

# **2Q21 Financial Results**

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# **2Q21 Executive Summary**



#### Prolonged economic impact from new phase of pandemic

- Despite of economic weakness from prolonged pandemic, service revenue was flat both QoQ and YoY.
- We continued to optimized cost while expanding 5G network which resulted in controlled cost of service and declined SGA. Reported NPAT was 7bn, +0.6%YoY and +6%QoQ. Excluding one-time items, normalized NPAT was 6.6bn, -5% YoY and flat QoQ.

### Focused on 5G leadership in network and customer value

- Our 5G network continued to expand and covered 25% of population
- We recorded over 1mn 5G subscribers, defining as those specifically signed up for the 5G package as they are willing to pay higher for a larger data plan; this resulted in the 10-15% ARPU uplift
- We expect more affordable models of 5G mobile devices, which should drive our 5G subscribers to 2mn, a renewed target.

# **Announced strategic partnership for Enterprise and VDO content**

- Microsoft strategic partnership is part of our growth strategy in cloud service to widen our product suites and capabilities.
- Disney+ Hotstar is an exclusive partner in form of product offering and marketing to Thai population.

# Revised down full year guidance following the rising economic risk

- We revised down the FY21 revenue guidance to be flat or slightly decline and EBITDA to be flat.
- Our network capex remains between 25-30bn to ensure we invest for leadership both on network quality and customer perception
- We continue to focus on delivering fair profitability balancing between short- and long-term drivers while keeping our solid financial strength.



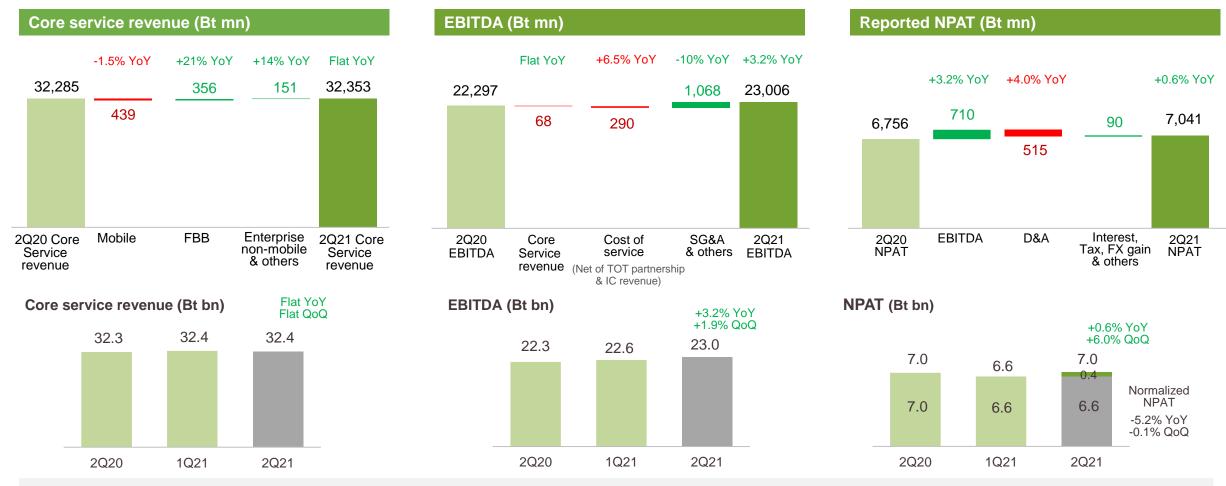
# **2021 Revised Guidance**

FY21 guided items	Previous Guidance	Revised Guidance	Rationale
Core service revenue	Low-single digit growth	Flat to slightly decline	<ul> <li>Mobile revenue to continue under pressure due to weak consumer spending</li> <li>Home broadband to maintain growth momentum and outpace the industry growth</li> <li>Enterprise business is anticipated to continue delivering double digit growth</li> </ul>
EBITDA	Low-single digit growth	Flat	Focus on cost optimization for operation and SG&A
CAPEX *excluding spectrum	Bt25-30bn	Bt25-30bn	<ul> <li>5G/4G network, FBB, digital and enterprise services</li> <li>Build 5G leadership and 4G quality to deliver superior quality in selective are with high 5G device penetration</li> <li>Focus on delivering 5G user experience, ensure good 5G coverage and expand 5G as penetration grows</li> </ul>

