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ACND + MarketWise

MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Additional Information

ACND has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC, which includes a proxy statement/prospectus, that is both the proxy statement to be distributed to holders of ACND’s ordinary shares in connection with its solicitation of proxies with respect to the proposed Business Combination and other matters as may be described therein, as well as the prospectus relating to the offer and sale of the securities to be issued in the Business Combination. This Presentation does not contain all the information that should be considered concerning the proposed Business Combination and is not intended to form the basis of any investment decision or any other decision in respect of the Business Combination. ACND’s shareholders and other interested persons are advised to read, when available, the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus and the amendments thereto and the definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed in connection with the proposed Business Combination, as these materials will contain important information about the Company, ACND and the Business Combination. When available, the definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials for the proposed Business Combination will be mailed to shareholders of ACND as of a record date to be established for voting on the proposed Business Combination. Shareholders will also be able to obtain copies of the preliminary proxy statement, the definitive proxy statement and other documents filed with the SEC, without charge, once available, at the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov, or by directing a request to: ACND at 667 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10065 or (212) 209-6126.

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The Company and its directors and executive officers may also be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of ACND in connection with the proposed Business Combination. A list of the names of such directors and executive officers and information regarding their interests in the proposed Business Combination is included in the proxy statement/prospectus contained in ACND’s registration statement on Form S-4.

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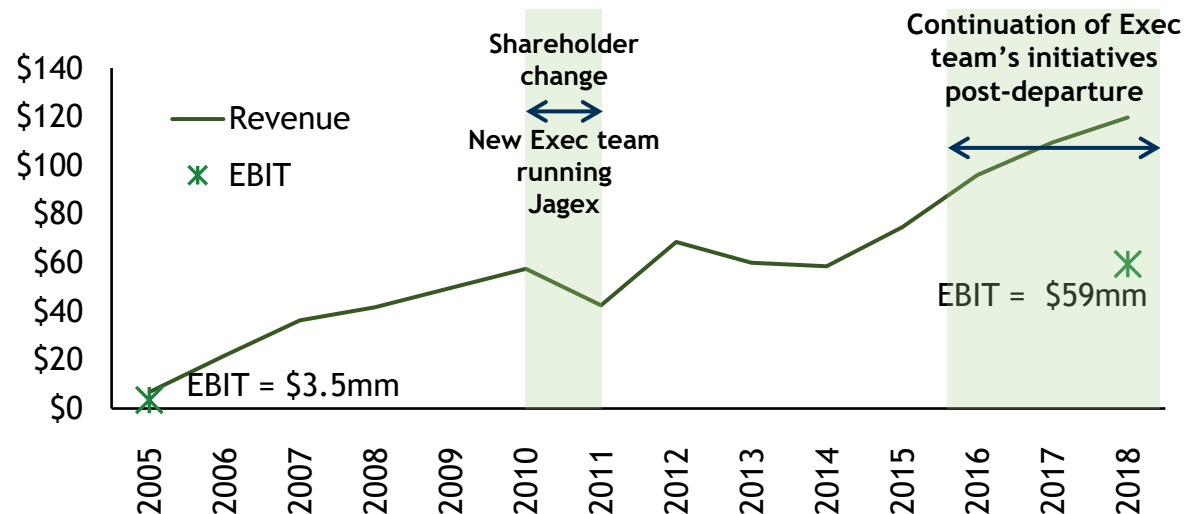
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ASCENDANT TEAM'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPITAL WILL BENEFIT MARKETWISE

Achievements Running Jagex¹

- Carefully curated and managed IP to create **\$1 billion+ revenue** long-term franchise
- Created a premier **publisher and developer** driven by community engagement
- Successfully introduced new sustainable **monetization** channels and methods
- Continued and sustained **community engagement** created >1M paying members
- Generated significant **long-term shareholder value**

Jagex Revenue Performance Over Time (\$M)²



Benefits to MarketWise

- Leverage a team of data scientists and AI specialists in addition to user acquisition, monetization, churn, predictive behavior and community building veterans
- Proven success in interactive digital experiences in very high traffic online environments and knowledge in conversion and sustaining community engagement can accelerate increase in scale
- Actively working on implementing leading-edge solutions and ROI improvement initiatives
- Help with prototyping and implementation of solutions along with recruitment of talent and upscaling and expanding internal capabilities for long-term sustainable knowledge gains
- International relationships, particularly in Europe and Asia, bring potential M&A and growth opportunities
- Additional capital infusion will help add editors and accelerate M&A activity to help build greater long-term shareholder value

Sources: Jagex Ltd. UK public disclosures

1. Exec team leading Jagex from 2008 to 2015, except for the period following the sale of Jagex in 2011, when new management team ran business on behalf of purchasers.

Past performance of the members of Ascendant's management team is not indicative of future performance

2. GBP to USD 1.26 as of 7/16/2020

ASCENDANT WAS LOOKING FOR A GREAT ACQUISITION, IN THE ATTENTION ECONOMY

| | | | |
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| 1 | Significant and growing “attention economy” TAM | ✓ | \$191B TAM with significant tailwinds, ripe for disruption |
| 2 | Scalable, digitally delivered IP | ✓ | Market leading tech platform with scalable, high-value content, data & analytics |
| 3 | Large, thriving community | ✓ | 11M+ self-directed investors, growing at a 77% CAGR from Q1 2019 to Q1 2021 |
| 4 | Diversified product suite | ✓ | 12 primary customer facing brands offering 160+ products |
| 5 | Best in class financial profile | ✓ | “Adjusted Rule of 50” ¹ financial profile: Scale, Growth, Recurring Revenue, High Adjusted FCF ² (Low Capex) |
| 6 | Experienced leadership team | ✓ | Deep, long-tenured & proven team |
| 7 | Sustained growth outlook | ✓ | Multiple organic & inorganic avenues to potentially drive sustained profitable growth at scale |

1. Adjusted Rule of 50 equals annual GAAP Revenue Growth Rate plus Adjusted FCF Margin. Adjusted FCF Margin = Adjusted FCF / Billings

2. Adjusted FCF is calculated as Adjusted CFFO (Cash Flow From Operations) - Capital Expenditures. Adjusted CFFO is calculated as net cash provided by operating activities plus profits distributions to Class B unitholders included in stock based compensation expense



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INTRODUCING MARKETWISE

Founded with a mission to level the playing field for self-directed investors

Today we are a Leading Subscription Services Platform serving millions of self-directed investors

A diverse portfolio of operating brands serving as a trusted source for financial research, education and actionable ideas



MARKETWISE AT A GLANCE

A market leader in delivering high-value and actionable **financial research**, easy-to-use **technology**, as well as **financial education** and a **social connection** with world-class experts to help self-directed investors meet their financial goals

11M+

Digital Platform Members¹ at 3/31/21

1M+

Paid Digital Subscribers at 3/31/21

\$825

Industry Leading ARPU as of Q1 '21²

\$687M

TTM Q1 '21 Billings³

+83%

YoY Growth

30%

TTM Q1 '21 Adjusted Free Cash Flow Margin⁴

99.9%

TTM Q1 '21 Adjusted CFFO Conversion⁵ (Low Capex)

1. Includes free and paid subscribers

2. Based on trailing four quarter net billings / average number of trailing four quarter paid subscribers

3. Billings represents amounts invoiced to customers

4. Adjusted FCF Margin = Adjusted FCF / Billings. Adjusted FCF is calculated as Adjusted CFFO - Capital Expenditures. Adjusted CFFO is calculated as net cash provided by operating activities plus profits distributions to Class B unitholders included in stock based compensation expense

5. Adjusted CFFO Conversion = (Adjusted CFFO - Capital Expenditures) / Adjusted CFFO

KEY DRIVERS OF OUR SUCCESS



POWERFUL CONTENT PLATFORM

- Compelling content fosters relationships between readers and editors, creates customer loyalty and brand goodwill
- Insightful and engaging content drives conversion users from free to paid subscribers
- Focus on proven formula to launch & scale new products in a low-risk capital way



CUSTOMER FOCUS

- Customer centricity through every stage of a subscriber's journey
- Emphasis on developing long-term relationship with the subscriber
- Consistent 90%+ revenue retention



SCALABLE MODEL

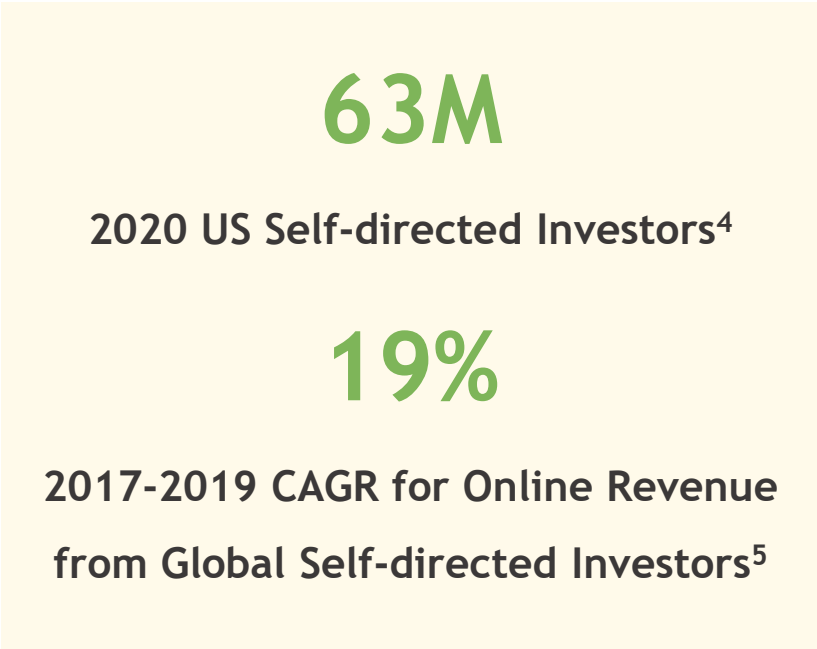
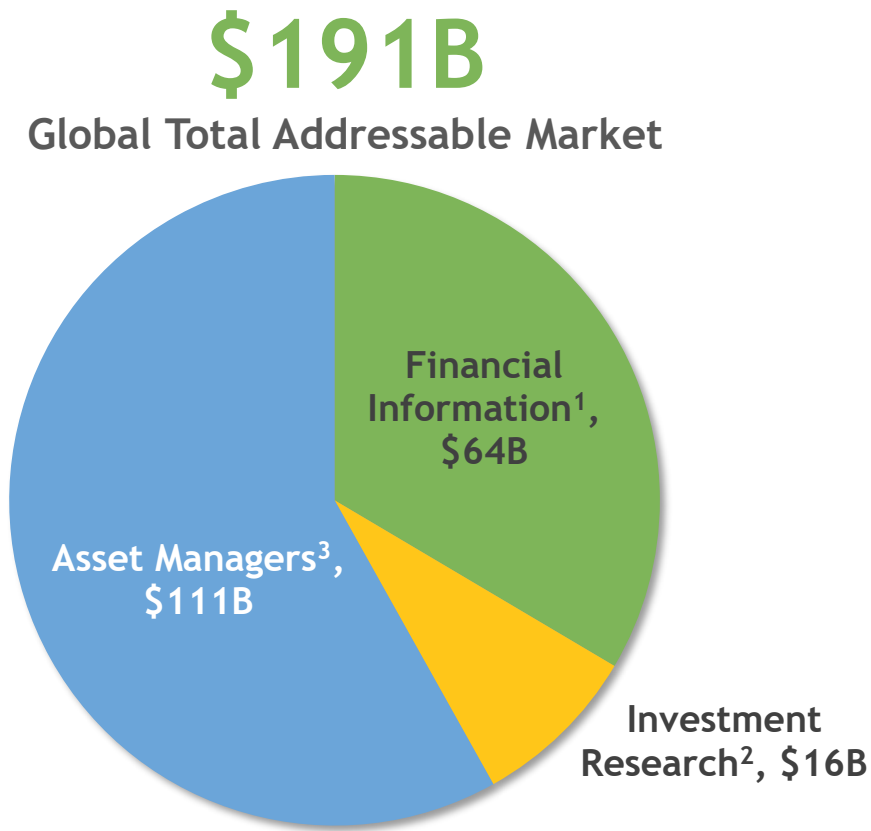
- Industry-leading ROI on new customer acquisition
- Upsell to higher ARPU products with almost all of the upsell revenues falling to the bottom line



