Seamlessly connecting our customers to a better life

**Telkom SA SOC Ltd** 

**Group Interim Results Presentation** 

For the six months ended 30 September 2023



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> **Execution** & results





#### The early results of our strategy in motion





## Strong operational performance

- Mobile and fixed data traffic up +23% and +18% respectively
- Homes passed and connected up +21% and +22% respectively
- Leading home connectivity rate at 47%
- Mobile broadband subscribers up +11%



## Improved financial performance

- Mobile and Openserve fixed data revenue up +10% and +9% respectively
- EBITDA up +2% and profit after tax up +52%
- +96% improvement in cash generated from operations<sup>1</sup>
- Improved FCF +130% excluding restructuring costs



## Delivering on strategic imperatives

- Exclusivity with preferred bidder for Masts & Towers disposal
- Opex savings from organisational restructuring, network resilience programme and cost reduction initiatives
- InfraCo roadmap

1 Excluding restructuring costs Interim Results Presentation 2023 4

# Group highlights - total operations

## Group revenue

up by **2.5%** to **R21.8 million** 

#### **HEPS**

up **46.7%** to **195.0 cents per share** 

## Free cash flow

improved **74.9%** to **negative R474 million** 

#### **EBITDA**

up **1.7%** with **EBITDA margin** at **23.1%** 

#### Basic EPS

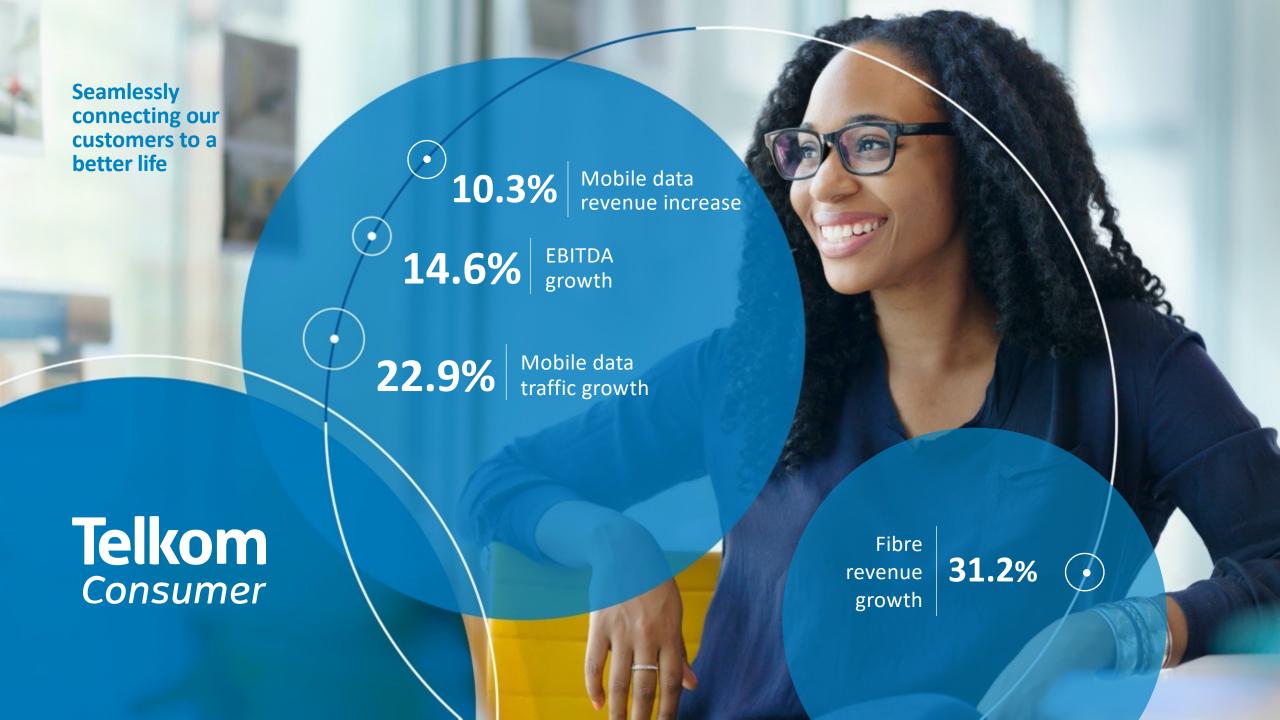
up **52.1%** to **200.2 cents per share**  Net debt to EBITDA

at **1.8x** 

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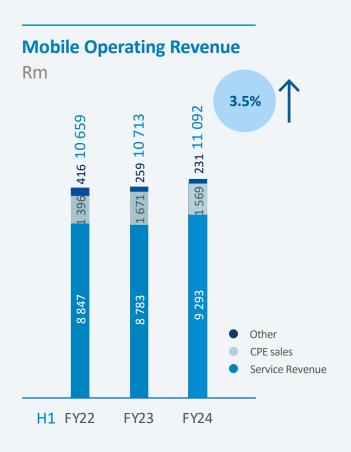


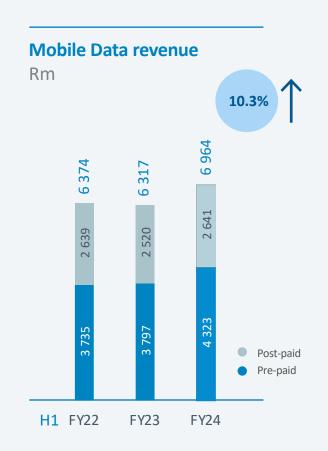




#### **Continued Mobile improvement in the face of headwinds**



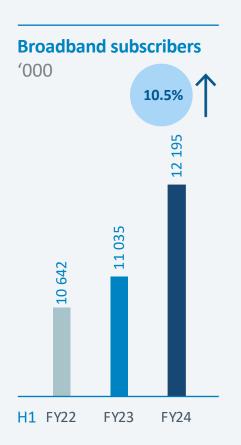


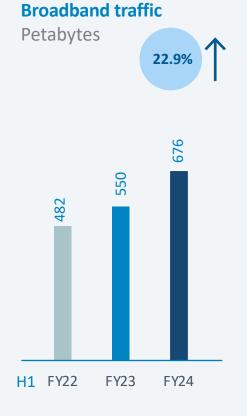


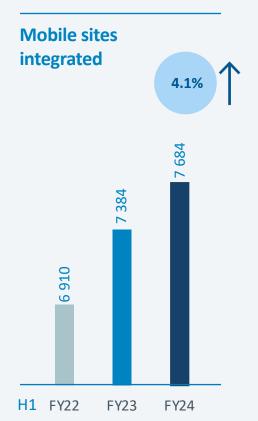


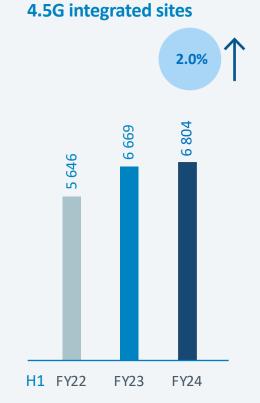
### Mobile broadband traffic continues to grow





