# Fiscal 2022 Third Quarter Earnings Conference Call

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# **Recent Highlights**

- Another strong fall schedule unveiled for Global, Specialty and our streaming offerings
- Expansion of our streaming strategy with Corus and Paramount Global's pending launch of Pluto TV in Canada
- Significant revenue growth in our content business as we benefit from our slate of original content investments
- Focus remains on shareholder friendly activities to deliver an attractive shareholder yield





### **Q3 Fiscal 2022 Key Financial Highlights**









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# **Impressive Fall Schedule**

# Global + STACKTV







### **Impressive Fall Schedule**

### **Specialty**













### **Content Powerhouse**





### ~900 episode library



~4,800 episode library





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### **Expansion into FAST** Channels



- Corus and Paramount Global will launch Pluto TV, a Free Ad-Supported Streaming Television (FAST) channel offering, in Canada this fall with more than 100 unique, curated channels and over 20,000 hours of content
- Pairs Corus' leading ad sales capabilities with Pluto TV's best-in-class platform and technology
- Enables Corus to serve compelling content to audiences and offers more premium video options for advertisers
- Provides incremental programming window for Corus content



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# **Powerful Streaming Portfolio**

# **STACK V** Direct to Consumer (DTC)



Ad Supported VOD (AVOD)



Free Ad-Supported Streaming **Television (FAST)** 

**Building a powerful portfolio of streaming services** 



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### **Q3 Fiscal 2022 Consolidated Results**

- Delivered strong consolidated revenue growth in challenging macroeconomic environment
- Segment profit in the prior year includes over \$5 million of federal wage subsidy and regulatory relief
- Free cash flow impacted by expected catch-up in programming investments, including Canadian Programming Expenditures (CPE) as required by the CRTC

(in millions of dollars except percentages and per share amounts)

	Q3-2022	%Chg
Consolidated revenue	433	8
Consolidated segment profit <sup>1,2,3</sup>	124	(5)
Consolidated segment profit margin <sup>3</sup>	29%	(-3 pts)
Net income attributable to shareholders	30	n/m
Basic earnings per share	\$0.14	n/m
Free Cash Flow <sup>3</sup>	27	n/m

1. No claims for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy ("CEWS") were made in Q3 of fiscal 2022. In the prior year's quarter, segment profit included \$4.5 million (Television: \$3.9 million; Radio: \$0.6 million) of CEWS. 2. The prior year quarter included relief on CRTC regulatory fees. As a result, regulatory fees increased \$1.0 million (Television: \$0.9 million, Radio: \$0.1 million) in Q3 of fiscal 2022

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### **Q3 Fiscal 2022 Television Results**

- Delivered modest Television advertising revenue growth
- Subscriber revenues benefiting from robust streaming subscriber uptake year-over-year
- Strong growth in content revenues reflects addition of acquired business and large content licensing sale to Hulu in Q3 F2022
- Programming expenses driven by catch-up in CPE as required by the CRTC and investment in additional programming rights to support streaming and digital offerings
- Segment profit in the prior year includes \$4.8 million of federal wage subsidy and regulatory relief

Q3-2022 %Chg Segment revenues 404 6 238 2 Advertising revenues Subscriber revenues 130 5 Merchandising, distribution and other revenues 36 61 Segment profit<sup>1</sup> (9) 128 Segment profit margin<sup>1</sup> (-5 pts) 32%

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### **Q3 Fiscal 2022 Revenue Performance Metrics**



### Q3 Fiscal 2022 New Platform Revenue<sup>1</sup>, up 40% from prior year

- Reflects progress on Corus' participation in rapidly growing streaming distribution platforms and digital video advertising markets
- Combines subscriber revenue from streaming initiatives and advertising revenue from digital platforms expressed as a percentage of total Television advertising and subscriber revenue



### Q3 Fiscal 2022 Optimized Advertising Revenue<sup>1</sup>, up 29% from prior year

- Reflects progress on the transformation of how Television advertising is sold
- Includes advertising revenue attributable to audience segment selling and to the Cynch automated buying platform expressed as a percentage of Television advertising revenue

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### Significant progress on revenue growth and diversification initiatives

% of TV Advertising Revenues





Q1	Q2	Q3
F22	F22	F22

47%

### **Q3 Fiscal 2022 Radio Results**

- Solid advertising revenue and segment profit recovery
- Segment profit in the prior year includes \$0.7 million of federal wage subsidy and regulatory relief

	Q3-2022	%Chg
Segment revenues	29	27
Segment profit <sup>1</sup>	6	341
Segment profit margin <sup>1</sup>	19%	13 pts

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# Significant Progress on Financial Priorities





### **Recent Highlights**

weighted average debt maturity at May 31, 2022

net debt to segment profit<sup>1</sup> at May 31, 2022

allocated to shareholder-friendly activities since September 2018

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### **Resilient Innovative Business Model**

- Corus operates within a unique market structure
- Resilient subscription model is on track to deliver record revenue of over \$500 million in F2022
- Consistently demonstrate ability to renew content licensing agreements with US studio content partners
- Priorities remain on investments to support revenue growth and shareholder yield-based initiatives





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