

# KEYWORDS STUDIOS COMPANY PRESENTATION

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# **KEYWORDS SNAPSHOT**



technical & creative solutions provider to the video games industry



service lines covering entire gaming value chain



26 countriesand more than70 studios



~12,000
employees that speak
50 languages



**24** out of top 25 gaming companies are clients



10 out of top 10 mobile games companies are clients



c.**\$12bn**Video game
external services
market\*



~3x size of next largest industry player

# OUR GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



# SERVICING ENTIRE CONTENT DEVELOPMENT LIFECYCLE

Create Services

## **Game Development**

Includes full & co-development, porting & remastering, tool development and consulting services

#### **Art Services**

Creation of video game graphical art, including concept, 2D and 3D asset production & animation

Engage Services

# **Player Support**

365/24/7, multilingual support delivered in game, on digital community and social platforms and through proprietary tech platform, Helpshift

## **Marketing Services**

Creation of game trailers, marketing art and materials, PR and full brand campaign strategies



Globalise Services

#### **Audio Services**

Multi-language voiceover recording, original language voice production, music management, sound effects

## **Functional Testing**

Quality assurance, testing for defects, compliance with hardware/platform specifications, as well as test automation tools and services

#### Localization

Translation of in-game text, audio scripts, cultural and local adaptation, accreditation, packaging and marketing materials in 50+ languages

## **Localization Testing**

Testing for out of context translations, truncations, overlaps, spelling, grammar, geopolitical and cultural sensitivities and compliance requirements



# LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LEADING PLAYERS IN THE MARKET

We work with 24 of the top 25 games companies by revenue and 10 of the top 10 mobile games publishers by revenue\*

















