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# 1H2024 results and Outlook

### 2024-2027 Industrial Plan

- Assets, market trends and strategy
- Financial targets



# Key messages

**Financial Results** – First-half trend in line with expectations:

- Total Revenues up 1,2% vs 1H2024, with underlying Third-Party performance at +4% supported by CPI, regional frequencies and hosting services to FWA and radio broadcasters
- Adjusted EBITDA up 3,0% with profitability improvement of 120bps at 68%, benefiting from i) higher level of capitalized personnel and ii) other costs rationalization more than offsetting higher energy bill (+25% in the 2Q due to lack of incentives)
- Development Capex at € 12,2m, more than half deployed on diversification projects

**Operations** – Relentless focus on Industrial Plan execution:

Traditional business	Diversification	Enablers
<ul> <li>Design activities on DAB network extension underway</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>First 5 Edge DCs completed and ready for commercialization</li> <li>Commercial partnership with Oracle finalized</li> <li>Edge CDN functional trials started</li> </ul>	• New, more business-oriented organization

**Outlook** – FY guidance for Adjusted EBITDA growth over 2023 confirmed



# FOCUS ON: New organisational structure

#### From functional...



...to divisional organisation

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- More (new) business oriented
- Specific revenue and management levers allocated to different divisions
- Cross-functional operations to support all businesses



# FOCUS ON: first 5 new edge DCs completed



#### TURIN

- 118 sqm data hall
- 39 racks
- Up to 280 kW IT load



#### MILAN

- 230 sqm data hall
- 60 racks
- Up to 450 kW IT load

#### VENICE

- 118 sqm data hall
- 32 racks
- Up to 204 kW IT load



- **249 racks** •
- 1.6 MW IT load
- Coverage of Northern Italy •
- **Commercial partnership** with Oracle signed



Edge DCs regions to follow: Puglia, Sicilia, Emilia Romagna, Campania

#### GENOA

- 105 sqm data hall
- 32 racks
- Up to 204 kW IT load





- 185 sqm data hall
- 60 racks
- Up to 432 kW IT load

# 1H2024 Financial highlights





Excluding component related to IFRS-16 leasing; Development capex include € 0,1 million related to CDN project, reported under IFRS-16 financial liabilities in the financial statements
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## **Core revenues**



### Media Distribution up 1,2% reflecting:

- CPI-link
- new services to RAI (+7,2%), driven by improvement of DTT networks coverage
- contractual step-up in regional broadcasting networks contribution (+10,7%)

# Underlying Digital Infrastructures performance +3% (excluding non-core and residual

refarming impacts), supported by:

- CPI
- mid-to-high single-digit growth of FWAPs and radio broadcasters in Tower Hosting

## **Opex** (excluding non recurring)



- Rai Way
- Other Operating Costs net of tax credits related to electricity expenses reported in 1H2023
- Average raw energy price paid (€/MWh) Including spread and green energy option

- **Personnel cost broadly flat YoY** when excluding higher level of capitalization compared to 1H23 (€ +0.8m)
- Other Operating costs down 2,3%:
  - Energy bill up 6,9% in 1H (+25,1% in 2Q) following lack of incentives reported in 1H23

	2024			 2023				
	1Q	2Q	1H	1Q	2Q	1H	2H	
Raw energy <sup>(2)</sup> price (€/MWh)	101	111	106	160	124	142	126	
Tax credit impact (€/MWh)	-	-	-	-40	-34	-37	-	
Other tariff components (equivalent per MWh)	92	97	95	90	77	83	66	
Total price (equivalent per MWh)	194	208	201	209	167	188	193	
Consumption (GWh)	16,6	16,8	33,4	16,6	16,6	33,3	34,1	
Energy bill (€ mln)	3,2	3,5	6,7	3,5	2,8	6,3	6,6	
Delta %	-7,6%	25,1%	<b>6,9</b> %					

