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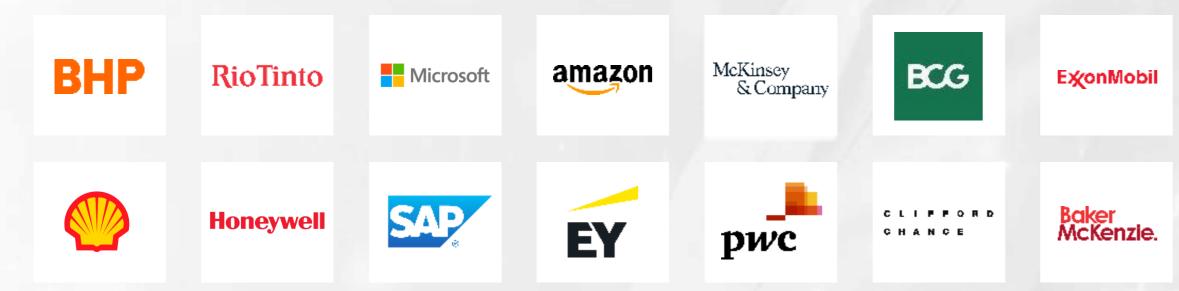


# **ASPERMONT IS THE LEADING MEDIA** SERVICES PROVIDER TO THE GLOBAL **RESOURCE INDUSTRIES**

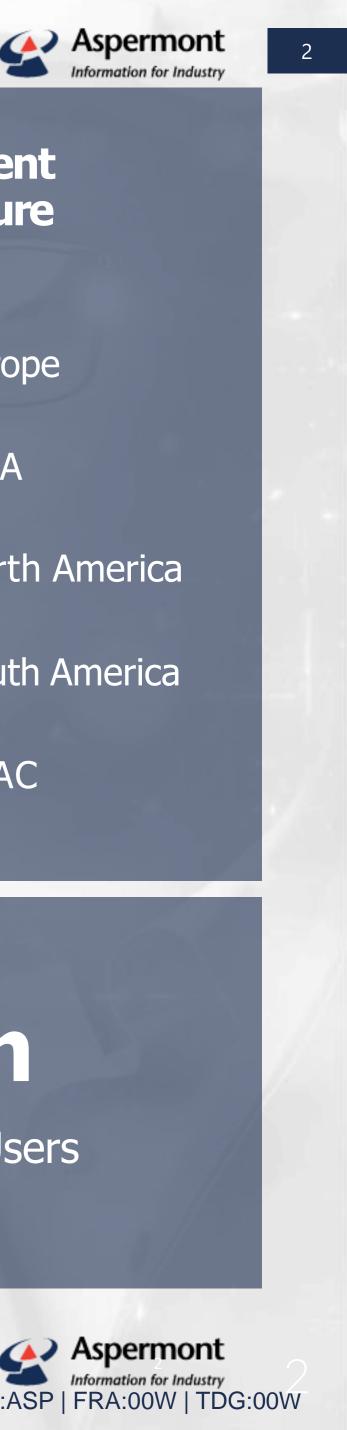
Aspermont (ASX:ASP, FRA:00W) has over 30 industry leading B2B media brands, which serve the global mining, energy and agricultural sectors. Collectively these publications have over 560 years of brand heritage and they serve a global audience of over 3 million users across 190 countries.



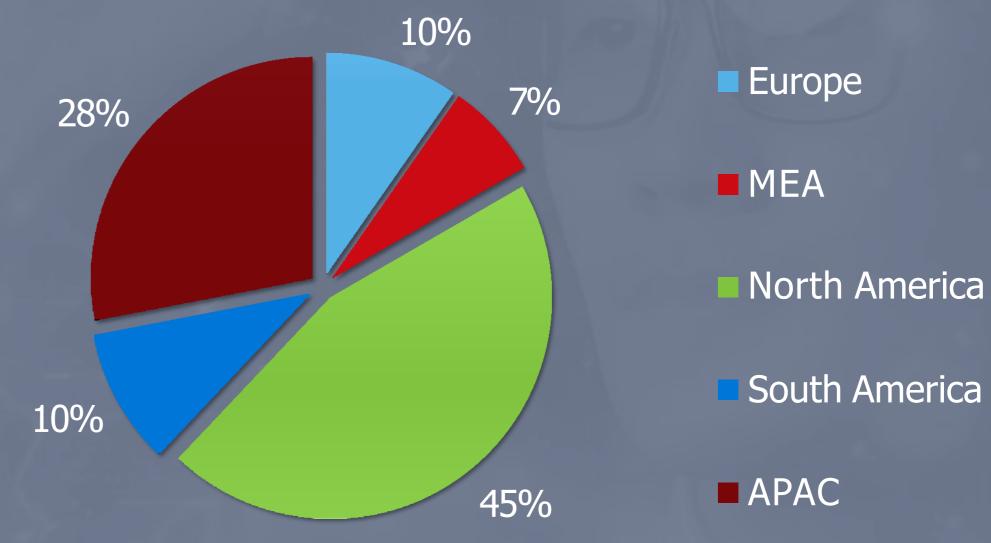
Aspermont has spent the last 20 years building an extensive contacts networks within the global resource industries which today enable Aspermont to provide targeted marketing solutions for a blue-chip client base.



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**





Countries





# **ASPERMONT'S ASPIRATIONS**

"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

Aspermont aspires to bring together communities to collaborate, problem solve and find innovative breakthroughs for some of the most pressing challenges in the world today

Aspermont is proud, to serve industries which are critical to both sustain and improve our quality of life

**Aspermont:** Information for industry





# Aspermont has a unique value proposition

#### 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 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** 

**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



Our Tier 1 executive team has extensive C-suite experience at blue chip companies. Management remuneration is aligned

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

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

# Our experienced management team has transformed Aspermont into a leading specialist Mediatech company able to upscale growth opportunities



Ajit Patel Chief Operating Officer



**Alex Kent** Group Managing Director



Josh Robertson Chief Marketing Officer



Director

Ajit has more than 35 years of experience in the media andustry, working across print and digital media, events, and market research. Before joining Aspermont in 2013, he worked for Incisive Media in London, Where he was responsible globally for infrastructure, software development, online strategy, vendor management and large-scale systems implementation and prior to that he was the CTO for VNU (now Nielsen). Ajit is responsible for Aspermont's online strategy implementation alongside managing the technology, data, content and subscriptions functions across the group. His role reflects the Group's priority to further strengthen its online presences and internal system.

Alex is the Group Managing Director and has worked at the company since 2007. Alex leads the executive team and is responsible for setting the overall direction and business strategy for the company. Alex previously worked at Microsoft, graduating through their EMEA Academy and he also received a double honours' B.Sc. degree in Economics, Accounting and Business Law from the University of Bristol.

Alex lives in Singapore with his wife and three children and is an active supporter of Rett Syndrome Research Trust, whose goal is to cure a rare neurological disorder that his eldest daughter has.

Josh is our Chief Marketing Officer.

He joined the company in 2023 and oversees the marketing, brand, creative and communications functions. He has over 15 years' experience at some of the largest independent and network global agencies having previously held senior leadership positions with Havas, Publicis, Dentsu. Most recently he was the Chief Marketing Officer at VCCP

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Leah Thorne Group People



**Matt Smith Chief** Commercial Officer



**Nishil Khimasia Chief Financial** Officer

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average management tenure

Leah is our Group People Director. She has been with the business since 2018 and is responsible for delivering the People and Culture strategy at Aspermont. Leah has over 20 years of experience in human resources and previously held leadership positions at Activision Blizzard where she had a strong focus on leadership development and the digital

Leah has a passion for learning and development that spans outside the workplace, she's committed to her own ongoing professional growth and is currently studying for her ILM Level 7 Award in Executive Coaching. She's has spent time as a volunteer at a local school supporting student's entry into employment and more recently for the CIPD to support those re-engaging in employment post

Matt is our Chief Commercial Officer, who leads the commercial services and global events divisions. He previously held leadership positions at IDG where he centralized and led the global data and demand generation business, securing significant revenue and profit growth through new data driven services over a 10year period.

Matt joined Aspermont to spearhead new revenue growth channels through deeper market engagement and introducing a solution driven culture across our global sales and events teams.

