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FY21 Highlights

Our Company



Mission & Vision		Pro	Products			Performance	
Μ	ake Al				() }	\$447 м	Record revenue in FY21
	rk in the	Dat	5	Data	Model	\$78.9 м	FY21 EBITDA Before FX Impact
ree	al world	collec	tion	preparation	evaluation	40 %	Annualised revenue growth since 2016
#1 Dc	#1 Data for the Al Lifecycle		chno		atform	32%	Global Services growth 2H21 on 1H21
			E	Expertise Crowd	•	422 %	Revenue growth in China in FY21
Our customers inc	clude				Ø		
Google	amazon	Linked in	DC	Dolby	BOEING	A Adobe	SIEMENS
Microsoft	salesforce	Bloomberg		W NIVERSITY of SHINGTON	nextdoor		5

Our Impact



Crowd

Impact sourcing

Creating opportunities for people in developing countries¹

17%

were long-term unemployed (>1 year) before joining Appen

16%

living under the global poverty line before joining Appen

63%

use their Appen earnings to support their household or to pay for education

People

38%

female representation amongst senior leadership up from 30% in 2020

50%

female representation on our Board up from 43% in 2020

2021 Employee Distribution



Asia Pacific
 USA
 Australia
 UK / Europe

Environment

Scope 1 and 2

GHG emissions inventory completed

Net zero emissions

by 2030

100% renewable

Cloud supplier partner

1. Internal survey of our crowd workers conducted in November 2021 with ~7,000 responses.

Our Impact



We are making AI work in the real world, for everyone

We helped our customer reduce bias in AI by testing their language model with a diverse crowd



Norket overview

Al is accelerating



52%

of companies accelerated their AI adoption plans because of COVID²

86%

of companies say Al is becoming a "mainstream technology" for them²

72%

of business leaders are positive about the role Al will play³

Al will be a ubiquitous and omni-use technology¹ Al will help alleviate skills shortages by augmenting support activities⁴

If companies don't embrace AI, they will quite simply be left behind¹

I. Reimagining the Future of Business and Tech with Kai-Fu Lee https://www.bcg.com/publications/2021/how-artificial-intelligence-will-reshape-the-future-of-business

2. PwC

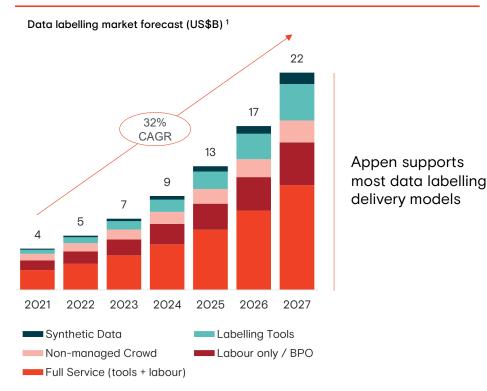
3. <u>The Al Journal</u> 4. Harris Poll / Appe

4. Harris Poll / Appen

The Al training data market is growing rapidly Large volumes of human-annotated data remain critical for Al success



Growing need for labelling



1. Cognilytica Research Snapshot: Data Labelling Markets (December 2021)

What customers are saying

- Vast, high-quality data sets are required for AI models to work perfectly
- Humans will continue to play a significant role in the creation of unbiased AI training data
- Technology is essential for delivering large-volumes of high-quality labelling and sourcing tasks and integrating with model development pipelines
- Data trust and privacy are paramount
- Al is experimental, requires high agility and expertise to support new product development. Customers less likely to commit spend
- Synthetic data is early but will play a role

Appen is the market leader



Leading market share Why we win Al data revenue by competitor ¹ Data privacy compliant, with platform option Trust for secure, onsite data labelling Platform quality controls ensure unbiased, Quality low-error and globally representative results **Usability** Easy to integrate and use labelling platform Breadth and depth of labelling technology Scale that support large-scale data requirements In-built labelling automation to deliver Speed rapid results TELUS 🚸 appen scale Next largest International competitor Deep domain expertise developed from over LIONBRIDGE **Expertise** 25 years of experience Lionbridge revenue source from Telus International IPO and other statements, Scale 1

