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# **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Simon Leung

**Group Vice Chairman** 

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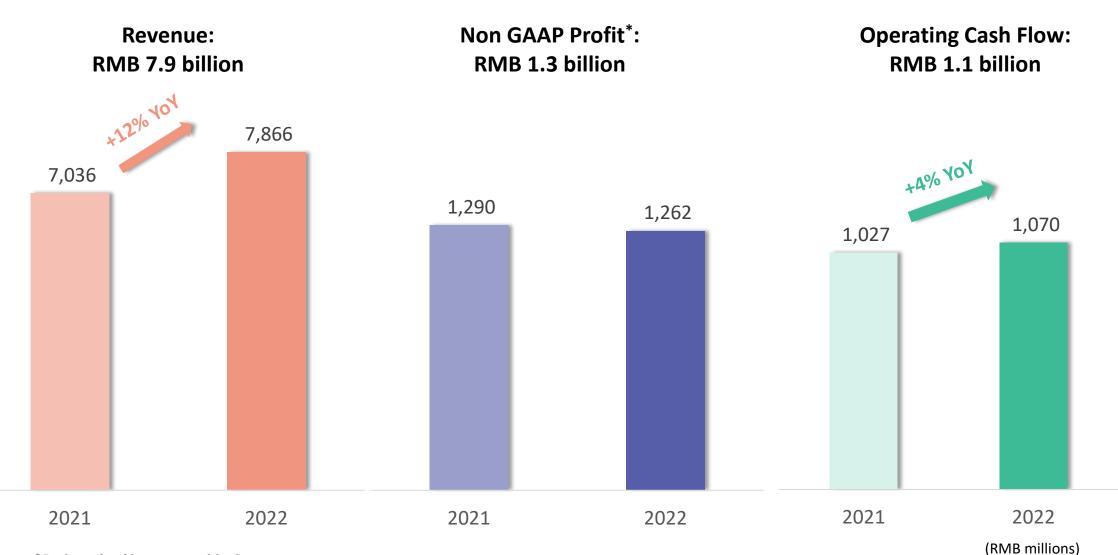
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Education

Path to Integrate AI

2023 Outlook

#### Solid Revenue Growth | Invest in the Future | Stable Cash Flow



\* Profit attributable to owners of the Company

#### **Key Highlights**

#### Education

• Delivered solid revenue growth

- Maintained #1 global market share (ex. China)\*
- Developed roadmap to embrace the integration of AI to transform learning

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#### Gaming

- Outperformed the market despite macro downturn
- Significantly step up our R&D effort to put us in a position to expand future pipeline and capitalize on macro recovery in 2023

# **Financial Highlights**

Ben Yam

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#### **Key Financial Highlights**

(RMB million)	2022	2021	YoY
Revenue	7,866	7,036	+11.8%
Gaming	3,430	3,642	-5.8%
Education	4,336	3,231	+34.2%
Gross Profit	4,315	4,523	-4.6%
Selling & Marketing Expenses	945	956	-1.0%
as % of Revenue	12.0%	13.6%	-1.6 ppts
Administrative Expenses	975	956	+2.0%
as % of Revenue	12.4%	13.6%	-1.2 ppts
R&D Expenses	1,224	1,160	+5.5%
as % of Revenue	15.6%	16.5%	-0.9 ppts
Non-GAAP EBITDA	1,651	1,850	-10.8%
Non-GAAP Operating Profit	1,315	1,507	-12.7%
Non-GAAP Profit attributable to owners of the Company	1,262	1,291	-2.2%
Operating Cash Flow	1,070	1,027	+4.2%
Cash and Cash Equivalent	3,701	3,717	-0.4%

#### **Segmental Financial Highlights**

(RMB million)	Education		Gaming			
	2022	2021	YoY	2022	2021	YoY
Revenue	4,336	3,231	+34.2%	3,430	3,642	-5.8%
Gross profit	1,007	995	+1.2%	3,280	3,474	-5.6%
Gross profit margin (%)	23.2%	30.8%	-7.6 ppts	95.6%	95.4%	+0.2 ppts
Core segmental profit (loss)	(299)	(412)	-27.4%	1,821	2,120	-14.1%
Segmental operating expenses						
- Research and Development	(446)	(501)	-11.0%	(768)	(658)	+16.7%
- Selling and Marketing	(532)	(530)	+0.4%	(398)	(419)	-5.0%
- Administrative	(387)	(351)	+10.3%	(292)	(318)	-8.2%

