RESULTS

HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

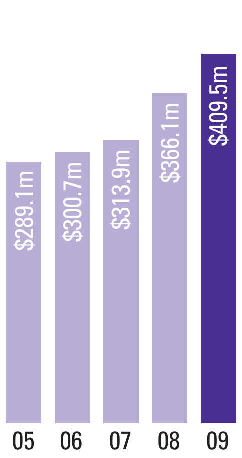
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
($ million unless indicated)					
Revenue from sale of goods or rendering of services	289.1	300.7	313.9	366.1	409.5
Other revenue and income	24.7	30.3	25.2	23.3	30.2
Revenue, gain and other income from discontinued operations	4.9	2.6	64.4	0.2	–
	318.7	333.6	403.5	389.6	439.7
Share of revenues derived from jointly controlled entities	85.2	85.4	91.3	101.6	115.2
Total revenues*	403.9	419.0	494.8	491.2	554.9
Profit from continuing operations before individually significant items and income tax	47.4	43.3	49.3	62.2	84.1
Discontinued operations	(1.1)	11.2	67.3	0.2	–
Individually significant items	2.5	3.9	2.3	–	11.9
	1.4	15.1	69.6	0.2	11.9
Profit before income tax	48.8	58.4	118.9	62.4	96.0
Income tax expense from continuing operations	(9.1)	(8.5)	(14.4)	(15.2)	(19.8)
Income tax (expense)/benefit from discontinued operations	0.3	(0.2)	(26.4)	3.6	–
Profit after income tax	40.0	49.7	78.1	50.8	76.2
Basic earnings per share (cents)	31.9	39.0	60.9	37.2	54.2
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations (cents)	32.5	30.4	29.0	34.4	54.2
Interim dividend per ordinary share (cents)	8.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	14.0
Total tangible assets	753.0	819.9	752.8	838.1	938.7
Interest bearing liabilities and borrowings net of cash	145.1	166.2	20.4	44.3	(30.5)

* To more fairly reflect the operations of the Group, revenue disclosed includes the Group's share of the sales revenue earned by jointly controlled entities.

HIGHLIGHTS

REVENUE

FROM SALES OF GOODS OR RENDERING OF SERVICES



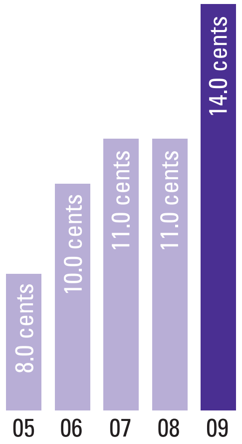
NORMALISED RESULT

BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE

TOTAL TANGIBLE ASSETS

INTERIM DIVIDEND

PER ORDINARY SHARE



LOCATIONS

ENTERTAINMENT

www.eventcinemas.com.au
www.greaterunion.com.au
www.birch.com.au

EVENT

NSW

Bondi Junction, Sydney
Campbelltown, Sydney
MEGAPLEX Castle Hill, Sydney
MEGAPLEX Macquarie, Sydney
Parramatta, Sydney
George Street Cinemas, Sydney

SA

MEGAPLEX Marion, Adelaide

WA

MEGAPLEX Innaloo, Perth

QLD

MEGAPLEX Chermside, Brisbane
MEGAPLEX Indooroopilly, Brisbane
Robina, Gold Coast

GREATER UNION

ACT

Manuka, Canberra

NSW

Beverly Hills, Sydney
Burwood, Sydney
Cronulla, Sydney
Glendale, Newcastle
Hornsby, Sydney
Hurstville, Sydney
Liverpool, Sydney
Miranda, Sydney
Mosman, Sydney
Newcastle
Shellharbour
Tuggerah, Central Coast
Wollongong
Blacktown Drive-In, Sydney

SA

Arndale, Adelaide

VIC

Melbourne City

WA

Morley, Perth

BIRCH CARROLL & COYLE

NSW

Coffs Harbour
Lismore

NT

Casuarina
Darwin City

QLD

Australia Fair, Gold Coast
Brisbane City Regent Centre, Brisbane
Brisbane City Myer Centre, Brisbane
Browns Plains, Brisbane
Cairns Central
Cairns City
Capalaba, Brisbane
Carindale, Brisbane
Coolangatta, Gold Coast
Earlville, Cairns
MEGAPLEX Garden City, Brisbane
Grand Central, Toowoomba
Ipswich City
Mackay City
Mt Pleasant, Mackay
Maroochydore, Sunshine Coast
Morayfield, Brisbane
Pacific Fair, Gold Coast
North Rockhampton
Strathpine, Brisbane
The Strand, Toowoomba
Townsville City

