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# **Continued disciplined focus on our strategic imperatives**

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broadband networks & services Accelerate wireless

Leverage wireline momentum Expand media leadership Achieve a competitive cost structure Improve customer service



Our goal: to be recognized by customers as Canada's leading communications company



# New strategic imperative: Expand Media Leadership



- Establishes Bell as both an English and French language media leader
- Integrated distribution and broadcast of content across all communication platforms
- Controls rising content costs
- Opportunity to offer fully-integrated set of advertising platforms
- Improves Bell's overall revenue and EBITDA growth mix profile



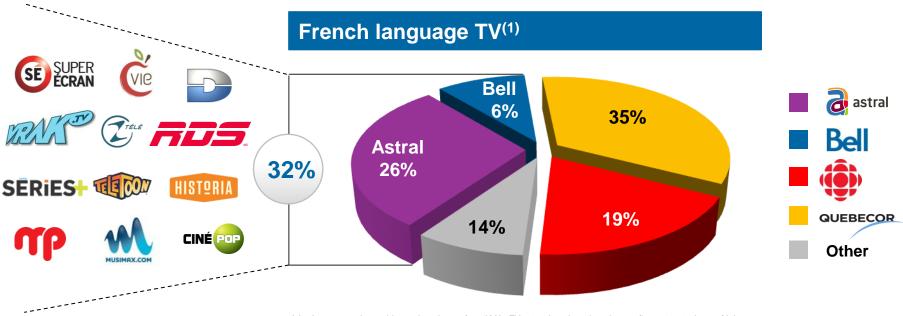


 Live sports content key to driving 4screen strategy and mobile TV growth

\$3B national media company with annual EBITDA of ~\$850M



# Astral strengthens Bell's Quebec media position



(1) Aggregate viewership market share of 2+ AMA, FY2011. Astral market share reflects 100% share of joint venture.

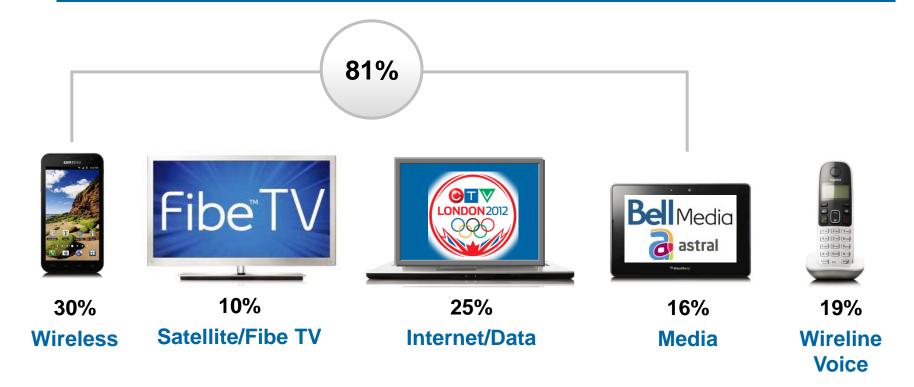
- Accelerates expansion of media assets, particularly French language content in Quebec
- Astral is the leading French specialty and Pay TV provider
- Profitable portfolio of assets and brands

