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#### The a2 Milk Company at a glance

- The a2 Milk Company ("a2MC") is in the business of producing, marketing and selling premium branded dairy nutritional products in targeted global markets
- All a2MC branded products contain only A2 beta casein protein type rather than both A1 and A2 types found in conventional cows' milk products
- Uniquely focused on building a branded and differentiated business supported by an integrated IP portfolio and growing scientific evidence



Key metrics FY17					
	GBP million <sup>1</sup>	NZD million			
Market Capitalisation <sup>2</sup>	~2,270	~4,050			
Group Revenue	308.3	549.5			
Group EBITDA <sup>3</sup>	79.2	141.2			
Group NPAT	50.8	90.6			
EPS <sup>4</sup> (pence/cents per share)	7.1p	12.7c			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> GBP metrics converted at 28 August 2017 (NZD/GBP = 0.561)



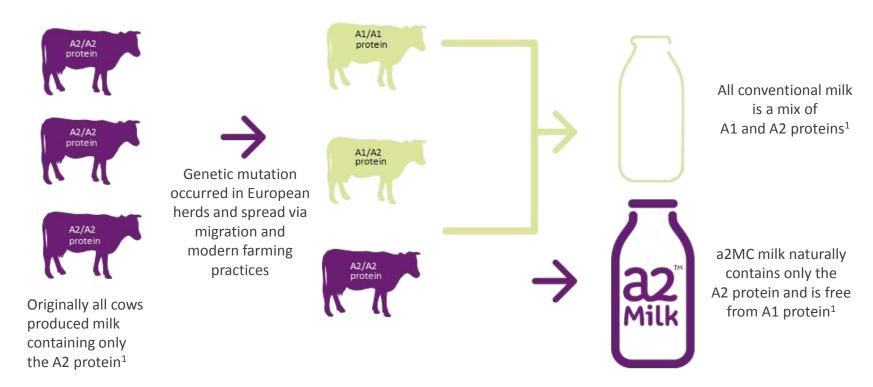
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on share price of NZD5.58/GBP3.13 as at 28 August 2017 (quoted securities only)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure, representing earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Basic Earnings Per Share

#### What is the a2 Milk™ brand difference?

- The a2 Milk™ brand is a naturally occurring cows' milk and not a product of a technological process or genetic engineering
- a2MC have accumulated significant proprietary know-how and quality processes to ensure a2MC products are A1 protein-free





 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ A1 and A2 protein refers to A1 and A2 beta casein protein types respectively

#### The a2 Milk Company proposition















# Group strategy



#### **Growth strategy**

**OUR PURPOSE** 

As the a2 Milk™ pioneers we are determined to help people enjoy a better life

**OUR VISION** 

To be the innovative and smart choice for dairy nutrition

**OUR AMBITION** 

To be the most admired and commercially attractive dairy nutritional company

**OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES** 



### BROAD DAIRY NUTRITIONAL PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

Across a continuum from the purity of fresh a2 Milk™ to customised
A1 protein-free products

Targeting adults, children and infants to satisfy their growing digestive health needs



#### TARGETED ATTRACTIVE REGIONS

Asia Pacific focus (ANZ, China, Other Asia)

USA

UK

Opportunistic new markets

### PROPRIETARY KNOW-HOW, A2 PROTEIN EXPERTISE

Integrated intellectual property portfolio

Leading operational & compliance capability

Sponsoring relevant scientific research

Differentiated brand development

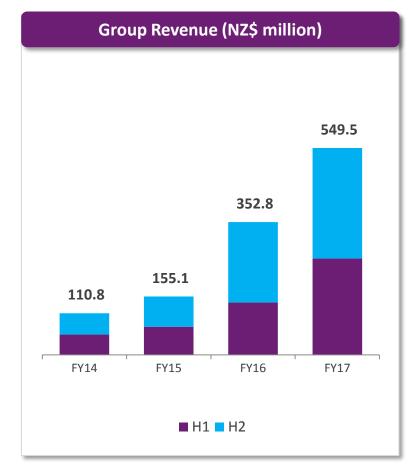


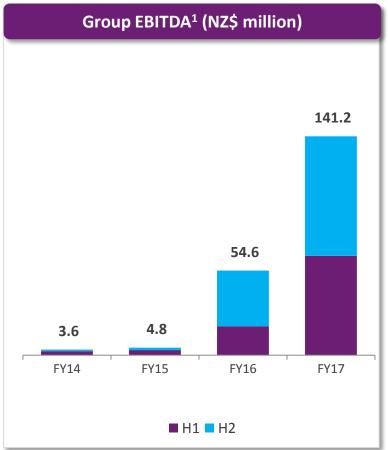
#### **Dairy nutrition innovation continuum**

