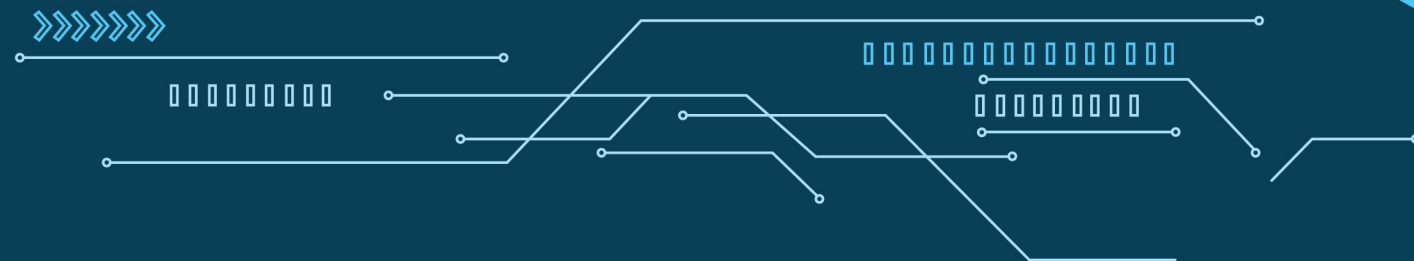


# ACQUISITION OF TELSTRA VELOCITY® AND EQUITY RAISING



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# HIGHLY STRATEGIC ACQUISITION

SIGNIFICANT FIBRE-TO-THE-PREMISES (FTTP) NETWORK. INCREASES SCALE.  
ENHANCES COMPETITIVE PROPOSITION. TELSTRA A RETAIL SERVICE PROVIDER (RSP).  
EFFICIENTLY INTEGRATED. EARNINGS ACCRETIVE. IMMEDIATELY CASH GENERATIVE.

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Acquisition of Telstra Velocity® for total consideration of \$140 million (\$85 million upfront and \$55 million deferred), at an attractive c. 6.7x EV / EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> multiple



Enhanced scale, complementary assets and attractive recurring earnings, increasing number of active services by >40%<sup>(2)</sup> with immediate earnings contribution from c. \$21 million p.a. licence fee



Committed RSP relationship with Telstra on all of Uniti's FTTP network to unlock and improve developer relationships, increase market share and penetration and utilisation of connected premises



Financially compelling with c. 13% EPS accretion in FY21<sup>(3)</sup>, with core plus earnings providing a c. 20% uplift in pro forma FY21 EBITDA<sup>(4)</sup> while maintaining balance sheet flexibility with pro forma net leverage of ~2.3x<sup>(5)</sup> (excluding proceeds from SPP)



Upfront consideration of \$85 million<sup>(6)</sup> funded via a \$50 million institutional placement and \$50 million increase in debt facilities, with \$20 million deferred consideration payable evenly over three years and \$35 million subject to a successful migration

(1) Based on EBITDA of \$21 million per annum and excluding transaction costs of \$10 million.

(2) Based on 120,000 Uniti Active Premises and ~50,000 Velocity® Active Premises as at November 2020.

(3) Accretion excludes impact of SPP. Based on management unaudited financials, FY21 EPS accretion as if the acquisition was effective on 1 July 2020 and presented pre integration costs, transaction costs and acquisition related amortisation.

(4) Uniti's pro forma FY21 EBITDA of \$95 million excluding non cash share based remuneration costs comprised of \$86 million pro forma EBITDA for Uniti including OptiComm, \$3 million for Harbour ISP and \$6 million of run-rate cost synergies expected to be achieved from the OptiComm acquisition as at 30 June 2021 (out of a total of \$10 million).

(5) Pro forma net debt of approximately \$271 million, reflective of current net debt of \$226 million plus additional net debt of \$45 million (\$50 million in new debt less \$5 million in cash to balance sheet) to partially fund the upfront consideration. Pro forma FY21 EBITDA of \$116 million, comprised of Uniti's pro forma FY21 EBITDA of \$95 million excluding non cash share based remuneration costs plus c. \$21 million EBITDA contribution from Telstra Velocity®. Approximately 2.8x net leverage including deferred consideration of \$55 million.

(6) Upfront consideration of \$85 million excludes transaction costs of approximately \$10 million including stamp duty.

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# TRANSACTION SUMMARY

## COMPLEMENTARY AND STRATEGIC FTTP NETWORK

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### Acquisition Overview

- Uniti to acquire Telstra's FTTP network assets deployed to provide services to Velocity Estates and South Brisbane Exchange regions (together **Telstra Velocity®**)
- Assets acquired include FTTP access fibre and customer premise equipment (**CPE**) owned by Telstra
- Telstra has agreed to become an RSP of Uniti FTTP networks including Telstra Velocity® and OptiComm
- Total cash consideration of up to \$140 million comprised of:
  - \$85 million payable upon completion
  - \$20 million of deferred consideration split into three equal payments commencing 12 months after completion and then on each of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversaries
  - \$35 million in deferred consideration (subject to performance conditions) on migration of Telstra's customers to the Uniti network expected to commence in mid-2022
  - Ability to adjust the majority of purchase price subject to the size of the customer base at the time of migration
- Total consideration represents an implied EV / EBITDA multiple of c. 6.7x<sup>(1)</sup>
- Expected to complete on or before 31 December 2020
- Immediately earnings and cash generative from January 2021

### Key Terms & Commercial Agreements

- **Licence Fee:** Telstra to pay a licence fee of \$21.6 million p.a. (**Licence Fee**) for the continued use of Telstra Velocity® assets acquired until migration of customer services is completed with the licence fee to reduce on a proportionate basis as migration occurs. EBITDA contribution anticipated to be no less than Licence Fee after migration completion
- **Wholesale Agreements with Telstra:** Uniti and Telstra have agreed to a wholesale purchasing arrangement on competitive commercial terms (\$7M p.a. for 10 years), in respect to access to certain Telstra assets including exchanges, pits and ducts as well as backhaul from Telstra Velocity® Estates to Uniti POI's, essential for the supply of superfast broadband services
- **Telstra as RSP:** agreed terms between Uniti and Telstra, where Telstra has committed to become an RSP on Uniti's national network, including Telstra Velocity® as well as Uniti's existing and future FTTP network deployments, outside the nbn fixed line footprint
- **Migration:** detailed transition plan including proposed technology refresh of c. \$40 million to migrate assets (expected over 12-15 months) and customers to Uniti's network and management

### Acquisition Funding

- Initial \$85 million upfront cash consideration (plus transaction costs<sup>(2)</sup>) to be funded by:
  - Fully underwritten institutional placement (**Placement**) to raise approximately \$50 million and non-underwritten Share Purchase Plan (**SPP**) of up to \$10 million<sup>(3)</sup>
  - Increase in facility limits of Uniti's existing \$265 million term debt facility by \$50 million
- Deferred consideration to be funded via future operating cash flows and available liquidity

### Financial Impact

- Acquisition expected to be c. 13% EPS accretive in FY21 on a pro forma basis<sup>(4)</sup>
- Pro forma net leverage of approximately 2.3x<sup>(5)</sup> (excluding proceeds from SPP) with strong cash generation from high margin annuity infrastructure earnings enabling future decreases in leverage

(1) Based on EBITDA of \$21 million per annum and excluding transaction costs of \$10 million.