Nishil is our Group Chief Financial Officer. He has been with the company since 2016 and oversees the financial functions of the business. He previously held leadership positions with Equifax and was involved in developing its European presence both organically and inorganically. Nishil is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountancy England & Wales, received his BCom from University of Birmingham and has a Marketing Diploma from Kellogg School of Management.



# **YEARS**





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# **HY23 Financial Highlights**

	Reporte	d		Normalis	ed
HY23	HY22	Improvement	HY23	HY22	Improvement
\$9.4m	<b>\$9.4m</b>	+1%			+4%(1)
\$5.5m	\$6.2m	-12%			
58%	67%	-9%			
\$0.1m	\$1.0m	-94%	<b>\$0.7m</b>	\$1.2m	-47%
(\$0.97m)	\$0.2m	-622%	(\$0.3m)	\$2.0m	-115%
(\$0.9m)	(\$0.2m)	-445%	<b>\$0.3m</b>	<b>\$0.2m</b>	+49%
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\$4.4m	\$3.9m	+14%			
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<sup>(1)</sup> Normalised growth on a constant currency basis



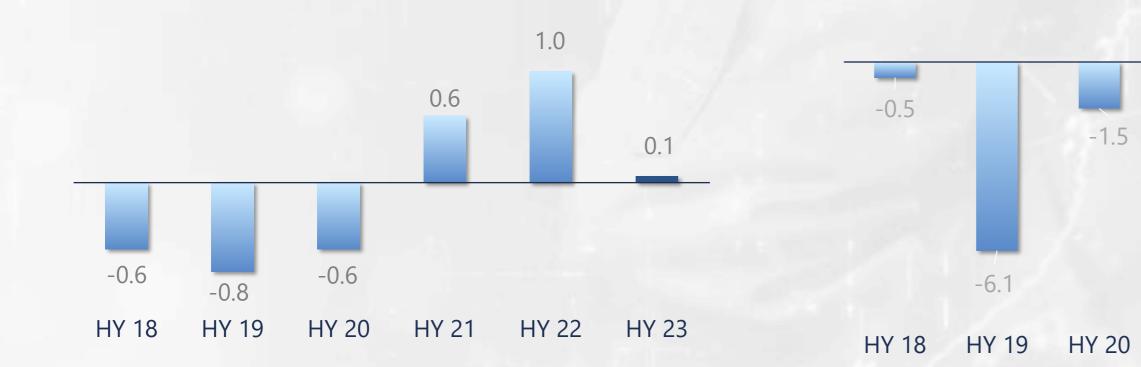
# Self-funded and able to generate long term organic growth



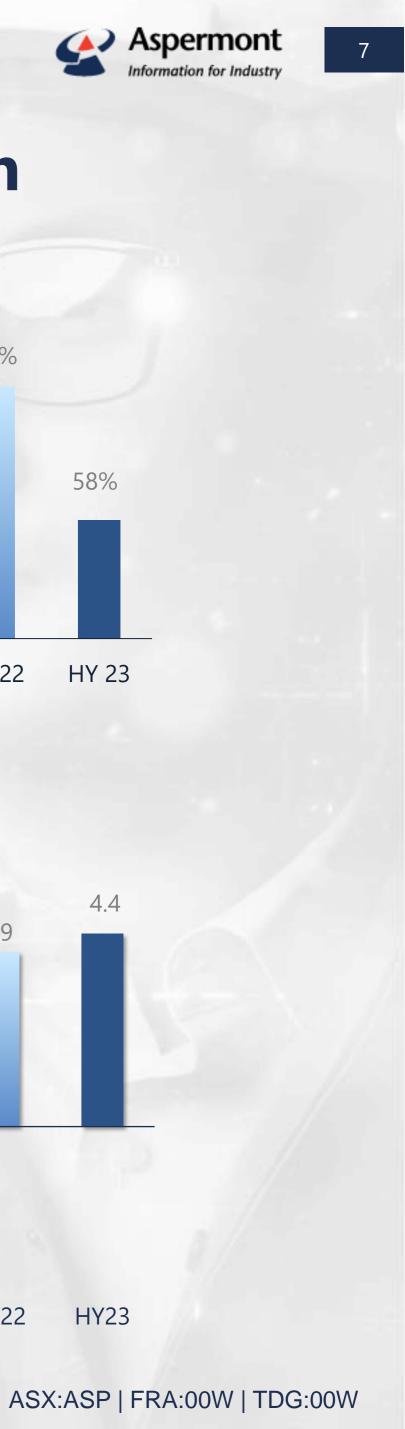
**Revenues (A\$'m)** 



**Reported EBITDA (A\$'m)** 

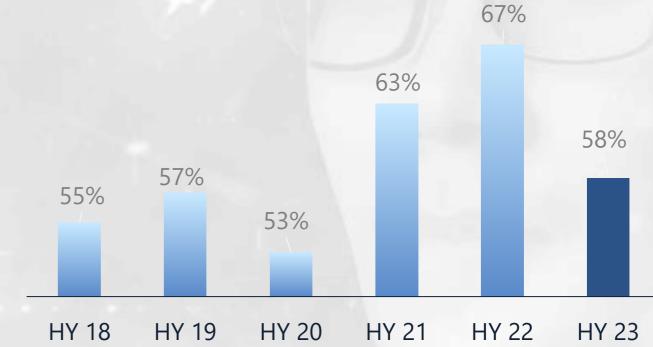


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**Gross Profit (A\$'m)** 





NPAT (A\$'m)

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HY 22 HY 23

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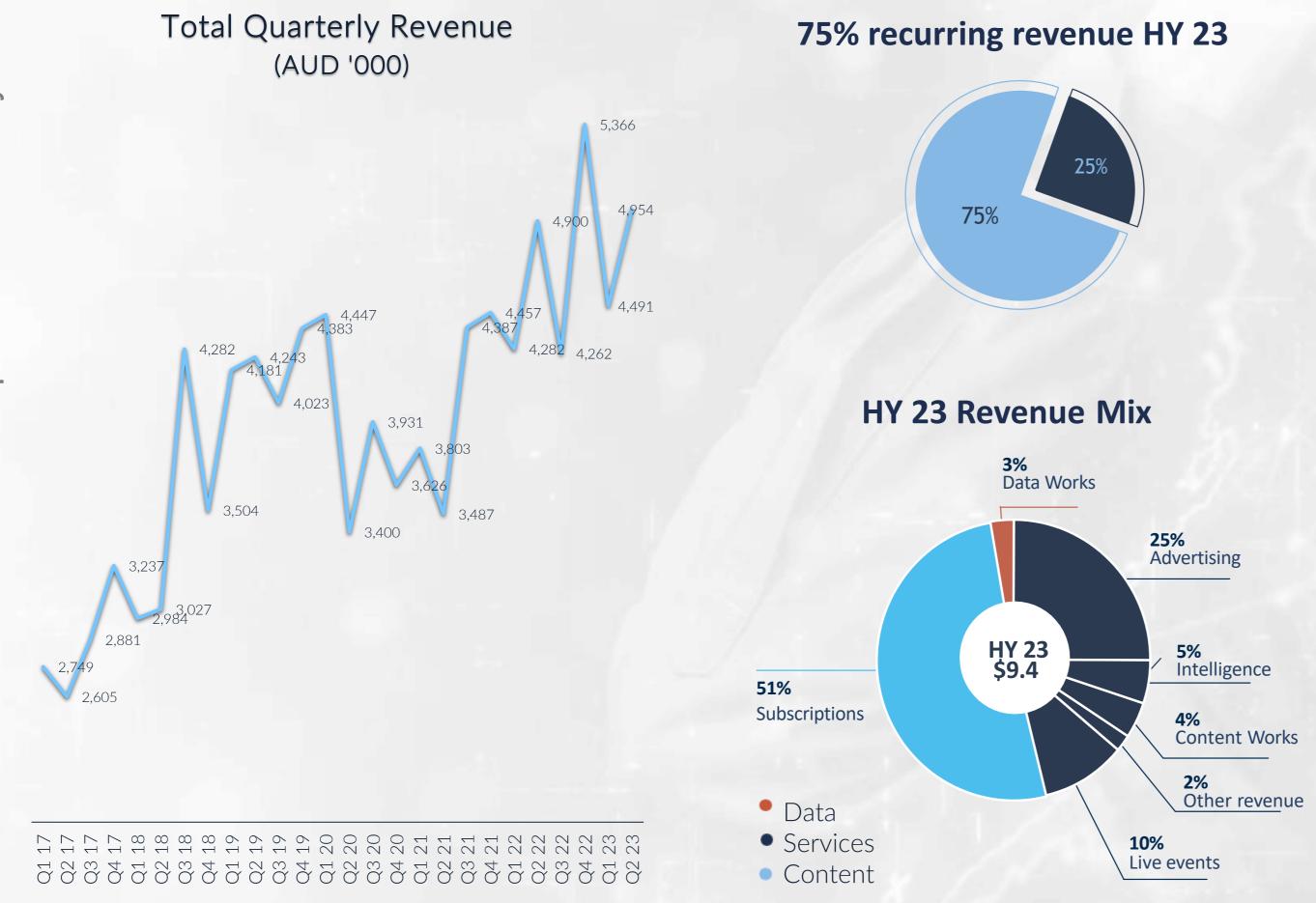
**Net Liquidity (A\$'m)** 3.9 3.9 -1.1 -1.9 -2.3