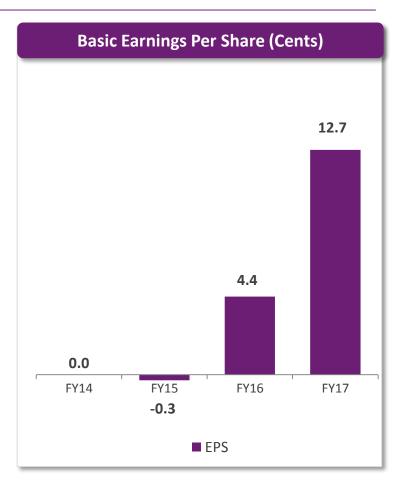


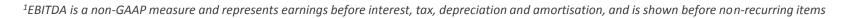


#### The year in charts











#### FY17 highlights<sup>1</sup>

- Group revenue \$549.5m and Operating EBITDA<sup>2</sup> \$141.2m
- EBITDA to sales margin 26% (FY16 15%)
- Group a2 Platinum® infant formula revenue +84%
- China revenue more than doubled and EBITDA +258%
- ANZ business revenue +48% and EBITDA +83%
- Infant formula consumption share in China of ~3.5%<sup>3</sup>
- Rate of sale growth in UK and US markets
- Development of a broader nutritional products strategy and a new focus on emerging markets
- Strongly focused on China's evolving regulatory regime for infant formula products and cross border trade
- Operating cash flow of \$99.9m and a cash balance of \$121.0m at year end
- To support our manufacturing partner, acquired 8.2% shareholding in Synlait Milk Limited



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Operating EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and represents earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Kantar Infant Formula market tracking of China Key and A cities for quarter ending 30/06/17 (Kantar track a substantial proportion of the total market)

#### **Financial summary**

NZ\$ million	FY17	FY16	% change	
Revenue	549.5	352.8	56%	
Gross margin	263.5	151.0	75%	Gross margin primarily reflects increased contribution from infant formula sales and
Sales & distribution	(21.3)	(19.0)	12%	lower infant COGS in FY17
Marketing	(42.0)	(33.0)	27%	<ul> <li>Increased marketing and brand development spend of \$9.0m vs pcp, primarily in US</li> </ul>
Employee costs	(23.0)	(19.1)	20%	and China
Administration & other	(36.0)	(25.3)	42%	• Increases to 'administration and other' reflects write-down of intangibles (+\$2.4m),
EBITDA	141.2	54.6	159%	increased spend on patents, trademarks and R&D (+\$2.0m) and others costs associated with business expansion
EBIT	138.5	51.8	167%	
NPAT	90.6	30.4	198%	<ul> <li>Effective tax rate reduced from ~42% to ~35% reflecting lower weighting of non- deductible expenses and international losses not tax effected</li> </ul>
	Jun-17	Jun-16		
Cash on hand	121.0	69.4	74%	• Cash on hand reflects strong NPAT contribution offset by \$48.7m investment in Synlait
Inventory	28.4	52.6	(46%)	• Inventory reduction reflects strong demand for infant formula

#### **Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures**

NZ\$ million	FY17	FY16
ANZ segment EBITDA	155.3	84.7
China & other Asia segment EBITDA	32.8	9.2
US & UK segment EBITDA	(22.5)	(20.5)
Corporate & other segment EBITDA	(24.4)	(18.8)
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	141.2	54.6
Depreciation & amortisation	(2.7)	(2.8)
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	138.5	51.8
Net interest income	0.8	0.5
Income tax expense	(48.7)	(21.9)
Net profit for the period	90.6	30.4
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#### **Geographic financial performance**

