

ARDENT LEISURE GROUP LIMITED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8 November 2023





# DR GARY WEISS AM – CHAIRMAN

# **AGENDA**

- Chairman's Address
- Presentation by Greg Yong, Theme Parks & Attractions
- Formal Business of the Meeting
- Closing



#### Theme Parks & Attractions return to profitability

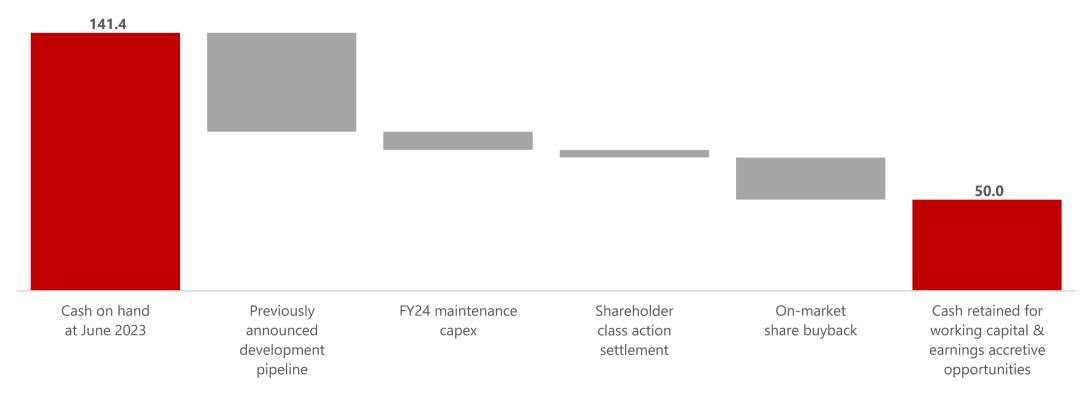
### **FY23 KEY MESSAGES**

- Consolidated NPAT of \$664.7 million, a significant improvement compared to a \$97.4 million loss in the prior year, driven by a \$682.4 million gain on the sale of Main Event Entertainment
- Improved performance of the Theme Parks & Attractions business, with operating revenue of \$83.9 million up 69.6% (\$34.4 million)
  on prior year. Strong operating revenue growth resulted from:
  - 38.6% uplift in total visitation compared to prior year
  - 48.5% increase in ticket sales value<sup>1</sup>, arising from volume and yield improvements
- Theme Parks & Attractions FY23 operating revenue 24.9% higher than FY19 pre-COVID levels, reflective of Dreamworld returning to
  positive operating results as its capital improvement program is progressively rolled out
- Theme Parks & Attractions EBITDA<sup>2</sup> (excluding Specific Items) of \$4.7 million positive for the first time since FY16, an improvement of 131.4% on FY22 and 147.2% on FY19 pre-COVID levels, reflecting the high operating leverage profile of the business
- Settlement reached in shareholder class action
- Solid financial position with \$141.4 million cash and no debt. Well capitalised to fund business growth and to drive increased shareholder value
- On-market share buyback of up to 10% of issued capital over the next 12 months, following a \$455.7 million distribution in July 2022

2 Refer defined terms

<sup>1</sup> Upfront value of Dreamworld and WhiteWater World tickets sold. For annual/multi day passes, this differs from revenue reported under accounting standards which is recognised on a straight-line basis over the period of the passes

### PRUDENT CAPITAL MANAGEMENT



- At 27 June 2023, the Group had \$141.4 million cash on hand
- Most of the announced development pipeline still to be funded, along with FY24 maintenance capex and class action settlement cost
- On-market share buyback of up to 10% of issued capital over the next 12 months, following the \$455.7 million distribution in July 2022.
- Management considers it prudent in the current economic environment to retain a cash reserve to provide headroom for its operating and capital requirements, as well as to provide capacity and flexibility to pursue earnings accretive opportunities
- Funding priorities and liquidity are continually reviewed to ensure the funds utilised/invested provide the highest return to stakeholders

### PROGRESS TOWARDS UNLOCKING FUTURE VALUE

As reported 27 June 2023
141.4
119.0
11.0
4.1
7.8
283.3
(25.8)
(2.3)
(0.7)
(28.8)
254.6
53.7

- ALG's balance sheet strengthened following the Main Event sale:
  - \$141.4 million cash
  - Debt free with unencumbered freehold real estate
- The Group had net assets of \$254.6 million at 27 June 2023,
   \$190.9 million higher than \$63.7 million reported at 28 June 2022
- Opportunities to unlock future value include the following items not reflected in the balance sheet:
  - Uplift in value of PP&E and intangibles for Dreamworld and SkyPoint which are carried at historic cost (net of accumulated depreciation/impairments) of \$130.0 million at 27 June 2023. In FY16, the fair value of these assets was \$275.0 million. Potential for further upside from enhancement in value of surplus land
  - \$130.9 million of tax losses and \$48.1 million of deductible temporary differences, with a combined tax benefit of \$53.7 million. These are not recognised as a DTA at 27 June 2023 but are available for use by the Group in future
  - Ardent's share of contingent consideration receivable amounting to US\$8.8 million upon future utilisation of Main Event tax losses by Dave & Buster's

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# THEME PARKS & ATTRACTIONS

#### **Results Overview**

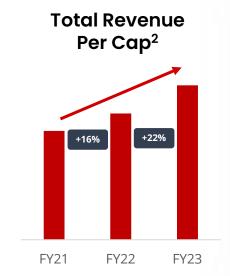
# FY23 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

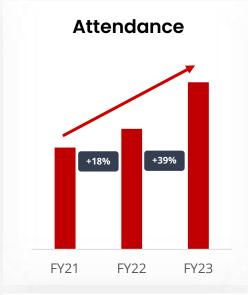
The impact of government grants does not reflect performance of the business on a YOY basis. Underlying performance excluding these impacts is a more accurate reflection of trading activity.

