

# Sparkle at a glance

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**KEY FIGURES** 

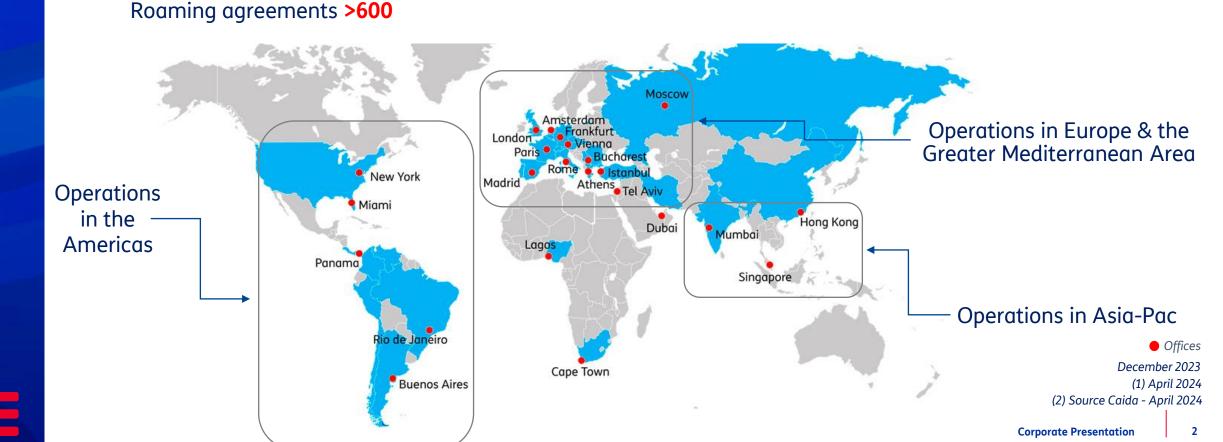
Commercial Operations in 33 Countries
Headcount 682
600,000 km fiber optics
169 PoPs Network coverage (1)
PoPs via partners >1,000

100% TIM Group

1st International Service Provider in Italy
Among the Top-10 Global Operators
Ranked #5 for Seabone (AS 6762),
Sparkle's Global IP Transit Backbone (2)

**AT A GLANCE** 

1,518 Customers
Voice Traffic 6B minutes
Data Traffic 133 Tbps
1 Bn EUR Revenues



# **Key Assets**



State-of-the-art Global Network of more than 600,000 km of fiber with proprietary terrestrial and subsea backbones in Europe, the Mediterranean Basin and the Americas and ownership in submarine cables connecting Europe with South-East Asia

#02

**Direct presence in 33 countries** based on fully owned companies and offices

#03

Customer care at the center of the system, active 24x7x365, with multilingual Call Center supported by two global NOCs and one SoC

#04

**Full range of infrastructure and global connectivity services** for international and national Carriers, OTTs, ISPs, Media/Content Providers and Multinational Enterprises



# **Positioning**

**Top Player** in the submarine cable industry

**Seabone**, Sparkle's Global IP Backbone, ranks **5**<sup>th</sup> worldwide and is leader in the Mediterranean, Middle East, Africa and Latam

**Data Centers & Landing Hubs** with key assets in the Mediterranean and in Central America

**Top Global Player** for worldwide **Voice** traffic collected on an international basis

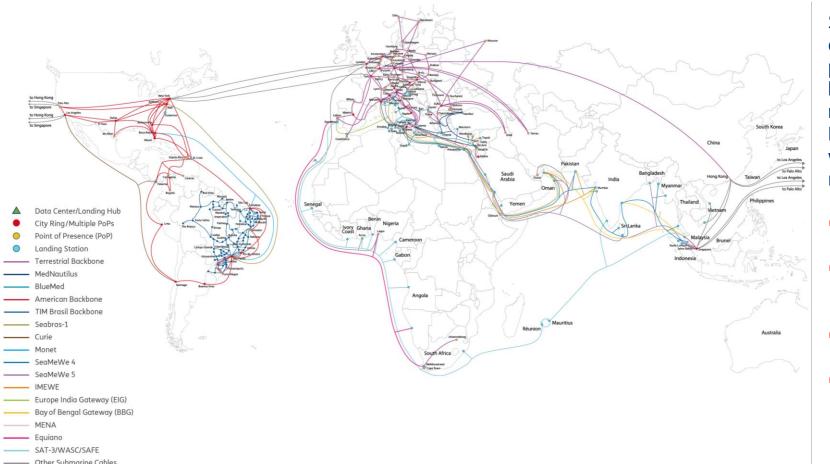
Global Player for Mobile Connectivity and IoT Solutions

