

# **National Central Cooling Company**

Q1 2025 Earnings Presentation

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# **Key Highlights**



# Delivering on our growth strategy



	2019	2024	
Capacity <sup>1</sup> (000 RTs)	965	1,325	+7% CAGR
Volumes (bn RTH)	1.53	2.66	+12% CAGR
Revenue (m AED)	1,520	2,434	+10% CAGR
EBITDA (m AED)	763	1,252	+10% CAGR
EBITDA Margin	50.2%	51.4%	+123 bps
Normalized Profit Before Tax <sup>2</sup> (m AED)	445	624	+7% CAGR
Total Assets (m AED)	8,904	14,118	+10% CAGR
Free Cash Flows (m AED)	595	971	+10% CAGR
Normalized Dividend Payout Ratio <sup>2</sup>	64.0%	77.3%	+13 %

- Demonstrated ability to deliver sustainable growth over long-term – Approx. 77k RT of annual capacity added in the last five years (incl. acquisitions)
- Historically, growth is driven by mix of organic and inorganic - continue to see strong future pipeline across both greenfield and M&A opportunities
- Expansion in EBITDA margins despite acceleration in consumption revenue underpinned by energy efficiency and cost optimization initiatives
- Surplus free cash utilized to strengthen balance sheet and enhance dividend payout to shareholders

# Q1 2025 Highlights



### **Accelerating Growth Pipeline**

Revenue

**AED 466** m

Flat YoY

Capacity

**1,329** k RT

+2% YoY

**New Connections** 

**4,599** RT

+2.7x YoY

### **Best-in-Class Profitability**

**EBITDA** 

AED 283 m

+4% YoY

**EBITDA Margin** 

60.7%

+2.54% YoY

**Net Profit** 

AED **115** m

**+3**% YoY

### **Strengthening Balance Sheet & Cash Position**

Net Debt/EBITDA

3.55x

-0.14x YoY

Cash & ST Deposits

AED **1,168** m

+14% YTD

FCF Yield<sup>1</sup>

12.4%

**+1.0%** YTD

### Milestones

- Announced a significant new project in partnership with Dubai Holding Investments to provide cooling of 250,000 RT to Dubai's upcoming premier waterfront development 'Palm Jebel Ali'
- Issued a Green Sukuk of US\$700 million in line with Green Financing Framework
- Strong financial position evident by continued growth in profits, strong cash flow generation and further improvement in leverage ratios and returns

### New Palm Jebel Ali Concession – Key Highlights



- Signed a concession agreement in partnership with Dubai Holding Investments to exclusively provide district cooling services to one of Dubai's most ambitious and premier developments 'Palm Jebel Ali'
- One of the largest greenfield transaction in Tabreed's history
- Significantly enhances our contracted capacity and boosts long-term revenue visibility
- Positions Tabreed to capitalize on strong future potential and growth in Dubai's district cooling market
- Underscores the company's commitment to providing sustainable, high-efficiency cooling solutions for large-scale developments









### Update on USD 700 m 5.279% 5-year Green Sukuk Offering



USD **700** m

**Issue Size** 

5 year

Tenor

**5.279**%

**Profit Rate** 

**4.3**×

**Order Book** 

**2.6**<sub>X</sub>

Oversubscription

Tabreed successfully returned to the international debt capital markets with a USD 700 million 5-year RegS Only Green Sukuk offering - the first issuance under its new USD 1.5 billion trust certificate issuance programme

### **Transaction Highlights:**

- The largest sukuk / bond transaction by Tabreed
- ▶ The tightest spread to UST for a 5-year by a UAE corporate sukuk ever
- ▶ The tightest spread for Tabreed in the bond / sukuk market ever
- Impressive tightening of 40bps from IPTs final pricing

