

WWE INVESTOR PRESENTATION - MARCH 2016

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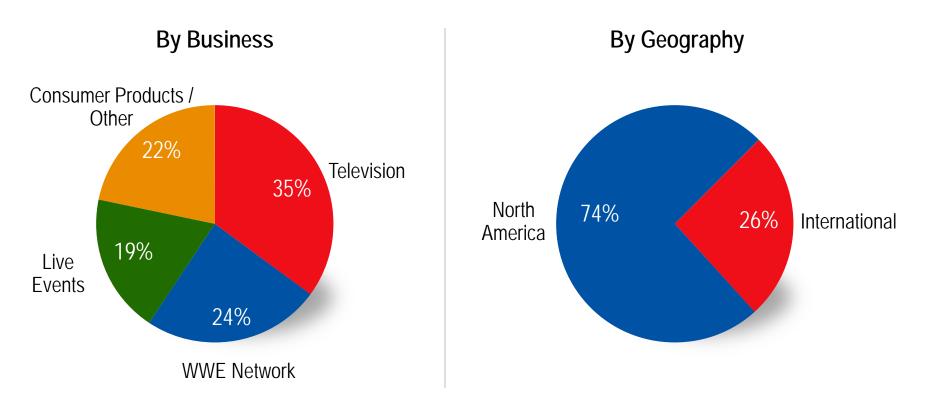
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# WWE AT A GLANCE Diversified Revenue Streams, Global Player



### Breakdown of 2015 Revenues of \$659M



#### 2015 High Growth Areas

- WWE Network
- TV
- International

# **Executing Transformation to New Growth Model**



#### 2015+

#### New Media Model

- WWE Network
- Sustainable growth
- Global expansion
- New media ecosystem

### 1999-2010

Traditional Media Model

- TV, live events, pay-per-view
- Powerful brand
- Grew globally

### 2011-2014

Retooling for Transformation

- Launched direct-to-consumer WWE Network
- Invested in new model

# Building on a Long Track Record as THE Industry Innovator



- Leader in developing PPV business for WrestleMania 32 years ago
- Leader in creating storylines & characters that engage passionate fans for generations
- Leader in creating direct-to-consumer subscription model with 100% owned content
- Leader in using social/digital media (YouTube/Facebook) to build brand awareness
- Leader and only company to distribute live TV programs 52 weeks per year
- Leader with one of the most innovative cross-platform content strategies



### 2015 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Clear Evidence Our Strategy is Working

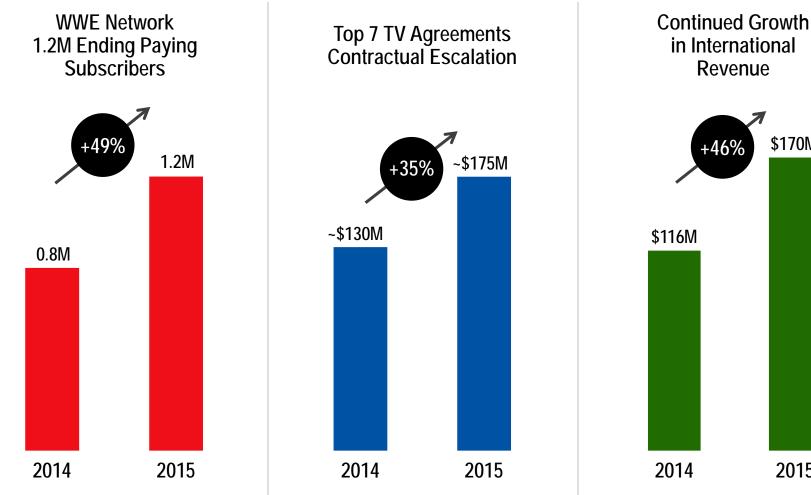




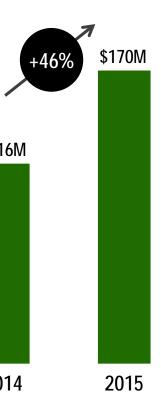
- 1. Reconciliation of Adjusted OIBDA to Operating Income can be found in the Company's Q4 2015 earnings release dated February 11, 2016.
- 2. Free cash flow in 2014 was \$43M and included a \$50M advance payment related to renewal of the Company's domestic television agreement. Excluding the advance, free cash flow in 2014 was -\$7M.

