## FY22 RESULTS DECEMBER 2022





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# Aspermont

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KEY NUMBERS	AUDIENCE STATISTICS	SUBSCRIPTION METRICS
\$3m	<b>Decision Makers</b>	<b>6K</b>
EBITDA	Paid subscriptions base	Corporate Subscriptions
<b>\$7m</b>	229K	<b>\$10m</b>
Net cash & no debt	Monthly Active Users	Annual Contract Value
<b>\$19m</b>	Aspermont	28%
Revenue and high growth	Information for Industry	ARPU growth
64%	<b>4m</b>	<b>30x</b>
Gross Margins	Total Digital Users	Unit Economics
172%	8m	102%
3-Year Shareholder Returns	Contacts Database	Net Retention Rate



## **Fast Facts**

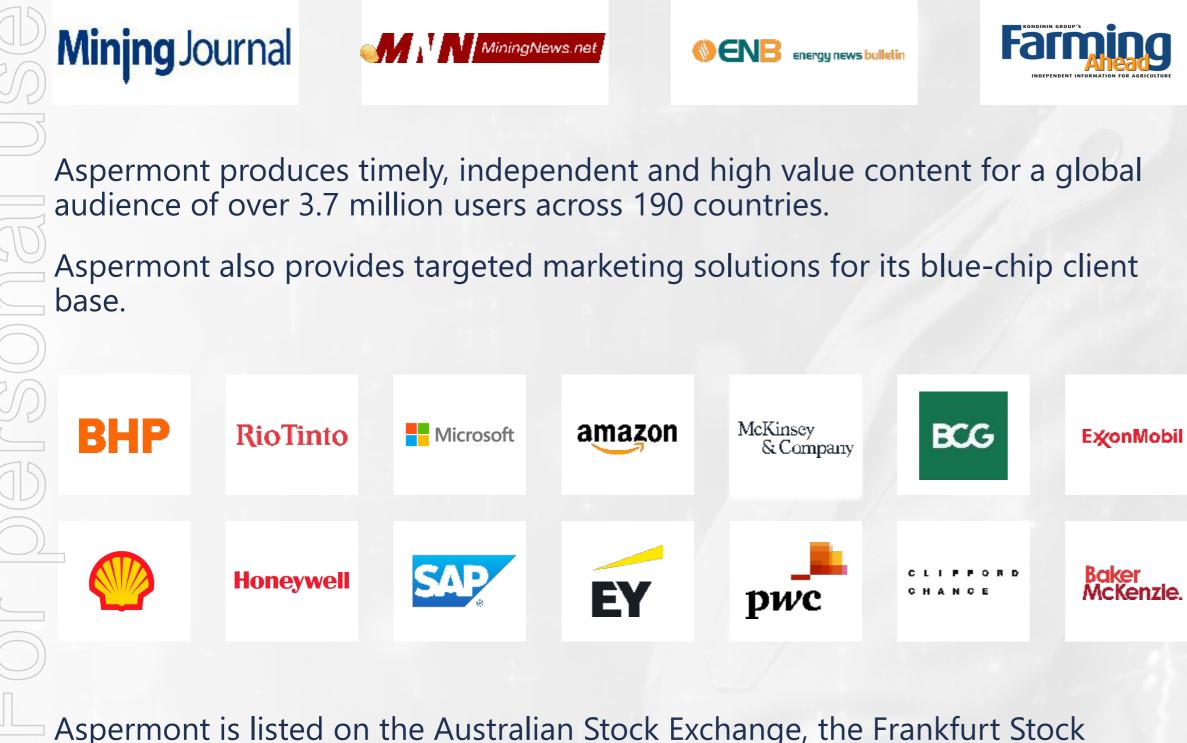
## **The Aspermont objective**



- "Enable businesses to dig deeper and make better decisions for a brighter future"
  - Aspermont is a global leader in business-to-business media providing timely, independent, and high value content
    - We bring together communities to collaborate, problem solve and find innovative breakthroughs for some of the most pressing challenges in the world today
      - We are proud, to serve industries which are critical to both sustain and improve our quality of life
        - **Aspermont:** Information for industry

# Aspermont is the leading media services provider to the global resource industries

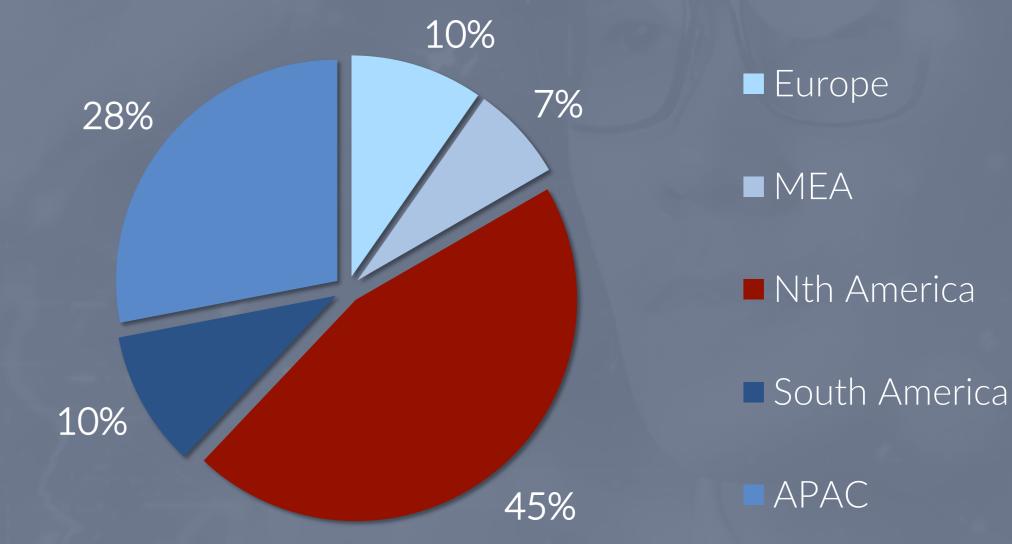
Aspermont (ASX:ASP, FRA:00W) has over 30 industry leading B2B media brands, that serve the global mining, energy and agricultural sectors. Collectively these publications have over 560 years of brand heritage and provide a comprehensive database of resource sector information and contacts.



Aspermont is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange, the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and other European exchanges. Aspermont has offices in the United Kingdom, Australia, Brazil, USA, the Philippines, and Singapore.



## 8 million Board and Senior Management Contacts In Mining, Energy & Agriculture



190

Countries

**3.7m** Digital Users

## Aspermont has a unique value proposition Se Aspermont

#### Brand

Our 560 years of combined brand heritage has built unequalled audience trust. This trust enables market collaboration to ensure a high success rate in launching new products.

#### **Operational**

Our de-centralized structure and scalable human resources facilitate rapid launch of new products while controlling investment risk.

**Leadership** Our Tier 1 executive team has extensive C-suite experience at blue chip companies. Management remuneration s is aligned with shareholders via LTIP's.

**Intellectual** We continue to develop unique IP in processes and business models that are enabled and advanced by technological leaps.

**Industry** Aspermont engages with 8 million board and management executives across mining, energy and agriculture. We have a leadership role for presenting on macro issues.

Scalable Aspermont's scalable XaaS models deliver high margin recurring revenue streams scalable to sector languages and geographies.

**Financially** We have a strong balance sheet and reinvest from cash flow to generate new organic and inorganic growth

**Competitive MOAT** Our evolving brand heritage, IP and audience-client ecosystem are continually extending barriers to entry for potential competitors

**Ambition** The scale of our opportunity require high levels of ambition and our management and operating teams have that in spades



## Experienced leadership team, aligned with shareholder interests



### Ajit Patel Chief Operating Officer



**Alex Kent** Group Managing Director



Leah Thorne Group People Director

Ajit has more than 30 years of experience in technology; working across digital media, events and research. Ajit was previously CTO at Incisive Media and responsible for infrastructure, software development, online strategy and large-scale systems implementation. Ajit joined Aspermont to develop a technological framework to deliver longterm solutions. He is now responsible for all services departments including marketing.

Alex joined Aspermont in 2007 having spent the early part of his career at Microsoft. Alex was initially tasked to create a semantic search engine division and has subsequently worked across all divisions of the Aspermont Group. His prime skills sets of technology and marketing saw him hold the role of Group CMO prior to becoming Managing Director. Alex has BSc degrees in Economics, Accounting and Business Law from University of Bristol. He has been a key driver of the overall vision for the company and its deep-seated technological focus.

Leah joined Aspermont in 2018 with 18 years of HR experience. She had previously held HR functions at several technology start ups supporting their establishment as efficient long-term businesses. She was responsible for European Talent development at Activision Blizzard focusing on both leadership development and the digital transition. Leah is responsible for Aspermont's People Strategy across our international network to support a phase of incremental growth. Leah has an advanced CIPD award (level 7) in Learning and Development.





**Matt Smith Chief Commercial** Officer



**Nishil Khimasia** 

**Chief Financial** Officer

7.8 years average management tenure

Matt has over 20 years of experience in global media sales. His previous role was President at International Data Group (IDG), the world largest technology media organisation, where he directly managed and led the global demand generation business and data strategy. Matt is responsible for management of all Aspermont's commercial activities. Matt focusses on building a solution-sales framework to optimize monetization of the wide range of opportunities through client services.

Nishil has significant and relevant prior experience in financial management and business development working with growth companies in the global B2B sector. Nishil held CFO and General Manager positions at Equifax, one of the largest global information solution providers. Nishil has a BSc degree in Commerce and Accounting. He is a certified chartered accountant and holds a Marketing diploma from Kellogg School of Management.

