

# 2024 HALF-YEAR RESULTS Debt Investor Update



# GROUP PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW



# Wesfarmers Way

Wesfarmers' primary objective is to deliver a satisfactory return to shareholders. We believe it is only possible to achieve this over the long term by:



Anticipating the needs of our customers and delivering competitive goods and services



Looking after our team members and providing a safe, fulfilling work environment



Engaging fairly with our suppliers, and sourcing ethically and sustainably



Supporting the communities in which we operate



Taking care of the environment



Acting with integrity and honesty in all of our dealings

# 2024 Half-year highlights

Revenue up 0.5% to

\$22.7b

**Operating cash flows** up 47.0% to

\$2.9b

Interim fully-franked dividend up 3.4% to

NPAT

up 3.0% to

\$1.4b

\$0.91 per share



Well-positioned portfolio provides both resilience and growth

- Businesses with clear competitive advantages
- Opportunities for incremental investment to drive growth
- Strong cash flows provide flexibility to support investment

Maintain focus on responsible long-term management



Continued to advance key growth projects



Benefits from and reinvestment in productivity and efficiency



Continued to build climate resilience and long-term sustainability Results reflect strong execution from high-quality businesses

Core retail offer of everyday products providing market-leading value is resonating with more customers





## Driving sustainable long-term returns

- Expanding addressable markets
- Progressing growth platforms in health and lithium
- Digitising operations
- Benefitting from productivity actions

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# **Divisional highlights**

## Bunnings

Sales	Earnings
\$9.9b	\$1,282m
↑ 1.7%	↑ 0.3%

- Performance highlights resilience of demand across the offer
- Strong execution of strategies
- Continued to expand range, with pet launch trading well and increasing customer frequency
- Strengthened customer experience across channels
- Advanced 'Whole of Build' commercial strategy

## **Kmart Group**

Sales	Earnings
\$6.1b	\$601m
↑ 5.0%	↑ 26.5%

- Significant earnings growth reflects strong underlying trading results
- Kmart's lowest price positioning and Anko range resonating as customers seek value
- Continued focus on productivity and strong operational execution
- Benefitting from ongoing initiatives to digitise operations

WesCEF			
Revenue	Earnings		
\$1.1b	\$172m		
↓ 21.2%	↓ 46.9%		

- Strong operating performance with good plant availability
- Financial results impacted by lower international commodity pricing and higher WA natural gas costs
- Mt Holland mine and concentrator commissioned and ramping up
- Continued to progress expansion opportunities

## Officeworks

Sales	Earnings
\$1.7b	\$86m
↑ 1.8%	↑ 1.2%

- Growth across key categories and continued market share gains in technology
- Further productivity improvements at major fulfilment facilities
- Investing to modernise operations, with increased use of technology in the support centre, stores and supply chain

### **WIS**

### Revenue \$1.0b

↑ 3.2% Earnings \$49m ↑ 4.3%

- Sales growth across all businesses
- Continued investment in customer service and digital capabilities

## Health

Revenue \$2.8b

\$2.8b ⊥0.1%

#### Earnings \$27m ↔

- Focus on transformation activities to drive long-term profitable growth
- Acquisitions of InstantScripts
   and SILK Laser Australia
- Catch <u>↓(29.7%)</u> Earnings (\$41m) One Earnings

Digital

**OneDigital** 

GTV

(\$39m)

- Reduced losses at Catch
- Significant enhancements to OnePass offer delivering value to households
- Supporting new customer acquisition, customer retention and incremental sales

## Focus on long-term value, consistent with our objective



### PEOPLE

### 10.9

total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR) and a continued focus on safety

