

# **Q1 2025 Results**

FY 2025 guidance reaffirmed, underpinned by strong operational and financial performance

8 May 2025









# **TODAY'S PRESENTERS**



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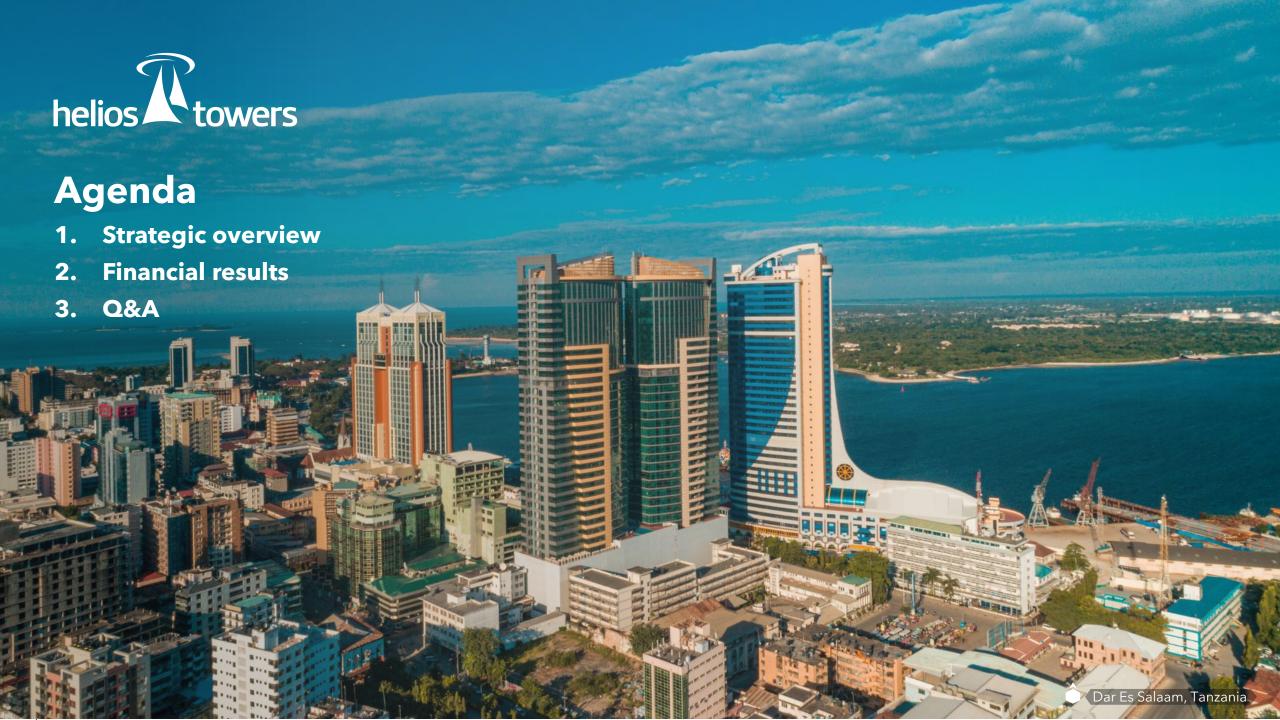


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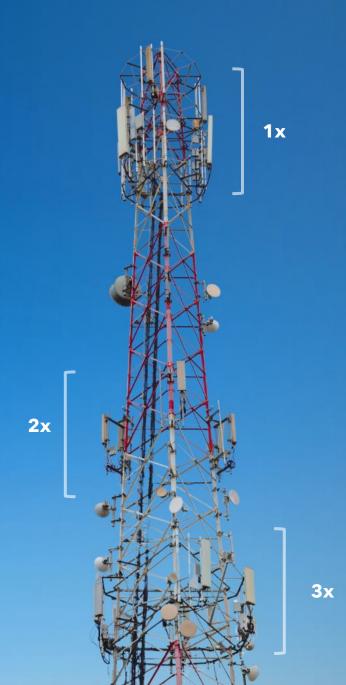
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# Strategic overview



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

**Strong momentum** towards '2.2x by 26'

- +668 YTD tenancy additions (+2,388 YoY), including 92 sites
- +0.1x YoY tenancy ratio expansion to 2.1x



+9% YoY Adj. EBITDA growth

+\$29m YoY free cash flow(2)

expansion to \$2m (\$48m LTM)

