

# **Results presentation**

Hollywood Bowl Group plc Full Year Results FY2022

### Agenda





#### **Stephen Burns** Chief Executive Officer

- Operational and financial highlights
- Resilient sector
- Growth strategy
- Canada update
- Summary and outlook



Laurence Keen Chief Financial Officer

- Financial review
- Capital allocation policy
- Investment led growth
- Property pipeline

### FY2022 highlights



**£21.8m** (FY2019: £16.2m)

New UK centres opened

3

Hourly paid team members receiving performance bonus

**64%** 

Best Big companies To Work For

**Top 25** 



UK centres refurbished/rebranded

8

Centres acquired in Canada

5

Net promoter score 61%

UK centres with solar installs

UK centres using Pins on Strings

**65%** 

Waste diverted from landfill to recycling

77.7%



### FY2022 highlights



Total revenue **£193.7m** (FY2019: £129.9m)

LFL average spend per game<sup>1</sup> **£10.45** (FY2019: £9.64)

Adjusted profit after tax **£39.4m** (FY2019: £22.3m)

Final ordinary dividend (per share)

8.53 pence

Total dividend (per share)

**14.53** pence (FY2019: 11.93 pence) LFL sales growth<sup>1</sup> +28.3%

(FY2019: +5.5%)

Group adjusted EBITDA pre-IFRS 16<sup>2</sup>

£60.6m

(FY2019: £38.2m)

Adjusted earnings per share

**23.07** pence (FY2019: 14.86 pence)

Special dividend (per share)

3.00 pence

Net cash/(debt) £56.1m (FY2019: (£2.1m))



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1 LFL calculations exclude the prior period impact TRR of VAT on bowling and includes all revenue for centres that were open for the same period in FY2019. Spend per game calculations exclude the prior period impact TRR of VAT on bowling

2 Group adjusted EBITDA is calculated as statutory profit plus depreciation, impairment of assets, amortisation, loss of disposal of property, ROU assets, plant and equipment and software and any exceptional costs or income, and is shown on a pre-IFRS 16 basis.

### **Resilient sector, well insulated from rising costs**

#### Manageable inflationary pressures

- 74.8% revenue has no cost of goods inflation
- Food and drink costs represent <8% of total revenue
- Labour costs account for <20% of revenue at centre level
- Total inflationary increases of just 3.5% on overall cost base for FY2023

#### Energy costs forward managed

- UK electricity costs hedged until end of FY2024
- Solar install programme remains on track
- Significantly lower energy costs than market

#### Marginal impact on ROIC

Increased costs on refurbs/new builds reduce ROIC

#### Protected from reduction in disposable income

- Wide demographic appeal
- High quality locations with strong customer catchments



### **Exciting growth potential**

Industry leading operating model, market leading position Significant runway for long-term sustainable growth

#### Bowling - 64 UK centres

- Pipeline secured to 72 Potential for 85
- Targeted EBITDA on new centres £0.5m

#### Mini-golf - 5 UK Puttstars trial centres

- Pipeline to 7 Potential for 10-15
- Targeted EBITDA on new centres £0.3m

#### Canada - 6 centres

- Pipeline to 10 Potential for 30+ once investment case proven
- Targeted EBITDA on new centres CAD 0.8m

Transformational investment programmes

- Refurbishments
- Pins on Strings and solar panel installations
- Digital technology and marketing
- Team development







# **Financial review**

### **Excellent FY2022 financial performance**





#### **Statutory Operating Profit Margin (%)**



Group Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> pre-IFRS 16 (£m)



#### Adjusted Earnings Per Share (Pence)





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### Strong growth in all areas leading to record revenues



- LFL revenue<sup>1</sup> growth of 28.3% (vs FY2019) driven by number of games played and spend per game growth
- Games LFL volume<sup>1</sup> increase of 18.3% driven through strong customer satisfaction and refurbishments
- LFL spend per game<sup>1</sup> growth of 8.4%
  - > Bowling price per game only 3.8% higher than FY2019
  - > Amusement spend per game +20.3%

