

Investor Presentation

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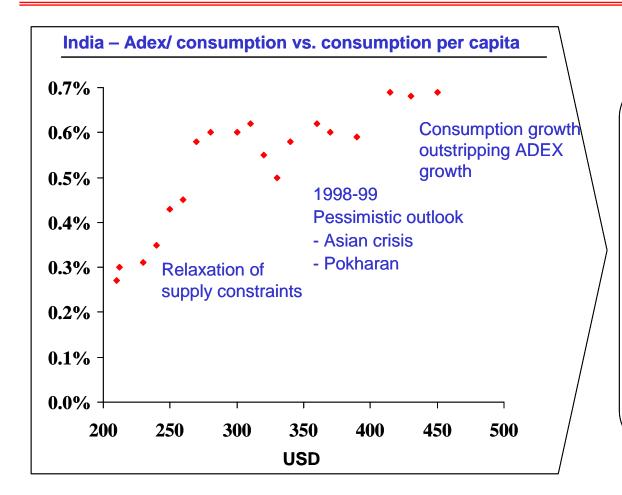


Demographics in India provide a strong opportunity for Print Media to grow

	Urban	Rural	Total	
Population (millions)	272	590	862	
Literacy%	83%	62%	68% <	Literacy % expected to
				up
Readership (% of literates)	42%	21%	29%	
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Source: IRS 2009 R2; Age group 12+, Individuals data

Ad intensity is poised to increase as consumption grows



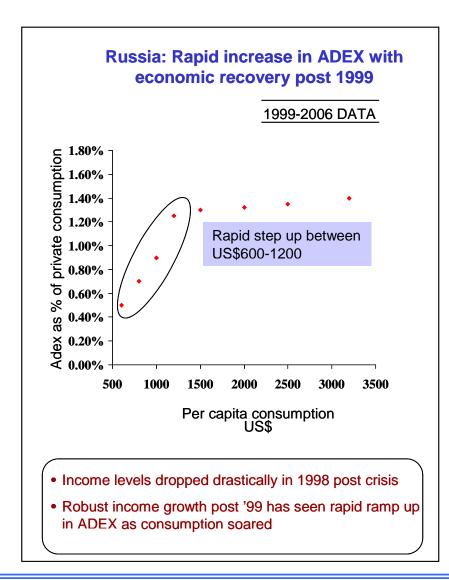
- With increasing consumption, India should witness an increase in Adex as witnessed in other developing countries
- India has seen very modest increases in ad intensity over the past 6 years after a period of rapid increase
- India's low volatility growth should support a clear rising trend in Adex

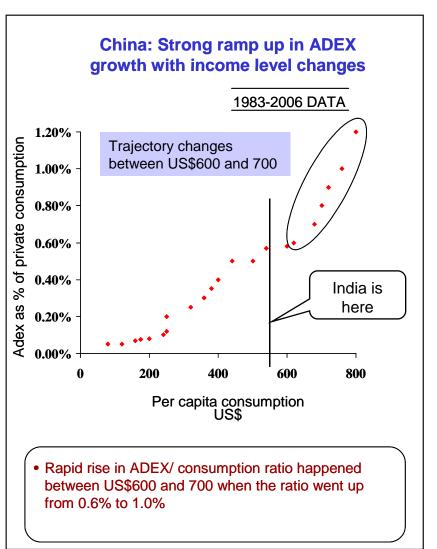
*Ad intensity is the ratio of ad expenditure to private consumption

Source: Global Insight; WMM; Euromonitor; McKinsey analysis



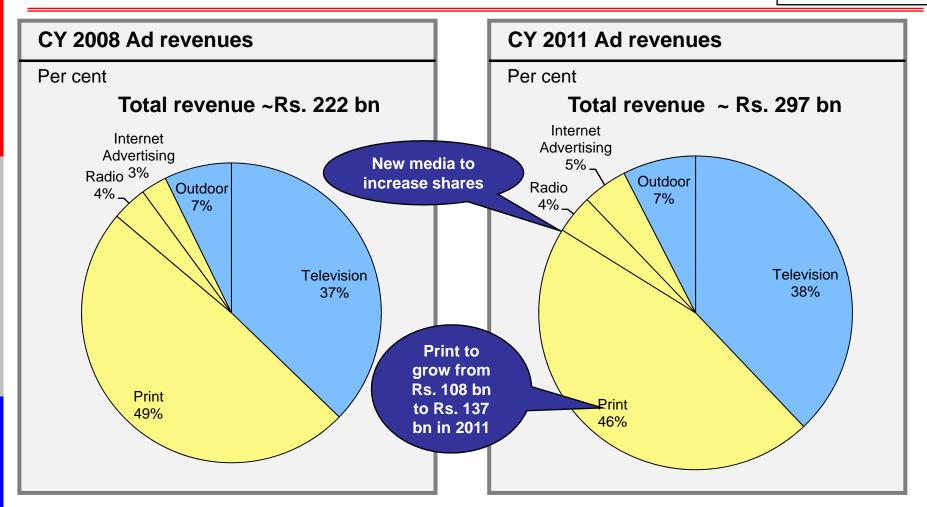
India is close to the inflexion point; Russia and China has shown a similar trend