+1ppt YoY ROIC expansion to 14%<sup>(1)</sup>



Improved credit ratings

- Net leverage reduction of -0.4x YoY to 4.0x
- Rating upgrades with Fitch and S&P to BB- and Moody's outlook to positive<sup>(3)</sup>



## FY 25 guidance reaffirmed

- +2,000 2,500 tenancy adds
- \$460m \$470m Adj. EBITDA
- \$150m \$180m capex<sup>(4)</sup>
- \$40m \$60m free cash flow<sup>(5)</sup>
- Net leverage <u>c.3.5x</u>

**YoY**(6)











# Structural growth and high ROIC opportunities underpinned by >\$5bn contracted future revenues with the region's major mobile operators

FY 25 guidance year-on-year growth is calculated based on the mid-point of the range provided.



Return on invested capital (ROIC) is defined as annualised portfolio free cash flow divided by invested capital. Invested capital is defined as gross property, plant and equipment and gross intangible assets, less accumulated maintenance and corporate capital expenditure, adjusted for IFRS 3 and IAS 29 accounting adjustments and deferred consideration for future sites. Annualised portfolio free cash flow is calculated as portfolio free cash flow (PFCF) for the last twelve months, adjusted to annualise for the impact of acquisitions closed during the period. Free cash flow as presented in the management cash flow statement on page 26.

Moody's has assigned us a rating of B1

Reflects \$100m - \$130m discretionary and \$50m non-discretionary capex

Guidance assumes c.\$20m of net working capital outflow.

# TEN YEARS OF CONSISTENT ADJ. EBITDA GROWTH UNABATED THROUGH GLOBAL VOLATILITY

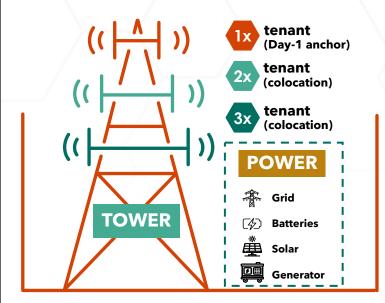




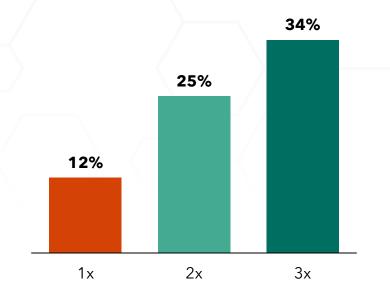
## **OUR BUSINESS MODEL**

### **Tenant hosting & power services**

What we do

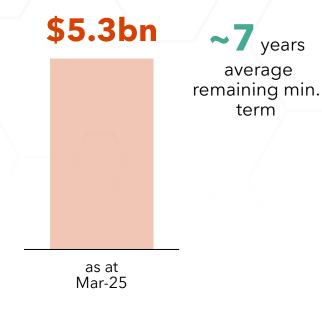






## Long term cash flows





Structural growth and high ROIC opportunities underpinned by highly visible base of >\$5bn future contracted revenues



#### CONTINUED MOMENTUM ON OUR 2.2X STRATEGY, SUPPORTING **ROIC AND FREE CASH FLOW EXPANSION Our target:** >2.10x2.13x **Tenancy** 2.09x 2.05x ratio 1.96x 1.91x 1.81x c.14% 14.5% 13.8% 12.9% ROIC 12.0% 11.8% 10.3% **New market** Senegal Malawi acquisitions Madagascar Oman **†\$/€** doubled increased hard acquired tenancy Currency ratio Free cash flow FY 20 FY 24 FY 25 FY 22 **FY 23** Q1 25 LTM quidance (\$385m)<sup>(2)</sup> \$19m \$48m \$40 - 60m (\$71m) (\$721m)<sup>(2)</sup> (\$81m)



## CAPITAL ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

Continued EBITDA and ROIC expansion, plus deleveraging, increases surplus free cash flow supporting potential shareholder distributions

	<b>Current priorities:</b>		
<b>√</b>	Optimised organic investments	Capital efficient investments <b>accretive to ROIC</b> - cooperational efficiencies and highly selective BTS	Ongoing consultation with our shareholders on
<b>√</b>	Deleveraging	c.3.5x in 2025, trending to c.3.0x in 2026	a sustainable shareholder return policy
X	Investor distributions	Free cash flow expansion to \$40-60m in 2025, very growth supporting capacity for potential sharehold from 2026	
-	Opportunistic M&A	Strict criteria that includes robust growth and <b>IRR</b> >	WACC