DATA / TECHNOLOGY

- Real-time campaign feedback, AI and rapid scalability
- Machine learning and advanced analytics drive increased upsell yield

FINANCIAL WELLNESS SOLUTIONS HAVE A HUGE TAM



1. As per BMO research report, October 2018

2. Represents an estimated 33.3% of the 63M U.S. self-directed investors (Celent, U.S. Self-Directed Market Study, 2019) x MarketWise’s 2020 ARPU of \$759. The remaining 67% is believed to be covered in the Asset Managers and Financial Information market sizes

3. Reflects addressable market of asset management customers becoming self-directed investors, based off of management fees for 2019 global active core and active specialties per BCG Global Asset Management Research Report, 2020

4. Celent, U.S. Self-Directed Market Study, 2019; 63M represents Celent’s estimate for 2020

5. Maia Research, 2015-2027 Global Self-Directed Investors Implications for Wealth Managers Industry Market Research Report, Segment by Player, Type, Application, Marketing Channel, and Region

"...the markets are no longer reserved for institutional investors or HNWI. The goal of democratizing the financial markets is becoming a reality"

CELENT



PERSONAL INVESTING IS CHANGING IN FAVOR OF MARKETWISE

AGING POPULATION

- 17% of U.S. population is 65+¹
- 10,000 Americans retiring every day, creating consistent demand velocity²

GROWING THE PIE

- 72% of millennials identify as self-directed investors³ (~\$22T of net worth)³
- Rise of self-directed 'Robinhood' investors provides huge future upside

VOLUME OF ACTIVITY

- Retail investors now represent ~20% of trading on any given day, up from ~10% in 2010⁴

COMPLEXITY

- Increasing number and complexity of investment instruments (e.g., ETFs, options, crypto, et al)

PERFORMANCE






















































- Individual investors have a 3-year return performance lag versus the S&P 500⁵

EDUCATION

- Increased emphasis on financial literacy - knowledge & skill to effectively manage wealth

1. Statista
2. Deutsche Bank
3. Deloitte study
4. Wall Street research
5. realinvestmentadvice.com

MARKETWISE PROVIDES DIVERSE, ACTIONABLE & AFFORDABLE CONTENT

| | MarketWise | INSTITUTIONAL INFO SERVICES | INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH | SPECIALTY FINANCIAL RESEARCH | ONLINE BROKERS | ONLINE NEWSLETTERS | GENERAL FINANCIAL PUBLICATIONS | ONLINE TOOLS | SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNITIES |
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PREMIUM SUBSCRIPTION CONTENT, SOFTWARE AND TOOLS

ACTIONABLE IDEAS

SOFTWARE & TOOLS

EMPIRE SPAC Investor

It's Time to Buy the World's Most Shareholder-Friendly SPAC

When it comes to SPACs, sponsorship is critical. One of the main criticisms of SPACs is the potential for being sponsors.

SPAC managers aren't granted a salary or other 20% of the initial equity raised once the merger is completed.

If a deal is made, that 20% becomes valuable.

The sponsors sometimes also purchase heavy placement around the time of the initial public offering. If the SPAC liquidates without having completed the warrants end up being worthless.

Sponsors don't receive any of the liquidation proceeds. You can likely see how this situation effectively sponsors of the SPAC to complete an acquisition deadline to merge with a company approach because any merger is better than no merger.

As a result, much of SPAC value destruction is certain contractual features that mis-incentivize.

Even if the share price tanks by 50% after the millions of dollars that they can sell for a profit with only half their money.



Here's What You Need to Know About Blockchain Decentralization

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UNVEILING THE 2021 PORTFOLIOS

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Welcome to our new subscriber early.

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This week, I'm also explaining specifically the seemingly looking for one easy way that in mind, I'm also looking are faster and cheaper to

Finally, I'm following up

This is it!

If you just joined Stansberry Portfolio Solutions over the past couple weeks, welcome aboard! We're delighted to have you with us.

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To the many subscribers who have written in reporting outstanding personal results... thank you. Nothing is more rewarding in our professional lives than knowing we've helped people build and secure their finances.

Now it's time to do it again...

In today's letter, we'll unveil our full 2021 portfolios... with all the details about what to buy and how much of each name to hold. But first, we want to review a few points on how to use this product so you can generate the best possible outcomes and fulfill your investment goals.

For returning subscribers, some of this information may feel like a review. But I still encourage you to read through it to make sure we're all on equal, sturdy footing as we embark on the path to profitable investing in the year ahead.

THE MONTHLY BRIEFING, EXPLAINED

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1. Portfolio Manager Investment Commentary

Each month, I'll open our Briefing with a short and hopefully helpful investment note. In general, I look to provide thoughts on at least one of the three following topics...

1. What's moving the markets right now and how that may impact our longer-term investment outlook.
2. Specific investment rationale for a particular company, asset, or sector we're recommending in Portfolio Solutions. (Understanding *why* you own what you own is key to any successful investment.)
3. Broader investing lessons and guidelines meant to inform not just your investments in Portfolio Solutions but, ideally, your entire investment plan.

At the end of this Investment Commentary, you'll see performance figures for how we're doing so far that year. Behind the scenes, we remain focused on the longer-term performance of these portfolios. But we know you want to see what we've done for you lately, so we always show you how the strategies are performing monthly and on a year-to-date basis from the start of our "fiscal year." (This year, that's based on closing prices as of February 4, 2021.)

For newer subscribers, I encourage you to read the following opening commentaries to help familiarize

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND HELPING SUBSCRIBERS

MAINTAINING MARGIN OF SAFETY IN AN UNSAFE INVESTING WORLD

BY AUSTIN ROOT

For each of your investments, what's your margin of safety?

As a subscriber to Stansberry Portfolio Solutions, you have access to many of our company's top published research reports. This means you've likely seen this term used by some of our sharpest analysts and editors. But what does it mean?

Brilliant investor Seth Klarman explains in his 1991 opus, *Margin of Safety: Risk-Averse Strategies for the Thoughtful Investor*.

Klarman may not be a household name, but he is a legend in the hedge fund world. Since founding his hedge fund, the investment manager has produced one of the best performing track records of all time – always while maintaining an appropriate margin of safety.

His book on the subject is one of my favorites. I encourage you to read it... if you have a spare moment. The book has been out of print for years, but you can find a cheap used copy on Amazon right now.

EMPIRE Investment Report

A 'FinTech' Solution for an Unexpected Corner of the Market

Fresno, California, seems an unlikely place for a financial revolution to start...

The city is an agricultural hub right in middle of the Central Valley. With production of grapes, almonds, cotton, and other crops, Fresno County is the No. 1 agricultural producing county in the U.S. It's the home of David sunflower seeds and Sun-Maid raisins.

But the origin of a major financial innovation that's used even now is a bit less likely.

Back in the 1950s, consumers were broadly familiar with the idea of a credit card. In 1950, Diners Club was introduced after the founder, Ralph Engelstad, was at home and had to turn to his wife to pay for a business lunch. His wife's balance had to be paid off monthly.

On the other hand, local bank cards had rollover credit. This allowed the balance to roll over time. However, they were limited to their region and were only willing to accept the credit from banks they knew.

In 1958, a Bank of America (BAC) executive named Joseph P. W. McKnight combined the two. He envisioned a card that would allow the cardholder to use it at a wide variety of merchants who would also accept it.

And of all places, he selected Fresno as his initial market to roll out the credit card.

Credit cards are known as a "two-way platform." To be effective, they need acceptance on two sides – from both merchants and consumers. Fresno was the market because it allowed just that...

For merchants, who often provided their own individual credit to customers, the credit card was a godsend. It allowed them to avoid the risk of non-payment.

IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

• Growing a household name

• A 'FinTech' solution for an unexpected corner of the market

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The New Bull Market Outside of the Melt Up

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Our Shot at Hundreds-of-Percent Gains in Just Three Years

Goldman Sachs has been trimming the fat in one key area of its business.

That might surprise you. The Melt Up is underway, after all. Initial public offerings ("IPOs") are booming. And Goldman – one of the world's dominant investment banks – is in the perfect position to benefit from what's going on.

So what gives? Where is the company making cuts in times like these?

Surprisingly, it's in a part of the market that it used to dominate. Back in the day, Goldman used to have one of the top commodity trading desks. But thanks to a multiyear bear market in commodities, the company's presence there has dwindled.

You see, two nails can seal the coffin of any commodity trading desk...

The first is a long-term downtrend in prices. When that happens, it's tough for even the best traders to weather the storm.

TWS Instant Read

U.S. Stocks: The Melt Up continues and our systems are as bullish as ever.

Foreign Stocks: Many foreign markets are hitting new highs. And we have plenty of buy signals outside the U.S.

Commodities: After a terrible decade, our computers are flashing "buy" once again. This could be the start of a long-term boom.

"You guys talk about 'life changing results'... I am actually taking pride in managing our investments. That is a big life change. "

- Nick F.

"...you folks have become my teachers and a true resource... educating me on how to invest for the long term. WHAT A GIFT!"

- Joe D.

"You have each been instrumental in helping me build wealth... analyses are consistently meticulous, concise and on-point."

- David K.

"...your recommendations had a profound impact on my family and I am very much appreciative."

- Kyle B.

"Empire Financial research articles have taught me a lot and I truly believe that small investors like me have no place in the market without your financial research and investment ideas."

- Sandeep L.

"...despite the world imploding, [you] helped me keep a level head in the early days of the pandemic."

- Nick C.

PROVEN, AGILE PLATFORM FOR LAUNCHING NEW PRODUCTS QUICKLY WITH LOW RISK

DETECT

Detect new demand and investment trends in the financial marketplace through observation, research and analysis

ANALYZE

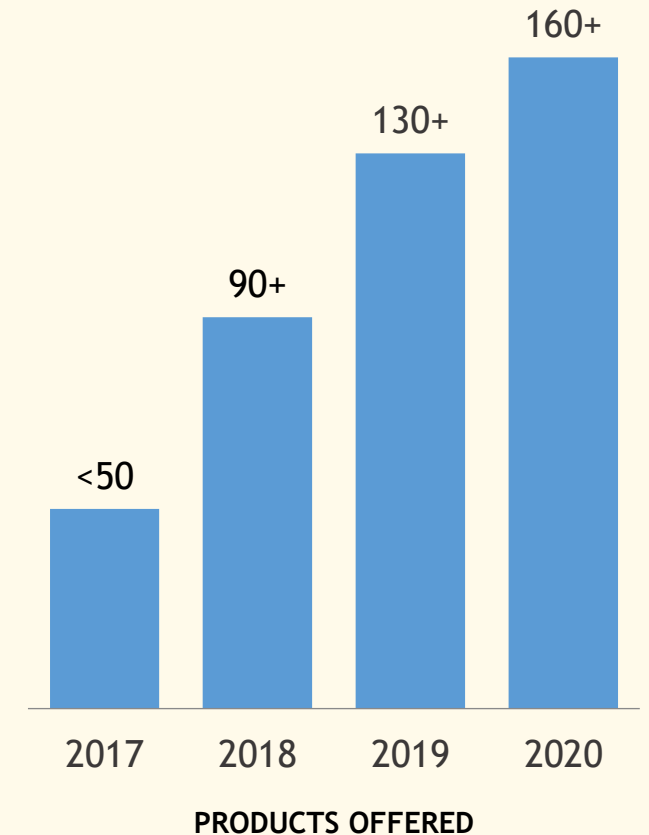
Identify a financial expert that has a personal passion for a specific area of growing customer interest and can provide unique insights

LAUNCH

Launch new products within weeks. Target offers based on customer behavior and use AI to track and improve results

SCALE

Grow content team in product area and cross-sell and upsell to build customer lifetime relationship

