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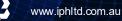


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# Strong investment proposition



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# The leading IP Services Group

No.1 Patent group in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Singapore<sup>1</sup>

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PH coverage

PH offices

SMART & BIGGAR

Primary IP markets Secondary IP markets

SPRUSON& FERGUSON

**Our group network** 

applied marks

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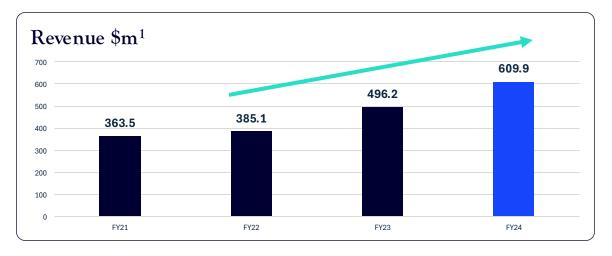
**6K**+ Annual trade mark filings<sup>3</sup>

ROBIC

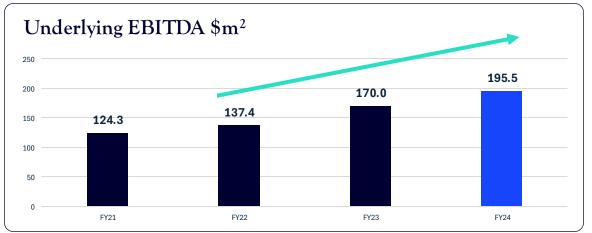
1) Management estimated market share based on local IP office filing data: Australia (FY25 YTD as at 28/01/25), Singapore (CY24 YTD Nov as at 17/01/25), New Zealand (FY25 YTD as at 28/01/25), Canada (CY22 and CY23 YTD Mar, latest data as at 16/1/24). 2) Approximate employee numbers across the Group. 3) Cases filed or instructed to be filed worldwide based on IPH internal data for FY25, including recently acquired entities from 1 July of the acquisition year, and external data for CY23 for Bereskin & Parr (acquired and integrated into Smart & Biggar in Sep 24).

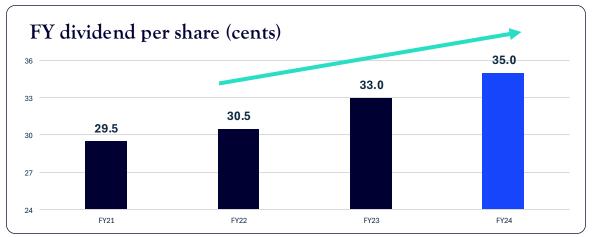
### Consistent track record of growth

Resilient business delivering growth and returns to shareholders





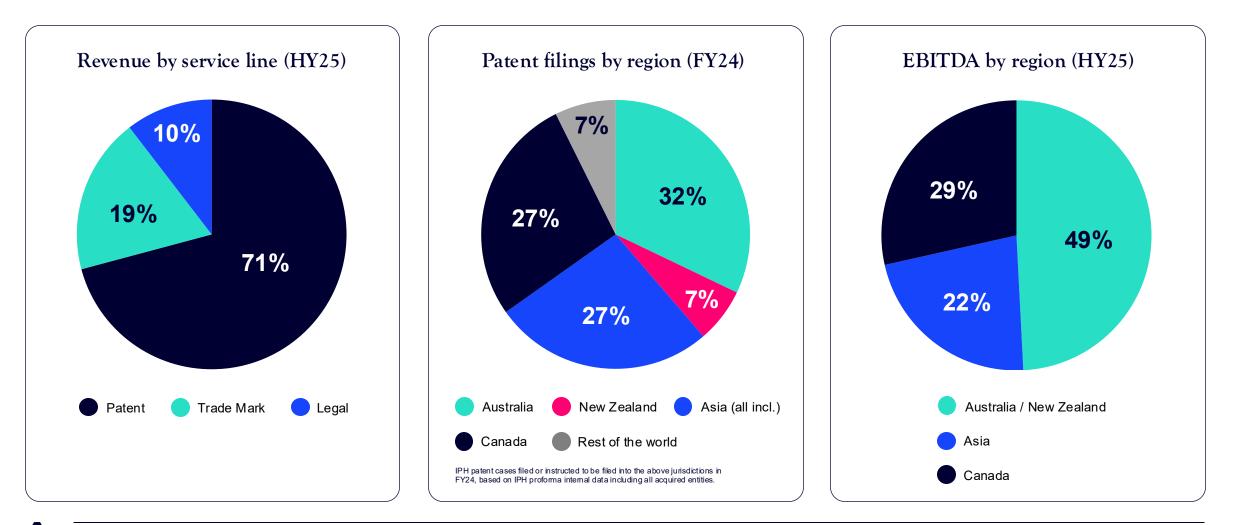




1) Includes other income excluding interest income 2) Underlying EBITDA excludes costs incurred in pursuit of acquisitions, restructuring, impairment and amortisation of acquired intangibles