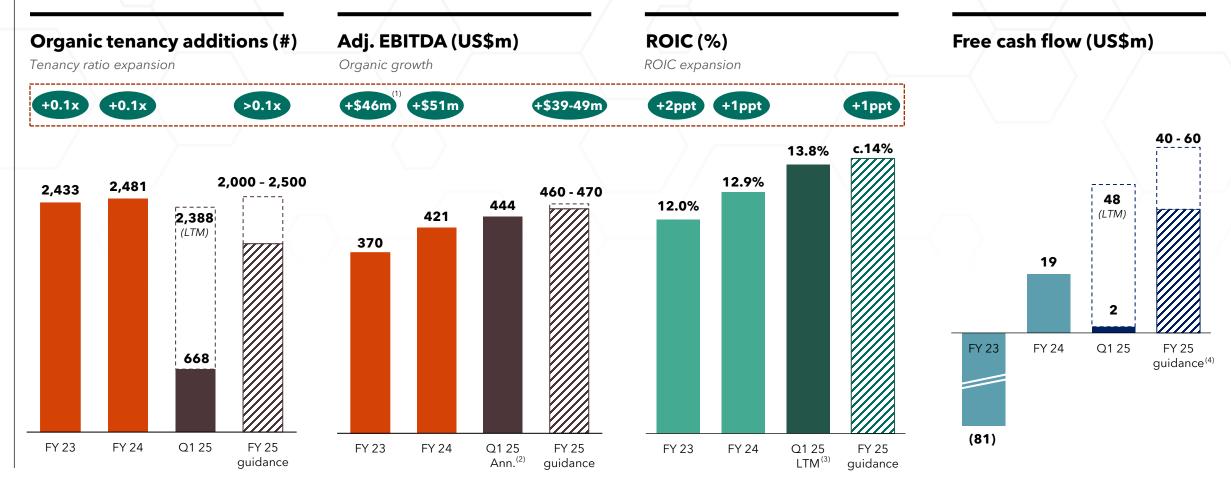




# Financial results

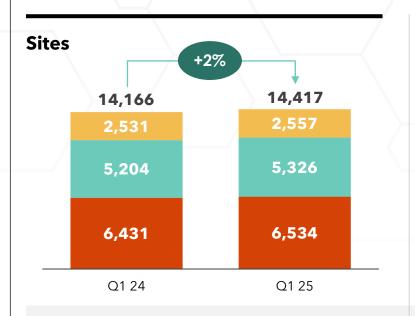


## SOLID PROGRESS TOWARDS FY 2025 GUIDANCE

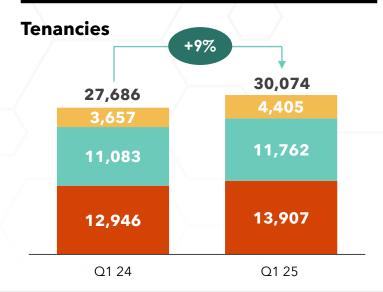


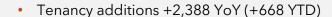


# TENANCY ADDITIONS DRIVEN BY STRUCTURAL GROWTH, LEADING MARKET POSITIONS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE FOCUS

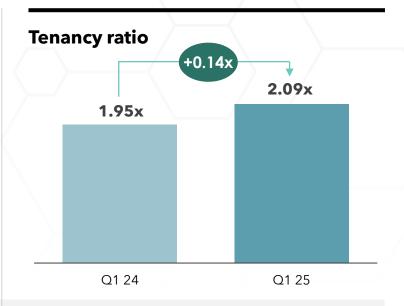


- Site additions +251 YoY (+92 YTD)
- Highly selective approach to new site rollout including day-1 ROIC threshold and high lease-up potential

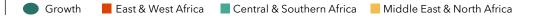




• Driven by Oman (+748) and Tanzania (+664)

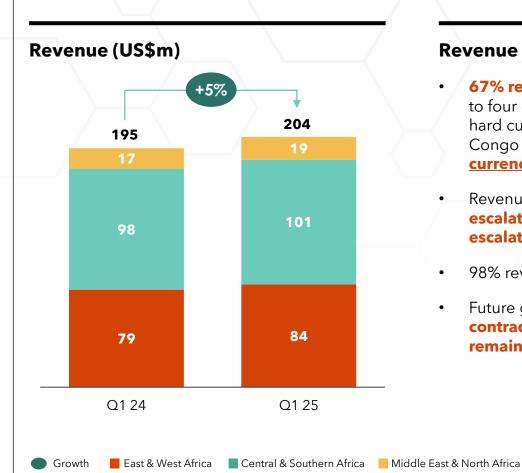


- Tenancy ratio +0.14x
  - Driven by all markets, with Oman (+0.28x), Malawi (+0.23x) and Tanzania (+0.12x) delivering fastest lease-up



