

# HKT 2023 Interim Results

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

2 August 2023 – Hong Kong

a **PCCW** Group member

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## **Business Review**

**Susanna Hui Group Managing Director** 



### **Resilient Business Amidst Continued Economic Headwinds**



2023 Interim Distribution of 32.05 HK cents per Share Stapled Unit



Revenue

+ 5% YoY

Revenue

+ 10% YoY

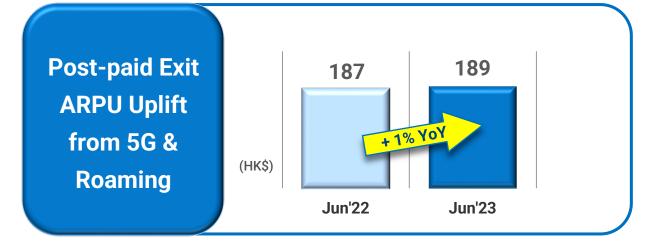
### **Loyal Mobile Customer Base that Values Quality Service**



3,383 + 78K YoY 3,305 3,263 1010 Customers + 17K YoY **Accelerated Growth in** + 2% YoY **Post-paid Customer Base** + 1% YoY H1'22 H1'23 **Despite Competition** Continued expansion of ('000)our premium 1010 customer base H1'22 H1'21 H1'23

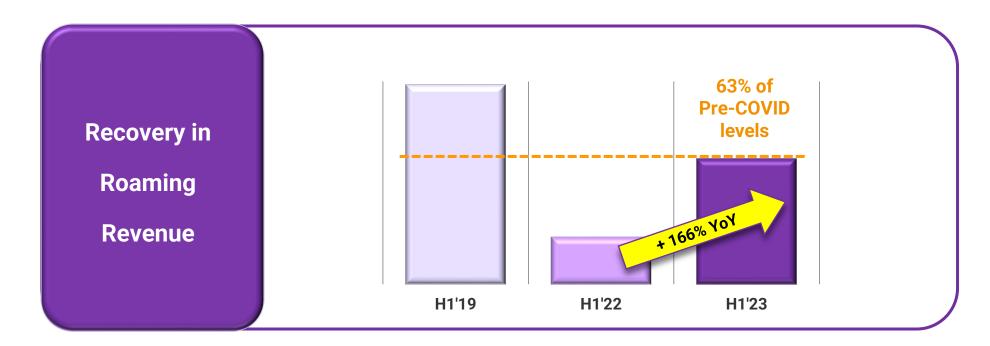
Improved
Post-paid
Churn Rate

0.9%
0.8%
H1'22
H1'23





### Roaming Revenue Rebounds Following Border Reopening



- Total roaming revenue in H1'23 more than doubled from H1'22, and reached 63% of pre-COVID levels
- In June 2023, both <u>number of roamers</u> and <u>consumer outbound roaming</u> revenue surpassed those pre-COVID
- As a result, total roaming revenue in June 2023 rebounded to ~80% of pre-COVID levels



