# 2019 final results

52 weeks ended 31 December 2019 26 February 2020



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We are building William Hill to be a digitally led, internationally diverse betting and gaming business of scale



# A well-executed year of transition



#### Group

- Operating profit of £147m, ahead of expectations against challenging regulatory headwinds
- 24% of revenue now generated outside the UK, up from 15%
- Signed up to Safer Gambling Commitments and implemented customer protection measures



#### **Online**<sup>1</sup>

- UK maintained market share and returned to growth
- International net revenue -3%, driven by regulatory headwinds and legacy product
- Mr Green performed in line with expectations, strong underlying activity



#### Retail

- £2 stake limit introduced 1 April, 713 shop closures in the third quarter
- Delivered operating profit of £83.2m ahead of expectations



## US

- US net revenue increased 38%; live in 9 states
- 24% nationwide market share
- Exclusive partnership with CBS Sports established in early 2020

1. Where pro forma results are stated, this assumes Mr Green was consolidated into the group at the end of January 2018, in order to provide a more meaningful comparator period.

# Financial review Ruth Prior, CFO

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# Group income statement: ahead of expectations

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	52 weeks ended 31 Dec 2019 Exc. US Expansion £m	52 weeks ended 31 Dec 2019 US Expansion £m	52 weeks ended 31 Dec 2019 Inc. US Expansion £m	53 weeks ended 1 Jan 2019 Inc. US Expansion £m	% change	Addition of Mr Green and US growth, offset by Retail decline since £2 stake limit on gaming. On a 52 week basis, net revenue is flat YoY			
Net revenue	1,538.9	42.8	1,581.7	1,621.3	-2%	Reduced profitability with Retail £2			
Cost of sales	(372.6)	(5.3)	(377.9)	(389.7)	-3%	stake limit on gaming and regulatory			
Gross profit	1,166.3	37.5	1,203.8	1,231.6	-2%	headwinds in Online, offset by the			
Net operating expenses	(993.2)	(63.6)	(1,056.8)	(998.0)	+6%	addition of Mr Green			
Adjusted operating profit/(loss)	173.1	(26.1)	147.0	233.6	-37%	2019 £m			
Exceptional items and adjustments	(129.0)	(5.1)	(134.1)	(921.5)	-85%	 Triennial mitigation restructuring 99.8			
Profit/(loss) before interest and tax	44.1	(31.2)	12.9	(687.9)	+ >100%	Corporate transaction / integration8.2Transformation programme3.5			
Net finance costs	(50.2)	(0.3)	(50.5)	(34.0)	+49%	 Other exceptional items4.4Amortisation of acquired intangibles18.2			
Loss before tax	(6.1)	(31.5)	(37.6)	(721.9)	-95%	Exceptional items and adjustments 134.1			
Tax			10.6	5.8	+83%				
Loss from continuing ops			(27.0)	(716.1)	-96%	IFRS 16 impact and new £350m bond			
Profit from discontinued ops			0.0	3.8					
Loss for the period <sup>1</sup>			(27.0)	(712.3)	-96%	Tax credit has doubled through release of prior year provisions			
Loss per share (p) <sup>2</sup>	oss per share (p) <sup>2</sup>			(83.6)	-96%	relating to the sale of Australia			
Adjusted earnings per share (p) <sup>2</sup>			10.7	20.6	-48%				
Dividend per share (p)			8.0	12.0	-33%	 Dividend 8p per share as guided			

This slide provides an overview of results with both adjusted and statutory measures. Following slides on divisional performance reflect adjusted results, since that is how performance is internally managed and reported.

1. These results are the 100% consolidated results of the Group.

2. (Loss)/earnings per share and adjusted EPS figures are both calculated based on continuing operations only.