### **Credit Ratings**

**Fitch**Ratings

**MOODY'S** 

**BBB Stable** 

Baa3 Stable

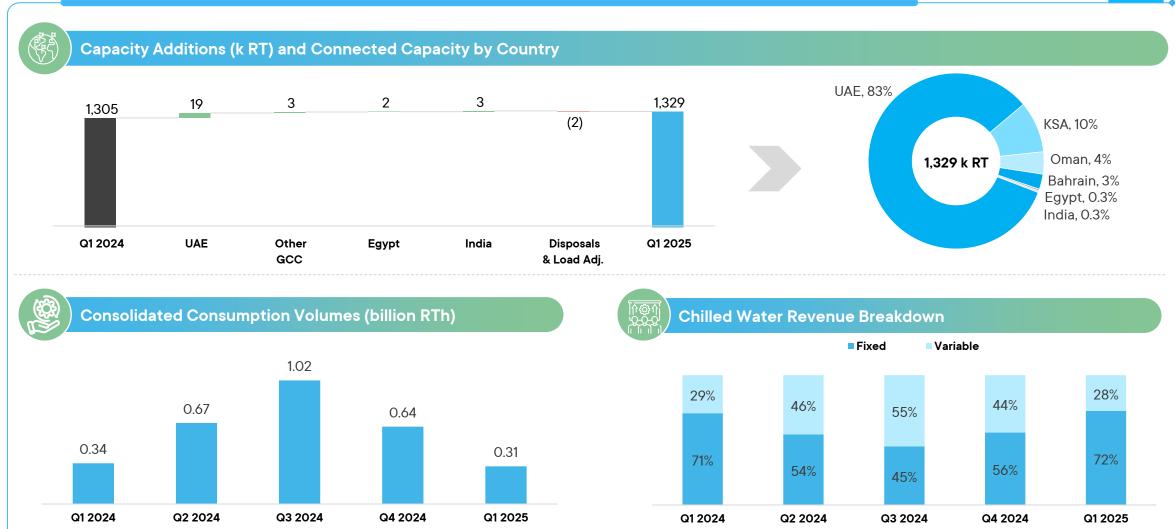
### **Use of Proceeds**

### **Eligible Green Project Categories**:

- Energy Efficiency
- Sustainable Water and Wastewater Management
- Green Buildings
- Renewable Energy

# Q1 2025 Operational Performance – capacity and consumption volumes

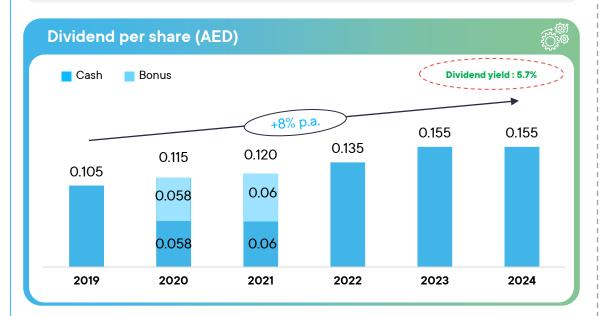




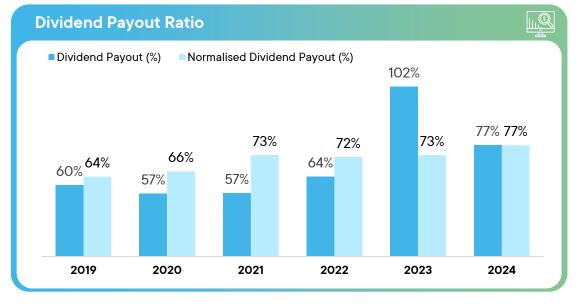
# Highly cash generative business model provides attractive dividend returns



- During Annual General Assembly meeting in March 2025, shareholders approved a dividend of **15.5 fils per share** (AED 441 million) for the year 2024.
- Dividends have grown at a CAGR of 8% over the last five years. At current share price, Tabreed offers attractive dividend yield of 5.7%<sup>1</sup>.

