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# **Company overview**



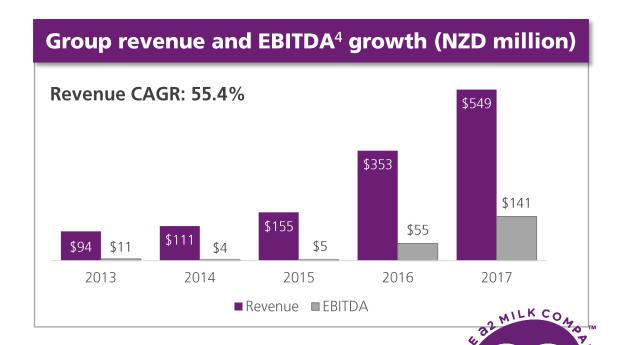
# The a2 Milk Company at a glance

- 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



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> USD metrics conversion rate of USD/NZD =1.383 (28 February 2018)

Key metrics FY17							
USD million <sup>1</sup> NZD million							
Market Capitalisation <sup>2</sup>	~6,990	~9,670					
<b>EPS</b> <sup>3</sup> (cents per share) 9.2c 12.7c							



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on share price of NZD13.23 at 28 February 2018 (quoted securities only)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Basic Earnings Per Share

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Operating EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and represents earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation; and non-recurring items

# The a2 Milk Company proposition















# **Evolving from pioneer to global leader**

2000 - 2006

2007 - 2017

2018 onwards

Leaders
Experts
Innovators

- Emerging beta-casein science
- IP development
- Licensing approach to market entry (ANZ, Asia, US)
- Initial brand development
- Communication exploration

- Move from licensing to operating business model
- Develop brand, IP and know-how
- Australian a2 Milk® brand captures significant market share
- Emergence of infant formula business
- Regional business model: China, US, UK
- 'Capital smart' approach
- Developing organisational depth and capability
- Advancements in beta-casein science
- Achieved first mover advantage

- Building a global branded dairy nutritionals business
- Accelerate new product development
- Furthering strategic partnerships
- Expanding into SE Asia
- Further market expansion opportunities
- Continuing to build corporate capability
- Increasing investment in brand, IP and know-how to ensure leadership in an emerging A1 protein-free category
- Development of sourcing strategies for nutritional 22 MILK Co products to support growth initiatives

## Leading the way in the A1 protein-free category

- a2MC is the creator and pioneer of the A1 protein-free category
- The science in support of the A2 protein proposition continues to develop and consumer awareness is rapidly building in targeted markets
- The Company expects broader interest in the A1 protein-free category over time and is well positioned to respond:
  - Existing comprehensive suite of patents, trade marks and proprietary know-how;
  - Ongoing investment in IP and research & development will further reinforce the Company's position as the leader and innovator of the A1 protein-free category;
  - Will continue to actively defend intellectual property rights;
  - Unique business model focused solely on products free of the A1 protein;
  - Leverage future category expansion as credibility of the proposition and awareness grows

#### The IP portfolio continues to provide barriers to entry

- Portfolio strength derived from interlocking complex relationship between trade marks, patents, proprietary know-how and geographical spread

# Brand and Trade marks

- Recognisable and trusted suite of brand assets (words, designs, symbols)
- Extending marks across an innovative product portfolio
- Growing brand presence in targeted growth markets (China, USA)
- Trade mark registrations/applications across 55 territories

#### **Patents**

- Rights to 15 families of patents and patent applications
- Focus on beneficial uses and physical properties associated with A1 protein free milk products
- New patents extending to 2035

# Proprietary know-how

- Leading quality and product integrity systems; operational and compliance capability
- Owners of The a2 System™





## **Progress made on 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 Potential new markets



# PROPRIETARY KNOW-HOW, A2 PROTEIN EXPERTISE

Integrated intellectual property portfolio
Leading operational & compliance capability
Sponsoring relevant scientific research
Differentiated brand development

