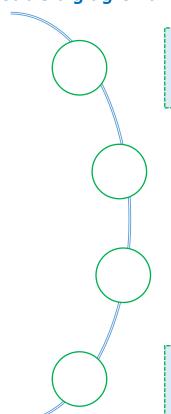


### Highlights 1Q 21



# Outstanding start to the year for the Books area: double-digit growth of revenue and strong increase in profitability



#### Extraordinary performance of the Books market in first quarter

+39.6% vs 1Q 2020

+26.1% vs 1Q 2019

#### Further increase in cash generation of the business....

- LTM Cash Flow from Ordinary Operations € 60.4 mn (vs € 51.2 mn at December 2020)
- ...resulting in a stronger capital/financial position
- NFP before IFRS 16 € -47.9 mn (vs -96.9 mn at March 2020)

#### **Group results improve:**

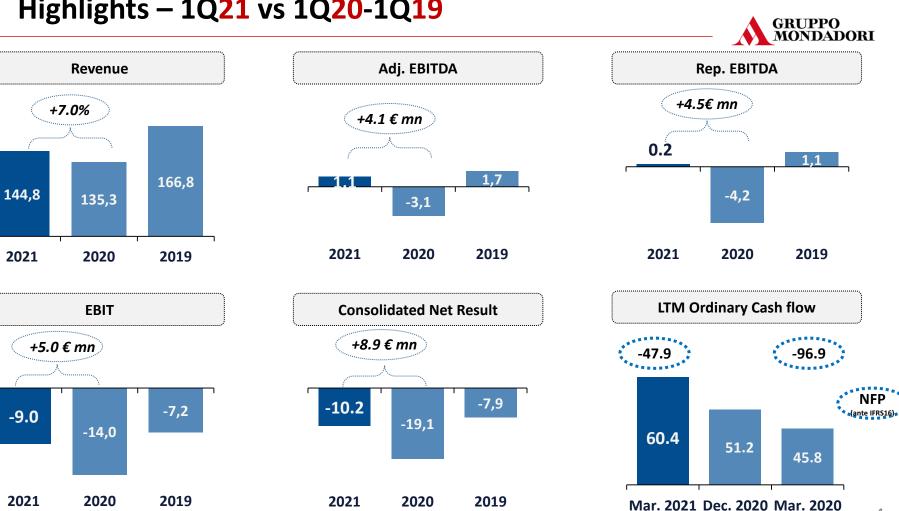
- Revenue on the rise (+7%) vs 1Q20
- Adj. EBITDA +4.1 mn versus 1Q20

#### New loan agreement of € 450 million signed:

- € 230 mn in resources available to pursue M&A opportunities
- better financial conditions in terms of lower average annual cost and longer life

