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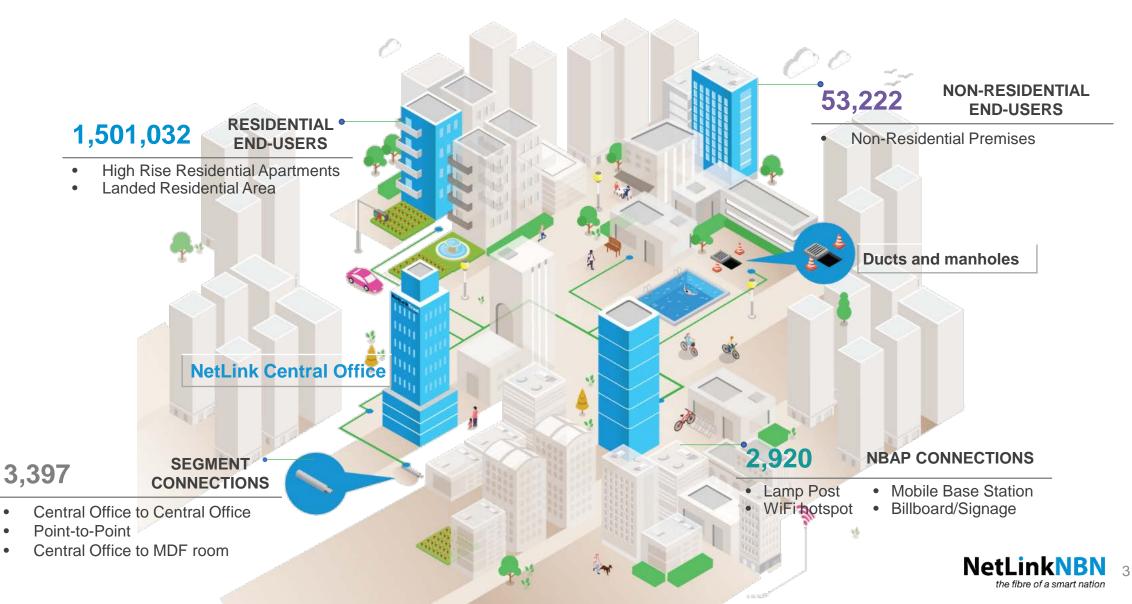
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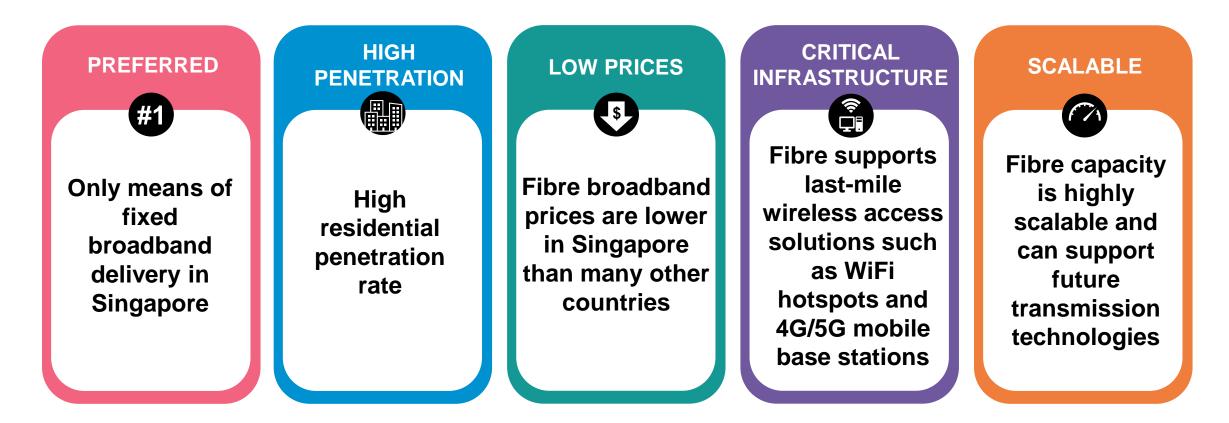
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#### **Our business**