14% combined management share holding

**Shared** Expertise

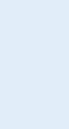
marketing technology subscriptions data

















## **FY22 Financial Highlights**

**FY22** 

\$18.7m

\$12.0m

64%

\$2.3m

12%

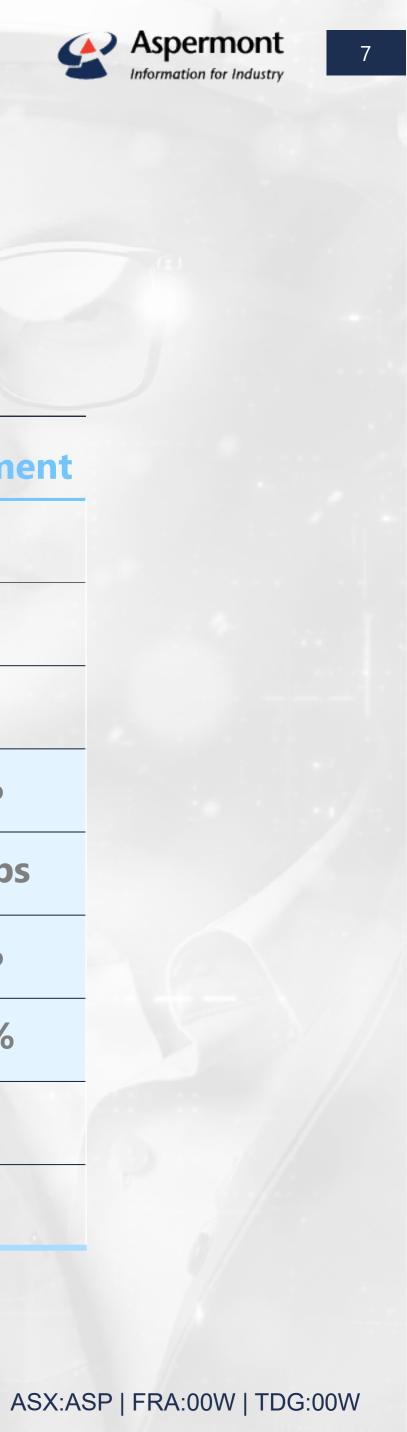
\$1.6m

(\$0.4m)

\$6.6m

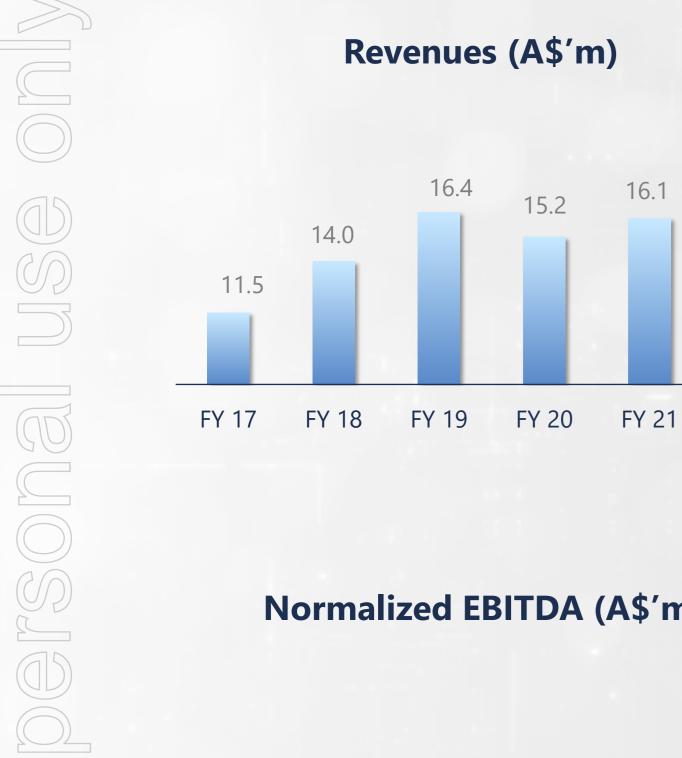
\$4.7m

$(\bigcirc)$	Period Ended 30 <sup>st</sup> September
	Total Revenue
	Gross Profit
	Gross Margins
	EBITDA
	EBITDA Margins
	Cashflow from Operations
	NPAT
	Cash & Cash Equivalents
	Net Liquidity



Reported	d		Normalis	ed
FY21	Improvement	FY22	FY21	Improvement
\$16.1m	+17%			
\$10.5m	+15%			
65%	-100 bps			
\$1.6m	+40%	\$2.8m	<b>\$2.0m</b>	+41%
10%	+200 bps	15%	12%	+300bps
\$2.6m	-37%	\$3.6m	<b>\$2.9m</b>	+23%
\$0.1m	-472%	<b>\$0.6m</b>	<b>\$0.2m</b>	+200%
\$7.0m	-6%			
\$3.3m	+42%			

## Self-funded and able to generate long term organic growth



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18.7

FY 22

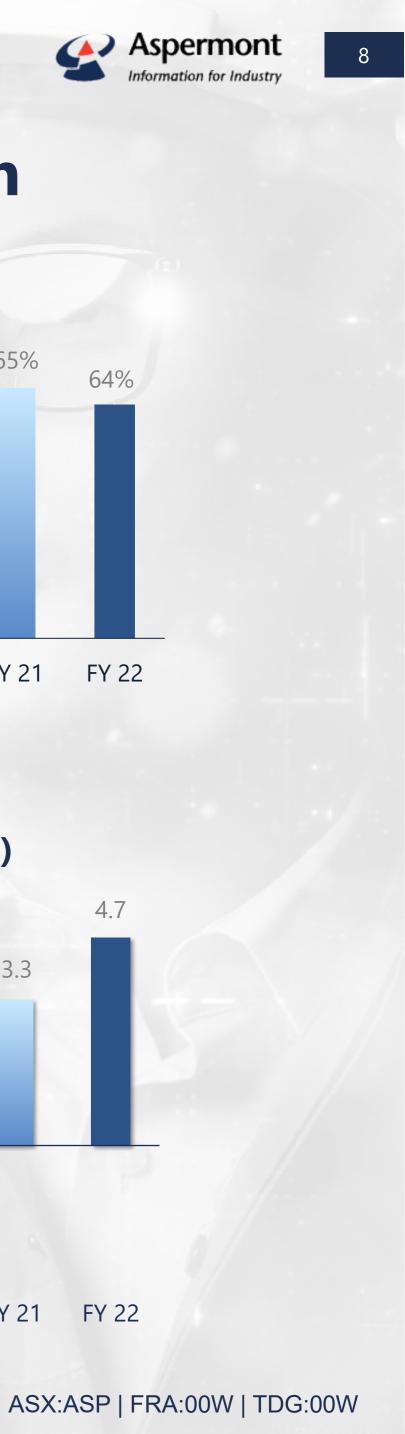
Normalized EBITDA (A\$'m)

Normalized NPAT (A\$'m)



