eir Group Results

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Keeping Ireland connected

COVID-19 update



Keeping Ireland connected | COVID-19 update

Company update regarding the impact of COVID-19:

- Our priority has been the safety of our employees, customers, and suppliers
- We have not experienced material disruption to our network, operations, or service provisions, despite a challenging external environment
- Having been closed for a number of weeks, some of our stores have reopened where it is safe for our customers and staff to do
- We are supporting customers compassionately on a case by case basis
- The company has ample liquidity and our financial guidance for FY20 remains unchanged from what was previously stated
- We would like to thank all of the people at eir for their determined and dedicated work to keep our network operational and Ireland connected



Business highlights



Business highlights | Solid, consistent performance despite challenging external environment



Financial

Q3 EBITDA 1, 2 €154 million

🔺 5% γογ

- Q3 EBITDA growth of €7m YoY
- ▶ YTD EBITDA €441m, up 4% or €15m YoY

O3 Revenue¹ €307 million

1% yoy

- O3 revenue decline of €3m YoY
- ▶ YTD revenue €924m, down 2% or €20m YoY

Operational

748,000 fibre customers

▲ **9%** y₀y

- +60.000 connections YoY
- ▶ 80% of Irish premises passed with fibre ³

760,000 postpay customers

- ▲ 35% y₀y
- ► 65% of mobile base on postpay, up 11pp YoY

Multi-play bundles

- ▲ 4pp y₀y
- ▶ 36% of fixed households on multi-play bundles, up 4pp YoY

Key Developments

- Keeping Ireland connected: we continue to support our customers and Ireland by ensuring our network remains fully operational, helping to keep people and business connected while we stay apart
- Network investment continues: as we work to keep Ireland connected, we are also continuing to expand and upgrade our fibre and mobile networks across the country, improving speeds, coverage and reliability
- Working from home deployment: Almost all eir employees are now working remotely or in the field and retail. Field sales staff have been temporarily redeployed to customer support roles to ensure customers remain connected

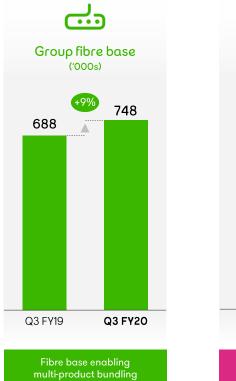
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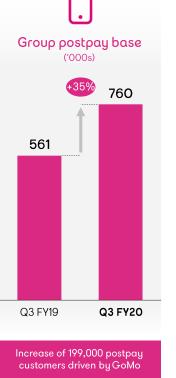
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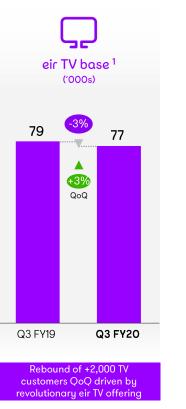
³ Approximate percentage of an estimated total premises in Ireland of 2.4 million, based on data from GeoDirectory.

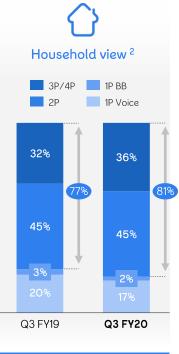
Operational KPIs Further strong growth in postpay, fibre and bundling; TV base rebounds QoQ











81% on 2P+ bundles³ 2.50 RGUs per household, up 4% YoY

¹ eir TV base includes eir Vision subscribers.

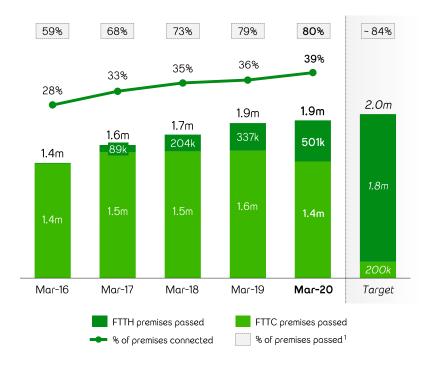
² Percentage of consumer households with fixed access paths subscribing to fixed voice, fixed broadband, TV, and / or bundled mobile services (excluding 1P mobile). ³ Percentage of fixed consumer households subscribing to two or more products.