- Rationalization of Other costs (-6% or € -1m) across different lines (fiber rental thanks to switch to proprietary backbone, intercompany services internalization, ...)
- Start-up costs related to diversification initiatives in 1H24 of ca. € 0,9m, mainly on personnel

# P&L

<u>Eur Mln, %</u>	2Q2023	2Q2024	% ҮоҮ	1H2023	1H2024	% YoY
Core Revenues	68,1	68,7	0,8%	136,0	137,6	1,2%
Other Revenues & income <sup>1)</sup>	0,0	0,1		0,3	0,3	
Adj. EBITDA % margin	<b>46,3</b> 68,0%	<b>46,7</b> 68,0%	0,8%	<b>90,8</b> 66,8%	<b>93,5</b> 68,0%	3,0%
Non recurring costs	-3,6	-0,1		-3,6	-0,2	
<b>EBITDA</b> % margin	<b>42,7</b> 62,7%	<b>46,6</b> 67,8%	9,1%	<b>87,2</b> 64,1%	<b>93,3</b> 67,8%	7,1%
D&A <sup>2)</sup>	-11,6	-12,7	9,5%	-22,7	-24,6	8,5%
Operating Profit (EBIT)	31,1	33,9	9,0%	64,5	68,8	6,6%
Net financial income (expenses)	-1,0	-1,5	42,6%	-1,8	-2,9	63,2%
Profit before Income taxes	30,1	32,4	<b>7,8</b> %	62,7	65,9	5,0%
Income Taxes % tax rate	-8,7 29,0%	-9,1 28,1%	4,6%	-17,9 28, <i>5</i> %	-18,8 28, <i>5</i> %	4,9%
NetIncome	21,4	23,3	<b>9</b> ,1%	44,9	47,1	5,1%

# 1H24 Net Income up by 5,2% at € 47,2m:

- Higher Adj. EBITDA (+3,0%) and profitability (+120bps at 68%)
  - When excluding impacts from energy tariffs and personnel capitalization, higher growth in 2Q vs 1Q
- Higher D&A as a result of the investment activity
- Financial charges reflecting higher interest rates
- Stable tax rate back







 1) Excluding component related to IFRS-16 leasing;
 2) P&L taxes;
 3) P&L financial charges excluding interests on employee benefit liability and interests on leasing contracts;

 4) Including renewal of leasing contracts and interests on leasing contracts;
 5) Including current financial assets;
 6) Recurring FCFE = Adj. EBITDA – Leases – Net Financial Charges (excl. IFRS-16 component) – P&L Taxes (adjusted to exclude benefits from non-recurring opex) – Recurring Maintenance Capex. Leases estimated as sum of leasing right of use depreciation (excl. dismantling) + financial charges on leasing contracts;

### Sustainability: targets achieved







**ESG Rating** 

35 54 13

Completed

88% of completed initiatives (including recurring/compliance initiatives)

**11%** of initiatives to be completed within the 2024-2027 Sustainability Plan

81% of quantitative targets achieved

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Recurring

# Updated outlook for 2024

Outlook based on current level of power futures for 2024<sup>1</sup>

Adjusted EBITDA



Growth of Adjusted EBITDA vs 2023, despite new infra costs and lack of energy tax credits

Growth further supported by i) non-recurring items and ii) better cost management performance more than offsetting higher energy tariffs

- CPI-link (+0,7% for RAI contract)
- Rising contribution from New Services to RAI and broadcasting services to regional broadcasters
- Higher expected energy tariff due to lack of tax credits<sup>1</sup>
- Costs related to new infrastructure/services, broadly offset by lower other opex

Capex

Maintenance capex in line with 2023 level

Development capex in line with 2023 level

- Compared to previous indications, Maintenance now expected in line with 2023 due to deferral of certain activities to next year
- Large majority of development capex devoted to diversification and other Third-Party / internal projects

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### After nine consecutive years of steady growth...

