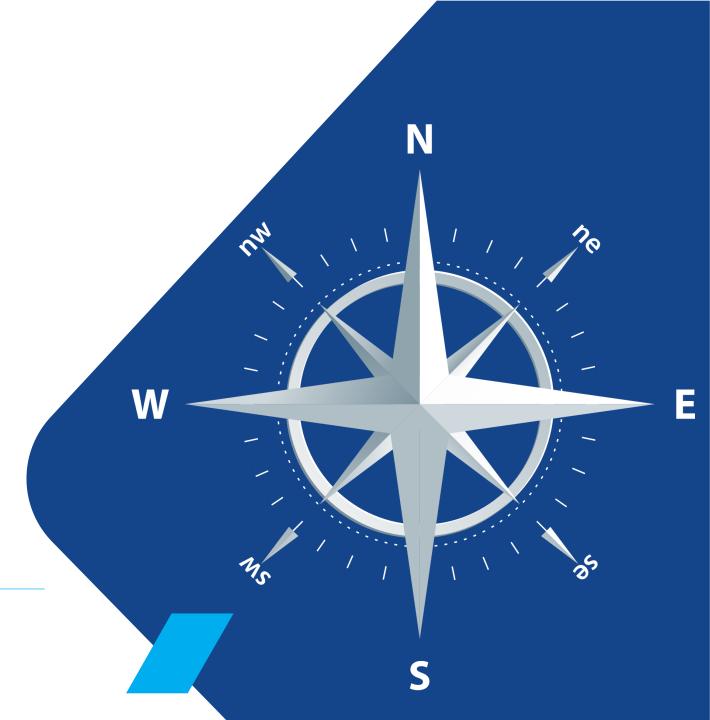
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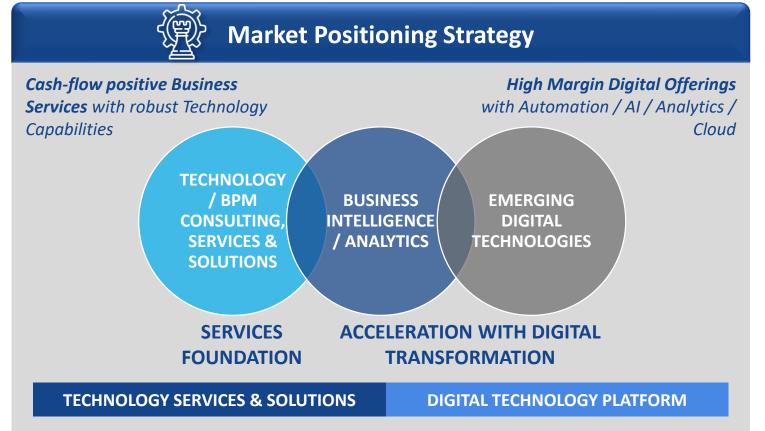
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A Digital-First Business Process Transformation Company Serving Private Equity Backed and Mid-Market Companies



# **Our Vision & Strategy**

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Combination of disruptive outsourcing solutions with layers of automation and digital technologies converging into an integrated platform expanding into the customer businesses

M&A Strategy

Using public listing as the catalyst, acquire targets that fits our criteria:

IT Technology & services companies	Synergy potential
EBITDA accretive	Fits our valuation criteria/benchmarks

Geographical expansion, customer base and solutions/technology capabilities

Deploy our differentiated capabilities while enhancing the service area potential



Building a disruptive tech-enabled business transformation platform, deeply integrated with client businesses, with the clear objective of accelerating growth and value accretion

