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Dear Sir / Madam

Please find attached a presentation and additional comments to be presented to analysts today regarding Brickworks Limited's financial results for the year ended 31 July 2024, for immediate release to the market.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Brickworks Board of Directors.

Yours faithfully **BRICKWORKS LIMITED** 

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Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to the Brickworks analyst briefing for the year ended 31 July 2024.

With me today is Grant Douglas, our CFO, and Megan Kublins, Executive General Manager Property and Development.

Grant joined Brickworks in 2011 and was appointed CFO in 2022. Among a range of senior positions held over the years, he played a key role in the establishment and growth of our operations in North America.

Megan has been with the Company for 23 years, managing all aspects of our Property business. She has been instrumental in establishing and growing the Property Trust, including fostering the strong relationship we have with Goodman.

Before getting started, I'd like to acknowledge and give thanks to Lindsay Partridge who recently retired as Managing Director, after a remarkable 39 years of service to Brickworks, 25 as leader. Lindsay made an extraordinary contribution to Brickworks and to the wider Australian building, construction and housing industry. On a personal note, I'd like to thank Lindsay for the guidance and support he has provided to me since I joined the company as a young graduate 25 years ago.

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Moving on to today's agenda.

I will start by providing an overview of our results and key achievements for the year.

I will then provide an overview of performance for our Building Products operations and Investments.

Megan will provide an update on the Property division and Grant will then take you through the financials in more detail.

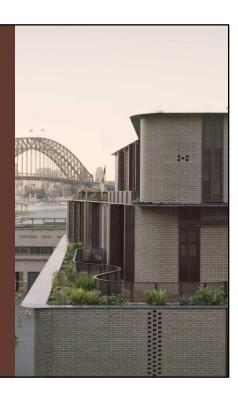
I will later return to discuss the outlook for Brickworks.

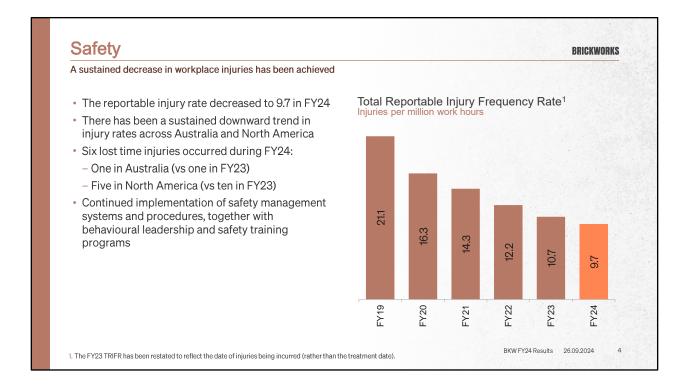
We will then be happy to take any questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

Section 01

# Overview & FY24 Highlights







We continue to make steady progress on improving workplace safety. The total recordable injury rate (injuries per million hours worked) has decreased to 9.7 in FY24, down from 10.7 in the prior year.

A sustained decrease in injuries has been achieved, through disciplined implementation of safety management systems and procedures, together with behavioural leadership and safety training programs.

Across our operations there were six lost time injuries during the year – one in Australia, in line with the prior year, and five in North America, down from ten last year.

The improvement in injury rates across North American operations is particularly pleasing. This continues to be a key focus, as we seek to ensure safety outcomes are reduced to levels comparable with our Australian operations.



At Brickworks, we understand our long-term responsibilities, and the impact and influence we have on the environment, our customers, employees, communities, and shareholders. We take great pride in manufacturing our products in a sustainable way and we integrate sustainability and innovation into product design, resulting in greater energy and resource efficiency over the operational lifetime of a building.

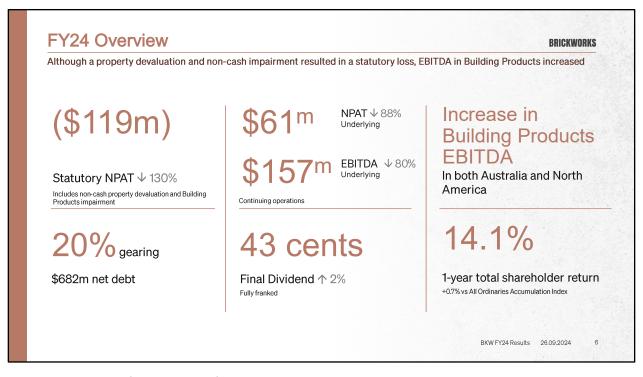
We recognise that our manufacturing process is emissions intensive and as such, we are focussed on leading our industry in reducing emissions.

In Australia, carbon emissions have followed a general downward trend, with a 56% decrease compared to FY2006 for Scope 1 and 2 emissions. Our progress in this area is supported by product redesign, increased use of recycled materials, utilisation of renewable bioenergy such as sawdust and landfill gas in some of our kilns, and capital investments into modern, fuel-efficient production processes.

Within our Property business, we aim to be leaders in sustainable industrial property design and development.

A number of significant achievements are outlined on screen and further details are provided in our Sustainability Report, released today. Our efforts are being recognised externally, such as by proxy advisors Sustainalytics who recognised Brickworks as ESG industry top-rated in 2024 within the Asia-Pacific Construction Materials category.

Whilst we have made significant progress already, we are committed to achieving more. In FY23, we announced a new carbon target: to achieve a 15% reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, from a 2022 baseline, across our combined Australian and North American operations.



Turning now to financial performance.

