

# **Bidvest**

## **INVESTOR PRESENTATION**

for the six months ended 31 December 2021

# Introduction

Mpumi Madisa



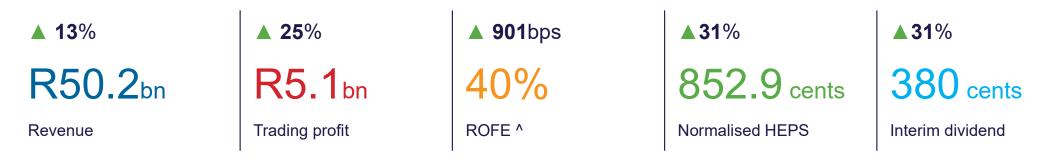
# Introduction

Bidvest - People and Products behind a Brighter Future

- Excellent half-year performance under current environment
- Bidvest remains agile with strong financial muscle
- All divisions reported double digit trading profit growth
- Investment in working capital indicative of demand recovery
- Focused on delivering on strategic growth plans
- Successful maiden \$800m international bond at very attractive rate



# A remarkable result



- Trading profit up 25% to R5.1bn
  - > Like-for-like Services, Branded Products, Freight, Commercial Products and Automotive trading profit higher than pre-COVID (1HFY2020)
  - > Strong organic growth across most businesses, locally and offshore
  - > Acquired Noonan businesses delivered as expected
  - > Stable business mix: Business services 60% / Trading and Distribution 40%
  - > 20% earned offshore
- Gross and trading margin management excellent
- Substantial liquidity and capacity to execute growth strategy
- Step-up in ROFE on slightly lower average funds employed and higher profitability
- Interim dividend of 380 cents
- ^ Normalised

# Growth strategy - International

### **Bolstering capacity**

- Scale growing
  - > PHS (No1 UK, Spain; Top 3 Ireland)
  - > Noonan (No1 Rol; Top 10 UK)
    - Envisaged doubling of addressable market post Noonan FY21 acquisitions materialising, with strong new business wins
- Financial resources to execute at speed
  - > GBP372m firepower available post international bond
  - > Significant untapped ZAR capacity
- Divisional restructure effective 1 Apr 2022
  - > Split Services division
    - Services International (CEO Alan Fainman) FM & hygiene businesses (PHS, Noonan, Steiner, BFM, Prestige)
    - Services SA (CEO Akona Matsau) Security & aviation, travel and allied clusters, catering and lounge services
  - > Allow for enhanced capacity and focus on successful execution of numerous opportunities

### International expansion focus on

- Hygiene services
- Facilities management services
- Plumbing and related products

### Acquisition criteria

- Niche product / service
- Meaningful player in their market
- Entrepreneurial management able to operate in high performance environment
- Cash generative
- Generate ROFE at a predetermined required level (Business services ~50%; Trading & Distribution ~30%)

# **Financial review**

Mark Steyn CFO



# Financial highlights (continuing operations)

Rbn	Interim ended 31 Dec 2021	Interim ended 31 Dec 2020	Change %
Revenue	50.2	44.4	12.9
Gross profit *	29.6%	30.2%	$\checkmark$
Expense *	19.8%	20.9%	$\checkmark$
EBITDA	5.9	4.9	19.6
Trading profit	5.1	4.1	24.8
Trading profit margin *	10.1%	9.2%	$\uparrow$
Headline earnings	2.8	2.0	35.3
HEPS (cents)	813.8	601.7	35.3
Normalised HEPS (cents)	852.9	651.6	30.9
DPS (cents)	380.0	290.0	31.0
EBITDA interest cover <sup>#</sup>	9.4x	8.6x	$\uparrow$
Net debt/EBITDA	1.8x	1.7x	$\uparrow$
Cash generated from operations before working capital	6.6	5.9	12.3
Cash conversion **	51.2%	123.0%	$\checkmark$
ROFE <sup>^</sup>	40.4%	31.3%	$\uparrow$
ROIC <sup>^</sup>	15.5%	12.9%	$\uparrow$

\* As % of revenue; \*\* As % of trading profit; # Interest adjusted for IFRS16, fair value adjustments, hedge costs; ^ Normalised THE BIDVEST GROUP LIMITED Unaudited results for the half year ended 31 December 2021

