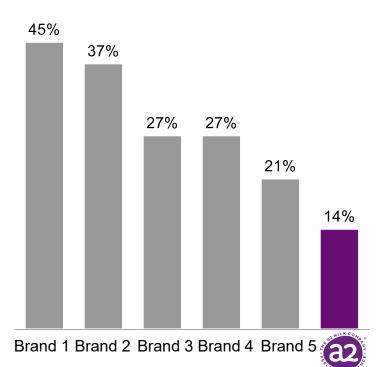
### We have significant room to grow awareness with encouraging "proof points" around conversion and loyalty when consumers do become aware

#### **Brand awareness**

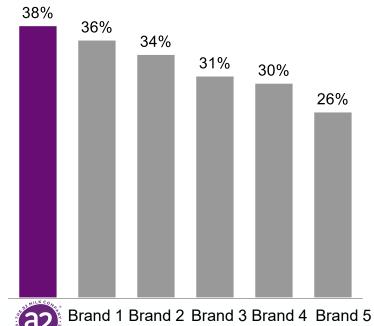
#### **Trial conversion**

#### **Loyalty conversion**

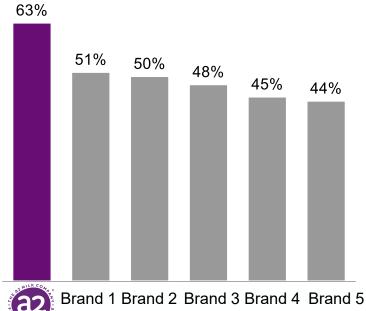
Unprompted awareness % as at May 21



Trial conversion % as at May 21 (awareness to trial)

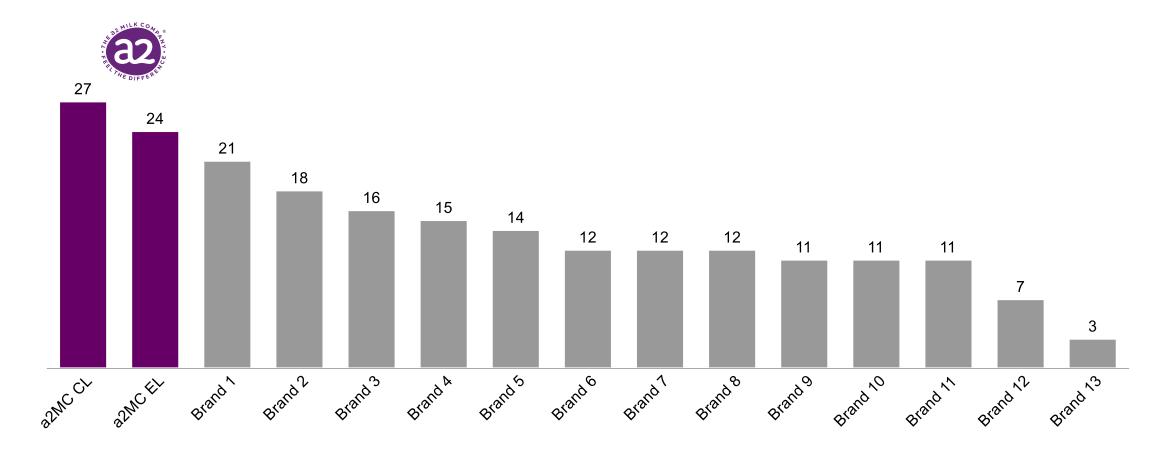


Loyalty conversion % as at May 21 (trial to brand use most often)



### We also have the highest NPS across all brands

#### Net Promoter Score



# Key brand equity measures are also encouraging

#### a2MC equity statements vs. category





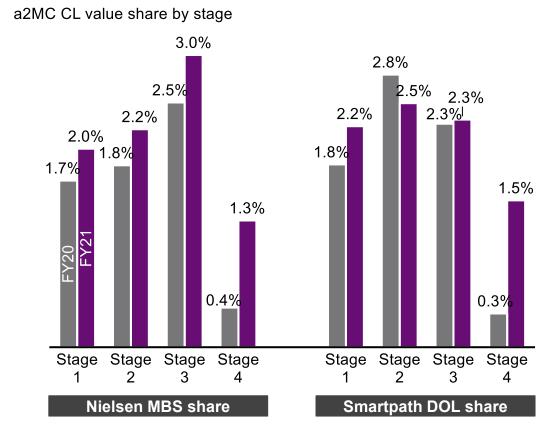


# Strong growth in early-stage products (despite fewer newborns) and fast rampup of Stage 4 (launched Dec-20) demonstrates ability to recruit and retain users

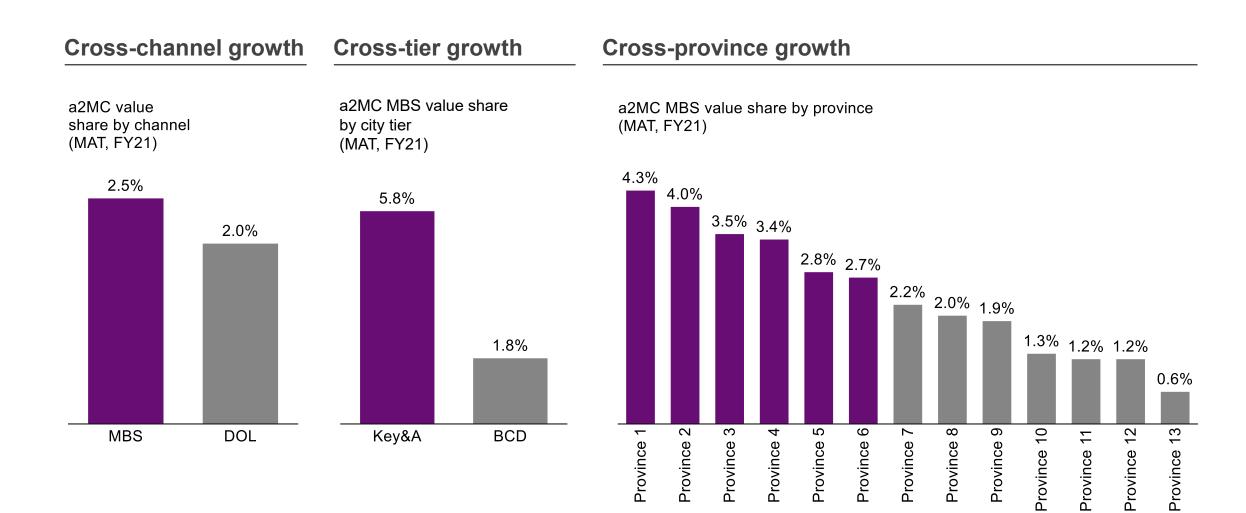
#### Positive growth in early stage products



#### **Growth reflected in market share gains**



# Overall, performance to date gives us "proof points" that we can be successful, as well as highlighting a clear pathway to future growth



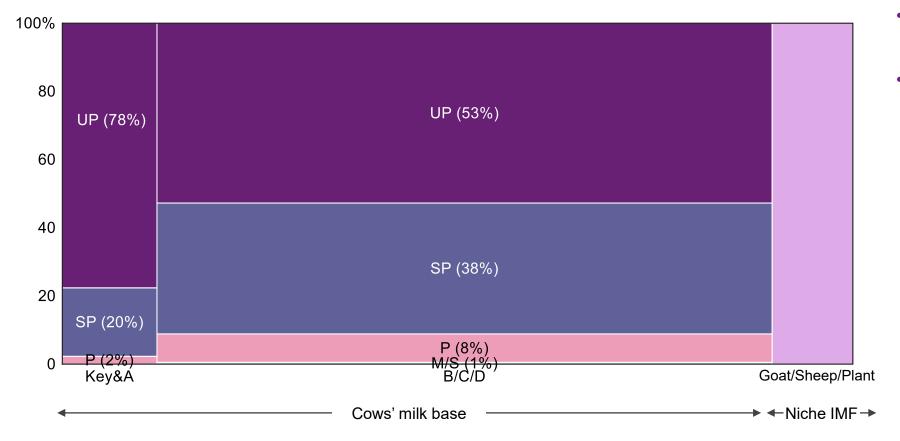
## Further opportunities exist with an expanded portfolio, subject to registrations



Note: Price tier based on Stage 1 price RMB / 900g tin: Ultra premium >350; Super premium 260-350; Premium 170-260; Mainstream <170 1. Using each sub-brand's stage 1 IMF original selling price, converting to price per kg; 2. From Nielsen MBS data (high level estimation to directionally show comparison); 3. Value share change from Nielsen value share data MAT Jun 2020 to MAT Jun 2021

### There are multiple directions into which we could expand our portfolio

#### Est. China CL MBS IMF market by price band and product type (FY26F)



#### Commentary

- We are seeking to innovate our CL IMF portfolio
- There are several directions under review, including:
  - Additional ultra premium ranges (sitting alongside our current CL brand)
  - Extending into the super premium price segment to extend further into BCD cities
  - Considering whether our brand can stretch into other A1-free IMF offerings

### Our China strategic partners are key to enabling portfolio expansion



Strong partnership formed in China with CNADC and through its subsidiaries, China State Farm and China Animal Husbandry Group



 China State Farm has been our strategic logistics and distribution partner in China since 2013 as our exclusive import agent for our China label IMF products



Recent MVM acquisition
 has initiated a relationship
 with the China Animal
 Husbandry Group, who
 retains a 25% interest



- a2MC has a 19.8% share in Synlait; Bright holding a 39.0% share
- Foundational IMF
   partnership since 2012 and
   supply rights for defined IMF
   products into ANZ & China
- Work to progress
   re-registration of our
   China label product is
   on-track, targeting SAMR
   approval in late 2022 with
   new product in market in
   early 2023

### **Our CL IMF strategic priorities**

#### **Ambition** To be a top-5 CL IMF brand in China Continue to invest in Broaden our **Achieve full potential Capture opportunity** Accelerate online in lower tier cities & nurture our brand in key accounts growth IMF portfolio Evolve a2MC brand Optimise marketing, Further increase Address untapped Further develop **Strategic** strengthen joint distributor network and promise and establish capability online, consumer segments priorities clear positioning with business planning, and deepen investment in including omni-channel and broaden consumers and trade deploy "best practice" distribution footprint higher priority areas management and across more chains to social/digital media with wider product improve LFL growth portfolio strategy Achieve top quartile awareness Expand footprint to 30-35K Measures Outperform in DOL, with stores (~50% WD), with whilst maintaining strong trial Achieve total CL share of >5% higher DOL share than MBS of success and loyalty metrics positive LFL growth Relentless **Expand China** Continued Leverage data **IMF** innovation **Maximise impact** commitment to market access management of and analytics to **Enablers** highest quality capability and from marketing with additional sales channels drive continuous product and supply chain investment and inventory registrations improvement safety standards

# **Key takeaways**



While the China IMF market remains the biggest, most premium IMF market in the world, current and near-term headwinds are making growth challenging



Overseas manufacturing is no longer a primary decision driver for consumers. Instead, consumers are looking for brands that resonate and have a distinctive product proposition



Once consumers become aware of our brand, we have category-leading brand health metrics and, combined with our relatively low CL market share, we are confident that significant opportunity remains for us in China



We have identified how to deliver this opportunity, across different city-tiers, channels and through development of our brand and product portfolio



We will increase our level of investment and are confident in our team and ability to achieve **our full potential in China** 