- New centre performance in line with expectations
- Strong summer trade despite unfavourable weather
- Average UK revenue per centre of £2.72m
- TRR of VAT bowling benefit for prior periods of £5.8m



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### **Underlying profit increased by 77.0%**



Adjusted earnings per share (pence)	23.07	1.05	14.86	+55.3%
Adjusted profit after tax	39.4	1.7	22.3	+77.0%
Tax charge / (credit)	9.2	(1.3)	5.3	
Adjusted profit before tax	48.6	0.5	27.6	+76.3%
Profit before tax	46.7	0.5	27.6	
Net finance expenses	8.8	8.7	0.9	
Depreciation, impairment and amortisation	25.7	20.9	9.5	
Exceptional costs/(income)	(3.7)	-	(0.4)	
Group adjusted EBITDA post-IFRS 16	77.5	30.6	38.2	
Add back Property Rent	16.9	15.4		
Group adjusted EBITDA pre-IFRS 16 margin	31.3%	21.0%	29.4%	+1.9%pts
Group adjusted EBITDA pre-IFRS 16	60.6	15.1	38.2	+58.6%
Corporate costs	22.1	8.8	11.9	+100.1%
Administrative expenses	81.6	37.7	61.3	+33.3%
Gross profit %	84.8%	85.7%	85.7%	-0.9%pts
Gross profit	164.3	61.6	111.4	+47.6%
Revenue	193.7	71.9	129.9	+49.2%
(£m)	FY2022	FY2021	FY2019	Movement vs FY2019

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- Total revenue up 49.2% on FY2019
- Gross profit margin 84.8% in line with management expectations (given LFL growth and dilutive impact from Canada)
- Administrative expenses up 33.3%%
- Corporate costs includes record bonus accruals for centre teams
- Record group adjusted EBITDA pre-IFRS 16 of £60.6m
- > UK EBITDA pre-IFRS 16 of £59.6m
- Average EBITDA per UK centre £1.15m
- Adjusted profit after tax of £39.4m
- Adjusted earnings per share of 23.07 pence per share
- Total ordinary dividend of 11.53 pence per share
- Final ordinary dividend of 8.53 pence per share

### **Exceptional costs/(income)**



(£m)	FY2022	
VAT reclaim for reduced hospitality rate – prior year	(5.6)	
Professional fees in relation to Teaquinn acquisition	1.6	
Fair value of 5 months of earn out (discounted) <sup>1</sup>	0.4	
Bargain purchase	(0.1)	
Total exceptional costs / (income) – FY2022 P&L impact	(3.7)	
Total exceptional costs – Canada related	1.9	
1 Earn out is deemed a benefit of employment due to terms and therefore treated as emp	loyment related costs. Future an	nounts

will be subject to a revaluation at reporting dates based on forecasted earnings

- Total of £3.7m exceptional income in FY2022
- Reclaim in relation to TRR of VAT relating to prior year of £5.6m
- Associated costs on Canadian business combination
  - > Professional fees of £1.6m
- Fair value of 5 months of earn out consideration of £0.4m
- Earn out linked to continued employment
- Total max potential earn out of £10.6m by FY2026



#### Payroll (c.18% of total UK revenue)

- Pay increases in line with expectations
- Flexible payroll model
- Successful hourly incentive scheme
- Biggest centre management bonus ever

Energy costs (c.2.5% of total UK revenue)

- Hedged until September 2024
- FY2022 paid less than 30% of current market consumption rate
- Solar installs will reduce consumption by over 15% vs. grid supply

Food and drink cost of goods (c.7.8% of total UK revenue)

- Food and drink modest increases simplified menu continued
- Ability to offset cost increases due to mixed revenue stream