FY 21

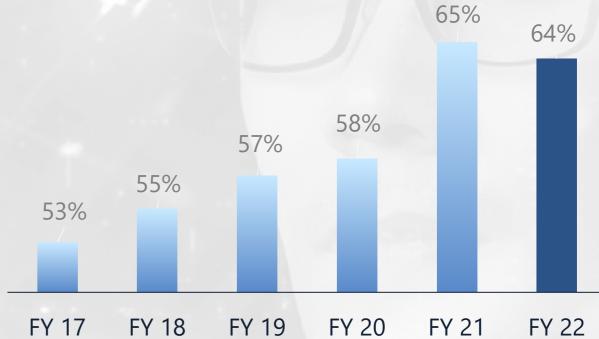
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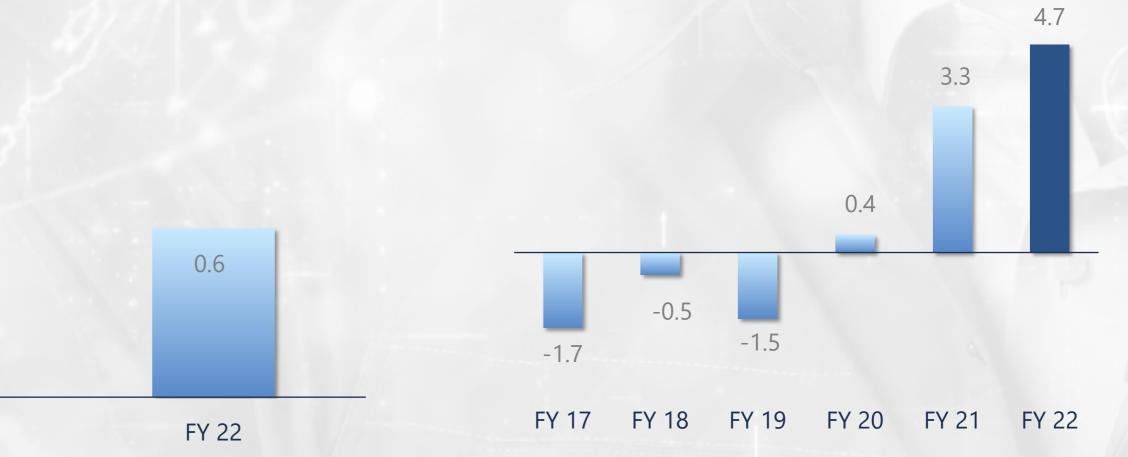
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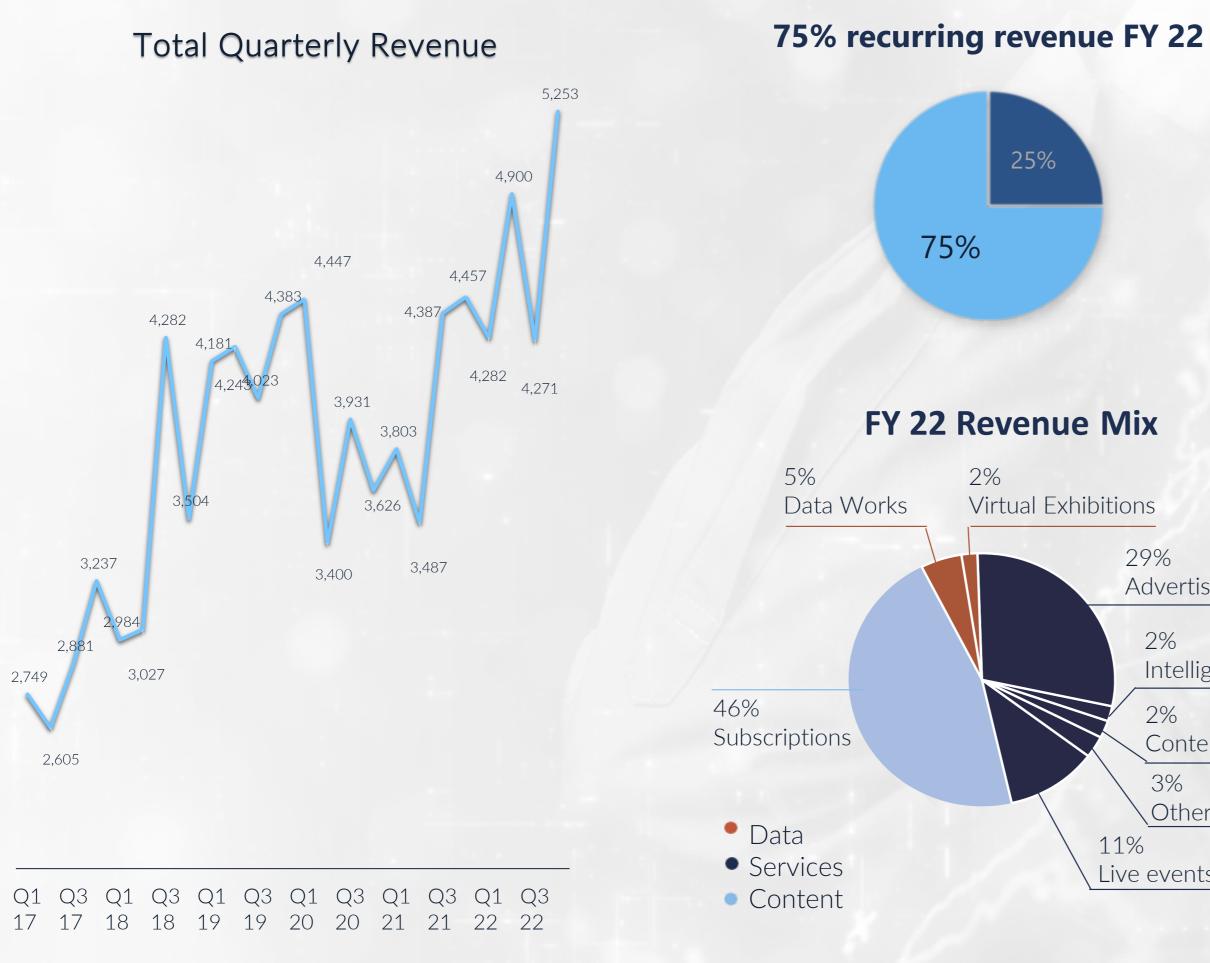


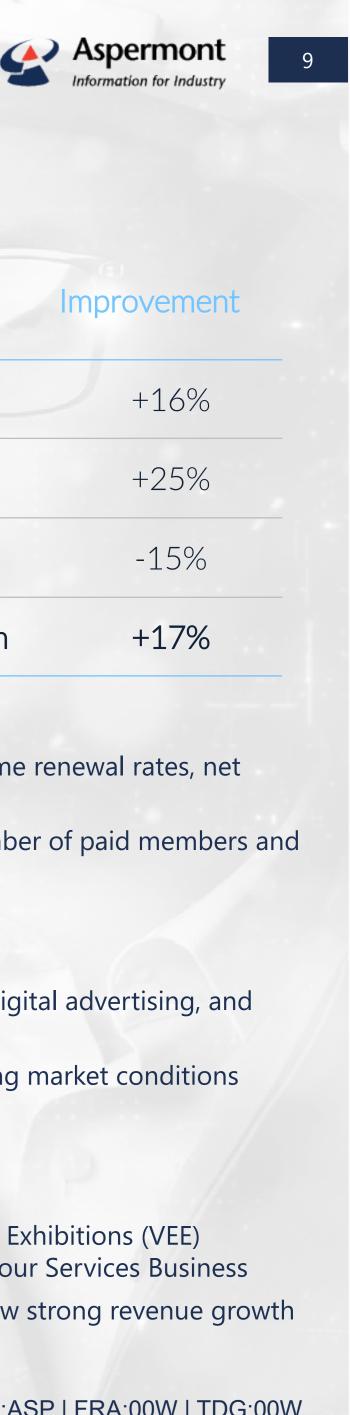


**Net Liquidity (A\$'m)** 



• +17% growth in total revenues with strong momentum heading into FY 23 **Revenue Trajectory** continues to mount with Q4-22 the most productive to date





## Revenue



29% Advertising

2% Intelligence 2% Content works 3% Other revenue 11% Live events

Period ended 30 September 2022	FY22	FY21	Improveme
Content (CaaS) Revenue	\$8.7m	\$7.5m	+16%
Services (MaaS) Revenue	\$8.8m	\$7.1m	+25%
Data (DaaS) Revenue	\$1.2m	\$1.5m	-15%
Total Revenue	\$18.7m	\$16.1m	+17%

#### **Content (CaaS) Business**

- +16% growth in revenue driven by increases in volume renewal rates, net retention rates and new business sales
- Successful ABM strategies continue to build the number of paid members and average revenues per unit

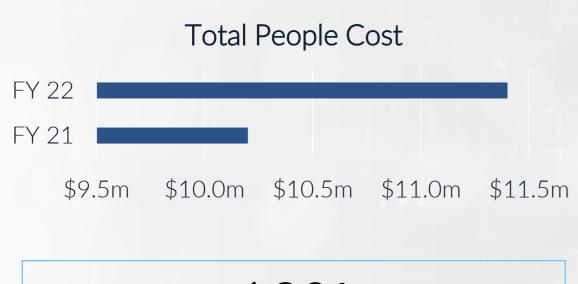
#### Services (MaaS) Business

- +25% growth in revenue driven by Content Works, digital advertising, and relaunch of live events business
- H1 performance was particularly strong with changing market conditions muting momentum in H2

#### Data (DaaS) Business

- -15% decline in revenue driven with Virtual Events & Exhibitions (VEE) revenues, built during the pandemic, relocating into our Services Business
- Our B2B lead generation revenues, in Data Works, saw strong revenue growth of 69%

## **Gross Profit and Margins**





## **Cost Pressure**

#### **Gross Profit & Margins**

- +15% growth in Gross Profit was a strong revenue result for our business in challenging market conditions
- Gross Margins remained stable at 64% despite our internal investment programs

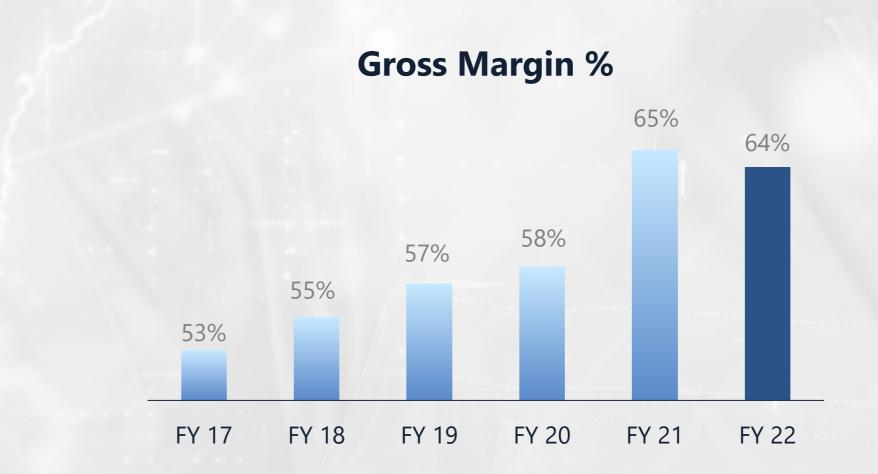


### **Gross Profit (A\$'m)**

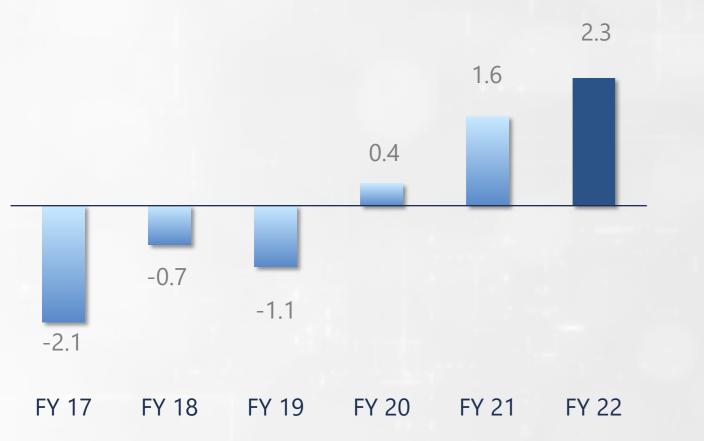


• People costs are 65% of the company's total cost base and rose by 13% in FY22. Company is expanding its workforce at a time where wage costs are rising.