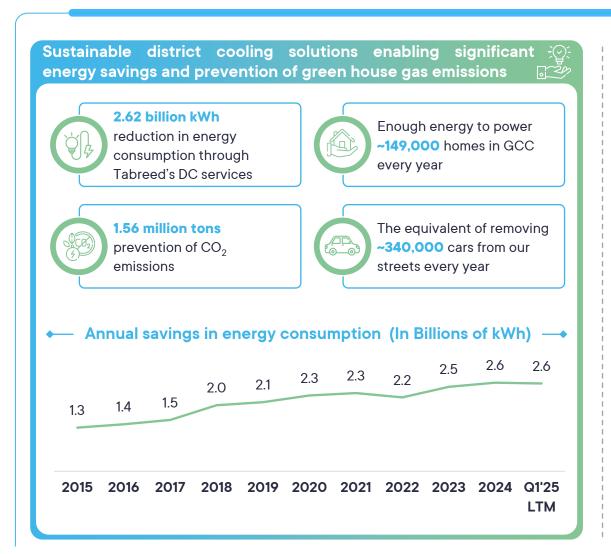


- Dividend payout ratio on normalized net profit<sup>2</sup> increased to **77% in 2024** from 73% in 2023.
- Consistent increase in dividend payout ratio, demonstrating progressive approach adopted by the Board to return cash back to the shareholders.



### Sustainable, efficient and cost-effective cooling services





Key initiatives to reduce operational energy consumption and integrate renewables sources of energy





### Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) Retrofit

Completed an extensive programme to retrofit electric motors with VFDs

23 million kWh energy savings expected over the next 10 years



#### **Use of Nanofluid Particles**

Using Nanofluid particles in four plants in Dubai

Expected energy savings of up to 10% annually at plant level



### **Geothermal Energy**

Operating region's first Geothermal based district cooling plant in Masdar City producing **700 RT** of cooling

3x less electricity consumption vs. standalone air-cooled system

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# Q1 2025 Financial Results



# **Financial Summary**



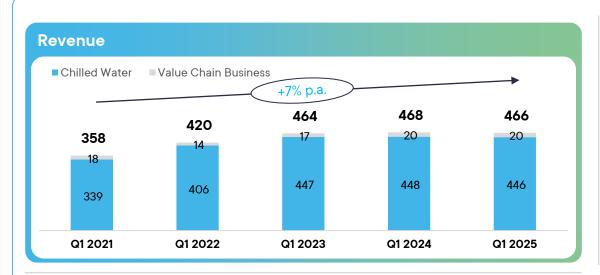
Income Statement				
	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	YoY (%)	
Revenue	466	468	0%	
Gross Profit	235	238	(1)%	
EBITDA	283	272	4%	
Operating Profit	161	162	(1)%	
Profit Before Tax	133	129	3%	
Net Profit	115	112	3%	

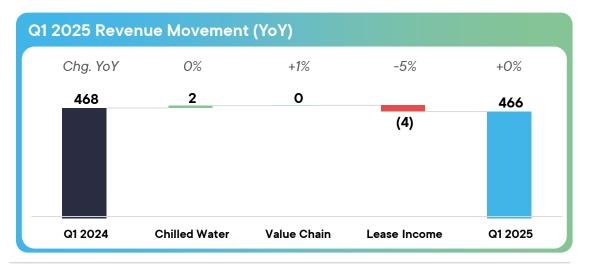
Balance S	heet		
	Q1 2025	FY 2024	YTD (%)
Non-current Assets	11,992	12,067	(1)%
Current Assets	2,176	2,051	6%
Total Assets	14,168	14,118	0%
Total Equity	6,591	6,962	(5)%
Total Debt	5,650	5,648	0%
Other Liabilities	1,927	1,508	28%
Total Equity & Liabilities	14,168	14,118	0%

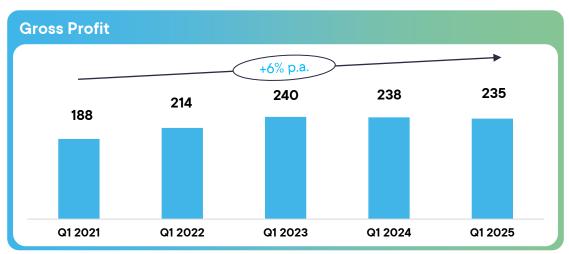
Cash Flows				
	Q1 2025	Q1 2024	YoY (%)	
Cash flows from Oper.	284	274	4%	
Changes in Working Cap.	(76)	(30)	155%	
Net Oper. Cash Flows	207	244	(15)%	
Net Inv. Cash Flows	(14)	(37)	(62)%	
Net Fin. Cash Flows	(48)	(84)	(43)%	
Inc. / Dec. in cash	146	123		
Closing Cash	1,168	1,633	(28%)	

