

Becoming the go-to-partner for advertisers in the digital environment

easy-to-use competitively priced

brand-safe

# Digital advertising is growing fast, as audiences move to digital





**14%**'22-'26 CAGR

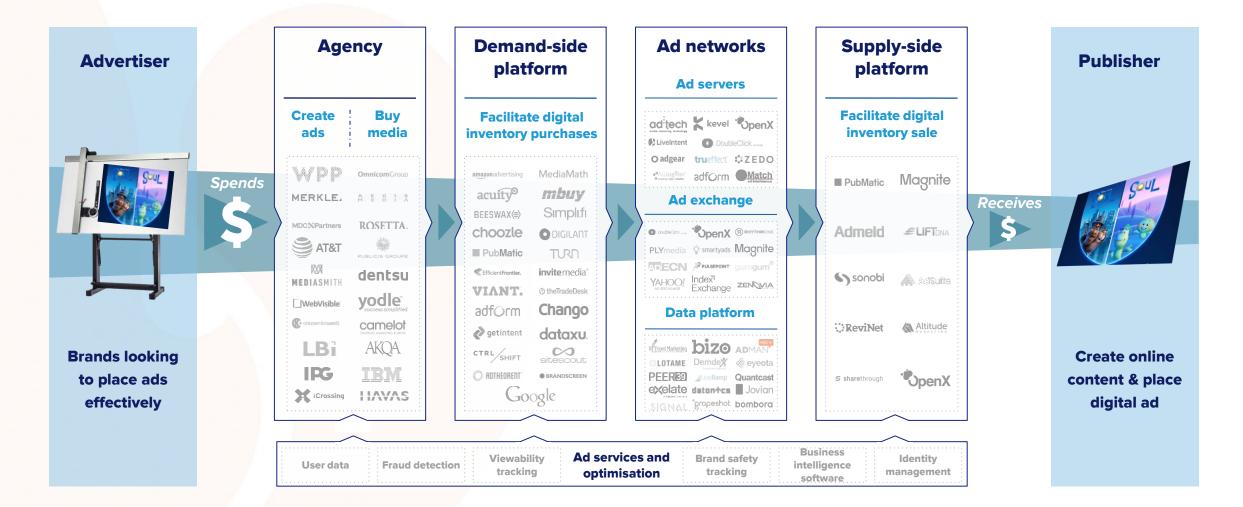
~\$800bn 2026 Market size

# Internet users

**Digital advertising** 

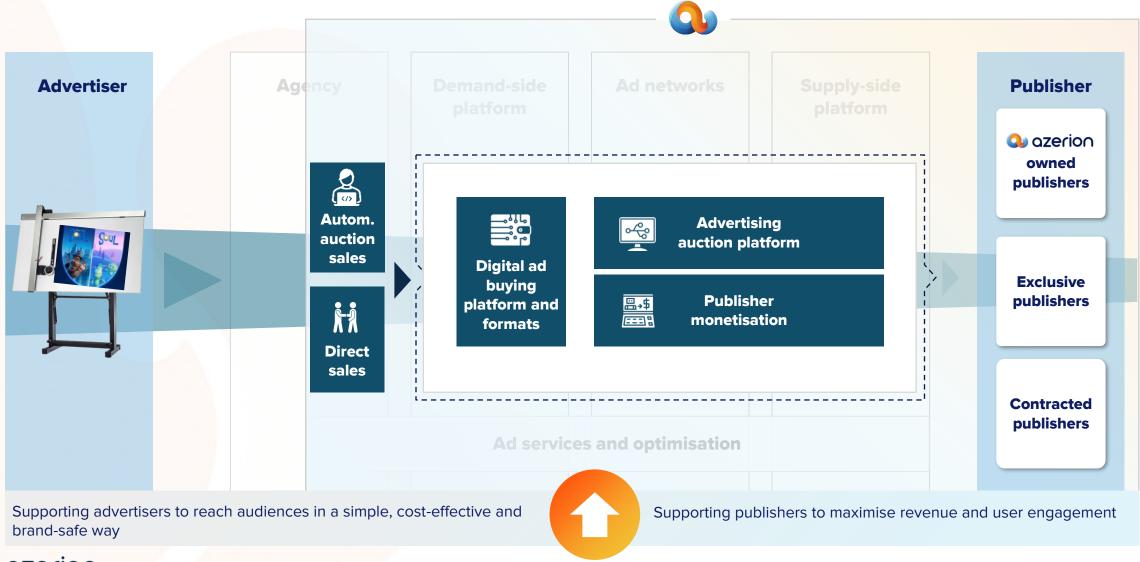


# Fragmented digital advertising landscape creates inefficiencies





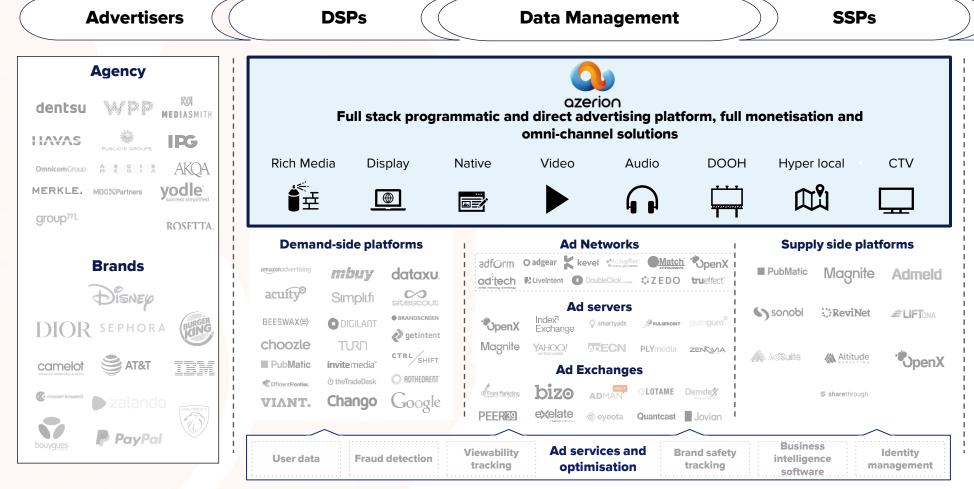
# Our integrated model optimises the advertising value chain





#### **Platform strategy**

# Azerion's single solution advertisement platform





**Publishers** 



## **The Azerion mission**

**Advertisers** We help brands improve the way they engage with audiences Consumers Content We entertain audiences **Game** Non-game **Azerion