

# 1H 2023 Results

27 February 2023

# **Acknowledgement of country**

We acknowledge the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay our respects to their Elders – past, present and emerging

#### Today's message

Last 3 years

It has been an extraordinary 3-year period of volatility – demonstrating the operating leverage of our pathology network and HLS' ability to scale-up and scale-down capacity.

Last 6 months

The focus of the last 6 months has been resetting the fixed cost base (mostly labour via SIP), reshaping the portfolio for diagnostics, progressing the digital agenda, and making senior leadership appointments.

HLS is now positioned to capture the BAU volume recovery (which will significantly and sustainably expand EBIT margins).

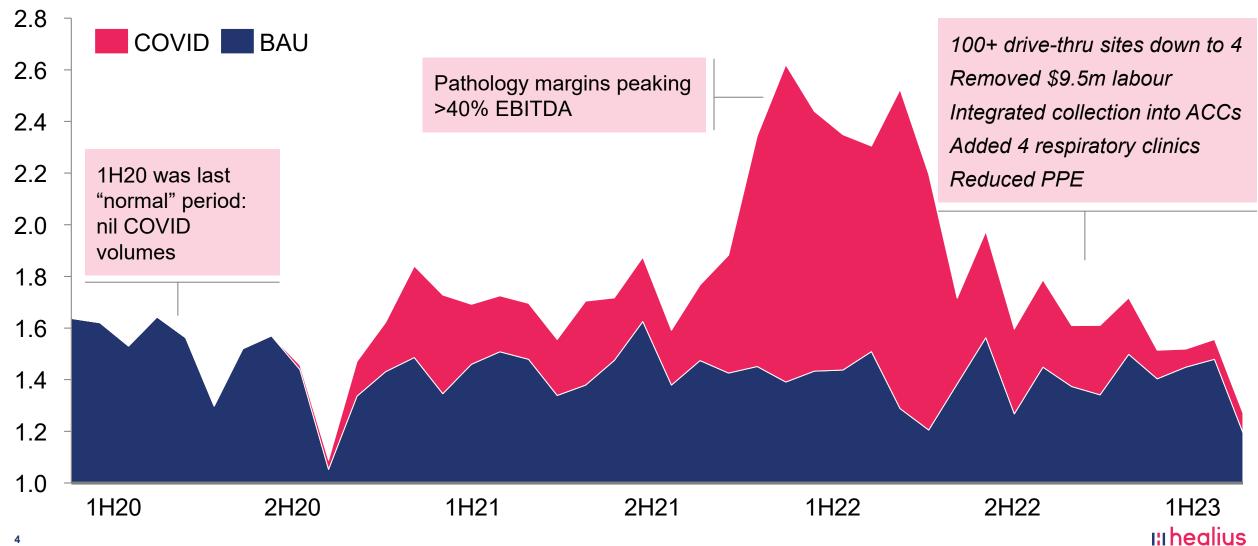
Looking ahead

HLS is pursuing a strategy of *Operating Leverage*, *Service*, *Insights* and *People*.

