# **CORPORATE PRESENTATION**

# ACQUIRING AND MANAGING COMPANIES IN THE ICT SECTOR



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## CISCOM CORP.

## Wealth Transition

Entrepreneurs' Exits



### **Private companies are in need of succession plans**

In Canada alone, there are over 300,000 Boomer owned businesses, employing under 20 people, representing 7% to 8% of GDP.\*

These businesses do not have defined succession plans.

This creates a great opportunity for Ciscom Shareholders.

\*Source: Statistics Canada





#### **Canadian ICT Sector**

Ciscom's potential acquisition targets are businesses in the Information and Communications (ICT) which has over 30,000 operating companies in Canada.

#### \$70B in Annual Sales Revenue

Total Software & Computer Services sector revenue in 2018.

### \$10B in Sales Revenue

Target revenues from the estimated 3,500 transitioning companies.

Source: Canadian ICT Market Report

### The Coming Intergenerational Wealth Transfer

Demographics show that there will be a massive wealth transfer in the next couple of decades as SME entrepreneurs look to exit. The opportunities created by this shift are massive.

**\$31 Billion:** Estimated Net Worth transfers in the next 10 yrs.\*

\* Source: Statistics Canada



## **Ciscom's Business Model**

- Ciscom actively invests in, acquires, and manages market leading companies in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector.
- Targeting SMEs with proven profitability.
- This approach allows entrepreneurs to monetize their equity and continue contributing, enhancing shareholder value through acquisitions.
- Strategic ICT acquisitions bolster service offerings and shareholder value, marking Ciscom as an emergent force in the data driven and technology market.
- Ciscom became an issuer on the CSE in June 2023 and on the OTCQB October 2023.
- Ciscom has two operating subsidiaries:
  - Prospect Media Group (PMG)
  - Market Focus Direct (MFD)



# **ICT Industry Focus**

#### Ciscom's areas of focus:

- Big Data Analytics
- > Artificial Intelligence (AI) Driven SaaS Platforms
- Digital/Online marketing & Communications
- Social media integration
- Content management & delivery
- Application Programming Interface (API)
- Process automation & Work-flow
- Business automation



# **Ciscom's Advantage**

- Ciscom becoming a significant market force through:
  - Capitalizing on Entrepreneurs' exits
  - Providing attractive wealth transfer/succession
  - Buying at private company multiples
  - Harnessing talent, smarts and agility of independent entrepreneurs
  - Exponentially enhancing individual contributions to cohesive and powerful team collaborations
  - Uniting forces to create a technology powerhouse with delivery proficiency and big data expertise
  - Empowering Investee Businesses



# **Growth Capital Requirement**

### Self-Funded:

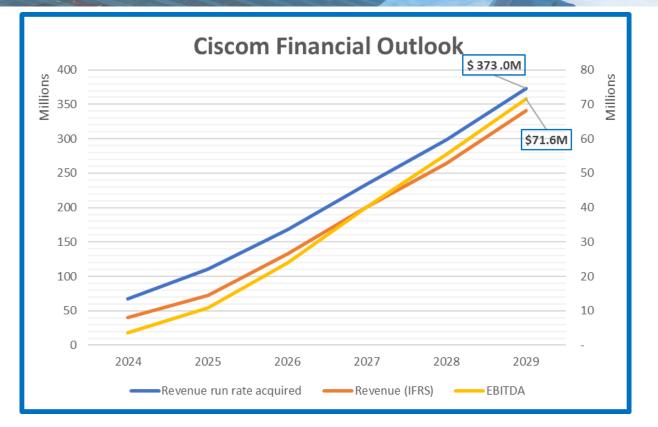
- > Operations are cash flow positive (audited 2023 FS)
- Positive cash EBITDA and Net Income

### **Growth Capital:**

- > Acquisitions
- Acceleration of Strategic Plan
- Seeking Private Placement
  - Accordion facility
  - Follow-up capital is of definitive interest



# **Profitable Growth Objectives**



	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Revenue acquired	67,275,000	110,672,875	167,866,612	233,777,942	298,973,508	373,406,786
Revenue (IFRS)	39,780,822	72,015,341	132,976,201	201,408,079	264,083,097	341,036,923
EBITDA	3,600,164	10,802,301	23,935,716	40,281,616	55,457,450	71,617,754

