# RCS MediaGroup

### 2014 FY Results

Lugano, 15 Aprile, 2015



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# Agenda

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# 2014 Delivery Report

### **Profitability**

Ebitda margin increase for all BUs

### Efficiencies

Above FY14 enhanced target of € 70M

### **Cash Flow**

Operating Cash Flow back to positive with an improvement of € 85M vs 2013

### Advertising

Group advertising revenue: +3% YoY Media Spain: +7% YoY Media Italy: -6 % YoY

### **Digital**

13% of total revenue (15% excluding books)
Digital Subscriptions double-digit growth (Corriere +25%)



## 2014 FY Results

EUR million	2014	Targets	
REVENUE	1,279	Flat on LFL basis	In line
EFFICIENCIES	72	70	Better
EBITDA ex non recurring items	70	~3x	2.6x
Non recurring items	(40)	(40)	In line
NFD	483	Below 500M excluding disposals	Better

## Focus on Q4 2014 & Q1 2015 initiatives

### **MEDIA ITALY**

### **NEWS**

- Successful new tabloid format Corriere, following new DE and new corriere.it
- Increased online videos and webseries
- Launch of new Abitare magazine and revamp of Life Style and Travel magazines through strong new editors

### **SPORT**

- Successful new Gazzetta System (GazzaGold app, restyling print edition)
- Encouraging launch of Gazzetta TV channel 59 on DTT
   GazzaBet reached over 15k registered users (end of 2014)

### **ADV & SPORT EVENTS**

### **ADVERTISING**

- New adv organization: RCS Communication Solutions
- New BTL agency NuMix
- Profiling & data monetization (Madai, Blurum partnerships)

### **SPORT EVENTS**

- Growth of International sport events (Dubai and Abu Dhabi Tour)
- New mass events formats (Electric Run, We Glow)

### **MEDIA SPAIN**

#### **NEWS**

- El Mundo new microvideo and mobile journalism
- Expansión.com new web-site launch
- Expansión Mexico edition launch
- Telva new digital project and contextual e-commerce model

#### **SPORT**

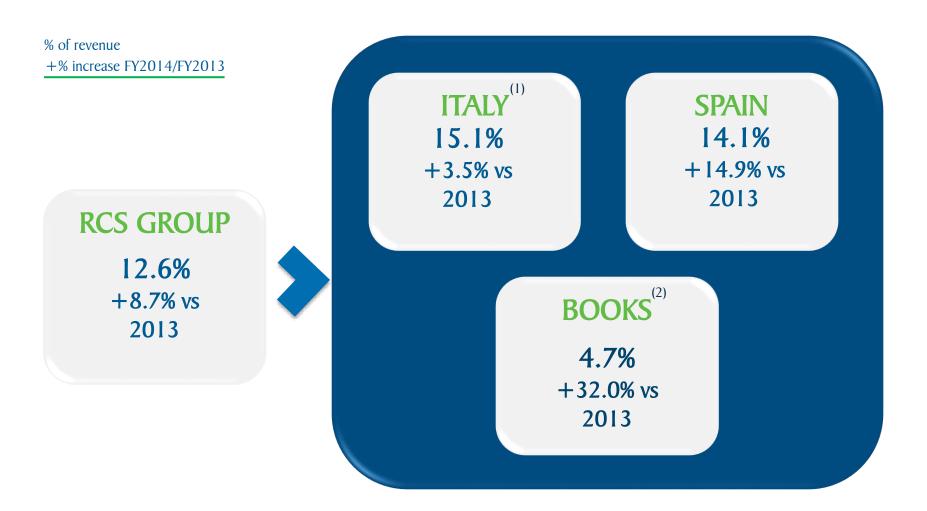
- Marca.com new video platform with improved "In app" video
- Discovery Awards organized by Last Lap

### **BOOKS**

- Successful Q1 titles Eco, Houellebecq, Piketty, Rovelli and Arango
- New Rizzoli Galleria bookstore in Milan successful results
- MyStudio edu-platform
- Strenghtened offer in Education for 2015



