# EKF Diagnostics Holdings plc

Full Year Results Presentation March 2023



## Presenters

#### Julian Baines, MBE

#### **Executive Chairman**

Julian was Group CEO of BBI where he undertook a management buyout in 2000, a flotation on AIM in 2004 and was responsible for selling the business to Alere Inc. (now part of Abbott Laboratories) in 2008 for circa £85 million. Julian founded and was CEO of the Group from its inception in 2009 and has subsequently successfully completed a number of fund raisings and the acquisition and subsequent integration of eight businesses in seven countries. In 2016 he was awarded an MBE for services to the life sciences industry. Julian is Non-Executive Chairman of Verici Dx plc.



On 6 February 2023 Julian became Executive Chairman on a short-term basis.

#### **Marc Davies**

#### **Chief Financial Officer**

Over 20 years' experience in advisory and industry, which include significant healthcare and capital markets experience.

Group Finance and Operations Director at Flexicare Medical – Led revenue growth from £29m to £85m through organic performance and acquisition. Substantial advisory experience in M&A, Capital Markets and Corporate Restructuring. Head of Corporate Finance West & Wales at PwC. Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) and an Oxford graduate with first class degrees in Mathematics. CFO (>£25m) of the year 2019 - Finance Awards Wales.





# Introduction & Overview





## The equity story – strong opportunity for shareholder returns

| 2022 financia |  |
|---------------|--|
| performance   |  |

- £66.6m revenues and Adj-EBITDA of £14.9m
- +48% in Sales from prepandemic levels (2019)
- Net cash of £11.4m
- Positive cash flows from core operations
- Investment for growth entirely self-funded
- Actions taken to realign cost base and prevent continued losses in noncore divisions

# Strong established core

- +13% year-on-year growth from **PoC & Central Laboratory**
- £45.3m sales from core established divisions more than total Group revenue in 2019
- Strong demand for EKF products in hematology, diabetes and reagents
- High margin consumables driven by installed base
- Continued growth expected in 2023

# High growth opportunity

- +60% year-on-year growth in Life Sciences based on current enzyme manufacturing capacity
- Life Sciences opportunities driven by customer demand
- Increased capacity and capability to be completed Q3 2023
- Significant revenue growth expected in 2024

# Attractive platform for growth

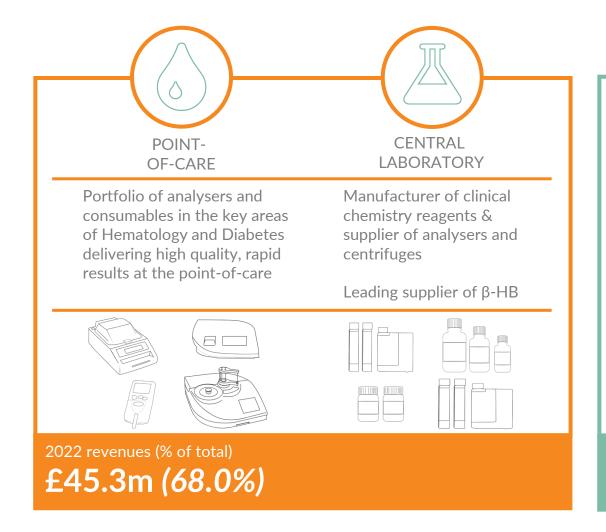
- Strong visibility from "razor, razor blade" consumable model in PoC
- Leading supplier of β-HB
- Uniquely positioned to deliver higher volume GMP\*-grade enzyme fermentation
- Operationally profitable and cash generative
- Zero long-term debt
- Dividend paying

