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# **2022 Business Highlights**

Vibrant Weixin	<ul> <li>Video Accounts became a leading short-form video and live streaming platform in China</li> <li>Mini Programs achieved strong growth in both DAU and GMV while assisting the real economy</li> </ul>
Resilience and Expansion in Games	<ul> <li>Domestically, significantly reduced minors' time spent while sustained market leadership</li> <li>Internationally, elevated VALORANT as a top global franchise with record user counts and revenue; achieved breakthrough with publishing 2 of top 3 new mobile games of the year</li> </ul>
Advertising Rebound	<ul> <li>Adapted to new industry landscape and returned to YoY revenue growth in 4Q22</li> <li>Improved long-term position by launching <i>Video Accounts</i> in-feed ads, enhancing transaction-driven capability and machine learning infrastructure</li> </ul>
Upgraded Cloud Strategy	<ul> <li>Systematic restructuring resulted in initially lower revenue but improved gross profit margin</li> <li>Assisted digital transformation of non-Internet industries and public services with enhanced PaaS solutions and integrated SaaS products</li> </ul>
Focus and Efficiency	<ul> <li>Increased efficiency of existing businesses and sharpened our focus, which enabled us to improve performance and positioned us for a new sustainable growth model</li> </ul>
Capital Return to Shareholders	<ul> <li>Returned increased capital to shareholders through multiple channels including distribution-in-kind, share repurchase and cash dividend</li> </ul>
Enhancing Social Value	<ul> <li>Committed to carbon neutrality across scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions and 100% green power by 2030</li> <li>Promoted philanthropic participation, facilitated pandemic mutual aid and contributed to basic science research</li> <li>Increased board diversity and improved governance structure</li> </ul>

# **Financial Highlights**

In billion RMB	4Q2022	ΥοΥ	QoQ	FY2022	ΥοΥ
Total Revenue	145.0	+0.5%	+3%	554.6	-1%
Value-added Services	70.4	-2%	-3%	287.6	-1%
Social Networks	28.6	-2%	-4%	116.9	-0.3%
Domestic Games	27.9	-6%	-11%	123.9	-4%
International Games	13.9	+5%	+19%	46.8	+3%
Online Advertising	24.7	+15%	+15%	82.7	-7%
Media	3.3	+4%	+28%	10.7	-20%
Social and Others	21.4	+17%	+13%	72.0	-4%
FinTech and Business Services	47.2	-1%	+5%	177.1	+3%
Others	2.7	-6%	+144%	7.2	-6%
Gross Profit	61.9	+7%	-0.3%	238.8	-3%
Non-IFRS					
Operating Profit	39.4	+19%	-4%	153.5	-4%
Operating Margin	27.2%	+4.2ppt	-2.0ppt	27.7%	-0.8ppt
Net Profit Attributable to Equity Holders	29.7	+19%	-8%	115.6	-7%

Domestic Games refers to our games business in the PRC excluding the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Macao Special Administrative Region and Taiwan

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# **Repositioned for sustainable and high quality growth**

#### Improved financial performance in 4Q22

- Revenue stablised
- Gross margins improved YoY across business segments
- Non-IFRS operating profits and non-IFRS net profits both increased by 19% YoY from the low base in 4Q21

#### Proactive initiatives amid an improved macro environment

- Executed efficiency initiatives to improve margins and promote earnings quality
- Encouraging progress in revenue initiatives (e.g., Video Accounts in-feed ads and international games) to develop new, high-quality revenue streams
- Improved macro environment: post COVID-19 recovery and regulatory normalisation

#### **Future growth drivers**

- Expanding opportunities in advertising, FinTech services and games
- Stepping up monetisation for *Video Accounts*
- Sustaining focus on operational efficiency and disciplined resource allocation
- Developing AI capabilities as a growth multiplier





# **Advertising – Initiatives reinforcing macro improvements**





# FinTech – Macro recovery on top of solid footing

#### Strong recovery in commercial payment volume

- Significant slowdown in YoY growth during 4Q22 due to temporary COVID-19 impact
- Resumed double digits YoY growth QTD in 1Q23 versus a high base period, amid consumption recovery

#### Leveraging synergies with *Mini Programs*

- *Mini Programs* is a leading transaction platform in China, generating several trillions RMB of GMV in 2022
- Online + offline solutions reduce transaction friction and drive repeat sales for merchants
- Mini Programs contributing high teens percentage of commercial payment volume

