



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22 June 2021









A confident start to 2021











# A snapshot of 2020

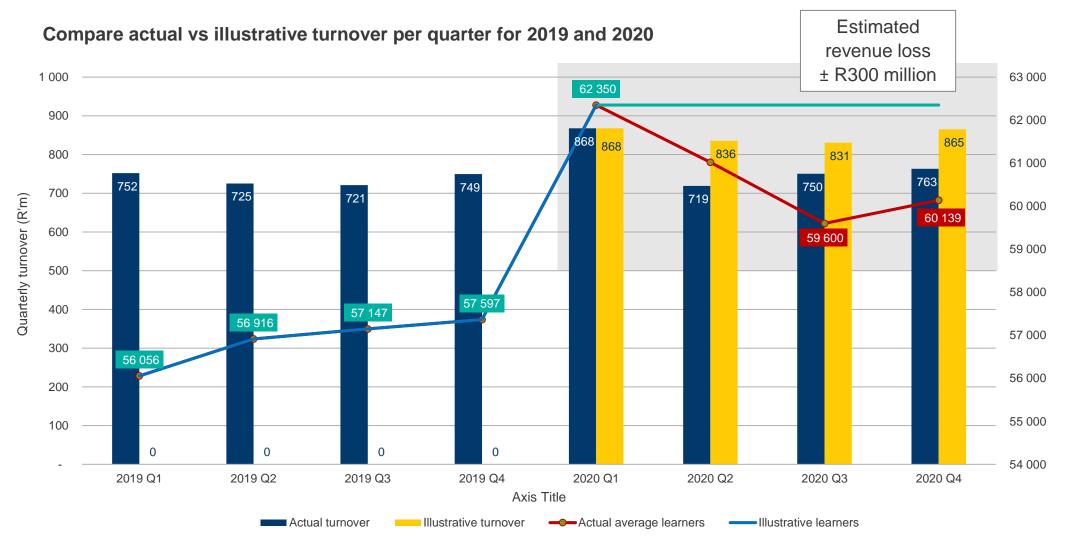


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### **ACTUAL VERSUS ILLUSTRATIVE TURNOVER**



Average learners per quarter

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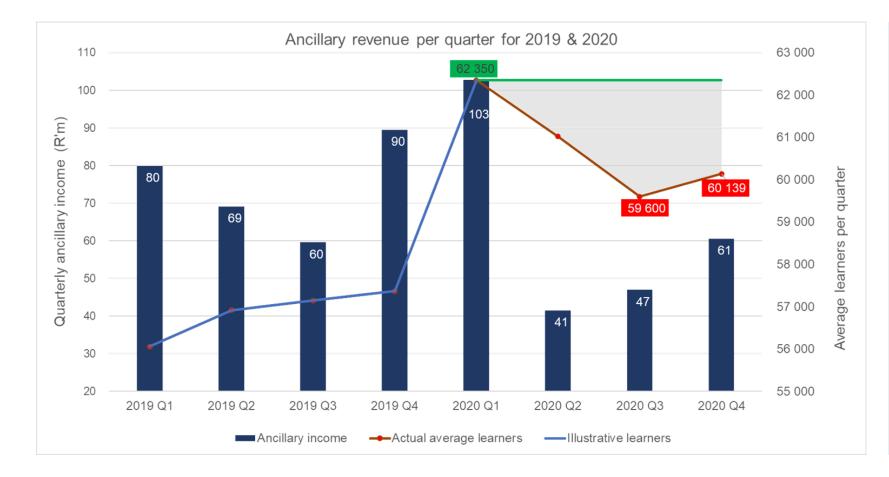
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Note: for illustrative purposes only

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### **OPERATING LEVERAGE – ANCILLARY REVENUE**

• Ancillary revenue is 32% lower in last nine months of 2020 compared to prior year



 Ancillary revenue consists of the non-tuition fee revenue lines, being other income, hostel fees, aftercare fees, rentals, bus income etc

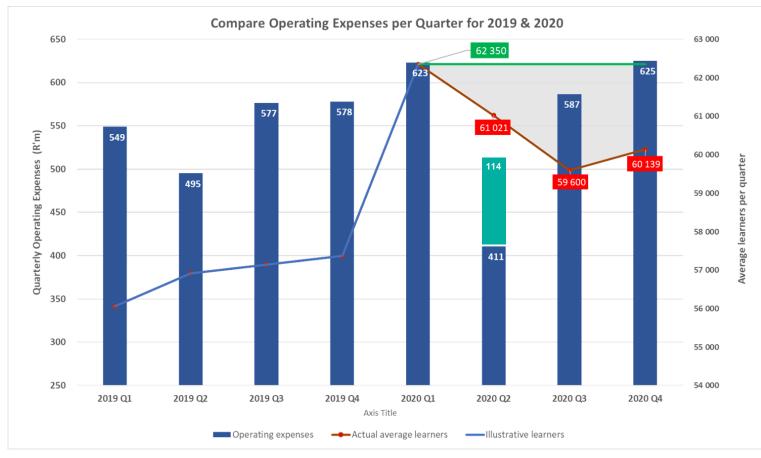
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- Average learners reduced from average 62 350 learners in Q1 to average 59 600 learners in the Q3, then recovered slightly
- Ancillary revenue improved gradually in second half of 2020 as learners returned to schools but still below normal activity



### **OPERATING LEVERAGE – EXPENSES**

 Other operating expenses (excluding salaries and depreciation) increased by 8% compared to average learner growth of 6%



<sup>&</sup>lt;u>Note:</u> Operating expenses in the adjacent graph include employee costs, but exclude depreciation

- Good learner growth in 2019 and strong start in first quarter of 2020 determined staff model
- Savings in second quarter in response to effect of national lockdown on revenue and activity, including Government support received
- Activity normalised gradually in second half of 2020 as learners returned to schools
- Facility costs (water, electricity and municipal rates) increased by 37% in 2020 to R292 million (2019: R213 million)
- Other operating expenses reduced by 7% if the effect of facility costs is excluded



A snapshot of 2020





# Corporate social responsibility



# Curro contributed R142 million

to corporate social investment and bursaries for the year ended 31 December 2020.





