# 2021 ANNUAL RESULTS

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#### √ Revenue

- $\checkmark$  growth for the third consecutive quarter<sup>1</sup> (+6.4% in Q4 2021 vs. Q4 2020)
- √ flat in 2021 (FY 2021 revenue -1.1% vs. FY 2020 revenue<sup>1</sup>)
- ✓ Guidance delivered: €121.5 m Recurring EBITDA reached, as announced
- Slight erosion of customer base (-1.9% vs. 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020; net decrease of -6k customers<sup>2</sup>), mainly driven by churn reduction (net churn rate: 12.8% in 2021 vs. 19.0% in 2020)
- Subscription mode brings recurrence and visibility
- $\checkmark$  €80.2 m net cash position at end of 2021, with a cash generation of +€18.8 m in 2021
- $\checkmark$  Ongoing roll-out of the strategy announced in October 2021:
  - Salesforce: focus on hyper-localisation and stronger support on the new subscription model
  - Customer Focus: ambition (mid-term) for Premium customer experience
  - PagesJaunes: establish a trusted third-party model
  - Offer: continuous improvement of Digital solutions for VSEs/SMEs & large accounts

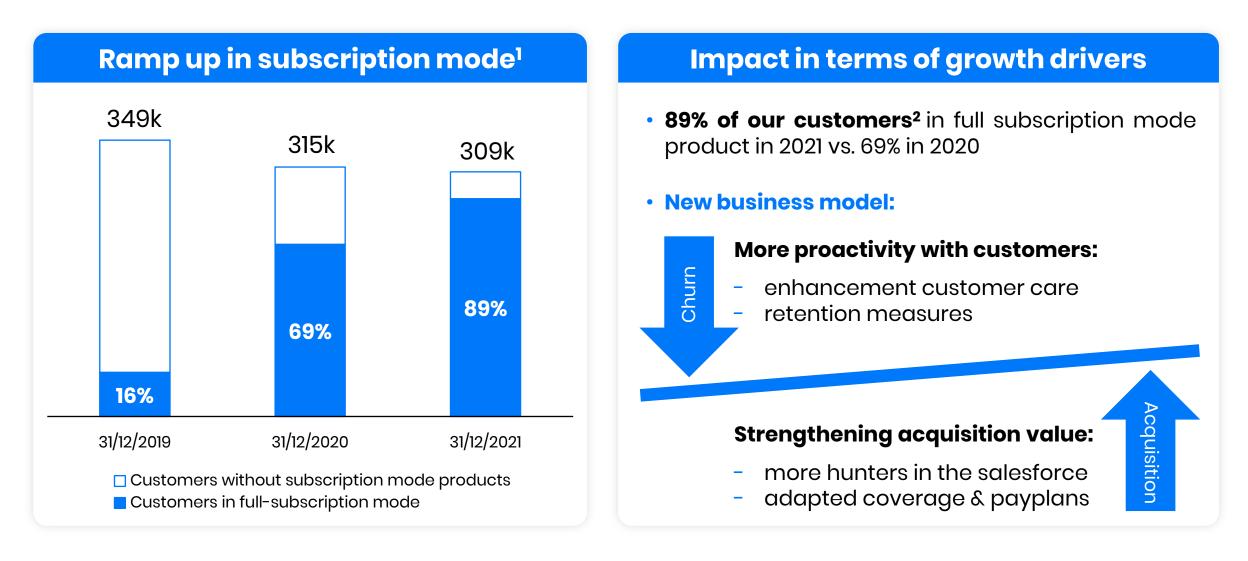
# Operational performance

## Hervé MILCENT Chief Executive Officer

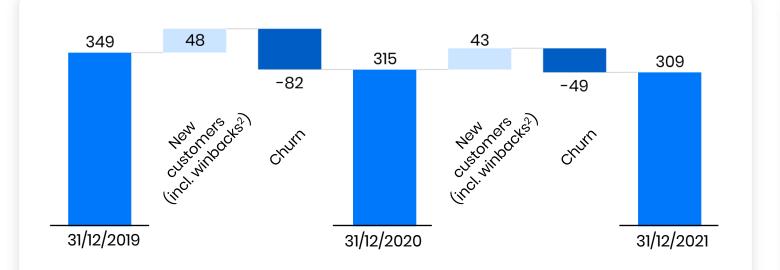




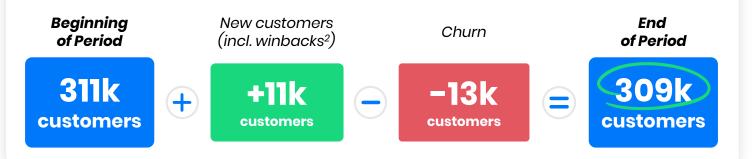




## 2021: slight decrease in customer base



#### Q4 2021 change in customer base



#### Mainly driven by churn

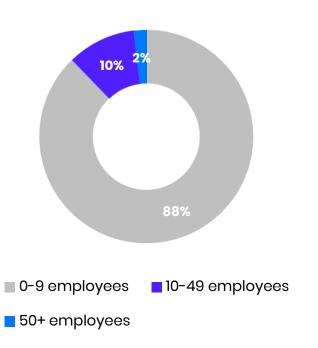
- **Overall decrease** of -6k customers over 2021 vs -34k customers in 2020
- 2021 net churn rate<sup>1</sup> 12.8% vs. 19.0% in 2020

#### • Reasons:

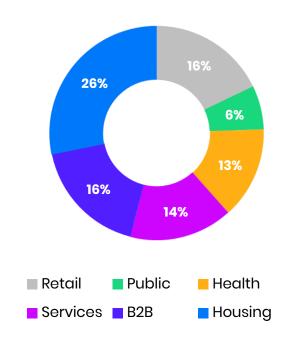
- Efforts on retention
  - Dedicated squad: c. 60 FTEs
  - Ramp up of expertise & know-how
  - Training
  - Specialization according to products
- Full effect of subscription mode
- Churn rate management will stay one of our top priority in 2022



