# 1H 2025

**Investor Presentation** 





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### **Key Milestones in 1Q 2025**

solutions entered a number of high-potential partnerships and promising contracts, laying a solid foundation for growth

#### 9 February

upsource by solutions launched its new brand identity at LEAP 2025 conference

upsource



#### 13 February

solutions by stc signed a revenue-sharing contract with Sports Boulevard Foundation to provide a full range of smart parking solutions and integrate these solutions into the Sports Boulevard project



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### 19 February

Giza Arabia appointed as an Official Overhead Transmission Projects Partner for Saudi Electricity Company





#### 17 March

solutions by stc and Nokia conclude a 5G deal to drive digitalization and achieve market leadership in key sectors



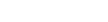
#### 11 February

solutions by stc signed a strategic partnership with the Ministry of HR and Social Development to upskill future leaders



#### 17 February

Giza signed by Diriyah Company as Delivery Partner for ambitious smart city initiative



Giza

### Systems



#### 6 March

solutions by stc and Nile in collaboration with Tawal implement the world's largest campus NAAS at LEAP 2025 conference



#### 22 April

solutions by stc signed a contract with stc to execute the project of establishing and developing the internet and communications networks for stc.



### **Key Milestones in 2Q 2025**

solutions secured multiple long-term partnerships establishing a strong foundation for future growth

#### 22 April

Signed a SAR 142m contract with stc for 3 years to execute the project of establishing and developing the internet and communications networks for stc



#### **20 May**

Launched Joint Venture, Nile MEA, in cooperation with the US based Nile





#### 22 June

Signed a strategic partnership agreement with iDirect to advance satellite communication solutions



### stc

#### **18 May**

Signed a number of contracts worth SAR 651m with stc for 5 years to execute the project of IT infrastructure modernization & hyperscaler partnership and Oracle software licenses renewal project





#### **26 May**

Upsource by solutions signed a SAR 94m agreement spanning 3 years with the National Water Company (NWC) to enhance customer service system



#### 26 June

Signed a SAR 157m contract for 5 years with stc to build a private cloud as part of the IT infrastructure modernization & hyperscaler partnership project





### solutions by stc at a Glance

The leading ICT services provider and enabler of the digital transformation across the Kingdom

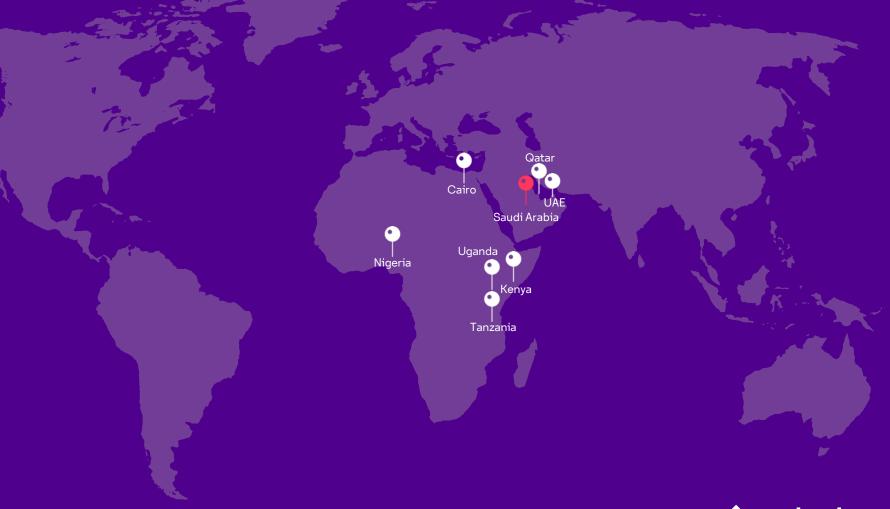
Key highlights	#1	IT services provider in Saudi Arabia	22.7% IT Services market share in KSA	25+	Years of experience in IT sector
FY 2024 financials	<b>9</b> %	Revenue growth YoY to SAR 12.06bn	16.1% EBITDA margin	34%	Net income growth YoY to SAR 1.60bn
People	1,464	Talented employees	<b>64%</b> Saudization	19%	Female staff
Partnerships	171+	Partners in solutions ecosystem	467 Local Suppliers Engaged	77%	Procurement spending on local suppliers



