

## **INVESTOR PRESENTATION**

JANUARY 2015

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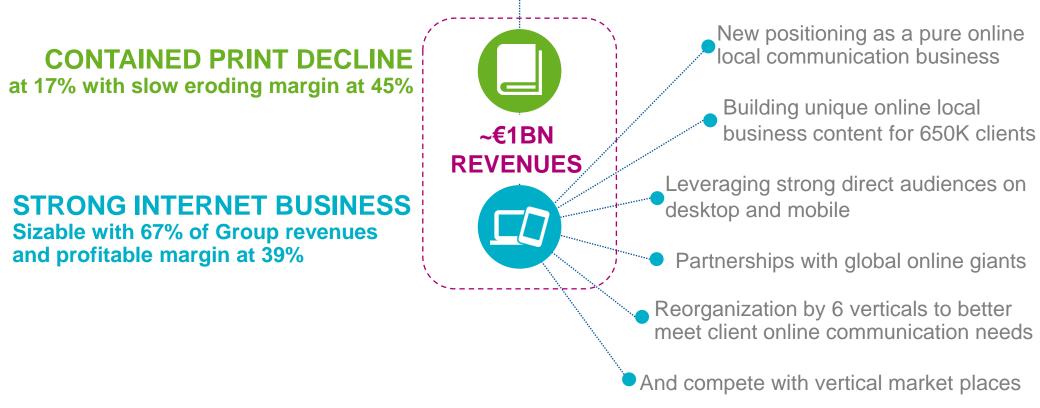
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## Solocal a new business profile

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





Gross debt respectively at 12/31/2011 and at 09/30/2014 Around €1Bn revenues on a full year basis Print decline and Normalized GOM ratio for the first 9 months 2014 Internet revenues and Normalized GOM ratio for the first 9 months 2014

## **Our mission**



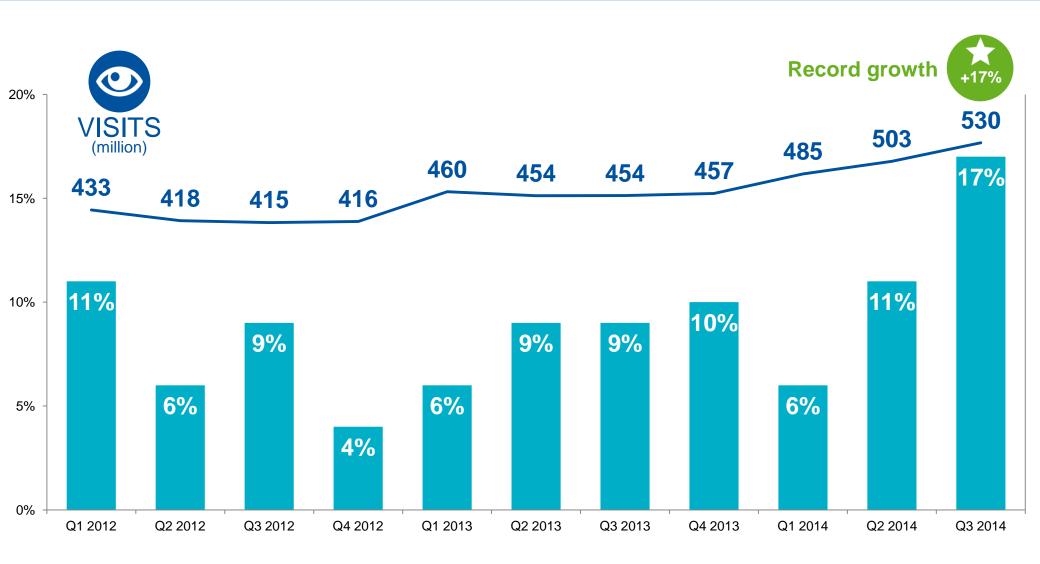
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### What we do for our client





