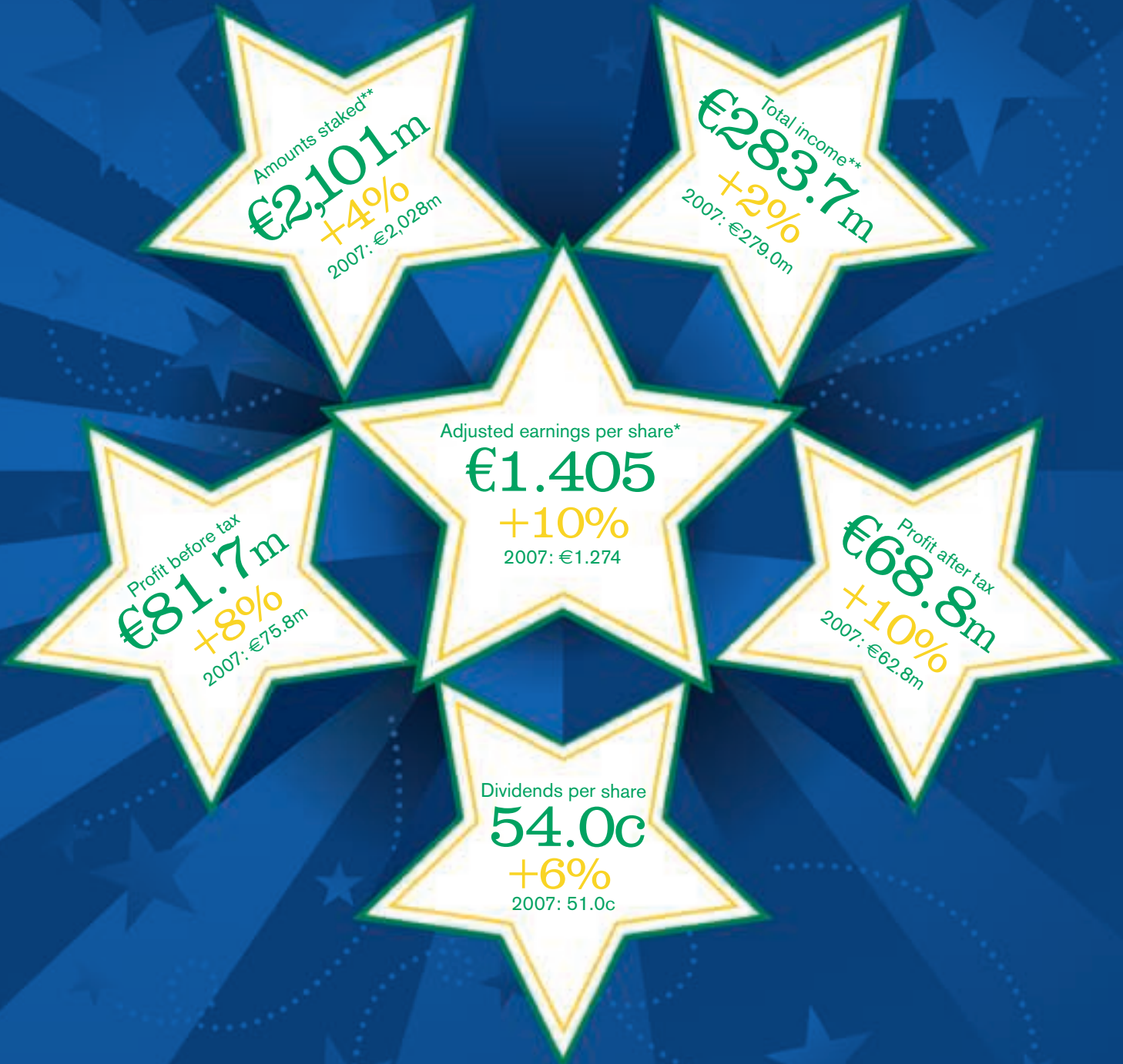


2008 Group Financial Highlights



* Adjusted earnings per share in 2008 is calculated excluding an exceptional gain of €2.5m post-tax.

** Amounts staked by customers represents amounts received in respect of bets placed on sporting events that occurred during the year and net winnings, commission income and fee income earned on gaming activities. Income (or 'gross win') represents the net gain on sports betting transactions (stake less payout) plus the gain or loss on the revaluation of open positions at year end, net winnings on fixed odds and online casino gaming activities, and commission income and tournament fees earned from peer to peer games and financial spread betting.