

# Christoph Tonini

**Chief Executive Officer** 



## From a Zurich newspaper to a digital media group



Foundation and first edition of Tages-Anzeiger in 1893, later acquisition of several magazines, launch of Sonntags-Zeitung and IPO in 2000

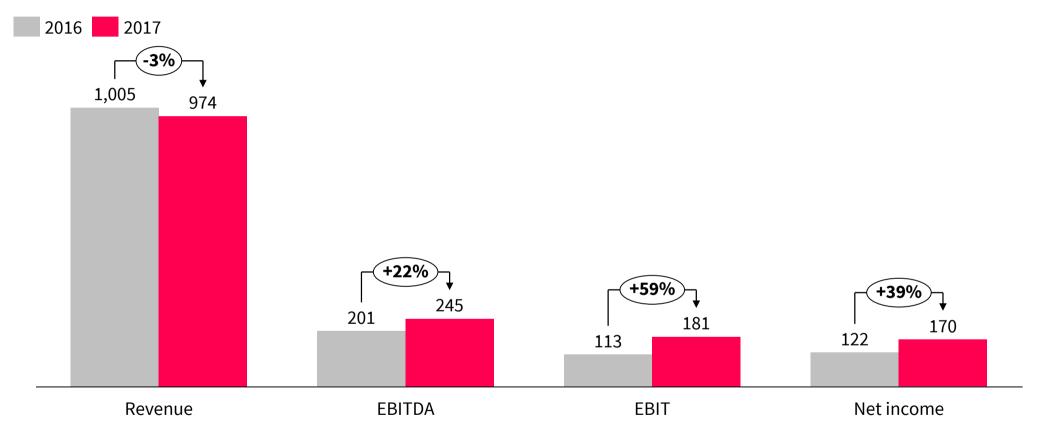


As of 2003, Tamedia takes over 20 Minuten step-by-step, later investments in BZ Berner Zeitung, Der Bund and taking over of French speaking media



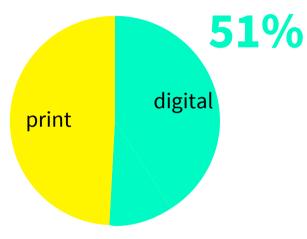
Digital transformation of our media offerings and further growth with investments in digital platforms such as Homegate, Jobs, Doodle and Ricardo

## Great result in 2017 also driven by extraordinary impacts



Revenue and net income in 2017 in CHF millions

## Outstanding market positions and digitally profitable



pro forma EBITDA share digital business in 2017

Switzerland's **most profitable** media group

A highly profitable digital business



No. 1 in **digital free-** & **paid news** 



No. 1 in **jobs classifieds** 



No. 1 in real estate classifieds



No. 1 in marketplaces



Swiss people use our services

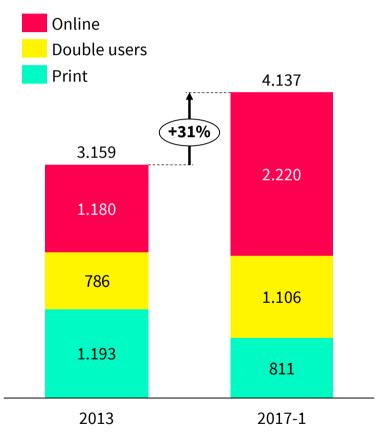
**Leading positions** in free and paid **news** 