• Global inflationary pressure also driving **3<sup>rd</sup> party supplier prices** 

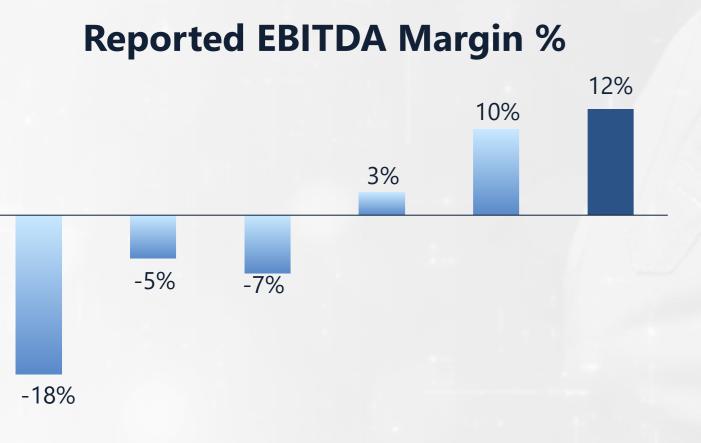






+40% growth in both reported and normalised EBITDA continued the 6-year trend in annually increasing returns from the business

normalized EBITDA margins



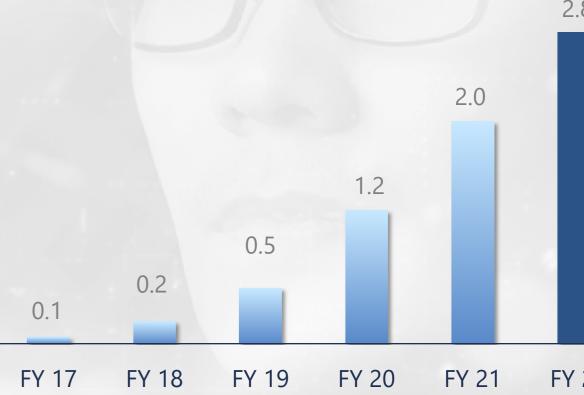
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FY 17 FY 21 FY 22 FY 18 FY 19 FY 20



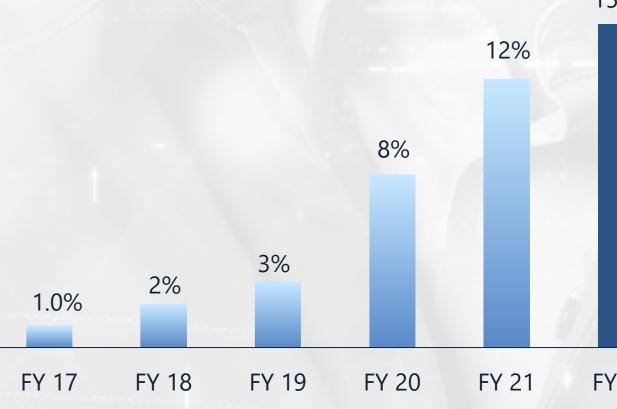


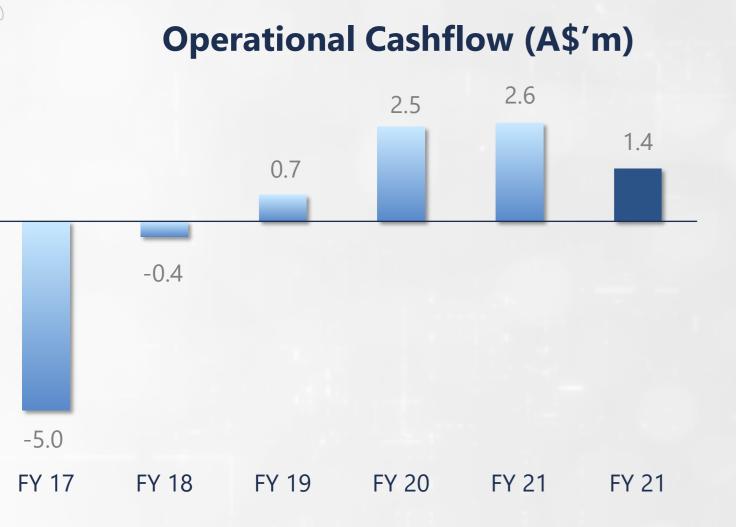
Normalised EBITDA (A\$'m)



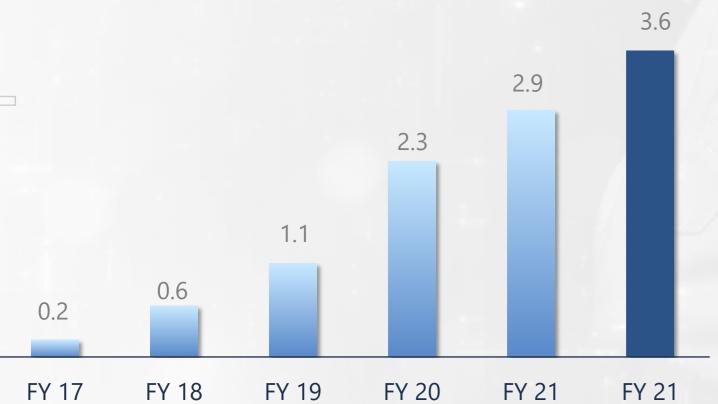
## +24% improvement in both reported and







### Normalised Operational Cashflow (A\$'m)



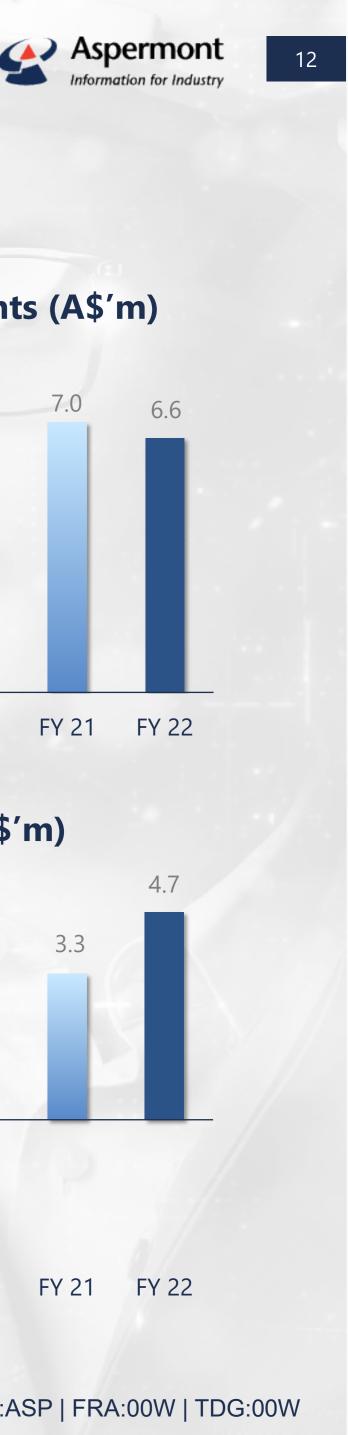
**Operational cashflow declined by 37%** this year but this result included several oneoff anomalies

Normalized operational cashflows grew 23% this year once those exceptional have been stripped out

