# Company presentation

**Proximus Group** 

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## Why investing in Proximus



Nationwide high-quality **Mobile & Fixed networks**, respectively being upgraded to 5G/Fiber.

**Open network architecture** with growth potential in Wholesale.

International segments Telesign and BICS provide **exposure to strongly growing markets**.

Committed and talented **employees**.



Strong, multi-branded **market positions** in Residential and Business.

High Fixed/Mobile **convergence rate** with further upsell potential.

**Pricing power** supported by strongly improved customer satisfaction and high NPS scores.

Track record of strong strategic execution

#Inspire2022 strategy delivered on all main commitments over 2020-2022.

**bold2025,** a new 3-year strategy to deliver value for stakeholders.

## Sound financial position, & attractive dividend

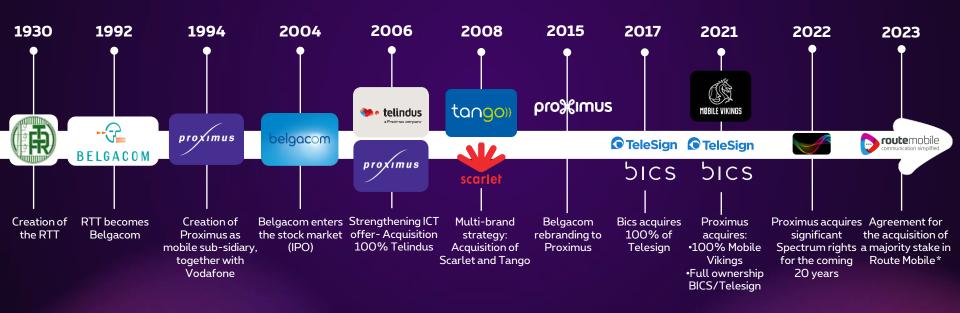
**Strong cost reduction** commitment mitigating inflation impact.

Clear track to normalised CAPEX levels post- 2023 peak. Long- term FCF growth trajectory.

3-year visibility on dividend return.

## Who we are

## **Proximus is an established company,** ready for the future





#### **Our Governance structure**



As a limited liability company under public law, governance is imposed by the Law of 21 March 1991 on the reform of certain autonomous economic public companies ("the 1991 Law"). For matters not explicitly regulated by the 1991 Law, Proximus is governed by the Belgian Code of Companies and Associations of 29 March 2019 ("the Belgian Code of Companies and Associations") and the Belgian Corporate Governance Code of 2020 ("the 2020 Corporate Governance Code").

#### Our governance model: Board of Directors

**14** Board members

50% independent

6 Women / 8 Men

Board members are appointed at the AGM upon proposal by the Board of Directors after recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee for a renewable term of up to 4 years, with max. 12 years.

To enhance diversity, gender, age and nationality are taken into account when appointing a new board member



Stefaan De Clerck Chairman



Martin De Prycker



Cécile Coune



Catherine Rutten



Karel De Gucht



Béatrice de Mahieu



Joachim Sonne



Guillaume Boutin CEO



Ibrahim Ouassari



Claire Tillekaerts



Agnès Touraine



Audrey Hanard



Catherine Vandenborre



Luc Van den hove

## Our executive committee (the leadership squad)



**Guillaume Boutin** CEO



**Jan Van Acoleyen**Human Capital
Lead



Geert Standaert Network & Wholesale Lead



Mark Reid Finance Lead



Dirk Lybaert Corporate Affairs Lead



Anne-Sophie
Lotgering
Enterprise
Market Lead



Renaud Tilmans Customer Operations Lead



Jim Casteele Consumer Market Lead



Antonietta Mastroianni Digital & IT Lead

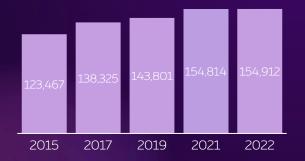
## As a group, we employ 11,634 FTEs

Domestic

Higher efficiency & digitalisation allowed for the Domestic headcount to decrease..