#### Education

- **Revenue** up 34.2% on the back of accelerated market penetration and broader product adoption
- Gross margin dropped by 7.6 ppt, mainly due to tariff accounting and currency impact (strong U.S. dollar); Adjusted gross margin (ex-tariff and forex-neutral) is 29.2% (2021 – 30.7%)

#### Gaming

- **Revenue** decrease of 5.8% was macro-driven as in-game spending softened amidst Covid restrictions in 2022
- We **strengthened our R&D team** with 300+ headcount increase in 2022, leading to 16.7% increase in R&D expense

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Lin Chen Group Senior Vice President We outperformed the market<sup>\*</sup> on revenue growth and stepped up our effort to strengthen our R&D in a year of macro challenges



#### **Total Revenue**

Domestic economy was impacted during 2022 due to Covid; however, our overall revenue outperformed the market (market revenue down 10.3%\*)



#### **Overseas Revenue**

Overseas revenue accounted for 15.7% of total revenue, achieving five consecutive years of growth +**16.4**%

#### APA<sup>\*\*</sup> (PC)

Effective content updates and gameplay innovation drove increase of paying users

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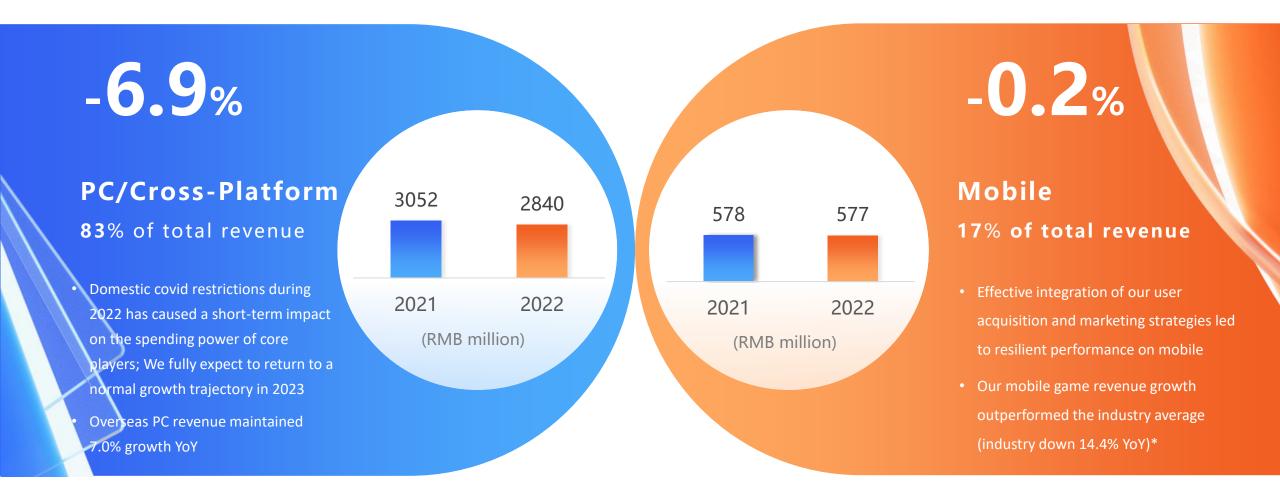
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#### **R&D** Headcounts

With a larger and more focused R&D team, we strengthened our ability to bring more high-quality new games to the market

\* According to the China Game Industry Group Committee ("CGIGC") & Gamma Data < China Gaming Industry Report in 2022>, Jan 13th, 2023 \*\* APA stands for average paying accounts

#### Short-term Covid impact across both PC and Mobile games





#### Eudemons IP\*: We focused on driving user engagement and expanding payer base to set ourselves up for growth recovery in 2023

