

# **2019 Year-End Results JSE Limited**

25 February 2020



### 2019 at a glance

#### Key developments impacting the underlying investment proposition

Challenging global capital markets dynamics, with heightened uncertainty driven by US/China trade wars, Brexit and a slowdown in global growth

Unfavourable South
African macroenvironment resulting
from low GDP growth,
political uncertainty and
declining business
confidence

Flattening top-line resulting from muted Equity Market activity offset by diversified asset classes

Cost cutting and headcount management initiatives offered margin resilience

HEPS contraction caused by non-recurring costs as well as OPEX increase in 2019

High cash-flow conversion & earnings quality, driven by the strength of the business model

Healthy capital structure with no debt providing balance sheet optionality

Strong dividend pay-out, driven by ordinary DPS growth and special payments, resulting in attractive shareholder remuneration

### **Operating environment in 2019**



- Ongoing trade tensions which are starting to ease
- Brexit uncertainty
- Widespread monetary policy easing by major central banks
- Subdued inflation pushed global yields down
- Flight to safety of flows into bond markets
- Increase in Equity Market volatility
- Global equities value traded dropped by 16%\*
- Global IPOs down 19%\*\*, with proceeds 4% lower
- Increased weight of China and the inclusion of Argentina and Saudi Arabia in the MSCI EM index



- Persistent policy uncertainty
- Infrastructure bottlenecks and financial stresses at the public utilities
- Increased fiscal deficit and public debt ratio
- Poor business confidence
- Continued threat of sovereign downgrade
- Foreigners were net sellers of equities and bonds
- Equity market contraction counterbalanced by an increase in the bond market
- Corporate governance issues
- Investment commitment through SA Investment Summit in 2019.
   However, key fiscal risks to be addressed to improve investor sentiment

\*Source: World Federation of Exchanges

\*\*Source: EY Global IPO trends 2019

### JSE strategic positioning over time remains consistent



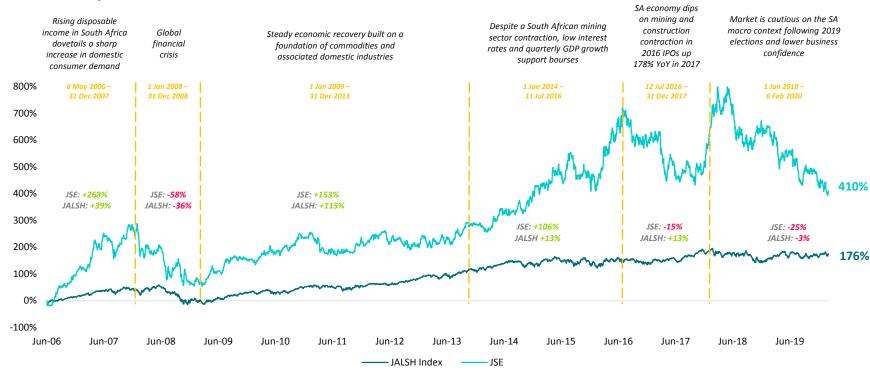
Quality earnings
Strong cash flow
Healthy balance sheet

Robust technology to enable growth

Diverse revenue streams

### Consistent strategy translates into share price outperformance over time

#### Share Price Performance since IPO



Source: Bloomberg as of 7 February 2020

### **Consistency in quality of earnings**

Business remains highly cash generative



Earnings have been adjusted for non-cash items (depreciation, amortisation, forex profit/loss, impairments, goodwill write-down)

### **Key highlights**

A year of delivery

Declared R730m in dividends to shareholders (2018: R730m)

Provided members with an aggregate discount of 12% in the Equity Market trading fee

Delivered the material multi-year Integrated Trading and Clearing (ITaC) project for the equity derivatives and currency markets Continue to be a thought leader in ESG – JSE invited to co-chair a global sustainable development alliance (GISD)

Maintained market share in equity value traded - 99.32%

Achieved the multi-year R170m in cost savings (based to year 2016) to which management committed in 2017

Delivered new trade execution functionality in equities, introduced monthly expiries and launched a new tick data in the cloud

Announced our intention to acquire 74.85% of Link Market Services South Africa Proprietary Limited (Link SA)