**Leading positions** in digital **classifieds** and **marketplaces** 

Media network with **highest penetration** in Switzerland

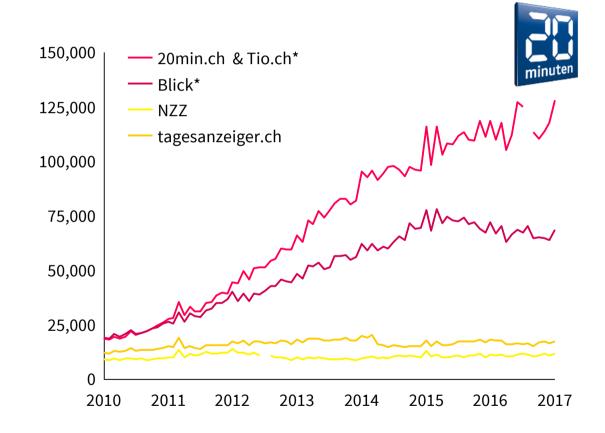


## In parallel, a strong free media business was established



Total Audience of 20 Minuten



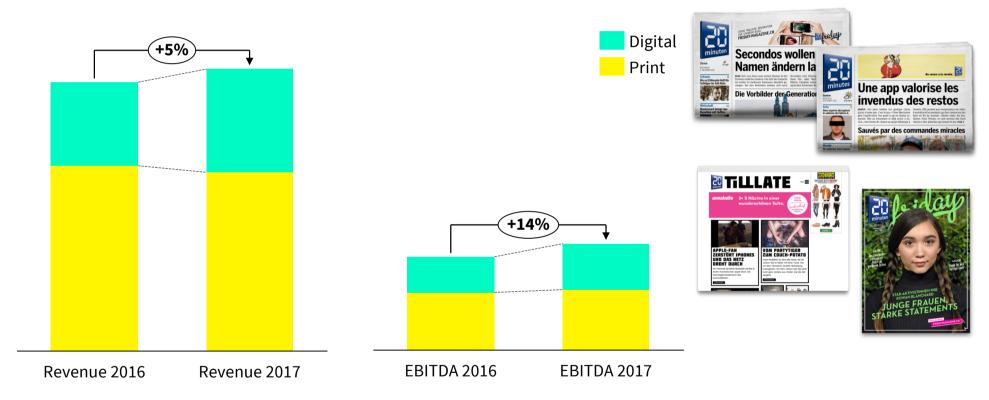


## Visits to selected Swiss news sites (in thousands)

Source: Net-Metrix audits, 2010-01 to 2017-01 (gross figures calculated as the sum of visits to individual sites per month); 20 Minuten Online & Tio.ch Kombi: from 2012-01 including 20 min.ch – French-speaking Switzerland; 20min.ch not stated – German- and French-speaking Switzerland in 2016-08; Blick am Abend / Blick Online: from 2014-07 including Blick am Abend



# 20 Minuten: Digital growth offsets decline of print

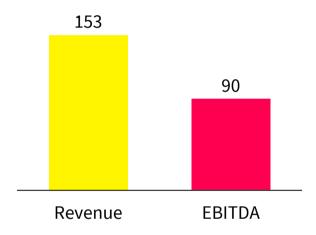


Free Media revenue in Switzerland Free Media EBITDA in Switzerland

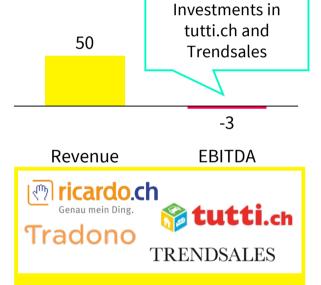
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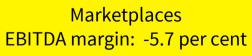
## Outstanding result for Classifieds

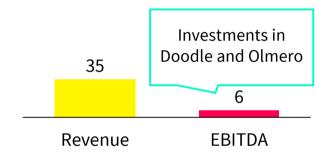
In CHF millions













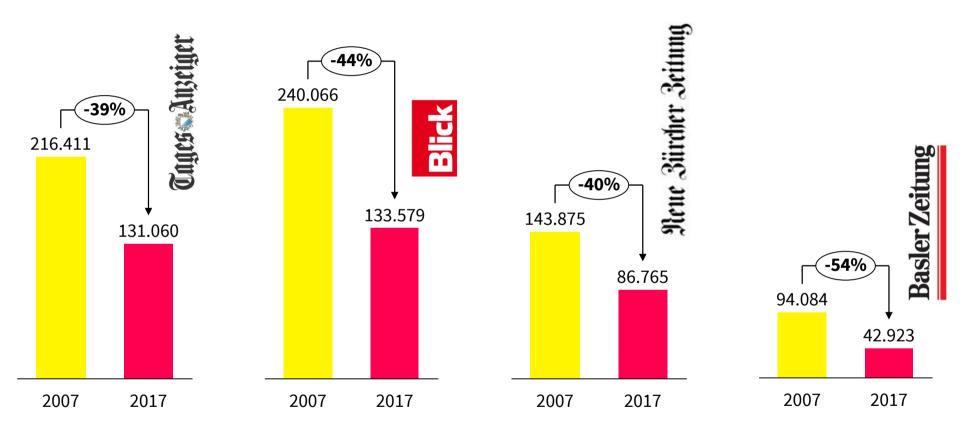
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Tamedia

