# Kelsian Group Limited FY24 Half Year Results

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Transport Buses

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*t* UK includes Channel Islands

# Introduction to Kelsian

A diversified global business with a majority of highly defensive, long-term, government-backed, service contracts

\$1.5 billion ANNUALISED CONTRACTED REVENUE	WELL HEDGED COST BASE IN AN INFLATIONARY ENVIRONMENT	HIGHLY SCALABLE	LEADERS IN DECARBONISATION	KELSIAN OPERATIONAL NUMBERS (LTM)
Predictable earnings base from long- term, low risk, government backed service contracts.	Indexation for fuel price and wages, CPI increases for majority of contracts, ability to pass on fare increases in Marine & Tourism.	Established global operator that is highly scalable, with established barriers to entry eg infrastructure, reputation and track record of delivery.	Australia's largest zero-emission bus fleet and the largest electrified bus depot.	*** >332 million
Contracted VS Uncontracted Revenue (1H	FY24) Revenue By Division	(1HFY24) Revenue	By Geography (1HFY24)	12,246 EMPLOYEES
11%	31%	51%	9%	5,567 BUSES 115 VESSELS
89%     Uncontracted Revenue • Contracted	• Australian Bus • M&T •	International Bus • Australia	• Singapore • UK • USA	* Contracted or non-discretionary revenues



## Overview of business divisions

A diversified global business, with a majority of highly defensive, long-term, government-backed, service contracts

TRANSIT	TOWER	ALL ABOARD AMERICA!	<b>SEALINK</b> Marine & Tourism
AUSTRALIAN BUS	INTERNATIONAL BUS		MARINE & TOURISM
Public transport services under contract to state government agencies in Australia	Public transport services under contract to government agencies in Singapore and the Channel Islands	Six geographically diversified, highly regarded motorcoach brands operating across seven contiguous states in the USA	Passenger and vehicle ferries, tourism experiences and accommodation in Australia
*Remaining Average Contract Term: 4.6 Years	*Remaining Average Contract Term: 4.1 Years	*Remaining Average Contract Term: 1.7 Years	*Remaining Average Contract Term: 12.8 Years
<ul> <li>CHARACTERISTICS</li> <li>Essential transport services to major cities</li> <li>Government and blue-chip counterparties</li> <li>Long-term contracts</li> <li>Opportunity to increase yield and margin over term of contract</li> <li>Annual price increases</li> <li>No farebox risk</li> <li>Mostly capital light</li> <li>Managing infrastructure on behalf of governments or enjoying government-backed funding arrangements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CHARACTERISTICS</li> <li>Government transport services</li> <li>Government counterparties</li> <li>Long-term contacts</li> <li>Opportunity to increase yield and margin over term of contract</li> <li>Annual price increases</li> <li>No farebox risk</li> <li>Mostly capital light</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CHARACTERISTICS</li> <li>Diverse and loyal customer base</li> <li>Focus on corporate, government, education, LNG and tourism sectors</li> <li>Highly regarded brands with strong cultural alignment</li> <li>Diversified geographic footprint across high population growth states</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CHARACTERISTICS</li> <li>Secure landing rights and freehold properties</li> <li>Preferred operator status to most destinations</li> <li>Serving 19 unique island destinations, difficult to replicate</li> <li>Provides essential transport services to island residents, businesses and visitors</li> <li>Exposure to domestic and international tourism</li> <li>Includes a range of government and corporate contracted routes and services.</li> </ul>

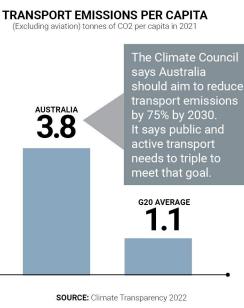
\* Revenue weighted average remaining contract term as at 31 December 2023; contract term includes contract extension options



