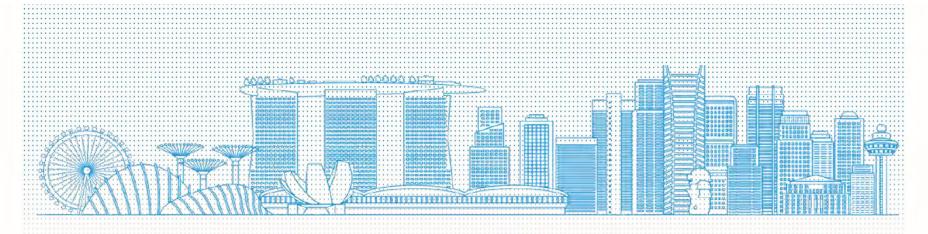


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# Financial snapshot<sup>(1)</sup>

REVENUE

S\$282m

**1.9%**<sup>(2)</sup>

**CASH BALANCE** 

S\$113m

MARKET CAPITALISATION(3)

S\$3,897m

**EBITDA** 

S\$197m

**↓** 6.2%<sup>(2)</sup>

**GROSS DEBT** 

S\$666m

ENTERPRISE VALUE<sup>(3)</sup>

S\$4,450m

- (1) 9MFY22
- (2) Variance versus 9MFY21
- (3) Based on the unit price of S\$1.00 at 31 Dec 2021

# 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

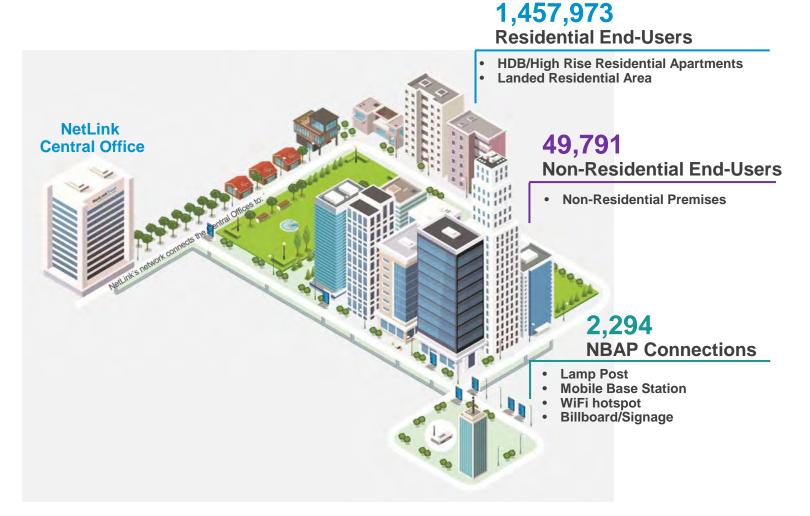
Fibre supports last-mile wireless access solutions such as WiFi hotspots and 4G/5G mobile base stations



#### **SCALABLE**

Fibre capacity is highly scalable and can support future transmission technologies

# Our network



# A resilient business model

|  | Residential<br>Connections | Non-<br>Residential<br>Connections | NBAP & Segment Connections | Ducts & Manholes Service Revenue | Installation<br>Related<br>Revenue | Diversion<br>Revenue | Co-<br>Location<br>& Other<br>Revenue | Central<br>Office<br>Revenue |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| % of 9MFY22<br>Revenue                   | 64.0%                      | 8.2%                               | 3.3%                       | 7.5%                             | 5.2%                               | 2.3%                 | 5.2%                                  | 4.3%                         |
| Recurring,<br>predictable<br>cash flows  | ✓                          | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                                | -                                  | -                    | ✓                                     | ✓                            |
| Long-term contracts / customer stability | <b>√</b>                   | <b>√</b>                           | <b>√</b>                   | <b>√</b>                         | -                                  | -                    | ✓                                     | ✓                            |
| Regulated revenues                       | ✓                          | ✓                                  | ✓                          | ✓                                | ✓                                  | -                    | ✓                                     | -                            |
| Creditworthy customers                   | ✓                          | <b>√</b>                           | <b>√</b>                   | <b>√</b>                         | <b>√</b>                           | ✓                    | ✓                                     | ✓                            |

# Fibre connections



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Segment fibre connections comprise, *inter alia*, Central Office to Central Office connections, Central Office to MDF room connections, Point-to-Point connections and CO Diversity connections provided to Requesting Licensees



