

Investor Presentation

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**\$2.5**B

**FY23 GAAP REVENUE** 

**57**%

**DIGITAL IN FY23** 

\$360м

FY23 ADJ. EBITDA

~\$270м

**FY23 NET NEW BUSINESS** 

4,000+

BLUE-CHIP CUSTOMERS

\$1.3т

ADDRESSABLE MARKET



Mark Penn
CHAIRMAN & CEO

"Stagwell is a holistic, technology-first, enterprise services company owing to its combination of ad agency creative and technology enterprise.

We differentiate ourselves in the marketplace through synergistic integration of technology and data with creative ad solutions to drive out-sized market share growth

INTRODUCTION TO STAGWELL

# **STAGWELL**Story

Founded in late 2015 with a vision for a new digital-first marketing company,

Stagwell has grown to become the first Marketing Services company in 40+ years to reach competitive scale

Driven by visionary leadership from

Mark Penn, a committed partner in

Steve Ballmer, a best-in-class accretive acquisition approach, and renowned capabilities in Creative & Digital services,

We are just getting started



INTRODUCTION TO STAGWELL

## VISIONARY LEADERSHIP From An Industry Veteran



Mark Penn Chairman & CEO

A Record of Vision & Accomplishment



In 2015, Mark believed that the marketing industry was ripe for disruption, needing a new kind of marketing company

**FOUNDED** an innovative polling company in 1975

SERVED as an advisor to multiple world leaders, including Bill Clinton & Prime Minister Tony Blair

TURNED AROUND Burson-Marsteller, a global PR and public affairs firm, tripling profits

ADVISED major global companies from Ford to Intel

**IDENTIFIED** Soccer Moms, and wrote two best-selling books (*Microtrends*)

LED strategy and advertising at Microsoft as EVP & Chief Strategy Officer

**FOUNDED** Stagwell with Steve Ballmer



Steve Ballmer
FORMER CEO, MICROSOFT
FIRST INVESTOR, STAGWELL

"I have known Mark for many, many years.

At Microsoft, he did some critical work for us, and worked directly for me on some pathbreaking advertising and other campaigns.



A lot of people make a lot of promises, but Mark is someone who just gets things done, it's just the kind of person that he is." STAGWELL OPPORTUNITY

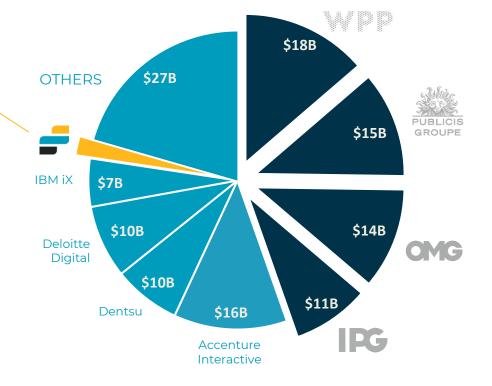
## THE LEGACY ADVERTISING MARKET

## Is Ripe For Disruption



Stagwell represents only 2% of the global advertising and marketing services market

Ample room to continue taking market share



~\$60B

spent with the top 4 legacy holding companies<sup>1</sup>

**\$130B** 

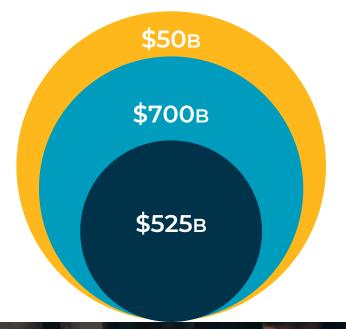
spent on advertising& marketing serviceswith the Top 25 industryproviders in 2022

#### STAGWELL OPPORTUNITY

## STAGWELL UNIQUELY POSITIONED

## To Capture Share As New Markets Emerge & Mature

\$1.3T TOTAL ADDRESSABLE NEW MARKETS IN 2026





#### **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Delivering proprietary Al-enabled tools and services, developed in-house by **Stagwell Marketing Cloud**, to help marketers increase performance and productivity across their business.



#### DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Helping brands revolutionize their approach to the customer, by **developing transformational experiences and systems**, that deliver tangible returns on investment and foster deeper customer relationships.



#### **DIGITAL MARKETING SERVICES**

Gaining market share versus incumbent players driven by a combination of **digital-first capabilities**, designed to capitalize on changing customer behavior, and **award-winning creative agencies**.

