

### **Zyxel Group Corporation(3704)**

**2023 Fourth Quarter Earnings Conference** 

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#### 23Q4 Statements of Comprehensive Income

| Unit: NT\$ Million                |
|-----------------------------------|
| Net Sales                         |
| Cost of Goods Sold                |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>               |
| Operating Expenses                |
| Operating Income                  |
| Non-Operating Income (Loss)       |
| Income before Tax                 |
| Income Tax (Gain)                 |
| Net Income                        |
| Net Income to Shareholders of the |
| Parent Company                    |
| EPS (NT Dollar)                   |

| <u>23Q4</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>23Q3</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>22Q4</u> | <u>%</u> | QoQ% |
|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|------|
| 7,429       | 100.0%   | 6,974       | 100.0%   | 8,597       | 100.0%   | 6.5% |
| 5,722       | 77.0%    | 5,418       | 77.7%    | 6,427       | 74.8%    | 5.6% |
| 1,707       | 23.0%    | 1,556       | 22.3%    | 2,170       | 25.2%    | 9.7% |
| 1,431       | 19.3%    | 1,347       | 19.3%    | 1,488       | 17.3%    | 6.2% |
| 276         | 3.7%     | 209         | 3.0%     | 682         | 7.9%     |      |
| (80)        | -1.1%    | 159         | 2.3%     | (185)       | -2.1%    |      |
| 196         | 2.6%     | 368         | 5.3%     | 497         | 5.8%     |      |
| (96)        | -1.3%    | 72          | 1.1%     | 41          | 0.5%     |      |
| 292         | 3.9%     | 296         | 4.2%     | 456         | 5.3%     |      |
| 286         | 3.8%     | 290         | 4.2%     | 456         | 5.3%     |      |
| 200         | 3.0/0    | 230         | 4.4/0    | 430         | 3.3/0    |      |
| 0.71        |          | 0.73        |          | 1.15        |          |      |

YoY%

-13.6%

-11.0%

-21.3%

-3.8%

#### **2023 Statements of Comprehensive Income**

**Net Sales** 

Cost of Goods Sold

**Gross Profit** 

**Operating Expenses** 

**Operating Income** 

Non-Operating Income (Loss)

Income before Tax

Income Tax (Gain)

Net Income

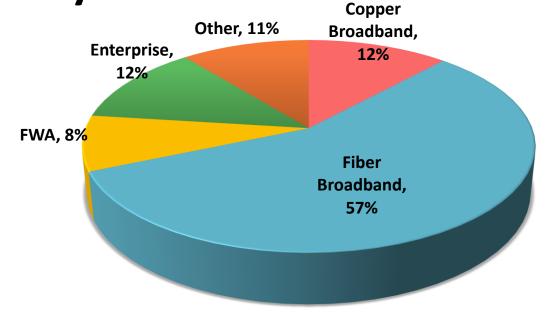
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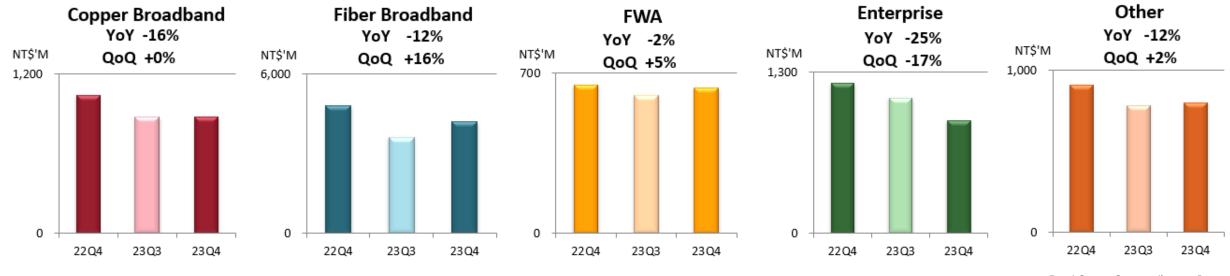
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EPS (NT Dollar)

