# Investor & analyst presentation

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# Agenda

- Highlights
- Financial & Operational performance
- Q&A



# Q3 2024 Highlights

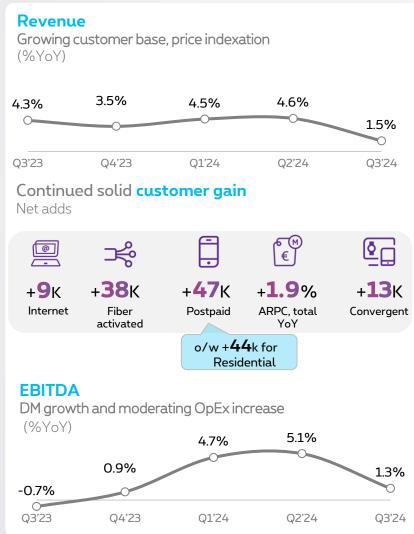




# Solid performance in Q3'24 supports guidance upgrade

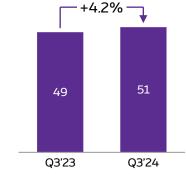
Full year guidance for 2024 up to 3% Group EBITDA growth

#### Domestic

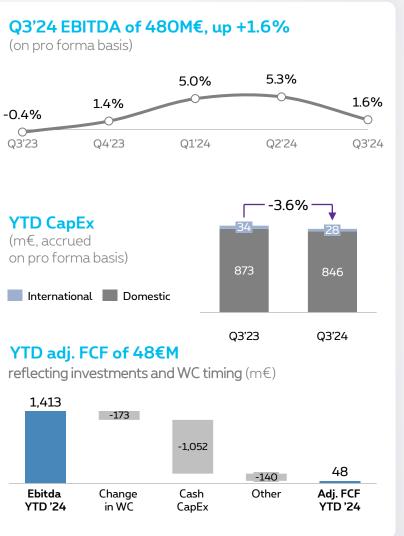


# Direct margin<br/>(m€, %YoY on pro<br/>forma basis)+3.5% at ccP2P Voice & Messaging<br/>Communications & Data9296Q3'23Q3'24

**+4.2% EBITDA** (m€, %YoY on pro forma basis)



#### Group



Revenue and EBITDA refer to 'underlying', for adjustments see appendix

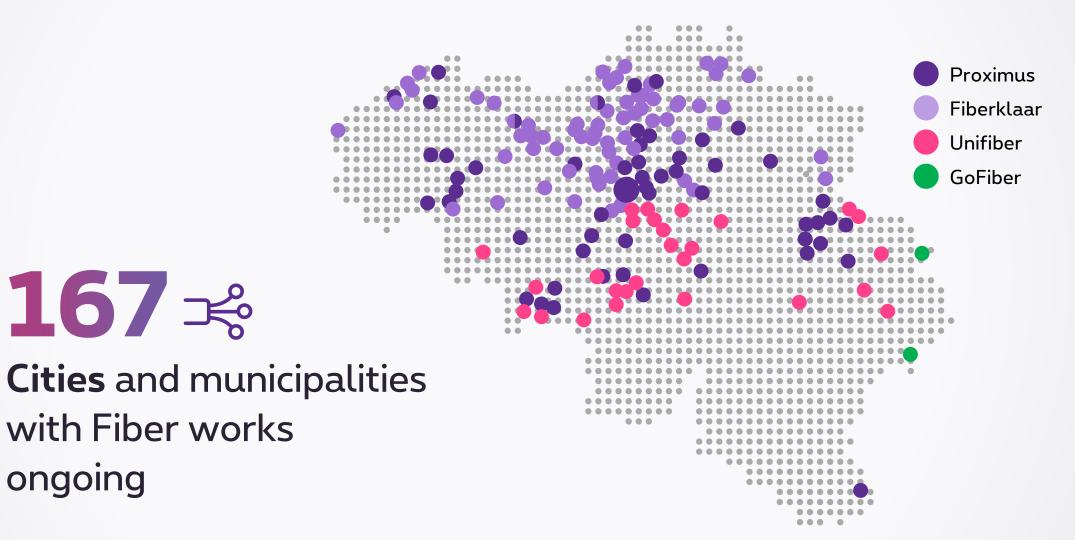
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# Continuing strategic execution, laying transformational foundation