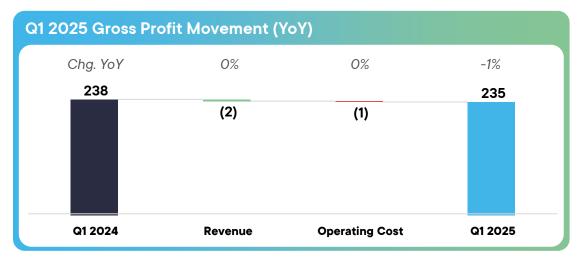
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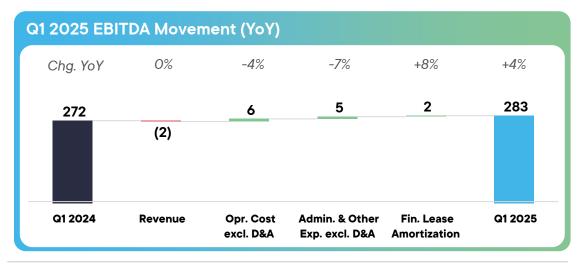


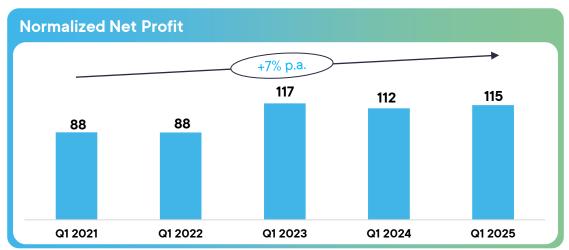


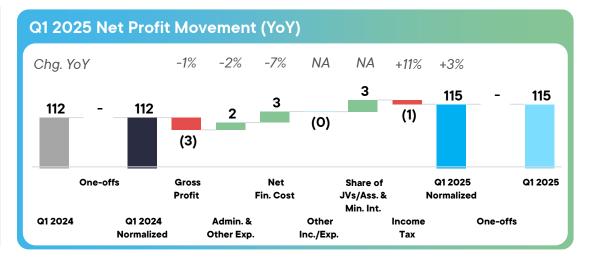
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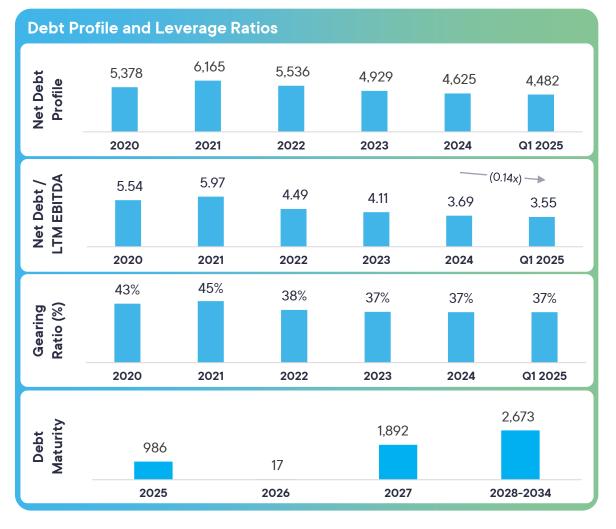




