

# Introduction

Financial Performance

Operational Review

Development & Strategy

- 108% growth in operating profit
- Favourable sporting results
- UK Retail traded profitably
- Continued investment for growth

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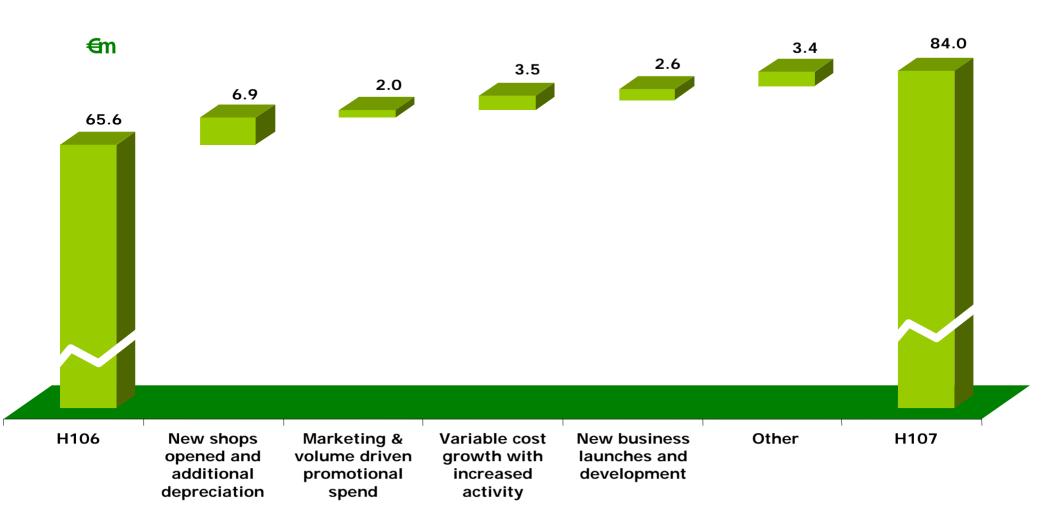
## **Financial Highlights**

€m	H1 '07	H1 '06	Change
Turnover	994	878	+13%
Gross win	143.8	105.0	+37%
Gross profit	124.9	85.2	+47%
Operating profit	40.8	19.6	+108%
Profit before tax	42.7	20.5	+108%
Profit after tax	35.5	17.5	+103%
Diluted EPS	69.5c	34.5c	+101%

- Double digit turnover growth despite higher sportsbook gross win percentage and absence of World Cup
- Group sportsbook gross win percentage 12.4% versus 10.3% in H106
- Gross win growth of 37% comprising sportsbook 35% & gaming/FOBTs 48%
- Cost growth due to increased turnover and investment for future

€m	H1 '07	H1 '06	Change
Gross win	143.8	105.0	+37%
Betting taxes, levies & discounts	(10.2)	(12.6)	-19%
Software supplier costs	(4.0)	(3.8)	+4%
Other	(4.7)	(3.4)	+41%
Gross profit	124.9	85.2	+47%

## **Operating Cost Growth**



## **Cash Flow**

€m	H1 '07	H1 '06	Change
Operating profit	40.8	19.6	+108%
Depreciation	10.9	6.5	
Employee share schemes	2.4	1.6	
Working capital	4.7	8.8	
Maintenance capex	(2.2)	(2.2)	
Operating cash flow	56.6	34.3	+65%
Enhancement capex	(5.3)	(10.4)	
Acquisitions	(2.6)	-	
Share issues, interest & disposals	2.4	3.2	
Corporation tax	(0.6)	(1.0)	
LTIP share purchases	(5.1)	(3.7)	
Dividends	(11.7)	(6.5)	
Purchase of own shares	(48.2)	-	
Increase/ (decrease) in cash	(14.5)	15.9	
Cash at period end	72.6	68.3	+6%

Vaintenance'	'Enhancement'	Total
1.7	2.8	4.5
0.1	0.8	0.9
0.4	1.7	2.1
2.2	5.3	7.5
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'Enhancement' includes new shop openings, relocations and extensions; 'Maintenance' includes shop refits.

