## Full-Year 2023 Results



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# Strong performance in 2023 and clear momentum, confirming financial targets for 2024 and 2025





### In line with our guidance for 2023

Guidance

Actuals



**Significant acceleration of revenue growth** expected in Q4

#### +12.1% revenue growth

**7 to 10% revenue growth** for FY 2023 vs. FY 2022

**FY 23** 

Significant reduction in adj. EBITDA loss in H2 2023 compared to H2 2022 +7.4% revenue growth

Reduced adj. EBITDA loss by half in H2 from €(31m) to €(16m)



# Heading towards profitability with a commitment to operational excellence



On **path to profitability** in 2025 driven by:

- Revenue growth
- New terms with labels
- Sound Partnerships' profitability
- Targeted and efficient marketing & brand investments
- Continued strict cost control



# 2023 Business Highlights



# Live the Music - Successful relaunch and repositioning of the Deezer brand



### **Catapulting fans from digital streaming...**



#### ...to music experience services



### Expanding global business footprint through partners

Building a powerful partnership ecosystem



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# Reinforced position as catalyst for industry transformation, enhancing the value of artists



Deezer renewed several contracts with key rightsholders, including Major labels, ahead of the contractual date and with improved terms which strengthened relationships and will positively impact profitability from 2024



## 2023 Financial Results



# All-time high subscriber base, with steadily increasing ARPU



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# Acceleration of revenue growth in Q4 at +12.1%

#### **Total Revenue**



Sharp acceleration of revenue growth in Q4-23 (+12.1% YoY)

Ramp-up in Partnerships (revenue growth +29% YoY)

Limited impact of the **new price increase** on Direct in Q4-23, acceleration expected in Q1-24



### Annual revenue up 7.4%, in line with guidance

#### **Total Revenue**

In €m



+7.4%

2022

2023

- **Direct:** Subscriber growth in France (+5.9%) and higher ARPU (+3.9%) resulting from improved geographic mix and price increases
- **Partnerships:** Strong subscriber acquisition (+1.1m), driven by the success of the Meli+ offering and build-up of RTL and Sonos partnerships. Higher ARPU (+11.0%) resulting from improved geographic mix
- France: Continued subscriber growth on direct
- **RoW:** Strong performance of new partnerships (Meli+, Sonos) and rampup of RTL, with the launch of the Multimedia App. Anticipated decline in Direct subscribers (-9.4%), in line with refocus of on selected key markets



# Improvement in adjusted gross profit and margin across all segments



Adjusted gross profit reached €110m in 2023 (+12.6% vs. 2022), driven by:

- Higher level of activity
- Positive impact of the optimization of the Group's freemium service

Improvement was partially offset by increased publishing rates

As a result, **adjusted gross profit margin increased by 104 basis points** and reached 22.7% in 2023



# Consistent operational excellence with positive impact on operating expenses



Focus of marketing spend towards **core markets**, with push in Q4 to **support rebranding** 





# Robust cash position of €63.6m at end-December, well above resources required to reach financial targets

In €m



1. One-off cash items include exceptional payments that are not related to our normal course of business.



## **Financial Outlook**





# 2024 roadmap is clear and impact already largely secured

	Momentum created in 2023	Roadmap with impact in 2024 and 2025
Pricing	Price increase deployed on >60% of user base	Deployment for remaining users by <b>end of Q2</b>
Partnerships	<b>Tailwind</b> from recent deals with <b>RTL, Sonos, Mercado</b> <b>Libre</b> will expand throughout the year	Develop new partnership pipeline, sign and launch new deals
Rightsholders	<b>Contracts renewed</b> ahead of time with improved terms ACPS deployment well engaged	Launch new services for and with labels Continue optimization of contractual terms with rightsholders
Product	<b>Experience services</b> deployment (shareability with Shaker, ticketing with France Billet, etc.)	Double down on <b>shareability, interactivity</b> and bringing features to partners
Brand	<b>Rebranding done</b> and first 2 multi-canal campaigns conducted (Q4-23, Q1-24)	Continued marketing investment with always-on approach
Innovation	Acceleration on fraud detection, catalog cleaning (non music), AI audio detection	Further push AI audio insights, catalog organization



