

# **FULL YEAR 2014 RESULTS**

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# **BUSINESS UPDATE**



### **Our mission**



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### What we do for our clients









### Digital 2015 Plan: main achievements in 2014



### Client service overhauled

clients (+ 196 sales people)

<sup>1</sup>Source: Nielsen Médiamétrie – aGlobal Reach indicator for October 2014 (fixed and mobile Internet) Reach: Number of unique website visitors, expressed as a percentage of a reference population of Internet users during a given month: of non-duplicated unique visitors to a group's websites for the month / The number of active Internet users that month).

### **Strong Internet audiences: Solocal 6<sup>th</sup> group in France**

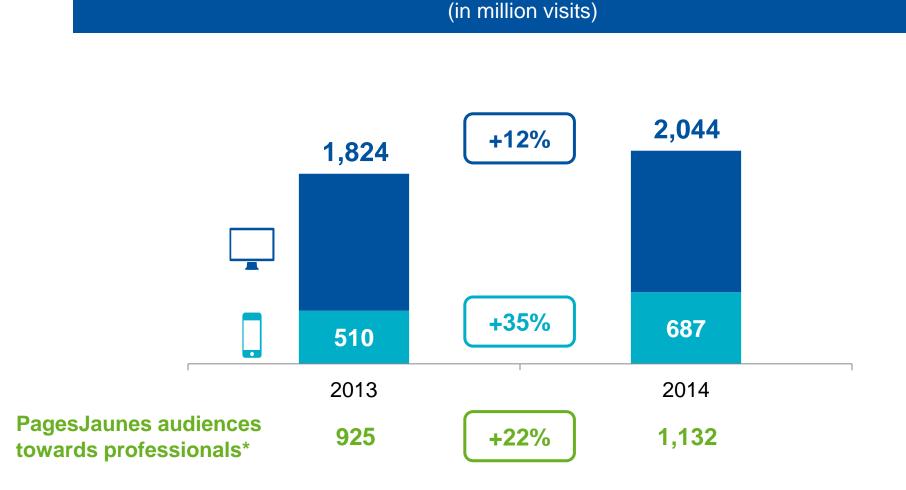


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Source: Nielsen Médiamétrie indicator – October 2014 – reach global (Internet fixed and mobile) Number of unique visitors of a website, expressed as a percentage of the population of reference for the denominated month, ie number of internet users (Ratio: Number of deduplicated unique visitors of a group's internet sites over a month / Number of active internet users over the same month).

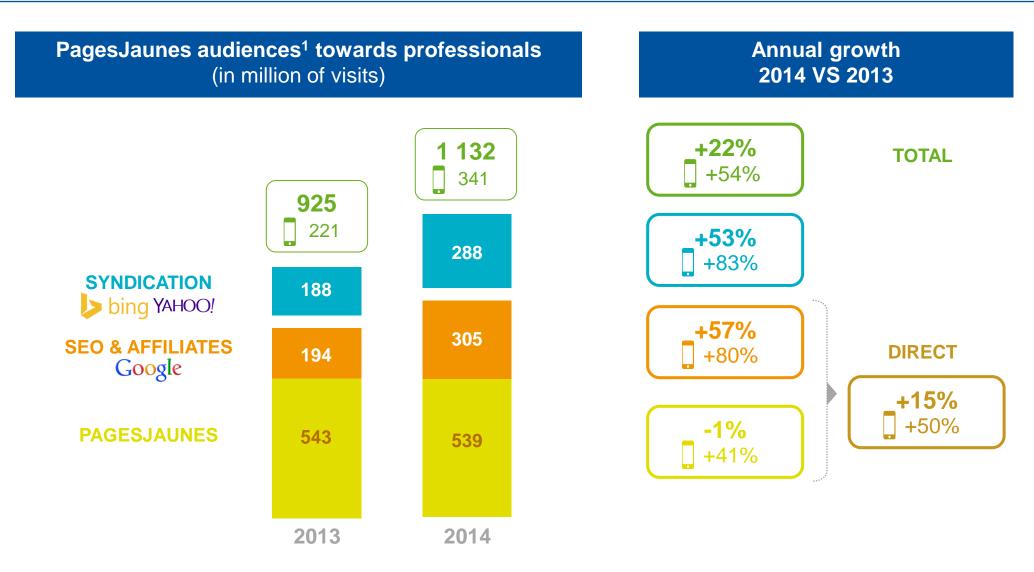
# Internet audiences: Solocal Group reached the milestone of 2 billion visits in 2014

