

# **Asia's Next-Generation Media Company**

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# We are Asia's next-generation media company,

built around a portfolio of trusted media brands and a suite of Al-powered advertising and dataanalytics solutions

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### Summary

- TNL Mediagene is a media, technology and digital studio company with data at its core
- Diverse, global customer base that wants to engage Asian millennial and Gen Z audiences
- \$60+ billion¹ serviceable, addressable market with strong offplatform, digital tailwinds
- Outstanding financial performance with accelerating growth, prudent cost-management and profit expansion
- What we've built is a scarce asset with a defensible moat (22 brands, 40+ million<sup>2</sup> monthly unique users, proprietary technology and data)
- We are in the early stages of our growth story with strong organic growth and a regional industry landscape that is fragmented and ripe for consolidation



Sources: <sup>1</sup> Company data and Google Analytics as of February 29, 2024. Company calculations based on US Census Bureau 2024 estimates, Pew Research Center for demographic data and Statista study for 2022 ad spending data published March 6, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Monthly unique users comprised of average monthly unique users of owned sites based on the most recent available Company data for the three months ended February 29, 2024.



### We are a Media, Digital and Technology Company with Data at its Core

TNL Mediagene Profile:

534

Content brands

175M+

22

Monthly digital footprint<sup>1</sup>

40M+

Monthly unique users<sup>2</sup>

\$45.2M

2023 pro forma revenue<sup>3</sup>

**Employees** 

850+

Customers

Global

Diverse customer base

Tokyo

Head office

Media & **Branded Content** 

Data

**Technology** 

**Digital Studio** 

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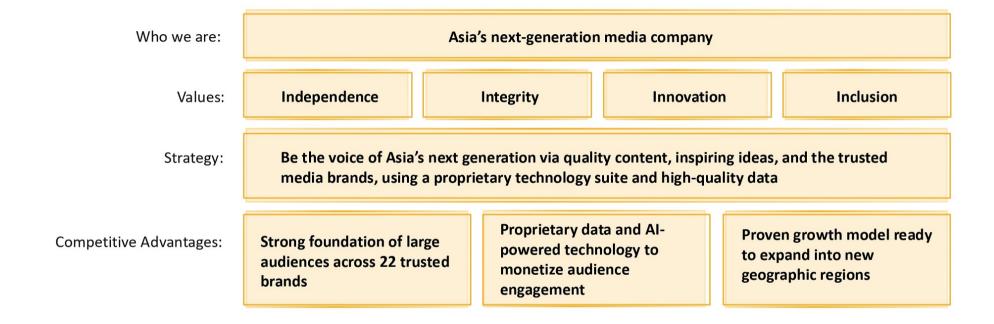
What We Do:



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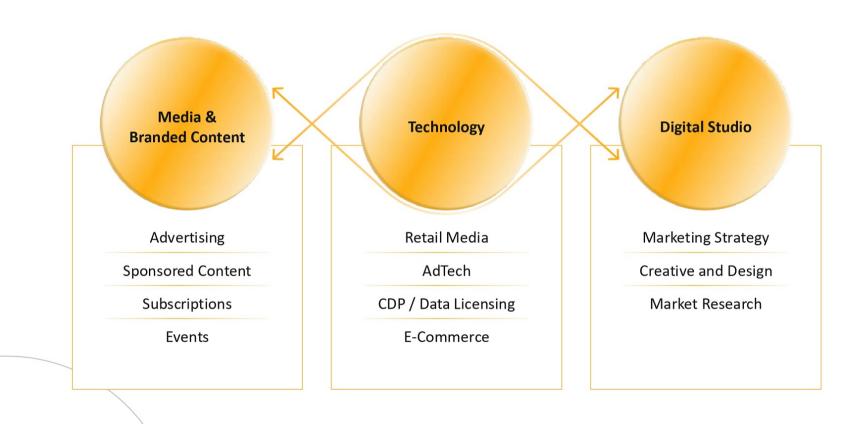
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> TNL acquired Mediagene on May 26, 2023. Pro forma revenue for 2023, including Mediagene's results from January 1, 2023 through May 25, 2023, was \$45.2 million. Unaudited revenue for 2023, excluding Mediagene's results from January through May 25, 2023, was \$35.8 million.

### Our Mission is to be The Trusted Voice for a Better Future



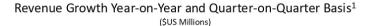


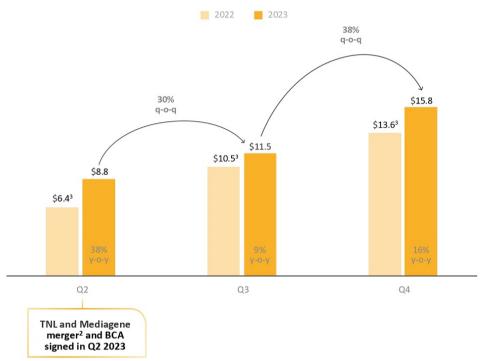
# We Generate Revenue from 11 Sources Across Three Interconnected Business Units





# Our Accelerating Growth Builds a Strong Foundation for a Public Launch . . .







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The merger between TNL and Mediagene closed on May 26, 2023.

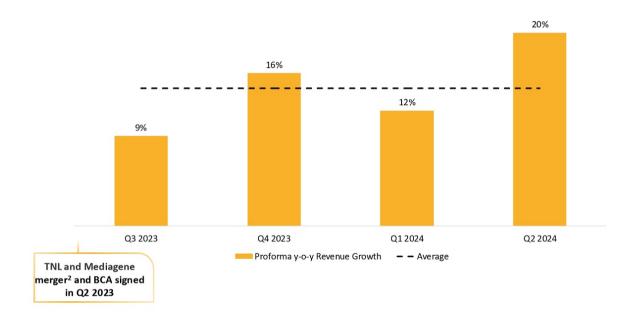
<sup>3</sup> All data prior to Q3 2023 are pro forma. Pro forma assumes that the company had been operating jointly in the period before its merger as presented in the chart above.





# ... And TNL Mediagene Has Consistently Executed Against its Goals Since its Merger

Year-on-year Revenue Growth<sup>1</sup>



Notes: <sup>1</sup> Unaudited figures as reported by TNL Mediagene management are for three-month periods ended each quarter compared with the same three-month period during the prior year. All data prior to Q3 2023 are proforma. Proforma assumes that the company had been operating jointly in the period before its merger as presented in the chart above. Results are displayed with constant currency exchange rates tomaintain year-on-year comparability. JPY:USD = 135:1. NTD:USD = 30.5:1.