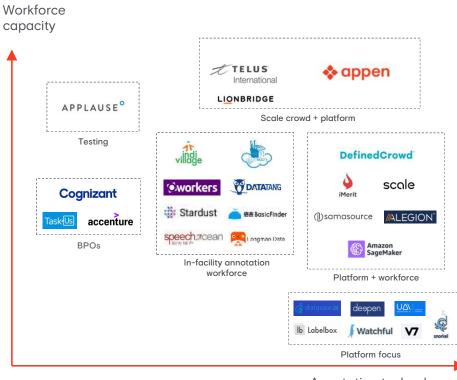
Al revenue estimated from public announcements related to funding rounds

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Appen is strongly positioned against competitors



Competitive landscape



Annotation technology

Our differentiators

- Unique combination of leading annotation technology and global crowd
- Trusted by global Al leaders to support both in-deployment and emerging Al enabled products
- 25 years expertise working delivering high quality AI training data
- Appen's crowd supports large-scale data requirements with high quality
- Full market coverage with dedicated business units focusing on Global (big-tech), China, Government and Enterprise





Our vision: #1 Data for the AI Lifecycle



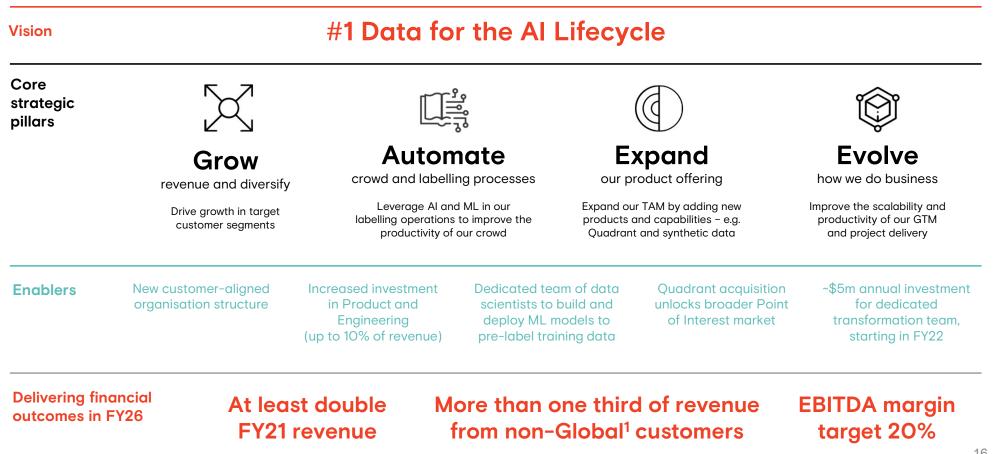
Who we are #1 Data for the Al Lifecycle						
Trust Data privacy compliant, with opt for secure, onsite data labellin	tion Unbiased, hig	ality h-quality and sentative data	Usability Easy to use, with simple UX and API integrations	Breadth and de	Scale apth of tools to enrich es and use cases	Speed In-built automation that minimizes latency of results
Our products		 Prelabelled 	rcing ection – leverage our crowd of ov d Datasets – use prelabelled da Data ^(Beta) – artificially generate	tasets to kickstart	Al projects	-
♦ appen 4. Model evaluation by humans ♦ appen 3.	2. Data preparation \$ appen	data qualit • Knowledge	otation – enrich data through ML y for bias and duplicates Graphs – define taxonomy and aining and deployment			
Model training and deployment		 Model Test judgements 	aluations by Humans ting (incl. Relevance) – validate s ichmarking – compare model pe			ange of use cases with huma
Our Delivery	Technology platfo	orms	Crowd		Expertise	
Data Types Text	Image	Audio	Video	LiDAR/3D	Multi-modal	Point-of-Interest



