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# 2004 Results & 2005 Prospects



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## 2004 highlights

- **❖** Initial public offering on the Casablanca and Paris stock exchanges
- ❖ Vivendi Universal takes an additional 16% stake in Maroc Telecom
- **❖** ISO 9001: 2000 series certification for all of Maroc Telecom's business activities
- ❖ Signing of a collective agreement and launch of a new voluntary redundancy plan, to be carried out in 2005
- Enactment of law 55/01 and publication of a telecom sector liberalisation plan for 2005-08

# Strong performances in 2004

	2003	2004	% change 2003/2004			
MADm	reported	reported reported		Comparable (1)		
Revenues	15,894	17,922	+12.8%	+11.2%		
Ebitda <sup>(2)</sup>	9,118	10,125	+11.0%	-		
Operating income	6,949	7,668	+10.3%	+8.0%		
Net income group share	5,085	5,210	+2.5%	+2.6%		
Cash flow from operations <sup>(3)</sup>	7,251	7,534	+3.9%	-		

<sup>(1)</sup> On a comparable basis using a constant MAD/MRO exchange rate: 1) Mauritel is treated as if it had been fully consolidated as of the beginning of 2003, 2) the figures are restated to reflect accounting changes adopted on 31 December 2004 to standardise accounting practices (reclassification of restructuring provisions, new method for reporting of revenues from vocal services). This basis of comparison does not take into account the impact (which was insignificant) of new accounting methods for customer loyalty programmes (CNC recommendation 2004-E of 13/10/2004). This accounting change was integrated in the reported figures and in the proforma comparisons in the appendix of the consolidated statements.

Ebitda: Operating income – net depreciation and provisions of fixed assets (3)

Cash flow from operations: Ebitda-Capex-change in WCR / at unchanged consolidation scope

## In a nutshell:

- Strong full-year results in line with our expectations
- ❖ Based on these results, the Supervisory Board will propose a dividend of MAD5 per share, hence a dividend yield of 5.8%\*
- **❖** This will bring the total dividend payout to MAD4,395m, or 91% of distributable profit

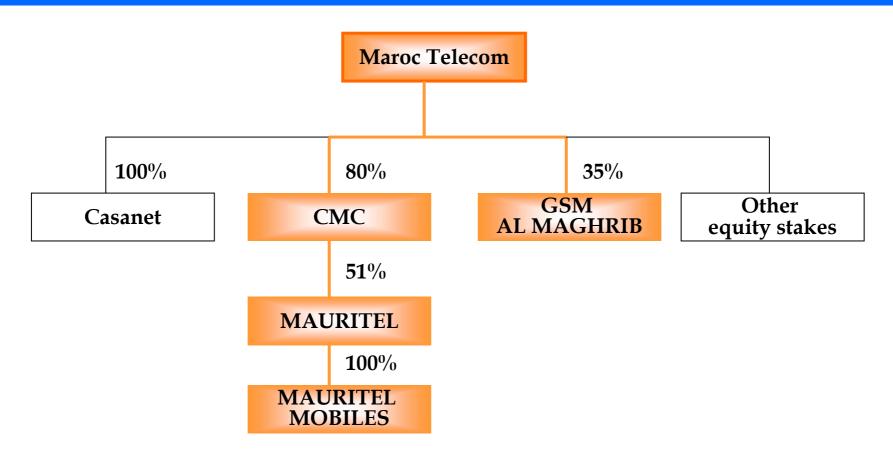
<sup>\*</sup> Based on March 4th, 2005 share price

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# Scope of consolidation



**❖** On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, the Mauritel group was fully consolidated following the expiration of veto rights held by the Mauritanian government

# **Changes in accounting methods**

# Accounting method in 2003

**Customer loyalty points** 

 Provision for points converted without contract renewal

# Accounting method in 2004

- All customer loyalty points are deducted from revenues when issued (with or without contract renewal)
  - Impact on 2004 revenues: MAD33m
  - Impact on 2004 net profits: MAD21m