Ireland's Fibre Network | Connecting Ireland to superfast FTTH broadband



eir fibre footprint

Premises passed with FTTH and FTTC | Last 5 years



Commentary

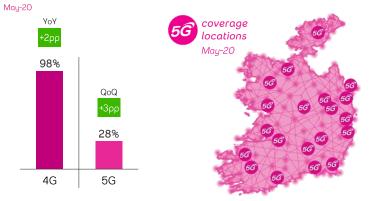
- Ireland's Fibre Network now passing 72,000 urban and suburban premises, up 42,000 since December
- Overall FTTH rollout continues to progress; now passing
 501,000 premises across Ireland, up 49% or 164,000 YoY
- 1.9 million or 80% ¹ of Ireland's premises passed with eir fibre; 39% of passed premises now connected to our network, up 3pp YoY



Mobile network | Building the best mobile network in Ireland

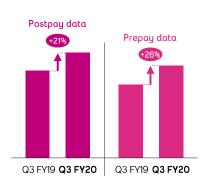


Mobile coverage ¹



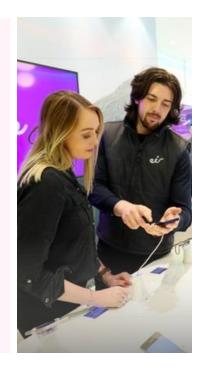






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- 5G network rollout continuing, with superfast coverage available in over 20 towns & cities
- Network upgrades prioritised to enhance connectivity for customers working from home, with 40 new sites going live in last 6 weeks
- 5G coverage over 28%, 4G coverage over 98%¹
 4G geographic coverage now over 94%
- Overall mobile data usage up 23%, driven by GoMo and No Limits Data plans;
 Voice usage up ~ 40%
- Continued success of GoMo with further strong take up and market share gain



Trading update



Trading highlights | to 31 March 2020



- Revenue down 1% in Q3; down 2% YTD¹
- Operating costs reduced
 by 5% in Q3; down 8% YTD ^{1,2}
- EBITDA up 5% in Q3; up 4% YTD ^{1,2}

- Continued KPI growth
- +13,000 broadband customers YoY
- ▶ 78% of broadband base using fibre
- +199,000 postpay subscribers YoY
- 65% of mobile base on postpay

- Capex of €70m in Q3, 23% of revenue ³
- ► March closing cash of €217m, in line with expectations
- Net debt to EBITDA down 5%
 QoQ; Moody's reaffirms rating and stable outlook

 Excludes IFRS 15 adjustments.
 Excludes non-cash pension charge, fair value lease credits and management charge.

³ Incurred capex. Excludes capitalisation of non-cash pension charge, spectrum, and asset retirement obligations.

Group EBITDA | Cost savings drive further EBITDA growth of 5% / €7m in Q3; up 4% / €15m YTD



Excludes IFRS 15 adjustments. See slide 23 for details.

€ in millions	Q3 FY20	Q3 FY19	Change YoY €m Better/(Worse)	Change YoY % Better/(Worse)	9M FY20	9M FY19	Change YoY €m Better/(Worse)	Change YoY % Better/(Worse)
Fixed Line Revenue	230	234	(4)	(2%)	690	709	(19)	(3%)
Mobile Revenue	86	85	1	1%	261	261	(0)	(0%)
Eliminations	(9)	(9)	0	8%	(27)	(26)	(1)	(5%)
Group Revenue	307	310	(3)	(1%)	924	944	(20)	(2%)
Cost of Sales	(57)	(63)	6	10%	(196)	(205)	9	5%
Gross Profit	250	247	3	1%	728	739	(11)	(2%)
Gross Margin %	81%	80%	-	1рр	79%	78%	-	1рр
Pay Costs	(43)	(41)	(2)	(2%)	(126)	(113)	(13)	(11%)
Non-Pay Costs	(53)	(59)	6	11%	(161)	(200)	39	19%
Total Operating Costs ¹	(96)	(100)	4	5%	(287)	(313)	26	8%
Group EBITDA ¹	154	147	7	5%	441	426	15	4%
EBITDA Margin %	50%	47%	-	Зрр	48%	45%	-	Зрр

Commentary

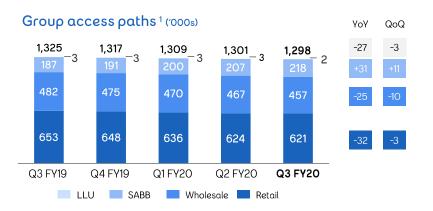
- ▶ Revenue down 1% or €3m in Q3; down 2% or €20m YTD
- ► Further YoY growth in broadband, data services, postpay and bundling, offset by reduced access, voice, managed services and prepay revenues, as well as by impact of wholesale pricing and retail promotions
- Cost of sales reduced by 10% or €6m in Q3; down 5% or €9m YTD
- ▶ Gross margin % up 1pp to 81% in Q3; up 1pp to 79% YTD
- Operating costs reduced by 5% or €4m in ► Q3; reduced by 8% or €26m YTD
- ▶ EBITDA up 5% or €7m in Q3; up 4% or €15m **YTD**

¹ Stated before non-cash pension charge, fair value lease credits, management charge, and exceptional costs.