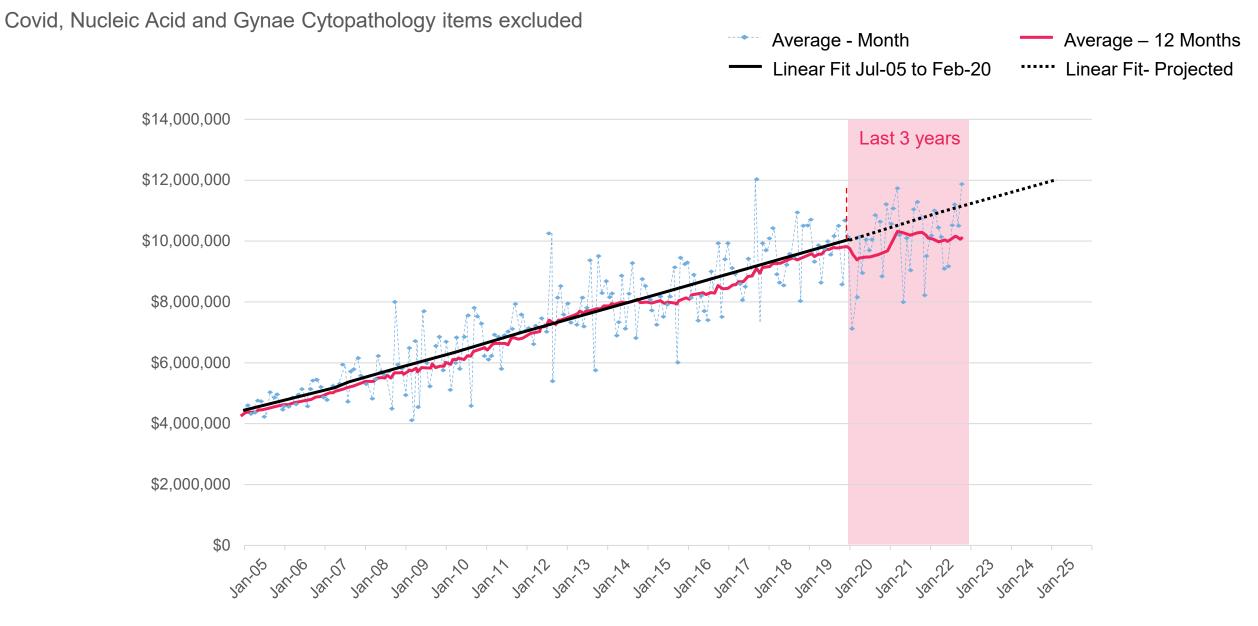
Capital management will continue to be disciplined and focused on this organic growth.

## **Context: An extraordinary last 3 years**

COVID volumes demonstrated the operating leverage of the network – Pathology EBITDA margins peaking >40%. Responded to COVID volumes receding in previous six months by pulling out the COVID costs HLS pathology episodes (millions), ex PEI/P10



#### **Context: Pathology sector revenue – Analysis prepared by Australian Pathology**



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Source: Australian Pathology

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#### **Our strategic priorities**

Recent focus has been increasing operating leverage through fixed cost reduction in Pathology. Looking forward, we are investing in profitable growth of the core diagnostic businesses along 4 strategic pillars



#### Operating leverage

Grow the network

Pursue pricing and product opportunities

Increase higher-end Imaging modalities & subspecialties

Focus on B2B contract wins

Continue to automate operating processes

#### Service

Roll-out new digital results portal

Connect digital & physical patient experiences

Maintain a single brand standard

Digitise the collection experience and workflow

Expand into digital health services



#### Insights

Commercialise new diagnostic technologies

Grow new clinical domains

Accelerate Australian genomic testing

Build on position as preferred Phase 1 clinical trials bioanalysis provider



#### People

Deepen sub-specialty expert capacity along clinical growth areas

Attract and retain frontline talent

Set the new operating model

Increase pathologist and radiologist clinical outreach

#### **Our capital management framework**

HLS' medium-term strategy to maximise shareholder return is to invest in organic growth

Capital management levers			HLS current strategy		
	Dividends & bu	lybacks	50-70% dividend payout ratio No interim dividend – focus on debt reduction		
	Maintenance c	apex	\$40-50m p.a. for long-term sustainability	Shareholder	
Annual operating cashflow	Growth capex	Organic growth	ACC network expansion Higher-end imaging modality capacity expansion (machines, hours, partnerships) New clinical / diagnostic domains (incl. Al) Pricing and yield improvement initiatives	value creation Dividend yield EPS growth	
	Business improvement		Digital health products Process automation (labs and operations)	Debt reduction / returns	
	Remaining Inorganic		Bolt-ons to grow diagnostic networks		
	free cashflow	Cash / returns	Debt reduced via disciplined cash management		

## Sustainability progress on roadmaps

HLS reduced its Scope 1 and 2 emissions in 1H23; adopted Australian Cyber Security Standards and fast-tracked a suite of cyber risk mitigations

