# EARNINGS CALL

# **QUARTERLY STATEMENT Q1 AS OF 31 MARCH 2025**

7 May 2025















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# SUMMARY

















## **SUMMARY Q1 '25**

- Gross margin increased
- Customer base significantly expanded
- Strong revenue growth continued
- EBITDA almost doubled



















# FINANCIAL UPDATE









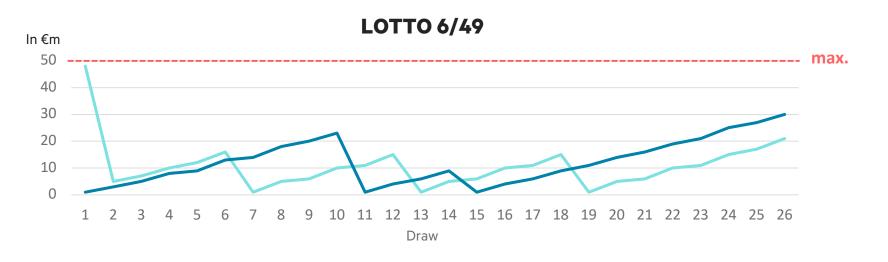




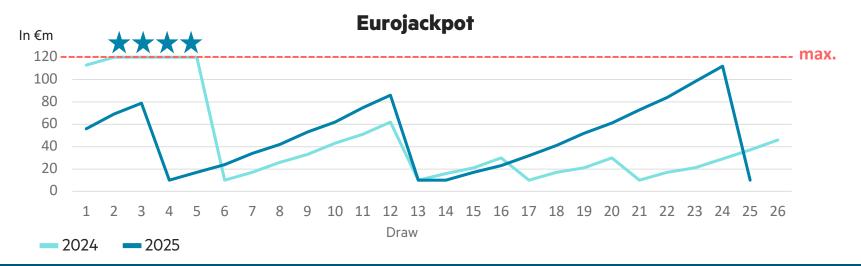




# WEAK JACKPOT ENVIRONMENT – 0 PEAKS IN Q1 '25 VS. 4 PEAKS IN Q1 '24



in €m	Average	Peak	
Q1 '25	12	0	
Q1 '24	11	0	



















## **ZEAL INCOME STATEMENT Q1'25 – CONDENSED**

INCOME STATEMENT	<b>Q1 '25</b> (in €k)	<b>Q1 '24</b> (in €k)	CHANGE (in %)
REVENUE	51,131	36,100	+41.6
➤ Lotteries	45,238	31,974	+41.5
➢ Games	3,402	2,187	+55.6
TOTAL COSTS OF OPERATIONS	-33,726	-27,137	+24.3
Personnel expenses	-8,360	-6,203	+34.8
Other operating expenses	-25,358	-20,967	+20.9
Marketing expenses	-15,548	-13,390	+16.1
Direct operating expenses	-4,868	-4,011	+21.4
Indirect operating expenses	-4,942	-3,566	+38.6
EBITDA	17,732	9,405	+88.5
Amortisation and depreciation	2,131	1,869	+14.0
EBIT	15,601	7,537	+107.0
NET PROFIT AFTER TAX	9,833	21,085	-53.4

#### **REVENUE**

Revenue increased by 42% driven by billings growth of 7% and an increased billings margin

#### COST OF OPERATIONS

#### **Personnel expenses:**

Personnel expenses increased by 35% or €2.2m driven by an 28% increase in FTE from 187 to 240 and one-off expenses due to the departure of management personnel

#### **Marketing expenses:**

Marketing expenses increased by 16% due to tests of various measures to tap into new target groups and channels

#### **Direct operating expenses:**

Direct operating expenses increased by 21% driven by an increase in lottery billings and in connection with our games offering and higher commission costs were incurred for external developers to expand our games portfolio.

#### **Indirect operating expenses:**

Indirect operating expenses were up by 39%, mainly driven by increased costs for consulting services, external staff and software.