- **❖** Payments to third-parties for vocal services (fixed-line division only)
- Revenues from services are reported as revenues
- Payments are reported as expenses
- Revenues and expenses are offset Impact on 2004 revenues:
  - MAD8m



# Other accounting matters

## Voluntary redundancy plan:

- MAD161m provision for an estimated 800 redundancies:
  - The provision for the voluntary redundancy plan is included in the consolidated operating profit of Maroc Telecom (convergence with international standards)
  - The first 2 plans were treated as exceptional items, due to the amounts involved and the specific circumstances of these operations

#### **Capex tax-free allowance:**

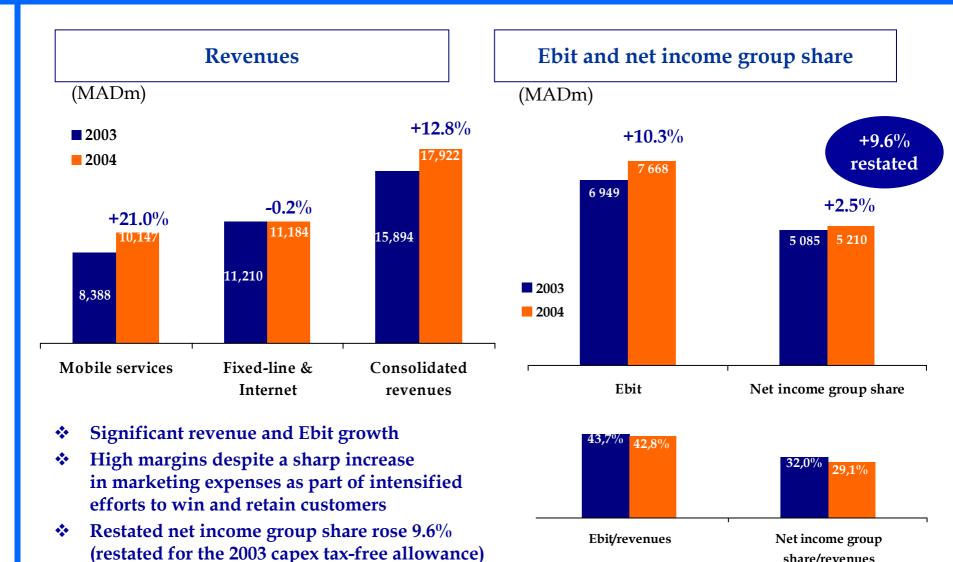
No capex tax-free allowance in 2004

# Simplified consolidated income statement

	2003	2004	% chang	ge 2004/2003
(MADm)	Reported	Reported	Reported	Comparable
Consolidated revenues	15,894	17,922	12.8%	11.2%
Operating expenses	(9,064)	(10,342)	14.1%	
Ebitda	9,118	10,125	11.0%	
Ebitda margin (%)	57.4%	56.5%		
Ebit	6,949	7,668	10.3%	8 <b>.0</b> %
Ebit margin (%)	43.7%	42.8%		
Net income group share	5,085	5,210	2.5%	2.6%
Restated net income group share*	4,752	5,210	9.6%	
Net cash	6,093	6,498	6.6%	

<sup>\*</sup> Restated for the 2003 capex tax-free allowance

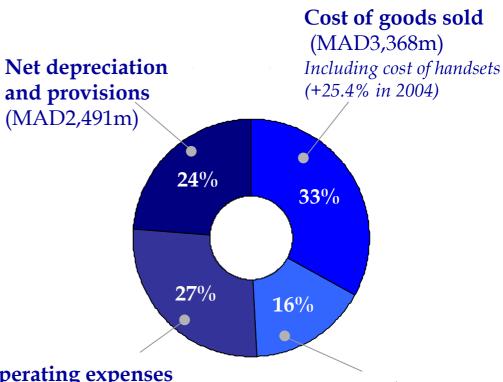
# Strong growth and stable margins



share/revenues

## Higher spending helped fuel strong growth of the customer base

The customer base grew rapidly thanks to intensified marketing efforts, which drove up such expenses as communication, commissions & subsidies, and the cost of handsets. Breakdown of operating expenses (Total: MAD10,342m, +14.1% in 2004)