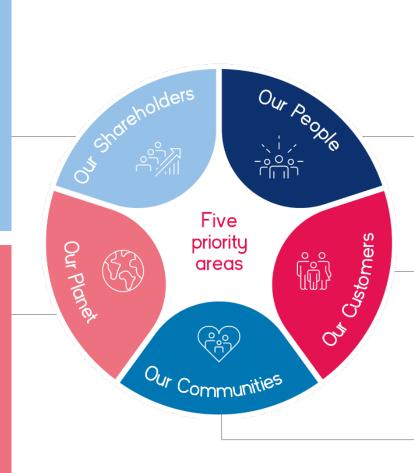
#### **Our Shareholders**

- Adopted the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals framework for FY 2022
- Working on data requirements for further frameworks

#### **Our Planet**



- Scope 1 and 2 emissions of 14,500 CO2-e in 1H23, vs 15,800 in 1H22
- Transitioned ~4% of fleet to hybrid cars.
  Pipeline for H2 plus LED upgrades
- In discussions with QIC on consortium green power purchasing from CY24
- Developing baseline data for Scope 3 and waste management



#### **Our People**

- Driving gender diversity in leadership with first female CEO and Chairperson
- Committed to HESTA 40:40 for Leadership Team by FY 2030

#### **Our Customers**

- Digital initiatives underpin customer progress
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- Adopted Australian Cyber Security Centre standards, fast-tracked suite of risk mitigations

#### **Our Communities**

- National partnership with CCI
- Ongoing community support
- Responsible procurement approach, supplier codes of conduct

## **Group results**

	1H 2023		
Group, \$m	Underlying <sup>1</sup>	Reported <sup>2</sup>	
BAU revenue	799.7	799.7	
COVID-19 revenue	64.4	64.4	
EBITDA	176.8	123.6	
EBIT	40.0	(13.2)	
NPAT (Reported inc. discontinued operations)	8.1	(28.7)	

<sup>1</sup> All comments relate to underlying results

<sup>2</sup> Reconciliation see Appendix

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<sup>3</sup> All revenue comparisons in this presentation are working day adjusted

<sup>4</sup> Conversion of reported and underlying EBITDA to gross operating cash flow.

1H23 focus for HLS has been cost reduction to respond to the market conditions in Pathology. Promising recovery in Imaging

#### Period of substantial change

- 88% drop in COVID PCR testing from historic highs in 1H22 reason for lower result v pcp
- Base diagnostic revenue growing. Revenue<sup>3</sup> per ACC up 8% v 1H20. ACC optimisation and strong growth in commercial revenue
- Imaging stronger. Revenue up 10% v 1H22 (ex MC) outperforming market. Growth in hospital / community. Investment in equipment and digital

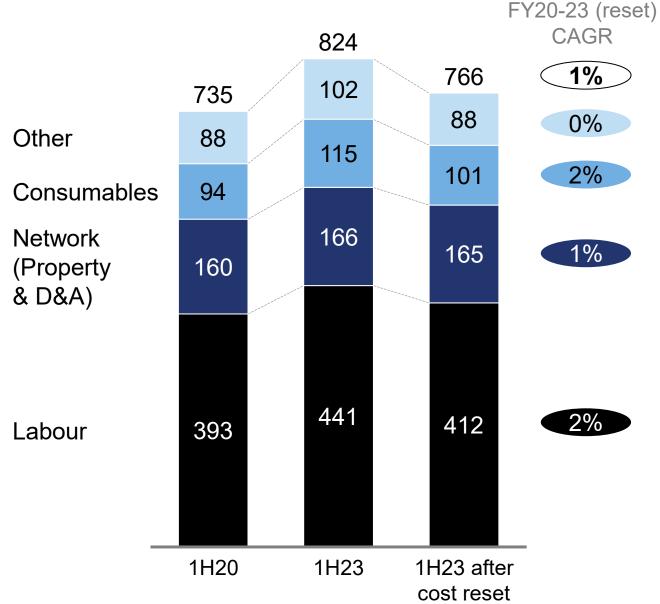
**Responded to market conditions to lower cost curve:** COVID costs out, pathology laboratory labour reset and reduced group-wide support costs

**Revenue aligned to cash flow with conversion >100%**<sup>4</sup>



# Group cost reset

\$m (underlying)



1H23 focus has been resetting the cost base to the last pre-COVID period (1H20)

Margins dependent on expected volume recovery

# SIP Phase 2 (\$67m annualised) completed, primarily cost reduction

- Significant cost out in laboratory labour resets
- Corporate costs already reduced to <\$20m pa</p>
- Consumables and other procurement initiatives
- Margin improvement expected as volumes increase

