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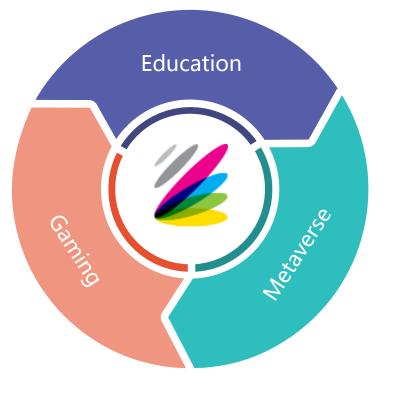
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NetDragon at a glance

- #1 global classroom technology brand* by shipment volume in 1H22
- Best-in-class hardware + software to enable blended learning globally
- Contributed more than 2/3 of topline growth since FY19

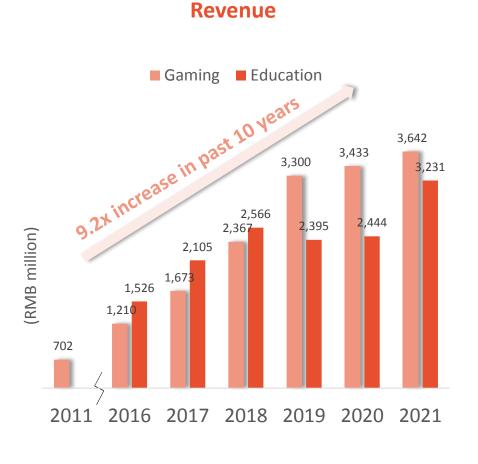
- Ranked amongst the TOP 15 gaming companies in China^{**}
- 3.0x top + 5.7x bottom line growth from 2016 to 2021
- Generated ~RMB 8.3B of core segmental profit during the same period



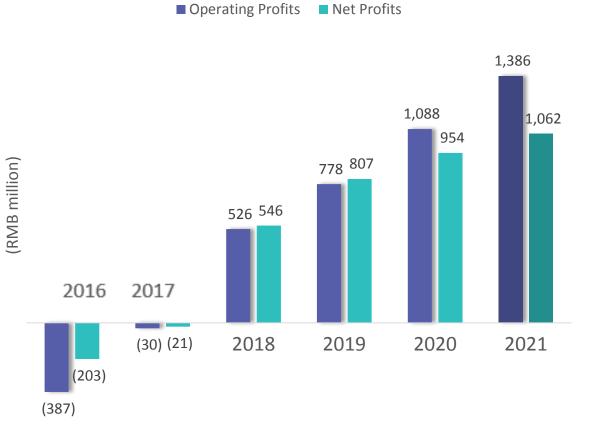
 Accumulated various fundamental technology capabilities for Metaverse, such as AI, VR, 3D modeling, TTS, Hologram, etc.

 Actively invest in frontier business opportunities to fuel the growth

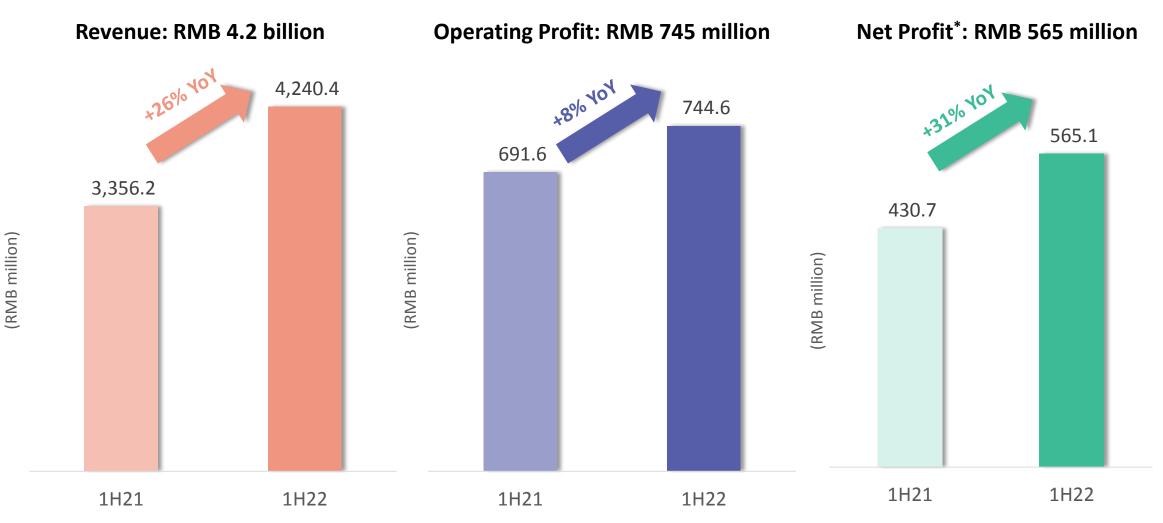
Track record of growth



Operating Profits & Net Profits^{*}



1H22 financial highlights



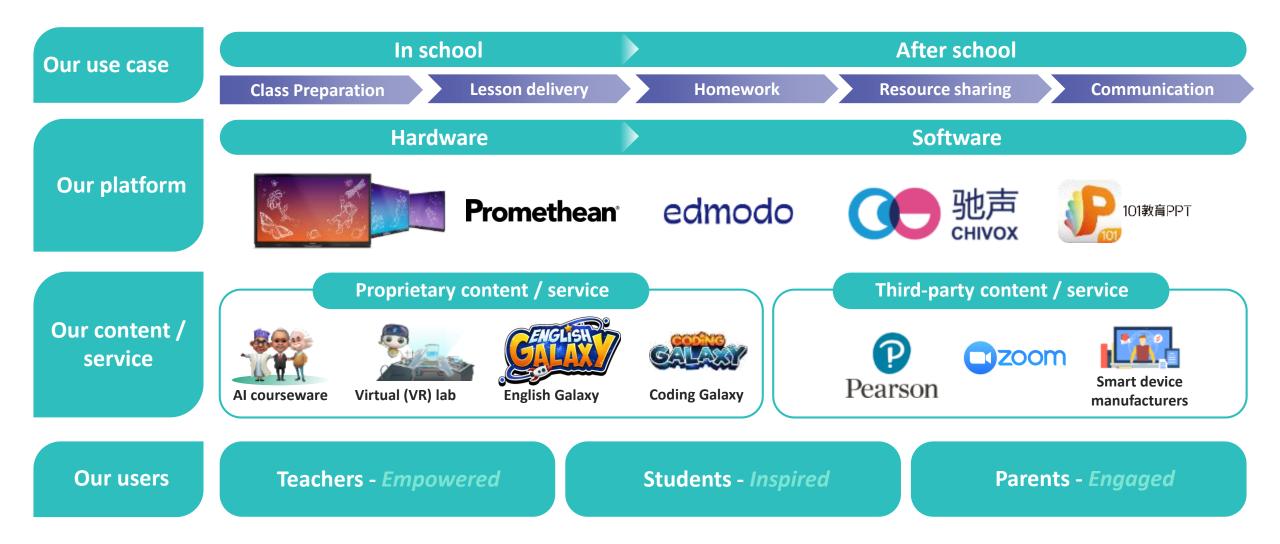
* Net profit attributable to owners of the company

