

#### **ASX Announcement (ASX:BBT)**

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#### H1 FY24 Results & Investor Presentation

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# H1 FY24 RESULTS & INVESTOR PRESENTATION

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## **H1 FY24 HIGHLIGHTS**

### Continued outperformance and share gains in Australia; ClutchBet now live in three US states

Australia to EBITDA positive in FY24

Turnover up 13.9% to \$319.5m

Active Customers<sup>1</sup> up 19.0% to 71,789

Robust Net Win of 9.6%

Australian business on track for EBITDA positive in FY24, driven by market share growth and marketing efficiencies Record turnover driven by Sports and Thoroughbred racing, where we are outperforming the market Continued market share gains in Australia, gaining traction in Iowa and Colorado

Group Net Win margin remains robust at 9.6%, with Australia at 10.3% after mix shift to Sports

42.3% increase in AUSport Turnover

Significant product investment

Making good progress in the US

Strong growth led by US Sports, NRL, AFL, Cricket and Tennis. Same Game Multi (higher margin) Turnover up 64% and Bet Count up 42% Continued product enhancement in Australia and the US; BlueBet Global Platform submitted for US approval in Jan-24 Localised marketing strategy gaining traction; first bets taken in 3<sup>rd</sup> US B2C state Louisiana postperiod end

Notes:

1. Customers who have placed a cash bet in the 12 months preceding the relevant period. Iowa and Colorado only live for part of the year



## KEY OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS - H1 FY24

Oct-2022

Strategic investment in Low6

Oct-2022

New StatWars product launched in Australia

Nov-2022

Record Bet Count for Melbourne Cup – +22.6% Feb-2023

Exhibited at Indian Gaming Tradeshow receiving positive feedback from potential B2B partners

Mar-2023

Australian business returned to operating cashflow positive for the quarter

Apr-2023

Launched online sports betting operations in Colorado

Apr-2023

GLI approval of certification of new multi-jurisdictional app

June-2023

Record quarterly Net Win and Active Customers Aug-2023

Brand refresh spearheaded by Brand Ambassador Matt Nable

Aug-2023

HyperLive Micro In-Play Betting launched in US

Aug-2023

Platform submitted to GLI ahead of Louisiana approval

Dec-2023

Record Quarterly
Turnover and Net
Win, continuing to
outperform and gain
share in Australia

Dec-2023

\$3 million loan facility provides additional financial flexibility

Jan-2024

Go-live in third US B2C state, Louisiana (post quarter end)

**Q2 FY23** 

Q3 FY23

Q4 FY23

Q1 FY24

**Q2 FY24** 



## GROUP¹ KEY METRICS DASHBOARD - H1 FY24

Market share gains driving strong top line growth; trading outperformance delivers robust margins



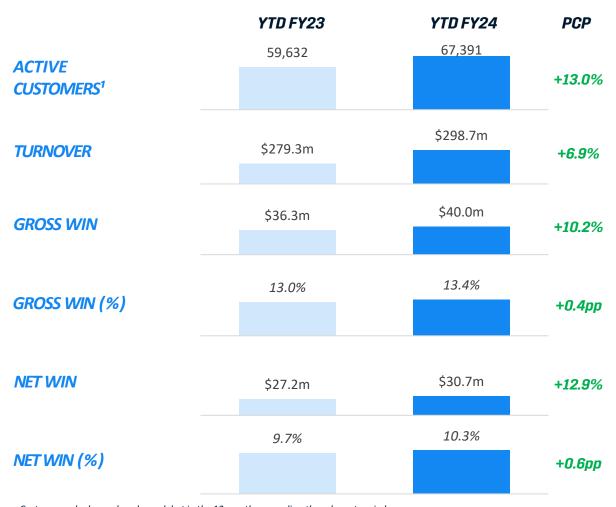
- 1. All comparisons relate to the prior corresponding period (pcp) unless otherwise stated
- 2. Customers who have placed a cash bet in the 12 months preceding the relevant period. Iowa only live since 29 August 2022 and Colorado from 26 April 2023
- Australian business only, US excluded given Iowa first bets were August 2022 and Colorado April 2023