**2014 Internet audiences of Solocal Group** 





### **Growth of PagesJaunes audiences driven by mobile and partnerships**





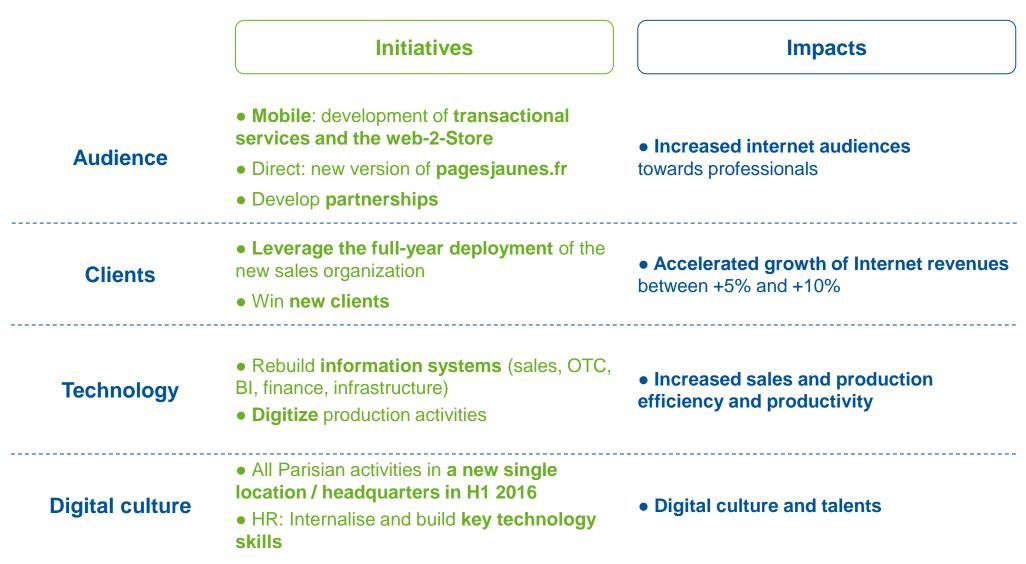
### **Internet dynamic by vertical**

		<b>evenues</b> d '14/'13 char	ige)	2015 trend	Initiatives & offers
Health & Public	67	69	+3%	++	PagesJaunesDoc
B2B	120	116	-3%	+	Websites, direct marketing
Services	130	129	-1%	+	Verticalised and targeted (big data) offers
Retail	134	135	+1%	++	Transactional services and deals
Home	183	184	+1%	+	Online quotes
	2013	2014	4		



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### Digital 2015 Plan — Acceleration of Internet revenue growth in 2015







# **2014 FINANCIAL RESULTS**



### A deep transformation in 2014 to ensure return to Internet revenue growth

# Exceptional efforts were undertaken to drive the digital transformation

- Sales reorganization costs
- Assistance from outside experts (training & consulting)
- Work to prepare the regrouping of Parisian activities on a single "digital" site

# Targeted investments to strengthen the sales organization

- Sales staff was expanded late in the year to win new clients
- The recruitment of digital talent will support the development of tailored solutions

### 2014, the year of transition

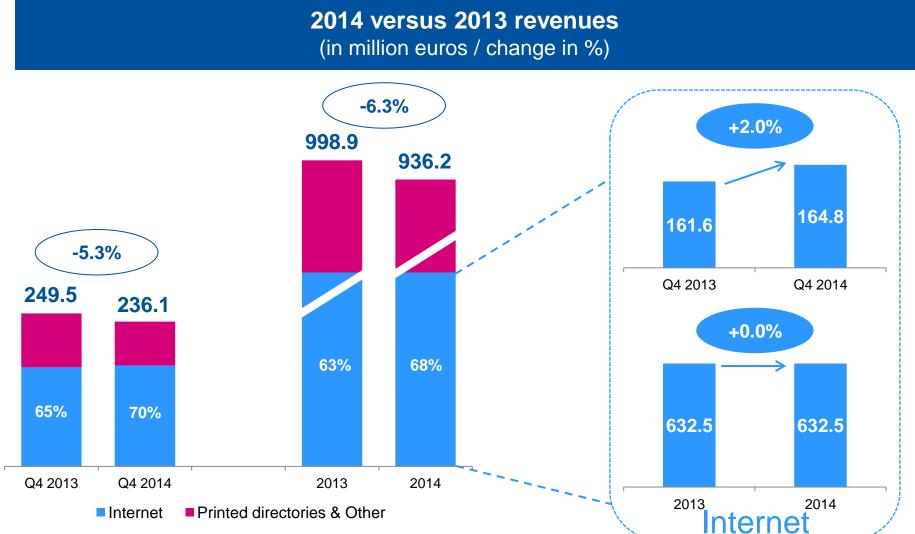
- Stable Internet revenue
- Commercial investment partially offset by personnel cost discipline and reduction of PIP<sup>1</sup> expenses
- Normalised GOM: €350 M, -17%<sup>2</sup>
- EBITDA: €267 M, -29%<sup>2</sup>, EBITDA margin: 29%
- Net income: €59 M, -48%<sup>2</sup>
- Net cash flow: €38 M, -72%<sup>2</sup>

