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# The QANTM Group

Broad services portfolio: Patents,

Trade marks, Designs; Legal and
Litigation Services; Platform-based
services; AI-powered / software Attorney Tools



One of Asia Pacific's largest and longest established patent and trade marks attorney firms



A leading specialist IP law firm and provides the full spectrum of IP related legal services



One of the leading and most innovative patent firms in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore



#### Sortify.tm

Developer and provider of AI-powered IP systems for attorneys and leading online trade mark registration platforms



**New Zealand** 

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## Our Strategy



#### Our Vision

To be recognised as the pre-eminent and most innovative IP services group in the Asia Pacific region

#### Our Mission

Working with the world's greatest innovators, we help develop and protect their ideas

#### Our Values



We act with integrity, dignity and respect



We deliver with excellence



We achieve through teamwork and collaboration



We are passionate about innovation and creativity



We practise the highest standards around ethics and transparency

#### Our Pathways to Growth

#### **Organic Growth**

- Focus on client service excellence
- Diverse capabilities & service offerings
- Targeted sales & marketing

#### M&A

- EPS accretive acquisitions
- Focus on Asia
- New beach heads

#### Technology Enabled

- Adjacent capabilities (e.g. Sortify.tm)
- Automation / Productivity tools
- AI-based platforms and tools

# Strategic Initiatives



#### **INVESTING ACROSS FIVE KEY AREAS - FY23 PROGRESS**

Focused investments in **Growth and Transformation**, with **People** at the core of all that we do...



Growth & Scale

- Sortify.tm expansion into new geographies (Singapore, Malaysia, Benelux<sup>1</sup> and Hong Kong)
- M&A and Strategic alliance pipeline developing – focus on Asia
- DCC Hong Kong office opened



Clients

- Continued focus on client service excellence
- New client sector through Sortify.tm acquisition
- Several new client wins



People

- Continued emphasis on wellness and engagement
- Focus on recruitment in key growth areas
- Diversity and inclusion programs across Group





Technology

- Migrate all infrastructure to Microsoft Azure
- Upgrade IP management platforms
- Investments in deeper cyber capability



Process

- Leverage Sortify.tm automation expertise into DCC and FPA platforms
- Implement further productivity tools for client-facing people

...to help strengthen and grow our core businesses, whilst expanding our presence across new sectors and geographies.

# FY23 Highlights

# Business and financial highlights



#### **Patents**

Patent Service Charges

**^** 7.6%

\$69.9m FY23 vs \$65.0m FY22<sup>1</sup>

Solid increase in patent applications across Australia, Asia and Rest of World applications Group Patent Applications

**^** 0.9%

Group patent applications have now grown by 4% over the last two years Australian Patent Market Share of

16.5%

FY22: 15.0%

Highest since listing

Asian Patent Applications of

15.7%

FY22: 15.8%

Flat on prior year

Total Revenue

**^** 7.6%

to \$137m (FY22: \$127.3m)

Earnings Per Share

**^** 7.0%

5.69 cents (FY22: 5.32 cents)

Underlying NPAT

**^** 14.5%

\$14.7m (FY22: \$12.8m)

Full Year Dividends

6.3 cents fully franked

Service Charges Revenue

^ 7.4% \$103.8m (FY22; \$96.6m)

Underlying EBITDA

**^** 8.2%

\$28.5m (FY22: \$26.3m)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

**^** 8.1%

\$8.0m (FY22: \$7.4m)

Net Debt as at 30 June 2023

^ 1./%

\$24.2m (FY22: \$23.8m)

#### Trade Mark

Trade Mark Service Charges

**^** 8.3%

\$21.5m FY23 vs \$19.8m FY22<sup>1</sup>

Full year contribution from Sortify and a solid performance in DCC Group Trade Mark Applications

**^** 8%

Record filings in Sortify which now holds the #1 position in Australia, #2 in New Zealand Australian Trade Mark Applications

**^** 6.5%

DCC maintained #2 market share in Australia and the #4 position in New Zealand

#### Legal/Litigation

Legal/Litigation Service Charges

**^** 5.7%

\$12.4m FY23 vs \$11.7m FY22<sup>1</sup>

Increase service charge contribution from increased case loads

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# Strong growth in revenue and profitability



New revenue benchmarks reached driven by continued growth in market share in Australia and Asia. Margin improvements from improved financial discipline, cost management and strategic initiatives has resulted in earnings outpacing revenue growth.

