



# Pureprofile Ltd

# Better-than-forecast result, on track to meet guidance

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 confirmed, as previously announced on 30 January, that H1 FY24 revenue was \$24.0m, with platform revenue contributing \$4.4m, a 104% increase on the previous corresponding period (pcp). EBITDA, adjusted for significant and non-cash items, increased 9.6% to \$2.37m. Reported NPAT for the half was \$3,888, a \$509k turnaround on the pcp. The result was ahead of our forecasts in terms of revenue, EBITDA and NPAT, driven by better-thanexpected platform revenue and Rest of World (RoW) revenue and improving operating margins. RoW revenue including platform revenue was up 22% to \$10m with platform revenue substantially-ahead of our estimate for \$3.2m. PPL affirmed its FY24 guidance for revenue of \$46m to \$51m and EBITDA margin (excluding significant items) of 7% to 9%. We have made minor adjustments to our forecasts, having incorporated the H1 result with our revenue and EBITDA margin remaining within the guided ranges. Our DCF valuation remains at \$0.097/share on a fully-diluted basis for in the-money options and performance shares. On the current share count, the valuation is \$0.105/share.

## **Business model**

Pureprofile operates a global research panel. It generates revenue from providing data analytics and consumer insights derived from its actively managed panels of digital members accessed through its proprietary technology platform. 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 and personalised content.

## Strong earnings growth on a reported and adjusted basis

PPL reported a 6.0% increase in H1 FY24 EBITDA adjusted for significant and non-cash items to \$2.41m. This only includes the continuing businesses. On a reported basis, after including share-based payments and significant items including the loss from the discontinued business, EBITDA was \$1.68m, up 28% on the pcp. The adjusted EBITDA margin for the half was 10%, in-line with the pcp. Pureprofile reiterated its FY24 guidance for revenue of between \$46m to \$51m and an EBITDA margin, excluding significant items, of from 7% to 9%. We have made small changes to our full-year forecasts which remain within these ranges.

## Base-case DCF valuation of \$0.097/share, fully diluted

We use the discounted cash-flow methodology to value PPL and arrive at a fully diluted DCF of \$0.095/share, based on a WACC of 13.6% (beta 1.5, terminal growth rate 2.2%). Our terminal value is \$0.049/share within our \$0.097/share valuation. On the current share count of 1,159.0m, our base-case valuation is \$0.105/share. In our view, continued demonstration of strong revenue growth, a sustained return to profitability and further evidence of EBITDA margin expansion should underpin PPL's share price in the near term.

Earnin	Earnings history and RaaS' estimates (in A\$m unless otherwise stated)										
Year end	Revenue	Gross profit	EBITDA adj.*	NPAT adj.*	EPS adj.*	EV/Sales (x)	EV/EBITDA (x)	PER (x)			
06/22a	35.5	18.3	4.0	0.2	0.02	0.7	6.6	n.a			
06/23a	43.7	23.0	4.3	0.7	0.06	0.7	6.6	40.8			
06/24f	49.1	26.8	4.3	1.1	0.10	0.6	7.1	27.2			
06/25f	56.2	30.7	6.0	2.9	0.25	0.5	5.1	10.5			

Source: RaaS estimates for FY24f and FY25f; Company data for historical earnings; \*Adjusted for one-time and non-cash items

## **Data Analytics**

## 29 February 2024



## **Share Performance (12 months)**



#### Upside Case

- Growing share of revenue generated outside Australia in substantially larger markets
- Senior management team is highly experienced in building data insights businesses
- ~90% of revenue from repeat business

## **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
- Continued EBITDA margin expansion

## **Company Interview**

Pureprofile (ASX:PPL) RaaS Outlook Interview 2 Feb 2024

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## **H1 FY24 Result Discussion**

Pureprofile has delivered a better than forecast H1 FY24 result driven by higher revenue from the RoW including platform revenue. RoW revenue, of which the UK is the largest contributor, grew 22% to \$10m while platform revenue across both divisions increased 104% to \$4.4m, well ahead of our forecast for \$3.2m. RoW revenue has grown at a three-year compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 42%. Revenue from the ANZ data and insights business was flat on the pcp but ahead of our forecast for \$13.5m. The three-year CAGR from the ANZ business is 18%. The company noted in its presentation that ANZ was affected by a softer global trading environment in October with conditions recovering in November and December. Divisionally, Pureprofile's businesses outside Australia and New Zealand increased their share of the total business, contributing 42% to the total, versus 37% a year ago.

