

Huon Aquaculture Group Limited

# Results Presentation

For HY2018





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# Overview of First Half of FY2018

- Growth momentum maintained with Operating EBITDA up 49% to \$39.2m and Operating NPAT more than doubling to \$19.0m
- Average fish weight increased 9% on pcp from 4.84kg to 5.29kg – highest since listing
- Pricing in the domestic market continues to improve, driven by consistent year on year growth in underlying demand
- Re-entered the export market, leveraging existing relationships to establish new supply agreements and build a premium customer base in Asia
- Maintained volumes supplied to the domestic market
- Production costs continue to reduce
- Commenced construction of the Whale Point 'grow out' facility with expansion plans in Storm Bay on schedule
- Interim dividend of 5.0 cents per share, 50% franked



## OVERVIEW OF FIRST HALF OF FY2018

# Financial Performance: Momentum Maintained

Six months ending		31 Dec 2017	30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2016	Dec to Dec % Change
Tonnage	t	12,693	9,071	9,377	35%
Revenue <sup>^</sup>	\$M	170.5	126.0	133.5	28%
Revenue per HOG kg	\$	13.43	13.89	14.24	-6%
Operating EBITDA <sup>**</sup>	\$M	39.2	36.5	26.3	49%
Operating EBITDA Margin	%	23%	29%	20%	15%
Operating NPAT <sup>***</sup>	\$M	19.0	19.4	9.4	102%
Operating Earnings Per Share	c	21.71	22.18	10.72	103%
EBITDA <sup>*</sup>	\$M	51.5	24.1	57.9	-11%
NPAT	\$M	27.6	10.7	31.5	-12%
Earnings Per Share	c	31.59	12.26	36.02	-12%
Dividend Per Share	c	5.00	5.00	–	na
Fair Value Adjustment	\$M	12.3	(12.4)	31.6	-61%
Biological Assets	\$M	195.3	188.0	190.3	3%

<sup>^</sup> Revenue from the sale of goods

• EBITDA is a non-IFRS financial measure which is used to measure business performance using net depreciation and amortisation recognised in the income statement

<sup>\*\*</sup> Operating EBITDA excludes the impact of the Fair Value Adjustment of Biological Assets

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Operating NPAT excludes the impact of the Fair Value Adjustment of Biological Assets and related tax impact

- Revenue in 1H2018 +28%, consistent with Huon's planned expansion in production,
  - Tonnage in 1H +35% (on pcp)
  - Stable pricing environment during CY2017
- Operating Earnings up strongly as margins continue to improve at the same time as production is scaled up
  - EBITDA +49%
  - NPAT +102%
- Operating EBITDA Margin increased 15% on pcp
  - Average \$/hog kg increased from \$2.82 to \$3.08
- Biological Assets up 3% to \$195.3 million
  - Moderate growth rate reflects significant recovery in 1H2017 following feed problems during FY2016
  - Long term target growth is circa 10% pa





# Results Analysis

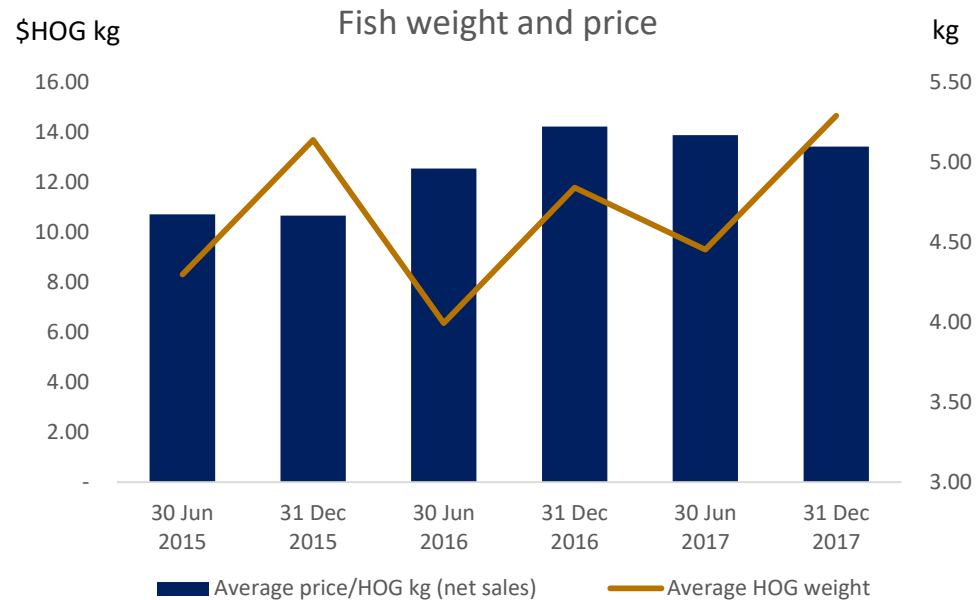
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## RESULTS ANALYSIS