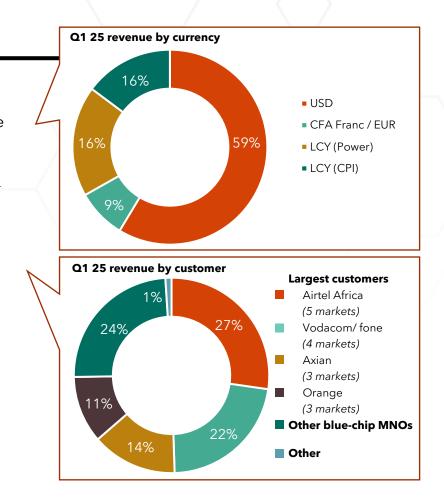


# REVENUE GROWTH DRIVEN BY TENANCY ADDITIONS, UNDERPINNED BY **CONTRACTED REVENUES WITH MULTINATIONAL CUSTOMERS**



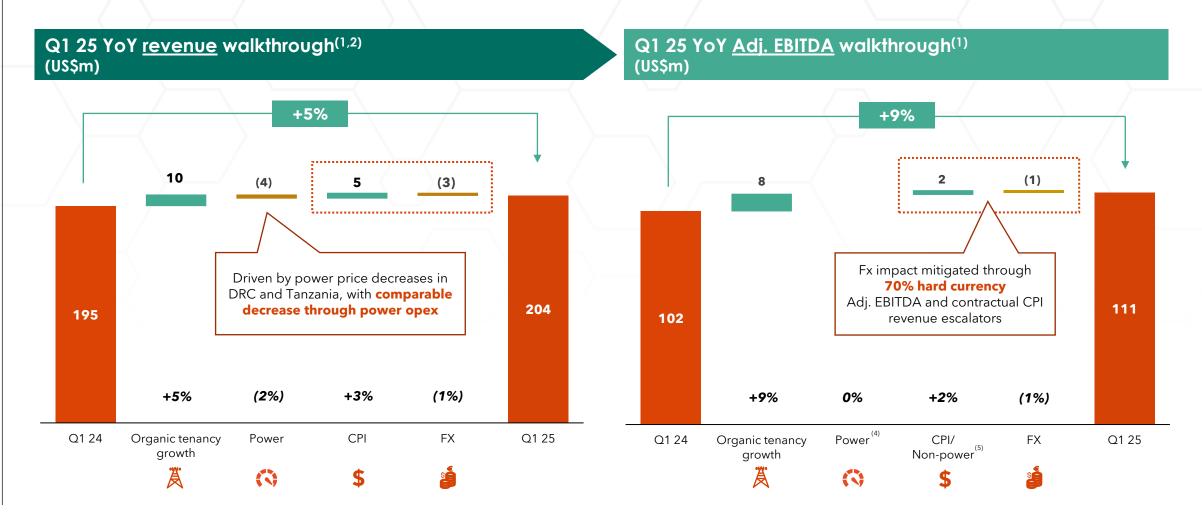
#### **Revenue commentary**

- 67% revenue in hard currency, largely due to four of our nine markets being innately hard currency (DRC, Oman, Senegal and Congo B) (1), with 70% Adj. EBITDA in hard **currency**
- Revenue further protected by annual CPI escalators and annual/quarterly power escalators/de-escalators
- 98% revenues with **blue-chip MNOs**
- Future growth underpinned by \$5.3bn contracted revenues with an average remaining life of 6.9 years





