

# Executive Summary / Agenda

- Business Overview Christine Holgate (CEO)
- Blackmores Australia/NZ David Fenlon (Managing Director, Australia/NZ)
- Blackmores Asia Peter Osborne (Managing Director, Asia)
- Blackmores Institute Dr Lesley Braun (Director, Blackmores Institute)
- Operations Richard Henfrey (Chief Operating Officer)
- Summary & Questions
- Light Lunch
- Facility Tour



#### **Blackmores Executive Team**

CEO & Managing
Director
Christine Holgate

**Executive Assistant**Simone Koolloos



Chief Operating Officer Central Services Richard Henfrey



Managing Director, Australia & NZ David Fenlon



Managing Director BioCeuticals Nathan Chong



Managing Director Asia Peter Osborne



Company Secretary
Cecile Cooper

Chief Financial Officer Chris Last



















#### At the start of 2014, our strategic priorities were clear

Support our Australian retail business, whilst building our consumer brand

Invest in Asia and BioCeuticals for further profitable growth and develop new revenue streams

Continue to improve our operational excellence and transform our cost profile

Build our product leadership position

#### Quarterly Performance and Year to Date Q3

	Q1	Q2	Q3	YTD Q3
Group Sales	-1%	+8%	+10%	+6%
Group EBIT	-27%	+10%	+14%	-4%
Group NPAT	-31%	+16%	+9%	-5%

- Momentum has continued to build during the third quarter
- We have recovered \$1.4m of the \$2.4m Q1 NPAT underperformance
- Continued growth during Q2 and Q3 in sales and profits
- Directors cautiously optimistic to deliver full year profit broadly in line with last year

## Blackmores – Building a strong healthy future

- Strong charter and mission to build Blackmores as the leading brand in Natural Health across Asia Pac.
- We have strengthened management and secured support from our staff.
- We have maintained our strong leadership position in Australia.
- We have entered new categories and strengthened our presence in others – acquired BioCeuticals to re-build our position in the Practitioner market, launched PAW and now 2<sup>nd</sup> brand.
- We have built a strong and growing position in Asia, strengthened our core markets, entered new and de-risked our core business.
- We have invested in expertise and knowledge Blackmores Institute,
   Quality & Sourcing Team Building the credibility of our brand.
- We reshaped our expenses to enable us to invest in new areas, reduced corporate expenses and improved sourcing benefits.
- Drove a culture of productivity improvements at our Warriewood Campus.
- Focused on Cash Management, with operating cash flows significantly stronger.



# Blackmores - strong progress has been made in challenging environment



- Continued retail challenges in Australia; 'dumping of stock' pharmacy re-adjusting, growth of the 'mass customer' and cluttered market.
- Asia has had new challenges; Thailand in a period of intense political unrest, China has had its borders closed for some food and health products and we need to be quicker in responding.
- The healthy weight market has gone through significant change, smaller competitors entering administration.
- The Australian dollar devalued and the Thai Baht and Malaysian Ringgit decoupled, impacting our buying power and the translation of our profits.

#### Blackmores Group Vision: 2014-2017

#### Our Breakthrough Objectives

What we're aiming for

- · #1 ranked brand by consumers & customers in all core markets
- · Employer of choice in every market
- · To be rated as Asia Pacific's Authority in Natural Health

#### **Our Business Principles**

#### What we stand for

"All our business decisions are guided by these principles: If it does not meet the principles, we wan't do til"

#### **VALUES**

- Passion for Natural Health
- · Integrity
- · Respect

#### Leadership

Social Responsibility

advantage.

#### **PURPOSE**

Blackmores improves people's lives by delivering the world's best natural health solutions.

We achieve this by translating our unrivalled heritage & knowledge into innovative, quality, branded natural healthcare solutions that work.

#### **Our Value Drivers**

#### What differentiates us

"These are the things that make us better than our competions in the eyes of our consumers and in our ability to deliver. We will invest in these to defend and extend them."

#### **BRAND STRENGTH**

The strength, essence & naturopathic heritage of our brand, underpinned by a compelling trust generation model, sets us apart. We are consumers' first choice for natural health. We continuously build the brand to leverage our market presence & our distribution network.

#### NATURAL HEALTH EXPERTISE

We are global leaders in natural health, & we take a leadership stance in the development of the natural health industry.