# Accelerated Internet revenue growth in 2015

- Internet revenues return to growth in Q4'14: +2%<sup>2</sup>
- Internet revenue growth between +5% and +10% in 2015
- EBITDA margin<sup>3</sup> between 29% and 30% in 2015



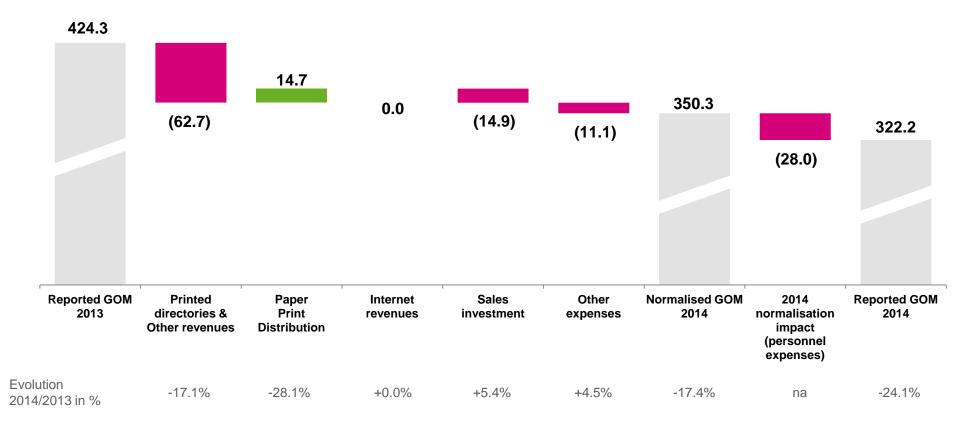
### Group revenues: -6,3% Internet revenues stable over the year, +2% in Q4





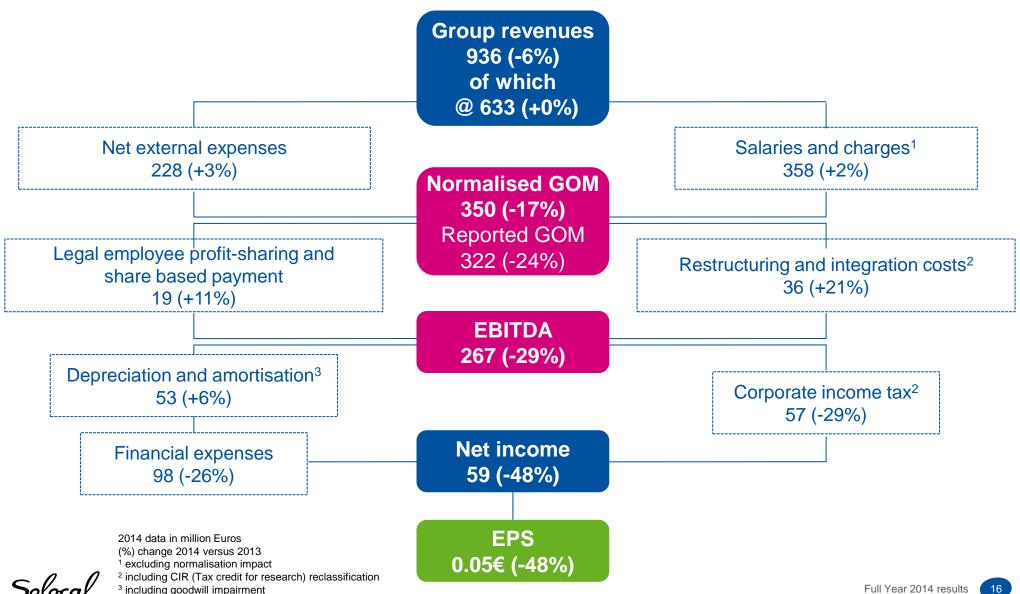
### Normalised GOM decreased by -17.4% in 2014

