## NowVertical Group Inc. Management's Discussion and Analysis For the six months ended June 30, 2023

### August 29, 2023

The following management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") is intended to assist readers in understanding the business environment, strategies, performance and risk factors of NowVertical Group Inc. (the "Company", "NowVertical", "we", "us" or "our"). All references to "\$" are U.S. dollars and all references to "C\$" are Canadian dollars.

As described in this MD&A and in the Company's filings on SEDAR, the Company was formed in September 2020 with a business strategy to bring together top technologies, services and the human capital needed to provide public and private organizations with full stack analytic and intelligence solutions. In June 2021, the Company went public and in just under three years since its formation, has built an experienced corporate management team, completed nine acquisitions and, with the acquisitions completed up to June 30, 2023, now employs more than 600 people in seven countries on five continents. NowVertical, the Vertical Intelligence<sup>TM</sup> ("VI") company, will continue to grow organically and through the acquisition of additional businesses that complement its VI data integration, engineering, governance, science, analytics and machine learning practices.

This MD&A provides the reader with a view and analysis, from the perspective of management, of the Company's results of operations and financial position for the six months ended June 30, 2023, and should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the twelve months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 (the "Audited Financial Statements"), which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") in effect on January 1, 2022. The Annual Financial Statements and the notes thereto, along with this MD&A, were approved by the Company's board of directors.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This MD&A may contain statements deemed "forward-looking statements" that involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company or its industry to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward looking statements. All statements in this MD&A, other than statements of historical fact, which address events or developments that the Company expects to occur, are forward-looking statements, and words such as "may", "will", "expect", "believe", "plan", "intend", "should", "anticipate", "contemplate" and other similar terminology are intended to identify these forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's current assumptions and expectations regarding future events and operating performance as of the date of this MD&A.

Forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties, should not be read as guarantees of future events, performance, or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of whether or not such events, performance or results will be achieved. Several factors could cause actual events, performance, or results to vary significantly from the events, performance or results discussed in the forward-looking statements, including but not limited to the factors discussed below under "Risks and Uncertainties". Although the forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A are based upon what management of the Company believes are reasonable assumptions, the Company cannot assure investors that actual events, performance or results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this MD&A and the Company assumes no obligation, except as required by law, to update any forward-looking statements to reflect new events or circumstances. This report should be viewed in conjunction with the Company's other publicly available filings, copies of which can be obtained electronically on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

### **Non-IFRS Measures**

This MD&A includes certain measures which have not been prepared in accordance with IFRS, such as "Adjusted Revenue" and "Adjusted EBITDA". These are not recognized measures under IFRS and may not be comparable to similar financial measures disclosed by other issuers.

Adjusted Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA provide investors with supplemental measures of the Company's historical operating performance by adjusting for items that are not directly related to the Company's operating performance or operating conditions and thus highlight trends in the core business that may not otherwise be apparent when relying solely on IFRS measures.

The Company believes that securities analysts, investors, and other interested parties frequently use non-IFRS financial measures in the evaluation of issuers. The Company's management also uses non-IFRS financial measures to facilitate operating performance comparisons from period to period and to prepare annual budgets and forecasts. The non-IFRS financial measures referred to in this MD&A are defined below:

"Adjusted EBITDA" adjusts net income (loss) before depreciation and amortization expenses, net interest costs, and provision for income taxes for revenue adjustments in "Adjusted Revenue" and items such as acquisition accounting adjustments, transaction expenses related to acquisitions, transactional gains or losses on assets, asset impairment charges, non-recurring expense items, non-cash stock compensation costs, and the full year impact of cost synergies related to restructuring activities, such as a reduction of employees.

"Adjusted Revenue" adjusts revenue to eliminate the effects of acquisition accounting on the Company's revenues, which predominantly pertain to FMV adjustments to the opening deferred revenue balances of acquired companies.

#### **Incorporation**

The Company is an Ontario corporation listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSXV") under the symbol "NOW.V". Prior to its name change in connection with the closing of the Transaction (as described below), the Company was a capital pool company on the TSXV known as Good2Go Corp. ("G2G").

As a matter of emphasis, note that the ultimate public entity, NowVertical Group Inc., does not have a comma (",") in its legal name, whereas the U.S. operating company, NowVertical Group, Inc., has a comma in its legal name.

NowVertical Group, Inc. ("NVG"), a U.S. operating subsidiary of the Company, was incorporated on September 22, 2020 in Delaware, USA. On March 22, 2021, NVG entered into a business combination agreement with G2G, a Company incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, which contemplated the acquisition by G2G of all the issued and outstanding shares of NVG (the "Transaction"). The Transaction, which was structured as a "three-cornered" amalgamation and a reverse triangular merger, constituted a reverse takeover of G2G by NVG and the qualifying transaction of G2G under the TSXV's Policy 2.4 – *Capital Pool Companies*. Concurrently with the Transaction's closing on June 28, 2021, G2G changed its (i) name to NowVertical Group Inc., (ii) symbol on the TSXV to "NOW.V", and (iii) year-end from February 28 to December 31, to conform with that of NVG. The Company's subordinate voting shares (the "Subordinate Voting Shares") commenced trading on the TSXV on July 5, 2021.

## **Description of the Business and Business Strategy**

The Company was founded in September 2020 with a business strategy to bring together top technologies, services and human capital needed to provide public and private organizations with full stack analytic and intelligence solutions. The Company is now a publicly-held big data, analytics and VI software and solutions company that has and will continue to grow organically and through acquisitions.