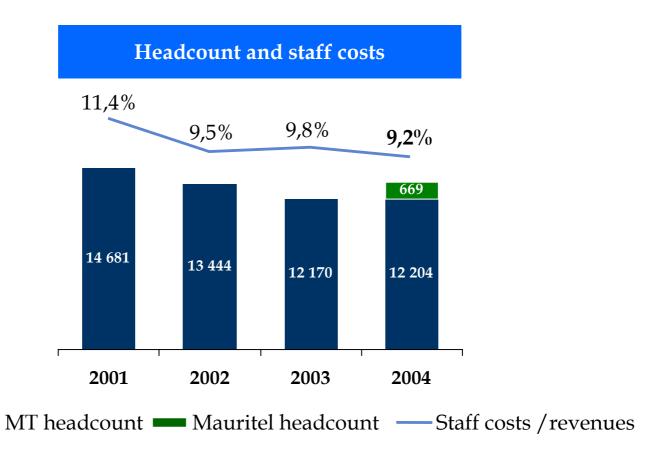
Other operating expenses (MAD2,841m)

*Including communication (+31% in 2004) and commissions & subsidies (+37.8% in 2004)* 

Personnel expenses (MAD1,642m)



# Tight grip on personnel costs



- **❖** Total staff costs account for 9.2% of revenues
- **❖** No off-balance-sheet retirement commitments
- **❖** Voluntary redundancy plan to be carried out in 2005 (MAD161m provision)

# Mobile services: strong growth and high profit margins

Comparable		
3 2004		
2 10,394		
18.8%		
3,822		
37%		
%		

**<sup>❖</sup>** Mobile services achieved strong revenue growth: +21% (+18.8% on a comparable basis)



<sup>❖</sup> The operating margin rose from 32% to 37%, or 33% excluding rate cuts on leased lines (on a comparable basis)

# Fixed-line and Internet: stable revenues and margins

	Repo	Comparable			
(MADm)	2003	2004	2003	2004	
Gross revenues	11,210	11,184	11,512	11,367	
% change	1%	-0,2%		-1,3%	
Ebitda	5,564	5,274			
Ebitda margin (%)	50%	47%			
Ebit	4,273	3,943	4,374	3,954	
Ebit margin (%)	38%	35%	38%	35%	
Capex	763	998			
% of gross revenues	7%	9%			
Ebitda – Capex	4,801	4,276			
% of gross revenues	43%	38%			

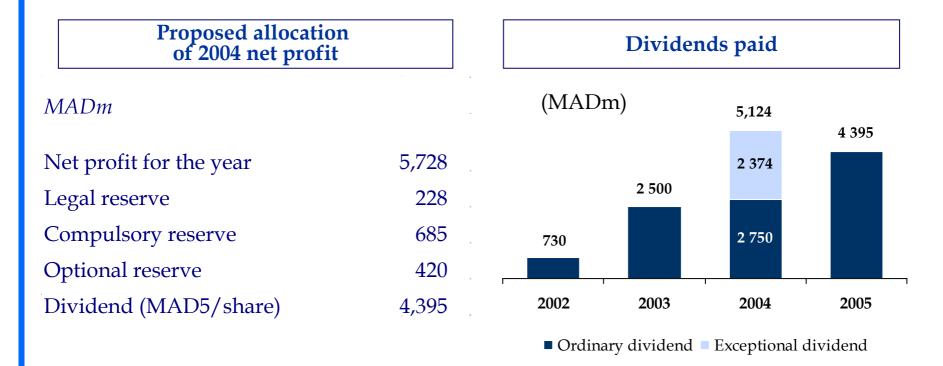
- **\*** Revenues were fairly resilient in the Fixed-line & Internet division
- **❖** The operating margin was 35%, or 39% excluding rate cuts for leased lines (on a comparable basis)