# 2014 FY - Digital revenue



- (1) Italy excluding books
- (2) % on trade books



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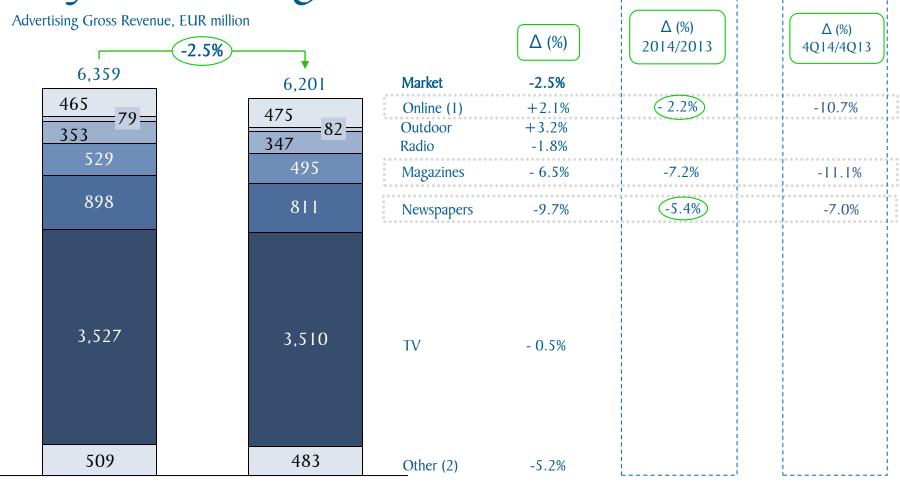
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# Italy: Advertising Trends



TOTAL MARKET

RCS<sup>(3)</sup>

2013

2014

Source: Nielsen Media Research

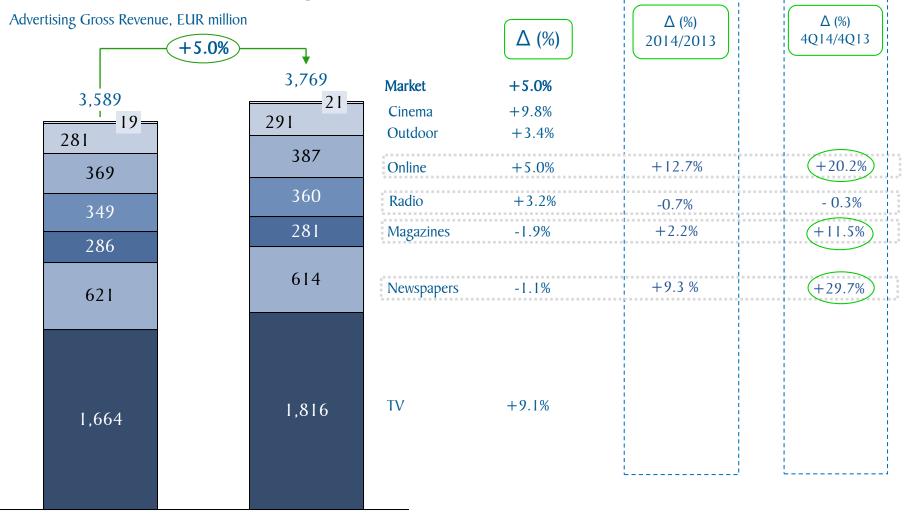


<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding Search Adv

<sup>(2)</sup> Including: Cinema , Direct Mail , Transit, Out of home TV

<sup>(3)</sup> RCS advertising house excluding third party

# Spain: Advertising Trends



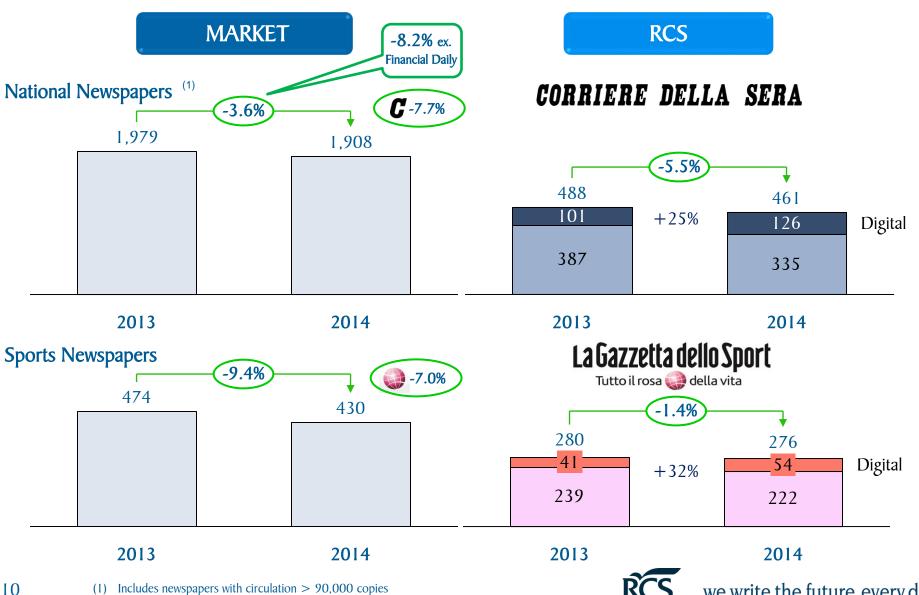
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2013

