



# Leadership Lessons of a Challenger

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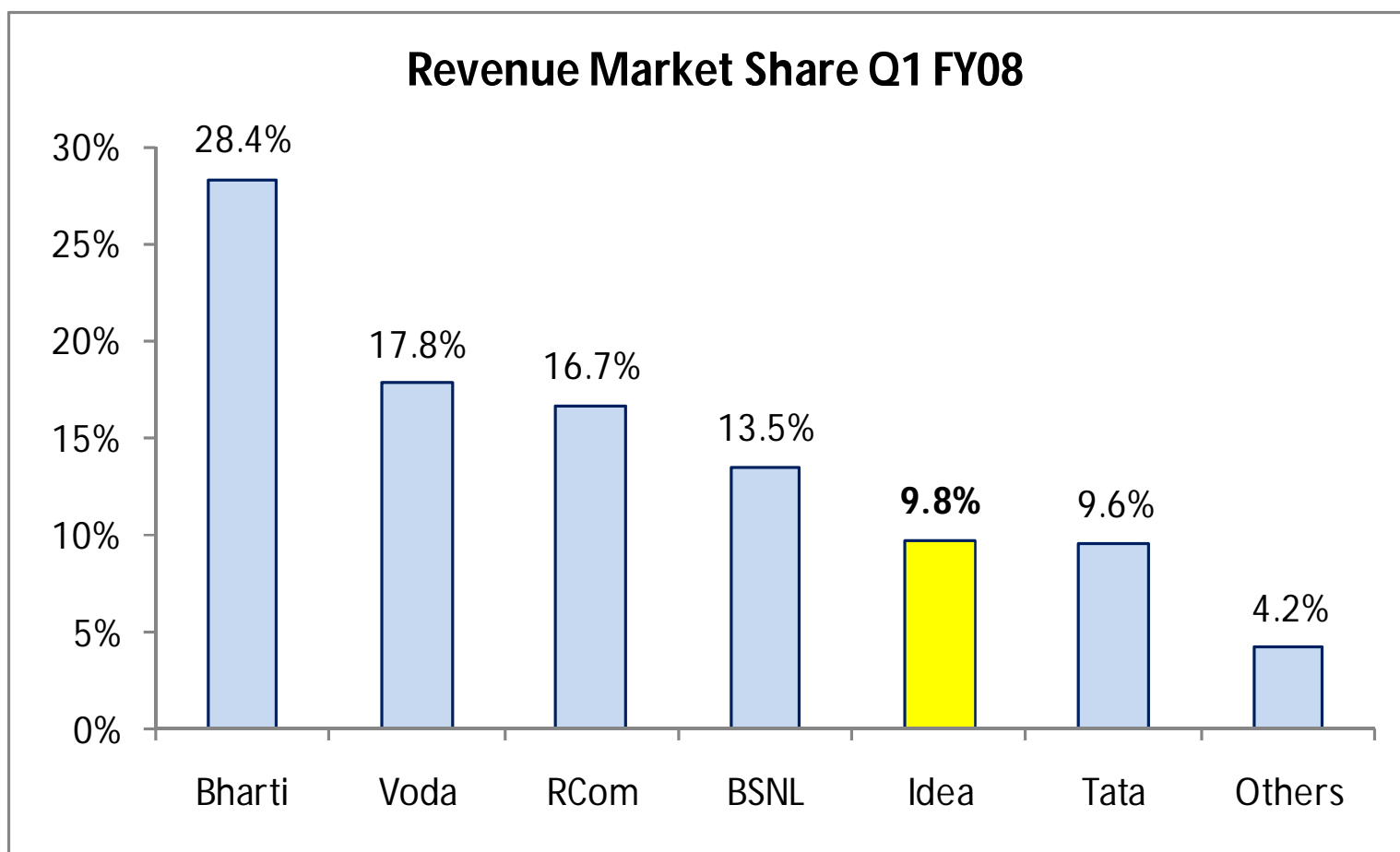
*“ ...The most important thing is to **dream audaciously**, and to pursue that big dream with all the **passion and fire** within you. Its about reaching for that dream, **no matter what** and riding even the most gigantic **waves of turbulence and disruption**, much like a champion surfer... ”*

**– Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman, Aditya Birla Group**  
Taken from *'The Turning Points in Our Journey of Transformation'*, AIMA