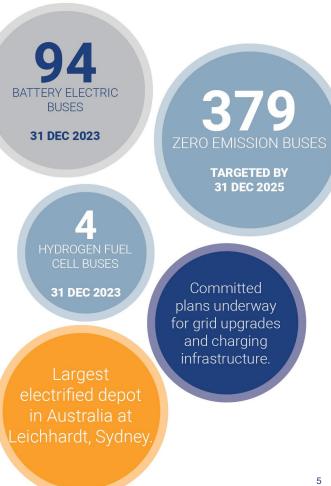
### Kelsian is Australia's sustainable transport leader

Public transport provides a compelling solution to reducing transport emissions





**KELSIAN IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF USING ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY** 



SOURCE: IBIS WORLD Public Transport in Australia March 2023



By the end of this decade, we should be aiming to more than halve the number of car trips that Australians make. This can be achieved by significant investment in electrified public transport and well-connected infrastructure for active modes like walking and cycling. We need this investment to enable 3.5 times more trips to be made on public transport, and 3 times more trips to be made using active modes. Climate Council Report | SHIFTING GEAR: The Path to Cleaner Transport (Key Finding # 4)

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# 1HFY24 financial snapshot

Result reflects integration of AAAHI and addition of new Sydney metropolitan bus contracts

Revenue Up 44.9% pcp

\$982.7m

Underlying\* EBITDA Up 63.5% pcp

\$130.5m

Underlying\* NPATA\*\* Up 20.4% pcp

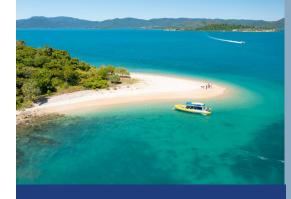
\$43.1m

Net Operating Cashflow Up 63.3% pcp

\$60.3m

Adjusted for one-off costs associated with M&A and abnormal items

\*\* Net Profit after Tax and before Amortisation



# Result reflects benefit of diversified businesses

- Strong revenue growth
- EBITDA improvement illustrates benefits of scale and addition of higher margin AAAHI business
- · Benefits of cost indexation
- Strong and predictable operating cashflow
- Financial result and Balance Sheet supports period of record investment in growth



### 1HFY24 Result

- AAAHI integration now complete
- Further investment to capitalise on organic growth opportunities
- New Sydney
   contracts commenced
- Contract resilience (cost indexation)
- Asset investment to capitalise on growth opportunities
- Prudent capital management



# 1HFY24 operational & strategic highlights

Solid progress on delivering organic growth strategy and successful integration of recent acquisitions

TRANSIT SYSTEMS AUSTRALIAN BUS	<ul> <li>Successful commencement and integration of new Sydney bus contract Regions 2, 13 and 15</li> <li>Labour availability addressed due to well executed recruitment, retention and training programs</li> <li>Decarbonisation of fleet on plan, with 94 Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) and four Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses as at 31 December 2023</li> </ul>
TOWER TRANSIT	<ul> <li>Full services operated during the period despite higher absenteeism</li> <li>Patronage and staffing have returned to pre-COVID levels, performance incentives received, albeit at lower levels</li> <li>Visitation to Jersey and Guernsey exceeded pre-COVID levels during the period</li> </ul>
ALL ABOARD AMERICA! HOLDINGS	<ul> <li>Graeme Legh transitioned to AAAHI's Chief Executive Officer role in September 2023, USA advisory board established</li> <li>Solid progress in the integration of AAAHI, with all critical integration projects now complete</li> <li>Coach charter and contracted operations continued to perform strongly reflecting both new contracts and renewals</li> </ul>
SEALINK Marine & Tourism MARINE & TOURISM	<ul> <li>Demand overall held up well, notwithstanding inclement weather in November, December. Price increases introduced to offset inflation</li> <li>Appointment of Chief Operating Officer, David Hay</li> <li>Further expansion in Whitsundays with acquisition of Red Cat Adventures (settled 1 February 2024)</li> </ul>
STRATEGIC / ESG	<ul> <li>Limited-recourse asset financing structures established to fund and house government–backed contracted assets and Battery Electric Buses</li> <li>Contracted to acquire several strategic property assets in Australia</li> <li>Commenced self-insurance for workers compensation in NSW</li> <li>Board renewal with the appointment of Jackie McArthur, from January 2024 and Fiona Hele to become Independent Chair from 1 July 2024</li> </ul>