# 9MFY22 Profit & loss statement

| \$'000                        | 9MFY22    | 9MFY21    | Variance (%) |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--|
| Revenue                       | 281,551   | 276,279   | 1.9          |  |
| EBITDA                        | 196,890   | 209,915   | (6.2)        |  |
| EBITDA Margin (%)             | 69.9      | 76.0      | (6.1) pp     |  |
| Depreciation and amortisation | (127,215) | (125,449) | 1.4          |  |
| Net finance charges           | (7,620)   | (13,935)  | (45.3)       |  |
| Profit before tax             | 62,055    | 70,531    | (12.0)       |  |

Revenue for 9MFY22 was 1.9% higher mainly due to higher residential, NBAP & segment connections revenue, and installation-related revenue. This was partially offset by lower Central Office revenue.

**EBITDA** decreased by 6.2% in spite of higher revenue, mostly due to higher operating expense impacted by a remeasurement loss of \$12.4 million relating to finance lease receivables arising from the reduction in rental rates upon the renewal of the CO lease agreements with the lessee from Sep 2021. The accounting standards require the reduction in rental rate for FY22 and subsequent years (i.e. remaining lease term of the leasehold ranging from 47 to 67 years) to be recognised upfront as the remeasurement loss The reduction in rental rates is not expected to have a material cashflow impact for FY22 nor subsequent years.

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

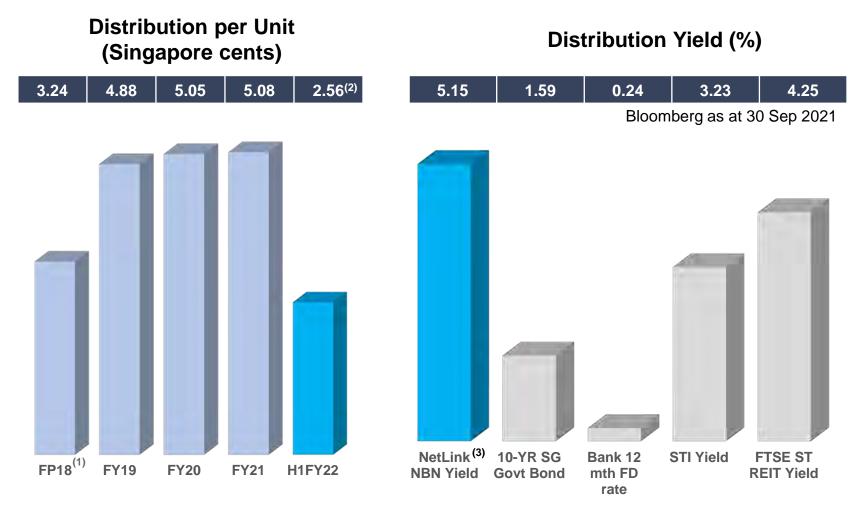
| Cash Balance              | S\$113m   |  |
|---------------------------|-----------|--|
| Gross Debt                | S\$666m   |  |
| Net Assets                | S\$2,677m |  |
| Gross Debt/EBITDA (2)     | 2.6x      |  |
| EBITDA Interest Cover (2) | 23.9x     |  |

Stable capital structure with debt headroom to fund future capex

<sup>(1)</sup> As at 31 Dec 2021

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

# Attractive distribution yield with low risk



<sup>(1)</sup> For the financial period 19 Jun 2017 (date of constitution) to 31 Mar 2018



<sup>(2)</sup> DPU of 2.56 Singapore cents in H1 FY22 is 1.2% higher than H1 FY21's

<sup>(3)</sup> Based on the unit price of S\$0.995 at 30 Sep 2021

## Our focus for FY22



#### **RESIDENTIAL**

- Improve take-ups from first time fibre users
- Connect low-income households via initiatives such as IMDA's Home Access programme
- Connect new homes
- Improve service provisioning QoS