### 2019 market activity drivers

Mixed market performance buffered by diverse revenue streams



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Number of IPOs (2018: 12)



10%

Equity transactions (2018: 3%)



2%

Billable equity value traded\* (2018: flat)



2%

Equity derivatives value traded (2018: -3%)



16%

Bond nominal value traded

(2018: 11%)



6%

Interest rate derivatives contracts (2018: flat)



**7**%

Currency derivatives contracts (2018: 9%)



2%

Commodity derivatives contracts (2018: 14%)

<sup>\*</sup>Central order book published statistics  $\checkmark$  7% to R5.2tn (2018: R5.6tn) ADV  $\checkmark$  7% to R21bn (2018: R22bn) Billable value traded half-year growth rates : H1  $\checkmark$  8% (2018:  $\uparrow$  11%) ; H2  $\uparrow$  5% (2018:  $\checkmark$  10%)

### How this translated in our business



**1%**R2.19bn
Revenue
(2018: R2.20bn)



**14% R1.54bn Expenses**(2018: R1.35bn)



**26%**R687m
EBIT
(2018: R932m)



23% R695m NPAT (2018: R904m)



R880m Net cash flow from operations (2018: R913m)



22% 820.5 EPS\* (2018: 1 056.5c)



**23%**814.6
Total HEPS
(2018: 1 056.2c)



Total capital investment (2018: R174m)

R101m

### **Financial performance**

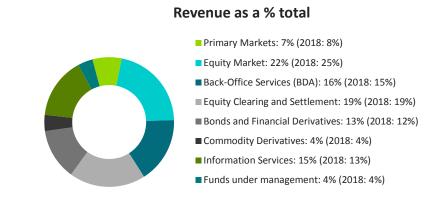
(Rm)	2019	2018
Continuing operations		
Revenue	2 187	2 199
Other income	41	82
Total revenue	2 229	2 281
Personnel expenses	(580)	(506)
Other expenses	(961)	(843)
Total expenses	(1 541)	(1 349)
EBIT	687	932
EBIT %	31%	41%
Net finance income	213	239
Share of profit from associate (net of income tax)	48	56
Profit before income tax	948	1 228
Income tax expense	(248)	(323)
Profit for the year from continuing operations	700	904
Loss after tax for the year from discontinued operations	(5)	(1)
NPAT	695	904
NPAT %	31%	40%*
EPS (cents)	820.5	1056.5
HEPS (cents)	814.6	1056.2

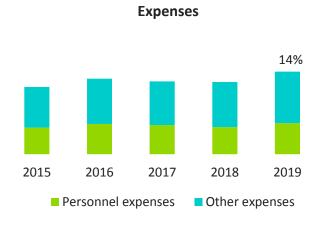
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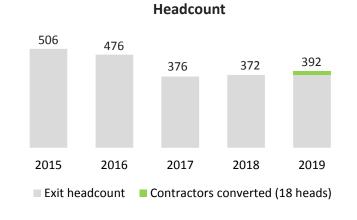
<sup>\*</sup>Normalised view of 2018 NPAT % (excluding one-off tax credit): 38%

#### **Trends**









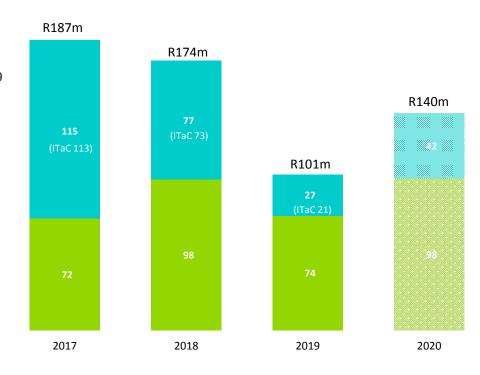
### **Total capital expenditure**

#### **Grow the business**

- ITaC 2017, 2018, 2019
- ETP for government bonds 2017, 2018
- Colocation 2018
- Equity Market trading engine (MIT) dark trading functionality 2019
- Tick data in the cloud solution 2019
- Commodity derivatives new diesel contract 2019, 2020
- New initiatives 2020\*

#### Resilience and growth enablement

- Business as usual (BAU) largely infrastructure (including revenue generating kit) – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Issuer smart regulation 2019, 2020
- New master reference data 2019, 2020
- MIT upgrade 2019, 2020
- Market regulation consisting of client member data and regulation technology – 2019, 2020



