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# H1 2022 Highlights

#### Positive Model switch

- **Renewal** mechanism demonstrated its virtues over the semester
- Transformation process of "Generalists" model well underway on acquisition & upsell / cross-sell (positive effects of new payplan...)

## → H1 2022 revenue decrease by -6.2% vs. H1 2021

- Number of "hunters" lower than expected, negatively impacting business activity
- ARPA stable at €1,350
- Customer base at 300k as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, vs 304k as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022
- Adjustement of 2022 guidance, revenue & EBITDA expected at c.-5% vs. 2021
- > Stable **recurring EBITDA** in H1 2022 at €55.8 million, i.e. 27.7% EBITDA margin (vs. 26.4% H1 2021)
- Cash repayment of the RCF, €10 million, as at 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022





# Business update & strategic plan follow up

# **Hervé Milcent**

**Chief Executive Officer** 

# **Autorenewal impact on Solocal business model**

Renew

cquisition

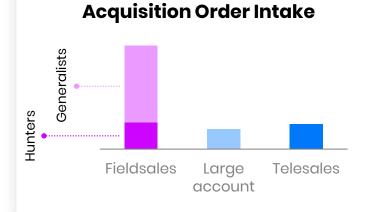




Majority of order intakes driven from « renewal »:

- Virtuous effects of the subscription model
- Subject to churn<sup>2</sup> management control
- An encouraging trend on the renewal allowing a focus on acquisition





Salesforce's main key driver based on:

- Ongoing development of hunter salesforce key for acquisition (60% of acquisition generated by field sales)
- Telesales dedicated to lower ARPA is now fully rolled-out and efficient



# Customer satisfaction is the key pillar to manage churn

#### Churn analysis in Q2 2022

Churn<sup>1</sup>: +1 pt increase vs. Q1 2022 as expected





#### Cohort's effect thanks to the renew

- Renew of the first cohort of 24 months subscription's customer in 2020
- Contract cohort's increase between H1 2021 and H1 2022: +84%



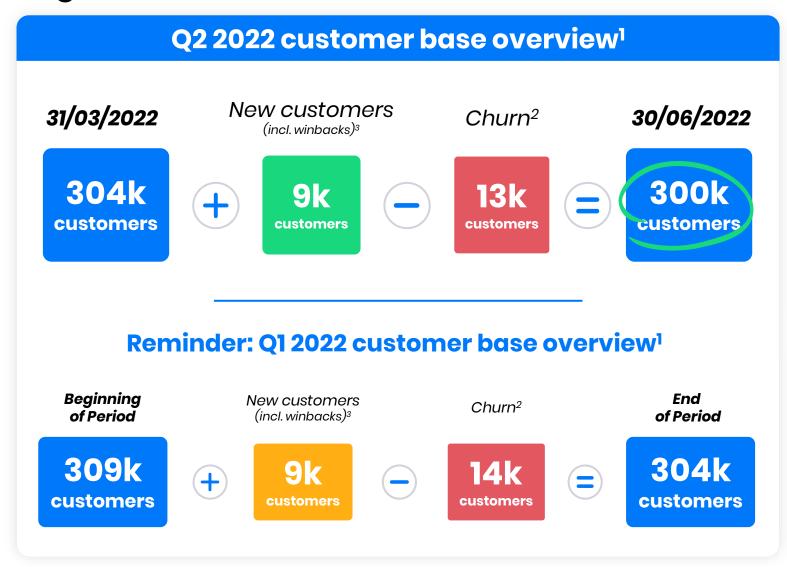
#### First positive effects of customer satisfaction initiatives



- Satisfaction survey<sup>2</sup> sent during the customer's journey
- Speech analytics rolled-out to analyze recorded calls and improve customer's interactions since Q2 2022