MIn Eur; %



Recurring FCFE = Adj. EBITDA – Leases – Net Financial Charges – P&L Taxes – Recurring Maintenance Capex. Figure for 2021 restated to exclude a € 1 mln one-off tax benefit
 Leases impact estimated as sum of leasing right of use depreciation (excl. dismantling) + financial charges on leasing contracts

# ...the new Industrial Plan addresses key levers to unlock Rai Way's full pontential, while preserving its distinctive features



Full awareness of key levers

Commitment to execution to unlock relevant Shareholders' value



### Best-in-class and diversified asset portfolio underpinning a leading role as media distribution services and integrated digital infrastructure provider



#### Distributed workforce

~600 employees, half of which across the territory



#### **Client portfolio**

Media, telco, corporate, and PA clients to leverage for diversification (cross selling)



- Carrier-neutral, state of the art, integrated infrastructure onestop-shop for clients' networks and data hosting
  - National footprint



# The latest trends in media and digital infrastructure markets confirm the rationale behind the development guidelines

- Video consumption going up, driven by strong OTT platform growth
  - Video broadcasting: DTT resilience, confirming view on platform coexistance; broadcast network operators market structure stable following refarming conclusion
  - Video streaming: traffic volumes expected to keep growing as younger population increases media consumption
- Radio: market growing steadily post-pandemic, with sizeable opportunities to expand DAB
   network coverage

Tower and hosting market still defined by growth opportunities:

- 5G macro network expansion ongoing (in rural areas) with polarization on captive towerco
- FWA network growth, helped by Piano Italia 1 Giga
- Demand from other client types (radio x DAB, IoT, ISP, ...)
- TLC clients under pressure, with risks linked to access network / operator consolidation
- TowerCos: established spin-off practice to leverage synergies and push to diversification

#### Data centers:

- Demand growth due to data traffic increase, cloud adoption, new tech (AI, IoT, Big Data) and GDPR; low latency applications require widespread distribution
- Offer in Italy still limited vs potential fragmented, and geographically bound









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Trends





### 2024-27 Industrial Plan Pillars



### Enhance Rai Way positioning as media distribution services and digital infra provider

#### 1) Strengthening traditional businesses/assets, by:

- 1.a) Taking advantage of selected growth opportunities, mainly related to network coverage extension
- **1.b) Increasing value of internal asset** currently not used to full potential:

#### 1.c) Improving operational efficiency, through:

- Operating model evolution
- Real Estate footprint optimization
- 2) Widening our role in the Media Value Chain, capturing rising demand for IP content distribution
- **3) Expanding digital infrastructure**, completing roll-out and marketing the Data Center network to support digital transition

# 4) Speeding up strategy and improving capital structure through external growth:

- Achieving synergies and reduction of time-to-market
- Enhancing Shareholders' return





1. Excluding cost of capitalized personnel. 2. Including development of CDN, 10 edge DC for ca. 3MW and first data hall of the hyperscale DC for 4,4MW (half of Module1) 3. Based on market closing price on 22/03/2024 (4,8 €/share) 4. Post IFRS-16

# (Organic) Development investments: traditional businesses/assets continue to offer opportunities, acceleration of new infrastructure deployment





### Value creation on main projects



### Initiatives to extend networks and optimize tower hosting

### I Improve RAI DTT network coverage

Activities to improve network quality

### 3 MUX12

Hosting or network management services (in case of MUX awarding)

### Start RAI 5G broadcasting coverage

5G broadcasting networks in 5 test cities

#### DAB coverage...

Extend Rai DAB coverage, currently lower than the other 2 main market players

#### ...and "DAB in galleria"

Improve coverage extending the signal in the main tunnels of the major highways





Hosting Development

- 5G rollout
- FWA
- DAB (no RAI & local)
- MNO clients stabilization

### Better processes & offering

Optimize efficiency of requests logged into the system and internal provisioning process