# Year 2008 – A new journey begins for Idea



Indian Mobility – a Rs 833 Bn industry in FY08



Idea – a clear challenger at 5<sup>th</sup> place

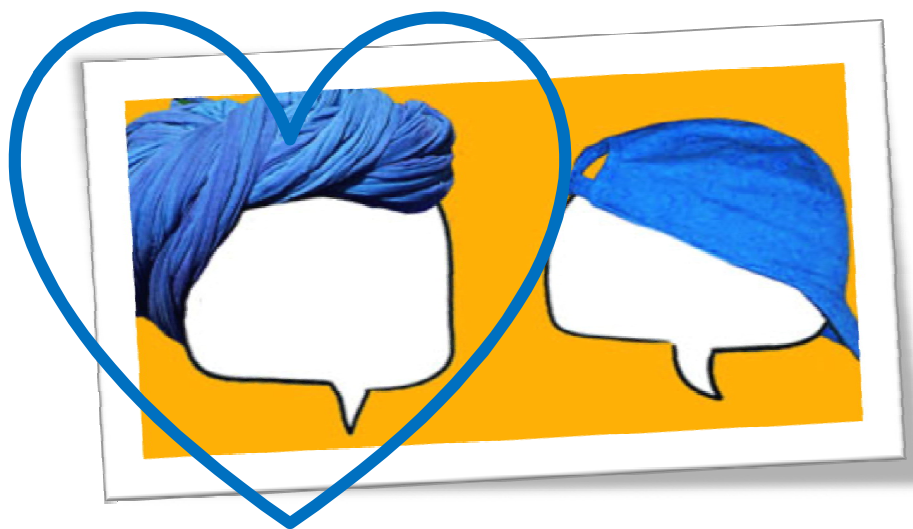
# Finding a Gap & Playing on Strengths



5 existing **players** became pan-India GSM operators **in 2008**

3 new players enter the market

Chose to intensify the battle in **already crowded urban India**

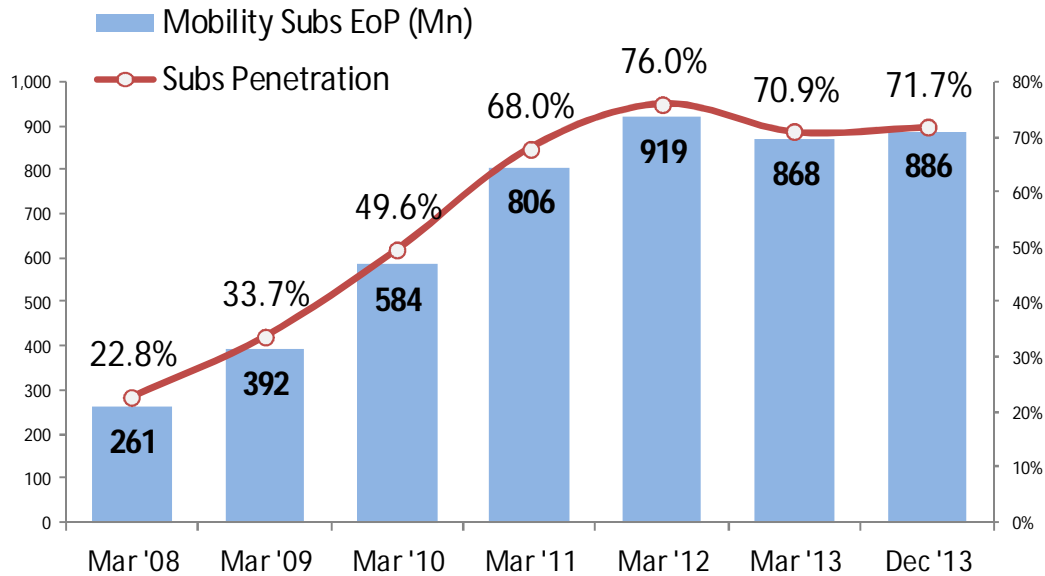


**Idea** chose its contrarian path – '**Bharat**'

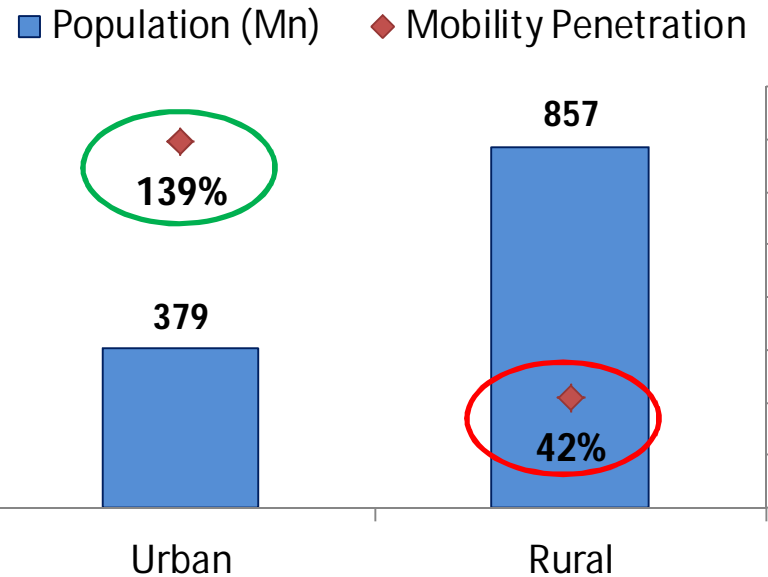
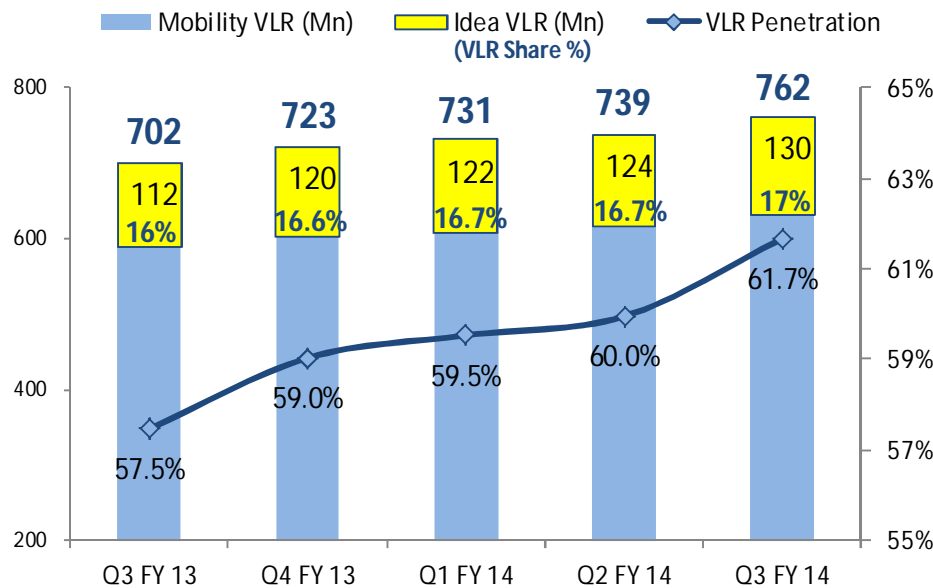
Focused on hinterland comprising Idea's 15 established markets

These now deliver 95% of Idea's revenue & 108% of its EBITDA

# Latent unmet demand for basic voice services



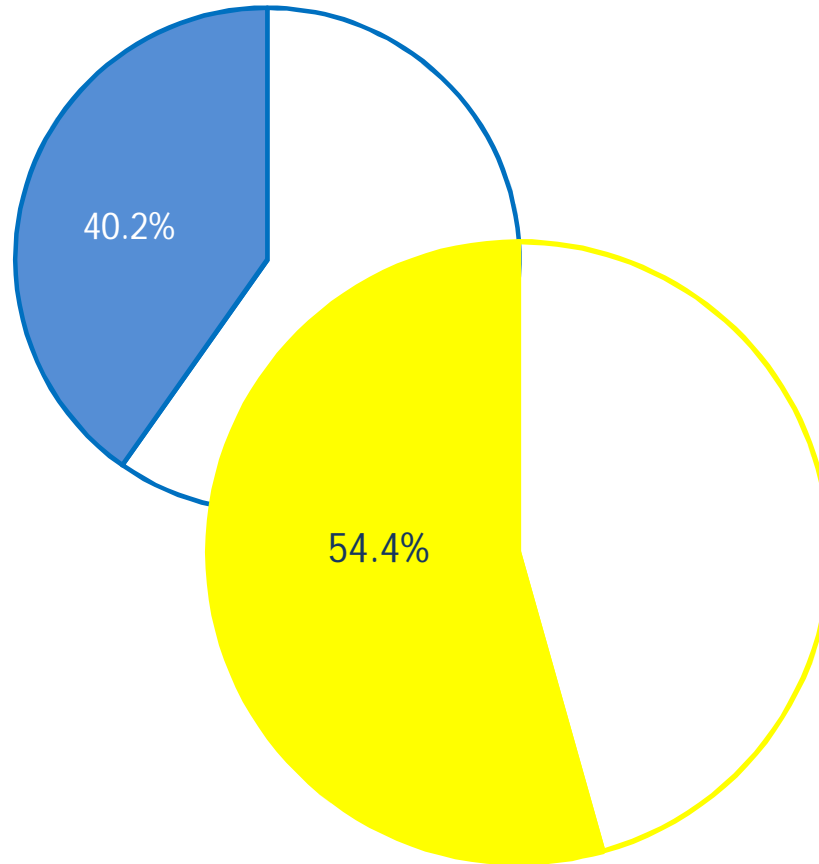
- VLR penetration today is at just 60% nationally
- Factor in multiple-SIMs and it is further lower
- Clear headroom for deeper penetration into rural geographies





# Idea's strength in Rural Markets

Industry Mobility  
Rural Subs  
Proportion



**!DEA Mobility  
Rural Subs  
Proportion**

Large scope of growth for Idea given its strong presence in underpenetrated Rural Markets



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**Potential in voice business  
that is yet to be captured by the industry**

