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# Our bold ambition is supported by a strategic plan with five growth pillars



### Our ambition

To be the leading provider of integrated accounting and wealth services, helping clients through our **dynamic perspective** that identifies insights from their past, maximises their present and plans for a future where they can do what matters most to them.

### Strategic growth pillars



# Financial Year 2023 was a significant period of transformation, delivery and growth



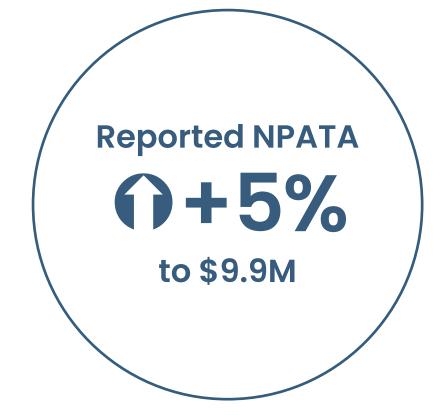
















#### **Basis of preparation:**

FY23 results were released to the ASX on 30 Aug 2023 and the highlights above are compared to FY22 results.

# Financial Year 2024 Q1 Trading Update



- Count's unaudited Q1 trading performance was \$5.4m (EBITA).
- This represents an increase of 31.7% on the prior comparative period.
- The result reflects Count's disciplined execution of its growth strategy.
- The Accounting segment restored productivity to normal levels, having overcome the labour constraints seen in FY22 and HY23.

Segment EBITA¹ (Unaudited)	FY2024 Q1 ('\$'m)	FY2023 Q1 ('\$'m)	Variance
Total	5.4	4.1	31.7%

#### Notes

- Unaudited segment Earnings before Interest, Tax and Amortisation (**EBITA**) is before corporate office costs, intercompany eliminations and gains or losses on acquisitive or divestment activities.
- 2. FY2024 Q1 included \$1.5m (FY2023 Q1: \$0.8m) post tax share of profit from the Company's associate investments.

# Growth Momentum



## Strategic acquisitions and a strong pipeline positions Count for continued growth

## Completed Transactions in FY24

FY24 COMPLETED TRANSACTIONS	LOCATION	COMPLETION	SERVICES
Bruce Edmunds	Beaumaris, VIC	1 July 2023	Equity partnership
Count Adelaide	Adelaide, SA	14 August 2023	Merger between Warnecke and Crosby Dalwood
Sapphire Coast	Canberra, ACT	31 August 2023	Tuck-in – financial planning
Allan Watt	Canberra, ACT	10 November 2023	Tuck-in - accounting

## Transaction pipeline in FY24





# Case Study: Affinia Acquisition



### Count continues to look for acquisition opportunities that provide scale in accounting and wealth

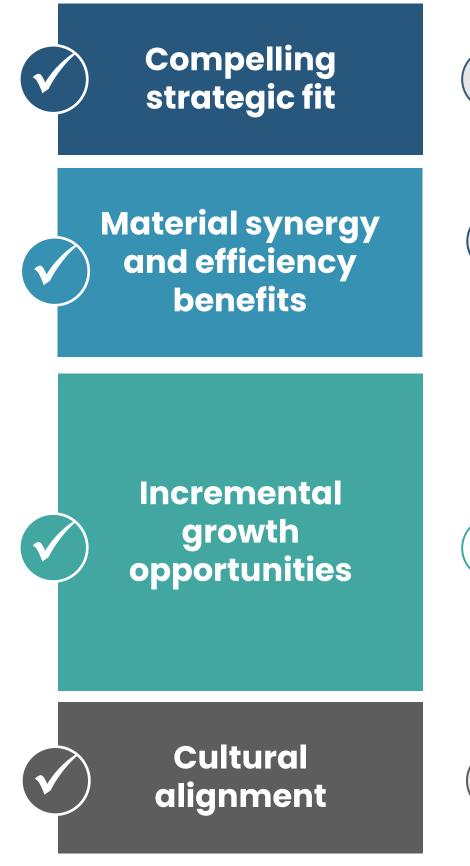
- The Affinia acquisition enabled Count to scale up Wealth segment with the addition of around 100 quality financial advisers
- TAL provided Count with specific warranties and indemnities appropriate for a business of this nature and size
- Consideration for the transaction was \$3.373 million paid on completion \(^\) with a gain on bargain purchase price of \$3.163 million recorded
- Purchase price subject to rise and fall provisions based on AR retention over initial 12-month period
- Affinia advisers are transitioning to the Count AFSL over the next 6 months

	AFSL		# Count The confidence to look ahead
	<b></b> Count	affinia	
Advisers (#)	264	115	379
Firms (#)	124	64	188
Client FUA (\$B)	12.3	4.5	16.8
In-force Premiums (\$M)	80	150	230



# Diverger Acquisition - Strategic rationale

The transaction is uniquely aligned to Count's current operations and strategic priorities – the combination is expected to unlock material benefits for all stakeholders.





