



# **ZOO DIGITAL GROUP PLC**

## **FINAL RESULTS FY24**

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**Stuart Green, CEO**

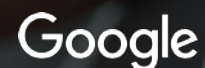
- Co-founder in 2001 and CEO since 2006.
- Over 30 years' experience in team building and executive management in the TMT industry.
- More than 30 patents granted in the fields of image processing and digital media production.



**Phillip Blundell, CFO**

- Senior finance professional and Chartered Accountant.
- Over 20 years' experience in software industry.
- CFO roles with DotDigital Group plc, Eagle Eye Solutions Group plc and Intelligent Environments plc.
- Joined ZOO in 2018.

# CONTENT DISTRIBUTION FOR GLOBAL STREAMING





# ZOO IS A LEADING END-TO-END VENDOR WELL PLACED TO GROW

- FY24 overshadowed by customer strategic reviews and Hollywood strikes by writers and actors.
- This caused a temporary hiatus lasting over a year, with recovery still in progress.
- ZOO's tech-enabled proposition positions the company well for a return to growth.
- As normal industry operations are restored ZOO expects to emerge stronger.



## FY25 Q1 STATE OF PLAY

- Trading in line with expectations; delivered a profitable Q1.
- Cost base reconfigured to support return to profitability in FY25.
- Expansion of India team and further automation (including AI) paves the way for margin enhancement.
- Target customers should return to 2022 levels of content spend in late 2025.

# FY24 RESULTS

# FY24 SUMMARY

## FINANCIAL

- Revenue decreased by 55% to \$40.6 million (FY23: \$90.3 million) due to the industry-wide disruption.
- Operating loss \$19.1 million (FY23: profit \$8.1 million).
- Reported loss before tax \$20.5 million (FY23: profit \$7.9 million).
- Net cash at year-end \$5.3 million (FY23: \$11.8 million).

## MARKET

- Hollywood writers' and actors' strikes resolved in September and November 2023 respectively with gradual subsequent resumption in new productions.
- Total Hollywood content cash spend declined by 8% in 2023 due to the strikes, forecast to recover by late 2025 to levels like the full year pre-strike period of 2022<sup>1</sup>.
- Media companies continue to increase focus on episodic programming, international content, and multiple monetisation models.

## OPERATIONAL

- ZOO selected by major film and TV distributor as a primary vendor for dubbing and subtitling; orders now being received, meaningful contribution expected FY25.
- Media localisation revenues decreased 52% to \$27.2 million (FY23: \$56.6 million), due to the strikes.
- Similarly, media services revenues decreased by 63% to \$11.9 million (FY22: \$32.1 million).
- Worldwide freelancer network up 4% to 11,952 (FY23: 11,467).
- Strategic progress in global growth initiative: investments in India, Turkey and South Korea; launches in Spain and Italy.
- AI technologies deployed for some applications and actively working on further opportunities.

<sup>1</sup> MoffatNathanson, March 2024.



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

## Revenues

- Localisation down 52%.
- Media services down 63%.
- Licences down 6%

## Cost of sales

- Direct costs down 62%.
- Direct staff costs down 3%.

## Operating expenses

- Fixed operating expenses down 5%.
- R&D expenditure \$3.2m up 17% due to pre-disruption expansion.

## Finance costs

- Finance costs of \$460k (FY23: \$365k).

\$000's	2024	2023	% change
Revenue	40,629	90,260	(55.0)%
Cost of sales	(35,172)	(56,327)	(37.6)%
Gross profit	5,457	33,933	(83.9)%
Other operating income	256	8	3,100%
Administrative expenses	(24,831)	(25,860)	3.9%
Operating profit	(19,118)	8,081	(336.8)%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	(13,578)	15,466	(187.9)%
(Loss)/profit for the period	(21,927)	8,232	(335.7)%

<sup>1</sup>Adjusted EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and share-based payments.

# SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

## Revenues

- Localisation and media services impacted by industry disruption which led to a lack of new title releases.
- Software solutions decline moderated by new customer win.

## Gross Profit

- Localisation and media services margins impacted by retention of direct staff.
- Software margins down 6% due to bespoke development.

\$000's	2024	2023	% change
<b>Revenues</b>			
Localisation	27,245	56,578	(51.8%)
Media Services	11,909	32,115	(62.9%)
Software Solutions	1,475	1,567	(5.9%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,629</b>	<b>90,260</b>	<b>(55.0%)</b>

\$000's	2024	2023	% change
<b>Gross profit</b>			
Localisation	6,241	18,853	(66.9%)
Media Services	4,290	19,547	(78.1%)
Software Solutions	1,161	1,316	(11.8%)
<b>Total*</b>	<b>5,457</b>	<b>33,933</b>	<b>(83.9%)</b>
	13.4%	37.6%	

\* After unallocated COS of \$6,235k (FY23: \$5,783k).

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## Non-current Assets

- Intangible assets up 46% due to new international investments and R&D capitalisation.
- PPE down 24% due to IFRS 16 reclassification and significant drop in CAPEX.
- Net cash significantly ahead of prior expectations; debt facility renewed.

## Trade and other receivables

- Down 31% due to the reduction in sales compared to the same period last year.

## Current liabilities

- Down 21% due to the reduction in trading and the deferred payments on international investments.

## Non-current liabilities

- Down 40% due to reduced future property lease obligations.

\$000's	2024	2023
Assets	29,737	31,041
Trade and other receivables	11,485	16,532
Contract assets	2,569	4,836
Cash	5,315	11,839
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>49,106</b>	<b>64,248</b>
Current liabilities	(17,129)	(21,847)
Non-current liabilities	(4,326)	(7,268)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>(21,455)</b>	<b>(29,115)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>27,651</b>	<b>35,133</b>

