



# **ASIAN PAY TELEVISION TRUST**

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## AGENDA

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# 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 RESULTS

### HIGHLIGHTS



### Double-digit NT\$ revenue growth in Broadband continues: 10.8% for Q3 and 12.1% for 9M



#### Lower revenue and EBITDA mostly due to unfavourable foreign exchange rate movements

- Revenue and EBITDA at S\$65.7 million and S\$38.0 million for Q3 and S\$201.0 million and S\$116.1 million for 9M
- EBITDA margin at 57.8% for Q3 and 57.7% for 9M



#### Continued Broadband growth momentum, with higher revenue in S\$ and NT\$ for over three years

 Growth in Broadband subscribers and higher ARPU led to higher revenue in S\$ and NT\$ for over three years, cushioning the impact of the decline in Basic cable TV business

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#### Added c.5,000 Broadband subscribers in Q3, total subscriber base at c.1,314,000

- Basic cable TV subscribers decreased by c.8,000 and Premium digital cable TV subscribers decreased by c.1,000 in the quarter. In Q3, TBC began a detailed exercise to remove all non-paying subscribers (greater than 90 days) across all three of TBC's offerings. As a result, c.3,400 Basic cable TV subscribers were removed, c.4,800 Premium digital cable TV subscribers and c.1,700 Broadband subscribers were also removed (with minimal impact to revenue and cash flows). The exercise is expected to be completed in the Q4 2023
- Ignoring these adjustments, the steady increase in Premium digital cable TV and Broadband subscribers over the past five years has continued to more than offset the churn in Basic cable TV



#### Capital expenditure within industry norms

- As a percentage of revenue, capital expenditure was 13.2% for Q3 and 11.2% for 9M within industry norms
- Capital expenditure increased by 5.8% or S\$0.5 million for Q3 due to higher network investments, but decreased by 11.7% for 9M

### HIGHLIGHTS



Disciplined approach to debt repayment, lowered gearing to 48.2%; 83% of total debt is protected against the risk of rising interest rates through to 2025; 2024 distribution guidance to remain at 1.05 cents per unit

#### **Debt management**

- Made net debt repayments of S\$39 million in the nine months; lowered gearing to 48.2% (31 Dec 2022: 48.7%)
- S\$11 million to be set aside for principal repayments for the rest of 2023
- As at 30 September 2023, TAIBOR interest rate swaps hedged approx. 90% of outstanding Onshore Facilities through to 30 June 2025 at an average fixed rate of 0.94%
- As Onshore Facilities constitute approximately 92% of the Group's total outstanding debt, the net exposure to rising interest rates is contained to only 17% of total debt
- Financial close of the new 30-month Offshore Facilities on the same major terms was successfully completed on 14 July 2023, at the maturity of the previous Offshore Facilities



#### **Distribution guidance**

- Re-affirmed distribution guidance of 0.525 cents per unit for H2 2023, subject to no material changes in planning assumptions
- Distribution to remain unchanged at 1.05 cents per unit for full year 2024, subject to no material changes in planning assumptions; to be paid in half-yearly instalments of 0.525 cents per unit each, calculated as at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2024, and paid in September 2024 and March 2025 respectively
- Takes into account various factors, including the high interest rate environment, weaker NT\$ against S\$, ARPU pressure and a declining Basic cable TV business
- At this guided distribution level, disciplined debt repayments can still continue, while capital expenditure can be at a level to support our Broadband growth strategy



### **KEY OPERATING METRICS**



Broadband ARPU improved by NT\$3 per month alongside c.5,000 more subscribers, reflecting the success of TBC's strategy to target the broadband-only segment and offer higher speed plans at competitive prices; detailed exercise to remove all non-paying subscribers across all three of TBC's service offerings led to a c.4,000 decline in total subscribers (with minimal impact to revenue)

|                          |             | RGUs <sup>1</sup> ('000) |          |             | ARPU <sup>2</sup> (NT\$ per month) |   |  |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
|                          |             | As at                    |          |             | Quarter ended                      |   |  |
|                          | 30 Sep 2023 | 30 Jun 2023              |          | 30 Sep 2023 | 30 Jun 2023                        |   |  |
| Basic cable TV           | 659         | 667                      | +        | 448         | 455                                | ŧ |  |
| Premium digital cable TV | 320         | 321                      | +        | 61          | 63                                 | + |  |
| Broadband                | 335         | 330                      | <b>†</b> | 389         | 386                                | + |  |

- Basic cable TV: RGUs decreased by c.8,000 in the quarter to c.659,000 as at 30 September 2023 due to (i) removal of c.3,400 non-paying subscribers, (ii) a saturated cable TV market, (iii) competition from aggressively priced IPTV, (iv) growing popularity of online video and (v) expectations from consumers for discounts as they compare with the lower cable TV pricing outside of TBC's<sup>3</sup> five franchise areas, particularly in the Taipei region
- Premium digital cable TV: RGUs decreased by c.1,000 in the quarter to c.320,000 due to the removal of c.4,800 non-paying subscribers; ignoring the adjustment, RGUs increased by c.3,800. ARPU was lower due to promotions and discounted bundled packages that were offered to generate new RGUs and to retain existing RGUs. Video piracy issues and aggressively priced IPTV have also impacted ARPU, which decreased by NT\$2 per month in the quarter
- **Broadband:** TBC's focused broadband growth strategy led to RGUs increasing by c.5,000 in the quarter to c.335,000, including the removal of c.1,700 non-paying subscribers; ignoring the adjustment, RGUs increased by c.6,700. ARPU improved by NT\$3 per month in the quarter. Growth driven by partnership programs with mobile operators to drive the fixed-line broadband-only segment, and by offering higher speed plans at competitive prices.