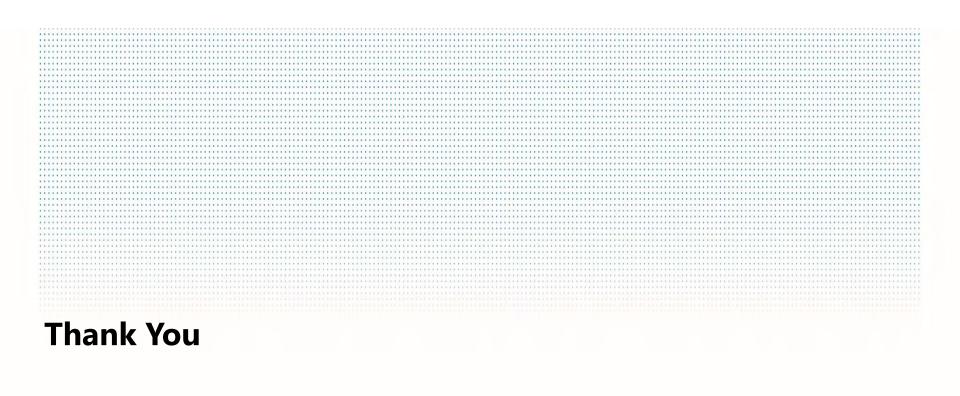
# NON-RESIDENTIAL AND NBAP

- Continue improving network capacity, flexibility and resilience
- Customised offerings for projects
- Support 5G roll-outs
- Improve take-ups at major Data Centres



# POTENTIAL NEW INVESTMENTS

 Explore opportunities to invest in telecoms infrastructure businesses which are likely to generate a stable cashflow





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

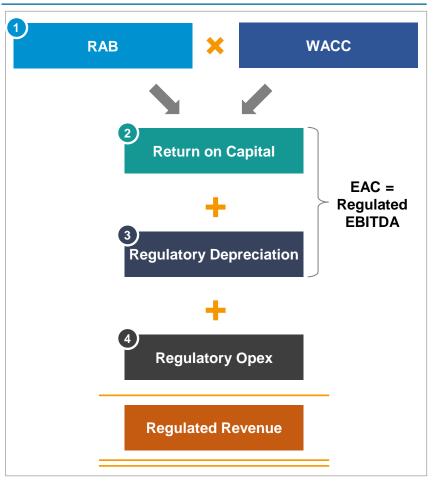
#### Pricing of NLT's principal services are regulated by IMDA

- 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

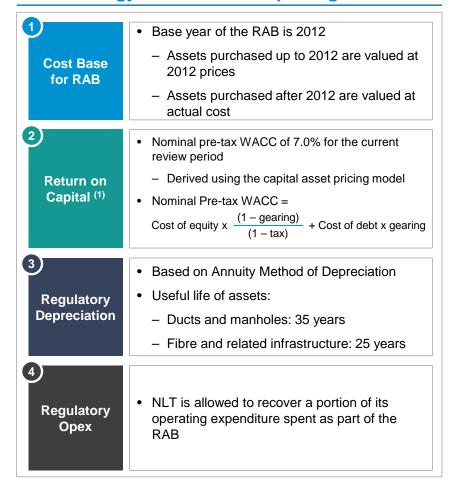
| Monthly recurring charge (MRC) for fibre connections |                                   |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Residential  | S\$13.80 per connection per month |  |  |  |
| Non-residential                                      | S\$55 per connection per month    |  |  |  |
| 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



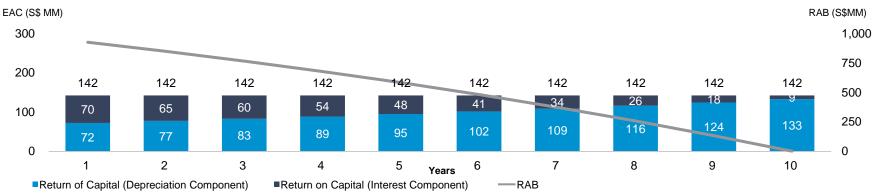
<sup>1.</sup> IMDA may change the rate of applicable pre-tax WACC in future review period

# **Understanding the ICO pricing framework**

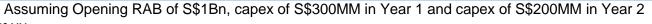
#### **Illustrative Worked Example**

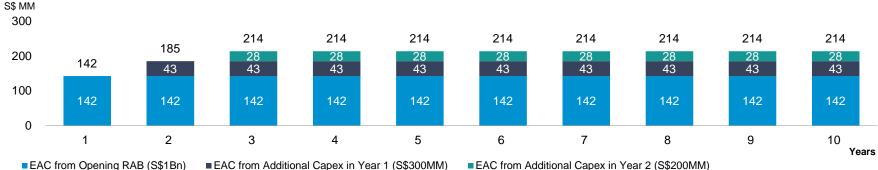
#### How Does EAC Work for 1 Year's Outflow on Capex?

Assuming Opening RAB of S\$1Bn, WACC of 7.0% and Asset Useful Life of 10 Years; the cumulative return is \$1.42Bn



#### Incremental Capex Leads to Incremental EAC





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