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### PRESENTATION – BELL FINANCIAL GROUP LIMITED

Attached is a copy of the presentation to be given by the Managing Director this morning at the Bell Potter Emerging Leaders Conference 2018.

A market update is provided on pages 19 and 20.

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Cindy-Jane Lee General Counsel & Company Secretary

# BELL FINANCIAL GROUP (ASX:BFG)

An Australian owned provider of stockbroking, investment and financial advisory services to private, institutional and corporate clients

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### **OVERVIEW** Bell Financial Group is a leading Australian financial services business

Established in 1970 and publicly listed in 2007, Bell Financial Group is an Australian owned provider of stockbroking (full service and online) and investment and financial advisory services to private, institutional and corporate clients



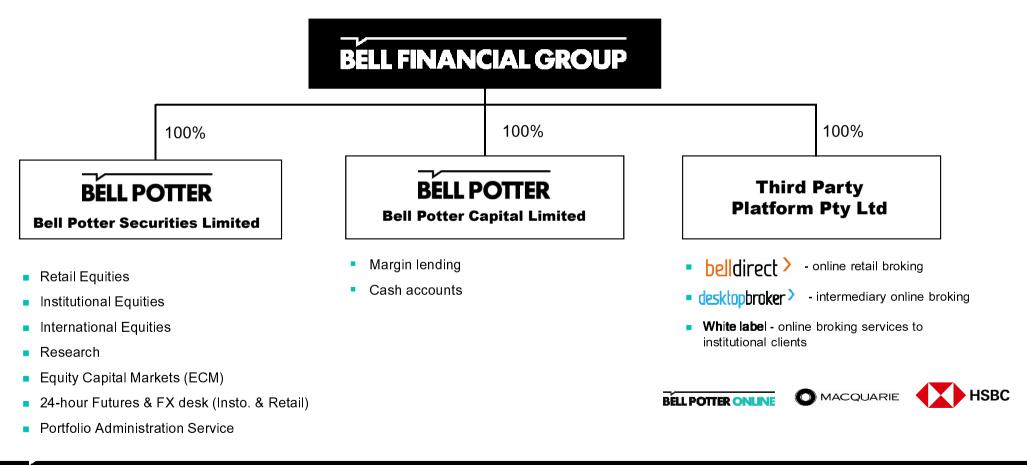
16 offices across Australia and offices in London, New York, Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur

- 680 staff including 350 Advisers
- **\$49b funds under advice**
- Market capitalisation \$311m



# CORPORATE STRUCTURE & BUSINESSES

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# MANAGEMENT

## A deliberately flat management structure that is experienced, stable and has a substantial shareholding in the business

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<b>Colin Bell</b> Executive Chairman +45 years' industry experience	Alastair Provan Managing Director +35 years' industry experience	<b>Andrew</b> Direct +40 years' i experie	or ndustry	<b>Lewis Be</b> Director +35 years' ind experiend	dustry	Arnie Selvaraja Director CEO of TPP +25 years' indust experience	Director Managing Director o	<b>James Unger</b> Director f Head of ECM +25 years' industry experience
<b>Dean Davenport</b> COO & CFO +20 years' industry experience	Rowan F Director Bell Potter C +36 years' ir experier	r – Capital ndustry	Head of F +40 yea	<b>ff Louw</b> futures & FX rs' industry erience	Head +20 y	endan Goff of Compliance ears' industry xperience	<b>James Gordon</b> Head of Australian Institutional Broking +26 years' industry experience	<b>Cindy-Jane Lee</b> Company Secretary and General Counsel +18 years' industry experience

### **BELL FINANCIAL GROUP BOARD**

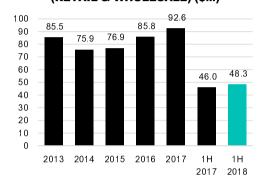
# **BELL POTTER SECURITIES (BPS)**

- 350 Advisers servicing 460,000 retail, wholesale and institutional clients generating \$92.6 million in brokerage revenue in 2017. 1H 2018 revenue was \$48.3 million, 5% ahead of the p.c.p
- Our ECM team raised \$1.7 billion in new equity capital on behalf of our clients in 2017. We generated \$54.7 million in fee income across 100 transactions

