







## **Preliminary results**

30 September 2014











## Introduction

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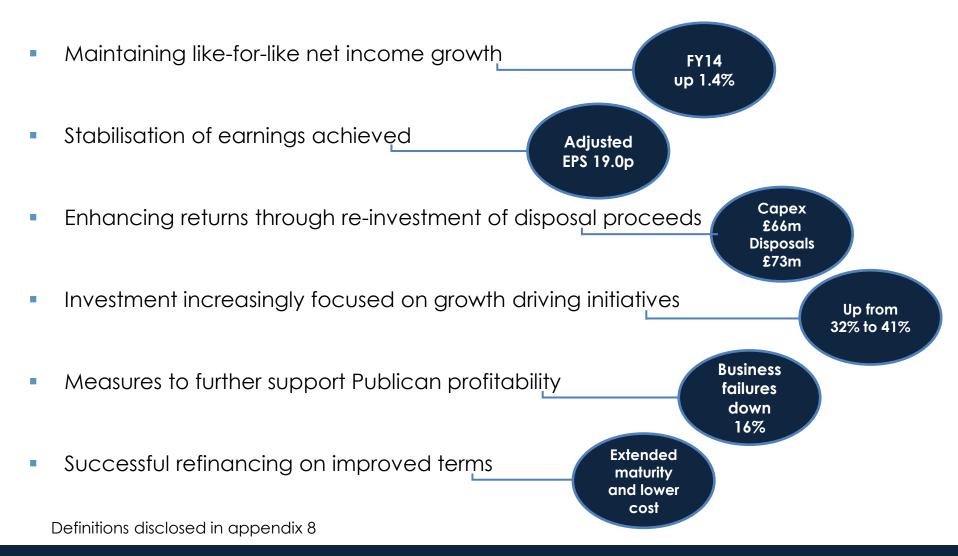
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#### Performance highlights











## Financial review

**Neil Smith** 







## Financial highlights

| Year ending 30 September                 | 2014    | 2013    | Year-on-year<br>change |          |
|--|---------|---------|------------------------|----------|
| Like-for-like net income                 | 1.4%    | (2.8)%  | 4.2 ppt                | 1        |
| EBITDA <sup>1</sup>                      | £302m   | £313m   | (3.5)%                 | 1        |
| Profit before tax <sup>1</sup>           | £121m   | £121m   | -                      | <b>(</b> |
| Adjusted earnings per share <sup>1</sup> | 19.0p   | 19.0p   | -                      | <b>(</b> |
| Free cash flow pre-investment            | £111m   | £109m   | 1.8%                   | 1        |
| Group net debt                           | £2,404m | £2,521m | (4.6)%                 | 1        |

<sup>1</sup> Excludes exceptional items.Definitions disclosed in appendix 8



#### Income statement

|                                    | Year ending  |          |       | ar ending    | •               |       |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------|-------|--------------|-----------------|-------|
|                                    | 30 Sep       | otember: | 2014  | 30 Sep       | 30 September 20 |       |
| £m                                 | Pre<br>excep | Excep    | Total | Pre<br>excep | Excep           | Total |
|                                    |              |          |       |              |                 |       |
| EBITDA                             | 302          | (13)     | 289   | 313          | (2)             | 311   |
| Depreciation                       | (16)         | -        | (16)  | (15)         | -               | (15)  |
| Operating profit                   | 286          | (13)     | 273   | 298          | (2)             | 296   |
| Property related                   | -            | (70)     | (70)  | -            | (158)           | (158) |
| Interest                           | (165)        | (2)      | (167) | (177)        | (4)             | (181) |
| Gain on purchase of own debt       | -            | -        | -     | -            | 1               | 1     |
| Profit before Tax                  | 121          | (85)     | 36    | 121          | (163)           | (42)  |
| Taxation                           | (26)         | 20       | (6)   | (26)         | 64              | 38    |
| Profit after Tax                   | 95           | (65)     | 30    | 95           | (99)            | (4)   |
|                                    |              | -        |       |              |                 |       |
| Adjusted EPS (p)                   | 19.0         |          |       | 19.0         |                 |       |
| Weighted average no. of shares (m) | 500.5        |          |       | 499.5        |                 |       |