for both Domestic & International front

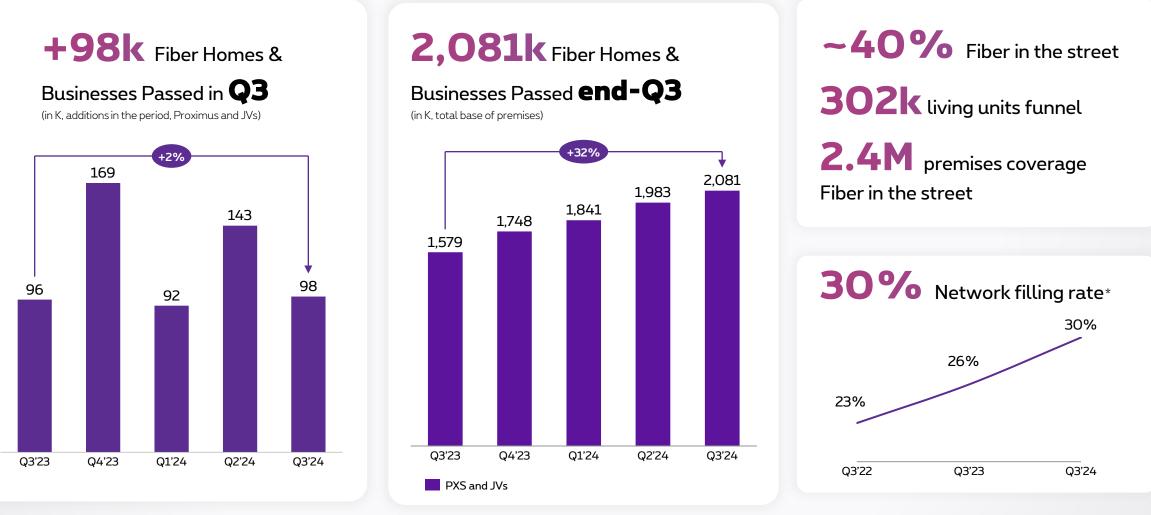


#### Proximus and partners **deploying Fiber in 167 cities**



## **2 million Fiber HP milestone crossed**

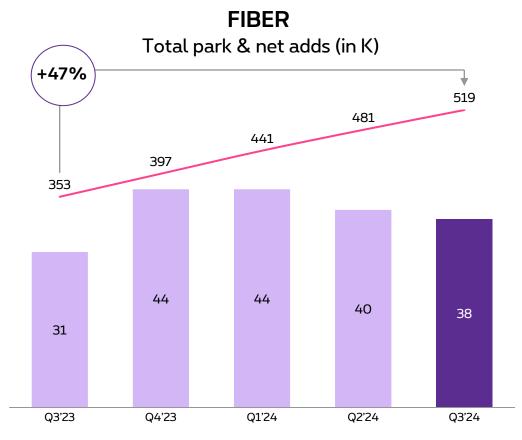
Fiber HP footprint nearly 35%; and "Fiber in the street" at ~40%



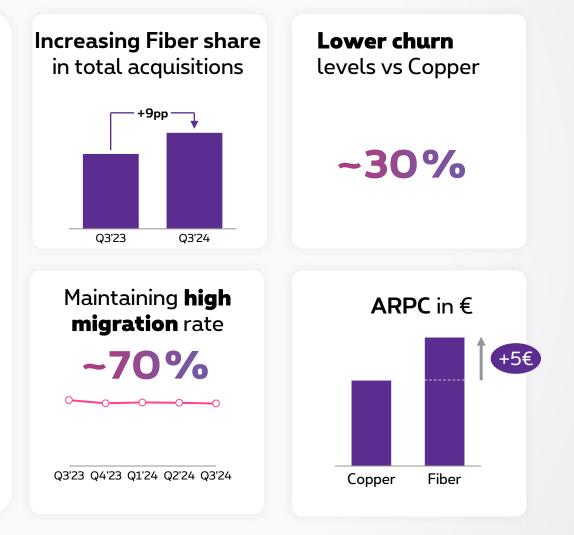
\*company definition - Homes Activated / Total Homes Passed Ready for commercialization

## 519k activated Fiber lines by end-Q3

continued strong customer demand for Fiber



Fiber park: active Residential + Business Fiber lines, incl. new & migrated customers Fiber churn: in fiber zones, average across different customer cohorts Fiber migration: RES + SE, Digital Park after 12 months compared to average of previous 4 quarters Fiber ARPC: RES + SE, uplift excluding promotions which are temporary of nature



# Agreement reached on selling datacenter operations for EUR 128 million

as part of our divestment plan of non-core assets



- Selling on premise Datacentre infrastructure to Datacenter united, including owned real estate
- ✓ 10-year service agreement ensuring Proximus customers to benefit from advanced operations hosted in Belgium
- Longer term, Data Centres not considered core as we move to public cloud
- ✓ **Multi-year lease agreement** for office and telco spaces
- Colocation and rental fees to be partly offset by OpEx and CapEx savings
- ✓ Closing expected by Q1 2025

# Proximus Group benefitting from strategic partnerships ,

initial synergies between Route Mobile and Telesign materializing



**Synergies** 

Telesign

**Route Mobile** 

5 -yrs strategic partnership. Focus on advancing CPaaS + DI, enabling **seamless customer engagement** across multiple channels.



Strategic partnership – joint GTM to **leverage products of Route Mobile** (CPaaS), **Telesign** (DI), and **BICS** solutions, combined with Infosys Digital Services



Cross selling Telesign and Route Mobile capabilities

Cross-sell plan rolled out; Expecting revenue momentum with existing large accounts in due course Drive COGS saving through route optimization