Since its inception to June 30, 2023, the Company has raised \$22.9 million of net proceeds that have been deployed to acquire nine companies and to build its management team and public company operating structure. In Q1 2023 the Company has used debt capital to partially fund its acquisitions. Management intends to continue to access capital and debt markets to execute its acquisitive growth strategy.

The Company's revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2023 increased over two times from the same period in the prior year to \$28.5 million (2022: \$9.2 million).

Consolidating and Building Market Share in the Fragmented Data and Artificial Intelligence Market

NowVertical is a Vertical Intelligence (VI) company that delivers industry-specific data, technology, and artificial intelligence (AI) applications to private and public customers globally. Its proprietary solutions service small, medium and large organizations to transform their data, technology and AI investments into Vertically Intelligent ones. This enables our customers to accelerate their time to value, minimize risk and unlock transformative value for their modern enterprise.

#### **Growth Drivers**

There are two primary sources of growth for the Company:

- 1. Inorganic Growth via Acquisitions
- 2. Organic Growth via Revenue and Margin enhancement

### 1. Inorganic Growth via Acquisitions of Service Providers, Software Assets, and IP

Service providers are defined by NowVertical as data governance, data engineering, data integration, data science and machine learning / AI service providers that offer highly specialized consultancy services to enterprise customers. NOW's 2021 acquisition of Integra, Seafront Analytics, 2022 acquisitions of Allegient Defense, CoreBI, and Resonant Analytics, and recently completed 2023 Acquisitions of the A10 Group, Acrotrend, and Smartlytics fall into this category.

Software Assets and IP include companies that derive most of their revenue through the sale or licensing of software or intellectual Property (IP) to our customers in one or multiple verticals. The 2021 acquisition of Signafire (NOW Fusion), Doc Authority (NOW Privacy), and Affinio (NOW SnowGraph) as well as the 2022 acquisition of Exonar (NOW Reveal) fall into this category.

NowVertical's ability to integrate newly acquired companies into its global operating model is also a part of how the Company achieves its growth targets. NowVertical's integration focuses on commercial enhancement by supporting pipeline development and sales development through its corporate sales team, cross-unit sales via the emerging global network of business units (i.e. the acquired businesses) ("BUs"), margin enhancements through standardization of back-office functions and gross profit improvements via NowVertical's efficient global delivery network in LATAM, Middle East and Asia.

As a publicly traded Vertical Intelligence provider with operations on five continents and a successful track record of acquisitive growth, the Company is well-positioned to provide an effective strategy for regional solutions providers by working with them to serve their customers, and care for them, their employees and grow their businesses. The Company believes there is a strong pipeline of potential acquisitions and reviews opportunities continuously; however, the Company takes a diligent approach to potential acquisitions, focusing on accretive opportunities that allow for vertical diversification and other strategic benefits to the Company.

#### 2. Organic growth

Organic revenue growth for NowVertical comes via three key areas of commercial integration:

a) Direct Sales from the BUs with integrated pipeline development facilitated by the corporate sales team

- b) Cross-Unit sales from other BUs with revenue sharing and incentives facilitated by global transfer pricing and service level agreements (SLAs) i.e. customer expansion and margin enhancement
- c) Channel partner enhancements via global service, software, and technology partners

The Company also endeavors to maintain best-in-class consolidated customer expansion and retention rates across NowVertical. The Company's ability to retain customers over the long term and generate recurring revenue from existing customers results in a more robust and stable revenue stream and creates opportunities for additional upsells and cross-sells across the NowVertical network. Building successful long-term relationships and deeper customer loyalty with NowVertical's products and services also increases the likelihood of new referrals and brand champions. This includes adding new customers (i.e. logos), expanding service offerings to existing customers, and developing new "in-house" software or platform products. This organic growth strategy is supported by the corporate revenue operations team which actively targets net new, cross BU margin enhancement opportunities, as well as driving inter-BU sales and customer expansion.

#### INDUSTRY VERTICALS

NowVertical provides services in multiple industries and public sector customers. NOW's operations and organic growth are measured internally by industry vertical to evaluate the opportunity, challenges, and changes in its business. NowVertical groups its customers into the following verticals:

- **Industrials** The Industrials segment captures customers whose primary industries include but are not limited to: manufacturing, Automotive, Transportation, Energy, etc.
- **Commercial Services** The Commercial Services s segment captures customers whose primary industries include but are not limited to: Finance, Agencies, Insurance, Telecoms, etc.
- **Public Sector** The Public Sector segment captures customers whose primary industries include but are not limited to: government agencies, federal and municipal governments, large NGOs, etc.
- **Consumer Goods** The Consumer Goods s segment captures customers whose primary industries include but are not limited to: consumer product groups, retail, healthcare/pharmaceuticals, Media / Publishing, etc.

# Acquisitions completed during the six months ended June 30, 2023

The following paragraphs summarize the three acquisitions completed during the first three months of 2023 made to enhance the Company's operating segment.

Smartlytics Consultancy Ltd.