# Key Profit Drivers in 1H2018



- Record average fish weight due to leverage of the Controlled Growth Strategy, fish diets and increased smolt size to sea
  - Average HOG weight for 1H2018 of 5.29 kg well up from the low of 3.99 kg in 2H2016 and above previous high of 5.14 kg in 1H2016
- Rebalancing of channel mix reflected in slightly lower average price per HOG kg
  - Short term reweighting of sales to export in order to build key markets in Asia
  - Volumes increased in retail to meet strong domestic demand
  - 2H2018 should see a return to a higher average weighting for wholesale as sales to export markets moderate



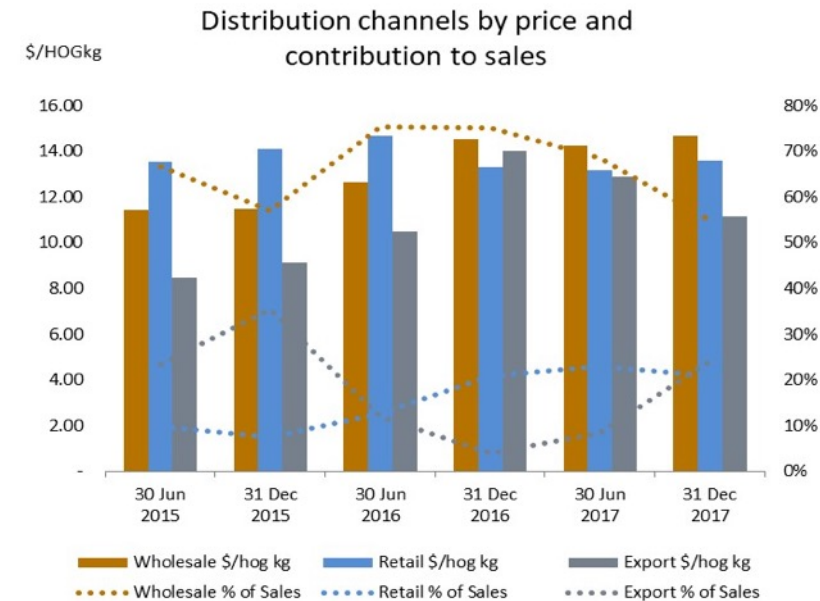
## RESULTS ANALYSIS

# Pricing and Market Conditions

- Continued incremental improvement in the average domestic price during the period
  - Underpinned by consistent growth in demand (+10%) year on year
  - The retail price averaged \$13.62/kg (+2% on pcp), reflecting the impact of increased market pricing together with improved product mix
- Huon re-enters the export market, on its terms, targeting majority of sales to be under contract by year end
  - New markets established in Asia, laying the foundation for increased sales as production expands over the next 5 years
  - Prices into the export market averaged \$11.14/kg, on substantially increased volumes compared to prior years (excluding 1H2016). 17% of sales were under contract
  - Exports across the financial year are expected to average 18-20% of sales

### CHANNEL MIX BY REVENUE

Six months ending	31 Dec 2017	30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2016	30 Jun 2016	31 Dec 2015
Wholesale	55%	69%	75%	75%	57%
Retail	21%	23%	21%	13%	8%
Export	24%	8%	4%	12%	35%





## RESULTS ANALYSIS

# Fair Value Adjustment Impact on Profit

Six months ending		31 Dec 2017	30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2016	% Change Dec on Dec
Revenue^	\$M	170.5	126.0	133.5	28%
EBITDA*	\$M	51.5	24.1	57.9	-11%
EBITDA Margin	%	30%	19%	43%	
Fair value adjustment	\$M	12.3	(12.4)	31.6	-61%
Operating EBITDA**	\$M	39.2	36.5	26.3	49%
Operating EBITDA Margin	%	23%	29%	20%	
Biological Assets	\$M	195.3	188.0	190.3	3%