Global Player for Enterprise SDWAN, Connectivity, IoT & Voice Solutions



### Global Backbone

**Sparkle's backbone is the highway connecting any destination in the world**, either with own reach and through agreements with over 200 regional and local operators



Sparkle owns and manages a global and technologically advanced proprietary network of over 600,000 km of fiber which include three major regional systems in Europe, the Mediterranean and the Americas as well as an extensive ownership in major international submarine cables

- 84 cities in 42 countries
- 169 proprietary PoPs (Point of Presence)
- >1,000 PoPs through partners
- Two global NOCs and one SoC with 24/7 coverage

Data as of April 2024



### Service Portfolio

### **BACKBONE**

IP Transit: secure and top Tier 1 connectivity to the Big Internet

Capacity: complete range of optical transport products designed for any connectivity needs

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Infrastructure: fiber and spectrum solutions delivered over resilient and distinguished assets

Colocation: full fledge solutions in state-of-the-art DC facilities

### **NETWORK, CLOUD & SECURITY**

Suite of top technologies blended with a differentiated set of monitoring/management capabilities and security features, enabling flexible and reliable connectivity for any-to-any reach and secure access to cloud

### **MOBILE**

Full IoT solutions for remote control of devices

Worldwide Data and Signalling interconnections

Multi-IMSI service to provide MVNOs with extensive roaming coverage

Distinctive SMS A2P solution for Providers and OTT

### **VOICE**

Voice Solutions offer worldwide voice capabilities to Carriers, Service Providers and Mobile Operators combining network reliability, competitive pricing, excellent routing solutions and geographical numbers



# IP Transit

### Seabone AS6762: your best choice to connect to the Internet

- Scalable fiber network with a fully redundant core/edge POP architecture
- Global coverage +100 POPs in 4 continents
- Direct and oversized interconnections with all Tier-1 networks & OTT/CDN/CAPs
- Flexible range of IP transit service terms & billing options
- Ethernet port size up to 400G
- SLAs & Top-Class Performances
- DDoS Attacks Protection: mitigation & cleaning, scrubbing farms in Europe & the USA

# **City2City**

### Sparkle capacity offer for seamless international connectivity

- Global coverage in 4 continents thanks to its ownership and participations in submarine cable systems: SMW-4, IMEWE, MedNautilus, SEA-ME-WE 5, SEABRAS-1, Curie, Equiano, Monet and BlueMed/BlueRaman
- Bilateral cables linking Italy to neighboring countries (Croatia, Malta, Tunisia, Libya) strengthening Sparkle unique strategic position in the Med basin
- Powerful reach in Europe, consolidated presence in the Mediterranean basin and strategic position in South-East Asia
- Leading player in Latin America with five different paths interconnecting North and South America
- Contract Flexibility: Lease, ROU and IRU Bandwidth up to 400G Severe SLA
   Commitment



### Dark Fiber & Virtual Fiber

### When capacity is not enough

- For Carriers, Operators, Enterprise & OTTs that want to extend their international infrastructure network
- Available in submarine cables and terrestrial optical transport networks
- BlueMed/BlueRaman the new submarine cable that will enhance diversification in the Europe-Asia corridor

# NOCaaS & Genoa Landing Platform

### The ideal solution provider for submarine cable landing and management

- NOCaaS
  - For Submarine cable consortium/operators who need a NOC & NA solution for their cable by an experienced partner
  - Top notch references in the industry
- Genoa Landing Platform the award-winning cable landing platform in Genoa which in addition to hosting BlueMed and BlueRaman cable systems offers unique landing capabilities for six additional cables



### Data Centers & Landing Hubs

### A neutral environment in state-of-the art facilities powered by landing capabilities



### **Nine Proprietary Neutral Hubs**

- Italy (Palermo Sicily Hub) 18 submarine cables 2 MW
- Italy (Genoa) 2 submarine cables
- Greece (Athens and Chania 4 Hubs) 2 submarine cables 14 MW
- Israel (Tel Aviv) 3 submarine cables 1 MW
- Turkey (Istanbul) 2 submarine cables 2.5 MW
- Panama 6 submarine cables 5 MW