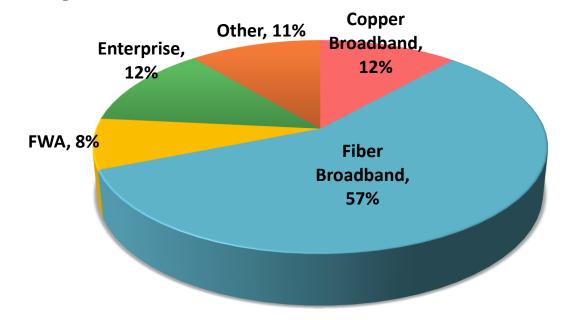
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|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| <u>2023</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>YoY%</u> |
| 30,380      | 100.0%   | 30,516      | 100.0%   | -0.4%       |
| 23,701      | 78.0%    | 23,528      | 77.1%    | 0.7%        |
| 6,679       | 22.0%    | 6,988       | 22.9%    | -4.4%       |
| 5,390       | 17.8%    | 5,141       | 16.8%    | 4.8%        |
| 1,289       | 4.2%     | 1,847       | 6.1%     | -30.2%      |
| 267         | 0.9%     | 145         | 0.4%     | 84.1%       |
| 1,557       | 5.1%     | 1,992       | 6.5%     | -21.8%      |
| 201         | 0.6%     | 365         | 1.2%     | -44.9%      |
| 1,356       | 4.5%     | 1,627       | 5.3%     | -16.7%      |
| 1,341       | 4.4%     | 1,618       | 5.3%     | -17.1%      |
| 3.38        |          | 3.87        |          |             |

#### 23Q4 Revenue by Product



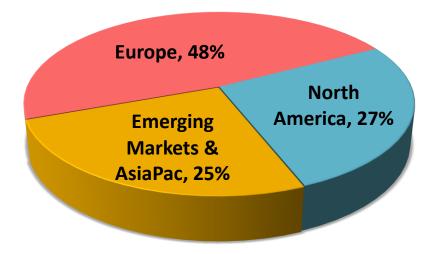


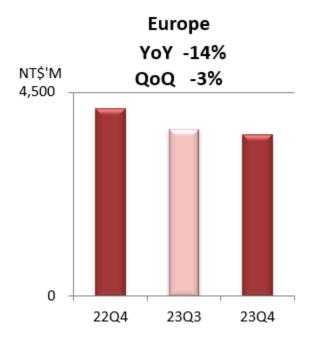
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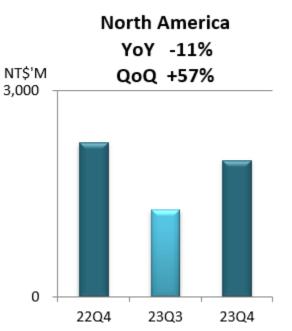