#### **FY18 STRATEGIC PROGRESS**

- Continued growth of a2 Platinum® infant formula and a2 Milk® branded milk (powder and liquid) across all markets
- Launched a2 Platinum® Stage 4 junior milk in ANZ (August), China label to follow
- Nutritional products developed for launch calendar 2018 including a2 Platinum® pregnancy formula in 2H18

- Increased investment in marketing and capability across Asia Pacific
- a2 Milk® branded fresh milk launch, Singapore;
   Vietnam milk powder test market
- Liquid milk expansion and increased marketing investment, Northeast USA
- Ongoing assessment of opportunities in other markets, in particular Asia

- New unifying brand identity
- Ongoing investment in strengthening intellectual property portfolio
- Considering investment in nutritionals blending and canning capability
- Findings released from new human clinical research studies (China and New Zealand); further progress on existing studies across infants, pre-schoolers and adults
- Expecting broader interest in the A1 protein-free category and well positioned to respond

# **Dairy nutrition innovation continuum**

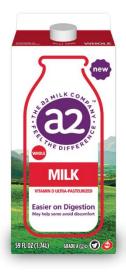


# New unifying brand identity rolling out across regions and innovation

**Asia Pacific** 



USA









Pregnancy, infant and toddler nutrition





# **Global strategic supply partnerships**

#### Multi-site, multi-product and geographic diversification

#### **Synlait Milk Limited**

- Foundation infant nutrition partnership
- Multiple New Zealand manufacturing sites
- Exclusive supply rights for infant nutrition into key markets
  - Australia
  - New Zealand
  - China
- New product innovation

#### **Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited**

- Emerging markets, multi-product partnership
- Australia and New Zealand manufacturing sites
- Exclusive supply rights for infant formula and other products into new priority markets:
  - South East Asia, Middle East
  - ANZ and China (non-infant formula products)



# Strategic relationship with Fonterra

#### a2MC has entered into a comprehensive strategic relationship with Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited (Fonterra):

#### Nutritional products manufacturing and supply agreement

- Provides a2MC with a highly credentialed second manufacturing partner
- Fonterra to supply A1 protein-free nutritional products in bulk and consumer packaged formats exclusively to a2MC
- Powder products to be manufactured at Darnum facility in Victoria, Aust; blending and canning at Canpac facility in Hamilton, NZ
- Product supply from Darnum expected to commence during calendar 2019
- a2MC granted strategic customer rights:
  - committed capacity arrangements, with offtake flexibility
- Fonterra granted exclusive supply rights:
  - for specific new priority markets in Southeast Asia and the Middle East for certain nutritional products to a specified volume
- New A1 protein-free milk pool to be developed in New Zealand and Australia by Fonterra and a2MC
- Provides access to large scale manufacturing performance and competitive terms within on a global basis context
- Rolling three year term



# **Strategic relationship with Fonterra**

#### New Zealand fresh milk licence

- Fonterra granted an exclusive licencing agreement:
  - Launch of a2 Milk™ branded fresh milk for end sale in New Zealand covering production, distribution, sale and marketing
  - Fonterra to access a2MC's systems and know-how relating to the sourcing, processing and marketing of a2 Milk™

#### Distribution and sales arrangements

- The parties will seek to establish distribution and sales arrangements in new priority markets where Fonterra has capabilities
- Services may relate to importation, registration, warehousing and sales and distribution

#### Other strategic arrangements

- The parties will evaluate potential commercial arrangements for the sale of certain a2MC branded A1 protein-free products in Australia,
   New Zealand and China
- Relates to dairy products not presently marketed by a2MC, such as butter and cheese

#### A1 protein-free milk pools

Fonterra to establish A1 protein-free milk pools in New Zealand and Australia in conjunction with a2MC



