# stone<sup>co.</sup> + Linx

The Powerful Combination of Fintech and Software

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### **Deal Overview**

#### **Overview**

Linx is a leading software company that develops and provides affordable, easy-to-use, and reliable software solutions to merchants and retail of all sizes

- ✓ R\$ 300 billion of gross
  merchandise volume (GMV)
- ✓ 70,000 retail clients, with over100,000 store fronts
- ✓ 99% client retention rate

### **Association Agreement**

**STNE**, a controlled company of **Stone** that holds the software investments business of the Stone group in Brazil, has executed an Association Agreement by which **Linx** (B3: Linx3; NYSE: Linx) will be merged into STNE for a total consideration of R\$ 33.7625 per Linx share

- ✓ Consideration consists of up to R\$5.4bn in cash + 2.27mm Stone's shares, subject to certain limitations and elections by the Linx shareholders
- ✓ **Transaction expected** to close by the end of 4Q20²

### **Rationale**

- ✓ Combines complementary strategic assets: leading Retail Software Platform and #1 Independent Financial Platform in Brazil
- Provides Linx's 70k clients with access to Stone's solutions
- ✓ Extend Stone's offerings to penetrate the SMB software market
- ✓ Accelerates Stone's Strategic Roadmap to become a "onestop-shop" for merchants of all sizes and verticals
- ✓ Deal expected to be accretive in 2021¹

### **Linx Helps Stone...**

- ✓ **Serve** More Businesses in More Verticals
- ✓ Integrate Software & Payments
- ✓ **Digitize** Point of Sale Commerce
- ✓ Facilitate Unified Omnichannel Commerce, providing alternatives to increase merchant's volume without increasing managerial complexity

Includes expected synergie

# **Combined Company Snapshot**

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**Payments** Volume

**Software** 

Clients

**Total** Revenue

Recurring **Net Income** 

**Target Markets**  **R\$ 149 bn TPV** 

~305,000

R\$ 2.8 bn<sup>3</sup>

R\$ 789 mm

**SMB** 



**R\$ 300 bn GMV** 

~70,000

R\$ 820 mm

R\$ 13 mm

Mid/Large

### COMBINED<sup>4</sup>

Opportunity to **penetrate R\$300bn of GMV** with payments

~375,000

R\$ 3.6 bn +

R\$ 800 mm+

**SMB + Mid/Large Clients** Integrated & Omni-Channel

LTM 2Q20. Except for Software clients, which number refers to July-20

# Strategic Rationale: Strengthening Our Complementary Vision



**500k+** SMBs

- ✓ Deep expertise in online payments capabilities
- ✓ Portfolio of modern software solutions for SMBs
- ✓ Client centricity;
   Proprietary Technology;
   Hyperlocal distribution

### DIGITAL+PHYSICAL

Adapt to Omnichannel world and increase sales through multichannel, digital commerce strategy



FINANCIAL SERVICES

Integrated Platform of Acquiring, Banking & Credit Solutions to Simplify Commercial & Financial Transactions

STONE CORE CAPABILITY

STRATEGIC EXTENTION

# SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS

Integrated Platform of POS/ERP Software to Simplify Workflow and Automation of Core Business Processes

STRATEGIC EXTENTION

LINX CORE

- Complete suite of digitalenabling solutions (OMS, platform, others) and marketplace integration
- Leading retail POS with strong market presence
- ✓ ETF
- ✓ QR Code
- ✓ Gateway

### **Game Plan: 3 Value Creation Horizons**











# **Horizon 1: Operational Synergies and Top Line Growth**

Significant cross-selling opportunities

#### **70,000 Clients**

Across 11+ industry verticals, with +300 billion GMV

#### + Full Suite of financial services

Scalable and integrated financial services containing payments, banking and credit

### **Horizon 2: Strengthen strategic focus**

Help offline clients to go digital, increasing sales through multichannel strategy

# New Digital Commerce & Omnichannel Capabilities

Complete suite of digital-enabling solutions, allowing clients to conduct commerce across multiple channels

#### + Strong digital payments capabilities

Proprietary platform built to the need of online clients

# **Horizon 3: Higher software penetration in SMB**

Expand sticky integrated software solutions to improve customer retention & generate more recurring revenue from SMB clients