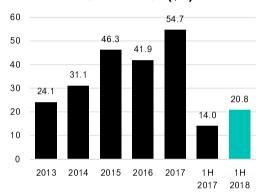
In the first six months of 2018 we raised \$450 million and generated \$20.8 million in fee income across 50 transactions, compared with \$14 million for the p.c.p

- At 30 June 2018 FUA on our Portfolio Administration Platform (PAS) stood at \$3.3 billion, and generated \$8.5 million in revenue versus \$8 million in the previous corresponding 6 month period
- Overall BFG has \$5 billion in FUA which generates recurring or low touch revenues

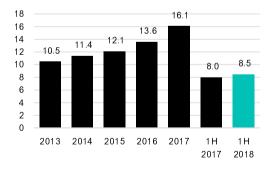
#### BROKERAGE REVENUE (RETAIL & WHOLESALE) (\$M)



#### ECM REVENUE (\$M)



#### PAS REVENUE (\$M)



# THIRD PARTY PLATFORM (TPP)

### Third Party Platform is now 100% owned by BFG

- On 3 July 2018 BFG acquired the 43.37% of TPP that it did not already own, taking its ownership to 100%
- The acquisition received very strong support with 99.7% of eligible shareholders voting in favour of the acquisition
- The transaction was funded via a fully underwritten Entitlement Offer which was also strongly supported by eligible shareholders with a 95.4% take-up rate
- This was an important transaction for BFG
  - Investment in Technology and Platforms is a key strategy. The TPP Platform is the only fully integrated open architecture online platform in Australia
  - There is the potential to release at least \$4 million in regulatory and working capital over the medium term
  - There is the potential to realize \$3 million \$4 million per annum in recurring operational synergies through integration of TPPs technologies across the Group. Synergies include lower cost:
    - Order management
    - Market pricing and execution
    - Contract note generation
  - Facilitation of a possible move by Bell to provide 3<sup>rd</sup> party clearing services
- We currently have a team working on the integration of TPP and BPS Systems and Platforms

# THIRD PARTY PLATFORM (cont.)

Third Party Platform operates three core businesses:

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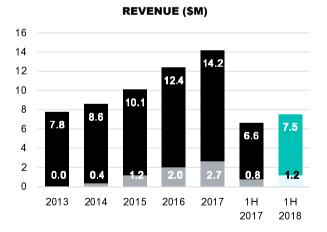
### desktopbroker >

1. **Online market access** and services for private clients, SMSFs and traders 2. **Wholesale market** e.g. dealer groups and independent financial advisers

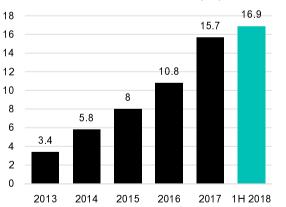


3. White Label solutions provided to Bell Potter Online, Macquarie Online Trading and HSBC

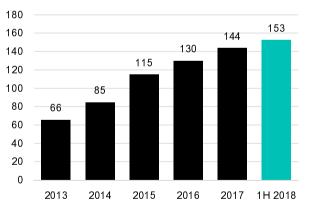
- TPP operates across three offices located in Sydney, Perth and Kuala Lumpur
- TPP is the only fully integrated open architecture online platform in Australia



#### **SPONSORED HOLDINGS (\$B)**



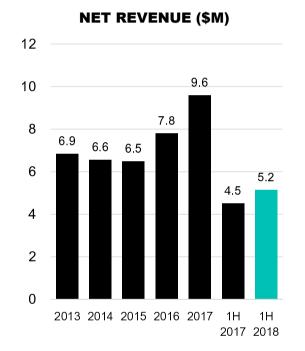
#### **CLIENT ACCOUNTS ('000)**



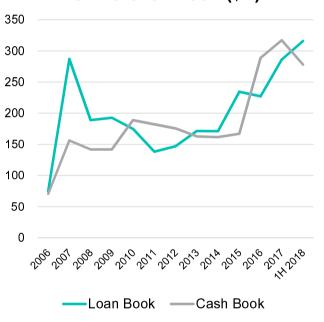
Revenue Net Profit and Loss Before Tax

# **BELL POTTER CAPITAL**

- Established in 2006
- The only non-bank margin lender
- \$315 million loan book
- \$278 million cash book
- Conservatively managed
  - 30% average LVR across the loan book
  - No bad debts in the company's history