## Consolidated cash flow statement

(MADm)	2003	2004
Net cash provided by operating activities	6,724	7,747
Net cash from investing	(1,776)	(2,103)
Principal payments on financial debt	(864)	(854)
Dividends paid	(2,500)	(5,124)
Net cash from financing	(3,364)	(5,978)
Net increase (decrease) in cash during the year	1,584	(334)
Cash and cash equivalent (BoY)	6,116	7,700
Cash and cash equivalent (EoY)	7,700	7,366

❖ Cash and cash equivalent maintained at a high level despite the prepayment of a MAD599m loan and payment of an exceptional dividend (MAD2,374m)

# A strong dividend payout



- **❖** Payment of a dividend of MAD5 per share, or a total dividend payout of MAD4.4bn:
  - **❖** 91% of distributable profit
  - ❖ Dividend yield of 5.8%<sup>(1)</sup>

# Simplified consolidated balance sheet

	- ASSETS -			LIABILITIES —				
			% change				% change	
(MADm)	2003	2004	2004/2003	(MADm)	2003	2004	2004/2003	
Fixed assets	13,157	13,448	2.2%	Shareholders' equity (excl. minority int.)	17,737	17,702	-0.2%	
Current assets	5,848	6,714	14.8%	Minority interests	67	428	538.8%	
Inventories	365	451	23.6%	Provisions for liabilities & charges	379	320	-15.6%	
Accounts receivable	5,483	6,263	14.2%	Long-term liabilities O.W financial debt	<b>8,522</b> 1,607	<b>9,078</b> 868	<b>6.5%</b> -46.0%	
Cash and equiv. Total assets	7,700 26,705	7,414 27,576	-3.7% 3.3%	Short-term notes payab Total liabilities	ole 26,705	48 27,576	3.3%	

# IFRS adjustments

		<b>Current practice</b>	IFRS
*	Revenues from handset sales	<ul> <li>Revenues are reported at the time of sale</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Revenues and related expenses         (cost of goods sold, subsidies and         commissions) are reported when the phone         line is activated</li> </ul>
*	Customer loyalty points	<ul> <li>Provision for loyalty points that can be used to get a new subsidised handset</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provisions solely for the difference in subsidy amount between a first-time handset purchase and a renewal</li> </ul>
*	SIM cards	<ul> <li>Reported as expenses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reported as an in-progress intangible asset at the time of acquisition. Reclassified as an asset and depreciated over a 2-year period</li> </ul>

when the phone line is activated

# IFRS adjustments

		<b>Current treatment</b>	IFRS
*	Handset packages subsidies	<ul> <li>Treated both as revenues and expenses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Revenues net of subsidies</li> </ul>
*	Replacement parts	<ul> <li>Reported as expenses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When purchased as part of an equipment purchasing agreement: same rules apply as for the equipment acquired for putting into service and depreciation</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>When purchased as part of a specific contract: put into service immediately and depreciated over the remaining economic life of the equipment it was purchased for</li> </ul>

- Local loop equipment and cable
- Reported as inventory for the year and reclassified as a fixed asset after entering service
- Treated as an in-progress asset at the time of acquisition and depreciated over a 10year period once in service

# IFRS adjustments

Change in depreciation periods

• A review of equipments economic life led to the following changes:

	Previous economic life	New economic life
Value-added network (hardware) excluding VMS	8 years	4 years
VMS	8 years	6 years
Poles and towers	20 years	15 years
Environmental control (energy, air control systems)	10 years	8 years