<sup>\*</sup>Bond repo's migration to new technology, investigating an OTC surveillance and clearing market offering, various Information Services growth initiatives

### **Operating expenditure**

Planned increase in headcount; technology investments





#### Total operating expenses up 14% to R1.54bn (2018: R1.35bn)



Personnel costs 15% or R74m to R580m (2018: R506m)

- Average headcount  $\uparrow$  9% to 395 (2018: 362). Gross remuneration  $\uparrow$  14%. This contributes 10 percentage points
- One-off executive changes costs in 2019 (R37m). This contributes 7 percentage points
- Other personnel costs ↑ R4m. This contributes 2 percentage points
- Discretionary bonus pool of R64m or 9.2% of NPAT (2018: R83m or 9.2% of NPAT).
   This contributes -4 percentage points



Technology costs ↑ 18% or R44m to R285m (2018: R241m)

Cost growth primarily owing to ITaC implementation, new master reference data system and accelerated BAU capex

- Post ITaC go-live costs of R28m include contractor costs, and software maintenance and support. This contributes 12 percentage points
- New master reference data system licenses and support of R6m. This contributes 3 percentage points
- Incremental infrastructure support and risk landscape spend of R6m. This contributes
   2 percentage points
- Incremental equity clearing system support of R4m. This contributes 1 percentage point

### **Operating expenditure** (continued)





### Total operating expenses up 14% to R1.54bn (2018: R1.35bn)



Depreciation ↑ 84% or R92m to R202m (2018: R110m), largely owing to:

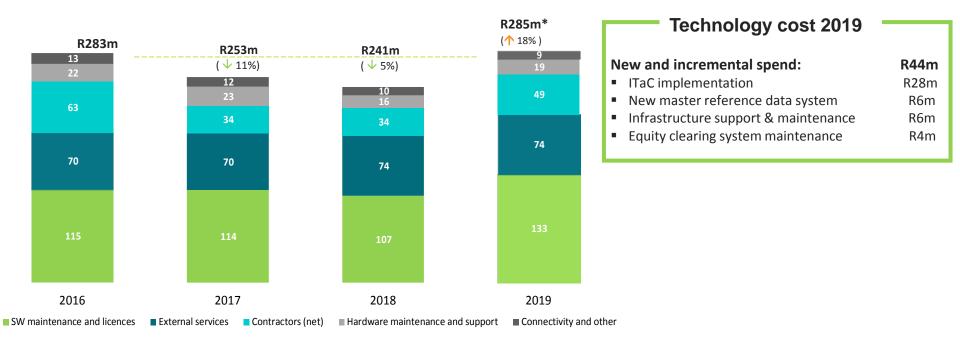
- The increased depreciation can be attributed largely to the ITaC project implementation costs from the April go-live. This is offset by fully depreciated assets of R14m or 13%
- The application of IFRS 16 relating to leases. This contributes R39m. In prior years, the operating lease was accounted for in general expenses



- The application of IFRS16 resulted in the reclassification of rental expenses of R56m. This is partially offset by:
  - R6m in transaction costs for Link SA
  - non recurring costs of R36m for work related to progressing the independent clearing house (ICH) frameworks, the executive transition and transformation to agile ways of work