Source: Arce Media

2014

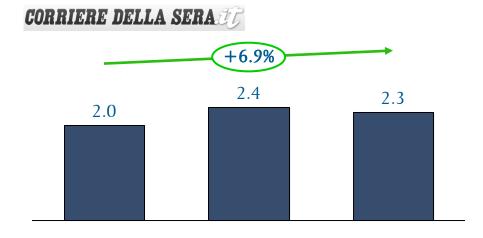
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# Italy: Online Readership

Workday Unique Browsers

2012

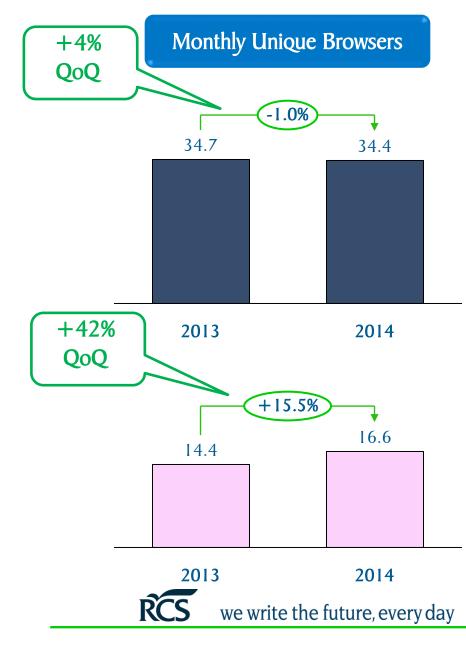


2013

2014

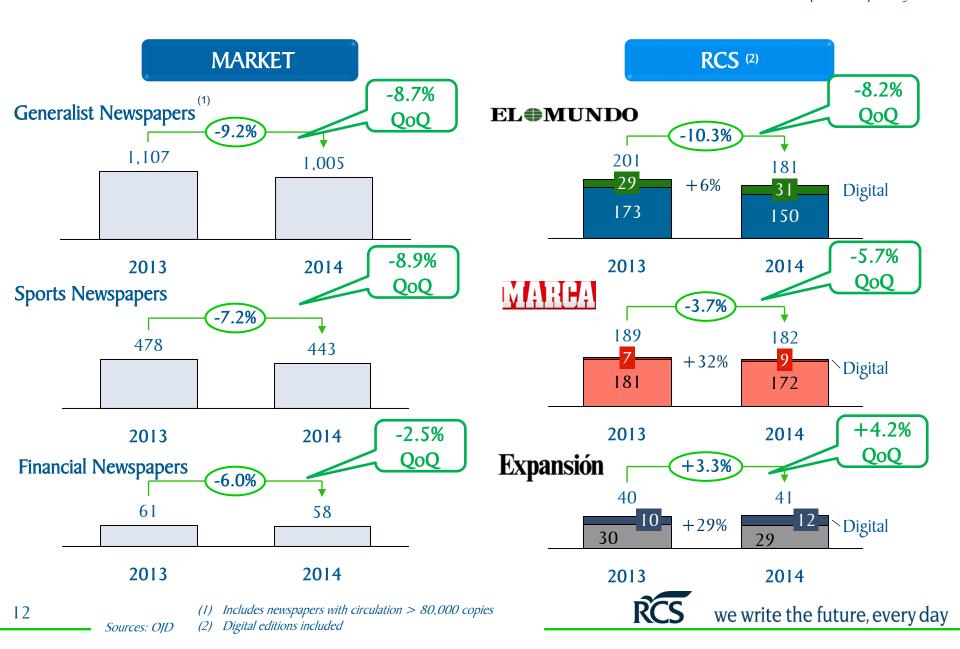




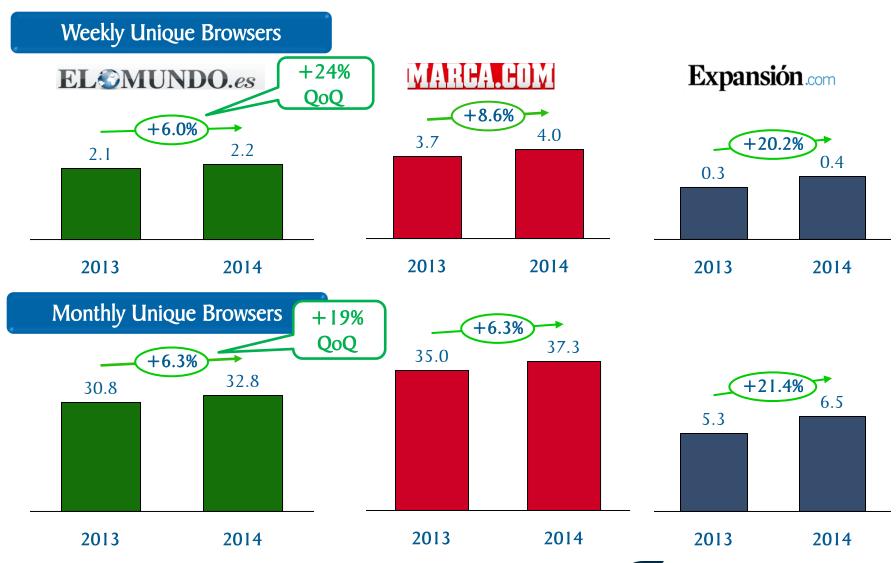


## Spain: Newspapers Circulation Trends

Circulation, copies/000 per day

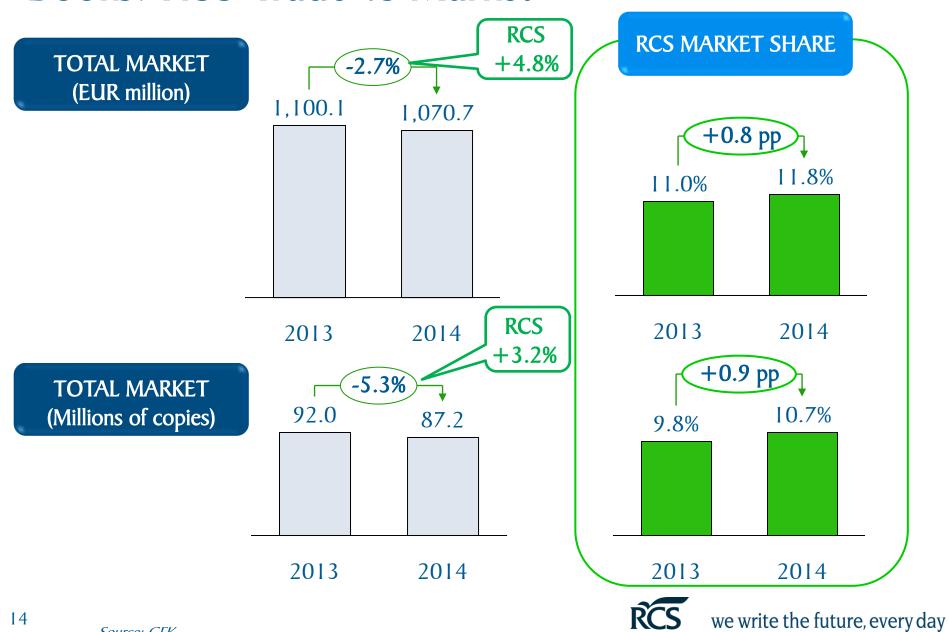


# Spain: Online Readership



## Books: RCS Trade vs Market

Source: GFK



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# 2014 FY Results - Summary

**EUR** million

	4Q14		4Q13 (1)	)	Δ%	2014		2013		Δ%
Total Revenue	357.8	100%	349.2	100%	2.5%	1,279.4	100%	1,314.1	10 0 %	(2.6%)
Circulation	173.5		181.6		(4.5%)	658.5		719.9		(8.5%)
Advertising	149.8		138.1		8.5%	491.2		476.1		3.2%
Other	34.5		29.5		16.9%	129.7		118.1		9.8%
EBITDA ex NR Items	56.5	15.8%	48.1	13.8%	>100%	70.1	5.5%	27.1	2.1%	ns
Non Recurring Items	(10.1)		(10.2)			(40.1)		(110.5)		
EBITDA	46.4	13.0%	37.9	10.9%	ns	30.0	2.3%	(83.4)	(6.3%)	ns
EBIT	15.8	4.4%	(23.2)			(53.5)		(201.2)		
Net Result	(17.7)	(4.9%)	(43.2)	(12.4%)		(110.8)		(218.5)	<del>-</del> -	
NFP						(482.5)		(474.3)		

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## 2014 FY Results – Profit & Loss