# ENGLISH LABEL

Yohan Senaratne (Executive General Manager – International)

### **Summary of key messages**

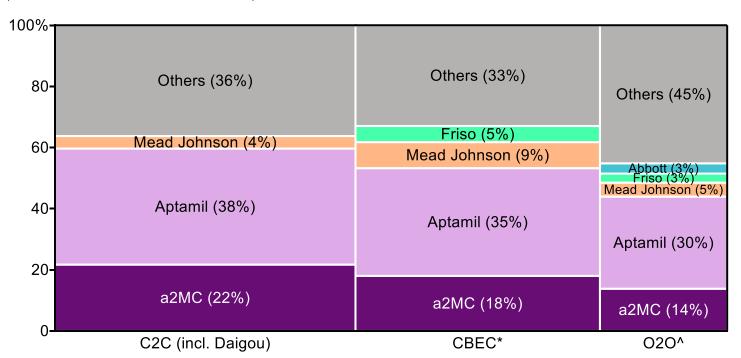
- The EL market is more than just daigou and CBEC and, critically, it has developed well beyond the traditional "suitcase trade". The "daigou" channel is more appropriately described as a "reseller network", referencing the complex routes-to-market developed to supply Chinese consumers with EL IMF. These include developing direct e-commerce platforms, leveraging existing C2C and B2C e-commerce platforms, pioneering development of O2O channels, as well as providing drop-ship services to "closed network" C2C sales (e.g. conducted via WeChat)
- EL channel disruptions during FY21 had a profound impact on our business, prompting us to take significant steps to reduce inventory build-up. Pleasingly, these efforts are yielding results with improved EL pricing, increasing demand, improved brand health and a more optimal sales mix across stages. We remain confident that we have a compelling IMF proposition for consumers seeking a premium brand, high quality product, at a more accessible price point, and this is demonstrated in our consumer tracking
- Outside of the inventory write-down, we are taking other measures to support EL recovery:
  - Improving our ability to manage inventory in the channel in the future, enabled by traceability
  - Actively working to increase brand support to the reseller network, and incorporate EL into our China marketing
  - Increasing focus and investment in other EL routes-to-market (including O2O)
  - Working to simplify and increase control over distribution and "get closer" to our consumers
- 4 We are also reviewing opportunities for growth through an expanded portfolio

### EL market is significantly more consolidated than the CL IMF market

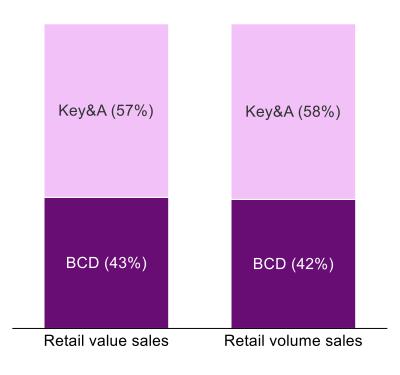
#### Estimated breakdown of EL IMF channels in China market

#### **Estimated EL geographic split**

China EL IMF market value (retail value sales, MAT as at 21P6)



EL IMF sales in China (MAT as at 21P6)



<sup>\*</sup>Note: There are variations between CBEC data shown here from Kantar and Smartpath. Kantar data has been used here for a single-source view of the EL IMF market. Smartpath CBEC MAT value share as at end of FY21 was 21.1%

Note: Due to the lack of clear channel definition between O2O/C2C (incl. Daigou)/CBEC, O2O sales may also be captured in C2C (incl. Daigou) and CBEC channels

Source: Kantar Worldpanel 0-6 years old Baby & Kids panel: National IMF market tracking (Key&A + BCD cities) for the 52 weeks ending 18 June 2021

## Different EL channels play distinct roles



# Image building & price anchor

Brand equity showroom with official market content, guaranteed authenticity and price stability



# Traffic & volume contributor

Sales booster channels with high traffic, large consumer bases and large basket sizes



# New user reaching / endorsement

Awareness building channels with targeted consumers and rich content, but not typically sales conversion channels



### New user sellthrough

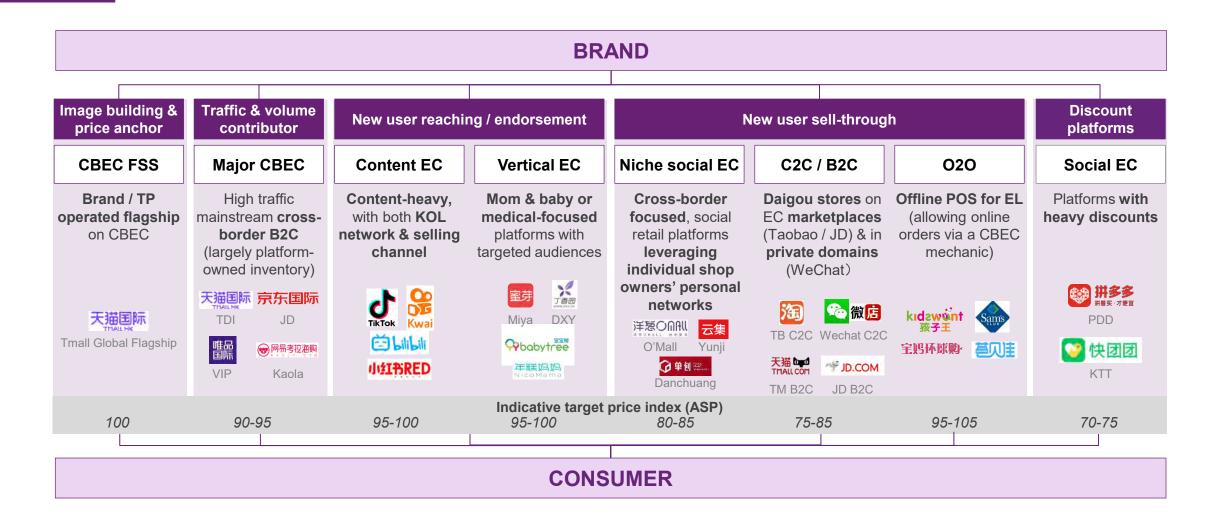
Awareness building channels with effective education / word of mouth as well as high sales conversion



# **Discount** platforms

**Discount platforms**with volatile pricing and sales trends

### EL routes-to-market are complex and rapidly evolving



### The daigou channel has itself evolved from the traditional "suitcase trade" to a sophisticated reseller network





Daigou began as a suitcase trade for family and friends



Corporate daigou



"Pick-and-Pack" emerged with scale logistics and supply chains



Reseller network



Now sophisticated, omnichannel B2B2C and B2C2C selling models

**E-commerce platforms** 

(~5% of sales)

"Open-network" C2C (e.g. Taobao)

(~25% of sales)

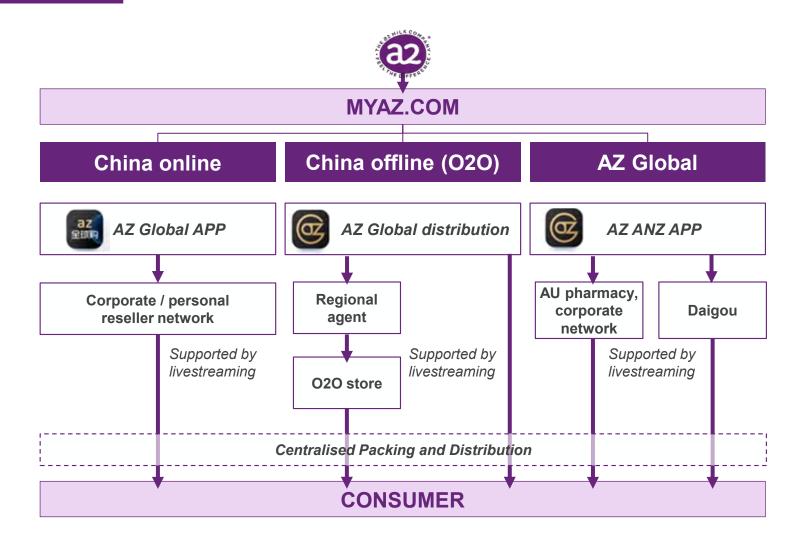
"Closed-network" C2C (e.g. WeChat)

• (~30% of sales)

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(~40% of sales)

# Case study: MYAZ.COM comprises an e-commerce sales platform, C2C sales enabled by digital applications as well as O2O

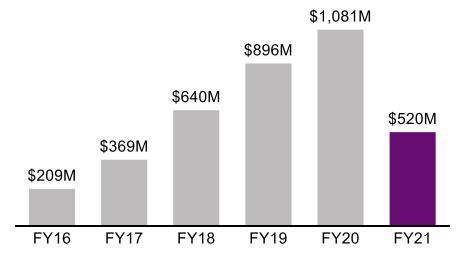




Example: O2O store activation

### Market disruption has had a profound impact on our business in the past year

#### English label IMF revenue (NZD)



Kantar C2C (incl. Daigou) value share Kantar O2O value

Smartpath CBEC value share

share

	19.5%	24.3%	22.5%	
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Data not available	12.0%	19.0%	21.7%	21.1%

#### Commentary

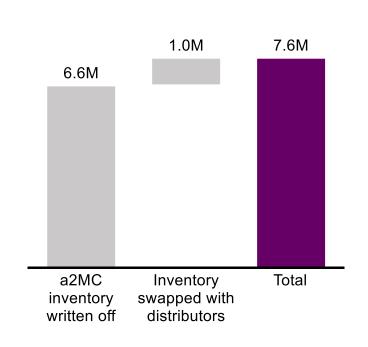
- In FY21 there was significant disruption to crossborder trade which had a profound impact on the Company's results
- a2MC was impacted by a significant decline in crossborder English label IMF and other nutritional sales through reseller channels
- Decline in market shares has been more modest, with C2C value share declining by ~2%pts, and CBEC value share declining by 0.6%pts
- This is because reseller network sales were impacted by a channel reduction (40-50% decline), and CBEC sales were down as a result of cycling a high comparative period and as a result of the actions taken in 2H21 to rebalance inventory within the channel

Source: a2MC internal data; For CBEC data: Smartpath China IMF online market tracking: for cross border e-commerce platforms only retail sales (by value); For Daigou/C2C and O2O data: Kantar Worldpanel 0-6 years old Baby & Kids panel: National IMF market tracking (Key&A + BCD cities)

# We have taken significant steps to reduce inventory build-up which has improved freshness and EL market pricing

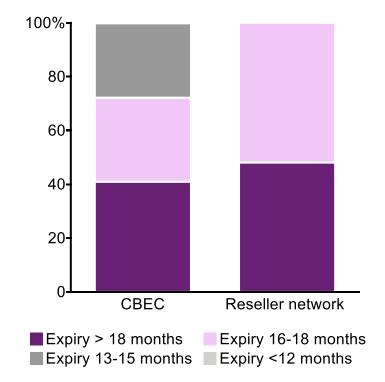
# EL inventory written down to reduce stock in supply chains