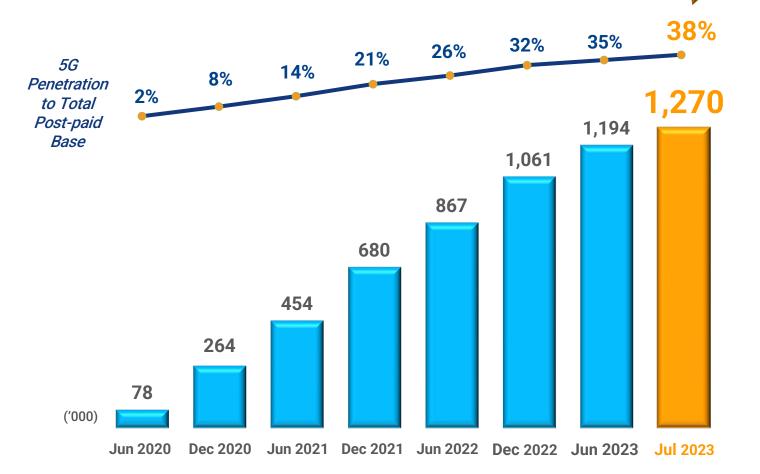


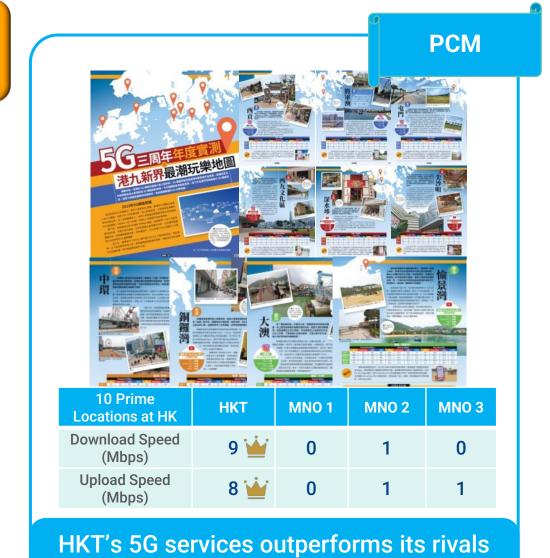
### **Deepening 5G Adoption**



5G customers increased to 1.27 million, representing 38% penetration of our post-paid base in July 2023

csl / 1010 5G Penetration >45%





with superior download and upload speeds



### **Major Network Developments in H1'23**

#### **Enhance Outdoor 5G Coverage**







- Launch of 4x4MIMO 700MHz to boost data speed
- Dual C-Band M-MIMO base stations for busy areas; doubles speed and capacity

#### **Uplift Indoor 5G Coverage**



- Continue to improve indoor 5G coverage in F&B and chain stores with LampSite technology
- Continue 3.3GHz rollout and target to complete geographic coverage by end 2023

#### **Extend Network Coverage**





- 700MHz to enhance deep indoor and rural coverage
- Continuous enhancements for indoor traffic hotspots

#### **High Band mmWave Trial**



- Started technical trials on mmWave performance and FWA application at selected locations
- Will deliver significantly higher speeds

### **HKT Connects Outlying Islands with Fibre Network**

- HKT has connected outlying islands (Lamma Island / Cheung Chau / Peng Chau) with newly built submarine cables
- Enabling 10G fibre services, with 4K Now TV channels
- Enhanced 5G mobile service coverage with 10G backhaul













### 2500M - The New Normal for HKT Broadband Service

**Ultra High Speed XGS PON Technology** 

**Multi-use Broadband** 

**Full Home Coverage** 

2.5G (2500M)

**5G** (5000M)

**10G** (10000M)

2 x 1000M

4 x 1000M

1000M + FTTR



**5G Home** Internet

<u>City-wide coverage</u> and <u>Symmetrical</u>
ultra high uplink and downlink speeds
Seamless upgrade to 10G without field visit

Dedicated downstream bandwidth and Individual public IP address

With Fiber-to-the-Room (FTTR), Wi-Fi 6E and 5G Home Internet options

#### **Enable new applications**



Home Studio social media KOL



**8K Video** 



Metaverse VR/AR



**Cloud Applications** 

#### **Multiple Internet uses**



Home Office



**Entertainment** 



**Gaming** 



**Smart Home** 

#### High quality network





**Reliable Internet Access** 



Wi-Fi 7 is set to be launched by 2024 with throughput of up to 46Gbps

**Advanced Connectivity** 



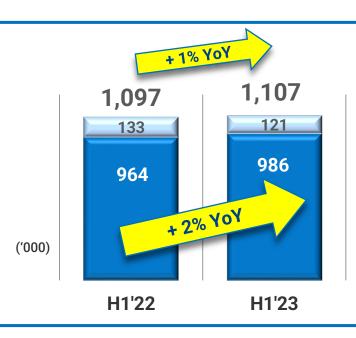
## Robust Demand Continued for High-Speed, Reliable Home Broadband Services



HKT Premier LiKE100

Continued Upgrades to FTTH

Encouraging Uptake
of 2500M
Upgrade Service



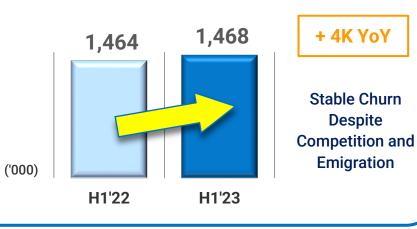
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"Broadband Telecom Company of the Year – Hong Kong" and "Infrastructure Initiative of the Year – Hong Kong" awards received at Asian Telecom Awards 2023