#### **EBITDA**

EBITDA increased by 89% due to the strong increase in revenue, with an EBITDA margin of 34.7 % (\*24: 26.1%)

#### **X** NET PROFIT AFTER TAX

Net profit decreased by 53% to €9.8 mainly from the recognition of deferred tax assets of €17,247 thousand in the previous year











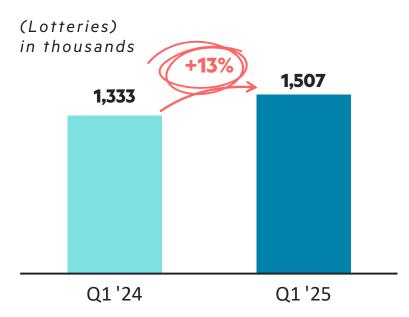






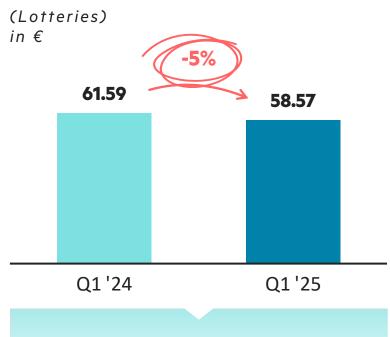
#### **GROWTH OF LOTTERY BILLINGS DRIVEN BY GROWTH IN USER BASE**

### MONTHLY ACTIVE **USERS (MAU)**



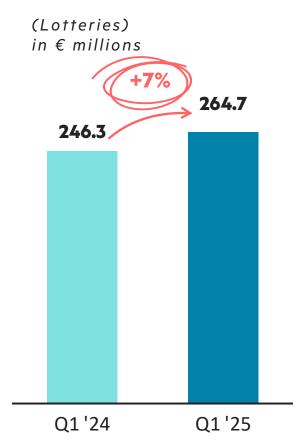
Strong increase in the customer base and increased level of customer activity

## **AVERAGE BILLINGS PER USER, ABPU**



Decrease due to weak jackpot development

#### **BILLINGS**













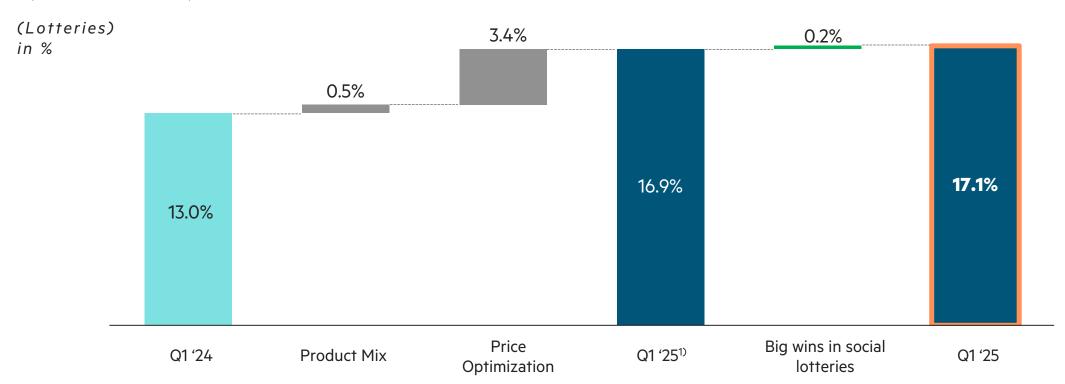






## HIGHER LOTTERY GROSS MARGIN DRIVEN BY IMPROVED PRODUCT MIX AND ROLL-OUT OF PRICE OPTIMISATION

#### **BILLINGS MARGIN:** Q1 '24 VS. Q1 '25



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Excluding effects from big wins at social lotteries















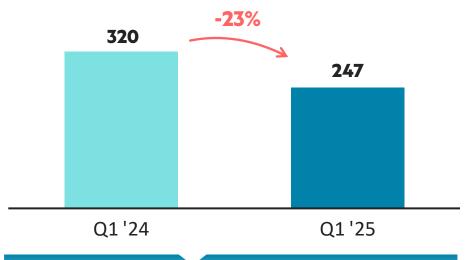


## Q1'25 SHOWED HIGHEST NUMBER OF NEW CUSTOMERS FOR A QUARTER WITH NO JACKPOTS

#### **NEW REGISTERED CUSTOMERS**

(Lotteries)