On January 12, 2023, the Company acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding securities of Smartlytics Consultancy Ltd. ("Smartlytics"), a UK-based data analytics consultancy company that provide a wide range of Data Science and analytics services. The acquisition was made to enhance the Company's data analytics services business. Pursuant to the terms of a stock purchase agreement dated December 10, 2022, the aggregate consideration consisted of (i) a closing cash payment of \$1,000,000 subject to holdbacks, (ii) issuance of 600,000 Subordinate Voting Shares at a deemed issue price of \$1.00 per share subject to contractual lock-up restrictions, and (iii) earn-out consideration paid over three fiscal years based on certain targets, a portion of which may be payable in Company shares at the Company's sole discretion subject to a maximum of 926,413 shares. The closing cash consideration was funded with term debt with a Canadian banking partner. The earn-out is being accounted for as compensation since it is tied to employment. In connection with the acquisition, the Company incurred acquisition-related costs of \$140,587 which have been recorded in administrative expenses. The goodwill from the acquisitions consists largely of the synergies expected from combining the operations from Smartlytics with the operations of the Company and is not expected to be deductible for tax purposes. Smartlytics has contributed \$0.6 million of revenue and net income of \$0.2 million to the Company's revenues and net loss, respectively, from the acquisition date to June 30, 2023.

### Acrotrend Solutions Ltd.

On January 12, 2023, the Company acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding securities of Acrotrend Solutions Ltd ("Acrotrend"), a UK-based customer analytics consultancy company in the UK that combines business intelligence and decision-making, helping turn consumer data into smart insights. The acquisition was made to enhance the Company's data analytics services business. Pursuant to the terms of a stock purchase agreement dated December 9, 2022, the aggregate consideration consisted of (i) a closing cash payment of \$4,100,000 subject to holdbacks, (ii) issuance of 750,000 Subordinate Voting Shares of the Company at a price of \$1.00 per share, subject to contractual lock-up restrictions, and (iii) earn-out consideration paid over three fiscal years based on certain targets, a portion of which may be payable in Company shares at the Company's sole discretion subject to a maximum of 5,000,000 shares. The closing cash consideration was funded with term debt with a Canadian banking partner. The earn-out is being accounted for as compensation since it is tied to employment. In connection with the acquisition, the Company incurred acquisition-related costs of \$46,089 which have been recorded in administrative expenses. The goodwill from the acquisitions consists largely of the synergies expected from combining the operations from Acrotrend with the operations of the Company and is not expected to be deductible for tax purposes. Acrotrend has contributed \$2.8 million of revenue and net income of \$0.4 million to the Company's revenues and net loss, respectively, from the acquisition date to June 30, 2023.

## Group Analytics 10

On February 2, 2023, the Company acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding securities of Group Analytics 10 and Inteligencia de Negocios and its affiliate entities ("A10"). The A10 Group is one of Latin America's most experienced big data, business intelligence, and advanced analytics partners. Serving more than 700 customers, A10 focuses on helping organizations make intelligent, data-backed decisions by translating data into understandable information that accelerates concrete action The acquisition was made to enhance the Company's data analytics services business and expand operations in Latin America. Pursuant to the terms of a stock purchase agreement dated December 21, 2022, the aggregate consideration consisted of (i) a closing cash payment of \$4.95 million, subject to holdbacks, (ii) \$550,000 settled by way of an issuance of Subordinate Voting Shares at a deemed price equal to the greater of the Company's 20-day VWAP on closing and \$1.00 per Subordinate Voting Share, subject to customary lock-ups, and (iii) earn-out consideration paid over four fiscal years based on certain targets. This is an arm's length transaction and no finder's fees were paid by the Company in connection with the A10 Group acquisition. The closing cash consideration was funded with term debt with a Canadian banking partner. The earn-out was valued at fair value using a discounted cash flow model, is being accounted for as compensation since it is tied to employment. In connection with the acquisition, the Company incurred acquisition-related costs of \$328,414 which have been recorded in administrative expenses. The goodwill from the acquisitions consists largely of the synergies expected from combining the operations from A10 with the operations of the Company and is not expected to be deductible for tax purposes. A10 has contributed \$8.0 million of revenue and net loss of \$0.4 million to the Company's revenues and net loss, respectively, from the acquisition date to June 30, 2023.

## Disposal completed during the first six months of 2023

On May 10, 2023, the Company completed the sale of the Affinio Social assets to a private UK based intelligence platform provider Audiense Limited ("Audiense"). Under the terms of the deal, the Company will receive an earnout consideration based on the revenues collected (net of taxes) on sales of the Affinio Social product and Audiense products sold by the Company. Audiense is now an official reseller of the Company's vertical intelligence products and solutions. In addition, Audiense will pay \$2.2 million of deferred payments in cash to the Company within 24 months of May 10, 2023, with acceleration events included. The Company also received an equity stake in Audiense equivalent to 2% of Audiense's share capital on a fully diluted basis as of May 10, 2023. As part of the transaction, Audiense is purchasing certain assets comprised primarily of IP and patents. The Company received perpetual, royalty free license to use the transferred IP and patents, which the Company utilizes within its Snowflake product offering.

### **Results of Operations**

#### Revenue

Revenue increased to \$29.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, compared to \$10.2 million for the same period in 2022. These increases were primarily due to additional revenue from the companies acquired since December 2022.

## Gross Profit

Gross profit increased to \$12.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, compared to \$4.7 million for the same period in 2022, primarily due to gross profit earned from companies acquired since December 2022.

Cost of revenue includes amortization of acquired technology intangible assets of \$0.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023 (2022: \$0.2 million).

### Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses include corporate costs, the costs of acquired companies that are not included in the cost of revenue, and non-cash operating costs such as share-based compensation. Major components of administrative expenses were as follows:

	Three mon	nded		d			
	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022		June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022
Compensation and benefits	\$ 3,924,413	\$	2,764,578	\$	7,928,868 \$	6	4,390,958
Professional fees	1,041,274		997,817		2,698,205		2,050,676
Marketing and advertising	148,456		302,366		373,207		491,423
Investor relations and filing fees	82,816		194,810		170,360		387,255
Product development	-		88,156		-		243,000
Office and other expenses	545,547		264,018		1,166,924		466,538
Travel expense	84,025		38,378		260,618		105,258
Depreciation	67,946		8,036		117,642		22,407
Amortization of intangible assets	448,018		276,962		871,518		380,270
Exchange (gain) / loss	(138,925)		(37,865)		(208,521)		(79,868)
Share-based compensation expense	95,935		79,024		169,702		152,354
Total administrative expenses	\$ 6,299,505		4,976,280	\$	13,548,523		8,610,271

Compensation and benefits expense increased compared to the same periods in 2022 due to the compensation costs of acquired companies.

Professional fee expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2023 increased compared to the same period in 2022 due to higher audit fees, tax advisory services and filings, legal fees, and consultants related to the growth of the Company and to support its reporting and other obligations as a public company, as well as additional professional fees related to acquisitions.

Marketing and advertising expenses decreased compared to the same periods in 2022 due to a concerted effort by management to reduce corporate costs.

Investor relations and filing fee expenses as well as product development costs both decreased in 2023 compared to the same period in 2022 as the Company leverages internal resources for investor relations and new internal resources from acquired companies for product development.

Office and other expenses increased compared to the same period in 2022 primarily due the additional costs of acquired companies.

Travel expenses increased compared to the same period in 2022 primarily related to the growth of the company and additional costs of acquired companies.

Depreciation expense increased compared to the same periods in 2022 primarily due to the depreciation of capital assets of acquired companies.

Amortization of intangible assets expense increased compared to the same periods in 2022 due to higher intangible assets related to acquisitions.

Share-based compensation expense relates to stock options and RSUs issued.

#### Other expenses

Other expenses include revaluations of financial liabilities, one-time costs, inflation impact and net interest, as follows:

	Three month	hs ende	ed	Six months end	aded		
	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022		
Contingent compensation related to acquisitions	\$ - 5	\$	(439,505)	\$ (230,698) \$	(647,848)		
Revaluation of warrant liability	-		305,030	1,098,243	1,036,428		
Revaluation of equity consideration	19,566		120,998	105,480	120,998		
Revaluation of contingent and deferred consideration	(234,757)		165,331	(728,221)	165,331		
Revaluation of conversion features	30,408		-	335,039	-		
Inflation effect on the net monetary position	(30,069)		(306,974)	(32,211)	(415,970)		
Impairment loss	-		-	(250,000)	-		
Investing income	239,938		161,499	342,027	161,499		
Interest expense	(886,213)		(167,965)	(1,683,286)	(208,245)		
Loss on disposal of asset	(57,351)			(57,351)	<u> </u>		
Total other expenses	\$ (918,478)	\$	(161,586)	\$ (1,100,978) \$	212,193		

Contingent compensation related to acquisitions is related to contingent deferred consideration for an acquired company that is classified as compensation expense and accrued over time. Revaluation of equity consideration relates to the fair value adjustment of shares to be issued in the future in relation to acquisitions. Revaluation of contingent and deferred consideration relates to the revaluations of contingent earn-out consideration and deferred consideration in relation to acquisitions. Inflation effect on the net monetary position relates to the inflationary adjustment required under IAS 29 related to operations in Argentina.

Revaluation of warrant liability is the revaluation of warrants issued in the Company's unit offering in December 2021, October 2022 and February 2023.

Interest expense increased in 2023 compared to the same period in 2022 due to \$13.5 million of debt proceeds to fund 2022 and 2023 acquisitions and \$6.7 million of debt acquired through 2022 and 2023 acquisitions.

## Income Tax Expense (Benefit)

Income tax expense or benefit is recognized at an amount determined by multiplying the profit (loss) before tax for the reporting period by management's best estimate of the weighted-average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year, adjusted for the tax effect of certain items recognized in full in the period.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company recorded an income tax expense of \$0.8 million on pre-tax book loss of \$2.3 million. The Company's effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2023 was 16.2% which differs from the Canadian statutory rate of 26.5% primarily due to certain pre-tax losses for which no benefit was recorded.

#### Net Loss and Loss Per Share

The Company reported a net loss of \$3.0 million and a comprehensive loss of \$3.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, compared to a net loss of \$3.1 million and comprehensive loss of \$3.0 million for the same period in 2022.

On a per share basis, this represents a net loss per basic and diluted share of \$0.04 for the six months ended June 30, 2023, compared to a net loss per basic and diluted share of \$0.05 for the six months ended June 30, 2022.

The decrease in the net loss per basic and diluted share for the six months period ended June 30, 2023 is related to higher revenue in 2023 primarily due to the acquisition of Smartlytics, Acrotrend and A10 during the six months ended June 30, 2023.