# Online: transition year well delivered, regulatory headwinds partially mitigated

	2019 <sup>1</sup> £m	2018 £m	% change	
Sportsbook amounts wagered	4,528.4	4,702.8	-4%	
- Sportsbook gross win margin	8.0%	8.0%	+0.0 ppts	Increase driven by the consolidation of Mr
Sportsbook net revenue	307.6	318.7	-3%	Green results post acquisition. On a pro
Gaming net revenue	430.7	315.7	+36%	forma basis gaming was down -1%
Net revenue	738.3	634.4	+16%	Impact of Mr Green consolidation, alongside
Cost of sales	(202.4)	(154.1)	+31%	c£13m impact of RGD rate increases since 1st April 2019
Gross profit	535.9	480.3	+12%	P
Operating costs	(417.1)	(350.1)	+19%	Increase YoY due to the consolidation of Mr Green. Mr Green synergy of c£4m delivered
- Employee costs	(60.3)	(45.2)	+33%	dieen. In dieen synergy of c14m denvered
- Marketing	(176.2)	(147.7)	+19%	£8m benefit through the treatment of Mr
- Customer transaction fees	(28.4)	(18.6)	+53%	Green software depreciation on acquisition being classified as an adjusted item
- Depreciation and amortisation	(45.6)	(39.0)	+17% ·	2019 £m
- Other costs incl. recharges	(106.6)	(99.6)	+7%	Remote Gaming Duty (RGD): 15% to 21% (13)
Adjusted operating profit	118.8	130.2	-9%	Enhanced Customer Due Diligence measures (12) International regulatory headwinds (11)
Exceptional items and adjustments	(18.7)	3.2	->100%	MRG Synergies 4
Capital additions	54.8	53.6	+2%	MRG accounting adjustment8Impact on 2019 adjusted operating profit(24)

1. Mr Green results are included on a statutory basis (from the end of January 2019 post acquisition).



# Online KPIs: UK yield and international acquisition focus

		UK		International				
	2019	2018	%	2019	2018	%		
Net revenue (£'m)	481.0	498.4	-3%	257.3	264.6	-3%		
Unique actives ('000)	2,145.0	2,507.7	-14%	1,023.2	1,006.4	+2%		
New accounts ('000)	925.3	998.5	-7%	746.0	750.4	-1%		
Average revenue per user (£)	224.2	198.8	+13%	251.5	263.0	-4%		
Marketing % of net revenue	22.0%	23.4%	-1.4ppts	27.3%	28.0%	-0.7ppts		

Please note that these KPIs are presented on a pro forma basis, with Mr Green included from the date of acquisition in both years in order to enable a more meaningful comparison



# Retail: strong performance in a year of unprecedented change

	2019	2018	%		
	£m	£m	change	LFL <sup>3</sup>	Increased Greyhound and other sports staking driven largely by substitution since 1 April,
Sportsbook amounts wagered <sup>1</sup>	2,161.6	2,195.9	-2%	+6%	 wholly offset by impact of the smaller estate in
- Sportsbook gross win margin	18.5%	18.2%	+0.3 ppts	+0.3 ppts	Q4. LFL staking is up +6%
Sportsbook net revenue	400.0	398.9	+0%	+8%	Strong margin in Q4 primarily driven by
Gaming net revenue	317.0	496.3	-36%	-30%	favourable football trading, a £6m benefit over
Net revenue	717.0	895.2	-20%	-13%	normalised margin
Cost of sales	(162.2)	(226.6)	-28%		
Gross profit	554.8	668.6	-17%		Lower operating costs post shop closures and cost reduction programme, partly offset by
Operating costs	(471.6)	(518.3)	-9%		 inflationary wage, property and content cost
- Employee costs	(183.5)	(191.9)	-4%		pressures. A further one-off benefit from Q3 rent of £7m charged as exceptional due to the
- Property costs	(39.3)	(104.7)	-62% -		timing of shop closures
- Content costs	(77.7)	(82.8)	-6%		IFRS 16 Impact 2019
- Depreciation and amortisation	(57.8)	(32.2)	+80%		 frks to impact fm
- Other costs incl. recharges	(113.3)	(106.7)	+6%		Depreciation (30.6)
Adjusted operating profit	83.2	150.3	-45%		Property costs 31.5
Exceptional items and adjustments	(95.1)	(886.0)	-89%		Operating profit 0.9
Capital additions	6.0	24.4	-75%		
Cash generated <sup>2</sup>	71.4	154.5	-54% -		 Steady cash generation despite shop closure programme

1. Includes amounts wagered over-the-counter (OTC) and on Self-Service Betting Terminals (SSBTs).

2. Cash generated is calculated as adjusted operating profit plus depreciation and amortisation, less cash capex and exceptional cash cost.