Growth strategy

Our growth strategy





1. Non-Global includes customers from China, Enterprise, Government and Quadrant

Delivering against our strategy

High-level roadmap

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	FY21	FY22 and beyond
Grow	 ✓ New and expanded delivery centres in Dalian and Wuxi, China ✓ New leadership team for Enterprise ✓ Hired Chief Product Officer 	 Maintain growth through customer and project diversification Leverage China success into Japan and Korea Greater use of equity compensation to attract and retain expert people
لللل المعرفة المعرفة المحرفة ال Automate	 ✓ Built team and base capabilities for ML-based automation ✓ Developed and launched automation that doubles audio annotation productivity 	 Apply automation to additional data modalities Expand data science team Ongoing investments in product and engineering
(Expand	 ✓ Quadrant acquisition unlocks POI market and increases TAM ✓ Launched China AV tools 	 Embed and unlock value from investments and partnerships Maintain investment in new product development to support AI lifecycles
Evolve	 ✓ Transformation program established ✓ Hired Chief Transformation Officer 	 Deliver revenue and margin benefits of transformation program. Net EBITDA positive from FY23 Investing ~\$5m annually in transformation team

Delivering outcomes by FY26

At least double FY21 revenue

More than one third of revenue from non-Global customers

- Targeting >35% CAGR in non-Global customers

EBITDA margin target 20%

 We are investing for growth which may impact margin in the near term

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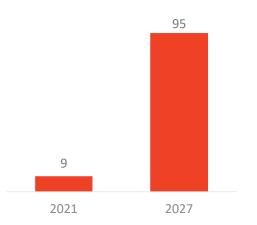
Automate: Improving crowd productivity Full service requires a mix of human-based and automated services

	Data Sourcing			Data Pre	Data Preparation		Model Evaluation	
	Data Collection	Prelabelled Datasets	Synthetic Data	Data Annotation	Knowledge Graphs	Model Testing (incl. Relevance)	Model Benchmarking	
Human involvement	High	Low	Low	Med	Low	High	Med	
Automation potential	Low	High	High	Med	Low	Low	High	
	u					80% of Appen's revenue in FY21	-	
	scale crowd sks with high			t for Our tech	• •	roductivity of our mation potential		

Expand: Impact of new products China autonomous vehicles annotation product



AI in Computer Vision Market (US\$B)¹



- Autonomous vehicles (AV) requires vast amounts of training data
- Multiple modalities
 image, video, LiDAR, speech
- High data quality and security requirements



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- Successfully developed and deployed AV data annotation technology
- Built skilled and scalable specialist labelling and QA workforce
- Eleven auto AV customers
- >20 other tech customers developing autonomous mobility products (e.g., robotics)
- Leveraging capability to expand share in the US and Europe

Expand: Impact of new products Geo-locational data

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Offers Takeaway: No

Opening Hours: Permanently Closed

- Accurate location data is essential for maps, ecommerce, ride-sharing, real estate, delivery...
- Rich location data requires accurate collection, multiple data points and regular update – especially post– COVID



 Quadrant Geolancer: efficient, crowd-sourced, in-field pointof-interest (POI) data collection and verification

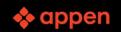


- Location data will converge with augmented and virtual reality (AR/VR)
- AR/VR users will enjoy localised AI and richer real-world experience



Financial performance

Two reporting segments, five customer-facing business units



	New Markets reflects progress against our Product Led strategy
	ncludes Global Product (Global customer revenue through Appen products), Enterprise, Govt, China and Quadrant
Includes large relevance Al programs	All project types and data modalities

Global	Enterprise	Govt	China	Quadrant
Leading US tech companies, including Google, Amazon and Microsoft	Covering North America, EMEA and SEA	Federal agencies	China, Japan and Korea	Provider of location data

