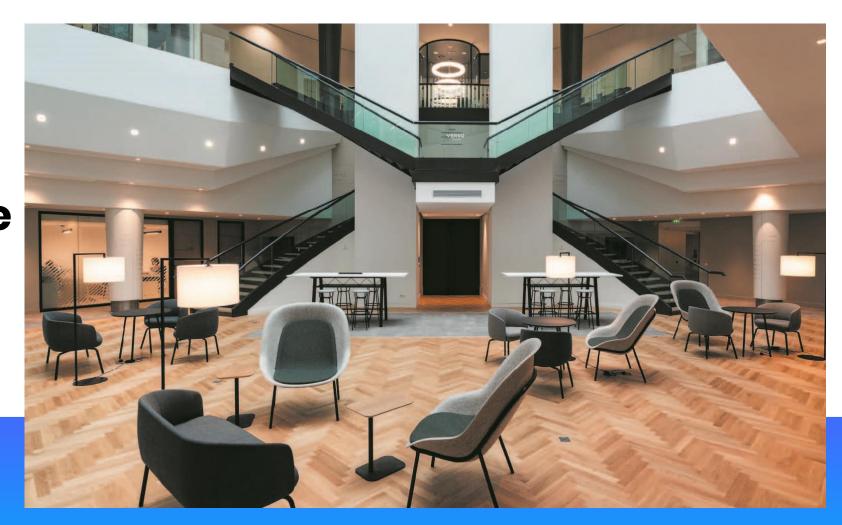


## Q3 2021 revenue & strategic update

Thursday 21st October 2021



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#### Solocal presentation video







#### Introduction

## Philippe Mellier Chairman of the Board of Directors



## Agenda



Hervé Milcent
Chief Executive Officer

- Presentation of the Management team
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- Customer focus & knowledge
- Market overview & competitive positioning
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- 6 Q&A on activity & strategy
- 7 2022 outlook and 2023 & 2024 assumptions
- **Q&A** on financials

# Solocal Management team



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#### Q3 2021 revenue

## Olivier Regnard Chief Financial Officer

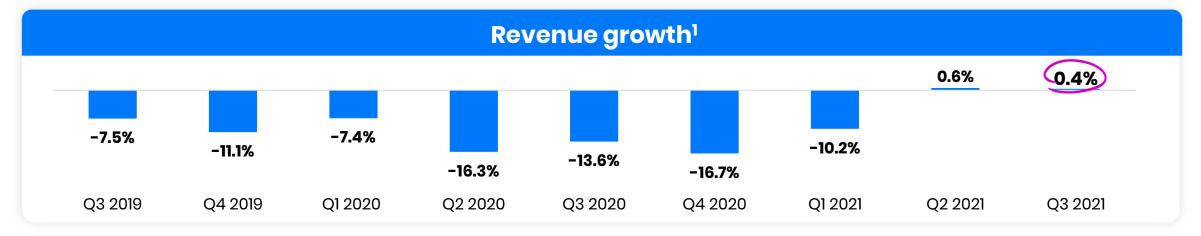


#### Key messages

- → Improving trend in revenue for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in a row: €107.6m in Q3 2021, +0.4%¹ vs. Q3 2020
- Encouraging KPIs for the quarter:
  - significant decrease in net churn rate<sup>2</sup>: 11.8% as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021 vs. 19.8% as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.
     2020
  - customer base almost stable at 311k customers as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021 vs. 314k customers as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2020
  - slight increase in **ARPA: c. €1,340 as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021** vs. c. €1,320 as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- > Secured revenue for 2021: €403m as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021 vs. €365m as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- Confirmation of c. €120m EBITDA for 2021



#### **Main revenue indicators**



	June 2021	Sept. 2021	Change
Digital order backlog <sup>2</sup> (in million euros)	266.0	250.9	-5.7%



**Digital order backlog<sup>2</sup> decrease by -5.7%** vs. 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, due to seasonality: less order intake in August (summer holidays) than revenue on the quarter

	Q3 2020	Q3 2021	Change
Subscription-based order intake (as a % of Digital order intake) <sup>3</sup>	81%	91%	+10 pts
Digital revenue <sup>4</sup> (in million euros)	107.1	107.6	+0.4%
Growth KPI	_	11%	-



91% of order intake were subscription-based in Q3 2021, a normative level on the long run



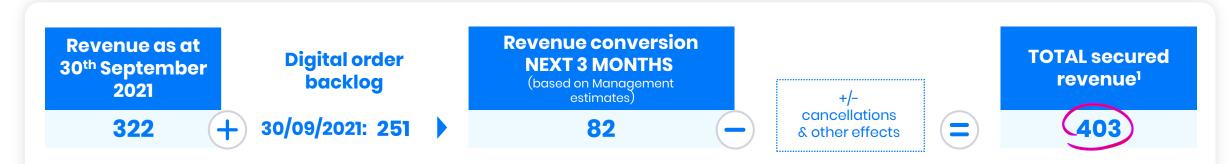
**Digital revenue increased by +0.4%**; for the second quarter in a row revenue is stable compared to previous year same quarter revenue, reflecting the progressive attenuation of the health crisis impact.



**Growth KPI**: Q3 2021 order intake will secure a 12-month revenue more significant by +11% in comparison to Q3 2020 order intake.



#### €403 million in secured revenue for 2021



<u>Reminder</u>: in a conservative approach, secured revenue only include revenue generated by past order intake (booked on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021) but does not include revenue resulting from the autorenewal of contracts in Q4 2021.

The secured revenue does not reflect the virtuous effects of the subscription model.

