

Results for Aquis Exchange Plc for the year ended 31 Dec 2022



### **Group highlights**



**Net Revenue** 

£20.1m

2021: £16.2m



**Underlying Profit** 

£4.7m

2021: £3.3m



Launch of **Aquis Matching Pool (AMP)** further diversifies the Aquis Exchange offering

#### **aquis** technologies

Increasing levels of interest in pioneering exchange technology; expands to include a **24/7 Matching Engine** 

#### **aquis** stock exchange

**22 new IPOs in 2022:** most of any growth company exchange in the UK

Data revenues increase by 29%, with further growth to come. Advent of a **consolidated tape** will disproportionately benefit Aquis



# **Consolidated income statement**

	2022 £m	2021 £m	% increase
Revenue	19.9	17.2	16%
Provision mvt	0.1	(1.0)	N/A
Net revenue	20.1	16.2	24%
Operating expenses	(14.3)	(11.6)	23%
EBITDA	5.8	4.6	26%
Depreciation, amortisation & interest	(1.3)	(1.1)	21%
Profit before taxation	4.5	3.6	27%
Other comprehensive income	0.2	(0.2)	N/A
Underlying profit	4.7	3.3	41%

Cash

£14.2m

2021: £14.0m



### The revenue story

Diversified sources of revenue; growth opportunities in all areas

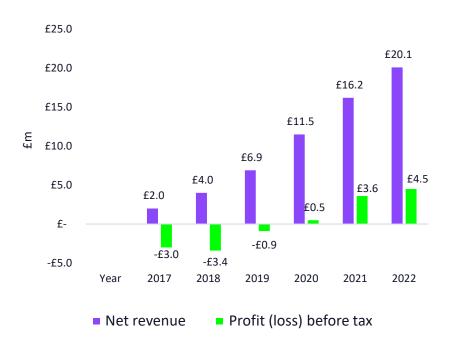
2022 Gross Revenue by division



- Aquis Markets £10.2m
- Aquis Markets data £2.2m
- Aquis Stock Exchange **£1.6m**
- Aquis Stock Exchange data £0.8m
- Aquis Technologies £5.1m

Solid growth trajectory; consistent and significant profits

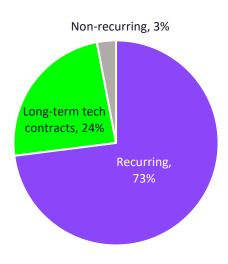
Net revenue & PBT progression 2017-2022



Underlying profit 2022: £4.7m v 2021: £3.3m

97% of revenues are recurring or highly likely to renew

2022 Gross Revenue: £19.9m (Net Revenue: £20.1m)





### **Aquis Markets**

Revenue

£10.2m

Up by 10%

No. of products

4

Up from 3

**Trading members** 

41

Up from 38

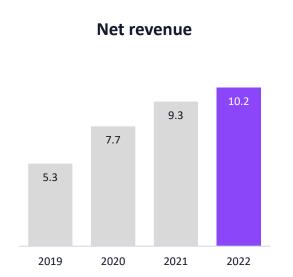
**Liquidity Providers** 

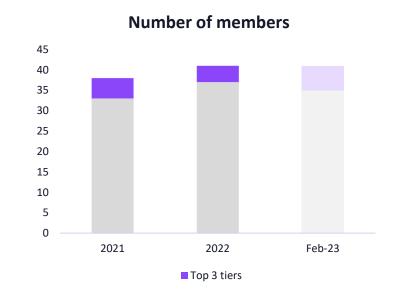
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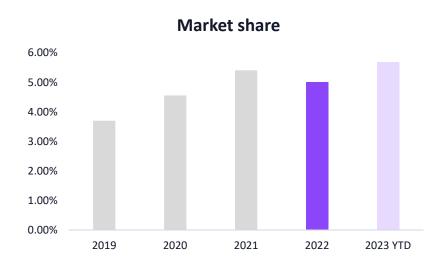
Up from 8

Price increases introduced from

1 April









### **Aquis Markets**

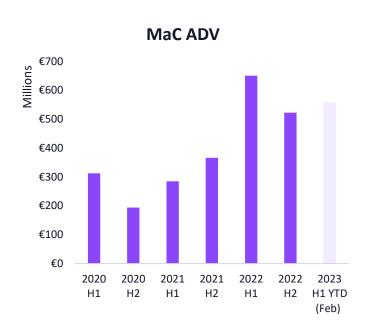
#### **Dark: Aquis Matching Pool (AMP)**

- Fastest growing dark pool
- New functionality due Q2 2023

#### **AMP** market share 9.00% 8.00% 7.00% 6.00% 5.00% 4.00% 3.00% 2.00% 1.00% 0.00% Apr-22 May-22 Jul-22 Aug-22 Sep-22 Oct-22

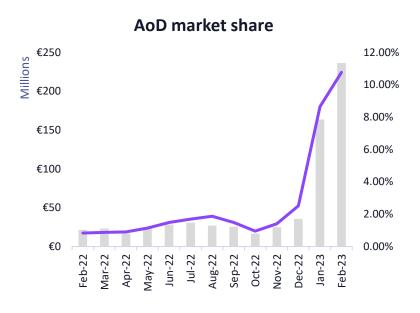
#### Lit closing auctions: Aquis MaC

- Largest alternative closing mechanism in Europe
- Number of clients increasing as cost savings are recognised



#### Periodic auctions: Aquis AoD

- Enhanced functionality added in May 2022
- Accelerated growth over Q4 2022 and into Q1 2023