# Slight erosion of customer base in Q2 2022



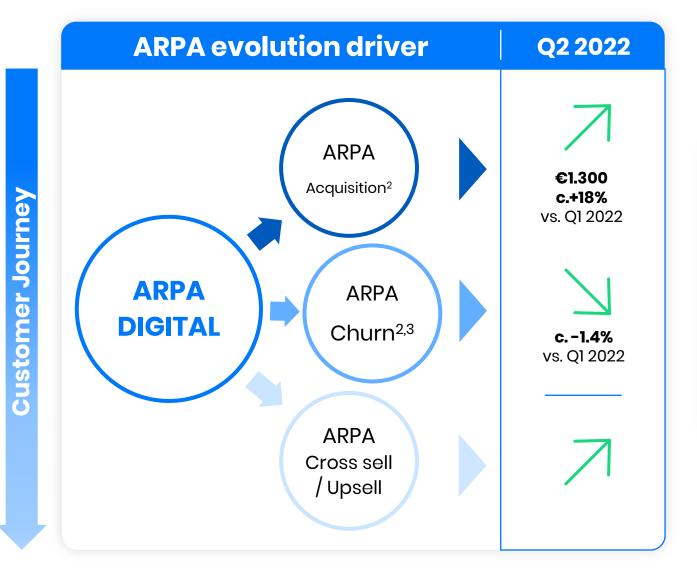
#### Customer base in Q2 2022

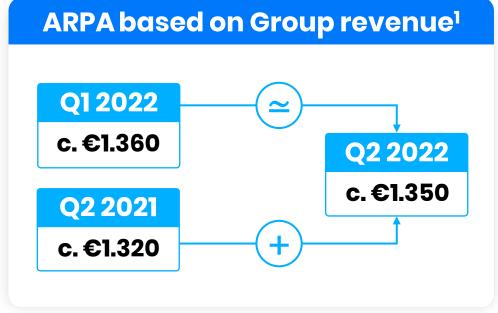
- **300k customers** vs. 304k as at 31st March 2022
- Level of new customers still below expectations (9k customers)

Retention c. 53% rate<sup>4</sup>



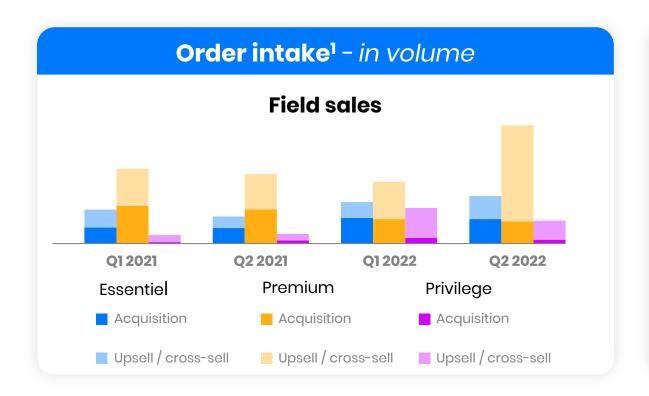
## **Q2 2022: ARPA stable at c. €1,350**

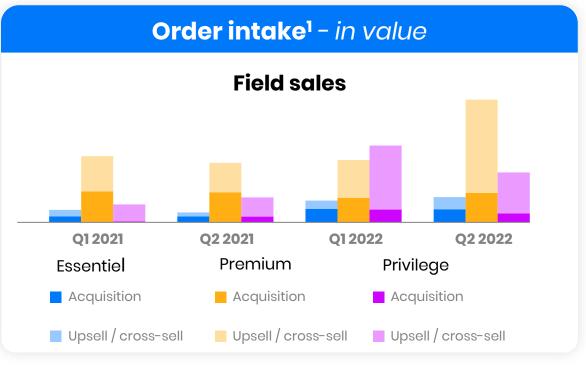






# Increasing ARPA: illustration of field sales strategy on websites





- Field sales succeed in increasing ARPA thanks to upsell & cross-sell especially on "Premium" & "Privilege" websites
- Field sales benefit from dedicated onboarding to assist customers