#### Further opportunities amid regulatory normalisation

- Expanding wealth management user base via investor education, better services and a broadening product line
- Exploring new opportunities in consumer loans and online insurance services via close cooperation with licensed financial institutions under a new regulatory framework

# **Games – Gearing up for global expansion**

#### **Domestic: reigniting growth**

#### Key franchises demonstrating resilience and longevity

- *HoK*: best ever CNY period in Jan 23, leveraging popular new content and enhanced targeted offerings for users
- *DNF*: best-performing 4Q over last three years, riding on successful game mechanics evolution to re-engage returning users

#### New titles with high-production value

- Normalisation of Banhao approval has enabled us to strengthen our game releases for 2023 and beyond
- Sharpening focus on 1) new titles in high potential genres;
  2) combining popular IPs with our genre expertise; and
  3) publishing leading international franchises



#### International: driving mid-to-long term growth

#### **Progressive expansion**

- 4Q22 revenue of USD2.0 billion, representing 1/3 of games revenue
- New additions to our top franchise portfolio: VALORANT, Subway Surfers
- Initial successes from emerging studios

#### Pipeline positioned for multiple opportunities

- Expansion of original IPs
- New titles from emerging studios
- Bringing top PC and console IPs to mobile











# Video Accounts – Multiple monetisation opportunities



# **Artificial Intelligence – A growth multiplier**

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#### **Benefiting from AI advancements**

- Long-standing experience in developing and adopting AI technologies, amplifying our growth across multiple businesses
- Recent industry breakthroughs in foundation models and generative AI applications are significant new boost to our growth potential
- Our core user-to-user services are unaffected or empowered by AI technology enhancements, while foundation models facilitate our introduction of user-to-machine services

#### **Rollout strategies for Al**

- Gradually rolling out our own foundation models at the back end, while enhancing frontend use cases
- Leverage AI technologies to enhance product innovations, monetisation and operational efficiency

#### Strengths across the AI value chain

- Broad range of use cases via applications with deep user engagement
- · Long-term investments in machine learning
- Breadth and depth in data for model training
- Scale in advanced cloud infrastructure
- Rapid advancement in proprietary foundation model HunYuan

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# **Revenue by Segment**

In billion RMB



Social Networks Domestic Games International Games Online Advertising FBS Others

### **Value-added Services**



#### **Social Networks**

- 4Q22 revenue was down 2% YoY to RMB28.6 billion. Music- and gamesrelated live streaming services declined while revenue from *Video Accounts* live streaming service increased
- Video subscription revenue increased YoY, driven by ARPU growth as we adjusted pricing, though subscriptions decreased due to content scheduling delays. In Jan 23, we released our self-commissioned drama series *Three-Body*, which became the highest-rated<sup>1</sup> domestic sci-fi series in the past five years
- Music subscription revenue increased YoY. Paying users and ARPU grew YoY, as we offered more attractive membership privileges and enhanced user engagement in various music genres

#### **Domestic Games**

 4Q22 revenue was down 6% YoY to RMB27.9 billion, reflecting lower gross receipts in previous quarters. 4Q22 gross receipts increased YoY due to higher DAU and spending per paying user

#### **International Games**

• 4Q22 revenue was up 5% YoY to RMB13.9 billion, or up 11% excluding currency impact and Supercell-related true-up revenue adjustment made in 4Q21. Growth was driven by key franchises *VALORANT* and *LoL*, as well as successful launches of *NIKKE* and *Darktide* 

### **Social Networks**



#### Increasing and diversifying user time spent on Weixin

- Total time spent on *Weixin* has steadily increased throughout 2022, driven by growth in chat activities and enriched non-chat use cases
- Among non-chat use cases:
  - Moments accounted for the majority of time spent in 4Q21, and its time spent was broadly stable YoY in 4Q22
  - Mini Programs and Video Accounts time spent doubled and tripled YoY in 4Q22 respectively, both exceeding that of Moments
- Weixin and WeChat combined MAU reached 1.313 billion, up 4% YoY



Enhanced chat experience and ramped up short-form video consumption

- **Upgraded video chat experience** by adding *Super QQ Show* avatar and enhancing motion capture to mirror users' facial expressions and gestures in real time
- *Mini World* **DAU** and time spent per **DAU** increased significantly YoY, driven by enriched Anime, Comics and Games (ACG) content and AI-powered creation tools
- QQ mobile device MAU was 572 million, up 4% YoY