### 3.7%

Indigenous employment<sup>1</sup>, maintaining employment parity

37

team members completed the Wesfarmers Indigenous Leadership Program in 1H24

43%

women in Board and Leadership Team positions



\$46m

UP US HELP WOMEN

direct and indirect community contributions

17,000+

instances of facilitated and pre-recorded cultural awareness training

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# Group performance summary

Half-year ended 31 December (\$m) <sup>1</sup>	2023	2022	Var %
Revenue	22,673	22,558	0.5
EBIT	2,195	2,160	1.6
EBIT (after interest on lease liabilities)	2,081	2,053	1.4
NPAT	1,425	1,384	3.0
Basic earnings per share (cps)	125.8	122.3	2.9
Return on equity (R12,%)	31.4	32.8	(1.4 ppt)
Operating cash flows	2,898	1,971	47.0
Net capital expenditure	570	578	(1.4)
Free cash flows	2,012	1,365	47.4
Cash realisation ratio (%)	126	89	37 ppt
Interim ordinary dividend (fully-franked, cps)	91	88	3.4
Net financial debt	3,866	4,716	(18.0)
Debt to EBITDA (x)	1.8	2.1	(0.3 x)

# Working capital and cash flow

- Divisional operating cash flows increased 27.1%, with divisional cash realisation of 120%<sup>1</sup>
  - Reflects disciplined inventory management in Bunnings, lower shipping rates, normalisation of WesCEF net working capital movement, and strong earnings growth in Kmart Group
  - Partially offset by working capital investment in Health, including as a result of changes to supplier and customer payment arrangements
- Group operating cash flows increased 47.0% to \$2,898m
  - Reflects strong divisional cash flow result and lower tax paid due to the timing of tax payments
- · Free cash flows increased 47.4% to \$2,012m
  - Reflects higher operating cash flows
  - Partially offset by the impact of cash consideration relating to acquisitions of SILK and InstantScripts
- Group cash realisation ratio of 126%

### NET WORKING CAPITAL CASH MOVEMENT

Half-year end 31 December (\$m)	2023	2022
Receivables and prepayments	121	74
Inventory	(127)	(531)
Payables	574	383
Total	568	(74)
Bunnings Group	419	(2)
Kmart Group	280	220
WesCEF	75	(234)
Officeworks	4	(30)
WIS	15	(53)
Health	(177)	29
Catch	13	52
Other	(61)	(56)
Total	568	(74)

# Capital expenditure

- Gross capital expenditure of \$577m, down 14.6%
  - Lower capex driven by completion of construction of the Mt Holland concentrator in 2H23 and fewer new store openings in Bunnings due to timing of new and replacement stores
  - WesCEF capex includes development capex of \$164m and capitalised interest of \$13m relating to the Covalent lithium project
- Net capital expenditure down 1.4% to \$570m
  - Lower proceeds from the sale of PP&E due to reduced Bunnings property activity
- Expected FY24 net capital expenditure of \$1,000m to \$1,200m, subject to net property investment and project timing in WesCEF
  - Includes approximately \$350m of development capex and \$25m of capitalised interest relating to the Covalent lithium project

#### **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

Half-year end 31 December <sup>1</sup> (\$m)	2023	2022	Var %
Bunnings Group	135	226	(40.3)
Kmart Group	85	62	37.1
WesCEF	255	272	(6.3)
Officeworks	28	26	7.7
Industrial and Safety	42	31	35.5
Wesfarmers Health	20	20	-
Catch	3	10	(70.0)
Other	9	29	(69.0)
Gross cash capital expenditure	577	676	(14.6)
Sale of PP&E	(7)	(98)	(92.9)
Net cash capital expenditure	570	578	(1.4)

# Group outlook

- Wesfarmers remains focused on long-term value creation and continues to invest to strengthen its existing businesses and develop platforms for growth
- Low unemployment and strong population growth continue to provide support to overall economic conditions
- While Australian inflation has moderated, current inflation and interest rates remain elevated
- Domestic cost pressures in Australia and New Zealand are expected to remain elevated

- Strong value credentials and expanding offer make the retail divisions well positioned in the current environment and for any improvements in consumer sentiment
- The larger businesses are benefitting from investments to digitise operations and develop sourcing capabilities
- The Group remains focused on disciplined cost management

For 2H24 to date:

- Kmart has continued to deliver strong sales growth
- Bunnings' sales growth remained broadly in line with 1H24
- Officeworks' sales were in line with the prior corresponding period