# 1H18 results & regional highlights



## **1H18 highlights**

- Group revenue \$434.7 million<sup>1</sup> and Operating EBITDA<sup>2</sup> \$143.0 million
- Group a2 Platinum® infant formula revenue of \$341.0 million, up 85% on pcp
- ANZ segment revenue +47% and EBITDA +65%
- China revenue and EBITDA more than trebled vs pcp
- Infant formula consumption market share in China of ~5.4%<sup>3</sup>
- Sales velocity growth and expansion of liquid milk distribution in the US and UK
- Continued focus on emerging markets and broader nutritional products strategy
- Operating cash flow of \$116.4 million; closing cash balance of \$240.2 million at period end
- CFDA infant formula registration achieved by Synlait Milk for a2MC infant formula<sup>4</sup>
- Admission to the S&P/ASX 100 and S&P/NZX 10 indices, effective December 2017
- Evolving shareholder composition: ~70% domestic (ANZ); ~30% offshore (North America, Asia, Europe)



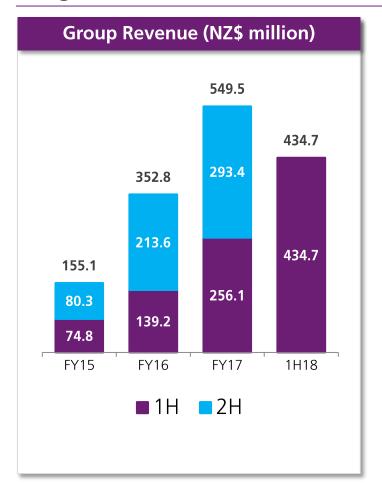
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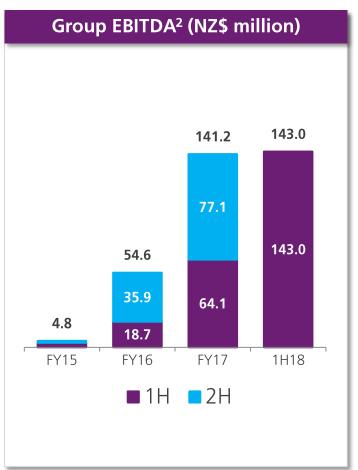
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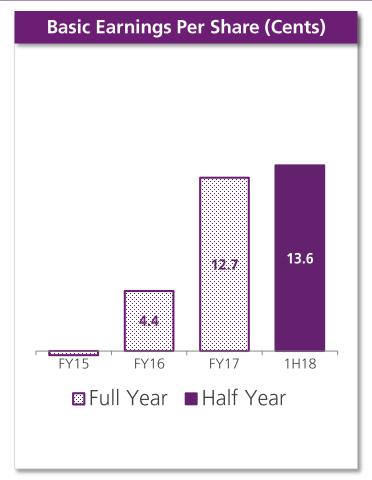
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Kantar Infant Formula market tracking of China Tier 1 and Key A cities for quarter ending 31/12/17 by value (Kantar track a substantial proportion of the total market)

<sup>4</sup> CFDA: China Food and Drug Administration: registration achieved by Synlait Milk for the importation of a2MC infant formula into China from 1 January 2018

# **Key financial charts**<sup>1</sup>









<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Company's financial year ends 30 June; 1H refers to the first half period from 1 July to 31 December; 2H refers to the second half period from 1 January to 30 June <sup>2</sup> EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and represents earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation, and is shown before non-recurring items

# **Financial summary**

NZ\$ million	1H18	1H17	% change	
Revenue	434.7	256.1	+70% •	Reflects market share gains in key products across all regions
Gross margin	216.5	119.0	+82% •	GM% of 49.8% benefitted from growth in infant formula and favourable currency movements
Distribution	(13.0)	(9.5)	+37% •	Increase relates primarily to distribution costs
Marketing	(26.0)	(16.0)	+62% •	Increased marketing investment primarily to support growth in China and US
Employee costs	(16.4)	(9.9)	+65% •	Employee cost increases reflect capability build in core markets
Administration & other	(18.0)	(19.5)	-8% •	,
EBITDA	143.0	64.1	+123%	and working capital
EBIT	141.9	62.5	+127%	
NPAT	98.5	39.4	+150% •	Effective tax rate reduced from ~37% to ~31% reflecting lower weighting of international tax losses (not tax effected) and non-deductible expenses

