

# **2023 Annual Results**

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DEVELOPING NEW QUALITY PRODUCTIVE FORCES

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# **Overall Results**

# Mr. YANG Jie

Executive Director & Chairman





Adopt a strategy-led approach, driving new milestones in business performance

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Leverage innovation, deepening strategic transformation with remarkable results



Expedite further business upgrade, facilitating mutual advancement of the "two new elements"

Achieve breakthroughs amidst adversity, yielding fruitful results from innovation and reform



Dedicated to enhancing shareholder returns, using a multi-pronged approach

6 Forge ahead with determination, accelerating the building of a world-class enterprise

### **Key Performance Indicators**



(RMB Mil)	2022	2023	Change YoY
Operating revenue	937,259	1,009,309	7.7%
of which: telecommunications services revenue	812,058	863,514	6.3%
EBITDA	329,176	341,478	3.7%
EBITDA margin	35.1%	33.8%	-1.3pp
Net profit	125,459	131,766	5.0%
Net profit margin	13.4%	13.1%	-0.3pp
Basic earnings per share (RMB)	5.88	6.16	4.8%

Notes: Unless otherwise specified,

1. Telecommunications services revenue = operating revenue - revenue from sales of products and others; revenue from sales of products and others mainly comprises sales of terminal products such as handsets

2. EBITDA = profit from operations + depreciation and amortisation; net profit refers to profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company

## Adopt a Strategy-led Approach, Driving New Milestones in Business Performance









Note: Industry average growth rate is sourced from the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology

### Leverage Innovation, Deepening Strategic Transformation with Remarkable Results





Note: Digital transformation revenue includes the revenues from new businesses from the "Customer" market (China Mobile Cloud Drive and others); the revenues from smart home valueadded businesses from the "Home" market; the revenues from DICT, IoT and dedicated lines businesses from the "Business" market; and the revenue from the "New" market (excluding revenue from international basic business)

# **Expedite Further Business Upgrade, Facilitating Mutual Advancement of the**



"Two New Elements" Relentlessly Strengthen New Information Infrastructure



Notes: 1. The number of indoor 5G base stations is calculated on basis of RF units instead of baseband processing units; 2."1+5+5" innovation showcase cities refer to one industry cluster innovation centre (Chongqing); five technological innovation cities (Shanghai, Guangzhou in Guangdong Province, Ningbo in Zhejiang province, Yueyang in Hunan province, and Shiyan in Hubei province); five application showcase cities (video city in Hangzhou, industrial city in Suzhou, marine city in Ningbe, park city in Ningbo and innovation city in Shenzhen); 3. According to common industry practice, FP32 is used to measure general computility while FP16 is used to measure intelligent computility; 4. N (National and Regional Intelligent Computing Centres) + X (Local, customised and intelligent computing edge points)

# Expedite Further Business Upgrade, Facilitating Mutual Advancement of the



"Two New Elements" Relentlessly Consolidate Foundation for Digital Intelligence via Targeted Investments



# **Expedite Further Business Upgrade, Facilitating Mutual Advancement of**



the "Two New Elements" Relentlessly Enrich New Information Services System



Notes: Total connections = human connections + thing connections. Human connections include connections from mobile phones and wireline broadband; thing connections include connections from IoT cards, household devices and industry devices

China Mobile Internet of Video Things (IoVT) is a new information infrastructure specialising in equipping IoT terminal devices with video connection services. Using video IoT terminals as the medium, it converges connection, capabilities and services on a video-connected platform

# **Expedite Further Business Upgrade, Facilitating Mutual Advancement of**



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levels, sectors and locations, and characterised by high quality and openness

Full-stack cloud security product system, achieving

end-to-end reliability

the "Two New Elements" China Mobile Cloud on Track to Become a "Top-tier Player in the Industry"



network deployment >1,500 edge cloud nodes

Industry No. 1 in terms of the widest range of Cloud connection options, providing local support and delivery nationwide Block storage technology : reading / writing of over a million times per second, the 3rd domestic provider

DPU SmartNIC: first proprietary product developed by operators with virtualised zero loss, ranked Top 3 in China

# Achieve Breakthroughs Amidst Adversity, Yielding Fruitful Results from

### Innovation and Reform Technological Innovation in Full Swing



Notes: 1."BASIC6" refers to B-Big data, A-AI, S-Security, I-Integration platform, C-Computility network, 6-6G