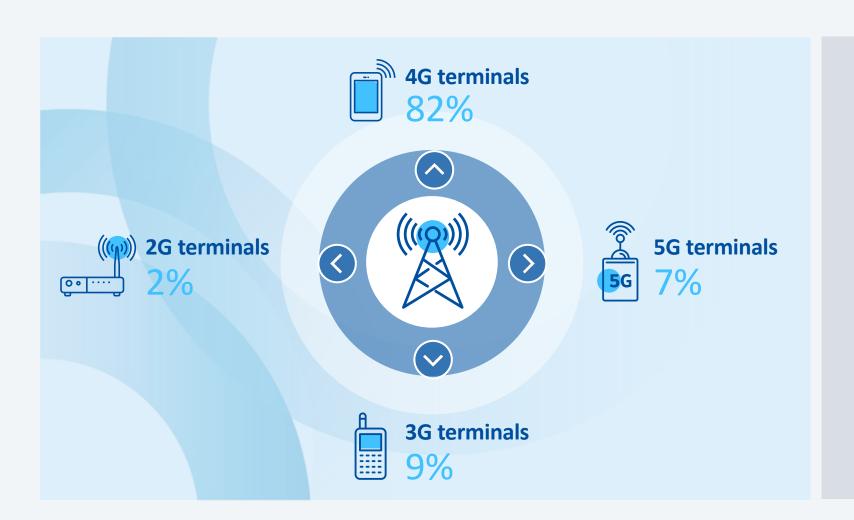






#### High 4G device penetration and growing 5G base





- 89% of customers are 4G and 5G
- 40% of voice customers on Voice over LTE (VoLTE)
- No legacy 2G network, all 2G terminals use roaming
- >100% growth of active 5G sites to 413 sites



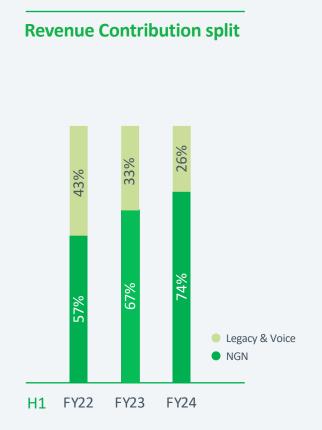


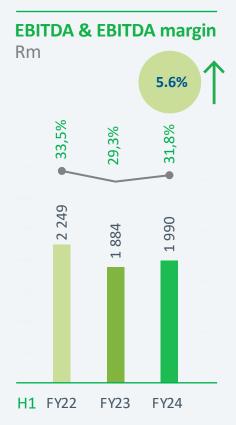
### Impressive NGN revenue growth at 7%







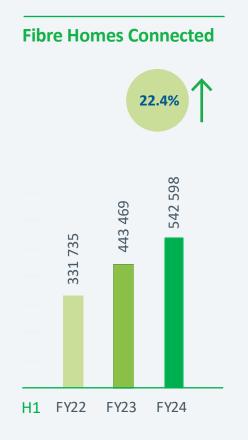




### Connect-led strategy continues to deliver market leading connectivity rate – 47%











### Modernisation of network transforming service delivery

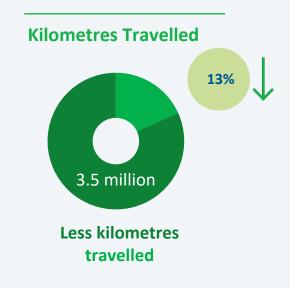


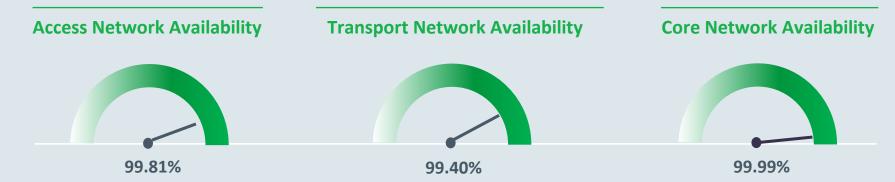


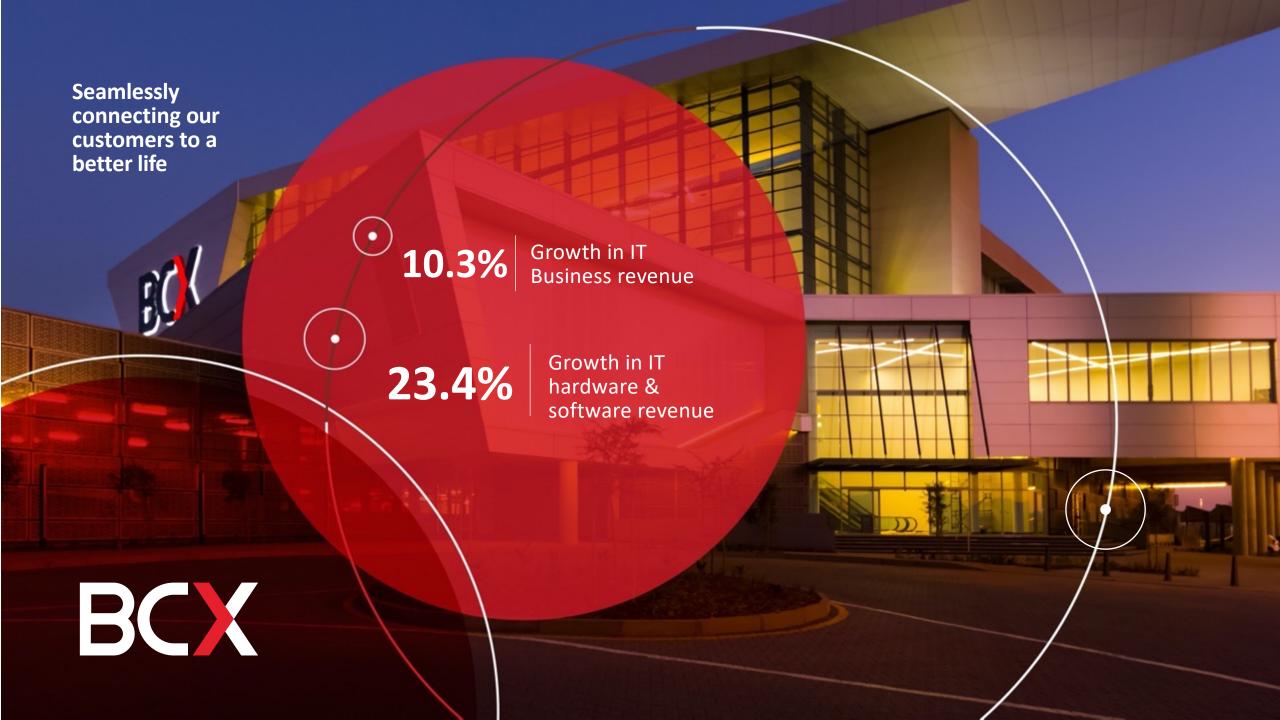


Continued excellence in Net Promoter Score (NPS)