# Connectivity

### Wide Coverage and High Performance

- **Private connectivity** Ethernet and MPLS and differentiated services
- Cloud Connect high performance dedicated connectivity to the major Cloud Providers
- Broadband and Direct Internet Access (DIA) for high performance Internet access

### **Automation**

### SONATA and SELF-SERVICE

- MEF certified SONATA APIs for M2M Quoting and Ordering for Ethernet services
- Customer Portal for Self Quoting, Ordering and Reporting
- Bandwidth on Demand (BoD) for Ethernet Cloud Connect services



# Mobile Connectivity

#### Advanced Solution for Premium Performance

- Single interconnection to provide IP Data Services to all mobile operators worldwide
- High Quality Voice and Mobile Data Services enabler
- Cutting-edge interoperability with a worldwide reach between various service providers
- Designed over a carrier grade proprietary MPLS backbone with higher speed and QoS

# **ORS**Multi-IMSI Solution

### Roaming Services Enabler for MVNOs

- Instant access to all Roaming Services with Worldwide Coverage
- Support of multiple VAS to reduce roaming costs and deliver improved services
- Managed Service for outsourced Data Clearing
- Dashboard Tool for a comprehensive traffic analysis

### SMS A2P

### Distinctive Solution for Providers and OTT

- Turn-key solution designed for quick launch and easy management of premium content services
- Designed for Providers and OTT for delivering and receiving SMS with all GSM and CDMA mobile operators globally
- **Direct access** via standard API, support of SMPP, UCP and SS7 protocols
- Access to more than 800 mobile networks



# **Dedicated Solutions for Enterprises**

# Connectivity

### Evolved - Flexible - Managed

- SD-WAN as an evolution of traditional WAN for a more flexible and reliable multisite connectivity among geographically distributed sites and towards Cloud Solutions
- Private connectivity Ethernet and MPLS and differentiated services
- Capacity: complete range of optical transport products designed for specific connectivity needs
- Cloud Connect high performance private connectivity to the major Cloud Providers
- Self Quoting/Ordering through Customer Portal for Cloud Connect Solution
- Automated Quoting/Ordering through MEF standard APIs for Ethernet services
- Broadband and Direct Internet Access (DIA) for high performance Internet access

# Security & Identity

### Network - Asset - SOC

- SASE and Anti DDOS protection services to protect network infrastructure, systems, and data from unauthorized access, breaches, and cyber threats
- **Security control and management services** through the highly specialized Sparkle's SOC



# **Dedicated Solutions for Enterprises**

### **Multicloud**

- Multicloud offering to access and integrate AWS, Microsoft and Google cloud services, complemented with private Cloud Connect Solution
- Advanced expertise to support customer digital transformation

### IoT

- Supply of SIM/eSIM able to register under visited network worldwide with more than 600 agreements
- Mobile cloud network infrastructure for ultra-low latency connectivity
- IoT platforms for connectivity and device management
- Advanced billing modules
- Plug & Play IoT



# Sparkle: Strategic Relevance According to the Italian Government

- Company of Strategic relevance for national, security and defense interests as it operates worldwide in the telecommunication sector (GOLDEN POWER)
- Qualified provider authorized to manage classified information up to SECRET by NATO/EU and to participate
  in classified tenders (CLASSIFIED INFORMATION)
- Entity providing an essential service to the country through terrestrial and submarine communication infrastracture management (NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY PERIMETER)

October 2017 **July 2019** June 2021 **Italian Government Italian Government Italian Government** grants special includes Sparkle in the applies «golden certification allowing **National Cyber** power» to avoid Sparkle to manage **Security Perimeter** foreign ownership classified information (N.O.S.I.S.)

