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# **Tabcorp Holdings Limited**

# **Consumer Discretionary**

### HOLD

## TAH A\$4.42 TARGET PRICE A\$4.34

Tabcorp Holdings Limited (TAH) is into the provision of gambling and entertainment services. Tabcorp's portfolio of brands include TAB, Keno, The Lott, George, Max, TGS, eBET and Sky Racing. The Group has four operating segments namely Wagering and Media, Lotteries and Keno, Gaming Services.

**Company Data** 

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Number of shares	2,217.1 M
Market Capitalisation	\$9,888.4 M
Free float (%)	99.3
12-month high/low	\$4.46/\$2.16
Average Daily Turnover (\$m)	25.99
% S&P/ASX200	0.51%
DDM Ranking	300
% All Ordinaries	0.44%
GICS Industry Group	Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure

Source: FactSet, Barclay Pearce Capital

### Earnings Summary (AUD)

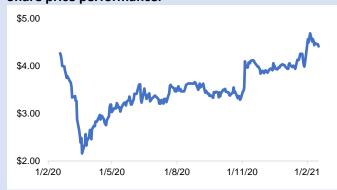
Year end June	2020A	2021F	2022F	2023F
Revenue (\$M)	5,224.0	5,691.4	5,851.1	6,008.4
EBITDA (\$M)	995.0	1,102.0	1,183.6	1,227.4
Reported NPAT (\$M)	-870.0	364.0	431.3	470.7
Adjusted NPAT (\$M)	271.0	350.1	420.1	460.4
Reported EPS (¢)	-42.5	15.9	19.3	21.1
Adjusted EPS (¢ - FD)	13.2	16.0	18.7	20.5
Adjusted EPS growth (%)	-27.5	21.2	17.0	9.3
Adjusted P/E (x)	33.8	27.9	23.8	21.8
Dividend (¢/sh)	10.9	9.9	14.8	15.9
Gross yield (%)	3.5	3.0	4.5	4.9
Net yield (%)	2.4	2.1	3.2	3.4
ROIC (%)	2.9	3.6	4.4	4.8

Source: Barclay Pearce Capital

Barclay Pearce Capital contributes all company estimates to Thomson Reuters, FactSet, Nucleus 195, Capital IQ and Bloomberg.

### Share price performance.

Source: FactSet, Barclay Pearce Capital



# Half Year Results Media Release

On 17<sup>th</sup> February, Tabcorp Holdings Limited (TAH) released their interim results for the half year ended 31 December 2020 with the following highlights:

- Reported Group net profit after tax (NPAT) was \$185m, which was down 7.0% on the previous corresponding period (pcp). Basic earnings per share (EPS) for the period was 8.6 cents per share, down 12.2% from the pcp;
- The Lotteries and Keno business delivered strong digital revenue growth and an excellent performance across the whole game portfolio while cycling very strong jackpot sequences in the pcp.
- The Wagering and Media business also delivered strong digital revenue growth, however its earnings were impacted by COVID-19-related shutdowns and other restrictions on the venue network;
- The Gaming Services business was also heavily impacted by COVID-19 related venue restrictions, especially in Victoria, that substantially diminished its ability to generate revenues; and
- The Group implemented a range of COVID-19 related cost mitigation activities, and the Group also took action to improve its financial position and has a stronger balance sheet following the completion of an approximate \$600m Entitlement Offer in September 2020.

Half Year Ended 31 Dec	H1 FY	H1 FY	Change
	2021	2020	%
	AU\$M	AU\$M	
Revenues	2,870	2,914	(1.5%)
Variable Contribution	957	1,030	(7.1%)
Operating Expenses	(397)	(433)	(8.3)
EBITDA	560	597	(6.2%)
Depreciation and Amortisation	(188)	(193)	(2.6%)
EBIT	372	404	(7.9%)
Interest	(82)	(94_	(12.8%)
Tax expense	(83)	(96)	(13.5%)
Significant items (after tax)	(22)	(15)	46.7%
Statutory NPAT	185	199	(7.0%)

TAH MD and CEO David Attenborough said:

"We are experiencing a strong recovery following the recent market challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact Tabcorp's group earnings in 1H21, with the retail closures and restrictions, especially in Victoria, having a material impact. However, we are pleased with the way our teams and partners responded to the substantial operational challenges the pandemic presented."

"After taking actions to reduce costs, preserve cash and strengthen the balance sheet over the past 12 months, Tabcorp is emerging from the COVID-19 challenges in a stronger financial position. This has allowed us to resume paying dividends to shareholders. Eligible shareholders will receive an interim dividend of 7.5 cents per share fully franked, in line with the previously announced revised dividend payout policy."

# **Earnings changes**

For H1 FY21 TAH reported statutory NPAT of \$185.0M compared to market expectations of \$174.4M. Hence, we expect positive earnings revisions of 5% for FY21 and future periods.

## **Valuation**

We are initiating on TAH with a price target of \$4.34 and a HOLD recommendation. The price target is underpinned by our Valuation.

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