# Additional cost resets (incremental to SIP Phase 2 target)

- Removed Covid direct costs other than equipment
- Operating model review with focus on groupwide support cost reduction

# Pathology

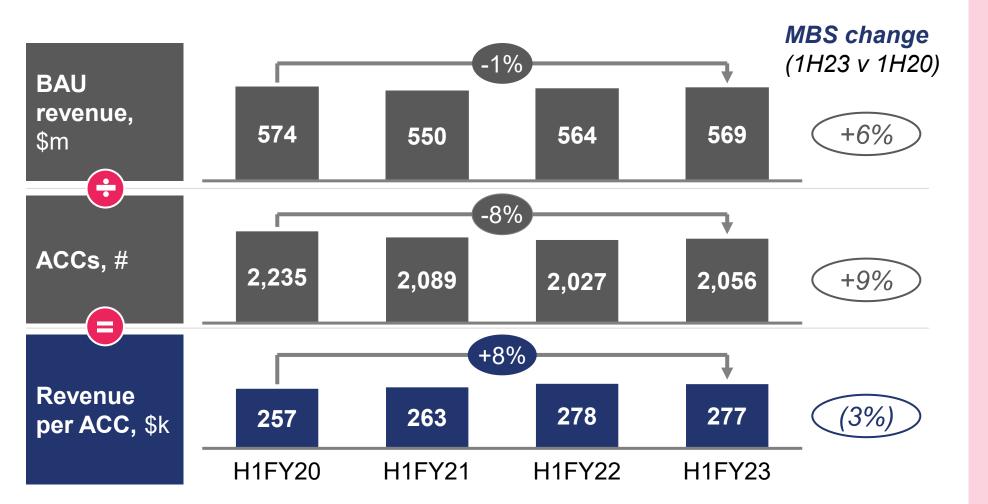
Underlying	<b>1H 2023</b> , \$m
BAU revenue	585.1
COVID – 19 revenue	64.4
EBITDA	136.5
EBIT	32.0

1H23 focus for HLS has been cost reduction (COVID and BAUrelated) to respond to the market conditions while continuing the digital investment

- BAU revenue/ACC up 8% v 1H20
- January BAU up 20% v soft pcp, up 10% v 1H20 revenue/ACC
- With drop on PCR testing, COVID revenue down \$476m v 1H22 at peak demand (6,500 COVID tests pwd v 46,500 COVID tests pwd )
- EBITDA/EBIT margins reflect impact of drop in COVID testing
- Responded to market conditions to lower cost curve:
  - COVID costs except for equipment out of business
  - Labour cost resets undertaken with benefits to flow from 2H23.
    Pathology FTE after resets @ ~6,000 v 6,500 1H20
  - Procurement savings following strong contract negotiations
- Roll-out of customer-facing digital tools continued
- Agilex (see separate slide):
  - \$16m Revenue up 29% on pcp (when in different ownership),
  - \$2m EBITDA
  - <\$1m EBIT

# HLS Pathology – Revenue and network

The strategy until FY22 has been to consolidate the ACC network to release unprofitable / unproductive revenue share. Now expanding the network to drive growth.



- FY20-22 ACC consolidation to increase yield. 1H23 selective expansion of doctor and independent ACCs. Overall net decrease of 8% on 1H20
- HLS BAU revenue per ACC up 8% -11ppts higher than market (1H23 v 1H20)
- BAU revenue broadly flat 1H20 v 1H23 on lower network base

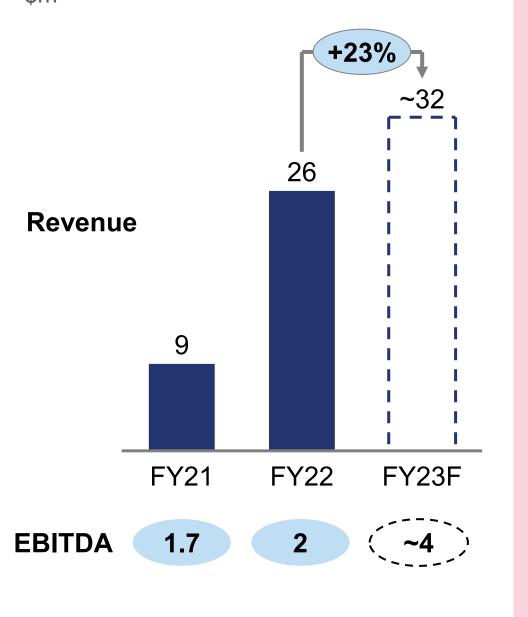
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# **Growing Pathology**