Route Mobile receiving incremental traffic from Telesign on their platform



OpEx synergies, leveraging increased scale across global footprint

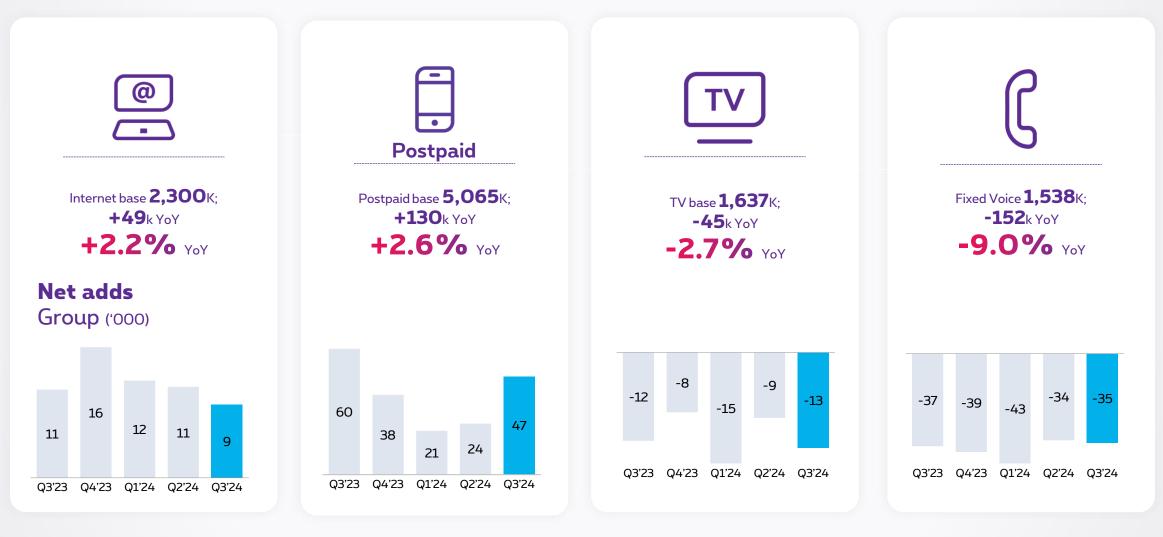
Rolled out shared service initiatives for group requirements in India & Colombia and expecting rapid ramp-up.

# Financial and Operational performance

# Domestic

# Sustained solid commercial performance

with continued growth for Internet and Mobile

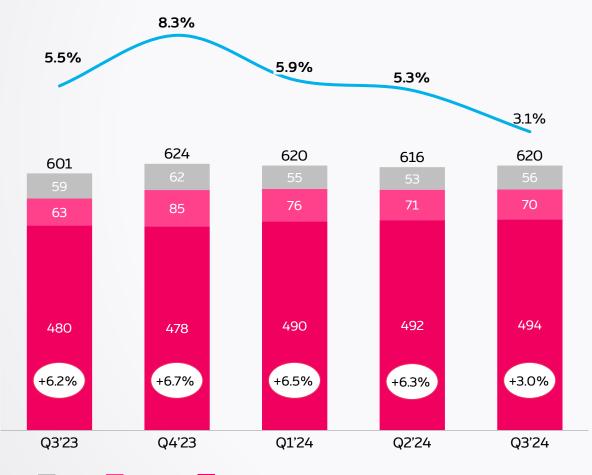


Residential

### Q3 Residential revenue up by +3.1% YoY, with Services revenue up +3.0%,

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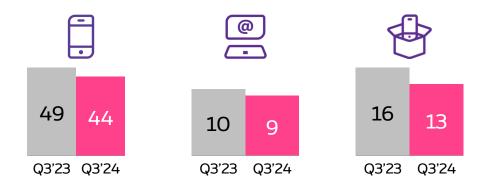
supported by 1 Jan'24 price indexation and ongoing solid customer growth



#### **Residential revenue (M€, YoY )**

#### Customer Services revenue +3.0% YoY

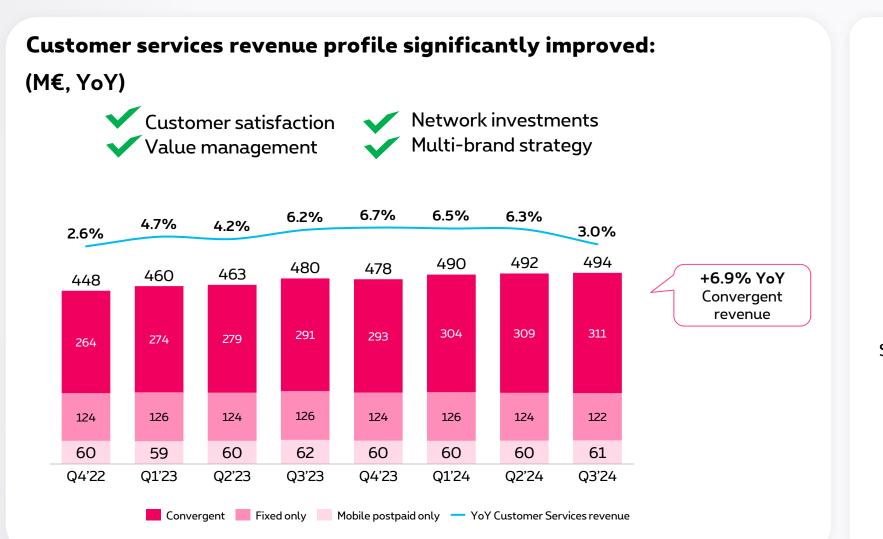
• Strong Q3'24 customer growth



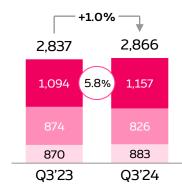
- Well managed price indexation with a "more for more" approach keeping churn level under control
- **Terminals revenue** +10.7% driven by higher joint offer volumes

## **Growing Convergent base and higher ARPC**

driving +3.0% Residential customer services revenue increase in Q3



Customers (in K) Growing Convergent base: +5.8% YoY

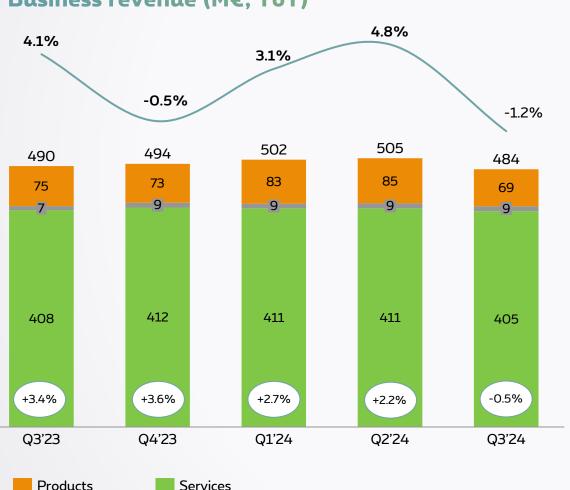


+1.9% ARPC (overall, €) Supported by price indexation, upsell to convergent offers and Fiber