Further
Consumer
Broadband
Net Adds



n and



**VDSL** 

■ FTTH





### **Smart HKT Home Solutions Further Enhance Quality of Living**

#### **Smart Living Home Solutions**



- Pre-installing Smart Living home solutions in new residential properties
- Secured 41 new residential projects, up 20% YoY
- Further collaboration with group of leading developers
   & campuses including China Resources Land and The
   University of Hong Kong
- Repeat project engagement with key local developers:
   Henderson Land, Wheelock, Chinachem and Sino Land



#### **Smart Charge EV Home Charging Solutions**

- Smart Charge currently offers EV home charging solutions across 32 large-scale residential estates in Hong Kong
- Further expanding its diverse and reasonably priced offerings to resolve the pain points of EV owners in Hong Kong and champion green transport
  - > EV Charger Rental Service
  - > New Ceiling-mounted Charging Solution



Smart La Charge

by HKT and CLP



## Content Aggregator Now TV Strengthens Line-up with Latest Array of Sports & Entertainment



#### **Home of Sports**

 Continue to enrich the value of its unrivalled sports proposition



#### **Exclusive & Express**

 Latest Chinese, Asian and Hollywood
 Blockbuster Movies



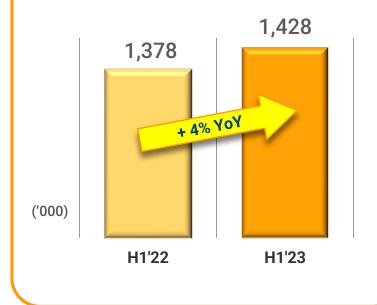
#### Comprehensive

 High Quality Drama Series, Award-Winning Variety Entertainment, Fun & Learn Kids programmes



#### **Enlarged Customer Base**

- Captured new customer base from market consolidation, particularly in the commercial segment
- Further penetration into top-tier hotels with tourism recovering





### **5G Continues to Fuel Digital Transformation for Enterprises**



**5G Applications Expanding to More Industries and Customers** 

2022



#### **Smart Construction**



#### **Smart Healthcare**





#### **Smart Healthcare**

First in HK



#### **5G Private Network**

to provide a reliable & secure connectivity to support smart healthcare applications:

- 1. Remote consultation
- 2. VR for healthcare training
- 3. Al robotics
- 4. Cloud picture archiving system
- 5. Real-time asset tracking

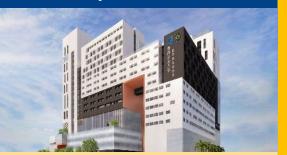
#### **Benefits:**

 Fully secure, flexible and expandable network for critical healthcare applications

#### 2023

#### **Smart Campus**

**New Industry** 



### **5G Smart App and IoT** to enable users seamlessly

control various facilities:

- 1. Remote laundry service booking
- 2. Remote food ordering
- 3. Access real-time information (e.g. temperature, humidity, air quality)

#### **Benefits:**

 Deliver digital hostel experience for students and meet ESG objectives

#### **Smart Property**

**New Industry** 



### **5G Smart Property** to elevate quest experience:

- 1. Self check-in kiosk
- 2. Central room control
- 3. IPTV and connected videos
- 4. Full Wi-Fi coverage
- 5. Mobile app for housekeeping

