

# FY23 Annual Results Announcement **TRANSCENDENCE** From Telco to ICT Powerhouse

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# Overview

# Co-Owner & Group Chief Executive Officer

#### **FY23 A Transitional Year**







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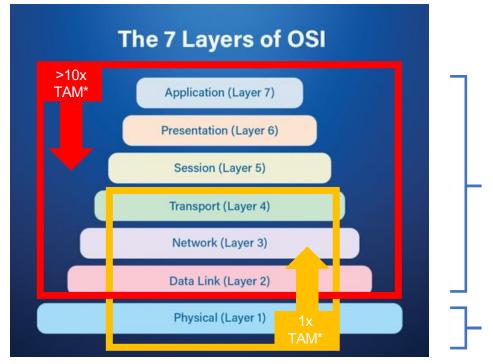


# Enterprise Solutions NiQ Lai

#### Co-Owner & Group Chief Executive Officer

## **Traditional ICT Business Segmentation**





\* Total Addressable Market

**Top Down from Layer 7-2 = System Integration**, ~20-30% Gross Profit, ~95% of total ICT market, highly fragment with very low barrier of entry ... >10x the revenue size the Layer 1-4

Bottom Up from Layer 1-4 = Telco, >70% Gross Profit, ~5% of total ICT market, HKBN+NWT+WTT ~HK\$30 bn invested over past 30 years



#### FY23 Table-turning Financial and **Business Performance**





**Enterprise Services** Revenue \$4,825m **9**%



**\$20M+ Projects** 



**ICT-native Executives Joined** 

14



Mainland China Team **1,900+ Talents** 

10+ offices



# Segmental Service Approach to ICT Service Delivery

A) Top 1-1,000

Fortune 500-like Corporates

B) 1,001-10,000

Corporates

C) 10,001->100,000

**SMEs** 



#### Segment Approach

- High touch custom join SI/Telco team approach with full support from SI pre and post sales
- 12-18 months sales cycle



- Mild touch account, i.e. simple, repeatable Proof of Concept demonstrations
- AegisInsight 24/7 network monitoring, email security, DNS security, DDoS protection
- 1-3 months sales cycle

#### Dening, Expanding, Relocating - IT Made Easyl

- Low touch account, can be done via Guangzhou Telesales
- Dim-sum menu "Mix and Match" best-fit approach package selection



## A) Large Enterprise – Tailored Network Design

Customer: One of the largest global financial institutions

**Project Background**: The customer, unsatisfied with the solutions from their incumbent carrier, needed fully diversified fibre paths across its multiple Hong Kong data centres. Any compromise on network quality could mean millions lost in trading profits.

Project Size: HK\$5-10 million range

#### **Solutions and Products Deployed:**

- HKBN proposed a direct multi-path fibre connection leveraging its HKBN, NWT & WTT fibre paths, between multiple data centres with tailor-made fully diversified network design for Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM).
- This unique design is a virtually future-proof Dark Fibre solution that delivers nearly unlimited future upgradable optical bandwidth. Competitors, especially the incumbent, are highly resistant to offering dark fibre solutions as they lack the abundance of our Tri-carrier resources.

#### Why We Won:

 End-to-end Network Design and System Integrations – Our self-owned end-to-end network was a key factors that set us apart from our SI-only competitors and Telco-centric competitors.







#### **B) Mid-Tier - AegisConnect**



Fortune-500 Service for TOP 1,001-10,000 Enterprises 50-100% premium over bare broadband







## AegisConnect Case Study

Customer: A retail brand with over 100 branches

#### Project background:

- 1 IT Manager managing 100 branches
- Past network failure required ½ day to restore; problem shoot difficult, uncertain if line problem or branch equipment issue; IT manager getting screamed at by everyone.

#### **Solutions and Products Deployed:**

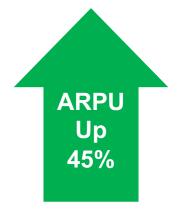
- · AegisConnect provides real time trouble shoot to reduce recovery time
- Upgrade from basic line to AegisConnect at HK\$798, i.e. 45% increase.

#### Win:Win

· Customer reduced reliance on in-house IT team





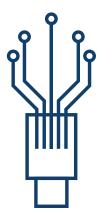


## C) SMEs: IT·Simplified – A New Solution for SMEs



#### **Broadband ONLY**

#### HK\$200 - 500/month



VS

#### **Business Solutions**





## Our LUCA – Unmatched Distribution and Support Vs Fragmented SI-only providers



AegisConnect Service Launch Hong Kong, Sept 2023

#### IT • Simplified Service Launch Guangzhou, July 2023



ISO-27001 certified 7x24x365 Security Operations Centre (SOC) support backed by 200+ Professionals with ITIL v3/v4 certified professionals ... no in-house IT-Team can match this range and depth.