Secured revenue¹ (in €m)

End of Sept. 2020	End of Sept. 2021	Change
420	403	-17



**€403m secured revenue for 2021, -€17m** vs. 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. As a comparison, the difference was -€23m between secured revenue as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 vs. 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

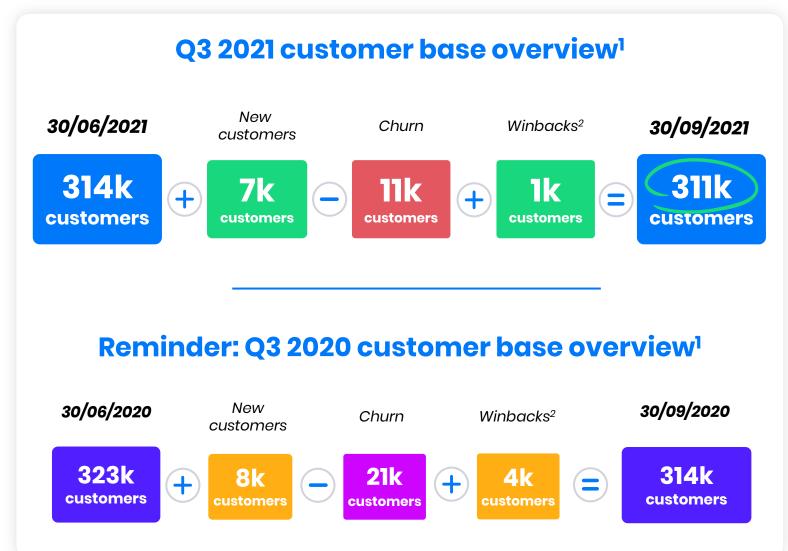


#### **Overview of Solocal revenue**

				TOTAL
	Connect <sup>1,4</sup>	Websites <sup>2,4</sup>	Booster <sup>3,4</sup>	Digital <sup>4</sup>
YTD 2021	€93.7m	€47.8m	€180.7m	€322.2m
YTD 2020	€80.2m	€51.6m	€201.4m	€333.2m
Change	+16.8%	-7.5%	-10.3%	-3.3%



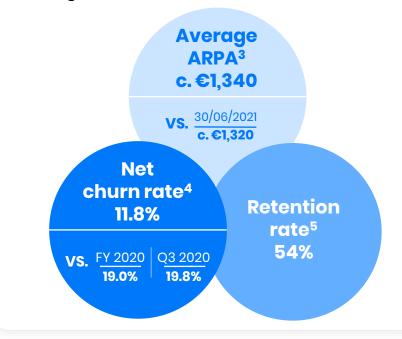
#### Customer base almost stable in Q3 2021



<sup>3</sup> Based on Group last twelve-month revenue, scope excluding QdQ & Mappy

#### Customer base in Q3 2021

- Gross churn is significantly reduced by c. -50% vs. Q3 2020
- Customer base expected to decrease in Q4 2021 as churn rate expected slightly higher in Q4, on a long run basis





#### Wrap up

- → Improving trend in revenue for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in a row<sup>1</sup>
- → Slight erosion of customer base over the year, expected at -2% at end of 2021
- → Confirmation of c, €120m EBITDA for 2021





# Customer focus & knowledge

#### **Hervé Milcent**

**Chief Executive Officer** 

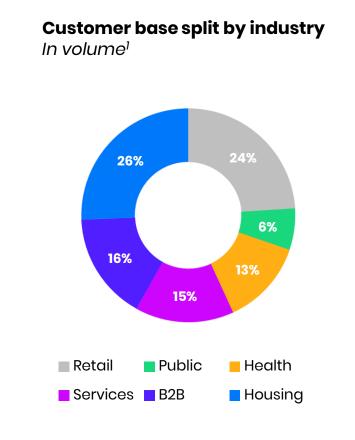
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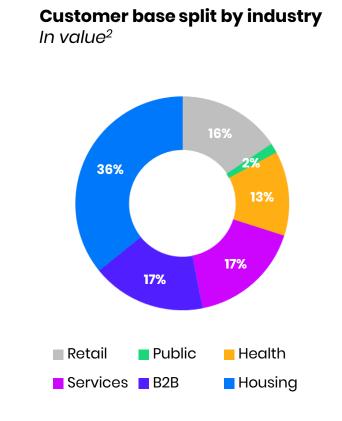
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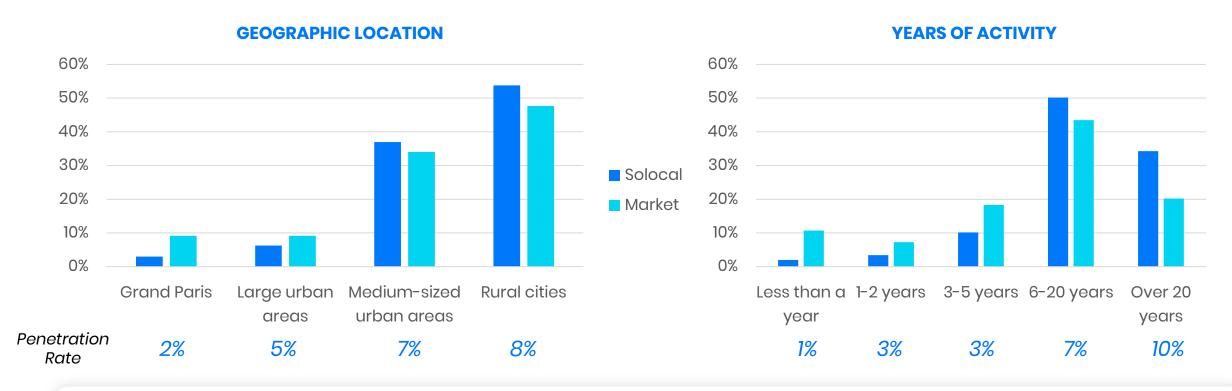
# Customer base split by size In volume 11% 2% 87% 10-49 employees