# Expanded footprint; now the largest bus operator in Sydney

Successful integration of new contracts demonstrating experience and operational excellence



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# Summary Profit & Loss Statement

### Solid 1HFY24 result reflects AAAHI acquisition and new Sydney contracts

- Strong revenue growth reflects AAAHI contribution and new Sydney contracts
- Contract indexation mechanisms effectively hedge inflation for the majority of bus businesses (fuel price, wage inflation, CPI)
- · Higher labour costs due to labour availability challenges, increased overtime
- Non-cash amortisation charge associated with customer contracts intangibles of \$16.7 million
- Increased depreciation reflects resetting the asset base associated with the purchase price accounting for AAAHI (a one-off \$10 million impact of accelerated depreciation in FY24), acquisition of bus assets for Sydney contracts and purchase of additional motor coaches in the USA
- Higher interest reflects higher interest rates associated with unhedged portion of borrowings, additional borrowings to fund bus and motor coach assets for Sydney and USA and right of use asset interest of \$3.7 million
- EPS (before amortisation) increased by 2.4% to 16.8 cents per share
- Fully franked interim dividend of 8.0 cents per share, an increase of 6.7%
- Dividend reinvestment plan launched

Half year ended 31 December \$m	1HFY24	1HFY23	Growth	Growth %
Revenue	982.7	678.3	304.4	44.9%
Operating expenses*	(852.2)	(598.5)	(253.7)	42.4%
Underlying EBITDA	130.5	79.8	50.7	63.5%
Underlying EBITDA margin	13.3%	11.8%	1.5%	12.9%
Depreciation	(55.7)	(25.6)	(30.1)	117.6%
Underlying EBITA	74.8	54.2	20.6	38.0%
Amortisation	(16.7)	(9.3)	(7.4)	79.6%
Underlying EBIT	58.1	44.9	13.2	29.4%
Net interest expense	(25.2)	(9.0)	(16.2)	180.0%
Underlying NPBT	32.9	35.9	(3.0)	(8.4%)
Income tax expense	(6.5)	(9.4)	2.9	(30.9%)
Underlying NPAT	26.4	26.5	(0.1)	(0.8%)
Statutory NPAT	28.1	19.5	8.6	44.1%
Underlying NPATA	43.1	35.8	7.3	20.4%
Earnings per share**	0.168	0.164		
Shares on issue (million)	256.9	218.5		

\*Operating expenses before interest, depreciation, amortisation, acquisition and transaction expenses (\$2.7m) (2023: \$8.6m) and other significant items nil (2023: (\$0.9m)).

\*\* Earnings per share calculated based on Underlying NPATA and basic weighted average shares on issue



# Cashflow

### Underlying business continues to generate strong cashflow

### **Operating Cashflow**

\$60.3m

Net operating cash flow up \$23.4m or 63.4%

#### Investing Cashflow\*

# \$56.1m

Vessels under construction, hydrogen fuel cell and battery electric buses and charging infrastructure, motor coaches, strategic property

### **Cash Reserves**

\$113.1m

Maintained a robust cash buffer with significant cash reserves at period end

#### **Dividends Paid**

\$25.6m

Good earnings quality and strong cash generation support dividend payments

Half year ended 31 December \$m	1HFY24	1HFY23	Change	Change %
Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers	968.6 (870.3)	705.4 (637.0)	263.2 (233.3)	37.3% 36.6%
Gross operating cash flow	98.3	68.4	29.9	43.7%
Transaction costs Net interest Income tax (paid)/refunded	(0.6) (25.2) (12.2)	(8.5) (9.0) (14.0)	7.9 (16.2) 1.8	(92.9%) 180.0% (12.9%)
Net operating cash flow	60.3	36.9	23.4	63.4%
Disposals Additions Additions - contracted assets Business combinations	11.7 (56.1) (81.6) (9.3)	12.7 (44.6) - (28.3)	(1.0) (11.5) (81.6) 19.0	(7.9%) 25.8% - (67.1%)
Net investing cash flows	(135.3)	(60.2)	(75.1)	124.7%
Proceeds from borrowings Repayment of borrowings Other share expenses Dividends paid	68.8 (11.3) (0.6) (25.6)	21.1 (24.0) - (20.8)	47.7 12.7 (0.6) (4.8)	226.1% (52.9%) - 23.1%
Net financing cashflows	31.3	(23.7)	55.0	(232.1%)
Exchange rate on opening cash	(1.1)	0.9	(2.0)	(122.2%)
Cash at the end of the period	113.1	95.0	18.1	19.1%

