



# **Business Update**

Nine months & third quarter ended 31 December 2023

23 February 2024



## 9MFY24 at a glance



### Underlying NPAT up 7% despite sustained macro & forex headwinds

- Strong EBIT performance from growth engines offset decline from core business
- Deconsolidation of Trustwave losses from Q3FY24
- Strong SGD impacted revenue (-S\$406M) & underlying NPAT (-S\$51M)



### Optus recovery post-outage

- Key brand & subscriber metrics recovering well in Q4FY24
- Took A\$60M (S\$54M) provision for costs related to the network outage



#### Momentum in growth engines

- Nxera<sup>1</sup> rapidly scaling up; capex fully funded with KKR investment & green loan
- NCS continues expansion into enterprise & outside SG, margins boosted by cost optimisation



#### Stable associates' PBT contribution & dividends in line with S\$1.3B guidance

- Airtel impacted by weak Nigerian Naira (circa -S\$130M<sup>2</sup>) & BTL finance expenses. Divested direct stake in Airtel Africa in Q3FY24
- Telkomsel impacted by 5% shareholding dilution, mitigated by higher growth trajectory of IndiHome which
  is tracking to plan

### On track to pay upper end of dividend policy<sup>3</sup> in FY24

- New brand name for Singtel's data centre business.
- 2. Comprises mark-to-market losses from FX liabilities & translation impact.
- Barring unforeseen circumstances, Singtel plans to pay ordinary dividends at between 70% & 90% of underlying net profit.



## 9MFY24 financial highlights

Operating revenue

S\$10,621M

▼ 3% (Stable<sup>1</sup>)

**EBITDA** 

S\$2,722M

**▼** 2% (▲ 1%¹)

EBIT (ex associates' contribution)

S\$903M

**▲** 4% (**▲** 5%¹)

Regional associates' PBT

S\$1,696M

Stable (▲ 4%¹)

Underlying net profit

S\$1,680M

**▲** 7% (**▲** 11%¹)

Net profit<sup>2</sup>

S\$2,602M

**▲** 53% (**▲** 55%¹)

<sup>1.</sup> On constant currency basis.

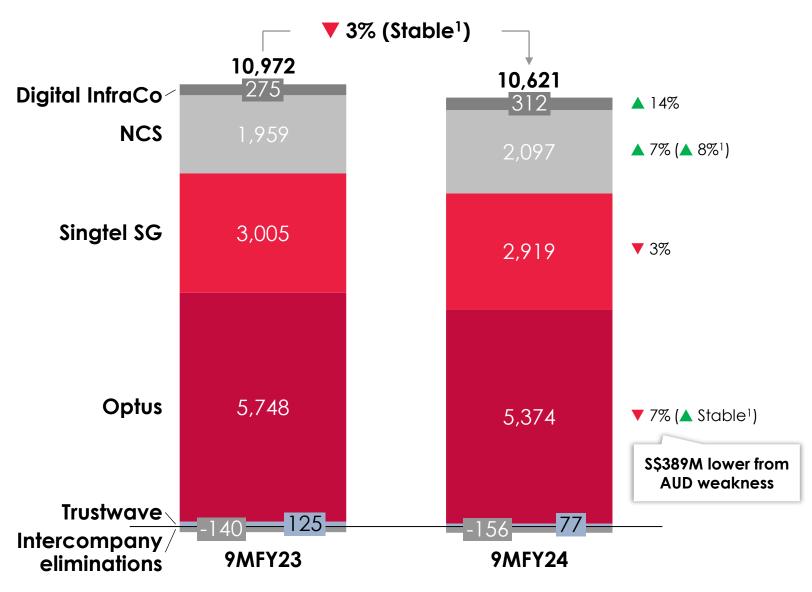
<sup>2.</sup> Includes net exceptional gain of \$\$921M in 9MFY24 mainly from the dilution of Singtel's equity interest in Telkomsel.

## Revenue



- Optus: Mobile service revenue up 3%¹ despite network outage, mitigating decline in fixed enterprise
- Singtel SG: Lower ICT sales from weak sentiment; strong roaming & broadband growth
- NCS: Robust contributions across all business segments
- Digital InfraCo: Nxera price renewals & utility pass through; project-based satellite deployment services

