



# Bezeg Group **Business Strategy**

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# From defense to growth



#### Fiber as growth engine

Bezeq is leading the fiber revolution in Israel. Within the next few years, most Israeli homes will have access to fiber

#### yes as a 'triple-play' growth engine to accelerate fiber growth

The merger of Bezeq international's consumer division with yes' TV business is expected to enable marketing of a TV and Internet bundle whilst migrating yes into Full IP

#### **5G as revenue growth driver**

Pelephone is leading the 5G revolution in Israel and within the next few years most of its subscriber base is expected to move to 5G, while increasing data usage and contributing to ARPU growth

#### **Creation of significant growth engines while continuing streamlining process**

## In Summary

#### **Establishment of a leading ICT company**

Bezeq International's ICT division will become an independent company focused on the growing areas of the ICT market: migration to the public cloud and cyber security services

#### **Business portfolio diversification to** create additional growth sources

The group will identify opportunities for entry into new adjacent areas which are relevant to its core capabilities

#### Maintain balanced capital structure and return to dividend distribution

The group strives to return to dividend distribution while maintaining an optimal leverage and credit rating within the AA group

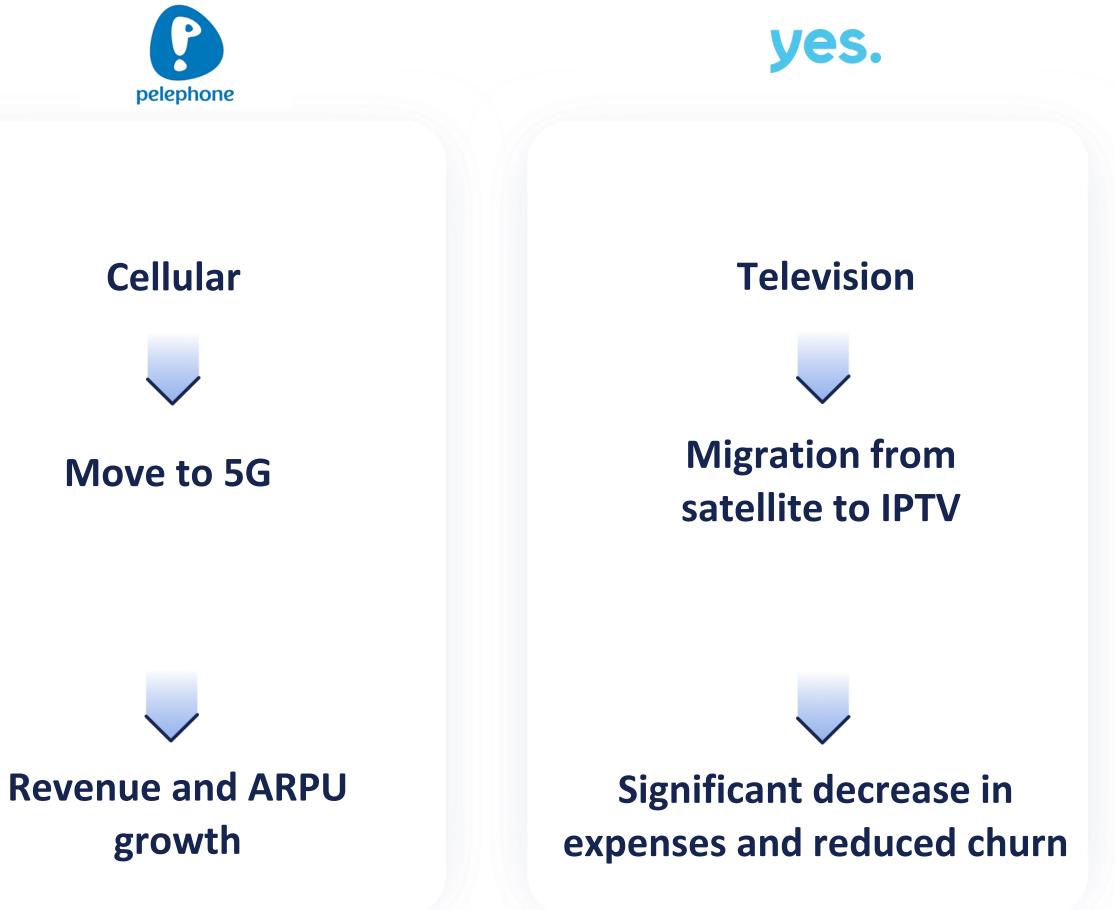
#### The Group is in the midst of technological transition in all key sectors which will serve as basis for future growth



#### **Fixed Internet**

**Advanced fiber optic** network deployment

**Revenue and ARPU** growth





- Expansion of fiber subscriber base reaching approx. 2M homes passed as a strong growth foundation
- Continued leadership and growth in the business segment through broad and diverse value proposition
- A 'triple-play' offering by yes and full migration to IPTV will support subscriber base growth and reduction of Opex and Capex
- Deployment of 5G is expected to contribute to Pelephone's subscriber base growth and ARPU
- Establishment of ICT company and acquisitions in growth areas - public cloud and cyber
- Integration and promotion of ESG-relevant initiatives as an integral part of business strategy

#### The group's mid-term ambitions

- Adjusted EBITDA growth  $\bullet$
- FCF growth as compared to 2021  $\bullet$
- Maintaining high liquidity and credit rating in  $\bullet$ the AA group to allow resilience in times of uncertainty

# The Telecom Market Major Trends

# The telecom market is undergoing significant changes as a result of technological developments, changes in consumer behavior and evolving regulation



 Market consolidation



#### Consumer behavior changes

- Demand for data is growing
- Digital media-based consumption and the strengthening of social networks
- Omni-channel
- Constant increase in media consumption and mobile data

#### Technology changes

- Investment in infrastructure (5G, fiber)
- Digital transformation
- M2M, IoT
- Convergence between technologies



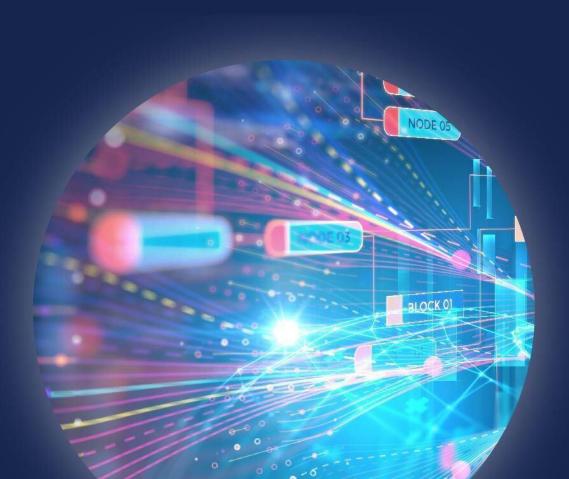
# All of these lead to a growing demand for advanced communications infrastructure











#### Demand for communications and data services is growing

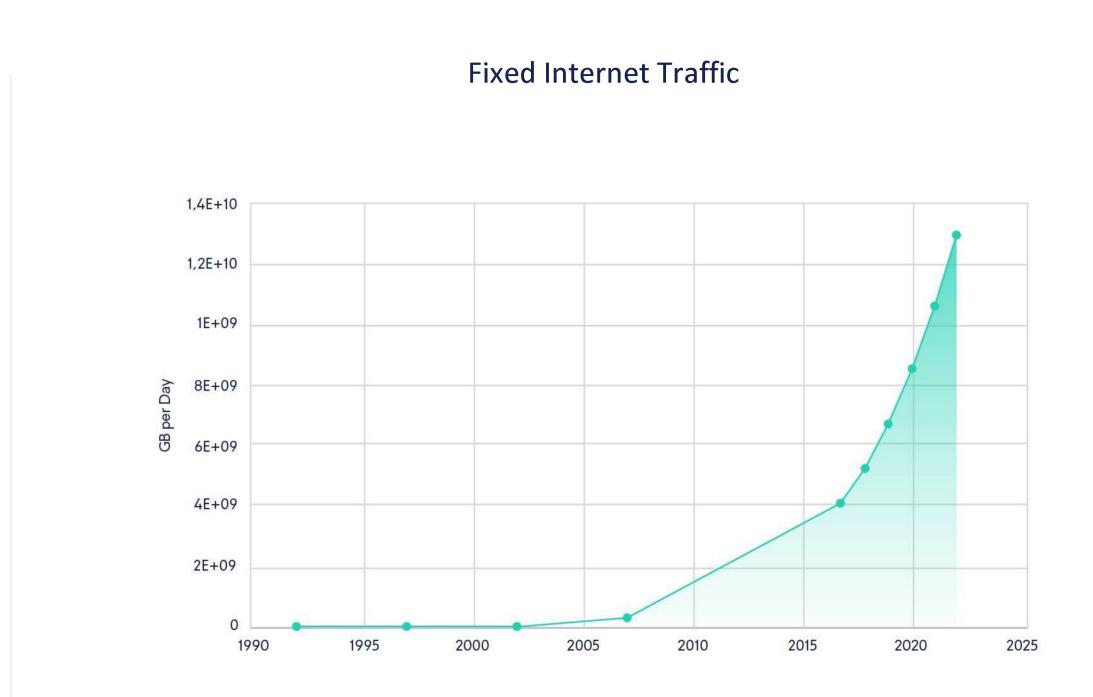
Telecom companies are enablers for growth in data usage therefore are significant in the technological and business environment

#### Mobile Internet Traffic



Global mobile data traffic forecast by ITU. Overall mobile data traffic is estimated to grow at annual rate of around 55% in 2020-2030 to reach 607 exabytes (EB) in 2025 and 5, 016 EB in 2030. (Source: Cisco)

