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$900m Float for Reliance

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Australian plumbing supplies company Reliance Worldwide could raise more than $900 million when it floats on the Australian Stock Exchange next week.

The business is expected to list at $2.27 to $2.50 a share and generate up to $919 million in the initial public offering, making the April 29 listing the biggest in Australia this year. Reliance, which sells valves, pipe fittings and thermostatic products, is set for a market capitalisation up to $1.3 billion.

Chairman Jonathan Munz, whose family has owned Reliance for 30 years, said the company had achieved average net sales growth of more than 13 per cent a year over the past decade.

Reliance had net sales of $451.7 million last financial year, with almost 70 per cent of that in the US and Canada.

The company expects sales of $534.9 million this financial year and $587.8 million the next.Reliance intends to target a dividend payout ratio of at least 40 per cent of net profit.