**EUR** million

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	4Q14		4Q13		2014		2013		Δ%
Circulation	173.5	48.5%	181.6	52.0%	658.5	51.5%	719.9	54.8%	(8.5%)
Advertising	149.8	41.9%	138.1	39.5%	491.2	38.4%	476.1	36.2%	3.2%
Other	34.5	9.6%	29.5	8.4%	129.7	10.1%	118.1	9.0%	9.8%
TOTAL REVENUE	357.8	100%	349.2	100%	1,279.4	100%	1,314.1	100%	(2.6%)
Operating costs (ex non recurring costs)	(217.4)	(60.8%)	(219.5)	(62.9%)	(881.5)	(68.9%)	(928.8)	(70.7%)	(5.1%)
Labour costs (ex non recurring costs)	(75.2)	(21.0%)	(73.9)	(21.2%)	(306.0)	(23.9%)	(332.7)	(25.3%)	(8.0%)
Writedowns	(4.0)	(1.1%)	(4.2)	(1.2%)	(14.4)	(1.1%)	(18.1)	(1.4%)	(20.4%)
Provisions	(4.7)	(1.3%)	(3.5)	(1.0%)	(7.4)	(0.6%)	(7.4)	(0.6%)	0.0%
EBITDA ex Non Recurring Items	56.5	15.8%	48.1	13.8%	70.1	5.5%	27.1	2.1%	>100%
Non Recurring Items	(10.1)	(2.8%)	(10.2)	(2.9%)	(40.1)	(3.1%)	(110.5)	(8.4%)	ns
EBITDA	46.4	13.0%	37.9	10.9%	30.0	2.3%	(83.4)	(6.3%)	ns
D&A	(17.7)	(4.9%)	(17.0)	(4.9%)	(61.8)	(4.8%)	(69.8)	(5.3%)	
Impairment writeoffs	(12.9)	(3.6%)	(44.1)	(12.6%)	(21.7)	(1.7%)	(48.0)	(3.7%)	
EBIT	15.8	4.4%	(23.2)	(6.6%)	(53.5)	(4.2%)	(201.2)	(15.3%)	
Net financial incomes (charges)	(10.4)	(2.9%)	(12.9)	(3.7%)	(41.4)	(3.2%)	(32.7)	(2.5%)	
Gain (losses) on financial assets/liabilities	(0.5)	(0.1%)	1.9	0.5%	(2.3)	(0.2%)	0.7	0.1%	
Income (charges) from equity investments	0.5	0.1%	(3.0)	(0.9%)	(1.4)	(0.1%)	(2.5)	(0.2%)	
PRE-TAX RESULT	5.4	1.5%	(37.2)	(10.7%)	(98.6)	(7.7%)	(235.7)	(17.9%)	
Taxes	(6.5)	(1.8%)	(10.2)	(2.9%)	4.3	0.3%	28.5	2.2%	
Net Result from Discontinuing and Discontinued Op.	(15.7)	(4.4%)	4.4	1.3%	(16.1)	-1.3%	(11.6)	(0.9%)	
Minorities	(0.9)	(0.3%)	(0.2)	(0.1%)	(0.4)	(0.0%)	0.3	0.0%	
NET RESULT	(17.7)	(4.9%)	(43.2)	(12.4%)	(110.8)	(8.7%)	(218.5)	(16.6%)	

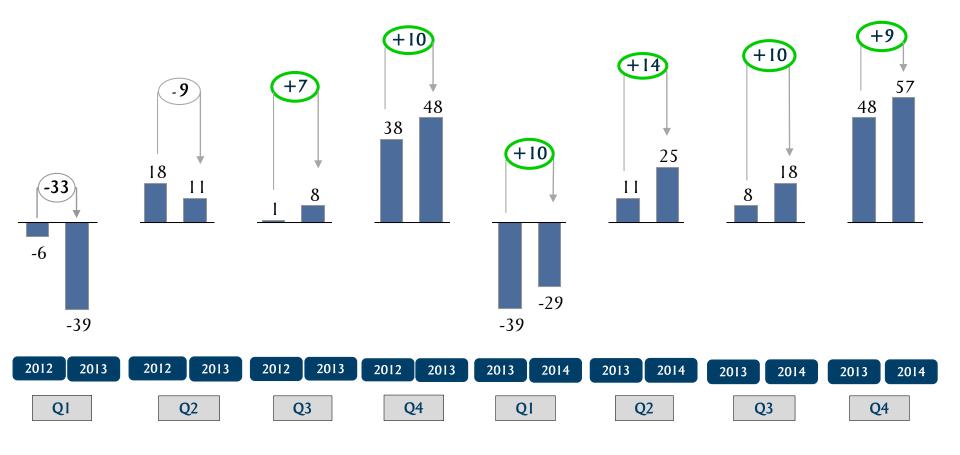
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# 2013-2014 EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> evolution by quarter

**EUR** million

## √ 6 consecutive quarters of improvements



(1) EBITDA before non recurring costs

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### Q4 and 2014 FY Results – Breakdown Revenue & Ebitda

