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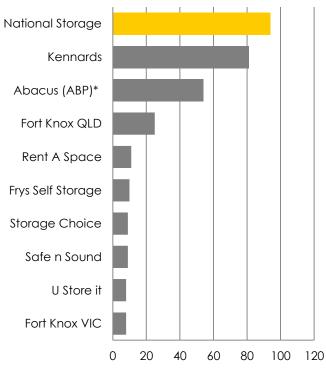
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### **AUSTRALIAN SELF-STORAGE INDUSTRY**



- Originally US market, began in Australia in 1970's
- Alternate use for land awaiting development
- Highly fragmented industry
- Top three brands only have c25% of market
- Demand drivers include change of life events, building/renovating/moving, urban densification, ageing population and online retailing
- Selection drivers include location, convenience, customer service and quality of offer
- Low levels of brand awareness and brand differentiation across the industry
- Supply is constrained by availability of suitable locations, land values and higher/better use

# Australasia Self Storage Industry Ten Largest Owner/Operators



\*ABP centres are branded Storage King

# TYPICAL SELF STORAGE CENTRE











## **NSR OVERVIEW**



- Australia's first listed, fully integrated and internally managed self-storage REIT (S&P/ASX 200)
- 97 centres under ownership, operation or management across Australia and New Zealand, in a highly fragmented industry
- Diverse tenant base with over 35,000 customers
- National Storage Management Platform
  - dynamic pricing model
  - experienced operations team drive balance between occupancy and rate per sqm with strong focus on overall growth in revenue
  - marketing
  - contact centre
  - property maintenance
- Developing multiple revenue streams to maximise returns

# **NATIONAL STORAGE FOOTPRINT**





### **STRATEGY**



### **DEVELOP MULTIPLE REVENUE STREAMS TO MAXIMISE RETURNS**

#### **ASSET MANAGEMENT**

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Balance rate and occupancy to achieve dual objectives of organic growth while maximising revenue from portfolio

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Leverage management platform and economies of scale to extract value

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Drive cost efficiencies across the portfolio

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#### **ACQUISITIONS**

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Focus on high quality accretive acquisitions in a fragmented industry

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Strong potential acquisition pipeline in Australia and New Zealand

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#### PORTFOLIO, CENTRE AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

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Provision of design and development services

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Focus on development in markets where acquisitions are more challenging

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Australian Prime Storage Fund and Perth Development Portfolio arrangements

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Management of third party centres

# PRODUCT AND INNOVATION

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Exploring opportunities for revenue generation across:

- New sales channels including mini warehousing and logistics solutions
  - Digital strategies
- Expanding ancillary product range

### **ACQUISITIONS:** INDUSTRY GROWTH STRATEGY



#### ANNOUNCED ACQUISITIONS

- 97 centres currently under ownership, operation or management across Australia and New Zealand, an increase of 15 from June 2015
- In excess of \$92 million in acquisitions transacted to date in FY16

#### STRATEGIC RATIONALE

- Highly fragmented industry
- Scalable fully-integrated operating platform driving revenue and cost synergies
- Strong acquisition and integration track-record
- Investment guidelines dictate superior locations, proximity to usage drivers and ability to add value

#### STRATEGY OUTLOOK

- Evidence of tightening cap rates demonstrated in NSR portfolio yield weighted average primary cap rates at 9.7% on IPO, tightening to 8.4% 1H FY16
- Tightening cap rates now being reflected in wider industry expectations
- Strong potential acquisition pipeline within Australia and New Zealand

#### **VALUE CREATION SPOTLIGHT - DEE WHY**



## **NEW ZEALAND**

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- Successful entry into New Zealand market in August 2015
- Acquisition of five centres in Christchurch and one in Hamilton
- 23,000 sqm net lettable area
- 53,000 sqm gross land area
- New Zealand operational structure in place with direct link back to Australian management platform
- Extract value from acquired centres via optimising rate per square metre and driving occupancy
- Opportunity for future expansion/development in Christchurch and Hamilton
- Continue to pursue acquisition opportunities in major population centres, eg Auckland and Wellington