#### PC revenue down 7.9% YoY

Short term Covid impact on players' spending

#### Eudemons Online PC APA\*\* up 28.4% YoY

Despite the revenue decrease, we took steps to enhance our ingame spending mechanism, leading to a substantial increase of our paying user base

## Eudemons Online Cross Platform version DAU up 26.1% YoY

We also enhanced mobile playability for the game, leading to higher user engagement and stickiness

\* Eudemons IP revenue represented over 85% of our gaming revenue in 2022 \*\* APA stands for average paying accounts

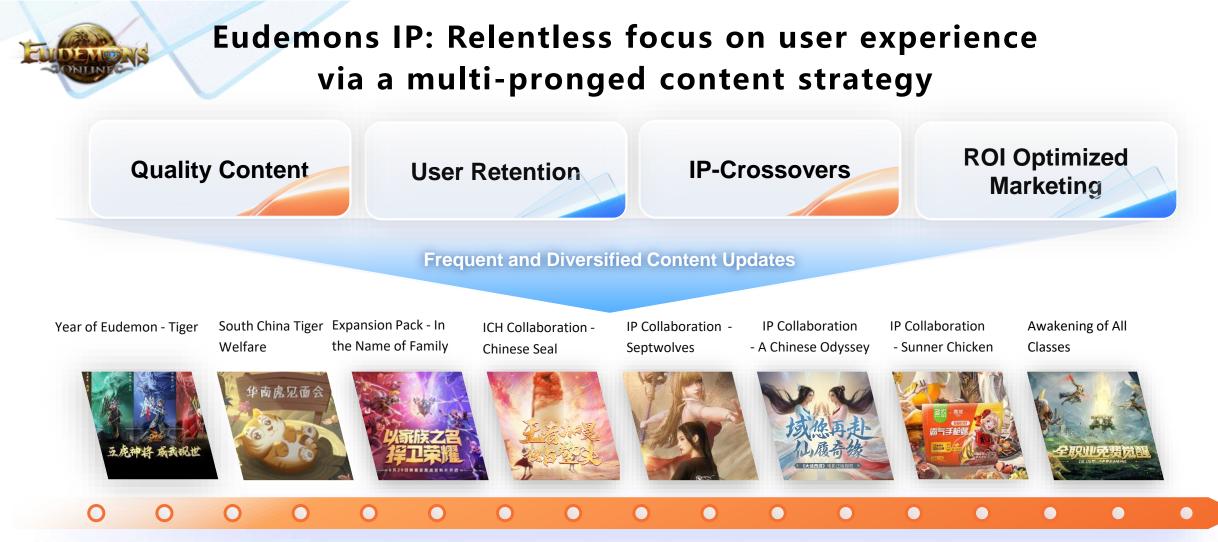
#### Mobile revenue up 3.6% YoY

Driven by high quality content upgrade and an user acquisition strategy that focuses on both IP branding and ROI for long term sustainability

#### Eudemons Pocket Version gross billing up 6.2% YoY

Annual gross billing reached new high







ICH Collaboration -Yongding Tulou



Family Fun 2.0

Family War 2.0



- Dark Lord



South China Tiger Protection



Shadow Knight Awakening



**IP** Collaboration

- A Chinese Odyssey





**ICH** Collaboration - Shadow Puppetry

Mage & Sword Master Awakening





Post-launch performance of the expansion pack of Awakening: Rebuild the Legends : Revenue up 20% MoM Paying User # up 10% 街台川市冬夏安生川市 党盟时刻 即启揭晓

Post-launch performance of the expansion pack of Duo Deity Awakened: New Users up 50% MoM Activity level up 15%, Revenue up 16%





Official IP Crossover with the famous movie : A Chinese Odyssey, for both our core *Eudemon* titles across PC and Mobile

《大话西游》电影正版授权

Post-launch performance of IP crossover between A Chinese Odyssey and Eudemons Online:

**Total spending up 30% YoY** 

Post-launch performance of our IP crossover between A Chinese Odyssey and Eudemons Pocket Version : Total spending up 163% YoY Paying ratio reached 29%, up >3.0x YoY

