

ARISTOCRAT LEISURE LIMITED

ABN 44 002 818 368

# 2024 HALF YEAR PROFIT ANNOUNCEMENT

RESULTS TO BE RELEASED TO THE MARKET

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Authorised for lodgement by the Board of Aristocrat Leisure Limited on 16 May 2024.

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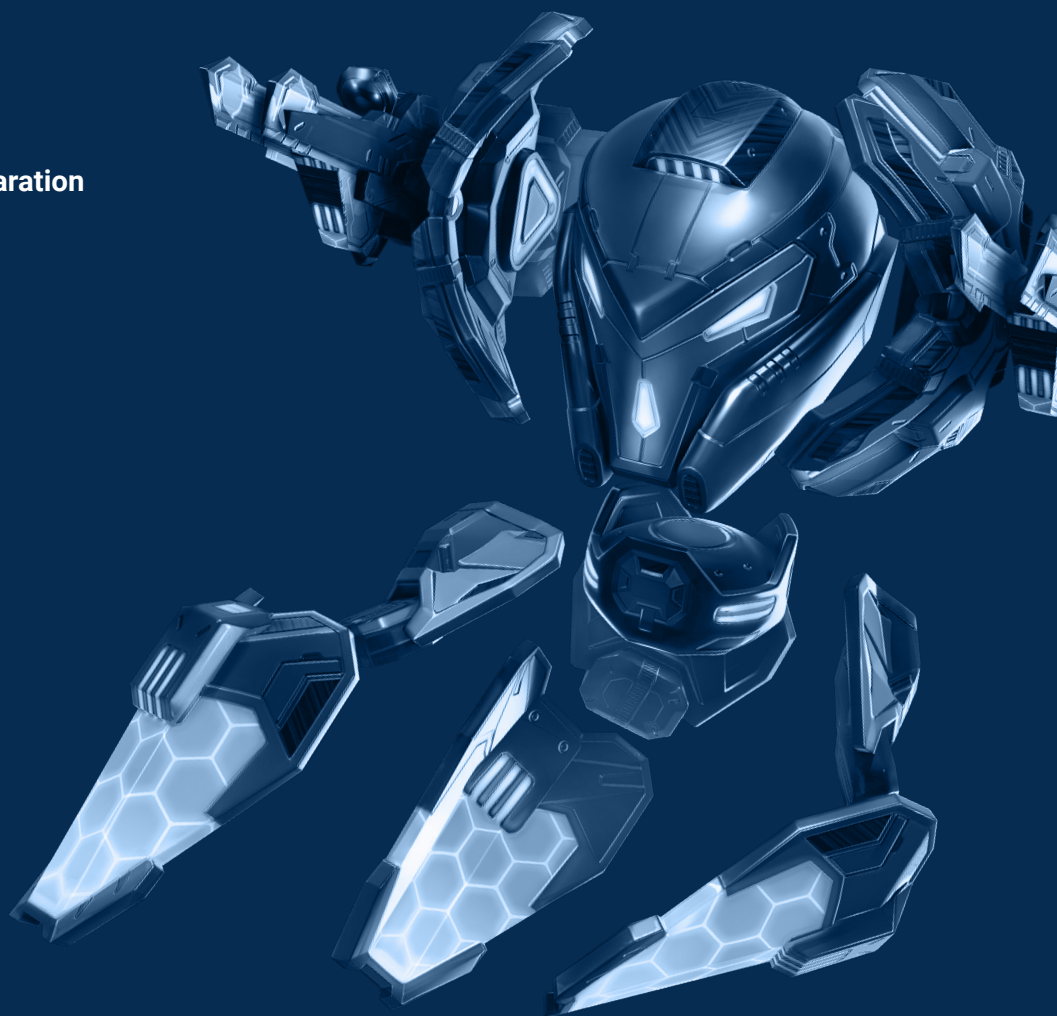
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## ARISTOCRAT LEISURE LIMITED

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### APPENDIX 4D

#### Half-Year Report

Half-year ended: 31 March 2024

Previous corresponding period: 31 March 2023

<b>Results for announcement to the market</b>				<b>31 March 2024</b>
<b>Statutory results</b>				<b>\$'m</b>
Revenue from ordinary activities	up	6.1%	to	3,269.6
Profit from ordinary activities before tax	up	12.8%	to	961.7
Profit from ordinary activities after tax	up	8.9%	to	711.3
<b>Normalised results<sup>1</sup></b>				
Operating revenue	up	6.1%	to	3,269.6
Profit before tax	up	18.6%	to	969.0
Profit after tax and before amortisation of acquired intangibles	up	16.0%	to	764.1
<b>Dividends</b>				
		<b>Amount per security</b>	<b>Franked amount per security</b>	<b>Record date for determining entitlements to dividends</b>
<b>Current year – 2024</b>				
- Interim dividend		36.0c	36.0c	24 May 2024
<b>Previous year – 2023</b>				
- Interim dividend		30.0c	30.0c	26 May 2023
- Final dividend		34.0c	34.0c	1 December 2023
<b>Dividend Reinvestment Plan</b>				
The Aristocrat Leisure Limited Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) will not operate in respect of the 2024 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.

<sup>1</sup> Normalised results exclude the impact of certain significant items which are either individually or in aggregate material to Aristocrat and are outside the ordinary course of business or part of the ordinary activities of the business but unusual due to their size and nature. Details are provided in the Review of Operations.

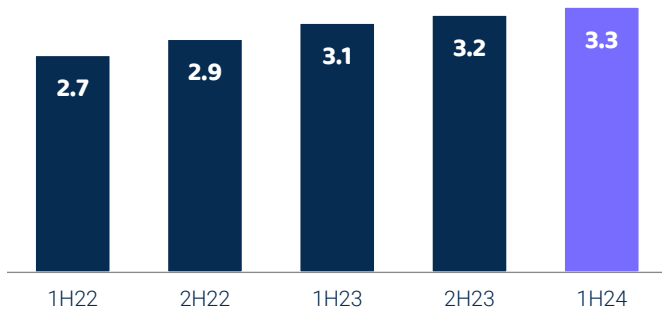
## Business and Performance Summary

Aristocrat Leisure Limited (ASX: ALL) is a global entertainment and gaming content creation company powered by technology. Listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, Aristocrat's three operating segments span regulated land-based gaming (Aristocrat Gaming), mobile games publishing (Pixel United) and regulated online Real Money Gaming (Aristocrat Interactive). Aristocrat offers a diverse range of products and services including electronic gaming machines, casino management systems, free-to-play mobile games and online real money games, including iLottery, that serve customers and entertain millions of players worldwide every day. Our team of over 8,500 people across the globe are united by our company mission to bring joy to life through the power of play. Aristocrat aims to create long-term sustainable value for stakeholders, and to lead our industries in responsible gameplay and governance standards.

Aristocrat delivered an outstanding normalised profit after tax and before amortisation of acquired intangibles (NPATA) of \$764 million which increased 16% (13% in constant currency) compared to \$659 million in the prior corresponding period reflecting the Group's high-quality diversified portfolio of scaled, world-class gaming assets, ongoing effective execution of our growth strategy and leading organic investment in talent, technology and product.