#### B2B revenue impacted by volatility in low margin IT Products

Business Services -0.5% YoY, Products -7.8% YoY



#### **Business revenue (M€, YoY)**

Lux telco & other — YoY Business Revenue

#### Q3 revenue

Services revenue -0.5%,

Solid growth in IT Services and Fixed Data, offset by decrease in Fixed Voice and Mobile

#### Products revenue -7.8%,

Driven by volatility in low margin IT Products revenue, -10M€ YoY

#### **Customers wins\***



\*limited to those with customer's consent



### B2B Services revenue for Q3 nearly stable year-on-year

IT Services growing, telco trend impacted by annualizing price indexation

#### Business Services revenue (M€)



#### +4.4% IT Services

• Driven by growth in services in Cloud, Security and Smart Mobility

#### +1.3% Fixed Data

• Internet revenue up, ARPU +3.8% & stable base with growing share of Fiber

#### -3.6% Mobile

- Decrease in customer base impacted by Vlaamse Overheid contract loss
- Slightly decreasing ARPU YoY

#### -6.5% Fixed Voice

- Volume decline in line with historic trends, partially contained through value management
- ARPU growing

## Roaming traffic driving strong growth in Wholesale Services

continued YoY decline in low margin interconnect revenue

#### Wholesale revenue (M€, YoY)



#### Fixed & Mobile Services revenue +21.5%

• Mainly driven by higher roaming volumes

#### Interconnect revenue -20.2%

- Ongoing decline in traditional messaging revenue
- EU MTR regulation impact
- No meaningful margin impact

#### Sustained solid Domestic revenue growth, +1.5% YoY

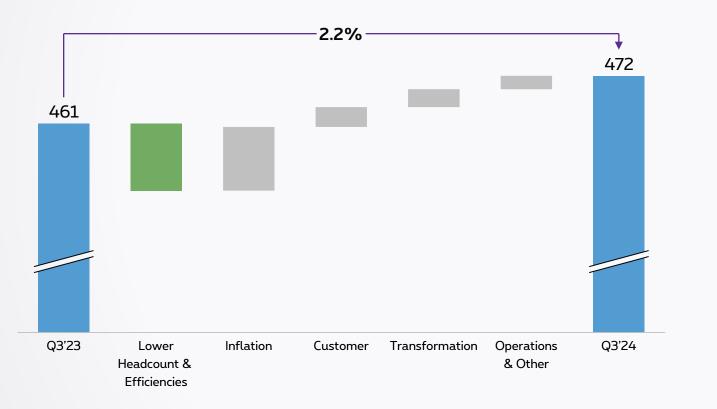
revenue from Services up by +2.2% YoY



#### **Continued cost efficiency delivery more than offsets inflation effect** OpEx increase slowing

#### OpEx

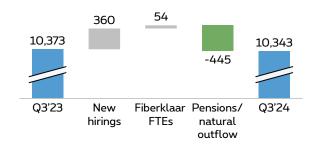
(management view, underlying, M€)







#### Domestic headcount (FTE)



• Inflation: wage indexations (Dec'23 and Jun'24) and other inflationary costs increases

Customer related costs: acquisition, retention, migration and servicing costs

- Transformation: Mwingz, HQ rental and Cloudification
- Operations & Other: Mostly other HR related costs

## Domestic EBITDA +1.3%

Strong direct Margin growth and cost efficiencies outpacing remaining inflationary impacts