- · Material increase in scale for Wealth through addition of approximately 200 advisers
- Expansion of Wealth and service offering and equity partnership opportunities
- Significant boost for Services division with material cross-sell opportunity

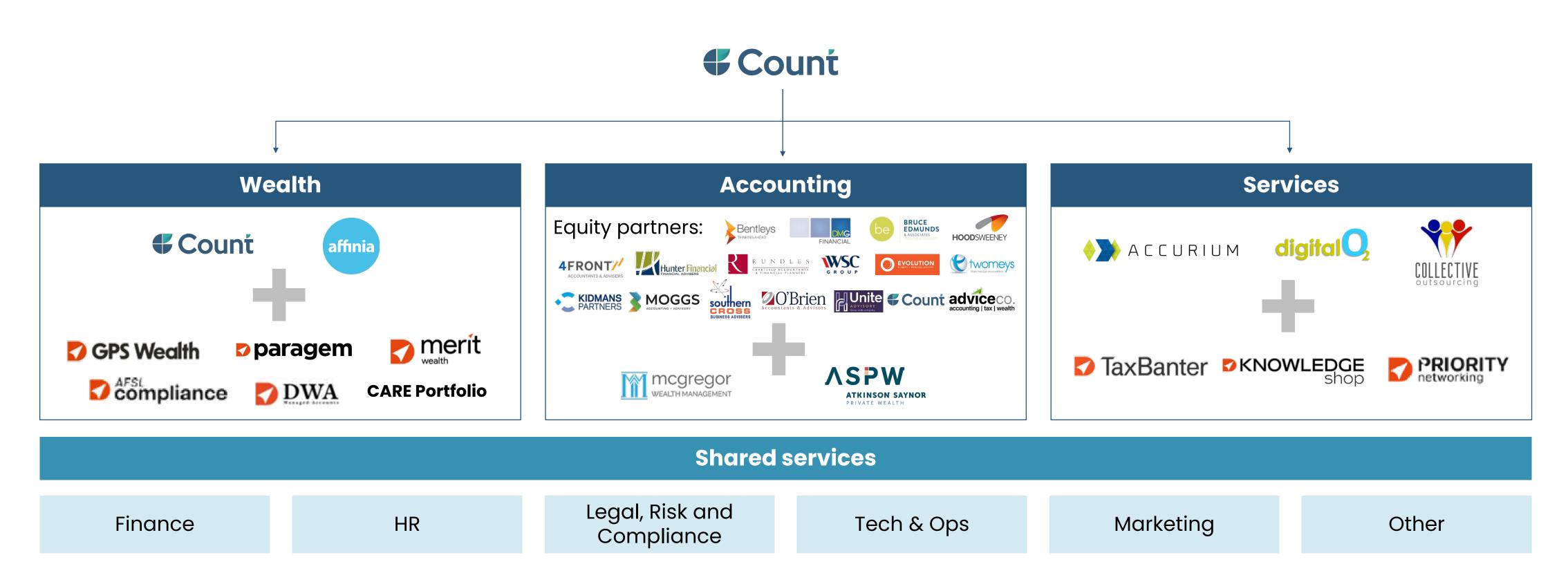


- Material increase in scale and diversification of revenue and earnings
- Significant cost synergy opportunity of approximately \$3m
- Opportunity to realise scale benefits
- Broader shareholder base post transaction
- Scope to expand take up of CARE portfolios
- Opportunity to expand DWA managed account service, via the adoption of CARE portfolios
- DWA capability enhances Count's ability to manage managed accounts
- Ability to undertake further equity investments
- Leverage Knowledge Shop and Tax Banter across the network with Accurium
- DVR equity firms expected to benefit from Count support model equity partners enriched through complementary service offerings and the unlocking of additional capacity for growth and investment
- · Enhanced capacity for combined entity to pursue further significant inorganic M&A
- Common beliefs, values and ethos across both teams
- Ability to drive positive change through transaction that will unlock greater opportunities for employees
- Similar approach to client and advisor service and focus