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# ... and is Leading to Positive Adjusted EBITDA and Path Toward Long-Range Target Goals

	TNL Mediagene Summary Unaudited Income Statement						
	\$US in millions	2022	20231				
1	Net Revenue <sup>2</sup>	21.4	35.8				
2	Cost of Goods Sold <sup>2</sup>	-12.3	-23.2				
	Gross Profit	9.2	12.7				
	Gross Profit Margin %	43%	35%				

- TNL and Mediagene achieved approximately \$45.2m 4 in revenue on pro forma basis inclusive of Mediagene's results form January 1, 2023 through May 25th, 2023.
- We expect gross profit to improve as we achieve operational efficiencies and synergies from integration with Mediagene.
- We are planning for adjusted EBITDA profitability in 2H 2024 and for full-year 2025 based on our expected achievement of operational efficiencies and an increased scale.

In 2024, TNL Mediagene will begin to capitalize R&D costs incurred during prior years related to software development. Had it capitalized 25% of R&D costs in prior years, adjusted EBITDA would have been approximately \$0.1 million in 2022 and -\$0.3 million in 2023

#### Notes:

On a pro-forma basis for the entire fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, TNL Mediagene would have earned approximately \$45.2 million in revenue.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unaudited financial statements for 2023 are inclusive of the Mediagene acquisition that closed on May 26, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net revenue and cost of goods sold ("COGS") are unaudited figures. Net revenue excludes sales discounts and allowances.

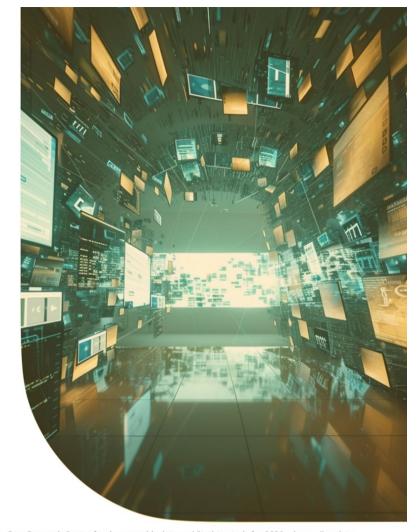
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Adjusted EBITDA figures for 2022 and 2023 are unaudited. In 2023 adjusted EBITDA excludes one-time transaction-related costs of approximately \$3.2 million incurred in connection with the acquisition of Mediagene and the Proposed Business Combination. 2022 Adjusted EBITDA figures have no exclusions of one-time transaction-related costs or any other adjustments from EBITDA.



### Asia's Next-Generation Media Company

### **Investment Highlights:**

- 40+ million¹ monthly unique users and 175+ million² monthly digital footprints
- 22 trusted, independent brands reaching audiences in 3 languages Japanese, Chinese <sup>3</sup>, and English
- Proprietary data and Al-powered technology designed to optimize audience monetization
- Loyal enterprise customers who want to engage Asian Millennial and Gen Z audiences
- \$61+ billion<sup>4</sup> serviceable addressable market with strong offplatform, digital tailwinds
- Strong financial performance with accelerating growth, prudent cost-management and profit expansion
- Capital-light growth strategy focused on high-quality revenue streams and attractive market segments



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Company estimates based on US Census, Pew Research Center for demographic data and Statista for 2022 ad spending data as of March 6, 2024.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Digital footprint comprised of average views during the three months ended February 29, 2024 across all owned and social media-based sites e.g., Facebook, YouTube.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> TNL Mediagene has no presence in mainland China. It serves Chinese language markets in Taiwan and throughout Southeast Asia.

# Thesis: We Believe Media is at a Secular Inflection Point, and We Are a Next-Gen Market Leader...

	Traditional	Digital	Next-Gen	Why We Believe Next-Gen Wins
Business Model	Ad-driven	Grow at all costs, monetize later	Diversified, sustainable growth	Diverse revenue sources and high-quality data and technology
Expense Profile	Heavy Capex	High CAC <sup>1</sup> , SEO <sup>2</sup>	Low CAC, SEO	Capital-light model is scalable across geographies and publications
Platform <sup>3</sup> Relationships	Competitive	Dependent	Adjacent	Advertisers seek off-platform media with good underlying data
Data Quality	Low	Medium	High	✓ Zero and first-party data native
Profitability	Profitable	High burn	Profitable	✓ Track record of sustainable growth and efficient capital allocation

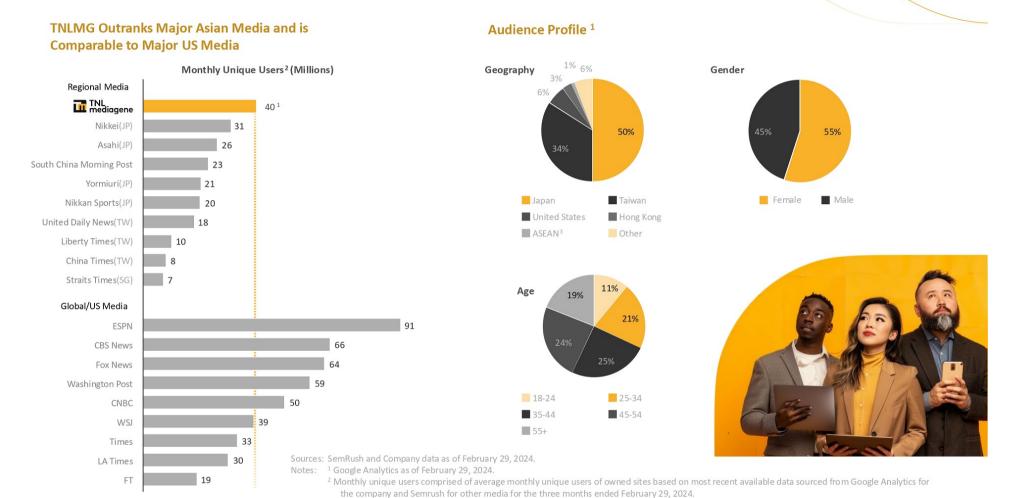
Notes: 1 CAC is customer acquisition cost.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Platform refers to social media and/or networking platforms (i.e. Facebook, YouTube, TikTok, or Instagram).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SEO is search engine optimization.