### Change in consolidated gross operating margin (GOM) in million Euros



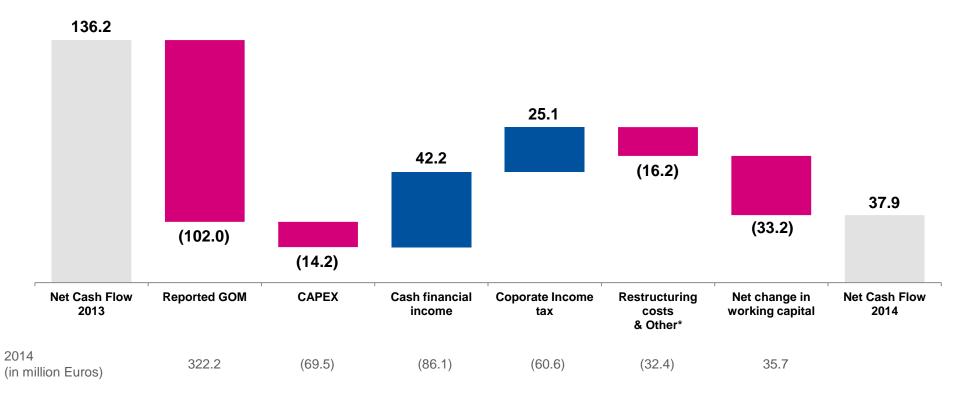
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### Net income of €59 M in 2014



# Net Cash Flow reduction due to the GOM decrease, restructuring costs and a non-recurring net change in working capital

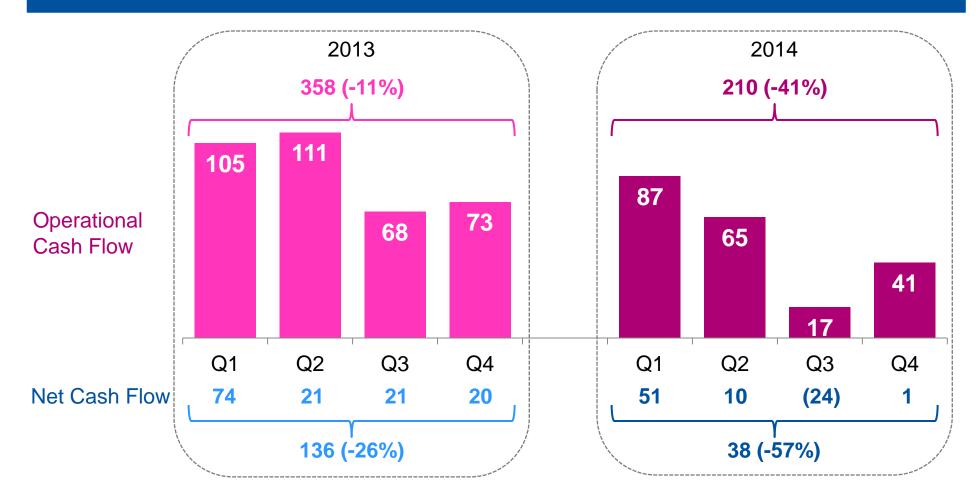
### Net cash flow as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 (in million Euros)





### **Improvement of operational cash flow in Q4**

**Operational and net cash flow by quarter (in million Euros)** 







# OUTLOOK



	Full Year 2014	Outlook 2015
Internet revenues	+0%	+5% / +10%
Group revenues	-6,3%	stable
Group EBITDA / revenues <sup>1</sup>	29%	29% / 30%
Group net income	-48%	≥ +30%

Furthermore, the Group would like to:

- proceed with partial purchases of its high yield debt during 2015
- achieve a reverse split, subject to the shareholders vote at combined shareholders' meeting





# **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**





## **APPENDICES**



# Revenues and normalised gross operating margin : 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and financial year 2014

In million Euros	Q4 2014	Q4 2013	Change	2014	2013	Change
Internet	164.8	161.6	+2.0%	632.5	632.5	+0.0%
Printed directories & other	71.3	87.9	-18.9%	303.7	366.3	-17.1%
Revenues	236.1	249.5	-5.3%	936.2	998.9	-6.3%
Internet	46.7	64.9	-28.0%	226.7	267.4	-15.2%
as % of Internet revenues	28.3%	40.2%	-1,190 bps	35.8%	42.3%	-650 bps
Printed directories & other	22.8	30.6	-25.5%	123.6	156.9	-21.2%
as % of Printed directories & other revenues	32.0%	34.8%	-280 bps	40.7%	42.8%	-210 bps
Normalised gross operating margin	69.5	95.5	-27.2%	350.3	424.3	-17.4%
as % of Group revenues	29.4%	38.3%	-890 bps	37.4%	42.5%	-510 bps

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### Impact of new sales contracts on gross operating margin