- Fair value adjustment on biological assets recorded a profit of \$12.3 million for 1H2018
  - Reflects the high point in the annual biomass cycle
  - Expect this to reduce in the second half as transition to the new Year Class
- Biological assets remained relatively stable (+3% pcp)
  - Measured against the strong recovery in the previous corresponding period (post feed issues)
  - Stable pricing with strong domestic performance offsetting the relatively weaker pricing in the export market

^ Revenue from the sale of goods

\* EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation

\*\* Operating EBITDA is statutory EBITDA excluding fair value adjustment



## RESULTS ANALYSIS

# Cash Flow Generation

\$M	Six Months Ended			
	31 Dec 2017	30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2016	30 Jun 2016
Operating EBITDA*	39.1	36.5	26.4	10.7
Cash Flow from Operations	23.2	33.1	20.9	(0.9)
Add - Net Interest Paid	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.6
- Tax Paid/(Refunded)	–	–	–	–
Adjusted Cash Flow from Operations	24.8	34.7	22.7	0.7
<b>EBITDA Conversion</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>7%</b>
Capex	43.2	22.3	12.7	14.3
Cash at end of period	7.4	23.0	21.0	3.8

\* Operating EBITDA is statutory EBITDA excluding fair value adjustment

- Cash flow from operations increased 9% on pcg reflecting:
  - Increased sales at better collections rates
  - Reduction in creditors following Ridley dispute settlement
- Conversion of Operating EBITDA to cash averaged 63% during 1H2018
  - Adjusting for the cash outflow from the Ridley settlement, underlying cash conversion sits c.90-95%
- Commencement of the next expansion phase resulted in capex doubling against 2H2017
  - Growth capex of \$30 million invested in the construction of the grow-out facility at Whale Point and expansion at Storm Bay
  - Maintenance capex of \$15 million
- Reduction in cash to \$7.4 million, as at 31 December 2017, from \$21 million in pcg
  - Includes \$17.6 million payment to Ridley in July 2017
  - Increased capex commitments





## RESULTS ANALYSIS

# Balance Sheet

Period Ended	31 Dec 2017	30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	7.4	23.0	21.0
Receivables	39.4	29.9	35.5
Biological Assets	195.3	188.0	190.3
Inventory	13.2	12.4	11.0
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>258.5</b>	<b>256.3</b>	<b>261.9</b>
Property, plant & equipment	254.7	223.1	212.2
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>268.5</b>	<b>237.2</b>	<b>226.5</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>527.0</b>	<b>493.5</b>	<b>488.4</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables	58.6	67.8	66.1
Borrowings	19.9	11.2	10.0
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>85.8</b>	<b>82.0</b>
Borrowings	54.9	54.8	64.7
Deferred Tax	62.9	55.7	54.8
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>121.7</b>	<b>114.5</b>	<b>123.9</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>210.3</b>	<b>200.3</b>	<b>205.9</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>316.7</b>	<b>293.2</b>	<b>282.5</b>

- Net assets rose 12% on pcg underpinned by increased investment (+20%) in fixed assets
- Cash position and working capital reduced by Ridley settlement and increased capital expenditure
- Net debt levels increased on pcg by \$13.5 million to \$67.3 million
- At 21%, gearing (net debt/equity) remains unchanged from the normalised\* gearing reported at 30 June 2017 and gearing of 19% in the pcg

\* Normalised for the \$17.6 million withheld from Ridley and repaid on 20 July 2017 (net of a \$4.5 million settlement)