# So is everything just fine? ...not at all in paid media!



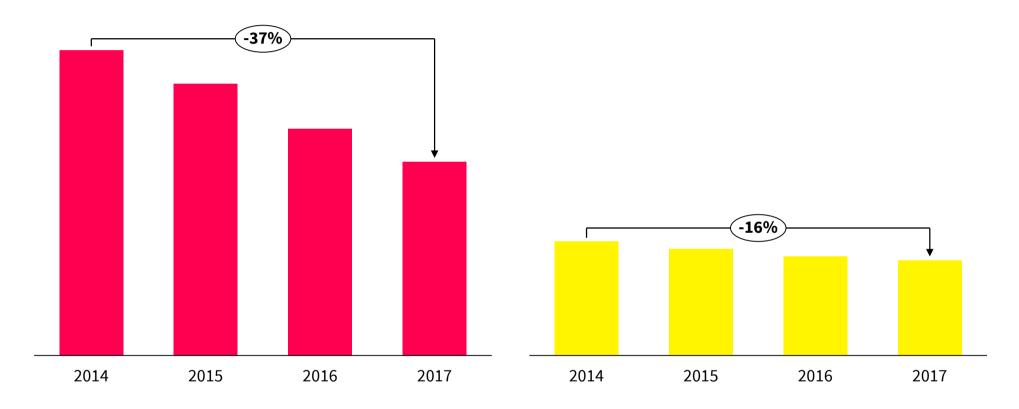
## The circulation of paid dailies is in decline...



Development paid circulation of selected paid dailies\* in Switzerland 2007 to 2017

Source: WEMF Auflagebulletins 2007 und 2017; \* four largest paid dailies in the German-speaking part of Switzerland without mergers between 2007 an 2017

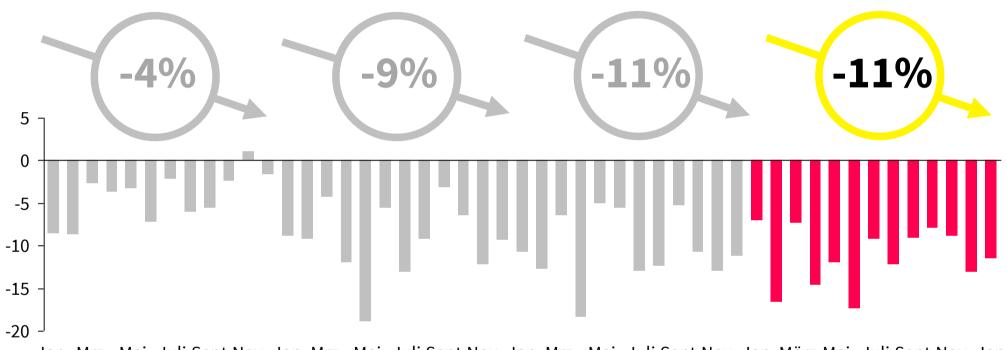
## ...followed by a sharp drop in print advertising...



Percentage change in Paid Media print advertising revenue, 2014 to 2017

Percentage change in Free Media print advertising revenue, 2014 to 2017

## ....with an acceleration in speed downwards



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Change of Net-spending in print in comparison to the previous years month (in %)

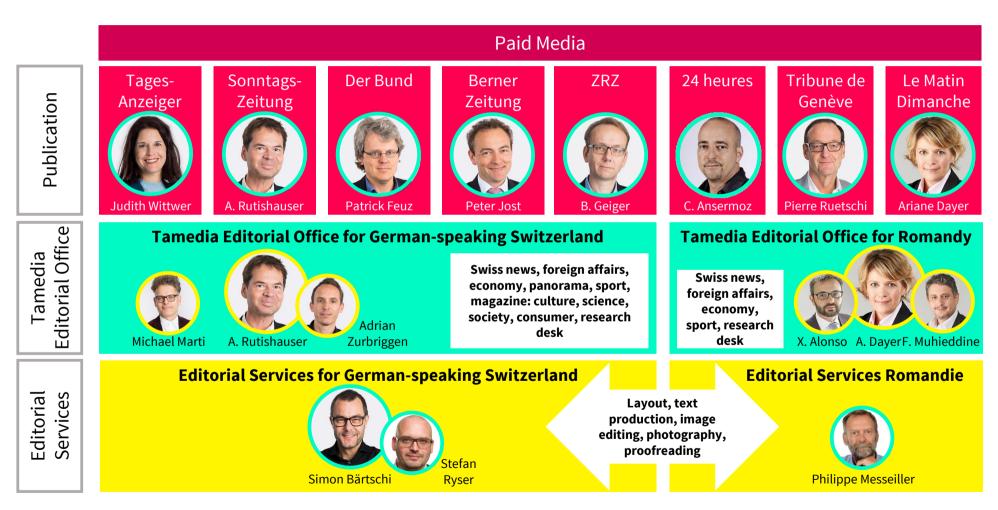
## Busy printing facilities thanks to third-party orders