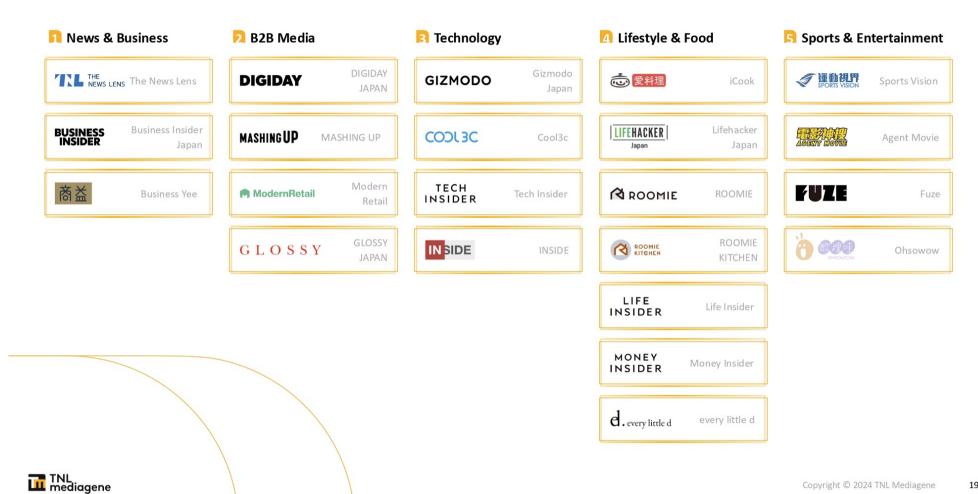
### ...With a Global Scale, a Diverse, Regional Audience...





<sup>3</sup> ASEAN refers to Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

# ...and 22 Media Brands Across Five Categories...



### ...and a Large, Prestigious Customer Base

Advertisers are global, regional, and diversified across sectors.

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amazon







Panasonic.

SONY







Google

















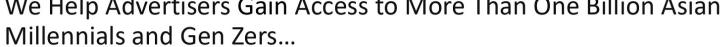


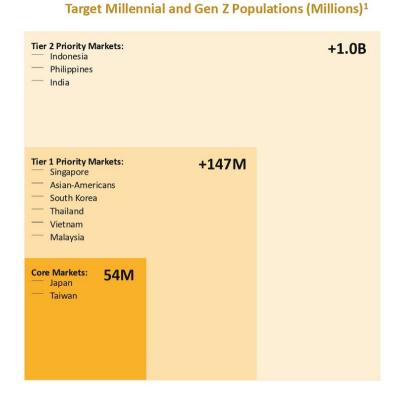


Notes: This list represents a subset of our broader client base since July 2021.



# We Help Advertisers Gain Access to More Than One Billion Asian





### Ad Spending (\$US)<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Statista for 2022 ad spending data as of March 6, 2024. The figure for Asian-American ad spending is based on the size of the \$US advertising market (\$368 billion) times the Asian-American share of the U.S. population of approximately 7.3%. Ad spending per Millennial and Gen Z assumes equal distribution of advertising dollars across population.



Notes: 1 The company defines "Millennial" as a person born 1980-1994 and "Gen Z" as a person born 1995-2014.

# ...and Unlock an Estimated \$61B Market

Country	Millennial + Gen Z Populations (	millions) x Ad Spend per Capita² (\$US	S) = SAM¹ (\$US billions)
Core Markets			
Japan	43.9	\$426	\$18.7
Taiwan	10.1	\$255	\$2.6
Tier 1 Priority Markets			
Singapore	3.0	\$459	\$1.4
Asian-American	13.8	\$1,109	\$15.3
South Korea	22.0	\$292	\$6.4
Thailand	31.5	\$64	\$2.0
Vietnam	56.8	\$22	\$1.2
Malaysia	19.5	\$45	\$0.9
Tier 2 Priority Markets			
ndonesia	152.7	\$22	\$3.4
Philippines	68.1	\$23	\$1.6
India	807.2	\$10	\$7.8
Total			\$61.3

Sources: Company calculations based on US Census Bureau 2024 estimates, Pew Research Center for demographic data and Statista study for 2022 ad spending data published March 6, 2024. Notes: 

<sup>1</sup> SAM is Serviceable Addressable Market.

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# Our Sustainable Growth is Led by a Seasoned Leadership Team...

Joey Chung Chief Executive Officer Co-Founder, Director



- Co-Founded The News Lens in 2013
- General Manager of Sanrio China
- Key Roles at UBS Equity Research

Motoko Imada President, COO

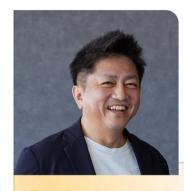


Jim Wu Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Director



- Global M&A at Yahoo!
- Chief Legal Officer at Openwave Systems Nasdaq: OPWV

Hiroyuki Terao Chief Financial Officer

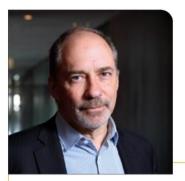


- CFO at Mediagene Inc.
- Certified public accountant



# ...And Supported by an Experienced Public Company Board

Marcus Brauchli
Director



- Chairman of the Board of Blue
  Ocean Nasdaq; BOCN
- Founder of North Base Media
- Executive Editor of Wall Street
  Journal and Washington Post

Takako Masai Director



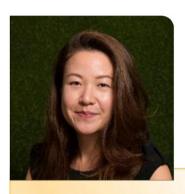
- Director and Chair at SBI Financial and Economic research Institute
- Director Japan Professional Football League
- Advisory board at SKBI financial institute, Singapore Management University
- Ex Policy Board of the Bank of Japan

Lauren Zalaznick Director



- Senior Advisor, BCG, Global
- Director, RTL Group; Chair,
  National CineMedia
- Former Director, GoPro, Nielsen Corporation, Penguin Random House, Shazam
- Former EVP, Comcast NBCUniversal

Priscilla Han Director

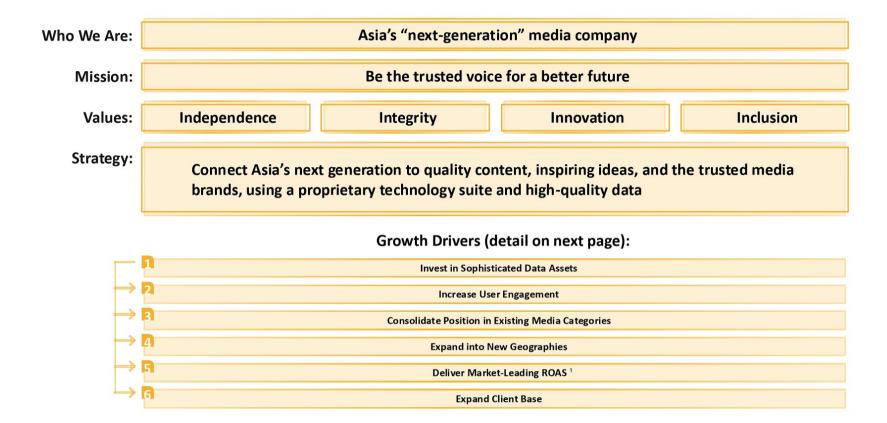


- Independent Director at Blue
  Ocean
  - Nasdaq: BOCN
- Chief Investment Officer at Reapra
- Corporate Finance at Deloitte





### Our Growth Strategy to Deliver our Long-Range Target Goals



Notes: 1 ROAS is Return on ad spend.



