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Critical infrastructure for our connected world, with long-term, contracted, inflation-protected income

Digital 9 Infrastructure plc

Full year 2022 results



# PRESENTATION AND AGENDA

#### THE PRESENTATION TEAM



**Ben Beaton** Fund Manager

Co-Managing Partner of Triple Point and Fund Manager of D9.

Appointed Head of Investment at Triple Point in 2014 and has led on the sourcing and negotiating of a broad spectrum of investments.

BSc in Biological Sciences.



**Arnaud Jaguin**Investment Director

Former CFO and senior roles at Century Link, Level 3 Communications and Ontix.

15+ years' experience in infrastructure M&A, advising on almost \$60bn of transactions at UBS and BNP Paribas.

MSc Finance.



**Chris Flowers**Finance Director

Former Associate Director at Downing LLP.

Over 10 years' experience across fund accounting, investment management, financial services and property.

ACCA, IMC, AAT.

#### **AGENDA**

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**Investment Manager with digital infrastructure track record of >\$300 billion** 





# Invested or committed c.£768m<sup>1</sup>

into 5 new acquisitions and preexisting portfolio companies

# +5.14p increase in NAV / share

109.76 26% increase in IFRS NAV to £950m

# Diversified portfolio of 9 high-quality assets

delivering strong performance in line with expectation

# 10.4% Total NAV return

above annual target and including
6p dividend

# Total portfolio revenue of £409m and EBITDA of £206m<sup>2</sup>

£226m³ EBITDA on a contracted run rate basis

# Significant customer demand and growth pipeline

reflected in £223m capex pipeline for 2023

# 0.4x Operating cash dividend cover

with pathway to full dividend

# Significant progress in initiating complementary sources of capital

debt term sheet agreed and hiring of IB for syndication at investee company level





10.4%

#### **Total Return Annualised**

On a NAV performance basis, Total Return since IPO was 23%, which represents the increase in NAV and dividends paid per share from the period from IPO to 31

December 2022

**109.76** pence

#### **IFRS NAV per share**

The NAV as at 31 December 2022 was 109.76 pence per share, reflecting an uplift of 4.91% on the Dec-21 NAV per share of 104.62, and an uplift of 12% per share since IPO

£950 million

#### **IFRS NAV**

IFRS NAV as at 31 December 2022 an increase of 4.9% since 31 December 2021

6.0 pence

#### **Dividend per share**

Dividends declared in respect of the period from 1 January 2022 to 31

December 2022

**11.09** pence

#### **Earnings per share**

Earnings per share for the period to 31
December 2022 were 11.09 pence
(calculated on a weighted average
number of shares in issue) equivalent to a
profit before tax of £92 million

£1,327 million

#### **Adjusted Gross Asset Value**

Total assets of the Company adjusted to include any third-party debt funding drawn or available to any Group Company (excl. Investee Companies)

40.5%

Leverage as % of Adjusted GAV

Leverage including a fully drawn RCF and VLN as % of adjusted GAV.

1.10%

#### **Ongoing Charge Ratio**

Ongoing Charge is a ratio of annualised ongoing charges expressed as a percentage of average net asset value throughout the period



#### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME – PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	12-month period to	9-month period to
£'m	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Unrealised fair value gain on financial assets	97.2	45.5
Distributions from investments	4.1	2.9
Other income	0.8	
Total Income	102.1	48.4
Acquisition expenses <sup>1</sup>		5.5
Operating expenses	10.1	4.6
Total expenses	10.1	10.1
Net profit before taxation	92.1	38.3
Taxation		
Net profit after taxation	92.1	38.3
Earnings per share <sup>2</sup>	11.09p	9.77p

# £97.2m FAIR VALUE GAIN ON INVESTMENTS

Fair value movement since acquisition:
Aqua Comms gross uplift 20%; Verne Global gross uplift 23%

# **0.4x**OPERATING CASH DIVIDEND COVER

Operating cashflows for the 12-month period on a look through basis expressed as a ratio of dividends declared for the period.