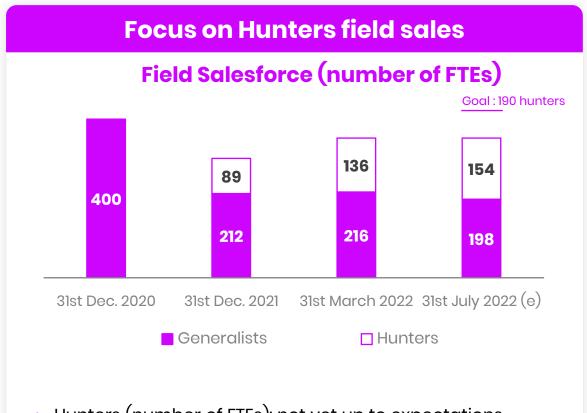


# Strategic plan follow-up over H1 2022

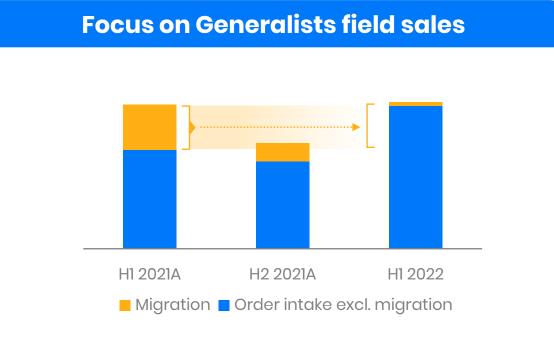




# Ongoing salesforce transformation program (1/2)



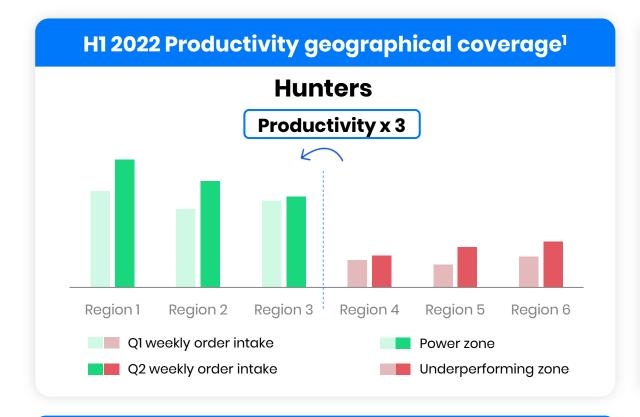
- Hunters (number of FTEs): not yet up to expectations
- Salesforce impacted by turnover due to a tough market context

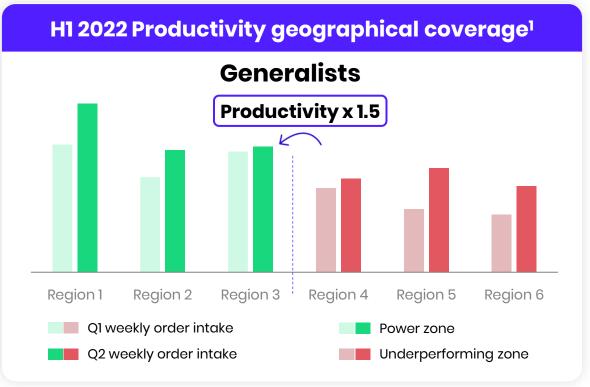


- First positive effects of the new payplan roll-out
- Business developpement (acquisition/upsell/cross-sell) fully offsetting renewal
- Pure acquisition increasing but still below expectations
- Encouraging trend of the shift to the new business model



# Ongoing salesforce transformation program (2/2)





#### **Hunters performance:**

- Improved productivity across all regions (« power zone » & « underperforming zone »)
- Strong disconnect between the « Power zone »
   & « Underperforming zone »

#### **Generalists performance:**

- Appropriation of the current model: strong performance on upsell & cross-sell but still below expect on acquisition
- Historical local footprint performance



# H1 2022 Strategic plan follow up

#### **PHYSICAL SUPPORT**

#### For new customers

#### **Customer Success Manager**

- Systematic customer onboarding & more regular training
- A unique interlocutor, with steps from beginning to end of customer journey



In progress

#### For existing customers

#### **Customer Care Manager**

 Handle customer questions, requests & complaints according to Solocal standards

#### In progress

#### RELEVANCE & ACCURACY

#### **Enhanced performance**

- Optimized search engine for best results
- Quality scoring
- User generated content



In progress

In progress

#### Backed by

#### phygital approach



300k + customers & prospects

# **TRUST**



#### **DIGITAL SUPPORT**

#### For all customers

- Easy access to performance in terms of digital exposure
- More impactful & comprehensible KPIs

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#### New dashboards rolled-out



#### **USER EXPERIENCE**

#### **More transparency**

- Brand **new app**
- Professionals badges displayed
- PagesJaunes label to distinguish best professionals