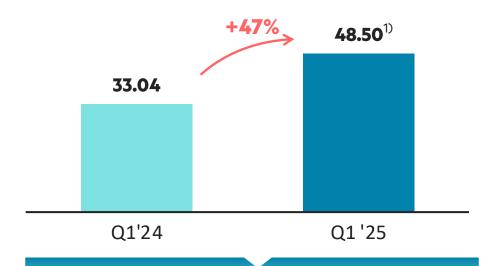
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Decrease due to weak jackpot development

#### **COST PER LEAD, CPL**

(Lotteries) in €



Increase due to weak jackpot situation and special marketing tests

<sup>1)</sup> Including D2C marketing activity tests for social lotteries













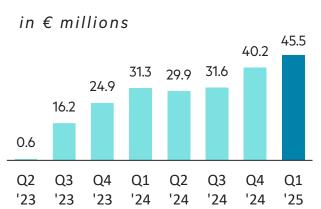






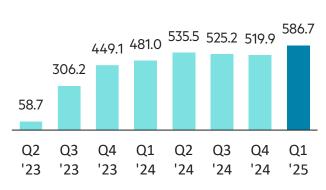
#### **GAMES BUSINESS MAKING POSITIVE PROGRESS**

#### **BILLINGS**



#### **ABPU**





#### MAU





#### **REVENUE**

in € millions



#### **ARPU**

in €



- As of 31.03.25 more than 400 games were online (31.12.24 293 games)
- Games Business developed well
- Stable MAUs despite weak jackpots and lower activity on the platform



















## TRAUMHAUSVERLOSUNG – 3RD RAFFLE IS RUNNING



- Raffle of the 2<sup>nd</sup> house supported charities with €2.0m (1st house €1.8m)
- Houses are staged by "Schöner Wohnen Kollektion"

#### Second house draw

- Started 1 Nov. and finished on 28-Feb-2025
- KPIs:

	House 1	House 2
Billings	€8.6m	€9.6m
- Billings from D2C	40%	44%
MAU	417k	466k
ABPU	€20.52	€20.67

#### Next draw

Third draw started with draw on 02-Jun-2025, house located in "Unterfranken" (Bavaria)



















# STRATEGIC FOCUS & **GUIDANCE 2025**















#### **OVERVIEW OF STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS FOR 2025**

# **Our Strategic Areas for 2025**

Continue to improve acquisition performance & profitability of Lotto24 business

Successfully scale "Traumhausverlosung"

**Accelerate growth of Games business** 

### **Our Achievements in 2025**

- Despite the weak jackpot development in Q1, we were able to show a gross margin of > 16% with a modified product mix
- New customer acquisition further improved despite weak jackpot situation
- First draw already in February and second follows in June. Third house for 2025 already purchased.
- Business performance in line with expectations
- Subscriptions also available on Lotto24.de since end of February
- High-end car offered as special prize
- Games portfolio is growing steadily and paying off
- Revenue growth of 56% compared to the previous year

















#### **GUIDANCE 2025**

In €m	2025 GUIDANCE	2024 Actuals
Revenue	195-205	188.2
EBITDA <sup>1)</sup>	55-60	61.9

#### Full Year 2025:

- New guidance for FY 2025 based on an average jackpot environment
- ZEAL will expand its marketing in FY 2025 (c. €60-70m) in Germany
- ZEAL will continue to invest into charity lotteries and games

#### Mid-Term 2026 – 2028:

- Continuously targeting a double-digit annual revenue growth rate in mid teens
- Continuously expanding EBITDA margin

<sup>1)</sup> Excluding exceptional costs

















# DIVIDEND PROPOSAL

















#### **DIVIDEND PROPOSAL 2025 AND DIVIDEND POLICY**

Next AGM: **21 May 2025** 

Dividend Proposal of **€2.40 per share** 

Base Dividend: €1.30

Special Dividend: €1.10

Dividend Timetable (expected)