Education Business

Building a Unique Blended Learning Business Model

We are the only global EdTech player

with tools and contents covering the entire blended learning value chain



Investment highlights

- The #1 global market leader in a **US\$60B+ immediate addressable market**
- 2 Proprietary access to extensive distribution channels through long-standing relationships with local partners
- 3 Unrivalled market-leading flagship products with strong industry recognition and a sticky user base
 - **Pioneer in one-stop blended learning solutions** empowered by our technology and our ability to integrate products
- 5 Unique country deployment model results in high scalability and operating leverage
- Optimal mix of **China and international R&D team** results in **scalable and cost effective product development** with understanding of user needs globally



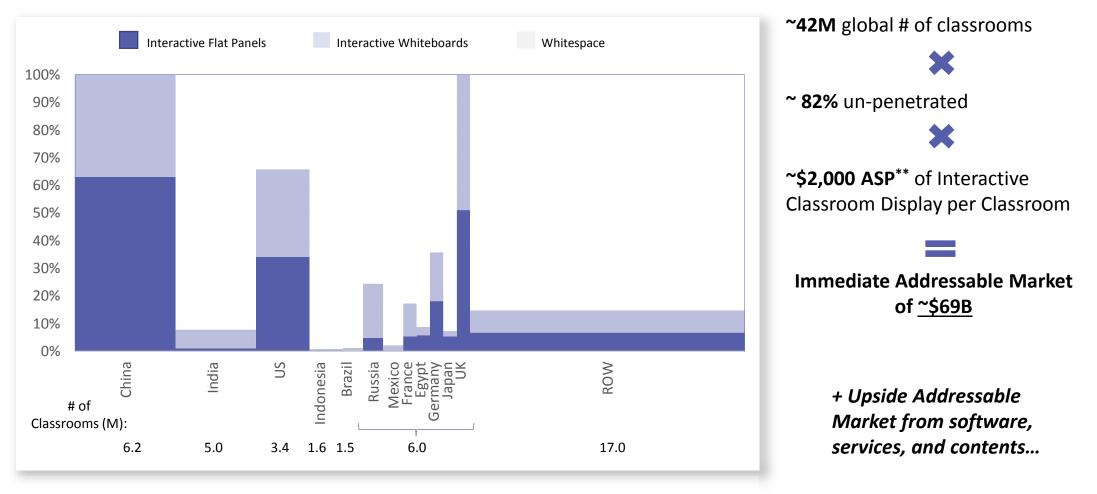
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The #1 global market leader^{*} in a US\$60B+ immediate addressable market

Global K12 Classroom Penetration of Interactive Display



* Market share and penetration numbers based on Futuresource Consulting <Quarter 2 2022 World Interactive Displays> report, Aug 2022 ** ASP is for illustrative purpose only (Our ASP in 1H22 was US\$ 2,186)

O21 Proprietary access to extensive distribution channels through long-standing relationships with local partners



Deep channel network built over 20+ years to enable product reach into classrooms



Dedicated professional development and training team to ensure customized implementation on the ground



Global penetration supported by our local partner network to enable 2G (educational authorities) and 2B (schools) channel reach

Serving global markets for

20+ Years

with deep knowledge of educators' pain points

Cooperation with global partners

1,000+

Distributors/Resellers

Countries Covered Worldwide

Unrivalled market-leading flagship products with strong industry recognition and a sticky user base

Successfully grew Promethean into a market leader in classroom technology

Promethean[®]

Interactive Classroom Technology



Global #1 Market Leader in K12 Classroom Interactive Display^{*}



Hardware + Software integration (*display panel* + *lesson prep*.

& delivery software)



Enable interactive teaching and collaboration





1.7 Million Classrooms (Installed base)

30+ Million Students

Countries

150+

#1 Market Share* Worldwide

* #1 market share globally by K12 classroom interactive display sales volume worldwide in 1H22 (Source: Futuresource 2022 Q2 report)

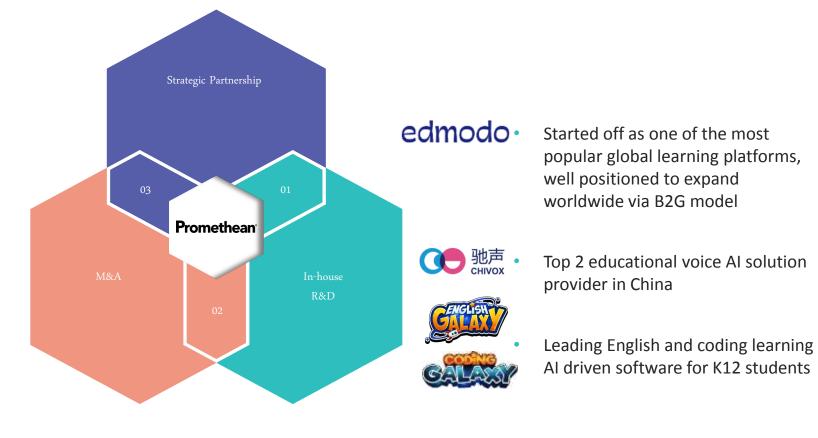
Unrivalled market-leading flagship products with strong industry recognition and a sticky user base

Leveraging our Promethean platform to add new revenue streams in software/content/SAAS



- Leading SaaS-based voice-activated AI solution in the world targeted at K12 education
- Entered into a US-based exclusive partnership to sell via our channel network

 Actively pursuing M&A opportunities with intention to plug in ready-to-monetize content and software onto our Promethean platform



Unrivalled market-leading flagship products with strong industry recognition and a 03 sticky user base

Our Overall Competitive Edge Puts us in a Great Position to Win in the Market

	Understanding of Educators' Needs Across Markets	Sales Network	Complex Implementation Capability	Existing Installed Base	Brand Recognition
Promethean	Deep understanding Knowledge gained from serving all major markets for 20 years+	Leading global sales network Over 1,000 Distributors and Resellers, covering 150+ countries	High Track record of multiple large school district rollout and country rollout	Largest globally (ex-China) Estimated 1.7M classroom installed based for future replacement sales	Top education brand As a market leader for >20 years and #1 in market share (ex-China)
Other IFPD Brands	Major players are either not focused in education or entered edtech space only in recent years	Many new entrants are competing on pricing in setting up their sales network	Mostly Low to Medium	Mostly Low to Medium	Varies depending on the brand

1947 Pioneer in one-stop blended learning solutions empowered by our technology and our ability to integrate products



Egypt

- Delivered 30K+ *Promethean* panels since FY19, and signed definitive agreement in 1H22 for another 90k panels
- Roll out *Edmodo World* nationally as the customized learning platform with software revenue stream expected in 2023
- Aiming to distribute educational software, service and content via *Promethean + Edmodo* platforms

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Thailand

- Positive results for the pilot program of English Smart Classroom Lab, powered by our *Chivox* and *English Galaxy* products to be operated on our *Edmodo* platform
- National roll-out of English Smart Classroom Lab expected in coming quarters
- Commercial-scale revenue expected in 2023

