

# Forward looking statement – Important note



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## H1FY24 at a glance





#### Resilient performance against challenging macro economic backdrop

- Sustained mobile momentum & growth engine outperformance offsets weakness in enterprise
- Continued macro, inflationary & forex pressures



#### Strong 83% growth in NPAT from dilution gains

- Regional associates PBT rose 9%¹ on improving market dynamics
- Underlying NPAT up 12% or 16% excluding S\$42M impact from strong SGD



#### Delivering to the strategic reset

- Consolidated consumer & enterprise businesses in SG
- Raised S\$1.1B from RDC<sup>2</sup> stake sale to KKR<sup>3</sup>
- Divestment of Trustwave



#### Rewarding shareholders sustainably

- Interim dividend increased 13% to 5.2 cents
- Dividend payout raised to between 70% & 90% of underlying NPAT

On constant currency basis.

Regional data centre platform.

<sup>3.</sup> Global investment firm with US\$528B in assets under management.

# **Key financials**



Operating revenue

S\$7,028M

**▼** 3% (▲ 2%¹)

**EBITDA** 

S\$1,787M

▼ 5% (▼ 1%¹)

EBIT (ex associates' contribution)

S\$580M

Stable (▲ 2%¹)

Regional associates' PBT

S\$1,187M

**△** 3% (**△** 9%¹)

Underlying net profit

\$\$1,121M

▲ 12% (▲ 16%¹)

Net profit

S\$2,136M

▲ 83% (▲ 85%¹)

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

## Core business



## **OPTUS**

Revenue

A\$4,018M

YoY ▲ 1%

**FBIT** 

**A\$141M** 

YoY ▼ 14%

- Mobile service revenue increased 3% on
  - Strong net connections, led by prepaid
  - Higher postpaid ARPU from re-pricing
  - Optus Sport take-up with success of FIFA Women's World Cup
- EBIT declined with
  - Erosion in enterprise fixed business
  - Inflationary & FX driven opex



Revenue

\$\$1,893M

YoY **▼** 3%

**EBIT** 

**S\$442M** 

YoY ▼ 4%

- Mobile service revenue grew 2% on continued roaming recovery & customer growth
- Overall revenue lower as
  - Weaker business sentiment affected ICT sales
  - Decline in TV revenue offset by content savings
- EBIT declined with higher depreciation from network & IT investment

# Reinvigorate the core





#### Compelling value proposition



>4.2M

5G capable devices in AU



Driving simplification & value for customers



SpaceX collaboration to extend network coverage





5G subs in SG



Strengthened device plans to drive upgrades



Launched SG's 1st fully digital 5G Tourist eSIM



#### Differentiated service offerings



Strong traction in connected cars with 4 major car brands signed

Developed SingVerify APIs under GSMA Open Gateway initiative



Launched Singtel CUBΣ to accelerate enterprise digital infrastructure transformation





Launching new Optus Living
Network features

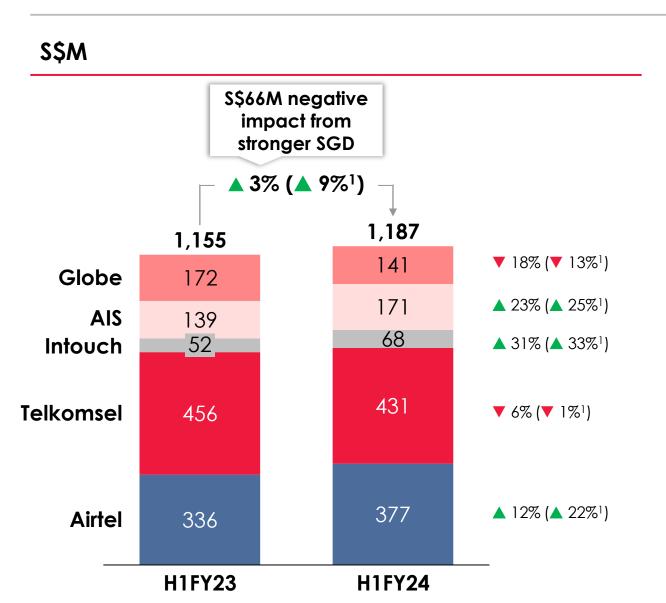




Growing Optus Sport & SubHub subscriptions

## Regional associates' pre-tax profits





#### **Highlights**

- Regional associates' PBT rose 9%<sup>1</sup>
  - S\$66M negative impact from stronger SGD
- Sustained market repair across all markets & disciplined cost control
- Positive trend of fibre broadband growth
- Contributions from IndiHome offset
   Singtel's reduced stake in Telkomsel
- Globe was impacted by higher networkrelated costs<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>2.</sup> Including depreciation & amortisation and finance costs.

