# Gamma Half Year 2024 Results 10 September 2024

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Half Year 2024 Business Update Andrew Belshaw, CEO





## Half Year 2024 Business Update **Business Highlights**

### **Organic growth in all Business Units**

- Growing product portfolio and high levels of customer service Ο
- Continued investment in research and development Ο
- Rebuilding our existing suite of portals 0

### **Acquisitions delivering well and supporting Group performance**

- Satisnet good wins in H1 including cross sell into the Gamma customer base, strong and Ο growing sales pipeline
- Coolwave extending number of compliant countries; will launch unified Operator Connect Ο solution early in 2025
- Pragma strong performance in the first half, helping us reach 1m Cloud seats in the UK 0

### Strategic bolt-on acquisitions enhance capability and open up new markets

- BrightCloud is a key Cisco partner for CX and CCaaS additional cross sell opportunities Ο
- Deal to acquire Placetel would accelerate growth in Germany 0



## H1 2024 Business Update



- High levels of recurring revenue and margin in **Gamma Business** Ο
- Strong start to 2024 for Gamma Enterprise, boosted by acquisition of Satisnet 0
- Continued growth in Germany increase in Cloud Seats and SIP Trunks driving GP and EBITDA growth 0

\*Stable in local currency. The adverse impact of movements in exchange rates has resulted in a 3% decline



# Half Year 2024 Financial Highlights Bill Castell, CFO





## H1 2024 Financial Highlights



\***13%** adjusted EPS growth at actual tax rates. 16% when adjusting 2024 results to 2023 tax rates 2024 EPS growth was adversely impacted by the change in the UK corporation tax rate from 19% to 25% in April 2023



## **Income Statement**

- Recurring revenue grew to £252.7m, 89% of total revenue (2023: 90%)
- Revenue grew by 10% (organic growth 5%<sup>†</sup>) and gross profit by 11% (organic growth 7%<sup>†</sup>)
- Gross margin maintained above 51%
- Adjusted EBITDA growth of 10% (organic growth 8%<sup>†</sup>)
- Adjusting items of  $\pounds(0.6)$  m in the period relate to the implementation of new cloud-based Finance and HR systems
- Adjusted PBT grew 16% to £56.0m, supported by higher interest income

<sup>+</sup>Excluding the impact of acquisitions and movements in foreign exchange rates

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	Six mont 30 June 2024	hs ended 30 June 2023	Year ended 31 December 2023	Half on half Growth
	282.5	256.2	521.7	10%
sales	(136.7)	(125.0)	(254.5)	
fit	145.8	131.2	267.2	11%
it margin	51.6%	51.2%	51.2%	
ads	(83.6)	(74.7)	(152.9)	12%
EBITDA	62.2	56.5	114.3	10%
argin	22.0%	22.1%	21.9%	
ional & other adjusting items*	(0.6)	0.0	(16.0)	
iation and amortisation	(9.6)	(9.5)	(21.3)	
sation on business combinations*	(6.3)	(4.8)	(10.0)	
profit	45.7	42.2	67.0	8%
t income	3.6	1.7	5.4	
l of deferred consideration*	(0.6)	0.0	(0.4)	
t expense	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.5)	
ore tax	48.5	43.5	71.5	11%
ense	(12.7)	(10.4)	(17.8)	
r tax	35.8	33.1	53.7	8%
profit before tax	56.0	48.3	97.9	16%
EPS (Pence, fully diluted)	42.5	37.5	75.1	13%

## **Gamma Business**

- Healthy 12% growth in revenue, supported by our recent M&A
  - Pragma Group (EnableX), acquired in December 2023, has been successfully integrated and contributed £7.5m of revenue and £2.9m gross profit in H1
  - Coolwave acquisition contributed £2.2m revenue and £0.8m gross profit in H1
- Organic growth is driven by our Cloud **PBX** solutions
  - Growth has also been supported through targeted price rises (mainly on traditional products including connectivity and traffic)
- Gross margin has remained consistent at 53%





## **Gamma Enterprise**

- Delivered 15% revenue growth, driven by key contract wins and M&A
  - Satisnet Ltd, acquired in August 2023, has been successfully integrated and contributed £5.5m of revenue and £2.1m gross profit in H1
- Gross profit increased by 14%
- Gross margin has reduced slightly due to  $\bullet$ the impact of the Satisnet acquisition
- Significant wins including:
  - SD-WAN, LAN, WiFi, and security infrastructure for **Morrisons Supermarkets**
  - Fusion IOT solution for The AA
  - Several wins for our omni-channel contact center management solution, Smart Agent, with Equiniti and additional sales to JD Sports Fashion in the US