#### **Benefits:**

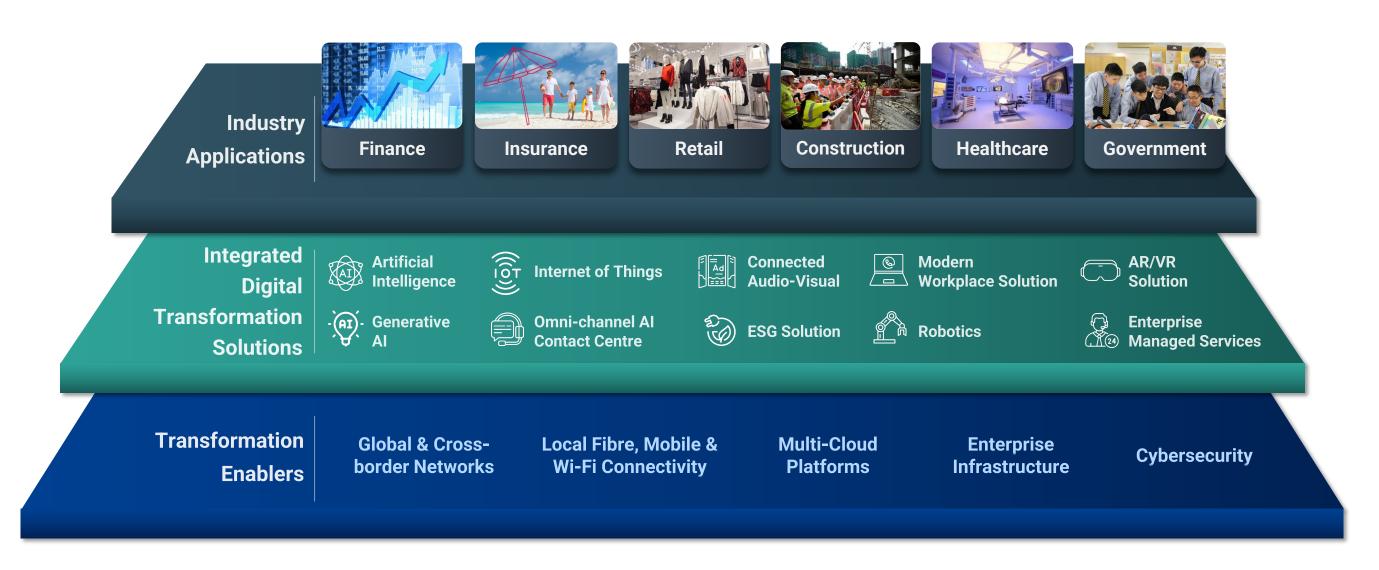
 Elevate hotel guest experience and improve staff productivity due to manpower shortage with high speed 5G network



### **Integrated Solutions to Spur Growth in Enterprise Segment**



Digital Transformation Solutions integrating Connectivity, Cloud Computing and Cybersecurity to Al-Powered Industry Solutions and Enterprise Managed Services





### Increasing Digital Transformation Demand in GBA as Borders Reopen



Integrated Solutions and Enterprise Managed Services to capture opportunities in GBA

#### **China Business**

**Achieved 21% YoY Growth with Strong Momentum** 

- Companies expanding from HK to China
- China-based companies going out to HK and beyond
- Growing opportunities to support Macau's gaming and non-gaming economy development

#### Leverage digital solutions to cater for fast expansion needs



SD-WAN, IPLS, Premium Internet, Wi-Fi

Cybersecurity



**Systems Integration** 



**Connected AV** 



**Enterprise Managed Services** 



Cloud













 "GBA Enterprise Awards 2022" by Hong Kong Business

China

- "High and New Technology Enterprise" by Beijing Municipal Government
- 2022 Top-10 SD-WAN & SASE
   Outstanding Application Awards
   by SDNLAB

### **Al-enabled, Personalised Digital Services to Club Members**



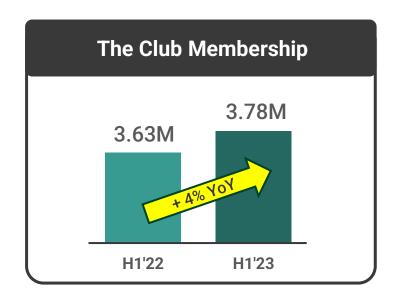
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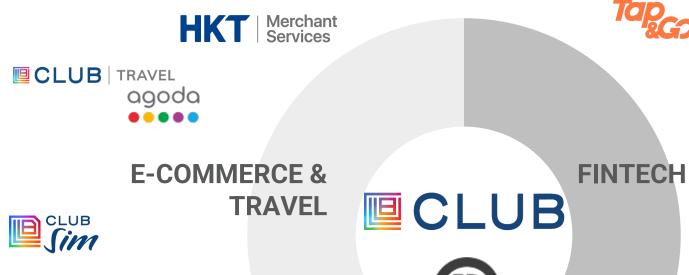
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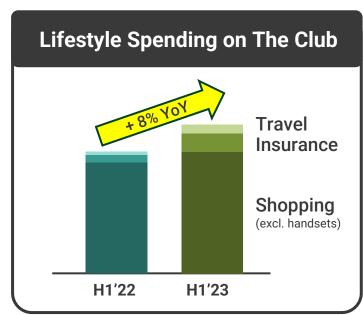
Money