## Growth engines



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Revenue

S\$1,396M

YoY ▲ 9%

**EBIT** 

**S\$93M** 

YoY ▲ 74%

- Broad based growth momentum across all SBGs<sup>1</sup>
- Focus on improving profitability with 1.4pp
   EBITDA margin<sup>2</sup> expansion to 10.8%
  - Driven by higher revenues & cost-to-serve optimisation
- Positive momentum maintained with bookings of \$\$1.4B

#### **Digital InfraCo**

Revenue

**S\$203M** 

YoY ▲ 13% (RDC³ ▲ 9%)

**FBIT** 

**S\$39M** 

YoY ▲ 24%

- Solid revenue growth driven by
  - RDC<sup>3</sup>: mainly price uplifts on existing capacity which is 99% utilised
  - Satellite: project-based deployment services
- Robust EBIT growth from project-based satellite revenue & lower depreciation, which offset higher investments at RDC

<sup>1.</sup> Strategic Business Group.

Excluding reselling business.

<sup>3.</sup> Regional data centre platform.

## NCS executing to plan



### Sustained SBGs<sup>1</sup> growth



Continue to lead in public service, defence & homeland security, especially in SG

## enterprise

Strong growth momentum in healthcare, transportation & banking sectors

## telco+

Leverage Singtel Group to expand into APAC

#### **Expanding beyond SG**



AU integration progressing as planned, building a foundation for future growth



Strong organic growth in CN & HK, especially in Greater Bay area

### Riding digitalisation trend



Strong client interest in Gen-AI & digital trust capabilities

#### Live Gen-Al projects



Government call centre



Digital transformation across consumer, enterprise, IT & networks

1. Strategic Business Group.

## Digital InfraCo – RDC in expansion mode











**S\$144M** 

YoY ▲ 9%

**EBITDA** 

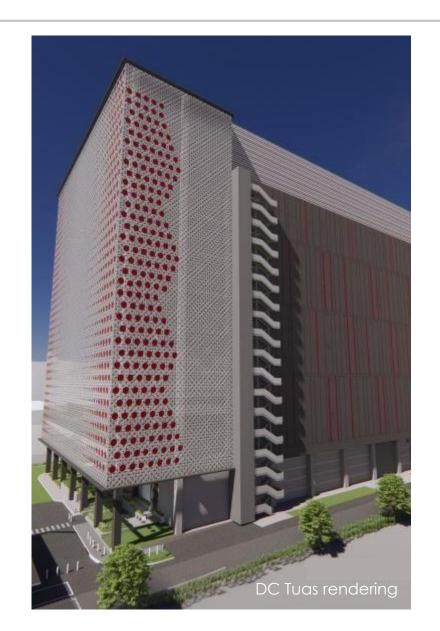
**S\$82M** 

YoY **▼** 4%

EBITDA margin

57.1%

- Revenue growth to track inflation till late FY26, when 58MW<sup>2</sup> of new capacity from DC Tuas comes online
- Ramp up in investment capabilities to continue impacting EBITDA margins
- S\$1.1B investment from KKR (20% stake in RDC¹)
  - Capex<sup>3</sup> for planned projects till FY26 fully funded
  - Potential growth capital for future RDC projects



<sup>1.</sup> Regional data centre platform.

<sup>2.</sup> Additional capacity of 37MW from regional data centres to come on board in FY26 which will contribute to NPAT as share of profit/(loss) of associates.

<sup>3.</sup> Along project financing.

## Reallocate capital, create value



## **RDC**

Divested 20% stake at attractive valuation to KKR for

S\$1.1B

in Oct 23



**B** kakao**bank** acquired

10% stake through issuance of new shares in Oct 23



Sale of our US-based cyber-security firm for

US\$205M<sup>2</sup>

in Oct 23



Pared down 1.4% stake for

~S\$95M

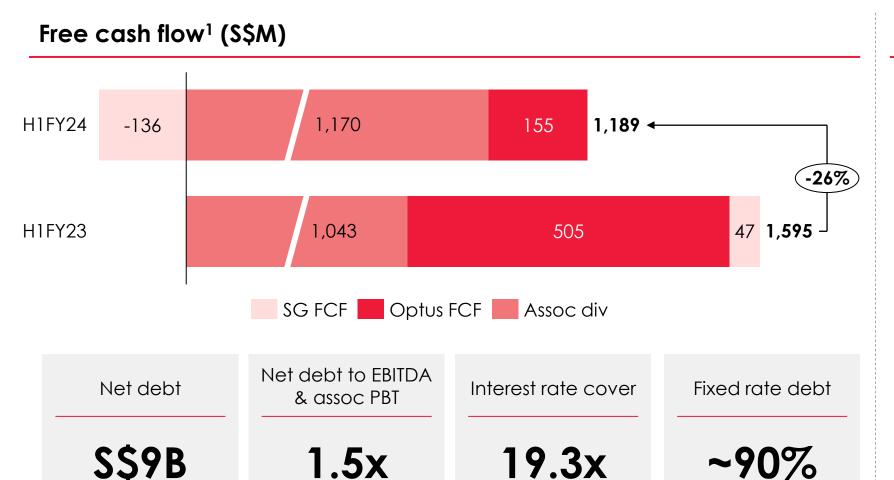
in Nov 23

<sup>1.</sup> An Indonesian digibank joint venture by Grab, Emtek Group & Singtel.