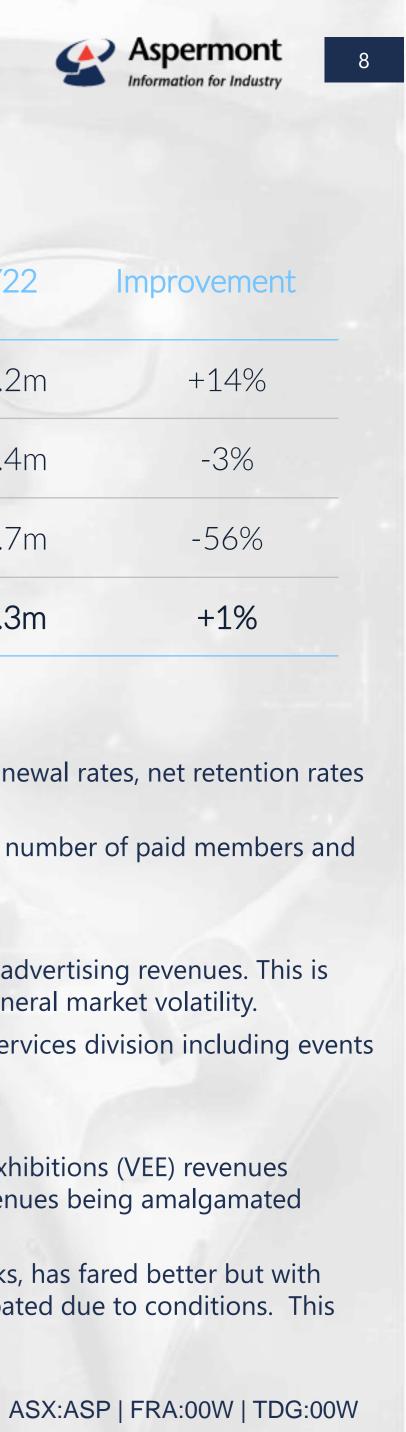
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- +1% growth in total revenues (4% on constant currency basis) with better momentum heading into H2 23
- **Revenue momentum** is building in H2 and going forward





# Revenue

Period ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	HY23	HY22	Improveme
Content (CaaS) Revenue	\$4.8m	\$4.2m	+14%
Services (MaaS) Revenue	\$4.3m	\$4.4m	-3%
Data (DaaS) Revenue	\$0.3m	\$0.7m	-56%
Total Revenue (1)	\$9.4m	\$9.3m	+1%

<sup>(1)</sup> Normalised growth on a constant currency basis

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

- +14% growth in revenue driven by increasing 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

- -3% decline driven by significant drop in digital advertising revenues. This is expected to be a temporary impact owing to general market volatility.
- H1 performance was strong for the rest of the services division including events and Content Works.

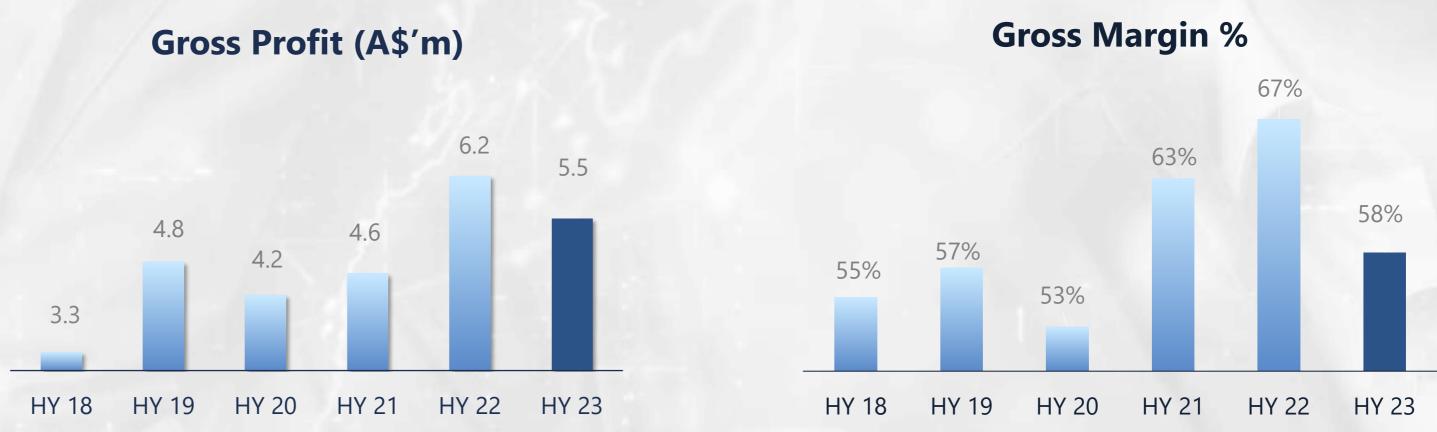
#### Data (DaaS) Business

- -56% decline in revenue with Virtual Events & Exhibitions (VEE) revenues reorganized into Services division, and with revenues being amalgamated between advertising and live events.
- Our B2B lead generation revenues, in Data Works, has fared better but with lower than anticipated growth rates than anticipated due to conditions. This impact is also expected to be temporary.



# **Gross Profit and Margins**

- - programme and,
  - acquisition costs
- our prior guidance





• Gross Profit saw a decline of 12% (-10% forex normalized) mainly due to:

1. Planned Opex investments as part of the Company's inward investment

2. Inflationary pressures both in supplier costs and in wages with higher talent

• Gross Margins reduced to 58% (PY 67%) due to these factors, which is in line with