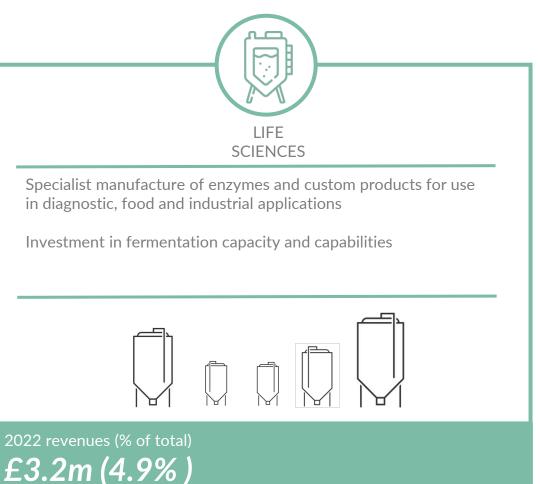


\*GMP - Good Manufacturing Practice

### Focus on growth: profitable, cash generative, global diagnostics business

#### OUR DIVERSIFIED RANGE OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES







# A simplified business

Manufacturing sites  $5 (\downarrow)$ 

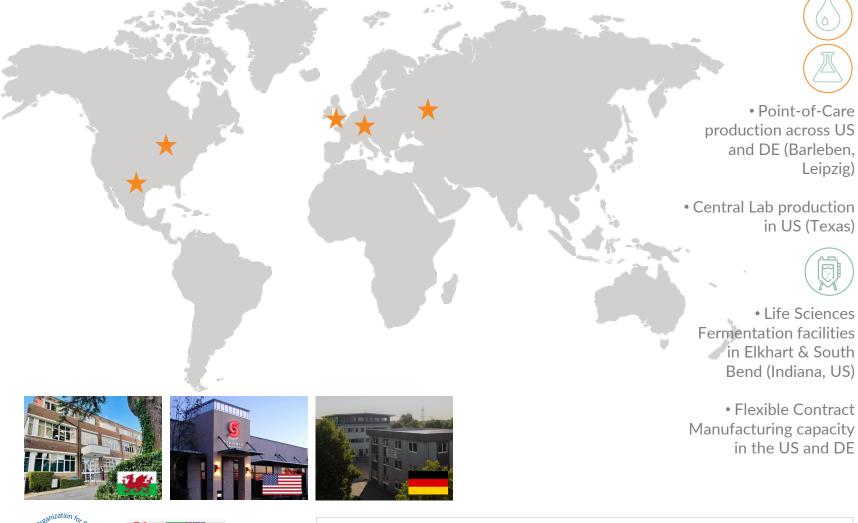
Global facilities  $8 (\downarrow)$ 

Analysers sold (2022) > 15k

Tests sold (2022) >80m

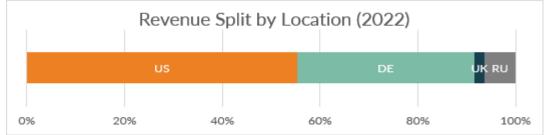
Countries sold into +120











# Simplified story from 2023 onwards

# POINT-OF-CARE (Products)





Portfolio of analysers and consumables in the key areas of Hematology and Diabetes delivering high quality, rapid results at the point-of-care



CENTRAL LABORATORY

Manufacturer of clinical chemistry reagents & supplier of analysers and centrifuges

# LIFE SCIENCES (Services)



LIFE SCIENCES

Specialist manufacture of enzymes and custom products for use in diagnostic, food and industrial applications

Investment in fermentation capacity and capabilities

Higher value, non-COVID Contract Manufacturing from US and Germany based operations

Leading supplier of β-HB



# Performance & Growth opportunities



# Point-of-Care (Products)



#### **Performance**

- 2022 revenues of £30.8m
- +14% vs 2021
- +12% vs. 2019 (pre-COVID): full recovery plus growth
- Growth across key products:
  - Hemo Control: +37%
  - HemataStat: +31%
  - o Quo-Lab: +23%
  - o Biosen: +15%
- Profitable & cash generative



#### **Growth prospects**

- Global PoC market est. worth \$45.4B in 2022, growing to \$75.5B by 2027
- Global move to introduce more virtual wards to support remote patient diagnosis, treatment and monitoring
- Key partnerships with global leaders (Fresenius Kabi / McKesson)
- More responsive vs. competitors in terms of customer services / meeting increased demand
- More responsive customer services
- Connectivity with hospital systems delivered via EKF Link







# Central Laboratory (Products)



#### **Performance**

- 2022 revenues of £14.5m
- +11% vs 2021
- +9% vs. 2019 (pre-COVID): full recovery plus growth
- Strong β-HB sales of £12.0m (+10%) vs. 2019
   & 2021
- 2022 sales benefit from new private label  $\beta$ -HB supply agreement with one of the largest US pharma distributors
- Further interest and demand generated from US distribution partners
- Profitable & cash generative



#### **Growth prospects**

- Potential for additional private label opportunities with major US / Global pharma distribution / IVD companies
- Encouraging late-stage negotiations for further private label deals
- Private label agreements would also drive geographic expansion in LATAM and APAC
- Dominant position in area of limited competition







