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2005 Preliminary Results
Investor Presentation
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## **Headlines**

#### Underlying performance

(Excludes cost of European expansion)

- Revenues up 9.4% to £68.0m (7.9% at constant currency) (2004: £62.2m)
  - 11<sup>th</sup> year of continued organic growth
- Underlying operating profit (pre options) up 7.5% to £7.8m (2004: £7.2m)
- Net interest up 50.4% to £1.4m (2004: £0.9m)
- Underlying Profit Before Tax (pre options) up 11.3% to £9.1m (2004: £8.1m)
- Underlying operating margin 11.5% (2004: 11.6%)

## **Headlines**

- Significant new business wins during the year were;
  - Australian Tourism
  - Ribena
  - Direct Line Insurance
  - Independent News & Media
  - Mini
  - Wyeth (China)
  - City National Bank (California)

- ITV
- Cadbury Muller
- Weetabix
- NatWest Mortgages
- eBay (Asia)
- PODs

## **Headlines**

- International Expansion progressing well
  - Offices opened in
    - Paris September
    - India October
    - Thailand September
- European "investment" on track @ £1.4 million in 2005
- New businesses opened Provenance Luxury Brands
  - Walker-i Digital Media

## **The Numbers**

|   | 2005<br>£'000s                 | 2004<br>£'000s                | Inc/Dec<br>%              |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenue (gross profit)  | 68,001                         | 62,178                        | 9.4                       |
| Operating Profit - Options expense - European investment      | <b>7,776</b><br>-185<br>-1,414 | 7,234<br>-<br>-               | 7.5<br>-<br>-             |
| Reported Operating Profit - Share of Associate - Net Interest | 6,177<br>-75<br>1,355          | <b>7,234</b> - 901            | <b>-14.6</b><br>-<br>50.3 |
| Profit Before Tax - Tax rate - Minority interest              | <b>7,457</b> 36.1% -663        | <b>8,135</b><br>32.8%<br>-441 | -8.3<br>3.3pts<br>50.3    |
| Profit for Period   | 4,104                          | 5,028                         | -18.4                     |

Note: Excludes amortisation

#### Revenue

|              | 2005     |           |          | 2004         | <u>05</u> | <u>vs 04</u>     |           |
|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
|              | Constant |           | Reported |              |           |                  |           |
|              | Rates    | V's 04    | Rates    | <u>Vs 04</u> |           | <u>1st Hal</u> f | 2nd Half  |
|              | £'000    | <u></u> % | £'000    | %            | £'000     | %                | <u></u> % |
| UK           | 39,470   | 8.1       | 39,470   | 8.1          | 36,518    | 7.9              | 8.2       |
| Asia Pacific | 24,187   | 4.6       | 25,084   | 8.5          | 23,126    | 4.6              | 11.9      |
| USA          | 3,189    | 25.8      | 3,211    | 26.7         | 2,534     | 15.6             | 33.8      |
| Europe       | 236      | -         | 236      | -            | -         |                  |           |
| Total        | 67,082   | 7.9       | 68,001   | 9.4          | 62,178    | 7.1              | 11.4      |

# **Top 10 Clients**

- 1. RBS Group
- 2. DSG (Dixons, etc)
- 3. Optus
- 4. Qantas
- 5. IAG

- 6. ANZ
- 7. Woolworth
- 8. TFL
- 9. Tourism Australia
- 10. = Scottish & Newcastle = COI

Top 5 = 30% of Revenue

Top 10 = 45% of Revenue

## **Operating Costs**

|                             | 2005   | 2004   | 2005     |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
|                             | £'000s | £'000s | vs 2004  |
| OperatingCosts (Pre Europe) | 60,159 | 54,944 | 9.5%     |
| Underlying Operating Margin | 11.5%  | 11.6%  | -0.1 pts |
| Option Expense              | 0.3%   |        |          |
| Europe Investment           | 2.1%   |        |          |
| Reported Operating Margin   | 9.1%   | 11.60% | -2.5 pts |

#### Tax Rate

|                          |             | Tax    | Tax      | Tax      |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|
|                          | _PBT_       | Charge | _Rate_   | _Effect  |
|                          | £'000s      | £'000s | <b>%</b> | <b>%</b> |
| Reported                 | 7,457       | 2,690  | 36.07    |          |
| Add back Europe          | 1,429       | 293    |          |          |
| Adjusted                 | 8,886       | 2,983  | 33.57    | 2.50     |
| Non - deductable losses  |             |        |          |          |
| Associate (Play London)  | <u> 162</u> |        |          |          |
| Sub Total                | 9,048       | 2,983  | 32.97    | 0.60     |
| Other                    | 128         |        |          |          |
| Underlying 2005 Tax Rate | 9,176       | 2,983  | 32.51    | 0.46     |
| 2004                     | 8135        | 2,666  | 32.77    | -0.26    |

