

**Grafton Group plc** is an independent, profit growth oriented company with operations primarily in the UK and also in Ireland. The Group has strong national and regional positions in the merchanting, DIY retailing and mortar markets.

The Group aims to achieve above average returns for 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 Great Britain, Grafton is the fourth largest merchanting business trading from 430 locations comprising 219 Builders Merchanting branches trading principally under the Buildbase and Jackson brands and 211 Plumbers Merchanting branches trading mainly under the Plumbase brand. EuroMix is the market leader in the UK dry mortar market where it trades from a network of nine manufacturing plants in England and Scotland.

In Northern Ireland, Macnaughton Blair is one of the leading builders merchants in the province where it trades from 20 locations.

In the Republic of Ireland, the Group is the largest builders and plumbers merchanting business trading nationally from 62 branches under the Chadwicks and Heiton Buckley brands. The Group is the market leader in DIY retailing in the Republic of Ireland, trading nationally from 41 stores and is also engaged in the manufacture of mortar, plastics and windows in the Republic of Ireland.