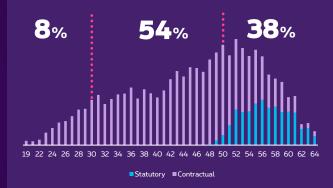
... resulting in a higher Underlying EBITDA per FTE (€)



BICS Telesign

Average **46**YR

Age pyramid (Proximus SA – end 2022)



**Engaged employees** 

**80%**Proud
to work
for Proximus

77%

Recommend

Proximus as a great
place to work

## **Shareholder structure** Situation 31/12/2022

Total number of shares

338,025,135

Free-float

Belgian Government

Market Capitalization

Dividend yield

42%

54%

~**€ 2.9**Bn

**-13.3**%

	Number of shares	% shares	% Voting rights	% Dividend rights	Number of shares with voting rights	Number of shares with dividend rights
Belgian state	180,887,569	53.51%	56.11%	55.99%	180,887,569	180,887,569
Proximus own shares	15,632,628	4.62%	0.00%	0.21%	0	693,702
Free-float	141,504,938	41.86%	43.89%	43.80%	141,504,938	141,504,938
Total	338,025,135	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	322,392,507	323,086,209

The voting rights of all treasury shares are suspended by law. Proximus has 14,938,926 treasury shares that are not entitled to dividend rights and 693,702 treasury shares that are entitled to dividend rights.

**Transparency declarations:** According to Proximus' bylaws, the thresholds as from which a shareholding needs to be disclosed have been set at 3% and 7.5%, in addition to the legal thresholds of 5% and each multiple of 5%.

# Our brands and the markets we operate in

#### Our complementary brands meet the demands of a wide range of customers

#### Domestic

## proXimus

Companies'

premium

brand, with

high service

levels and

focus largely

on

convergent

family offers.



No frills offerina. Fixed and Mobile, for customers looking for the best



Former Mobile-only brand. taraetina tech-savvv vounasters.

Upsell potential through fixed offer launched in June 2022.

## tango

The Proximus Group telecom operator in Luxemboura. offering fixed and mobile products and convergent services.

Benelux. ICT. delivering combined managed services and

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**International** 

### In the Residential market, we are a national mobile leader, and challenger for Fixed Internet in Flanders

#### **PROXIMUS** Brands







#### proximus











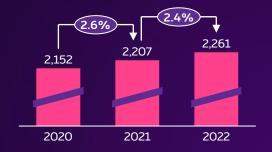
- for Mobile

Digi, in partnership with Citymesh, said to become a new player in Belgium following the acquisition of reserved Spectrum in the 2022 auction.



#### Our residential unit grew 2022 revenue by 2.4%

Revenue FY'22 of 2,261M€

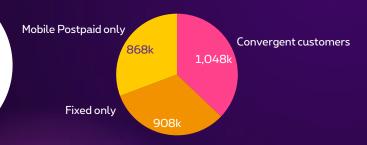


Increasing number of customers take both Fixed and Mobile products.



2,823K customers, under 3 brands:







End'22: 1,736k lines



End'22: 2,720k SIM



End'22: 1,136k lines

## In Residential, the fiber commercialisation, pricing power, convergent strategy & premium content drive growth



#### Fiber commercialization

- > +2pp market share gains in fiber zones after 12m<sup>1</sup>
- >>€7 ARPC uplift fiber vs. copper<sup>2</sup>



+60%

Convergent customers in 22 Q3

- > >15% less churn across residential brands
- > >2X higher NPS for Proximus Brand