#### **Expand offering**

- Fiber Backhauling in selected sites
- Radio backhauling



# IP distribution of contents on proprietary CDN network: architecture and value proposition





### Rai Way's new digital infrastructure



- Multi Edge Data Centers network
- 1 TIER-IV Hyperscale Data Center in Rome area (ca. 35MW potential, scalable IT load distributed across 4 buildings)
- Interconnection through proprietary backbone
- Clear value proposition for clients / partners:
  - Independent, reliable and carrier-neutral
  - Integrated Edge DC network to meet low latency requirements
  - Computing Continuum

- Pure infrastructure offering: co-location (space, energy, security) and connectivity
- High sinergies with societary assets:
  - Wide-spread footprint, with space available in relevant areas and brand new quality assets
  - Proprietary backbone
  - Possibility to upsell current clients
  - First mover advantage on edge

### Edge DCs roll-out plan

18 Edge Data center: 10 (major) DCs to build in Phase 1 & 2, and more (minor) to build based on demand





- ~ 3 MW IT load for the first 10 sites, possibly scalable based on demand
- Interconnected via own optic fiber and locally linked to the public network via ISP
- Built to be sustainable and create value from Rai Way's real estate



### Hyperscale DC | Rendering and concept design data



#### **Data Center Modules Configuration**

- 4 Modules with 8,8 MW IT Load per Module
- Emergency power supply and air conditioning
- UPTIME Institute TIER IV compliance
- Solar panels; centralized water supply
- «Conferenza dei Servizi» underway authorization possibly within 2024
- Construction time: 12-18 months
- First data hall availability (4,4 MW) and revenues contribution assumed from 2027

#### Why Rome

- Limited hyperscale DC presence (1 live, 4 in development), while Rome expected to become next italian HS region
- Assets currently concentrated in Northern Italy
- Lower latency for Center/South of Italy vs Milan
- Traffic managed by Rome IXP expected to grow
- Strategic location to aggregate international traffic



### Transmission network to be leveraged for (wholesale) transport services



### Land portfolio valorization

### Rai Way analyzed possibility to create value from ~40 land plots, in 3 possible ways





# Enhancing efficiency in operating model improvements, corporate initiatives and real estate property management



### **Operating model initiatives**

- Reorganization of regional departments
- Digitalization of monitoring of assets through the implementation of predictive maintenance

Maintenance accounts for the majority of field force activities



### **Real Estate Management**

- Workplace evolution towards hybrid models (allowing spaces reduction)
- Benchmark on rental costs and service levels to identify room for further efficiencies
- Greater use of owned premises
- More efficient management of headquarter

### Corporate functions efficiency

• **Digital transformation** in systems (e.g. new BSS platform) and processes to enable further corporate efficiencies



### Target M&A – Areas of interest









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### Core Revenues: 2023-27 evolution





2027 figures based on the development of the CDN, 10 edge data center for ca. 3 MW and the first data hall of the hyperscale data center for 4,4 MW
 Assuming further development of the hyperscale data center to reach 17,6MW (2 out of 4 modules) with € 160m additional capex





### Capex



### **Recurring FCFE: 2023-27 evolution**




## **Net Income & Dividends**

MIn Eur; %



 Proposed pay-out of around 100% of Net Income, in continuity with the past (average dividend yield<sup>(1)</sup> equal to ca. 6,7%)

 Expected distribution of approx. €350
 MIn cumulated dividends in the 2024-27 period, equal to more than 25% of current market cap<sup>(1)</sup>



## **Capital structure evolution**



- On an organic basis, 2027E financial leverage (post-dividend payment) at around 1,4x
   NFP<sup>(1)</sup>/Adjused EBITDA, giving flexibility to pursue external growth
- Sustanaible and reasonable level of financial leverage in a 3-4x range, also depending on market conditions

#### M&A FINANCIAL CRITERIA

Even within the same asset class (e.g. towers, data centers), targets may have different risk profile (e.g., DC already built vs. to be developed, with committed demand vs. without commitment, with high vs. low % fill rate)
 Junlevered IRR level appropriate for the risk

profile of the asset







#### **Appendix:**

- New Core revenues breakdown
- Industrial Plan 2024-27: market trends
- FY 2023 results

#### New Core revenues breakdown





#### Media Distribution

- RAI Service contract (fixed consideration & new services)
- Broadcasting (regional Muxes, DAB networks & other clients)
- Transmission
- Network services
- CDN

#### Digital Infrastructure

- Tower Hosting
- Connectivity
- Edge data centers
- Hyperscale data center

#### Other

• Land valorization (solar energy production, leases, ...)











