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ALMA MEDIA IN THE DIGITAL FRONTLINE

INVESTOR PRESENTATION POST Q2 2023

### Strong market position and leading brands in key areas

#### RECRUITING

RECRUITING	#1	Czech Republic	prace.cz, jobs.cz
	#1	Slovakia	profesia.sk
	#1	Croatia	mojposao.net
	#3	Finland	jobly.fi
	#1-2	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania	cvonline.com
	#1	Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia	Poslovi.infostud.com, kolektiv.ba, vrabotuvanje.com.mk
HOUSING	#1	Finland	etuovi.com
VEHICLES AND MACHINERY	#1	Finland	nettiauto.com, nettikone.com, nettimoto.com, autotalli.com
FINANCIAL & PROFESSIONAL MEDIA	#1	Finland	Alma Talent
COMMERCIAL PREMISES	#1	Finland, Sweden	toimitilat.kauppalehti.fi, objektvision.se
DIGITAL ADVERTISING	#1	Finland	Alma network
NEWS MEDIA	#1	Finland	iltalehti.fi



**REVENUE SPLIT** Q2 2023: MARKETPLACES 47% MEDIA 34%

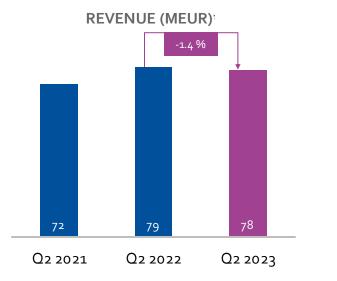
SERVICES 19%

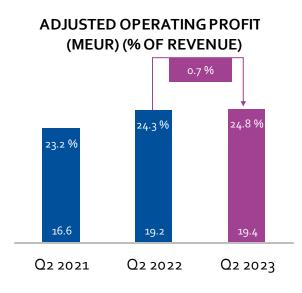
### **Business Segments and drivers for growth**

	AREER			<b>al</b> Matalent	
boards and advertisin development on-demand a	raditional job recruitment g to career and staffing, and managed ices.	Offering market leading industry verticals for buyers and sellers with comprehensive digital network of news, lifestyle content and services.		Leading business media expanding to digital information services for professionals and companies.	
H1:	2023	H1 2	H1 2023		023
Revenue MEUR 56.1	Adj. EBIT MEUR 23.3	Revenue MEUR 50.5	Adj. EBIT MEUR 9.6	Revenue MEUR 47.3	Adj. EBIT MEUR 9.5
Of which margin <b>41.5%</b>	Digital <b>98.9%</b>	Of which margin <b>19.0%</b>	Digital <b>82.3%</b>	Of which margin <b>20.2%</b>	Digital <b>62.3%</b>



# Adjusted operating profit in Q2 was on par with the comparison period, while revenue decreased slightly



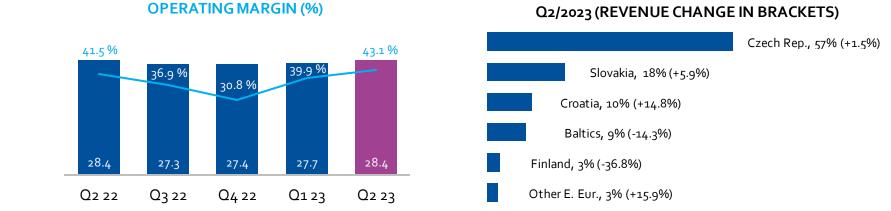


- Solid performance despite strong headwinds launched operational efficiency measures will improve profitability in H2.
- Revenue down by 1.4% in Q2 to MEUR 78.2.
- Adjusted operating profit on par with the comparison period, MEUR 19.4 with a margin of 24.8%.
- The share of digital business was 82.6% (81.2%) of total revenue.
- Gearing down to 82.4 % from 93.7 % and equity ratio up to 43.0 % from 38.8 % compared to Q2/22.