### Geographical presence

### Strong local presence and global reach

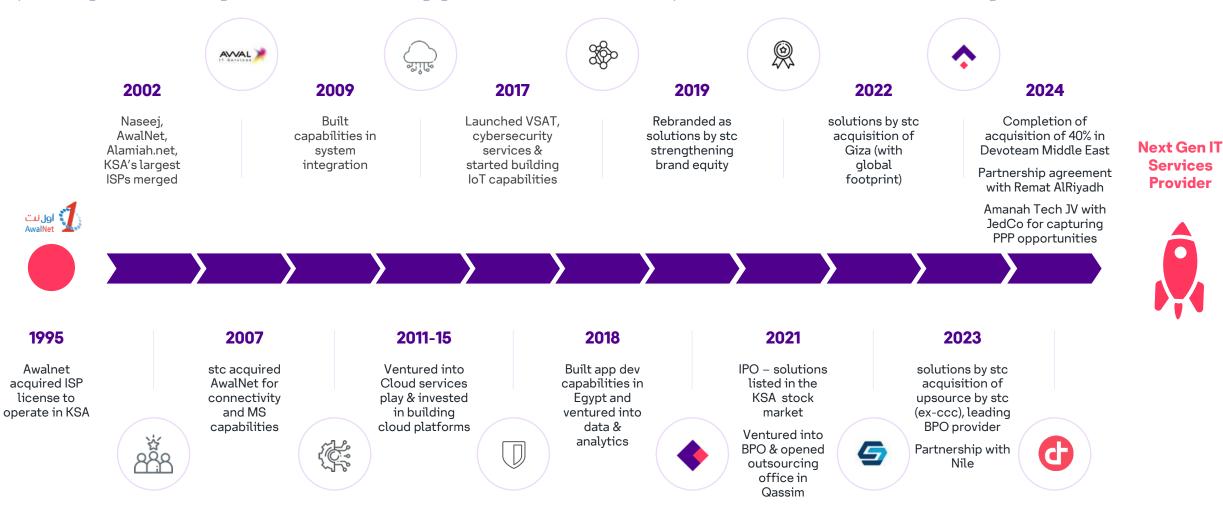
- Strong footprint in the local market with offices in Qassim, Jubail, Khobar, Jeddah and the head office in Riyadh
- The acquisition of Giza, upsource by solutions (ex-ccc) and their subsidiaries helped solutions expand its reach and deliver value to different sectors
- The acquisition of 40% in **Devoteam Middle East** brought synergies with systems integration business and added digital consulting and business transformation capabilities





### solutions by stc evolution

Expanding from serving stc alone to serving governments and enterprises across KSA and MENA region



### **Management Team**

solutions leadership team are set to achieve corporate progression and business goals.

~31 yrs. of experience, of which nearly +17 years in stc in various leadership roles in information security, infrastructure & architecture, and IT

**CEO**Omer Abdullah Alnomany

~ **21 yrs.** of total experience in finance roles in solutions

**CFO of the year** (Public Sector), Nov 2021

**Chief Financial Officer** Abdulrahman Hamad AlRubaia



~ 31 yrs. of experience, of which last 9 years have been in a GM position at stc Group.

Prior to stc, he worked as **country manager in SBM** and executive in **Cisco** 

Chief Technology Officer Saleh Abdullah AlZahrani



Before solutions, he worked with **Oracle**, **Pearson** and **The Centennial Fund** 

Chief Commercial Officer Yousef Abdulrahman AlMarshad ~ 21 yrs. of experience, of which +16 years in stc in various roles in Technology and Operations.

Prior to current role, he held the role of Vice President of Operations & Managed Services in solutions

Chief Governance Officer Ahmed Naji Bajnaid



~ 14 yrs. of experience in multiple companies including Maaden, SPIMACO

Prior to current role, he held the role of **GM Corporate Finance** in solutions

Chief Strategy Officer Maher Salem Althiyabi



~ 17 yrs. he has held several leadership positions at solutions and Cisco

the last of which was as The **General Manager of Presales** at solutions.



~ 23 yrs. of experience in multiple companies and government sector.

Previously he has served in organizations like **Tahakom**, **KSU** and **MCIT** 

Chief Audit Officer Rajeh Saad Albogamy



~17 yrs. of experience in IT, HR, and Shared Services

He held multiple leadership roles, most recently serving as **General Manager of Human Capital** at Solutions.