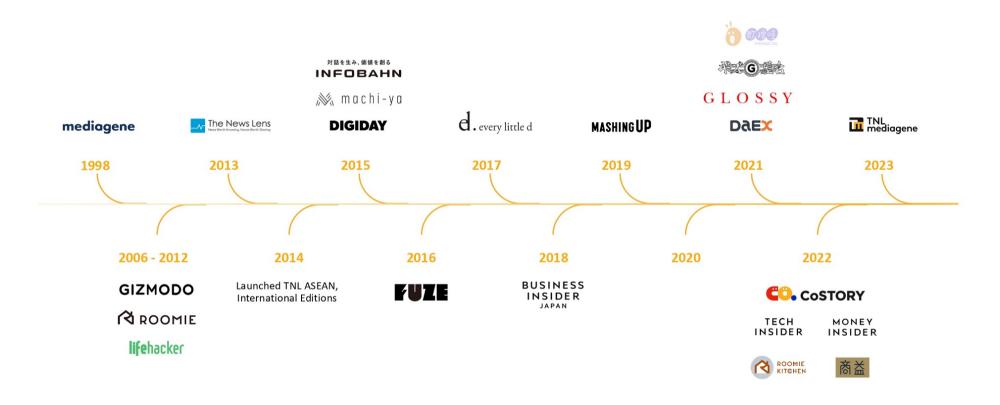
# Our Strategy Builds on Itself, Resulting in More Customers, Wallet Share

Growth Drivers	Key Activities
Invest in Sophisticated	Deploy AI and cookie-less technology to capture rich, behavioral data
Data Assets	Acquire retail purchasing data through partnerships
	Expand membership-based service offerings to increase first and zero-party data collection
Increase User	Leverage behavioral data to tailor content to users, increasing "stickiness"
Engagement	— Deploy interactive content that generates more behavioral data, creating a cycle that allows additional tailoring of content to user preferences to
	further increase engagement
Consolidate Position in	<ul> <li>Expand existing brands' coverage into new content categories based on insights from first and zero-party data</li> </ul>
Existing Media	Acquire media brands in new content categories in existing market
Expand into New	Bring existing brands into new geographies in East and Southeast Asia, excluding China
Geographies	<ul> <li>Acquire media brands in new geographies in East and Southeast Asia, excluding China</li> </ul>
	— Integrate new brands into proprietary technology platform, capturing high-quality data and creating new opportunities for customers
Deliver Market-leading	— Help create ROAS opportunities for customers by offering 1) high-quality data, 2) high-quality engagement, 3) new brands, and 4) new geographies,
ROAS	supported by proprietary technology and data
	<ul> <li>Maintain investments in proprietary content creation and data analytics technologies</li> </ul>
<b>Grow Client Base</b>	— Execute on steps 1-5 to deliver exceptional value to new and existing customers, creating opportunities for repeat business and wallet share
	Introduce our full suite of services to clients to create cross-sell opportunities
	<ul> <li>Leverage owned media assets, and proprietary, differentiated technology and data, to work with and attract business from</li> </ul>
	agencies



### We Develop Brands Organically to Expand Audiences for Our Customers

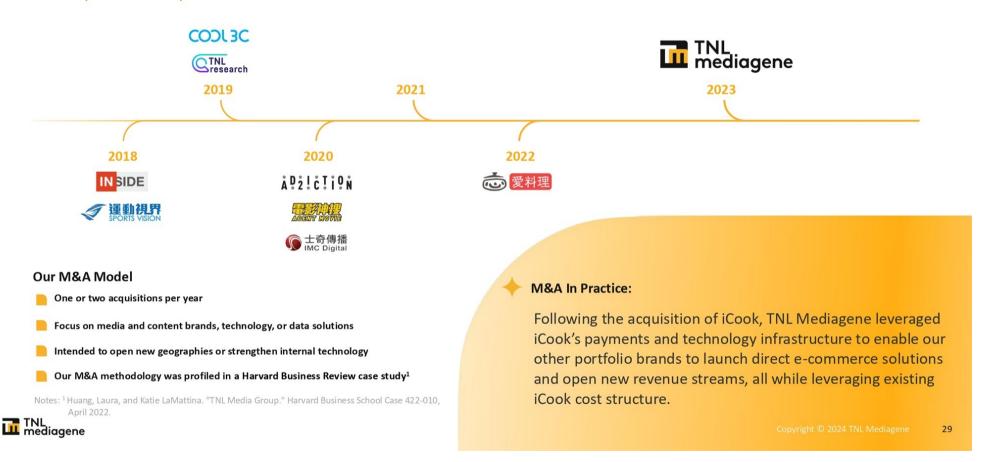
Our innovative publishing and creative teams have a long track record of creating and licensing new, sustainable brands





# We Will Opportunistically Acquire Media and Technology Companies to Enhance Growth

TNL Mediagene has integrated 9 acquisitions since 2018 and all founders of acquired companies have remained with us



# We Have A Robust Pipeline of Targets<sup>1</sup>

# The Asian digital media and technology market is fragmented and ripe for consolidation

Company	Geography	Description	Strategic Rationale
А	SE Asia	Independent digital media	Consolidate Position in Existing Media Categories  Expand into New Geographies
В	SE Asia	AI CDP	Invest in Sophisticated Data Assets Deliver Market-Leading ROAS
С	TW	AI CDP and data analytics	Invest in Sophisticated Data Assets Deliver Market-Leading ROAS
D	SE Asia	Financial Media, Data	Invest in Sophisticated Data Assets  Consolidate Position in Existing Media Categories
E	Pan-Asia	SaaS Ecommerce	Invest in Sophisticated Data Assets Increase User Engagement Grow Client Base

Notes: ¹ Companies A-E comprise a group of companies we have engaged in active conversation as of the date of this Presentation. This group is characteristic of the kinds of target companies we are interested in potentially acquiring, which range from \$5-30M in estimated revenue as of the date of this Presentation.





