

FORTERRA PLC

### DESFORD THE LARGEST BRICK FACTORY IN EUROPE

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#### **TODAY'S PRESENTERS**







**NEIL ASH** Chief Executive Officer **STEPHEN HARRISON** Former Chief Executive Officer



**BENGUYATT** Chief Financial Officer

#### TODAY'S AGENDA



Welcome and presentation
Q&A
Group Tours
Opening ceremony
Lunch

#### **ATTRACTIVE RETURNS ON INVESTMENT EXPECTED** PROJECT DELIVERED ON TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET





#### NEW DESFORD FACTORY ALIGNED TO GROUP INVESTMENT CASE ACROSS ALL 5 AREAS DELIVERING LONG-TERM SHAREHOLDER VALUE





Established leading market positions in core products



Long-term structural demand and supply factors underpin market growth



Investment pipeline to deliver capacity growth, efficiency and decarbonisation



Commitment to sustainability leadership



Strong profitable growth, cash generation and disciplined capital allocation



#### A CLEAR AND FOCUSED STRATEGY ACROSS THREE STRATEGIC PILLARS

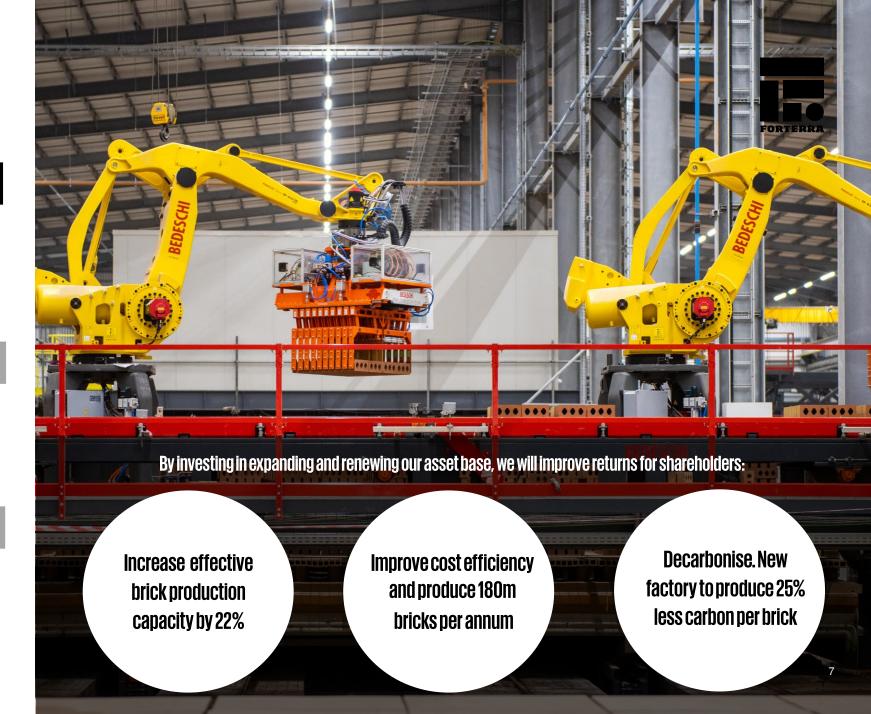
Strengthen the core	<u> </u>
Grow capacity, cost efficiency and impro sustainability	ved
STRATEGY IN ACTION New Desford Brick Factory	
Range expansion	$\otimes$
Access new higher margin market segm	ients
STRATEGY IN ACTION Wilnecote Brick Factory	

3.

Innovation and development

Develop and launch new products

STRATEGY IN ACTION Brick Slips

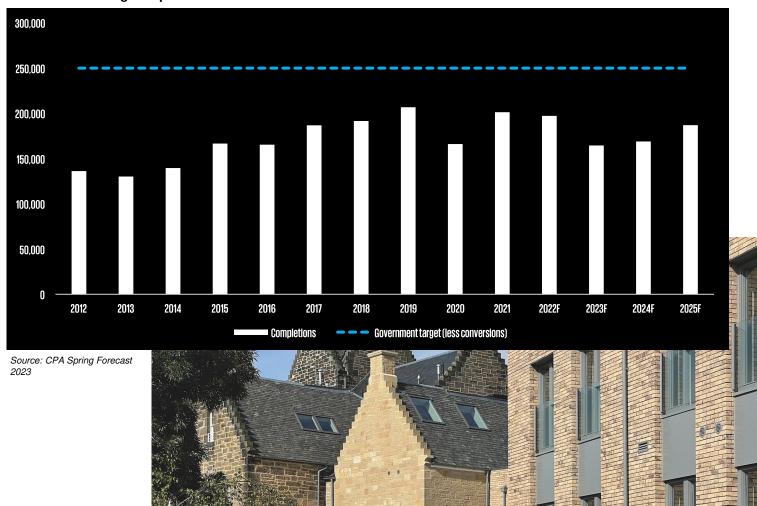


# **KEPPING BRIAN BUILDING**PRODUCTS AND MARKETS

SUPPORTIVE MARKET FUNDAMENTALS

- Desford's industry leading efficiency leaves us well placed to benefit from the mediumterm fundamentals underlying the UK housing market
- 197,000 new build homes estimated to have been completed in Great Britain during 2022 remains below the Government target of 300,000 new homes annually
- Cross-party political support for increased housing supply
- Mortgage rates that remain at low levels historically despite recent increases

