# AGORA

Investor presentation

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# Where we were at the start of 2004

#### Market

- Ad market to recover slowly
- → New competitor to Gazeta!

#### Gazeta

- Protect market position
- Decline in ad revenue?

#### **AMS**

- → Sales up 10%
- → EBITDA growth

#### **Magazines**

- Revenue up 10%
- → EBITDA B/E

#### Radio

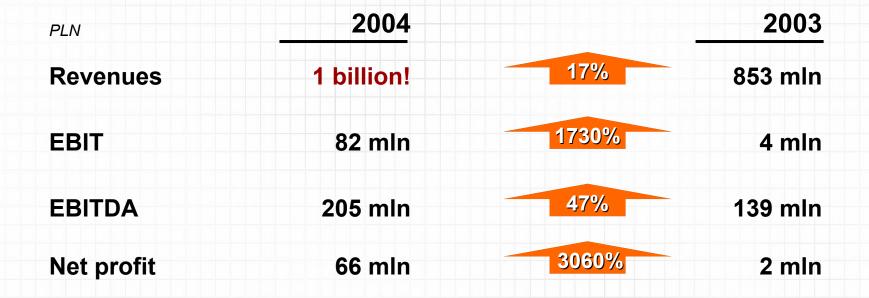
- → A test year!
- → EBITDA B/E

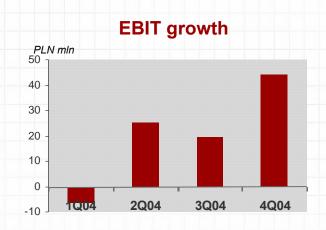
# Strategic objectives

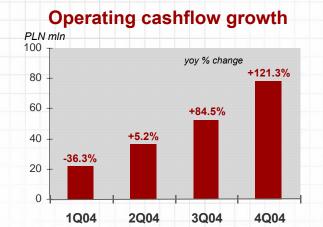
- → Improve ROE
- New paths for growth
- → Return excess cash to shareholders



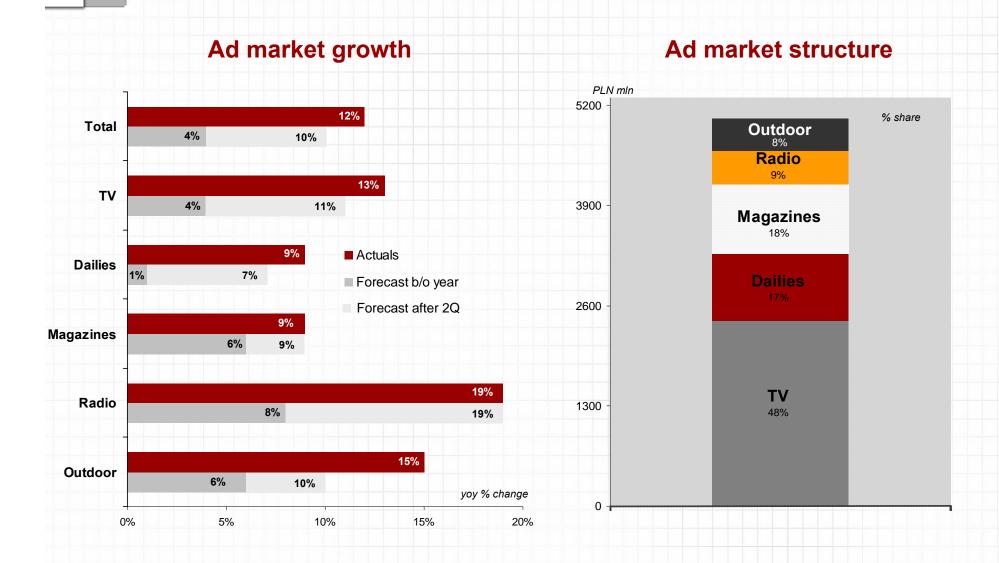
# Agora's 2004 performance







# Advertising market grew dynamically in 2004





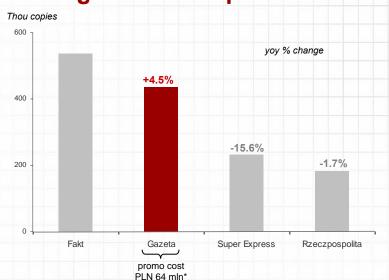


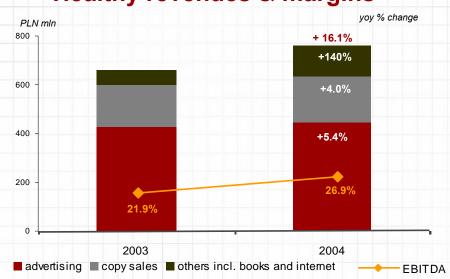
#### Newspaper segment grew circulation & revenues...



