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## **Key Message**

## Growth in earnings, margins, cashflow and dividends during difficult period

## H1 FY21 Highlights



### **Earnings Growth for** members/shareholders

Increase in operating cashflow



Underlying EBITDA up 18%



Up \$1.3m (+93%)



### **Margin Growth for** members/shareholders



**Total operating expenses lower** Down **10%** 



Operating Margin of 27% up from 22% (+5%)



### **Increased dividends declared:**



Interim dividend of 0.30 cps (+50%)



### **Reduction in Net Debt**



Down **\$1.3m** to \$8.5m vs \$9.8m at 30 June 2020 (Underlying EBITDA members/shareholders of 1.4 times net debt)



Continued focus on clients and team



## **Key Financial Metrics**

H1 FY21 vs H1 FY20

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Financial Highlights*	H1 FY21	H1 FY20	Change	H1 FY21	H1 FY20	Change
Underlying						
Revenue - Contracts with customers	\$10.7m	\$11.1m	↓ (3%)			
Revenue - Other	\$0.0m	\$0.0m	n/a			
Revenue - Total	\$10.7m	\$11.1m	↓ (3%)			
EBITDA**	\$2.8m	\$2.4m	<b>↑ 18%</b>	\$3.2m	\$2.9m	<b>12%</b>
Margin	27%	22%	<b>↑</b> 5%	30%	26%	<b>1</b> 4%
Reported						
EBITDA	\$2.5m	\$2.1m	<b>19%</b>	\$2.9m	\$2.6m	<b>13%</b>
NPAT	\$1.0m	<b>\$0.6m</b>	<b>1</b> 69%	\$1.3m	\$0.9m	<b>1</b> 39%
Diluted EPS - cents per share (cps)	0.58	0.35	<b>↑ 66%</b>			
Final Dividend paid - cps	0.25	0.20	<b>1</b> 25%			
Interim Dividend declared - cps	0.30	0.20	<b>↑</b> 50%			



Prime's key profitability measure is Underlying EBITDA for members/shareholders

Underlying EBITDA for members/shareholders removes the impact of financing costs, movements in the items such as depreciation, amortisation and one-off items, and focuses on the earnings available to shareholders

H1 FY21 Underlying EBITDA for members/shareholders includes non-recurring expenses of \$0.27 million vs \$0.25 million in H1 FY20.

\*Please see slide 7 for reconciliation of Reported and Underlying EBITDA to NPAT.

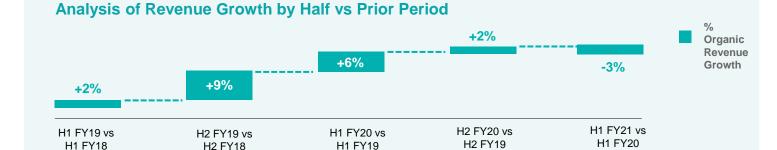
\*\*EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation.

Note; rounding is to nearest AUD \$million and as such subject to rounding differences when calculating variances and totals.

### Revenue & Margins

### **Analysis of Revenue – H1 FY21 vs H1 FY20**

	Revenue		
	H1 FY21 \$m	H1 FY20 \$m	H1 FY21 vs H1 FY20 (%)
Accounting, Business Advisory & Capital	6.4	6.2	3%
Wealth Management & SMSF	4.3	4.8	(11%)
Total Revenue from Contracts with Customers	10.7	11.0	(3%)







### How are we growing?

- Strong cost control
- ✓ Focus on core services
- OneConnected client service & team approach
- Exit unprofitable service lines
- Revenue in H1 FY21 was impacted by the fall in stock markets and exiting unprofitable service lines

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\*FY19 pre AASB16 Leases Accounting Standard change.



### **EBITDA & NPAT**

### Attributable to Members/Shareholders Reconciliation

\$'000 AUD	H1 FY21	H1 FY20
Reported net profit after tax from operations (Group)		943
Add: Tax expense	463	325
Add: Interest expense/(income)	222	280
EBIT (Group) *	1,998	1,548
Add: Depreciation	31	111
Add: Amortisation	880	926
Reported EBITDA (Group) **		2,585
Adjustments:		
Non-recurring expenses	273	251
Share based payment expenses/(benefit)	(21)	13
Fair value movements/adjustments on Financial assets		8
Fair value movements/adjustments on contingent consideration		8
Underlying EBITDA (Group)		2,865
Underlying EBITDA (members/shareholders)		2,411
Reported EBITDA (members/shareholders)		2,131

<sup>\*</sup> EBIT is defined as earnings before interest and tax.