Source: www.ericsson.com/en/mobility-report/dataforecasts/mobile-traffic-forecast



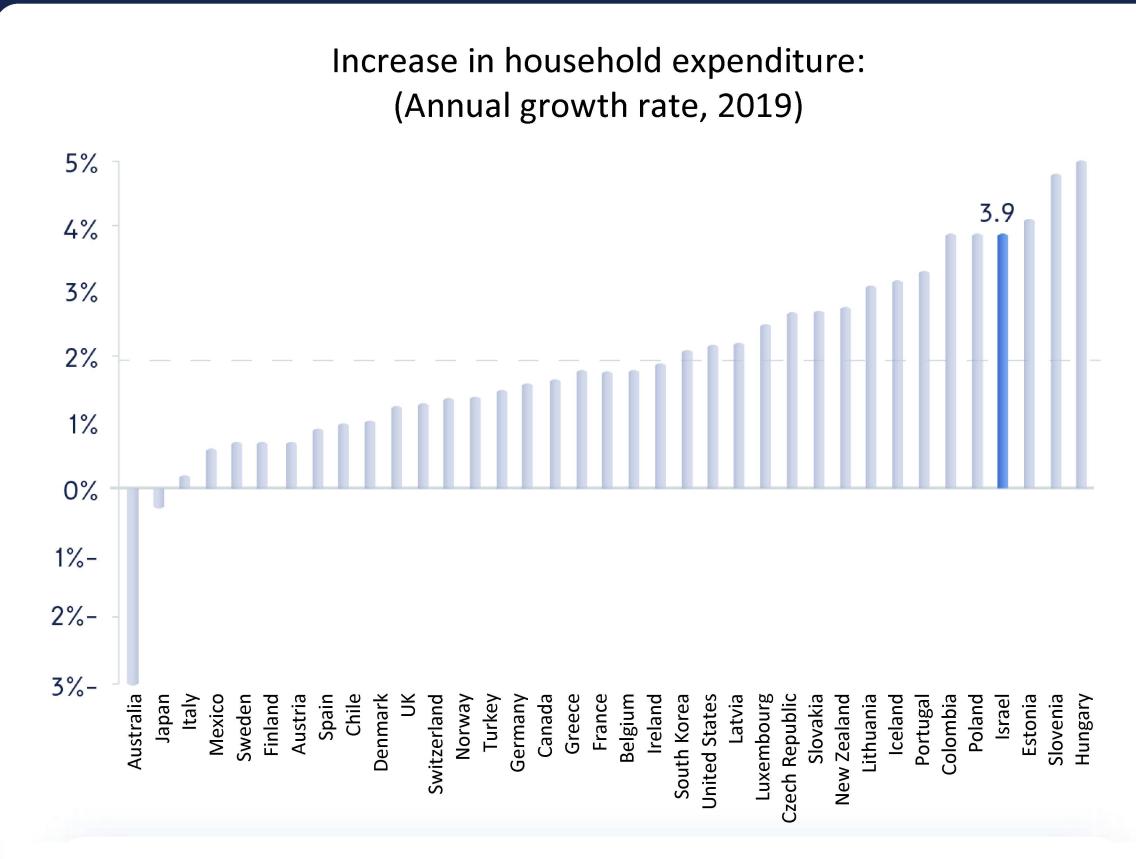
2: Increase in Global Internet Traffic in GB per Day from 1997 to 2022 (data from [Cisco, 2018])



# Introduction to the Israeli Economy

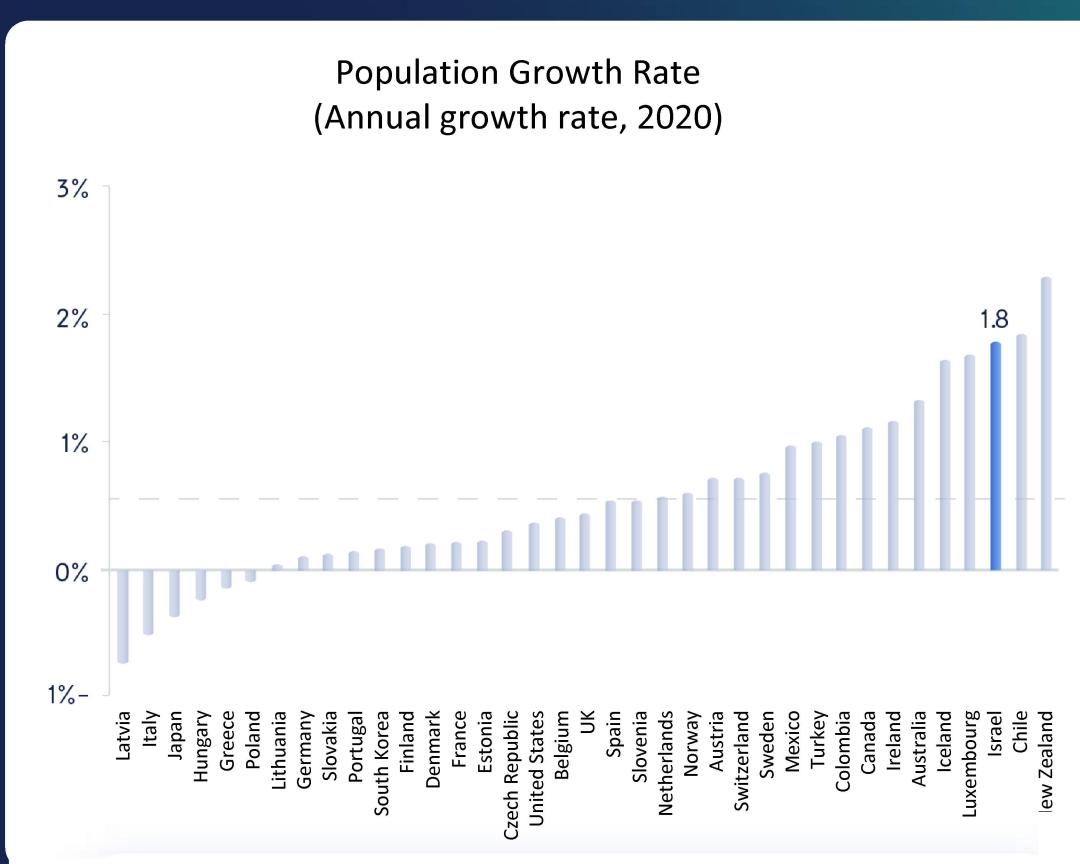


## The rapid population growth in Israel supports higher sustainable growth relative to developed countries



Private consumption in Israel is growing more rapidly than the OECD average

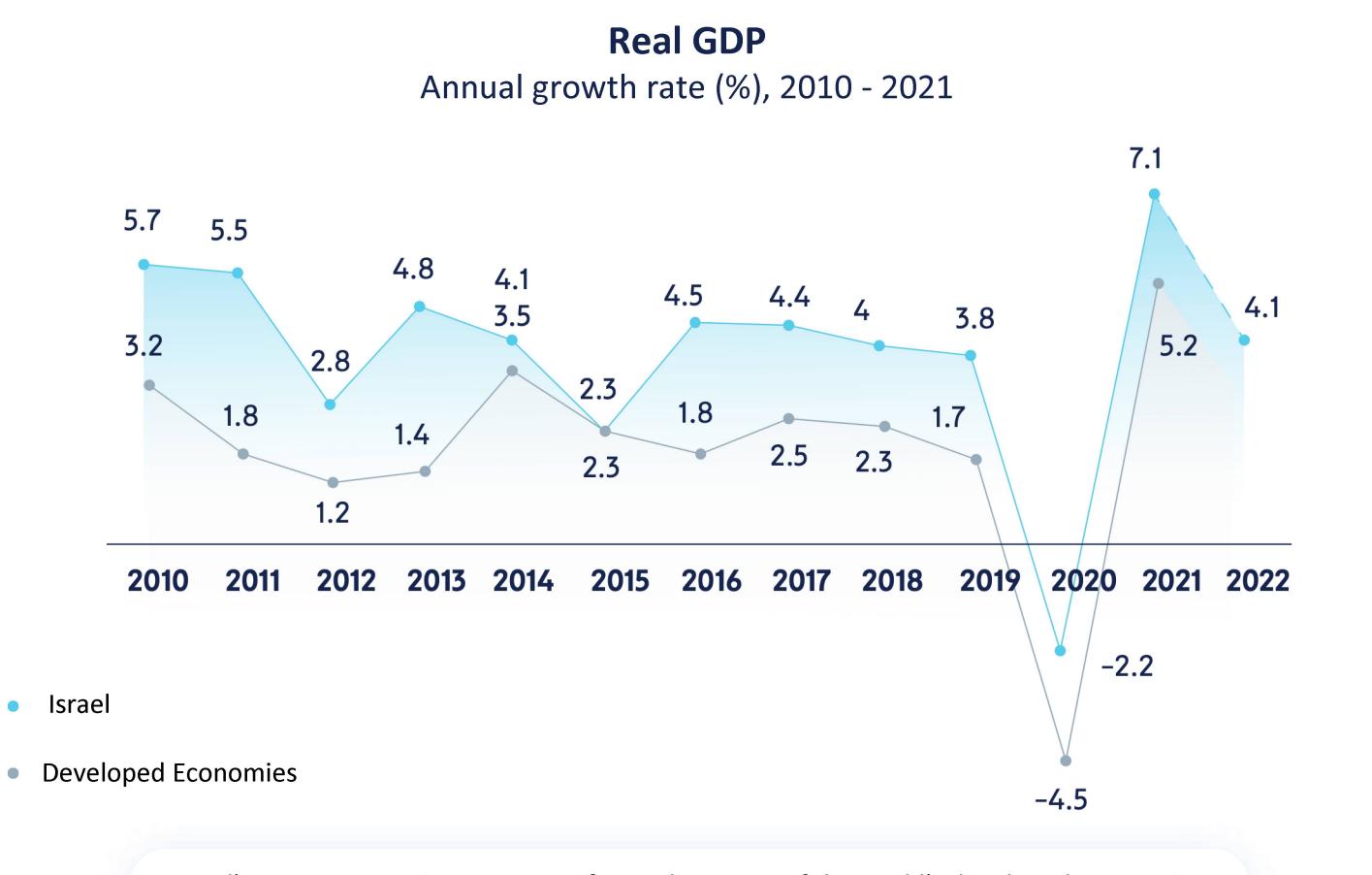
Source: OECD



Israel's population has grown at a rate of more than three times the OECD according to CBS forecasts. Growth is expected to continue at an average annual rate of 1.8% through 2035



