

Qtr 4 and 2008 Overview
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## **Highlights- In brief**

# First profitable year achieved in less than 2 years of operation Continued Strong Quarter on Quarter Performance in 2008

#### **Highlights for the fourth quarter:**

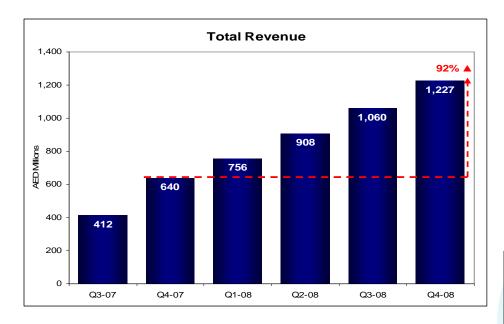
- 628,000 mobile customers added during the quarter
- Quarter revenues at AED 1,227 million, nearly double those for the same period in 2007 (AED 640 million)
- Gross margin of 66%, up from 58% in Q4
  2007
- EBITDA of AED 236 million, compared to an EBITDA loss of AED 79 million in Q4 2007
- Net profit of AED 78 million, up from a net loss of AED 147 million in Q4 2007 and more than double Q3 2008 profit of AED 31 million

#### Highlights for the full year 2008:

- 1,881,000 mobile customers acquired; total active mobile subscribers increasing by 104% year-on-year to 2,498,000.
- 72% growth in du's fixed lines from 163,000 to 280,000 active lines
- Total revenues more than doubled to AED 3,951 million compared to AED 1,537 million for 2007
- Gross margin of 64%, up from 56% in 2007
- EBITDA of AED368m up from Loss AED706 for 2007
- Net profit before royalty of AED8m compared with loss of AED885m in 2007

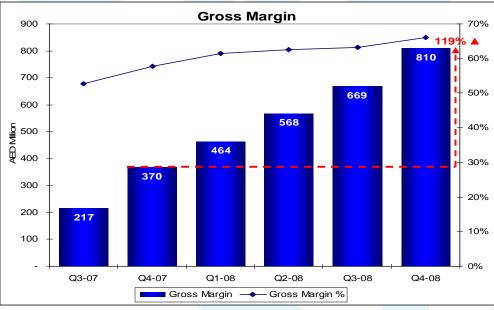
### **Revenue & Margins**

#### **Strong Revenue growth and increasing Gross Margins**



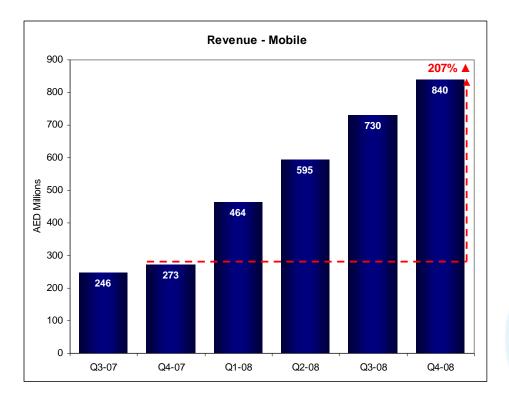
- Gross Margin CAGR of 119% shows increased efficiency gained through scale
- International reach now encompasses 346 operators and 120 countries

- CAGR of 92% Revenue growth over 4 quarters
- Driven by CAGR of 207% in mobile revenue

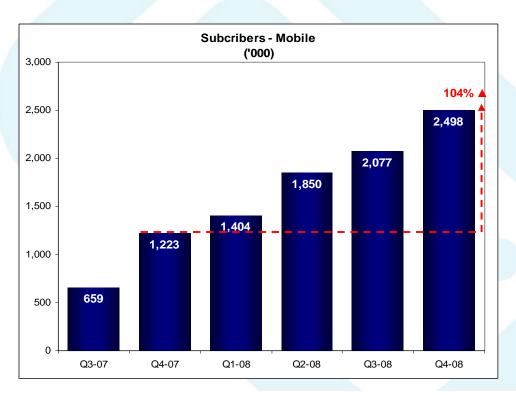


#### **Revenue Drivers - Mobile**

#### Strong mobile growth driven by 2.5m active mobile subscribers

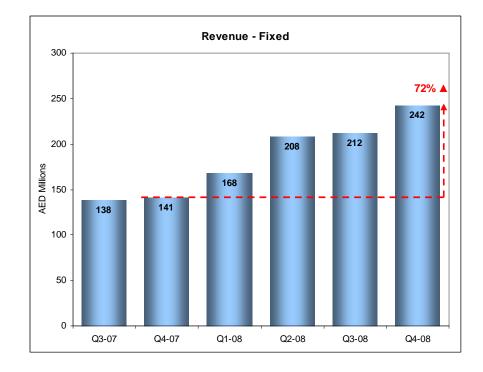


- CAGR of 207% Revenue growth over 4 quarters
- Driven by CAGR of 104% in active subscribers
- Critical mass now achieved to sustain profitable growth
- Challenges exist in uncertain economic environment

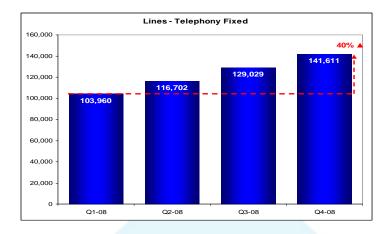


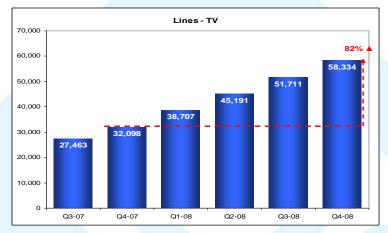
# **Revenue Drivers - Fixed**

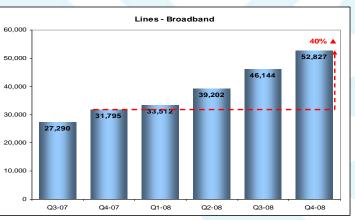
#### **Strong Uptake in Services**



- Fixed Line market still predominantly focused around "new Dubai"
- Growth in this market dependent upon real estate roll out - economic slow down to be expected
- Mitigation Carrier select/pre select across UAE