## Income statement analysis

### Revenue

- Group revenue +12.9%
- Double digit growth posted by Services, Freight and Automotive
- Branded Products benefitted from strong pharmaceutical volumes
- Commercial Products produced growth off a high base in the prior year and supply constraints
- Financial Services impacted by lower net interest income as well as non-interest revenue

### Gross income

- Gross margin down slightly to 29.6%
- Commercial Products, Financial Services and Branded Products margins improved
- Automotive stable
- Freight declined improved trading in BIL increased the contribution of low margin disbursements
- Services experienced pressure from low margin bolt-on acquisitions

### Expenses

- Operating expenses exceptionally well managed at only 6.8% increase, well below revenue growth
- Expense ratio improved to 19.8% (1HFY2021 20.9%)

### Trading profit

- Exceptional growth from all trading divisions
- Freight's results aided by strong maize export volumes, enhanced commodity demand and LPG contribution for the full period
- Commercial Products driven by market share gains and good expense management
- Branded Products boosted by Adcock's performance
- Services international delivered an excellent set of results and SA posted good growth, supported by recovery of the travel and hospitality industries
- Financial Services increase is on the back of strong investment returns
- Automotive exceeded expectation with good contribution from new vehicle sales and excellent margin management

### Other costs

- Acquisition costs higher due to the international bond issuance
- Amortisatisation of acquired customer contracts broadly flat

### Income statement analysis (continued...)

### Net capital items

- Loss of R5m (1HFY2021 R134.0m loss)
- Prior year included disposal of Ontime Automotive (UK)

### Net finance charges

- Net financing charges 7.7% higher (incl IFRS16, fair value adjustments and hedge costs)
- Borrowing costs increased by 16.9%
- Higher gross debt (international bond) and slight step up in funding costs
- Cost of debt 4.7% (1HFY2021 4.6%)

### Taxation

- Effective tax rate of 26.8% (1HFY2021 31.3%)
- Foreign tax differential is 2%
- As the international portfolio grows, the effective tax rate will reduce

### Non-controlling interest

• Predominantly Adcock with a good attributable profit performance

### **HEPS**

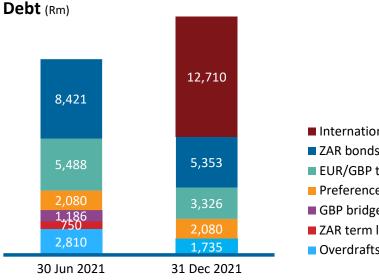
- Continuing operations +35.3% to 813.8 cents
- Normalised HEPS +30.9% to 852.9 cents. Excludes acquisition costs, amortisation of customer contracts and COVID-19 expenses in the prior year
- No material COVID-19 costs to date

### Dividend

- Interim dividend 380 cents +31.0% (1HFY2021 290 cents)
- Cover ratio within policy range of 2.0 2.5 normalised HEPS

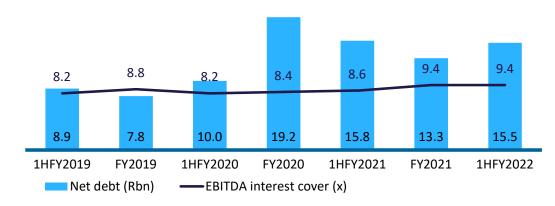
# Debt and funding: Strong liquidity and capacity for expansion

- Net debt R15.5bn, up R2.2bn from Jun 2021
- EBITDA interest cover in line with Jun 2021 at 9.4x (Dec 2021 8.6x)
- Consistent net debt/EBITDA at 1.8x (Jun 2021 1.8x; Dec 2021 1.7x)
- 82.8% of gross debt long term
- New syndicated, multi-currency loan of GBP400m
- Issued USD800m international bond swapped into GBP581m
- Total offshore funding available for M&A GBP372m

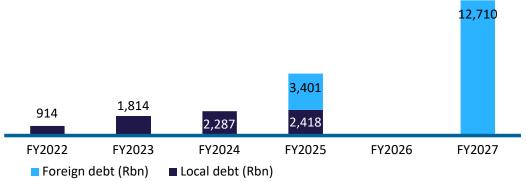


# International bond ZAR bonds EUR/GBP term loan and RCF Preference shares GBP bridge loan ZAR term loan Overdrafts and other