## Europe

- Revenue growth of -3% (0% at constant currency)
  - Good progress in higher margin products (UCaaS & SIP), offset by a reduction in low margin Germany Mobile SIM revenue (Epsilon) as well as low margin hardware sales in the Netherlands
- MS Teams voice users grew by 33% •
- Cloud PBX seats grew by 12% in Germany
  - We have seen more challenging conditions in Spain and \_ the Netherlands, with a decline of 3%
- Gross profit grew 4% (7% at constant currency)
  - Continuing gross profit growth in Germany and Spain
  - Netherlands (a mature market) performed in line with the prior year
  - Gross margin improving largely due to the impact of product mix



## Investment

### **Overheads**

- Increased by 12% to £83.6m (2023 £74.7m), compared to a gross profit growth of 11%
- Like for like overheads growth of 7%\*, • compared to gross profit growth of 7%\*, largely driven by a higher proportion of development spend being expensed in the P&L
- If development costs were capitalised at the same rate as 2023, £2.7m of expensed cost would move to capex and the like for like overheads growth would fall to 3%

### **Development costs**

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### **Capital expenditure**

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\*Excluding the impact of acquisitions and movements in foreign exchange rates

Overall development spend decreased by **£0.8m** due to cost savings from the restructuring announced in 2023

	2024	2023	Variance	
	10.7	8.4	2.3	
	4.7	7.8	(3.1)	
lopment Spend	15.4	16.2	(0.8)	
on Rate	31%	48%		

Capital spend decreased by £2.7m to £7.8m following the restructure of our technology team and a lower capitalisation rate. We expect levels of capex to increase in H2 as we increase resource on new development projects, including the refresh of our portal

	2024	2023	Variance	
ent costs	4.7	7.8	(3.1)	
sets	1.4	1.8	(0.4)	
cences	1.7	0.9	0.8	
tal Spend	7.8	10.5	(2.7)	

## **Balance Sheet**

- Strong cash reserves £142.9m
- No debt on the balance sheet other than IFRS 16 liability and contingent consideration
- Receivables and payables increased as a result of M&A
- Contingent consideration\* has increased to £9.4m
  - Acquisition of Satisnet (£4.3m) and Pragma (£5.1m)
  - Offset by payments made on historic acquisitions

\*Discounted value, including put option liabilities

### Balance

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Sheet as at	Six months ended 30 June 30 June 2024 2023		Year ended 31 December 2023	
ent assets (incl. PPE)	218.7	180.0	214.3	
bles and inventories	134.9	122.0	124.0	
	142.9	123.5	136.5	
assets	277.8	245.5	260.5	
sets	496.5	425.5	474.8	
ent liabilities	41.5	30.1	41.5	
iabilities	100.1	72.1	89.1	
bilities	141.6	102.2	130.6	
apital and share premium	23.5	18.3	23.1	
serves	(7.2)	9.1	6.9	
learnings	339.5	297.2	315.1	
trolling interest	0.2	0.9	0.2	
out options over NCIs	(1.1)	(2.2)	(1.1)	
uity	354.9	323.3	344.2	
d Debt (£m)				
	142.9	123.5	136.5	
uired with subsidiaries	0.0	(1.8)	(1.7)	
h	142.9	121.7	134.8	
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lease liability	(7.4)	(10.5)	(10.0)	
ent Consideration*	(9.4)	(4.5)	(10.5)	

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## Cashflow

- Adjusted cash conversion of **100%**
- Taxes paid increase due to growth in PBT, impact of the increase in UK tax rate and tax refunds received in the prior year
- 2024 M&A activity
  - Acquisition of Coolwave **£6.8m**
  - Contingent consideration of **£1.7m** for Mission Labs
  - **£0.5m** for final payment of the NeoTel acquisition
  - Future consideration to be paid is estimated to be £12.3m<sup>†</sup> (undiscounted, including options on Pragma); of which £1.1m is payable within 12 months
- Since 30 June 2024 we have acquired BrightCloud  $\bullet$ for £9.0m with an additional payment of up to £4m if revenue targets are met
- Share buy back cost of £12.6m as at 30 June (£27.3m on programme expiry)

<sup>+</sup>£9.4m discounted value, as disclosed on the balance sheet

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\*Adjusted for cash outflows related to exceptional items (restructuring costs) and other adjusting items (system implementation costs) \*\*Includes deferred consideration and put option liability payments

ow Statement (£m)	H1 2024	H1 2023	Growth
d EBITDA	62.2	56.5	10%
enerated by operations	59.6	57.1	4%
back: Cash impact of exceptional items	2.2	-	
back: Cash impact of other adjusting items	0.4	-	
d cash generated by operations	62.2	57.1	9%
d cash conversion*	100%	101%	
es paid	(13.2)	(5.3)	
oital expenditure	(7.8)	(10.5)	
d free cash flow (Adjusted FCF)	41.2	41.3	0%
eptional and other adjusting items	(2.6)	-	
uisitions**	(9.0)	(2.4)	
idends	(11.1)	(9.7)	
chase of treasury shares	(12.6)	-	
er investing & financing cash flows	0.7	(0.1)	
ease in cash	6.6	29.1	

