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# **2021 Business Highlights**

Achievements a	amid changes and challenges						
Vibrant <i>Weixin</i> ecosystem	<ul> <li>Video Accounts significantly increased content diversity and video views</li> <li>Mini Programs private domains traffic grew, with physical goods GMV doubling YoY</li> <li>Our Health Code has served 1.3 billion users making 180 billion visits during the pandemic</li> </ul>						
Strengthened cloud	<ul> <li>Deepened integration among fast growing WeCom, Tencent Meeting and Tencent Docs</li> <li>#1 in China's video cloud PaaS market, with leading live streaming, RTC and VoD solutions<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>						
Success in games	<ul> <li>LoL: Wild Rift and Fight of The Golden Spatula ranked top two newly released mobile games in China<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Developed and operate 5 out of the top 10 international mobile games by DAU<sup>3</sup></li> <li>Increased international revenue contribution to 26%</li> </ul>						
Stable FinTech	Grew our FinTech business with prudence, collaboration and expertise						

#### Embrace changes and reposition for sustainable long-term growth

- New regulatory framework will provide a healthier market environment
- China Internet industry is going through a structural change
- · We are proactively optimising cost, while sustaining investments in key strategic areas

<sup>1.</sup> Tencent ranked #1 in China's cloud video solution market by revenue in 1H21 according to IDC

<sup>2.</sup> LoL: Wild Rift, ranked No.1, and Fight of The Golden Spatula ranked No.2, by DAU among mobile games released in China in 2021, according to QuestMobile

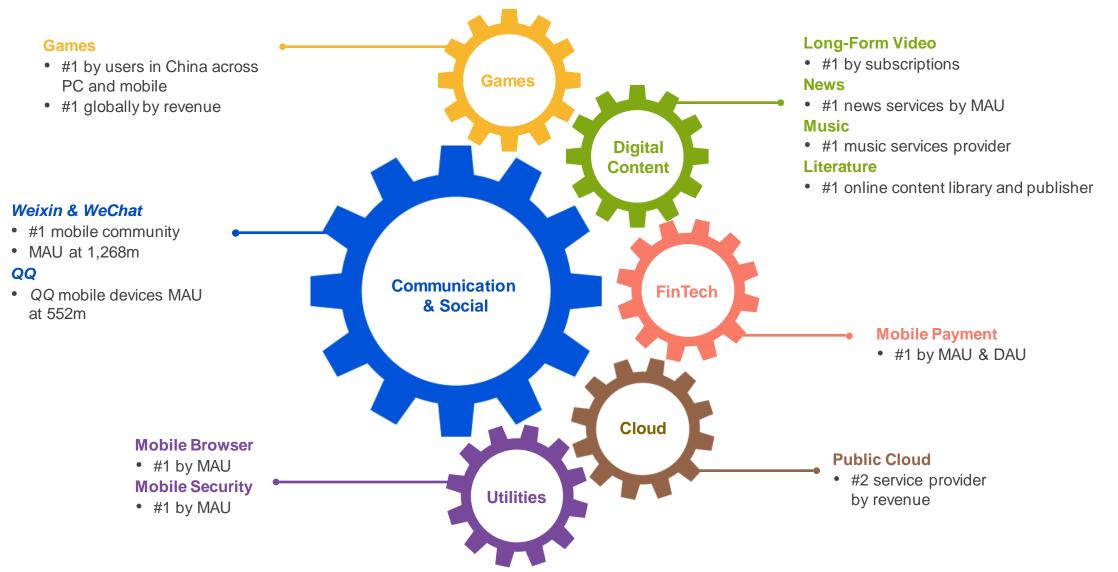
<sup>3.</sup> PUBG Mobile, Clash of Clans, Clash Royale, Call of Duty Mobile, Brawl Stars ranked among top 10 mobile games by DAU in international markets in 2021, according to data.ai

