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## 1H23 Results Highlights

Profitable with a strong balance sheet


# HH23RESURTS <br> OVERVIEW 



- Introduction of new core colour range for Men and Women
- Continued Limited Edition Colour Drops (LECs);
however, now slowing down the release rate
- Continued research and testing of product adjacencies
- Acknowledging inventory build-up and commencing rationalisation

- Targeted campaigns to disengaged customers
- Improved upsell offer and increase cart size
- Tailoring of content and channel to each market
- Increasing focus on customer recruitment


## PROCESSES / CAPABILITY

- Recognition of ESG credentials with FSC certification for the Step One brand
- Improved use of the customer database
- Continued investment in capability
- Improving customer advocacy with increased localised presence


## Strong Online Engagement

Increased conversion rates and customer database growth

WEBSITE TRAFFIC
6 months, M, excl Amazon
9.4


AVERAGE CONVERSION RATE
6 months, \% of website visits, excl Amazon


CUSTOMER DATABASE GROWTH
6 months, \#'000, excl Amazon


## Value proposition remains strong

Price has increased along with AOQ indicating customer value proposition remains with customers who know the product

AVERAGE QUANTITY PER
ORDER (AOQ)
6 months, \#/order, excl Amazon


AVERAGE REVENUE PERITEM
6 months, \$AUD/item, excl Amazon


CUSTOMER MIX
6 months, \% of all Orders, excl Amazon


## Importance of DTC model

Driving brand awareness while continuing to engage with loyal following



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## Financial Highlights

Strong revenue and attractive gross profit margins in a difficult market

SALES REVENUE
6 months, \$M


## GROSS PROFIT

6 months, \$M/\%


PROFORMA EBITDA
6 months, \$M/\%


## Strong Operational Metrics

Strong returning customer order rates demonstrates trust in our product

CUSTOMER ORDERS ${ }^{1}$
6 months, \#‘000, excl Amazon


AVERAGE ORDER VALUE (AOV) ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$
6 months, \$ per Order, excl Amazon


CUSTOMER MIX ${ }^{3}$
6 months, \% of all Orders, excl Amazon


## Source: Shopify


 order date

## Strong Operational Metrics

Marketing and advertising key to growing the business

## ADVERTISING ${ }^{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}}$

6 months, \$M/\% of Revenue

COST TO ACQUIRE CUSTOMERS ${ }^{1,2,3,4}$
6 months, \$ per customer order, excluding Amazon


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## Income Statement

|  | $\frac{1 H 23}{\$ 000}$ | $\frac{1 H 221}{\$ 1000}$ | Movement |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | \$000 | \% |
| Australia | 24,113 | 25,601 | $(1,488)$ | -5.8\% |
| UK | 10,619 | 11,031 | (412) | -3.7\% |
| USA | 1,161 | 1,444 | (283) | -19.6\% |
| Revenue | 35,893 | 38,076 | $(2,183)$ | -5.7\% |
| Cost of sales | $(6,925)$ | $(6,424)$ | (501) | 7.8\% |
| Gross profit | 28,968 | 31,652 | $(2,684)$ | -8.5\% |
| Gross Margin \% | 80.7\% | 83.1\% |  | -2.4pcp |
| Advertising \& marketing' | $(11,916)$ | $(14,930)$ | 3,014 | -20.2\% |
| Advertising as percent of revenue | 33.2\% | 39.2\% |  | -6рср |
| Distribution \& fulfilment | $(4,472)$ | $(4,415)$ | (57) | 1.3\% |
| Distribution as percent of revenue | 12.5\% | 11.6\% |  | 0.9pcp |
| Merchant and transaction fees | $(1,262)$ | (947) | (315) | 33.3\% |
| Transaction fees as \% of Revenue | 4.4\% | 3.0\% |  | 1.4pcp |
| Contribution profit | 11,318 | 11,360 | (42) | -0.4\% |
| Contribution as percent of revenue | 31.5\% | 29.8\% |  | 1.7pcp |
| Overhead ${ }^{1}$ | $(3,845)$ | $(3,926)$ | 81 | -2.1\% |
| EBITDA ${ }^{\text {I }}$ | 7,473 | 7,434 | 39 | 0.5\% |
| EBITDA as \% of Revenue | 20.8\% | 19.5\% |  | 1.3pcp |
| PBT | 7,573 | 7,431 | 142 | 1.9\% |
| Income tax expense | $(2,298)$ | $(2,462)$ | 164 | -6.7\% |
| Proforma NPAT | 5,275 | 4,969 | 306 | 6.2\% |
| Proforma expense adjustments | 0 | $(9,963)$ | 9,963 | -100.0\% |
| Proformatax adjustments | 0 | 1,178 | $(1,178)$ | -100.0\% |
| Statutory NPAT / (NLAT) | 5,275 | $(3,816)$ | 9,091 | -238.2\% |