## **Summary of Quarterly Results**

The Company in its original form was incorporated on September 22, 2020 and began operations in October 2020. The selected financial information provided below is derived from the Company's Interim Financial Statements. Certain amounts in comparative periods have been reclassified to conform with the presentation adopted in the current period.

Amounts in millions except loss per share	s in millions except loss per share Q2 23		Q4 22	Q3 22	Q2 22	Q1 22	Q4 21	Q3 21
Adjusted Revenue	\$ 15.519	\$ 13.688	\$ 8.575	\$ 8.516	\$ 7.843	\$ 2.696	\$ 0.777	\$ 0.958
Adjusted EBITDA	1.277	0.201	(0.277)	(0.367)	(0.622)	(0.749)	(2.117)	(0.879)
Revenue	15.460	13.622	8.392	8.381	7.642	2.594	0.777	0.958
Gross profit	6.346	6.043	3.603	3.276	3.211	1.488	0.441	0.724
Gain (loss) from operations	0.047	(1.206)	(2.154)	(1.823)	(1.766)	(2.146)	(4.283)	(1.372)
Net loss	(0.732)	(0.005)	(3.557)	(2.903)	(1.268)	(1.820)	(4.378)	(1.371)
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.00) 5	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.03)
Weighted average shares outstanding	76.885	70.133	63.522	63.751	62.603	62.047	52.604	49.061
Shares outstanding, end of period	77.110	76.610	65.078	64.968	62.648	62.048	62.042	49.807

Revenue and gross profit are increasing quarter over quarter as the Company acquires new companies and expands its product offerings. Cost of revenue includes amortization expense for technology related intangible assets related to acquisitions. The higher net loss in the fourth quarter of 2022 was primarily due to the impairment of certain technology CGUs. The higher net loss in the third quarter of 2022 was primarily related to revaluations of warrant liability, future share consideration and earn-out consideration, as well as the inflationary adjustment related to operations in Argentina. The higher net loss in the fourth quarter of 2021 was primarily related to higher compensation expenses and professional fees as the Company continued to grow the business and a revaluation expense related to the unit warrant liability. The higher net loss in the second quarter of 2021 was related to the RTO Transaction which was completed in June 2021.

### Non-IFRS Results for the six months ended June 30, 2023

### Reconciliation of Adjusted Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA

	Three mon	ths en	ded	Six month	ed	
	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022
Adjusted Revenue	\$ 15,518,804	\$	7,843,233	\$ 29,207,217	\$	10,539,137
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 1,276,563	\$	(622,228)	\$ 1,477,601	\$	(1,371,515)
	Three mon	ths en	ded	Six month	s ende	ed
	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	 June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022
Revenue	\$ 15,460,310	\$	7,641,897	\$ 29,082,345	\$	10,236,342
Acquisition accounting impact on revenue	58,494		201,336	124,872		302,795
Adjusted revenue	\$ 15,518,804	\$	7,843,233	\$ 29,207,217	\$	10,539,137
Gain (loss) from operations	\$ 46,519	\$	(1,765,622)	\$ (1,159,486)	\$	(3,911,784)
GAAP Adjustments						
Depreciation and amortization	593,914		389,663	1,160,009		620,279
Expenses incurred in connection with acquisitions	229,152		383,970	859,308		973,845
Gain on sale of property and equipment	(905)		(866)	(1,403)		(866)
Foreign exchange realized loss	(139,028)		(37,865)	(208,627)		(79,868)
Total GAAP Adjustments	683,132		734,902	1,809,287		1,513,390
Non-cash stock-based compensation	95,935		79,024	169,702		152,354
Acquisition accounting impact on revenue	58,494		201,336	124,872		302,795
Gain (loss) from disposed operations	87,564		(144,609)	54,706		(215,027)
Impact of cost synergies related to reduction of employees	304,920		272,741	478,520		786,758
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 1,276,563	\$	(622,228)	\$ 1,477,601	\$	(1,371,515)

The NOW operating model continues to move into alignment with the market by integrating previously isolated operating segments into a single, vertical-focused solutions segment. This single reporting segment brings our technologies and services together under a single solution set for our customers, helping them to navigate this extremely fragmented and complex data, analytics and AI industry. Furthermore, in future quarters we will be reporting on revenue growth by vertical.

Adjusted Revenue increased to \$29.2 million (over two times) in the six months ended June 30, 2023, compared to the same periods in the prior year, primarily due to the acquisitions of A10, Allegient, Acrotrend, Resonant and Smartlytics.

Adjusted EBITDA increased to \$1.5 million compared to \$(1.4) million in the same six month period in 2022 primarily due to increased operating profit from the acquisitions of A10, Allegient, Acrotrend, Resonant and Smartlytics.

The company was able to realize \$0.5 million in several, executive-level efficiencies in the six month period ending June 30, 2023 (2022: \$0.8 million) through the re-integration of service professional out of the operating model statement of profit and loss and back into the appropriate business units. Further cost reductions were also realized by relocating US-based marketing functions into Canada and moderating marketing expenditures through 2023.