#### EL inventory units; millions



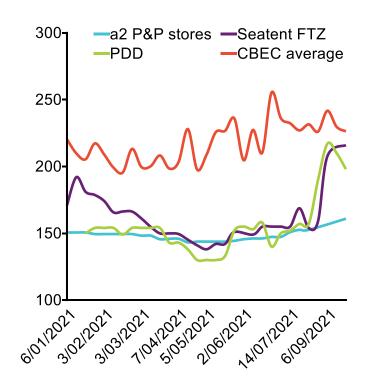
#### Freshness has improved



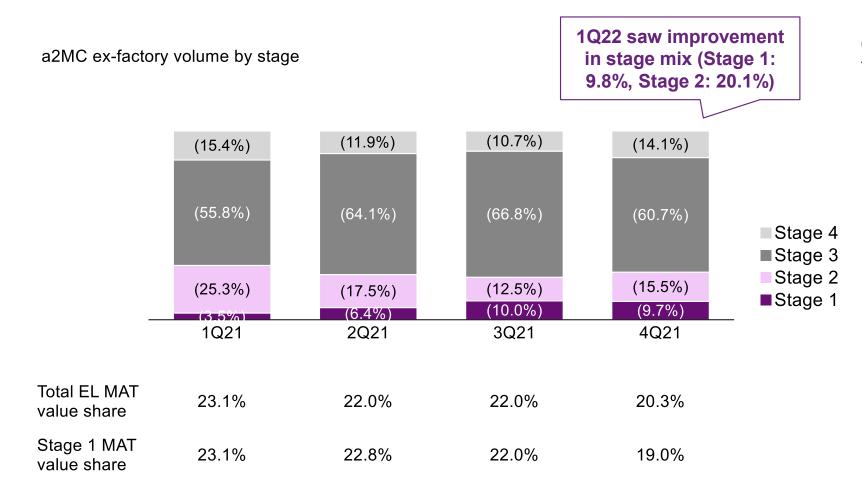


#### **EL** prices have also improved

Stage 1 RMB/tin



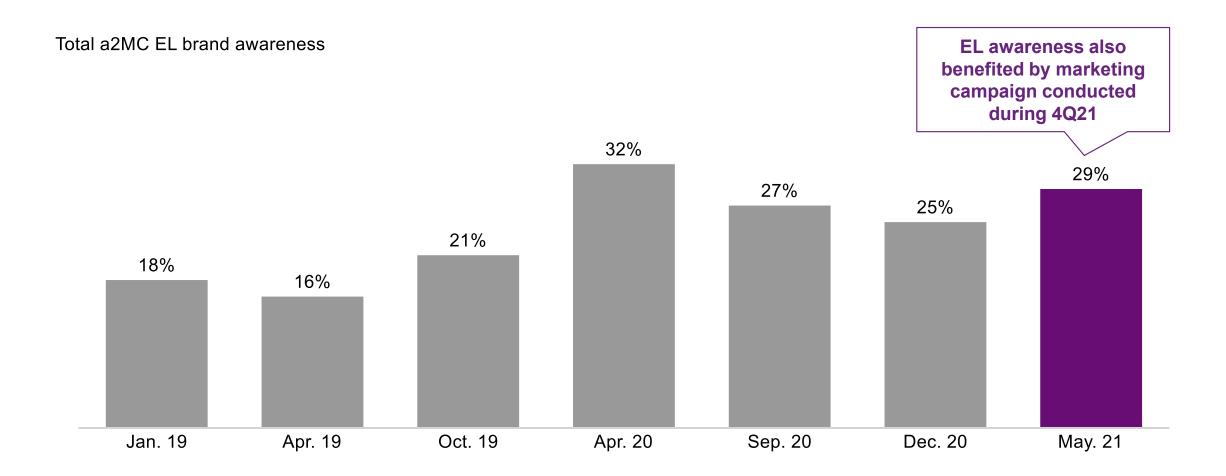
# Disruption evident in our sales mix; some improvement can be seen in 1Q22 although this has not yet been reflected in our share



#### Commentary

- In addition to addressing inventory build-up, we are also increasing brand-building efforts in EL channels, including providing more reseller network content support, and stepping up investment in new user recruitment activities on CBEC
- Key focus is working towards consistency of brand messages across channels

# EL disruption also visible in brand health; recent tracker suggests improvement



### Consumer research confirms the unique role EL plays in our portfolio

#### a2MC CL users' rationale for purchase:

- The A2-protein leader
- Premium lactoferrin for immunity (designed for Chinese babies)
- Highest quality and natural New Zealand milk source
- Easy to find and explore (face-to-face information)
- "Only the best" a necessary step-up from EL

"A2 leader designed with lactoferrin to be the best"

The Chinese label formulation is better for the baby than the English label; it designed with premium lactoferrin which is for immunity and strength.

Shanghai mother, 2021

#### a2MC EL users' rationale for purchase:

- Brand buzz and "Hermes" status
- Imported New Zealand quality milk source
- The A2-protein leader
- A "smart" choice do not see "just lactoferrin" as a reason to justify a price increment

"a2 as a brand is already premium and trusted"

a2 is already a good enough product. I don't really see why just having some lactoferrin being added would mean it is that much better.

Shanghai mother, 2021



### Traceability measures will further enhance our channel management

# Introduced QR code technology, unique to each tin





# Activating functionality in FY22 to support channel management

- Traceability at tin, carton and pallet level from manufacturing through to distributor sale
- Monitoring program for product sold across authorised channels
- Introducing scanning technology at first-tier distributors to increase visibility through the supply chain and channels
- Traceability-enabled product in CBEC currently being sold into our authorised distributors and platforms via Hong Kong and this will be available in reseller and other EL channels during 1H22

### Actively working to increase support to reseller network

#### **Increasing reseller support**

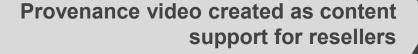
- Upgrading content and other brand assets to be used across CBEC and reseller networks
- Expanding team resources to provide direct channel marketing support to reseller networks
- Reviewing ways to leverage
   China in-market investment to
   also promote EL IMF sales
- Integrating English label images in China ATL campaigns to provide further brand building support to reseller networks

#### **Example content support provided to resellers**

#### **Integration of EL IMF in China OOH**













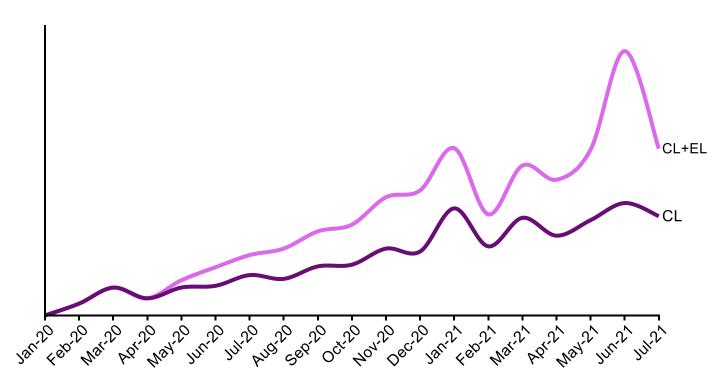
### Increasing our focus and investment in other EL channels

#### **Investing further in O2O**

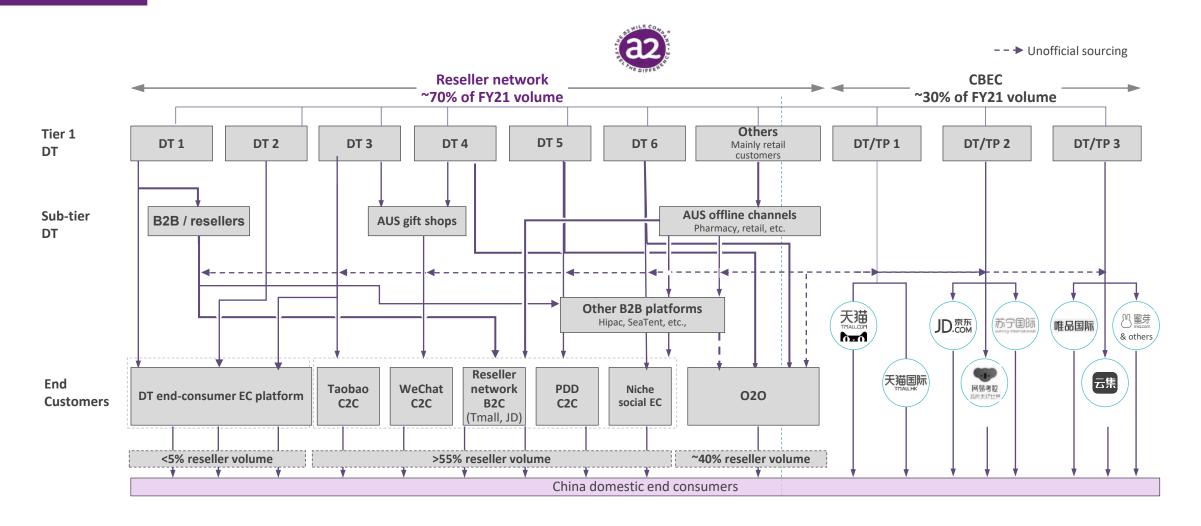
- Opportunity exists to leverage offline stores as EL "showrooms" for purchase through CBEC (O2O)
- O2O provides a good mechanism to increase awareness of a2MC's lower-priced EL product amongst consumers in China
- Pilot studies suggest that growth is incremental, with limited cannibalisation of existing CL sales
- We are increasing resources to expand the brand-led O2O rollout

#### Case study: Introduction of EL at major retail chain in China

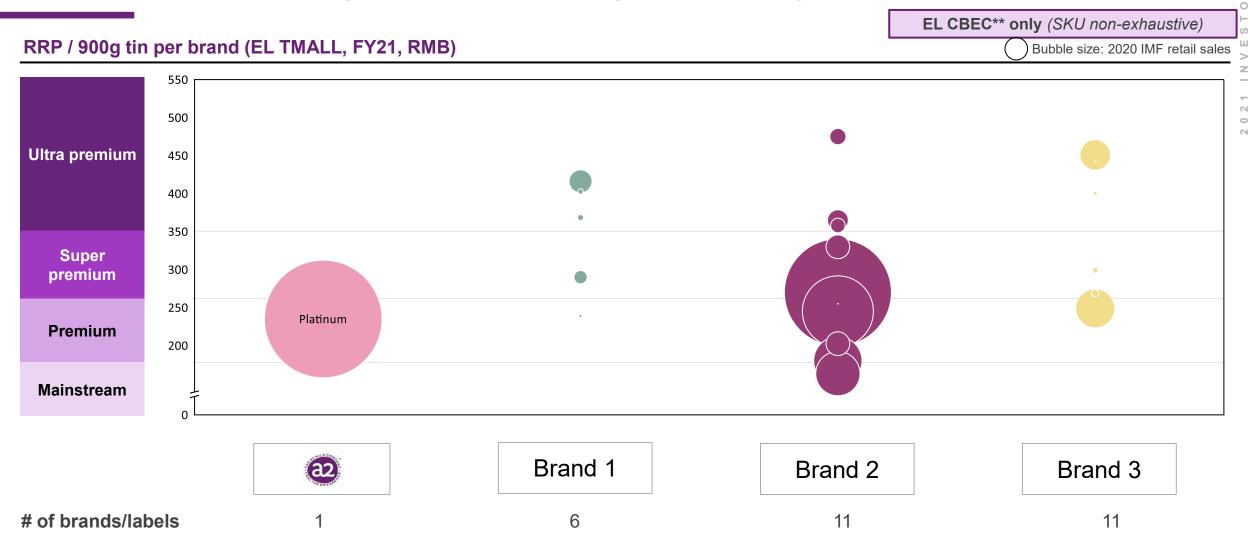
a2MC monthly retail sales volume (tins) indexed



