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# FY19 Results

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# The leading media services provider to the global resources industry

Aspermont is ASX listed with offices in Australia, UK, Brazil, North America and the Philippines

The Company's focus is on global media leadership in the Mining, Agriculture, Energy and Technology sectors

The company has invested 20 years in building a commercial model for B2B digital media distribution that is founded on providing high value content to a global subscriber base. The B2B model is scalable as to new countries, new commodity sectors and in new languages

Aspermont is now the dominant player in B2B media for the resources sector











# Overview



# Evolving business, more and more, to value-add solutions



# 1. Legacy Business Turnaround

Bringing advertising business back into growth, clearing balance sheet debt, closing legal cases, restoring profitability



# 3. Multi-Media Opportunity

Launching media services across all mediums print, email, desktop, mobile, tablet and face2face





# 2. Premium Audience Build

Developing a high performance SaaS business with improved retention and expanding pricing depth

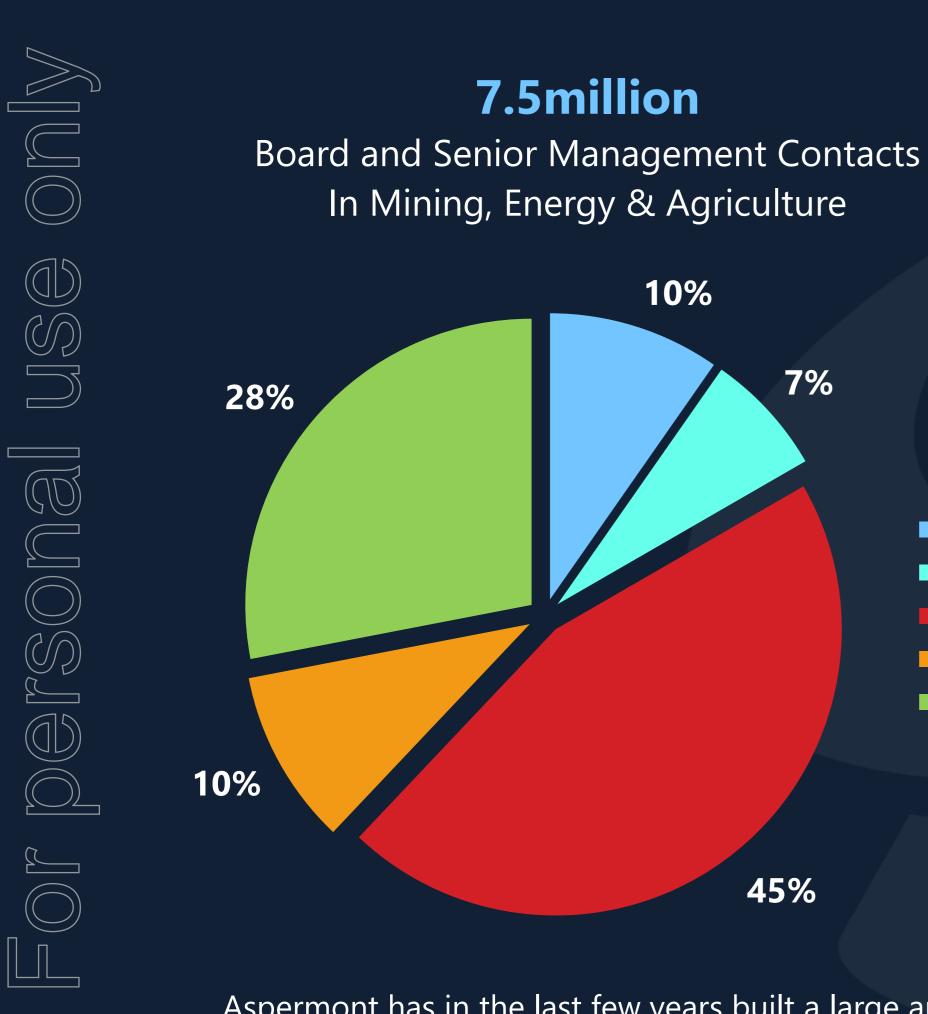


# 4. End to End Client Marketing

360-degree solutions for clients in content development, content marketing, branding and awareness, networking and lead generation



# Building the network effect to drive growth



Aspermont has in the last few years built a large and highly monetizable, network of senior contacts in its sectors

