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**Financial snapshot<sup>1</sup>** 

<b>S\$181m</b> ↓	<b>2.5%</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>S\$181m</b>	<b>S\$3,800m</b>
Revenue		Cash Balance	Market Capitalisation <sup>3</sup>
<b>S\$140m</b> ↑		S¢666m	C¢ 4 205m
Οφιτυπι 🛧	<b>3.4%</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>S\$666m</b>	<b>S\$4,285m</b>

<sup>1</sup> H1 FY21
<sup>2</sup> Variance versus H1 FY20
<sup>3</sup> Based on the unit price of S\$0.975 at 30 Sep 2020



Fibre is 'future proof'



#### PREFERRED

Only means of fixed broadband delivery in Singapore



#### **HIGH PENETRATION**

**Over 90% residential penetration rate** 



#### LOW PRICES

Fibre broadband prices are lower in Singapore than many other countries



#### **CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Fibre supports last-mile wireless access solutions such as WiFi hotspots and 3G/4G/5G mobile base stations

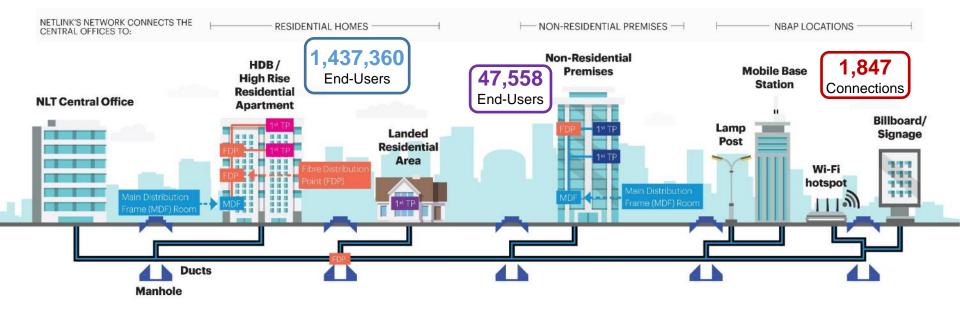


#### **SCALABLE**

Fibre capacity is highly scalable and can support future transmission technologies



#### **Our network**



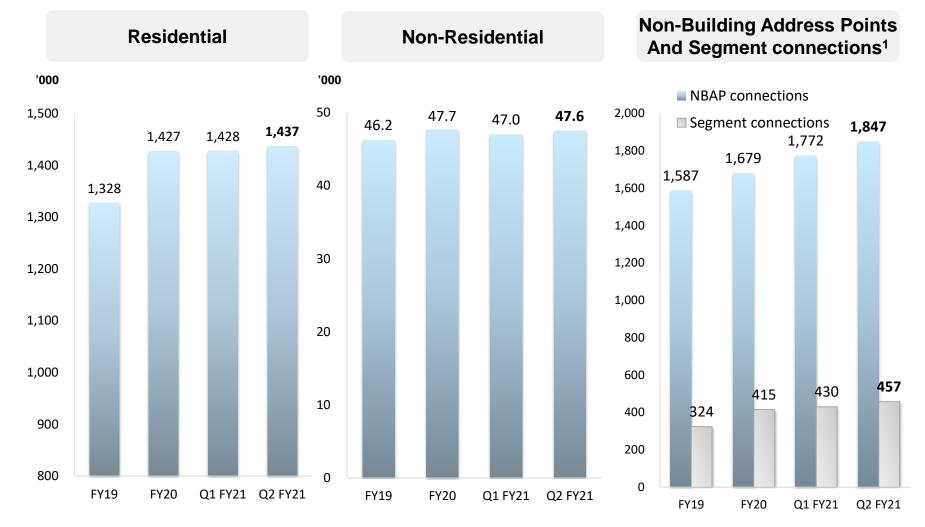


#### A resilient business model

	RAB Revenue			Non-RAB Revenue				
	Residential Connections	Non- Residential Connections	NBAP and Segment Fibre	Ducts and Manholes Service	Installation Related Revenue	Diversion Revenue	Co-Location and Other Revenue	Central Office Revenue
% of H1 FY21 Revenue	65.3%	8.4%	Connections 2.2%	Revenue <b>8.0%</b>	3.8%	1.8%	5.3%	5.2%
Recurring, predictable cash flows	√	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	-	-	√	~
Long-term contracts / customer stability	√	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	√	-	_	√	✓
Regulated revenues	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	✓	-
Creditworthy customers	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$



#### **Fibre connections**



<sup>1</sup> Segment connections comprise, *inter alia*, Central Office to Central Office fibre connections and Central Office to MDF room fibre connections provided to Requesting Licensees **NetLinkNBN** 

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#### H1 FY21 Profit & loss statement

S\$'000	H1 FY21	H1 FY20	Variance (%)
Revenue	181,465	186,113	(2.5)
EBITDA	139,734	135,186	3.4
EBITDA margin (%)	77.0	72.6	4.4 pp
Depreciation & amortisation	(83,460)	(83,821)	(0.4)
Net finance charges	(9,344)	(9,177)	1.8
Profit before tax	46,930	42,188	11.2

**Revenue** for H1 FY21 was lower by 2.5% mainly due to lower installation-related revenue, diversion revenue and ducts and manholes service revenue, partially offset by higher residential connections revenue.