In progress







# H1 Financial Results

# Olivier Regnard Chief Financial Officer

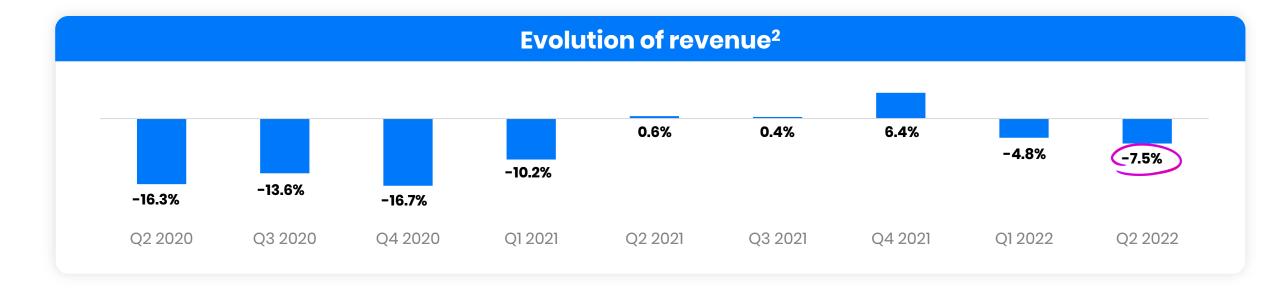
# Q2 2022 revenue decrease by -1.7% quarter on quarter

	Q1	Q2	Change	Q2	Change
	2022	2022	QoQ	2021	YoY
Revenue (in million euro)	101.5	99.7	-1.7%	107.9	-7.5%



#### **Revenue** down by -7.5%, as a result of:

- Salesforce performance below expectations for HI 2022;
- Unfavourable product mix (websites vs booster contact, low performance of large account)





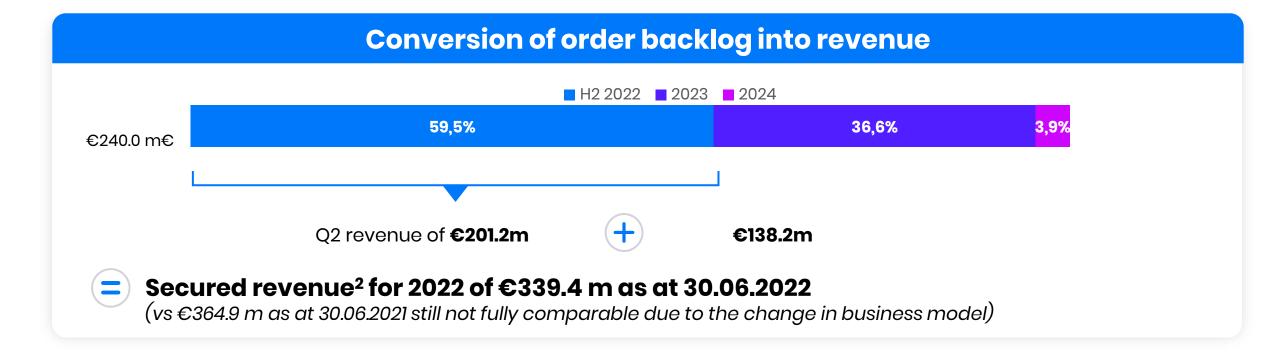
## **Overview of Solocal revenue**

	Connect <sup>1</sup>	Websites <sup>2</sup>	Booster <sup>3</sup>	TOTAL
H1 2022	€72.4m	€30.5m	€98.3m	€201.2m
H1 2021	€61.8m	€31.3m	€121.4m	€214.6m
Change	+17.1%	-2.6%	-19.0%	-6.2%



# Stable order backlog¹ at €240 m and €339 m of secured revenue for 2022

	March 2022	June 2022	Change		
Order backlog¹ (in € million)	242.6	240.0	-1.1%	$\rightarrow$	Order backlog <sup>1</sup> stable, -(1.1%) vs. 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022





# €56m recurring EBITDA in H1 2022

In € million	H1 2021	H1 2022	Change	Change
Total Revenue	214.6	201.2	(13.4)	-6.2%
External expenses	(58.6)	(55.1)	(3.5)	-6.1%
Personnel expenses	(99.4)	(90.3)	(9.1)	-9.1%
Recurring EBITDA	56.6	55.8	(0.8)	-1.3%
Non-recurring items	5.9	0.8	(5.1)	n.a.
Consolidated EBITDA	62.5	56.6	(5.9)	-9.5%
Depreciation and amortisation	(28.2)	(27.8)	0.5	-1.7%
Operating income	34.1	28.8	(5.3)	-15.6%
Financial income	(14.0)	(14.4)	(0.3)	+2.3%
Income before tax	20.1	14.5	(5.7)	-28.1%
Corporate income tax	(8.7)	(3.8)	4.9	n.a.
Consolidated Net income Group	11.5	10.6	(0.7)	-5.7%

