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Chief Executive's Statement

In 2012 we have continued to build on the strong foundation set by our strategy for stability and growth. While world economy on the whole remains troubled, we have seen signs of stabilisation and I believe that in some cases - for example in several European countries - the market has bottomed out. In this climate of continued uncertainty we have maintained our policy of tight cost control and taken forward the restructuring of our company to make the most of the markets showing growth. Our approach has been successful and resulted in a continued improvement in our results.

A strong performance

I wrote last year that we closed 2011 stronger organisationally and financially, and that we were poised to continue on our path of growth. Now that we are taking stock of where we are a year later, the results clearly show that we have been true to our intentions and our performance has grown significantly. Our operating profit before exceptional items in 2012 was £ 4.7 million [€ 5.7 million] – an increase from £ 3.9 million [€ 4.8 million] in 2011. In addition, for the fifth consecutive year we have achieved a strong cash performance, generating £ 5.5 million [€ 6.7 million], million] net cash in hand.

Areas of stability, decline and growth

We are seeing varying trends in different areas of the world. On the one hand, stagnation in most European markets, although this appears to have levelled out, and a decline in the UK and the Netherlands. while the Middle East continues to suffer from a freeze on investments.

markets are showing a clear trend for growth, as many companies have started moving production back to the United States. In addition, a boom in the Mexican construction industry has generated a strong demand for materials made in the US. All this is creating interesting opportunities for Colt. In Australia, the continuing boom in the mining industry is having a positive impact on the economy, while Singapore and its neighbouring countries are growing

adjusted our organisation and appointed a new director whose task is to focus on the markets promising growth. He has hit the ground running and is already achieving good results in the three key areas of focus: North America (Canada, the United States and Mexico), Saudi Arabia, and Singapore and its neighbouring countries.

A full offering for energy efficient buildings

Our 3-year accelerated development programme is now complete and all our new generation products are in full production. These products provide excellent insulation and, since they support Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and the Directive on the energy performance of buildings (EPBD), meet the exacting requirements of energy efficient buildings.

We have also invested in our manufacturing facilities, upgrading our production equipment and processes to guarantee the high quality levels required by our new

Ground breaking innovations

At Colt we never stand still, and we are driving forward our research and which has left us with £ 20 million [€ 24 development programme, investing in developing new technologies that are pushing the boundaries of energy efficient and sustainable buildings. For example, we are looking at a new approach to minimise the use of energy in hotel buildings, with a system that combines water-based cooling, the recycling of energy from wastewater and photovoltaic electricity generation.

We have also participated in the development of a so - called "bioreactor facade", which On the other hand, North American comprises bio-reactors filled with live micro-algae to provide solar shading and generate renewable energy. The façade is in place at the BIQ House at the International Building Exhibition (IBA) in Hamburg.

Investing in our people knowledge transfer

In these past few years we have entered many new markets, strengthened our presence in others, setting up new local teams and expanding others. Also, as a result of our accelerated product development

technologies into our portfolio. We have evolved fast, and we needed to make sure all our teams were with us and up to date with our latest technologies and technical knowhow, to enable them to transfer all the benefits of our advances to our customers.

To do this we have set up the Colt Knowledge Exchange Days, where we bring together our teams from all over the world to share the best knowhow available within the company. Our product specialists present the newest products and technologies and participants share the knowledge developed in the varied projects completed in different parts of the world.

fast, but so have our customers. The way they use the internet has changed. They do much more of their research online and they have much higher expectations from their suppliers' websites: they not only want to find specific information fast; they also want to find ideas, they want to learn and be

To meet these new expectations, we changed our approach to our company website. We focus on the result the customer may want to achieve, for example energy efficiency or a high architectural impact. We also provide

stations. We launched the first two new-style websites in the UK and Germany and will extend the new approach to all Colt websites.

A future of continued growth

Once again, we start the year in a strong position. Our order bank at the beginning of 2013 was at a similar level to a year ago, but our cost base is considerably lower. In addition, we have reduced the risk of our UK pension fund, moving to an award-winning defined contribution pension scheme. The new scheme has been very well accepted by our UK teams and has been recognised as

we can focus on developing new markets and new technologies to meet the evolving needs of the building industry.