# **Balance Sheet Highlights**

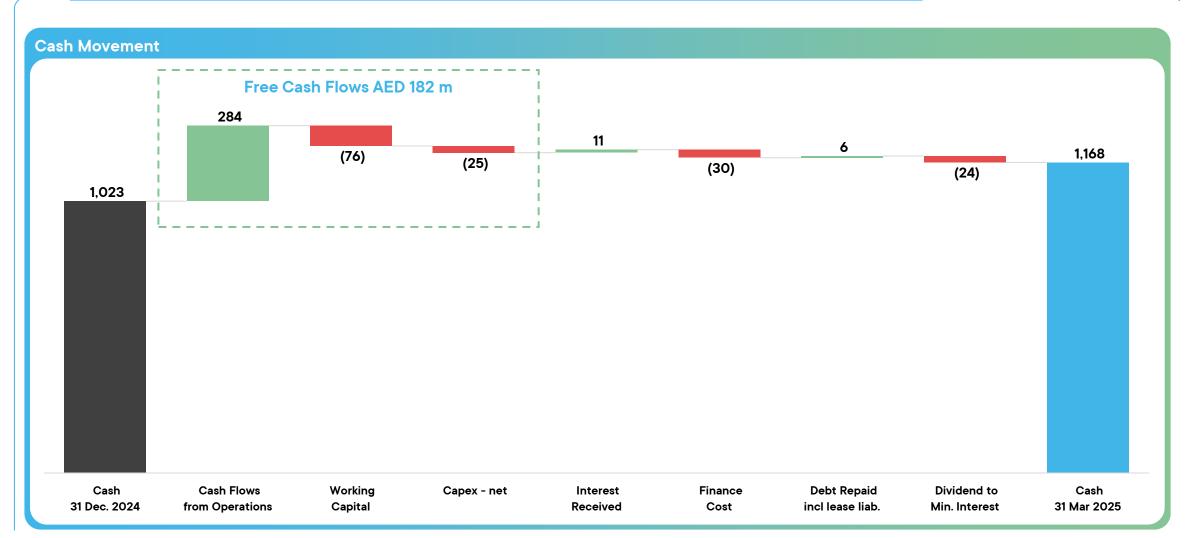






# Continue to generate strong cash flows





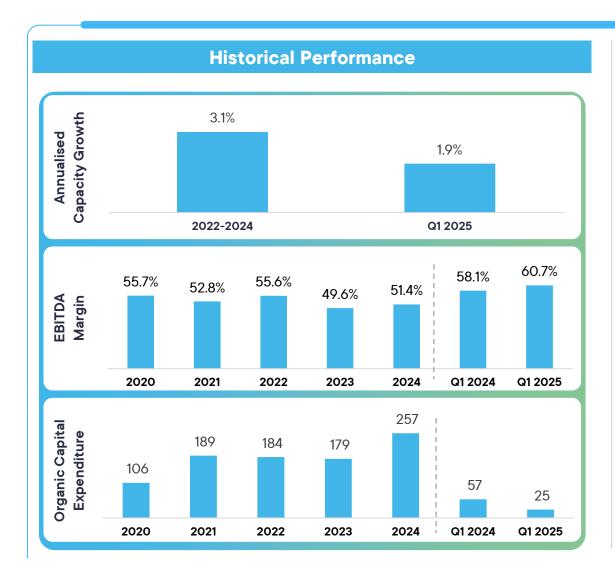
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# **Guidance & Concluding Remarks**