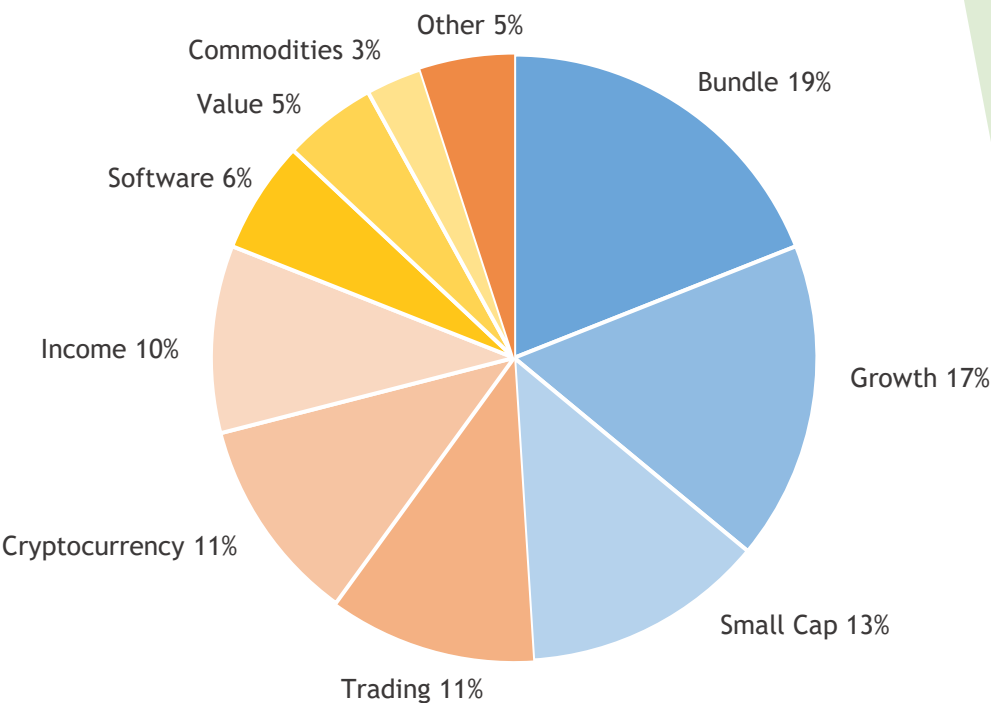


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DIVERSE RESEARCH PRODUCTS
(% OF BILLINGS - 2018-2020)



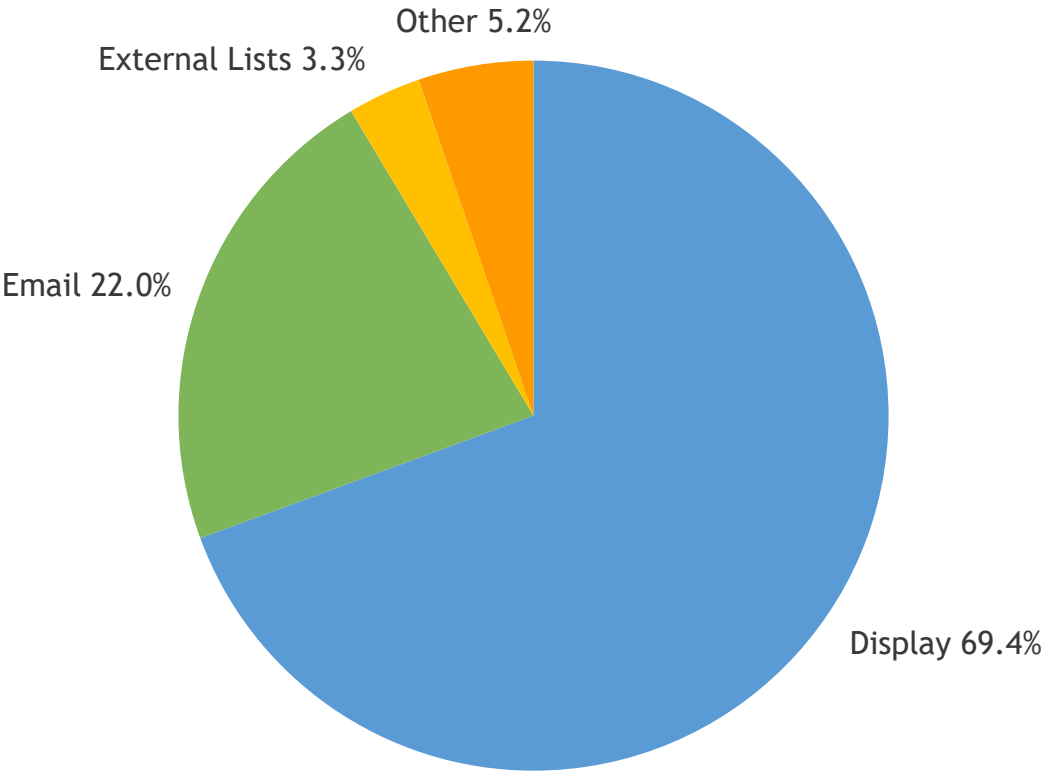
| | # OF SUBSCRIBERS ¹ | CUMULATIVE LIFETIME SPEND ¹ | SELECTED EXAMPLES |
|---|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Free General market commentary, current events - Insightful and educational | 10.9M | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newswire • Investor Hour • The Weekly Pulse • The Daily Cut |
| Paid Mega Cap equities and basic investment strategies | 658K ² | <\$600 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fry’s Investment Report - \$249 • Empire Stock Investor - \$199 |
| High Value More advanced investing strategies - Value Investing, Microcaps, Real Estate, Options, Trading, Cryptocurrencies | 233K ² | \$600-\$5,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empire Elite Growth - \$5,000 • Palm Beach Ventures - \$3,000 |
| Ultra High Value Product bundles | 110K ² | >\$5,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alliance - \$31,000 + \$499 annually • Total Portfolio - \$15,000 + \$499 annually |

1. As of March 31, 2021
 2. Number of subscribers indicated correspond with the cumulative lifetime spend to the right (e.g., 658K of the 1,001K+ total paid subscribers have less than \$600 of cumulative lifetime spend)

EXTERNAL MARKETING - CUSTOMER ACQUISITION

MULTI-CHANNEL MARKETING APPROACH

2020 EXTERNAL ORDERS GENERATED



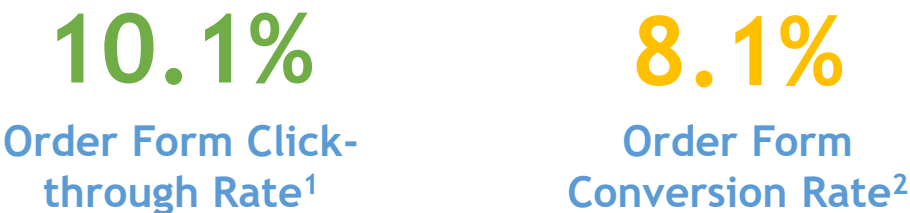
MARKETING CHANNEL MIX (2020)



SELECT DIRECT TO PAID DISPLAY CHANNELS

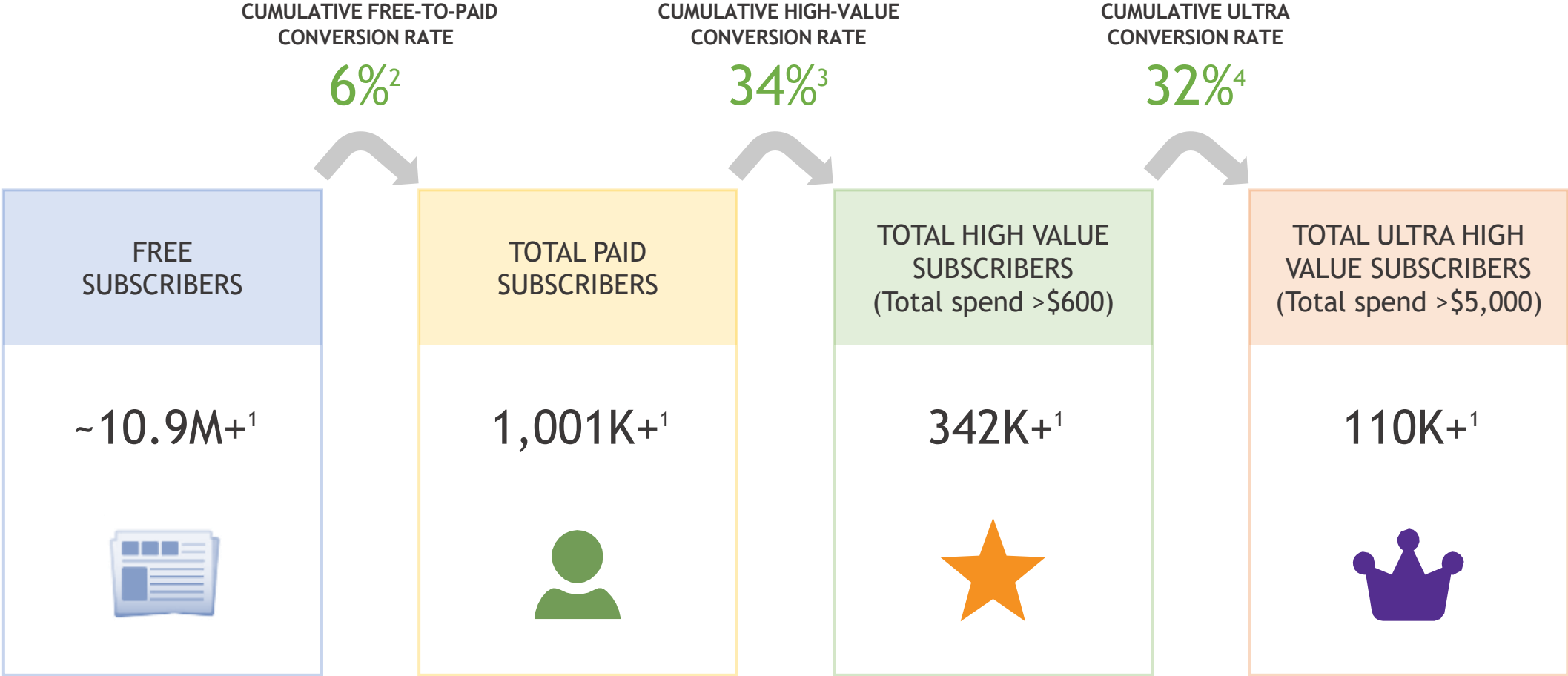


CONVERSION STATS (2020)



1. Order form click-through rate for paid subscription campaigns is derived from total order form visits / total landing page visits
2. Order form conversion rate for paid subscription campaigns is derived from main & upsell orders / total order form visits