# Our Proprietary Technology Drives Advertising Performance for Customers in an Integrated Fashion

Proprietary Technology	Description
Content Management System	<ul> <li>Manages multi-media content across brands</li> <li>Assesses performance of each piece of content</li> <li>Optimizes content to improve audience reach and engagement</li> </ul>
Content Engagement Platform	<ul> <li>Identifies unique users and creates predictive audience profiles</li> <li>Analyzes data across types (e.g., zero, first and second-party) and brand sources</li> </ul>
Advertising Network	<ul> <li>Serves ads on owned mobile network, reaching a significant majority of mobile users in Taiwan</li> <li>Provides considerable ad impressions per dollar for customers</li> </ul>
Creative Content Application	<ul> <li>Enables no-code design and deployment of highly interactive ads</li> <li>Integrates seamlessly into owned Advertising Network</li> <li>Increases customer speed-to-market and ad performance</li> </ul>

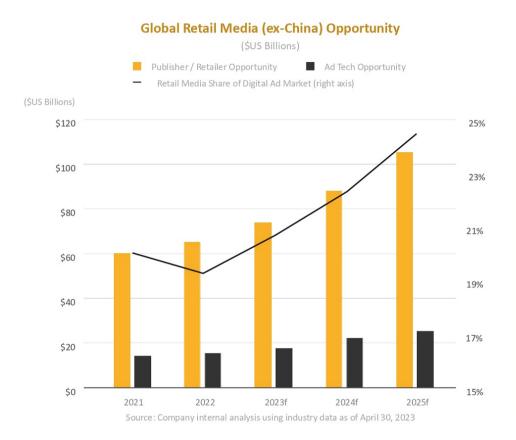


# We Already Have Put Al Into Action

Activity	Generates Revenue	Reduces Cost	Gains Competitive Advantage
Content Production and Management			
Al-assisted content generation	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Cross-border article syndication	$\checkmark$		
Video production	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Translation	$\checkmark$		
Survey/panel creation	<b>✓</b>		
Smart copy writing		$\checkmark$	
Engagement			
SEO optimization			<b>✓</b>
Audience targeting and ad placement	$\checkmark$		<b>✓</b>
Personalization and recommendation	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
Advanced Analytics			
Audience analytics			<b>✓</b>
Behavior analytics			<b>✓</b>
Predictive analytics			$\checkmark$



# Our Proprietary Technology Unlocks the Fast-Growing Retail Media Market

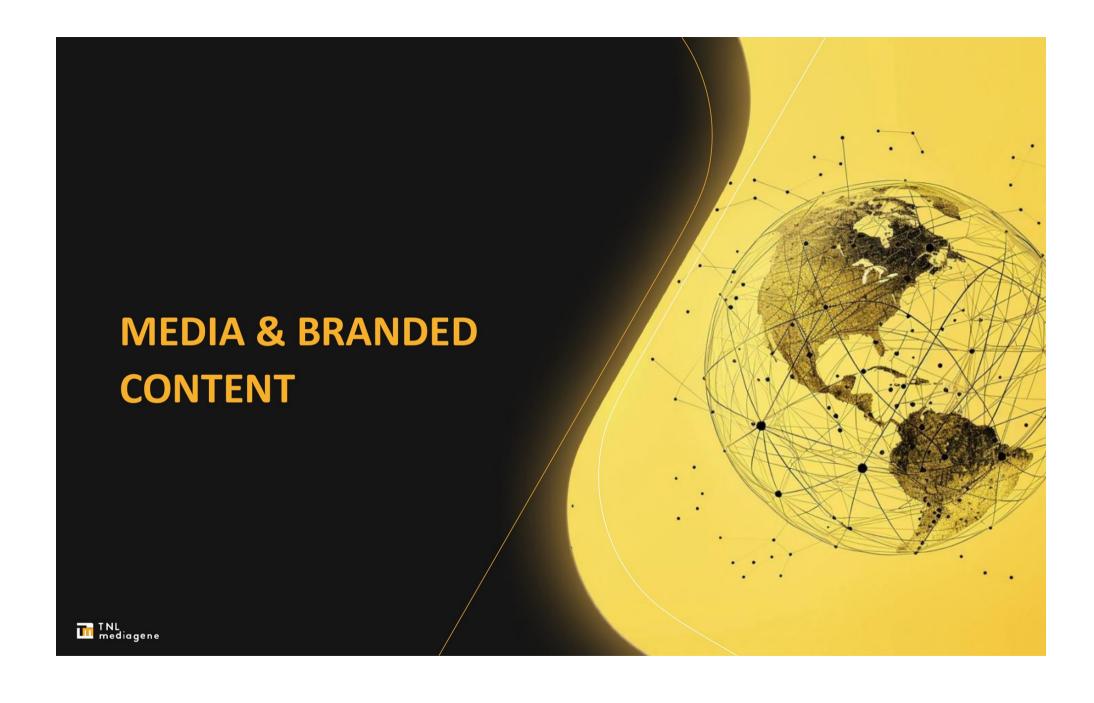


We participate in the retail media market through owned and licensed e-commerce platforms, sponsored content advertising, and strategic partnerships

### Partner Profile: 91APP

- 91APP is e-commerce software provider that integrates consumer online and offline shopping experience for retailers
- We enrich our proprietary ad network by integrating 91APP's retail data from more than 2,000 brands, creating a comprehensive retail media buying solution
- We overlay our proprietary creative ad application to increase retailer speed-to-market, ad performance and ultimately sales





# Our 22 Brands Contextually Engage High-Value Audiences Across Channels

40M+

Monthly unique users<sup>1</sup>

175M+

Monthly digital footprint<sup>2</sup>

12M+

4.5M+



Followers<sup>3</sup>

**f** Followers

500K+

850K+



**Followers** 

Source: Company data and Google Analytics as of February 29, 2024.

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Monthly unique users comprised of average monthly unique users of owned sites based on most recent available Company data for the three months ended February 29, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Digital footprint comprised of average monthly views based on most recently available Company data for the three months ended February 29, 2024.

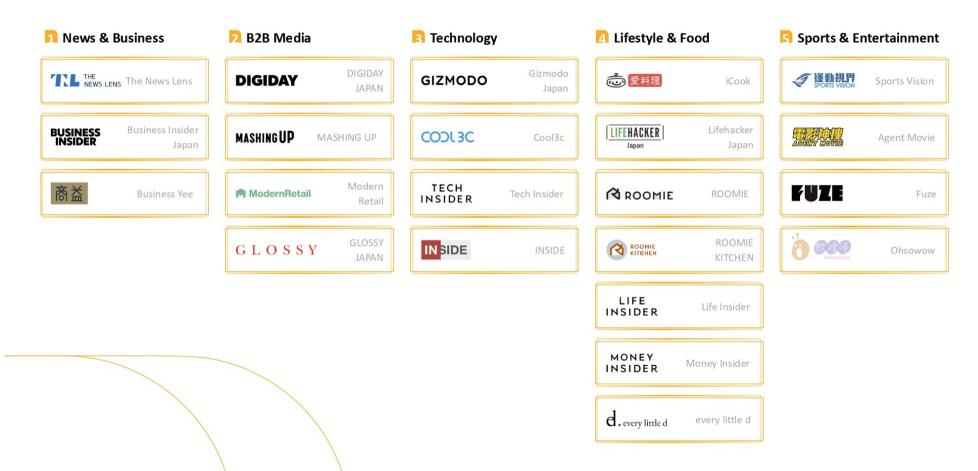
<sup>3</sup> Monthly unique users comprised of monthly average number of unique users of TNLMG owned brands' TikTok and YouTube pages based on most recent available Company data for the three months ended February 29, 2024.





