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and systems produces  
record organic growth.”*

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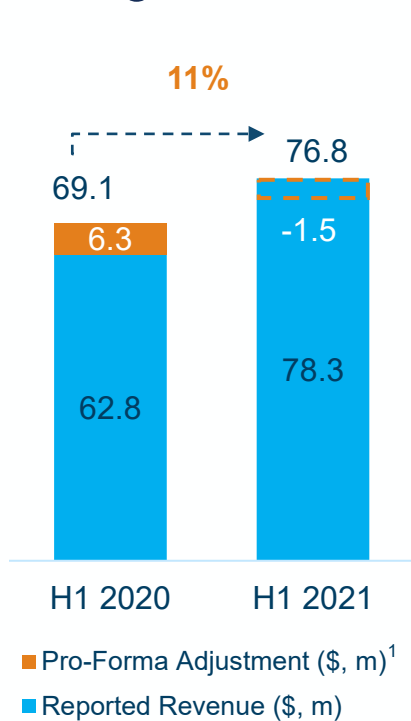
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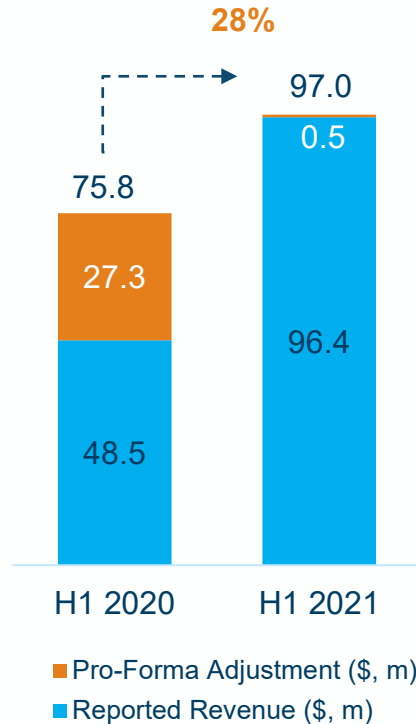
# Record 20% organic growth

Providing the tools businesses need to succeed online



## Online Presence

Web addresses  
/ Websites



## Online Marketing

Customer acquisition /  
Revenue generation

**Online Presence = web addresses, websites, email, etc. (includes acquired company SafeBrands)**

**Online Marketing = online customer acquisition and revenue generation (includes acquired companies Codewise and Wando)**

**Double digit growth across both segments: Organic growth of 11% and 28% respectively**

Notes: (1) Pro-forma adjustment for acquired revenue, constant currency FX impact and non-recurring revenues

# CentralNic H1 '21 Highlights

Strategy of investing to drive organic growth is delivering results

**c.\$9m annualised investment made in staff and systems**

**Result: \$29m YoY organic revenue growth in H1 2021**

**Growth has accelerated as we exit COVID**

**New internet privacy measures support our growth**

## Additional Operational highlights

Data and AI group established

Experienced non-executive directors added to the board

New customer wins for the Registry business include JISC and Dot London

Successful bond tap issue of EUR 15m at 104.5% of nominal value

Acquisition of SafeBrands in January 2021 and Wando Internet Solutions in February 2021

Final deferred consideration payments made for Team Internet and SafeBrands

Currency exposure on the bond hedged at 3.3% below the level at 31 December 2020

# H1 '21 Financial Highlights

Achieving record growth

## Gross Revenue

**\$174.7m**

+57%

H1 '20: \$111.3m

## Net Revenue

**\$55.2m**

+57%

H1 '20: \$35.2m

## Adjusted EBITDA

**\$20.5m**

+36%

H1 '20: \$15.1m

## Adjusted EPS

**¢ 5.74**

+29%

H1 '20: ¢ 4.45

## Operating Profit

**\$4.7m**

+68%

H1 '20: \$2.8m

## Adjusted Cashflow

**\$25.8m**

+128%

H1 '20: \$11.3m

# Income Statement

(\$, m)	FY '20	H1 '21	H1 '20	% Change
Revenue	241.2	174.7	111.3	57%
Cost of Sales	-164.9	-119.5	-76.1	
Net Revenue (Gross Profit)	76.3	55.2	35.2	57%
Gross Margin %	32%	32%	32%	
Administrative Expenses	-70.8	-48.8	-29.7	64%
Share Based Payment Expenses	-5.1	-1.7	-2.7	
Operating Profit / (Loss)	0.4	4.7	2.8	
Adjusted EBITDA	30.6	20.5	15.1	36%
Depreciation	-2.1	-1.7	-1	
Amortisation of intangible assets	-12.5	-8.3	-5.4	
Non-core operating expenses**	-8.2	-5.1	-2.8	
Foreign Exchange Loss	-2.1	1	-0.4	
Share of associate EBITDA	-0.2	0	0	
Share Based Payment Expenses	-5.1	-1.7	-2.7	
Operating Profit or (Loss)	0.4	4.7	2.8	