## **Analyst Modelling Guidance**

Overall expectations for the full year 2024:

- Adjusted EBITDA within the top half of the company compiled consensus range\* (range)  $f{20.9m} - f{2127.4m}; mid-point f{2124.2m}$
- Adjusted EPS at the top end of the company compiled consensus range\* (range 78.4p 84.0p)
- Capex expected range reduced to £18m £21m
- Operating cash conversion guidance maintained at over 90%
- The share buy back programme expired on 6 September 2024 and the Board has decided not to extend this buyback beyond its original term

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<sup>\*</sup> Consensus range as at 6 September 2024

# Update on Strategy and Market Trends

Andrew Belshaw, CEO



## **Gamma's Growth Drivers**

Customers are requiring more complex communications solutions which we are now able to address due to our broad suite of solutions. Additional capabilities have been acquired through Satisnet and BrightCloud. New portal will make adding new solutions easier

German cloud market is still underpenetrated and the strength of our German organisation will be enhanced by our agreement to buy Placetel

Evolution of our SIP base is an opportunity to increase ARPU as customers move to higher value solutions; strong partnerships with E-LG and Cisco will help us





## **Gamma's Unique Position**

### **Carrier Capability** Key for voice enablement

### **Global tech giants and** large partners

## **Quality of service Portal Evolution**





## Local distribution reach



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## Gamma's UCaaS Portfolio: Gamma Connect





### Gamma's 2026 strategic priorities are being realised through our acquisitions





## **Previously reported acquisitions**

**Satisnet** A Gamma company



- August 2023
- Leading provider of cyber security services and solutions to businesses across the UK and Europe
- Cross-sale opportunities to • existing companies

- December 2023
- Relationship with Ericsson-LG
- Access to Ericsson-LG's UCaaS solution, iPECS
- Enable resellers to access new opportunities







- February 2024
- International SMS and voice services provider
- Allow us to provide Operator Connect and other carrier services into 14 countries
- Enhance our Service Provider business (reported within Gamma Business)

## Acquisition of BrightCloud – CX Capability



- **Experts in Cisco Customer Experience**  $\bullet$ ("CX") and CCaaS
- **Direct and Indirect customers** •
- **Increasing Managed Services and** therefore recurring revenues
- **Subject Matter Experts** •





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- **Next Gen Communications MSP** •
- Leading brand in Enterprise
- Leader in MS Teams and OC
- **Direct and Indirect Customers**

## Acquisition of Placetel – German reach

# PLACETEL

- Large UCaaS base over 260,000 seats •
- **Digital platform selling Cisco** • **Collaboration Suite**
- **Strong German brand** •
- Large dealer base complementary to • Gamma



## A leading provider in Germany Enhanced partnership – Gamma and Cisco



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- **Strong relationship with Cisco** •
- **Cisco Collaboration identified as a strategic UCaaS product**
- Large dealer base complementary to Placetel
- UCaaS base 38,000 seats •

## **ESG Update** Andrew Belshaw, CEO

## **Communications with a Conscience**

### **Environmental**

- Targeting Carbon net-zero in 2042 for Scope 1, 2 & 3. Targets approved by SBTi
- Validation for ESOS Phase 3 demonstrating commitment to energy efficiency and regulatory compliance

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### Social

- Launched Gamma Scholarship Programme, supporting STEM students at University of Salford and Glasgow Caledonian University
- Our Charity Forum ran Gamma Games, Gamma Golf Day, and contributed to the Street Soccer Academy

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### Governance

- Board is considering a move to the Main Market
- Re-certified against our existing
  ISO certifications and actively
  working towards ISO
  27001:2022 certification before
  October 2025
- We've worked successfully with
  both customers and suppliers for
  external audits, retaining our
  various certifications



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## Business Outlook Andrew Belshaw, CEO

## **Business Outlook**



Robust business model with strong **recurring revenue and margin**, **high cash conversion** and with **strong balance sheet** 

### Cloud PBX penetration in UK around 50%; Europe significantly lower

Market growth will continue in UK and ARPU holding due to increasing penetration of bolt-ons; acquisition will strengthen position in Germany



## Migrations in UK market present significant opportunities

PSTN Switch off slowly starting to drive PhoneLine+ adoption "SIP + Hardware" will increasingly move to a Cloud Product with higher ARPU









**Investment in portal** will improve customer experience and allow us to add additional capabilities more easily in future

Recent acquisitions have been immediately accretive and enhanced growth across the group

We continue to look for additional M&A opportunities to add to routes to market and product / technical capability - opportunities exist to add more capabilities through larger acquisitions





## Andrew Belshaw, CEO Bill Castell, CFO



# Thank you.





# Appendix

### Cloud PBX & Contact