Levelling the playing field with our largest media and BDU competitor in Quebec



### **Bell's evolving revenue mix**

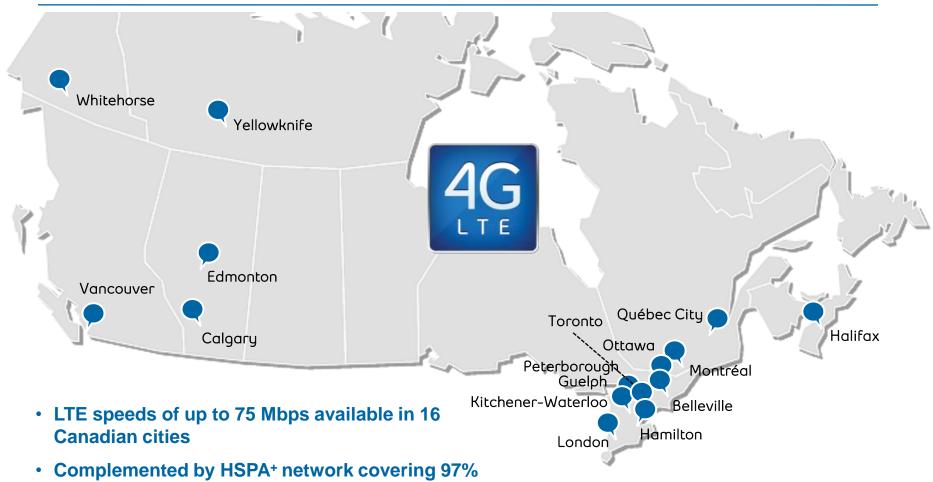
#### Operating revenue mix<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) Pro Forma Astral. Astral included in Bell Media segment.

81% of revenues driven by growth segments

### **Expanding Bell's next-generation wireless network**



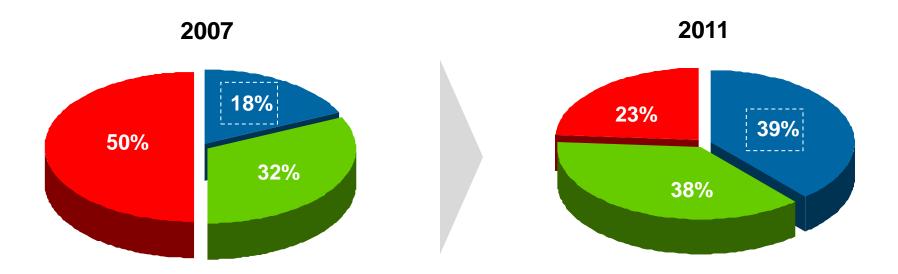
- of Canadian population
  - Dual Cell 42 Mbps service in 74% of HSPA+ footprint

Wireless network and technology leadership

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# **Bell regains wireless market share leadership**

#### Postpaid net additions market share (incumbents)



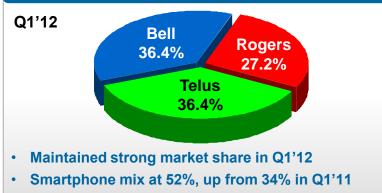


Significant growth for Bell Wireless since 2007

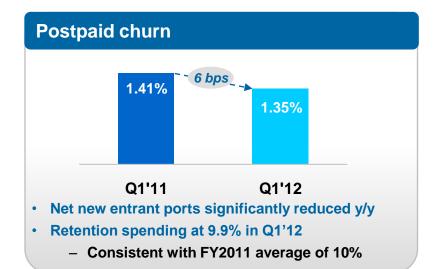


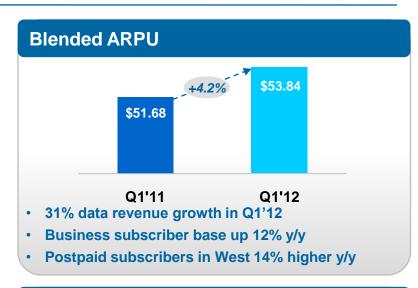
# Key wireless metrics continue to move in right direction

#### Postpaid net adds market share (incumbents)



Business net adds up 173% y/y





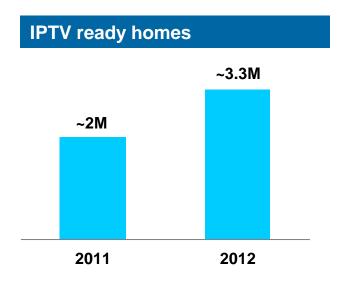
#### Wireless EBITDA Service 40.3% 42.9% 42.9% 42.9% 521M 521M 5461M Q1'11 Q1'12 • Best Q1 EBITDA growth in 5 years • Wireless service margin above 40%

# Strategic focus on postpaid driving strong wireless EBITDA and margin expansion



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# **Growth in Fibe TV and triple-play households**