# ADJ. EBITDA GROWTH IS HIGHLY CORRELATED TO TENANCY ADDITIONS AND **RESILIENT TO FX, CPI AND POWER PRICE MOVEMENTS**



Figures may not sum due to rounding



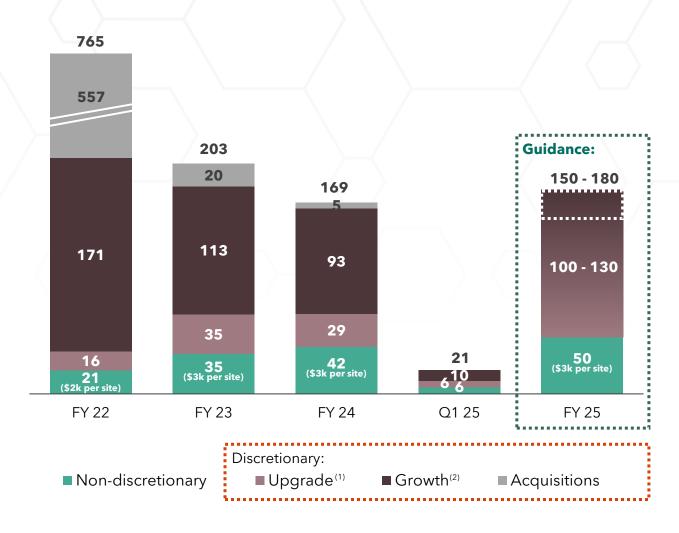
Revenue impact for CPI and power reflects increase in Q1 25 revenues from respective escalations effected since the beginning of Q2 24. Revenue impact from Fx reflects the YoY Fx translation impact from local currency and Euro-

Refers to the year-over-year changes in average exchange rates for Q1 25 compared to Q1 24.

Calculated as escalations from power-linked revenues less year-on-year changes in power opex assuming Q1 25 power opex per site using HT's Q2 24 average site count.

Calculated as escalations from CPI-linked revenues less year-on-year changes in non-power opex and SG&A assuming Q1 25 non-power opex per site using HT's Q2 24 average site count.

# CAPEX IS TIGHTLY CONTROLLED AND FOCUSED **ON ROIC-ACCRETIVE OPPORTUNITIES**



#### Q1 25

Q1 25 capex of \$21m, of which \$6m was non-discretionary

#### FY 25 guidance

- Capex guidance unchanged at **\$150m - \$180m** (c.\$50m nondiscretionary), reflecting continued reduction in capital intensity
- Discretionary capex tightly controlled and only approved if returns achieve internal thresholds.



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Upgrade reflects discretionary investments on structural improvements, principally on acquired sites.

## **POSITIVE RATING ACTIONS UNDERSCORE** STRENGTHENED BUSINESS PROFILE

Debt KPIs (US\$m)	Q1 24	Q4 24	Q1 25	
Gross debt	1,901	1,901	1,935	
Cash & cash equivalents	89	161	166	
Net debt <sup>(1)</sup>	1,812	1,740	1,769	
Annualised Adj. EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	409	436	444	
Gross leverage <sup>(3)</sup>	4.6x	4.4x	4.4x	
Net leverage <sup>(4)</sup>	4.4x	4.0x	4.0x	
Fixed / floating rate debt (%)	83%	92%	92%	
Average weighted maturity (yrs) (5)	3.3	4.1	3.9	
Cost of debt	7.1%	7.2%	7.2%	
Credit rating <sup>(6)</sup>	B2   B   B+	B1   B+   B+ (pos)	B1 (pos) <sup>(7)</sup>   BB-   BB- <sup>(7)</sup>	

the quarter

### **Credit profile**

- Continued improvement in our credit ratings YTD with Fitch and S&P upgrading to BB- and Moody's updating their outlook to positive
- Driven by continued deleveraging and consistently strong operational execution
- Net leverage decreased by 0.4x YoY to 4.0x
- c.\$420m in available cash and undrawn debt facilities
- 92% fixed rate debt provides interest cost visibility



Net debt is calculated as gross debt less cash and cash equivalents.

Annualised Adj. EBITDA is calculated as the most recent fiscal quarter multiplied by 4.

Gross leverage is calculated as gross debt divided by Annualised Adj. EBITDA

Net leverage is calculated as net debt divided by Annualised Adj. EBITDA for

Weighted average life remaining and fixed rate % are based on drawn debt. Credit ratings as at period end in the order of Moody's, S&P and Fitch.

Fitch upgraded to BB- on 25 April 2025. Moody's affirmed the B1 rating and revised the outlook to positive on 16 April 2025.