Financial highlights



US\$	FY21	vs FY2O
Group revenue	\$447.3M	+8%
Global Services ¹	\$344.7M	+5%
New Markets ²	\$102.5M	+21%
Underlying EBITDA ³ (before FX)	\$78.9M	+12%
Underlying EBITDA margin (before FX)	17.6%	vs 17.1%
Underlying EBITDA (after FX)	\$77.7M	+3%
Underlying EBITDA margin (after FX)	17.4%	vs 18.3%
Dividend per share (A cents)	10.0c	Flat

1. Revenue from major US technology customers (Global customers) through their platforms

2. Revenue from Global Product (Global customers using the Appen platform and tools) and Enterprise, China, Government and Quadrant customers

3. Underlying EBITDA excludes restructure costs, transaction costs, cloud computing costs and acquisition-related share-based payment expenses, and for FY2O, the earnout adjustment relating to the Figure Eight acquisition **Record full year revenue performance** driven by strong 2H Global Services contribution and uplift in New Markets

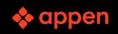
- **Global services revenue** reflects second half revenue growth of 32% on the first half of FY21
- New markets revenue driven by 422% increase in revenue in China

Underlying EBITDA before FX up 12%, driven by revenue growth and gross margin expansion in 2H

Strong balance sheet – \$48M in cash and no debt as at 31 December 2021

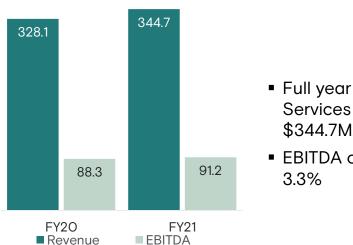
Final dividend A\$ 5.5 cents per share, flat on FY20

Global Services Record full year revenue driven by strong second half

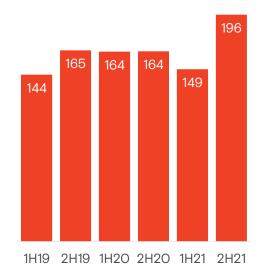


Revenue and EBITDA (US\$M)

Revenue by half (US\$M)



- Full year Global Services revenue of \$344.7M, up 5.0%
- EBITDA of \$91.2M, up 3.3%



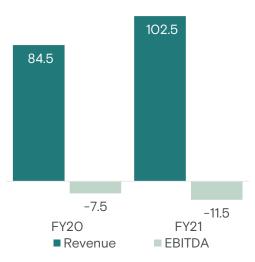
- Strong 2H FY21
- Delivered into projected 2H skew, 32% growth on 1H
- Growth underpinned by multiple new product developments to offset ad dependencies

New Markets Maintains strong growth

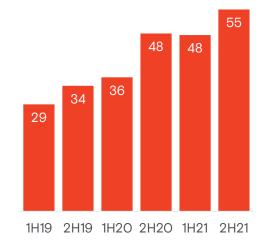


Revenue and EBITDA (US\$M)

Revenue by half (US\$M)



- FY21 revenue of \$102.5M, up 21%
- Growth supported by strong performance in China
- EBITDA loss of \$11.5M due to investing in growth
- 2H loss down 48% on 1H



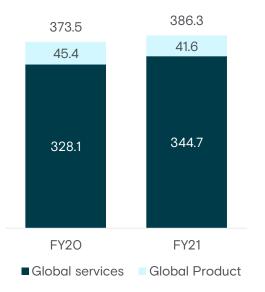
- Strong growth half on half, up 15%
- Record half for New Markets in 2H

Global Customers Record 2H revenue – solid annual growth

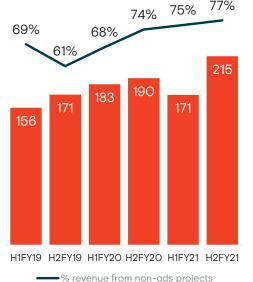


Annual revenue (US\$M)