■ 50+ employees

## Our clients are predominantly based in small and medium-sized cities and have been in business for a long time

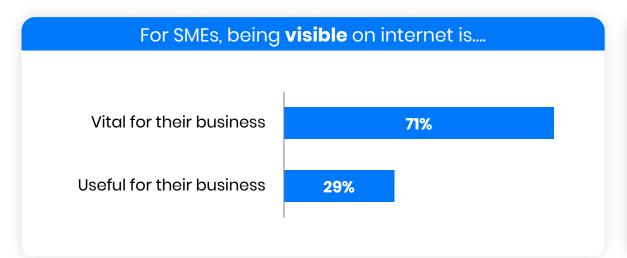


Although over 80% of our SMEs customers have more than 5 years of activity, almost 40% of our new customers since January 2021 have been in business for 1 year or less

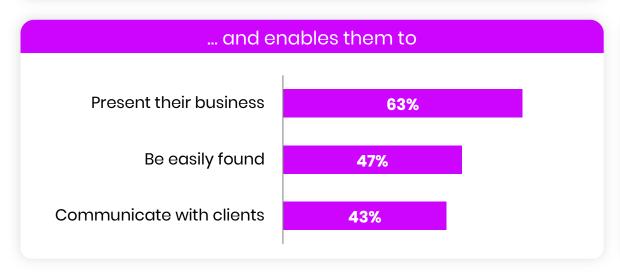
We believe we are well positioned to benefit from the increase in new business launches that hasn't slowed down despite the health crisis (+4% in 2020 vs. 2019¹) and that are predominantly microenterprises

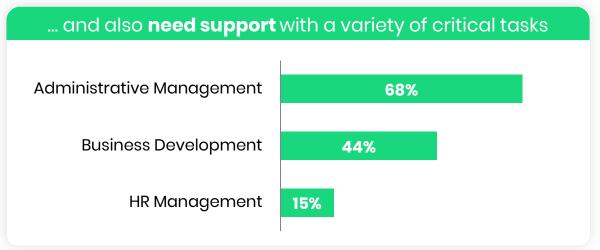


## While all SMEs understand the importance of being visible on internet, their digital practices are still limited











#### Wrap up

#### Our typical client is:

- A small business
- Active in the service industries, especially active in the housing & services sector
- Located in a small or medium-sized city
- Has been in business for quite some time
- Under digitalized

#### Our typical client wants to:

- Be visible on the web
- Develop his business
- Get support with its digital transformation and with other critical tasks



## How our digital solutions meet the needs of our customers to be visible and develop their business on the web?

#### NURTURE

How customers remains



**Expose your business and interact with local consumers** by being present on more powerful digital local audience hubs



**Promote your business and image** by creating your personalized and efficient website



Transform qualified local leads into business by increasing your visibility and exposure on local search engine and social networks



#### **ENGAGE**

How customers contact you



#### Solocal Digital Products & Services

#### **CONNECT**

From 29 € /month

All-in-one essential services to expose your business and interact with local consumers



- Presence management within all top audience media for local businesses. including PagesJaunes network
- Complete range of relational services adapted for each business (Agenda, forms, IM, reviews, posts, ect...)

#### WEBSITE

70 € /month

Performance & personalized managed website to promote your business



- Best SEO & SEA performance to develop your visibility
- Personalized design adapted to your business
- All set of features to fit your business (Agenda, forms, e-selling, ect...)

#### BOOSTER



Best & unique leads Ads offers to transform qualified local leads into business









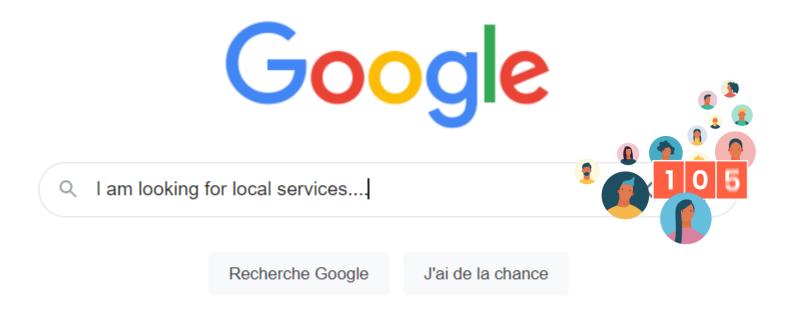




- Hyper local and detailed Keywords to fit leads ads to Business needs
- Best and unique Search engines advertising and Social networks optimization to acquire local leads



#### Solocal sets local firms on the digital path of French consumers ...

















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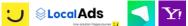
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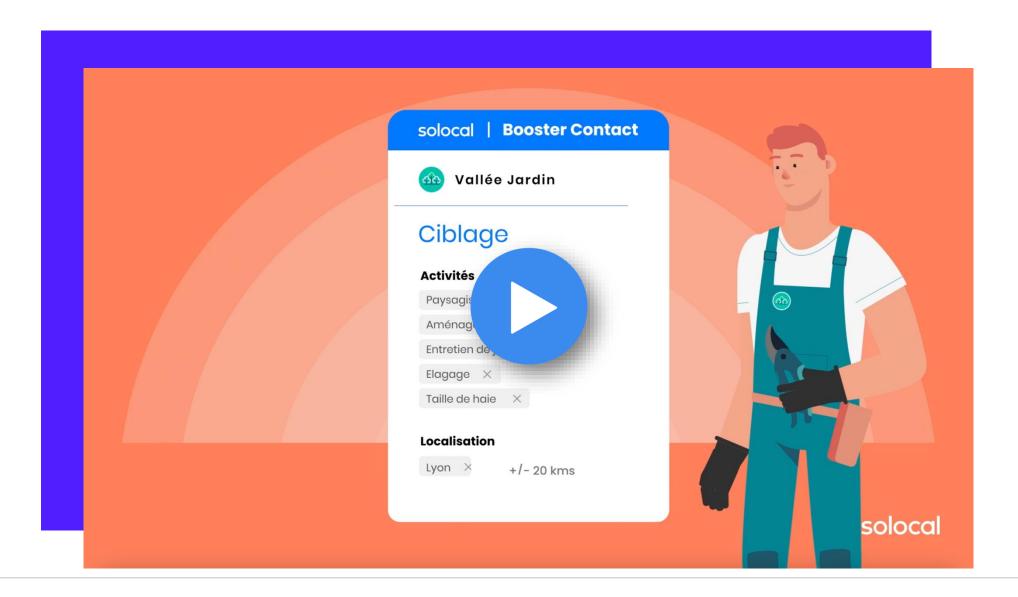