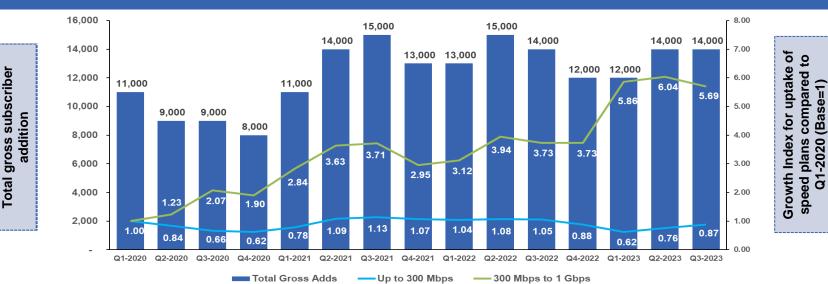
Notes: (1) RGUs refer to Revenue Generating Units, another term for subscribers or subscriptions; the terms are used interchangeably

(3) TBC refers to Taiwan Broadband Communications Group

<sup>(2)</sup> Average Revenue Per User ("ARPU") is calculated by dividing the subscription revenue for Basic cable TV or Premium digital cable TV or Broadband, as applicable, by the average number of RGUs for that service during the period

### **BROADBAND GROWTH MOMENTUM**





400 350 330 322 315 307 298 289 300 282 58 274 51 46 264 43 255 250 248 246 38 242 35 250 30 19 13 15 23 26 264 263 263 255 261 229 229 227 229 234 239 244 249 231 200 150 100 50 Q2-2021 Q2-2022 Q3-2022 Q1-2020 Q2-2020 Q3-2020 Q4-2020 Q1-2021 Q3-2021 Q4-2021 Q1-2022 Q4-2022 Q1-2023 Q2-2023 Q3-2023 Up to 300 Mbps 300 Mbps to 1 Gbps •••• Total Subscribers

Increase in take-up rate of higher speed plans **Q1** 2020 contributes to continued since **Broadband ARPU and revenue improvement;** validates the strength of Broadband growth strategy

#### Interpretation of Growth Index from the chart:

For example, in Q1-2020 if there was 1 subscriber taking up higher speed plan with speed ranging from 300 Mbps to 1 Gbps, then in Q3-2023, there were 5.69 times more subscribers taking up higher speed plans.

Runway for broadband growth – Most of TBC's subscribers are still in the speed plans below 300 Mbps, presenting an opportunity for TBC to move them up to higher speed plans

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#### Interpretation of the subscriber breakdown from the chart:

Out of total 335,000 broadband subscribers as at the end of Q3-2023, 261,000 subscribers are still in the lower speed plans of below 300 Mbps and only 74,000 subscribers are in the higher speed plans above 300 Mbps. So, there is a lot of opportunity to move these lower speed plan subscribers to higher speed plans.

### FINANCIAL RESULTS



### Broadband is starting to cushion the impact of the decline in Basic cable TV business; aim is to grow cash flows from Broadband business to a level that consistently more than offsets the decline in Basic cable TV

| Croup1 (S\$2000)                      | Quarter ended 30 Sep |          |                           | Nine months ended 30 Sep |          |                           |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Group <sup>1</sup> (S\$'000)          | 2023                 | 2022     | Variance <sup>2</sup> (%) | 2023                     | 2022     | Variance <sup>2</sup> (%) |
| Revenue                               |                      |          |                           |                          |          |                           |
| Basic cable TV                        | 45,877               | 51,901   | (11.6)                    | 142,447                  | 159,475  | (10.7)                    |
| Premium digital cable TV              | 2,817                | 2,882    | (2.3)                     | 8,261                    | 8,862    | (6.8)                     |
| Broadband                             | 16,975               | 16,396   | 3.5                       | 50,293                   | 48,202   | 4.3                       |
| Total revenue                         | 65,669               | 71,179   | (7.7)                     | 201,001                  | 216,539  | (7.2)                     |
| Total operating expenses <sup>3</sup> | (27,701)             | (29,278) | 5.4                       | (84,946)                 | (89,012) | 4.6                       |
| EBITDA                                | 37,968               | 41,901   | (9.4)                     | 116,055                  | 127,527  | (9.0)                     |
| EBITDA margin                         | 57.8%                | 58.9%    |                           | 57.7%                    | 58.9%    |                           |

In constant Taiwan dollars ("NT\$"), total revenue was down 0.4% for the quarter and up 0.6% for the nine months; foreign exchange contributed to a negative variance of 7.3% for the quarter and 7.8% for the nine months compared to the pcp