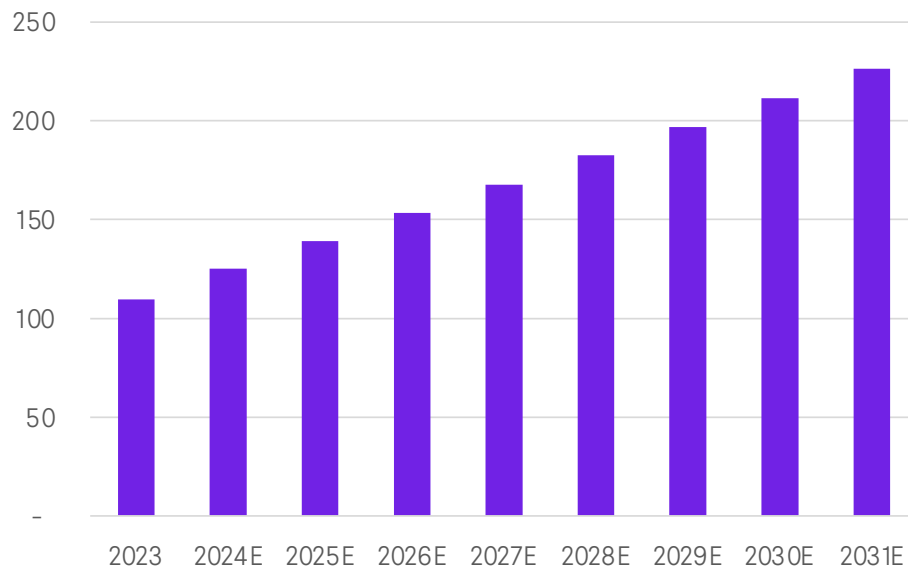
# MARKET UPDATE



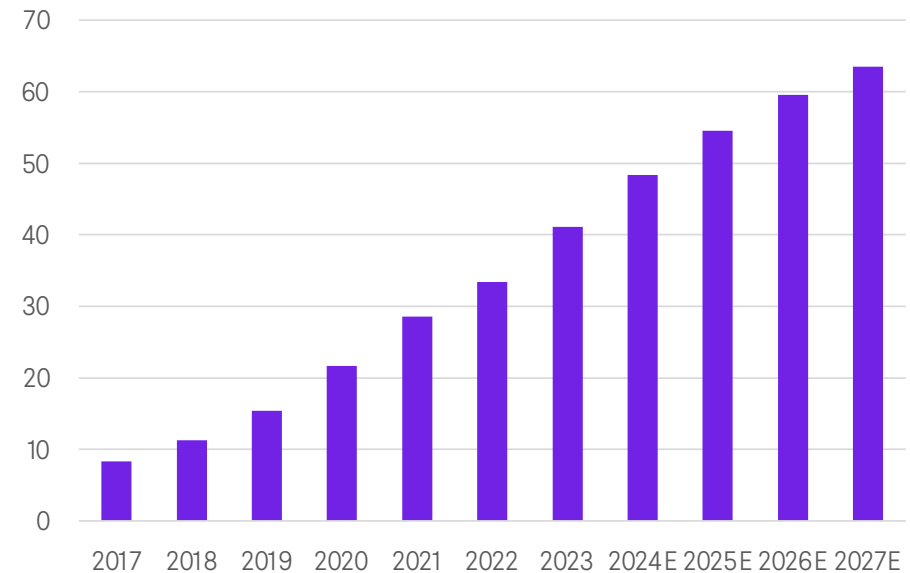
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Subscription and Advertising Video on Demand forecasted to grow strongly

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AVOD Total Global Revenue 2017-2027 (\$ billion)<sup>2</sup>



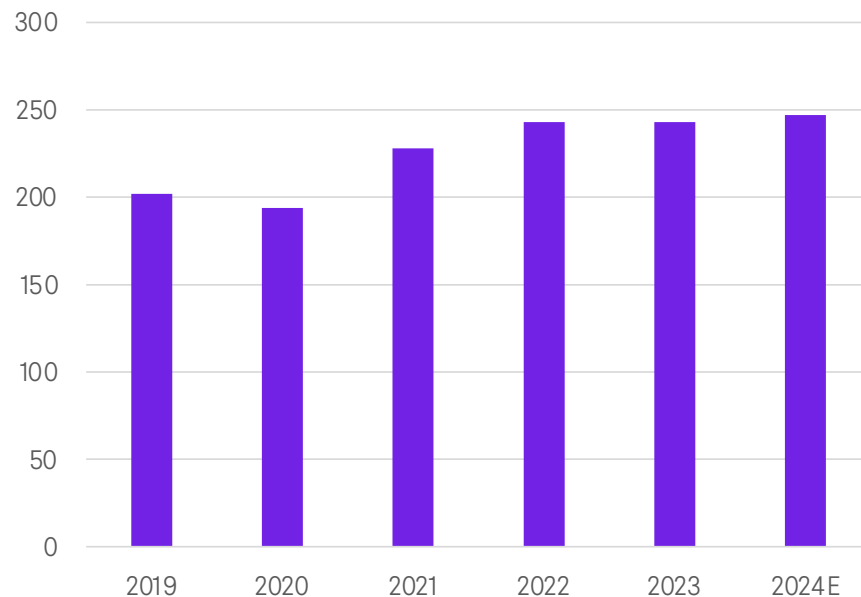
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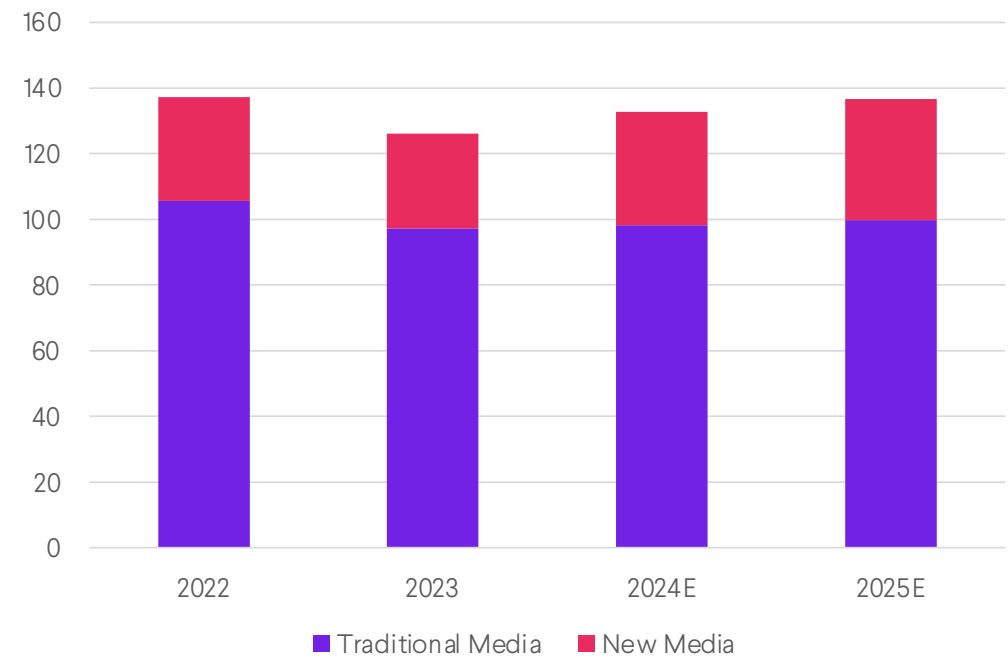
# GLOBAL SPEND ON CONTENT FORECAST TO RETURN TO GROWTH IN 2024

Hollywood spend on content is forecast to recover to former levels in 2025

Global Content Spend (\$ billion)<sup>1</sup>



Total Hollywood Cash Spend (\$ billion)<sup>2</sup>



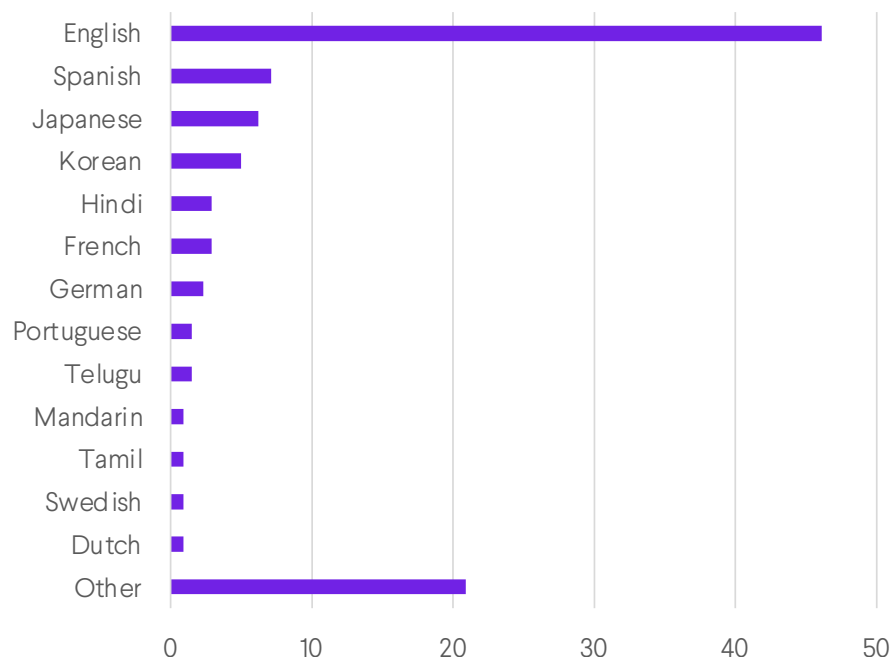
<sup>1</sup> Source: Ampere Analysis, January 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Source: MoffettNathanson, March 2024. Traditional Media includes AMC Networks, Disney, Fox, NBC Universal, Paramount Global, Warner Bros. Discovery. New Media includes Amazon, Apple, Netflix.

