

## DWS Limited

2015 Full Year Results Presentation

#### **Results Highlights**

- NPAT of \$10.4 million down 19% on pcp after poor first 9 months of FY15
- Strong improvement in Q4 financial performance with reduced costs, increased demand and improved utilisation
- Return to revenue growth with H2 up 3%
- Symplicit acquisition contributed its first profit to DWS in June with full benefit in FY16

- Balance sheet remains strong and liquid with \$10.4 million of cash at 30 June 15
- Final fully franked dividend of 3.75 cents per share
- Phoenix acquisition expected to be EPS accretive in FY16



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### **Results Highlights**

#### **Financial Performance**

- FY15 revenue of \$94.63M in line with PCP of \$94.40M
- FY15 underlying EBITDA (excluding one-off items) down 13% to \$15.86M
- NPAT down 19% to \$10.4M
- EPS of 7.9 cents (PCP 9.7 cents)
- Fully franked dividend of 7.5 cents per share representing a total payout ratio of 95%
  - 90% payout ratio excluding one-off items
- Operating cash flow (before interest and tax) of \$15.12M
  - Ratio of operating cash flow to EBITDA of 102%
- Liquidity remains strong with \$10.37M of cash and acquisition funded by an interest only, 3-year facility



### **Results Highlights**

#### Operations

- Financial performance showed a strong turnaround in Q4 due to:
  - restructuring to improve utilisation;
  - o overhead cost reductions; and
  - strong client demand, particularly in VIC
- Total consultant numbers up 6% to 517:
  - Symplicit acquisition added 44 consultants
  - DWS headcount reductions due to attrition and restructuring in VIC and WA
  - Increase in NSW and SA partially offsetting reductions
- DWS' growth strategy is being executed with recent acquisitions:
  - growing annualised revenue by over 50%;
  - positioning DWS in growth domains and diversifying its customer base and client relationships; and

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• providing revenue synergies from cross-selling and collaboration



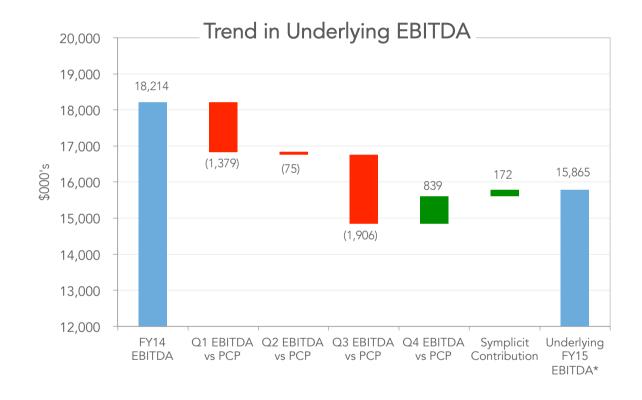
#### Financial Results – Summary Review

|   | H1 FY15<br>(\$'000) | H2 FY15<br>(\$'000) | Total FY15<br>(\$'000) | Total FY14<br>(\$'000) | Movement<br>(%) |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Revenue from<br>continuing operations     | 46,764              | 47,868              | 94,632                 | 94,397                 | 0.2%            |
| Gross margin                              | 31%                 | 32%                 | 32%                    | 34%                    | (2%)            |
| Underlying EBITDA                         | 8,012               | 7,853               | 15,865                 | 18,214                 | (13%)           |
| Underlying EBITDA margin                  | 17%                 | 16%                 | 17%                    | 19%                    | (2%)            |
| Additional termination costs              | -                   | (518)               | (518)                  | -                      | -               |
| Acquisition costs                         | -                   | (215)               | (215)                  | -                      | -               |
| Gain on PV of future<br>earnout liability | -                   | 321                 | 321                    | -                      | -               |
| Impairment                                | (551)               | -                   | (551)                  | -                      | -               |
| EBITDA                                    | 7,461               | 7,441               | 14,902                 | 18,214                 | (18%)           |
| NPAT                                      | 5,100               | 5,299               | 10,399                 | 12,897                 | (19%)           |
| EPS                                       | 3.9c                | 4.0c                | 7.9                    | 9.7                    | (19%)           |

- H2 revenue up 3% on PCP including \$1.1M contribution from Symplicit (up 1% ex acquisition)
- Average utilisation per consultant of 75% was in-line with FY14
- While H2 EBITDA was slightly lower than H1 DWS has exited the year strongly compared to PCP
- One-off costs are:
  - incremental termination costs incurred in H2 relative to PCP to improve utilisation;
  - Symplicit transaction costs;
  - time value benefit on contingent earn-out payments; and
  - JV write-down announced in H1

