



**ARISTOCRAT LEISURE LIMITED**

**ABN 44 002 818 368**

**2017 HALF YEAR  
PROFIT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**RESULTS TO BE RELEASED  
TO THE MARKET**

**ANNUAL INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE ASX  
UNDER LISTING RULE 4.3A**

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#### Half-Year Report

Half-year ended: 31 March 2017

Previous corresponding period: 31 March 2016

### Results for announcement to the market

<b>Statutory results</b>				<b>March 2017 \$'m</b>
Revenue from ordinary activities	up	21.6%	to	1,228.2
Profit from ordinary activities after tax	up	56.9%	to	249.6

### Dividends

	<b>Amount per security</b>	<b>Franked amount per security</b>	<b>Record date for determining entitlements to dividends</b>
<b>Current year – 2017</b>			
- Interim dividend	14.0c	3.5c	31 May 2017
<b>Previous year – 2016</b>			
- Interim dividend	10.0c	0.0c	2 June 2016
- Final dividend	15.0c	0.0c	6 December 2016

### Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP)

The Aristocrat Leisure Limited Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) will not operate in respect of the 2017 interim dividend.

For further explanation of the above figures please refer to the Review of Operations and market presentations. Other financial information required by the Appendix 4D is contained in the financial statements.

## Review of Operations

### Group Performance

#### Earnings Summary

Key performance indicators for the current period and prior period are set out below.

A\$ million	Constant currency <sup>1</sup>			Variance vs six months to 31 March 2016	
	Six months to 31 March 2017	Six months to 31 March 2017	Six months to 31 March 2016	Constant currency <sup>1</sup> %	Reported %
<b>Reported Results</b>					
Operating revenue	1,258.4	<b>1,228.2</b>	1,009.8	24.6	21.6
EBITDA	513.2	<b>498.9</b>	372.4	37.8	34.0
EBITA	445.5	<b>433.2</b>	312.7	42.5	38.5
<b>NPAT</b>	256.6	<b>249.6</b>	159.1	61.3	56.9
<b>NPATA</b>	280.7	<b>272.9</b>	183.2	53.2	49.0
Earnings per share (fully diluted)	40.1c	<b>39.0c</b>	25.0c	60.4	56.0
EPS before amortisation of acquired intangibles (fully diluted)	43.9c	<b>42.7c</b>	28.7c	53.0	48.8
Total dividend per share	14.0c	<b>14.0c</b>	10.0c	40.0	40.0
<b>Balance sheet and cash flow</b>					
Net working capital/revenue	6.3%	<b>6.3%</b>	9.6%	3.3pts	3.3pts
Operating cash flow	413.5	<b>401.9</b>	284.9	45.1	41.1
Operating cash flow conversion	147.3%	<b>147.3%</b>	155.5%	(8.2)pts	(8.2)pts
Closing (net debt)/cash	(947.6)	<b>(833.1)</b>	(1,229.0)	22.9	32.2
Gearing (net debt/consolidated EBITDA <sup>2</sup> )	n/a	<b>0.9</b>	1.9	n/a	52.6

(1) Results for 6 months to 31 March 2017 adjusted for translational exchange rates using rates applying in 2016 as referenced in the table on page 9.

(2) Consolidated EBITDA as defined by the Credit Agreement

The information presented in this Review of Operations has not been audited in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards.

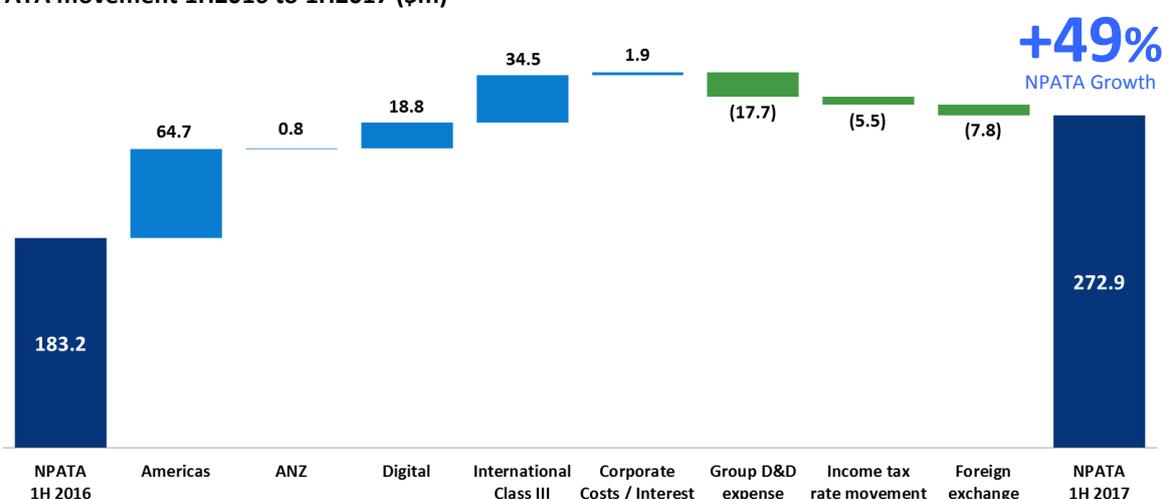
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## Performance Summary

Profit after tax and before amortisation of acquired intangibles ('NPATA') of \$273 million for the period represented a 49% increase (53% in constant currency) compared to \$183 million in the prior corresponding period ('pcp'). Revenue increased by more than 21% (24% in constant currency) driven by growth across Americas, International Class III and Digital despite competitive market conditions. Fully diluted earnings per share before amortisation of acquired intangibles of 42.7c represents a 49% increase on the prior corresponding period.

Operating cash flow increased by more than 41% and net gearing reduced to 0.9x from 1.9x compared to the prior corresponding period reflecting the strong performance across the business as well as the continued focus on cash management. Strong cash flows enabled the Group to repay US\$270 million of the Term Loan B since the pcp. The Group also took the opportunity of its strong credit position and market conditions to reprice the facility resulting in a reduction in interest expense.

### NPATA movement 1H2016 to 1H2017 (\$m)



- Strong growth in our **Americas** business drove a \$64.7 million improvement in post-tax profit compared to the prior period. This growth was driven by a 32% expansion in our Class III premium gaming operations footprint, together with further growth in our Class II gaming operations footprint and average fee per day ('FPD'). An impressive 26% lift in outright sales and an improved average selling price (ASP) further supported this result.
- The **ANZ** business maintained its position in the market driven by the top performing *Helix*<sup>TM</sup> cabinet, further penetration of *Lightning Link*<sup>TM</sup>, *Player's Choice*<sup>TM</sup>, the introduction of the *Dragon Link*<sup>TM</sup> family of games and continued performance of the broader Aristocrat portfolio.
- **Digital** delivered strong earnings growth due to the continued success of *Heart of Vegas*<sup>TM</sup> and the launch of *Cashman Casino*<sup>TM</sup> in the period.
- **International Class III** drove a \$34.5 million improvement in post-tax profit compared to the prior period mainly driven by large scale openings in the Philippines, Malaysia and South Africa. The completion of the 1.1 regulatory churn cycle in Macau in FY16 was more than offset by growth across the region.
- The Group's **strategic investments** in talent and technology, represented in higher D&D spend, are delivering strong competitive product across all key

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markets and segments in line with its strategic objectives.

- The increase in the effective tax rate ('ETR') from 30.4% to 31.9% drove a \$5.5 million impact.

## Group Profit and Loss

Results in the current period and prior corresponding period are at reported currency and there were no significant items or discontinued operations. Segment profit is stated before amortisation of acquired intangibles.