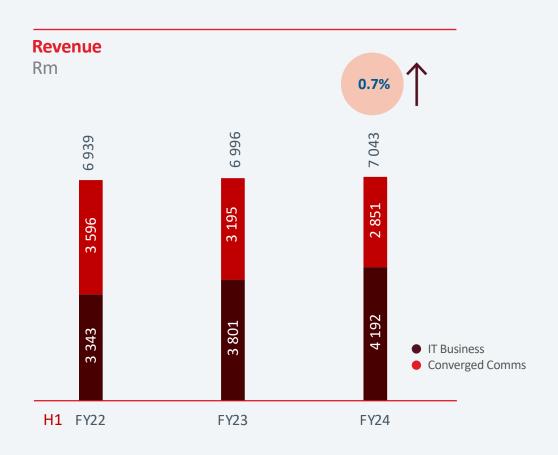


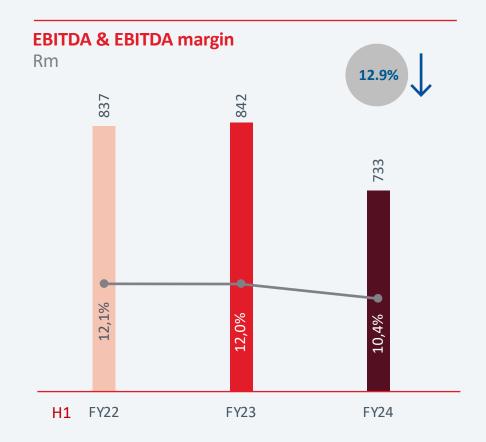




### IT revenue growth offset legacy Converged Communications revenue declines



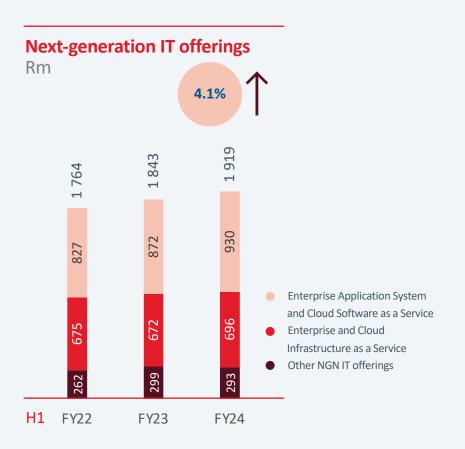


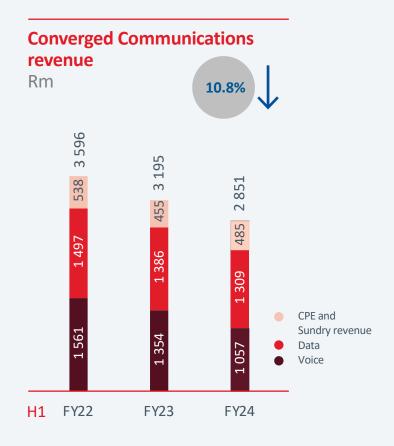


### IT business performance driven by IT services and related hardware and software growth











### **Disposal of Swiftnet - transaction rationale**





#### Masts & Towers not strategic for InfraCo

- Transaction allows Telkom to focus on its core business whilst still allowing for company access to towers through market related commercial arrangements
- Telkom able to retain upside through FTTT and small cells



#### Address current market undervaluation of Telkom vs SotP

- The value of Swiftnet is currently reflected as part of the Telkom Group at Telkom's current lower telco EV/EBITDA multiple
- The transaction affirms value of Swiftnet and unlocks the value of Swiftnet for Telkom shareholders based on the transaction valuation



#### Provide cash injection to: i) reduce debt ii) accelerate investments in core to secure growth

- Rebalance the company's Balance Sheet and accelerate investment on growth areas to enable Telkom to effectively compete across the value chain
- Telkom Group has ambitious growth plans across different segments, particularly for Openserve (core business) and Consumer



#### Transaction neutral to Mobile business

No material differences in commercial terms



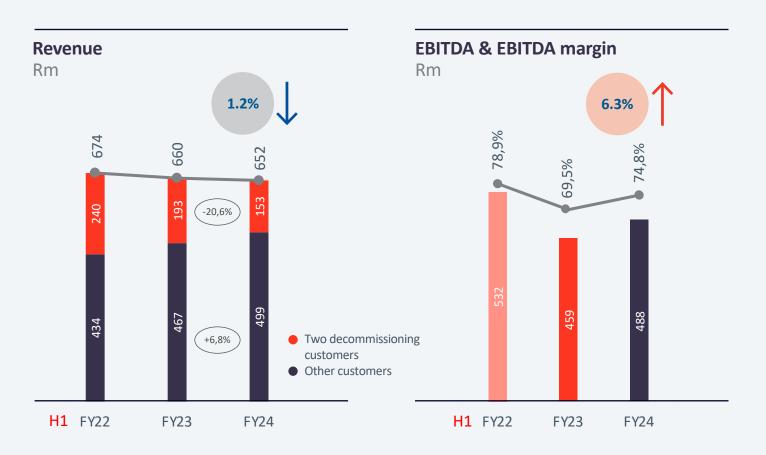


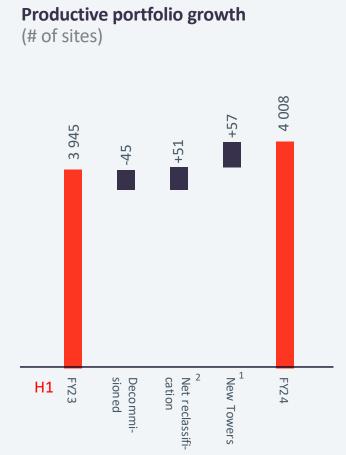
The disposal of **Swiftnet would** allow Telkom to address strategic objectives



#### Earnings growth at strong margins







#### Notes:

<sup>1: 57</sup> New Towers includes 52 towers and 5 In-Building Solutions

<sup>2:</sup> Net reclassification includes 57 towers reclassified to the productive portfolio, and 6 towers reclassified from the productive portfolio Towers decommissioned or reclassified from the productive portfolio were supporting legacy Openserve equipment (and are not capable of supporting Mobile Network Operators ('MNOs')