\* Subsidiary and Associate Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation, non-cash charges and non-core operating expenses

**Revenue and Gross Profit up by 57%**

**Stable Gross Margin YoY despite product mix shifting to Online Marketing**

# Balance Sheet

(\$, m)	FY '20	H1 '21	H1 '20	% Change
Non-Current Assets	271.8	277.6	209.8	32%
Current Assets	77.6	108.4	66.7	63%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>349.4</b>	<b>386.0</b>	<b>276.5</b>	<b>40%</b>
Non-Current Liabilities	137.9	153.0	128.4	19%
Current Liabilities	94.4	114.1	74.9	52%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>232.3</b>	<b>267.1</b>	<b>203.3</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>117.1</b>	<b>118.9</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>Total Equity and Liabilities</b>	<b>349.4</b>	<b>386.0</b>	<b>276.5</b>	<b>40%</b>

(\$, m)	FY '20	H1 '21	H1 '20	% Change
Gross interest bearing debt	113.6	123.3	104.0	19%
Cash	28.6	39.5	27.6	43%
<b>Net debt*</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>10%</b>

\* Includes gross cash, debt and prepaid finance costs

**Equity and Cash position improved over 31 December 2020**

**Net Debt reduced despite two acquisitions for USD 11m plus earnout**



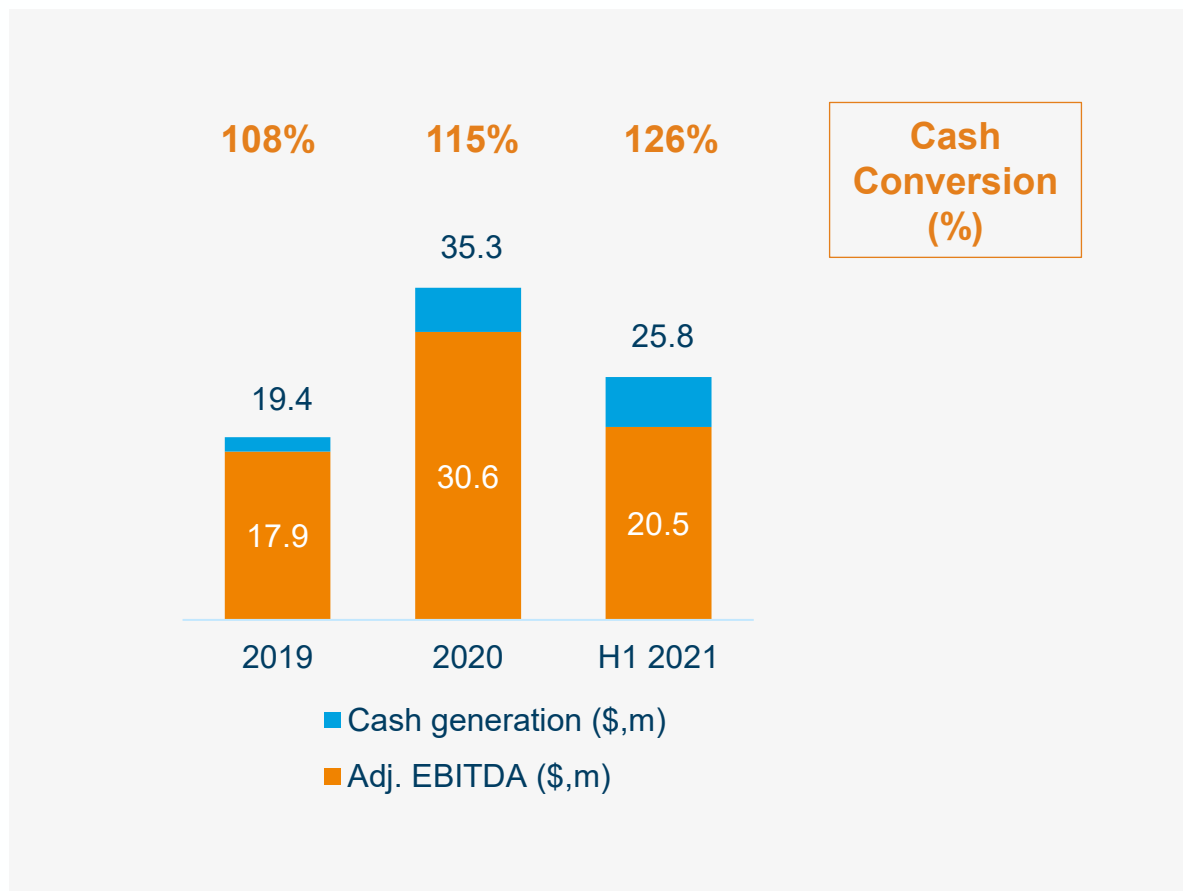
# Cashflow Statement

(\$, m)	FY '20	H1 '21	H1 '20	% Change
(Loss)/Profit before taxation	-9.4	-0.6	-1.8	-67%
<b>Adjustments for:</b>				
Depreciation of PPE	2.1	1.7	1	70%
Amortisation of intangible assets	12.5	8.3	5.4	54%
Share of associate income	-0.2	0	0	-
Gain on sale of associate	-0.3	0	0	-
Finance cost (net)	9.9	5.3	4.6	15%
Share based payments	5.1	1.7	2.7	-37%
Decrease in trade and other receivables	-9.3	-20.1	2.3	-974%
Increase in trade and other payables and accruals	12.3	20.3	-8.7	-333%
Decrease in inventories	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>202%</b>