# Next Round – The Data Game



**886 Mn Indians on Mobile Voice**



**Internet on Mobile  
Central Role in the Transition to Digital Lifestyle**



# Next Round – The Data Game



**In 2013, 210 Mn Indians had Internet Access**



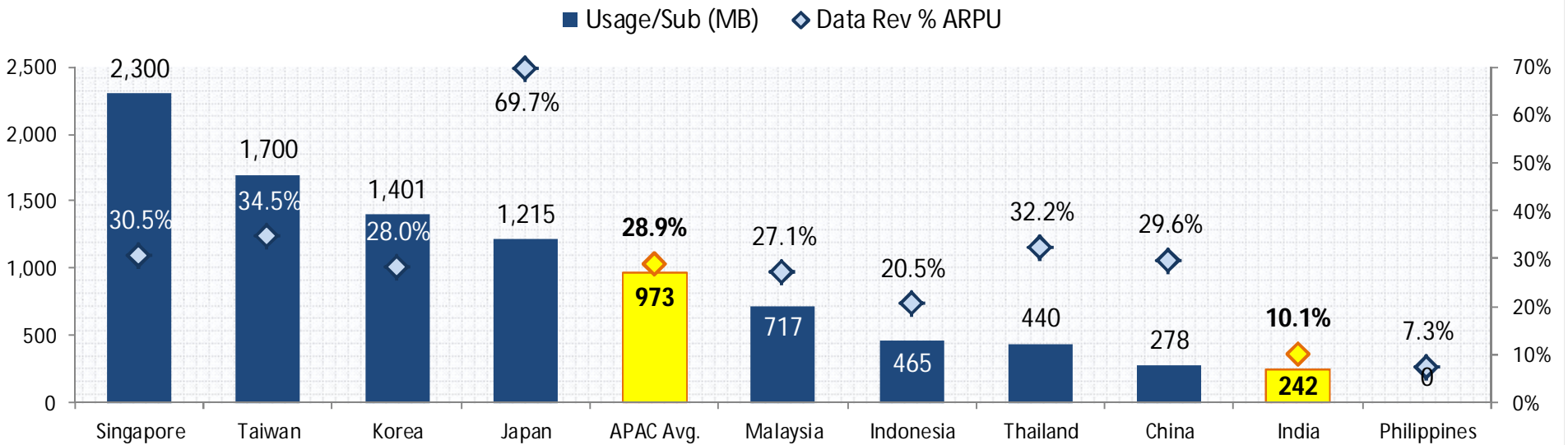
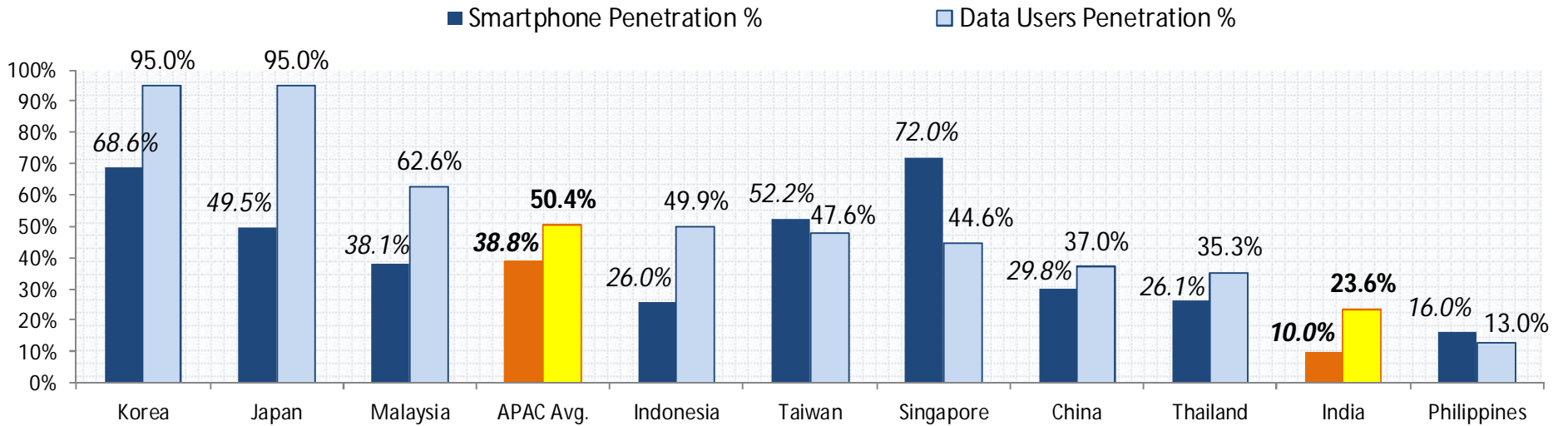
**188 Mn of them on Mobile Internet!**

**More than 600 Mn waiting to be connected...  
in next 4-5 yrs**





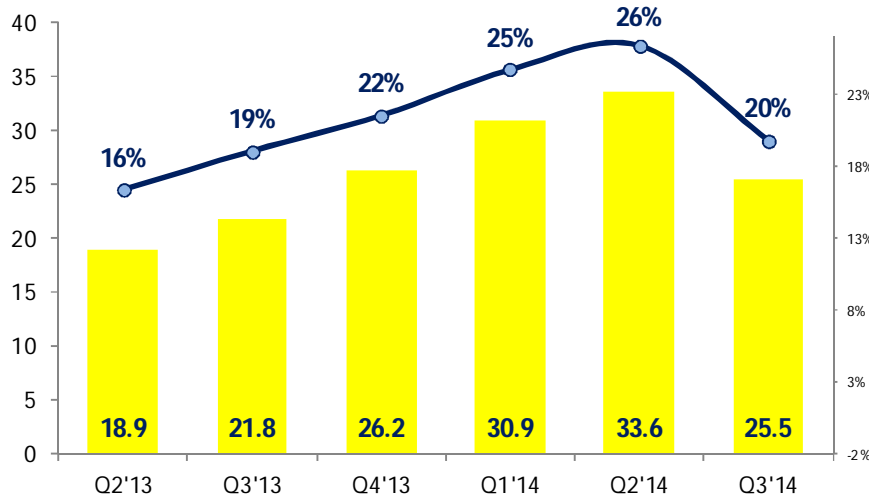
# APAC Data Penetration vis-à-vis India



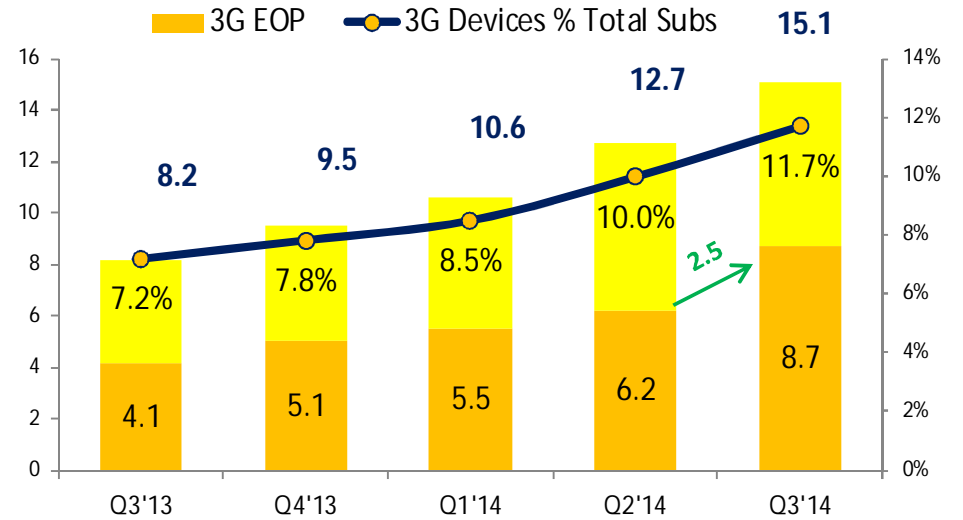
# Data Adoption increasing among Idea Subscribers