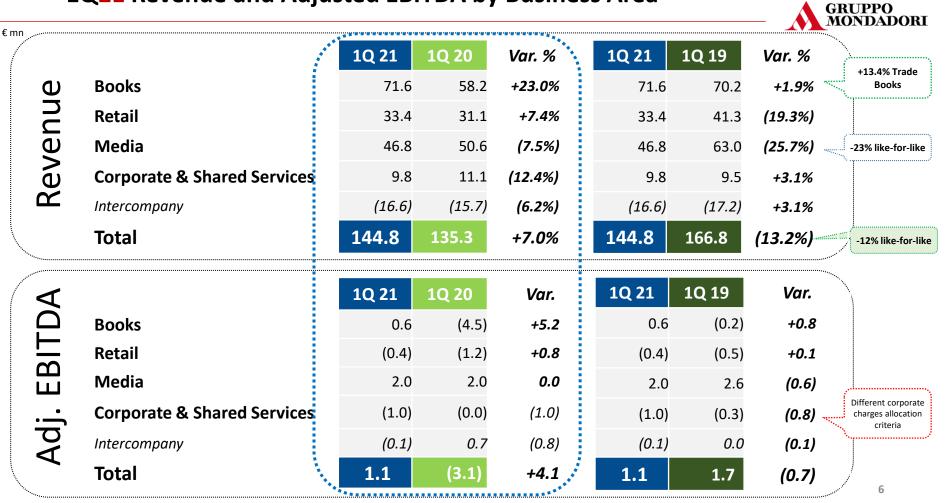
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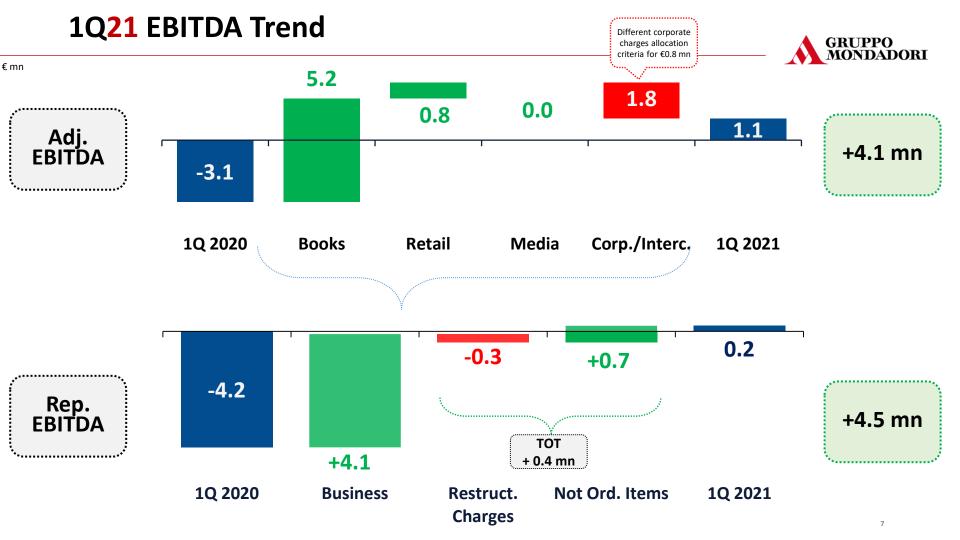
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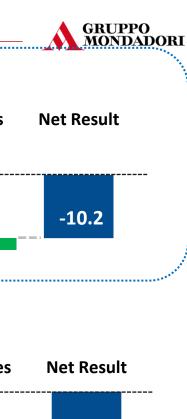


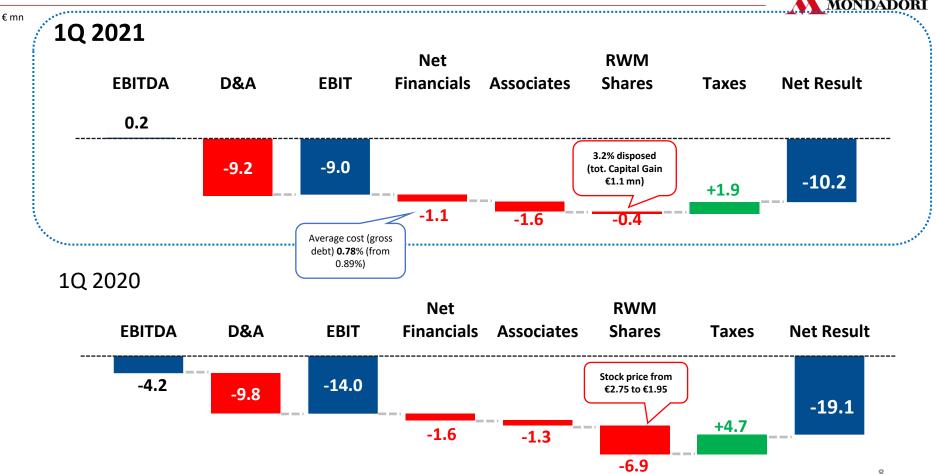
### 1Q21 Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA by Business Area