## AUSTRALIAN TRADING BUSINESS

## **AUSTRALIA KEY METRICS - 1H FY24**

### Strong performance with market share gains and robust Net Win margin



- Turnover up 6.9% to \$298.7m, driven by Sports and Thoroughbred Racing where we are outperforming
- Growth in Active Customers driven by refreshed brand strategy and targeted advertising spend
- Disciplined promotional activity at 23.2% of Gross Win (vs. 25.2% PCP)
- Record half year Net Win of \$30.7m, up 12.9%
- Net Win Margin remains strong at 10.3% after mix shift to Sport

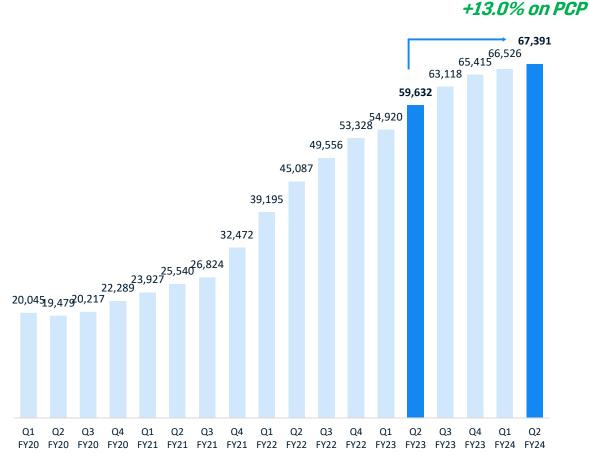
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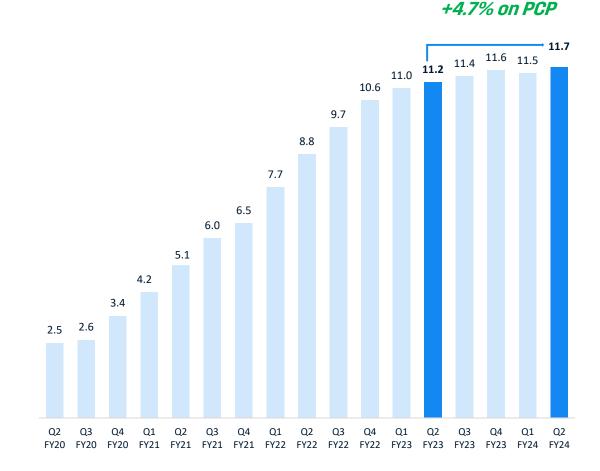