# 1.10% ONGOING CHARGES RATIO

Annualised operating costs as a % of average NAV during the period





£'m	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Investments at fair value through profit & loss	921.0	746.2
Trade and other receivables	1.4	0.3
Cash and cash equivalents	30.0	11.3
Total assets	952.4	757.8
Current liabilities	(2.8)	(1.9)
Net assets	949.6	755.9
IFRS Net asset value per share	109.76	104.62

£949.6m

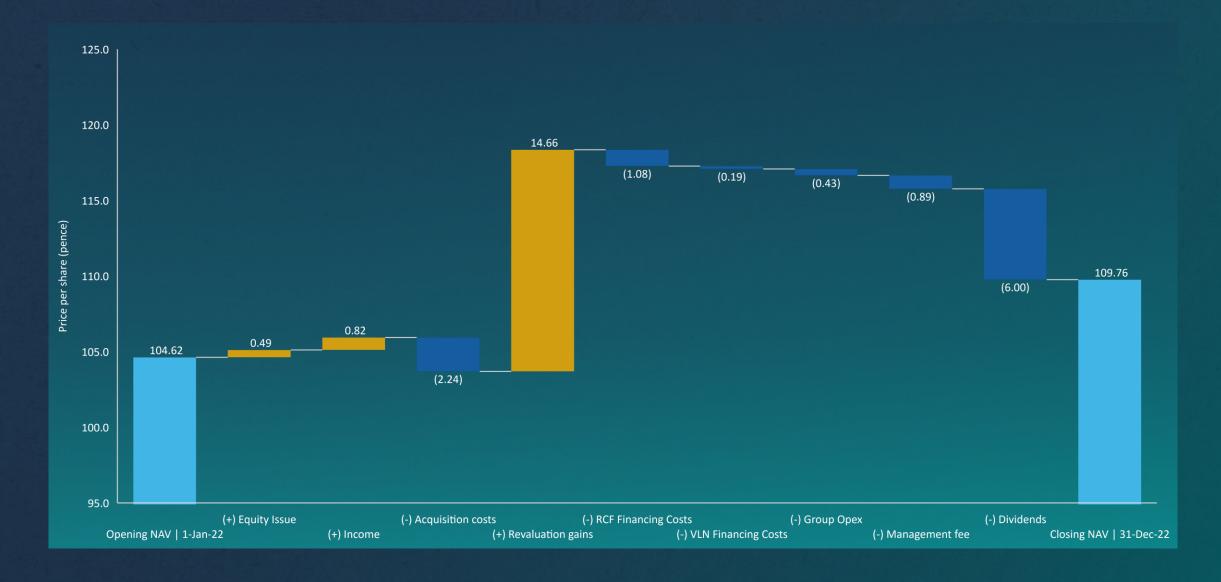
**IFRS NAV** 

109.76p

IFRS Net Asset Value Per Share
An increase of 4.9% since December 21 and 12% since IPO NAV of 98p per share







#### CASH AND FUND-LEVEL FINANCING

# £73 million of cash on a consolidated basis, with £44 million remaining undrawn of the £375 million RCF<sup>1</sup>

## **Margin Reduction & Covenants**

- Interest rate payable can range between 3.25% and 3.75% per annum over Sterling Overnight Index Average ("SONIA").
- Interest rate margin decreased from 3.75% to 3.5%<sup>2</sup> following completion of the Arqiva transaction which increased the portfolio to eight 'Approved Investments<sup>3</sup>'.
- The Margin will reduce further to 3.25% should the Hold Co LTV test fall below 20%.
- The RCF's financial covenants include both LTV and interest coverage ratios.
- D9 Holdco must also maintain a 9-month interest reserve in a restricted bank account of D9 Holdco to cover future interest payments.

Net Debt / EBITDA		
Drawn RCF	£331.2m	
VLN	£163.0m	
Cash & cash equivalents (inc restricted)	(£73.6m)	
Net debt	£420.6m	
Portfolio EBITDA	£206.3m	
Net debt / EBITDA	2.04x	
Arqiva debt⁴	£754.0m	
Adjusted net debt / EBITDA	5.69x	
Leverage as a % of Adjusted GAV		
Drawn RCF (£331.2 million)	25.0%	
Total RCF (excluding accordion) (£375 million)	28.3%	
RCF & VLN (£375 million & £163 million)	40.5%	