# We are working to simplify and de-layer our current EL RTM, which is complex and limits visibility over, and engagement with, end consumers



# We are also reviewing opportunities for growth through an expanded portfolio



Note: Price tier based on Stage 1 price: Ultra premium >390RMB/KG; Super premium 290-390RMB/KG; Premium 190-290RMB/KG; Mainstream <190RMB/KG; Using each sub-brand's stage 1 IMF original selling price from Tmall/JD, converting to price per kg

<sup>101</sup> Source: Internal analysis

# **Our EL IMF strategic priorities**

Ambition	To be the no.1 EL product range in China												
Strategic priorities	of EL inventory across channels EL re Continuously improve visibility of, and ability to react to, EL supply and		brand L resell Mar co-systemed incre	he preferred d for the ler network nage EL em carefully ease reseller ng support	the growth with omni- twork channel mindset  EL Continue e-commerce refully capability build to recruit new EL users		е	China resources (team		ket eam to and	Broaden our IMF portfolio  Expand portfolio with innovation and NPD		
Measures of success	Stable channel pricing		eading flagship EL share >		30% of sale		ales in Stage 1 and 2			emiumisation of range with ngoing innovation pipeline			
Enablers	Relentless commitment to highest quality product and safety standards	Continue t		Effective cro- regional El managemer	L	relation	eller onship gement		Increase bility through e supply chain	from marketing		keting	Leverage data and analytics to drive continuous improvement

# **Key takeaways**



EL channels have been disrupted across the industry



We are working to address a2MC EL challenges and improvements have already been seen in pricing, product freshness and sales mix



Our **brand proposition** remains compelling and **brand health is strong** 

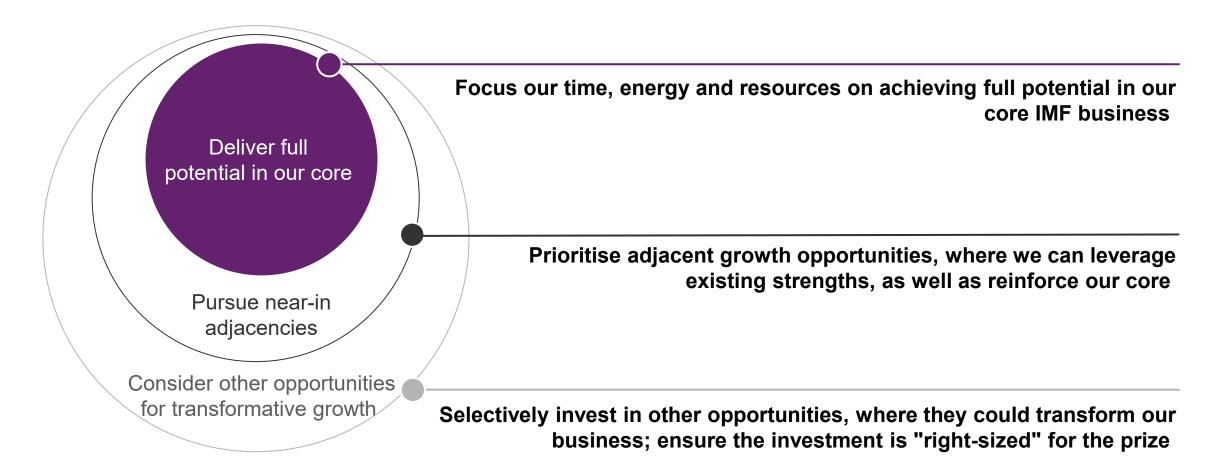


We are implementing actions to address our route-to-market and management model





### Outside our core, a2MC is considering other opportunities for growth

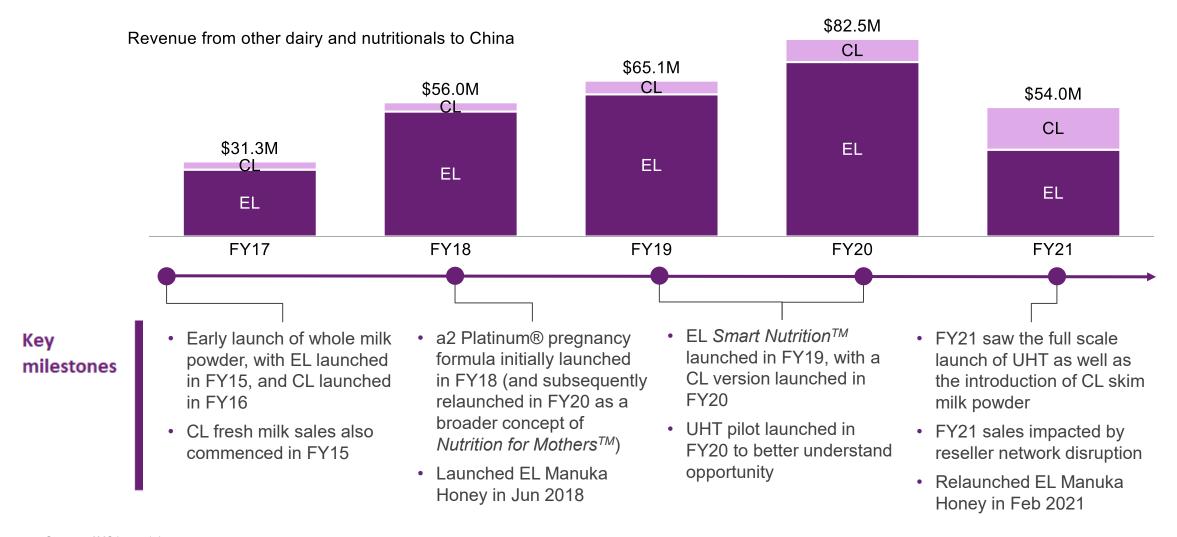


# In China, we are expanding our portfolio into dairy-based nutrition for the whole family



Targeting NZD ~\$200 million in sales growth from non-IMF product categories in China over time

# There are proof points to suggest we can achieve meaningful scale outside IMF (although EL market disruption impacted FY21 performance)



## We are leveraging learnings to adapt our model to operate outside IMF



# Building capability in modern trade is key

- Majority of non-IMF sales occur in the modern trade channel
- We have added distributors to support MT and in FY21, increased our adult milk powder distribution footprint by >3x



# Need a new "playbook" to launch new products

- Precise targeting critical to recruit users into our ultra premium price points
- We are using "test and learns" to refine approach to winning users online, whilst leveraging IMF investment for offline sales



# We are still testing our brand's ability to "stretch"

- As we enter new product categories, we must learn as much from what "is" working as well as from what "isn't" working
- We are applying learnings to inform our overall future innovation pipeline

## Recent launch of UHT in China has exceeded expectations

- UHT was launched in China in Oct 2020 both in-store and online
- Initial response has been extremely positive with monthly sales volumes increasing
- Key focus of the launch has been building an online consumer base through digital marketing campaigns
- Marketing campaigns have been ROI positive, with average monthly offtake in online platforms up >500% from a small base since investment began
- We continue to review our supply chain for best fit as demand increases



# Expanding our portfolio in China provides opportunities to differentiate our IMF marketing for S3 and S4 and leverage "halo" benefits from our S3 strengths

- a2<sup>™</sup> conducted a Trial Endorsement Amplification Campaign in China in August 2021
- The purpose of the campaign was to encourage fresh milk trial as a way to increase confidence in a2™ IMF in China
- Given that *a2*<sup>™</sup> IMF is fortified directly from *a2 Milk*<sup>™</sup>, parents in China have the opportunity to try the milk source for themselves



## Outside China, we are also reviewing opportunities to expand into new markets

# Leverage existing products



Use our current
product portfolio to
enter new markets
(i.e. fresh milk, IMF, milk
powder, UHT)

# Choose the right route-to-market



Consider different route
to market options to
access markets
(i.e. distributor-led,
licence model, etc)

## **Invest selectively**



Invest when there are enough "green shoots" to increase confidence in ROI of investment

## We have successfully expanded into South Korea in close cooperation with YuhanCare acting as our exclusive distributor

### IMF-led launch into South Korea

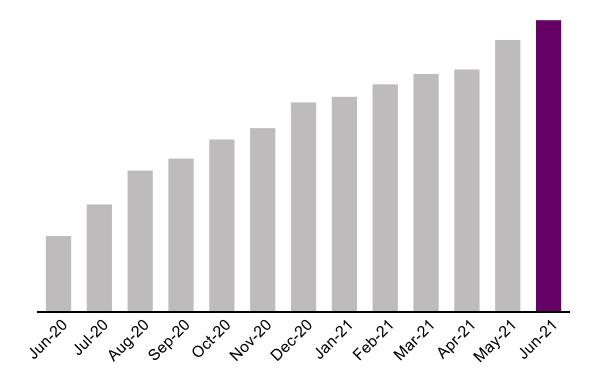
- In December 2019, a2MC successfully launched Stages 1-3 IMF in Korea with our exclusive distributor YuhanCARE (Yuhan)
- At the end of FY21, a2MC had a market share of ~3% in the South Korea IMF market
- As a result, we have also successfully launched a2 Milk<sup>TM</sup> skim milk powder (1kg) and a2 Milk<sup>TM</sup> UHT (1L and 200mL)





## Monthly IMF volume has increased

a2 Platinum® volume sold in YuhanCARE



## Several markets have been prioritised for further evaluation



#### Vietnam

- Rapid economic growth is projected to bolster affluent population and willingness to pay for premium products
- Vietnamese consume more dairy than others in Asia-Pacific
- Sizeable shelf-stable milk and IMF categories



## Indonesia

- Affluent population forecast to grow from ~12% to ~21% by 2030
- Dairy increasingly associated with health and wellness, and digestive health is a key consideration
- Very large IMF market, dominated by MNC brands
- However, regulatory environment more complex than other SEA markets



## **Malaysia & Singapore**

- Smaller than other SEA markets in region, but high degree of affluence, especially Singapore, and large community of Chinese-Malaysians
- High willingness to pay for IMF (Malaysia and Singapore)
- High modern trade penetration
- Comparatively fewer regulatory hurdles

Targeting NZD ~\$100 million in sales growth from existing and new emerging markets over time

# **Key takeaways**



We continue to prioritise core growth, with IMF to China remaining our biggest focus



A **broader product range** allows us to "grow-up" with existing consumers, leverage our brand to acquire new consumers, and bring further value to our retailer and distributor partners



A diverse set of geographies will set us up for "Horizon 3" growth – but we are pacing our expansion to primarily focus on our core growth engine of China IMF