# 2015 OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS **A Record Breaking Year of Achievements**





- 2015 Revenues 2X historic pay-per-view revenues
- Predictable revenue stream: +\$60M from 2015 to 2018



Record high in 2015

### 2015 BRAND DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS The WWE Brand Continued to Grow







More families watch Raw together than:



More **women** watch Raw than primetime average of top female networks



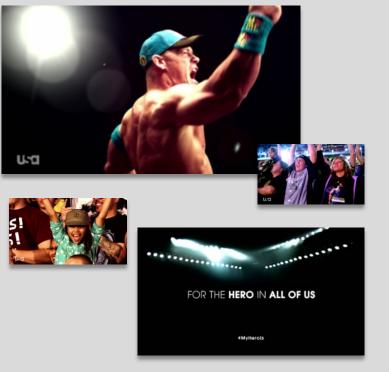
longest running episodic programs in U.S. history

# 2015 BRAND DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS Our Enduring Appeal Continues: Bringing Heroes to Life





*"For the Hero in All of Us"* Ad campaign in partnership with NBCU



Heroes we can look up to

Heroes we can see in ourselves

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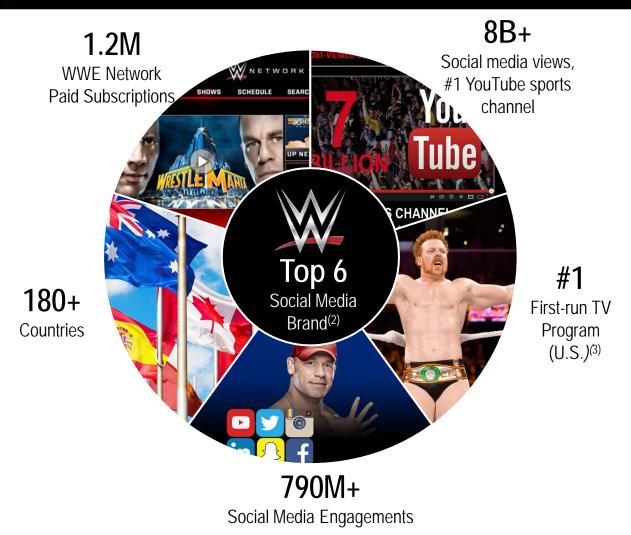
# **One-of-a-Kind Media Company**





# **1.** Powerful Global Brand<sup>(1)</sup>

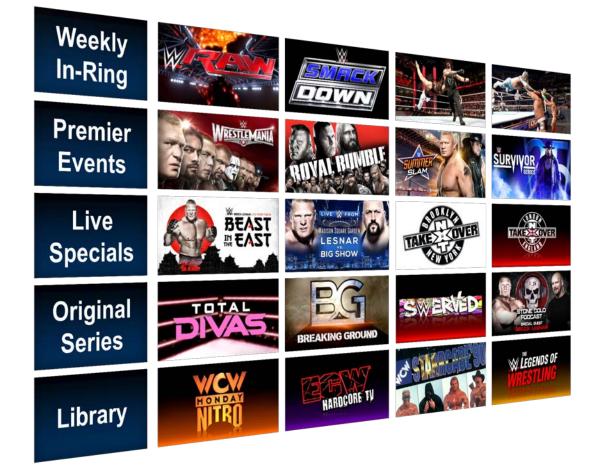




- 1 Paid WWE Network subscriber data, YouTube video views and social media followers as of Dec. 31 2015. For TV ratings (see note 3 below).
- 2. WWE ranks #6 worldwide according to the sprinklr as of February 2016.
- 3. Rank based on WWE Raw's cumulative Gross Rating Points (GRPs) as compared to the cumulative GRPs of other first-run program titles aired in the U.S. on broadcast and/or cable television over 2014. Based on this methodology, Raw's cumulative GRPs exceed that of the Walking Dead, Duck Dynasty, Game of Thrones among others. Source: Nielsen, Live +7 day ratings for first run program titles (excludes repeats).

