



PUNCH TAVERNS PLC

ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ('IFRS')

Punch Taverns plc ('the Group') today releases its consolidated financial results for the 52 weeks ended 20 August 2005 as prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS'). Results were previously issued under UK GAAP on 10 November 2005.

Full details of the restatement and accompanying financial information can be found in the Announcements section of the Investor Room at www.punchtaverns.com.

Highlights

- Profit before tax and exceptional items of £207m, £6m higher than under UK GAAP
- Effective tax rate before exceptional items of 19%, 3% lower than under UK GAAP
- Adjusted EPS before exceptional items of 66.4p, 4.1p higher than under UK GAAP
- Net assets at 20 August 2005 of £1,123m, £70m higher than under UK GAAP

The above changes from the adoption of IFRS mainly result from:

Goodwill – goodwill is not amortised but reviewed annually for impairment
 Tax charge - the benefit of indexation allowance on additional deferred tax liabilities

Net assets - a full revaluation of the estate on transition to IFRS and the recognition of additional deferred tax liabilities on properties which were revalued subsequent to their acquisition by the Group

Earnings reported under UK GAAP for the year to 20 August 2005 can be reconciled to those which would have been presented under IFRS as follows:

	EBITDA £m	Profit before tax £m	Profit after tax £m
Reported under UK GAAP	412.1	200.5	156.7
Business combinations	-	6.5	6.5
Employee benefits	0.3	0.1	0.1
Tax	-	-	4.2
Leases	1.1	(0.3)	(0.3)
Reported under IFRS	413.5	206.8	167.2

The above results are presented pre exceptional items

Net assets reported under UK GAAP at 20 August 2005 can be reconciled to those which would have been presented under IFRS as follows:

	Net Assets £m
Reported under UK GAAP	1,053.0
Fixed Assets	93.9
Deferred Tax	(83.5)
Goodwill	47.4
Dividends	19.3
Leases	(8.0)
Employee benefits	0.6
Reported under IFRS	1,122.7

Full details of the restatement and accompanying financial information are available in the Announcements section of the Investor Room at www.punchtaverns.com and include:

- Details of the IFRS first-time adoption choices which have been made
- Description of IFRS adjustments
- IFRS accounting policies
- Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement in IFRS format for 2004/05
- Supporting reconciliations identifying the adjustments between UK GAAP and IFRS

As previously reported, IFRS has no impact on the cash flows of the business or on the Group's ability to meet debt covenants.

The Group will be announcing its interim results for the 28 weeks to 4 March 2006 on 22 May 2006.

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