### **Technology costs: 4-year growth trend**

Rebased to 2016 levels

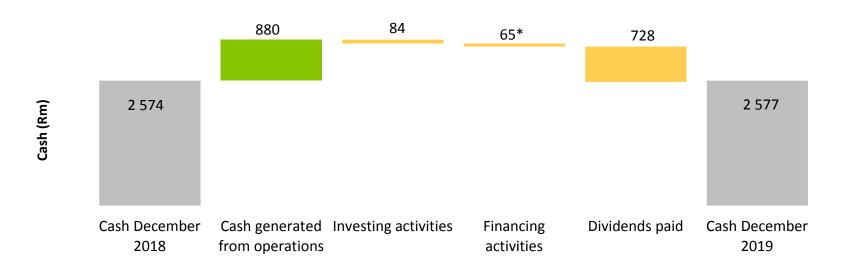


\*Interim results guidance was R280m

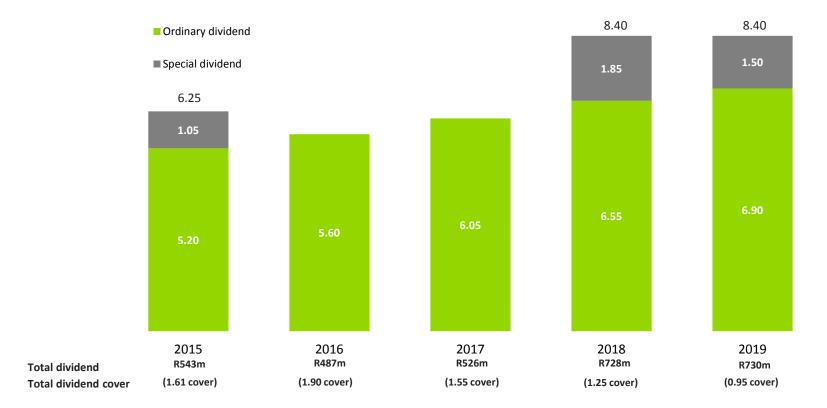
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### **Cashflow view**

Exit cash balance enabling the growth of the ordinary dividend level and the declaration of a special dividend



### Progressive ordinary dividend and special dividend declared



Declared ordinary dividend increased by 5% (2018: 655c) to 690c at a cover of 1.15 (2018: 1.61) and a declared special dividend of 150c (2018: 185c)

### **Robust balance sheet**

(Rm)	2019	2018
Assets		
Non-current assets	1 716	1 403
Property and equipment	184	220
Intangible assets	593	518
Other investments	339	303
Investment in associate	293	270
Other non-current assets	307	92
Current assets	38 512	40 522
Margin deposits	34 850	36 767
JSE Clear Derivatives Default Fund deposit	500	500
Trade and other receivables	520	490
Cash and cash equivalents	2 577	2 574
Other current assets	65	191
Total assets	40 227	41 925
Equity and liabilities		
Total equity	3 969	3 968
Stated capital	(18)	(18)
Reserves	548	512
Retained earnings	3 439	3 475
Non-current liabilities	318	133
Current liabilities	35 940	37 824
Margin deposits	34 850	36 767
JSE Clear Derivatives Default Fund contribution	400	400
Other current liabilities	690	657
Total equity and liabilities	40 227	41 925

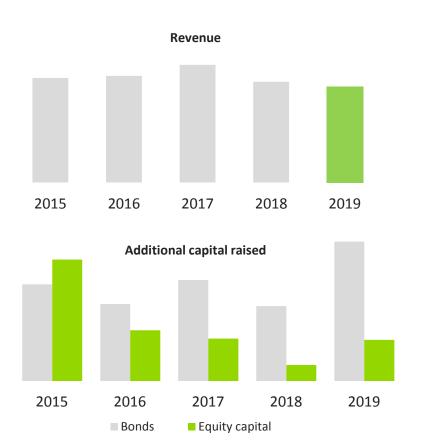
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## **Business review**



### **Capital Markets: Primary Market**



#### 7% of total revenue (2018: 8%)



Revenue  $\sqrt{5}\%$  to R147m (2018: R155m) owing to significantly lower IPOs and the impact of the accounting treatment

IPOs worldwide decreased by 19% in 2019

5 new company listings, 6 new ETFs, 5 new ETNs, 293 new warrants and structured products (2018: 12 company listings; 12 ETFs; 12 ETNs; 236 warrants and structured products).
 Delistings: 24 (2018: 16)

Unlike the Equity Market, the Bond Market saw an uptick in activity

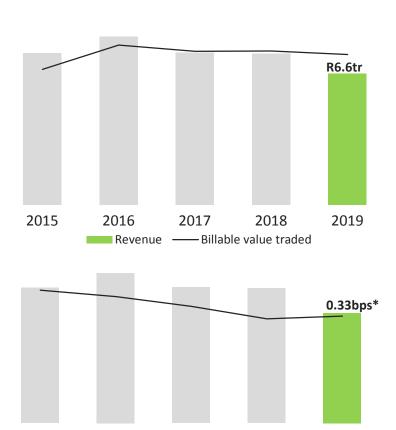
- 710 new bonds listed (2018: 539). Total nominal value of listed bonds was R3.1tr (2018: R2.7tr)
- Third commercial bank issuance of green bonds by Nedbank