# 2. Unmatched Original Content – 100% Owned





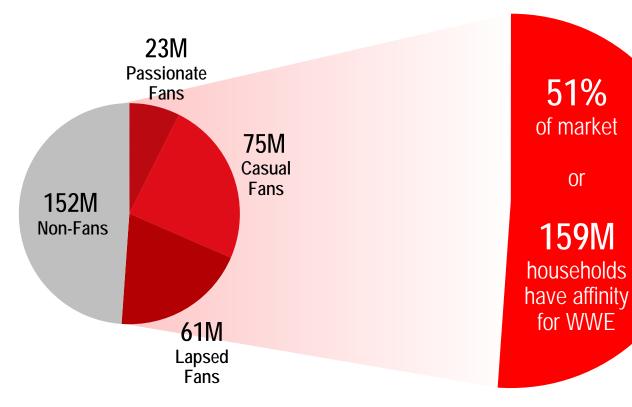
- 600+ hours of original content added per year
- 4,300+ VOD hours on WWE Network
- ~140 superstars and divas
- ~320 live events per year
- 20,000 short form clips

Monetized globally in 24 languages through traditional TV and WWE Network





Market: 311M Broadband Homes in Global Markets



#### Attractive Characteristics

- 39% of market under age 34
- 37% women

- 1. Estimates are for WWE's top 16 markets and based on U.S. WWE Consumer Survey.
- 2. 2015 Broadband household forecast per SNL Kagan (August 2014)
- 3. Nielsen, 2015YTD: 12/29/14 12/20/15, WWE = Raw on USA & SmackDown on Syfy, C3 data, Based on P2+ (000)

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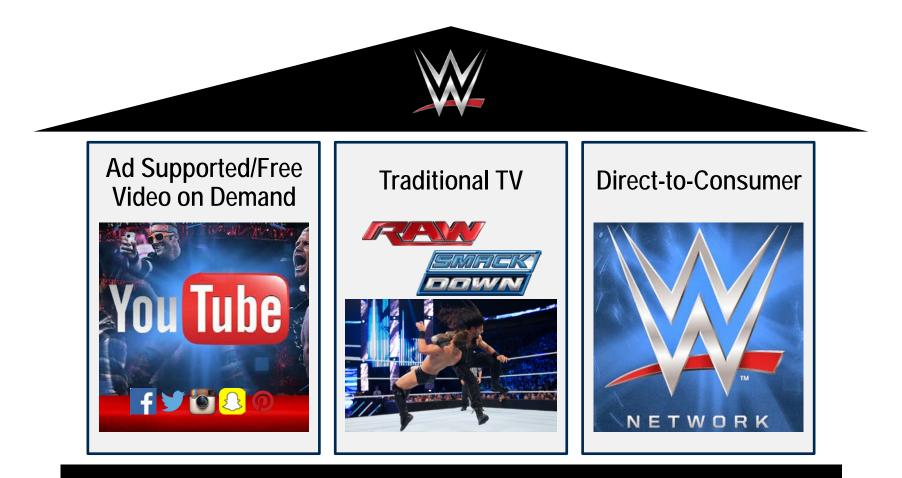
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# Media Ecosystem – Three Distinct Pillars