<sup>2.</sup> Comprising secured note & cash.

## Strong balance sheet





(Mar 23: 16.8x)

(Mar 23: 90%)

#### **Highlights**

- Recycled total of ~S\$7B since FY21
- Lower FCF due to timing of payments & a one-off prepayment related to Optus insurance in H1FY23
- Net debt rose ~\$\$0.8B mainly from 5G rollout, investment into Telkomsel & dividend payment
- Higher associates' dividends on special dividend from Telkomsel
- ~90% of debt on fixed rates with average maturities of >5 years
- S\$2.6B cash balance; S\$58M of interest income

(Mar 23: 1.4x)

▲ ~S\$0.8B (vs Mar 23)

<sup>1.</sup> Cash flow from operating activities, including dividends from associates, less cash capital expenditure.

# Raising the bar in sustainability





#### **Environmental sustainability**

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Endangered species trees planted on Sisters' Islands



Launched enhanced Singtel Safe Contractor Accreditation Award



Advanced Net Zero to 2045, with updated 2030 SBTi<sup>1</sup> targets pending SBTi approval



Plan to pilot ISSB<sup>2</sup> sustainability disclosure standards from FY25<sup>3</sup>



Implemented internal carbon pricing at \$\$50 per tonne



#### **Community impact**

~\$\$4.5M

Raised for charity







Singtel Charity Golf Singtel Carnival

2023

Singtel-Singapore Cancer Society Race **Against Cancer** 

580K

AU students educated through Optus' Digital Thumbprint programme



Winner of ACOMMS 2023 Award -Contribution to Society for Digital **Thumbprint** 

<sup>1.</sup> Science Based Targets initiative.

<sup>2.</sup> International Sustainability Standards Board.

<sup>3.</sup> Subject to finalisation of recommendations by regulators.



# Simplified structure







Fully-owned



**OPTUS** 



Digital InfraCo

RDC<sup>1</sup>



**Satellites** 



**Digital Services** 

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## Aligned for growth





Combined consumer & enterprise for operational synergies

- Affirmed capex guidance of \$\$2.1B for FY24
- 15% reduction in indirect cost<sup>1,2</sup> by FY26



Carved out growth engines for scale

- Contribute >20% of Group
   EBITDA by FY26
- Additional 95MW of RDC<sup>3</sup> capacity by FY26; all fully funded



Regional assoc creating new avenues for growth

- Price-ups from market consolidation
- Building new growth engines in enterprise &
   FBB



Rationalised noncore digital assets; losses reduced

- Divested Amobee & Trustwave
- Closed down HOOQ
- Losses reduced

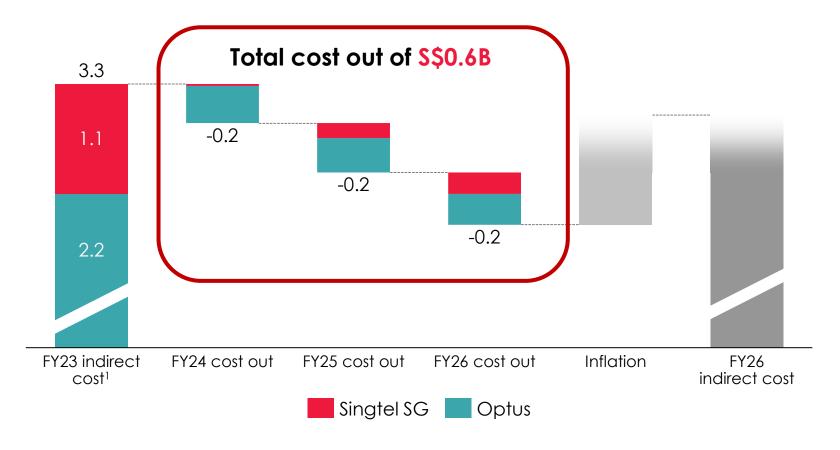
ROIC<sup>4</sup>: 6.8% (FY21)  $\rightarrow$  8.3% (FY23)  $\rightarrow$  low double digit in the mid-term

- 1. Excludes cost of sales & traffic expenses.
- Excludes inflationary impact.
- 3. Regional data centre platform.
- 4. Excluding Optus goodwill.