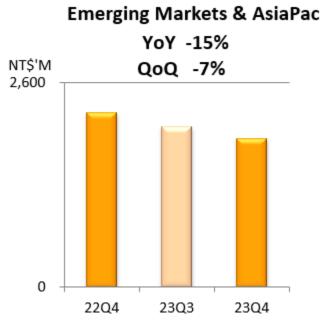


#### 23Q4 Revenue by Region

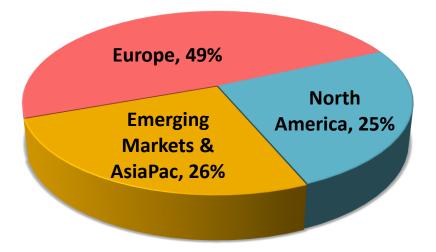


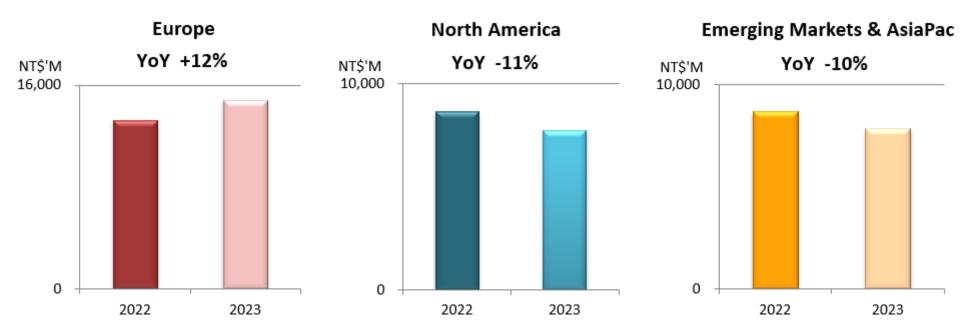






#### **2023** Revenue by Region





#### **Balance Sheets & Key Indices**

| Unit: NT\$ Million            | <u>2023.12.31</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>2023.9.30</u> | <u>%</u> | 2022.12.31 | <u>%</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents     | 6,546             | 30%      | 5,967            | 26%      | 6,040      | 22%      |
| Accounts Receivable           | 6,952             | 32%      | 6,520            | 29%      | 8,449      | 31%      |
| Inventories                   | 3,616             | 17%      | 5,633            | 25%      | 8,001      | 30%      |
| Long-term Investments         | 270               | 1%       | 273              | 1%       | 171        | 1%       |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | 1,824             | 8%       | 1,781            | 8%       | 1,891      | 7%       |
| Other Assets                  | 2,645             | 12%      | 2,557            | 11%      | 2,511      | 9%       |
| Total Assets                  | 21,853            | 100%     | 22,731           | 100%     | 27,063     | 100%     |
| Current Liabilities           | 8,130             | 37%      | 9,342            | 41%      | 14,402     | 53%      |
| Non-Current Liabilities       | 2,607             | 12%      | 2,617            | 12%      | 2,647      | 10%      |
| Total Liabilities             | 10,737            | 49%      | 11,959           | 53%      | 17,049     | 63%      |
| Total Equity                  | 11,116            | 51%      | 10,771           | 47%      | 10,014     | 37%      |
| Book Value per Share          | 27                |          | 26               |          | 25         |          |
| Key Indices                   |                   |          |                  |          |            |          |
| AR Turnover Days              | 83                |          | 86               |          | 85         |          |
| Inventory Turnover Days       | 74                |          | 97               |          | 112        |          |
| Current Ration (X)            | 2.2               |          | 2.0              |          | 1.6        |          |

## SP Technology Trends - Combining 10G PON & Wi-Fi 7 technology Through GAI Achieve Immersive Experiences - Digital Acceleration

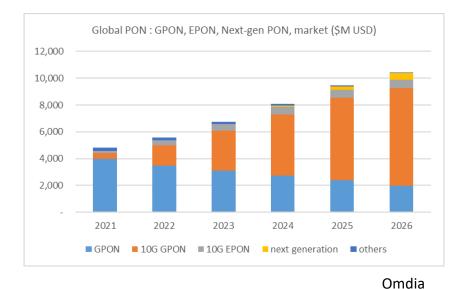
Achieving GAI for immersive experiences, needs multi Gbps &10ms level latency Network

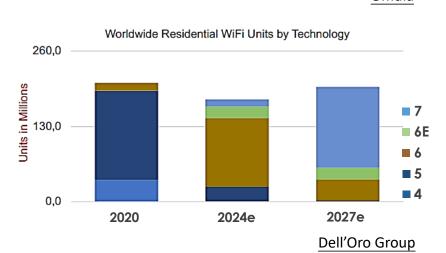


BCG - DAI benefit (Digital Acceleration Index)
10% upward in revenue growth (67% 領先公司)
10% upward in total enterprise value (66%領先公司)

10G PON and 2.5G PON alternation occurs in 2024 (CAGR: 77%). 10G PON optical device BOSA's price will be below \$10 USD in 2024. WiFi 7 provides 5msec latency, estimate 10M units shipped WW in 2024.

