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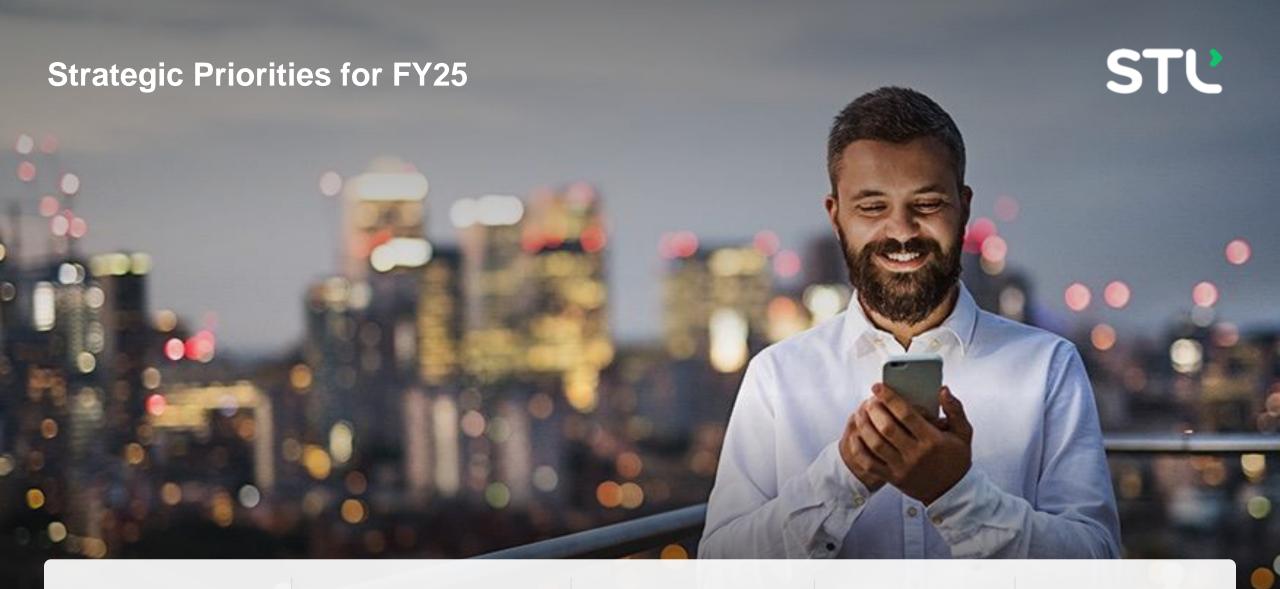


# **Ankit** Agarwal

#### **Managing Director**

A believer in purpose-led organizations, Ankit has been leading STL's growth journey as it transforms billions of lives by connecting the world. He holds sustainability very close to his heart and is leading the company's ambitious Net-Zero by 2030 target, from the front.

Ankit is extremely passionate about improvement in health, education and the environment through digital inclusion. Recognized as a 40 under 40 leader, Ankit is a strong supporter of young and entrepreneurial talent. He is a fitness enthusiast, an athlete, and a long-distance runner and encourages his teams to work towards solid all-round growth at work and in life.



Strategic Priorities for FY25

Focus on gaining market share in Optical business

Focus on Profitable order wins in Global Services

4 Strong growth in STL Digital

Robust Financials

# **Delivered on strategic priorities of FY24**





Strengthened
Optical Networking

# Momentum in optical connectivity

Secured first order in North America

#### **Optimised cost structure**

y-o-y reduction in major cost components



Pivoted Services Business
Scaled Digital Business

# Improved profitability in Global Services

EBITDA increase from 3.1% to 7.6%

#### **Scaled Digital Business**

4.25x Revenue growth y-o-y



**Strategic milestones** 

## **Capex cycle completion**

Operationalised US OFC Capacity

#### **Successful QIP**

On-boarding of quality investors signifies investor confidence



Clear Focus on Cash generation

#### **Reduced debt**

Net Debt reduction by 334 Crore

#### **MB Manshaan divestment**

at Euro 5.95 mn. consideration

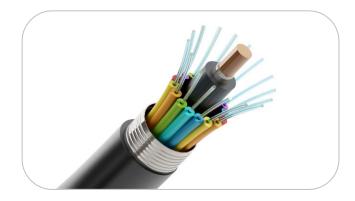
# **Strategic priorities for FY25**



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# **Grow**

**Optical Networking** 



- Increase OFC market share and optical connectivity attach rate
- Drive cost leadership

02) Consolidate

**Global Services** 



- Build capability for value added services
- Focus on project mix to improve profitability
- Demerge Services Business

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# **Build**

**STL** Digital



- Consciously invest in building technology and domain capability
- Focus on profitable growth