\* Excluding contracted assets acquired in Regions 2 & 3 which were moved into a ring-fenced financing structure in February 2024



# Balance Sheet reflects investment in growth

Supports strategic initiatives and growth

- Balance Sheet strength supported organic growth and capital investment
- · Disciplined approach to capital management
- Gearing ratio (net debt divided by (net debt + equity)) of 44.2% increased from 39.8%
- \$132 million in available liquidity
- · Significant headroom in all bank covenants
- Re-financing of existing bank facilities underway

• Government backed contracted assets with a vehicle termination payment obligation total \$122.6 million as at 31 December 2023

Leverage of 2.38 times excluding debt associated with Government backed contracted assets

As at \$m	1HFY24	FY23	Change	Change %
Cash and cash equivalents	113.1	157.9	(44.8)	(28.3%)
Receivables	193.0	166.9	26.1	15.6%
Property, plant & equipment	733.5	656.4	77.1	11.8%
Plant & equipment - limited recourse *	6.8	-	6.8	-
Other tangible assets	61.9	49.6	12.3	24.8%
Total tangible assets	1,108.3	1,030.8	77.5	7.5%
Right of use assets	169.3	135.6	33.7	24.8%
Other assets	985.9	1,011.7	(25.7)	(2.5%)
Total assets	2,263.5	2,178.1	85.4	3.9%
Senior debt	739.7	677.8	61.9	9.1%
Debt - limited recourse ^	6.8	-	6.8	-
Other interest bearing liabilities	14.6	16.5	(1.9)	(11.6%)
Total debt	761.1	694.3	66.8	9.6%
Right of use liability	163.0	128.6	34.4	26.7%
Other liabilities	427.8	431.6	(3.8)	(0.9%)
Total liabilities	1,351.9	1,254.5	97.4	7.8%
Net assets	911.5	923.6	(12.1)	(1.3%)

^ Ring fenced financing used to purchase BEB's for Region 6 in Sydney

# Proforma balance sheet - adjusted for ring fenced government backed contracted assets



Ring fenced financing facilities provide flexibility and optionality

- Some Australian state government public transport contracts provide all depots and bus assets, e.g. Adelaide and Perth
- State government contracting models in Sydney and Melbourne support Kelsian 'warehousing' contracted bus assets on balance sheet along with the corresponding debt for the duration of the contract. This asset value and debt profile is matched and amortises over the term of the contract
- A ring-fenced limited recourse asset financing facility of up to \$40 million was established in July 2023 to fund the purchase of 49 battery electric buses for Region 6 in Sydney. The first draw down of this facility occurred in November 2023 with \$6.8 million utilised in the period
- In February 2024, ring-fenced limited recourse asset financing facilities totalling approximately \$74.8 million were established and drawn for the contracted bus assets acquired for new Region 2 (combined former R2 and R15) and new Region 3 (combined former R3 and R13) in Sydney
- Government backed contracted assets total \$122.6 million at 31 December 2023
- Excluding this contractual commitment, leverage (net senior debt to EBITDA) reduces to 2.38 times
- These financing facilities provide flexibility and optionality for governments to accelerate transition to zero-emission assets as new replacement assets can be fully debt funded and do not draw on Kelsian's corporate group financing facility limits