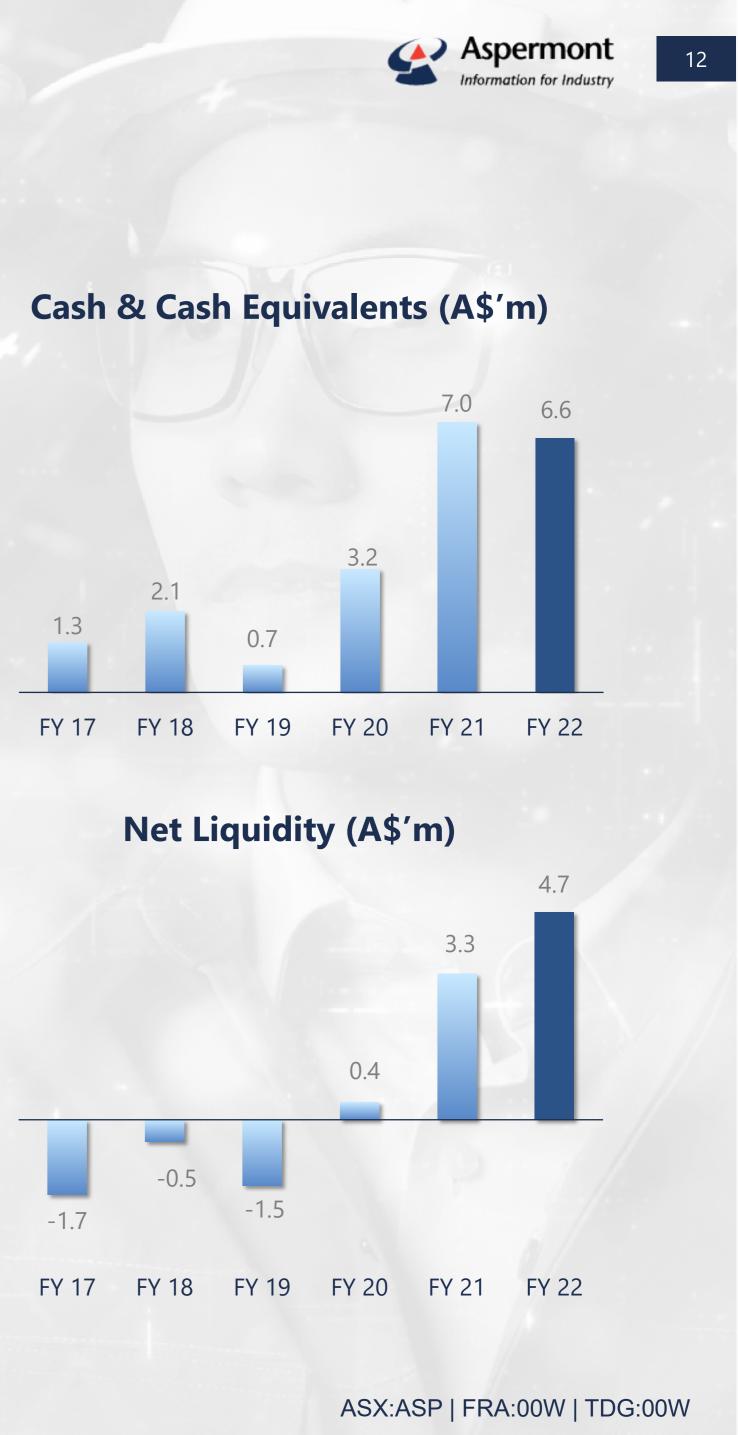
Cash balances remained strong throughout the year

giving the Net Liquidity grew 42% platform for continued business a investment in FY23

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## **Cashflow Generation**

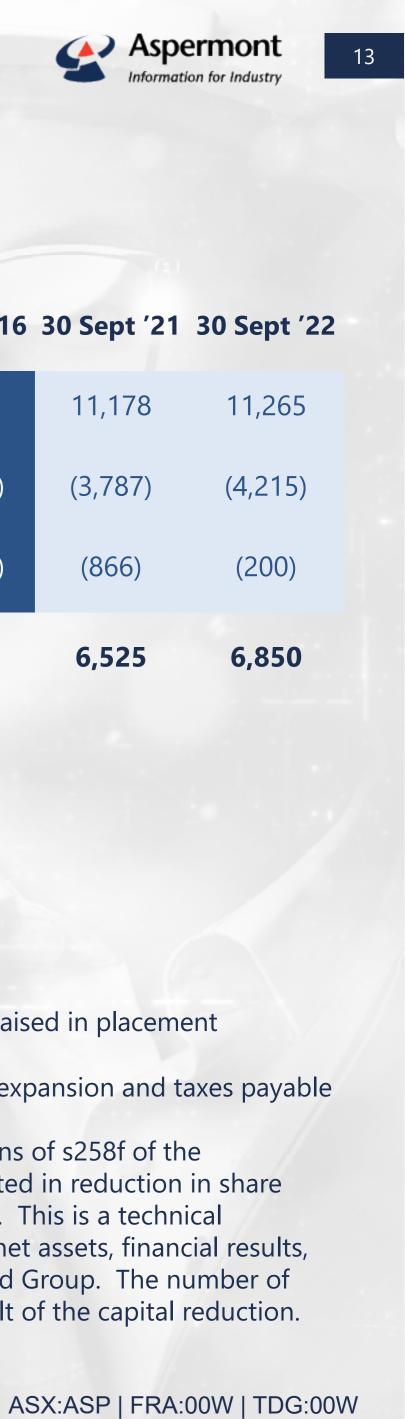


## Aspermont is debt free and balance sheet is strengthening

	<b>Total Assets</b>	30 June '16	30 Sept '21	30 Sept '22	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	30 June '16	30 Sept '21	30 Sept '22	Shareholders Equity	30 June '16	30 Sept '21	30 Se
Cash a	and cash equivalent	1,795	7,028	6,634	Trade and other payables	7,235	5,098	3,146				
Trad	e/other receivables	3,734	1,386	1,237	Income in advance	5,788	5,440	6,511	Issued capital	56,443	11,178	11,7
65	otal Current Assets	5,529	8,414	7,871	Borrowings	5,141	-	-	Retained losses	(43,905)	(3,787)	(4,2
	dai current Assets			-	Other liabilities	373	677	81	netanica iosses	(+3,303)	(3,707)	(4,2
Prope	erty and equipment	155	485	35	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	18,537	11,215	9,738	Other reserves	(11,353)	(866)	(20
	Intangible assets	17,729	8,514	8,124	Borrowings	3,120	-	-				
Deferred	tax & other assets	3,292	1,839	1,935	Deferred Tax liabilities	3,129	1,424	1,306	Total Shareholders Equity	1,175	6,525	6,8
	Other Receivables	-	-	-	Provisions/other Liabilities	657	88	71	Lquity			
Total N	on Current Assets	21,089	10,838	10,094	Total Non Current Liabilities	6,906	1,512	1,377				
	<b>Total Assets</b>	26,618	19,252	17,765	Total Liabilities	25,443	12,727	11,115				
					Net Assets	1,175	6,525	6,850				

- The strong cash position and Balance Sheet underpins the expectation for further growth and the ability to take advantage of future opportunities as they are presented.
- Borrowings reduced by \$8.2m from 2016 to almost nil
- Intangible assets impacted by write-off of goodwill on disposal of events business and further prudent impairment of historical acquired goodwill

- Income in advance associated with pre-paid subscriptions and events that will be recognized in the next FY
- Other Liabilities relates to lease liability for remaining term of leases



- A. Increase in share capital through funds raised in placement
- B. Tax losses available future proofs profit expansion and taxes payable
- C. In FY 19, The Company applied provisions of s258f of the Corporations act. The adjustment resulted in reduction in share capital account and accumulated losses. This is a technical adjustment which does not impact the net assets, financial results, cashflow or funding of the Company and Group. The number of shares in issue will not change as a result of the capital reduction.

## **Performance against FY22 guidance**

**Our guidance for FY22 had been for:** High growth in total revenue High growth in CaaS and new product revenues **Relaunch** of live events **Investment** in new Technologies **Continuing expansion** in free cashflow and profitability

"The directors are pleased to report that the business has once again delivered to guidance against all its stated goals"











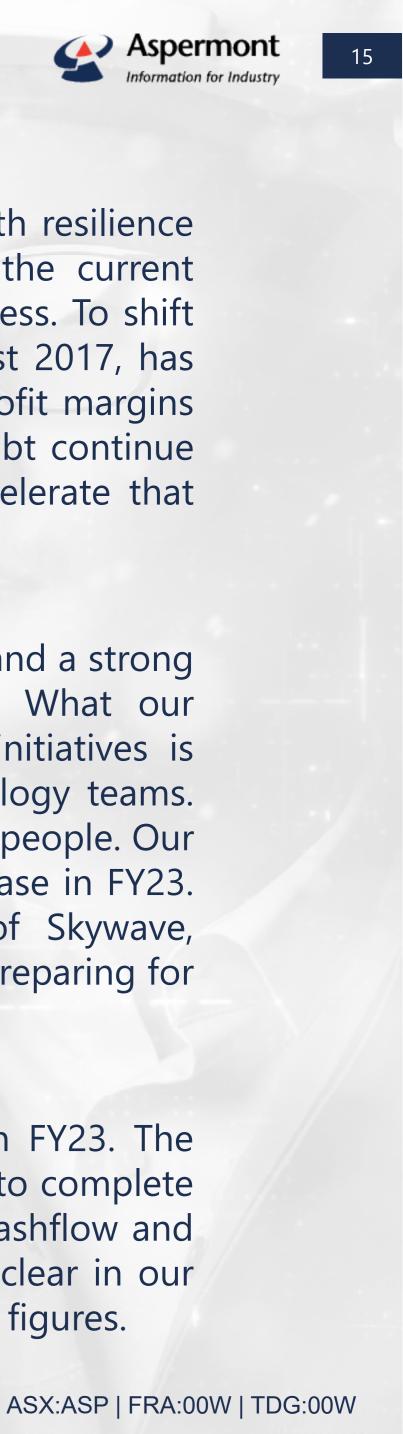
'Aspermont approaches FY cautious optimism. While market conditions remain challenging, we have never been stronger."

## FY 23 Outlook

Over recent years our new business models have performed with resilience despite bear-market conditions, the covid-19 pandemic and the current inflation crisis. Over this period, we have made consistent progress. To shift from linear growth requires considerable focus. Aspermont, post 2017, has built agile architecture with a focus on Revenue Quality and, profit margins are expanding. Left alone our business trajectory would no doubt continue the same course as it has for the last seven years but to accelerate that growth requires investment.

Aspermont is a business with no debt, free cashflow generation and a strong balance sheet that can finance its own inward investment. What our company needs now to launch several new businesses and initiatives is operational capacity, and particularly in its content and technology teams. We need to expand and broaden our platforms and to hire more people. Our workforce expanded 10% in FY22, and we a expect similar increase in FY23. Alongside that we intend to launch the first generation of Skywave, Esperanto and our Archive platforms all of which we have been preparing for this year.