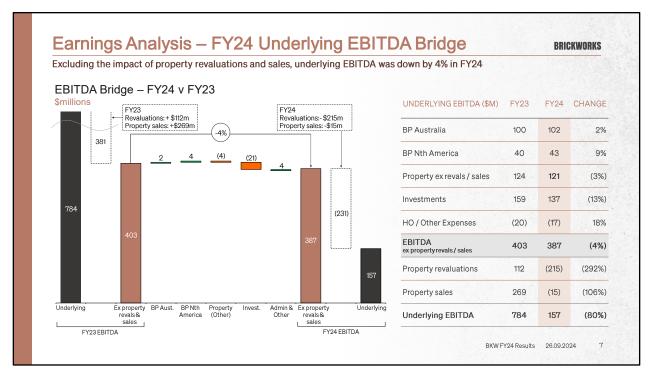
As we announced at our half year results, we incurred a significant non-cash devaluation within our Property Trusts during the first half, and a small loss on the sale of the M7 Hub Estate. And, as we announced earlier this month, we have recorded a non-cash impairment within our Austral Masonry and Brickworks North American business units, as part of the year end financial close process. Grant will talk more about the impairment later.

This has resulted in the Group recording a statutory loss of \$119 million for the year.

The property devaluations are also included in our underlying result. This resulted in underlying NPAT and EBITDA both declining significantly, to \$61 million and \$157 million respectively.

Pleasingly, EBITDA increased across our Building Products operations in both Australia and North America.

Net debt increased by \$29 million to \$682 million, with gearing increasing slightly to 20%.



The slide on screen provides further detail on underlying earnings across the Group.

The property revaluations, a large positive in FY23 and a large negative in FY24, distort the relative operational performance across the two periods.

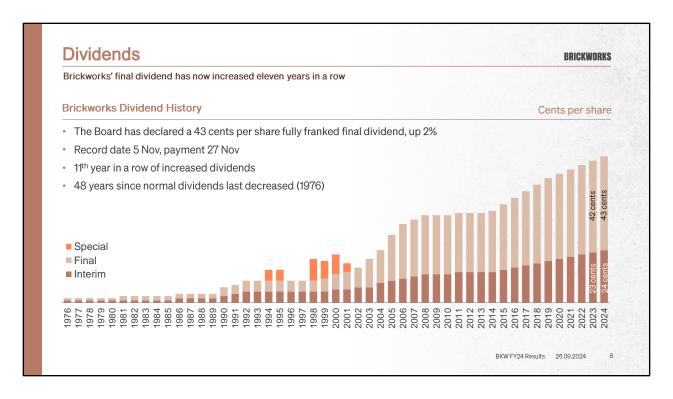
Last year also benefitted from the sale of Oakdale East Stage 2 into the Industrial Property Trust, delivering a significant profit.

Excluding the impact of the property revaluations and property sales, Group EBITDA was \$387 million, down 4%.

Across the operating divisions, Building Products Australia EBITDA was up 2% and Building Products North America was up 9%.

Within Property, net trust income and development profit was relatively steady compared to the prior year.

Investments earnings were down, due primarily to a lower contribution from New Hope Corporation to Soul Patts earnings.



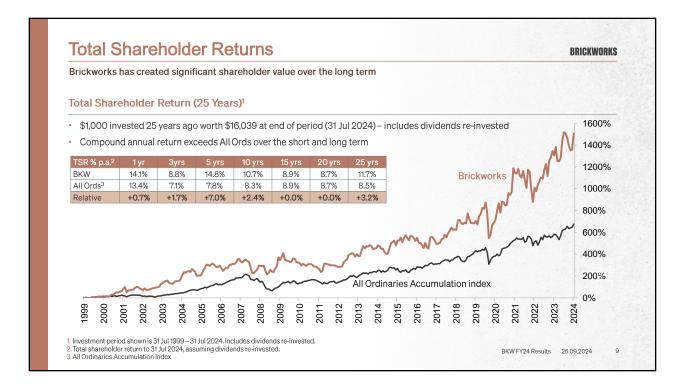
We now have 27,500 shareholders, which is almost three times as many as five years ago.

We believe in providing returns through dividends and are proud of our long history of dividend growth, and the stability this provides to our shareholders.

Therefore, I am happy to announce that the Board has declared a final fully franked dividend of 43 cents per share. This is an increase of 1 cent, or 2%, compared to the previous final dividend.

The record date for the dividend is 5 November, with payment on the 27 November.

As shown on screen, this year represents the eleventh year in a row of increased dividends, and we have now maintained or increased dividends for the last 48 years.

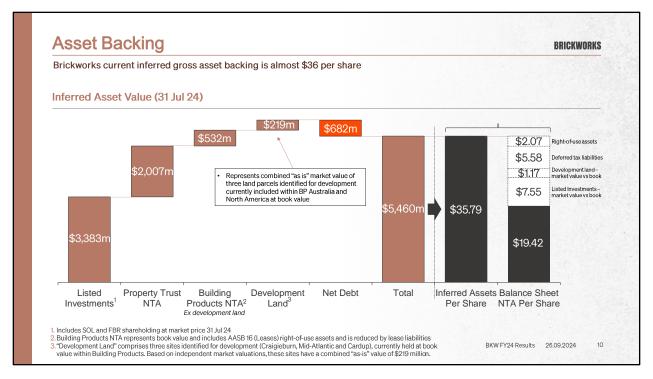


In addition to dividend growth, we have achieved superior long-term returns for shareholders.

Based on the share price at the end of the period, the Company has delivered total shareholder returns of 11.7% per annum for 25 years, incorporating both dividends and share price appreciation.

This means that \$1,000 invested in Brickworks in 1999 would be worth over \$16,000 at the end of the period.

Performance over a range of periods is also shown on the slide, with Brickworks' performance matching or exceeding the index over all time frames.



Our strong shareholder returns are supported by long term asset growth.

