



Grafton Group plc

Group Profile

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 137 Plumbers Merchandising branches trading under the Plumbase brand and 139 Builders Merchandising branches trading principally under the Buildbase and Jackson brands.

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 6 plants.

In the Republic of Ireland, the Group's leading Builders and Plumbers Merchandising business trades from 31 branches nationally principally under the Chadwicks brand.

The Group is the clear market leader in DIY retailing in the Republic of Ireland with 16 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 adjusted earnings per share at an average annual rate of 28%. Grafton Group plc shares are listed on the Irish and London Stock Exchanges.