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### **Balance Sheet, Cash Flows & Net Debt**

### **Balance Sheet**

Group	At 31 Dec 2020 \$m	At 30 Jun 2020 \$m
Cash	0.1	0.1
Total assets	57.7	58.9
Borrowings	(8.6)	(9.9)
Total liabilities	(16.3)	(17.7)
Net assets	41.4	41.2
Non-controlling interests	(0.5)	(1.2)
Equity attributable to members/shareholders	41.0	40.0
Group net debt	(8.5)	(9.8)

### Cash Flows – Reported

Group	H1 FY21 \$m	H1 FY20 \$m
Operating cash flows	2.7	1.4
Investing cash flows	(0.9)	(1.3)
Financing cash flows	(1.8)	(0.2)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	0.0	(0.1)
Cash	0.1	0.1



### **Key Takeaways**

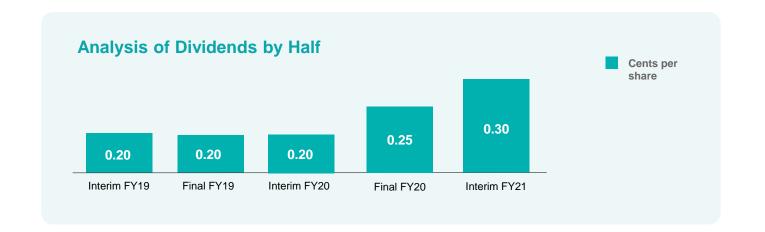
- Net debt reduction to \$8.5m from \$9.8m at 30 June 2020
- Operating cash inflow \$2.7 million
- Investing cash outflow includes business acquisitions and dividends to non-controlling interests
- Financing cash outflow was substantially due to dividends paid to members/shareholders, repayment of borrowings and lease liabilities, partially offset by drawdown of the debt facility and Treasury share transfers
- Prime was targeting a net debt to Underlying EBITDA ratio of 1.0 - 1.5 times (currently 1.4 times)

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### **Dividends**

- Target dividend payout ratio of 40 60% of reported and maintainable earnings
- H1 FY21 interim dividend declared of 0.30 cents per share ('cps') (fully franked) vs interim dividend of 0.20 cps in H1 FY20 (+50%)
- H1 FY21 payout ratio of 52% of reported NPAT for members/shareholders
- Dividend Reinvestment Plan ('DRP') continues for the interim dividend
- With anticipated improvement in cashflow in H2 FY21 and an improvement in the debt position, Prime expect dividends to continue to increase in H2 FY21 vs the previous corresponding period





## **Key dates for dividend** and DRP

Record Date 6 April 2021

Payment Date 3 May 2021

DRP:

Last date for 7 April 2021 election notices

**DRP pricing** 9 April 2021 to 22 April **period** 2021 inclusive

# **Outlook for Members/Shareholders – FY21**



## Continued organic earnings growth

On track

- Cautiously optimistic as the economic recovery begins and business conditions (overall) improve in line with the rebound in stock markets globally
- Underlying EBITDA growth expected to continue



### **Reduce debt**

On track

- Debt to continue to take a step down
- Target net debt to Underlying EBITDA ratio of 1.0 – 1.5 times (currently 1.4 times)



## Clients, Community & Team

**Ongoing** 

 Continuously support clients, team and the community by being proactive, professional, accountable and relationship focused



## Improved cashflow & dividends

On track

- Ongoing improvement in operating cashflow
- Increasing dividends as earnings grow



## Accelerate integration (OneConnected)

Ongoing

 Empowering our clients to achieve their aspirations through additional Prime services & value

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Appendices





### Who We Are

### **Service**

Integrated Accounting & Business Advisory, Wealth Management, SMSF and Capital Services with over \$1 billion of client funds under management (FUM)

## **Purpose**

Empowering you to achieve your aspirations

## **Operations**

80+ team members primarily across Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane

Continued focus on growing three core hubs in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane for all four service lines

Centralised Services (IT, Finance, Marketing & HR) and 70% of national team based in Melbourne

## **Capital Structure & Comparisons**

### **Prime's Capital Structure**

Shares on issue (includes treasury shares) at 31 December 2020 195.3m Market Capitalisation at 9.3 cents at closing on 15 February 2021\* \$18m Net debt at 31 December 2020 \$8.5m

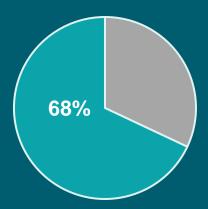
### **Investment Information**

H1 FY21	
Share Price**	9.3 cents
Reported EPS***	1.43 cps
Reported EPS multiple	7 times
Interim Dividend	0.30 cps
Dividend Yield**	5.9%

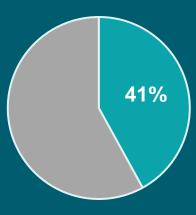
### **Prime's Comparable Companies**

Company	ASX Code	Market Cap*
Kelly Partners Group	KPG	\$97 million
Centrepoint Alliance	CAF	\$38 million
Countplus	CUP	\$135 million
Easton Investments	EAS	\$42 million
Sequoia Financial Group	SEQ	\$64 million
Fiducian Group	FID	\$198 million

### **Top 20 Shareholders**



**Staff & Associate Shareholders** 



<sup>\*</sup> Market Capitalisation taken at 15 February 2021 closing

<sup>\*\*</sup> Share Price taken at 15 February 2021 closing

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Uses H2 FY20 + H1 FY21 Earnings

## Segment Services & Revenue

Prime operates a direct client advice model under the Prime brand and a Joint Venture model with accounting firms (co-branded). 80% of total revenue is generated from existing customers.