# **Complete suite of Software Capabilities for multiple verticals**

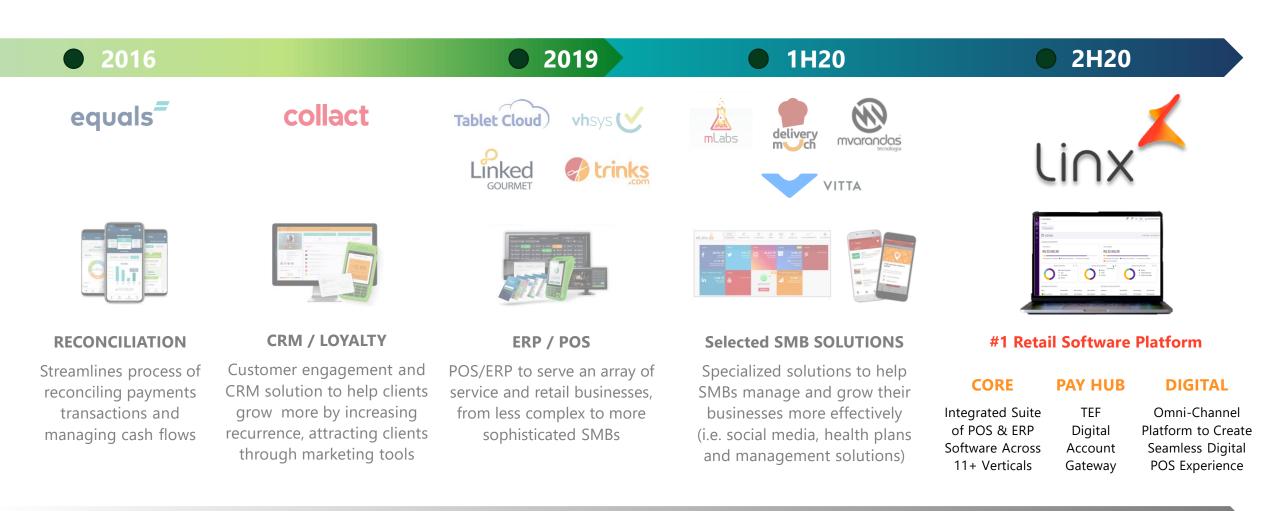
Deep vertical expertise

Embedded POS/ERP & OMS software for mid to large retail

# + Client-centric culture & hyperlocal distribution

Focus on client satisfaction through superior customer service and direct distribution capabilities in thousands of cities in Brazil Strength in technology capabilities

# Linx Continues Our Strategy to Integrate Software with Financial Services...



283,000

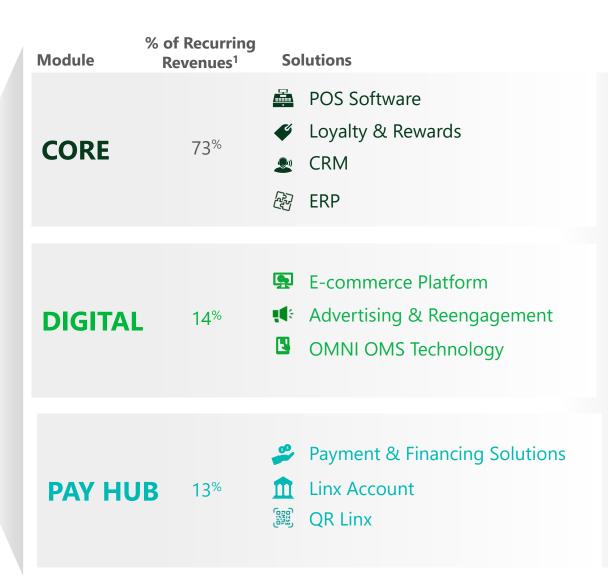
135,000

**STONE SOFTWARE CLIENTS** 

375,000+

# ...Providing A Powerful Integrated Platform





11+ Verticals

**Auto Parts** 

Car Dealerships

**Clothing Stores** 

**Department Stores** 

**Electronic Goods** 

Fast Food

**Gas Stations** 

Home Improvement

**Household Appliances** 

Pharmacies

Service Retail

- #1 Suite of Affordable,
   Easy-to-Use, Reliable &
   Seamlessly Integrated
   Software Solutions
- ✓ Delivered Through a Cloud-Based SaaS Model
- ✓ Serving +70,000 Medium to Large Retail Clients Across +100,000 Storefronts
- ✓ With R\$300 billion of Gross Merchandise Volume (GMV)