(2) Estimated total transaction costs of approximately \$10 million including stamp duty.

(3) Uniti reserves the right to increase or decrease the size of the SPP and/or scale back applications under the SPP at its discretion.

(4) Accretion excludes impact of SPP. Based on management unaudited financials, FY21 EPS accretion as if the acquisition was effective on 1 July 2020 and presented pre integration costs, transaction costs and acquisition related amortisation.

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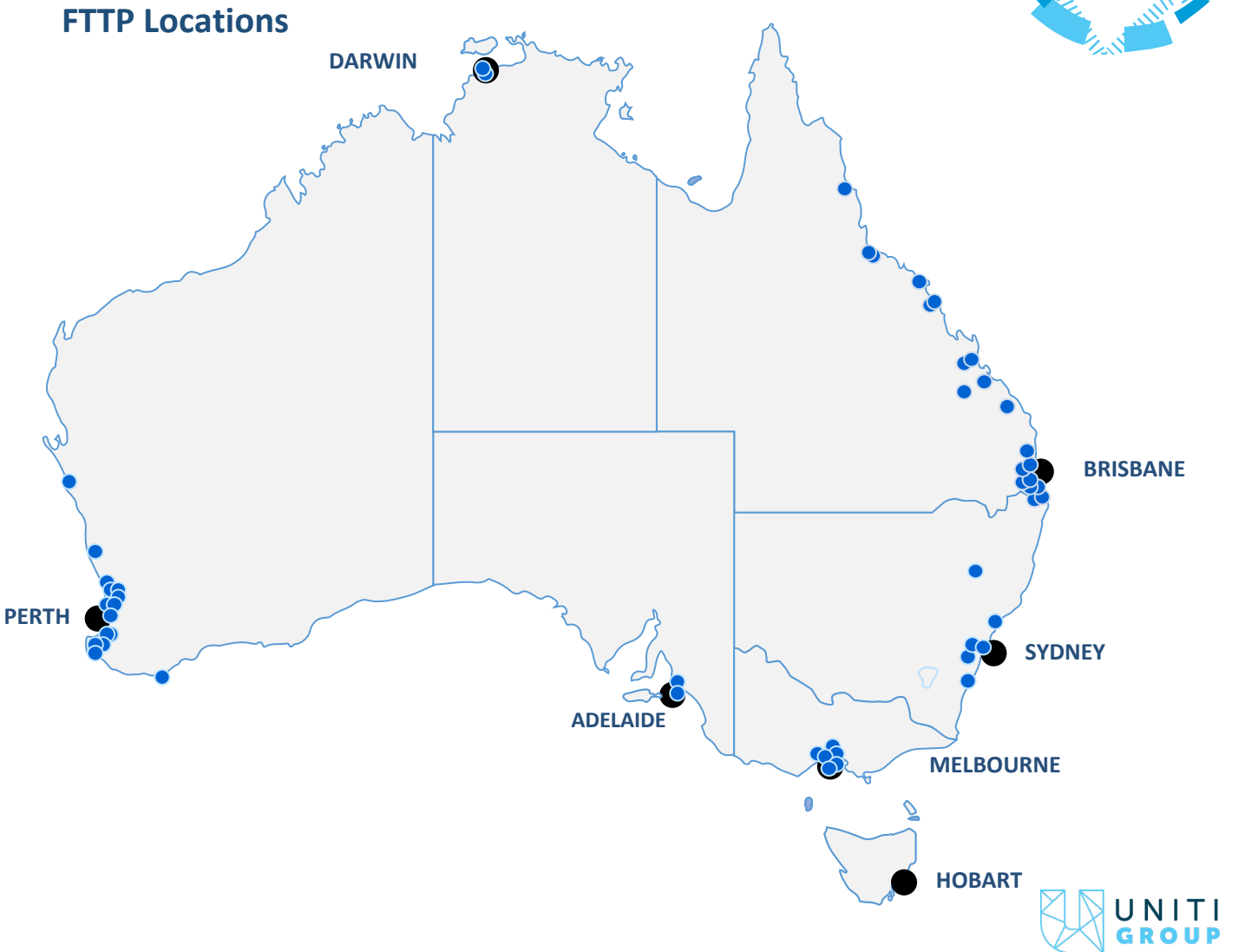
# OVERVIEW OF TELSTRA VELOCITY®

FTTP NETWORK IN ALL MAINLAND STATES. ~68,000 PREMISES PASSED. ~65,000 PREMISES CONNECTED TO ASSETS ACQUIRED. ~50,000 ACTIVE PREMISES

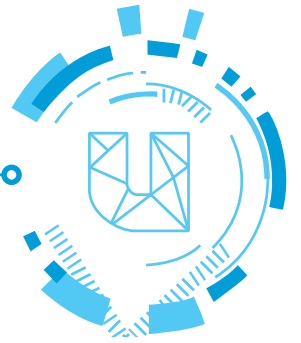
- > Telstra’s FTTP networks used to provide services to Velocity Estates as well as FTTP access in South Brisbane Exchange regions (together, **Telstra Velocity®**)
- > FTTP access network assets in 128 housing estates plus the former South Brisbane Exchange region being acquired. Includes CPE
  - Distributed estates defensive to potential overbuild
- > Fibre architecture providing superfast broadband and converged services to ~50,000 premises

|                    | Active Services <sup>(1)</sup> | Connected Premises <sup>(1)</sup> | Locations |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Velocity           | ~40,000                        | 50,000                            | 128       |
| SBX <sup>(2)</sup> | ~10,000                        | 15,000                            | 1         |
| Total              | ~50,000                        | 65,000                            | 129       |

Source: Telstra.  
(1) Includes broadband and voice services.  
(2) South Brisbane Exchange.