# **Flagship Offering - Market Leading Differentiated Engagement Model**

The "Old Way" Tech-Enabled Services		The Aeries Way	
Outsourcing – Vendors		'Purpose Built' & 'Future Ready'	
Flexible, less expensive labor pool Less innovation (no strategic alignment at senior levels, no visibility into operations beyond specific outsourced function)	<ul><li>✓</li><li>♦</li></ul>	Flexible and least expensive labor pool (NOTE: in our assessment, compared to leading technology outsourcing providers with India presence, our model is at least 30% more cost effective)	
Not viewed as part of the team - breeds mismanagement, poor performance and burned-out staff	⊗	Significant innovation through strategic alignment at senior levels and visibility across the organization	
Implementing strategic decisions with vendor is expensive, arduous, and slow	8	<ul> <li>Part of the team, with opportunity for promotion and recognition (career path progression) resulting into higher employee satisfaction and lower attrition</li> </ul>	
Inhouse Sourcing - Owned Subsidiary		Insulates from regulatory and tax issues	
Aligned, innovative team	<b></b>	Flexibility in scaling teams up or down as per changing business needs	
Difficult and expensive tax and regulatory requirements	$\bigotimes$	Deliver best practices with visibility to winning playbooks from multipl companies	
Costly to quickly scale up or down	$\bigotimes$	Disruptive model that delivers overall cost and operational	
Cannot benchmark best practices across multiple companies	$\bigotimes$	efficiencies with the ability to deliver digital transformation solutions tailor made for customer's growth strategy	

# **Solution Offerings**

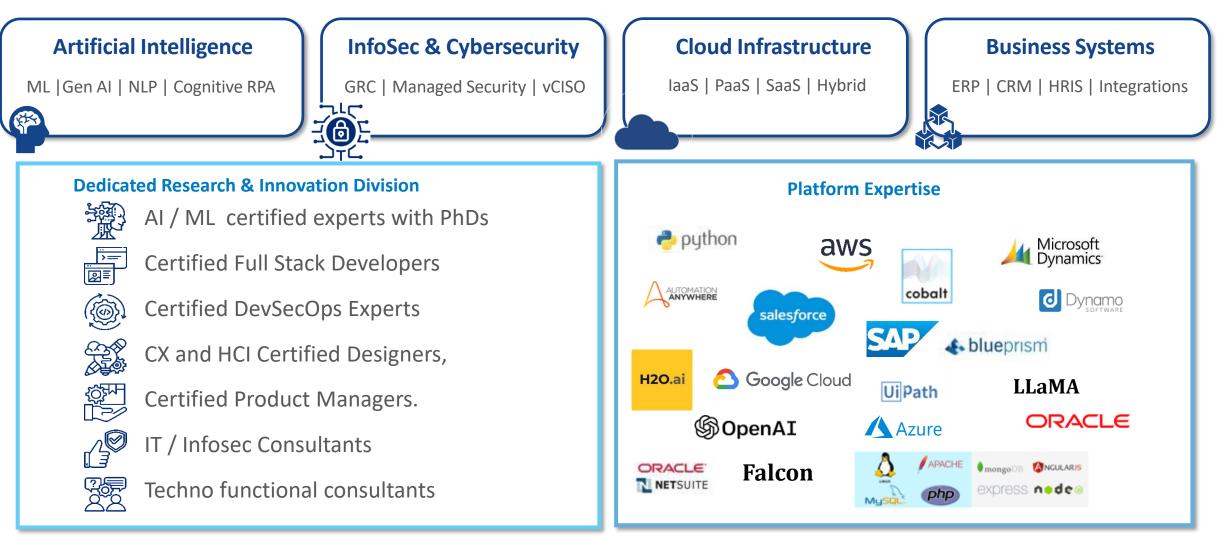
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TECHNOLOGY	<b>BUSINESS OPERATIONS</b>	TRANSFORMATION	PRIVATE EQUITY SOLUTIONS
ခိုက်ိဳးမှိ ARTIFICIAL နို႔ျင္နီ INTELLIGENCE	FINANCE & ACCOUNTING	DATA SCIENCE & ANALYTICS	DUE DILIGENCE AND M&A SUPPORT
IT INFRASTRUCTURE	CUSTOMER SUPPORT	EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES	PORTFOLIO DATA MANAGEMENT & REPORTING SYSTEMS
SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	SALES & MARKETING	နှင့်သို့ PROCESS နိုင်္တြနီ <sup>ရာ</sup> AUTOMATION	CUSTOM TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
ERP & CRM PLATFORMS	SERVICE DELIVERY	BUSINESS SYSTEMS & APPLICATIONS	PROJECT & PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE
いFORMATION 通過業 MGMT & CYBERSECURITY	GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT		SHARED &     SHARED &     MANAGED SERVICES     SOLUTIONS