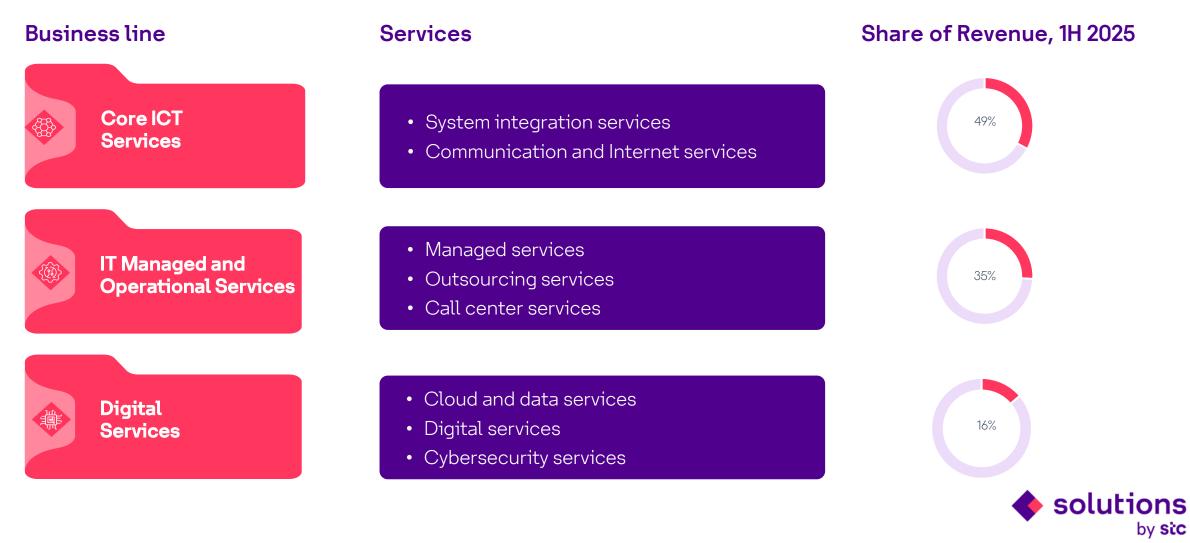
Chief People & Corporate Services Officer Emad Faisal Almutairi





### **Overview of Business Segments**

solutions operates across three main business segments

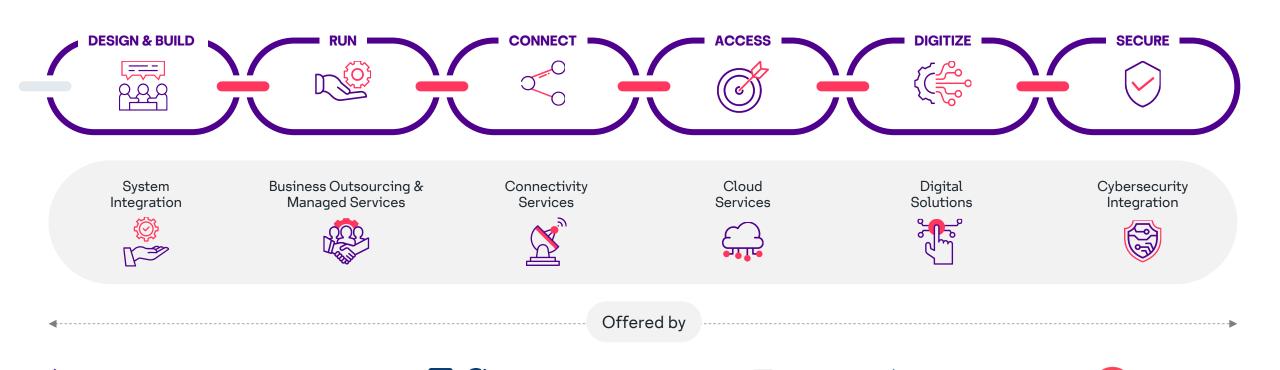


solutions

upsource

### Product Portfolio Spans the Whole Value Chain

solutions delivers value to its clients by addressing their IT and business challenges across the entire IT value chain



**JAFEER** 



devoteam

**MANIDBEAM** 

### **Product Portfolio: Core ICT Services Segment**



### **Business line**

## System integration services

### **Description**

System integration services cover a variety of organizational needs across the value chain, enabled by a strong local and global partnership ecosystem

#### Services

Network Integration
Infrastructure Integration
Application Integration
IT Advisory Services



Communication and internet services

Serving high-end connectivity needs of enterprises within cities and remote locations