#### Alma Career

## All-time second-best performance in segment's history

SHARE OF SEGMENT REVENUE BY COUNTRY

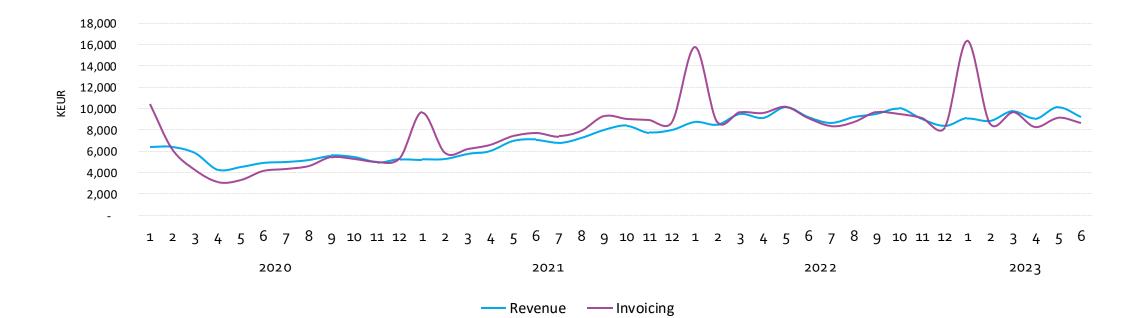


- Adjusted operating profit improved due to cost savings. Comparable revenue from added-value services related to recruitment increased by 5.8%.
- The demand for labour remained strong in Eastern Central Europe. Cost savings done especially in marketing expenses. Investments in product development continued.
  - Revenue +0.1% to MEUR 28.4 in Q2

**REVENUE (MEUR) AND ADJUSTED** 

- Adjusted operating profit up by 3.8% to MEUR to 12.2 in Q2
- Business momentum varied: there was clear cooling in the Region North, solid performance in Region Central, and strong growth in Croatia and region South

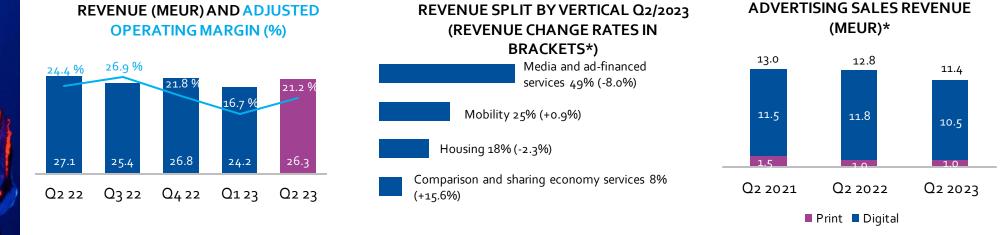
### Invoicing & revenue recognition in Alma Career



<b>KPIs</b> (monthly averages in thousands)	1-6/2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Unique visitors	5,249	5,410	5,835	5,790	5,574
Users with job alerts	1,836	1,746	1,665	1,585	1,479
Number of paid job ads	102	112	104	71	99



# Profitability weighed down by the decline of advertising revenue in media and marketplaces



\* Without divested operations

- Profitability under pressure due to the decline in advertising sales and increased costs in product development in Q2. Revenue from comparison services and sharing economy services showed strong development.
- Business development:
  - Revenue -3.1% to MEUR 26.3
  - Adjusted operating profit down by 15.9% to MEUR 5.6
- High demand for journalism continued, IL Plus subscriptions climbing over 47K milestone.
- Digital ratio 82.2%
- Investments particularly focused on service development in marketplaces and comparison services.

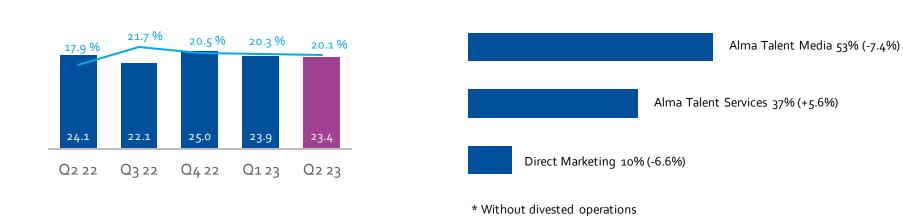
#### Alma Talent



### Adjusted operating profit increased, driven by the stellar performance in Talent Services

**REVENUE SPLIT BY BUSINESS UNIT Q2/2023** 

(REVENUE CHANGE RATES IN BRACKETS\*)