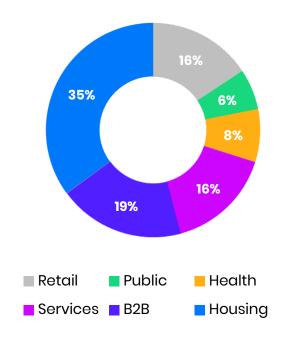
**Customer base split by size** In volume<sup>1</sup>



**Customer base split by industry** In volume<sup>1</sup>



**Customer base split by industry** In value<sup>2</sup>



## PagesJaunes' search queries almost stable, challenge on "direct"

partners searches (in millions) 1670 1654 -1.0% Partners **Partners** Pages Pages Jaunes Jaunes website website & app & app 2020 2021

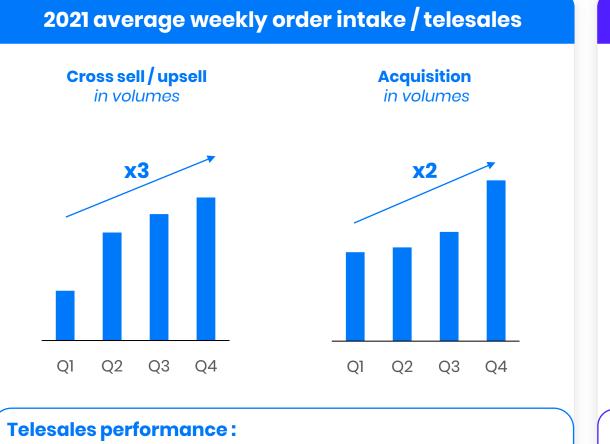
Number of PagesJaunes &

- Reminder: new KPI = SEARCH
- Total number of searches almost stable, with diverging trends:
  - Partners: **+5.3%** vs. 2020
  - PagesJaunes app & website + SEO: -9.6% vs. 2020, partly due to decrease in brand notoriety

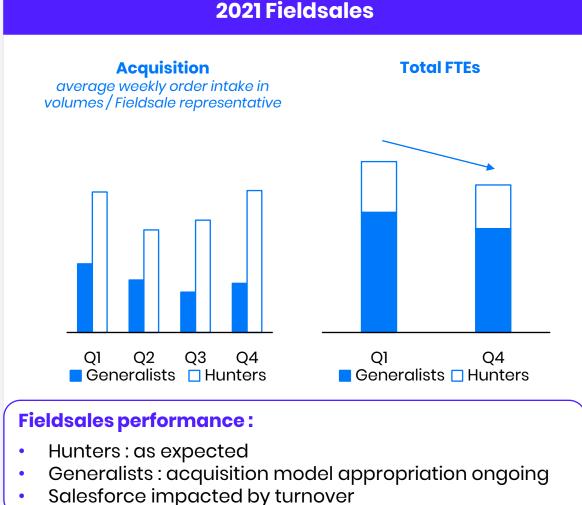
#### • Ongoing efforts in 2021:

- Modernized website user experience & new app launched in December
- Work on the technical search engine for more relevance
  - → +3% in clicked searches rate in H2 2021 vs H2 2020

## Operational key performance indicators



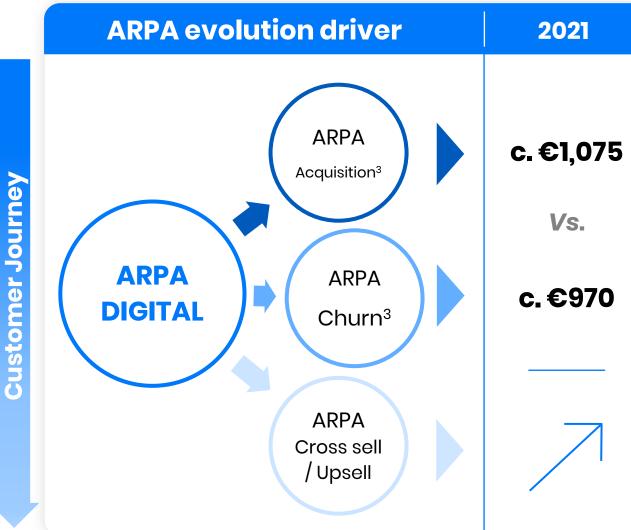
- Industrialization of telesales model : ramp-up of the acquisition model
- > 85% 24-months commitment in acquisition

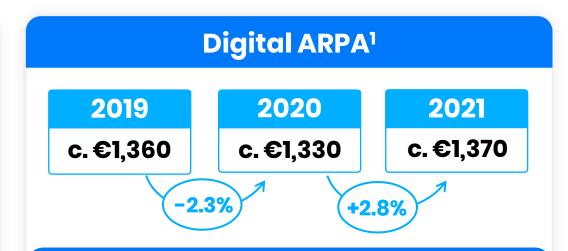


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## +2.8% increase in 2021 ARPA





#### Average Digital order intake per Advertiser<sup>2</sup>

	2020	) PF <sup>3</sup>	2021		
Customer segments	Customer base	Average order intake	Customer base	Average order intake	
VSEs	c. 190k	c.€400	c. 220k	c.€600	
Enterprise	c. 90k	c. €2,530	c. 70k	c. €2,950	
Large Accounts	c. 15k	c.€3,100	c. 5k	c.€7,230	
Total	<b>c. 295k</b>	c. €1,170	c. 295k	c. €1,295	