### Reconciliation of EBITDA and like-for-like net income

| Year ending 30 September              |      |               |      |             |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|------|---------------|------|-------------|--|--|
| £m                                    | 2014 | Move-<br>ment | 2013 | Change<br>% |  |  |
| Like-for-like net income <sup>1</sup> | 370  | 5             | 365  | 1.4         |  |  |
| FY14 disposals                        | 3    | (3)           | 6    |             |  |  |
| FY13 disposals                        | -    | (8)           | 8    |             |  |  |
| Unallocated costs                     | (6)  | -             | (6)  |             |  |  |
| Net income                            | 367  | (6)           | 373  |             |  |  |
| Property costs                        | (29) | (1)           | (28) |             |  |  |
| Administrative expenses               | (36) | (4)           | (32) |             |  |  |
| EBITDA                                | 302  | (11)          | 313  | (3.5)       |  |  |

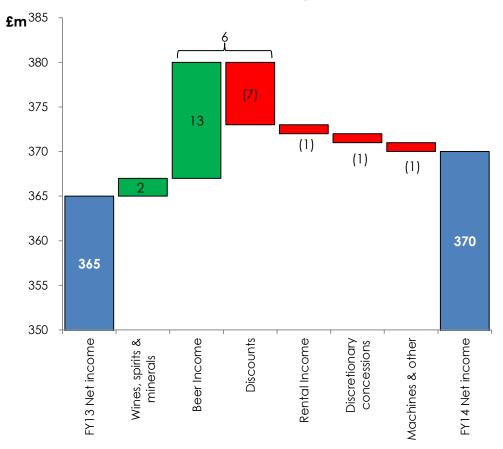
- Total estate like-for-like growth of 1.4%
- Translates to EBITDA reduction of 3.5% due largely to asset disposals, with average pub numbers down 4.9% from 5.698 to 5.421
- Administrative costs higher due to increased employee costs and one off prior year benefits

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Relates to 5,348 total trading pub estate at 30 September 2014



#### Improved like-for-like net income – up 1.4%



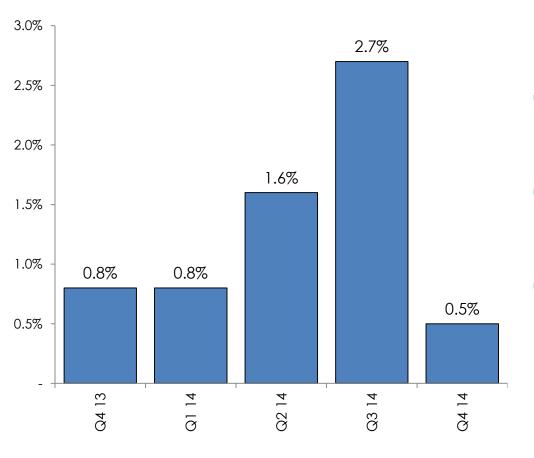


- Sales led improved performance with growing income from beer, aided by discounts driving volume
- Wine, spirits and minerals income normalised in the current year following distribution issues in prior year

Full detailed analysis included as Appendix 2



#### Like-for-like net income growth from total estate



- Performance sustained over five consecutive quarters
- Q3 benefited from FIFA World Cup and a late Easter holiday period
- First seven weeks of FY15 remain in growth



#### All geographies report improving trend

Year ending 30 September 2014

|          | No. of          | Ne         | Net income |            | FY14<br>Year-          | FY13<br>Year-           |
|----------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Location | trading<br>pubs | FY14<br>£m | %          | FY13<br>£m | on-year<br>change<br>% | on-year<br>change<br>%* |
| North    | 1,594           | 102        | 27         | 102        | _                      | (3.2)                   |
| Midlands | 1,724           | 110        | 30         | 110        | -                      | (3.9)                   |
| South    | 2,030           | 158        | 43         | 153        | 3.3                    | (1.7)                   |
| Total    | 5,348           | 370        | 100        | 365        | 1.4                    | (2.8)                   |

- Strong performance in South of country aided by London
- 43% of income derived from South sector
- Stability of income in Midlands & North
- Highest earning 90% (4,813) pubsreported growth of 3.1%

<sup>\*</sup>The FY13 income change comparative has been restated to reflect like-for-like performance for the 5,348 pubs trading as at 30 September 2014