**Unadjusted cashflow from operations tripled in H1 '21**



# A cash generation machine with great organic growth



Notes: Sourced from audited financial statements, cash generation is defined as Adj. EBITDA x Cash Conversion

Cash generation from operations = 126% of Adjusted EBITDA (2020: 115%)

Testament to accelerating growth accelerating cash conversion

## Adjusted Cashflow Bridge:

Cash Conversion Analysis (\$, m)	FY '20	H1 '21	H1 '20
Cashflow from operations	22.7	16.6	5.5
Exceptional costs	7.5	7.1	2.8
Settlement of working capital items	5.1	2.1	3.0
<b>Adj. cashflow from operations</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>11.3</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA*</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>15.1</b>
<b>Adjusted Cash Conversion %</b>	<b>115%</b>	<b>126%</b>	<b>75%</b>

# Profits expected to improve with scale in future years

	(\$,m)	H1 '21	H1 '20	Δ H1 '21 - H1 '20
1	Net revenue (gross profit)	55.2	35.2	20.0
	OPEX	(34.7)	(20.1)	(14.6)
	Adj. EBITDA	20.5	15.1	5.4
2	Amortisation of intangible assets	(8.3)	(5.4)	(2.9)
	Depreciation of PPE	(1.7)	(1.0)	(0.7)
	Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	1.0	(0.4)	1.4
3	Non-core operating expenses	(5.1)	(2.8)	(2.3)
	Share-based payments expense	(1.7)	(2.7)	1.0
	Operating profit	4.7	2.8	1.9
4	Finance costs	(5.3)	(4.6)	(0.7)
	Profit before taxation	(0.6)	(1.8)	1.2

- 1 **Overhead to plateau** – staff cost increased due to 3 acquisitions after 30 June 2020 and new hires to accelerate organic growth. Growth in staff has already slowed down as we approach the optimal team size
- 2 **Amortisation relates to M&A** – these are non-cash costs. When we make acquisitions, IFRS requires us to allocate part of the purchase price to intangibles that are then written down through the P&L each year
- 3 **Non-core expenses to reduce over time** – contingent costs related to acquisitions and integrations. Reduces over time and as outside advisers replaced with in-house staff
- 4 **Finance Costs (Interest on bond) will decrease** – tap issue in February 2021 indicates lower interest rate may be obtainable when refinancing the bond during window from H2 2022 to H1 2023