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#### <sup>1</sup>Based on Group revenues, scope excluding QdQ & Mappy <sup>2</sup>Based on order intake, Solocal SA customer base <sup>3</sup>12 months equivalent restatement in 2020

# **Financial Results**

## **Olivier REGNARD** Chief Financial Officer







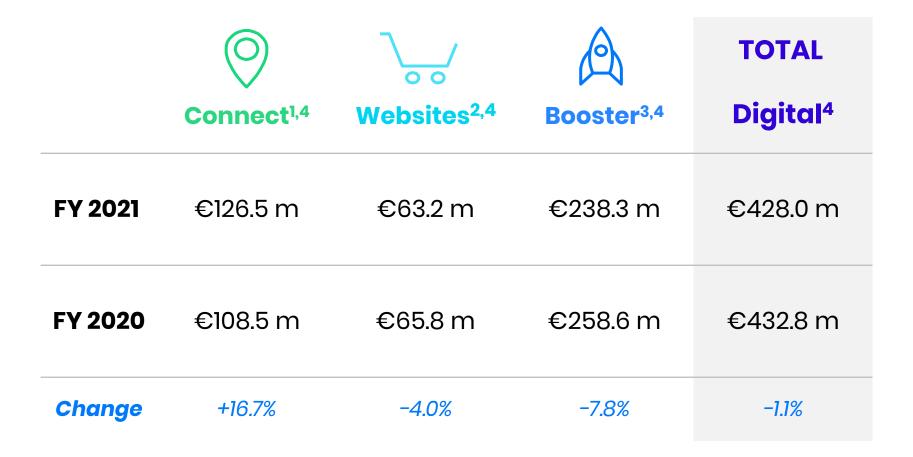


	Q4 2020	Q4 2021	Change
<b>Revenue<sup>2</sup></b> (in million euros)	99.5	105.9	+6.4%
Subscription-based order intake (as a % of order intake) <sup>3</sup>	82%	89%	+7 pts

**Revenue increased by +6.4%,** for the third quarter in a row revenue is growing compared to previous year same quarter revenue, reflecting the progressive attenuation of the health crisis impact

**89% of order intake were subscription-based in Q4 2021**, a normative level on the long run





## Order backlog of €243 m at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

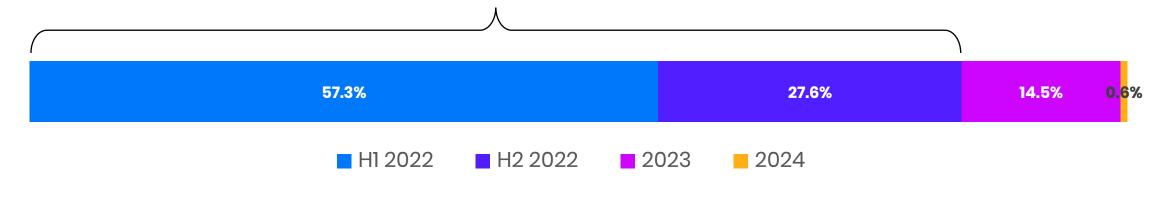
**Reminder:** Order backlog<sup>1</sup> as at 31.12.2020 is not fully comparable to order backlog as at 31.12.2021 because of change in order intake booking dates, due to change in business model (subscription mode)

	Sept 2021	Dec 2021	Change
Order backlog¹ (in € million)	250.9	243.5	-2.9%

Order backlog<sup>1</sup> decrease by -2.9% vs. 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, due to less order intake in Q4 than revenue on the quarter

#### Conversion of order backlog<sup>1</sup> into revenue





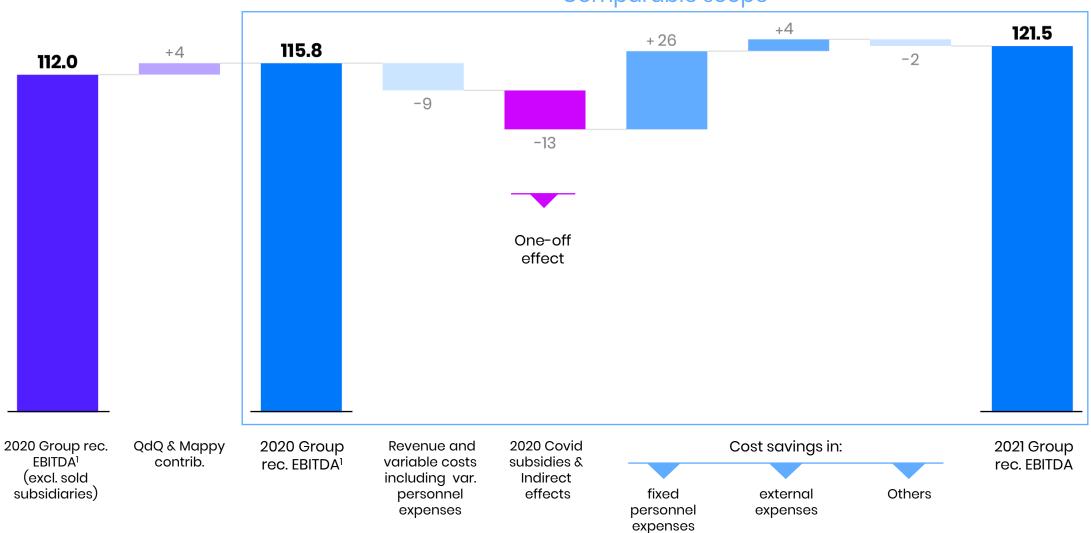
## 2021 Group EBITDA: €121 m, with 28% EBITDA margin