A\$ million	Six months to 31 March 2017	Six months to 31 March 2016	Variance %
<b>Segment revenue</b>			
Australia and New Zealand	210.8	213.2	(1.1)
Americas	715.8	605.0	18.3
International Class III	129.2	60.8	112.5
Digital	172.4	130.8	31.8
<b>Total segment revenue</b>	<b>1,228.2</b>	<b>1,009.8</b>	<b>21.6</b>
<b>Segment profit</b>			
Australia and New Zealand	91.9	90.7	1.3
Americas	362.4	280.5	29.2
International Class III	71.3	23.0	210.0
Digital	75.2	50.7	48.3
<b>Total segment profit</b>	<b>600.8</b>	<b>444.9</b>	<b>35.0</b>
<b>Unallocated expenses</b>			
Group D&D expense	(130.2)	(107.7)	(20.9)
Foreign exchange	(4.3)	(2.7)	(59.3)
Corporate	(33.1)	(21.8)	(51.8)
<b>Total unallocated expenses</b>	<b>(167.6)</b>	<b>(132.2)</b>	<b>(26.8)</b>
<b>EBIT before amortisation of acquired intangibles (EBITA)</b>	<b>433.2</b>	<b>312.7</b>	<b>38.5</b>
Amortisation of acquired intangibles	(37.4)	(38.8)	3.6
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>395.8</b>	<b>273.9</b>	<b>44.5</b>
Interest	(29.2)	(45.3)	35.5
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>366.6</b>	<b>228.6</b>	<b>60.4</b>
Income tax	(117.0)	(69.5)	(68.3)
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>249.6</b>	<b>159.1</b>	<b>56.9</b>
Amortisation of acquired intangibles after tax	23.3	24.1	(3.3)
<b>Profit after tax and before amortisation of acquired intangibles (NPATA)</b>	<b>272.9</b>	<b>183.2</b>	<b>49.0</b>

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## Revenue

Segment revenue increased \$218 million or 21.6% in reported currency (24.6% in constant currency) with growth across all three of the Group's strategic segments: Gaming Operations; Digital and Class III Outright Sales & Other.

In Gaming Operations, the Premium Class III install base grew 32%, the Class II footprint grew 4% and overall average fee per day grew 6%. The *Ovation*<sup>TM</sup> product (Class II Video) was launched in the period.

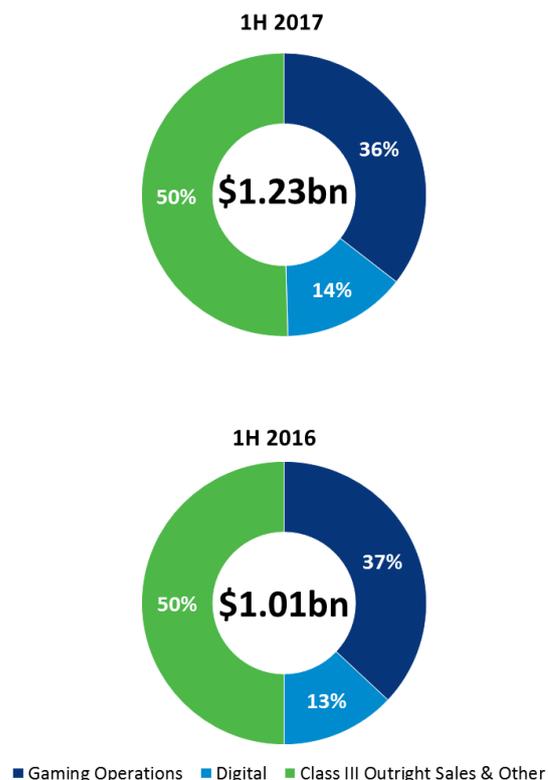
Digital revenue grew 36% to \$178 million in constant currency terms due to growth in daily active users and average revenue per daily active user driven by strong content releases and the launch of *Cashman Casino*<sup>TM</sup> in the period.

In Class III Outright Sales, overall North American ship share improved incrementally compared to the prior corresponding period. Unit sales revenue was up 26%, driven by the sales volume increase and an improvement in ASP due to favourable product mix also supported by strong performance from *Arc*<sup>TM</sup> Single.

In Australia & New Zealand, revenue decreased by 1% to \$211 million in constant currency terms compared to the prior corresponding period while overall segment profit increased 1% to \$92 million representing sustained market leadership and operational efficiency.

In International Class III, revenue was up 118% to \$132 million in constant currency terms, driven by large scale openings in the Philippines, Malaysia and South Africa.

## Revenue by Strategic Segment

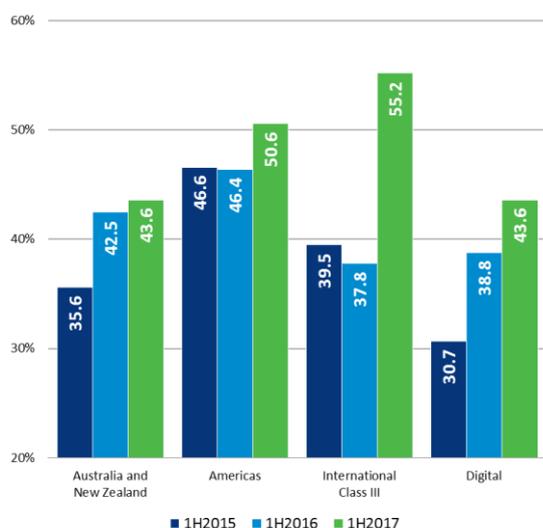


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## Earnings

Segment profit increased \$156 million in reported currency, up 35% compared with the prior corresponding period (38% in constant currency) ahead of revenue delivery primarily due to the growth in install base and improved margins across all businesses from a combination of higher average selling prices and operating leverage.

### Segment Profit Margin % of Revenue



The Group continues to invest significantly in better games through new talent and new technology, with ongoing efficiencies reinvested in core product development and capability. The Group's investment in D&D spend, as a percentage of revenue, was 10.6% compared to 10.7% of revenues in the prior corresponding period. Total reported spend increased \$22.5 million or 21% (23% in constant currency).

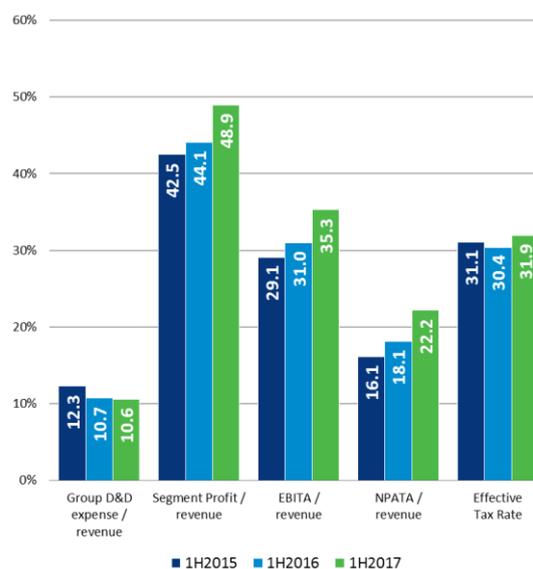
Corporate costs increased by \$11.3 million compared to the prior corresponding period mainly driven by higher variable employee

compensation, higher legal costs and one-off consulting expenses. Corporate costs remained in line with the second half of FY16.

Net interest expense decreased \$16.1 million to \$29.2 million, reflecting the repricing of the Term Loan B facility and the reduced debt levels.

