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# INVESTOR PRESENTATION 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER, 2014

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# **KEY FIGURES & TRANSFORMATION UPDATE**



## **Highlights**

#### Finalisation of the strengthening of the financial structure

- Net debt decreased by € 461M in H1, down to € 1.12bn
- Financial leverage reduced to 2.92x GOM as of 30 June, with a 35% headroom on covenant

#### 2nd Quarter results in line with the outlook announced

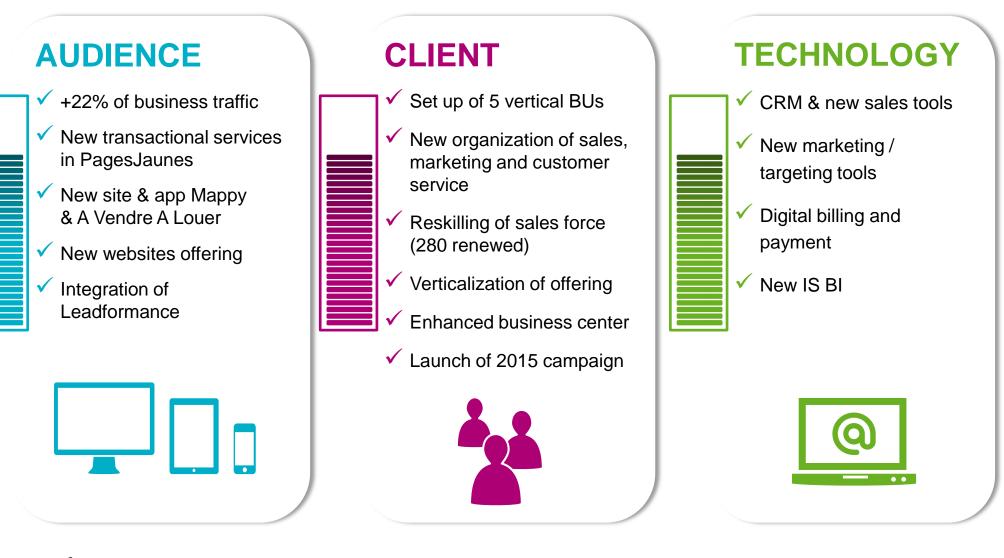
- Consolidated revenues of € 255.1M, down 6.3%
- Internet revenues up +0.4%
- Normalised gross operating margin of € 100.8M, with a 39.5% margin rate
- Confirmed annual outlook

#### **Operational implementation of Digital 2015 transformation program**

- Continued strong audience growth driven by mobile and partnerships
- Deployment of 5 Verticalised BUs and 1 BU dedicated to key accounts
- Reskilling of the salesforce with the replacement of 280 people
- Delivery of part of the new information system and front loading of technology investments in H1 (x2 compared to H1 2013)
- Confirmed objective to return to global growth in 2015 and generate about 75% of our revenues online



## **Digital 2015: a transformation well underway**







## BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2014



#### **Our mission**





#### **Our strategy**





Figures at 12/31/2013 <sup>1</sup>Source: Nielsen Médiamétrie indicator – Monthly average for January to November 2013 for Solocal Group 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).

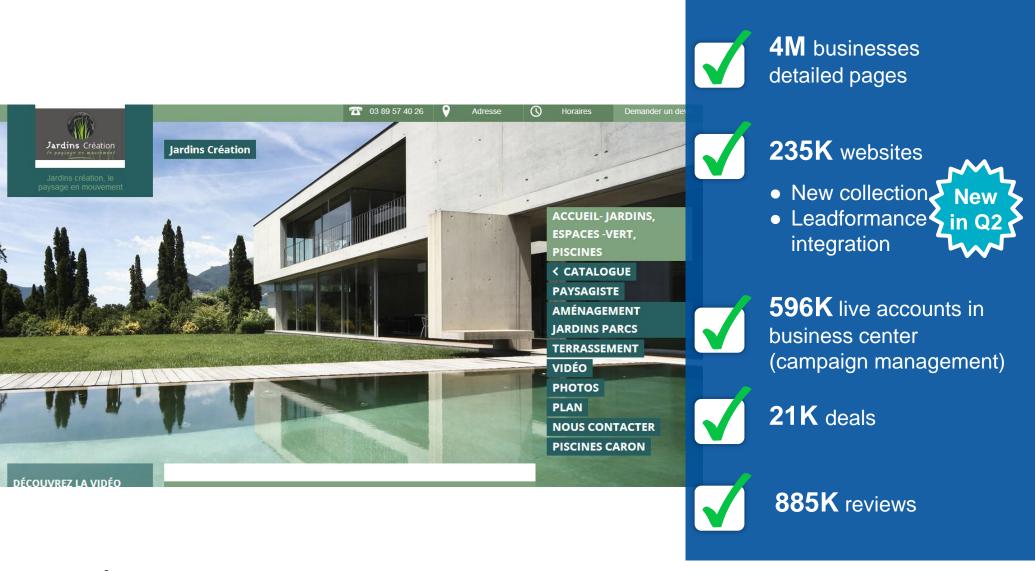
#### **Content & Engagement Q2 highlights**