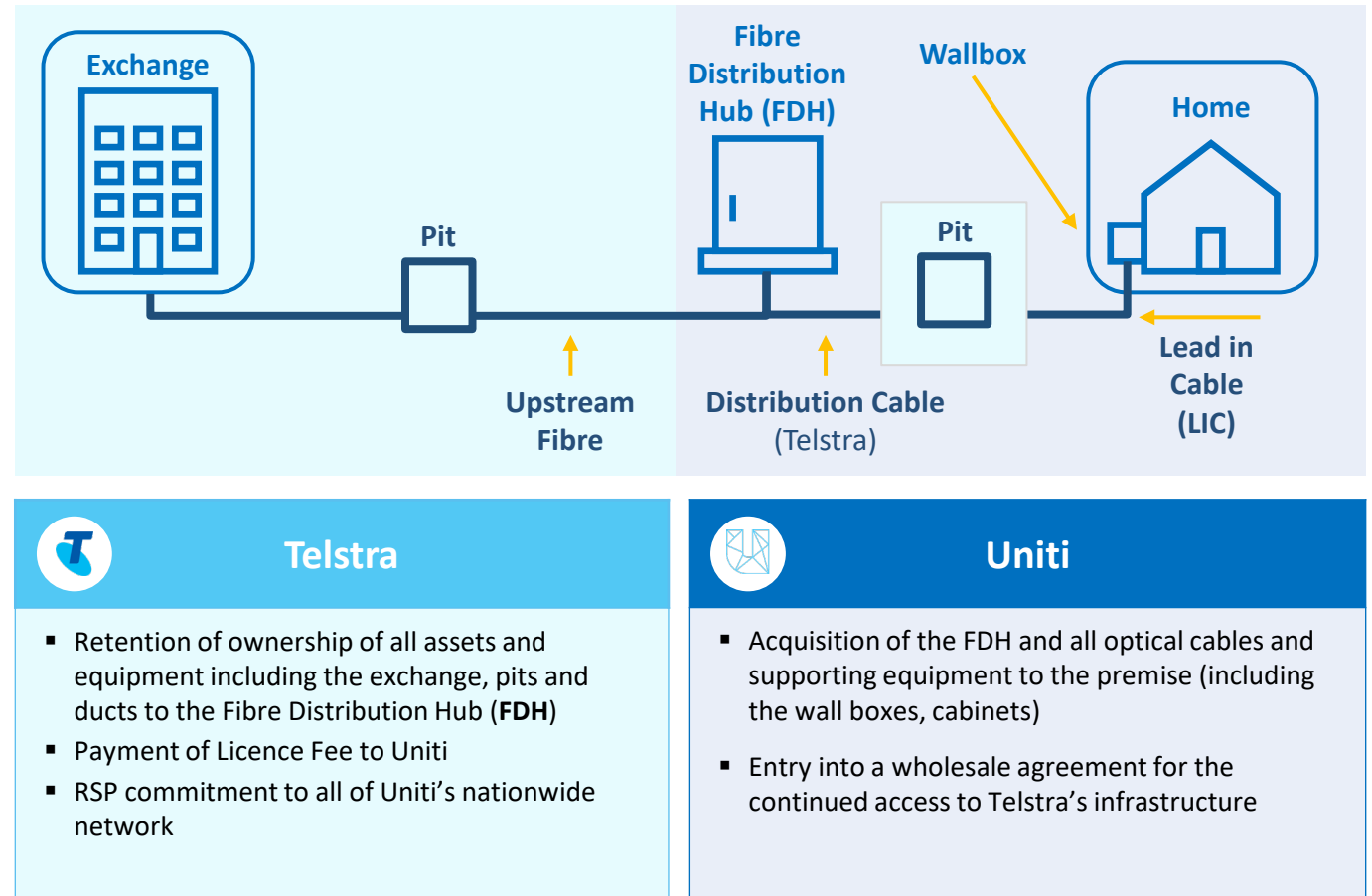
# OVERVIEW OF TRANSACTION PERIMETER AND COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS



## ACQUISITION OF THE FIBRE NETWORK FROM THE HUB TO THE HOME, AND ENTRY INTO RSP AND WHOLESALE AGREEMENTS WITH TELSTRA

- Telstra agrees terms to become an RSP on Uniti's W&I network (current and future) outside the nbn fixed line footprint
- Uniti receives \$21.6 million licence fee p.a. from Telstra for use of assets acquired until migration completes<sup>(1)</sup>
- Uniti secures a 10 year wholesale agreement for access to Telstra's exchange, pits and ducts and backhaul to Uniti POI's
- Uniti will undertake a technology refresh of the access network (mainly CPE) at a capex cost of c. \$40 million as part of migration, expected to commence in mid-2022
- Uniti to complete Telstra customer migration in a collaborative manner, including access technology refresh and expected to take 12 – 15 months
- Planned technology refresh during migration will provide enhanced service quality with the intended introduction of XGS-PON technology to provide superior services

### Transaction Perimeter



Source: Telstra.

(1) To be reduced on a proportionate basis as migration occurs.

■ Denotes Uniti ownership  
■ Denotes Telstra ownership



# STRATEGIC RATIONALE – ANOTHER “CORE PLUS” ADDITION



**ACQUISITION OF TELSTRA VELOCITY® IS TRUE TO UNITI'S CORE STRATEGY: INVEST IN BUSINESSES WITH HIGH MARGINS, INFRASTRUCTURE-LIKE ANNUITY EARNINGS, HIGH CASH GENERATION, SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM GROWTH, PRIVILEGED IN NATURE**

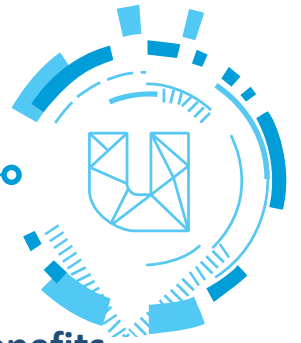
- 1** ***Highly Strategic Complementary Network***  
Secures last private fibre network of scale that can be integrated quickly within the W&I pillar. Technology refresh will integrate Velocity to Uniti's core FTTP network with superior services to Velocity estates resulting in increased ARPU
- 2** ***Finite Footprint with Earnings Upside***  
Competition from potentially ~40 RSPs connected to the Uniti network, including Telstra, supported by superior services from the technology refresh and innovative RSP marketing, is expected to increase ARPU
- 3** ***Secures Telstra RSP Relationship***  
Commitment from most recognised RSP enhances competitiveness within the greenfield property market and will increase utilisation across connected premises nationally, supporting adjacent market expansion, outside the nbn fixed line footprint
- 4** ***Transformation to a Fibre Infrastructure Company***  
Long-life, core fibre infrastructure networks generate the vast majority of earnings supported by other pillars to increase network utilisation and expansion
- 5** ***Financially Compelling***  
Attractive acquisition multiple, immediately accretive and cash generative, reducing leverage quickly. Gross margin, EBITDA margin and operating cash margin to EBITDA in line with W&I pillar