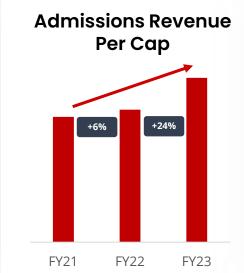
EBITDA<sup>2</sup> (excl Specific Items)













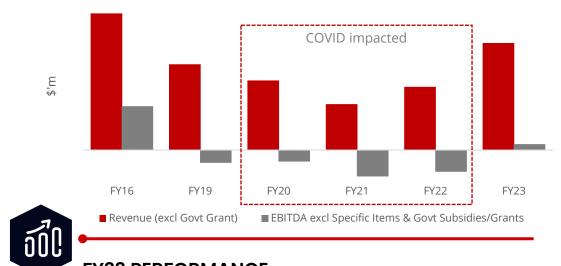


<sup>1</sup> Dreamworld and WhiteWater World ticket sales

<sup>2</sup> Results exclude Government Grants and JobKeeper

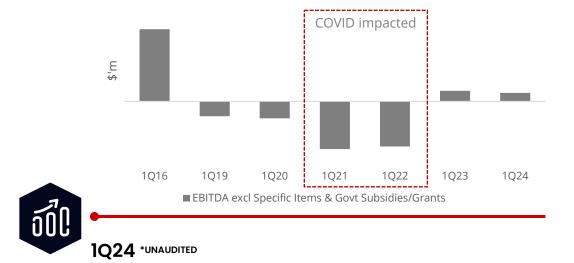
#### Ongoing positive trading performance

## **GROWTH CONTINUES INTO 1Q24**





- Operating revenue<sup>1</sup> up 69.6% on prior year, highest since FY16
- Total ticket sales<sup>2</sup> up 48.5% on prior year, highest since FY16 and significantly above levels achieved in every other subsequent year
- Revenue per capita up 22.3% on prior year and exceeded FY16 by 54.1%
- Positive EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$4.7 million, up 127.4% on prior year, highest since FY16



- 1Q24 operating revenue up 3.4% on pcp, highest since 1Q17
- Total ticket sales<sup>2</sup> for 1Q24 up 16.0% on pcp, highest since 1Q17
- EBITDA¹ for 1Q24 remains positive despite the business countering inflationary headwinds
- SkyPoint EBITDA result for 1Q24 best on record notwithstanding international visitation remaining well below historical levels

<sup>1.</sup> Excluding Government Grants and Specific Items

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### **EVENTS & ACTIVATIONS**

#### **Enriching the guest experience**

A critical strategy to acquire and retain both annual pass and shorter-term visitation

- Recent events saw record NPS scores and in park revenue spending
- Waitangi Weekend, Dreamworld's Street Food Festival, Dreamworld's Fun Run, Winterfest, Spring County Fair and Happy Halloween events delivered successfully
- Dreamworld's '40 Day Giveaway' promotion performed well with over 75,000 entries and saw strong attendance on the 8 October for the major prize draw











#### **Strategic Initiatives**

## **UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROGRAMS**







#### Solid progress on kids areas Phase 1

- Dreamworld Theatre Open
- Belinda's Tree House Open
- Big Red Planes ride Open
- New Parents Centre Open
- Kenny's Forest Flyer Open
- Serpent Slayer Open
- Bananas In Pyjamas Carousel Open
- Bananas In Pyjamas Fun Maze Open
- Seabed Splash Open
- Danie Can Danierana Orana

# Remaining product opening before the end of calendar 2023

- The Dreamworld Flyer on target for opening by end of December
- Kids areas phases 2 and 3 including Playschool Wheel and Big Red Boat coaster, on track for December opening
- Aggregated kids area grand opening scheduled for December school holidays

#### **Rivertown construction update**

- Rivertown will be the most themed land ever built at Dreamworld featuring an all new Murrusippi Motors and Jungle Rush, the largest single attraction investment in Dreamworld's history
- Site works have commenced with demolition and early civil works under way

Deep Sea Dodgems - Open



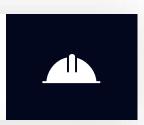
#### **Land Development**

### **OUR SITE**

- Total site ~55 hectares, currently zoned as Open Space and Major Tourism Precinct
- In September 2023, a Preliminary Development Application was lodged which, if approved, would create a unique planning regime specific to the site allowing:
  - Broader range of land uses than currently offered
  - High degree of confidence with respect to developable footprint extent, feasible land uses and timing to establish the same
- The proposals set out in the application have been accepted by the City of Gold Coast as a 'Major Project' which affords a more streamlined, transparent, consistent and coordinated assessment process
- In the application, the site has been conceptually divided into four areas; Major Tourism Precinct, Nature Based Tourism Precinct, Mixed Use A Precinct, Mixed Use B Precinct
- Ardent has applied for uses that are rational for each precinct and strategically complimentary to the site as a whole
- While confident about our prospects, no certainty can be ascribed to the likelihood of approval at this time
- It is anticipated that a Council decision will be made in mid 2024

### A CLEAR PLAN FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

# SAFETY REMAINS TOP PRIORITY



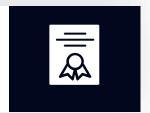
# REVENUE PIPELINE WELL ESTABLISHED



# ONGOING COST DISCIPLINE



# CULTURE OF HIGH PERFORMANCE



# FIRST POSITIVE OPERATING EBITDA SINCE FY16



### **CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC**

- International market still a significant opportunity
- Macro-economic, inflationary headwinds on watch



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# **THANK YOU**