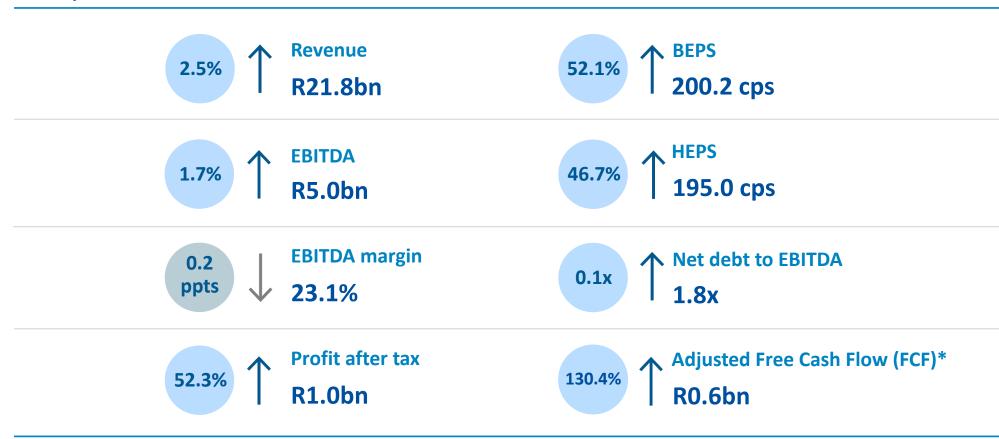
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### **Group financial performance**

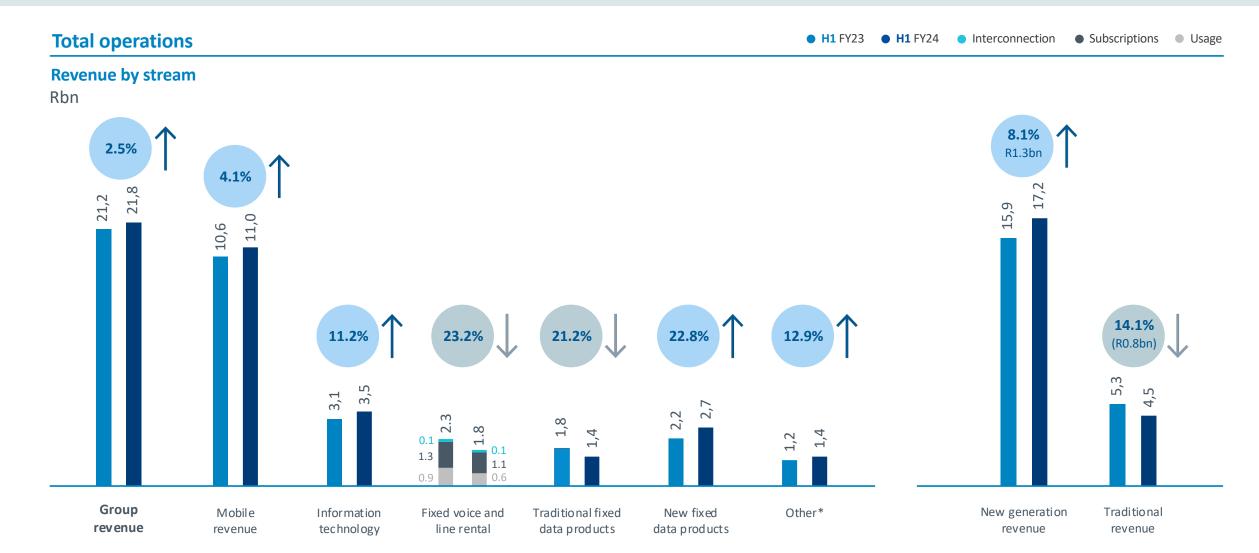


#### **Total operations**



#### Group revenue supported by growth in new generation revenue



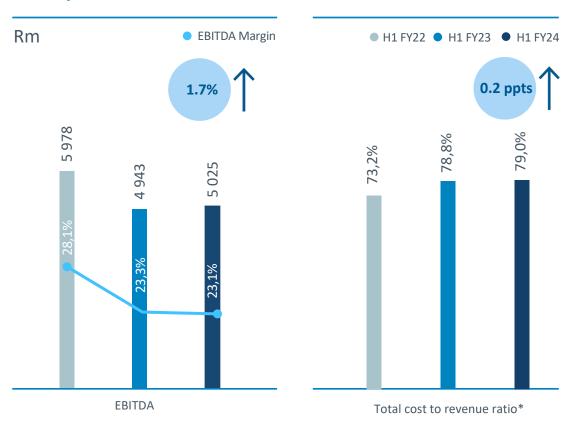


<sup>\*</sup> Includes revenue from mast and towers, insurance services, directories, rentals and maritime services

#### **EBITDA** stable



## **EBITDA** analysis **Total operations**



#### **EBITDA** largely impacted by:

- Total data revenue growth of R779 million;
- IT hardware and software growth of R315 million;
- Total voice and line rental revenue decline of R668 million; and
- Increase in impairment of receivables and contract assets of R389 million due to current economic environment.

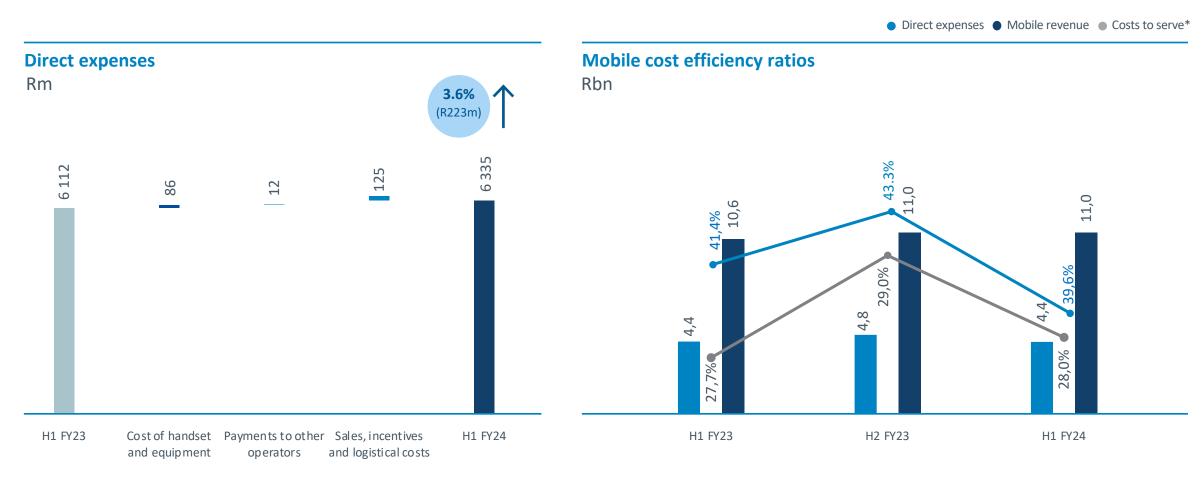
#### **Opportunities implemented to recalibrate sustainable cost levels:**

- Restructuring process finalised full annualised benefit expected in FY2025;
- Optimised roaming costs as we maintain stringent roaming traffic thresholds and migrate traffic to our network; and
- Other productivity and efficiency initiatives in flight.