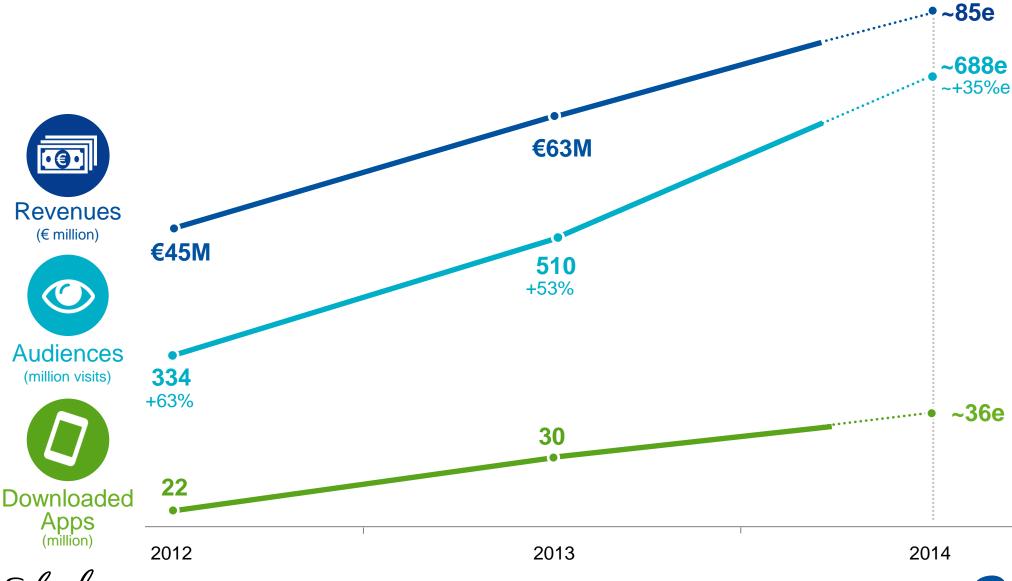
## Strong digital audiences and accelerating growth





Internal source : quarterly evolution of total group audiences for fixed and mobile Internet

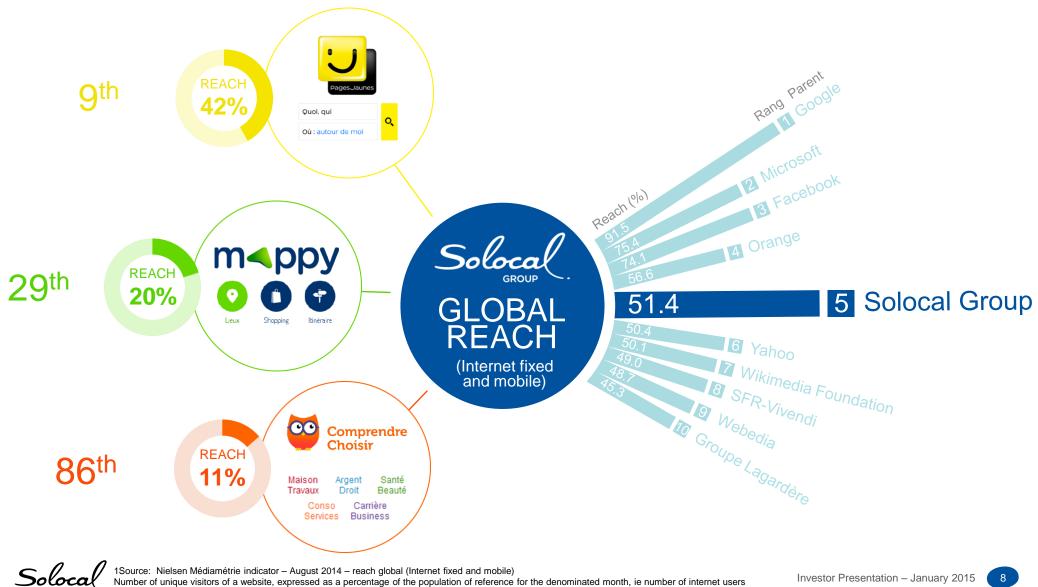
### **Mobile: growing engagement and revenues**



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Internal source : audiences for total Group on fixed and mobile Internet , apps for total Group downloaded The figures for 2014 are estimated by the company.

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



1Source: Nielsen Médiamétrie indicator – August 2014 – reach global (Internet fixed and mobile) Number of unique visitors of a website, expressed as a percentage of the population of reference for the denominated month, ie number of internet users (Ratio: Number of deduplicated unique visitors of a group's internet sites over a month / Number of active internet users over the same month).