- The performance of the Group's industrial businesses remains subject to international commodity prices, foreign exchange rates, competitive factors and seasonal outcomes
- WesCEF's share of spodumene concentrate production in FY24 is expected to be c.50kt
  - FY24 sales volumes will be dependent on commercial factors
- At current spodumene prices, sales will not contribute positive earnings in FY24 due to the higher cost of production while volumes ramp up towards full capacity

- Wesfarmers maintains a strong balance sheet and portfolio of cash generative businesses
- This provides flexibility to respond to potential risks and opportunities under a range of economic scenarios
- The Group expects net capital expenditure between \$1,000m and \$1,200m for FY24

# BALANCE SHEET AND DEBT MANAGEMENT



# Strong and resilient balance sheet

### Key principles

- Maintaining a prudent capital structure and strong credit rating is important to Wesfarmers
- · Strong credit ratings
  - Moody's A3 (stable outlook)
  - S&P A- (stable outlook)

### Half-year update

- · Maintained significant flexibility and debt capacity
- Weighted average cost of debt of 3.83% for the half (FY23: 3.32%, 1H23: 3.06%)
  - Impact of interest rate increases substantially mitigated by fixed rate capital markets debt and interest rate hedging
- Weighted average debt term to maturity of 4.4 years (1H23: 4.6 years)
- Net financial debt position of \$3.9b as at 31 December 2023, compared to the net financial debt position of \$4.0b as at 30 June 2023
  - Reduction reflected strong operating cashflows which offset the distribution of \$1.2b in fully-franked dividends during the half
- Strong liquidity position, supported by committed unused bank facilities available of c.\$2.4b
- · Significant headroom against key credit metrics

### NET FINANCIAL DEBT (\$B)<sup>1</sup>



## Pro-active debt management

- Continued focus on optimising debt maturity profile and maintaining liquidity headroom provided by bilateral bank facilities
- · Ongoing extension of bank facilities in advance of maturities
- · Actively managing the balance of exposure to fixed and floating interest rates
- Other finance costs increased 30.6% to \$81m, reflecting higher average interest rates and lower capitalised interest following the Mt Holland mine commencing production in the 2023 financial year
  - Strong cash generation supported lower average debt balance for the half
  - On a combined basis, other finance costs including capitalised interest increased 13.3% to \$94m

### **DEBT MATURITY PROFILE<sup>1</sup>**



Drawn bank facilities Capital markets CUndrawn bank facilities Cash and cash equivalents

### FINANCE COSTS AND WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST OF DEBT



# Debt capital markets diversity



- Ongoing commitment to diversify funding sources, including the domestic and international debt capital markets
- Australian and European debt capital market programme documentation updated on an ongoing basis to ensure continued and ready access to markets
- We continue to monitor onshore and offshore debt capital markets for favourable issuance opportunities subject to financing requirements

# Sustainable finance update

<b>March 2020</b> A\$450m sustainability-linked loan	<b>June 2021</b> A\$1b sustainability-linked bond	October 2021 €600m sustainability-linked bond	HY24 Update
<ul> <li>Achieving proportional representation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people in the Group's Australian work force</li> <li>Reducing the emissions intensity of the Group's chemicals business</li> <li>Image: August and August August</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Increasing the use of renewable electricity in the Group's retail divisions (Bunnings, Kmart Group and Officeworks)</li> <li>Reducing the emissions intensity of ammonium nitrate production in the Group's chemicals business</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>3.7% indigenous employment<sup>3</sup>, maintaining employment parity</li> <li>18.8% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 market-based emissions from retail divisions<sup>2</sup> (Scope 2 emissions arising from electricity use account for the majority of</li> </ul>
Progress as at FY23	Progress as at FY23		operational emissions in the retail divisions)
<ul> <li>3.3% indigenous employment<sup>3</sup>, maintaining employment parity (FY20: 1.9%)</li> <li>Continued focus on reduction of the emissions intensity of the Groups' chemicals business, including management of increased ammonia production</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>per tonne of ammonium nitrate based on<sup>1</sup> 31</li> <li>Each of the retail divisions<sup>2</sup> has progressed st through agreements to source renewable election – Bunnings' agreement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites and increasing to 100% from the second statement is for 5 years from 1 for agreed sites agreed statement is for 5 years from 1 for 5 years fr</li></ul>	e chemicals business was 0.20 and 0.14 tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e December 2021 and 2022 respectively (target is 0.25) trategies to procure renewable electricity including ctricity covering almost 150 sites in Queensland 1 July 2022, initially meeting 50% of electricity needs rom 1 January 2025 nts are for 7.5 years from 1 July 2023, delivering	<ul> <li>Updated progress report for 31 December 2023 will be made available by 31 March 2024 on the Debt Investor Section of the Wesfarmers website</li> </ul>