### Data Users (Mn)

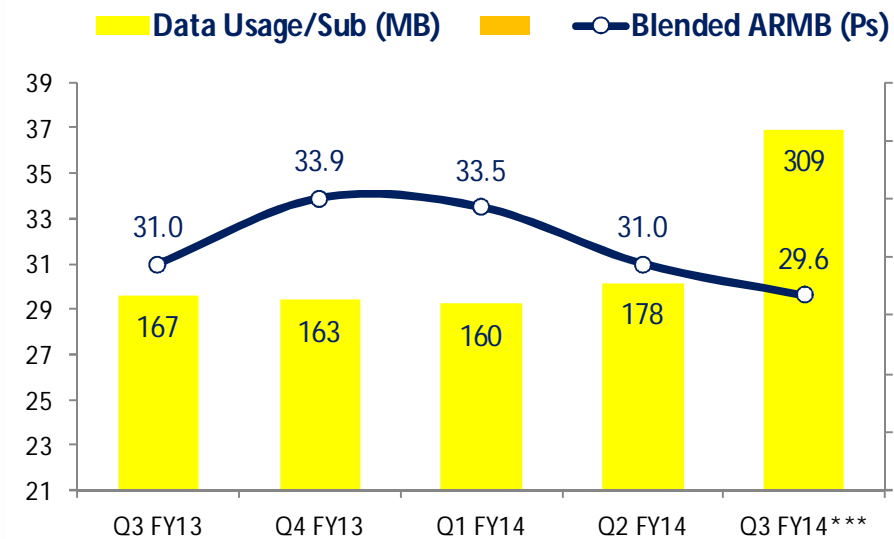
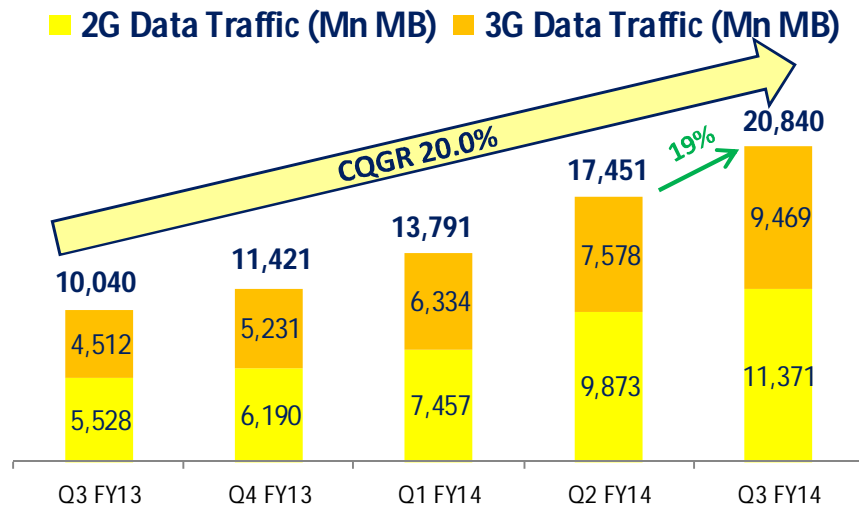
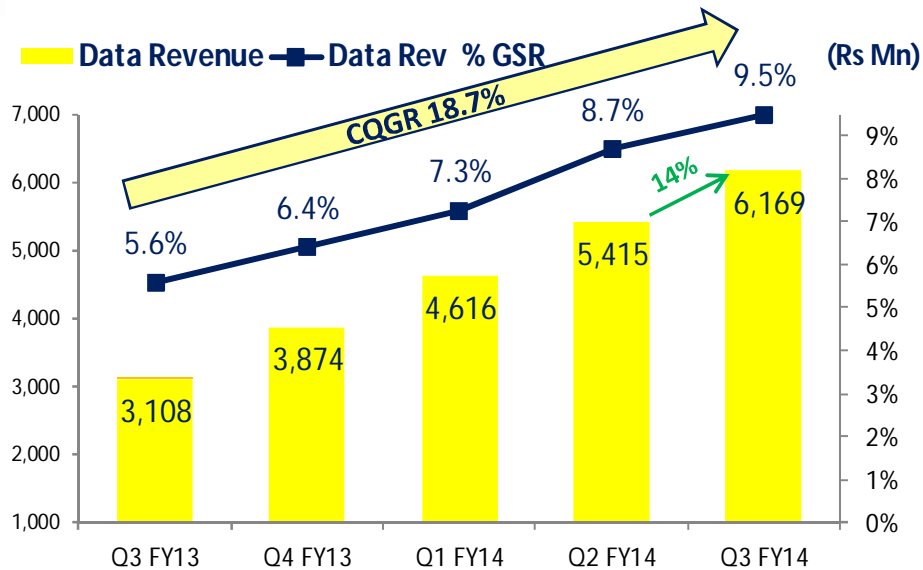


### 3G Devices on Idea Network (Mn)

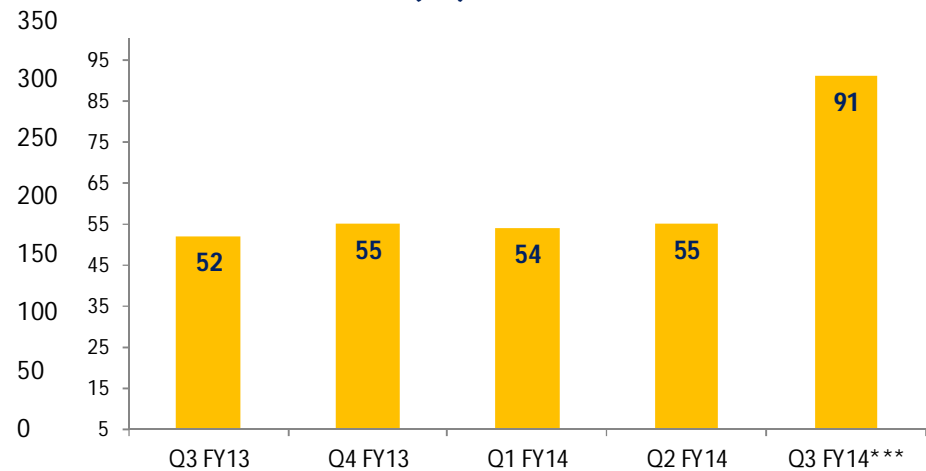




# Rising Data Usage and Revenue for Idea



Blended Data ARPU (Rs.)