# **Financial Highlights**

In billion RMB	4Q2021	ΥοΥ	QoQ	FY2021	ΥοΥ
Total Revenue	144.2	+8%	+1%	560.1	+16%
Value Added Services	71.9	+7%	-4%	291.6	+10%
Social Networks	29.1	+4%	-4%	117.3	+8%
Domestic Games	29.6	+1%	-12%	128.8	+6%
International Games	13.2	+34%	+16%	45.5	+31%
Online Advertising	21.5	-13%	-4%	88.6	+8%
Media	3.2	-25%	-8%	13.3	-7%
Social and Others	18.3	-10%	-4%	75.3	+11%
FinTech and Business Services	48.0	+25%	+11%	172.2	+34%
Others	2.8	-21%	+107%	7.7	+3%
Gross Profit	57.8	-2%	-8%	245.9	+11%
Non-IFRS					
Operating Profit	33.2	-13%	-19%	159.5	+7%
Operating Margin	23.0%	-5.5ppt	-5.7ppt	28.5%	-2.5ppt
Net Profit Attributable to Equity Holders	24.9	-25%	-22%	123.8	+1%

Starting 3Q21, we disclose revenues from Domestic Games and International Games as new sub-segments under VAS, reflecting the increasing scale of our international games business. For the purpose of preparing financial and operating information, Domestic Games refers to our games business in the PRC excluding the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Macao Special Administrative Region and Taiwan.

# **Key Services Update**



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# **Embrace Changes and Reposition for Sustainable Growth**

#### **Industry** fundamental challenges and changes

#### **Return to industry's roots**

- New regulations correcting misbehaviour and promoting fair competition, user protection and data security
- Challenging global macro environment
- Time for the industry to return to its "roots"

#### Old paradigm

#### • Zero-sum competition

- Aggressive marketing
- Reckless expansion
- Short-term growth
- Corporate benefits

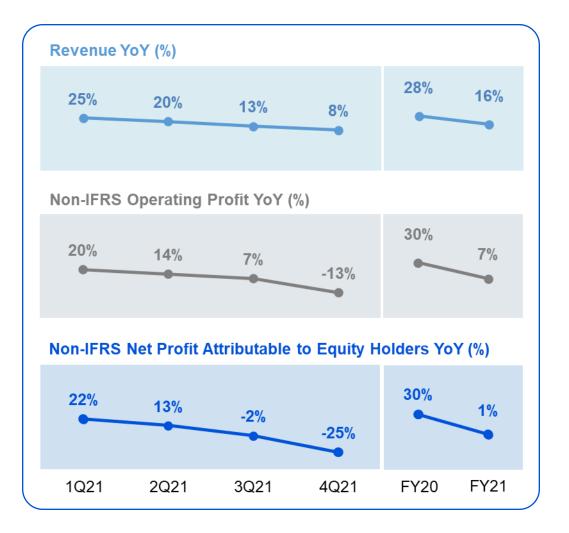
#### New paradigm

- User value
- Technology and innovation
- Efficiency and cost effectiveness
- Long-term sustainability
- Balanced benefits (corporate, industry, society)

#### **Tencent** proactively embracing changes and repositioning

- Already well-positioned with our long term-oriented corporate culture
- Proactively embracing changes to better align with the new industry paradigm
- Controlling costs and rationalising non-core businesses
- Continuing to invest and pursue value creation opportunities in strategic growth areas
- Expecting to grow at a sustainable and healthier pace

# **Pressure on Financials amid Structural Industry Changes**



#### Lower revenue growth for sustainability

- Advertisers and our ad services adapted to the new economic and regulatory conditions
- Direct, and especially indirect, impact of minor protection measures on our domestic games

#### Pressured margins due to operating deleverage

- Strategic investments in SaaS, Video Accounts and international games
- Aggressive marketing activities and intense talent competition in the industry during 2020 and 2021
- Increased revenue contribution from Business Services

#### Increased losses at several investees

- Increased investments in new businesses such as Community Group Buy
- Heavy expenditure on user acquisition

## Path to Stabilisation and Future Growth Drivers

Market position remains intact despite near-term challenges

Advertising

**Domestic Games** 

Expect to resume growth in late 2022, as we adapt to the new environment and further upgrade our ad solutions Impact of minor protection measures to be fully digested in 2H2022, with growth potential from more new games when there are new releases of Banhao Compelling opportunities in strategic growth areas

SaaS

Expanding scale of our leading products, with attractive prospect for progressive monetisation over time Building significant monetisation opportunities via enriching user connections with creators, advertisers and merchants

**Video Accounts** 

Cloud (laaS & PaaS)

Repositioning our focus from revenue growth at all costs to customer value creation and quality of growth Long-form Video