- Basic cable TV: Down 4.3% for the quarter and 2.9% for the nine months in constant NT\$ mainly due to lower subscription revenue resulting from the decline in the number of subscribers and lower ARPU
- Premium digital cable TV: Up 5.0% for the quarter and 1.0% for the nine months in constant NT\$. Generated predominantly from TBC's Premium digital cable TV RGUs each contributing an ARPU of NT\$61 per month during the quarter for Premium digital cable TV packages and bundled DVR or DVR-only services
- Broadband: Double digit revenue growth in NT\$, up 10.8% for the quarter and 12.1% for the nine months. Generated predominantly from TBC's Broadband RGUs each contributing an ARPU of NT\$389 per month during the quarter for high-speed Broadband services. Data backhaul generated 3.6% of Broadband revenue for the nine months. Broadband now constitutes around 25% of total revenue

Total operating expenses: Lower operating expenses for the quarter and nine months are mainly due to lower staff costs in constant dollar terms

Notes: (1) Group refers to APTT and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; (2) A positive variance is favourable to the Group and a negative variance is unfavourable to the Group

(3) Total operating expenses exclude depreciation and amortisation expense, net foreign exchange gain/loss and mark to market movements on foreign exchange contracts, in order to arrive at EBITDA and EBITDA margin

### **NET PROFIT**



Net profit includes non-cash items such as depreciation and amortisation expense, foreign exchange, mark to market movements and deferred taxes

| One   | Qua      | rter ended 3 | 0 Sep                     | Nine months ended 30 Sep |          |                           |
|---|----------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Group <sup>1</sup> (S\$'000)                            | 2023     | 2022         | Variance <sup>2</sup> (%) | 2023                     | 2022     | Variance <sup>2</sup> (%) |
| Total revenue   | 65,669   | 71,179       | (7.7)                     | 201,001                  | 216,539  | (7.2)                     |
| Operating expenses                                      |          |              |                           |                          |          |                           |
| Broadcast and production costs                          | (13,593) | (14,210)     | 4.3                       | (41,658)                 | (42,624) | 2.3                       |
| Staff costs   | (5,832)  | (6,323)      | 7.8                       | (17,775)                 | (19,773) | 10.1                      |
| Trustee-Manager fees                                    | (1,986)  | (1,855)      | (7.1)                     | (5,895)                  | (5,504)  | (7.1)                     |
| Other operating expenses                                | (6,290)  | (6,890)      | 8.7                       | (19,618)                 | (21,111) | 7.1                       |
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| Other expenses  |          |              |                           |                          |          |                           |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense                   | (14,019) | (17,178)     | 18.4                      | (43,731)                 | (53,901) | 18.9                      |
| Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)                        | 585      | (132)        | >100                      | 1,893                    | 993      | 90.6                      |
| Mark to market gain on derivative financial instruments | 2,044    | 3,371        | (39.4)                    | 3,467                    | 6,432    | (46.1)                    |
| Amortisation of deferred arrangement fees               | (824)    | (811)        | (1.6)                     | (2,374)                  | (2,478)  | 4.2                       |
| Interest and other finance costs                        | (10,550) | (10,974)     | 3.9                       | (32,276)                 | (31,378) | (2.9)                     |
| Income tax expense                                      | (4,986)  | (2,651)      | (88.1)                    | (13,201)                 | (9,890)  | (33.5)                    |
| Total other expenses                                    | (27,750) | (28,375)     | 2.2                       | (86,222)                 | (90,222) | 4.4                       |
| Profit after income tax                                 | 10,218   | 13,526       | (24.5)                    | 29,833                   | 37,305   | (20.0)                    |

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### SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION



#### Selected financial information<sup>1</sup> are key financial metrics of APTT's business

| Group² (S\$'000)                      | Qu       | arter ended 3 | 0 Sep                     | Nine months ended 30 Sep |          |                           |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
|                                       | 2023     | 2022          | Variance <sup>3</sup> (%) | 2023                     | 2022     | Variance <sup>3</sup> (%) |
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| EBITDA                                | 37,968   | 41,901        | (9.4)                     | 116,055                  | 127,527  | (9.0)                     |
| EBITDA margin <sup>5</sup>            | 57.8%    | 58.9%         |                           | 57.7%                    | 58.9%    |                           |
| Capital expenditure                   |          |               |                           |                          |          |                           |
| Maintenance                           | 3,339    | 5,232         | 36.2                      | 10,490                   | 12,432   | 15.6                      |
| Network, broadband and other          | 5,347    | 2,976         | (79.7)                    | 12,014                   | 13,057   | 8.0                       |
| Total capital expenditure             | 8,686    | 8,208         | (5.8)                     | 22,504                   | 25,489   | 11.7                      |
| Income tax paid, net of refunds       | (3,638)  | (2,991)       | (21.6)                    | (10,069)                 | (9,448)  | (6.6)                     |
| Interest and other finance costs paid | (9,786)  | (10,727)      | 8.8                       | (33,537)                 | (32,624) | (2.8)                     |

Notes: (1) Some of the selected financial information includes non-IFRS measures

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(5) EBITDA margin is a non-IFRS financial measure and is calculated by dividing EBITDA by total revenue

