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## **Interim Results**

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**David Reid** 

**Chairman** 



# **Highlights**

- Sales are up 9.2%
- Underlying profit before tax up 14.3%
- Property programme going well
- Interim dividend up 13.9%
- Share buy-back value now over £800m



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#### **International**







## **Strategy**

- Core UK
- International
- Non-food
- Retailing services
- Community









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# Andrew Higginson Finance and Strategy Director



#### **Results headlines**

- Good growth in sales, profits and earnings
- Releasing value from property
- Benefits for shareholders
  - Share buy-backs
  - Strong dividend growth
- Strong cash flows and balance sheet



## **Group performance**

- Sales up 9.2% to £24.7bn
- Trading profit up 10.1% to £1,249m
- Significant start-up costs on Direct and U.S.
- Trading margin up, at 5.7%\*
- Group underlying profit up 14.3% to £1,317m



\* Before start-up costs on Direct and the U.S.

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### **Property profits**

H1 - £m	07/08	06/07
UK	121	39
International	(2)	(1)
	119	38
JV's	-	36
	119	74



## **Property**



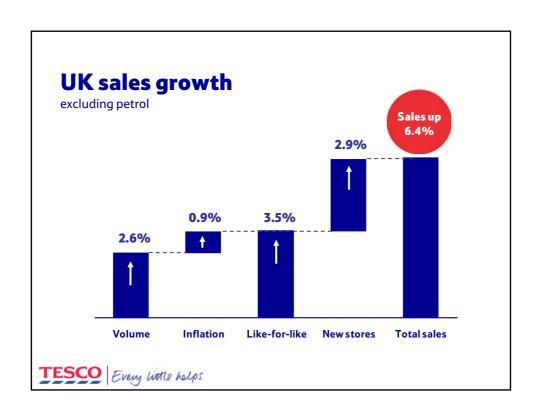


## **Group performance**

- Group operating profit up 18.9% to £1,309m
- Group pre-tax profit up 18.0% to £1,289m
- Underlying diluted earnings per share up 17.2% to 11.90p
- Proposed interim dividend up 13.9% to 3.20p







## **UK trading profit**

- Trading profit up 8.2% to £978m
- Trading margin up, at 5.8%



#### **International**

- Sales up 22.0% to £6.4bn at actual rates
- China consolidated for first time
- Trading profit up 17.8% to £271m at actual rates
- Margins rose, before inclusion of China



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#### **Asia**

- Sales up 26.1% to £2.9bn at actual rates
- Trading profit £124m, up 18.1% at actual rates
- Margin rose to 5.3%, excluding China
- Strong performances in Korea and Thailand
- Malaysia profitable despite Makro integration costs



# **Europe**

- Sales up 18.8% to £3.6bn at actual rates
- Trading profit £147m, up 17.6% at actual rates
- Trading margin stable at 4.7%



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#### tesco.com - grocery

- Sales up 24%
- Over 300,000 customers a week
- Bag-less delivery 40% take-up





#### **Telecoms**

- Growing profitability
- Tesco Mobile
  - number one for customer satisfaction
  - fastest growing operator for pay-as-you-go

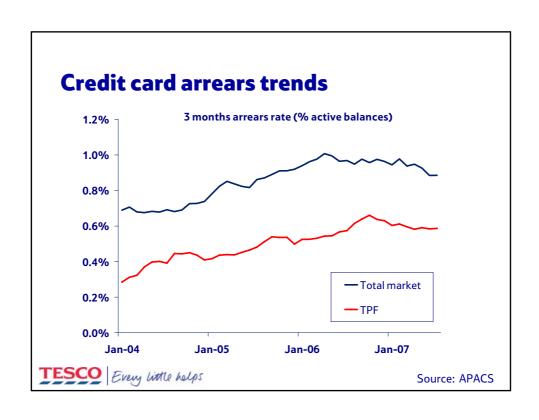


#### **Tesco Personal Finance**

- £26.5m share of profit
- Share of flood costs for year £11m
- Launch of tescocompare.com







#### JV's and Associates

- £32m profit
- Profit up 33% excluding sale of Weston Favell last year



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#### **Finance costs and tax**