S\$M



1. On constant currency basis.

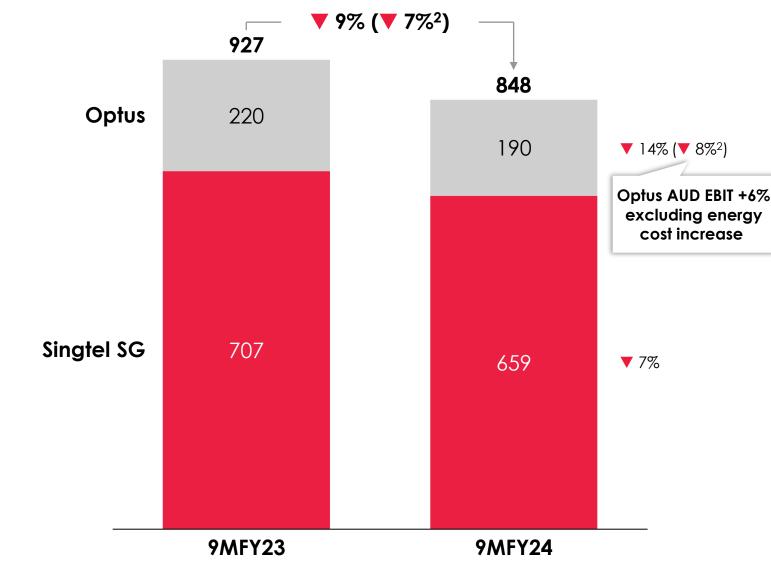
## EBIT from core<sup>1</sup>



- Optus: Sustained mobile growth
  - Market driven fixed enterprise price erosion
  - Higher energy & content costs
- Singtel SG: Challenging trading environment
  - Inflationary cost increases
  - Higher depreciation from IT & network investments
- On track to deliver cost out of \$\$0.2B by end FY24



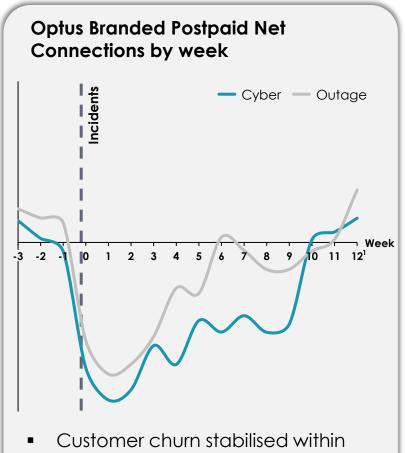


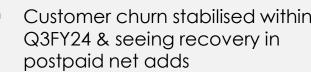


- 1. Comprises Optus & Singtel Singapore businesses.
- On constant currency basis.

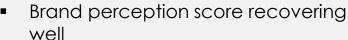


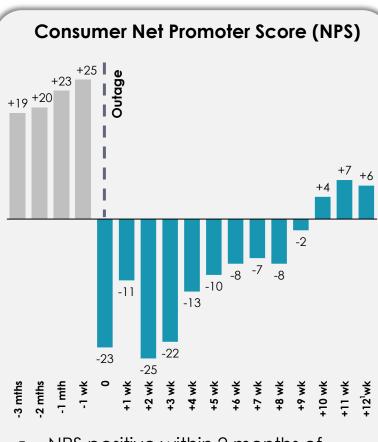
# Optus momentum recovering in Q4FY24











NPS positive within 2 months of outage with proactive outage response

1. Refers to week ending 31 Jan 24 for outage.

## **Growth Engines<sup>1</sup> EBIT**

9MFY24

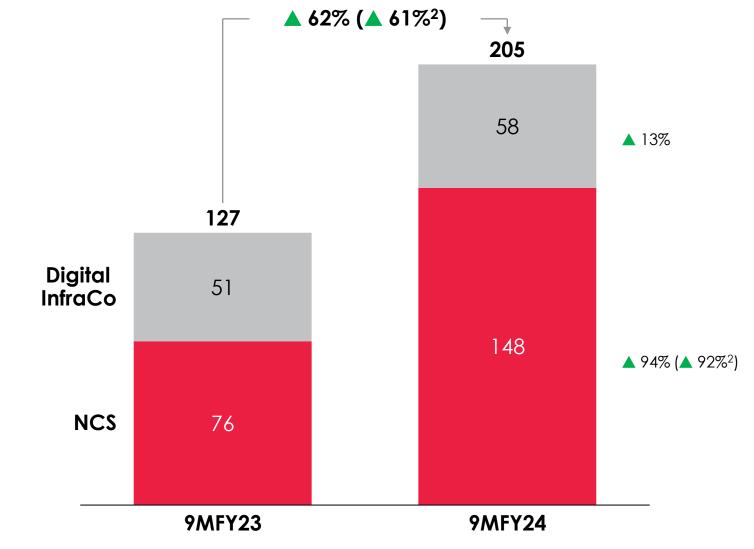
\$\$205M

▲ 62% (▲ 61%²)

- Digital InfraCo: Expansion mode
  - Supported by project-based satellite deployment services
  - Nxera margins impacted by ramp up in capabilities
- NCS: Improving profitability
  - Driven by revenue growth, cost & resource optimisation efforts
  - New bookings of \$\$2.1B