# CONTENT IS INCREASINGLY BEING COMMISSIONED FOR A GLOBAL AUDIENCE

Less than half of content commissioned by Netflix and Amazon is in English

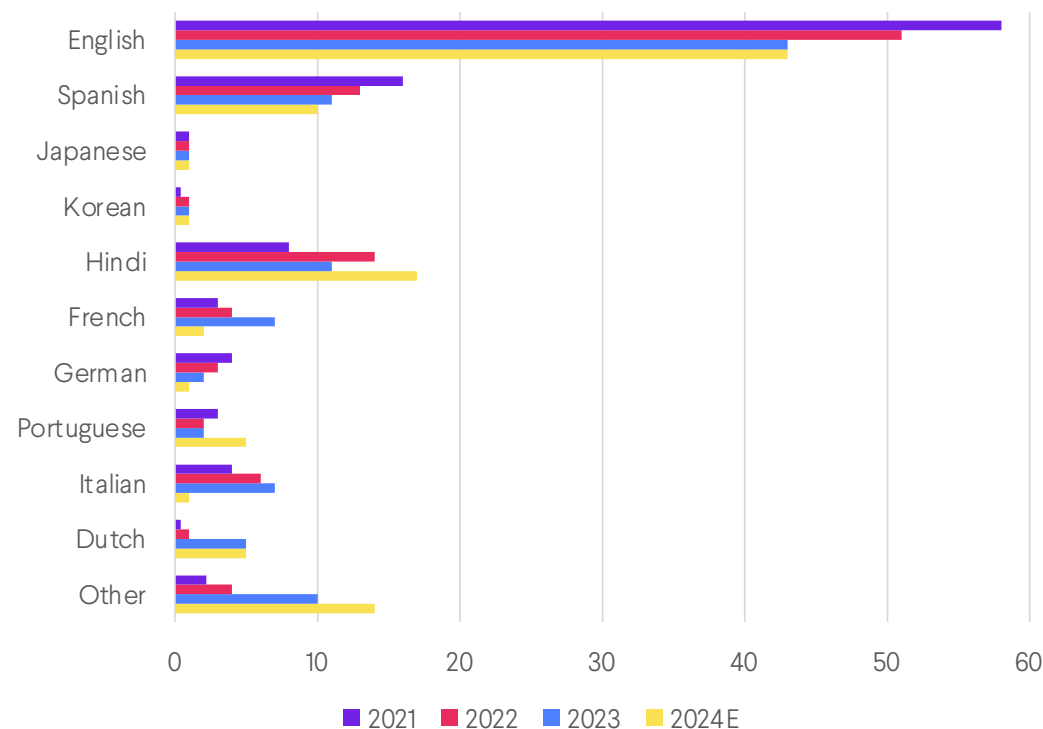
Netflix Content Original Language Mix 2024E (%)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Source: Netflix, Vitrina.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Amazon, Vitrina.

Amazon Content Original Language Mix 2021-2024 (%)<sup>2</sup>

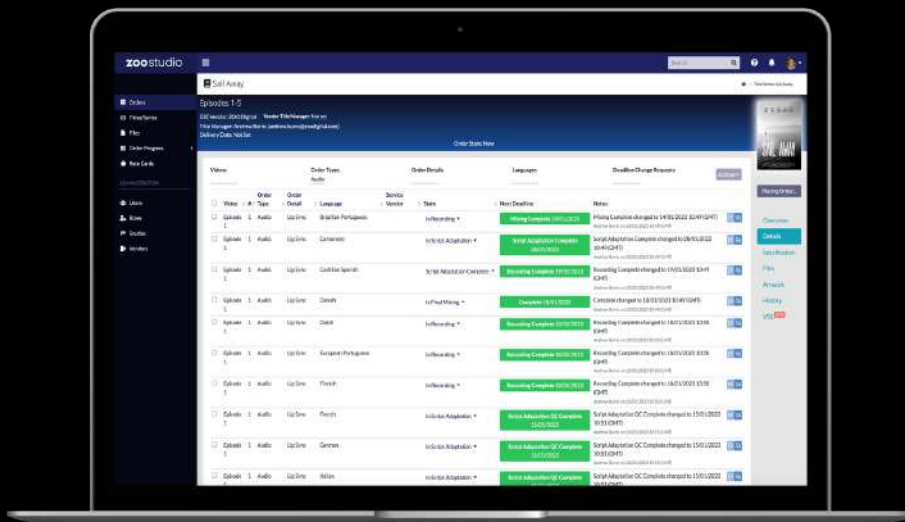


# MARKET DEVELOPMENTS



- Demand for content rising, addressable market over long term undiminished.  
ZOO: scalable business model well positioned to address growing demand.
- Greater international exploitation drives demand for localisation.  
ZOO: has global reach across 80+ languages with local hubs in key markets.
- Subdued order book in the short term.  
ZOO: cost base reduced to restore profitability; order book is recovering and expectations promising for medium/long term.
- Streamlined studio operations.  
ZOO: implies greater reliance on trusted partners delivering high quality services.
- Buyers moving to an E2E model.  
ZOO: one of few vendors with this capability.





# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: AN OPPORTUNITY NOT A THREAT

- ZOO has been active in AI R&D for many years.
- Speech-to-text already incorporated.
- Many AI technologies have limited application for performing creative functions in the Media & Entertainment market.
- Focused on technology to supplement rather than replace.
- In dialogue with customers on these applications.
- Expect these will lead to incremental services and enhancement of existing services.

# STRATEGIC PROGRESS



# PROGRESS OF ZOO'S STRATEGY

Five pillars differentiate ZOO in the market and provide competitive advantage



Final Results FY24

## Innovation

Create value-adding software technology.

**zoostudio**

**zooflux**

## Scalability

Operate an extensive freelance network.

**~12,000 freelancers**

**Follow-the-sun**

**South Korea,  
Chennai, Milan,  
Berlin**

## Collaboration

Work with like-minded, world-class experts in media localisation, education and research.

**zooacademy**

## Customer

Secure preferred partner status with leading buyers.

**HOLLYWOOD**

## Talent

Engage with experienced and effective professionals.

**Chennai**

# OUTLOOK



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- Improved trading in FY25Q1 with sales up 35% over prior quarter.
- Cost reductions implemented in FY24 led to an EBITDA profit for FY25Q1.
- Major customers not yet provided full order schedules for Q3; however, expect further revenue growth and an EBITDA profit in H1 2025.
- On track to meet market expectations for the full year.
- Well positioned in new market environment to deliver long-term growth.
- A further update will be provided at the AGM on 26 September 2024



**THANK YOU**



# APPENDIX

# ZOO'S PROPOSITION



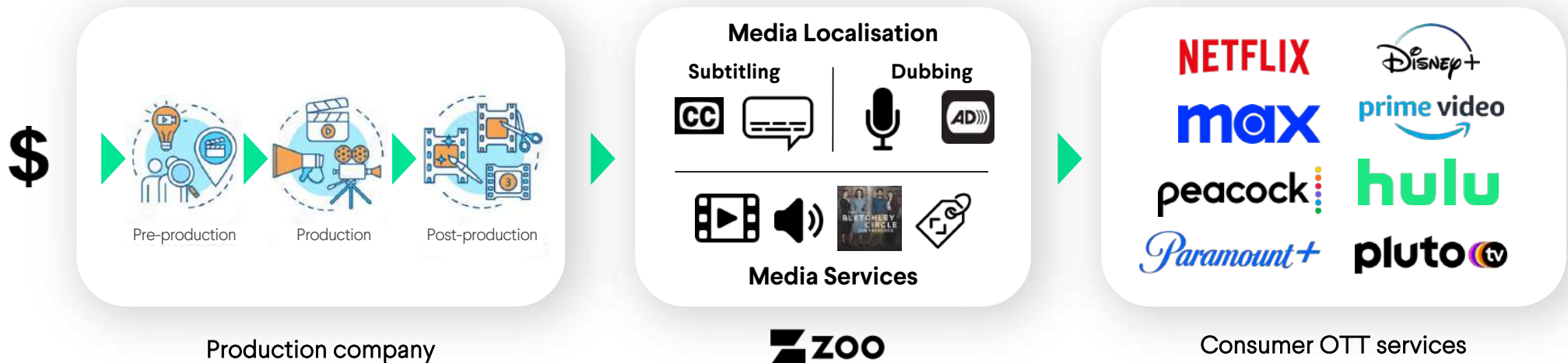
“

You don't understand. I coulda had class. I coulda been a contender. I coulda been somebody, instead of a bum, which is what I am, let's face it.