# COMPLEMENTARY NETWORK – GO TO TECHNOLOGY

SECURES LAST PRIVATE FIBRE NETWORK OF SCALE, ENTRENCHES POSITION AS THE LEADING FTTP CHALLENGER AND OPENS UP NEW MARKETS

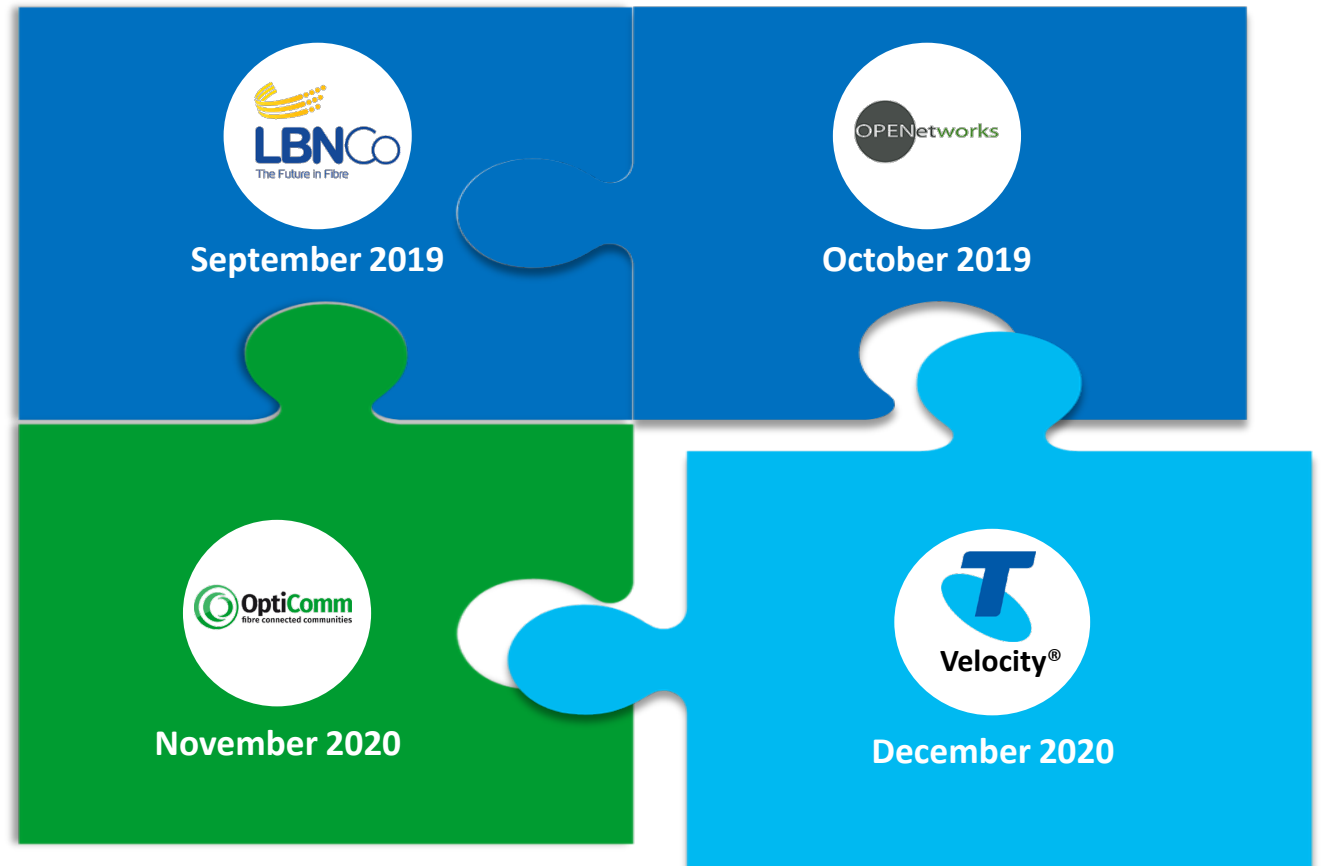
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## Core Plus Network Expands – Wholesale RSP Business Benefits

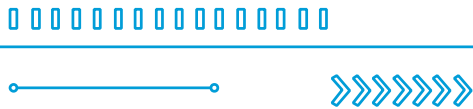
- > Recent acquisition of OptiComm with broadacre capability makes for low-risk integration
- > Highly distributed estates minimises overbuild risk
- > Telstra wholesale supply terms provides long term cost of sale certainty
- > Acquisition of FTTP network combined with technology refresh of CPE provides a long-term annuity revenue with natural ARPU growth
- > Long-life assets with strong asset backing<sup>(1)</sup>
- > Uniti's Wholesale RSP business increases Uniti Core Plus ARPUs and earnings across what was previously an incumbent market



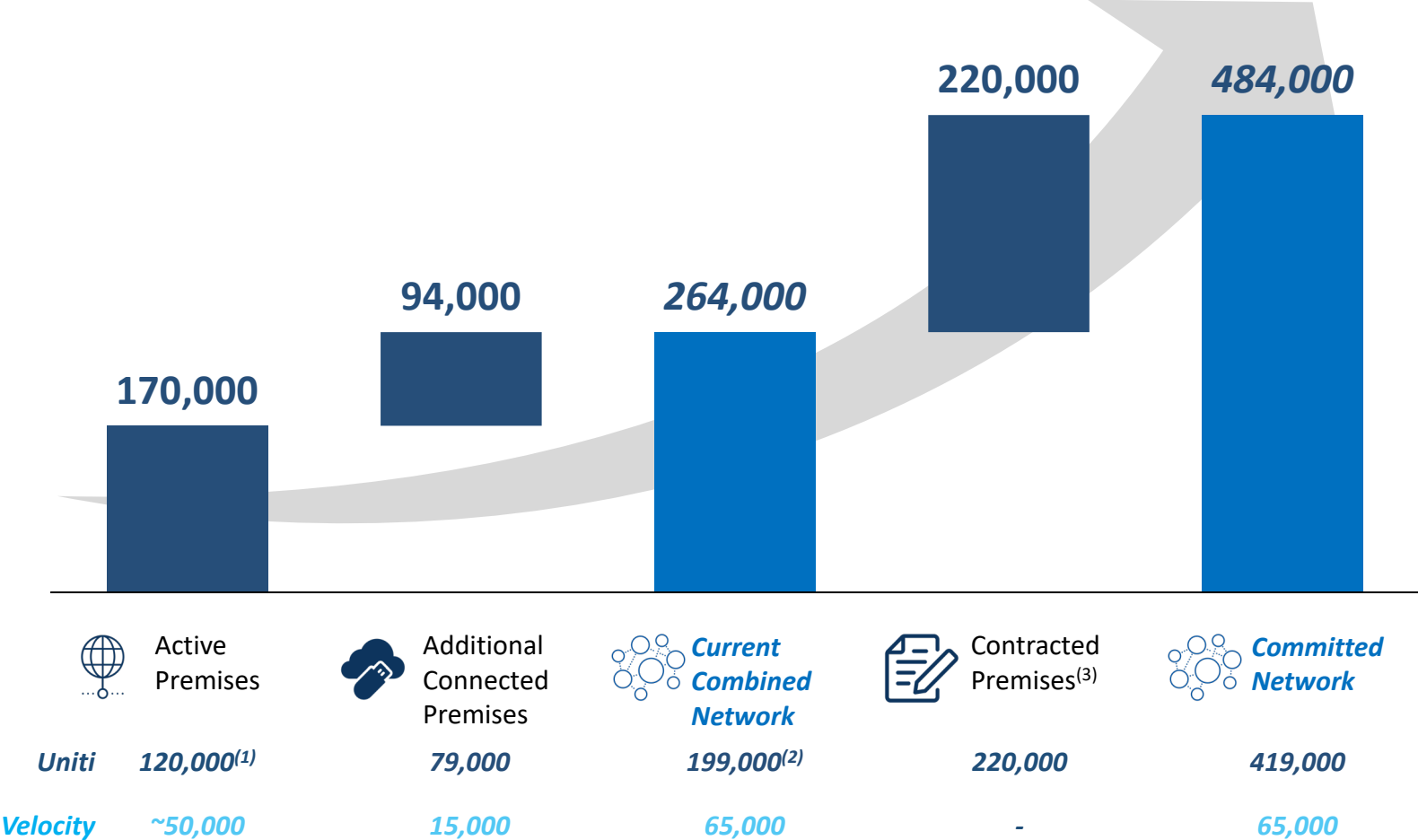
(1) Current asset value of \$89 million and remaining 15 year useful asset life for depreciation purposes.