### LOAN & CASH BOOK (\$M)

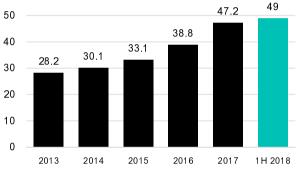


### **FUNDS UNDER ADVICE (FUA)**

### Of the \$49 billion FUA at 30 June 2018, \$5 billion consisting of Cash, Superannuation, Margin Loans and Portfolio Administration, generate recurring revenue

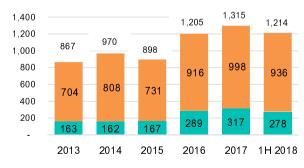
# FUNDS UNDER ADVICE (\$B)

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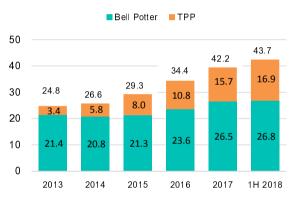


#### CASH DEPOSITS (\$B)



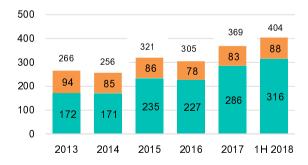


#### **CHESS SPONSORED HOLDINGS (\$B)**

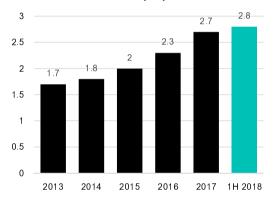


#### MARGIN LOANS (\$B)

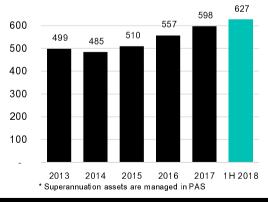
#### Bell Potter Capital Other



#### PAS (\$B)



#### SUPERANNUATION ASSETS (\$M)\*

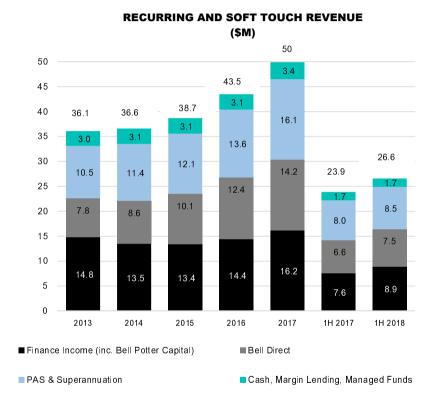




## **STRATEGY: RECURRING & LOW TOUCH REVENUES**

# Recurring and low touch revenue is a key growth area for us

- The Group generated recurring revenues of \$50 million in 2017, representing approximately 25% of total gross revenues
- Around 10% of FUA, or \$5 billion provide some form of recurring revenue. These include Bell Potter Capital, the BPS Portfolio Administration Platform and Super Solutions products
- Third Party Platform is a non-traditional low touch broking business providing the most efficient route to market via our unique proprietary platform for self-executing wholesale and retail clients



# **STRATEGY: TECHNOLOGY**

# Our investment in technology continues to differentiate us from our competitors

- We expect our proprietary platforms will not only enable the release of material cost benefits but will create meaningful revenue generating opportunities
- Proprietary platforms, which we are continuously developing, include:
  - **IQ** a price discovery and trade execution platform. Currently being rolled out across the network
  - **FUSION** a unique adviser CRM and compliance desktop application
  - TPP platform a fully integrated, open architecture execution and clearing platform
- A dedicated technology team of 69 across the Group, including IT infrastructure and support, developers and programmers (35 in TPP and 34 in Bell Potter) who consistently maintain and provide updates and enhancements to our proprietary platforms
- Technology is the future of this industry and the future of this Group

