# **QSC AG**

**Company Presentation** 

Results Q3 2009

Cologne, November 9, 2009



## **AGENDA**

- 1. Financial Results *Jürgen Hermann, Chief Financial Officer*
- 2. Operational Update & Outlook

  Dr. Bernd Schlobohm, Chief Executive Officer
- 3. Questions & Answers



# DEVELOPMENT DURING ECONOMIC CRISIS COINED BY FOCUS ON HIGH-MARGIN REVENUES

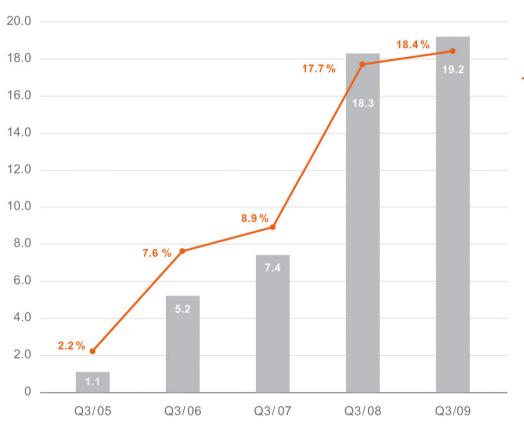
#### REVENUE GROWTH YEAR-ON-YEAR (in € million)

3



## HIGH-MARGIN REVENUES LEAD TO RISING EBITDA

#### EBITDA QUARTER-ON-QUARTER (in € million)



### EBITDA Margin

#### **Drivers**

- Focus on high-margin products and services
- Strict cost discipline and improved efficiency



# Q3 2009 CHARACTERIZED BY HIGHER GROSS PROFIT

In € millions	Q3 2008	Q3 2009	$\triangle$
• Revenues	103.6	104.4	+0.8%
Network expenses (1)	70.3	69.1	-1.7%
Gross profit	+33.3	+35.3	+6.0%
Other operating expenses (1)	15.0	16.1	+7.3%
EBITDA profit	+18.3	+19.2	+4.9%
Depreciation	15.7	16.1	+2.5%
• EBIT profit	+2.6	+3.1	+19.2%
Financial results	-0.4	-0.6	-50.0%
Income taxes	-0.1	-0.4	nm
Net profit	+2.1	+2.1	-

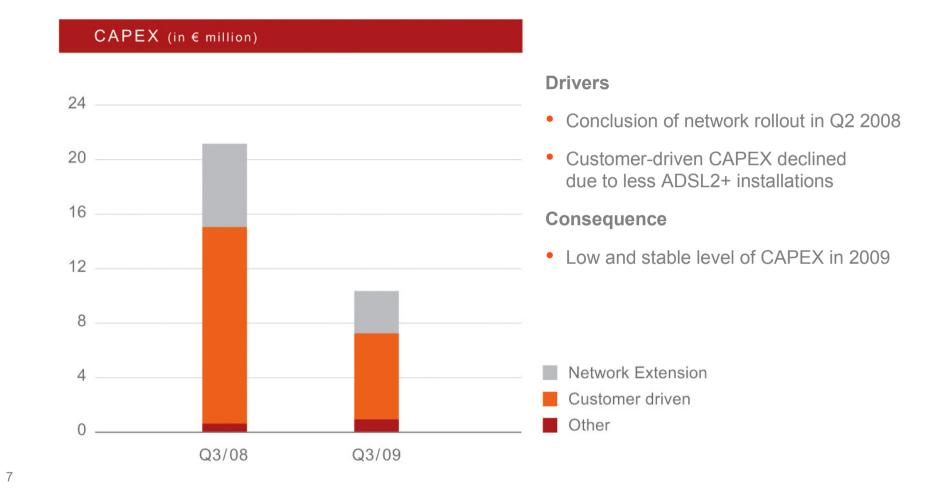
<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding depreciation and non-cash share-based payments

# IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS QSC HAS EARNED A SUSTAINABLE NET PROFIT

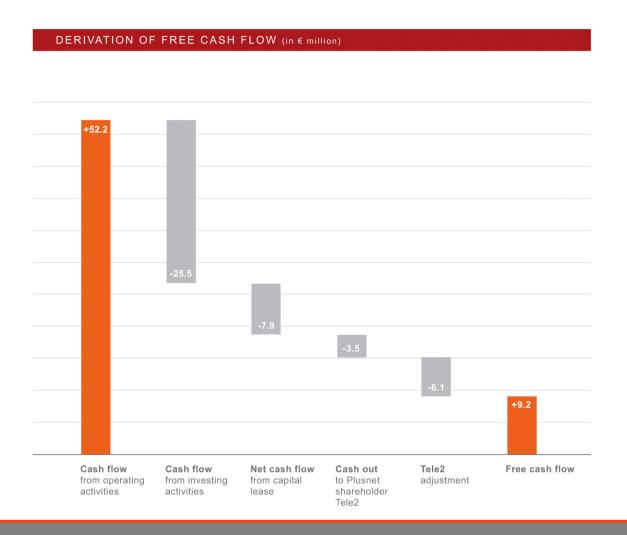
	Q1-Q3 2008	Q1-Q3 2009	$\triangle$
In € millions • Revenues	301.3	315.7	+4.8%
<ul> <li>Network expenses (1)</li> </ul>	205.9	208.2	+1.1%
Gross profit	+95.5	+107.5	+12.6%
Other operating expenses (1)	51.6	49.8	-3.5%
EBITDA profit	+43.9	+57.7	+31.4%
Depreciation	45.7	49.8	+9.0%
• EBIT profit (loss)	-1.8	+7.9	nm
Financial results	-1.4	-2.1	-50.0%
Income taxes	-0.3	-1.2	nm
Net profit (loss)	-3.5	+4.6	nm

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding depreciation and non-cash share-based payments

## CAPEX HALVED IN Q3 2009



# QSC EARNS POSITIVE FREE CASH FLOW ...

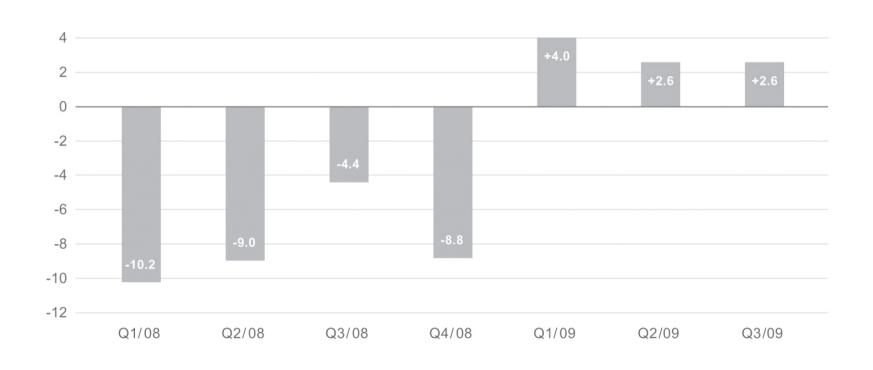


#### **Drivers of FCF**

- High cash flow from operating activities (+14% y-o-y)
- Lower Capex (-51% y-o-y)

# ... QUARTER BY QUARTER IN 2009

#### FREE CASH FLOW (in € million)



# NET DEBT REDUCTION DUE TO FREE CASH FLOW

In € millions	Dec. 31, 2008	Sep. 30, 2009	$\triangle$
+ Cash and short-term deposits	+48.8	+42.1	-6.7
+ Available-for-sale financial assets	+0.3	+0.3	-
+ Liquidity	+49.2	+42.5	-6.7
- Finance lease obligations	-37.5	-26.8	+10.7
- Other short-term liabilities	-8.8	-3.7	+5.1
- Liabilities due to banks	-15.0	-15.0	-
- Financial debt	-61.3	-45.5	+15.8
= Net liquidity (net debt)	-12.2	-3.0	+9.2