#### Growing user time spent on Weixin





Video call using Super QQ Show

### **Domestic Games**



HoK: Targeted offering with enriched content drove recovery

Created more attractive and top-tier outfits; launched targeted marketing programs to address various player segments

DAU resumed YoY growth in 4Q22; gross receipts achieved record high during Chinese New Year holiday



*DnF*: Improved gameplay reignited popularity

Upgraded PvE gameplay with lower entry barrier and more in-game rewards attracted returning players

MAU, paying users and gross receipts all increased YoY in 4Q22



Undawn: Built presence in SOC genre

In-house mobile Survival, Open-world, Crafting (SOC) title

High fidelity graphics and immersive experiences enrich player-driven exploration







### **International Games**

#### Strong performance of key franchises

*LoL*: World Championship Finals with themed battle pass and creative outfit series drove gross receipts up YoY in 4Q22

*VALORANT*: New agent and "best of 9" game mode supported MAU and gross receipts YoY growth in 4Q22

**PUBG Mobile**: Rate of YoY gross receipts decline in 4Q22 narrowed notably from 3Q22 as innovative outfit design appealed to hardcore players

*Call of Duty Mobile*: Gross receipts increased YoY in 4Q22, benefitting from top-tier outfit released during third anniversary event

#### Successful new launches

*NIKKE*: #1 by gross receipts<sup>1</sup> among new mobile games released in 2022; delivered a cross-platform experience with PC version launched in Feb 23

*Darktide:* Hardcore co-op action shooter PC game developed by subsidiary Fatshark, ranked among 2022 Top New Releases<sup>2</sup> on Steam



League of Legends



PUBG Mobile



NIKKE

<sup>1.</sup> Source: by first month grossing of new releases, data.ai

<sup>2.</sup> Source: Steam, Top New Releases measured by gross revenue

# **Online Advertising**

In billion RMB



#### Overall

- 4Q22 revenue grew 15% YoY, underpinned by robust demand for *Video Accounts* and *Mini Programs* ads, recovery of mobile ad network, as well as enhanced machine learning infrastructure
- Ad spend from eCommerce platforms, FMCG and games advertisers increased notably YoY

#### **Social & Others**

- *Video Accounts* in-feed ad revenue exceeded RMB1 billion, as we released more inventory to satisfy strong demand
- *Mini Programs* revenue increased rapidly, reflecting popularity of enriched content and higher adoption of rewarded video ads
- Mobile ad network revenue resumed YoY growth due to improved conversion and increased adoption of bidding mechanism

#### Media

- Enhanced targeting technology and introduced new formats for video services
- Increased monetisation for ad-supported music content

### **FinTech and Business Services**



#### **FinTech Services**

- FinTech Services revenue grew slightly both YoY and QoQ
- Commercial payment volume declined QoQ due to COVID-19 outbreaks, but rebounded QTD in 1Q23 benefitting from consumption recovery in China

#### **Business Services**

- 4Q22 revenue declined YoY. Gross profit increased YoY mainly due to (1) proactive reduction of loss-making activities and cost optimisation; (2) increasing focus on healthiermargin self-developed PaaS in areas such as video cloud and database
- Increasing adoption of Intelligent Mobility solution among auto manufacturers. We upgraded our strategic partnership with NIO and became its largest cloud provider, demonstrating our capabilities in customised smart cockpit solution, digital map and data management. Other notable customers included BMW and GAC Motor

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### **Income Statement**

In billion RMB	4Q2022	ΥοΥ	QoQ	FY2022	ΥοΥ
Revenue	145.0	+0.5%	+3%	554.6	-1%
COPS	(83.1)	-4%	+6%	(315.8)	+0.5%
Gross profit	61.9	+7%	-0.3%	238.8	-3%
Interest income	2.5	+52%	+11%	8.5	+29%
Other gains, net	85.8	-0.4%	+311%	124.3	-17%
Operating expenses	(33.4)	-7%	-0.5%	(135.9)	+4%
Operating profit	116.8	+6%	+126%	235.7	-13%
Finance costs, net	(3.7)	+96%	+88%	(9.4)	+31%
Share of profit/(loss) of associates & JVs, net	(1.6)	-80%	-54%	(16.1)	-2%
Income tax expense	(4.6)	+18%	-36%	(21.5)	+6%
Net profit	106.9	+12%	+175%	188.7	-17%
Net profit attributable to equity holders	106.3	+12%	+166%	188.2	-16%
Diluted EPS in RMB	10.977	+12%	+167%	19.341	-17%
Non-IFRS					
Operating Profit	39.4	+19%	-4%	153.5	-4%
Net profit attributable to equity holders	29.7	+19%	-8%	115.6	-7%
Diluted EPS in RMB	3.042	+19%	-8%	11.835	-7%