# International

### Sustaining direct margin growth on high comparable base



Revenue -0.9% at constant currency, Q3 cycling against a high comparable base

Continuing **shift** from **Voice and Messaging** usage to **OTT solutions** 

**New customers** in fast **growing markets:** Asian and Latam

**Direct margin up +3.5%** at constant currency despite **pressure on top line** 

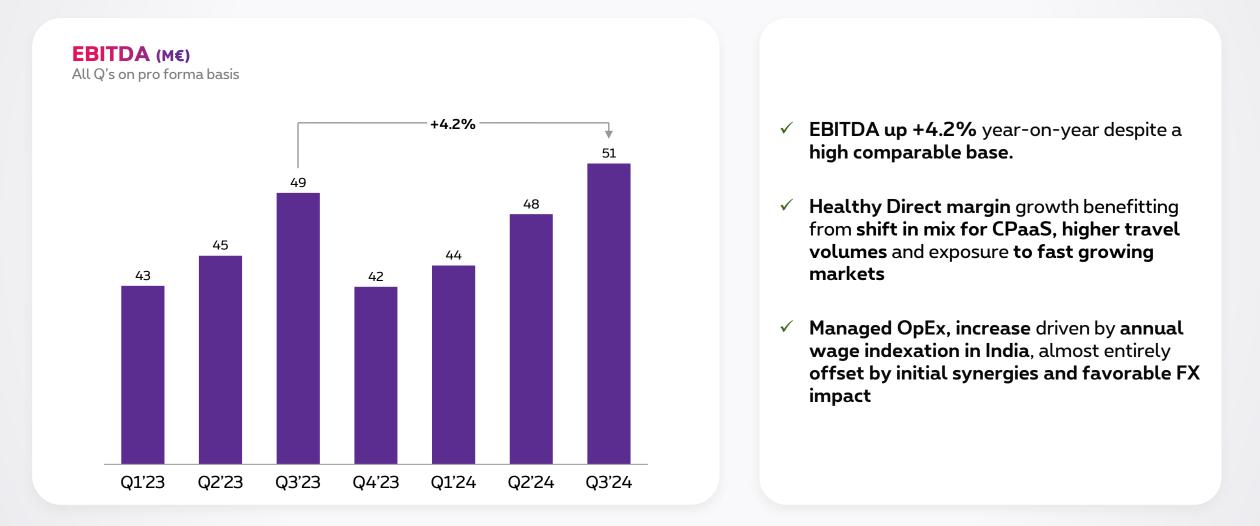
+1.2p.p. Direct margin to 26.5%

Strong ability to **recapture traffic** shifting to CPaaS SMS **to CPaaS omnichannel** solutions

Solid DI performance driven by Phone ID

"Pro forma" - full view includes Route Mobile in all quarters of 2023, as well as in Q1 2024 and Q2 2024, allowing for like-for-like comparison

#### International EBITDA up +4.2% on a pro forma basis



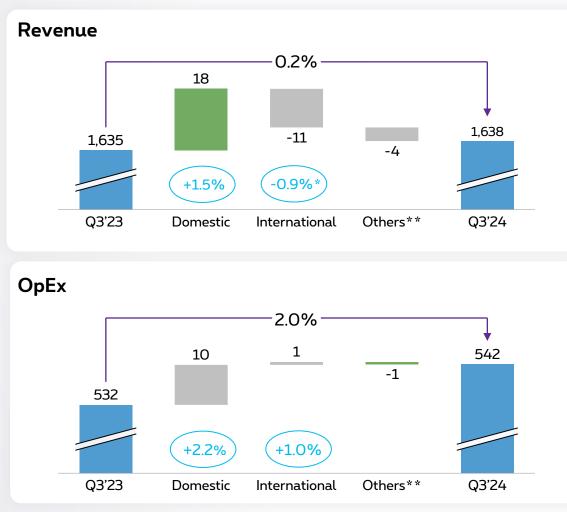


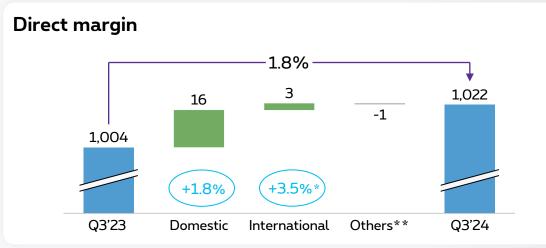


### Q3 Group EBITDA +1.6%, on pro forma basis

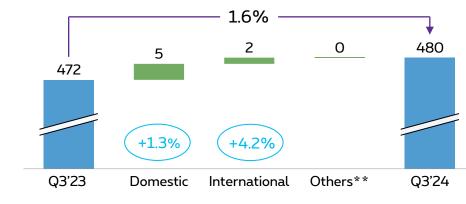
Direct margin continued to grow, while the cost increase further moderated

(all underlying, M€)





**EBITDA** 



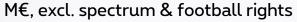
#### \*In constant currency

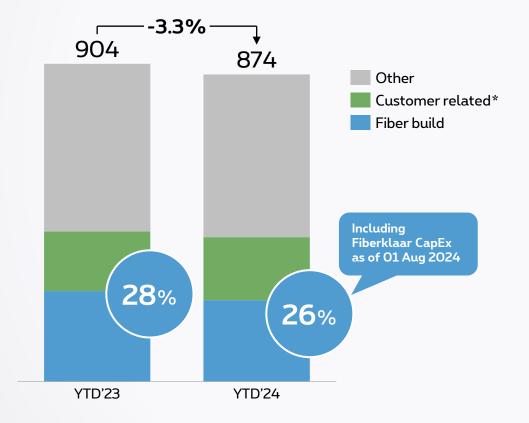
\*\*Eliminations

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### YTD 2024 Group CapEx of 874M€