Cost optimisation to reduce losses, while maintaining its leading position



Compelling pipeline backed by franchise expansions at our market-leading studios and consistent enhancement of our category-leading studios

# SaaS – Leading Communication and Collaboration Tools

### Well-positioned for market opportunities

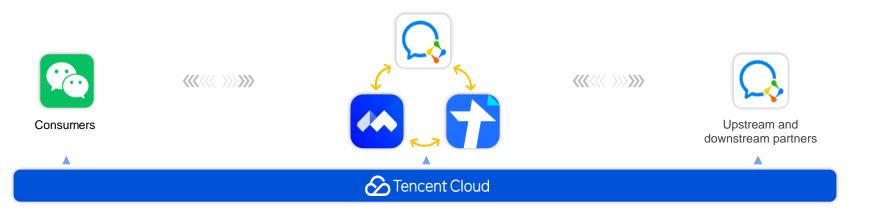
- Rapid growth in SaaS adoption in China
- WeCom, Tencent Meeting and Tencent Docs achieved strong user growth and deepened penetration into key verticals

### Strengthening our competitive edges

- Integration with *Tencent Meeting* and *Tencent Docs* empowers *WeCom* as the core platform for enhanced collaboration and productivity
- Deepening connection with Weixin enables differentiated CRM functions in WeCom

### Unlocking our monetisation potential

- Prioritising scale expansion over significant revenue generation
- Proven business models for critical enterprise SaaS internationally
- Monetisation potential validated by market size and growth rate of PaaS spending in China
- Leveraging our proven success in monetising freemium 2C products



### Video Accounts – Our Flywheel is Gaining Momentum

#### #1 User Reach among Internet Platforms for Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics<sup>1</sup>



#### A thriving community

- Per user time spent and total video views more than doubled YoY
- Expanding diversity of creators and content
- Significant growth in number of videos with over 100K likes

#### Enriching user connection with creators and merchants

- Strong differentiation for media, retailers and brands to build user engagement via private domain
- Nurturing high-quality original content by leveraging Official Accounts creator pools and upgrading creator support scheme
- Facilitating merchants' operations with enhanced shopping features and marketing tools

#### Preparing for monetisation

- Ramping up live streaming tipping scale
- Growing live streaming eCommerce GMV before monetisation
- Testing and optimising short video feeds ad during 2022

### International Games – Biggest Games, Best Studios

#### **Market-leading franchises**

- LoL: top 3 PC game by MAU<sup>1</sup>, expanding franchise via new TFT game mode, high quality linear content Arcane, eSports
- *PUBG MOBILE*: top 5 mobile game by DAU<sup>2</sup>
- Clash: only mobile game franchise with 2 of top 10 highest-DAU<sup>2</sup> titles
- Valorant: #1 on Twitch<sup>1</sup> in hyper-competitive tactical shooter category

#### **Category-leading studios**

 Helping studios to improve product and expand scope, enabling sustained post-acquisition revenue and profit growth

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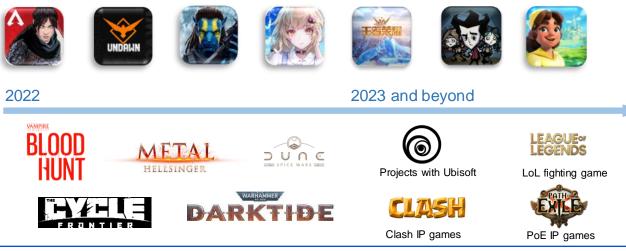
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- Emerging studios with promising future
- Our game competences facilitate bigger hits with greater longevity

(2018)

#### Building on multi-year investments to drive future growth

- A key participant with revenue of USD7.1 billion for 2021
- Growth from existing titles via deepening market penetration, product enhancements and operational optimisation
- New game releases to drive additional growth, particularly for 2023 and beyond