# **Excellence in the Industry: Certifications**

Certificate of Origin - Certification for the use of renewable energy in the data centers of Metamorfosis (Athens), Koropi and Chania

Quality, Health & Safety and Environment - ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001, ISO 27001

Certificate of Compliance for Anti-Corruption Management System - ISO 37001





MEF 3.0 LSO Sonata API



# **Excellence in the Industry: International Awards**





Best Data/Capacity Provider and Best Digital Advertising Operator at the Carrier Community Global Awards 2023. These prizes recognizes, for the second consecutive year, Sparkle's excellence in deploying forward-looking technologies as well as the quality of its most recent large-scale infrastructural projects and innovative solutions in the IP & Data area, and Sparkle's successful digital media strategy to increase the company's overall visibility and brand awareness







Best European service provider awards received from MEF in 2023 in the areas of SD-WAN, SASE and MEF 3.0 Carrier Ethernet on Demand services. The 2023 MEF Awards program recognizes excellence and innovation in the global community committed to providing advanced communications solutions optimized for the digital economy



Global Carrier Awards 2022, the most prestigious competition for the international wholesale sector, winner in the category **Best Subsea Innovation**. This award acknowledges the innovative scope of Sparkle's Genoa Landing Platform, a new infrastructure designed to ensure the sustainable landing of submarine cables seeking diversified access to the major European hubs



**Customer Experience prize** at the World Communication Awards 2021 as a recognition for the company-wide CX program deployed across three dimensions - process automation, digital tools and a customer-focused organization - to deliver an engaging customer journey experience

# FOCUS ON SPARKLE'S BACKBONE



### Global Backbone

Unique protected fiber path in Europe and global meshed architecture providing full resilience

Full IP Global Network

Continuos network coverage enhancement by opening new POPs worldwide

Capacity along the Atlantic and the Pacific



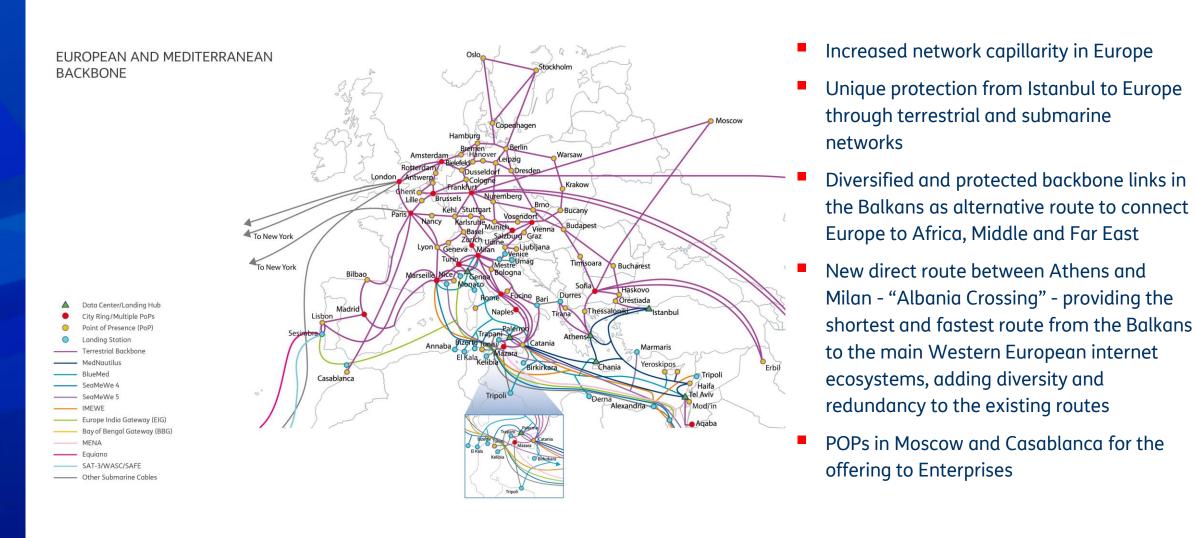
Increased network capillarity in Europe

Unique footprint in Middle East and South East Asia through a state-of-the-art regional proprietary fiber optic backbone in the Mediterranean Basin, SeaMeWe-4, SeaMeWe-5, IMEWE and bilateral cable Systems

New proprietary redundant backbone links from North to South America based on Seabras-1, Curie and Monet Submarine Cables



# Key Regional Backbones: Europe and Mediterranean



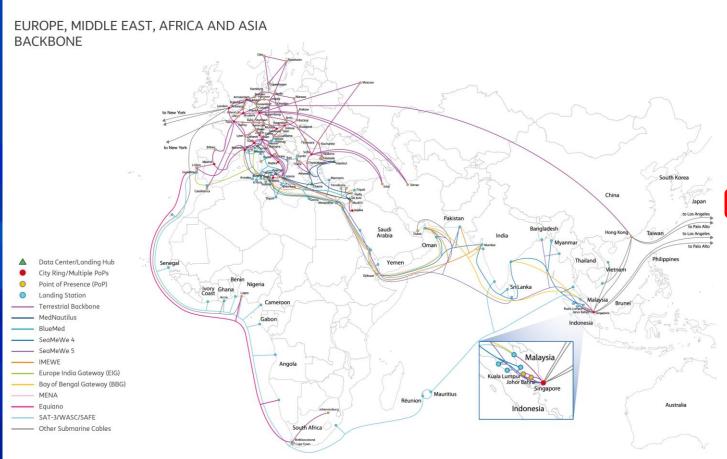
# Reinforcing Leadership in the Mediterranean through BlueMed