Non-IFRS Results by operating segment for the six months ended June 30, 2023

		Three	e mont	hs ended June 30,	2023	3	Three	Three months ended June 30, 2022				
	NO	W Operations	NOW	Operating Model		Total	NOW Operations	NO	W Operating Model		Total	
Revenue	\$	15,518,804	\$	-	\$	15,518,804	\$ 7,641,897	\$	-	\$	7,641,897	
Cost of revenue		(9,036,337)		-		(9,036,337)	(4,300,166)		-		(4,300,166)	
Gross Profit		6,482,467		-		6,482,467	3,341,731		-		3,341,731	
Gross Profit %		42%				42%	44%				44%	
Administrative expenses		(4,526,227)		(679,677)		(5,205,904)	(2,728,331)		(1,235,628)		(3,963,959)	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	1,956,240	\$	(679,677)	\$	1,276,563	\$ 613,400	\$	(1,235,628)	\$	(622,228)	
Adjusted EBITDA %		13%		-4%		8%	8%		-16%		-8%	
		Six	month	s ended June 30, 2	023		Six	mont	hs ended June 30, 20	022		
	NO	W Operations	NOW	Operating Model		Total	NOW Operations	NO	W Operating Model		Total	

	Six months ended June 30, 2023						Six months ended June 30, 2022						
	NC	OW Operations	NO	W Operating Model		Total		NOW Operations	NOV	V Operating Model	Total		
Revenue	\$	29,207,217	\$	-	\$	29,207,217	\$	10,236,342	\$	- \$	10,236,342		
Cost of revenue		(16,522,459)		-		(16,522,459)		(5,297,845)		-	(5,297,845)		
Gross Profit		12,684,758		-		12,684,758		4,938,497		-	4,938,497		
Gross Profit %		43%				43%		48%			48%		
Administrative expenses		(8,850,328)		(2,356,829)		(11,207,157)		(4,188,615)		(2,121,397)	(6,310,012)		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	3,834,430	\$	(2,356,829)	\$	1,477,601	\$	749,882	\$	(2,121,397) \$	(1,371,515)		
Adjusted EBITDA %		13%		-8%		5%		7%		-21%	-13%		

Adjusted Revenue, Gross Profit and Adjusted EBITDA increased in the Operations segment for the six months ended June 30, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022 due to the acquisitions of A10, Allegient, Acrotrend, Resonant and Smartlytics.

### Global Operating Model (Corporate)

Adjusted Cost associated with NowVertical's global operating model increased in the six months ended June 30, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022 primarily due to the cost of adding personnel to manage the growth of the business and support the Company's operational requirements, and engaging external service providers to assist the Company in meeting its public company requirements and in connection with executing its acquisition strategy. To reduce costs associated with the global operating model, management has re-located key service providers and critical roles from the U.S to Canada. The impact of these changes came into effect in Q4 2022 and will continue into FY 2023.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company defines "capital" to include share capital and borrowings, which are managed on a consolidated level. Since its inception, the Company has relied primarily on equity and debt financings, as well as the cash flows provided by acquired businesses, to support its operating model and execute its acquisitive growth strategy. Recent acquisitions have been completed with debt proceeds from the EDC and a commercial bank.

As at June 30, 2023, the Company had a working capital deficit of \$6.8 million, which includes deferred revenue of \$6.9 million and equity and operating results based contingent consideration payable to acquired companies amounting to \$2.5 million. Excluding these items, the Company had a working capital surplus of \$2.6 million as at June 30, 2023. To balance the need to manage liquidity while continuing to execute upon important elements of its growth strategy, the Company: (i) in January 2023 used its December 31, 2022 restricted cash balance and acquisition financing to complete three acquisitions, (ii) in February 2023 completed a marketed public equity offering (by utilizing the base shelf registration discussed further below) that raised gross proceeds of C\$5.0 million, (iii) has renegotiated with the vendors of CoreBI to extend the terms of cash consideration due earlier this year, and (iv) taken action to reduce the overheads of acquired companies. These steps supplement the continual monitoring of cash flows against operating forecasts.

With respect to the base shelf registration mentioned above, the Company was receipted on January 24, 2022 to raise up to C\$65.0 million (As at December 31, 2022 C\$10.1 million has been utilized to date). On February 28, 2023 the Company closed a marketed public offering (the "Offering") of 9,631,500 units (the "Units") of the Company at a price of C\$0.52 per Unit for gross proceeds of C\$5.0 million, which includes partial exercise of the over-allotment option. Each Unit consists of one Subordinate Voting Share and one Subordinate Voting Share purchase warrant (a "Warrant") of the Company. Each Warrant is exercisable to acquire one Subordinate Voting Share at a price per Share of C\$0.80 for a period of 36 months following the closing of the Offering. In connection with the Offering, the

Company paid the Agents a cash commission of C\$0.3 million and issued to the Agents 577,890 broker warrants, with each broker warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase one Subordinate Voting Share at a price of C\$0.52 per Subordinate Voting Share for a period 36 months following the Closing. The net proceeds raised in U.S. dollars amounted to \$3.4 million.

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company has cash of \$4.9 million. The cash includes \$1.5 million held in banks in Argentina. The Central Bank of the Argentine Republic has placed restrictions on the repatriation of funds at the official exchange rate, and the Company is working with its advisors to finalize a cash repatriation plan. The cash also includes \$2.5 million that is held within subsidiaries that are subject to compliance with bank covenants.

Additional sources of capital and/or financing will be required to meet planned growth initiatives and long-term operational objectives. Since its inception and through the date of this MD&A, the Company has raised over \$22.9 million in net cash from equity and convertible note financings.