NZ\$ million	FY17		FY16		Movement %	
Operating Segment	Segment Revenue	Operating EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	Segment Revenue	Operating EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	Segment Revenue	Operating EBITDA <sup>1</sup>
Australia & New Zealand	439.6	155.3	296.3	84.7	48.3%	83.4%
China & other Asia	88.9	32.8	38.2	9.2	132.9%	257.6%
Corporate and other	-	(24.4)	-	(18.8)	-	30.2%
Total excluding US & UK	528.5	163.7	334.5	75.1	58.0%	118.0%
US & UK <sup>2</sup>	21.0	(22.5)	18.3	(20.5)	15.1%	9.8%
Total Group	549.5	141.2	352.8	54.6	55.8%	158.6%

Infant formula (included in Group total)	394.0
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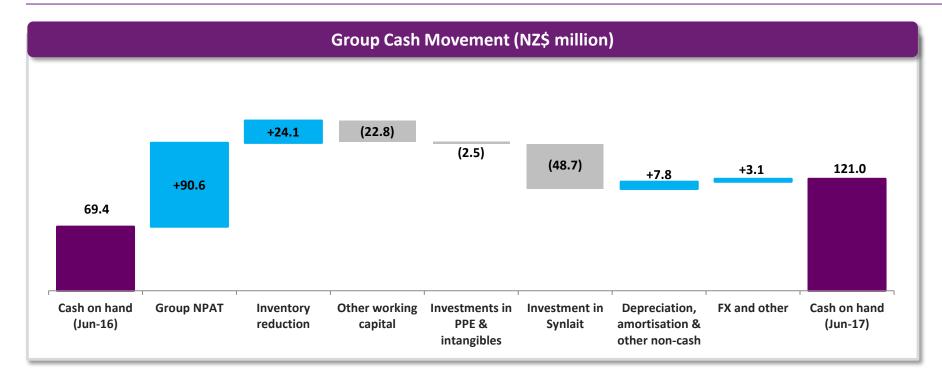
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83.8%



 $<sup>^1</sup>$ Operating EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and represents earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation  $^2$ UK & US Operating EBITDA includes \$2.2 million in impairment charges in FY17

#### **Cash position**

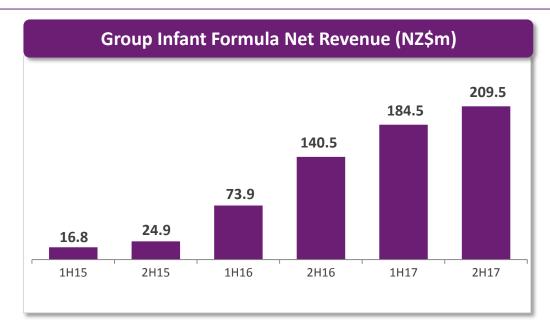


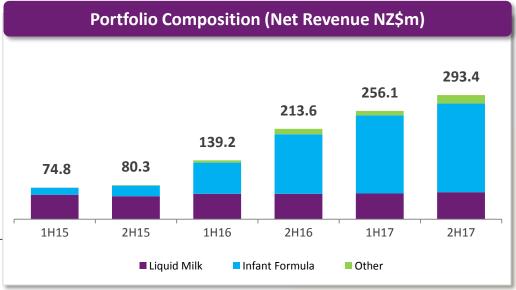
- Cash on hand reflects continued earnings momentum
- Inventory reduction reflects strong infant formula demand exceeding stock availability
- Working capital movement driven largely by increase in trade debtors and prepayments relating to infant formula
- Includes acquisition of shareholding in Synlait
- Working capital outlook assumes a planned increase in infant formula inventory in FY18