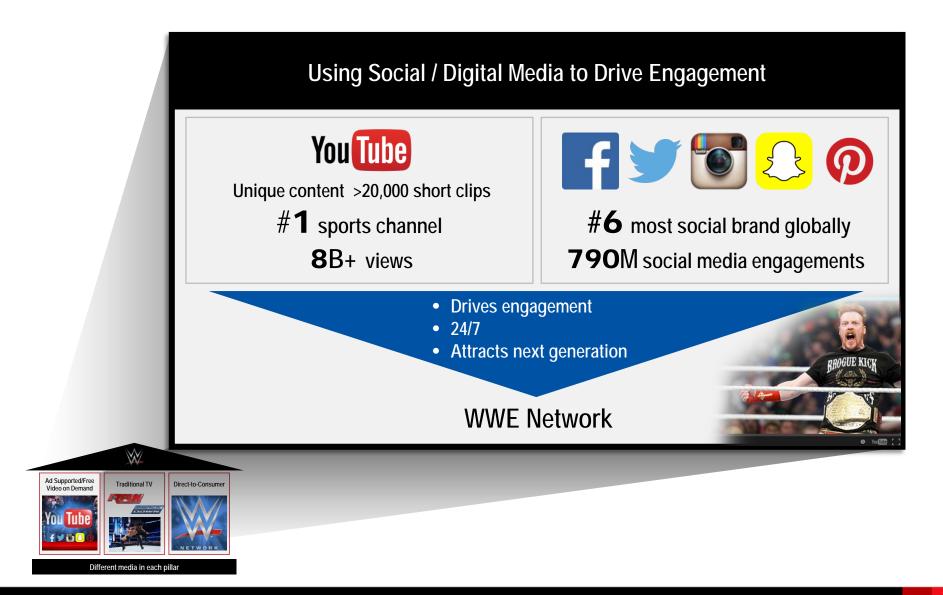




Different media in each pillar

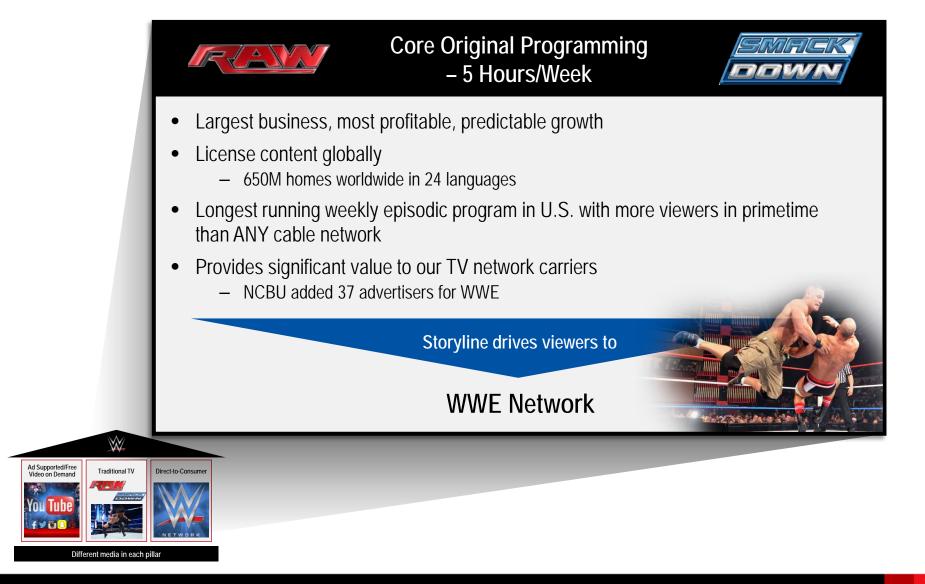
# Media Ecosystem – Ad Supported/Free VOD





# Media Ecosystem – Traditional TV Ecosystem





# Media Ecosystem – Direct-to-Consumer





NETWORK

### Premium Live Content, Originals, and Archive

- Second largest, second most profitable, fastest growing business
- Highly leverageable as subscribers grow
- 5<sup>th</sup> largest subscription network in U.S. (Parks Associates)
- Flexibility to deliver content on emerging digital platforms



