

## Sigma Roc

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## SigmaRoc plc company profile

SigmaRoc plc is an AIM quoted company that Invests in, Improves and Integrates companies within the construction materials space in Europe. SigmaRoc presently operates across platforms in the UK and is looking to expand both organically and through acquisition. Its focus is on high quality businesses with significant asset backing where further improvement is possible.

#### **SigmaRoc:** key statistics H1 2018



**Source**: SigmaRoc Annual Report 2017, SigmaRoc Admission Document, \* *Underlying performance numbers*, \*\*Market cap close price at 9 November 2018

#### **SigmaRoc:** platforms and locations



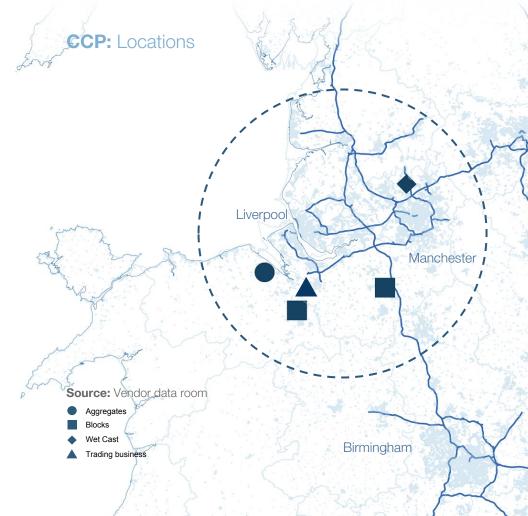
Source: Management estimates

## A quarrying and concrete products group

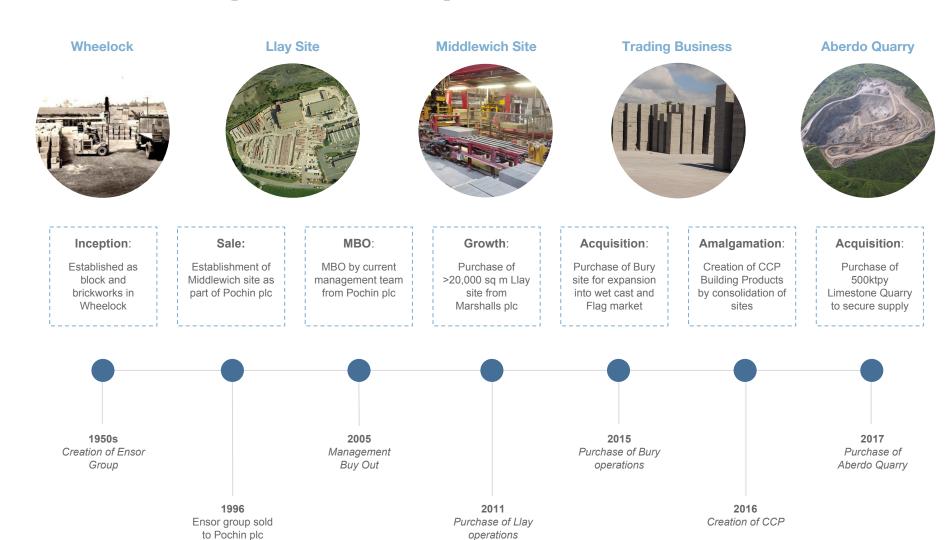
One of the largest independent privately-owned manufacturer and supplier of concrete products and aggregates in the North West of England and North Wales, built on the foundations of 50 years of service to the industry with coverage to the south of Birmingham and to the north of Lancaster. Recent acquisitions of limestone reserves to supply further constituent products used in concrete manufacture, asphalt and other forms of construction activity.

#### **CCP:** Key statistics 2018





## **CCP** history from inception to date



## **Investment criterion #1: Strong Asset footprint**

CCP comes with a very attractive asset footprint with high barriers to entry, including secured internal raw material supply and **setup capital approximately £22m on Llay and Middlewich alone**. The Llay facility, acquired from Marshalls plc, is a fully automated operation with significant expansion potential. The Middlewich operation is a further fully automated plant. Bury adds a positioning north of Manchester, while the quarry and the trading business complete the supply chain.