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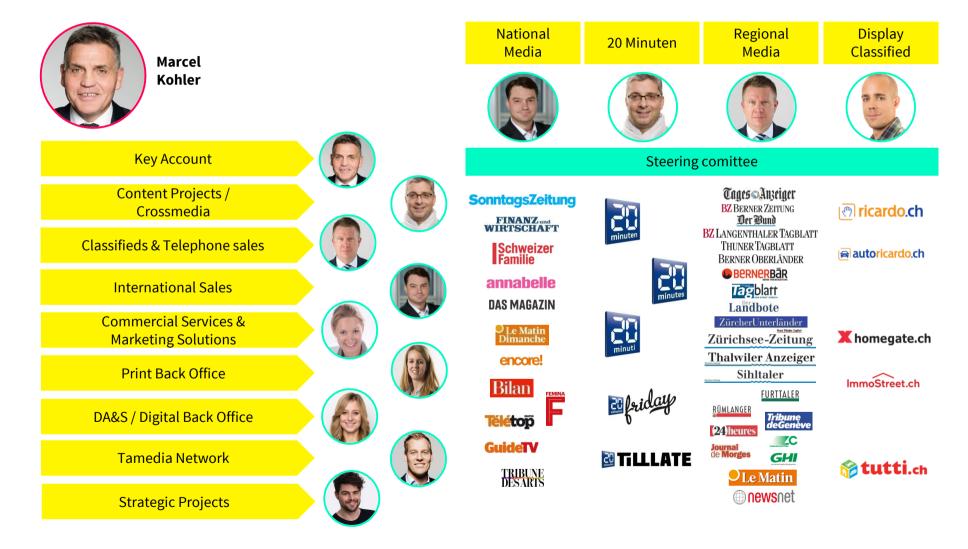
## Each editorial office still has its own editor-in-chief



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#### Tamedia Advertising

## Centralised Sales-Teams and Services since January 2017



## Users market with a new set-up and focus on digital sales



Regional Media German-speaking Market

Serge Reymond





National Media German-speaking Market



Marcel Tappeiner

Digital Sales Development



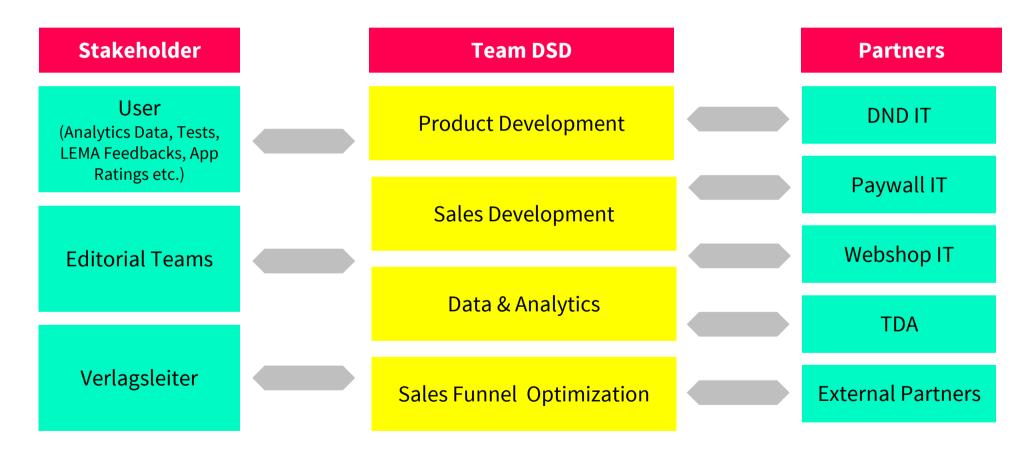
Dialog marketing French-speaking market



Our focus in 2018



## DSD is responsible for the whole product-portfolio and sales



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## Three types of users identified



News snacker

#### **Characteristics:**

- Sporadic, short sessions
- Use on the go
- Interested in specific topics
- Selects recommended articles

#### **Acquisition:**

 Social media and external sites

#### **Suitable subscription:**

Day Pass



Heavy user Age 35 (+/-)

#### **Characteristics:**

- Many sessions over the course of a day
- Use on the go; considerable affinity for smartphones
- Often browses the front page
- Reads comments, uses bookmarks and subscribes to push news

#### **Acquisition:**

Directly via the news platform

#### **Suitable subscriptions:**

Mobile, Digital Light



Convert Age 60 (+/-)

#### **Characteristics:**

- Long sessions in the morning via iPad and tendency to read e-paper
- Likes slide shows and videos
- Traditional print subscriber who has converted to the digital product?