# M&A, Growth and Integration

## Acquisition criteria:

Earnings accretive



Recurring revenue



Achievable synergies



Entrenched customers



Access to growth markets



## Integration priorities:

Switch to group suppliers/back office functions



Ramp up growth with cross-selling



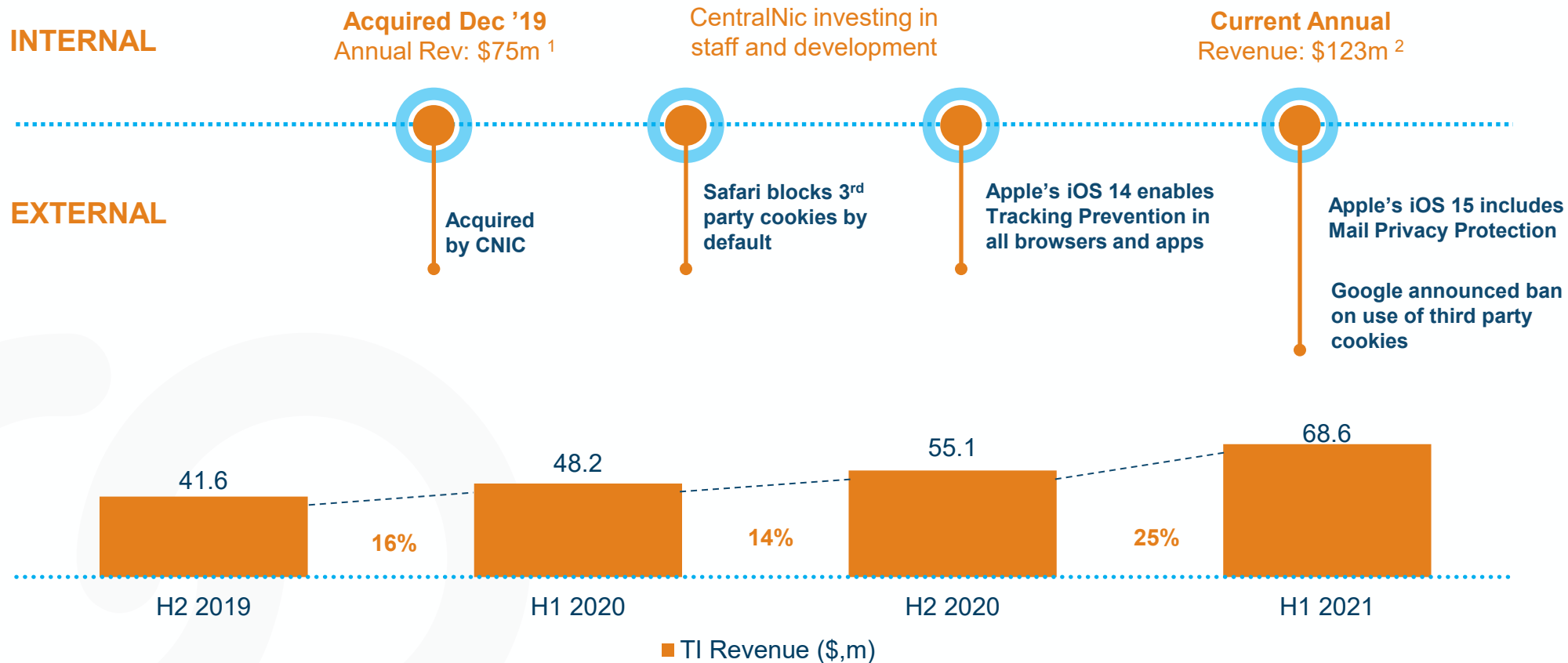
Achieve identified synergies



Redeploy staff on accelerating growth



# Team Internet case study: continuous double-digit growth under CentralNic's ownership



Notes: (1) FY revenue in year ended Dec 31, 2019, (2) 12 months to June 30, 2021

# Leader in ESG



## Inclusivity

CentralNic's Mission is "Making the internet everybody's domain," and it supplies tools to people in almost every country in the world to succeed in their online projects



## Tree Plantation Program

In late 2020, CentralNic began a program to plant a tree for every domain name under its management through the Eden Reforestation Project

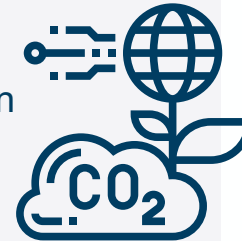


## Diversity

CentralNic has a very diverse global workforce and operates a policy of considering diversity priorities in all hiring and promotions

## Carbon Reduction/Offset

CentralNic considers carbon emissions in its strategic plan and practices Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR). The company has offset its identified 2020 GHG emissions by investing in Verified Carbon Standard certified clean energy projects



## Grants for worthy projects

Through its SK-NIC Fund, CentralNic, has donated over €500,000 in grants to initiatives supporting education, cyber-security and accessibility

# Strategic Priorities

## Organic Growth

New customer wins, supporting existing customers, and cross-selling our services

Launching new products and contracting with new suppliers

## Focused M&A

Website and e-commerce targets matching our own recurring revenue, cash generation profile

Strong pipeline of attractively priced deals

## Operating Leverage

Achieve cost savings in future periods by continuing our integrations

We expect operational gearing to enhance margins as the group scales

## Sustainable Debt

Reduce interest rate on historic debt (latest effective interest rate <5%)

Retain Net Debt / EBITDA ratio of < 2.5 and interest coverage of > 4x

# Appendix





# Overview of CentralNic's German operations

## German Board Members



### Michael Riedl, Group Financial Director

Michael Riedl joined CentralNic as CFO in 2019. Prior to that, he was Executive Vice President and CFO of KeyDrive S.A. He has previous experience from managing positions in the private equity and ICT industries.



### Thomas Rickert, Non-Executive Director

Thomas Rickert is an attorney-at-law in Bonn. He previously served on the Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organisation and has extensive experience in the domain industry working on disputes.

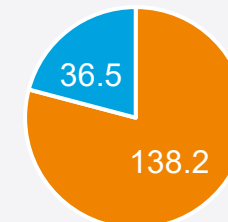


### Horst Siffrin, Non-Executive Director

Horst Siffrin is a partner of inter.services holding/investments in Berlin. He was Chairman of the Supervisory Board of KeyDrive SA, Luxemburg and member of the Advisory Board of the Key-Systems Group up till August 2018.