### Diverse earnings base

Market leading presence across key secondary IP markets



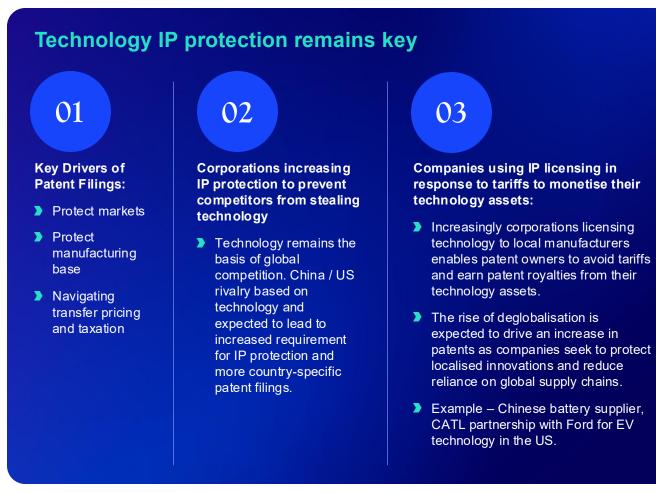




# Global trends in IP



### Despite short-term volatility, IP protection remains fundamental



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**TRUMP TARIFFS** 

## China leads world in quality of EV patents, says think tank

Licensing intellectual property could help automakers avoid Trump tariff



Chinese manufacturers have high-quality patents related to electric vehicles, such as these BYD cars displayed at the Bangkok International Motor Show on March 24. (Photo by Yuki Kohara)

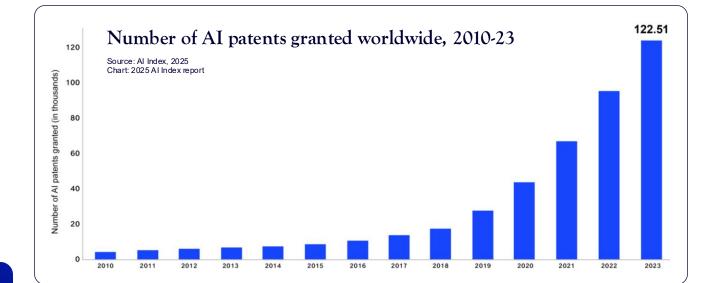
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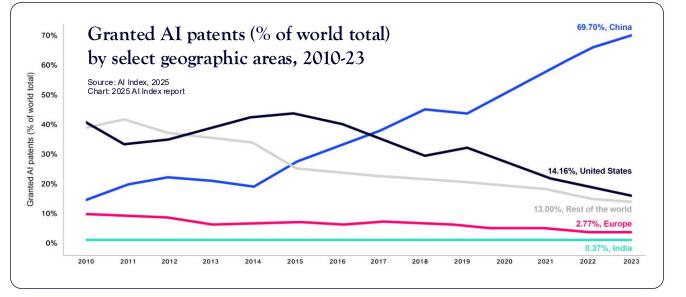
### Global trends in IP – Artificial Intelligence

- Continued growth in AI-related patent filings
- China has consistently increased its share of global AI-related patent filings, accounting for approximately 70% by 2023
- Continued increase in patent filings related to Generative AI technologies with +800% increase in GenAI patents between 2014 and 2023
  - > IPH is embedding AI in our operational workflows and processes to improve efficiency and realise business benefits.
  - At IPH, we are taking a pragmatic and phased approach to the use of AI across our operations, with a focus on the following areas:
    - Patent Drafting
    - Accounts Payable Automation
    - Accounts Receivable and Billing
    - Productivity Tools



- Client Collaboration
- Technology
   Scanning









# Regions update

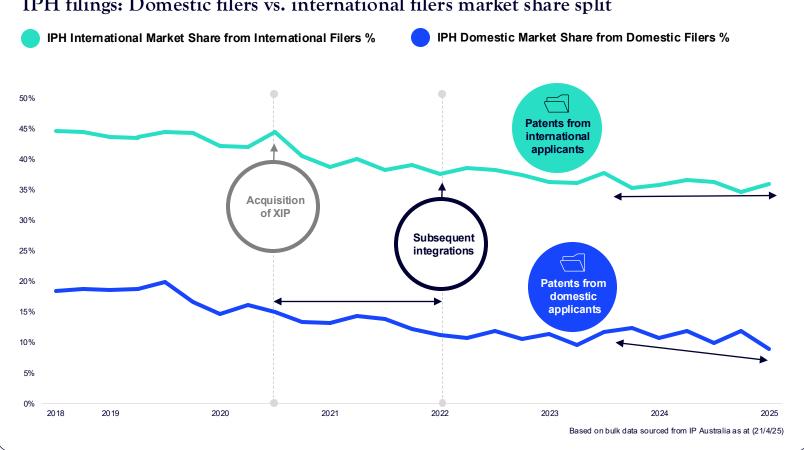


### Australia / New Zealand

Organic earnings growth over past three financial periods despite overall decline in market filings

#### **Strategic Focus**

- IPH's overall decline in patent market share is primarily due to lower-margin domestic filers, while our focus is on market share among higher-margin international filers, which has remained relatively stable.
- Refocusing BD efforts on Western Europe, Japan, South Korea and China. Notably, Chinese patent filings inbound to Australia have been increasing strongly in recent years.
- Continuing to focus on case transfers that don't show in filing numbers but create a future pipeline of work and revenue – approximately 600 cases and 2,500 total patents, trade marks, and designs transferred to ANZ firms in the past 9 months.