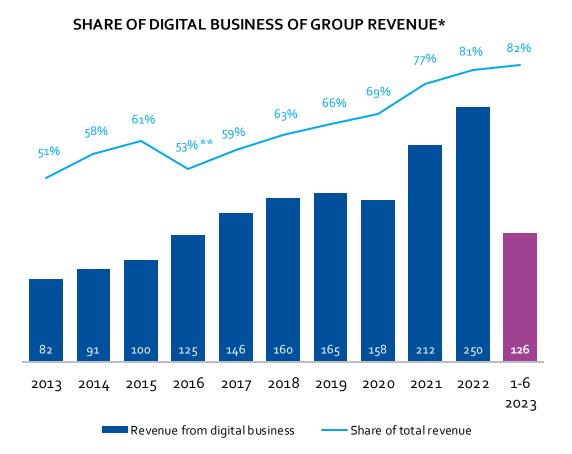
- Alma Talent segment's revenue decreased by 2.9% to MEUR 23.4 in Q2.
- Digital business accounted for 64.3% of the segment's revenue.
- The profitability of the media business declined as a result of a decrease in advertising and print content sales.
- **Business development:**
- Adjusted operating profit up by 9.2 % to MEUR 4.7

**REVENUE (MEUR) AND ADJUSTED** 

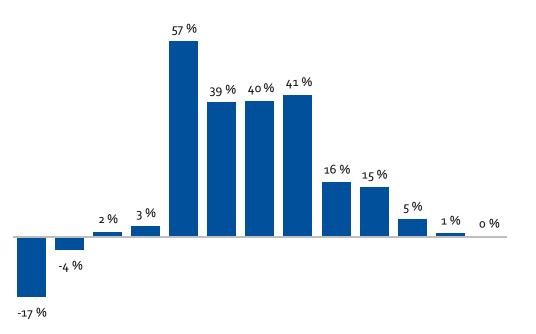
**OPERATING MARGIN (%)** 

- The revenue of Talent Services increased by 5.6% and recurring revenues by 17.7%, thanks to strong sales of company information and law-related services
- Business premises marketplaces revenue in Finland and Sweden up by 23.8%

### Digital business growth on par with the comparison period



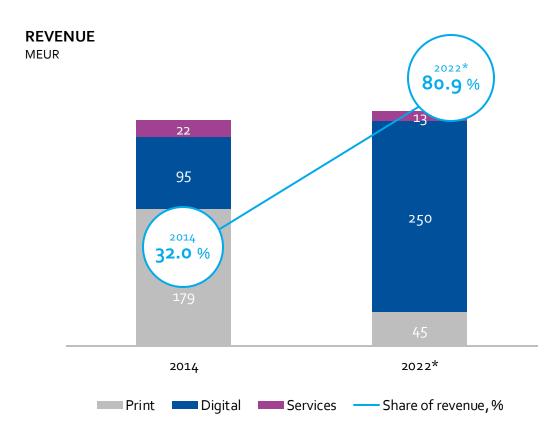
DIGITAL BUSINESS GROWTH\*

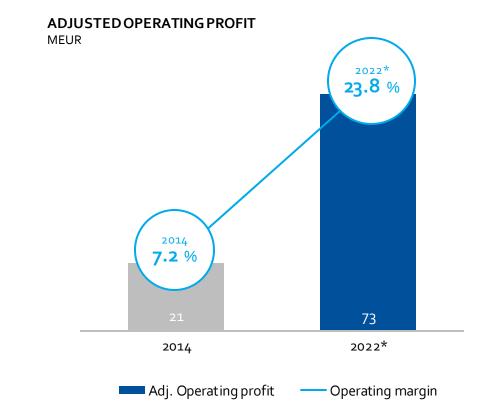


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\* Continuing operations \*\* Acquisition of Talentum in 2015

# Digital transformation and change in business mix driving operational gearing





### Alma Media strategy

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#### TRANSFORMTHECORE

- Continue to diversify from media to marketplaces and digital services
- Develop marketplaces towards advanced digital platforms
- Maximise group synergies through efficient co-operation