### From EBITDA to Net Result 1Q21

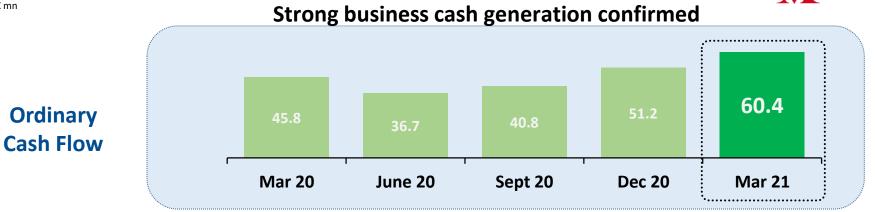




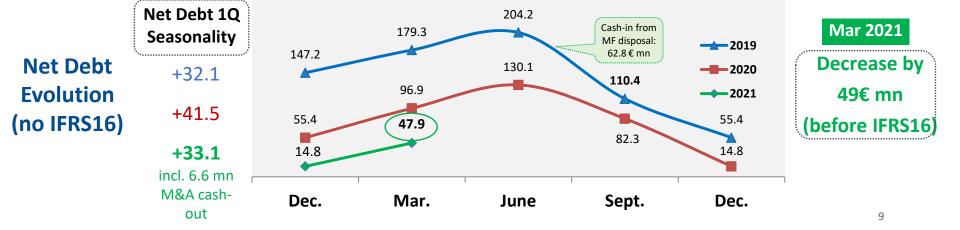
### Cash Flow & NFP March 21

€mn

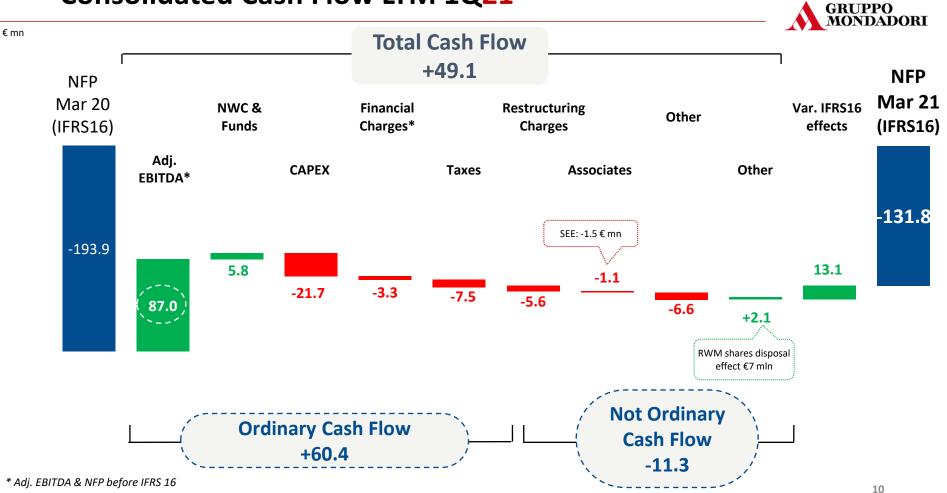




Ordinary Cash Flow = Operating CF net of taxes and net financials; LTM in the guarterly results