### ...With Very Attractive Attributes

### **Customer** (1)

99%

retention rate

+70,000

software clients

9,000

stores with OMS

60%

market share in the main malls

~900

websites in Linx Commerce

# **Operating** (1)

**46**%<sup>(2)</sup>

Market share in retail management software

**13.7**%<sup>(2)</sup>

e-commerce solution market share

**R\$ 300bn** 

**GMV** 

**R\$ 89bn** 

through TEF

1,205

R&D employees

### **Financial**

**60**%<sup>(1)</sup>

cloud-based revenue

~84.4%<sup>(3)</sup> subscription revenue

R\$ 841mm 2020 LTM net revenue

**R\$ 181.7mm** 2Q20 LTM EBITDA

**25.5**% 2019 EBTIDA margin

### **Key Clients**

Key Brazilian Clients





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**Key International Clients** 













- (1) December 2019
- (2) Data for 2019, according to the 2020 IDC Survey
- (3) 2020

# ... As We Compete to Capture a Massive Addressable Market



**TAM** 

How

We are

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**TAM** 

Acquiring

 $\sim R$20bn^{1}$ 

~12% share

TPV (R\$bn)

52% CAGR 3y

29.8

10.9

18.5

2017 2Q18 2Q19 2Q20

Active clients('000)

81% CAGR 3y

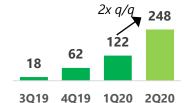
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Banking

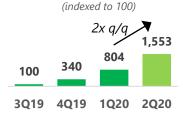
~R\$10bn

<1% share

Accounts open ('000)



**# of Transactions** 

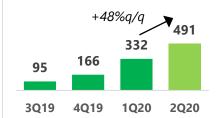


Credit

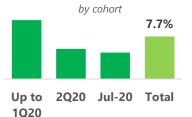
~R\$80bn

<1% share

Portfolio (R\$mm)



**Expected deliquency** 



**R\$11**bn

~7% share

Subscribed clients



stone



R\$120bn+

~3% share

Stone is Evolving to Become a "One-Stop-Shop" for Commerce in Brazil

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2Q17 2Q18 2Q19 2Q20

<sup>1)</sup> Stone internal estimate for the market based on Brazilian's largest Merchant acquirers' total revenue for 2019.

<sup>2)</sup> Stone internal estimate for targeted segment using total revenue generated by the Brazilian top 5 banks in 2Q20 on checking account services.

Management estimate of total non-targeted loans for SMB companies in Brazil multiplied by the average spread discounted the expected default rate. Data from Brazilian Central Bank as of May-20 and management's assumptions using market data.

According to International Data Corporation 2020.

Expected delinquency levels as of Jul-20. Older cohorts were more impacted by COVID-19, whereas new cohorts were already originated with a new credit policy.

# **Base Case Synergies Plan**



### **Revenue Synergies**

- Sell payments services into Linx client base, through our proprietary end-to-end payment platform
- Sell banking & financial services into Linx client base, through our proprietary banking platform
- Sell software services to our SMB clients, leveraging Linx robust software suite & omnichannel solutions



## **Operating Synergies**

- Streamline overlapping G&A expenses
- Leverage existing R&D to create combined solutions
- Improve negotiating power with suppliers and thirdparty providers



Deal is expected to be accretive to Stone in 2021

# **Key Transaction Terms**

# **Price and Consideration**

- Total consideration equivalent to R\$33.7625 per Linx share, being 90% in cash (R\$30.39 per Linx share) and 10% in Stone Class A shares (0.0126774 Stone Class A shares per Linx share<sup>1</sup>)
- Consideration implies a premium of 41.6%¹ over the volume-weighted average price of Linx over the preceding 60 days and a premium of 28.3%¹ over the volume-weighted average price of Linx over the preceding 30 days

# **Transaction Structure**

• 100% of Linx shares to be merged into STNE ("Incorporação de Ações"), in exchange for cash and newly issued Class A shares of Stone

### **Governance**

- Post merger, a new software business unit will be created and will be managed by Stone's leadership and Linx management team
- An Advisory Board will be created to guide and monitor the key strategic priorities, integration process and capture
  of synergies. Alberto Menache, current Linx CEO, will be Chairman of the Advisory Board, which will also include
  Stone leadership

# Timing and Approvals

• After completion of certain conditions, Linx shall call a shareholders meeting to effectively approve the merger, which is subject to CADE approval