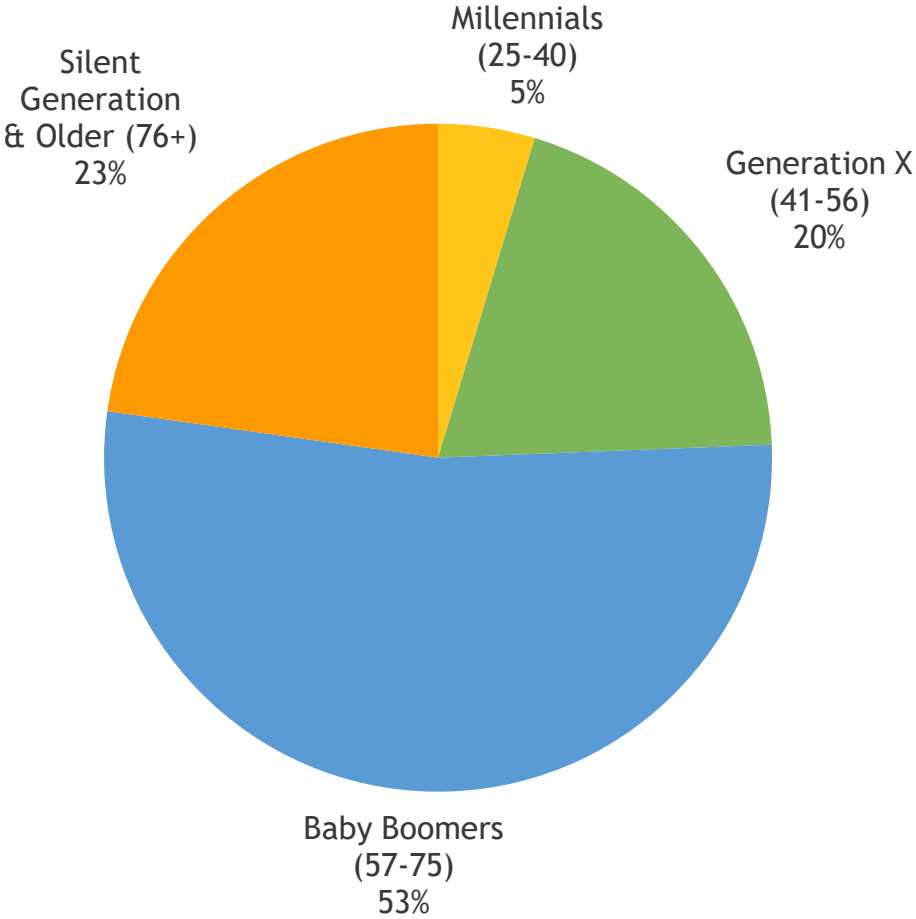
BEST-IN-CLASS BUSINESS MODEL TAILORED FOR HIGH VALUE SUBSCRIBERS



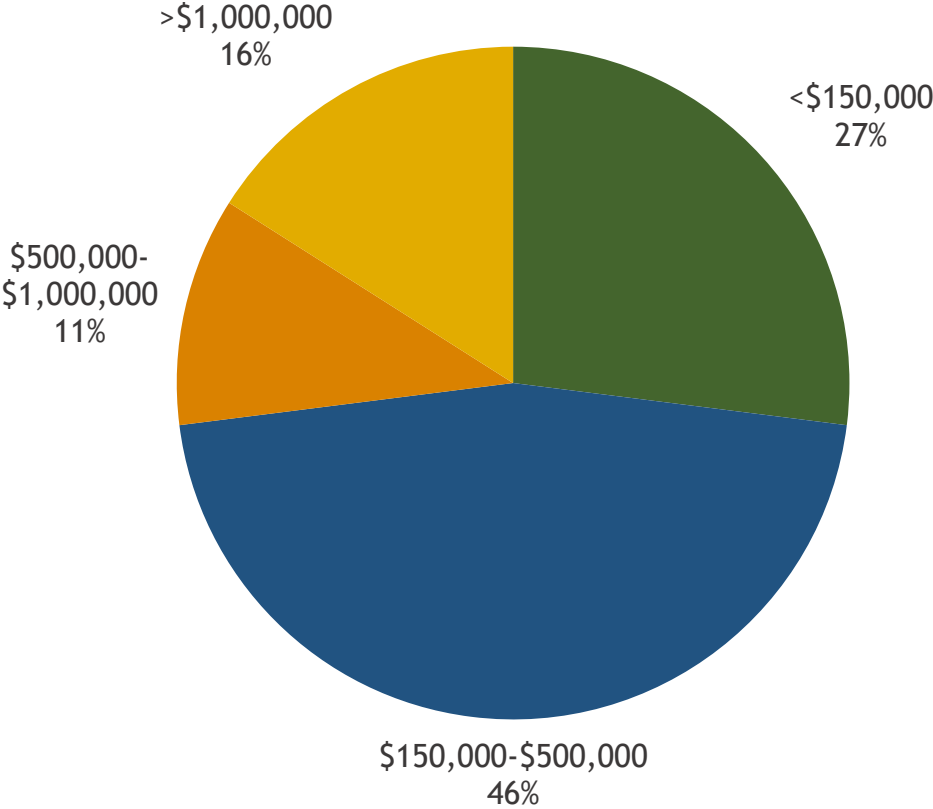
1. Subscriber figures shown as of March 31, 2021
2. Represents cumulative free-to-paid conversion rate for the period April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2021. Calculated as (number of free subscribers who purchased a subscription during the period) / (average number of free subscribers during the period)
3. Represents cumulative high-value conversion rate as of March 31, 2021. Calculated as (number of paid subscribers who have purchased >\$600 in aggregate over their lifetime as of March 31, 2021)/(number of paid subscribers as of March 31, 2021)
4. Represents cumulative ultra-value conversion rate as of March 31, 2021. Calculated as (number of paid subscribers who have purchased >\$5,000 in aggregate over their lifetime as of March 31, 2021)/(number of high value subscribers as of March 31, 2021)

SUBSCRIBER DEMOGRAPHICS

PAID SUBSCRIBERS BY GENERATION (AGE 25+)¹



PAID SUBSCRIBERS BY NET ASSETS¹



1. Source: Experian data

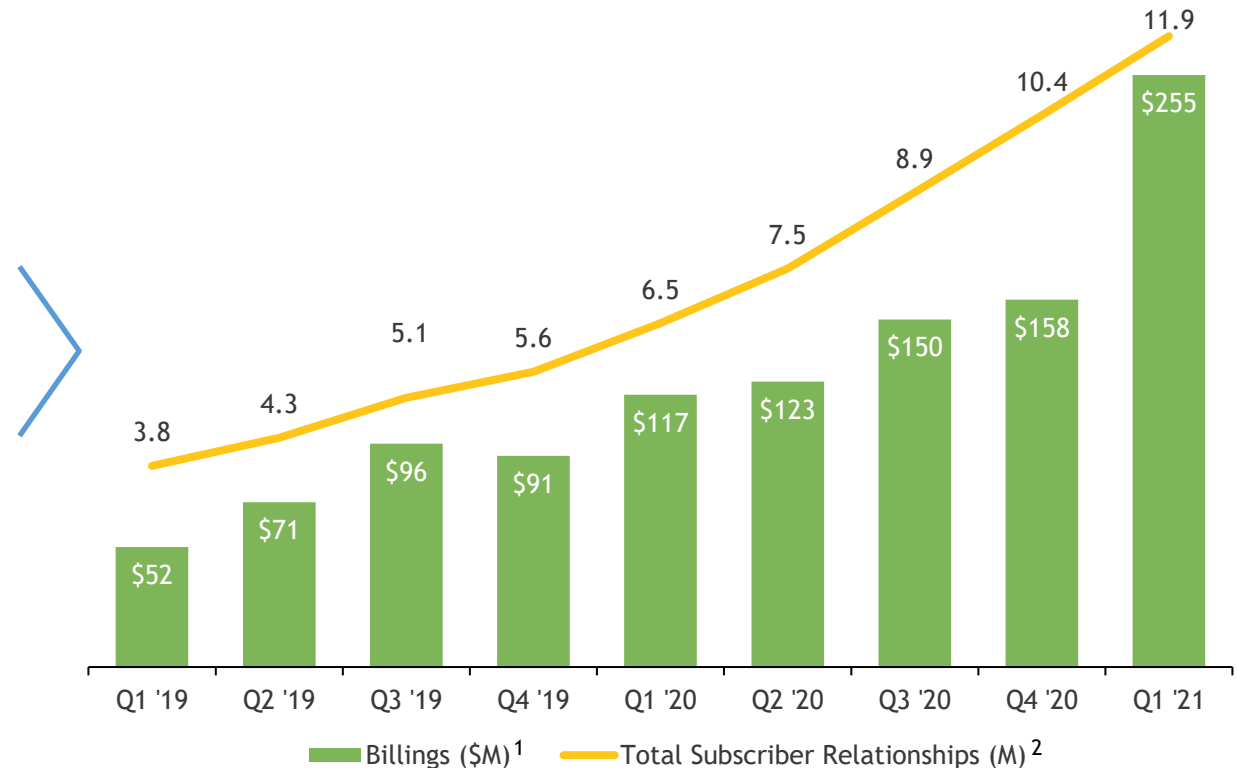
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VISION & GROWTH STRATEGY

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES ARE DRIVING AND ACCELERATING GROWTH

DRAMATIC SCALING OF ENTERPRISE

- Strategic acquisitions (6 operating subsidiaries)
- Broadened product offerings, including adding 27+ editors & 110+ publications and built or acquired software and tools to complement premium content
- Upgraded corporate infrastructure with deployment of new systems & applications, including analytics and machine learning
- Improvement in marketing efficiency & customer satisfaction / retention
- Recruited and trained additional talent across organization



1. Billings represents amounts invoiced to customers

2. Includes both free and paid subscribers

OUR VISION

TO BECOME THE DE-FACTO *FINANCIAL WELLNESS SOLUTIONS PLATFORM FOR SELF-DIRECTED INVESTORS*



Grow / Optimize
Marketing &
Customer Acquisition



Build/Buy
Addt'l Content,
Products & Brands



Invest in & Deepen
Community
Network



Invest in Brand
Marketing



Invest in
Technology, Data
& Analytics



Expand
Internationally



Establish
Partnerships
& M&A

1. EXPAND REACH AND DISCOVERABILITY

- Leverage existing financial education loop
- Expand and grow reach via additional channels including videos and live streaming
- Expand marketing channels

2. BUILD DEEP NETWORK EFFECTS

- Provide MarketWise subscribers with a greater ability to cultivate deeper social connections and connect with fellow members
- Generate multi-sided platform with flywheel effects










3. ADD ENGINEERING & ML EXCELLENCE

- Focus areas include machine learning, performance marketing, and SaaS product development
- Deepen breadth and depth of targeted offerings

4. CONSOLIDATE A FRAGMENTED MARKET

- Opportunities to accelerate and expand product offering, customer base, international
- Drive accretive M&A using cash and public currency

WE HAVE A TRACK RECORD OF EFFICIENT AND **HIGHLY ACCRETIVE CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

| | YEAR | FOCUS AREA | BUILD OR BUY | ORIGINAL BILLINGS (\$ MILLIONS) | 2020 BILLINGS (\$ MILLIONS) |
|---|------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|  PALM BEACH RESEARCH GROUP | 2010 | Macro | Build | -- | \$120 |
|  TRADESMITH™ | 2013 | Risk Allocation | Buy | \$1 | \$30 |
|  BONNER & PARTNERS | 2014 | Macro | Buy | \$5 | \$110 |
|  CASEY RESEARCH <small>Personal Freedom Through Financial Freedom</small> | 2015 | Commodities | Buy | \$12 | \$25 |
|  Omnia Research | 2016 | Trading | Build | -- | \$30 |
|  INVESTORPLACE | 2017 | Growth | Buy | \$28 | \$67 |
|  EMPIRE FINANCIAL RESEARCH | 2019 | Growth / SPACs | Build | -- | \$32 |
|  Altimetry <small>POWERED BY VALENS RESEARCH</small> | 2019 | Software | Build | -- | \$7 |
|  CHAIKIN™ ANALYTICS ¹ | 2021 | Software | Buy | \$3 | Future |
| Total | | | | \$49 | \$421 |
| % of Total 2020 Billings | | | | | 77% |

1. Acquisition completed on January 21, 2021; Original Billings represents billings in 2020; 2020 Billings left blank since acquisition was completed after 2020

