

# FULL YEAR RESULTS 2023

**18TH APRIL 2024** 





### THE TEAM





#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

WE ARE BUILDING AN ENTERTAINMENT POWERHOUSE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

**POSITIVE REVENUE MOMENTUM** 

**STEP-CHANGE ACQUISITON OF BETCHES** 

MORE PROFITABLE ANZ OPERATING MODEL

MARKET LEADING AUDIENCE & ENGAGEMENT

£67.5M REVENUE +7.5% YOY

75%+
REPEAT
CLIENT REVENUE<sup>1</sup>

128BN VIDEO VIEWS<sup>3</sup> +31% YOY £17.4M ADJ. EBITDA +10.8% YOY

141M US AUDIENCE<sup>2</sup>

452M GLOBAL AUDIENCE<sup>3</sup> +24% YOY

<sup>1-</sup> Percentage of 2023 Direct Revenue from clients that ran campaigns with us in the prior two years. 2 - US audience reflects number of followers across our social channels and average monthly website users. 3 - Video Views and Global Audience exclude Pubity and Memezar. Video Views are taken across Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok, X, YouTube and Web platforms. Global Audience reflects social followers, unique podcast listeners and average monthly website users in the 12 months to December 2023.



#### LBG MEDIA WHO WE ARE

WHO

WHERE HOW

WHY

WE ARE A GLOBAL DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS WITH A FOCUS ON YOUNG ADULTS

ADULT GENERATION A VOICE BY BUILDING
COMMUNITIES THAT LAUGH, THINK,
AND ACT

WE NOW HAVE THE TEAM,

STRUCTURE &

AMBITION TO DRIVE GREATER GROWTH

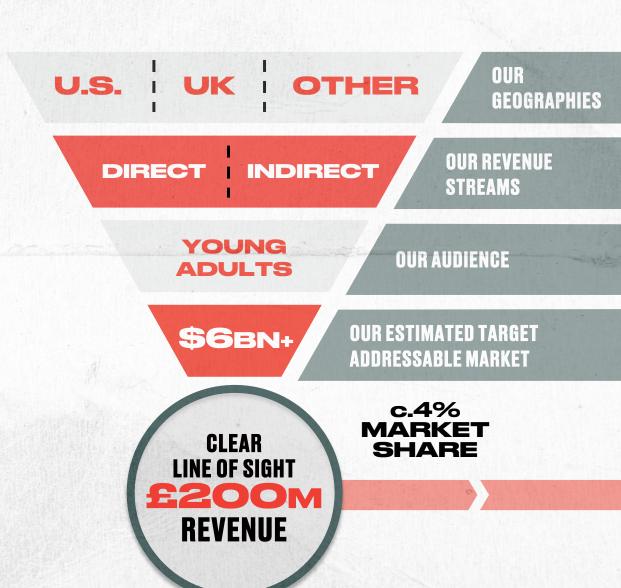
WE HAVE A CLEAR LINE OF SIGHT TO £200M OF REVENUE





### LBG MEDIA OUR MARKET

WE OPERATE IN THE LARGEST & **FASTEST GROWING** SECTOR OF THE ADVERTISING INDUSTRY WHERE AD SPEND<sup>1</sup> \$889BN +5.8% YOY \$617BN DIGITAL AD SPEND1 +9.2% YOY



<sup>1-</sup> Source: - GroupM 'This Year, Next Year: 2023 End of Year Forecast', December 2023.