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China

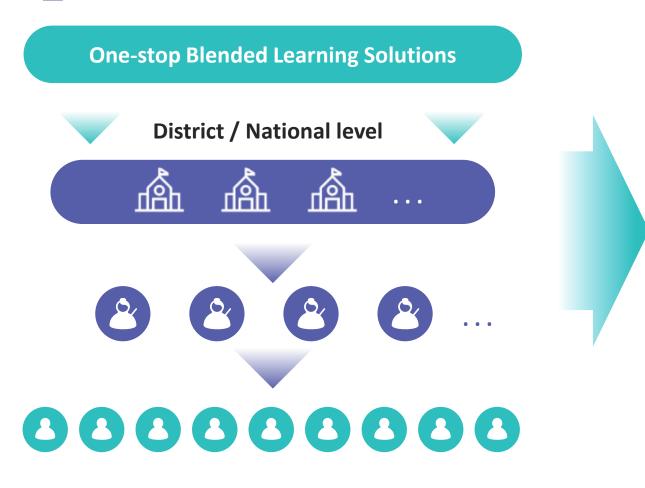
- NetDragon is the selected technology provider for NCET* (direct edtech unit of China MOE) in the development of the *National K-12 Smart Education Platform***, launched in March 2022
- National K-12 Smart Education Platform is the go-to learning management platform intended by MOE for top-down nationwide adoption by K12 students in China
- Average daily viewing reaching 40 million since March 2022
- Another nationwide 2G product –
 "Virtual VR Lab^{***}" platform launched in partnership with NCET, with coverage of K12 schools in 31 provinces

* China National Centre for Education Technology

** The MOE of China held a dedicated press conference to show case the progress of this platform: <u>http://www.moe.gov.cn/fbh/live/2022/54324/</u>
*** For further details of this product, please refer to the product website: <u>https://ndepc.101.com/product/3</u>

Unique country deployment model results in high scalability and operating leverage

Zero customer acquisition cost as a result of top down 2G adoption





One-stop blended learning offerings + ability to understand and meet bespoke requirements with "local" knowledge

= Unique position to address government's EdTech needs



First mover to implement this model at scale, while enlarging our competitive lead with wins in multiple countries

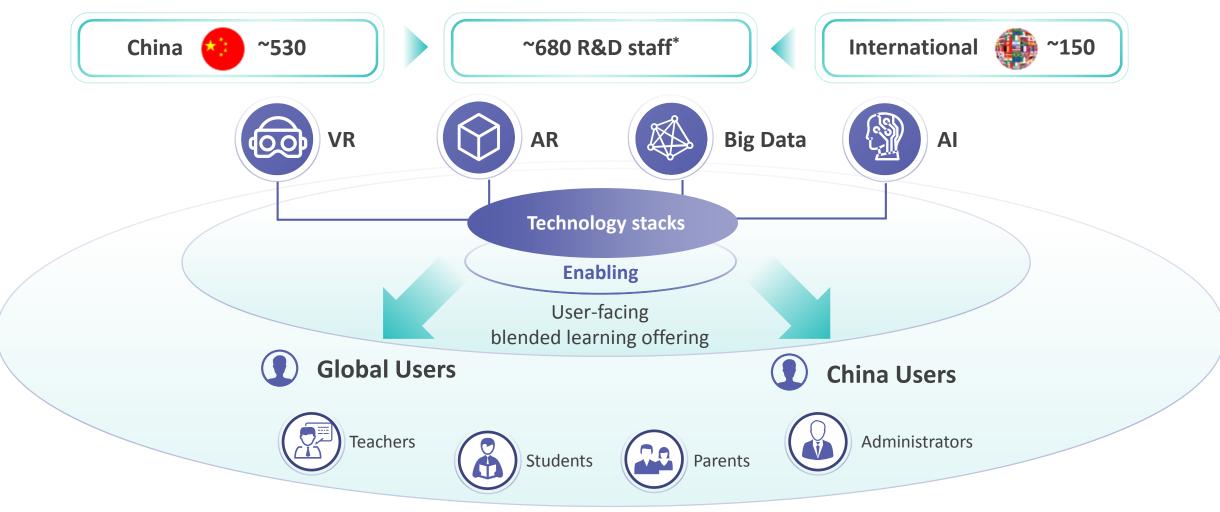


Top-down adoption results in immediate acquisition of:

✓ millions of teachers; and

✓ tens of millions of students

Optimal mix of China and international R&D team results in scalable and cost effective product development with understanding of user needs globally



Growth drivers into the future

Baseline Drivers

Newly-created Drivers

New Normal for Education



The pandemic has led to inelastic demand for blended learning globally

Growing Penetration



Interactive Classroom Display Penetration Globally (ex. China) is still less than 6%^{*}

Continued Market Share Growth



 Expand beyond "premium market", further opening ourselves up to 40%+ of the addressable market



Software/Content/SAAS



M&A and Partnerships



Country Roll-Out Opportunities

Gaming Business

Well-established and emerging IPs to drive sustained profitability growth

Gaming IP overview



Eudemons: 1st generation IP with unique scarcity value



Conquer: One of the most popular "Wuxia" MMORPG in overseas



Heroes Evolved: 1st domestic MOBA game in China



Neopets: 150m+ global fans since the 90s



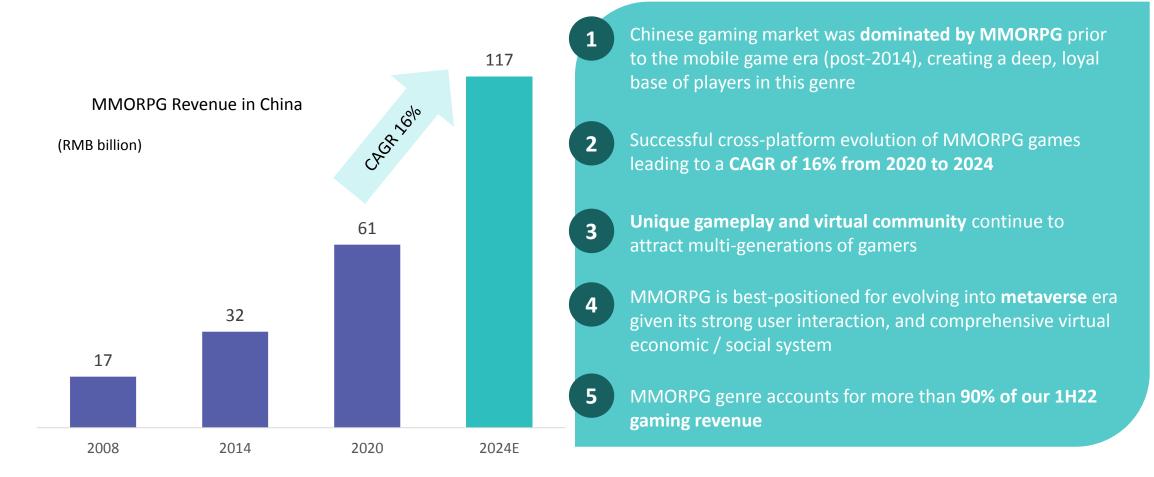
Under Oath: New ACGN game with bestin-class visual design

Investment highlights

Our Core Market: MMORPG – fast growing genre with huge upside potential $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Flagship IP Eudemons - Iconic, non-replicable IP with unique scarcity value **Exceedingly high R&D barrier to produce MMORPG titles of similar scale** 3 4 Strong profitability with high margin riding on strength of IPs and heavy organic traffic Growth strategy leveraging sustained growth of existing games and strong pipeline (5) Well positioned to expand into overseas market with proven business model (6)

01 Our Core Market: MMORPG – fast growing genre with huge upside potential

Strong growth trajectory for MMORPG market in China



2 Flagship IP Eudemons - Iconic, non-replicable IP with unique scarcity value

First-mover and most influential western fantasy MMORPG in China



+20 Years

- Accumulated gross billings surpassed RMB 90 billion in China
- The IP is operated by Century Huatong in China, which is currently trading at 12.9x PE(TTM), with FY17/21 revenue CAGR of 4%



+18 Years

- Continue to be a core revenue contributor to Activision Blizzard
- Microsoft announced in Jan 2022 to acquire Activision Blizzard for US\$68.7B by an all cash offer, at **18.3x** EV/EBITDA (2021)

2004



- +15 Years
- Gross billing surpassed RMB 4 billion since 2019
- Robust pipeline of new games to drive revenue growth

What We Have In Common...