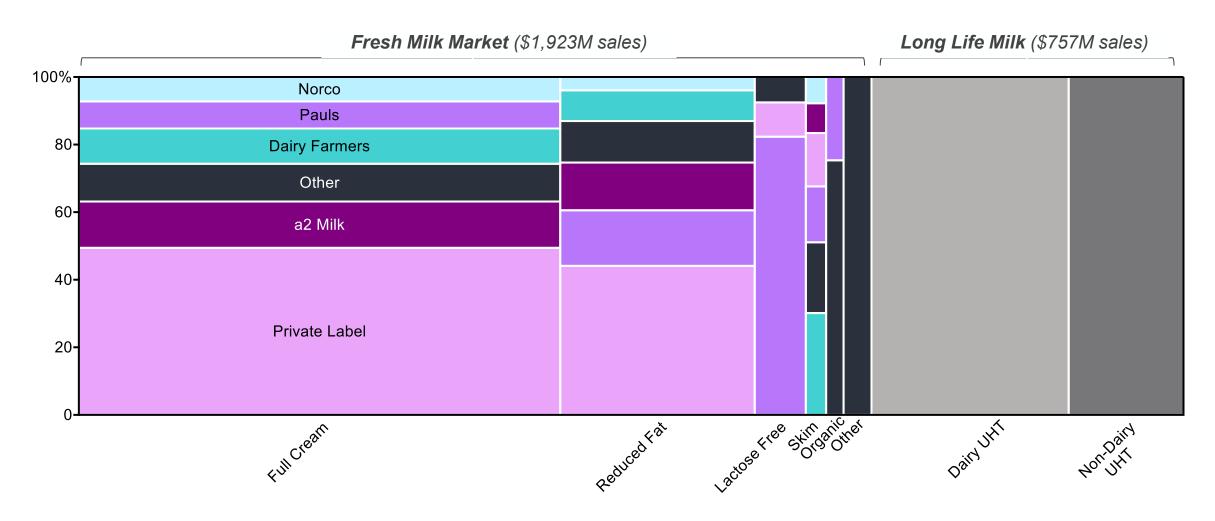


# **Summary of key messages**

- The Australian fresh milk market is mature, with total volume declining over recent years and growth primarily in specialty segments
- Despite overall market decline, a2 Milk™ has consistently grown ahead of the market, resulting in significant market share gains
- Growth enabled by ongoing investment in our brand, leading to strong loyalty measures; however, new user recruitment remains challenging
- With growing sales, we are investing to expand our manufacturing network and increase our production capacity
- We are also working on leveraging our brand strength into an expanded product portfolio

# Australian supermarket milk market consists of fresh milk and long life milk

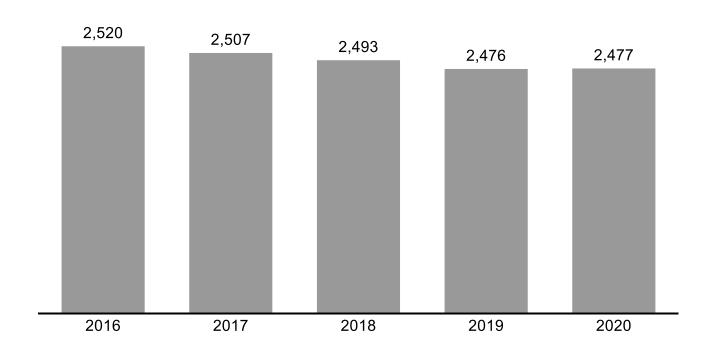
Australian supermarket milk FY21 retail sales (NZD)



## The Australian fresh milk market has experienced some small declines over recent years

## Overall, fresh milk volume in decline

Australian fresh milk retail volume (Million Litres)



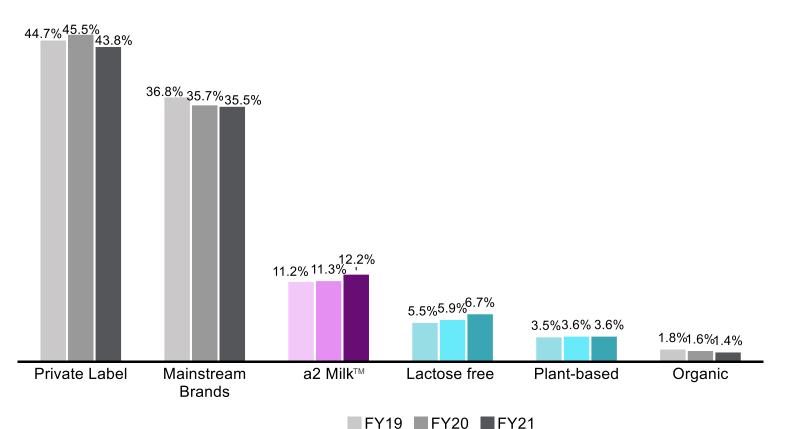
## However, grocery sales up in FY21 due to COVID-19

Australian supermarket fresh milk retail sales (NZD)



# a2 Milk™, plant-based and lactose-free have been gaining share

Value share of total Australian fresh milk and fresh milk substitutes market



### **Key consumer trends**

#### Lactose-free milk

 Lactose-free growth driven by an increase in the number of people being diagnosed (self or medically-diagnosed) as lactose intolerant (+14.8% YoY) and high price points

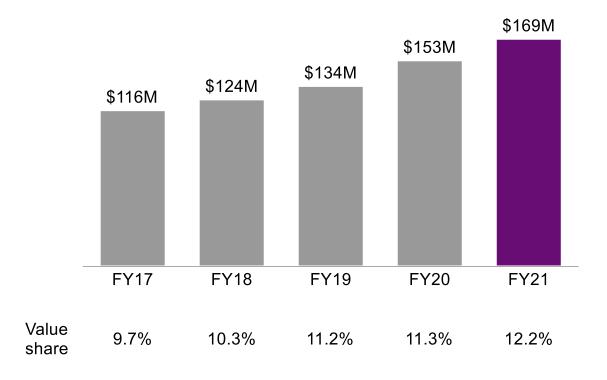
#### Plant-based milk substitutes

- Plant-based growth has been driven by more consumers switching to plantbased milk substitutes for proclaimed health and environmental benefits
- While almond and soy milk have been the key drivers of growth historically, oat milk substitutes are becoming increasingly popular with consumers

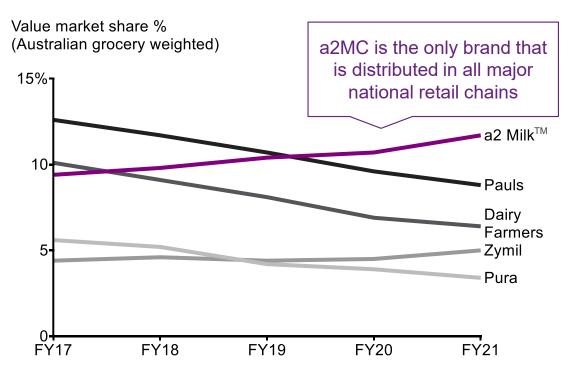
# Our fresh milk sales have grown ahead of the market

## a2MC sales growth year on year

a2MC Australia fresh milk net revenue (NZD)



## Resulting in significant market share gains

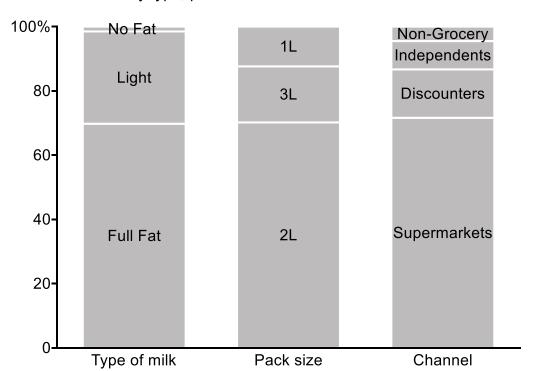


## Australian sales skew to the supermarket channel in NSW and VIC

## a2MC FY21 sales by type, pack, channel

## a2MC value share by state

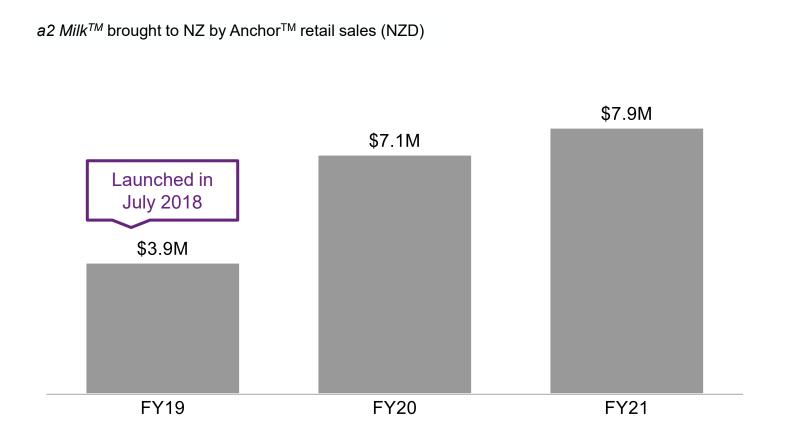
a2MC FY21 sales by type, pack and channel



a2MC FY21 MAT value share by state



# We are also making progress in NZ with our licensed product to Anchor™

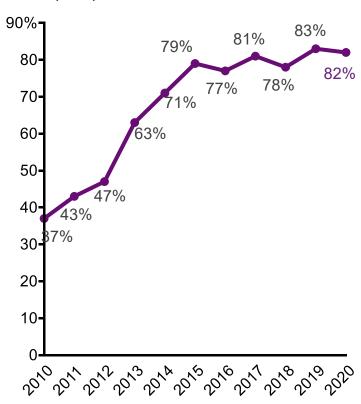




# Our brand health remains strong

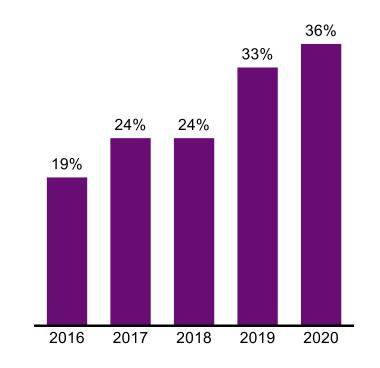
## **High brand awareness**

#### a2MC prompted brand awareness



## ...and high brand loyalty

Brand loyalty (regular purchase for past 2 years)

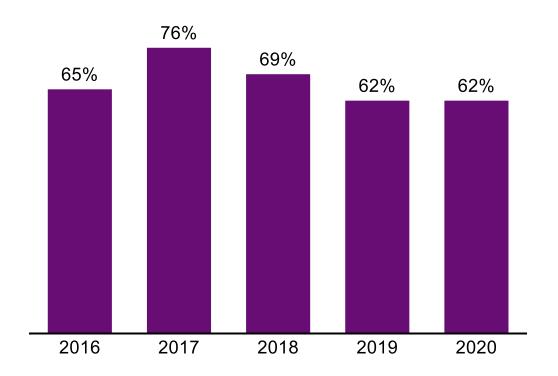




# We have a strong share of voice linked to ongoing investment

## Our share of voice is high at 62%

#### Total a2MC share of voice



## We continue to invest in key partnerships



## We are investing to expand our manufacturing network

## **Smeaton Grange**



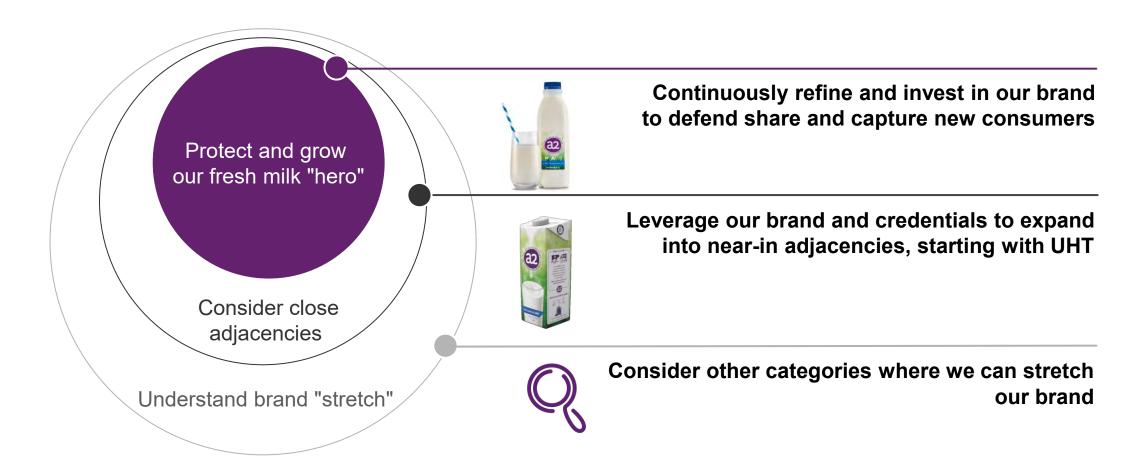
- Smeaton Grange is a2MC's first liquid milk processing facility in our network based in New South Wales
- Smeaton Grange has a current capacity of 44ML/annum with a capex program underway to increase this to 60ML/annum by 2024
- This manufacturing facility alone supplies 29 of the 60 national customer DC's
- In FY21, solar panels were installed to increase the Company's use of renewable energy