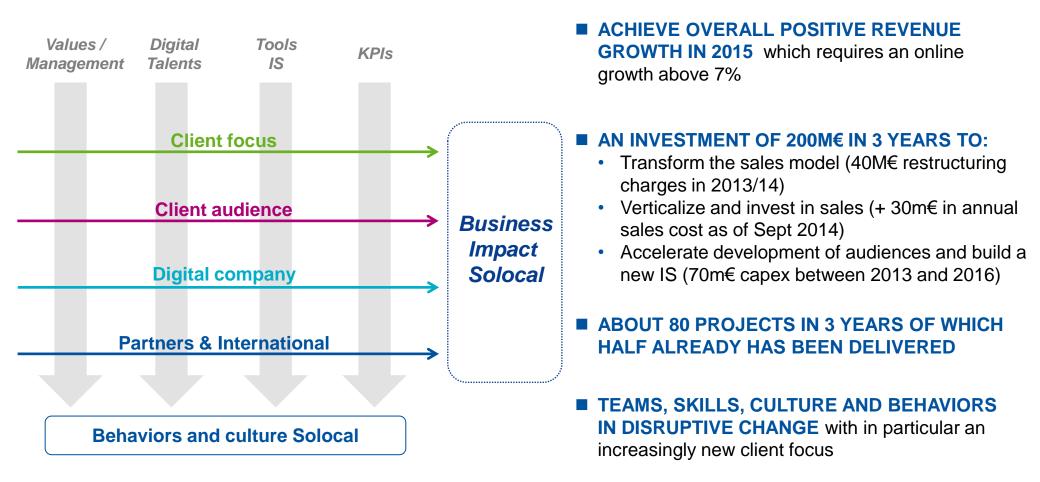
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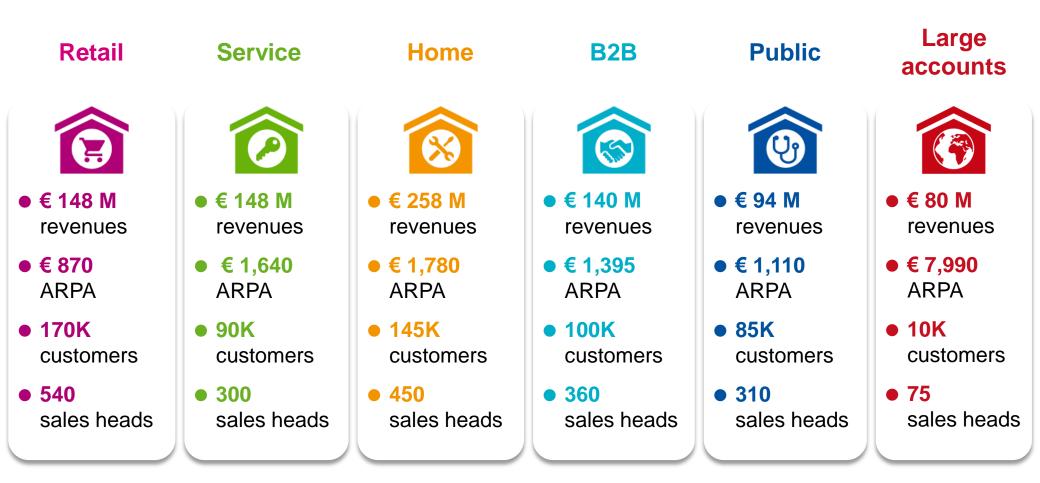
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specialized scheduling platform

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



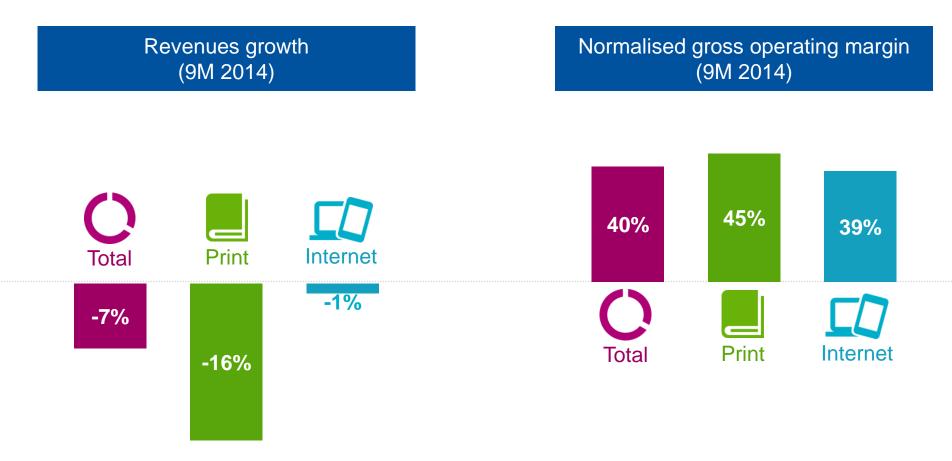
## **Expert teams organized in 6 vertical business units**