### **Consolidated Cash Flow LTM 1Q21**



## **New Funding Overview**



€ mn

New pool Loan Agreement 450 mn

**OLD** 

Term Loan = 95 mn

Revolving (RCF) = 125 mn

Acquisition line = 230 mn\*

**NEW** 

Committed lines

2021

2022

2023

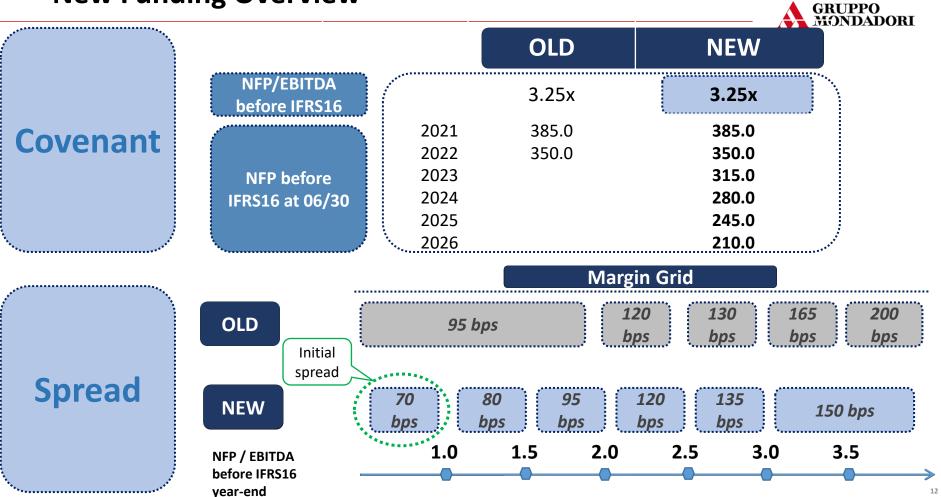
2024

2025

2026

*******	Refunds	Availabilities 31/12	Refunds	Availabilities 31/12
	-27.5	167.5	-15.8	434.2
	-167.5	-	-15.8	418.4
			-15.8	402.6
			-92.5	310.0
			-92.5	217.5
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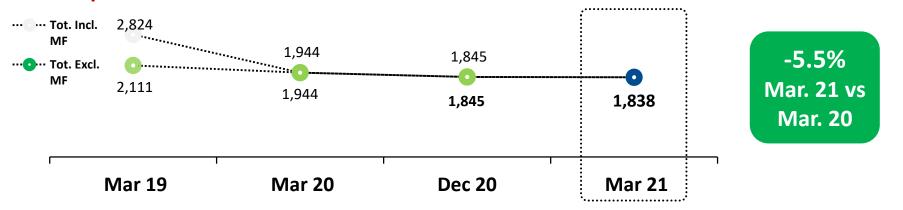
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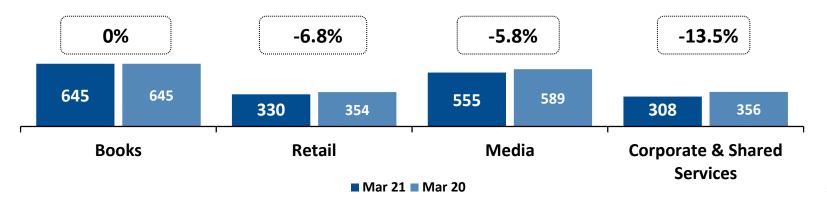
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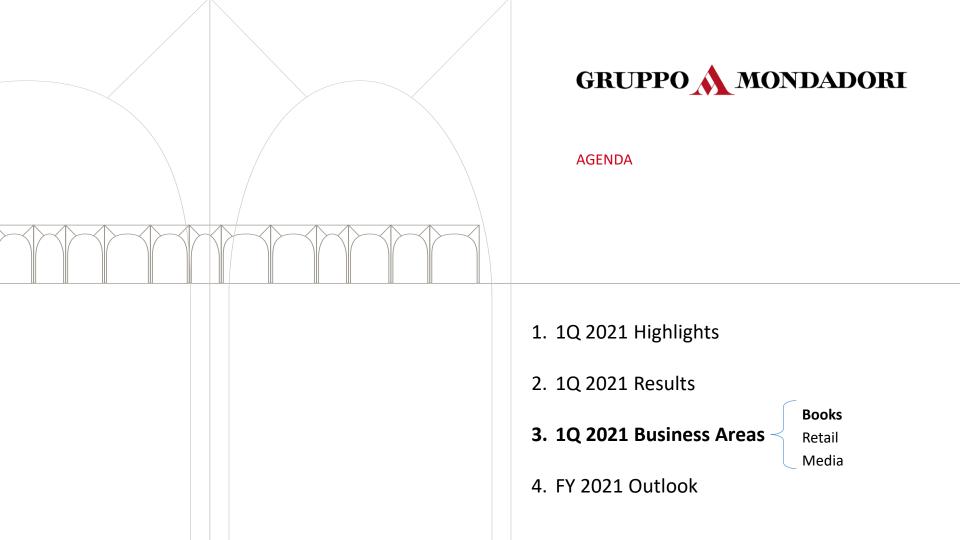






