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Full year 2024 results

27 March 2025

#### Introduction to the Group

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UK design-led specialist flooring company, supplying UK and international markets



Focused on the manufacture, design, marketing, and distribution of innovative floor coverings



Listed on AIM, the name Airea was adopted in 2007



Designing and developing products combining the strength of in-house innovation and manufacturing expertise



Based at Ossett, West Yorkshire with 120 employees



Development of eco-friendly products based on Group's sustainability principles, eco<sub>2</sub>matters®



#### **Experienced Board of Directors**

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Martin Toogood Independent Non-Executive Chairman

Martin joined the Group as an independent Non-Executive Director on 1 April 2009 and was appointed independent Non-Executive Chairman on 6 November 2009.

Martin has considerable experience at executive and nonexecutive level, most recently with ILVA in Scandinavia, B&Q in the UK, Carpetright in the UK and Europe and Habitat in the UK and internationally.



Médéric Payne Chief Executive Officer

Médéric joined the Group on 25 August 2022 as Chief Executive Officer from Al-Futtaim Group based in the Middle East. He has held several key international executive roles, notably within Landmark Group as CEO for Homecentre and at Kingfisher plc as CEO for Castorama RU.

In his recent role as CEO, he focused on the growth, digital transformation and turnaround of several well-known brands within his retail portfolio in the MENA region.



Conleth Campbell Chief Financial Officer

Conleth joined the Group on 2 October 2023 as Chief Financial Officer. He has more than 25 years of experience in public company environments. He has strong expertise in Capital Markets including M&A and Investor Relations.

Conleth was previously Group Financial Controller at Genuit Group plc and Head of Investor Relations at Croda International plc. He is a Chartered Accountant (ICAEW) and began his career at Mazars.



Tanya Ashton Independent Non-Executive Director

Tanya joined the Group on 10 May 2023 as an independent Non-Executive Director, with over 20 years' experience in strategic marketing and brand development roles.

Tanya currently acts as Head of Sustainability at Walgreens Boots Alliance Global Sourcing, Europe. She also holds a Non-Executive Director position and acts as a sustainability subject matter expert at AIM-listed M.P. Evans Group plc, and is a Board member and Director of The Sustainability Consortium.

- Enhanced Group capabilities and market profile
- Sustainability principles, eco<sub>2</sub>matters<sup>®</sup>, fully embedded

Strong second half with sales growth of 6%, full year growth of 0.6%

- Successful launch of additional carbon-neutral products
- Proposed final dividend of 0.60p, an increase of 9.1%

### Key highlights

Business transformation nearing completion New upgraded manufacturing facility online third quarter 2025 Main objective of strengthening balance sheet achieved





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Business transformation update

Médéric Payne CEO



#### **Transformational change on course**

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- Excellent progress on the strategic investment in manufacturing facility upgrade
  - Substantial increase in capacity and quality capabilities
  - Introducing innovation through Artificial Intelligence imagery and inspection technology
  - Increase production throughput and improve operational efficiencies
  - Further strengthening of Group's sustainability credentials
- Business transformation nearing completion with enhanced capabilities
- Upskilling our people across the business
- Good progress by our OneTeam delivering the Group's strategic intent based on the key objectives of;
  - Grow
  - Renew
  - Evolve



#### Investing in 2024 for future growth

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- Phase one of strategic investment to deliver substantial increase in manufacturing capabilities
- Acceleration in innovation and sustainability
  - Increase in number of new product launches driven by eco<sub>2</sub>matters®
  - Launch of two new products, snowfall<sup>®</sup> and standing stones<sup>®</sup>
  - Refresh of four existing ranges, alaska<sup>®</sup>, academy<sup>®</sup>, tivoli<sup>®</sup> and balance collection<sup>®</sup>
- Investment in intellectual property protection
- New strategic sales showroom located in a key business hub in Dubai to serve the GCC, MEA regions and India
- Continued operational improvement and accreditation in ISO 14001 and ISO 9001
- Strategic review and successful implementation of stockholding policy, £2.8m stock reduction in second half