- ✓ **New collection** of websites
- ✓ Integration of Leadformance
- Transactional services integrated within PagesJaunes
- ✓ **Product shopping** launch in Mappy
- ✓ New website A Vendre A Louer

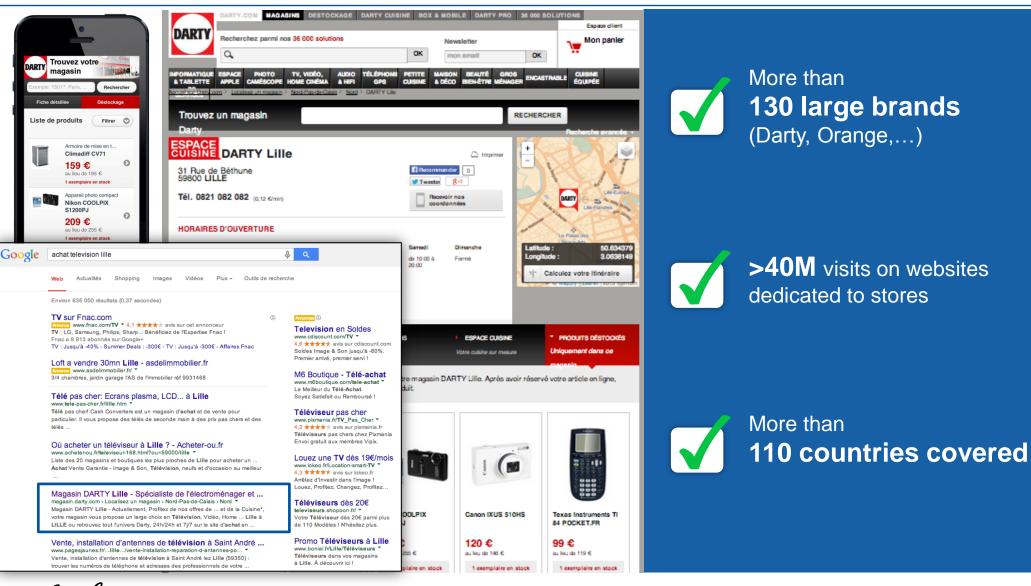


#### **Growing business content & engagement**



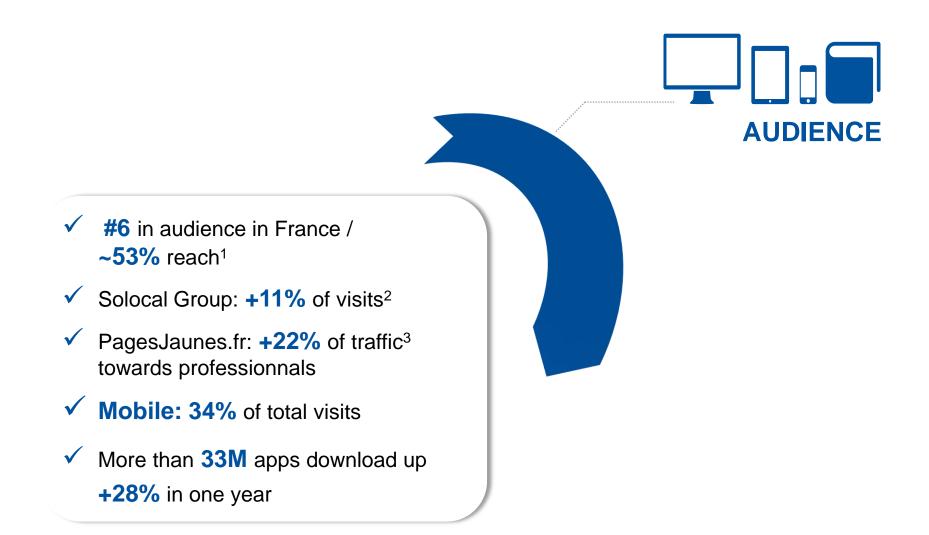
Solocal Figures at 06/30/2014

## Leadformance acquisition: leading European stores & products locator





## **Audiences and media Q2 highlights**



Q2 figures at 06/30/2014 <sup>1</sup>Source: Nielsen Médiamétrie indicator – April 2014

