# CI GAMES Strategy Update & Product Roadmap 2025-2028 **GAMES**







# Strengthened our business



- PLN 58.3m net revenue
- PLN 38.0m EBITDA
- EBITDA margin 65.1%
- Cash of PLN 11.4m

- New, Development Management and Support team
- SVP of Development to oversee production
- New, player-first, iterative development process
- Streamlined team

# Developed a clear strategy to drive future sustainable returns

- Higher quality games
- More efficient processes
- Expanded addressable market
- Leveraging prior investments
- New major releases in 2026,27,28

# CI GAMES At a Glance

► Top-Rated AAA/AA+

Global developer and publisher on all major platforms (Steam, PlayStation, Xbox, Nintendo) Established Track Record

> in fast growing RPG & FPS genres

► Two Major Evergreen Franchises

Lords of the Fallen & Sniper Ghost Warrior

Critically Acclaimed

3 financially successful third-party IPs published by United Label Subsidiary

Cutting-EdgeUnreal Engine 5

used on all Key Projects

Experienced & Strengthened

leadership team

Best-In-Class Talent

drawing on talent globally (153 total employees, 108 devs)

Strong Historic EBITDA Margin

and net income margin performance

# Strategy for Future Sustainable Returns

A focused product roadmap

with major releases in each of the next 3 years





# 1. Focused plan

#### **Primary Focus on Core IPs**

#### **Project III**

**HEXWORKS** > Full Production

- Next major instalment in LOTF franchise, built on UE5
- Launching on PC, PS5/Plus, Xbox Series X|S. Major investment from Epic for PC exclusivity
- Increased appeal and accessibility to both existing and wider audiences
- Gameplay improvements; increased game mode optionality, more cinematic and immersive art style and narrative, elevated production values
- Full 'shared-progression' co-op alongside core single player campaign
- To be announced in 2025 (TBC) with marketing campaign leveraging strong brand awareness following significant marketing spend for *Lords 23* & growing install base

#### **Project SGW Evolved**



& Partner Studio

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Pre - Production

- Next major iteration in SGW franchise, built on UE5
- Launching on PC, PS5/Plus, Xbox Series X|S
- Strong appeal to both core and wider audiences through combination of signature FPS gameplay elevated by survival genre elements
- Development expedited by repurposing extensive components from Project Survive and SGW Next, including ideation, research, assets, and systems

#### **Project H**



Pre-Production

- New major action-RPG IP within highly commercial fantasy genre
- Launching on PC, PS5/Plus, Xbox Series X|S
- Built on UE5 using systems and architecture from Lords of the Fallen and Project III
- Efficient pre-production with lean team, until late-2025
- Hexworks team begin off-ramp from Project III as Project H begins production ramp, maximising cross-studio talent allocation

# 1. Focused plan

#### **Secondary Focus**



- Aim to release 1-3 high quality titles per year
- Publishing two new titles over next six months:
  - Beyond Galaxyland (released 24th Sep'24)
  - Tails of Iron 2 (targeting Feb'25)
- New internal product selection process implemented in July '24 led by new Biz Dev Manager with support of Publishing, Commercial & Marketing
- Recently signed third entry in Tails of Iron series & new IP from Argentinian dev studio

## Project Potential

- Ongoing
- Exploring options to partner with strong external IPs
- Repurposing existing franchise engines/tech and Dev expertise, for potential future title releases

# **Project Expand**

- Ongoing
- Licensing own strong IPs to external partners within entertainment and other markets (transmedia, tabletop gaming etc) for both commercial gain and increased IP awareness.

**Project Survive** 

 New survival genre IP, using UE5 technology and commercially sound theme to broaden owned IP portfolio and audiences

**Project Scorpio** 

- New premium, multiplayer PVE tactical-shooter IP
- Live-Ops support with in-game purchase mechanics, events, esports and Lifecycle Management

Rescheduled to a later date TBC

# 1. Near term focus

#### on leveraging previous investments

Building on strong foundations to expand market for existing IP and genre experience

## Lords of the Fallen (RPG) Sniper Ghost Warrior (FPS)

- Continue to build back catalogue
- Expand player base via further markdowns and subscriptions models
- Restore LOTF faith/sentiment with further improvements & free content updates
- Grow IPs through potential co-licensing partnerships

## Project III Project SGW Evolved

- Drawing on Project Survive Development

- Concept, engine, architecture, assets
- Fanbase, community, audience reach
- Data & insights to inform development
- Increased buy-in from the platforms