# IMPROVES SCALE, REACH AND RELEVANCE

INCREASES ACTIVE PREMISES BY MORE THAN 40%. PROVIDES ATTRACTIVE PROPOSITION TO RSPs TO MARKET ACROSS OWNED INFRASTRUCTURE



## Completes Network Transformation



- Scale is important in expanding market share
- Telstra as an RSP supports market share and market expansion
- Opportunity for network consolidation efficiencies, removal of duplication and enhanced operating leverage
- Increases opportunity to expand to converged products and services leveraging infrastructure deployed
- Additional 35,000 premises passed over current combined network but not yet connected

Note: Figures as at November 2020.  
(1) Excluding hotel ports and voice services.  
(2) Includes lots that are currently under construction or contracted to be constructed.  
(3) Connected includes certain legacy HFC sites with competitive infrastructure.

# SECURES TELSTRA RSP RELATIONSHIP

COMMITMENT FROM THE LARGEST AND MOST RECOGNISED RSP ENHANCES COMPETITIVENESS IN PURSUIT OF ADDITIONAL DEVELOPER RELATIONSHIPS AND UTILISATION

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- Telstra committed to become an RSP on all of Uniti's W&I network – both current and future builds (outside the nbn fixed line footprint)



- Uniti undertakes to provide products and services to Telstra of a comparable level to nbn including service, speeds, technology interface and network availability



- Agreement to undertake a customer migration that minimises customer interruption



- Significant opportunity to further penetrate the large developer market where many have requirement for Telstra as an RSP



- Establishment of a strong wholesale supplier relationship with Telstra which will broaden to the wider Uniti business

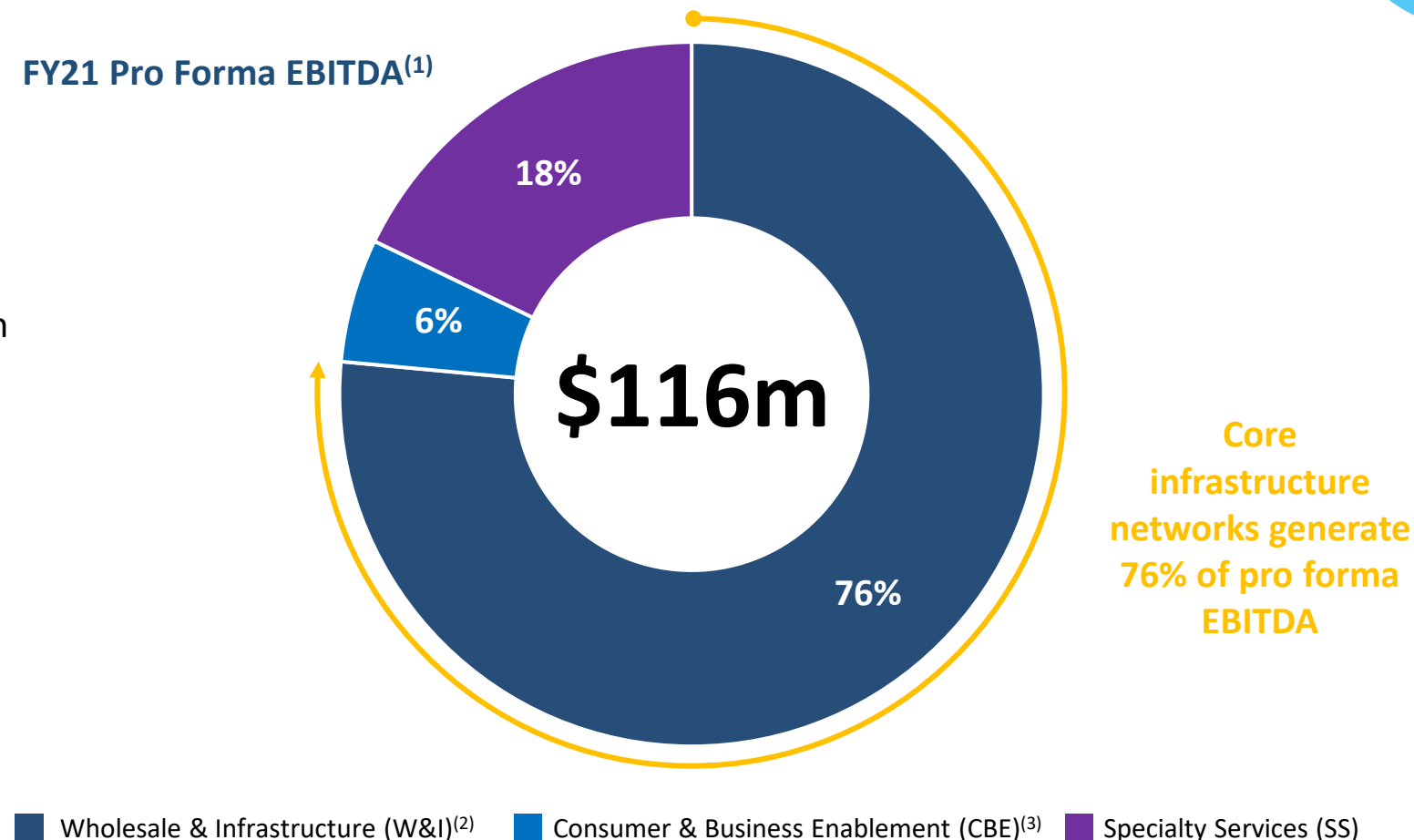
# TRANSFORMATION TO A FIBRE INFRASTRUCTURE COMPANY

LONG-LIFE, CORE FIBRE INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORKS GENERATE THE VAST MAJORITY OF EARNINGS SUPPORTED BY STRONG CASH GENERATION OF OTHER PILLARS TO INCREASE NETWORK UTILISATION AND EXPANSION



- Financial profile heavily weighted to recurring earnings from expansive core infrastructure network
- CBE drives network utilisation and recurring W&I earnings
- SS highly cash generative allowing reinvestment in infrastructure expansion

FY21 Pro Forma EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) Uniti's pro forma FY21 EBITDA of \$95 million excluding non cash share based remuneration costs comprised of \$86 million pro forma EBITDA for Uniti including OptiComm, \$3 million for Harbour ISP and \$6 million of run-rate cost synergies expected to be achieved from the OptiComm acquisition as at 30 June 2021 (out of a total of \$10 million), plus c. \$21 million EBITDA contribution from Telstra Velocity®. Segment breakdown based on EBITDA pre corporate costs.