3. LFL is calculated by adjusting the 2018 comparative for shops closed during 2019.



# Retail KPIs: encouraging adoption into sportsbook

Like-for-like	2019	2018	YoY			
				LBOs	2019	2018
Number of LBOs	1,568	1,568	-	 As at year end	1,568	2,319
				Average	2,087	2,333
SSBT MWA <sup>1</sup> Growth	-	-	+15%			
SSBT Density	2.4	1.8	+0.6			
OTC/SSBT split <sup>1</sup>	<b>79% / 21%</b>	84% / 16%	-/+5 ppts			
Gaming machines MWA <sup>2</sup>	£779	£1,089	-28%			
Gaming gross win margin <sup>2</sup>	5.5%	3.8%	+1.7 ppts			

Please note that these KPIs are presented assuming the size of the Retail estate is 1,568 LBOs in both years in order to enable a more meaningful comparison

1. Presented on a staking basis.

2. Presented on a gross win basis and excludes free bets.



# US update: leading market share across the US

	Operator								ice Prov	ider	Lottery		
	NV	NJ online	NJ retail	IA online	IA retail	IN	WV <sup>3</sup>	MS	ΡΑ	NM	DE	RI	Total
Handle (US\$m)	1,640	346	157	96	16	7	145	120	33	5	132	245	2,942
% on Mobile	69%	100%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	55%
Gross win margin	6.6%	6.2%	9.1%	6.6%	8.3%	10.8%	8.0%	11.3%	7.8%	5.1%	19.7%	7.2%	7.6%
Market share <sup>1,2</sup>	32%	9%	23%	83%	18%	2%	67%	31%	2%	n/a	100%	100%	25%
Direct revenue <sup>4</sup>	✓	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	· · ✓ ·	, , , ,					
Service provider revenue <sup>4</sup>								   √ 	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	~	
	Direct handle of US\$2,295m (+39% YoY) Direct handle of US\$2,295m (+39% YoY) Direct handle of US\$647m (+197% YoY)												

1. Market share figures calculated using monthly data from state regulators for calendar year 2019 and company data.

- 2. Total market share in states where WH has operated during 2019.
- 3. In West Virginia, William Hill is both operator and service provider, depending on the contract.
- 4. Both of these are recognised as net revenue in the financial statements.



# US (local currency): break even with disciplined investment

		US	US	US			1		
	US Existing <sup>2</sup>	Expansion Retail	Expansion Online	Expansion Total <sup>2</sup>	Total US	Total US			
	2019 US\$m	2019 US\$m	2019 US\$m	2019 US\$m	2019 US\$m	2018 US\$m	% change		Amounts wagered up +39% YoY, when including service provider
Amounts wagered	1,640.2	212.7	442.3	655.0	2,295.2	1,655.3	+39%		wagering +57% growth. Continued strong growth in mobile wagering,
- Gross win margin	6.6%	8.8%	6.3%	7.1%	6.7%	7.2%	-0.5 ppts		now 69% of US Existing
Direct revenue	106.3	18.7	22.8	41.5	147.8	117.5	+26%		Derived from cUS\$647m in
Service provider revenue	0.6	13.3	0.0	13.3	13.9	3.7	+>100%		wagering and cUS\$69m in hold across William Hill operations
Net revenue	106.9	32.0	22.8	54.8	161.7	121.2	+33%		US Expansion costs broadly in line
Cost of sales	(10.3)	(4.8)	(2.0)	(6.8)	(17.1)	(11.8)	+45%		with guidance. Investment in technology, product, marketing
Gross profit	96.6	27.2	20.8	48.0	144.6	109.4	+32%		and digital operations. Includes a
Operating costs <sup>1</sup>	(61.8)	(23.4)	(30.5)	(81.2)	(143.0)	(109.5)	+31%		one-off gain of US\$13.5m following the sale of equity interest in TSG
Operating profit US\$m	34.8	3.8	(9.7)	(33.2)	1.6	(0.1)	+>100%		US Expansion Retail profitable in
Operating profit £m	27.1			(26.1)	1.0	(0.6)	+>100%		Year 1
Capital investment US\$m <sup>1</sup>	2.5	5.2	36.5	42.6	45.1	29.3	+54%		Delivery of US proprietary technology platform for start of

Total US Expansion costs and capex includes central costs that are not directly attributable to either Retail or Online.
US Existing now only includes revenues from Nevada. All revenues from Delaware are now included in US Expansion.