The effective tax rate (ETR) for the reporting period was 31.9% compared to 30.4% in the prior corresponding period due to geographical mix of earnings.

### Other Key Margins % of Revenue and ETR



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## Balance Sheet

The balance sheet can be summarised as follows:

A\$ million	31 Mar 2017	30 Sep 2016	31 Mar 2016	Variance %
Cash and cash equivalents	394.5	283.2	337.5	16.9
Property, plant and equipment	239.2	217.5	204.2	17.1
Intangible assets	1,738.7	1,736.5	1,747.0	(0.5)
Other assets	760.1	750.5	704.9	7.8
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,132.5</b>	<b>2,987.7</b>	<b>2,993.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Current borrowings	0.1	-	0.1	-
Non current borrowings	1,227.5	1,287.8	1,566.4	(21.6)
Payables, provisions and other liabilities	661.1	624.4	471.3	40.3
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>1,243.8</b>	<b>1,075.5</b>	<b>955.8</b>	<b>30.1</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>3,132.5</b>	<b>2,987.7</b>	<b>2,993.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Net working capital	148.7	122.3	182.5	(18.5)
Net working capital % revenue	6.3	5.7	9.6	(34.4)
Normalised net working capital % revenue	7.9	7.3	11.9	(33.6)
Net debt / (cash)	833.1	1,004.6	1,229.0	(32.2)

### **Significant balance sheet movements from 31 March 2016 are:**

**Net working capital:** Normalised for deferred and contingent consideration on acquisitions, net working capital as a percentage of annual revenue decreased to 7.9% from 11.9%. This was due to the higher recurring revenue mix from the growth in the Class III premium gaming operations and Digital businesses, continued strong business performance and focus on improved cash management.

**Property, plant & equipment:** The increase in PPE is mainly due to the investment in hardware to support the 32% growth in the Class III premium gaming operations installed base.

**Non-current borrowings:** The reduction in non-current borrowings primarily relates to the repayment of US\$270 million of the Term Loan B facility during the last twelve months.

**Payables, provisions & other liabilities:** The increase in payables, provisions and other liabilities is driven by acquisitions, improvements in supplier payment terms and increases in variable employee compensation due to stronger business performance.

**Total equity:** The change in total equity reflects the result for the period, changes in reserves due to currency movements, net of dividends paid during the period.

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## Statement of cash flows

The movement in net debt (debt less cash), after eliminating foreign exchange movements is set out below:

### Operating cash flow

A\$ million	Six months to 31 March 2017	Six months to 31 March 2016	Change %
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>498.9</b>	372.4	34.0
Change in net working capital	(26.4)	(39.8)	33.7
Interest and tax	(84.6)	(68.5)	(23.5)
Other cash and non-cash movements	14.0	20.8	(32.7)
<b>Operating cash flow</b>	<b>401.9</b>	284.9	41.1
<b>Operating cash flow less capex</b>	<b>295.6</b>	180.3	63.9
Operating cash flow % NPATA	147.3	155.5	(5.3)
Operating cash flow % EBITDA	80.6	76.5	5.4

### Consolidated cash flow

A\$ million	Six months to 31 March 2017	Six months to 31 March 2016	Change %
<b>Operating cash flow</b>	<b>401.9</b>	284.9	41.1
Capex	(106.3)	(104.6)	(1.6)
Acquisitions and divestments	(23.0)	(30.2)	23.8
<b>Investing cash flow</b>	<b>(129.3)</b>	(134.8)	4.1
Repayment of borrowings	(65.4)	(69.2)	5.5
Dividends and share payments	(95.6)	(57.3)	(66.8)
<b>Financing cash flow</b>	<b>(161.0)</b>	(126.5)	(27.3)
<b>Net increase in cash</b>	<b>111.6</b>	23.6	372.9

Operating cash flow increased 41% compared to the prior corresponding period.

The increase in operating cash flows is due to the strong performance across the business with higher mix of recurring revenues as well as continued focus on cash management.

Net interest paid at \$21.7 million was \$16.5 million lower than the prior corresponding period due repricing of the Term Loan B facility and the reduced debt levels.

Taxes paid in the year increased from \$30.3 million to \$62.9 million driven by the growth in the US business and the recommencement of cash tax

payments in Australia following the utilisation of all available tax losses in the prior year.

Capital expenditure increased 1.6% to \$106 million primarily due to investment in hardware to support the 32% growth in the Class III premium gaming operations installed base.

During the half year period, US\$50 million of the Term Loan B facility was repaid.

Cash flow in the statutory format is set out in the financial statements.

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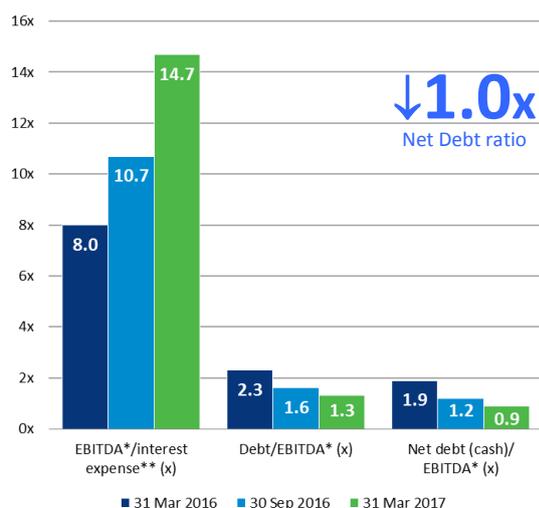
## Funding and Liquidity

The Group had committed loan facilities of A\$1.3 billion as at 31 March 2017, comprising a US\$950 million Term Loan B facility maturing in October 2021 and a A\$100 million Revolving facility maturing in October 2019. The Group repaid US\$50 million of the Term Loan B facility during the period, reflecting the Group's strong cash balance and liquidity position providing it with flexibility to repay debt.

The Group's facilities are summarised as follows:

Facility	Drawn as at 31 Mar 2017	Limit	Maturity date
Term Loan B facility	US\$950.0m	US\$950.0m	Oct 2021
Revolving facility	A\$0.0m	A\$100.0m	Oct 2019
Overdraft facilities	A\$0.0m	A\$7.6m	Annual Review

The Group's interest and debt coverage ratios are as follows (x):



\* EBITDA refers to Consolidated EBITDA for the Group as defined in Aristocrat's Syndicated Facility Agreement (also referred to as Bank EBITDA).

\*\* Interest expense shown above includes ongoing finance fees relating to bank debt facility arrangements, such as line fees.

The Group's leverage ratio (net debt / EBITDA) continued to decline in the reporting period, falling from 1.9x as at 31 March 2016 to 0.9x as at 31 March 2017. The reduction in gearing over the reporting period reflects both earnings growth and strong free cash flow generation across the Group.

## Credit Ratings

The Group obtained credit ratings from both Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's in order to support the launch of the US\$1.3 billion Term Loan B facility in 2014.

As at 31 March 2017, Aristocrat holds credit ratings of Ba1 from Moody's, upgraded from Ba2 in December 2016, and BB from Standard & Poor's.

## Dividends

The Directors have authorised a dividend of 14.0 cents per share (A\$89.4 million) franked at 25% in respect of the 6 months ended 31 March 2017. This represents an increase of 4.0 cents (40%) on the pcg.

The interim dividend is expected to be declared and paid on 3 July 2017. The unfranked portion of the Interim Dividend (75%) is conduit foreign income.

## Foreign exchange

Given the extent of the Group's global operations and the percentage of its earnings derived from overseas, its reported results are impacted by movements in foreign exchange rates.