NZ\$ million	Dec-17	Jun-17	% change		
Cash on hand	240.2	121.0	+98%	<ul> <li>Cash on hand reflects strong NPAT contribution; improvements in working capital benefitted from timing of supplier payments</li> </ul>	
Inventory	53.6	28.4	+88%	Planned infant formula build	i



# **Segment financial performance**

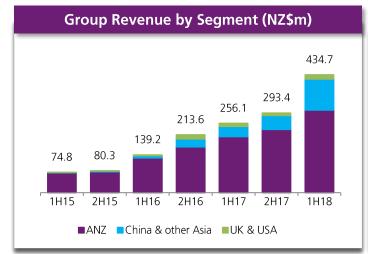
NZ\$ ı	million	Australia & New Zealand	China & other Asia	Corporate	UK & USA <sup>2</sup>	Total Group
1110	Revenue	304.2	114.4	-	16.1	434.7
1H18	EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	116.4	48.3	(13.3)	(8.4)	143.0

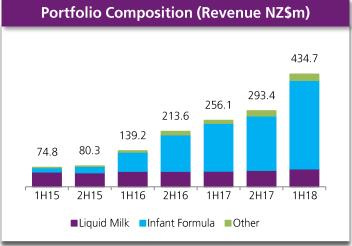
Infant Formula
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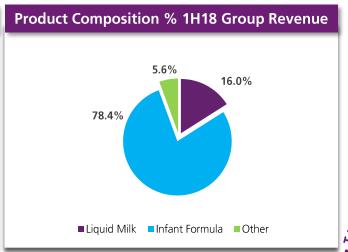
1H17	Revenue	206.6	37.7	-	11.8	256.1
1017	EBITDA	70.4	13.7	(12.3)	(7.7)	64.1

% Change	Revenue	47.3%	203.8%	-	35.7%	69.7%
76 Change	EBITDA	65.4%	252.0%	8.4%	8.6%	123.2%



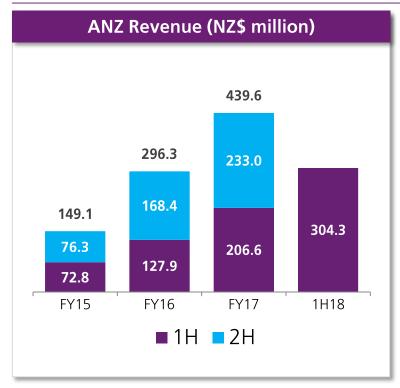


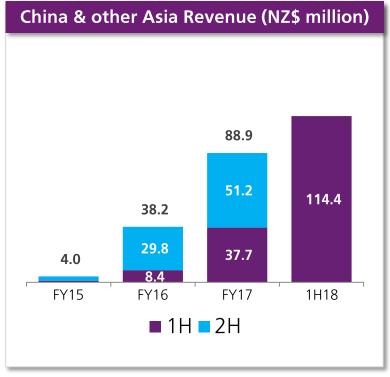


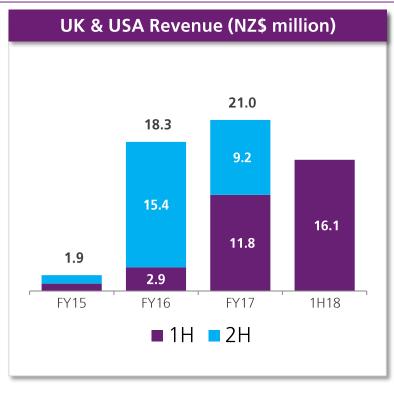


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and represents earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation <sup>2</sup>UK & USA Operating EBITDA includes \$2.2 million in impairment charges in FY17