Implemented changes to JSE Equity Listings Requirements flowing from issuer regulation consultation paper – came into effect 2 December 2019

Successfully navigated unbundling of Naspers and the listing of Prosus in Amsterdam

Revenue % changes calculated on unrounded figures

### **Capital Markets: Equity Market**



2017

2019

2018

-Effective rate

2015

2016

Revenue

#### 22% of total revenue (2018: 25%)



Revenue **13%** to R433m (2018: R499m). This follows a decrease in billable value traded and the implementation of the tiered billing model in August 2018

Billable value traded  $\checkmark$  2%

Foreign investment net outflows of R114bn

Tiered billing model provided our members with an aggregate discount of 12% in the trading fee

Colocation activity contributed 42% of overall value traded (2018: 37%) with 32 racks (2018: 32)

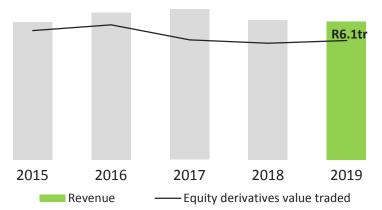
Auction enhancements implemented to improve auction mechanics by creating deeper liquidity during auction sessions

Reduced block trade sizes

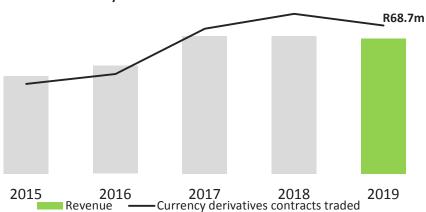
Launched new and enhanced equities trading functionality – central order book cross trade enhancement (XT) and iceberg orders

### **Capital Markets: Bonds and Financial Derivatives**





#### **Currency derivatives contracts traded**



#### 13% of total revenue (2018: 12%)



#### Revenue **1** 4% to R258m (2018: R247m)

Equity derivatives revenue flat at R143m (2018: R143m). Activity remained muted, but hedge activity moderately increased in H2, as did the level of the index, which supported higher value traded

- Value traded ↑ 2% to R6.1tr (2018: R5.9tr)
- Delivered ITaC: new trading functionality
- Launched monthly expiries

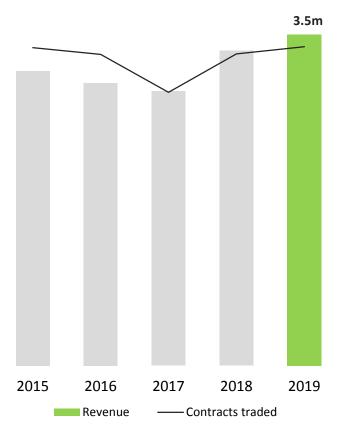
Currency derivatives revenue  $\checkmark$  2% to R47m (2018: R48m). Uncertainty in the market resulted in increased hedging and reduced speculation

- Delivered ITaC: new trading functionality

Interest rate market revenue ↑ 21% to R68m (2018: R56m) as bond nominal value ↑ 16%. Global yields outlook and has resulted in increased volatility and volumes

- Bond nominal value of R36tr (2018: R31tr). ↑ activity in the repomarket
- Bond ETP nominal value traded of R442bn (2018: R192 billion).
   Revenue from the bond ETP contributed R7 million

### **Capital Markets: Commodity Derivatives**



#### 4% of total revenue (2018: 4%)



Revenue ↑ 5% to R82m (2018: R78m) on the back of volatility in the local grains market, as well as heightened activity in international grains products

Contracts traded ↑ 2% to a record high of 3.5m (2018: 3.4m)

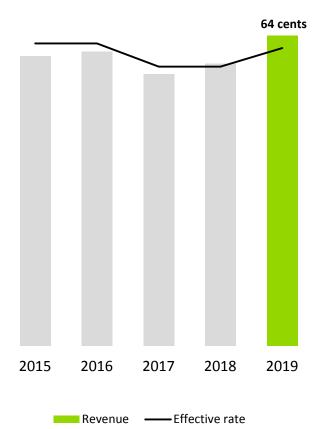
Value traded ↑ 19% to R810bn (2018: R678bn)