In FY22 we began our inward investment. This will intensify in FY23. The Company does not intend to raise new funds via equity or debt to complete this program, however it will impact our earnings, operational cashflow and cash balances. Over the next few years, we will continue to be clear in our reporting, so investors can see both the reported and normalized figures.







## **FY23 Guidance**

### **Revenue growth in all income lines**

with strong double-digit growth in Subscriptions, Data Works, Content Works and Events

## Expansion of senior leadership team and headcount overall

**Moderate retraction in operating margins** as we accelerate the development of operational capacity

**Retractions in EBITDA** and operating cashflow on a reported basis, but continued growth in both on a normalized basis, accounting for our inward investment program

Net cash balances to remain above \$4m to ensure we have protection from any further black swan events

**First generation launches of Skywave, Esperanto and Archives** 

## **Summary**

## Over the last few years Aspermont has transformed from a 187-year-old print publisher to become a leading technology, media and data company.

We developed comprehensive new business models, whilst eliminating debt and at the same time, navigating through Covid and other difficult market conditions.

Aspermont is high growth, with healthy profit margins and is cash generative. We have high unit economics, a strong balance sheet, and the ability to address genuine blue ocean opportunities in sectors that employ 22% of the world population and account for roughly one fifth of global GDP.

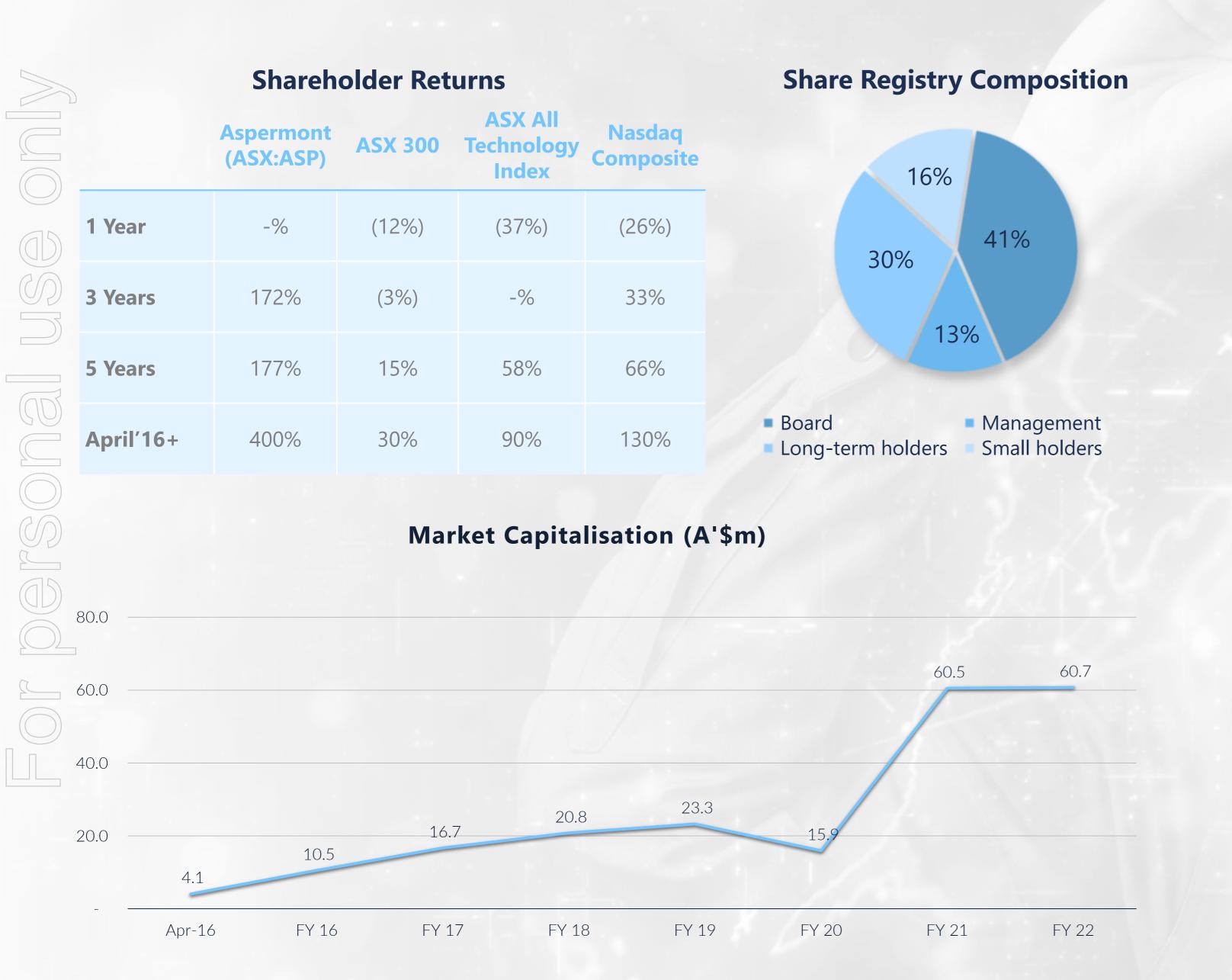
In today's world of breakout inflation and galloping debt service costs, many high growth tech companies face considerable challenges. We are not one of their number.

Directors believe that Aspermont is significantly undervalues and shareholders have strong upside potential over the next few years.



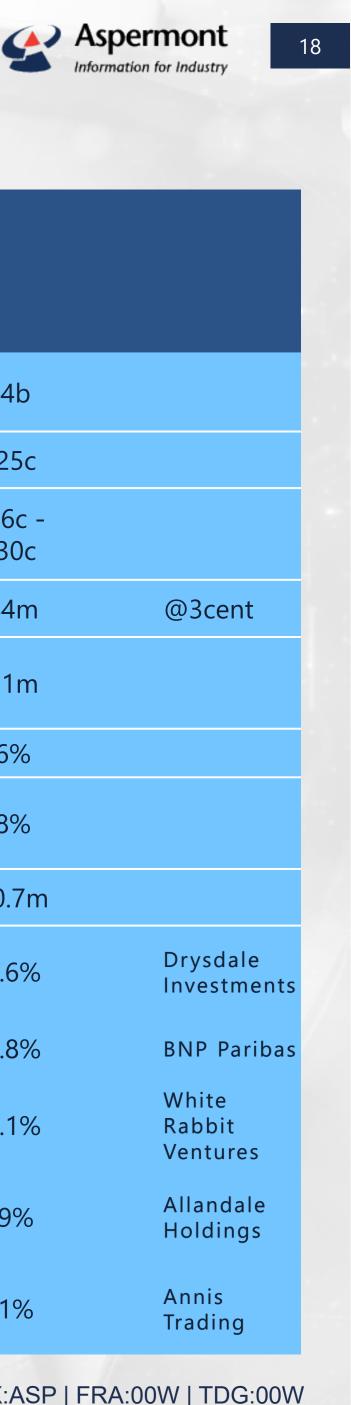
Not many other companies, with 20% organic revenue growth and margins above 50%, sit on a price to sales ratio of just 3x."

## **Capital structure and shareholder returns**



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Shares on issue	2.4b	
Current share price	0.25c	
52 week range	0.16c - 0.30c	
Options on issue	584m	@3
Unlisted Performance Rights	191m	
Free Float %	26%	
% Shares on non-ASX Exchanges	18%	
Market Capitalisation	\$60.7m	
Significant Shareholders	13.6%	Dry Inve
	11.8%	BNF
	11.1%	Whi Rab Ven
	9.9%	Alla Hol
	7.1%	Anr Trac



## Aspermont has a unique value proposition

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A 7-year-old #mediatech company with a 187-year legacy The leading media services provider to the global resource industries **Experienced Tier 1 management team executing with success Comprehensive business turnaround achieved since FY17** 25 consecutive quarters of growth Data Works and Content Works moved to implementation phase and building momentum New technologies bringing products that will upscale growth Facing a #blueocean opportunity in existing sectors

Aspermont

## Growth

Margin

Profit

Free **Cash Flow** 

Unit **Economics**  Balance Sheet







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### **Normalized EBITDA**

### The reconciliation of statutory earnings to EBITDA is as follows:

30 Sept 2022 \$000	30 Sept 2021 \$000	Year Ended	30 Sept 2022 \$000	30 Sept 202 \$00
(311)	115	Cash flows from operating activities		
(25)	114	Cash receipts from customers	20,123	16,34
1,007	1,119	Cash outflows to suppliers and employees	(18,746)	(13,635
350	-	Interest received / (paid)	40	(79
525	177	Cash inflow/(outflow) from Operating activities	1,417	2,63
752	121	Exceptional cash outflows <sup>(2), (3)</sup>	2,158	64
2,299	1,646			
186	(135)	Exceptional other income	-	(382
341	499			
2,822	2,010	Normalised Cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities <sup>(1)</sup>	3,567	2,89
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Notes for Normalised EBITDA and Normalised Cash Flow from Operations reconciliations:

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on unaudited management accounts

<sup>(2)</sup> One-off expenses relating to covid deferred tax repayments and dilapidations charge taken from exit of lease and other non-recurring one-off charges <sup>(3)</sup> Expenditure in relation to the establishment of new products and business divisions.