# Committed to net-zero emissions by 2030

# MSCI \* ESG rating at A





#### **Eco-labelled products**

245,000+ MT

Waste diverted from landfills (FY19 – FY24)

30,000+ tCO<sub>2</sub>e

Reduced through energy efficiency initiatives (FY21 – FY24)

830,000+ m3

of water recycled (FY19 - FY24)

43%

Procurement (by value) done from MSME (FY23)

Collaborated with Hygenco for supply of Green Hydrogen



#### Committed to the UN SDGs<sup>1</sup>

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Aligned with 16 of the 17 SDGs

900,000+

Lives benefitted through STL's ed-tech & women empowerment programmes (FY19 – FY24)

2.7 mn.+

Lives benefitted through STL's healthcare programmes (FY19 – FY24)



#### **Strong internal governance**

#### Two of the Big Four

as statutory & internal auditors

Executive and Management committees in place

100+ ESG awards won (FY19 - FY24)

STL becomes world's first optical player to launch externally verified Eco-label methodology

# Optical Business navigating short-term softness; STL's focus on gaining market share





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# Near-term demand softness, robust growth in medium to long term

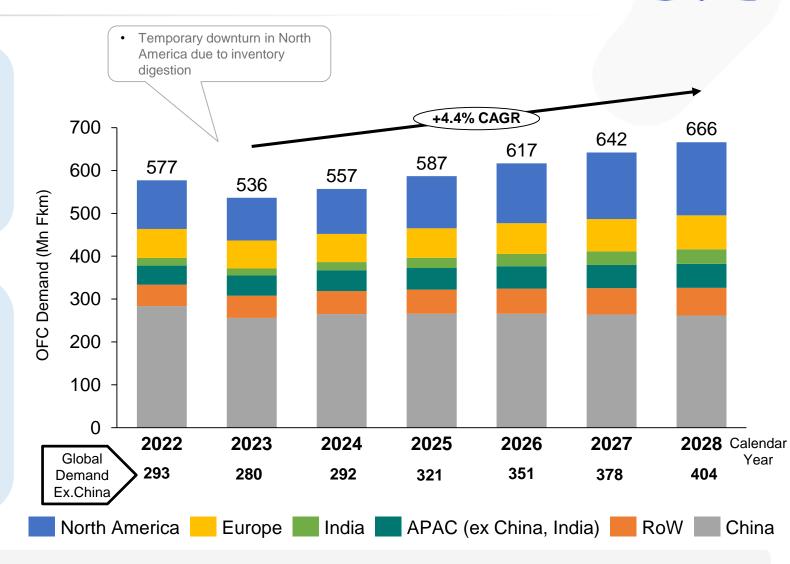


#### **FY24 Reflections:**

- OFC consumption for 2023 declined by 7% globally, led by ~12% decline in North America
- Inventory played a major role, suboptimal factory utilization was a trend across industry

#### FY25 & beyond:

- Observing continued deployment and healthy inventory digestion
- Analysts suggest demand improvement from 2024 and robust demand for coming years
- Continued client commitments on increasing fiber deployment and STL order book surge in Q4 FY24 indicate recovery



STL's focus markets North America, Europe & India are projected to grow faster

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# Fiber, a necessity for AI led Digital Society



#### **Digital Society**

#### **Cloud Computing**

Projected to grow at 15%
CAGR from \$626 Bn to \$1.26
Tn by 2028

#### AR | VR

Projected growth at **32%**CAGR from 2022 to 2026,
reaching **\$50.9** Bn market size

#### IoT

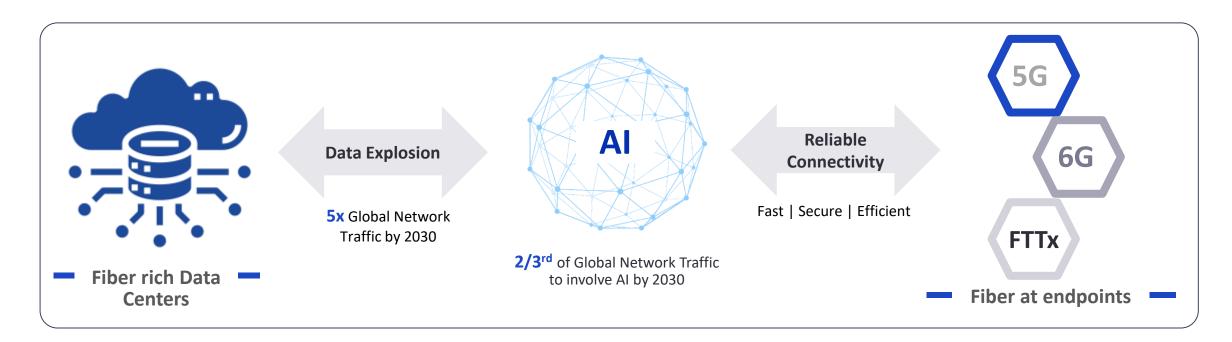
24% CAGR projected growth from 2024 to 2032, reaching \$4.06 Tn market size