Management expects that future cash generated from its operating entities, along with additional financings and a planned credit facility to fund acquisitions, will provide sufficient capital for the Company to execute on its strategy. Management expects to continue to grow revenue and improve the profitability of the Company's existing business by leveraging internal sales channels and other cross-entity synergies and plans to acquire cash flow positive businesses that can be financed with a credit facility and/or debt. Additionally, management will continue to take action to align the cost structures of acquired businesses with its operating model. Whether and when the Company can attain profitability and positive cash flows from operations and obtain additional funds from financing is uncertain. The Company's continued operations depend upon its ability to meet its financing requirements on a continuing basis, to continue to have access to financing, and to generate positive operating results. (Refer to Note 2 of the Audited Financial Statements for Going Concern disclosure).

## Cash Flow from Operations

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company used \$5.5 million of cash for operations (2022: \$0.8 million) primarily due to its loss from operations, which includes costs related to the additional personnel and external service providers hired to manage the growth of the business and support its operational requirements and acquisition strategy, and expenses related to the acquisitions of Smartlytics, Acrotrend and A10.

#### Cash Flow from Investing Activities

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company used \$1.0 million of cash for investing activities related to cash used for the acquisitions of Smartlytics, Acrotrend and A10, net of cash acquired in the transactions. For the same period in 2022, the Company used \$3.9 million of cash for investing activities related to cash used for the acquisitions of CoreBI and Exonar.

## Cash Flow from Financing Activities

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company generated cash of \$4.0 million from financing activities, related to debt financing secured for the A10 acquisition each closed on February 2, 2023 and the private placement which closed on February 28, 2023 for gross proceeds of \$3.7 million, partially offset by debt repayments. For the same period in 2022, the Company used \$0.8 million due to repayment of debt.

### **Contractual Obligations**

The Company has a remaining payment obligation of \$0.1 million on a senior secured redeemable debenture issued by Signafire in 2019 which the Company renegotiated in 2021. Affinio has four unsecured, non-interest-bearing loans outstanding of \$0.6 million in the aggregate at June 30, 2023, of which \$0.2 million is due within twelve months. Allegient has a term loan with a remaining balance of \$3.3 million at June 30, 2023, of which \$0.6 million is due within the next twelve months. NowVertical Canada Holdings Inc. has a term loan with a remaining balance of \$4.9 million of which \$1.0 million is due in the next twelve months. NowVertical Group Inc. has a term loan with a remaining balance of \$7.3 million of which \$1.0 million is due in the next twelve months. A10 Chile has a \$0.1 million

term loan which is due in the next twelve months. A10 Brazil has five term loans with a remaining balance of \$1.6 million all of which is due in the next twelve months.

On April 17, 2023, the Company and the Affinio former shareholders agreed to amend the terms of a deferred payment of \$1.5 million, by amending the amount owing to \$1.74 million (the "**Remaining Amount**") and to pay out the Remaining Amount in cash installments between the date hereof and December 31, 2023.

The Company also has remaining deferred payment obligations to the vendors of CoreBI of \$1.4 million. This payment will now be paid out over multiple installments during FY 2023 and FY 2024.

As at June 30, 2023, the consideration payable related to acquired companies is as follows:

	Ju	I	December 31, 2022		
Consideration payable	\$	3,476,693	\$	3,889,639	
Equity consideration payable		-		219,000	
Contingent consideration payable		2,511,374		387,346	
Total current liabilities	\$	5,988,067	\$	4,495,985	
Contingent consideration payable	\$	963,086	\$	1,082,525	
Total long-term liabilities	\$	963,086	\$	1,082,525	

Contingent consideration payable represents the fair value of estimated earn-out payments related to acquired companies, which are contingent on achieving certain operating results. Equity consideration payable represents the fair value of shares to be issued in relation to acquisitions.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **Transactions with Related Parties**

	Three month	s end	ded	Six months ended				
	June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022		June 30, 2023		June 30, 2022	
Salaries and bonuses	\$ 337,761	\$	272,500	\$	665,898	\$	545,000	
Share-based payments	65,448		30,122		116,640		63,150	
	\$ 403,209	\$	302,622	\$	782,538	\$	608,150	

### **Proposed Transactions**

The Company seeks potential acquisition targets on an ongoing basis and may complete several acquisitions in any given fiscal year. Additional funding will be required to execute on the Company's acquisition plan for the next twelve months, and a new credit facility is being pursued. The Company successfully utilized debt financing to facilitate its recent acquisitions.

### **Changes in Accounting Policies including Initial Adoption**

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Company's consolidated financial statements are disclosed below. The Company intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

Amendments to IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements

In January 2020, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1, "Presentation of Financial Statements". The amendments affect only the presentation of liabilities as current or non-current in the statement of financial position and not the amount or timing of recognition of any asset, liability, income or expenses, or the information disclosed about those items. The amendments help to determine whether, in the consolidated statement of financial position, debt and other liabilities with an uncertain settlement date should be classified as current (due to potentially be settled with one year) or non-current. The amendments also clarify the classification requirements for debt an entity might settle by converting it into equity. The amendments are applied retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, with early application permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of these amendments on its consolidated financial statements.