In the 6 months to 31 March 2017, the Australian dollar was, on average, stronger against the US dollar when compared to the prior corresponding period. The impact of translating foreign currency (translational impact) decreased revenue by \$30.2 million while decreasing profit after tax and before amortisation of acquired intangibles by \$7.8 million on a weighted average basis when compared with rates prevailing in the respective months in the prior period. In addition, as at 31 March 2017, the cumulative effect of the retranslation of the net assets of foreign controlled entities (recognised through the foreign currency translation reserve) was a debit balance of \$13.2

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million (compared to a debit balance of \$7.6 million as at 31 March 2016).

Based on the Group's mix of profitability, the major exposure to translational foreign exchange results from the Group's US dollar profits. A US dollar 1 cent change in the US\$:A\$ exchange rate results in an estimated \$4 million translational impact on the Group's annual profit after tax and before amortisation of acquired intangibles. This impact will vary as the magnitude and mix of overseas profits change.

Foreign exchange rates compared with prior corresponding periods for key currencies are as follows:

AS:	31 Mar 2017	30 Sept 2016	31 Mar 2016	Six months to 31 March 2017 Average <sup>1</sup>	Six months to 31 March 2016 Average <sup>1</sup>
USD	0.7647	0.7663	0.7669	0.7518	0.7257
NZD	1.0902	1.0517	1.1062	1.0557	1.0833
EUR	0.7160	0.6817	0.6766	0.7027	0.6648
GBP	0.6102	0.5903	0.5332	0.6049	0.4967
ZAR	10.2421	10.5100	11.4359	10.1799	10.9302
ARS	11.7668	11.7692	11.2006	11.7271	9.2539

<sup>1</sup>Average of monthly exchange rates only. No weighting applied.

## Review of Operations

### Regional segment review

Segment profit represents earnings before interest and tax, and before significant items, charges for D&D expenditure, amortisation of acquired intangibles and corporate costs. The total amount of these items is disclosed in the Group's statement of comprehensive income. There are no significant items or discontinued operations in the current or prior corresponding period. Constant currency amounts refer to 2017 results restated using exchange rates applying in 2016.

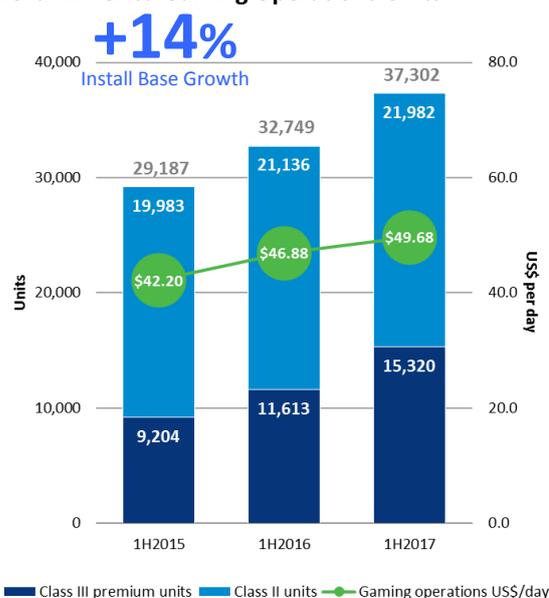
#### Americas

##### Summary Profit or Loss

US\$ million	Six months to 31 March 2017	Six months to 31 March 2016	Variance %
<b>Revenue</b>			
North America	514.0	419.8	22.4
Latin America	22.7	20.7	9.7
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>536.7</b>	<b>440.5</b>	<b>21.8</b>
<b>Profit</b>			
North America	266.6	198.2	34.5
Latin America	4.7	5.9	(20.3)
<b>Total Profit</b>	<b>271.3</b>	<b>204.1</b>	<b>32.9</b>
Margin	50.5%	46.3%	4.2 pts

In local currency, North American profits increased by more than 34%, or US\$68.4m to US\$267m representing 4.7 pts of margin expansion. This was driven by strong performance in the premium gaming operations segment and growth in outright sales with improved mix and material cost efficiencies.

#### North America Gaming Operations Units



The Class III premium gaming operations install base grew 32% fuelled by the continued penetration of leading-edge hardware configurations including the Arc™ Double and the Helix™ cabinet coupled with high performing products within the proprietary and licensed segments including *Lightning Link™*, *Buffalo Grand™*, *Walking Dead II™*, *Sharknado™* and *Game of Thrones™*.

We continue to focus on innovative products highlighted by the successful launch of the *Fast Cash™* product on the *Helix™+* cabinet.

The install base will continue to be supported by a strong product portfolio across a diverse range of products segments with *Tim McGraw™*, *My Cousin Vinny™* and *5 Dragons Grand™* on Arc™ Double, and the highly anticipated *Dragon Link™* on Arc™ Single.

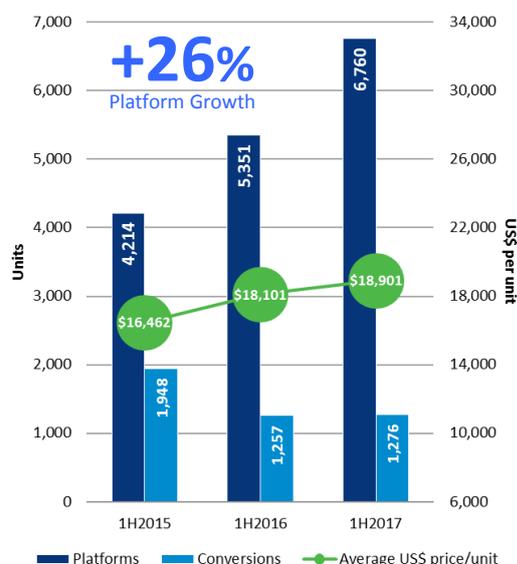
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In Class II gaming operations the install base grew 4% to 21,982 units. The growth was driven by additional placements resulting from the opening of new sites as well as additions at other existing locations.

The *Ovation*<sup>™</sup> (Class II Video) product was launched in the period with feedback on performance driving strong momentum for this strategic initiative.

Average fee per day across Class II and Class III increased 6% driven by game performance across the portfolio and new form factors which have driven uplift in the fee per day.

## North America Outright Sales units and Average US\$ Price / unit



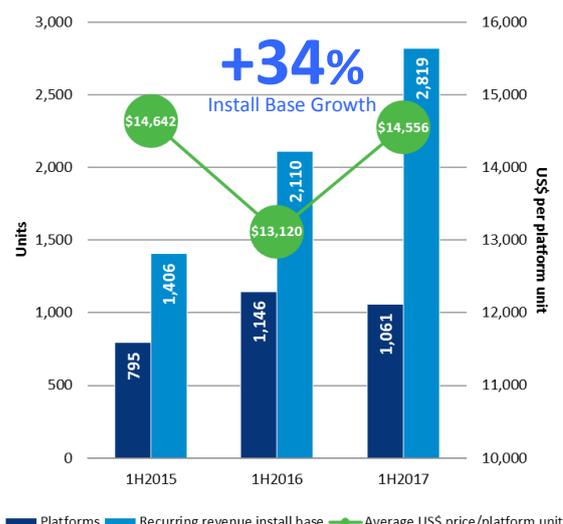
In Class III Outright Sales the overall market grew by circa 18% (full year basis). Ship share improved incrementally over the same period, with unit sales increasing 26% compared to the prior corresponding period driven by strong product performance on both the *Arc*<sup>™</sup> Single and *Helix*<sup>™</sup> form factors

The *Arc*<sup>™</sup> Single continued to drive strong performance with a portfolio of proprietary brands including *Buffalo*<sup>™</sup> Gold, *Wonder 4 Tower*<sup>™</sup>, *Wonder 4 Tall Fortunes*<sup>™</sup>, *Whales of Cash*<sup>™</sup>, *Legends*<sup>™</sup>, *Gold Stacks*<sup>™</sup> and *5 Dragons*<sup>™</sup> Gold.

