

# Half-year Review January-June 2020



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Development Footage

Today's Agenda

#### **CEO Teemu Huuhtanen**

H1 2020 Highlights Next Games' Strategic Focus Business Review

#### **CFO Annina Salvén**

**Financial Review** 

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Outlook Concluding Remarks

# H1 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

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#### REVENUE

EUR **14.4** million(19.2)

**EBITDA** 

EUR **0.3** million (-1.5)

#### PUBLISHING OPERATIONS EBITDA

EUR **3.4** million (2.3)

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# STRATEGIC FOCUS

## LICENSED GAMES STRATEGY IS WORKING



## MARKET DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTS OUR STRATEGY

#### Mission

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#### Vision

To join forces with license holders to build top grossing games and become the most sought after partner for IP owners.

#### Values

COURAGE CARING CURIOSITY

- Games industry now estimated to be larger than the film and music industries combined
- 2. **Free-to-play** is the dominant earning model
- 3. One of the biggest trends is **brand** loyalty
- Appeal of well-known brands brings a strong organic uplift of players to

our games lowering our UA costs

# **BUSINESS REVIEW**

# FOCUS ON NEW PRODUCTS







PUBLISHING **35%** 

**ADMIN** 

13%

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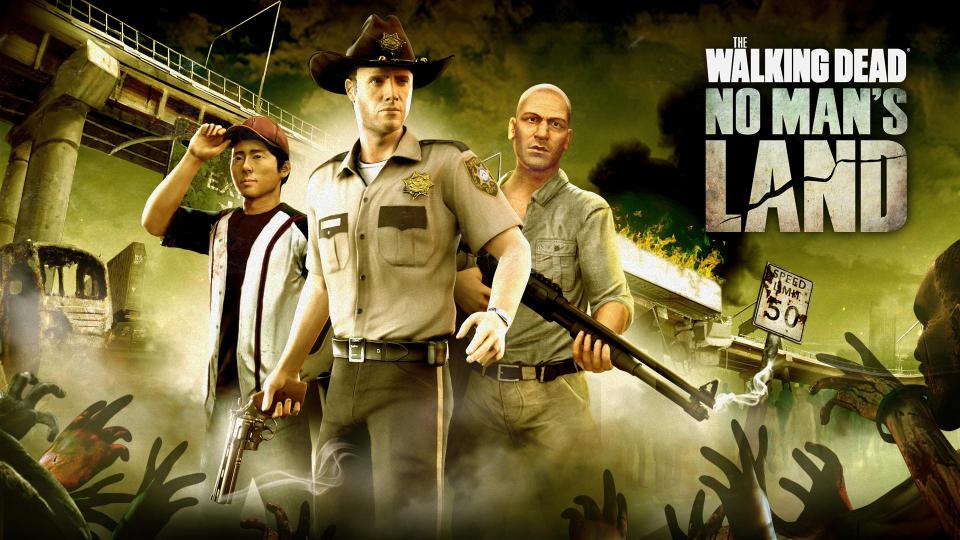
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## THE WALKING DEAD: NO MAN'S LAND

• **Steady performance** continued during H1 2020, the game achieved lifetime gross bookings of EUR 115 million in June

 Our ability to offer better-designed targeted campaigns and events due to improved analytics and live operations resulted in improved ARPDAU

New update to the game with playable content and characters from the tv-show's first and second seasons, was **received** extremely positively among the players





## THE WALKING DEAD: OUR WORLD

- Restrictions on movement had an effect on the user amounts of The Walking Dead: Our World during the first half of 2020
- New updates and functionalities were quickly introduced to the game, such as story-driven missions and Free Roam, making it easier and safer to play during restrictions
- Despite the decline in users, **ARPDAU development continued strong,** an essential step in sustainably improving the product's profitability and achieving steady revenue





## BLADE RUNNER ROGUE

- Blade Runner Rogue (former Blade Runner Nexus) was moved back to the production phase in the end of 2019 as a **new Rogue game** mechanic was developed and added to the game
- The rest of the major updates to serve the new game mechanic are planned for this year
- The game has been actively tested and updated during the reporting period in several different markets, including Canada, and the development of the game continues



## STRANGER THINGS

- Stranger Things is an American science fiction horror series created by the Duffer Brothers and released on Netflix
- Stranger Things season 3 was the most watched season to date, in the first four weeks of release by 64 million member households
- Stranger Things has attracted record viewership on Netflix and has a broad, active, and international fan base



## STRANGER THINGS GAME

- Development has **proceeded as planned** during H1 2020
- The game has been available on several occasions in select markets via Google Play Early Access testing with promising test results
- The testing phase showed that the game works best without location-based elements
- We are planning to start bringing the game to the market and scaling in stages starting in Q4 2020





### Take Aim

Take aim and carefully plan your attacks for maximum damage.