10%

7%

**45%** 

Europe

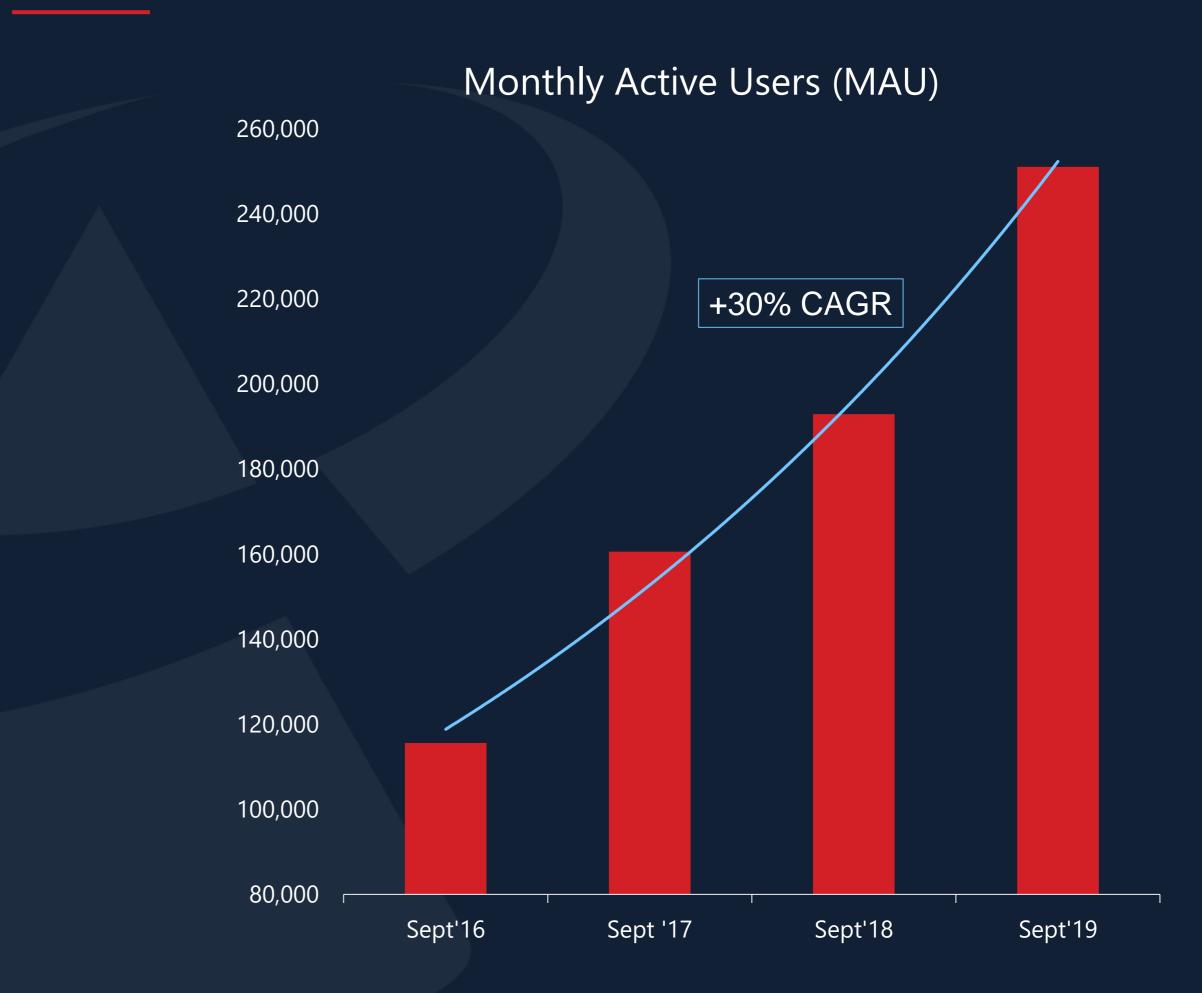
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South America

MEA

APAC





Exponential growth in MAU, in context of Aspermont's premium paywall fees, show powerful high-quality audience build



# FY19 stated execution priorities and how we performed





ASUREMENT	RESULT	
evenue	+\$1.3m / +108%	
/ Intelligence Revenue eration Revenue	+\$0.3m / +166% +\$0.05m	
rm (audience) leads	+38k / +332%	
ontract Value	+\$0.7m / +10%	
alue	+\$3.0m / +7%	
Revenue Per Client	+\$2.1k / +20%	