#### Strong circulation performance

#### **Healthy revenues & margins**





#### Metro goes national

In Warsaw:

- readership 27%
- 5% share in ad revenue

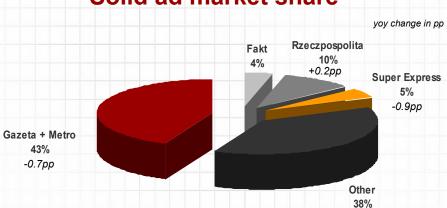
Rollout in Nov 2004:

- → 10 cities; circulation 269 K
- → 11% readership reach in Dec 04





#### Solid ad market share



<sup>\*</sup> Excluding books



#### ...and added a third revenue stream



#### **Books prove successful**

40 - volume collection



Retail price PLN 15

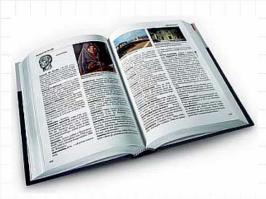
PLN 58.5 million in revenues

increased Gazeta's copy sales

delivered solid profitability

#### **Encyclopedia launched in January 2005**

20 - volume encyclopedia until 25 May 2005



Retail price PLN 37



to enhance revenues and profitability

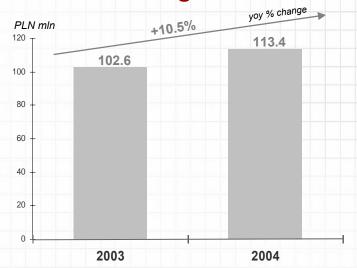


support Gazeta's circulation

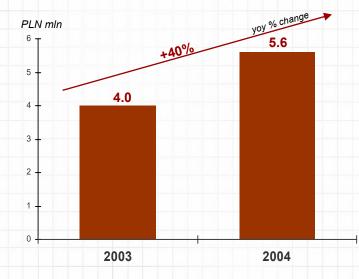


# AMS on target to 2004 goals

#### Revenue growth



#### **Improved EBITDA**



#### Launched bus advertising

- → in 8 major cities
- → over 300 buses
- wide range of ad forms



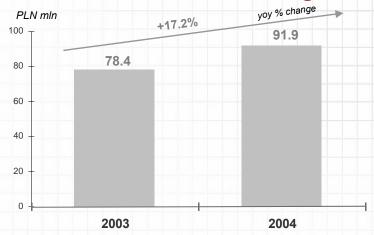
#### Target for 2005

EBIT B/E

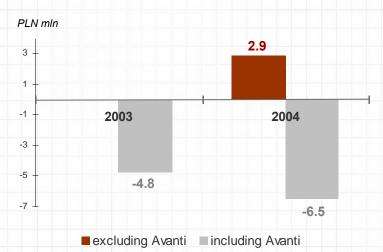


# Magazines on target to 2004 goals

#### **Revenues ahead of targets**



#### **Positive EBITDA**



### New greenfield proves successful

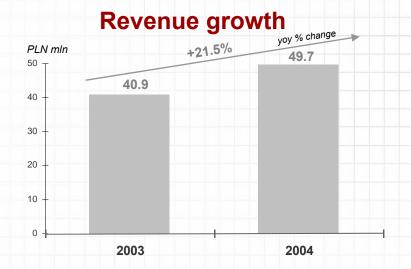
- average copy sales 158 K
- ad sales beat expectations
- → Debut of the Year award