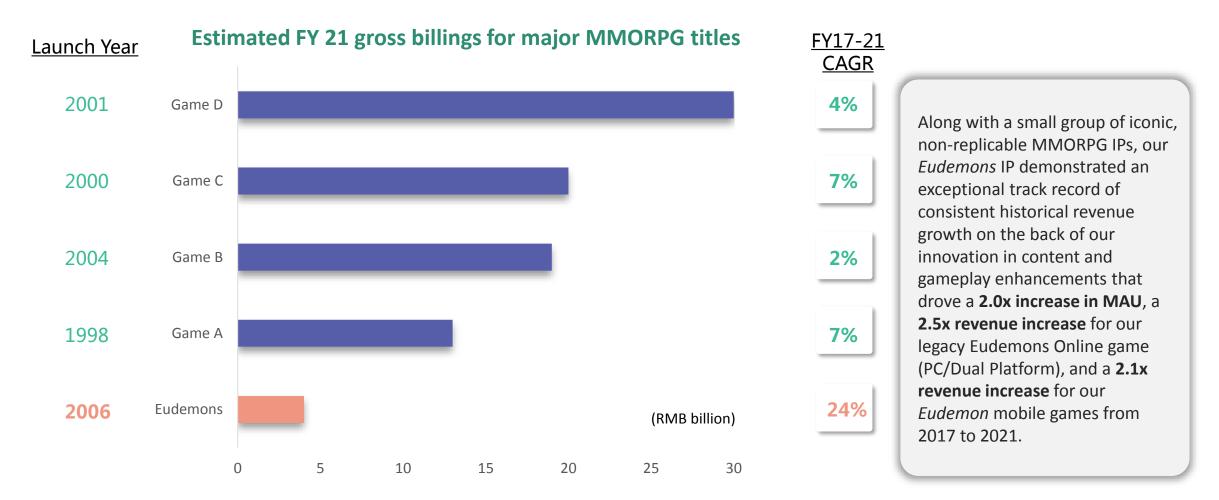
- Iconic IP from early era of online games with high scarcity value
- Continuous growth from efforts in expanding the IP Ecosystem to other media forms
- "Brotherhood" culture icon with huge population of closely-bonded hardcore players
- Core players reaching the life stage with increased and strong paying capabilities

2000

2006

2 Flagship IP Eudemons - Iconic, non-replicable IP with unique scarcity value

Exceptional growth track record with massive room for future growth compared to other major titles



2 Flagship IP Eudemons - Iconic, non-replicable IP with unique scarcity value

Value of iconic IPs is further proven by the recent success of "Remake Versions"

	Launch Year	"Remake Version" performance
FINAL FANTASY.VII	1997	Final Fantasy VII Remake Version was released in April 2020, and became one of the best selling PS games historically with the first three days sales reached 3.5M copies, surpassing the IP's most recent update (FF 15)
	2007	<i>TLBB: Vintage Version</i> (天龙八部:怀旧版) launched in 4Q20 boosted the gaming segment of SOHU significantly. For the seven quarters after the launch, average quarterly revenue was up ~50%.
家庭は	2002	JXQY I: Gui Lai (剑网I: 归来) was ranked 3 rd on IOS games board in the first week of its launch in 4Q21. For the three quarters since the launch, average quarterly revenue was up more than 1/3 .

The "Remake Version" bet on the nostalgia of gamers community by bringing back the original gameplay and artistic designs of the original IP title launched often more than one decade ago. The success of legacy MMORPG IPs' "Remake Version" in recent years has reinforced the belief in IP longevity and user stickiness. **Our "Remake Version" of** *Eudemons* **IP is planned to be launched in 2H23.**

3 Exceedingly high R&D barrier to produce MMORPG titles of similar scale

Long development cycle combined with low hit rate hinders R&D willingness for new titles

A successful MMORPG title requires multiple years of effort and hundreds of millions (in RMB) in R&D cost, yet with a very low hit rate – **only four** new titles in past 5 years have generated more than RMB 5 billion gross billings in China:

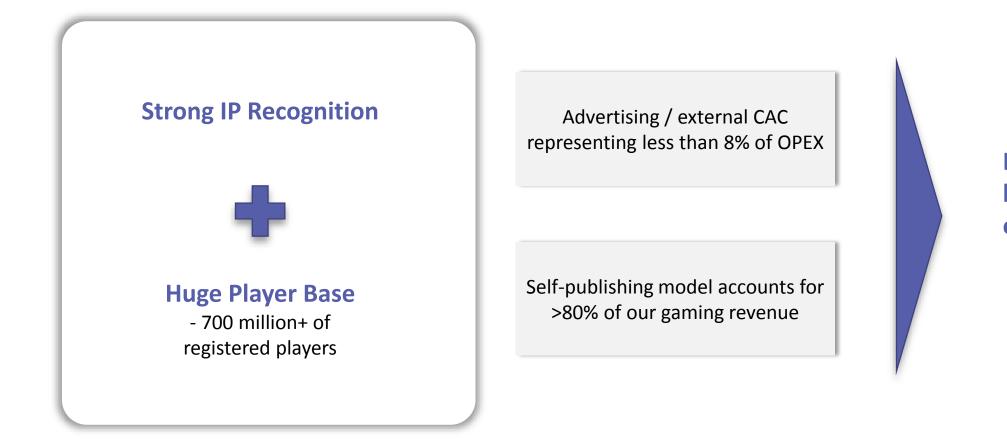
Blockbuster new titles [*]	Duration (years)	Cost (RMB million)
New Game 1	3	650
New Game 2	4.5	400+
New Game 3	5	600
New Game 4	2.5	270

Our R&D expense for gaming reached **RMB 657.5 million** in 2021, representing **18.1%** of our gaming revenue

Best performing MMORPG/ARPG titles since 2017, R&D duration and cost are based on media reports/ developers' announcement

A Strong profitability with high margin riding on strength of IPs and heavy organic traffic

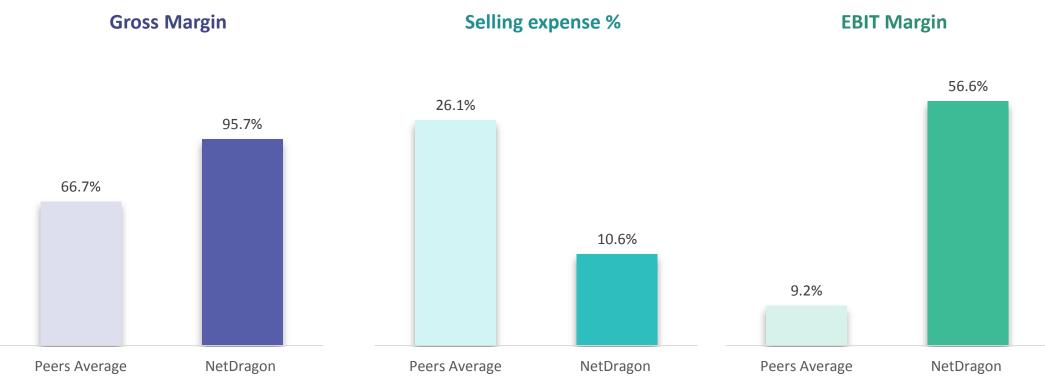
Unique strength of Iconic IP enabling a highly profitable business model...