#### Interest cover

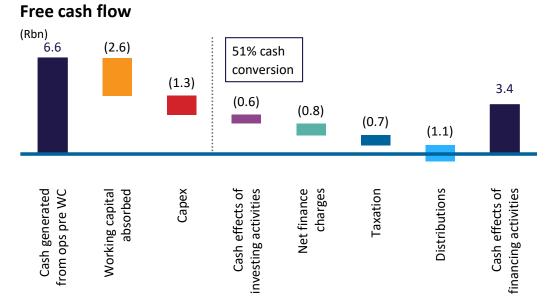






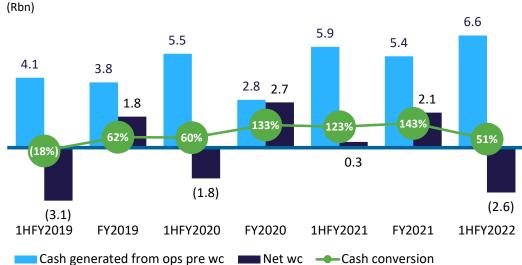
\* Excludes cash, overdrafts, floorplan and rolling general bank facilities

# Cash flow: Positive cash generation



- Cash generated by operations pre working capital of R6.6bn (1HFY2021 R5.9bn)
- Working capital investment of R2.6bn (1HFY2021 R0.3bn release)
  - > Increased inventory and trade receivables due to higher activity levels
  - > Lower payables timing in relation to constrained stock supply
- Cash conversion at 51% marginally down on same period pre-COVID (1HFY2021 123%)
- Free cash flow at R2.0bn exceeded Dec 2019 of R1.8bn (1HFY2021 R4.4bn)