Focused on sustainable organic growth in the medium-term

Network	Expanding ACC network following a period of rationalisation; revenue per ACC +8% vs 1H20					
expansion	58 new sites in 1H23; strong pipeline of new sites to be opened in 2H23 Maintaining leading presence at public and private hospital sites; negotiating med centre group deals					
Yield	Pipeline of commercial initiatives to extract maximum value from network (e.g. Surgical Skin, National Cervical Audit Programs)					
	Specialist referral mix and sustainability / growth in commercial contracts					
Customer	Robust digital product pipeline of Results Portal, Collections Hub and Referral Hub that digitise and engage clinicians and patients – products launched and continuously improved					
experience	QR-code feedback mechanism being rolled out to 2000+ ACCs. High NPS emerging; outperform in established channel (lowest share of complaints to State Health Commissions)					
Clinical	Diagnostic insights for high-burden disease (e.g. cancer, CVD, MSK, mental, metabolic, etc) with an innovation pipeline focused on genomics, point-of-care and AI					
domains	Developing several areas, eg genome analysis					
Partnerships & contracts	Pursuing distribution and other partnership for high-burden diseases; specialist centres, B2B drug screening, vaccine opportunities; preferred pathology provider for several telehealth operators					
contracts	C2N exclusive partnership for Alzheimer's disease; emerging proteomics / microbiomics JVs					
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Agilex \$m



Scale-up is taking more time than anticipated. HLS has appointed a new CEO with Clinical Trials Experience.

We remain confident in the market fundamentals, strategic rationale for the acquisition, and Agilex's competitive position.

- Translation of revenue growth to EBITDA is behind plan
- Phase 1 clinical trials remains an uncapped global market abovemarket returns available to HLS
- Australia is a highly attractive destination for Phase 1 clinical trials
- HLS active management to improve performance:
  - People management and scientific personnel review (new CEO appointed). Agilex leveraging group support functions & oversight
  - Investment second laboratory in Adelaide for large molecule and pharmacodynamic work. New toxicology facility in Brisbane
  - Partnerships –exploring commercial relationships with overseas labs to enable a global proposition from Phase 1 - 3

# **Lumus Imaging**

Underlying	<b>1H 2023</b> , \$m
Revenue	212.8
EBITDA	46.9
EBIT	16.5

1H23 focus has been investing in growth (especially radiologist recruitment). Promising volume recovery.

- Lumus Imaging up 10% excluding MCs (8% overall) v 1H22
- January trading: Lumus Imaging up 11% excluding MCs (9% overall) v pcp
- Well-placed for on-going growth in diagnosis and surgery, with strong hospital presence
- Reset of asset base with Medical Centres segment (unique to Lumus Imaging) \$39m impairment to match trading conditions
- Expanded margins with:
  - FTEs @ 1,250 v 1,350 1H20
  - Exams per FTE 1,370 v 1,240 1H20
- Advances in 1H23:
  - Appointment of a radiologist CEO, one of founding partners of PRP
  - Strong radiologist recruitment supported by new radiologist engagement model
  - Program to upgrade/refit community clinics, with 50% refurbishments completed
  - Development of a greenfield clinic pipeline, 1 in QLD committed and 3 further clinics across NSW and VIC with advanced business cases
- Roll-out of customer-facing digital tools continued