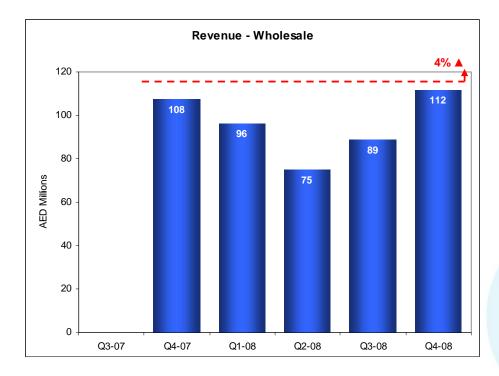






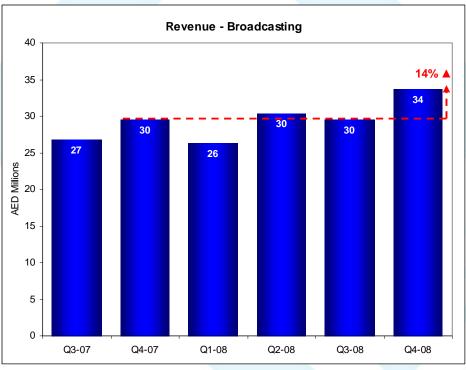
# **Revenue Drivers - Wholesale & Broadcasting**

#### **Steady contribution**



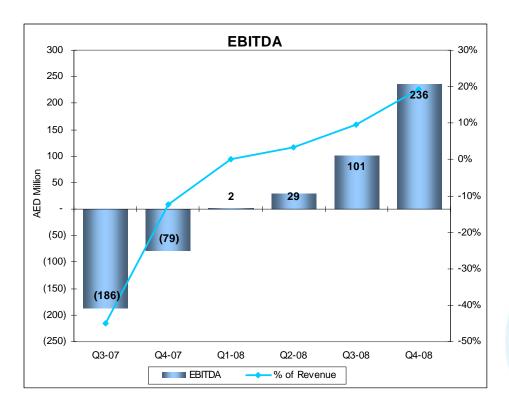
- Broadcasting ("Samacom") continues to be sole supplier of broadcasting services in Dubai and largest in UAE
- Steady business- extraction of value key focus

- International & Wholesale suffered from significant disruption due to cable cuts in Qtr 1 and Qtr 2 of 2008
- Rebuilding of partnerships continues



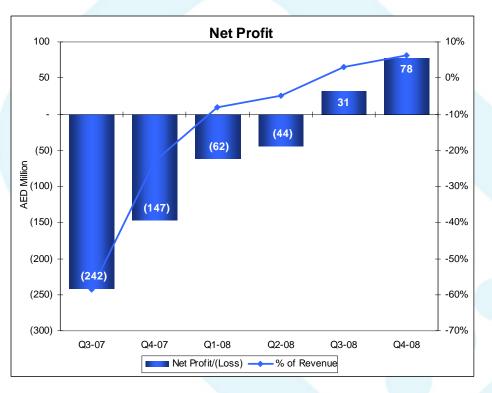
#### **Profit & Loss**

#### **Growth in Revenues translated into sustainable returns**



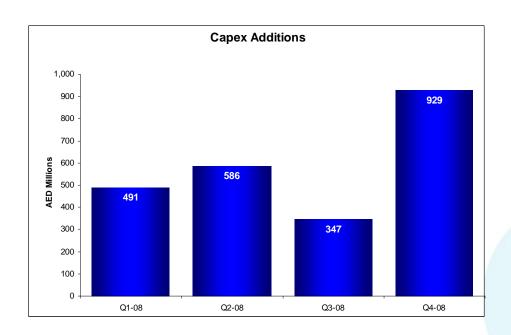
- 2008 net profit before royalty of AED8m compared with loss of AED885m for 2007
- Provided for a potential royalty at 50% of Net profit (AED4m)
- No determination of structure has yet been advised to company

- EBITDA for 2008 of 368m compared with loss AED706m for 2007
- EBITDA quarterly growth through operating efficiency
- Growth will slow down due to economic environment
- Financial prudence and ruthless execution 2009 mantra



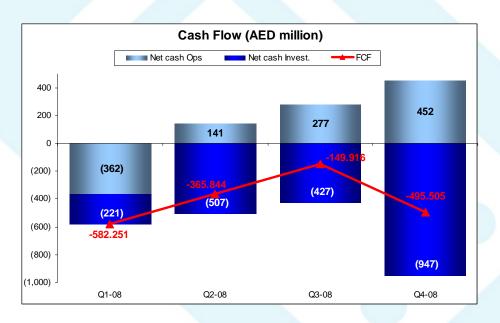
#### **Capital Investments and Cash flow**

#### Operation cash flow positive by Qtr2 Loan facility of AED 3Bn in place before economic slowdown on favorable terms



- 3 year facility at 125bps above EIBOR
- Company will manage within this facility in 2009, funding predominantly continued mobile quality investments

- Capital investment in network continued
- Qtr4 profile represents significant catch up from Qtr 3
- Guidance given of 2009 CapEx of around AED2bn



# 2009 Macro Economic Challenges