### FINANCIAL POSITION



#### Strengthening balance sheet and managing debt levels remain a key focus

| One up (0¢1000)                        | As a        | at          |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Group (S\$'000)                        | 30 Sep 2023 | 31 Dec 2022 |
| Assets                                 |             |             |
| Current assets                         |             |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents              | 94,107      | 118,860     |
| Trade and other receivables            | 12,047      | 13,180      |
| Other assets                           | 7,175       | 6,540       |
|  | 113,329     | 138,580     |
| Non-current assets                     | · · ·       | · · ·       |
| Property, plant and equipment          | 210,618     | 234,274     |
| Intangible assets                      | 2,248,323   | 2,315,258   |
| Other assets                           | 13,508      | 12,801      |
|  | 2,472,449   | 2,562,333   |
| Total assets                           | 2,585,778   | 2,700,913   |
| Liabilities                            |             |             |
| Current liabilities                    |             |             |
| Borrowings from financial institutions | 60,460      | 72,974      |
| Trade and other payables               | 31,610      | 51,269      |
| Income tax payable                     | 5,428       | 6,179       |
| Other liabilities                      | 51,951      | 57,918      |
|  | 149,449     | 188,340     |
| Non-current liabilities                |             |             |
| Borrowings from financial institutions | 1,185,855   | 1,243,397   |
| Deferred tax liabilities               | 103,871     | 102,348     |
| Other liabilities                      | 26,678      | 27,924      |
|  | 1,316,404   | 1,373,669   |
| Total liabilities                      | 1,465,853   | 1,562,009   |
| Net assets                             | 1,119,925   | 1,138,904   |

- **Cash and cash equivalents:** Cash balance of S\$94.1 million; S\$11 million to be set aside for onshore and offshore debt repayments for the rest of 2023
- Intangible assets: Comprise mainly cable TV licences and includes value of goodwill, franchise rights and customer relationships
- Borrowings: Decrease is mostly attributable to repayments of Onshore and Offshore Facilities. Refer to the next slide for additional details on borrowings
- **Depreciation/amortisation:** Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:
- Buildings: 3-50 years
- Leasehold improvements: 3-10 years
- Network equipment: 2-10 years
- Transport equipment: 5 years
- Plant and equipment: 2-5 years
- Right-of-use assets: 1-30 years

### BORROWINGS



### Net exposure to rising interest rates is contained: approx. 83% of total debt is protected against the risk of rising interest rates through to 2025

| Group debt                                |             | As at               |                 |  |
|---|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
|   |             | 30 Sep 2023         | 31 Dec 2022     |  |
| Total size available                      | S\$ million | 1,309               | 1,413           |  |
| Total outstanding                         | S\$ million | 1,262               | 1,333           |  |
| Effective interest rate - constant dollar | % p.a.      | Q3 - 2.8; YTD - 2.8 | Full year - 2.6 |  |
| Effective interest rate - SGD             | % p.a.      | Q3 - 3.3; YTD - 3.3 | Full year - 3.0 |  |
| Net debt / EBITDA <sup>1</sup>            | Multiple    | 7.4                 | 7.2             |  |
| Interest cover <sup>2</sup>               | Multiple    | 3.6                 | 4.0             |  |
| Gearing <sup>3</sup>                      | %           | 48.2                | 48.7            |  |

- Borrowings comprised NT\$ and S\$ denominated loans NT\$27.2 billion (2022: NT\$27.4 billion) and S\$105.6 million (2022: S\$136.9 million)
- Refinanced Offshore Facilities for 30-month period on the same major terms. Refer to the next slide for more details
- As at 30 September 2023, TAIBOR swaps have been entered into to hedge approx. 90% of outstanding Onshore Facilities through to 30 June 2025. The average fixed rate on all TAIBOR swaps is 0.94% which is currently lower than the prevailing three-month TAIBOR. As Onshore Facilities constitute approximately 92% of the Group's total outstanding debt, the net exposure to rising interest rates is contained to the remaining 17% of total outstanding debt that remains unhedged
- Effective interest rate in constant dollar terms of 2.8% p.a. for the quarter and nine months (Full year 2022: 2.6% p.a.). Actual effective interest rate in SGD was 3.3% p.a. for the quarter and nine months (Full year 2022: 3.0% p.a.)
- As at 30 September 2023, approx. S\$48 million of revolving facilities are available to fund working capital and future initiatives, if required

Notes: (1) Total debt outstanding less cash divided by LTM EBITDA; (2) LTM interest and other finance costs divided by LTM EBITDA; (3) Total debt outstanding (net of unamortised arrangement fees) divided by total assets

### OFFSHORE LOAN REDUCTION



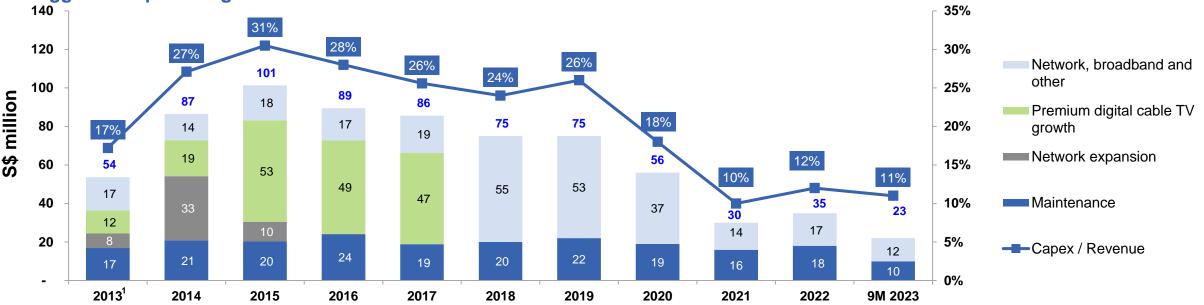
New Offshore Facilities are S\$83.4 million lower than the previous Offshore Facilities – a direct result of debt management programme where accelerated debt repayments were made, using cash generated from operations