Aberdo quarry

- Established limestone quarry;
- 13.9Mt of minerals identified;
- Full aggregate product offering;
- Integrated raw materials source;



Llay block

- Former Marshalls plc site;
- >20,000 sq m automated facility;
- >£14m building cost;
- Excess existing infrastructure;
- Extensive block offering;
- Located south of Liverpool;



Middlewich block

- Former Pochin plc site;
- § 11,000 sq m production facility;
- >£8m building costs;
- Strong product portfolio;
- Located south of Manchester;

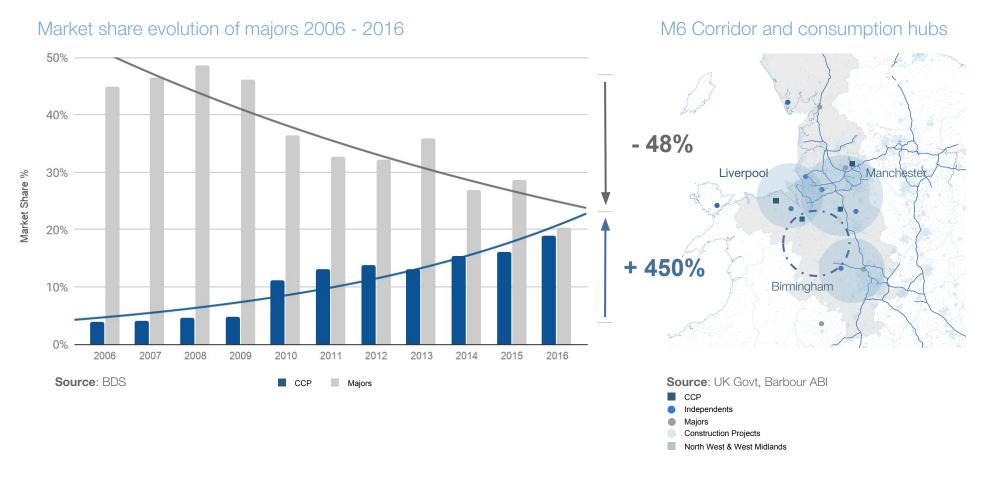


**Bury flag** 

- Wet press facility;
- Production of precast products;
- British Standards products;
- Located north of Manchester;

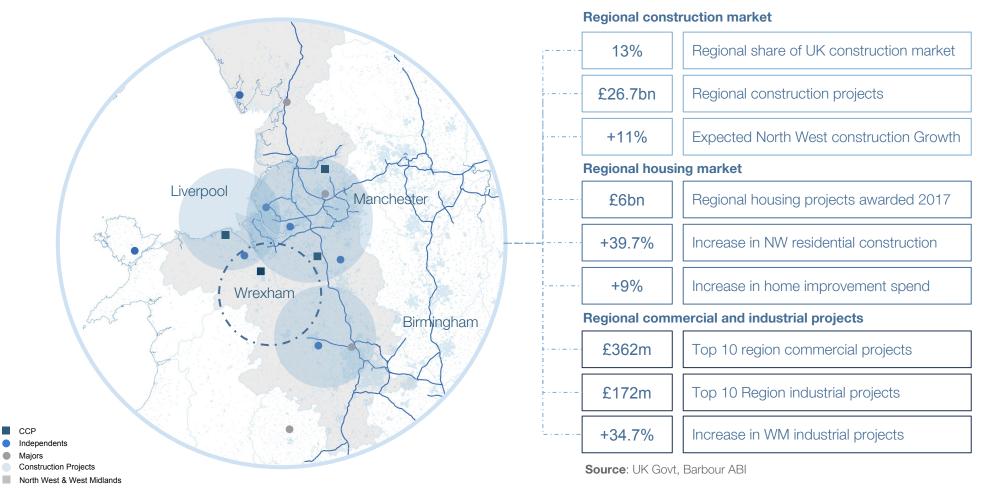
## Investment criterion #2: Strong market presence

Majors have been divesting/closing assets in the North West region as they focus on their core upstream businesses. Independents are taking over that North West market presence through organic growth and acquisitions. CCP has grown in the block market alone to take a 20% market share in the North West region absorbing 60% of the market share abandoned by majors between 2006 and 2016.



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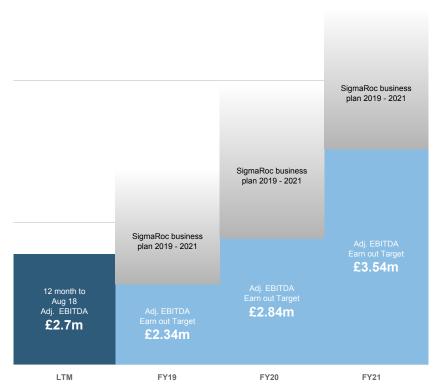
Region is one of fastest growing in the UK with key focus in residential, commercial and industrial construction, with East Midlands being consumed by HS2 hub. Additionally, the M6 corridor provides access into the North-West and down towards Birmingham as well as the new hub formed around Wrexham.