## Record Active customers and bet count<sup>1</sup>

Active Customers up 13.0% to 67,391





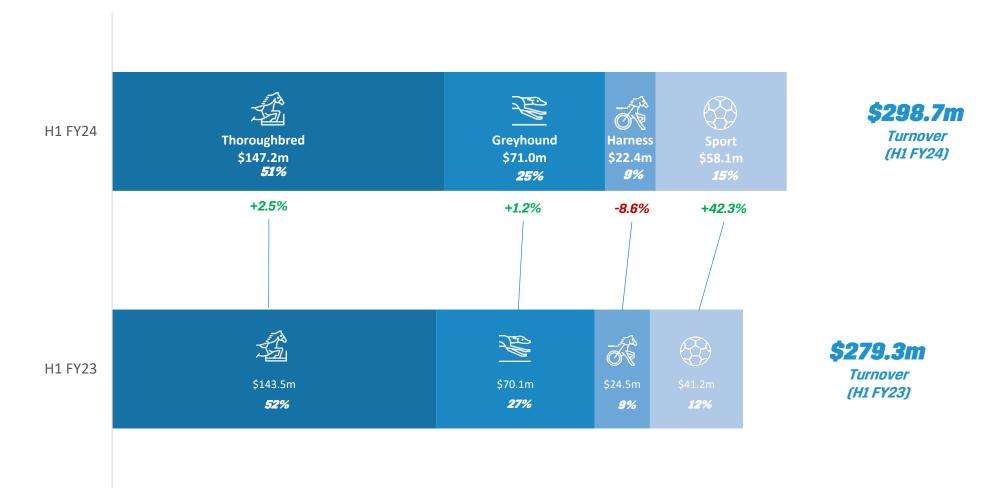


1. Australian trading business



## TURNOVER BY PRODUCT - AUSTRALIA

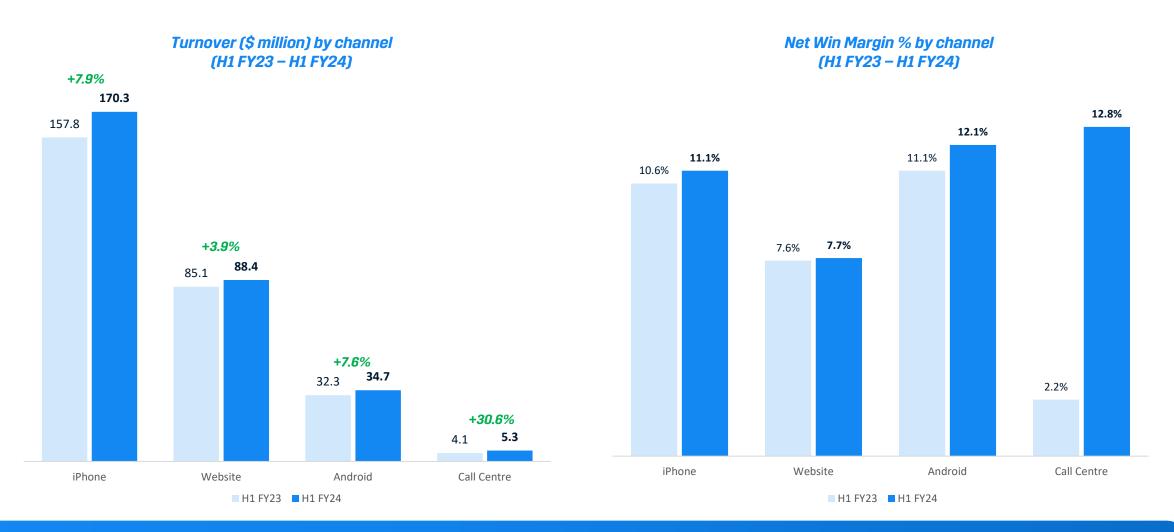
Outperforming the market with Turnover up 6.9% to \$298.7m driven by strong growth in Sport





## **MOBILE FIRST FOCUS - AUSTRALIA**

Mobile Turnover up to 69% of total, with Mobile margin remaining strongest at 11.3%





## FY24 MARKETING PRIORITIES

#### Launched new brand campaign, refreshed brand design and focus on customer value driving initiatives

Driving
customer
value through

Enhanced CRM

Better promotional targeting

Focus on quality paid digital acquisition channels

Product enhancements to reduce churn

Improved brand equity

- Launch of new brand campaign featuring well-known media and sports personality Matt Nable
- Refreshed BlueBet logo, brand design, campaign assets and website and app front end design
- Targeted media investment moving from metro linear TV to focus on high ROI targeted BVOD, digital video and rich mobile formats
- Salesforce personalisation to deliver personalised site, offers and promotional experiences (Q1)
- Enhance channel performance / ROI from Marketing Cloud Intelligence (Q2)









## **AUSTRALIAN REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**

BlueBet is well positioned ahead of potential regulatory change impacting the Australian online wagering industry

## Parliamentary enquiry into online wagering

### Launch of BetStop

### Safer Gaming

Federal government enquiry into online wagering made 31 recommendations across wagering advertising, staff training, regulatory consolidation and responsible wagering frameworks.

Recommendations are provisional and under consultation with stakeholders.