### National recognition for transformational progress

- Successful transformation of the business is being recognised
- Strategic, commercial and sustainability progress commended
- Winner of Manufacturer of the Year (under £25m) at the Made in Yorkshire awards
- Represent the region in the Made in the UK national awards in June 2025



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"The judges commended Burmatex's® growing global presence and its ability to innovate in a competitive marketplace"

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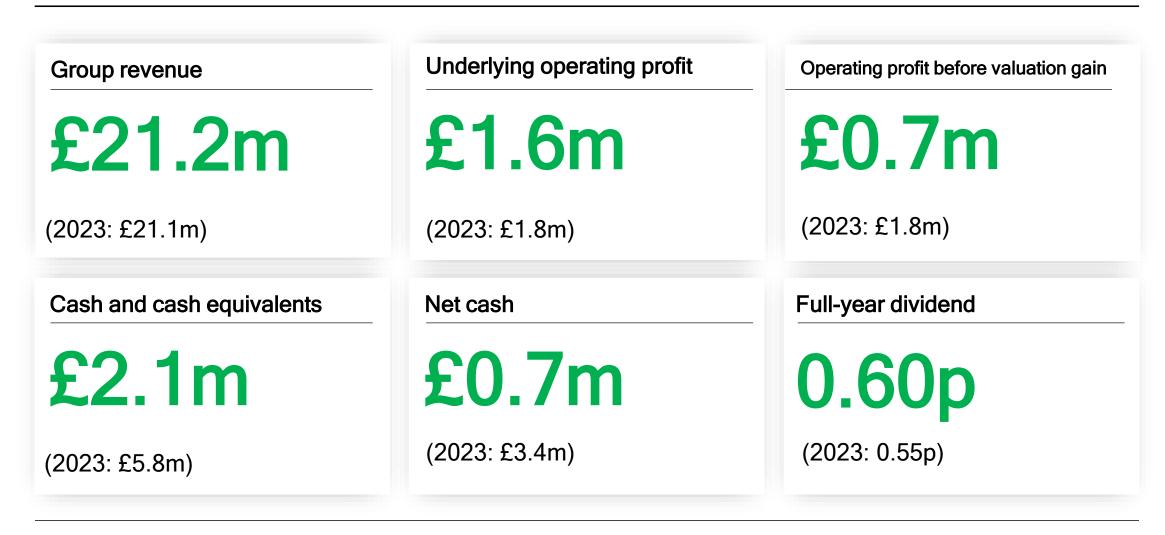
#### Financial overview

### Conleth Campbell CFO



#### **Financial highlights**





#### A strong second half performance

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£m	2024	2023	% Change	
Sales	21.2	21.1	0.6	
Operating costs	(20.0)	(19.8)	1.0	
Other operating income	0.4	0.5	(20.0)	
Underlying operating profit	1.6	1.8	(11.1)	
Non-recurring items	(0.9)	-	-	
Operating profit	0.7	1.8	(61.1)	
Net finance costs	(0.6)	(0.4)	50.0	
Profit before tax	0.1	1.4	(92.9)	

- Strong half growth sales growth of 6.0%;
  - UK and ROI 4.5% ahead
  - International up 11.8%
- Full year sales growth of 0.6%;
  - UK and ROI 2.4% ahead
  - International down 5.7%
- Operating profit impacted by non-recurring items of £0.9m;
  - Stock reduction costs of £0.6m
  - Legal and professional costs of £0.2m
  - Offsite site storage costs of £0.1m
  - Dubai sales showroom costs of £0.2m
  - Other costs of £0.2m
  - Depreciation credit of £0.4m
- Net finance costs increased due to pension scheme administrative matters and interest on the net defined benefit liability

#### Investment continued, balance sheet strengthening initiatives $\Lambda IRE\Lambda$ plc

£'000	2024	2023
EBITDA	1,115	2,550
Working capital	(957)	(186)
Net capital expenditure	(2,212)	(1,166)
Operating cash flow	(2,054)	1,198
Interest and taxation	(80)	(105)
Contributions to pension scheme	(300)	-
Dividends	(212)	(193)
Loan repayments	(1,615)	(734)
Payment of lease liabilities	(209)	(156)
Proceeds from asset financing	661	-
Movement in provisions	-	(77)
Share-based payments	167	150
Other	(53)	(87)
Net cash flow	(3,695)	(4)

