

Seven West Media FY23 Results















### **Seven West Media**

The most connected news, sport and entertainment brand in Australia



■ 7Digital ■ The West ■ Corporate/Other

TV Broadcast

### **FY23 Highlights**

## **Key Operational Achievements**

Growing total TV revenue share, managing costs and disciplined investing for the future

Unparalleled national reach driving revenue share (excl. Olympics). Achieved revenue share target > 39% in H1 FY23 and Q4. Grew underlying share (ex Olympics / Comm Games) each quarter; full year up 1.2 share points

Costs managed in line with outlook; savings offset NBCUniversal costs holding year on year growth to < 1%

Challenging market down 7.9% in FY23. Total TV market in line with FY21 levels

NBCUniversal content driving digital audience growth, on track for 2 billion minutes annually. Digital sports rights from September 2024

Underlying 7Digital EBITDA growth of 17% (excl. Olympics and Commonwealth Games) with digital now over 49% of underlying earnings. Content, platform and enabling investments ongoing and will drive digital leadership

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## Solid Financial Performance in a Challenging Environment

Revenue

**↓** 3%

\$1,488m

**Expenses** 

11%

\$1,208m

**EBITDA** 

**18%** 

\$280m

**Underlying NPAT**<sup>1</sup>

\$146m

Net cashflow before temporary and capital items

\$19% \$155m Net Debt

**J** 3%

0.9x Net Debt/EBITDA LTM

\$249m



### **Financial Performance**

## **Profit and Loss**

Revenue \$1,488m Underlying Group EBITDA \$280m Underlying Group net profit after tax \$146m

Basic EPS excl. significant items 9.4cps

INCOME STATEMENT	FY23 \$m	FY22 \$m	Inc/(Dec) %
Revenue, other income and share of net profit of equity accounted investees	1,488	1,540	(3%)
Operating expenses (excluding depreciation and amortisation)	(1,208)	(1,198)	1%
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	280	342	(18%)
Depreciation and amortisation	(42)	(33)	27%
EBIT <sup>2</sup>	238	309	(23%)
Net finance costs	(35)	(36)	(3%)
Profit before significant items and tax	203	273	(26%)
Significant items before tax	(7)	10	nm
Profit before tax	196	283	(31%)
Tax expense	(50)	(72)	(31%)
Profit after tax	146	211	(31%)
Underlying net profit after tax excluding significant items	146	201	(27%)

#### **Financial Performance**

## **Financials: Seven**

- Total TV market declined 7.9% in FY23, partly impacted by the Olympics in PY
  - Metro free-to-air advertising market declined 10.6%
  - Regional free-to-air advertising market declined 4.0%
  - BVOD market grew 6.1%, now approx. \$460m
- Seven secured target share in H1 FY23 (39.3%) and Q4 (39.1%). FY23 share of 38.5% (total TV). Underlying share growth (excl. Olympics / Comm Games) of approx. 1.2 share points YoY.
- Food, retail and government categories soft; travel, auto and insurance growing YoY.
- Costs in line with expectations.
- Underlying 7Digital EBITDA growth of 17% excluding the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.
- Program sales earnings in the period of \$40m, flat YoY.

SEVEN	FY23 \$m	FY22 <sup>1</sup> \$m	Inc/(Dec) %
Revenue			
Broadcast and program sales	1,137	1,190	(4%)
Digital	179	178	1%
Total Revenue	1,316	1,368	(4%)
Expenses			
Broadcast and program sales	(1,011)	(1,001)	1%
Digital	(40)	(39)	3%
Total Expenses	(1,051)	(1,040)	1%
EBITDA			
Broadcast and program sales	126	189	(33%)
Digital	139	139	0%
Total EBITDA	265	328	(19%)
EBIT			
Broadcast and program sales	91	161	(43%)
Digital	134	135	(1%)
Total EBIT	225	296	(24%)

#### **Financial Performance**

## Financials: The West and Other

#### **THE WEST**

- Strong growth in digital audiences and the launch of new digital products resulted in a record 4.5m unique monthly audience, up 22%.1
- Digital subscriptions continue to grow with revenue up 17% during the period.
- Advertising conditions remain mixed with retail the strong performer, while auto and real estate remain weak.
- Cost growth driven by increase in paper costs.
- Management remain focussed on strategy of holding the line on print, reducing cost and growing digital.