#### **Pricing power**

> Price indexations of €3-4 on internet in January '23



Premium content to increase stickiness



Aggregated entertainment services



Aggregated relevant daily services

## In the Business market, Proximus holds a solid position in Telco, and is challenger in a very fragmented IT market

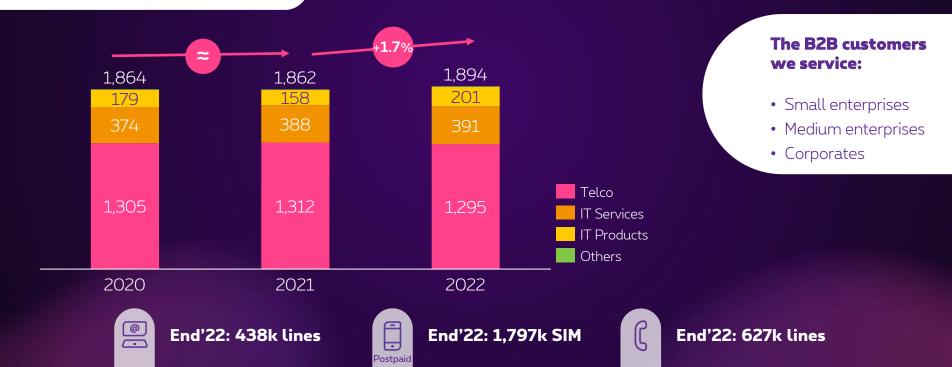
#### proXimus

- Maintains solid position in Telco market.
- Belgian market leader for fixed as well as mobile, for both SME & COR customers.
- Challenger on fragmented IT market & differentiate in convergent services versus traditional Belgian Telco's.
- Strong IT offer supported by affiliates, who continuously prove to be a cornerstone in Proximus' growth strategy.



## The Business unit returned to growth in 2022, one year earlier than planned

#### Revenue FY'22 of 1,894M€



## Enabling players in the Wholesale market, thanks to the open best network.

## pro%imus

- The only national fix-mobile player, building the open fiber and 5G network of reference for Belgium.
- Solid position in the Wholesale telco B2B market, mobile backhauling, traditional voice as well as MVNO business.
- Challenger for the fixed B2C market.



## **Proximus operates internationally** through its subsidiaries Telesign and Bics



Fast growing leader in digital identity services to internet properties, digital champions and cloud native businesses and with a growth path in programmable communications.





Global leader in digital communications, cloud communication, Mobility, Roaming and IoT, targeting the business-critical needs of telco operators, xVNOs, enterprise software providers and global enterprises.

bics



## **Telesign** is a leading Authentication and Digital Identity player

#### **Business** Overview

Telesign offers solutions across the full spectrum of end user account security. communications and engagement

Platform to protect and engage users with SMS and voice messaging. Mobile SDKs, and Data and Analytics APIs

Primarily usage-based revenue model with minimum commitments and other features

Global **Footprint** 

65+ Countries with active customers



outside the US

~700 Employees<sup>2</sup>

Sticky Blue **Chip Customer** Base

8/10 Top internet



Average **Net Retention** Rate<sup>4</sup>

Strong **Technological** Moat

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Company in the Gartner leader quadrant for user authentication

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Patents in mobile identity and MFA

21Bn+

Annual transactions verified p.a.

Excellent Financial Profile

473M€

2022 annual revenue

35%+

Revenue CAGR<sup>5</sup>

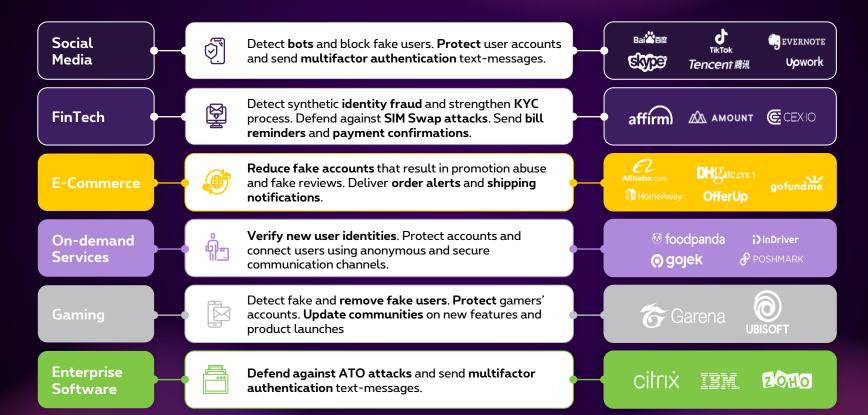
**Profitable** business model





- 1. 2022 Revenue
- 3. Based on market capitalization
- 4. 2022 Net Retention Rate
- 5. Telesign's revenue in USD 2019-22A CAGR