On the Waterfront, 1954

# NEEDS OF THE STREAMERS

From completion of a new title, work is required to prepare technical materials for distribution (“**media services**”) and adapt for different countries, languages and cultures (“**localisation services**”).



# COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

## Language Offering

Subset or local languages only

Global languages

Media services specialists

End-to-End Vendors



100s of independent dubbing studios  
Some multinational dubbing studios

Multilingual subtitling specialists  
Corporate market suppliers



Service Line Offering

All services

Subset of services

# ZOO'S GLOBAL DUBBING SERVICES STRATEGY

Secure. Scalable. Global capacity.



## Owned-and-Operated Hubs:

Dubbing, localization and media services operations are controlled by hubs in key locations in the Americas, Europe, Middle East and SE Asia.



## Territory Managers:

Each regional hub works with ZOO territory managers based in each key location.



## Independent Dubbing Studios and Partners:

Territory managers distribute work to a proven, trusted network of independent partners. This offers greater capacity and diversity than owned-and-operated studios in every territory.



## Global Network:

Territory managers and partners work with a global network of translators, adaptors, lyricists, directors and actors – recording in-studio and remotely as required.

# END-TO-END SERVICES

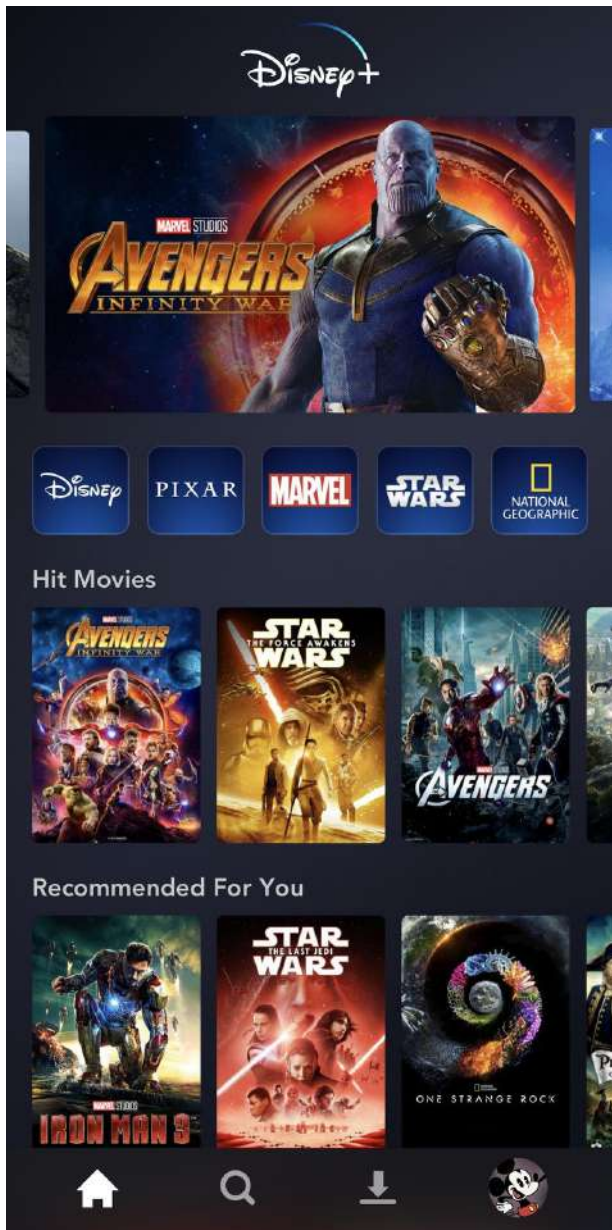
Powered by **ZOO**studio

	Project Management	Mastering	Scripting	Subtitling	Dubbing	Audio Description	Audio Post Production	Artwork	Metadata	Compliance	Media Services
Chennai	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mumbai	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seoul	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Los Angeles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Japan	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



# TARGET CUSTOMERS

Our customers are the world's biggest content creators and distributors that produce TV shows and movies for vast multilingual audiences via global streaming services.



# ZOO TECHNOLOGY



**zoostudio**



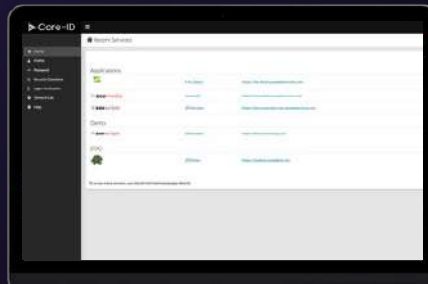
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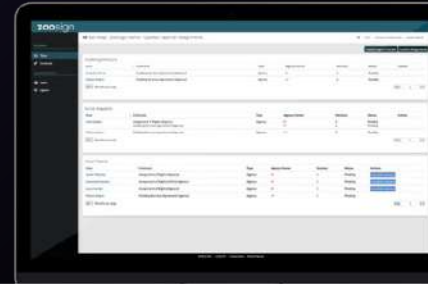
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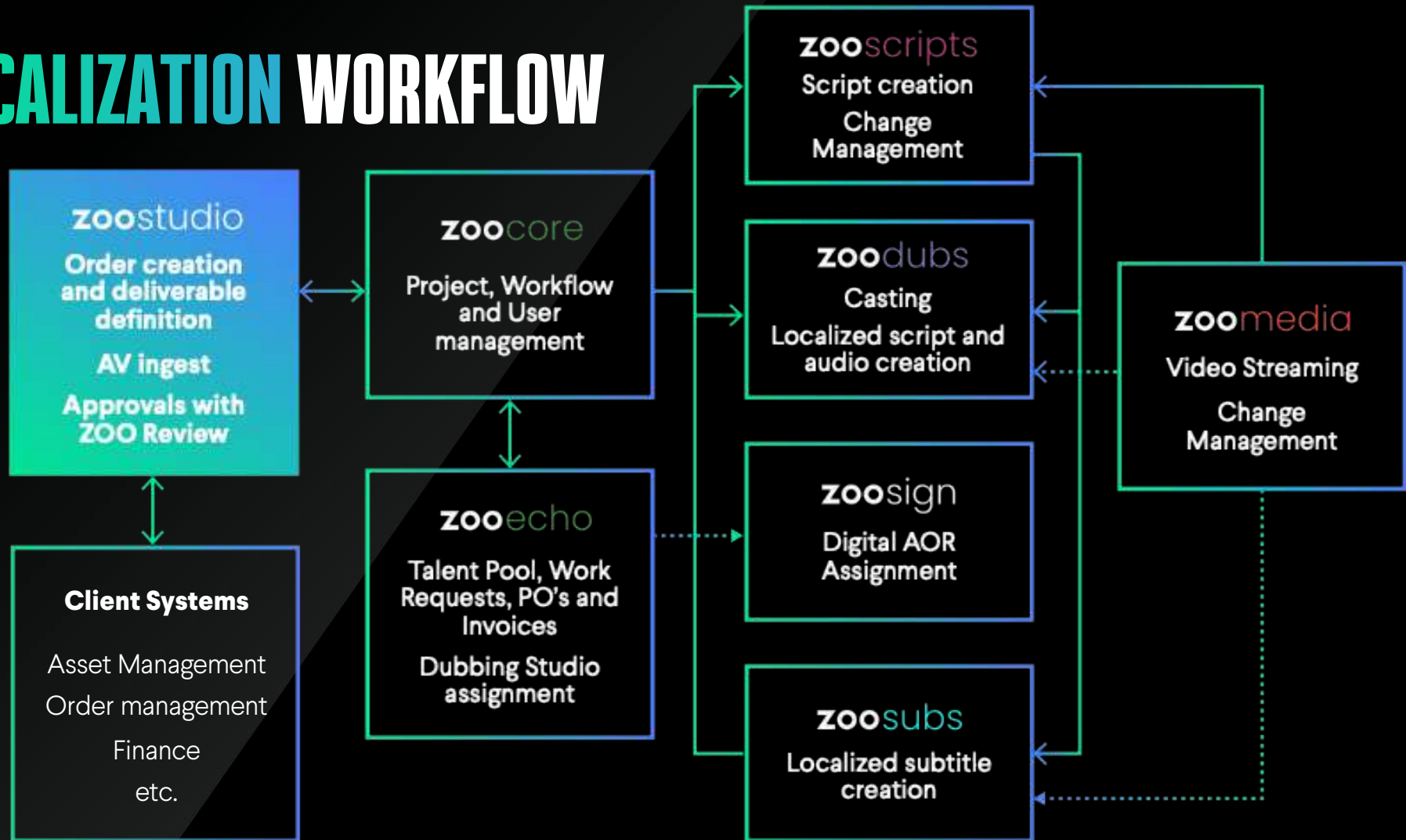
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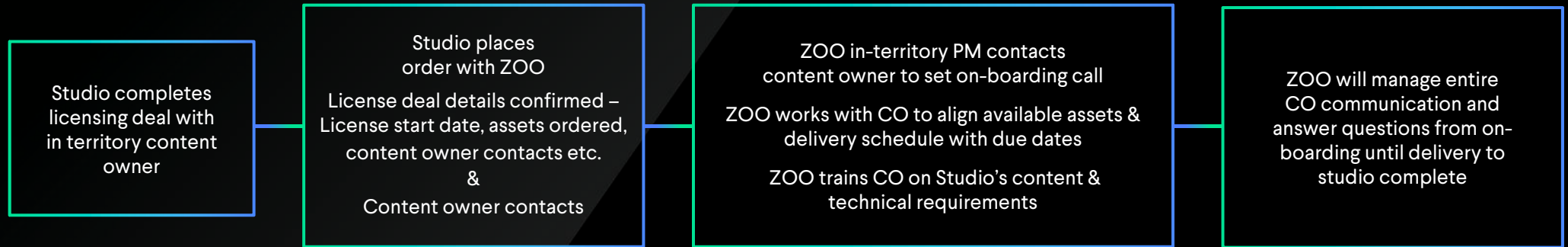