**HKTFlexi** 

The Club's Strategy: Focus on Lifestyle Spending with Breadth of Local & International Experience



















### Scaling for Web 2.0, Ready for Web 3.0



- Financial Services continue steady growth for both B2B & B2C while strengthening its loyalty ecosystem
- HKT is selected as part of a consortium participating in HKMA's e-HKD Pilot Programme

#### Merchants



Comprehensive e-payment solution targeting local SMEs

- Foster digital economy, drive adoption and lower costs for SME with special rate
- 8,000+ subscriptions to our merchant payment solutions as at June 2023, increase of 20% YoY

#### Consumers



Growing transactions with a solid base of young & tech-savvy segment

- Accounts expanded to 3.71M as at June 2023, an increase of 5% YoY
- With the positive impact of CVS, non-CVS spending rose by 9% YoY
- Leveraging extensive MasterCard ,
   UnionPay and FPS networks to enable travel across China and international destinations, travel-related transactions more than doubled YoY



Beginning structural integration of Financial Services offerings into The Club's ecosystem:



Introduced Club Points features into Smart POS



Introduced Club Mini Shop within Tap & Go to strength loyalty and shopping proposition



### Leading and Innovative MedTech Platform in Hong Kong



#### Telemedicine



#### **Increasing Consultations as Telemedicine Gains Acceptance**

- With the pandemic having accelerated the popularisation of healthtech, market demand for DrGo telemedicine platform has maintained its steady growth
  - 371K registered users as at June 2023, an increase of 12% YoY
  - >70% YoY growth in the number of completed video consultations in H1'23
- 130+ doctors/healthcare professionals from 16 medical consultation service partners
- Extend healthcare services from online to offline offering vaccination and medical checkup packages
  - > >160% YoY growth in GMV in H1'23

### **Comprehensive Service Portfolio**



#### **Comprehensive Services & Features to Enhance User Well-being**

- Diverse range of telemedicine services
  - General Practice
  - Chinese Medicine Practitioner
  - Speciality (Paediatrics, Family Medicine, Psychiatric and Psychological Services)
  - Dietetic Service
- Comprehensive free in-app features
  - > FibriCheck for atrial fibrillation detection
    - Women's wellness
      - Walk-to-Earn for fitness habit

My Health for vital signs monitoring

Launch of DrGo private label, Me+ personalised health supplements in late August





### Contribute to a Sustainable Future

### **Community Impact**

- Strive and Rise Programme (共創明 Teen) Support development and upward mobility of underprivileged youth through corporate volunteering and activities, e.g. Now TV, Viu TV and HKT Innovation Lab visits
- Volunteering hours in H1'23 close to 2,800 hours











### **Climate Change Resilience**

Sustainability-linked loans:
 Committed about US\$2.7 billion

### **Smart City Transformation**

- Launch of Smart Kiosks Revitalise traditional telephone booths to become one-stop service station – payphone, Wi-Fi, USB chargers, community information, news, weather and transportation updates – for residents and visitors alike
- The Smart Kiosks also extend the reach of Dementia's Secret Angel to help locate dementia-afflicted missing persons







### **Highlights**

- Unique Quad Play Experience Only service provider that can offer voice, broadband, mobile and content to individuals, households, enterprises and government bodies
- Customer-Centric Approach Continue to invest in technologies, talent and customer support to provide innovative services, gain better customer insight and elevate the overall customer experience
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## Financial Review