We acquire & leverage expertise in the science, traditions, principles & regulation of natural health to create

#### PEOPLE, VALUES, CULTURE

We are a values-led organisation with a culture that supports and rewards superior performance. We share a belief in the value & benefit of our approach to natural health & in the need to grow our business sustainably from a personal, company, community & environment perspective.

#### QUALITY

The premium quality of our products & our focus on their safety, efficacy and sustainability repays & strengthens consumers' trust in our brand.

#### CONSUMER CENTRICITY

Our Strategic Priorities

Consumer Market Driven Go to Market Strategy Online Direct to consumer PRODUCT LEADERSHIP IN OUR CATEGORY

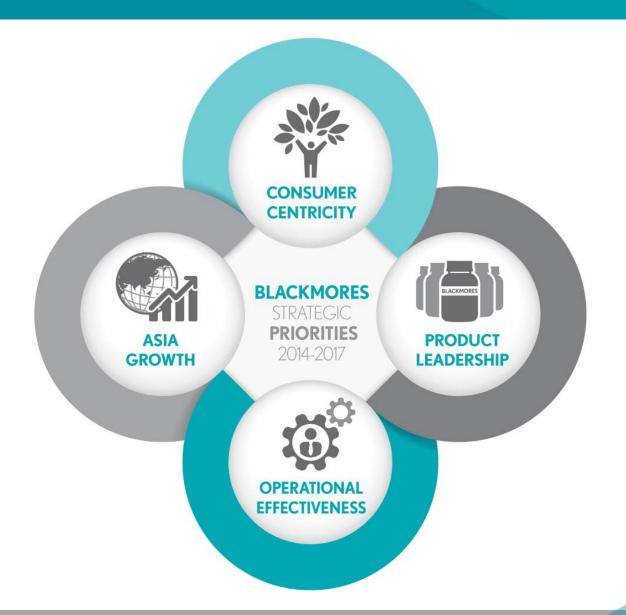
ASIA GROWTH

#### OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

People

Operational Excellence

# **Strategic Priorities**



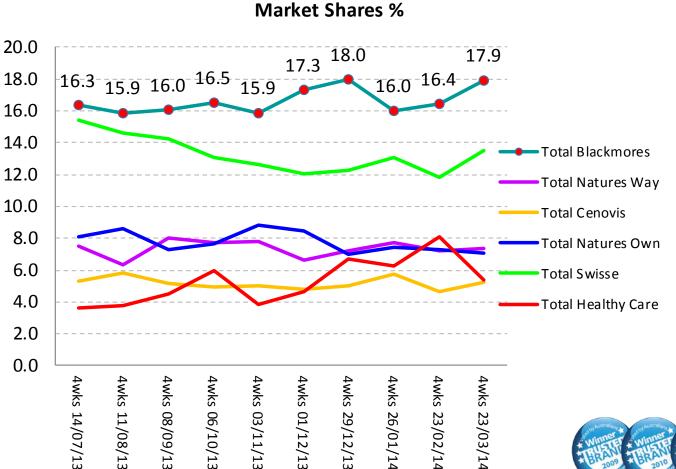
# Support our Australian retail business, whilst building our consumer brand

David Fenlon

Managing Director Australia & NZ

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#### Blackmores performance continues to strengthen