## **Kyabram**



- In September 2020, a2MC acquired the Kyabram manufacturing facility from the Kyvalley Dairy Group, a2MC's long-term fresh milk supplier in Victoria
- Kyvalley continues to operate the facility under a long-term operating lease with an associated long-term supply agreement in place
- Under the agreement, a2MC will be expanding and upgrading the Kyabram facility

## We are reviewing opportunities to expand our ANZ product portfolio



## We have recently introduced UHT into the Australian market



a2MC has recently **launched UHT a2 Milk**™ in the Australian market



A trial has been completed in a major retailer with a bulk pack of 24x200mL



1L UHT a2 Milk™ has been presented to other major retailers and is **expected to be launched nationally in 1Q22** 



## **Our ANZ strategic priorities**

#### **Ambition** Maintain the no.1 position in fresh milk with expansion into new categories Increase household **Drive product** Invest in **Expand capacity in our Maintain brand** innovation sustainability leadership supply chain penetration Invest in our Continue to grow our Increase trial and Develop new core fresh Accelerate sustainability milk offerings for existing manufacturing network brand with categoryconversion through investment, particularly **Strategic** leading investment and marketing and and new consumers in packaging, which will to increase capacity and priorities innovation capability in core partnerships and explore leveraging assist with ongoing brand resonance brand into adjacent categories to expand share of consumer **Measures** Loyalty rate >40% Market share >15% in milk Achieve 25% of sales from innovation of success Relentless commitment to Deepen capability to **Maximise impact from** Retain key talent and **Enablers** innovate and launch new highest quality product and marketing investment capabilities products safety standards

# **Key takeaways**



We have a very established and well-loved brand in Australia



Our production capacity is stretched but we are investing in expansion



We have an opportunity to extend our brand outside our core fresh milk offer



Our new restructure will assist to deliver on our full potential in our local market



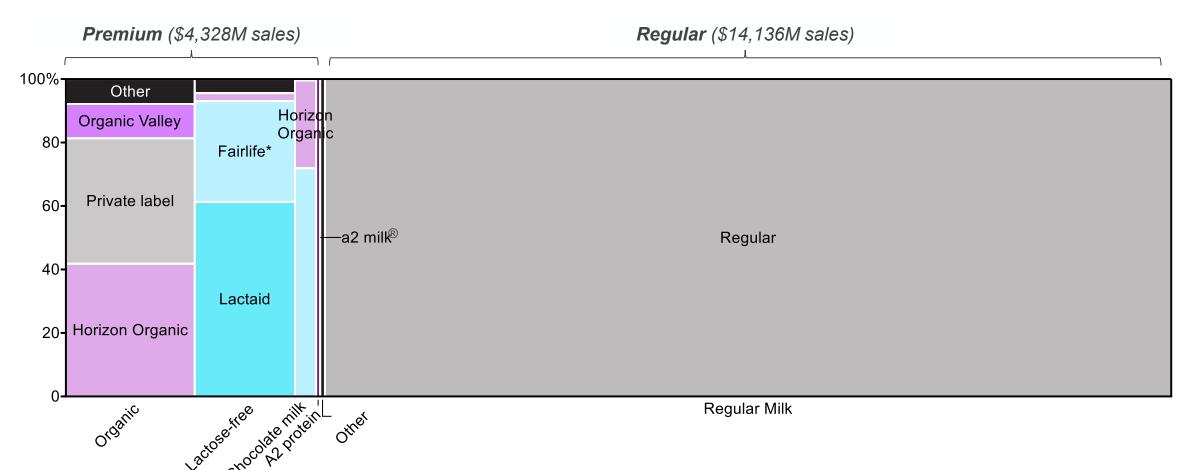


# **Summary of key messages**

- While the USA has a very large premium milk market, it is highly competitive and there are a number of scaled and well-known specialty milk brands
- Our liquid milk net revenue declined in FY21 following a shift in execution approach in response to COVID-19 market conditions (volume sales were +13% vs FY20)
- We are approaching our optimal distribution footprint. However, **further investment in our brand** will drive trial and household penetration and in turn, increase velocities
- We are also actively working to innovate our product portfolio in core liquid milk and adjacent categories to scale our business, with other opportunities existing to further expand our portfolio
- Participation in manufacturing over time will be an enabler to improving margin and innovation capability

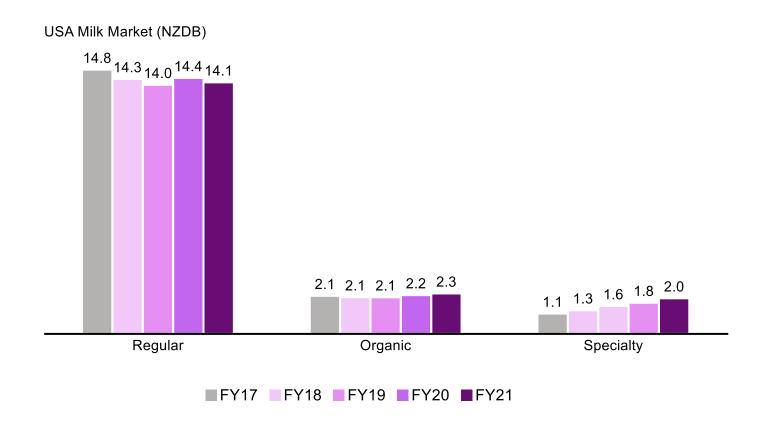
# The USA premium milk market is large, with a number of scaled specialty brands

USA FY21 retail milk sales (NZD)



## The category is changing due to specialty players and shifting consumer trends

# Regular milk declining except for COVID-19 bump and specialty milk growing

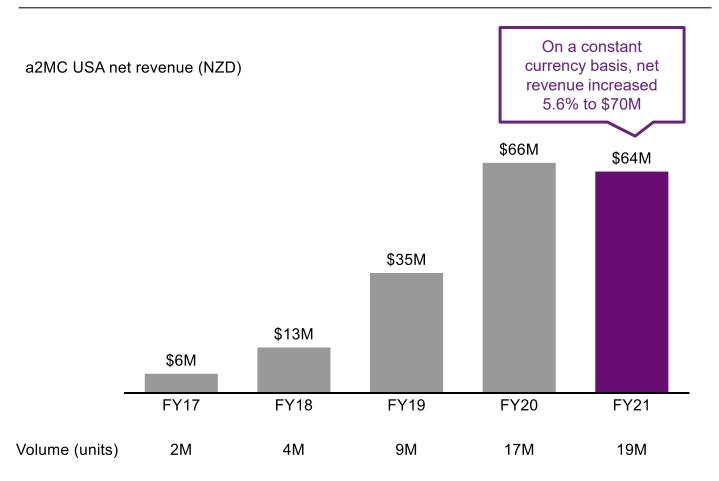


# COVID-19 has led to significant shifts in consumer behaviour

- Initially, COVID-19 caused in home consumption to increase
- Trips to grocery retailers have recently declined back to pre-COVID-19 levels as consumers shift towards other outlets (e.g. Mass, Club)
- Increasing vaccination levels and the nation re-opening has led to increased eating out and less cooking and eating at home

## In FY21, a2MC reduced its effective retail prices, which resulted in increased volume sales but a reduction in net revenue (also impacted by FX)

### USA net revenue declined between FY20-FY21



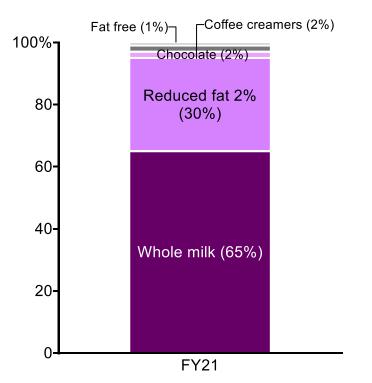
### **Key drivers**

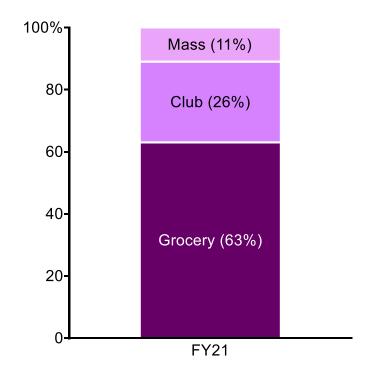
- FY21 represented a shift in execution approach with lower marketing investment and increased price investment to improve conversion and household penetration
- a2MC leveraged trade investment to reduce price to an affordable premium with key retail customers in exchange for more shelf presence and position which will benefit the business over time
- The revenue decline represents the loss of distribution in a major club customer due to a shift to private label (with underlying volume in other channels still increasing) and unfavourable FX

# a2MC USA sales driven by whole milk in the Grocery channel

### Unit sales by type

## Unit sales by channel





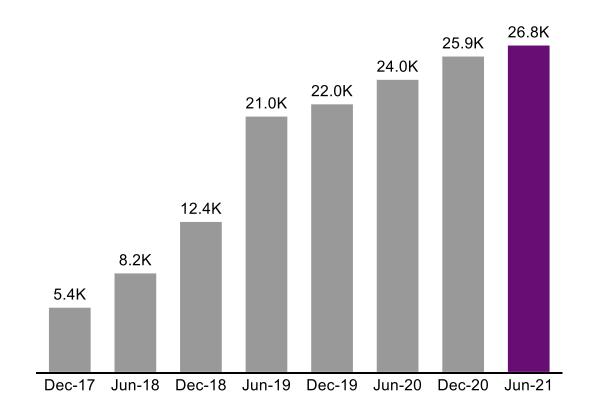
## Commentary

- The percentage of Club unit volume has decreased vs. prior year reducing our sales concentration with a single customer
- The majority of volume has been driven by two key SKUs with significant distribution across the major channels of distribution for milk consumption
- Increases in Grocery and Mass channels (14% in USD and 26% in volume) diversifies our customer base and demonstrates mainstream adoption of the a2 Milk® brand