STAGWELL TODAY

## **INTEGRATED PLATFORM**For The Modern Marketer

#### **Stagwell Marketing Cloud Group**

SaaS and DaaS Tools for the In-House Marketer

#### **Digital Transformation**

Building Digital Platforms & Consumer Experiences

#### Performance Media & Data

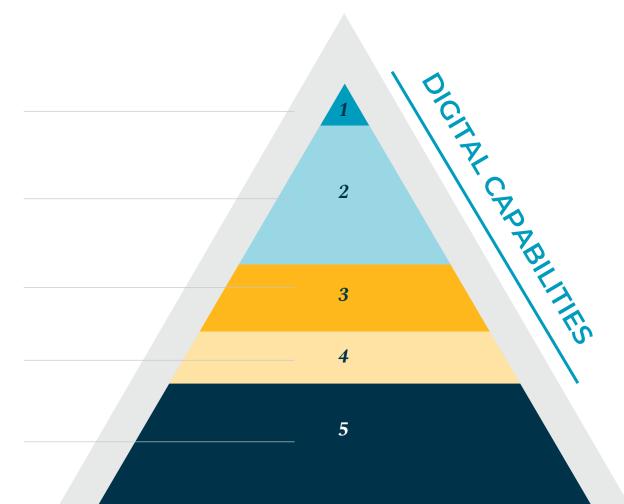
Integrated Omnichannel Media, Data & E-Commerce

#### **Consumer Insights & Strategy**

Tracking Across the Consumer Journey

#### **Creativity & Communications**

Blue-Chip Customer Base



#### **BLUE-CHIP CUSTOMER BASE**

Demonstrated Ability To Land & Expand

\$375M

REVENUE FROM TOP 10 CUSTOMERS<sup>1</sup>

Johnson&Johnson



















80%

**CLIENT RETENTION** YEAR-OVER-YEAR<sup>2</sup>

17%

**GROWTH IN AVERAGE RELATIONSHIP** TOP 10 CUSTOMERS<sup>3</sup>

4K+

**BLUE CHIP CUSTOMERS** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>LTM net revenue from 10 largest customers by 2023 net revenue

# STRATEGIC VALUE-ADDED

## Investment Platform

Unified & engaged corporate team delivering value-added shared services driving both revenue & cost synergies

Incentives to collaborate and drive overall network growth





Client Services

Growth Investment

Shared Services

## STAGWELL'S ACQUISITION STRATEGY

Systematically Expanding Our Digital & Global Footprint

## INCREASING OUR DIGITAL REVENUE MIX

57%

**65**%

GROWING OUR REVENUE FROM OUTSIDE OF NORTH AMERICA

20%

40%

FOCUS AREAS **Digital Transformation:** Platform design, optimization, and analytics with a focus on cloud, AI, and Web3 technologies

**Digital Media:** Leveraging emerging media trends and production capabilities to engage tomorrow's consumer

#### Increasing our global footprint

to win the largest \$25M+ global contracts







#### STAGWELL'S ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STRATEGY

Full-service and self-service business transformation.

#### 1 ENABLE ACROSS OPERATIONS



2 BE EFFICIENT IN MARKETING



## 3 ENGAGE WITH CUSTOMERS



## Analyze focus group feedback in a fraction of the time

Instant information tool from Harris enables translation & transcription, speaker identification and sentiment analysis, survey questions output, and more.

## Homegrown Stori tool to enhance sales win rate

Stori innovates the case study creation process for Instrument's delivery teams, employing advanced language models and integrations with Google Cloud services to streamline and accelerate the production of tailored case studies.

#### Audience persona development through GenerativeAl

The speed and accuracy of this AI strategy helped the campaign reaching 57% of its 2023 acquisition target and Tipico to claim 32% share of voice in the Ohio market.

#### STAGWELL MARKETING CLOUD

SaaS & DaaS Tools For The In-House Marketer

Building complementary software solutions leveraging the domain expertise and distribution channels already in place at Stagwell

#### **DIGITAL SERVICES**

#### **Digital Transformation**

Building Digital Platforms & Consumer Experiences

#### **Consumer Insights & Strategy**

Tracking Across the Consumer Journey

#### **Creativity & Communications**

Blue-Chip Customer Base

#### Performance Media & Data

Integrated Omnichannel Media,
Data & E-Commerce

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

#### **SMC** Advanced Media Platforms

Proprietary & Premium
Owned Media Channels

#### **SMC** Media Studio

Platform for In-House Media Planners & Buyers

#### **SMC** Real-Time Research

Suite of Solutions for Market Researchers

#### **SMC** Comms Tech

Al-Driven Platform for Modern Communicators



and cross selling opportunities

Google Cloud

## STAGWELL MARKETING CLOUD GROUP Product Incubation Playbook

We've developed a proven strategy to develop and incubate new technologies, making informed product roadmap decisions based off agency clients while leveraging our world-class tech team