#### LBG MEDIA HOW WE WILL DO IT

WHO WHERE HOW



#### DIRECT

- TAKING MARKET SHARE FROM TRADITIONAL PLAYERS
- BUILDING DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS
   WITH BLUE-CHIP BRANDS
- EXPANDING CAPABILITIES



#### INDIRECT

- GROWING AUDIENCE &

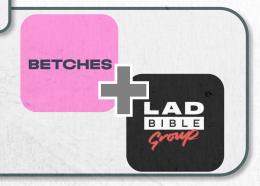
  REACH ACROSS PLATFORMS
- BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH KEY PARTNERS





#### **U.S. EXPANSION**

- EXPANDING OPERATIONS IN LARGEST AD MARKET
- HUGE DIRECT AND INDIRECT OPPORTUNITY
- BETCHES ADDITION IS A PLATFORM FOR GROWTH



#### LBG MEDIA WHY WE WILL WIN

WHO
WHERE
HOW
WHY

9 INNOVATION

**BRAND EQUITY** 

DIVERSITY

RELEVANCY







































#### ANZ: IMPROVED OPERATING MODEL





CAPABILITIES



MULTI-YEAR PARTNERSHIP WITH **VAL MORGAN DIGITAL FOR** ELIVERY OF DIRECT REVENUES

**CENTRALISATION OF SOCIAL** AND WEB OPERATIONS INTO OUR UK CENTRE OF **EXCELLENCE** 

MORE EFFICIENT **COST BASE FOR** INDIRECT REVENUES

**IMPROVED PROFITABILITY & OPERATING MODEL** 

**BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR** SUSTAINABLE **GROWTH IN AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND** 

**PARTNERSHIP** TEMPLATE SERVES AS BLUEPRINT FOR OPPORTUNITIES IN **NEW REGIONS** 



#### U.S. EXPANSION - ORGANIC

#### THE U.S. FORMS A CORE PART OF OUR GROWTH STRATEGY....

**U.S. AUDIENCE PRE-**BETCHES OF MORE THAN 100M1

**ESTABLISHED A SMALL BASE OF OPERATIONS** IN NEW YORK IN LATE-2022

**FOCUSED ON ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS WITH AGENCIES AND BRANDS** 

2023 REVENUES OF **£0.3**M

STRONG MOMENTUM & PIPELINE OF **OPPORTUNITIES ENTERING 2024** 

NUMBER OF EARLY ACCOUNT WINS INCLUDING **PEACOCK & HULU** 

**ADDITION OF BETCHES** ADDS A 'ONE STOP SHOP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

**IN FY24:** peacock

<sup>1 –</sup> US audience reflects number of followers across our social channels and average monthly website users