## Revenues

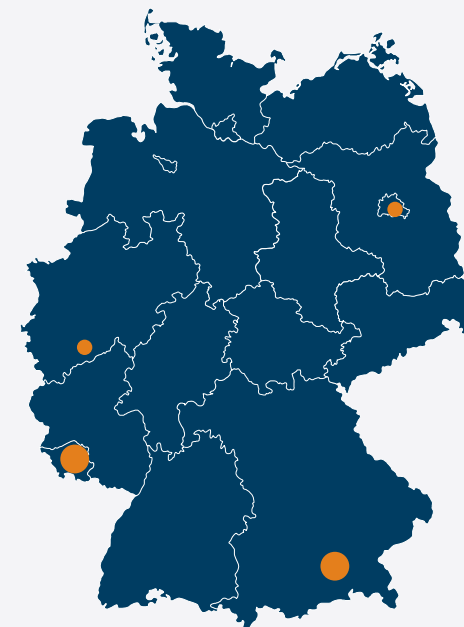
Revenues from German businesses contributed 79% to total Group revenue in H1 '21



- German businesses (\$'m)
- Other businesses (\$'m)

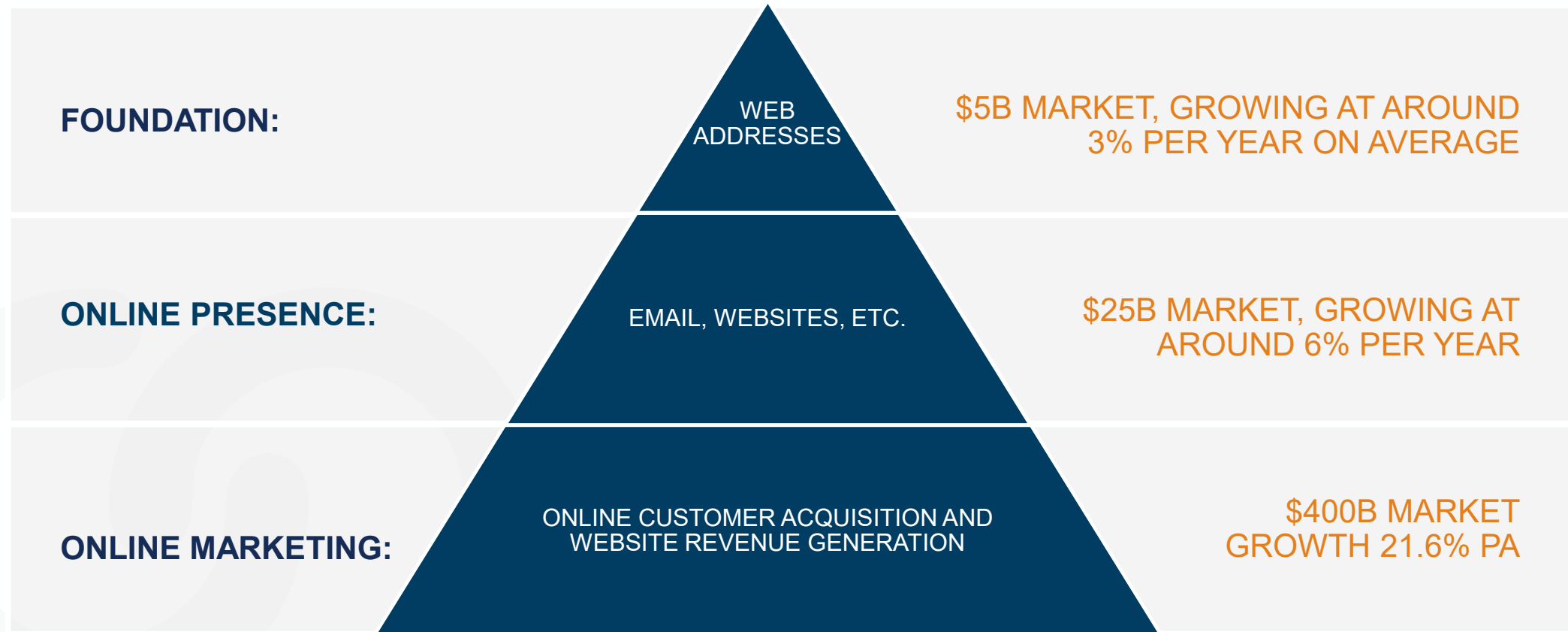
## Locations

222 staff in Germany; with offices in Berlin, Bonn, Munich and Saarbrücken



# What does CentralNic do?

**We sell the tools companies need to do business online**





# A hugely resilient recurring revenue business

## Recurring revenues

- Online presence services sold as annual subscriptions
- Online marketing services billed continually on utility style rolling contracts

## High customer stickiness

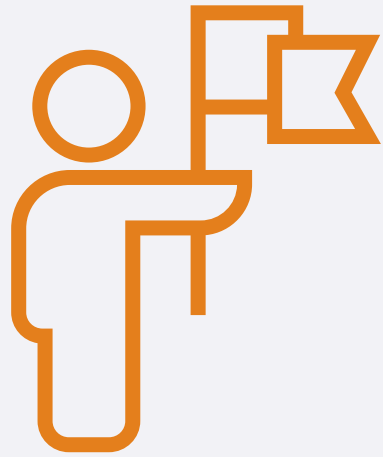
- Less than 2% of Online Presence customers change supplier each year
- Average Online Marketing customer has been using our service for c.5 years

## Proven resilience

- Continued growth despite 20 years of competition from Amazon stores, Facebook, apps, etc.