#### Other cost inflation

• UK capex increases seen in new builds and refurbishments c.7-9%

#### FY2022 UK P&L breakdown



### Strong trading driving free cash flow and capital returns



- Group adjusted operating cash flow of £55.7m
- Record trading and effective cost management drove cash inflow
- Working capital benefit in the main due to centre management bonus accruals given strong performance to date
- Continued maintenance capital investment of £9.3m during FY2022
- > Solar installs £1.5m/Pins on strings £4.1m

8.8

- •8 refurbishments/rebrands completed at a cost of £3.6m
- Total spend of £9.3m on new centres
- Includes £7.8m spend on 3 new centres opened in FY2022 and £1.5m on FY2023 openings
- Exceptional costs include £5.6m TRR of VAT on prior year and £1.6m for Canada acquisition
- Cash balance at end of FY2022 of £56.1m



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# Updated capital allocation policy focused on profitable growth and shareholder returns



Calculation	FY2022		FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Cash at bank at 30 Sep 2022	£56.1m	Y/e net cash ratio target*	0.600	0.570	0.535	0.500
Final ordinary dividend (8.53 pence per share)	(£14.6m)					
Proforma net cash post final ordinary dividend	£41.5m	*Net cash ratio target				
Group adjusted EBITDA pre-IFRS 16	£60.6m	Proforma net cash (Net cash post final ordinary dividend)				
Actual cash leverage	0.684X	DIVIDED BY				
Target cash leverage	0.600X	Group adjusted EBITDA pre-IFRS 16				
Additional distribution – special dividend	£5.1m	Target 0.5X by end of FY2025				
Special dividend per share	3.0 pence			-		

### **Financial outlook for FY2023**



#### Strong start to FY2023

- Christmas bookings in line with expectations
- More modest LFL growth vs FY2019 still 23%+
   Analyst consensus at -5% LFL vs FY2022
- Full year effect of Canada acquisition

#### Managing cost pressures

- Payroll inflation as expected for FY2023
- Modest food inflation
- Offset all cost increases with minimal price inflation

#### Strong balance sheet and cash generative model

- 3 new UK centres in FY2023
- 7 refurbishments / rebrands
- 10 solar panel installs
- 10 more pins on string installs
- New growth platform established in Canada
- Total of £21m £23m capital spend

#### Updated capital allocation policy

• Focused on profitable growth and shareholder returns



# Driving our growth strategy



### **Continuous improvement and innovation**





#### **Ongoing Investment in core offer**

- Pins on strings installed in an additional 15 centres
- 65% of estate now completed
- Improvements in GPS in both string and freefall
- £325k investment in new lane seating to enhance customer experience (non-refurbishment centres)



#### **Best in class amusement offer**

- Improving density of machines whilst enhancing the quality of offer i.e. all digital AWP machines
- New payment options and ability for increased price of play throughout the estate
- Improving games area standards and reliability through our amusement training academies



#### Value, quality product, served fast

- Simple menu content with small tweaks, introducing snacks and sharer offers
- Focus on driving penny profit and enhancing the customer experience through upsells
- New product range introduced keeping pace with food and drink trends and inflation
  - > Drop in coffee
  - > Tango Ice Blast
- > Premiumised offer

### A well invested team delivering a fantastic experience

Team focused on areas that we know customers really value

Excellent customer feedback

• 61% Net Promoter Score

### Talent attraction and retention is key to delivering the best customer experience

- 7.5% increase in salaried team members' pay
- £0.6m total cost of living payment to team members
- Industry leading bonus schemes
  - > Average CM bonus 135% of salary
- All team members have opportunity to earn bonus based on customer satisfaction
- £5.6m paid in bonus schemes in recognition of excellence
- Top talent programmes generating management appointments, improved retention and reducing cost and time to hire
- One of UK's 25 Best Big Companies to Work For



### **Evolving our brand journey with technology**

#### Digital marketing enhancements

- Investment in website enhancements and booking engine
- Improved dynamic pricing presentation and conversion
- Online revenue up 97% vs FY2019
- Customer data platform (CDP) improving targeting and engagement
- Increased investment in content creation
- Digital brand and sales activation advertising to extended customer groups increased revenue and reduced CPA
- Digital marketing and IT team expanded