#### Exceptional items primarily property related

| Year ending 30 September<br><sub>£m</sub>         | 2014 | 2013  |   |                              |
|---|------|-------|---|------------------------------|
| Property related:                                 |      |       | _ |                              |
| Profit on sale of pubs                            | 12   | 21    | ٠ | Net charge to income         |
| Valuation change on sold pubs                     | (13) | (57)  |   | from property related        |
| Write down on sold pubs                           | (1)  | (36)  | - | items reduced as scale of    |
| Valuation change on future sales                  | (20) | (24)  |   | disposal programme           |
| Valuation change on pubs retained in fixed assets | (42) | (84)  |   | declines and valuations      |
| Goodwill  | (7)  | (14)  |   | stabilise                    |
| Total property exceptionals                       | (70) | (158) | - | 310011130                    |
| Pension   | (10) | -     | • | Buy-out of pension           |
| Other   | (3)  | (1)   |   | obligations crystallises all |
| Interest  | (2)  | (4)   |   | future liabilities – payable |
| Exceptional items pre taxation                    | (85) | (163) | - | over four years              |
| Taxation  | 20   | 64    |   |                              |
| Total exceptional items                           | (65) | (99)  | _ |                              |



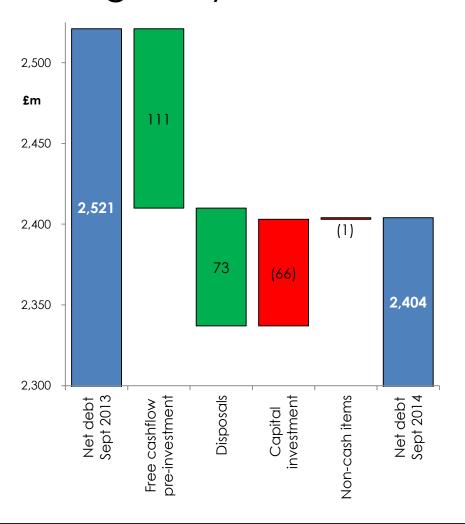
#### Strong operational cash generation

| 2014  | 2013                                 |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 273   | 296                                  |
| 16    | 15                                   |
| 10    | -                                    |
| _     | 7                                    |
| 299   | 318                                  |
| (167) | (182)                                |
| (21)  | (27)                                 |
| 111   | 109                                  |
|       | 273<br>16<br>10<br>-<br>299<br>(167) |

- Strong operational cash generation
- Debt reduction leads to lower interest cash outflow



## Cash generation has reduced net debt by £117m during the year



- Strong free cashflow of £111m
- Enhancing returns by reinvesting disposal proceeds
- 230 pubs disposed in period with average net proceeds of £317k
- 41% of capital investment focused on growth driving initiatives up from 32%
- Return on investment (ROI) hurdle rate of 15%, with actual returns of 19%



#### Balance sheet

Net asset value stable at £1.4bn

|                        | As at           |                 |    |   |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|---|
| <u>£m</u>              | 30 Sept<br>2014 | 30 Sept<br>2013 | i. | Assets – predominantly pub estate       |
| Goodwill & investments | 338             | 345             |    | which is subject to annual valuation    |
| Pubs & other assets    | 3,874           | 3,997           |    | writer is subject to drinodi valodilori |
| Net debt               | (2,404)         | (2,521)         |    | Liabilities – primarily net debt        |
| Net other liabilities  | (168)           | (155)           |    | Net asset value of £2.80                |
| Deferred tax           | (237)           | (264)           |    | 11C1 G33C1 VGIOC C1 \$2.00              |
| Net assets             | 1,403           | 1,402           |    |   |
|                        |                 |                 |    |   |



#### Annual revaluation

#### Closing pub estate

|                           | No.<br>of pubs | Avg. value<br>£k/pub | Total value<br>£m |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| £1m+                      | 957            | 1,279                | 1,224             |
| £750k to £1m              | 1,238          | 859                  | 1,063             |
| £500k to £750k            | 1,839          | 622                  | 1,143             |
| £250k to £500k            | 887            | 406                  | 360               |
| < £250k                   | 107            | 178                  | 19                |
| Pub estate                | 5,028          | 758                  | 3,809             |
| Pubs held for sale        | 118            | 254                  | 30                |
| Operating leases          | 260            | 38                   | 10                |
| Total pub estate*         | 5,406          | 712                  | 3,849             |
| Other assets              |                |                      | 25                |
| Total pubs & other assets |                |                      | 3,874             |

