# **Lynch Group Holdings Limited**

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## Lynch Group Overview

Floral category leader #1 in Australia – only national scaled supplier to major supermarkets



### 100+ years of history with deep supply chain expertise

### >17 years presence in China

with strong platform established to accelerate growth and capture opportunity

### Australia

- Dominant position in fast growing supermarket channel
- Perishable product with a complex supply chain creates significant barriers to entry
- Access to own China supply and other Tier 1 growers a competitive advantage
- Diversified supply base and flexibility in downstream distribution (e.g. SOR Stores) minimises risk and protects margins
- Low capex and high cash conversion

### China

- Rapidly developing market with fast growing consumer demand expected to outstrip supply for many years
- Investment driving year-round supply of premium product
- Diversified channels to market
- Majority of production now sold via direct fixed price retail customer orders
- Track record of predictable and attractive ROIC on growth capex









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#### **ASX Listing and FY21 Results**

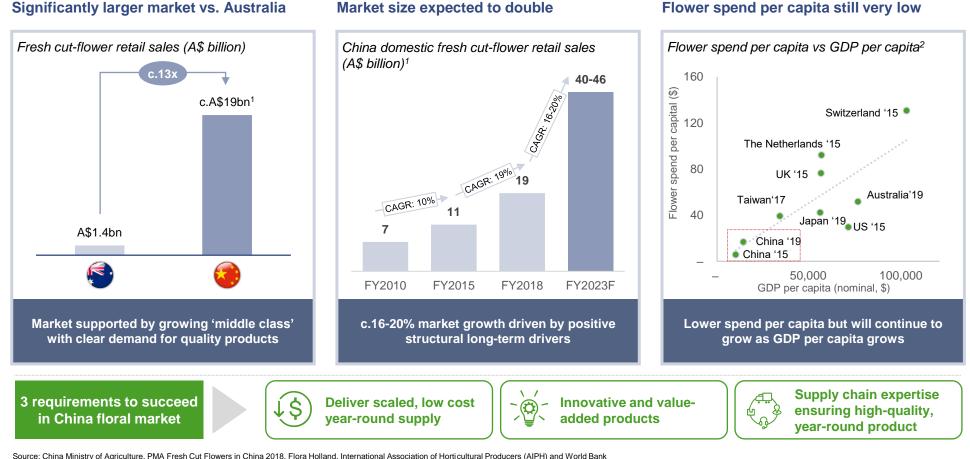
- LGL listed on the ASX early April, in parallel with finalising the acquisition of Van den Berg China (2 additional high production farms + domestic sales platform)
- Released results for FY21 on August 26, ahead of prospectus, demonstrating record growth in both geographies:
  - PF Revenue \$331.0m
  - PF EBITDA \$58.6m
  - PF NPATA \$32.4m
- Our China operations now represent c.38% of our earnings base (at EBITDA) and growing

#### **China Context**

- The cut flower industry is global in nature with a long history of international trade between major flower growing regions and consumer markets
- As the scale of Lynch Group's Australian operations has increased we have developed supply partnerships in key international growing regions
  - Flower production is most efficient in geographies close to the equator, at elevated altitudes (e.g. China, Kenya, Columbia, Ecuador)
  - Volumes available domestically in Australia have remained relatively stable over time currently >50% of our Australian procurement volumes
- Commenced operations in China in 2004
  - Initially focussed on third party supply of reliable, high quality volumes for our Australian operations
  - Developed own farm production capacity for domestic market and export



### China market is large, early stage, fast growing and underpenetrated



Flower spend per capita still very low

Source: China Ministry of Agriculture, PMA Fresh Cut Flowers in China 2018, Flora Holland, International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) and World Bank Notes:

- Converted at AUD/RMB exchange rate of 1:5.00
- For flower spend per capita (A\$), latest available data for each country has been used 2.



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# China Floral Industry

#### **Snapshot**

- Yunnan Province (SW China) offers very favourable conditions for cut flower production
  - Majority of China's floral production is based in Yunnan (imports into China remain low) ideal climate
  - Efficient source of supply for major Tier 1 city consumer markets
  - Strong government support for floriculture investment

#### Fragmented growing base

- Typically small land parcels, limited investment in growing infrastructure/technology, older varietal genetics
- Very few producers of scale
- Supply chain still developing
  - Small growers combine as cooperatives to market product
  - Multi layered wholesale channels to market slow and cost additive
  - Limited focus on cold chain and product integrity through to the consumer
- Consumer interface presents opportunity
  - Highly fragmented universe of florists
  - Chained retailers have historically experienced difficulty with the category scaled and reliable supply being the key challenge
  - Relatively poor value proposition for consumers (price and quality)



# Lynch China

#### **Strategy and Operations**

#### Dominant supply position

- Long term investment in growing infrastructure, technology, systems and people has delivered Lynch a strong track record of sustained customer engagement and strong returns on investment
- Currently 61ha in production across 4 farms expanding by 10+ha p.a., supported by local procurement, processing, logistics and sales teams
- Largest premium Rose grower in China, >80% of processed volume is distributed locally, remainder fulfils a valuable supply input for our Australian operations

#### Leading competitive position

- Large retail customers require a supply partner with year-round, scaled volumes of stable, high quality product
- Essential that we deliver a differentiated product with lowest unit cost of production
- Differentiation achieved via: unique floral genetics (performance/appearance), consistent volume availability (summer/winter), premium quality

#### Essential supply partner

- Calibrating Australian customer service know-how and IP into the domestic China retail and consumer landscape
- Product innovation and scaled production of a broad value-added range of floral products from own farm and 3<sup>rd</sup> party supply roll-out of processing facilities in Tier-1 cities
- Cool chain management from farm gate to customer + in-store merchandising and sales support



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### Key Value Drivers - China

#### **Production Capacity**

Long term track record of investment and performance

#### Well established production and processing footprint development program

- 17+ year operating history in Yunnan Province primarily focussed on Premium Rose production (#1 product in floral industry)
- Track record of investment and earnings delivery GH infrastructure and growing management, systems, controls
- Leading market position stable year round volumes and quality, highly competitive unit cost of production, premium price performance
- 61ha in GH production 30 June 2021 targeting 75ha+ at 30 June 2022
- Reliable pathway for ongoing expansion (10ha+ p.a.) on existing farms + development of new land beyond
- Product now primarily distributed in China domestic market, however competitive and relevant to all international consumer markets
- Capex requirement c.\$800k per ha exc. packing and distribution, ROIC hurdle >25% p.a. (recurring EBITDA/Capex), Rose crop maturity profile c.40/80/100% at Yrs 1/2/3 anniversary of planting date

#### Strong long term supply relationships with retail platform customers

- Strategy to disintermediate existing inefficient domestic supply chain leveraging the Australian consumer supply model into the China domestic market environment
- Shanghai processing facility opened January 2021 entrenching reach into wholesale, retail platform, and florist customers
- Retail platform customer engagement has developed rapidly over 2020/21 (new customers and organic) now representing 50%+ of farm production volumes on fixed pricing
- Next phase focussed on incremental development of Tier 1 city processing facilities, for supply of a broader range of consumer products (higher ASP, value added lines, e.g. bouquets) for supply into these customers, supported by merchandising and in-store support
- The consumer supply platform will over time add incremental wholesale margins (from own farm and 3<sup>rd</sup> party supply) to the China operation



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#### Downstream Development

Moving closer to the consumer