#### **Headcount by BU**

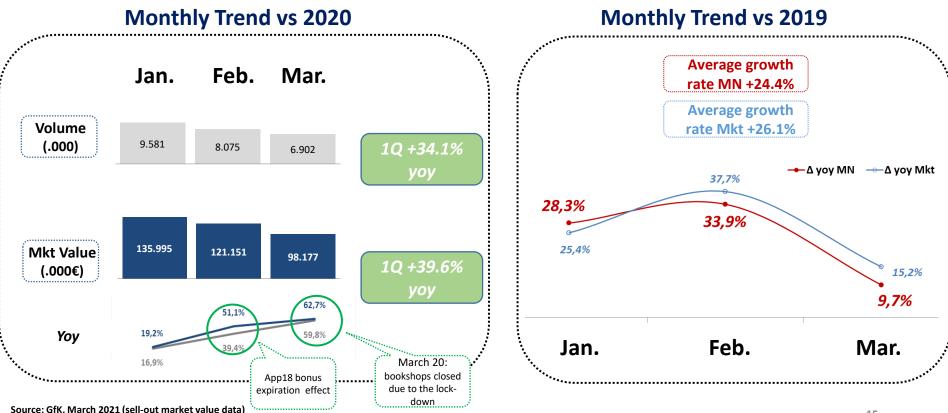




#### Markets – Trade Books 1Q 2021



### **Extraordinary start to the year for the Trade Books market**

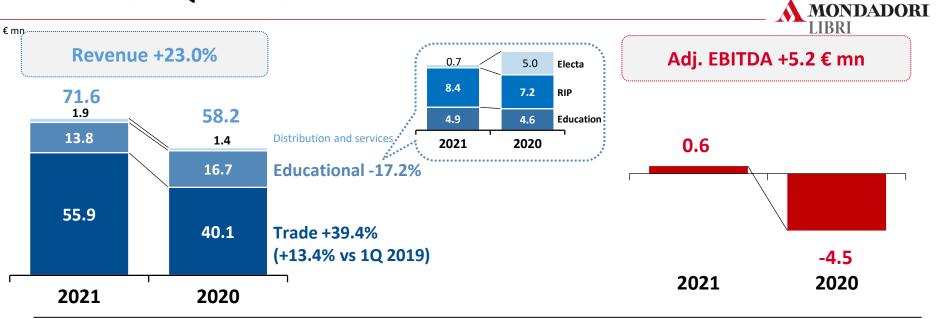


#### Markets – Trade Books 1Q 2021





#### Business 1Q 21 - Books



**REVENUE** 

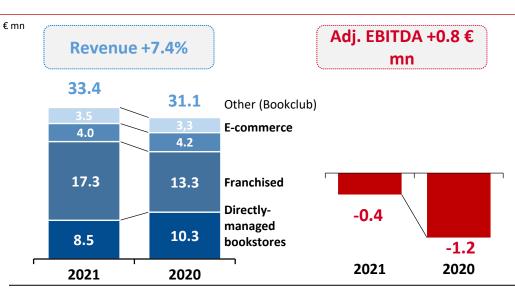
- **Trade:** +39.4% YoY, as a result of the extraordinary growth of the Books market and the quality of the publishing houses' editorial plans in 2021
- E-books +5.9% (e-books and audio books = 7.3% of total)
- **Educational:** -17.2% YoY, due to the contraction of Electa as a result of the closures of museums and archaeological sites, only partly offset by an increase in RIP revenue

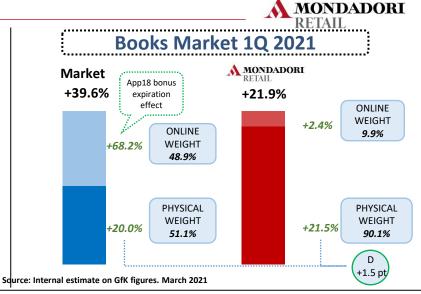
Adj. EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA of € 0.6 mn, improving by over € 5 mn vs. 1Q 2020



#### **Business 1Q 21 - Retail**



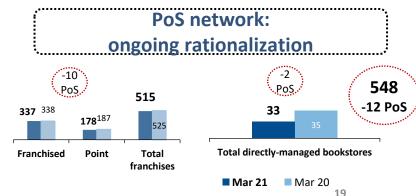


REVENUE

- Books: up by 16.4% (+35% in the Franchised channel)
- Extra-books: down due also to the strategy focused on Books
   Greater performance of Franchised (+30%) versus Direct stores
- (-17%) affected more by the restrictive measures throughout the quarter