Ex-dividend Date: 22 May 2025

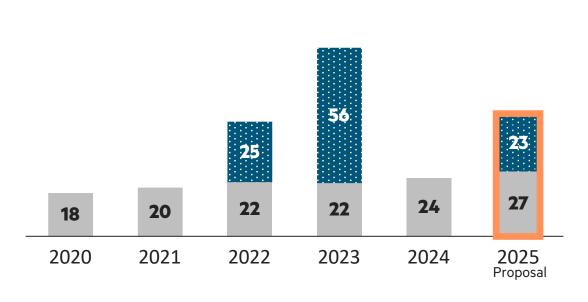
Record Date: 23 May 2025

Payment Date: 26 May 2025

ZEAL intends to distribute a steadily increasing basic dividend to our shareholders in the coming years and, depending on the ZEAL Group's performance, further capital in the form of special dividends and/or as part of share repurchase programs.

## TOTAL DIVIDEND PAY-OUT P.A.

in € million



Base Dividend

Special Dividend



















# KEY TAKE AWAYS

















## **KEY TAKE-AWAYS**

- Gross margin increased extensively to more than 17%
- Customer base expanded despite weak jackpots
- Strong revenue growth continued
- EBITDA nearly doubled, with an EBITDA margin of over 34%



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## **CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT** AND BALANCE SHEET IN €K

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Total costs of operations	-33,726	-27,137	+24.3	
EBITDA	17,732	9,405	+88.5	
EBIT	15,601	7,537	+107.0	
Profit before taxes	13,984	6,921	+102.1	
Income taxes	-4151	14,164	n.a.	
Net Profit	9,833	21,085	-53.4	

BALANCE SHEET	<b>31/03/25</b> (in €)	<b>31/12/24</b> (in €)	CHANGE (in %)
Current assets	160,625	164,833	-2.6
Non-current assets	290,013	292,700	-0.9
ASSETS	450,638	457,533	-1.5
Current liabilities	78,910	91,288	-13.5
Non-current liabilities	123,887	127,738	-3.0
Equity	247,832	238,508	+3.9
EQUITY & LIABILITIES	450,638	457,533	-1.5

















# **BUSINESS UNIT SEGMENT** REPORTING AS OF 31/03/25 IN €K

	GERMANY	OTHER	TOTAL
Revenue	49,659	1,472	51,131
Other operating income	327	- -	327
EBITDA	17,118	613	17,732
Depreciation/amortisation		- -	-2,131
EBIT	-	-	15,601
Financial result	_	_	-1,345
Share of loss from associates			-272
EBT	-	-	13,984
Income tax		- -	-4,151
NET PROFIT/LOSS	-	-	9,833