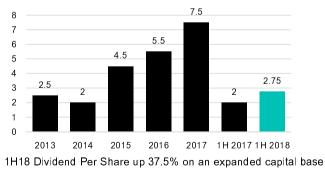


# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- A track record of growth over an extended period
- A solid cash backed balance sheet with no core operating debt

#### **REVENUE (\$M)** 250 209 187 200 178 159 155 150 101 100 50 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 1H 1H 2017 2018 1H18 Revenue up 14.3% on a p.c.p basis

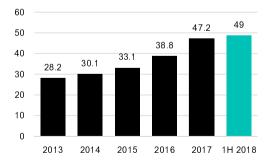
#### **DIVIDEND PER SHARE (CENTS)**



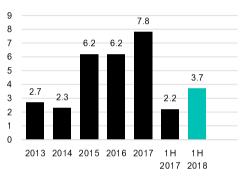
#### 25 20.6 20 15.9 16.4 15 9.8 10 6.8 5.8 5.9 5 0 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 1H 1H 2017 2018 1H18 NPAT up 67.2% on a p.c.p basis

NPAT (\$M)

#### FUNDS UNDER ADVICE (\$B)



#### EARNINGS PER SHARE (CENTS)



1H18 EPS up 67.2% on a p.c.p basis

#### BALANCE SHEET (as at 30 June 2018)

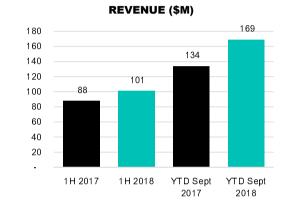
	\$M
Net assets	198
Net tangible assets	58
Net Group cash	67
Borrowings *	

\* With the exception of a loan funding facility in our Margin Lending business, Bell Potter Capital



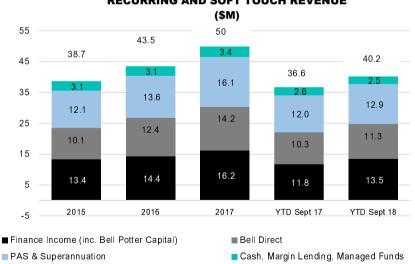
### **MARKET UPDATE** (9 months to 30 September 2018)

- Unaudited revenue for the 9 months to 30 September was \$169 million, 26% ahead of the previous corresponding period (p.c.p) (\$134 million)
- ECM contributed \$49 million to the overall revenue earned in the 9 months to 30 September
- Unaudited profit before tax was \$27.5 million, 113% ahead of the p.c.p (\$12.9 million)
- Recurring and soft touch revenues were \$40.2 million for the 9 months to 30 September, 10% ahead of the p.c.p (\$36.6 million)
- All divisions are profitable, and we have a solid pipeline of ECM work through to the end of the year









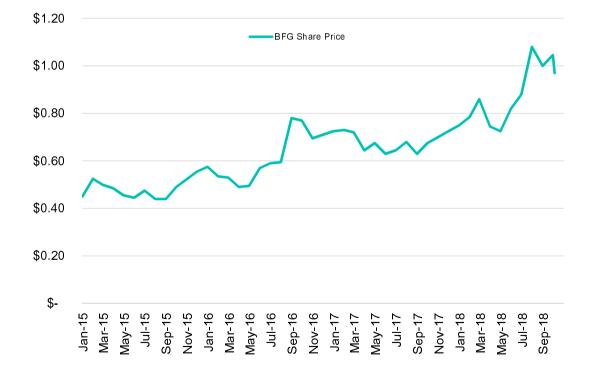
#### **RECURRING AND SOFT TOUCH REVENUE**

# **MARKET UPDATE**

Market capitalisation	\$311m
Dividend yield (gross) <sup>1</sup>	12.1%
Price earnings ratio (PE) <sup>2</sup>	12.7x

<sup>1</sup> based on final 2017 and the interim 2018 dividends paid over the BFG share price at 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018
<sup>2</sup> based on market capitalization at 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 12 month earnings to 30 June 2018





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