Blackmores market share growth vs main competitors

Source: Aztec Data 2014

#### Our channel strategy is clearly defined



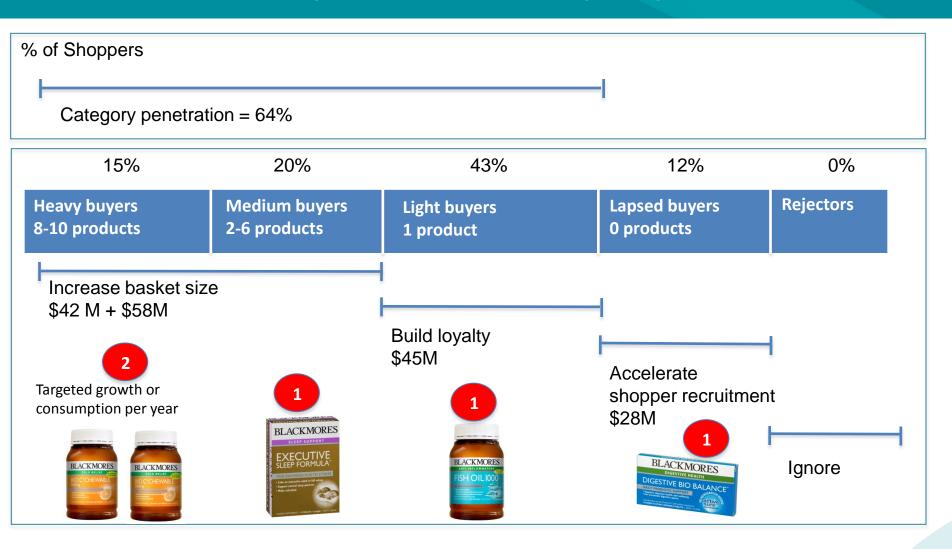
Drive Aggressively

Grow Selectively

Defend / Maintain

- Across all banners in all channels we are executing a defined data and insight driven channel strategy
- Our business plan for FY15 and FY16 is built on a bottom up channel build
- We are driving growth opportunities through a profitable sales lens as well as market share growth

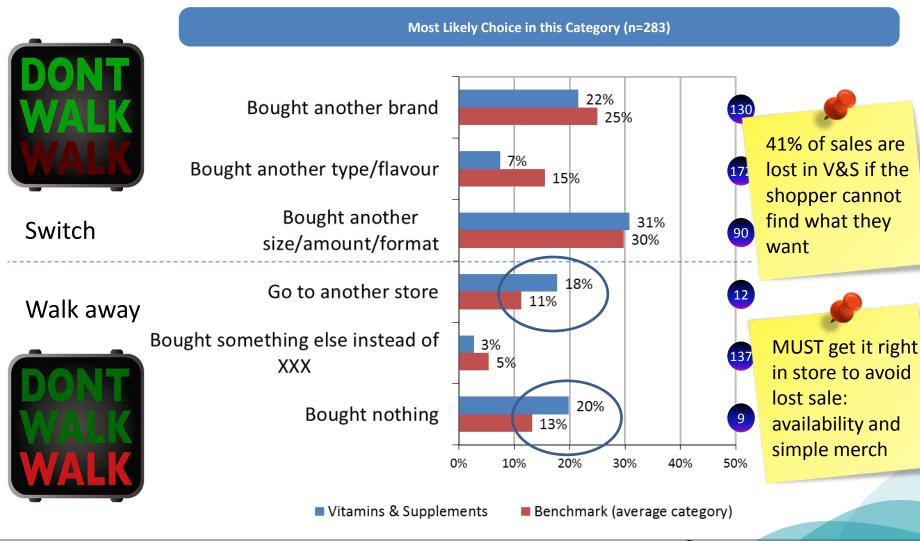
#### We have clear targets to rebuild category growth



Total category opportunity \$173m

Blackmores opportunity \$29m retail sales

# A detailed understanding of our shopper is fundamental to our leading position in the category



# Operational excellence and exceptional implementation are all corner stones to success



# Community pharmacy promotion execution





# Discount pharmacy promotion execution



Community pharmacy B-pod execution

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#### Building engagement with our consumers

- Build a direct dialogue with our consumers
- Grow our brand position
- Listen to the voice of the consumer to direct our activity
- Leverage every opportunity to interact with our consumer eg Blackmores Sydney Running Festival
- Share 'The Blackmores Story' and the knowledge of the Blackmores Institute



#### Our Australian strategic priorities are clear

- Grow our business while returning to profit growth
- Be recognised by consumers as the preferred brand
- Produce innovative new health solutions, get closer to our consumers and successfully execute our channel strategy to drive our business





# Asia Growth

Peter Osborne Managing Director Asia

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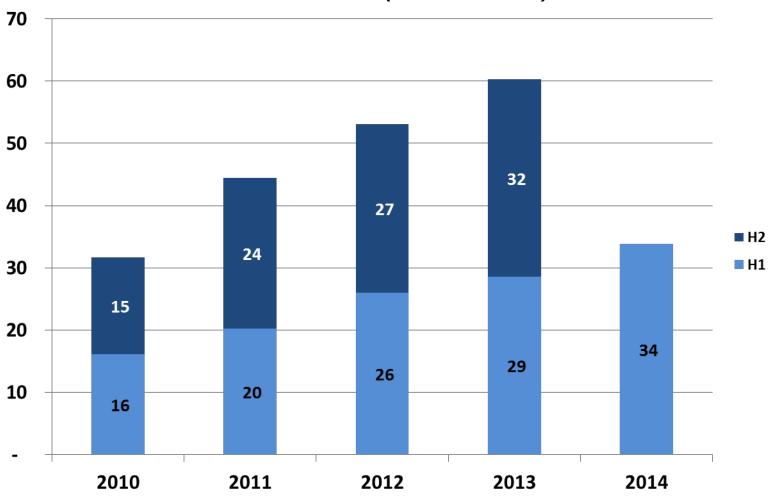
#### The importance of our Asia journey...