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CASE STUDY



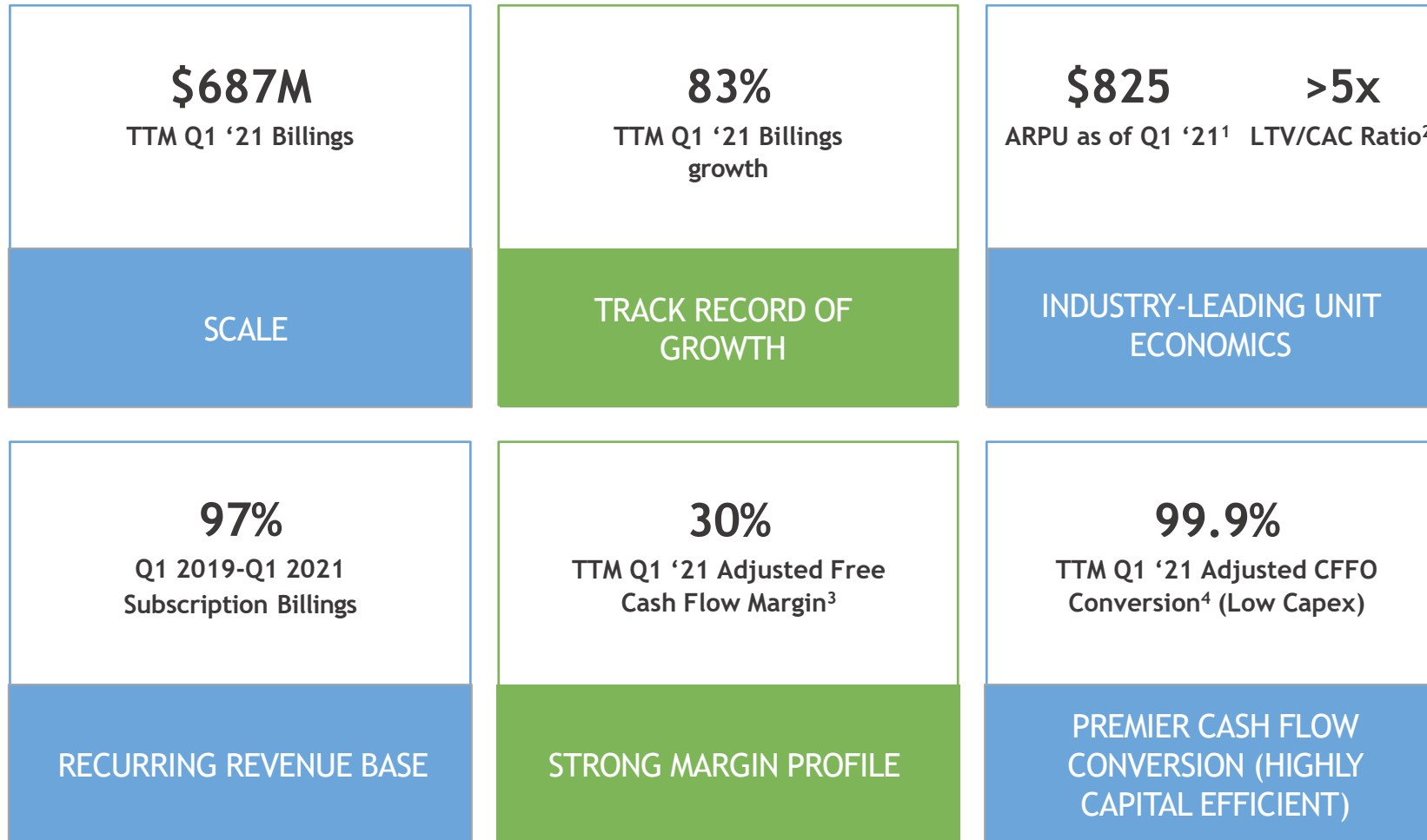
- Formed new brand in early 2019 with well known investor as a partner (no upfront capital)
- First paid publication launched in April 2019
 - Launch generated \$11M in Net Revenue with approximately 3,000 paid subscribers
- Lower priced product launched in Dec 2019 paving the way to add subscribers to our sales funnel
- Added two additional editors to launch additional products
- One year post initiation, both lower priced and premium priced subscriptions fueled growth of paid list and revenues
- Compelling content combined with effective/efficient marketing delivered outstanding results
- Business was breakeven in calendar year 2019 and turned a profit in 2020
- By the end of 2020, there were 3 editors and 6 paid products

| | Launch | 2019 | 2020 |
|------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Net Revenues | \$11M | \$15M | \$32M |
| Paid Subscribers | 3K | 5K | 83K |
| Free Subscribers | 10K | 10K | 58K |

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



1. Based on trailing four quarter net billings / average number of trailing four quarter paid subscribers

2. Based on average lifetime customer contribution margin divided by customer acquisition costs. Customer acquisition costs include direct marketing spend, external revenue share expense, retention and renewal expenses, copywriting and marketing salaries, tele-sales salaries and commissions and customer service commissions

3. Adjusted FCF Margin = Adjusted FCF / Billings. Adjusted FCF is calculated as Adjusted CFFO - Capital Expenditures. Adjusted CFFO is calculated as net cash provided by operating activities plus profits distributions to Class B unitholders included in stock based compensation expense

4. Adjusted CFFO Conversion = (Adjusted CFFO - Capital Expenditures) / Adjusted CFFO

SUPERIOR UNIT ECONOMICS - 2020...

“...with an LTV/CAC ratio of 3 or higher, investing an incremental dollar in acquiring new customers has a greater expected return than retaining that dollar as profit...”



Avg. Customer Lifetime Billings **\$2,700**

High Variable Margin

LTV/CAC¹ Ratio **>5x**

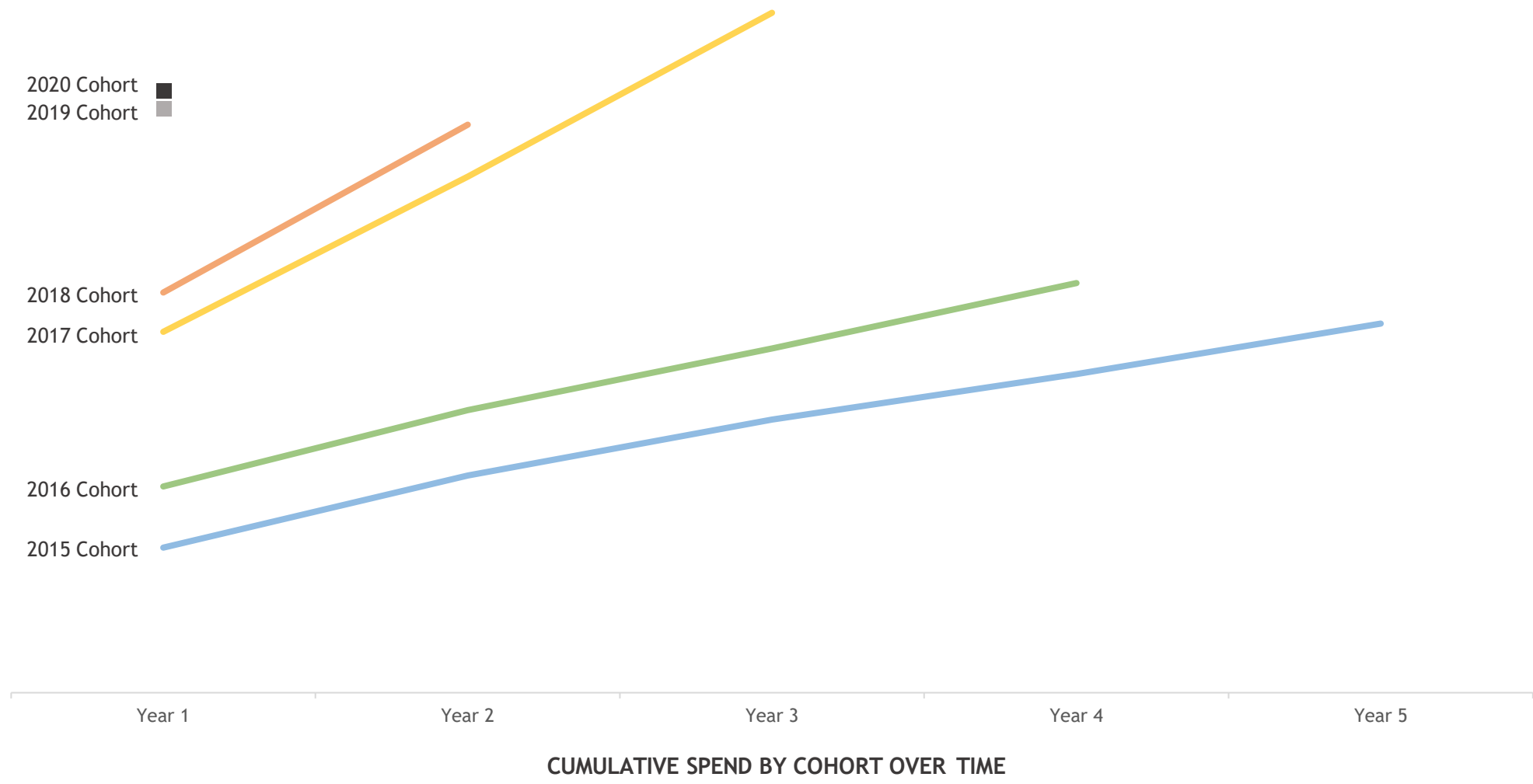
90 Days
CPA² Breakeven

7-9 Months
CAC¹ Breakeven

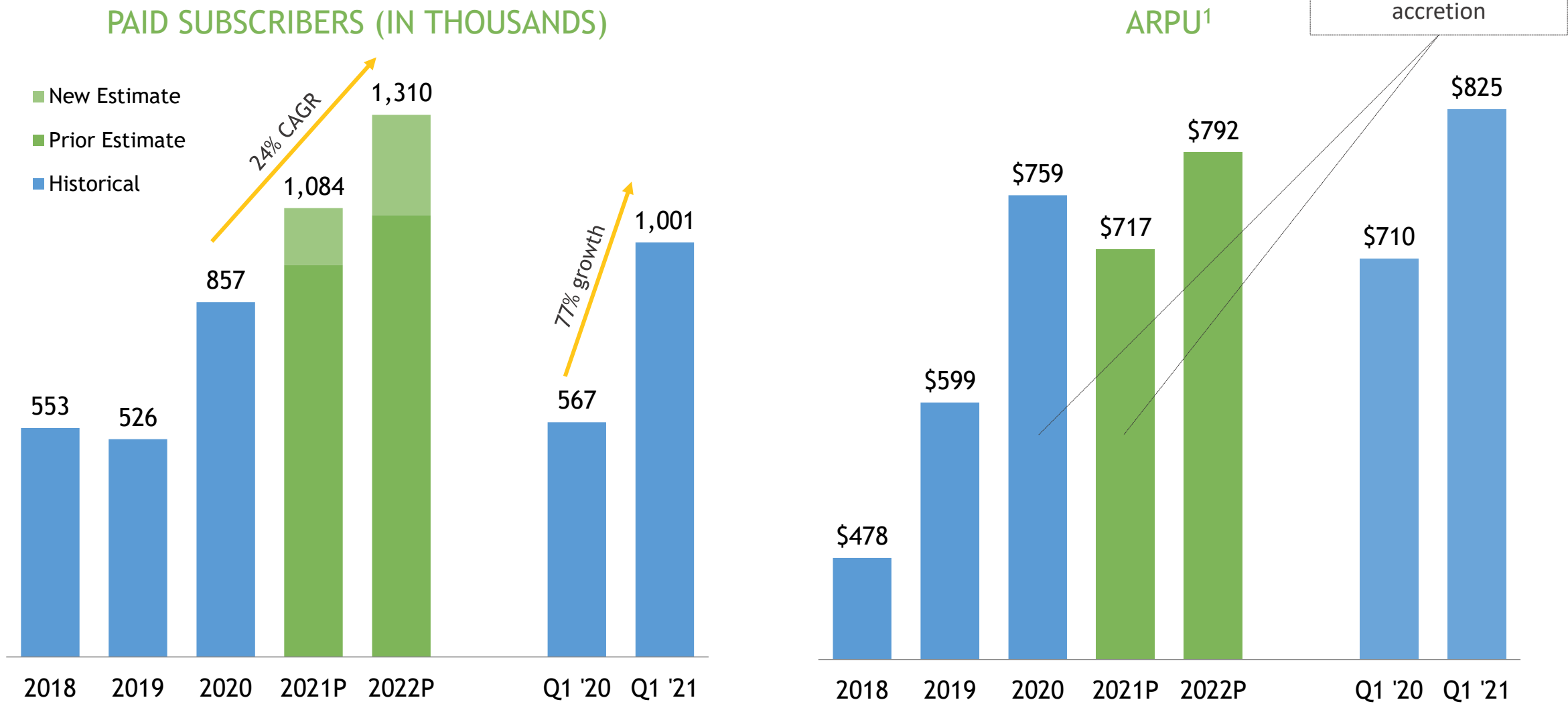
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2. CPA - Cost per acquisition includes direct marketing spend only