- Facility agreement signed on 17 January 2023 to refinance Offshore Facilities for a 30-month period, on the same major terms; financial close successfully completed on 14 July 2023, at the maturity of the previous Offshore Facilities
- After including the impact of scheduled repayments until the financial close, the size of the new Offshore Facilities was reduced to a S\$46.6 million term loan facility and a S\$75 million revolving loan facility
- The new Offshore Facilities bear a floating interest rate based on SORA, plus a SIBOR adjustment spread and an interest margin ranging from 4.1% to 4.9% per annum, based on the leverage ratio of the Group (compared to 4.1% to 5.5% for the previous Offshore Facilities)
- Successful refinancing reflects lenders' confidence in APTT's business and the management

### CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



Capital expenditure to continue to be within industry norms; investments will be limited to areas that can support our aggressive push to grow the Broadband business



Capital expenditure was higher from 2015 to 2017 due to the regulatory requirement to switch-off analogue broadcasting and complete the digitisation of TBC's subscriber base by 2017

- Network investments remain key to future-proof TBC's network; continue increasing fibre density by bringing down the number of homes served per fibre node, beyond the current level of less than 250 homes, to (i) meet the growing demand for data and high-speed broadband services; and (ii) support mobile operators in their 5G network rollouts – multi-year investments that present opportunities for the Group
- · Capital expenditure to continue to be within industry norms
- With lower capital expenditure, the Trustee-Manager aims to use excess cash generated from operations to gradually pay down debt

#### Capital expenditure in 2023 comprised the following:

- Maintenance capital expenditure to support TBC's existing infrastructure and business
- Network, broadband and other capital expenditure include items related to expanding the fibre network such as cabling, additional equipment to upgrade the headends, backbone and fibre nodes, DOCSIS and GPON deployments for higher speed customers, high-speed broadband modems and cable line extensions for new buildings

Note: (1) Capital expenditure for full year 2013 is included here for information purposes only; APTT's ownership of TBC only commenced from 29 May 2013

# OUTLOOK & STRATEGY

### POTENTIAL IMPACT OF RISING INTEREST RATES ON DEBT

### Changes in interest rates expected to affect interest costs on 17% of total outstanding debt that remains unhedged

- 83% of total outstanding debt is hedged and protected against rising interest rates through to 2025
- 17% of total outstanding debt is unhedged:
  - 9% exposed to TAIBOR
  - 8% new Offshore Facilities exposed to SORA (previous Offshore Facilities were exposed to SIBOR)
- While TAIBOR rates have not increased significantly over the last year, SORA/SIBOR rates have increased substantially in 2022
- Total interest costs in 2023 are expected to be affected by the changes in interest rates on the remaining 17% of total outstanding debt that remains unhedged

### IMPAIRMENT ASSESSMENT FOR GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS



# Given current exchange rates, elevated interest rates and the challenging business environment, the DCF value of TBC's cable TV licences has reduced

- Rising interest rates affect the calculation of APTT's Weighted Average Cost of Capital ("WACC") used in the annual impairment assessment
  of goodwill, cable TV licences with indefinite useful lives and property, plant and equipment.
- The annual impairment assessment performed at the end of 2022 showed that APTT's WACC was higher, due to rising interest rates, and headroom between APTT's DCF value and book value was lower, compared to 2021. The headroom was still marginally positive, mainly due to healthy business assumptions and net cash flow forecasts. Therefore, no impairment was recognized by the Group as at the previous year ended 31 December 2022
- As noted in previous disclosures, if interest rates continue to stay elevated and/or the business environment continues to be challenging, combined with changes in other assumptions, e.g. a lower terminal growth rate, there is a possibility that this could result in an impairment loss on intangible assets in the future
- Interest rates have remained elevated in 2023, while the business environment continues to be challenging; 2023 will be the fifth straight year where the Basic cable TV churn and revenue declines have continued. The growth of data backhaul services through TBC's network has been lower than originally expected as operators have delayed their network rollouts, as they manage their capital expenditure and rely on core 5G coverage by updating their headends, without rolling out as much network infrastructure
- The annual impairment assessment will be performed for the year ending 31 December 2023. Given current exchange rates, elevated interest rates and the challenging business environment noted above, the DCF value of TBC's cable TV licences has reduced, and an impairment loss may result in the year ending 31 December 2023. Should there be an impairment loss on intangible assets, it would be recorded in the year-end consolidated statement of profit or loss
- An Impairment loss (if any) would be a non-cash item and would not impact the Group's operations or its cash flows. There would be no change to distribution guidance. The Trustee-Manager will make appropriate announcements, including a profit warning if necessary, in the event of any material developments on the impairment assessment of intangible assets

### POSITIONED FOR THE MID TO LONG-TERM



Initiatives to strengthen operations and drive growth, against an increasingly challenging and competitive environment

#### **Broadband Growth Strategy**

- Step up partnership programs with mobile operators to drive fixedline broadband-only segment
- Develop new market segments and increase value-added solutions that leverage Android gateway
- Be data-backhaul ready; the contribution from data backhaul is growing and expected to gradually add a meaningful income stream to the Broadband business; multi-year investments for mobile operators

