

GALA CORAL GROUP - PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Gala Coral Group ("the Group") announces its preliminary unaudited figures for quarter 4 and the full year ended 27th September 2014 as follows:

	QUARTER 4 ^{3}			FULL YEAR ^{4}		
	FY14	FY13	%	FY14	FY13	%
	£'m	£'m		£'m	£'m	
Turnover ^{1}	288.3	238.6	21%	1,239.3	1,091.7	14%
Gross Profit ^{1}	211.7	175.8	20%	890.1	815.4	9%
Opco EBITDA^{1/2}	51.7	33.3	55%	235.5	205.7	14%
Disposed Casino business	-	(0.1)	-	0.2	13.0	-
Propco rent	6.5	6.3	-	28.2	27.7	2%
Total Group EBITDA^{2}	58.2	39.5	47%	263.9	246.4	7%

{1} Results include all revenue and expenses for the continuing Opco Group and exclude the disposed Casinos

{2} Pre-exceptional items

{3} Quarter 4 represents the 12 week period ending 27 September in 2014, and the 12 week period ending 28 September in 2013

{4} The full year represents the 52 week period ending 27 September in 2014, and the 52 week period ending 28 September in 2013

Quarter 4

Gross profit of £211.7m was £35.9m or 20% ahead of last year, and Opco EBITDA^{1/2} of £51.7m was £18.4m or 55% ahead following growth in all core businesses. After adjusting for the adverse impact of machine cost phasing in Coral Retail (£1.7m), and the positive impacts of both the last week of the World Cup (£1.0m) and the reduction in bingo duty to 10% (£3.2m), underlying EBITDA^{1/2} was £15.9m or 48% ahead of last year, whilst underlying EBITDA^{1/2} pre-bonus was £30.4m or 91% ahead.

Full Year

All core businesses recorded gross profit and underlying EBITDA^{1/2} growth during the year. Gross profit of £890.1m was £74.7m or 9% ahead of last year and Opco EBITDA^{1/2} of £235.5m was £29.8m or 14% ahead. After adjusting for the adverse impacts of extraordinarily poor football results in the first half of the year (£19.7m), the annualisation of MGD (£3.9m), and the favourable impacts of both the World Cup (£9.4m) and the reduction in bingo duty to 10% (£3.2m), underlying EBITDA^{1/2} increased by £40.8m or 20%, whilst underlying EBITDA^{1/2} pre-bonus was £55.9m or 27% ahead.

Further details of the Group's performance will be released on Thursday 20th November including the audited financial statements for the full year.

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