#### New build housing completions





#### EVOLUTION OF UK BRICK MARKET CAPACITY

- Industry capacity was rationalised during the global financial crisis with Forterra playing the leading role
- Despite current and announced capacity investments, the UK brick industry still lacks the capacity required to meet demand

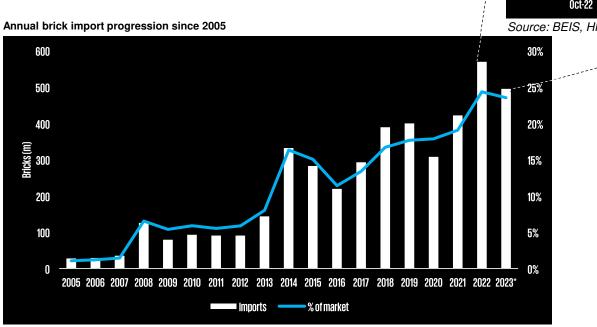
#### Evolving domestic brick market capacity



Source: Forterra estimates

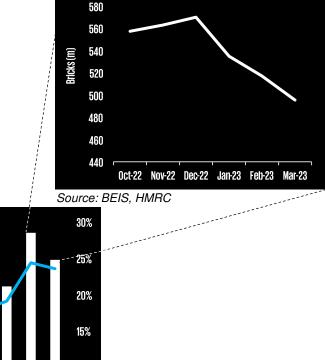
### SCOPE TO DISPLACE IMPORTS Which remain at a record high

- Imports currently represent c.24% of the brick market
- Imports have fallen sharply in 2023 (Q1 44% lower than Q122) though remain high as % of the market
- c.550m bricks were imported into the UK in 2022. We estimate that c.150-200m of these are architecturally differentiated with the remaining balance having grown in order to balance the historical shortage of domestic capacity
- Our customer base values the ensured provenance and quality of a domestically produced brick, supplied directly from stock, for prompt delivery with lower transportation costs



Source: BEIS, HMRC Note\*: LTM to March 2023





Brick import (MAT) monthly

focus 22/23

#### **CUSTOMERS AT OUR CORE**

- Customer focus is one of our core values and many of our customer relationships span decades
- We have worked hard to develop strong, mutually beneficial relationships that ensure we are always a preferred supplier
- Our £95m investment in capacity is an investment in meeting the needs of our customers for decades to come
- The new and efficient factory is focused on decarbonisation, in turn helping to meet the sustainability agendas of our customers



#### DESFORD RANGE ATTRACTIVE TO Housebuilders

- The Desford product range is well established, and is particularly popular within the housebuilding sector, due to its aesthetics, and relative lightweight features
- Desford bricks have good water absorption and ideal void configuration making them preferred by brick-layers as they allow high speed laying
- Desford clay naturally burns a yellow ("buff") colour, with red products produced by mixing the local clay with a red-burning clay. This ability to produce both a buff and red range enables Desford to offer a full "pallet" to customers





### **COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY**

Operating sustainably is critical to our long-term success as a business and influences everything we do have set out a number of challenging targets across three key pillars:





#### **GROUP TARGET**

- Zero harm ambition for health and safety
- 5% of employees in "earn and learn" positions by 2025
- Improved ethnic and gender diversity

#### **PROGRESS AT DESFORD**

- Zero harm ambition for health and safety
- 90 employees at the new site

- CO2 emissions / tonne targets (2019-2030):
  32% overall CO2 intensity reduction
  33% reduction within clay products
  80% reduction within concrete products
- Zero waste to landfill
- 10% of electricity use generated from onsite renewable sources by 2025

- 25% less carbon per brick than old factory
- Zero waste to landfill from new site
- 16% of factory's electricity demand generated from roof mounted solar panels

- Plastic packaging reduction of 50% by 2025 (from 2019 baseline)
- 10% of revenue from new and sustainable products by 2025
- Commitment to working with our suppliers to ensure they also adopt stretching reduction targets in line with our own carbon ambitions
- 58% less plastic packaging at new factory
- Efficiently produced range of products