As at \$m	1HFY24	R2+R3	Proforma 1HFY24*	R6+Vic	Proforma 1HFY24**
Cash and cash equivalents	113.1		113.1		113.1
Receivables	193.0		193.0		193.0
Property, plant & equipment	733.5	(74.8)	658.7	(41.0)	617.7
Plant & equipment - ring fenced	6.8	74.8	81.6	41.0	122.6
Other tangible assets	61.9		61.9		61.9
Total tangible assets	1,108.3	-	1,108.3	-	1,108.3
Right of use assets	169.3		169.3		169.3
Other assets	985.9		985.9		985.9
Total assets	2,263.5	-	2,263.5	-	2,263.5
Senior debt	739.7	(74.8)	664.9	(41.0)	623.9
Debt - ring fenced	6.8	74.8	81.6	41.0	122.6
Other interest bearing liabilities	14.6		14.6		14.6
Total debt	761.1	-	761.1	-	761.1
Right of use liability	163.0		163.0		163.0
Other liabilities	427.8		427.8		427.8
Total liabilities	1,351.9	-	1,351.9	-	1,351.9
Net assets	911.5	-	911.5	-	911.5

\* Contracted assets in Regions 2 & 3 were moved into a ring-fenced financing structure in February 2024

\*\* Contracted assets in Region 6 (NSW) and Victoria are yet to move into a ringfenced structure but are Government backed



# Capex reflects a year of record investment

\$56.1 million of capital deployed in 1HFY24 to underpin growth and renew assets

### 1HFY24 Capex Actual \$56.1\* million

#### MARINE & TOURISM - \$20.9 million

- Kangaroo Island: two new vessels under construction, to nearly double capacity to support the 25-year exclusive licence to operate from July 2025
- Gladstone: new vessel to support new 10-year contract
- S-E Queensland: two new vessels under construction

#### **AUSTRALIAN BUS – \$7.9 million**

- Purchase of contracted assets in Regions 2, 13 & 15 (now in ring fenced financing facilities)
- Electric and hydrogen buses and depot charging infrastructure upgrades
- Motor coaches for Go West and Horizons West

#### **INTERNATIONAL BUS - \$19.1 million**

• Purchase of 46 motor coaches in the USA

#### **CORPORATE - \$8.2 million**

- K'gari (Fraser Island) property
- Melton bus depot, Vic
- CRM Software

### 2HFY24 Capex Forecast ~ \$88\* million

#### MARINE & TOURISM ~ \$33 million

- Continued expenditure on Kangaroo Island vessels
- Three vessels SEQ & Gladstone
- Marine infrastructure upgrades
- Motor coaches K'gari

#### AUSTRALIAN BUS ~ \$11 million

- Motor coaches Go West & Horizons West
- Electric buses
- Charging infrastructure

#### **INTERNATIONAL BUS** ~ \$28 million

• Purchase of 43 motor coaches (USA)

#### **CORPORATE** ~ \$16 million

- Newton bus depot, SA
- Russell Island property, Qld

Capex	1HFY24	1HFY23
Australian Bus	7.9	10.5
International Bus	19.1	2.3
Marine & Tourism	20.9	27.4
Corporate	8.2	4.4
Total Capex	56.1	44.6
+Australian bus ring fenced assets	81.6	-
Total Capex including ring fenced	137.7	44.6



New Kangaroo Island vessel under construction, Indonesia, January 2024

\* Excluding contracted assets acquired in ring-fenced financing structures



# Kangaroo Island Case Study – "investment for the future"

\$57 million is being spent on two new vessels, significantly increasing capacity for the new 25-year contract from FY25