THE WEST	FY23 \$m	FY22 \$m	Inc/(Dec) %
Revenue	171	169	1%
Costs	(140)	(136)	3%
EBITDA	31	34	(9%)
EBIT	29	33	(12%)

CORPORATE & OTHER COSTS	FY23 \$m	FY22 \$m	Inc/(Dec) %
Revenue	1	3	(67%)
Costs	(17)	(22)	(23%)
EBITDA	(16)	(20)	nm
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### **Financial Results**

## **Statutory Results**

STATUTORY RESULTS	FY23 \$m	FY22 \$m	Inc/(Dec) %
Profit before tax	196	283	(31%)
Profit after tax	146	211	(31%)
Basic EPS	9.4	13.3	(29%)
Diluted EPS	9.2	13.0	(29%)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Earnings per share based on net profit excl. significant items (net of tax)	FY23 \$m	FY22 \$m	Inc/(Dec) %
Underlying group EBITDA	280	342	(18%)
Underlying group EBIT	238	309	(23%)
Profit after tax excluding significant items	146	201	(27%)
Significant items (net of tax)	(1)	10	nm
Underlying Basic EPS	9.4	12.7	(26%)
Underlying Diluted EPS	9.3	12.4	(25%)

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS	FY23 \$m	FY22 \$m
Major IT project implementation costs	(22)	-
Net Gain on assets disposed	2	-
Net Gain on investments	12	4
Reversal of onerous provisioning	-	8
Net gain on disposal of subsidiaries	-	3
Write off of unamortised borrowing costs	_	(5)
Total significant items before tax	(7)	10
Tax benefit	6	0
Net significant items after income tax	(1)	10

### **Financial Results**

### **Cashflow**

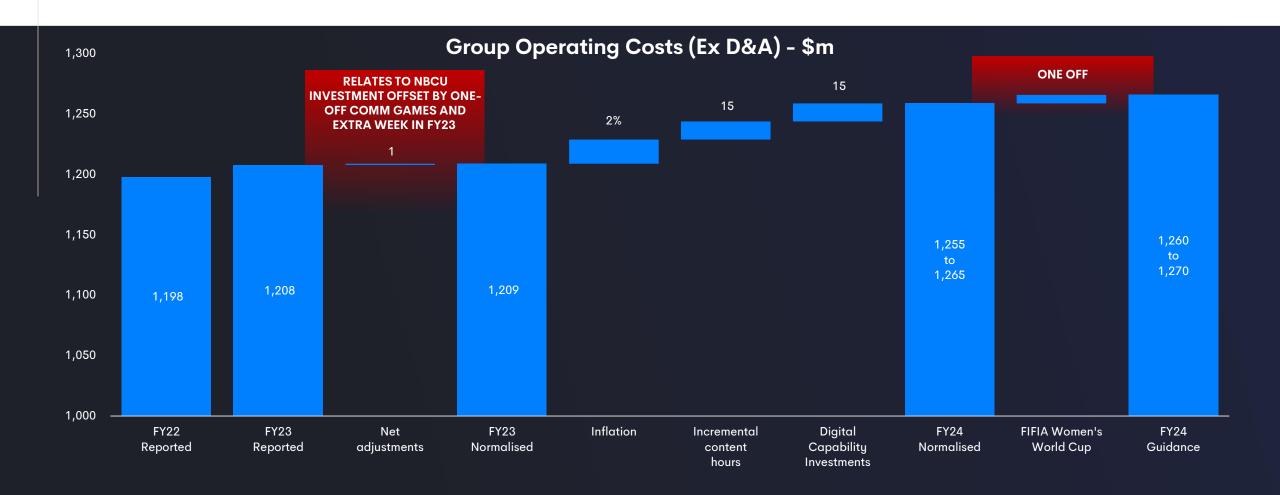
- Cashflow before temporary and capital items of \$155m
- Recurring cashflows include "normal" working capital, in-year tax payments, finance costs, capex and lease payments
- Temporary and capital items for FY23:
  - Onerous contracts and significant items (Project Code 7+) of \$64m. Previously included in working capital
  - Tax: FY22 catch up payment made. Now normalised
  - Share buyback: 36.5m shares purchased
- Net debt \$249m. Leverage 0.9x (net debt/EBITDA)
- News and Public Affairs move to Eveleigh largely complete. Looking to exit or sublease Martin Place office
- FY24 expectations:
  - Capex in line with FY23
  - Project CODE7+ investment expected to be circa \$20m in FY24
  - Onerous provision impact of \$38m in FY24 in relation to final year of current cricket agreement. Circa \$2m impact in future years in relation to legacy output agreement

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Share buyback (15) - nm	Share buyback	(15)	-	nm
Net proceeds from disposals & payments for investments & loans issued (8) (117) nm	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(8)	(117)	nm
Net increase / (decrease) in net (debt) cash 9 (15) nm	Net increase / (decrease) in net (debt) cash	9	(15)	nm
Opening net (debt) cash (256) (240) 7%	Opening net (debt) cash	(256)	(240)	7%
Change in unamortised refinancing costs (2) (1) nm	Change in unamortised refinancing costs	(2)	(1)	nm
Closing net (debt) cash (249) (256) (3%)	Closing net (debt) cash	(249)	(256)	(3%)

#### **Financial Results**

## **Cost Expectations**

Content and capability investment to lift cost base by 4%; circa 2.6% per annum since FY22.