# Financials



# FY19 – solid growth and margin expansion

Up 17%	to	<b>\$16.4</b> m	
+2.4m	From	<b>\$14.0</b> m	
up 2%	То	55%	
+100bps	From	54%	
up 161%	to	<b>\$0.5</b> m	
<b>+0.3</b> m	From	<b>\$0.2</b> m	
down 57%	to	<b>(\$1.1)</b> m	
<b>-0.4</b> m	From	<b>(\$0.7</b> m)	
up 62%	to	<b>\$0.9</b> m	
+0.3m	From	<b>\$0.6</b> m	
down 620%	to	( <b>0.36</b> c)	
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Note to accounts:

- All results are on a continuing operations basis and like for like for the 12 month period - Gross margin is internally measured after all selling, distribution and operating costs excluding Group and Corporate costs - Normalised EBITDA & Cashflow excludes one-off transformation, discontinuation, exceptional legal costs and establishment costs of new

business lines







- High growth in revenue for second year running
- Gross margin improvement allowing investment in new business lines and services
- Operating leverage improvement through scalability and fixed cost base
- Improved normalised EBITDA and operational cashflow
- NPAT/EPS largely impacted by Beacon Events loan write-off, one-off legal and restructuring costs on discontinued business











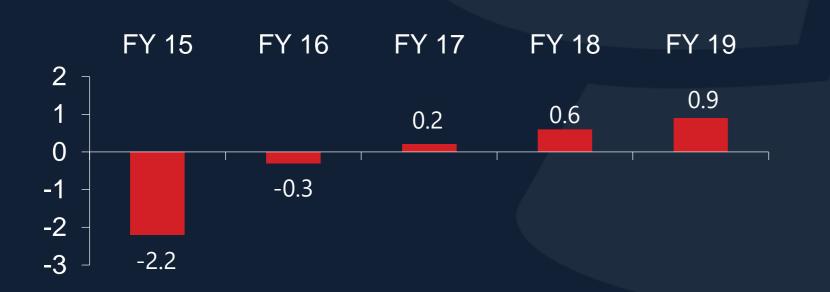
# Growing and increasingly cash generative



Revenues (\$'m)

2 years growth returning revenue to FY15 levels







Operational cashflow, earnings and margins growing



Centralization, outsourcing and offshoring building efficiency



Note to accounts:

Revenues are on a continuing operations basis

All earnings and operating cashflow figures are normalized and as per audited statutory accounts

OPEX (\$'m)



# 13 quarters of consistent subscriptions momentum

	As at June'16	As at Sept '19	Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)	Rapid growth of all metrics driving high
Number of Subscriptions	7,158	8,171	4%	performance ACV & LTV
Average Revenue Per Unit (ARPU)	\$623	\$938	13%	
Annual Contract Value (ACV)	\$4.5m	\$7.5m	17%	
Web Traffic (Sessions)	3.8m	5.4m	11%	
Web Traffic (Users)	1.1m	2.6m	30%	
Loyalty Index	41%	58%	11%	
Renewal Rate	73%	84%	4%	
Lifetime Years	3.7	6.1	17%	
Lifetime Value	\$16.5m	\$45.2m	36%	