€m	2007
2006 final dividend (+80%)	11.7
H1 share buyback (2.14m shares, 4.2% share capital, €22.25 average price)	47.6
H1'07 cash returns to shareholders	59.3
2007 interim dividend (+70%)	7.9

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#### **Divisional Summary**

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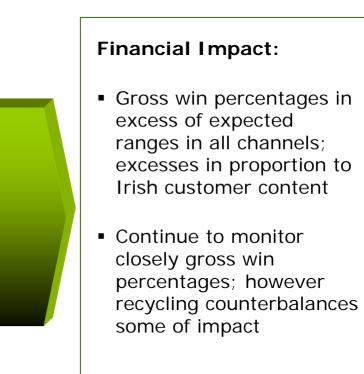
Turnover

Operating Profit

€m	H1 '07	H1 '06	Change
Retail	543.9	474.7	+15%
Online	297.3	247.9	+20%
Telephone	152.5	155.0	-2%
Total	993.7	877.6	+13%
Retail	82.8	61.8	+34%
Online	45.6	30.8	+48%
Telephone	15.4	12.4	+24%
Total	143.8	105.0	+37%
Retail	22.0	6.7	+227%
Online	14.8	9.7	+53%
Telephone	4.1	3.2	+27%
Total	40.8	19.6	+108%

#### **Sportsbook Gross Win Percentages**

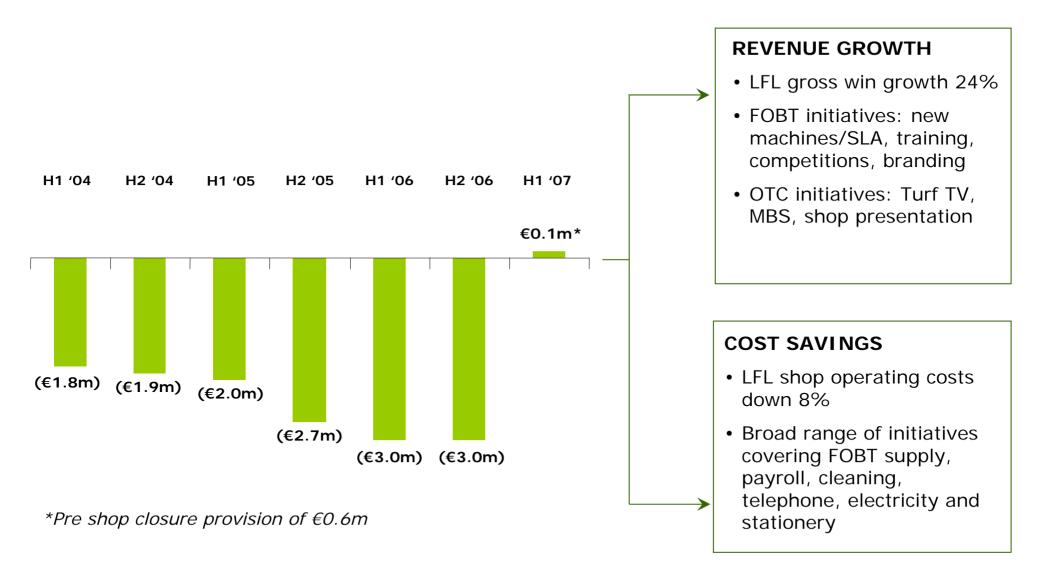
	Grand National	:	Silver Birch	33/1	
-	Irish Grand National	:	Butlers Cabin	14/1	
-	Champion Hurdle	:	Sublimity	16/1	
-	2000 Guineas	:	Cockney Rebel	25/1	
•	Wokingham H'cap	:	Dark Missile	22/1	
•	The Masters	:	Zach Johnson	175/1	
•	US Open	:	Angel Cabrera	125/1	