#### In-centre upgrades

- Upgraded WIFI network in all centres
- Food and drink ordering app driving higher SPG
- Digital signage package in new centres and refurbishments



### Embedding sustainability in everything we do





### Safe and inclusive leisure destinations

- Health and safety
- Accessibility and wellbeing
- Responsible food and beverage
- Community relations

#### Progress

- 750k concessionary discount games bowled
- £28,000 raised for national charity partner
- 48.3% of soft drinks sold were from our expanded sugar free range



#### **Outstanding workplaces**

- Talent attraction and retention
- Diversity and inclusion
- Training and development
- Team wellbeing

#### Progress

- UK's 25 Best Big Companies to Work For
- Sector leading bonus schemes
- 40% of management appointees from internal candidates
- Cost of living payments and pay rate increases



#### Sustainable centres

- Waste management
- Energy efficiency
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Climate change

#### Progress

- 77.7% waste recycling achieved
- 32% of centres with solar arrays
- 65% of centres with Pins on Strings
- TCFD disclosure for first time in FY2022 Annual Report
- In-house Energy Analyst recruited

New Corporate Responsibility Committee and increased range of ESG targets for FY2023

### **Refurbishments and new centre openings**

#### Continued investment in the estate to drive returns

• Total of £12.5m expansionary UK capital spent

#### Refurbishments/rebrands - £3.6m

- 8 centres refurbished/rebranded
- LFL SPG performance +22.9%
- Lineage +19.3%
- Sunsetting AMF brand by end of H1 FY2023
- Ongoing pipeline of centres to refurbish on 5-7 year cycle

New centres - £8.9m (net of LL contributions)

- Strong performances from all new centre openings
- Puttstars Peterborough and Hollywood Bowl Speke opened in November 2022



### **Puttstars trial progressing**

#### Robust five centre trial group

- Continue testing, learning and evolving the concept
- Excellent customer feedback to date
- All centres profitable
- Limited trading period due to COVID-19

#### Major customer research programme undertaken

- Insights included in fit out of new Peterborough centre

   Varying course difficulties to encourage second games
   More defined visual style for each course
   Upgraded digital journey and external signage

   Lower price point introduced in our Tier 2 location
   Potential fourth offer in select Hollywood Bowls
- Strategy is unchanged, with rollout pace slowed
- Increased capital expenditure
- Existing centres and brand to become more established
- Potential for further 10-15 centres



### Strong UK new centre pipeline to FY2025

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Strong performance from FY2022 openings Pipeline of targets on high footfall leisure developments Build costs c. £2.8m + given inflationary environment ROI % target maintained

#### FY2023

<ul> <li>Speke, Liverpool</li> </ul>	open		
<ul> <li>Peterborough Puttstars</li> </ul>	open		
Merry Hill, Dudley	1 centre		
FY2024			
• South East	1 centre		
• East	2 centres		
North West	1 centre		
FY2025			
• North	2 centres		
• East	2 centres		
• South West	1 centre		



### Investment in onsite solar technology

#### Onsite solar investments in partnership with landlords

- •17 centres added during FY2022
- Total of 22 roof arrays at end of September 2022
- In FY2019 we used 19.6 MWh
- In FY2022 we used 20.5 MWh
- > 1.9 MWH self generated
- > 0.3 MWH sold back to the grid

#### Strong payback and further investment planned

- Payback on solar panels is 9.8 years based on hedged rate
- Payback on solar panels is 3.4 years based on market rate
- Continued investment in FY2023 with 10 planned
- Fully invested by end of FY2024





# International expansion



### **Teaquinn investment thesis and trading update**



#### Rationale

- Canada is a well-established market with similarities to the UK
- Well operated, asset backed business that provides the Group with a strategic platform for growth
- Value add via our customer-led operating model and technology

