

# **INVESTOR PRESENTATION**

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# Solocal a new business profile

Post LBO restructuring with a debt reduced from €2,0bn to €1,2bn in 3 years

Strategic reset of the business and execution of "Digital 2015" transformation plan

## CONTAINED PRINT DECLINE

at 17% with slow eroding margin at 45%

## STRONG INTERNET BUSINESS

Sizable with 67% of Group revenues and profitable margin at 39%



~€1BN REVENUES



- New positioning as a pure online local communication business
- Building unique online local business content for 650K clients
- Leveraging strong direct audiences on desktop and mobile
- Partnerships with global online giants
- Reorganization by 6 verticals to better meet client online communication needs
- And compete with vertical market places



## **Our mission**





## What we do for our client

















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**Global Partners** 





## WE CREATE ONLINE BUSINESS CONTENT

650k active advertisers

250k client websites









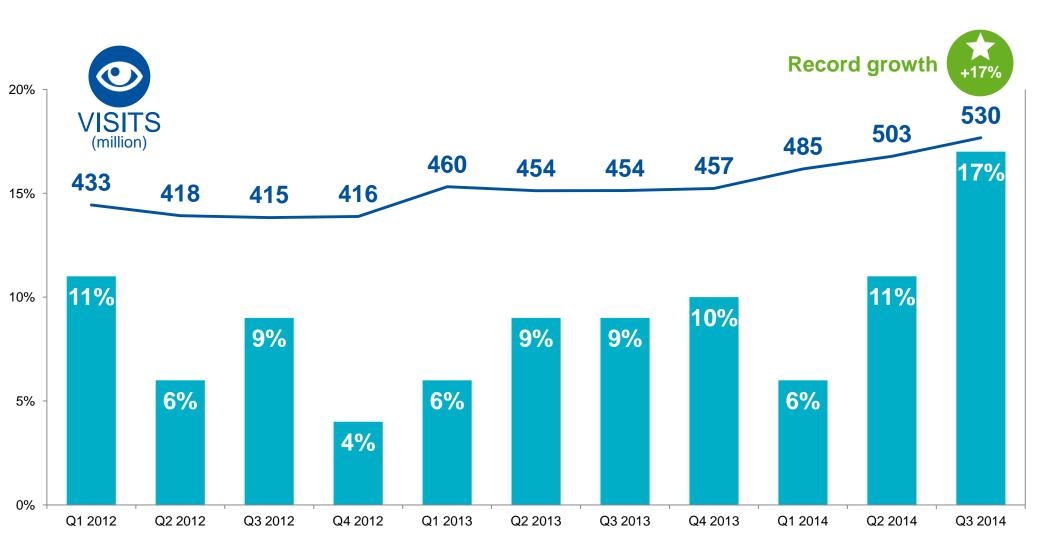








# Strong digital audiences and accelerating growth





# Mobile: growing engagement and revenues



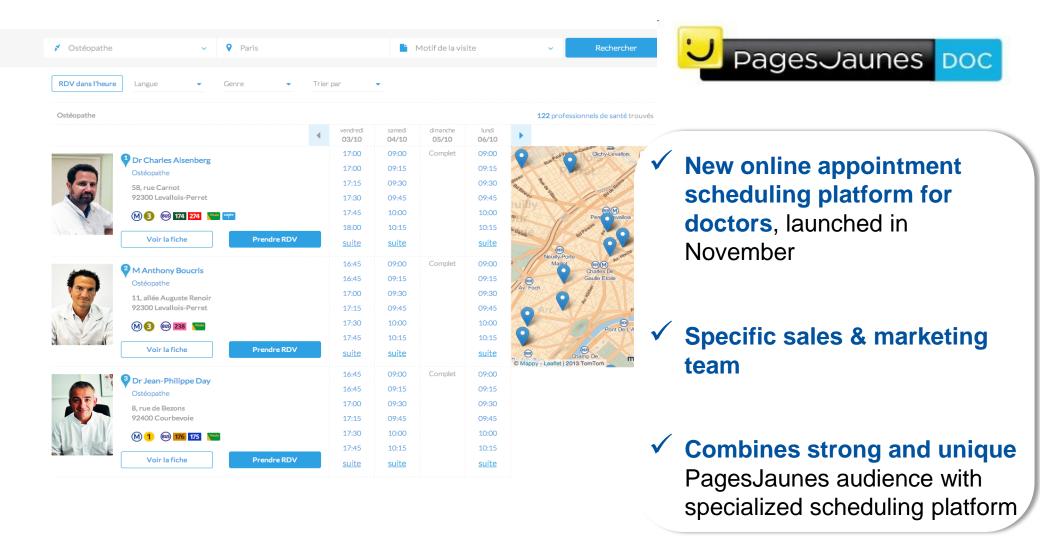


# Top 5 in France audience with 3 brands in top 100



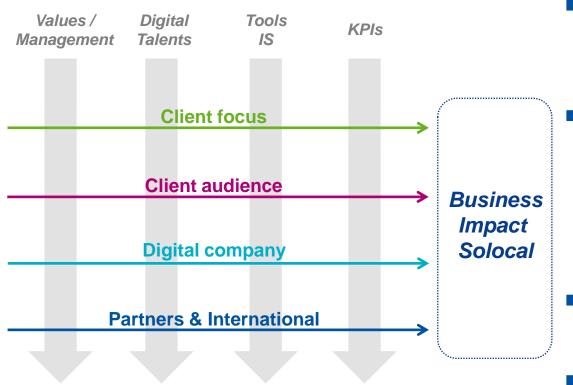


# Specialized marketplaces to add relevant expertise and in depth content





# Essential « Digital 2015 » transformation program to deliver overall growth supported by strong online performance



**Behaviors and culture Solocal** 

■ ACHIEVE OVERALL POSITIVE REVENUE **GROWTH IN 2015** which requires an online growth above 7%

## ■ AN INVESTMENT OF 200M€ IN 3 YEARS TO:

- Transform the sales model (40M€ restructuring) charges in 2013/14)
- Verticalize and invest in sales (+ 30m€ in annual sales cost as of Sept 2014)
- · Accelerate development of audiences and build a new IS (70m€ capex between 2013 and 2016)
- ABOUT 80 PROJECTS IN 3 YEARS OF WHICH HALF ALREADY HAS BEEN DELIVERED
- TEAMS, SKILLS, CULTURE AND BEHAVIORS IN DISRUPTIVE CHANGE with in particular an increasingly new client focus



# **Expert teams organized in 6 vertical business units**

Retail



- € 148 M revenues
- **€ 870** ARPA
- 170K customers
- 540 sales heads

**Service** 



- € 148 M revenues
- € 1,640 ARPA
- 90K customers
- 300sales heads

Home



- € 258 M revenues
- € 1,780 ARPA
- 145K customers
- 450sales heads

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- € 140 M revenues
- € 1,395 ARPA
- 100K customers
- 360 sales heads