**EBITDA margin** of 77.0% was *4.4 pp* higher primarily contributed by the higher proportion of revenue from residential connections and from the Government relief grants received.



#### Robust balance sheet<sup>1</sup>

<b>S\$181m</b>	<b>S\$666m</b>	<b>S\$2,856m</b>
Cash Balance	Gross Debt	Net Assets
<b>2.5</b> x	<b>13.8x</b>	<b>73.3 cents</b>

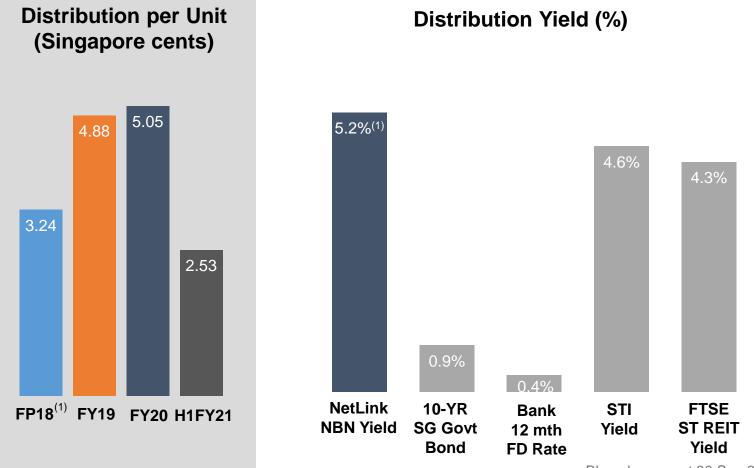
- Interest rate exposure substantially hedged
- The Group entered into a one-year extension for the outstanding term loan of S\$510.0m to mature on 24 March 2022
- Stable capital structure with debt headroom to fund future capex

<sup>1</sup> As at 30 Sep 2020

<sup>2</sup> Ratios calculated based on NetLink Group's trailing 12 months financials

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### Attractive distribution yield with low risk



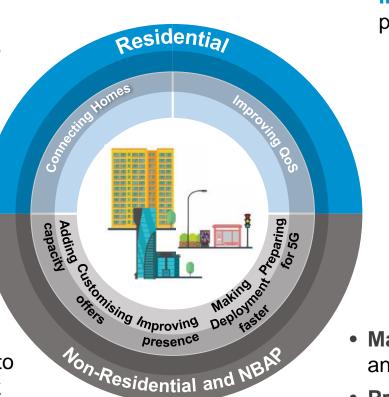
Bloomberg as at 30 Sep 2020

<sup>(1)</sup> Distribution yield is based on annualised DPU of 5.06 Singapore cents and the unit price of 97.5 cents as at 30 Sep 2020



## **Our focus for FY21**

- Connecting new homes and households that are not on fibre via initiatives such as IMDA's Home Access programme for low-income households
- Adding capacity, flexibility and resilience to create a denser network
- Customising offerings to SMEs
- Improving presence in major Data Centres