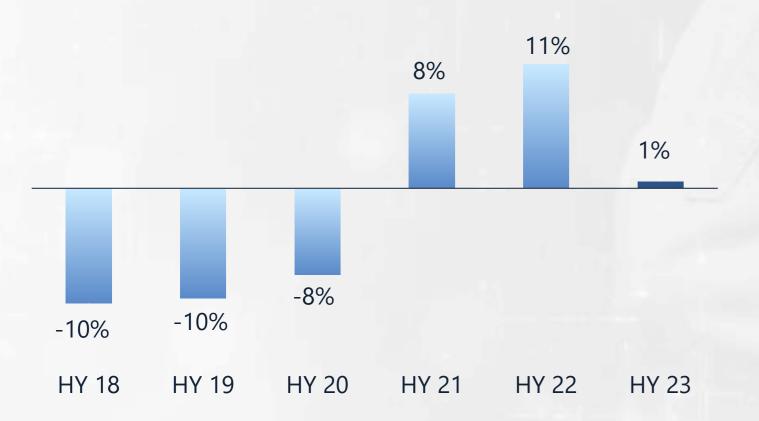
### **Reported EBITDA (A\$'m)**



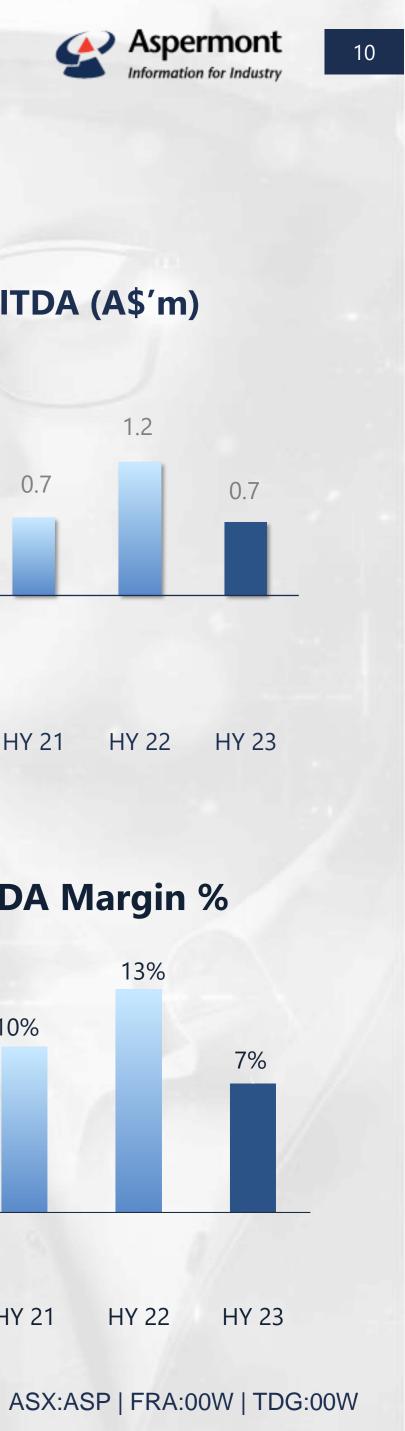
We report a positive Reported and Normalised **EBITDA** although both declined to prior periods reflecting the investment programme and general market conditions.

A full reconciliation of earnings is found in appendix 1

## **Reported EBITDA Margin %**

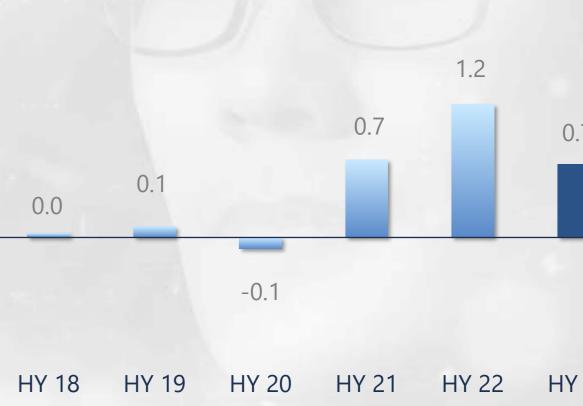


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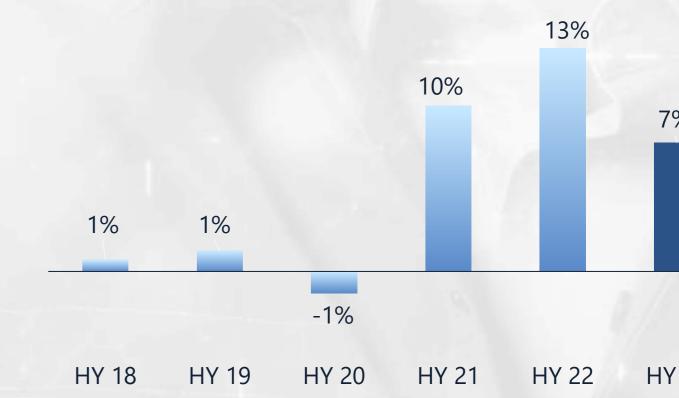




Normalised EBITDA (A\$'m)



## **Normalised EBITDA Margin %**



# **Cashflow Generation**

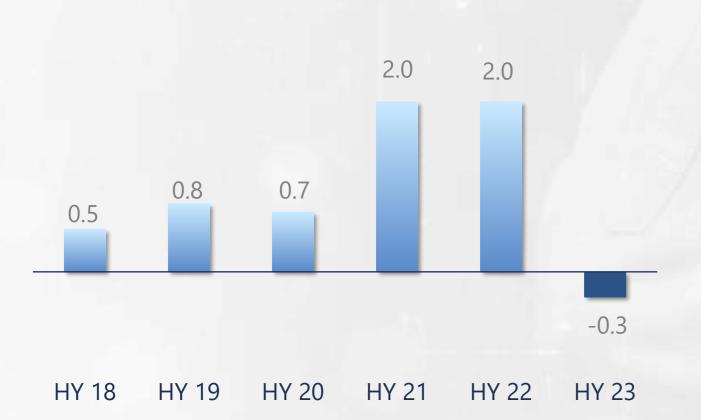


#### **Operational Cashflow (A\$'m)**

**Operational and Normalised** cashflow declined during this period due to the opex investment programme

Cash balances remained strong throughout the period and comfortably above our 'black swan' coverage level of \$4m provided in FY 23 guidance

Net Liquidity grew by 14% underlying the real strength of the business's finances with positive forward cashflow from subscriptions and other income sources. For a XaaS based business like Aspermont this is an important proxy to revenue recognition and underlying business growth

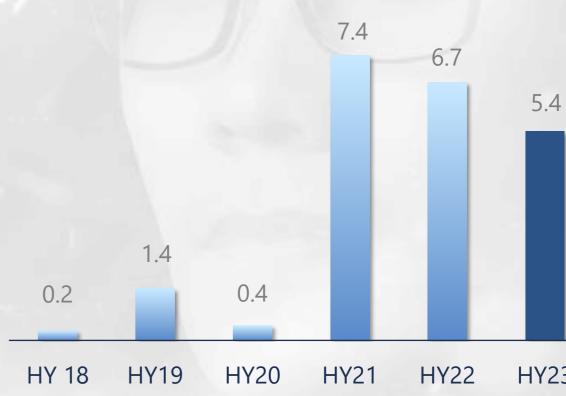


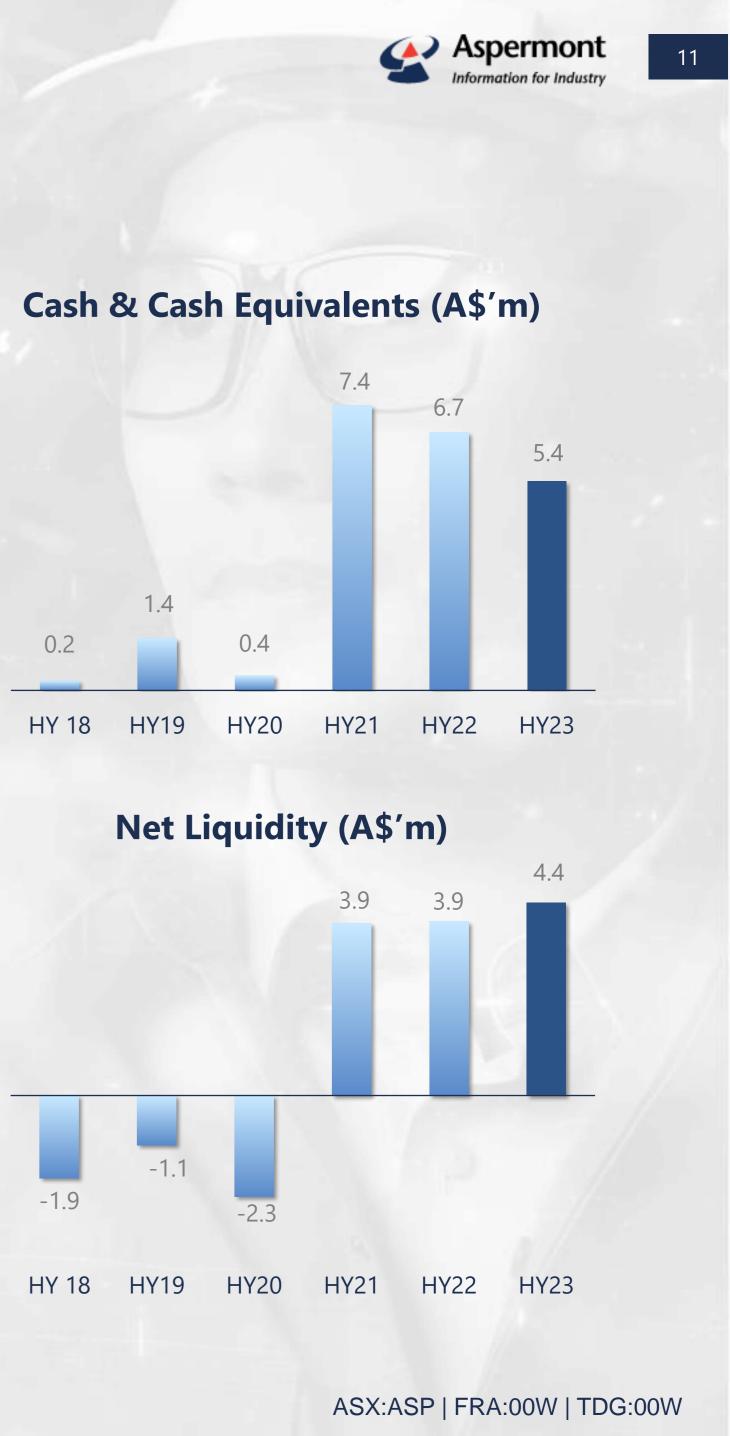
Normalised Operational Cashflow (A\$'m)