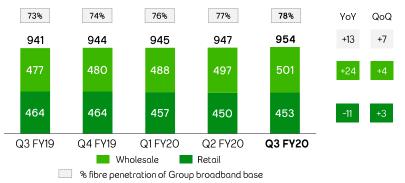
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Group fixed KPIs | Continued growth in broadband base, retail rebounds in Q3 QoQ



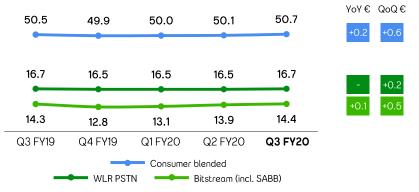
Group broadband base 1, 2 ('000s)



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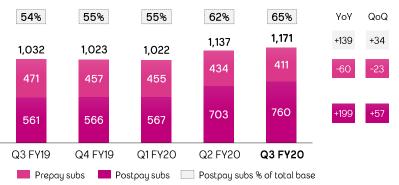
- ► Group access paths down 2% or 27k YoY and 3k QoQ, due to traditional access reductions
- ► Group broadband base up 1% or 13k YoY and 7k QoQ
 - ▶ Retail broadband returns to growth, up 3k QoQ
- 78% of Group broadband base now on fibre, up 5pp YoY and 1pp QoQ
- ► Consumer blended ARPU broadly stable YoY, up 1% QoQ
- Bitstream ARPU broadly stable YoY, up 4% QoQ, driven by change to product mix; WLR ARPU broadly stable YoY and QoQ

Fixed line ARPUs (©)



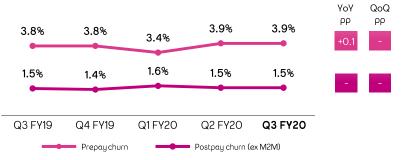
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Group mobile KPIs | Continued success of GoMo driving 35% postpay growth in Q3 YoY



Mobile subscribers 1 (1000s)

Mobile churn 1, 2

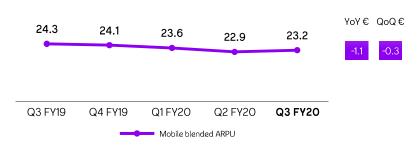


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Commentary

- Postpay base growth of 35% or 199k YoY and 8% or 57k QoQ, driven by GoMo's continued strong market performance
- ▶ 65% of mobile base on postpay, up 11pp YoY
- ► Total mobile subscribers up 13% or 139,000 YoY
- Postpay and prepay churn broadly stable YoY and QoQ
- Mobile blended ARPU down 5% YoY, due to a change in the mix driven by increase SIMO contracts; up 1% QoQ

Mobile blended ARPU 3, 4 (€)



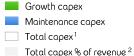
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Capital expenditure | Fibre and mobile network builds driving growth capex



Capex investment (€m)





Commentary

- Q3 capex of €70m, or 23% of revenue, up 3% or €2m YoY
- Growth capex down 5% or €4m YoY, due to timing of network investments
- Maintenance capex up 29% or €6m УоУ, driven by IT spend and targeted pole replacement programme



¹ Incurred capex. Growth capex includes investment to rollout new NGA and mobile networks as well as the development of a new IT stack. Maintenance capex includes network and IT renewal.
² Capex % of revenue excludes non-cash pension charge, spectrum, and asset retirement obligations.

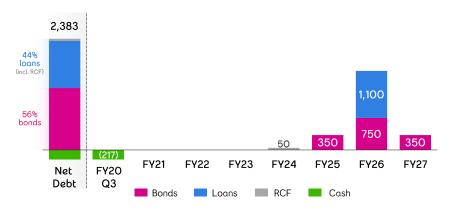
Financing



Capital structure | Operating cash up 29% or €90m YoY

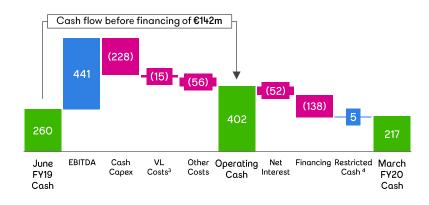


Debt profile at quarter end (€m)