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**Data usage is not just an Urban phenomenon**

**Rural consumers are discovering data usage**

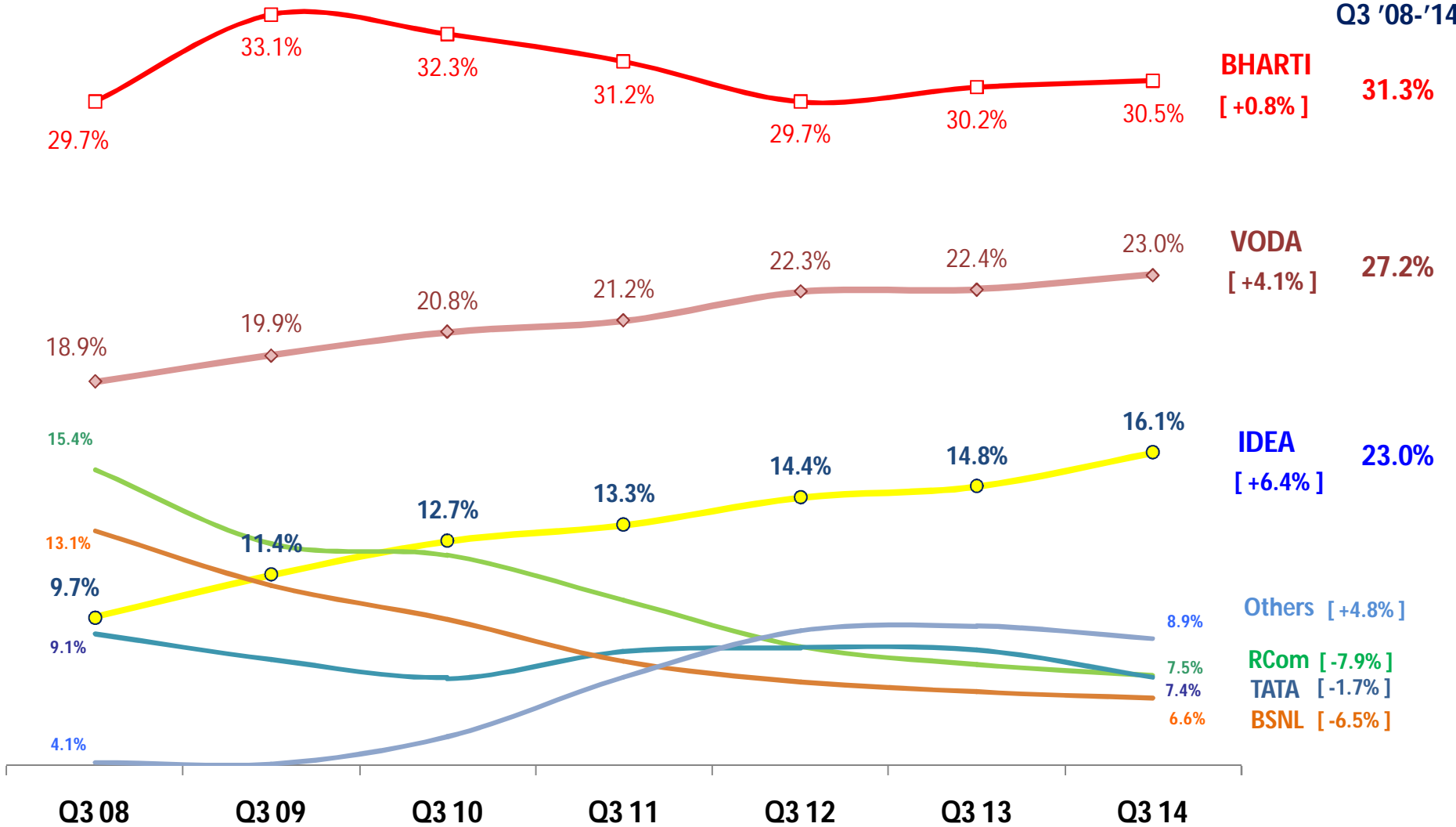
**And that's bringing in fast Data growth**