# We Operate 22 Media Brands Across Five Categories

TNL mediagene



#### **News and Business Media**

BUSINESS INSIDER





TNL Mediagene is known for high-quality, non-partisan coverage and commentary on news and business issues of importance to readers in Japan and Taiwan.

Its flagship publication in Taiwan, **The News Lens**, delivers valuable articles and perspectives to readers in Taiwan, Hong Kong, East and Southeast Asian, and internationally.

**Business Insider Japan** delivers daily news and insight on business, the economy, finance, technology and politics. The content is both original and licensed and delivered in Japanese.

**Business Yee** is a specialized Chinese language business news site.



#### **Case Examples:**

#### **Driving Charitable Contributions**

- World Vision, a global non-profit, launched a sponsored campaign on The News Lens utilizing TNL Mediagene's proprietary data and internal creative teams to activate fundraising in Taiwan.
- The campaign successfully increased online donations in Taiwan.



#### **B2B** Media

**DIGIDAY** 

**MASHING UP** 



GLOSSY

TNL Mediagene publishes information for businesses through media verticals such as **DIGIDAY JAPAN**, the preeminent brand covering digital media and marketing in Japanese.

**GLOSSY JAPAN** explores the future of beauty and fashion industry while Modern Retail Japan specializes in content for the retail industries.

**MASHING UP** addresses social issues and offers ideas and approaches for businesses that want to improve diversity, inclusion and sustainability.



#### **Case Examples:**

#### **Building Communities Online and Offline**

- We use our B2B brands to build communities and to engage with leading industry partners.
- DIGIDAY brings numerous publishers, brand marketers, and their suppliers together through live events and online communities.
- MASHING UP regularly connects business leaders through live events and online communities to facilitate discussion about corporate governance, diversity, and sustainability.



# **Technology Media**

**GIZMODO** 

CODL3C

TECH INSIDER



TNL Mediagene's portfolio of tech-media brands offer reviews, breaking news, feature articles and widely watched videos about the latest trends in technology.

**Gizmodo Japan** and **Cool3c** both specialize in consumer technology reviews, giving Japanese and Chinese language audiences smart takes on the latest technologies and products.

**INSIDE** focuses on blockchain, startups, trends and news in the tech industry in Taiwan, home to some of the world's biggest technology companies.



#### **Case Examples:**

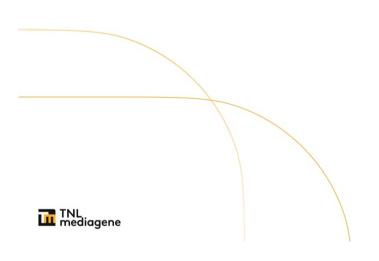
#### **Connecting Brands and Audiences**

- To promote the rapidly growing gaming sector, Dell partnered with Gizmodo to produce videos, sponsored content, and an online live event that drew a large audience to engage with Dell's gaming products.
- Gizmodo video coverage of the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas generated millions of video views, making it one of Japan's most widely watched online videos in January 2024.

# Lifestyle & Food Media



TNL Mediagene publishes a wide variety of lifestyle brands serving young audiences in its core markets with original articles, podcasts and videos on cooking and food, urban living, design and personal finance.





#### **Case Examples:**

#### **Integrating Owned Media with E-commerce**

- TNL Mediagene monetizes Lifestyle and Food media users beyond advertising with ecommerce.
- For example, we developed ROOMIE, a contentcommerce platform to market and sell products for urban living in Japan.
- Another example, when we acquired iCook in 2022, we successfully embedded our ecommerce technology to more closely engage with its users.

# Sports & Entertainment









TNL Mediagene brings readers, viewers, and listeners coverage of sports and film and television entertainment in Taiwan, as well as coverage of cultural trends in Japan.

Its specialized entertainment site **Agent Movie** features widely read Chinese language columnists writing on film and television, including reviews and interviews.

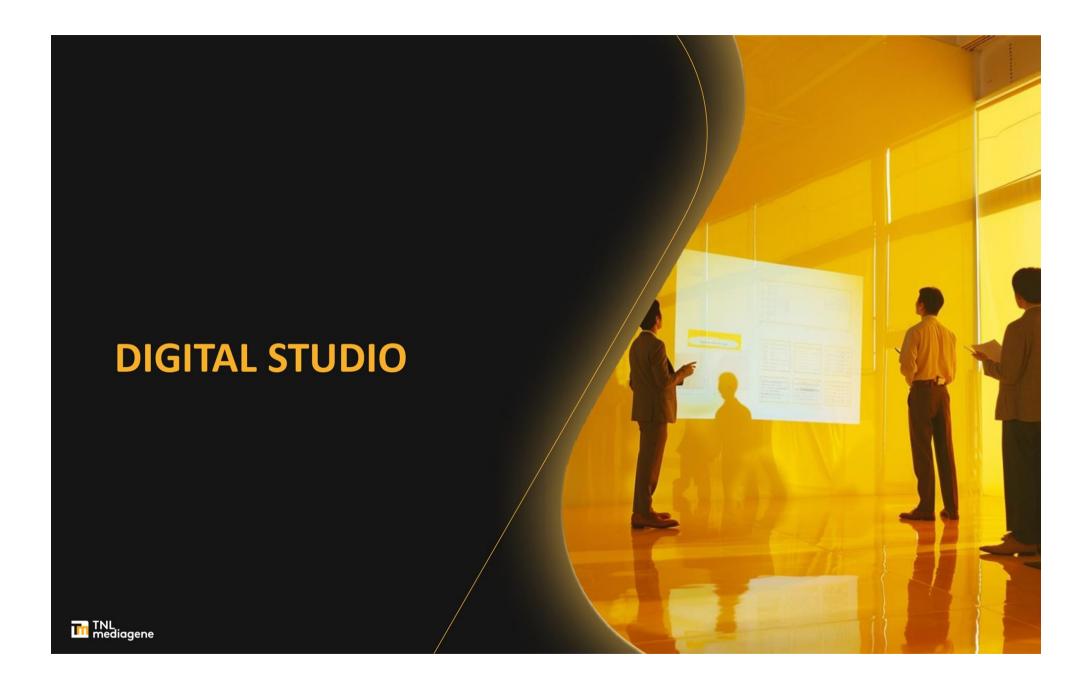




#### **Case Example:**

#### **Expanding Audiences**

- Adidas partnered with TNL Mediagene's digital studio, and leveraged our broader data analytics capabilities, to launch an interactive campaign about running that successfully connected with potential customers in Taiwan.
- As a result of the successful campaign, Adidas partnered with TNL Mediagene on additional shoe models.