## COMMENTARY

- Revenue declined $5.7 \%$ on pcp
- Gross margin declined $2.4 \%$ from pcp, however, is consistent with the $80.7 \%$ level in 2 H 22 . Nonetheless, this remains a strong gross margin
- Advertising was 33.2\% of revenue, representing a decrease on the $39.2 \%$ level in the pcp. This results from a focus on improving spend efficiency over the period
- Cost pressure on global logistics and distribution costs remain
- Other costs support business growth including capability


## Balance Sheet

|  | As at 31 December 2022 | $\begin{gathered} \text { As at } \\ 30 \text { June } 2022 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \% |
| ASSETS |  |  |  |  |
| Current Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 32,550 | 34,110 | $(1,560)$ | -4.6\% |
| Trade and other receivables | 269 | 42 | 227 | 540.5\% |
| Inventories | 26,705 | 25,383 | 1,322 | 5.2\% |
| Other assets | 1,228 | 1,013 | 215 | 21.2\% |
|  | 60,752 | 60,548 | 204 | 0.3\% |
| Non-current Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Property, plant and equipment | 60 | 19 | 41 | 215.8\% |
| Intangibles | 47 | 50 | (3) | -6.0\% |
| Deferred tax assets | 3,026 | 2,569 | 457 | 17.8\% |
|  | 3,133 | 2,638 | 495 | 18.8\% |
| Total assets | 63,885 | 63,186 | 699 | 1.1\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| LIABILITIES |  |  |  |  |
| Current Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Trade and other payables | 7,266 | 12,043 | $(4,777)$ | -39.7\% |
| Contract liabilities | 1,214 | 1,507 | (293) | -19.4\% |
| Income tax payable | 1,158 | 779 | 379 | 48.7\% |
| Employee benefits | 217 | 197 | 20 | 10.2\% |
|  | 9,855 | 14,526 | $(4,671)$ | -32.2\% |
| Non-current Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Employee benefits | 27 | 19 | 8 | 42.1\% |
|  | 27 | 19 | 8 | 42.1\% |
| Total Liabilities | 9,882 | 14,545 | $(4,663)$ | -32.1\% |
| Net Assets | 54,003 | 48,641 | 5,362 | 11.0\% |
| EQUITY |  |  |  |  |
| Issued capital | 52,496 | 52,496 | 0 | 0.0\% |
| Reserves | 181 | 94 | 87 | 92.6\% |
| Retained profits/(accumulated losses) | 1,326 | $(3,949)$ | 5,275 | -133.6\% |
| Total Equity | 54,003 | 48,641 | 5,362 | 11.0\% |

## COMMENTARY

- Strong cash of $\$ 32.6 \mathrm{~m}$ with no debt
- Step One's inventory is not perishable or seasonal. Step One reduced the placement of new production orders in June 2022; however due to lag effects in the production to delivery cycle, inventory levels increased, reaching a peak in October 2022. From this time, inventory levels have decreased.
- Trade payables reduced $\$ 6.4 m$ as production orders were reduced mid 2022. Most orders have since been delivered and paid for prior to Dec 22
- Step One remains a capital light business model