## The Israeli economy exhibits strong macroeconomic performance and fiscal resilience



Israel's economy continues to grow faster than most of the world's developed economies





#### Group vision

**Bezeq Group - the largest and leading** communications group in Israel, will lead and promote the digital revolution in Israel, through advanced infrastructure and services for consumers and businesses, while striving for operational excellence and continuous improvement in business results



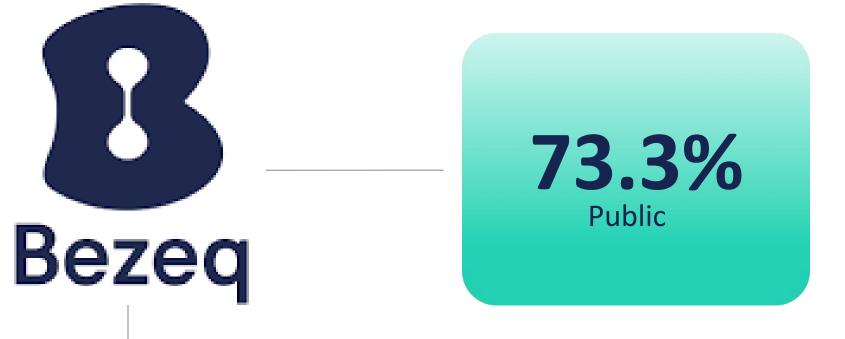


#### 26.7% **B** Communications Controlled by Searchlight Capital





#### **Group structure**



#### **Current situation**



\*The Company's Board of Directors decided to spin-off the ICT operations from Bezeq International into a new company wholly-owned by Bezeq and to merge Bezeq International's consumer activities into yes

#### **Group structure**



#### **Bezeq Group Senior Management**

#### Gil Sharon

Chairman of the Board of Directors Date of Appointment: 8.2020

Mr. Sharon has over 28 years' experience in diverse senior positions in the telecommunications industry, among others, as Pelephone's CEO for 10 years, and until recently as Chairman and CEO of Golan Telecom.

Mr. Sharon holds a master's degree in business administration from Tel Aviv University, and a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



#### Dudu Mizrahi

CEO of Bezeq

Date of Appointment: 9.2018

From 2017-2018 Mr. Mizrahi served as Deputy CEO and CFO of Tnuva.

Prior to that, he served as CFO of Partner Communications.

From 2012-2016, Mr. Mizrahi served as Deputy CEO and CFO of the Bezeq Group.

Prior to that, he acted as VP Economics of Bezeq, and in total worked for approx. 20 years at Bezeq.



#### **Ran Guron** CEO of yes, Pelephone and Bezq International Date of Appointment: 1.2019

Ran Guron has over 20 years of experience in the communications market, of which more than a decade in the Bezeq Group. Since 2015, he has served as CEO of Pelephone and since 2018, he has also served as CEO of yes and as CEO of Bezeq International.

In previous years, he was Deputy CEO and VP of Marketing at Bezeq, and also served as VP of Marketing at various communications companies.

Guron holds a BA degree in economics and business administration, and an MBA degree, both from the Hebrew University.



#### Tobi Fischbein

CFO of Bezeq Group Date of Appointment: 4.2021

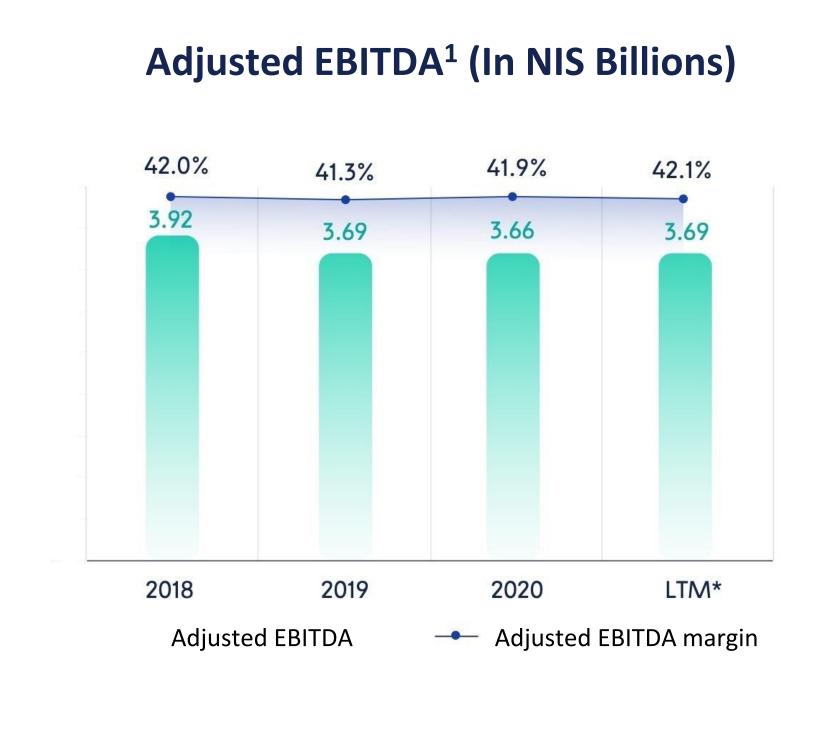
During the years 2017-2021, Mr. Fischbein served as CFO at MAX (formerly Leumi Card) and from 2011-2016 as CFO at Tadiran Group Ltd.

Mr. Fischbein returned to Bezeq after serving as Head of the Finance & Capital Markets Dept from 2007-2011.

Mr. Fischbein holds a master's degree in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID) from Harvard University as well as MA and BA degrees in Economics from Tel Aviv University.

# Bezeq Group Select Financial Data

#### **Group Revenue and EBITDA**



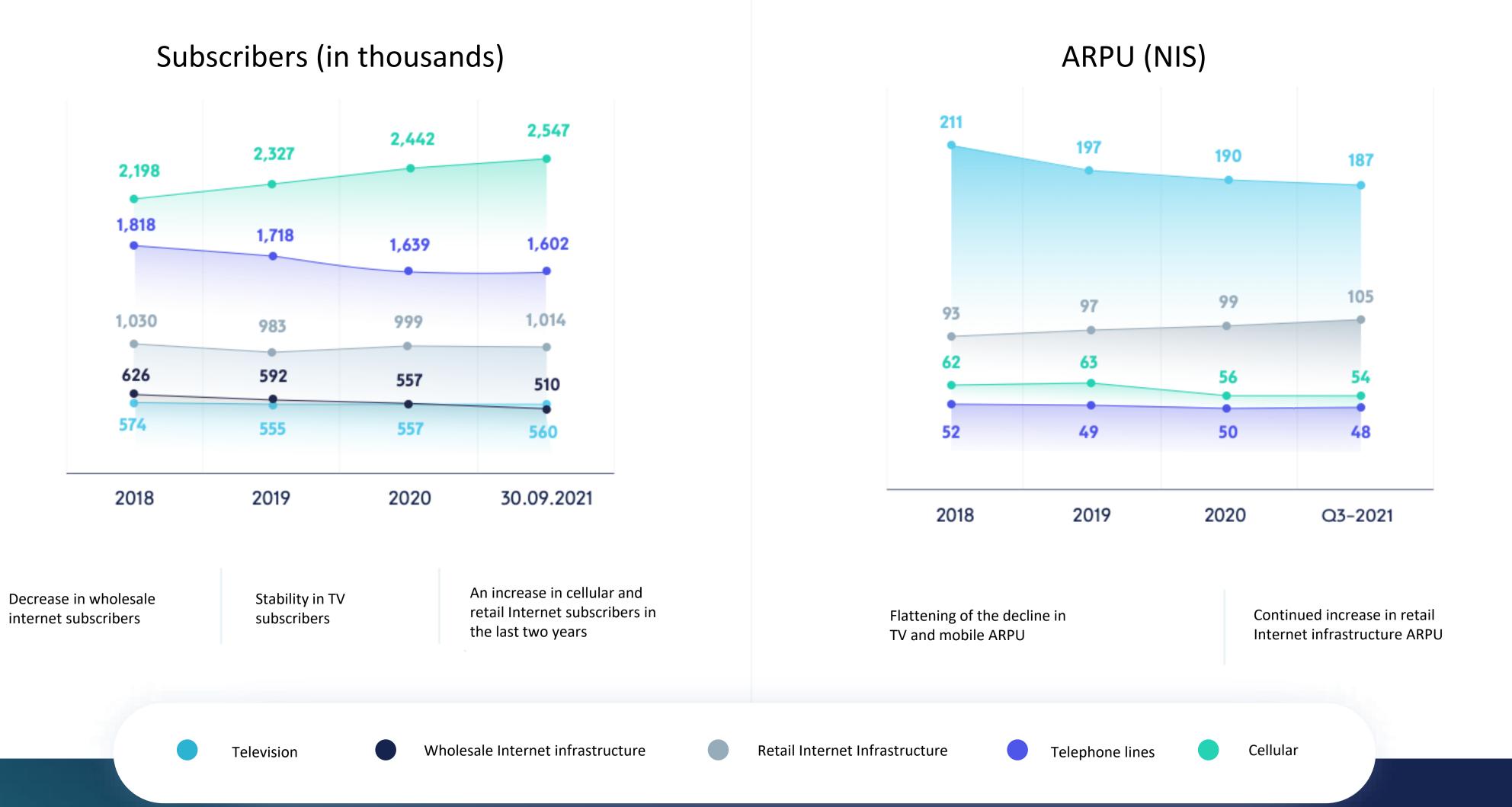
#### Stable EBITDA over the last few years