#### U.S. EXPANSION - BETCHES





M&A

CAPABILITIES



**HIGHLY COMPLEMENTARY BUSINESS WITH** MAJORITY FEMALE **AUDIENCE** 

**STRONG** CULTURAL FIT AND TEAM

**EARNOUT TIED TO** DRIVING U.S. REVENUE GROWTH

**PERFORMANCE AND** INTEGRATION **PROGRESSING** WELL

**BETCHES** GROWTH **OF 17%** IN 2023

**MULTIPLE JOINT BLUE-CHIP** ACCOUNT WINS



### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO US



**ENVIRONMENT** 



**PROTECTING WOMEN AND** GIRLS



**GIVING A VOICE** TO UNDER-REPRESENTED COMMUNITIES







### **RICHARD JARVIS CFO**



#### DIVERSIFIED REVENUE

#### DIRECT

**RELATIONSHIP WITH ADVERTISERS** 

43% **OF GROUP REVENUE** 

**CREATING & PRODUCING** 

**BESPOKE CONTENT FOR BRANDS** 

**REAL-TIME ANALYTICS PROVIDE** MEASURABILITY & UNIQUE ROI **INSIGHTS** 







#### INDIRECT

**RELATIONSHIP WITH ADVERTISERS** 

55%

**OF GROUP REVENUE** 

- DIGITAL ADVERTISING VIA SOCIAL **MEDIA & WEB** PROGRAMMATIC PARTNERS
- REVENUE SHARED **BETWEEN PLATFORM & PUBLISHER**





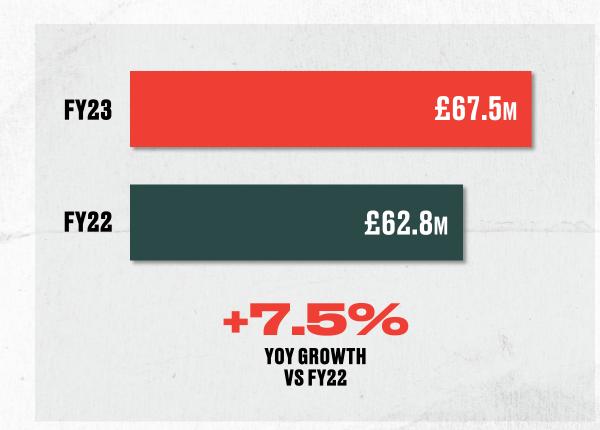






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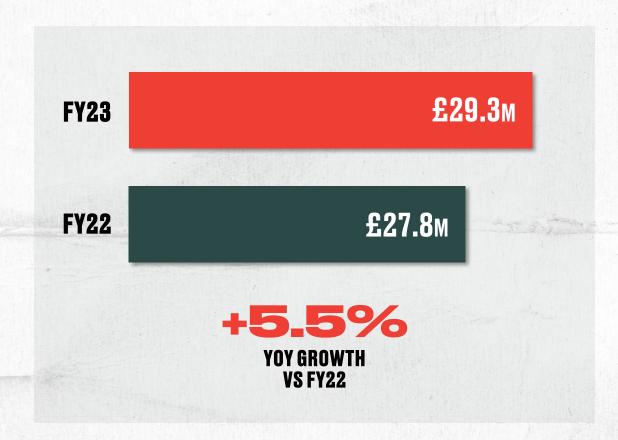
- ENCOURAGING GROWTH DESPITE CHALLENGING MARKET IN ANZ
- INCREASED ACTIVITY WITH NEW AND EXISTING CLIENTS
- 4% ORGANIC GROWTH, OR 8% EXCLUDING ANZ,
   REFLECTING STRONG CORE BUSINESS PERFORMANCE
- PROFORMA REVENUE OF £79,0M¹

POSITIVE REVENUE MOMENTUM DRIVEN BY GROWTH ACROSS DIRECT AND INDIRECT

<sup>1-</sup> Proforma revenue includes full year impact of Betches were we to have acquired the business on 1 January 2023.

#### DIRECT REVENUE





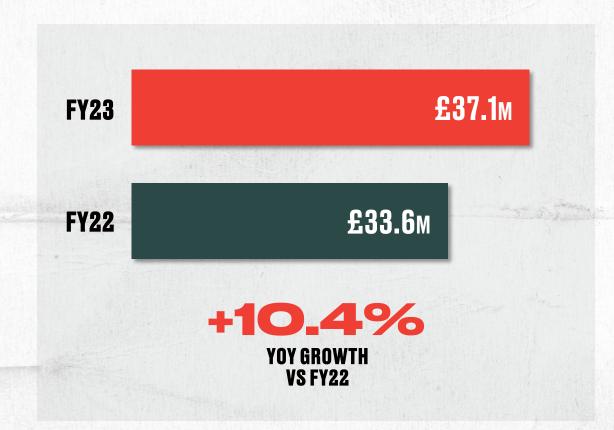
- POSITIVE GROWTH AGAINST CHALLENGING BACKDROP, INCLUDING ANZ
- FY23 POSITIONS US STRONGLY FOR GREATER SUCCESS:
  - STRONG ENGAGEMENT WITH LEADING BRANDS
  - DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS REFLECTED IN 75%
     REPEAT CLIENT REVENUE<sup>1</sup>
  - IMPROVING RATE OF BRIEF CONVERSION
  - JOINT APPROACH IN U.S. PROVIDES PLATFORM FOR GROWTH

#### POSITIONING US FOR FUTURE GROWTH

<sup>1-</sup>Percentage of 2023 Direct Revenue from clients that ran campaigns with us in the prior two years.