Dedicated, secured, and high-quality business internet

VSAT (Very small aperture terminal) services



### Product Portfolio: IT Managed and Operational Services Segment



### **Business line**

### **Services**

Managed services

Providing end-to-end management of IT infrastructure and networks

Description

Managed Networks Services
Managed IT Infrastructure
Managed Connectivity
IT Service Management



**Business Process Outsourcing (BPO)** 

Fully integrated, behind-thescenes business process outsourcing enabled by technology and automation Finance and Accounting, HR Services, Maken Services, Maken HR, Training, Manpower, BPaaS and CLM offerings



### **Product Portfolio: Digital Services Segment**



#### **Business line**

### Description

### Services



Full spectrum of data center, cloud and multi cloud services Cloud Advisory & Assessment Cloud App. Modernization

Cloud Enablement & Migration Cloud DR & Backup

Cloud Networking & Security Cloud Managed Services





**Digital Services** 

Connect, monitor and analyze machine / device data for informed and effective decisions

Digital solutions Data Analytics & Al Operational technology **Application Services** 





Cybersecurity Integration

Security services that cover all stages of the IT value chain

Security Advisory Services

Security Professional Services





### **Market Positioning**

solutions currently has 22.7% market share in the Saudi Arabian IT market











### **KSA Pure Play**

Majority of solutions revenue is generated in Saudi Arabia

#### **Public & Private Sector**

41% of revenue generated from Government (Direct and Indirect), but increasing contribution from private sector

#### **E2E** solutions

solutions comprehensive portfolio offers a One-Stop-Shop approach covering the entire IT value chain

### **Competitive Landscape**

solutions is in an unrivalled position to maintain its leadership position in Saudi Arabia



### solutions competitive positioning



solutions' key strengths:

- Access to customers
- Cross-selling
- Sharing brand equity
- Sharing best practices
- Opportunities as customers
- Partnerships with global innovators



International Competition

- International players are solutions' partners rather than competitors
- + Local

**Local Competition** 

- Fragmented local industry primarily focused on reselling hardware and software with minimal professional services
- Other telco operators represent limited threat as they underinvested in their infrastructure for years



High barriers to entry

**(+** 

+25 years track record

(+)

Regulatory compliance

(+)

Customer relationships

(+)

Local experience

**(+)** 

Delivery capability (large & complex projects)



Market reputation

### **Partnerships**

Well-balanced partner ecosystem to diversify our offerings...





Partners including Cisco, Microsoft, Dell, VMWare, Huawei







### 2024 key partnerships

Mavenir

Cloud-native network solutions CNTXT

Google cloud expertise and ICT solutions

**FastSystems** 

and situational

awareness

Real-time surveillance Al and machine learning for datadriven decisionmaking

Dataiku

froq

Customer-centric solutions

Advanced Al and computer vision

technologies

SenseTime



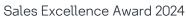
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Local Suppliers Engaged

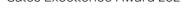
### ...with a strong recognition from our international partners



Service Provider Partner of the Year 2024



**MUAWEI** 





Best LoB Partner 2024

Best System Integrator in Saudi Arabia Award 2024



Highest Revenue Partner of the Year 2024



"Best Digital Transformation Partner" Award for 2024

#### **NUTANIX**

Rising Star Partner of the Year 2024



Partner of the Year 2024

#### **CORNING**

Strategic Partner of the Year 2024



Innovator Partner



Artificial Intelligence Partner of the Year 2024

Enterprise Partner of the Year 2024



As of YF 2024

### **Human Capital Analysis**

solutions work towards elevating skill level and achieving diversified employee base