#### **Portfolio expansion**

Deployed significant capital through 5 new acquisitions

#### **Portfolio integration**

Integrated Ficolo Oy and Volta under the Verne Global umbrella

#### **Portfolio resourcing**

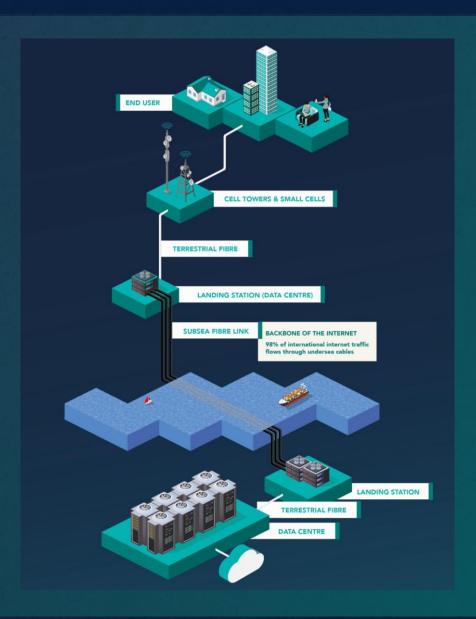
Completed key senior hires and optimised sector experience across the portfolio

#### **Portfolio planning**

Hands-on involvement in 5 year business plan reforecasting

## **Portfolio funding**

Continued capex funding across the portfolio





# GROWING UNDERLYING ASSET FAIR VALUE, NEW ASSETS AND FX, PARTLY OFFSET BY HIGHER OVERALL DISCOUNT RATE

- 23% IFRS valuation uplift since December 2021 from £746m to £921m: Aqua Comms net total return increasing by 18%, Verne by 8%, Arqiva by 18% and Elio Networks by 21%
- Cashflow forecasts based on management projections from long-range plans developed annually
- All assets revalued with the exception of EMIC-1 (development) and Giggle (development) which are held at cost as a proxy for fair value
- Revaluation gain delivered 14.66 pence per share uplift to the Company's audited NAV per share.
- **Key** drivers in the valuation uplift during the period include:
  - First time valuations: Elio Networks, Verne Global London, Verne Global Finland and Arqiva assets now held at Fair Value rather than at cost
  - Discount rate: changes in Aqua Comms and Verne, in particular, due to a reduction of the company size premium driving a decrease in its company specific premium and discount rate
  - FX movements: FX appreciation in investments held in US dollar and Euro due to strengthening of these currencies against Sterling, the reporting currency of the Company



# SLIGHT INCREASE IN COST OF EQUITY DESPITE ACQUISITION OF ARQIVA AT LOWER COST OF CAPITAL

# Weighted average cost of equity shows a slight increase from 12.56% (Dec-21) to 12.64% – key components:

- Risk premia have increased
  - Proxies for risk free rates, such as the UK 10-year bond yield have increased from 1.0% to 3.7%, as Central Banks increased interest rates to combat inflation
  - The equity risk premium has increased as markets become more volatile
- Introduction of new investments in Elio Networks (previously Host Ireland), Verne Global London and Verne Global Finland added further upwards pressure to the weighted average cost of equity
- However, this was offset by the following factors:
  - Introduction of Arqiva at a significantly lower than average discount rate
  - Reductions in the company size premium component of the Aqua Comms and Verne Global discount rates

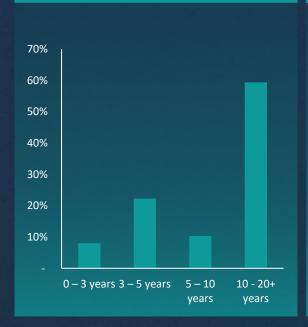




## Long-term, recurring, contracted and largely inflation-protected revenue base in major currencies

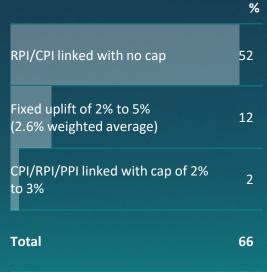
# **7.1** years

Weighted average remaining contract term



# 66%

Recurring revenues with some form of inflation protection



# **Over 99%**

Exposure to major currencies<sup>1</sup>



# £206m £226m

Portfolio EBITDA (ex. laaS²) Portfolio run-rate<sup>3</sup> EBITDA (ex. IaaS<sup>2</sup>)

-rate EBITDA
182
31
13
0
226



#### ASSET INVESTMENT STRATEGY: SUBSEA FIBRE PLATFORM



## **Providing the backbone to the internet in the Northern Hemisphere and Asia**

£257m Valuation

## **Business Update**



- In September 2022, completed the acquisition of Openbyte, supporting a carrier-neutral cable landing solution for EMIC-1 in India.
- In December 2022, appointed Jim Fagan as CEO (25 years' experience spanning Global Cloud Xchange, Rackspace and Pacnet).
- Expecting to launch the AEC-3 system in 2023, providing up to 20TB of additional capacity between the UK and US.
- Managing the development of the EMIC-1 cable system connecting Europe, the Middle East and India, on target for 2024 launch.