H1 adjusted EBITDA was \$2.4m, up 6% on the pcp. This excludes long-term incentive share-based payments of \$0.67m, the \$0.037m loss from Pure.media which has been discontinued, and restructuring and acquisition costs of \$0.054m. The margin was 10.0% on an adjusted basis and ahead of our forecast for 7.0%.

Reported NPAT was a positive \$3,888, compared with a loss of \$0.5m a year before. NPAT adjusted grew 59% to \$0.8m, which was ahead of our forecast for NPAT of \$0.1m.

Exhibit 1: H1 FY24a versus H1 F	Y23a and RaaS	estimates (in A\$	m unless othe	rwise stated)
	H1 FY23a	H1 FY24a	% chg	RaaS fct for H1 FY24f
ANZ	14.0	14.0	-	13.5
RoW	8.3	10.0	22	10.5
Total sales revenue	22.3	24.0	8	23.7
Gross profit	11.4	13.1	15	12.1
Gross profit margin (%)	51.2	54.4	6	51.0
Employee costs	7.4	8.4	15	8.6
Other costs	1.8	2.2	28	1.9
EBITDA adjusted for non-cash items	2.3	2.4	6	1.7
EBITDA margin (%)	10.2	10.0	(2)	7.0
Adjustments	(1.0)	(0.8)	(20)	-
Reported EBITDA	1.3	`1.6	`28	1.7
Reported EBIT	0.4	0.2	(42)	0.4
RaaS-adjusted NPAT	0.5	0.8	59	0.1
Reported NPAT	(0.5)	0.0	(101)	0.1
Source: Company data, RaaS estimate	S		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	

## **Guidance Reiterated And Outlook**

Pureprofile reiterated its FY24 guidance for revenue of between \$46m to \$51m and an EBITDA margin, excluding significant items of from 7% to 9%. Our forecast for FY24 is for revenue of \$49.1m and EBITDA of \$4.3m (8.7% margin) so well within the guidance range.

The company noted that January is a seasonally quieter period in ANZ but that the rest of the half was expected to see revenue growth. That seasonality was a key driver in the company's international expansion objective. In addition, the company says it remains focused on using artificial intelligence (AI) to both increase internal efficiencies and to generate revenue-generating solutions for its global client base.

## **Earnings Adjustments**

Pureprofile delivered better than forecast revenue from RoW as well as platform revenue and reported a higher-than-forecast EBITDA for H1 FY24. RoW revenue grew at 22% on the pcp with the company noting



significant growth in India (up 92%), south-east Asia (up 56%) and the EU, which was up 11% on the pcp. Platform revenue continued to underpin growth across the group, lifting 104% on the pcp to \$4.4m. ANZ revenue was in-line with that previously reported and a little ahead of our forecasts. We have taken this into account in considering our FY24 forecasts for the group and, as a result, have lifted our forecast for RoW, but decreased our ANZ forecast. The net impact is a small (1.6%) reduction in our revenue forecast for FY24.

Our forecast for underlying EBITDA remains unchanged at \$4.3m as does the EBITDA margin forecast of 8.7%.

We have included non-cash share-based payments of \$0.37m in our H2 forecast which has had the effect of reducing our reported NPAT forecast for FY24. Our modest forecast changes are set out in Exhibit 2.

Earnings adjustments	FY24 old	FY24 new	FY25 old	FY25 new
ANZ	24.3	22.4	25.7	22.2
RoW	25.6	26.8	31.1	34.0
Total revenue	49.9	49.1	56.8	56.2
Gross profit	23.1	23.1	25.6	26.8
Gross margin (%(	46.2	47.0	45.1	47.7
EBITDA underlying	4.3	4.3	6.4	6.0
EBITDA underlying margin (%)	8.6	8.7	11.3	10.6
EBIT underlying	1.6	1.6	3.7	3.6
NPAT underlying	1.0	1.1	3.0	2.9
NPAT reported	1.0	0.0	3.0	2.9
EPS underlying	0.09	0.10	0.27	0.25
EPS reported	0.09	0.00	0.27	0.25

# Base-Case DCF Valuation Is \$0.097/Share Fully Diluted

We believe the discounted cash-flow 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 13.6% (beta 1.5, terminal growth rate of 2.2%). This derives a base-case valuation of \$0.097/share fully diluted for in-the-money options and performance rights. On the current share count of 1,159.0m, the valuation is \$0.105/share.