Industry and Functional Agnostic and only restricted by availability of resources and feasibility of business requirement

# **Transformation Capabilities**

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ARIA | SmartExtract | SensESG | WorkSpace | MITRA Contracts Platform | Social Behavior AI

SAMPLE SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED

# **Customer Experience**

Aeries has been a strategic partner for us since 2015. We started with an engagement for Engineering and R&D across all of our product lines.

Aeries displayed an exemplary understanding of the niche and critical nature of our business, and we expanded the scope of our partnership to include IT support, business applications, customer support and most recently accounting and finance operations. Aeries brought the benefits of operating as a seamless extended arm of Stratus under their 'purpose-built' model. This has worked wonderfully for us.

We are extremely happy with the collaboration and the quality of work from Aeries.



WALTER LOH Chief Financial Officer



Aeries facilitated the establishment of a cross-functional 'Center of Excellence (COE)' for our Engineering, Product Management, IT, Client Services, and Finance functions. In just 9 months, they assisted in consolidating our global workforce from Eastern Europe and India (160+ resources) and opening a new office in Bangalore. Operating under Aeries' 'purpose-built model,' the team seamlessly extends Alegeus, ensuring unified processes for quality and customer satisfaction.

Aeries has proven to be a trusted partner in setting up and managing global delivery operations, and our partnership is flourishing, promising greater success ahead.



Chief Technology & Operations Officer

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In a matter of 12 months, we expanded to 150+ resources provided by Aeries, across functions such as R&D, IT, F&A and Payroll Processing. Their dedicated delivery model has been the perfect solution for us to explore global operations, while maintaining close control & visibility on the quality of people hired, all from branded offices in India. The Aeries team has been a great value partner for us.