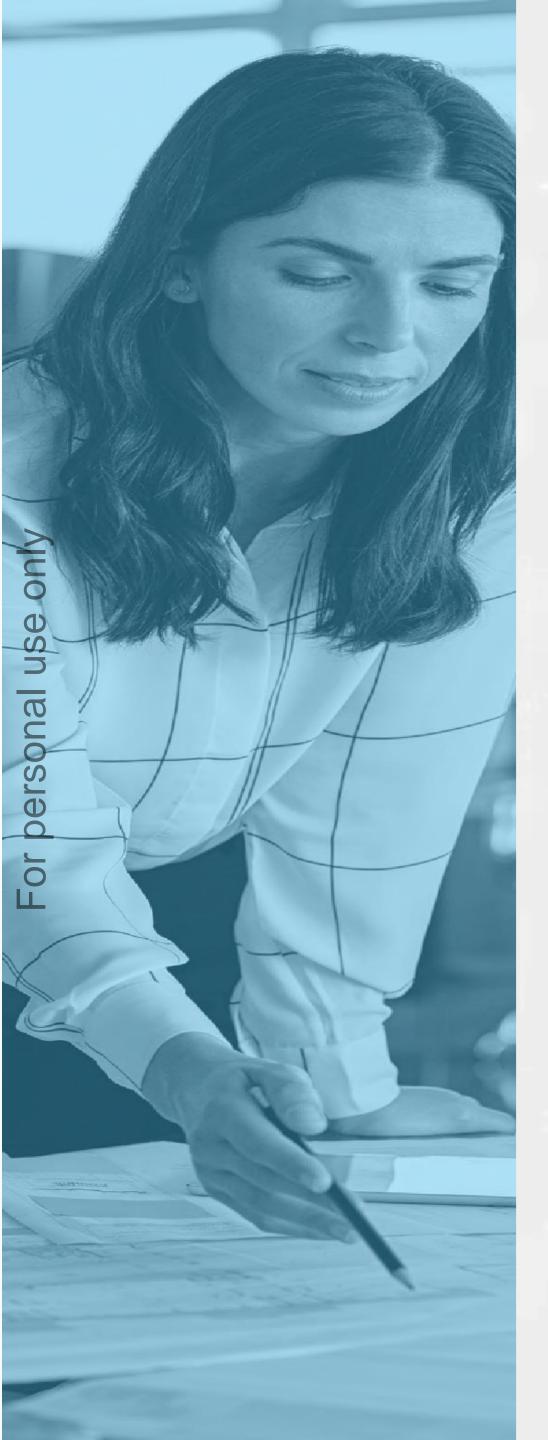
The main exceptional items for this year are itemized in the reconciliations in appendix 1

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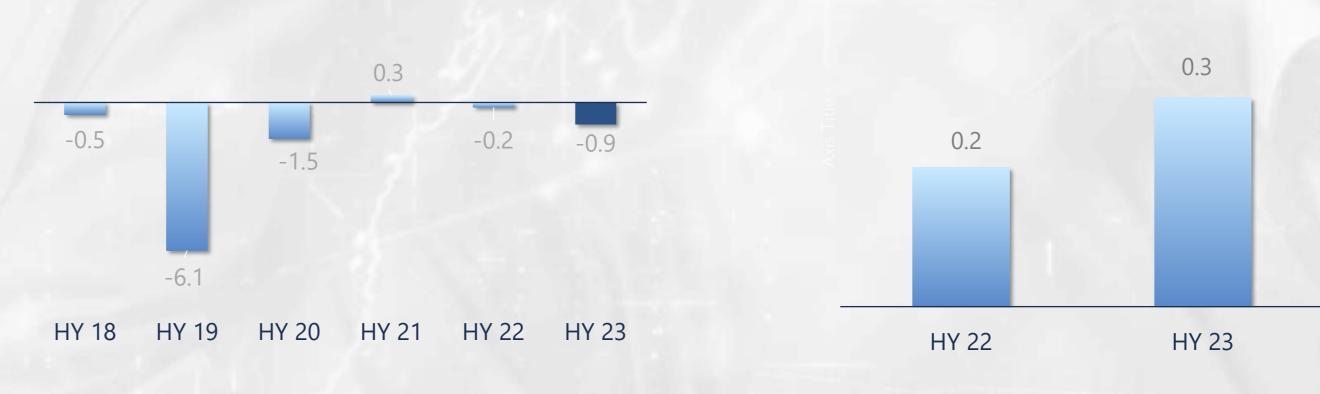


# **Net Profit/Loss After Tax**

- - 1. Investments and,

• Normalized Net Profit after tax grew to \$0.3m (prior period \$0.2m net profit) excluding \$1.2m of exceptional charges once these exceptional charges or gains have been normalized

NPAT (A\$'m)





• We reported a net loss of \$0.9m (prior period loss \$0.2m) due to:

2. Our share of Blu Horseshoe fintech start-up costs

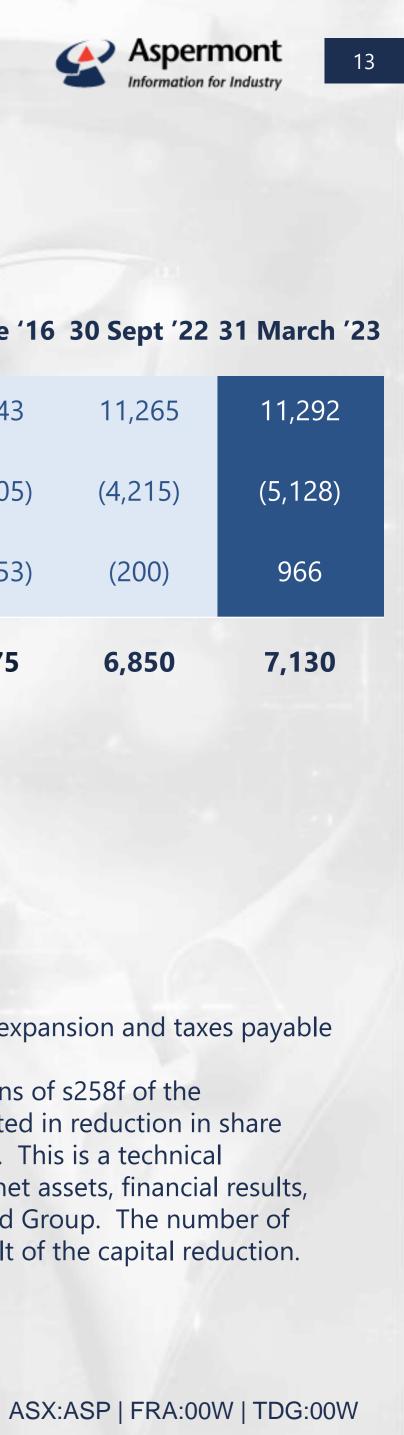
## Normalized NPAT (A\$'m)

# Aspermont is debt free and balance sheet is strengthening

	<b>Total Assets</b>	30 June '16	30 Sept '22	31 March '23	Total Liabilities	30 June '16	30 Sept '22	31 March '23
Cas	h and cash equivalent	1,795	6,634	5,425	Trade and other payables	7,235	3,146	2,760
Т	rade/other receivables	3,734	1,237	1,826	Income in advance	5,788	6,511	6,692
	Total Current Assets	5,529	7,871	7,251	Borrowings	5,141		-
>			-		Other liabilities	373	81	185
Pro	operty and equipment	155	35	39	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	18,537	9,738	9,637
e O	Intangible assets	17,729	8,124	9,384	Borrowings	3,120	-	-
Defer	red tax & other assets	3,292	1,935	1,546	Deferred Tax liabilities	3,129	1,306	1,377
na	Other Receivables	_	_	_	Provisions/other Liabilities	657	71	76
OSJ <b>O</b> ota	I Non Current Assets	21,089	10,094	10,969	Total Non Current Liabilities	6,906	1,377	1,453
OL	<b>Total Assets</b>	26,618	17,765	18,220	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	25,443	11,115	11,090
Ľ.					Net Assets	1,175	6,850	7,130

- 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.
  - Income in advance associated with pre-paid subscriptions and events that will be recognized in the next FY

- Borrowings reduced by \$8.2m from 2016 to nil
- Intangible assets impacted by write-off of goodwill on disposal of events business and further prudent impairment of historical acquired goodwill



#### AUD \$'000

Shareholders Equity	30 June '16	30 Sept '22 3	1
Issued capital	56,443	11,265	
Retained losses	(43,905)	(4,215)	
Other reserves	(11,353)	(200)	
Total Shareholders Equity	1,175	6,850	

- A. Tax losses available future proofs profit expansion and taxes payable
- B. 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.