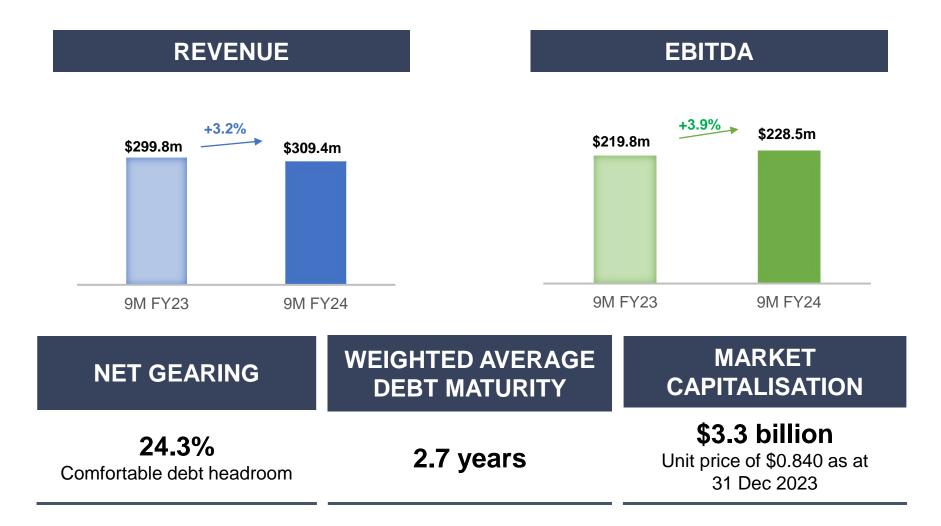


#### Our business is future proof





## **9M FY24 Financial highlights**





#### **Fibre connections**



<sup>(1)</sup> Segment connections comprise, *inter alia, Point-to-Point*, Central Office to Central Office and Central Office to MDF room fibre connections provided to Requesting Licensees



#### **Resilient business model**

	Residential Connections	Non- Residential Connections	NBAP & Segment Connections	Ducts & Manholes Service Revenue	Co-Location Revenue	Central Office Revenue	Installation Related & Other Revenue	Ancillary Project Revenue
		RAB REVENUE <sup>(1)</sup>				NON-RAB REVENUE		
% of 9M FY24 Revenue	59.9%	8.1%	4.7%	6.6%	4.7%	4.0%	6.2%	5.8%
Recurring, predictable cash flows	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	-
Long-term contracts / customer stability	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	-
Regulated revenues	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	$\checkmark$	-
Creditworthy customers	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

<sup>(1)</sup> These services are subject to IMDA's price review framework.



#### **Strategic Focus**

- 1. Improve network reach, densification and capability in support of NetLink's fibre-toanywhere (FTTx) deployment.
- 2. Improve competitiveness of NetLink's Fibre in enterprise and Government segment
- 3. Provide expertise and infrastructure to support the upgrade of the NBN
- 4. Explore opportunities to invest in telecoms infrastructure businesses overseas which are likely to generate a stable cashflow
- 5. Create brand affinity with end-users

#### 9M FY24 Profit or loss statement

\$'000	9M FY24	9M FY23	Variance (%)
Revenue	309,447	299,843	3.2
EBITDA	228,474	219,839	3.9
EBITDA Margin (%)	73.8%	73.3%	0.5 <i>pp</i>
Depreciation and amortisation	(129,637)	(127,270)	1.9
Net finance costs	(13,810)	(11,246)	22.8
Profit after tax	85,106	81,798	4.0

**Revenue** for 9M FY24 was higher by \$9.6 million compared to 9M FY23.

- \$5.7 million from RAB revenue on the back of higher residential, non-residential, NBAP and Segment orders
- \$3.9 million from Non-RAB revenue, mainly contributed by higher installation-related revenue

**EBITDA** was \$8.6 million higher mainly due to higher revenue and a one-off reversal of operating costs following a resolution of disputed power charges.

**PAT** increased by \$3.3 million as a result of higher EBITDA offset by higher net finance cost, depreciation, and income tax expenses.