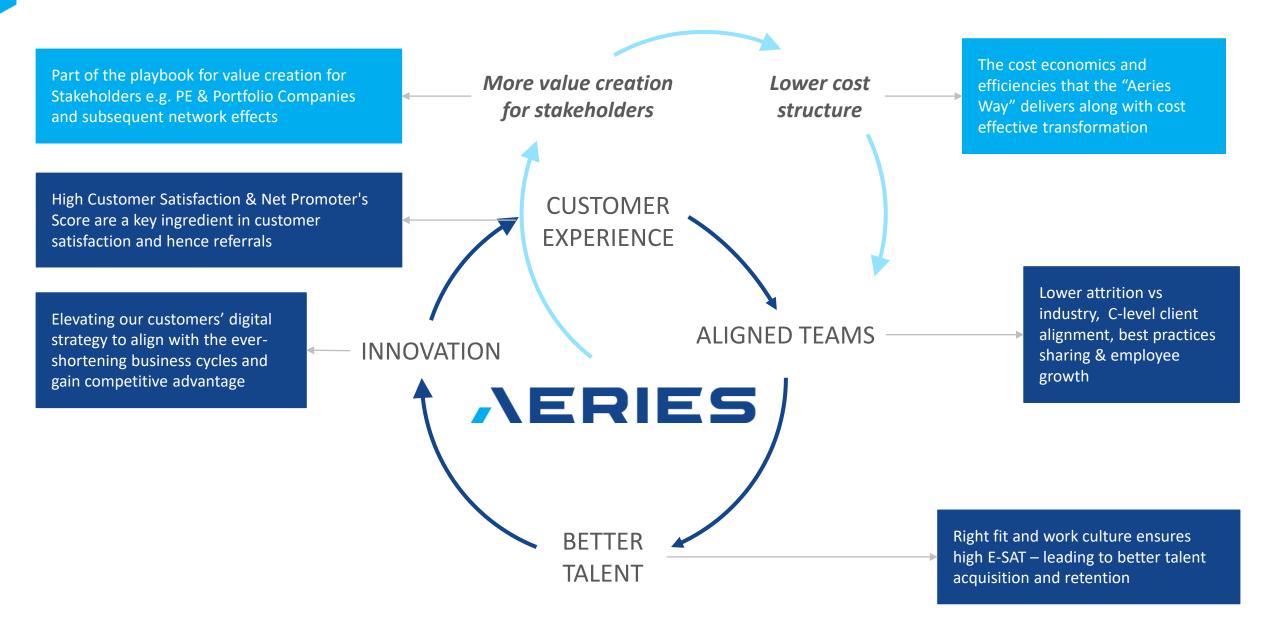
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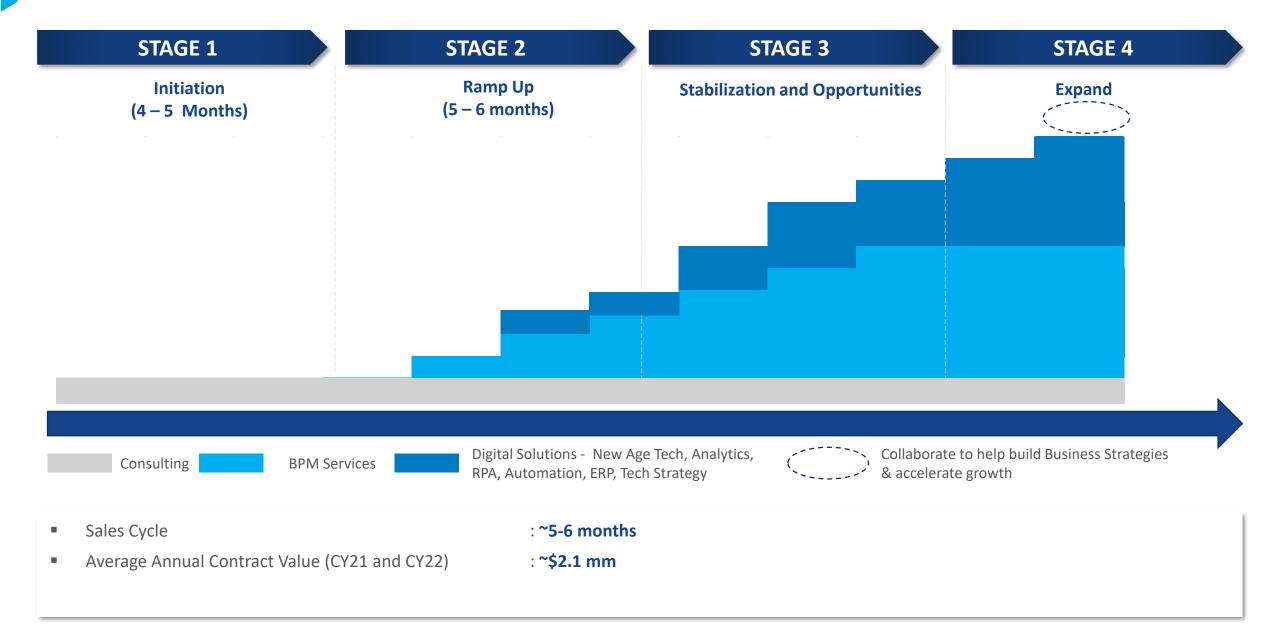