2. China Mobile 01 satellite carries a base station that supports 5G land-space communication technology. It is the world's first integrated terrestrial and celestial signal processing system capable of verifying 5G land-space evolutionary technology. Designed with 6G concepts, *Xinghe* verification satellite deploys the industry-first satellite core network capable of in-orbit operation, making it the world's first verification satellite to validate 6G architecture



# Achieve Breakthroughs Amidst Adversity, Yielding Fruitful Results from



### Innovation and Reform Increasing Effectiveness of Enterprise Reforms

#### Promoted wide and in-depth mechanism reforms

- Improved the authorisation mechanism for the board of directors and strengthened the system of the boards of directors in our subsidiary operations
- Achieved breakthrough in building a strategic leadership pipeline, with an enhanced talent pool under the "10-10<sup>2</sup>-10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>4</sup>" program , "Technical Chief Engineer System" and "Top Talent Demonstration Zones", continuously raising reform effectiveness
- Continued to optimise talent structure and significantly strengthened the deployment of manpower in key areas of technological innovation and transformation, alongside higher competency of the team to support business transformation
- Continued to enhance the incentive system to drive business growth and stimulate technological innovation momentum, and imposed preferential policies for core staff and frontline personnel

#### Enhanced management using scientific approaches

- Refined the collaboration mechanism between headquarters, regional companies and specialised teams, optimised product operation mechanisms by establishing coordinated product operation teams between provincial and specialised companies, generating greater synergy between headquarters, regional companies, and specialised teams
- Continued to promote "Compliance Escort Plan" to enhance compliance management system, bolster coordination of risk management and control mechanisms, fully leveraging the demonstrated value of compliance management
- **Promoted the construction of a digital intelligence treasury system**, significantly improving the efficiency and effectiveness of capital and assets

#### **Generated notable results in frontline reforms**

- Established 11 research zones including Jiutian and Wuntong
- Formed 11 teams for specialised, premium, unique and new products and capabilities such as *XinSheng* Tech.
- Obtained a leading position amongst central state-owned enterprises from the assessment results of subsidiaries in the national technology company development program and the Double-hundred Action
- The Cloud Capability Centre was selected as one of the first batch of World-class Professional Leading Enterprises by the SASAC

#### Strong growth of the digital intelligence ecosystem

- Strengthened strategic partnerships with central ministries and departments, local governments, enterprises and tertiary institutes, establishing and deepening strategic partnership
- Strengthened capital cooperation to enhance ecosystem growth by providing venture capital in various sectors including AI, industrial Internet, smart home, IoVT, computility network and satellite Internet
- Strengthened innovation cooperation to enhance new joint R&D projects and to advance the integrated innovation of industry, academia, research and application
- Strengthened ecological cooperation to attract >1,300 companies to become links in the chain by drawing on our leadership in the industry chain

### Achieve Breakthroughs Amidst Adversity, Yielding Fruitful Results from **Innovation and Reform** Notable Outcomes in Operational Management



#### In-depth advancement in channel transformation



Increasing influence of the pan-terminal and omni-channel alliance

Terminal ecosystemisation Chain of channels Customer membership system

5G handsets sales volume via the alliance 43.88 Mil

Largest offline national sales agent and retailer



#### **Digital intelligence empowerment** of grid-based operation

one-screen overview of indicators one tool for marketing one-click service handling one-point task assignment one-click order handling one-grid management of resources



#### Ongoing innovation of online operation

#### Large AI models to empower intelligent interactive service and precision marketing

Monthly active customers of China Mobile APP 370 Mil

#### **Industry-leading** service quality



Customer perception achieved record high

心线服务

让爱道接

Overall customer satisfaction rating notably higher than the industry

"Heartwarming Service" achieved reputation rating of 90%



Significantly enhanced network quality

Maintained advantageous position in terms of satisfaction with mobile network quality Satisfaction with household broadband network quality significantly increased for two consecutive years



#### Superior product experience

Satisfaction with key products up 1.25 pp

Implemented a product quality management system that centres on customer perception



#### Service touchpoint efficiency notably increased

Customer issue resolution rate improved by 5pp through the application of large models Integrated service handling time shortened by 47%

#### Management practices notably empowered by digital applications



**Digital intelligence empowers network** construction

- Further refined management with the four digitalisations of "planning, construction, resources and efficiency"
- Implemented the digital intelligence enhancement project to bolster the foundation of the management of engineering projects



#### Improved network operation and maintenance efficiency

- Achieved L3.2 rating for self-intelligent network capabilities
- Attained 95% automation rate for major operation and maintenance scenarios