# **Growing Imaging**

#### Focused on sustainable organic growth in the medium-term

Network expansion	Successful recent imaging sites (e.g. Highfields); focus on radiologist, sono and nuc med recruitment Investment in greenfields and higher margin modalities in FY 2023 under national Lumus Imaging brand – 8 PET/MRI and 9 CT/US machines currently on order for hospital, brownfield and greenfield sites
Yield	Network-wide price increment applied in line with inflationary environment; off-cycle strategic review of pricing opportunities being undertaken Joint imaging/pathology offerings (eg fertility and obstetrics/gynaecology); combined CRM capability
Customer experience	Radiologist reporting workflow project to optimise capacity and increase subspecialist reporting capability Implementing and promoting a range of tools to promote referrer loyalty, including eReferral and feature-rich reports
Clinical domains	Radiologist expertise & capacity increasing with additional FTEs onboarded during Q2-Q4 FY2023 Commercialising several areas, eg CTCA and lung cancer screening; positioning for growth in emerging technologies (eg FFR-CT; mental health imaging)
Partnerships & contracts	Several AI partnerships established or in train (e.g. Qure.ai chest x-ray) GE Omni Legend PET/CT machine first of its kind in Southern Hemisphere Pursuing distribution and other partnership for high disease-burden need

# Cashflow

Cash flow aligned to revenue recognition; targeted capex for sustainable growth \$m, reported (31-Dec-22)

## Gross cash flows from operating activities

Net income tax paid

#### Net cash flows from operating activities

Maintenance capex

#### Free cash flow

Growth capex

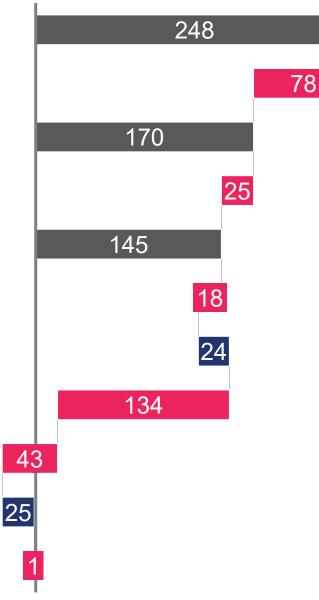
Capital recycling; deferred consideration

Interest, finance costs, lease liabilities

Dividends, buybacks, shares for LTIP

Net debt funding /(repayment)

Net increase/(decrease) in cash held



>100% conversion of EBITDA to gross operating cash flow with alignment of cash flow to operating revenue earned in period

Targeted spend on network, equipment and branding

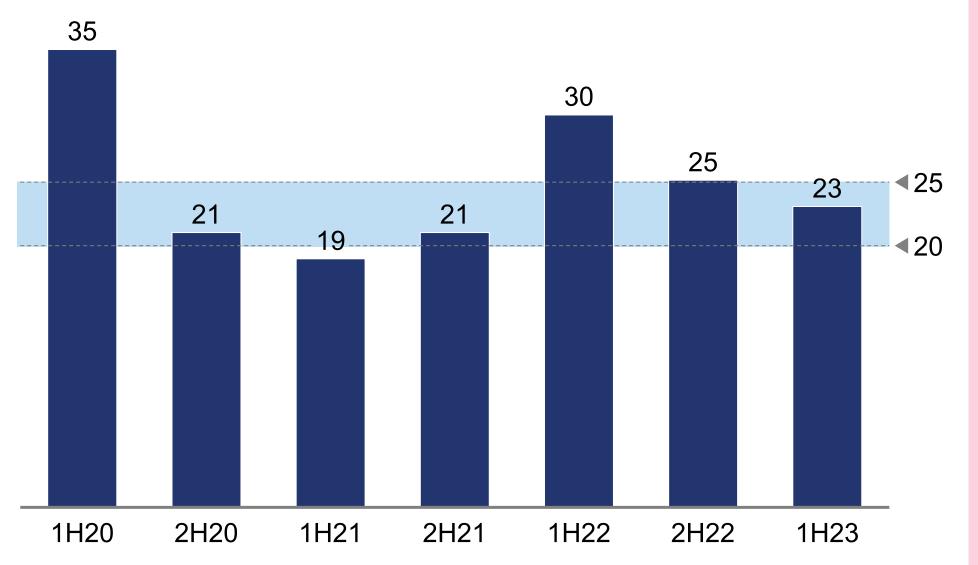
Maintenance capex \$25m (incl \$2m Disc Ops.)