#### **Acquisition:**

 Via offline channels and special offers

#### **Suitable subscription:**

– Digital

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## New since 1st of June: Abo+

Since 1st of June, 4-6 articles per day are only accessible for subscribers, marked as "Abo+"

Non-customers can buy a daily pass (24h access for CHF 2) or a subscription.

The editorial teams decide every day, which stories are marked as "Abo+".

Every 3 months, team DSD organizes a review meeting with the respecting editorial teams to optimize the setup (selection of articles, placements etc.) based on data.



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## Best of Abo+ increased visibility of premium content

**Goal**: Getting non-paying users to see the value of Abo+ content and thereby motivate them to buy a day-pass.

#### What has been done:

 New section with top 5 Abo+ articles leading to a landing page with 10 articles (rotation according to editorial team) on BZ and TA.

#### **Result:**

- High interest and conversion rate.
- Branding aspect of extra content for paying user.

#### Das Beste aus Abo+

#### Jetzt sorgen die Opfer des Lärms für Krach



SonntagsZeitung Bis im April müssen Gemeinde- und Kantonsstrassen so saniert sein, dass Anwohner vor Lärm geschützt sind. Viele werden die Frist verpassen. Es drohen Schadenersatzklagen in Milliardenhöhe. Mehr...

ABO+ Roland Gamo. 10.12.2017 ■ 35 < 123

#### «Lernen, sich durchzusetzen»

Schweizer Familie Sie strapaziert die Nerven von Müttern und Vätern: die Trotzphase. Mehr...

ABO+ Marianne Siegenthaler. 12.12.2017

#### Eine Ärztin zählt die «Opfer» der IV-Sanierung

Durch eine Reduktion der neuen Rentenfälle wurde die Invalidenversicherung saniert. Psychiater erheben Vorwürfe. Mehr...

ABO+ Markus Brotschi, Bern. 07.12.2017

- Content has to be checked by editorial team as some well functioning articles lose relevance (e.g. sports)
- Content has to be rotated manually

Next steps

- Start tests for 24h and TdG.
- Optimizing placement and content management of section.

# New design of overlays has been A/B tested, to increase conversion rate

#### **Example of test:**

- User tests have shown that the old paywall had usability issues
- The new overlay designs have been A/B tested to ensure that these shortfalls have successfully been addressed

#### **Results:**

Conversion rate of subscribers registering has been increased 2,5 fold





**Next steps** 



New design

A/B testing provides valuable insights

Testing to be applied in as many cases

- Testing to be applied in as many cases as possible
- Successfully tested: SF UX changes, Mobile Abo, recommender layout, FUW, etc.

Improvement of A/B testing setup, to ensure tests can be done easily and fast (introduction of new testing software)

## "What you may have missed"; first personalized feature

#### Goals:

Increase engagement of users with personalized element

#### What has been done:

- Test of 3 different algorithms which are partially personalized (read stories, stories often read by users with similar reading patterns)
- Test with different styles (with/without lead)

#### **Results:**

- Most personalized algorithm works best
- Interactions doubled with new design





- First tests show that personalization can be interesting, however the impact of visual changes is more significant than changes in algorithm
- Personalization alone is not sufficient

Next steps

- Reduction of algorithms to most successful one
- Utilization of algorithm also for other elements such as related articles

## Editorial newsletters to generate leads and conversions

#### Goals:

- Use email-channel to reach new potential subscribers and generate conversions
- Collect email-leads for marketing campaigns
- Create traffic on respective news sites
- Provide additional service to existing subscribers

#### **Results:**

- 8 newsletters (3 daily, 5 weekly)
- 186k subscribers overall
- Newsletters generate 150-200 abo conversions/month





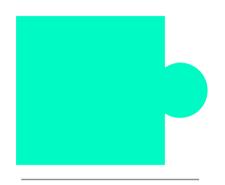
Learnings

- Carefully crafted daily newsletters lead to conversions but require effort
- Engagement highest with regional content (ZRZ)
- WCH-newsletters are underperforming

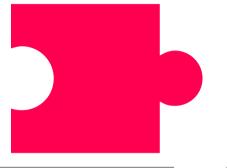
Next steps

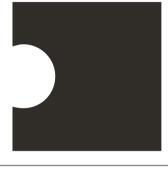
- Adjust editorial concepts (data & user feedback)
- Continue marketing efforts
- Replace editorially crafted newsletters for TdG and 24h with automatically-generated ones

## Interdisciplinary work is key to success









# Close to editorial teams & IT

The interdisciplinary

editorial teams, DSD

and IT is key for

speed, quality and

**innovation**, which

leads to success (for

between

It's not the right time for big and expensive projects ("dreams"), we have to move on in a pragmatic way.