#### INDIRECT REVENUE





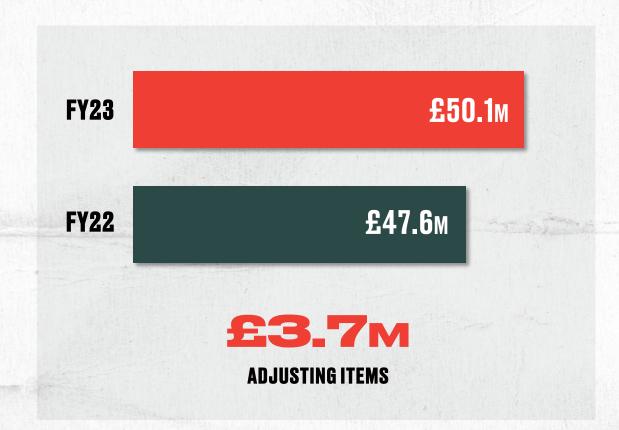
- 70/30 SOCIAL / WEB SPLIT
- SOCIAL INCREASED VIDEO VIEWS TO 128BN
   MITIGATING PRESSURE FROM DECLINING YIELDS<sup>1</sup>
- WEB HIGHER QUALITY SESSIONS & HIGHER YIELDS A RESULT OF INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE & TECHNOLOGY
- DIVERSIFICATION OF REVENUES WITH MULTIPLE LEVERS TO INFLUENCE GROWTH

DIVERSIFIED INDIRECT REVENUE STREAMS PROVIDING PLATFORM FOR POSITIVE GROWTH

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#### COSTS





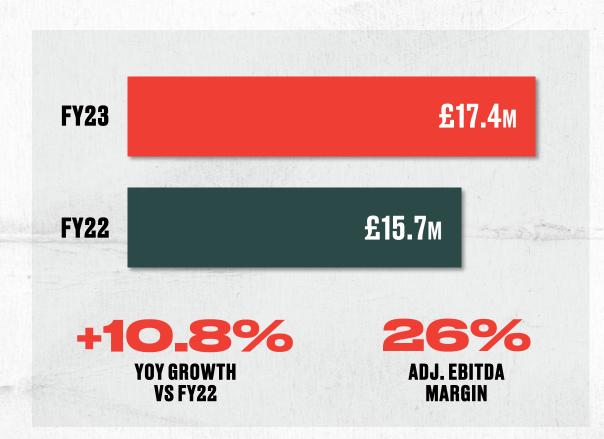
- TOTAL COST INCREASE OF 5%, WITH ORGANIC COST INCREASE OF c.1%¹
- INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE & TECHNOLOGY
   COMMENSURATE WITH GROWTH ASPIRATIONS
- REMOVED COSTS OUT OF ANZ AT THE END OF 2023
  WITH THE BENEFIT BEING REDEPLOYED IN 2024 TO
  FUEL GROWTH, INCLUDING IN THE U.S.

MOVING INTO FY24 WITH A COST BASE BETTER ALLOCATED TO GROWTH AMBITIONS

<sup>1 -</sup> Costs do not include Amortisation, Depreciation, Impairment, Share Based Payments or Adjusting Items.

#### ADJUSTED EBITDA





- ACHIEVED STRONG YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH WHILE MAINTAINING HEALTHY MARGIN
- UNDERLYING GROWTH OF +30% DEMONSTRATES
   STRENGTH OF CORE BUSINESS¹
- PROFORMA ADJUSTED EBITDA OF £20.1M<sup>2</sup>

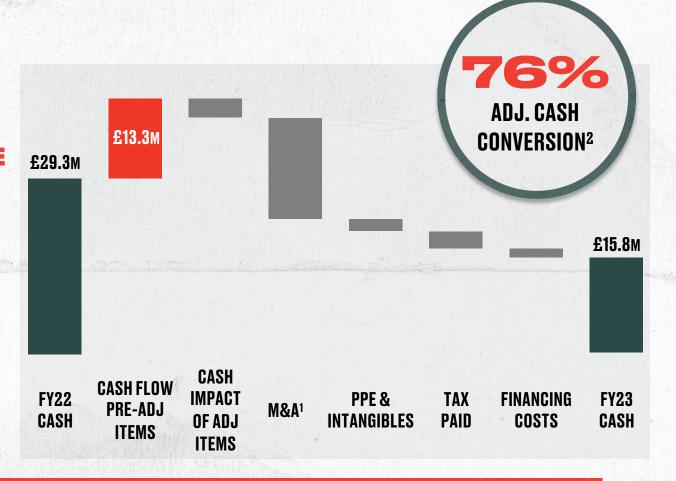
IMPROVED EBITDA DRIVEN BY POSITIVE REVENUE MOMENTUM AND EFFECTIVE COST MANAGEMENT