#### **GROW IN DIGITAL**

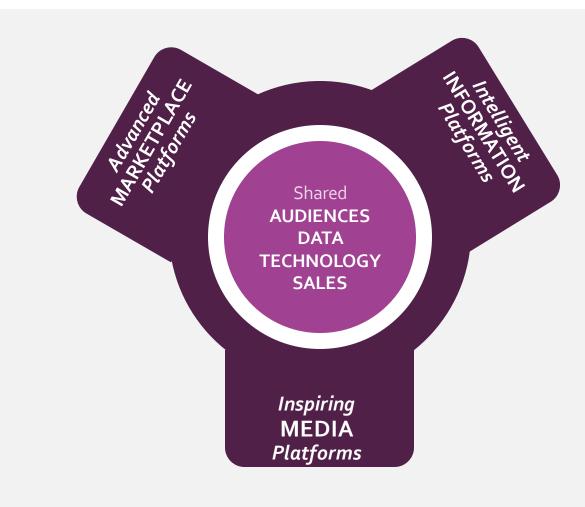
• Diversify and develop new revenue streams in current service areas

• Expand in value chains to new business areas with synergy benefits

#### INTERNATIONALISE

- Expand recruitment businesses to new geographies
- Grow new services to our platforms in current geographical areas

#### Alma Media Strategy Synergy creation

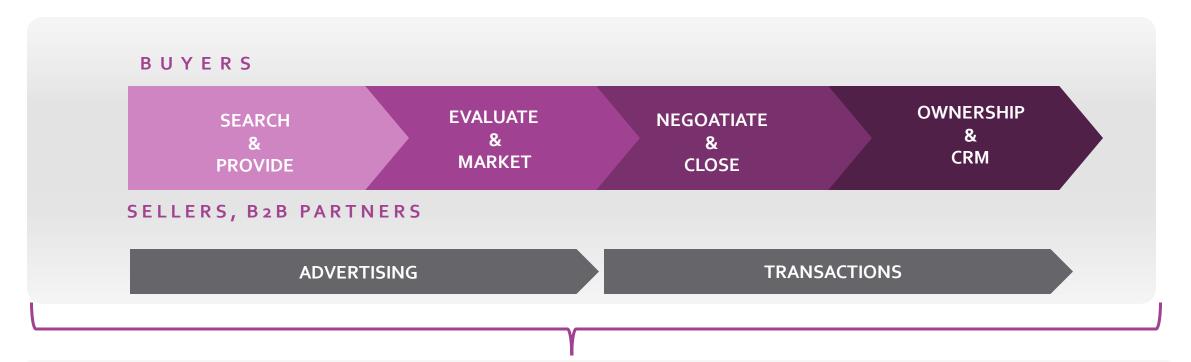


Alma Media concentrates on recruitment, housing and commercial property, mobility, media and information services with synergies:

- By utilising the reach of media platforms, directing user traffic and commercialising the user data for growing high ARPU/ARPA services.
- By developing seamless user experiences within different services.
- By utilising group synergy with shared sales and digital marketing, systems and development.
- By strengthening co-operation between and within business segments to further develop market leading offering on platforms.

## From classified advertising to transactions

Entering larger potential market and enabling new revenue sources





We further develop and complement our product portfolio to cover the entire digital buying and selling process.



We help to streamline our partners' customer management and sales in digital environment.



We develop new features and new products based on AI supported data, and complement our portfolio through M&A.

# Sustainability as an integral part of our strategy

Alma Media has gained international recognisition by its ambitious work for climate and responsible business.



#### ENVIRONMENTAL

- Minimising CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in own operations and in subcontracting chain
- Science-based SBTI climate objectives



#### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Responsible media, journalism and marketing
- Engaging employees and guaranteeing high quality of working life



#### GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Prevention of corruption, bribery and violation against human rights
- Ensuring high security and data protection

#### Alma Media halved its carbon footprint Scope 1&2 in 2016–2022

Scope 1 +2 Emission trend



# Continuing the renewal of portfolio – net investments over MEUR 200 to digital transformation and growth

#### **INVESTMENTS OF WITH A STRONG** FOCUS ON DIGITAL BUSINESS Techloop Nettix Alma Mediapartners (35%) Alma Career (17%) Kolektiv AutoJerry Toimitilat.fi Netello (60%) Katsastushinnat.fi DIAS (80%) DOKS(26%) Suomen Tukkuautot Etua.fi (40%) Muuttomaailma Talosofta Vrabotuvanje Netello (40%) Etua.fi (40%) DOKS (25%) Etua.fi (20%) Bolt (21%) Online (70%)\* 2018 2021 2022 2019 2023 2020 DIVESTMENTS **OF CONSISTING** Early morning delivery **OF HEAVILY** Dagens Media Sverige Lapin Kansa Talosofta Bolt (21%) Rantapallo Talent'em **PRINT-BASED** Matkapörssi Regional media and Alma KPK-yhtiöt (5.6%) Muugimeistrite A/S Manu printing operations E-kontakti **BUSINESSES OR** Affärsvärlden **BUSINESSES** Alma Talent AB WITH LOW PROFITABILITY