High operating leverage with 58% operating margin

04 Strong profitability with high margin riding on strength of IPs and heavy organic traffic

...putting us amongst the highest in terms of profitability compared to our peers



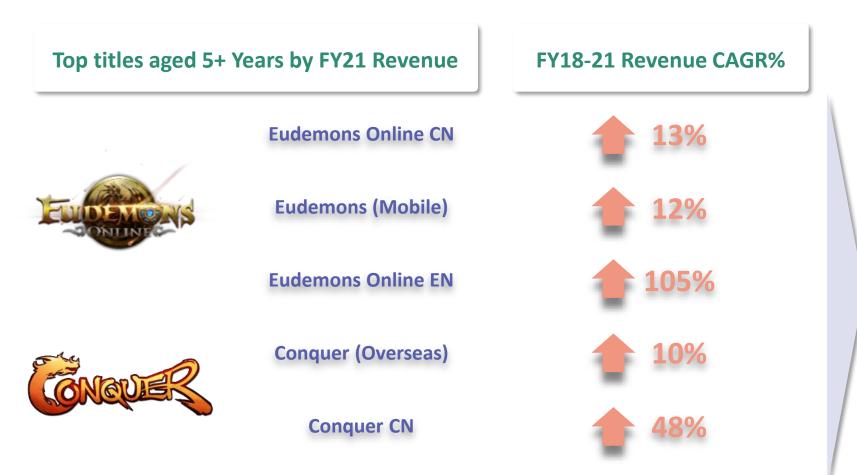
- 95% of our gaming revenue is from selfpublished titles
- 84% of our revenue is from PC games (ie. no 3rd party mobile platform revenue share)
- We spent less than half of selling expenses per unit revenue of our peers on average, due to strong IP recognition and large user base
- We are significantly more profitable than our peers (with all loss-making peers excluded, the average EBIT margin of peers is still below 30%)

Source: 1H22 company filings

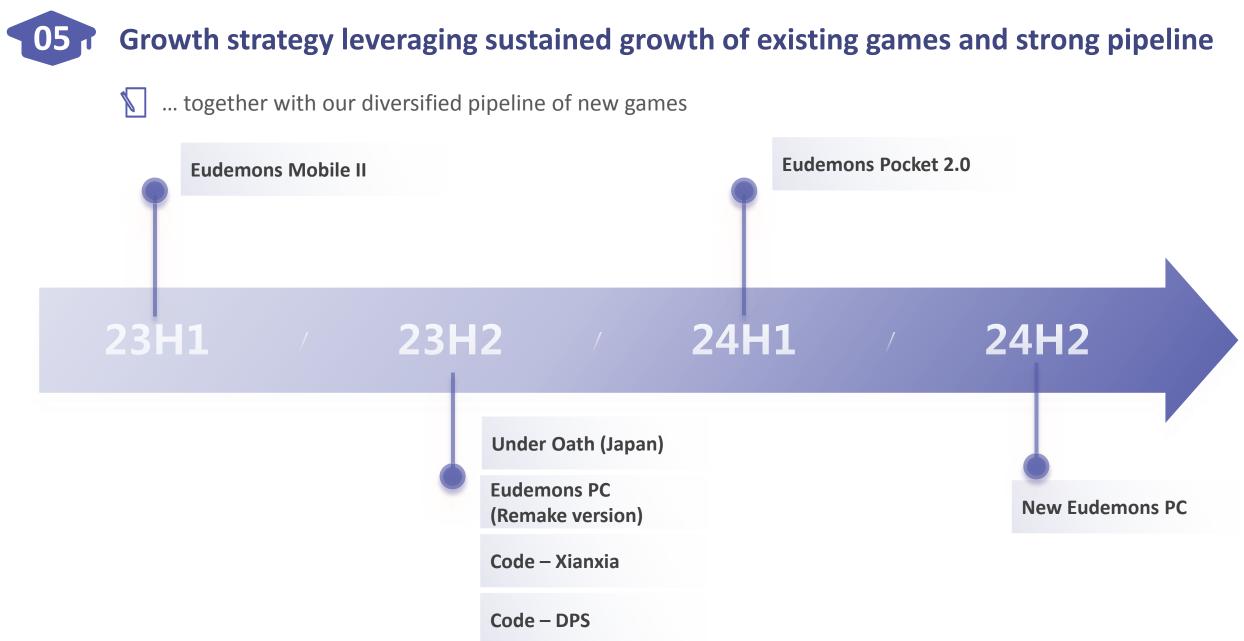
Note: Peers include Tencent, NetEase, 37 Interactive, Century Hua Tong, Perfect World, G-Bits, Giant Network, XD.com, CMGE, and IGG. Some of them only disclose gross margin for gaming segment

05 Growth strategy leveraging sustained growth of existing games and strong pipeline

Our top titles launched > 5 years ago will continue to drive our revenue growth...



Collectively represented 93% of FY21 Revenue^{*}



06 Well positioned to expand into overseas market with proven business model

UNDER ATHX

- Reached agreement with a renowned global 3A game publisher to launch overseas versions
- First launch in Japan in 2023, reaching to global ACGN players

- Expansion into more countries via OMO model (achieved 58% YoY 1H revenue growth outside of core market of Egypt)
- "China expansion model " replicate successful MMORPG genre into other emerging markets

- Conducted first testing in Vietnam, lite version for Pakistan and Egypt market in 2H22
- Our focus is to become a more adaptive MOBA game with localized heroes and customized gameplay that cater to many niche (but large) geographical markets
- Targeting 150M Neopets users around the globe
- Beta test completed in June key metrics were inline with top 10-15 Match-3 games
- Positive feedback on art design, story and gameplay



Financials & Capital Return Measures

1H Income Statement Highlights

(RMB million)	1H22	1H21	YoY
Revenue	4,240.4	3,356.2	+26.3%
Gaming	1,775.7	1,847.5	-3.9%
Education	2,409.8	1,407.6	+71.2%
Gross Profit	2,322.8	2,233.9	+4.0%
Selling & Marketing Expenses	442.1	438.0	+0.9%
as % of Revenue	10.4%	0.4% 13.1%	
Administrative Expenses	464.0	485.2	-4.4%
as % of Revenue	10.9% 14.5%		-3.6 ppts
R&D Expenses	585.7	594.9	-1.5%
as % of Revenue	13.8%	17.7%	-3.9 ppts
EBITDA	877.5	.5 891.8	
Operating Profit	744.6	691.6	+7.7%
Net Profit attributable to Shareholders	565.1	430.7	+31.2%
Non-GAAP EBITDA	1,025.7	922.3	+11.2%
Non-GAAP Operating Profit	854.4	753.9	+13.3%
Non-GAAP Net Profit	815.8	566.6	+44.0%