## **2Q21 Performance:**

# AIS

## Despite of economic weakness, AIS delivered flat service revenue both QoQ & YoY



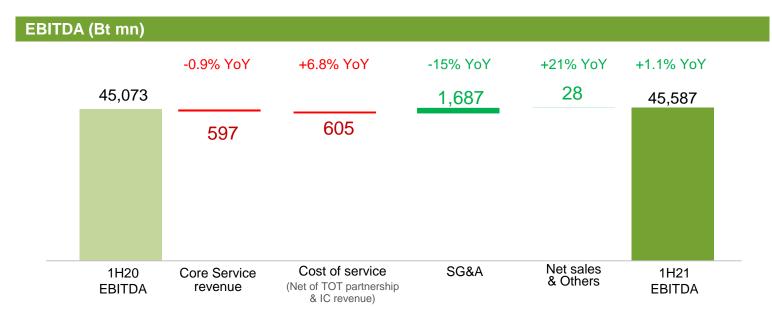
- Core service revenue was flat YoY and QoQ from a decrease in mobile revenue offset by solid growth in fixed broadband and enterprise segment.
- EBITDA increased YoY and QoQ due to weak core service revenue offset by continuous cost optimization
- NPAT improved both YoY and QoQ from one-time items in other income. Normalized net profit decreased 5.2% YoY from higher spectrum amortization but remained flat QoQ.

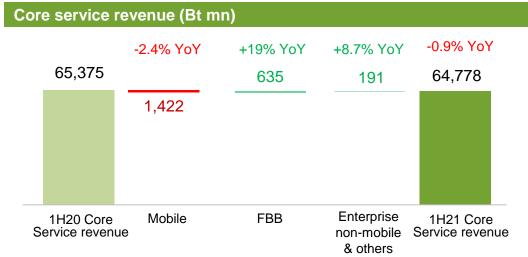
## **1H21 Performance:**

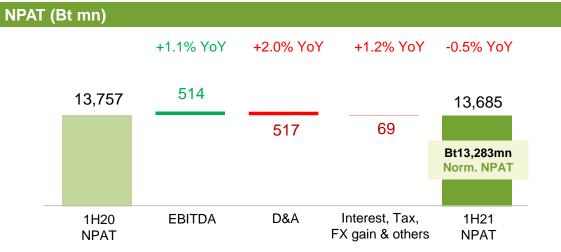
# AIS

# **COVID-19** impact to revenue mitigated by cost controls

- EBITDA increased despite soften core service revenue, offset by cost control in SG&A
- NPAT slightly dropped whereas normalized NPAT declined by 3.4% YoY from 700MHz & 26GHz license amortization

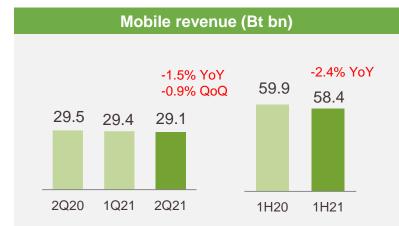






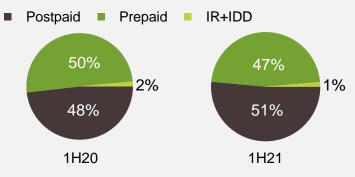
## Mobile: Weak economy and pricing competition affected mobile revenue



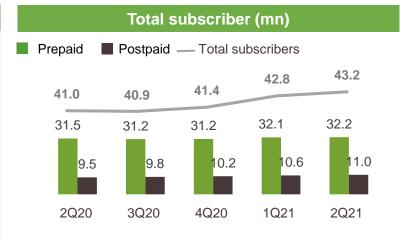


 Mobile revenue was negatively affected by price competition and weak consumer spending

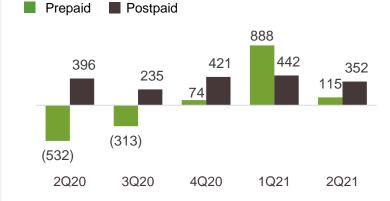
#### % Mobile Revenue Contribution



 Postpaid growth continued supported by pre-topost migration



#### **Net additional subscriber ('000)**



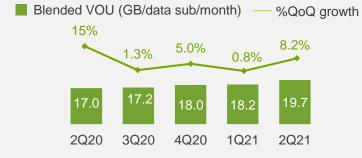
- Maintained strong postpaid acquisition underpinned by continuing migration from prepaid to postpaid
- Increase in prepaid segment from strong acquisition, partly offset by seasonal churns of one-time segmented SIMs.