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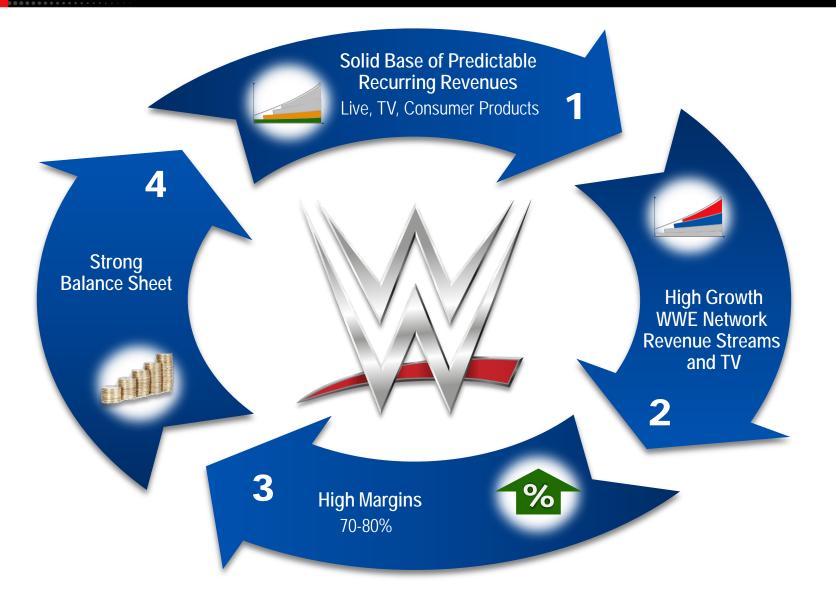
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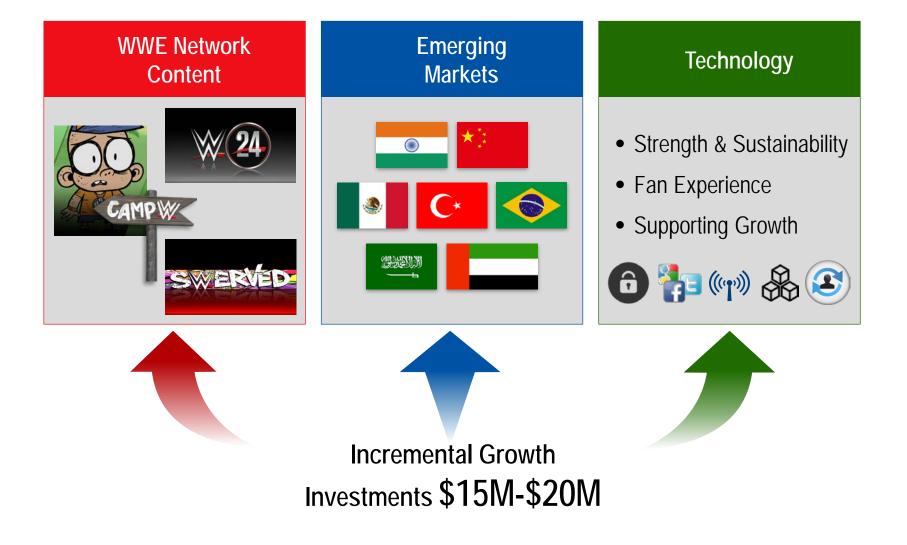
# **Attractive Financial Profile**





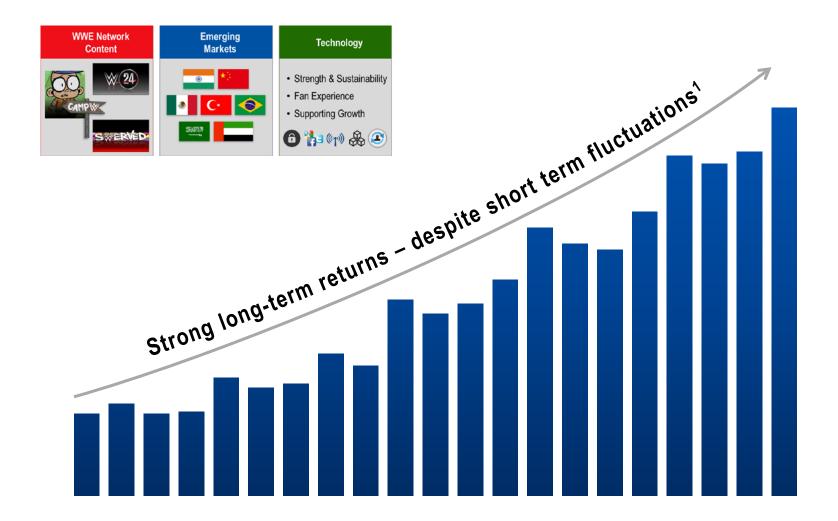
# **Investment Priorities in 2016**





# We Are Investing for the Long-Term





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# Well-Positioned to Capitalize on Changing Media Landscape