December 2022 LTM	% growth y-o-y
Revenue	+5%
EBITDA	(6%)

Change in NAV since December 2021	+28%
Growth capex forecast (2023 – 2027)	£100m



#### ASSET INVESTMENT STRATEGY: DATA CENTRE PLATFORM



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Shifting energy-intensive, latency-insensitive data sets to geographies with low-cost green power Providing critical interconnectivity and low-latency solutions in dense urban centres

£535m Valuation

### **Business Update**



- Following the 2022 additions of Ficolo Oy and Volta Data Centres to D9's data centre platform, the facilities were united under the Verne Global brand
- The expansion builds on the key premise that it is more sustainable and affordable to export data than power
- The five-year capital expenditure pipeline for the platform has been increased to £502m in response to high customer demand
- This will fund expansion at the Iceland campus from the current 40MW in operation or development to a total of 94MW, and at the Finland sites expansion from 7MW to 17MW. Verne Global London expects to complete development to 6MW by the end of 2023
- As of December 2022, the Company had funded c.£50m of capital expenditure in Verne Global since the £231m acquisition in September 2021



December 2022 LTM	% growth y-o-y
Revenue	+15%
EBITDA	+9%

Change in NAV since December 2021	+34%
Growth capex forecast (2023 – 2027)	£502m



# ASSET INVESTMENT STRATEGY: WIRELESS PLATFORM (FWA)



Providing reliable internet to Dublin's underserved high-end business broadband market

**£59m** Valuation

## **Business Update**



- Leading enterprise broadband provider in Greater Dublin, 100% owned by D9
- Re-branded as "Elio Networks" in February 2023 (previously Host Ireland)
- Owns and operates the highest-capacity FWA network with >50 base stations
- High quality, wireless broadband (up to 2 Gbps, non-contended symmetrical)
- Growth platform for further geographical expansion in FWA launching in Cork in February 2023



December 2022 LTM	% growth y-o-y
Revenue	+6%
EBITDA	+4%

Change in NAV since acquisition	+17%
Growth capex forecast (2023 – 2027)	£7m



# ASSET INVESTMENT STRATEGY: WIRELESS PLATFORM (BROADCASTING AND IOT)



The only UK provider of national TV and Radio broadcasting A leading Internet of Things (IoT) platform

£355m Valuation

#### **Business Update**



- 48%¹ stake acquired in October 2022 for £300m cash plus a c.£163m vendor loan note
- Critical national broadcasting infrastructure underpinned by index-linked long-term contracts with blue-chip customers
- In Q3 2022, Arqiva successfully reduced its leverage through the refinancing of its £625m high-yield bond using cash on balance sheet and a new £450m junior term loan
- Current high inflation impacts Arqiva's cash flows in the short-to-medium term due to accretion payments on inflation-linked swaps. However, this is mitigated long-term by positive revenue impact, which drives NAV growth
- Revenue decline from June 2021 to June 2022 was expected, reflecting planned discontinued operations, the 700MHz clearance programme, the end of the TSA<sup>2</sup> following the 2020 Cellnex transaction and expected lower renewal pricings on legacy DTT<sup>3</sup> contracts
- EBITDA increase was driven by satellite capacity savings and headcount reductions



June 2022 LTM <sup>4</sup>	% growth y-o-y
Revenue	(4%)
EBITDA	+2%

Change in NAV since acquisition	+18%
Growth capex forecast (2023 – 2027)	£181m <sup>5</sup>







# Revolutionary fibre-to-the-home product representing truly affordable broadband in Glasgow

**£3m**Investment

## **Business Update**



- Fibre-to-the-home ("FTTH") development opportunity in Glasgow
- Provides affordable and high quality broadband to social housing through a revolutionary FTTH network with rolling monthly contracts
- £3m seed and follow-on capital invested in H2 2022, with a £113m growth capex pipeline identified over five years, including £22m in 2023 (uncommitted)