**Public** 



- € 94 M revenues
- **€ 1,110** ARPA
- 85K customers
- 310 sales heads

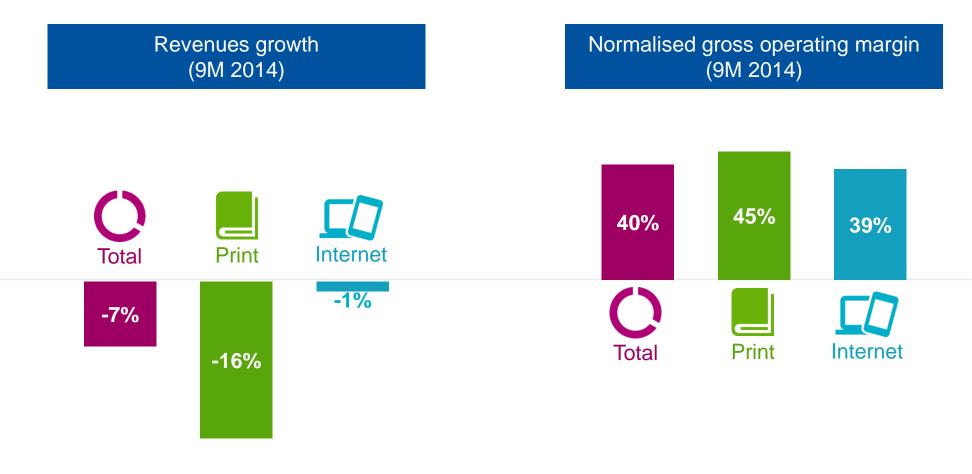
Large accounts



- € 80 M revenues
- **€ 7,990** ARPA
- 10K customers
- 75 sales heads

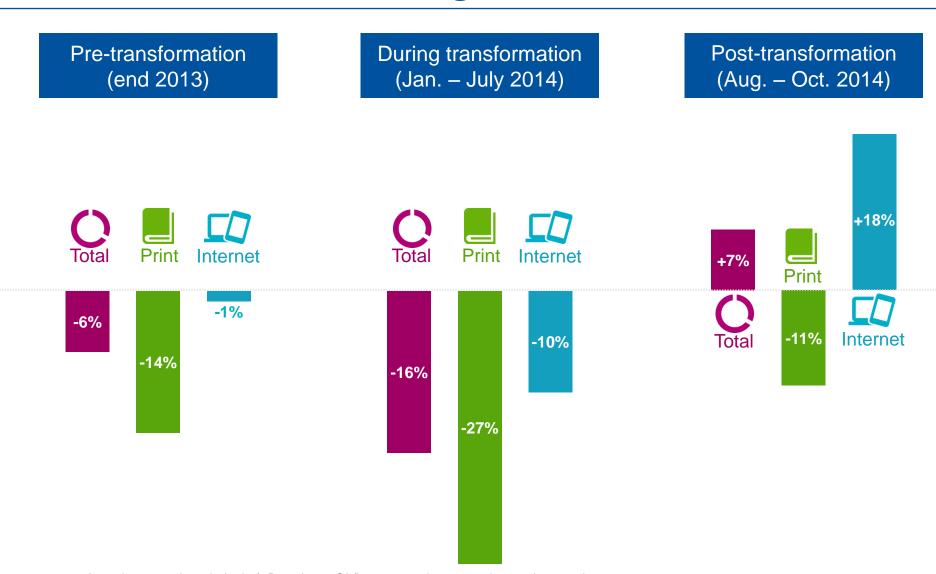


# Group transformation has affected Internet short term revenue growth and profitability ...





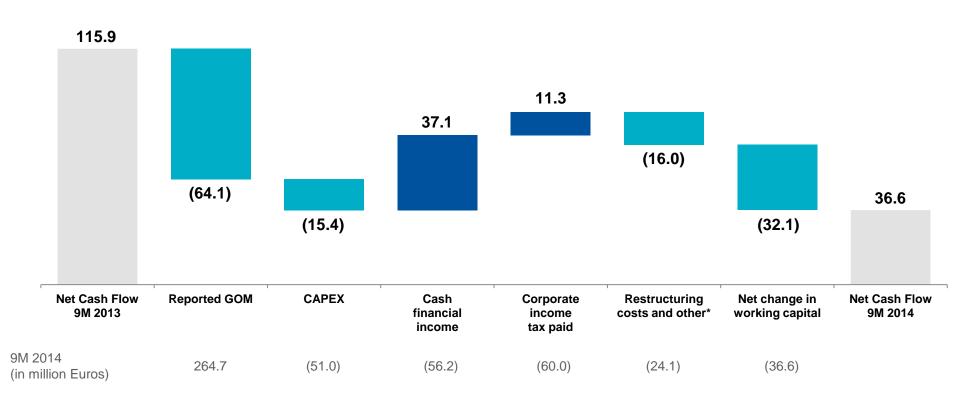
# ... but the new organisation has started to deliver substantial increase in PagesJaunes orders intake





# A decrease in net cash flow due to GOM reduction and temporary restructuring cost and change in working capital

## Net cash flow as of 30 September 2014 in million Euros





## **Outlook**

The Group expects 2014 revenues and normalised gross operating margin<sup>1</sup> around the low end of the announced guidance:

- Revenues decrease expected between -3% and -6%
- Normalised<sup>1</sup> gross operating margin expected between 355 million euros and 375 million euros

Digital 2015 investments shall allow to return to global growth in 2015 by generating about 75% of revenues on Internet.





# **GLOSSARY**

# **Glossary - Operating P&L**

### **Group Digital revenues:**

• Total of Internet revenues from PagesJaunes (pagesjaunes.fr, annoncesjaunes.fr, pagespro.com, websites and mobile Internet) and Internet revenues from all other subsidiaries in the Group

## **Net external expenses:**

- Include external purchases: primarily include the editorial costs (purchase of paper, printing and distribution of printed directories), costs linked to databases, expenses for the information system, communication and marketing expenses, as well as structure expenses. For example: costs for producing Internet sites (launch of the Internet Visibility Pack), information system costs in line with the new developments, linked to services for advertisers or new functionality on the pagesjaunes.fr website
- And also include the operating income and expenses: primarily comprised of taxes, certain provisions for risks, and provisions for bad debts

## Salaries and charges:

Exclude employee profit-sharing and share-based payment