Patrick Poon
Chief Financial Officer

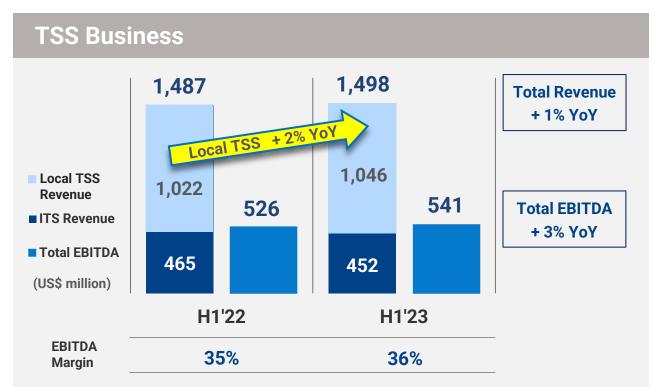


### **Resilient Financial Performance**

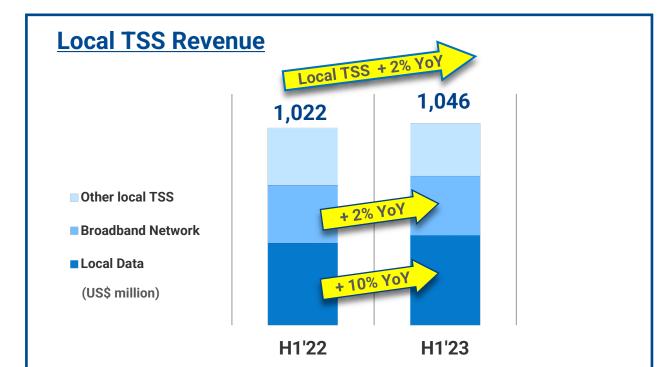
(US\$ million)	H1'22	H1'23	% Change
Adjusted Funds Flow	305	311	+ 2.2%
Revenue	2,071	2,103	+ 2%
Revenue (excluding Mobile Product Sales)	1,906	1,955	+ 3%
EBITDA	748	770	+ 3%
EBITDA Margin (excluding Mobile Product Sales)	39%	39%	
Overall EBITDA Margin	36%	37%	
Profit Attributable to Holders of Share Stapled Units	245	250	+ 2.2%



### **TSS Continued to Demonstrate Business Strength**



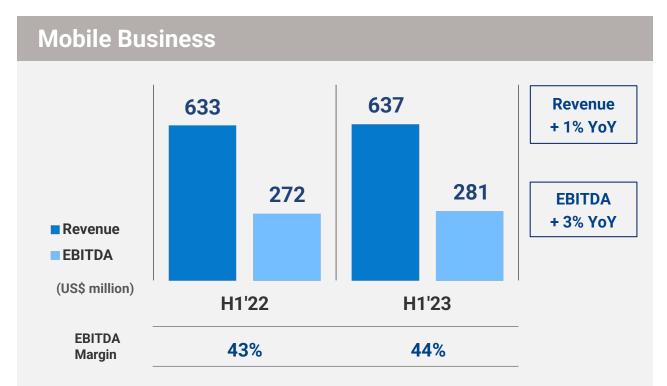
- Local TSS revenue grew by 2% underpinned by strong growth in local data services
- Pay TV services delivered a steady performance with higher commercial subscription revenue particularly from hospitality sector
- International telecom services experienced lower revenue from wholesale voice business and absence of one-off cable revenues
- Total EBITDA up 3% driven by further operating efficiencies and ongoing focus on cost initiatives leading to a margin of 36%



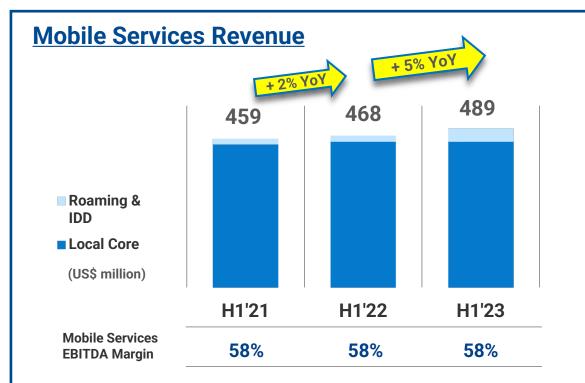
- Local data revenue achieved impressive growth of 10% reflecting the accelerated demand for our unique integrated digital transformation solutions across different industries that incorporate 5G applications with smart city solutions in HK and GBA
- Broadband revenue grew by 2% as demand for our high-speed, reliable fibre network from individuals, households and enterprises continued in the new normal
- As a result, Local Data Services registered a solid revenue growth of 7% in the first half of 2023