### **Guidance Reiterated**





### Medium-term Guidance (2025 - 2027)



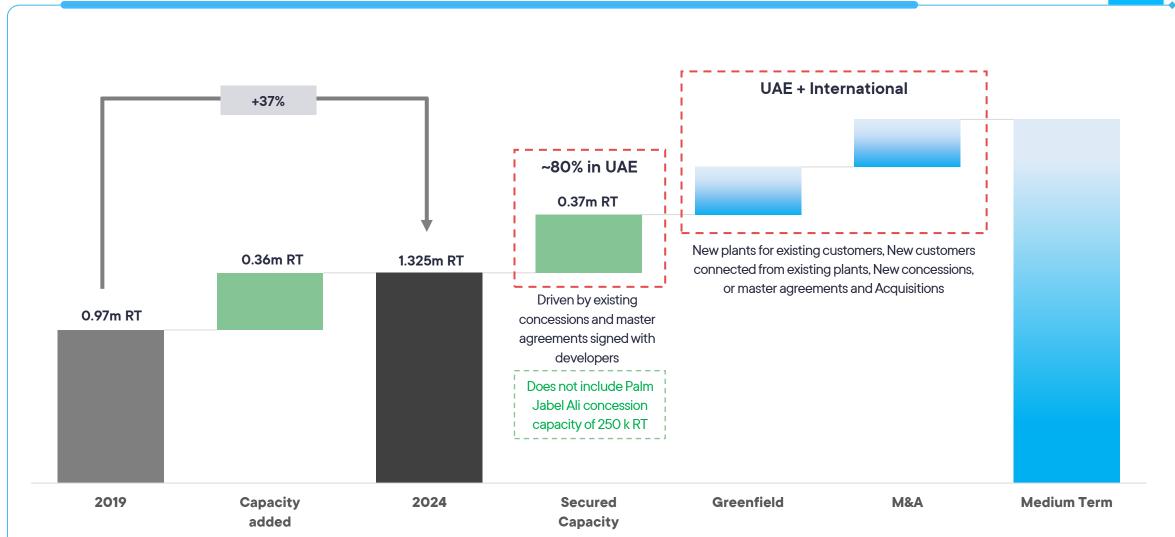






# Significant future capacity secured, materialization of pipeline offers upside





# Concluding Remarks - Strong growth opportunities for district cooling





# Rapid Urbanization & Infrastructure Expansion

Large-scale urban developments (e.g. high-rise buildings & master communities, smart cities, mega-events like Expo) drive demand for efficient & centralized cooling systems



# **Energy Resilience &**Decarbonisation Push

Emphasis on reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions in line with ambitious national targets (Net Zero by 2050) to increasingly push higher adoption of district cooling



# Government Regulations

District cooling regulations
(developed in UAE, with ongoing formulation in other countries)
important to build confidence among various stakeholders to promote district cooling as economical and efficient alternative

District cooling offers remarkable energy efficiency of up to 50%, is highly reliable and up to 20% cost effective over a life cycle and therefore well positioned to capitalize on favorable market trends

# Appendix



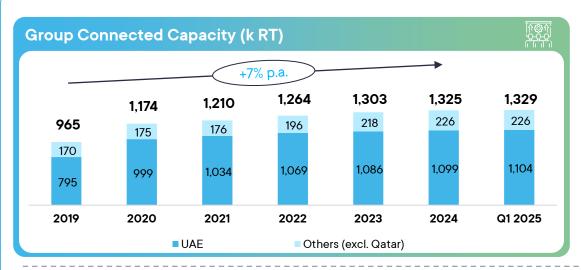
# **Connected Capacity and Volumes**

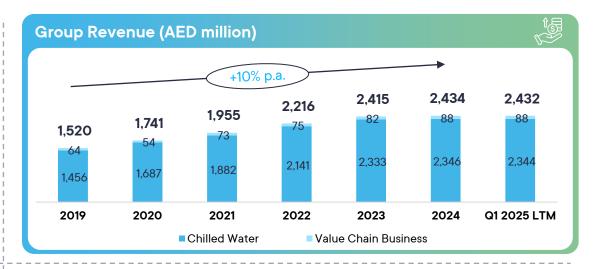


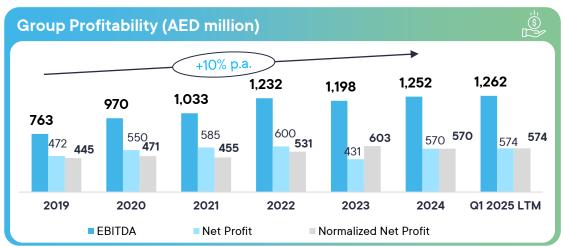
Consolidated	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Q1 2025
UAE	928	1,025	1,060	1,053	1,066	1,071
Bahrain	32	33	34	37	37	37
Oman	32	33	52	53	54	54
India	-	-	-	1	4	4
Egypt	-	-	-	3	4.5	4.5
Total Consolidated	992	1,091	1,146	1,146	1,166	1,171
Equity Accounted						
UAE	71	9	9	33	33	33
KSA	110	110	110	124	126	126
Total Equity Accounted <sup>1</sup>	181	119	119	157	159	159
Total Capacity (k RT)	1,174	1,210	1,264	1,303	1,325	1,329
Consolidated Consumption Volumes (billion RTh)	1.70	2.10	2.35	2.53	2.66	0.31

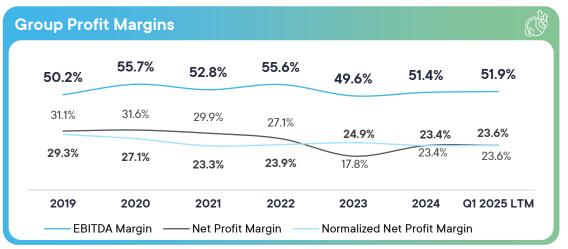
# Delivered consistent growth and resilient margins