€m	H1 '07	H1 '06	Change	<ul> <li>Exceptional gross win percentage driven by poor performance of Irish</li> </ul>
Turnover	461	414	+11%	punters' selections in H107
Gross Win	67.7	51.6	+31%	LFL growth: turnover 5%, gross win 25%
Sportsbook Gross Win %	14.7%	12.4%		<ul> <li>Four shops opened. Four shops also acquired in H1 and further four</li> </ul>
Operating Profit	22.5	9.7	+131%	acquired in August
				<ul> <li>Market remains competitive</li> </ul>
Shops at period end	168	154		<ul> <li>Strong growth driven by brand, people and product, plus estate investment and Irish economy</li> </ul>

€m	H1 '07	H1 '06	Change	<ul> <li>Once off step change in profitability from revenue and cost initiatives</li> </ul>
Turnover	83	60	+38%	<ul> <li>€0.1m profit, prior to €0.6m shop closure costs</li> </ul>
Gross Win OTC	9.8	7.2	+37%	<ul> <li>LFL gross win growth 24% (OTC 19%, FOBT 37%)</li> </ul>
Sportsbook Gross Win %	12.6%	12.5%		<ul> <li>Average FOBT drop £716 per week</li> </ul>
Gross Win FOBT	5.3	3.1	+72%	<ul> <li>Aggressive cost review delivered substantial savings, offsetting AMLD</li> </ul>
Total Gross Win	15.1	10.3	+47%	<ul> <li>Each group of shops (by year) opened in last four years EBIT positive</li> </ul>
Trading Profit / (Loss	5) 0.1	(3.0)		<ul> <li>Further openings in London and</li> </ul>
Operating Loss	(0.5)	(3.0)		reviewing potential elsewhere in UK
Shops at period end	59	51		

#### UK Retail Half Year Profit / (Loss)



### Online

€m	H1 '07	H1 '06	Change	Bet volume growth 16%
Turnover	297	248	+20%	<ul> <li>Continued site and product development</li> </ul>
Gross Win Sportsbook	27.2	17.8	+53%	<ul> <li>Increased gaming gross win, notwithstanding Poker challenges</li> </ul>
Sportsbook Gross Win %	9.8%	7.6%		<ul> <li>Cost increases reflecting business</li> </ul>
Gross Win Gaming	18.4	12.9	+42%	launches, marketing spend and variable cost increases
Total Gross Win	45.6	30.8	+48%	<ul> <li>Market increasingly competitive</li> </ul>
Operating Profit	14.8	9.7	+53%	<ul> <li>Multi product customers up 56% to 34K</li> </ul>
Active Customers*	157,410	133,374	+18%	<ul> <li>From Sept '07 expect less betting tax in Non Retail, c.€5m p.a. at current activity levels</li> </ul>

\* Active customers defined throughout as those who have bet in the last 3 months

## Telephone

€m	H1 '07	H1 '06	Change
Turnover	152	155	-2%
Gross Win	15.4	12.4	+24%
Sportsbook Gross Win %	10.1%	8.0%	
Gross Profit	13.9	11.2	+24%
Operating Profit	4.1	3.2	+27%
Active Customers	25,196	25,418	-1%