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# **Growing Orders for Enterprise Business**





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## FY23 Strong Backlog Waterfall to Future Revenue



FY23 Backlog

booked as Revenue in FY23



FY23 Backlog ~50% booked as Revenue in FY24



FY23 Backlog

booked as Revenue in FY25



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2023 2024 2025 FY23 Backlog FY24 Backlog FY25 Backlog ~20% ~20% ~20% booked as Revenue booked as Revenue booked as Revenue FY22 Backlog FY23 Backlog FY24 Backlog ~50% ~50% ~50% booked as Revenue booked as Revenue booked as Revenue FY21 Backlog FY22 Backlog FY23 Backlog ~30% ~30% ~30% booked as Revenue booked as Revenue booked as Revenue



## **Virtuous ICT Powerhouse Flywheel**



**Box Moving** 5-10% Gross Profit

ICT Services SI 15-25% Gross Profit Telco >70% Gross Profit

#### Maintenance Service (MA) 20-50% Gross Profit





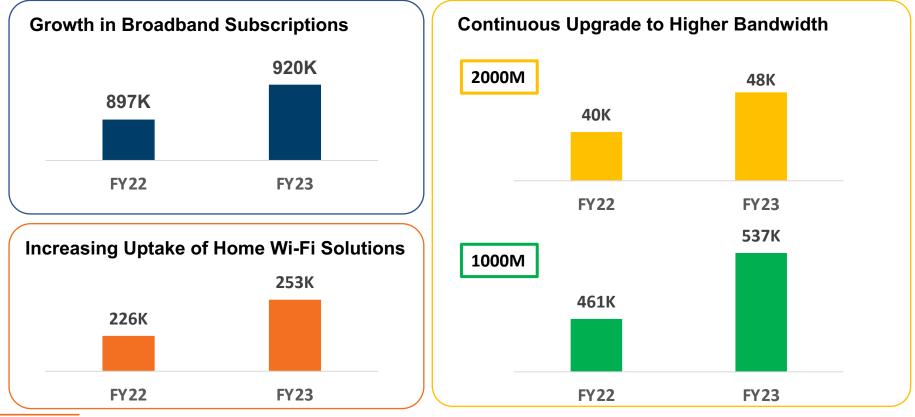




## Residential Solutions William Yeung Co-Owner & Executive Vice-chairman

## **Residential Growth Trends**

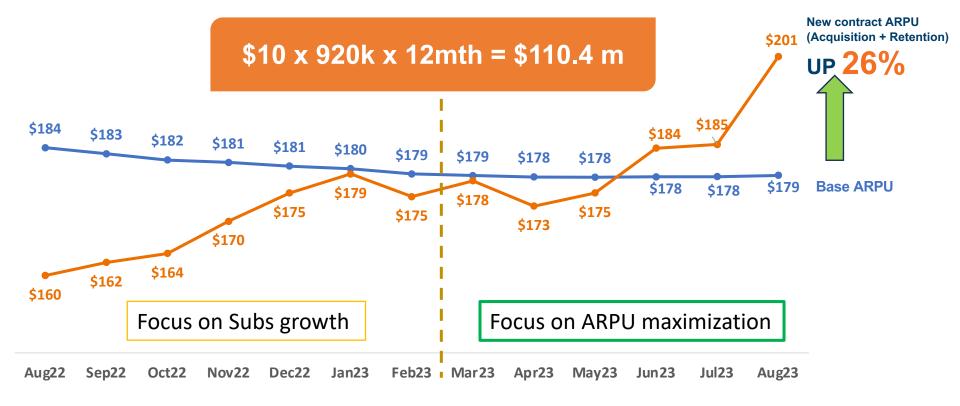




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## **New Contract ARPU vs Base ARPU**





## **Connectivity Beyond**



**Mobility & Travel Worldclass Contents Customer Value Jpsell with Cyberthreat & Fraud Protection Home Network Coverage** More **Demand for Bandwidth / Gamer Reliable Connectivity** 