Segmental 1H Financial Highlights

(RMB million)	Education			Gaming		
	2022 1H	2021 1H	YoY	2022 1H	2021 1H	YoY
Revenue	2,409.8	1,407.6	+71.2%	1,775.7	1,847.5	-3.9%
Gross profit	609.7	431.1	+41.4%	1,699.1	1,765.9	-3.8%
Gross profit margin (%)	25.3%	30.6%	-5.3 ppts	95.7%	95.6%	+0.1 ppts
Core segmental profit (loss)	(35.7)	(256.3)	-86.1%	1,006.5	1,073.2	-6.2%
Segmental operating expenses						
- Research and Development	(225.7)	(272.1)	-17.1%	(353.3)	(322.6)	+9.5%
- Selling and Marketing	(252.2)	(235.2)	+7.2%	(187.5)	(200.1)	-6.3%
- Administrative	(177.0)	(172.2)	+2.8%	(152.4)	(170.9)	-10.8%

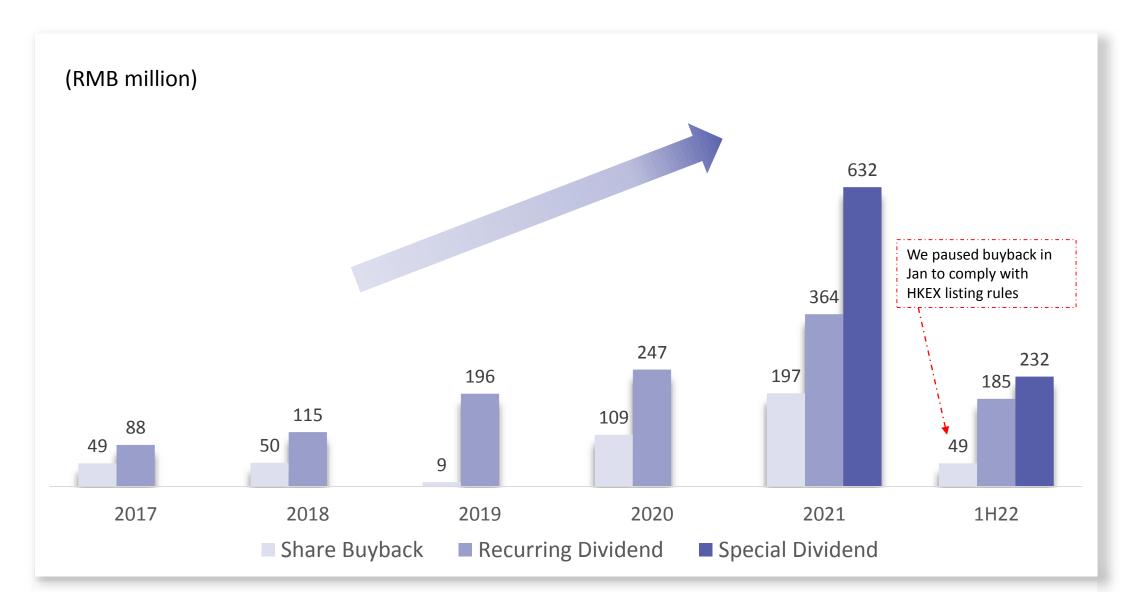
Education

- **Revenue** up 71.2% YoY on the back of strong market demand growth and market share gain
- **Core Segmental Loss** down significantly due to cost management / restructuring measures and operating leverage

Gaming

- **Revenue** down 3.9% YoY due to macro headwind amidst COVID outbreak in China
- **Core Segmental Profit** down 6.2% YoY as we continued to invest in R&D to drive long term growth

Steady increase in dividends and share buybacks



Achieving a balanced capital structure with considerable shareholder return



* With all dividends announced in our 2022 Interim Report considered as already paid out, net cash number also includes liquid investments

Efforts to unlock valuation



Gaming



Education

Valuation Assumptions

- 2021 Gaming Net Profit¹ (RMB 1.8 ٠ billion) × Global Gaming Median $P/E(20.3x^2) = USD 5.8$ billion
- **3-6 x** TTM P/S for high growth ٠ EdTech comps (Our 2021 Education revenue is USD 511 million with 2017-2021 CAGR of 54%)
- Our last fundraising round at the education level was at USD 1.35 **billion** post-money valuation (in Mar 20)³

Net Cash

USS 0.4 billion⁵

Combined: US\$ 7.0 billion

¹ 2021 Gaming Net Income is pro forma number based on core segmental profit and an effective tax rate of 13.3%

² Bloomberg Average Estimate (Sep 28, 2022)

³ \$150M PE round led by Ascendent Capital Partners, a leading Asian PE firm

⁴ US\$ 0.8 billion = US\$ 1.35 billion \times our fully diluted shareholding (61.8%)

Note: SOTP valuation above is for illustrative purpose based on stated assumptions. Numbers are based on FX rate of 1HKD = 0.91 RMB = 0.13 USD

SOTP Valuation

US\$ 5.8 billion

US\$ 0.8 billion⁴

Favorable Factors

Trending reduction in education segmental loss

- Gaming valuation currently dragged down by education's loss
- Education loss reduced by 86% YoY in 1H22

Education Spin-off to reduce conglomerate Discount

- Listing of education business provides clarity for education valuation
- Planning work for the listing is under way

Gravitating towards a rational EdTech valuation

- The trend of blended learning demand growth and increasing penetration has been widely accepted by the industry
- We are well positioned to benefit with our longstanding global market leadership position

Management Team

Visionary, multi-disciplinary leadership team with unparallel commitment to build our business with global impact

Dr. LIU Dejian Founder and Chairman

- Top 10 China Business Figures, 2016*
- Entrepreneur of the Year, 2013**
- Co-Dean of the Smart Learning Institute of Beijing Normal University
- Doctorate in Education from Beijing Normal University
- Ahead-of-the-curve product designer
- Conceived, successfully scaled and commercialized "first-mover" ideas including:
 - 1 1st gaming portal (17173.com)
 - (2) 1st "free-to-play" MMORPG (Eudemons Online)
 - 3 Largest smartphone appstore platform (91 Wireless)

* Awarded in award event hosted by ifeng.com & Phoenix TV ** Awarded in Cyzone Entrepreneur Conference in June 2013



Dr. Simon LEUNG Vice Chairman, NetDragon Chairman, Edmodo

- Former Chairman & CEO, Greater China, Microsoft
- Former President, Asia Pacific, Motorola
- Former CEO , Asia Pacific, Harrow International School
- Doctorate in business administration from Hong Kong Polytechnic University and honorary doctorate in laws from University of Western Ontario

A global executive management team with track record in execution



WANG Song **Chief Product Officer**

Chief Designer of "Eudemons Online", NetDragon's most popular and most profitable MMORPG

Expert in gamification and user experience



Former Senior Vice President, SAIF Partners (Asian PE fund with US\$4B AUM)

Sat on board of 7 TMT portfolio companies

MS from Columbia University

CFA, CA, CPA



Former Director and CEO of Collegis Education

Former Director and CEO of Edmentum

Served in executive leadership roles at Gateway, Inc. and Orange Business Services



Former CTO of SVMsoft (Joint Venture of VMware and Sugon)