UTS

### Charge Up

Successful hits will charge up your team's special abilities!

LV 95

### Attack

Once your hero is fully charged, tap them to launch their special attack!

LV 95

### Obstacles

Tactically avoid or destroy obstacles in your path.

### **Unleash Chains**

HIGH

Strategically combine hero abilities and match-making chains together!



# FINANCIAL REVIEW

Annina Salvén

CFO

## **P&L KEY FIGURES**

EUR million	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2019
Revenue	14.4	19.2
Cost of revenue	-6.8	-8.0
Gross Profit	7.5	11.3
Other Operating income	0.4	0.0
Research and Development	-2.6	-3.3
Sales and Marketing	-5.0	-9.8
Administrative	-1.9	-1.6
Operating result (EBIT)	-1.6	-3.5

	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun
EUR million	2020	2019
Operating Result (EBIT)	-1.6	-3.5
Depreciations	2.0	2.0
EBITDA	0.3	-1.5

- Revenue was fully in line with expectations, despite the decline of 25% to the comparison period
- Focus continued on increasing profitability, with largest impact in Marketing and Sales, driven by effective leverage of our licensed based games strategy
- EBITDA turned positive and was EUR 0.3 million.
- EBIT improved significantly by EUR 1.9 million, but was still negative due to the effect of depreciations, EUR 2.0 million, relating to previous investments made into technology and infrastructure.

## **RECORD PUBLISHING PROFITABILITY R&D STABLE**

#### Publishing Operations Profitability

EUR million	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2019
Revenue	14.4	19.2
Gross Profit	7.5	11.3
Other Operating Income	0.1	0.0
Sales and Marketing costs	-5.0	-9.8
Publishing Operations		
EBIT	2.6	1.4
Publishing Operations		
Depreciations	0.8	0.8
Publishing Operations		
EBITDA	3.4	2.3
EBITDA %	24%	12%

R&D, key figures	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2019
Total cost	-€ 3,3	-€ 4,0
Depreciations	<i>-</i> € 1,0	-€ 0,7
Capitalization	€ 1,7	€ 1,4
Total R&D	<b>-€ 2,6</b>	-€ 3,3
Percentage of Revenue	-18 %	-21 %

Despite a Revenue decline, profitability increased significantly. With stable R&D overall profitability for the company increased significantly

## **CASH POSITION**

EUR million	Jan-Jun 2020	Jan-Jun 2019
Net cash flows from operating activities	1.3	-0.7
Net cash flows from investing activities	-1.7	-1.4
Net cash used in financing activities	-0.7	-0.6
Net decrease/increase in cash and cash equivalents	-1.1	-2.6
Cash and cash equivalents as of January 1st	7.7	7.3
Translation differences	0.0	0.0
Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30th	6.5	4.7

- Net cash flow from operating activities turned positive and was EUR 1.3 million
- Company's Operations have turned cash flow positive
- Cash is still affected by investments in R&D
- At the end of the year 2019 cash and cash equivalents were EUR 7.7 million, during the reporting period the company paid debt relating to 2019 extended payback periods in the approx amount of EUR 1.5 million.
- Without effect of debt repayment, cash would have been EUR 8 million

# OUTLOOK AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

# OUTLOOK 2020

The Company expects revenues from already published games (The Walking Dead titles) to continue on a flat or declining trend. With recent profitability improvements, the company believes its publishing operations EBITDA from already published games (The Walking Dead titles) to improve clearly in 2020 compared to 2019 when it was EUR 3.8 million. We also expect to start scaling 1-2 games during 2020.

#### **Basis for Change in Outlook 2020**

The games industry continues to change, leading to relevant industry adaptation. The company believes that under current market conditions, games are no longer launched in a binary manner, they are scaled and grown over time. The speed of scaling games is dependent on multiple factors. As a result, the Company has decided to remove its full-year 2020 revenue guidance. The company intends to evaluate its guidance during the latter part of the year, when a reasonably reliable estimate of full-year revenue can be given.





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## Upcoming Events

### 25 November 2020

Capital Markets Day









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