# LOCALIZATION WORKFLOW

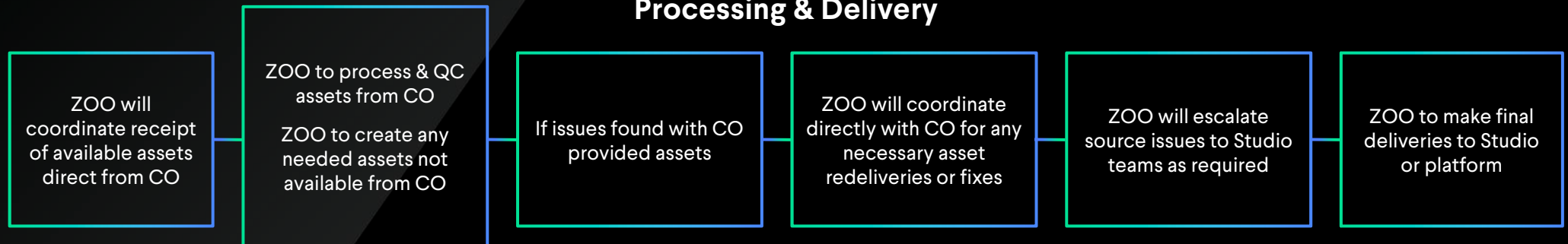


# POST-TO-PLATFORM WORKFLOW

## Licensing Deal & On-Boarding



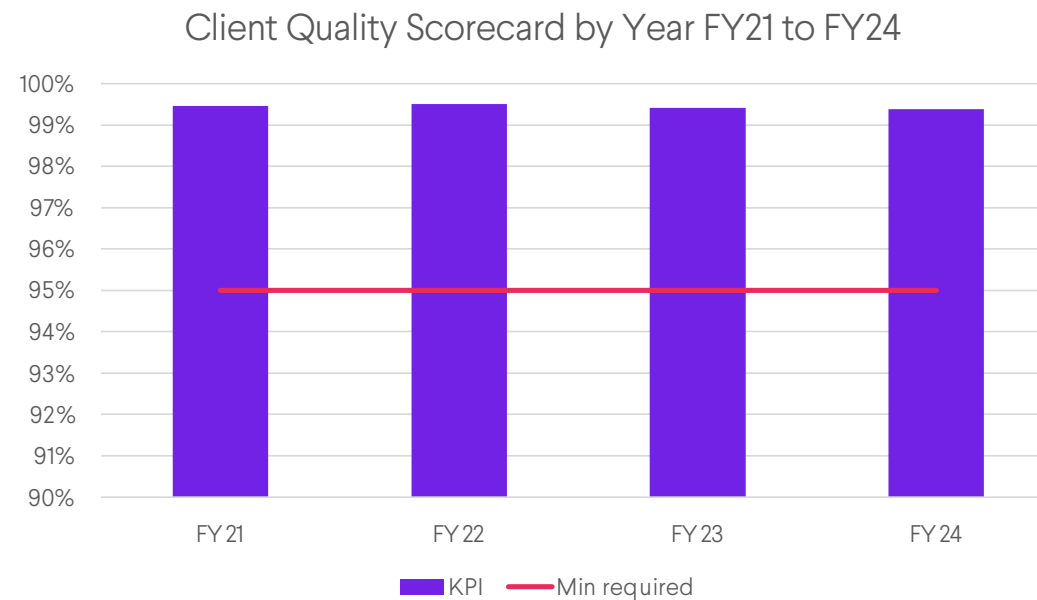
## Processing & Delivery



# zoo studio

- ZOO's localisation ecosystem for end-to-end project management.
- A vendor-agnostic platform for managing the localisation of movies and shows across multiple language service providers.
- Designed in collaboration with industry experts, content owners, localisation vendors and AWS.

## ZOO'S CUSTOMER QUALITY METRICS ARE AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE INDUSTRY



- ZOO's performance metrics are amongst the highest in the industry.
- The 'retained sales' KPI confirms excellent customer satisfaction.

# ZOO'S GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

- An end-to-end provider, with the second-largest global footprint in media localisation.
- An extensive footprint spanning 13 dedicated localisation production facilities worldwide.
- Further investments and strategic growth plans ready to serve the global audience.







# OUR ECOSYSTEM

**Secure, scalable global servicing capacity made possible by our global ecosystem**

- Regional hubs, dubbing studios, partners and freelancers work together in the ZOO technology ecosystem.
- Guarantees consistent security, process efficiency, production quality and rapid scalability across the world.
- Technology pre-approved by some major studios so new servicing resources can operate in any in-demand territory to develop additional capacity.