# Operational Performance

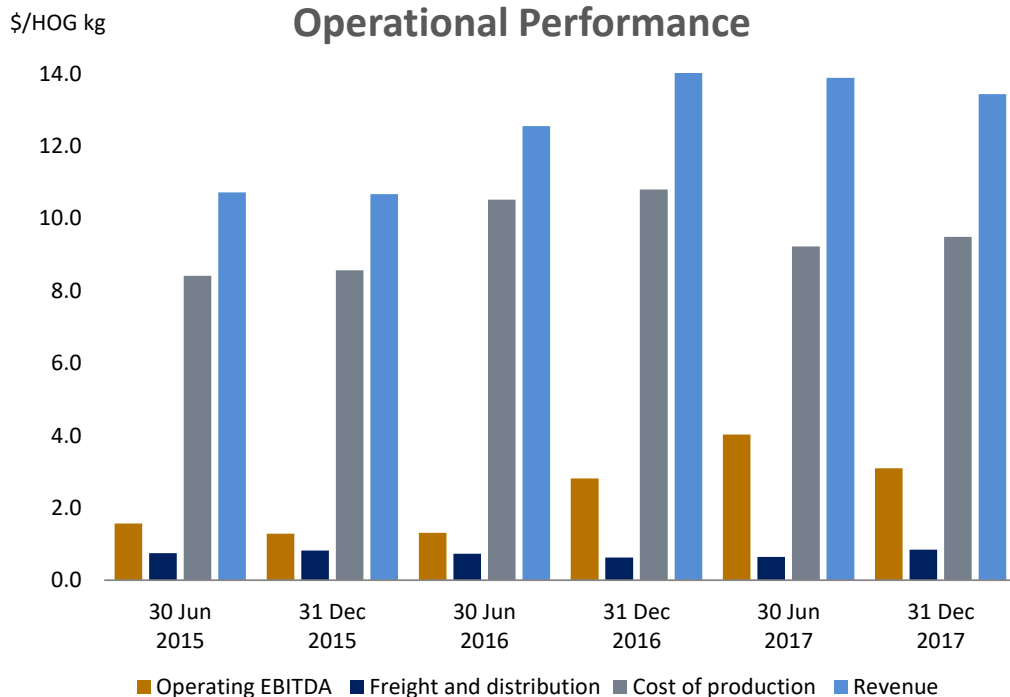
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## OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

# Production Costs Stable



- Operational performance improved by 10% on pcp driven by a 12% reduction in production costs
  - Cost of production, including freight, fell 9.5% from \$11.43/HOG kg (pcp) to \$10.34/HOG kg
  - Improvements from CGS, fish diets and an increase in size of smolt-to-sea, all contributed.
- Domestic pricing remained firm during the half but revenue/HOG kg was lower (-5.6%)
  - Increased weighting of sales into lower priced export markets
- Overall cost of production is expected to average \$10.50/kg in FY2018 (\$10.65/kg in pcp)
  - Key inputs include higher freight costs and associated operational and biological costs arising from the temperature spike in November 2017
  - The focus remains on delivering further reductions in production costs through innovation and efficiency projects



## Strategic Targeting of Markets

- Wholesale segment continues to be Huon's primary market as domestic demand grows
  - Wholesale volumes into the domestic market maintained against prior half, benefiting from higher pricing
- Retail volumes also rose by 24% in order to meet continued growth in demand, maintaining their overall share of sales at 21%
- Export markets in Asia are being selectively targeted to provide a sound platform for growth
  - Exports increased in 1H2018 to 24% of sales, focused on high value market segments within the channel
  - 17% of export sales were contracted in 1H2018 but are forecast to increase above 65% in 2H2018 as shipments commence to premium buyers from Taiwan, Japan and China
  - Signed a new supply agreement with an international partner to provide salmon to their Taiwan outlets in 2H2018





## CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

# Investing in the future

- Expanded Capital Expenditure Program
  - Construction of Whale Point grow out facility (\$45 million)
  - Ongoing expansion in the Storm Bay region (\$14 million) to meet underlying consumer demand
- Macquarie Harbour
  - Continues to be an important growing region for salmon and trout
  - Expect biomass grown in the Harbour to further reduce
- Species Diversification
  - 5 year research project trial farming of Yellowtail Kingfish in conjunction with the NSW Department of Primary Industries
  - Small setback with the loss of one pen of fish during a severe storm in early January (2 remaining pens stock 40,000 fish)
  - Expect to undertake the first harvest in March with a second in November
- Brand Differentiation
  - Repositioning brand to differentiate from generic salmon “Not all salmon is Huon”
  - Launched “Harvested By Night, Fresher By Day” campaign in key mainland markets.