In € million	2020	2021	Change	Change
Revenue	432.8	428.0	(4.8)	-1.1%
Variable cost	(41.1)	(45.8)	(4.7)	+11.4%
Margin on variable costs	391.7	382.2	(9.5)	-2.4%
Margin rate	90.5%	89.3%	-	-1.3 pts
Fixed costs	(276.0)	(260.8)	15.2	-5.5%
Total costs	(317.1)	(306.6)	10.5	-3.3%
Recurring EBITDA	115.8	121.5	5.7	+4.8%
Recurring EBITDA / Revenues	26.7%	28.4%	-	+1.7 pts
Contribution of divested activities	(3.9)	_	_	-
Recurring EBITDA including divested activities	112.0	121.5	9.5	+7.8%

#### Increase in recurring EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

- -€5 m revenue decrease in 2021 vs. 2020
- Margin rate almost stable at 89%
   Increase in spend media (following surge in Booster Contact products in order intake mix)
- Reduction of fixed costs by €15 m coming from :
  - -€13 m non-recurring impact of cost reduction in
     2020 (Covid-19) : €10 m partial unemployment & c.
     €3 m in T&E
  - Significant savings, especially in staff costs in 2021
- Recurring EBITDA at €121.5 m, +4.9% vs. 2020 thanks to cost control
- **Recurring EBITDA margin at 28.4%** in 2021

## Flat revenue and continued cost control



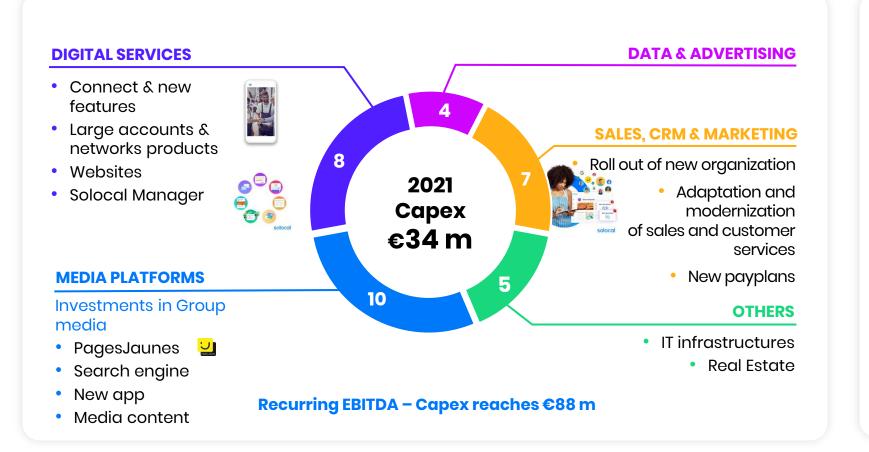
Comparable scope



In € million	2020 PF <sup>1</sup>	2021	Change	Change
Total Revenue	432.8	428.0	(4.8)	-1.1%
Net recurring external expense	(120.7)	(121.6)	0.9	+0.8%
Recurring personnel expenses	(196.3)	(184.9)	(11.4)	-5.8%
Recurring EBITDA	115.8	121.5	5.7	+4.8%
Contribution of divested activities	(3.9)	-	-	-
Recurring EBITDA including divested activities	112.0	121.5	9.5	+7.8%
Non-recurring items	4.2	9.3	5.1	n.a.
Consolidated EBITDA	116.2	130.8	14.6	+12.6%
Gains and losses from disposals	(2.2)	-	-	-
Depreciation and amortisation	(64.6)	(59.5)	5.1	-7.9%
Operating income	49.3	71.3	22.0	+44.6%
Financial income	2.0	(28.5)	30.5	n.a.
Income before tax	51.3	42.8	(8.5)	-16.6%
Corporate income tax	(6.5)	(19.3)	(12.8)	n.a.
Net Income from discontinued activities <sup>1</sup>	20.8	-	-	n.a.
Consolidated Net income Group	65.6	23.5	(42.1)	-64.2%

- Non recurring items consist in reversal of provisions relating to the former transformation plan (non cash effect)
- Reduction in D&A due to CAPEX decrease
- Operating Income of €71.3 m, +44.3% vs. 2020
- Financial Income includes
  - Financial interest on RCF, Bonds and other loans
  - €4.4 m IFRS 16 impact (rents)
  - €3.5 m of non cash amortisation of borrowings
- **Corporate income tax** includes IS & CVAE, impact of change in tax rate on deferred tax

## Capex decrease to €34 m & focused on strategic goals



5 12 2020 Capex €43 m 8 13 • Media Platforms

**Reminder 2020** 

- Digital Services
- Data & Advertising
- Sales, CRM & Marketing

#### A decrease of c. -21% vs. FY2020, in accordance with commitments



In € million	2020	2021	Change
Recurring EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	132.8	121.5	-8.5%
Non-monetary items included in EBITDA	(0.6)	5.1	n.a
Net change in working capital	(89.8)	(20.3)	77.4%
- Of which change in receivables	(67.5)	(10.6)	84.3%
- Of which change in payables	(10.0)	(10.6)	6.4%
- Of which change in other WCR items	(12.3)	0.9	n.a.
Acquisitions of tangible and intangible fixed assets	(43.2)	(34.2)	20.8%
Recurring operating free cash flow	(0.8)	72.1	n.a.
Non-recurring items	(67.0)	(8.1)	87.9%
Disbursed financial result	(5.6)	(13.5)	141.4%
Corporate income tax paid	(5.5)	(6.0)	10.1%
Others	3.1	(0.6)	n.a.
Free cash flow	(75.7)	43.9	n.a.
Increase (decrease) in borrowings	24.1	(6.1)	n.a.
Capital increase	89.2	0.7	n.a.
Others	(17.7)	(19.7)	11.0%
Net change in cash	19.9	18.8	-5.2%
Net cash & cash equivalents BoP	41.5	61.4	n.a.
Net cash & cash equivalents EoP	61.4	80.2	+30.7%