- Net Debt to EBITDA 4.0x at quarter end, down 0.2x QoQ¹
- Average cost debt 3.03%, down 60bps YoY²
- Fully drawn RCF; overall drawable facility reduced to €50m
- Corporate ratings Latest opinion:
- Moody's B1Stable Apr-20
- ► S&P B+ Stable Oct-19
- ► Fitch B+ Stable Aug-19

Cash profile at quarter end (€m)



- ► Cash on balance sheet €217m at quarter end ⁵
- Other costs include working capital, provisions, exceptionals, management charge, and tax
- Financing includes prior RCF repayment, distribution to equity shareholders, and financing costs relating to refinancing activities in Q1

¹ Net Debt to LTM EBITDA. Management view. Does not equate to SFA-defined calculation, which includes IFRS 15 impacts and excludes Tetra joint venture impacts.
² Excluding swaps. ³ Voluntary leave (voluntary redundancy) programme costs.

⁴ Restricted cash primarily relates to escrow deposit.

⁵ Cash on balance sheet includes eir Group's share of Tetra cash

Outlook



Outlook | Continuing positive trend expected for FY20



FY20 outlook

EBITDA	Low single digit EBITDA growth	
Сарех	Capex between 21%-23% of revenue	a. 11-
Cash flow	Further year-on-year cash flow growth ¹	



Q3 FY2O investor conference call 20 May 2020 – 13:00 IST/BST with Carolan Lennon, CEO, and Stephen Tighe, CFO

Operator-managed call Press * followed by 1 to ask a question



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IFRS 15 adjustments



IFRS 15 adjustments | for the nine months to 31 March



€ in millions	FY20 YTD			FY19 YTD			
	Before adjustment	IFRS 15 adjustment	After adjustment	Before adjustment	IFRS 15 adjustment	After adjustment	
Fixed Line Revenue	690	-	690	709	-	709	
Mobile Revenue	261	-4	257	261	-7	254	
Eliminations	(27)	-	(27)	(26)	-	(26)	
Group Revenue	924	-4	920	944	-7	937	
Cost of Sales	(196)	-	(196)	(205)	-	(205)	
Gross Profit	728	-4	724	739	-7	732	
Gross Margin %	79%	-	79%	78%	-	78%	
Pay Costs	(126)	-	(126)	(113)	-	(113)	
Non-Pay Costs	(161)	+7	(154)	(200)	+9	(191)	
Total Operating Costs ¹	(287)	+7	(280)	(313)	+9	(304)	
Group EBITDA ¹	441	+3	444	426	+2	428	
EBITDA Margin %	48%	-	48%	45%	+1pp	46%	

Mobile revenue impacted by -€4m and -€7m adjustment in FY20 and FY19 YTD respectively, related to IFRS 15 revenue recognition of mobile handset service and equipment revenue

Non-pay costs impacted by +7m and +9m adjustment in FY20 and FY19 YTD respectively, related to IFRS 15 recognition of sales commissions, affected by timing of SAC investment and reduced commissions YoY

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Abbreviations

2P / 3P / 4P Two / three / four-play product bundles
ARPU Average Revenue per User
B2B Business to Business
B2C Business to Consumer
BB Broadband
bps Basis points
Capex Capital expenditure
ComReg Commission for Communications Regulation (Ireland)
CSR Corporate Social Responsibility
EBITDA Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation, & Amortisation
eir NI eir Northern Ireland
ESG Environmental, Social, and Governance
FCF Free Cash Flow
FTE Full Time Equivalent Employees
FTTC Fibre to the Cabinet

FTTH Fibre to the Home
FWA Fixed Wireless Access
Gbps Gigabits per second
IFN Ireland's Fibre Network
IFRS International Financial Reporting Standard
KPI Key Performance Indicator
LLU Local Loop Unbundling
LTM Last Twelve Months
M2M Machine to Machine
MBB Mobile Broadband
Mbps Megabits per second
MTR Mobile Termination Rate
NBP National Broadband Plan (Ireland)
NGA Next Generation Access
OAOs Other Authorised Operators

Opex Operating expenditure
pp Percentage point
QoQ Quarter on Quarter
RCF Revolving Credit Facility
RGU Revenue Generating Unit
SABB Standalone Broadband
SAC Subscriber Acquisition Cost
SIMO SIM-Only
TLB Term Loan B
USO Universal Service Obligation
WLR Wholesale Line Rental
VL Voluntary Leave (Voluntary Redundance
YoY Year on Year
YTD Year to Date



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