BlueBet is well positioned, having already moved to a targeted acquisition media strategy. National Self-Exclusion Register (BetStop) launched on 21 August 2023.

BetStop enables individuals to selfexclude themselves from every licenced Australian wagering operator through a single portal.

BlueBet has integrated with BetStop to offer a range of pre-commitment tools for customers.

BlueBet has made additional enhancements to CRM interface to provide insights into customer wagering activity and enable improved account analysis and management alongside existing transaction monitoring program.



## US MARKET UPDATE



## **CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN US**



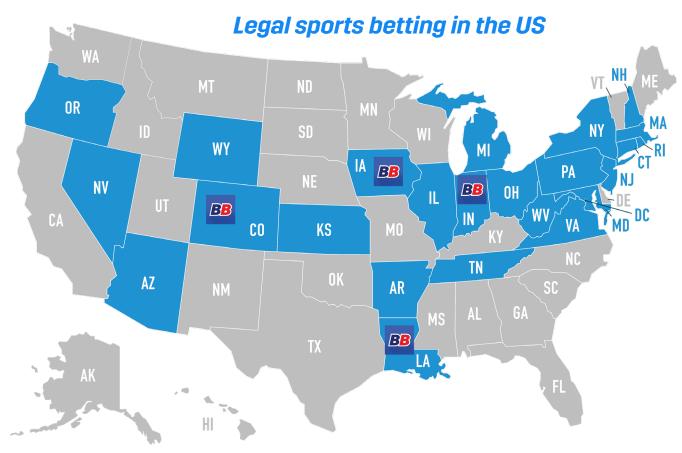
Legal online sports betting expected to be available in >40 states by end 2023¹ and to 96% of US population by 2025²

Now 23 states with full mobile betting

**4 states** with limited mobile betting

**10 states** with inperson retail only

2 states pending



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.actionnetwork.com/news/legal-sports-betting-united-states-projections

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> BETZ ETF June 2021 Presentation



### **US MARKET ENTRY**



### ClutchBet gaining traction in Iowa and Colorado with Louisiana going live in January 2024

| AUD \$m          | H1 FY24 | H1 FY23 |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Turnover/Handle  | 20.7    | 1.8     |
| Gross Win        | 1.0     | 0.1     |
| Net Win          | 0.1     | (0.1)   |
| Active Customers | 4,398   | 696     |
| Bet Count        | 112,714 | 7,753   |



- Capital-lite strategy well progressed and nearing completion of first-stage
- ClutchBet goes live in Louisiana January 2024 and has taken first bets
- Multi-jurisdictional capability of the BlueBet Global Platform provides scalability benefits and enables faster B2B rollouts in each new market
- Progress made toward second stage of US market entry as discussions are underway regarding potential partners for the B2B Sportsbook-as-a-solution
  - The platform provides a path to drive BlueBet's **profitable growth** in the US over the long-term







## FY24 US MARKETING PRIORITIES CLUTCHBET

#### Differentiated brand and product with hyper localised marketing strategy gaining traction

Driving
customer
value through

Product enhancements to grow margin

— Targeted "below the line" promotional spend

Expansion of Affiliate Acquisition strategy

Growth in Social Influencer and Content Marketing campaigns

- Focus on local partnerships and delivering efficiencies through stronger brand awareness, scale in paid search and affiliates. With our local sponsors and venues, transition to more event-based field marketing campaigns
- Targeted promotional strategy by tailoring our new player bonus offer and transition retention and reactivation promotional spend to high value targeted player segments. Launch of real-time, personalised push notification campaigns which feature live game updates and wagering markets
- Content marketing to grow our accessible audiences by expanding free to play offerings
  via our Low6 partnership and provide diversified content offerings across our sports
  blog, ClutchBuzz which is delivering 1,000+ new organic customers each month