-  Owned-and-operated hubs
-  Independent dubbing studios
-  Territory managers
-  Network of freelancers





# INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Growing a connected global network through acquisition and strategic partnerships



ZOO Korea



ZOO Turkey



ZOO Denmark



ZOO India

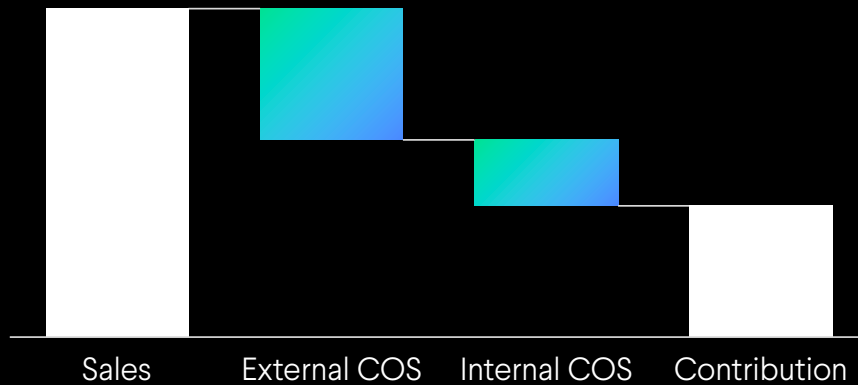
- Enhanced existing facilities.
- Investments in strategic partners.
- Flexible, multipurpose facilities.
- Supporting all service lines.
- Alignment of regional hubs.
- All operations in ZOO's platforms.

## Further investments planned

- Europe.
- Southeast Asia.



# BUSINESS MODEL



**Services charged predominantly based on minutes of runtime**

**Freelancers paid on same basis**



**Framework agreements with large customers**



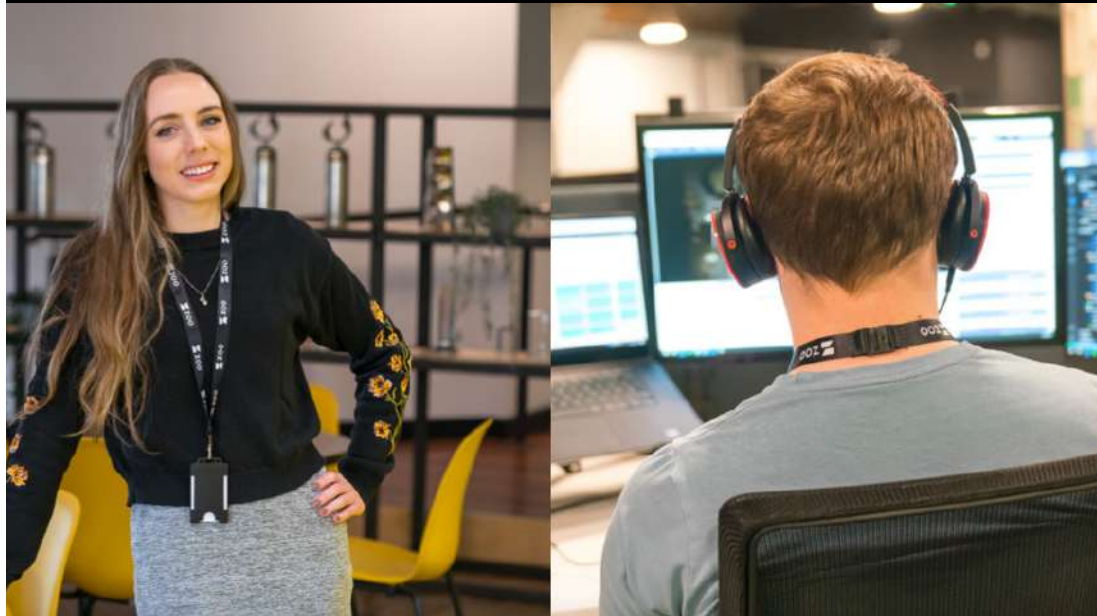
Final Results FY24

**Current contribution margins are lower than the business at maturity, due to being in a heavy investment phase**

**Projects allocated based on quality of service and capacity**

**Rates are pre-agreed**

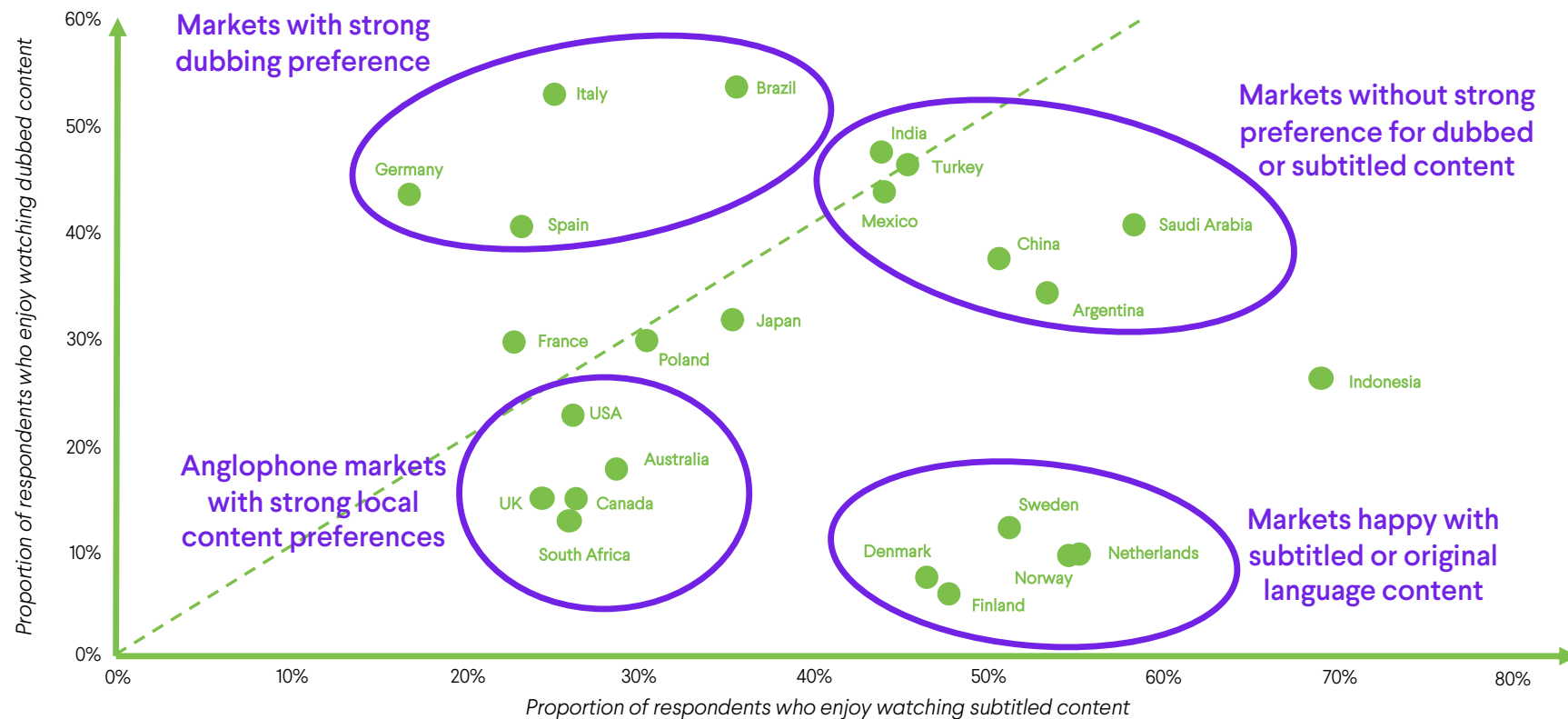
# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE



## ZOO has good ESG credentials and is committed to building a responsible future-focused business

- Minimising travel of freelancers.
- Smaller infrastructure footprint.
- Flexible working for staff and freelancers.
- Established Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Belonging (DIEB) forum.
- Developed multiple Employee Resource Groups on neurodivergence, LGBTQ+ and disabilities .
- Launched DIEB awareness days.
- Introduced female leadership programmes.
- Launched ZOOgooders volunteering programme.