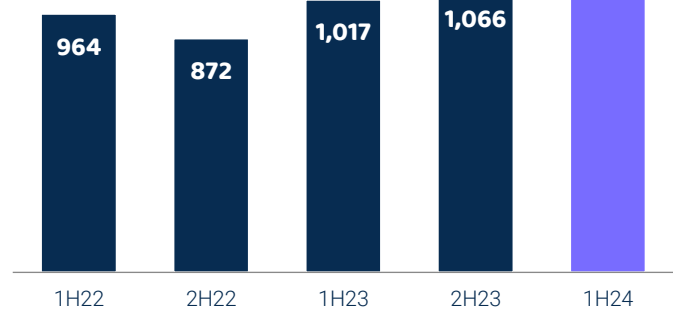
### Revenue

**\$3.3bn**



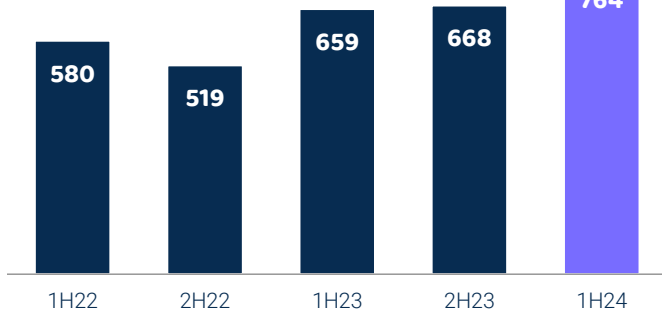
### EBITDA

**\$1.2bn**



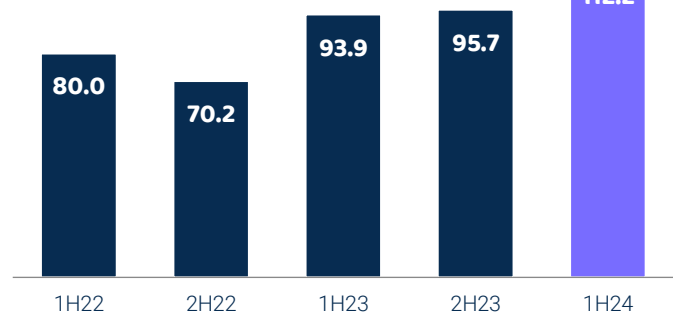
### NPATA

**\$764m**



### Earnings per share

**112c**



**Group Performance**

A\$ million	Reported Currency		Reported	Constant
	Six months to 31 Mar 2024	Six months to 31 Mar 2023	currency Variance %	currency <sup>1</sup> Variance %
<b>Normalised results<sup>2</sup></b>				
<b>Segment revenue<sup>3</sup></b>				
Gaming	1,826.1	1,686.2	8.3	5.8
Pixel United	1,334.1	1,322.3	0.9	(1.8)
Interactive	109.4	71.9	52.2	48.7
<b>Total segment revenue</b>	<b>3,269.6</b>	<b>3,080.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Segment profit<sup>3,4</sup></b>				
Gaming	1,001.5	905.5	10.6	8.0
Pixel United	468.0	390.3	19.9	16.8
Interactive	30.3	9.6	215.6	209.4
<b>Total segment profit</b>	<b>1,499.8</b>	<b>1,305.4</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b>Unallocated expenses</b>				
Group D&D expense	(424.9)	(371.7)	(14.3)	(11.8)
Corporate, foreign exchange and other	(47.6)	(41.1)	(15.8)	(31.6)
<b>Total unallocated expenses</b>	<b>(472.5)</b>	<b>(412.8)</b>	<b>(14.5)</b>	<b>(11.9)</b>
<b>EBIT before amortisation of acquired intangibles (EBITA)</b>	<b>1,027.3</b>	<b>892.6</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>12.1</b>
Amortisation of acquired intangibles	(53.1)	(51.6)	(2.9)	(0.2)
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>974.2</b>	<b>841.0</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>12.9</b>
Interest	(5.2)	(24.2)	78.5	80.2
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>969.0</b>	<b>816.8</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>
Income tax	(245.7)	(197.7)	(24.3)	(21.1)
<b>Profit after tax (NPAT)</b>	<b>723.3</b>	<b>619.1</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>13.9</b>
Amortisation of acquired intangibles after tax	40.8	39.7	2.8	-
<b>Profit after tax and before amortisation of acquired intangibles (NPATA)</b>	<b>764.1</b>	<b>658.8</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>
<b>Reported results</b>				
Revenue	3,269.6	3,080.4	6.1	3.5
Profit after tax	711.3	653.0	8.9	6.2
Profit after tax and before amortisation of acquired intangibles	752.1	692.7	8.6	5.8
<b>Key Metrics<sup>2</sup></b>				
Earnings per share (fully diluted)	112.2c	93.9c	19.5	16.4
EPS before amortisation of acquired intangibles (fully diluted)	118.5c	100.0c	18.5	15.5
Interim dividend per share	36.0c	30.0c	20.0	20.0
EBITDA (\$ million)	1,195.7	1,016.8	17.6	14.6
EBITDA / Revenue	36.6%	33.0%	3.6 pts	3.5 pts
NPATA / Revenue	23.4%	21.4%	2.0 pts	2.0 pts
D&D / Revenue	13.0%	12.1%	0.9 pts	0.9 pts
Effective Tax rate	25.4%	24.2%	1.2 pts	1.2 pts

<sup>1</sup> Results for 6 months to 31 March 2024 are adjusted for translational exchange rates using rates applying in 2023

<sup>2</sup> Normalised results are statutory profit (before and after tax), excluding the impact of certain significant items detailed on page 5

<sup>3</sup> Segment revenue and segment profit in the prior corresponding period have been restated to reflect the new segments throughout this report

<sup>4</sup> Segment profit throughout this report is stated before amortisation of acquired intangibles

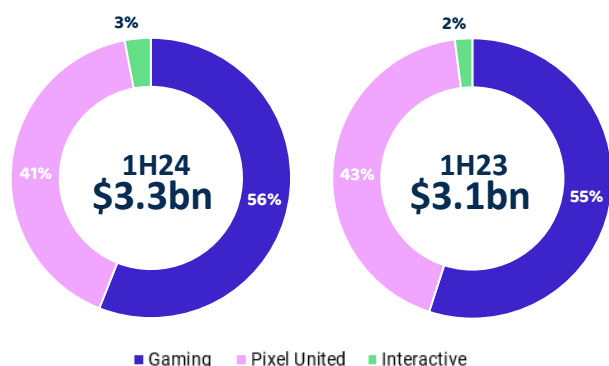
## Group Performance Summary

NPATA of \$764 million increased 16% (13% in constant currency) compared to \$659 million in the prior corresponding period reflecting the Group's high-quality diversified portfolio of scaled, world-class gaming assets, effective execution of our growth strategy, leading organic investment in talent, technology and product, and overall cost discipline.

North America Gaming Operations once again delivered strong revenue growth and Pixel United executed improved performance in ongoing mixed market conditions. The result also included continued investment in design and development (D&D), the scaling of Aristocrat Interactive, and benefits from lower net interest expense compared to the prior corresponding period.

Normalised fully diluted earnings per share before amortisation of acquired intangibles of 118.5c increased 19% (16% in constant currency) compared to the prior corresponding period.

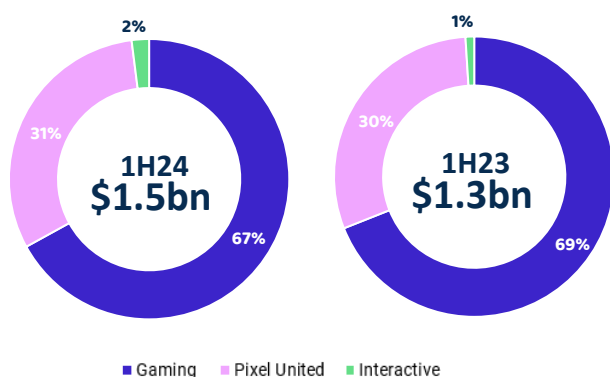
## Revenue



Segment revenue increased \$189 million (6% in reported currency and 4% in constant currency) compared to the prior corresponding period to \$3,270 million.

The increase was driven by Gaming revenue which increased \$140 million with strong performance in North America Gaming Operations reflecting the expansion of the installed base and the strength of the portfolio. Pixel United bookings declined 1% in local currency compared to the prior corresponding period with strength in Social Casino franchises continuing to outperform the market. Interactive revenue increased \$38 million compared to the prior corresponding period with growth in Customer Experience Solutions (CXs) and the continued scaling of iGaming across North America and Europe.

## Segment Profit

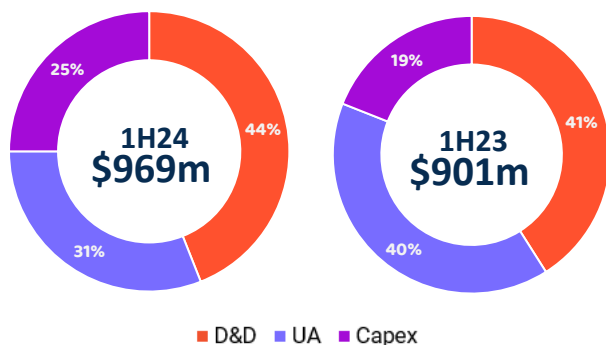


Segment profit increased \$194 million (15% in reported currency, 12% in constant currency) compared to the prior corresponding period to \$1,500 million.