Background	Change in structure of salesforce compensation following implementation of new contracts starting in April 2014: ~75% recognized as incurred (fixed part + expenses) vs ~40% previously
Accounting rules	No change in accounting principles: incremental variable component of sales cost recognized with revenues (cost of contract acquisition) whilst fixed component + expenses recognized as incurred
Consequences	<ul> <li>Results in an additional non-cash charge in P&amp;L in 2014 and 2015:</li> <li>In 2014: Variable compensation paid in 2013 but deferred to 2014 under old contract, and fixed compensation + expenses paid in 2014 under new contract (previously partially deferred to 2015 as variable compensation)</li> <li>In 2015: Variable compensation paid in 2014 under old contract and deferred to 2015</li> </ul>

Normalised 2014 GOM to provide a like-for-like comparison and neutralize the impact of the change in sales contracts **This change results in one-time additional charge of €28 M in 2014** 

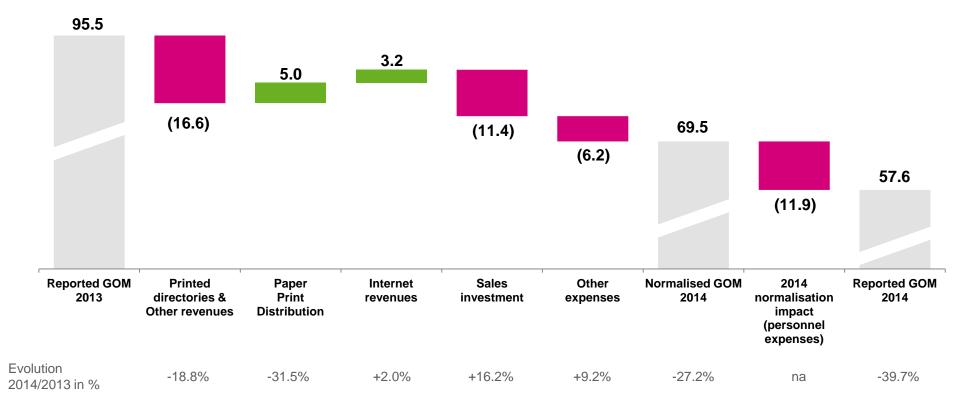


# Revenues and reported gross operating margin : 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and financial year 2014

In million Euros	Q4 2014	Q4 2013	Change	2014	2013	Change
Internet	164.8	161.6	+2.0%	632.5	632.5	+0.0%
Printed directories & other	71.3	87.9	-18.9%	303.7	366.3	-17.1%
Revenues	236.1	249.5	-5.3%	936.2	998.9	-6.3%
Internet	38.4	64.9	-40.8%	207.3	267.4	-22.5%
as % of Internet revenues	23.3%	40.2%	-1,690 bps	32.8%	42.3%	-950 bps
Printed directories & other	19.2	30.6	-37.3%	114.9	156.9	-26.8%
as % of Printed directories & other revenues	26.9%	34.8%	-790 bps	37.8%	42.8%	-500 bps
Reported gross operating margin	57.6	95.5	-39.7%	322.2	424,3	-24,1%
as % of Group revenues	24,4%	38,3%	-1,390 bps	34,4%	42,5%	-810 bps

### Normalised GOM decreased by -27.2% in Q4 2014

### Change in consolidated gross operating margin (GOM) in million Euros





### EBITDA, a new performance indicator From reported GOM to EBITDA

In million Euros	2014	2013	Change
Reported gross operating margin	322.2	424.3	-24.1%
as % of Group revenues	34.4%	42.5%	
Legal employee profit-sharing	(10.3)	(15.4)	+33.1%
Share-based payment	(8.6)	(1.5)	na
CIR reclassification (GOM => corporate income tax)*	(2.1)	(2.0)	-5.0%
Other income and expenses	(34.2)	(28.2)	-21.3%
EBITDA**	267.1	377.2	-29.2%
as % of Group revenues	28.5%	37.8%	

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### Income statement: 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and financial year 2014

In million Euros	Q4 2014	Q4 2013	Change	2014	2013	Change
Revenues	236.1	249.5	-5.3%	936.2	998.9	-6.3%
Net external expenses	(69.0)	(66.6)	-3.6%	(228.3)	(222.1)	-2.8%
Salaries and charges	(109.5)	(87.4)	-25.3%	(385.7)	(352.5)	-9.4%
Reported gross operating margin	57.6	95.5	-39.7%	322.2	424.3	-24.1%
as % of revenues	24.4%	38.3%		34.4%	42.5%	
Legal employee profit-sharing	(1.7)	(4.8)	+65.1%	(10.3)	(15.4)	+33.1%
Share-based payment	(1.3)	0.2	na	(8.6)	(1.5)	na
Depreciation and amortisation	(13.3)	(10.7)	-24.0%	(48.4)	(40.7)	-18.9%
Other income and expenses	(0.2)	(33.5)	na	(38.5)	(37.4)	-2.9%
of which sales reorganisation	0.2	(24.4)	na	(23.5)	(28.1)	+16.4%
of which 2016 real estate project	-	-	-	(10.4)	-	-
Operating income	41.1	46.6	-11.8%	216.5	329.2	-34.2%
as % of revenues	17.4%	18.7%		23.1%	33.0%	
Net financial income	(21.7)	(31.3)	+30.8%	(98.1)	(132.3)	+25.9%
Share of profit or loss of an associate	(0.3)	(0.5)	+30.5%	(0.0)	(0.2)	na
Income before tax	19.1	14.8	+26.9%	118.4	196.7	-39.8%
Corporate income tax	(10.9)	(6.6)	-64.1%	(58.9)	(81.9)	+28.1%
Effective tax rate	56.1%	43.4%		49.8%	41.6%	
Net income	8.2	8.2	+0.1%	59.4	114.8	-48.3%