#### "Don't stand by the water and long for fish; go home & weave a net" chinese proverb

- A platform for future growth
- Build new channels of revenue growth, diversify our risk profile and exposure to dependence on the Australian market
- Build a 'cash base' of \$US to support our strategic sourcing strategy, reduce our foreign exchange exposure and protect our gross margins for the group
- Volume growth underpins accelerated recoveries through our fixed infrastructure
- Increased purchasing power to deliver raw material unit price benefits which also delivers benefits to Australia
- To develop innovative products and new channels and act as a testing ground for other markets – e.g. concept stores, online sales







# Asia – a significant opportunity for growth

Market	Market size \$AUD	*Market growth %
Asia	\$40.8B	5.9%
China	\$13.1B	9.0%
Korea	\$4.2B	10.0%
Taiwan	\$2.1B	5.0%
Thailand	\$1.2B	15.0%
Hong Kong	\$580M	7.0%
Malaysia	\$530M	6.0%
Singapore	\$520M	5.0%



#### Our Asia strategic priorities

- Growth and expansion:
  - Products
  - Channels
  - Markets
- Drive innovation and new product development
  - Increase ideation, product pipeline and speed-to-market



- Continue expansion of depth and breadth of channels in current markets
  - Increase points of distribution and sales value per distribution point
  - Enter new channels 'bricks and mortar', online and corporate sales
- Geographic expansion
  - Continuously assess new market opportunities and route-to-market models
- Establish our Asian operating base in Singapore
  - Drive our 'Asia for Asia' strategy to be closer to our consumers and customers
  - Deliver operational efficiencies
- Enhance our digital presence in Asia including Blackmores e-commerce platform

#### Success amid complexity

- Asian markets are complex and evolving with differing levels of economic and VDS category development
- We have a deep understanding of Asia and operating in highly regulated environments
- Our Asia strategy is on track and delivering sales and profit growth
  - New concepts for the group tested
    - Concept stores in Malaysia and Singapore
    - 'Store-in-store' models
    - Convenience channel
    - Online sales China leading the trend
  - New markets and partnership models
    - Korea, Macau, Cambodia
    - China WFOE implemented
  - New products to meet specific needs of the Asian consumer



#### Excellence in execution

















# The Authoritative Voice in Natural Health

Dr Lesley Braun

**Director Blackmores Institute** 

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#### Who are we?



#### What is the Blackmores Institute?

- Blackmores Institute is the 'academic and professional arm' of Blackmores a Natural Medicine Institute with a respect for integrative medicine.
- The Blackmores Institute aims to be the authority in natural health, bringing together the best minds in natural medicine and delivering high quality education and research with integrity.

The four pillars of the Blackmores Institute are:

- 1. Education
- 2. Advisory and professional naturopathic services
- 3. Communication evidence translation
- 4. Research and Innovation



#### Driving Product Innovation at Blackmores

- The Blackmores Institute, through research and professional engagement, will be at the forefront of our innovation pipeline
- Our sourcing team and their deep expertise in ingredients will enable us to identify future trends quicker and secure access to unique ingredients
- Bioceuticals play an important role in understanding better the health needs of consumers and the requirements of HCPs
- Deepening our direct connectivity with our consumers will give us the opportunity to listen, learn and test
- These are the foundations of our future product innovation



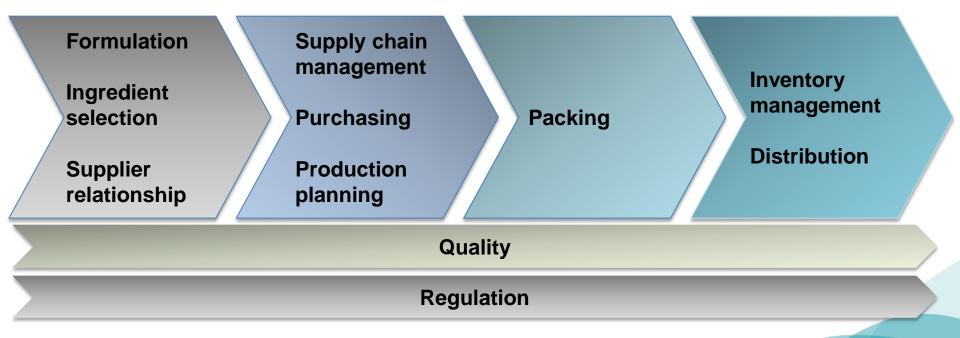
# Operational Effectiveness

Richard Henfrey
Chief Operating Officer

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#### Central Services Group

- Delivering products and support services to the customer-facing divisions
  - On time, quality assured
  - Zero errors
  - Efficient
- Managing the end-to-end product supply chain
- \$120M Cost of Goods