Gaming profit increased \$96 million with North America up \$56 million and Rest of World (RoW) up \$40 million. Improved margin was driven by volume growth and product mix.

In Pixel United margin increased 5.6 percentage points to 35% and profit increased \$78 million with a strong focus on driving operational efficiency and dynamic user acquisition (UA) optimisation.

## Strategic Organic Investment



Fully funded organic investment continued in the priority areas of D&D, UA and capex, to drive near and longer-term competitiveness, capability and performance. D&D investment as a percentage of revenue was 13%. Continued investment in talent, technology and product enabled sustained growth across priority segments and genres. UA investment declined to 22% of Pixel United revenue with a strong focus on UA optimisation. In addition, capex spend of \$248 million, up from \$173 million in the prior corresponding period, reflects continued investment in Gaming Operations installed base to support growth, with approximately 3,200 additional net units placed over the period (over 6,100 net in the 12 month period).

## Other Group items

### Corporate, foreign exchange and other ↑\$7 million

The \$7 million increase compared to the prior corresponding period was driven by continued investment in strategic capabilities and talent, partially offset by a \$9 million gain on sale of intellectual property.

### Net interest expense ↓\$19 million

The \$19 million decrease is largely attributable to higher interest income on cash balances.

### Effective tax rate (ETR) 25.4%

The ETR is broadly in line with the prior corresponding period and reflects current corporate tax rates and regional earnings mix. The ETR is in line with the normalised ETR guidance range of 24%-26%.

**Reconciliation of statutory profit to normalised NPATA**

<b>A\$ million</b>	<b>Six months to 31 Mar 2024</b>	<b>Six months to 31 Mar 2023</b>
Statutory profit as reported in the financial statements	711.3	653.0
Amortisation of acquired intangibles (tax effected)	40.8	39.7
Reported profit after tax before amortisation of acquired intangibles (reported NPATA)	752.1	692.7
Add net loss/(gain) from significant items after tax	12.0	(33.9)
<b>Normalised profit after tax before amortisation of acquired intangibles (normalised NPATA)</b>	<b>764.1</b>	<b>658.8</b>

**Significant items included in the Group's reported after tax result**

<b>A\$ million</b>	<b>Six months to 31 Mar 2024</b>	
	<b>Before tax</b>	<b>After tax</b>
NeoGames transaction and integration costs	(7.3)	(6.2)
Changes in deferred tax asset relating to the Group structure changes in a prior period	-	(5.8)
<b>Net loss from significant items</b>	<b>(7.3)</b>	<b>(12.0)</b>



**Balance Sheet**

A\$ million	31 Mar 2024	30 Sep 2023	31 Mar 2023	Variance vs.
				31 Mar 2023
				%
Cash and cash equivalents	2,626.2	3,151.0	2,743.2	(4.3)
Property, plant and equipment	554.5	485.9	377.4	46.9
Intangible assets	3,898.7	4,000.5	3,882.5	0.4
Other assets	3,359.2	3,284.9	3,008.8	11.6
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>10,438.6</b>	<b>10,922.3</b>	<b>10,011.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Current borrowings	98.3	99.6	95.7	2.7
Non-current borrowings	2,162.1	2,242.3	2,207.4	(2.1)
Payables, provisions and other liabilities	1,646.6	1,854.3	1,555.6	5.8
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>6,531.6</b>	<b>6,726.1</b>	<b>6,153.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>10,438.6</b>	<b>10,922.3</b>	<b>10,011.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Net working capital	386.2	139.6	318.3	21.3
Net working capital / revenue %	6.0	2.2	5.4	0.6 pts
Net (cash) / debt	(365.8)	(809.1)	(440.1)	(16.9)
Gross debt	2,260.4	2,341.9	2,303.1	(1.9)
Gearing (net (cash)/debt to consolidated EBITDA) <sup>1</sup>	(0.1)x	(0.4)x	(0.2)x	(0.1)x

**Significant movements from 31 March 2023**

**Cash and cash equivalents:** The decrease in cash is largely driven by funds returned to shareholders associated with the on-market share buy-back scheme; partly offset by strong cash flow generation capability of the business and interest income on cash balances.

**Property, plant and equipment:** The increase reflects the continued strong growth in the North America Gaming Operations installed base, up 10% compared to the prior corresponding period, and leasehold improvements primarily associated with the new Las Vegas integration centre.

**Other assets:** The increase mainly reflects changes in deferred tax asset relating to the Group structure changes in a prior period and increased current receivables from revenue growth.

**Net working capital:** The increase was mainly driven by business revenue growth.

**Total equity:** The change in total equity reflects the result for the period, changes in reserves due to currency movements, the on-market share buy-back and dividends paid.

<sup>1</sup> Consolidated EBITDA for the Group as defined in Aristocrat's Syndicated Facility Agreement (also referred to as Bank EBITDA).

## Statement of Cash Flows

The movement in cash, after eliminating foreign exchange movements is set out below. Cash flow in the statutory format is set out in the financial statements.

A\$ million	Six months to 31 Mar 2024	Six months to 31 Mar 2023	Change %
EBITDA	1,195.7	1,016.8	17.6
Change in net working capital	(246.6)	(254.2)	3.0
Interest and tax	(333.9)	(250.6)	(33.2)
Other significant items (cash and non-cash)	(7.3)	36.0	n/a
Other cash and non-cash movements	48.3	65.1	(25.8)
Operating cash flow	656.2	613.1	7.0
Capex	(247.6)	(173.1)	(43.0)
Acquisitions and divestments	6.0	(179.6)	n/a
Investing cash flow	(241.6)	(352.7)	31.5
Dividends and cash returned to shareholders	(827.7)	(379.7)	(118.0)
Repayments of borrowings	(50.5)	(50.0)	(1.0)
Other financing activities	(24.1)	(20.8)	(15.9)
Financing cash flow	(902.3)	(450.5)	(100.3)
Net decrease in cash	(487.7)	(190.1)	(156.5)

**Operating cash flow** increased 7% to \$656 million compared to the prior corresponding period, reflecting strong business performance and underlying cash flow generation.

**Interest and tax** increased 33%, with higher tax payments as a result of improved business performance partially offset by higher interest income on cash balances.

**Capital expenditure** was largely driven by investment to support continued growth in the North America Gaming Operations installed base.

**Dividends and cash returned to shareholders** mainly relates to the purchase of a further \$608 million of shares through the on-market share buy-back program. Almost \$1.4 billion has been returned to shareholders from a total program size of up to \$1.5 billion.

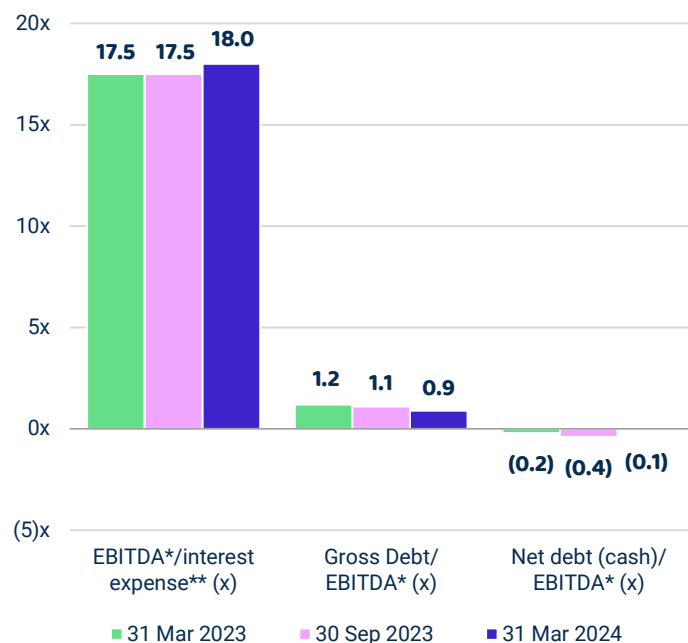
## Funding & Liquidity

The Group maintained ample liquidity and a strong balance sheet over the reporting period. The Group had committed loan facilities of \$3.0 billion as at 31 March 2024, comprising a US\$1.2 billion Term Loan A, US\$250 million Term Loan B and a US\$500 million revolving credit facility and total liquidity of approximately \$3.4 billion, comprised of cash and \$756 million of the available revolving credit facility, net of \$11 million supporting letters of credit.