The *Helix*<sup>™</sup> gained further market penetration during the period supported by a strong portfolio of games in all key segments. The *C-Series*<sup>™</sup> portfolio included *Extra Bonus Wilds*<sup>™</sup>, *Wonder4*<sup>™</sup>, and *Red Black*<sup>™</sup>. The *J-Series*<sup>™</sup> portfolio includes *Gold Bonanza*<sup>™</sup>, *Gold Stacks*<sup>™</sup> and *Pure Gold*<sup>™</sup>. In the *E-Series*<sup>™</sup> segment, *Sacred Guardians*<sup>™</sup>, *Coyote Queen*<sup>™</sup>, *Midnight Unicorn*<sup>™</sup>, *Long Teng Ju Xiao*<sup>™</sup> - *Dragon Flies*<sup>™</sup> & *Tiger Roars*<sup>™</sup> plus *Wonder 4 Stacks*<sup>™</sup> provided further depth in the games library.

The North America outright sales business introduced the *RELM*<sup>™</sup> Stepper in the period with a strong portfolio of proprietary support titles.

## Latin America Outright Sales units, Average US\$ Price / unit and Recurring Revenue install base



Unit sales revenue increased 3%, driven by an ASP improvement of 11% as a result of product mix. *Helix*<sup>™</sup> continued to drive outright sales in the region accounting for roughly half of unit sales. The *Arc*<sup>™</sup> Single was introduced in H1 2017 and delivered 10% of the unit volume.

The recurring revenue install base, including premium gaming operations titles, increased 34% compared to the pcp resulting in a revenue increase of 26% driven by the introduction of *Arc*<sup>™</sup> Double and *Lightning Link*<sup>™</sup> in H1 2017.

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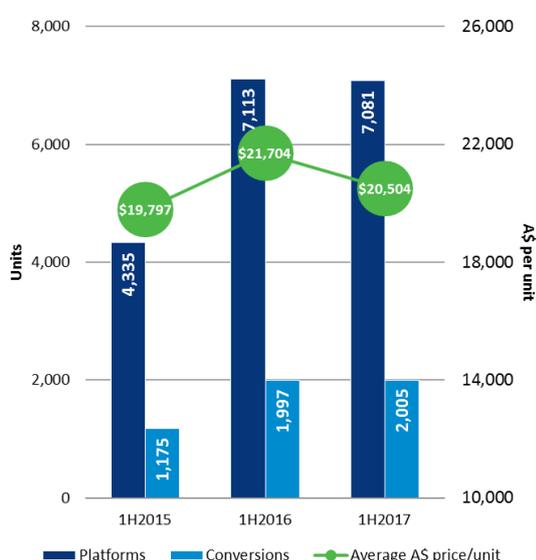
## Australia and New Zealand

### Summary Profit or Loss

A\$ million	Constant currency		Variance %
	Six months to 31 March 2017	Six months to 31 March 2016	
Revenue	210.7	213.2	(1.2)
Profit	91.9	90.7	1.3
Margin	43.6%	42.5%	1.1 pts

ANZ revenue decreased slightly by 1.2% to \$210.7 million in constant currency terms compared to the prior corresponding period, while overall profit increased by 1.3%.

### ANZ Outright Sales units and Average A\$ Price / unit



The ANZ profit margin increased to 43.6% from 42.5% compared to the prior corresponding period reflecting the focus on efficiency improvements and material cost savings delivering expansion in margin.

Average selling price decreased slightly from the prior corresponding period to \$20,504 driven by the uptake of the ACCESS™ subscription model, a premium and innovative offering launched to the ANZ market in FY16.

The ANZ business maintained its leading ship share across the total market driven by our top performing *Helix*™ cabinet, further penetration of the *Lightning Link*™, *Player's Choice*™ and the introduction of the *Dragon Link*™ family of

games. Early indications from the release of these titles are very positive, building on the breadth and depth of the games portfolio. The *Helix*™ family of cabinets also expanded during the period with the release of the *Helix*™+ in December.

## International Class III

### Summary Profit or Loss

A\$ million	Constant currency		Variance %
	Six months to 31 March 2017	Six months to 31 March 2016	
Revenue	132.5	60.8	117.9
Profit	72.5	23.0	215.2
Margin	54.7%	37.8%	16.9 pts
Class III Platforms	4,611	1,728	166.8

International Class III revenue and profit increased 118% and 215% respectively to \$132.5 million and \$72.5 million compared to the prior corresponding period.

Asia Pacific performance was strong, mainly driven by large scale openings in the Philippines and Malaysia where market leading ship share was achieved. The completion of the 1.1 regulatory churn cycle in Macau in FY16 was more than offset by growth across the region.

Europe experienced strong growth over the period primarily due to a new casino opening in South Africa.

Segment margin increased to 54.7% due to the combination of sales mix, premium game content and improved operating leverage.

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## Digital

### Summary Profit or Loss

A\$ million	Constant currency		Variance %
	Six months to 31 March 2017	Six months to 31 March 2016	
Revenue	178.0	130.8	36.1
Profit	77.7	50.7	53.3
Margin	43.7%	38.8%	4.9 pts

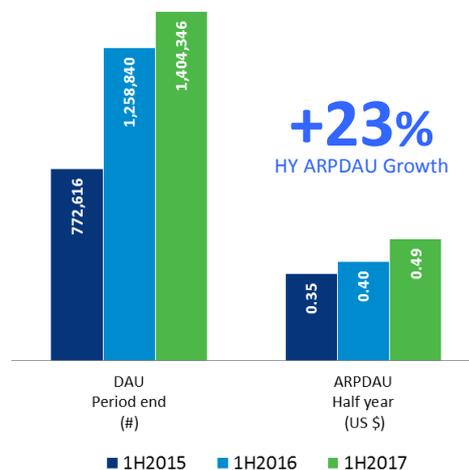
Digital revenues increased by 36% to \$178 million in constant currency (\$172 million in reported currency) driven by the ongoing success of *Heart of Vegas*<sup>™</sup> and the launch of *Cashman Casino*<sup>™</sup> in the period.

Segment profit outpaced revenue as the Digital business continued to build scale with margin growing 4.9 pts to 43.7% compared to the pcp driven by improved operating leverage.

Daily active user ('DAU') numbers increased 12% primarily due to the launch of *Cashman Casino*<sup>™</sup> on the Android platform in December 2016.

Overall average revenue per daily active user (ARPDau) increased 23% to US 49c compared to the pcp driven by increasingly sophisticated product and marketing features.

### Daily Active Users (DAU) and Average US\$ net revenue per DAU (ARPDau)



The shift toward mobile continued throughout the period, with users on mobile channels representing 77% of average DAUs, up from 65% in the pcp.

# Aristocrat



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Financial statements for the half-year ended 31 March 2017

## Introduction

This condensed consolidated interim report ("interim report") of Aristocrat Leisure Limited ('the Group') for the half-year ended 31 March 2017 covers the financial statements for the consolidated entity ("financial statements") consisting of Aristocrat Leisure Limited and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the Group).