#### Video | Online Gaming

Network intensive leisure activities e.g Video (~70%), key drivers of network traffic growth

# **Connecting the unconnected**

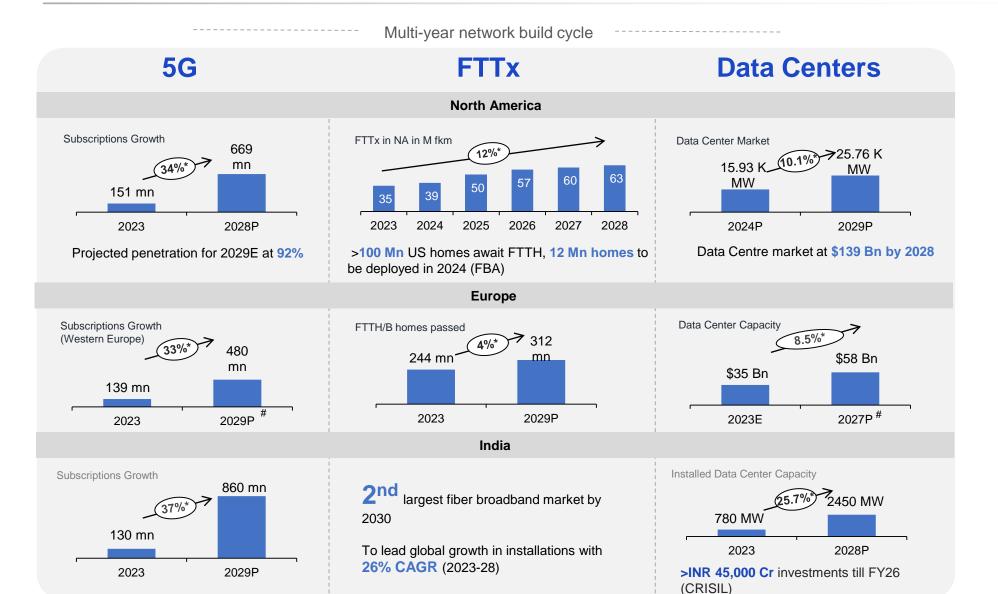
1/3rd of global population remains offline and yet to be connected



Fiber-rich data centres and fiber-led connectivity, necessity for AI revolution

# Three investments cycles coinciding





Additionally supported by

#### **Government policy**

- USA Govt Funding of ~\$97
   bn for broadband infra
   (BEAD program \$42.5 Bn)
- 1.39 L Cr BharatNet
   Program. 65k Cr Tender
   out

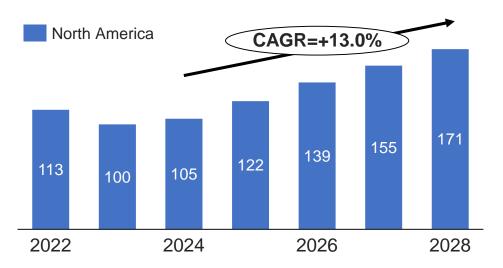
# Impact of anti dumping duties on Chinese exports

- India 97% reduction from Apr 23 to March 24
- EU & UK 56%
   reduction from Apr 23 to Sep 23

# Strong tailwinds in US on optical demand



#### North America optical cable demand, mfkm



# Rapid FTTx deployment in US

9 Mn homes passed in 2023. 9mn to 12mn home passes could be added in 2024



#### **BEAD**

- \$ 42.5 Bn Program
- State of Louisiana expected to begin utilizing funds by April, 24
- Most states are likely to receive funding in 2025.

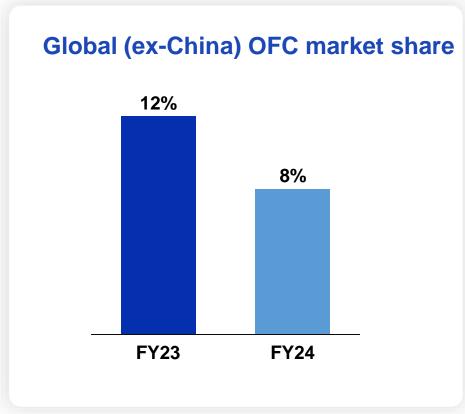
#### In medium term;