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### **Income statement with EBITDA: financial year 2014**

In million Euros	2014	2013	Change
Revenues	936.2	998.9	-6.3%
Net external expenses	(228.3)	(222.1)	-2.8%
Salaries and charges	(357.7)	(352.5)	-1.5%
Normalised gross operating margin	350.3	424.3	-17.4%
as % of revenues	37.4%	42.5%	
Impact of normalisation	(28.0)	-	-
Reported gross operating margin	322.2	424.3	-24.1%
as % of revenues	34.4%	42.5%	
Legal employee profit-sharing	(10.3)	(15.4)	+33.1%
Share-based payment	(8.6)	(1.5)	na
CIR reclassification (GOM => corporate income tax)*	(2.1)	(2.0)	-5.0%
Other income and expenses	(34.2)	(28.2)	-21.3%
of which sales reorganisation	(23.5)	(28.1)	+16.4%
of which 2016 real estate project	(10.4)	-	-
EBITDA**	267.1	377.2	-29.2%
as % of revenues	28.5%	37.8%	
Depreciation and amortisation	(52.7)	(49.9)	-5.6%
Operating income	214.4	327.3	-34.5%
as % of revenues	22.9%	32.8%	
Net financial income	(98.1)	(132.3)	+25.9%
Share of profit or loss of an associate	(0.0)	(0.2)	na
Income before tax	116.3	194.8	-40.3%
Corporate income tax without CIR*	(58.9)	(81.9)	+28.1%
CIR reclassification (GOM => corporate income tax)*	2.1	2.0	+5.0%
Corporate income tax with CIR*	(56.8)	(79.9)	+28.9%
Effective tax rate	48.9%	41.0%	
Net income	59.4	114.8	-48.3%



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### **Effective tax rate evolution**

	2014	2013	Change
Statutory tax rate	34.4%	34.4%	
Additional tax	3.6%	3.6%	-
Partial deductibility of financial interests	6.8%	3.5%	330bps
CVAE (Corporation Value Added Tax)	5.8%	3.9%	180 bps
Other	1.5%	0.5%	100 bps
Effective tax rate before exceptional items	52.0%	45.9%	610 bps
Exceptional items <sup>1</sup>	-2.2%	-4.3%	210 bps
Effective tax rate	49.8%	41.6%	820 bps

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### Cash flow statement: 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and financial year 2014

In million Euros	Q4 2014	Q4 2013	Change	2014	2013	Change
Reported GOM	57.6	95.5	-39.7%	322.2	424.3	-24.1%
Legal employee profit-sharing	(1.7)	(4.8)	+64.6%	(10.3)	(15.4)	+33.1%
Share-based payment	-	-	na	(4.2)	-	na
Non monetary items included in GOM	2.2	0.4	na	7.1	6.5	+9.2%
Net change in working capital	0.9	2.1	-57.1%	(35.7)	(2.4)	na
Acquisition of tangible and intangible fixed assets	(18.5)	(19.7)	+6.1%	(69.5)	(55.3)	-25.7%
Operational cash flow	40.6	73.4	-44.7%	209.7	357.6	-41.4%
in % of GOM	70.4%	76.9%		65.1%	84.3%	
Cash financial income	(29.9)	(35.1)	+14.8%	(86.1)	(128.4)	+32.9%
Other income and expenses*	(8.8)	(3.7)	na	(25.0)	(7.4)	na
Corporate income tax paid	(0.5)	(14.3)	+96.5%	(60.6)	(85.7)	+29.3%
Net cash flow	1.3	20.3	-93.6%	37.9	136.2	-72.2%
Increase (decrease) in borrowings and bank overdrafts	18.2	(50.1)	na	(475.9)	(149.4)	na
Capital increase	(0.0)	-	-	422.6	-	na
Other	0.9	(1.8)	na	(14.1)	(5.5)	na
Net cash variation	20.3	(31.6)	na	(29.5)	18.8	-56.9%
Net cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	23.2	104.7	-77.8%	73.1	91.9	-20.5%
Net cash and cash equivalents at end of period	43.6	73.1	-40.4%	43.6	73.1	-40.4%