Monthly stock levels of grain on JSE silo certificates now published on our website

Enhanced margining methodology for grains calendar spreads

Special dispensation granted by SARB to trade and clear Zambian grains in USD, now extended for an additional two years

### **Post-Trade Services: Back-Office Services (BDA)**



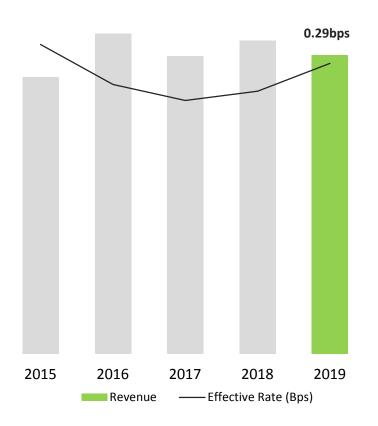




Revenue ↑ 10% to R333m (2018: R303m) following an increase in the number of transactions and smaller transaction sizes

Trades 10% to 77m (2018: 70m)

### **Post-Trade Services: Clearing and Settlement**



#### 19% of total revenue (2018: 19%)



Revenue √ 5% to R385m (2018: R404m) owing to the lower billable value traded in the Equity Market

Reflects only Equity Market clearing fees

Delivered ITaC: New clearing functionality for equity and currency derivatives

Improved automation in bonds operations

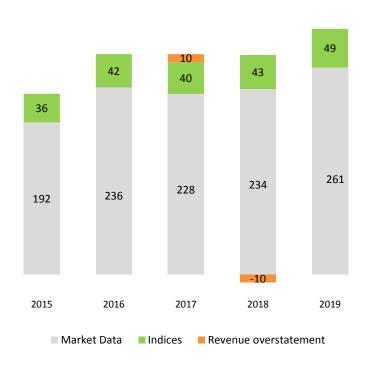
Progressed the application for an independent clearing house license

Successfully deployed Strate's equity settlement system

Successfully concluded a full default simulation

#### Information Services: Includes market data sales

#### Revenue breakdown



#### 15% of Total Revenue (2018: 13%)



Revenue ↑ 16% to R310m (2018: R267m) largely owing to annual price increases, foreign exchange gains on USD-denominated revenue and a prior-year adjustment in 2018

24 new clients have signed up for market data products: (9 local clients and 15 international clients)

Net new passive tracking mandates ↑ 9 (2018: 8). Index-tracking assets under management increased by 11% to R573bn (2018: -17%)

Launched a new tick-data-in-the-cloud solution

Incorporated all ITaC market data in JSE Data Agreement licensing framework for Equity Derivative and Currency Derivative markets



# **Looking ahead**



### Strategic priorities and the enabling accelerators

Low growth in **High concentration Navigate local** equity and in equity markets, Competitive Transformation **Operational** Customer and global Staff morale equity **Dynamics** participants and threats engagement agenda headwinds derivatives instruments markets Partner to co-create for Rebuild trust and enhance **Strategic Initiatives** inclusive and sustainable Contribute to national agenda resilience

growth Drive inorganic growth Promote South Africa as a Ensure market quality, strategy global investment destination settlement assurance, **Expand footprint in Asia Enabling accelerators** through public and private governance, operational **Continue diversifying** partnerships availability and resilience Lead the sustainability agenda revenue

**Enhance customer experience** 

**Proactive talent management** 

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# **Questions**



### **Corporate scorecard 2020**

#### Partnership for growth



- Deliver financial performance in line with 2020 Budget
- Execute on inorganic growth strategy
- Deliver new products & services in Capital Markets & Information Services
- Integrate LINK into JSE Group <sup>1</sup>

#### National agenda



- Deliver impactful corporate social investment, and financial literacy education, to enable future inclusion
- Lead on the sustainability agenda
- Partner with government on SA Inc. and promote SA as an attractive investment destination
- Maintain our BEE level 3 score & improve our BEE internal transformation

#### **Trusted market place**



- Improve our operational resilience
- Improve our cyber security readiness in line with plan
- Deliver MIT upgrade
- Improve governance