1. Source: Newzoo 2. Source: data.ai

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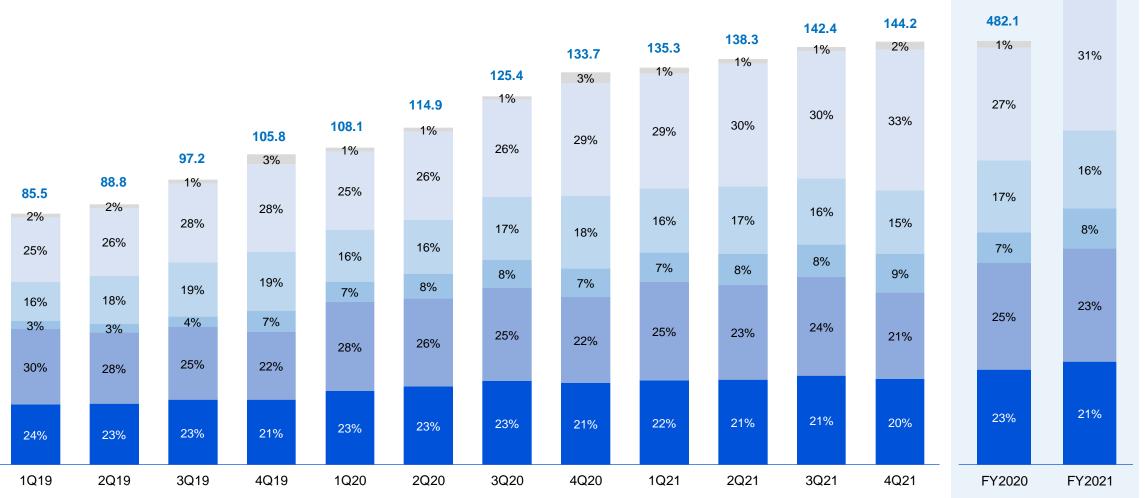
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### **Revenue by Segment**

In billion RMB



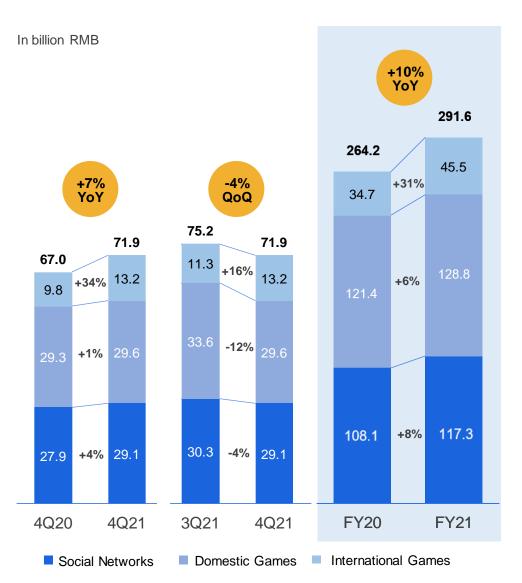
Social Networks Domestic Games International Games Online Advertising FBS Others

15

560.1

1%

### **Value Added Services**



#### **Social Networks**

- 4Q21 revenue was up 4% YoY to RMB29.1 billion, reflecting more video subscriptions and revenue contribution from *Video Accounts* live streaming service
- Total VAS subscriptions grew 8% YoY to 236 million in 4Q21. Amid industry challenges, video subscriptions increased 1% YoY to 124 million, benefiting from popular animated series, drama series and sports events. Music subscriptions increased 36% YoY to 76 million, thanks to expanded sales channels and high quality content and services

#### **Domestic Games**

• 4Q21 revenue was up 1% YoY to RMB29.6 billion, as growth from *HoK* and new games *Fight of The Golden Spatula, LoL: Wild Rift* was largely offset by softness in *Moonlight Blade Mobile* and *DnF.* Revenue decreased QoQ due to seasonality and, to the direct and indirect effects of the controls on minors playing games

#### **International Games**

 4Q21 revenue grew 34% YoY to RMB13.2 billion, reflecting 1) popular content updates in *Valorant* and *Clash Royale*, 2) a true-up adjustment to revenue of Supercell upon periodic review of revenue deferral periods, and 3) consolidation of Digital Extremes

### **Social Networks**



#### Breakthrough in Video Accounts Live Streaming

Customised *Moments* sharing for 2022 CCTV Spring Festival Gala to drive user engagement

120+ million viewers 350+ million likes 9+ million comments 5.5+ million shares

Strengthened music content operations to broaden reach of live performance



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《然·虎年大吉,虎虎生》 【因有你:新年快乐

Westlife concert 27+ million viewers



Moments

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Social

sharing in unique format

Click for

live

streaming



### Upgrading technological foundation for new immersive social experiences

Integrated Unreal Engine's capabilities to enable real-time rendering and physics simulation, providing more attractive visuals and lifelike interactions