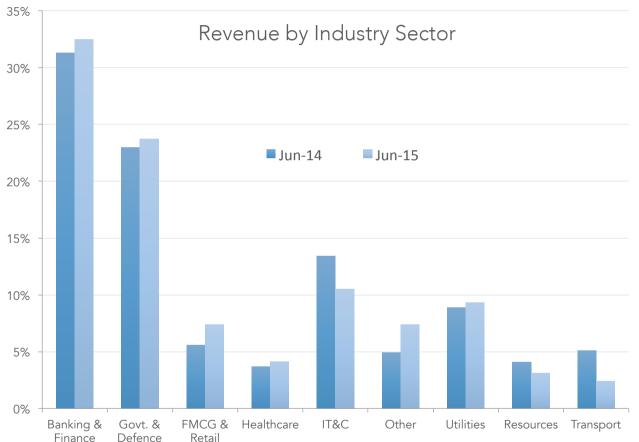


#### Financial Results – Turnaround in Q4



- Full-year performance was affected by poor utilisation, particularly in Q1 and Q3
- Q4 performance was strong due to restructuring in certain states and solid client demand in Victoria
- The Symplicit acquisition made its first profit contribution to DWS in June

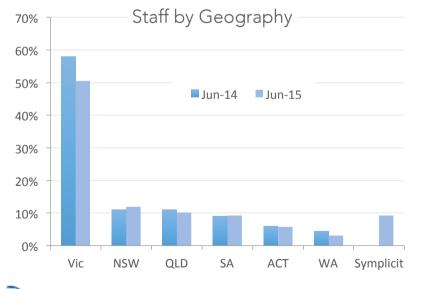
### Financial Results – Revenue Breakdown



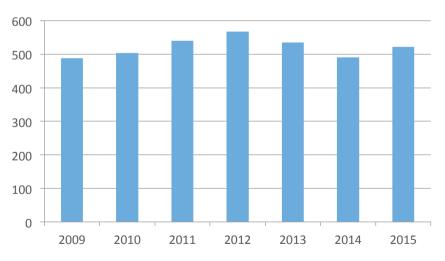
- Continued strong demand for services from Banking & Finance clients underpinned revenue performance
- The Government sector was supported by higher revenue from State Government departments and Defence
- FMCG, Healthcare and Utilities increased due to improved sector penetration
- Lower IT&C and Transport revenue was due to less telco and aviation engagements

### Financial Results – Revenue Breakdown

|                     |                  | June 2015 | June 2014 |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Consulting<br>Staff | Total chargeable | 517       | 490       |
|                     | Management       | 14        | 13        |
| Office Staff        | BD/Sales         | 15        | 12        |
|                     | Admin            | 14        | 13        |
| Grand Total         |                  | 560       | 528       |



- Billable headcount growth of 6% following acquisition of Symplicit
- DWS headcount reductions in VIC, ACT and WA, via natural attrition and restructuring, were partially offset by increases in NSW and SA



#### Billable Headcount

### Cash Flow Performance

|  | FY15<br>\$'000 | FY14<br>\$'000 | Movement |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Opening cash balance                                 | 16,448         | 11,792         | 4,656    |
| Cash flow from operations<br>(before interest & tax) | 15,165         | 24,744         | (9,579)  |
| Tax paid   | (4,981)        | (6,006)        | 1,025    |
| Capital asset purchases                              | (169)          | (895)          | 726      |
| Intangible asset payments                            | (232)          | (339)          | 107      |
| Dividends paid                                       | (10,569)       | (13,236)       | 2,667    |
| Share buy-backs                                      | (570)          | -              | (570)    |
| Acquisitions   | (10,000)       | -              | (10,000) |
| Debt funding   | 5,000          | -              | 5,000    |
| Interest Income & other                              | 279            | 388            | (109)    |
| Closing cash balance                                 | 10,371         | 16,448         | (6,077)  |

- FY15 cash flow from operations represents 102% of EBITDA
- Tax paid lower in line with profit
- Capex returned to nominal levels
- Intangibles represents capital software development
- Dividends lower in line with profit
- Share buy-back discontinued in favour of more accretive acquisitions
- Symplicit investment to date based on FY15 result
- Bank loan for Symplicit acquisition



#### **Financial Position**

|                              | 30 June 2015<br>\$′000 | 30 June 2014<br>\$′000 | Movement |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Trade and other debtors      | 20,490                 | 15,094                 | 5,396    |
| Work in progress             | 1,925                  | 3,787                  | (1,862)  |
| Trade creditors and accruals | (6,258)                | (3,800)                | (2,458)  |
| Working capital              | 16,157                 | 15,081                 | 1,076    |
| Property, plant & equipment  | 2,418                  | 2,241                  | 177      |
| Intangible assets            | 47,576                 | 33,473                 | 14,103   |
| Contingent consideration     | (4,429)                | -                      | (4,429)  |
| Other                        | (7,473)                | (6,883)                | (590)    |
| Total capital employed       | 54,249                 | 43,912                 | 10,337   |
| Cash                         | 10,371                 | 16,448                 | (6,077)  |
| Debt                         | (5,000)                | -                      | (5,000)  |
| Net assets                   | 59,620                 | 60,360                 | (740)    |