- AT&T plans to deploy ~19 Mn home passes
- Lumen plans to add >9 Mn home passes
- Frontier plans to add 5 Mn home passes

Fiber deployment in next 5 years is expected to be nearly as much as it has been deployed throughout history

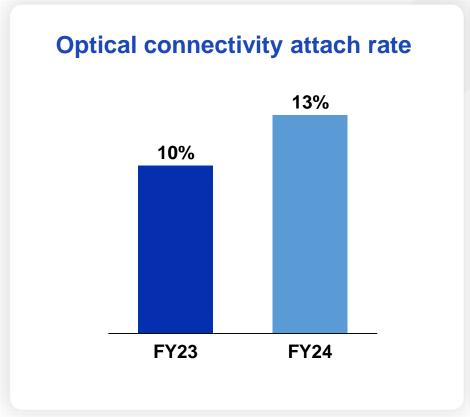
# Observing decline in market share; improvement in optical attach rate





Market Share = STL Sales Volume / Total Market Demand

Observing OFC market share decline during FY24



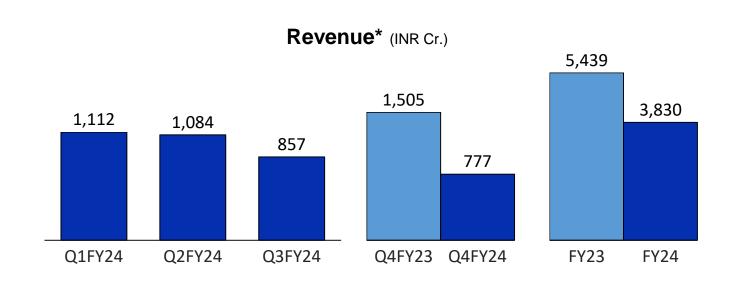
Attach rate = Optical connectivity revenue / OFC revenue

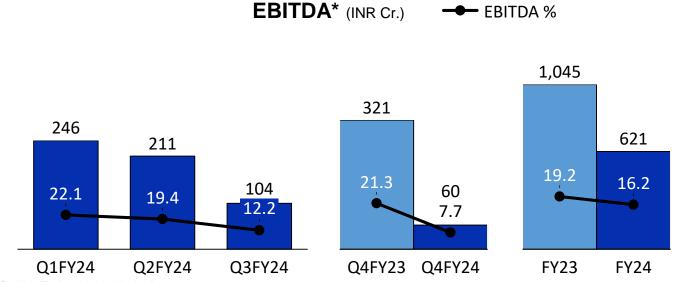
New products commercialisation to further increase attach rates

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# **Optical Networking Business financial highlights**







## FY24 revenue at INR 3,830 Cr.

OFC volume lower on y-o-y basis

# **FY24 EBITDA margin at 16.2%**

 Reduction in EBITDA on account of lower OFC volumes

# Well positioned to grow the Optical Business





Local capacities: Completed capacity expansions, well placed to win in the market and closer to Focused Markets