# Group cash flow: net cash outflow due to Mr Green acquisition

	2019	2018					
	£m	£m					
Cash generation							
Adjusted operating profit	147.0	233.6		Depreciation i	mpacted by IFI	RS 16	
Depreciation and amortisation	124.0	73.6					
Non-cash share remuneration charge	4.5	5.5					
EBITDA	275.5	312.7		Net cash impact of the £174m			
Cash exceptional items & working capital	(33.5)	(65.7)		acquisition of Mr Green, prior year includes the sale of Australia and N			
Interest and tax	(47.2)	(46.9)					
Pension scheme deficit funding	(8.6)	(8.5)					
Capital and investing receipts	(175.1)	230.1		Net capex Online	<b>2019 £m</b> 47.1	<b>2018 £m</b> 51.4	
Net capital expenditure	(88.5)	(117.3)		Retail	5.2	21.5	
Other	(3.2)	5.5		US	35.8	28.5	
Discontinued operations	0.0	(1.9)		IT / other	0.4	15.9	
Free Cash Flow	(80.6)	308.0		Total capex	88.5	117.3	
Uses of cash							
Net dividends	(89.5)	(113.5)		£350m proceeds on issue of 4.75% corporate bond offset by redemption of existing bond and issue costs			
Bond refinancing	168.8	0.0					
IFRS 16 lease principal payments	(46.7)	0.0					
Other	(0.5)	(1.9)		Lease principle payments due to IFRS 16			
Net Cash Flow	(48.5)	192.6		L			



### Guidance

Online: continued growth assuming a steady regulatory landscape

- UK maintain UK market share in a low single digit growth market
- International markets to grow on average at high single digit
- RGD increase (15% to 21%) impacted the online business from 1st April 2019, Q1 2020 will be impacted
- The credit card ban is anticipated to have c£5-£10m of operating profit impact in 2020

Retail: steady-state profit range for 2020, £60m-£70m; exceptional restructuring to cost c£70m

US: continued strong revenue growth in overall US business, being around break even in 2020 based on states we operate in today

- Up to eight new states regulating in 2020
- Completion, subject to regulatory approval, of Eldorado/Caesars deal bringing US\$20m US\$35m EBITDA within 3 years
- Profit from Cantor sports books will be reinvested

Voluntary levy to increase from 0.1% of UK GGY in 2019 to 1.0% in 2023; 0.25% of UK GGY in 2020, additional impact of c£2m

Effective tax rate for 2020 of c9%

Capex at £100m, remaining broadly flat year on year

#### Net debt to EBITDA for covenant purposes<sup>1</sup> to remain above 1-2x long term guidance in 2020

1. Net debt for covenant purposes excludes the impact of IFRS 16, client cash and other restricted cash from the calculation.

# **Operating Review** Ulrik Bengtsson, CEO



## Foundations in place: a strong position to deliver our ambitions

- Regulation and Safer Gambling: always regulatory challenges, the industry is mobilising and collaborating to protect our customers
- Online UK: maintained market share, strengthened the brand and enhanced product offering
- Online International: capability and product in place, ready for growth
- Retail: adjusting to the new normal
- US: building blocks in place for continued strong growth

#### William Hill is in a stronger position as we move into 2020

- Excited about the opportunities
- Recognise the challenges



# Safer Gambling: delivering major industry level change



Our voluntary 'whistle-to-whistle' ban on pre-watershed TV advertising reduced the exposure of under 18s to gambling adverts by 97%



We are engaged with the **House of Lords Select Committee** and will continue dialogue to highlight the progress and actions taken by the leading companies in the industry

#### SAFER GAMBLING COMMITMENTS

We remain committed to protecting our customers and signed up to the **Safer Gambling Commitments** in November 2019



We have made significant investment into **tools and processes**, **training**, **personnel and systems** 



# "it's who you play with"

#### Brand repositioned across all channels



Social media engagement

campaign

#### Offline branding

it's who you play with

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BeGambleAware.co

# #1 brand for total awareness

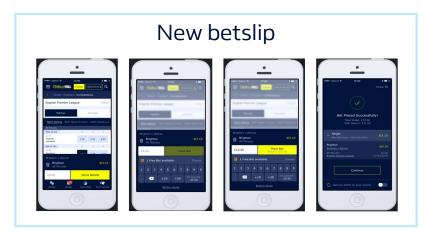


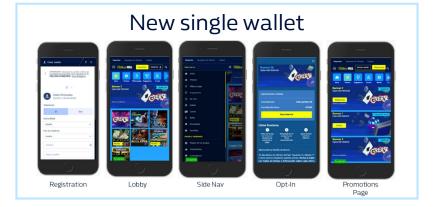
# Product: increased customer focus and real improvements