Digital** Game proprietary publishers creators content

Our mission is to be the go-to-partner for advertisers for an easy-to-use, competitively-priced and brand-safe digital environment



# Our scalable platform provides access to a global, diverse and engaged audience, connecting publishers and game creators to advertisers



HQ
Amsterdam
31 offices in
24 countries





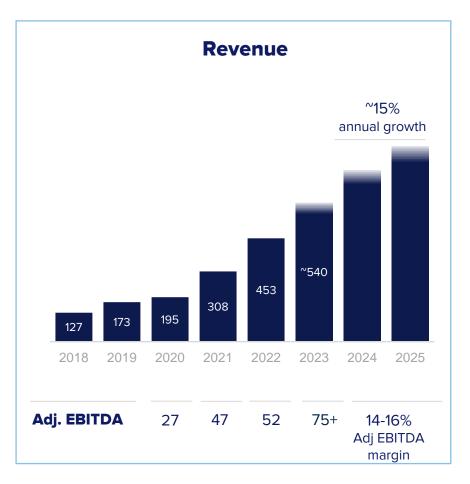
Customers

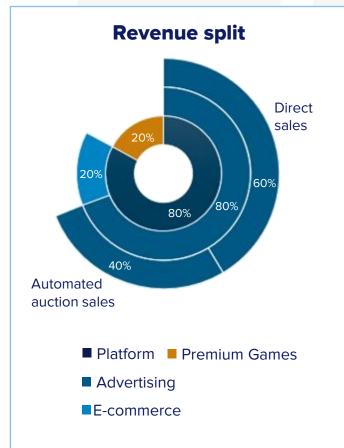
**Partners** 



#### **Strategy delivery**

# Strong historical performance underpinning growth outlook





# Value drivers Continued integration of past acquisitions driving synergies and efficiencies Increase volume of direct sales Increase volume of publisher monetization services Continuously developing new features and innovating with our technology