# **Business Performance Vs Guidance**

# **Our guidance for FY23 had been for:**

- **Revenue growth** in all income lines with strong double-digit growth in Subscriptions, Data Works, Content Works and Live events
- **Expansion of senior leadership team** and overall headcount
- **Retraction in operating margins** as we accelerate the development of operational capacity
- **Retraction in EBITDA** and operating cashflow on a reported basis, but continued growth in both on a normalized basis
- Net cash balances to remain above \$4m to ensure we have protection from any 'black swan' events
- **First generation launches** of Skywave, Esperanto and Archives

"The directors are pleased to report that the business has performed well in tough conditions in H1 and remains on course to deliver on prior full year guidance"

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"Aspermont approaches FY2 cautious optimism. While market conditions remain challenging, we have never been stronger."

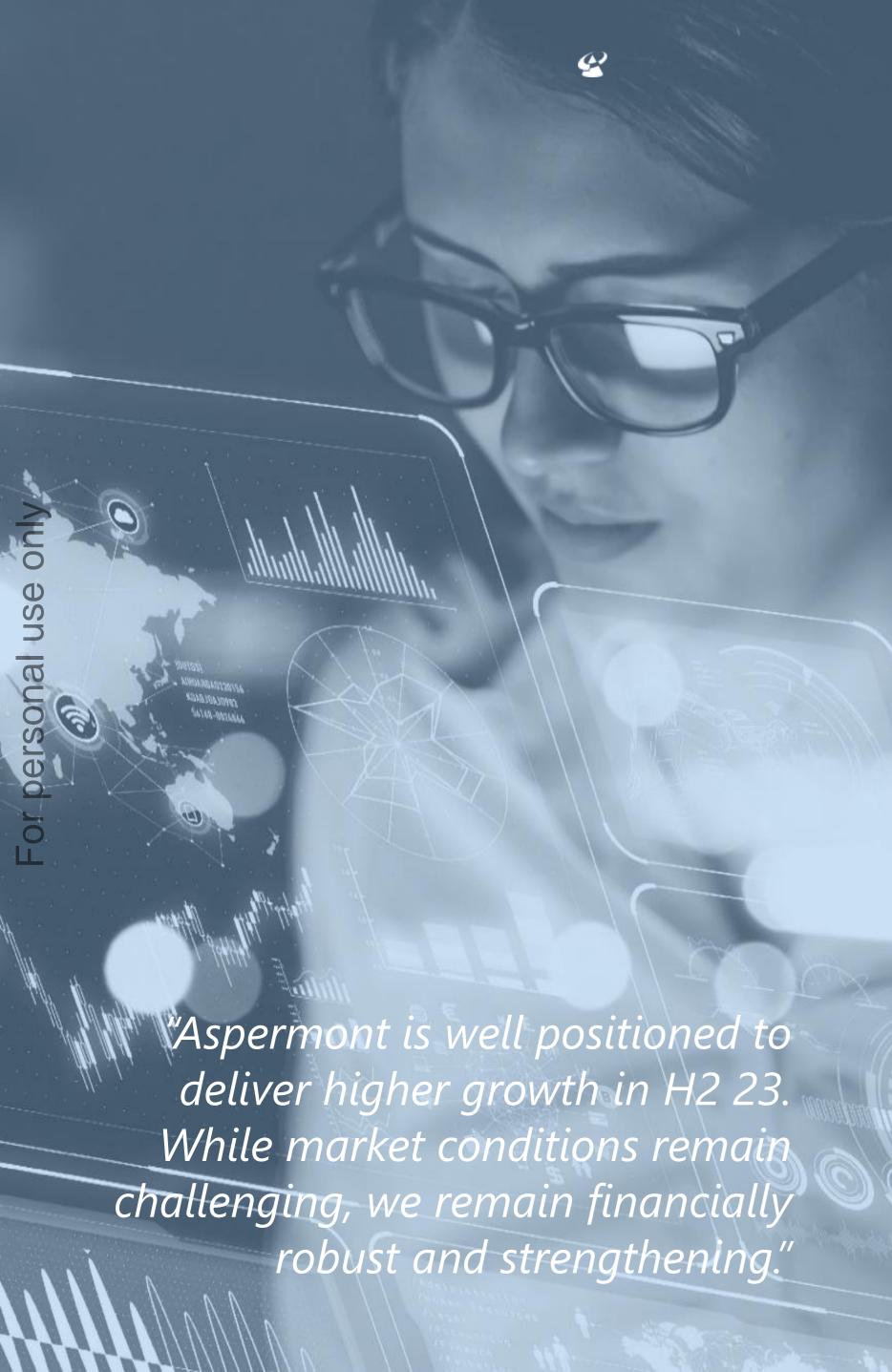
# **Business Performance Vs Guidance** (continued)

The company is pleased to report strong double-digit growth in subscriptions revenue for a 27th consecutive quarter. Content Works made a notable H1 contribution with the Saudi Arabian media partnership confirming the potential of this new business. Revenue momentum moving in to H2 means that the company makes no change to its current revenue guidance.

As announced in our FY22 annual report, our progressive inward investment programme is under way. Projects Skywave, Esperanto, and our archive digitalisations are moving forward, and we are expanding key management to increase our operational capacity. We announced the appointments of Josh Robertson (CMO) and Lindsay Santos (Group Head Events), and welcome Graeme McCracken as a Non-Executive Director. We have also made a series of junior management appointments, with appropriate knowledge capital to take growth to a higher level.

The directors are pleased to report that the business has performed well in tough conditions in H1 and remains on course to deliver on prior full year guidance





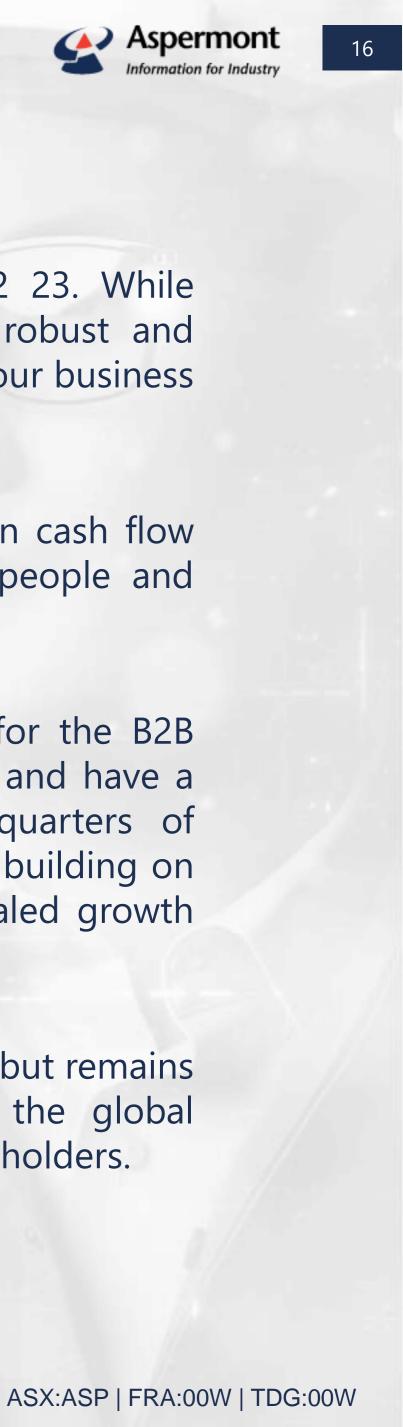
# FY 23 Outlook

Aspermont is well positioned to deliver higher growth in H2 23. While market conditions remain challenging, we remain financially robust and strengthening. Strong momentum is building in various parts of our business which will be demonstrated in the second half.