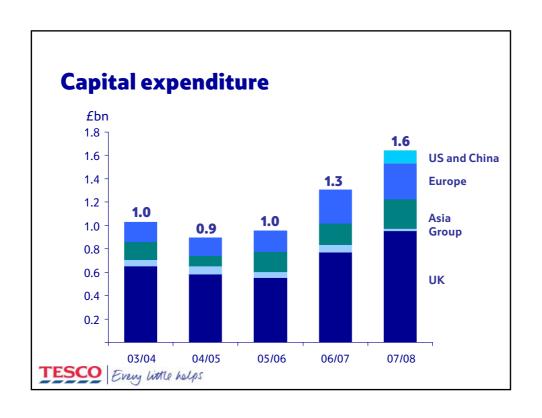
- Net finance costs £52m
- Underlying net finance costs up slightly
- Interest cover strengthened to 25.8 times
- Effective tax rate 27.2%
- One-off benefit to deferred tax due to corporation tax change



### Net debt, shares and pensions

- Net debt increased to £5.3bn
- Gearing broadly stable at 50%
- 96 million shares bought back in first half
- Meeting our commitment to end earnings dilution arising from issuing new shares
- IFRS pension deficit reduced to £530m post-tax











### **International**

- Sales up 22.0%
- First time contribution from China
- Profits advanced well
- Good margin growth













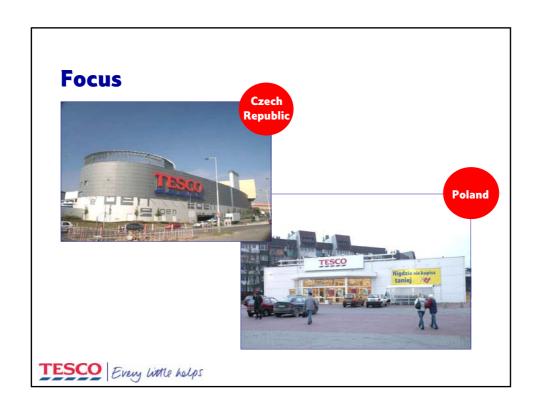


### **International**

- Flexible
- Local
- Focus
- Multi-format
- Capability
- Brand





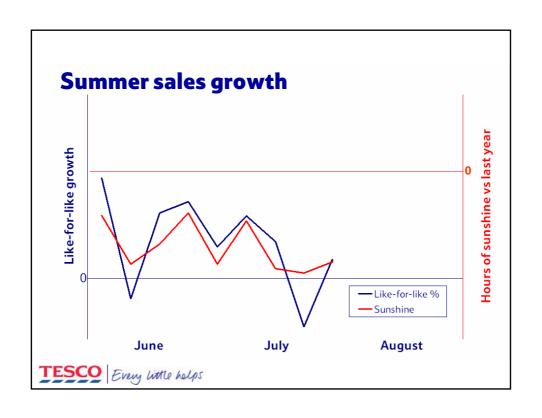


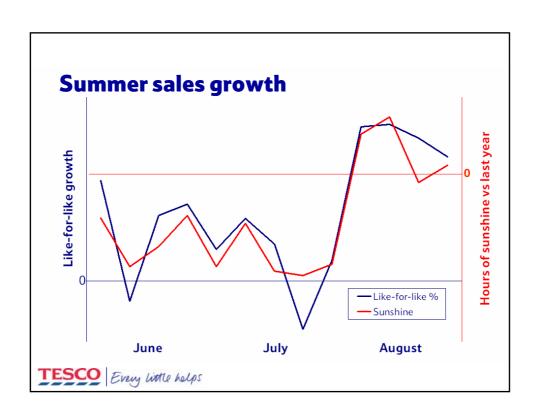
















# **Finest**



















### **On-line services**

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• tescodiets.com



Baby & Toddler Club



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# **Retailing services**

- Tesco Personal Finance
- tesco.com
- Telecoms







## **Five part strategy**

- Core UK
- International
- Non-food
- Retailing services
- Community











## **Summary**

- Good first half performance
- Resilient business model
- Broadly-based growth across the Group
- Our five part strategy reflects our priorities
- Investing to drive long term growth
- Delivered by staying focused on our customers

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