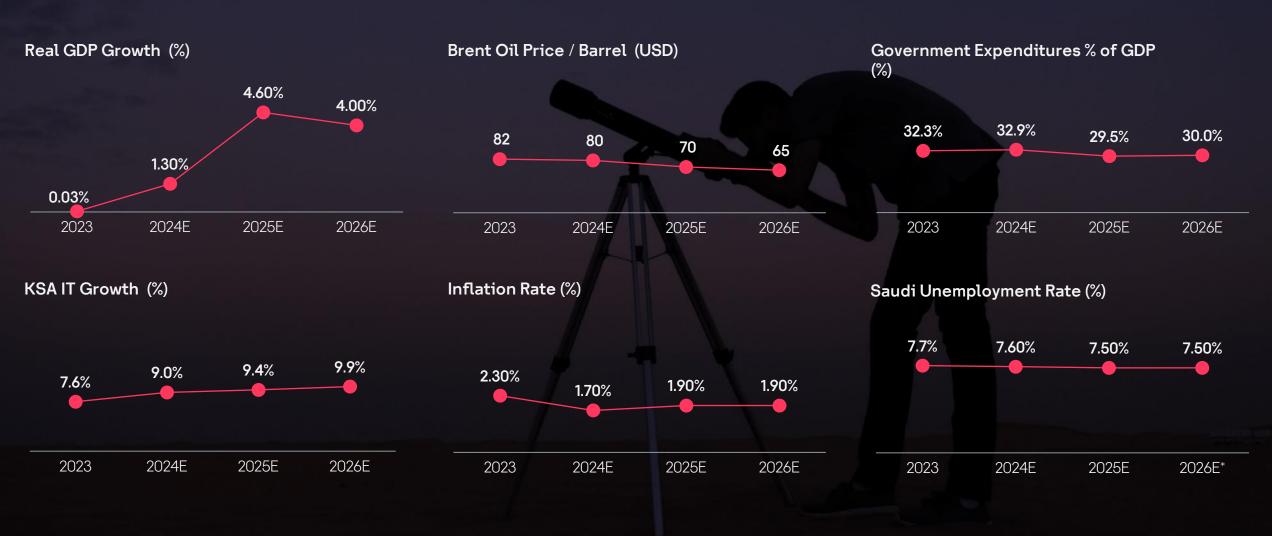
#### **Employees Profile**



# KSA's Macro-Economic Environment

### **Macro-Economic Environment**

Robust economic outlook supportive for the ICT sector in the kingdom



<sup>\*</sup>Company's internal forecast based on Jadwa's 2024-2025 forecasts Source: MOF, IDC, Jadwa, Fitch



### **Investment Thesis Update**

solutions offers an attractive mix of market leadership, growth potential and superior returns

### Market Leadership

- Undisputable market leader with a market share of 22.7%
- Lucrative consolidation opportunities in the fragmented IT market of KSA
- Local-Content score 41.3%<sup>1</sup>

### Sizeable and Diversified Portfolio

- · Strong pipeline of projects
- Partnership with stc
- 75%+ wining ratio in 1H 2025
- 95+ contracts signed in 1H 2025

### Superior Value Creation

• 36.8% ROIC<sup>2</sup> in 1H 2025 is well above the company's cost of capital

### Asset-Light Business Model

• 1.5% organic capex / revenue ratio in 1H 2025

### Strong FCF generation

- Solid track record of sustainable free cash flow generation...
- ...supported by a resilient business model and strong execution

### Generous Dividends

- The company paid out ordinary DPS of SAR 8 and special dividend of SAR 2 for FY 2024
- This implies total 75% payout and 67% growth YoY

### Efficient Capital Allocation

- High-return organic capex
- Value-accretive M&As
- High-potential partnerships and PPP projects
- Progressively rising dividends

### Robust Balance Sheet

- Net cash position of SAR 866m as of 1H 2025...
- ...amounting to 0.4x LTM EBITDA



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> – Local-Content score specifies the official local content percentage for the company certified by Local Content and Government Procurement Authority <sup>2</sup> - ROIC is calculated as EBIT / Invested Capital (Net Working Capital + PPE + Goodwill + Other Operating Assets)





### LEAP 2.0: a bold vision for a transformative era

The new strategy aims at augmenting the core business by emerging tech, innovation and efficiency gains







Sustain strong margins and returns through operational excellence

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### Lead through service excellence:

Strengthen leadership by setting new benchmark for quality and innovation. Enabled by client centricity rooted in the service offerings across:

- IT Professional Services
- · IT Managed Services
- Network Services

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### **Empower** business growth and diversification:

- Emerging techShape up the next-gen digital solutions
- Innovation program

  Establish, institutionalize and scale
- Partnerships & strategic alliances
   Expand offering and tap into new
   markets
- Business diversification
   Throught new business models

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### Achieve excellence in customer engagements

- CEX Customer Success
   Place client at the core of the group's operations
- New verticals
   Enter high-potential verticals
   through industry-specific offerings
- Commercial excellence
   Achieve excellence in commercial capabilities

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### **Promote** efficiencies and sustainability

- E2E Value Chain Efficiency
  Creating effectiveness and
  efficiency across the value chain
- Sustainability
  Minimize environmental impact,
  foster strong corporate culture,
  adhere to social responsibility, invest
  in people, contribute to community
- **Developing Talent**Develop skillset and talent for future needs of the Group



### **Expansion into Al**

Driving solutions ambition as a Next Gen Services provider and an Al First company.