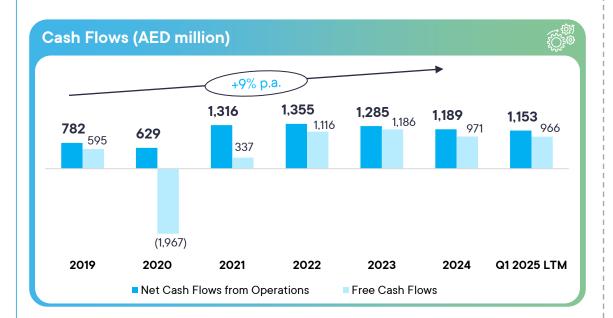


# Robust cash flows and improving returns

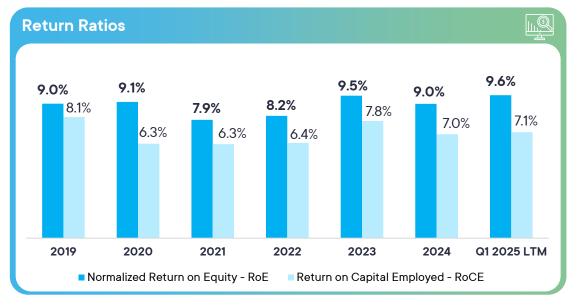


Consistently growing cash flows and robust balance sheet provide a strong foundation to deliver attractive long-term returns for shareholders through combination of growth and sustainable dividend policy.

Committed to maintain Investment Grade credit rating, underscoring strong creditworthiness.



Return on Equity and Return on Capital Employed showing improving trends, reflecting ability to grow business and efficiently manage capital allocation.



# **Strategy**



Tabreed aims to be the leader in sustainable cooling and associated services in the MENA region and beyond





GROWTH



**EXCELLENCE** 



GOVERNANCE



PEOPLE



INNOVATION

# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

**Growth**Achieve sustainable

**Local & International** 

growth by expanding footprint in existing markets and establishing presence in new markets

#### **Business Excellence**

Maximize value creation by achieving safe, efficient & reliable operations, leveraging digital transformation, and delivering exceptional customer service

#### **Governance & Control**

Implement best practices in environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and governance to future proof our business

### **People Focus**

Attract, develop, and retain top talent to deliver business priorities and become an employer of choice by delivering a superior employee experience

### **R&D** and Innovation

Foster a culture of innovation by investing in research & development and technological advancements in the district cooling industry

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

**Sustainable Growth & Returns** 

**Financial Discipline** 

**Investment Grade Credit Rating** 

Safe & Reliable Operations

Energy Efficiency & Decarbonisation

Customer Experience

Governance Standards

Positive Environmental & Social Impact

**Employee Engagement & Development** 

Industry Leadership

# **Sustainability Framework**



### Tabreed's ESG framework is built on three core pillars

### **ESG PILLARS**



### **ENVIRONMENT STEWARDSHIP**

#### **Decarbonisation**

Pursuing a roadmap to achieve net zero emissions by 2050

### **Water Management**

Minimize water consumption per unit of cooling produced

### **Waste Management**

Manage waste generation across operations to reduce resource consumption

# **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

#### **Health & Safety**

Protect people, contractors & community by integrating top-tier HSE standards into operations

### **Employees**

Promote employee well-being, development, engagement and diversity, equality & inclusion (DE&I)

#### Communities

Foster strong customer & supplier relationships and community well-being



#### **Transparency**

Maintaining accountability and fairness by adhering to global reporting standards **Controls** 

Strengthening oversight mechanisms through code of conduct, alignment with SCA governance regulations, implementing ethical framework, effective risk management and internal controls, and comprehensive set of policies

**PRIORITY AREAS** 

**OBJECTIVES** 

Health, Safety and Well-being Water Management Climate Change **Energy Efficiency & Optimisation** Renewable Energy Integration **Employee Engagement & Development** Customer Relations & Mitigation Engagement Business Ethics & Corporate Governance Supply Chain Management & Decarbonisation