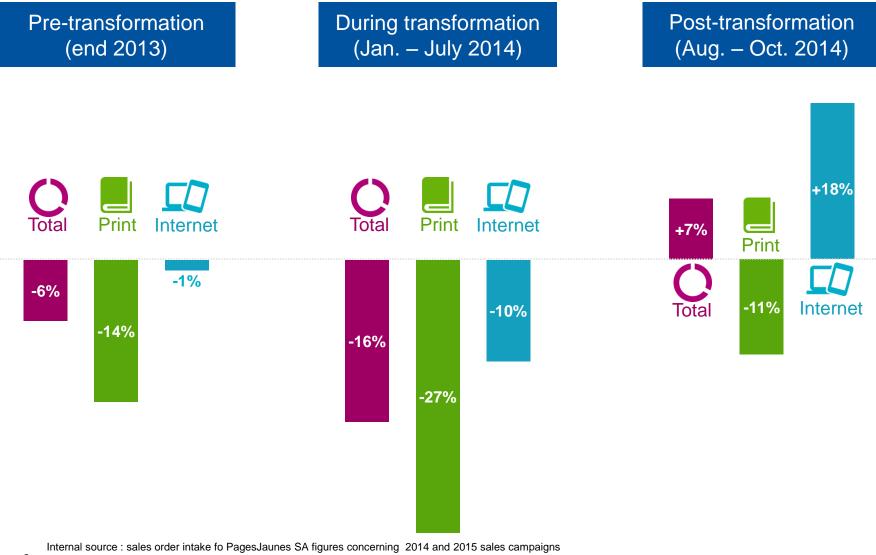
Internal source : Sales order intake indicated for the 6 BUs represent about 90% of total group revenues. Key indicators concern 2014 'édition' (ended on 08/31/2014) over the past 12 months for the following scope : only PagesJaunes in France, with also Chronoresto in the 'Retail' BU, Sotravo in the 'Home' BU, Horyzon Media and ClicRDV in the 'Large Accounts' BU.

## 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

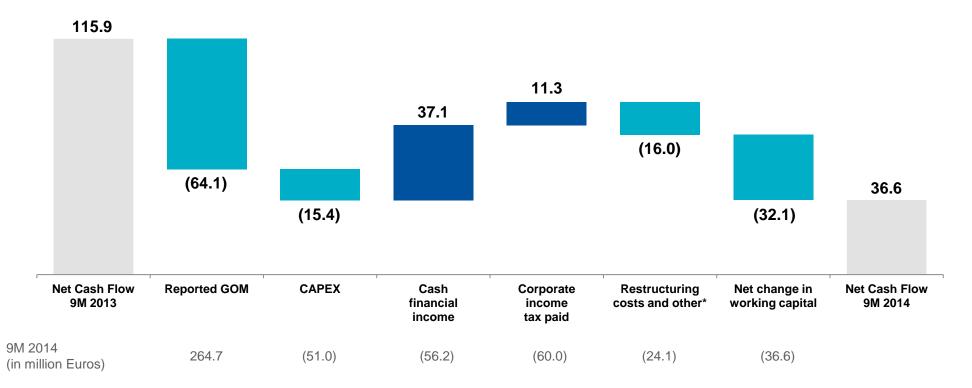


Pre-transformation : reporting edition 2014 versus edition 2013 until 12/31/2013 / During transformation : reporting edition 2014-2015 versus edition 2013-2014

from 01/01/2014 to 08/01/2014 / Post-transformation : reporting edition 2015 versus edition 2014 from 08/02/2014 to 10/31/2014