#### Value proposition to advertisers

# One service, five core elements of value for our clients

We are constantly growing our existing business and products and adding new capabilities through acquisitions and partnerships











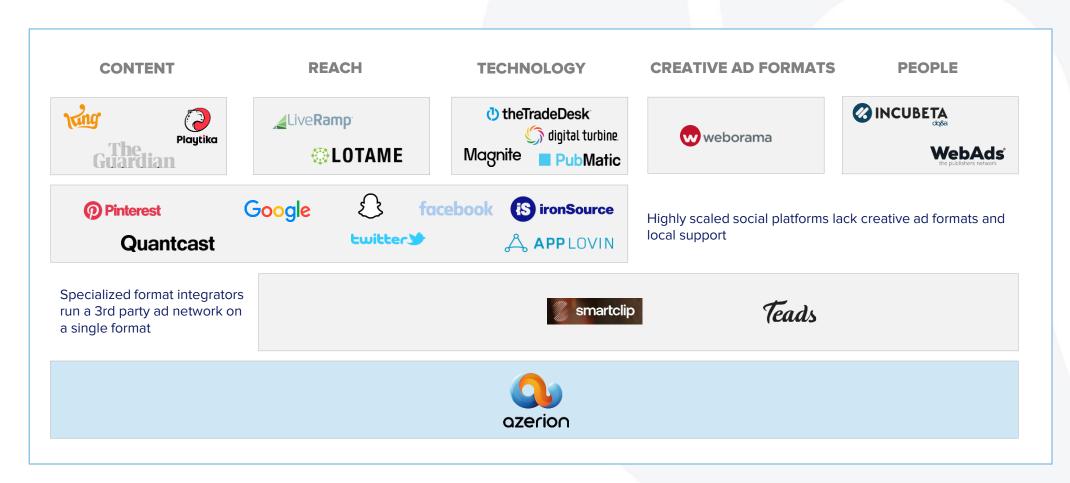




#### Value proposition to advertisers

# **Azerion wraps all five in one offer**

Offering an integrated solution brings advertisers more value but we don't see companies taking the vertical integration as far as Azerion.





Indicative examples only, not intended to be exhaustive

# Our audiences seek engaging content

# DIGITAL



Device agnostic

- Desktop
- Mobile

Platform agnostic

- Web
- App

# **ENTERTAINING**



Engaging

Fun

Gamified

# QUALITY



Fast and reliable technology

Safe

Trust

## FREE



Free to use

Freemium



# Extended value proposition to advertisers - a global entertainment and media partner

#### **ADVERTISING**

Azerion's unique value proposition to advertisers

# **GAME**DISTRIBUTION

Reach new audiences with free-to-play casual games

#### **METAVERSE**

Boost brand awareness and connect with consumers in an innovative way

DIGITAL COLLECTIBLES

Unlock new revenue streams



# Our highly diversified and engaging free to play game content



#### **Our Premium Games monetized through in-game purchase**



Partnership with **1.5k+** game creators adding >**250** Average new casual games per month

**Owned** and operated content, with proprietary technology and data

20k+
Game titles

4.8k+
Game portals

>90m
Premium
and Casual
Game
audiences



# GameDistribution offers unparalleled value proposition to the whole spectrum of game creators on the web



#### From small game studios...

#### Hassle-free distribution and monetisation

90m+ users

2,2k+ game publishers

400k+ advertisers

Azerion's integrated advertising technology

#### **Competitive and flexible** model

Revenue share model

Device agnostic

Platform agnostic



#### ... to large AAA game developers

#### **Convert successful AAA titles** into free to play

GameDistriution's expertise in building engaging free to play casual games

GameDistribution leading position for distribution and monetization on the web

#### Unlock new revenue streams

Access to new audiences with free to play casual titles

Unlock new revenue streams with digital advertising

Licensed brands



























Data as of July 2023

# **Operating the whole supply chain with E-Commerce**



#### **Digital content seller and aggregator**

One of the largest AAA games catalogues 300+ retail partners

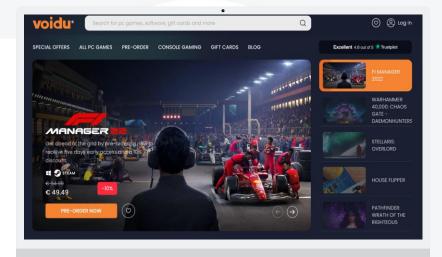
140+ game creators



#### **AAA** and PC games store

5,200+ gaming titles across a wide range of genres

2m+ individual gamers from across 200+ countries





Increasing user engagement and monetization



Data as of July 2023

# Innovating in the Metaverse and digital collectibles

#### Frontrunners in the Metaverse

- 4 metaverse communities with millions of users
- Partnership with advertisers for in-game branding and sale of virtual items