# In 6 Years, Idea moved from No.5 to No.3 in RMS

High Incremental Revenue Share will continue to drive Idea RMS



IRMS  
Q3 '08-'14

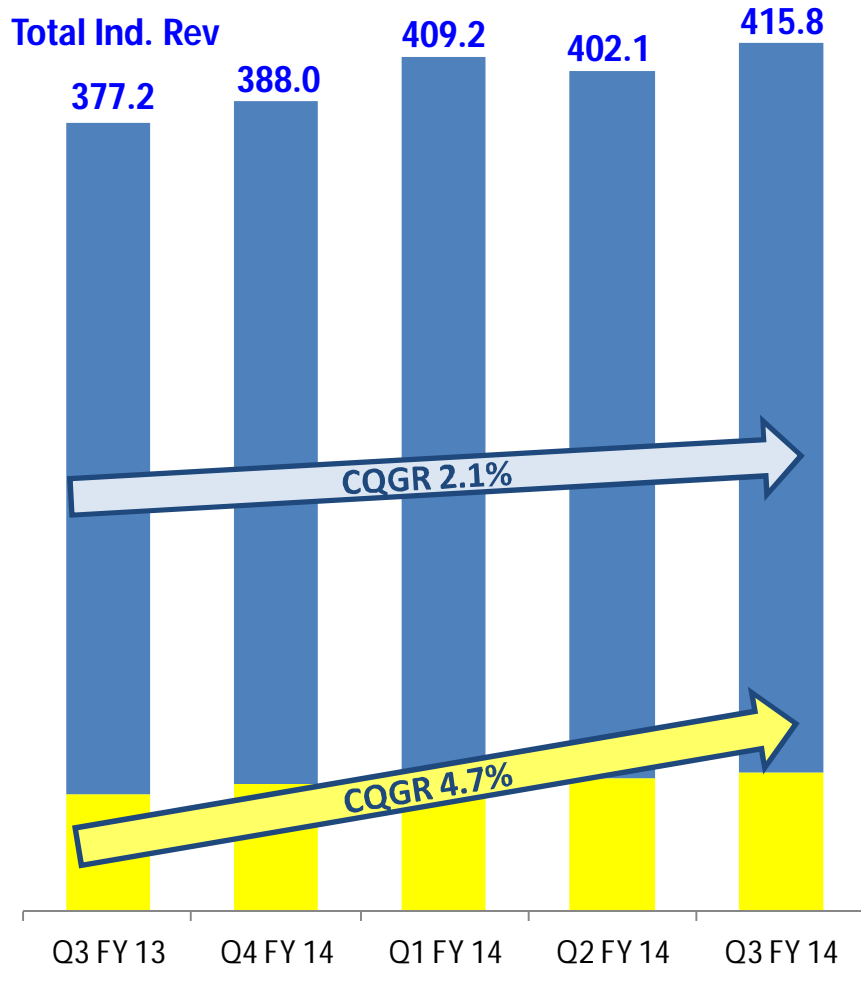




# In fact, Idea is *One Among Top 3*, Not No. 3 Growing at 2.5 times over 'Rest of the Industry'

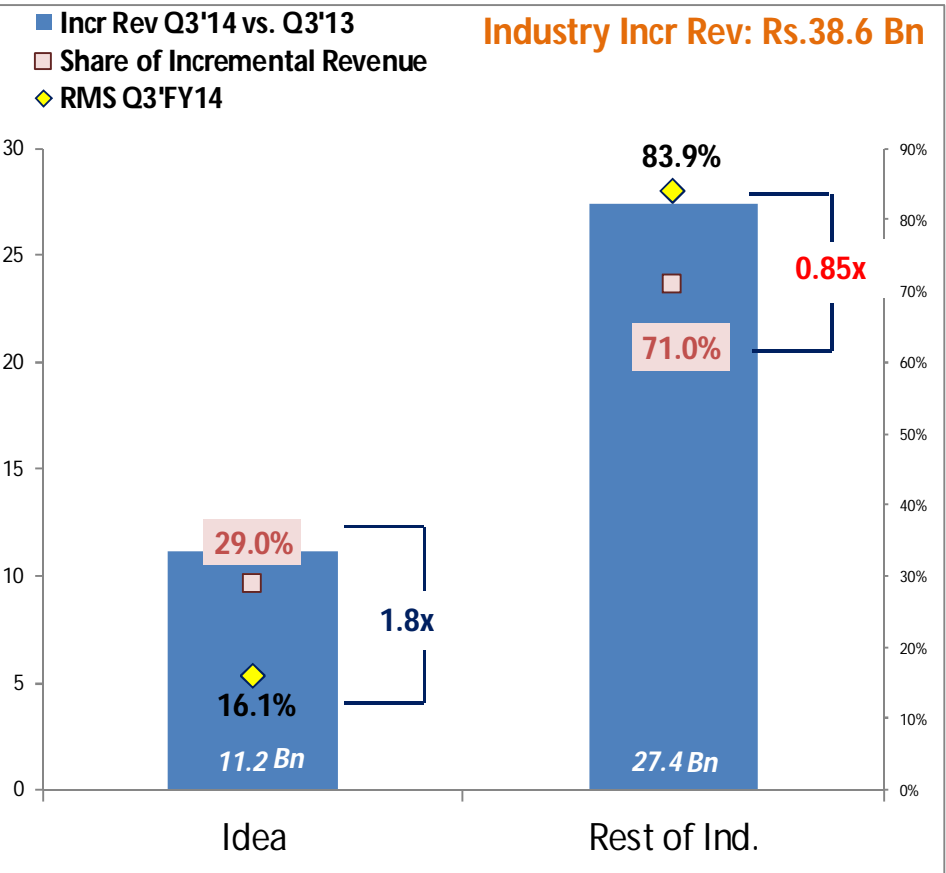
Ind. YoY Growth – 10.2%  
Idea YoY Growth – 20.0%

**Industry Revenue Trends**  
■ Idea Rev ■ Rest of Ind. Rev



**Incremental Revenue YoY**

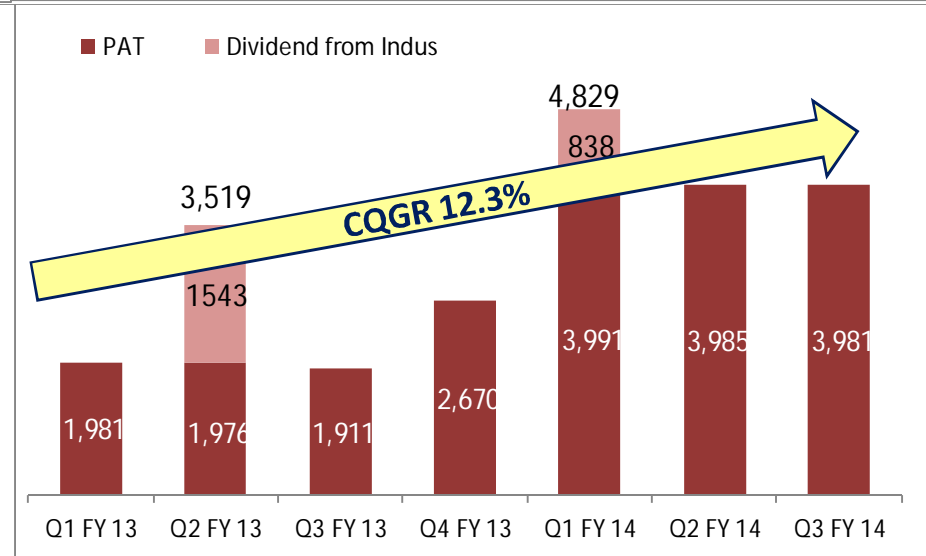
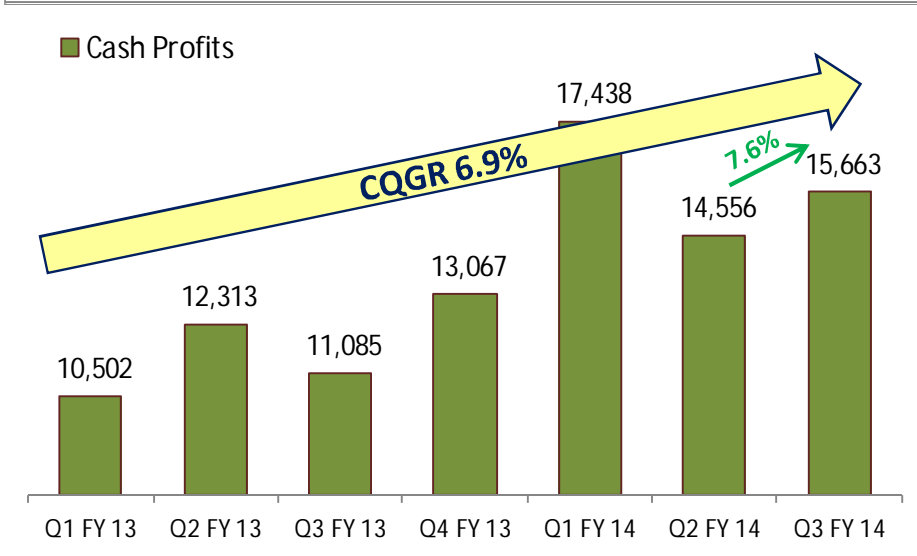
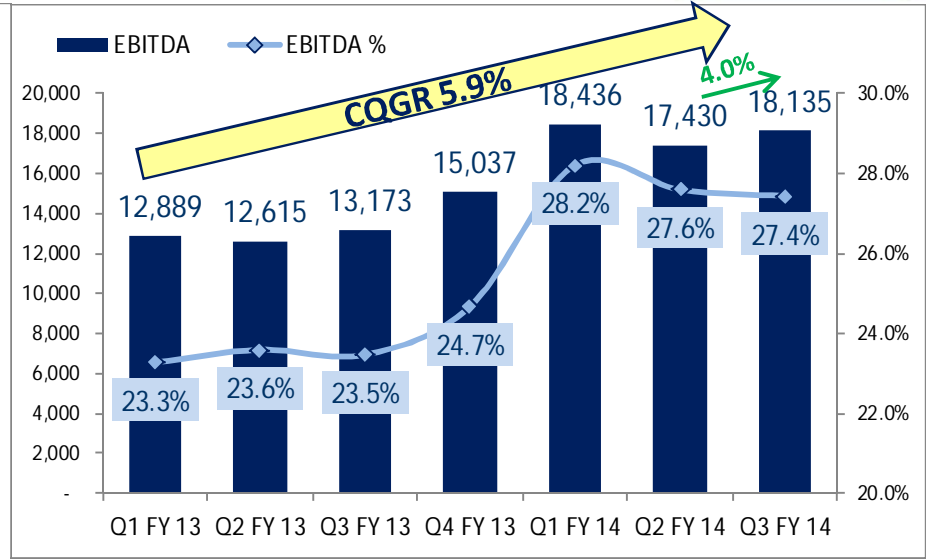
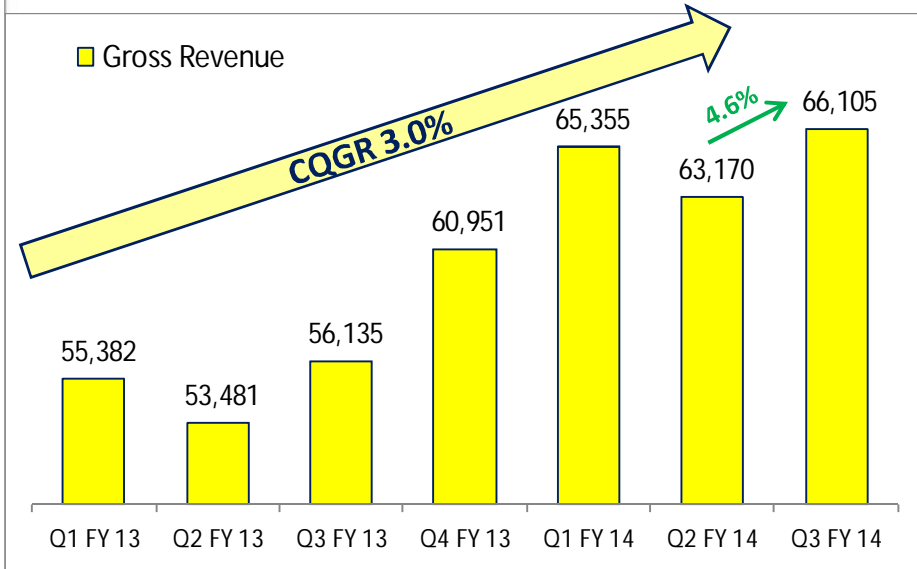
Rs. Bn