Testing *Super QQ Show,* which allows users to customise their new 3D virtual avatars for use in various social scenarios



After

Upgrade to Super QQ Show



Socialising with virtual avatars

### **Domestic Games**

#### **Cultivating IP franchise**

 Developing new games, animated series and a movie based on popular *HoK* to enrich its IP content



Action game with HoK IP under development

#### Integrating thematic content

 Provided events tied into the Winter Olympics in Peacekeeper Elite, QQ Speed Mobile and QQ Dancer Mobile, delivering lifelike sports experience across multiple genres



Peacekeeper Elite x Winter Olympics

#### Industry-leading efforts yield effective results in fostering a healthy gameplay environment

 In 4Q21, time spent from users aged under 18 decreased 88% YoY, which contributed to 0.9% of Domestic Games total; grossing receipts from users aged under 18 decreased 73% YoY, which contributed to 1.5% of Domestic Games total

### **International Games**

#### Pokémon Unite (MOBA)



- Google Play's Best Game 2021 and Users' Choice Award in multiple regions
- Downloads exceeded 50 million by Dec 2021

#### Clash Royale (Real-Time Strategy)



- Released one of the biggest updates in its history with higher level cap and innovative content
- DAU and grossing receipts increased significantly

#### Valorant (Tactical Shooter)





- New map and character drove user engagement and consumption growth
- Launched first global eSports tournament successfully

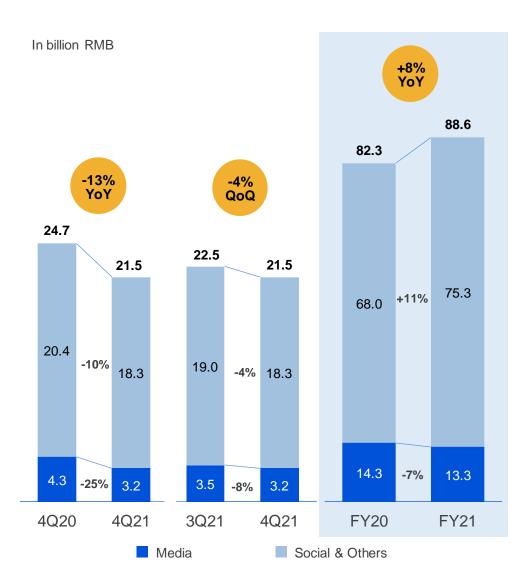
#### League of Legends (MOBA)





- Arcane ranked #1 Englishlanguage TV series on Netflix
- LoL World Championship Finals set record high viewership as #1 mostwatched eSports event for 2021<sup>1</sup>

# **Online Advertising**



#### Overall

- 4Q21 revenue declined 13% YoY with lower bidding density, resulting in lower eCPMs
- Weakness in education, games and Internet services ad spend more than offset strength in consumer staples and consolidation of Sogou's ad business
- Regulatory changes directly impacting ad services included limitations on launch screen ads, restrictions on ads for elderly and minors, as well as Personal Information Protection Law

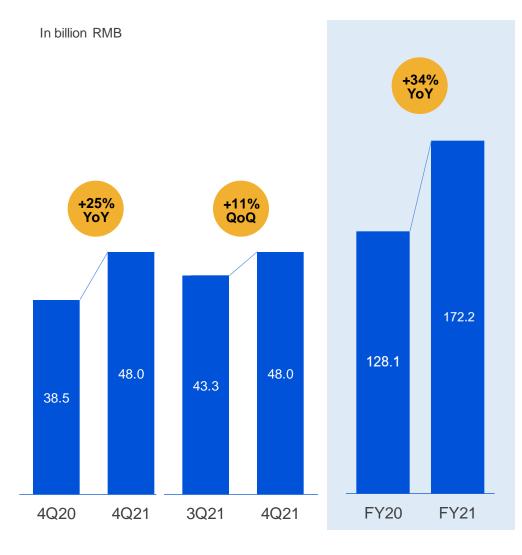
#### **Social & Others**

- *Weixin*'s daily active advertisers increased over 30% YoY in 4Q21 as we helped advertisers enhance ROI
- Over 1/3 of *Moments*' ad revenue in 4Q21 was generated from ads using *Mini Programs* as landing pages and ads connecting users to customer services representatives via *WeCom*