#### **Existing licence 25-year exclusive licence from FY25 Trips per week** Trips per week AS WILL Run No minimum in current licence Contracted minimum service schedule SEALI • Currently run between 4-7 trips/day, each way • Peak (8 months): 11 trips/day on weekdays, 9 trips/day on weekends, each way • Off peak (4 months): 7 trips/day, each way **Current vessels** Two new vessels New Kangaroo Island vessel (artist impression) • Two 20+ year old vessels – nearing end of useful Drive through vessels improving turnaround times and safety DDA compliant lift access and facilities on each level life - increasing costs to maintain TOURISM AUSTRALIA Relatively slow turnaround times Propulsion systems with greater redundancy and improved · Single loading ramp, slower loading as vehicles manoeuvrability reverse onto the vessels creating safety challenges • International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Tier 3 engines The Old inefficient diesel engine technology delivering better fuel efficiency and lower emissions New Hork • Only one vessel able to carry dangerous goods • Both designed to allow for the transport of dangerous goods Stokes Bav as Best Times Capacity Increased capacity • Average vessel vehicle lane length increases by 70% to Average vessel vehicle lane length ~ 220 metres Beach in #7 on places to visit Freight capacity varies between existing vessels 380 metres Current vessels at capacity during peak periods • Two identical vessels improves flexibility for freight operators lonely 🕐 planet • > double the annual vehicle meterage capacity per year **New York Times** • $\sim 50\%$ more load (weight) carrying capacity per year '52 places to travel • ~ 20% increase in passenger capacity per year to in 2023<sup>,</sup> Kangaroo Controlled fares Island voted #2 Discounts to residents and property holders Kangaroo Island residents and freight only in Lonely Annual cost price indexation Some pricing flexibility except freight Planet's No annual indexation top travel destinations for 2024 16

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# Overview of 1HFY24 performance | Australian Bus

Result reflects defensive nature of contracts, providing a natural hedge in an inflationary environment

- Strong revenue growth reflects addition of new Sydney contracts and contract indexation mitigating inflation
- · Start up and integration costs for R2 and R3
- Labour shortages addressed
- Labour higher overtime costs during the period
- KPI penalties during the first half of the period
- Incremental depreciation reflects additional 380 buses from new contracts and full period of Horizons West Bus & Coachlines
- Go West Tours margin impacted by short term inflationary headwinds
- Perth rail replacement began in November 2023
- Costs associated with Melbourne tenders (submitted January 2024)
- Incremental margin improvement to be driven by network optimisation, operational efficiencies and scale

Half year ended 31 December \$m	1HFY24	1HFY23	Growth	Growth %
Revenue	501.6	411.5	90.1	21.9%
Direct expenses	(406.7)	(334.7)	(72.0)	21.5%
Indirect expenses	(40.9)	(25.9)	(15.0)	57.9%
Operating expenses	(447.6)	(360.6)	(87.0)	24.1%
Underlying EBITDA	54.0	50.9	3.1	6.1%
Underlying EBITDA margin	10.8%	12.4%	(1.6%)	(13.0%)
Depreciation	(17.9)	(14.4)	(3.5)	24.3%
Underlying EBITA	36.1	36.5	(0.4)	(1.1%)
Amortisation	(8.8)	(7.9)	(0.9)	11.4%
Underlying EBIT	27.3	28.6	(1.3)	(4.5%)

	Operational Statistics **	1HFY24	1HFY23
e995	Customer Journeys (LTM)	158 million	113 million
05	Kilometres Operated (LTM)	164 million	151 million
	Buses	3,746	3,095
202	Employees	6,692	5,506
	Contracts	72	37
\$	Revenue weighted avg remaining contract term*	4.6	5.5



# Overview of 1HFY24 performance | International Bus

First full period of contribution for AAAHI

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- Integration complete
- Strong growth continued across all businesses ٠
- Margin maintained and costs well managed
- Significant investment in fleet expansion (+46 motor coaches) and new facility leases (Sacramento and Austin)
- Asset book value reset as part of purchase price accounting resulting in higher depreciation
- Ongoing strong pipeline of opportunities in both contract and charter •

### Singapore

- · Labour shortages resolved but higher absenteeism resulted in additional overtime. Performance incentives still at low levels
- Pipeline of tender opportunities one tender out to market

### **United Kingdom / Channel Islands**

- Channel Islands contracts extended and business trading in line with expectations
- Participating in Manchester franchising opportunity