Hotel Hideaway opens a virtual Love Island villa with ITV Studios, with 3m visits and avg time spent of **52 min per visitor** in the first 30 days

#### Innovating with digital collectibles

- Solid expertise in developing, distributing and monetizing NFTs
- Use of NFTs to create playable digital collectibles and enhance user game play experience in Azerion's metaverse

Expanding into Web3.0, unlocking collaborations with Metakey, Metaverse HQ, CyberKongz, Coolcats

#### **Emerging opportunities**

- Azerion as a trusted partner of key brands that want to expand into metaverse and digital collectibles
- Potential cross-selling opportunities within Azerion's platform



















love island

# Our game content appeals to all ages, nationalities and interests





# Partner with digital publishers offering a wide range of monetisation service

Digital publishers is any company who interacts with its customers digitally - for example through online content, portals, news and videos

	Contracted publishers	Exclusive publishers	
Ad sales EU	Help digital publishers access advertisers	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>
High reach global demand	Azerion's proprietary advertising auction platform	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Standard ad formats	Combination of market standard formats (IAB)	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Support	Self-service ticket system	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Special formats	Azerion's proprietary ad formats		<b>✓</b>
Priority in ad sales EU	Direct access to Azerion unique demand		<b>✓</b>
Contextual targeting	Azerion's proprietary technology (cookieless)		<b>✓</b>
Game-as-a-service	White-label and game widget solutions, increasing audience engagement and ad space		<b>✓</b>
Inventory optimization	Management of advertising on existing digital inventory to maximize publisher revenue		<b>~</b>
Premium support	Full support from account manager and technical team, including recommendations on website developments and new rules/trends on the advertisement market.		<b>✓</b>