**Speed** 

## Standardization

DSD derives standards in all areas (e.g. newsletters, news platforms, analytics) to make use of synergies and lower cost.

### **Test & learn**

All concepts, ideas and designs are tested with real users:

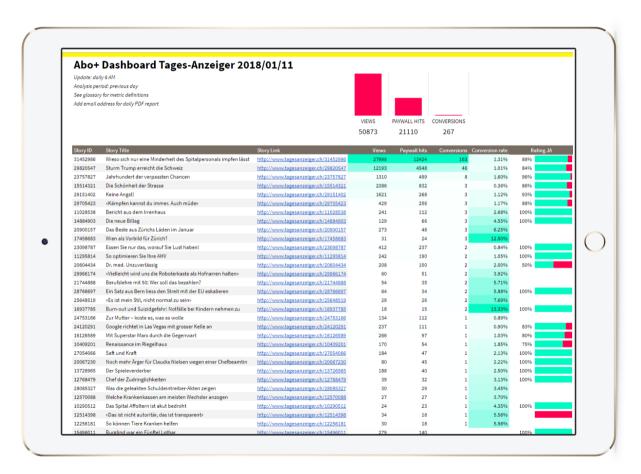
We start small, test, learn, adapt - and repeat.

eg. Abo+).

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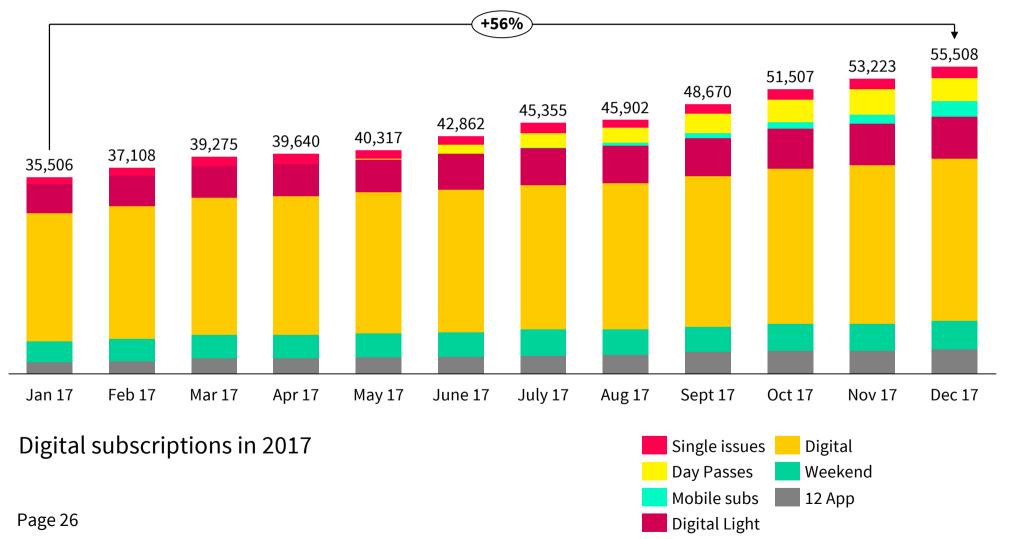
## Editorial teams get daily reports about performance





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## Encouraging performance of digital offering



## Summary: Growth areas 2018



#### Extend & optimize Abo+ content

- Increase number of Abo+ content
- New Abo+ content (e.g. Videos, Magazines)
- Testing different price levels
- **Optimization based** on data



**Sales** 

### Improvement of sales funnel

- Close paywall holes
- Improvement of Checkout process
- Introduction of new payment possibilities
- Pushing Users to Log-In (e.g. 2-week free trial)



## 1to1 marketing

- Address a user based on his status in the customer journey
- Better use of social media to reach possible clients