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#### **Booster Contact video**







# Market overview & competitive positioning

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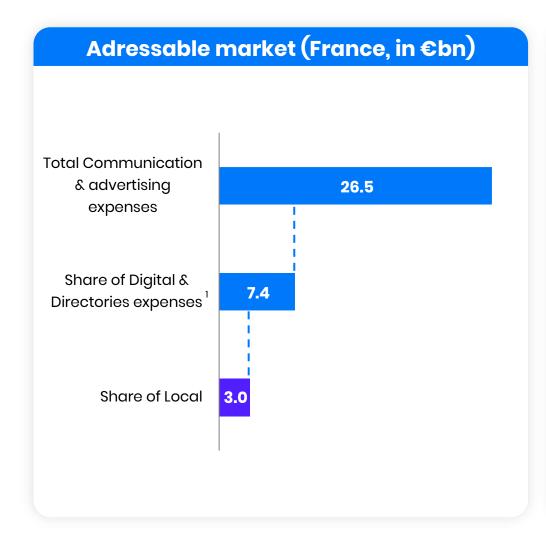
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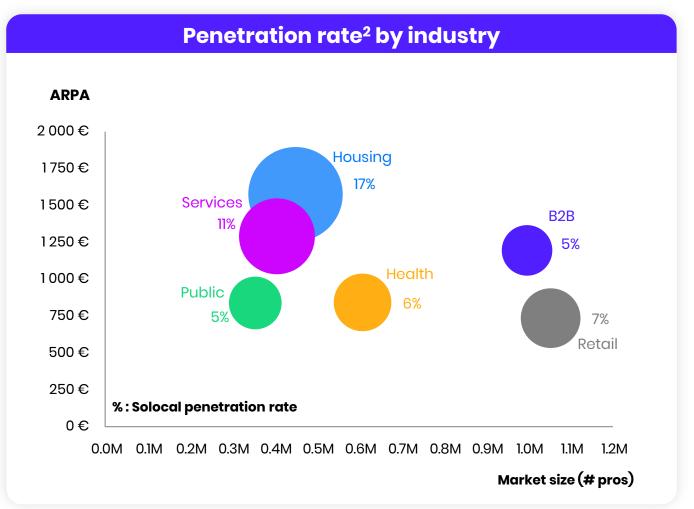
#### **Maxime Videmann**

Group Product and Media Marketing Director



## Solocal addresses a ~€3bn local communication & advertising market, and holds disparate penetration rates depending on industry







## Solocal is the French leader with a critical mass in a complex competitive landscape composed of multiple players

#### Highly specialized SaaS players

- 1 service
- all kind of clients

#### 2 Web & media agencies :

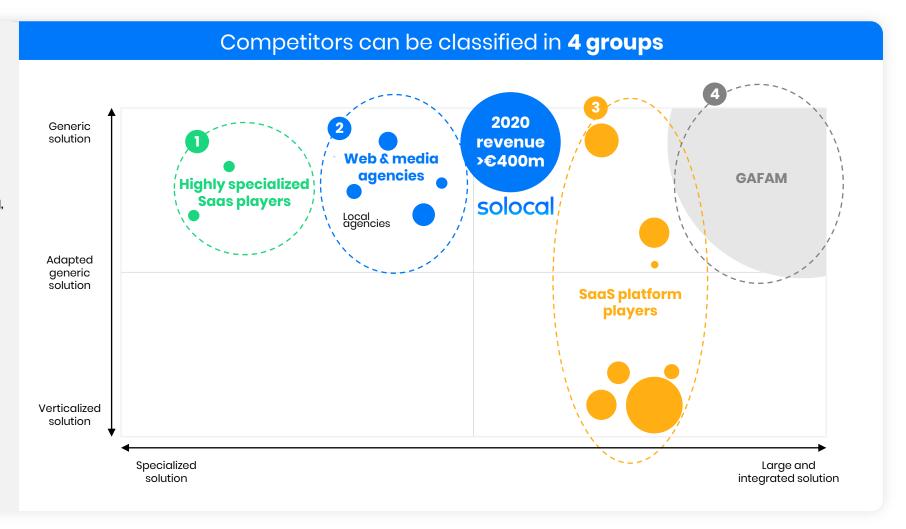
- local or national scope
- wide range of services (consulting, strategy, local ranking, website creation)
- all kind of clients

#### 3 SaaS platform players

- highly integrated suite of services
- some verticalized & adapted to specific needs of customers

#### 4 GAFAM

- capturing the majority of the growth in advertising market
- massive trafic on their proprietary media





#### Technological assets make Solocal unique on the SMEs Market

## Exclusive web content factory



- >5m available professional data and content
- Exclusive PJ network



## Local SEO expertise at scale



- >40k active websites
- Owned web factory with SEO expertise at scale

90% of Privilege website in top 3 Google

## Unique local SEA performance

Ad Local Search campaigns

 Unique and owned multisourcing search engine ads algorithms



 Hyper local and long tail keywords ads expertise



#### Main observations and learnings

#### What Solocal needs to deliver

#### COMPETITION

SaaS is the winning model

What are the main attributes of successful SaaS companies?