## 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





## 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.





## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

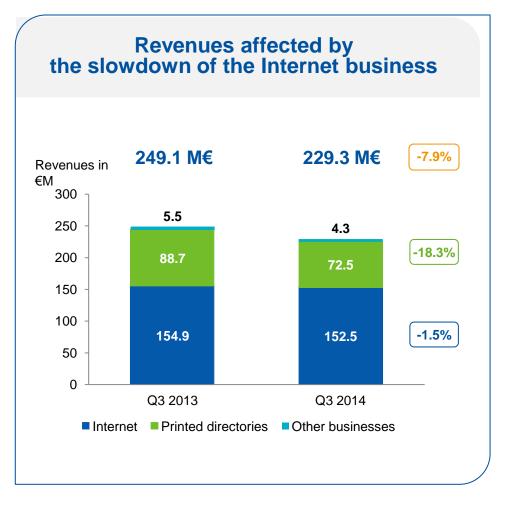




## **APPENDICES**



### Group revenues for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter: -7.9%



#### **Decrease in GOM linked** to the business slowndown and management of the digital transformation 45.5% 41.0% GOM in €M 150 -4.5 pts 93.9 -17.1%<sup>1</sup> 113.3 100 <sup>-</sup> <u>11.5</u> 82.4 -27.2%<sup>2</sup> 50 0 Q3 2013 Q3 2014 <sup>1</sup> Normalised GOM for non-cash impacts of changes to sales contracts <sup>2</sup> Reported GOM



## Revenues and normalised gross operating margin : 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and 9 months 2014

In million Euros	Q3 2014	Q3 2013	Change	9M 2014	9M 2013	Change
Internet	152.5	154.9	+1.5%	467.7	471.0	-0.7%
Printed directories	72.5	88.7	-18.3%	218.9	262.2	-16.5%
Other businesses	4.3	5.5	-21.8%	13.4	16.2	-17.3%
Revenues	229.3	249.1	-7.9%	700.1	749.4	-6.6%
Internet	60.0	69.8	-14.0%	180.0	202.5	-11.1%
as % of Internet revenues	39.3%	45.1%	-580 bps	38.5%	43.0%	-450 bps
Printed directories	32.9	41.6	-20.9%	97.6	121.4	-19.6%
as % of Printed directories revenues	45.4%	46.9%	-150 bps	44.6%	46.3%	-170 bps
Other businesses	1.0	1.9	na	3.1	4.9	-36.7%
as % of Other businesses revenues	23.3%	34.5%	na	23.1%	30.2%	-710 bps
Normalised gross operating margin	93.9	113.3	-17.1%	280.7	328.8	-14.6%
as % of Group revenues	41.0%	45.5%	-450 bps	40.1%	43.9%	-380 bps



## **Revenues and reported gross operating margin :** 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and 9 months 2014

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as % of Internet revenues	34.2%	45.1%	-1090 bps	36.1%	43.0%	-690 bps
Printed directories	29.3	41.6	-29.6%	92.6	121.4	-23.7%
as % of Printed directories revenues	40.4%	46.9%	-650 bps	42.3%	46.3%	-400 bps
Other businesses	1.0	1.9	na	3.1	4.9	-36.7%
as % of Other businesses revenues	23.3%	34.5%	-1120 bps	23.1%	30.2%	-710 bps
Reported gross operating margin	82.4	113.3	-27.2%	264.7	328.8	-19.5%
as % of Group revenues	35.9%	45.5%	-960 bps	37.8%	43.9%	-610 bps



# Normalised GOM of €93.9 M for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 41.0% of Group revenues

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Printed directories	32.9	41.6	-20.9%
as % of Printed directories revenues	45.4%	46.9%	-150 bps
Other businesses	1.0	1.9	na
as % of Other businesses revenues	23.3%	34.5%	na



## Impact of new sales contracts on gross operating margin

Background	Change in structure of salesforce compensation following implementation of new contracts starting in April 2014: ~75% recognized as incurred (fixed part + expenses) vs ~40% previously
Accounting rules	No change in accounting principles: incremental variable component of sales cost recognized with revenues (cost of contract acquisition) whilst fixed component + expenses recognized as incurred
Consequences	<ul> <li>Results in an additional non-cash charge in P&amp;L in 2014 and 2015:</li> <li>In 2014: Variable compensation paid in 2013 but deferred to 2014 under old contract, and fixed compensation + expenses paid in 2014 under new contract (previously partially deferred to 2015 as variable compensation)</li> <li>In 2015: Variable compensation paid in 2014 under old contract and deferred to 2015</li> </ul>