## Cash Flow Statement

|  | 1 H 23 | $1 \mathrm{H22}$ | Vari |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$'000 | \$000 | \$000 | \% |
| Cash flows from operating activities |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST/VAT) | 40,158 | 40,818 | 660 | 1.6\% |
| Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST/VAT) | $(39,656)$ | $(42,138)$ | $(2,482)$ | 6.3\% |
|  | 502 | $(1,320)$ | $(1,822)$ | -362.9\% |
| Interest received | 11 | 0 | (111) | -100.0\% |
| Income taxes paid | $(2,063)$ | $(3,702)$ | $(1,639)$ | 79.4\% |
| Net cash from/(used in) operating activities | $(1,450)$ | $(5,022)$ | $(3,572)$ | 246.3\% |
| Cash flows from investing activities |  |  |  |  |
| Purchases of equipment | (50) |  | 50 | -100.0\% |
| Net cash from/(used in) investing activities | (50) | 0 | 50 | -100.0\% |
| Cash flows from financing activities |  |  |  |  |
| Proceeds from issue of shares | 0 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 0.0\% |
| Proceeds/(repayments) to related parties | 0 | 3,409 | 3,409 | 0.0\% |
| Share issue transactions costs | 0 | $(5,800)$ | $(5,800)$ | 0.0\% |
| Dividends paid | 0 | $(4,800)$ | $(4,800)$ | 0.0\% |
| Net cash from/(used in) financing activities | 0 | 32,809 | 32,809 | 0.0\% |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | $(1,500)$ | 27,787 | 29,287 | -1952.5\% |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year | 34,110 | 10,845 | $(23,265)$ | -68.2\% |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (60) | 54 | 114 | -190.0\% |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year | 32,550 | 38,686 | 6,136 | 18.9\% |

## COMMENTARY

- Cash receipts impacted by seasonality in revenue recognition (contract liability) near sale events. Adjusting for these cash receipts reduced 6\% in line with revenue reduction
- Cash outflows impacted by increases in operating costs offset by reduced inventory purchases
- Cash outflows were impacted by a reduction in trade payables of $\$ 6.4 \mathrm{~m}$ as production orders were reduced mid 2022. Most orders have since been delivered and paid for prior to Dec 22
- Capital light business model


## MARKKET STRATEGY

## Strategy

Global growth opportunity


## Customers want our product we just have to let them know it is available and get it in their hands

## Business Model

Step One is built on an innovative product and customer engagement model with a strong ESG focus

## 1. DESIGN

## Functional Product Features

- UltraGlyde ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ panels
- Elastic 3D pouch
- Organically grown Eco-Cert Bamboo


## 2. MARKETING

## Strategic \& Direct

- In-house capability producing video, content \& marketing
- Skills managing content localisation or local production
- Intelligent management of paid media, social media \& influencer channels



## 4. ESG FOCUS

Transparent production process

- FSC certification of supply chain
- Organically grown Bamboo from responsible sources
- Strict ethical manufacturing across supply chain
- Minimise carbon footprint


## 3. CUSTOMER Ist APPROACH

Strong Customer Conversion \& Retention

- 30-Day First Pair Guarantee which allows a full refund on a first purchase
- Free shipping available
- 12-month manufacturing warranty
- Rapid customer service response


## Sustainable and Ethical Supply chain

Our ESG credentials are baked into our entire product lifecycle, from inception to delivery The Step One Brand is now certified by $\mathrm{FSC}^{1}$



## Looking forward

Step One will continue to prioritise profitability over growth


Profitable growth


Investing in capability and product innovation


Expanding the customer funnel


Continuous improvement in customer experience


Expanding sales channels and marketplaces

## Thank You! Q+A

Browse our product range on www.stepone.life while we are talking


1. Customer reviews taken from respective websites as at 17 February 2023.


Real people wearing Step One...