# Idea Financials\* - High Growth Trend Continues



Rs. Mn.



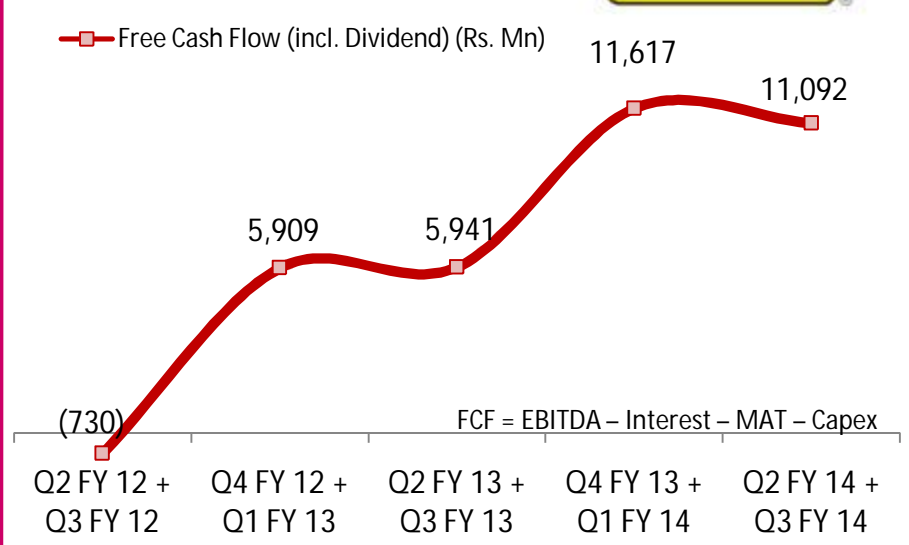
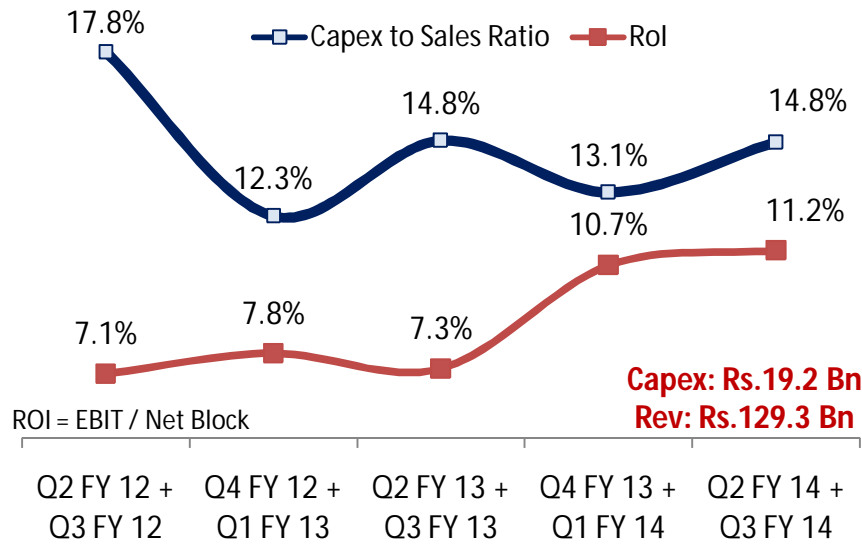




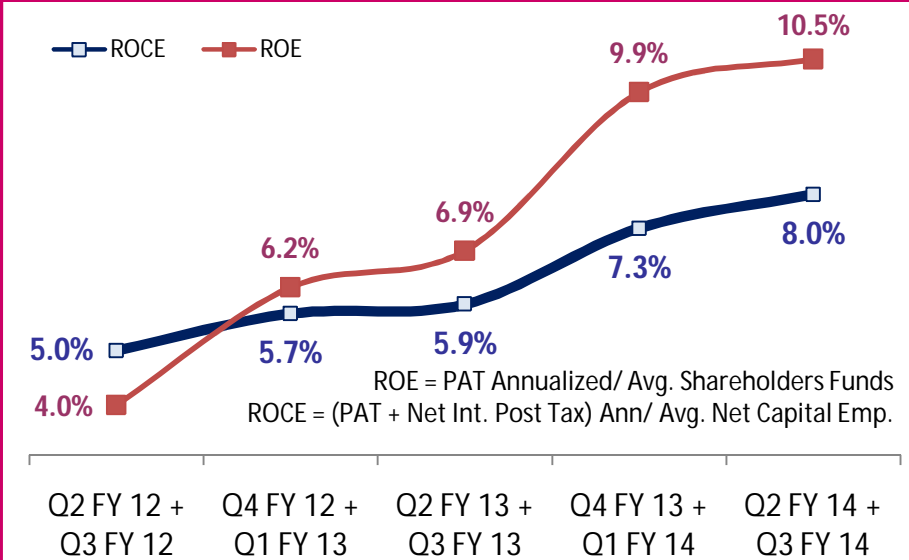
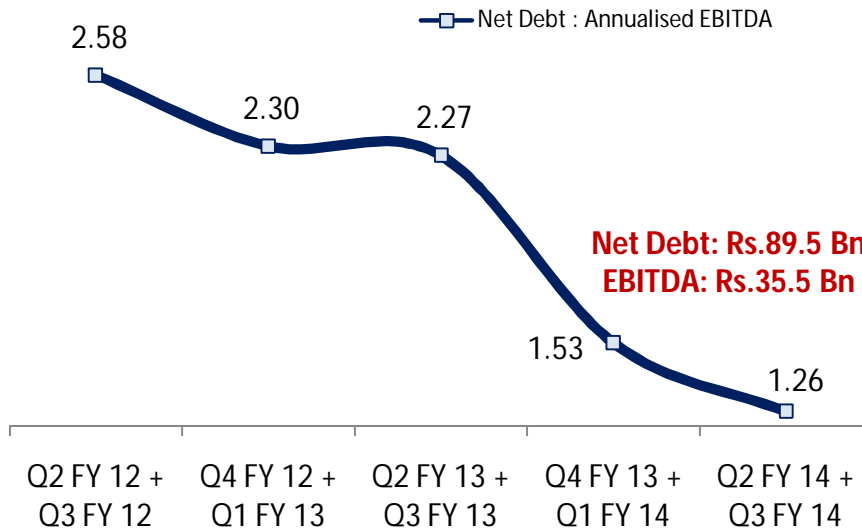
# Idea Financials\*