The financial statements contained in this interim report do not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, the financial statements contained in this interim report are to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 September 2016 and any public announcements made by Aristocrat Leisure Limited during the reporting period and up to the date of these financial statements, in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

## Significant changes in the reporting period

There were no significant changes or events in the current reporting period. For a detailed discussion of the Group's financial performance and position, refer to the Review of Operations.

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## Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the half-year ended 31 March 2017

Consolidated	Note	Six months to 31 March 2017 \$'m	Six months to 31 March 2016 \$'m
Revenue	1-2	1,228.2	1,009.8
Cost of revenue		(487.4)	(417.6)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>740.8</b>	<b>592.2</b>
Other income	1-2	4.4	5.6
Design and development costs		(130.2)	(107.7)
Sales and marketing costs		(56.3)	(57.6)
General and administration costs		(158.6)	(153.6)
Finance costs		(33.5)	(50.3)
<b>Profit before income tax expense</b>		<b>366.6</b>	<b>228.6</b>
Income tax expense		(117.0)	(69.5)
<b>Profit for the half-year</b>		<b>249.6</b>	<b>159.1</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
<i>Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss</i>			
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations		(1.7)	(93.6)
Net investment hedge		(0.4)	23.2
Changes in fair value of interest rate hedge		8.4	(3.1)
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year, net of tax</b>		<b>6.3</b>	<b>(73.5)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the half-year</b>		<b>255.9</b>	<b>85.6</b>
<b>Earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company</b>			
		<b>Cents</b>	<b>Cents</b>
Basic earnings per share	1-4	39.1	25.0
Diluted earnings per share	1-4	39.0	25.0

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2017

Consolidated	Note	31 March 2017 \$'m	30 September 2016 \$'m
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		394.5	283.2
Trade and other receivables		466.5	432.9
Inventories		116.2	124.3
Financial assets	2-2	6.7	7.0
Current tax assets		-	27.7
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>983.9</b>	<b>875.1</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables		106.6	96.9
Financial assets	2-2	7.6	6.6
Property, plant and equipment		239.2	217.5
Intangible assets		1,738.7	1,736.5
Deferred tax assets		56.5	55.1
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>2,148.6</b>	<b>2,112.6</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>3,132.5</b>	<b>2,987.7</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables		352.7	371.1
Borrowings	2-1	0.1	-
Current tax liabilities		108.7	81.8
Provisions		49.3	32.5
Deferred revenue		81.3	63.8
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>592.1</b>	<b>549.2</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables		32.7	37.5
Borrowings	2-1	1,227.5	1,287.8
Provisions		13.7	13.4
Financial liabilities	2-2	2.4	10.8
Deferred revenue		17.8	10.3
Other liabilities		2.5	3.2
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>1,296.6</b>	<b>1,363.0</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,888.7</b>	<b>1,912.2</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,243.8</b>	<b>1,075.5</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Contributed equity	2-3	715.1	693.8
Reserves		(62.7)	(55.7)
Retained earnings		591.4	437.4
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>1,243.8</b>	<b>1,075.5</b>

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Statement of changes in equity for the half-year ended 31 March 2017

Consolidated	Note	Contributed equity \$'m	Reserves \$'m	Retained earnings \$'m	Total equity \$'m
<b>Balance at 1 October 2015</b>		693.8	15.7	207.9	917.4
Profit for the half-year ended 31 March 2016		-	-	159.1	159.1
Other comprehensive income		-	(73.5)	-	(73.5)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the half-year</b>		-	(73.5)	159.1	85.6
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b>					
Net movement in share-based payments reserve		-	10.1	-	10.1
Dividends provided for and paid*	1-5	-	-	(57.3)	(57.3)
		-	10.1	(57.3)	(47.2)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2016</b>		<b>693.8</b>	<b>(47.7)</b>	<b>309.7</b>	<b>955.8</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 October 2016</b>		<b>693.8</b>	<b>(55.7)</b>	<b>437.4</b>	<b>1,075.5</b>
Profit for the year ended 31 March 2017		-	-	249.6	249.6
Other comprehensive income		-	6.3	-	6.3
<b>Total comprehensive income for the half-year</b>		-	6.3	249.6	255.9
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b>					
Contributions of equity, net of transaction costs and tax		21.3	-	-	21.3
Net movement in share-based payments reserve		-	(13.3)	-	(13.3)
Dividends provided for and paid	1-5	-	-	(95.6)	(95.6)
		21.3	(13.3)	(95.6)	(87.6)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2017</b>		<b>715.1</b>	<b>(62.7)</b>	<b>591.4</b>	<b>1,243.8</b>

\*Payment of dividends relates to the 2015 final dividend.

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Cash flow statement

### for the half-year ended 31 March 2017

Consolidated	Note	Six months to 31 March 2017 \$'m	Six months to 31 March 2016 \$'m
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers		1,264.8	1,075.7
Payments to suppliers and employees		(778.4)	(722.9)
		486.4	352.8
Other income		0.1	0.6
Interest received		3.1	4.8
Interest paid		(24.8)	(43.0)
Income tax paid		(62.9)	(30.3)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>		<b>401.9</b>	<b>284.9</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(80.0)	(94.8)
Payments for intangibles		(26.3)	(9.8)
Payment for acquisition of subsidiaries (net of cash acquired)		(23.0)	(30.2)
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>		<b>(129.3)</b>	<b>(134.8)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayments of borrowings		(65.4)	(69.2)
Dividends paid	1-5	(95.6)	(57.3)
<b>Net cash outflow from financing activities</b>		<b>(161.0)</b>	<b>(126.5)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>111.6</b>	<b>23.6</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year		283.2	332.7
Effects of exchange rate changes		(0.3)	(14.6)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year</b>		<b>394.5</b>	<b>341.7</b>
Included in cash and equivalents per the balance sheet		394.5	337.5
Included in the assets of the disposal group		-	4.2

The above cash flow statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Notes to the financial statements

### 1. Business performance

This section provides the information that is most relevant to understanding the financial performance of the Group during the half-year.

1-1 Segment performance	1-4 Earnings per share
1-2 Revenues	1-5 Dividends
1-3 Expenses	

#### 1-1 Segment performance

##### (a) Identification of reportable segments

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the Board of Directors and the Executive Steering Committee. Reports reviewed consider the business primarily from a geographical perspective. The following reportable segments have been identified:

- The Americas;
- Australia and New Zealand;
- Digital; and
- International Class III.

##### (b) Segment results

Segment results represent earnings before interest and tax, and before significant items, design and development expenditure, amortisation of acquired intangibles, selected intercompany charges and corporate costs.

Segment revenues and expenses are those that are directly attributable to a segment and the relevant portion that can be allocated to the segment on a reasonable basis.

Segment revenues, expenses and results exclude transfers between segments. The revenue from external parties reported to the chief operating decision maker is measured in a manner consistent with that in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The activities of the entities in the Group are predominantly within a single business which is the development, assembly, sale, distribution and service of gaming machines and systems. The Group also operates within the online social gaming and real money wager markets.

