

## OVERALL MIXED BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN Q3/23 – FORECAST SPECIFIED

Significant operational loss from Components expected to be largely compensated by other BUs in FY 2023

#### MAIN CHERRY HIGHLIGHTS IN Q3

- Peripherals for Office and Gaming continues to outperform market
- Components and Digital Health & Solutions facing soft demand
- Operational Excellence gaining traction with Components repositioning
  - Substantial realignment of keyboard switch business to strengthen international competitiveness and increase profitability
  - Unlocking annual savings and earnings improvement potential of around EUR 10 to 15 million by optimizing the entire value chain

#### MAIN FOCUS in Q4: ensuring a strong final quarter in all areas, i.e.

- Continued internationalization of Gaming and Office Peripherals
- Sales focus on Digital Health & Solutions to increase the installed base prior to the introduction of new software services
- Secure projected revenue and thereby inventory reduction
- Loss-making of Components business unit to be cut by swift restructuring, making way for sustainable profitable growth

### Latest developments in Q3/23



CHERRY KW 7100 MINI BT keyboard – multi-device function without a dongle, featuring our precise CHERRY SX scissor mechanism, comes with a carrying case made of recycled plastic – market launch in September.



New TD SYNNEX partner agreement – keyboards, mice, desktop sets, headsets, microphones and accessories. "Our sales partners can rely on the outstanding quality, strong design and great sustainability of Cherry products."



2023 Digital X Award for "Sustainability & Responsibility" - published by the Bundesverband mittelständische Wirtschaft e.V. (BVMW) in cooperation with Deutsche Telekom, rewarding sustainability strategy.



## OVERVIEW REALIGNMENT OF COMPONENTS BUSINESS UNIT

Market relevance, innovation leadership, product quality, volume solutions, price expertise and profitability

#### **Location Auerbach**

- Development and production of MX2 switches for use in own products in international markets
- Development and production of ULP switches in the international market
- Innovation developments for the MX and ULP product lines

#### **Location Zhuhai**

- Production of office and gaming hardware for the international market
- Development and production of office and gaming hardware especially for the Chinese and other Asian markets
- Control and quality assurance of MX2 switch production for use in Cherry partner products in international markets in cooperation with a new external production partner
- Product innovation and engineering competence for innovative gaming products in China with local development teams and start-ups

#### Collaboration partner in China

Production of MX2 switches for use in CHERRY partner products in the international market (expected to commence in H2/24 and to provide potential for profitable growth again)



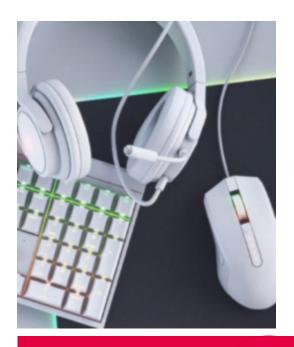






## CHERRY AT A GLANCE – FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 9M/23

Profitability burden of switch business partially compensated by continued growth of peripherals business





€88.6m

Revenue with mixed growth momentum (-9.6% from 9M/22)



2.2%

EBITDA margin (adj.) mainly due to production idle capacity costs and negative product mix effects



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Employees (FTE) down 0.7% from Q4/22



€-31.8m

Operating CF mainly due to increase in NWC and net loss (€ -31m from 9M/22)



€ 0.8m

Net debt (Cash at bank € 44.4m)



M&A

Ongoing negotiations with potential targets















Global market leader

Innovation and quality leadership

**Brand recognition** 

Blue chip customer base

Global multichannel sales

Scalable production base

Solid financial profile



## KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS 9M/23

Overall business performance in Q3/23 beyond own expectations with mixed dynamics

in € million/ As indicated	Q3/23	Q3/22	Δ	9M/23	9M/22	Δ
Revenue	27.3	32.1	-15.1%	88.6	98.0	-9.6%
Gross profit margin	16.2%	32.5%	-16.3pp.	25.9%	31.9%	-6.0рр.
EBITDA margin	-17.0%	10.9%	-27.9pp.	-3.5%	11.9%	-15.4pp.
(adj.) EBITDA	-1.3	4.2	-130.0%	1.9	13.6	-85.8%
(adj.) EBITDA margin	-4.6%	13.0%	-17.6pp.	2.2%	13.9%	-11.7pp.
EBIT	-8.3	-0.2	5440.0%	-14.0	0.2	-8856.3%
Group net loss	-7.7	-0.1	9525.0%	-12.7	-0.7	1740.6%