# | FY 2025 GUIDANCE REAFFIRMED

	FY 24 Actual	Q1 25 YTD Actual	FY 25 Guidance <sup>(1)</sup>
Organic tenancy additions	+2,481	+668	+2,000 - 2,500
Adj. EBITDA	\$421m	\$111m	\$460m - \$470m
Capex <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$169m</b> (\$127m disc. / \$42m non-disc.)	<b>\$21m</b> (\$15m disc. / \$6m non-disc.)	<b>\$150m - \$180m</b> (\$100m - \$130m disc. / \$50m non-disc.)
Free cash flow <sup>(3)</sup>	\$19m	<b>\$2m</b> (\$48m LTM)	   \$40m - \$60m 
Net leverage	4.0x	4.0x	c.3.5x



# **KEY TAKEAWAYS**



Nearing 2.2x tenancy ratio target



Continued Adj. **EBITDA** growth, FCF and ROIC expansion



FY 25 guidance reaffirmed



**Anticipate financial** flexibility to support investor distributions in FY 26





# I INVESTOR RELATIONS

## **Upcoming IR events**

15 May	Annual General Meeting
28 to 29 May	BofA Emerging Markets Corporate Conference
24 to 25 June	Barclays Emerging Markets ESG Corporate Days
25 June	Morgan Stanley Global Towers Day

### **IR Contact**



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## OPERATIONAL & FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

		YoY	
In US\$m, unless otherwise stated	Q1 25	Q1 24	Change
Sites (#)	14,417	14,166	+2%
Tenancies (#)	30,074	27,686	+9%
Tenancy ratio (x)	2.09x	1.95x	+0.14x
Revenue	204	195	+5%
Adj. EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	111	102	+9%
Adj. EBITDA margin (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	55%	53%	+2ppt
Operating profit	77	67	+14%
ROIC (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	13.8%	12.6%	+1.2ppt
Free cash flow <sup>(1)</sup>	2	(28)	+29.2
Net debt <sup>(1)</sup>	1,769	1,812	-2%
Net leverage (x) <sup>(1,3)</sup>	4.0x	4.4x	-0.4x



## MARKET OVERVIEW: MACRO AND INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

	# MNOs <sup>(1)</sup>	Mobile Penetration <sup>(2)</sup>	GB/month per Sub <sup>(3)</sup>	Unique Mobile Subs <sup>(2)</sup> (YoY)	Unique mobile Subs CAGR <sup>(2)</sup> (2024 - 2029)	PoS Growth CAGR <sup>(4)</sup> (2024 - 2029)	Towers held by MNOs <sup>(5)</sup>	Credit ratings <sup>(6)</sup>	Credit ratings momentum <sup>(7)</sup>
Tanzania	4	44%	2.8	6%	6%	4%	0.7k	B1(St)/NR/B+(St)	•
<b>★</b> Senegal	3	51%	3.9	5%	5%	5%	2.6k	B3(-ve)/B(-ve)/NR	1
Malawi	2	37%	1.3	7%	7%	14%	0.5k	NR/NR/NR	/
East & West Africa	4	45%	2.8	6%	6%	6%	3.8k		
DRC	4	34%	2.0	7%	7%	9%	1.9k	B3(St)/B-(St)/NR	•
Congo B	2	36%	1.6	7%	7%	4%	0.5k	Caa2(St)/CCC+(St)/CCC+	1
* Ghana	3	60%	6.0	4%	4%	6%	0.0k	Caa2(+ve)/SD(St)/CCC+	<b>1</b>
South Africa	5	68%	5.1	3%	3%	3%	9.5k	Ba2(St)/BB-(+ve)/BB-(St)	<b>~</b>
Madagascar	3	42%	2.8	4%	4%	6%	0.6k	NR/B-(St)/NR	<b>→</b>
Central & So. Africa	4	43%	4.2	6%	6%	7%	12.5k		
Oman	3	79%	8.6	2%	2%	6%	3.2k	Ba1(+ve)/BBB-(St)/BB+(+ve)	•
Middle East & N. Africa							3.2k	-	
Group	3.4	50%	3.9	5%	5%	6%	19.5k	B1(+ve)/BB-/BB- <sup>(8)</sup>	•

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes MNOs with negligible market share. Group/ segment figures weighted based on Q1 25 site

on FY 24 subscribers.

(4) Data sourced from Analysys Mason, February 2024, with Group/ segment figures weighted based on

(8) Helios Towers' credit ratings.

 <sup>■</sup> Outlook downgrade from one of the agencies Rating downgrade from one of the agencies helios



<sup>(2)</sup> GSMA Intelligence Database, accessed January 2025. Group/ segment figures weighted based on Q1 25 site count. Mobile penetration refers to market penetration, unique mobile subscribers. Helios Towers Q1 2025 Results (3) Analysys Mason, February 2024. Data reflects 2023 figures. Group/ segment figures weighted based

<sup>(5)</sup> Analysys Mason, February 2024. Towers held by MNOs reflects marketable towers held by MNOs across our markets. In South Africa, towers held by Mast are included.