### You interact with Telesign to...



## **BICS** makes international communications possible

Connecting 5+ billion mobile subscribers



Providing seamless cloud communications for applications in 120+ countries



BICS' network spans 200+ countries



Enabling the global mobility of 150+ million devices



BICS is at the heart of international connectivity, enabling the global mobility of people, applications and things wherever they are



More information on BICS: www.BICS.com

#### Customers & partners work with BICS for...

Selection of our customers & partners Telco **Enterprises** 

Legacy

Voice



Allow Voice call delivery worldwide







Core

Growth

Messaging



Deliver **alert**, **reminder**, **notification** messages sent by Enterprises (e.g. airlines company) to their consumers





Roaming enablement



**Enable travelers to connect** and call their home and the world when travelling abroad







Cloud com



**Enable application providers** to offer mission critical voice, messaging services from their apps







loT



(e)SIM embedded in objects (cars, devices, ..) to allow seamless calls / internet access when crossing borders







Anti-fraud & **Analytics** 



**Detect fraud / provide statistics** on travelers' behaviour through the analysis of traffic data





Mobile private Network



Provide connectivity and interoperability to enterprise building their own 4G & 5G enabled private network







## bold2025

Proximus' new 3-year strategy

## **bold** 20**25**

Boldly building a connected world that people trust so society blooms

## We deliver great value for our stakeholders



Act for an inclusive **society & be sustainable** in everything we do



**Delight customers** with unrivalled experience



**Grow** profitably **locally & globally** through strong brands

## through exceptional strengths



Roll out **#1 gigabit network** for Belgium



Engineer **technology assets** to enable digital ecosystems

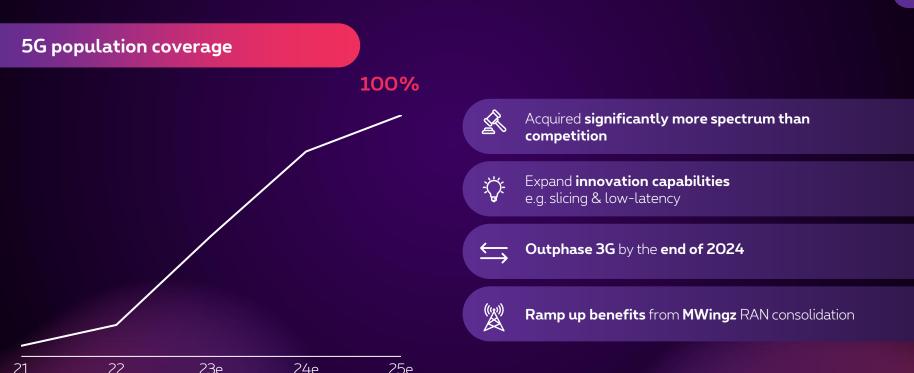


Foster an engaging **culture** & empowering **ways of working** 



## On mobile, Proximus will continue its leadership

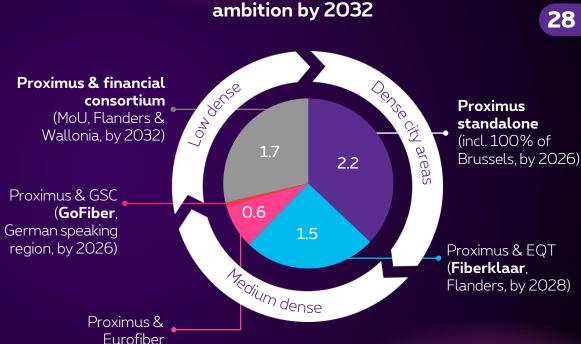
and differentiate from competition via rapid 5G roll-out



Proximus ambitions to extend its fiber coverage to 95% of Belgian premises by 2032, together with its Fiber partners.