## Our distribution is approaching an optimal productive level of ~30K stores

# a2 Milk® is now in over 26K stores across the USA

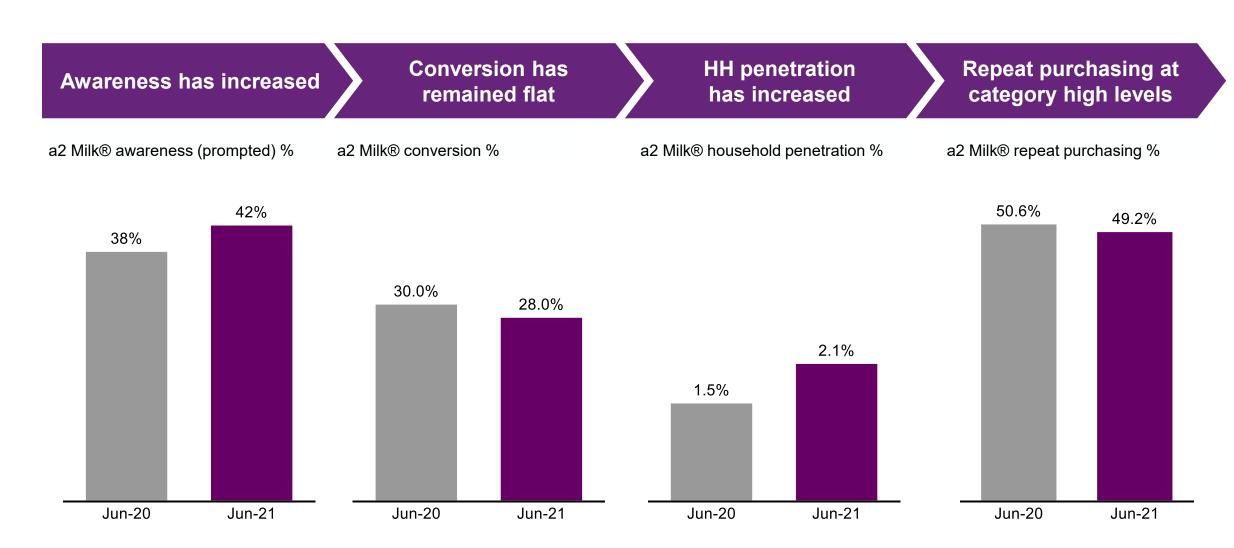
a2MC USA store footprint (no. of stores)



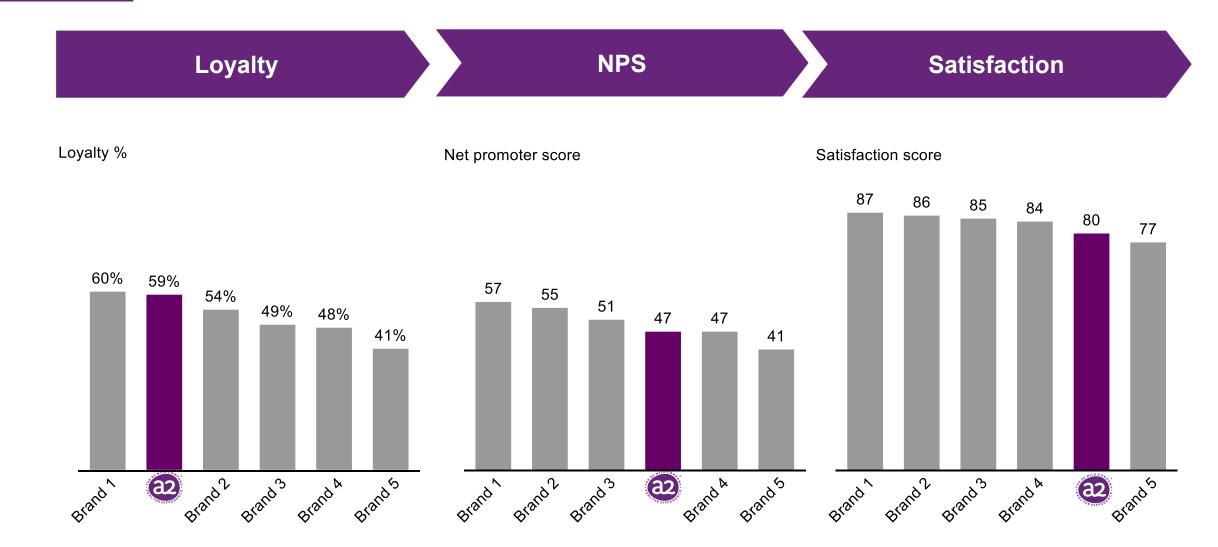
# This includes every major chain in the Grocery, Mass and Natural channels of trade



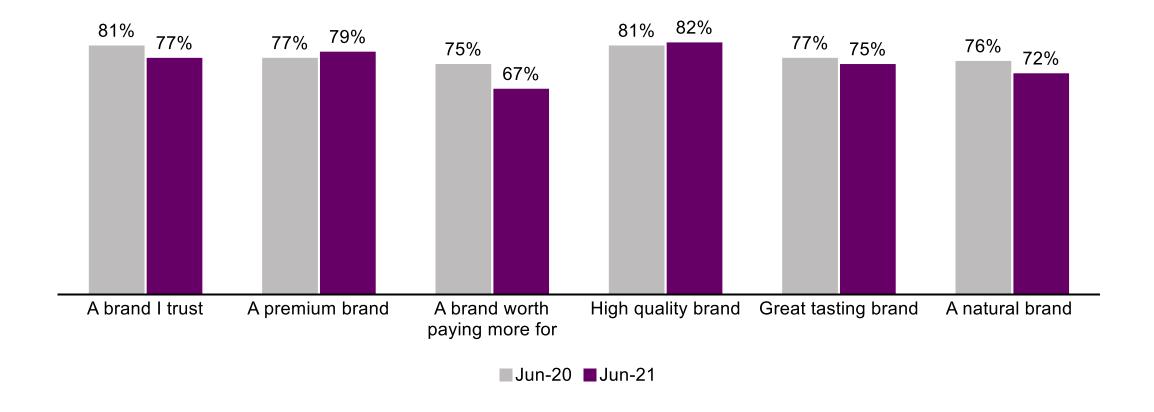
## Our brand health remains strong



# While a2 Milk® has comparable equity measures, it is clear that existing specialty brands are also delivering on consumer needs



# a2 Milk® continues to maintain high equity attributes amongst a2 Milk® consumers



# We continue to invest to both build our brand and increase household penetration

## Drive targeted awareness



- New breakthrough campaign
- Broader media target to expand household penetration potential
- CTV, YouTube and PR to stay top of mind

### Educate on brand benefits



- Leverage social and digital to drive awareness and conversion
- Optimise search to capture consumers at point of interest
- Evolve creative message to drive consumers through purchase funnel

### Win in store



- Leverage online grocery to drive trial of products
- Custom shopper plans integrated with trade programs
- Leverage point of purchase marketing in store to take advantage of 80% of purchase decisions made at shelf

## We have launched a Milk® Half and Half

- Total Half and Half market has annual sales of \$1.1B and annual growth of +5%; there is currently limited innovation in the category
- Consumers are in search of a natural, easier on digestion Half and Half product
- a2MC has introduced a new product which is 100% real milk and cream and with natural A2-protein
- It has been accepted in over 5K stores so far
- First shipped in June 21 with further expansion expected in 2H22



## We are excited to announce our Hershey's a2 Milk® Partnership

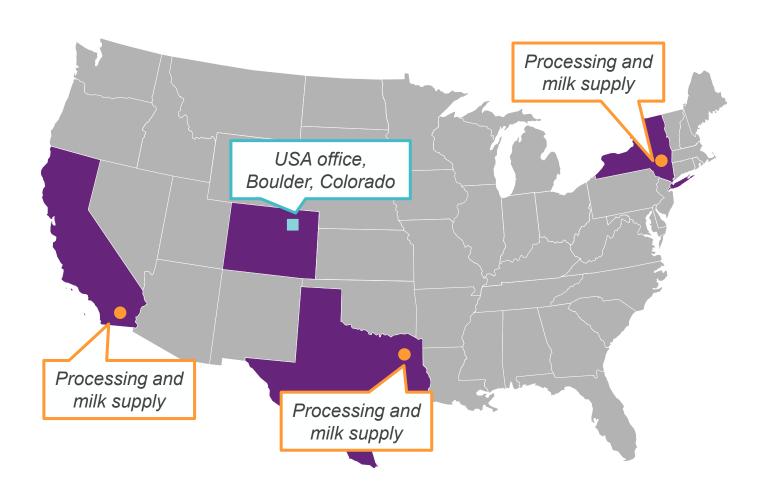
- Hershey's a2 Milk® partnership is the perfect combination to meet consumers' needs for health and taste
- Total branded chocolate milk category has annual sales of \$745M and YoY growth of 9%
- a2MC will introduce a 2% reduced fat chocolate milk in 3Q22 leveraging Hershey's chocolate (Americas #1 chocolate brand)
- 4 product sizes to be introduced; 59oz multi-serve, 8oz, 6pk (8oz) and 18pk (8oz)

It is a milk for the whole family, it is a brand that kids love and parents' trust





## Our co-manufacturing supply chain has served us well



#### Commentary

- The US product portfolio is ESL (extended shelf life) milk that comes with an extended code date to adequately travel the market in the USA but must be refrigerated
- a2MC currently contracts with multiple farms and three processors to supply its milk
- The current co-manufacturing supply chain provides flexibility and optimised distribution locations to cover the US with a refrigerated ESL milk product range
- However, co-packing limits margin potential and innovation
- A key part of the path to profitability in the USA is further optimisation of manufacturing and the associated cost structure, and potential participation in manufacturing

# **Our US strategic priorities**

Ambition	To be a top-5 premium milk brand with >10% EBITDA margin							
Strategic priorities	Educate consumers on the a2 Milk® difference  Bring to life the distinctiveness and value proposition of a2 Milk® for US consumers	aw witl	crease conversion and household penetration Drive targeted vareness together th brand education to increase trial	Deliver con premium ex maintain lo	relocities  Insumers a  Iperience to  Insumers a  Iperience to  Insumers a  In	Extend brand in new categorie  Broaden product to achieve scale win new users	s mix and	Explore participation in manufacturing  Explore participation in manufacturing as an enabler to achieve profitability and increase innovation
Measures of success	Grow household penetration to 10%		Achieve 5% shar premium milk c		Achieve 25% of sales from innovation		Achieve profitability during FY25/FY26	
Enablers	Relentless commitment to highest quality product and safety standards		Maximise impact from marketing investment on awareness and trial		Deepen capability to innovate and launch new products		Retain key talent and capabilities	

# **Key takeaways**



We are continuing to **drive growth in the USA** despite COVID-19 unwind impact on overall market growth



Growth is supported by **ongoing brand development** with penetration, awareness and repeat purchasing having momentum



We are **expanding into adjacent categories** through innovation and partnerships to drive scale



We are reviewing options to **participate in manufacturing** over time





# a2MC acquired 75% of Mataura Valley Milk (MVM) in July 2021

- MVM is a world-class dairy nutritionals manufacturing facility located in Southland, New Zealand
- The MVM plant is a purpose built nutritionals facility with unique design features – one of the most technically advanced nutritional sites globally
- The processing plant took its first milk in August 2018
- MVM today manufactures both commodity products (such as whole milk powder and skim milk powder) as well as nutritionals (such as IMF base powder)
- MVM is exploring additional business development opportunities and will seek to work with additional third parties to improve financial performance
- MVM is transitioning from coal to full site electrification a first for the industry in NZ