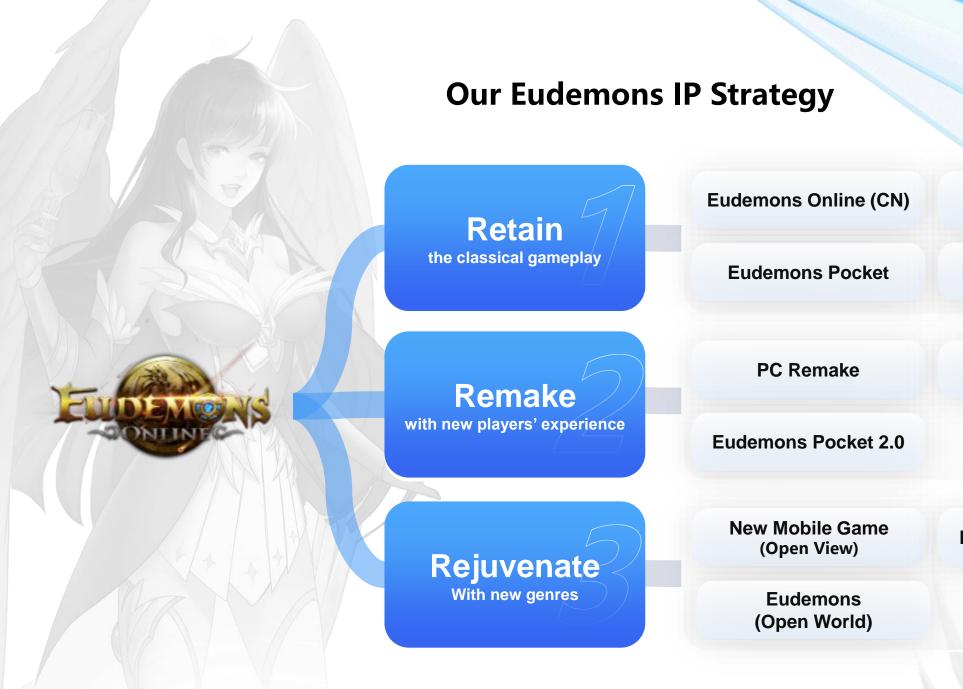
#### **Eudemons Mobile II: Successful Open Beta Launch on March 23, 2023**



Most anticipated Eudemons mobile title since launch of *Eudemons Mobile* in 2017

First day gross billings of open beta launch exceeded RMB 10M

Cumulative appointment across all channels surpassed 6M players



Eudemons Mobile

**Eudemons Mobile II** 

**New PC Eudemons** 

**Eudemons Metaverse** 

#### **Conquer IP: Both Revenue and User Growth on Track**



#### Revenue up 9.5%

On the back of our successful localized MMO+ gameplay

#### MAU up 7.0%

Driven by strong execution of content updates and marketing events given our deep understand of the player base

#### **Expand into new markets**

Launched new language versions in multiple languages and expand into new markets including the Philippines, USA, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Morocco



- Partnering with a world renowned 3A gaming publisher for our ACGN game *Under Oath* in the overseas market
- First overseas game to be launched in Japan, followed by SEA, Korea, etc.

#### Scale with Proven Model

Our strategy to drive overseas growth

Replicate our successful Egypt model for *Conquer Online* (heavy localized strategy through on-the-ground channel) and expand into other markets with similar user profile and huge growth potential

#### Expand with Localized Content / Gameplay

Expanding our *Heroes Evolved* IP into Vietnam and Pakistan with stronger gameplay adaptivity for local players as well as localized contents (eg. heroes)

- M&A
- To actively pursue global M&A opportunities to extend our overseas presence and drive growth

#### Our plan in 2023 is to significantly expand our pipeline of new games

New Eudemons PC Eudemons Pocket 2.0 Heroes Evolved 2.0 Code - Dragon

Eudemons PC (Remake Version) Eudemons Mobile II (Overseas Version) Code - Xianxia