The Group's facilities are summarised below:

Facility	Drawn as at 31 Mar 2024	Limit	Maturity date
Term Loan A facility	US\$1,232m	US\$1,232m	May 2027
Term Loan B facility	US\$250m	US\$250m	May 2029
Revolving facility	nil	US\$500m	May 2027
Overdraft facilities	nil	A\$8m	Annual Review

The Group's interest and debt coverage ratios are below:



\* 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, net (cash)/debt to EBITDA, increased to (0.1)x at 31 March 2024, from (0.2)x in the prior corresponding period.

## Credit Ratings

The Group maintains credit ratings from Moody's Investor Services, Standard & Poor's and Fitch. As at 31 March 2024, Aristocrat holds credit ratings of BBB- from Standard & Poor's, Ba1 from Moody's and BBB- from Fitch.

## Dividends

The Directors have authorised an interim fully franked dividend of 36.0 cents per share (A\$228 million), in respect to the period ended 31 March 2024.

The dividend is expected to be declared and paid on 2 July 2024 to shareholders on the register at 5.00pm 24 May 2024. The dividend will be fully franked.

## Foreign Exchange

Given the extent of the Group's global operations, its reported results are impacted by movements in foreign exchange rates.

In the six months to 31 March 2024, the Australian dollar was, on average, weaker against the US dollar when compared to the prior corresponding period. The impact of translating foreign currency (translational impact) increased revenue by \$81 million, while increasing normalised NPATA by \$20 million on a weighted average basis when compared with rates prevailing in the respective months in the prior year. In addition, as at 31 March 2024, the cumulative effect of the retranslation of the net assets of foreign controlled entities (recognised through the foreign currency translation reserve) was a credit balance of \$542 million (compared with a credit balance of \$625 million as at 30 September 2023).

Based on the Group's typical historical mix of profitability, the major exposure to translational foreign exchange results from the Group's US dollar profits. A US 1 cent change in the US\$:A\$ exchange rate resulted in an estimated annualised \$23 million translational impact on the Group's annual normalised NPATA, based on the last 12-month period. This impact will vary in line with the magnitude and mix of overseas profits.

Exchange rates compared with prior periods for the US dollar are below.

	31 Mar 2024	30 Sep 2023	31 Mar 2023	1H24 Average <sup>1</sup>	1H23 Average <sup>1</sup>
A\$					
USD	0.6520	0.6434	0.6683	0.6559	0.6744

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

## Segment Review – Aristocrat Gaming

**A\$1.8bn**  8%

1H24 Revenue

**A\$1.0bn**  11%

1H24 Segment Profit

**54.8%**  1.1pts

1H24 Margin

Aristocrat Gaming is the leading designer, manufacturer and distributor of regulated land-based slot games across the globe. From award-winning games and hardware to unique game mechanics and leading performance, Aristocrat Gaming delivers end-to-end solutions to customers in more than 300 jurisdictions across the globe. We strive to be an industry leader in responsible gameplay, as part of ensuring a vibrant and sustainable industry.

### North America

#### Summary Profit or Loss

	Six months to	Six months to	Variance
US\$ million	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023	%
Revenue	950.2	898.5	5.8
Profit	539.3	517.0	4.3
Margin	56.8%	57.5%	(0.7) pts

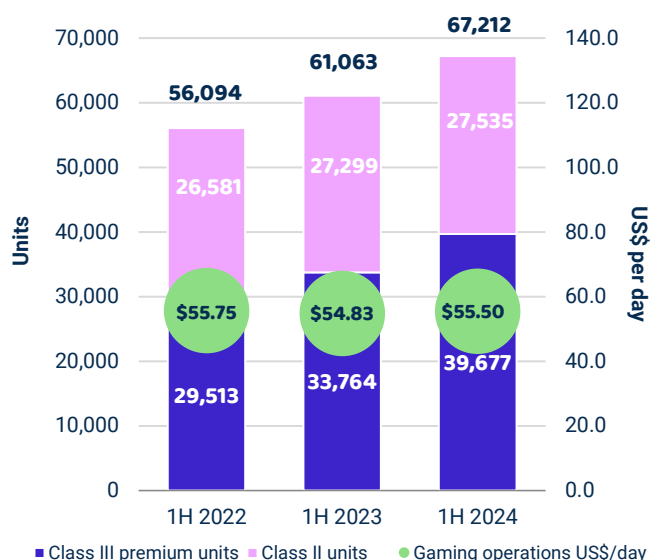
In local currency, North America profit increased 4% to \$539 million, driven by continued growth in the Class III Premium Gaming Operations footprint, supported by the depth and strength of the portfolio.

Despite favorable mix and moderation of supply chain costs, overall margin decreased 0.7 percentage points to 57% primarily due to focused accelerated investment in refurbishing the Class II legacy installed base.

Aristocrat's Class III Premium and Class II Gaming Operations installed base grew by approximately 3,200 additional net units during the period (over 6,100 net in the 12 month period) while market-leading fee per day (FPD) remained strong at US\$55.50 across the expanded footprint, growing market share to 40%<sup>1</sup>. The launches of NFL-themed slots, *Bank Buster*<sup>TM</sup>, and *Where's the Gold Jackpots*<sup>TM</sup>, along with continued demand for *Dragon Link*<sup>TM</sup>, *Lightning Dollar Link*<sup>TM</sup>, and *Jackpot Carnival*<sup>TM</sup> drove momentum in the period.

North America Gaming achieved market-leading portfolio performance of 1.4x floor average<sup>2</sup> in the period and held 20 of the Top 25 Premium Leased games, 18 of the Top 25 Class II Mechanical Reel games, and 14 of the Top 25 Class II Video Reel games<sup>3</sup> in the period, demonstrating exceptional portfolio strength.

#### North America Gaming Operations units and Average US\$ Fee/day



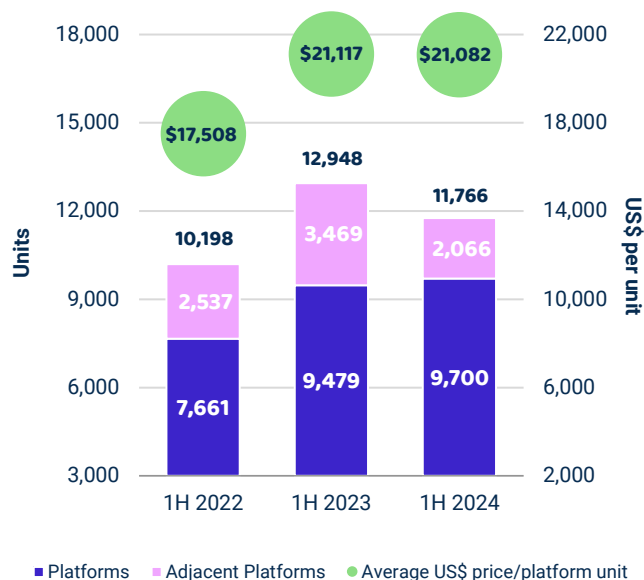
<sup>1</sup> Based on published installed base units at 31 March 2024 across the five largest participants in North America

<sup>2</sup> Based on the average theoretical win index versus house (>2000 units), April 2024 Eilers' Game Performance Database

<sup>3</sup> Average performance per Eilers' Game Performance reports in the 12 months to April 2024

## Segment Review – Aristocrat Gaming (cont.)

### North America Outright Sales Units and Average US\$ price/unit



North America Outright Sales units declined 9%, while market-leading ASP remained above US\$21,000. Aristocrat achieved clear revenue leadership in units sales over the half, with 31%<sup>1</sup> ship share. Units declined largely due to a prior corresponding period that benefited from more new opening and expansion activity, primarily in adjacent markets, as well as the easing of supply chain constraints. *Neptune Single*<sup>TM</sup> continues to penetrate the North American market, enabled by continued strong game performance led by *Coin Trio*<sup>TM</sup>, *Buffalo Triple Power*<sup>TM</sup>, and *Whisker Wheels*<sup>TM</sup>. Also in the period, successful expansion continued into attractive adjacencies, with Aristocrat entering the Georgia Coin Operated Amusement Machine (COAM) market in March.