- Capital expenditure increased due to strategic investment in manufacturing facility
- Working capital increase, deposits of £1.0m for key components of new manufacturing facility
- Reduced inventory levels following strategic review
- Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan of £0.9m fully settled
- Contributions to pension scheme recommenced in July 2024
- Proposed dividend of 0.60p, an increase of 9.1%

#### Financing

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£m	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	2.1	5.8
Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan	-	(1.4)
Business loans	(0.9)	(0.5)
Leased liabilities	(0.5)	(0.5)
Net cash	0.7	3.4

• Outstanding CBILS balance of £0.9m fully settled in December 2024

- Business loan of £0.7m taken in November 2024, repayable over three years
- Short-term funding secured in form of a trade finance facility to value of £3.2m, unutilised as at 31 December 2024
- Uncommitted overdraft facility of £1.0m
- Investment property currently being marketed, carrying value of £4.1m
- Deficit on pension scheme reduced by £1.0m to £4.0m

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Business overview and strategy

### Médéric Payne CEO



#### An introduction to our market leading brand

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Burnatex®

- one of the UK's leading designers and manufacturers of innovative contract carpet tiles and planks British-made flooring solutions to create sustainable value globally

Eco-friendly portfolio focusing on the design and creation of innovative products

Serving key markets in Europe and the Middle East



Product ranges span multilevel loop, loop pile, structure bonded<sup>®</sup>, fibre bonded, cut pile and carpets in sheet and tiles, as well as performance barrier system and entrance matting products ISO 9001 Quality Management and ISO 14001 Environmental Management systems Broad customer base including architects, specifiers and contractors



### Sustainability principles - embedded across our business $\Lambda IRE\Lambda_{plc}$

# eco<sup>\*</sup><sub>2</sub>matters<sup>®</sup>

We are committed to helping deliver a sustainable future because we believe that what we do matters. To help us deliver on this commitment, we have developed  $eco_2matters$ , our sustainability principles.



We value our people, our customers, and our partners. This drives our approach to social values and well-being.

#### Increased focus on innovation and sustainability

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Aligned to our eco2matters® sustainability principles focused approach on product quality, design, innovation and sustainability to meet customer demand and deliver commercial success

In the carbon-neutral range, launched snowfall® and standing stones® and refreshed balance collection®. In low-carbon range, refreshed alaska®, academy® and tivoli®



Products independently verified by sustainability experts to enable customers to quantify positive carbon footprint impact of projects



Product shade cards now eco-laminate, an industry first along with 100% recyclable card Reduced embodied carbon in products by 36%, equivalent to 1,800 petrol cars taken off the road for one year Continuously refreshing and improving existing ranges to protect and enhance our strong market position

World's first carbon-negative recycled

yarn - Thrive® matter, EqoBalance®

100% recycled bio-genetic yarn and

BioBase® recycled backing







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### **Regional recognition for sustainability credentials**

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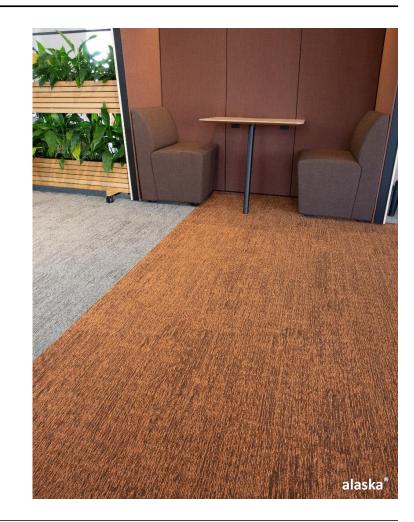
- Driven by its sustainability principles, eco<sub>2</sub>matters®, the Group has received a regional recognition
- We are delighted to announce our success as business of the year at the recent 2025 Yorkshire Business of the Year Awards in the Sustainability category
- 'One to watch..a good balance of price, performance and sustainability' \*



"As a leading designer and manufacturer of contract carpet tiles and planks, Burmatex's<sup>®</sup> commitment to sustainability is unrivalled"

