# Plus500

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# Highlights

- Plus500 has developed and operates an online trading platform for retail customers to trade Contracts For Difference (CFDs) in more than 50 countries
- Proprietary technology platform is user friendly, robust, scalable and easily accessible to new customers
- Customer acquisition via online marketing

#### Plus500 in numbers:





















# Results Summary

- H1 2014 Active Customers\* increased 35% to 67,232 (H1 2013: 49,752)
- H1 2014 New Customers\*\* increased 33% to 32,673 (H1 2013 : 24,626)
- Ongoing strengthening in Plus500's market position with further expansion in Europe
- Significant increase in smartphone and tablet users accessing Plus500's trading platform
- Expansion into Australia continues to gather very positive momentum
- Board remains confident of continued growth in 2014 and beyond

<sup>\*\*</sup> New Customers: Customers depositing for the first time ever during the period.



<sup>\*</sup>Active Customers: Customers who made at least one real money trade during the period.



**Business Overview** 



Financial Overview



Outlook



# **Products**



**CFD products** 

**Platform and Devices** 

**Trading Platform** 







**2,100** CFD products

Supporting **31** languages in more than **50** countries

Retail customers only



# **Business** model



#### **Revenue Split**

Revenues FY 2013

# International Footprint

Dealing Spreads

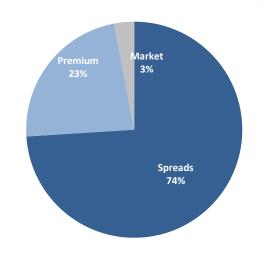
Difference between the buy price and the sell price of a CFD

Overnight Premiums

Charges on open customer positions held overnight

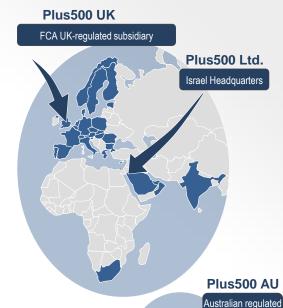
Market Positions

Gains (offset by losses) on customers' trading positions, acting as principal



Trade Time

Median trade time is 1 hour



Quality of Earnings

93% of revenues from regulated markets



subsidiary (ASIC)

# Plus500 technology, our key asset



#### Proprietary technology, developed in-house: key differentiator and flexible advantage





# Marketing infrastructure: online is key



#### **Online advertising**

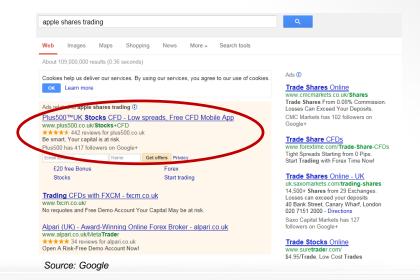
Using our proprietary automated marketing platform ensures that spending is efficient with a demonstrable return on investment

#### The "Marketing Machine"

- Focus is online
- Measurable
- Learns from experience
- Flexible spending
- Context specific advertising
- Defined ROI from spend
- Accumulated knowledge is a barrier to entry and competitive advantage

#### Total marketing investment in \$m







# Marketing infrastructure: affiliates and offline



# **4500 AFFILIATE5.**com

- A large international affiliates programme
- Over 5,000 active affiliates who advertise Plus500
- Paid on success only
- Easy-to-access and use affiliates' portal of marketing collateral
- Fully automated online analysis and reward platform
- Localised marketing tools for affiliates
- Attractive revenue proposition for affiliates

#### Offline

- Increased activity offline to build the Plus500 brand
- IPO enhanced brand awareness
- Continue with targeted campaigns