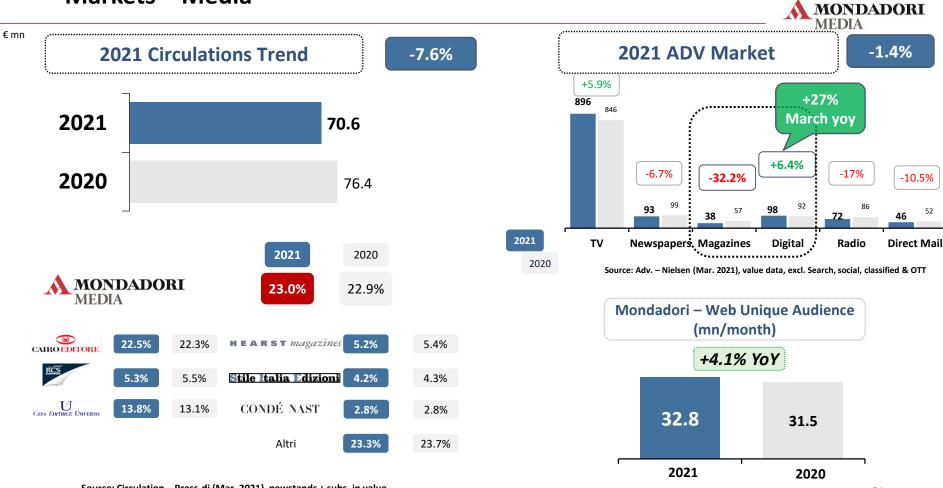


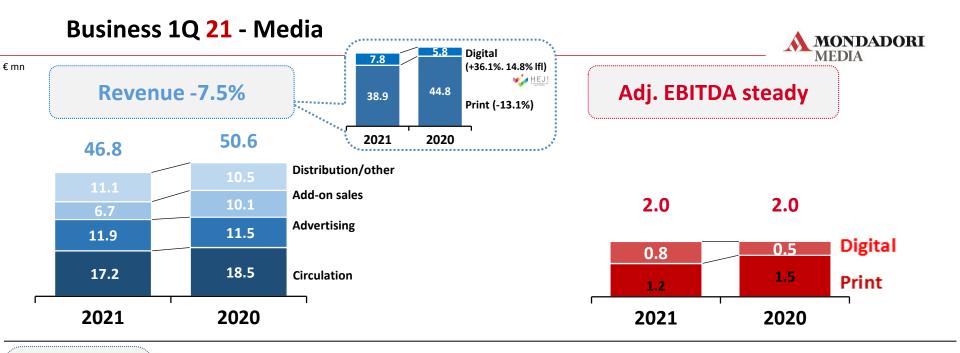
**Adjusted EBITDA improves significantly** thanks to effective cost containment actions, renewal of the physical store network and structural revision of organization and processes





#### Markets – Media





**REVENUE** 

- Advertising revenue: strong progress in digital offsets the drop in print advertising (-31%): overall +3.2% YoY; weight of digital advertising revenue: ≈66% (vs. 48% in 1Q20). Consolidation of tech-advertising following acquisition of Hej!
- Circulation revenue: -7.3% YoY, with the television titles outperforming the reference market
- Revenue from add-on sales: -33.8%, due also to reduced availability of DVD and CD products versus 1Q20 (Queen series)
- Distribution and others: +5.6%

Adj. EBITDA Adj. EBITDA steady at € 2.0 mn, as a result of:

- stronger contribution from digital (17% of total versus 11% in March 2020)
- continued **effective measures to contain** operating **costs**, which curbed the negative impact of the decline in **print activities** (-13.1%)



#### **FY21** Outlook improved



## **2021 GUIDANCE (current scope)**

Vs previous estimate

**REVENUE** 

Adj. EBITDA

**Net Result** 

**Ordinary Cash Flow** 

NFP\*

Low single digit growth vs FY20

~ 12% Margin

Strong growth (also thanks to «one-off» effects)

€50-55 million

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Positive (net cash) excl. IFRS16