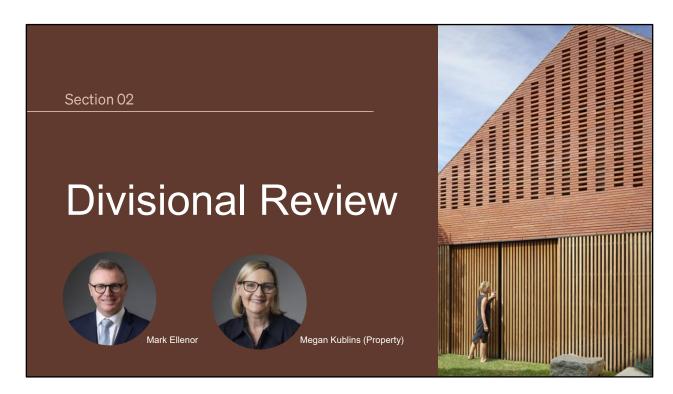
### Our assets include:

- Investments in Soul Patts and FBR, with a market value of almost \$3.4 billion;
- Property Trusts, with a net asset value of just over \$2.0 billion;
- Building Products operations in Australia and North America, with net tangible assets, based on book value, of \$532 million; and
- 3 parcels of land held within Building Products that are identified for potential development. Based on independent market valuations, these development sites have a current "as is" value of \$219 million.

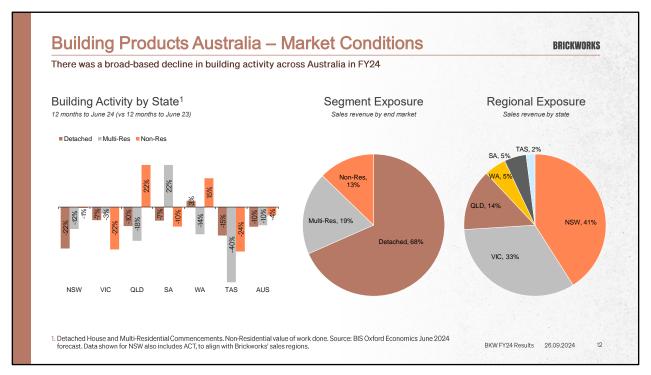
So, adding this up and subtracting our net debt of \$682 million, the total inferred asset backing is currently around \$5.5 billion.

On a per share basis, this equates to almost \$36 per share.

On the right-hand side of the chart, we have reconciled this value with the balance sheet net tangible assets per share of \$19.42. The key difference is due to the balance sheet not recognising the full market value of development land and our Investments, as well as deferred tax liabilities.



Turning now to divisional performance.



Looking first at Building Products Australia.

Residential commencements continued to decline during FY24, with total starts of 155,700 for the year being the lowest level since 2012.

Nationally, detached house commencements were down 10% on the prior year. Across the states, the steepest decline was in New South Wales, down 22%, with the other major east coast markets of Victoria and Queensland also down by around 10%.

Multi-residential commencements were also down by 10% in FY24, with broad-based weakness across all major states.

The decline in multi-residential starts has been driven by a 50% fall in high rise apartment construction over the past five years. This segment has been severely impacted by higher interest rates and the approximate 40% rise in construction costs since the start of the pandemic. These cost impacts, together with government levies and taxes, have made apartment construction unfeasible in many areas of the major capital cities.

The decline in high rise residential construction accelerated in the second half, particularly in Sydney, and has had a significant impact on Austral Masonry sales, which have a high exposure to this segment.

Non-residential building activity has varied significantly across the country, with increases in Western Australia and Queensland offset by declines in Victoria and New South Wales.

Building products Australia EBITDA margins improved in FY24, desp	ite lower volume			
Sales volume impacted by lower building activity in key markets	\$MILLION	FY23	FY24	CHANGE
- Austral Masonry significantly impacted in 2H24 - Production scaled-back to control inventory	Revenue	734	646	(12%)
Margins improved across most businesses	EBITDA	100	102	2%
<ul> <li>Headcount reduction of 139 staff in FY24</li> </ul>	EBITDA	100	102	270
Commissioning of new brick plant (Plant 2) at Horsley Park substantially completed during second half	EBIT	53	41	(22%)
<ul> <li>Advanced Cladding Systems established to commercialise thin brick</li> </ul>	EBITDA margin	13.7%	15.9%	16%
<ul> <li>Plant 1 (Horsley Park) mothballed in July 24</li> </ul>				

The decreased building activity resulted in a 12% decline in revenue to \$646 million. EBIT was \$41 million for the period, and EBITDA was \$102 million, up 2%.

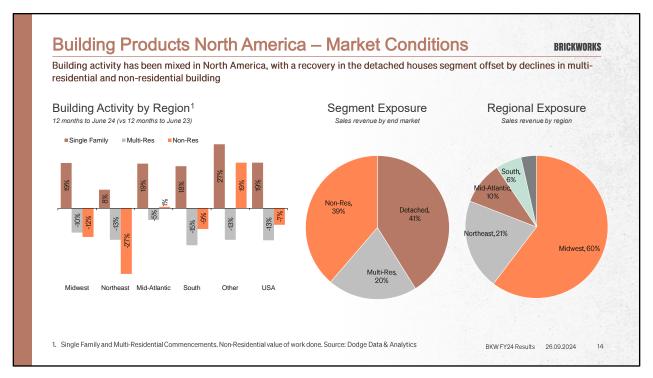
An increase in EBITDA margin was achieved, driven by the implementation of price increases and productivity improvements across most operations. However, the Austral Masonry margin was adversely impacted by the decline in demand and lower plant utilisation, particularly at the new Oakdale facility in Sydney.

We have implemented a range of re-structuring initiatives, to remove costs as we move through the cyclical low.

These initiatives included the consolidation of Austral Bricks and Austral Masonry into one operating division, a restructure of Bristile Roofing and a rightsizing of divisional support functions. In total, these initiatives are expected to deliver annualised savings of \$15 million.