Our inward investment phase continues, financed from our own cash flow and we look forward to further announcements regard key people and technology initiatives in the second half of the year.

Aspermont is a mediatech business with a disruptive model for the B2B media market. We have no debt, are free cash flow generative and have a strong balance sheet. We have delivered 27 consecutive quarters of subscriptions growth and expect that trend to continue. We are building on an already high calibre senior leadership team to deliver upscaled growth across new and established business units.

Aspermont has quadrupled its share price over the last few years but remains significantly undervalued. We will increasingly interact with the global investor community as we unlock further value for our loyal shareholders.



# Aspermont has a unique value proposition



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A 8-year-old #mediatech company with a 186-year legacy The leading media services provider to the global resource industries **Experienced Tier 1 management team executing with success Comprehensive turnaround and business model transformation** achieved 27 consecutive quarters of growth in CaaS model, total revenue and earnings

New business Data Works, Content Works and Events moving to scale up phase and building momentum



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New Platform and technologies, Skywave, Esperanto and Archives that will enable exponential growth

Facing a #blueocean opportunity in existing sectors.

# High Growth

Profitable

# Cash Flow Generative

Strong Unit Economics

Debt free Balance Sheet







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#### **Normalized EBITDA**

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

Half Year Ended	31 March 2023 \$000	31 March 2022 \$000	Half Year Ended	31 March 2023 \$000	31 March 20 \$0
Reported income/(loss) from continuing operations before income tax expense	(870)	(126)	Cash flows from operating activities		
Net interest	39	(34)	Cash receipts from customers	9,090	9,5
Depreciation and amortisation	272	500	Cash outflows to suppliers and employees	(10,099)	(9,4
Share of net loss in Associate	457	141	Interest received / (paid)	39	
Other (share-based payments & provisions, foreign exchange, other income)	165	520	Cash inflow/(outflow) from Operating activities	(970)	1
Reported EBITDA	63	1,001	Exceptional cash outflows	655	7
Exceptional one-off charges/(income)	-				
New business establishment costs	596	234	Exceptional other income		1,0
Normalised EBITDA	659	1,235	Normalised Cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(315)	2,0

Notes for Normalised EBITDA and Normalised Cash Flow from Operations reconciliations:

- Based on unaudited management accounts
- New business establishment costs and exceptional cash outflows expenditure in relation to establishment of new products and business divisions
- Exceptional other income HY 22 Covid related Government grants incentives and deferred tax repayments





## **Normalized Cashflow from Operations reconciliation**

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

#### **Financial Results**

- FY22 Results 1.
- Q1-23 Results 2.

#### **General Meetings**

Interviews with Chairman, MD and 3. • Interviews COO

#### **People Announcements**

- Group Content Director appointment Announcement 4. – Ana Gyorkos
- Chief Marketing Officer Executive 5. Announcement appointment – Josh Robertson
- Non-Executive Director appointment 6. – Graeme McCracken
- Head of Events Appointment 7. Lindsay Santos

- Report
- Presentation
- Announcement

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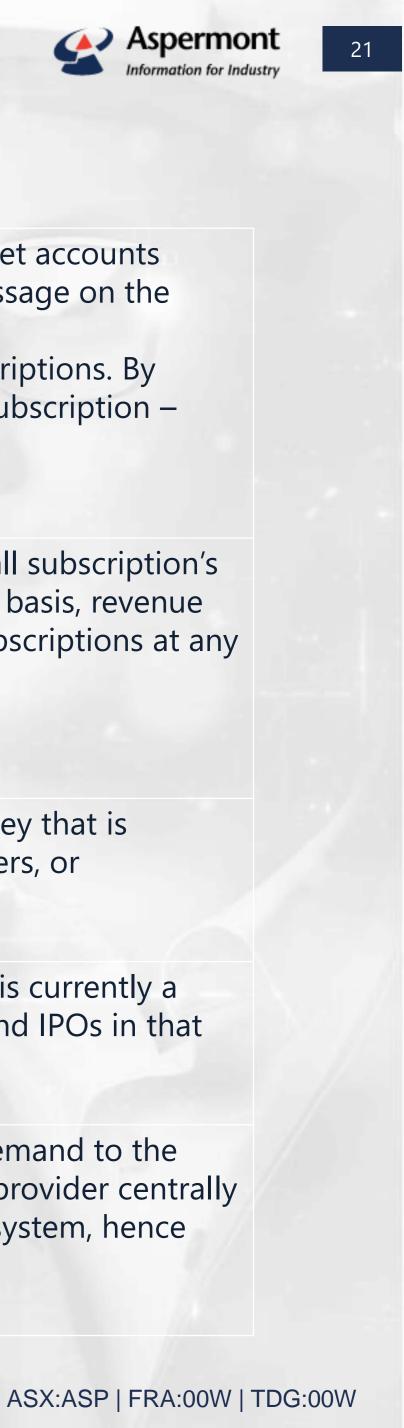


#### **Product Announcements**

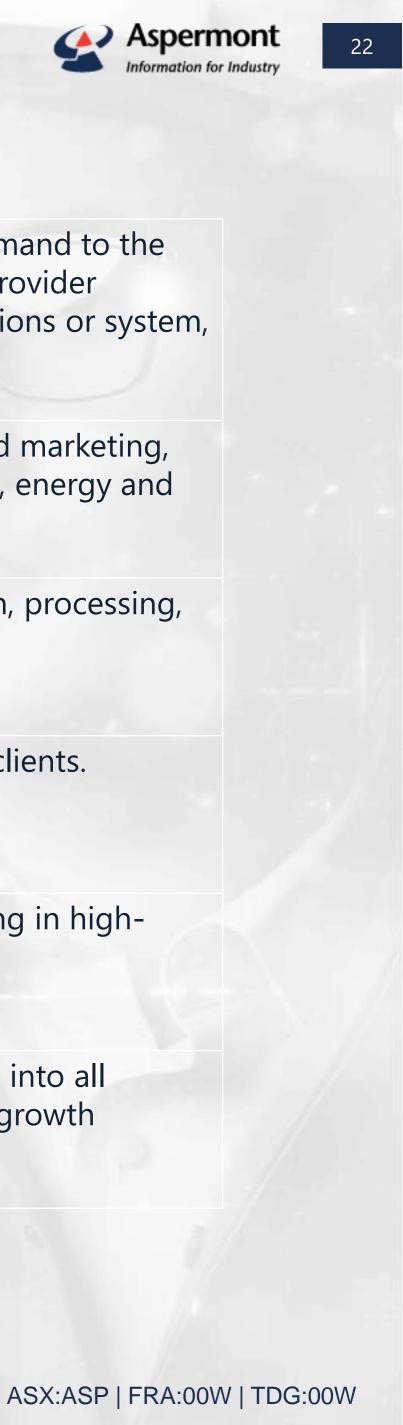
- **Establishment of Content Works Division** 8.
- Partnership with Saudi Arabia 9.

- Announcement
- **Announcement**

Account based marketing (ABM) is a business marketing strategy that concentrates resources on a set of target accounts ABM within a market. It uses personalized campaigns designed to engage each account, basing the marketing message on the specific attributes and needs of the account. Aspermont has successfully deployed ABM strategies in its CaaS business to develop multiple-member subscriptions. By increasing the number of members attached to a corporate subscription we are able to lift the price of that subscription – thus driving ARPU ACV Annual Contract Value (ACV) is a forward-looking indicator for revenue. ACV is the annualised total value of all subscription's contracts. Because subscription contracts are paid up front, but the service is then delivered over a 12 month basis, revenue recognition will lag behind the actual forward momentum of the business. ACV shows the real value of all subscriptions at any point in time as is a perfectly correlated forward proxy for subscriptions revenue Average revenue per unit (ARPU) is an indicator of the profitability of a product based on the amount of money that is ARPU generated from each of its or subscribers. ARPU is calculated as total ACV divided by the number of units, users, or subscribers **Blu Horseshoe** Blue Horseshoe is a new fintech business that Aspermont has helped launch and is a major shareholder of. It is currently a capital raising platform for the ASX market enabling a wider range of investor to access private placements and IPOs in that market. Content as a service (CaaS) is a service-oriented model, where the service provider delivers the content on demand to the CaaS service consumer via web services that are licensed under subscription. The content is hosted by the service provider centrally in the cloud and offered to a number of consumers that need the content delivered into any applications or system, hence content can be demanded by the consumers as and when required.