### Net Zero commitment and decarbonization principles



Tabreed is actively pursuing a roadmap to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. The decarbonisation philosophy integrates pioneering technology and effective energy strategies and is guided by six core principles



# Net Zero by 2050

Energy Efficiency & Optimisation

Expanding optimisation efforts across district cooling systems to achieve further reductions in energy consumption and emissions

Technology Upgrades

Upgrading the district cooling systems with the latest innovations to enhance operational efficiency and reduce environmental footprint

Renewable Energy Integration

Scaling renewable energy projects in the long term, including solar PV and geothermal technologies

Innovation & Strategic Partnerships

Strengthening partnerships with governments, industries, and communities to scale sustainable solutions and collectively address climate challenges

Supply Chain Management & Decarbonization

Collaborating with suppliers to align procurement practices with our Net Zero targets, ensuring environmentally sustainable and socially responsible sourcing

Compensating for Residual Emissions through Offsetting

Expanding the scope of Verified Carbon Standard certifications to include new district cooling plants, enabling participation in carbon markets

Some of the initiatives to enable sustainable use of energy and achieve positive environmental impact



### Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) Retrofit

Extensive retrofit of VFDs to increase energy efficiency - completed phase 3 of Tasheel programme



### Nanofluid

Concluded the world's first pilot project of its kind, demonstrating results with significant gains in energy efficiency



### Renewable Energy

Completed new Geothermal plant and investing in solar energy at key UAE locations

# Responsible business practices for a positive environmental impact



Our sustainability efforts reflects the company's commitment to water and waste management to reduce consumption of potable water and other natural resources whilst simultaneously ensuring no harm to marine life



# Water conservation and environmental sustainability

### **Demand Management and Use of Technology**

Investing in upgrading and maintaining infrastructure and systems that increase water efficiency, reduce freshwater and resource consumption

### **Waste Management**

Engaging environmental services providers for the management of hazardous materials and compliance with the framework of the regulation of trade effluent

Some of the initiatives to enable sustainable use of water and reduce waste



### Utilization of TSF<sup>1</sup>

Pioneering the use of TSE by recycling sewage water which would otherwise be discharged into the environment



### Use of Sea Water

Utilizing sea water where possible, leading to substantial reductions in water consumption while ensuring no harm to marine ecosystems



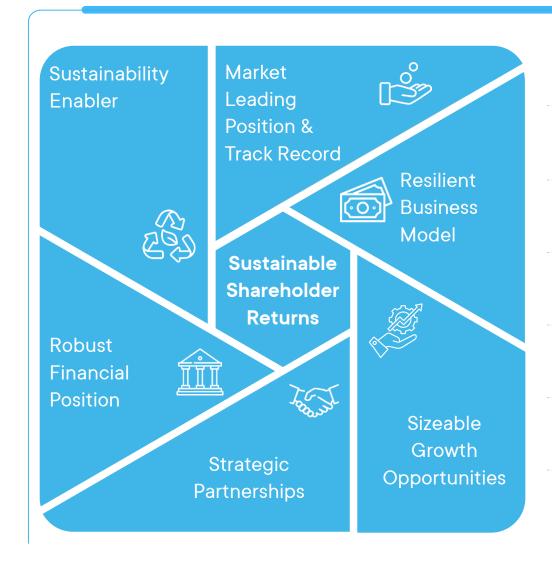
### Management of Waste

Promoting reduce, reuse & recycle approach and active management of hazardous materials from various plants

1) Refers to Treated Sewage Effluent ("TSE")

### **Tabreed's Investment Proposition**





- Leading market position with 27 years of operational track record to provide safe, reliable and efficient cooling
- Long-term contracts with creditworthy customers underpin stability and high visibility of future cashflows
- Solid track record of delivering growth with connected capacity increasing by ~40% in the last five years
- Diversified presence in attractive markets poised to witness rising district cooling penetration, thereby sustaining growth momentum
- Leveraging partnership model to grow business and bring innovative technologies to district cooling sector
- Demonstrated ability to sustain growth, maintain investment grade credit rating and increase dividend returns over a long term
- Key partner in enabling significant energy savings and prevention of carbon emissions by offering sustainable district cooling



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