# We reach over 520m monthly active users with brand-safe content

### Non-game content The Telegraph theguardian The Chicago **HELLO!** Weather

Tribune





**Game content** 



E-commerce







TEE

Channel









italia**online** 







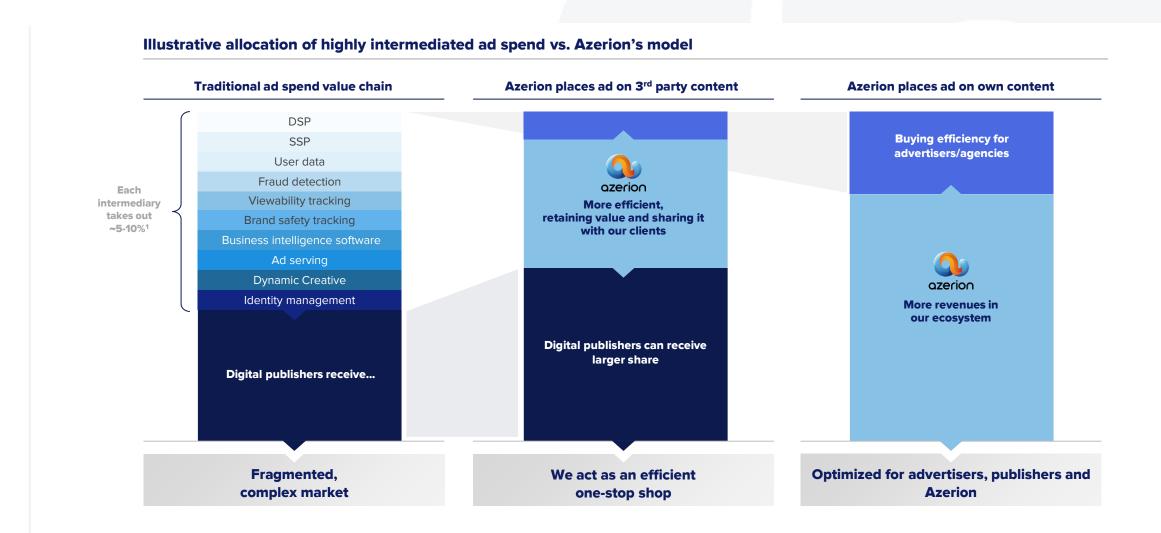
>430m

monthly active users

>90m monthly active users



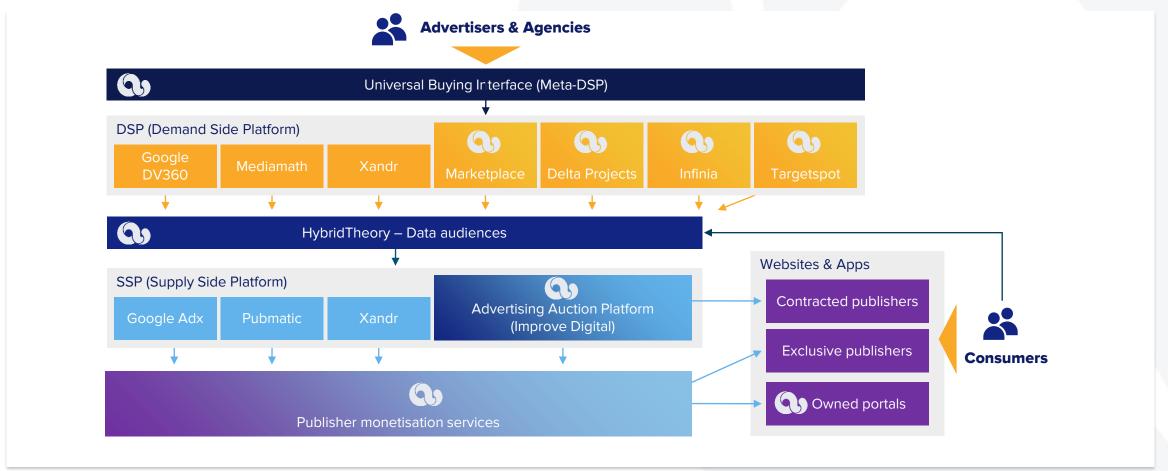
# Vertical integration maximizes efficiency for all parties





# **Efficient and easy to use technology**

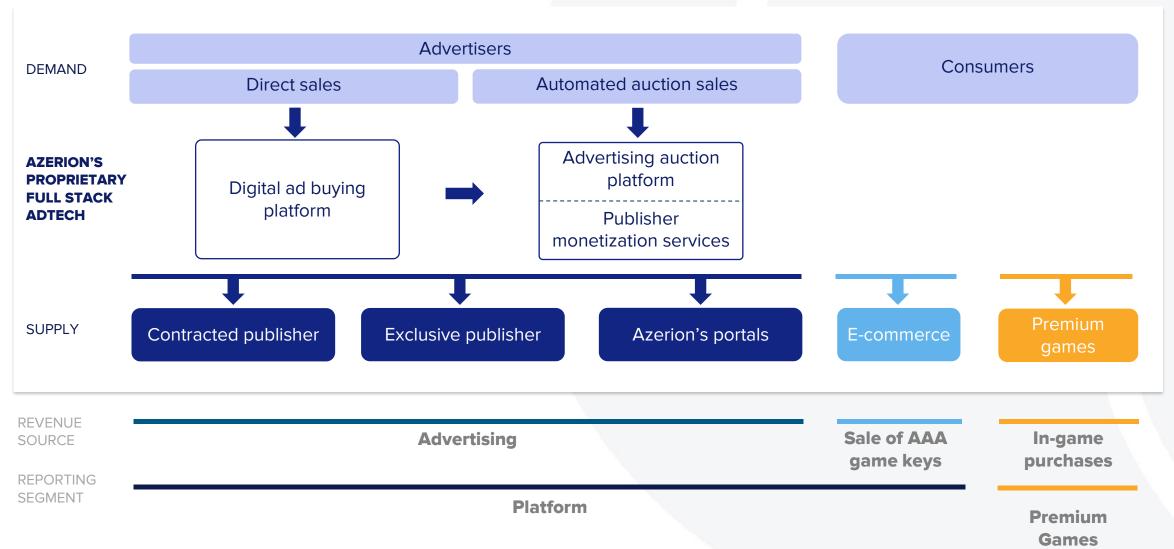
We own all the components needed to successfully run digital advertising campaigns and our open platform allows easy integration with external validation, data and inventory providers.





