



# Pureprofile Ltd

# EBITDA set to hit top end of \$4.0m-\$4.4m guidance range

Pureprofile Ltd (ASX:PPL) is a data analytics, consumer insights and media company underpinned by proprietary technology, servicing business decision makers in brands and media companies as well as market researchers. Pureprofile has reported a 53% increase in H1 FY22 underlying EBITDA to \$2.48m, which was ahead of our forecast for \$2.41m. Underlying NPAT for H1 FY22 was \$0.51m, a turnaround from the \$4.39m underlying net loss reported in H1 FY21. The company has announced that it expects to deliver FY22 EBITDA at the top end of its guidance range of \$4.0m to \$4.4m. We have upgraded our FY22 revenue forecasts by 5.1% to \$42.6m but have taken into account the company's commentary around balancing its investment in its growth strategy, including expansion into new regions, and improving its operating margin. As a consequence, we have aligned our FY22 EBITDA forecast at the top end of the guidance range, which has resulted in an 8.5% reduction in our FY22 forecast. We have, however, upgraded our FY23 forecasts which we discuss on the following pages. Our DCF-derived valuation has increased to \$0.11/share (previously \$0.09/share) fully diluted for in-themoney options and performance shares. On the current share count, our base-case valuation is \$0.127/share (previously \$0.10/share).

### **Business model**

Pureprofile generates its revenue from providing data analytics and consumer insights derived from its actively managed panels of digital members accessed through its proprietary technology platform. Pureprofile also has a media arm which executes advertising campaigns for clients. In a world where privacy is increasingly valued, consumer insights and profiles generated through online panels allow businesses to gain the ability to segment, target and engage with their audiences without consumer privacy issues. In exchange, consumers are directly financially rewarded for their information and responses, and indirectly through more relevant content and personalised experiences.

# Balancing growth investment with margin expansion

PPL reported better-than-forecast revenues of \$20.8m, an increase of 44% on H1 FY21. Underlying EBITDA of \$2.48m was also better than expected, up 53% on the previous corresponding period and ahead of our forecasts. Underlying NPAT was \$0.51m, a \$4.9m turnaround on the year before, but below our forecast for \$0.67m as a result of slightly higher-than-anticipated operating costs. The company's SaaS platform is particularly outstripping our expectations and we have upgraded our FY22 and FY23 revenue forecasts accordingly. This division is the key driver of our 5.1% upgrade to \$42.6m for FY22 and 7.7% increase in our FY23 revenue forecast to \$48.7m. We have taken into account a higher cost of sales and operating margin investment as Pureprofile invests and expands into new regions and this has resulted in a reduction in our FY22 EBITDA forecast to \$4.4m (\$4.8m previously), putting it at the top end of the company's guidance range.

# Base-case DCF valuation of \$0.11/share fully diluted

We use the discounted cashflow methodology to value PPL and arrive at a fully diluted DCF of \$0.11/share, based on a WACC of 12.3% (beta 1.6, terminal growth rate 2.2%). Our terminal value is \$0.067/share within our \$0.11/share valuation. On the current share count of 1,100.5m, our base-case valuation is \$0.127/share. In our view, continued demonstration of strong revenue growth and a sustained return to profitability should underpin PPL's share price in the near term.

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Year end	Revenue	Gross Profit	EBITDA adj.*	NPAT adj.*	EPS adj.*	EV/Sales (x)	EV/EBITDA (x)	PER (x)
06/20a	24.2	13.7	1.6	(6.9)	(0.2)	1.2	17.7	n.a
06/21a	30.0	16.8	3.1	(3.4)	(0.3)	1.9	18.4	n.a
06/22e	42.6	22.5	4.4	0.5	0.1	1.3	12.6	36.7
06/23e	48.7	26.6	8.6	4.2	0.4	1.1	6.0	13.9

Source: RaaS estimates for FY22e and FY23e; Company data for historical earnings; \*Adjusted for one-time and non-cash items

# Media & Advertising

# 25th February 2022



## Share Performance (12 months)



#### **Upside Case**

- Clean slate with legacy acquisitions sold and costs minimised
- Senior management team is highly experienced in building data insights businesses
- 91% of revenues from repeat business and 25% (and growing) is subscription based (SaaS model)

#### **Downside Case**

- Market research industry growth rates underperform forecast expectations
- Competing with multinationals for business
- Investors likely to be leary of acquisitions

#### **Catalysts**

Expanding operating profitability to EPS growth

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## H1 FY22 Result

Pureprofile has delivered its maiden underlying operating profit and a better-than-forecast H1 FY22 result with revenues lifting 44% to \$20.8m and underlying EBITDA up 53% to \$2.48m. Gross profit increased 40% for the half to \$10.85m, although below our forecast for \$11.23m as the company invested in new regions which initially will be lower-margin operations relative to the more mature Australian and New Zealand business. The company delivered an increased EBITDA margin in the half to 11.9% from 11.2% in H1 FY21, although slightly below our forecast for the half.