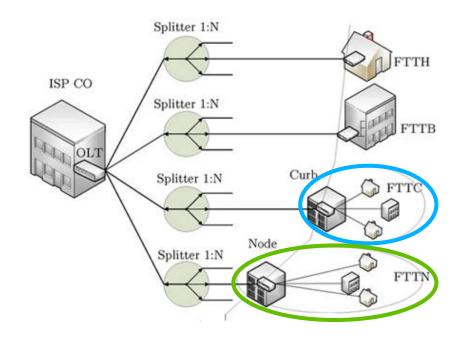
- Zyxel SP group: 10G PON and WiFi 7 technology WiFi 7 Tri-Band BE19000 received WFA WiFi 7 certification. Integrating 10G PON and WiFi 7 HGU. Provide E2E PON solutions, SP upgrade path from 2.5G to 10G PON.
- Zyxel SP group: 10G PON & WiFi 7 business development 10G PON products, cumulatively shipped over 1M units by 2023e Shippment in NA, Northern Europe, Germany, France, Netherland.





#### Service Provider Service Trends – Deploying Remote OLT

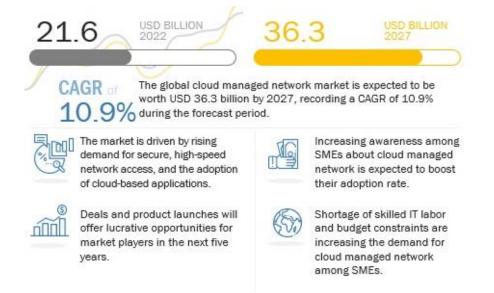
- Traditional OLT deployment mainly adipts centralized deployment in local exchange office rooms.
- Increasing number of applications & devices that require sharing of fiber resources (e.g., 5G base stations, WiFi APs, corporate P2P line applications) led to a shortage of fiber resource.
- Service Providers are beginning to try deploying more Remote OLT in building basements or remote sites to handle the shortage of fiber resources situations.





#### **Technology and Service Trends: Commercial Networking**

- CAGR for cloud-managed network market exceeds 10% by 2027. Additionally, the demand for small to medium-sized enterprises (SME) constitutes approximately 30%, and expected higher growth. The primary reasons for this trend include:
  - Cloud-managed network solutions offer SMBs more flexible and cost-effective alternatives to centrally manage and protect their network infrastructure. This eases the impact of inflation & IT labor constraint.
  - ✓ Cloud network management solutions creates opportunities for typical network solution vendors to explore software licensing as a new revenue stream. Furthermore, it facilitates the transformation of traditional distribution channels and system integrators into Managed Service Providers (MSPs), expanding their business opportunities.



Source: MarketsandMarkets Analysis



#### **Technology and Service Trends: Commercial Networking**

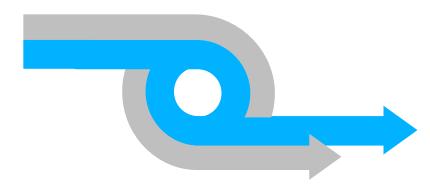
- Zyxel Nebula is the leading cloud-managed network solution tailor designed for SMBs, integrating cybersecurity firewalls, network switches, and WiFi APs.
  - Number of devices managed through the Nebula solution grew by 20%, and Nebula software license subscription service revenue grew 80% in 2023.
  - ✓ In 2023, we enabled the AI assistance feature, allowing users to get configuration assistance through natural language queries, further enhancing the user experience. Next step will focus on intelligent management, utilizing AI, ML, and analytical technologies to provide more precise monitoring, and predictive maintenance.
- With the demand growth and new product introduction, the cybersecurity product line grew by 20% in 2023.
  - ✓ The most significant growth is in cybersecurity software license subscription service, reaching 400M NTD, accounts for 30% of the cybersecurity business. Double digit growth anticipated in 2024.
  - Future product development will focus on the innovative application of AI, to enhance the resiliency to against cybersecurity impact.