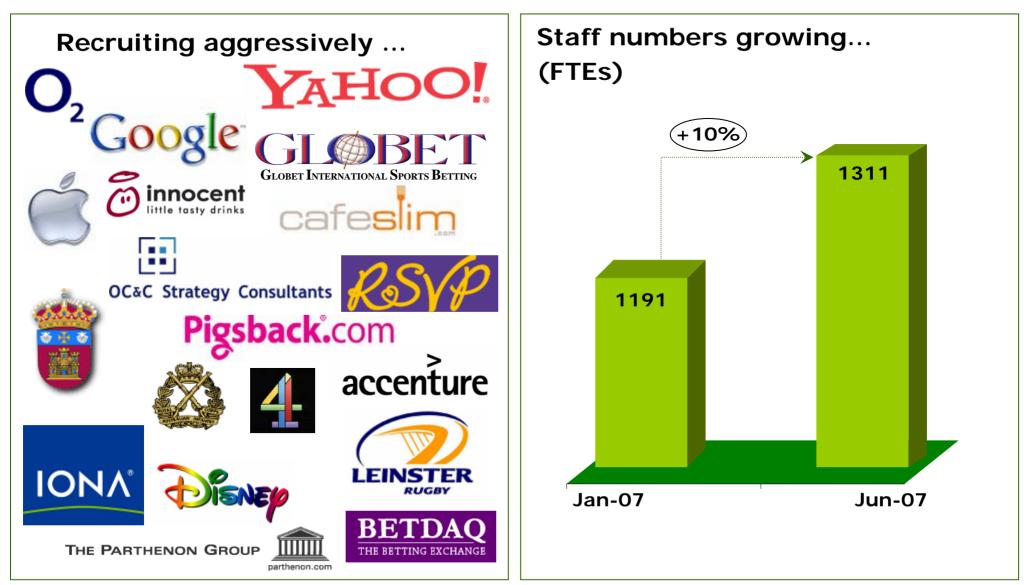
- Turnover growth impacted by higher gross win percentage and absence of World Cup
- Bet volumes down 2%; Average stake maintained at €99
- Improved customer service
- Competitive intensity increasing
- Priority on profitability over top line growth

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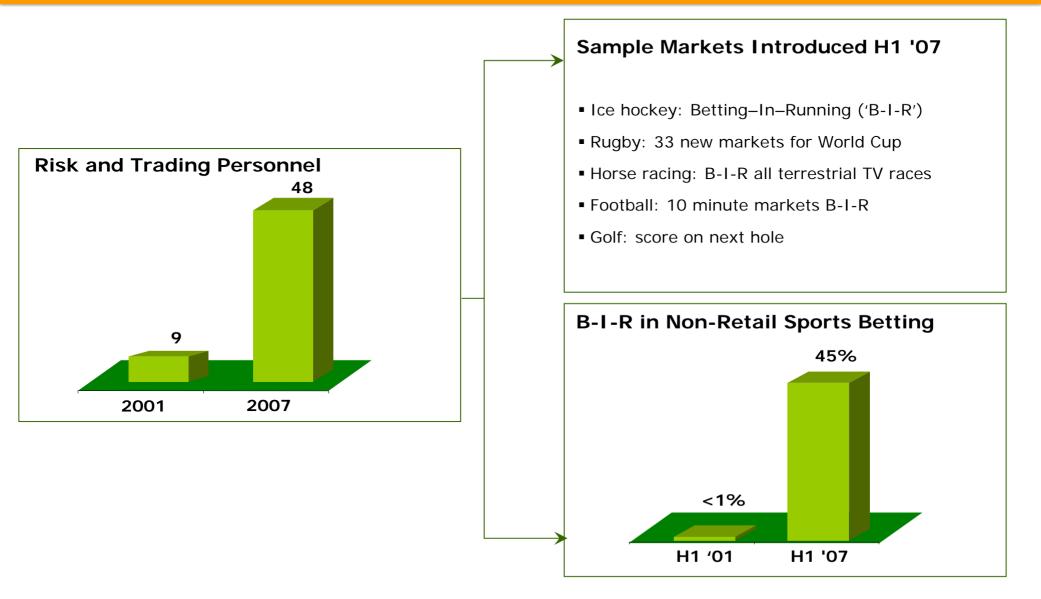
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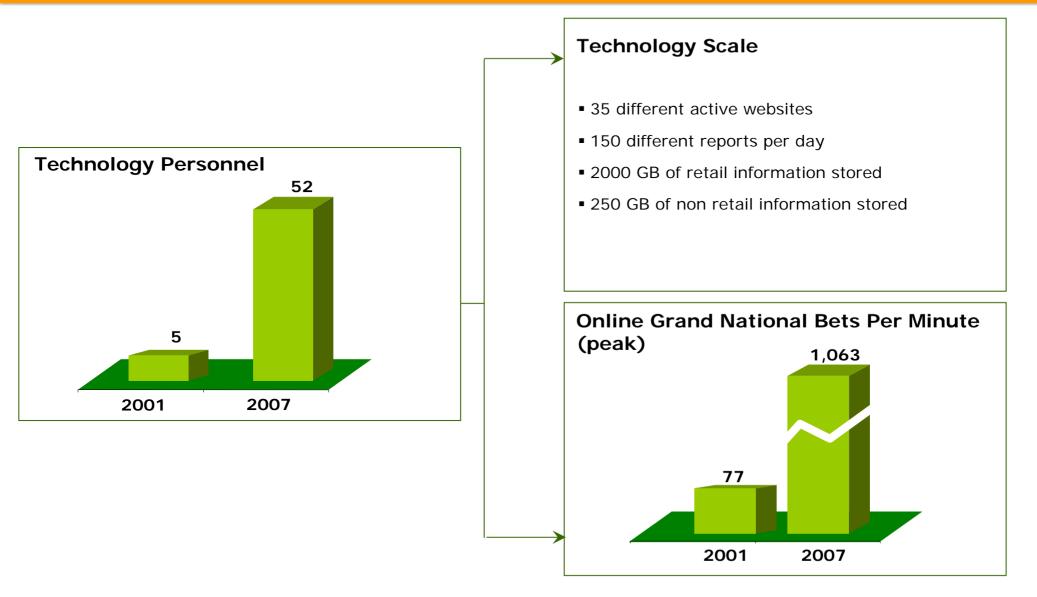
## **Investing for Growth**