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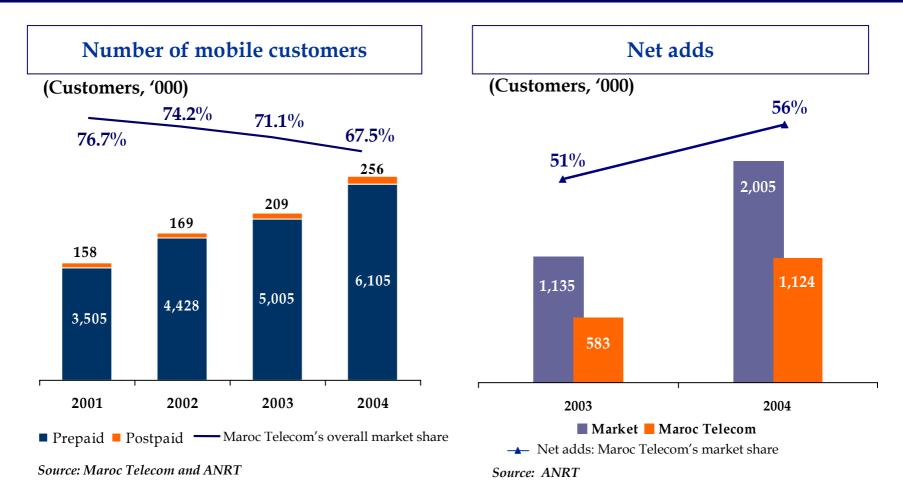
## Business review: mobile services

#### Revenues from mobile services rose 21%:

- In 2004 the customer base rose more swiftly than previously and reached 6.4 million (+22%)
- ARPU was strong, notably for prepaid services:
  - A new price scheme for all inclusive packages services and the launch of capped rate tariff plans
  - New services: controlled rate tariff plans, MAD20 and MAD1,200 scratch cards, prepaid MMS...
- Intense efforts to attract new customers and build customer loyalty
- Reinforcement of network capacity and coverage (+450 BTS)

#### **Mobile services**

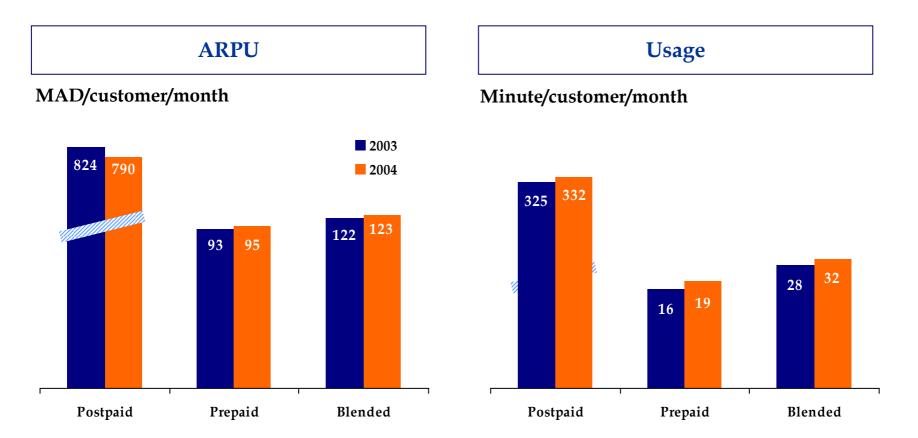
# Accelerated growth of the customer base



- **❖** Accelerated growth of the customer base: 1.1 million new customers
- **❖** Maroc Telecom's share of net adds rose to 56% in 2004