Group CapEx

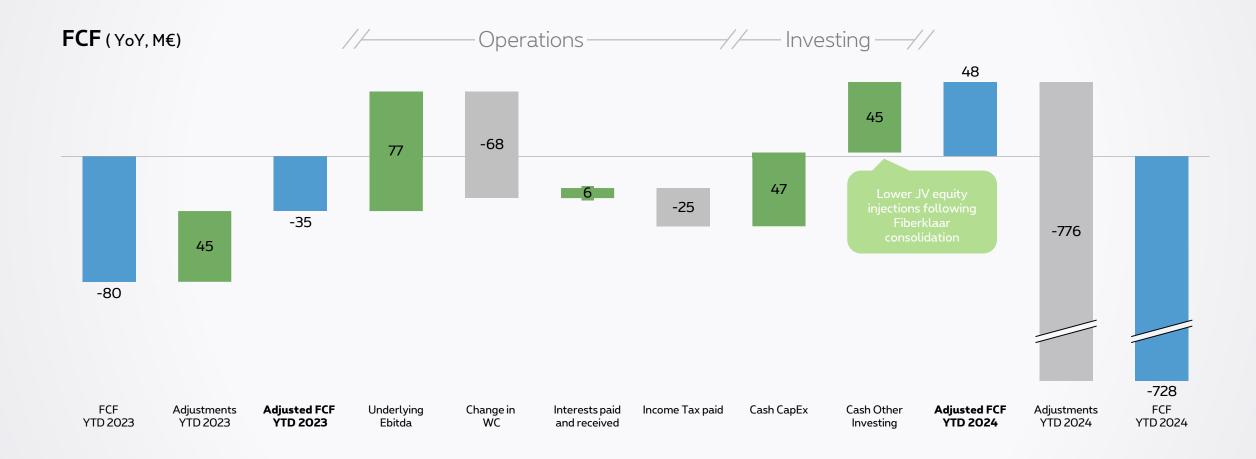




- Lower Proximus Fiber build volumes in dense areas while picking up in mediumdense areas
- Fiber customer termination and activation cost rising, supporting topline momentum.
- Other CapEx includes a.o IT investments, and the ongoing implementation of Mobile network consolidation

# Higher EBITDA, lower cash CapEx and lower Equity injections,

more than timing effect of change in WC needs



• For YTD 2024, adjustments to FCF consist of acquisitions and M&A-related transaction costs (Route Mobile and Fiberklaar)

• Route Mobile sell down is an equity transaction with no impact on FCF but positive impact on cash balance

#### **Revising our guidance upward**

driven by strong Domestic performance year-to-date

Guidance metric	<b>Outlook</b> <b>FY 2024</b> 23 Feb 2024	<b>Outlook</b> <b>FY 2024</b> 26 Jul 2024	FY2O23 comparable	YTD24 Actuals	<b>Outlook</b> <b>FY 2024</b> 25 Oct 2024
Underlying <b>Domestic</b> revenue	Growing up to 1%	Growing up to 2.5%	4,665M€	+3.5% YoY	Growing up to 3%
Underlying <b>Domestic</b> EBITDA	Growing up to 1%	Growing up to 2%	1,636M€	+3.7% YoY	Growing up to 3%
<b>International</b> Direct margin (cc) <sup>(2)</sup>	-	Mid-to-High single digit growth	445M€ <sup>(1)</sup>	+3.9% YoY	Mid-single digit growth
Underlying <b>Group</b> EBITDA	Growing up to 1%	Growing up to 2.5%	<b>1,795M€</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	+3.9% YoY	Growing up to 3%
CapEx (excl. Spectrum & football rights)	Around 1.2bn€	Around 1.36bn€	1.329bn€ <sup>(1)</sup>	874M€	Around 1.36bn€
Net debt / EBITDA (As per S&P definition)	Around 2.7x	Around 3.1x	2.6x <sup>(1)</sup>	NR	Around 3.1x

Over 2024 result, intention to return a gross dividend of €0.6/share:

- Board of Directors approved interim of €0.5/share, payable 6 Dec'24
- remainder of €0.1/share in April '25

<sup>1</sup> Pro forma 2023 8 months, unaudited: includes the actual results of Route Mobile over the period May-Dec 2023, to allow for a comparable base.

<sup>2</sup> Company FY projections on DM exclude currency fluctuations

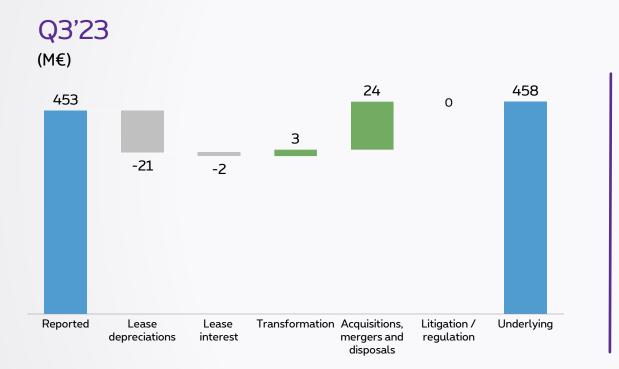


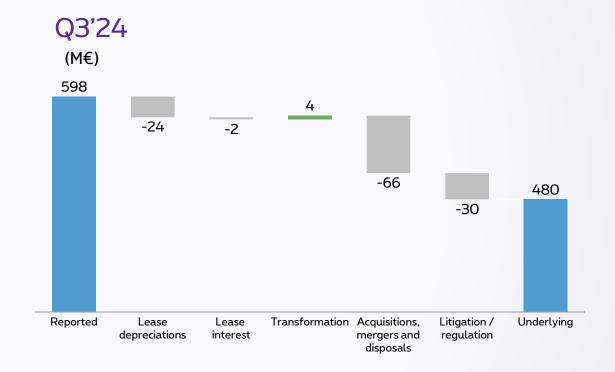
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 $\rightarrow$  Register <u>here</u> for the Q&A to receive your dial-in details.