# Key Trends

- Value of live viewership
- Acceleration of direct-to-consumer
- Next generation consuming content on digital and social platforms
- Growth in broadband globally
- Social platforms becoming video destinations
- Growth of middle-class in emerging markets

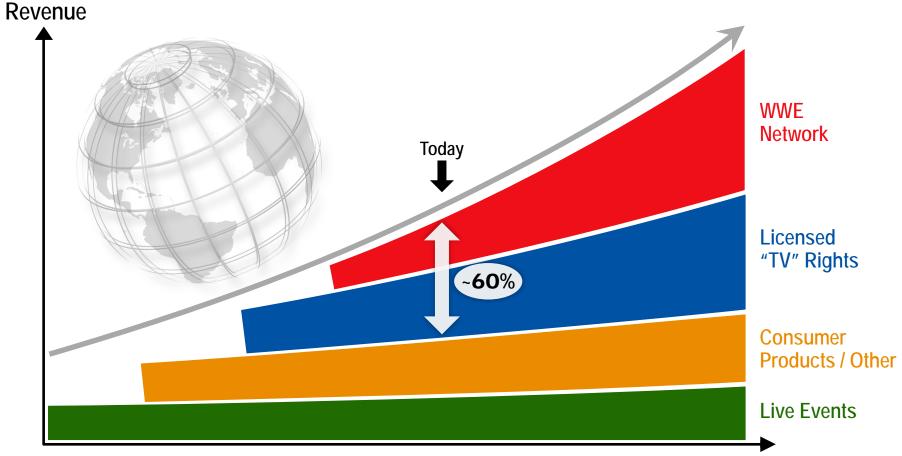








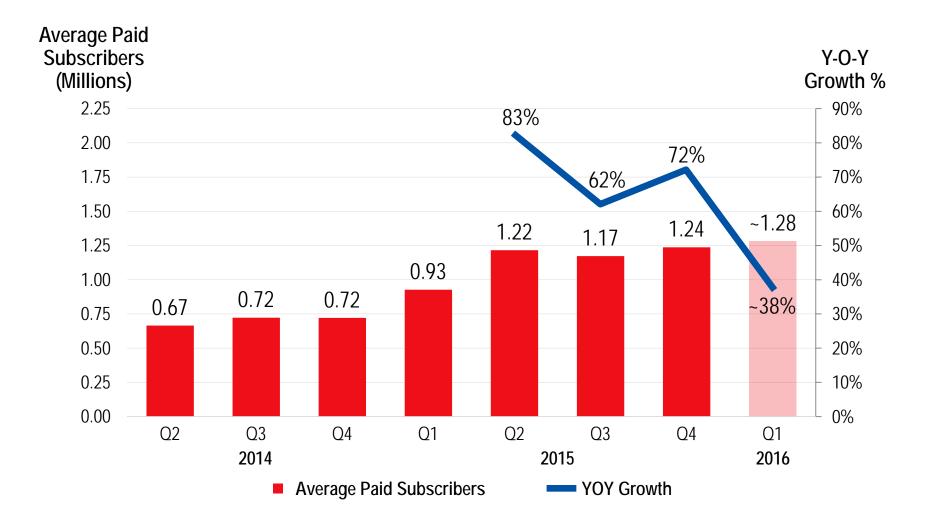




Time

Two global growth segments layered on stable recurring base business

# wwe NETWORK - A CLOSER LOOK Strong Year Over Year Growth in WWE Network

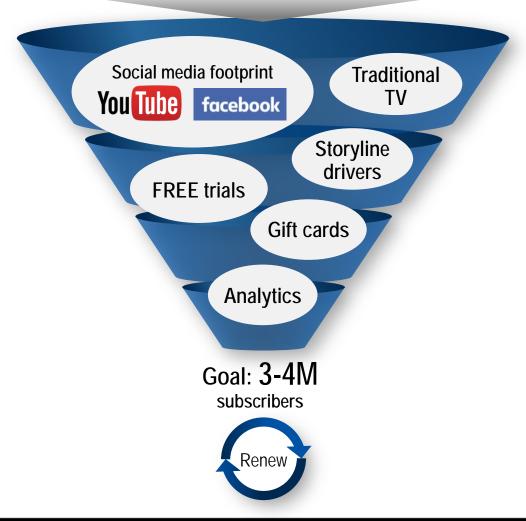


Q1'16 Subscriber Guidance ~1.28M = ~38% Y-O-Y growth

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# wwe NETWORK - A CLOSER LOOK Building An Effective Subscriber Acquisition Model