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Best-in-class customer-centric teams & processes

#### **PROFESSIONALS**

Digital transformation is considered a necessity by most SMEs

What do SMFs want?



**Clear ROI** 

#### **END-USERS**

Increased reliance on verticalized medias and Google to find the right professional

What can help consumers make the right choice?



A trusted third-party that certifies professionals

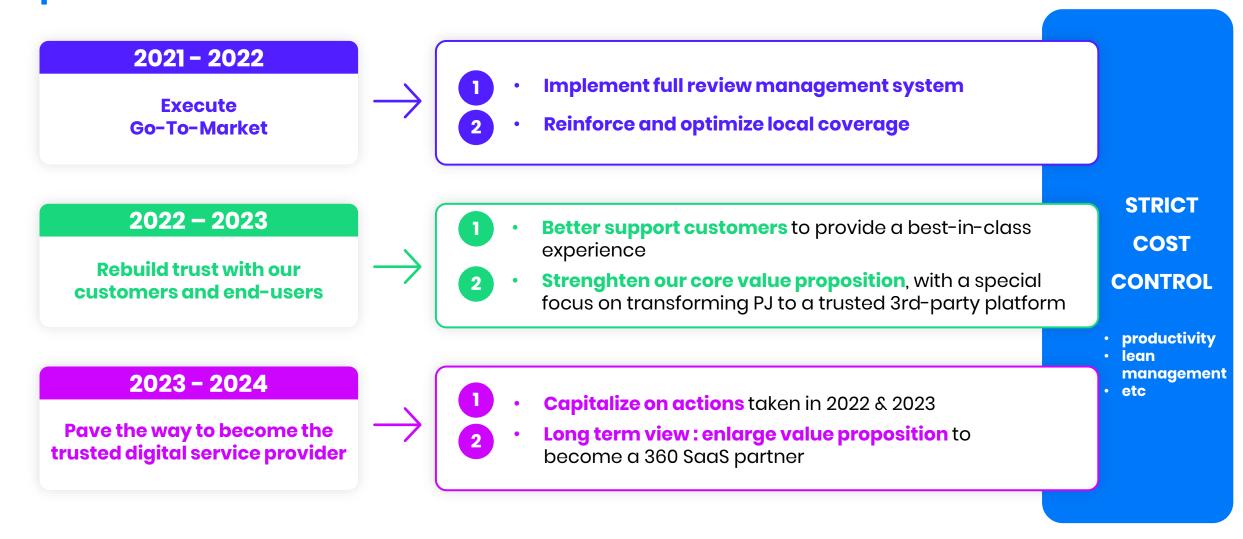




# Solocal growth strategy



## Solocal: from a digital products vendor to a trusted digital services provider





## Our growth strategy

Execute our go-to-market

2 Road to TRUST Become a trusted service provider

#### **Eric Klipfel**

Deputy CEO - Sales & Customer Operations Director



#### 4 pillars of our go-to-market



**Contribution to** 

order intake acquisition

#### Our priority: improve SMEs fieldsales performance

#### **SMEs**

1

#### **Fieldsales**

c. 60%

- Performance management to be improved
- Compensation to be fully adapted to subscription model
- X Local coverage not optimized

**PRIORITY** 

(2)

#### **Telesales**

c. 22%

- ✓ Confirmation of the strategy: campaign mode based on contact plans adapted to customer profiles & specialized salespeople
- √ Blank zones or 2<sup>nd</sup> pass vs. fieldsales

3

## Large Accounts & Networks

c. 18%

✓ **Ongoing strategy:**migration towards
subscription & Saas
platform is still on its
way until end of 2022 /
beginning of 2023



#### Improved performance management

#### **MEASURES**

1

A strengthened management at a local level

- 1 new Field sales Director
- 3 new Regional Directors to be hired by the end of the year

2

Compensation plan project

- **85%** of the weight of the compensation plan project focused on **new business** (acquisition & cross sell)
- new objectives for Managers: quality of execution & people management

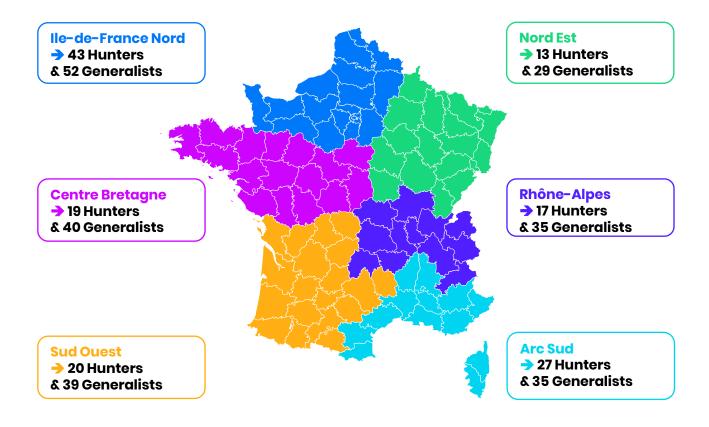
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HR partnership 1 HR manager dedicated by region in charge of workforce planning, staffing, and career development



#### Optimized local coverage

#### **TARGET COVERAGE**



## **TARGET COVERAGE FOR OUR 6 REGIONS**

- Better local coverage: from 5 to 6 business regions, with a better balance of intraregional managers
- c. 400 fully dedicated fieldsales representatives: 140 hunters & 230 generalists
- Reallocation of salesforce teams according to:
  - local penetration rates
  - prospects potential (ARPA potential, acquisition scoring, SLM usage, reactivity to marketing push)



## Our methods already work in South-West: all regions at requested performance by the end of 2022

#### **SOUTH-WEST PERFORMANCE IN 2021 (YTD)**

1

New business performance on track

more than 4 out of 5 sales representatives are making at least one acquisition per week