#### Benefits:

- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> mover advantage
- ✓ Long term security for Fiber partners ensuring better capacity & prices
- ✓ Customer acquisition/retention
- ✓ Scale of build efficiency
- ✓ Copper decommissioning



~6MHP\*

by 2028)

(Unifiber, Wallonia,

<sup>\*</sup> Total of premises past with Fiber, Residential & Business

## Proximus closed end-June 2023 with

> 25% fiber coverage







50% Fiber coverage target end-2025

Fiber Homes & Businesses passed ('000)





## The Proximus domestic IT modernization is well on track, unlocking cost savings on the way



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Key achievements and milestones for 2025



Simplified digital layer & refactored channels to reduce time to market & enable customer experience improvements



Single ordering chain for high-volume products (residential to SME) with high level of automation



State-of-the-art data
platform providing real-time
access to data with high level
of quality and security



Modernization of private cloud environment offering 'Infrastructure as Code'

Next to accelerating innovation, our IT modernization will bring a ~€70M¹ reduction in Total Cost of Ownership by 2025



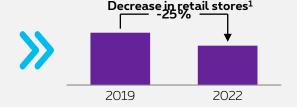
## Further advancing digital channels

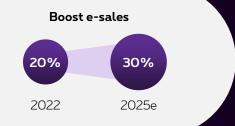
to improve customer experience & shift to e-sales / e-servicing

#### Streamline our e-sales & e-service channels



Simplify & optimize the webshop



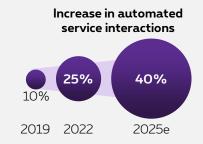




Enrich MyProximus app with new service use cases

Improve and extend functionalities of chatbot







## The Proximus agile transformation is gaining speed, simplifying the organization drastically



2023

2024-2025

#### **Agile transformation**

Tribes: +4,000 employees 2019-2022

Service circles: +800 employees

Agile for teams: +1,000 employees

**Scaling & finetuning** of new ways of working & the organization Putting an even larger focus on customer centricity



Improve customer-centricity

#1 brand NPS

across segments by 2025



Development time -25%

on average by 2025



Employee engagement at +75%

during 2023-2025









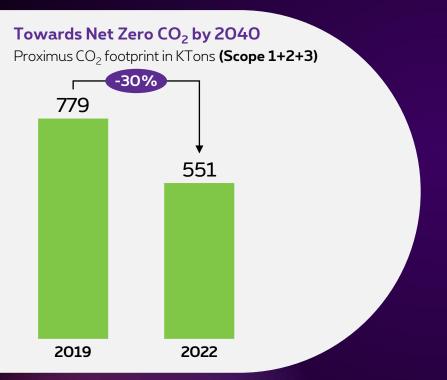








Be truly circular by 2030





- > Eco-centric design of CPEs
- Refurbished phones & call for recycling



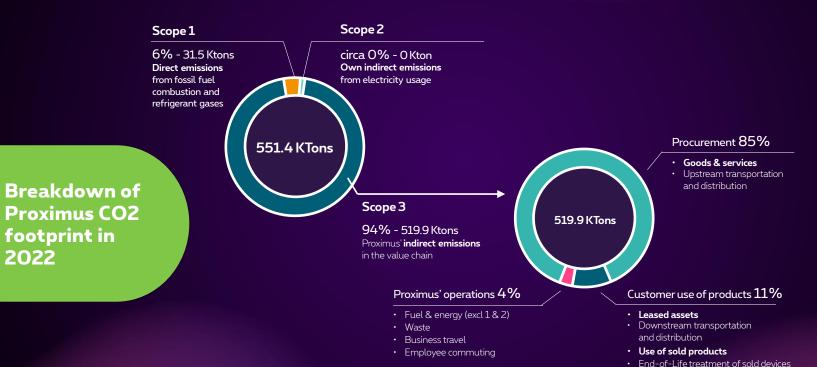
- Eco-centric design data center
- Network sharing between operators



