## NOVABASE

# NEXT-GEN IT SERVICES COMPANY

# 1H24 CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

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### 1H24 Outlook



Chairman and CEO

#### Message from Luís Paulo Salvado

"Novabase's results for the first half of 2024 reveal the continued execution of our strategy under current market conditions: Revenue grew by 1%, EBITDA by 5%, and Net Income from continuing operations by 16%.

In the Next-Gen segment, where international activity accounts for more than 70% of the business, EBITDA increased by 8%, reaching double-digit profitability. The number of employees grew by 1%, in line with revenue, and the attrition rate decreased to below 11%, an improvement compared to previous periods. This resulted from a more competitive value proposition for talent and a macroeconomic context more favourable for retention.

The first half was also marked by the dividend payment of €1.79 per share, with 80% of shareholders opting to receive shares

of the company. Consequently, of the €46m distributed, €38m was reinvested in the capital increase, bringing the Net Cash position to €59m. Notably, the total shareholder return during this period was 35%, compared to -6% for the PSI All-Share index and 20% for the EuroStoxx Technology index.

Despite the uncertainty that persists for the rest of the year, we will maintain our strategic course. We thank our teams for their work, trusting in their ability to overcome future challenges."

#### Novabase in the News<sup>1</sup>

- Most Valuable Brand in the Technology & Software sector | Novabase was considered the most valuable portuguese brand in the Technology & Software sector and one of the Top100, according to Brand Value study conducted by the consultancy OnStrategy.
- Award at FutureNet World 2024 | Celfocus won the Operator Award at FutureNet World for its Cognitive Intelligence & Automation Solution (CIAS) for Global NOC in collaboration with Vodafone.
- Merit Awards for Telecom | Celfocus has secured the Gold medal in three prestigious categories at the Merit Awards for Telecom. The Awards recognises Celfocus' outstanding contributions to the telecom industry alongside its clients, Vodafone and Eutelsat OneWeb.
- Catalyst Awards at the DTW24 | Celfocus won four prestigious Catalyst Awards at the DTW24 Ignite event, held in Copenhagen. Recognised for their innovation and collaboration, Celfocus' projects tackled critical industry challenges, showcasing cutting-edge solutions.
- Talent Acquisition initiatives | Celfocus hosted another edition of "Celfocus Insider", an open day initiative specially designed for university students, in collaboration with IST<sup>2</sup>, offering them an immersive experience within our offices and team.
- Partnership with Technovation Girls Portugal | Celfocus sponsored, mentored and trained 9 teams of girls, aged 8 to 18. This program aims to inspire and empower young girls in STEM<sup>3</sup> fields, contributing to create a responsible, inclusive, and diverse community.
- New Corporate Bodies | Novabase's corporate bodies were elected for the 2024-2026 term, with a Board of Directors led by Luís Salvado.
- Novabase paid €1.79 per share | Distribution of profits and free reserves in cash, included the option, on the part of shareholders, to alternatively allocate shares of the same category to be issued by Novabase for this purpose.
- Novabase increased its capital by €38.0m | Novabase concluded its share capital increase by issuing 9,234,565 new shares to be allocated to shareholders who opted to receive the dividend in kind. New shares entered the stock exchange on 28 June.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Until this presentation date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> University of Lisbon's Instituto Superior Técnico.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

## Financial Highlights



1H24 Performance

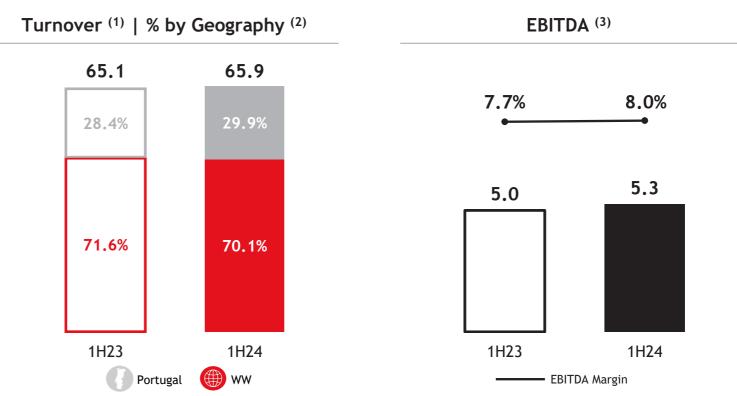
#### Stable 1H with improved profitability