## **Appendix 1**

### **Normalized Cashflow from Operations reconciliation**

### FY 22 Key Exceptional items and one-off expenses

#### **Operating Expenses**

Covid deferred tax payment

Dilapidations charge on exited rental lease Increased share of Blue Horseshoe business

OPEX investments in new product lines

Capital Expenses

Investment in Blue Horseshoe via rights issue

**Total Impact cash balances from exceptional and one-offs** 



## **Appendix 1**

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	\$0.35m
	\$0.4m
	\$0.5m
	\$2.45m
	\$0.7m
-	
	\$3.15m

## **Appendix 2: Key Announcements in FY 22**

### **Financial Results**

1.	FY21	Results

- 2. Q1-22 Results
- 3. Q2-22 Results
- H1-22 Results 4.

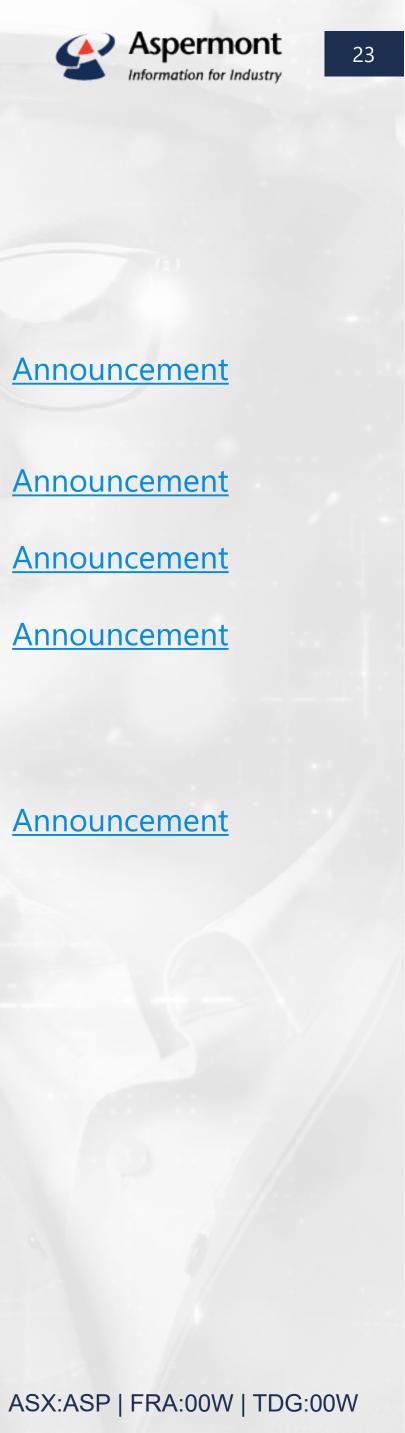
Q3-22 Results 5.

#### **General Meetings**

FY21 Results 6.

- Report •
- Presentation
- <u>Announcement</u>
- <u>Announcement</u>
- **Report**
- **Presentation**
- Transcript
- Speech Recording
- <u>Announcement</u>

- Chair Address
- Managing Director Address
- Voting Results



#### **Other Announcements**

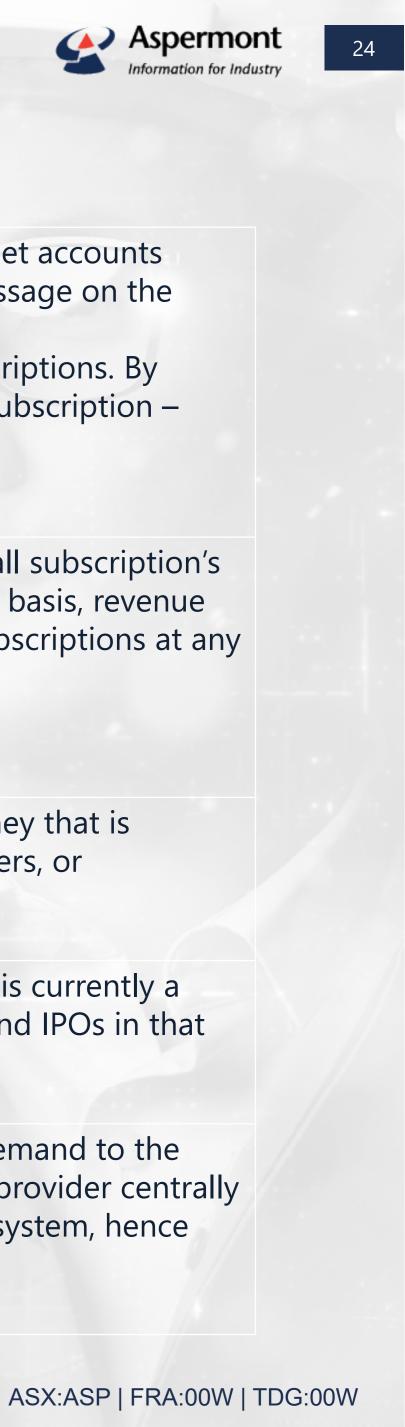
- New Corporate Advisor 7.
- Kondinin awarded \$2.3m grant 8.
- Aspermont returns to live events 9.
- Director appointment 10. **Dean Felton**
- Passing of Chief Content Officer 11.

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BM	Account based marketing (ABM) is a busin within a market. It uses personalized camp specific attributes and needs of the account Aspermont has successfully deployed ABM increasing the number of members attached thus driving ARPU
ΥCV	Annual Contract Value (ACV) is a forward-l contracts. Because subscription contracts a recognition will lag behind the actual forw point in time as is a perfectly correlated fo
ARPU	Average revenue per unit (ARPU) is an indigenerated from each of its or subscribers.
Blu Horseshoe	Blue Horseshoe is a new fintech business to capital raising platform for the ASX market market.
CaaS	Content as a service (CaaS) is a service-orie service consumer via web services that are in the cloud and offered to a number of co content can be demanded by the consume



ness marketing strategy that concentrates resources on a set of target accounts paigns designed to engage each account, basing the marketing message on the nt.

M strategies in its CaaS business to develop multiple-member subscriptions. By ned to a corporate subscription we are able to lift the price of that subscription –

looking indicator for revenue. ACV is the annualised total value of all subscription's are paid up front, but the service is then delivered over a 12 month basis, revenue ward momentum of the business. ACV shows the real value of all subscriptions at any orward proxy for subscriptions revenue

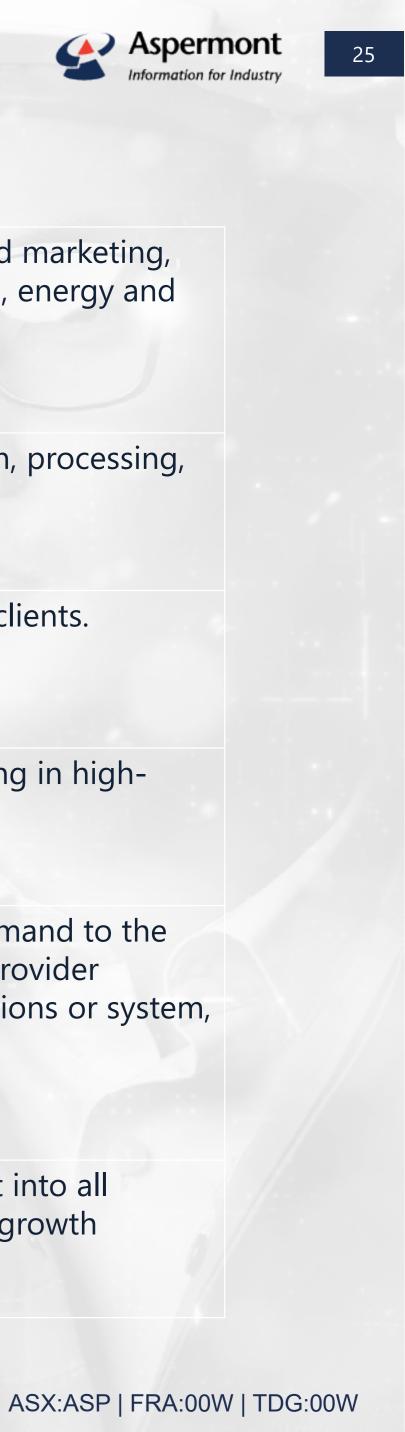
dicator of the profitability of a product based on the amount of money that is ARPU is calculated as total ACV divided by the number of units, users, or

that Aspermont has helped launch and is a major shareholder of. It is currently a et enabling a wider range of investor to access private placements and IPOs in that

riented model, where the service provider delivers the content on demand to the e licensed under subscription. The content is hosted by the service provider centrally consumers that need the content delivered into any applications or system, hence ners as and when required.

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Data Works	[ (
<b>Demand Generation</b>	[ (
CaaS	() 9 10 1
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lent works	content and creative solutions. Aspermon agricultural markets due to the topic-base
5	Data as a service (DaaS) is a data manage and/or analytics services via a network co
Works	Data Works is a new division, in our Data Currently focused on demand generation
and Generation	Demand generation is a marketing strateg quality leads
	Content as a service (CaaS) is a service-or service consumer via web services that are centrally in the cloud and offered to a nur hence content can be demanded by the c
ranto	Esperanto is a forthcoming AI developed languages in the world. As only 25% of th opportunities for both our audience and



Content Works is a new division, in our Services (MaaS) business, that offers clients a full-service suite of brand marketing, t believes it can challenge broader marketing agencies in the mining, energy and ed expertise and distribution channels that it has.

> ement strategy that uses the cloud to deliver data storage, integration, processing, nnection.