24H1

24H2

Under Oath (Overseas Version) Code - DPS

**Eudemons Mobile II** 

23H1

23H2



# Education

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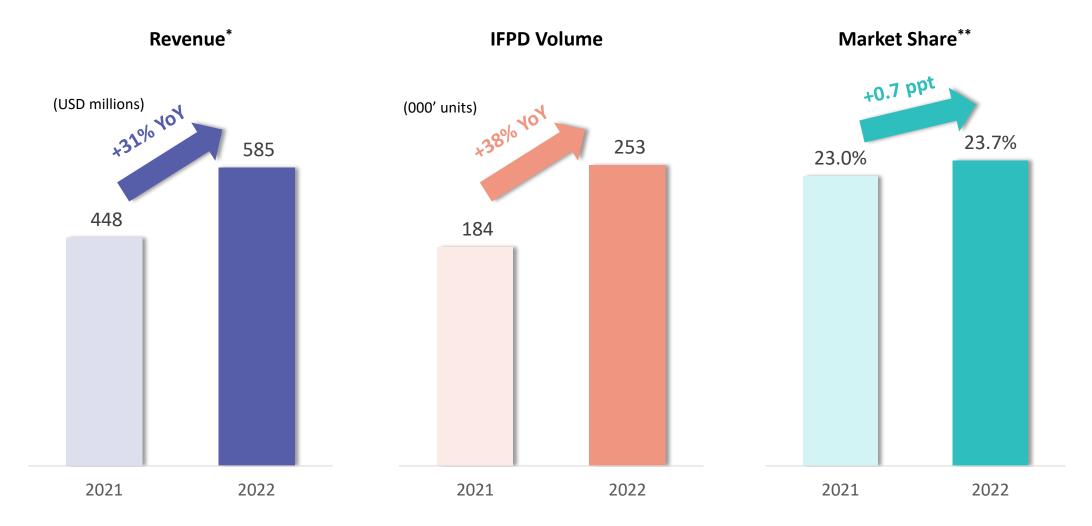
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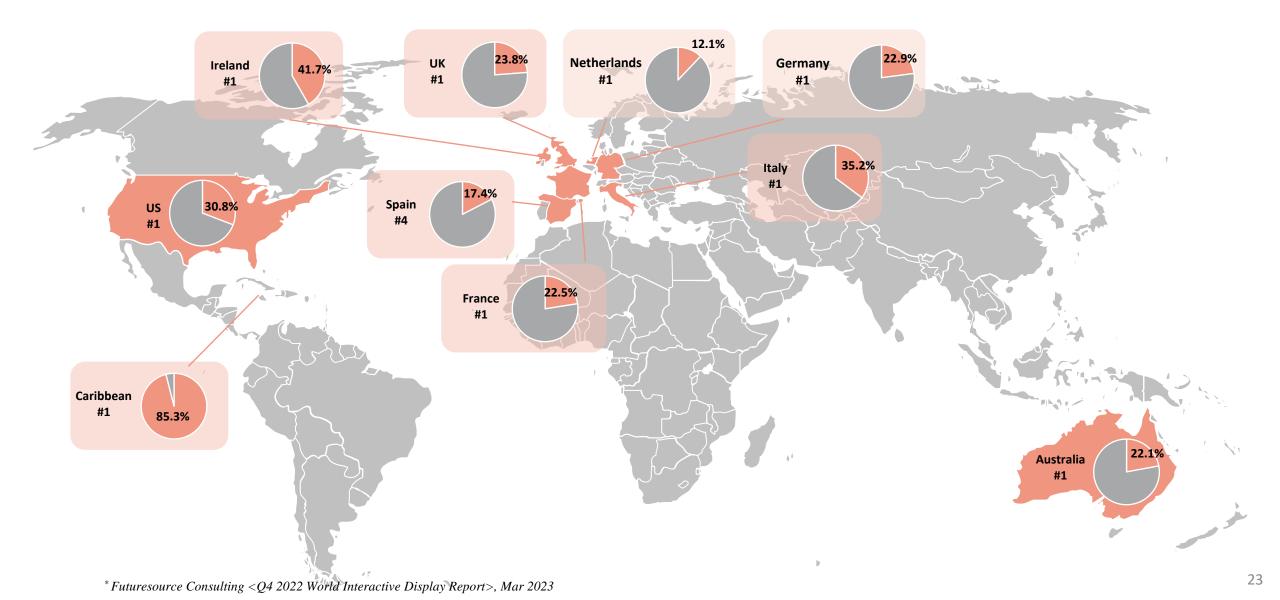
#### **Delivering Consistent Revenue and Volume Growth as #1 Market Leader**