2 Cost structure: Optimized cost structures both in terms of variable & fixed costs

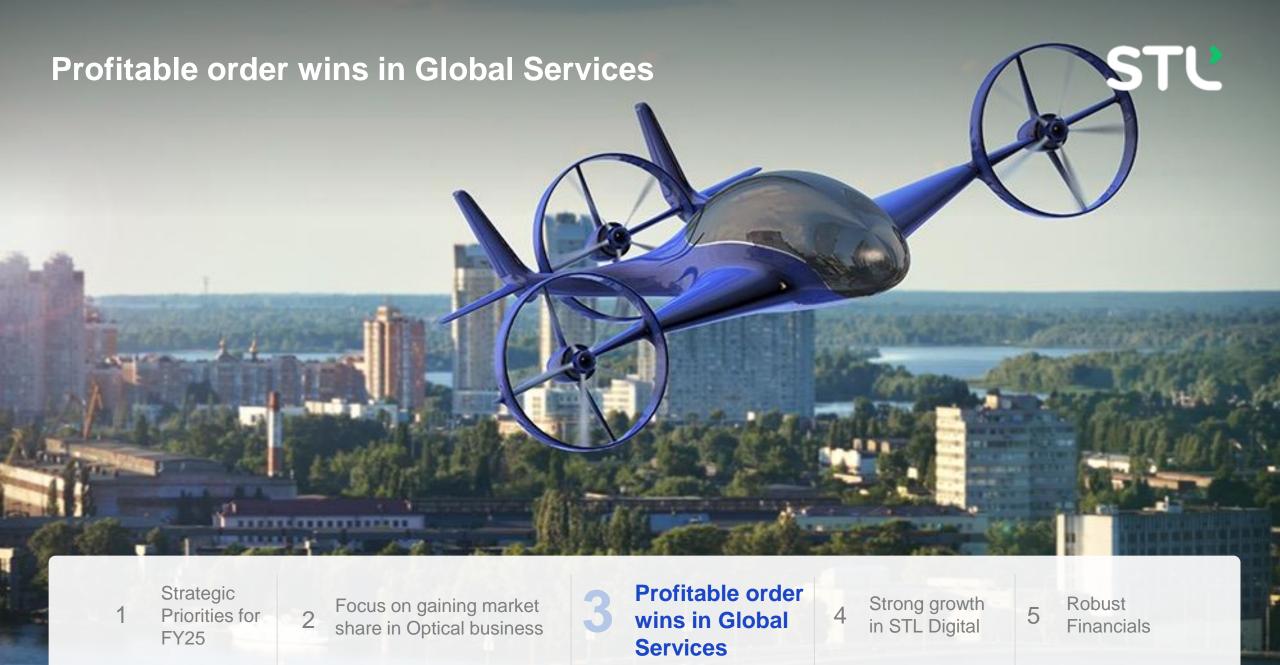




3 Product development & innovation: 681 patents<sup>1</sup> with continued focus on product innovation creating category first products

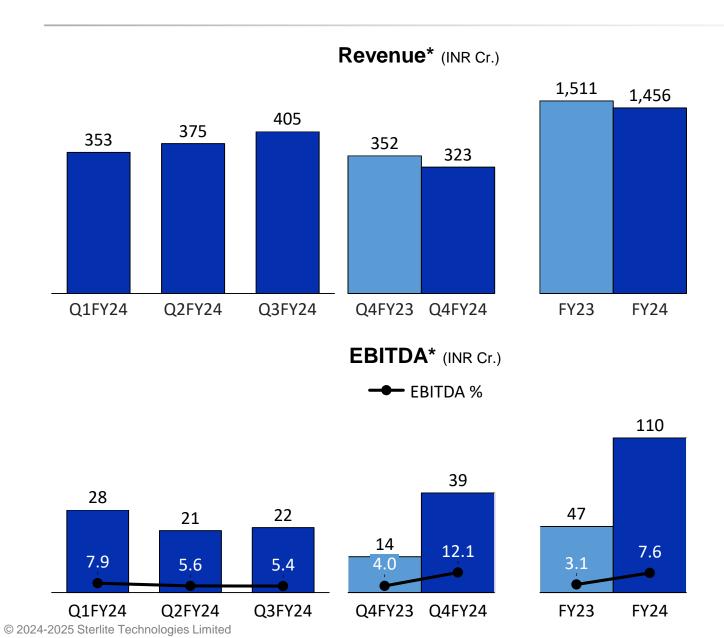


4 Customer focus: Co-developing customized products, diversified customers across geographies & customer segment



# **Global Services business financial highlights**





## FY24 revenue at INR 1,456 Cr.

Selective order intake & execution

## FY24 EBITDA at INR 110 Cr.

 Favourable project mix and improved execution resulting in improved margins on y-o-y basis