SUBSCRIBERS SPENDING MORE INITIALLY AND INCREASING THAT SPEND OVER TIME

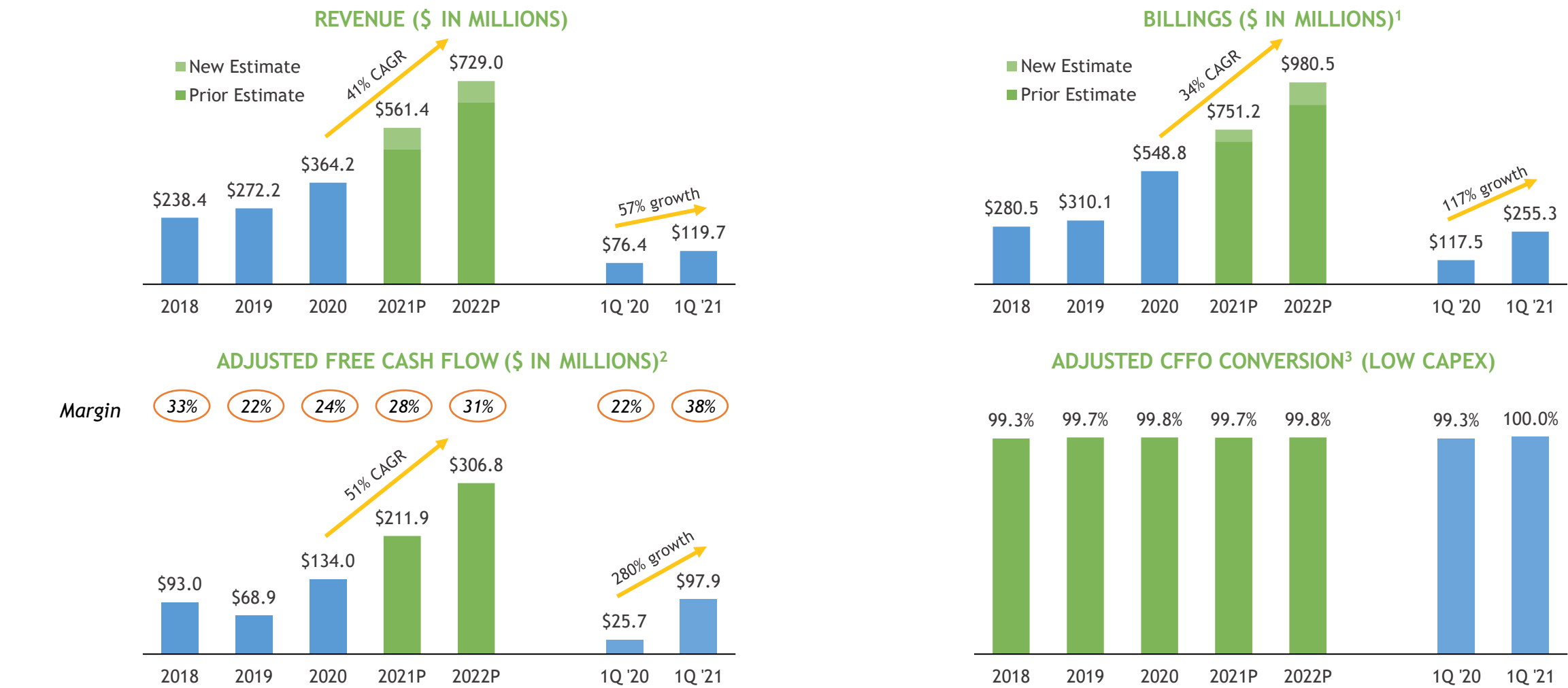


FORECASTED KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS



1. Based on trailing four quarter net billings / average number of trailing four quarter paid subscribers

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE LONG-TERM GROWTH AT SCALE



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2. Adjusted FCF = Adjusted CFFO - Capital Expenditures. Adjusted CFFO is calculated as net cash provided by operating activities plus profits distributions to Class B unitholders included in stock based compensation expense. Adjusted FCF Margin = Adjusted FCF / Billings

3. Adjusted CFFO Conversion = (Adjusted CFFO - Capital Expenditures) / Adjusted CFFO

KEY FORECAST ASSUMPTIONS

Subscribers

- Continued strong new free and paid subscriber growth
- Trend-like conversion rate inputs
- Revenue retention rate of 95%+ each year
- Trend-like subscriber count churn of 1.5% to 2.0% per month
- Stable product pricing
- GAAP revenue: ~35% to 38% of Billings each year, plus the current portion of deferred revenue
- No M&A included; organic forecast only

Margins

- Stable gross margins in 86% to 87% range
- Customer acquisition cost (CAC) on a GAAP basis approximates the average between 2019 and 2020
- Excluding stock-based compensation, G&A grows 40% to 50% in 2021 to support public company readiness but stabilizes in 2022
- D&A of approximately \$3 million annually; Research and Development maintains its percent of revenue
- Effective tax of 5% to 6%
- Capex of less than \$1 million annually
- We do not anticipate having to make any tax liability distributions to partners in 2021 and estimate 2022 tax liability distributions in the range of \$0 to \$20M⁽¹⁾

Maintain “Rule of 50” Status

- 2021 projected GAAP revenue growth of 54% plus Adj FCF Margin of 28% = 82%
- Longer Term Target:
 - GAAP revenue growth 30% to 40%
 - Adjusted FCF margin 28% to 33%
 >> 50%

(1) The tax distributions for non-Pubco partners are estimated based upon taxable income forecasts derived from the 2021 and 2022 forecasts presented herein. These estimates are further dependent on multiple variables, including potential tax reform, the amount of SPAC redemptions and non-Pubco partner sales at transaction date, the amount and timing of future exchanges, the sales composition of lifetime versus term Billings, and stock price at vesting date for stock-based compensation. The estimates presented here are based on the following assumptions: a) the existing tax laws remain in place, b) there are no redemptions by SPAC investors at the transaction date (with non-PubCo partners owning approximately 80% of MarketWise LLC), c) there are no exchanges in 2021 or 2022, d) the sales composition of lifetime versus term Billings remains similar to the sales composition in the baseline forecasts (approximately 33% of Billings each year), and e) the stock price is \$10 on the vesting date of the stock-based compensation in 2022. 32

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES

KEY GROWTH DRIVERS

- Paid marketing spend
- New products/markets
- M&A

KEY PROFITABILITY DRIVERS

- Paid marketing spend
- Conversion/upsells
- ROIs



**SUSTAINED TARGET
“ADJUSTED RULE OF 50”¹ FINANCIAL PROFILE**

1. Adjusted Rule of 50 equals annual GAAP Revenue Growth Rate plus Adjusted FCF Margin

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TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

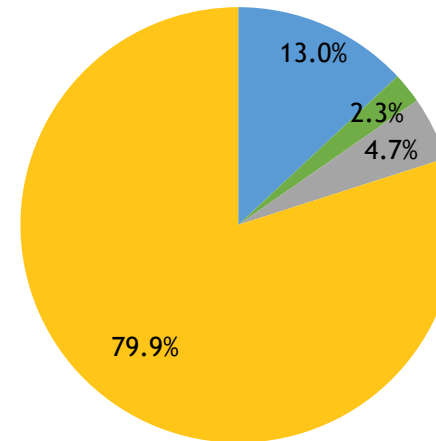
TRANSACTION SUMMARY

- ACND has agreed to combine with MarketWise in a transaction with an implied total enterprise value of \$3.024 billion
- This transaction represents an attractive pro forma multiple of 5.4x 2021P GAAP Revenue and 14.3x 2021P Adjusted Free Cash Flow
- Concurrent with this transaction, MarketWise and ACND has raised \$150 million in a PIPE offering at \$10.00 per share
- After giving effect to these transactions, pro forma company will have approximately \$150 million of cash on its balance sheet
- Lock-up: 6-12 months

ILLUSTRATIVE SOURCES & USES (\$M)

| SOURCES | | USES | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| ACND Cash Held in Trust | \$414 | Cash to Balance Sheet | \$150 |
| PIPE Raise Proceeds | 150 | Transaction Fees & Expenses | 40 |
| Sellers' Equity Rollover | 2,537 | Cash to Sellers ¹ | 374 |
| | | Sellers' Equity Rollover | 2,537 |
| TOTAL | \$3,101 | TOTAL | \$3,101 |

ILLUSTRATIVE PRO FORMA OWNERSHIP AT CLOSE^{1,2}



■ ACND Shareholders ■ ACND Founders ■ PIPE Investors ■ Seller's Rollover Equity³

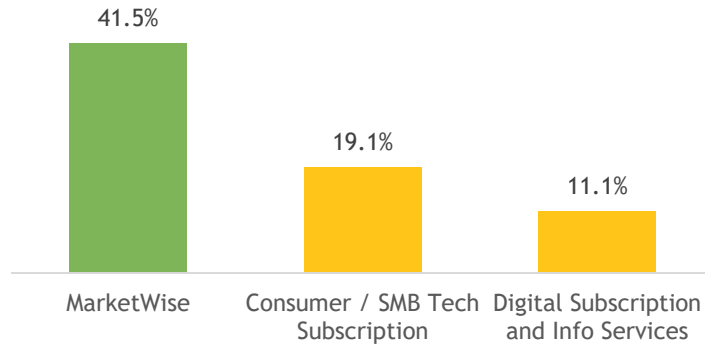
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2. Excludes ACND warrants and earnout shares and shares issuable pursuant to the combined company's equity incentive plans

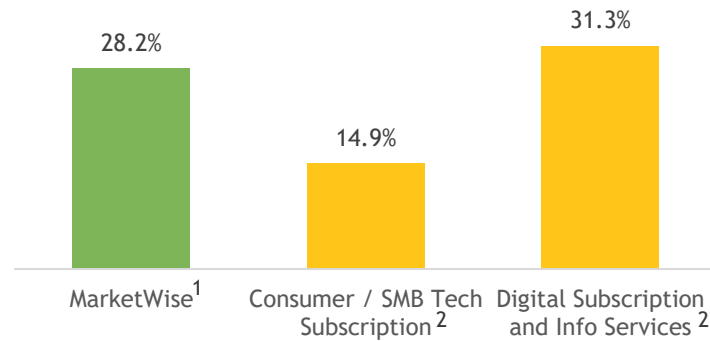
3. Includes approximately 18% that will be subject to a voting arrangement in favor of the board of directors of the combined company

MARKETWISE VS. COMPS: BEST IN CLASS WITH SIGNIFICANT UPSIDE POTENTIAL

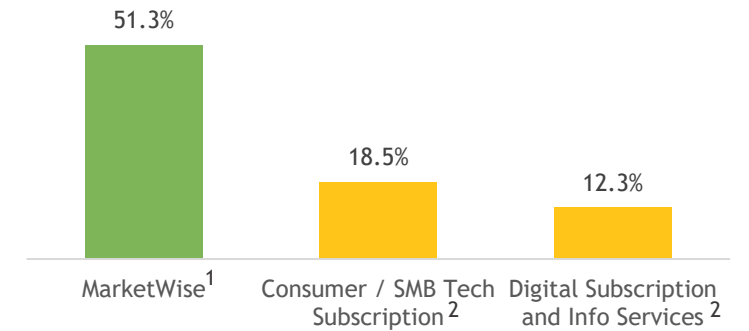
2020-2022P GAAP REVENUE CAGR (%)