## Aspermont market capitalization is less than half the current LTV of subscriptions alone

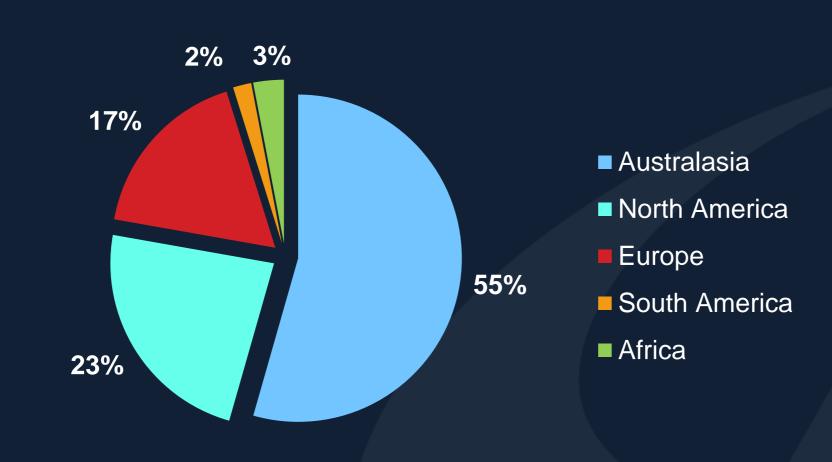


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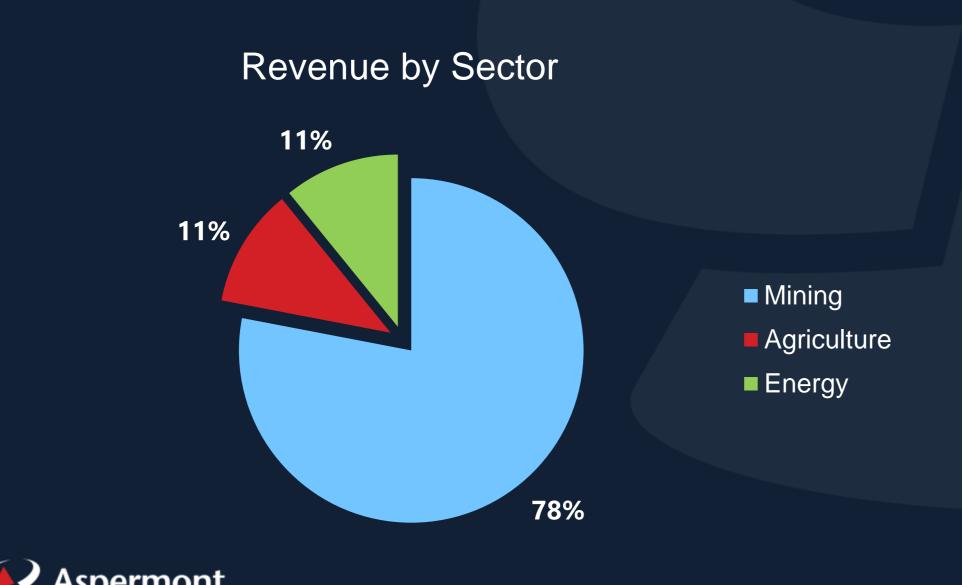
We do not report number of paid members for competitive reasons but investors should note that there can be thousands of paid members attached to any one subscription order. A large focus of our development in subscriptions comes from account-based-marketing (ABM) which consistently leads to increases in the number of members per account. The actual growth of total paid members over the full period is in high double digit CAGR which is very positive for us