#### **EPS & Dividends**

|                               | 2005  | 2004  | Inc/Dec |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
|                               | Pence | Pence | %       |
| Earnings per share            |       |       |         |
| - Pre Europe investment       | 9.67  | 9.28  | 4.2     |
| - Reported - pre amortisation | 7.57  | 9.28  | -18.4   |
| - Reported                    | 4.46  | 6.19  | -28.0   |
| Recommended Dividend          |       |       |         |
| 1. 2004                       |       |       |         |
| - Dividend paid (half year)   | -     | 1.16  | -       |
| - Full year equivalent        | -     | 2.32  | -       |
| 2. 2005                       |       |       |         |
| - Recommended                 | 2.55  | -     | 10.0    |

Note: No of Shares 54,206,799 (Basic)

### Minority Interests

|  | 2005<br>£'000s           | 2004<br>£'000s        | Inc/Dec                       |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Profit After Tax Amortisation Europe       | <b>3,079</b> 1,688 1,139 | <b>3,797</b><br>1,672 |                               |
| Adjusted Profit After Tax                  | 5,906                    | 5,469                 | 8.0%                          |
| Minority Interest                          | 663                      | 441                   | 50.3%                         |
| MI %                                       | 11.2%                    | 8.1%                  | 3.1 pts                       |
| - Walker Media<br>- LA<br>- UK (Talk / IS) |                          |                       | 2.1 pts<br>0.2 pts<br>0.8 pts |

# **Commercial Break**

## The UK

- Revenue up 8.1% to £39.5m Growth in all sectors
- Underlying operating margin up 1.0 pts to 12.9%
- Underlying operating profit up 17.4% to £5.1m (option charge £121k holding companies impact £826k)
- Significant new clients won in 2005
  - ITV, Ribena, Direct Line Insurance and Cadbury Muller (M&C Saatchi)
  - Weetabix and Independent News and Media (Walker Media)
  - NatWest mortgages and Mini (LIDA),
  - Twinings, Perrier Jouet, Orange, Ovaltine and Disney (Talk PR)
  - Carslberg (Sports & Entertainment)
- New businesses opened Provenance Luxury brand specialists
  - Walker-i Digital media

<sup>\*</sup> Underlying figure adjusted for impact of Holding Company restructure

## The UK - Continued

#### Outlook

- Loss of BA will impact 2006 revenues
- Year has started well, significant new wins
  - RBS Retail
  - Kingsmill (Allied Bakers)
  - Barclays (Walker Media)
- Challenging contractual environment

## **Asia Pacific**

- Revenue up 8.5% to £25.1m (currency impact 3.9%)
- Underlying operating margin down 0.2 pts to 11.4%
- Underlying operating profit up 6.7% to £2.9m (plc recharge £703k, options £46k)
- Small acquisitions in Thailand (Bangkok) and India (New Delhi)
- Important new clients
  - Australian TourismAustralia
  - Spirit of Tasmania (Ferry Service) Australia
  - eBay– Asia Regional
  - Alliance BankMalaysia
  - WyethChina

## **Asia Pacific**

#### <u>Outlook</u>

- Australia is the dominant market
- New management in New Zealand
- Additional contribution From new offices
- Scope for margin improvement
- Comfortable with start to the year

## **America**

• Revenue up 26.7% to £3.2m

| • | Underlying operating loss | (£4k)   |
|---|---------------------------|---------|
|   | Management change         | (£216k) |
|   | Holding company           | (£99k)  |
|   | Options                   | (£3k)   |
|   | Reported loss             | (£322k) |

- New clients:
  - PODs
  - RBS
  - Travelex
  - City National Bank
  - Ghiradelli Chocolate
  - Beverley Hills Visitors Bureau

## **America**

#### <u>Outlook</u>

- Lost BA revenue will impact 2006
- America is key market for network growth
- LA has a successful 2005 and we are optimistic for 2006
- New York in rebuilding phase
  - Good start following AIG Insurance win

# **Europe**

- Paris office opened in September
- Clients won
  - Pernod Ricard (Havana Club & Olmeca)
  - S'Miles
  - Branly Museum
- European investment on track

| Trading Loss     | £436k  |
|------------------|--------|
| Development cost | £993k  |
|                  | £1,429 |

Plans for Germany and Spain progressing well

<sup>\*</sup> Development cost includes option charge

# **Europe**

#### <u>Outlook</u>

- Announcements shortly
- Investigating organic and small acquisitions
- Focussed on Germany and Spain
- Great start by Paris office continued into 2006 with Bordeaux wines win.

# **Summary**

- Strong 2005 results reflect continuing momentum of underlying business
- Encouraging start to 2006
- Excellent start of Paris office with announcements of further developments to follow shortly