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Highlights

- 10% growth in operating profit
- 62% (CC) growth in online operating profit to 47% of group EBIT
- 28% (CC) growth in UK Retail EBITDA per shop
- Momentum and favourable sporting results offset FX headwind
- Slower H2 but strong outlook

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Financial Highlights

€m	H1 '08	H1 '07	Change CC*
Turnover	1,067	994	+7% +12%
Gross win	152	144	+6% +11%
Gross profit	136	125	+9% +13%
Operating profit	45.1	40.8	+10% +18%
Profit before tax	47.1	42.7	+10%
Profit after tax	39.4	35.5	+11%
Basic EPS	82.3c	70.6c	+17%
Interim dividend	18.6c	16.0c	+16%

- Double digit turnover growth in constant currency ('CC')
- Group sportsbook gross win percentage 11.8% versus 12.4% in H1 '07
- Gross win growth (CC) of 11% comprising sportsbook 5% and gaming/machines 43%
- Operating cost growth of 11% (CC) driven by new businesses and new shops
- Effective tax rate of 16.0%, 1.0% below 2007 rate
- 17% EPS growth boosted by share buyback

^{*} Percentage change presented in constant currency ('CC') i.e. change calculated with foreign currency component in H1 '07 translated at H1 '08 exchange rates Note: Financials above and throughout this presentation exclude a 'once-off' exceptional gain in H1 '08 of €2.7m pre tax and €2.5m after tax

Gross Win to Gross Profit

€m	H1 '08	H1 '07	Change	СС
Gross win	151.8	143.8	6%	11%
Betting and gaming taxes	(6.6)	(10.2)	(35%)	
Software supplier costs	(5.3)	(4.0)	33%	
Other	(4.3)	(4.7)	(10%)	
Gross profit	135.6	124.9	9%	13%

Cash Flow

€m	H1 '08	H1 '07
Operating profit	45.1	40.8
Depreciation and disposals	8.5	10.9
Employee share schemes	3.9	2.4
Working capital	1.2	4.7
Maintenance capex	(3.0)	(2.2)
Operating cashflow	55.7	56.6
Enhancement capex	(5.5)	(5.3)
Acquisitions	(22.4)	(2.6)
Share issues, interest and disposals	2.2	2.4
Corporation tax	-	(0.6)
LTIP share purchases	(7.5)	(5.1)
Dividends	(17.1)	(11.7)
Purchase of own shares	(14.2)	(48.2)
Net increase in cash	(8.8)	(14.5)
Cash at period end	79.1	72.6

Capital Expenditure

€m	'Maintenance'	'Enhancement'	Total
Irish Retail	2.1	3.4	5.5
UK Retail	0.4	0.2	0.6
Non Retail & HO	0.5	1.9	2.4
Total	3.0	5.5	8.5

'Enhancement' includes new shop openings, relocations, extensions and refits of acquired shops; 'Maintenance' includes regular shop refits.

Cash Returns to Shareholders

H1 (€m)2007 final dividend (35 cent, +54%) Share buyback (644k shares, €21.84 average price) 14.0

H2 to Date (€m)	
2008 interim dividend (18.6 cent, +16%)	8.8
Share buyback 1 July-22 Aug (765k shares, €17.16 average price)	13.1

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Divisional Summary

Turnover

Gross Win

Operating Profit

€m	H1 '08	H1 '07	CC
Online	350	297	+28%
Telephone	143	153	-1%
Retail	574	544	+8%
Total	1,067	994	+12%
Online	55	46	+32%
Telephone	12	15	-16%
Retail	85	83	+4%
Total	152	144	+11%
Online	21 1	140	. 4 20/
Online	21.1	14.8	+62%
Telephone	3.0	4.1	-20%
Retail	21.0	22.0	-3%
Total	45.1	40.8	+18%

Sportsbook Gross Win Percentages

January to April









May to June









Online

€m	H1 '08	H1 '07	СС
Turnover	350	297	+28%
Gross Win Sportsboo	ok 31.1	27.2	+23%
Sportsbook Gross Win %	9.6%	9.8%	
Gross Win Gaming	23.9	18.4	+46%
Total Gross Win	55.0	45.6	+32%
Gross Profit	46.9	35.4	+44%
Operating Profit	21.1	14.8	+62%
Active Customers*	218,482	157,410	+39%

- Sportsbook customers up 49% and bet volumes up 40%
- Average stake per bet down 10% (CC)
- Gaming gross win growth includes contribution from Financial Spread Betting and Bingo
- Gross profit growth boosted by tax and regulatory changes effective Sep '07
- Opex cost growth with new business investment
- Market continues to be competitive particularly evidenced by sportsbook margin contraction and Poker
- Good Sports Risk Management gross win percentage and operating profit

^{*} Active customers defined as those who have bet in the last 3 months

Our Online Assets

Product

- Leading racing and football offering
- Full range of betting and gaming products