9

Successful hunting model

- 3.1 new customers weekly / sales representative,
   +50% vs. other regions
- c. €5,000 / hunter per week

3

Product mix

favorable ARPA: more Booster Contact and Privilege & Premium websites vs. other regions



### Sales Campus: a revamped training program

#### **MEASURES**

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New skills focus

- subscription & SaaS model
- coaching: from products to services
- Return-on-investment approach
- verticals (e.g. B2B)

Re-designed induction program

- welcome process of 6 months
- **hybrid** training (e-learning & physical, theorical & "on the field" practice)
- **"buddy" coaching** by an experienced fieldsale
- Campus Manager: management training path with deep focus on management essentials

3

Product mix

- self assessment & continuous managers evaluation
- targeted trainings



## New methods & tools to support acquisition activity

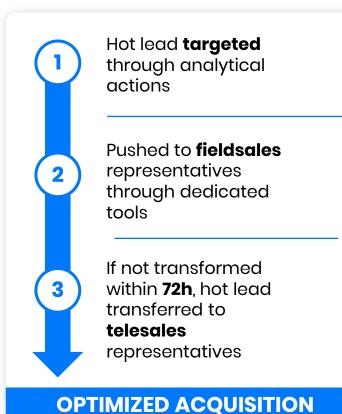


## NEW TOOLS & ENGINE



Pilot in progress in 2021

## ADAPTED TRANSFORMATION PROCESS



**PERFORMANCE** 

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**EXECUTION**Execute our go-to-market

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## Customer Ops: from a reactive customer service to a proactive & datadriven customer success & care management

## **2021**Support our customers requests

**<u>Fix the basics</u>**: Solocal is reachable & handles correctly incoming contacts

#### A transformation on-track:

	КРІ	2021 Target	Goal reached? (*)
Avaibility	Opening hour (call & chat SLM)	6 days a week, 8 am to 8 pm	<b>√</b>
Reachability	QoS	90%	$\checkmark$
<b>-</b> 46:-:	Once & done	>80%	✓
Efficiency	Monthly call rate vs. customer base	6 days a week, 8 am to 8 pm 90%	✓
Resolution time	Easy requests	<5 days	✓
of request	Expert requests	<1 <5 days <8 days	In progress (16 days)
Customer satisfaction	Average satisfaction rate	4/5	In progress (3,9/5)

## **2022 - 2023** proactivity & customer coaching

- 1. Welcome process & onboarding by Customer Success Managers (CSM)
- **2. Support**by Customer Care Managers (CCM)
- 3. Product check-up & performance monitoring
  by Customer Success Managers
- **4. Customer development (up & cross-sell)**Leads generation to sales teams
- **5. Prevention & risk managements** by dedicated teams (CSM & CCM)
- **6. Retention** by specialized sales teams



### Customer Ops: unified & flowless customer experience

Welcome & Sales service onboarding

Support & hotline

**Product** checkup & ROI

Cross-sell

**Prevention** 

Retention

Service level illustrations

Last 100 days minimum: until 1st invoice emitted & product performance at level requested

% of complex requests are performed in less than 5

Periodic dashboardina through Solocal Manager + call with a CSM 6 months after subscription.less if performance is not on track

**Cross-sell actions** driven by customer behaviors, life cycle management & leads provided by CSM

Taraeted & proactive actions based on churn management analysis. e.g. a tariff auamentation is performed by a sales

Priority request (<2 days) & special offers

Human touchpoint





**Customer Success** Managers (CSM)



**Customer Care** Manager (CCM)



**Customer Success** Managers (CSM)



Sales rep.

Depend on the action to be performed



Sales rep.

Solocal Manager



Flectronic signature

Delivery follow up



Selfcare Chatbot & FAQ



Dashboarding & push App



Web callback follow up of the request



Assessment



Follow up of the request

New **Enablers** 

- Verticalized sales speech & product demo
- √ Single invoice
- **Digital audit**
- Before publishing: & customer validation
- quality scoring

**Dedicated CSM** 

- Product dashboarding (product performance) & diagnosis tool (eg. product incident monitoring)
  - √ 360 customer view (all products) & unique CRM
  - √ Predictive actions & scorings based on customers behaviors & products

## Angoulême webfactory video





### Secure our core business

Develop scalable and sustainable pricing offer model for our Search Ads portfolio

> 80% Search Ads revenue from PagesJaunes ranking

- Dynamic pricing model and more flexibility tailored to SMEs seasonality
- Diversification of our contact sources in our Ads portfolio

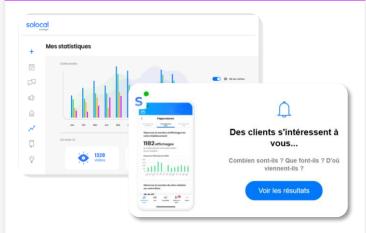
Integrate our suite into single Solocal Manager platform SMEs and Networks



87% of our clients are equipped with Solocal Manager

40% of them are connecting every month

 Seamless user experience between Website, Connect and Ads portfolio to develop usage Develop dashboarding to better market our value proposition



- Proactive and recurrent interaction with the professional
- Call and in-store visit tracking



## Develop short term business opportunities on our core businesses

# Scale our data and develop our direct marketing features



22 m mobiles phones

34 m emails

28 m addresses





Direct marketing campaigns

Only 4% market share in France with €5m revenue for Solocal in 2020

# Tackle quotation management for our core segments

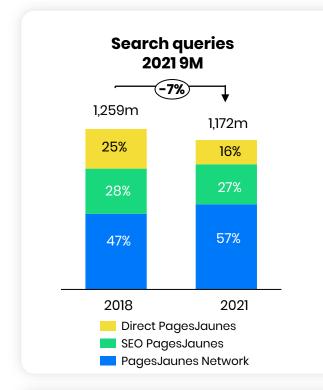


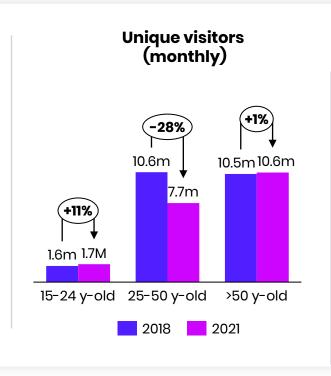
✓ PRODUCT PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY

→ Leverage our core assets and develop value-added services



# PagesJaunes' traffic decrease, mainly due to lack of direct usage and slow depositioning on content that users are searching for





- Decrease of PagesJaunes traffic globally (-7% over 3 years), despite growing PagesJaunes network audience, becoming majority in the mix
- Strong decrease of usage among 25-50 years old population: 56% of non-users declare do not have the reflex of PagesJaunes when needed while competition adapt & enhance user experience

However,
PagesJaunes'
unique strengths
can be leveraged

- Awareness: 94% of online users know PagesJaunes and >20m unique users / month
- « **Reliable, trustworthy** » is the best rated statement about PagesJaunes by both active users and non-users
- Exhaustivity and knowledge with 5m professional Database



## PagesJaunes – the journey to a trusted 3rd party platform

Several steps on the user/consumer journey

#### **DIRECTORY**

# Find a professional

- Professionals database
- Search engine
- Contact details

## Choose the RIGHT professional

- Richer content
- Prices / request for quotation forms
- Recommendation, reviews, agenda Availabilities
- Search engine with further features and artificial intelligence for ranking, Push...



CERTIFIED BY PAGESJAUNES

### **Transaction**

- Online booking
- Click & Collect
- Payment
- Online purchase



Best and unique **trusted**3<sup>rd</sup>-party platform to help French
consumers chose and connect with
the right professional

#### **MARKETPLACE**



Insurance



# Several work streams to reach that positioning of PagesJaunes as the trusted platform connecting consumers and professional

Go further with content certification

Enrich & strengthen pro content

Certify all professionals based on PagesJaunes quality score

Adapt UX & user flows

Qualify & precise user research

Verticalize entry flows to better surface useful information

**Be transparent to build trust** ranking criteria, sponsored results and professional quality

Empower search engine

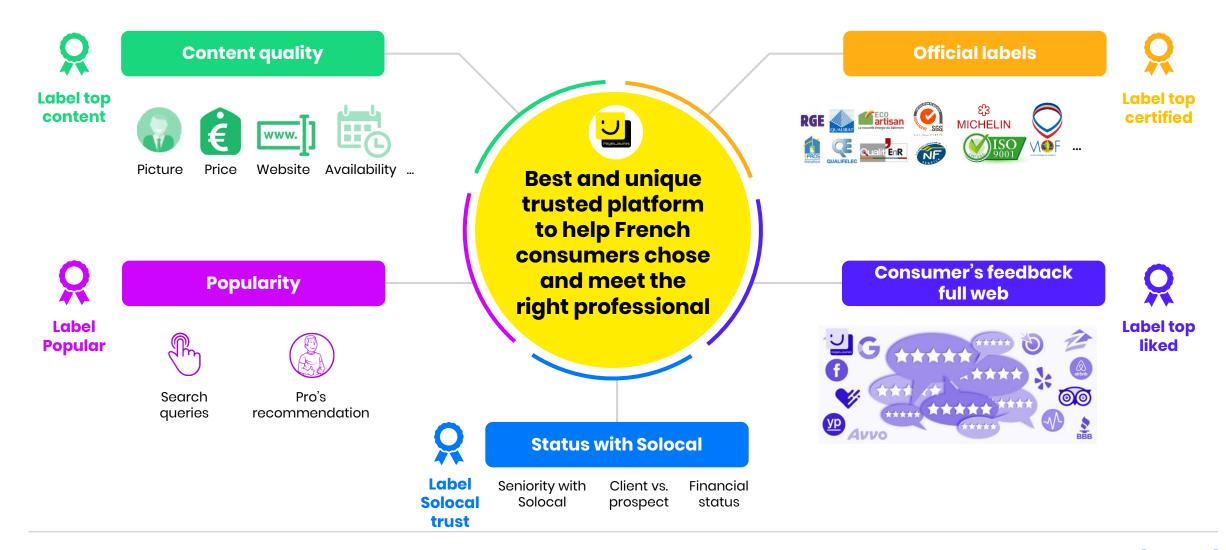
**Show best relevant results** based on artificial intelligence

**Maximize revenue** from sponsored results



# A trusted certification by PagesJaunes empowered by professionals data and knowledge







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Business & Strategy





# 2022 outlook and 2023 & 2024 assumptions

**Olivier Regnard** 

**Chief Financial Officer** 



### Reminder: benefits of the subscription mode

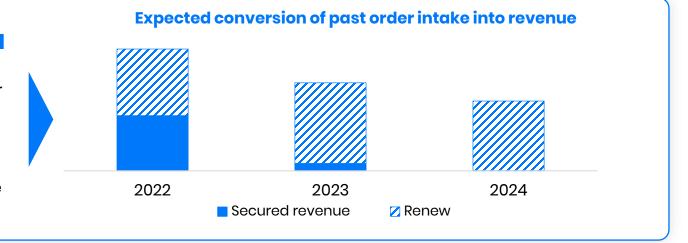
Revenue generation stems from the combination of 2 processes

Past

order intake

#### Digital order backlog as at 30.09.2021

- 1. 1st cycle of products' life turns into revenue over the next 2 years
- 2. Embeds **autorenewed revenue** (induced by subscription mode), factoring in churn assumptions and therefore a gradual decrease over time