(1) After adjusting for other operating expenses/income, net, one-time losses/gains from impairment/increase in value of assets and stock-based compensation \* LTM - Last twelve months published, as of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 2021



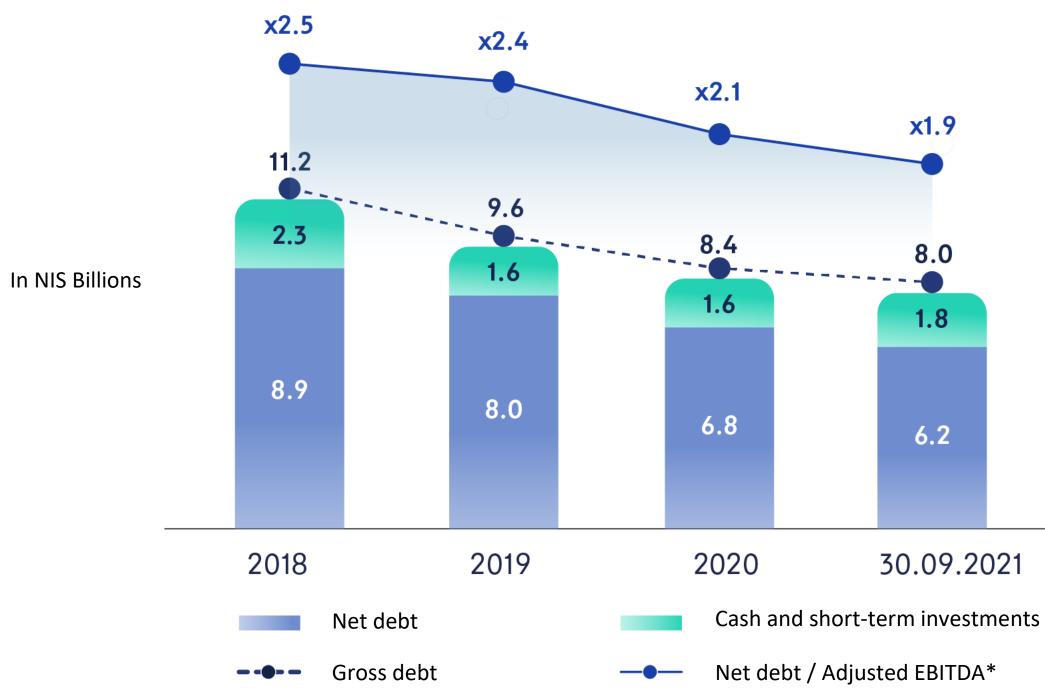
A moderate decline in revenue over the past few years, indications of an increase in 2021

#### Development of key performance indicators in the main areas of activity



## The Group's financial debt over time

#### A decrease of approx. 30% in gross and net debt



\* EBITDA less lease payments and after adjusting for other operating expenses/income, net, one-time losses/gains from impairment/increase in value of assets and stock-based compensation



#### **S&P Global Ma'alot**

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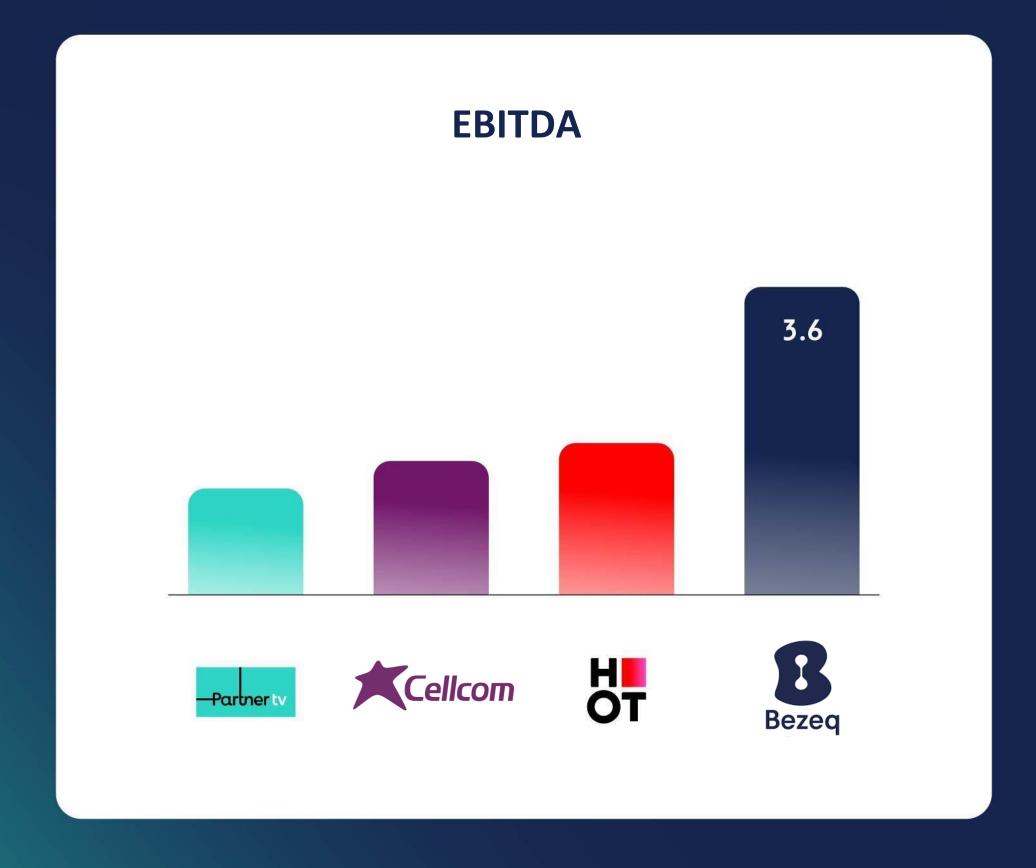
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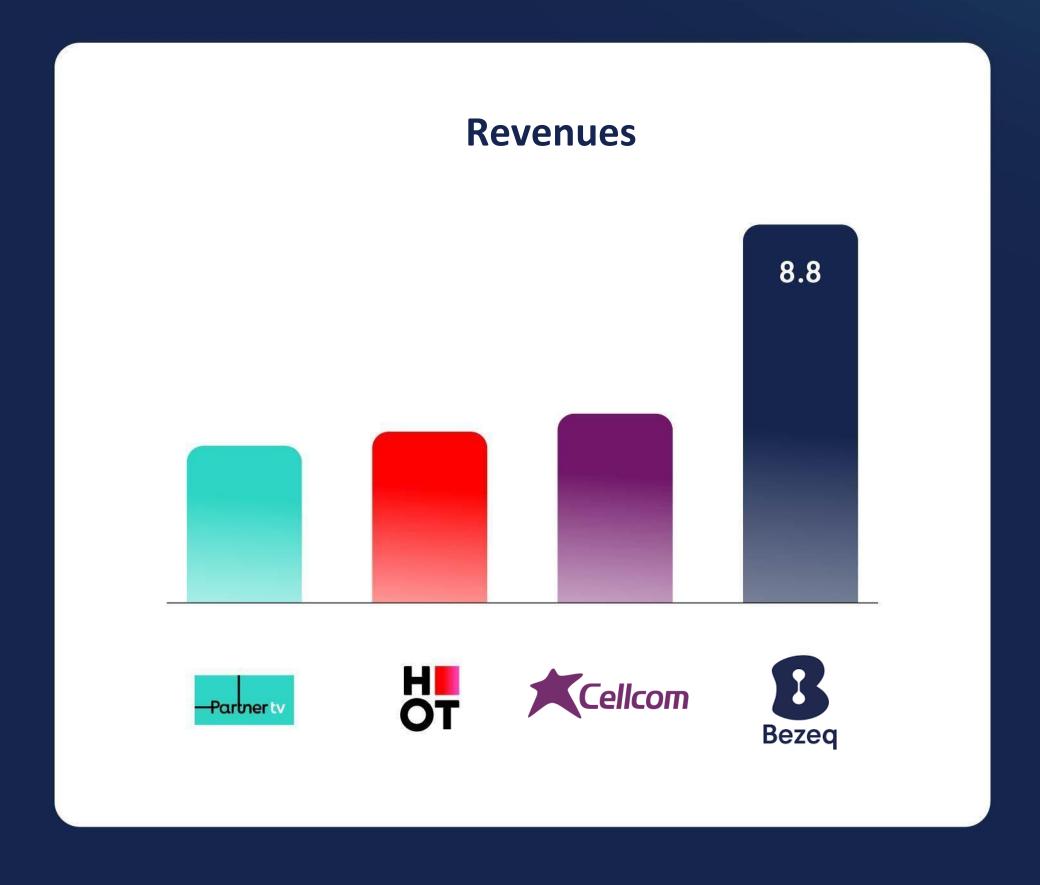
Conservative liquidity policy Strong financial profile, reflected in high and stable credit ratings

### Bezeq is the largest communications group in Israel and has a significant presence in all segments of the market (NIS billions, LTM\*)