## Strategic rationale for a2MC acquisition of MVM

- A unique opportunity to acquire a new world-class nutritional manufacturing capability
- Existing supply agreements with local farmers engaged to supply the highest quality milk and significantly transition to A1-protein free in three seasons
- Supplier and geographic diversification (within New Zealand) dual supply to complement existing supply from Synlait
- Innovation and new products pathway for a2MC
- Enables a2MC to capture **manufacturing margins**
- The opportunity to build and enhance our relationships with key partners in China including China Animal Husbandry Industry Co., Ltd. and China National Agriculture Development Group Corp.
- Further **enhance and protect a2MC intellectual property** (extending to formulation, manufacturing, on farm)
- Greater control over our destiny with respect to our China brand registrations





# MVM short-term outlook will be challenging; utilisation will increase over time

# Short-term outlook for MVM to be more challenging than anticipated

- MVM's IMF customers have been impacted by China IMF market dynamics, which has resulted in a reduction in MVM's 3<sup>rd</sup> party nutritional demand as these customers work through their own inventory issues
- The decline in a2MC volumes in FY21 has also reduced the potential volume that can be transferred to MVM
- Given these conditions are expected to continue in the short-term, the factory will need to produce commodity products, which will adversely impact earnings
- Plans are being developed for the plant to reach profitability during FY26 or earlier

## a2MC has a plan to increase MVM utilisation over time

**Step 1:** Milk powder

- MVM currently operates as a manufacturer of commodity and nutritional base powders
- During FY22 we are targeting to start MVM production of a2<sup>TM</sup> instant whole milk powder

Step 2: Innovation

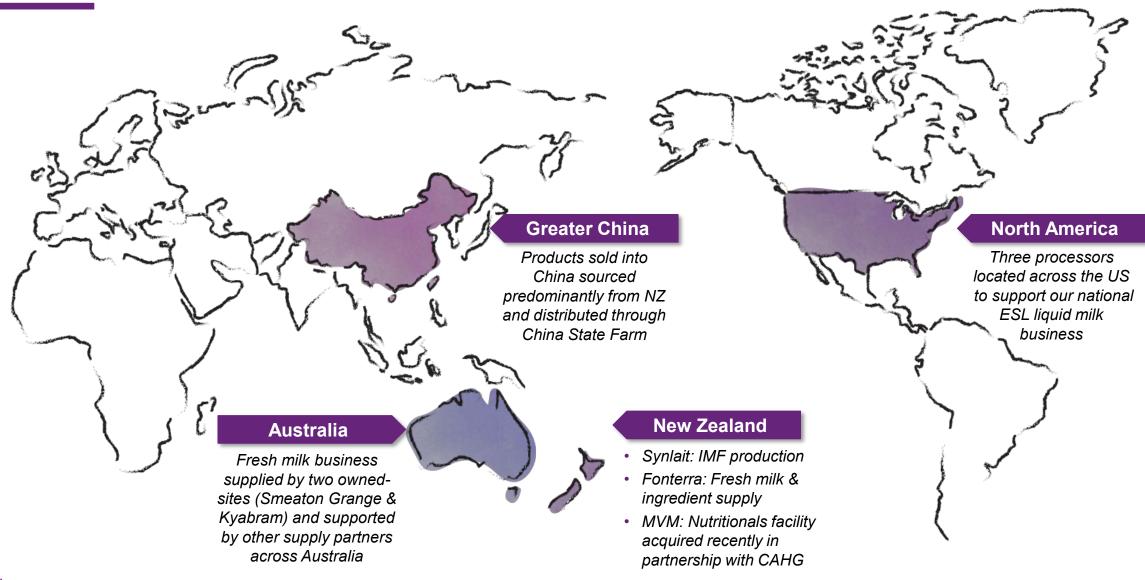
 As we continue to expand our product portfolio in the future, MVM will play a key role in the production process, particularly for nutritional product innovation

Step 3: IMF

- a2MC is reviewing ways for MVM to play a role alongside Synlait in supplying our IMF portfolio (EL and CL)
- Intention for MVM to invest in blending and canning facilities and achieve SAMR registration for CL product



# Acquisition of MVM marks the continued evolution of a2MC's supply chain and operations



# We continue to evolve our operations to support business objectives



# Capital Smart Approach

- Innovative approach to supply chain through both strategic partnerships and direct ownership
- Our supply chain also acts as a critical enabler for market access into the China market through the registrations it accesses



# Quality systems & processes

- Strict focus on quality
- The a2 System<sup>™</sup> includes a proprietary suite of knowledge and know-how
- Extends from on-farm, through to manufacturing and down to branding and marketing to consumers



# Inventory management & traceability

- Implementation of a new traceability system
- Enhanced inventory management systems
- Measures to improve channel inventory in progress
- Continuously seeking opportunities to improve S&OP systems and processes

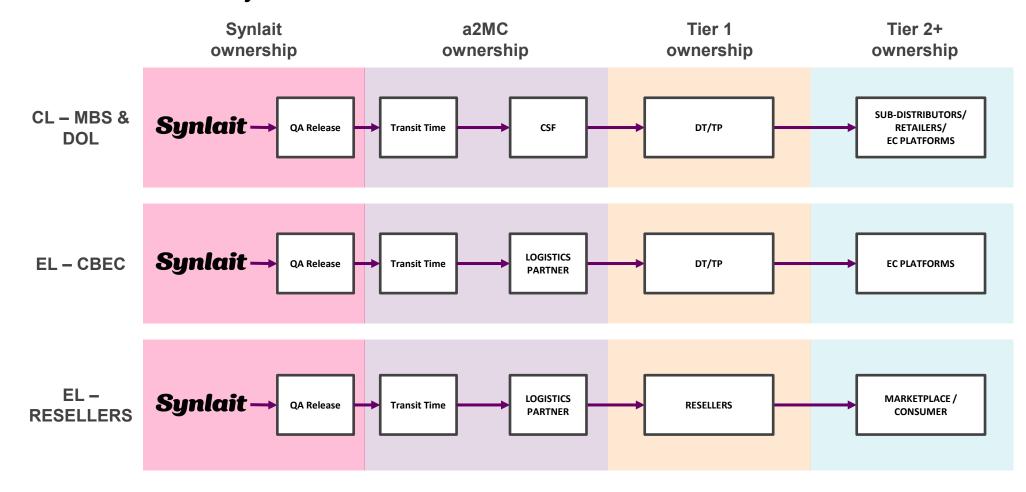


# Australia & New Zealand sourcing

- Australia and New Zealand sourcing profile for Asia-Pacific markets
- All our IMF is sourced and manufactured in New Zealand
- Longer-term business context and strategy will likely require China supply chain capability

# We are working to optimise our end-to-end supply chain

#### Indicative IMF inventory flow



# We are currently managing COVID-19 related operational challenges

#### Challenges

## What we are doing to manage this

New COVID-19 practices and regulations

- Complying with all local Government COVID-19 requirements
- Engaging proactively with our suppliers on potential COVID-19 impacts
- Adopting risk-averse practices at Smeaton Grange to avoid potential COVID-19 impacts, including: deferral of non-essential factory visitors or maintenance, non-essential staff working remotely and encouraging all staff to get vaccinated (with high vaccination rates among site staff)

**Unreliable schedules** and port congestions

- Providing accurate forecasts to avoid last minute offload
- Utilising a combination of ports (AKL, CHC, TRG)
- Continuing open and frequent dialogue with partners in NZ, AU and HK; leveraging relationships where possible
- Seeking opportunities to bring flexibility back along the chain (compensating for flexibility lost from shipping side)
- · Reusing containers as much as possible in our network rather than discharge and return

Escalating logistics and shipping costs

- Limiting the level of shipping cost increases through negotiation
- Improving forward planning to create cost savings in logistics

Labour and driver shortages (US)

- Implemented a consolidation model (shared trucks)
- Requesting full pallet order and reduction in distance travelled per order

Farm audits, assessments and sampling impacted

- Implemented virtual audits and assessments where possible
- · Increased communication and desktop surveillance through the raw milk supply program
- Training for farmers to self sample

# FINANCE & IT Race Strauss (Chief Financial Officer)

# Our Finance and IT priorities largely focus on enabling decision support

Improving data and insight capability	We are improving our data availability, analytics and insights to help drive results in the business				
Expand finance capabilities	We are expanding our finance capabilities, particularly in treasury and supply chain finance				
Build IT capability	We are building IT capability and developing a blend of insource vs outsource, to be more cost effective and be able to operate faster				
Enhance our cyber security defence	We are continuing to enhance our cyber security defence and have made headway over the past 18 months				
Build our cloud-based systems	We are building out our cloud-based systems capabilities, including applications to support ERP, HCM, S&OP, CRM and Farm Services				
Integrate acquisitions seamlessly	We are focused on integrating MVM into a2MC's IT strategy and operations to leverage our existing investment and capability				

## **FY22** trading update

- There is no material change to the FY22 position as outlined at the FY21 August results announcement however, we are seeing a different mix of our business, favouring English label IMF
- English label IMF sales in 1Q22 were down on 1Q21, but were significantly up on 4Q21, which was constrained to reduce channel inventory levels. English label IMF sales are expected to be down in 1H22 vs pcp, but ahead of expectations
- As flagged in our FY21 results release, China label IMF sales in 1Q22 have been constrained to reduce channel
  inventory levels further with sales significantly down on 1Q21 and 4Q21. Whilst distributor offtake and retailer sales
  were up double digits during 1Q22 vs 1Q21, they are lower than expected. As a result, China label IMF sales are now
  expected to be significantly down in 1H22 vs pcp
- IMF Tier 1 distributor inventory levels are now at required levels for both English label and China label
- ANZ fresh milk volumes were up in 1Q22 vs 1Q21, in part benefitting from extended lockdowns however, sales in 1Q22 were flat vs 1Q21 due to FX movements
- US liquid milk volumes were down in 1Q22 vs 1Q21 due mainly to an expected reduction in ranging by a club channel customer. Separately, distribution cost pressures continue in the US market
- MVM nutritional demand has reduced and active steps are being taken to secure additional volume

# Strong and robust balance sheet to support growth initiatives ahead of returning capital to shareholders

#### **Operating cash flow generation**

#### **Capital funding**

#### **Grow the core business in existing markets**

- Investment in building core business
- · Participate in infant nutrition manufacturing
- Enabling investment in systems, infrastructure, quality, safety and expertise
- Organic growth existing and new products/ new retail channels
- Assess M&A opportunities to support core business growth and supply chain evolution

#### **Expand the boundaries**

- Adjacent new product categories in existing markets
- Geographic expansion of existing products into new markets
- Assess M&A opportunities to expand boundaries

#### Balance sheet strength and flexibility

- Capacity to support business growth and risk management initiatives
- Maintain a conservative cash reserve to manage in an uncertain environment

**Excess cash flow** 

**Shareholder returns** 



# **Key takeaways**

- The market landscape has experienced **unprecedented change over the past 12 months**, requiring us to adapt
- As a result, we have adapted our growth strategy to achieve the full potential of our business
- Importantly, our **brand is strong**, we have a relatively small share in China IMF and **significant opportunity** to capture
- We have **reorganised to prioritise** our most important growth levers and have a clear plan to execute
- We have a great leadership team and pioneering culture to lead the execution