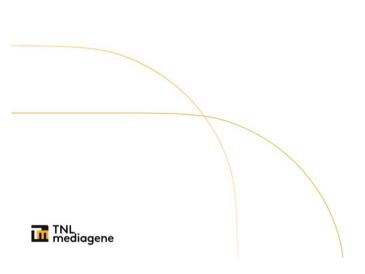
# **Digital Studio**







TNL Mediagene's integrated digital studios and market research teams offer a comprehensive suite of strategic, creative design, research and communication services that help brands with community building and audience engagement and outreach.





#### **Case Example:**

**Promoting International Tourism** 

- IMC Digital helped the Taiwanese Ministry of
  Transportation and Communications develop an
  interactive website designed to attract more international
  tourists to visit Taiwan.
- The website and its short video content gained millions of international views.

# **Digital Studio**



#### **Case Example:**

#### **Driving Long-term Customer Engagement**

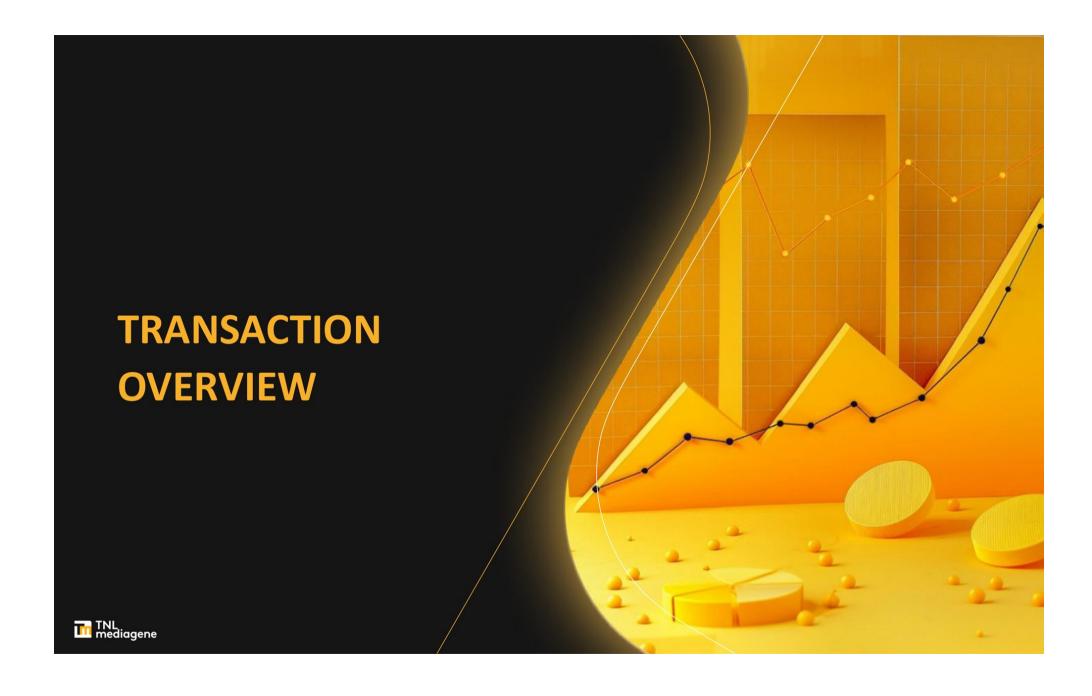
- In 2018 INFOBAHN began a long-term engagement to manage content marketing for Nichirei, one of Japan's largest food brands.
- INFOBAHN developed innovative digital content marketing, engaging tools and an offline book to engage diverse audiences.
- Since partnering with INFOBAHN, viewership increased significantly and the site has won numerous awards.

#### **Case Example:**

#### **Building Awareness for New Audiences**

- Nichirei also engaged INFOBAHN to help bring existing products to new audiences.
- For example, Nichirei's buyers of its popular fried chicken product were primarily female heads of households. To reach a younger audience, Nichieri launched an interactive campaign that encouraged users to solve mysteries to receive participation rewards. The campaign engaged users in an "online" world and on social media utilizing key products.
- Following this interactive campaign, the participation rate of the target demographic increased significantly.





# Strategic Investment and Long-term Sponsor Commitment

- Blue Ocean (NASDAQ: BOCN) is a publicly listed special purpose acquisition company with ~\$21 million cash in trust¹
- TNL Mediagene has agreed to combine with Blue Ocean²
  - TNL Mediagene has a pre-money enterprise value of \$275 million <sup>3</sup>
  - We intend to raise \$35+ million from PIPE financing and cash from trust 4
  - When the transaction closes, TNL Mediagene expects to have ~\$20m in new cash, after transaction expenses and before paying down any debt
- Blue Ocean is committed to the company's long-term success
  - The combined business entity will issue Blue Ocean Sponsor LLC ("Blue Ocean Sponsor") 50% (the "First Tranche") of Blue Ocean Sponsor's entitled shares 18 months after the closing of the Proposed Business Combination and the remaining 50% (the "Second Tranche") will be issued at the earlier of (i) a change of control of TNL Mediagene's parent company, The News Lens Co.,Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company ("TNL"); (ii) TNL and TNL Mediagene's reported revenues during any trailing twelve-month period meeting or exceeding \$77,500,000 in aggregate (inclusive of any and all acquisitions consummated by the Company after the closing of the Proposed Business Combination); or (iii) 36 months after the closing of the Proposed Business Combination.
  - Blue Ocean's deferment of its shares is longer than market norms, reflecting its long-term commitment to the Proposed Business Combination

#### Proceeds

To be used for select M&A transactions, repayment of some debt, and general corporate purposes

Subject to further discussion and ongoing negotiation of definitive documentation related to the Proposed Business Combination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Actual results may differ. As of June 30, 2024, Blue Ocean's public shareholders held approximately \$20.8 million worth of ordinary shares. Based on market conditions as of the date of this Presentation, SPAC redemptions may be relatively high. As of September 2024, only preliminary discussions under NDA have taken place related to PIPE financings with potential investors.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figure as of June 30, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Merger Agreement filed with the SEC on Form 8-K on June 6, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Figure represents valuation of the Company on June 6, 2023.