Continued execution of local sponsorships and activations









## ClutchBet Partners











## FINANCIALS

## **GROUP RESULTS - INCOME STATEMENT**

#### H1 highlights

- Turnover up 13.9% vs. PCP, driven by market share growth in Australia and US
- Gross Profit up 12.3% vs. PCP with Gross Profit margin at 52.8%
- EBITDA result improved by 12.4% vs. PCP
- Australia on track to be EBITDA positive in FY24, driven by market share growth and marketing efficiencies

#### Segment EBITDA

| AUS  | (\$0.6m) |
|------|----------|
| US   | (\$6.4m) |
| Corp | (\$2.2m) |

| \$000'S                               | H1 FY24   | H1 FY23   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Turnover (gross of GST)               | 319,483   | 280,512   |
| Payouts (gross of GST)                | (278,544) | (244,287) |
| Gross Revenue                         | 40,939    | 36,225    |
| Promotions given (gross of GST)       | (10,326)  | (9,088)   |
| GST                                   | (2,796)   | (2,467)   |
| Wagering Revenue <sup>1</sup>         | 27,817    | 24,670    |
| Cost of Sales                         | (13,142)  | (11,604)  |
| Gross Profit                          | 14,675    | 13,066    |
| Employee benefits expense (ex SBP)    | (7,157)   | (6,448)   |
| Share Based Payments expense          | (1,345)   | (1,296)   |
| Advertising and marketing expense     | (8,327)   | (11,400)  |
| Licencing, platform and subscriptions | (2,279)   | (1,643)   |
| IT expense                            | (2,942)   | (1,143)   |
| Administration expense                | (885)     | (424)     |
| Other Expenses                        | (1,089)   | (1,261)   |
| Interest received                     | 118       | 92        |
| EBITDA                                | (9.231)   | (10,457)  |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense | (2,415)   | (889)     |
| Finance costs                         | (469)     | (22)      |
| Profit before income tax expense      | (12,115)  | (11,368)  |
| Income tax expense                    | 1,752     | 1,467     |
| Profit/(loss) after income tax        | (10,363)  | (9,901)   |
| Foreign Currency Translation          | (61)      | 38        |
| Total comprehensive (loss) / income   | (10,424)  | (9,863)   |



## **GROUP EBITDA RECONCILIATION**

Strong Australian performance supports technology investment; marketing efficiencies to support future growth

| EBITDA H1 FY23             | (10,457) |
|----------------------------|----------|
|                            |          |
| Key H1 FY24 movements      |          |
| Gross Profit               | 1,609    |
| Global IT Expense          | (1,799)  |
| AU Advertising & Marketing | 3,762    |
| AU Other                   | (170)    |
| US Advertising & Marketing | (689)    |
| US Other                   | (1,487)  |
| EBITDA H1 FY24             | (9,231)  |

- Gross profit up 12.3%, driven by growth in Active Customers (+19.0%) and Turnover (+13.9%)
- Global IT expense increased by \$1.8m due to lower capitalization rate. Total IT spend (incl. capex) down 6.4% vs. PCP
- Marketing efficiencies in Australia delivered 13.0% growth in Active Customers from \$3.8m less spend
- US marketing up \$0.7m due to Colorado being live for only 2 months in PCP
- Increased US expenses of \$1.5 million reflect employee headcount cost annualization (\$0.3m), IT expense (\$0.3m), licence fees (\$0.2m) and data/odds feeds (\$0.3m)