Focus on the growing markets

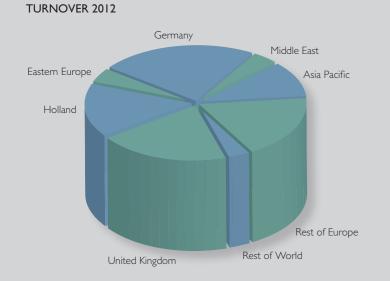
Anticipating these trends, last year we

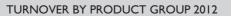


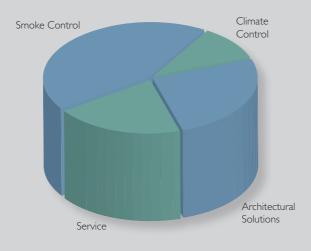




Financial Highlights THE COLT GROUP OF COMPANIES







Colt Australia St Kevin's College, Victoria Colt products:
Perforated sunscreen panels

2012 Ster £'000	ling 2011 £'000	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER	
151,164 (146,507)	1 60,384 (156,484)	Turnover Operating expenses	
4,657 (1,487)	3,900 (74)	Operating profit before UK pension scheme costs UK pension scheme costs	
3,170 (1) (134)	3,826 (57) (157)	Operating profit Share of losses of associates Net interest payable	
3,035 (842)	3,612 (642)	Profit on ordinary activities before tax Taxation	
2,193	2,970	Profit on ordinary activities after tax	
		BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER	
15,676	15,820	Fixed Assets Current Assets	
12,414	13,805	Stocks and Work in Progress	
43,714	50,672	Debtors	
209	196	Investments	
32,841	29,675	Cash and deposits	
104,854	110,168	Total Assets	
		Liabilities	
12,983	14,924	Bank loans and overdrafts	
42,388	44,951	Creditors	
9,424	11,038	Provisions	
64,795	70,913	Total Liabilities	
40,059	39,255	Net Assets	
4,493	4,493	Financed by: Share Capital	
35,244	34,644	Reserves	
322	118	Minority interests	
40,059	39,255	Equity Shareholders' funds	
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OFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FAR TO 31 DECEMBER	2012 Euro €'000	s 2011 €'000
perating expenses	186,385 (180,643)	197,753 (192,944)
perating profit before UK pension scheme costs pension scheme costs	5,742 (1,833)	4,809 (91)
perating profit are of losses of associates et interest payable	3,909 (1) (166)	4,718 (70) (194)
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ofit on ordinary activities after tax	2,704	3,662
LANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER		
red Assets	19,329	19,505
Stocks and Work in Progress Debtors Investments Cash and deposits	15,306 53,899 258 40,493	17,022 62,479 242 36,589
otal Assets	129,285	135,837
bilities		
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otal Liabilities	79,892	87,346
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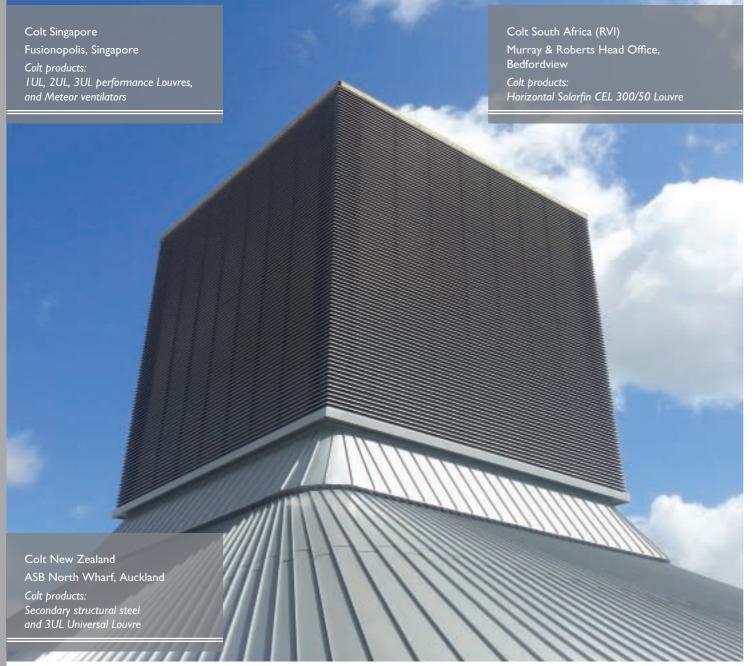