- New circular headquarter building "CAMPUS"
- Refurbished offers for furniture and assets







2022

## Strong in recycling and refurbishment

+120,000

smartphones collected in 2022

Encourage customers to collect mobile devices and we are launching more and more proposals for smartphones

Don't Miss the Call

Recycle
Your Old
Phone

72 sites dismantled in 2022 through MWingz

Share our network and structurally recycle network equipment



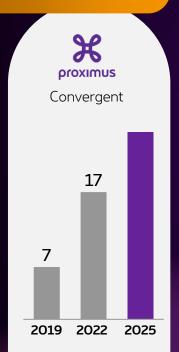
+683,000 refurbished equipment in 2022

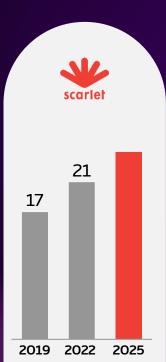
Reduce use of raw materials by leasing and renting equipment from customers and collecting used or defective equipment

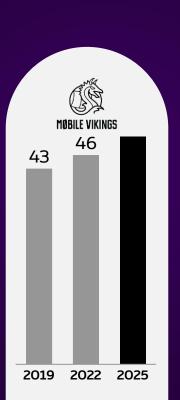
## Achieving #1 in customer experience and NPS across segments

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**Brand NPS** 









Superior connectivity experience



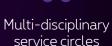




Digital-first, while valorizing human contact when it matters



Voicebot/





Anchoring continuous improvement on customer feedback

Gold award winner 2021

- Best Use of Insight &
Feedback





in synch with customer feedback & new industry trends



### **Product innovations**



Low Code Customer Engagement Platform



5G Roaming Platform



eSIM for loT and MPN



MPN Hub Platform



#### **Product innovations**



Self Service



Age Verify



Silent Verify



Telesign Healthcare

## Aiming for profitable growth, locally and internationally



Continue commercial momentum driven by market share gains, increased revenues per customer

Exploit 1st mover advantage in fiber roll-out with a head start in capabilities

Mitigate inflation with upscaled cost efficiency program

Drive **FCF recovery** through a growing EBITDA as of 2024 and return to normalized CAPEX levels





Consolidate leadership in digital communications via an advanced platform with global reach

**Lead in digital identity** at the intersection of enterprises & consumers via differentiated product suite

Expand into **new geographies & products** 

Boost FCF contribution thanks to high single digit Direct Margin growth and low CAPEX intensity

## Major step in International segments strategy, becoming one of the worldwide leaders in digital communications



Materially

market<sup>1</sup>.

gaining scale:

Moving into Top 3

of Global CPaaS

**GLOBAL** 

Route Mobile's strong presence on India subcontinent highly complementary to Telesign, along with cross selling potential of product portfolios.

Agreement for acquisition of controlling interest of ≥ 57.56% in Route Mobile. Highly value accretive transaction, with high product and footprint complementarity between Route Mobile and Telesign expected to bring significant EBITDA synergies. (announced 17th of July 2023)

**Estimated EBITDA** synergy potential of ≥ €90M at run rate: 3/4 cost synergies.

Combined **EBITDA** margin: expected to grow to a best-in-class 13%-15%.

For the full transaction presentation click here

### Bold2025 is a growth strategy

### creating long term value

2022-2025



Boldly building a connected world that people trust so society blooms



**GROW** domestic **revenue** & **RETURN** domestic **EBITDA** to the level of 2022 by 2025



**ACCELERATE** international EBITDA, incl. **Direct Margin** growing at high single digit CAGR



**GROW** group **EBITDA** as from 2024, with 2025 Group EBITDA slightly above the 2022 level



**RETURN** to **normalized CAPEX levels** post-2023 peak



MAINTAIN a sound financial position with Net debt/EBITDA ratio between 2.5x and 3.0x by **REBASING** dividend as from 2024



