



Buildbase is now a well recognised brand in the UK builders merchandising sector.



Grafton Group Plc

Grafton Group plc is an independent, profit growth oriented company, operating in the UK and Ireland whose main activities are builders and plumbers merchandising, DIY retailing and manufacturing.

The Group aims to achieve above average returns for its shareholders. Grafton's strategy is to build on strong positions in businesses serving the UK and Irish construction sectors, to develop in related markets, and to grow in businesses with which it is familiar.

In the UK, Grafton's merchandising operations are the fourth largest in the market. These comprise 113 branches trading as Plumbase, and 114 builders merchants trading principally under the Buildbase brand. Since the year-end, the Group has acquired Jackson Building Centres Limited, adding a further 18 branches trading under the Jackson brand. In Northern Ireland, Macnaughton Blair is one of the leading builders merchants trading from 10 locations. EuroMix is the UK market leader in dry mortar with 5 plants.

In the Republic of Ireland, the Group includes Chadwicks with 20 builders merchants outlets and 6 plumbers merchants outlets. The Group is the clear market leader in DIY retailing with 14 Woodie's stores nationally and amongst other activities, has manufacturing plants in plastics and concrete products, including EuroMix dry mortar.

Since becoming an independent Public Limited Company in 1987, Grafton has increased its earnings per share at an average annual rate of 28%. Grafton Group plc shares are listed on the Irish and London Stock Exchanges.