\* Promethean only, representing 86% of our education revenue

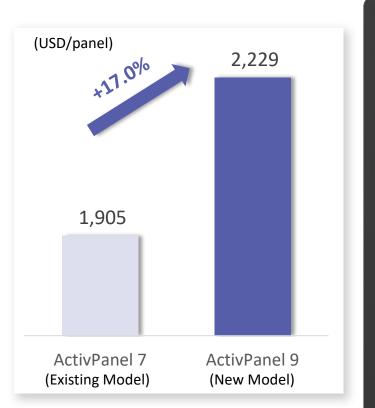
\*\* Futuresource Consulting <Q4 2022 World Interactive Display Report>, Mar 2023

#### We are #1<sup>\*</sup> in 9 of our Top 10 Markets by Revenue Contribution



#### Launched New ActivPanel 9 in June with Higher ASP

**ASP in 2022** 



New ActivPanel 9 is faster, more powerful and comes with industry-leading new features, hence driving a 17% higher ASP compared to the older model. The transition from previous technology to Promethean was effortless due to the ActivPanel's intuitive interface. Teachers were particularly impressed with the ability to annotate directly on the screen and the multiple touchpoints.

—— Avon Maitland District School Board

In addition to making the teaching experience easier, the panels have made a big impact on student engagement. The ease of accessing files from cloud drives, using screen captures to pull information into other places, and screen sharing to show students' work in real time are some of the most widely used features.

— Southeast Christian School

Within the first six months of using the ActivPanel, teachers have already seen a shift in their rooms. Before, everybody was sitting at a desk and everybody was facing all the same way—the way that the projector projected. With these panels, my classroom can be any direction I want it to be.

— Spartanburg School District One

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#### **Promethean Acquired Explain Everything to Establish SaaS Revenue**

#### "The best online whiteboard for recording videos and real-time collaboration."

#### **Use Case**

"Whiteboard" is the #1 most used software application on the ActivPanel, 95% of our panels access the whiteboard at least once a month.

#### Differentiation

Explain Everything is the leading whiteboard application in the market with full range of features proven to address teachers' needs, and industry-leading interoperability with broad range of integration with Google, Microsoft and existing LMS.

#### Monetization

Explain Everything started commercializing the platform in 2015 and is generating SaaS revenue.

#### Integration

Promethean will integrate Explain Everything into its interactive classroom offerings to further enhance user experience and capitalize on the network effect of Promethean's hardware platform.



#### **Promethean Continues to Win Industry Accolades as the Global Leader**



























# Path to Integrate AI

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**Promethean CEO** 

#### Strategic Partnership to combine the strengths of two complementary leaders

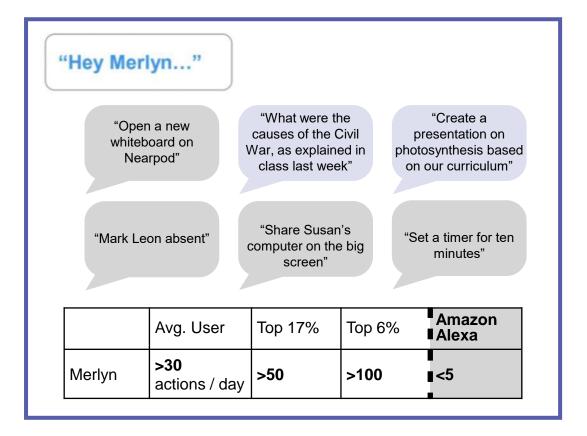
We are seeking to rollout an Al-enabled integrated interactive flat panel for education and establish ourselves as the dominant leader in a new product category