CHRISTINA CLOHECY Chief Financial Officer

# **Our Model Creates a Flywheel of Growth**



# **Contract Maturity Cycle - Land and Expand Approach**

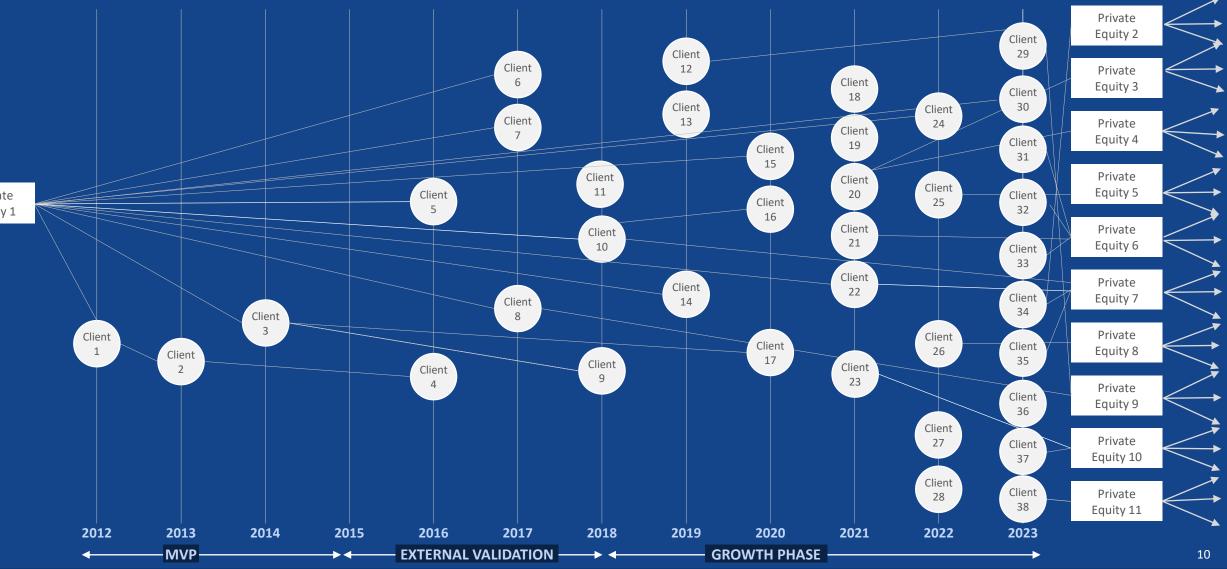


# **Our Growth – The Network Effect**

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We have free organic growth as we get As other PE partners acquire our clients, implemented into each new PE we have the opportunity to show our strengths and gain new partners investment Client 6 Client 7 Private Client 5 Equity 1

As key employees from clients move companies, they bring us in **Strong Net Promoter Score helps us** gain client referrals and testimonials



# Large and Addressable Market

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# Bottom-Up TAM **~\$420 Billion**

PORTFOLIO COMPANIES of PE firms

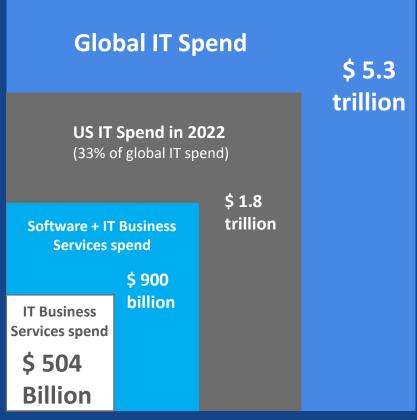
TAM **~\$34 Billion**<sup>(a)</sup>

MID-MARKET COMPANIES ~

TAM

ES ~\$386 Billion<sup>(b)</sup>

# <u>Top-Down TAM</u> **~\$504 Billion**<sup>(c)</sup>



#### NORTH AMERICAN IT SERVICES SPEND

#### TERMS:

- TAM = Total Available Market
- ACV = Average Contract Value
- \*Subtracted 16K PE PortCos from # Mid-market Cos
- Mid-Market: 200-700 employees & <\$100-\$800 mm revenues

#### **CALCULATIONS:**

- a) Total Portfolio Companies<sup>1</sup> x ACV<sup>2</sup> = 16K x \$2.1mm = \$34 Billion
- b) Total mid-market companies<sup>3</sup> x ACV<sup>2</sup> =  $184K^* x $2.1mm = ~386$  Billion
- c) USA IT Spend <sup>4</sup> x Percentage Contribution of IT Business Services<sup>5</sup> = \$1.8 trillion x 28%