(2) Telstra Velocity® added to W&I pillar on a pro forma basis which also include Uniti's W&I contribution as well as OptiComm on a 100% basis. W&I EBITDA includes \$6 million of run-rate cost synergies expected to be achieved from the OptiComm acquisition as at 30 June 2021 (out of a total of \$10 million).

(3) EBITDA contribution from the acquisition of Harbour ISP included in CBE.



## CONTINUED ORGANIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINED ANNUITY EARNINGS



|                                        | Acquisition of OptiComm       |                                 |             | Acquisition of Telstra Velocity®          |                   |                |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                                        | FY20 Pro Forma <sup>(1)</sup> | FY21 Pro Forma (after OptiComm) | Harbour ISP | FY21 Pro Forma (before Telstra Velocity®) | Telstra Velocity® | FY21 Pro Forma |
| Revenue                                | 141.0                         | 161.6                           | 23.7        | 185.3                                     | 21.6              | 206.9          |
| EBITDA (u) <sup>(6)</sup> ex-synergies | 76.7                          | 86.0                            | 2.0         | 88.0                                      | 21.0              | 109.0          |
| EBITDA (u) <sup>(6)</sup>              | 86.7 <sup>(2)</sup>           | 92.0 <sup>(3)</sup>             | 3.0         | 95.0                                      | 21.0              | 116.0          |
| Net Debt                               | 112.3                         |                                 |             | 226.0 <sup>(4)</sup>                      | 45.0              | 271.0          |
| Net Debt / EBITDA (u) <sup>(6)</sup>   | 1.3x                          |                                 |             | 2.4x                                      |                   | 2.3x           |

*Net Debt / EBITDA (u) <sup>(6)</sup> incl. Deferred Consideration* 2.8x <sup>(5)</sup>

- Acquisition of OptiComm completed on 20 November 2020 and Harbour ISP on 18 November 2020
- New Chief Executive of W&I, Geoff Aldridge, appointed and all brands consolidated under “OptiComm” go-to-market banner
- Sustained strong organic growth from annuity infrastructure networks
- Projected FY21 pro forma EBITDA of ~\$95 million – an increase of over 20% relative to FY20 pro forma EBITDA of ~\$77 million
- ~\$39 million of cash and \$265 million of drawn debt as at 1 December 2020 following completion of OptiComm and Harbour ISP acquisitions with strong free cash flow generation

(6) EBITDA (u) excludes non cash share based remuneration expenses.



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- Upfront cash acquisition consideration of \$85 million
- Consideration funded with Placement proceeds and increase in existing debt facilities

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- Deferred consideration of approximately \$55 million, comprised of:
  - \$20 million in three equal instalments payable one, two and three years after completion
  - \$35 million payable over the migration period to Uniti's network, expected to commence in mid-2022

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- Fully underwritten Placement to raise gross proceeds of \$50 million

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- Additional new debt of \$50 million provided by Westpac and CBA under existing term debt facility

| Sources                   | A\$m         |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Placement (excluding SPP) | 50.0         |
| New Debt                  | 50.0         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>100.0</b> |

| Uses                                        | A\$m         |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Upfront Consideration for Telstra Velocity® | 85.0         |
| Stamp Duty Costs                            | 7.5          |
| Transaction Costs                           | 2.5          |
| Cash to Balance Sheet                       | 5.0          |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>100.0</b> |



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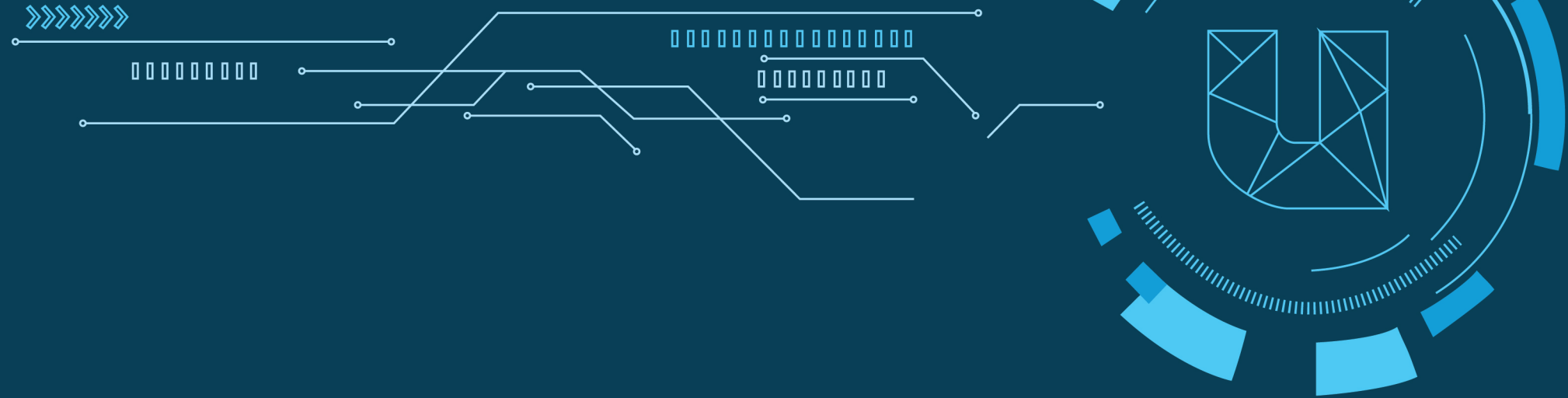
## KEY DATES



(1) The above timetable is indicative and subject to variation. Unifi reserves the right to alter the timetable at its absolute discretion and without notice, subject to ASX Listing Rules and the Corporations Act and other applicable law.

(2) All dates and times are Australian Eastern Daylight Time unless otherwise specified.

# APPENDIX I: KEY RISKS



# KEY RISKS



## Acquisition and Equity Raising Risks

### Due diligence risk

Uniti has performed certain due diligence on the Velocity assets owned by Telstra that are the subject of the Acquisition. There is a risk that due diligence conducted has not identified issues that would have been material to the decision to enter into the Acquisition. A material adverse issue which was not identified prior to completion of the Acquisition could have an adverse impact on the financial performance or operations of Uniti. As is usual in the conduct of acquisitions, the due diligence process undertaken by Uniti identified a number of risks associated with the Acquisition, which Uniti has had to evaluate and manage. The mechanisms used by Uniti to manage these risks included in certain circumstances the acceptance of the risk as tolerable on commercial grounds such as materiality. There is a risk that the approach taken by Uniti may be insufficient to mitigate the risk, or that the materiality of these risks may have been underestimated, and hence they may have a material adverse impact on Uniti's earnings and financial position.