\* Total cost includes direct and operating expenses Interim Results Presentation 2023 24

### Impact of growing mobile post-paid sales on mobile costs normalising





<sup>\*</sup>Payments to other Operators (PtoO) and sales commission and incentives in relation to mobile service revenue

#### **Capex – Continue to adequately invest in growth areas**

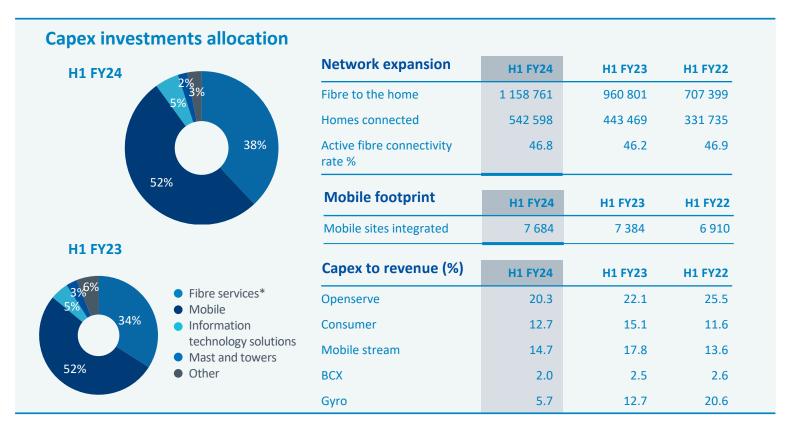


#### Capex spend and intensity

#### Rm

- Capex spend
- Capex to revenue (%)





\* Fibre services include FTTH and Core network. Interim Results Presentation 2023 26



### Strong FCF improvement from underlying business

| Free cash flow (FCF) movement  |          |          |          | H1 FY24<br>vs H1 FY23 |
|--|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------|
| Rm   | H1 FY24  | H2 FY23  | H1 FY23  | %                     |
| Cash receipts from customers before working capital impact                       | 22 687   | 22 202   | 21 220   | 6.9                   |
| Movement in working capital  | (350)    | (2 140)  | (860)    | 59.3                  |
| Cash receipts from customers   | 22 337   | 20 062   | 20 360   | 9.7                   |
| Cash paid to suppliers before working capital impact and restructuring cost paid | (17 490) | (15 715) | (18 306) | 4.5                   |
| Movement in working capital  | 728      | (489)    | 793      | 8.2                   |
| Cash paid to suppliers excluding restructuring cost paid                         | (16 762) | (16 204) | (17 513) | 4.3                   |
| Cash generated from operations   | 5 575    | 3 858    | 2 847    | 95.8                  |
| Repayment of lease liability   | (619)    | (563)    | (523)    | (18.4)                |
| Interest received  | 194      | 180      | 102      | 90.2                  |
| Finance charges paid   | (1 007)  | (802)    | (654)    | (54.0)                |
| Taxation paid  | (259)    | (246)    | (301)    | 14.0                  |
| Cash generated from operations before dividend paid and received                 | 3 884    | 2 427    | 1 471    | 164.0                 |
| Cash paid for capital expenditure  | (3 311)  | (3 262)  | (3 358)  | 1.4                   |
| Adjusted FCF (excluding restructuring cost paid)                                 | 573      | (835)    | (1 887)  | 130.4                 |
| Restructuring cost paid  | (1 051)  | -        | -        | (100.0)               |
| FCF  | (478)    | (835)    | (1 887)  | 74.7                  |

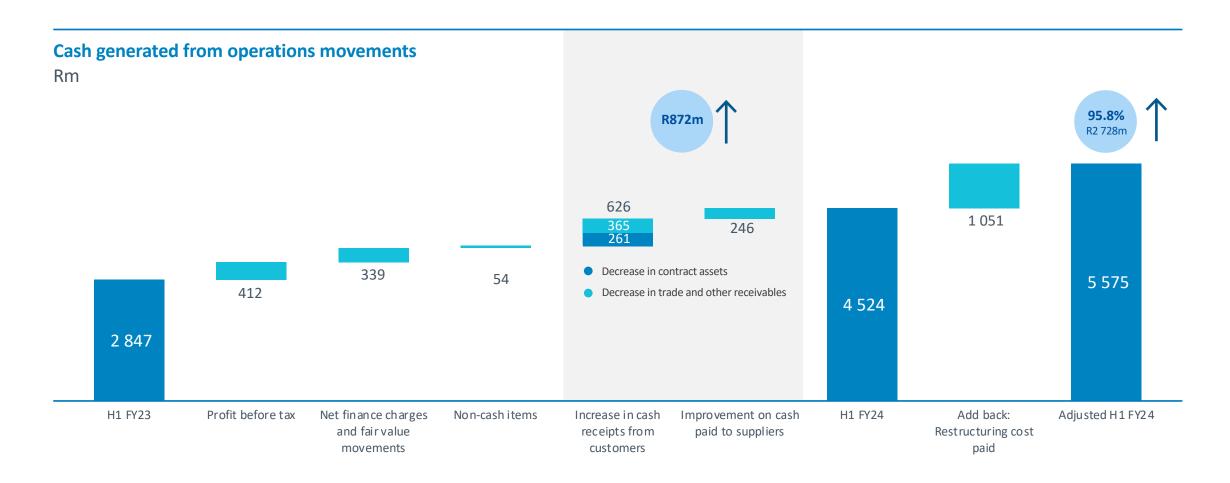
|                              | 114        |            | 114        |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Cash burn rate               | H1<br>FY24 | H2<br>FY23 | H1<br>FY23 |
| Closing cash balance         | 3 585      | 3 469      | 2 499      |
| Opening cash balance         | 3 469      | 2 499      | 3 239      |
| Cash movement utilised       | 116        | 970        | (740)      |
| Net movement in borrowings   | (448)      | (1 244)    | (1 181)    |
| Cash movement for the period | (332)      | (274)      | (1 921)    |

#### **Key features**

- Improved cash collections; and
- Negative cash movement of R332 million for H1 FY24 includes R1 051 million restructuring cost paid. The cash movement is positive R719 million excluding restructuring cost.