- €(13) m revenue decrease in H1 2022 vs. H1 2021, offset by costs reduction by €13 m coming from:
  - €(9)m significant savings in staff costs
  - c.€(4)m of external expenses, driven by spend media and a strict cost monitoring
- €55.8 m flat recurring EBITDA
- 27.7% recurring EBITDA margin at in H1 2022
- c.€28.8m operating Income
- Financial Income:
  - €(9)m financial interest on RCF, Bonds and other loans
  - €(2)m IFRS 16 impact (rents)
  - €(2.8)m of non-cash amortisation of borrowings
- Corporate income tax includes IS & CVAE



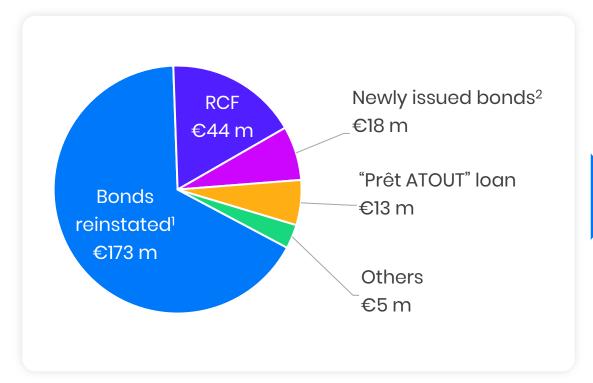
# €15m Recurring Operating Cash Flow in H1 2022

In € million			
	H1 2021	H1 2022	Change
Recurring EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	56.6	55.8	(0.7)
Non-monetary items included in EBITDA	2.8	0.2	(2.6)
Net change in working capital	(8.1)	(14.9)	(6.8)
- Of which change in receivables	(0.8)	(2.3)	(1.5)
- Of which change in payables	(7.9)	(5.3)	2.6
- Of which change in other WCR items	0.6	(7.4)	(8.0)
Acquisitions of tangible and intangible fixed assets	(16.9)	(15.4)	1.5
Recurring operating free cash flow	34.3	25.6	(8.7)
Non-recurring items	(7.3)	(1.6)	5.7
Disbursed financial result	(5.4)	(9.2)	(3.8)
Corporate income tax paid	0.1	(2.2)	(2.3)
Others	(0.6)	0.1	0.7
Free cash flow	21.1	12.8	(8.3)
Increase (decrease) in borrowings	-	(2.0)	(2.0)
Capital increase	0.7	-	(0.7)
Others	(12.2)	(8.6)	3.6
Net change in cash	9.6	2.1	(7.5)
Net cash & cash equivalents BoP	61.4	80.2	18.8
Net cash & cash equivalents EoP	71.0	82.3	11.3
Operating free cash flows (including IFRS 16) <sup>3</sup>	17.0	15.4	(1.6)

- Negative net change in WCR of €(15)m
  - €(3)m change in customers receivables;
  - Change in other WCR items includes €(4)m from social & fiscal liabilities repayment (French State) vs €(2)m in H1 2021
- Capital expenditure: €15 m
- Cash out interest: Bonds €(7.6)m, RCF €(1.1)m and BPI loan €(0.4)m
- **Decrease in borrowings**: BPI repayment €(2)m
- "Others" corresponds to rents (IFRS 16 impact)
- €82.3m of cash position end of June 2022



#### Focus on debt structure



In million euros	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2021	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
Gross debt	255	253
Cash	80	82
Net debt	175	171
Covenant EBITDA <sup>3</sup>	105	107
Financial leverage	1.7x	1.6x
ISCR	5.3x	5.2x

#### Headroom

30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

• Consolidated Net Leverage ratio<sup>3</sup> (Consolidated net debt / Consolidated EBITDA) < 3.5x

54%

• Interest Service Coverage ratio<sup>3</sup> (Consolidated EBITDA / Consolidated Net Interest Expense) > 3.0x

**75%** 

€10 m full cash repayment of the RCF (max. mandatory repayement)





# Conclusion

# **Hervé Milcent**

**Chief Executive Officer** 

### Conclusion



- Transition completed (renewal/ subscription mode)
- Subscription mode mechanism confirmed and stabilized
- Ramp-up of « hunters » model slower than expected (retention issues)
  - ⇒ Adjustment of Solocal revenue 2022 outlook, at -5% vs 2021 revenue
- 2022 Recurring EBITDA c. -5% vs 2021 thanks to strict cost monitoring
- Operating free cash flows¹ expected at c. €30m, for 2022
- Solid **cash positon of €82** m as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 & net leverage ratio<sup>2</sup> of 1.6x

# ightarrow Outlook

Solocal's mid-term strategic plan remains unchanged. Mid term objectives will be updated at year-end





# A&P