- Full year 2021 revenue of \$386.3M, up 3.4% on FY21
- Growth underpinned by existing programs and new product developments
- Global Product revenue down 8.2% on FY2O due to end of a single large project

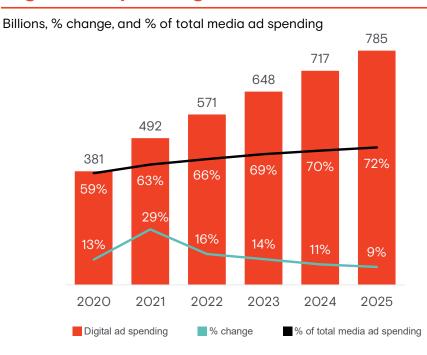


- Record 2H revenue, returns Global to growth trajectory
- Growth driven by non-ad projects (up 28%) as customers invest in new products and applications
- Percentage of non-ad projects increasing, 77% in 2H FY21
- Ad-related revenue returned to growth in 2H FY21 (up 18% on 1H21)

Digital advertising market trends Appen continues to support existing companies and new entrants



Digital ad spending worldwide (2020-2025)



Note: includes advertising that appears on desktop and laptop computers as well as mobile phones, tablets, and other internet-connected devices, and includes all the various formats of advertising on those platforms; excludes SMS, MMS, and P2P messaging-based advertising Source: eMarketer, October 2021

Market observations and implications

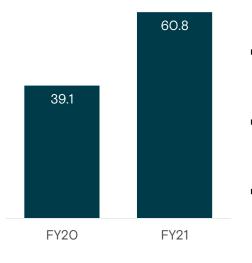
- Digital Ad Market continues to grow
- Market dynamics include
 - Emergence of new social media companies wining global share
 - Participants investing to address technical developments (e.g., iOS changes)
- Major search and social media companies continue to invest
 - Ongoing ad-related products to win share
 - New products to diversity revenue streams
- Appen is working with search and social media companies globally, including US and China, to support development of ad and non-ad products

Enterprise, China, Government, Quadrant Growth continues

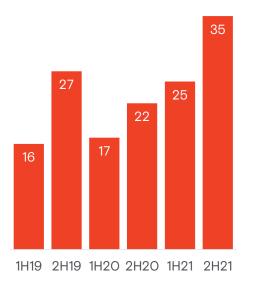


Annual revenue (US\$M)

Revenue by half (US\$M)



- FY21 revenue of \$60.8M, up 55.4% on FY20
- Growth supported by strong performance in China
- Enterprise, China, Govt and Quadrant now 14% of group revenue, up from 9% in FY20



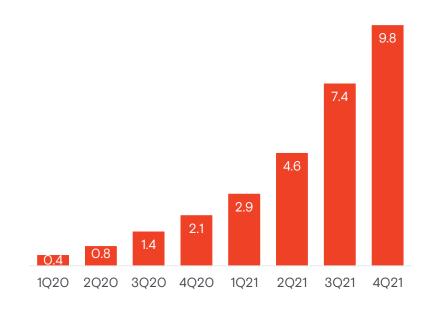
Record revenue in 2H FY21

 2H FY21 up 59% on PCP

China Breakout growth in FY21



China revenue by quarter (US\$M)



Summary of performance

- FY21 revenue of \$24.7M, 422% up on FY20
- Customers include tech giants, social media, mobile providers and autonomous vehicle (AV) companies
- 11 leading auto AV companies as customers
- >20 other tech customers developing autonomous mobility products (e.g., robotics)
- Highly focused on growth including new customer and share from incumbents
- On track to be market leader in China
- Gross margin continues to improve

Enterprise, Government and Quadrant Building for high-growth



Growing Enterprise customer base

- Wins with Salesforce, Boeing, Adobe, Bloomberg
- Multiple data modalities
- New leadership team focused on accelerating growth





Ongoing opportunities with Government

- Selected in a partnership for • the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC) BPA to support technology capabilities acceleration¹
- Continue to deliver into existing programs
- Adding new pilot projects
- Building essential partner • ecosystem