#### Platform model

# Our resilient model has value drivers on both demand and supply sides





#### **Platform strategy**

# Becoming the go-to-partner for advertisers for an easy-to-use, competitively priced and brand-safe digital environment

#### **Strategic Priorities**

Q2 2023 -	Example	<b>Proof Points</b>
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Ad sales	Local expert teams that help our clients achieve results		
Ad tech	Creative proprietary ad formats  Efficient and easy to use Platform		
Curated Content	Publisher monetisation services  Partnerships and high-margin titles in casual game distribution  Innovative business models to bring audiences together  Optimise our E-commerce business to strengthen relationship with advertisers		
Premium Games	Strengthen our position in the metaverse and offer an extended value proposition to advertisers to connect with digital audiences in innovative ways		

- Launch of Azerion Smart Bidding, Azerion's improved Al-integrated bidding system to further enhance Azerion's pricing in open market auctions
- Improved our Full Monetization Services, or FMS solution with Performance by Azerion for semantic segmentation allowing for better audience targeting
- Launched Smart Content, integrating Vlyby technology with Zoomin content, providing publishers with additional contextual content for monetisation
- Developed an internal campaign management solution for Azerion ad ops teams, Azerion Marketplace, improving ad campaign coordination efficiencies and margin contribution.
- Server costs per million ad request decreased by 19% in Q2 2023 compared to Q4 2022 due to further platform optimisation and benefits of scale
- Signed 61 new exclusive publishers to further extend our platform supply footprint, reaching larger audiences
- Accelerated the production of puzzle and word web games by Azerion Studio's for news and media publishers resulting in increased revenues at higher margins due to lower licensing fees
- Launch of Habbo X: Alpha 2, a play to earn metaverse environment which integrates blockchain technology, allowing brands such as EMA, Miffy and Cool Cats to collaborate with audiences and create lifetime engageable collectables, minted as an NFT.
- Partnered with Juniper Creates, opening unique opportunities for the Habbo community to design and select lines of apparel and toys which will be linked to in-game digital collectables.



#### **Consolidation and integration update**

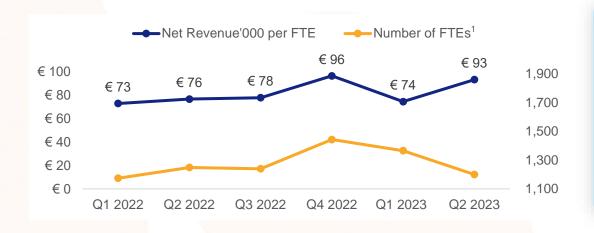
# Focus on integration and consolidation; strategic M&A powering growth

Transaction	Strategic rationale	Progress	Milestones Achieved
INFINIA	<ul> <li>Geographic diversity into LATAM &amp; US Spanish speaking market</li> <li>DMP focused on improving customer advertising campaigns through digital activation</li> <li>Premium publisher reach</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Commercial and technical integration complete with teams, product, and clients managed under one Azerion structure</li> <li>Optimised for improved financial contribution</li> </ul>
madvertise. INNOVATING MOBILE ADVERTISING	<ul> <li>Diversification of publisher monetisation services</li> <li>Premium publisher reach</li> <li>Geographic diversity</li> </ul>		Integrated sales teams of Madvertise and Hi-media, rebranded as Azerion
<b>M</b> MEDIA	<ul> <li>Diversification of publisher monetisation services</li> <li>Exclusive premium publisher reach</li> <li>Established local sales team</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Commercial and personnel integration complete.</li> <li>Mmedia branding merged with Azerion</li> </ul>
<b>□</b> HybridTheory	<ul> <li>Extend advertising performance management</li> <li>Geographic diversity into the US &amp; UK</li> <li>Advertiser, Agencies, Publisher reach</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Commercial integration complete with launch of Azerion US and Azerion UK</li> <li>Majority of data segments integrated into Azerion's SSP platform Improve Digital</li> </ul>
$\wedge$ $\vee$ $\wedge$ $\vee$ $\wedge$ $\vee$	<ul> <li>Geographic diversity</li> <li>Publisher monetisation technology</li> <li>Premium agency &amp; publisher reach</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Product integration complete with technology being run through Azerion full monetisation services</li> <li>Commercially rebranded as Adplay by Azerion</li> </ul>
<b>◯</b> NLYBY	<ul> <li>Geographic diversity</li> <li>Diversification of ad formats</li> <li>Premium publisher reach</li> </ul>		Integration of CTV technology into Azerion's SSP Improve Digital on going
targetspot +Monolith, Takerate & Adverline	<ul> <li>Entry into digital audio advertising</li> <li>Geographic diversity into the US &amp; UK         <ul> <li>Diversification of ad formats</li> </ul> </li> <li>Premium advertiser &amp; publisher reach</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Tech updates of Improve Digital platform to integrate new digital audio ad format ongoing</li> <li>Commercial integration into Azerion complete outside of core markets Belgium and France</li> </ul>