Exhibit 3: Base-case DCF valuation	
	Parameters
Discount rate (WACC)	13.6%
Terminal growth rate	2.2%
Beta	1.5
Present value of free cash flows (\$m)	59.1
Terminal value (\$m)	60.8
Plus net cash at 30-Jun-2023	(1.4)
Equity value (\$m)	121.3
Shares on issue (m) including in-the-money options and performance shares	1,248
Equity value per share fully diluted	\$0.097
Equity value per share on current share count (1,159.0m)	\$0.105
Source: RaaS estimates	



Pureprofile						Share price (28 February 2024)					A\$	0.026
Profit and Loss (A\$m)						Interim (A\$m)	H123A	H223F	H124A	H224F	H125F	H225F
Y/E 30 June	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24F	FY25F	, ,	22.3	21.5		25.1	27.0	29.2
						EBITDA	2.3	2.1	2.4	1.9	2.6	3.4
Sales Revenue	30.0	35.5	43.7	49.1	56.2	EBIT	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.6	1.4	2.2
Gross Profit	16.8	18.3	23.0	26.8		NPAT (normalised)	0.5	0.2		0.3	1.1	1.8
EBITDA underlying	3.1	4.0	4.3	4.3		Minorities			-		-	
Depn	(0.8)	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.4)		NPAT (reported)	(0.5)	(1.7)	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.3
Amort	(3.0)	(2.7)	(2.5)	(2.3)	. ,	EPS (normalised)	0.04	0.02		0.03	0.09	0.1
EBIT underlying	(0.6)	0.8	1.3	1.6	_ ` '	EPS (reported)	(0.05)	(0.15)	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.1
Interest	(2.7)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)		Dividend (cps)	- (0.03)	(0.13)	0.00	-	0.03	- 0.1
Tax	(0.0)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.0)		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	0.4	2.2		0.8	1.6	2.
		- 1	0.0	0.0				3.4	2.3	2.1	2.9	3.
Equity accounted assoc	0.0	0.0				Free Cash flow	1.7					
NPAT pre significant items*	(3.4)	0.2	(0.0)	1.1		Divisions	H123A	H223F	H124A	H224F	H125F	H225
Significant items	6.2	(2.3)	(2.9)	(1.1)		Data & Insights	20.0	18.8		19.8	21.3	22.
NPAT (reported)	2.8	(2.2)	(2.2)	0.0	2.9	Platform	2.2	2.6	4.4	5.3	5.8	6.
Cash flow (A\$m)						Sales revenue	22.2	21.4	24.0	25.1	27.0	29.
Y/E 30 June	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24F	FY25F							
EBITDA underlying (Stat)	3.1	4.0	4.3	4.3	6.0							
Interest	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.5)	- ' '	COGS	(10.9)	(9.8)	(11.0)	(11.4)	(12.3)	(13.2
Tax	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)	Employ ment	(7.4)	(7.6)	(8.4)	(9.0)	(9.3)	(9.6
Working capital changes	(0.6)	0.2	(1.4)	(1.6)	(1.3)	Technology, licence fees	(0.8)	(1.3)	(1.2)	(1.6)	(1.7)	(1.7
Operating cash flow	2.4	3.9	2.6	2.0	4.0	Other costs	(1.0)	(0.7)	(1.1)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2
Mtce capex	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.4)							
Free cash flow	2.3	3.8	2.4	1.8	3.6	EBITDA (adjusted)	2.3	2.1	2.4	1.9	2.6	3.
Growth capex	(2.0)	(2.2)	(2.4)	(2.1)	(2.1)							
Acquisitions/Disposals	0.0	0.0	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	Margins, Leverage, Returns		FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24F	FY25
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		EBITDA		10.4%	11.3%	9.8%	8.7%	10.6%
Cash flow pre financing	0.3	1.6	(0.1)	(0.4)		EBIT		(2.0%)	2.1%	3.1%	3.3%	6.3%