#### SOURCE:

1: EY –AIC PE Economic Contribution Report May '21 2: Aeries Internal 3: Crunchbase 4 & 5: CompTIA – IDC Industry Outlook Report 2022

# **Sustainable Growth Strategy**

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## BUILDING 'MOAT' AROUND OUR BUSINESS MODEL

- Continue to build on success in PE community expand NETWORK EFFECT
- Hiring dedicated senior industry professionals, based in USA

## EXPAND INTO MID-MARKET ENTERPRISES

- Hiring dedicated Business Development Managers
   & Inside Sales Managers
- Rest of team in place to kick-start

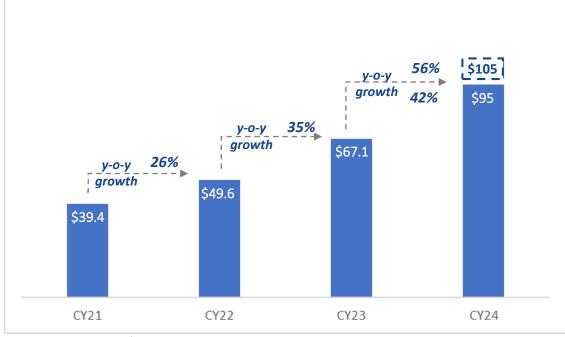
### **ACCELERATE CROSS & UPSELL**

- Renewed focus on selling products & solutions to existing clients
- Vertical Heads & SET champion in place

#### **INORGANIC GROWTH**

- Well crafted inorganic growth strategy geography coverage, capabilities, service area mix, new age technology solutions and analytics
- Phase I tuck in acquisitions
- Phase II transformative acquisitions

# **Growth: Revenue & Profitability**

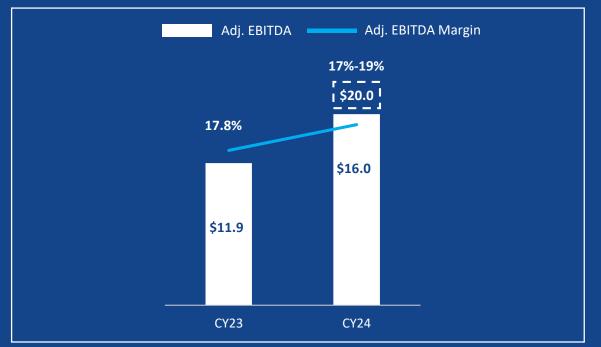


Notes: All figures in US\$ Mm; All figures are unaudited

**Next level of growth** is secured by differentiated partnership approach geared towards strong & lasting relationships with client stakeholders, management and focus on New-age Tech Solutions and Digital Transformation leveraging on ready client access

Note: The company follows fiscal year (Apr – Mar) as Financial Year. CY21 and CY22 Financials are based on data from audited financial statements for fiscal years ended on March 31, 2021, 2022, and 2023. CY23(E) and CY24(E) represent forward looking information and is for illustrative purposes only and should not be relied upon as necessarily being indicative of future results.

This slide includes non-GAAP measures such as Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA percentage. Please refer to the slide "Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation" for a reconciliation of non-GAAP to GAAP measures as well as additional useful information regarding Aeries' use of non-GAAP financial measures.



Notes: All figures in US\$ Mm and Estimates for CY23 and CY24

#### **Incremental Revenue Growth**

 Focused efforts on Revenue augmentation (cross-sell and upsell) to lead profitable growth

#### Consulting And Digital Revenues (Emerging Tech)

 Migration to digital transformation revenues such as Automation, Analytics, Cyber Security, Business Applications help improve margins

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# **Senior Executive Team**

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#### **FOUNDERS**



#### Raman Kumar

Chairman

Accomplished serial entrepreneur with an established track record of building successful technology companies. Founder & former Chairman / CEO of NASDAQ-listed M\*Modal.



#### P A Sudhir

Chief Executive Officer

30+ years experience in auditing, consulting, M&A, business setup and growth strategies. Member of the Managing Committee of ASSOCHAM and Co-Chairman of its National Council for Business Facilitation and Global Competitiveness



#### **Unni Nambiar**

Chief Technology Officer

Technology leader with 30+ years of experience building enterprise, cloud & mobility products across diverse verticals. Passionate about building world class products using cutting edge technology innovations.