#### **Investment in Risk and Trading**



## **Investment in Technology**



#### **New Business Development**



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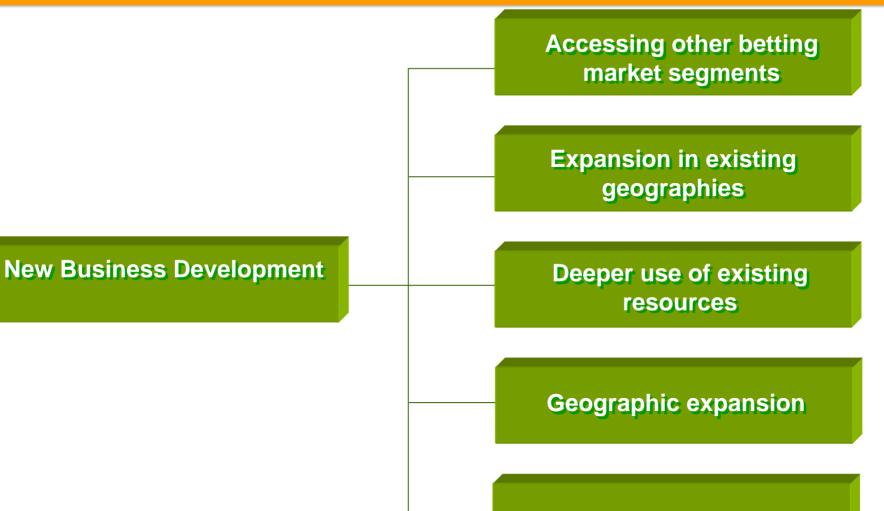




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#### **New Business Development**



#### **Brand stretch**

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#### **Brand: Early Payouts - Ireland**



#### **Brand: Refunds**

#### Irish Independent

# Guineas relief for battered punters

#### By John Martin

PADDY POWER, the country's leading bookmakers, have come up with the correct and appropriate response to the defection of Teofilo from tomorrow's English 2,000 Guineas.

Paddy Power are refunding all losing single ante-post bets on the favourite for the first colts' Classic of the season — no matter when they were struck. Paddy Power reckon that they will be handing back €112,500 to their clients both here and in Britain. Teofilo's last price was 9/4 favourite. RACING POST Emily race row forces eviction to be cancelled

By Phil Agius

Paddy Power, often the safest haven for punters at controversial times, have proved so again, refunding bets on Emily, who had been backed from 13-8 to evens to go after receiving an unflattering edit in Wednesday night's highlights show, and letting Shabnam wagers stand, with the safety net of a refund if she is not the next to go.