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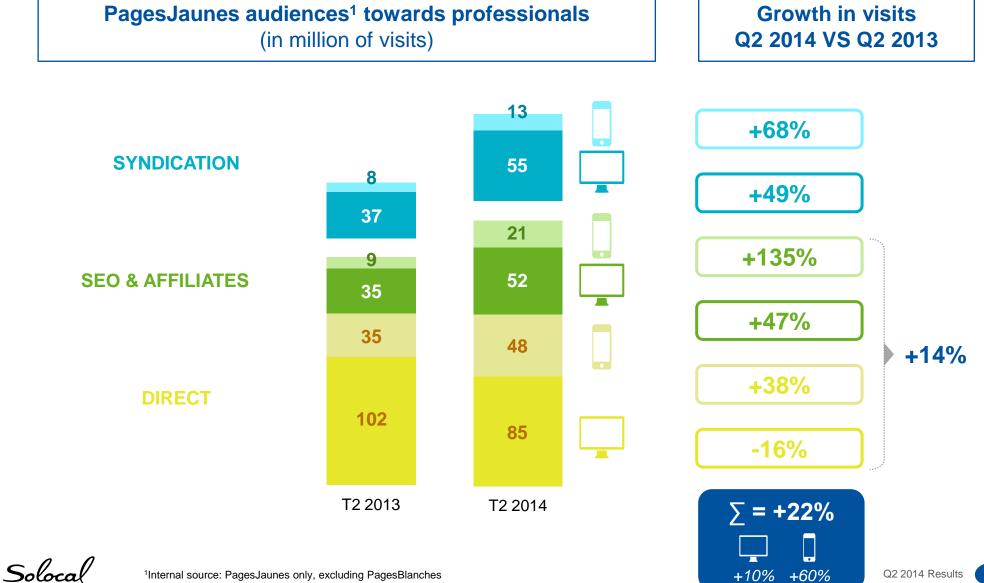
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#### Mobile: growing engagement and revenues

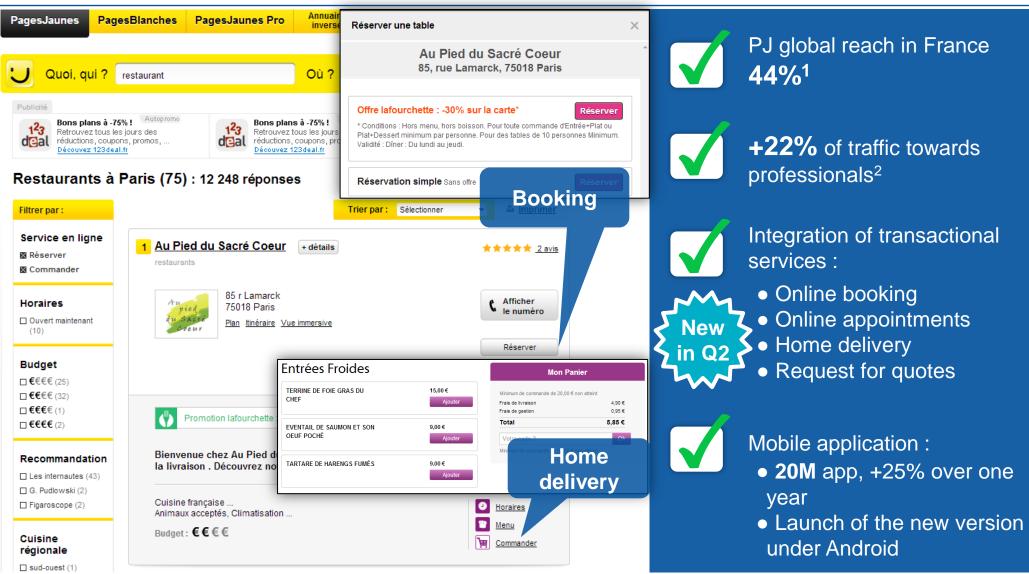
Applications	<b>Visits</b>	Contacts	Revenues
+28%	+39%	+47%	+43%
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## **Steady growth of PagesJaunes audiences**