JR million		04	2014				04	2013		
	Revenue	EBITDA Ex Non Recurring Items	Ebitda ex NR %	EBITDA	Ebitda%	Revenue	EBITDA Ex Non Recurring Items		EBITDA	Ebitda%
Media Italy	147.6	34.0	23.0%	32.0	21.7%	146.7	28.3	19.3%	26.2	17.9%
Media Spain	101.0	22.1	21.9%	21.0	20.8%	98.4	14.6	14.8%	11.5	11.7%
Books	67.2	5.2	7.7%	0.8	1.2%	71.8	8.0	11.1%	8.6	12.0%
Advertising & Events	93.7	1.4	1.5%	1.1	1.2%	91.7	(1.8)	(2.0%)	(4.6)	(5.0%)
Corporate Activities	22.3	(6.2)	(27.8%)	(8.5)	(38.1%)	21.7	(1.0)	(4.6%)	(3.8)	(17.5%)
Others and eliminations	(74.0)	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	(81.1)	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
TOTAL RCS	357.8	56.5	15.8%	46.4	13.0%	349.2	48.1	13.8%	37.9	10.9%
	FY 2014						FY	2013 (1)		
	Revenue	EBITDA Ex Non Recurring Items	Ebitda ex NR %	EBITDA	Ebitda%	Revenue	EBITDA Ex Non Recurring Items		EBITDA	Ebitda%
					<b>Ebitda%</b>		EBITDA Ex Non	Ebitda ex	(21.0)	
Media Italy Media Spain	531.9 358.1	Recurring Items	NR %	60.1		557.0 371.7	EBITDA Ex Non Recurring Items	Ebitda ex NR %		(3.8%)
	531.9	Recurring Items 61.5	NR %	60.1 (0.5)	11.3%	557.0	EBITDA Ex Non Recurring Items	Ebitda ex NR %	(21.0)	(3.8%)
Media Spain	531.9 358.1	Recurring Items 61.5 27.3	NR <b>%</b> 11.6% 7.6%	60.1 (0.5) 2.0	(0.1%)	557.0 371.7	EBITDA Ex Non Recurring Items 38.9 7.0	Ebitda ex NR % 7.0%	(21.0)	(3.8%) (3.0%) 1.5%
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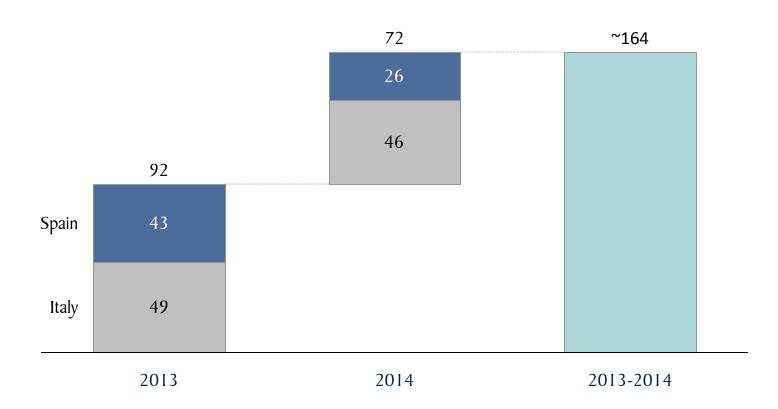
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## 2014 Efficiency program

**EUR** million

- √ €164M achieved in two years vs €144M original three-year target
- √ In line with high end guidance of €220M by end 2015