### Counterparty and contractual risk

Pursuant to the Acquisition agreements, Uniti has agreed to acquire certain assets owned by Telstra relating to the Velocity network owned and operated by Telstra (via a "Business Sale and Assets Agreement") and to provide Telstra with exclusive use of the acquired assets for a licencing fee until 1 July 2022 (via a "Licence Agreement").

The ability of Uniti to achieve its stated objectives will depend on the performance by the parties of their obligations under the Acquisition agreements, in particular the Licence Agreement, as well as other agreements. If any party defaults in the performance of their obligations, it may be necessary for Uniti to approach a court to seek a legal remedy, which can be costly, as well as manage the commercial impact of stepping to operate the assets.

### Equity underwriting risk

Uniti has entered into an underwriting agreement under which the Lead Manager has agreed to fully underwrite the Placement, subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement. Prior to settlement of the Placement, there are certain events which, if they were to occur, may affect the Lead Manager's obligation to underwrite the Placement. If certain conditions are not satisfied or certain events occur under the underwriting agreement, the Lead Manager may terminate the agreement which may require Uniti to search for alternative financing. The ability of the Lead Manager to terminate the underwriting agreement in respect of some events (including breach of the underwriting agreement by Uniti, market disruption or regulatory action) will depend (amongst other things) on whether the event has or is likely to have a material adverse effect on the success, settlement or marketing of the Placement, or could reasonably be expected to give rise to a contravention by, or liability for, the Lead Manager under applicable law. If the underwriting agreement is terminated for any reason, then Uniti may not receive the full amount of the proceeds expected under the Placement, its financial position might change and it might need to take other steps to raise capital or to fund the Acquisition.

### Debt finance

Uniti's financiers have agreed to provide \$50 million of debt funding to Uniti through an increase to an existing facility. Prior to drawdown of funds under that financing, there are certain events which, if they were to occur or not occur as the case may be, may affect the financiers' obligation to provide the debt financing. If certain conditions are not satisfied or certain events occur, the financiers' may terminate the obligation to provide funding which may require Uniti to search for alternative funding sources for the Acquisition, which may include additional equity funding. If the arrangements with the financiers is terminated for any reason, then Uniti may not receive the full amount of the proceeds expected from its debt funding, its financial position might change and it might need to take other steps to raise capital or to fund the Acquisition.

# KEY RISKS (CONT'D)



## Risks related to an investment in Uniti

### Competition

Uniti's CBE business unit operates in suburban and metropolitan markets where customers have the choice of a number of alternative suppliers of broadband internet and data connectivity. Examples of alternative suppliers include the resellers of NBN Co and the mobile operators currently delivering 4G cellular services and beginning to deliver 5G cellular services in these markets. Uniti's ability to attract and retain customers will be affected by alternative service and price offerings by competitors in the markets in which the Uniti operates. For example, Uniti would be adversely impacted if NBN Co reduced its wholesale prices for retailers and those price reductions flowed through to retail prices.

Uniti's W&I business unit operates in a growing market of private fibre construction and operation. There is a relatively low barrier to entry for new players to this market, and it could see other players come in. NBN is the main operator in this area with the largest market share.

### Delays in construction

Uniti's W&I business unit has contracts in place for the delivery of network infrastructure in new developments. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the property market, there may be a delay in construction of those new developments and in the signing of new developer agreements and/or delay in the construction of dwellings under these new agreements, resulting in delays in the realisation of revenue from these contracts.

### Regulatory risks

Uniti operates in a heavily regulated environment. There is a risk that any changes in law, regulation or government policy affecting the operations of Uniti (which may or may not be enforced retrospectively) will have an impact on Uniti's performance and profitability. This may include changes to the tax system or the Telecommunications infrastructure framework.

### Reliance on key management personnel

Uniti's performance depends significantly on its key management personnel managing and growing its business.

The unexpected loss of any key management personnel, or the inability on the part of Uniti to attract experienced personnel, may adversely affect its future financial performance.

### Acquisition strategy may not be successful

Uniti intends to selectively pursue acquisitions to complement its organic growth. However, Uniti may not be able to identify suitable acquisition candidates at acceptable prices or complete and integrate acquisitions successfully.

Even if successfully executed and integrated, there can be no guarantee of continued successful performance of those acquisitions. To the extent that Uniti's acquisition strategy is unsuccessful, its financial performance could be adversely impacted.

### Network performance

Uniti depends on the performance, reliability and availability of its technology platform, including its online led customer service platform, call centre and communications systems as well as the network it operates as a wholesale provider. In the event that either or any of these platforms or networks are damaged, faulty or subject to weather damage, hacking or malicious interventions, Uniti's financial performance may be impacted.

### Brand and reputation damage

The success of Uniti is largely dependent on its reputation and branding.

Maintaining the strength of the reputation and branding of Uniti is integral to its ability to maintain relationships with existing customers, appeal to new customers, maintain sales growth and attract key employees. Factors which adversely affect Uniti's reputation may have a negative impact on its competitiveness, growth and profitability.

### Impact of changing technology on Uniti's competitive position

Uniti relies on the use of third party hardware and software technologies to deliver its products and services. These technologies are required to continually perform to expected standards, without disruption or cessation. If the performance of these technologies deteriorated, there may be an impact on reputation, ability to deliver services and customer growth. Wireless technology changes are rapid, and failure to invest or upgrade to new technologies to remain competitive may lead to a loss of opportunities for Uniti, which may materially affect future business operations and the financial results.

### Impact of "Country of origin" issues relating to network equipment on Uniti's competitive position

Like other fibre operators, Uniti utilises components sourced from international third parties in the construction of its network, and the edge equipment that it utilises to enable delivery of telecommunication bandwidth. Recent changes in the security stance from the government in relation to equipment and components sourced from some countries means that Uniti may need to replace some of the hardware components in its network earlier than anticipated and before the usual replacement / upgrade path to address concerns in market as well as potential new regulatory requirements. This could result in an increase in capital expenditure over a period.