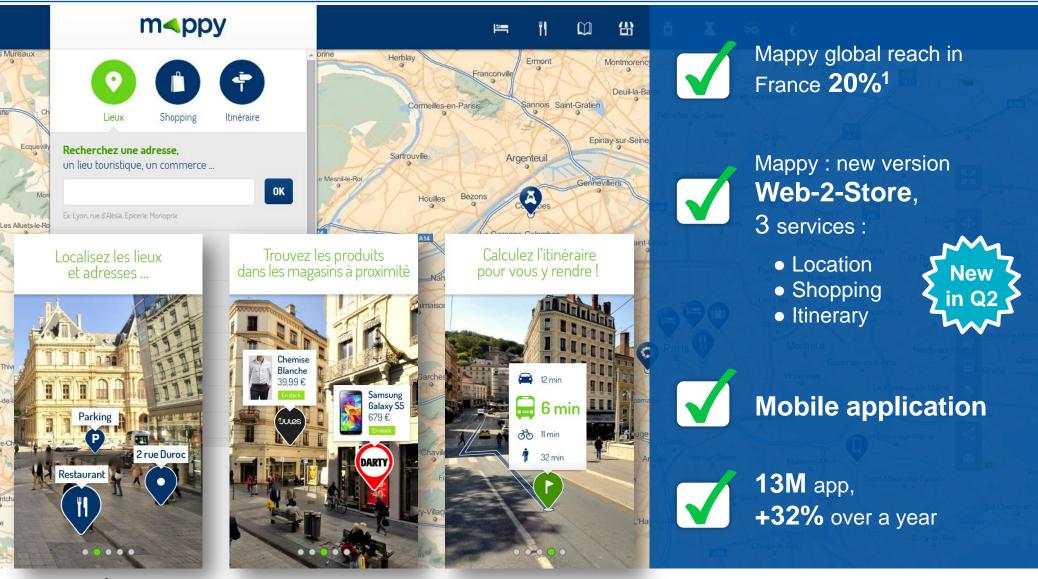


# PagesJaunes: from deep, rich business content to transaction



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## Mappy: Web-2-Store opportunity





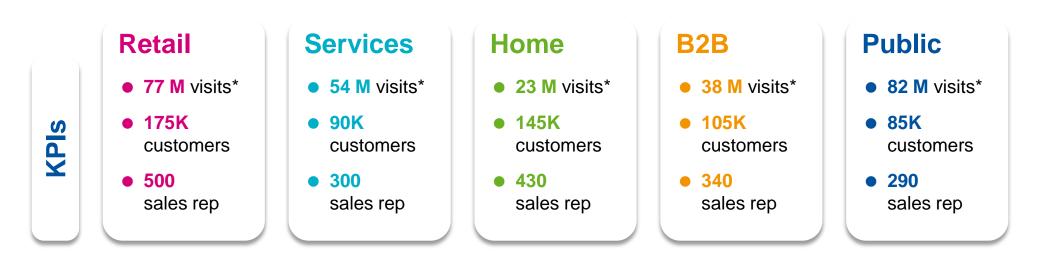
## **Client sales Q2 highlights**

- New organisation to better meet client needs and customise traffic growth
- New sales approach and customer service to increase ARPA of renewed clients
- New tools to increase new client acquisition
- Demonstrated ROI to reduce churn
- New business center and improved advisory skills to demonstrate value





## A new organisation to better monetise traffic growth

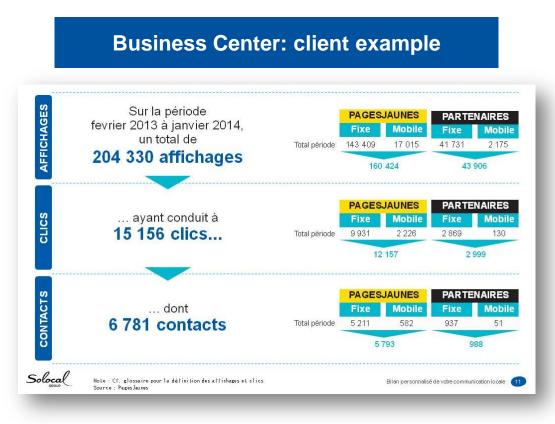




- ✓ Verticalised offering (listing, contact, marketing services)
- ✓ Specialised telesales & service teams
- ✓ New sales approach & tools
- ✓ Specialised marketing & targeting



## Client business center and sales advisors to demonstrate traffic growth



#### • ROI evidence through 3 measures

- o Views
- Clics
- Contacts

#### Performance reporting on Group (PagesJaunes, Mappy,...) and partnerships websites (Google, Bing,...)

- 596K<sup>1</sup> existing and prospect clients in Business Center:
  - manage campaign online
  - monitor performance
- Customised final report and deployed solutions