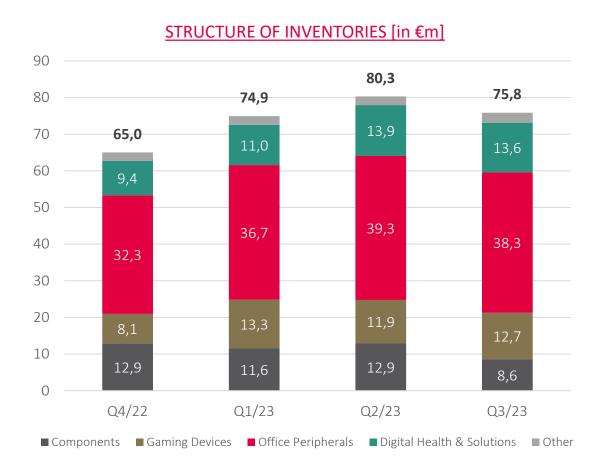
- Group revenue with mixed dynamics mainly driven by
- Double digit growth in office (+32.8%) and gaming (+32.4%) peripherals business, thereby further increasing our market share
- Declining Components business (-48.2%) has shown insufficient competitive strength for MX1 switch generation under given market conditions
- Digital Health & Solutions business (-23.5%) impacted by customers' reluctance to purchase e-health terminals in Q3/23

- Gross profit margin mainly impacted by
- Negative product mix effects as well as idle capacity costs in production and € 2.8m write-down on inventories of CHERRY MX1 switches.
- EBITDA margin (adj.) mainly driven by
- Reduced gross profit
- Unplanned operating loss from Components business unit



## INVENTORY STRUCTURE SAFEGUARDS NEW PRODUCT CYCLES

Inventory level has peaked in Q2/23, mid-term inventory target range 25% to 30% of FY sales



- Impairment of € 2.8m for discontinued MX1 switches included, while MX2 switch production launched for market introduction in Q3/23
- Gaming Devices level slightly increased for further international roll out
- Peripherals level already decreased from Q2/23 peak in light of strong growth dynamics - inflow of goods reduced significantly in Q3/23
- Year-end inventory level expected to be significantly decreased with cash effect of around € 30m until Q1/24

	Q2/23	Q3/23	Δ
Components	12.9	8.6	-33.2%
Gaming Devices	11.9	12.7	6.5%
Office Peripherals*	39.3	38.3	-2.5%
Digital Health & Solutions*	13.9	13.6	-2.0%
Other	2.4	2.7	14.0%
Total	80.3	75.8	-5.6%

<sup>\*</sup> Security business inventories have been initially reported in Digital Health & Solutions in Q2/23 (previously: Office Peripherals).



## CASH FLOW 9M/23 WITH SEQUENTIAL QUARTERLY IMPROVEMENT IN 2023

Cash flow primarily impacted by increase in net working capital and net loss for the period

in €m/ as indicated	9M/23	9M/22
Net result		-0.7
Depreciation, amortization, impairment (+) on fixed assets		11.5
Increase (-) / decrease (+) in inventories, trade receivables and other assets		-22.0
Increase (+) / decrease (-) in trade liabilities and other liabilities		8.7
Other		1.7
Operating Cash Flow	-31.8	-0.8
Operating Cash Flow Investing Cash Flow	-31.8 -10.1	-0.8 -9.3
Investing Cash Flow	-10.1	-9.3
Investing Cash Flow Financing Cash Flow	-10.1 -6.5	-9.3 -8.6

- Operating cash flow mainly impacted by
  - Increase in NWC by € 15.8m and net loss by € 12m
  - Higher increase in inventories by € 10.8m and trade receivables by € 5.2m as well as reduction in trade liabilities by € 11.4m
- Operating cash flow in Q3/23 (-€ 5.2m) vs. Q2/23 (€ -8.7m) vs. Q1/23 (€ -17.8m)
- Investing cash flow
  - Investments in property, plant and equipment down by € 2.0m
  - Investments in intangible assets up by € 0.8m
  - Initial purchase price for Xtrfy Gaming in Q1/23 (€ 3.5m)
- Financing cash flow
  - Mainly driven by acquisition of treasury shares in H1/23 (€ 2.5m) as part of the share buy back program 2022, which were € 2.8m lower than in the previous year