## Improving Investment Efficiency and Strengthening Balance Sheet

### Investment Efficiency



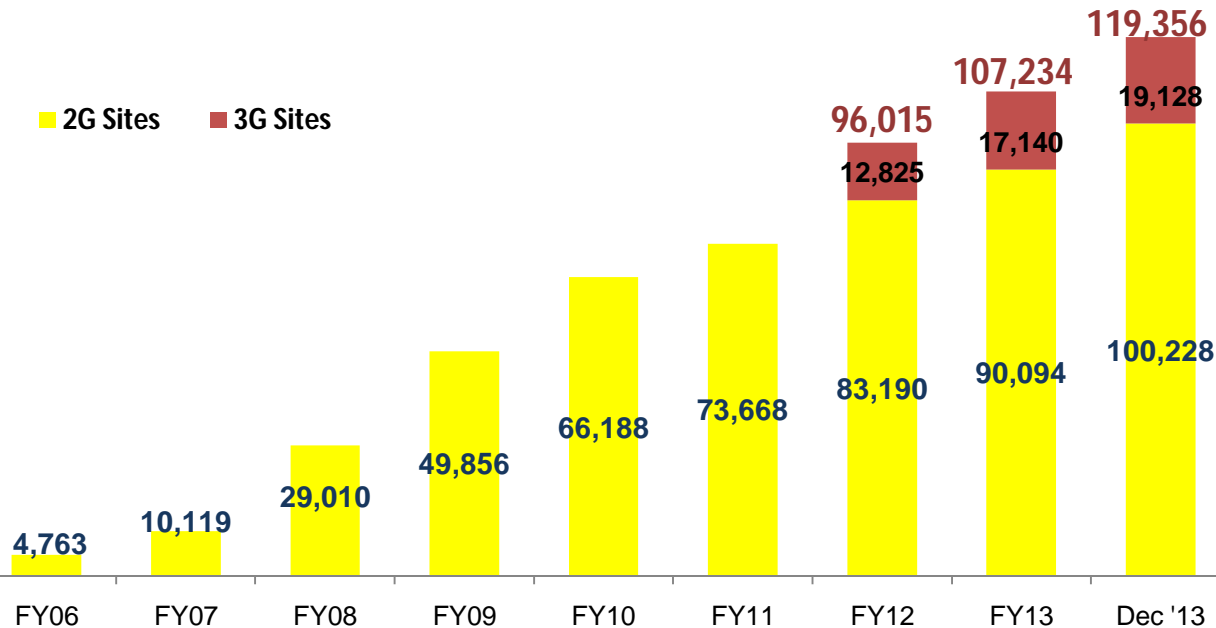
### Balance Sheet Strength



# Width & Depth of Reach remains the Mantra



Be it **Network Coverage...**



...or **Distribution** presence

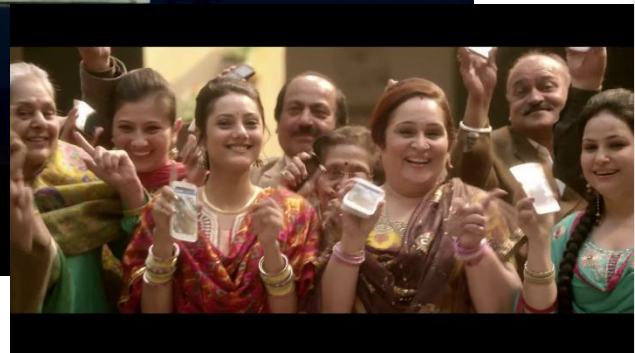
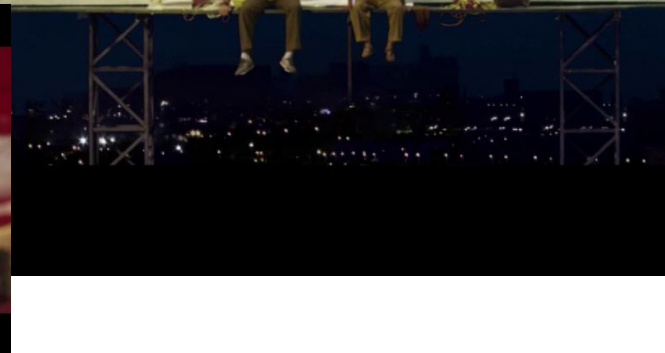
**1,300,000** transacting retailers

**930,000** data selling outlets

**26,000** distributors

**38,000** + DSEs, **4700** TSM/Es, **600** + ASMs

# Brand Idea Empowers India





## II

**Pure-play mobility operator**

**Focusing on basics of building infrastructure**

**Honing our sharp execution skills**



# Idea well positioned with all technologies

Service Area	Current Spectrum Profile (Holding in MHz)			Spectrum Utilisation		
	900	1800	2100	GSM	3G	LTE
Maharashtra	7.8	11.0	5.0	√	√	√
Kerala	6.2	11.8	5.0	√	√	√
MP	6.2	8.8	5.0	√	√	√
UP West	6.2	1.8	5.0	√	√	X
Andhra Pradesh	6.2	7.8	5.0	√	√	√
Gujarat	6.2	1.6	5.0	√	√	X
Punjab	7.8	8.0	5.0	√	√	√
Haryana	6.2	6.0	5.0	√	√	√
Delhi	5.0	8.6	-	√	√	X
Mumbai	-	6.4	-	√	X	X
Karnataka	6.2	5.0	-	√	X	√
UP East	-	6.2	5.0	√	√	X
HP	-	4.4	5.0	√	√	X
J&K	-	5.0	5.0	√	√	X
North East	-	10.0	-	√	X	√
7 Other S.A.s	-	38.1	-	√	X	X
<b>Total</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>55.0</b>			
No. of Service Areas where Idea can deploy				22	12	8
Industry Revenue Contribution %				100%	57%	39%
IDEA Revenue Contribution %				100%	79%	57%



## IV

**Important to invest in building cutting edge capabilities**

**Equally important to launch technology at 'right time' –  
neither too early nor too late**



# Lessons for ourselves

## What we believe we do right ...

- We remain a pure-play mobility player and embrace latest technologies at an opportune time
- We continue to believe in the mass-market – bringing mobility solutions within the reach of Bharat
- We stick to our basics and continue to hone our sharp execution skills
- We lend a keen ear to our eco-system – our consumers, our trade, our partners, our competitors – and take our cues for our next move from all of them



**THANK YOU**