#### 523 498 486 480 471 Postpaid Blended 239 237 234 232 -6.2% YoY -3.1% QoQ 157 154 142 Prepaid 156 150 3Q20 4Q20 1Q21 2Q21 2Q20

Mobile ARPU (Bt/sub/month)

 Weak consumer spending and price competition on unlimited data plans continued to pressure ARPU

#### **Data consumption**



Accelerated growth in data usage driven by new phase of pandemic

# Enhance 5G leadership in network and customer value



### **Healthy 5G Momentum**

Scaling 5G potential **5G** package subscribers 1mn

**5G VOU 430%** 

**Monetization** 

**5G ARPU uplift ▲10-15%** 

**5G ARPU** >Bt600

Value creation













Star Dating

Music

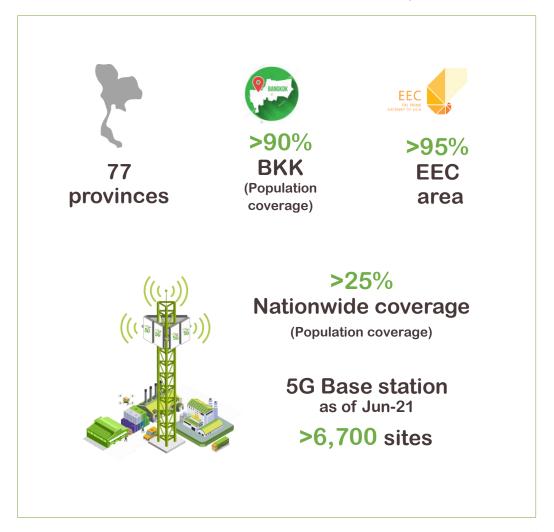
Education

Wellness

Travel

Provide most comprehensive content to capture targeted lifestyle and interests

### Continue to invest for 5G leadership



# FBB: Solid demand continued driven by work from home

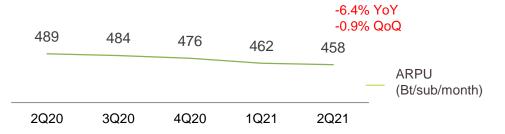


#### Despite soften ARPU, FBB continued to deliver high growth



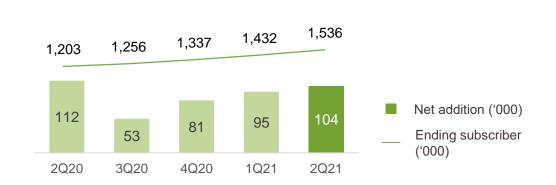
• FBB revenue was driven by subscriber gain offsetting lower ARPU due to price competition.

#### ARPU remained low from popularity toward low-price entry plan



 ARPU continued to decrease due to the popularity of a low-price plan at Bt399 for 200Mbps speed

#### Strong subscriber growth from high demand for Work-from-home



 Continue to deliver strong customer growth with 104k net addition in 2Q21

#### AIS Fibre places focus on positioning as superior service quality

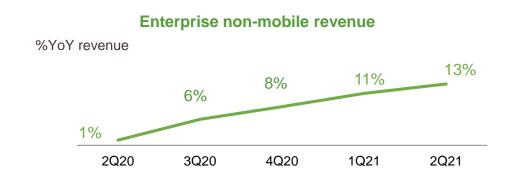


 24hr maintenance guarantee e.g. resolving problems, fast installation, and on-time arrival is positioning AIS Fibre as a superior service quality

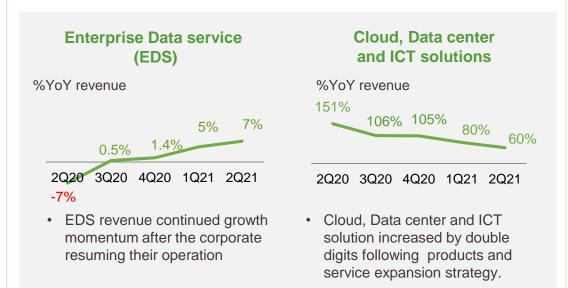
# COVID-19 & work from anywhere boost demand and accelerate enterprise services



#### **Enterprise business strongly grew amidst the new outbreak**



 non-mobile enterprise business grew due to increased demand for digital solutions e.g. Cloud, Cybersecurity and ICT solutions



#### **Announced strategic partnership with Microsoft**



Partnered with Microsoft to Bring together best-in-class network and cloud platform for consumers & enterprises



#### **Network Partnership**

- Strategic Partnership to bring global cloud to local (**Edge node**)
- Official Partnership of ExpressRoute Service for Microsoft Azure
- Official Partnership of Edge Computing



#### **Solution Partner**

 Official Microsoft Cloud Solution Provider (CSP) and Microsoft Licensing Solution Partner (LSP)