Over the year, headcount in our Australian operations reduced by 139 staff.

During the second half of the year, the commissioning process at Plant 2 in New South Wales was substantially completed. This represents a significant milestone for the Company, following five years of hard work, with the project having commenced in 2019. The plant is now operating at design capacity, and will surpass any other brick factory in Australia in terms of automation, fuel efficiency and output.



Building Products North America's key regional exposure is in the Midwest, Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Combined, these three regions make up around 91% of total sales revenue.

There is a broad end-market exposure, with the non-residential segment making up 39% of sales, detached houses 41% and multi-residential 19%.

During FY24 there has been a decline in non-residential and multi-residential activity across the country. This was most severe in the key Northeastern region where non-residential activity was down by 27% year on year and multi-residential activity was down by 13%. A surplus of multi-residential construction following the pandemic in 2021 and 2022 led to oversupply in this market and a subsequent decline, while non-residential building has stalled, despite resilience in some pockets, such as the education sector.

By contrast, there was relative strength within the single-family residential segment, where building activity was up by 19% nationwide, albeit this is not the core market for our products.

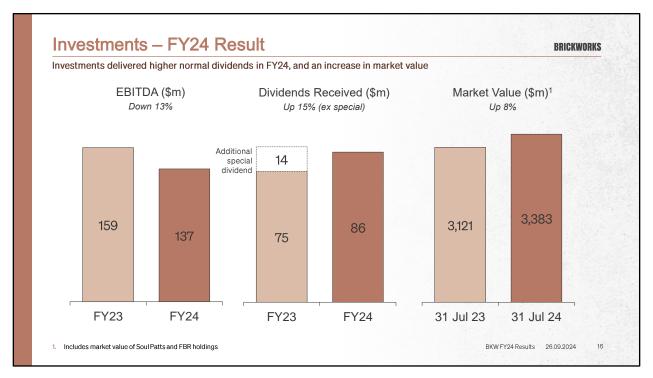
Building Products North America EBITDA increased due to margin in	nprovement			
Brick sales volume lower, primarily due to reduced demand from over-supplied southern region	AU \$MILLION <sup>1</sup>	FY23	FY24	CHANGE
<ul> <li>Revenue held relatively steady, with lower sales volume offset by price increases and mix shift towards higher value products</li> </ul>	Revenue	447	442	(1%)
Margins improved, supported by increased plant utilisation	EBIT	13	13	9%
Landmark Stone plant closed				
Multi-year plant rationalisation program complete	EBITDA (Ex Land Sales) <sup>2</sup>	33	42	29%
<ul> <li>Rocky Ridge plant in Maryland is now in the final stages of commissioning</li> </ul>	EBIT (Ex Land Sales)	6	13	113%
Headcount reduction of 36 staff in FY24	EBITDA margin (Ex Land Sales)	7.5%	9.8%	31%

Brick sales volume in North America was lower during the period, due primarily to a significant reduction in sales to the oversupplied southern home builder market, such as Texas. Despite the decline in sales volume, revenue of \$442 million was relatively steady, due to a combination of price increases and a mix shift towards higher value products.

EBITDA for the year was up 9% to \$43 million. Last year's result included a \$7 million profit from the sale and leaseback of a retail outlet, and this year's result includes a \$300K profit on the sale of a surplus quarry. Excluding the impact of these property sales, EBITDA was up 29% and EBIT was up 113%.

Margins continue to improve on the back of price increases and improved factory utilisation, following the completion of our five-year plant rationalisation program. However, the slowdown in building activity across core markets has delayed the full realisation of the efficiency benefits that we expect to deliver from this program.

The Rocky Ridge plant in Maryland is in the final stages of re-commissioning and will produce a range of moulded bricks specifically tailored for the UK market. The first shipments to the UK, as part of our supply agreement with Brickability for 10 million bricks per annum, are now underway

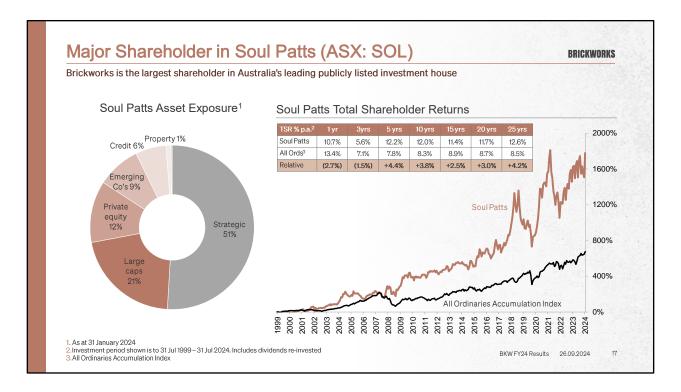


Turning to Investments, which includes a 26.1% interest in Soul Patts and a 15.3% interest in FBR Limited.

Investments delivered an underlying contribution of \$137 million for the year, down 13%.

During the year normal cash dividends of \$86 million were received from Soul Patts, up 15% on the prior year.

The combined market value of our investments was \$3.383 billion at the end of July, up by 8% or \$263 million.



Our shareholding in Soul Patts dates back to 1968. Soul Patts is now Australia's leading publicly listed investment house, with a broad asset exposure as shown by the chart on the left of screen.

Soul Patts has delivered outstanding returns, with annualised total returns including dividends of 12.6% per annum for the past 25 years. This represents outperformance of 4.2% per annum versus the ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index.