Significant organic revenue growth

underpinned by strong momentum in patent applications and trade mark filings across all territories Dominant position in trade mark applications

in Australia with Sortify and DCC, ranking first and second 16.5%

Patent market share in Australia of 16.5% achieved, the highest level since listing Several new client wins across DCC and FPA have created a strong pipeline of future work, which contributes to future revenue

and earnings

Strong earnings performance enabled the payment of a fully franked dividend for FY23 of

6.3cps



## Regional expansion in Asia



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Asia is the largest market globally for patent applications, and continues to represent a strong source of revenue, patent applications growth, and market share to the Group.1

Service Charges have increased by

reflecting the reputation and strength of the DCC and FPA brands in Asia

15.7%

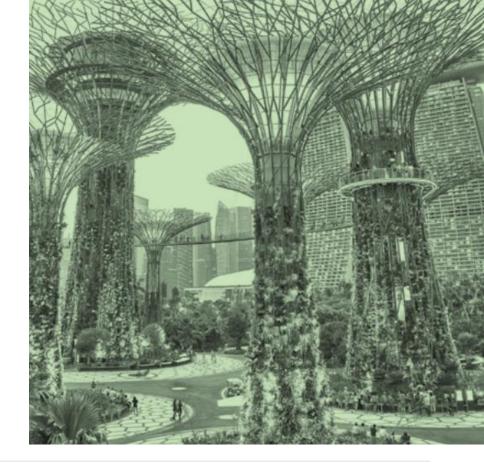
Patent applications in Asia now comprise 15.7% of total Group applications

Sortify platforms established in Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong with promising early traction

M&A and strategic alliance pipeline developing with strong focus on Asia

DCC Hong Kong office opened further expanding the regional footprint





# Sortify.tm acceleration

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Sortify.tm has made significant progress in FY23, and with its compelling mission of "making trade mark protection available to anyone" has the potential to be a strategic differentiator in our business.

Record volumes in Sortify.tm's main markets as the No 1 filer of trade marks in Australia, No 2 in NZ,

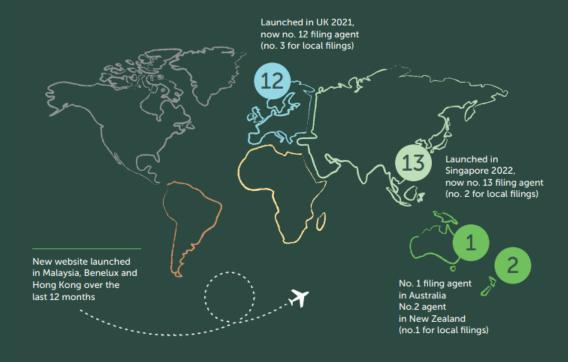
No 2 in NZ, and approaching the top 10 in the UK Early traction in recently opened markets of Singapore, Hong Kong and Benelux<sup>1</sup> Access to trade marks for SMEs

has allowed the Group to generate revenue from this large, underdeveloped segment Continued development of SaaS products targeted at the 'Attorney' and 'Enterprise' levels to capitalise on industry tailwinds for

AI-based productivity tools

Explorations of AI-based services

leveraging Sortify.tm automation expertise into DCC and FPA Since 2018, Sortify.tm has built online trade mark filing platform that now span Australasia, South East Asia and Europe



1 Benelux is a collective name for Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, especially with reference to their economic union.

# Investment into people and operations



Multi-year investments into processes, technology and offices have continued to simplify and streamline our operations while providing an environment that allows our employees to excel.

Focus on recruitment in key growth areas, with a strong emphasis on stering diversity within our workforce

New office Spaces designed to encourage collaboration among employees and enhance client service

Migration of infrastructure to Microsoft Azure and upgraded IP management platforms

for improved workflow and productivity

Technology investments

have enabled a flexible work from anywhere culture promoting efficiency and agility

Ongoing commitment to professional development, well-being initiatives and employee engagement to promote employee retention





# IP Industry Overview



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# Continued Industry Resilience

The need for clients to continually protect their most important asset, intellectual property, persists irrespective of ongoing market conditions

R&D budgets are often protected, or in some sectors increased, during volatile periods to seize on market opportunities

Innovation that results from volatility also plays strongly in the favour of the IP sector

The global IP sector has continued to show resilience, evident in the growth experienced in patents and trade marks Total patent applications filed in Australia (FY19-23)