Cash generated vs working capital



# **Operational updates**

Mpumi Madisa Chief executive

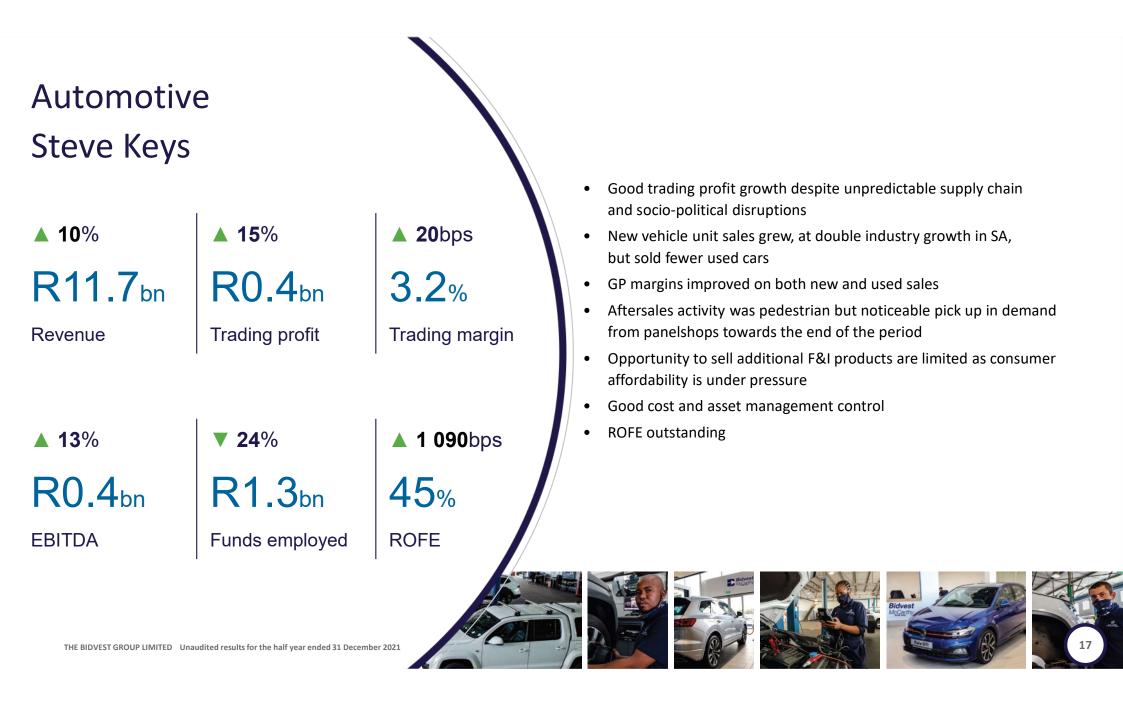


#### Services Alan Fainman Strong overall result with trading profit in SA and offshore +11% and +28%, respectively **▲ 26**% **19**% **60**bps International operations delivered outstanding result • > Strong contract wins support organic growth R17.6bn R2.0bn 11.4% > Successful integration of acquisitions and new country structures bear fruit in Noonan > Hygiene pool growth continues unabated in PHS Trading margin Revenue Trading profit Solid performance from annuity-income driven Facilities Management and Security and Aviation clusters Travel and hospitality related services delivered profits despite impact of renewed travel restrictions over peak season **14**% **▲ 43**% ▲ **1 770**bps Sequential quarterly trading profit improvement in Allied is indicative of a return to offices R2.4bn R2.3<sub>bn</sub> 228% Acquisition opportunities being pursued globally Funds employed ROFE **EBITDA**











# **Corporate & Properties**

- Corporate comprises Bidvest Properties, corporate functions and other investments
- Bidvest Properties held its own in a difficult environment
  - > Vacancies increased and rental escalations were muted
  - > Good cost and portfolio management
  - > 130 properties with an unchanged R8.1bn market value (NBV R3.8bn)



# Strategy and outlook

Mpumi Madisa Chief executive



# Group growth strategy

### Bidvest aims to expand & grow its portfolio while maintaining business objectives

### Portfolio selection criteria

- Blend of defensive, cyclical and growth assets
  - > Asset light businesses that are highly cash generative
  - > Established market players with identifiable opportunities to scale
  - > With entrepreneurially focused decentralised management teams
- Predetermined return requirements per business type. At Group level, consider ROIC vs WACC

#### **Acquisitive growth**

- Grow portfolio to maximise stakeholder value
  - South African acquisitions
    - Complementary / adjacent to existing business portfolio
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- Long-dated capital investment in relevant infrastructure

#### Offshore acquisitions

- Hygiene services, FM services and plumbing and related wholesaling
- Bolt-on opportunities
- Broaden products and services baskets
- Likely integrated into existing businesses

### **Organic growth**

- Target organic growth ahead of the market
  - > Extract value from scale in fragmented markets
  - Expand service offerings geographically to meet large corporate clients' needs, whilst maintaining service offering to smaller single location clients
  - > Capitalise on structural growth drivers including out-of-home hygiene, urbanisation, health & wellness awareness, outsourcing

### **Business objectives:**

- Maximising a diverse asset portfolio by innovation and continuously broadening the service and product basket
- Maintaining a strong financial position by focusing on asset management, generating cash and growth
- Investing capital in key areas that will ensure future growth and internationalising of niche services
- Create social value and long-term sustainability for all stakeholders



# Outlook

- Demand and economic recovery gathering momentum
  - > Return to offices, albeit off low base
  - > Tender activity and building plans passed
  - > Renewable and alternative energy demand
  - > Bulk commodity demand to remain robust
  - > Record maize season with strong exports
- Optimised cost base and active margin management.
   Key in a rising inflation environment
- Engagement on new master plans for KZN port plans ongoing and constructive
- Noticeable interruptions and growing inefficiencies in SA's infrastructure backbone
- Healthy M&A opportunity pipeline

# Appendices



## Services

- Generally, the UK economy is returning strongly and resumption of work in London has commenced, albeit slowly
- Irish economy strong. Restrictions lifted and return to work in phased approach
- PHS
  - Washroom, Clinical, Offensive, Floorcare and Waste businesses are all growing
  - > 33 months of consecutive hygiene pool growth
  - > Exciting product innovation
- Noonan
  - Lots of tender activity and strong new business wins
  - > Focus on industry verticals yielding benefit
  - Acquisitions integrated and synergies materialising

- Solid trading result from Facilities Management cluster
  - Mobilised sizeable new contract and extended key contract with cost savings
  - > Annuity income base resilient
  - Catering and Lounges reported pleasing turnaround
- Security & Aviation operational result pleasing
  - > Fuel price increases adding to the cost base
  - Innovation and technology applied to secure new contacts, for example rail security surveillance
- Allied Services' result across the board are excellent. Aquazania almost back to pre-COVID level
- Travel cluster's streamlined, technology enabled back office allowed for a break-even position even on modest revenue