• Reminder: 2020 cash flow statement included the cash contribution of discontinued Print activities

#### • Strong improvement in net change in WC

- -€11 m change in customers receivables due to the stabilization of activity after years of decline;
- Change in other WCR items:
  - -€4.6 m from social & fiscal liabilities repayment (French State)
  - Offset by a TVA Credit received beginning of 2021
- Capital expenditure (CAPEX): €34 m, i.e. -21% vs 2020

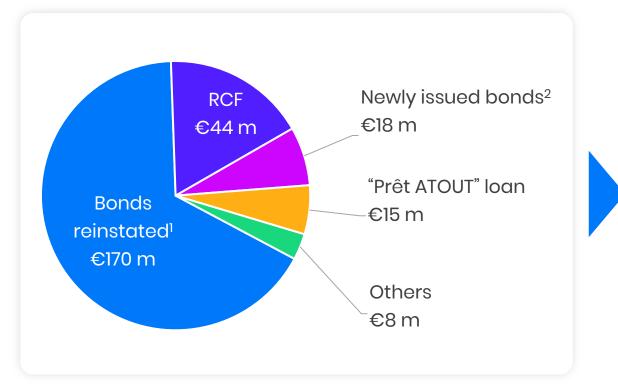


## Which leads to +€19 m net cash generation in 2021

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- Financial result: Paid interests on RCF (€4 m), Bonds (€8 m), & BPI loan (€1 m)
- Corporate income tax: €6 m of "IS", €3 m of CVAE, partially offset by a CIR tax credit of €3 m
- Decrease in borrowings relates to RCF cash repayment (€3 m), BPI repayment (€1 m) and the full repayment of WC line (€2 m)
- "Others" payments are IFRS 16 impact (rents)
- €80 m of cash position at the end of 2021





in million euros	2020	2021
Gross debt	256	255
Cash	61	80
Net debt	195	175
Covenant EBITDA <sup>3</sup>	101	105
Financial leverage	1.9x	1.7x
ISCR	6.1x	5.3x

#### Headroom

2021

52%

- Consolidated Net Leverage ratio<sup>3</sup> (Consolidated net debt / Consolidated EBITDA) < 3.5x</li>
- Interest Service Coverage ratio<sup>3</sup> (Consolidated EBITDA / Consolidated Net Interest Expense) > 3.0x 75%





#### **MAIN OBJECTIVES**

	GOALS	MAIN OBJECTIVES
Societal		
<ul> <li>Fighting the desertication of city centres:         <ul> <li>Short circuits,</li> <li>Developing digital skills in the regions</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ensuring publication of responsible, widely accessible content</li> </ul>	4 Bectrin 1 Constant Con	<ul> <li>Helping local businesses to adopt digital technology</li> <li>Support for solidarity initiatives (TousAntiCovid, Emmaus Connect)</li> <li>Responsible editorial contents</li> <li>Digital accessibility</li> </ul>
Governance		
<ul> <li>Promoting the respect and security of personal data</li> <li>Consolidating ethical governance to ensure the Group's sustainability</li> </ul>	16 PARAMETER Restaurces 12 Consensation Consensation 16 Area, static 16 Area, static	<ul> <li>Awareness policy on IT issues (cybersecurity)</li> <li>Corporate sustainability policy (sustainable procurement, transparent ethics &amp; ESG)</li> </ul>
Social		
<ul> <li>Supporting the transformation of jobs and skills</li> <li>Promoting the development of a pleasant work environment for all</li> <li>Improving employee commitment and making the Group more appealing</li> </ul>	8 HAVE RECEIVE COMBINITY COMBINITY 5 GALLY COMBINITY 5 GALLY COMBINITY 5 GALLY COMBINITY 16 FRAMEWOOD COMBINITY COMB	<ul> <li>Training development plan</li> <li>Fighting absenteeism</li> <li>Training &amp; Advancing gender equality policy</li> <li>Stengthen employee engagement</li> </ul>
Environment		
<ul> <li>Optimising energy consumption, use of resources and reducing the carbon impact for a sustainable digital</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (rationalization of real estate portfolio)</li> <li>Maintain recycling of electrical and electronical equipment waste</li> </ul>