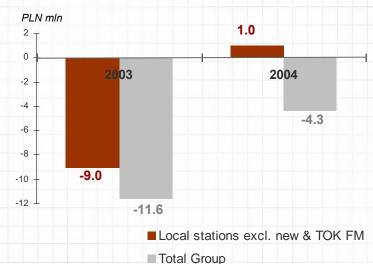
#### Target for 2005

Positive EBITDA (single digit)\*

# Radio on target to 2004 goals



#### **Positive EBITDA**



#### Rebranding and new formula

- brand management
- national advertising offer



Track to profitability



bluefm

najlepiej dobrana muzyka

hot AC

(Adult Contemporary)



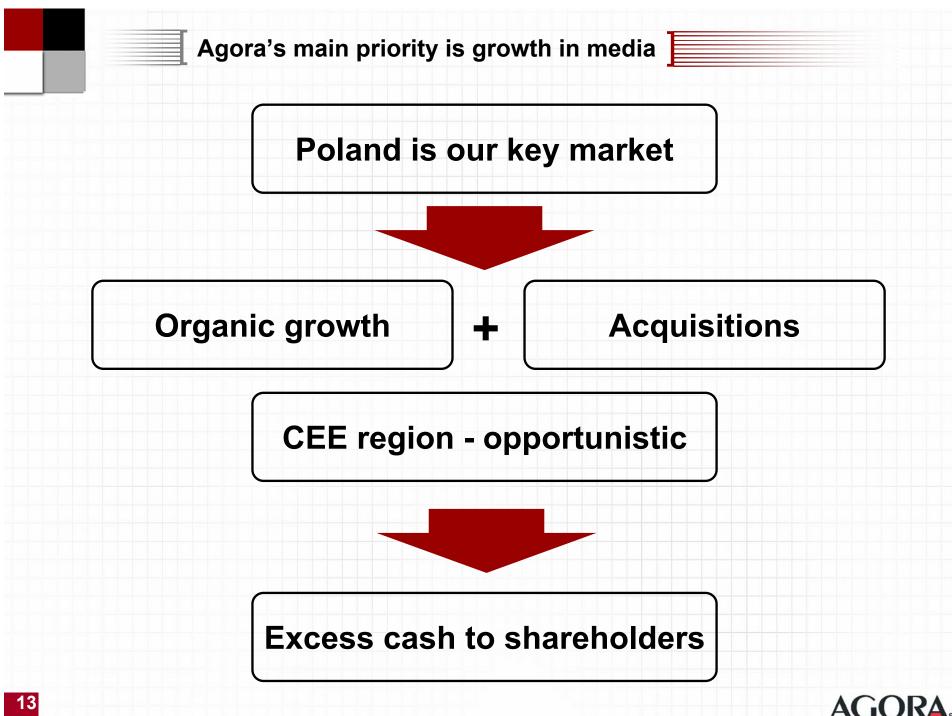
# Restructuring enhances efficiency and effectiveness **Cost savings** Reinvestment 2005/2003 PLN **Staff reductions** 26 mln Promotion of Gazeta **Materials/production** 11 mln New projects Quality of management Other fixed cost 5 mln 42 mln **TOTAL**

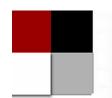
#### 2004 Group's financial results **New projects Record level** enhance revenues and profitability of revenues 2003 2004 yoy % change PLN mln 853.5 001.1 17.3% Revenue 642.1 581.5 10.4% - advertising - copy sales 237.9 226.4 5.1% - other (incl. books) 121.1 45.6 165.6% **Operating cost:** 918.8 849.0 8.2% 82.3 **EBIT** 4.5 1728.9% 204.9 **EBITDA** 139.1 47.3% 20.5% 16.3% **EBITDA** margin 4.2pp **Net profit** 66.3 3057,1% Employment ely 3 849 3 358 -12.8% **Books increase** Restructuring cost of materials **One-off restructuring** enhances efficiency charge of PLN 10.5 mln

#### Continued growth of economy and ad spend in 2005 **Economy** Ad spend growth TOTAL 10% **GDP** 5% TV 11% Company investments 13% 9% **Dailies** Consumer spending **Magazines** 8% 4% Segments in which Agora is present will grow 7% Radio 8% EU funds absorption € 13 B underway 7% Outdoor yoy % change 0% 2% 4% 6% 8% 10% 12%