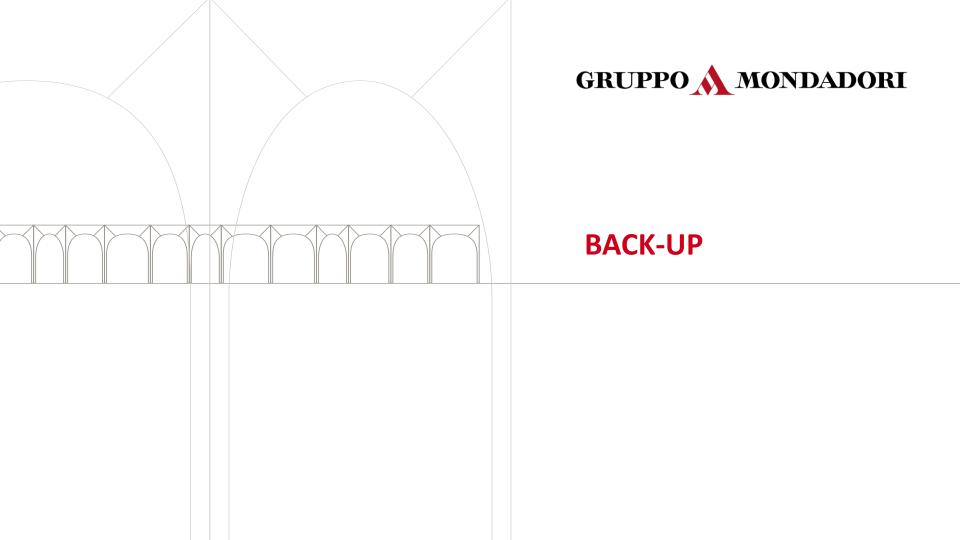












### 1Q2021 P&L



€ millions	1Q 202	1	1Q 202	20	% chg.
REVENUE	144,8		135,3		7,0%
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT COST	43,2	29,9%	44,5	32,9%	(2,8%)
VARIABLE PRODUCT COSTS	24,7	17,0%	19,2	14,2%	28,6%
OTHER VARIABLE COSTS	28,6	19,8%	27,0	19,9%	6,1%
STRUCTURAL COSTS	12,5	8,6%	12,0	8,9%	4,2%
EXTENDED LABOUR COST	35,1	24,2%	35,9	26,5%	(2,2%)
OTHER EXPENSE (INCOME)	(0,4)	(0,3%)	(0,2)	(0,1%)	n.s.
ADJUSTED EBITDA	1,1	0,7%	(3,1)	(2,3%)	n.s.
RESTRUCTURING COSTS	0,9	0,6%	0,6	0,4%	67,0%
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSE (INCOME)	(0,1)	(0,1%)	0,6	0,4%	n.s.
EBITDA	0,2	0,2%	(4,2)	(3,1%)	n.s.
AMORTIZATION AND DEPRECIATION	5,9	4,1%	6,1	4,5%	(2,0%)
AMORTIZATION AND DEPRECIATION IFRS 16	3,3	2,3%	3,7	2,7%	(11,8%)
EBIT	(9,0)	(6,2%)	(14,0)	(10,4%)	n.s.
FINANCIAL EXPENSE (INCOME)	0,6	0,4%	0,9	0,7%	(38,8%)
FINANCIAL EXPENSE IFRS 16	0,5	0,4%	0,7	0,5%	(24,6%)
FINANCIAL EXPENSE (INCOME) FROM SECURITIES VALUATION	0,4	0,3%	6,9	5,1%	n.s.
EXPENSE (INCOME) FROM INVESTMENTS	1,6	1,1%	1,3	0,9%	23,6%
EBT	(12,1)	(8,4%)	(23,8)	(17,6%)	n.s.
TAX EXPENSE (INCOME)	(1,9)	(1,3%)	(4,7)	(3,5%)	n.s.
NET RESULT FOR THE PERIOD (GROUP AND NON-CONTROLLIN	(10,2)	(7,0%)	(19,1)	(14,1%)	n.s.
MINORITIES	0,0	0,0%	(0,0)	(0,0%)	n.s.
GROUP NET RESULT	(10,2)	(7,0%)	(19,1)	(14,1%)	n.s.

### 1Q2021 Balance Sheet



€ millions	Mar 21	Mar 20	% chg.
TRADE RECEIVABLES	157,3	173,0	(9,1%)
INVENTORY	121,4	131,8	(7,9%)
TRADE PAYABLES	205,4	231,6	(11,3%)
OTHER ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	(16,6)	(5,9)	n.s.
NET WORKING CAPITAL	56,7	67,3	(15,7%)
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	194,4	220,4	(11,8%)
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	16,2	17,6	(7,8%)
INVESTMENTS	19,2	25,9	(25,9%)
NET FIXED ASSETS WITH NO RIGHTS OF USE IFRS 16	229,8	263,9	(12,9%)
ASSETS FROM RIGHTS OF USE IFRS 16	81,2	94,6	(14,1%)
NET FIXED ASSETS WITH RIGHTS OF USE IFRS 16	311,0	358,4	(13,2%)
PROVISIONS FOR RISKS	40,9	47,1	(13,2%)
POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	31,0	32,7	(5,2%)
PROVISIONS	71,9	79,8	(9,9%)
NET INVESTED CAPITAL	295,9	345,9	(14,5%)
SHARE CAPITAL	68,0	68,0	0,0%
RESERVES	106,2	103,0	3,1%
PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	(10,2)	(19,1)	n.s.
GROUP EQUITY	164,0	151,9	8,0%
NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS' EQUITY	0,0	0,1	n.s.
EQUITY	164,0	152,0	7,9%
NET FINANCIAL POSITION NO IFRS 16	47,9	96,9	(50,6%)
NET FINANCIAL POSITION IFRS 16	83,9	97,0	(13,5%)
NET FINANCIAL POSITION	131,8	193,9	(32,0%)
SOURCES	295,9	345,9	(14,5%)