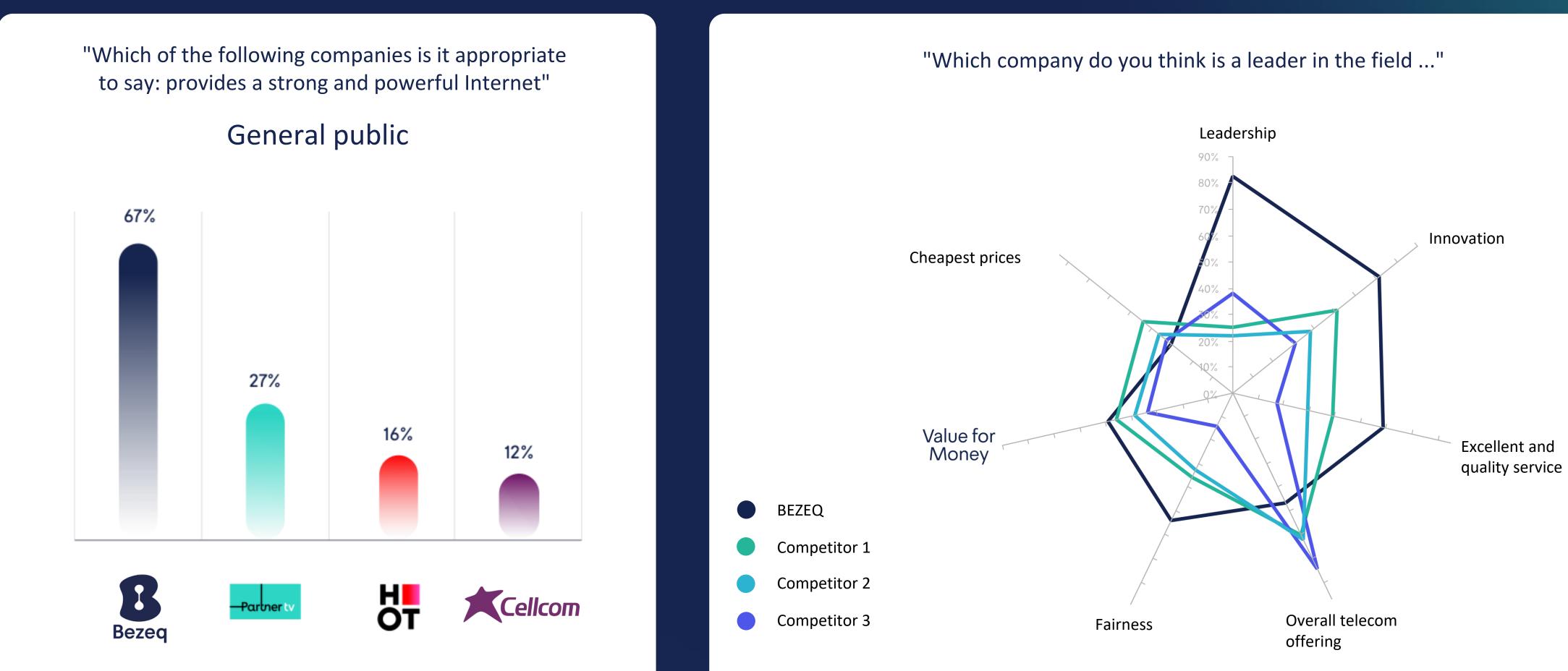


\* LTM – Last 12 months ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. Data according to company reports and publications. HOT data based on Altice financial reports, conversion from EUR to NIS based on average exchange rate of 3.96.



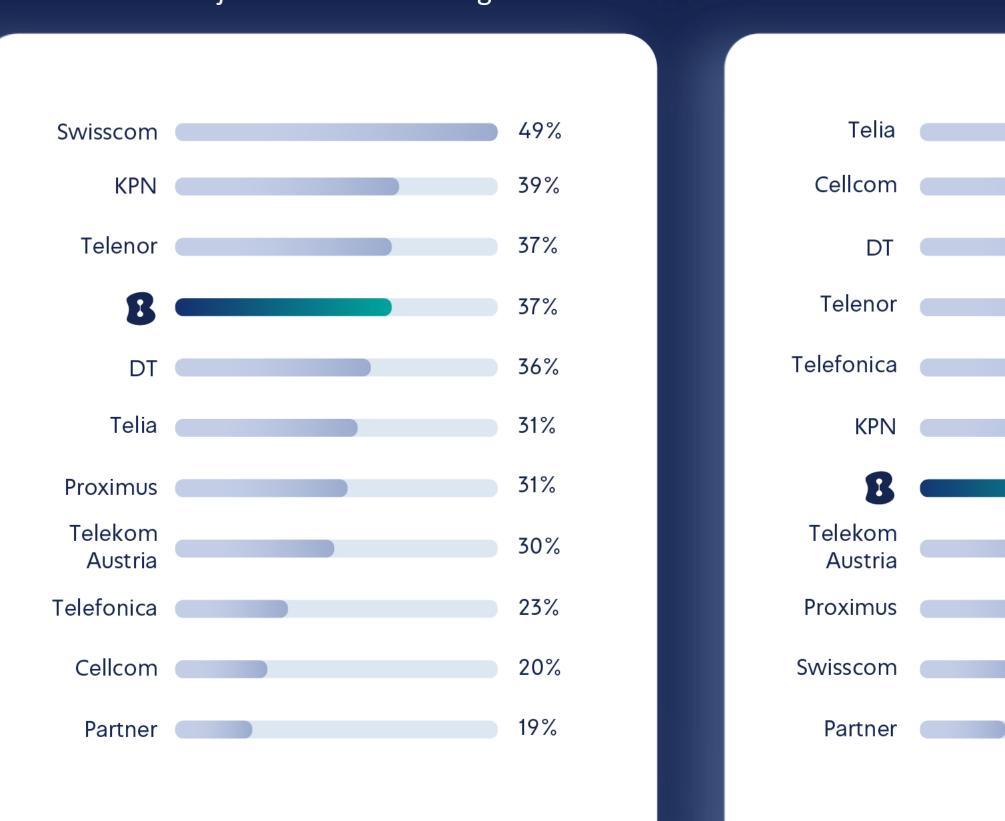
#### And is perceived as such in the eyes of consumers

Image perception of media companies





## The Bezeq Group also shows strong financial performance when benchmarked against international peers



#### Adjusted EBITDA\* Margin



\* Bezeq's adjusted EBITDA is calculated as EBITDA less lease payments and after adjusting for other operating expenses/income, net, one-time losses/gains from impairment/increase in value of assets and stock-based compensation Source: Company reports with certain adjustments by Bezeq in order to present uniform data for the last 12 months ended June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021

#### Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA\*

2.8

2.7

2.5

2.5

2.4

2.2

2.0

1.6

1.6

1.2

1.1

#### KPN 18% Telefonica 17% Telenor 16% Telekom 15% Austria 1 15% Proximus 11% Swisscom 10% DT 7% Partner 3% Cellcom 1% Telia\*\* -4%

\*\* Net loss in 2020 as a result of accounting impairment

#### ROCE - Return on Capital Employed



# Bezeq Group Business Strategy

## **Strategic Pillars**



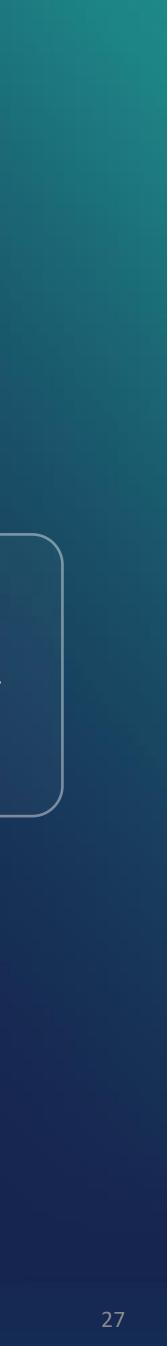
fiber optics and transition to unified Internet – as a growth engine for Bezeq Fixed Line

Bezeq International's consumer division merged with yes, which will offer 'triple-play' bundles combining Internet and TV

Pelephone will leverage the transition to 5G to increase revenue and ARPU

Bezeq International's ICT Division will become a new growth-oriented ICT company

Focus on development of infrastructure and growth engines



## Bezeq's growth strategy focuses on a number of key arenas

#### **Transition from defense to growth**

Communication, data and content services for households

Investing and focusing efforts on growth and strengthening competitive position by offering a wide a range of services and increasing household penetration

Fiber optics as the arena's main growth driver Business telecom services

Maintaining and strengthening the leading position in the arena through value-added offering to customers, based on quality service and advanced products

Reliable broadband transmission and a wide portfolio of advanced services

The foundation: Strive for operational excellence, while promoting digital transformation and continued cost-base streamlining

Arena

Strategic direction

Growth engine ening arena Cellular services

Maintaining and strengthening the competitive position, while striving to increase revenues and improve profits

#### ICT services for businesses

Invest in building capabilities that will enable significant growth

**5G** as base for revenue and ARPU growth Organic growth alongside focused acquisitions to strengthen and complement capabilities



Investing and focusing efforts on growth and strengthening competitive position by offering a wide range of services and increasing household penetration



#### Communications, data and content services for households - main strategy

Investing and focusing efforts on growth and strengthening competitive position by offering a wide range of services as possible and increasing household penetration