# Life Sciences (Services)



#### Performance

- 2022 revenues of £3.2m +60% vs 2021
- 2022 growth driven by existing Elkhart capacity only
- Customers well advanced in the on-boarding process to utilise new capacity (internal audit, validation and tech transfer)
- Capacity expansion plans at South Bend to complete by Q3 2023
- Significant revenue growth expected from 2024



#### **Growth prospects**

- Leverage existing strong OEM customer relationships
- Molecular enzymes third party OEM and EKF brand
- New opportunities from sales and marketing investment
- Precision food
- Increase capacity of existing enzyme manufacture
- Investment in new technologies and services
- Underpinned: 3 customers advancing onboarding process for larger fermenters







OEM – Original Equipment Manufacturing





EKF Life Sciences

Manufacturing enzymes and biomolecules from bacterial fermentation for use in IVD since 1983

ISO 13485:2016 certified



Elkhart, IN (20,000 SqFt)



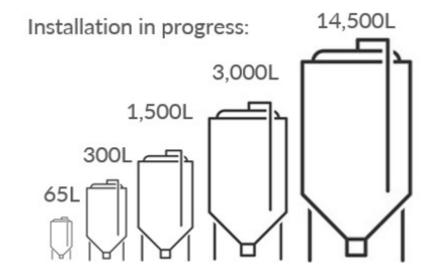




South Bend, IN (24,000 SqFt)

Current installed capacity:







# Financial Review (2022)



# 2022 - Financial Highlights

Revenue

£66.6m

(£81.8m 2021)

Strong growth in established core business

Revenue

Growth

(non-COVID)

17%

Gross Profit<sup>1</sup> £30.8m

(2021: £39.4m)

Adj. EBITDA

£14.9m

(2021: £26.5m)

Robust underlying performance

**PBT** 

£(8.9m)

(2021: £21.4m)

Impact of transition and restructuring costs

**Net Cash** 

£11.4m

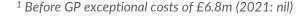
(31/12/21: £19.6m)

Significant capex and nontrade investments Cash generated by operations £12.7m

(2021: £14.2m)

Transition
Costs
£17.5m

Restructuring costs & resources post CV19





# 2022 - Significant core growth since 2019

# Growth from 2019 2022 result

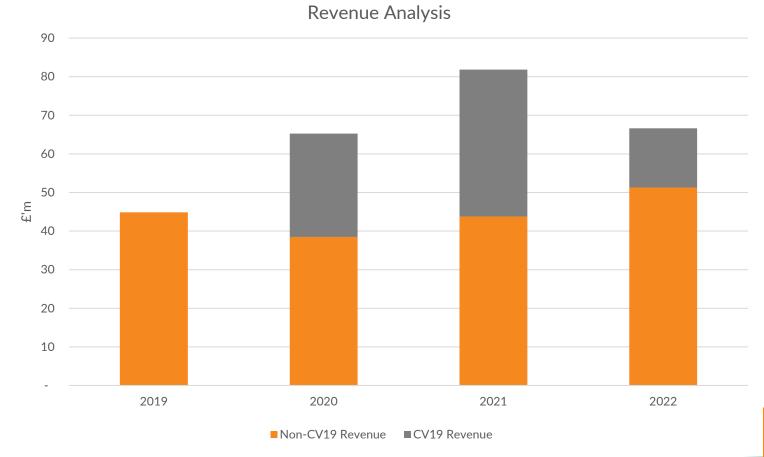






↑ **19%** £3.2m

## Revenue growth from 2019 non-COVID





# 2022 - A Year of Transition and Restructuring

#### Pro-active actions taken to reduce cost base and streamline operations post-pandemic

#### **Business Units Rationalisation**

- Exit from underperforming business units
  - Closure of UK Production (in 2023)
  - Disposal of ADL (impaired in 2022)
- Focus on core businesses



#### **Clean COVID Inventory Transition**

- US cash receipt from COVID customer
- Large provisions against COVID inventory
- Actions to liquidate remaining COVID inventory



#### **Rationalise Property Footprint**

- Exit from property leases post COVID
- Includes sites in US and UK
- Investment in sites required to deliver business strategy



#### **Organisational Improvements**

- Rapid scale-back of COVID resource following drop- off in demand
- Focused investment in key business areas; cost reductions in non-core activities and overheads

#### **Transition from Non-Core / Low Profit**

- Exit from certain commercial agreements deemed non-core or not commercially attractive
- Clean-up of remaining contract commitments