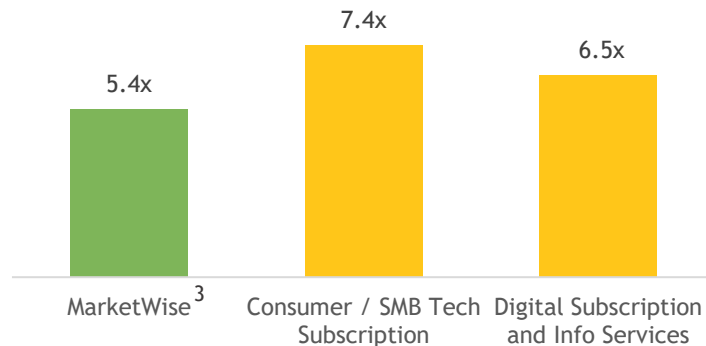
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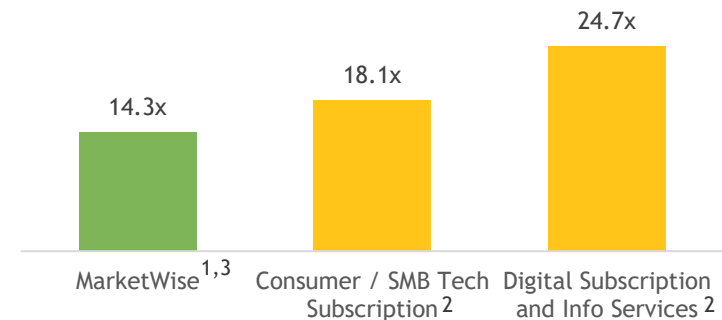
2020-2022P ADJ. FREE CASH FLOW CAGR (%)



EV / 2021P REVENUE (X)



EV / 2021P ADJ. FREE CASH FLOW (X)⁴



Sources: FactSet as of 5/20/2021, Wall Street research

Notes: Consumer / SMB Tech Subscription group includes: CHGG, DBX, GDDY, HUBS, MTCH, NFLX, SPOT, SQ, SVMK, WIX; Digital Subscription and Info Services group includes: CSGP, ENV, FDS, FORR, INFO, IT, MORN, MSCI, NYT

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2. Adjusted Free Cash Flow = Adjusted CFFO + Taxes - Capital Expenditures. Adjusted Free Cash Flow Margin = Adjusted Free Cash Flow / GAAP Revenue

3. Multiples based on pro forma Total Enterprise Value of \$3,024 million

4. Trading multiples greater than 45.0x are excluded

PUBLIC COMPARABLES RATIONALE

Consumer / SMB Tech Subscription

- MarketWise is a direct to consumer, tech-enabled, subscription-based business whose success is driven by its ability to directly connect with retail investors, get them interested enough to click through and to subscribe and whose value is ultimately driven by forming personal connections with these subscribers, providing high quality content, and converting them to this higher value content at higher price points
- Target customers are primarily retail investors whose buying behavior closely resembles that of consumer subscription customers
- Free-to-paid business model aligns closely with many high performing consumer / SMB tech companies, with higher tiers for customers as they continue to see greater value
- MarketWise is at the most favorable end of the range of this peer group for all major categories of: i.) revenue growth, ii.) gross margins, iii.) ARPU, iv.) monthly churn, and v.) LTV / CAC

Digital Subscription and Info Services

- MarketWise's content has similarities to many of the digital subscription and info services companies, although a number of the comps in the group are more focused on institutional customers as compared to consumers
- This group is focused on digital publication of financial media content, which is similar to MarketWise's content and delivery medium
- MarketWise leads in all major categories versus this peer group (and is in line with the group in monthly churn): i.) revenue growth, ii.) gross margins, iii.) ARPU, iv.) monthly churn, and v.) LTV / CAC

INDUSTRY LEADING COMPS - CONSUMER / SMB TECH SUBSCRIPTION

(\$ in millions, except per share data)

| Company | Financial Metrics | | | | | Operational Metrics (LTM) | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Revenue YoY Growth | | Rev CAGR | Gross Margin | | Annual | Monthly | LTV / |
| | '20-'21 | '21-'22 | '20-'22 | 2020 | 2021E | ARPU | Churn | CAC |
| Netflix, Inc. | 18.9% | 15.1% | 17.0% | 38.9% | 41.3% | \$ 138.2 | 4.0% | - |
| Square, Inc. | 47.0% | 18.7% | 32.1% | 28.9% | 21.5% | 41.0 ⁽¹⁾ | - | - |
| Spotify Technology S.A. | 19.0% | 19.5% | 19.3% | 25.6% | 25.5% | 61.6 | 4.0% | 2.7x |
| Match Group, Inc. | 20.0% | 18.0% | 19.0% | 73.6% | 73.3% | 237.3 | - | - |
| HubSpot, Inc. | 40.5% | 26.8% | 33.5% | 81.1% | 82.1% | - ⁽²⁾ | - | - |
| Wix.com Ltd. | 30.4% | 24.9% | 27.6% | 68.1% | 61.8% | 216.6 | 1.4% | - |
| GoDaddy Inc. | 12.9% | 10.3% | 11.6% | 65.1% | 64.9% | 168.4 | 1.2% | >10x |
| Chegg, Inc. | 23.9% | 21.5% | 22.7% | 68.1% | 68.5% | 139.2 | - | - |
| Dropbox, Inc. | 11.0% | 9.0% | 10.0% | 78.3% | 80.0% | 129.4 | - | - |
| SVMK Inc. | 18.3% | 19.7% | 19.0% | 77.7% | 81.9% | 487.0 | - | - |
| Mean: | 24.2% | 18.4% | 21.2% | 60.5% | 60.1% | | | |
| Median: | 19.5% | 19.1% | 19.1% | 68.1% | 66.7% | | | |
| MarketWise | 54.2% | 29.8% | 41.5% | 85.8% ⁽³⁾ | 86.8% ⁽³⁾ | \$ 825.5 | 1.8% | >5x |

Sources: FactSet, CapitalIQ, Wall Street research, public filings & transcripts

(1) Square ARPU represents Cash App

(2) HubSpot reports ARPU, but it was not included due to difference in customer type

(3) Excludes stock-based compensation

INDUSTRY LEADING COMPS - DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION AND INFO SERVICES

(\$ in millions, except per share data)

| Company | Financial Metrics | | | | | Operational Metrics (LTM) | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Revenue YoY Growth | | Rev CAGR | Gross Margin | | Annual | Monthly | LTV / |
| | '20-'21 | '21-'22 | '20-'22 | 2020 | 2021E | ARPU | Churn | CAC |
| MSCI Inc. | 16.5% | 10.2% | 13.3% | 82.8% | 83.1% | - | 0.5% | - |
| IHS Markit Ltd. | 7.5% | 6.4% | 6.9% | 62.9% | 62.4% | - | - | - |
| CoStar Group, Inc. | 17.0% | 15.9% | 16.5% | 81.4% | 81.3% | - | - | - |
| Gartner, Inc. | 10.5% | 13.0% | 11.7% | 67.2% | 68.4% | - | 1.6% ⁽¹⁾ | - |
| FactSet Research Systems Inc. | 5.7% | 4.7% | 5.2% | 52.6% | NA | - | 0.9% | - |
| Morningstar, Inc. | NA | NA | NA | 60.0% | NA | - | - | - |
| The New York Times Company | 14.5% | 6.6% | 10.5% | 45.3% | NA | - | - | 3.7x |
| Envestnet, Inc. | 15.2% | 10.5% | 12.8% | 69.4% | 65.7% | - | - | - |
| Forrester Research, Inc. | 6.8% | 8.0% | 7.4% | 59.7% | 58.9% | - | 2.6% | - |
| Mean: | 11.7% | 9.4% | 10.5% | 64.6% | 70.0% | | | |
| Median: | 12.5% | 9.1% | 11.1% | 62.9% | 67.1% | | | |
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(1) Gartner churn represents global technology sales

(2) Excludes stock-based compensation

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ \$191B TAM with significant tailwinds, ripe for disruption
- ✓ Market leading tech platform with scalable high-value and proprietary content, data & analytics
- ✓ 11M+ self-directed investors, growing at a 77% CAGR from Q1 2019 to Q1 2021
- ✓ 12 primary customer facing brands offering 160+ products
- ✓ “Adjusted Rule of 50”¹ financial profile: Scale, Growth, Recurring Revenue, High Adjusted FCF² (Low Capex)
- ✓ Deep, long-tenured & proven team
- ✓ Multiple organic & inorganic avenues to potentially drive sustained profitable growth at scale

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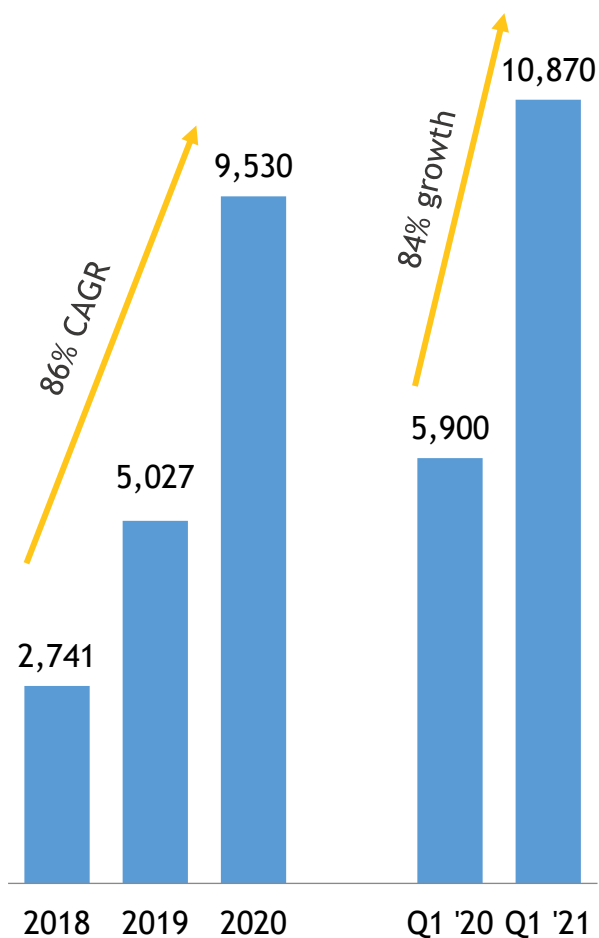
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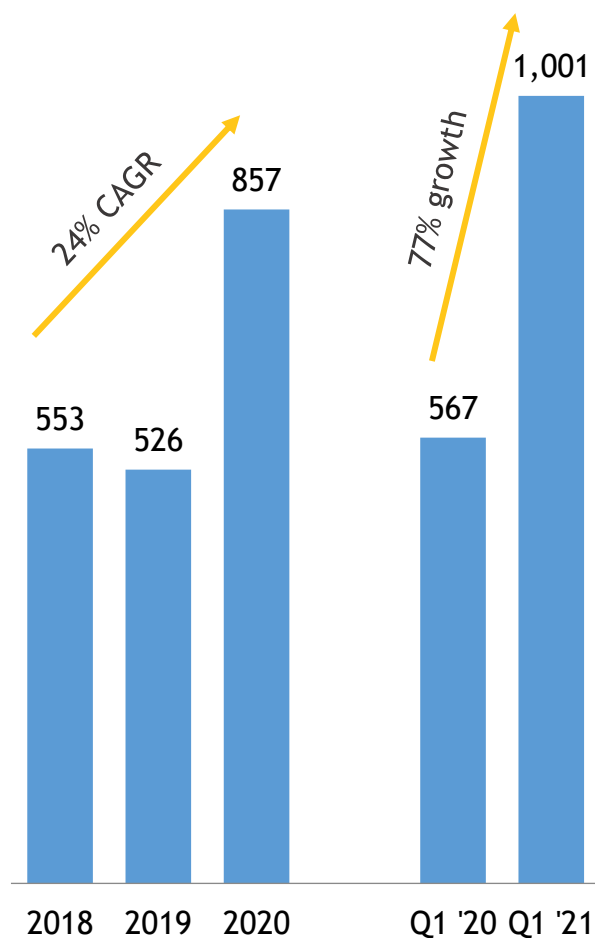
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HISTORICAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