# OPERATING ENVIRONMENT



# **Challenging operating environment**

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Slowing economic growth

Growth decelerates in all operating countries. High inflation and interest rates weaken consumer purchasing power. Long-term structural challenges persist in Finland.



#### Changing consumer behaviour

Digitalisation continues to change consumer behaviour. Expectations towards easy to use, time-saving and safe digital experiences and ecommerce rise. Corporate responsibility is key.



Increasing regulation

Regulatory environment complexes and digital legislation increases. Growing popularity of digital services surges the amount of data used. Data privacy and consumer protection issues even more compelling for companies.



#### Geopolitical turbulence

Russian aggression in Ukraine led to a European wide energy crisis. Geopolitical tensions are elevated. Uncertainty of political and economic development remains high and forecasting is difficult.



### **Ukrainian crisis**

- Russia's aggressive invasion to Ukraine, brought severe economic and business consequences:
  - Significantly higher energy prices and inflation
  - Lower economic growth in Europe
  - Increased volatility and insecurity
  - Disruptions in financial markets and supply chains due to sanctions and counter-sanctions
- Alma Media has no investments or business operations in Ukraine or Russia
- The financial system's direct exposure to Russia and Ukraine is limited in Alma Media's operating economies in Central Europe and the Baltic states
- No sign of solution to the crisis or the start of major reconstruction of infrastructure yet in sight

#### Our response

- Expressing solidarity to the people of Ukraine
- Finetuning our products to support Ukrainian immigrants in finding jobs in Alma's operating markets
- Actively searching channels to support and collaborate with Ukrainians in the long term

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#### European Commission financial forecast for Alma's operating countries Forecasts given on 15 May, 2023

	GDP cha	nge (%)	Inflati	on (%)	(%) Unemployn	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Croatia	6.2	1.6	10.7	6.9	7.0	6.6
Czechia	2.5	0.2	14.8	11.9	2.2	2.8
Estonia	-1.3	-0.4	19.4	9.2	5.6	6.2
Finland	2.1	0.2	7.2	4.8	6.8	7.1
Latvia	2.8	1.4	17.2	9.3	6.9	6.8
Lithuania	1.9	0.5	18.9	9.2	6.0	6.6
Poland	5.1	0.7	13.2	11.7	2.9	3.3
Slovakia	1.7	1.7	12.1	10.9	6.1	5.8
Slovenia	5.4	1.2	9.3	7.0	4.0	3.9
Sweden	2.6	-0.5	8.1	6.0	7.5	7.7

Source: European Economic Forecast, European Commission, May 15 2023

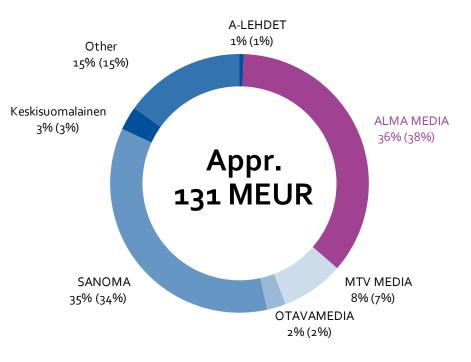
### The Finnish advertising market update