#### <u>2023</u>

- Revenue of \$35.2M (audited)
- Normalized Cash EBITDA of \$1.8M

#### 2024 to 2029

- Averaging 3 acquisitions per year starting in 2025
- Targets averaging ~\$17.5M in revenue
- Margin improvement through consolidation and cost synergies
- ▶ 2029:
  - Sales of \$341.0M (IFRS)
  - EBITDA of \$71.6M

Please refer to forward looking statements at the end of the presentation





## **CISCOM CORP.**

### Success Formula

CSE: CISC, OTCQB: CISCF

Methodology

# The Workings

- Ciscom buys SMEs (small and medium size enterprises)
  - > Pays attractive, yet lower multiples in relation to being private, size and silo operations
- Purchase price is cash plus shares, inclusive of earn-out
  - Tailored to each transaction
  - Keeps acquisition price lower
  - Provides the entrepreneur/seller with a second upside (share appreciation)
- > Acquisitions remain a stand-alone entity preserving successful cultures is essential
- Ciscom is a long-term investor
- Identify cost efficiencies and synergies
- > Orderly transition plan for the selling entrepreneur (if desired)



## **Performance Accelerators**

> The Entrepreneur/Founder continues to manage with Ciscom's support framework:

- Governance matrix and delegation of authority
  - > Business Plan; Banking and borrowing; Real estate, legal, audit, insurance
  - Budget & Capex; Senior staffing; M&A
- Management deep/diversified collective of talent
  - Sales, business development and marketing
  - > Operations; Human Resources; Finance and Tax; Banking
  - Strategic advisory and implementation
- Procurement pooling and cost synergies/savings
  - Real estate; Legal (all levels); IT services; HR services; Finance/Tax
  - Procurement; Insurance; COGs
  - Operations
  - New business development and Cross-selling opportunities



## Leverages & Synergies

Accelerate growth by providing Ciscom products and services from each operation, including:

- > Sales staffing and new business development
- > Cross-selling clients on the different products & services offerings
- Geographic expansion opportunities

> Minimizing costs through shared services and CoE (Centres of Excellence)

- Finance & Accounting
- Human Resources
- IT Support & Infrastructure
- Procurement



## **Ciscom Successes**

Closed 2 acquisitions to date (wholly-owned):

- Market Focus Direct (MFD) on August 31, 2021
- Prospect Media Group (PMG) on Sept 30, 2022
- Significant leverage and synergies implemented – front and back end
- Cash flow transactions (LBO)
- Low on-going capital expenditures
- Experienced management with established track records



"With our complementary businesses, CISCOM is set to take on a leadership role in the Ad/MarTech sector. As an entrepreneur, I've now got the best of both worlds!" Dave Mathews, Founder, President of PMG



"I sold my business, but I'm also buying into something bigger with a great upside" Paul Gaynor, Founder of MFD



## **For Entrepreneurs Divesting**

- Provide an attractive exit to entrepreneurs/owners
- > Pay a solid market multiple of EBITDA (fair valuation/purchase price)
- Considerations are cash and shares of a public company
- > Entrepreneurs' decision to stay or to retire after a defined transition period
- Business remains whole and continues to operate as is no change in staff, no moves, no rebranding
- Senior/top managers can participate through share options in Ciscom





## **CISCOM CORP.**

## Performance

CSE: CISC, OTCQB: CISCF

Financial



	31Dec2023 (12 months) <u>(Audited)</u>	YTD 30Jun2024 (6 months) (Not audited)
Sound revenue base	\$35.2M	\$17.3M
Gross Profit	\$6.9M	\$3.2M
Gross Profit growth	200.5%	19.5%
Cash Adjusted EBITDA	\$1.3M	\$0.8M
Cash Adjusted Net Income (Loss)	\$0.4M	\$0.6M
Positive Operating Cash Flows		





## F2023 Sales & Gross Profit

#### **Consolidated IFRS**

	For the 12-month period ended December 31		Year-over-year	
	2023	2022	Variance	
	\$	\$ \$		%
Sales	35,160,166	14,766,407	20,393,758	138.1%
Cost of Sales	28,254,303	12,468,249	15,786,054	126.6%
Gross Profit	6,905,863	2,298,159	4,607,704	200.5%
Gross Margin	19.6%	15.6%	4.1%	26.2%