### **Cash generated from operations**



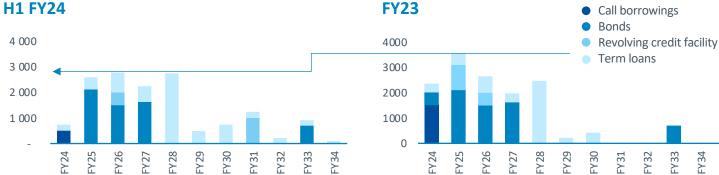




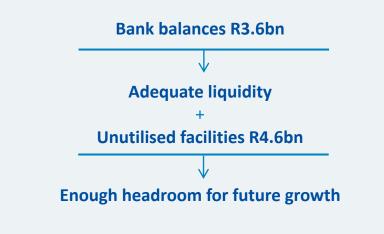
### Strong balance sheet with enough headroom to finance growth

| <b>Total operations</b>       |        |        |        | H1 FY24 |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| •                             | H1     |        | H1     | vs FY23 |
| Rm                            | FY24   | FY23   | FY23   | %       |
| Cash balances                 | 3 585  | 3 469  | 2 499  | 3.3     |
| Interest bearing debt         | 14 804 | 14 356 | 13 113 | (3.1)   |
| Opening balance               | 14 356 | 11 932 | 11 932 | (8.8)   |
| Net funding raised/(repaid)   | 431    | 2 320  | 1 135  | 81.4    |
| Other                         | 17     | 104    | 46     | 83.7    |
| Lease liabilities             | 6 937  | 5 889  | 5 712  | (17.8)  |
| Opening balance               | 5 889  | 5 374  | 5 374  | (9.6)   |
| IFRS16 lease liability raised | 1 048  | 515    | 338    | (103.5) |
| Net debt                      | 18 156 | 16 776 | 16 326 | (8.2)   |
| Net debt/EBITDA (times)       | 1.8    | 1.8    | 1.7    | -       |
| Average cost of debt (%)      | 10.0   | 8.6    | 7.5    | (1.4)   |

#### **Debt maturity profile improved significantly H1 FY24**



| Credit<br>matrix                | Loan covenants    | H1<br>FY24 | FY23 | H1<br>FY23 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------|------|------------|
| Net debt to<br>EBITDA           | Not exceed<br>3:1 | 1.8x       | 1.8x | 1.7x       |
| Interest cover<br>Incl. IFRS 16 |                   | 5.4        | 6.7  | 8.0        |
| Interest cover<br>Excl. IFRS 16 | At least 3.5:1    | 7.5        | 10.3 | 13.5       |



### Financial framework to drive sustainable growth



| Inputs                  | Drivers  | Medium term guidance FY2023 –<br>FY2025 (CAGR) | H1 FY24<br>Actual * | Outputs                    |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|---------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Annual strategic review | New revenue streams<br>(Fibre, Mobile & IT businesses)   | Low to mid single digit  Revenue growth        | 2.5%                |                            |  |
|                         | Sustainable cost management program (staff optimisation, roaming, channel optimisation and legacy costs) | Low to mid single digit  EBITDA growth*        | 1.7%                | Sustainable organic growth |  |
|                         | Capex to fund growth   | 16 - 18%                                       | 14.4%               |                            |  |
|                         | Adequate balance sheet capacity to fund growth   | Net debt to EBITDA  of 1.5x – 1.9x             | 1.8x                |                            |  |

\* Based on total operations Interim Results Presentation 2023 30

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> Outlook & Strategic **Actions**



#### Outlook





#### **Challenging economic** environment

- Marginal GDP growth 0.6% (Q2 2023)
- Inflationary headwinds
- Added cost of load shedding
- Weaker Rand vs major foreign currencies
- Dynamic regulatory environment



#### **Guidance unchanged**

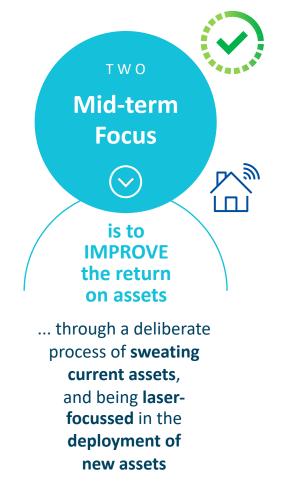
- Data consumption drives growth
- Prioritising cash generation
- Ongoing opex rationalisation
- Capex prioritising growth areas and network availability
- Further power diversification to address load shedding and ESG

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#### **Strategic action priorities**



... through disposal of non-core assets and **OPEX** rationalisation, providing the required financial strength and baseline to engage in Telkom's Transformation





... by **executing** on actionable activities vs launching new businesses, where the organization does not have the required assets and/or capabilities to succeed

#### **Transforming to value creation for shareholders**





- At final stages of disposal process for Swiftnet
- Telkom entered into exclusivity with a preferred bidder
- Accordingly, Swiftnet classified as 'Asset Held for Sale'







- Market sounding exercises concluded
- Focused on repositioning Telkom as InfraCo
- Future growth plans in place for assets
- Further explorations for minority and/or strategic equity partnerships deferred until InfraCo reorganisation is in place



### Delivering value through OneTelkom as an InfraCo



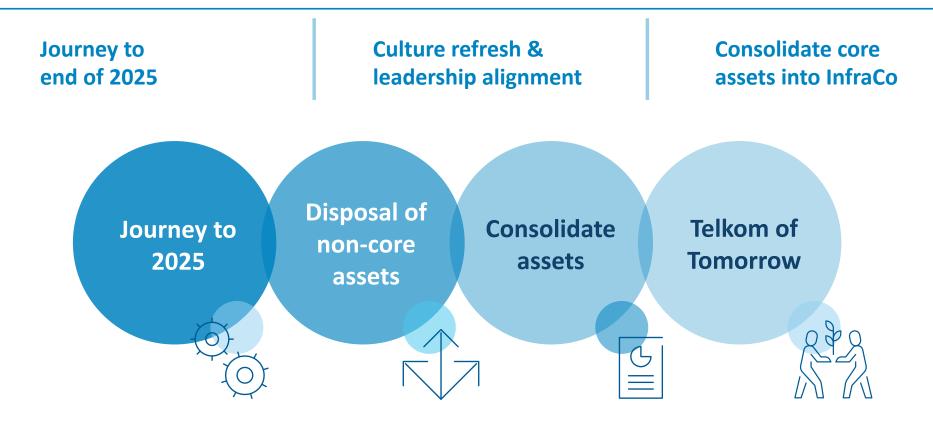


- Focused on building, owning and maintaining the passive infrastructure enabling connectivity
- Provides mission **critical digital infrastructure** fibre network, data centres, satellite, marine and cables to core customer base
- Enables economies of scale, efficiency, simplicity in operating model - with **predictable returns** over time
- Owner of critical infrastructure to enable digital needs of Corporates, Small & Medium Enterprises and Consumers
- Allows for and enables efficient build of national/regional digital infrastructure while traditional telcos and focus on services
- **Vertical integration** to our Mobile network 66% of mobile sites connected by fibre backhaul

