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Fathom Holdings Inc. | FTHM - \$11.22 - NASDAQ | Buy

Stock Data								
52-Week Low - High		\$10.46 - \$47.35						
Shares Out. (mil)		17.02						
Mkt. Cap.(mil)		\$190.95						
3-Mo. Avg. Vol.		90,856						
12-Mo.Price Target		\$23.00						
Cash (mil)		\$37.8						
Tot. Debt (mil)		\$0.1						
Revenue (\$ millions)								
Yr Dec	—2021—	—2022E—	—2023E—					
		Curr	Curr					
1Q	49.6A	77.6E	-					
2Q	84.2A	110.6E	-					

3Q

4Q

VEAR

100.9A

95.5A

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EPS \$				
Yr Dec	—2021—	—2022E—	—2023E—	
		Curr	Curr	
1Q	(0.18)A	(0.29)E	-	
2Q	(0.06)A	(0.04)E	-	
3Q	(0.18)A	0.03E	-	
4Q	(0.16)A	(0.06)E	-	
YEAR	(0.58)A	(0.36)E	0.25E	
Adj. EPS		<u> </u>		

125.2E

116.4E



FTHM: 34th Annual ROTH Conference Takeaways

We recently hosted FTHM CEO Josh Harley and CFO/President Marco Fregenal for a series of presentations and 1x1 meetings. Our key takeaways can be found below, as well as our thoughts on the recently announced ~\$10M buyback program.

\$10M buyback in place. FTHM announced that its board of directors has approved a ~\$10M share repurchase program. The agreement does not have an expiration. To us, this further bolsters the favorable risk/reward we see in FTHM's stock and improving fundamental business, with its higher-margin ancillary services still in the very early stages of potential contribution to FTHM's P&L, most notably, gross margin upside. Likewise, FTHM has a more established balance sheet with ~\$38M in cash, which beyond potential share buybacks can be utilized for continued market expansion and scale, organically and through acquisitions. To the latter point, while shares do tend to suffer from limited open market trading volume, the repurchase agreement could work to offset some of the added dilution that comes about via FTHM's past and/or present acquisitions, as well as agent compensation, which could work to ease some concerns around investor dilution. The entire buyback at current prices would represent ~850k shares, or ~5% of FD outstanding shares.

Fireside chat takeaways. The key takeaways in our discussion were around what higher interest rates, a slowing housing market, and limited inventory could mean for its business. Management felt it was much more insulated against all these dynamics given: 1) agents can make more relative money per transaction vs other peers, which could help with agent acquisition, and 2) it charges a flat fee on transactions, as such its gross profit should be better insulated vs. a traditional revenue split model. When we speak to differentiation, we believe its flat fee model is one that truly differentiates it, and should benefit it in good times and bad in the RE market. Second, since it controls all the touch points on ancillary services, we believe this is a simple "top of funnel" growth story with "attach rates to drive over indexed profitability vs. any other peer in the space. Very few, if any, prop-tech models actually have real adj. EBITDA margins. With vertical integration and proper execution, we consider FTHM a solid long-term play/holding, and a 2022 top pick (along with VERI-Buy, and APPS-Buy). Risk/reward remains very favorable, in our view.

FTHM Intraday Price: \$11.48 at 10:31am ET

VALUATION

Our \$23 price target is computed using a ~7x multiple to our FY22E gross profit of ~\$47M.

Factors that could impede FTHM from obtaining our PT include the inability to attract and retain agents, failure to acquire a mortgage and/or title offering, failure to expand into new markets, increased competition, lack of differentiation of its technology platform, macroeconomic risks, pandemics, and housing market cyclicality.

RISKS

Risks

Ability to effectively attract and retain agents. One of FTHM's primary growth drivers is its ability to attract new agents and retain its current cohort in order to effectively scale its operations in current and new markets. If FTHM is unable to attract new agents or minimize churn, it could lose market share to competitors in the real estate brokerage market which could materially impact FTHM's transaction count and topline growth.

Failure to expand into new markets. Part of FTHM's growth strategy is to expand into new verticals such as mortgage and title operations, as well as additional geographies. Expanding into these verticals and geographies could be capital intensive and failure to do so efficiently could be harmful to FTHM's operations and limit its ability to scale its operations and market share beyond current markets and residential real estate.

New entrants to the real estate industry with comparable technology. FTHM competes in a highly fragmented industry where many peers have begun to introduce technology that enables solutions to compete for agents and their clients. If FTHM is unable to continue to add value through its PaaS, cloud-based IntelliAgent software; it may begin to see its attractiveness to agents wane as competitors begin to introduce similar cloud-based brokerage platforms. Thus the success of FTHM's operations is dependent upon continual improvement of its technology for new innovations and changes in market trends.