Brand

- High brand recognition/trust, supported by retail presence
- Fun graphic design and copy

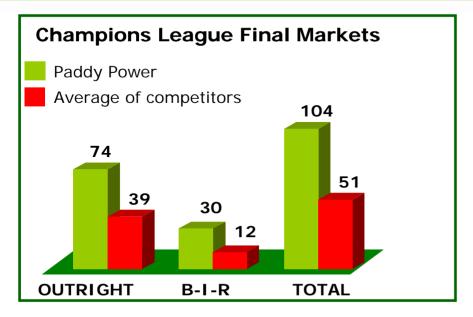
Specials

- Guaranteed Prices, Money-Back Specials, Early Payouts, Double Result Payouts
- Supported by lower tax and related costs

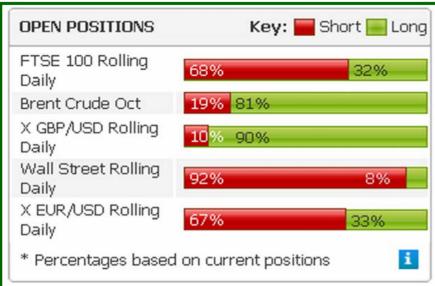
Expertise

- Continuous technology enhancement
- Marketing, traditional and online
- Risk management
- Customer service

Online Assets: Examples



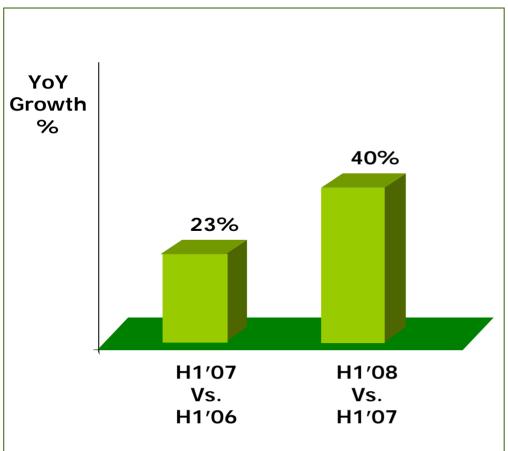




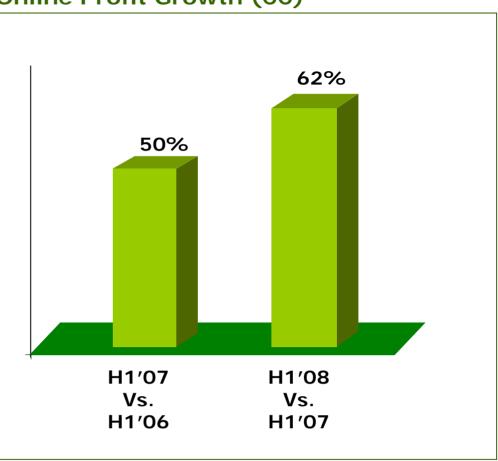


Online Assets: Benefits

Online Active Customer Growth*



Online Profit Growth (CC)



^{*} Growth in active customers who bet in the respective 6 month period

Telephone

€m	H1 '08	H1 '07	CC
Turnover	143	152	-1%
Gross Win	12.4	15.3	-16%
Sportsbook Gross Win %	8.6%	10.1%	
Gross Profit	12.3	13.9	-8%
Operating Profit	3.0	4.1	-20%
Active Customers*	28,234	25,196	+12%

- Average stake per bet down 4% (CC)
- Performance influenced by migration online, competition and economy
- Operating profit reduction driven by 1.4% lower gross win percentage (impact -€2.0m)
- Ground work laid for new High Stake Unit

Customers up 12% and bet volumes up 4%

^{*} Active customers defined as those who have bet in the last 3 months

Irish Retail

€m	H1 '08	H1 '07	Change
Turnover	490	461	+6%
Gross Win	68.7	67.7	+1%
Sportsbook Gross Win %	14.0%	14.7%	
Operating Profit	20.5	22.5	-9%
Shops at period end	186	168	

- LFL: turnover flat, gross win down 5%
- Significant competitor openings and slower May-June
- Favourable results but not as strong as H1'07 (impact -€3.4m)
- Operating cost growth of 6% despite 10% increase in average number of shops
- Eight new shops opened

UK Retail

€m	H1 '08	H1 '07	СС
Turnover	84	83	+16%
Gross Win OTC	9.7	9.8	+14%
Sportsbook Gross Win %	12.4%	12.6%	
Gross Win Machines	6.1	5.3	+32%
Total Gross Win	15.8	15.1	+20%
Shop estate EBITDA	4.4	3.8	+33%
Estate Depreciation	(2.0)	(2.1)	-5%
Estate Operating Profit	2.4	1.7	+99%
Central Overheads	(1.9)	(1.6)	+33%
Trading Profit	0.5	0.1	
Shops at period end	67	59	