### Engage

- Social media
- Trials, free products

### Convert

- Storyline & talent from TV shows drive WWE Network subs
- Compelling value proposition vs. pay-per-view, no contract

### Retain / Grow

- 300+ hours original content added yearly
- Growing VOD library
- Feature enhancements

# wwe NETWORK - A CLOSER LOOK Content Will Be a Key Growth Driver

### Original Premiering Content 300+ Hours (Hours Produced)



New shows and Original Series

Specials

Monthly PPV events

NXT

Other Live and in-ring



#### 2016: 300+ hours + 1,000+ hours of VOD

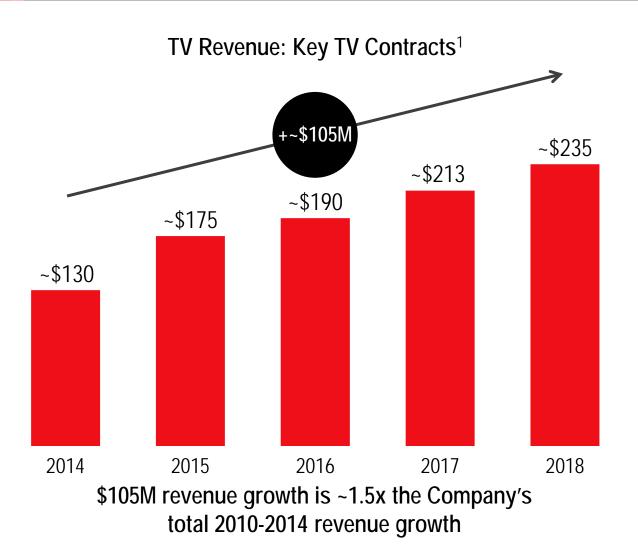
#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup> New shows/series include Reality, Lifestyle, Documentary, Comedy/ Variety and short form content

<sup>2</sup> Specials include podcasts, Legends with JBL, First Look, theme weeks and Hall of Fame

# TV RIGHTS - A CLOSER LOOK Key TV Rights Agreements Revenue +~\$105M









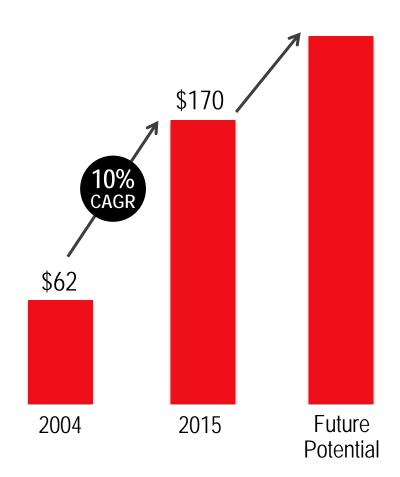


1. The Company's seven largest distribution agreements account for revenue that is expected to increase from \$130 million in 2014 to approximately \$235 million in 2018, thereby providing approximately \$105 million of revenue growth over this period (subject to counterparty risk). Total TV revenues in 2015 were \$231M including all TV agreements.

#### INTERNATIONAL REVENUE – A CLOSER LOOK International Revenue Poised for Growth<sup>1</sup>

- Growth will be driven by expansion of *WWE Network* and TV distribution
- Growth in specific markets impacted by economic strength, media infrastructure, fan base
- Long-term: China and India represent significant opportunity







# **2016** Perspective<sup>(1)</sup>





- Key 2016 revenue drivers:
  - contractual escalation of television rights fees
  - subscriber growth of WWE Network critical to growth
- If average paid subscribers grow at 20%-25%, WWE total revenue expected to grow 5%-10%
- Investments in content, technology and emerging markets: \$15M-\$20M
- Net result would be 2016 Adjusted OIBDA: \$70-85M

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