## **EXPLORING OPERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**



Mini warehousing and logistics solutions

Digital strategies to promote online conversion





Multiple signal revenue management modelling

Utilising tech and customer experience ethos to drive competitive advantage





DRIVING
OPERATIONAL
PERFORMANCE
AND ORGANIC
GROWTH

Sponsorship strategy to drive high level brand awareness

Digital marketing strategies to capture and convert



MARKETING

Focus on employee engagement, education and accountability

Solidifying regional management structure



# PORTFOLIO, DEVELOPMENT AND CENTRE MANAGEMENT



#### **AUSTRALIAN PRIME STORAGE FUND**

- Partnership facilitates the development and ownership of premium grade self-storage centres
- NSR has taken a 24.9% equity interest (up to \$12.45m)
- Fund targeting \$100m of capital (target gearing of 50%) over a five year term
- NSR holds first right of refusal to acquire assets on sale or termination of the Fund at market valuation
- Three foundation assets at Albion, Kelvin Grove and Carrara QLD (construction commenced)
- NSR is entitled to fees associated with development and ongoing management
- NSR leveraging brand and management to generate additional revenue and share platform costs, generating further synergies

#### **PORTFOLIO RECYCLING**

- First portfolio recycling opportunity in Brooklyn,
   VIC completed in 2015
- Due diligence continues on a number of additional sites with development potential

# PERTH DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO (Parsons Group)

- Construction and management agreement covering five centres (first project under construction)
- It is anticipated NSR will acquire three assets upon completion

#### **CENTRE MANAGEMENT**

- Addition of Jandakot, WA (branded National Storage, operated by Parsons Group) in September 2015
- 29 centres now under management

#### **SOUTHERN CROSS PORTFOLIO - HEITMAN**

- Value uplift of equity interest from \$6.7m to \$8.5m
- NSR holds pre-emptive rights to acquire

### HIGHLIGHTS



#### 1H FY 2016

- A-IFRS profit after tax of \$20.6 million
- Underlying earnings\* of \$14.3 million (4.3 cents per security)

#### **FY 2016 GUIDANCE**

- FY16 underlying earnings guidance remains unchanged at 8.7 8.8 cents per security (\$29.0m – \$29.5m) representing underlying EPS growth of 6.0% – 7.5% on FY15 (assuming no material changes in market conditions)
- Distribution payout ratio is forecast to remain between 90% 100% of underlying earnings

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Underlying earnings up 35% on 1H FY15
- EPS up 13.2% to 4.3 cents per security on 1H FY15
- Successful integration of New Zealand into management platform
- 5% increase in rate per sqm across the total portfolio (excluding developing centres)
- 20% increase in total assets under management to \$886 million
- Established (IPO) portfolio EBITDA grew by 4.3% H1 FY16 v H1 FY15

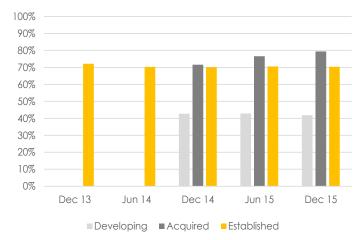
<sup>\*</sup> A-IFRS profit after tax less tax benefit (\$0.4 million), Fair value adjustments (\$3.3 million) and Finance lease diminution, presented as fair value adjustments (\$2.6 million)

### **OCCUPANCY**

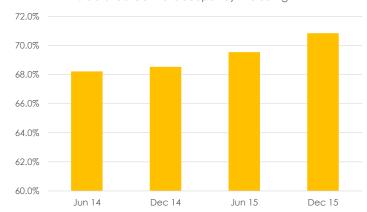


- Driving an appropriate balance between rate per sqm and occupancy growth
- Improving overall portfolio metrics despite soft trading conditions in certain markets
- Established Portfolio trading consistently between 70% - 71%
- Total Portfolio\* increased from 72% to 73%
- Overall occupancy affected by soft conditions and new supply. Positive gains in other states offset occupancy decline in Perth market
- NLA comparisons
  - Average NLA of Established Portfolio 5,450 sqm
  - Average NLA of Acquired Portfolio 5,200 sqm
  - Comparable industry NLA average\*\* 4,600 sqm