Source: GDP, company investments, consumer spending Ministry of Finance – Budget assumptions for the year 2005; EU Structural Funds planned 2004 –2006: Ministry of Economy and Labour; Agora, estimated data (current prices) corrected for average discount rate. The rate card data are obtained from AGB Polska, CR Media monitoring, Agora Monitoring and AMS on the basis of Media Watch monitoring. The estimates refer to four media: TV, print, radio and outdoor. In case of print they do not include classifieds, inserts and obituaries.







of projects

# Growing Agora in Poland

#### Greenfields

Design/feasibility testing

**←** IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES →

**Acquisitions** 

**Opportunistic** 

Lower investment (WK financing) **←** INVESTMENT COST → High upfront investment

High risk of failure, but easy to ← INVESTMENT RISK → stop

Lower risk of failure, variety of others risks (restructuring!)

**←** IMPACT ON RESULTS → ST: TL↑, OL & BL↓ LT: may substantially improve BL

Adverse impact if IT fails. If passed, depends on target's profitability

Relatively easy to manage, adopts same culture

← MANAGEMENT →

Harder to manage/integrate cultures & teams

Drain on management resource

**←** HR **→** 

Brings in new talent & experience

### Criteria for investment decisions

**Key rule: DCF valuation** → **Go if NPV>0** 

#### **Greenfields**

- Business plans with full cash flow projections for 5-10 years with terminal value
- Investment cost and losses taken into account as negative flows

#### **Discount Rate**

Cost of equity:

- Risk-free rate: Real risk free rate based on government bonds plus projected inflation
- β: Beta appropriate for the target, depends on the sector
- Market risk premium: As Poland matured and entered EU, the premium fell to about 5%

 $Re=Rf+\beta(Rm-Rf)$ 

#### **Acquisitions**

- NPV = Consideration paid value of target as a standalone business + value of synergies
- Multiples approach as a sanity check

# **Synergies**

Discount rate appropriate for perceived risk of achieving synergies





#### AGORA'S POLICY FOR RETURNING PROFITS TO SHAREHOLDERS

- Agora SA remains first and foremost focused on growth and expects to use its capital for expansion opportunities both acquisitions and organic growth projects that will enhance long-term shareholder value. At the same time, as appropriate and as authorized by the AGM, it will return excess capital to the shareholders through a dual mechanism of (i) a dividend and (ii) share repurchases.
- The Company will propose and, upon AGM's approval, pay a dividend of 0.5 PLN per share annually. This dividend amount represents ca 1% yield which will satisfy certain shareholders seeking a current return and allow the company to potentially broaden its shareholder base. The Company intends to propose such a dividend annually, subject to the discretion of the Management Board/Supervisory Board and subject to the earnings and prospects of the Company and market conditions.
- If conditions warrant, the Company will also, from time to time, submit to the AGM a request for authorization of a share repurchase program as a means of returning excess capital to shareholders. The Company will review its situation on an annual basis, prior to the AGM, and resolve whether to submit such a request. If a request is submitted, it will include all relevant terms and conditions of the repurchase program. If the program is approved, the company will periodically report its results



# Awards & distinctions in 2004



Gazeta is #4 greatest brand in Poland



Gazeta is the "Newspaper of the Year" at the 57th WAN Congress in Istanbul

GRAPHIC QUALITY, AND ITS ABILITY TO COMENE EXCELLENCE WITH ECONOMIC VIABILITY, WINNING THE TRUST AND SUPPORT OF READERS AND ADVERTISERS ALIKE,

#### GAZETA WYBORCZA

HAS BEEN SELECTED BY THE INNOVATION INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CONSULTING GROUP AS



CONGRESS OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF NEWSPAPERS (WAN), DURING THE PRESENTATION OF THE "2004 INNOVATIONS IN NEWSPAPERS GLOBAL REPORT\*, HELD IN ISTANDUL, TURKEY, MAY 30 - JUNE 2, 2004.



Agora awarded the **Grand Prix in** Corporate Governance by the Polish Institute of **Directors** 



**Highest** standards of corporate governance award by Gazeta **Gieldy Parkiet** 

**Agora awarded Best Investor Relations in Poland and Best IRO** in CEE by IR Magazine