### Booming Al market



Al market is rapidly growing, both globally and in KSA with a market size exceeding 30 Bn¹ SAR, also fueled by raising Al outsourcing demand²

### **Enablement of National Al Play**



KSA Al landscape is fragmented and largely driven by international players; unique opportunity for a national Al player to enable and support Vision 2030

### Existing capabilities and deep client access



Competitive advantage for existing specific capabilities (i.e., infrastructure) and access to broad set of B2B clients

### Customer demand evolving



Customers planning to allocate ~8% of total IT spending to Al<sup>4</sup>, with an increased demand for Al transformations across sectors

- Until 2030
- 2. One of key Al global trends
- KSA Al landscape is mainly driven by international players, with a handful of fragmented local players gaining competitiveness. Start-up scene is nascent, mostly focused on apps;
- 4. Until 2027



### Aiming to become an Al First organization

solutions enables and orchestrates an AI-powered ecosystem for customers to deliver unparalleled outcomes



### Provide integrated Al offering

Support businesses and entities regionally to embark in advanced Al transformations, helping them to fully empower their data with an integrated Al offering, also leveraging existing capabilities



### Build best-in-class capabilities

Develop, partner and acquire to offer one-of-a-kind capabilities across the entire offering – providing clients with exceptional services that go beyond pure reselling & traditional services



### Develop the AI ecosystem

Act as the ecosystem enabler for AI in the Kingdom to help in achieving Vision 2030, collaborating with stakeholders on talent development, investment, applied R&D, infrastructure enhancement, and policy making



### Install AI in the DNA of the Org

Embed AI internally to boost productivity, accelerate AI-driven innovation, and drive market differentiation; internal AI is imperative for go-to-market success

### **Driving Forward: LEAP 2.0 Strategic Progress**

### Strategy to Value Creation

Showcasing tangible progress in developing and launching core strategic offerings business resilience and strengthening market leadership.

Strategic advancements on a pivotal offering of solutions by stc:



#### **Digital Product Factory**

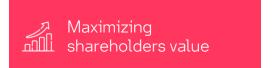
Accelerating pace of innovation and market delivery for client's digitization and digital products

#### Value Creation Levers











### Digital Product Factory – Deliver Digital Products with Agility

The Digital Factory is a disciplined way to deliver software products, established on agility, and automated development & secure deployment processes (DevSecOps); a joint value proposition by the solutions group 🔸 👍 🧲 🗊

#### Envision, Strategize, & Govern

Define the strategy, policy / standards Ensure alignment between business

### and governance model to steer the transformation



#### Design & Scope

objectives and technical solutions to maximize impact and feasibility

#### **Technology Selection**

Evaluate and select tools, platforms, and vendors

#### Agile Planning

Develop a backlog of features or use cases for implementation

#### Solution Architecture

Design the technical and process architecture for digital initiatives

#### Pilot Design

Plan proof-of-concept initiatives to validate solutions

### Turnkey Solutions Implementation

Deliver the digital factory solutions, integrating them into the organization

- Agile Delivery
- Integration
- Testing and Validation
- Change Management
- Innovation Enablement

















Operate , Monitor & Optimize

Ensure sustainable operations, monitor performance, and drive continuous improvement

- Performance Monitoring
- Operational Support
- Feedback Loops
- Optimization / Scalability
- Knowledge Transfer

KPIs	Department A	Department B
Number of applications	5	10
% using automated CI (e.g. within the last week/month)	60%	80%
% using automated CD (e.g. within the last week/month)	20%	80%
Number of incidents (per application)	0	0
Number of changes (per application)	5	8