Source: IP Australia

#### Notes:

- Excludes innovation filings. Innovation patents are excluded from the above analysis – they were phased out from August 2021 and accelerated filings prior to the phase out had distorted the patent filings market when viewed inclusive of innovation filings.
- 2. Based on IP Australia data at conclusion of each filing period.
- 3. The FY22 market increase includes filings from applicants who may have previously utilised the innovation patent system (market otherwise remained largely flat)

# IP lifecycle supports resilience

- Revenue generation at various stages of maintaining and enforcement of IP rights
- Client relationships tend to be long term and stable – 18 months – 20 years+
- Client arrangements can be national, regional, multinational
- Reciprocal arrangements internationally generate additional revenue streams

In an increasingly volatile world, intellectual property remains a critical asset – the IP industry has demonstrated great resilience

# Depth and breadth of industry coverage

Serviced **~5,000** clients in ~60 countries across the Group in FY23

No individual client accounts for >2% of revenue

**Local and International**clients

Longstanding relationships **5, 10, 20+ years** 



Agriculture, agrichemicals, food, nutrition



Arts, Marketing, Media



Biotechnology



Building & Construction



Clean Technology, Energy



Industrial Chemicals



Materials Science



Medical Devices & Technology



Mining & Resources



Nano Technology



Consumer Products & Design



Electrical & Electronic Engineering



Fashion, Architecture & Design



Food, Beverages, FMCG



ICT & Software



Pharmaceuticals & Chemistry



Physics & Engineering



Plant Breeder's Rights



University & Applied Research



DCC Law

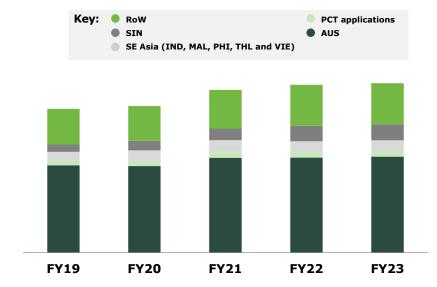
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# **Growing Market Share**



#### QANTM Group Total New Patent Applications

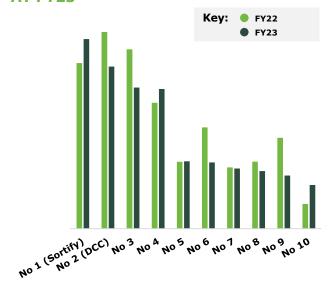
#### FY19-FY23 (excluding Innovation Filings)



- QANTM's AU patent market applications are up 0.9% relative to FY22 QANTM's AU patent market share ~16.5% of the market (FY22: 15%)
- Total QANTM Asian patent applications is flat on FY22
- QANTM Asian patent applications represent 15.7% of Group total

#### Australian Trade Mark Filings by Top 10 Firms

#### **AT FY23**



- Sortify.tm and DCC remain the top 2 agents in Australia for trade mark applications
- QANTM AU applications increased by 6.5% (compared to a decrease of 4.7% for the top 50 agents)

#### QANTM Total Trade Mark Applications

FY19-FY23



 Group total trade mark applications in FY23 increased by 8% vs the prior corresponding period

# Growth has continued to be resilient with Asia increasingly dominant

#### **Industry Context**

- From 1883 to 1963, the USA was the leading office for world filings.
- Japan and Korea accelerated through the 70's, 80's and 90's.
- Since 2011, China has received the most applications globally.
- Asia has grown from 54.6% of world filings in 2011 to 67.6% in 2022.
- USA and Europe remain critical markets.

#### **QANTM Context**

- DCC Singapore office opened in 2015.
- Advanz Fidelis Malaysia was acquired in 2017 (and became DCC Advanz in 2022).
- FPA Singapore office opened in 2018.
  - DCC Hong Kong office opened in 2022.
- Looking to further expand in Asia (e.g. Thailand, Indonesia, India) through M&A/strategic alliances/new offices.
- DCC and FPA are highly active and well regarded firms across Asia.
  - Asia now ~16% of Group filings, and expected to continue to grow rapidly.