## Future proof – an ESG leader with no exposure to changes in algorithms or internet policy

- No reliance on rankings in Google Search (or any other search engine)
- No cookies used or private user data collected as part of the Online Marketing business



## CentralNic's Unique Market Position

### Products and Services

- **Most comprehensive rights to web address inventory** secured over 20 years
- **100+ suppliers globally** depend exclusively on our technology, billing, cash collection and other services
- **Exclusive revenue-generation rights to 20 million websites**

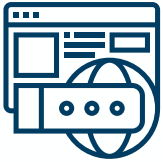
### Global recurring revenue customers

- **300+ enterprise clients directly**, including 10 from the Global 1000
- **4,500 online marketers/media buying platforms** use our customer acquisition tools
- **20,000 reseller customers**, including all the world's largest (Alphabet, Amazon, Alibaba, etc.)
- **300,000+ direct SMB customers**
- **WE ALREADY DO BUSINESS WITH OUR ACQUISITION TARGETS**

# Market description

## Online marketing services

### HOW ONLINE MARKETING SERVICES WORK



#### Massive underlying growth

- Over 4 billion people access the internet
- E-commerce generated \$4.3 trillion in 2020, growing at 27% pa



#### Online Customer Acquisition

- Over \$400b was spent in 2020 (growing at 21%) on online marketing, by ecommerce operators and others to acquire customer



#### Online Revenue Generation

- Websites with “traffic” (= people surfing the internet) are able to generate revenue through placing advertisements on their websites.

### CentralNic's Business Characteristics

**CentralNic** accesses tens of millions of websites and domains with traffic, including traffic from 20 million domains on an exclusive basis.

**CentralNic uses AI and enormous processing power** to identify potential customers for its clients using contextual advertising (analysing domain names and website content)

**Recurring revenues** – Rolling contracts and “programmatic advertising” tools for clients to automate a continuous stream of new customers to the websites deliver utility-style predictable revenues

**Future proof** – CentralNic's online marketing businesses have **no exposure to:**

- Google Search
- Cookies
- Private user data

Hence, we are at the forefront of ESG friendly online advertising and immune to changes in search algorithms, cookie regulation and privacy policies

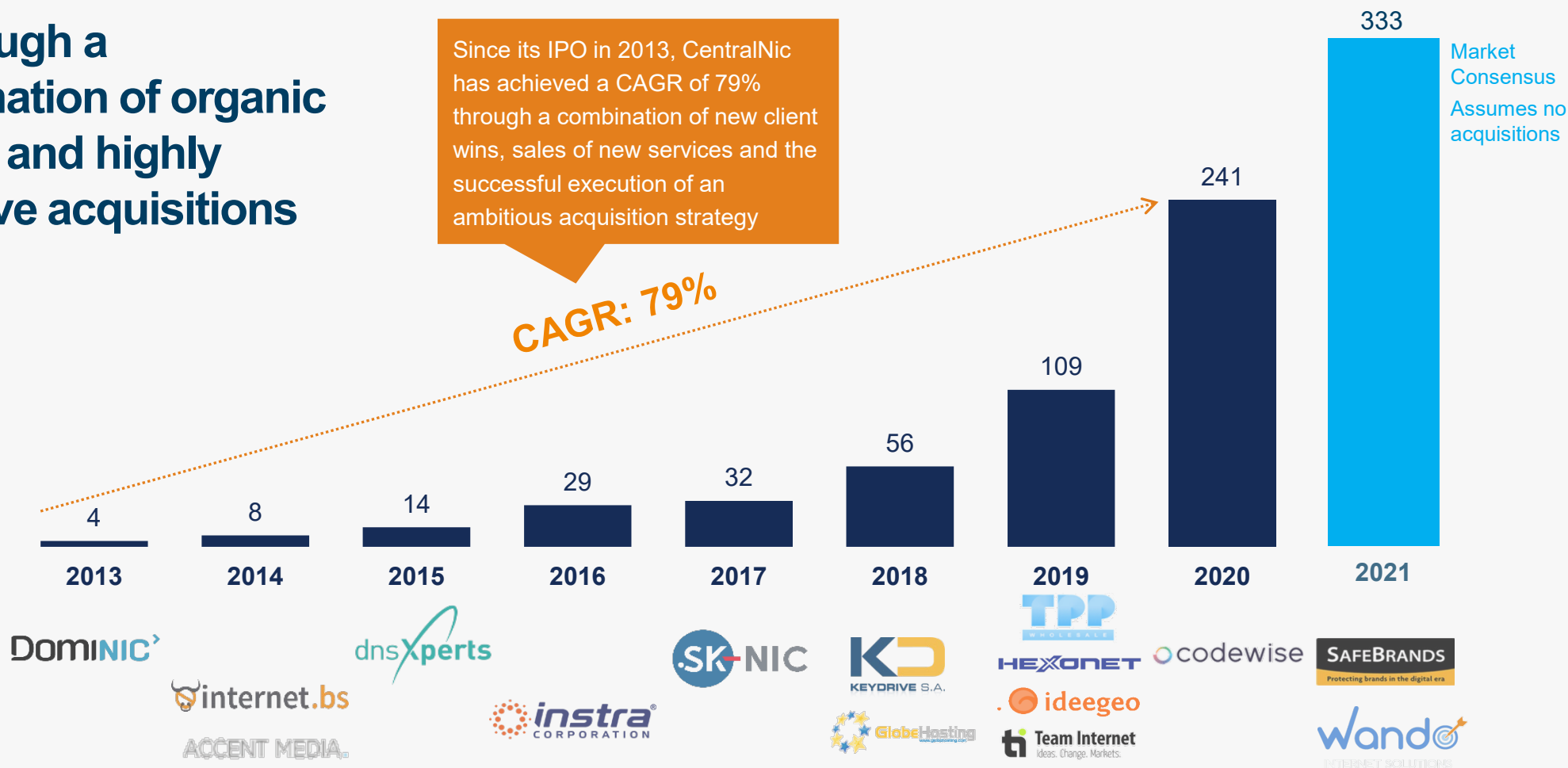
# CentralNic has achieved impressive growth since 2013