\* Mostly related to restructuring costs

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### **Operational cash flow with proforma EBITDA: Financial year 2014**

In million Euros	2014	2013	Change
Reported GOM	322.2	424.3	-24.1%
Legal employee profit-sharing	(10.3)	(15.4)	+33.1%
Share-based payment	(8.6)	(1.5)	na
Restructuring and integration costs	(23.8)	(28.2)	+15.6%
Non recurring other income and expenses	(10.4)	-	-
CIR reclassification (GOM => corporate income tax) <sup>1</sup>	(2.1)	(2.0)	-5.0%
EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	267.1	377.2	-29.2%
Non monetary items included in EBITDA and other	20.6	28.8	-28.5%
Net change in working capital	(35.7)	(2.4)	na
Acquisition of tangible and intangible fixed assets	(69.5)	(55.3)	-25.7%
Proforma operational cash flow	182.5	348.2	-47.6%
Cash financial income	(86.1)	(128.4)	+32.9%
Corporate income tax paid	(58.5)	(83.8)	+30.2%
Net cash flow	37.9	136.1	-72.2%
Increase (decrease) in borrowings and bank overdrafts	(475.9)	(149.4)	na
Capital increase	422.6	-	-
Other	(14.1)	(5.5)	na
Net cash variation	(29.5)	18.8	-56.9%
Net cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	73.1	91.9	-20.5%
Net cash and cash equivalents at end of period	43.6	73.1	-40.4%

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### **Balance sheet as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014**

In million Euros	31 Dec. 2014	31 Dec. 2013
ASSETS		
Total non-current assets	229.6	214.8
Net goodwill	82.5	78.7
Other net intangible fixed assets	107.3	80.8
Net tangible fixed assets	25.3	23.6
Other non-current assets of which deferred tax assets	14.6	31.7
Total current assets	606.7	585.3
Net trade account receivable	441.8	405.8
Acquisition costs of contracts	46.7	63.3
Prepaid expenses	9.4	5.9
Cash and cash equivalents	46.4	75.6
Other current assets	62.5	34.7
Total assets	836.3	800.0
LIABILITIES		
Total equity	(1,369.3)	(1,866.7)
Total non-current liabilities	1,247.0	1,617.5
Non-current financial liabilities and derivatives	1,139.6	1,516.2
Employee benefits (non-current)	90.4	85.1
Other non-current liabilities	16.9	16.3
Total current liabilities	958.6	1,049.2
Bank overdraft and other short-term borrowings	37.5	132.7
Deferred income	575.4	597.5
Employee benefits (current)	117.6	119.2
Trade accounts payable	98.9	84.5
Other current liabilities	129.3	115.4
Total liabilities	836.3	800.0

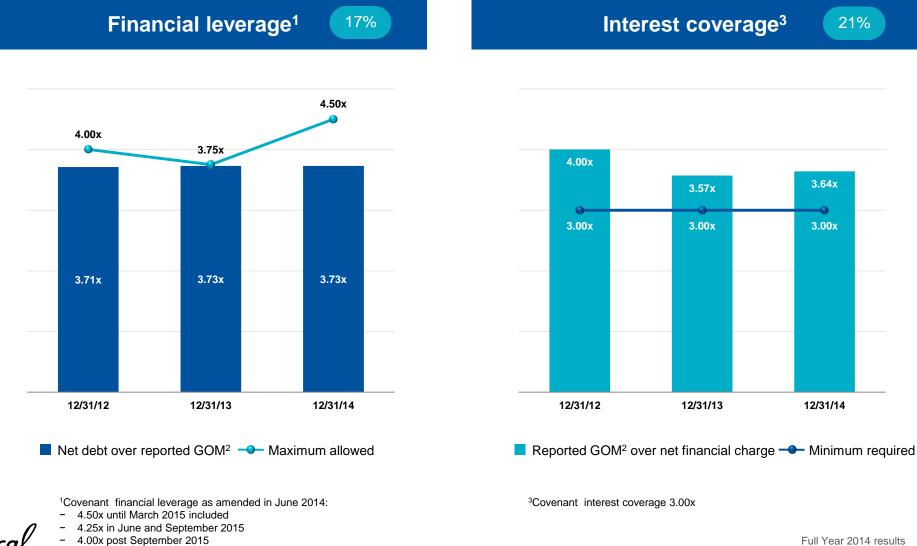
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### Net debt as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014