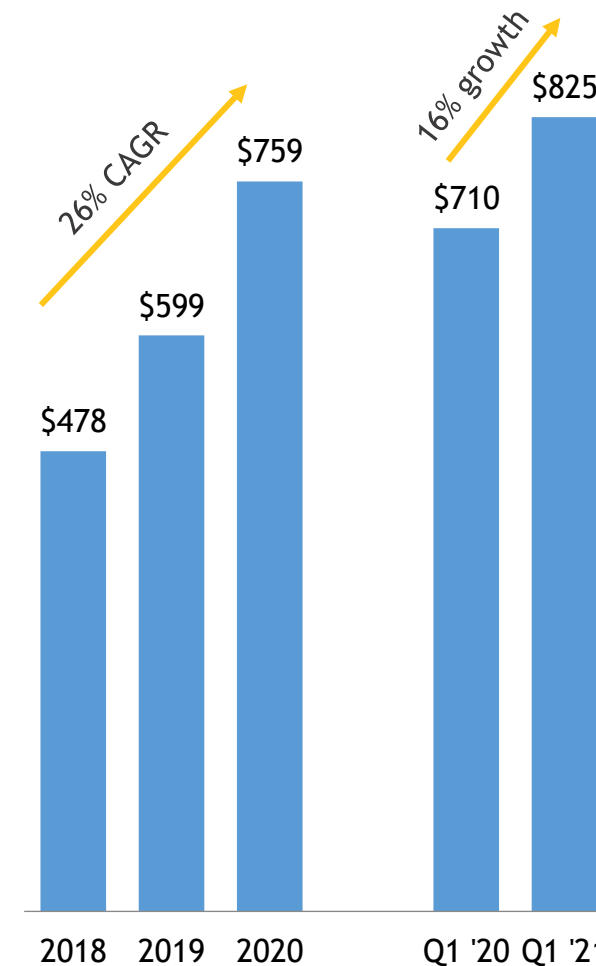
FREE SUBSCRIBERS
(IN THOUSANDS)



PAID SUBSCRIBERS
(IN THOUSANDS)



ARPU¹



1. Based on trailing four quarter net billings / average number of trailing four quarter paid subscribers

NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS

| (\$ in 000's) | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Q1 2020 | Q1 2021 |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | 76,493 | 54,201 | 55,875 | (6,384) | 92,305 |
| Plus: Profits distributions to Class B unitholders included in stock based compensation expense | 17,135 | 14,831 | 78,398 | 32,313 | 5,651 |
| Adj. CFFO (Adjusted Cash Flow from Operations) | 93,628 | 69,032 | 134,273 | 25,929 | 97,956 |

GAAP INCOME STATEMENTS

| (\$ in 000's) | | | | % Variance | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------|-------------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | '18 v '19 | '19 v '20 |
| Total Revenue | 238,449 | 272,223 | 364,179 | 14% | 34% |
| Operating Expenses | | | | | |
| Cost of Revenue | 57,643 | 42,553 | 154,605 | -26% | 263% |
| Sales and Marketing | 97,332 | 106,094 | 214,257 | 9% | 102% |
| General and Administrative | 58,215 | 91,669 | 526,561 | 57% | 474% |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 2,534 | 2,334 | 2,553 | -8% | 9% |
| Research and Development | 2,303 | 3,672 | 4,770 | 59% | 30% |
| Related Party Expenses | 2,096 | 331 | 122 | -84% | -63% |
| Total Operating Expenses | 220,123 | 246,654 | 902,867 | 12% | 266% |
| Income (Loss) from Operations | 18,326 | 25,569 | (538,688) | 40% | N/M |
| Other (Income) Expense, net | (278) | (865) | 2,879 | N/M | N/M |
| Interest (Income) Expense, net | (67) | (1,558) | (477) | N/M | N/M |
| Net Income (Loss) | 18,671 | 27,993 | (541,090) | 50% | N/M |

| (\$ in 000's) | | | | % Variance | |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | '18 v '19 | '19 v '20 |
| Stock Based Compensation Expense¹ | | | | | |
| Vested Class B Units & Change in Fair Value of Class B Liability Awards | 11,077 | 5,608 | 475,202 | -49% | 8373% |
| Profits distribution to Class B Unitholders included in stock based compensation expense | 17,135 | 14,831 | 78,398 | -13% | 429% |
| Total Stock Based Compensation Expense | 28,212 | 20,439 | 553,600 | -28% | 2608% |

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|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Stock Based Compensation Line Item Summary¹ | | | | | |
| Cost of Revenue | 21,889 | 5,025 | 102,736 | -77% | 1944% |
| Sales and Marketing | 6,323 | - | 10,567 | N/M | N/M |
| General and Administrative | - | 15,414 | 440,297 | N/M | 2756% |
| Total Stock Based Compensation Expense | 28,212 | 20,439 | 553,600 | -28% | 2608% |

1. Within our expenses historically are stock-based compensation expenses related to the Class B Units. Because MarketWise's current operating agreement includes puts and calls for the Class B units, these current Class B Units are classified as liabilities as opposed to equity and remeasured to fair value at the end of each reporting period until settlement into equity, with the change in value being charged to stock-based compensation expense. Additionally, because the Class B Units are classified as liabilities on MarketWise's consolidated balance sheet, all profits distributions made to the holders of the Class B Units are considered to be stock-based compensation expenses. As a result of the merger with Ascendant, in which all Class B Units will be converted into straight Common Units (with no calls or puts), MarketWise does not expect to continue recognizing stock-based compensation expenses related to the Class B Units for periods after the consummation of this merger. While going forward MarketWise does not expect to incur the levels of stock-based compensation expense MarketWise has historically as a result the liability-award classification of the Class B Units, MarketWise does expect to incur much-reduced stock-based compensation expense in the ordinary course

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Total Revenue | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Operating Expenses | | | |
| Cost of Revenue | 24% | 16% | 42% |
| Sales and Marketing | 41% | 39% | 59% |
| General and Administrative | 24% | 34% | 145% |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Research and Development | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Related Party Expenses | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| Total Operating Expenses | 92% | 91% | 248% |
| Income (Loss) from Operations | 8% | 9% | -148% |
| Other (Income) Expense, net | 0% | 0% | 1% |
| Interest (Income) Expense, net | 0% | -1% | 0% |
| Net Income (Loss) | 8% | 10% | -149% |

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|---|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Stock Based Compensation Line Item Summary¹ | | | |
| Cost of Revenue | 9% | 2% | 28% |
| Sales and Marketing | 3% | 0% | 3% |
| General and Administrative | 0% | 6% | 121% |
| Total Stock Based Compensation Expense | 12% | 8% | 152% |

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(\$ in 000's)

| | Q1 2020 | Q1 2021 | % Variance |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| Total Revenue | 76,382 | 119,714 | 57% |
| Operating Expenses | | | |
| Cost of Revenue | 14,681 | 132,812 | 805% |
| Sales and Marketing | 40,332 | 91,785 | 128% |
| General and Administrative | 36,453 | 507,429 | 1292% |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 611 | 751 | 23% |
| Research and Development | 1,027 | 1,778 | 73% |
| Related Party Expenses | 50 | 20 | -61% |
| Total Operating Expenses | 93,153 | 734,574 | 689% |
| Income (Loss) from Operations | (16,771) | (614,860) | N/M |
| Other (Income) Expense, net | (204) | 228 | N/M |
| Interest (Income) Expense, net | (105) | (5) | N/M |
| Net Income (Loss) | (16,462) | (615,083) | N/M |

(\$ in 000's)

| | 1Q 2020 | 1Q 2021 | % Variance |
|--|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Stock Based Compensation Expense¹ | | | |
| Vested Class B Units & Change in Fair Value of Class B Liability Awards | (11,816) | 595,424 | N/M |
| Profits distribution to Class B Unitholders included in stock based compensation expense | 32,313 | 5,651 | -83% |
| Total Stock Based Compensation Expense | 20,497 | 601,074 | 2832% |

Stock Based Compensation Line Item Summary¹

| | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Cost of Revenue | 3,168 | 114,349 | 3509% |
| Sales and Marketing | 1,204 | 14,070 | 1069% |
| General and Administrative | 16,125 | 472,656 | 2831% |
| Total Stock Based Compensation Expense | 20,497 | 601,074 | 2833% |

1. Within our expenses historically are stock-based compensation expenses related to the Class B Units. Because MarketWise's current operating agreement includes puts and calls for the Class B units, these current Class B Units are classified as liabilities as opposed to equity and remeasured to fair value at the end of each reporting period until settlement into equity, with the change in value being charged to stock-based compensation expense. Additionally, because the Class B Units are classified as liabilities on MarketWise's consolidated balance sheet, all profits distributions made to the holders of the Class B Units are considered to be stock-based compensation expenses. As a result of the merger with Ascendant, in which all Class B Units will be converted into straight Common Units (with no calls or puts), MarketWise does not expect to continue recognizing stock-based compensation expenses related to the Class B Units for periods after the consummation of this merger. While going forward MarketWise does not expect to incur the levels of stock-based compensation expense MarketWise has historically as a result the liability-award classification of the Class B Units, MarketWise does expect to incur much-reduced stock-based compensation expense in the ordinary course

Q1 2020 Q1 2021

| | Q1 2020 | Q1 2021 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Total Revenue | 100% | 100% |
| Operating Expenses | | |
| Cost of Revenue | 19% | 111% |
| Sales and Marketing | 53% | 77% |
| General and Administrative | 48% | 424% |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 1% | 1% |
| Research and Development | 1% | 1% |
| Related Party Expenses | 0% | 0% |
| Total Operating Expenses | 122% | 614% |
| Income (Loss) from Operations | -22% | -514% |
| Other (Income) Expense, net | 0% | 0% |
| Interest (Income) Expense, net | 0% | 0% |
| Net Income (Loss) | -22% | -514% |

Stock Based Compensation Line Item Summary¹

| | | |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Cost of Revenue | 4% | 96% |
| Sales and Marketing | 2% | 12% |
| General and Administrative | 21% | 395% |
| Total Stock Based Compensation Expense | 27% | 502% |

QUARTERLY METRICS

| (\$ in 000's) | 2019 | | | | | 2020 | | | | | 2021 |
|---|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Full Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Full Year | Q1 |
| GAAP Revenue | \$61,449 | \$67,814 | \$72,292 | \$70,668 | \$272,223 | \$76,382 | \$82,795 | \$98,159 | \$106,842 | \$364,179 | \$119,714 |
| Billings ¹ | 51,705 | 71,054 | 96,307 | 90,994 | 310,060 | 117,453 | 123,113 | 149,907 | 158,362 | 548,835 | 255,303 |
| Cash Flow from Operations | (26,314) ² | 12,269 | 45,254 | 22,992 | 54,201 | (6,384) | 31,795 | 47,813 | (17,348) | 55,875 | 92,305 |
| Plus: Profit Distributions from Class B Units | 6,229 | 1,044 | 7,301 | 256 | 14,831 | 32,313 | 5,757 | 7,241 | 33,087 | 78,398 | 5,651 |
| Adjusted CFFO | (20,084) ² | 13,314 | 52,555 | 23,248 | 69,032 | 25,929 | 37,552 | 55,054 | 15,739 | 134,273 | 97,956 |
| Adjusted CFFO | (20,084) ² | 13,314 | 52,555 | 23,248 | 69,032 | 25,929 | 37,552 | 55,054 | 15,739 | 134,273 | 97,956 |
| Less: Capex | (43) | (50) | (63) | (21) | (177) | (184) | (30) | (15) | (61) | (290) | (13) |
| Adjusted FCF | (20,127) ² | 13,264 | 52,492 | 23,226 | 68,856 | 25,745 | 37,522 | 55,039 | 15,678 | 133,984 | 97,943 |

| | 2019 | | | | | 2020 | | | | | 2021 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Full Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Full Year | Q1 |
| Free Subscribers | 3,260,446 | 3,799,050 | 4,551,731 | 5,027,461 | 5,027,461 | 5,900,065 | 6,817,076 | 8,147,974 | 9,529,622 | 9,529,622 | 10,870,171 |
| Paid Subscribers | 521,797 | 511,168 | 512,921 | 526,018 | 526,018 | 566,917 | 683,593 | 785,539 | 856,826 | 856,826 | 1,001,432 |
| Total Subscribers | 3,782,243 | 4,310,218 | 5,064,652 | 5,553,479 | 5,553,479 | 6,466,982 | 7,500,669 | 8,933,513 | 10,386,448 | 10,386,448 | 11,871,603 |

1. Billings represents amounts invoiced to customers

2. Includes unusually large related party working capital impact; should not be recurring as related party working capital transactions are expected to be minimal going forward