#### MONTHLY CHANGE IN MEDIA ADVERTISING 7/2022–7/2023 Source: Kantar TNS

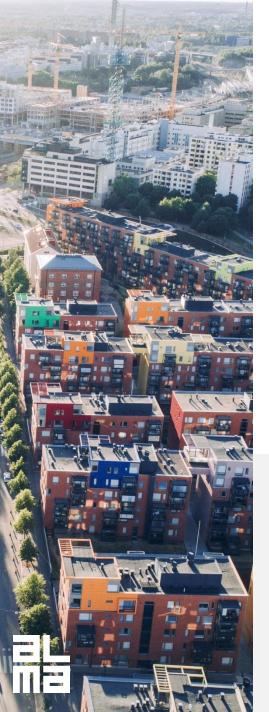
15% 10% 5% ٥% -5% -10% -15% -20% -25% P7 22 P9 22 P11 22 P1 23 P3 23 P5 23 P7 23 Advertising sales total, chg % - Newspaper advertising, chg % Online advertising, chg %

#### ONLINE ADVERTISING BY MEDIA COMPANIES IN FINLAND 1-7/2023 (1-7/2022)\*

Source: Kantar TNS



\* Media groups own advertising might be included in the figures to the extent that is chargeable between Media Group's own units and businesses. Alma Media do not include own internal advertising in the figures.



## The Finnish housing market update:

In Q2, a total of 12,041 apartments sold — 35.7% below the five-year average

Trade volumes	Q2 2023	1-12/ 2022
Used apartments (change in %)	-31.7%	-17.5%
New apartments (change in %)	-66.0%	-46.7%

Etuovi.com (Housing marketplace)	Q2 2023	1-12/ 2022	Vuokraovi.com (Rental housing)	Q2 2023
Active listings	10.8%	-0.5%	Active listings	15.8%
Demand/ searches	-11.6%	-17.6%	Demand/searches	7.2%

Source: Real Estate Industry Confederation

#### Etuovi.com: Still predominantly a buyer's market

- Increase in the number of new items on sale (10.8%), demand metrics at good level for active viewers.
- Marketing times clearly extended.
- Economic uncertainty affecting buyer interest and reflected in the search volumes.

#### Vuokraovi.com: High demand, high activity levels

- The number of new listings of rental apartments increased by 17.8% in the service.
- Rental accommodation searchers have found their new homes in the abundant supply.



### The Finnish mobility update:

Easening component shortages – registrations still behind the long-term averages

Cars & mobility market	Q2 2023	1-12/ 2022	Nettiauto	Q2 2023	1-12/ 2022
New cars	19.0%	-17%	Sold cars, total	4.5%	-10%
Used cars	4.0%	-11%	Gross Market value of sales	2.6%	-1%

Source: AKL=Automotive information Centre

AKL:

- The registrations growth in Q<sub>2</sub> is due to the unravelling of the order book, which has grown exceptionally high in recent years, as the shortage of components that had already held back production in 2021 is receding.
- Initial registrations in H1 15.5 per cent behind the long-term average.

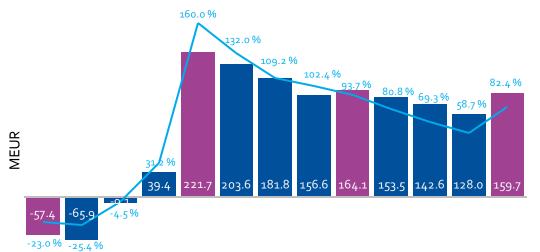
#### Nettiauto:

- In Q<sub>2</sub>, used car sales volumes up by 4.5% to 158 000 pcs.
- Gross market value EUR 2.7 billion, up 2.6%.
- Sales up in all price categories.

### SOLID FINANCIAL POSITION

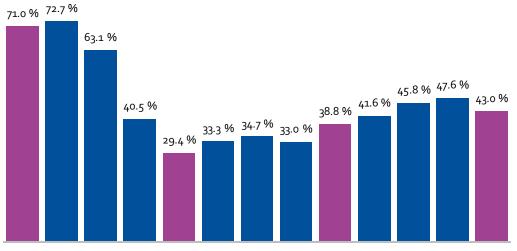


### Financial position balancing and deleveraging continuing in H2



NET DEBT (MEUR) AND GEARING (%) Q2/2020–Q2/2023

Q2 20 Q3 20 Q4 20 Q1 21 Q2 21 Q3 21 Q4 21 Q1 22 Q2 22 Q3 22 Q4 22 Q1 23 Q2 23



EQUITY RATIO Q2/2020-Q2/2023

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INTEREST-BEARING NET DEBT, MEUR	6/2023	3/2023
IFRS16 leasing liabilities	29.5	31.1
Loans from financial institutions	160.0	140.0
Cash and cash equivalents	29.8	43.0
Interest-bearing net debt	159.7	128.0