#### **Consolidation and integration update**

# Integration efforts resulting in a highly scalable and profitable platform



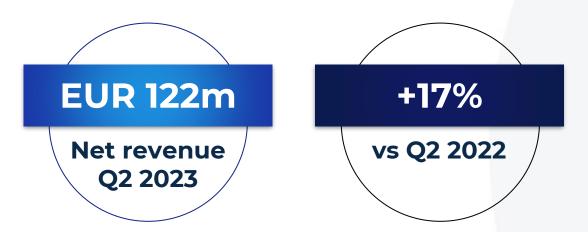
- Value optimisation initiatives end of 2022 onwards to accelerate integration and consolidation of acquired businesses into a single scalable platform organisation
- Resulting in around 22% increase in Net revenue per FTE in Q2 2023 compared to Q2 2022



- Simplification of Azerion's hosting contracts by migrating to group contract with AWS over time
- Server costs per Million requests reduced by around 19% in Q2 2023 as compared to Q4 2022



# Q2 2023: Increased earnings driven by revenue growth and ongoing cost savings



 Net revenue up approximately 17% year on year, mainly driven by Platform performance





Adjusted EBITDA grew more than 58% in Q2 2023 year on year, largely due to revenue growth and efficiency savings from consolidation and integrations



# H1 2023: Increased earnings driven by revenue growth and ongoing cost savings



 Net revenue up approximately 18% year on year, mainly driven by Platform performance

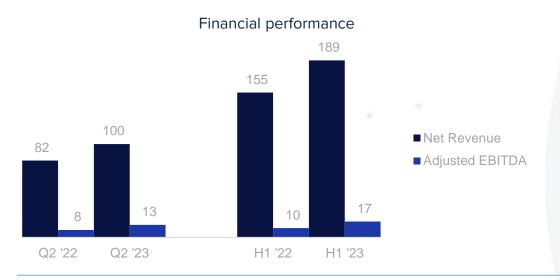




Adjusted EBITDA grew by approximately 55% in H1 2023 year on year, largely due to revenue growth and efficiency savings from consolidation and integrations

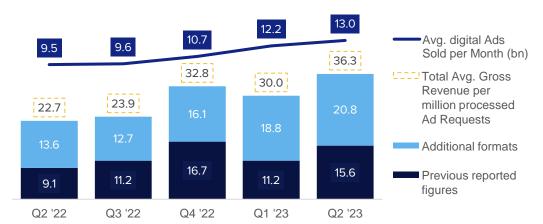


# Platform – revenue growth and benefits of consolidation and integration



- Net revenue in Q2 2023 up approximately 21% year on year. Net revenue in H1 2023 up approximately 22% year on year.
- Adjusted EBTIDA grew by around 68% in Q2 2023 year on year;
   Adjusted EBTIDA grew by around 71% in H1 2023 year on year –
   mainly due to net revenue growth and benefits of ongoing efficiency programmes.