## **Focus on Values & Solutions for Customers**



#### HKBN is increasing the value we deliver to customers and pricing accordingly







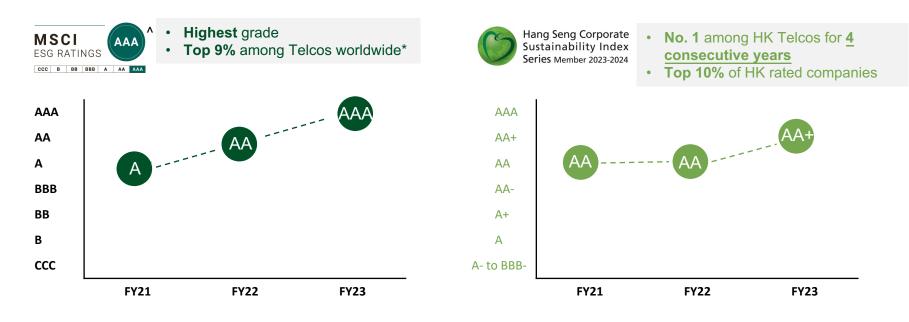


## **ESG**

#### William Yeung Co-Owner & Executive Vice-chairman

## **FY23 ESG Key Achievements**





\*as of receiving AAA grade ^https://reg.hkbn.net/WwwCMS/upload/pdf/en/2022\_disclaimer.pdf

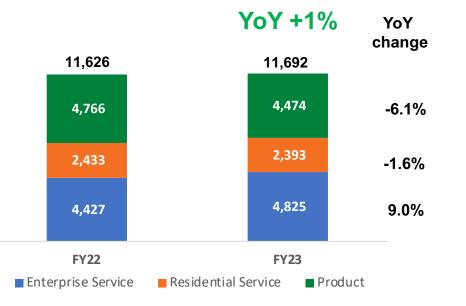


# FINANCIALS Derek Yue

#### Co-Owner & Chief Financial Officer

#### **Stable Revenue Growth**





#### **Product**

 Global demand falls in office computer equipment following the accelerated equipment purchases during Covid-19 period

#### **Residential Service**

Residential service revenue slightly
decreased amid intense market competition

#### **Enterprise Service**

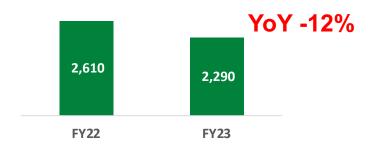
• Strong growth in ICT Services & SI services

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## **Enhancing Cost Efficiency for Better EBITDA**





EBITDA

#### **Network Costs and Cost of Inventories**



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#### **EBITDA**

 Declined YoY by \$320m, mainly due to increase in network costs and cost of sales by \$369m

#### **Cost of Inventories**

• Decline in line with product sales

#### **Network Costs**

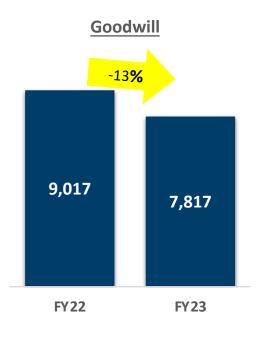
Increase was associated with bandwidth cost

#### **Subscription Contracts**

 Customers' fixed price contracts are expected to enhance the EBITDA over the lifespan of the contract

## **Non-Cash Accounting Goodwill Adjustment**

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#### Nature:

• Non-cash, nil impact on dividend and interest payment models

#### **Goodwill:**

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- Purchase amount paid in excess of the book value of the net assets

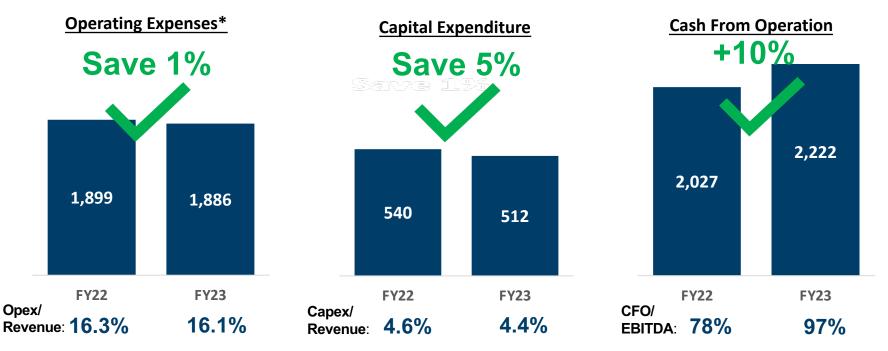
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## Fitter, Leaner, Generating more Cash for Growth



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\* Operating Expenses excluded Depreciation, Amortisation of intangible assets and Amortisation of customer acquisition and retention costs

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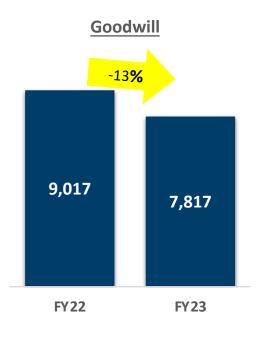