Adoption of customer-centric (household) focus, as opposed to product-based

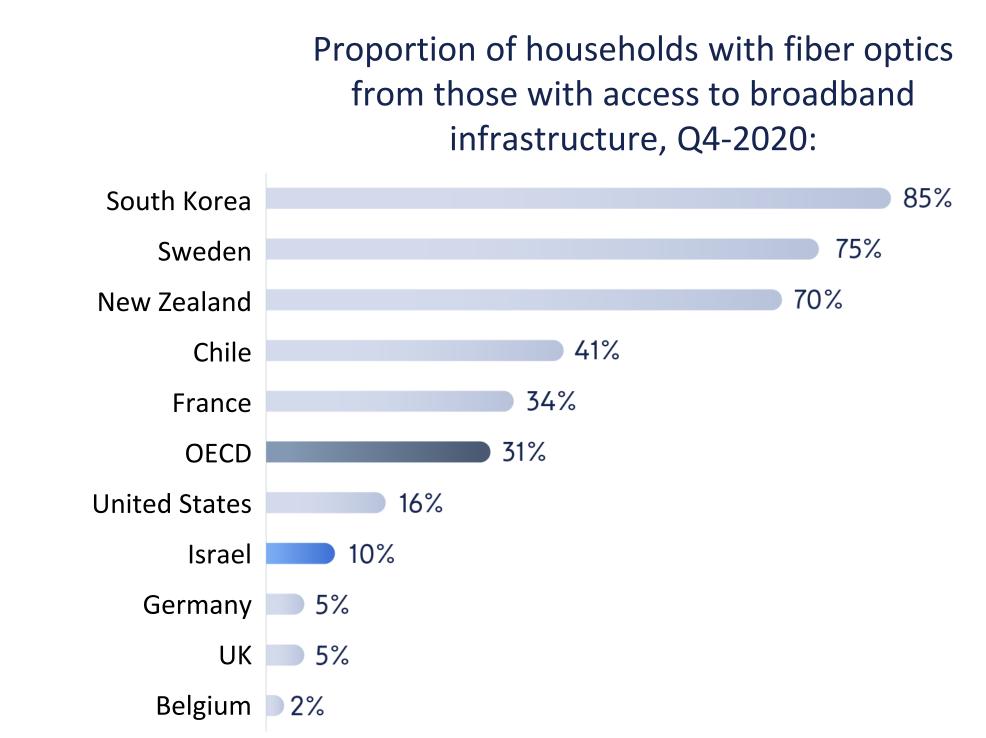
Increasing total income from household and making the Bezeq Group "the gateway" to the home through a wide range of services, strengthening customer loyalty and reducing churn

Fiber optics and yes' content will be key tools for recruiting/retaining customers, expanding the portfolio of services and increasing revenue

The merger of Bezeq International and yes is expected to generate an effective marketing and sales arm to promote Group services focused on fiber and TV bundle

The Group will operate in the arena both via Bezeq Fixed-line and via yes in order to enhance penetration and growth while maximizing capabilities, until the removal of structural separation

### Until recently, Israel was significantly behind other OECD countries in deployment of fiber optics

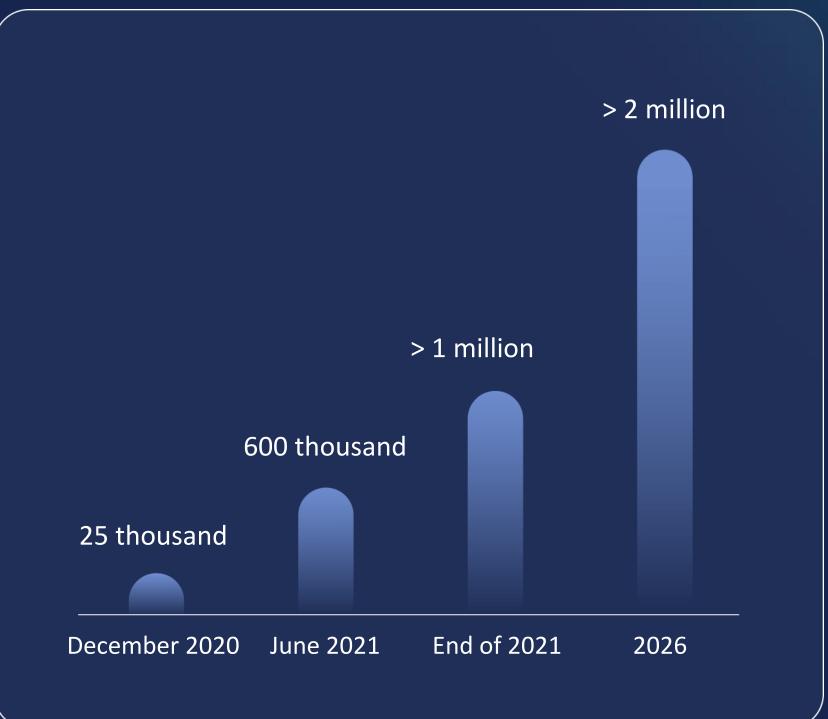


## In the past year, Bezeq accelerated its fiber deployment and will end 2021 with over one million homes passed and a high level of awareness of the service

In the past year the 'roadblock' has been lifted and accelerated deployment is underway



Households with access to Bezeq's fiber infrastructure



## Bezeq Group benefits from yes' leading and highest quality content in the Israeli TV market



Leading product for the basic segment



#### שירותי טלוויזיה מתקדמים

CatchUp 
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 התחילו תוכניות מההתחלה
 StartOver 
 ניגון אוטומטי של הפרק הבא
 הקלטה בענן - להקליט ולצפות מכל
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Premium product - the highest quality and widest IPTV in Israel









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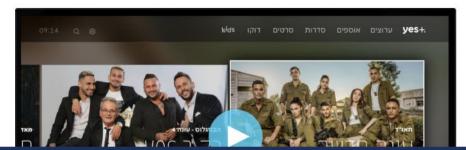
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## In parallel – the merger of Bezeq International and yes will create a unified company focused on household's communications needs



yes.



- Following the Competition Authority's approval, for the first time, yes will be able to market a "triple-play" bundle combining Bezeq's Internet infrastructure with yes' high quality content
- The combination with Internet services is expected to enhance yes' migration to full-IP TV services – in turn allowing for significant savings in satellite and set-top box costs
- yes' strong value proposition is bearing fruit as reflected in lower churn rates and improved cash flows



# Business telecom services

Maintaining and strengthening the leading position in the arena through value-added offering to customers, based on quality service and advanced products

Business telecom services

## Business telecom services – main strategy

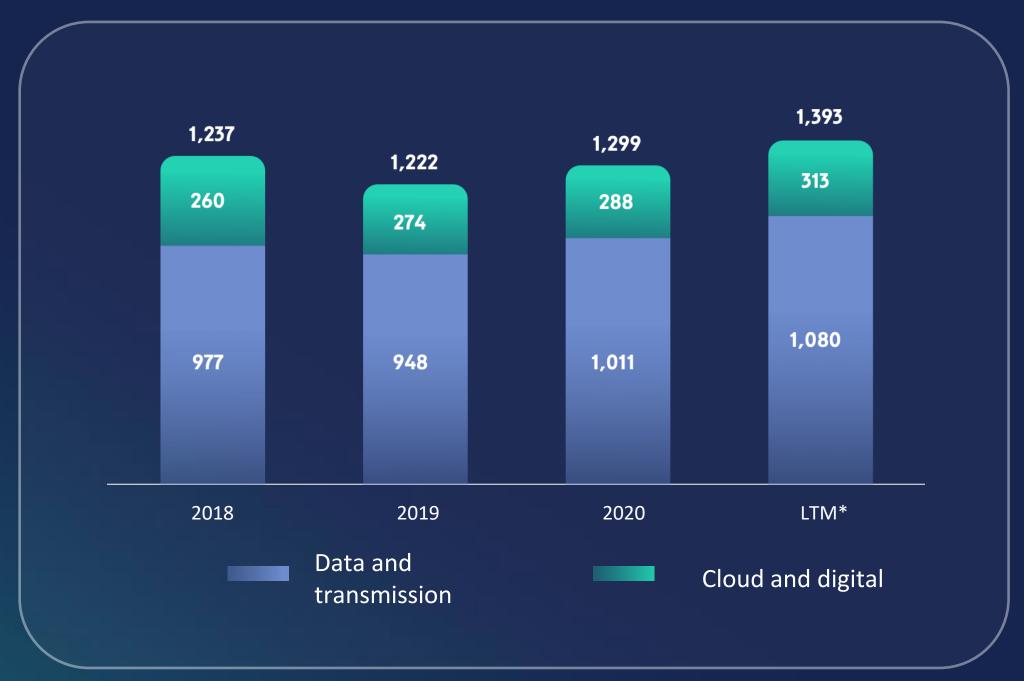
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- The business focus increasing the total income from the business through a wide range of services
- Maintaining high-quality services
- Continue to strengthen relationship with corporate customers
- Focusing on growth in SMB segment (50-500 employees), by expanding the product portfolio
- Take advantage of businesses transition to the public cloud as growth engine for Bezeq services
- Emphasis on services and technical support quality
- Collaboration with new ICT company as allowed by structural separation constraints in order to maximize capabilities

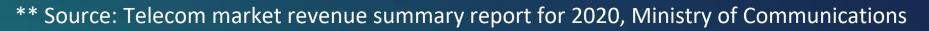
Business telecom services

# Bezeq is a leader in the business sector and continues to grow through advanced and high-quality business services

Bezeq revenues from data services for businesses (NIS m)



\* LTM - last 12 months published, as of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 2021



- Wide range of services based on Bezeq's quality infrastructrure
- Bezeq to strengthen its leading position in the business sector based on the most advanced and high-quality communication network, in addition to value-added services such as cloud, digital, equipment and more.
- As of 2020, Bezeq's market share is approx. 80% of transmission and data communications services \*\*





# Cellular services

Maintaining and strengthening the competitive position, while striving to increase revenues and improve profits