CINESTAR

Germany
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STATE THEATRE

Sydney, NSW

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ENTERTAINMENT TECHNOLOGY

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Rydges Capital Hill, Canberra
Rydges Lakeside, Canberra
Rydges Eagle Hawk Resort, Canberra
Rydges Hobart
Rydges Melbourne
Rydges North Melbourne
Rydges Bell City, Preston, Melbourne
Rydges on Swanston, Melbourne
Rydges Kalgoorlie
Rydges Perth
Rydges Gladstone
Rydges Sabaya Resort, Port Douglas
Rydges Southbank Townsville
Rydges Bankstown, Sydney
Rydges Campbelltown, Sydney
Rydges Camperdown, Sydney
Rydges Cronulla, Sydney
Rydges North Sydney
Rydges Parramatta, Sydney
Rydges World Square, Sydney
Rydges Port Macquarie
Rydges Wollongong
Gold Coast International Resort, Surfers Paradise
Capricorn International Resort, Yeppoon
Capitol Square Hotel, Sydney

FIJI

Rydges Hideaway Resort Fiji

NEW ZEALAND

Rydges Auckland
Rydges Christchurch
Rydges Lakeland Resort, Queenstown
Rydges Rotorua

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Rydges Plaza Dubai

UNITED KINGDOM

Rydges Kensington Plaza, London

THREDBO ALPINE RESORT

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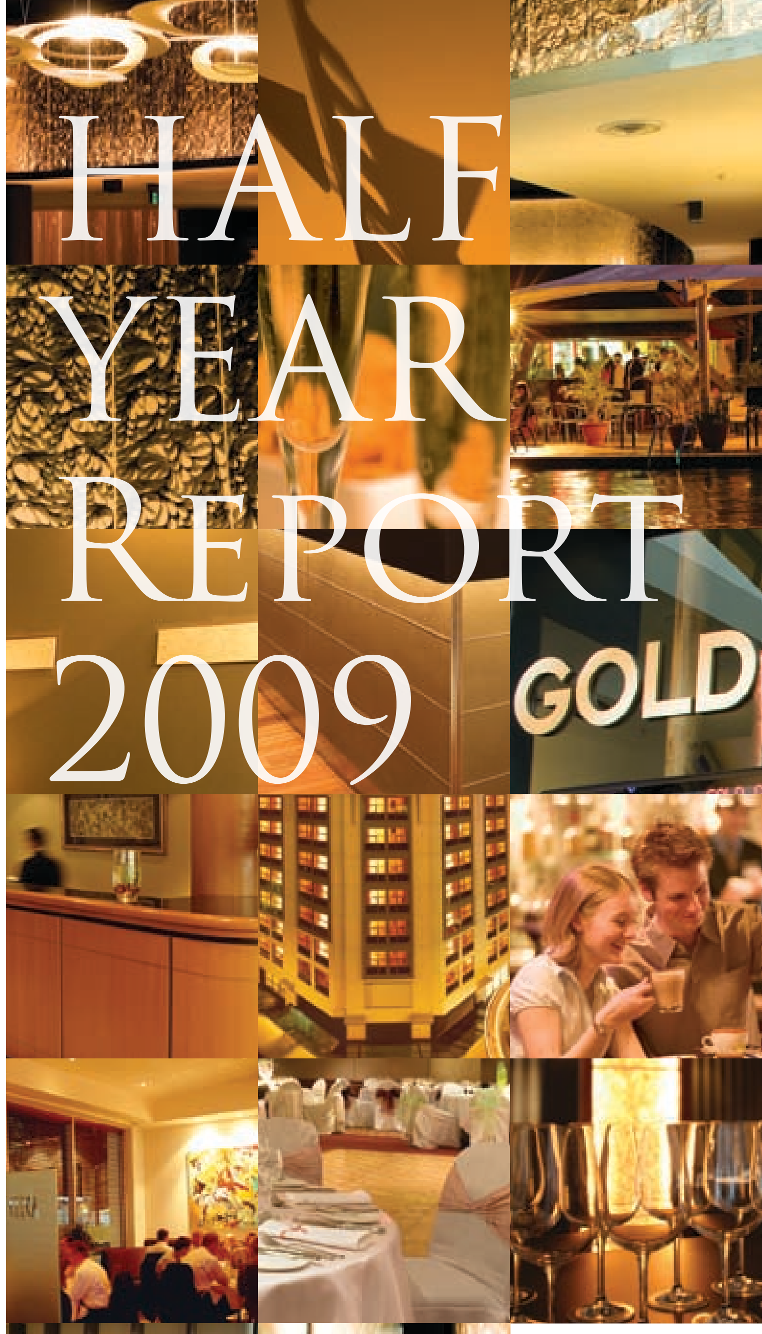