## $\triangle A P P E N D E 3$

## Product Features

Step One underwear is design focused - with UltraGlyde ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ panels, comfort pouches, and comfortable organically grown Bamboo - it has revolutionised the underwear market for all genders


BAMBOOFABRIC

- Wicks away sweat and has excellent breathing qualities


## 3D CROTCH PANEL

- Hidden 3D Elastic Pouch keeps 'the boys' supported
- Less skin to leg contact reduces sweat and maintains comfort
- Elastic stretches to fit any man regardless of size
- Organically grown bamboo plantations (eco-cert)
- Naturally irrigated \& no pesticides used during growth



## SOFT AND SUPPORTIVE

- Construction from single piece of fabric
- Luxurious feel from breathhable fabric
- Soft and supportive waistband
- No visible panty line (VPL)


## A Brief History of Step One

Founder-led business with highly scalable model \& strong track record of growth


STEP ONE IS BORN Idea, Product Dev \&
$1^{\text {st }}$ Order


IT'S A SELL OUT Video = 1M Views Sell Out 5,000 pairs Re-order 20,000 pairs


PRODUCTION GROWS A $2^{\text {nd }}$ manufacturing relationship established to accommodate customer demand


HELLO UK!
UK market testing followed by full launch


HELLO US!
Following a testing phase Step One is set to launch in the US


DIVERSIFYING SUPPLY Additional manufacturing partner in Vietnam


WOMEN'S LAUNCH New product range for women based on existing female demand

## AMAZON

Listed on Amazon in AU, UK and US

NEW PRODUCTS \& DESIGN
Thermals launched \& patterns introduced to range

NEW PRODUCTS Launched sports range


## Flexible Production Cycle

A highly flexible production cycle which can be managed to meet demand

Production facilities in China and Vietnam:

- Maintain flexibility across production cycle
- Mitigate risk of disruption in one of the jurisdictions
- Support continued growth of the business

- Flexible production cycle that allows us to amend the order throughout the process right up to export


## Local Distribution

- Product is warehoused in each country with 3PLs in Australia East Coast, UK East Coast \& USA West Coast
- 3PLs manage all inventory \& logistics in each country
- Receive product from the port of entry
- Receipt product into their warehousing systems
- Secure storage \& management
- Targets next business day fulfillment
- Direct connection with Step One's selling system
- Daily pick \& pack (business day)
- Management of returns \& exchanges
- Last mile reliant on local distribution services which experienced significant delays relating to COVID-19
- National postal services plus private services used for most deliveries including express options (Australia Post, Royal Mail, UPS \& USPS)
- Other express delivery options used as required