Advertisement pie is set to increase manifold across mediums

Segments where HT is present



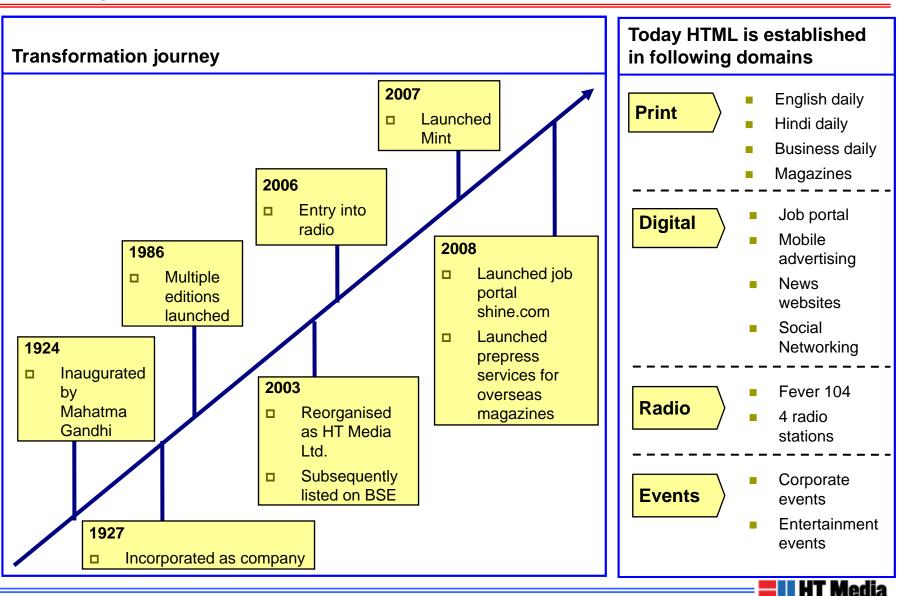
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HTML has transformed itself to a diversified multimedia company



Across various platforms, HTML offers compelling proposition to advertisers

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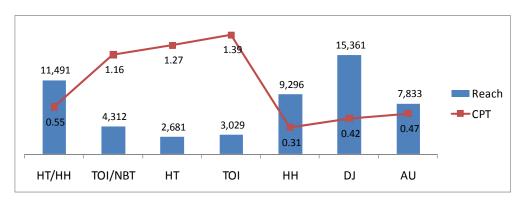








Total Readership of 34m & Average Issue Readership of ~13 m across print publications with attractive CPT



Source: AIR data in '000 from IRS 2009 R2; Card rates

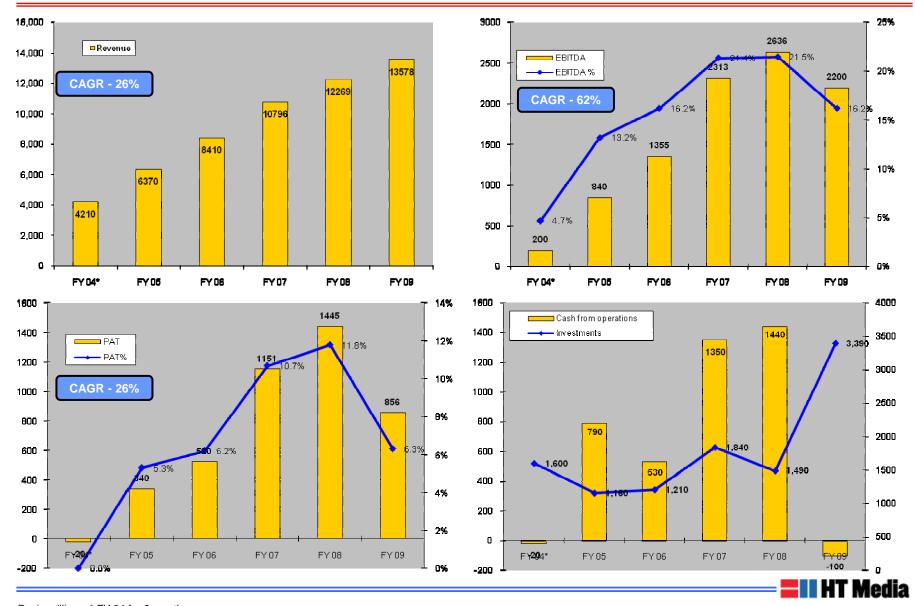
*Comparison data for Indo Gangetic belt i.e. Delhi NCR, Chd, UP, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Jharkhand

9 m listeners of Fever

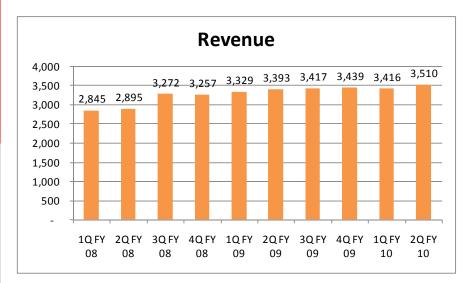
7.5 m unique netizens across
Hindustantimes.com, Shine.com, Desimartini.com
Livemint.com, livehindustan.com