# **Cellular services - main strategy**

Maintaining and strengthening the competitive position, while striving to increase revenues and improve profits

Continued growth in consumer segment through optimal value proposition that combines fast and advanced network with quality services

Continued deployment of the fastest 5G network in Israel as growth engine, both by upgrading existing subscribers and contributing to ARPU, and by recruiting new subscribers and adding services

In the corporate segment – maintain competitive position through good customer relationships, quality services and continued expansion of business services

Leverage advanced 5G capabilities to create future growth engines such as private networks for business, IoT, robotics applications, automation, smart transportation and more

# Cellular ARPU international benchmark

### Average monthly cellular revenue per user (ARPU) in different countries, 2019 Adjusted to PPP, in USD



Sources: Ministry of Communications based on Analysis Mason



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**Cellular services** 

# The move to 5G is expected to contribute to ARPU

% of 5G subscribers from total postpaid subscribers

20%

Current

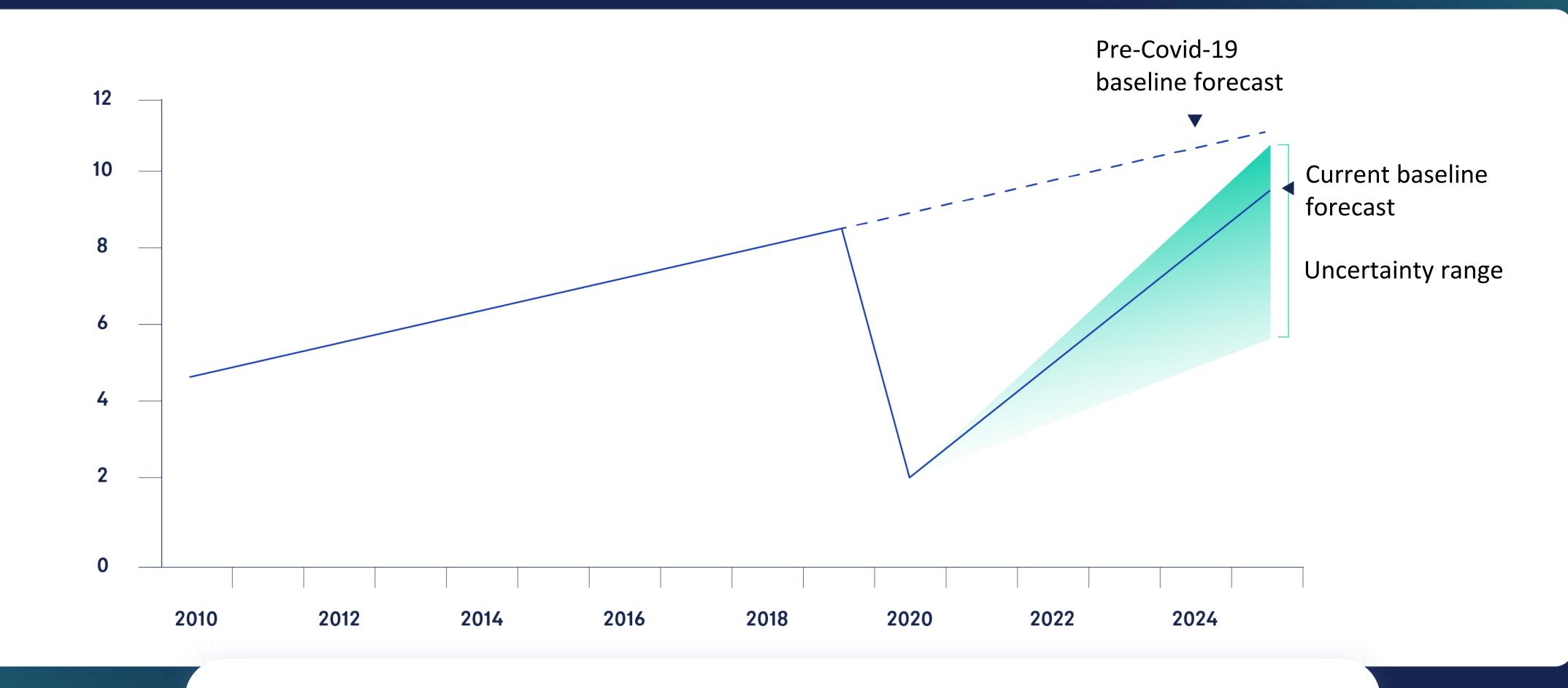


Mid-term

Currently, 5G packages are sold for approx. NIS 8.5 more than average 4G packages

# As well as a recovery of roaming revenues

(Global RPKs, trillions per year)



Recovery in the volume of international travel holds the potential for a NIS 3-4 increase in ARPU due to roaming activity

Source: IATA, January 2021

# Global Aviation Industry Recovery Forecast:



# ICT services for businesses

Investment in building capabilities that will enable significant growth



# ICT services for businesses – main strategy

# Investment in building capabilities that will enable significant growth

- The business ICT market is enjoying a growth trend "fueled" by the transition of services and platforms to the cloud, creating opportunity for expansion in the field
- Transforming Bezeq International's ICT operations into an independent entity will enable management focus and resources allocation to achieve growth in the arena
- Investment in order to build capabilities and strengthen competitive position, both through development and recruitment of professional personnel and through acquisition of companies in adjacent/complementary fields, as well as collaborations with partners from Israel and abroad
- This initiative has the potential to unlock **significant 'hidden' value**

**ICT** services for businesses

# The IT market in Israel - 2021

Services

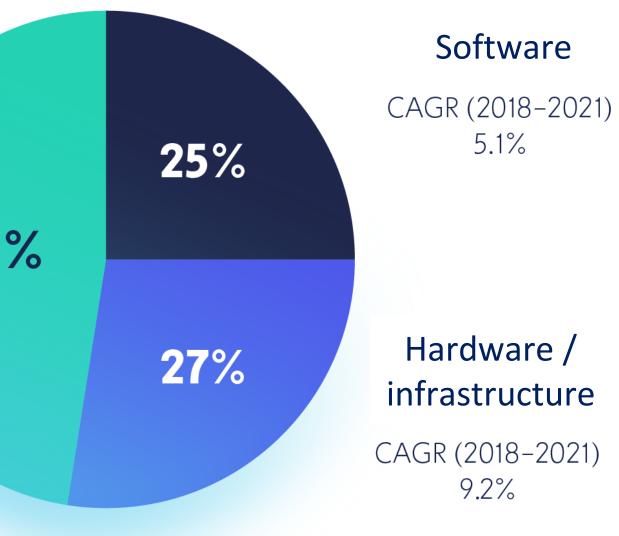
CAGR (2018-2021) 7.4%

**48**%

Source: STKI

The IT market in Israel is a large market with accelerated growth in recent years

> **\$8.4B** CAGR (2018-2021) 7.3%



# ICT services for businesses

# The emerging ICT arenas - data center, cloud and cyber - will be the main growth engines for the new company

The 'New World' in ICT Ç

# Traditional core services

### Cloud

- Providing a variety of products, consulting and implementation services that support the transition of organizations to the cloud
- Leverage the accelerating trend of moving to the cloud in Israel by many companies and the effects of the 'Nimbus' project



Providing a wide variety of solutions in information and cyber security - from planning to executing projects in order to build information security infrastructure for companies as well as provision of managed services



### Integration

- Strengthening capabilities and utilizing Bezeq's built-in infrastructure advantages (connectivity, network, security) as allowed by structural separation constraints
- Position new ICT company as leading player aiming at strategic projects

ICT revenues are currently ~ NIS 600 million per year, the goal is to reach revenues of ~ NIS 1 billion per year, among other through M&A, with 5-6% operating margin

### Information and cyber security

### Data Center

- Strengthening and expanding the supply of data centers- Establishment of another DC in cooperation with an international company (ServerFarm)
- Expanding the range of services and maximizing revenue per MW





ICT services for businesses

# Accelerated growth is expected in public cloud and data centers in light of the Nimbus project and the entry of international players

The entry of international firms

Microsoft Israel to launch regional data center in 2022

Amazon in talks to build three Israel data centers for NIS 1b

### Google to Build Data Center in Israel for Its Cloud Services

Oracle Reaffirms Commitment to Israel by Opening New Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) Region in Jerusalem

The accelerated development of the server farm sector is expected to generate demand for cloud services, integration and accelerate the use of communication networks

### Nimbus Project

- The project deals with the establishment of cloud infrastructures that will be used by government ministries and trust units (including the IDF and the police) on public cloud platforms. The accompanying requirement for the project is the establishment of a local Cloud Region (cloud computing farm) in Israel
- The project is expected to attract massive investments in infrastructure and includes a number of tenders - for cloud providers (won by Amazon and Google) and a variety of related services
- The decision to establish 'Region' in Israel is also significant for the business sector, it will allow for a significant increase in the use of cloud computing by organizations that have been held back due to the inherent risks caused by the use of cloud services outside Israel

# Beyond business initiatives, the group is working on improving foundations which will support mid-term growth



The group will continue to strive **for operational excellence**, by expanding the **digital transformation**, streamlining the cost base and **improving** market response times and flexibility



Continued implementation of **operational synergies** within subsidiaries, while merging and consolidating sales and logistics systems



Strive to **remove structural separation**, which will enable the realization of additional synergies



# Significant streamlining executed in recent years at subsidiaries and are expected to continue in the coming years as well



A decrease of about 1,400 employees since the beginning of 2018

In the medium term the goal is to continue streamlining with a further reduction of ~500 employees starting in 2022

\* Pelephone, yes and Bezeq international
\*\* LTM – Last twelve months ending Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 2021