**COMMIT** to long term FCF growth trajectory

## Key figures FY 2022

### Key financial figures 2022

**FY 2022** 

€ **5,909**M Underlying Group revenue +5.9% YoY

€ **3,722**M Underlying Group direct margin +4.0% YoY € **1,786**M Underlying Group EBITDA +0.8% YoY

€ **1,305**M Group CAPEX (excl. Spectrum & football rights)

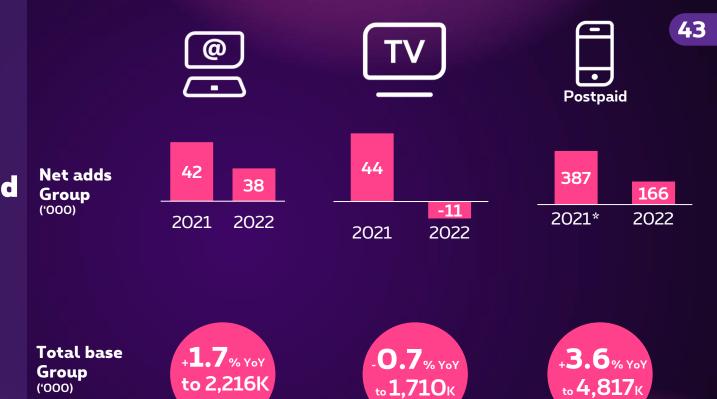
1.5 x Proximus definition2.3 x S&P definitionNet debt/EBITDA

€ **181**M
Adjusted
Free Cash flow

**€ 450**M Net income +1.5% YoY

**Growing Domestic** Internet and **Mobile Postpaid** customer base supporting revenue, while containing TV decline.

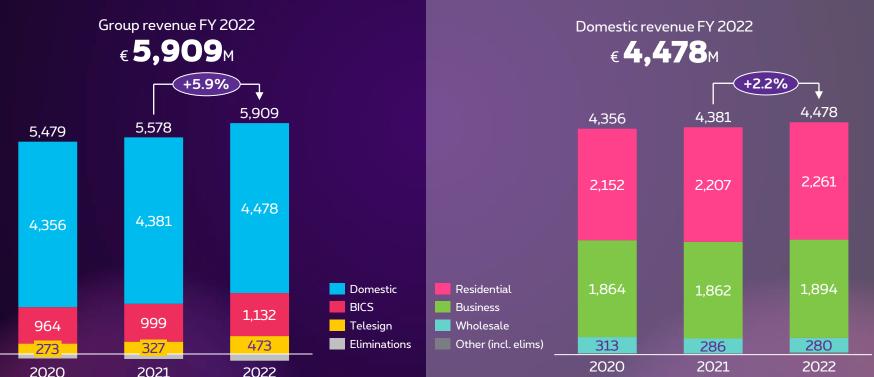
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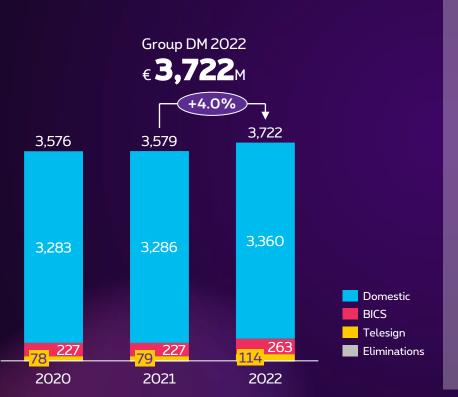
to **4,817**K

mainly generated by Residential & Business customers





# The Group direct margin is 63% of revenue, and 75% for Domestic



# The Group operating expenses totaled € 1.9bn, € 1.3Bn workforce related



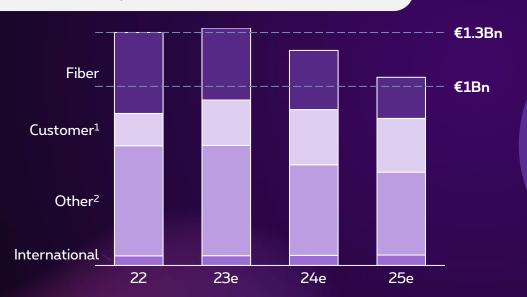
Group EBITDA €1,786M, +0.8%YoY with cost efficiencies mitigating inflation impacts.