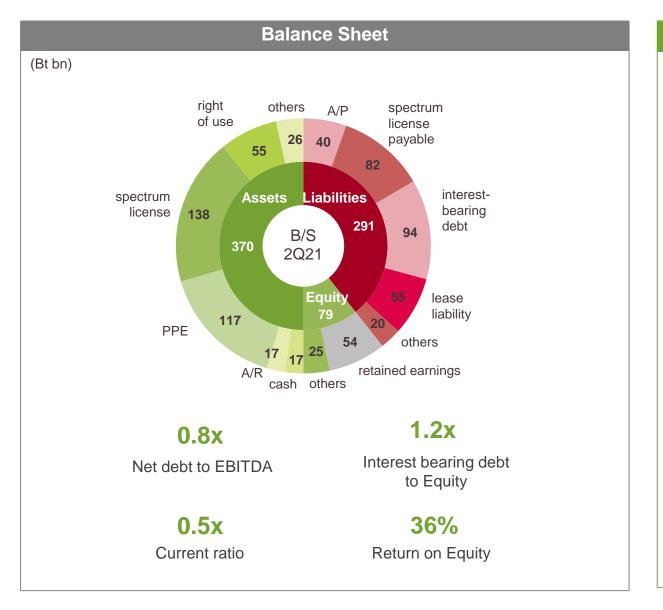


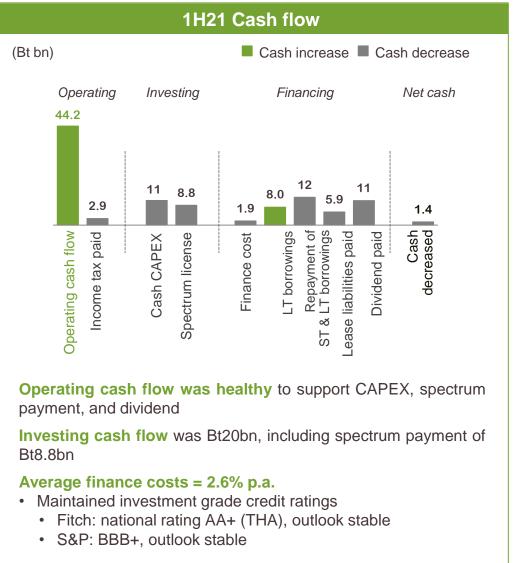
#### **Advanced Specializations**

Fully support by certified Microsoft experts
 (Consult, Design, Migrate, Implement, Support)

# Healthy Balance sheet and cash flow to support investment









# **APPENDIX**

## 2Q21 & 1H21 Revenue breakdown



# (Bt bn) -1.5% YoY -0.9% QoQ 29.5 29.4 29.1 2Q20 1Q21 2Q21 1H20 1H21

 Price competition and weak consumer spending have led mobile revenue to drop

# Fixed broadband revenue (Bt bn) +21% YoY +6.2% QoQ 1.7 1.9 2.0 3.3 4.0 2020 1Q21 2Q21 1H20 1H21

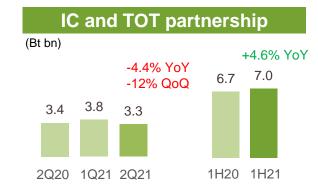
 Expanded subscriber base to 1.5mn while ARPU continued downward trend

## Other service revenues

(Bt bn)



 Growth driven by increasing demand for Cloud, Data center and ICT solution following digital transformation trend



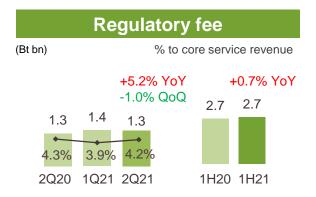
 Decreased YoY and QoQ following lower network traffic and IC revenue



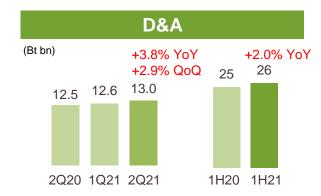
 Sim & Device margin remained positive at +2.7% in 2Q21 due to more efficient subsidy

## 2Q21 & 1H21 Cost breakdown





 Regulatory fee rose YoY from one-time USO fee reduction in 2Q20



 D&A increased YoY from 700MHz spectrum license and 26GHz spectrum license acquired in 1H21

## **Network OPEX and TOT partnership**



Dropped YoY and QoQ mostly due to TOT partnership cost variable on usage

# Marketing expense (Bt bn) % to total revenue -23% YoY -25% QoQ 1.6 1.6 1.6 1.6 1.2 3.8% 3.6% 2 4.0% 3.2% 2Q20 1Q21 2Q21 1H20 1H21

Dropped from lower marketing campaign and activities amid the pandemic



 Decreased YoY mainly from significant decline in bad debt provision



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