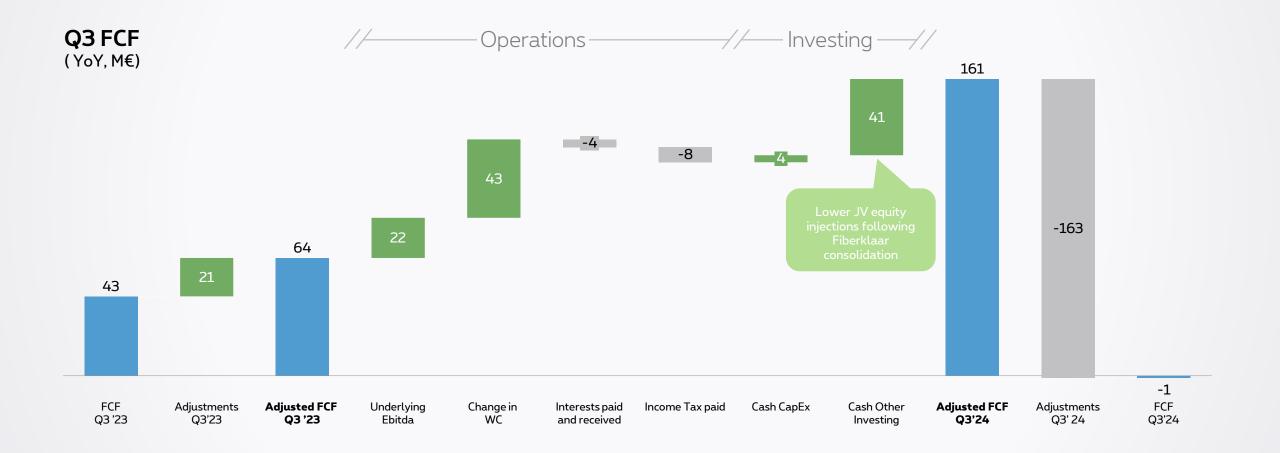
# Appendix

# From reported to underlying - EBITDA adjustments





#### Adjusted FCF benefiting from higher EBITDA, positive impact of change in WC and lower equity injections YoY

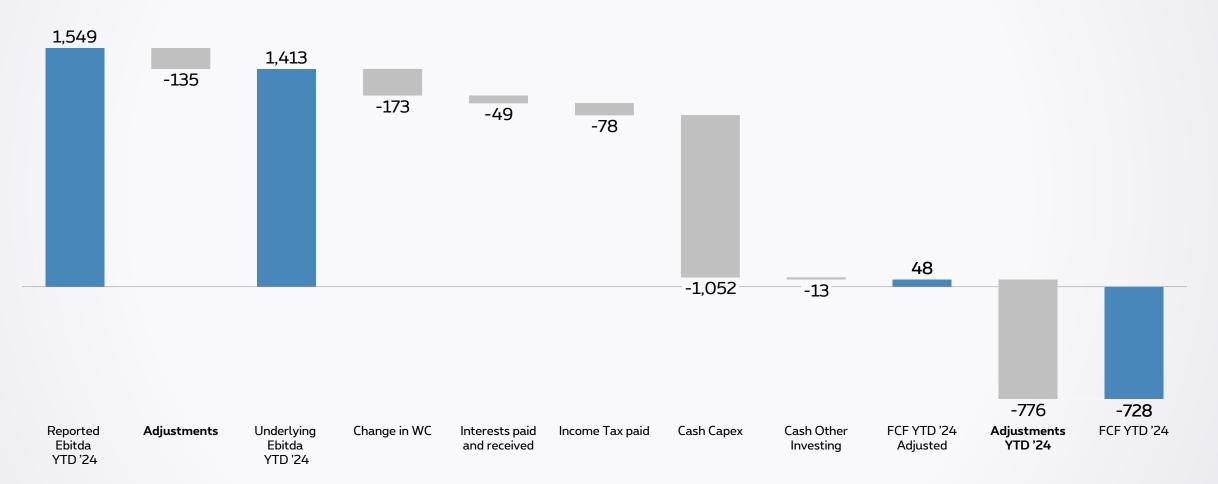


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# **EBITDA conversion to FCF**

YTD 2024

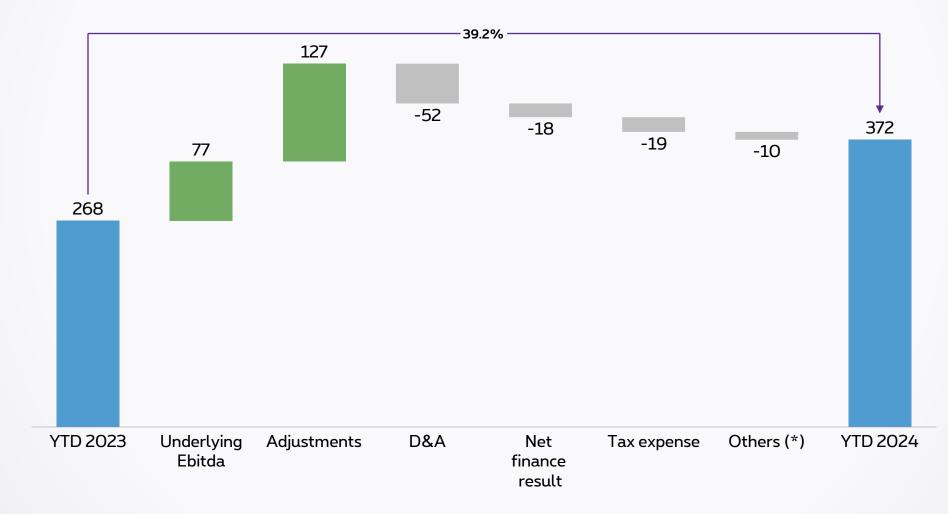
(M€)



