



## **Merlin Entertainments plc – trading update**

### **29 November 2016**

Merlin Entertainments today provides an update on its trading performance for the 47 weeks ended Saturday 19 November 2016.

Underlying trading in the Midway Attractions Operating Group has remained consistent with that reported at the 29 September update.

The Resort Theme Parks Operating Group enjoyed a strong Halloween period, helped by favourable weather.

The LEGOLAND Parks Operating Group has shown continued positive momentum following two years of exceptional growth, although trading in Florida remains soft due to challenging market conditions.

Good progress has been made towards Merlin's 2020 milestones, including the opening of LEGOLAND Dubai on 31 October and Madame Tussauds Istanbul on 28 November.

Merlin anticipates reporting good profit growth in 2016, in line with expectations.

2016 Preliminary results will be reported on 2 March 2017.

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