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## **Operational Highlights**



Enterprise Solutions	2023	2022	Changes
Commercial building coverage	8,090	8,006	1%
Subscriptions ('000)			
- Broadband	117	119	-2%
- Voice	388	413	-6%
Enterprise customers ('000)	101	105	-4%

Residential Solutions	2023	2022	Changes
Residential homes passed ('000)	2,560	2,513	2%
Subscriptions ('000)			
- Broadband	920	897	3%
- Voice	386	432	-11%
Residential customers ('000)	972	976	0%
Residential ARPU	\$179	\$184	-3%
Mobile Business Subscriptions ('000)	239	241	-1%



## **Consolidated Income Statement**



(HK\$ million, unless otherwise stated)	2023	2022	Changes
Revenue	11,692	11,626	1%
Other net income	19	63	-70%
Network costs and costs of sales	(7,525)	(7,156)	5%
Other operating expenses	(3,445)	(3,533)	-2%
Impairment on goodwill	(1,200)	-	100%
Finance costs	(702)	(239)	194%
Share of losses/(profits) of associates	(1)	4	-125%
Share of losses of joint ventures	(69)	(53)	30%
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(1,231)	712	->100%
Income tax	(36)	(159)	-77%
(Loss)/profit for the year	(1,267)	553	->100%



## **Consolidated Balance Sheet (Summary)**



(HK\$ million, unless otherwise stated)	At 31 August 2023	At 31 August 2022	
Non-current assets	15,315	17,384	
Current assets	2,832	3,043	
Current liabilities	(3,112)	(3,131)	
Total assets less current liabilities	15,035	17,296	
Non-current liabilities	(11,984)	(12,372)	
Net assets	3,051	4,924	
Capital and Reserves	3,051	4,924	
Additional Information			
Goodwill and intangible assets	10,592	12,219	
Property, plant and equipment	3,419	3,731	
Cash and cash equivalents	1,017	1,129	
Bank loans and other borrowings	10,957	11,211	



## Reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted Free Cash Flow

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HONG KONG BROADBAND NETWORK

(HK\$ million, unless otherwise stated)	2023	2022	Changes
(Loss)/profit for the year	(1,267)	553	->100%
Amortisation of customer acquisition and retention costs	275	294	-6%
Amortisation of intangible assets (Adjusted)#	384	413	-7%
Depreciation (Adjusted)#	901	947	-5%
Finance costs	702	239	>100%
Gain on disposal of associates/subsidiaries	(6)	(53)	-89%
Impairment on goodwill	1,200	-	100%
Impairment of investment in a joint venture	-	7	-100%
Income tax expenses	36	159	-77%
Interest income	(9)	(3)	>100%
Share of loss of discontinued operation	74	54	37%
Adjusted EBITDA#	2,290	2,610	-12%
Capital expenditure	(512)	(540)	-5%
Changes in working capital	169	(15)	>100%
Customer acquisition and retention costs	(226)	(242)	-7%
Income tax paid	(239)	(165)	45%
Lease payment	(174)	(210)	-17%
Net interest paid	(545)	(298)	83%
Other non-cash items	-	(7)	-100%
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	763	1,133	-33%
Dividend *	592	887	-33%
DPS (HK cents)	40	60	-33%

• \* Dividend amount included the distribution to Vendor Loan Note holders, who are entitled to the same DPS on the equivalent number of shares based on the terms of the Vendor Loan Notes.

# Depreciation and amortisation of the Disposal Group was not recognised on consolidation level from 1 September 2021 to 3 January 2022 in the consolidated financial statements. The \$15 million pro

forma adjustment is to account for the depreciation and amortisation of the Disposal Group in order to reflect the true business performance of the Disposal Group up to the date of disposal.

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## **Manageable Debt Profile**





Average weighted maturity of the Group's borrowings was **2.4 years** as of Aug 23.

^ The Group has entered into facility agreements with various international banks for a term loan of \$5,500 million and \$5,500 million on 13 November 2020 and 31 March 2021, respectively. \$250 million has been repaid on 30 November 2022. The Group's net debt to EBITDA ratio as computed in accordance with these facilities would be approximately 5.1x.

Maximum Net Leverage Ratio per covenant as follows: 31-Aug-2023 (5.50X), 29-Feb-2024 (5.50X), 31-Aug-2024 (5.25X), 28-Feb-2025 (5.25X), 31-Aug-2025 and each Test Date after (5.00X).