#### Combined Pro-forma (PMG & MFD)

	For the 12-month period ended December 31		Year-over-	year
	2023	2022	Varianc	е
	\$	\$	\$	%
Sales	35,160,166	33,835,559	1,324,606	3.9%
Cost of Sales	28,254,303	27,981,682	272,621	1.0%
Gross Profit	6,905,863	5,853,877	1,051,985	18.0%
Gross Margin	19.6%	17.3%	2.3%	13.5%

#### >Acquisition and organic growth

- ≻New clients
- Cross-selling products & services

#### >Increased Gross Profit

- Added volumes
- ➤ Leveraging

#### >Improved Margin

- ➢ Procurement synergies
- Exited unprofitable accounts

#### Gross Profit up 200.5% for F2023 to prior year



## F2023 Results – Cash Basis

Non-IFRS Information and Measures				
Adjusted EBITDA (Operating Loss) - Cash Basis				
For the 12 months ended December 31				
	Increase			
	2023	2022	(Decrease)	
	\$	\$	\$	
EBITDA	386,017	(698,291)	1,084,308	
Non-Cash Items in Operating Expenses	957,016	327,961	629,055	
Adjusted EBITDA (Operating Loss) - Cash Basis	1,343,033	(370,330)	1,713,363	

Non-IFRS Information and Measures					
Non-Recurring Cash Expenses included in Results					
For the 12 months ended December 31					
		Increase			
2023	2022	(Decrease)			
\$	\$	\$			
207,596	597,058	(389,462)			
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	<b>2023</b> 207,596 237,000	Ses included in Results   Ided December 31   2023 2022   \$ \$   207,596 597,058   237,000 -			

#### Positive Cash-Flows from Operations

#### Significant level of Non-Recurring Expenses



# Q2 YTD F2024 Sales & Gross Profit

June 30 YTD 2024, 2023 & 2022 Sales and Gross Profit							
	2024	2023	2022PF	YoY Increase to Actual		Increase 202	24 to 2022PF
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	%
Sales	17,273,048	14,188,668	14,186,152	3,084,380	21.7%	3,086,896	21.8%
Gross Profit	3,170,469	2,653,772	2,595,466	516,696	19.5%	575,003	22.2%
Gross Margin	18.4%	18.7%	18.3%	16.8%	-1.9%	18.6%	0.3%

2022PF: Pro-forma results assuming PMG was acquired om 1 January 2022

Sales 21.7% for \$3.1M F2024 to prior year

Gross Profit up 19.5% for F2024 to prior year

- >Organic growth
  - ≻New clients
  - Cross-selling products & services
- >Increased Gross Profit

Added volumes

➢ Leveraging



# Q2 YTD F2024 Results – Cash Basis

New JEDC Information and Measures					
Non-IFRS Information and Measures					
Adjusted Net Income (N	Adjusted Net Income (Net Loss) - Cash Basis				
For the 6 months ended June 30					
Increase					
	2024	2023	(Decrease)		
	\$	\$	\$		
Net Loss	(186,338)	(1,065,362)	(879,024)		
Non-Cash Items					
Share-based compensation	119,534	134,888	(15 <i>,</i> 354)		
Finance charges (non-cash)	108,845	121,429	(12 <i>,</i> 584)		
Amortization & Depreciation	781,702	789,122	(7,420)		
Deferred income taxes	(197,506)	(197,506)	-		
Adjusted Net Income (Net Loss) - Cash Basis	626,236	(217,429)	843,665		

Non-IFRS Information and Measures				
Adjusted EBITDA (Operating Loss) - Cash Basis				
For the 6 months ended June 30				
	Increase			
	2024	2023	(Decrease)	
	\$	\$	\$	
EBITDA	662,000	(185,384)	847,384	
Non-Cash Items in Operating Expenses	119,534	134,888	(15,354)	
Adjusted EBITDA (Operating Loss) - Cash Basis	781,534	(50,496)	832,030	
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#### Positive Cash-Flows from Operations

Significant level of Non-Recurring Expenses, now Regularized



# **Issued & Outstanding Shares**

➤Total shares issued:	53,563,833	100.0%
Free trading shares:	35,554,700	66.4%
Escrowed/restricted shares:	18,009,133	33.6%
Total shares traded to date: (since June 30, 2023)	12.9M	48.2k/day

Stock Options (avg strike price of \$0.27.2, last maturity June 2029)	3.918M
Warrants (strike price of \$1.00, last maturity February 2026)	0.483M
Performance Warrants (strike price of \$0.25, last maturity May 2025)	0.500M



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