# 1H18 regional performance overview<sup>1</sup>







• **Revenue:** \$304.3

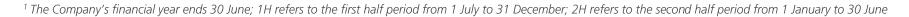
• **Revenue:** \$114.4

• **Revenue:** \$16.1

• **EBITDA**: \$116.4

• **EBITDA**: \$48.3

• **EBITDA**: (\$8.4)





#### **Australia and New Zealand**

- Outstanding performance for the ANZ business
- Strong growth in a2 Platinum® infant formula:
  - Australian market value share increased from ~26% to 30%<sup>1</sup>
  - Remains the fastest growing infant formula brand by value in Australia<sup>1</sup>
- a2 Milk® branded fresh milk revenue grew ~3% on pcp; market share growth to ~9.5%<sup>2</sup>
  - a2 Milk® as a brand is larger than organic, lactose free and plant based milk segments combined<sup>2</sup>
- Sales of a2 Milk® branded milk powder products significantly higher on pcp
- a2 Platinum® Stage 4 (launched August 2017) performed above expectations
- Successfully launched on-line e-commerce platform to improve access to a2 Platinum® for Australian consumers
- Continued to actively support and closely manage the personal shopper ("Daigou") channel
- Maintained highest national advertising spend in both infant formula and fresh milk categories
- a2 Milk® named top brand of choice for Australian 'millennials' 3
- Settlement reached with Lion Dairy & Drinks Pty Limited
- Very well supported by nutritionals manufacturing partner, Synlait Milk, in meeting increased demand



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Aztec Australian Grocery and Pharmacy Scan 31/12/17 Moving Annual Total (MAT) vs 30/06/17 MAT

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Aztec Australian Grocery Weighted Scan 31/12/17 MAT

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Number 1 brand on millennial shopping lists, The Urban List, Food & Drink Survey May 2017

#### **China and other Asia**

- Exceptional performance for the China and other Asia business
- Flexible multi-channel infant formula strategy in China delivering success:
  - Kantar consumption market share by value increased from ~3.5% to ~5.4%<sup>1</sup>
  - Successful participation in key seasonal online sales events in China
  - Distribution in China Mother Baby Stores (MBS) now totalling ~6,700 stores
  - China Label now represents ~12% of Group infant formula sales, up from ~8% in 2H17
- Growing brand awareness driven by increased sales and marketing investment
  - Commenced new brand campaign activation including live streaming events and significant digital TV media
  - Extensive video billboard campaign launch in Hong Kong
- CFDA registration achieved by Synlait Milk for a2MC China label infant formula in September 2017
  - 1H18 inventory includes build of China label in advance of registration
  - Transition to registered product during 2H18
- a2 Platinum® infant formula launched in Hong Kong through ~350 high-end pharmacy outlets
- Whole milk powder introduced into Vietnam following Australian fresh milk launch in Singapore
- Size and capability of China and emerging markets teams continues to strengthen



## **United Kingdom**

- Progressive growth of revenue and operating earnings
- Volume sales of a2 Milk® branded fresh milk increased by more than 50% against pcp
- 'a2tonishing' marketing campaign continues to resonate with consumers
- Sales growth reflects improvements in merchandising, in-store facings and point of sale presence
- Distribution increased from ~1,600 stores to over 2,000 stores
- Further ranging gains achieved in three largest supermarket chains Tesco, Sainsbury and Asda
- Results include a Platinum® infant formula sales in the wholesale channel, in line with pcp