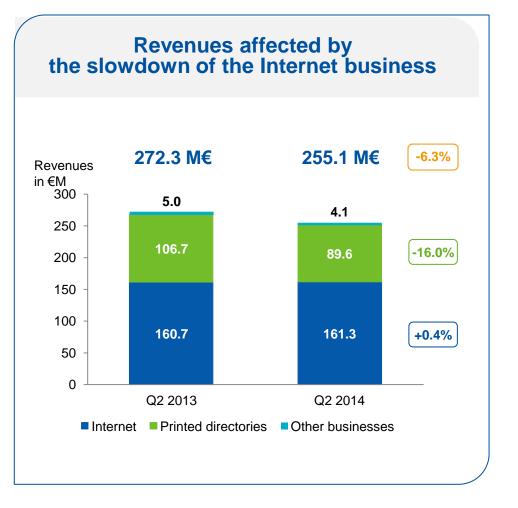




## FINANCIAL RESULTS 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2014



#### **Group revenues for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: -6.3%**



#### **Decrease in GOM linked** to the business slowndown and management of the digital transformation 43.9% 39.5% GOM in €M 150 -4.4 pts 100.8 -15.6%¹ 4.6 119.5 100 96.2 50 -19.5%<sup>2</sup> 0 Q2 2013 Q2 2014 <sup>1</sup> Normalised GOM for non-cash impacts of changes to sales contracts <sup>2</sup> Reported GOM



#### 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	Q2	H1	FY
Reported GOM	96	182	330-345
In % of revenues	37,7%	38,7%	
Normalisation impact	5	5	25-30
Normalised GOM	101	186	355-375



# Normalised GOM of €100.8 M 39.5% of Group revenues

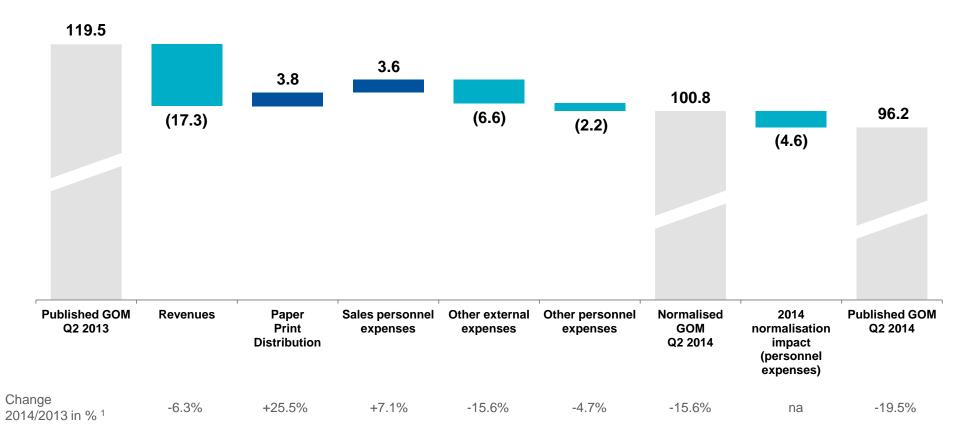
Normalised gross operating margin by segment

In million Euros	Q2 2014	Q2 2013	Change
Group normalised gross operating margin	100.8	119.5	-15.6%
as % of Group revenues	39.5%	43.9%	-440 bps
Internet	59.8	68.6	-12.8%
as % of Internet revenues	37.1%	42.7%	-560bps
Printed directories	40.2	49.7	-19.1%
as % of Printed directories revenues	44.9%	46.6%	-170 bps
Other businesses	0.8	1.2	-33.3%
as % of Other businesses revenues	19.5%	24.0%	-450 bps



#### Normalised GOM decreased by -15.6% as of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

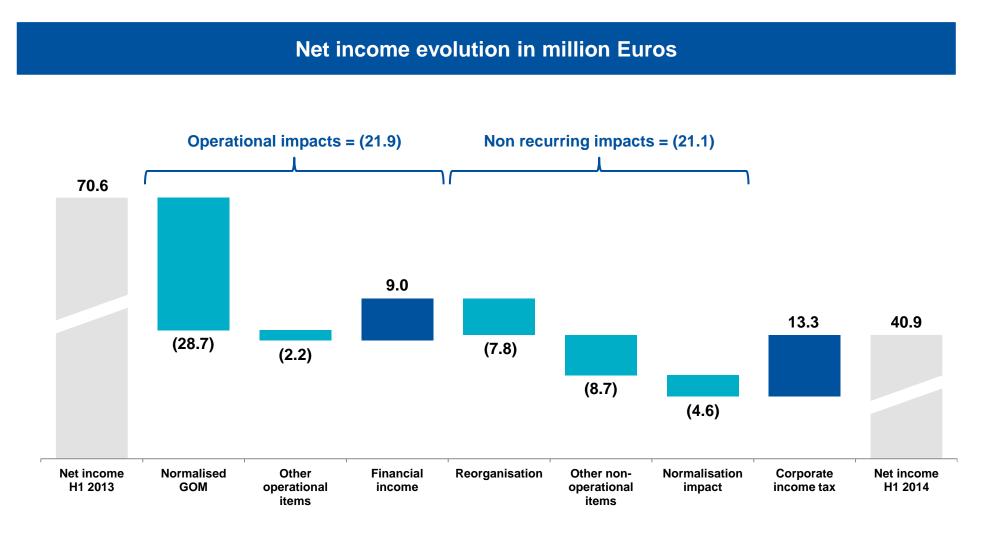
#### Change in consolidated gross operating margin (GOM) in million euros