**BLUEMED CABLE** Milan Genoa Marseille Rome Bastia Golfo Aranci Palermo El Kala Bizerte Chania Yeroskipos/ Tripoli Derna

- Sparkle proprietary domain in the Med basin
- 4 Fiber Pairs System / Min 25 Tbps per FP
- RFS Tyr from **2Q2023**
- **Expected RFS 2024**
- New **East of Sardinia** route and **Messina** strait configuration
- Landing in Telehouses or **open landing facilities in key Countries**
- Sparkle's new open landing station in Genoa is set to become the alternative priority access for other upcoming submarine cables looking for a diversified entry way to Europe, thus strengthening Italy's role as digital gateway between Africa, Middle East, Asia and Europe



# Strategic Focus on Med, ME, Africa & APAC Corridors



Through Sparkle's global network, operators in fast-growing markets of Middle East and Asia have access to worldwide contents with unrivalled performance through a 2-way path connecting Sparkle's Asian network to Europe and US, both East and Westbound

#### **EUROPE & MEDITERRANEAN**

- Fully resilient Pan European backbone covering 13 countries
- State-of-the-art regional proprietary fiber optic backbone covering: Italy, Turkey, Israel, Greece, Cyprus
- Proprietary submarine cable Athens-Istanbul
- Bilateral cables with, Albania, Croatia, Malta, Libya and Tunisia

#### **EUROPE TO AFRICA, ME & ASIA**

- SeaMeWe-4 cable: France, Algeria, Tunisia, Italy, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, India, South-East Asia
- **SeaMeWe-5 cable:** Europe to Asia, reaching 17 countries, with a main landing in Catania, Sicily
- IMEWE cable: France, Italy, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, India
- BluRaman: France, Italy, Greece, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Djibouti, Oman and India. Expected RFS 2025
- Other Submarine Cables: EIG, BBG and MENA (Europe, Africa, Middle East, Far East)

#### **EUROPE TO WEST AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA**

SAT-3 (Europe, West Africa), EQUIANO (Europe, West Africa, South Africa)

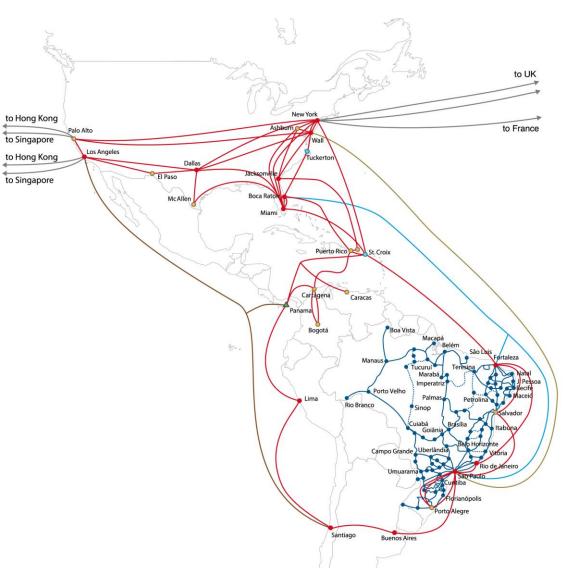


# **Key Regional Backbones: Americas**

AMERICAN BACKBONE

Data Center/Landing Hub

Other Submarine Cables



- Full IP network in the Americas
- State-of-the-art proprietary fiber optic backbone in 8 countries: US, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Panama, Peru, Venezuela
- New proprietary redundant backbone links from North to South America
- TIM Brasil Backbone fully integrated with Sparkle's global network
- Increased capacity along the South to North America route thanks to Seabras-1 and Monet on the Atlantic and Curie on the Pacific
- Launch the New Panama open landing and connectivity center aimed to become the digital hub for all Central America, the Andean region and the Caribbean



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