Quadrant delivering early wins

- Quadrant well received by Appen customers
- Multiple projects underway across both **Global and Enterprise** customers
- Back-office integration largely complete



1. BPA: blanket purchase agreement up to \$249M to be allocated across multiple vendors over multiple years

Revenue, EBITDA and NPAT summary



			%
US\$M	FY21	FY2O	change
Global Services ¹	344.7	328.1	5.0%
New Markets ²	102.5	84.5	21.3%
Other income	0.1	0.4	
Total revenue	447.3	413.0	8.3%
Statutory EBITDA	72.9	74.8	(2.4%)
Underlying EBITDA ³	77.7	75.4	3.0%
Underlying EBITDA margin	17.4%	18.3%	
Underlying EBITDA ³ before FX	78.9	70.7	11.6%
Underlying EBITDA margin	17.6%	17.1%	
Statutory NPAT	28.5	35.6	(19.9%)
Underlying NPAT ⁴	40.6	45.3	(10.4%)
Underlying basic eps (cents)	33.0	37.2	(11.3%)

Note: numbers are subject to rounding

- 1. Revenue from major US technology customers (Global customers) through their platforms
- 2. Revenue from Global Product, Enterprise, China, Government and Quadrant customers
- Underlying EBITDA excludes restructure costs, transaction costs, cloud computing costs and acquisitionrelated share-based payment expenses, and for FY2O, the earnout adjustment relating to the Figure Eight acquisition
- 4. Underlying NPAT excludes after tax impact of items relating to restructure, cloud computing and acquisition related costs, including acquisition related intangibles, share-based payments, deemed interest on earn out liability and transaction costs, and for FY2O, consideration adjustments relating to the Figure Eight acquisition

Revenue growth of 8%, underpinned by strong half-on-half growth of 28%, following a 1H decline of 2% versus pcp

Major contributor was Global Services which delivered into the strong 2H revenue forecast, with a record 2H performance, up 19% on pcp and 32% on 1H FY21

Growth largely driven by continued increase in new non-ad Global projects, return to growth in Global ads projects and increases in market and customer share in China

Underlying EBITDA (before FX) and margins positively impacted by 2H revenue growth, gross margin expansion and moderate expense increase to support growth

Underlying NPAT impacted by increased amortisation associated with investment in product development

Effective tax rate constant at 20.5% due to tax effect of movements from expensing and vesting of employee performance shares. Normalised tax rate (excluding share-based payment related items) ~25%

Strong and resilient balance sheet



US\$M	Dec 2021	Dec 2020
Cash	47.9	60.5
Receivables	89.2	50.6
Contract assets	10.5	31.5
Other current assets	15.1	12.2
Non-current Assets	336.2	306.8
Total assets	498.9	461.6
Current liabilities	66.6	60.0
Non-current liabilities	40.4	27.9
Total liabilities	107.0	87.9
Net assets	391.9	373.7
Total equity	391.9	373.7

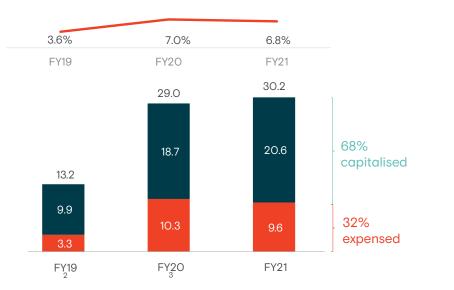
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- Increase in receivables due to increased volumes around year end and includes invoices raised on 31 December 21, as time-based billing milestones satisfied, resulting in reduction in contract assets
- Non-current assets include Goodwill of \$247.7M and identifiable intangible assets (IIA) of \$67.1M Goodwill and IIA has been reviewed for impairment, with adequate headroom
- Goodwill of \$45.4M has been recorded in respect of the Quadrant acquisition. This will be further analysed as part of the purchase price adjustment in FY22.
- Non-current liabilities include an earn out liability of \$18.4M in respect of the Quadrant acquisition
- Final dividend of AU 5.5 cps. Final dividend 50% franked

Investment in product development



Investment in product development¹ (US\$M)



Product development (ex amortisation) as a % of revenue

1. Product development relates to investment in engineering to ensure that the annotation platform and tools support our customers and their use cases, and drive efficiencies and scale. These amounts exclude amortization expense.