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<b>Content Works</b>	Content Works is a new division, in our Ser content and creative solutions. Aspermont agricultural markets due to the topic-base
DaaS	Data as a service (DaaS) is a data manager and/or analytics services via a network cor
Data Works	Data Works is a new division, in our Data ( Currently focused on demand generation t
<b>Demand Generation</b>	Demand generation is a marketing strateg quality leads
Esperanto	Esperanto is a forthcoming AI developed p languages in the world. As only 25% of the opportunities for both our audience and p



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rvices (MaaS) business, that offers clients a full-service suite of brand marketing, believes it can challenge broader marketing agencies in the mining, energy and d expertise and distribution channels that it has.

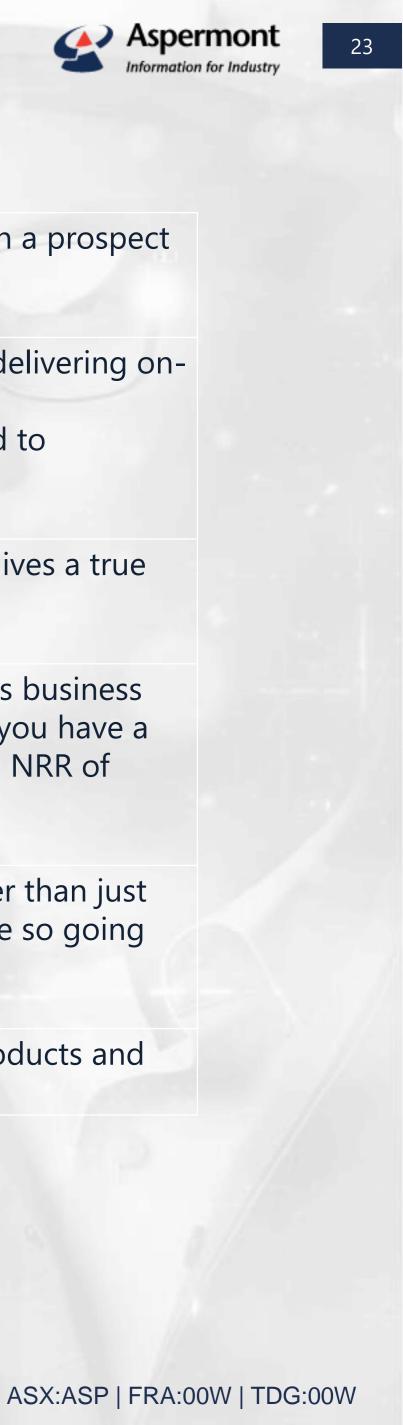
ment strategy that uses the cloud to deliver data storage, integration, processing, nnection.

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

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

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 insight into a winder in a sectively considering or looking to pure
MaaS	Marketing-as-a-Service (MaaS) is an agil demand, value-based marketing services In Aspermont's Content Works and Data campaigns.
Net Liquidity	Net Liquidity is measured as: cash equiving indication of the firms net cash position
NRR	Net revenue retention (NRR) shows the growth potential. Essentially if you gene NRR > 100% and a very healthy subscript more than 100% makes for a very attraction.
<b>Revenue Quality</b>	Revenue Quality (RQ) is what Aspermon revenue volume, growing RQ has been A forward.
Solution selling	Solution selling is a sales approach that services that address the underlying bus



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

le, tailored solution that supports a client's marketing functions by delivering ons from strategy development to execution.

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

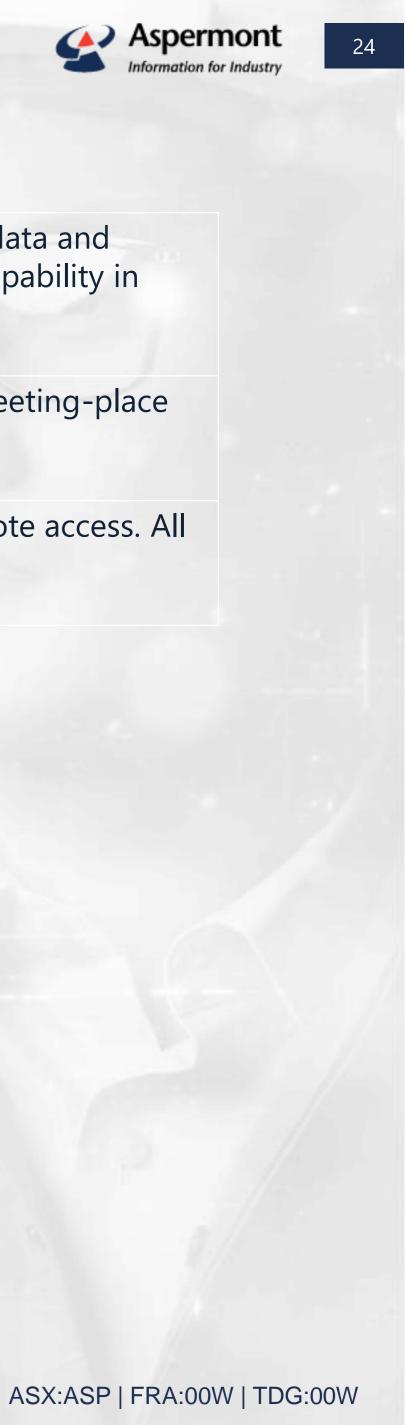
valents + trade receivables + trade and other payable. This metric gives a true than simply looking at current cash balance.

percentage of earned revenue from existing customers and indicates business erate more money from your existing accounts less your churn then you have a ptions business. Having a high ACV, or ARR, growth rate alongside a NRR of tive XaaS business model.

t's terms: high margin, recurring and market resilient revenue. Rather than just Aspermont's main focus for the last few years and will continue to be so going

focuses on your customers' needs and pain points and provides products and siness problems.

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



ont 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 <u>Future of Mining 365</u>.

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

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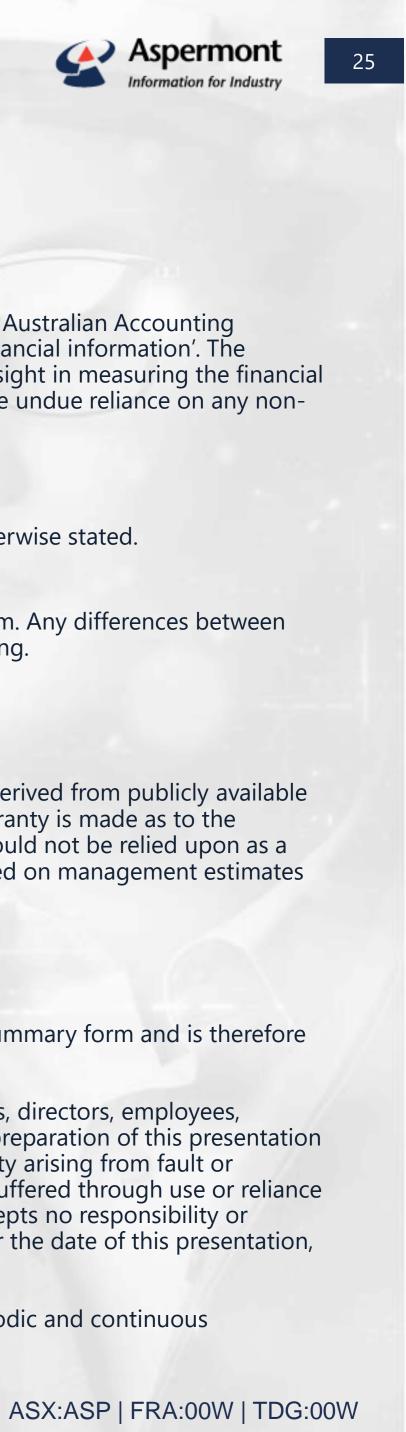
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