### **Confirmation of financial targets for 2024/2025**

#### 2024

Positive free cash flow<sup>1</sup> in 2024

10% revenue growth Adjusted EBITDA loss better than €(15)m 2025

Positive adjusted EBITDA



## Thank you







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# Appendix



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### **Direct: Subscriber growth in France and ARPU increase**



- Continued expansion of the Group's subscriber base in France (+5.9%), offsetting the anticipated decline in the Rest of World (-9.4%), according to the Group's refocus of its Direct business on selected key markets
- Improved geographic mix drove ARPU growth of +3.9% to reach €4.9 per subscriber with the addition of the first impact of the second wave of price increases



### **Partnerships: Acceleration in subscribers and ARPU**

#### **Partnerships subscribers**

In m



Partnerships ARPU In €



- +1.1m partnerships subscribers (+28.9% yoy), driven by the success of the first months of the Meli+ offering in Brazil and Mexico, as well as the gradual build-up of the RTL partnership, and the initial contribution of the Sonos partnership (launched in Q2 2023)
- ARPU increase of +11.0% mainly due to improved geographical mix



# Reducing adjusted EBITDA loss by half to €(29)m while continuing strategic investments

In €m





### **Key financial indicators**

In € million	2023	2022	Change YoY	Change at constant FX
Total revenue	484.7	451.2	+7.4%	+7.6%
		By Quarter		
Q1	115.2	108.2	+6.5%	+6.2%
Q2	118.0	111.2	+6.1%	+6.9%
Q3	120.7	115.2	+4.8%	+5.5%
<u>Q</u> 4	130.7	116.6	+12.1%	+12.2%
		By segment		
Direct	331.1	317.2	+4.4%	+4.8%
Partnerships	135.7	118.5	+14.5%	+14.0%
Other	17.8	15.5	+15.4%	+16.5%
		By geography		
France	288.1	273.2	+5.5%	+5.5%
Rest of World	196.6	178.0	+10.4%	+10.9%

In million	2023	2022	Change YoY	
Total subscribers <sup>1</sup>	10.5	9.4	+11.5%	
Direct	5.6	5.6	-	
o/w France	3.7	3.5	+5.9%	
o/w Rest of World	2.0	2.2	(9.4)%	
Partnerships	4.8	3.8	+28.9%	
ARPU (in €/month excl. VAT)				
Direct	4.9	4.7	+3.9%	
Partnerships	2.8	2.6	+11.0%	



### **Reconciliation of non-IFRS financial indicators**

In € million	2023	2022
Gross profit	91.4	65.1
License agreements non-recurring expenses	18.8	32.9
Adjusted gross profit	110.3	98.0

In € million	2023	2022
Operating loss	(64.4)	(166.7)
Gross profit adjustments	18.8	32.9
Depreciation and amortization	16.3	8.7
Share-based expenses	3.1	68.6
Other non-recurring expenses	(2.6)	0.9
Adjusted EBITDA	(28.8)	(55.7)

In € million	2023	2022
Adjusted EBITDA	(28.8)	(55.7)
Change in working capital requirement	12.5	24.4
Capital expenditure	(2.0)	(3.0)
Leases <sup>1</sup>	(3.9)	(6.1)
Others	(22.2)	(3.1)
Free cash flow	(44.3)	(43.6)



### **Consolidated statement of income**

FYE 31-December; In € thousands	2023	2022
Revenue	484,656	451,199
Cost of revenue	(393,223)	(386,103)
Gross Profit	91,433	65,095
Product and development	(34,711)	(34,025)
Sales and marketing	(61,727)	(75,973)
General and administrative	(59,404)	(121,843)
Operating loss	(64,409)	(166,746)
Finance income	8,727	4,319
Finance costs	(2,986)	(3,685)
Financial result - Net	5,741	634
Loss before income tax	(58,668)	(166,112)
Income tax expense	(917)	(997)
Share of loss of equity affiliates	-	(1,368)
Net loss for the period	(59,586)	(168,477)
Of which attributable to owners of the parent	(57,666)	(167,702)
Non-controlling interests	(1,920)	(775)
Net loss per share attributable to owners of the parent		
Basic	(0.47)	(1.55)
Diluted	(0.47)	(1.55)
Weighted-average ordinary shares		
Basic	121,508,524	108,475,324
Diluted	121,508,524	108,475,324