#### Ajay Khare

Chief Operating Officer – Americas, CRO

Extensive business operations experience and is responsible for client management, business development and operational delivery. Works closely with private equity firms and their portfolio companies for value creation.



#### **Narayan Shetkar** *Chief Strategy Officer*

23 years of rich experience in Management Consulting & Investment Banking. He is responsible for supporting and executing the Inorganic growth strategy



#### **Rajeev Nair** Chief Financial Officer

20+ years of experience in Finance and Technology, skilled in applying AI for business strategy. Responsible for steering financial strategies, optimizing operational performance and growth for Aeries



#### **Daniel Webb**

Board Member and Chief Investment Officer

Previously Founder / CEO of WWAC, investment banker and private equity investor. Providing organization direction, while spearheading M&A and capital raising

# **Board Of Directors**

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#### **Non-Executive Board Member**

#### **Executive Board Members**



#### **Independent Directors**



Alok Kochhar Chairperson - Compensation Committee Member – Audit and Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee

30+ years at Bank of America, is an expert in finance, regulations, and market challenges. As a senior advisor at Boston Consulting Group, he guides tech and financial services firms



**Biswajit Dasgupta** Chairperson - Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee Member – Audit Committee

Partner at JRC Corporate Consulting and Senior Advisor at Arthur D. Little. He has an extensive experience in treasury, institutional banking, corporate banking, investment sales, product development and debt capital markets



#### Nina B. Shapiro Chairperson - Audit Committee Member – Compensation Committee

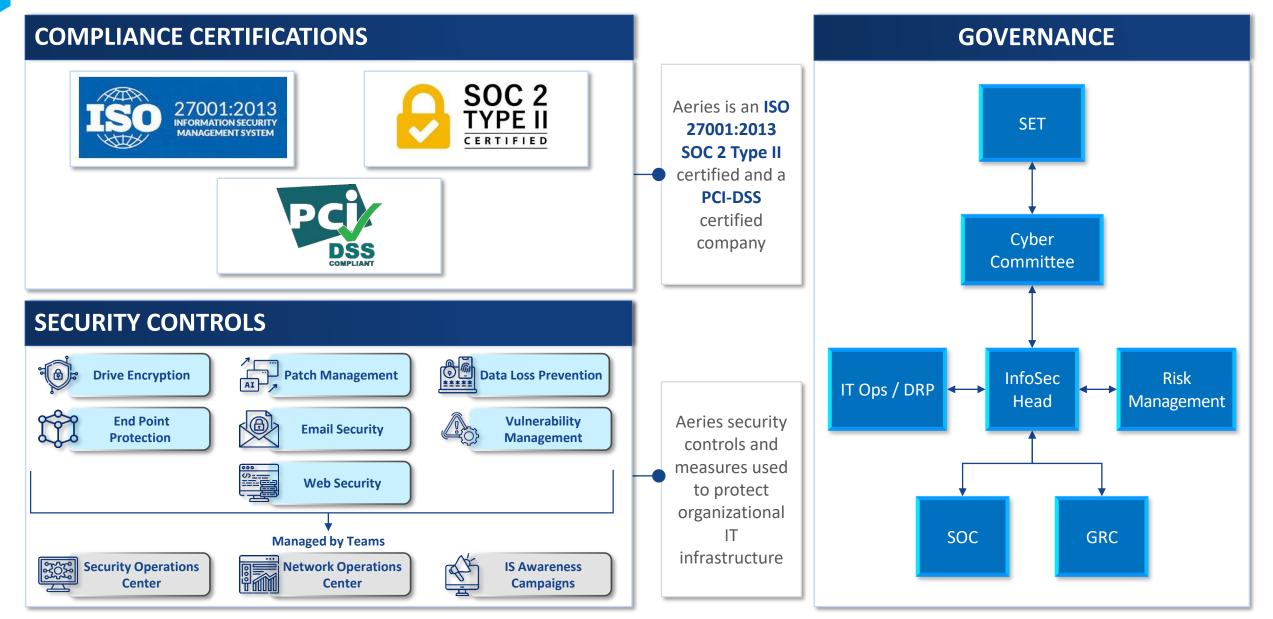
30 years of international experience in project finance and business development. Since retiring from the World Bank in 2011, Ms. Shapiro has taken on a full-time role as a corporate and advisory board member