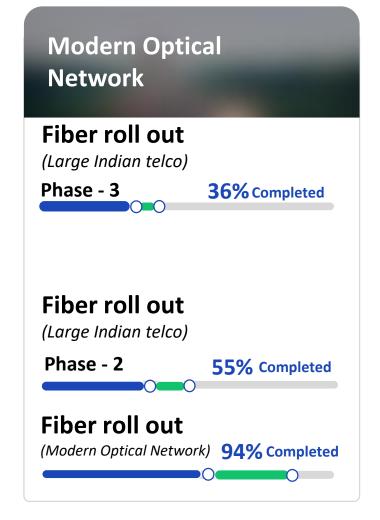
# **Project execution on track**



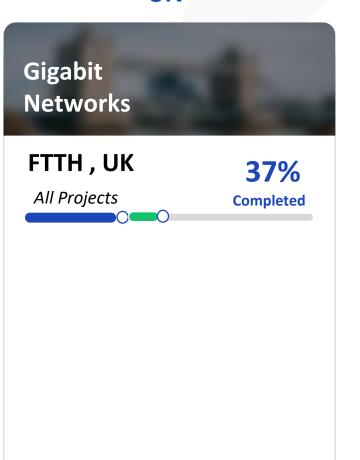
#### **India - Public**

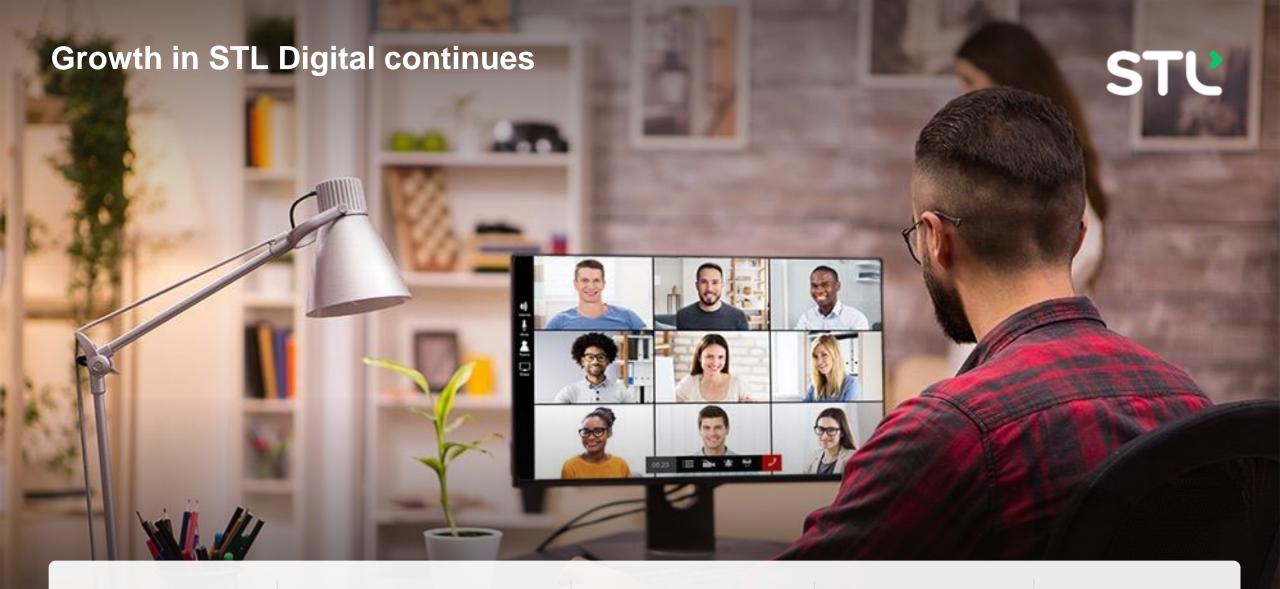
Transformative **Rural digital inclusion** Fiber roll out 68% Telangana **Completed Bharatnet Project Network Modernization 74%** (PSU) **Completed** Fiber roll out **17%** (PSU) **Completed Managed Services 37%** (PSU) **Completed Data Centre** 88% (PSU) Completed

#### **India - Private**



#### UK





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# Continued growth momentum in STL Digital



#### **Identity**



- Delivery centre in Bangalore
- Offices in India, US & UK

#### **Customers**

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Global customers



#### **Service offerings**

- Enterprise saas services
- Product engineering
- Cloud & cyber security
- Data analytics & Al

#### Team



1000+ Consultants



22% Women

#### **Industry vertical**

- Technology
- Life sciences & healthcare
- Manufacturing
- Energy, resources & utilities

#### **Financials**

Order Book INR. 660 Cr+

FY24

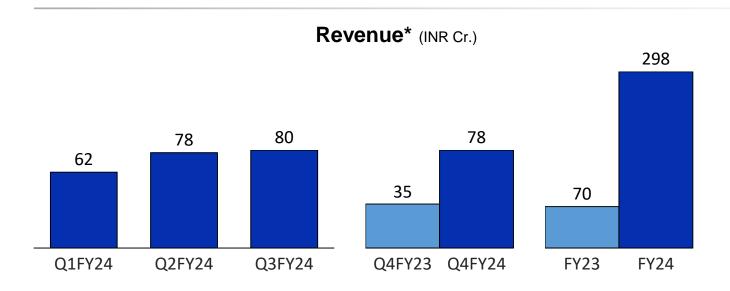
INR. 298 Cr Revenue

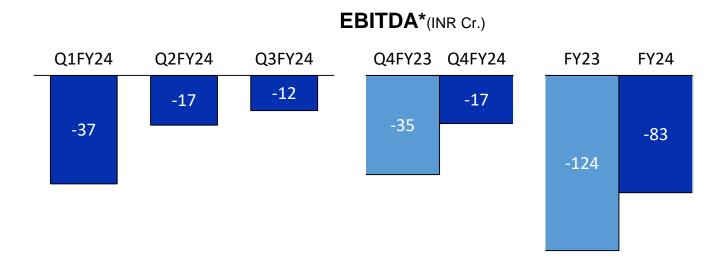
- Strong deal flow, new customer acquisitions in US and India across Technology & Services Industry verticals during FY24
- Robust partnership ecosystem. Strategic partnerships signed with SAP & Google .Active technology partners: 40+

Growth driven by robust order book and right team of leadership + consultants

# Digital business financial highlights







# FY24 Revenue up at INR 298 Cr.

Revenue growth continued

#### FY24 EBITDA loss at INR 83 Cr.

EBITDA losses trending downwards





# Tushar Shroff

#### **Group CFO**

Tushar has a rich experience of nearly three decades and is highly focused on building resilient and value-creating organizations. Tushar has deep expertise in the areas of fundraising, capital structuring, merger & acquisition, treasury management, taxation, financial accounting and planning, Investor Relations, and Business partnering. He has served as the Finance committee member of GCCI (Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry).