### Mobile Benefiting from Gradual Recovery in Roaming



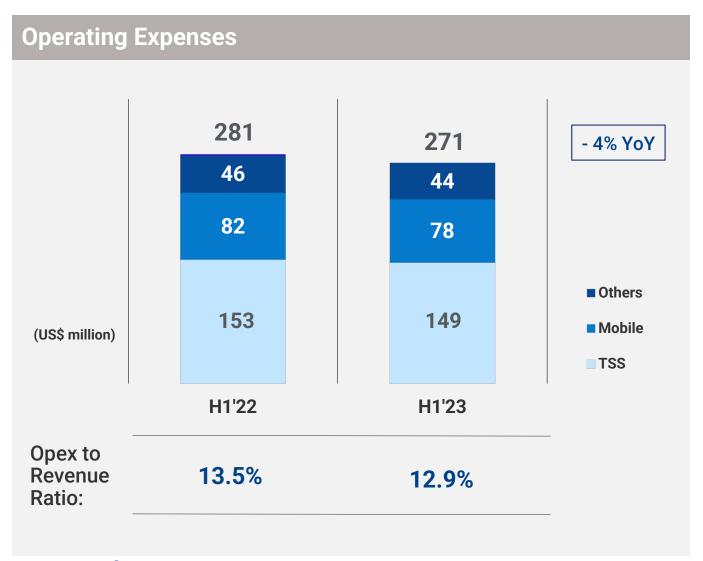
- Mobile business recorded a 5% growth in services revenue to US\$489 million
- Post-paid customer base further expanded to 3.383 million, a net gain of 78,000 or 2% growth year-on-year
- 5G customer base reached 1.194 million as at end of June 2023, representing 35% of post-paid base
- Lower Mobile product sales impacted by cautious retail sentiment, lack of new handsets and longer handset replacement cycle



- Mobile services revenue grew 5% in H1'23, underpinned by the gradual recovery in roaming revenue and higher 5G adoption across our post-paid base
- Roaming revenue soared by 166% year-on-year as travel resumed with full border reopening
- Post-paid exit ARPU up by 1% to HK\$189
- Mobile services EBITDA rose 4% to US\$281 million with margin of 58%



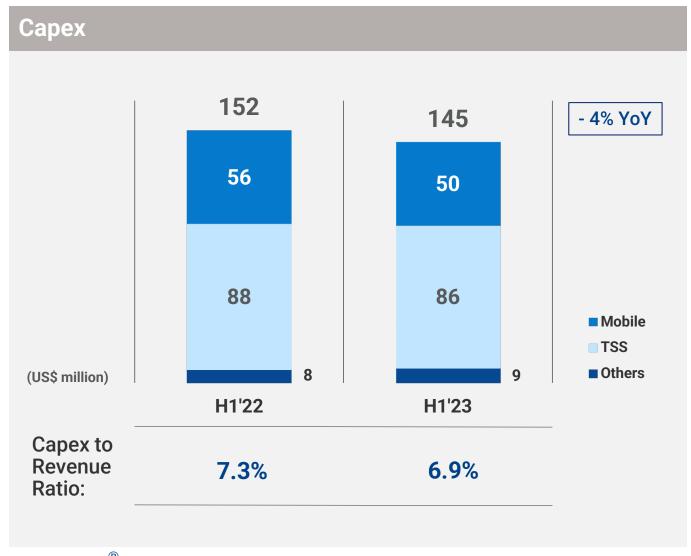
### **Continued Focus on Driving Operating Efficiencies**



- Opex savings of 4% in H1'23, with opex to revenue ratio further improving to 12.9%
- Sustained efficiency gains from mobile network operations including improved cell site architecture enabling network design optimisation
- Continued focus on improving efficiencies across each of the business lines through digitalising business processes as well as optimising O2O sales channels and retail footprint to drive higher sales efficiency