## Two-thirds of patent filings activity worldwide took place in Asia in 2022.

Patent applications by region, 2011 and 2022



### Industry Characteristics



IP industry growth broadly correlates with global sentiment around R&D

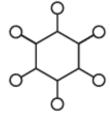
As economies develop, industry and regulatory policy leads to investment in technology

This leads to investment in IP protection

Trends, in both short and long term, are for consistent growth, with a high degree of resilience

Whilst some industry sectors may decline, others emerge (e.g. emergence of digital technologies over past 20 years, and continued evolution within that sector)

#### **Global Innovation Tracker Dashboard**



#### Science and innovation investments

innovation investments					
		R&D expenditures			
Short term	Scientific publications	Total	Business	International patent filings	Venture capital deals
	7.6% 2019 → 2020	<b>8.5</b> % 2018 → 2019	<b>7.2</b> % 2018 - 2019	<b>3.5</b> % 2019 → 2020	<b>5.8%</b> 2019 → 2020
Long term	5.4%	4.9%	5.2%	5.3%	3.6%
	2010 → 2020 (annual growth)	2009 → 2019 (annual growth)	2009 → 2019 (annual growth)	2010 → 2020 (annual growth)	2010 → 2020 (annual growth)

Source: World Intellectual Property Report Global Innovation Index, 2021

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# Summary and Outlook



- ✓ Continued organic revenue growth, on the back of current trading momentum.
- Continued strong market share in Australia, with further growth in Asia
- ✓ Continued margin improvement as a result of improved financial disciplines, cost management
   and strategic initiatives target remains EBITDA in low 30s; making solid progress
- Continued investment in our people, our aspiration is to be the place to work for IP professionals
- Continued delivery of technology and simplification milestones
- Continued growth and expansion of Sortify.tm: AI-based platforms are of increasing relevance; Sortify.tm has deep AI capability, being deployed **today**
- Continued exploration of targeted M&A opportunities, plus strategic alliances, that meet our selection criteria
- Continued optimism about IP sector resilience and growth
- Solid dividend payment (6.3c for FY23) in volatile equities market

# Questions





# Further information



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# IP lifecycle revenue stages

## Main revenue components of the IP Lifecycle:

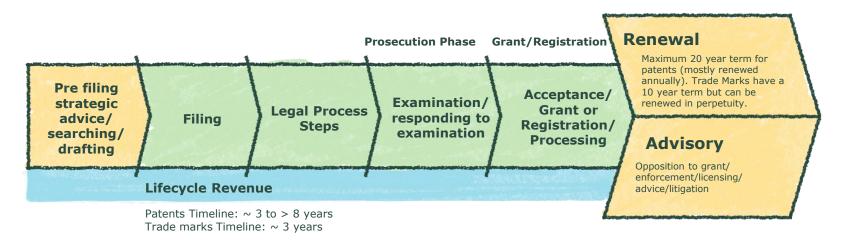
Filing, prosecution, maintenance/renewal phases, with potential for advisory, legal/litigation services.

Originating application work for new inventions, at a pre-filing stage, also generates revenue.



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#### **National Application Lifecycle – Patents and Trade Marks**



- Revenue generation at initial pre-filing stages of searching or drafting, throughout the filing, prosecution and grant/registration lifecycle, as well as later maintenance and potential advisory stages.
- Client relationships tend to be long term and stable 20 years+.
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# IP lifecycle revenue stages

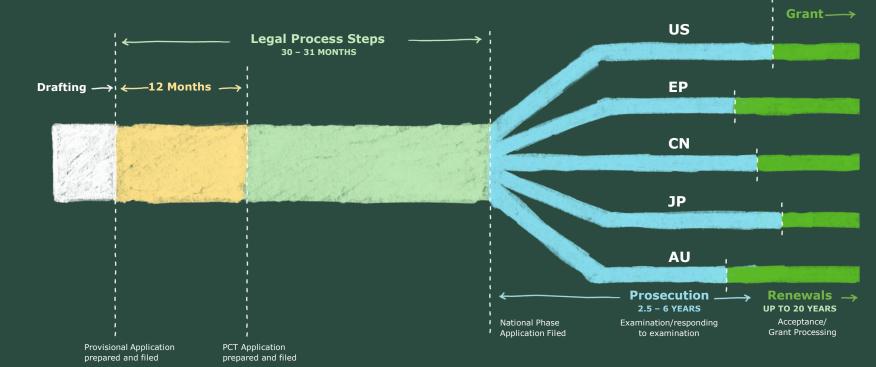
Single international application matures into separate applications in each country/region of interest.

Separate patents ultimately granted in each country/region.

Reciprocal arrangements internationally generate additional revenue streams.







## The role of IP in innovation



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For more than a century innovation activity has grown substantially around the world.

Driven by a series of technological breakthroughs from the internal combustion engine, to information and communication technologies, innovation has become one of the most powerful tools at our disposal for advancing overall welfare and wellbeing.

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