### Outlook for remainder of FY2022

- Focus on sales teams, which have all been strengthened, to increase the pipeline and win rate
- Non-contractual revenue to be converted to contractual
- Build facilities management service expertise in niche sectors such as food, ICT and the continued integration of existing soft and hard service clients
- Extract value from Noonan acquisitions
- Continue to pursue PHS synergies and share strategies with Bidvest Steiner

# Services - operational snapshot

### **Business description**

- Diverse mix of outsourcing services to clients in South Africa, Ireland and the United Kingdom
- Unique platform for an integrated solution that is proprietary and customised to clients' requirements
- 90% of income is derived from annuity-type businesses with a 50/50% split between South Africa and international

### Divisional strategy for growth

- Target expansion in niche services areas internationally and via bolt-ons to augment the basket
- Drive to introduce technology, alternative products and services to remain relevant and well-positioned
- Continued focus on margin management



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# **Branded Products**

### Adcock

- > Excellent trading profit growth
- Good gross margin as a result of a more favourable sales mix in OTC and Consumer, improved factory recoveries at the Clayville factory from increased OTC demand
- Benefiting from higher demand for flu products, key brands of consumer products and the onboarding of several portfolios
- > Strong operational cash generation
- Data, Print and Packaging
  - > Resilient printing demand
  - Strong demand for packing into e-commerce and food
  - Print-to-post volumes ticked up nicely while electronic volumes held their own
  - Bidvest Mobility delivered significant trading profit growth

- Office Products
  - Tough start at Waltons from the July unrest, but normal back-to-school season and growth in commercial volumes resulted in a decent performance
  - Konica Minolta posted a fantastic result.
     Unit sales, rentals and consumable volumes grew while copies were slightly down.
     Excellent margin management
  - Office furniture held its own, with quarter two showing a significant improvement on quarter one
- Consumer Products
  - Downward trend of constrained consumer spend continued coupled with erratic summer weather patterns
  - Luggage, handbags and crockery showing tremendous growth

### Outlook for remainder of FY2022

- Focus on revenue growth post significant restructuring
- Simplifying of businesses and productivity focus will continue
- Adcock looking to expand its range
- Continue to seek suitable acquisitions
- Return to school and office momentum positive

# Branded Products - operational snapshot

### **Business description**

- Trading in and distribution of every-day household and pharmaceutical products representing local and global brands
- Offers a comprehensive suite of services relating to office products, office automation and office furniture, while also meeting all print, packaging, labelling and communication requirements

### Divisional strategy for growth

- · Focus on business simplification and efficiencies
- Product innovation and range extension in trusted brands in an evolving environment
- Acquisitions in select complementary areas



1. Adcock Ingram consolidation effective 1 August 2019, previously accounted for as an associate THE BIDVEST GROUP LIMITED Unaudited results for the half year ended 31 December 2021

# Freight

### • BTT

- Good growth mainly due to rate and volume growth. Tank capacity let improved
- Isando LPG project approved (R0.5bn) but reliant on efficient rail service commitment
- SABT
  - Delivered an excellent six-months performance
  - Overall increase in agricultural volumes with exceptional maize export volumes which already exceeded that of 2021
- BC
  - Reasonable result as the prior period included cargo redirected from Maputo due to congestion
  - Manganese and chrome volumes lower but offset by the handling of iron ore

- BPO
  - > Excellent result
  - Benefiting from high commodity demand, increased volumes and improved productivity on reduced Durban footprint
- BIL
  - Pleasing recovery as activity levels improve.
     Expenses very well controlled
  - Delays and space shortage in ocean freight resulting in increases in airfreight volumes
- Naval reported a good result on higher volumes handled while Manica and BSACD struggled due to reduced activity driven by the global container shortages

### Outlook for remainder of FY2022

- Record grain volumes expected. Maize export slots booked to September
- Expect continued LPG volume growth, higher vegetable oil volumes and solid mineral demand
- Freight rates to and from Southern Africa increased significantly and this is expected to continue for the foreseeable future
- Specific poor efficiency in SA ports and rail of concern
- Various major projects underway