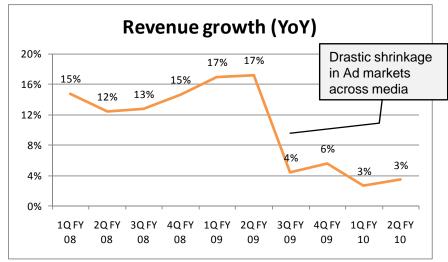


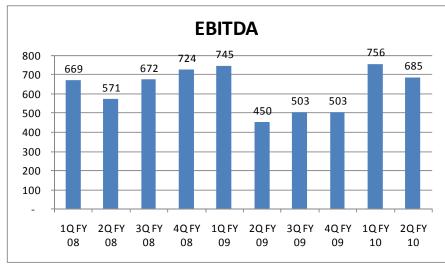
Historical financial performance

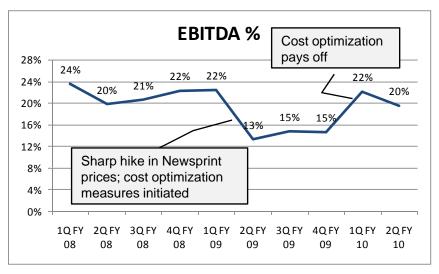


Despite the recent headwinds, HTML has been able to maintain its margins









Rs. in millions

Headwinds faced in FY 2009 are fading away

Headwinds in FY 2009

- Rising international newsprint costs
- High investment in Hindustan
- Profitability under pressure due to new businesses
 - Mint
 - Radio
 - Internet
 - Mumbai
- Overall advertising market in Metro cities under pressure
- Higher costs due to inefficiencies

Going forward

- International newsprint prices are down by ~40%
- Hindustan set to grow and double its contribution
- Investments in new businesses have started yielding results
 - Radio breakeven in FY 2010
 - Mint expected to breakeven by end of FY 2010
 - Mumbai & Internet on the path to attain breakeven in next 2-3 years
- With the growth in Hindustan, dependence on metro cities is coming down
- Cost optimization measures to yield results



HT Media: well positioned for rapid growth

Strengths & Opportunity

- Superior & professional management
- Partnerships with global corporations
 - WSJ, Virgin, RedMatch, Velti, Burda
- Only media company to have Hindi & English leverage
- Strong balance sheet to fund expansion plans
- Operating leverage resulting in high cash generation
- Highly invested brands
 - HindustanTimes, Hindustan, Mint, Fever

Outcome

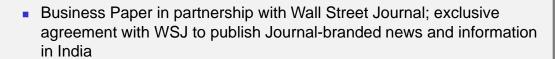
- Second largest English daily having strong presence in key markets
 - Leadership position in Delhi
 - Strong contender in Mumbai
- Third largest Hindi daily with a rapid growth of 30% +
- Radio presence in key markets
 - No. 2 in Delhi
 - One of top -3 stations in Mumbai & Bengaluru
- Shine rapidly growing its user database & building revenue traction

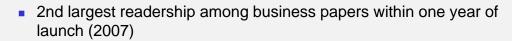


We have built successful partnerships with world class organizations













- FM Radio channel in collaboration with Virgin; Virgin provides functional expertise whereas HT brings in media support and local expertise
- Acquiring polar position in key markets





- Internet job portal with RedMatch as technology partner
- Launched in 2008, database of 3 million + in first 15 months of launch





- 65:35 JV signed in Q3 FY 09 to provide mobile marketing services
- Services started in July 09



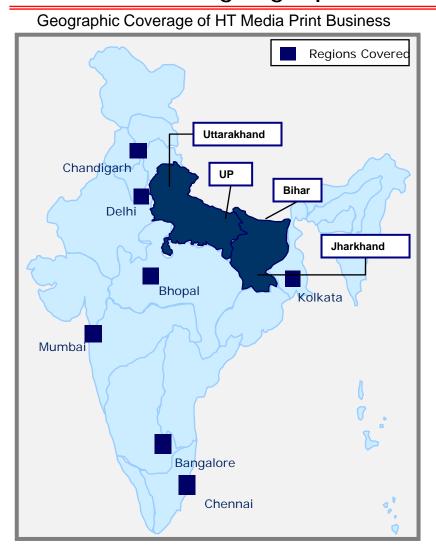


- Started in 2008 in a joint venture with Hubert Burda Media
- The only high end pre-press capability in India, the first partnership of a major media company in India

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Through its print offerings, HT Media reaches ~13 million readers across geographies