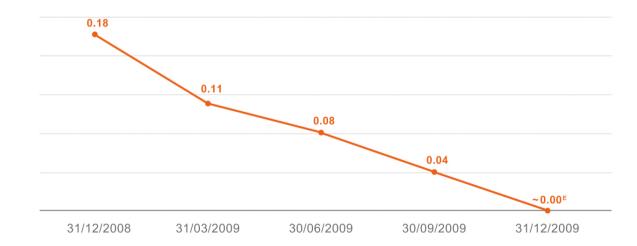


# QSC'S FINANCIAL SOLIDITY OUTPACE THE EUROPEAN TELCO INDUSTRY

#### LEVERAGE RATIO (net debt to EBITDA)

1.40 x -----

2009 estimated average leverage of European alternative Telcos



## **AGENDA**

- 1. Financial Results
  Jürgen Hermann, Chief Financial Officer
- 2. Operational Update & Outlook

  Dr. Bernd Schlobohm, Chief Executive Officer
- 3. Questions & Answers



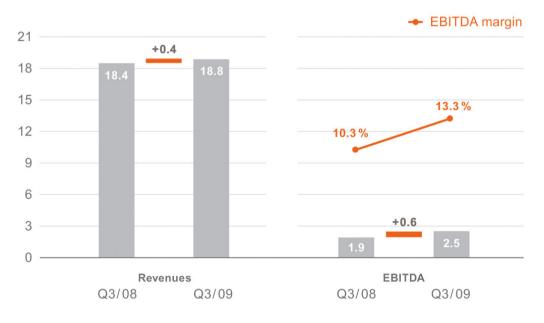
### MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN Q3 2009

- Focus on high-margin revenues is paying off
- Profitability is rising
- Continued focus on industrialization to increase efficiency
- Relaunch IPfonie centraflex with new functionalities
- Development of new distribution channel for IP-based products



# BU MANAGED SERVICES INDUSTRIALIZIATION LEADS TO HIGHER EARNINGS

#### MANAGED SERVICES YEAR-ON-YEAR (in € million)

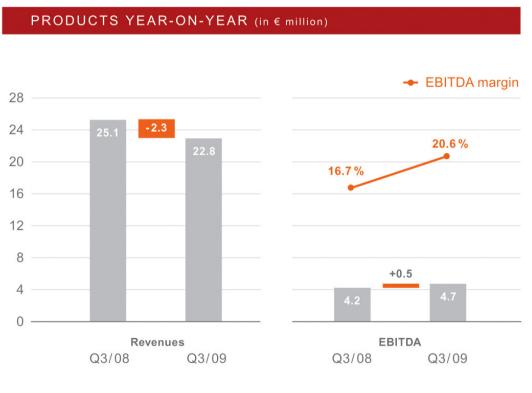


#### **Major developments**

- Positive development of new business with existing and new customers vs.
   price pressure in connection with contract renewals
- Customers won:
   Two high-profile large accounts
   and several mid-size companies



# BU PRODUCTS RISING PROFITS DESPITE LOWER REVENUES



#### **Break-up of revenues**

44% legacy voice

#### **Major developments**

- Focus on high-margin, IP-based products is paying off
- No further decline in revenues compared to Q2 2009 at
   € 22.7 million
- New distribution channel:
   With ALLNET and Michael Telecom,
   QSC has won two strong distributors
   for its IP-based product portfolio



# BU WHOLESALE/RESELLERS ONGOING POSITIVE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

#### WHOLESALE/RESELLER YEAR-ON-YEAR (in € million)



#### Break-up of revenues

- +6.600 ADSL2+ lines
- 48% of segment revenues from ADSI 2+
- 29% of segment revenues from voice wholesale

#### **Major developments**

- Despite growing market saturation, especially in urban areas, QSC still has net adds in ADSL2+ business
- Voice wholesale is growing year-onyear; NGN is paying off
- SHDSL wholesale for carriers on stable growth course



# OUTLOOK 2009 FOCUS ON CASH FLOW AND PROFITABILITY

- General economic conditions in Germany still gloomy
- QSC will continue to focus on cash flow and profitability in Q4 2009 and beyond
- CAPEX will be less than € 50 million, nearly half the amount of 2008
  - => the investment period is over!