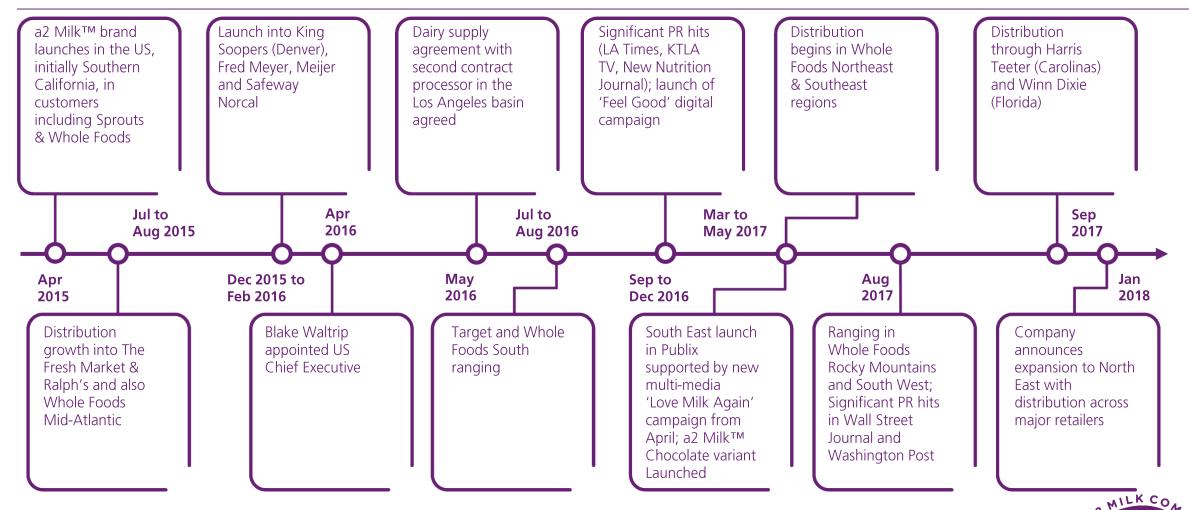


#### **United States**

- Further positive progress in building sales per store and distribution footprint
- Progressive improvement in gross margin and distribution costs
- Brand awareness continues to grow supported by;
  - 'Love Milk Again' free-to-air and subscription TV campaign
  - Editorial and digital media programmes
- Distribution in the Southeast extended to further key grocery retailers following successful Publix launch
- Velocity build in California and Southeast regions approaching or exceeding 30 UPSW<sup>1</sup> in key accounts
- Expansion into Northeast region announced January 2018:
  - Northeast is home to ~60 million consumers and accounts for ~20% of total USA milk category volume
  - Key accounts now include Wegmans, Whole Foods, Ahold (Stop & Shop and Giant), ShopRite, Safeway, H-Mart, Fairway Market and Market Basket
  - Achieved national earned media, including "CNBC Squawk Box" and strong press coverage
- Northeast expansion to increase total distribution from ~3,600 to ~5,000 stores across the USA
- Planned increased marketing investment supporting Northeast launch and other markets of ~US\$7 million in 2H18
- Named in the Top 10 Most Innovative Companies in Food for 2018 by US-based <u>Fast Company</u><sup>2</sup>
- Investigating new product opportunities to further capitalise on expanded distribution and awareness



#### Momentum has continued to build in the US since launch



# **Distribution expanded to Northeast from January**

#### Legend

- Broad distribution
- Limited distribution
- No current distribution
- Processing and milk supply
- US office, Boulder, Colorado

#### California

- Launched April 2015
- High levels of acceptance from retailers including Sprouts, Whole Foods, Kroger & Safeway
- Distribution has further grown to include Target & independent retailers