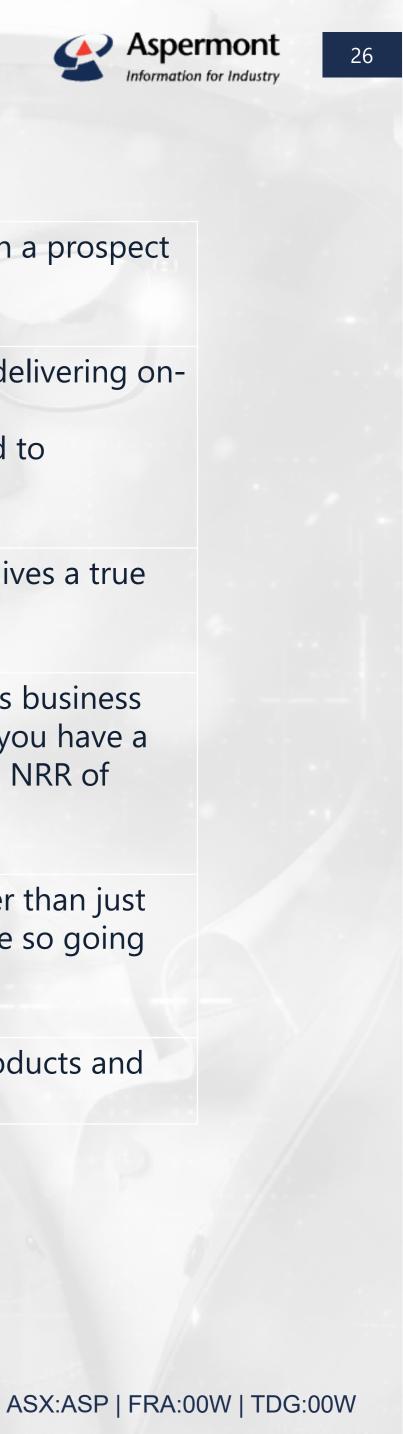
(DaaS) business, that delivers B2B lead generation solutions for our clients. this business will develop into intent data segments next.

gy focused on building reliable brand awareness and interest, resulting in high-

iented model, where the service provider delivers the content on demand to the e licensed under subscription. The content is hosted by the service provider mber of consumers that need the content delivered into any applications or system, consumers as and when required.

platform that will translate all of Aspermont's existing digital content into all e world speak English at a basic level or higher there is tremendous growth paying subscribers

Intent Data	B2B intent data provides is actively considering o
MaaS	Marketing-as-a-Service demand, value-based m In Aspermont's Content campaigns.
Net Liquidity	Net Liquidity is measure indication of the firms n
NRR	Net revenue retention (N growth potential. Essent NRR > 100% and a very more than 100% makes
<b>Revenue Quality</b>	Revenue Quality (RQ) is revenue volume, growin forward.
Solution selling	Solution selling is a sales services that address the



insight into a web user's purchase intent; allowing our client to identify if and when a prospect looking to purchase their (or similar) products or solutions.

MaaS) is an agile, tailored solution that supports a client's marketing functions by delivering onrketing services from strategy development to execution.

Norks and Data Works division we work closer with clients on solutions as opposed to

l as: cash equivalents + trade receivables + trade and other payable. This metric gives a true t cash position than simply looking at current cash balance.

IRR) shows the percentage of earned revenue from existing customers and indicates business ially if you generate more money from your existing accounts less your churn then you have a healthy subscriptions business. Having a high ACV, or ARR, growth rate alongside a NRR of for a very attractive XaaS business model.

what Aspermont's terms: high margin, recurring and market resilient revenue. Rather than just RQ has been Aspermont's main focus for the last few years and will continue to be so going

approach that focuses on your customers' needs and pain points and provides products and underlying business problems.

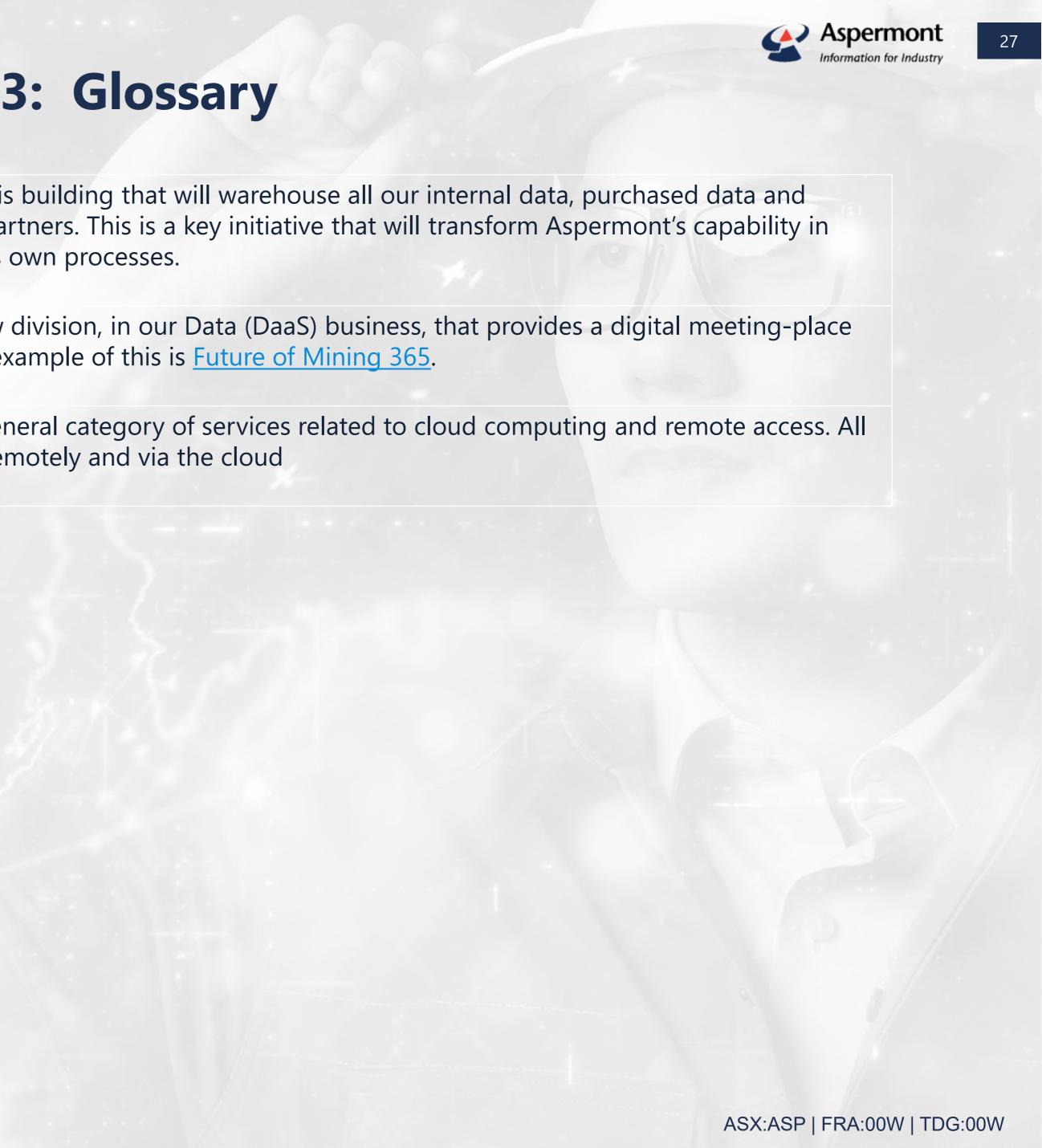
Skywave	Skywave is a new platform that Aspermo behavioural data of our users, clients an terms of monetising data and optimising
VEE	Virtual events and exhibitions (VEE) is a platform for our clients and audiences.
XaaS	Anything as a service" (XaaS) describes a Aspermont's digital services are delivered



nont is building that will warehouse all our internal data, purchased data and nd partners. This is a key initiative that will transform Aspermont's capability in ng its own processes.

new division, in our Data (DaaS) business, that provides a digital meeting-place An example of this is **Future of Mining 365**.

a general category of services related to cloud computing and remote access. All red remotely and via the cloud



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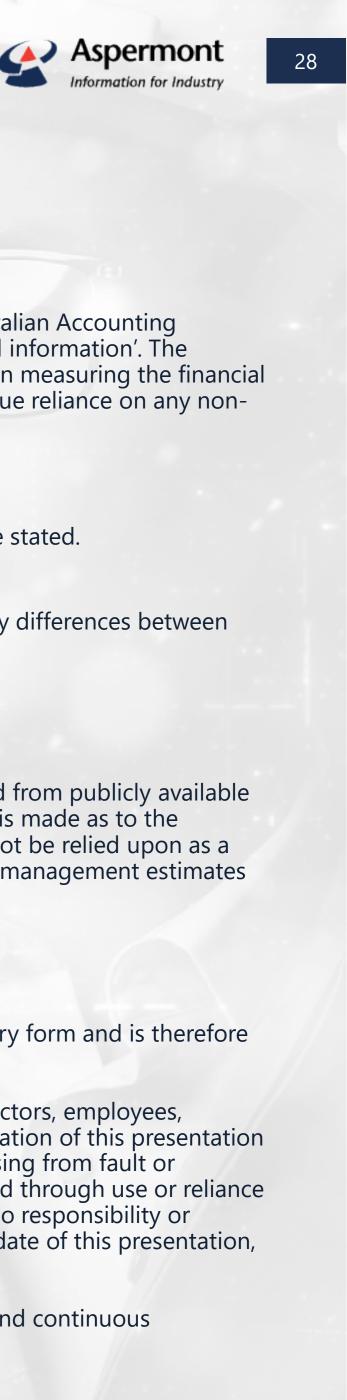
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