# Compelling strategic fit with Diverger



The Diverger businesses fit neatly into the Count operating model

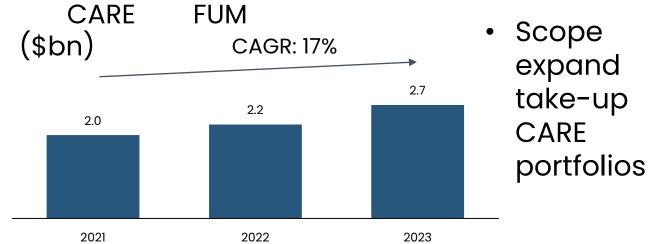


# Incremental growth opportunities



The proposed transaction is expected to unlock several incremental growth opportunities for the combined business.

# **CARE** managed accounts



 Scope expand take-up CARE

#### Count managed accounts

- DWA managed account capability enhances Count's ability to manage managed accounts
- Leverage additional investment capabilities to deliver better outcomes for clients

#### **Future equity investments**

Potential for new equity partnership opportunities with the expanded network of firms across wealth, accounting and services segments

### Knowledge Shop / Tax Banter integration

- Leverage Knowledge Shop and Tax Banter capabilities in combination with Accurium to deliver greater penetration (including across the Count network) and accelerate existing initiatives around training platforms
  - accounting and training offering (including helpdesk) expected to be highly attractive to equity partner and licensed firms

#### **Count support model**

- Diverger equity firms expected to benefit from Count support model
  - enriched equity partners through complementary service offerings and the unlocking of additional capacity for growth and investment
- Ability to improve licensee economics through enhanced offering

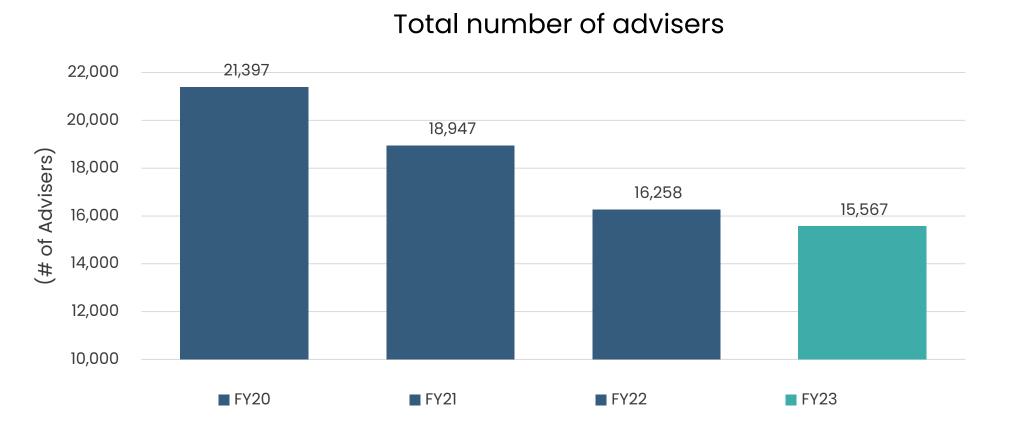
#### Further inorganic initiatives

- Merged entity better positioned to undertake further inorganic initiatives to deliver material uplifts in scale capability and operating efficiency
- Count has a healthy pipeline of significant acquisitions to continue to pursue scale
- Financial capacity to make additional inorganic investments