#### Pub estate valuation

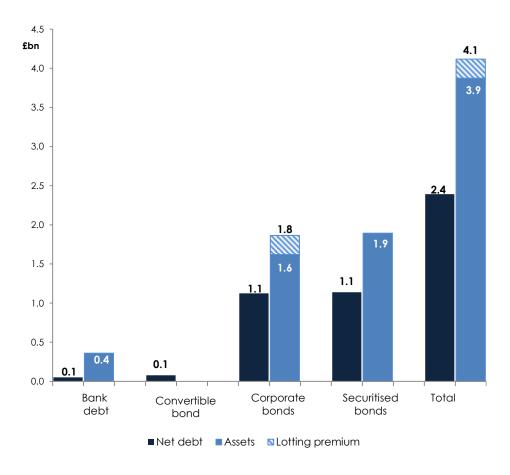
| <u>£m</u>                               | 2014   | 2013   |
|---|--------|--------|
| Pub estate - pre revaluation            | 3,884  | 4,062  |
| Revaluation charged to income statement | (42)   | (84)   |
| Revaluation in reserves                 | (33)   | (55)   |
| Total revaluation reduction             | (75)   | (139)  |
| Pub estate - post revaluation           | 3,809  | 3,923  |
| Revaluation reduction                   | (1.9)% | (3.4)% |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  Trading pubs of 5,348 and non viable closed pubs of 58



#### Loan-to-value at 58%

(62% excluding lotting premium)



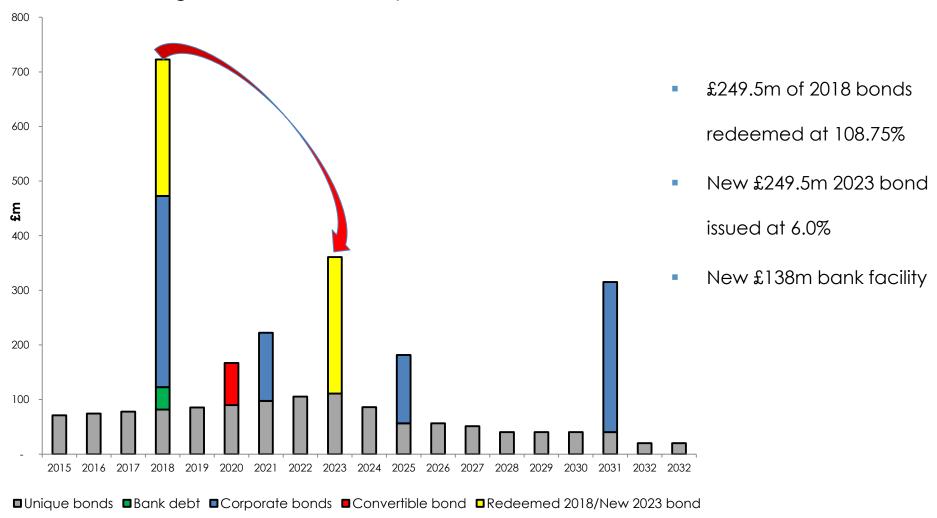
- £60m corporate debenture repaid in period
- £78m securitised bonds repaid in period (£68m amortisation, £10m purchase)
- Partial refinancing of 2018 corporate bond on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014
- New £138m non-amortising revolving bank facility available until September 2018

See appendix 3 for full analysis of Group net debt



#### October debt refinancing

Active management of £600m corporate bond due December 2018





#### 2015 Technical guidance

- Targeting to maintain like-for-like net income growth
- Full year finance charges of £158 160m
- Cash outflow of £28m in Q1 due to 2018 bond re-tender; 2023 new issue and new bank facility – exceptional charge in FY15
- Full year effective tax rate c. 20.5%
- Disposals of c. £60m
- Capital investment of c. £70m









## **Business Review**

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#### Market context and dynamics