<sup>1-</sup> Adjusting for a reduction in the year-on-year profit contribution from Australia, our underlying adjusted EBITDA would have grown by over 30% year-on-year. 2 - Proforma Adjusted EBITDA includes full year impact of Betches were we to have acquired the business on 1 January 2023.

#### CASH

MEDIA

- WE ARE HIGHLY CASH GENERATIVE
- ACQUISITIONS IN-YEAR OF £17.6M1
- CASH POSITION AT YEAR END £15.8M
- CASH POSITION AS AT 17 APRIL £22.0M



CURRENT CASH POSITION AND HIGHLY CASH GENERATIVE BUSINESS SUPPORTIVE OF OUR ORGANIC & INORGANIC AMBITIONS

<sup>1-</sup> Acquisitions of £17.6m is acquisitions of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired. 2-Cash conversion is cash generated from operations pre-tax, adjusted for impact of cash adjusting items divided by adjusted EBITDA.





### SOLLY SOLOMOU **FOUNDER & CEO**

#### **SUMMARY & OUTLOOK**



- NEEDLE MOVING ACQUISITION IN LARGEST AD MARKET IN THE WORLD
- QUICK ACTION TAKEN ON OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES
- CLEAR LINE OF SIGHT TO £200M REVENUE
- UK MARKET LEADERS IN YOUNG ADULTS
- RECORD AUDIENCE GROWTH AND ENGAGEMENT
- GOOD START TO 2024, WITH INCREMENTAL IMPACT OF BETCHES AND ANZ CHANGES
- FY24 IN LINE WITH CURRENT MARKET EXPECTATIONS<sup>1</sup>

CONFIDENCE IN SIZE OF OPPORTUNITY AND CLEAR LINE OF SIGHT TO £200M OF REVENUE

<sup>1-</sup> External market consensus for the year ending 31 December 2024 is currently: Revenue of £86.1m and Adjusted EBITDA of £23.5m.







#### **OUR JOURNEY**

2006



GLOBAL LAUNCH OF THE IPHONE & **FACEBOOK** 

2012

**LBGIS** FOUNDED -FIRST CONTENT & WEBSITE LAUNCH

2015

**12**<sub>BN</sub> **VIEWS** 

34<sub>M</sub> **FOLLOWERS**  2021



LISTING ON **LSE AS LBG MEDIA PLC** 

2023

452<sub>M</sub> **AUDIENCE** 

128<sub>BN</sub>

**VIEWS** 

**FINANCIAL** CRISIS -**NEWSPAPER AD SPEND DECLINES** 

2008

**DIGITAL SPEND OVERTAKES NEWSPAPER** 



UNILAD

**ACQUIRED UNILAD AND** LAUNCHED IN AUSTRALIA

**BETCHES** 

STEP-CHANGE

M&A AND

**U.S. EXPANSION** 

2023



#### SOME OF THOSE WE WORK WITH





































### DIRECT REVENUE CASE STUDY

### THE AA: FINDING ITS WAY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

- TO PROTECT THE AA'S FUTURE GROWTH & DEMONSTRATE THEY UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF YOUNG DRIVERS
- WE CREATED A CAMPAIGN AROUND BRITISH "BANGERS",

  FILE AND TO THE REAL CARS, AND DRIVING

  EXPERIENCES, OF YOUNG PEOPLE
- NAMES FROM BAFTA-AWARD WINNING 'PEOPLE JUST DO NOTHING'