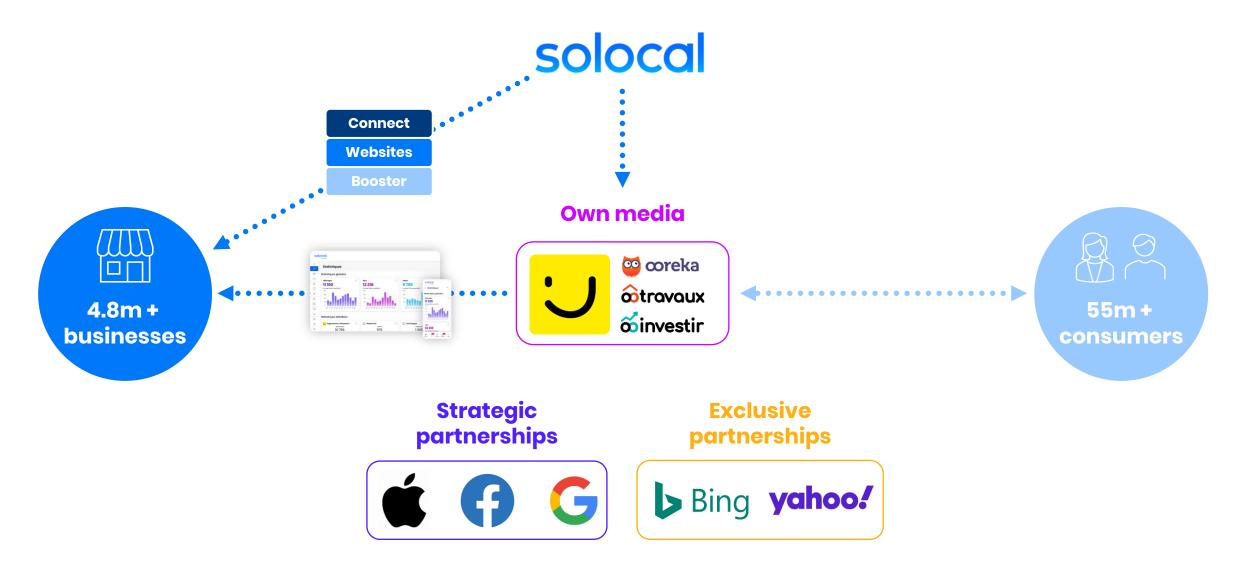
# Strategic review update

## Hervé MILCENT Chief Executive Officer











## Solocal: 2022 & 2023 strategy roll-out

## a 3-step roll out

Execute go-to-market

- Implement full review
   management system
- Reinforce and optimize local coverage

Rebuild trust with customers and end-users

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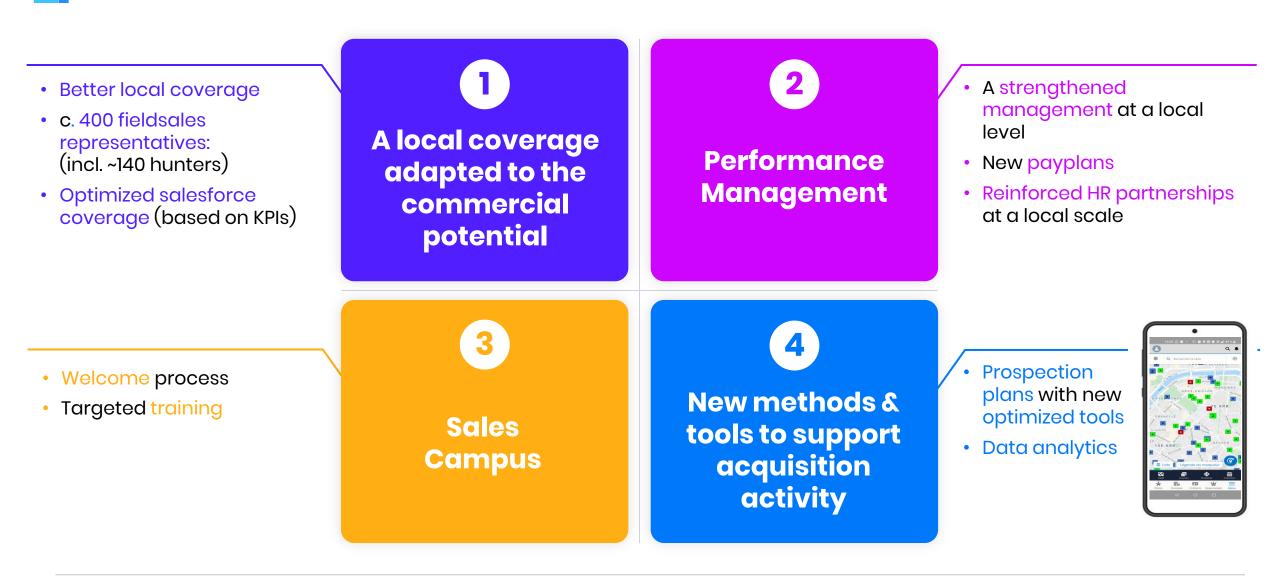
- Better support customers to provide a best-in-class experience
- Strenghten the core value proposition, with a special focus on transforming PJ to a trusted 3rd-party platform

#### Digital solutions upgrade

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- Constant innovation for VSEs/SMEs & Large accounts
- Data monetisation

# 4 pillars of go-to-market for fieldsales



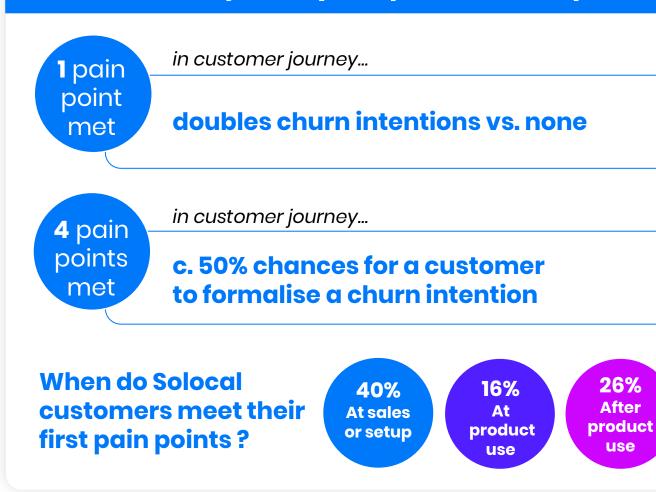


1	A strengthened management at a local level	<ul> <li>1 new Field sales Director</li> <li>2 new Regional Directors hired since October</li> <li>1 ongoing process</li> </ul>
2	Compensation plans	<ul> <li>Payplans discussions achieved successfully</li> <li>Compensation plan mainly focused on new business (acquisition &amp; cross sell)</li> </ul>
3	HR achievements	<ul> <li>c.75 hunters recruited in the 3 last months</li> <li>More than 300 FTEs trained since October 2021</li> <li>c. 2,500 hours of training</li> </ul>
4	New tools	<ul> <li>Contact plans 1<sup>st</sup> version launched, based on sales potential</li> <li>Salesforce maps rolled out</li> </ul>