As the Chief Financial Officer at STL, his vision is to bolster the company's strategy to deliver consistent shareholder value and profitable growth.

He holds the cause of all-round development and well-being of specially-abled children, close to his heart and actively dedicates his time and energy towards this.

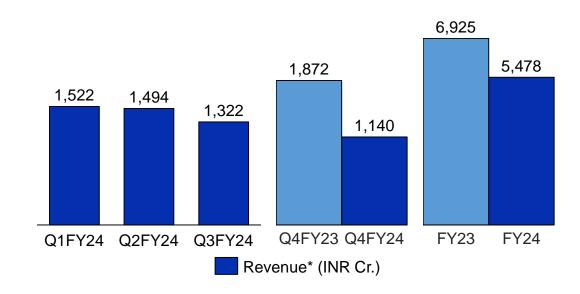


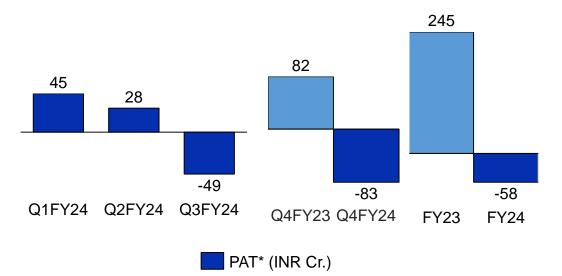
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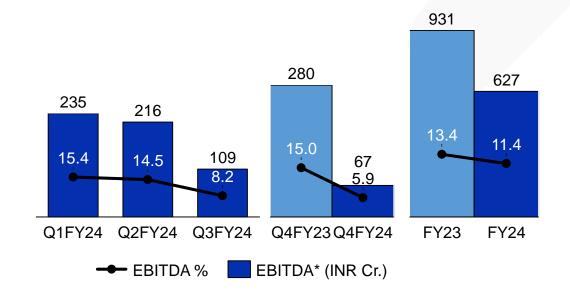
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# **STL** financial highlights









#### FY24 Revenue at INR 5,478 Cr

OFC volumes lower on y-o-y basis

#### **FY24 EBITDA margin at 11.4%**

Margins dropped due to lower OFC volumes

#### FY24 PAT loss at INR 58 Cr

Owing to lower EBITDA, higher Interest & depreciation

#### Diversified revenue mix

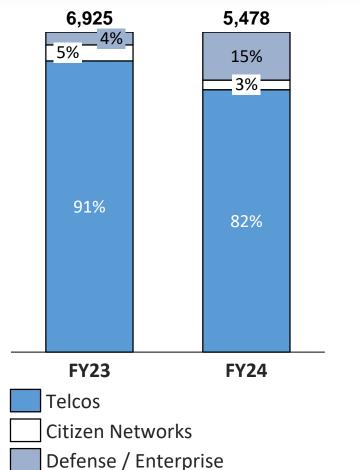


# Multi million dollar order wins in Q4 FY24

- Large UK telecom player for optical fiber cable
- Long term large orders for fiber cable supply & roll out for a Large Indian private telecom player
- Indian public sector enterprise for services business
- Orders from UK based telecom player for connectivity & fiber solutions
- Fiber-optic network operator in Italy for connectivity & fiber solutions

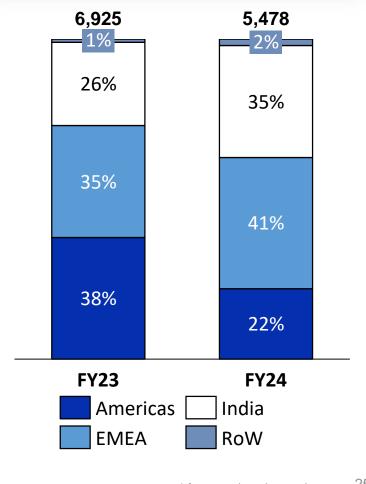
#### **Customer segment split**

Revenues\* (INR Cr.)