Equity	13.4	0.5	0.0	0.0		NPAT pre significant items		(11.2%)	0.5%	1.7%	2.3%	5.1%
Debt	(10.8)	0.0	(0.5)	(0.3)		Net Debt (Cash)		0.6	2.3	1.7	1.0	2.
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		Net debt/EBITDA (x)	(x)	0.2		0.4	0.2	0.4
Net cash flow for year	2.9	2.2	(0.6)	(0.7)		ND/ND+Equity (%)	(%)		(111.4%)	(64.3%)	(25.1%)	(55.5%
Balance sheet (A\$m)	2.3	2.2	(0.0)	(0.7)	1.0			(19.976) n/a	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.1
Y/E 30 June	FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24F	FY25F	EBIT interest cover (x)	(x)	(3.4%)	3.8%	6.1%	7.4%	15.9%
Cash	3.6	5.3	4.7	4.0		ROE		(37.4%)	` '	(49.2%)	0.3%	47.6%
Accounts receivable	5.7	7.0	7.5	8.9		ROIC		3.2%	34.7%	105.1%	nm	nn
Inventory	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			(4.5)	(4.6)	(4.6)		
Other current assets	1.7	1.8	2.6	0.6		Working capital		(1.5)	(1.9)	(1.2)	2.2	2.
Total current assets	11.1	14.1	14.8	13.5		WC/Sales (%)		(4.9%)	(5.3%)	(2.6%)	4.4%	4.4%
PPE	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		Revenue growth		23.8%	18.5%	22.9%	12.4%	14.4%
Intangibles and Goodwill	6.2	5.8	5.6	5.5		EBIT growth pa	n	/a	(225.3%)	76%	19.8%	123%
Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Pricing		FY21A	FY22A	FY23A	FY24F	FY25F
Deferred tax asset	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	No of shares (y/e)	(m)	1,100	1,107	1,159	1,159	1,159
Other non current assets	1.9	1.1	2.0	1.8	1.8	Weighted Av Dil Shares	(m)	1,058	1,089	1,133	1,159	1,159
Total non current assets	8.3	7.0	7.7	7.5	7.5							
Total Assets	19.4	21.0	22.5	21.0	23.8	EPS Reported	cps	0.42	(0.20)	(0.19)	0.00	0.1
Accounts payable	7.2	8.9	8.7	6.7	7.7	EPS Normalised/Diluted	cps	(0.31)	0.02	0.06	0.10	0.2
Short term debt	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.2	0.2	EPS growth (norm/dil)			(105.0%)	316.4%	50%	160%
Tax payable	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0		DPS	cps	-	-	-	-	-
Other current liabilities	3.5	3.6	4.5	4.4		DPS Growth	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total current liabilities	10.8	12.5	16.2	11.3		Dividend yield		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Long term debt	3.0	3.0	0.0	2.8		Dividend imputation		30		30	30	3
Other non current liabs	1.9	1.1	1.9	1.8		PE (x)		6.2	-	-	2,242.4	16.0
Total long term liabilities	4.9	4.1	1.9	4.6		PE market	+	18.0		18.0	18.0	18.
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Total Liabilities	15.7	16.7	18.1	15.9		Premium/(discount)	-	. ,	(100.0%)	(100.0%)		(11.1%
Net Assets	3.7	4.4	4.4	5.1	7.0	EV/EBITDA		8.9	6.6	6.6	6.8	0.
						FCF/Share	cps	0.2		0.2	0.2	0.
Share capital	59.9	60.4	61.8	62.8		Price/FCF share		11.9	7.3	11.1	13.4	6.9
Accumulated profits/losses	(57.6)	(59.8)	(60.6)	(60.6)	. ,	Free Cash flow Yield		8.4%	13.7%	9.0%	7.5%	14.5%
Reserves	1.5	3.7	3.3	2.9	2.9							
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0							
Total Shareholder funds	3.7	4.4	4.4	5.1	7.0	* ex cludes non-cash share-ba	sed payments					

Source: RaaS estimates; Company data for actuals



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