## **Balance Sheet**

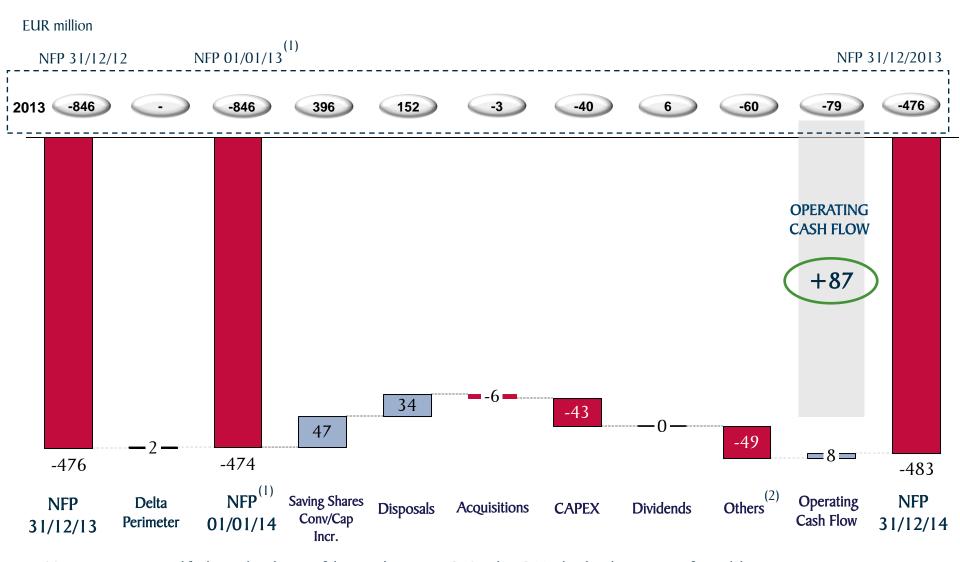
**EUR** million

	21/12/20	1.4	21/12/20	31/12/2013		
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Net fixed assets	878.2	116.2%	962.2	118.9%		
Tangible & Intangible fixed assets	652.4	86.4%	666.8	82.4%		
Financial fixed assets	225.8	29.9%	295.4	36.5%		
Net working capital	53.4	7.1%	87.7	10.8%		
Reserve for risk and charges	(159.3)	(21.1%)	(209.5)	(25.9%)		
Employee termination indemnity	(53.7)	(7.1%)	(51.3)	(6.3%)		
Net invested capital: assets held for sale	36.9	4.9%	20.1	2.5%		
CAPITAL EMPLOYED	755.5	100.0%	809.2	100.0%		
Net financial debt (cash)	482.5	63.9%	474.3	58.6%		
Equity	273.0	36.1%	334.9	41.4%		
EQUITY & NFP	<i>7</i> 55.5	100.0%	809.2	100.0%		

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## Net Financial Position at the end of December 2014

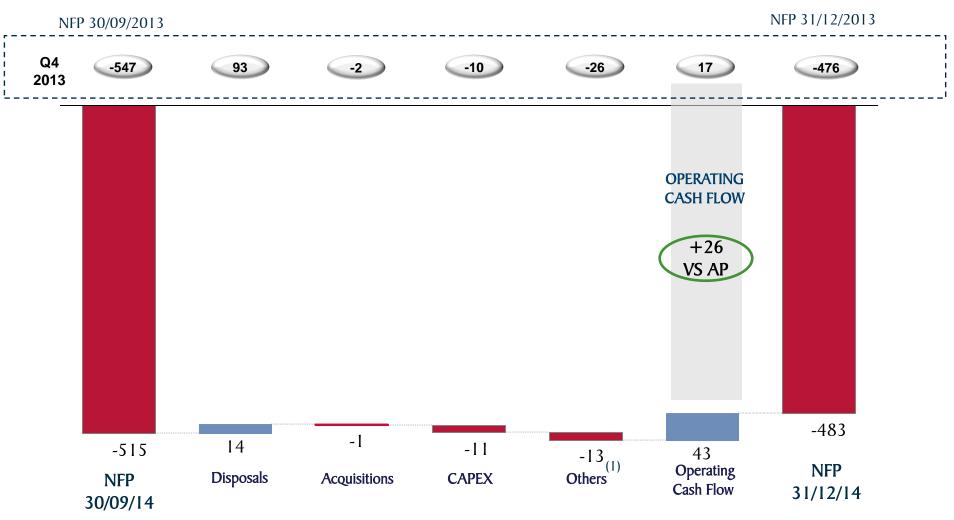


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## Focus on Q42014 Cash Flow

**EUR** million



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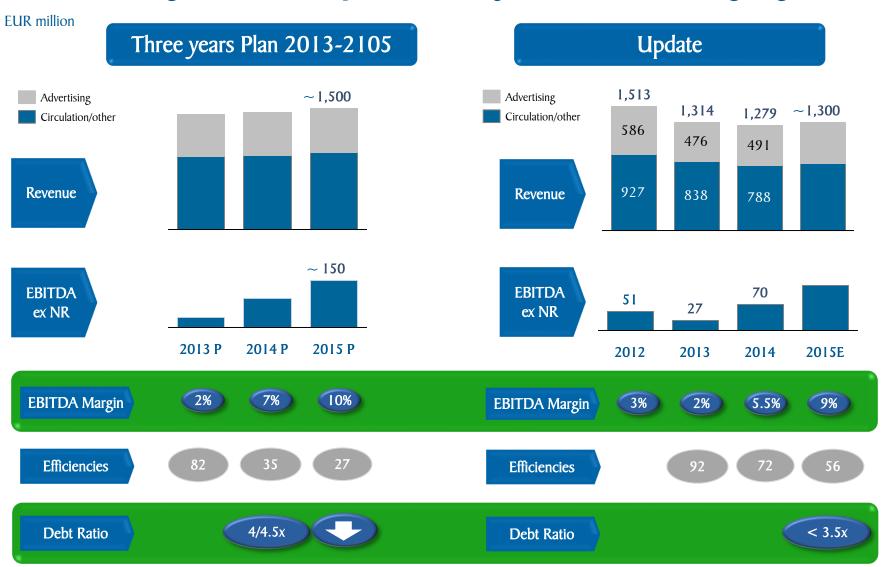


## Outlook FY 2015

### **PROFITABILITY DELEVERAGING** REVENUE vs 2014 Slight increase Positive before FREE CASH FLOW Extraordinary items Upgraded efficiencies **EFFICIENCIES** target matched (220m€ in 3 years) **DEBT RATIO** EBITDA % (1) 9%+ Positive and sufficient **EBIT** to cover financial charges