## **Geographical distribution**

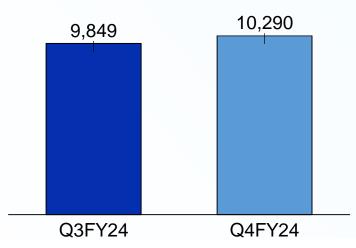
Revenues\* (INR Cr.)



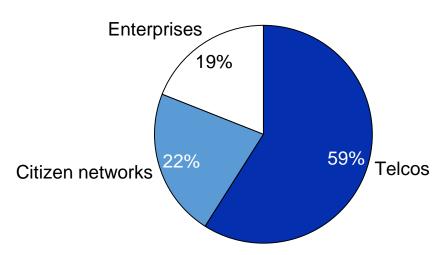
# **Order Book Highlights**



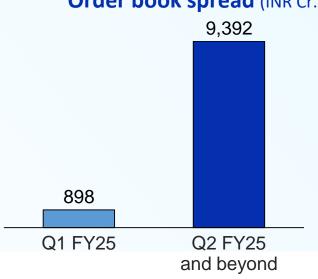




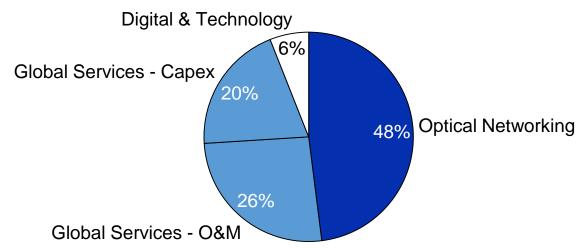
## **Customer wise open order book**



## Order book spread (INR Cr.)



## Open order book BU wise



# Consolidated financials: abridged version



P&L (INR Cr.)	Q4 FY23	Q3 FY24	Q4 FY24
Revenue*	1,872	1,322	1,140
EBITDA*	280	109	67
EBITDA %	15.0%	8.2%	5.9%
Depreciation	78	84	85
EBIT*	201	25	-18
Interest	89	94	88
PBT* (Before share of Associates and JV)	113	-69	-107
Exceptional Items	0	0	0
Tax	34	-17	-23
Net Profit* (After minority Interest & share of JV)	82	-49	-83
Profit ( loss ) from discontinued operations	-17	-8	1
Net Profit	65	-57	-82

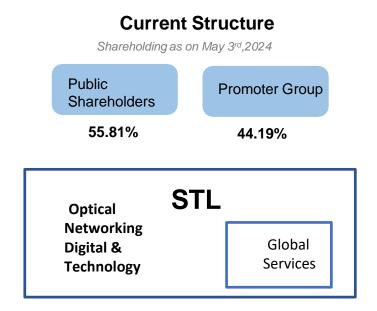
FY23	FY24	
6,925	5,478	
931	627	
13.4%	11.4%	
309	335	
622	291	
311	369	
311	-77	
0	0	
84	-9	
245	-58	
-104	7	
141	-51	

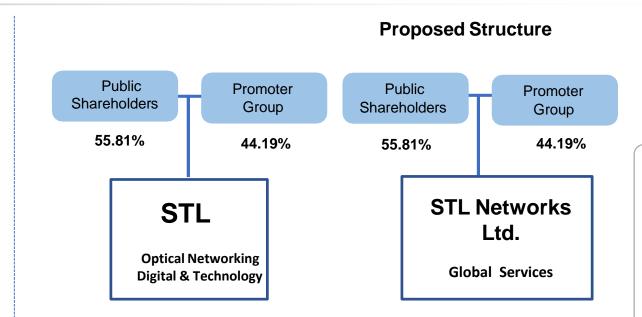
# **Key Updates**

 Net Debt has reduced by INR 334 Cr from FY23

# **Global Services demerger status**







- Global Services Business to be demerged to "STL Networks Limited" ( a WOS of STL ) on a going concern basis
- Demerger to be taken as a scheme of arrangement U/s 230-232 of companies Act 2013, under supervision of NCLT
- · Pursuant to Demerger, STL Networks Limited shareholding will mirror STL and its shares will be publicly listed
- The demerger is intended to meet the requisite conditions under the IT Act to be tax neutral

# **Current Updates**

- ✓ First NCLT hearing conducted in April 2024.
- ✓ The NCLT has directed us to convene meetings of Shareholders, Secured and Un Secured Creditors to approve the scheme of demerger.









#### **Shareholders**

Attract wider and distinct set of investors for both entities

# **Summary focus areas**



## **Optical Business**

- Drive cost leadership and pursue our ambition to be the 'Global Top 3'
- Increase sales in focused markets to fill the short-term volume gap
- Increase optical connectivity growth and attach rate

#### **Services Business**

Continued focus on select projects to improve profitability and optimise net fund involvement

# **Digital Business**

Continue to grow revenue with focus on profitability



