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# 2024 Full Year Results

### **Bell Financial Group Ltd (ASX:BFG)**

A diversified financial services and wealth management business, with strong growth potential driven by an ongoing focus on people, technology and products.

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# FY2024 at a Glance BELL FINANCIAL GROUP

### FY2024 at a Glance

Revenue

\$276.4m

11.9% increase on 2023

**Earnings Per Share** 

9.6¢ share

26.3% increase on 2023

**Funds Under Advice** 

\$85.8bn

7.5% increase on 2023

**Profit After Tax** 

\$30.7m

26.4% increase on 2023

**Dividend Per Share** 

8.0¢ share

14.3% increase on 2023

**Return on Equity** 

18.3%

21.7% increase on 2023

### Solid results in improved market conditions

- Following two consecutive years of challenging conditions, 2024 marked a change with improving market sentiment and a return in investor confidence.
- We saw growth across all business divisions and are pleased to report a full-year profit after tax of \$30.7 million, a 26.4% increase on 2023.
- The result enabled us to increase the full year dividend to 8.0 cents per share (fully franked) for a gross yield of 8.5%, based on the 31 December 2024 share price.
- Funds Under Advice closed the year at \$85.8 billion, another record high.
- BFG is financially strong, with \$130 million in cash.

### Further growth in recurring revenues

- Normalised revenues in the Technology & Platforms and the Products & Services businesses were up 7.8% to \$85.8 million, and normalised profit after tax was up 15.9% to \$21.5 million. More than 10 consecutive years of growth.
- Collectively these businesses contributed 31% of Group revenue and 70% of Group profit after tax. Growth in these businesses remains a key focus.

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rategy: Positioned or Growth



### Unlocking growth potential by focusing on people, technology and products



### **People**

- Evaluating opportunities to grow our team through both internal and external channels.
- Developing our next generation of Advisers and Managers.
- Building on relationships across our broad client base, that includes advised clients, brokers, corporates, institutional clients and DIY investors.



### **Technology**

- Taking advantage of our market-leading proprietary technologies to capitalise on new opportunities.
- Operating through a single integrated end-to-end platform creates scale, reliability and delivers cost efficiencies resulting in improved margins.
- Ongoing investment in our cybersecurity posture, ensuring our technology platform and systems remain secure.



### **Products**

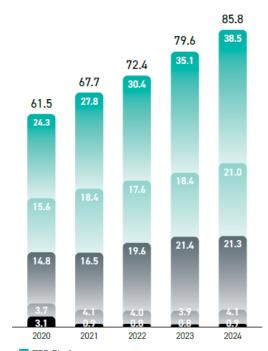
- Expanding the distribution of our products and services through both internal and external avenues.
- Exploring both internal and external growth opportunities, new product and service offerings.

### Building recurring revenues

# Our investment in Technology & Platforms and Products & Services creates the foundations for ongoing growth

- Our Technology & Platforms and Products & Services businesses have delivered record revenue and earnings for more than 10 consecutive years.
- Their combined contribution represented 31% of Group revenue, and 70% of Group profit. We expect growth in these businesses to continue.
- These businesses are now at a scale where revenue growth contributes meaningfully to Group earnings.
- ➡ They provide relatively stable, recurring revenues through the market cycle.
- Approximately 10% of Group Funds Under Advice, \$9 billion, currently use our products and services, with opportunity for further expansion.