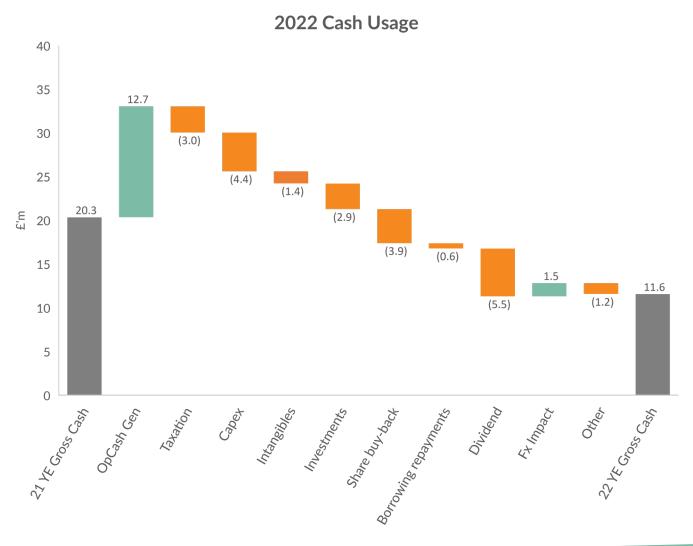


#### **Development Clean-up**

- Review and impairment of capitalised development costs
- Recognising projects with commercial gain and removing investment in non-core activities



# 2022 - Cash Flow Summary



- Strong cash generation from operating activities (includes US inventory receipt)
- £6.8m used in share buyback and external investments
- £4.4m Capex:
  - Increase in Life Sciences capacity
  - Improvements across EKF DE business
- £5.5m 2021 dividend (1.2p/share)
- 1.2p/share dividend maintained for 2022 to be paid in December 2023
- Current restrictions on cash in Russia (2022: £2.4m)



# Summary & Outlook





## Outlook

## **Strong**

- Strong and robust core established PoC and Central Laboratory businesses
- Stable "razor, razor blade" consumable model in PoC
- Life Sciences revenues to build in 2024 following investment in capacity/capabilities
- Operationally profitable and cash generative
- Cash positive with no long-term debt
- Attractive dividend policy

#### Controlled

- Cost reductions, restructuring and operational efficiency measures implemented
- Prioritising resources towards sustainable, high value business with strong potential for growth
- Fully funded growth plans using internal cash
- Exceptional charges to support robust platform for future growth

#### Growth

- Rapid scale-up opportunity in Life Sciences with new capacity online from Q3 2023
- Innovation in PoC and Central Laboratory products, leveraging existing routes to market and relationships
- Focus on higher value Contract Manufacturing services
- Disposal of lossmaking Laboratory Testing removes constraint to growth on adj EBITDA

Well positioned for long-term, sustainable growth



# Appendices



## 2022 Prelims – Business Unit Updates











£30.8m († 14%)

£14.5m (↑ 11%)

£3.2m (↑ 60%)

£2.6m (2021: £1.0m) **£9.5m** (↓ 74%)





## **Income Statement**

| 2022 £k   | 2021 £k  | +/- £k   |
|---|--|--|
| 30,786<br>14,516<br>3,235<br>2,630<br>9,514<br>5,954<br><b>66,635</b> | 27,003<br>13,055<br>2,019<br>1,030<br>36,279<br>2,449<br><b>81,835</b>   | 1,222<br>(30)<br>991<br>2,141<br>(8,899)<br>3,487<br><b>(1,088)</b>  |
| 24,038  | 39,366   | (15,607)   |
| 36%   | 48%  | (12%)  |
| (33,928)  | (17,709)   | (16,219)   |
| 919   | 90   | 829  |
| (6,658)   | (5,885)  | (773)  |
| 308   | 1,238  | (930)  |
| (17,525)  | (95)   | (17,430)   |
| 14,904  | 26,489   | (11,585)   |
| 131   | 45   | 86   |
| (102)   | (357)  | 255  |
| (634)   | (5,277)  | 4,643  |
| (9,576)   | 16,158   | (25,734)   |
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> After GP exceptional costs of £6.8m (2021: nil)



## **Balance Sheet**

|                               | 2022 £k | <b>2021</b> £k |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Property, plant, equipment    | 20,435  | 15,991         |
| Intangible assets             | 33,772  | 41,894         |
| Investments                   | 1,119   | 7,789          |
| Inventories                   | 9,434   | 13,238         |
| Trade / other receivables     | 10,739  | 13,428         |
| Cash and cash equivalents     | 11,578  | 20,341         |
| Other assets                  | 1,148   | 2,438          |
| Total non-current liabilities | (3,030) | (6,727)        |
| Trade / other payables        | (8,288) | (9,078         |
| Deferred consideration        | -       | (170)          |
| Borrowings                    | (137)   | (265)          |
| Other liabilities             | (2,247) | (4,137)        |
| Net Assets                    | 74,523  | 94,742         |
|                               |         |                |