A decrease of approximately NIS 174 million since the beginning of 2018

# Additional strategic moves - diversification



The Group will seek investment opportunities in areas adjacent and complementary to the Group's activities and competitive capabilities Investment and acquisition initiatives will allow for higher shareholder returns through entrance into areas with higher growth than the Group's core and legacy activities

The Group will formulate investment and acquisition strategy to identify opportunities to increase shareholders' returns

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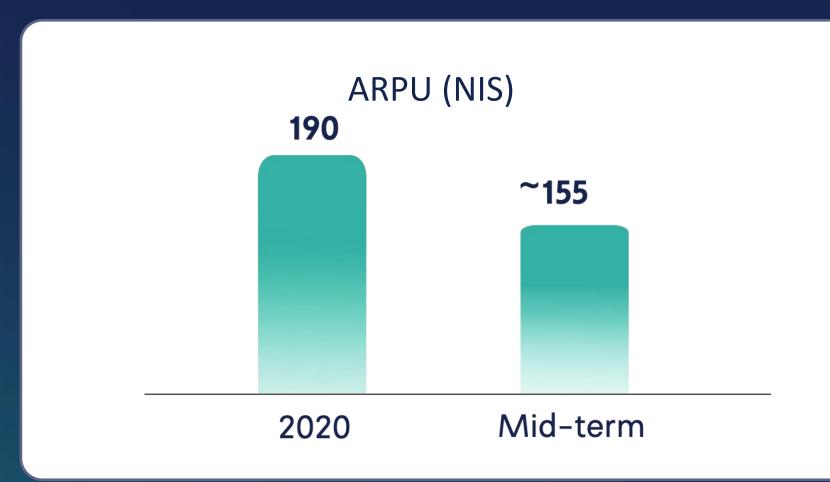
Portfolio diversification will allow for risk diversification and reduce impact of regulatory risks



# Summary of mid-term ambitions

# KPIs – Communications, data and content services for households

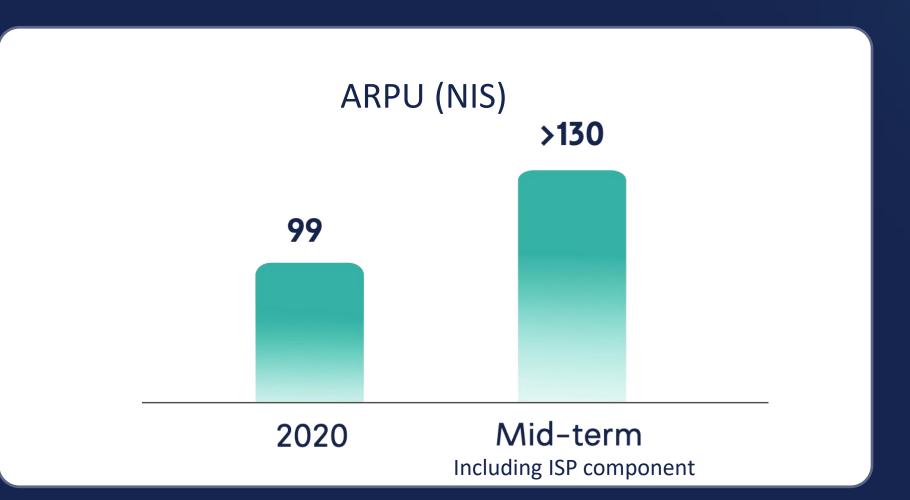




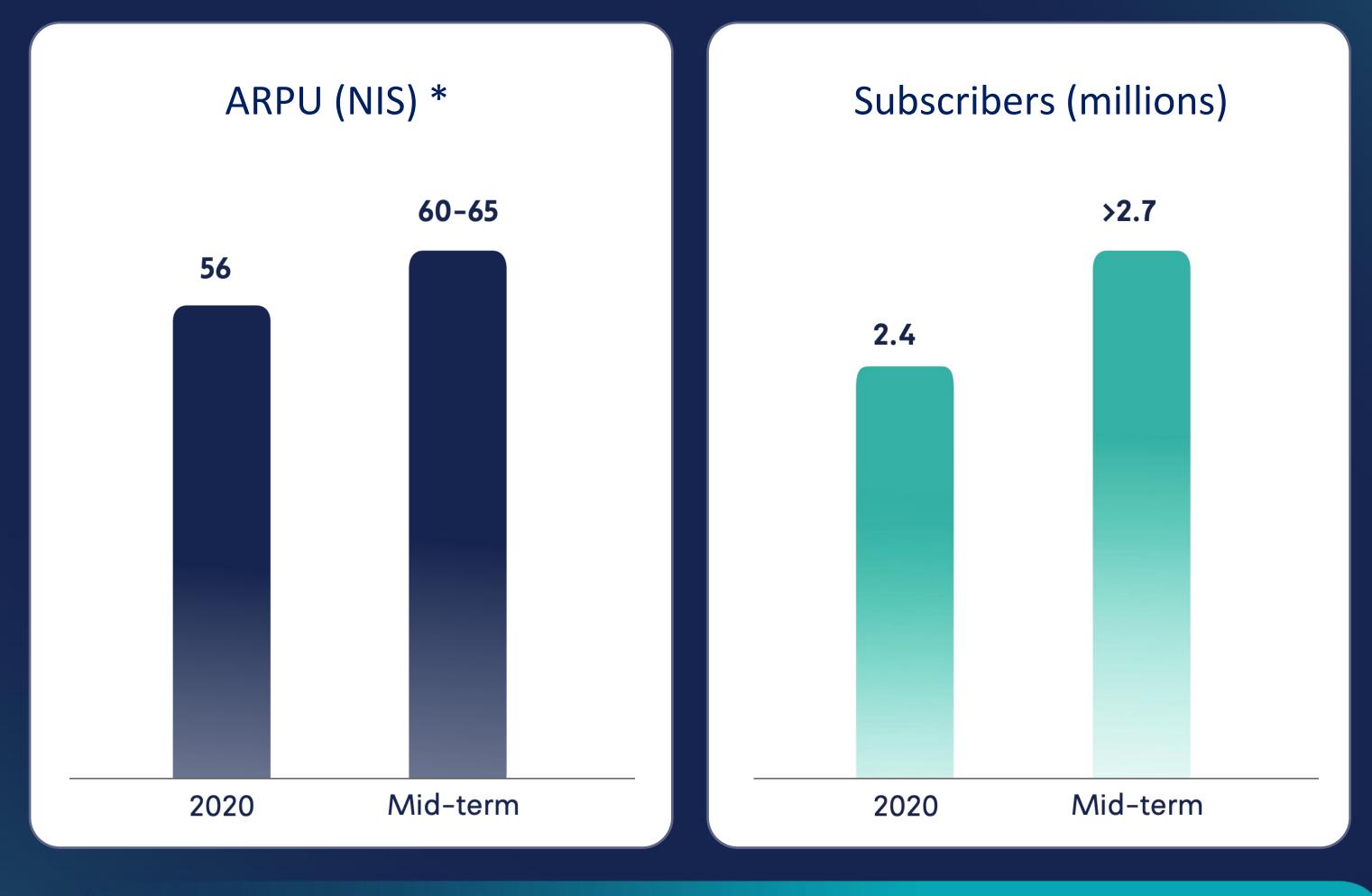
Retail Internet



As of today, approx. 60% market share in Internet infrastructure - retail + wholesale



# **KPIs - Cellular services**



Continued subscriber growth combined with expectation for ARPU improvement

# **Optimal cash flow and capital management**

# Create value for shareholders while maintaining credit rating within the AA group

**CAPEX** level that enables long-term growth

Debt and coverage ratios levels that enable to maintain credit rating within the AA group

**Complementary investments and acquisitions** as needed

**Dividend distribution** that contributes to shareholders' returns, while maintaining financial strength and Group stability

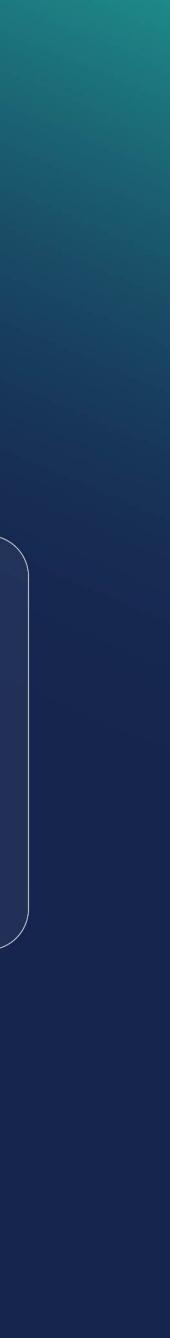
## The Group aims to maintain its high credit rating within the AA group

While aligning debt repayments to cash flow generation capabilities and maintaining significant liquidity alongside a return to dividend distributions

# Summary of mid-term ambitions

Continued growth in adjusted EBITDA and increase in FCF as compared to 2021 Temporary CapEx increase in the coming years for the accelerated deployment of fiber, followed by return to multi-year average

Return to dividend distribution while maintaining credit ratings within the AA group





# What has been done so far?

Publishing of corporate responsibility report for 2019 and review for 2020

# **Improvement in the group's rating:**

- MSCI Increase from BB to BBB
- Bloomberg

From a 16.5 mark in 2018 to a 39.1 mark in 2019

Publishing of human rights policy update

# ESG

# **ESG – corporate responsibility targets**

Deployment of **fiber optic** network to approx. 80% of households by 2026, contributing to advancing the digital revolution and connecting periphery with central areas

- Greenhouse gas emission reduction
- **Reduction in energy** consumption
- Dedicated projects to **increase occupational** diversity

Continued improvement in ratings with different agencies (e.g. MSCI, Sustainalytics, ISS, Bloomberg, VE)

Bezeq aspires to be one of the leading companies in ESG





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