#### Continued strong growth in sales and market share for a 2 Platinum®

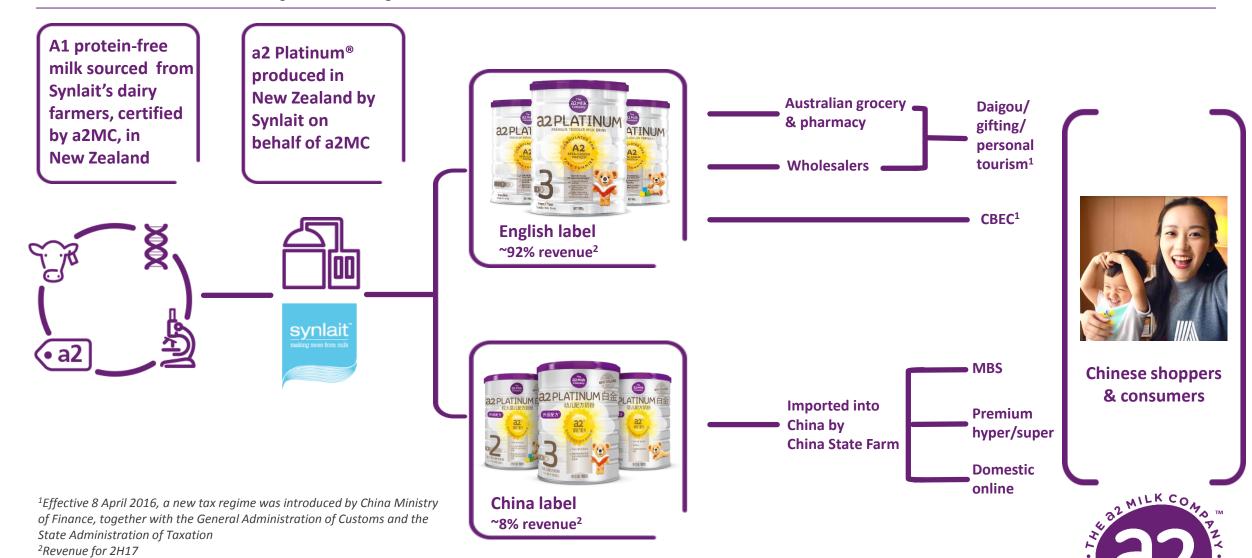
- Group infant formula revenue of NZ\$394.0 million, compared to NZ\$214.4 million for FY16
- Infant formula accounts for 72% of Group revenue
- Significant growth in Australian marketplace:
  - Fastest growing Australian infant formula brand by value<sup>1</sup>
  - Number 2 infant formula brand in the Australian market<sup>1</sup>
  - Value market share growing from ~16% to ~26% (MAT)¹
- Continued success of a2 Platinum® in China a function of our multi-product, multi-channel strategy:
  - Direct sales into China increased significantly in cross border e-commerce channels (CBEC) and mother baby retail stores (MBS)
  - China achieved ~150% growth of infant formula sales from FY16
  - China Label accounted for ~6% of Group infant formula sales in FY17, strengthening to ~8% in 2H17
- An enhanced supply agreement with manufacturing partner Synlait completed in August 2016 provides surety of supply



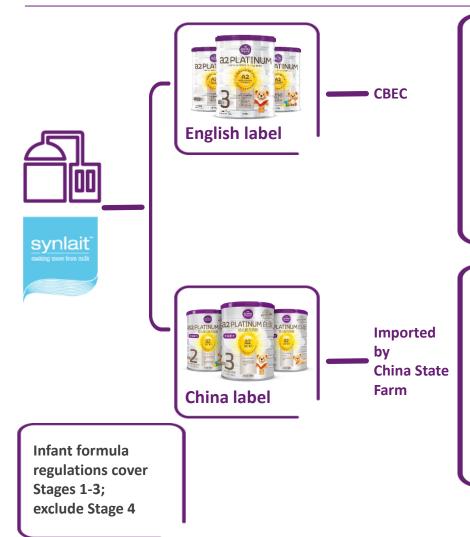


<sup>1</sup>Australian Grocery and Pharmacy Scan 52 weeks to 30 June 2017

#### **Route to market pathways into China**



#### China infant formula regulatory environment



#### **English label product sold through CBEC platforms**

- China Ministry of Commerce (MoC) announcement (November) indicated an extension of the grace period for registration of goods imported through CBEC channel to the end of December 2017
- China Customs announced (March) an extension in implementing new import documentation requirements for CBEC products until the end of December 2017
- Company expects further announcements relating to infant formula trade within the CBEC channel

#### China label product sold through traditional import mode

- CFDA<sup>1</sup> registration required by manufacturers for products imported from 1 Jan 2018
- Manufacturing sites limited to registering three brands with the CFDA
- Dossier application for a2 Platinum® registration submitted by Synlait in May 2017, accepted for review
- · Company and Synlait confident application with CFDA will progress as expected
- Inventory received before 1 Jan 2018 in China may continue to be sold in any event