Power spokeswoman Sharon McHugh said: "This is exactly the start that nobody wanted. But we think the only fair option is to refund on Emily and turn all Shabnam bets into freebies."

#### RACING POST

#### Bookmakers ready to turn their backs on Tour betting

All firms will settle bets on the riders as they stand on the Paris podium, but only punters who bet with Paddy Power can get their money back on disqualified riders – the firm say their refund policy will cost them  $\pounds$ 50,000.

Spokesman Paddy Power said: "The Tour De France is proving to be a Tour De Fraud.

"If you've bet on a clean rider then he's racing at a disadvantage to all the drug-riders out there. Yet if you've bet in good faith on one that goes on to fail a drugs test then your wager is also being unfairly penalised."

However Ladbrokes' Patrick Jay said the spate of explusions and withdrawals should really make the sport more trustworthy.

"It's obvious now the authorities are doing a good job trying to clean up the sport and the race is cleaner today than it was last week," he said.

Betdirect's Charlie McCann issued a scathing verdict on the troubled event. "We deliberately kept a low profile on the race for the reasons which have become apparent in the last 24 hours. We are unlikely

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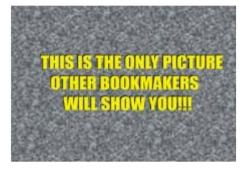
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**Paddy Power** 

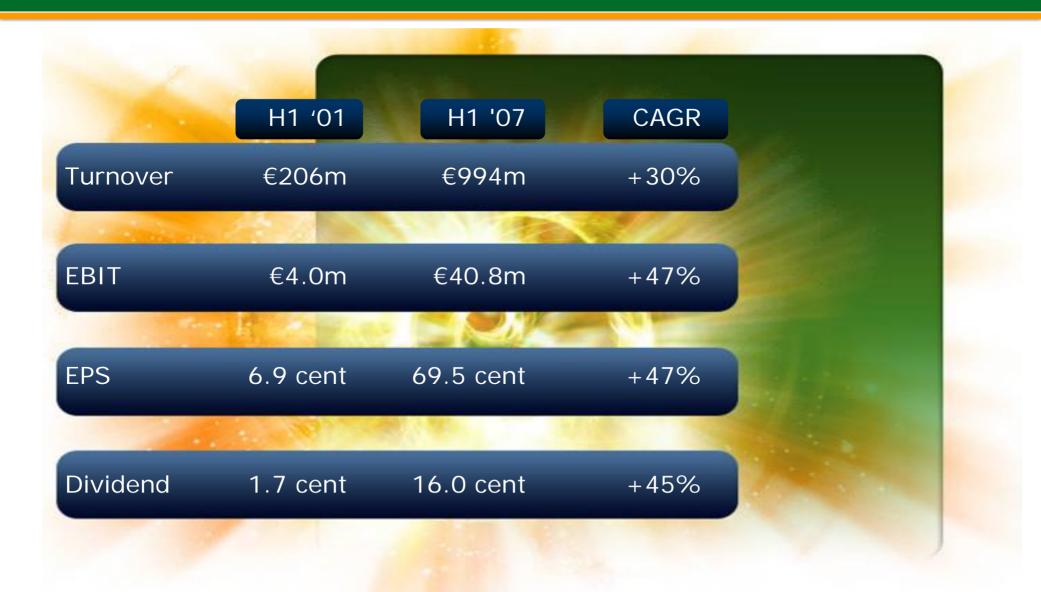


#### WARNING!

Ladbrokes, Hills & Coral Won't Show <u>EVERY</u> Race From Goodwood WE WILL!



#### **Delivering Strong Growth**



#### In the second half...

We expect operating profit for the full year of approximately €68m....growth of approximately 50%'

#### And beyond...

- > Very well positioned through combination of:
  - o People, brand and product innovation
  - o Portfolio of attractive opportunities
  - o Ongoing investment