I will now hand over to Megan, to talk through the Property division.

he Property result was adversely impacted by non-cash devaluation	tion due to capitalisation rate ex	pansion		
Increase in rent of 9%, driven by contracted	\$MILLION	FY23	FY24	CHANGE
increases and new developments, offset by M7 sale	Rental Income (100%)	149	163	9%
Net trust income down 1%, impacted by higher borrowing costs	Borrowing & Other Costs	(50)	(65)	(30%)
•	Net Trust Income (100%)	100	98	(1%)
Oakdale West Estate substantially complete	Net Trust Income (BKW 50%)	50	49	(1%)
<ul> <li>Development profit of \$75 million during FY24</li> <li>Cap rate expansion resulted in devaluation</li> <li>Portfolio average cap rate 5.2% (up from 4.1% at July 2023)</li> </ul>	Development Profit	78	75	(5%)
	Admin and Other	(4)	(3)	20%
	EBITDA Ex Revals & Sales	124	121	(3%)
- Conditions stabilised in 2 <sup>nd</sup> half (positive	Property Trust Revaluations	112	(215)	(292%)
revaluation of \$18 million in 2H24) Sale of 50% interest in M7 Hub Estate delivered \$117	Property Trust Sales	-	(16) M7 Hub	NA
million in cash proceeds	Brickworks Land Sales	263 Oakdale East 2	1	NA
- 154% increase in value since completed in 2012	Total Property EBITDA	506	(110)	(122%)

# Thankyou Mark.

Strong demand is continuing to drive growth in market rent for industrial property, particularly in Western Sydney. Rental income across the portfolio during the year was up 9% to \$163 million, driven by lease renewals and new developments. This was offset by the sale of the M7 Hub in January, which impacted rental income in the second half.

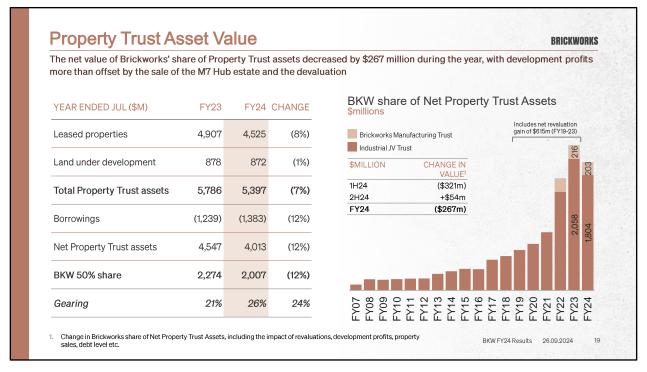
Higher interest rates and debt levels resulted in a significant increase in borrowing costs. After including this, net trust income was \$98 million (100% share). Brickworks' 50% share of this income was \$49 million, down marginally on the prior year.

A highlight of the year was the completion of 7 new facilities at Oakdale West, providing around 69,000m<sup>2</sup> of gross lettable area. This included the completion of facilities for Maersk, EBOS and Luxottica. These completions resulted in a development profit of \$75 million being recorded.

A non-cash devaluation of \$215 million was recorded on Property Trust assets in FY24, reflecting an increase in capitalisation rates across the portfolio to 5.2%, up from 4.1% at July 2023. The majority of capitalisation rate expansion was incurred in the first half, with conditions stabilising over the past 6 months. In the most recent valuation, completed in June, a positive revaluation of \$18 million was recorded, with market rental growth more than offsetting capitalisation rate expansion of 17 basis

points.

Including the revaluations and property sales, Property delivered an EBITDA loss of \$110 million for the year, compared to a profit of \$506 million in the prior corresponding period.



The total value of leased assets held across the Property Trusts was \$4.5 billion at the end of the year.

The Trusts also hold a further \$872 million in land that is currently under development.

After including borrowings of \$1.4 billion, total net asset value is \$4.0 billion. Brickworks' 50% share of net asset value is just over \$2.0 billion.

Gearing within the trusts was 26% at the end of the year, up from 21%. The gearing within the Industrial JV Trust increased following the devaluation of the portfolio and the sale of the M7 Hub Estate, with the sale proceeds being distributed to Brickworks and existing debt maintained within the Trust.

Additional borrowings were also used to fund the ongoing development activity at Oakdale West.



A key highlight for the year was securing development approval for our Oakdale East Stage 2 Estate, and the start of construction at this site, including a cornerstone facility for Amazon.

A photo of construction progress for this 58,000m<sup>2</sup> facility is shown on screen.

This building is due for completion in the third quarter of calendar year 2025.

As one of the few large-scale "shovel ready" development estates in western Sydney, strong demand exists for the next available site, which will accommodate a 38,000m² facility. The remaining 155,000m² of gross lettable area will be released progressively as earthworks and servicing is completed across the estate. Given the strong demand, the estate is expected to be fully built out within four to five years.

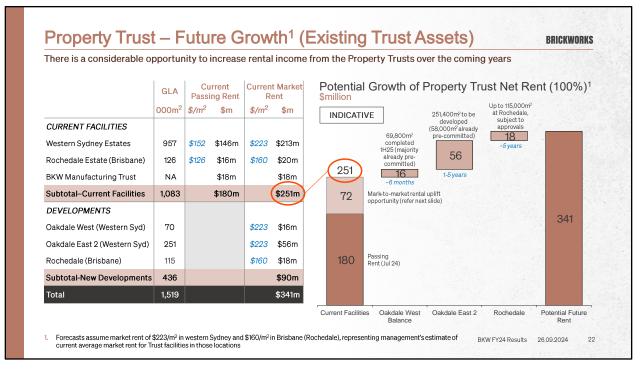


Development opportunities are also being pursued in the Brickworks Manufacturing Trust.

During the year, a 13-hectare site adjoining the Rochedale brick factory was purchased by the Trust.

When consolidated with adjacent surplus land at the Rochedale site (already held within the Trust), the site could provide 22 hectares of industrial land, delivering up to 115,000m<sup>2</sup> of gross lettable area. This project is currently in planning stages, with the aim of lodging development applications in 2025.