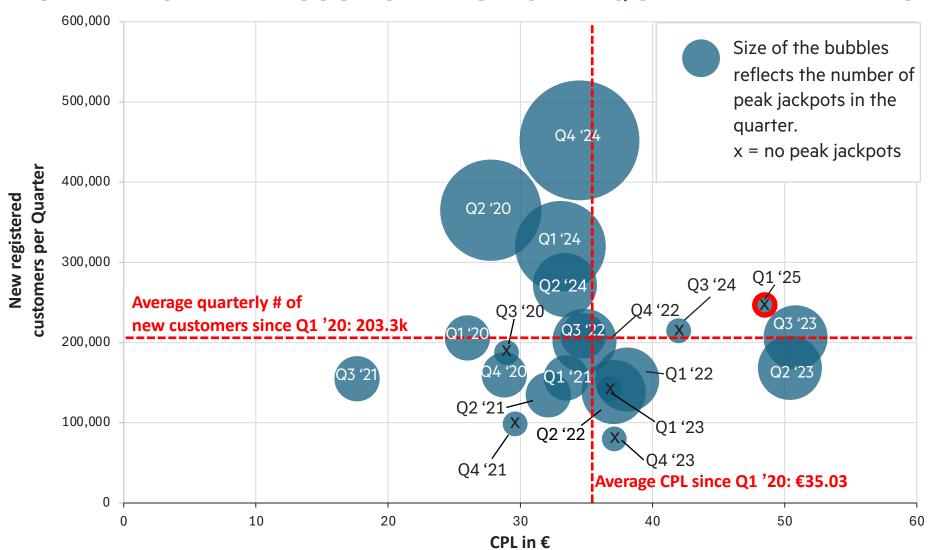








# CONTINUED HIGH MARKETING EFFICIENCY: Q1'25 SHOWED HIGHEST NUMBER OF NEW CUSTOMERS FOR A QUARTER WITH NO JACKPOTS



#### Q1 2025 Highlights

- Acquisition of 247K new customers in weak jackpot situation
- Ongoing investment into LOTTO24 brand (TV)
- Media prices increased
- Some new D2C marketing activity tests for social lotteries resulted in higher CPL in Q1 '25
- CPL for core brokerage businesses €41.10

















# **KPIS (LOTTERIES)**

	Q1 '20	Q2 '20	Q3 '20	Q4 '20	Q1 '21	Q2 '21	Q3 '21	Q4 '21	Q1 '22	Q2 '22	Q3 '22	Q4 '22	Q1 '23	Q2 '23	Q3 '23	Q4 '23	Q1 '24	Q2 '24	Q3 '24	Q4 '24	Q1 '25
<b>Pay-in</b> (in €m)	110.1	138.0	120.6	140.8	121.4	128.4	125.9	128.0	142.5	140.2	147.7	171.3	158.8	167.3	177.0	168.7	196.7	211.4	191.4	277.3	215.4
<b>BILLINGS</b> (in €m)	140.0	174.4	157.3	181.0	163.3	169.5	160.3	163.4	181.2	177.1	186.1	214.1	201.2	209.9	222.1	210.1	246.3	260.8	236.0	337.3	264.7
<b>ABPU</b> (in €)	49.46	54.48	54.90	61.30	56.36	58.40	54.40	58.00	58.31	58.18	58.90	60.73	60.99	61.42	60.73	62.31	61.59	63.34	58.95	65.92	58.57
<b>ARPU</b> (in €)	6.00	6.89	6.60	7.51	7.16	7.00	6.55	6.99	7.57	7.41	7.39	8.07	7.55	7.73	7.67	7,78	8.00	8.75	9.89	11.87	10.01
MAU (in k)	942	1,065	954	984	966	968	982	938	1,036	1,015	1,053	1,175	1,100	1,142	1,217	1,124	1,333	1,372	1,334	1,706	1,507
<b>CPL</b> (in €)	26.00	27.77	28.96	28.79	33.48	32.12	17.65	29.61	38.09	37.07	34.76	34.86	36.77	50.83	50.40	37.11	33.04	33.38	41.98	34.48	48.50















# **KPIS (GAMES)**

	Q2 '23*	Q3 '23	Q4 '24	Q1 '24	Q2 '24	Q3 '24	Q4 '24	Q1 '25
<b>Pay-in</b> (in €m)	0.1	3.3	5.1	6.3	6.3	7.1	8.9	10.2
<b>BILLINGS</b> (in €m)	0.6	16.2	24.9	31.3	29.9	31.6	40.2	45.5
<b>ABPU</b> (in €)	58.74	306.14	449.1	480.98	535.52	525.2	519.94	586.70
<b>ARPU</b> (in €)	5.49	22.02	32.89	33.57	41.04	38.84	39.12	43.90
MAU (in k)	9	18	18	22	19	20	26	26

<sup>\*</sup> Games business started in June 2023.

















#### **FINANCIAL CALENDAR 2025**

2026 2025 Feb. Mar. Apr. May Jun. Jul. Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May **Publication of Annual** 26 March 2025 Report 2024 Publication of Q1 May 2025 **Quarterly Statement** 21 May 2025 **Annual General Meeting** Publication of Half-Year 6 August 2025 Report Publication of Q3 5 November 2025 **Quarterly Statement** 















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