Proforma Income Statement

|  | FY20 |  | FY21 |  | FY22 |  | FY23 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$'000 | 1H2O | 2H2O | 1H21 | 2H21 | 1H22 | 2 H 22 | 1H23 |
| Australia | 9,304 | 11,943 | 23,359 | 17,309 | 25,601 | 20,995 | 24,113 |
| UK | 0 | 1,000 | 10,726 | 10,323 | 11,031 | 11,013 | 10,619 |
| USA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,444 | 2,103 | 1,161 |
| Revenue | 9,304 | 12,943 | 34,085 | 27,632 | 38,076 | 34,111 | 35,893 |
| Cost of sales | $(1,713)$ | $(2,383)$ | $(6,094)$ | $(4,638)$ | $(6,424)$ | $(6,590)$ | $(6,925)$ |
| Gross profit | 7,591 | 10,560 | 27,991 | 22,994 | 31,652 | 27,521 | 28,968 |
| Gross Margin \% | 81.6\% | 81.6\% | 82.1\% | 83.2\% | 83.1\% | 80.7\% | 80.7\% |
| Advertising \& marketing | $(3,014)$ | $(5,280)$ | $(12,378)$ | $(15,696)$ | $(14,930)$ | $(17,159)$ | $(11,916)$ |
| Advertising as \% of Revenue | 32.4\% | 40.8\% | 36.3\% | 56.8\% | 39.2\% | 50.3\% | 33.2\% |
| Distribution \& fulfilment | (636) | $(1,118)$ | $(3,057)$ | $(3,137)$ | $(4,415)$ | $(4,431)$ | $(4,472)$ |
| Distribution as \% of Revenue | 6.8\% | 8.6\% | 9.0\% | 11.4\% | 11.6\% | 13.0\% | 12.5\% |
| Merchant \& transaction fees | (177) | (499) | (736) | (666) | (947) | (910) | $(1,262)$ |
| Transaction fees as \% of Revenue | 1.9\% | 3.9\% | 2.2\% | 2.4\% | 2.5\% | 2.7\% | 3.5\% |
| Contribution profit | 3,764 | 3,663 | 11,820 | 3,495 | 11,360 | 5,021 | 11,318 |
| Contribution as \% of Revenue | 40.5\% | 28.3\% | 34.7\% | 12.6\% | 29.8\% | 14.7\% | 31.5\% |
| Employee \& contractor related expenses | (671) | (884) | (888) | $(1,007)$ | $(1,399)$ | $(1,628)$ | $(1,999)$ |
| Share based payments | (180) | (180) | (180) | (180) | (180) | (34) | (165) |
| Other operating expenses | $(1,236)$ | $(1,223)$ | $(1,573)$ | $(1,776)$ | $(1,950)$ | $(1,411)$ | $(1,682)$ |
| Proforma Overhead | $(2,087)$ | $(2,287)$ | $(2,641)$ | $(2,963)$ | $(3,529)$ | $(3,073)$ | $(3,846)$ |
| Foreign Exchange | 0 | 0 | (74) | 97 | (394) | (367) | 1 |
| Other non-operating income | 2 | 46 | 74 | (28) | (3) |  |  |
| Proforma EBITDA | 1,679 | 1,422 | 9,179 | 601 | 7,434 | 1,581 | 7,473 |
| EBITDA as \% of Revenue | 18.0\% | 11.0\% | 26.9\% | 2.2\% | 19.5\% | 4.6\% | 20.8\% |
| Depreciation \& amortisation \& interest | (1) | 0 | 0 | (5) | (3) | 26 | 100 |
| Proforma PBT | 1,678 | 1,422 | 9,179 | 596 | 7,431 | 1,607 | 7,573 |
| Income tax expense | (446) | (378) | $(3,063)$ | (198) | $(2,462)$ | $(1,249)$ | $(2,298)$ |
| Proforma NPAT | 1,232 | 1,044 | 6,116 | 398 | 4,969 | 358 | 5,275 |
| Proforma expense adj | 1,008 | 931 | $(1,456)$ | $(5,171)$ | $(9,963)$ | 650 | 0 |
| Proforma tax adjustments | (292) | (325) | (96) | 91 | 1,178 | (195) | 0 |
| Statutory NPAT / (NLAT) | 1,948 | 1,650 | 4,564 | $(4,682)$ | $(3,816)$ | 813 | 5,275 |

## COMMENTARY

- No proforma adjustments made in 1H23
- Proforma financial information has been prepared for comparative analysis
- The nature of the proforma adjustments are provided on the next page


## Proforma Adjustments

|  | FY20 |  | FY21 |  | FY22 |  | FY231H23 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$'000 | 1H2O | 2H2O | 1 H 21 | 2H21 | 1H22 | 2H22 |  |
| Statutory NPAT / (NLAT) | 1,948 | 1,649 | 4,564 | $(4,683)$ | $(3,816)$ | 813 | 5,275 |
| Less Costs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - share based payments | 0 | 133 | 2,967 | 4,900 | 6,076 | 0 | 0 |
| - IPO costs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 605 | 3,927 | 0 | 0 |
| - legal fees | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,004 | 394 | (650) | 0 |
| - other one-off costs | 504 | 447 | 0 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Add Costs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - management \& admin costs | (471) | (471) | (471) | (389) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| - executive share-based payments | (180) | (180) | (180) | (180) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| - public company costs | (860) | (860) | (860) | (860) | (434) | 0 | 0 |
|  | 940 | 718 | 6,020 | 488 | 6,147 | 613 | 5,275 |
| Proforma Tax Adjustment | 292 | 325 | 96 | (90) | $(1,178)$ | 195 | 0 |
| Proforma NPAT | 1,232 | 1,044 | 6,116 | 398 | 4,969 | 358 | 5,275 |

## COMMENTARY

- No proforma adjustments made in 1H23
- Proforma financial adjustment enable appropriate 'like-for-life' comparison
- Proforma adjustments represent a deviation from Accounting Standards


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[^0]:    Source: Management Accounts, Shopify
     total number of customer orders based on order date 4. The total advertising and marketing costs divided by the new / first-time customer orders based on order date.