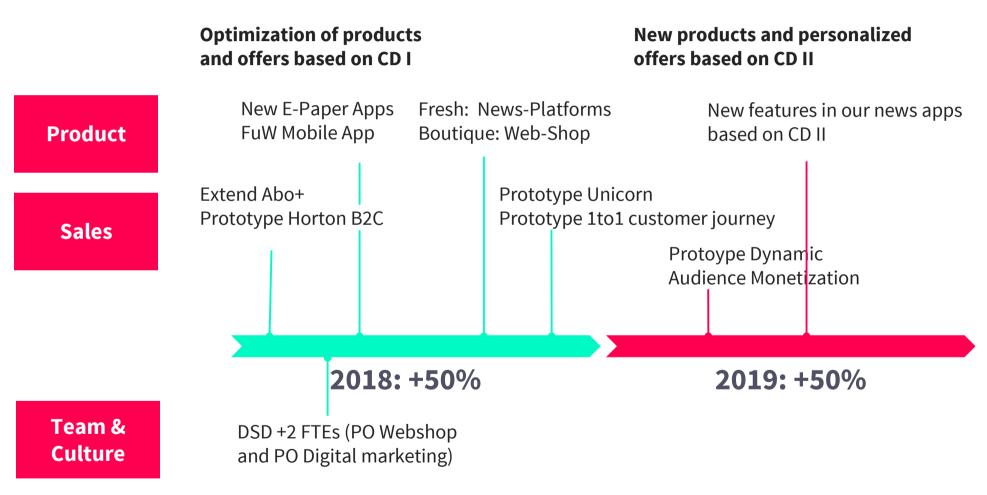
#### **Product & Offers**



#### Increase value for subscribers

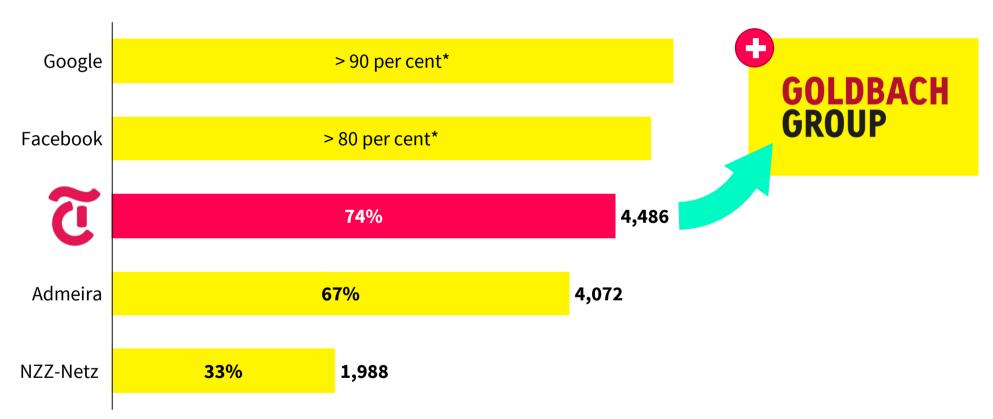
- Improvement of User experience (speed, usability, premium experience)
- More value (e.g. more content, more service) for money

## Goal to growth digital sales by 50% in 2018



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## Digital advertising market domintate by Google & FB



Swiss networks measured by unique users per month (UUpM) in thousands and by monthly nationwide reach in per cent based on NET-Metrix profiles 2017-2; \*estimate

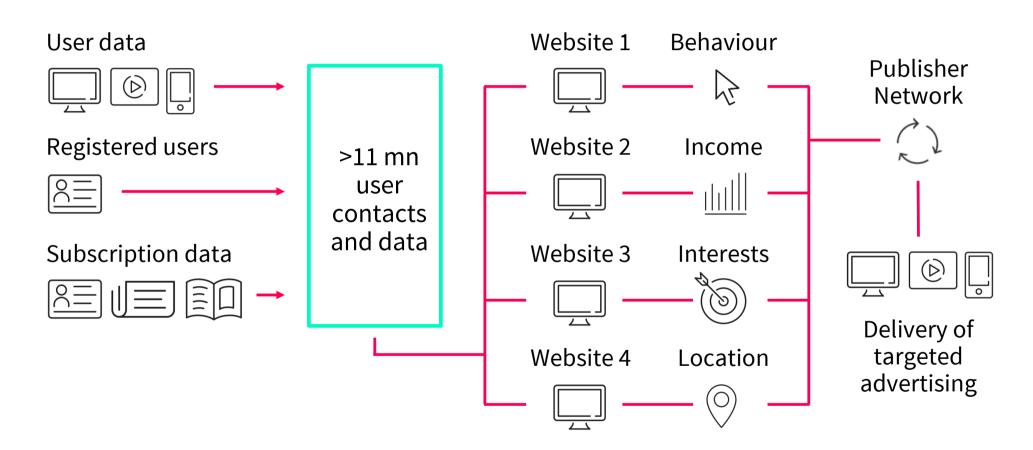
## We have to differentiate ourselve vs. those multinationals