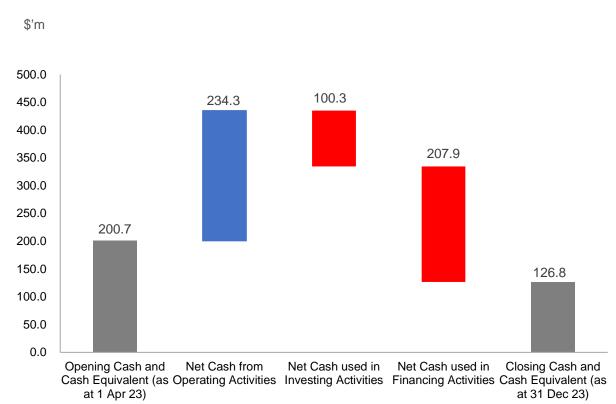


## **Credit metrics and cash flow**

	Dec 2023	Mar 2023
Gross Debt	<b>\$735m</b>	\$735m
Weighted average debt duration	2.7yrs	3.4yrs
Net debt/EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>2.0</b> x	1.8x
EBITDA Interest cover <sup>(1)</sup>	15.2x	18.6x
Borrowings at Fixed Rate	69.4%	69.4%
	9M FY24	9M FY23
Effective average interest rate	2.64%	2.03%

<sup>(1)</sup> Ratios calculated based on NetLink Group's trailing 12 months financial

- Interest rate exposure is substantially hedged
- Strong capital structure with debt headroom to fund future capex

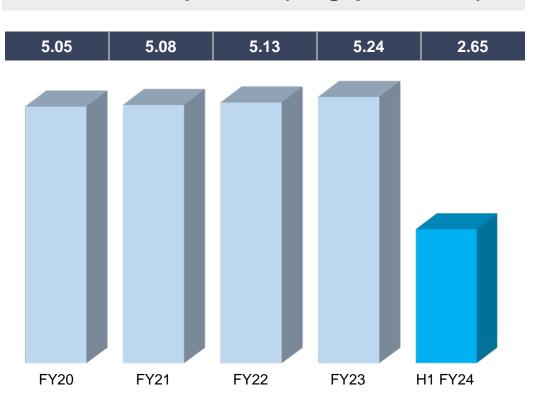


- Strong cash flow generated from operations
- Net Cash used in Financing Activities pertained to distribution paid on 13 June 2023 and 30 Nov 2023



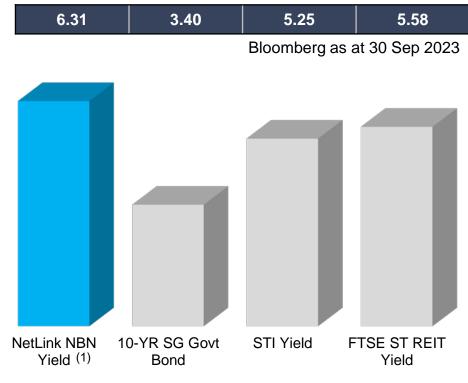
## Attractive distribution yield

**Distribution per Unit (Singapore cents)** 



NetLink has returned \$1.2 billion to unitholders since its IPO in Jul 2017 to date (including the H1FY24 distribution)

#### **Distribution yield (%)**



<sup>(1)</sup> Based on the unit price of \$0.84 as at 30 Sep 2023



# Resilient business underpinned by RAB pricing model

 Monthly recurring charge for residential, non-residential and NBAP end-users at \$13.50, \$55 and \$70.50 respectively with effect from 1 April 2024

#### Base year of the RAB is 2012 WACC RAB X Cost Base - Assets purchased up to 2012 are valued at 2012 prices for RAB - Assets purchased after 2012 are valued at actual cost 2 2 Nominal pre-tax WACC of 7.0% **Return on Capital** - Derived using the capital asset pricing model Return on • Nominal Pre-tax WACC = Capital (i) $\frac{(1 - \text{gearing})}{(1 - \tan x)}$ + Cost of debt x gearing 3 Cost of equity x **Regulatory Depreciation** (3) · Based on Annuity Method of Depreciation Useful life of assets: Regulatory Depreciation 4 - Ducts and manholes: 35 years **Regulatory Opex** - Fibre and related infrastructure: 25 years 4 Regulatory • NLT is allowed to recover a portion of its operating expenditure **Regulated Revenue** spent as part of the RAB Opex

#### FRAMEWORK FOR RAB BASED PRICING MODEL

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METHODOLOGY FOR RAB BASED PRICING MODEL

<sup>(i)</sup> IMDA may change the rate of applicable pre-tax WACC in future review period