S\$M





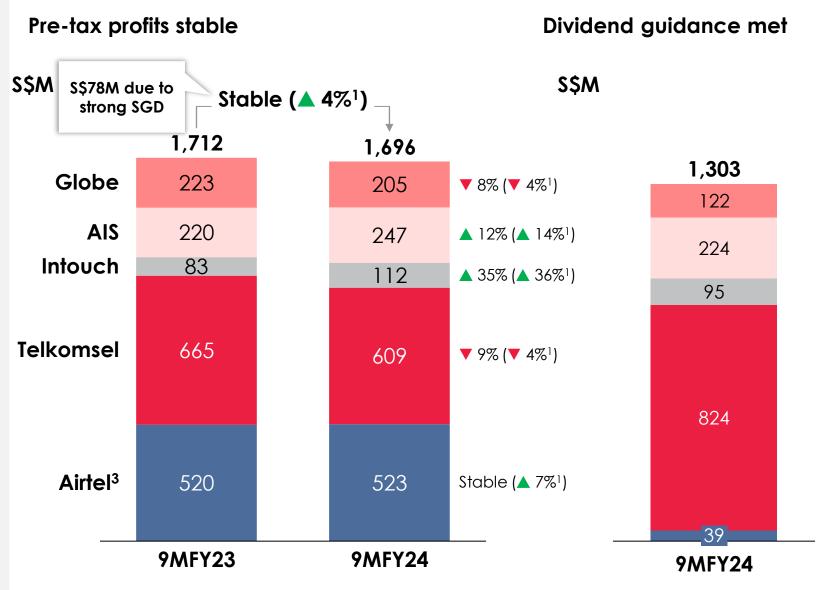
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- 2. On constant currency basis.

# Regional associates' pre-tax profits



- Better market conditions across region; capturing fibre broadband opportunity
- Airtel: Strong performance impacted by weak Nigerian Naira (circa -S\$130M²) & higher BTL losses. Ex BTL, up 9% & 16% on cc
- Globe: Healthy mobile growth offset by increase in network costs
- AIS: Revenue growth across all businesses
- Telkomsel: Dilution in shareholding mitigated by IndiHome contribution





<sup>.</sup> On constant currency basis.

Includes BTL.

<sup>2.</sup> Comprises mark-to-market losses from FX liabilities & translation impact.

# Q3FY24 highlights





Revenue impacted by Trustwave deconsolidation & strong SGD



Sustained mobile service growth on roaming recovery in SG & repricing in AU



Ex Trustwave, EBIT stable on better NCS & Optus performance



Associates' PBT decline largely from weak Nigerian Naira impacting Airtel (circa -S\$80m<sup>1</sup>) & Telkomsel shareholding dilution Operating revenue

S\$3,593M

**▼** 3% (**▼** 1%²)

**EBITDA** 

**S\$935M** 

**▲** 3% (**▲** 4%²)

**FBIT** (ex associates' contribution)

**S\$324M** 

**▲** 12% (**▲** 13%²)

Regional associates' PBT

**S\$509M** 

**▼** 9% (**▼** 6%²)

Underlying net profit

**S\$559M** 

Stable (▲ 2%²)

Net profit<sup>3</sup>

**S\$465M** 



**▼** 13% (**▼** 11%²)

Comprises mark-to-market losses from FX liabilities & translation impact.

On constant currency basis.

Includes net exceptional loss of \$\$94M in Q3FY24 largely from provision for network outage in Australia & fair value loss on revaluation of Airtel's foreign currency convertible bonds.



# Delivering to our strategic reset – Q3FY24 highlights



### Reinvigorate the core



Opened new flagship store at 313@Somerset





Completed acquisition of 3BB



## Capitalise on growth trends



New brand for DC business



Nvidia cloud partnership to offer Al infra services



Deployment of Paragon



### Reallocate capital, unlock value



Sold down remaining stake<sup>1</sup> for ~S\$250M



Completion of divestment



### Champion people & sustainability



First in SG to renew SBTi-validated targets



Asia's most sustainable telecom provider



Southeast Asia's first telco on CDP 'A List'

~3.9% direct stake sold in Q3FY24.

## Key focus areas





### Sustain momentum of growth engines

- Digital InfraCo: Leverage green & Al-ready differentiation to scale DC business;
   Paragon on track for deployments in EMEA & North Asia
- NCS: Continued focus on profitable growth & cost optimisation



### **Rebuilding Optus brand**

- Continued efforts to restore customer trust
- Simplify product offerings; realign enterprise business to support small business
   & mid-market segment growth



### Singtel SG securing its market lead

- Push for growth with new device plans & sustain IoT services momentum
- Drive consolidation of consumer & enterprise businesses, with synergies expected from FY25