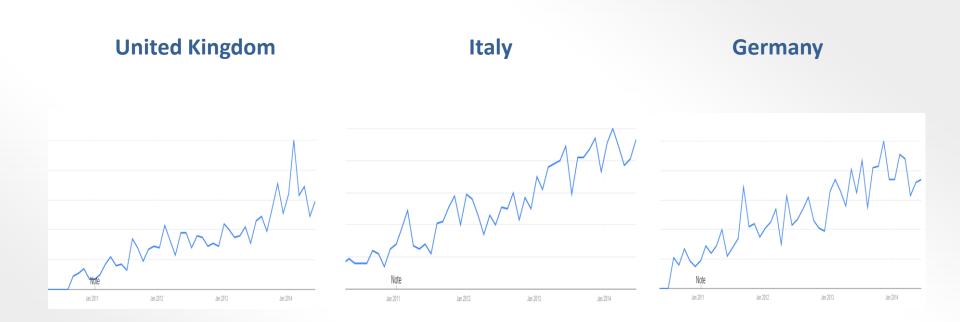






# The Plus500 brand



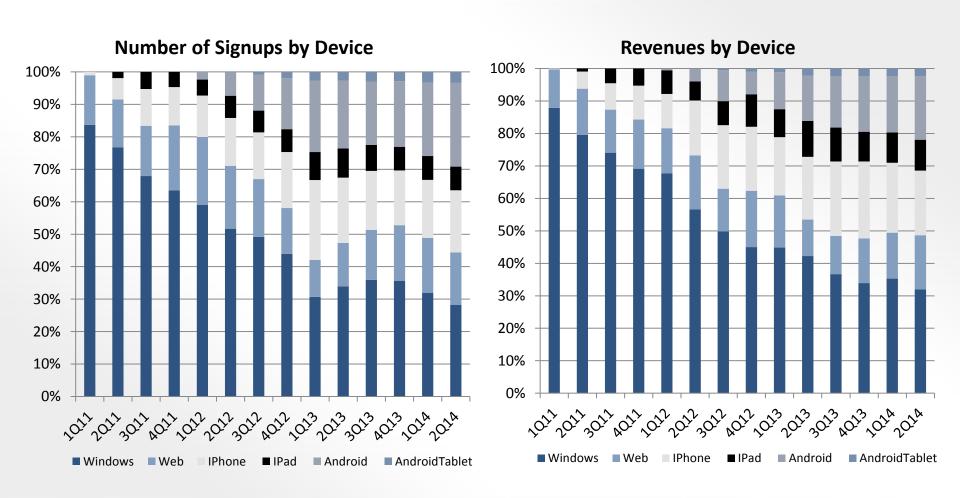


<sup>\*</sup> Data from Google Trends web searches, June 2010 – June 2014



# Mobile as a key growth driver







# Risk management



#### Financial risk management is key to the business

#### **Market Risk**

Spread of customers acts as a natural risk-mitigation:

No dominant customers

Real-time monitoring of exposure limits by:

- Individual clients
- Individual instruments
- Total Group exposure

When limits are reached, no further trades accepted

Hedging undertaken if market movement breach the limits

#### **Credit Risk**

Automated real-time close-out policy to minimise unfunded customer losses

#### **Surplus Capital**

Plus500 continues to maintain significant reserves post-IPO

#### **Risk Management Advisory**







#### **Regulators**





#### **Segregated Customer Accounts held by**

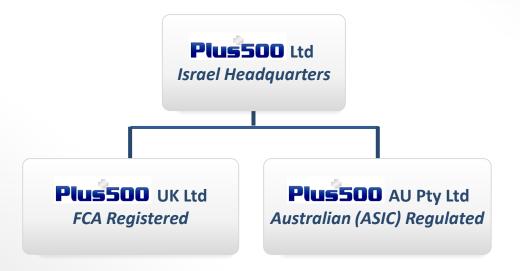






# Regulation and compliance





- All EEA customers facilitated
   via "passporting mechanism"
- Periodic FCA visits, no issues outstanding

#### **Client Take-On**

- FCA / ASIC rules set out client take-on requirements
- Customers must self-certify their understanding of the risks
- All marketing carries appropriate risk warnings
- KYC / AML process fully compliant and in line with peers
  - Risk based approach in line with regulations







# First half of 2014 - best performance yet



### **Key Financial Indicators – Income Statement (\$,000):**

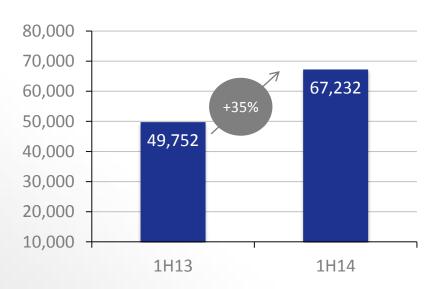
	Six months e	FY	
	2014	2013	2013
Trading income (net)	106,242	44,673	115,088
1H14/1H13 growth	138%		
Selling and marketing expenses	30,702	21,195	44,322
Administrative and general expenses	3,583	1,617	3,563
Income from operations	71,957	21,861	67,203
1H14/1H13 growth	229%		
Financing expenses/ (income) -net	(1,179)	1,348	38
Tax expense	19,373	5,121	16,532
Profit attributable to owner of the parent	53,763	15,392	50,633
1H14/1H13 growth	249%		
Earning per share (\$)	0.47	0.15	0.47



# Our client base continues to grow fast

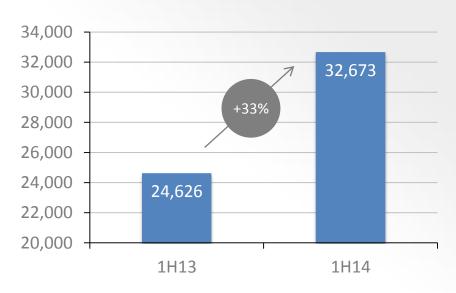


#### **Number of Active Accounts**



- Australia and Asia are among our fastest growing markets
- We remain the top rated app in our field (August 2014)
- Significant growth in H1 2014 in all KPIs