An indicative masterplan is shown on screen, with the new development opportunity shown in the foreground, with the existing state-of-the-art Rochedale brick plant and Industrial JV Trust estate in the background. This estate was completed in 2022 and has a lettable area of 126,000m<sup>2</sup> and current value of \$320 million (100% share).



Over the last few years, land supply challenges have also been exacerbated by increasing construction and financing costs, and a range of planning and approvals issues. All these factors have driven up rent for prime industrial property in western Sydney by 80% in the past three years. We estimate that the current passing rent within the Industrial JV Trust is 31% below average market rent.

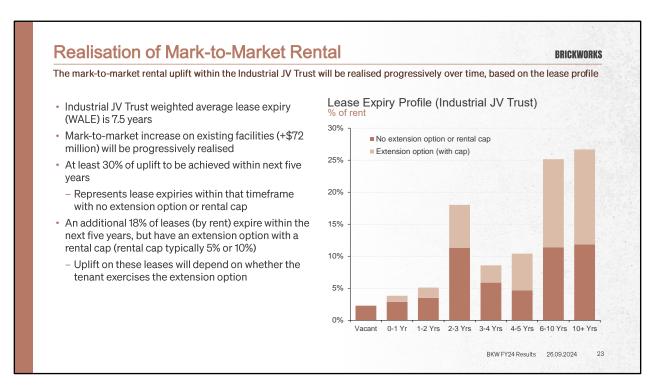
Including the Brickworks Manufacturing Trust, the current annualised rent across our portfolio is \$180 million.

At current market rates, the rent potential of Property Trust assets once fully developed is around \$341 million.

This includes a mark-to-market rental uplift on currently leased assets of \$72 million.

In addition, the existing development pipeline will deliver around \$90 million in new rent. This includes:

- \$16 million from the completion of Oakdale West, to be realised over the next 6 months as this Estate is completed;
- \$56 million in rent is expected from Oakdale East Stage 2. This will be realised over the next five years as this estate is built out; and
- \$18 million in rent from the development opportunity at Rochedale that I just discussed.



Looking more closely at the significant mark-to-market rental opportunity of existing leased facilities and the expected timing of this uplift.

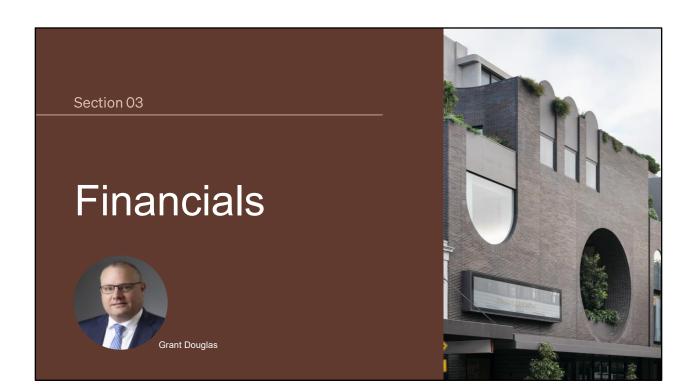
The chart on screen shows the lease expiry profile of the Industrial JV Trust.

This shows that at least 30% of the uplift can be achieved within the next five years. This is the sum of the dark brown columns on the chart within that time period, representing vacancies and leases that do not have extension options and rental caps. As such, these leases should revert to market rent at the end of the current lease term.

An additional 18% of leases (by rent) expire within the next five years, but have an extension option with a rental cap.

The uplift on these leases will depend on whether the tenant exercises the extension option.

I will now hand over to Grant to run through the financials in more detail.



Thankyou Megan.

Increase in Building Products EBITDA more than	\$MILLION	FY23	FY24	CHANGE
offset by declines in Property and Investments     Borrowing costs increased due to a higher	Underlying EBITDA Ex property revaluations and sales	402	387	(4%)
average interest rate on debt and additional leases	Property revaluations and sales	381	(231)	(160%)
Income tax benefit of \$74 million due to deferred	Total Underlying EBITDA	784	157	(80%)
tax associated with property revaluations and	Depreciation & amortisation	74	91	22%
utilisation of unrecognised capital tax losses  • Significant items and discontinued operations	EBIT	709	66	(91%)
Significant items and discontinued operations decreased statutory NPAT by \$180 million	Borrowing costs	(53)	(79)	(48%)
	Underlying income tax	(148)	74	150%
	Underlying NPAT (from continuing operations)	508	61	(88%)
	Significant items & discontinued items	(114)	(180)	NA
	Statutory NPAT	395	(119)	(130%)

As Mark mentioned, the underlying Group EBITDA, excluding revaluations and land sales, was \$387 million for the year.

The underlying EBITDA was \$157 million, after including the large non-cash property devaluation and the loss on the M7 Hub sale.

After depreciation and amortisation, the underlying Group EBIT was \$66 million.

Total borrowing costs were \$79 million, and there was a tax benefit of \$74 million. This resulted in an underlying net profit after tax from continuing operations of \$61 million.

Significant items decreased NPAT by \$178 million and I will discuss those in more detail in a moment.

In addition, discontinued operations contributed an after-tax loss of \$2 million for the period. This primarily relates to closure costs within Austral Precast.

This resulted in statutory net loss after tax of \$119 million for the year.