Incl. impairment (-26.5€ mn) of some Media brands and *TV Sorrisi e Canzoni* amortization

### 1Q2021 LTM Cash Flow



€ millions	LTM Mar 21	2020
INITIAL NFP IFRS 16	(193,9)	(151,3)
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES APPLICATION OF IFRS 16	(97,0)	(95,9)
INITIAL NFP NO IFRS 16	(96,9)	(55,4)
ADJUSTED EBITDA (NO IFRS 16)	87,0	82,4
NWC AND PROVISIONS	5,8	1,2
CAPEX NO IFRS 16	(21,7)	(21,8)
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS	71,1	61,9
FINANCIAL INCOME (EXPENSE) NO IFRS 16	(3,3)	(3,7)
TAX	(7,5)	(6,9)
CASH FLOW FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS CONTINUING OPERATIONS	60,4	51,2
CF FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS DISCONTINUED OR DISCONTINUING OF	0,0	0,0
CASH FLOW FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS	60,4	51,2
RESTRUCTURING COSTS	(5,6)	(5,2)
SHARE CAPITAL INCREASE/DIVIDENDS NON CONTROLLING INTERESTS ANI	(1,1)	(1,1)
PURCHASE/DISPOSAL	(6,6)	(0,5)
OTHER	2,1	(3,7)
CASH FLOW FROM EXTRAORDINARY OPERATIONS	(11,3)	(10,5)
TOTAL CASH FLOW	49.1	40,7
NET FINANCIAL POSITION NO IFRS 16	(47,9)	(14,8)
IFRS 16 EFFECTS IN THE PERIOD	13,1	13,0
FINAL NET FINANCIAL POSITION	(131,8)	(97,6)

#### **Glossary**



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•	EBITDA	is equal to earnings before interest. tax. depreciation and amortization. The Group also provides information on the percentage of EBITDA on net sales.
		EBITDA computed by the Group allows operating results to be compared with those of other companies. net of any effects from financial and tax items. and of
		depreciation and amortization. which may vary from company to company for reasons unrelated to general operating performance.

- Adjusted EBITDA
- is gross operating profit as explained above. net of income and expenses of a non-ordinary nature such as
- (i) income and expenses from restructuring. reorganization and business combinations;
- (ii) clearly identified income and expenses not directly related to the ordinary course of business;
- (iii) as well as any income and expenses from nonrecurring events and transactions as set out in Consob communication DEM6064293 of 28/07/2006.
- EBIT net result for the period before income tax. and other income and expenses.
- EBT net result for the period before income tax.
- ▶ **Net Invested Capital** is equal to the algebraic sum of Fixed Capital.
  - is equal to the algebraic sum of Fixed Capital. which includes non-current assets and non-current liabilities (net of non-current financial liabilities included in the Net Financial Position) and Net Working Capital. which includes current assets (net of cash and cash equivalents and current financial assets included in the Net Financial Position). and current liabilities (net of current financial liabilities included in the Net Financial Position).
- Operating Cash Flow adjusted EBITDA. as explained above. plus or minus the decrease/(increase) in working capital in the period. minus capital expenditure (CAPEX/Investment).
- Ordinary Cash Flow is cash flow from operations as explained above. net of financial expenses. taxes paid in the period. and income/expenses from investments in associates.
- **LTM Ordinary Cash Flow** cash flow from ordinary operations in the last twelve months.
- Non ord. Cash Flow cash flow generated/used in transactions that are not considered ordinary. such as company restructuring and reorganization. share capital transactions and acquisitions/disposals.

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