# ENJOYMENT OF SUBTITLED VS DUBBED CONTENT



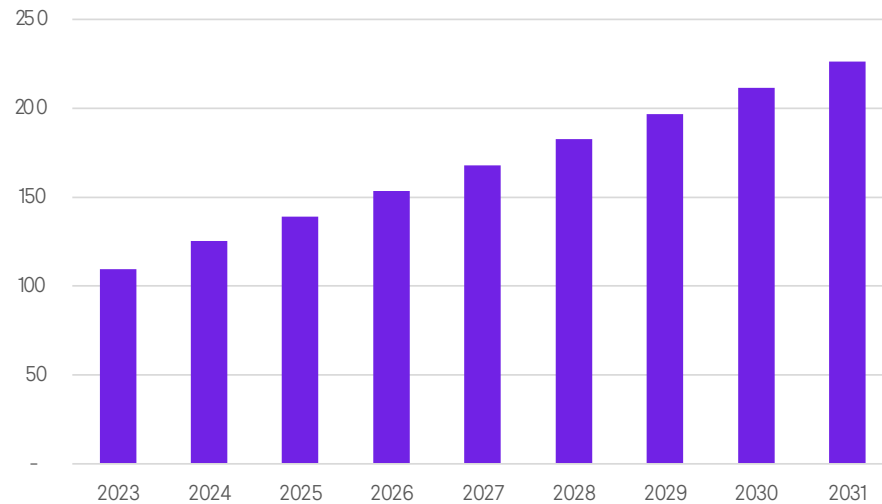
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# MARKET

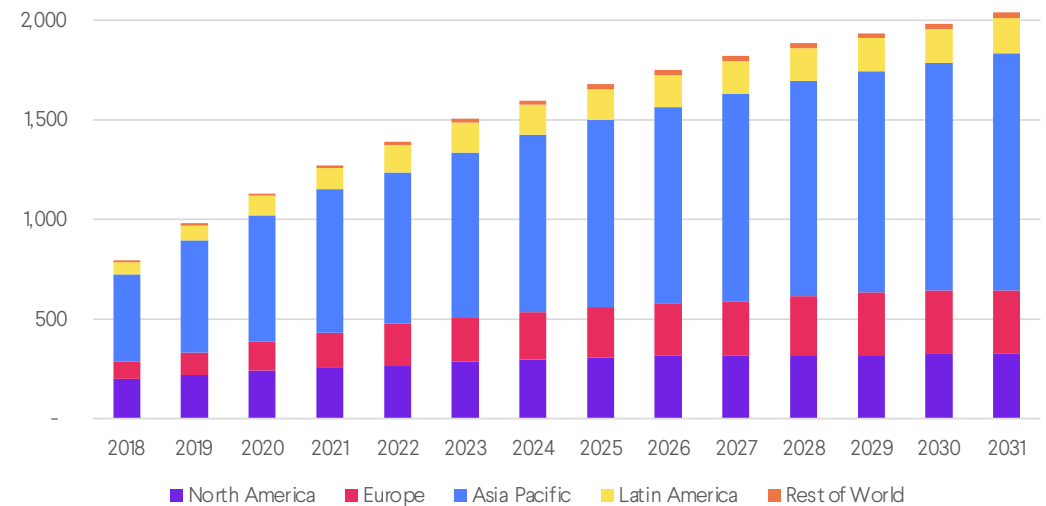
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Global Video Subscribers 2018-2031 (millions)

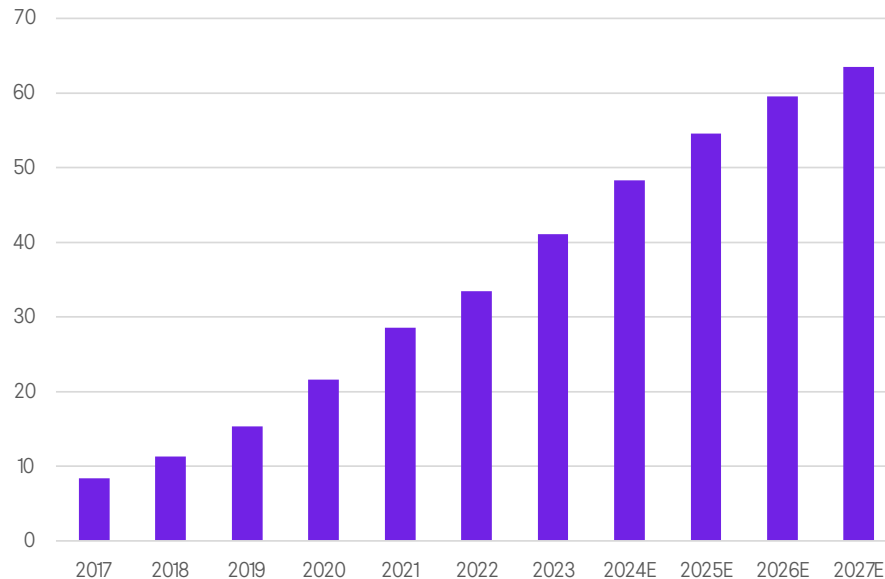


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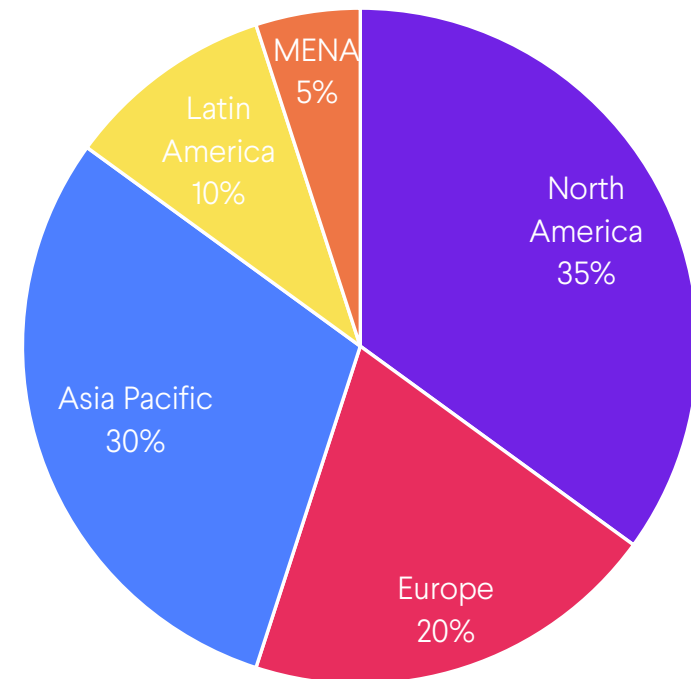
Worldwide AVOD Revenue (\$ billion)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Source: Statista, March 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Coherent Market Insights, November 2023.

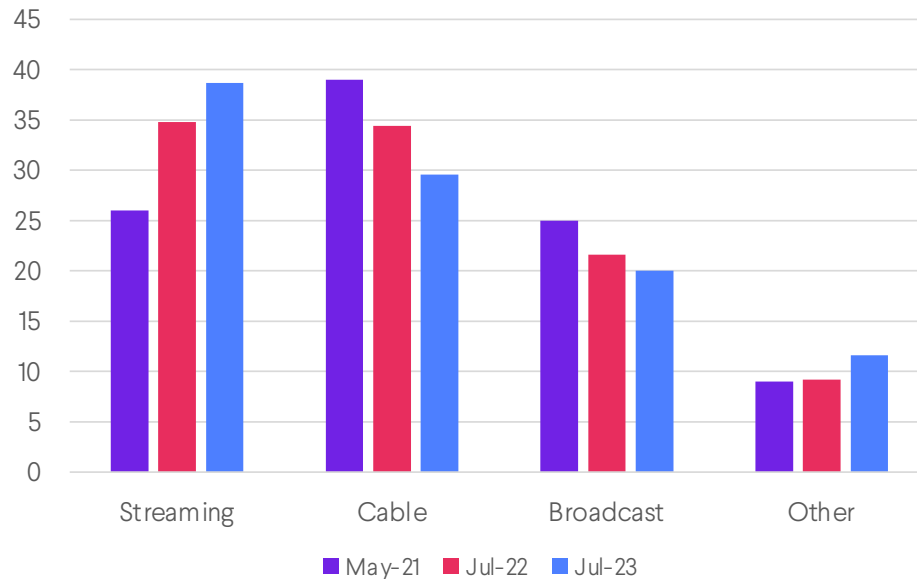
Global AVOD Services Market Share 2023<sup>2</sup>