### Occupancy (%)



#### Established Centre Occupancy Excluding WA



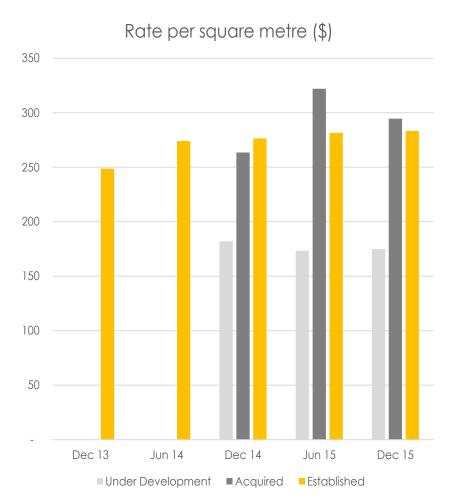
<sup>\*</sup> excluding NZ and developing centres

<sup>\*\*</sup> based on internal NSR research

### RATE PER SQM



- Driving an appropriate balance between rate per sqm and occupancy growth on an individual centre basis
- Established Portfolio increase in rate per square metre to \$283/sqm (Dec 14: \$276/sqm, Jun 15: \$282/sqm)
- Total Portfolio\* rate per square metre of \$289/sqm (Dec 14: \$274/sqm, Jun 15: \$293/sqm)
- 1H FY16 rate per sqm impacted by recent acquisition of new centres at lower starting rate per sqm and timing of rate increases
- Adopting advanced multiple signal revenue management model together with a value-add marketing approach to move away from competitor discounting

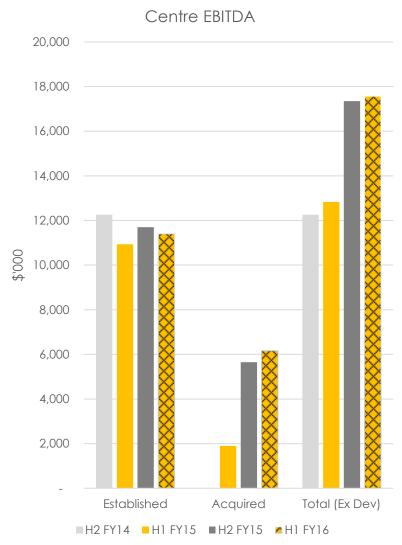


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# CENTRE EBITDA GROWTH (EX NZ)



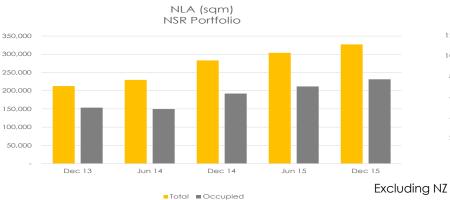
- Established (IPO) portfolio grew by 4.3%
   H1 FY16 v H1 FY15
- Previously acquired centres continue to deliver additional EBITDA and positive impact on EPS
- Recently acquired centres should continue to increase contribution as full year impact of acquisitions flow through and additional acquisitions come into the portfolio
- Strong overall EBITDA growth with additional \$4.8 million (37%) H1 FY16 v H1 FY15

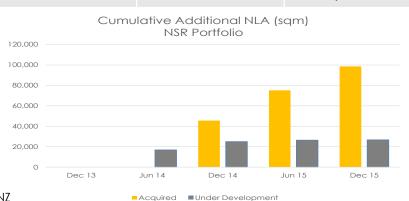


# **FY16 ACQUISITIONS**



| Centre   | State              | Date          | Purchase Price         |
|--|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Belfast, Opawa, Ferrymead, Hornby & Redwood      | Christchurch (NZ)  | August 2015   | \$21.7m<br>(NZ\$23.0m) |
| Pymble, Camperdown & Seven Hills                 | New South Wales    | October 2015  | \$11.1m                |
| Frankton   | Hamilton (NZ)      | November 2015 | \$6.9m<br>(NZ\$7.4m)   |
| Earlville  | Queensland         | November 2015 | \$9.9m                 |
| Croydon South                                    | Victoria           | December 2015 | \$4.7m                 |
| Dee Why (portion of freehold of existing centre) | New South Wales    | December 2015 | \$3.2m                 |
| Highett  | Victoria           | March 2016    | \$17.0m                |
| Coconut Grove                                    | Northern Territory | April 2016    | \$10.8m                |
| Gosford  | NSW                | May 2016      | \$7.2m                 |
| 15 Acquisitions                                  |                    |               | \$92.5m                |