Growth capex at \$18m

including investment in technology, modalities & infrastructure

#### **Maintenance capex**

~\$20-25*m* of maintenance capex (per half) is the range for long-term sustainability \$m



- Following the sale of Medical Centres, maintenance capex reduced
- 1H22 was unusually high due to buy versus lease decisions in Imaging
- ~\$20-25m is the range for long-term sustainability

#### **Debt management**

Disciplined cost control to minimise net debt while trading conditions improve

# 1H23

- Net debt \$551m v \$525m at 30/06/22
- Gearing<sup>1</sup> at  $2.98x^1$  covenant of <3.5x
- Interest cover at 10.5x covenant of >3.0x
- 3.2% WACD<sup>2</sup> reflecting increase in BBSY since February 2022
- ~35% of debt hedged

# 2H23

Drawn debt will reduce with receipt of funds from sale of Day Hospitals

Expecting to be within both covenants at 30/06/23

WACD<sup>2</sup> to increase with BBSY increases

Hedging % to increase with debt reduction and further coverage

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# **Facilities**

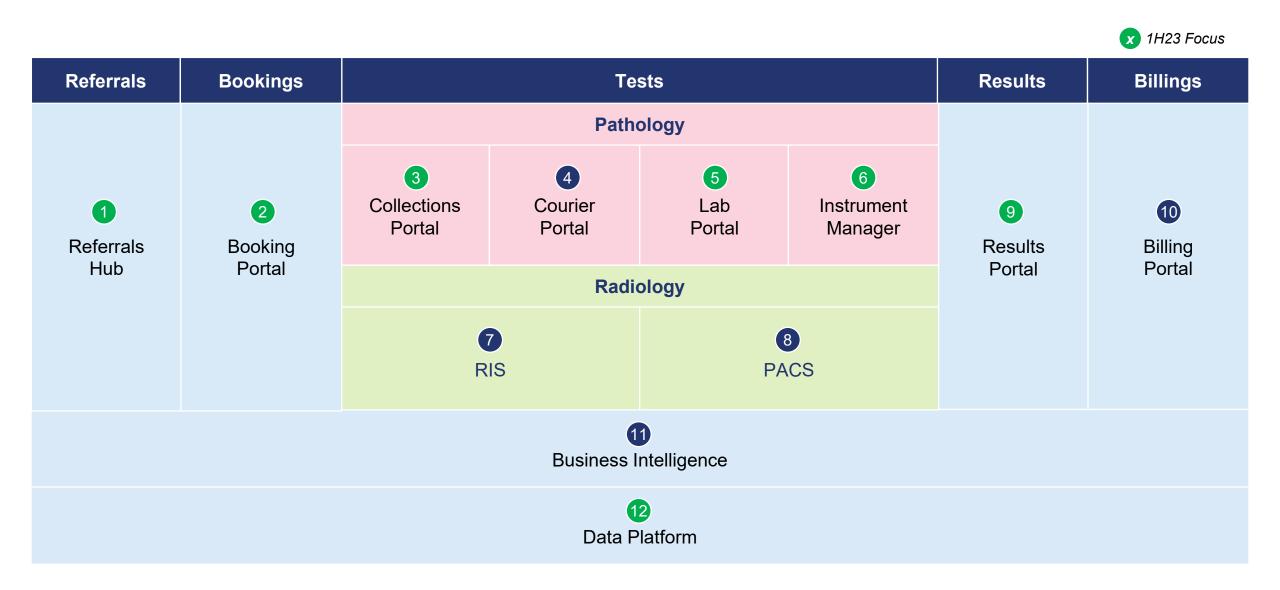
\$1bn in two tranches of \$500m with maturity profiles of March 2025 and March 2027

Flexibility to introduce sustainability-linked facilities going forward

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bank gearing ratio is calculated based on underlying EBITDA before the impact of AASB 15 and 16 and adjusted for share-based payments. Net debt includes unamortised borrowing costs and parent company guarantees <sup>2</sup> Weighted Average Cost of Debt (WACD)

#### **Digital – Holistic strategy across diagnostics**

Platform for pathology and radiology. Funding envelope \$85-90M over 3 years. On track and on budget.



#### **Digital – Core enabler for growth and efficiency**

Building a competitive service model for customers and generating cost reductions through automation.

#### **Progress in H1 FY23**



Referral Hub – Seamlessly getting electronic referrals from medical centres with direct digital patient engagement experience.