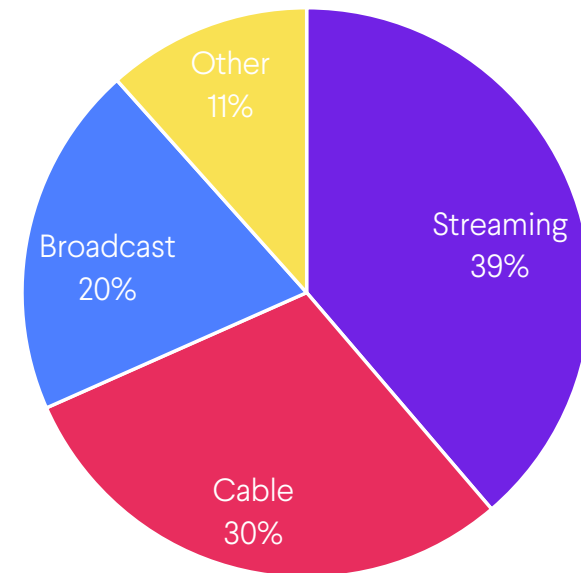
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Consumers continue to move away from cable and broadcast towards streaming

TV Viewing Trends in the US (2021-2023) (%)<sup>1</sup>



TV Viewing Trends in the US, July 2023<sup>1</sup>

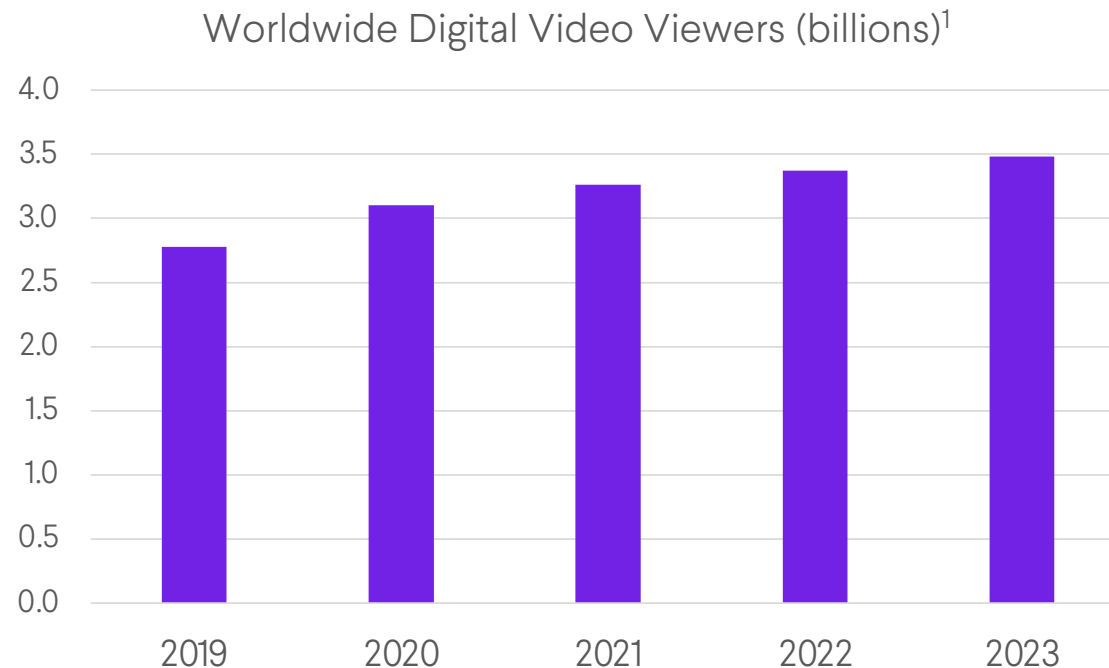


<sup>1</sup> Source: Nielson.



# CONTENT IS INCREASINGLY BEING COMMISSIONED FOR A GLOBAL AUDIENCE

The absolute number of worldwide consumers of digital video continues to grow



<sup>1</sup> Source: Statista, 2023.

# FY24 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Final Results FY24

	2024 \$000	2023 \$000
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>40,629</b>	<b>90,260</b>
Cost of sales	(35,172)	(56,327)
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>5,457</b>	<b>33,933</b>
Other income	256	8
Administrative expenses	(24,831)	(25,860)
<b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>	<b>(19,118)</b>	<b>8,081</b>
<b>Analysed as:</b>		
EBITDA before share based payments	(13,578)	15,466
Share based payments	1,729	(1,650)
Depreciation and impairment	(4,998)	(3,973)
Amortisation	(2,271)	(1,762)
	(19,118)	8,081
<b>Share of (loss)/profit of associates and JVs</b>	<b>(869)</b>	<b>146</b>
Finance income	206	8
Exchange gain/(loss) on borrowings	(100)	247
Finance cost	(566)	(620)
<b>Total finance costs</b>	<b>(460)</b>	<b>(365)</b>
<b>(Loss)/profit before taxation</b>	<b>(20,447)</b>	<b>7,862</b>
Tax on (loss)/profit	(1,480)	370
<b>(Loss)/profit for the year</b>	<b>(21,927)</b>	<b>8,232</b>
Other comprehensive income		
Currency translation differences	(153)	-
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/profit for the year</b>	<b>(22,080)</b>	<b>8,232</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) per share</b>		
basic	(22.60) cents	9.30 cents
diluted	(22.60) cents	8.60 cents



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH

Final Results FY24

	2024 \$000	2023 \$000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Intangible assets	15,115	10,341
Property, plant and equipment	11,189	14,736
Equity accounted investments	3,097	4,300
Deferred income tax assets	336	1,664
	29,737	31,041
<b>Current assets</b>		
Trade and other receivables	11,485	16,532
Contract assets	2,569	4,836
Cash and cash equivalents	5,315	11,839
	19,369	33,207
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>49,106</b>	<b>64,248</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	(15,171)	(19,746)
Contract liabilities	(536)	(693)
Borrowings	(1,422)	(1,408)
	(17,129)	(21,847)
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	(4,326)	(6,968)
Other payables	-	(300)
	(4,326)	(7,268)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>(21,455)</b>	<b>(29,115)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>27,651</b>	<b>35,133</b>

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Final Results FY24

	2024 \$000	2023 \$000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Operating (loss)/profit for the year	(19,118)	8,081
Other income	-	8
Depreciation and impairment	4,999	3,973
Amortisation and impairment	2,271	1,762
Share based payments	(1,729)	1,650
Disposal of property, plant and equipment	(256)	-
Changes in working capital:		
Increases in trade and other receivables	7,704	5,251
Decrease in trade and other payables	(5,963)	(5,219)
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>(12,092)</b>	<b>15,506</b>
Tax received	152	196
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>(11,940)</b>	<b>15,702</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of intangible assets	(28)	(60)
Capitalised development costs	(2,714)	(2,163)
Purchase of investments	(1,262)	-
Business combinations (net of cash acquired)	(1,157)	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(2,180)	(4,706)
Sale of property, plant and equipment	(1)	-
Payment of deferred consideration	-	(1,300)
Finance income	206	-
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(7,136)</b>	<b>(8,229)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Repayment of borrowings	(101)	(477)
Repayment of principal under lease liabilities	(1,435)	(748)
Finance cost	(832)	(630)
Share options exercised	23	254
Issue of share capital	15,702	5
Transaction costs for issue of share capital	(718)	-
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing</b>	<b>12,639</b>	<b>(1,596)</b>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(6,437)</b>	<b>5,877</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	11,839	5,962
Exchange (loss)/gain on cash and cash equivalents	(87)	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>5,315</b>	<b>11,839</b>

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March 2024

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