Exhibit 1: H1 FY22	versus H1 FY21 an	d RaaS forecasts	(In A\$m unless oth	erwise stated)
	H1 FY21	H1 FY22	% change	RaaS fct
Revenue	14.44	20.84	44%	20.15
Gross profit	7.74	10.85	40%	11.23
EBITDA underlying*	1.62	2.48	53%	2.41
EBITDA margin	11.2%	11.9%	6.0%	12.0%
NPAT underlying*	(4.39)	0.51	(112%)	0.67
EPS adjusted	(1.64)	0.05	(103%)	0.06
Operating cashflow	0.29	1.88	558%	1.57

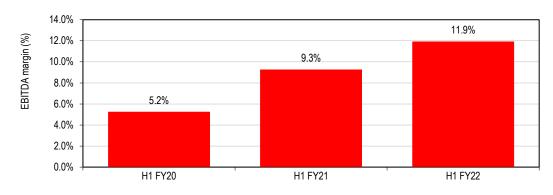
Source: Company data, RaaS forecasts \*excludes non-cash items such as share-based payments and one-time items such as restructuring costs

As reported in the Q2 result, the company's Data & Insights division delivered across-the-board sales growth from both the Asia Pacific (+25% to \$10.3m) and UK/EU (+52% to \$5.1m), and ahead of our forecasts. The Pure.amplify media business delivered revenue growth of 45% to \$3.5m for H1 FY22, which was around \$0.1m below our forecast for the half. The SaaS platform, however, outperformed with better-than-expected revenues of \$2.0m for the half, a 339% increase on PCP and well ahead of our forecast for \$1.4m. The SaaS platform is benefitting from brands seeking to collect and centralise customer data and insights and from the partnerships Pureprofile has struck with groups such as flybuys, News Corp and Raiz Invest.

Exhibit 2: Sales rev	enue by division (l	n A\$m unless othe	erwise stated)	
	H1 FY21	H2 FY22	% chg	RaaS fct
Data & Insights APAC	8.2	10.3	25%	10.1
Data & Insights UK/EU	3.3	5.1	52%	5.0
SaaS platform	0.4	2.0	339%	1.4
Pure.amplify Media	2.4	3.5	45%	3.6
Total sales revenue	14.4	20.8	44%	20.2
Source: Company data				

Pureprofile has a stated ambition to improve its EBITDA margin and has done so consistently over the past three corresponding halves, from 5.2% in H1 FY20 to 11.9% in H1 FY22. Our forecasts anticipate Pureprofile growing this margin to 30% by FY26.

Exhibit 3: Pureprofile's underlying EBITDA margin by half-year FY20-FY22



Source: Company data, RaaS analysis



# **Earnings Adjustments For FY22 And FY23**

We have adjusted our full-year forecasts to take into account the higher-than-forecast top-line growth from the SaaS platform and the Data & Insights business, with this growth offset by an increase in the cost-of-sales expectations for FY22 and FY23, reflecting the company's investment in new regions such as Singapore and Malaysia. Operating costs in H1 FY22 were also ahead of our expectations and have been captured in our FY22 EBITDA forecasts. We are now forecasting underlying EBITDA of \$4.4m versus our previous forecast of \$4.8m, putting our forecast at the top end of the company's guidance range.

	FY22 old	FY22 new	FY23 old	FY23 new
Data & Insights	30.4	31.1	34.0	34.9
Pure.amplify Media	7.2	7.0	7.7	7.6
Self Service (SaaS) Platform	2.9	4.5	3.6	6.2
Total revenue	40.5	42.6	45.3	48.7
Gross profit	22.6	22.5	26.7	26.6
Gross profit margin	55.9%	52.9%	58.9%	54.6%
EBITDA underlying	4.8	4.4	8.1	8.6
EBITDA margin	12%	10%	18%	18%
NPAT underlying	1.5	0.53	4.0	4.2
EPS adjusted	0.13	0.14	0.36	0.38

# Base-Case DCF Valuation Is \$0.11/Share Fully Diluted

We believe the discounted cashflow methodology is the most appropriate method to value PPL, given the relatively early stage of the company's lifecycle. We apply a discount rate of 12.3% (beta 1.6, terminal growth rate of 2.2%). This derives a base-case valuation of \$0.115/share fully diluted for in-the-money options and performance rights. On the current share count of 1,100.5m, the valuation is \$0.127/share.