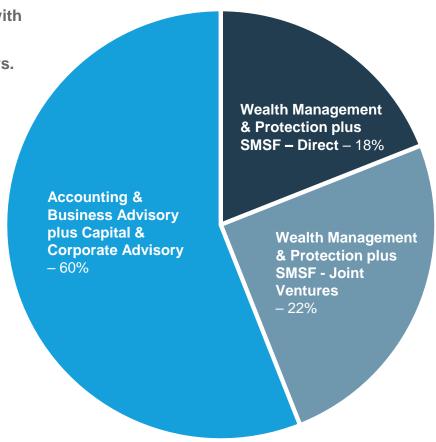
## Accounting & Business Advisory plus Capital & Corporate Advisory -60%

### Accounting

- Accounting and Tax Compliance
- Business Growth Advisory & Strategy
- Outsourced CFO & Accounting Services
- Grants & R&D Tax Incentives
- Innovation & Commercialisation Advice

### **Capital & Corporate Advisory**

- M&A Advisory
- Capital Raising
- Other Capital & Corporate Development Services



### Wealth Management & Protection plus SMSF – 40%

- Financial Planning & Strategic Advice
- Retirement Planning
- Superannuation Advice
- Investment Advice
- Life Insurance
- SMSF Establishment, Advice, Administration & Compliance
- → Wealth Management & Protection plus SMSF Direct 18%
  - Prime liaises directly with clients under the Prime brand
- → Wealth Management & Protection plus SMSF Joint Ventures 22%
  - Joint ventures with small and midsized accounting firms
  - Most joint ventures are 50% owned by Prime and all are included in Prime's consolidated financial results
  - Joint ventures are operated and staffed by Prime's but co-branded with accounting firms

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## **Strategic Plan**

## 'ONECONNECTED' PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FIRM

### **Purpose**

Empowering you to achieve your aspirations

#### Goal

To be the leading integrated advice firm of the future

#### How

Helping our clients and business partners access advice, services, grants, networks, education, expertise and capital

#### **AREAS & OBJECTIVES**

#### Customer

Provide clients with advice and services through OneConnected firm

#### **Financial**

Grow Underlying EBITDA for members/shareholders, improve cashflow and reduce debt whilst improving dividends

### People

Build a team that adds value to clients through proactive, goal oriented advice

### **Technology**

Utilise business operations data and technology to continue to improve client experience and deliver Prime's business strategy

#### **FY21 KEY PRIORITIES**

### **Organic Growth**

- Integrate Prime's client base OneConnected firm and service offering
- Deliver additional business and corporate advisory services for Business Owners and Businesses
- Promote Prime's Wealth Management & SMSF capability

### **People & Culture**

 Further develop and empower our people to confidently advise our clients and engage - client service is a priority

### **Systems & Efficiency**

 Enhanced efficiency, service delivery and cashflow through business intelligence and enablement software and systems in OneConnected environment

### **Core Hub Strategy**

Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane

Prime is a OneConnected professional services firm, operating across four key areas in Accounting & Business Advisory, Wealth Management & Protection, SMSF and Capital in its three core locations of Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.



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# **Experienced Board**



Simon Madder
Chief Executive Officer, Managing Director &
Chairman

- Co-founder, Managing Director & CEO of Prime Financial Group Ltd (Prime) since 1998
- 22 years' experience in Wealth Management & Accounting Services across Operations, Strategy & Acquisitions
- Share Ownership: 29.1m (15.0%)



**Tim Bennett** 

Executive Director (effective 3 July 2020) & Managing Director – Capital

- Established the Capital & Corporate Advisory division.
   Prior to joining Prime, Tim was a partner at a 'Big 4
   Firm' leading a Mergers & Acquisitions group
- Chartered Accountant with 13+ years' specialist M&A experience having advised on a range of transactions, across all industry sectors
- Share Ownership: 0.0m (0.0%)



Matt Murphy
Executive Director (effective 3 July 2020) &
Managing Director – Accounting & Business
Advisory

- Joined Prime in 2016 and an important part of Prime's vision as OneConnected professional services firm
- Experienced Leader, Accountant and Business Adviser with 20+ years' experience across Business, Accounting and Taxation Advisory services
- Share Ownership: 13.6m (7.0%)