#### IPH filings: Domestic filers vs. international filers market share split

### Asia

Ongoing recovery in filings with IPH patent filings up 17% FY25 YTD March

#### **Strategic Focus**

- IPH Asia patent filings up 17% financial year- to-date which continues earnings recovery in the region.
- Singapore market filings recovering, with IPH showing year-to-date growth as of March 2025 and market share increasing to 22.2% of the total Singapore patent market.
- Focused on increasing business for our Chinese office, recognising the untapped potential from China's tech innovation boom, which is currently underrepresented in our revenue.
- Capitalising on the opportunity from Chinese corporates expanding into other key Asian markets, especially in AI and telecommunications, to help us diversify our international portfolio.



Asia jurisdictions with double-digit filing growth FY25 YTD March

37%

21% Thailand 18% China

17% Malaysia 4.5% Singapore



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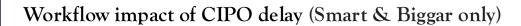
### Canada

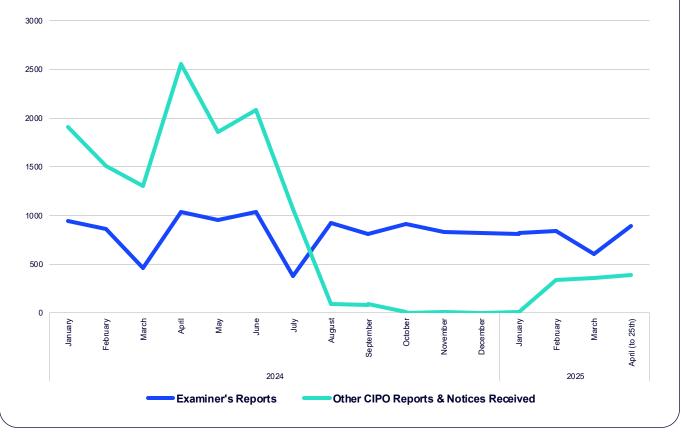
Expect improved market conditions from FY26 as CIPO system delays resolved

#### **Strategic Focus**

- As disclosed at HY result, CIPO systems issues caused workflow backlog and delay in patent filing revenue. While workflow has partially recovered, CIPO systems issues have continued in 2H with further delay in revenue recovery. Bulk of fees expected to be recovered from FY26.
- Bereskin & Parr integration successfully complete as of 3 March 2025 – final synergies came in at CAD4.5m against an initial expectation of CAD3.7m.
- Focus is now on scaling our platform and driving growth in Canada through business development and crossborder mandates.









# Empowering firms' organic growth



### Empowering our firms to drive organic growth

Decentralising support functions to strengthen regional impact and drive efficiency

#### **Restructuring Corporate Services**



#### Decentralising Marketing and Business Development Returning Marketing and BD to member firms to align with local markets and accountabilities.



#### Outcome

Restructure has delivered \$3m in annualised cost savings and resulted in a more responsive, market-led structure.



#### Prioritising optimisation

Shifting our focus from acquisitions to organic growth.



# Enhancing operational efficiency to meet evolving market demands

Continued focus on achieving synergies through increased operational efficiency across the group.



### Our people: Our greatest asset



**Tenure & Stability** 1 in 5 employees have been with the group for 10+ years, reflecting strong employee loyalty and satisfaction.



#### Low Turnover

Our regretted turnover rate stands at just 7% across the group, below the Australian average of 14%, indicating high retention and engagement across our workforce. Our largest firm, Spruson & Ferguson (Australia), has a regretted turnover rate of just 6%.

#### Global leadership strength:







**Employee Development** More than 8,000 hours of targeted employee development delivered across the group YTD in FY25, fostering continuous learning and advancement.



**Investment in Development** Over \$200K invested in postgraduate qualifications for our trainee attorneys, demonstrating our commitment to professional growth.

116 Principals in Canada





### Summary

IPH has strengthened its market-leading position to harness positive IP industry dynamics

- Diverse and resilient earnings base with solid track record of growth
- IPH's balance sheet remains strong with continued strong cash flow generation. The \$75 million share buyback program continues with \$57m bought back as at 7 May 2025.
- Recent changes to corporate services model delivered \$3m annualised savings with ongoing focus on further efficiencies
- Despite short term volatility, IP protection remains fundamental as technology advancements continue
- > IPH has built an unrivalled network of marketleading IP firms across global secondary IP markets to harness these trends

#### Across our regions:

- Continued organic growth in ANZ with focus on higher-margin international filings
- Ongoing recovery in Asia IPH filings up 17% FY25 YTD March, including growth in Singapore
- Clear pathway to growth in Canada from FY26 as CIPO delay issues resolved











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