- 120K Fibe TV subscribers at end of Q1'12
- Quebec City Fibe launch on March 12<sup>th</sup>
- IPTV footprint at 2.2M homes
- Highest satisfaction rate of any Bell service
- 86% of Fibe TV customers taking three products



Fibe TV continues to accelerate, improving attach rates on other residential services



# **NAS line losses stabilizing**

NAS line losses	Q1'12	Y/Y
Residential NAS	71k	(7k)
Residential NAS – Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>	67k	2k
Business NAS	25k	(30k)
Business NAS – Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>	23k	(4k)
Total NAS	97k	(37k)
Total NAS – Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>	90k	(2k)

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding contribution of wholesale customers via a 3<sup>rd</sup> party reseller

- Better NAS performance than most other North American telcos
- Increasing wireless substitution
- Fibe TV pull-through helping with retention and winbacks
- Voice revenue decline relatively consistent with NAS erosion rate
  - Competition driving richer upfront discounts and credits on residential bundles

#### Managing wireline voice erosion in a tough competitive and pricing environment



# **Bell Business Markets**

#### Market leader in connectivity and ICT services



**Managed Services** 



**Unified Communications** 

- Leverage network assets, broadband fibre expansion and service to expand customer relationships and share of wallet
- Overall Business Markets performance expected to stabilize in 2012
  - Higher data product sales in Q1'12
  - Slowing decline in connectivity revenues
- Well positioned to benefit from increased customer spending as economy improves



**Hosting/Data Centre** 



Cloud

Bell is Canada's leading technology company for business



# Significant investments in data hosting

- Major Bell data centres across Canada
- Hypertec acquisition in 2010
- State-of-the-art centre in Gatineau region to open in 2012
- Investment in Q9 networks



- 30% equity interest for \$180M
- Leading hosting provider in Canada with 11 data centrea
- Complements Bell's existing hosting footprint and service offerings
- Commercial agreement provides Bell preferred relationship with Q9
- Expected transaction close in Q4'12



#### Bell at the forefront of data hosting and cloud computing



# Summary of key 2012 priorities

# Maintain wireless competitiveness

- Continue to deploy LTE
- Drive expansion in West and in business markets
- Invest in COA and retention to improve postpaid mix and churn
- Close wireless ARPU gap with higher mix of smartphone customers
- Mobile TV leadership



#### Leverage broadband fibre and IPTV footprint roll-out

- IPTV footprint expansion to ~3.3M homes this year
- Leverage Fibe TV growth to drive triple-play bundling
- FTTH launch in Québec
  City
- Deploy FTTB in ~500k MDUs and FTTH in all new greenfields

**Bell**Fibe

# Improve Business Markets performance

- Leverage network and service capabilities to expand customer relationships
- Sharper focus on mass market segment
- Increase ICT attach through leadership in data hosting and managed services



- Invest more than \$100M in billing and call centre training and technology
- Reduce volume of repeat calls
- Flow-through of cost savings from 2011 workforce reductions









# Financial performance & Capital structure



# **Q1 financial performance**

Bell	Q1'12	Y/Y
Revenue	\$4,333M	11.6%
<b>EBITDA</b> Margin	<b>\$1,605M</b> 37.0%	<b>6.6%</b> (1.8 pts)
Capital expenditures	\$680M	(32.0%)
Capital Intensity	15.7%	(2.4 pts)

BCE	Q1'12	Y/Y
Adjusted EPS <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0.75	4.2%
Free Cash Flow <sup>(2)</sup>	\$327M	23.4%

<sup>(1)</sup> Before severance, acquisition and other costs and net gains on investments

(2) Before BCE common share dividends and including dividends from Bell Aliant

- Strong revenue and EBITDA contribution from Bell Media and Bell Wireless
- Wireless EBITDA growth of 13% best in 5 years
- Wireless service margin expande to 42,9%
- Stable wireline EBITDA margin y/y
- Higher spending on fibre build-out, IPTV and LTE managed within 16% CI envelope
- Adjusted EPS and FCF in line with plan