netmarble





























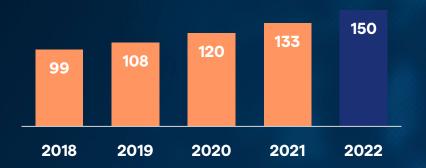








# No. of clients using 3 or more services



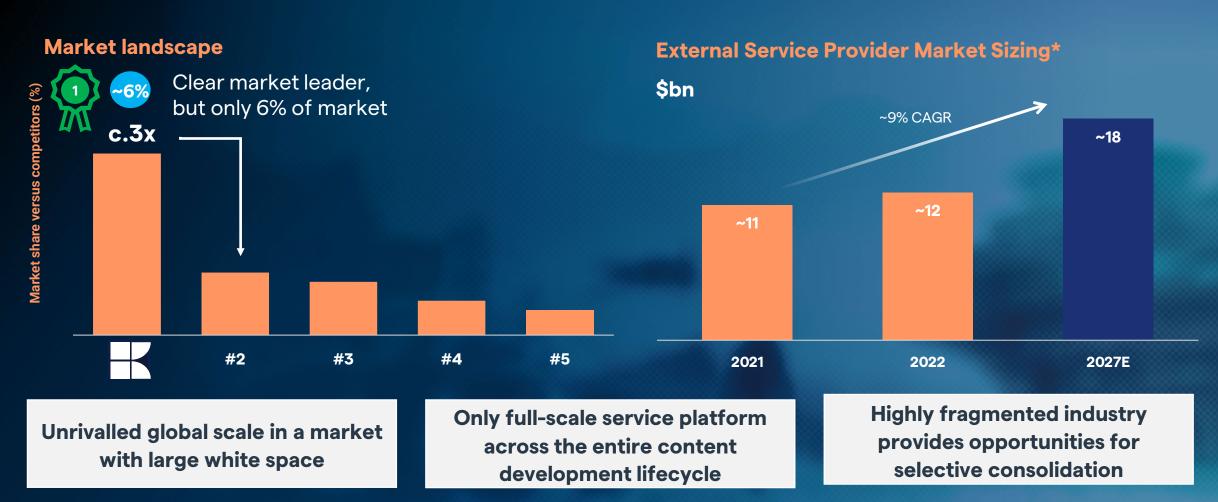


7 the average number of services taken by our **Top 10** clients

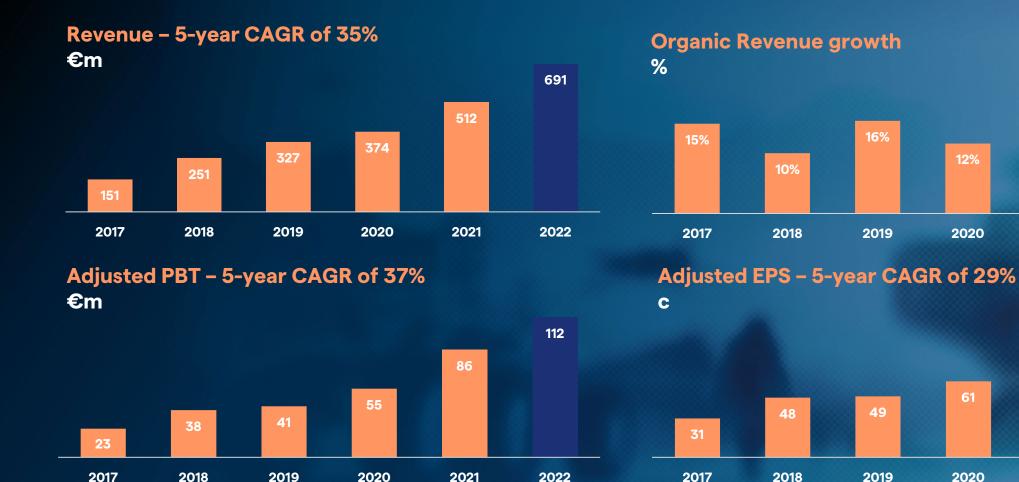


21 of Top 25 clients take 5 of more services

# CLEAR MARKET LEADER IN OUR FRAGMENTED AND GROWING EXTERNAL PROVISION MARKET



# STRONG TRACK RECORD OF GROWTH





2021

19%

2021

22%

2022

114

2022

# **M&A FOCUS AREAS**

#### Create









# **Marketing**







- Build scale
- Live Ops
- Access to talent & geographies
  - Asia / CentralEurope /Americas

- Video games and broader M&E
- Social media marketing
- Influencer marketing
- Brand / campaign strategy
- PR
- Data / analytics

# **Technology**





- Expand offering
- Automate
- Stay at the forefront of the industry

# **Adjacencies**



- Build M&E capability
- Virtual production
- Audio dubbing and subtitling



# PROGRESS AGAINST OUR FIVE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1

# Strategic client partnerships

- ✓ Undertaken Strategic Partnership Reviews with a range of Top 25 clients
- Tangible improvement in the overall visibility and understanding of KWS's unique offering
- Ongoing discussions with a range of clients about complex multiservice line projects

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# **Technology**

- Acquired Al platforms in Helpshift
   Mighty Games to complement existing offering
- ✓ Hired CDIO to spearhead deeper integration of technology across the Group
- ✓ Launching Labs @ Keywords Studios to drive innovation across the Group

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## **One Keywords**

- ✓ Scaled our strategic and tactical Shared Services to empower every studio with the expertise of the Group
- ✓ Launched new
  Leadership Principles
  capturing the essence
  of the Group, while
  retaining unique
  studio characteristics
- Enhanced our strong track record of M&A execution with deeper integration processes

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# Destination for talent

- Created a global talent acquisition team modelled on the approach used at Snowed In Studios
- Broad range of staff received a one-off cost of living payment & additional interim salary increases
- Expanding initiatives to develop talent through Academies & Bootcamps

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# **Adjacent markets**

- Developing our LiveOps offering to work more strategically with clients on their GaaS projects
- ✓ Demonstrated our inhouse Virtual Production (VP) skill set through end-to-end creation of VP video
- Expanded knowledge of the opportunity across M&E space (audio, marketing, VP)



# DETERMINED TO BE A TECH-ENABLED LEADER

Embracing new technologies is at the core of our ambitions to scale our platform and Imagine More for our clients

- → Delivering tech-enabled services is part of our DNA
  - 4,000 technologists within our Create division
  - Work on the latest tools and game engines
  - Solve complex technical challenges for clients
- → Growing tech product suite to complement existing service offerings
  - Three key product offerings addressing critical post-production client needs
  - 150+ product engineers across the group
- → New Gen-Al tools will drive enhanced productivities and content generation, when clients are ready
  - Key role to play in supporting clients navigate evolving landscape







#### Localization

Workflow management and machine translation solution

# Game development and Functional testing

Al-led automated testing platform

#### **Player Support**

Conversational Al customer support platform



# **FOCUS ON KANTAN**

Pioneering partnership with Microsoft to automate localization of their LiveOps games



- → Started partnership in May 2022
- → Microsoft wanted a turn-around of under 48 hours for localization of its LiveOps titles
  - Doing the traditional manual method would likely take 5+ days
  - Started with 15 titles
- → Project going very well, and has now grown to 28 titles
  - Process on average 3,000 projects a week
  - Average turn-around of 32 hours
  - Working with a community of over 700 linguists providing translations in
     35 languages
- → We have now translated over **30 million words** as part of the project
- → Looking to roll-out the platform to other clients in the coming months



# **OUR RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PRIORITIES**



#### COMMUNITY

Making a positive impact through Keywords Cares

- ✓ Dedicated regional CSR leads
- √ €46k fundraising
- ✓ Support fund utilised



#### **PEOPLE**

Our largest and most valuable asset

- Enhanced employee engagement
- ✓ Great place to work awards
- Women in Games Partnership
- ✓ Employee NPS of 30



#### **PLANET**

Minimising our impact on the planet

- ✓ Sustainable Studios initiative to reduce emissions and waste
- ✓ GHG intensity reduced by 16%
- Offsetting balance of operational emissions



#### **CLIENT**

Clients at the heart of everything we do

- Pursuing closer partnerships to better support our clients
- ✓ Increased NPS to 37 in 2022



#### **GOVERNANCE**

Setting the highest standards of behaviour, honesty and integrity underpins everything we do



# SUMMARY



Determined to be a techenabled leader in the industry



Continuing to deliver against our strategy, build our platform, and execute on healthy M&A pipeline



Well positioned to drive sustainable growth and potential acceleration of external service provision over the medium-term

Expect to further grow our platform and cement our position as the partner of choice for tech-enabled and creative solutions to a global client base