2. FY19 includes amounts capitalised related to the acquisition of Figure Eight

3. FY2O spend includes annualisation of Figure Eight engineering spend (acquisition completed April 2019).

- FY21 investment of \$30.2M reflects continuing focus on product development to drive customer wins, scalability, repeatability, quality data and margin expansion
- Significant increase in FY20 vs FY19 due to strategic focus on engineering following the acquisition of Figure Eight, with new engineering staff added to enhance existing products and develop new products
- Approximately 68% of product spend was capitalised in FY21 reflecting investment in platform development and new tools and products
- 6.8% of revenue was reinvested in product development in FY21
- Ongoing investment in product development up to 10% of revenue

Solid cash flow conversion



US\$M	FY21	FY2O
Receipts	434.3	413.6
Payments and other	(374.2)	(335.6)
Cash flow from operations before interest and tax	60.1	78.0
Net interest	(O.6)	(1.2)
Taxes	(5.6)	(12.1)
Net cash from operations	53.9	64.7
Net cash from operationsCash flows - investing activities	53.9 (50.8)	64.7 (48.8)
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Cash flows – investing activities	(50.8)	(48.8)
Cash flows – investing activities Cash flows – financing activities	(50.8) (14.1)	(48.8) (8.2)
Cash flows – investing activities Cash flows – financing activities Net cash flow for the period	(50.8) (14.1) (11.0)	(48.8) (8.2) 7.7

Note: numbers are subject to rounding

- Cash balance decreased by \$12.6M due to upfront payment for Quadrant of \$25.3M
- Cash balance and cash conversion impacted by timing issues

 working capital cycle impact of higher volumes in November and December 21
- Working capital cycle impact, offset by lower tax payments, resulted in cash flow from operations decreasing by 13%
- Cash used to pay tax, dividends, capex and fund operations and planned investments to support future growth
- Cash conversion from EBITDA decreased from 103% to 77%

Cash flow reconciliation (US\$M)	FY21	FY2O
Underlying EBITDA	77.7	75.4
Working capital	(17.6)	2.5
Cash flow from operations before interest and tax	60.1	78.0
Underlying EBITDA cash conversion	77%	103%

We are guiding to long-term shareholder value creation

FY26 financial targets

At least double FY21 revenue	We are highly focused on long-term revenue growth Our revenue order book including year-to-date revenue plus orders in hand stands at ~\$190M at February 2022 ¹ FY22 half on half revenue skew expected to be similar to prior years (excluding FY20)
Improved customer mix with 1/3 of revenue from non- Global ² customers	We will invest for growth in new products, sales and marketing, partnerships and explore M&A opportunities Targeting >35% CAGR revenue growth from non-Global customers
EBITDA margin of 20%	Our long-term revenue focus may impact near-term EBITDA margins and future dividend payout ratios Our long-term focus means we will no longer provide short-term quantitative EBITDA guidance Higher costs in 1H22 include new transformation office, investment in product and technology, and share-based payment expenses Earnings skew to 2H will be larger when compared to FY21

1. Consistent with prior year methodology. FY21 order book of ~\$165.7 million (~A\$240 million).

2. Non-Global includes customers from China, Enterprise, Government and Quadrant.

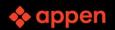
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Questions?