#### **Technology and Service Trends: Commercial Networking**

- Zyxel Networks took lead in introducing WiFi 7 into SMB market. In Oct 2023, a WiFi 7 flagship business wireless AP was introduced, and in Mar 2024, another entry level WiFi 7 AP was released. With the 6GHz support by most new phones & notebooks, WiFi 7 adoption rate will boost from this year.
- In 2023, a lineup of Multi-G Switch products was completed. In 2024, the primary focus will be developing 100G network switches for the SMB and specific vertical markets. Besides, WiFi 7 AP will further boost the market demand for high-power Multi-G PoE switches.
- □ In Feb 2024, Zyxel Network become the world's only networking brand recognized at the elite Provider Acceptance Level by the U.S. government's National Vulnerability Database (NVD). This indicates Zyxel a trustworthy brand in cybersecurity.



#### The challenge of carbon competitiveness



 ESG performance are listed as key items in telecom customer bidding projects

 Joining the SBTi is a basic requirement for cooperation with key customers

CBAM becomes one of the factors of cost competition

Taiwan government imposes carbon fee

|                                       | Goals and<br>Commitments   | carbon reduction target  Participate in international initiatives | <ul> <li>50% carbon reduction in 2030, 2050 net zero</li> <li>Carbon reduction by 4.2% per year</li> <li>Join the SBTi</li> <li>Annual response to CDP</li> </ul> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|
|                                       | Digital transition         | Digitizing carbon management  Smart energy management             | <ul> <li>Greenhouse gas inventory management platform</li> <li>Product carbon footprint management platform</li> <li>Energy management platform</li> </ul>        |
| Sustainable<br>management<br>Strategy | Low carbon transition      | Production carbon reduction  Energy transition                    | <ul> <li>Replace energy-consuming equipment</li> <li>Solar energy construction plan</li> </ul>  |
| and action                            | Product carbon reduction   | Product<br>low carbon design                                      | <ul><li>Product energy-saving design</li><li>Product carbon footprint inventory</li></ul>   |
|                                       | Corporate Governance       | Risk Management   | <ul> <li>BCM risk assessment and management</li> <li>TCFD for climate scenario analysis and financial impact</li> </ul>   |
|                                       | Human Rights and Community | Human rights and biodiversity                                     | <ul> <li>Human rights due diligence plan</li> <li>Support biodiversity</li> </ul>   |

#### Reduce carbon emissions together with suppliers

- Government subsidy project: Leading supply chain low-carbon transformation plan
- Hold a supplier conference and work with suppliers to reduce carbon emissions
- Hosted the Supplier Zero Carbon Academy, with an estimated 4,000 participants
- Support the suppliers to conduct greenhouse gas and product carbon footprint inventory

# ESG Investment Indicators: Rating of the Three Major International Sustainability Indexes







Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes

Communication equipment industry

Ranked No. 2

Listed in

S&P Global's
Sustainability Yearbook
2024

MSCI ESG Index

ESG rating

Α

FTSE ESG Index

Telecommunications Equipment Industry

4

(Full score: 5 points)

#### Sustainability awards recognition



CDP
Climate Change Rating

B

Management level



Corporate Governance
Assessment

**Top 20%** 

(among 997companies)



Corporate Sustainability
Reporting Award

**Gold Award** 

Sustainability Report

#### ecovadis

Ecovadis ESG Rating

**Sliver Award** 



Corporate Sustainability

Award

**Leadership Award** 

**Information Security** 



**Business Weekly** 

**Top 100** 

Carbon competitiveness



## Outlook