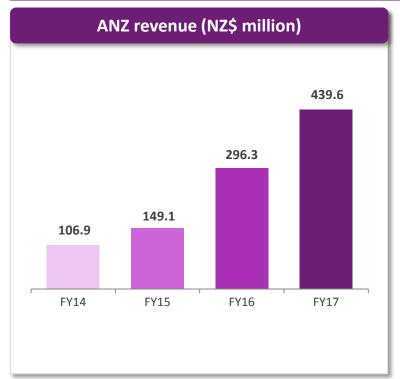


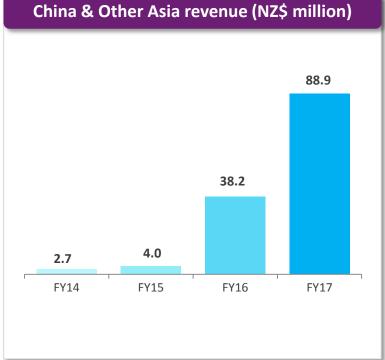
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CFDA: China Food and Drug Administration

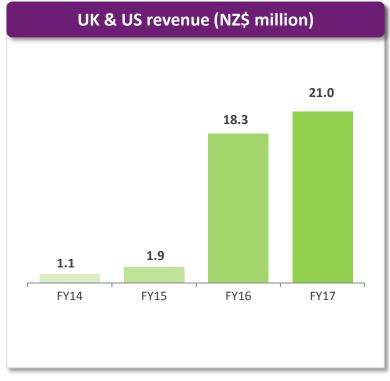
# FY17 regional performance



#### Regional Growth underpinned by a targeted product portfolio







- **Revenue:** \$439.6m Growth driven by infant formula
- 3 year revenue CAGR: ~60%
- **EBITDA:** \$155.3m

- Revenue: \$88.9m English & China Label Infant Formula growth
- 3 year revenue CAGR: ~215%
- **EBITDA:** \$32.8m

- Revenue: \$21.0m
   Increase in FY17 driven by UK & US milk performance
   FY17 impacted by lower infant formula availability
- 3 year revenue CAGR: ~175%
- **EBITDA:** (\$22.5)m



#### **Australia & New Zealand**

- Exceptional performance for the ANZ business in FY17
- Strong a2 Platinum® revenue growth of ~78% on pcp
- a2 Milk<sup>™</sup> branded fresh milk revenue growth of ~5.5% on pcp
- a2 Milk™ is the only milk brand distributed through all six key grocery retailers in Australia
- Nutritional portfolio expanded with skim milk powder launched May 2017; whole milk powder showed strong growth
- Close management of infant formula supply chain, improvement in product availability in Q4
- a2MC highest brand advertising spend within the infant formula and fresh milk categories
- Spontaneous consumer brand awareness for a2 Milk™ increased from 17% to 28% in FY17¹
- Continued to pay a premium to farmers to supply a2 Milk™
- Milk supply arrangements with Moxey Farms and Leppington Pastoral Co extended for a further three-year term
- The Australian Federal Court action initiated against a competitor remains in progress; the Company remains confident of achieving a successful outcome

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Australian brand tracking, EY Sweeney Brand Health Study, November 2016; n=1,808

#### China and other Asia

- Strong sales and earnings momentum
- Increased marketing and sales investment on prior year
- Flexible multi-channel strategy incorporating China and English label infant formula and milk powder
- Consumption share for a 2 Platinum infant formula brand grew strongly
  - ~3.5% value share 1 up from ~2.1% in prior year
- Strong growth in distribution in MBS channel
  - Increased from ~1,450 to ~3,800 stores
  - Supported by in-store marketing activities and sales personnel at store level
- Strong growth continued across CBEC channel
  - JD.com awarded the company 'Fastest Growing Brand' and 'Best Annual Supplier'
- Significant increase in capability within the local China team including appointment of new Executive Vice President, Jane Xu
- Expansion managed in a structured way, supported by in-market consultants
- Progressing liquid milk opportunity utilising ANZ exports, assessing further growth initiatives