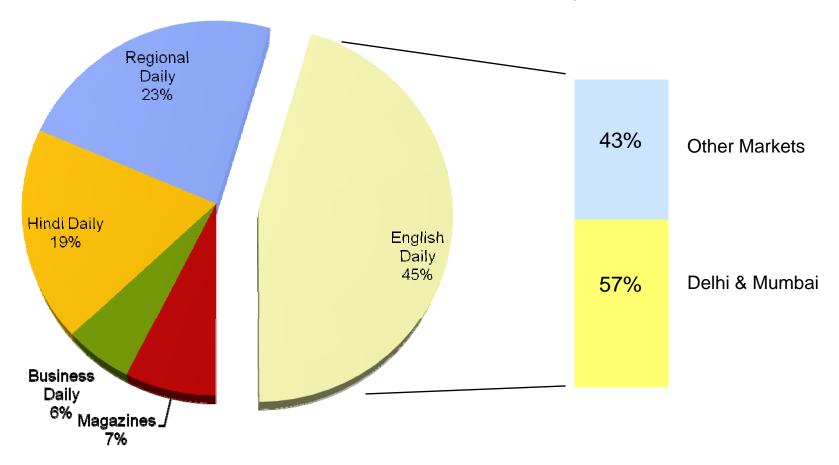
Readership of Editions (in '000s)						
Γ		<u>Hindustan</u> <u>Times</u>	<u>Hindustan</u>	<u>Mint</u>		
	Delhi NCR	2,136	1,302	123		
	Bihar / Jharkhand	117	5,527	-		
	UP / Uttarakhand	275	2,494	-		
	Mumbai	503	-	13		
	Kolkata	43	4	15		
	Bangalore	-	-	21		
	Chennai	-	-	15		
	Others	273	9	-		
	Across India	3,347	9,336	187		

Source: AIR data from IRS 2009 R2

Mint readership in Chennai and Kolkata data based on circulation

Delhi & Mumbai comprises more than 50% of total English dailies market in India

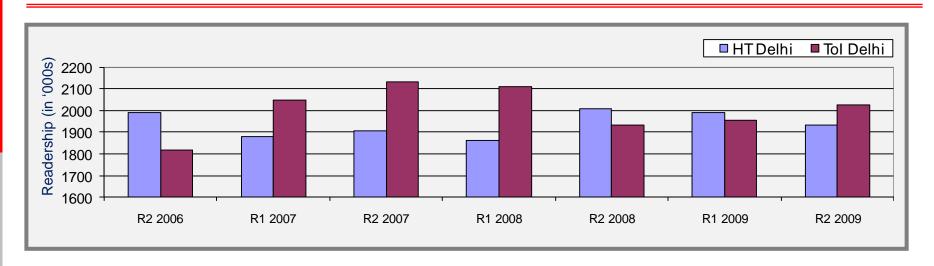
Total Print Ad Revenue for CY 2008 ~Rs. 108,000 mn*



Source: Group M, HT Estimates

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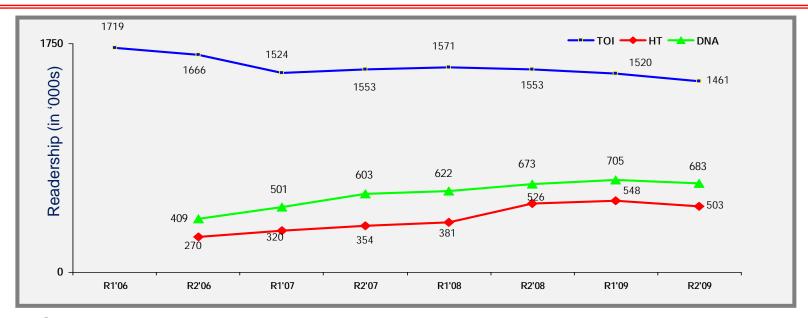
Hindustan Times continues to have a strong presence in Delhi hindustantimes



- Strong Readership & Circulation initiatives to retain & lead market shares to continue
 - HT re-launch targeting youth with more colour, design & good content;
 - Youth Centric approach with initiatives such as Campus Calling, Career Call etc.
 - Significant local connect initiatives ILD, DSF, Luxury / Leadership Summit etc.
- Targeting revenue growth through
 - Pricing lead by combo offers
 - Volume uptake strategies (Marketing Solutions, BOOST program etc. draw non / low advertiser segments)

Source: AIR figures, IRS

Hindustan Times is the fastest growing daily in Mumbai over last 2 years **hindustantimes**



- Our strategy
 - Continue to lead expansion of readership
 - Target markets of Youth & SEC A category
- On ground initiatives to connect with youth
- Relaunch of HT to improve brand salience and appeal to younger generation
- Translating accelerated readership gains into revenue
 - Retail classified response (local revenue) improving
 - Volume & price increases
 - Improving realization on cover price
- Investment in infrastructure to enhance quality & capacity; New press commissioned in May 09