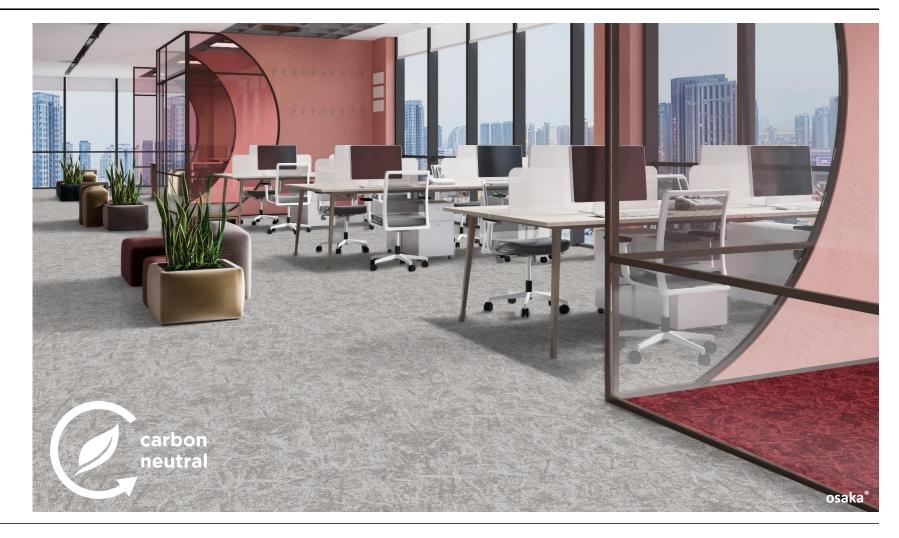
### Dynamic transformation to deliver future profitable growth $\Lambda IRE\Lambda$ plc

- Continued investment in innovation and new product development
- In-house manufacturing enhanced with strategic investment
- Strong working relationships with customers
- New channels of B2B being developed
- Unparalleled service reputation in market
- Long established Burmatex<sup>®</sup> brand since 1967
- Development of more sustainable, eco-friendly products
- Market leading Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs)
- Sustainability is at the forefront of everything we do