#### **Mobile services**

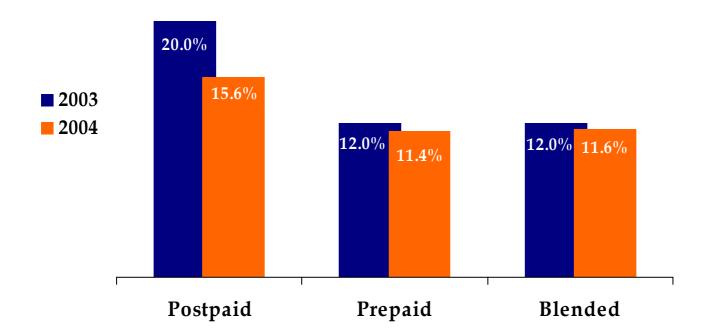
# ARPU and usage have both held up well



**❖** Efforts to promote usage have boosted ARPU: more frequent promotions and the introduction of MAD20 scratch cards

## **Mobile services**

## Decline in the churn rate



Greater efforts to build customer loyalty

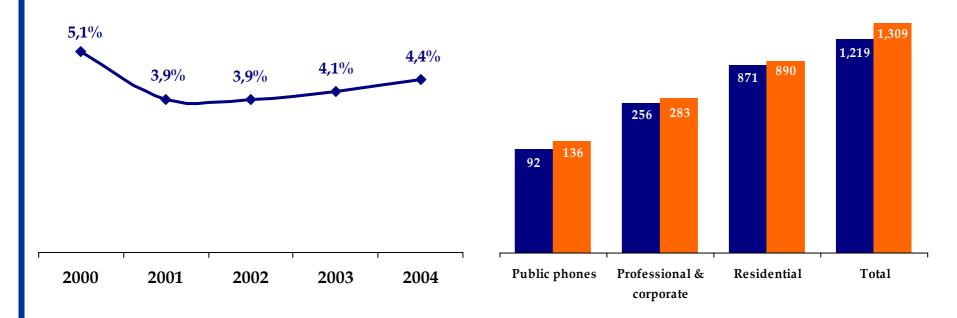
## **Business review: Fixed-line & Internet**

- **❖** Revenues were fairly resilient: -0.2% (+3.7% excluding rate cuts on leased lines)
- ightharpoonup The customer base continued to grow, up 7% despite a slight decrease in H2
- ❖ Number of Internet users doubled thanks to ADSL (60,000 ADSL subscribers vs. 2,600 at year-end 2003)
- Strong growth of incoming international traffic (+17%)
- **❖** A new step in price rebalancing: the subscription monthly fee was raised by MAD10 (1 August 2004)
- **❖** The number of "téléboutiques" (pay phone boxes operated by third parties) increased after the elimination of minimum distance requirements between them

# Fixed lines: up 7%

Penetration rate: 2000-04 (1)

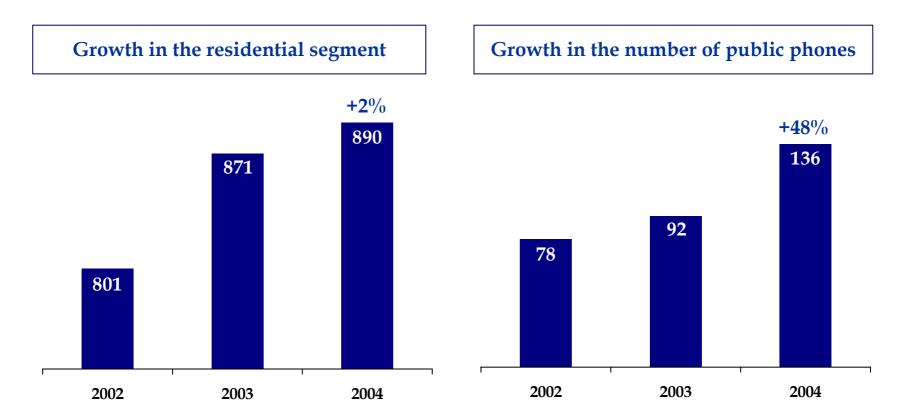
Increase in the number of lines 2003-04



- **❖** At year-end 2004: penetration of 4.4% of the population, or 16% of households
- **❖** The number of fixed lines rose 7%, thanks mainly to public telephony and the residential segment