(\$, m)

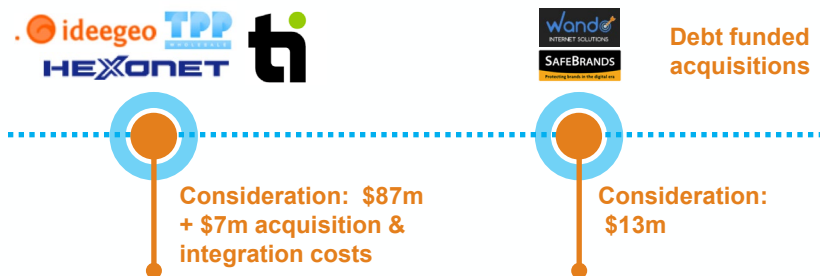
...Through a combination of organic growth and highly accretive acquisitions

Since its IPO in 2013, CentralNic has achieved a CAGR of 79% through a combination of new client wins, sales of new services and the successful execution of an ambitious acquisition strategy

CAGR: 79%



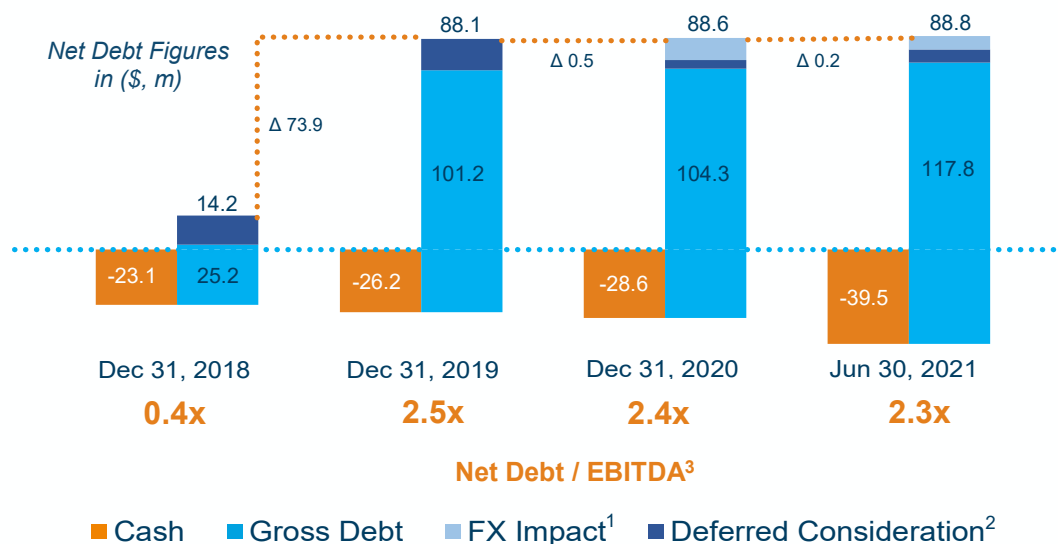
# Debt used only to finance acquisitions



No increase in Net Debt in H1 2020 despite USD 13m of acquisitions including deferred consideration