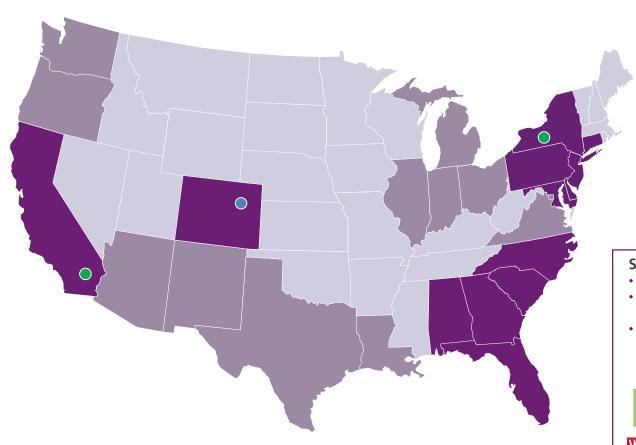












#### Northeast

- Entered market Jan 2018
- Initially Whole Foods Northeast
- Major Rollout to over 1400 stores in Jan 2018 including ShopRite, Wegmans, Fairway, H-Mart, Market Basket, Giant and Stop & Shop













#### Southeast

- Entered March 2017
- Initially through Publix into 1,100 Stores
- Distribution expanded into Winn Dixie, Harris Teeter, Ingles and Earthfare













# Advertising and media exposure increasing brand awareness











View advertising clip here: (https://a2milk.com/love-milk-again-tvc/)



(https://www.cbsnews.com/video/a2-milk-draws-consumer-praise-dairy-industry-skepticism//)



## **Science developments**

- Animal and human studies<sup>1</sup> highlight there are potential benefits of a2 Milk® due to the complete exclusion of the A1 protein<sup>2</sup>
  - Conventional milk is a combination of A1 and A2 protein
  - A1 and A2 proteins are different in structure and hence digest differently
  - Consumption of A1 protein can trigger inflammation and delay gut transit time in human gut cells and tissue

#### **Studies recently published:**

- Human clinical research study<sup>3</sup> involving 600 Han Chinese participants reported benefits of a2 Milk® with respect to milk intolerance
  - A1 protein found in conventional milk may trigger symptoms associated with milk intolerance<sup>3</sup>

#### Studies completed and submitted for publication:

- Pilot human study at the University of Auckland under New Zealand Government High Value Nutrition grant; further studies now progressing
- Clinical trial involving 75 Chinese pre-schoolers demonstrating digestive benefits

#### **Studies in progress:**

- Clinical examination at Pennington Biomedical Research Centre with regard to digestive function, inflammation and aspects of metabolic function
- Human clinical study in association with Monash University Australia examining the benefits of a 2 Milk® on irritable bowel syndrome



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://www.betacasein.net/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A1 and A2 protein refers to the A1 and A2 beta-casein protein types

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://nutritionj.biomedcentral.com/track/pdf/10.1186/s12937-017-0275-0?site=nutritionj.biomedcentral.com



# **1H18 trading performance and FY18 outlook**

#### **1H18 trading performance**

- Group revenue of NZ\$434.7 million:
  - Reflects market share gains in nutritional products and liquid milk
  - Includes seasonal sales from key China selling events, particularly in November and December
- Group EBITDA of NZ\$143.0 million:
  - GM% improvement reflects:
    - higher proportion of infant formula sales, currency movements and favourable net selling prices relative to plan;
    - partially offset by product cost increases and margin mix within nutritionals
  - Benefited from phasing of marketing spend (2H18 to exceed 1H18)

#### FY18 outlook

- Expecting marketing investment in 2H18 to exceed 1H18 by ~NZ\$35 \$40 million, driven by increased spend in China and USA
- Inventory levels have improved during 1H18; forecasting further build in 2H18
- Subject to currency movements and realisation of throughput efficiencies, GM% expected to be broadly consistent in 2H18

#### **Capital management**

• Board continues to consider the appropriate use of the Company's available capital including a review of opportunities to invest directly in blending and canning capability















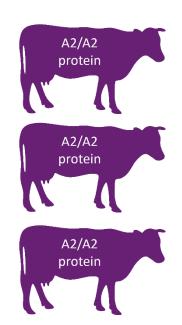
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#### What is the a2 Milk® brand difference?