#### Project H (New IP)

- With highly commercial fantasy thematic
  - Broader appeal
  - High quality
- Stronger relationships with platforms

- Reduced risk/time to pre-production
- Established outsourced partners

# 1. Expand our Addressable Market

Using data-driven insight to improve appeal and audience accessibility

Unlock Audience Growth

#### **Capabilities** >

- Established IP and loyal fanbase
- Existing architecture and assets
- Brand awareness and prior marketing investment

#### **Opportunity**

- Growing market; global players to reach 3.42B in 2024: +4.5% YOY driven primarily by PC (Newzoo)
- Resurgence of single player action/adventure fantasy games in 23/24; Black Myth Wukong, Space Marines 2, Stellar Blade, Lies of P
- Confidence reflected in recovery of industry investment; 2024 Q2's 222 investments is highest investment volume in nearly 2 years (DDM Agency)

#### Approach >

- Embed player-centricity in development process through data-driven insight
- Drive wider appeal beyond existing audience through more accessible content; (art style, onboarding, narrative, gameplay)
- Consider co-op to drive wider appeal

# 2. Evolving our operating model

#### Following Lords of the Fallen launch experience

Maximise market appeal	<ul> <li>New senior-led, player-first development process</li> <li>Informed by consumer insights</li> <li>Robust external testing and validation throughout development</li> <li>Thematic and gameplay mechanics for wider addressable audience</li> </ul>
Minimise barriers-to-entry	<ul> <li>Focus on quality over quantity</li> <li>Remove friction points (best-in-class onboarding, keyboard remapping etc.)</li> </ul>
Optimise gamer experience across hardware/stores	<ul> <li>Unreal Engine 5 now more mature</li> <li>Closer, earlier collaboration with partners (Epic, Nvidia, AMD)</li> </ul>
Drive 80+ user reviews at launch	<ul> <li>Highly iterative development</li> <li>Innovation over revolution</li> <li>Pre-launch tech demos</li> </ul>
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Data-driven efficient marketing

- Extensive insight, learnings and global IP awareness

- Streamlined to deliver efficient, targeted marketing campaigns

# 2. New Operational Model

Senior oversight & player-first, iterative development

# **Development Management**& Support Office

Support Services
Quality Assurance
Release Management

Publishing Production
Creative Support
Talent Allocation

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Publishing Production
Creative Support
Talent Allocation

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Product validation and optimisation

Driving greater quality, efficiency and predictability

Cross-studio sharing and collaboration

# 2. Drive greater efficiency

## Simplified structure with Development Management



- New Development Management & Support Office led by SVP of Development, Tom O'Connor (Tencent, Sony), to oversee all areas of game production across all projects
- Studio heads now report to SVP of Development
- QA now reports to SVP of Development for improved parity with production

# New talent sharing model



- New infrastructure facilitating cross-studio knowledge and talent sharing
- Talent reallocation model to help reduce project fatigue
- Restructuring to optimise talent pool, associated costs fully taken

# Streamlined & smarter marketing



- Can significantly reduce Project III marketing budget, having achieved strong global IP awareness of Lords 23's with sizable marketing budget and successful brand activations
- IP to remain front-of-mind with future improvements & free content updates
- With extensive learnings from Lords 23, can run more efficient targeted campaigns in future, focusing on activations that can deliver significant impact.

# 2. Player-first development approach

Producing successful games with an emphasis on quality & predictability

Oversight by SVP of Development and Development Management



These key gates signify major validation steps in the project development lifecycle. These are in addition to more regular development milestones.

Evaluation, validation and iteration occurs throughout production.

Consumer insights

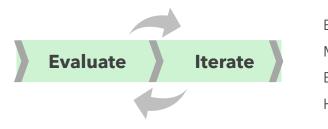
Market appeal

Product benchmarking

Player UX

Internal/external expert evaluation

Open/Closed-beta testing



Broader market
Minimising friction points
Easier onboarding
Higher user reviews

# 3. Finance Strategy to deliver the roadmap

#### **Lower** costs to market...

- More efficient development; building on existing IP, concepts, architecture and engine
- Streamlined team, new operating model and talent sharing driving greater efficiency
- Lower marketing spends with targeted campaigns springboarding existing awareness

#### Financing for next 3 releases...

- Operating cash flows
- Recent EPIC investment and exploring co-publishing partnerships, first party exclusives and territory distribution incentives
- Existing PLN 15.0m bank facility with plans to increase debt in order to finance future projects