Appendix

Conservative approach to amortisation

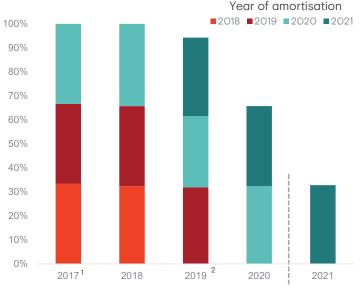


- Product development is amortised over 3 years
- Amortisation expense has increased due to the strategic focus on product development, which commenced in FY19. FY21 amortisation is based on spend in FY19, FY20 and FY21, with the nominal spend in FY18 being replaced with the much higher spend in FY21

Year of origination of capitalised spend		US\$'000 Amounts amortised			
	Amount				
	capitalised	2018	2019	2020	2021
2017 ¹	288	96	96	96	-
2018	762	247	254	261	-
2019 ²	9,925	-	3,168	3,113	3,104
2020	18,712	-	-	6,063	6,063
2021	20,574	-	-	_	6,858
Total	50,261	343	3,518	9,533	16,025

Figures may vary from period to period due to the impact of foreign currency translation

- 1. Amortisation of 2017 capitalised spend commenced in 2018.
- 2. 2019 includes capitalised amounts relating to the acquisition of Figure Eight, which is amortised between 3 and 7 years.



Year of origination of capitalised spend

Reconciliation between statutory and underlying results

	Year ended 31 December 2021 USD \$000	Restated Year ended 31 December 2020 USD \$000	Change
Underlying net profit after tax (NPAT) ¹ (Less)/add underlying adjustments (net of tax)	40,597	45,276	(10%)
Amortisation of acquisition-related identifiable intangible assets	(8,303)	(7,859)	
Restructure costs ²	(1,625)	_	
Transaction costs	(1,929)	(573)	
Deemed interest on earn-out liability ³	(461)	(615)	
Cloud payments	(17)	-	
Acquisition-related share-based payments ⁴	257	(2,441)	
Figure Eight earn-out adjustment	-	1,844	
Statutory NPAT	28,519	35,632	(20%)
Add: tax	7,356	8,907	
Add: net interest expense	1,362	1,435	
Add: deemed interest on earn-out liability ³	657	853	
EBIT ⁵	37,894	46,827	(19%)
Add: depreciation and amortisation	35,038	27,923	
Statutory EBITDA ⁶ Add/(less): underlying adjustments	72,932	74,750	(2%)
Restructure costs ²	2,256	-	
Transaction costs	2,729	807	
Acquisition-related share-based payments ⁴	(257)	2,441	
Cloud computing costs	24	_	
Figure Eight earn-out adjustment	-	(2,559)	
Underlying EBITDA ¹	77,684	75,439	3%
Statutory diluted earnings per share (cents)	22.85	28.81	
Underlying diluted earnings per share (cents)	32.53	36.61	
% Statutory EBITDA/sales revenue	16.3%	18.1%	
% Underlying EBITDA/sales revenue	17.4%	18.3%	

 Underlying results are a non-IFRS measure used by management to assess the performance of the business and have been calculated from statutory measures. Non-IFRS measures have not been subject to audit. Underlying EBITDA excludes restructure costs, transaction costs, acquisitionrelated share-based payments expenses, cloud computing costs and the earn-out (consideration) adjustment relating to the Figure Eight acquisition. Underlying NPAT for the year ended 31 December 2020 has been restated for a change in accounting policy associated with cloud computing implementation costs (refer to note 2(ii) for further information).

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- 2. Includes costs incurred in FY21 associated with the organisational restructure.
- 3. Contingent liability with respect to the Quadrant acquisition which will settle no later than 29 February 2024, subject to Quadrant attaining revenue milestones. The prior year comparative relates to Figure Eight.
- Includes a true-up adjustment reducing the sharebased payments expense in relation to specific (non market) hurdles of the 2020 and 2021 Long-Term Incentive Plans, based on management's assessment of achieving these hurdles.
- 5. EBIT is defined as earnings before interest and tax.
- 6. EBITDA is EBIT before depreciation and amortisation.



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