	Parameters
Discount rate (WACC)	12.3%
Terminal growth rate	2.2%
Beta	1.6
Present value of free cashflows (\$m)	54.5
Terminal value (\$m)	83.0
Plus net cash at Dec-31-2021	(1.7)
Equity value (\$m)	139.2
Shares on issue (m) including in-the-money options and performance shares	1,265
Equity value per share fully diluted	\$0.11
Equity value per share on current share count (1,100.5m)	\$0.127



Exhibit 6: Financial Summary

Pureprofile						Share price (24 February 20					A\$	0.053
Profit and Loss (A\$m)						Interim (A\$m)	H120A	H220A	H121A	H221A	H122A	H222F
Y/E 30 June	FY19A	FY20A	FY21A	FY22F	FY23F	Revenue	13.2	11.1	14.7	16.2	20.8	21.8
						EBITDA	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.8	2.2	3.0
Sales Revenue	26.7	24.2	30.0	42.6	48.7	EBIT	(1.5)	(1.2)	(0.6)	(0.0)	0.8	1.7
Gross Profit	15.5	13.7	16.8	22.5	26.6	NPAT (normalised)	(3.3)	(3.6)	(3.2)	(0.2)	0.5	1.1
EBITDA underlying	(1.3)	1.6	3.1	4.4	8.6	Minorities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depn	(0.1)	(1.0)	(0.8)	(0.2)	(0.1)	NPAT (reported)	(5.4)	(4.3)	4.8	(2.0)	(0.5)	1.1
Amort	(3.3)	(3.3)	(3.0)	(2.8)	. ,	EPS (normalised)	(2.78)	(3.10)	(1.18)	` '	0.05	0.10
EBIT underlying	(4.8)	(2.7)	(0.6)	1.4	6.2	, ,	(4.57)	(3.63)	1.80	· '	(0.05)	0.10
Interest	(2.4)	(4.1)	(2.7)	(0.5)	(0.4)	· · · /	-	-	_	-	-	-
Tax	(0.4)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.4)	. ,	Imputation	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	. ,	Operating cash flow	(0.8)	2.3	0.3		1.9	1.4
Equity accounted assoc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	' "	0.4	3.4	1.2		3.0	2.5
NPAT pre significant items	(7.9)	(6.9)	(3.4)	0.5		Divisions	H120A	H220A	H121A		H122A	H222F
Significant items	(6.5)	(2.9)	6.2	0.0		Data & Insights	9.8	8.6	11.7		15.4	15.7
_	(14.5)	(9.8)	2.8	0.0	4.2	•	3.1	2.2	2.4		3.4	3.6
NPAT (reported)	(14.3)	(9.0)	2.0	0.5	4.2	Platform		0.3	0.4		2.0	2.5
Cash flow (A\$m)	EV/40.4	E1/004	EVOLA	EV.00E	EVONE		0.2					
Y/E 30 June	FY19A	FY20A	FY21A	FY22F		Sales revenue	13.2	11.1	14.4	15.6	20.8	21.8
EBITDA	(1.3)	1.6	3.1	4.4	8.6	0000	/r =\	/4.00	/o =	(O.F.)	(40.0)	/40 **
Interest	(2.2)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.4)	. ,	COGS	(5.7)	(4.8)	(6.7)		(10.0)	(10.1)
Tax	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.4)	. ,	Employ ment	(4.9)	(4.1)	(4.8)		(6.2)	(6.3)
Working capital changes	3.3	0.1	(0.6)	(0.3)		Technology, licence fees	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.1)		(1.5)	(1.5)
Operating cash flow	(0.4)	1.4	2.4	3.3	6.3	Other costs	(1.0)	(0.6)	(0.7)	(1.1)	(0.9)	(1.0)
Mtce capex	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)							
Free cash flow	(0.4)	1.4	2.3	3.2	6.3	EBITDA	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.8	2.2	3.0
Growth capex	(2.7)	(2.4)	(2.0)	(2.1)	(2.1)							
Acquisitions/Disposals	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Margins, Leverage, Returns		FY19A	FY20A	FY21A	FY22F	FY23F
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	EBITDA		(4.9%)	6.7%	10.4%	10.4%	17.7%
Cash flow pre financing	(2.5)	(1.0)	0.3	1.1	4.2	EBIT		(17.8%)	(11.2%)	(2.0%)	3.3%	12.8%
Equity	0.0	0.0	13.4	0.5	0.0	NPAT pre significant items		(29.7%)	(28.5%)	(11.2%)	1.2%	8.6%