#### Enhanced supply chain resilience

- Constructed a layered guaranteed system from product design to delivery
- Strengthened industry cooperation and promoted self-reliant and controllable supply chain

### **Place Ongoing Efforts to Enhance ESG Management**







#### **Top 10 China ESG Model Enterprise**

China Media Group First "China ESG Model" annual ceremony China ESG Listed Companies Pioneer 100 China ESG Listed Companies Technology Innovation Pioneer 30

Number one



Top 100 ESG Best Practice Companies in China Wind



ESG Leading Enterprises Award

Bloomberg Business Weekly/ Chinese Edition



ESG Corporate Awards Gold Award The Asset

### **Dedicated to Enhancing Shareholder Returns,** Using a Multi-pronged Approach





#### **Dividend policy**

The Board recommends a dividend payout ratio of 71% for the full year of 2023. It also recommends a final dividend payment of HK\$2.40 per share for the year ended 31 December 2023. Together with the interim dividend already paid, total dividend for the full year of 2023 amounted to HK\$4.83 per share, an increase of 9.5% from that of 2022

To create higher returns for our shareholders and share the results of our growth, after giving full consideration to the Company's profitability, cash flow generation and future development needs, in the three-year period from 2024, the profit to be distributed in cash for each year will gradually increase to above 75% of the profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company for that year. The Company will strive to create more value for shareholders

Notes:

2022

1. Dividends will be denominated and declared in HK\$, of which dividends on A shares will be paid in RMB at an exchange rate calculated on the basis of the average of the mid-prices of HK\$ to RMB as announced by the People's Bank of China during the one week before the annual general meeting declared the dividends; dividends on Hong Kong shares will be paid in HK\$

2. The basis of profit distribution of the Company is the profit attributable to equity shareholders under IFRS

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## Forge Ahead with Determination, Accelerating the Building of a World-class Enterprise



#### Developing new quality productive forces to drive new growth potential for the industry Data Computility New factor of New fundamental New instrument of production production energy **Rapid development of General AI** Helping a wide array of Supporting economic and social transformation and development industries An indispensable infrastructure An assisting tool to improve quality and and core capability efficiency **Opportunities Challenges Complex and severe external environment** Information services sector becomes more diversified with more intense competition

#### In-depth implementation of "1-2-2-5" strategy



#### Comprehensively propel the "BASIC6" sci-tech innovation plan, reinforce strategic planning for "Al+", develop new quality productive forces at an accelerated pace

- Further construction of new information infrastructure, while consolidating the foundation for digital intelligence transformation
- Further creation of new information services system, while improving the quality and efficiency of digital intelligence development
- direction Further promotion of AI empowerment applications, while raising the level of digital intelligence operation
  - Further building of a world-class brand, while establishing a leading image in digital intelligence
  - Further enhancements to reform, innovation and management, while unleashing the inherent vitality of digital intelligence

# Vigorously Promote "AI+" Initiatives and Achieve Breakthroughs at an Accelerated Pace





### **Direction of AI Applications Development in 2024** Create "Model-as-a-service" Provide "AI computility + large model" . services to diverse industries with integrated software and hardware facilities **Build AI product families** Promote AI upgrade of products such as China Mobile Cloud Drive, Video connecting tones, 5G new voice, etc.

#### **Develop AI industry applications**

 Promote widespread use of Al applications in popular industry sectors such as the medical, education, manufacturing, energy, transportation, etc.

### **Vigorously Stimulate New Growth Momentum for New Businesses**





- Place steadfast efforts to develop public cloud with a focus on key innovative products such as cloud computer, cloud security, IT and innovation cloud, as well as intelligent computing; implement integrated marketing and sales strategy; continue to deepen industry integration with cloud; aim at popular markets; more proactively seek and secure major and premium projects; achieve growth in value and scale
- Propel upgrade of service capabilities such as Panshi server, Tianyuan operating system, Tiangiong computility network brain and *Baichuan* integrated CN platform, achieving technological leadership in the era of CN
- Build up distinctive capabilities to advance "5 integrations" that include the integrations between cloud and network, data, intelligence, edge computing and security, creating a firstclass cloud service brand

**2024** China Mobile Cloud revenue growth target Maintain rapid growth



- Establish the Naked eye 3D Ecosystem • Alliance to promote the integrated development of "terminal + content"
- Enhance 3D content conversion capability • and create a dedicated section for 3D content
- Collaborate with video platforms to • continuously enrich naked eye 3D content and drive traffic growth



- Integrate cloud-network computing, big data, security and applications into a product, with "BASIC6" as the preferred implementation approach
- Upgrade video surveillance business to IoVT business, creating an integrated solution of "connectivity + hardware + cloud storage + AI applications"





- Focus on core performance to meet • customer demands
- Cloud handset: accelerate the • development of a unified carrier for the second SIM card slot
- Cloud computer: channel full efforts towards constructing the primary portal to computility network services



### **Industry solutions**

- Explore and develop standardised, product-driven and platform-based solutions, with a particular focus on promoting these solutions to niche industry segments
- Vigorously tap into the commercial • customer market with targets such as street stores, commercial buildings, industrial parks, hotels, etc.