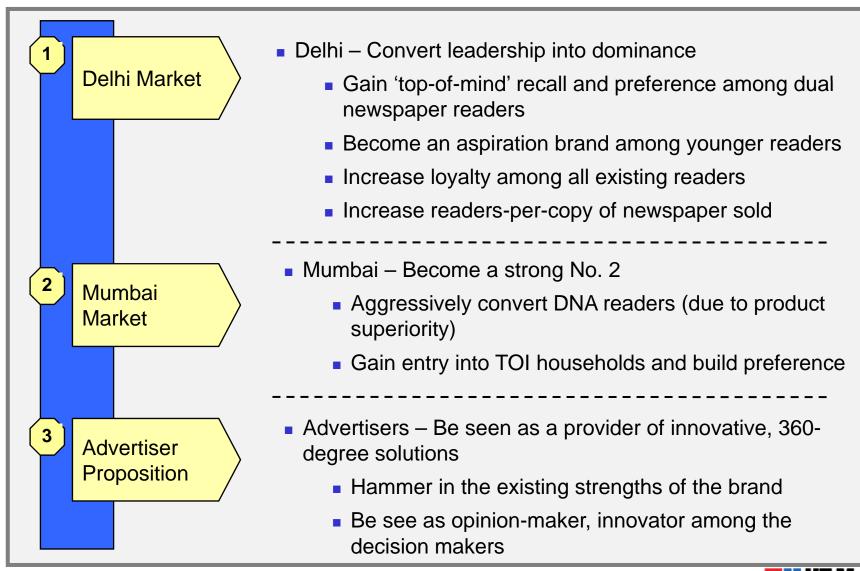
Why the Relaunch?



- Delhi's largest, Mumbai's fastest growing, strong presence across North India
 - High credibility, strong imagery as a 'leading' newspaper
- However, lower share in younger age groups
- Strong need to remain relevant among the young
 - Take advantage of the massive & growing reader base under 29 years
- Completely revamp editorial style to deliver content to help them move forward in life
- Complement with design
 - Aid the 'Scan-and-Surf' tendency among the younger age group
 - 'Wow' the reader with a stunning new design



Objective of the Relaunch

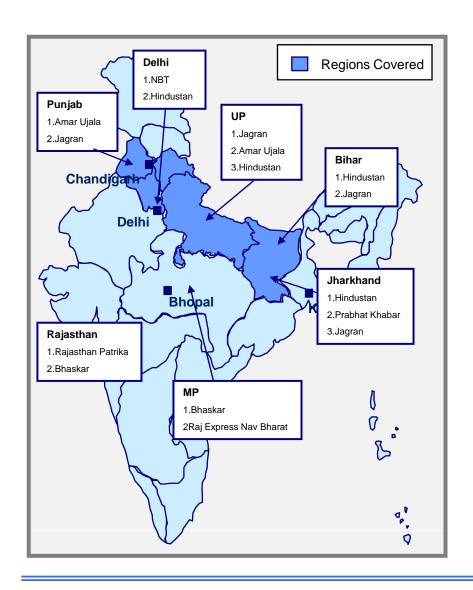


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Hindustan is the third largest Hindi daily with dominant presence in large markets

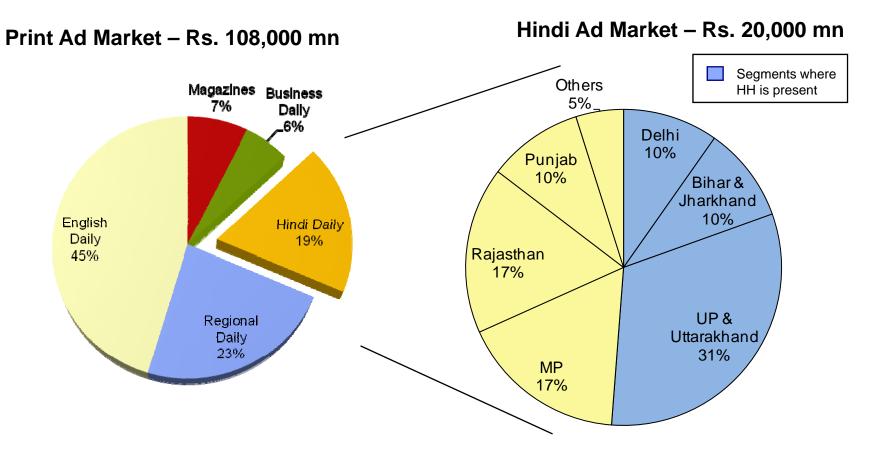


	Readership (in million)	Largest Market
Dainik Jagran	16.1	UP
Dainik Bhaskar	12.9	MP
Hindustan	9.3	Bihar
A mar Ujala	8.3	UP
Rajasthan Patrika	6.5	Rajasthan
Punjab Kesari	3.4	Har / HP
Navbharat Times	2.4	Delhi

Source: IRS R2 2009

- Hindustan is leader in Bihar / Jharkhand and a strong presence in UP; key markets
- Recently launched in Meerut, Dehradun, Chandigarh, Allahabad & Bareilly
- No conflict of market with Bhaskar, No. 2
 Player; though gap is ~3.6 million

Hindustan has strong presence over 50% of Hindi daily market



Source: Group M report CY 2008

Hindustan - gaining position year on year

Ranking					
04	05	06	07	08	
1	1	1	1	1	
2	2	2	2	2	
3	3	3	3	3	
4	4	4	4	4	
5	5	5	5	5	
6	6	6	6	6	
7 /	7	7	7	7	
8	8	8	8	8	