## **Investment criterion #3: Profitability potential**

Growth of EBITDA will be achieved entirely organic which will be driven by the last few years investments and preparations. Preparations have included roll-out of production plans and asset optimisation of the existing plant. The retained team is incentivised to reach these minimum milestones, with a significant part of the total consideration pegged against the targets.

#### **CCP**: Target improvement growth



Source: SigmaRoc plc; Financial year ending 31 May; Management Accounts;

**CCP**: SigmaRoc improvement initiatives

	Profitability driver	Timeframe
1	Completion of business restructuring	0 - 3 Months
2	Completion of capital investments	0 - 3 Months
3	Completion of quarry optimisation	0 - 3 Months
4	Focus approach using KPIs	0 - 3 Months
5	Opportunities to run 24hrs	3 - 6 Months
6	Continual capture of market share	0 - 6 Months
7	Expansion of market offering	3 - 12 Months

## **Investment criterion #4: Great strategic fit**

CCP is an excellent strategic fit within our Precast platform SigmaPPG. CCP extends our expertise, footprint, product offering and scale. It brings to the existing PPG structure a production hub in the North-West with access into North Wales and the M6 corridor. It adds further commercial and operational experience and through its trading arm increases our overall buying power as a group.

#### **Invest**

- High quality business;
- High quality asset footprint;
- Upside potential through strategic location;

#### **Improve**

- Deliver on management 3 year growth plan;
- Assist with expansion of quarrying business;
- Build out further precast products leveraging PPG platform;

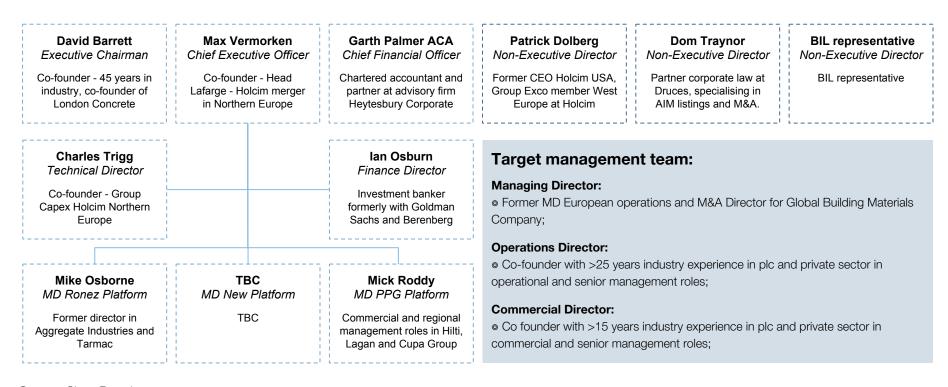
#### **Integrate**

- Leverage trading business to the benefit of the group;
- Leverage customer platform to the benefit of PPG as a whole;
- Leverage expertise brought in through the new business;



## SigmaRoc management and reporting structure

SigmaRoc plc operate a lean management and reporting structure with each platform being managed semi-autonomously by a managing director reporting directly into the CEO. CCP will form part of the SigmaPPG platform sharing competences, customer accounts, product expertise and back-office setup. Details on the retained management team are below.



## **Summary of acquisition rationale**

Impressive concrete products and quarrying business based around a major consumption hub in North West. The business was created through an MBO in 2005 and has been developed into a significant supplier. It turned over £20.9m for £2.7m LTM Adj. EBITDA to 31 August 2018.

#### **Acquisition Checklist**

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Asset Backing	Asset backed business with freehold land and high barriers to entry;	1		
Market Potential	At the centre of a major consumption hub, the M6 corridor, access to Birmingham and North West;	1		
Market Presence	20% North West market share taken over several years with further strong organic growth potential;	✓		
Profit Growth	3 Year budget to 2021 realising organic growth generated through past optimisation investments;	1		
Strategic Fit & Synergies	Fits with SigmaRoc existing precast platform, extending it across the UK with better offering;	✓		
Integration & Improvement	Minimal integration work as business runs well and incumbent management remain on earn-out;	1		
Purchase Price	£15.2m at close with further earn-outs driven by EBITDA growth over 3 years;	1		
EPS Growth	Earnings accretive on current performance with significant additional EPS growth as value captured;	1		
Managed Risks	Margin defence in downturn due to high variable costs, lean operating costs and operational gearing.	1		

Liverpool Manchester Birmingham

Source: SigmaRoc plc, Vendor data room, \* FY 2018 ended 31 May 2018

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