#### **Faster**

Shared infrastructure + tech expertise

■ DEVELOP & ITERATE FAST

**CODE AND THEORY** 



**GALE** 

#### **Better**

Proprietary data + the best marketers in the world INTERNAL TESTING & INSIGHTS

**THAT DELIVER BETTER PRODUCTS** 

#### **PRophet**



#### Cheaper

World's most ambitious clients + upselling opportunities

**LOWER GO-TO-MARKET COSTS** 









more efficiently than the rest

## STAGWELL MARKETING CLOUD GROUP

## Product Spotlight





Bringing a whole new level
of stadium entertainment and
fan engagement to sports and
entertainment through shared AR





#### **Revolutionizing the PR process**

through AI, saving the PR professionals from millions of tedious working hours





#### Unlocking continuous brand tracking

on an affordable, global, modern basis for research professionals









STAGWELL FINANCIAL MODEL

# ADDING It All Up

OPPORTUNITY
TO GROW TO
\$4 BILLION+
AND BEYOND

OF GAAP REVENUE THROUGH COMBINATION OF ORGANIC, NEW REVENUE STREAMS & ACQUISITIONS

### **Potential Equation for Success\*** (\$M)

#### 10-12% long-term organic growth target driven by:

- ▶ 10-20% Digital Transformation
- > 5-15% Performance Media & Data
- > 5-15% Research & Strategy
- > 3-7% Creativity & Communications
- Stagwell Marketing Cloud
- + M&A Growth

= TOTAL

\$4,000+

~\$3,500

~\$75

\$450

10

STAGWELL LEADERSHIP

#### PROVEN LEADERSHIP TEAM

## Primed To Deliver





Mark Penn Chairman & CEO

FOUNDER & POLLSTER Founded Penn and Schoen in 1975 with his Harvard roommate Doug Schoen GROWER Under Penn's leadership, firm expanded to 200+ people with offices around the world.

ADVISOR Served key corporate (Texaco, AT&T, Microsoft, Ford, Merck, etc.) & political (President Clinton's pollster for six years, advisor to Hillary Clinton & Tony Blair) clients SELLER Penn & his partners sold PSB to WPP in November 2001 after growing it from a mom-and-pop political polling firm to \$80M+ in revenue

GLOBAL CEO Served as CEO of Burson-Marsteller from 2006 - 2012, running a global PR and public affairs firm with an 80+ market footprint and tripling profits CLIENT & CREATOR Asked by Steve Ballmer to join Microsoft & revitalize Bing in 2012; rose to EVP & Chief Strategy Officer running Microsoft's \$2 billion advertising budget

PORTFOLIO BUILDER & PUBLIC COMPANY CEO Launched Stagwell Group in 2015; invested in MDC in 2019 & assumed role of Chairman & CEO

CORPORATE **LEADERSHIP** 



Jay Leveton President 22 Yrs Industry Experience 8 Yrs at Stagwell



Frank Lanuto CFO 30 Yrs Industry Experience 4 Yrs at Stagwell



Beth Sidhu Chief Brand & Communications Officer 18 Yrs Industry Experience 8 Yrs at Stagwell



Ryan Linder СМО 23 Yrs Industry Experience 5 Yrs at Stagwell



Stephanie Howley Ryan Greene coo 14 Yrs Industry 19 Yrs Industry Experience Experience 2 Yrs at Stagwell 8 Yrs at Stagwell



Julia Hammond President Stagwell Global 21 Yrs Industry Experience 3 Yrs at Stagwell



Ray Day Vice Chair 35 Yrs Industry Experience 4 Yrs at Stagwell

**BUSINESS LEADERSHIP** 







Maggie Malek

CIO

18 Yrs Industry

8 Yrs at Stagwell

Experience





Performance



СРО

Doner Dartners





Christina Eruachta





Code and





# STAGWELL is UNDER-APPRECIATED

Stock price doesn't reflect how Stagwell is disrupting marketing landscape

UNDER-VALUED
On Virtually All Metrics
(P/S, EV/EBITDA, P/E)