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Overview

THE NET PROFIT AFTER TAX WAS $76,230,000 AN INCREASE OF 50.2% OVER THE PREVIOUS COMPARABLE HALF-YEAR PERIOD.

The normalised result of $64,880,000 represents an increase of 38.3% on the prior comparable half-year period. The increased result was due primarily to the increased contribution from the exhibition businesses, both Domestic and International.

Individually significant items before tax totalled $11,904,000. The individually significant items include a profit of $2,604,000 on the sale of land lots from the Group's Bass Hill development land bank and a $9,300,000 valuation increment recognised on the completion of the Group's property development site in Canberra Civic. There were no individually significant items in the previous corresponding half-year period.

In addition, the normalised result includes a fair value decrement totalling $75,000 relating to the revaluation of the Group's investment properties. The prior comparable half-year period included a fair value decrement of $925,000.

The Group completed a 1 for 5 Renounceable Pro-Rata Entitlement Offer during the half-year period. The Offer was well received by shareholders and closed oversubscribed. As a result of the Offer the Company issued 26.1 million shares at $4.10 per share and raised net proceeds totalling $105,584,000.

Dividend

Directors have declared a fully franked interim dividend of 14 cents per share.

Review of Operations

Entertainment

CINEMA EXHIBITION – DOMESTIC

Domestic Exhibition enjoyed a strong half-year achieving a 17.2% increase in Box Office over the prior comparable half-year period. This half-year result was driven by the strong performance of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* and *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* which both achieved in excess of $40 million at the Australian Box Office. Other major contributors were *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*, and *Avatar* both achieving in excess of $35 million during the period and *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs, Up* and *2012* all achieving in excess of $20 million.

The Group continued to expand its 3D digital footprint so as to capitalise on the increasing number of titles released in 3D. Over the last 12 month period 54 additional 3D projectors were installed within the circuit taking the total number of 3D projectors to 107. This is the largest 3D projector deployment from any exhibitor within Australia.

Merchandising revenue continued to grow with a 3.9% improvement in revenue per admission over the prior comparable half-year period. This growth was driven by a number of successful Candy Bar Combo promotions and the ongoing success of the Gold Class concept.

The increased Box Office and merchandising revenue contributed to the 22.6% growth in earnings.

During the half-year period the Group purchased the Beverley Hills and Cronulla cinema businesses. Both cinemas comprise of six screens and are located within the Southern Sydney market, increasing the Group's market share within this area.

CINEMA EXHIBITION – INTERNATIONAL

GERMANY

The Group's cinema exhibition operations in Germany performed exceptionally well for the half-year period recording earnings of $30,114,000, which was an increase of $18,344,000 over the prior comparable half-year period. Box Office revenue in Euros increased by 29.4% over the prior comparable half-year period. The top performing films at the German Box Office for the half-year were *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, Avatar, 2012* and the German productions *Wickie und die stärken Männer (Vicky the Viking)* and *Zweiohrküken*. Of the total German Box Office, 28% was attributable to German films, compared to 16% in the prior comparable half-year period. *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs, Up* and *Avatar* were highly successful in the 3D format. The German circuit also had sell out coverage of the Robbie Williams' concert and The Metropolitan Opera.

The average admission price increased by 10.2% over the prior comparable half-year period and the increase was partly attributable to the additional surcharge for 3D films. In Germany, a total of 36 Cinestar sites now have 3D capability.

Merchandising spend per head increased by 5.3% over the prior comparable half-year period.

MIDDLE EAST

The Middle East cinema business continued to trade strongly however earnings were below those of the comparable prior half-year period. Box Office revenue in Dirhams was down 6.9% on the prior comparable half-year period and the decline was attributable to increased competition from the newly opened Dubai Mall and the changing economic environment within the UAE.