2022 EBITDA margin at 30.2%.



## Proximus invested € 1.3Bn³ in 2022, with path to normalizing levels post 2023 peak.

### Group CAPEX breakdown



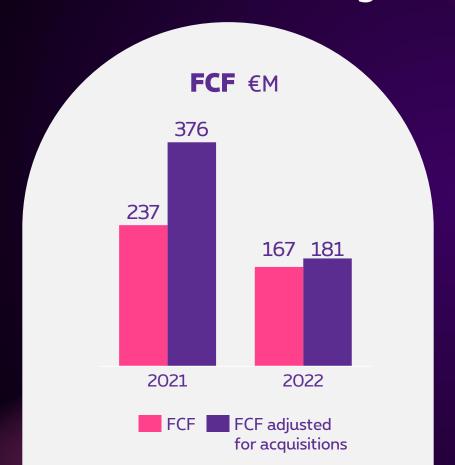
- **Fiber roll-out** in standalone peaked and to slow down, with Fiber JVs to step up pace.
- Increase in Fiber customer termination and activation cost
- **IT**-transformation and Digitalization
- Ongoing implementation of Mobile network consolidation

<sup>(1)</sup> Incl. Fiber Termination & Activation Capex, Modems, Boosters & STB Capex

<sup>2)</sup> Incl. CAPEX a.o for Mobile, IT , telco platforms, network Renewal, Content and other

<sup>(3)</sup> Excl. Spectrum & football rights

## FCF of 2022 reflecting increased Fiber investments



Accelerated Fiber rollout, with 32% more homes passed with Fiber compared to 2021 is a main driver for the decrease in adjusted FCF

### Keeping a sound financial position and securing long term debt

**2,758**M€
Adjusted Net Debt end'22
(excl. lease liabilities)

**2.3** x Net debt / EBITDA (S&P definition) at year-end 2022

>99% of outstanding LT debt at fixed rate refinancing



PDF: EUR 500 million Bond

### **Credit ratings**

S&P BBB+ (stable outlook) Moody's A2 (stable outlook) 2%

Weighted average coupon (long-term only)

**/** Yr

Weighted average debt duration (long-termonly)



### 2023 outlook

Guidance metrics	FY2022	<b>Outlook</b> <b>FY 2023</b> 16 January 2023	Outlook FY 2023 28 July 2023
Underlying <b>Domestic</b> revenue	€ 4,478M	+[1-3%] YoY	Upper end of +1% to +3% YoY
Underlying <b>Domestic</b> EBITDA	€ 1,665M	Around -3% YoY	Around -3% YoY
International Direct Margin <sup>1</sup>	€ 377M	High single digit growth	High single digit growth
Underlying <b>Group</b> EBITDA	€1,786M	Around -3% YoY	Around -3% YoY
Capex (excl. Spectrum & football rights)	€ 1.3Bn	Peak at around € 1.3Bn	Peak at around € 1.3Bn
Net debt / EBITDA	1.5X (Proximus) 2.3X (S&P)	Around 2.6X (S&P)	Around 2.6X (S&P)

# We maintain a stable dividend of €1.2/share for 2023 while ensuring a sound financial position by rebasing dividend as of 2024

Dividend: over the result of 2023 of **€1.2/share**, for 2024 and 2025 **€0.6/share** 



Note: Subject to AGM approval Cash dividend/share to be paid out as follows:

Calendar years 2023 & 2024: €0.7 normal + €0.5 interim on running year, for total of €1.2/share;

Calendar year 2025: €0.1 normal + €0.3 interim 2025, for total of €0.4/share;

Calendar year 2026: €0.3 normal (remainder of dividend over 2025)

The **rebased sustainable** dividend incorporates

- All currently known macro and inflationary headwinds.
- Expected changes in the market structure.

Keeping sound debt levels, ensuring flexibility to further grow our business.

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