# Increased customer focus and new ways of working translating into real improvements

- New betslip and bet management functionality
- Improvements in speed, navigation and search
- Sportsbook front end (Spain & Italy)
- Single wallet (Spain)
- Proprietary US platform

Continuous product development is at the core of our strategic priorities







# Online International: ready for growth

#### Malta hub

- Consolidated all non-UK operations in the Malta hub
- Multi-country capabilities: local experts and tailored products
- Integration was completed successfully, retaining the entrepreneurial culture
- Launched William Hill Sweden

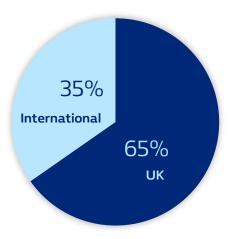
#### Mr Green

- Online International grew 71% following the acquisition of Mr Green
- 35% of net revenue delivered from international markets

#### Go-to-market capability

- Enabling fast new market entry
- Efficient multi-brand capability

#### **Online Revenue mix**







### Retail: focused on the future

#### A major project, executed as planned, enabling us to look to the future

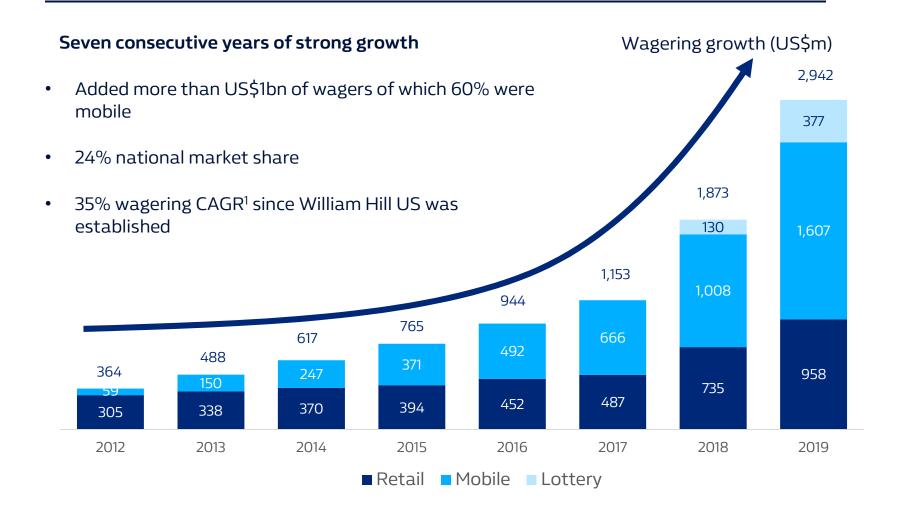
- Created certainty for our team
- Customer behaviour continues to adjust to the 'new normal'
- Trialling new product and customer offering initiatives
- Retained our high street presence, maintaining leading brand awareness