Former Director of VMware

10+ years of experience in software engineering and development

MBA from Tsinghua University



CHEN Hongzhan СТО **Executive Director**

Head of game development & technical support

Former CEO of 91 Wireless

20+ years experience in online game development, management, & hardware development



Head of planning, consolidation and

operation of Huayu Education (China)

20+ years of experience in education management



President of Fujian Huayu (China)

Responsible for sales of the operation and promotion educational products, research and development and production of hardware products

15+ years of experience in IT, mobile Internet, and education industries



Strategic development of Edmodo and **Neopets Metaverse**

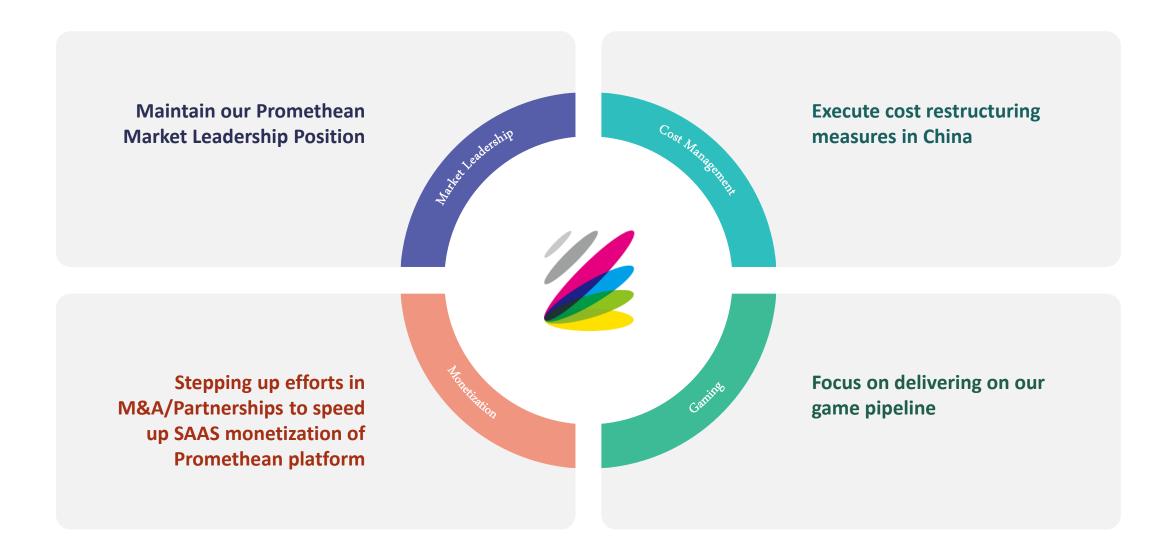
8 years with Bain Capital in the US and in Asia. Led the private equity investment branch of a Chinese conglomerate. CFO of an e-commerce and blockchain startup

MBA from Harvard University

Outlook



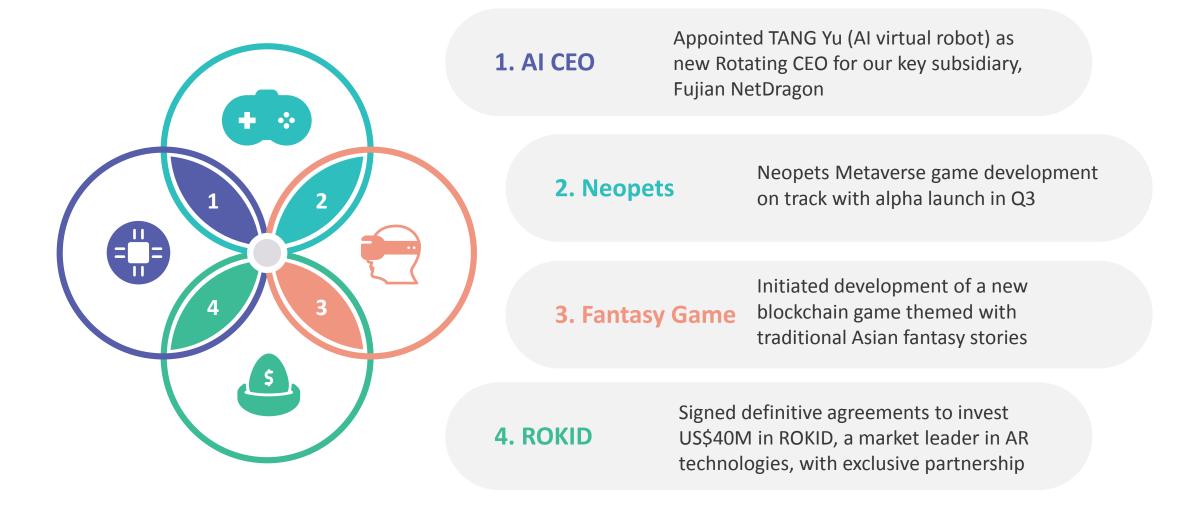
Outlook for 2H22 and FY23





Appendix I: Progress in Metaverse

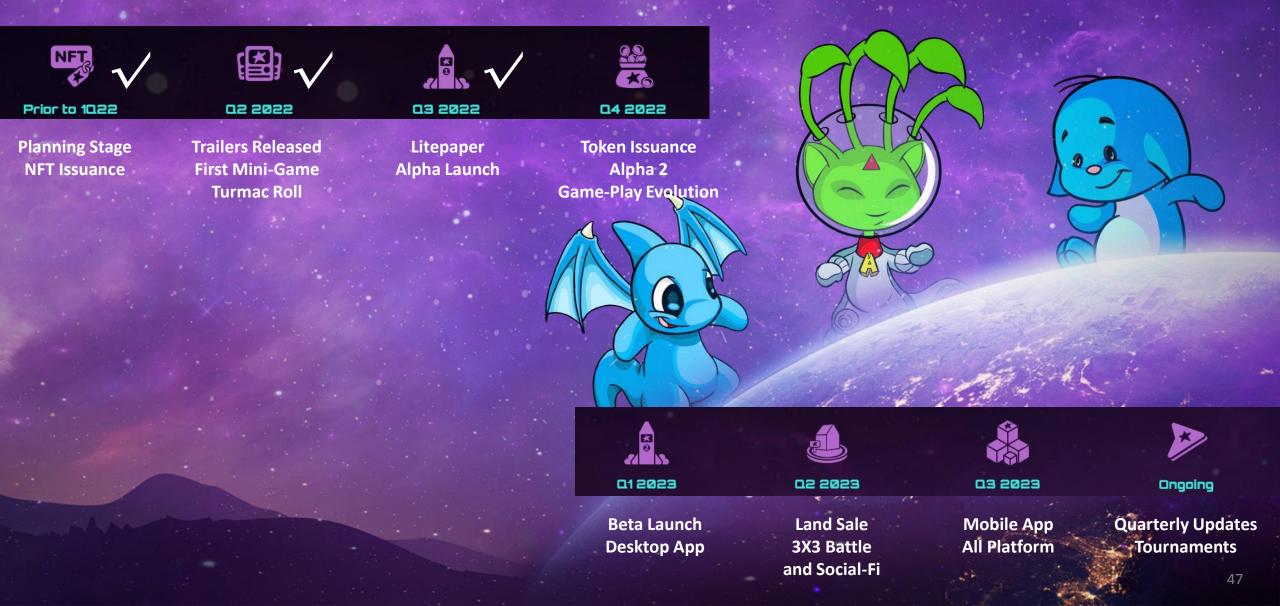
Recent progress in Metaverse



TANG Yu, our Al-based CEO

- Major milestone towards being a Metaverse organization
- To pioneer use of AI to transform corporate management and leapfrog operational efficiency to a new level
- Will streamline process flow and serve as analytical tool to support decision making in daily operations