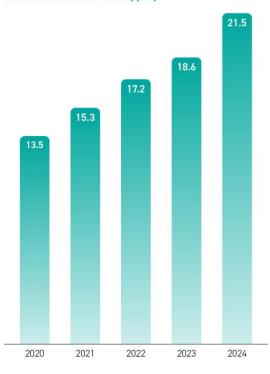
# TECHNOLOGY & PLATFORMS AND PRODUCTS & SERVICES REVENUE BREAKDOWN (\$M)





- Portfolio Administration Services (PAS)
- Portfolio Lending, Client Funds at Call and structured loan products
- Superannuation
- Other

## TECHNOLOGY & PLATFORMS AND PRODUCTS & SERVICES PROFIT AFTER TAX (\$M)

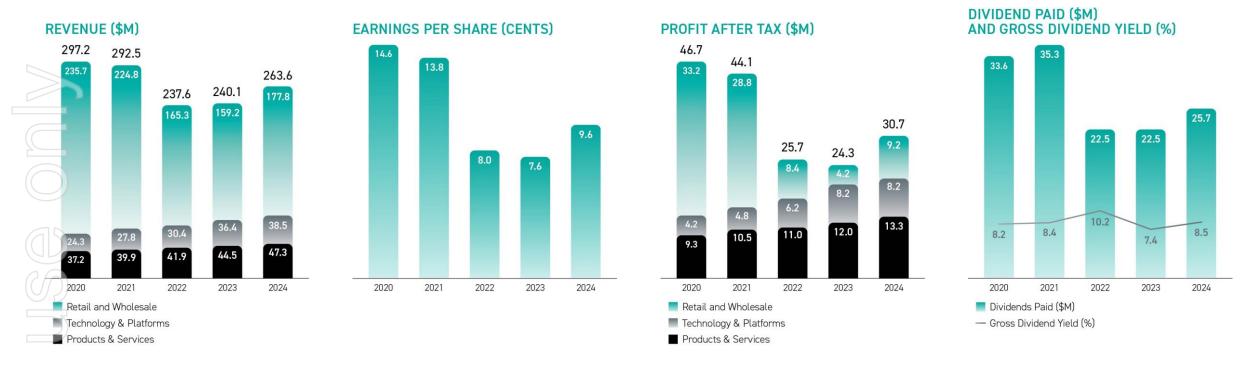




FY2024
Group Results



### Solid results in improved market conditions



### Solid earnings underpinned by recurring revenues

- 2024 revenue grew 9.8% on 2023 with contributions from all three business divisions: Retail and Institutional Broking, Products & Services, and Technology & Platforms.
- Profit after tax was up 26.4% demonstrating the leverage to revenue growth. Technology & Platforms and Products & Services revenue and earnings contributions continue to grow strongly.
- \$25.7 million in fully franked dividends were paid in 2024, representing a gross dividend yield of 8.5%. The result enabled us to increase the full year 2024 dividend to 8.0 cents per share.

### Strong balance sheet with no core debt

The Group is in a strong financial position. We have a solid \$130 million cash-backed balance sheet.







Calculations are based on the BFG share price as at 31 December 2023: \$1.35.

### Balance Sheet At 31 December 2024

|                     | \$M   |
|---------------------|-------|
| Cash                | 130   |
| Net assets          | 240.9 |
| Net tangible assets | 95.1  |

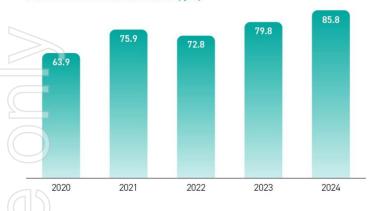
| Market capitalisation               | \$430m |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| EV/EBITDA multiple <sup>1</sup>     | 7.7x   |
| Dividend yield (gross) <sup>2</sup> | 8.5%   |
| Price earnings ratio (PE) 3         | 14.0   |

- Based on 12 month EBITDA to 31 December 2024, and BFG share price at 31 December 2024.
- Based on interim 2024 dividend paid and final 2024 dividend payable, divided by BFG share price at 31 December 2024.
- Based on market capitalisation at 31 December 2024 and 12 month earnings to 31 December 2024.