#### **Strengthen Balance Sheet**

- Cash generated from operations to continue funding capital expenditure; and not to use bank borrowings
- Aim to use excess cash generated from operations to accelerate debt repayments, subject to operating conditions
- Monitor capital expenditure to focus on areas that can generate Broadband growth and sustainability for long-term

#### **Capital Management**

- Interest rate swaps covering 90% of outstanding Onshore Facilities hedged through to 30 June 2025
- Average fixed rate on TAIBOR swaps is 0.94%
- Gearing stood at 48.2% as at 30 Sep 2023 (2022: 48.7%)
- Financial close of the new 30-month Offshore Facilities on the same major terms successfully completed on 14 July 2023, at the maturity of the previous Offshore Facilities

#### **Key Investments**

- Investments to focus on:
  - increasing network capacity and driving higher speed plans
  - positioning APTT to benefit from Taiwan's 5G rollout and drive data backhaul business

### OUTLOOK



#### **APTT** is positioned to grow in a measured way

#### **GROWTH DRIVERS**

### **UP-SELL & CROSS-SELL**

- Continue to build on the up-sell & cross-sell initiatives across TBC's subscriber base to drive growth in future cash flows
- Leverage TBC's product offerings and strong subscriber base for growth

### **BROADBAND RGU GROWTH**

- Intensify marketing efforts by stepping up partnership programs with mobile operators to focus on fixed-line broadband-only segment, and by offering higher speed plans at competitive prices
- High fixed broadband penetration in Taiwan; opportunity to gain more market share
- Rising demand for higher-speed broadband plans due to rapidly growing demand for data

#### **SCALABLE & EFFICIENT COST** STRUCTURE

- Headroom in network capacity that allows provision of additional services at limited incremental cost
- Support inorganic growth in future

### **PREMIUM DIGITAL TV**

- Continue to drive growth for Premium digital TV RGUs by stepping up marketing efforts to attract new RGUs
- Consumer preference for better quality video and interactive services
- Growing number of HD television sets in Taiwan since analog TV signal only switched off in 2017

#### **OPERATING ENVIRONMENT**



### **CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT**

- ARPUs continue to remain under pressure due to growing popularity of online TV, challenges from video piracy issues, aggressively priced IPTV and competition from mobile operators offering inexpensive unlimited data
- Decline in demand for home shopping and stronger competition from internet retailing to continue impacting channel leasing revenue



#### **HIGHLY REGULATED**

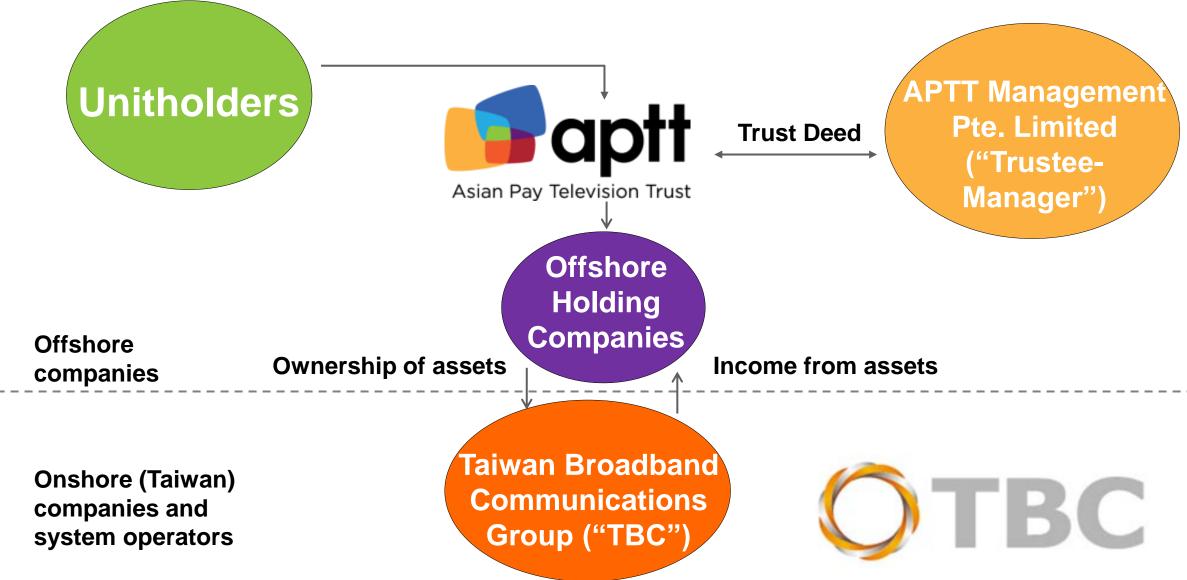
- Basic cable TV rates for 2023 across all five franchise areas were maintained at the same rates as 2022
- All five licences have most recently been renewed in 2020 and 2021 and will be due for next renewal in 2029 or 2030

Broadband & Premium digital cable TV RGUs expected to continue increasing in 2023 & 2024; total revenue will be influenced by the ability to manage ARPUs which will remain under pressure; total operating expenses in 2023 & 2024 expected to be in line with 2022 & 2023

# BUSINESS OVERVIEW

### TRUST STRUCTURE





### **OVERVIEW**





APTT is a business trust with a mandate to own & operate pay-TV & broadband businesses in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan & Singapore