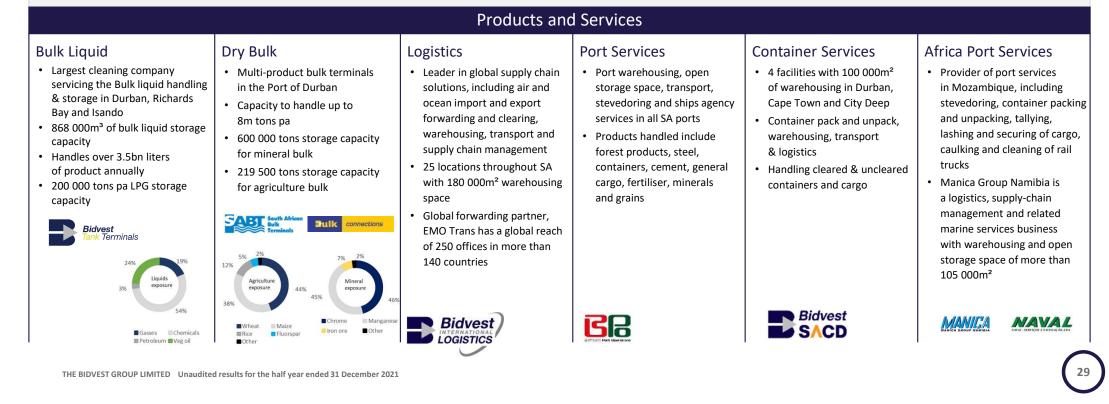
# Freight - operational snapshot

### **Business description**

- A leading private sector freight management group in sub-Saharan Africa, drawing on more than 150 years of portside experience
- Offers bulk liquid, dry bulk and multi-purpose terminals with container freight stations, logistics and supply chain solutions
- Annuity-income represents 50% of trading profit (take-or-pay contracts)
- Diverse commodity exposure which include chemicals, wheat, maize, vegetable oils, fuels, gases, manganese and chrome, benefitting from both imports and exports

### Divisional strategy for growth

- Commissioned R1bn LPG terminal in October 2020 backed by a 10 year + 5 year + 5 year take-or-pay contract
- Commission 5 000m<sup>3</sup> inland LPG terminal
- Back of port operations in Saldanha
- Maximise throughput in terminals



## **Commercial Products**

- Trade cluster
  - Bidvest Electrical continues to impress with good gross margin management, especially at Voltex, Waco and Cabstrut
  - Stock availability, store and product growth and technical expertise continue to drive Plumblink's dynamic growth
- DIY / Tools / Workwear cluster
  - Academy Brushware's innovation came to the fore off a very high base (restocking). They traded very well
  - Matus produced an excellent result largely due to its upgraded customer centric approach
  - G Fox secured new local and export work, consequently increased factory capacity.
     COVID related product demand and prices declined
- Leisure cluster
  - Severe supply chain impediments at Yamaha continue, but excellent margin management led to strong profit growth
  - Motoquip performed well

- Industrial cluster
  - Bidvest Materials Handling revenue remains under pressure, but expenses very well controlled leading to improved profitability
  - Berzacks produced an excellent result, due to significant orders of productivity enhancing product and expansion of product basket
  - Burncrete and Renttech remain under pressure as a result of current market conditions
  - Afcom benefitted from large capex sales and buoyant agricultural and e-commerce sectors
  - Catering cluster
    - Vulcan continues to be impacted by muted health and hospitality sectors
    - Improved 'footfall' in malls evident at King Pie but margins remain under pressure due to high ingredient inflation

### Outlook for remainder of FY2022

- Definite signs of market gaining momentum will benefit most businesses
- Product availability to remain critical
- Margin management and inventory control will continue to receive focused attention
- Looking for opportunities to the broaden product basket

# **Commercial Products - operational snapshot**

### **Business description**

- Manufacturing and trading businesses in South Africa, representing global brands across a diverse range of basic essential industrial products including industrial clothing, plumbing and electrical supplies and allied products
- Plumblink, Matus and Voltex are respectively the largest plumbing supplies, tool and electrical wholesalers in South Africa

### Divisional strategy for growth

- Investments were made into manufacturing and distribution facilities and initiatives are being put in place to improve efficiencies and created capacity for growth
- · Management is focused on selling a broader product basket to existing customers
- Would be a beneficiary of government development programs