<sup>1</sup> Based on published results at 31 March 2024 across the five largest participants in North America

## Segment Review – Aristocrat Gaming (cont.)

### Rest of World

#### Summary Profit or Loss

A\$ million	Six months to 31 Mar 2024	Six months to 31 Mar 2023	Variance %
Revenue	376.7	353.3	6.6
<b>Profit</b>	<b>179.3</b>	138.9	29.1
Margin	47.6%	39.3%	8.3 pts
Class III Platforms	7,686	8,403	(8.5)

Rest of World revenue increased 7% compared to the prior corresponding period, and profit grew 29%, driven mainly by strong growth in Asia.

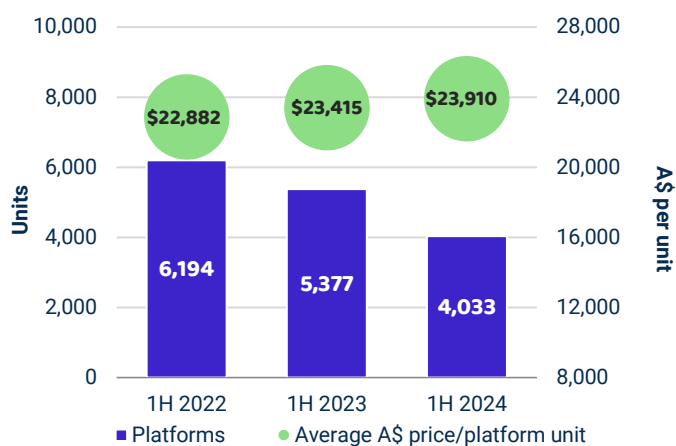
Margin increased 8 percentage points driven by volume growth and product mix in Asia.

In ANZ, Aristocrat retained market-leading ship share at 38%<sup>1</sup> over the period, (~4,000 units sold), driven by game releases expected to be weighted to the second half.

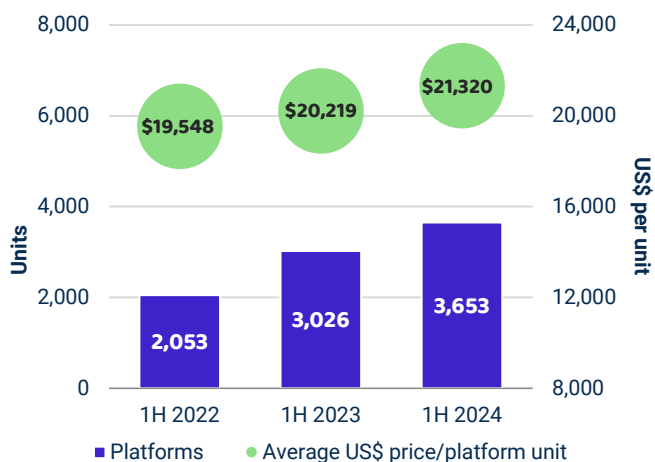
ANZ ASP grew 2% driven by cabinet mix, with continued penetration of the MarsX™ cabinet.

In Asia, revenue and profit doubled compared to the prior corresponding period driven by strong game performance on recent releases, including *Dragon Link*™, and *Bao Zhu Zhao Fu*™ combined with Aristocrat's participation in venue openings. *Dragon Link*™ won *Best Slot Product* (land-based) at the 2024 Asia Gaming Awards. The prior corresponding period experienced recovery from border restrictions with Macau re-opening in January 2023.

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



#### RoW (excl. ANZ) Outright Sales units and Average US\$ price/unit



<sup>1</sup> 1H2024 NSW and QLD combined

## Segment Review – Pixel United

**US\$875m** ▼ 2%

1H24 Revenue

**US\$307m** ▲ 17%

1H24 Segment Profit

**35.1%** ▲ 5.6pts

1H24 Margin

Pixel United is Aristocrat’s free-to-play, mobile-first games business. Pixel United comprises three operating businesses: Product Madness, Plarium and Big Fish Games along with a number of studios located around the globe. The businesses span multiple key genres and with a team of more than 2,600 people and a strong focus on responsible gameplay. Pixel United leverages Aristocrat’s recognisable game brands together with its in-house development, marketing capabilities and best-in-class Live Ops, to entertain millions of players across the globe each day.

### Summary Profit or Loss

US\$ million	Six months to 31 Mar 2024	Six months to 31 Mar 2023	Variance %
Bookings	877.2	885.5	(0.9)
Revenue	875.0	891.3	(1.8)
<b>Profit</b>	<b>306.9</b>	262.7	16.8
Margin	35.1%	29.5%	5.6 pts

Pixel United bookings declined 1% compared to the prior corresponding period to US\$877 million, against global mobile games market growth of 4%<sup>1</sup> largely driven by 24%<sup>1</sup> growth in the Casual genre. Margin increased 5.6 percentage points to 35%, reflecting a strong focus on optimising UA spend and operational efficiency, which has resulted in lower overhead costs, compared to the prior corresponding period.

### Social Casino

Social Casino franchises outperformed the market with bookings growth of 2% compared to a market decline of 2%<sup>1</sup>, demonstrating portfolio resilience and effective player engagement, supported by successful investment in Live Ops, features and new slot content, and effective UA investment.

Bookings of US\$496 million increased 2% compared to the prior corresponding period, driven primarily by the strong growth of *Mighty Fu Casino*<sup>TM</sup> and key franchise *Cashman Casino*<sup>TM</sup>, bolstered by the ongoing performance of *Jackpot Magic Slots*<sup>TM</sup> and *Big Fish Casino*<sup>TM</sup>.

### RPG, Strategy and Action (Midcore)

In the Role-Playing Games (RPG), Strategy and Action genre, *RAID: Shadow Legends*<sup>TM</sup> continues to engage players and deliver world class performance.

Bookings of US\$284 million decreased 4% compared to the prior corresponding period as legacy titles mature. The result benefitted from both UA optimisation and popular new product features within *RAID: Shadow Legends*<sup>TM</sup> as well as promotional events celebrating this world-class game’s 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March.

### Casual

*Merge Gardens*<sup>TM</sup> continued to positively impact bookings following the successful re-launch in January 2023. Casual bookings of US\$97 million decreased 7% compared to the prior corresponding period due to a decline in *EverMerge*<sup>TM</sup>, after successfully scaling the game over the last four years, and the maturity of legacy titles.

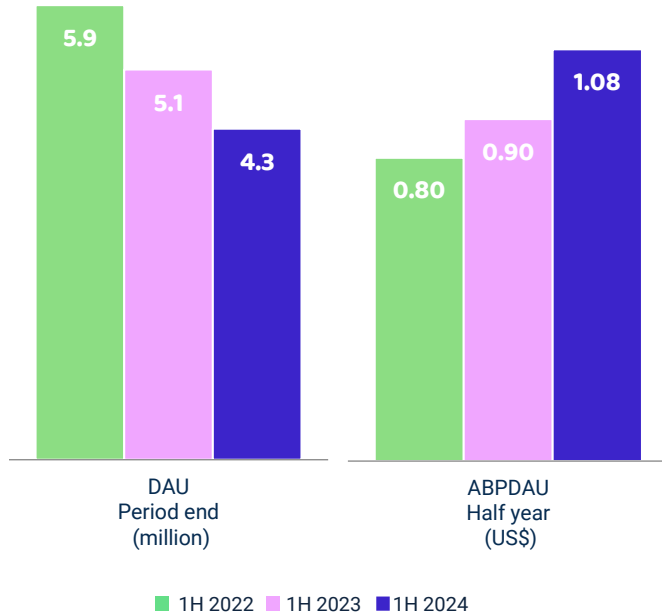
### Bookings by Genre



<sup>1</sup> Sensor Tower Estimates in Global Mobile Gaming Market YoY in 1H24

## Segment Review – Pixel United (cont.)

### Daily Active Users (DAU) and Average US\$ Bookings per DAU (ABPDAU)



DAU decreased to 4.3 million driven by mixed market conditions with no new game titles launched in the period and a continued focus on user retention.

ABPDAU grew 20% or US\$0.18 compared to the prior corresponding period, demonstrating strengthening player engagement across the portfolio.