# KEY RISKS (CONT'D)



## General market risks

### Risks associated with investment in equity capital

There are risks associated with any investment in a company listed on the ASX. The value of shares may rise above or below the current share price or the Offer Price depending on the financial and operating performance of Uniti and external factors over which Uniti and its Board have no control. These external factors include: economic conditions in Australia and overseas which may have a negative impact on equity capital markets; changing investor sentiment in the local and international stock markets; changes in domestic or international fiscal, monetary, regulatory and other government policies and developments and general conditions in the markets in which Uniti proposes to operate and which may impact on the future value and pricing of shares. No assurances can be given that the New Shares will trade at or above the Offer Price. None of Uniti, its Board or any other person guarantees the market performance of the New Shares

### Liquidity and realisation risk

There may be few or many potential buyers or sellers of Uniti Shares on the ASX at any time. This may affect the volatility of the market price of Uniti's shares. It may also affect the prevailing market price at which shareholders are able to sell their Uniti shares

### Major shareholder risk

Uniti currently has a number of substantial shareholders on its share register. There is a risk that these shareholders, future substantial shareholders, or other large shareholders may sell their shares at a future date. This could cause the price of Uniti shares to decline

### Taxation

Future changes in taxation law, including changes in interpretation or application of the law by the courts or taxation authorities, may affect taxation treatment of an investment in Uniti shares or the holding and disposal of those shares. Further, changes in tax law, or changes in the way tax law is expected to be interpreted, in the jurisdictions in which Uniti operates, may impact the future tax liabilities and performance of Uniti. Any changes to the current rates of income tax applying to individuals and trusts will similarly impact on shareholder returns

### General economic conditions

Adverse changes in economic conditions such as interest rates, exchange rates, inflation, government policy, national and international economic conditions and employment rates amongst others are outside Uniti's control and have the potential to have an adverse impact on Uniti and its operations

# APPENDIX II: FOREIGN SELLING RESTRICTIONS



# FOREIGN SELLING RESTRICTIONS



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- meets the investment activity criteria specified in clause 38 of Schedule 1 of the FMC Act;
- is large within the meaning of clause 39 of Schedule 1 of the FMC Act;
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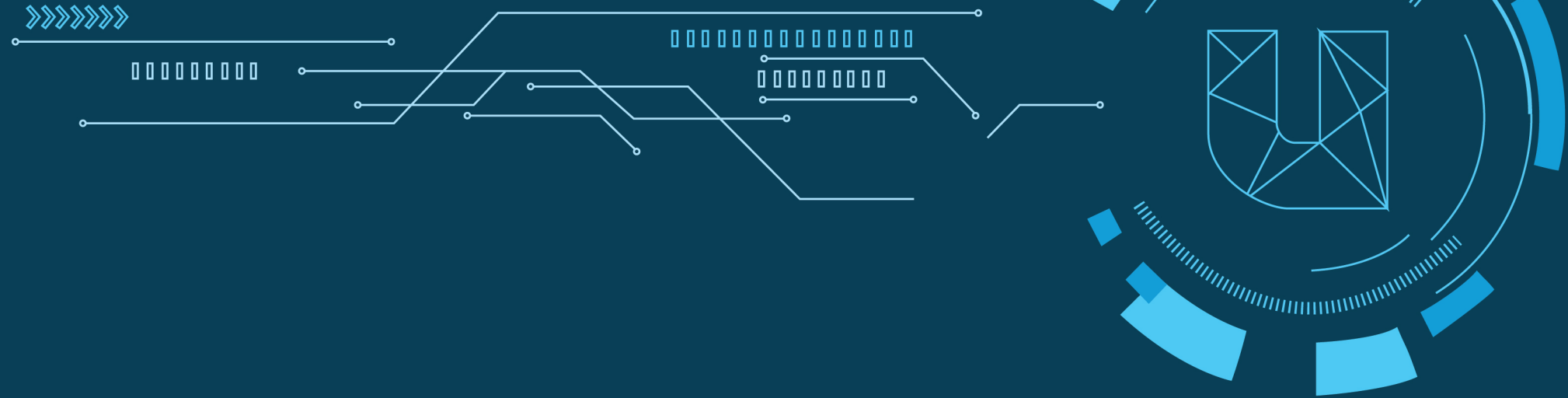
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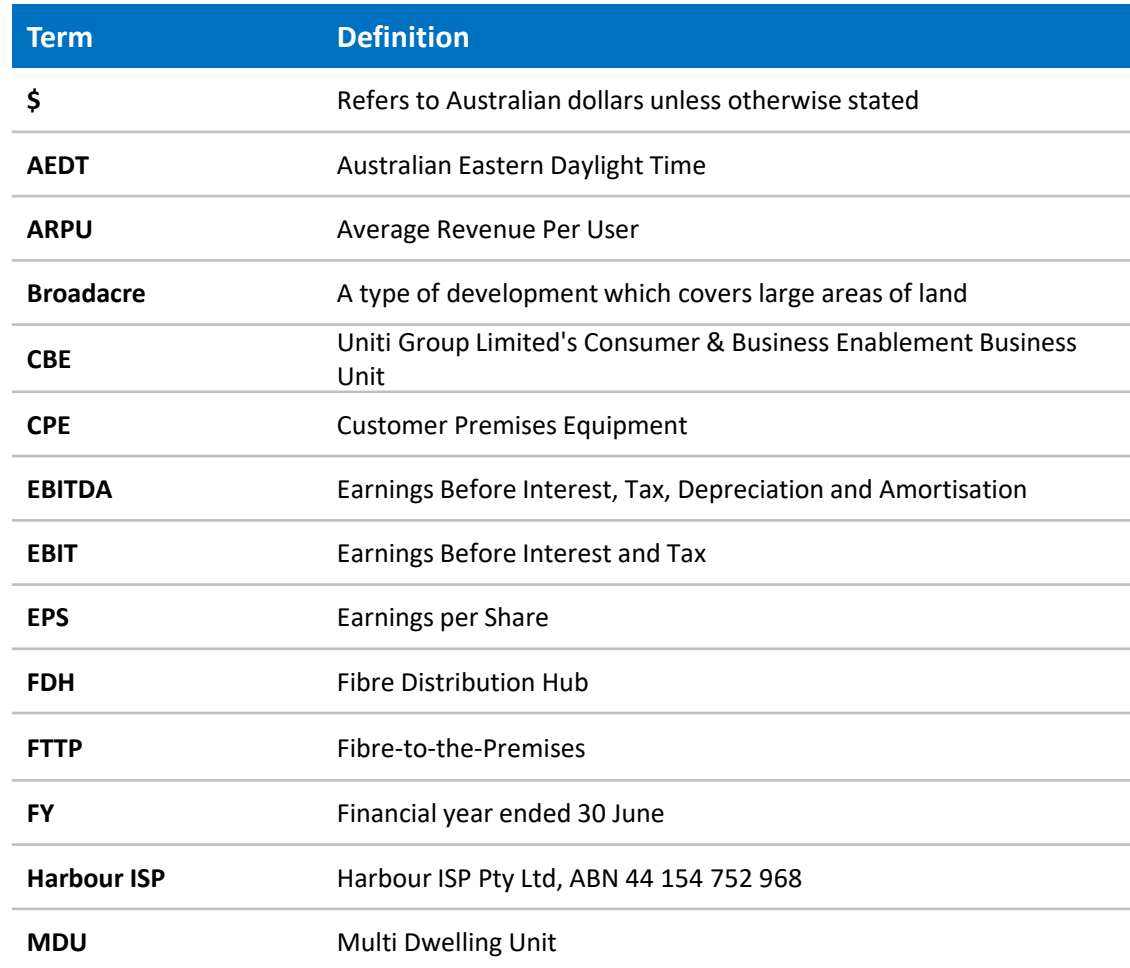
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# APPENDIX III: GLOSSARY



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