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## Automotive

- New vehicles units +10%. Used vehicle units -11%
- Shift away from luxury vehicles to volumes brands continue. Toyota franchise major beneficiary
- Strong performances from Toyota, Nissan/Renault/Isuzu and Mercedes Benz dealerships
- Good fleet business pickup during the period
- Dealerships in Namibia holding their own
- Nissan Melrose acquired effective 1 September 2021
- Focus remained on maximising gross margin and tight cost control
- Supply constraints from OEMs continued unabatedly
- Challenging to source quality used vehicles at right prices
- Right-to-repair viewed as an opportunity

### Outlook for remainder of FY2022

- Portfolio diversifications strategies will continue
- Targeting a more balanced retail business
- Extract value from used car procurement systems
- Maintain tight cost control
- Short supply issues in most franchises

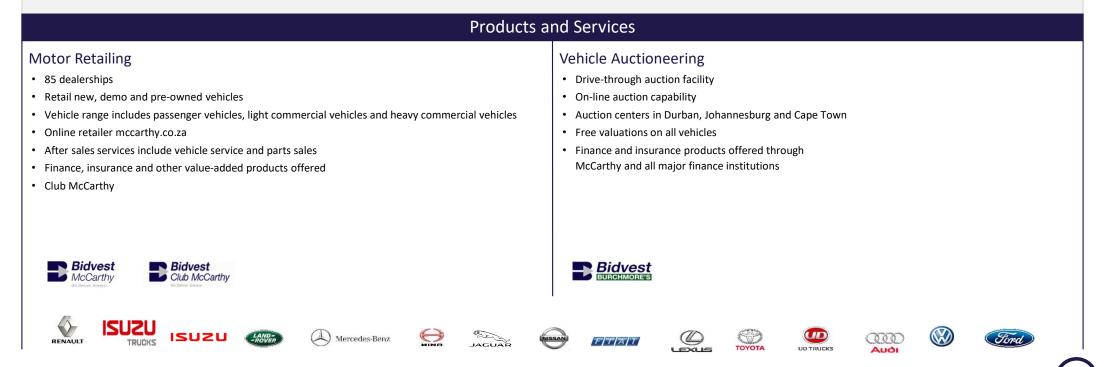
### Automotive - operational snapshot

#### **Business description**

- One of South Africa's largest motor retailers representing 24 brands over past 100 years
- Vehicle auctioneering

#### Divisional strategy for growth

- · Target a more balanced motor retail business new vs used sales; passenger cars vs commercial vehicles
- Greater adoption of an intelligent used vehicle procurement system to source and drive higher used car profitability
- Target fleet customers and their aftermarket service requirements



# **Financial Services**

- Bidvest Bank loan book under pressure
  - > Loans and advances -13%; R2.6bn
  - > Leased assets flat; R1.3bn
  - > Deposits -1%; R7.7bn
- Bidvest Bank wrote new business but not sufficient to mitigate the roll-off from material fleet customers. Roll-out of fleet contracts impeded by vehicle shortages
- Encouraging improvement in commercial forex products and services while retail forex demand remain very limited
- FinGlobal delivered a resilient result despite global restrictions which meant lower emigration

- Solid result from Compendium, as focus on customer retention paid off. Acquired a small KZN regional broker
- Insurance unit's strategic re-focus showing early signs of success. Significantly higher investment income recognised
- FMI remained lossmaking despite good new business growth
- Across the division management is focused on improving operational efficiencies, through
  - > Operational efficiencies and effectiveness
  - Automation and technology
  - > Digital client journey transformation

### Outlook for remainder of FY2022

- Increase in client growth across distribution channels being implemented
- Meaningful fleet management and advances growth opportunities are being pursued
- Optimise divisional cross sell opportunities
- Focus on new niche insurance products launches to grow book
- Retention focus to limit policy cancellations

# Financial Services - operational snapshot

### **Business description**

- Bidvest Bank is a leading second tier bank. It offers niche foreign exchange and asset-based finance solutions to a largely corporate and business customer base
- Non-bank offerings include amongst others short-term insurance, life insurance, trade finance and pension fund administration
- Complies with the regulatory capital requirements laid out by the Prudential Authority, Financial Sector Conduct Authority, Banks Act, Insurance Act

### Divisional strategy for growth

- · Establishing Bidvest Bank as the largest FML and asset leasing player in SA
- · Forex solutions through unique multi-currency card, money transfer, alliances and treasury
- Attract depositors to secure cheap funding
- · Grow FMI to a profitable alternative life assurance provider