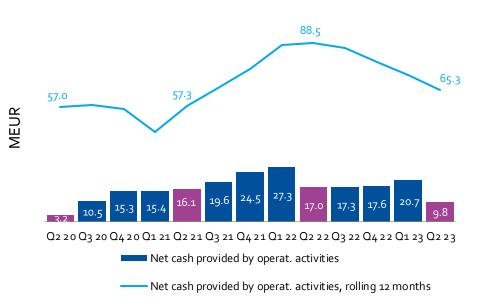
### Good cash flow enables deleveraging

#### Capital expenditure and acquisitions, MEUR

	1-6/2023	1–6/2022	2022
Capex	5.6	4.0	13.2
Acquisitions	4.2	2.4	5.2
Total	9.8	6.4	18.3

- In April, Alma Media acquired a majority stake in Suomen Tunnistetieto Oy increasing its stake from 25% to 51%.
- In May, Alma Media's subsidiary Alma Career Ltd sold 90% of its daughter company, Talent'em to the company's management. The agreement is in place to sell the remaining 10% before the end of 2023.
- In June 2023, Alma Media's subsidiary Alma Career Ltd agreed to acquire a 70 % stake in Vrabotuvanje Online, North Macedonia's leading online recruitment service. With Tau Online, which is part of the Alma Media Group, already having owned 30% of the company, Vrabotuvanje Online will become fully owned by the Alma Media Group.

#### **OPERATING CASH FLOW**

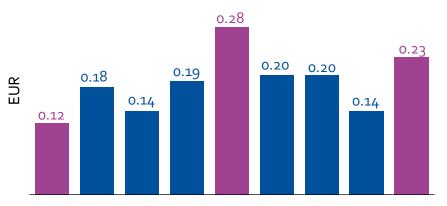


• Cash flow from operating activities in Q2 was MEUR 9.8 (17.0). Cash flow from operating activities decreased year-on-year due to increased working capital, higher taxes paid and higher finance expenses. After investments, cash flow before financing was MEUR 5.8 (22.7) in April–June.



#### EPS to 23 cents in Q2

- Earnings per share were EUR 0.23 (0.28).
  - In Q<sub>2</sub>/<sub>23</sub> Earnings per share were improved by a change of MEUR 4.0 in the fair value of contingent consideration liabilities recognized in financial items.
  - In Q2/22 Earnings per share were improved by MEUR
    6.2 due to the capital gain of the sold minority shares of Bolt Group.
- Return on equity (annualised) was 40.5% and return on investment (annualised) 22.0% in Q2.
- The dividend paid in Q2 was EUR 0.44 (0.35) per share and MEUR 36.2.



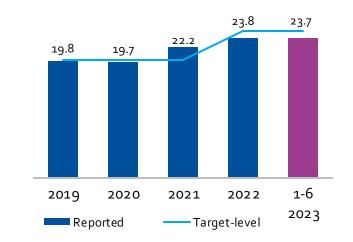
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### Alma Media's long-term financial targets\*

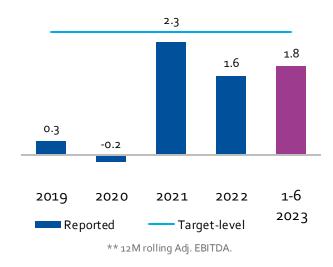
\* https://www.almamedia.fi/en/newsroom/



#### **ADJUSTED OPERATING MARGIN (%)**



#### NET DEBT/EBITDA RATIO\*\*



FINANCIAL TARGET	LONG-TERM TARGET LEVEL	PERFORMANCE Q1-Q2 2023
Revenue growth,%	> 5%	-1.3%
Adjusted operating margin, %	> 25%	24%
Net Debt/EBITDA ratio	< 2.5	1.8

Note: Dividend target is no longer included in Long-Term Financial Targets, though it is disclosed separately in Alma Media's dividend policy.

However, Alma Media has not changed the target: Payout ratio > 50 % \* EPS.