#### Quality at the heart of our business

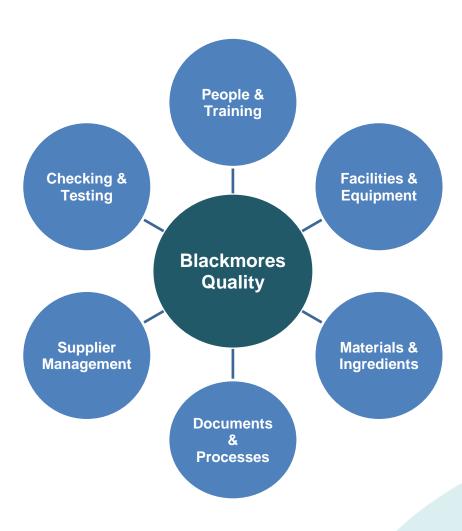
Blackmores defines Quality through a consumer lens aiming to exceed expectations for:

- Safety and Purity
- Efficacy
- Stability
- Consistency

Underpins consumer trust in Blackmores

brand





# Commitment to Quality

A snapshot of activities				
✓ Every new product is Quality assessed	✓ Every operator trained and documented			
✓ Every manufacturer Quality approved	✓ In process checks every 20 minutes			
✓ Every batch tested and reviewed before release to market	✓ Quality System Management of all PIC/s compatible systems			
✓ Internal and external audit program	✓ Independently audited by the TGA			
✓ Liaise with manufactures to work on continuous improvement of products	✓ Over 3,000 stability tests performed each year			
<ul> <li>Microbiological testing performed in the manufacturing areas</li> </ul>	✓ Minimal customer complaints - equivalent to world best practice			
✓ Real time temperature, pressure and humidity monitoring	✓ Library of over 300 Standard Operating Procedures			

## Strategic rationale for a Central Services Group

- Create competitive advantage through differentiation in the supply chain
- Leverage scale to procure the best quality, most evidence-based ingredients at competitive prices
- Mitigate FX risk by balancing foreign currency purchases against the Group's foreign currency earnings
- Efficiently leverage the fixed cost base of Warriewood operations across the Group
- Build a culture of operational excellence across the Group



#### Driving operational effectiveness - recent performance

- Polypropylene amber bulk pack
  - Improved barrier qualities for better product protection and shelf life
  - Easier to open
  - Unique, differentiated design
  - Premium look and feel
- Packaging efficiencies through improved material handling and process flow
- New 'closed loop' process for delivery of bulk tablets and capsules
  - Removed 60 tonnes of cardboard and plastic waste
  - Improved handling time/efficiencies in receiving and production





#### Driving operational effectiveness – Priorities for F15

- Manufacturing tender
- Further efficiencies through greater leverage of the fixed cost base across the group
- Re-affirming Blackmores' commitment to sustainable business practices
- Supporting 'Asia for Asia' through delivery of infrastructure and broadening the geographic base of our operations
- Continuous efficiency improvements through Operations
- Indirect procurement





# Blackmores – building a strong healthy future



#### **Summary**

- •Strong charter and mission to build Blackmores as the leading brand in Natural Health across Asia Pac.
- •We have a focused strategy for Australia to return to profitable growth.
- •Asia has and will be a strong platform for future growth and it is important we adapt and invest to support it.
- •BioCeuticals is at the forefront of innovation and with their learnings we will drive innovation across the Group.
- •The Blackmores Institute will underpin our aim to be recognised as the 'Authoritative Voice in Natural Health'
- •We will invest in our digital presence to build our consumer connectivity.
- •Our Central Services Group enables us to stronger leverage our expertise and infrastructure whilst keeping focused on building quality as a competitive advantage and reducing costs.
- •We believe we have a strong platform to build a healthy future.

# Questions



# Thank You