Highlights

- Leading Hindi daily with readership in excess of 9 million; No. 3 all over India
- First ever All Colour Hindi newspaper
- Received various awards in last 12 months
 - Asia Media Award Silver
 - 3 Plants get 100% rating for SNAP
 - Coveted membership for IFRA -INCQC
- Undisputed market leader in Bihar & Jharkhand with significant presence in Delhi & UP

Source - IRS

Hindustan: well positioned for rapid growth

Strengths & Opportunity

- Heritage / Trustworthy brand
- Superior quality across Hindi newspapers
- Highly respected Editorial talent
- English leverage across Editorial & Media sales
- Opportunity
 - Relatively weak competition compared to English
 - Development of Tier 2 cities

Outcome

- Continues to grow very strongly in all markets
 - Leadership attained in Lucknow, Jharkhand
 - Rapid share gains in Kanpur, Patna, Delhi and Agra
 - Rapid expansion new launches in Chandigarh & Dehradun
- Provides National Advertisers an effective cost medium with the HT combo pack
- Jodi package in select markets (with HT) proves to be a "killer" for the Trade – Unique to HT & increases Trade's income

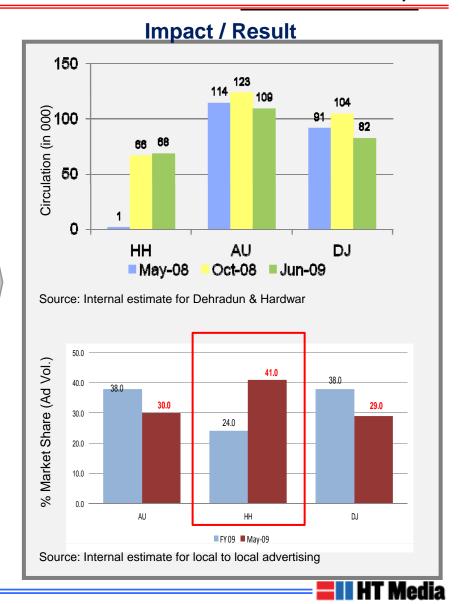


Superior product has helped us succeed in new markets against established competition

Uttarakhand case study

Our Strategy

- Background
 - Used to be a strong franchise of Amar Ujala & Dainik Jagran
 - Hindustan launched on 23 May 08
- What we did
 - Creating strong reader connect through:
 - Talking about challenges and issues of Uttarakhand; and then taking such issues to logical end
 - Be the carrier of hope and positive energy.
 - Launching superior product; Best in class paper and printing quality
 - Launching aggressive readers schemes; Quick build-up of circulation with good consumer acceptance
- Outcome
 - Highest local to local market share within 1 year of launch
 - Became No. 2 in city of Dehradun & Hardwar next to AU; trailing by ~1000 copies



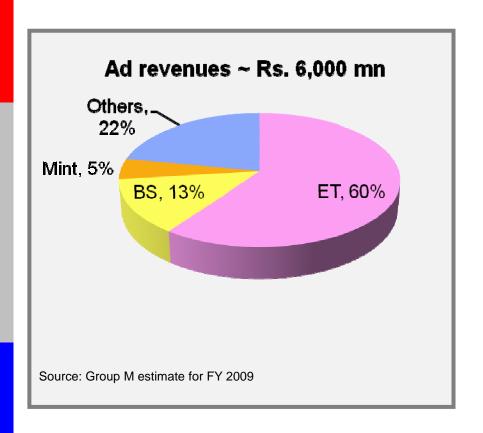
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Mint has significant potential to grow in business dailies segment





- Attractive opportunity for Mint to tap
 - Market dominated by one player with a ~60% share of revenues
 - Opportunity to garner significant share of market by occupying a strong #2 position
- Strategy adopted to tap this value pool
 - Build readership to a strong #2 position quickly
 - Target the top-end reader with premium content
 - Going National
 - Launched in Delhi, Mumbai & Bengaluru
 - Kolkata & Chennai launched in 2009
 - Distribution in Pune & Chandigarh
 - Effectively convert exclusive reach in premium audience to revenues

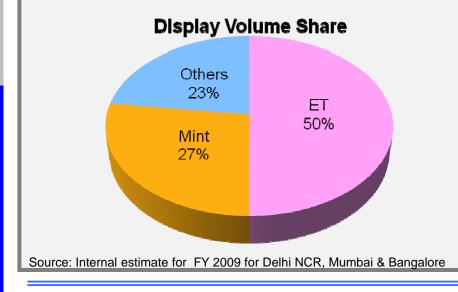


Effective strategy yielding results in building strong reader proposition & gaining revenue traction



AIR	Del, Mum, B'lore	Readership Share	
ET	379	60 %	
Mint	157	25 %	
BS	41	6 %	
HBL	33	5 %	
FE	26	4 %	

Source: IRS R2, 2009, readership in '000



- Established No.2 with strong and differentiated reader proposition; supported by a distinct and well segmented readership base
 - World class editorial by domain experts with global experience
 - Best coverage Gold award and Best Newspaper Design – Silver award
 - Strong online presence with financial portal *livemint.com*
 - 80% of Mint readers do not read any other business paper
 - Content partnership with CNBC to further strengthen brand salience & readership engagement
- Getting recognized by the advertisers
 - Segmented advertising approach ex. BFSI, Luxury & Premium Brands / Products etc..
 - Combo with HT Business to further strengthen advertiser engagements