## Outlook For 2023

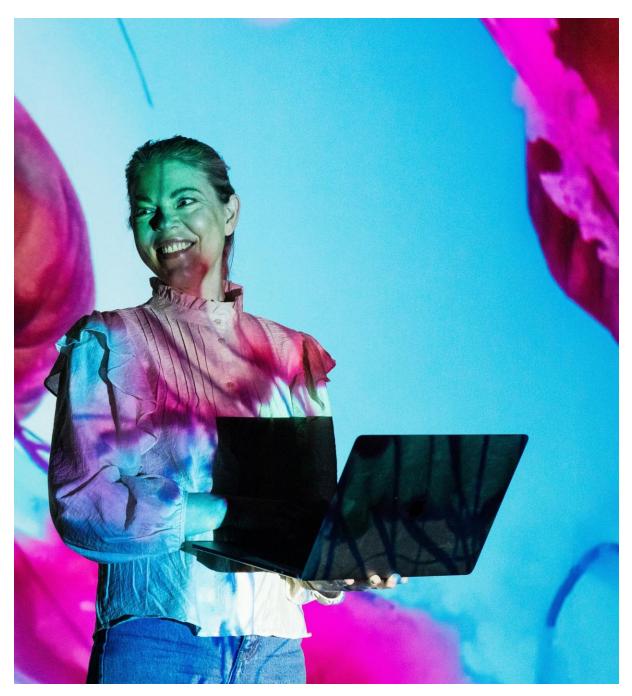
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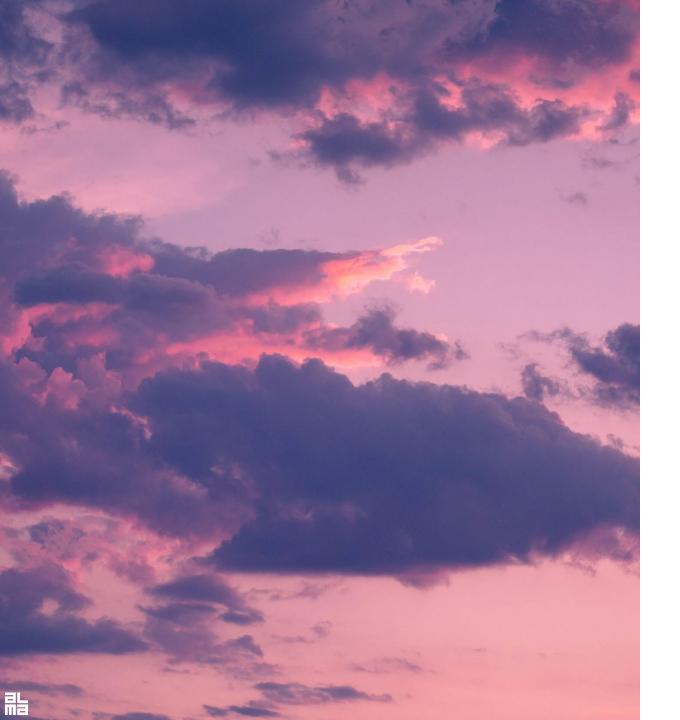
- Alma Media expects its full-year revenue and adjusted operating profit of 2023 to remain at the 2022 level or to decrease from 2022 level.
- The full-year revenue for 2022 was MEUR 308.8 and the adjusted operating profit was MEUR 73.4.
- The outlook is driven by an estimate that Alma Media's revenue and operating profit will decline in H1 due to declining advertising sales and increased costs in the recruitment business. The outlook for the national economy is expected to improve in the H2.
- We estimate demand for recruitment services to remain strong and advertising sales to rebound during the year. Operational efficiency measures initiated by the company will improve profitability in H<sub>2</sub>.



# **Closing remarks**

- Digital transformation has led to a well-balanced and synergistic business mix and to market leadership in chosen areas
- The digital journey continues towards advanced platforms
- Leveraging the best of current Alma Career products by expanding into new markets: Building one unified international multi-channel recruitment platform across CEE
- Current portfolio in housing and cars enables focusing on efficient transactional services for retailers and consumers
- In B<sub>2</sub>B services we hold comprehensive data assets for growing corporate sales with a scalable model
- Solid financial position and strong cash flow enable good dividend payout capacity





## **Thank You!** Questions?

- Upcoming events in the investor calendar:
  - Interim report for January–September 2023 on Thursday, 19 October 2023