Turnover and EBITDA do not include the *IT Staffing* Business (Value Portfolio), discontinued in 4Q23, for all periods in this presentation.

- Turnover grew 1% YoY
- 70% of Next-Gen's Turnover is generated outside Portugal
- Europe & Middle East target markets account for 96% of NG's International Ops.
- Top Tier clients Revenues grew 2% YoY
- EBITDA increased 5% YoY, with Next-Gen showing a two-digit profitability
- Net Profit from continuing operations of €2.5m, +16% YoY
- Solid Net Cash position of €59.3m, after €1.79/share payment
- Talent Pool of 1333 employees
- Total Shareholder Return of 35%

# Turnover & EBITDA

## Turnover grew 1% YoY and EBITDA increased 5% YoY

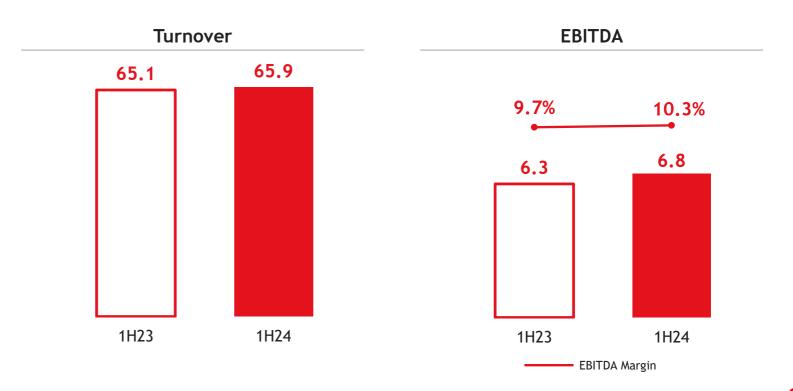


- (1) 100% of Turnover refers to Next-Gen in both periods.
- (2) Turnover by Geography is computed based on the location of the client's decision centre.
- (3) Includes Value Portfolio EBITDA of -€1.5m in 1H24 (-€1.3m in 1H23), almost entirely related to central structure costs.



**Next-Gen Segment** 

## Next-Gen Turnover grew organically 1% YoY with EBITDA reaching double-digit profitability





**Next-Gen Segment** 

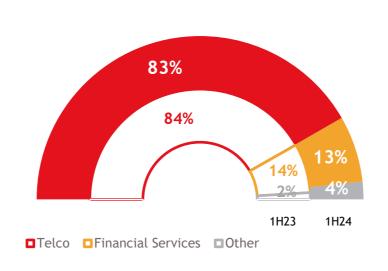
## International Ops. represent 70% of Next-Gen's Turnover

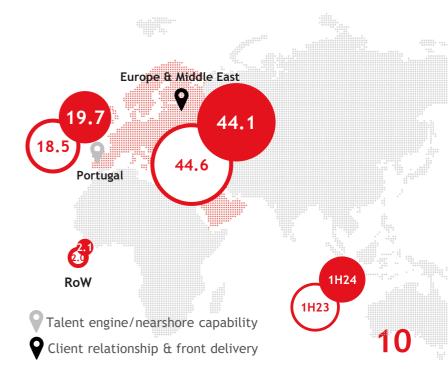
Multi-industry approach results emerging, but still Telco dominance.

Europe & Middle East totalled 96% of Next-Gen's international Revenues, in line with the strategic focus.