Asian Pay Television Trust

- Independent Directors comprise majority of the Board of Directors (4 out of 7)
- Sole investment in Taiwan Broadband Communications ("TBC") A leading cable TV and highspeed broadband operator in Taiwan

#### **Cable TV operator in five franchise areas in Taiwan, with network coverage of** more than 1.3 million homes

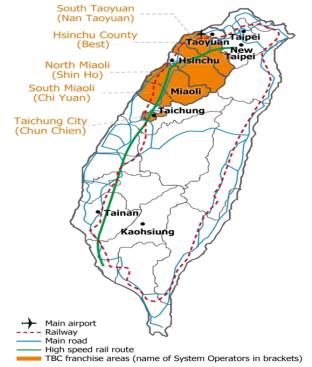
- Owns 100% of the advanced hybrid fibre coaxial cable network in the five franchise areas
- Resilient business with high barriers of entry due to high network roll out requirements
- Large customer base makes TBC attractive to local content providers
- Long standing relationship with subscribers; deep understanding of Taiwanese subscribers' viewing preferences

#### **PRODUCT OFFERINGS**

Approx. 87% of revenue is subscription-based from the three product offerings<sup>1</sup>

| BASIC CABLE TV  | PREMIUM DIGITAL CABLE TV   | BROADBAND  |
|---|--|--|
| Over 100 channels on Basic cable<br>TV, majority of the popular<br>channels are only available on<br>cable TV | Up to 68 additional channels including<br>67 HD channels, through MPEG4<br>platform. 49% <sup>1</sup> of TBC's Basic cable TV<br>subscribers are also Premium digital<br>cable TV subscribers; opportunity to<br>upsell to the remaining 51% | Growing market share, with ability<br>to cross-sell to non-customers on<br>DOCSIS 3.1 enabled HFC network<br>and current speed offerings up to 1<br>Gbps |

#### FRANCHISE AREAS IN NORTHERN & CENTRAL TAIWAN



- Low churn rate of 0.7%<sup>1</sup> for Basic cable TV (659K<sup>1</sup> Revenue Generating Units)
- Up-sell Premium digital cable TV and crosssell Broadband to large Basic cable TV subscriber base

# **BUSINESS DRIVERS**

### **TBC'S FRANCHISE AREAS**



#### Network coverage of more than 1.3 million households across five franchise areas in four counties of Taiwan

- Well connected via major railways, road transportation and/or international airports
- Increasing population due to workforce seeking employment in TBC Group's franchise areas
- Population growth in the five franchise areas (0.66%) outstrips national average (decline of 0.02%); Growing number of new households as more young Taiwanese set up families

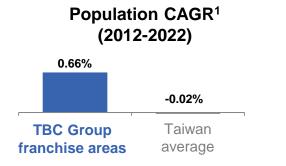


- Home to Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport and close proximity to Taipei
- Service area covers 918 square km and constitutes over 75% of the total area in Taoyuan County
- Approx. 455K households and population of close to 1.2 million

#### Hsinchu



- Hsinchu Science Park is home to high tech companies, the city has one of the highest income levels in Taiwan
- Approx. 220K households and population of 588K



Miaoli (North & South)

Suburban mountainous region

Hsinchu and Taichung

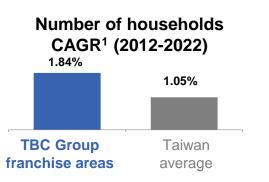
population of 535K

geographically located between

Well connected via major railway

and road transportation systems

Approx. 199K households and



#### **Taichung City**



- One of the most populous cities in Taiwan; home to Taichung International Airport
- Vibrant, diverse economy: large industrial areas and a thriving commercial sector that incorporates traditional businesses, small family-run shops & factories
- Approx. 486K households and population of 1.2 million

#### Note: (1) National Statistics, R.O.C. (Taiwan) 2022

### TAIWAN MARKET – POTENTIAL IN FIXED-LINE BROADBAND



#### Relatively lower internet penetration and speed compared to other developed APAC markets

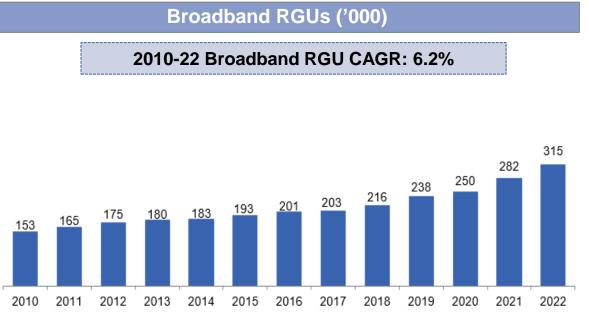
|              | Internet penetration rate | Number of Internet users<br>(million) | Median fixed internet connection speed (Mbps) | Year-on-year change in<br>median fixed internet<br>connection speed |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Asia-Pacific |                           |                                       |   |   |
| Taiwan       | 90.7%                     | 21.68                                 | 124.14  | +26.0%  |
| South Korea  | 97.6%                     | 50.56                                 | 95.34   | +13.1%  |
| Japan        | 82.9%                     | 102.5                                 | 150.32  | +61.2%  |
| Singapore    | 96.9%                     | 5.81                                  | 214.23  | +16.0%  |
| Hong Kong    | 93.1%                     | 6.97                                  | 194.35  | +26.2%  |