#### **Transforming into the Telkom of Tomorrow**



#### Telkom's transformation to InfraCo



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> Q&A Thank you



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**Annexures**Strategy



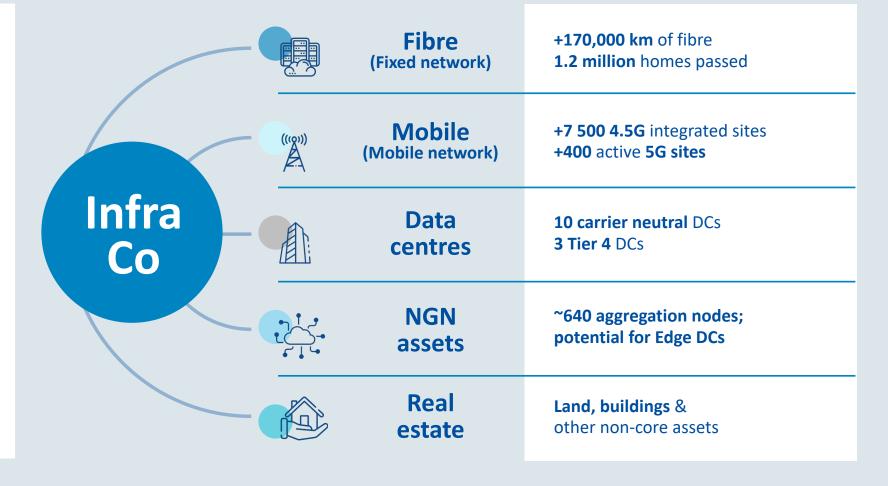
# Telkom's true competitive advantage



### Multiple digital ecosystems supported by one backbone

InfraCo will deliver **efficient** and cost-effective solutions (across BUs) to customers, while **leveraging** our key differentiator – unrivalled infrastructure assets

InfraCo strategy realises our true **competitive advantage** – showing Telkom to be a strategic national asset – the backbone of the SA's digital economy and the enabler of the country's digital future



## Seamlessly connecting South Africa to a better life



### An essential enabler and catalyst for growth



- Without essential digital infrastructure, there is no effective digital economy
- Digital infrastructure is potent economic accelerator
- South African economic impact up to US\$116 billion by 2030 through impact of digital technologies\*
- Open access infrastructure drives healthy competition
- Digital infrastructure is in the national interest bridges digital divide, ensures commercially marginal communities are connected
  - Our infrastructure footprint covers rural and other underserved areas

The importance of digital infrastructure was illustrated during lockdown.

"If you aren't using Telkom, you're using someone who's using Telkom."



## NGN data-led strategy drives our investment case



### High demand sector with growing addressable market over the medium to long-term

- High data consumption
- Growing population base



### Leading digital infrastructure player with exposure across key verticals

- Long-standing history in the market
- Strong brand recognition
- Leading market position



### **Significant Barriers to entry**

Significant invested asset base with over 170,000km of fibre



#### **Key verticals performing well**

- Telkom Consumer exhibits strong customer engagement due to continued NGN value proposition
- · Continued growth in homes connected while maintaining industry-leading connectivity rate



#### **Services and products**

Ability to access entire market with diverse tailored products and services



### Strong cash generation profile and resilient business model

- Single country exposure reducing volatility and complexity
- Top line growth and growing margins
- Cash generation trending in the right direction, with high potential in the medium-long term from significant infrastructure base
- Wholesale business model



#### **Experienced management team**

 Country, industry and operational know how

# **ESG** highlights

54%

of target annual
4.2% reduction in carbon
emissions achieved due
to decarbonisation
initiatives



female representation at management/ leadership roles and 33% overall in our permanent workforce



365

network sites installed with lithium ion batteries for primary backup during power outages



460 250

SMMEs with presence on our Yep digital marketplace aimed at growing and enhancing reach for local businesses

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emissions avoided from decommissioning of legacy equipment and diesel optimisation initiatives



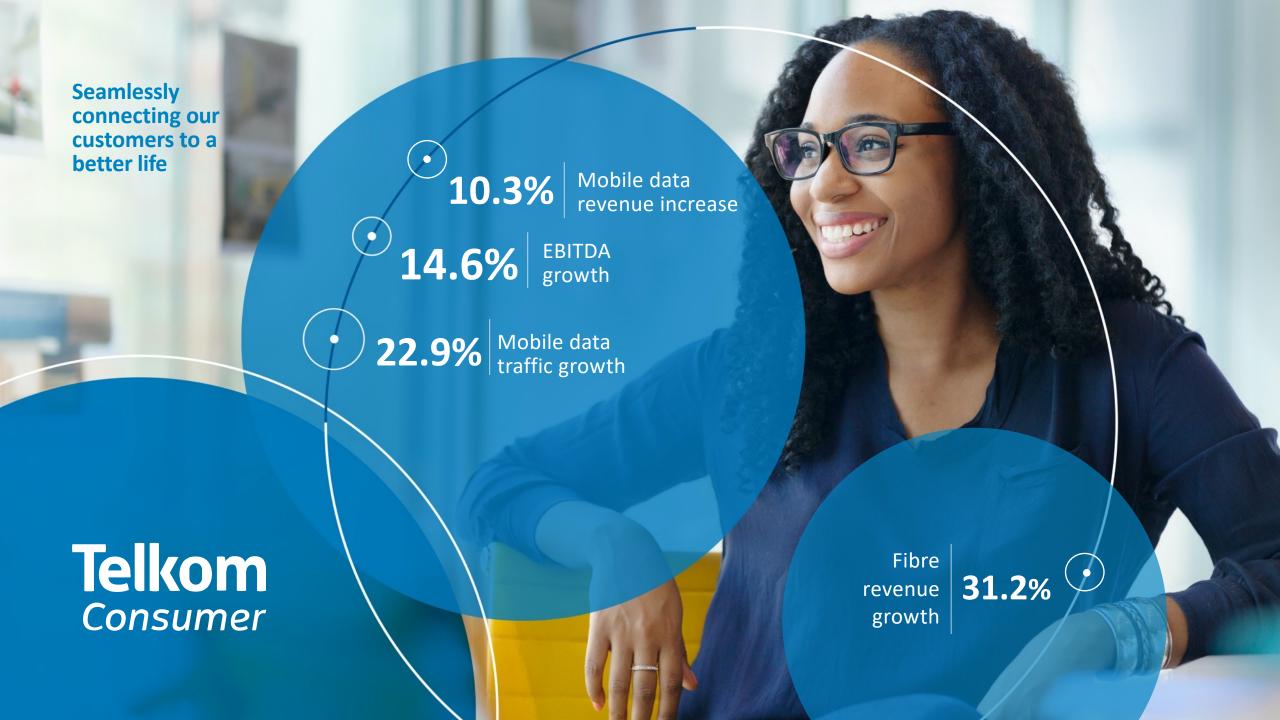
of copper recovered from our network for recycling



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> **Business Unit** performance