Highly competitive industry. The real estate brokerage industry is highly competitive and fragmented and consumers have many options for finding houses and agents via the internet such as Zillow, the MLS or Realtor.com. FTHM thus must be able to continue to provide agents with quality listings and a high-quality platform experience in order to help them build their own businesses. Additionally, FTHM competes for agents based on several factors, one of which is commission structure, as many brokerages offer agents higher commissions through a discount brokerage platform. The inability of FTHM to compete with discount brokerages or other tech-enabled real estate platforms could materially impact its operations.

Cyclicality and macroeconomic sensitivity. The housing markets are typically characterized as cyclical in nature, sensitive to the ebbs and flows of the business and economic cycles, most notably changes in employment and interest rates. Additionally, the real estate industry can potentially be impacted by federal and local government regulations and reforms, as well as lending requirements by banks and government agencies like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Other instances like natural disasters and pandemics can also impact FTHM's operations.

Pandemics. Unforeseen pandemics, such as that of COVID-19, could result in macroeconomic uncertainty, and potential closure of businesses, which could adversely impact home sales, as was seen earlier in 2020.

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Company Description: Fathom Holdings (FTHM) is a cloud-based, full-service real estate brokerage platform disrupting the real estate industry by charging its agents a fixed fee per real estate transaction in an all-virtual business operating environment. The company derives its revenue through assisting customers with buying, selling, or leasing property, where it earns a commission income upon closing and agents share in that commission income, paying back a small, fixed fee rate to Fathom. The company is headquartered in Cary, North Carolina.

Fathom Holdings, Inc. (FTHM)