### CAPITAL MANAGEMENT



### Debt Finance Facility (AU + NZ) (Current)

- Club arrangement with three major Australian banks
- \$294 million in facilities
- \$235 million drawn
- \$59 million available
- 34.9% gearing
- \$119.4m hedged weight average tenor 4.0 years

#### **Distributions**

- Distribution Reinvestment Plan introduced
- Initial take up 19.9% (within two weeks of launch)
- Distribution policy of 90% 100% of underlying earnings
- FY16 interim distribution of 4.3 cents per stapled security, paid 26 February 2016

### **Valuation Policy**

3 year rolling independent valuations

# **PORTFOLIO METRICS**



| METRICS                              | IPO     |         | 31 December 2014 |         |         | 31 December 2015 |         |         |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                      | NSR     | MGT     | TOTAL            | NSR     | MGT     | TOTAL            | NSR     | MGT     | TOTAL   |
| Freehold centres                     | 28      | 24      | 52               | 39      | 27      | 66               | 50      | 29      | 79      |
| Leasehold centres                    | 10      | -       | 10               | 10      | -       | 10               | 15      | -       | 15      |
| Total centres                        | 38      | 24      | 62               | 49      | 27      | 76               | 65      | 29      | 94      |
| Freehold NLA (sqm)                   | 163,000 | 117,000 | 281,000          | 234,000 | 129,000 | 363,000          | 277,000 | 141,000 | 418,000 |
| Leasehold NLA (sqm)                  | 49,000  | -       | 49,000           | 49,000  | -       | 49,000           | 73,000  | -       | 73,000  |
| Total NLA (sqm)                      | 212,000 | 117,000 | 330,000          | 283,000 | 129,000 | 412,000          | 350,000 | 141,000 | 491,000 |
| Average NLA                          | 5,600   | 4,900   | 5,300            | 5,800   | 4,700   | 5,400            | 5,400   | 4,900   | 5,200   |
| Storage units                        | 25,000  | 12,000  | 37,000           | 32,000  | 13,000  | 45,000           | 40,000  | 14,000  | 54,000  |
| REVPAM (Excludes developing centres) | \$174   | N/A     | N/A              | \$182   | N/A     | N/A              | \$212   | N/A     | N/A     |
| Assets under management              | \$270m  | \$210m  | \$480m           | \$409m  | \$224m  | \$633m           | \$618m  | \$268m  | \$886m  |
| Weighted average<br>Primary cap rate | 9.70%   | N/A     | N/A              | 9.50%   | N/A     | N/A              | 8.40%   | N/A     | N/A     |

NSR - owned portfolio

MGT – managed centres including Southern Cross
REVPAM – revenue per available square metre

# **BALANCE SHEET METRICS**



| Balance Sheet Metrics                         | Dec 14       | Dec 15     |           |              |
|---|--------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
|   | Aust (\$A)** | Aust (\$A) | NZ (\$NZ) | Total (\$A)* |
| Total assets (net of finance lease liability) | \$449.4m     | \$589.3m   | \$31.0m   | \$618.4m     |
| Net tangible assets                           | \$296.2m     | -          | -         | \$375.7m     |
| Net tangible assets per security              | 1.00         | -          | -         | 1.12         |
| Total debt facilities                         | \$200m       | \$200m     | \$31m     | \$229m       |
| Total debt drawn                              | \$112m       | \$168m     | \$31m     | \$197m       |
| Remaining debt capacity                       | \$88m        | \$32m      | \$0m      | \$32m        |
| Average cost of debt drawn                    | 3.9%         | 3.4%       | 4.0%      | 3.5%         |
| Gearing ratio                                 | 23%          | -          | -         | 31%          |
| Covenant gearing ratio (50%)                  | 26%          | -          | -         | 34%          |
| Covenant interest coverage (2.0x)             | 5.9x         | -          | -         | 5.5x         |
| Debt term to maturity (years)                 | 3.1          | 2.2        | 4.0       | 2.5          |
| Debt hedged                                   | \$110.0m     | \$110.0m   | \$10.0m   | \$119.4m     |
| % debt hedged                                 | 98%          | 66%        | 32%       | 61%          |
| Average cost of hedged debt                   | 4.0%         | 4.0%       | 4.5%      | 4.1%         |
| Weight average hedge maturity (years)         | 3.40         | 4.60       | 2.80      | 4.30         |