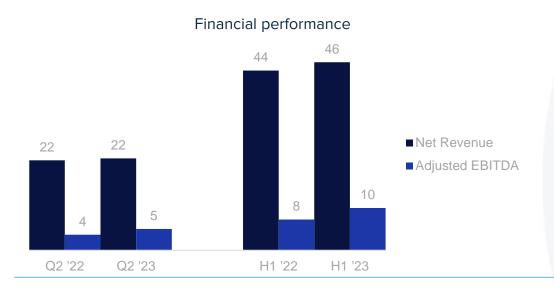
#### Operational performance<sup>1</sup>



- Average digital ads sold per month increased to 13 bn in Q2 2023 from 9.5 bn in Q2 2022, approximately 37% increase.
- Average gross revenue per million processed ad requests grew to approximately EUR 36.3, an increase of around 59% year on year.



# **Premium Games – improving profitability driven by efficiency and cost management**



- Net revenue in Q2 2023 up approximately 3% year on year. Net revenue in H1 2023 up approximately 5% year on year.
- Adjusted EBTIDA grew by around 37% in Q2 2023 year on year;
   Adjusted EBTIDA grew by around 34% in H1 2023 year on year mainly due to benefits of ongoing efficiency programmes.



- Daily active users in Q2 2023 relatively stable as compared to Q2 2022.
- 5% increase in average revenue per daily active user in Q2 2023 as compared to Q2 2022.
- Focus on cross segment revenue growth by, for example, increasing integration of brand advertising into gaming environment and launch of Habbo X: Alpha 2 allowing brands to collaborate with audiences and create engageable collectables.

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All figures in EURm unless otherwise indicated

#### **Sale of Social Card Games**

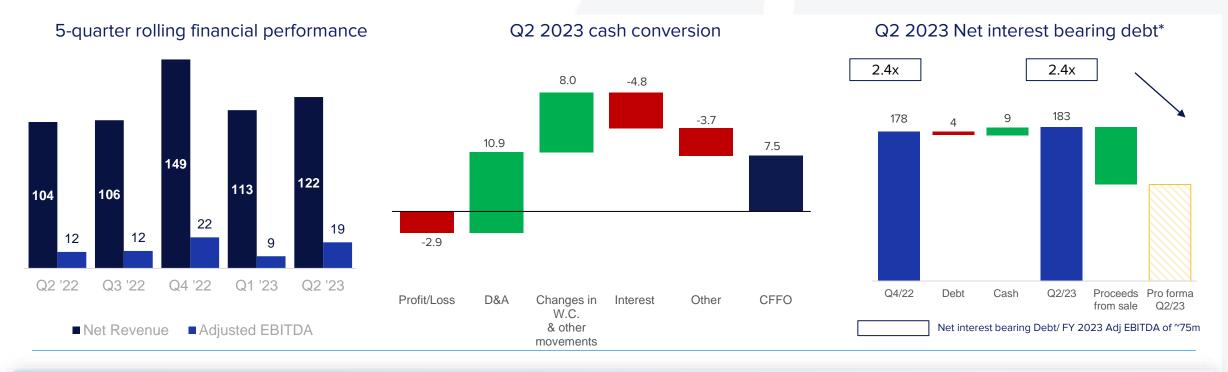
# Sale of social card games portfolio

- Entered a definitive agreement with Playtika on 1 August, 2023 to acquire Azerion's social card games portfolio, including titles such as Governor of Poker 3 and Poker World.
- Sale of social card games portfolio completed 28 August 2023 for an initial cash consideration of € 81.3 million, subject to customary adjustments, with an earnout based on the performance of the acquired business that could take the total consideration up to a maximum of € 150 million.
- At completion Azerion received close to € 67 million before income tax and approximately 15 months after the completion date Azerion will receive the remaining proceeds subject to the terms of the asset purchase agreement.
   Gain on sale estimated at approximately €70 million before income tax.
- Earnout consideration calculated by multiplying incremental Adjusted EBTIDA performance of social card games portfolio above a baseline of around €13.5 million, by a multiple of between 6.0x and 7.0x (both inclusive); multiple contingent on revenue growth during the earnout period.
- Example of Azerion building and scaling valuable technology assets.





# **Strong financial framework**



- Resilient performance in Q2 and H1 2023
- Continued cash generation from operating activities
- Implied leverage ratios pro forma the divestment of social card games reducing



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