### **Disciplined Capital Investments to Support Business Growth**



- Disciplined capital investments with capex to revenue ratio improving to 6.9%, well within stated guidance
- Lower Mobile capex reflecting the completion of our territory-wide 5G coverage rollout in 2022, with ongoing capex focusing on capacity upgrades and indoor coverage enhancement
- TSS capex dropped slightly, with spending mainly to support growing demand for our unique integrated digital transformation solutions including smart city solutions for enterprises

### **Adjusted Funds Flow**

(US\$ million)	H1′22	H1'23	YoY Better/ (Worse)
EBITDA	748	770	3%
Less cash outflows in respect of capital expenditures, customer acquisition costs and licence fees:			
Capital expenditures	(146)	(138)	
Customer acquisition costs and licence fees	(76)	(102)	
Fulfilment costs	(40)	(35)	
Right-of-use ("ROU") assets	(88)	(87)	
Adjusted Funds Flow before tax paid, net finance costs paid and changes in working capital	398	408	3%
Adjusted for:			
Net finance costs paid	(45)	(89)	
Tax payment	(10)	(32)	
Changes in working capital	(38)	24	
Adjusted Funds Flow for the period	305	311	2.2%
Adjusted Funds Flow per Share Stapled Unit (HK cents)	31.36	32.05	
Interim Distribution per Share Stapled Unit (HK cents)	31.36	32.05	2.2%



### **Income Statement**

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Cost of sales	(1,042)	(1,062)	(2)%
Opex	(281)	(271)	4%
EBITDA	748	770	3%
Depreciation & amortisation expenses	(362)	(346)	
Net other gains	_	1	
Net finance costs	(80)	(118)	(48)%
Share of results of associates & JVs	(5)	(8)	
Profit before income tax	301	299	
Income tax	(56)	(49)	
Effective tax rate	18.5%	16.2%	
Profit for the period	245	250	2.2%
Attributable to:			
Holders of Share Stapled Units	245	250	2.2%
Non-controlling interests	_	_	



## **Solid Financial Position Investment Grade Credit Ratings**

(US\$ million)	As of Dec 2022	As of Jun 2023
Gross Debt (1)	5,664	5,784
Gross Debt to EBITDA (2)	3.38x	3.41x
Cash Balance (3)	271	244
Undrawn Facilities	1,854	1,387
Total	2,125	1,631

<sup>(3)</sup> Including short-term deposits



BBB/Baa2 Investment

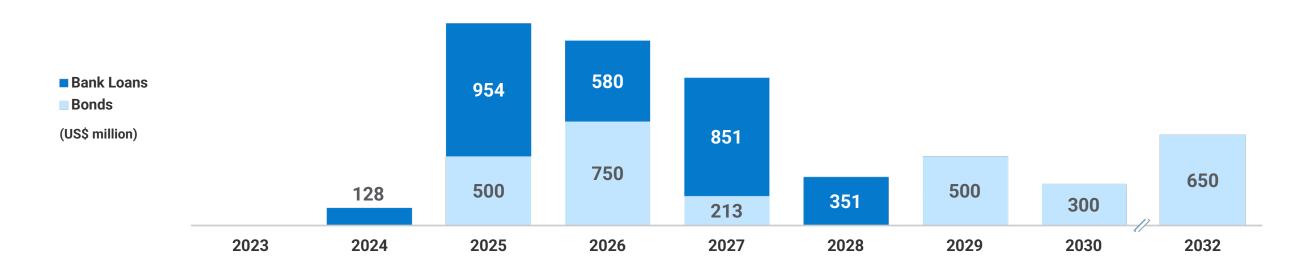
**Grade Rating** 

<sup>(1)</sup> Gross debt refers to the principal amount of short-term and long-term borrowings

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on gross debt as at year end divided by EBITDA for the 12-month period

## Debt Maturity Profile Impact of Interest Rate Hike Cushioned by Healthy Mix of Fixed & Floating Rate Debt

As of 30 June 2023



- Current mix of fixed and floating rate debt approx. 55:45
- Effective interest rate approx. 3.77% in H1 2023
- Average maturity was approx. 4 years



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