#### **Talent**



- Revise & launch our vision, values & JSE Way
- Deliver efficiencies through New Ways of Work & Agile capability
- Improve on our 2018 staff engagement score

#### Stakeholder experience

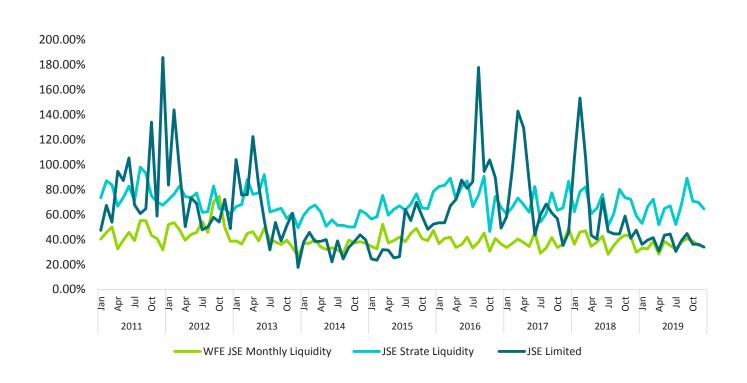


- Improve our client response times and quality of engagement
- Improve on our 2019 client engagement score
- Maintain the integrity & trust of our regulatory relationships

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction is subject to Competition Tribunal approval

### **JSE liquidity**

Monthly liquidity 2011 - 2019



### **Equity Market: JSE effective pricing trend**

Deliberate declines in fees over time, heightened impact on trading





2015 BDA fee reduced by 20%



2016 option delta (OD) fee reduced to zero



2017 BDA fee reduced by 8%



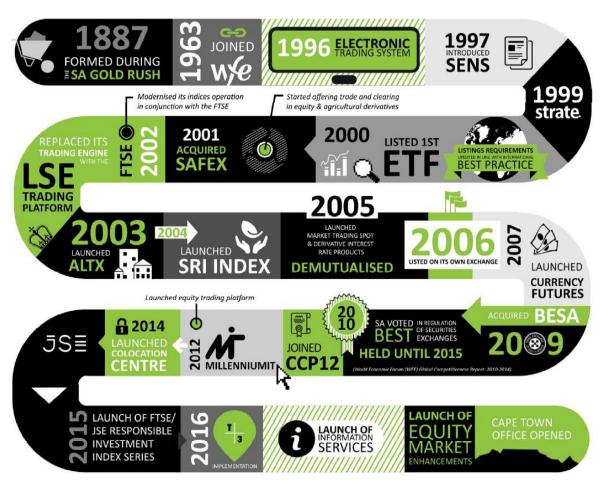
2018 new tiered billing model resulted in a 12% reduction of trading fee effective rate. 2018 above is after the reduction

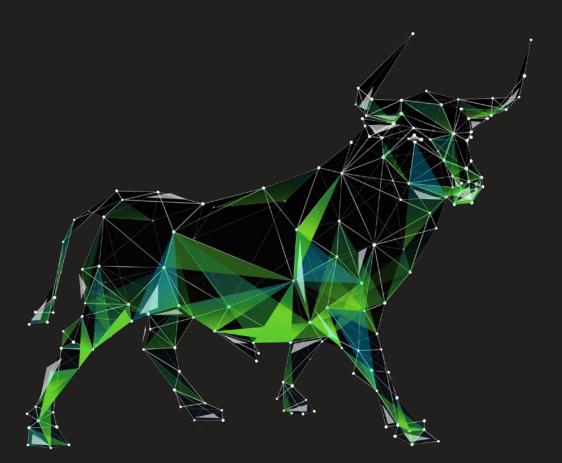
### **Financial metrics**



Ratios	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Operating margin	31%	41%	40%	41%	45%
EPS	820.5	1 056.5	1 006.0	1 074.8	1 051.0
HEPS	814.6	1 056.2	996.5	1 063.2	1 026.3
PE	14.6	15.7	15.4	15.3	12.2
Dividend yield (ordinary)	5.8%	4.0%	4.0%	3.4%	4.1%
Dividend yield (total)	7.1%	5.1%	4.0%	3.4%	4.9%
EBITDA	889	1 042	993	1 074	1 123
ROE	17%	23%	23%	28%	30%

### A history of South Africa's largest exchange





# Thank you