	The Americas \$'m		Australia and New Zealand \$'m		Digital \$'m		International Class III \$'m		Consolidated \$'m	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
<b>Six months to 31 March</b>										
<b>Revenue</b>										
Revenue from external customers	715.8	605.0	210.8	213.2	172.4	130.8	129.2	60.8	1,228.2	1,009.8
<b>Result</b>										
Segment results	362.4	280.5	91.9	90.7	75.2	50.7	71.3	23.0	600.8	444.9
Interest revenue									4.3	5.0
Interest expense									(33.5)	(50.3)
Design and development costs									(130.2)	(107.7)
Amortisation of acquired intangibles									(37.4)	(38.8)
Other expenses									(37.4)	(24.5)
Profit before income tax expense									366.6	228.6
Income tax expense									(117.0)	(69.5)
<b>Profit for the half-year</b>									249.6	159.1

## Notes to the financial statements

### Business performance (continued)

#### 1-2 Revenues

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Six months to 31 March 2017 \$'m</b>	<b>Six months to 31 March 2016 \$'m</b>
Sale of goods and related licences	532.7	425.7
Gaming operations, online and services	695.5	584.1
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>1,228.2</b>	<b>1,009.8</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Interest	4.3	5.0
Sundry income	0.1	0.6
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>

#### 1-3 Expenses

<b>Depreciation and amortisation</b>	<b>Six months to 31 March 2017 \$'m</b>	<b>Six months to 31 March 2016 \$'m</b>
<i>Depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment</i>		
- Buildings	0.4	0.5
- Plant and equipment	50.3	51.1
- Leasehold improvements	2.2	2.2
<b>Total depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>53.8</b>
<i>Amortisation of intangible assets</i>		
- Customer relationships and contracts	21.9	22.7
- Tradename and game names	0.4	0.4
- Technology and software	15.0	15.5
- Intellectual property and licences	4.6	1.0
- Capitalised development costs	1.3	3.6
<b>Total amortisation of intangible assets</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>43.2</b>
<b>Total depreciation and amortisation</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>97.0</b>
<b>Employee benefits expense</b>		
Total employee benefits expense	212.6	191.3
<b>Lease payments</b>		
Rental expense relating to operating leases		
- Minimum lease payments	13.0	11.8
<b>Other expense items</b>		
Write down of inventories to net realisable value	4.2	7.4
Legal costs	13.7	11.6
Net foreign exchange loss	4.3	2.7

## Notes to the financial statements

### Business performance (continued)

#### 1-4 Earnings per share

	Six months to 31 March 2017	Six months to 31 March 2016
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share calculations</b>		
Net profit attributable to members of Aristocrat Leisure Limited (\$'m)	249.6	159.1
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share (number)	637,871,700	636,034,069
Effect of Performance Share Rights (number)	1,515,048	1,425,427
<b>Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share (number)</b>	<b>639,386,748</b>	637,459,496
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)	39.1	25.0
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	39.0	25.0

#### Basic earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding.

#### Diluted earnings per share

The calculation of diluted earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding after adjustments for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

#### Information concerning the classification of securities

##### Share-based payments

Rights granted to employees under share-based payments arrangements are considered to be potential ordinary shares and have been included in the determination of diluted earnings per share.

##### Share-based payments trust

Shares purchased on-market and issued shares through the Aristocrat Employee Equity Plan Trust have been treated as shares bought back and cancelled for the purpose of the calculation of the weighted average number of ordinary shares in calculating basic earnings per share. At the end of the reporting period, there were 235,712 shares held in the share trust.

#### 1-5 Dividends

Ordinary shares	2017 Interim	2016 Final	2016 Interim
Dividend per share (cents)	14.0c	15.0c	10.0c
Franked/Unfranked	25% franked	Unfranked	Unfranked
Cost (\$'m)	89.4	95.6	63.7
Payment date	3 July 2017	20 December 2016	1 July 2016

#### Franking credits

The franking account balance at 31 March 2017 was \$54.9m (30 September 2016: \$nil).

#### Dividends not recognised at period end

The 2017 interim dividend has not been declared at the reporting date and therefore is not reflected in the financial statements.

## Notes to the financial statements

### 2. Capital and financial structure

This section provides information relating to the Group's capital structure and its exposure to financial risk.

The Directors review the Group's capital structure and dividend policy regularly and do so in the context of the Group's ability to invest in opportunities that grow the business, enhance shareholder value and continue as a going concern.

#### 2-1 Borrowings

#### 2-3 Equity securities issued

#### 2-2 Financial assets and financial liabilities

#### 2-4 Net tangible assets per share

### 2-1 Borrowings

	31 March 2017 \$'m	30 September 2016 \$'m
<b>Current</b>		
<i>Secured</i>		
Lease liabilities	0.1	-
<b>Total current borrowings</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non-current</b>		
<i>Secured</i>		
Bank loans	1,226.9	1,287.3
Lease liabilities	0.6	0.5
<b>Total non-current borrowings</b>	<b>1,227.5</b>	<b>1,287.8</b>

#### Financing arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:

Credit standby arrangements	Notes	31 March 2017 \$'m		30 September 2016 \$'m	
		Total	Unused	Total	Unused
<i>Total facilities</i>					
- Bank overdrafts	(i)	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6
- Bank loans	(ii)	1,326.9	100.0	1,387.3	100.0
<b>Total facilities</b>		<b>1,334.5</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>1,394.9</b>	<b>107.6</b>

(i) The bank overdraft facilities (A\$5,000,000 and US\$2,000,000) are subject to annual review.

(ii) Syndicated loan facilities:

- US\$950 million fully underwritten 7 year US Term Loan B debt facility maturing 20 October 2021.
- A\$100 million 5 year Revolving facility maturing 20 October 2019.

These facilities are provided by a syndicate of banks and financial institutions. These secured facilities are supported by guarantees from certain members of the Company's wholly owned subsidiaries and impose various affirmative and negative covenants on the Company, including restrictions on encumbrances, and customary events of default. As part of the corporate facility, the Group is subject to certain customary financial covenants measured on a six-monthly basis.

Borrowings are currently priced at a floating rate of LIBOR plus a fixed credit margin as specified in the Term Loan B Syndicated Facility Agreement. The LIBOR floor (now 0.0%) and the credit margin were renegotiated as part of an overall pricing amendment that was effective from 3 March 2017. A portion of the interest rate exposure has been fixed under separate interest rate swap arrangements.

## Notes to the financial statements

### Capital and financial structure (continued)

#### 2-2 Financial assets and liabilities

	31 March 2017 \$'m	30 September 2016 \$'m
<b>Financial assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Debt securities held-to-maturity	6.2	5.9
Derivatives used for hedging	0.5	1.1
<b>Total current financial assets</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Non-current</b>		
Debt securities held-to-maturity	4.5	3.5
Other investments	3.1	3.1
<b>Total non-current financial assets</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
<b>Non-current</b>		
Interest rate swap contracts - cash flow hedges	2.4	10.8
<b>Total non-current financial liabilities</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>

#### Fair value measurements

This section explains the judgements and estimates made in determining the fair values of the financial instruments that are recognised and measured at fair value in the financial statements. To provide an indication about the reliability of the inputs used in determining fair value, the Group has classified its financial instruments into the three levels prescribed under the accounting standards. An explanation of each level follows below the table.

	Level 1 \$'m		Level 2 \$'m		Level 3 \$'m		Total \$'m	
	31 March 2017	30 September 2016						
<b>Assets</b>								
Derivatives used for hedging	-	-	0.5	1.1	-	-	0.5	1.1
<b>Total assets at the end of the half-year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Interest rate swap contracts	-	-	2.4	10.8	-	-	2.4	10.8
<b>Total liabilities at the end of the half-year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>10.8</b>

Fair value hierarchy levels	Recognition	Valuation technique
Level 1	The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives, and trading and available-for-sale securities) is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the group is the current bid price.	The Group did not have any Level 1 financial instruments at the end of the current and prior reporting periods.
Level 2	The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined using valuation techniques which maximise the use of observable market data and rely as little as possible on entity-specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in Level 2.	Derivatives used for hedging and interest rate swap contracts are valued using forward rates at the balance sheet date.
Level 3	If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in Level 3.	The Group did not have any Level 3 financial instruments at the end of the current and prior reporting periods.