# Revenue profile increasingly diversified in geography, sector and type



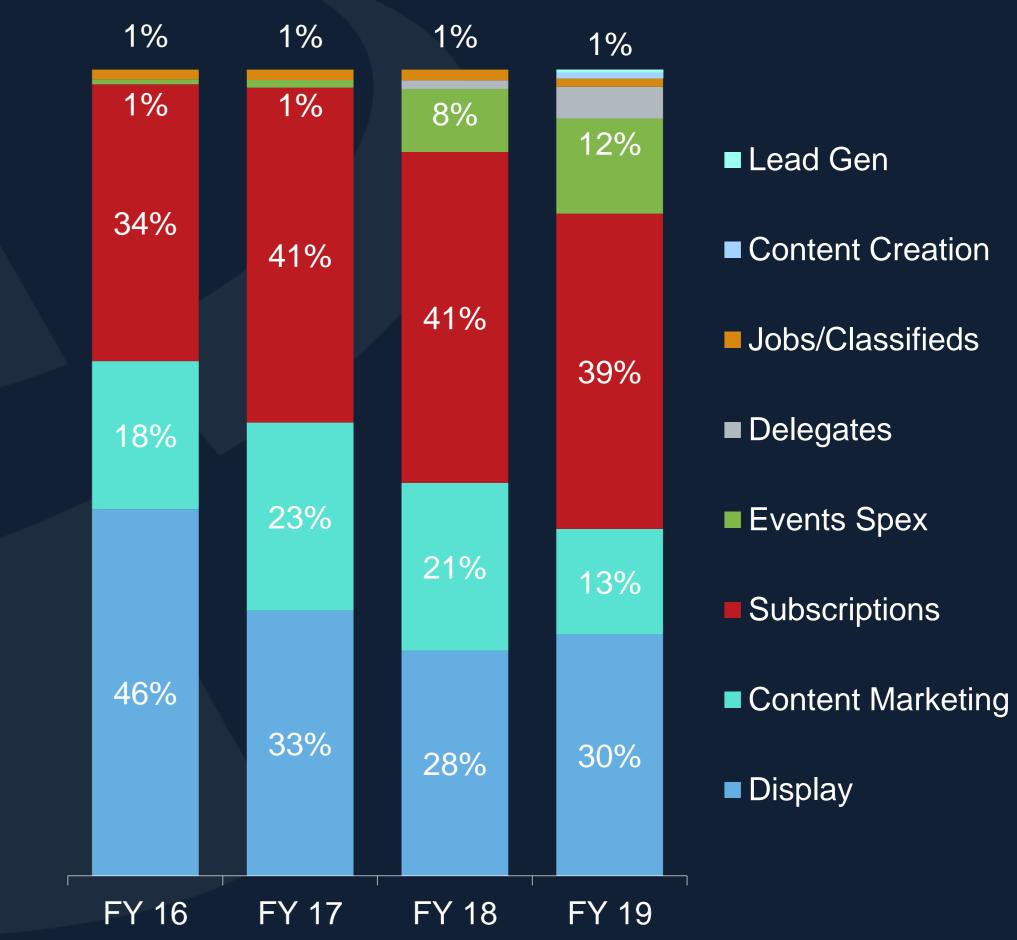
## Revenue by Geography





New Revenue Sources in FY19; Content Agency and Lead Generation

## Revenue by Source









Note to accounts:

Investments: Development of V5 platform



#### All figures in AUD \$'000

Total Liabilitie	Sept '19	Sept '18	June '16	Total assets	
Trade and other payable	727	2,059	1,795	Cash and cash equivalent	
Income in advanc	1,379	1,858	3,734	rade and other receivables	
Borrowing	2,106	3,917	5,529	Total Current Assets	
Tax liabilities & Othe	1,516	124	155	Property and equipment	
Total Current Liabilitie	8,827	8,842	17,729	Intangible assets	
Borrowing	1,519	2,346	3,292	Deferred tax & other assets	
Deferred Tax liabilitie		5,480	-	Other Receivables	
Provisions and other payable	11,862	16,792	21,089	Total Non Current Assets	
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Net Asset					
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# Balance Sheet

Total Liabilities	June '16	Sept '18	Sept '19	
Trade and other payables	7,235	4,502	3,553	
Income in advance	5,788	4,193	4,702	
Borrowings	5,141	-	43	
Tax liabilities & Other	373	-	541	
Total Current Liabilities	18,537	8,690	8,839	
Borrowings	3,120	-	-	
Deferred Tax liabilities	3,129	2,272	1,519	
visions and other payables	657	76	976	
al Non Current Liabilities	6,906	2,348	2,495	
Total Liabilities	25,443	11,038	11,334	
Net Assets	1,175	9,671	2,634	

Intangible assets impacted by write-off of goodwill on disposal of events business and further prudent impairment of historical

Income in advance associated with pre-paid subscriptions and events that will be recognized in the next FY

Other Liabilities relates to lease liability for remaining term of

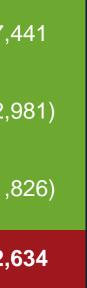
Shareholders Equity	June '16	Sept '18	Se
Issued capital	56,443	67,744	7,
Retained losses	(43,905)	(46,191)	(2,
Other reserves	(11,353)	(11,882)	(1,
Shareholder Equity	1,175	9,671	2,

Increase in share capital through converting debt into equity and funds raised through placement

- Tax losses available future proofs profit B expansion and taxes payable
- The Company applied provisions of s258f of the Corporations act. The adjustment resulted in reduction in share capital account and accumulated losses. This is a technical adjustment which does not impact the net assets, financial results, cashflow or funding of the Company and Group. The number of shares in issue will not change as a result of the capital reduction.









# Business description





# Market leading competitive strengths

Aspermont's products are established market leaders. The company pioneered digital paywall models since the birth of the internet era. The company has developed sophisticated system to drive exceptional audience growth and built an increasing set of monetization tools for its clients. The company is focused on remaining ahead of the trends and needs of its markets.

# **Brand Strength**

Our 560 years heritage supports successful product, channel and brand extensions

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# **Innovation Leaders**

First adopters in digital paywall; disruptors in semantic search; pioneers in marketing automation and new client services solutions

# Technolo

Next generation omnichanne deep behavi capabilities



Leadership ntent provider to global ector with direct XOs within the industry bly chain	Leadership Team Tier 1 executive and management team with strong skills sets and experience in media-tech industry
ogy Platform ation platform gives al advantages and vioral data analysis	<b>Scalability</b> Centralized, digitized, outsourced and offshoring operational structures provide low marginal cost base for growth



# Hybrid media-tech model enables growth and scalability

# **Old B2B Media**

Significant Brand Equity Quality Content Focus Retrenching Key Talent

Print Revenue Based **In-House Sales Team** Premium Rate Cards

**Behind Tech Curve Manual** Systems

> **Controlled Circulation** Audience Declining

> Declining Profitability High Fixed Cost

Significant Brand Equity Content Quality & Volume Focus Investing in Key Talent

Multi-Medium Revenue Based **In-House Sales Team Premium rate Cards** 

> Ahead Tech Curve **Systems Automation**

Paid Only Content Model Niche Audience Growth

Print risk mitigated and repositioned as a premium product Diverse and multi-dimensional revenue base Deepening client relationships with significant spend development Technology and systems driving high performance growth in audience and client services monetization