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#### Appendices



#### Key market sectors we serve

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**Commercial Offices** 



Colleges & Universities



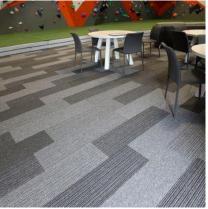
Schools & Academies



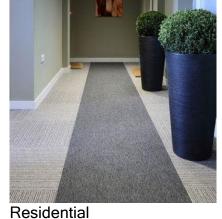
Student Accommodation



Public Sector

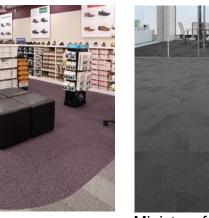


Leisure











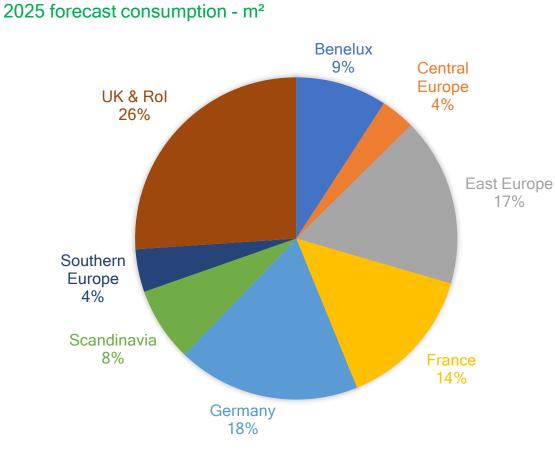
Ministry of Defence



Hospitality

#### European carpet tile consumption by country

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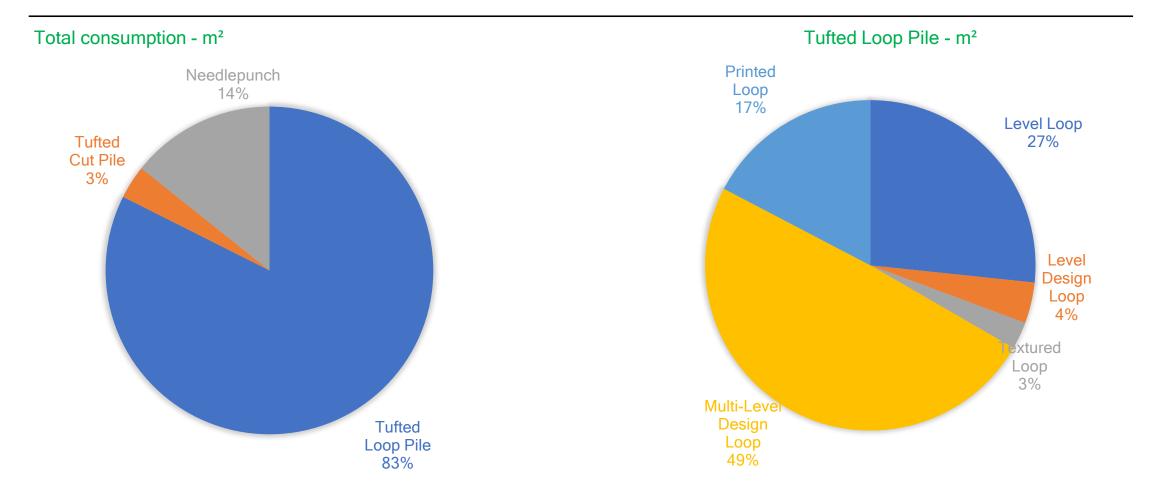


- 2024 saw a volume reduction of 1.7% in European carpet tile consumption
- Mainland Europe is on road to recovery, cautious optimism for 2025
- In 2024, in the UK and ROI, there was a volume decline of 3.1%
- The Group's market share (m<sup>2</sup>) in Europe increased to 4.5% (2023: 4.0%)

Source: CBS Insight - 2025 World Map of Contract Carpet Tiles

#### UK & ROI tile consumption

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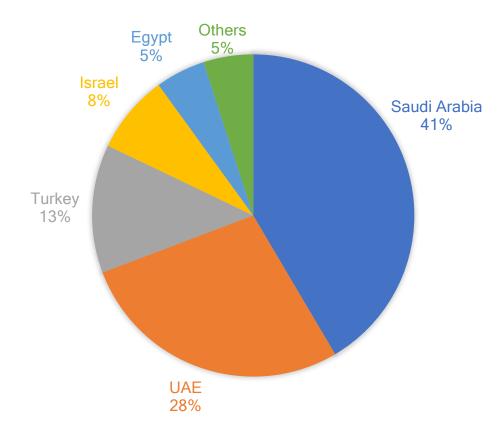


Source: CBS Insight - 2025 World Map of Contract Carpet Tiles

#### Middle East - an opportunity for growth

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#### 2025 forecast consumption - $m^{\rm 2}$



- In January 2025, the Group opened a sales showroom in Dubai
- UAE and Saudi Arabia account for 69% of market in Middle East
- UAE GDP growth of 5.0% in 2025 with Saudi Arabia at 4.6%
- Stronger market bounce-back in 2026

Source: CBS Insight - 2025 World Map of Contract Carpet Tiles

#### **Five-year record**

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£'000	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Revenue	21,234	21,102	18,483	15,865	14,554	19,183
Underlying operating profit	1,564	1,804	1,652	1,313	698	2,166
Unrealised valuation gain	40	60	-	275	125	200
Non-recurring items	(911)	-	-	-	-	-
Profit before financing costs	693	1,864	1,652	1,588	823	2,366
Net financing costs	(630)	(451)	(219)	(297)	(369)	(405)
Profit before tax	63	1,413	1,433	1,291	454	1,961
Net assets	15,536	14,945	16,444	16,409	14,044	13,879
EBITDA	1,115	2,550	2,250	1,869	1,234	2,711
Earnings per share (pence)	(0.73)	1.99	3.36	2.70	0.89	3.97
Dividend per share (pence)	0.60	0.55	0.50	0.40	0.00	0.80
Underlying operating margin	7.4%	8.5%	8.9%	8.3%	4.8%	11.3%

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