A non-cash impairment of \$135 million (net of tax)	\$MILLION	GROSS	TAX	NET
based on AASB 136. This includes an impairment of \$55 million (net of tax) to Austral Masonry and an impairment of \$69 million (net of tax) to Brickworks	Impairment of non-current assets	(189)	54	(135)
North America.	Restructuring and site closure costs	(16)	5	(11)
\$11 million restructuring and site closure costs, primarily relating to severance payments associated with restructuring within Building Products	Plant commissioning costs	(14)	4	(10)
• \$10 million plant commissioning costs	Legal costs	(11)		(11)
• \$11 million in legal costs	Significant items relating to Investments	15	-	15
<ul> <li>A \$15 million benefit relating to significant items from Investments</li> </ul>	Income tax from the carrying value of SOL		(16)	(16)
<ul> <li>A \$16 million tax cost arising from the carrying value of WHSP</li> </ul>	Other costs, including advisory and IT implementation	(15)	4	(11)
<ul> <li>Other costs include advisory and IT implementation costs</li> </ul>	TOTAL	(230)	51	(178)

The table on the screen shows the significant items in more detail.

We have recorded a non-cash impairment of \$135 million (net of tax) based on AASB 136, impacting the carrying value of intangibles, right-of-use assets and plant and equipment. This consists largely of the impairment we announced to the market earlier this month in relation to Austral Masonry and Brickworks North America. Both of these businesses have been impacted by a deterioration in building activity in key markets during the past 6 months, and a weaker short-term outlook. This has resulted in a delay in the expected realisation of efficiency benefits associated with recent major investments and plant rationalisation, following scaled back production in response to the lower demand. Both businesses have also been impacted by higher unit costs that are yet to be fully recovered by price increases. In the case of Austral Masonry this includes land tax and raw materials, while in North America, unit labour costs are up by around 12% on the prior year.

# Other key items are:

- Restructuring and site closure costs of \$11 million (net of tax), primarily relating to employee severance payments associated with restructuring activities within Building Products;
- Plant relocation and commissioning costs of \$10 million, associated with the new Horsley Park brick plant in Sydney and the Rocky Ridge plant in North America;

- \$11 million in legal costs;
- A \$15 million cost in relation to deferred taxes on our Soul Patts holding;
- A \$16 million benefit, representing our share of significant items relating to our holding in Soul Patts; and
- Other costs primarily include advisory costs and IT related items.

Financials – Cash Flow		Dille	CKWORK
Increase in operating cash flow	\$MILLION	FY23	FY24
- Higher Building Products EBITDA	Statutory net profit after tax	395	(119)
ů ů	Depreciation, amortisation	75	9
<ul> <li>Offset by higher borrowing costs, plant commissioning and restructuring expenses</li> </ul>	Impairment of non-current assets and assets held for sale	69	189
and increase in working capital	Net loss on disposal of investments		16
M7 Hub sale delivered \$117 million in gross	Net gains on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(298)	(2)
proceeds	Non-cash loss on deemed disposal	12	
<ul> <li>Capital expenditure of \$73 million for the year,</li> </ul>	Non-cash revaluations within Property Trust	(113)	215
primarily related to construction of the new brick plant in Sydney and upgrade to Rocky	Non-cash development profits within Property Trust	(78)	(75)
Ridge in North America	Share of (profits) of associates not received as dividends	(87)	(65
<ul> <li>Major capital program now largely</li> </ul>	Changes in tax provisions	101	(128)
completed	Inventory movements	20	(28
<ul> <li>Dividend payments of \$101 million</li> </ul>	Other items	1	10
Dividend payments of promission	Operating cash flow	97	104
	Proceeds from sale of Investments (M7 Sale in FY24)	-	117
	Capital expenditure	(114)	(73)
	Dividends paid	(97)	(101)

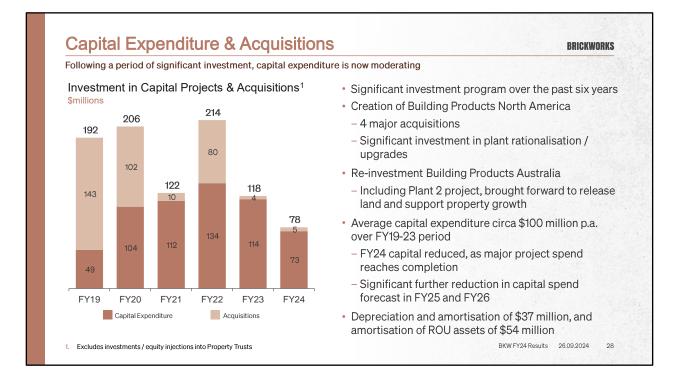
# Turning to cashflow.

The total operating cash inflow for the year was \$104 million, up 7% from \$97 million in the prior year. Although higher, cash generation was adversely impacted by the significant plant commissioning and restructuring costs, higher borrowing costs and an increase in working capital.

In addition, \$117 million in gross sales proceeds were received, following the sale of the M7 Hub Estate from the Industrial Property Trust. This is reported as a sale of investments, within investing cash flows.

Capital expenditure of \$73 million was incurred, including the final stages of construction of the new brick plant in Sydney and major projects at Rocky Ridge and Adel in North America.

Dividend payments of \$101 million were made during the year.



As Mark has mentioned, we have made significant investments in recent years.

This has included 4 major acquisitions to establish a strong position in North America. To support our North American entry, we have selectively invested in facilities to upgrade and enhance the efficiency of our rationalised plant network.

We have also made significant investments in Australia, with the construction of Australia's most advanced brick and masonry plants. Importantly, the brick plant investment, at Horsley Park in Sydney, brought forward the release of valuable land at Oakdale East, to extend the Property Trust development pipeline and meet strong tenant demand.

During the five-year period between FY19 and FY23, the average capital expenditure across the business was around \$100 million per annum. With the planned major investment program now largely complete, capital spend has reduced in FY24 and we expect a significant further reduction in spend in FY25 and FY26.