## Solocal customers have needs to address

#### Customer journey is a pivotal focus point<sup>1</sup>



Address the needs and concerns of the delivered customers' experience

TRUST



# Road to trust: a phygital approach to pave the way for transparency with customers

#### **PHYSICAL SUPPORT**

#### **Optimized interactions**

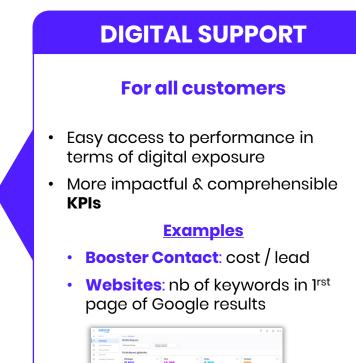
#### For new customers: a dedicated Customer Success Manager (CSM)

- A unique interlocutor, in charge of the dedicated steps from beginning to end of customer journey;
- Systematic onboarding & more regular training

#### For existing customers: a Customer Care Manager (CCM)

- to handle customer questions, requests & complaints according to Solocal standards
- Service Level Agreements & quality scores

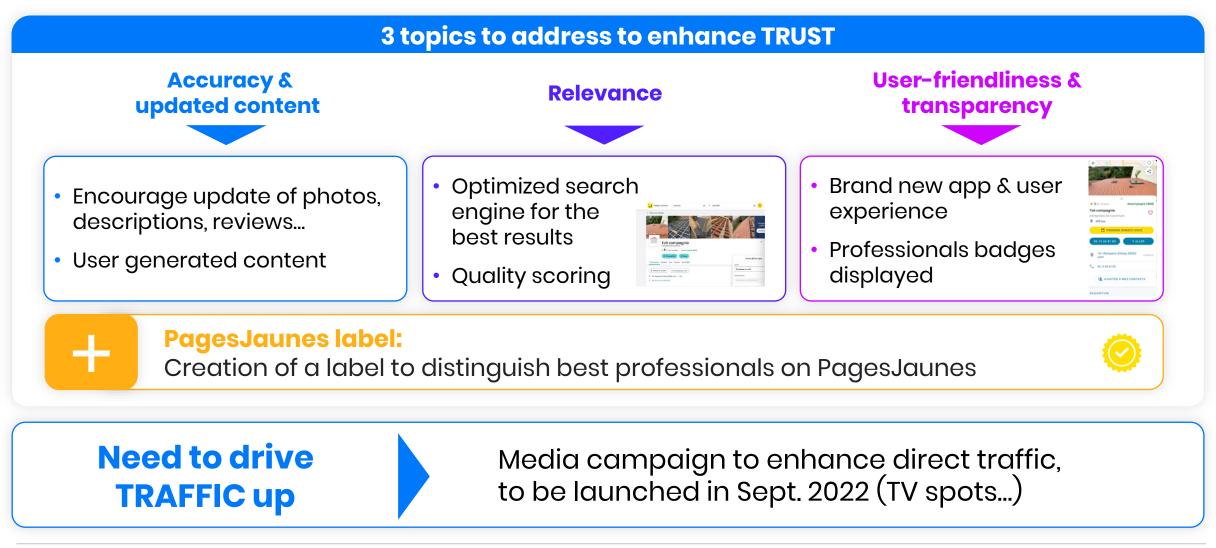






 Mobile device & digital assistant support

## Road to trust: focus on PagesJaunes ambitions for 2022



## 2022 improvements on offers portfolio

Constant innovation & upgrade

for networks

Data

Marketing

Activation

#### **PRESENT OFFER & ENABLERS STAKES 2022** • Social Networks & Display (~50% of Advertising G Strong Solocal algorithms' and Search advertising market in France) engines expertise... But still too many Ads Range Strenghten Booster Contact: spend media 🙂 🞯 products, in silos and lead quality improvements **Presence** Presence Management: leader on Networks Performance presence Management: Accounts to broadcast contents full web management

 Platforms and Usage tailor-made to Networks needs both centrally and locally <sup>4</sup>BRIDGE *solocal* manager

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Performance presence Management: increase networks' point of sales visibility across several search engines, starting with PagesJaunes

#### Historical leadership on data marketing management as a broker: database enrichment and direct marketing campaigns

Strengthen marketing data leadership with:

- 1<sup>st</sup> party data: from data broker to editor
- Platforming of data marketing activation: insights and activation (SMS and RCS)

# Conclusion

## Hervé MILCENT Chief Executive Officer







#### 2021, a transitional year

- New management team
- Flat revenue
- Switch to subscription model completed but ongoing commercial transformation

#### Key priorities / takeaways for 2022

- Strenghten the salesforce team and improvement in the face to face value proposition
- Customer knowledge & sastisfaction
- Constant innovation & solution



**2022 guidance: Comparable revenue, EBITDA & Operating Free Cash Flow**<sup>1</sup> vs. 2021 revenue, EBITDA & Operating Free Cash Flow<sup>1</sup>



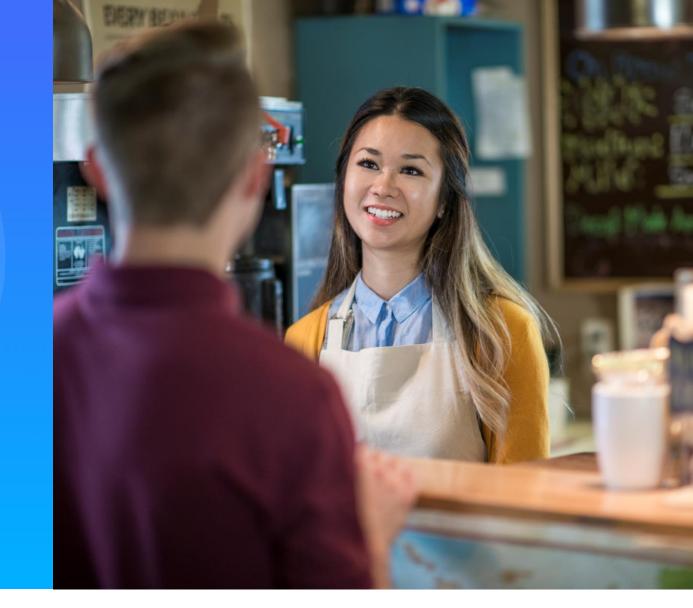
Solocal in line with 2023 & 2024 growth ambitions