Deferred consideration always paid from operating cashflow

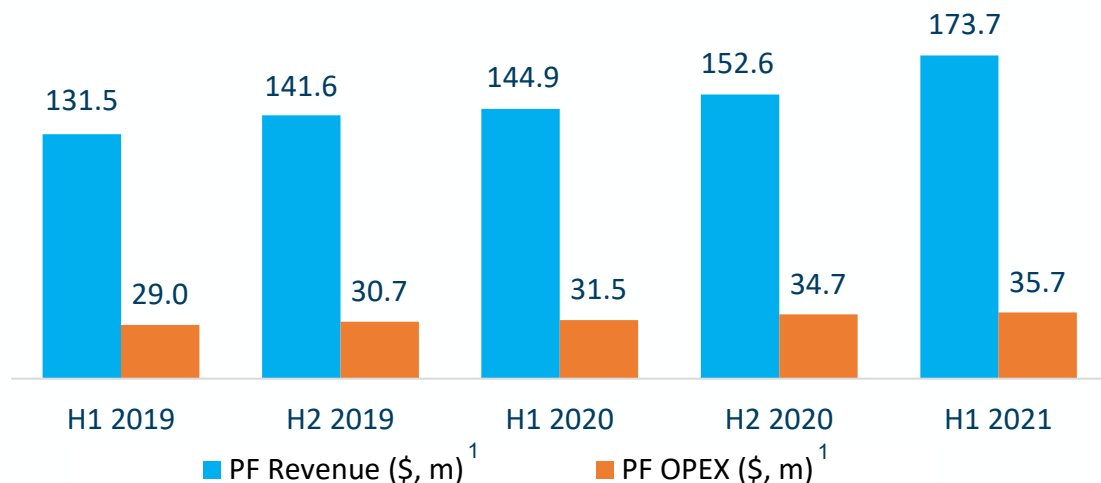
EUR hedge protects the company against future EUR appreciation or USD devaluation



Notes: (1) The bond is denominated in EUR, the fluctuations in EUR/USD FX rate in FY20 resulted in \$9m increase in Total Debt (2) Total Debt includes deferred consideration balances (3) Net Debt/EBITDA ratio is calculated as Total Debt – Cash Balance divided by annualized PF Adj. EBITDA



# A cash generation machine with great organic growth (cont.)

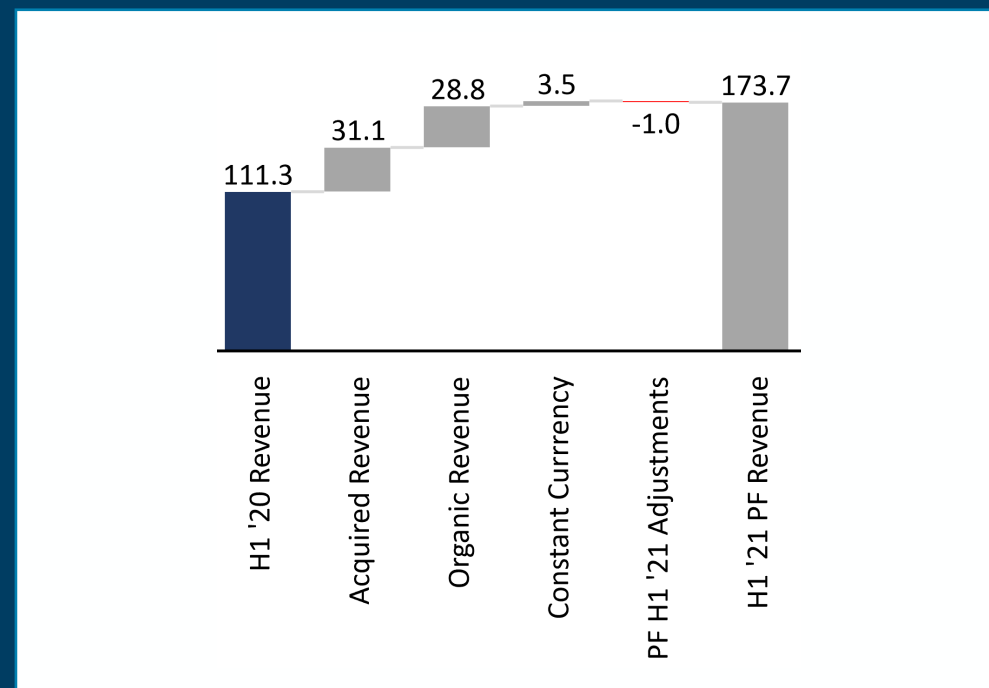


	H1 2020	H2 2020	H1 2021
Δ Revenue (y-o-y) (\$, m)	13.4	11.0	28.8
Revenue Growth (y-o-y) %	10.2%	7.8%	19.9%
Δ OPEX (y-o-y) (\$, m)	2.5	4.0	4.2

Notes: (1) Pro-Forma Revenue and OPEX

Organic growth has jumped from 10% in H1'20 to 20% in H1 '21 following a \$10 million investment in restructuring and new hires in 2020

## Reported H1 '20 Revenue to PF H1 '21 Revenue Bridge



Figures in (\$, m)