360 degree advertising offer:

- Digital out-of-home
- Mobile
- Online
- Radio
- Television
- Magazines
- Newspapers

## Our detailed user data allow us targeted advertising



## Successful anti-adblocker campaign

- Following an awareness campaign, access to the Tamedia news sites via desktop computers has been restricted since November 2017 to users who deactivate their adblocker
- 20 Minuten users can now take out a subscription costing CHF 2 a week that allows them to keep their adblocker activated
- Paid Media users can choose between taking out a subscription or deactivating their adblocker (applicable to freely accessible articles)
- Despite the adblocker campaign, traffic on our news sites remained steady
- The adblocker rate on our 20 Minuten news sites fell sharply from around 15% to 3-4%
- We managed to acquire additional Paid Media subscribers

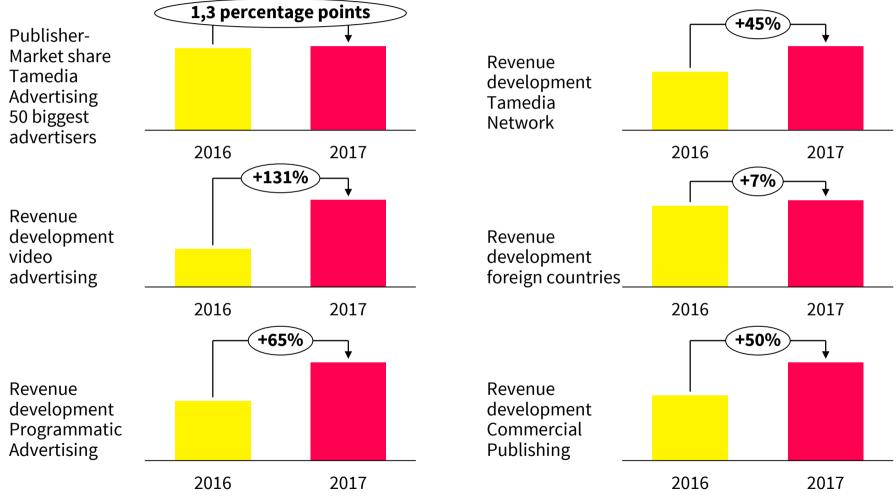
Phase 1: Raising awareness



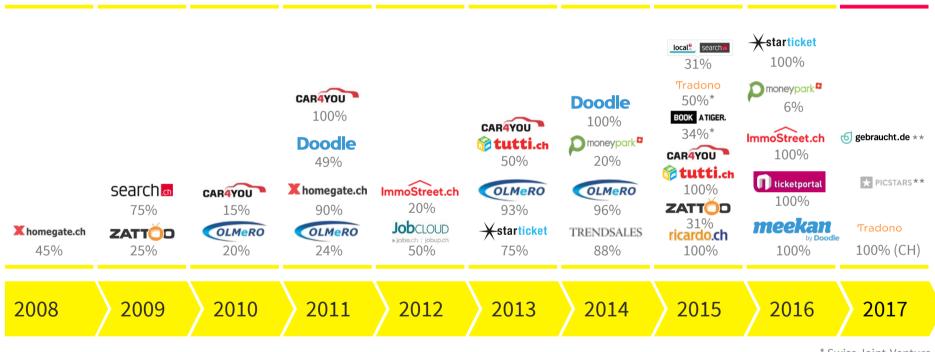
Phase 2: Adblocker



## Tamedia Advertising has established itself in the market



## Tamedia invests in expanding its online portfolio



<sup>\*</sup> Swiss Joint-Venture

<sup>\*\*</sup> Minority Investment

# Leverage No. 1 position and use network effects to grow



Leverage No. 1 position in news to win consolidation scenario



**Transformation** from print **to digital** successfully underway



High cash-flow and solid equity ratio allow aggressive investments



**Expand** our highly profitable **free media network** into new markets



**Launch** of innovative **new products** and add ons



Further **growth through aquisitions** at
home and abroad

**Leverage** no. 1 position

Transformation into a digital media group

We use **network effects** to launch **new product** 

Further growth through **acquisitions** 

# The Swiss leader in news and digital with a lot of potential

Tamedia was founded in 1893 and is still family controlled (72%)

Today Tamedia is the leading Swiss media group with number 1 positions in the fields of paid dailies, free sheets and digital platforms

We see our opportunities in the consolidation of the print market, the expansion of our free media and the further growth of the our digital platforms

We have the
financial power for
bold investments, the data
for the personalisation of
advertising and future
offerings to become one of
the leading European
media companies
by 2020