Colt products: Labyrinth natural ventilators

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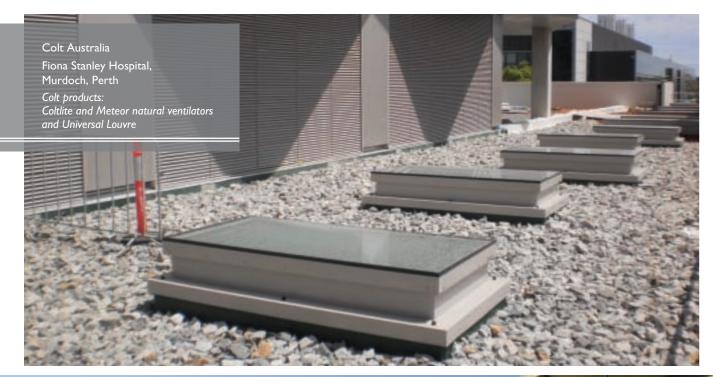








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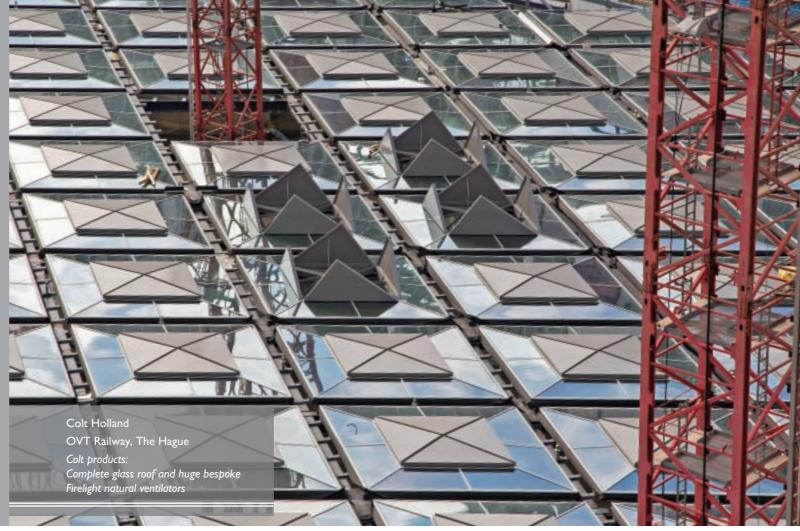


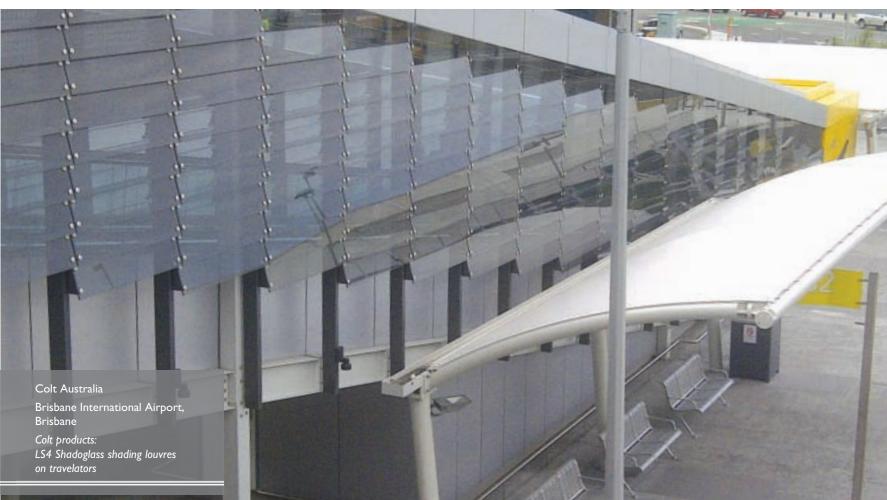


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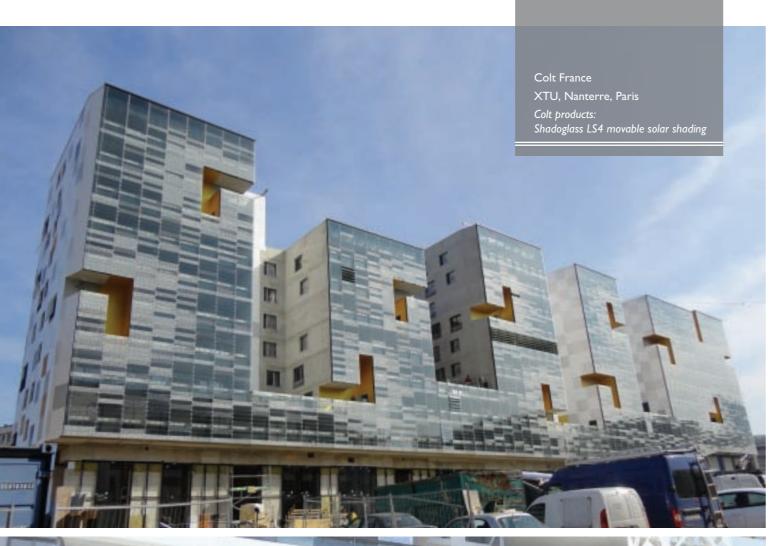