# OUTLOOK 2009 QSC REVISED GUIDANCE

- EBITDA at the upper end of the € 68- to 78-million corridor and revenues at the lower end of the € 420- to € 440-million corridor
- Free cash flow of at least € 12 million, instead of the previously announced figure of at least € 10 million
- Sustained net income
- QSC will be net debt free at year-end 2009



## **AGENDA**

- 1. Financial Results
  Jürgen Hermann, Chief Financial Officer
- 2. Operational Update & Outlook
  Dr. Bernd Schlobohm, Chief Executive Officer
- 3. Questions & Answers



## FINANCIAL CALENDAR

November 10-11, 2009 German Equity Forum Fall 2009

Deutsche Börse, Frankfurt

March 31, 2010 Publication of Annual Report 2009

May 20, 2010 Annual Shareholders Meeting



### CONTACT

QSC AG Arne Thull Head of Investor Relations Mathias-Brüggen-Strasse 55 50829 Cologne Germany

Phone +49-(0)221-6698-724 Fax +49-(0)221-6698-009

E-mail invest@qsc.de

Web www.qsc.de



### SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

This presentation includes forward-looking statements as such term is defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and projections of future events and are subject to risks and uncertainties. Many factors could cause actual results to vary materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, changes in the competitive environment, changes in the rate of development and expansion of the technical capabilities of DSL technology, changes in prices of DSL technology and market share of our competitors, changes in the rate of development and expansion of alternative broadband technologies and changes in prices of such alternative broadband technologies, changes in government regulation, legal precedents or court decisions relating, among other things, to line sharing, rent for colocation and unbundled local loops, the pricing and timely availability of leased lines, and other matters that might have an effect on our business, the timely development of value-added services, our ability to maintain and expand current marketing and distribution agreements and enter into new marketing and distribution agreements, our ability to receive additional financing if management planning targets are not met, the timely and complete payment of outstanding receivables from our distribution partners and resellers of QSC services and products, as well as the availability of sufficiently qualified employees.

A complete list of the risks, uncertainties and other factors facing us can be found in our public reports and filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.



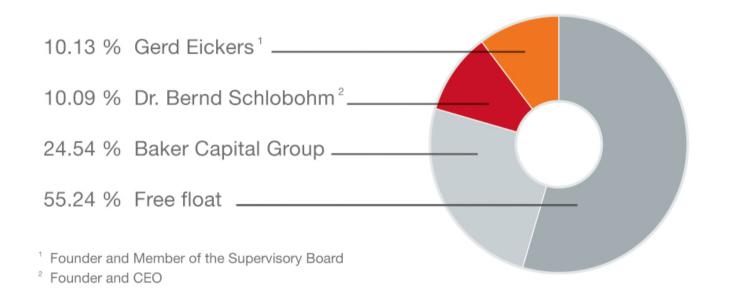
### DISCLAIMER

- This document has been produced by QSC AG (the "Company") and is furnished to you solely for your information and may not be reproduced or redistributed, in whole or in part, to any other person
- No representation or warranty (express or implied) is made as to, and no reliance should be placed on, the fairness, accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein and, accordingly, none of the Company or any of its parent or subsidiary undertakings or any of such person's officers or employees accepts any liability whatsoever arising directly or indirectly from the use of this document
- The information contained in this document does not constitute or form a part of, and should not be construed as, an offer of securities for sale or invitation to subscribe for or purchase any securities and neither this document nor any information contained herein shall form the basis of, or be relied on in connection with, any offer of securities for sale or commitment whatsoever



## STABLE SHAREHOLDER STRUCTURE SINCE IPO

#### SHAREHOLDER STRUCTURE



Status quo: 31/10/2009