# **Non-IFRS Adjustments**

In billion RMB	IFRS 4Q2022	SBC	Net (gains)/ losses from investee companies <sup>1</sup>	of intangible		SSV & CPP <sup>3</sup>	Others <sup>4</sup>	Tax effect	Non-IFRS 4Q2022	YoY change	QoQ change	Non-IFRS FY2022	YoY change
Operating profit	116.8	5.7	(108.0)	1.3	22.0	1.6	-	-	39.4	+19%	-4%	153.5	-4%
Net profit	106.9	7.2	(108.0)	2.7	23.7	1.6	0.2	(3.7)	30.6	+19%	-8%	119.2	-7%
Net profit attributable to equity holders	106.3	7.1	(107.9)	2.4	23.7	1.6	0.2	(3.7)	29.7	+19%	-8%	115.6	-7%
Operating margin	80.6%								27.2%	+4.2ppt	-2.0ppt	27.7%	-0.8ppt
Net margin	73.8%								21.1%	+3.2ppt	-2.7ppt	21.5%	-1.3ppt

#### Note:

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. Mainly including donations and expenses incurred for the Group's Sustainable Social Value & Common Prosperity Programme initiatives.

4. Mainly including expenses incurred for non-recurring compliance-related costs and certain litigation settlements of the Company and/or arising from investee companies.

# **Gross Margins**



# **Operating Expenses**







#### Non-IFRS

**4Q22** R&D grew by 18% YoY and 7% QoQ **FY2022** R&D grew by 19% YoY

#### Non-IFRS

**4Q22** G&A (excl. R&D) grew by 11% YoY and 2% QoQ **FY2022** G&A (excl. R&D) grew by 19% YoY

#### Non-IFRS

**4Q22** S&M declined by 48% YoY and 14% QoQ **FY2022** S&M declined by 29% YoY

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



# **EPS and Annual Dividend**

In RMB		4Q2	2022		FY2022				
	IFRS	YoY	Non-IFRS	YoY	IFRS	YoY	Non-IFRS	YoY	
Basic EPS	11.173	+12%	3.124	+20%	19.757	-16%	12.138	-7%	
Diluted EPS	10.977	+12%	3.042	+19%	19.341	-17%	11.835	-7%	

# Declared a special interim dividend (HKD18.13 per Tencent share<sup>1</sup>) in the form of a distribution in specie of Class B ordinary shares of Meituan

Subject to shareholders' approval at the 2023 AGM, proposed 2022 annual dividend of HKD2.40 per share (up 50% YoY) for the year ended 31 December 2022

# **CAPEX, FCF and Cash Position**

In billion RMB	4Q2022	<b>Υο Υ</b>	QoQ	FY2022	<b>Υο Υ</b>
Operating CAPEX	1.9	-76%	+80%	10.2	-61%
Non-operating CAPEX	3.8	+4%	+184%	7.8	+7%
Total CAPEX	5.7	-52%	-52% +138%		-46%
Operating Cash Flow	35.6	-31%	-13%	146.1	-17%
Less: CAPEX Paid	(5.6)	-25%	+11%	(24.4)	-22%
Payments for media content	(5.3)	-39%	-17%	(26.4)	-14%
Payments for lease liabilities	(1.6)	+7%	-19%	(6.9)	+35%
Free Cash Flow	23.1	-31%	-16%	88.4	-18%
Total Cash	319.6	+14%	+1%	319.6	+14%
Less: Total Debt	(334.4)	+11%	-2%	(334.4)	+11%
Net (Debt)/Cash	(14.8)	-27%	-46%	(14.8)	-27%

- Repurchased ~45.6 million shares with an aggregated cost of ~RMB12.0 billion during 4Q22
- As at 31 Dec 2022, the fair value of our shareholdings<sup>1</sup> in listed investee companies (excluding subsidiaries) was ~RMB585 billion (USD84 billion) and the carrying value of our unlisted investee companies was ~RMB333 billion (USD48 billion)

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