Average admission price increased by 3.0%, while merchandising spend per head increased 7.7% on the comparable prior half-year period.

Earnings for the half-year period totalled $4,736,000.

Hospitality & Leisure

HOTELS

Earnings from the Hotel group totalled $15,310,000, an increase of 4.7% over the prior comparable half-year period. Growth from owned hotels offset a decline in earnings from the management company.

OWNED HOTELS

Occupancy in the Group's owned hotels increased by 4.4 percentage points over the prior comparable half-year period. Continued market wide discounting resulted in a decline in average room rate of some 11%. Revenue per available room (revpar) declined by 6.3%. Revpar in like-for-like hotels declined only 3.1%, a pleasing result when viewed against the prevailing market conditions.

Volume from the corporate and conference segments declined over the prior comparable half-year period. The decline was offset by a strong performance from the domestic leisure segment, driven by high levels of promotional activity and the increasingly popularity of www.rydges.com and the Rydges PriorityGuest program.

Every hotel within the portfolio increased occupancy over the prior comparable half-year period.

Hotels in Canberra, Hobart and Queenstown performed well throughout the half-year, with signs of recovery appearing in Sydney and Melbourne hotels during the second quarter. Trading conditions continue to be challenging in Queensland.

Earnings from the Group's owned hotels decreased by 12.5% over the prior comparable half-year period. The result was assisted by tight cost control and increased productivity in the rooms department.

The Group acquired Rydges Sabaya Port Douglas in late June 2009, along with Rydges Gladstone and Rydges Townsville in late October 2009. The Group also benefited from the full half-year results from the Gold Coast International Hotel which was acquired in October 2008.

MANAGED HOTELS

Management fee income declined by 8.5% over the prior comparable half-year period. The decline in fee income was due to the closure of Rydges Doha, slower trading in Dubai and London and the end of the Mission Beach contract. Fee income from managed hotels in Australia and New Zealand was in line with prior half-year period.

Management company costs were maintained at prior period levels, with a requirement to increase activity in ecommerce, development and food and beverage being offset by a reduction in the management and sales and marketing overheads.

A strong promotional focus was applied to the managed portfolio. Increased performance from www.rydges.com, Rydges PriorityGuest and improvements in the Group's distribution technology resulted in a strong uplift in domestic leisure business, offsetting weaker corporate and conference demand.

OPERATIONS

The Rydges PriorityGuest program had some 290,000 members at 31 December 2009. The importance of on-line business continues to grow with rooms booked via www.rydges.com increasing 47% over the prior comparable half-year period.

THREDBO ALPINE RESORT

Earnings from Thredbo Alpine Resort totalled $16,318,000, a decrease of 4.7% on the prior comparable half-year period.

Thredbo experienced solid trading despite inconsistent natural snow conditions. Favourable snow and weather conditions during the months of July and August were followed by varied and un-seasonal conditions from September to the end of the 2009 ski season. The warmer September weather for Sydney, the resort's major market place, also impacted visitation.

The full benefit of the investment in snow-making was particularly evident in the early part of the season.

LEISURE/ATTRACTIONS

Earnings from Featherdale were below the prior comparable half-year period. This was primarily due to the prior half-year period benefiting from additional visitors during the World Youth Day celebrations. Growth in the domestic segment has offset the continuing decline in Asian inbound visitors.

The earnings decline from Featherdale was more than offset by increased earnings from The State Theatre, which experienced improved trading conditions compared to the prior comparable half-year period.

Entertainment Technology

TECHNOLOGY

Filmlab produced a satisfactory result and Edge Digital Technology increased earnings due to the ongoing roll-out of digital technology to the Australian cinema circuit.

Other

PROPERTY

The normalised earnings from the Group's property portfolio was consistent with the prior comparable half-year period.

Construction of the seven level commercial office development at the former cinema site in Canberra Civic was completed in December 2009. The building is now fully leased to ActewAGL and a favourable fair value adjustment of $9,300,000 in relation to this development has been included as an individually significant item in the current half-year period.

Sales and marketing of the residential sub-division of the Bass Hill Drive-in site has commenced, with approximately 20% of the lots under contract as at 31 December 2009. Profit of $2,604,000 in relation to the lots under contract has been included as an individually significant item in the current half-year period. Civil works in relation to the sub-division were completed in early February 2010.

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