<sup>(6)</sup> Credit ratings as of 23rd April in the order of Moody's, S&P and Fitch. (7) Refers to change in credit ratings from the positions on 1st Jan 2022.

<sup>↑</sup> Rating upgrade from one of the agencies Outlook upgrade from one of the agencies

No change in ratings/ outlook

# **Q1 2025: SITES AND TENANCIES**

			Sites					Tenancie	5				Tenancy	ratio		Population coverage
	Q1 24	Q4 24	Q1 25	YoY	QoQ	Q1 24	Q4 24	Q1 25	YoY	QoQ	Q1 24	Q4 24	Q1 25	YoY	QoQ	Q1 25
Tanzania	4,180	4,226	4,252	72	26	9,984	10,495	10,648	664	153	2.39x	2.48x	2.50x	0.11x	0.02x	45m
<b>★</b> Senegal	1,455	1,459	1,458	3	(1)	1,587	1,634	1,647	60	13	1.09x	1.12x	1.13x	0.04x	0.01x	13m
Malawi	796	821	824	28	3	1,375	1,526	1,612	237	86	1.73x	1.86x	1.96x	0.23x	0.10x	15m
East & West Africa	6,431	6,506	6,534	103	28	12,946	13,655	13,907	961	252	2.01x	2.10x	2.13x	0.12x	0.03x	73m
DRC	2,591	2,653	2,694	103	41	6,335	6,720	6,833	498	113	2.45x	2.53x	2.54x	0.09x	0.01x	35m
Congo B	549	550	553	4	3	775	813	830	55	17	1.41x	1.48x	1.50x	0.09x	0.02x	4m
* Ghana	1,096	1,097	1,097	1	0	2,470	2,498	2,552	82	54	2.25x	2.28x	2.33x	0.08x	0.05x	18m
South Africa	378	383	382	4	(1)	741	750	738	(3)	(12)	1.96x	1.96x	1.93x	(0.03x)	(0.03x)	12m
Madagascar	590	587	600	10	13	762	782	809	47	27	1.29x	1.33x	1.35x	0.06x	0.02x	10m
Central & Southern Africa	5,204	5,270	5,326	122	56	11,083	11,563	11,762	679	199	2.13x	2.19x	2.21x	0.08x	0.02x	79m
Oman	2,531	2,549	2,557	26	8	3,657	4,188	4,405	748	217	1.44x	1.64x	1.72x	0.28x	0.08x	4m
Middle East & North Africa		2,549	2,557				4,188	4,405	748		1.44x	1.64x	1.72x	0.28x	0.08x	
Group	14,166	14,325	14,417	251	92	27,686	29,406	30,074	2,388	668	1.95x	2.05x	2.09x	0.14x	0.04x	156m



# | ROIC BREAKDOWN

US\$m	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Q1 25
Property, plant and equipment	594.7	708.2	907.9	918.3	981.0	963.0
Accumulated depreciation	713.0	833.3	934.0	1,127.5	1,236.5	1,205.1
Accumulated maintenance and corporate capital expenditure	(180.6)	(202.7)	(224.8)	(260.3)	(302.0)	(307.6)
Intangible assets	23.2	231.4	575.2	546.4	531.4	537.4
Accumulated amortisation	56.4	24.5	50.4	75.6	106.6	99.3
Accounting adjustments and deferred consideration for future sites		(93.2)	(70.7)	(180.1)	(240.3)	(240.4)
Total invested capital	1,206.7	1,501.5	2,172.0	2,227.4	2,313.2	2,256.8
Annualised portfolio free cash flow <sup>(1)</sup>	174.4	177.3	223.8	268.2	298.4	311.9
Return on invested capital <sup>(2)</sup>	14.5%	11.8%	10.3%	12.0%	12.9%	13.8%

<sup>(1)</sup> Annualised portfolio free cash flow is calculated as portfolio free cash flow for the year, adjusted to annualise for the impact of acquisitions closed during the period. Return on invested capital (ROIC) is defined as annualised portfolio free cash flow divided by invested capital. Invested capital is defined as gross property, plant and equipment and gross intangible assets, less accumulated