# Hybrid Model

**Growing Profitability** Scalable Cost Base

# **New B2B Media**

No Brand Equity **Content Volume Focus Freelancer Model** 

Digital Revenue Based Ad Network Dependant Low Value Rate Cards

Ahead Tech Curve Systems Systems Automation

Free / Metered Content High Growth Audience

Loss Leaders Scalable Cost Base







Note:

Aspermont is continually developing and delivering new products and monetisation tools to its clients. Average Revenue Per Client (ARPC) grew by a decent 20% in FY19 but has a far greater distance to go. Owing to our new end-to-end marketing services suite the company is starting to win much larger scale contracts than before. As the momentum builds overtime there should be a significant growth breakthrough in these revenue streams.



# Growth strategy and execution





# Aspermont is a business with three growth horizons





New business creation Foundation for 5+ years growth Loss leader / investment \$'s

Multi-lingual services Asia / Africa / LATAM markets

Champions and visionaries



# Focused on building paid audiences and leveraging them for client revenues



13%

Partner content placement, Webinars, Surveys, Profiles, Podcasts etc

#### **Lead Generation**

Actual eads delivered to clients with full 'consent to market'

Jobs 1%

Professional Placements & Job boards

**Data** hub product & drive

Build new data hub product & drive additional content into core product

Horizon 1 = Blue Horizon 2 = Red Horizon 3 = Green Long Term = Orange

#### Subscriptions

Various subscription models to upsell and bundle content and brands

Audience \$ = Client \$ Source

4%

39%

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Audience revenue share expected to fall to <20% over overall revenue despite anticipated double digit CAGR over the future

#### **Content Agency**

Content creation services
 allowing clients to utilize our
 world class journalists to help
 them build marketing assets

#### **Display Advertising**

Branding an awareness services in all mediums

#### **Training & Education**

Paid learning modules and accreditations for industry professionals

12%

30%

### **Event Sponsorships**

Exhibitors, paid speakers and paid networking services at events

Client \$

Delegates

Paid attendees at evens

Audience \$

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# New Business Streams Coming Online

Two New Business Line Launches in FY20 Responding to client marketing needs and developing bespoke solutions

# **Content Agency**

Utilising award winning inhouse journalists and designers to create content and marketing assets for clients to use across Aspermont's and other networks





# **Lead Generation Services**

Utilising content marketing campaigns to drive fully qualified, GDPR compliant, marketing leads to clients