Yellowtail Kingfish



## Capital Expenditure

- \$43 million in capex has been spent, funded from cash flow and \$14 million from existing debt facilities
- Capex spend for this year has increased by \$20 million to \$85 million in order to address:
  - Whale Point construction \$ 45M
  - Storm Bay expansion \$ 14M
  - Feed delivery systems \$ 5M
  - Net cleaning technology \$ 5M
  - Efficiency\* \$ 16M

\* Includes expenditure on replacement capex.

## Dividend

- Interim dividend declared of 5 cents per share, franked to 50%
- The Interim Dividend is payable on 12 April 2018 to shareholders as at the record date of 23 March 2018
- Huon's dividend policy is to maintain an annual payout ratio of up to 35% of net operating profit after tax
  - payments are likely to be biased towards the final dividend





# Outlook



# Market Outlook

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- Domestic market expected to continue growing at around 10% per annum
  - CAGR over the past 6 years 11% pa
- Retail segment shows no sign of slowing
  - 50% share of market in MAP and meal ready products
  - Fresh MAP identified as key growth product
- Strong growth in demand from Asia during 3Q2017 (+18%) is expected to continue in 2018
  - High demand for the Huon brand in Asia with contracted supply increasing to over 65% by June 2018
- International salmon prices now expected to stabilise around 56 NOK in 2018 and 57 NOK in 2019
- Repositioned Huon brand “Not all Salmon is Huon” and launched “Harvested By Night, Fresher By Day” campaign.





# Outlook

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- FY2018 fish growth has started well with record weights being harvested
  - Growing conditions late in the half impacted by unseasonal high water temperatures in November
  - Increased bathing and net cleaning, placing pressure on operational resources
  - Further emphasizes the need for increased well boat capacity - to be provided by “Ronja Storm”
- Average pricing in the 2H2018 to increase as the proportion of contracted export volumes rises significantly and domestic supply tightens
  - Overall average price for FY2018 is expected to be \$13.75-13.85/HOG kg
  - Exports over the full year to track closer to the long term average weighting at 18-20%
- Production volumes for FY2018 are now estimated to be circa 24,000 tonnes
  - Growth in line with the market is expected in FY2019 followed by a step up in FY2020
- Improvements in operating efficiency continue to be targeted for FY2018 and beyond
  - Cost of production plus freight expected to average c.\$10.50/kg in FY2018 (\$10.65 /kg in pcg)
  - Efficiencies generated from the current capex program will continue to deliver benefits
- Strategic diversification of earnings both geographically and by fish species to receive increased focus over the coming years.

Huon well positioned for sustainable growth  
and development in a growing, supply constrained market





# Appendix

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# Statutory to Operating Reconciliation

## STATUTORY

- 1 Revenue from the sale of goods
- 2 EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation  
EBIT is earnings before interest and tax
- 3 Net debt is total debt net of cash and cash equivalents
- 4 Total gearing ratio is measured as debt (net of cash) / net assets
- 5 Return on assets is measured as statutory EBIT (rolling 12 months) / total assets

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	NPAT \$M	27.6	10.7	31.5	4.7	-12%
	Biological Assets \$M	195.3	188.0	190.3	147.2	3%
	Cash and cash equivalents \$M	7.4	23.0	21.0	3.8	-65%
3	Net debt \$M	67.3	43.0	53.8	62.1	25%
	Revenue per HOG kg \$/kg	13.43	13.89	14.24	12.55	-6%
	Earnings per share c	31.59	12.26	36.02	5.44	-12%
4	Total gearing ratio %	21.3%	14.7%	19.0%	24.8%	12%
5	Return on assets %	10.0%	12.2%	11.1%	1.8%	-10%

## FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENT

- 6 Related income tax at current tax rate

Six months ending		31 Dec 2017	30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2016	30 Jun 2016	% Change Dec on Dec
	Fair value adjustment \$M	12.3	(12.4)	31.6	6.1	-61%
6	Related income tax \$M	(3.7)	3.7	(9.5)	(1.8)	-61%

## OPERATING RESULTS

- 7 Operating EBITDA is statutory EBITDA excluding fair value adjustment
- 8 Operating NPAT is statutory NPAT excluding fair value adjustment and related tax impact

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