#### Revenue by Industry (%)

#### Revenue by Geography





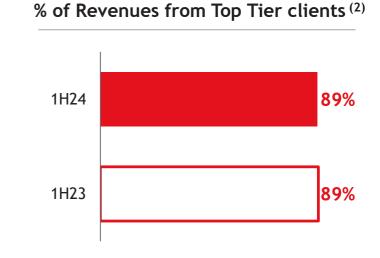


**Next-Gen Segment** 

#### Top Tier clients Revenues grew 2% YoY

The client base <sup>(1)</sup> expanded by 6% YoY.





Total number of clients in 1H24 increased to 111 (105 in 1H23).

- (1) Client is defined as the decision-making client.
- (2) Top Tier clients (>1 M€) considers the Trailing 12 Months.



EBITDA to Net Profit

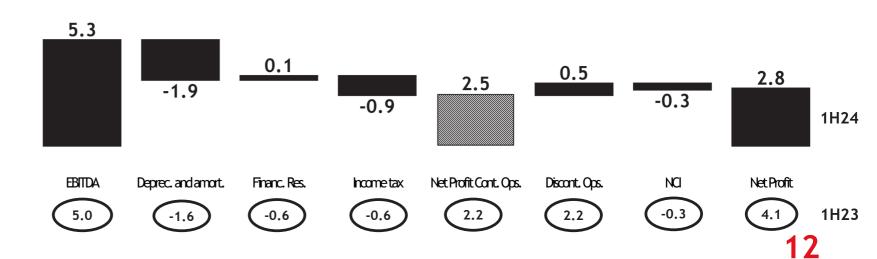
## Net Profit from continuing operations of €2.5m, +16% YoY...

... as a result of higher EBITDA, partially offset by higher D&A and Income tax, and improved Financial Results.

Net Profit stood at €2.8m, -32% YoY, due to the divestiture in 2023 of the Neotalent business, the results of which are presented in Discontinued Operations. A capital gain adjustment of €0.4m was recorded in 1H24, following the final determination of price clauses provided for in the Agreement.

Total EPS was €0.10 (€0.15 in 1H23).

#### **EBITDA to Net Profit**



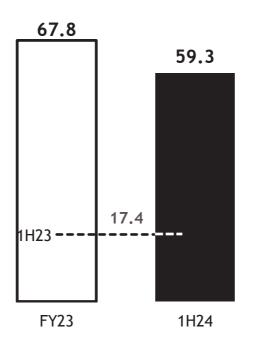


**Net Cash** 

#### Solid Net Cash position of €59.3m...

... after €1.79/share payment, where the distribution in kind, at the option of the shareholders, allowed for a reinforcement of capitalization.

#### Net Cash



Cash use of €0.2m in 1H24, excluding the €46.3m cash outflow from shareholder remuneration and the €38.0m cash inflow from share capital increase.

Considering the last 12 months, noteworthy is the €51.1m cash inflow from *IT Staffing* Business disposal in 2H23.

€2.5m of Net Cash refers to Non-Controlling Interests (Vs. €3.3m in FY23).



**Talent** 

#### Talent Pool of 1333 employees

#### Average number of Employees



Talent pool increased 1% YoY (1317 in 1H23).

TTM attrition rate <sup>(2)</sup> of Next-Gen dropped to 10.7% (14.4% in 1H23 and 11.2% in FY23), in a downward trend since 2H22, as a result of proactive management of our pool and evolving market context.

- (1) Excludes IT Staffing representing 843 employees in 1H23.
- (2) Determined by the formula: number of leaves at the employee's initiative 

  → average number of employees, for the Trailing 12 Months.