# Programme to drive ~15% reduction in core costs<sup>1,2</sup> over next 3 years



#### Indirect cost<sup>1</sup> (\$\$B)



## Continue to invest in network resilience & security

#### 1. Excludes cost of sales & traffic expenses.

### **Key drivers**

#### Reduce operational complexity

- Consolidation of vendors
- Rationalise IT platforms & sales channels
- Streamline products/ categories
- Consolidate Network Operations Centre

#### **Digitalisation & automation**

 Deployment of Gen AI in call centres, network monitoring & proactive maintenance

#### **Decommission legacy systems**

Shutdown 3G network

#### Raising energy efficiency

 Leverage AI / ML to optimise usage (e.g., sleep mode) for 4G RAN sites

#### **Workforce optimisation**

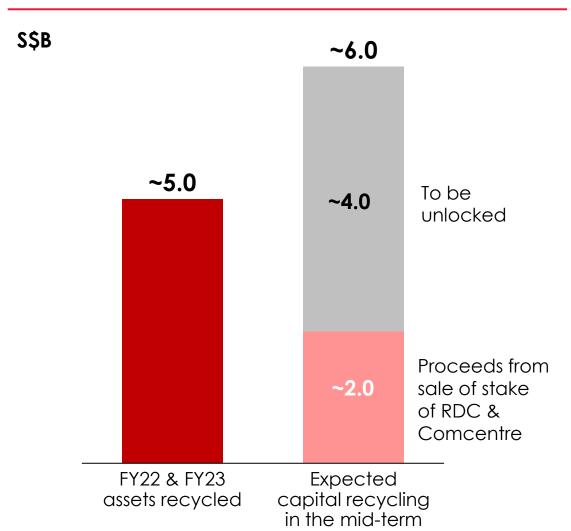
- Delayering of functions
- Job redesign

<sup>2.</sup> Excludes inflationary impact.

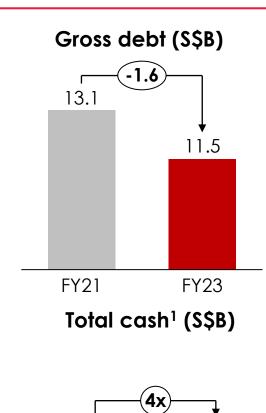
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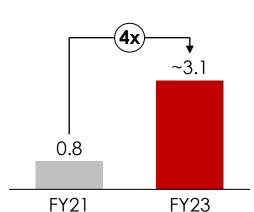




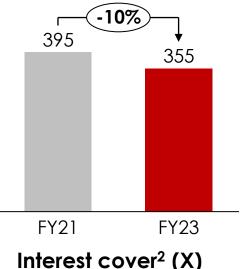


## Strengthened financial position

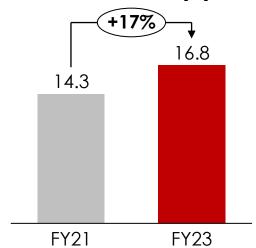




#### Net interest expense (S\$M)







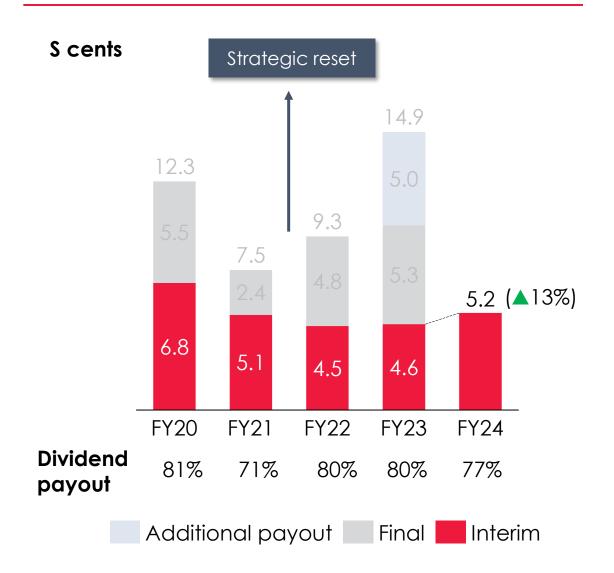
Comprised cash and bank balances, fixed deposits & Singapore Treasury bills.

EBITDA & share of associates' pre-tax profits/ net interest expense.

# **Boosting shareholder returns**



#### Improving core dividend



#### Raised interim dividend

by 13% to \$5.2¢/share (\$4.6¢/share in H1FY23)

## Revised dividend policy

between 70% & 90% of underlying NPAT (Previously between 60% & 80%)

## Positive momentum from Strategic Reset



Simplified business structure & carved out growth engines



**ROIC improved** 1.5pp<sup>1,2</sup> to 8.3%



Strengthened financial position with \$\$7B of capital recycled



Capital requirements secured for future growth plans



~S\$4B of dividends in FY22 & FY23



Commenced **\$\$600M cost out programme** by FY26