Normalised 2014 GOM to provide a like-for-like comparison and neutralize the impact of the change in sales contracts **This change results in an estimated one-time additional charge of** ~ €25-30 M in 2014 and ~ €5-10 M in 2015, with no cash impact

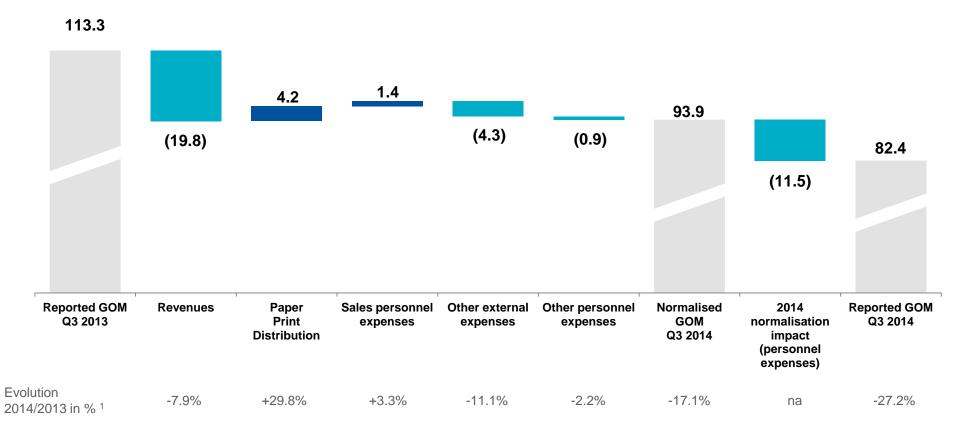


		2014	
In € million	Q3	9M	FY
Reported GOM	82	265	330-345
In % of revenues	35.9%	37.8%	
Normalisation impact	12	16	25-30
Normalised GOM	94	281	355-375
In % of revenues	41.0%	40.1%	



## Normalised GOM decreased by -17.1% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

#### Change in consolidated gross operating margin (GOM) in million Euros



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## Income statement: 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and 9 months 2014

In million Euros	Q3 2014	Q3 2013	Change	9M 2014	9M 2013	Change
Revenues	229.3	249.1	-7.9%	700.1	749.4	-6.6%
Net external expenses	(52.7)	(52.6)	-0.2%	(159.2)	(155.5)	-2.4%
Salaries and charges	(94.1)	(83.2)	-13.1%	(276.2)	(265.2)	-4.1%
Reported gross operating margin	82.4	113.3	-27.2%	264.7	328.8	-19.5%
as % of revenues	35.9%	45.5%		37.8%	43.9%	
Legal employee profit-sharing	(2.6)	(3.5)	+25.7%	(8.6)	(10.6)	+18.9%
Share-based payment	(1.2)	(0.5)	na	(7.2)	(1.8)	na
Depreciation and amortisation	(11.9)	(10.0)	-19.0%	(35.1)	(30.0)	-17.0%
Other income and amortisation	(24.3)	(1.6)	na	(38.3)	(3.8)	na
of which sales reorganisation	(13.8)	(1.6)	na	(23.6)	(3.7)	na
of which 2016 real estate project	(10.4)	-	na	(10.4)	-	na
Operating income	42.4	97.7	-56.6%	175.4	282.6	-37.9%
as % of revenues	18.5%	39.2%		25.1%	37.7%	
Net financial income	(18.6)	(34.2)	+45.5%	(76.4)	(101.0)	+24.4%
Share of profit or loss of an associate	0.5	0.4	+25.0%	0.3	0.3	+0.0%
Income before tax	24.3	63.9	-62.0%	99.3	181.9	-45.4%
Corporate income tax	(13.9)	(27.9)	+50.0%	(48.0)	(75.3)	+36.3%
Effective tax rate	58.6%	43.9%		48.6%	41.4%	
Net income	10.4	36.0	-71.2%	51.2	106.6	-52.0%

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### **Effective tax rate evolution**