# Adj. EBITDA Reconciliation

#### Includes

| £k                                 | As Reported | US Receipt <sup>1</sup> | Restructuring <sup>2</sup> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Revenue                            | 66,635      | 3,499                   | _                          |
| Cost of sales                      | (35,823)    | (1,902)                 | _                          |
| Exceptional - other CoS            | (6,774)     | (1,902)                 | (6,774)                    |
| Gross profit                       | 24,038      | 1,597                   | (6,774)                    |
| Administration expenses            | (23,177)    | (1,223)                 |                            |
| Exceptional - impairment of assets | (10,384)    | -                       | (10,384)                   |
| Exceptional - other                | (367)       | -                       | (367)                      |
| Other income                       | 919         | 859                     |                            |
| Operating profit                   | (8,971)     | 1,233                   | (17,525)                   |
| Depreciation and amortisation      | 6,658       | -                       |                            |
| Share-based payments               | (308)       | -                       |                            |
| Exceptional items                  | 17,525      | -                       | 17,525                     |
| Adj. EBITDA                        | 14,904      | 1,233                   | _                          |



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>US Receipt - \$5.5m received for US inventory as reported on 13 June 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Restructuring - Costs associated with the transition and restructure of certain operations in the US, UK and Germany

#### **Growth Drivers**





#### Point-of-Care

- Delivering rapid results at the point-of-care with high quality, robust and easy-to-use products
- Improving patient outcomes across a wide range of diseases
- Trusted partner with a loyal and established customer base
- Expansion of new primary care opportunities
- Customer preference to work with fewer providers of a broad range of products
- Well positioned to meet new EU IVDR



#### **Central Laboratory**

- Economical, quality openchannel reagents that provide accurate, reproducible results
- Wide range of analytes fill "menu gap" of the large instrument manufacturers
- Market leader for β-HB liquid reagent – increasingly used to identify patients with diabetic ketoacidosis
- Large, established customer base (inc. >1,250 US hospitals)
- Excellent customer and partner sales, and technical support



#### **Life Sciences**

- Demand for precision fermentation technology and services
- Need for fermentation and downstream expertise
- cGMP requirements, FDA certification and ISO 13485 Quality systems
- Long-term strategic partnerships
- Demand for larger scale fermentation supported by partnerships with ABEC Inc. and Eppendorf to increase production capacity







OEM – Original Equipment Manufacturer



## Non-executive Directors



**Christian Rigg**Senior Independent Non-executive Director

Chris Rigg is a chartered accountant who has significant executive experience at both public and private companies. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the holding company of Mandata Holdings Limited and a Non-executive Director of the main market listed Sportech plc. Chris previously held the positions of Chief Financial Officer and latterly Chief Executive Officer at Quantum Pharma plc, which, under his stewardship, was refinanced and implemented a new strategy facilitating growth and leading to its acquisition by Clinigen Group plc for an enterprise value of £160 million.



Christopher Mills
Non-executive Director

Christopher founded Harwood Capital Management in 2011, a successor to its former parent company J.O. Hambro Capital Management, which he co-founded in 1993. He is Chief Executive and Investment Manager of North Atlantic Smaller Companies Investment Trust plc and Chief Investment Officer of Harwood Capital LLP. He is a Non-executive Director of a number of companies including Renalytix plc. Christopher was a Director of Invesco MIM, where he was Head of North American Investments and Venture Capital, and of Samuel Montagu International. Christopher stood down from the audit committee in March 2022.



Jennifer Winter
Independent Non-executive Director

Jenny has over 20 years' experience across a broad variety of healthcare organisations ranging from small not-for-profit companies to large corporates. Jenny is currently Chief Executive Officer of AIM listed Animalcare Group plc (AIM: ANCR) where she is successfully executing on the business's long-term growth strategy, as reflected in the recently announced strong full year trading performance against a backdrop of very challenging market conditions. Before joining Animalcare Group plc in October 2018, Jenny was Vice President of Respiratory products - Global Supply Chain and Strategy at AstraZeneca, a position she held from 2015.



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