Execution of Neopets Metaverse Roadmap On Track



US\$ 40M Investment in ROKID

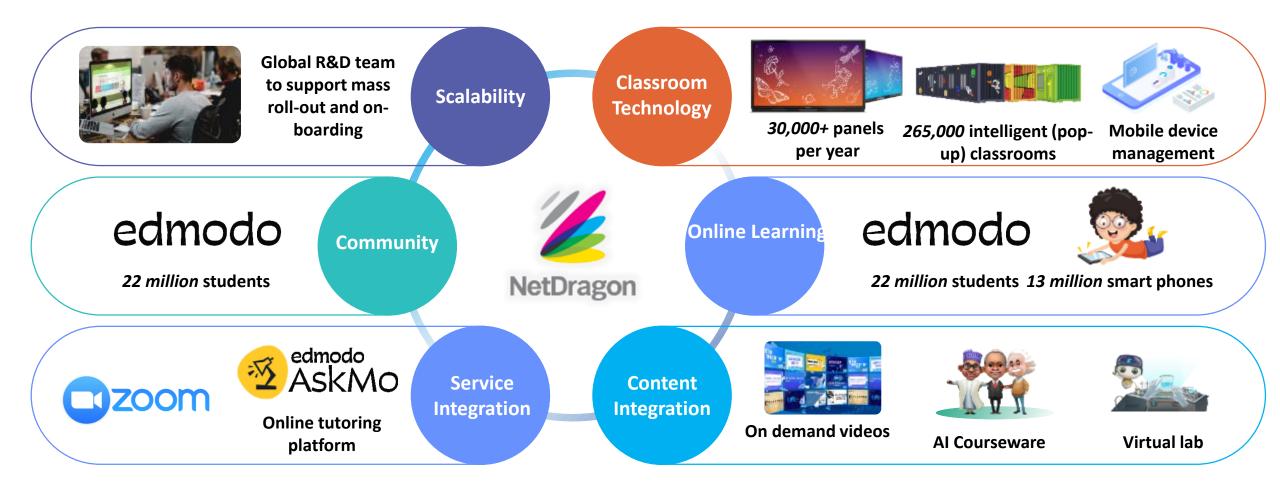
• Market leader in AR technologies, backed by Temasek, IDG, SenseTime, Walden, etc.

• One of very few AR companies with proprietary full stack technology competencies in hardware, software, OS and solutions offerings

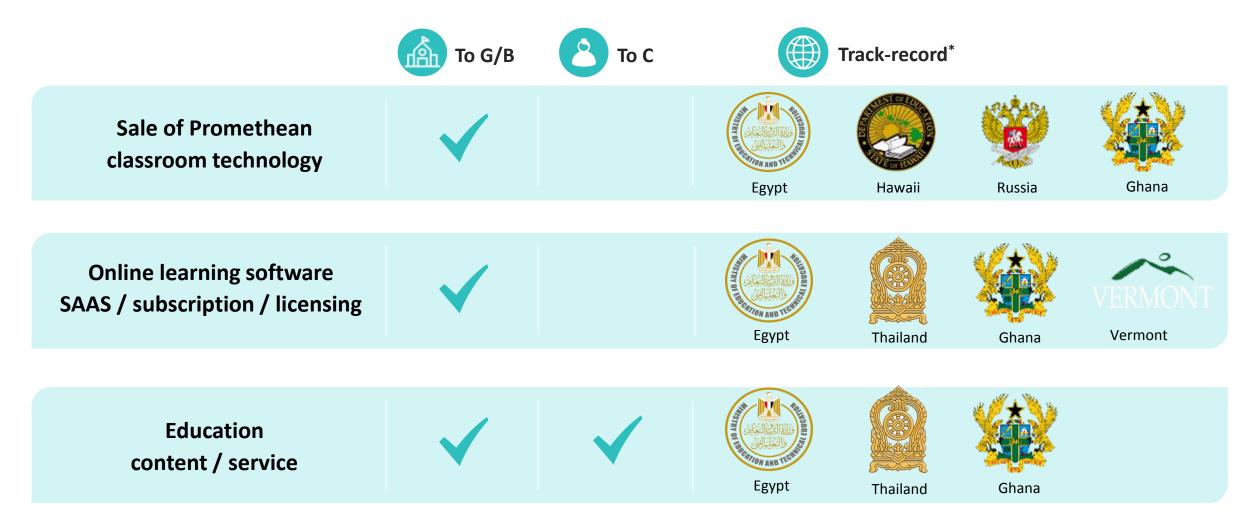
5-year strategic partnership formed to co-develop metaverse applications

Appendix II: Additional Information for Education

Case Study: Nationwide Blended-Learning Roll-out in Egypt

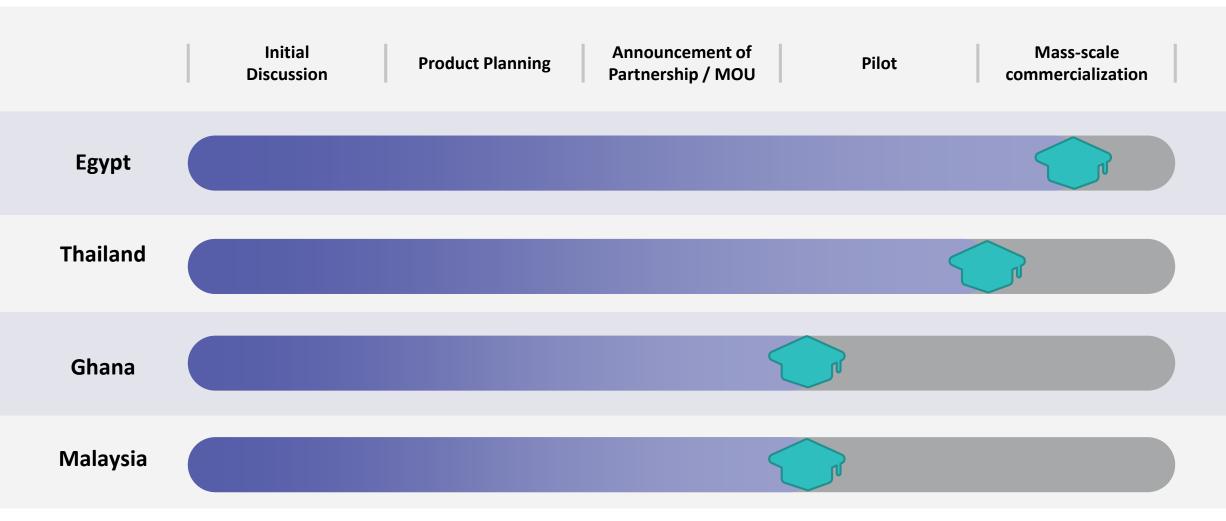


Country Deployment Model: Multi-pronged Revenue Model



* Including partnership announced and under planning / pilot stage

Country Deployment Model: Robust Pipeline



Appendix III: Shareholding Structure

Shareholding Structure