## Video consumption going up, driven by OTT & mobile fruition



#### Key messages

**Media consumption growth** driven by OTT and mobile

Forecasted slow down in **OTT platform subscription** growth with expected player **consolidation** 

#### Growth of streaming subscriptions in Italy (M)



\* OTT video (live streaming and VoD), online video and mobile video Source: Ampere Nov. 2023; Media consumption in Italy (PQ Media)



## Despite the period of steep uptake of OTT, linear TV did not lose relevance remaining the platform with the highest audience and adv revenues



#### Video adv revenue share in Italy





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1. New way of collecting data (from May '22) to avoid double counting audience watching connected TV online Source: Rai on Auditel figures

## A long-term view where platforms coexist remains the most likely option





#### Broadcasting market characterized by stable relationships between network operators and TowerCos; MUX12 still to be allocated





#### Growth in video streaming and gaming fueling traffic managed by Content Delivery Networks





# Post-pandemic steady growth for radio broadcasters; opportunities for DAB network coverage enabled by frequencies availability



#### National DAB coverage



- Following frequencies availability freed up by TV refarming:
  - Public tender to award new DAB frequencies incentivizes
    **national networks** coverage extension
  - Deployment of regional DAB networks in several areas



## Telecommunication network rollout still guarantees hosting volume growth



#### Clients: market trends

- Main growth drivers:
  - 5G adoption spreading to non-urban areas
  - Fixed Wireless Network expansion, also pushed by Piano Italia 1Giga
  - New client types
- Spin-off trend continuing ٠
- Tower operators diversifying to grow
- Possible challenges: •
  - MNOs relying mostly on captive towers
  - Access networks / operators consolidation (creating less demand for new towers, partially offset by RAN-sharing fees)



### TowerCos are diversifying vertically towards new businesses to leverage current assets and capabilities for future-proof growth





### Digital Infra demand growth fueled by exponential increase in data traffic and Cloud services that require Data Center infrastructures



\* The Region Data Center (DC) is an area with high concentration of data centers, hence consuming more data than average Source: Gartner IDC; Pwc Entertainment & Media Outlook in Italy 2022-2026; Company Investor report presentations

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## Supply however still fragmented and scarce, with opportunities for Rai Way to expand its infra portfolio with hyperscaler and edge DCs





# Colocation market expected growth at ~10% p.a. (edge component even higher...)





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Source: Gartner IDC

# **2023FY Financial highlights**

MIn Eur; % % YoY growth



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- 4Q confirmed the healthy performance of the 9M leading to:
  - Core Revenues up 10,8% (or >12% excluding non-recurring impacts) mainly driven by CPI-link and regional refarming;
    ~20% growth of Third-parties contribution
  - Adjusted EBITDA up 19,4% (margin +475bps at 66,3%) in line with guidance, supported by top-line growth, significant reduction in energy bill and firm cost control on other items
  - Development capex at €46m (Third-Party portion >70%), with a marked acceleration in 4Q
  - Recurring cash generation up >20% at € 114m
- 32,22 €/cent dividend proposed to the AGM, equal to 99,7% pay-out and 6,7% dividend yield<sup>(1)</sup>
- Following confirmed Board support, all diversification projects underway; Hyperscale authorization process moved to next stage
- Tower hosting benefitting from healthy demand from FWAPs and radio broadcasters
- **Debt refinancing** finalized
- 88% of 2021-23 Sustainability Plan's initiatives successfully completed enabling further enhancement of Company's ESG profile



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