**Ramesh Venkataraman** Member – Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee

Has extensive experience in management consulting, private equity and board advisory in the technology, telecom, software, industrial, financial services and IT services industries across both developed and emerging markets

# **Aeries Cybersecurity & Compliance**



# **ATI Securities Outstanding**

Ordinary Shares	Shares
Class A Ordinary Shares	15,619,004
Class V Ordinary Share	1
Class A Ordinary Shares Issuable upon Exercise of Exchange Rights	31,901,380
Warrants (Strike price: \$11.50)	
Public Warrants	11,499,991
Sponsor Warrants	9,527,810
Class A Ordinary Shares Issuable upon Exercise of Warrants	21,027,801

# **Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation**

\$ in million	CY 2023 E	CY 2024	E Range
Revenue	\$67.1	\$95.0	\$105.0
Net Income	\$3.6	\$10.9	\$13.8
Interest income	-\$0.2	-\$0.2	-\$0.2
Interest expenses	-30.2 \$0.3	-30.2 \$0.3	-30.2 \$0.3
Depreciation and amortization expense	\$1.3	\$1.4	\$1.4
Taxes	\$2.2	\$3.7	\$4.7
EBIDTA	\$7.2	\$16.0	\$20.0
Adjustments			
(+) Stock based compensation	\$2.9	-	-
(+) Business combination related costs	\$1.8	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$11.9	\$16.0	\$20.0
Adjusted EBITDA margin	17.8%	17%	19%

E: Estimated

The company follows fiscal year as Financial Year. CY 2023 E and CY 2024 E Range data is prepared using estimates and represents forward looking information, and is for illustrative purposes only, and should not be relied upon as necessarily being indicative of future results. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties (some of which are beyond our control) or other assumptions discussed in the "Safe Harbor Statement section" in this Presentation and disclosed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which may cause actual results or performance to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

We report our results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"). However, we use non-GAAP financial information and believe it is useful to investors as it provides additional information to facilitate comparisons of historical operating results, identify trends in our underlying operating results and provide additional insight and transparency on how we evaluate the business. We use non-GAAP financial measures to budget, make operating and strategic decisions, and evaluate our performance. We have detailed the non-GAAP adjustments that we make in our non-GAAP definitions below. The adjustments generally fall within the categories of non-cash items. We believe the non-GAAP measures presented herein should always be considered along with, and not as a substitute for or superior to, the related GAAP financial measures. We have provided the reconciliations between the GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures on this slide.

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We define EBITDA as net income (loss), excluding (i) interest expenses relating to credit facilities and convertible notes, (ii) provision for (benefit from) income taxes and (iii) depreciation and amortization. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income from operations before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization adjusted to exclude stock-based compensation and business combination related costs. We define Adjusted EBITDA margin as Adjusted EBITDA divided by revenue.

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are key performance indicators we use in evaluating our operating performance and in making financial, operating, and planning decisions. We believe EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are useful to the investors in the evaluation of Aeries' operating performance as such information was used by securities analysts and other interested parties as a measure of financial information and debt service capabilities, and it was used by our management for internal reporting and planning procedures, including aspects of our consolidated operating budget and capital expenditures.

EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have limitations as analytical tools, and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations include:

- it does not reflect our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments or foreign exchange gain/loss;
- it does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, working capital;
- it does not reflect significant interest expense or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our outstanding debt;
- it does not reflect payments made or future requirements for income taxes; and
- although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced or paid in the future and Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect cash requirements for such replacements or payments.

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