### **Business Development Targets for 2024**



### Strive to achieve favourable growth in revenue and profit







Mr. LI Ronghua

**Executive Director & CFO** 



(RMB Mil)	2022	2023	Change YoY
Operating revenue	937,259	1,009,309	7.7%
Telecommunications services revenue	812,058	863,514	6.3%
Sales of products and other revenue	125,201	145,795	16.4%
Operating expenses	808,160	874,963	8.3%
Profit from operations	129,099	134,346	4.1%
Interest and other income	15,729	21,134	34.4%
Income from investments accounted for using the equity method	10,986	8,958	-18.5%
EBITDA	329,176	341,478	3.7%
Net profit	125,459	131,766	5.0%

## **Overview of Operating Revenue: CHBN Grew Across-the-board**



(RMB Mil)	2023	Change YoY	As % of services revenue
Services revenue	863,514	6.3%	100.0%
C: "Customer" market revenue	490,199	0.3%	56.8%
H: "Home" market revenue	131,859	13.1%	15.3%
of which: smart home value-added business revenue	33,634	13.1%	3.9%
B: "Business" market revenue	192,120	14.2%	22.2%
of which: DICT	107,020	23.8%	12.4%
N: "New" market revenue	49,336	28.2%	5.7%
of which: international business	20,698	24.2%	2.4%
digital content	28,040	31.6%	3.2%

### "Customer" Market: Stable and Healthy Operation





### "Home" Market: Effective Expansion





### "Business" Market: Rapid Growth





### "New" Market: Enhanced Contribution



"New" market revenue



#### International businesses **Digital content** Supporting high quality co-construction of Mobile APP "Belt and Road" MIGU 116 mil Monthly active users Video Total international transmission broadband 〇米〇古器 145 Tbps Video **17.2**% 235 overseas POP points Connecting Subscribers Tones 12,200 non-domestic self-owned IDC cabinets International / Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan roaming Cloud **Client applications 53.8**% Monthly active users XR services covered $\frac{264}{5}$ locations and 5G covered $\frac{75}{5}$ locations, leading the world **Financial technology Equity investment** Value contribution Ecosystem formation Synergy creation Industrial Expanding the "family" and "ecosystem" of the modern 移财 Business RMB 76.6 Bil chain mobile information industry scale finance Internet and Industrial AI information Internet security Monthly Hard & core **Financial** "and-Wallet" **51.8**% active IoVT technology technology customers Satellite Computility Internet Network

### **Accelerated Transformation of Revenue Growth Momentum**





SMS

&

MMS

Voice

Others

2023

Applications

&

information

services

Wireless

data traffic

Wireline

broadband

2022



## **Cost Overview: Maintained Good Cost Control**



(RMB Mil)	2022	2023	Change YoY	Major reasons / remarks
Operating expenses	808,160	874,963	8.3%	
Network operation and support expenses	254,182	268,895	5.8%	<ul> <li>Growth in network scale and transformation businesses, leading to an increase in maintenance support and energy expenditure</li> </ul>
Depreciation and amortisation	200,077	207,132	3.5%	<ul> <li>The scale of assets increased due to ongoing construction of new infrastructure such as 5G and computility network</li> </ul>
Employee benefit and related expenses	130,157	144,333	10.9%	<ul> <li>Continued to optimise our employee structure; increased incentives for scientific and technological personnel</li> </ul>
Selling expenses	49,592	52,477	5.8%	<ul> <li>Increased efforts in channel operations and expanded the presence in the small- and medium-sized enterprise market</li> <li>Selling expenses as a proportion of revenue continued to decline</li> </ul>
Cost of products sold	122,743	142,807	16.3%	Sales of mobile terminals grew rapidly
Other operating expenses	51,409	59,319	15.4%	<ul> <li>Increase in credit impairment losses on accounts receivable, as well as an increase in expenses for settlement of international roaming business</li> </ul>