- Debtors increased largely due to:
  - reduction in WIP; and
  - addition of Symplicit debtors (\$1.6M)
- Decrease in WIP due to timing of fixed price engagement milestones
- Working capital and PP&E increase from Symplicit acquisition
- Increase in intangibles represents:
  - Symplicit goodwill (including contingent consideration); and
  - capitalised software development
- Contingent payments are subject to Symplicit EBITDA growth to FY18
- Reduction in cash largely due to:
  - Symplicit cash investment of \$5M (additional \$1.5M paid in respect of FY15 result); and
  - ∘ share buy-backs of \$570k
- Debt funding for Symplicit under 3-year interest only bank facility

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#### **Capital Management**

#### Final Dividend

|   | June 2015   | June 2014    |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Final Dividend                              | 3.75 cents  | 4.25 cents   |
| Payout Ratio on Reported<br>NPAT            | 95%         | 90%          |
| Payout Ratio on NPAT excl.<br>one-off items | 90%         | 90%          |
| Record Date                                 | 4 Sept 2015 | 12 Sept 2014 |
| Expected Payment Date                       | 2 Oct 2015  | 3 Oct 2014   |

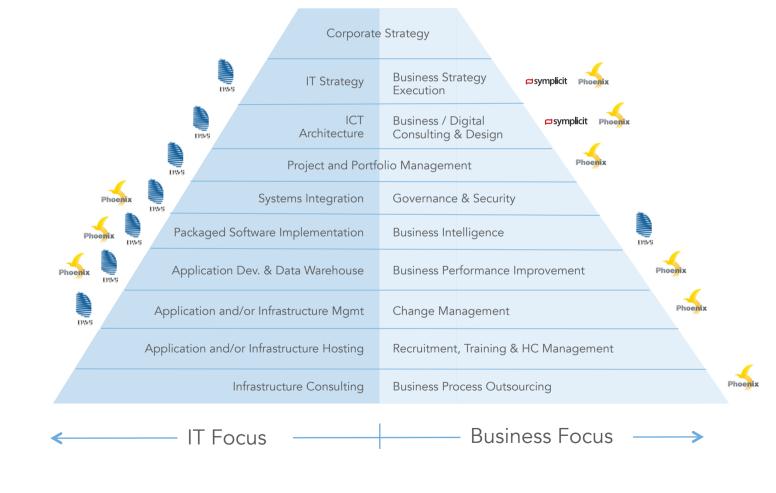
- High dividend payout ratio has been maintained at 90% (excluding one-off items)
- 100% franking for Australian shareholders at 30% tax rate

#### Funding and Share Buyback

- The acquisition of Symplicit was funded by a 3-year, interest only, \$5 million bank debt facility
- The facility will be increased to \$31M to accommodate the Phoenix acquisition and buyout of remaining 25% stake
- DWS intends to maintain a high dividend payout ratio and will use any surplus cash to repay debt where possible
- In view of the recent acquisitions the share buyback will not be extended

### **DWS Growth Strategy**

DWS' growth strategy is aimed at broadening and integrating its services offerings and expanding customer touch points through acquisition activity and organic expansion



#### **DWS Growth Strategy – New Acquisition**

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A leading digital consultancy providing services such as:

- Digital strategy
- Customer led innovation
- User experience design
- Social innovation

- \$9M revenue and 52 staff across three offices
- Range of large enterprise clients across industry
- Will retain separate brand name and operations led by experienced management team
- Cross-selling and collaboration with DWS under way to provide clients with design, build and run end-toend digital solutions
- Opportunity for Symplicit to leverage DWS' national footprint and client relationships
- Acquisition is expected to be EPS accretive in FY16

#### **DWS Growth Strategy – New Acquisition**



An established consulting company providing services such as:

- Business and IT consulting
- Productivity & Sourcing
- Technical Services

- \$40M revenue and 200 staff across two offices
- Range of large enterprise clients across industry sectors sectors contracted under master services agreements
- Will retain separate brand name and operations
- Further broadens DWS' service offering and ability to provide value-added solutions
- Potential to accelerate growth by drawing on DWS' scale, particularly its consultant resource base
- Expected to be EPS accretive in FY16
- Acquisition is expected to complete by the end of August 2015

### Summary and Outlook

#### Summary

- DWS is rapidly broadening and repositioning its services offering to focus on high value solutions
- Financial performance of the core business turned around in Q4 of FY15 due to a strong focus on utilisation and efficiency, which is ongoing
- Symplicit acquisition only made 1 month contribution to results
- DWS' financial position remains strong with sustainable cash flow generation

#### Outlook

- While economic conditions remain challenging:
  - Utilisation has been solid in July and August
  - The benefits of cost restructuring are being realised
  - Demand is expected to support billable headcount growth in FY16
- DWS will focus on leveraging the benefits from its acquisitions to grow revenue and improve shareholder returns







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