## **Redefining The Power of Total TV**

#### National total TV leader

- #1 network in total people in FY23
- Dominant regional reach captures
   36% of the national population
- 7 plus has 13.5m verified and nearly 6m active users

#### Unmatched audience reach

- Seven reaches over 91% of Australians
- Monthly total TV reach of ~17.5m



### Single Source of All-Screen Truth

- Covers all broadcast TV and BVOD viewing
- Truly national cross screen performance measure



### Our redefined national total TV focus expands our market opportunity

- \$3.6bn MTV, STV, RTV
- \$460m growing to >\$1 bill BVOD
- \$2.5bn AVOD

### We deliver mass cultural experiences through our leading content

- #1 News
- Leading broadcast and digital only entertainment
- #1 sports with AFL, Cricket streaming in CY24

#### Game changer for industry monetisation

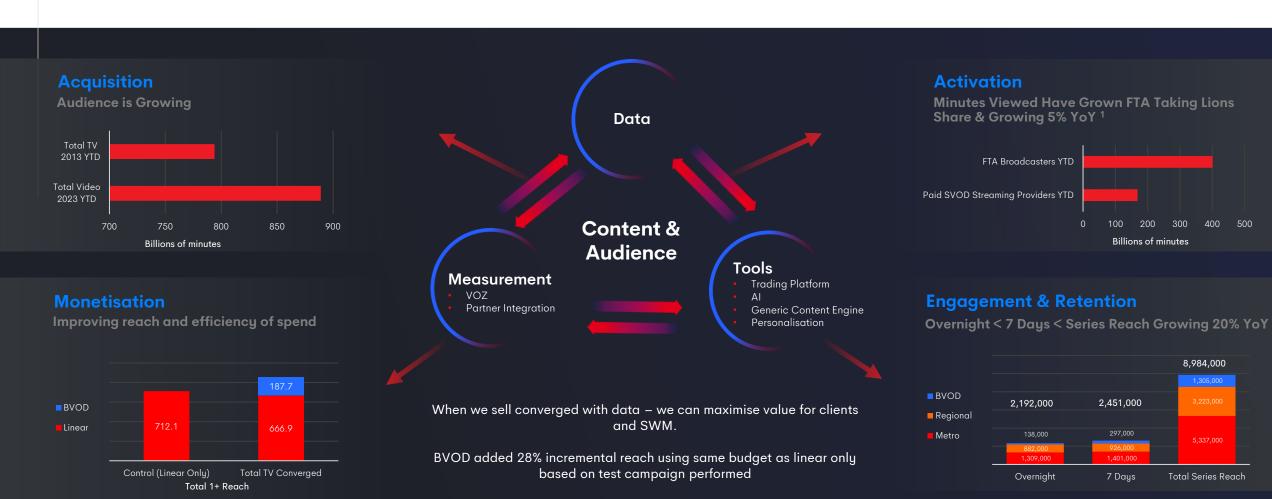
- Captures currently unmonetised viewing
- Reduces friction and complexity for advertisers



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## The Move Away from TV is Overstated

VOZ: game changer for industry monetisation



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### **Our Strategic Pillars and Priorities**

Accelerate our digital future

Enhance and elevate the Seven brand

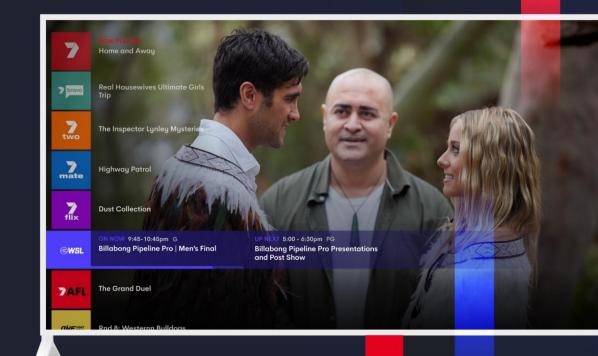
**Optimise the business** 

Partner for growth



## Foundations Laid, Focused on the Future

- 1. Content in place and key digital rights coming
- 2. Best in class VOZ measurement system showing total TV as even more effective for clients
- 3. Platform investment in 7plus driving engagement
- Trading platform (CODE7+) investment to target \$6.56bn video market



### Summary

## **Trading Update**

- FY24 content schedule optimised to maximise total TV audience
- Targeting 40% + total TV revenue share
- Continue to look for ways to drive efficiency into the business
- Total TV market expected to stabilise during Q2 once comps ease
- Early trading indicates Seven underlying revenue is tracking to FY23
  market trend in July and August. Currently pacing slightly ahead of last
  year in September





### **Basis of Preparation**

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