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Total shareholder equity decreased by \$179		FY23	FY24	CHANGE
million during the year, or \$1.70 per share  - Reflects statutory loss and dividend payments	NTA per share	\$19.96	\$19.42	(3%)
<ul> <li>Net debt increased by \$29 million to \$682 million</li> <li>Balance sheet gearing up marginally to 20%</li> </ul>	Shareholder equity	\$3,561m	\$3,382m	(5%)
Bank covenant gearing 15% (vs. covenant of 40%)	Shareholder equity per share	\$26.51	\$25.09	(5%)
	Return on shareholder equity	11%	(4%)	(132%)
	Operating cash flow	\$97m	\$104m	7%
	Net debt	\$652m	\$682m	(5%)
	Balance sheet gearing (net debt / equity)	18%	20%	(10%)

Looking now at a range of key financial indicators.

Net tangible assets per share was down 3% over the period, to \$19.42. This reflects the statutory loss and dividend payments made.

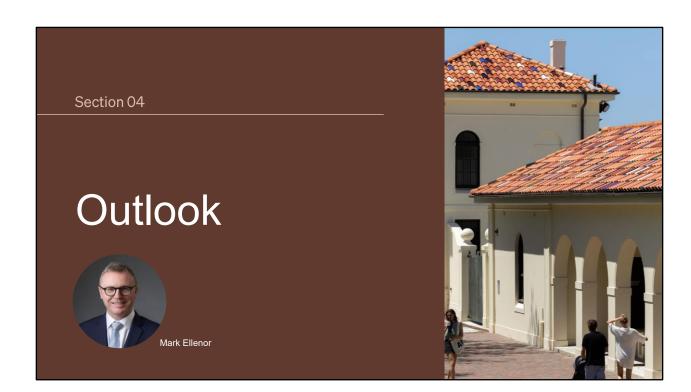
Shareholders equity decreased by \$179 million to \$3.4 billion, which represents \$25.09 per share.

Net debt increased to \$682 million, up by \$29 million over the year.

Taking into account the reduced equity, balance sheet gearing increased slightly to 20%.

Covenant gearing, as defined by bank facility agreements is 15%, and remains well below the covenant level of 40%.

I will now hand back to Mark to discuss the outlook.



Thankyou Grant.

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nvestments •	· History of long-term outperformance by Soul Patts expected to continue
	Significant growth in net rental income is forecast from the Property Trusts over the coming years (from new developments and lease renewals of existing assets)
	• We continue to experience strong lease enquiry for large-sized facilities
Property •	Continuing to evaluate the development potential and / or sale of various development sites
· =	Short term demand outlook is subdued in Australia, particularly in key markets of NSW and VIC Demand across key markets in North America has also softened Temporary plant closures throughout FY25 to undertake maintenance and control inventory Beyond the short-term weakness, conditions are forecast to improve significantly in both countries
Building Products	portfolio rationalisation and plant investments
(☆))	Following a period of significant investment, our short-term priority is to maximise cash generation  With a diversified portfolio of high-quality assets and low gearing, Brickworks is well placed to meet future opportunities and challenges
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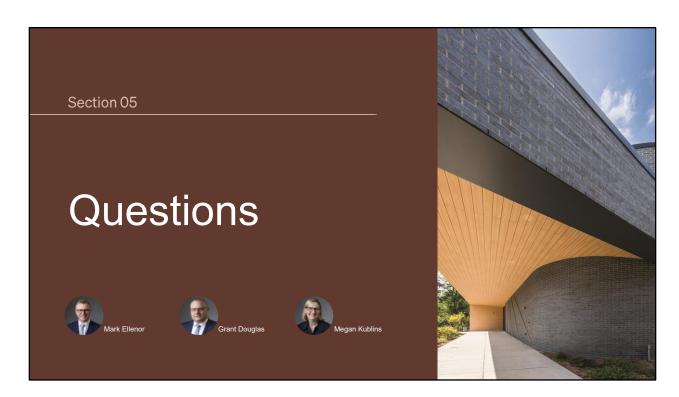
Looking now at the outlook.

Our investment in Soul Patts is expected to continue to deliver a stable and growing stream of earnings and dividends over the long term.

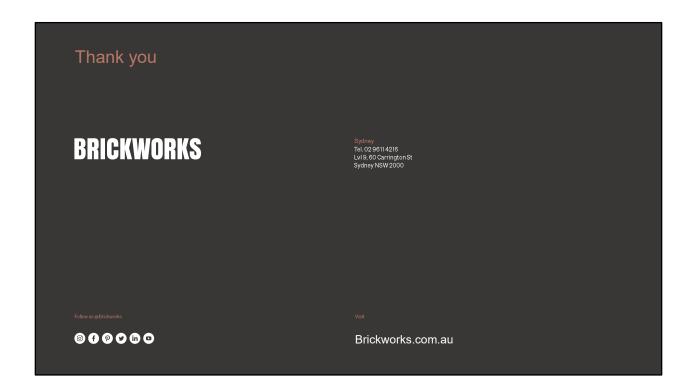
Within Property, market conditions appear to have stabilised over the past six months. Structural trends towards e-commerce and the digital economy will continue to drive demand for our prime industrial facilities for many years to come. We are focused on meeting this demand by continuing to identify opportunities within our portfolio to expand our development pipeline.

Our Building Products business in Australia and North America is facing challenges in the short term, with subdued building activity across most of our key markets over the next 12 months. As such, we are planning temporary plant closures throughout FY25 to undertake maintenance and control inventory. Looking beyond the short-term weakness, we are well placed to deliver strong returns when market conditions improve, following our recent plant investments, re-structuring and portfolio rationalisation activities.

Following a period of significant investment, our short-term priority is to maximise cash generation. With our diversified portfolio of high-quality assets, Brickworks is well placed to meet any future opportunities and challenges and continue to deliver good performance for shareholders.



We will now take questions.



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