## **GROUP RESULTS - BALANCE SHEET**

| \$000'S                               | 31 DEC 2023 | 30 JUN 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Assets                                |             |             |
| Current assets                        |             |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents             | 8,567       | 22,695      |
| Trade and other receivables           | 528         | 363         |
| Income Tax refund due                 | -           | 46          |
| Other assets                          | 1,365       | 597         |
| Total current assets                  | 10,460      | 23,701      |
| Non-current assets                    |             |             |
| Investments                           | 839         | 839         |
| Property, plant and equipment         | 645         | 729         |
| Right-of-use assets                   | 518         | 720         |
| Intangibles                           | 24,309      | 24,670      |
| Deferred tax asset                    | 5,658       | 3,907       |
| Other assets                          | 526         | 526         |
| Total non-current assets              | 32,495      | 31,391      |
| Total assets                          | 42,955      | 55,092      |
| Liabilities                           |             |             |
| Current liabilities                   |             |             |
| Trade and other payables              | 7,329       | 10,039      |
| Borrowings                            | 32          | 31          |
| Lease liabilities                     | 416         | 414         |
| Employee benefits                     | 1,654       | 1,200       |
| Client deposits on hand               | 3,388       | 4,454       |
| Total current liabilities             | 12,819      | 16,138      |
| Non-current liabilities               |             | •           |
| Trade & Other Payables                | 9,854       | 9,427       |
| Borrowings                            | 158         | 174         |
| Lease liabilities                     | 175         | 391         |
| Employee benefits                     | 126         | 110         |
| Total non-current liabilities         | 10,313      | 10,102      |
| Total liabilities                     | 23,132      | 26,240      |
| Net assets/(liabilities)              | 19,823      | 28,852      |
| Equity                                |             |             |
| Issued capital                        | 47,856      | 47,806      |
| Reserves                              | 6,963       | 5,679       |
| Retained profits/(accumulated losses) | (34,996)    | (24,633)    |
| Total equity/(deficiency)             | 19,823      | 28,852      |



## **GROUP RESULTS – CASH FLOWS**

- Net Cash used in operating activities was (\$10.7m) after investing (\$7.6m) in US
- Australian business expected to return to operating cash flow positive in H2, with marketing seasonally front-loaded in H1
- Product development spend has peaked after providing strong platform for next phase of revenue and earnings growth

| \$000'S  | 31 DEC 2023 | 31 DEC 2022 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities                             |             |             |
| Receipts from customers (Client deposits)                        | 91,712      | 74,602      |
| Payments to customers (Client withdrawals)                       | (62,384)    | (47,599)    |
| Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)           | (39,660)    | (35,609)    |
|  | (10,332)    | (8,606)     |
| Interest received  | 118         | 92          |
| Interest and other finance costs paid                            | (469)       | (33)        |
| Income taxes paid  | -           | (45)        |
| Net cash from operating activities                               | (10,683)    | (8,592)     |
| Cash flows from investing activities                             |             |             |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment                       | (32)        | (70)        |
| Investments  | -           | (839)       |
| Payments for intangibles   | (2,878)     | (5,473)     |
| Net cash used in investing activities                            | (2,910)     | (6,382)     |
| Cash flows from financing activities                             |             |             |
| Share issue transaction costs                                    |             | -           |
| Repayment of leases  | (289)       | (181)       |
| Repayment of chattel mortgage                                    | (15)        | (11)        |
| Net cash from/(used in) financing activities                     | (304)       | (192)       |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents           | (13,988)    | (15,166)    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year | 22,695      | 47,268      |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents    | (140)       | 57          |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year       | 8,567       | 32,159      |



## FY24 PRIORITIES

## **H2 FY24 PRIORITIES**

Strategic execution to achieve scale in Australia and US and continue strong business momentum



Outperform market and grow share



Continue B2C progress by scaling 3 live states



Embed BlueBet Global Platform to drive scale and operational efficiencies



Product enhancements to enhance margins



Continue to unlock marketing efficiencies whilst delivering scale



Disciplined marketing investment with hyper-local approach



Australian business to be EBITDA and operating cash flow positive in FY24



Secure initial B2B partner to kick off stage 2 of US market entry



## UPDATE ON STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- BlueBet continues to demonstrate strong trading performance, with H2 Net Win to 25 February +35.1% vs PCP. Existing cash reserves and loan facility provide financial flexibility, with further levers to pull if required.
- As disclosed on 5 January 2024, BlueBet remains in ongoing strategic discussions with third parties, with the Group retaining significant optionality. These discussions continue to progress constructively.
- Board remains committed to maximising value for BlueBet shareholders.

## BlueBet