# Maximise profitability and cash generation of Retail





## William Hill US: growing a business of scale and value





# William Hill US : the building blocks for continued growth now in place





# William Hill US: CBS Sports deal enables efficient customer acquisition

2<sup>nd</sup> Largest sports property in the US

More than 80m users per month

One of the largest sports fantasy platforms and databases in the world

Fully integrated brand and odds



Customer Database

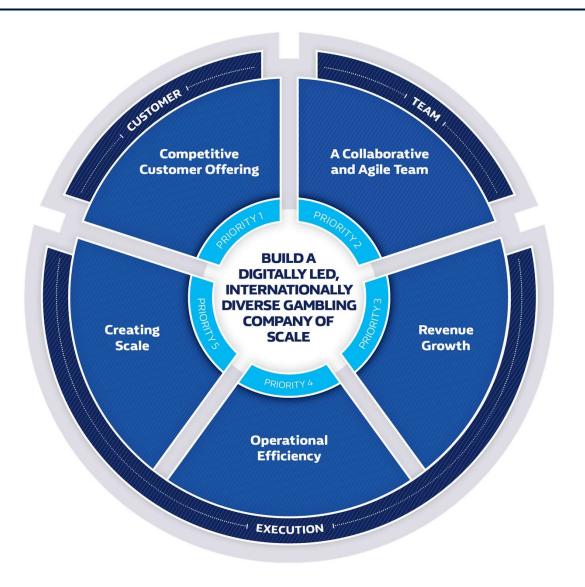
Brand Awareness

Online Content

**Strategy** Ulrik Bengtsson, CEO

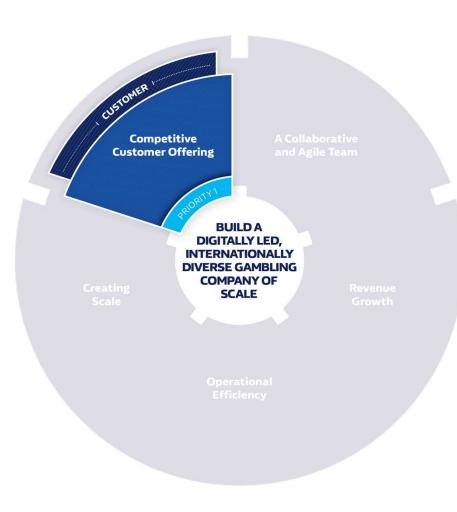


# Our strategic priorities: Customer - Team - Execution





## **Competitive customer offering**



# We have started to build out our product capabilities in 2019

#### Our track record is improving:

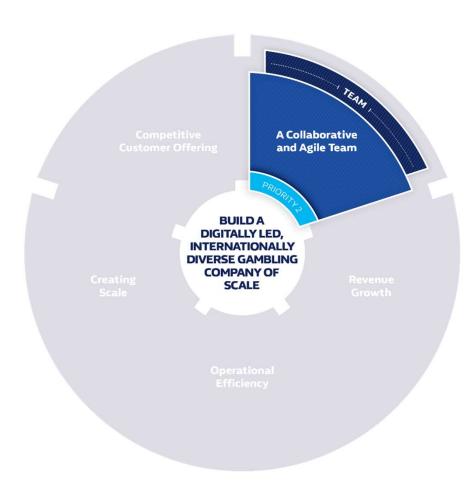
- US platform
- Sportsbook front end (Italy)
- Single wallet (Spain)
- Smart Data Platform

# We have a clear plan to improve the customer offering:

- The moments that matter
- Site speed and performance
- Increased personalisation
- Simplified gaming experience
- Improved innovation and velocity
- Player safety measures



## Collaborative and agile team



#### **Building our capabilities:**

- Investing in talent and culture
- Agile ways of working
- Established a New Jersey digital hub
- Continue growing the US team

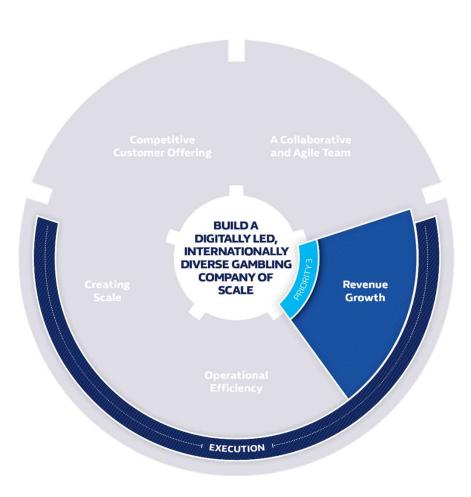
#### New Executive appointments:

- New Chief Product & Technology Officer
- New Chief Operating Officer

Enhancing the operating model to enable collaboration and effective execution



#### **Revenue growth**



# A clear set of strategies in place for each division:

- Maintain UK Online market share through increased share of wallet
- Accelerate International Online growth through more targeted investments in selected markets
- US; leverage our partnerships and technology platform

#### Enabled by:

- Continuous product enhancements
- Smart Data Platform
- Malta hub
- Key partnerships



# **Operational efficiency**



Evolving our operating model to drive operational efficiency and improve our cost base:

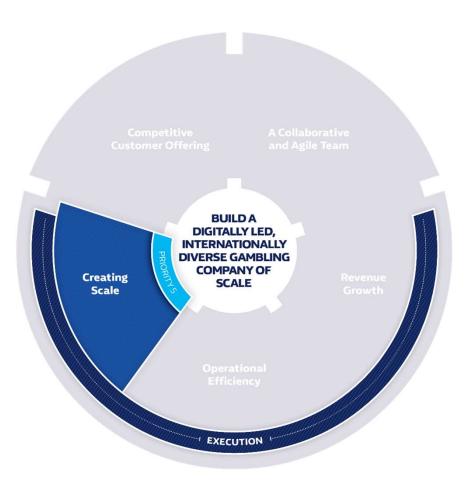
- Culture of continuous improvement
- Increased automation
- Improved marketing efficiency