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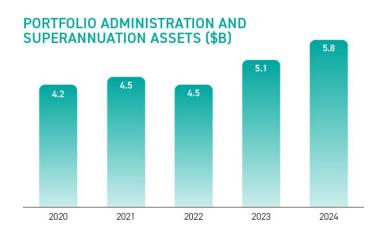
### Funds under Advice continue to grow

### **FUNDS UNDER ADVICE (\$B)**



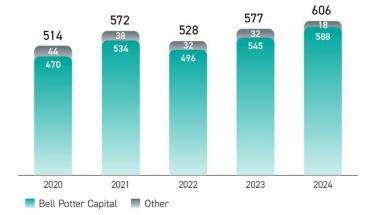
### CHESS SPONSORED HOLDINGS (\$B)





Funds under Advice, including Portfolio Administration Services (PAS), superannuation assets, sponsored holdings and the Bell Potter Capital margin loan book, all hit record highs in 2024.

### MARGIN LOANS (\$M)



### CLIENT FUNDS AT CALL (\$M)



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FY2024 Performance by Business



### **Our Business Divisions**

**Bell Potter Securities Ltd** 

**Broking – Retail & Institutional** 

**Bell Potter Capital Ltd** 

**Products & Services** 

**BELL POTTER CAPITAL** 

**Third Party Platform Pty Ltd** 

**Technology & Platforms** 

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- Retail and Institutional Equities
  - International Equities
- Equity Capital Markets
- Foreign Exchange

- > Bell Client Funds at Call
- > Margin Lending
- > Structured Products
- > Portfolio Administration Services
- > Superannuation
- > Fixed Income

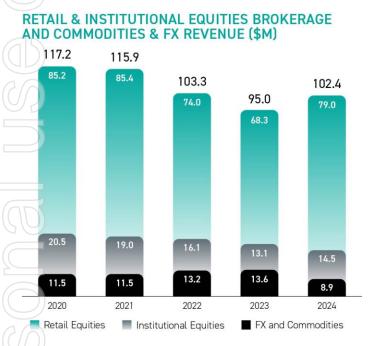
- > Retail Online Broking
- > Wholesale Online Broking
- > Institutional Online Broking
- > Third Party Clearing

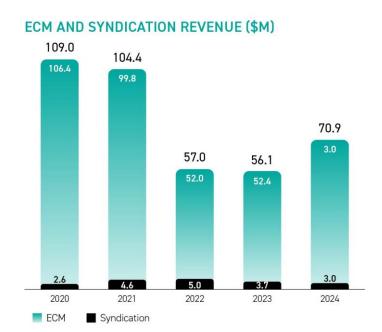
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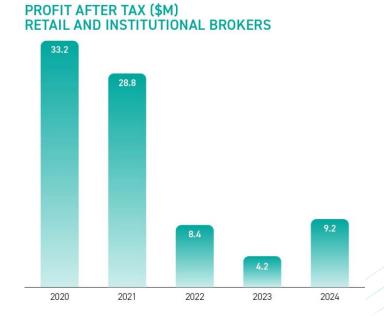
### Broking – Retail & Institutional

### Leveraged to markets

- Our Institutional, Retail, and FX desks benefited from improved market sentiment and a return in investor confidence. They generated \$102.4 million in revenue, a 7.8% increase on 2023.
- The Equity Capital Markets division had another excellent year, executing 106 transactions and raising \$2.3 billion in new capital for our corporate clients.
- League tables released by LSEG ranked us among the top ECM firms in Australia in 2024, placing us second by number of deals executed and seventh by value
  of deals completed.