	Q3 2014	Q3 2013	Change	9M 2014	9M 2013	Change
Statutory tax rate	34.43%	34.43%		34.43%	34.43%	
Additional tax <sup>1</sup>	3.57%	1.67%	190 bps	3.57%	1.67%	190 bps
Partial deductibility of financial interests	6.56%	3.78%	278 bps	6.20%	1.91%	429 bps
CVAE (Cotisation à la valeur ajoutée des entreprises)	6.69%	3.20%	349 bps	5.25%	3.31%	194 bps
Other	6.59%	0.80%	579 bps	1.43%	0.12%	132 bps
Effective tax rate before exceptional items	57.84%	43.88%	1,396 bps	50.88%	41.44%	944 bps
Exceptional items <sup>2</sup>	0.75%	0.00%	75 bps	-2.32%	0.00%	-232 bps
Effective tax rate	58.59%	43.88%	1,470 bps	48.56%	41.44%	712 bps



## Cash flow statement: 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and 9 months 2014

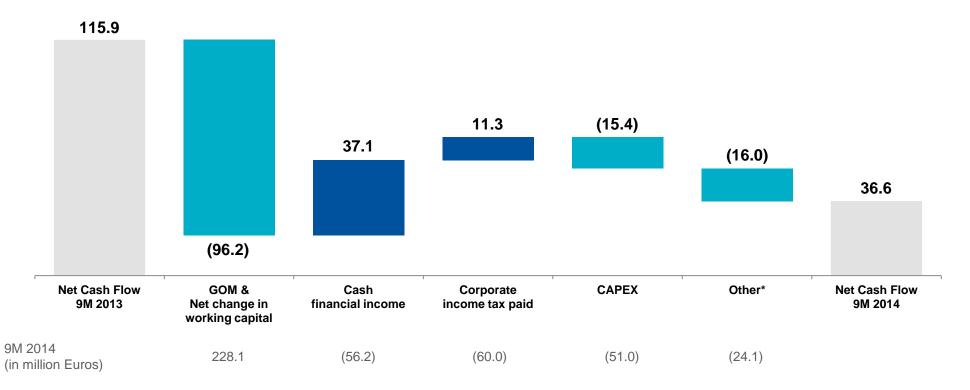
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Legal employee profit-sharing	(2.6)	(3.5)	+25.7%	(8.6)	(10.6)	+18.9%
Share-based payment	-	-	na	(4.2)	-	na
Non monetary items included in GOM	1.9	2.4	-20.8%	4.9	6.1	-19.7%
Net change in working capital	(49.5)	(29.9)	-65.6%	(36.6)	(4.5)	na
Acquisition of tangible and intangible fixed assets	(15.6)	(14.0)	-11.4%	(51.0)	(35.6)	-43.3%
Operational cash flow	16.6	68.2	-75.7%	169.1	284.2	-40.5%
in % of GOM	20.2%	60.2%		63.9%	86.5%	
Cash financial income	(18.7)	(22.5)	+16.9%	(56.2)	(93.3)	+39.8%
Other income and expenses*	(6.7)	(1.6)	na	(16.2)	(3.7)	na
Corporate income tax paid	(15.2)	(23.1)	+34.2%	(60.0)	(71.4)	+16.0%
Net cash flow	(24.1)	20.9	na	36.6	115.9	-68.4%
Increase (decrease) in borrowings and bank overdrafts	(4.6)	(20.5)	+77.6%	(494.1)	(99.4)	na
Capital increase	(0.2)	-	-	422.7	-	na
Other	(0.5)	(1.6)	na	(15.1)	(3.7)	na
Net cash variation	(29.4)	(1.2)	na	(49.9)	12.8	na
Net cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	52.7	105.9	-50.2%	73.1	91.9	-20.5%
Net cash and cash equivalents at end of period	23.2	104.7	-77.8%	23.2	104.7	-77.8%

\* Mostly related to reorganisation costs

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## Net cash flow: €37 M as of 30 September 2014

Net cash flow as of 30 September 2014 in million Euros



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## **Balance sheet as of 30th September 2014**