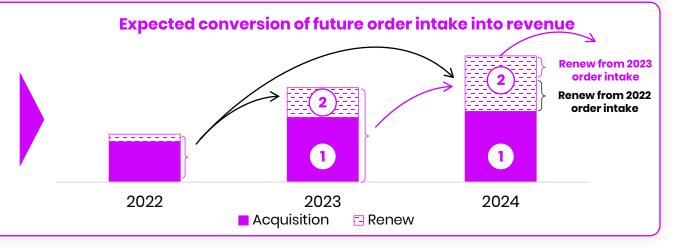


# Prospective order intake

### Example: new order intake in 2022

- 1. 1st cycle of products' life turns into revenue over the next months & years
- 2. Will also generate **renewal revenue** in upcoming years thanks to subscription mode

Multiplier effect: €1 of order intake tomorrow will generate a lifetime value in the future





# Key initiatives should have a favorable impact on our medium-term main growth drivers

#### **KEY INITIATIVES**

## Focus on acquisition for fieldsales representatives

- More hunters in the salesforce mix (c. 140 vs. 108 as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021)
- Better data driven contact plans & enhanced local coverage
- New compensation plan project

**Expectations**: more acquisition on the Field segment (higher ARPAs)





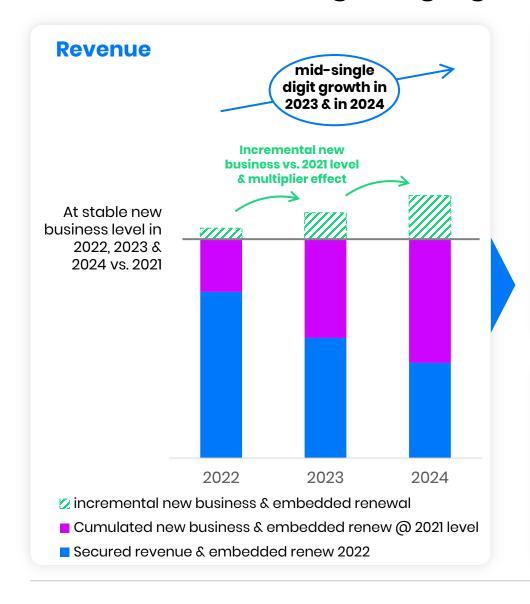
### More proactivity with customers

- Roll out of CSM & enhancement of customer care
- Telesales representatives specialized on retention, prevention, winbacks and upsell & cross sell
- Maintain value in product churn management

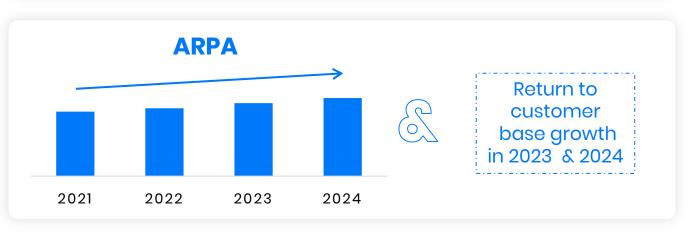
### **CHURN**



## Estimate: mid-single digit growth in 2023 & in 2024 revenue



- At constant 2021 churn level & 2021 new business level
   stable revenue over 2022 onwards
  - self-supporting model thanks to multiplier effect lasting over several years
- Any incremental new business vs. 2021 new business level has a long-lasting growth effect on revenue generation
- Assuming successful roll-out of key initiatives
  - → estimated mid-single digit growth in 2023 & in 2024 revenue





### Business plan assumptions & key initiatives

### 2022 outlook

- Focus on Field salesforce
  - → ARPA enhancement:
  - More hunters in the salesforce mix
  - New compensation plan projects
- Proactive Customer Service Management (CSM)
  - maintain churn levels
- Strict controlled fixed costs basis & further cost management

2023



### 2024 estimate

- Mid-single digit revenue growth in 2023 and in 2024 mainly driven by increase in ARPA (focus on field sales, cross & up-sell)
- Maintain value in product churn management
- Acceleration & full-effects of transformation: mid-teens EBITDA growth in 2023 & in 2024

Gradual ramp up of autorenewal effects

Maintain churn level Focus on Field segment, positive trend on ARPA

Fixed costs management

**Media plan** 



## Strong cash flow conversion as soon as top line is stabilised

In million euros	FY 2020	2021	2022	2024	
EBITDA	133	120	=	71	Mid-teens growth in 2023 & in 2024
· Non monetary EBITDA	(1)				
· Change in WCR	(90)	<0		≈0	Balanced in 2024
· Capex	(43)	c. (35)	<b>→</b>	<b>→</b>	Optimised investments in tech
Operating free cash flow	(1)				
· Financial expenses	(6)	(10)	(20)	(20)	New debt structure – c. €20m / year
· Corporate income tax paid	(6)	(5)	7	71	Consistent with SL new profile
Recurring free cash flow	(12)				
· Non recurring items	(67)	(10)	-	_	
· Others	3				
Free cash flow	(76)				
· Others (of which leases under IFRS 16)	(18)	=	=	=	Rents
· Increase (decrease) in borrowings	24				
· Capital increase	89				
Net cash variation	20				
Operating Cash Flow before taxes	-80	>40	=	>90	



### 2022 outlook and 2023-2024 assumptions

Based on the succesful roll-out of the key iniatives presented before

	2021	2022 outlook	2023 & 2024 assumptions
Revenue	Almost stable	Comparable to 2021	Mid-single digit growth in 2023 & in 2024
EBITDA	€120m	Comparable to 2021	Mid-teens growth in 2023 & in 2024
Operating Free cash flow <sup>1</sup>	>€40m	Comparable to 2021	> <b>€90m</b> in 2024





## Conclusion

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### Conclusion



# Client centricity



Growth



360° local businesses



Q&A #2

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