- 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



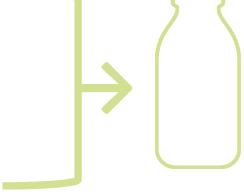
Originally all cows produced milk containing only the A2 protein<sup>1</sup>



Genetic mutation occurred in European herds and spread via migration and modern farming practices



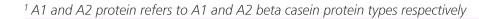






All conventional milk is a mix of A1 and A2 proteins<sup>1</sup>

a2MC milk naturally contains only the A2 protein and is free from A1 protein<sup>1</sup>



#### **Fundamentally the product works**

#### Liz (Australia)

"Members of my family have all had problems a2 Milk™ about a year ago and the issues disappeared. The big bonus is that we are also supporting our





#### Beverly (USA)

"This milk has been a game changer our favorite foods again."



#### Andrew (UK)

"a2 Milk™ has allowed myself and 8 year old son to enjoy milk again without suffering from the issues we had from standard milk."







# China: a2 Platinum® new marketing campaign and activations

- National live streaming of pop-up event in Chengdu¹ with life size a2 Platinum® can filled with interactive activities for visitors and hosted by celebrity mum *Huke* (胡可) and her son *An Ji* (安吉)
  - 250k live visitors, 23 million online viewers
  - Generating significant social media content
- Digital TV and outdoor advertising support for a2 Platinum® toddler milk
- Stepped up in-store promotions in MBS linked to activity







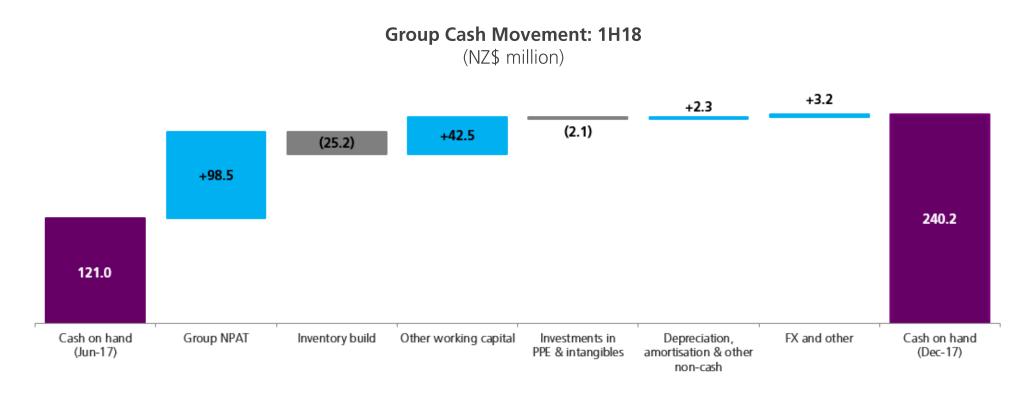
# Hong Kong: new video billboards in high traffic zones<sup>1</sup>



View billboard video here



# **Cash position**



- Inventory build reflects increase in infant formula inventory towards more appropriate levels to support sales growth
- Other working capital benefited from timing of supplier payments ~\$20 million (expected to reverse in 2H18) and improved debtor days
- FX and other includes positive movements on foreign currency cash holdings due to weakening of NZD



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

NZ\$ million	1H18	FY17	1H17
Australia & New Zealand Segment EBITDA	116.4	155.3	70.4
China & other Asia Segment EBITDA	48.3	32.8	13.7
UK & USA Segment EBITDA	(8.4)	(22.5)	(7.7)
Corporate EBITDA	(13.4)	(24.4)	(12.3)
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	143.0	141.2	64.1
Depreciation/Amortisation	(1.1)	(2.7)	(1.6)
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	141.9	138.5	62.5
Net interest income	0.8	0.8	0.4
Income tax expense	(44.2)	(48.7)	(23.5)
Net Profit for the Period	98.5	90.6	39.4

The Company's financial year ends 30 June; 1H refers to the first half period from 1 July to 31 December; FY refers to the full financial year from 1 July to 30 June















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