## Segment Review – Aristocrat Interactive

**US\$72m**  49%

1H24 Revenue

**US\$20m**  208%

1H24 Segment Profit

**27.8%**  14.4 pts

1H24 Margin

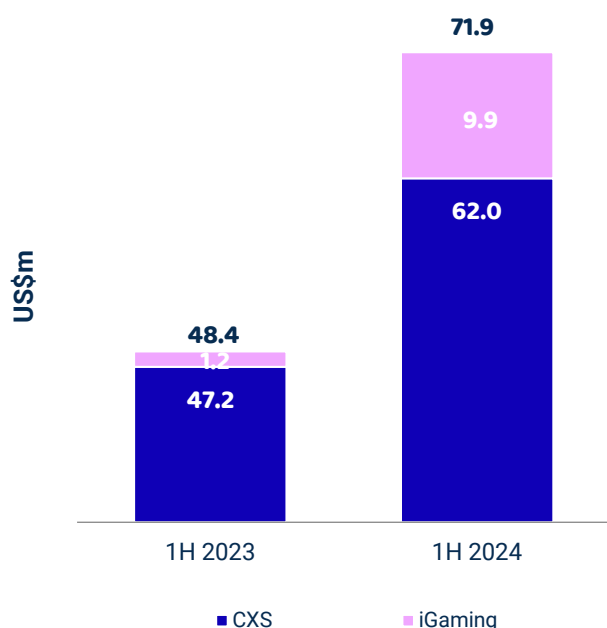
Aristocrat Interactive is Aristocrat’s regulated online RMG business and was formed in April 2024 when the Anaxi and NeoGames businesses came together. The business delivers content and technology solutions for online RMG, with a full-service offering that includes content, proprietary technology platforms and a range of value-added services across iLottery, iGaming and Online Sports Betting (OSB).

### Summary Profit or Loss

US\$ million	Six months to 31 Mar 2024	Six months to 31 Mar 2023	Variance %
Revenue	71.9	48.4	48.6
Profit	20.0	6.5	207.7
Margin	27.8%	13.4%	14.4 pts

Aristocrat Interactive revenue increased 49% compared to the prior corresponding period driven by growth in CXS revenues and continued scaling of iGaming across North America and Europe. CXS continued to take share across the US and ANZ markets, with higher hardware sales in the period, and growth in the recurring revenue maintenance installed base. iGaming growth was driven by new go-lives with major operators in the US, Canada and UK coupled with growth in the game portfolio released to market and the impact of the Roxor acquisition. Margin growth was mainly driven by revenue.

### Revenue



The release of Aristocrat land-based titles such as *Buffalo*<sup>TM</sup> and *Buffalo Gold Collection*<sup>TM</sup> and continued success of Roxor titles *Double Bubble*<sup>TM</sup> and *Secrets of the Phoenix*<sup>TM</sup> supported the performance of the iGaming business. *The Eilers -Fantini Online Game Performance Report* has recognised both Buffalo titles as the #1 overall online slot titles during their respective launches and at 31 March, Interactive was a Top 3 Indexing Supplier<sup>1</sup>. Interactive has also expanded distribution of their game library over this period with access encompassing 10 major online operators operating across 6 countries and 3 US states.

<sup>1</sup> Eilers: U.S. Online Game Performance Report | April 2024, Supplier Summary – Overall (Supplier > 1% GGR) – data through March 2024

# Aristocrat



Aristocrat Leisure Limited ABN 44 002 818 368  
Financial statements for the half-year ended 31 March 2024

This condensed consolidated interim report ("interim report") of Aristocrat Leisure Limited ("the Company") for the half-year ended 31 March 2024 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 2023 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.

# Financial statements

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## Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the half-year ended 31 March 2024

Consolidated	Note	6 months to 31 March 2024 \$'m	6 months to 31 March 2023 \$'m
Revenue	1-2	3,269.6	3,080.4
Cost of revenue		(1,368.0)	(1,387.7)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>1,901.6</b>	<b>1,692.7</b>
Other income	1-2	91.8	98.1
Design and development costs		(424.9)	(371.7)
Selling, general and administrative expenses		(527.6)	(493.6)
Finance costs		(79.2)	(72.7)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		<b>961.7</b>	<b>852.8</b>
Income tax expense	1-6	(250.4)	(199.8)
<b>Profit for the half-year</b>		<b>711.3</b>	<b>653.0</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>			
<b>Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss</b>			
Exchange difference on translation of foreign operations		(83.8)	(202.9)
Changes in fair value of interest rate hedge		(13.4)	(8.4)
<b>Other comprehensive loss for the half-year, net of tax</b>		<b>(97.2)</b>	<b>(211.3)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the half-year</b>		<b>614.1</b>	<b>441.7</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	110.8	99.4
Diluted earnings per share	1-4	110.3	99.1

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 2024

Consolidated	Note	31 March 2024 \$'m	30 September 2023 \$'m
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		2,626.2	3,151.0
Trade and other receivables		1,113.5	994.8
Inventories		303.5	309.0
Other financial assets	2-2	30.4	35.8
Current tax assets		83.6	56.7
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>4,157.2</b>	<b>4,547.3</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables		126.0	143.4
Other financial assets	2-2	23.2	31.5
Property, plant and equipment		554.5	485.9
Right-of-use assets		186.9	196.9
Intangible assets		3,898.7	4,000.5
Deferred tax assets	1-6	1,492.1	1,516.8
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>6,281.4</b>	<b>6,375.0</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>10,438.6</b>	<b>10,922.3</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables		795.1	982.0
Borrowings	2-1	98.3	99.6
Lease liabilities		62.8	64.0
Current tax liabilities		92.4	146.1
Provisions		53.5	52.2
Other financial liabilities	2-2	-	1.0
Deferred revenue		235.7	182.2
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>1,337.8</b>	<b>1,527.1</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables		69.4	79.1
Borrowings	2-1	2,162.1	2,242.3
Lease liabilities		263.8	276.0
Provisions		38.7	40.4
Deferred tax liabilities		20.5	17.4
Deferred revenue		8.2	8.5
Other liabilities		6.5	5.4
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>2,569.2</b>	<b>2,669.1</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>3,907.0</b>	<b>4,196.2</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>6,531.6</b>	<b>6,726.1</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Contributed equity	2-3	605.2	1,237.0
Reserves		525.2	579.4
Retained earnings		5,401.2	4,909.7
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>6,531.6</b>	<b>6,726.1</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 2024

Consolidated	Note	Contributed equity \$'m	Reserves \$'m	Retained earnings \$'m	Total equity \$'m
Balance at 1 October 2022		1,651.9	547.8	3,823.0	6,022.7
Profit for the half-year ended 31 March 2023		-	-	653.0	653.0
Other comprehensive loss		-	(211.3)	-	(211.3)
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year</b>		-	(211.3)	653.0	441.7
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b>					
Buy-back of fully paid ordinary shares	2-3	(137.9)	-	-	(137.9)
Net movement in share-based payments reserve		-	(2.1)	-	(2.1)
Dividends provided for and paid		-	-	(171.2)	(171.2)
		(137.9)	(2.1)	(171.2)	(311.2)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2023</b>		<b>1,514.0</b>	<b>334.4</b>	<b>4,304.8</b>	<b>6,153.2</b>
<b>Balance at 31 March 2023</b>					
Balance at 1 October 2023		1,237.0	579.4	4,909.7	6,726.1
Profit for the half-year ended 31 March 2024		-	-	711.3	711.3
Other comprehensive loss		-	(97.2)	-	(97.2)
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year</b>		-	(97.2)	711.3	614.1
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b>					
Buy-back of fully paid ordinary shares	2-3	(631.1)	-	-	(631.1)
Transaction costs arising from shares issued in a prior period	2-3	(0.7)	-	-	(0.7)
Net movement in share-based payments reserve		-	43.0	-	43.0
Dividends provided for and paid	1-5	-	-	(219.8)	(219.8)
		(631.8)	43.0	(219.8)	(808.6)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>		<b>605.2</b>	<b>525.2</b>	<b>5,401.2</b>	<b>6,531.6</b>

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 2024

Consolidated	6 months to 31 March 2024 \$'m	6 months to 31 March 2023 \$'m
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	3,244.9	3,023.1
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,256.1)	(2,195.4)
Other income	1.3	36.0
Interest received	73.4	48.5
Interest and finance costs paid	(75.5)	(69.3)
Income tax paid	(331.8)	(229.8)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>656.2</b>	<b>613.1</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payment for purchase of subsidiary, net of cash acquired	-	(175.2)
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(219.4)	(134.6)
Proceeds from sale of intellectual property	9.0	-
Payments for intangibles	(28.2)	(38.5)
Payments for investments	(3.0)	(4.4)
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(241.6)</b>	<b>(352.7)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Payments for shares bought back (net of transaction costs)	(607.9)	(166.3)
Payments for shares acquired by the employee share trust	-	(42.2)
Repayments of borrowings	(50.5)	(50.0)
Lease principal payments	(24.1)	(20.8)
Dividends paid	(219.8)	(171.2)
<b>Net cash outflow from financing activities</b>	<b>(902.3)</b>	<b>(450.5)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(487.7)</b>	<b>(190.1)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	3,151.0	3,021.3
Effects of exchange rate changes	(37.1)	(88.0)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year</b>	<b>2,626.2</b>	<b>2,743.2</b>

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. These financial statements have been prepared using the best available information at this time in relation to areas of significant estimates and judgements.