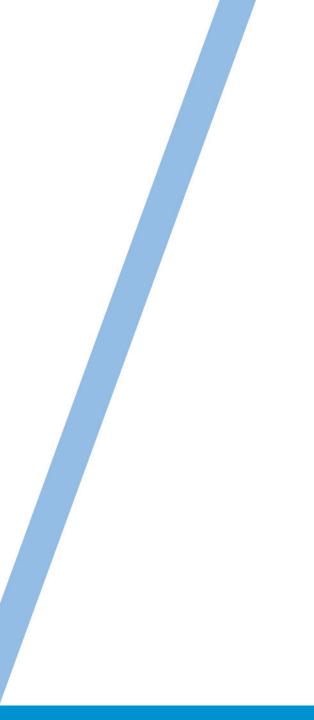


 Improving service provisioning QoS

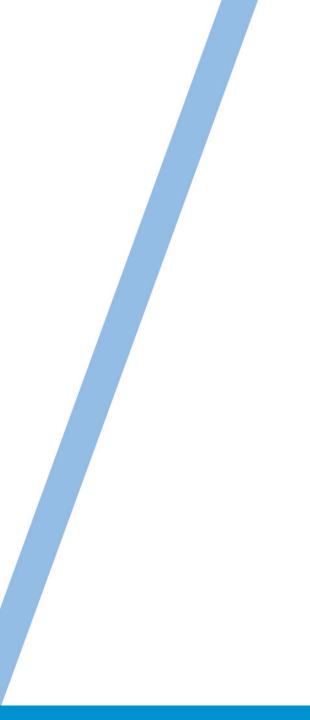
- Making NBAP easier and faster to deploy
- **Preparing** to support 5G infrastructure

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## **Thank You**



#### Supplemental Business Information



## **NetLink Trust's pricing for its services**

#### Pricing of NLT's principal services are regulated by IMDA

- IMDA shall hold a review of pricing terms every five years following the last price review, or at any such time as IMDA may consider appropriate (which may include a mid-term review in the third year from the last price review)
  - The most recent review by IMDA of prices under the Interconnection Offer and Reference Access Offer was completed in May 2017 and substantially most of the revised prices will be effective from or around Jan 2018 to Dec 2022
  - Pricing terms are regulated using the regulatory asset base (RAB) framework, which allows NLT to recover the following components: (a) return of capital deployed (i.e. depreciation); (b) return on capital employed; and (c) operating expenditure
- NLT may propose to conduct a mid-term adjustment in the third year, in the event of any significant change in cost inputs or if any significant changes to cost or demand forecasts are required due to unforeseen circumstances

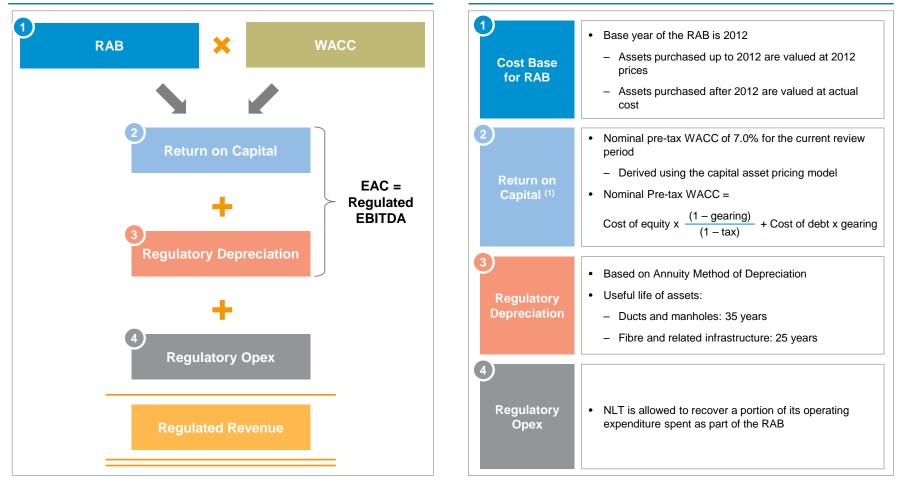
#### Monthly recurring charge (MRC) for fibre connections

Residential	S\$13.80 per connection per month	
Non-residential	S\$55 per connection per month	
NBAP	S\$73.80 per connection per month	



## **NetLink Trust's pricing for its services**

#### Framework for RAB Based Pricing Model



Methodology for RAB based pricing model

1. IMDA may change the rate of applicable pre-tax WACC in future review period

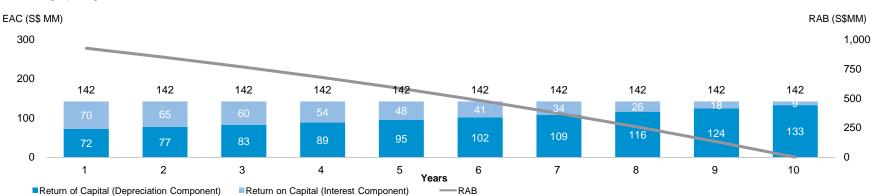


## **Understanding the ICO pricing framework**

#### Illustrative Worked Example

#### How Does EAC Work for 1 Year's Outflow on Capex?

Assuming Opening RAB of S\$1Bn, WACC of 7.0% and Asset Useful Life of 10 Years



#### **Incremental Capex Leads to Incremental EAC**

Assuming Opening RAB of S\$1Bn, capex of S\$300MM in Year 1 and capex of S\$200MM in Year 2



The annuity method of depreciation provides an Equivalent Annual Cost which equates to regulatory depreciation (depreciation component) + return on capital (interest component)

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