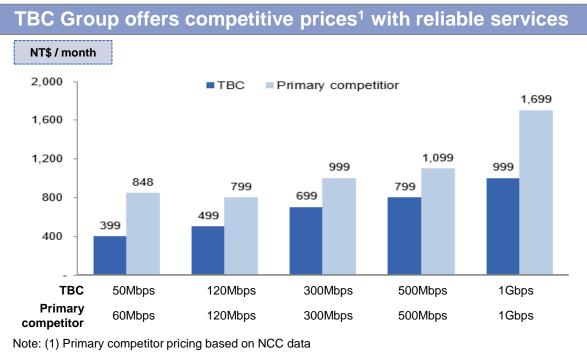
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- Internet penetration in Taiwan is the second lowest at 90.7%, after Japan
- Taiwan's median fixed internet connection speed is the second slowest at 124.14 Mbps, after South Korea; there is room for Taiwan subscribers to further increase internet speed
- TBC's Broadband market share in its five franchise areas is increasing year-on-year
- Opportunity for TBC to gain more market share and meet rising demand for higher-speed broadband plans due to rapidly growing demand for data

### **IMPROVING BROADBAND MARKET SHARE**

#### TBC's broadband market share improving in its franchise areas year-on-year





- DOCSIS 3.1 and GPON enabled network that meets consumer demand for high-speed internet; 1 Gbps launched since 2019
- Competitive pricing and optional bundling with digital TV
- Offering value-added services including Android OTT gateway and karaoke singing box, among others. Will continue to introduce value-added solutions that leverage the Android gateway
- Developing new market segments, including enterprise clients
- Supporting mobile operators with their network development by leveraging TBC network for data backhaul



### HIGH BARRIERS TO ENTRY AGAINST CABLE ENTRANTS IN TAIWAN



#### Cable TV continues to be the dominant TV platform

- Superior content portfolio at competitive pricing
- Affordable services
- Adoption of superior technology by operators
- Technological disadvantages of IPTV in Taiwan

#### Barrier to entry against new cable entrants

- High network roll-out requirements
- Long standing relationships with subscribers; strong brand awareness
- Deep understanding of Taiwan subscribers' viewing preferences

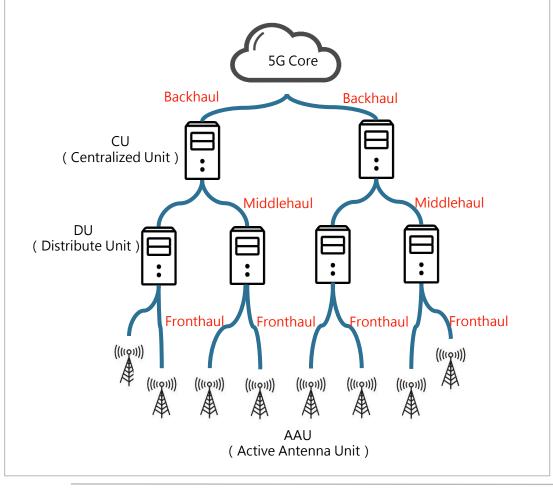
| Тор 20 о | channels in Taiwan (2022) |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 1        | TVBS-News                 |
| 2        | EBC News                  |
| 3        | Sanlih Taiwan Channel     |
| 4        | Sanlih E-Television News  |
| 5        | Formosa TV News           |
| 6        | TVBS                      |
| 7        | Unique Satellite TV       |
| 8        | ERANews                   |
| 9        | Next TV News              |
| 10       | EBC Financial News        |
| 11       | ΥΟΥΟ ΤΥ                   |
| 12       | Videoland Japanese        |
| 13       | EBC Drama                 |
| 14       | EBC Variety               |
| 15       | GTV Drama                 |
| 16       | Star Chinese Movies       |
| 17       | Sanlih City Channel       |
| 18       | TVBS-G                    |
| 19       | Star Chinese Channel      |
| 20       | EBC Movies                |

### **5G DATA BACKHAUL OPPORTUNITIES**



#### HOW DATA BACKHAUL WORKS?

For data to move from one point to another on the internet, there needs to be fibre nodes that allow these points to interface with each other.



### WHY MOBILE OPERATORS IN TBC'S FIVE FRANCHISE AREAS NEED DATA BACKHAUL SERVICES?



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#### Demand for higher speed continues to increase

Spectrum is expensive, while wireless competition is intense. CAPEX and OPEX for 5G infrastructure is costly for a mobile operator

- TBC is one of two players in its five franchise areas that owns a dense and distributed underground fibre network; TBC does not compete in the wireless space
- More efficient for 5G mobile operators to work with a 5G data backhaul partner (via 10GPON or DOCSIS3.1) to deliver higher speed/lower loss and lower interference endto-end 5G network transmission
- TBC has been increasing fibre density from an average of over 750 end-homes per fibre node three years ago to less than 250 end-homes per fibre node on average today; Broadband speeds ranging up to 1 Gbps
- TBC's increased fibre density can adequately support mobile operators, removing network congestion and allowing data to be transmitted at high speed; allows 5G mobile operators who are building their small cell stations to tap into TBC's high speed fibre data backhaul
- As a proof-of-concept, TBC has been providing data backhaul for 4G networks to a few mobile operators; although its contribution is still not significant, revenue from data backhaul over the last three years has been gradually increasing
- TBC is positioned to benefit from mobile operators' multi-year investments in the build out of their 5G networks



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