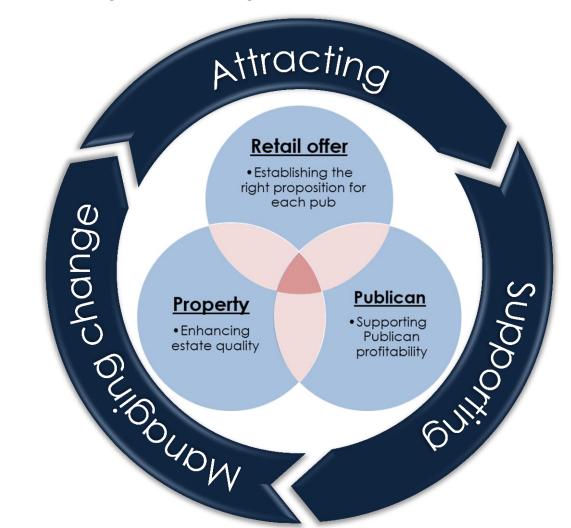
Improving outlook

- Macro indicators are better, but with regional variances
- Consumer confidence is recovering, but subdued
- Leisure spend rising again hunt for quality and value
  - Pubs growing share of eating out, premium, local craft beer
- Regulatory environment becoming clear



#### Growing our like-for-like income

Planning and executing the best plan for every asset

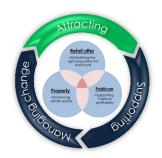


- Only quality assets
- Flexible agreements
- Investment capability
- 100 days programme
- SCORFA benefits
- Enterprise team
- Publican satisfaction



#### Constantly improving estate quality

Enhancing returns by reinvesting disposal proceeds



| Analysis of FY14 capital investment |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|----|-----|--|--|--|--|--|
|                                     | £m | %   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Growth:                             |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Core leased and tenanted            | 24 | 36  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New business                        | 1  | 2   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial property                 | 2  | 3   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total growth                        | 27 | 41  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Letting                             | 11 | 17  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maintenance                         | 23 | 35  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fixtures and fittings               | 3  | 4   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Investment in properties            | 64 | 97  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Central capital                     | 2  | 3   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total                               | 66 | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |

- Rigorous discipline in deployment of capital
- 41% of investment focused on growth, up from 32%, delivering 19% ROI
- Investment opportunities will exceed divestment proceeds in FY15
- 70 growth schemes > £100k, 188 schemes £50-100k, 600 schemes £20-50k
- £1.8m Publican investment in top 25 growth schemes
- Robust management of property condition
- Enhanced property team capability



#### Growing publican sales and profits

Investment in people and resources





- RM role is integral to success
- Increased investment in:
  - Learning and development
  - IT and infrastructure
  - Commercial and retail capability
  - Publican satisfaction



