

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 mortar 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 147 plumbers merchandising branches trading under the Plumbase brand, and 163 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 12 locations.

EuroMix is the UK market leader in dry mortar with 7 plants.

In the Republic of Ireland, the Group is the largest builders and plumbers merchandising business trading from 31 branches nationally principally under the Chadwicks brand and from 25 branches nationally under the Heiton Buckley brand.

The Group is the clear leader in Irish DIY retailing with 19 Woodie's and 15 Atlantic Homecare 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.