### **Aquis Technologies**

**Cloud native** 

exchange solution

**Net licencing revenue** 

£5.2m

Up 51%

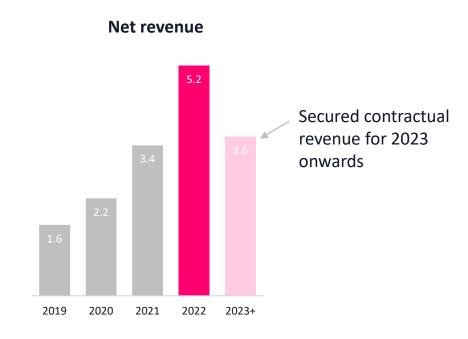
24/7

matching engine

**Technology contracts** 

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5 accounted for; 2 not yet recognised 2 won, 1 extended in FY2022



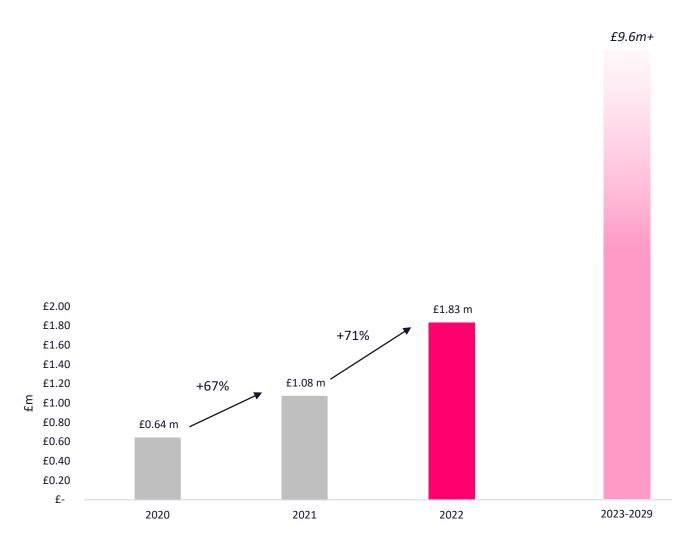
Now on the map as a serious player; winning business against top tier opposition and disrupting both traditional legacy markets and other technology vendors.

Strong pipeline at year end.



# **Aquis Technologies**

#### **Cash flow**



**£3.5m** cash received 2020-2022

£9.6m further cash contractually due for 2023-2029



### **Aquis Stock Exchange**

22

**IPOs in 2022** 

107

**Total issuers** 

£300m+

Raised on AQSE since acquisition

Added two prominent retail investor platforms:

HARGREAVES LANSDOWN

IG

**Profit Before Tax** 

£0.4m

Profitable ahead of target DTA £0.1m recognised

Britain's Got Aquis event: 17 AQSE companies presented to 100+ HNW and investors

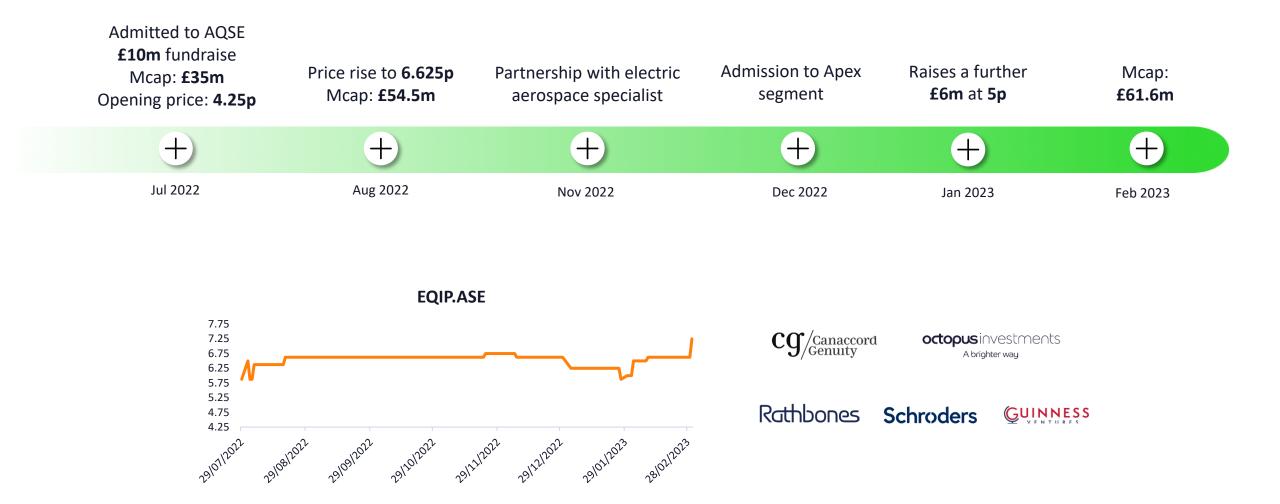
#### Net revenue & PBT progression 2020-2022



\*for 9 months from acquisition



## IPO & fundraising case study: Equipmake Holdings PLC





#### Data

**Data revenues** 

£3.0m

Up 29%

**Data licences** 

77

2021: 48

**Price increases** 

announced Dec '21, with effect April '22

drove increase in '22 revenues

**Price increases** 

announced Sept '22, with effect Jan '23

#### Consolidated tape: now a case of 'when' not 'if'



- EU: compromise has been agreed; likely to be drafted and approved by European parliament around June. With administrative process to follow, potential for late 2024
- UK: underway by FCA; also potential for late 2024
- Advent of an equities consolidated tape would disproportionately benefit Aquis



### **Drivers of future revenue**





# A track record of growth, with plenty more to deliver



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profitable growth businesses



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revenue streams



**Market** 

in our favour



Q1 23

off to a positive start



# Questions?