#### Media

• Video ad revenue declined YoY in 4Q21 due to fewer releases of top-tier drama series and variety shows

### **FinTech and Business Services**



#### **FinTech Services**

- YoY revenue growth in 4Q21 was mainly driven by increased commercial payment volume, which benefited from an expanded merchant acquirer network and increased *Mini Programs* transactions
- Strengthened our payment ecosystem by enhancing user security, upgrading *Mini Program*-based transaction and customer management tools for SMEs, and reducing transaction friction
- Supporting e-CNY as a new funding option within Weixin Pay as part of the PBOC's e-CNY pilot phase

#### **Business Services**

- YoY revenue growth in 4Q21 was mainly driven by increased use of our services by Internet services, public transportation, and retail industries
- Developed three in-house chips (Al inference, smart NIC, video transcoding) to enhance product performance and cost efficiency, and released a distributed cloud native operating system Orca to enable consistent app deployment and IT management
- Leading manufacturers such as Foxconn and Sany Heavy Industry are leveraging our advanced AI, IoT and proprietary cloud solutions to automate their production and quality control processes

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### **Income Statement**

In billion RMB	4Q2021	ΥοΥ	QoQ	FY2021	ΥοΥ
Revenue	144.2	+8%	+1%	560.1	+16%
COPS	(86.4)	+15%	+8%	(314.2)	+21%
Gross profit	57.8	-2%	-8%	245.9	+11%
Interest income	1.7	Stable	Stable	6.7	-4%
Other gains, net	86.2	+162%	+275%	149.5	+162%
Operating expenses	(36.0)	+21%	+5%	(130.4)	+29%
Operating profit	109.7	+72%	+106%	271.6	+47%
Finance costs, net	(1.9)	-17%	-4%	(7.1)	-10%
Share of loss of associates & JVs	(8.3)	N/A	+46%	(16.4)	N/A
Income tax expense	(3.9)	+5%	-29%	(20.3)	+2%
Net profit	95.7	+61%	+139%	227.8	+42%
Net profit attributable to equity holders	95.0	+60%	+140%	224.8	+41%
Diluted EPS in RMB	9.788	+60%	+140%	23.174	+40%
Non-IFRS					
Operating Profit	33.2	-13%	-19%	159.5	+7%
Net profit attributable to equity holders	24.9	-25%	-22%	123.8	+1%
Diluted EPS in RMB	2.547	-25%	-22%	12.698	Stable

### **Non-IFRS Adjustments**

In billion RMB	IFRS 4Q2021	SBC	Net (gains)/ losses from investee companies <sup>1</sup>	AIDOLUSADOD	Impairment provisions/ (reversals) <sup>2</sup>	SSV & CPP <sup>3</sup>	Others <sup>4</sup>	Tax effect	Non-IFRS 4Q2021	YoY change	QoQ change	Non-IFRS FY2021	Yo Y change
Operating profit	109.7	5.7	(100.3)	1.3	15.2	0.6	1.0	-	33.2	-13%	-19%	159.5	+7%
Net profit	95.7	7.9	(98.0)	3.3	15.6	0.6	1.6	(0.9)	25.8	-25%	-21%	127.9	+1%
Net profit attributable to equity holders	95.0	7.8	(97.8)	3.0	15.6	0.6	1.6	(0.9)	24.9	-25%	-22%	123.8	+1%
Operating margin	<b>76</b> .1%								23.0%	-5.5ppt	-5.7ppt	28.5%	-2.5ppt
Net margin	66.4%								17.9%	-7.9ppt	-4.9ppt	22.8%	-3.5ppt