### **Gross operating margin (GOM):**

Revenues less external purchases, operating expenses (net of operating income) and salaries and social charges. The
salaries and social charges included in the gross operating margin do not include employee profit-sharing or the cost of
share-based payment.

## Normalised gross operating margin (GOM):

• GOM adjusted for accounting effects (without cash impact) related to the implementation of the new sales contracts

## **Return On Investment (ROI)**



# **Glossary – Financial Structure**

#### **Net financial debt:**

 Total gross financial debt plus or minus the fair value of derivative asset and liability hedging instruments and minus cash and cash equivalents

#### Ratio of Net Debt to GOM:

 Such as defined in the agreement concluded with the creditors, i.e. the ratio between an aggregate of consolidated net debt (excluding fair value of hedging instruments and loan issuing expenses) and an aggregate close to consolidated GOM

## Ratio of GOM to net financial expenses:

• Such as defined in the agreement concluded with the creditors, in other words the ratio between an aggregate close to consolidated GOM and an aggregate of consolidated net financial expenses (excluding change in fair value of hedging instruments recognised in P&L and loan issuing expenses amortisation

## Average cost of total debt:

 Weighted average of bank debt cost and coupon on the high yield notes, annualised when the period is less than 12 months



# Glossary – Audiences & Sales orders

#### **Audiences**

- Syndicated: indirect audiences on PagesJaunes contents excluding PagesJaunes digital media (such as Bing, Yahoo!, Comprendre Choisir,...)
- **SEO & affiliates**: audiences on PagesJaunes digital media from affiliate partners (MSN, Nosibay, Free & Alice, Planet, L'internaute) and SEO (Search Engine Optimisation)
- **Direct**: audiences resulting from the expressed willingness of a user to access the PagesJaunes digital media (direct access and brand research on a search engine)

#### Sales orders

Sales orders correspond to orders invoiced over a given period and refer to the perimeter of the Group.





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