



GROUPE PARTOUCHE

EUROPEAN LEADER IN CASINO GAMES

Refinancing the Group's debt Results for the first half-year 2003

1 - REFINANCING THE GROUP'S DEBT

On 29 August 2003 Groupe Partouche, backed by its parent company, refinanced its corporate debt. Financière Partouche SA, the family holding company which has a 62.3 % stake in Groupe Partouche SA, injected equity equivalents of € 100 million into its subsidiary in the form of a subordinated current account.

The outstanding portion of the previous syndicated loan was refinanced via a new € 330 million 7-year syndicated loan carrying more favourable terms. The Mandated Lead Arranger was Natexis Banques Populaires, with HSBC-CCF, Crédit Lyonnais and CIC-Lyonnaise de Banque acting as Arrangers.

This has increased the Group's shareholders' equity and reduced debt:

Impact of the debt refinancing			
€ million	October 2002	April 2003	April 2003
	Before refinancing		After refinancing
Equity + equity equivalents	226,7	243,0	343,0
Gross borrowings	544,4	517,4	423,0
Net borrowings (Gross borrowings less positive cash balances)	494,1	449,4	355,0
Gearing	218 %	185 %	104 %

Groupe Partouche can now use this enhanced financial strength to consolidate its leadership of the European gaming sector.

2 - RESULTS FOR THE FIRST HALF-YEAR 2003

€ million	01/11/02 30/04/03	01/11/01 30/04/02
Gross gaming revenue	342,5	234,8
Turnover	211,5	153,5
Operating income	46,8	38,1
Financial items	(17,6)	(6,7)
Income on ordinary activities before tax	29,1	31,4
Exceptional items	7,5	(0,7)
Net income before amortisation of goodwill on acquisition	24,8	18,1
Amortisation of goodwill on acquisition	11,2	3,0
Net income attributable to consolidated companies	13,6	15,1
Group income	9,5	14,0

In a sluggish market environment, Groupe Partouche's turnover jumped 37.7 % compared with the first half of financial year 2002, thanks to the consolidation of Compagnie Européenne de Casinos (CEC).

Operating income rose 22.8% to € 46.8 million, representing 22.1 % of turnover.

Net financial costs of € 17.6 million are directly attributable to the group's total borrowings.

Net exceptional costs of € 7.5 million mainly arise from the disposal of the La Bourboule and Mont-Dore casinos, together with the Alvernac casino project.

The combined net income of group companies came to € 13.6 million, or € 9.5 million after minority interests. Exceptionally, the group's share of this total net income decreased over the period, since the abovementioned disposal was carried out by Société Française de Casinos (SFC), which is 44.44% minority-owned.

3 - RECENT PERFORMANCE

• Third quarter revenue

€ million	01/11/02 31/07/03	Du 01/11/01 au 31/07/02	Percentage change
Gross gaming revenue	522,2	412,0	26,7 %
Total levies	280,5	219,6	27,7 %
Net gaming revenue	241,7	192,3	25,7 %
Turnover from non-gaming activities	79,8	69,5	14,8 %
Total consolidated turnover	321,4	261,8	22,8 %

In the third quarter of the current financial year, Groupe Partouche saw its GGR rise 1.4 % (or 2.0 % after adjusting for the disposal of La Bourboule and Le Mont-Dore casinos at the beginning of the financial year), to € 179.7 million, while non-gaming activities remained broadly flat.

• Change in the number of slot machines operated

New recently-obtained authorisations:

Casino	New authorisations	Total number of slot machines
Juan-les-Pins	30	180
La Roche-Posay	52	130
Palm Beach (Cannes)	50	100
Gruissan	21	70
Plouescat	14	80

With 167 additional slot machines installed in the second half of 2003, Groupe Partouche now operates a total of 4,218.

Moreover, the Belgian casinos in Ostend and Knokke recently installed their first slot machines.

• New casinos

During the first half of the financial year, Groupe Partouche was selected to operate the Le Havre and Port la Nouvelle casinos.

The construction work at the temporary site for the Le Havre casino will start in October, with the opening date set for March 2004.

The Palais de la Méditerranée casino in Nice is expected to open in early 2004.

Finally, the Meyrin-Genève casino in Switzerland welcomed its first patrons on 15 July 2003 and has got off to a very promising start.

50 casinos
currently
operational

4218
slot machines
in France

A presence
in 6 countries

Leadership
and innovation
with the new
"Casino"
concept

Groupe Partouche shares are traded continuously on the Premier Marché of Euronext Paris. The company is a constituent of the SBF250 index

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