#### 1-1 Segment performance

#### 1-2 Revenues

#### 1-3 Expenses

#### 1-4 Earnings per share

#### 1-5 Dividends

#### 1-6 Income tax and deferred tax assets

### 1-1 Segment performance

#### (a) Identification of reportable segments

The activities of the entities in the Group are predominantly the development, assembly, sale, distribution and service of games and systems.

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the chief operating decision maker. The following reportable segments have been identified:

- Aristocrat Gaming;
- Pixel United; and
- Aristocrat Interactive

These segments reflect the following changes from prior period:

- Aristocrat Interactive, which includes online Real Money Gaming, Systems Contracts and associated Service arrangements, is a new reportable segment. These were previously reported within the Americas, Australia and New Zealand and International Class III segments;
- The remaining Americas, Australia and New Zealand and International Class III segments are now combined into one Aristocrat Gaming reportable segment.

There have been no changes to the Pixel United segment. Prior period comparatives have been restated to reflect the revised reportable segments in both periods.

#### (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.

	Gaming		Pixel United		Interactive		Consolidated	
	\$'m		\$'m		\$'m		\$'m	
6 months to 31 March	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Revenue</b>								
Segment revenue from external customers	1,826.1	1,686.2	1,334.1	1,322.3	109.4	71.9	3,269.6	3,080.4
<b>Results</b>								
Segment results	1,001.5	905.5	468.0	390.3	30.3	9.6	1,499.8	1,305.4
Interest income							74.0	48.5
Finance costs							(79.2)	(72.7)
Design and development costs							(424.9)	(371.7)
Amortisation of acquired intangibles							(53.1)	(51.6)
Expenses from significant items							(7.3)	-
Other income							17.8	49.6
Other expenses							(65.4)	(54.7)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>							961.7	852.8
Income tax expense							(250.4)	(199.8)
<b>Profit for the half-year</b>							711.3	653.0

The amortisation of acquired intangibles amounting to \$53.1m (2023: \$51.6m) does not form part of segment results. In 2023, other income includes a significant item amounting to \$36.0m relating to a legal matter finalised during the period. Refer to Note 1-2.



## Notes to the financial statements

### Business performance (continued)

#### 1-2 Revenues

	6 months to 31 March 2024	6 months to 31 March 2023
	\$'m	\$'m
<b>Revenue disaggregated by business</b>		
Gaming	1,826.1	1,686.2
Pixel United	1,334.1	1,322.3
Interactive	109.4	71.9
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>3,269.6</b>	<b>3,080.4</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Interest	74.0	48.5
Foreign exchange gains	7.5	13.6
Litigation proceeds	-	36.0
Gain on sale of intellectual property	9.0	-
Sundry income	1.3	-
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>98.1</b>

#### 1-3 Expenses

	6 months to 31 March 2024	6 months to 31 March 2023
	\$'m	\$'m
<b>Depreciation and amortisation</b>		
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	19.1	18.4
<i>Property, plant and equipment</i>		
- Buildings	0.2	0.2
- Plant and equipment	115.3	79.3
- Leasehold improvements	4.8	4.5
<b>Total depreciation and amortisation of property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>120.3</b>	<b>84.0</b>
<i>Intangible assets</i>		
- Customer relationships and contracts	25.6	24.4
- Brand and game names	7.8	5.2
- Technology and software	27.0	29.9
- Intellectual property and licences	11.3	5.8
- Capitalised development costs	10.4	8.1
<b>Total amortisation of intangible assets</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>73.4</b>
<b>Total depreciation and amortisation</b>	<b>221.5</b>	<b>175.8</b>
<b>Employee benefits expense</b>		
Total employee benefits expense	692.9	613.8
<b>Other expense/(income) items</b>		
Bad and doubtful debts expense/(write-back)	3.1	(0.8)
Write down of inventories to net realisable value	3.1	4.5
Legal costs	18.5	16.3

## Notes to the financial statements

### Business performance (continued)

#### 1-4 Earnings per share

	6 months to 31 March 2024	6 months to 31 March 2023
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) calculations</b>		
Net profit attributable to members of Aristocrat Leisure Limited (\$'m)	711.3	653.0
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (WANOS) used in calculating basic EPS (number)	641,681,768	656,819,520
Effect of Performance Share Rights (number)	2,970,420	2,182,645
<b>WANOS used in calculating diluted EPS (number)</b>	<b>644,652,188</b>	<b>659,002,165</b>
Basic EPS (cents per share)	110.8	99.4
Diluted EPS (cents per share)	110.3	99.1

#### 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 169,736 (2023: 1,344,847) shares held in share trust.

#### 1-5 Dividends

Ordinary shares	2024 Interim	2023 Final	2023 Interim
Dividend per share (cents)	36.0c	34.0c	30.0c
Franking percentage (%)	100%	100%	100%
Cost (\$'m)	228.0	219.8	196.2
Payment date	2 July 2024	19 December 2023	3 July 2023

#### Dividends not recognised at period end

The 2024 interim dividend had not been declared at the reporting date and therefore is not reflected in the financial statements.

#### 1-6 Income tax and deferred tax assets

In a prior period a deferred tax asset and corresponding income tax benefit was recognised in respect of non-Australian tax deductions due to an internal reorganisation of the Group structure and corresponding change in the tax base of the Group's intangible assets. The total potential tax benefits recognised as a deferred tax asset at 31 March 2024 were \$1,412.1m (30 September 2023: \$1,453.0m). A further \$69.0m of potential tax benefits remain unrecognised at 31 March 2024 (30 September 2023: \$122.1m). The current year tax expense includes recognition of previously unrecognised benefits.

Total Group deferred tax assets at 31 March 2024 of \$1,492.1m (30 September 2023: \$1,516.8m) includes the \$1,412.1m (30 September 2023: \$1,453.0m) noted above.

Judgement is required in determining the initial recognition and the subsequent carrying value of the deferred tax assets. Deferred tax assets are only able to be recognised to the extent that utilisation is considered probable. A reassessment of the carrying amount of the deferred tax assets is performed at each reporting period.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Pillar Two global minimum tax legislation has been enacted or substantively enacted in certain jurisdictions the Group operates. The legislation will be effective in those jurisdictions (and is expected to be in Australia) for the Group's financial year beginning 1 October 2024. The Group continues to monitor and evaluate the domestic implementation of Pillar Two rules by relevant countries in which the Group operates.

The Group is in the process of assessing the potential exposure arising from Pillar Two legislation. A reliable assessment and estimate of future taxes under the Pillar Two Model Rules in all jurisdictions in which the group operates is not reasonably estimable at the date of this report.

## 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

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

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

#### 2-3 Contributed equity

2-1 Borrowings	31 March 2024 \$'m	30 September 2023 \$'m
<b>Current</b>		
<i>Secured</i>		
Bank loans	98.3	99.6
<b>Total current borrowings</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>99.6</b>
<b>Non-current</b>		
<i>Secured</i>		
Bank loans	2,162.1	2,242.3
<b>Total non-current borrowings</b>	<b>2,162.1</b>	<b>2,242.3</b>

Lease liabilities are shown separately on the balance sheet.