## STAGWELL



Industry-leading
NET REVENUE GROWTH



Best-in-Class

ADJ. EBITDA MARGIN



Efficient

CONVERSION OF EBITDA TO FCF



Sustainable

LEVERAGE POSITION



# Appendix

### GAAP CONSOLIDATED OPERATING PERFORMANCE

	Three Months End	ed Dec 31,	Twelve Months Ended Dec 31,	
\$ and Shares in Thousands	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenue	\$ 654,895	\$ 708,185	\$ 2,527,177	\$ 2,687,792
Cost of services	419,865	419,811	1,621,174	1,673,576
Office & general expenses	179,871	172,415	661,250	601,536
Depreciation & amortization	35,036	35,631	142,831	131,273
Impairment & other losses	833	94,145	11,395	122,179
Total operating expenses	\$ 635,605	\$ 722,002	\$ 2,436,650	\$ 2,528,564
Operating income (Loss)	\$ 19,290	\$ (13,817)	\$90,527	\$ 159,228
Interest expense, net	(22,889)	(19,510)	(90,644)	(76,062)
Foreign exchange, net	(672)	1,557	(2,960)	(2,606)
Gain on sale of business	94,505	-	94,505	-
Other, net	108	(5,157)	(359)	(4,975)
Other income (expenses)	\$ 71,052	\$ (23,110)	\$ 542	\$ (83,643)
Income tax expense (benefit)	35,560	5,312	40,557	25,462
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of non-consolidated affiliates	\$ 54,782	\$ (42,239)	\$ 50,512	\$ 50,123
Equity in income (loss) of non-consolidated affiliates	(8,423)	(1,132)	(8,870)	(79)
Net income (loss)	\$ 46,359	\$ (43,371)	\$ 41,642	\$ 50,044
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling & redeemable non-controlling interests	(45,073)	29,543	(41,508)	(30,125)
Net income (loss) attributable to Stagwell Inc. common shareholders	\$ 1,286	\$ (13,828)	\$ 134	\$ 19,919
Earnings Per Share				
Basic	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.11)	\$ -	\$ 0.16
Diluted	\$ -	\$ (0.11)	\$ -	\$ 0.12
Weighted Average Number of Shares Outstanding				
Basic	112,769	122,927	117,259	124,262
Diluted	117,205	122,927	117,259	296,596



## RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME TO ADJ. EBITDA & FCF

#### Full Year Ended December 31,

\$ in Thousands	2023	2022
Net Income	\$ 41,642	\$ 50,044
Net income attributable to noncontrolling & redeemable noncontrolling interests	(41,508)	(30,125)
Net income attributable to Stagwell Inc. common shareholders	134	19,919
Non-operating items <sup>(1)</sup>	90,393	139,309
Operating income	90,527	159,228
Depreciation and amortization	142,831	131,273
Impairment and other losses	11,395	122,179
Stock-based compensation	57,179	33,152
Deferred acquisition consideration	13,060	(13,405)
Other items, net	45,147	18,691
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 360,139	\$ 451,118



## RECONCILIATION OF COMBINED NET REVENUE GROWTH TO COMBINED ORGANIC NET REVENUE GROWTH

		COMPONENTS OF CHANGE			CHANGE			
\$ In thousands, except percentages	Net Revenue - Year Ended December 31, 2022	Foreign Currency	Net Acquisitions (Divestitures)	Organic	Total Change	Net Revenue – Year Ended December 31, 2023	Organic	Total
Integrated Agencies Network	\$ 1,240,465	\$ (2,266)	\$ 6,677	\$ (58,172)	\$ (53,761)	\$ 1,186,704	(4.7) %	(4.3) %
Brand Performance Network	667,882	848	13,377	(14,005)	220	668,102	(2.1) %	0.0 %
Communications Network	293,844	(169)	1,918	(50,333)	(48,584)	245,260	(17.1) %	(16.5) %
All Other	19,962	(354)	35,135	(8,157)	26,624	46,586	(40.9) %	133.4 %
Total	\$ 2,222,153	\$ (1,941)	\$ 57,107	\$ (130,667)	\$ (75,501)	\$ 2,146,652	(5.9) %	(3.4) %



#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE

#### **Net Debt & Debt-Like** (\$M, as of 12/31/2023)

TOTAL NET DEBT & DEBT-LIKE	\$ 1,181
Less: Cash	120
Less: Investments <sup>4</sup>	22
RNCI <sup>3</sup>	31
DAC <sup>2</sup>	101
NCI <sup>1</sup>	32
Bonds	1,100
Revolving Credit Facility	\$ 59

Share Count <sup>5</sup> (Thousands, as of 2/22/202	(4)
Class A	117,579
Class C (equal voting & economic rights to Class A)	151,649
Share-based awards	5,936



<sup>1.</sup> Excludes non-controlling interest of Stagwell Class C shareholders to reflect NCI balance pro forma for full conversion of Class C shares to Class A.

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275,164

<sup>2.</sup> A portion of the DAC will be paid with approximately 5.1m shares assuming conversion as of 12/31/23.

<sup>3.</sup> Includes redeemable non-controlling interest and obligations in connection with profit interests held by employees.

<sup>.</sup> Non-consolidated investments

<sup>5.</sup> Share Count does not include unvested stock grants, unsettled SARs or portion of DAC to be settled in stock. Pro Forma total share count as of 2/22/2024 would be 117.6m Class A shares, 151.6 Class C shares, 5.1m shares to settle DAC and 5.9m share-based awards, for a total of 280.2m shares outstanding.

<sup>6.</sup> Estimated shares to be issued upon the exercise of settled SAR awards using treasury method.



# Thank You