Collections Portal – Digitising workflow in ACCs across registering patients, protocoling tests, and collecting specimens.



Lab Portal – Modules for Histology and Cytology which are 2 out of 6 main clinical departments migrated out of Ultra with standardised workflows.



Results App – Providing doctors with a modern results experience with self-service to save time and make informed decisions (*March release*)



Data Platform – Cloud-based state-of-the-art database platform with 14 years of historical patient, referrer, and pathology test data successfully migrated.

#### Focus for H2 FY23

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Booking Portal – Self-service online appointment booking for patients who need Radiology and Pathology exams.

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Instrument Manager – Continuing roll-out of lab analysers across regional and core labs with standarised configuration.



Lab Portal – Modules for further clinical domains including Microbiology with potential for track-based automation being evaluated.



Collections Portal – Adding payments handling, collection training guides, and courier dispatch features.

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Referral Hub – Expanding market coverage of electronic referrals across more medical centres and hospital settings.

#### FY23 Budget: ~\$20M

### FY23 H1 Spend: \$10M

#### **Digital – Building solutions that are future fit**

Contemporary experience. Digitised workflows. Connected and accessible data sets. Agility to continuously improve.

#### Going from outdated legacy systems...

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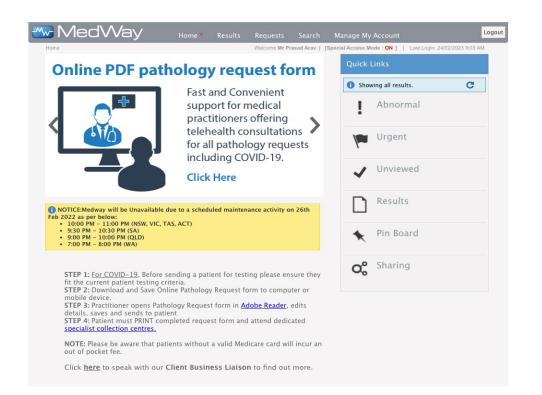
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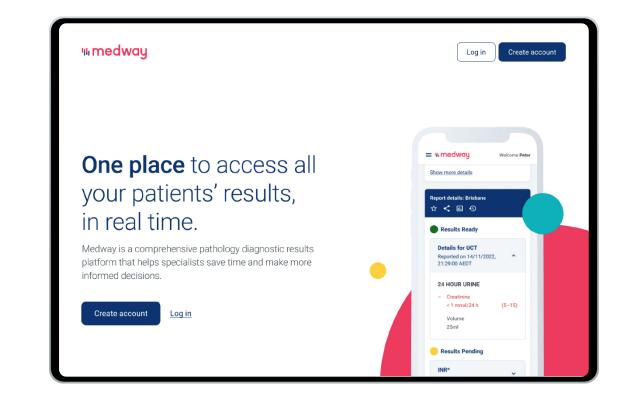
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#### Going from poor doctor experiences...



#### ...to market leading functionality



# Appendix

# Underlying v reported reconciliation

	1H 2023
Underlying EBIT	40.0
Pathology digital transformation	(9.7)
Write-down (impairment of leased assets	(39.1)
Restructuring and termination costs	(3.8)
Transactions with discontinued operations	(0.6)
Total	(53.2)
Reported EBIT	(13.2)

	1H 2023
Underlying NPAT	8.1
After-tax adjustments to underlying EBIT	(36.8)
Tax differential for non-deductible items	3.3
After tax transactions with discontinued operations	6 (0.4)
Total adjustments	(33.9)
Profit after tax from discontinued operations	(2.8)
Reported NPAT	(28.7)

## **Divisional reconciliation - underlying**

		Pathology	Imaging	Corporate	<b>Group</b> <sup>1</sup>
<b>1H 2023</b> , \$M	Revenue	649.5	212.8	2.0	864.1
	EBITDA	136.5	46.9	(6.6)	176.8
	EBIT	32.0	16.5	(8.5)	40.0
<b>1H 2022</b> , \$M	Revenue	1,112.3	199.6	3.4	1,315.1
	EBITDA	473.1	43.5	(12.6)	504.0
	EBIT	375.8	11.9	(14.6)	373.1

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