In million Euros	30 Sept. 2014	31 Dec. 2013	30 Sept. 2013
ASSETS			<u></u>
Total non-current assets	238.9	214.8	215.3
Net goodwill	82.5	78.7	83.9
Other net intangible fixed assets	102.5	80.8	76.7
Net tangible fixed assets	25.1	23.6	23.6
Other non-current assets of which deferred tax assets	28.9	31.7	31.1
Total current assets	443.9	585.3	526.9
Net trade account receivable	299.5	405.8	290.9
Acquistion costs of contracts	51.7	63.3	64.9
Prepaid expenses	7.3	5.9	11.9
Cash and cash equivalents	24.7	75.6	112.0
Other current assets	60.8	34.7	47.2
Total assets	682.8	800.0	742.2
LIABILITIES			
Total equity	(1,375.0)	(1,866.7)	(1,882.3)
Total non-current liabilities	1,236.4	1,617.5	1,677.5
Non-current financial liabilities and derivatives	1,138.4	1,516.2	1,579.2
Employee benefits (non-current)	79.8	85.1	90.8
Other non-current liabilities	18.1	16.3	7.6
Total current liabilities	821.4	1,049.2	947.0
Bank overdraft and other short-term borrowings	17.0	132.7	130.9
Deferred income	490.2	597.5	529.7
Employee benefits (current)	108.3	119.2	112.8
Trade accounts payable	83.7	84.5	73.3
Other current liabilities	122.3	115.4	100.3
Total liabilities	682.8	800.0	742.2



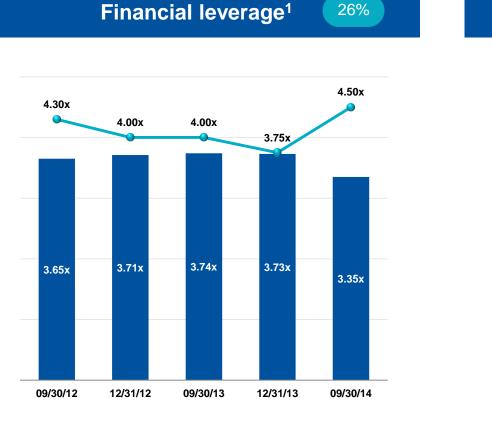
## Net debt as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

In million euros	30 Sept. 2014	31 Dec. 2013	30 Sept. 2013
Cash and cash equivalents	24.6	75.5	112.0
Gross cash position	24.7	75.6	112.0
Bank overdrafts	(1.5)	(2.5)	(7.3)
Net cash position	23.2	73.1	104.7
Bank borrowings	(813.9)	(1,297.5)	(1,347.1)
Bond borrowings – Senior secured notes	(350.0)	(350.0)	(350.0)
Revolving credit facility drawn*	-	-	-
Loan issuance expenses	27.5	25.4	28.5
Capital leases	(0.9)	(0.0)	(0.1)
Fair value of hedging instruments	(12.9)	(20.2)	(27.5)
Accrued interest not yet due	(14.8)	(6.3)	(14.9)
Other financial liabilities	(3.8)	(4.1)	(6.5)
Gross financial debt	(1,168.8)	(1,652.7)	(1,717.6)
Of which current	(30.3)	(136.4)	(138.4)
Of which non-current	(1,138.4)	(1,516.2)	(1,579.2)
Net cash (debt)	(1,145.6)	(1,579.6)	(1,612.9)
Net cash (debt) excluding fair value of financial instruments and loan issuance expenses	(1,160.2)	(1,584.8)	(1,613.9)



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## **Compliance with covenants as of 30 September 2014**

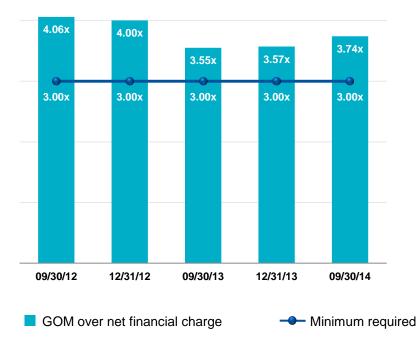


Net debt over reported GOM — Maximum allowed

<sup>1</sup>Covenant financial leverage as amended in June 2014:

- 4.50x until March 2015 included
- 4.25x in June and September 2015
  - 4.00x post September 2015

Interest coverage<sup>2</sup> 25%



<sup>2</sup>Covenant interest coverage 3.00x



## **GLOSSARY**



#### **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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