December 2022 LTM	% growth y-o-y
Revenue	-
EBITDA	

Change in NAV since December 2021	
Growth capex forecast (2023 – 2027)	£113m





## DIVIDEND COVER EXPECTED TO INCREASE AS DATA CENTRE PLATFORM RAMPS UP AND INFLATION NORMALISES

EBITDA to OCF Bridge	£'000
EBITDA	206,294
(-) Cash tax	(428)
(-) Δ Working Capital	(13,825)
(-) Maintenance Capex	(20,813)
(+) Adjustment for exceptional transaction expenses	1,208
(-) IFRS 16 Adjustment	(18,645)
Gross Operating Cash Flow	153,792
(-) VLN interest	(9,780)
(-) Arqiva Interest Costs	(51,419)
(-) Accretion Payments <sup>1</sup>	(46,584)
Adjusted Operating Cash Flow	46,009
(-) D9 Financing Costs	(16,954)
(-) Fund Operating Expenses	(10,360)
Net Adjusted Operating Cash Flow	18,695
Dividends	50,274
Operating Cash Flow Cover	0.4x

# DC Platform Ramp-up: + c.£21m

Verne Global Iceland, Verne London, and Verne Global Finland, once fully ramped, are expected to add c.£21m to OCF over time. It is expected that of the 13.1MWs remaining contracted capacity to be ramped, 4.2MW will be ramped by December 2023, 8.6MW by December 2024 with all MW fully ramped by December 2027

#### **Return to Normal Inflation: + c.£24m**

Assuming inflation were 4%, the Company would be expected to benefit from an additional c.£24m of OCF in a year on a pro-rata basis as a direct result of a reduced accretion payment at Arqiva in the same year





Significant progress on the syndication of a minority stake in existing investee companies

Working with a leading global investment bank and other advisors

\$100m debt facility term sheet agreed

Facility to be provided to one of the high growth investee companies

No leverage across portfolio companies currently, except at Arqiva

Recruitment of Head of Digital Infrastructure progressing

High quality candidates
Process expected to complete in Q2
2023



Strong portfolio performance, and annual returns above target

Strong growth pipeline ahead, reflected in £223m capex pipeline for 2023

Significant progress on minority stake syndication

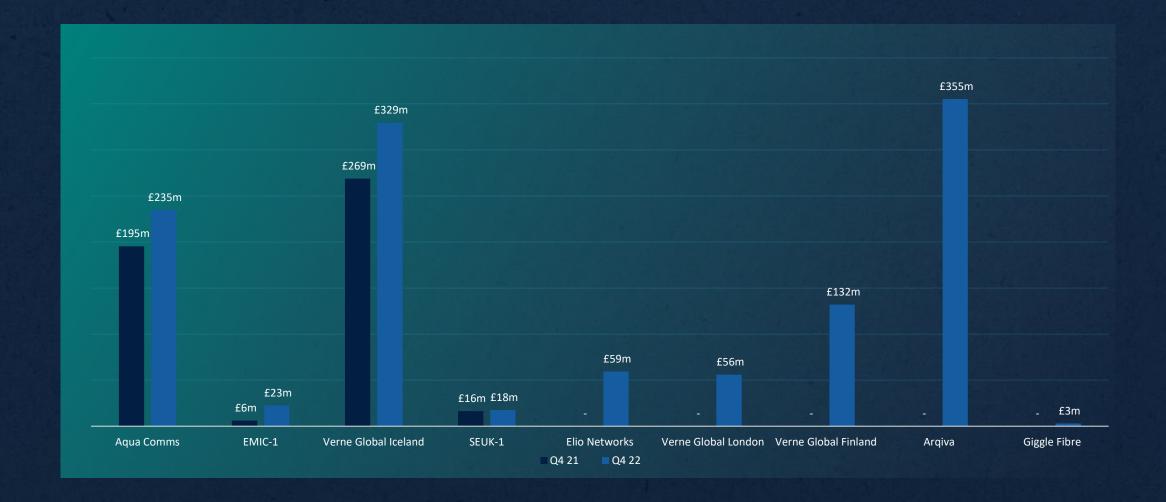
Agreed term sheet for \$100m debt facility at investee company level

Reaffirming target aggregate dividend per share of 6.0p for 2023

Op. cash dividend cover to increase progressively as portfolio investments mature and inflation normalises







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