# Scalable growth achieved through expansion of content and sales resources (22)





Scale content services to new geographies

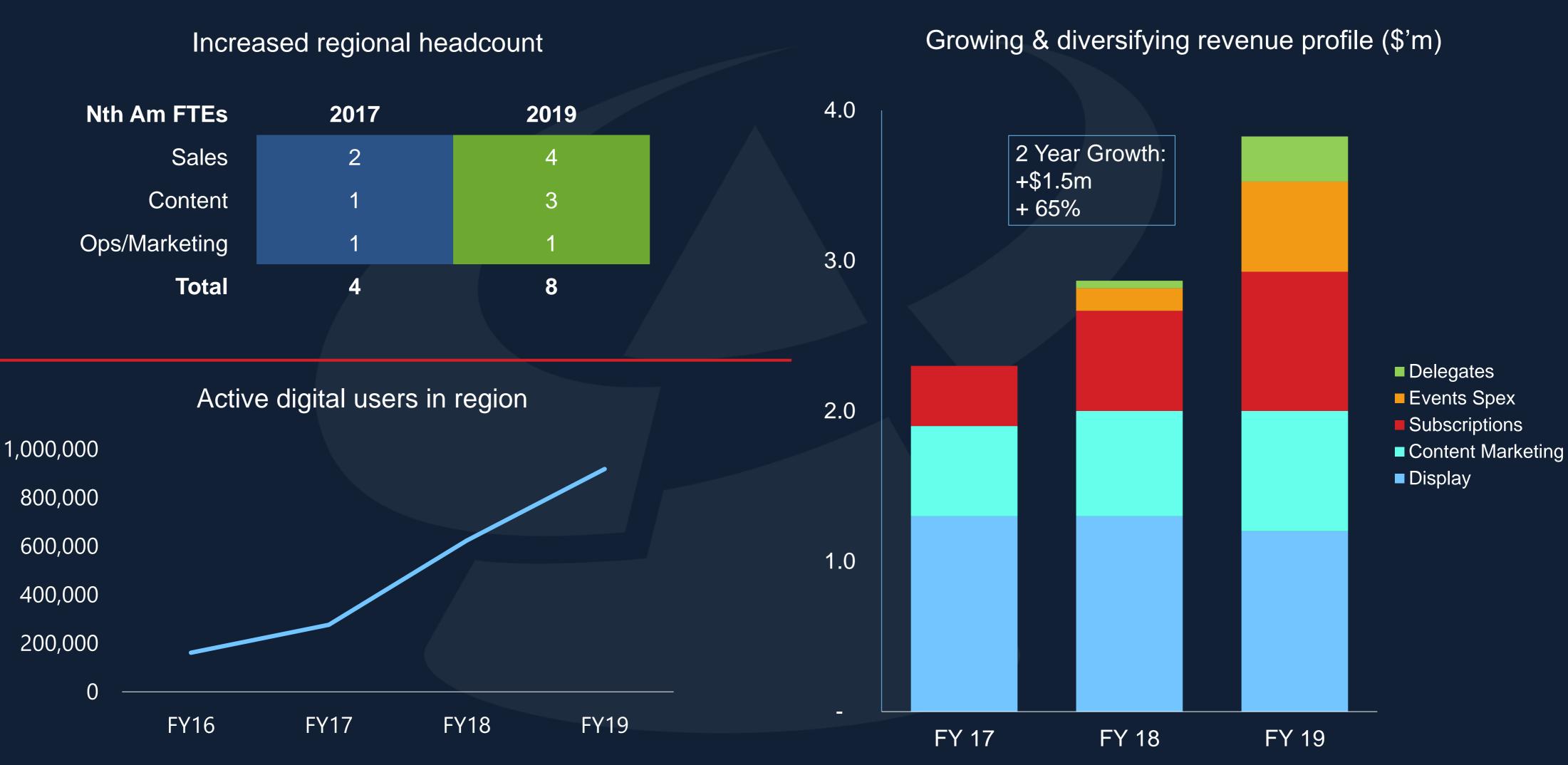
Leverage multi-lingual platform capabilities

**Build content services** in new sectors



Nth Am FTEs	2017	2019
Sales	2	4
Content	1	3
Ops/Marketing	1	1
Total	4	8







Note:

North America is a key growth market for Aspermont and its development characteristic are similar to that of other regions. Because of our centralised main services costs expanding into new territories is primarily a function of more content and sales resources only. This is why our model build scalability as our reach expands

# North American market development



# Our FY20 execution priorities and how investors can measure us

**Operational** Capacity Release

**Research and Events to** fully transition into core business teams

# **Measures**:

- Improved standards, processes, systems
- Establish new brands
- Focus on yields

Performance Culture

**Build High** 

Implementation of new People strategy with focused skills acquisition and development

# **Measures:**

- Revenue per employee
- New hire probation rate success
- Regretted leaver churn



Note: ABM: Account-Based-Marketing is the process by which we seek to develop multiple members per paid subscription

**Next Phase Of Subs Growth**  **Develop Solution Sales Culture** 

**Roll out of higher quality** content to drive pricing and deeper account penetration (ABM)

## **Measures:**

- ARPU
  - Members per subscription
  - ACV
- LTV

Leverage now complete multi-media offering build end to end client marketing solutions

## **Measures:**

- Lead generation revenue
- ARPC
- Total client revenue



# The outlook for next year remains one of high growth

- We have a proven operating model ullet
- With a consistent track record of: ullet
  - Top line growth  $\bullet$
  - Improving bottom line
  - Expanding margins  $\bullet$
- Our unit economies are good •
- are in place
- Consequently our outlook is for: ullet
  - Continued top line performance
  - Improving bottom line
  - Continued margin expansion



The cost base is relatively stable and our key people foundations



# Conclusion

- 3-year transformation complete •
- ightarrowglobal resources industry
- ulletexpand the business across geographies and sectors
- High performance SAAS based subscription model with ullet
  - Growing profitability;
  - High quality revenues and
  - World leading customer endorsements  $\bullet$
- ulletcapable and aligned board and management team
- Strong financial performance is expected to follow  $\bullet$



Aspermont is now the world's leading media services provider to

Company has clear and substantial growth strategies and is leveraging its content and technological expertise; to aggressively