 Since FY20, Bunnings', Kmart Group's and Officeworks' energy use has reduced from 3.07 petajoules to 3.01 petajoules in FY22 and 2.94 petajoules in FY23

100% of electricity needs for agreed sites from 1 January 2025

# Management of lease portfolio

- Lease liabilities totalled \$6.8b and represented 61% of Group fixed financial obligations as at 31 December 2023
- Average remaining committed lease term of 4.0 years (FY23: 4.1 years)
  - Complemented by strategic extension options to maintain security of tenure
  - Reflects disciplined management of leases in retail businesses
- Continued to focus on lease-adjusted return on capital as a key hurdle for divisions



### WEIGHTED AVERAGE LEASE TERM (Post-AASB 16)<sup>1</sup>

Lease liabilities (\$m)	1H24	FY23	1H23
Bunnings Group	3,610	3,568	3,738
Kmart Group	2,337	2,341	2,411
WesCEF	61	61	64
Officeworks	441	413	343
Industrial and Safety	119	130	143
Wesfarmers Health	164	156	165
Catch	46	53	57
Other	13	17	20
Total lease liabilities	6,791	6,739	6,941

#### Note: Refer to slides 20 and 21 for relevant definitions.

1. Post-AASB16 lease tenure calculated as weighted average of undiscounted dollar commitments by year including non-property leases and reasonably certain extension options.

# Dividends and capital management

### Key principles

- Dividend distributions determined based on franking credit availability, earnings, credit metrics and cash flow
- · Maximising value of franking credits for shareholders
- · Dividends are not progressive, and vary year- to-year with earnings

### Half year update

- Fully-franked ordinary interim dividend of \$0.91 per share
- Dividend record date 21 February 2024; dividend payable 27 March 2024
- Dividend investment plan: not underwritten; last day for application 22 February 2024
  - Dividend investment plan shares expected to be purchased on market

### SHAREHOLDER DISTRIBUTIONS<sup>1</sup>



# Additional resources

- Wesfarmers debt investor website
  - https://www.wesfarmers.com.au/investor-centre/debt-investors
- · Wesfarmers sustainable finance website

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# Glossary of terms (1 of 2)

Term	
AASB	Australian Accounting Standards Board
API	Australian Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd
Cash realisation ratio	Operating cash flows as a percentage of net profit after tax, before depreciation and amortisation
cps	Cents per share
DCM	Debt capital markets
Debt to EBITDA	Total debt including lease liabilities, net of cash and cash equivalents, divided by EBITDA
Divisional cash realisation	Divisional operating cash flows before interest, tax, PPE and lease finance payments divided by divisional EBITDA. Includes Catch but excludes OnePass and supporting capabilities
EBIT	Earnings before finance costs and tax
EBITDA	Earnings before finance costs, taxes, depreciation and amortisation
EBT	Earnings before tax
GTV	Gross transaction value. GTV includes both first-party (in-stock) sales as well as sale of third-party products via a marketplace

# Glossary of terms (2 of 2)

Term	
ktCO <sub>2</sub> e	Kilotonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent
m	Million
Net financial debt	Interest-bearing loans and borrowings less cash at bank and on deposit and held in joint operation, net of cross-currency interest rate swap contracts. Excludes lease liabilities
NPAT	Net profit after tax
ppt	Percentage point
R12	Rolling 12 month
SLB	Sustainability-linked bond
TRIFR	Total recordable injury frequency rate
Weighted average cost of debt	Weighted average cost of debt based on total gross debt before undrawn facility fees and amortisation of debt establishment costs. Excludes interest on lease liabilities and the balance of lease liabilities