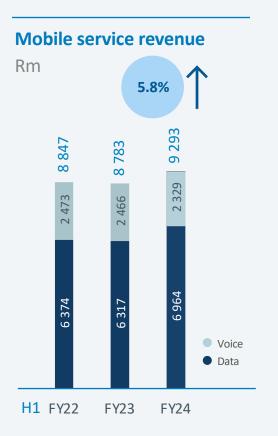
# NGN technologies driving growth

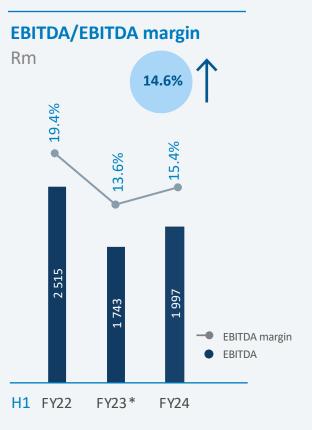






Fixed-line NGN vs legacy split

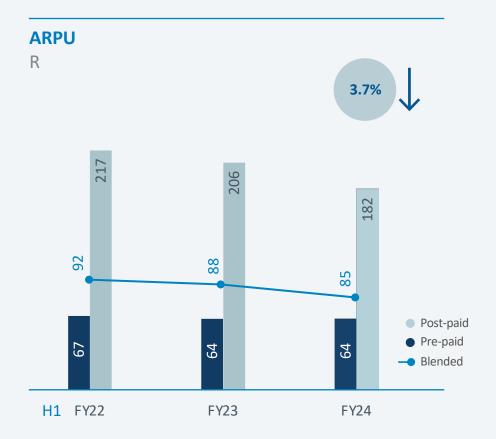




# Good performance from Mobile despite marginal growth of customer base



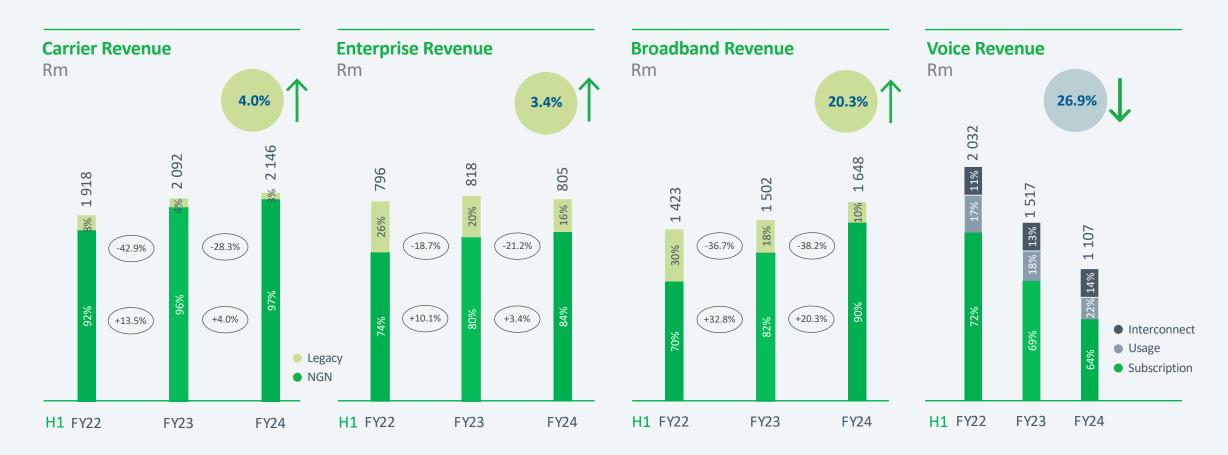






## **Evolution of new generation revenue**





Carrier NGN includes Cross Connect

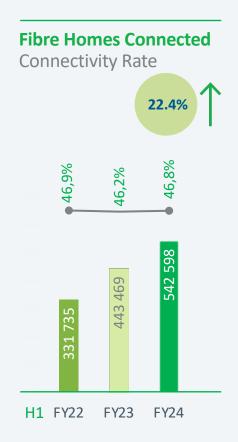
Carrier Legacy includes Passive Infrastructure

Broadband NGN excludes WebReach

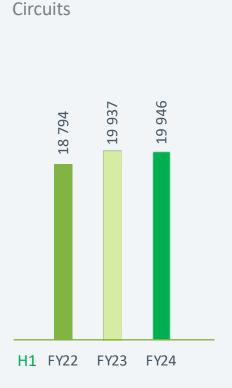
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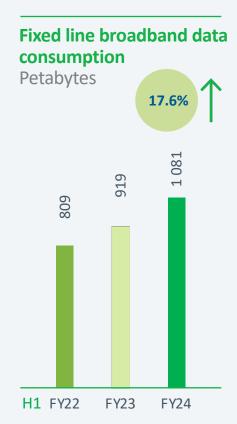


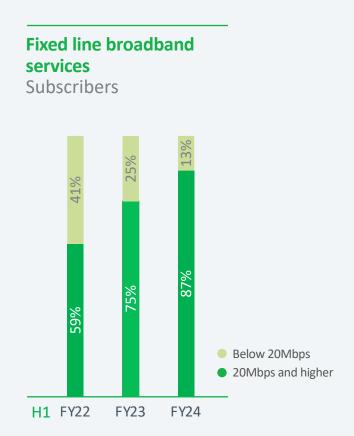


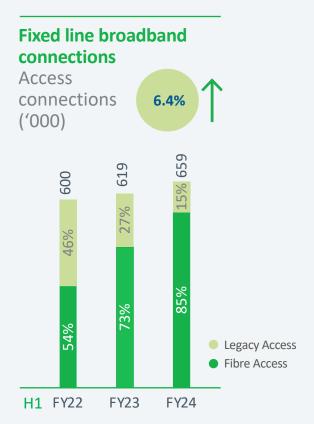
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### **Fixed broadband evolution**





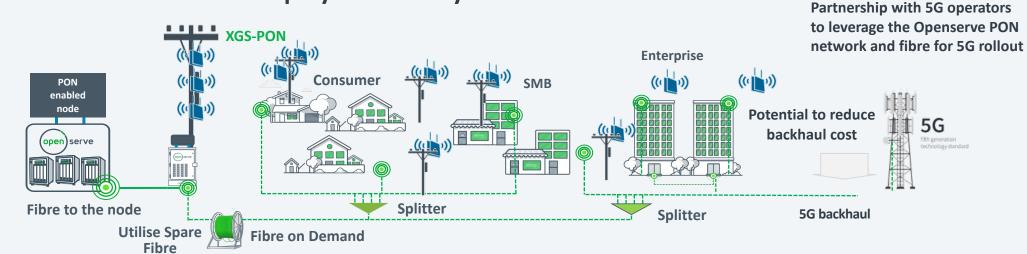


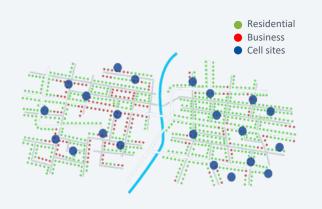


## Fibre on demand strategy aligned to future 5G enablement



### Openserve Pole and fibre to deploy low latency small cells





### "The World is Going 5G, 5G is going Fibre"

Only fibre can support the 5G demand of massive connectivity, high speed and low latency Fibre and 5G complements each other and drive the growth and evolution

**5G** Offload Connect faster transport to Wi-Fi

Openserve has deployed XGS-PON FTTH access fibre over xPON technology (up-to 10Gbps)

5G wireless networks use high-frequency millimetre waves, however, these waves can only travel about 60 metres. This means that operators will rely on fibre networks for the final stage of connectivity.

Telecommunication companies will install lower-cast, small cell sites - which are much cheaper than macro cell towers - thereby relying on fibre networks as the backbone of 5G technology.