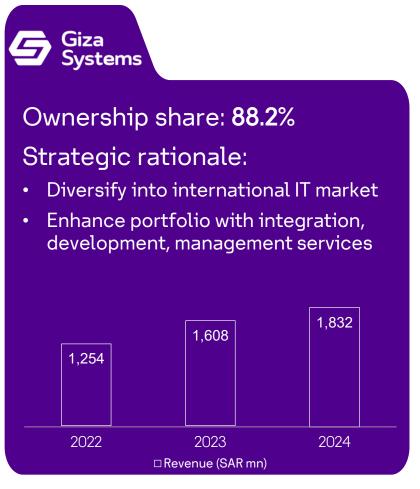


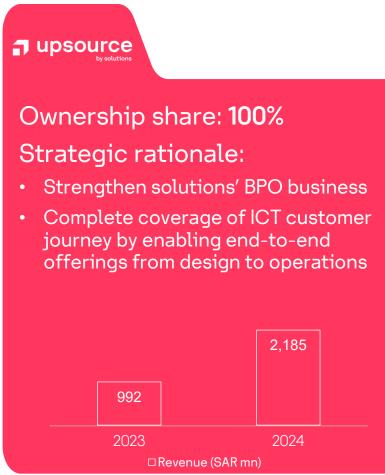
# M&A Summary



### Value-added M&A drive growth, expand offering and bring synergies

The recent acquisitions reinforced the group's market leadership and made a notable financial contribution\*







Ownership share: 40%

2024 revenue: **SAR 461mn**\*\*

### Strategic rationale:

- Gain synergies with systems integration business
- Strengthen ICT market leadership
- Add digital consulting and business transformation capabilities



<sup>\*</sup> The charts show revenue of Giza and upsource by solutions (ex-ccc) before intercompany eliminations

<sup>\*\* 2024</sup> revenue was reported from the date of acquisition (1 February 2024)

### Giza snapshot

Giza brings strong presence in Egypt and enhances solutions' one-stop-shop offering

#### **Background**



Established in 1974 as first national IT Company in Egypt. Became #1 provider for OSS & BSS in Egypt in 2004. Giza Arabia founded in 2006 to focus on the KSA market.



A leading systems integrator in the MEA region, designs and deploys industryspecific technology solutions for asset-intensive industries in over 25 countries.

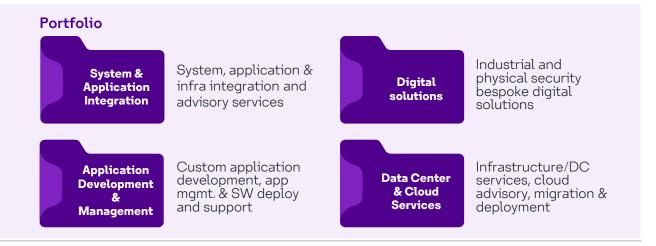


Strong expertise in application integration, development and management.

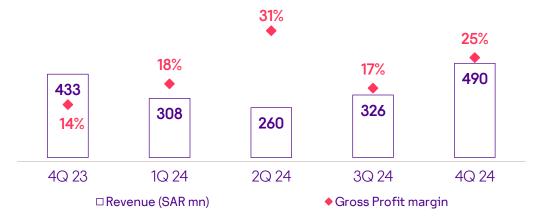
88% of Giza was acquired on 3 October 2022.

#### 2024 highlights

- Giza Systems signed a strategic partnership with Ehealth to boost efficiency and digital transformation in healthcare.
- Giza Arabia acquired majority stake Logical Applications for Business Solutions (LABS), a company engaged in providing a wide range of system integration solution services.
- solutions by stc indirectly through Giza Systems acquired an additional 25% interest in the voting shares of ARIA Technologies Company.



#### Giza revenue and gross profit margin







### upsource by solutions (ex-ccc)\* snapshot

Upsource by solutions (ex-ccc) reinforces solutions' ICT market leadership and expands its BPO offering

#### **Background**



Founded in 2011 as a JV between stc Group and the US-based global company STARTEK, a conglomerate CX mgmt. company.



Biggest customer experience management provider in KSA handling over 35 mn annual interactions.



Offerings mainly Customer Care BPO, staffing (MPO) for mostly large clients in KSA; nascent shared services, consulting, other specialized services.

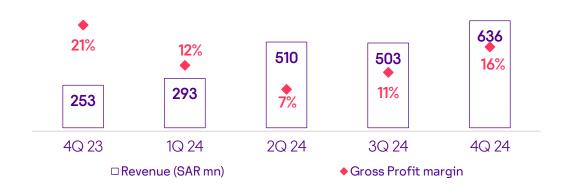
100% of upsource by stc was acquired on 3 April 2023.

#### 2024 highlights

- HRH Prince of Qassim inaugurated the expansion of upsource by solutions (ex-ccc)
   Qassim branch.
- Certain projects have been rechanneled to upsource by solutions (ex-ccc) from solutions by stc, driving the company's significant revenue growth.