### OUTLOOK FY 2023 SPECIFIED

Current fiscal year as a year of transition, consolidation, and realignment



Revenue

Around € 140m (previously € 135 to 165m)



Around 10% (previously 10% to 14%)

Range Key mid-term targets (in % of Group revenue) **Inventories** 25% to 30% Research & Development expense ratio 3% to 4.5% Selling & Marketing expense ratio 10% to 12.5%

- € 10m unplanned EBITDA burden from Components business unit will be largely offset by successful peripherals business for office and gaming
- € 20m total restructuring costs expected, of which
  - € 11m provisions for job cuts and other external costs (cash effective FY 24)
  - € 9m mainly non-cash impairments of property, plant & equipment and inventories (€ 2.8m MX1 in Q3/23)

### Mid-term Outlook:

- Unlocking € 10 to 15m annual savings and earnings improvement potential
- Return to an (adj.) EBITDA margin at Group level of over 20%

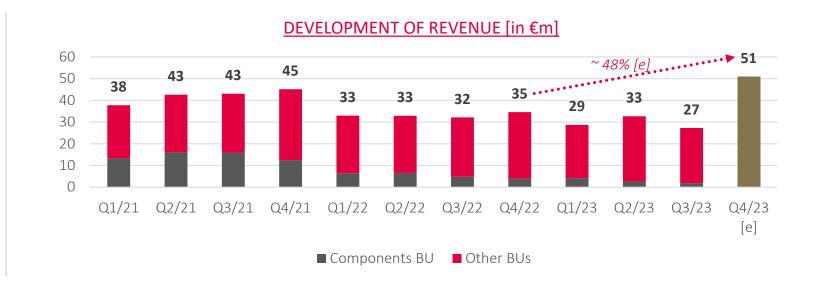


## MAIN DRIVERS FOR Q4/23

Strong growth momentum expected in peripherals business supported by seasonality effects



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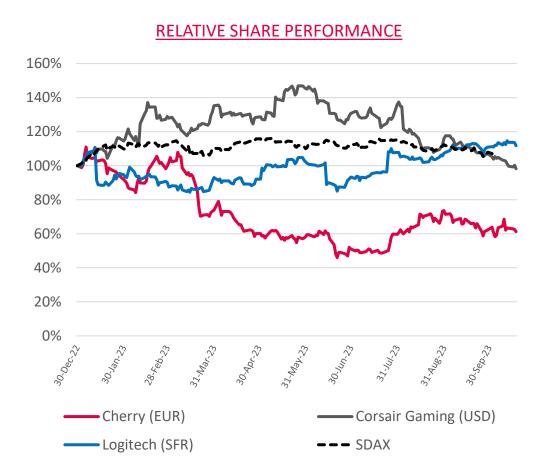


- Significant positive swing in Gaming Devices business in China following changeover of Chinese distributor in Q4/22
- Continued internationalization of Gaming Devices and Office Peripherals business to further penetrate European and US markets
- Seasonal peaks in demand in both B2C and B2B due to various sales events, i.e. "Black Friday", "Cyber Monday", and holiday season
- Various product launches and updates and increasing collaboration with influencers, e-sports organizations, etc.
- Moderate assumptions regarding sales of e-health terminals

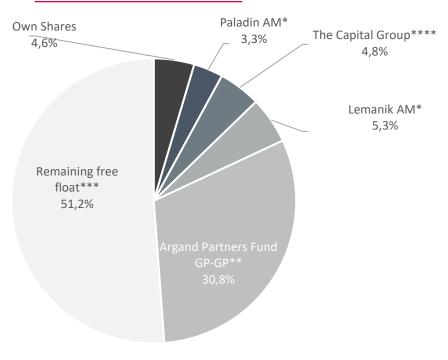




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DATE	EVENT
January 11/12	ODDO BHF FORUM
February 7	HIT (Montega)
March 28	Consolidated Financial Statements FY 2023 / Annual Report 2023
May 8	Interim Report Q1 2024
May 13-15	German Spring Conference (Equity Forum)
June 14	AGM (virtual)
August 14	Half-year Report 2024
September 2/3	German Fall Conference (Equity Forum)
November 14	Interim Report Q3/9M 2024
November 18/19	Winter 1on1-Summit (Equity Forum)



<sup>\*</sup> Expected dates, subject to change.

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