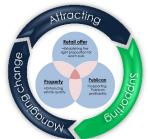


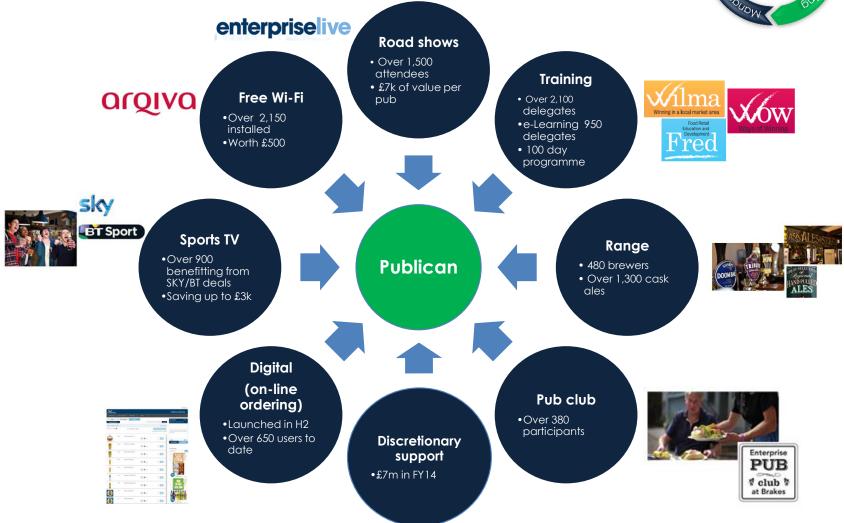




#### Supporting Publican profitability

Driving sales and margins, reducing overhead costs



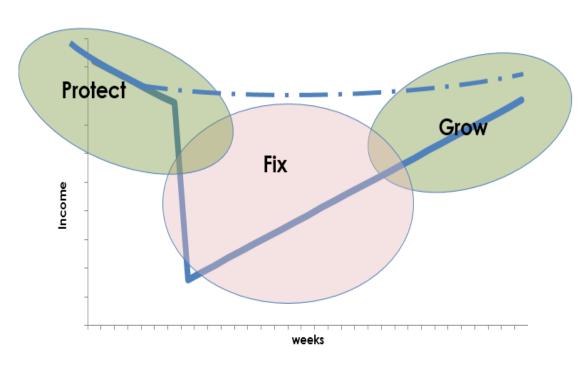




#### Reducing the costs of Publican change

Early intervention and proactive management





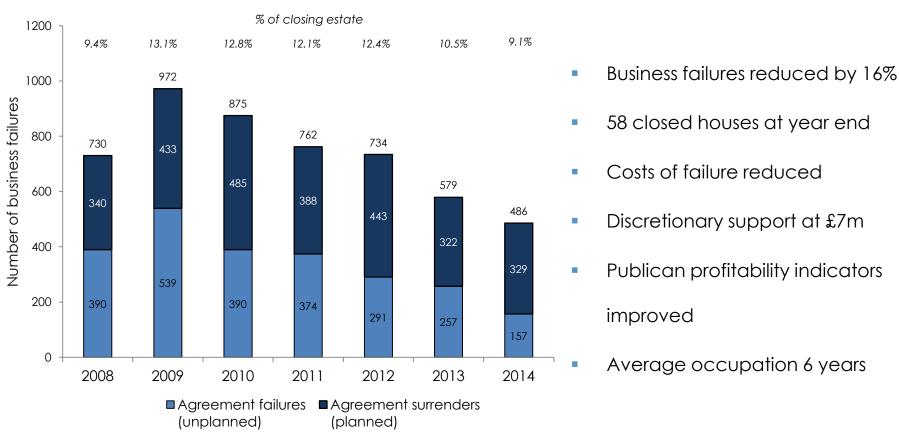
- Halt business decline
- Avoid weeks of closure
- Drive trading performance
   whilst non-substantive
- Re-let a performing pub on optimal terms