< 3.5x

## Continuing focus on profitability and deleveraging



## Strategic opportunities: focus on News and Sports

### **NEWS**

New competitive landscape (TV/Social Media players)

RCS strong investments in power brands sustains leadership position through:

**AUDIENCE EXTENSION** 

FURTHER VIDEO/MOBILE OFFER

PAID CONTENT STRATEGY

**IMPROVED EFFICIENCY GAINS** 

### **ENABLING**

- STRONG OFFLINE ADV MKT SHARE
- GROWING ONLINE/VIDEO POSITION
- UNIQUE BTL OFFERING
- STRONG DATA MONETIZATION



### **SPORTS**

Huge global audiences seeking community, content & engagement

RCS uniquely placed to create a major specialist platform in European Sports building on:

**EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP** 

**EVENTS & FORMAT EXPERTISE** 

**DIGITAL KNOW-HOW** 

### **ENABLING**

- > STRONG GROWTH PROSPECTS
- > INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- ATTRACTIVE PARTNERSHIP POSSIBILITIES



## Looking ahead: financial ambitions for 2018

Sustainable revenue growth

Profitability aligned with main peers (15% EBITDA margin)

Continuous deleveraging for a sustainable debt ratio

Re-rating of the business and value creation



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# Media Italy – P&L

### CORRIERE DELLA SERA

## La Gazzetta dello Sport



















**EUR** million

	4Q14	4Q13	YoY	2014	2013	YoY
Circulation Advertising Other	72.8 66.5 8.3	69.3 70.1 7.3	5.1% (5.1%) 13.7%	287.8 219.5 24.6	298.3 234.3 24.4	(3.5%) (6.3%) 0.8%
TOTAL REVENUE	147.6	146.7	0.6%	531.9	557.0	(4.5%)
O/W add on	23.6	17.1		76.9	67.1	
EBITDA ex NR Items	34.0	28.3	20.1%	61.5	38.9	58.1%
Non Recurring Items	(2.0)	(2.1)		(1.4)	(59.9)	
EBITDA	32.0	26.2	22.1%	60.1	(21.0)	>100%

advertising on-line

21.5%

# Media Spain – P&L

## **EL**MUNDO



# Expansión

















**EUR** million

	4Q14	4Q13	YoY	2014	2013	YoY
Circulation Advertising Other	38.4 51.3 11.3	43.0 42.9 12.5	(10.7%) 19.6% (9.6%)	158.0 156.7 43.4	179.5 147.0 45.2	(12.0%) 6.6% (4.0%)
TOTAL REVENUE	101.0	98.4	2.6%	358.1	371.7	(3.7%)
O/W add on	1.0	2.2		2.5	13.5	
EBITDA ex NR Items	22.1	14.6	51.4%	27.3	7.0	>100
Non Recurring Items	(1.1)	(3.1)		(27.8)	(18.0)	
EBITDA	21.0	11.5	82.6%	(0.5)	(11.0)	ns

advertising on-line 25.0%

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## Books – P&L

Rizzoli







Rizzoli Etas Marsilio

Sonzogno





**EUR** million

	4Q14	4Q13 <sup>(1)</sup>	YoY	2014	2013	YoY
Fiction & non-Fic. Italy	39.8	44.1	(9.8%)	108.5	124.0	(12.5%)
Education	15.8	16.2	(2.5%)	86.2	91.2	(5.5%)
Rizzoli International	10.0	11.5	(13.0%)	26.3	26.7	(1.5%)
Other	1.6	0.0	ns	1.6	9.2	(82.6%)
TOTAL REVENUE	67.2	71.8	(6.4%)	222.6	251.1	(11.4%)
EBITDA ex NR Items	5.2	8.0	(35.0%)	9.3	8.8	5.7%
Non Recurring Items	(4.4)	0.6		(7.3)	(5.0)	
EBITDA	0.8	8.6	(90.7%)	2.0	3.8	(47.4%)

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# Advertising & Events – P&L















CONNECTO

**EUR** million

	4Q14	4Q13	YoY	2014	2013	YoY
Advertising and Events	91.0	88.4	2.9%	297.5	289.4	2.8%
O/W RCS publishing	74.3	80.6		248.2	267.6	
3rd party publishers	15.8	7.0		45.9	11.9	
Sport Events	2.7	3.3	(18.2%)	48.0	41.0	17.1%
TOTAL REVENUE	93.7	91.7	2.2%	345.5	330.4	4.6%
EBITDA ex NR Items	1.4	(1.8)	ns	(0.6)	(13.6)	ns
Non Recurring Items	(0.3)	(2.8)		(1.1)	(18.0)	
EBITDA	1.1	(4.6)	ns	(1.7)	(31.6)	ns

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