# INDUSTRY LEADING

## EFFCIENCY

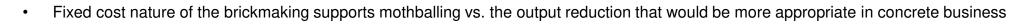
#### **SECURITY FROM THE GROUND** OUR MINERAL RESERVES REPRESENT OUR FUTURE

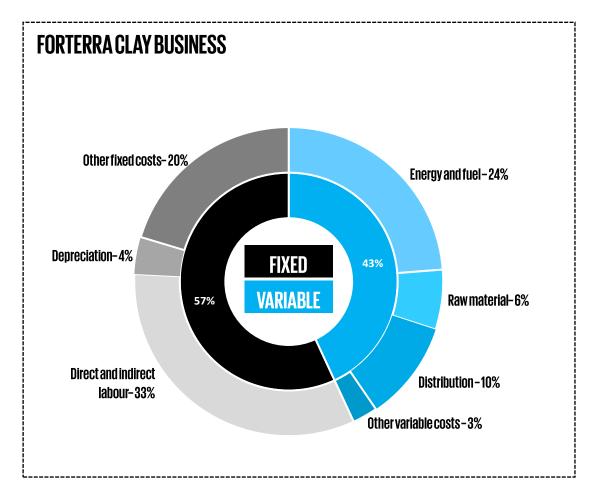
- Our brick business is built upon our clay reserves and the new Desford factory is a prime example of this
- We have access as a Group to over 90m tonnes of clay which on average will sustain our manufacturing operations for 50 years
- Our mainstream brick factories are each adjacent to a quarry, ensuring the raw material travels the shortest possible distance to the factory
- Our mineral reserves also act as a barrier to entry, with there being extensive hurdles to any new entrant gaining the necessary permissions to extract mineral



#### STRATEGY TO MAXIMISE OUTPUT FROM DESFORD

• Short term strategy to maximise output from Desford through mothballing less efficient production capacity elsewhere

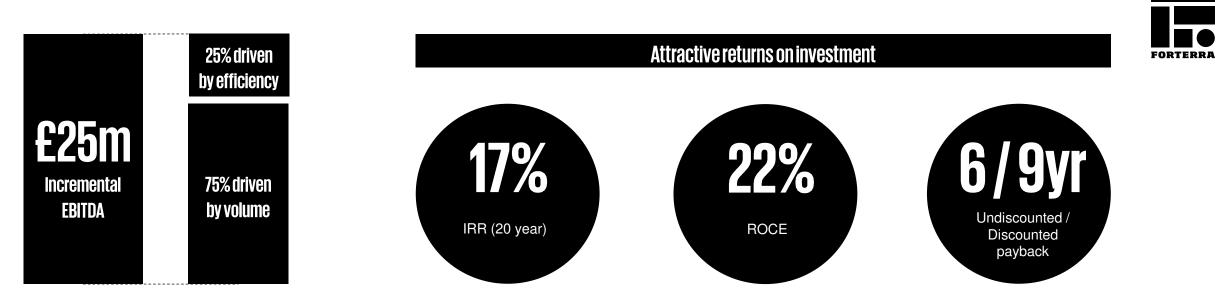




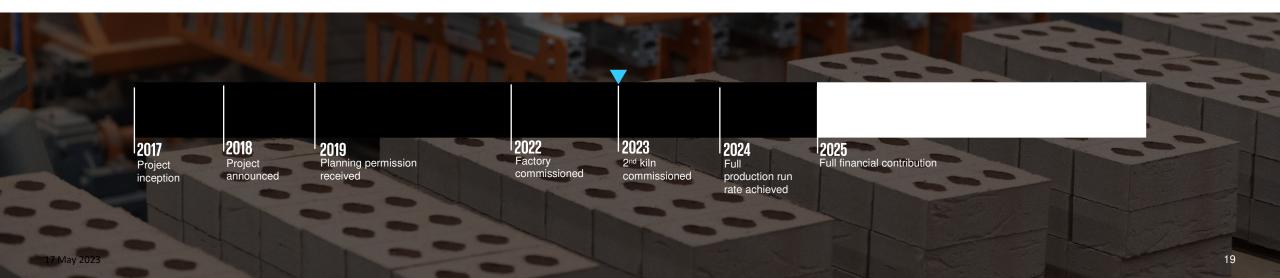
	NEW Desford*	OLD DESFORD*	HOWLEY Park*
Gas usage / 000 bricks	<b>32</b> therms	<b>58</b> therms	<b>65</b> therms
Electricity usage / 000 bricks	<b>106</b> kwh	<b>152</b> kwh	<b>128</b> kwh
Labour hours / 000 bricks	1 hour	<b>3</b> hours	<b>3</b> hours



#### **KEY FINANCIAL METRICS**



#### TIMELINE









**180** annual brick production capacity



**390,000** tonnes of clay used in production per year

**58** lorry loads of bricks per day

**20,000** m<sup>2</sup> factory footprint

**58%** less plastic packaging

**350,000** tonnes weight of annual production

90 employees at site 25% less carbon per brick

**25,000** new homes per year from production

**E95m** investment cost

**82** hectare total size of site

**5**+ hectares of new reed bed habitat

**5 days** end to end production time

**11.8** tonnes of clay reserves

**83** brick stock yard capacity

**30+**years clay reserves at the Desford site