Relentless focus on executing growth opportunities with highly



# Investment rationale

- Digital media platform can upscale growth by language and by sector 1.
- Successful management team is delivering gro 2. against plan
- Strong and sustainable growth in subscriptions growth momentum in client services business 3.
- 4. Elimination of debt and strong balance sheet give clear visibility to forward projections
- Higher growth and new products are being financed from 5. cash flow



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owth	Lifetime Value (LTV)	\$16.5m	\$45.2m	
	Digital Users	1.1m	2.6m	
	Event Attendees	-	1,532	
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	Financials	June'16	Sep'19	
	Group Revenue	\$12.6m	\$16.4m	
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	Financials	June'16	Sep'19
	Group Revenue	\$12.6m	\$16.4m
	GP Margin	48%	55%
	EBITDA	(\$1.1m)	\$0.5m
(	Cash Flow from Ops	(\$0.3m)	\$0.9m
	Net Debt	\$8.2m	\$0.0m

Market Capitalisation	<b>\$9.6</b> m	<b>\$23.3m</b>



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# Appendix



# Experienced leadership team able to execute



**Ajit Patel Chief Operating** Officer

Ajit has more than 30 years of experience in technology; working across digital media, events and research. Previously Ajit was the CTO for Incisive Media, where he was responsible for infrastructure, software development, online strategy and large scale systems implementation. Ajit came to Aspermont to help deliver the technological base to enable the company to deliver on its long-term solution. He is now responsible for all services departments including marketing.



**Alex Kent Group Managing** Director

Alex joined Aspermont in 2007 having spent the early part of his career at Microsoft. Starting with the creation of a semantic search division for the company he has since worked in all areas of the Aspermont Group. His prime skills sets of technology and marketing saw him hold the role of Group CMO prior to becoming Managing Director. Alex has BSc degrees in Economics, Accounting and Business Law. He has been a key driver of the overall vision for the company and its deep-seated technological focus.



Leah joined Aspermont in 2018 with over 18 years experience in HR. Prior to joining, Leah had led a number of HR functions within technology start up environments and supported their transition to become more established, efficient businesses. She also headed up European Talent Development at Activision Blizzard where she had a strong focus on leadership development and the digital transition. Leah's role at Aspermont will see her developing and executing our People Strategy, to support both the overall business strategy and high growth phase the company is in.





Leah Thorne **Group People Director** 



**Matt Smith Chief Commercial** Officer

Matt has over 20 years of experience in global media sales. His previous role was President at International Data Group (IDG), the world largest technology media organisation, where he directly managed and led the global demand generation business and data strategy. His role at Aspermont is newly created and gives him full remit over all the company's commercial activities. Specifically Matt will be focused on building a truly solution-sales based culture and framework within Aspermont to enable the company to maximise on its wealth of client sponsorship opportunities



# **Nishil Khimasia**

Chief Financial Officer

Nishil has significant and relevant experience in financial management, business development and transformation in entrepreneurial growing companies in the global B2B sector. Over the past 8 years Nishil held CFO and General Management positions at Equifax UK & Ireland, part of Equifax Inc., one of the world's largest information solutions providers, with responsibility for developing UK & Ireland business.



# Capital Structure

Shares on issue	2.1b	
Options on issue	323m	@3 cent
	10m	@1 cent
Unlisted Performance Rights	89.5m	
Market Capitalisation	23.3m	
Substantial Shareholdings	15.7%	<b>Drysdale Investments Limited</b>
	13.1%	Allandale Holdings Pty Ltd
	12.3%	Mega Hills Limited
	7.6%	Annis Trading Limited





Number of Subscriptions Number of live subscriptions at end of period

**Average Revenue Per Unit (ARPU)** Annual Contract Value / Number of Subscriptions

Annual Contract Value (ACV) Aggregate contract cash value of all live subscriptions at the end of

**Sessions** 

Total number of web sessions over a trailing twelve month basis

Users Total number of users who initiated at least one web session over a

Loyalty Index Internal metric analysis of subscriber loyalty through their engageme

**Renewal Rate** Volume of subscriptions renewed over trailing twelve month basis (

Lifetime Years (LY) Average lifetime of a subscription = 1/Churn Rate

Lifetime Value (LTV) Aggregate of present and future value of all subscriptions = (Lifetim



# Glossary (SaaS Metrics)

	8,171
	\$938
a period	\$7.5m
	5.4m
a trailing twelve month basis	2.6m
nent	58%
(i.e. the inverse of Churn Rate)	84%
	6.1 years
ne Year x Annual Contract Value)	\$45.2m



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