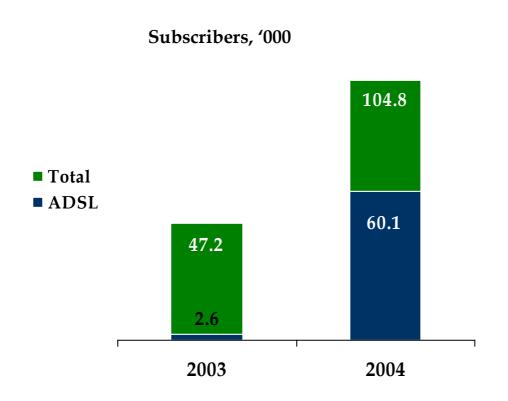


# Residential segment and public telephony



- **❖** The number of public phones rose sharply at the end of the year after eliminating the requirement of a minimum distance of 200m between "téléboutiques"
- H1 promotions bolstered growth in the residential segment, despite a slowdown in H2

## The confirmed success of ADSL



- **❖** The number of Internet users has grown rapidly thanks to ADSL offers, which account for nearly 58% of total Internet use by the end of the year
- **❖** New offers were launched in 2004: Unlimited ADSL, Wifi ADSL, Libr@ccès, etc.

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#### **Conclusion**

## Maintain Maroc Telecom's leadership in all of its markets

Three key goals

Stimulate growth in the mobile services market

Boost competitiveness in fixed lines to prepare for the arrival of new competition Maintain
position as
the main engine
for Internet
development
in Morocco

Three strategic assets

- **❖** Notoriety of the Maroc Telecom brand
- ❖ A very modern network infrastructure
- The backing of an international group (Vivendi Universal)

One guiding principle

Maintain a solid balance sheet and rigorous financial management

#### **Conclusion**

## Outlook for 2005

- Ongoing growth of mobile services in Morocco
- **❖** ANRT has called for bids to tender as part of the liberalisation of the fixed-line sector. Bid results will be released by mid-2005, but they are unlikely to have an impact before late 2005
- **❖** Consolidated revenue growth is estimated at between 5% and 7% in 2005
- **Consolidated operating income is also expected to rise between 5% and 7%**

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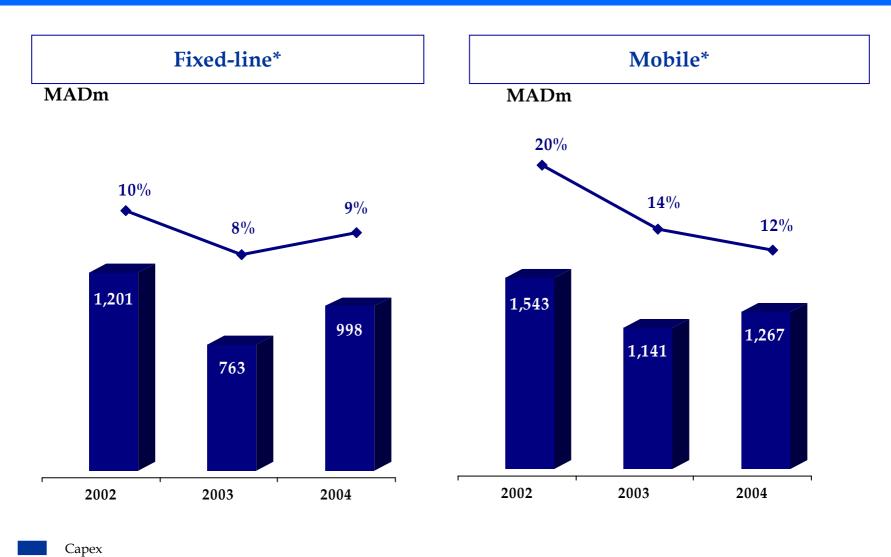
# **Key figures for the Mauritel group**

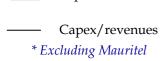
	Fixed			Mobile		
	2003	2004	% chg	2003	2004	% chg
Number of lines ('000)	37	39	6%	252	330	31%
Revenues* (MROm)	9,156	9,961	9%	9,523	12,652	33%

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# Capex per activity





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