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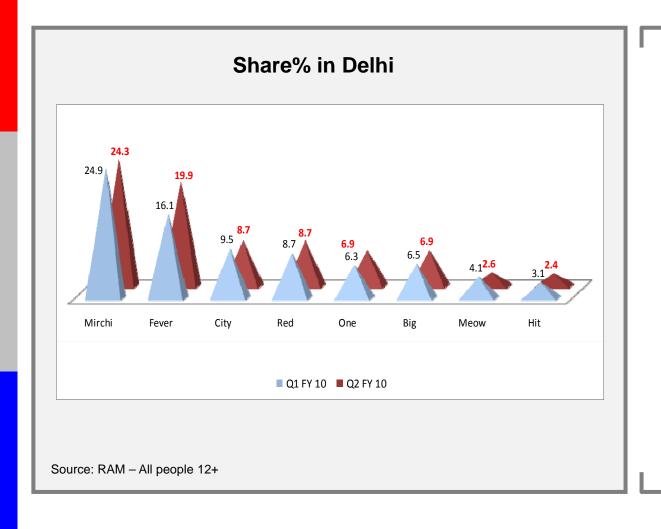
FEVER - A High Impact Radio Station





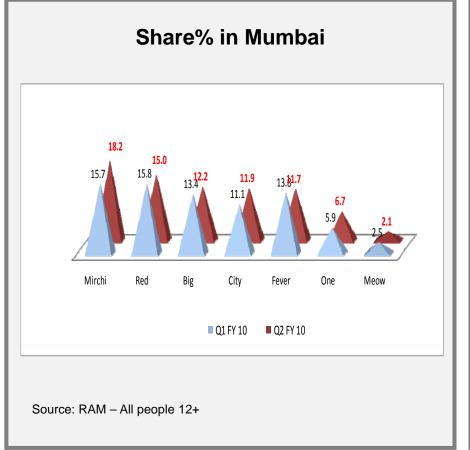
- Differentiated positioning: Less Talk More Music....Format radio station
 - Targeted at SEC AB, between 25-34 years of age
- Collaboration with Virgin enabling operational excellence
 - A leadership team of global radio experts with a track record of successful radio stations in Asia, South Africa and Europe
- Current footprint in Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Kolkata; addressing 60% of the industry
- Consistently improving Performance
 - One of the fastest growing stations in India; acquiring dominant position in key markets
 - Perceived to be an innovative and engaging brand
 - Known to host exciting on air promotions ... with memorable give aways

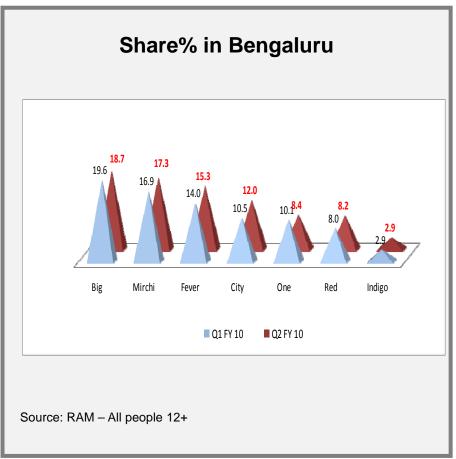
Consolidating its position in Delhi



- Focused approach in Delhi has yielded results
- Consolidating its number 2 position in Delhi (largest Ad market for Radio industry)
 - Reduced the gap from No.1 significantly in this quarter
- Building up loyal listenership base steadily across other stations of launch

Fastest growing in Mumbai & Bengaluru





- Consolidating its 3rd position in Bengaluru
- Gaining traction and moving to top 3 bracket in Mumbai

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Internet: strong foundation for growing portfolio

- In order to give more focus to Internet, a separate subsidiary Firefly started in 2007
 - 100% subsidiary
 - Dedicated to building brands and businesses in internet space
- Rapid scale-up in operations; structured for growth through investments in employees and infrastructure
 - Over 150 employees in 1 year; sales force of 100+
 - Over 20% employees from premier B-schools in India



- Ranked amongst Ten best news websites in the world by Forbes.com in 2007
- Ranked #1 in Technology by PC World India Web Awards in 2007 and 2008
- Rapidly growing page views 25 million page views per month
- Slew of interactive features newsletters, news alerts, editorial blogs



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- Business news site, designed by world renowned firm Garcia Media, USA
- Over 8 million page views per month with average time spend of ~3 minutes / visit
- More interactive content added through Live video feeds, radio and podcasts, blogs