+15% PTS

SPONTANEOUS AWARENESS

+13% PTS

CONSIDERATON FOR BREAKDOWN

3YR HIGH

BRAND PREFERENCE AMONG 17-24 YR OLDS



# campaign MEDIA

CAMPAIGN MEDIA AWARDS 2024 NOMINATED - BRANDED CONTENT SOCIAL / MOBILE / DIGITAL

# BETCHES: A STEP-CHANGE ACQUISITION



\$14.6M

**FY22** REVENUE 28%

**3YR CAGR TO FY22** 

27%

FY22 ADJ. **EBITDA MARGIN** 

250M+

**AVERAGE MONTHLY SOCIAL REACH**  ~32M

TOTAL FOLLOWERS1

86% 14% **MAJORITY WOMEN WEIGHTED AUDIENCE** 

<sup>1-</sup>Followers relates to both social media followers, as well as subscribers to both podcasts and newsletters.





	Y/E DEC 2022 £'000	Y/E DEC 2023 £'000
REVENUE	62,809	67,510
NET OPERATING EXPENSES	(55,792)	(61,423)
EXPECTED CREDIT LOSS REVERSAL	467	(22)
OPERATING PROFIT	7,466	6,065
ANALYSED AS		
ADJUSTED EBITDA	15,683	17,368
DEPRECIATION	(1,633)	(2,088)
AMORTISATION	(804)	(1,369)
MPAIRMENT	•	(318)
SHARE BASED PAYMENT CHARGE	(3,552)	(3,853)
ADJUSTING ITEMS	(2,228)	(3,675)
OPERATING PROFITS	7,466	(6,065)
FINANCE INCOME	18	106
FINANCE COSTS	(161)	(565)
NET FINANCE COSTS	(143)	(459)
SHARE OF POST-TAX PROFITS OF EQUITY ACCOUNTED JOINT VENTURE		331
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	7,323	5,937



# BALANCE SHEET

£000\$	DEC 2022	DEC 2023
GOODWILL & OTHER INTANGIBLES	15,436	39,782
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	3,670	5,982
INVESTMENT IN JV	359	690
DEFERRED TAX ASSET	260	24
OTHER	592	198
NON CURRENT ASSETS	20,057	46,676
TRADE AND CURRENT ASSETS	20,370	28,765
CURRENT TAX ASSET	378	62
INVENTORY	-	27
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	29,268	15,800
CURRENT ASSETS	50,016	44,654
TOTAL ASSETS	70,333	91,330
LEASE LIABILITIES	1,960	2,975
CONTINGENT CONSIDERATION	- 12	6,523
DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY	394	556
PROVISIONS	540	446
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,894	10,500
LEASE LIABILITIES	1,282	2,507
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	4,295	8,906
CONTINGENT CONSIDERATION		3,016
CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES	636	1,248
CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,213	15,677
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9,107	26,177
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	70,333	91,330



# CASHFLOW

	Y/E DEC 2022 £'000	Y/E DEC 2023 £'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
CASH (USED)/GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS	1,295	10,100
TAX (PAID)/RECEIVED	(2,693)	(2,898)
NET CASH (USED)/GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(1,398)	7,202
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
PURCHASE OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS	(1,675)	(1,045)
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	(544)	(954)
STAMP DUTY PAID		(26)
ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARY, NET OF CASH ACQUIRED	Salan e sa sa come a come de la c	(17,580)
NET CASH (USED)/GENERATED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(2,219)	(19,605)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
LEASE PAYMENTS	(1,227)	(1,323)
LEASE DEPOSITS PAID	(105)	(23)
LEASE DEPOSITS RECEIVED		544
PROCEEDS FROM SHARE ISSUE	Later and Con-	. 1
INTEREST PAID	(121)	(142)
NET CASH (USED)/GENERATED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(1,453)	(943)
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(5,070)	(13,346)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	34,338	29,268
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(122)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	29,268	15,800



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