## I MANAGEMENT CASH FLOW

	3 months ended 31 Mar	rch
US\$m	2025	2024
Adjusted EBITDA	111.1	102.2
Less:		
Maintenance and corporate capital additions	(5.6)	(14.5)
Payments of lease liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	(8.4)	(14.4)
Tax paid	(13.8)	(3.4)
Portfolio free cash flow	83.3	69.9
Cash conversion % <sup>(2)</sup>	75%	68%
Net payment of interest <sup>(3)</sup>	(17.0)	(23.0)
Net change in working capital <sup>(4)</sup>	(49.4)	(43.3)
Recurring levered free cash flow <sup>(5)</sup>	16.9	3.6
Discretionary capital additions <sup>(6)</sup>	(15.4)	(30.5)
Cash paid for exceptional and one-off items, and proceeds on disposal of assets <sup>(7)</sup>	-	(0.8)
Free cash flow	1.5	(27.7)

<sup>(7)</sup> Cash paid for exceptional and one-off items and proceeds on disposal of assets includes project costs, deal costs, deposits in relation to acquisitions, proceeds on disposal of assets and non-recurring taxes.



Payment of lease liabilities comprises interest and principal repayments of lease liabilities.

Cash conversion % is calculated as portfolio free cash flow divided by Adjusted EBITDA.

Net payment of interest corresponds to the net of 'Interest paid' (including withholding tax) and 'Interest received' in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow, excluding interest payments on lease liabilities.

Working capital means the current assets less the current liabilities for the Group. Net change in working capital corresponds to movements in working capital, excluding cash paid for exceptional and one-off items and including movements in working capital related to capital expenditure.

Recurring levered portfolio free cash flows have been represented based on the updated structure of the management cash flow. It is defined as portfolio free cash flow less net payment of interest and net change in working capital.

Discretionary capital additions includes acquisition, growth and upgrade capital additions.

## **CASH FLOW DEFINITIONS**

Metric

Use

Portfolio free cash flow (PFCF)

Cash generated on our existing platform, before interest and working capital expenses

Recurring levered free cash flow (RLFCF)

Cash generated that management can allocate towards discretionary capex, debt paydowns and/or shareholder distributions

Free cash flow (FCF)

Cash generated after discretionary capex and available for debt paydowns and/or shareholder distributions



## **FY 2024: SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS STRATEGY UPDATE**

## Positive progress with our local, diverse and talented teams delivering reliable and expanded mobile connectivity

	mpact	КРІ	Mgmt. comp <sup>(1)</sup>	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 26
	Developing talent	% staff trained in Lean Six Sigma	Enabler	42%	53%	<b>√</b> 58%	70%
<b>7</b>	Local teams	% local employees	Enabler	96%	96%	<b>√</b> 95%	95-100%
****	Rural sites	Number of rural sites	Enabler	5.6k	5.8k	✓ >6.0k	6.0k
	Reliable mobile coverage	Downtime per tower per week (mm:ss) <sup>(2)</sup>	Bonus	04:40	02:10	<b>√</b> 01:16	00:30
<b>♣</b>	Governance	% ISO standards maintained	Bonus	100%	100%	<b>√</b> 100%	100%
<b>(3)</b>	Enabling connectivity	Population coverage footprint	LTIP	141m	144m	√ 151m	164m
<b>Q</b> Q	Gender diversity	% female employees	LTIP	28%	28%	<b>√</b> 29%	30%
<b>Q</b>	Climate action	Carbon emissions per tenant <sup>(3)</sup>	LTIP	(7%)	(4%)	<b>√</b> (6%)	(36%) by 2030











Record downtime per tower per week of 1:16 in FY 24, falling below 1 minute for the first time in Dec-24

Population coverage +7m YoY, supported by rural site expansion

Carbon target revised to -36% (prior: -46%) in Q3 24 due to new markets<sup>(4)</sup> and faster-than-expected expansion in DRC

- Positive external recognition for our Strategy:
  - Highest 'AAA' rating from MSCI
  - FTSE4Good Index inclusion



Covers Scope 1 and 2 emissions against a 2020 baseline in our nine markets. FY 22 and FY 23 performance has been Trailing 12 months, average downtime per tower per week of our nine markets, weighted based on site counts for the rebased from previous five markets to nine markets. Performance reflects change from 2020 baseline

## LEADING ESG CREDENTIALS



Third 'AAA' ESG rating from MSCI, Feb 25 (the highest possible score from MSCI)



FTSE4Good Index inclusion, Jun 24 (for a third consecutive year)



**Scored B, Feb 25** (2024 rating reaffirmed)



**Gold rating, Feb 24** (rated top 5% of telecoms industry)



**ESG Risk Rating of 16.7 (Low Risk), Jul 23** (improvement from 22.6 (Medium Risk))



Scored C, Jul 24 (improvement from C-)



Disclosure score of 87%, Sep 24 (exceeding sector (62%) and UK company average (72%))



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