In million Euros	31 Dec. 2014	31 Dec. 2013
Net cash position	43.6	73.1
Bank borrowings	(833.8)	(1 297.5)
Bond borrowings – Senior secured notes	(350.0)	(350.0)
Loan issuance expenses	25.8	25.4
Capital leases	(0.8)	(0.0)
Fair value of hedging instruments	(9.9)	(20.2)
Accrued interest not yet due	(5.1)	(6.3)
Other financial liabilities	(5.5)	(4.1)
Gross financial debt	(1 179.4)	(1 652.7)
Of which current	(39.7)	(136.4)
Of which non-current	(1 139.6)	(1 516.2)
Net cash (debt)	(1 135.8)	(1 579.6)
Net cash (debt) excluding fair value of financial instruments and loan issuance expenses	(1 151.6)	(1 584.8)



### Compliance with covenants as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>after taking into account the "2016 real estate project" provision



## **GLOSSARY**



### **Glossary - Operating P&L (1/2)**

#### Internet revenues:

• The sum of income from Internet operations, the main products being the creation and marketing of content and advertising space, listing, targeted advertising and the provision of advertising space for local and national advertisers, as well as a complete range of products and services for providing and pushing content and information for local audiences

#### Printed directories & other businesses revenues:

• The sum of income from "Printed directories" business on one hand, which involves the printing, distribution and sale of advertising space in the Group's printed PagesJaunes and PagesBlanches directories, and on the other hand the traditional direct marketing activities (logistics, postage and mailing), telephone and SMS information services (118 008) and the QuiDonc reverse directory.



### **Glossary - Operating P&L (2/2)**

#### Net external expenses:

- Include external purchases: mainly printed publishing costs (cost of paper, printing and distribution of printed directories), database costs, information system development and operating expenses, communication and marketing expenses, and overhead.
- Also include other net operating expenses: mainly taxes, some provisions for contingencies and provisions for bad debt
- Do no include extraordinary expenses, such as the provisions for moving to a single site planned in 2016.

#### Salaries and charges:

 Include personnel expenses for all Solocal group personnel categories, but exclude legal employee profitsharing, share-based payments and restructuring costs (i.e. the "PSE" Employment Protection Plan)

### Gross operating margin (GOM):

 Annual revenue minus external purchases, net operating expenses, salaries and social security charges. The salaries and social security charges included in the gross operating margindo not include employee profit-sharing and share-based payments

### Normalised gross operating margin (GOM):

• GOM adjusted for the accounting impact of the new sales contracts

### EBITDA (Earnings before interests, taxes, depreciation and amortisation)

EBITDA is annual revenues after the deduction of net external charges, salaries and social security charges (including employee profit-sharing and share-based payments) and restructuring and integration costs



### **Glossary – Financial Structure**

### Net financial debt:

 Total gross financial debt plus or minus the fair value of derivative asset and liability hedging instruments and minus cash and cash equivalents

#### Ratio of Net Debt to GOM:

• Such as defined in the agreement concluded with the creditors, i.e. the ratio between an aggregate of consolidated net debt (excluding fair value of hedging instruments and loan issuing expenses) and an aggregate close to consolidated GOM

### Ratio of GOM to net financial expenses:

• Such as defined in the agreement concluded with the creditors, in other words the ratio between an aggregate close to consolidated GOM and an aggregate of consolidated net financial expenses (excluding change in fair value of hedging instruments recognised in P&L and loan issuing expenses amortisation

### Average cost of total debt:

• Weighted average of bank debt cost and coupon on the high yield notes, annualised when the period is less than 12 months

### **Glossary – Reach & Audiences**

**Reach** (an audience indicator created and published by Nielsen Médiamétrie)

- Number of unique website visitors: the number of fixed, mobile phone and tablet Internet users who have visited a website during a given month
- **Reach**: the traffic of a website or group of websites during a given month, expressed in terms of unique visitors. It may be expressed in terms of volume (the number of unique visitors) or as a percentage of unique visitors within a reference population of Internet users during the month. The Solocal Group's Reach indicator applies only to the group's services and excludes all external syndicated partner medias.

Audiences (visits indicator measured internally)

- **Syndication:** indirect audiences on PagesJaunes contents excluding PagesJaunes digital media (such as Bing, Yahoo!, Comprendre Choisir,...)
- SEO & affiliates: audiences on PagesJaunes digital media from affiliate partners (MSN, Nosibay, Free & Alice, Planet, L'internaute) and SEO (Search Engine Optimisation)
- **PagesJaunes:** audiences resulting from the expressed willingness of a user to access the PagesJaunes digital media (direct access and brand research on a search engine)





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