## **Digital Intelligence Empowerment to Promote Cost Reduction** and Efficiency Enhancement



Network maintenance fee of fixed asset per RMB100

**▼** 3.2 %

 Continued to promote the upgrade of autonomous networks, while systematically enhancing automation and intelligence capabilities

Automated network allocationAutomated repairing of malfunctionAutomated quality optimizationZero waiting for service activationZero malfunction for businessesZero contact for services



IT maintenance and supporting fee per connection

### **0.7** %

- Continued to promote the cost reduction capability on integration platform, to facilitate the accumulation and reuse of capabilities, and to promote intensification and co-sharing through one-point construction
- Actively developed digital employees, and widely employed them to various fields, such as customer service, network operation & maintenance, marketing and general management, etc.

### **Profit Overview: Continued Improvement in Profitability**

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EBITDA / telecommunications services revenue

341,478

39.5%

33.8%

2023

### **Cashflow Overview: Healthy and Abundant**

# Net cash generated from operating activities (RMB Mil)



### Free cash flow (RMB Mil)



Note: Free cash flow = net cash generated from operating activities – capital expenditure incurred



### **Capital Structure Overview: Maintained Stable and Healthy**



(RMB Mil)	2022.12.31	2023.12.31
Shareholder's equity	1,297,348	1,341,732
Interest-bearing debt		—
Total book capitalisation	1,297,348	1,341,732
Liabilities-to-assets ratio	32.8%	32.5%
Cash & bank deposits	269,370	234,159

**S&P, Moody's:** Corporate credit ratings are equivalent to China sovereign ratings

Uphold Fundamental Principles and Break New Ground, Persist in Seeking Progress While Maintaining Stability, Promote High-quality and Sustainable Development



# Strengthen quality improvement and efficiency enhancement

Increase revenue, reduce costs, tap into potential growth drivers and improve efficiency Deepen cost reduction through intensive and technological approaches

Maintain good growth momentum

#### Strengthen smart operation

Promote transformation from "+AI" to "AI+" Promote in-depth AI application on management in all fields and full process

Promote AI empowerment across-the-board



#### Strengthen lean management

Orientated by market to allocate resources efficiently and precisely Implement cost management of all elements and all processes

Build a solid foundation for core competitiveness

#### Strengthen risk prevention & control

Continuously improve risk prevention and control mechanism Enhance the capability of centralised, digital intelligence risk management and control

Ensure sustainable and healthy operations





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### **Extracts from Audited Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income** for the year Ended 31 December 2023 – Appendix I



(RMB Mil)	2022	2023
Operating revenue	937,259	1,009,309
Revenue from telecommunications services	812,058	863,514
of which: Voice services	75,032	72,258
SMS & MMS	31,344	31,106
Wireless data traffic	395,933	394,797
Wireline broadband	105,030	118,768
Applications and information services	182,461	221,642
Others	22,258	24,943
Revenue from sales of products and others	125,201	145,795
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Other operating expenses	51,409	59,319
Profit from operations	129,099	134,346
Other gains	9,388	9,823
Interest and other income	15,729	21,134
Finance costs	(2,330)	(3,730)
Income from investments accounted for using the equity method	10,986	8,958
Taxation	(37,278)	(38,596)
Profit for the year	125,594	131,935
Equity shareholders of the Company	125,459	131,766
Non-controlling interests	135	169

# Extracts from Audited Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023 – Appendix II



(RMB Mil)	2022.12.31	2023.12.31
Current assets	456,371	498,104
Non-current assets	1,479,167	1,494,553
Total assets	1,935,538	1,992,657
Current liabilities	533,337	558,565
Non-current liabilities	100,778	88,107
Total liabilities	634,115	646,672
Total equity	1,301,423	1,345,985

# **Operating Data** – **Appendix III**



		Unit	2022	2023
	Customers	Mil	975.01	991.00
	Mobile service revenue	RMB Mil	569,001	582,628
	ARPU	RMB	49.0	49.3
Mobile service	Handset data traffic	GB Bil	144.73	165.93
_	Handset data traffic DOU	GB	14.1	15.9
_	MOU	Minutes	256	242
	Network customers	Mil	327.16	464.81
Of which: 5G	ARPU	RMB	81.5	78.2
	Handset data traffic DOU	GB	24.7	25.0
	Customers	Mil	272.17	298.25
Wireline broadband service	Wireline broadband service revenue	RMB Mil	105,030	118,768
	ARPU	RMB	34.1	34.5
Of which: Household	Customers	Mil	243.70	263.82
broadband	Household customer blended ARPU	RMB	42.1	43.1