#### **Number of New Accounts**

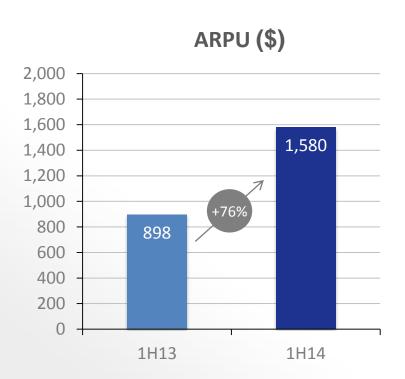


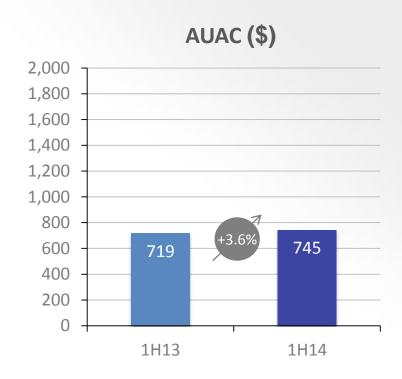
		Twelve months ended December 31	
	2013	2012	FY13/FY12
Active Accounts	85,795	58,348	47%
New Accounts	56,819	37,050	53%



# ARPU vs. AUAC







- Further significant growth expected in ARPU in H1 2014 due to improved branding and retention initiatives
- Expect to increase marketing ROI such that AUAC will not increase faster than ARPU



# Balance sheet strength



# **Key Financial Indicators – Balance Sheet:**

	Six months ended June 30		FY	1H14/1H13
	2014	2013	2013	Growth
Current Assets	119,509	36,682	88,739	
Non Current Assets	1,086	626	1,354	
Total Assets	120,595	37,308	90,093	223%
Liabilities	31,825	18,737	22,079	70%
Equity	88,770	18,571	68,014	378%



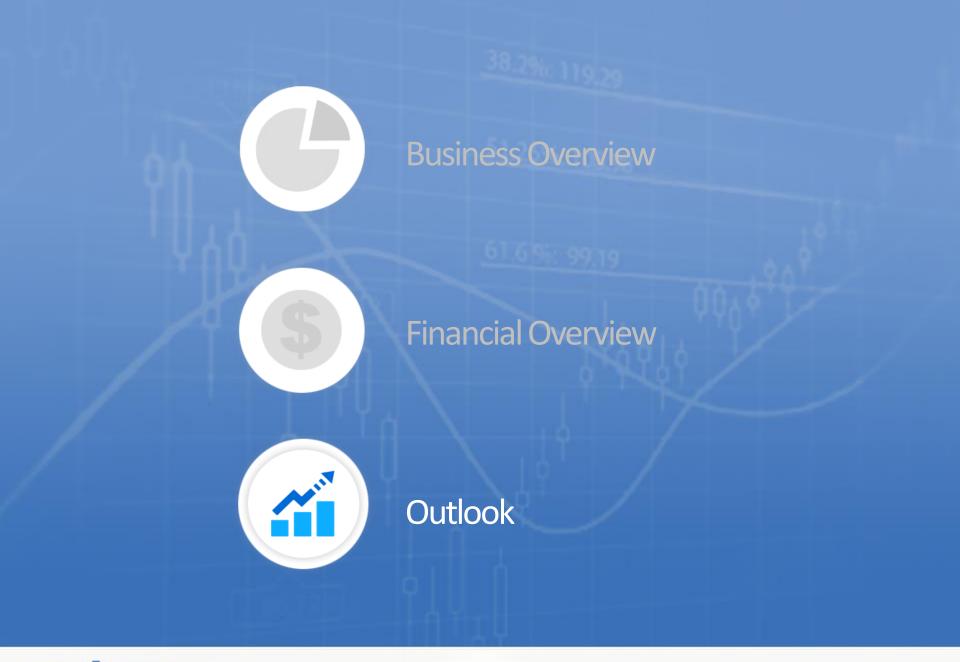
# Growing cash balances



# **Key Financial Indicators – Cash Flow:**

	Six months en	1H14/1H13	
	2014	2013	Growth
Operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations Income tax paid - net	74,026 (11,117)	19,346 (3,607)	283% 208%
Net cash provided by operating activities	62,909	15,739	300%
Net cash used in investing activities	-83	-45	84%
Financing activities:			
Dividend Paid Prepaid expenses	-33,007 -	-4,874 -578	
Net cash used in financing activities	-33,007	-5,452	505%
Exchange gain on cash and cash equivalents	1,252	-	
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	115,179	32,728	252%







# Outlook



- H1 2014 showed strong growth compared to H1 2013
- New features and trading instruments
- Continued optimisation of marketing ROI
- The Board remain committed to a 50% payout dividend policy
- Additional special dividends where capital needs allow
- Windows phone app on track
- Expansion into new geographies



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