#### Managing Publican change

68% of change is planned

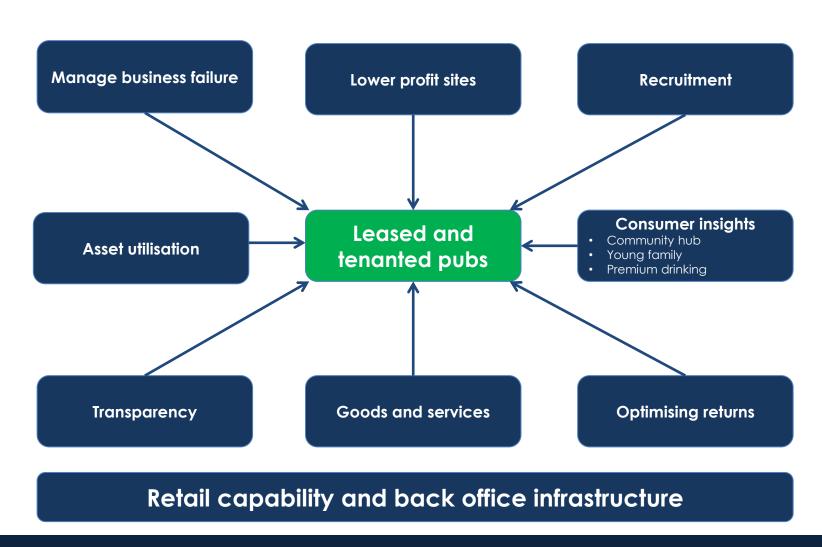






#### Greater control brings tangible benefits

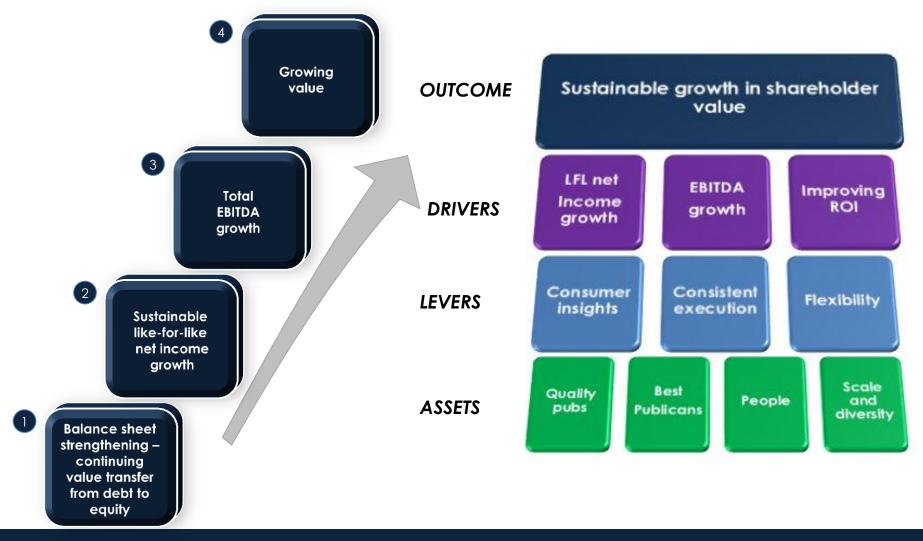
Enhancing returns for shareholders





#### Clear strategy for creating shareholder value

Steady progress on all fronts





#### Summary and outlook

Market dynamics improving

- Maintained progress in like-for-like performance
- Underlying operational metrics further improved
- Business model evolving
- Encouraging start to current year









## **Questions & answers**







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#### Appendix 1:

#### Operational metrics

- 98% of agreements have had rent reviewed since 2008
- 461 rent reviews completed at an average annual increase of 0.2%
  - (2013 437 reduction of 0.3%)
- 69% of substantive agreements linked to RPI (2013 69%)
- 90% of Publicans receiving contractual BCF discount (2013 88%)
- Overdue balances reduced by 24% to £2.6m (2013 £3.4m)
- Rate of business failures reduced by 16% (2013 down 21%)
- Total discretionary support increased to £7m (2013 £6m)



#### Appendix 2:

## Like-for-like net income analysis

| £m            | Beer,<br>cider<br>& fabs | Contractual<br>discounts | Net<br>beer,<br>cider<br>& fabs | Rental<br>income | Discretionary<br>concessions | Wines,<br>spirits&<br>minerals | Machines<br>& other | Total |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| <u>2014</u>   |                          |                          |                                 |                  |                              |                                |                     |       |
| Turnover      | 511                      | (82)                     | 429                             | 165              | (7)                          | 29                             | 10                  | 626   |
| Cost of sales | (236)                    | -                        | (236)                           | -                | -                            | (20)                           | -                   | (256) |
| Net income    | 275                      | (82)                     | 193                             | 165              | (7)                          | 9                              | 10                  | 370   |
| <u>2013</u>   |                          |                          |                                 |                  |                              |                                |                     |       |
| Turnover      | 497                      | (75)                     | 422                             | 166              | (6)                          | 22                             | 11                  | 615   |
| Cost of sales | (235)                    | -                        | (235)                           | -                | -                            | (15)                           | -                   | (250) |
| Net income    | 262                      | (75)                     | 187                             | 166              | (6)                          | 7                              | 11                  | 365   |



#### Appendix 3:

## Net debt analysis

| ,                                |          |         |  |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|--|
|                                  | As at    |         |  |
|                                  | 30 Septe | ember   |  |
| <u>£m</u>                        | 2014     | 2013    |  |
| ETI bank debt                    | (81)     | (81)    |  |
| ETI cash                         | 35       | 40      |  |
| ETI net bank debt                | (46)     | (41)    |  |
| Captive insurance cash           | 5        | -       |  |
| Convertible loan note            | (76)     | (75)    |  |
| Corporate bonds                  | (1,125)  | (1,185) |  |
| Total ETI debt                   | (1,242)  | (1,301) |  |
| Unique securitised bonds         | (1,221)  | (1,300) |  |
| Unique cash                      | 83       | 104     |  |
| Total Unique debt                | (1,138)  | (1,196) |  |
| Underlying Group net debt        | (2,380)  | (2,497) |  |
| Fair value and other adjustments | (24)     | (24)    |  |
| Group net debt                   | (2,404)  | (2,521) |  |
|                                  |          |         |  |



#### Appendix 4:

#### Old bank facility

This facility was replaced with a new facility effective from 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014

| Facility | Amount | Cost over LIBOR | Term         | Repayment                             |
|----------|--------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| В        | 75     | 4.5%            | 15 June 2016 | Quarterly amortisation from Sept 2014 |
| С        | 75     | 4.5% - 3.5%     | 15 June 2016 | At term                               |
|          | 150    |                 |              |                                       |

