



Pearson

January Trading Update

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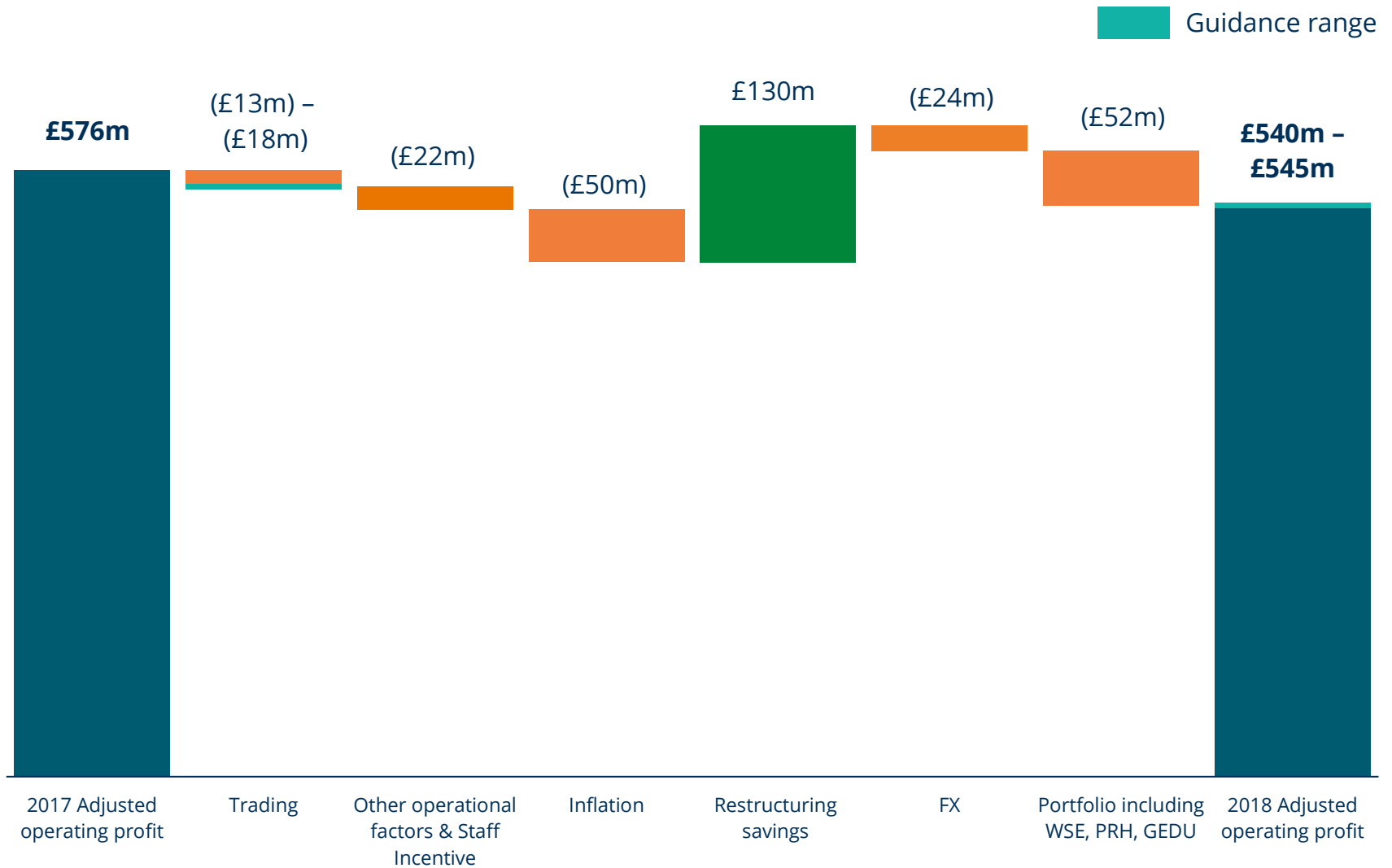
Highlights

- Good financial and strategic progress in 2018
- 2018 operating profit £540m - £545m
- Simplification programme ahead of plan
- Strong balance sheet
- Guiding to underlying profit growth in 2019
- Ongoing investment in the business to capitalise on structural growth opportunities

Sales

£m	<i>Underlying growth</i>
North America	(1)%
Core	0%
Growth	1%
Total sales	(1)%

2018 profit movements



2019 guidance

Full Year 2019 Guidance	New Guidance	
	Lower	Upper
Adjusted operating profit	£590m	£640m
Finance charge	c.£30m	
Tax rate	c.21%	
Adjusted EPS [†]	56.5p	62.0p

FX Sensitivity A 5c movement in the US Dollar has a c.2.0p - 2.5p impact on EPS

Dividends Progressive and sustainable

- Adjusted operating profit excludes the expected restructuring cost of £150m in 2019 associated with the 2017-2019 cost efficiency programme
- [†]based on 31 December 2018 exchange rates and portfolio

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