#### (i) Transfers between levels and changes in valuation techniques

There were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy during the year and no changes to valuation techniques applied since 30 September 2016.

#### (ii) Fair values of other financial instruments

The Group also has a number of other financial instruments which are not measured at fair value in the balance sheet. The carrying value of these financial instruments approximates their fair value.

## Notes to the financial statements

### Capital and financial structure (continued)

#### 2-3 Equity securities issued

Six months to 31 March	Shares		\$'m	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Ordinary shares, fully paid	638,544,150	637,119,632	715.1	693.8
<b>Movements in ordinary share capital</b>				
Ordinary shares at the beginning of the half-year	637,119,632	637,119,632	693.8	693.8
Shares issued during the half-year	1,424,518	-	21.3	-
<b>Ordinary shares at the end of the half-year</b>	<b>638,544,150</b>	<b>637,119,632</b>	<b>715.1</b>	<b>693.8</b>

#### 2-4 Net tangible assets per share

	31 March 2017	30 September 2016
	\$	\$
Net tangible assets per share	(0.78)	(1.04)

A large proportion of the Group's assets are intangible in nature, including goodwill and identifiable intangible assets relating to businesses acquired. These assets are excluded from the calculation of net tangible assets per share, which results in a negative amount.

Net assets per share at 31 March 2017 were \$1.95 (30 September 2016: \$1.69).

## Notes to the financial statements

### 3. Other disclosures

This section provides details on other required disclosures relating to the Group to comply with the accounting standards and other pronouncements.

#### 3-1 Contingent liabilities

#### 3-3 Basis of preparation

#### 3-2 Events occurring after reporting date

### 3-1 Contingent liabilities

The Group and parent entity have contingent liabilities at 31 March 2017 in respect of the following matters:

- (i) a contingent liability may exist in relation to certain guarantees and indemnities given in the ordinary course of business by the Group;
- (ii) controlled entities within the Group are and become parties to various legal actions in the ordinary course of business and from time to time. The Directors consider that any liabilities arising from this type of legal action are unlikely to have a material adverse effect on the Group;
- (iii) controlled entities within the Group are and become parties to various legal actions concerning intellectual property claims. Intellectual property claims can include challenges to the Group's patents on various products or processes and/or assertions of infringement of third party patents. Most intellectual property claims involve highly complex issues. Often, these issues are subject to substantial uncertainties and therefore the probability of damages, if any, being sustained and an estimate of the amount of damages is difficult to ascertain. Based on the information currently available, the Directors consider that current claims are unlikely to have a material adverse effect on the Group;
- (iv) Aristocrat Leisure Limited, Aristocrat International Pty Ltd, Aristocrat Technologies Australia Pty Ltd, Aristocrat (Holdings) Pty Limited, Aristocrat (Asia) Pty Limited and Aristocrat (Macau) Pty Limited are parties to a deed of cross guarantee which has been lodged with and approved by the Australian Securities & Investments Commission; and
- (v) A notice of action has been filed against a company in the Group by an individual in relation to the operation of its Dolphin Treasure electronic gaming machines in Australia. No damages are being sought. Aristocrat will vigorously defend the action.

### 3-2 Events occurring after reporting date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the half-year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group, in future financial reporting periods.

Refer to Note 1-5 for information regarding dividends declared after the reporting date.

### 3-3 Basis of preparation

Aristocrat Leisure Limited is a for-profit company incorporated and domiciled in Australia and limited by shares publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange. This condensed consolidated interim report ("interim report") covers the financial statements for the consolidated entity ("financial statements") consisting of Aristocrat Leisure Limited and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the Group).

This interim report for the half-year reporting period ended 31 March 2017 has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

This interim report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 September 2016 and any public announcements made by Aristocrat Leisure Limited during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The accounting policies adopted in this interim financial report are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period. Comparative information is reclassified where appropriate to enhance comparability.

This interim report is presented in Australian dollars. Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the functional currency).

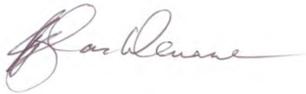
## Directors' declaration

for the for the half-year ended 31 March 2017

In the directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 3 to 13 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:
  - (i) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 March 2017 and of its performance, for the half-year ended on that date;
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Dr ID Blackburne  
Chairman

Sydney  
25 May 2017



## **Independent auditor's review report to the shareholders of Aristocrat Leisure Limited**

### ***Report on the Half-Year Financial Report***

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Aristocrat Leisure Limited (the Company), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 March 2017, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the half-year ended on that date, selected explanatory notes and the directors' declaration for the Aristocrat Leisure Group (the consolidated entity). The consolidated entity comprises the Company and the entities it controlled during that half-year.

### ***Directors' responsibility for the half-year financial report***

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Australian Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 March 2017 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As the auditor of Aristocrat Leisure Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

### ***Independence***

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

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### *Conclusion*

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Aristocrat Leisure Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 March 2017 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date;
2. complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

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MK Graham  
Partner

Sydney  
25 May 2017

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SA Walsh  
Partner

Sydney  
25 May 2017



**Directors' report  
for the 6 months ended 31 March 2017  
Aristocrat Leisure Limited  
ABN 44 002 818 368**

The directors present their report together with the financial statements of Aristocrat Leisure Limited (the 'Company') and its controlled entities (the 'Consolidated Entity') for the six months ended 31 March 2017. The financial statements have been reviewed and approved by the directors on the recommendation of the Company's Audit Committee.

This report should be read in conjunction with the 30 September 2016 Annual Financial Report of the Company and any public announcements made in the period by the Group in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* and the ASX Listing Rules.

This report is made on 25 May 2017.

**Directors**

The directors of the Company during the six months under review and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated, are:

- ID Blackburne (Non-Executive Chairman)
- DCP Banks (Non-Executive Director)
- KM Conlon (Non-Executive Director)
- RV Dubs (Non-Executive Director)
- SW Morro (Non-Executive Director)
- S Summers Couder (Non-Executive Director)
- A Tansey (Non-Executive Director)

P Ramsey was appointed a Non-Executive Director on 28 October 2016 and continues in office at the date of this report.

T Croker (Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer) was appointed an Executive Director on 1 March 2017 and continues in office at the date of this report.

RA Davis was a Non-Executive Director from the beginning of the financial year until his retirement on 27 February 2017.

JR Odell (former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer) was an Executive Director from the beginning of the financial year until his departure on 28 February 2017.



### **Review and results of operations**

A review of the operations of the Consolidated Entity for the half-year ended 31 March 2017 is set out in the attached Operating and Financial Review which forms part of this Directors' Report. The reported result of the Consolidated Entity attributable to shareholders for the half-year ended 31 March 2017 was a profit of \$249.6 million after tax (six months to 31 March 2016: \$159.1 million).

### **Auditor's Independence Declaration**

The Auditor's Independence Declaration as required by section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is included at the end of this report.

### **Rounding of amounts to nearest thousand dollars**

The Company is of a kind referred to in Instrument 2016/191, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the Directors' Report and Financial Statements. Amounts in the Directors' Report and Financial Statements have been rounded off to the nearest million dollars in accordance with the instrument.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

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**ID Blackburne**  
**Chairman**  
**25 May 2017**



## Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the review of Aristocrat Leisure Limited for the half-year ended 31 March 2017, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

This declaration is in respect of Aristocrat Leisure Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

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MK Graham  
Partner  
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Sydney  
25 May 2017