Half year ended 31 December \$m	1HFY24	1HFY23	Growth	Growth %
Revenue	305.0	99.3	205.7	207.2%
Direct expenses	(193.4)	(68.8)	(124.6)	181.1%
Indirect expenses	(59.4)	(26.4)	(33.0)	125.0%
Operating expenses	(252.8)	(95.2)	(157.6)	165.5%
Underlying EBITDA	52.2	4.1	48.1	1173.2%
Underlying EBITDA margin	17.1%	4.1%	13.0%	314.5%
Depreciation	(27.6)	(1.3)	(26.3)	2023.1%
Underlying EBITA	24.6	2.8	21.8	778.6%
Amortisation	(7.7)	(1.1)	(6.6)	600.0%
Underlying EBIT	16.9	1.7	15.2	894.1%

Operational Statistics **	1HFY24	1HFY23	
🙀 Customer Journeys (LTM)	163 million	134 million	
🔊 Kilometres Operated (LTM)	100 million	47 million	
∰ Buses	1,759	834	
શ્ર્લ્સ Employees	3,491	1,866	
Contracts	26	4	
\$ Revenue weighted avg remaining contract term *	2.9	5.3	



# Overview of 1HFY24 performance | Marine & Tourism

Domestic demand underpinned continued solid growth

- Result measured against a very strong performance in 1HFY23
- Domestic tourism demand largely maintained with evidence of deteriorating consumer sentiment from November
- Gradual recovery of international tourism ongoing, particularly in Sydney
- Peak trading month December impacted by inclement weather, eg Cyclone Jasper
- Full period of new Gladstone contract with no higher margin discretionary work during the period
- Fare increases and dynamic pricing in part offset margin compression due to inflation. Additional fare increases planned for 2HFY24
- Ongoing rollout of Customer Relationship Management software
- Ongoing investment in establishing Brilliant Travels national marketing and cross selling – <u>www.brillianttravels.com.au</u>
- Acquisition of Red Cat Adventures (October 2023), to further strengthen Whitsunday's business - completion 1 February 2024

Half year ended 31 December \$m	1HFY24	1HFY23	Growth	Growth %
Revenue	176.1	167.5	8.6	5.1%
Direct expenses	(113.0)	(106.8)	(6.2)	5.8%
Indirect expenses	(24.7)	(23.4)	(1.3)	5.6%
Operating expenses	(137.7)	(130.2)	(7.5)	5.8%
Underlying EBITDA	38.4	37.3	1.1	2.9%
Underlying EBITDA margin	21.8%	22.3%	(0.5%)	(2.2%)
Depreciation	(9.6)	(9.4)	(0.2)	2.1%
Underlying EBITA	28.8	27.9	0.9	3.2%
Amortisation	(0.2)	(0.3)	0.1	(33.3%)
Underlying EBIT	28.6	27.6	1.0	3.6%
Operational Statistics **		1HFY24	1HFY23	
Customer Journeys (LTM)		11 million	9 million	
Vessels		115	113	
Buses		62	62	
Employees		1,905	1,725	
Contracts		16	17	
Revenue weighted avg remaining contract term *		12.8	13.3	



# Overview of 1HFY24 performance | Corporate

Building capability to manage larger more complex business



#### Information technology & cyber

- Appointment of Group CIO
- IT systems & software
- Cyber prevention solutions



#### **Customer experience**

CRM Solution



### People

- Training & development
- Business development
- Group Enterprise Risk Manager



### Overhead costs

- Insurance
- Travel

### Corporate costs well managed

Half year ended 31 December \$m	1HFY24	1HFY23	Growth	Growth %
Revenue	-	-	-	
Direct expenses	-	-	-	
Indirect expenses	(14.1)	(12.6)	(1.5)	11.9%
Operating expenses	(14.1)	(12.6)	(1.5)	11.9%
Underlying EBITDA	(14.1)	(12.6)	(1.5)	11.9%
Underlying EBITDA margin	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	(0.5)	(0.5)	-	-
Underlying EBITA	(14.6)	(13.1)	(1.5)	11.5%
Amortisation	-	-	-	-
Underlying EBIT	(14.6)	(13.1)	(1.5)	11.5%