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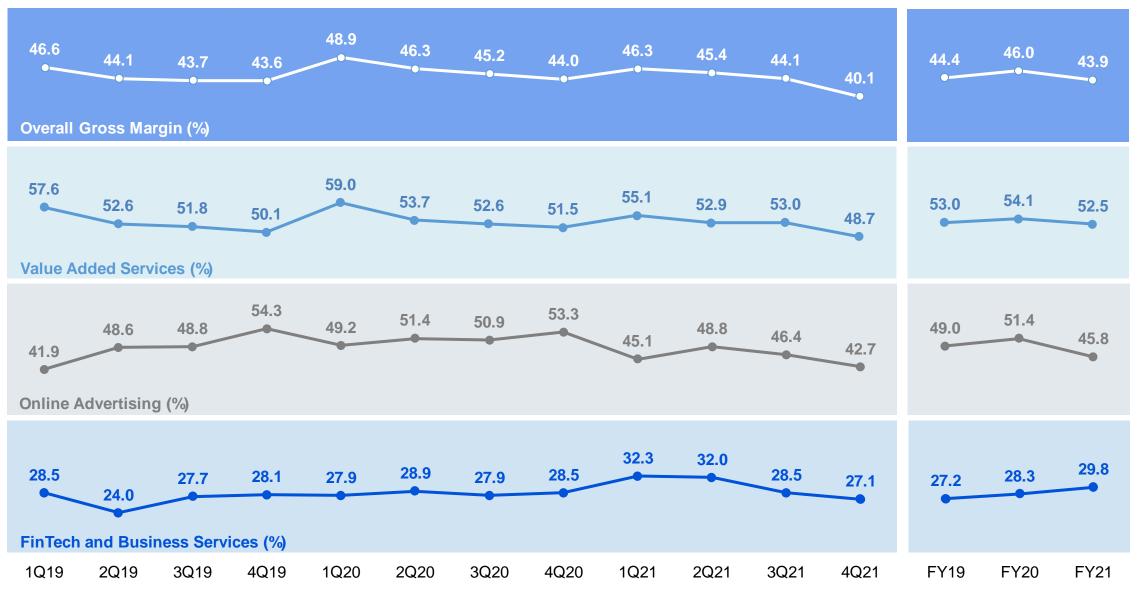
1. Including net (gains)/losses on deemed disposals/disposals of investee companies, fair value changes arising from investee companies, and other expenses in relation to equity transactions of investee companies.

2. Impairment provisions/(reversals) for associates, joint ventures, goodwill and other intangible assets arising from acquisitions.

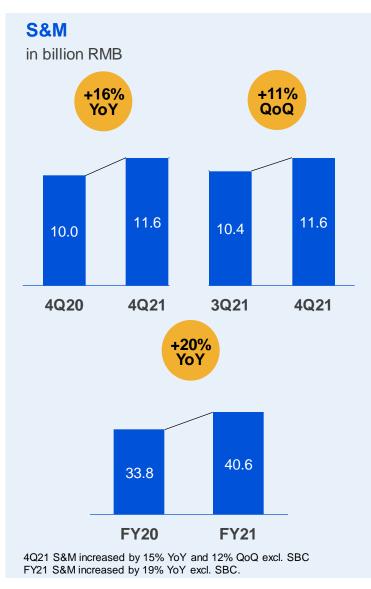
3. Including donations and expenses incurred for Sustainable Social Value & Common Prosperity Programme.

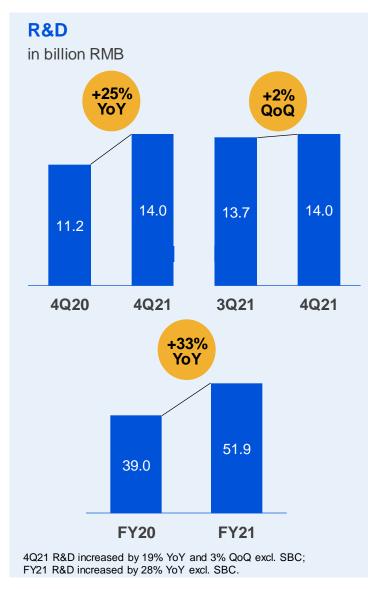
4. Mainly including expenses incurred for regulatory fines in the Mainland of China and certain litigation settlements.