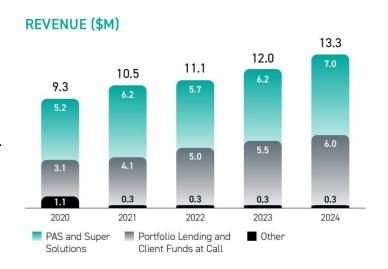
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### **Products & Services**

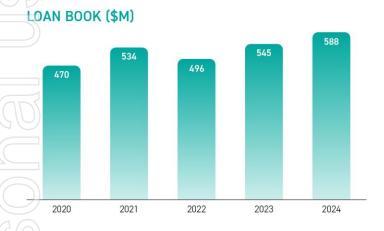
### Leveraged to distribution

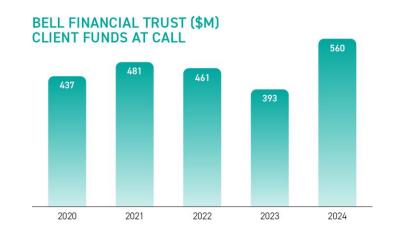
# Products & Services revenue and earnings have grown consistently over an extended period.

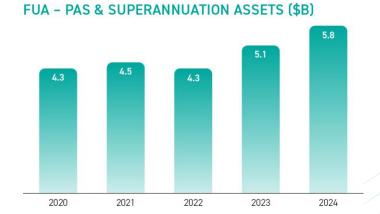
- \$47.3 million in revenue (6.1% increase on 2023).
- \$13.3 million profit after tax (10.8% increase on 2023).
- \$588 million loan book (7.9% increase on 2023).
- \$560 million Client Funds at Call (42.5% increase on 2023).











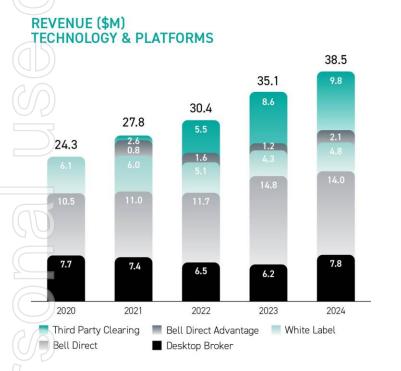
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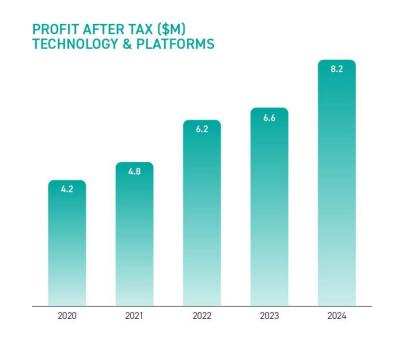
### Technology & Platforms

### Leveraged to scale

Our Technology & Platforms business continues to deliver consistent growth in revenue, profit and sponsored holdings. We expect growth in this business will continue.

- \$38.5 million in revenue (9.7% increase on 2023 revenues).
- \$8.2 million profit after tax (25.1% increase on 2023 earnings).
- \$38.9 billion in sponsored holdings (9.3% increase on 2023).







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# Bell Financial Group

### Highly experienced management team and Board

- We have a professional board with a deep industry understanding and decades of experience.
- A deliberately flat management structure that is experienced, stable and has a significant shareholding in the business.

Alastair Provan

Non-Executive Director

+35 years' industry

experience

# Bell Financial Group Board Graham Cubbin Christine Feldmanis

Non-Executive Director +20 years' industry experience Independent Director +30 years' industry experience Andrew Bell
Non-Executive Director
+40 years' industry
experience

### **Business Leaders**

### Dean Davenport

Co-Chief Executive Officer
+25 years' industry
experience

### Arnie Selvarajah

**Brian Wilson AO** 

Independent Chairman

+40 years' industry

experience

Co-Chief Executive Officer +25 years' industry experience

### James Unger

Head of Corporate Finance +25 years' industry experience

### **Dean Surkitt**

MD of Retail Equities +35 years' industry experience

### **James Gordon**

Head of Australian Institutional Broking +25 years' industry experience

### Lee Muco

CEO of TPP +20 years' industry experience

### Rowan Fell

CEO of Bell Potter Capital +35 years' industry experience

### A diversified financial services business

An Australian-owned business with global reach and a history of growth and innovation.



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