# Questions & Answers

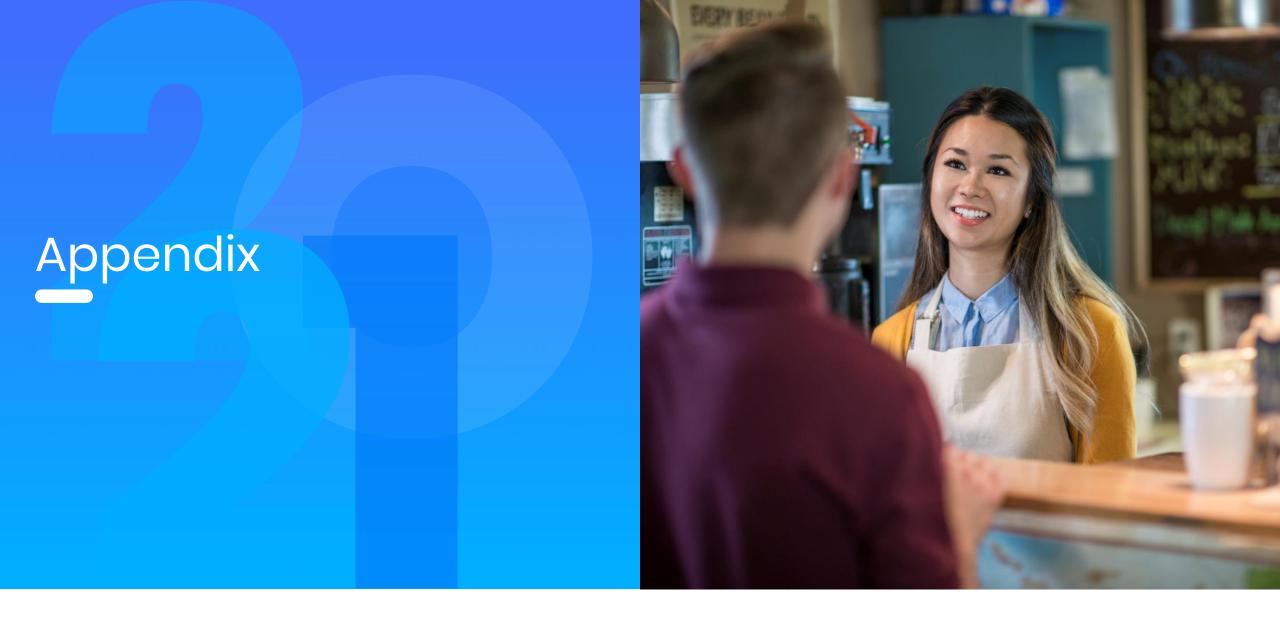
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**Chief Executive Officer** 

### **Olivier REGNARD** Chief Financial Officer





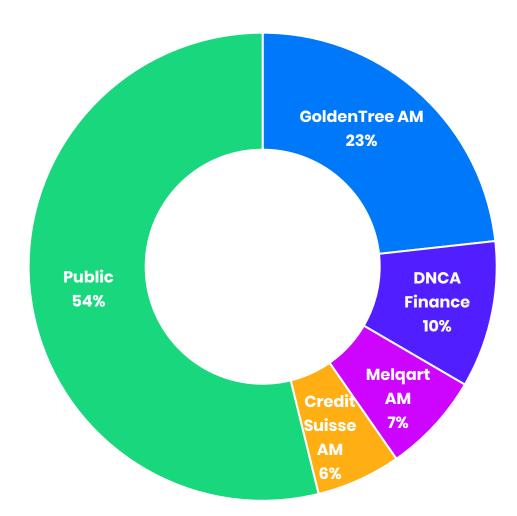




## Shareholding structure & number of shares

## Shareholding structure as at 31.12.2021<sup>1</sup>

- Number of shares:
   131694468
- c.15% of retail investors





Category	<b>31/12/2020</b> Proforma of PSE departures <sup>1</sup>	<b>31/12/2021</b> Proforma of PSE departures <sup>1</sup>
Quota-bearing salesforce	1,558	1,403
Production and Customer Service	439	541
R&D	154	159
Marketing & Product	177	155
Staff (finance, HR & other support departments)	485	470
TOTAL	2,813	2,728

• Departures related to the redundancy plan are taken out of staff figures after their severance benefits are settled



## Main features of the Bonds

#### **Main securities**

- ISIN: FR0013237484
- **Amount¹:** €169.9 m
- Maturity date: March 15th, 2025, with 2.5 non call years
- Interests (as from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020):
  - Euribor with Euribor floor 1% + 7% spread (no less than 8%), 50% in cash and 50% PIK, until 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021
  - Euribor with Euribor floor 1% + 7% (no less than 8%) payable fully in cash thereafter

#### Additional Bonds issued on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020

- ISIN: FR0013527744
- **Amount<sup>2</sup>:**€18.0 m
- All other features similar to the main Bonds

Credit Ratings: Issuer rating		Securities rating	
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Fitch <sup>3</sup>	CCC+	B-	B-
Moody's <sup>4</sup>	Caal stable outlook	Caa2	Caa2

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