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#### **United States**

- Progress on strategy to build brand awareness and expand footprint on a region-by-region basis
- Distribution increased to ~3,000 stores across the country:
  - Sales velocities grew in California with a number of key accounts now exceeding 30 units per store per week (UPSW)
  - Expanded into the South East from March with Publix, with ~1,100 stores in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas
  - Achieved increased distribution with Whole Foods Market; now ranged in seven of eleven regions
- Chocolate flavoured milk variant added in Q3
- New marketing campaign 'Love Milk Again' launched across TV, radio and digital advertising, supported by PR, shopper marketing and in-store activity
- Supply chain efficiencies through operation of a second contract processor in the Los Angeles basin
- Progress since launch has been slower than our expectations and we continue to focus closely on our return on this investment
- Based on recent performance, financial outlook now assumes ~US\$25 million forward investment before positive monthly EBITDA in FY20



#### **United Kingdom**

- The UK business achieved its first annual operating profit in FY17
- 'a2tonishing™' marketing campaign launched in May 2016 continues to resonate strongly with consumers
- Distribution gains for fresh milk
  - Increased range in J Sainsbury and increased facings in Waitrose
  - New listing in Asda WalMart near year end
- Ranging now in all major supermarkets with distribution in ~1,600 stores
- a2 Platinum® infant formula sales in the wholesale channel below prior year due to inventory availability
- Assessing incremental opportunities in Europe and the Middle East







#### Strategic progress & agenda

- · Continued build of Board and senior management capability
  - Appointment of Warwick Every-Burns & Jesse Wu as non-executive Directors
  - Reorganisation of senior leadership team and new focus:
    - Chief Executive Asia Pacific
    - Executive Vice President China
    - Head of Business Development Emerging Markets
    - UK, Europe & Strategic initiatives
- New hires across the Company to support regional growth and innovation needs
- Product innovation planned for FY18 targeting adults, children and infants
  - a2 Platinum<sup>®</sup> Stage 4 English label in market from August 2017
  - Further launches to follow
- Recent launch of Australian fresh milk into Singapore, first SEA initiative
- Further investment in IP portfolio, supported by targeted R&D
- New unifying brand identity



#### Intellectual property and R&D

- The Company recognises increased interest in A1 protein-free products
  - Focus on patents, trade marks and proprietary know-how across chosen markets, building on first mover advantage
  - a2MC will continue to actively enforce its intellectual property rights
- Research projects progressed during FY17:
  - Significant human study in China (n=600) builds upon digestive benefit findings from an earlier study published in FY16
  - Clinical study in China amongst pre-school children examining digestive and cognitive function submitted for publication; results aligned with recent adult findings
  - Human clinical study in association with Monash University Australia examining the benefits of a2 Milk™ on irritable bowel syndrome
  - Clinical examination of benefits of A1 protein-free milk to gut and systemic inflammation at USA Pennington Biomedical Research Centre
  - First acute human study supported by New Zealand Government grant now complete, results support previous research in Australia and China
- In September 2016 the *Nutrition Journal* reported that consumption of a2 Milk™ increases natural production of the body's key antioxidant, Glutathione (GSH) in milk-intolerant consumers
  - GSH is widely recognised for its association with a range of health benefits



## FY18 outlook and capital management



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#### FY18 outlook

- a2MC expects:
  - continued strong growth in infant formula and milk powders in Australia and China;
  - improved momentum in US and UK;
  - some downward pressure on gross margin % against prior year given evolving product mix and movement in commodity prices;
  - increased marketing spend, 1H18 ~NZ\$5 million higher than 2H17
- Achieving CFDA registration for China label infant formula remains an important target for the Company
- Continued close management of infant formula supply chain, expect inventory availability of a2 Platinum® to improve from current low levels
- Working capital outlook assumes an increase in infant formula inventory to more sustainable levels during FY18
- The Company expects to provide an update on performance at its Annual Meeting in November 2017

#### **Capital management**

- Board has been evaluating capital management alternatives whilst continuing to maintain a flexible and conservative structure
- Company intends to establish an on-market share buyback programme over the next 12 months of up to NZ\$40 million
- Further details of the on-market share buyback will be announced prior to commencement
- · Board remains open to a special dividend depending on progress on the buyback and future market conditions





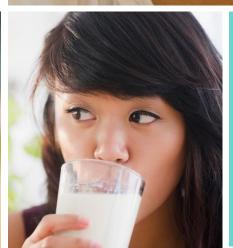












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