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# 2HFY24 focus areas

Capitalise on growth opportunities and benefits of scale

### Operational

- Capitalise on strong momentum in AAAHI
- Further integration of Sydney contracts to extract synergies and efficiencies and mobilise new Bankstown rail replacement services
- Leverage scale advantages to drive revenue and margin growth
- Transit Academy focussed on driver attraction, training and retention
- Global procurement opportunities
- Capitalise on international tourism recovery in Marine & Tourism

### Strategic

- Finalising the investment program in marine assets
- Continue rollout of dynamic pricing and yield management initiatives to offset inflationary pressures in Marine & Tourism
- Work with governments to achieve objectives in delivering sustainable transport solutions including investing in fleet conversion and depot infrastructure

### Growth

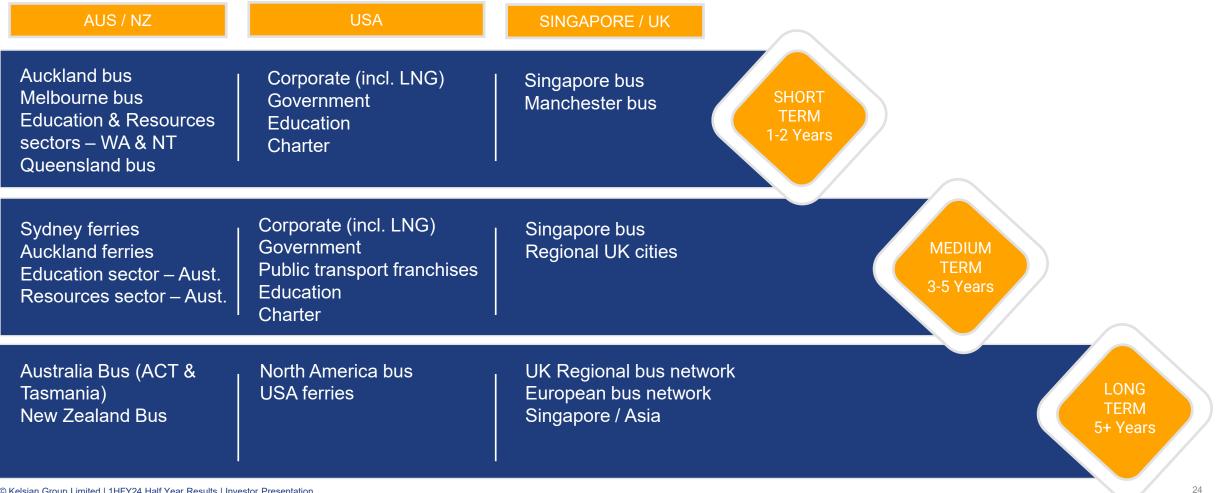
- Organic Conversion of near-term tender opportunities e.g. Melbourne, Singapore, Manchester and USA
- M&A Opportunities for strategic bolt on acquisitions in USA, Australia and UK





# Strong pipeline of growth opportunities (organic & acquisitions)

Leaders in transitioning contracts, operational excellence and efficiency





# **Executive summary**

Purpose: To be a world leader in delivering essential journeys through safe, intelligent and sustainable transport solutions, while creating brilliant customer experiences

- Diversified businesses and geographies create a resilient business model
- Long-term, low-risk, government backed service contracts provide consistent, predictable earnings base and cash flows
- Transport services continue to provide stable growth and new opportunities, driven by population growth, urbanisation, decarbonisation, privatisation
- Contract indexation mechanisms for majority of bus business effectively hedge against inflation
- Sector continues to be viewed favourably by debt capital providers
- Opportunity to leverage synergies and efficiencies from integration of new contracts and acquisitions and drive revenue and margin growth
- Global buying power to underpin procurement opportunities
- Strong management team with deep sector expertise and strong track record in delivering on organic growth and strategic acquisitions
- Leadership in sustainable transport ensures well placed to benefit from Government's focus on decarbonisation and traffic reduction
- Several opportunities in domestic and international M&A







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