



JD WETHERSPOON PLC
PRE YEAR-END TRADING UPDATE

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Current Trading

For the first 11 weeks of the fourth quarter (to 15 July 2007) like-for-like sales increased by 4.9%. Year-to-date (50 weeks to 15 July 2007) like-for-like sales increased by 5.8%, with overall Company sales up by 6.9%.

Non-Smoking Pubs

Scottish pubs have been non-smoking for over a year, Northern Ireland and Wales became non-smoking in April 2007 and England in July 2007. As previously indicated, the change to non-smoking has led to strong growth in food sales allied to a slow-down in bar sales. Whereas this may have an initial impact on margins, we believe that this legislation has resulted in pubs becoming more attractive to the majority of customers. Our total like-for-like sales have continued to grow in all countries as a result of the beneficial impact on food sales.

Property

The financial year so far has seen the opening of 15 new pubs and the disposal of 3. Another 3 pubs will open in the remainder of this financial year and we currently have an additional 10 pubs already on site for opening in the new financial year. The financial year to July 2008 is expected to see the opening of about 30 new pubs.

2007 Outlook

The last quarter (to date) has seen reasonably good like-for-like sales and a relatively high level of expenditure in connection with the implementation of our non-smoking plans. Our expectations for the financial year are unaltered.

2008 Outlook

The outlook for 2008 involves more uncertainty than usual, in the light of the smoking ban, although the Company has been encouraged by the sales performance in the relevant areas so far. Cost inflation is anticipated to be in line with our expectations, with increases in interest rates and minimum wage offset by a reduction in energy costs. Provided these sales patterns continue, a reasonable outcome is anticipated.

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Notes to editors

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