#### Financials

- Freehold valuations
   CAD 12m+
- FY2019 group revenue CAD 18.7m
- FY2019 EBITDA pre-IFRS 16 CAD 3.0m

#### Trading update post acquisition – 4 months

- ▲ LFL revenues up over 25% vs pre COVID-19 levels
- ✤ Total revenues CAD 9.6m
- 🛧 EBITDA pre-IFRS 16 CAD 1.6m
- Net income pre-IFRS 16 CAD 1.1m

#### Foundations for growth

- Building team with new VP of Operations, Director of Finance, Heads of Marketing, People and IT
- Customer research project underway



### Long term sustainable international growth





#### **Extending reach via acquisition**

- Single site and multi site groups
- Over 190 bowling centres across Canada
- Increase density within Toronto and build out across the West

#### Progress

- Identified pipeline of opportunities
- Purchased Kingston in July 2022 with refurbishment planned in April 2023
- Further negotiations ongoing



#### **Refurbishment of core estate**

- Investment to drive dwell time and spend through transformational investments
- Targeted returns of 33% on invested capital

#### Progress

- Richmond Hill refurbishment due to complete in January 2023
- Hamilton refurbishment to start April 2023
- Capital investment circa CAD 1-1.5m including maintenance capital



#### **Greenfield sites**

- Extend reach across Canada with new centre development
- Opportunities to infill within large population areas
- Local demographics analysis to mirror UK methodology

#### Progress

- Negotiations ongoing on further sites
- Engaged property experts to unearth more opportunities



# Summary and outlook

### **Outlook for FY2023**



#### Market leader with high quality, well-invested estate

• Led by experienced management team

Continued demand for affordable leisure experiences

Strong start to FY2023 and Christmas trading

Well positioned against cost inflation elements

#### Strong balance sheet and cash generative model

- Ability to invest in growth and market opportunities
- Investment in customer proposition and technology enablers
- Commitment to ongoing refurbishment programme
- New centre pipeline remains strong
- New growth platform established in Canada
- Longer term opportunity to grow Group estate to 110 centres

#### Updated capital allocation policy

• Focused on profitable growth and shareholder returns





### New centre case study - Resorts World Birmingham

#### Strong demographics in the vicinity

- Over 600k population within 16 min drive time
- 45% key customer groups
- Close proximity to other footfall drivers

#### Worked with landlord to unearth opportunity and terms

- Conversion of 14 empty shop units
- Low base rent with turnover top up
- 17 lane centre with amusements, bar and diner
- Net capital expenditure less than £1.5m

#### **Opened December 2021**

- First 9 months trading above average centre by 10.3%
- On track to payback net capex within two years





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### Management

#### **Stephen Burns** Chief Executive Officer

#### Appointment

Stephen joined the Group as Business Development Director in 2011. He was promoted to Managing Director in 2012 and became Chief Executive Officer in 2014.

#### Skills and experience

Before joining the Group, Stephen worked within the health and fitness industry, holding various roles within Cannons Health and Fitness Limited from 1999. He became sales and client retention director in 2007 upon the acquisition of Cannons Health and Fitness Limited by Nuffield Health and became regional director in 2009. In 2011, Stephen was appointed to the operating board of MWB Business Exchange, a public company specialising in serviced offices, meeting and conference rooms, and virtual offices.

Stephen was appointed Chairman at the Club Company Limited (operator of UK country clubs) in 2018.

**Top bowling score** 189

#### **Laurence Keen**

#### **Chief Financial Officer**

#### Appointment

Laurence joined the Group as Finance Director in 2014.

#### Skills and experience

Laurence has a first-class degree in business, mathematics and statistics from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He qualified as a chartered accountant in 2000 and has been an ICAEW Fellow since 2012. Previously, Laurence was UK development director for Paddy Power from 2012. He has held senior retail and finance roles for Debenhams PLC, Pizza Hut (UK) Limited and Tesco PLC.

Laurence was appointed Non-Executive Director at Tortilla Mexican Grill Plc in 2021.

#### Top bowling score

191