# Count is well positioned for further growth

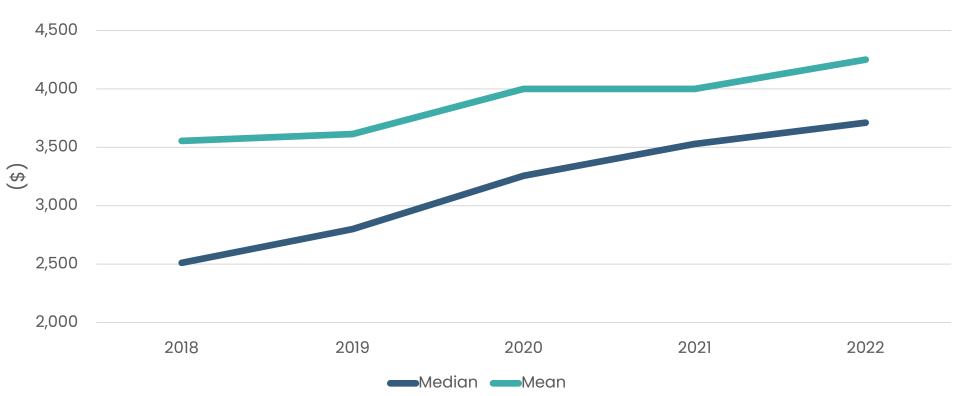


### Advisers an increasingly scarce resource pool



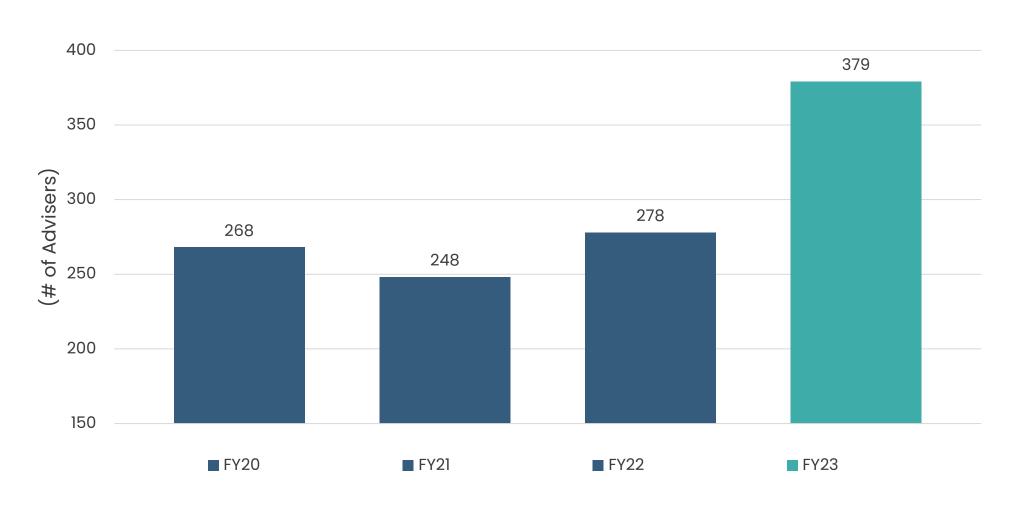
### Fees increasing to offset wage and compliance costs





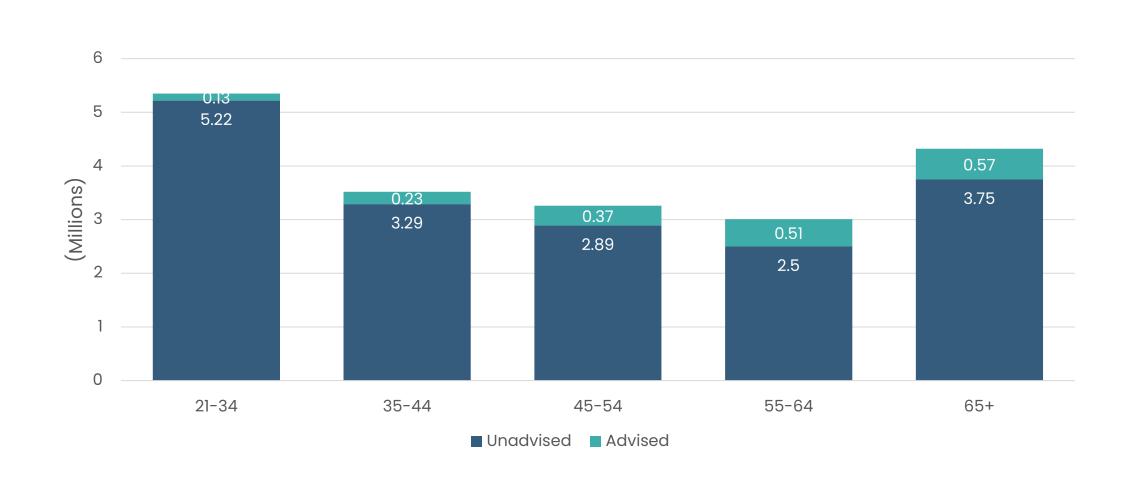
### We are growing adviser numbers against the industry trend

#### **Number of Count Advisers**



### Significant market opportunity for attractive potential growth

Industry number of retail advised and unadvised consumers, by age bracket





# Closing Remarks





Q&A



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