Merlyn is the leader in AI powered teaching voice assistant unlocking a new level of productivity & safe and secured access to ChatGPT style services with education focus

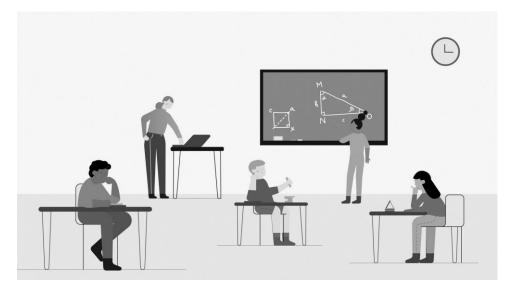
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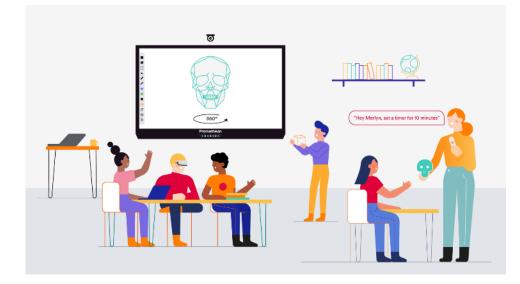
Promethean ActivPanel + Merlyn AI turns classrooms into interactive spaces with AI-enabled interactivity purpose-built for education

#### Today's classroom



- × Siloed devices
- × No integration of AI in a classroom setting
- × Teachers "tethered" to the blackboard / panel
- × Too many applications = teacher fatigue and burnout

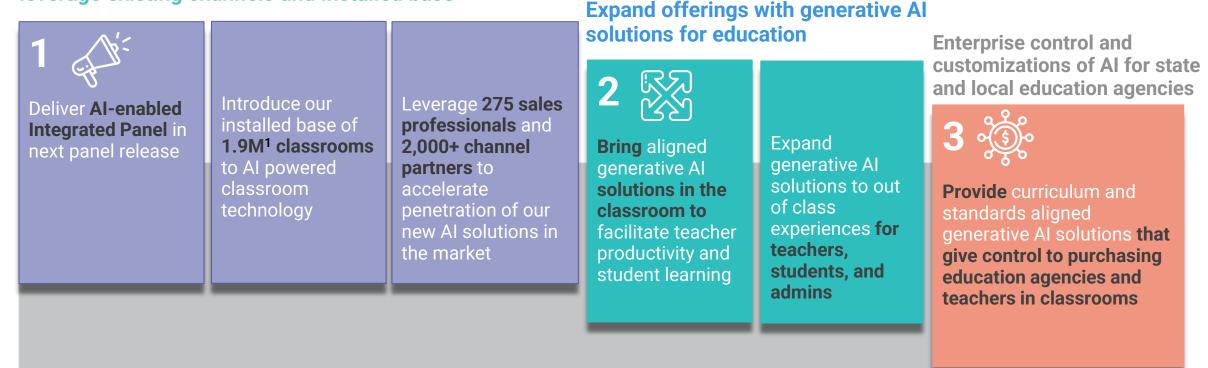
#### **Our future AI-enabled classroom**



- ✓ Devices and applications connected with AI
- ✓ Integrated with generative AI for use in classrooms
- Un-tether" teachers and engage students
- Natural interaction with tech for teachers and students

#### Our roadmap to become a category dominant leader in providing AI-enabled classroom solutions

#### Deliver panels with AI integration: leverage existing channels and installed base



(1) Future Source Consulting, "Quarter 4 2022 World Interactive Displays" report, August, 2022. Accompanying data set, ex China

# Outlook

Dr. Simon Leung

Group Vice Chairman

#### 2023 Outlook



- Revenue growth expected to get back on track this year
- Expecting revenue growth from all our 3 major IPs
- 3 new game launches this year
- To step up our effort in M&A
- Targeting to double overseas revenue in 2 years



- Launch AI-enabled integrated panel in next panel release
- Open up SaaS monetization opportunities
- Expand panel product offering to the "value segment" to capture a wider audience and grow market share