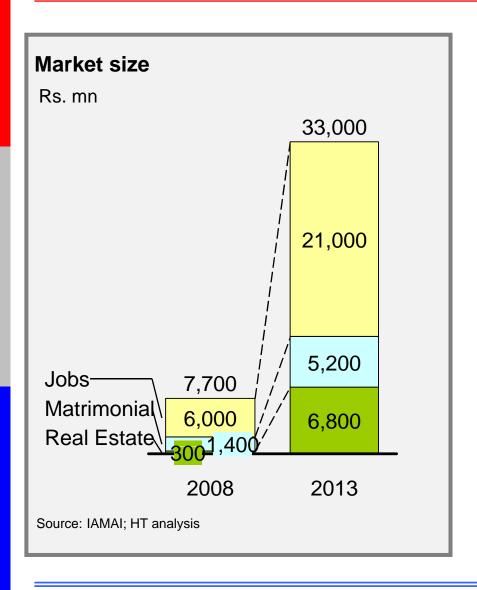
- Fastest growing career portal: 3 million + registered users in 15 Months
- Superior technology & differentiated Product: Match Vs search ability, salary benchmarking tools



- Acquisition in 2007
- Redesigning of the website underway



Plan to tap huge value pool through classifieds portals



- Entered online job market in June 08 with a differentiated offering – shine
- Shine journey so far...
 - Over 3 million profiles
 - 15+ million page views and 2 million unique visitors per month
 - 80% database is 2+ years experience; competition has 55%
 - Average Salary Rs.4.2 Lacs per annum; competition has Rs. 2.5 lacs
 - 41% Post Graduates in the database; competition has 25%

Shine is the most comprehensive job portal in India



Feature	Shine	Naukri	Monster	Timesjobs
Job & Candidate Matching Capability				
Invisibility & Anonymity				
Recruitment Workflow Management				
Robustness of registration process				
Salary Survey functionality				
Communities				
Database Size				
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Source: Competition benchmarking done by Diamond consultants

Foray in Mobile marketing and Advertising through Joint Venture with Velti, to provide an integrated offering

- First large media company to enter in mobile marketing
- 65:35 JV with Velti plc, a company listed in London
- Velti plc is a leading global provider of mobile marketing services
- Value to be derived from advertiser and not service providers
- Leverage on existing sales force of HTML and technology of Velti
- Services started in July 09.



Mobile marketing and advertising with comprehensive set of services across mobile platform

Mobile Marketing Activities: The use of the mobile channel for brand-building activities

that raise awareness of a brand in mobile consumers minds

Mobile Messaging



20 templates

On-pack promotions



17 templates

Mobile Blogging/ User Generated Content



5 templates

M-commerce



5 templates

Loyalty Clubs



3 templates

Location Based / Proximity



7 templates

Mobile Advertising Activities:

product or service

WAP Banner Ads



1 template

Mobile Search Advertising



2 templates

Mobile TV Ads/ Sponsored Video



1 template

Branded WAP sites & Ad-funded Content



10 templates



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HT Burda - high end publishing space

Introduction to Burda

- Second largest Media company in Germany having
 - 100+ years of experience in specialized printing
 - Annual printing of 3.3 lac tons of paper (equivalent to 600 million pages per day)
 - 258 periodicals; 70 magazine titles
 - Presence in 19 countries
 - Interest in Radio, Television & Digital spaces
- Annual turnover of \$2 bn +

Opportunity & Rationale

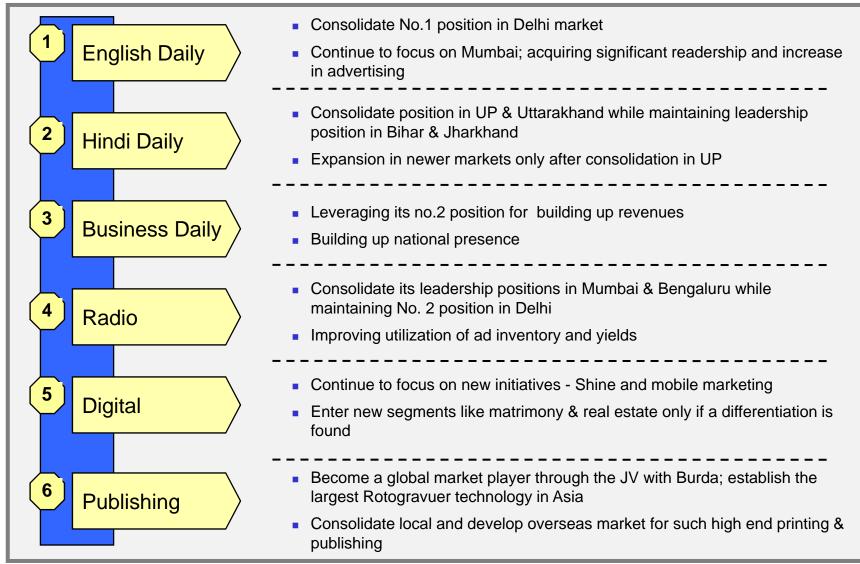
- Development of local & overseas market for high end printing
- High potential in the fast growing market of catalogues for organized retail
- Diversifies business portfolio & hedges existing business from advertisement cycles
- Scalable business with high margin; assured revenues from the JV partner
- Marginal capital investment of low magnitude

Progress made so far

- 51:49 JV set up
- Backend Prepress & Design work already started
 - Initial successes with Ikea & Elle
- Construction of printing facilities underway
- Publishing to start in Jan 2010



HTML is looking to consolidate its position across businesses



Thank You