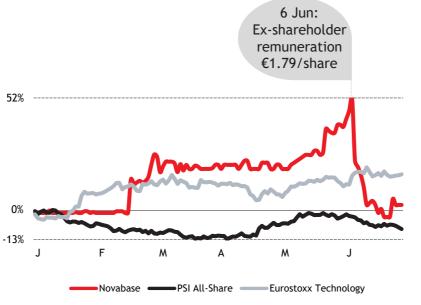
Stock Market

#### **TSR of 35%**

NBA total shareholder remuneration increased 35% in 1H24, whilst the EuroStoxx Technology Index gross return increased 20% and the PSI All-Share Index gross return decreased 6% (in price returns, +3%, +17%, and -9%, respectively).

The sale of *IT Staffing* Business in late 2023 enabled additional shareholders' remuneration, and in 1H24 Novabase paid €1.79/share, where shareholders were given the possibility to alternatively opt for the allotment of shares of the same class to be issued for this purpose.

#### Novabase and the Market



(1) The capital increase was subscribed by shareholders holding shares representing around 80% of the share capital entitled to the dividend. As a result of the cash contributions made by Novabase's shareholders who opted to receive the dividend in kind, the amount of the share capital increase was €38.0m, corresponding to the issue of 9,234,565 new shares <sup>(1)</sup>.

New shares were admitted to trading on the Euronext Lisbon regulated market from 28 June (inclusive).

No transactions of own shares took place during 1H24. At 30 June 2024, Novabase holds 658,461 own shares (1.84% of its share capital).

Market Cap at the end of 1H24 is €196.7m, with a ttm Price to Sales of 1.47x.

### **APMs**



In compliance with ESMA guidelines

#### **Alternative Performance Measures**

APMs used by Novabase in this presentation are: EBITDA and Net Cash.

EBITDA allows to evaluate the profitability of the business and the company's capacity to generate resources through its operating activities. EBITDA is defined as operating profit excluding depreciation and amortisation and (if any) non-operating costs (e.g. restructuring costs). "Operating Profit" is simultaneously the item of the consolidated income statement, which is an integral part of this Report, more directly reconcilable and more relevant to this APM.

Net Cash provides information on the level of cash and other bank deposits and marketable securities, after discounting the debts to financial institutions, assisting in the analysis of the company's liquidity and its ability to meet non-bank commitments. "Cash and cash equivalents" is simultaneously the item of the consolidated statement of financial position more directly reconcilable and more relevant to this APM.

The detail and breakdown of Net Cash, as well as the reconciliation in 1H24 and prior period, is analysed in the table below.

	FY23	1H24
Cash and cash equivalents	80,314	68,487
Treasury shares held by the Company (1)	3,529	3,622
Bank borrowings - Non-Current	(8,587)	(7,449)
Bank borrowings - Current	(7,475)	(5,376)
Net Cash (Euro thousands)	67,781	59,284

	FY23	1H24
Treasury shares held by the Company	658,461	658,461
Closing price @ last tradable day (€)	5.360	5.500
Treasury shares held by the Company (Euro thousands)	3,529	3,622

<sup>(1)</sup> Determined by multiplying the number of treasury shares held by the Company at the end of the period by the share price on the last tradable day.