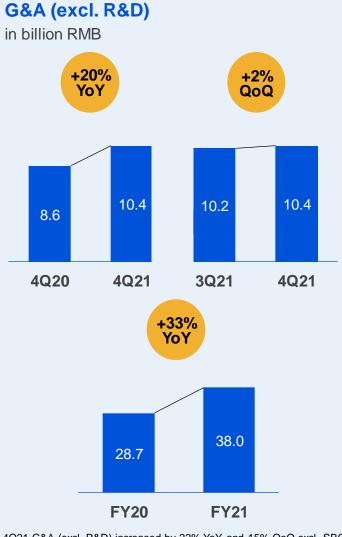
### **Gross Margins**



# **Operating Expenses**

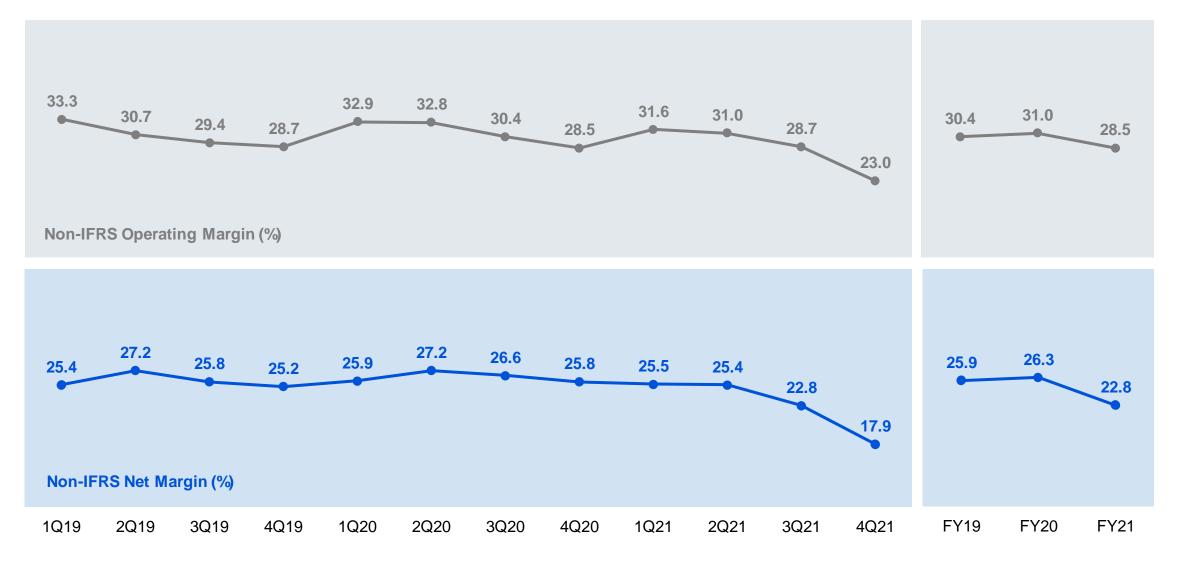






4Q21 G&A (excl. R&D) increased by 22% YoY and 15% QoQ excl. SBC FY21 G&A (excl. R&D) increased by 29% YoY excl. SBC.

### **Non-IFRS Margin Ratios**



### **EPS and Annual Dividend**

In RMB		4Q2	021		FY2021			
	IFRS	YoY	Non-IFRS	YoY	IFRS	YoY	Non-IFRS	YoY
Basic EPS	9.957	+60%	2.609	-25%	23.597	+40%	12.992	Stable
Diluted EPS	9.788	+60%	2.547	-25%	23.164	+40%	12.698	Stable

On 23 December 2021, declared a special interim dividend in the form of a distribution in specie of 457 million Class A ordinary shares of JD.com

Subject to shareholders' approval at the 2022 AGM, proposed 2021 annual dividend of HKD1.60 per share for the year ended 31 December 2021

### **CAPEX, FCF and Cash Position**

In billion RMB	4Q2021	ΥοΥ	QoQ	FY2021	ΥοΥ
Operating CAPEX	8.1	Stable	+43%	26.1	-12%
Non-operating CAPEX	3.6	+122%	+149%	7.3	66%
Total CAPEX	11.7	+21% +65%		33.4	-2%
Operating Cash Flow	51.3	+5%	+25%	175.2	-10%
Less: CAPEX Paid	(7.5)	-39%	-2%	(31.2)	-24%
Payments for media content	(8.8)	+13%	+9%	(30.8)	+20%
Payments for lease liabilities	(1.5)	+27%	+16%	(5.1)	+25%
Free Cash Flow	33.5	+21%	+39%	108.1	-12%
Total Cash	281.3	+8%	-3%	281.3	+8%
Less: Total Debt	301.5	+21%	-4%	301.5	+21%
Net (Debt)/Cash	(20.2)	N/A	-23%	(20.2)	N/A

# As at 31 Dec 2021, the fair value of our shareholdings<sup>1</sup> in listed investee companies (excluding subsidiaries) was approximately RMB983 billion (USD154 billion)

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