#### Covenants comfortable

|   | Covenant       | As at 30<br>Sept 2014 | As at 30<br>Sept 2013 |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Net debt:EBITDA less than               | 6.50x          | 5.89x                 | 5.37x                 |
| Interest cover greater than             | 2.00x          | 2.45x                 | 2.59x                 |
| First charge asset cover greater than   | 1.33x          | 8.29x                 | 3.29x                 |
| Total property asset cover greater than | 1. <b>50</b> x | 19.48x                | 7.90x                 |



#### Appendix 5:

#### New bank facility

New facility commencing on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at £138m as follows:

| Amount | Cost over LIBOR | Term    | Status                           |  |
|--------|-----------------|---------|----------------------------------|--|
| £138m  | 3.00%           | 4 years | Fully revolving, no amortisation |  |

Produces estimated annual saving of £1m

Significant headroom against covenants<sup>1</sup>

|   | Covenant | As at 30<br>Sept 2014 | As at 30<br>Sept 2013 |
|---|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Interest cover greater than             | 1.50x    | 1.89x                 | 1.87x                 |
| First charge asset cover greater than   | 1.33x    | 8.29x                 | 3.29x                 |
| Total property asset cover greater than | 1.50x    | 19.48x                | 7.90x                 |

Simplified covenant package

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Covenants excluding Unique; EBITDA excludes dividends from Unique



#### Appendix 6:

#### ETI corporate bonds

- Terms of Tender Offer
  - 8.75% on £250m produces exceptional cash cost of £22m
  - Plus other fees of £4m
  - Incremental interest charge of £1m
- Terms of New 2023 Bond
  - Coupon of 6.0% produces annual interest saving of £1.25m compared to existing 2018 bonds at 6.5%

| Value   | Rate   | Redemption | Asset Cover | Income Cover | Market Price at<br>30 Sept 2014 |
|---------|--------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| £350m   | 6.500% | 2018       | 1.67x       | 2.0x         | 107.8                           |
| £125m   | 6.875% | 2021       | 1.50x       | 1.5x         | 107.0                           |
| £250m   | 6.000% | 2023       | 1.67x       | 2.0x         | n/a                             |
| £125m   | 6.875% | 2025       | 1.50x       | 1.5x         | 106.2                           |
| £275m   | 6.375% | 2031       | 1.67x       | 1.5x         | 100.7                           |
| £1,125m |        |            |             |              |                                 |



#### Appendix 7:

## Unique securitisation

- Purchased £10m A4s at an average purchase price of 100p
- Amortisation in the period £46m of A3 notes and £22m of A4 notes
- Bond pricing has improved by 8% since September 2013

| Value   | Rate   | Note | Redemption | Market price |           |
|---------|--------|------|------------|--------------|-----------|
|         |        |      |            | Sept 2014    | Sept 2013 |
| £386m   | 6.542% | А3   | 2021       | 106          | 102       |
| £420m   | 5.659% | A4   | 2027       | 102          | 96        |
| £225m   | 7.395% | M    | 2024       | 105          | 95        |
| £190m   | 6.464% | Ν    | 2032       | 96           | 75        |
| £1,221m |        |      |            |              |           |



#### Appendix 8:

#### **Definitions**

- Like-for-like net income represents the like-for-like gross profits, at pub level, stated before property costs and unallocated central costs
- EBITDA before exceptional items represents the earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation and excludes exceptional items
- Adjusted earnings per share which the directors believe reflects the underlying performance of the Group, is based on profits after tax excluding exceptional items
- **Growth driving capital investment** is discretionary capital cash spend on the Group's assets which is intended to generate incremental income at returns ahead of our target return on investment
- Maintenance & letting capital investment is all capital cash spend that is not growth driving capital investment, typically focused on maintaining the quality of our assets and supporting the letting programme
- Return on investment (ROI) is measured as the incremental income delivered as a result of the investment divided by the value of the capital investment
- **Business failures, agreement surrenders -** are those lease or tenancy agreements that do not reach their full term but are terminated by mutual agreement of ourselves and the departing Publican
- **Business failures, agreement failures -** are all other lease and tenancy agreements that do not reach their full term, that are not achieved through mutual agreement of ourselves and the departing Publican