#### Financing arrangements

Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit (shown net of transaction costs):

Credit standby arrangements	Notes	31 March 2024		30 September 2023	
		\$'m		\$'m	
<i>Total facilities</i>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Unused</b>	Total	Unused
- Bank overdrafts	(i)	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
- Bank loans	(ii)	3,016.3	755.9	3,108.1	766.2
<b>Total facilities</b>		<b>3,024.4</b>	<b>764.0</b>	3,116.2	774.3

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

(ii) Syndicated loan facilities:

- US\$1,232 million US Term Loan A debt facility maturing 24 May 2027
- US\$250 million US Term Loan B debt facility maturing 24 May 2029
- US\$500 million multi-currency revolving facility maturing 24 May 2027

These secured facilities are provided by a syndicate of banks and financial institutions and are supported by guarantees from certain members of the Company's wholly owned subsidiaries. Various affirmative and negative covenants on the Group are imposed, 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. The Group was in compliance with all debt covenants.

Borrowings under the Term Loan A facility are currently priced at a floating rate of 3-month Term SOFR with a fixed credit spread adjustment plus a credit margin. Borrowings made under the Term Loan B facility are currently priced at a 0.50% 3-month Term SOFR floor with a fixed credit spread adjustment plus a fixed credit margin. The Term Loan A facilities have mandatory quarterly repayments of 1.25% of the original principal amount of US\$1,350 million.

A portion of the interest rate exposure has been fixed under separate interest rate swap arrangements. As of 31 March 2024 approximately 56% of the exposure was fixed with hedging out to October 2025.

## Notes to the financial statements

### Capital and financial structure (continued)

2-2 Financial assets and financial liabilities	31 March 2024 \$'m	30 September 2023 \$'m
<b>Financial assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Debt securities held-to-maturity	8.6	8.6
Interest rate swap contracts - cash flow hedges	21.8	27.2
<b>Total current financial assets</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>35.8</b>
<b>Non-current</b>		
Debt securities held-to-maturity	4.6	4.8
Convertible bonds	1.5	3.9
Interest rate swap contracts - cash flow hedges	5.4	14.3
Other investments	11.7	8.5
<b>Total non-current financial assets</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>31.5</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Derivatives used for hedging	-	1.0
<b>Total current financial liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.0</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 2024	30 September 2023	31 March 2024	30 September 2023	31 March 2024	30 September 2023	31 March 2024	30 September 2023
<b>Assets</b>								
Convertible bonds	-	-	1.5	3.9	-	-	1.5	3.9
Interest rate swap contracts	-	-	27.2	41.5	-	-	27.2	41.5
<b>Total assets at the end of the period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>45.4</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Derivatives used for hedging	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	1.0
Contingent consideration	-	-	-	-	45.2	43.2	45.2	43.2
<b>Total liabilities at the end of the period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>44.2</b>

Fair value hierarchy levels	Definition	Valuation technique
Level 1	The fair value is determined using the unadjusted quoted market price in an active market for similar assets or liabilities.	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 is calculated using predominantly observable market data other than unadjusted quoted prices for an identical asset or liability.	Derivatives used for hedging are valued using forward exchange rates at the balance sheet date. Interest rate swap contracts are valued using the present value of estimated future cashflows based on observable yield curves. The convertible bonds are not material.
Level 3	The fair value is calculated using inputs that are not based on observable market data.	The fair value of contingent consideration is based on forecasts of the performance of the entity subject to earn-out payments. A valuation of the contingent consideration based on these forecasts is performed by an external valuer annually.

There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy and no changes to the valuation techniques applied since 30 September 2023. The carrying amount of financial instruments not measured at fair value approximates fair value.

## Notes to the financial statements

### Capital and financial structure (continued)

#### 2-3 Contributed equity

6 months to 31 March	Shares		\$'m	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Ordinary shares, fully paid	633,527,451	655,761,726	605.2	1,514.0
<b>Movements in ordinary share capital</b>				
Ordinary shares at the beginning of the half-year	648,560,092	659,792,616	1,237.0	1,651.9
Buy-back of fully paid ordinary shares	(15,032,641)	(4,030,890)	(631.1)	(137.9)
Transaction costs arising from shares issued	-	-	(0.7)	-
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>633,527,451</b>	<b>655,761,726</b>	<b>605.2</b>	<b>1,514.0</b>

In the 6 months to 31 March 2024, the Group had purchased 15,032,641 fully paid ordinary shares to be cancelled. Of these, 14,492,526 were cancelled as at 31 March 2024, and 540,115 purchased for \$23.2m were cancelled after 31 March 2024.

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

	31 March 2024	30 September 2023
	\$	\$
Net tangible assets per share	3.86	3.90

Net tangible assets is calculated based on net assets excluding intangible and right-of-use assets. A large proportion of the Group's assets are intangible in nature, including goodwill and identifiable intangible assets relating to businesses acquired.

Net assets per share at 31 March 2024 were \$10.31 (30 September 2023: \$10.37).

## 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 2024 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 may 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; and
- (iii) controlled entities within the Group may 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 there are no current claims likely to have a material adverse effect on the Group.

### 3-2 Events occurring after reporting date

On 26 April 2024, the Group completed the acquisition of 100% of Neo Group Ltd, formerly known as NeoGames S.A. ("NeoGames") for an equity value of \$1.6 billion (US\$1.0 billion) and enterprise value of \$1.8 billion (US\$1.2 billion), which was funded with existing cash. NeoGames is a leading global content and technology solutions provider that provides platforms and develops content for the global online Real Money Gaming (RMG) industry.

On 16 May 2024, the Group announced an increase to its existing on-market share buy-back program by up to a further \$350 million. This brings the total program size to up to \$1.85 billion and the program will run up to February 2025.

Other than the matters above, 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.

### 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 2024 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 2023 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.

The Group has applied AASB 2023-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board in June 2023. The amendments provide a temporary mandatory exception from deferred tax accounting for the Pillar Two global minimum top-up tax, which the Group has applied. The Group will account for Pillar Two top-up taxes as a current tax when incurred from 1 October 2024.

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).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

## Directors' declaration

For the half-year ended 31 March 2024

In the Directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 2 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 2024 and of its performance, for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (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.



Neil Chatfield  
Chairman

Sydney  
16 May 2024



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

### **Report on the half-year financial report**

#### ***Conclusion***

We have reviewed the half-year consolidated financial report of Aristocrat Leisure Limited (the Company) and the entities it controlled during the half-year (together the Group), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 March 2024, the statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement and statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the half-year ended on that date, selected explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

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

1. giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 March 2024 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*.

#### ***Basis for conclusion***

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* (ASRE 2410). Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to the audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

#### ***Responsibilities of the directors 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 gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

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***Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report***

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether 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 Group's financial position as at 31 March 2024 and of 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*.

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.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers

A handwritten signature of 'Mark Dow' in black ink.

Mark Dow  
Partner

Sydney  
16 May 2024

## For the 6 months ended 31 March 2024

The directors present their report together with the financial statements of Aristocrat Leisure Limited (the 'Company') and its controlled entities (the 'Group') for the six months ended 31 March 2024. 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 2023 Annual 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 16 May 2024.

## Directors

The names of the directors of the Company during the six months ended 31 March 2024 and as at the date of this report, unless otherwise stated, are:

N Chatfield	Non-Executive Chairman
T Croker	Executive Director
K Conlon	Non-Executive Director
P Etienne	Non-Executive Director
P Ramsey	Non-Executive Director
S Summers Couder	Non-Executive Director
A Tansey	Non-Executive Director
B Lance	Non-Executive Director

J Aument was appointed as a Non-Executive Director on 1 August 2023 following receipt of the necessary regulatory pre-approval (having been nominated for appointment on 11 April 2023) and resigned on 16 February 2024.

## Review and Results of Operations

A review of the operations of the Group for the half-year ended 31 March 2024 is set out in the attached Review of Operations which forms part of this Directors' Report. The reported result of the Group attributable to shareholders for the half-year ended 31 March 2024 was a profit of \$711.3 million after tax (six months to 31 March 2023: \$653.0 million).

## Auditor's Independence Declaration

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

## Rounding of Amounts

As the Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/91, the amounts in the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements have been rounded off, except where otherwise stated, to the nearest whole number of millions of dollars and one decimal place representing hundreds of thousands of dollars, or in certain cases, the nearest dollar in accordance with that instrument.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Directors.



**Neil Chatfield**

Chairman

16 May 2024



## Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the review of Aristocrat Leisure Limited for the half-year ended 31 March 2024, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Dow', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mark Dow  
Partner  
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Sydney  
16 May 2024