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1+ favorable effect / - unfavorable effect

# Net income of €40,9 M strongly impacted by non recurring elements



#### Compliance with covenants as of 1<sup>st</sup> half 2014

35%

Financial leverage<sup>1</sup> 4.50x 4.30x 4.00x 4.00x 3.75x 3.71x 3.73x 3.66x 3.63x 2.92x

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

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22%

4.00x 3.97x 3.75x 3.65x 3.57x 0 0 3.00x 3.00x 3.00x 3.00x 3.00x 06/30/12 12/31/12 06/30/13 12/31/13 06/30/14 Reported GOM over net financial charge ---- Minimum required

Interest coverage<sup>2</sup>

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

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## Key terms of financial debt

	Size (€M)	Margin (bp) / Rate (%)	Maturity	<ul> <li>Average cost of debt of ~6.9%, i.e. cash interest charge of ~€80 M, down ~€16 M on an annualized basis</li> </ul>
Bank debt <sup>1</sup>	813.8	<b>6.0%</b> <sup>3</sup>	March 2018 <sup>2</sup>	<ul> <li>Margin on bank debt of 400 bps</li> </ul>
Senior secured notes	350.0	8.875%	June 2018	<ul> <li>325 bps if financial leverage (L) &lt; 3,0x</li> <li>250 bps if L &lt; 2,5x</li> </ul>
Bank and bond debt	1 163.8	<b>6.9%</b> <sup>4</sup>		<ul> <li>Reset of the financial leverage covenant</li> <li>Cash sweep clause on bank debt:</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>67% of cash excess<sup>5</sup> if financial leverage (L) &gt; 3.0x</li> <li>50% if 2.5x <l< 3.0x<="" li=""> <li>25% if L ≤ 2.5x</li> </l<></li></ul>
				• Bank debt hedged at 98% until September

2015 (€800 M)

<sup>1</sup> Tranche A7 of €813.8 M and revolving credit line B3 of €65,3 M undrawn as of 06/30/2014

<sup>2</sup> Option on or before 15 March 2018 to extend such maturity to March 2020 under certain conditions

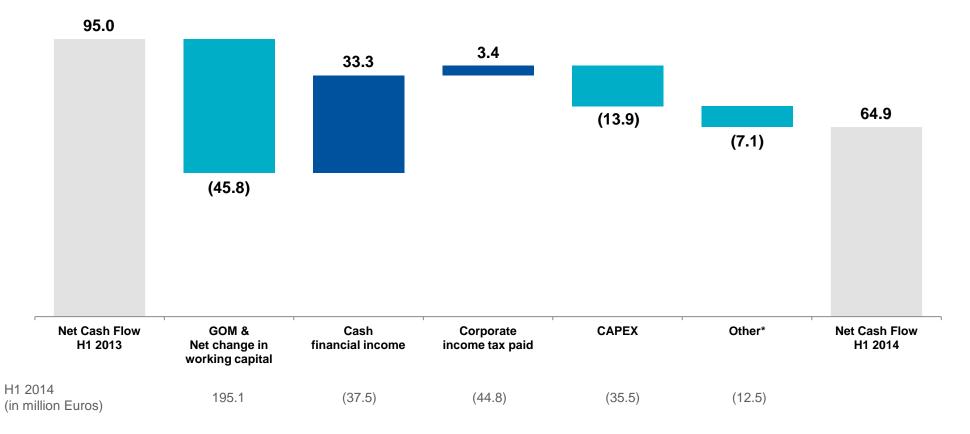
<sup>3</sup> Annualised estimation, weighted average cost of bank debt based on base rate and swaps as of 06/30/2014

<sup>4</sup>Annualised estimation, weighted average cost of bank debt and high yield notes

<sup>5</sup> Excess cash : net cash flow after paying capital expenditures, financial interests, taxes, acquisitions, exceptional items & contractual amortisations

#### Net cash flow: €65 M as of 1<sup>st</sup> half 2014

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



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# OUTLOOK



#### 2014 will be a year of structural changes, especially in the commercial area.

In this context and in light of a mediocre economic environment, the outlook for 2014 is:

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

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



# **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**





## **APPENDICES**



# Revenues and normalised gross operating margin: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> half 2014

In million euros	Q2 2014	Q2 2013	Change	H1 2014	H1 2013	Change
Internet	161.3	160.7	+0.4%	315.3	316.0	-0.2%
Printed directories	89.6	106.7	-16.0%	146.4	173.5	-15.6%
Other businesses	4.1	5.0	-18.0%	9.1	10.7	-15.0%
Revenues	255.1	272.3	-6.3%	470.8	500.3	-5.9%
Internet	59.8	68.6	-12.8%	120.0	132.7	-9.6%
as % of Internet revenues	37.1%	42.7%	-560 bps	38.1%	42.0%	-390 bps
Printed directories	40.2	49.7	-19.1%	64.7	79.8	-18,9%
as % of Printed directories revenues	44.9%	46.6%	-170 bps	44.2%	46.0%	-180 bps
Other businesses	0.8	1.2	-33.3%	2.1	3.1	-32.3%
as % of Other businesses revenues	19.5%	24.0%	-450 bps	23.1%	29.0%	-590 bps
Normalised gross operating margin	100.8	119.5	-15.6%	186.8	215.5	-13.3%
as % of Group revenues	39.5%	43.9%	-440 bps	39.7%	43.1%	-340 bps



# Revenues and reported gross operating margin: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> half 2014

In million euros	Q2 2014	Q2 2013	Change	H1 2014	H1 2013	Change
Internet	161.3	160.7	+0.4%	315.3	316.0	-0.2%
Printed directories	89.6	106.7	-16.0%	146.4	173.5	-15.6%
Other businesses	4.1	5.0	-18.0%	9.1	10.7	-15.0%
Revenues	255.1	272.3	-6.3%	470.8	500.3	-5.9%
Internet	56.7	68.6	-17.3%	116.8	132.7	-12.0%
as % of Internet revenues	35.2%	42.7%	-750 bps	37.0%	42.0%	-500 bps
Printed directories	38.8	49.7	-21,9%	63.3	79.8	-20.7%
as % of Printed directories revenues	43.3%	46.6%	-330 bps	43.2%	46.0%	-280 bps
Other businesses	0.8	1.2	-33.3%	2.1	3.1	-32.3%
as % of Other businesses revenues	19.5%	24.0%	-450 bps	23.1%	29.0%	-590 bps
Reported gross operating margin	96.2	119.5	-19.5%	182.2	215.5	-15.5%
as % of Group revenues	37.7%	43.9%	-620 bps	38.7%	43.1%	-440 bps



## Income statement: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> half 2014

In million euros	Q2 2014	Q2 2013	Change	H1 2014	H1 2013	Change
Revenues	255.1	272.3	-6.3%	470.8	500.3	-5.9%
Net external expenses	(59.8)	(56.9)	-5.1%	(106.5)	(102.9)	+3.5%
Salaries and charges	(99.1)	(95.9)	-3.3%	(182.0)	(182.0)	na
Reported gross operating margin	96.2	119.5	-19.5%	182.2	215.5	-15.5%
as % of revenues	37.7%	43.9%		38.7%	43.1%	
Legal employee profit-sharing	(3.4)	(4.1)	+17.1%	(6.0)	(7.0)	+14.3%
Share-based payment	(5.7)	(0.7)	na	(6.0)	(1.3)	na
Depreciation and amortisation	(12.9)	(10.1)	-27.7%	(23.2)	(20.0)	-16.0%
Other income and exepnses	(4.7)	(2.2)	na	(14.1)	(2.2)	na
Operating income	69.5	102.4	-32.1%	133.0	184.9	-28.1%
Net financial income	(30.0)	(32.8)	+8.5%	(57.8)	(66.8)	+13.5%
Share of profit or loss of an associate	(0.2)	0.0	na	(0.2)	(0.1)	na
Income before tax	39.2	69.6	-43.7%	75.0	118.0	-36.4%
Corporate income tax	(17.9)	(28.0)	+36.1%	(34.1)	(47.4)	+28.1%
Effective tax rate	45.4%	40.2%		45.4%	40.1%	
Net income	21.3	41.6	-48.8%	40.9	70.6	-42.1%



#### **Effective tax rate evolution**

	Q2 2014	Q2 2013	Change	H1 2014	H1 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 interest	5.66%	1.95%	371 bps	6.09%	0.91%	518 bps
CVAE (Cotisation à la valeur ajoutée des entreprises)	4.83%	3.04%	179 bps	4.79%	3.37%	142 bps
Other	0.02%	-0.86%	88 bps	-0.20%	-0.25%	5 bps
Effective tax rate before exceptional items	48,51%	40,24%	827 bps	48,67%	40,12%	855 bps
Exceptional items <sup>2</sup>	-3.09%	0.00%	-309 bps	-3.29%	0.00%	-329 bps
Effective tax rate	45.42%	40.24%	518 bps	45.38%	40.12%	526 bps