#### upsource by solutions (ex-ccc) revenue and gross profit margin



### **Devoteam snapshot**

Devoteam brings synergies with solutions' core business and adds digital consulting and business transformation expertise

#### **Background**



A leading consulting firm focused on digital strategy and tech platforms, with 25 years of experience in its field.



A strong local and regional presence and extensive international experience in providing digital consulting and business transformation.



Offerings span digital products, intelligent data analytics, and business automation, in addition to enabling sustainability through digital transformation.

#### Deal highlights and rationale

- solutions by stc completed the acquisition of 40% in Devoteam on 4 February 2024.
- The total enterprise value (EV) of Devoteam Middle East amounted to SAR 741.7 million.
- The deal represents a strategic investment in line with the Group's growth strategy, serving a number of purposes:
  - · Gain synergies with systems integration business.
  - Strengthen ICT market leadership.
  - Add digital consulting and business transformation capabilities.
- Investment in Devoteam is reflected in the financial statements as equity accounted investee and its share of the consolidated net profit amounted to SAR 18mn in FY 2024.

#### **Services Portfolio**

#### Al Services

- Insights and predictions
- Operational efficiency boost
- New business models
- Optimal customer experience

#### Strategy and Transformation

- Business automation
- · Distributed cloud
- Data-driven Intelligence
- Digital Business and Products

#### Trust and Cybersecurity Management

- Cyber Resilience
- Applied Security
- Managed Security Services

#### Data Insights

- Data Governance
- Data Products
- Advanced Analytics
- Data Processing
- Business Impact

#### **Sectors and Partners**

Key sectors







Key business partners







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# PPP Projects



# Leading innovation and urban transformation through strategic PPPs

The PPP model creates recurring revenue streams, enhances financial performance and contributes to sustainability

#### Building the right set-up

- Built the right capabilities for the market needs and business model
- Developed the go-to-market capitalizing on the extensive market knowledge and experience
- Developed the internal setup required to deliver on the clients expectations and potential requirements
- Obtain the right qualifications from the governing entities i.e. obtained DGA Category A qualification to engage in digital government services under revenue share model

#### **Testing the Engine**

- Engaged with **more than 15** clients across public sectors
- Won **three** significant opportunities
  - Remat Al-Riyadh Partnership (Smart Parking in Riyadh)
  - Jeddah Development and Urban Regeneration Company (JedCo)
  - Revenue-Sharing Contract with Sports Boulevard Foundation

#### Capture the opportunity at Scale

- With the solid foundation generated a healthy pipeline with more than 20 opportunities/Leads.
- Targeting Health, Security,
   Transportation, Municipality, Sports
   and more sectors with high potential
   and appetite for PPP model
- Proactively engaging with entities to farm opportunities related to technology enabled government services through shared revenue model



## solutions 1H 2025 Financial Dashboard

Revenue growth accelerated accompanied by EBITDA and EBIT margin gains

1H 25 Revenue

AR mn **5,725** 

1H 25 GP Margin



1H 25 Capex



1H 25 Capex / Revenue



1H 25 EBITDA

SAR mn

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1H 25 EBITDA Margin



1H 25 Net Cash From Operating Activities



1H 25 ROIC



1H 25 Net Profit

SAR mn

807 **◄** 

1H 25 NP Margin



1H 25 Net Cash

SAR mn



1H 25 ROAE







# Outlook and Guidance for 2025



## **Outlook and Guidance**

solutions maintains its 2025 guidance

	1H 2025 Results	FY 2025 Guidance
Revenue Growth	3%	8% - 10%
EBITDA Margin	16.9%	14% - 16%
Capex Intensity	1.5%	2% - 3%

# Awards



## **Awards**

#### Awards, recognition, and certifications

People



Corporate Social Responsibility Award



Top-5 Inspiring Workplaces across Africa and the Middle East



Best Culture & Purpose across Africa and the Middle East



Best Inclusion across Africa and the Middle East



Best Experience across Africa and the Middle East

**Technology** 



'Category A' certification for Digital Government Business



Gold winner of the Project Excellence Awards 2024 category IT/ Telecommunications



Bronze winner of the Project Excellence Awards 2024 category IT/ Telecommunications



Gold winner of the Project Excellence Awards 2024 in the category Change Management / Product Development / Marketing

Finance



The 2nd place in the best IR program 2024 based on all IR-related activities and initiatives.



2023 Best Annual Report - Digital Category Third place mid-cap companies Internal Audit



Achieved a high score of 4.5/5 in internal auditing, which reflects our commitment to attaining the highest international standards



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