Another amendment from February 2021 changes the requirement of disclosing accounting policies from disclosing significant accounting policies to disclosing material accounting policies. Further amendments to IAS 1 explain how an entity can identify a material accounting policy. This guidance will be effective for annual periods starting January 1, 2023. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of these amendments on its consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 8 – Definition of Accounting Estimates

In February 2021, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 8, "Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors". The amendments replace the definition of a change in accounting estimates with a definition of accounting estimates. Under the new definition, accounting estimates are "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty". Entities develop accounting estimates if accounting policies require items in financial statements to be measured in a way that involves measurement uncertainty. The amendments clarify that a change in an accounting estimate that results from new information or new developments is not the correction of an error. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of these amendments on its consolidated financial statements.

Amendment to IAS 12 - Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

In May 2021, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes. The amendments require companies to recognize deferred tax on transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal amounts of taxable and deductible temporary differences. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023, with early application permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of these amendments on its consolidated financial statements.

### **Financial Instruments and Other Instruments**

The Company's financial assets categorized at amortized cost include trade and other receivables, unbilled revenue, taxes receivable, and cash. The Company does not have any financial assets categorized as FVTPL or FVOCI.

The Company's financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequently, financial liabilities are measured either at amortized cost using the effective interest method or at fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL). For financial liabilities measured at amortized cost, all interest-related charges and, if applicable, changes in fair value that are reported in profit and loss are included within finance costs or finance income.

The Company's financial instruments categorized at amortized cost include long-term debt, loan payable, accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities, deferred revenue, and consideration payable related to acquired

companies. The Company's financial instruments categorized at FVTPL are contingent consideration payable related to acquired companies and equity consideration payable related to acquired companies.

Derivative instruments, including derivative instruments embedded in other contracts (such as warrants) and instruments designated for hedging activities, are recognized as either asset or liabilities in the statement of financial position and measured at fair value. The Company has not used derivative instruments to hedge exposures to cash flow or foreign currency risks. Any change in the fair value of a derivative instrument or an embedded derivative not designated as a hedging instrument is recognized as an unrealized gain or loss in the statement of loss and comprehensive loss.

## **Outstanding Share Data**

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of class A Subordinate Voting Shares and an unlimited number of class B proportionate voting shares ("**Proportionate Voting Shares**"). As of the date of this MD&A, the following securities of the Company were issued and outstanding: (i) 57,810,262 Subordinate Voting Shares, (ii) 199,946 Proportionate Voting Shares, convertible, subject to adjustment, into 19,994,600 Subordinate Voting Shares (iii) 4,254,442 stock options to purchase 4,254,442 Subordinate Voting Shares, (iv) 20,185,095 Warrants exercisable to purchase 20,185,095 Subordinate Voting Shares, and (v) Debenture Units that are convertible into 4,827,619 Subordinate Voting Shares.

#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company's business is subject to a number of risk factors, which are described comprehensively in the Company's short form prospectus (including all documents incorporated by reference therein) dated February 22, 2023, and which are incorporated by reference herein. Particularly, the Company's activities expose it to financial risks, including credit risk, liquidity risk, and currency risk. It is the Company's opinion that it is not exposed to other significant market risks, including price, or variable interest rate risk.

#### Credit risk

The Company takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that one party will cause a financial loss for another party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Company is exposed to the risk of non-payment of trade and other receivables balances. The Company's exposure to credit risk was \$13.7 million as at June 30, 2023.

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company might not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due, or it can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous. The Company is exposed to liquidity risk through non-payment of accounts payable, accrued expenses, other current liabilities, loan payable, long-term debt and consideration payable related to acquired companies. As at June 30, 2023, the Company had cash of \$3.4 million, other current assets of \$20.9 million and current liabilities of \$16.9 million (excluding deferred revenue, equity consideration, and contingent consideration).

Additional funding will be required to meet the Company's contractual obligations and execute on its business plan for the next 12 months. The Company was receipted for a base shelf registration in January 2022 to raise up to C\$65.0 million (of which C\$10.1 million has been utilized as at June 30, 2023). The Company has successfully raised over \$22.9 million in net cash from equity and convertible notes as at June 30, 2023. Management expects to be able to successfully raise additional financing. Management expects that future cash generated from its operating entities, along with additional financings and a planned credit facility to fund acquisitions, will provide sufficient capital for the Company to execute on its strategy. Whether and when the Company can attain profitability and positive cash flows from operations and obtain additional funds from financing is uncertain. The Company's continued operations depend upon its ability to meet its financing requirements on a continuing basis, to continue to have access to financing, and to generate positive operating results. (Refer to Note 2 of the Audited Financial Statements for Going Concern disclosure).

### Currency risk

The Company is exposed to foreign currency fluctuations. Such exposure arises from translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, such as the Canadian dollar and the Argentinian peso, the impact of which is recorded in the Company's Statement of Operations; and translation of entities that have a functional currency that differs from the U.S. dollar presentation currency of the Company, the impact of which is recorded through the Company's Other Comprehensive Income.

The Company continually monitors its exposure to foreign currency risks arising from foreign currency balances and transactions. The Company does not utilize any financial instruments to hedge this risk.

Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company or that the Company currently considers immaterial also may impair our business and operations and cause the price of the Subordinate Voting Shares to decline. If any of the noted risks actually occur, the Company's business may be harmed and the financial condition and results of operations may suffer significantly. In that event, the trading price of the Subordinate Voting Shares could decline, and shareholders may lose all or part of their investment.

## **Additional Information Relating to the Company**

Additional information relating to the Company, including our Annual Information Form, can be found on the Company's profile at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a> and on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.nowvertical.com">www.nowvertical.com</a>.