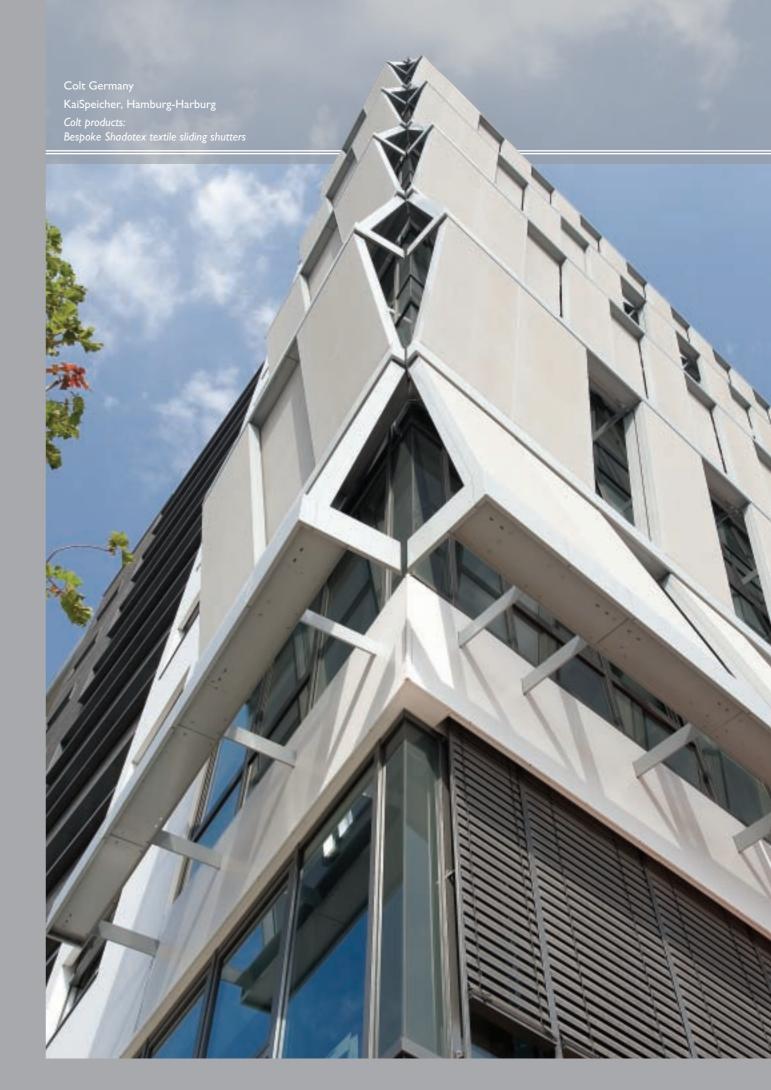




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The Colt Foundation

The Foundation was established under a Trust Deed in 1978 by the O'Hea family with gifts of shares in Colt International and Associated Companies Limited. This gift is now represented by 22% of the shares in the Colt Group of Companies.

The primary interest of the Colt Foundation is to promote and encourage research into social, medical and environmental problems created by commerce and industry, and the Trustees meet twice each year to consider applications for funding high quality research projects in this field. They are especially keen to fund research that is going to make a difference to government policy or working practices, and the work is monitored by our Scientific Advisers and External Assessors to achieve the maximum impact with available funds. The Foundation has now awarded grants totalling more than £14 million.

Colt Foundation Day 2012 was held in October 2012 at the Royal Society of Medicine in London with over 80 delegates attending. The presenters were all recipients of grants from the Colt Foundation and were asked to talk about how the Foundation funding had helped to address the important health challenges of workplace and environmental health. One delegate commented that it was the best meeting in this particular field to be held in the UK during 2012.

Full details are shown on the website under 'Events' on www.coltfoundation.org.uk

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