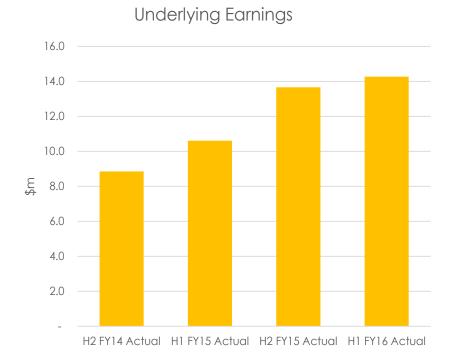
<sup>\* -</sup> A/NZ = 1.066

<sup>\*\*</sup> NSR held no \$NZ assets or liabilities at Dec 14

### SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK



- 1H FY16 underlying earnings of \$14.3 million (4.3 cents per security)
- FY16 underlying earnings guidance
   \$29.0 \$29.5m assuming no material changes in market conditions
- FY16 underlying EPS guidance of 8.7 8.8 cents per security (6.0% – 7.5% growth on FY15) - assuming no material changes in market conditions
- Benefits from acquisitions continue to flow through to earnings
- Active acquisition pipeline



| Results and Guidance Summary      |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1H FY16 underlying earnings       | \$14.3 million (4.3 cents per security)      |
| FY16 underlying earnings guidance | \$29.0 - \$29.5m (19 – 22% growth on FY15)   |
| FY16 underlying EPS guidance      | 8.7 – 8.8 cents (6.0% – 7.5% growth on FY15) |



# APPENDIX A: 31 DECEMBER 2015 RESULTS

# SUMMARY INCOME STATEMENT

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#### RECONCILIATION OF A-IFRS PROFIT TO UNDERLYING EARNINGS

| \$ Million                                | 1H FY15 | 1H FY16 | % Movement |
|---|---------|---------|------------|
| Storage revenue                           | 24.3    | 33.2    | 37%        |
| Sales of goods and services               | 2.7     | 3.0     | 13%        |
| Other revenue (Inc share of profit of JV) | 2.2     | 2.9     | 30%        |
| Total Revenue                             | 29.2    | 39.1    | 34%        |
| Operating Centre Expenditure              |         |         |            |
| Salaries and employee benefits            | 3.8     | 4.7     | 24%        |
| Lease expense                             | 4.5     | 6.2     | 38%        |
| Property rates and taxes                  | 1.8     | 2.2     | 22%        |
| Cost of goods sold                        | 0.6     | 0.7     | 17%        |
| Repairs and maintenance                   | 0.4     | 0.6     | 50%        |
| Other operating expenses                  | 2.8     | 3.6     | 29%        |
| Total Operating Centre Expenditure        | 13.9    | 18.0    | 29%        |
| Operating Profit                          | 15.3    | 21.1    | 38%        |
| General and administration                | 2.3     | 3.3     | 43%        |
| Finance costs                             | 2.2     | 3.3     | 50%        |
| Depreciation and amortisation             | 0.2     | 0.2     | 0%         |
| Total expenses                            | 18.6    | 24.8    | 33%        |
| Underlying Earnings                       | 10.6    | 14.3    | 35%        |
| Add / (less) fair value adjustments       | 3.2     | 3.3     |            |
| Add / (less) dimunition of lease asset    | 1.9     | 2.6     |            |
| Add / (less) other non-operating expenses | (0.6)   | -       |            |
| Profit / (loss) before income tax         | 15.1    | 20.2    |            |
| Income tax (expense) benefit              | 0.1     | 0.4     |            |
| Profit / (loss) after income tax          | 15.2    | 20.6    |            |



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