#### Enabled by:

- AWS rollout
- Smart Data Platform
- Analytic tools



## **Creating scale**



Generate economies of scale across the Group

#### Utilising core platform components globally:

- Global trading platform
- Smart Data Platform

Build global centre of excellences for key supporting functions

Leveraging selective non-organic opportunities



## Focus on Customer, Team and Execution

#### We are in a stronger position

- We have a renewed operational focus on Customer, Team and Execution
- Almost a quarter of revenue is now generated outside of the UK
- We are capitalising on our unique position in the US sports betting market with valuable partnerships and market leading access. 1 out of 4 bets in the US is taken by William Hill
- Our UK online business had three consecutive quarters of growth with a challenging regulatory backdrop
- We are committed to safer gambling. The industry and William Hill is better mobilised than ever before to respond to regulatory development

We have made good progress on the commitment to develop into a digitally led, internationally diverse sports and gaming company of scale



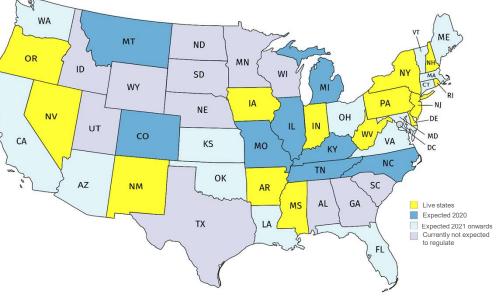
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# William Hill US: positive legislation gathering pace and unparalleled access





\*Statewide mobile expected Source: WH US internal estimates Population source: worldatlas.com 1. Cumulative number of states includes Washington D.C. as a state. States considered live in first year of operations (whether retail, mobile or tribal).

# Glossary



Adjusted earnings per share (EPS)	Adjusted EPS is based upon adjusted profits after tax. Further detail on adjusted measures is provided in note 3 to the financial statements	
Adjusted operating profit	Adjusted operating profit is defined as profit before interest and tax, excluding exceptional items and other defined adjustments. Further detail on adjusted measures is provided in note 3 to the financial statements	
Adjusted results	Adjusted results means results before exceptional items and adjustments, as described in note 3 to the financial statements	
Amortisation	Where operating expenses, operating profit or EPS are adjusted for amortisation, this pertains to amortisation of intangibles recognised on acquisition	
Amounts wagered	This is an industry term that represents the gross takings on sports betting	
ARPU	Average net revenue per user	
Basic EPS	Basic EPS is based on an average of 873.0 million shares for 2019 and an average of 857.0 million shares for 2018	
Cost per acquisition (CPA)	Marketing costs (including affiliates but excluding FVAs) divided by the number of new accounts recorded in the period	
EBITDA	Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation. EBITDA for covenant purposes is adjusted earnings before depreciation and amortisation, and share remuneration charges	
FVAs	Fair value adjustments. These are principally free bets, which are recorded as a cost between gross win and net revenue	
Gross gambling yield	This is an industry term that represents total stakes less prizes or winnings	
Gross win	Gross win is an industry measure calculated as total customer stakes less customer winnings. It differs from net revenue in that it is stated prior to deductions for free bets and customer bonuses	
Gross win margin / net revenue margin	This is a measure, inter alia, of the effect of sporting results on the business. The margin is defined as gross win/net revenue as a percentage of amounts wagered. The margin is also affected by the mix of products with different margins and the amount of concessions or free bets offered to customers	
Net debt for covenant purposes	Borrowings plus counter-indemnity obligations under bank guarantees less cash adjusted for customer funds and other restricted balances. Further detail is provided in note 25 to the financial statements	
Net revenue	This is an industry term equivalent to 'Revenue' as described in the notes to the financial statements. It is equivalent to gross win less fair value adjustments, which are principally free bets	
New accounts	Customers who registered and deposited within the reporting period	
OTC	Retail over-the-counter largely constitutes bets placed on sporting events, virtual events and lottery-style numbers games	
PASPA	Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act 1992	
PBIT	Profit before interest and tax	
RGD	Remote Gaming Duty, which is charged by the UK Government at 21% of gross win on sports and gaming	
Sportsbook	Bets placed and accepted by Online on sporting and other events, or via OTC and SSBTs in Retail	
SSBT	Self-service betting terminal	37
Unique active players Customers who placed a bet within the reporting period		