## Cash flow statement: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> half 2014

In million euros	Q2 2014	Q2 2013	Change	H1 2014	H1 2013	Change
Reported GOM	96.2	119.5	-19.5%	182.2	215.5	-15.5%
Legal employee profit-sharing	(3.4)	(4.1)	+17.1%	(6.0)	(7.0)	+14.3%
Non monetary items included in GOM	1.4	2.9	-51.7%	3.0	3.7	-18.9%
Net change in working capital	(6.0)	4.8	na	12.9	25.4	-49.2%
Acquisition of tangible and intangible fixed assets	(18.9)	(12.1)	-56.2%	(35.5)	(21.6)	-64.4%
Operational cash flow	69.4	110.9	-37.4%	156.7	216.0	-27.5%
in % of GOM	72.1%	92.8%		86.0%	100.2%	
Cash financial income	(24.9)	(60.4)	+58.8%	(37.5)	(70.8)	+47.0%
Other income and expenses*	(5.9)	(2.0)	na	(9.5)	(2.0)	na
Corporate income tax paid	(24.7)	(27.3)	+9.5%	(44.8)	(48.3)	+7.2%
Net cash flow	13.8	21.2	-34.9%	64.9	95.0	-31.7%
Increase (decrease) in borrowings and bank overdrafts	(450.4)	(1.9)	na	(489.4)	(78.9)	na
Capital increase	422.9	-	na	422.9	-	na
Other	(16.5)	(1.9)	na	(18.7)	(2.1)	na
Net cash variation	(30.3)	17.5	na	(20.4)	14.0	na
Net cash and cash equivlanets at beginning of period	82.9	88.4	-6.2%	73.1	91.9	+20.5%
Net cash and cash equivalents at end of periode	52.7	105.9	-50.2%	52.7	105.9	-50.2%

\* Mostly related to reorganisation costs

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#### Balance sheet as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

In million euros	30 June 2014	31 Dec 2013	30 June 2013
ASSETS			
Total non-current assets	227.3	214.8	210.6
Net goodwill	82.2	78.7	83.9
Other net intangible fixed assets	97.6	80.8	72.2
Net tangible fixed assets	26.2	23.6	24.1
Other non-current assets of which deferred tax assets	21.2	31.7	30.5
Total current assets	518.9	585.3	581.1
Net trade account receivable	333.8	405.8	350.7
Acquistion costs of contracts	56.9	63.3	64.9
Prepaid expenses	10.0	5.9	12.3
Cash and cash equivalents	54.6	75.6	107.9
Other current assets	63.6	34.7	45.4
Total assets	746.1	800.0	791.7
LIABILITIES			
Total equity	(1,389.2)	(1,866.7)	(1,923.5)
Total non-current liabilities	1,240.3	1,617.5	1,693.0
Non-current financial liabilities and derivatives	1,153.0	1,516.2	1,595.6
Employee benefits (non-current)	78.4	85.1	89.6
Other non-current liabilities	8.9	16.3	7.9
Total current liabilities	895.0	1 049.2	1,022.1
Bank overdraft and other short-term borrowings	3.6	132.7	133.8
Deferred income	552.4	597.5	599.2
Employee benefits (current)	113.2	119.2	114.9
Trade accounts payable	98.6	84.5	79.9
Other current liabilities	127.1	115.4	94.5
Total liabilities	746.1	800.0	791.7



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

In million euros	30 June 2014	31 Dec 2013	30 June 2013
Cash and cash equivalents	54.6	75.5	107.9
Gross cash position	54.6	75.6	107.9
Bank overdrafts	(1.9)	(2.5)	(2.0)
Net cash position	52.7	73.1	105.9
Bank borrowings	(813.9)	(1,297.5)	(1,368.2)
Bond borrowings – Senior secured notes	(350.0)	(350.0)	(350.0)
Revolving credit facility drawn*	-	-	-
Loan issuance expenses	29.3	25.4	31.6
Capital leases	(1.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)
Fair value of hedging instruments	(16.2)	(20.2)	(34.4)
Accrued interest not yet due	(16.9)	(6.3)	(7.0)
Other financial liabilities	(2.8)	(4.1)	(6.2)
Gross financial debt	(1,171.5)	(1,652.7)	(1,734.3)
Of which current	(18.5)	(136.4)	(138.8)
Of which non-current	(1,153.0)	(1,516.2)	(1,595.6)
Net cash (debt)	(1,118.9)	(1,579.6)	(1,628.5)
Net cash (debt) excluding fair value of financial instruments and loan issuance expenses	(1,131.9)	(1,584.8)	(1,625.6)

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## **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**

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)



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