## **RUTA SECHABA FOUNDATION**



The Ruta Sechaba Foundation grew to over **600 learners** 

in the 2020 academic year

- **60** Ruta Sechaba learners wrote the Grade 12 examination in 2020
- All candidates passed the Grade 12 final year examination
- Achieved **100** subject distinctions.
- The BD pass rate (university entrance qualification) stands at 87%, with only five candidates passing with a diploma.

In 2020 the Ruta Sechaba Foundation partnered with KFC and their KFC Ikusasa Lethu ('our future') scholarship programme for the 2021 academic year. KFC identified 27 deserving learners and will cover 100% of the costs.

Other donors including Jones & Wagner, Capitec Bank, PSG, ABSA, Reatile and the Alexandra Eduction Committee have pledged their support to the foundation for 2021.









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## A CONFIDENT START TO 2021

OPENING OF SCHOOLS

- Successfully re-opened all schools on 13 January 2021, had to close soon after and opened again 1 February 2021
- Adhering to strict COVID-19 protocols, protecting learners, staff and parents
- School activities still disrupted (winter sports suspended etc)

### LEARNER NUMBERS

- Exceeded 66 000 learners at 28 February 2021 (highest organic growth since 2015)
- Record enrolments in February and March 2021
- Castle numbers peaked at ± 8 000 learners in December 2019; currently at ± 6 000 learners after exiting the youngest end of the market (babies to three years old)
- Terminated ± 3 200 learners due to outstanding accounts in January 2021



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## **IMPACT OF COVID-19**

# - 2020

- Reduction in learners weighed on income growth
- Reduction in activity reduce ancillary income (hostels, aftercare etc)
- Higher discounts and bad debts
- Government relief and costs reduced in Q2 when schools were closed
- Reduced capex
- Rights issue reduce finance cost but is dilutive (471m shares weighted)

# 2021

- Strong learner growth
- Ancillary revenue remain under pressure
- Consumer still under pressure and ratios of discounts and provisions for bad debt above pre-COVID levels
- Costs higher because schools are open again
- Capex of cR1.1bn
- Full year effect of rights issue on earnings per share (598m shares)





### **NEW DURBANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (1)**



Construction to be completed in 2021, ready for new intake January 2022.







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HeronBridge

HERONBRIDGE COLLEGE in Fourways Gauteng (awaiting Competition Tribunal approval)



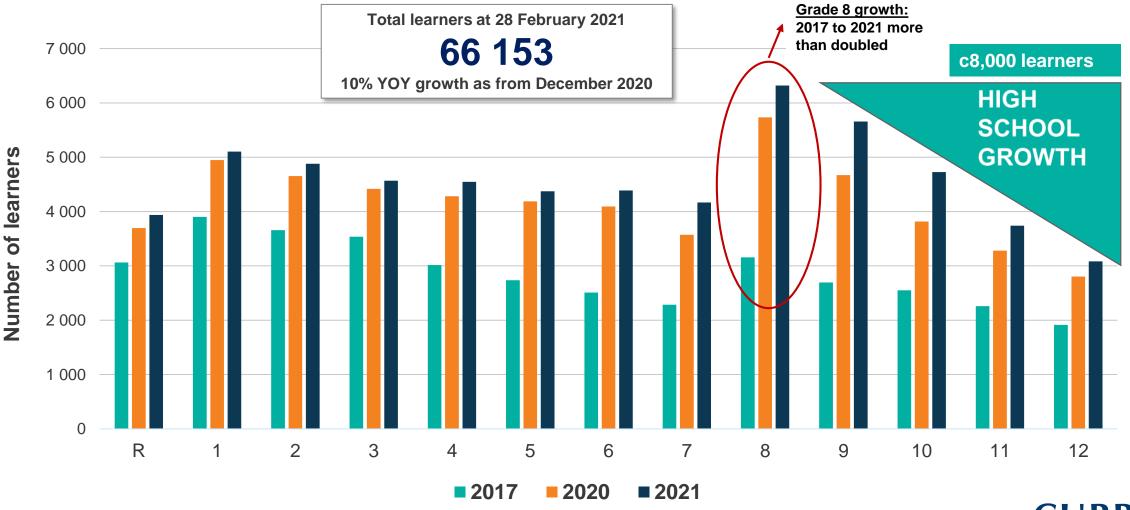


# **Strategic focus**



### LEARNERS PER GRADE

Expansion available from high school, based on rollover from Grade 8 to Grade 12





### **STRATEGIC FOCUS**

#### CONSOLIDATE

- Realign business where necessary
  - Limit exposure in preschools (babies to 3 years old)
  - Exit non-profitable schools (already closed one school)
- Focus on operating leverage
  - Annual cost and capital focus to grow margin and return on capital
  - Fill capacity
- Financial prudency and reorganisation where required

#### **EXPANSION**

- Capital allocation to grow schools, limit capital spend on under performing schools
  - Investment in digital offering to reduce fixed cost base at schools
- Fill capacity at existing schools as grades phase in

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Consider attractive opportunities
  - Quality assets at attractive prices
  - Infrastructure at substantial discounts to replacement value with growth and cost-saving potential
- Curro Choice enhancement
- Expansion of digital models
- NCV offerings

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### DRIVE ANNUAL GROWTH IN OPERATING MARGIN AND RETURN ON ASSETS







# **THANK YOU**