### **Consolidated statement of financial position (1/2)**

FYE 31-December; In € thousands	2023	2022
Assets		
Goodwill	7,487	15,070
Intangible assets	260	524
Property and equipment	4,915	5,881
Right-of-use assets	16,736	21,061
Non-current financial assets	5,337	5,440
Other non-current assets	525	1,705
Total non-current assets	35,260	49,681
Trade and other receivables	70,362	47,713
Other current assets	25,769	23,051
Cash and cash equivalents	63,605	113,610
Total current assets	159,736	184,374
Total assets	194,996	234,055



### **Consolidated statement of financial position (2/2)**

FYE 31-December; In € thousands	2023	2022
Equity and liabilities		
Share capital	1,216	1,211
Share premium	483,970	483,976
Treasury shares	(363)	(320)
Consolidated reserves	(654,079)	(501,852)
Net loss	(57,666)	(167,702)
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	(226,922)	(184,687)
Non-controlling interest reserves	940	2,866
Total equity	(225,982)	(181,821)
Provision for employee benefits	500	692
Lease liabilities	15,097	19,040
Financial liabilities	13,933	23,288
Total non-current liabilities	29,530	43,020
Provisions for risks	14,838	16,018
Lease liabilities	3,676	4,060
Financial liabilities	7,115	4,988
Trade payables and related accrued expenses	298,990	283,373
Tax and employee-related liabilities	31,446	37,990
Deferred income	33,781	23,193
Other liabilities	1,602	3,234
Total current liabilities	391,448	372,856
Total liabilities	420,978	415,876
Total equity and liabilities	194,996	234,055



### **Consolidated statement of cash flows (1/2)**

FYE 31-December; In € thousands	2023	2022
Operating activities		
Net loss	(59,586)	(168,477)
Adjustments for:		
- Depreciation and amortization (excluding those related to current assets)	16,319	8,780
- Provisions	(1,014)	4,649
- Share-based compensation expense	16,968	88,235
- Gains and losses on disposals	(16)	(7,449)
- Share of loss of equity affiliates (net of dividends distributed)	-	360
- Discounting profits and losses	(2,776)	(1,821)
- Net debt costs (including interest on lease liabilities)	(1,325)	1,543
- Income tax paid	917	997
Changes in working capital:		
- (Increase)/decrease in trade receivables and other assets	(31,951)	(20,711)
- Increase/(decrease) in trade and other liabilities	23,896	45,122
Income tax paid	(1,426)	(6)
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	(39,994)	(48,778)
Investing activities		
Purchases of property and equipment and intangible assets	(2,095)	(3,053)
Release of the escrow account and other	-	274,875
Proceeds from the disposal of intangible and tangible assets	16	22
Proceeds from the disposal of non-current financial assets	102	12
Impact of changes in the scope of consolidation	-	7,220
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(1,977)	279,076



### **Consolidated statement of cash flows (2/2)**

FYE 31-December; In € thousands	2023	2022
Financing activities		
Increase in share capital and share premium (net of costs)	-	105,165
Repayments on short-term debt	(5,164)	(251,569)
Repurchases of ordinary shares	(44)	(390)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	747	422
Repayment of lease liabilities	(5,190)	(4,512)
Net interest paid (including finance leases)	1,317	(1,617)
Other cash flows relating to financing activities	(92)	-
Net cash flows from/(used in) financing activities	(8,426)	(152,501)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	392	716
Change in net cash position	(50,005)	78,513
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	113,610	35,097
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	63,605	113,610
Change in net cash position	(50,005)	78,513