Debt	0.5	3.5	(10.8)	0.0	0.0	Net Debt (Cash)		(15.9)	(24.6)	0.6	2.0	6.1
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Net debt/EBITDA (x)	(x)	n/a	(15.2)		0.4	0.7
Net cash flow for year	(2.0)	2.5	2.9	1.6		ND/ND+Equity (%)	(%)	225.6%	417.1%	(19.9%)	(50.3%)	(154.7%)
Balance sheet (A\$m)	, ,					EBIT interest cover (x)	(x)	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.3	0.1
Y/E 30 June	FY19A	FY20A	FY21A	FY22F	FY23F	. ,	,	(19.2%)	(15.1%)	(3.4%)	7.1%	27.7%
Cash	0.5	1.8	3.6	5.0		ROE		968.1%	71.2%	(37.4%)	11.0%	52.8%
Accounts receivable	6.4	3.7	5.7	5.7		ROIC		(53.8%)	(27.4%)	(4.0%)	45.4%	345.0%
Inventory	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		NTA (per share)		n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.00
Other current assets	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.8		Working capital		(2.9)	(2.2)		0.2	0.5
Total current assets	8.0	6.7	11.1	12.5	17.5	WC/Sales (%)		(10.7%)	(9.2%)	(4.9%)	0.5%	1.0%
PPE	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1		Revenue growth		5.4%	(9.3%)	` '	42.1%	14.4%
Intangibles and Goodwill	11.1	7.4	6.2	5.8		EBIT growth pa		n/a	n/a	n/a	-333%	342%
Investments	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0		Pricing		FY19A		FY21A	FY22F	FY23F
Deferred tax asset						•	()		FY20A			
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		No of shares (y/e)	(m)	119	118	1,100	1,100	1,100
Other non current assets	0.0	2.4	1.9	1.8		Weighted Av Dil Shares	(m)	119	118	1,058	1,100	1,100
Total non current assets	11.3	10.0	8.3	7.7	7.5							
Total Assets	19.4	16.7	19.4	20.2		EPS Reported	cps	(12.2)	(8.2)		0.0	0.4
Accounts payable	9.3	6.0	7.2	5.5		EPS Normalised/Diluted	cps	(5.1)	(0.2)		0.1	0.4
Short term debt	16.5	24.4	0.0	0.0		EPS growth (norm/dil)		n/a	n/a	n/a	-147%	165%
Tax payable	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	DPS	cps	-	-	-	-	-
Other current liabilities	2.3	2.9	3.5	3.7	3.7	DPS Growth		na	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total current liabilities	28.2	33.3	10.8	9.3	9.9	Dividend yield		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Long term debt	0.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	Dividend imputation		30	30	30	30	30
Other non current liabs	0.1	0.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	PE (x)		-	-	12.6	114.4	13.9
Total long term liabilities	0.1	2.1	4.9	5.0	5.0	PE market		18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0
Total Liabilities	28.3	35.4	15.7	14.3	14.9	Premium/(discount)		(100.0%)	(100.0%)	(29.9%)	535.5%	(23.0%)
Net Assets	(8.9)	(18.7)	3.7	5.9	10.1	EV/EBITDA		- 15.4	17.7	18.4	12.8	- 1
	` '	` '				FCF/Share	cps	-0.3	1.2		0.3	0.6
Share capital	41.5	41.5	59.9	60.4	60.4	Price/FCF share		- 20	4.3	24.3	17.5	9.1
	(50.6)	(60.4)	(57.6)	(57.1)	(52.9)			(5.0%)	23.3%	4.1%	5.7%	11.0%
Accumulated profits/losses	(30.0)	(30.1)	(51.0)	(31.1)	(32.0)			(0.070)	25.570	1.170	3.1 /0	. 1.070
Accumulated profits/losses Reserves	0.3	0.2	1.5	2.5	2.5							
Reserves Minorities	0.3	0.2	1.5 0.0	2.5 0.0	2.5 0.0							

Source: RaaS estimates; Company data for actuals



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