Fiscal year end - December

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(\$ in thousands except per share data) 2017A 2018A 2019A 2020A 1Q21A 2Q21A 3Q21A 4Q21A 2021A 1Q22E 2Q22E 3Q22E 4Q22E 2022E Income Statement 95,461 330,230 565,695 Total revenue 55,378 77,306 111,206 176,784 49,645 84,183 100,940 77,552 110,567 125,193 116,400 429,712 Guidance 82-84 77-78 425-435 Commission and other agent-related expenses 51,903 73,437 105,257 166,366 46,400 76,729 91,263 86.117 300,510 69,370 98,113 111,020 104.135 382,637 501.151 Consolidated gross profit - implied 3,475 3,869 5,949 10,418 3,245 7,454 9,677 9,344 29,720 8,183 12,454 14,173 12,265 47,074 64,543 Operating expenses: Commission and other agent-related expenses 51,903 73,437 105,257 166,366 46,400 76,729 91,263 86,117 300,510 69,370 98,113 111,020 104,135 382,637 501,151 Operations and support 68 1,683 2,029 1,689 5,470 1,745 2,012 2,253 1,921 7,931 10,327 Technology and development 1,796 3,911 1,861 1,990 2,128 2,212 8,191 10,269 General and administrative 6.727 6.121 9.387 9.811 9.112 32.733 9.384 9.509 9.765 9.719 38.377 43.502 Marketing 587 402 378 591 524 1.896 620 663 751 698 2.733 3.685 165 102 745 931 453 1,817 1,250 1,250 1,300 4,900 4,540 Depreciation and amortization 23 271 1,100 728 870 770 2,300 2,400 2,500 9.050 12.218 Λ 1,630 1,193 1,177 4.011 1,850 Stock-based compensation 177,164 102,924 98,061 116,185 556,715 Total operating expenses (non-GAAP) 3,819 5,363 8,039 52,122 87,617 340,724 81,130 109,988 123,518 430,820 Total operating expenses (GAAP) 3,819 5,386 9,940 178,058 53,095 88,923 104,625 99,691 346,335 84,080 113,538 127,168 119,985 444,770 573,473 Adi. EBITDA (1,240) (2,301) (381) (2,042)(2,273)(1.807)(2,036)(3.278) 780 1.775 315 (409) (8,159)9.379 Guidance (2.1)-(1.9)(3.2-3.3)(0.5)-0.5Operating income/(loss) (GAAP) (344)(1,517)(3,991)(1,274)(3,449)(4,740)(3,685)(4,230)(16,105)(6,528)(2.970)(1,975)(3,585)(15,059)(7,778)Gain on extinguishment of debt (51)0 76 306 331 Interest (expense) (77)(102)(110)(85)(1) (2)(4) 16 16 Other income (expense), net (17)0 (10)(5) (33)28 (125)(134)0 0 0 0 0 0 Income (loss) before taxes-(GAAP) (421)(1.636)(4,100)(3.395)(4.706)(3.583)(4.053)(15.738)(6,524)(2.966)(1.971)(3.581)(15.043)(1,349)(7.762)Provision for income taxes 0 (27)8 8 (5) 2.615 210 427 3.247 n 0 0 0 Non-GAAP adjusted net income (loss) attributable to common (421)(1,640)(2,192)(447)(2,427)(786)(2,603)(2,449)(8,265)(4,674)(666)429 (1,081)(5,993)4,455 GAAP Net income/(loss) (421) (4.092)(1,341)(3,400) (2,091)(12,491)(2.966)(1,971)(15,043)(7,762)(1,663) (3,373)(3,626)(6,524)(3,581)(\$0.22) (\$0.04) (\$0.29) Non-GAAP adjusted EPS-diluted (\$0.06)(\$0.20)(\$0.18)(\$0.06)(\$0.18)(\$0.16) (\$0.58)(\$0.04)\$0.03 (\$0.06)(\$0.36) \$0.25 GAAP EPS - diluted (\$0.06)(\$0.20)(\$0.42)(\$0.12)(\$0.25)(\$0.15)(\$0.24)(\$0.24)(\$0.88)(\$0.40)(\$0.18)(\$0.12)(\$0.21) (\$0.90)(\$0.43)Weighted avg. shares - diluted ' 6,886 8,265 9,805 11,404 13,450 14,048 14,313 15,219 14,269 16,496 16,646 17,846 16,196 16,796 17,096 Margin analysis: Consolidated gross profit - implied 6.3% 5.0% 5.3% 6.5% 8.9% 9.6% 9.8% 9.0% 11.3% 10.5% 11.0% 11.4% 5.9% 10.6% 11.3% 6.9% 99.5% Total operating expenses (non-GAAP) 6.9% 7.2% 100.2% 105.0% 104.1% 102.0% 102.7% 103.2% 104.6% 98.7% 99.8% 100.3% 98.4% Total operating expenses (GAAP) 6.9% 7.0% 8.9% 100.7% 106.9% 105.6% 103.7% 104.4% 104.9% 108.4% 102.7% 101.6% 103.1% 103.5% 101.4% Adj. EBITDA 0.0% (1.6%)(2.1%)(0.2%)(4.1%)(2.7%)(1.8%)(2.1%)(2.5%)(4.2%)0.7% 1.4% 0.3% (0.1%)1.7% Operating income/(loss) (GAAP) (0.6%)(2.0%)(3.6%)(6.9%)(3.7%)(2.7%)(3.1%)(0.7%)(5.6%)(4.4%)(4.9%)(8.4%)(1.6%)(3.5%)(1.4%)(10.5%)Tax rate NM NM (0.2%)4.8% 0.1% (55.6%) (5.9%)(18.0%)0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% Non-GAAP adjusted net income (loss) attributable to common (0.8%)(2.1%)(2.0%)(0.3%)(4.9%)(0.9%)(2.6%)(2.6%)(2.5%)(6.0%)(0.6%)0.3% (0.9%)(1.4%)0.8% Non-GAAP adjusted EPS-diluted (0.0%)(0.0%)(0.0%)(0.0%)(0.0%)(0.0%)(0.0%)(0.0%)(0.0%)(0.0%)(0.0%)(0.0%)0.0% (0.0%)0.0% Y/Y Growth: 43.9% 72.1% 80.7% 56.2% 21.9% 30.1% Total revenue 39.6% 59.0% 117.6% 78.7% 86.8% 31.3% 24.0% 31.6% Consolidated gross profit - implied 11.3% 53.8% 75.1% 50.8% 219.6% 225.1% 215.9% 185.3% 152.1% 67.1% 46.5% 31.3% 58.4% 37.1% 46.5% 87.1% 222.5% 279.7% 213.8% 148.0% 203.8% 52.0% 40.6% 30.9% 34.0% 38.1% 31.9% General and administrative - inc. stock based comp. 11.7% 33.3% Marketing (19.3%)33.5% 184.8% 74.5% 733.8% 171.2% 36.6% 60.3% 54.3% (42.4%)27.1% 75.8% 34.8% Total operating expenses (non-GAAP) 40.4% 49.9% NM 81.6% 128.4% 84.3% 80.7% 92.3% 55.7% 25.5% 20.0% 18.5% 26.4% 29.2% Total operating expenses (GAAP) 41.0% NM 84.5% 84.1% 130.9% 86.9% 82.2% 94.5% 58.4% 27.7% 21.5% 20.4% 28.4% 28.9% Adi. EBITDA NM Operating income/(loss) (GAAP) 341.5% 163.0% NM NM NM NM NM NM 89.3% (37.3%)(46.4%)(15.2%)NM NM Non-GAAP adjusted net income (loss) attributable to common NM MIA NM Non-GAAP EPS NM NM

Source: SEC Filings, ROTH Capital Partners Estimates



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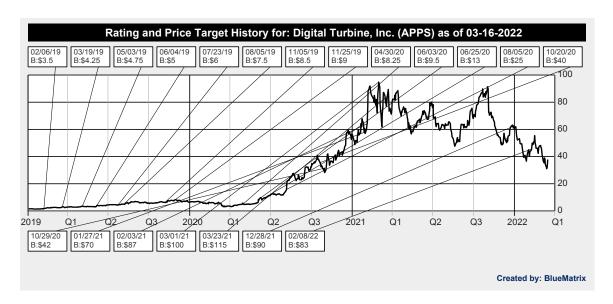
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