## A solid platform and refreshed strategy

Experienced leadership and best-in-class talent

- Core IP expansion and new IP development, to reach broader audiences
- Smarter more targeted marketing to drive global brand awareness

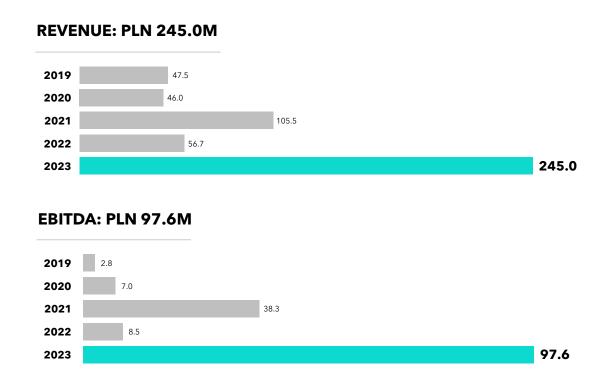
- Streamlined structure and more efficient operating model
- Player-first development approach, increasing quality and predictability
- Data-driven insights to improve appeal and audience accessibility

## To deliver strong profitable growth





## Track Record of Growth





copies sold [all IPs]

6.5M+

total players across
Lords of the Fallen franchise

1.8x

ROI on Sniper Ghost Warrior Contracts (released Nov 19)\* 3**x** 

ROI on Sniper Ghost Warrior Contracts 2 (released Jun 21)\*

# Seasoned Leadership Team



MAREK TYMINSKI FOUNDER & CEO Marek is the founder and CEO of CI Games and has been leading the company since its inception in 2002. Previously Marek held board and executive positions in electronic entertainment companies and launched his first enterprise in 1997. Marek is a graduate of the Management Program at the Canadian International Management Institute and the Management Development Program at the University of Virginia.



RYAN HILL GLOBAL BRAND & MARKETING DIRECTOR

Ryan has fifteen years brand and marketing experience across premium brands, fashion and gaming, including a senior role at Bossa Studios. Ryan joined CI Games as Global Brand and Marketing Director early 2021.



TOM O'CONNOR SENIOR VP, DEVELOPMENT Tom O'Connor joined CI Games in 2024, following his most recent role as Senior Director of Production at Tencent Games. There, he played a pivotal role in the overall strategy and management of its Western game studios, and helped drive and empower their further growth. Prior to Tencent Games, Tom spent 15 years at PlayStation, where he managed a suite of development studios.



**JON TIBBLE** VP, GLOBAL SALES

Jon has over 25 years' experience working within the gaming industry, including senior director level roles at Activision Vivendi, over ten years at Codemasters, & most recently Motorsport Network. Jon joined Cl Games as VP Global Sales.



**SAMANTHA BELL**CHIEF PEOPLE
OFFICER

Samantha Bell is a strategic HR leader with over 16 years' experience, and a Chartered member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. In 2020, she joined Sony Interactive Entertainment as HR Business Partner, before heading up the HR function at PlayStation's Firesprite studio. In February 2024, Bell joined CI Games as been Chief People Officer.



KATARZYNA SERMANOWICZ-GIZA FINANCE DIRECTOR Katarzyna manages the finance and accounting team at CI Games. Before joining CI Games, she worked in the transaction services team in Deloitte wherein she was advising private equity funds and strategic investors. Katarzyna is an ACCA fellow and graduate of Advanced Management Program of IESE Business School, Barcelona.

# LORDS OF THE FALLEN

## In Numbers [EOY 2023]

#### **COMMERCIAL**

**TOP 10** 

Best-selling games across Europe in Oct '23 **TOP 20** 

Best-selling games across US in Oct '23

1.3m +

Copies Sold

~47%

Deluxe Edition (\$79.99)

~45%

Of sales in North America

#### **MARKETING**

214M

Campaign Views

12.7K

Articles Generated

2.9M

Wishlists

10

Top 10 Global Steam Wishlists 1.3B

Paid Media Impressions **14M** 

Streaming Hours Watches

#### **GAMEPLAY**

63hrs

Armour Pioce

339

13

30

194

3

76

Completionist runs, 42+ Main Armour Pieces & Side, 30+ Main

Player Classes (4 Secret) Bosses (12 Major)

Weapons & Shields

Unique Endings

Spells & Catalysts