#### All key financial metrics tracking to 2012 guidance



### 2012 financial guidance & outlook

	February 9 <sup>th</sup> Guidance <sup>(1)</sup>	FY2012 Expectation
Revenue growth	3%-5%	On track
EBITDA growth	2%-4%	On track
Capital intensity	≤16%	On track
Adjusted EPS <sup>(2)</sup>	\$3.13-\$3.18	On track
Free cash flow <sup>(3)</sup>	\$2,350M-\$2,500M	On track
Common dividend per share	\$2.17	\$2.17
Dividend payout ratio <sup>(4)</sup>		
Adjusted EPS <sup>(2)</sup>	~69%	~69%
Free Cash Flow <sup>(3)</sup>	~69%	~69%

<sup>(1)</sup> Revenue, EBITDA and capital intensity guidance targets for Bell excluding Bell Aliant

(2) EPS before severance, acquisition and other costs and net gains/losses on investments

<sup>(3)</sup> Free cash flow before BCE common share dividends and including dividends from Bell Aliant

<sup>(4)</sup> Calculated using mid-point of 2012 Adjusted EPS and Free Cash Flow guidance ranges

No fundamental changes in outlook for core businesses



# **Strong balance sheet and credit profile**

Liquidity position	(\$M)
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Cash balance (03/31/12)	369
2012E Free Cash Flow <sup>(1)</sup>	~2,350-2,500
Credit Facilities	2,000

(1) Before common share dividends

#### Estimated Astral financing structure (\$M)

New debt / preferred shares	~2,630
BCE equity issuance <sup>(2)</sup>	~750
Total funding	~3,380

(2) At BCE's discretion, shares can be replaced with cash, in whole or in part, at closing

Bell's credit profile		
	03/31/12	Pro forma
Net debt	\$13.3B	~\$15.9B
Net leverage <sup>(3)</sup>	2.0x	~2.25x
Interest coverage	9.0x	~8.5x
Credit ratings	A(low)/BBB+ /Baa1	A(low)/BBB+/ Baa1

(3) EBITDA is inclusive of Bell Aliant dividends to BCE. Pro Forma net leverage assumes \$750M BCE equity issuance related to Astral acquisition and investments in MLSE and Q9.

#### Strong credit profile

- Investment grade ratings with stable outlook
- Preserves access to capital markets at attractive terms

#### Ample liquidity maintains financial flexibility

- \$369M in cash at end of Q1'12
- \$2B of credit facilities

#### Astral financing fully committed

 Accessing long-term debt and preferred share markets to carry out permanent take-out financing

#### No change to long-term financial policy

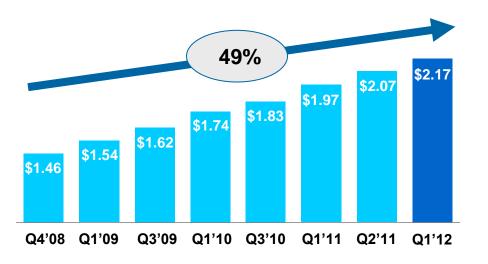
- Pro forma net leverage of ~2.25x at closing expected to return within policy range by YE2014
- Will issue treasury shares for ESP and DRP programs at no discount to accelerate deleveraging

Financing structure for Astral acquisition ensures strong liquidity position and financial flexibility



# **Continuing to execute capital markets strategy**

#### Annualized common dividend per share



Share buybacks (Dec'08 to Mar'12)	
Amount	\$1,736M
Shares repurchased and cancelled	62M
Average price per share repurchased	\$32.13

- 49% increase in dividend since Q4'08
- 2012 dividend increased by 5% to \$2.17
  - Supported by strong underlying Adjusted EPS and free cash flow growth
  - Maintaining payout ratio<sup>(1)</sup> below mid-point of 65%-75% policy range
  - Free cash flow payout in line with Adjusted EPS dividend payout ratio

#### • ~\$1.7B in share buybacks since Dec'08

- \$250M NCIB program announced in Dec'11 completed on March 12
- Total return to shareholders of [~130%] since Dec'08

<sup>(1)</sup> Dividend payout ratio based on Adjusted EPS

# Strong track record of delivering on dividend growth model strategy