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#### Company Information

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#### Next Events

2024 Full Year Results (tbd)

## NOVABASE

#### Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024

#### Consolidated Income Statement for the period of 6 months ended 30 June 2024

	30.06.24	31.12.23		30.06.24	30.06.23 (*)	Var. %
	(Thousands	of Euros)		(Thousands		
ASSETS			CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Tangible assets	1,220	1,391	Operating income	<b></b>	45.405	
Intangible assets	10,177	9,264	Services rendered	65,896	65,135	
Right-of-use assets	10,263	11,390	Supplementary income and subsidies	848	51	
Financial investments	13,855	13,879	Other operating income	12	6	
Deferred income tax assets	6,882	6,945			.=	
Other non-current assets	1,466	1,466	0 11	66,756	65,192	
Total Non-Current Assets	43,863	44,335	Operating expenses	(2.4.547)	(22.0(4)	
Total debtare and account in com-	42, 440	40, 073	External supplies and services	(24,517)	(23,861)	
Trade debtors and accrued income	42,440	40,073	Employee benefit expense	(37,291)	(36,435)	
Other debtors and prepaid expenses	12,875	10,326	(Provisions) / Provisions reversal	52	(14)	
Derivative financial instruments	113	246	Net impairm. losses on financ. assets	370	267	
Cash and cash equivalents	68,487	80,314	Other operating expenses	(120)	(149)	
Total Current Assets	123,915	130,959				
				(61,506)	(60,192)	
Assets for continuing operations	167,778	175,294	6 (FDITE)			
			Gross Net Profit (EBITDA)	5,250	5,000	5.0 %
Assets for discontinued operations	1,499	1,373	Depreciation and amortisation	(1,936)	(1,594)	
Total Assets	169,277	176,667	Operating Profit (EBIT)	3,314	3,406	-2.7 %
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			Financial results	143	(559)	
EQUITY			Not Brofit before tayes (FPT)	2 457	2 9 4 7	21,4%
Share capital	1,073	796	Net Profit before taxes (EBT) Income tax expense	3,457 (908)	2,847	21.4 /
•	(20)	(20)	income tax expense	(906)	(648)	
Treasury shares Share premium	37,930	226	Not Profit from continuing operations	2,549	2,199	15.9 %
•	•		Net Profit from continuing operations	2,549	2,199	13.9 %
Reserves and retained earnings	28,892 2,824	27,449	DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS			
Net profit	70,699	47,058		E20	2 407	7E 0 %
Total Shareholders' Equity	•	75,509	Net Profit from discont. operations	528	2,187	-75.9 %
Non-controlling interests	11,838	11,587	Non-controlling interests	(252)	(2(4)	
Total Equity	82,537	87,096	Non-controlling interests	(253)	(261)	
LIABILITIES			Attributable Net Profit	2,824	4,125	-31.5 %
Bank borrowings	7,449	8,587				
Lease liabilities	8,805	9,796				
Provisions	3,952	3,269				
Other non-current liabilities	2,749	2,749				
Total Non-Current Liabilities	22,955	24,401				
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Bank borrowings	5,376	7,475				
Lease liabilities	2,516	1,961				
Trade payables	4,262	4,628				
Other creditors and accruals	26,724	28,240				
Derivative financial instruments	254	112				
Deferred income	22,893	20,972				
Total Current Liabilities	62,025	63,388				
Total Liabilities for cont. operations	84,980	87,789				
Total Liabilities for discont. operations	1,760	1,782				
Total Liabilities	86,740	89,571	Other information:			
Total Equity and Liabilities	169,277	176,667	Turnover EBITDA margin	65,896 8.0 %	65,135 7.7 %	1.2 %
•			EBT % on Turnover	5.2 %	4.4 %	
Net Cash	59,284	67,781	Net profit % on Turnover	4.3 %	6.3 %	

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{\star}}$  Restated - The IT Staffing business was considered in discontinued operations.

#### Results Information by SEGMENTS for the period of 6 months ended 30 June 2024

(Thousands of Euros)			
	Value Portfolio	Next-Gen	NOVABASE
CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Turnover	-	65,896	65,896
Gross Net Profit (EBITDA)	(1,528)	6,778	5,250
Depreciation and amortisation	(5)	(1,931)	(1,936)
Operating Profit (EBIT)	(1,533)	4,847	3,314
Financial results	702	(559)	143
Net Profit / (Loss) before Taxes (EBT)	(831)	4,288	3,457
Income tax expense	(323)	(585)	(908)
Net Profit / (Loss) from cont. operations	(1,154)	3,703	2,549
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS			
Net Profit from discontinued operations	528	-	528
Non-controlling interests	(55)	(198)	(253)
Attributable Net Profit / (Loss)	(681)	3,505	2,824
Other information:			
EBITDA % on Turnover  EBT % on Turnover	n/a n/a	10.3% 6.5%	8.0% 5.2%
Net profit % on Turnover	n/a	5.3%	4.3%
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