### Illustrative Sources and Uses 1

## TNL Mediagene's pro forma enterprise value is \$290 million

Sources:	\$us M
PIPE & Public Shareholders	35.0 <sup>2</sup>
TNL + Mediagene Group Rollover Equity	260.0 <sup>2</sup>
Blue Ocean Sponsor Shares	-
Total Sources	\$295.0
Uses:	

Total Uses	\$295.0
Blue Ocean Sponsor Promote	-
TNL + Mediagene Group Rollover Equity	260.0
stimated Transaction Expenses	15.0 <sup>1</sup>
Existing Debt Paydown	4.0
hareholder Liquidity	
Net Cash To Balance Sheet	16.0
Uses:	

The combined business will issue Blue Ocean Sponsor the First Tranche of Blue Ocean Sponsor's entitled shares 18 months after the closing of the Proposed Business Combination and the Second Tranche will be issued at the earlier of (i) a change of control of TNL; (ii) TNL and TNL Mediagene's reported revenues during any trailing twelve-month period meeting or exceeding \$77,500,000 in aggregate (inclusive of any and all acquisitions consummated by the Company after the closing of the Proposed Business Combination); or (iii) 36 months after the closing of the Proposed Business Combination.

- BOCN's deferment of its shares and lock-up period is longer than market norms, reflecting Blue Ocean's long-term commitment to the Proposed Business Combination.
- Blue Ocean will have one Board seat.

Note: 1 Actual results may differ.

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# Illustrative Ownership<sup>1</sup>



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Note: 1 Actual results may differ.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This assumes that Blue Ocean receives the Second Tranche following the issuance of the First Tranche.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Figure derived from \$275M valuation of the Company on June 6, 2023 minus \$15M of debt expected to be incurred by the Company through the close of the Proposed Business Combination

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# **FINANCIAL APPENDIX** TNL mediagene

# **Unaudited Income Statement**

TNL Mediagene Unaudited Income Statement			
\$US Millions	2022	2023 <sup>1</sup>	
Net Revenue <sup>2</sup>	21.4	35.8	
Cost of Goods Sold	-12.3	-23.2	
Gross Profit Gross Profit Margin %	9.2 43%	12.7 35%	
Operating Expenses:			
SG&A	-8.7	-16.6	
R&D	-2.5	-3.1	
Operating Profit  Operating Profit Margin %	-2.0 -9%	-7.1 -20%	
Non-operating Income (Expense)	-8.2	5.3	
Profit (Loss) Before Tax	-10.2	-1.8	
Income Tax Expense	0.2	0.6	
Profit After Tax After Tax Profit Margin %	-10.0 -47%	-1.2 -3%	

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation	2022	2023
Operating Profit	-2.0	-7.1
Add backs:		
+ D & A Expenses	1.5	2.8
+ De-SPAC Transaction Expenses	-	3.2
= Adjusted EBITDA <sup>3</sup>	-0.5	-1.1
Adjusted EBITDA Margin %	-2.3%	-3.0%



Notes: 1 Unaudited financial statements for 2023 is inclusive of the Mediagene acquisition closed on May 26, 2023. Pro forma revenue for 2023, including Mediagene's results from January 1, 2023 through May 25, 2023, was \$45.2 million. Unaudited revenue, excluding Mediagene's results from January through May 25, 2023, was \$35.8 million.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net revenue and COGS are unaudited figures. Net revenue excludes sales discounts and allowances.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Adjusted EBITDA figures for 2022 and 2023 are unaudited. In 2023 adjusted EBITDA excludes one-time transaction-related costs of approximately \$3.2 million incurred in connection with the acquisition of Mediagene and the Proposed Business Combination. 2022 Adjusted EBITDA figures have no exclusions of one-time transaction-related costs or any other adjustments from EBITDA. In 2024, TNL Mediagene will begin to capitalize R&D costs incurred during prior years related to software development. Had it capitalized 25% of R&D costs in prior years, adjusted EBITDA would have been approximately \$0.1 million in 2022 and approximately -\$0.3 million in 2023.

#### Certain Risks Applicable to the Company and the Proposed Business Combination

The risks described below and those set forth in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in Blue Ocean's Annual Report, and in those documents that Blue Ocean or TNL Mediagene will filed with the SEC are not the only ones Blue Ocean and TNL Mediagene face. Additional risks that are currently known or that are currently believed to be immaterial may also impair the business, financial condition, or results of operations. You should review the Presentation and perform your own due diligence prior to making an investment.

- TNL Mediagene derives a significant portion of its revenue from its relationships with the businesses to whom it provides digital media content and related advertising technology and data analytics services, including advertising and consumer data-related services, marketing services and other services.
- The market for digital advertising for brands is continuously and rapidly evolving. If this market develops more slowly or differently than we expect, or we fail to respond successfully to changes in the market, our business, growth prospects and financial condition could be adversely affected.
- Changes to TNL Mediagene's existing content and services could fail to attract users and advertisers or fail to generate revenue.
- TNL and Mediagene merged in May 2023 to form TNL Mediagene. TNL Mediagene may not be able to successfully integrate with the businesses and may continue to incur significant costs to integrate with and support Mediagene. TNL Mediagene also may not realize the anticipated benefits of the merger because of difficulties related to the integration, the achievement of such synergies, and other challenges faced by TNL Mediagene.
- The loss of key personnel, or our failure to attract and retain other highly qualified personnel in the future, could harm the business.
- Failure to comply with laws and regulations with respect to privacy, data protection and consumer marketing practices, could adversely affect the business.
- The use of Al tools in the business may cause TNL Mediagene brand or reputational harm, competitive harm, or legal liability.
- TNL Mediagene's business relies on certain trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property rights that are licensed from third-party licensors. TNL Mediagene does not control these rights and any loss of our rights to them could materially adversely affect its business.
- · Use of third-party content creators and social media influencers may materially and adversely affect TNL Mediagene's reputation.
- TNL Mediagene depends on Amazon Web Services ("AWS") for the vast majority of its compute, storage, data transfer and other services. Any disruption of, degradation in or interference with its use of AWS could negatively affect its operations and harm its business, revenue and financial results.
- TNL Mediagene's business is subject to complex and evolving laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which we operate, primarily Japan and Taiwan. These laws and regulations are subject to change and uncertain interpretation, and could result in claims, changes to its business practices, monetary penalties, temporary or permanent restraining orders and injunctions, increased cost of operations or declines in user growth and engagement with its brands and content, or otherwise harm its business.
- Blue Ocean may not be able to complete the Business Combination or any other business combination within the prescribed timeframe, in which case Blue Ocean would cease all operations, except for the purpose of winding up, and Blue Ocean would redeem the Blue Ocean Class A ordinary shares and liquidate.
- Blue Ocean and TNL Mediagene will incur significant transaction and transition costs in connection with the Proposed Business Combination.
- The announcement of the Proposed Business Combination could disrupt TNL Mediagene's relationships with its suppliers, business partners and others, as well as its operating results and business generally.
- The Proposed Business Combination is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions, which may not be satisfied or waived on a timely basis, if at all.