- LFL gross win growth (CC): 16%, OTC 8%, machines 30%
- Average drop per machine per week £925, up 29% helped by longer opening hours and new content
- EBITDA per shop up 28% (CC) to €74K
- Opportunities to reduce capital cost of new openings and leverage central overhead investment

UK Retail

UK Retail Expansion

- Development teams in place in Glasgow, Manchester and Northern Ireland
- Will facilitate expansion throughout Scotland and North West of England
- Increasing target for estate by 2011 from 120 to 150 shops

Acquisition of McGranaghan Racing in Northern Ireland for £19m

Before



After



Brand & PR: Gay Rugby World Cup Sponsorship













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Brand & PR: Politics

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London Mayoral Election





Lisbon Referendum



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Sporting Results Update





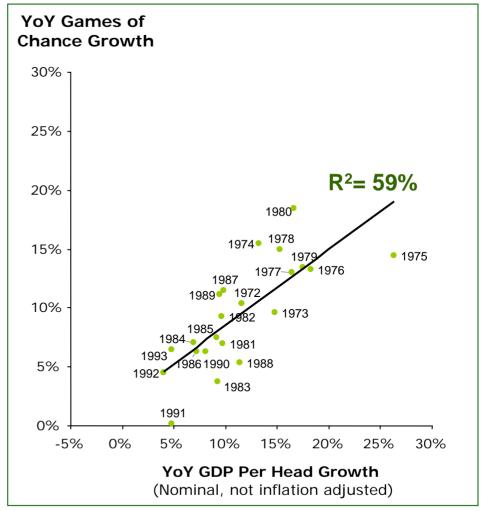


Economy

Strong Stake Growth in Irish Retail



Correlation between UK Economy and Total Gambling Spend



Source: UK Office of National Statistics 'Games of Chance' time series 1972-1993

Trading Strategy

1. Standout Value on High Profile Events



2. Lock-in Racing Customers

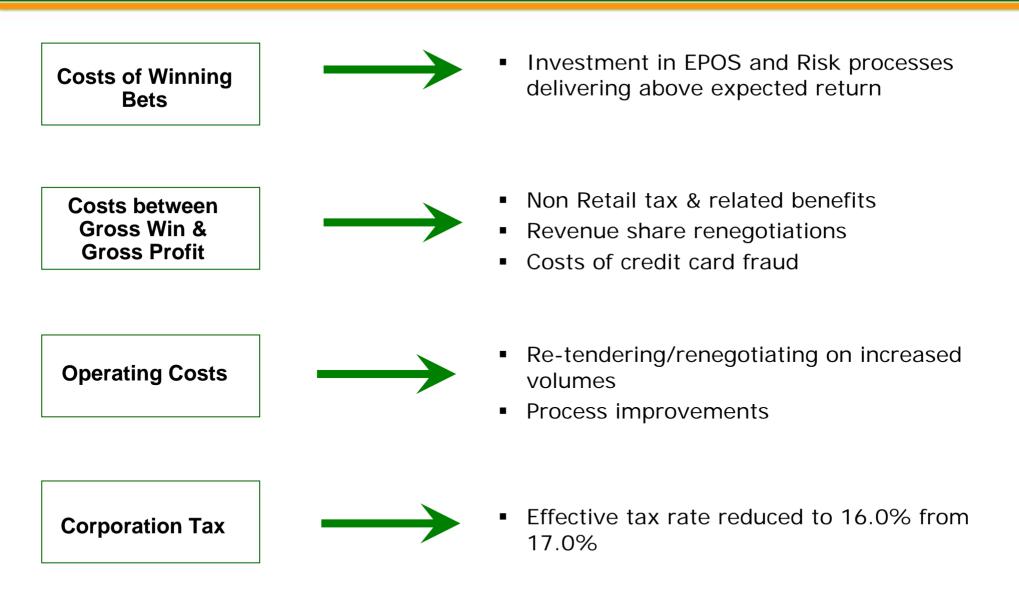




3. Leverage Scale



Cost Reductions Throughout Profit & Loss



Trading Update





- H1: Non Retail +17%, Retail +7%
- 1 Jul-24 Aug: Non Retail +12%, Retail +2%

Gross Win Percentage Guidance



- Retail: 11%-13% (no change)
- Non Retail: 7-8% (0.5% lower)

2008 Profit Guidance



- EBIT c.€75m, +€3m over '07 despite €5m FX hit
- EPS* of c.€1.37, +10% year on year

Opportunities

EBIT up 62% (CC) to 47% of Group EBIT **Online** Overall market projected to grow well Only c.15% of shops in Irish market Attractive RoI on openings/acquisitions Irish Retail <1% market share **UK Retail** Development teams in place in 3 regions Financial Spread Betting **New Businesses** Sports Risk Management Phone High Stake Unit