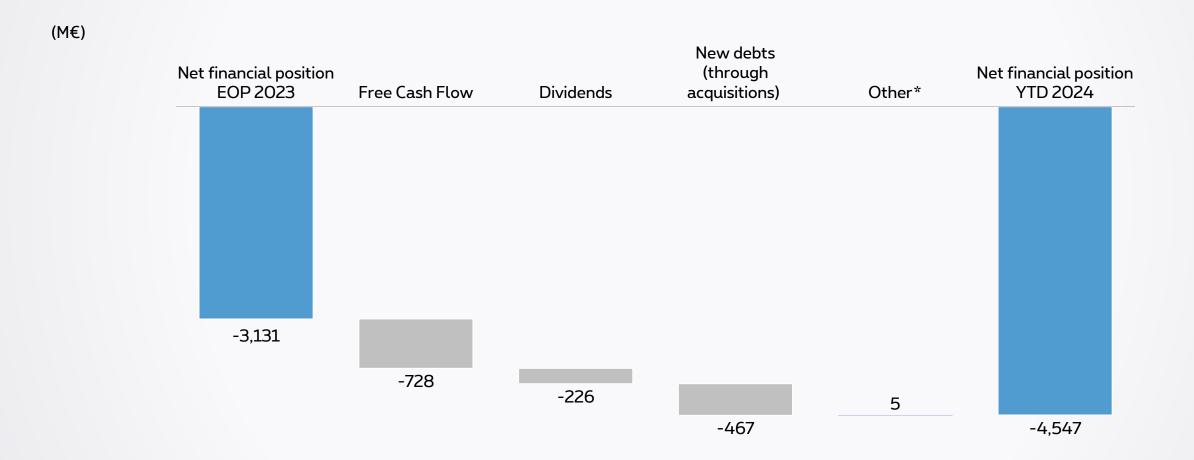
# Net income

(Group share)

(M€)

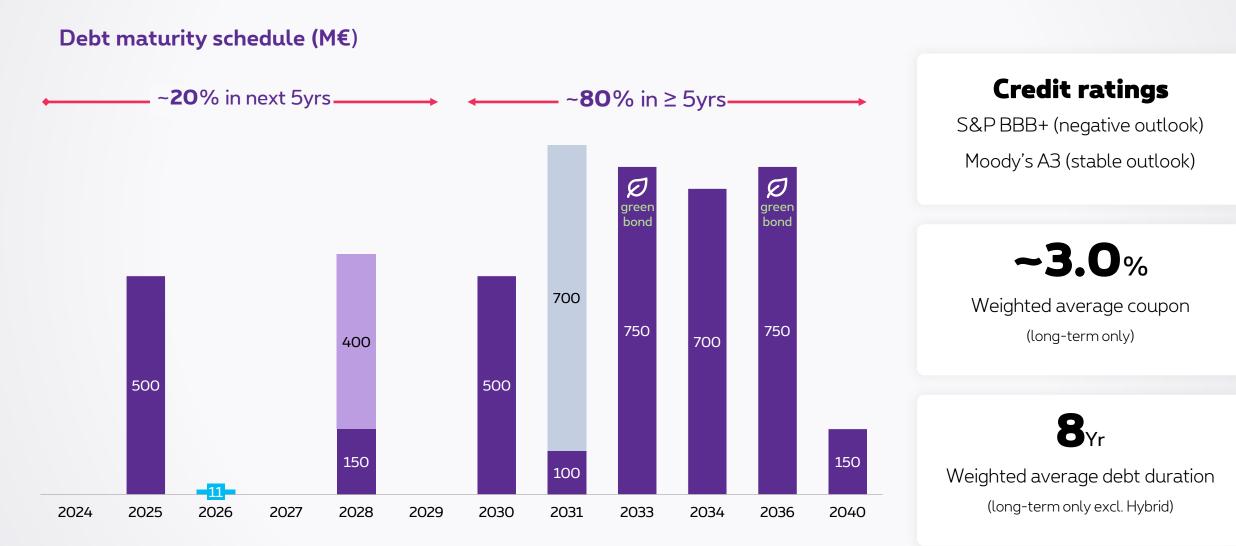


# **Adjusted Net Financial Position (excl. lease liabilities)** YTD 2024



# Managing maturity and average coupon

Successfully issued a 700M€ inaugural hybrid bond



# Successfully issued an inaugural 700M€ hybrid bond

# **Terms & Conditions**

Purpose: general corporate purposes including
Fiberklaar acquisition and fiber investments

2 July 2031

2 October 2031

- ✓ Amount: 700M€
- ✓ Coupon: 4.75% initially
- Maturity: Perpetual
- **Issue date:** 2 October 2024
- First call date:
- ✓ First reset date:
- Equity credit (IFRS): 100%
- Oversubscription: 2.3 times



# Maintaining a robust capital structure

**Preserving** 

after the Route Mobile and Fiberklaar acquisitions



#### Supporting long-term ratings

and showing strong commitment to **financial discipline** 

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#### **Diversifying our funding sources** and tapping into new pockets of **liquidity**

#### Shareholder structure Status 30/09/2024

141,898,978

338,025,135

Free-float

Total

Total number of shares		Free-float	Belgian Govern		_	Gross Dividend yield
338,0	025,135	42%	54%	~€2	-4Bn	~8%
	Number of shares	% shares	% Voting rights	% Dividend rights	Number of shares with voting rights	
Belgian state	180,887,569	53.51%	56.04%	55.92%	180,887,569	180,887,569
Proximus own shares	15,238,588	4.51%	0.00%	0.21%	0	693,702

The voting rights of all treasury shares are suspended by law. Proximus has 14,544,886 treasury shares that are not entitled to dividend rights and 693,702 treasury shares that are entitled to dividend rights.

43.96%

100%

43.87%

100%

141,898,978

322,786,547

141,898,978

323,480,249

**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%.

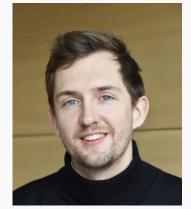
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