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## Dropsuite Limited (DSE)

**BUY****Share Price: A\$0.29**

### Keeping the faith

**Target Price: A\$0.31**

Following another solid quarter, we remain favourably disposed to DSE's strategic intent within a high growth and global market. Reiterate Buy with new \$0.31ps TP.

#### 2Q23 broadly in line with expectations

- DSE reported a reasonably solid 2Q23 result, with the key feature being the ARR of A\$30.4m, +8% on pcp in AUD terms and +9% on pcp in USD terms. On a year-on-year basis, DSE is growing at ~2x system growth.
- The ARR growth was predicated on continued growth in both ARPU (+2% on pcp in AUD terms) and net users (+6% on pcp), with the latter being achieved despite the deactivation of a major legacy hosting partner.
- Consistent with management's expectations, DSE's GP margin stayed within its target range at 69% (and was above our 68% estimate), while Op. CF continued to be positive at \$0.34m, down from \$0.40m in pcp.

#### Positive outlook commentary remains intact

- Notwithstanding a more modest quarter of growth and the recent launch of Microsoft's Syntex (which is an AI-powered tool that incl. a backup solution for Microsoft 365), DSE's strategic intent and outlook are unchanged.
- While Syntex is undoubtedly a threat, we believe DSE's (i) TAM is large, and growing, and (ii) market leading position with MSPs can be retained via its commitment to product quality/innovation and independence.

#### Modest earnings forecasts revisions

- We have lowered our EPS estimate for both FY23 and FY24 by 1%, with our FY25 estimate unchanged. The key drivers are (i) lower revenues, driven by lower user growth and ARPU, and (ii) higher GP margin.

#### Reiterate Buy and lift TP to \$0.31ps (from \$0.29ps)

- We believe DSE has the products, business model and capital to exceed system growth (~25% p.a.) within its target market (data back-up and archiving) over the next several years.
- Given DSE's ability to leverage its strong balance sheet to supplement what we expect to be a strong multi-year organic growth profile with M&A, we reiterate our Buy rating with a new TP of \$0.31ps (previously \$0.29ps).
- While our DCF valuation is unchanged at \$0.29ps, we have transitioned to a valuation blend comprising our DCF valuation and EV/sales valuation of \$0.33ps (using an ascribed FY24 multiple of 5x).
- Consistent with DSE's partner-led business model and growth strategy, the key share price catalysts include (i) continued growth in ARR in excess of reinvestments, (ii) product innovation, and (iii) strategic M&A.

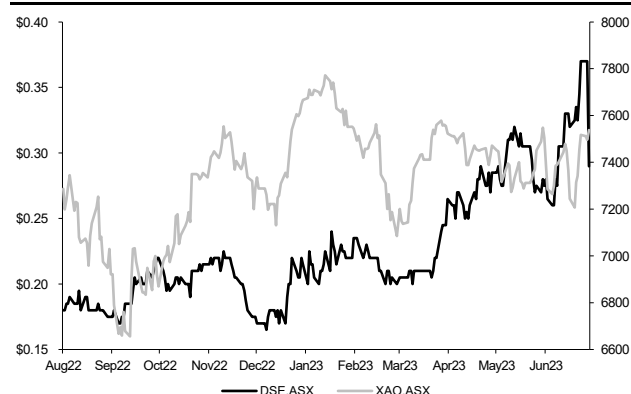
#### Company Data

Shares – ordinary (M)	692.7
Dilution (M)	16.8
Total (fully diluted) (M)	709.5
Market capitalisation (\$M)	197.4
12-month low/high (\$)	0.16 - 0.39
Average monthly turnover (\$M)	19.8
GICS Industry	Software

#### Financial Summary (fully diluted/normalised)

Year End	December	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Revenue (A\$m)		11.7	20.7	30.9	41.7	51.7
Costs (A\$m)		11.7	19.4	28.8	38.7	46.1
EBITDA (A\$m)		0.0	1.3	2.1	3.0	5.7
NPAT (A\$m)		0.0	1.5	1.7	2.4	4.4
EPS (¢)		0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6
EPS Growth (%)		98.7	>100.0	14.5	37.4	84.9
PER (x)		nm	137.3	118.7	85.4	46.2
FCF (A\$m)		0.2	0.9	1.4	1.7	4.3
FCF per share (cps)		0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6
Price to FCF (x)		912.1	234.3	141.4	115.8	48.0
EV (A\$m)		162.8	177.0	178.5	177.1	175.4
EV/EBITDA		nm	141.5	85.3	59.7	30.8
Payout ratio (%)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend (¢)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Yield (%)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Franking (%)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

#### DSE – performance over one year



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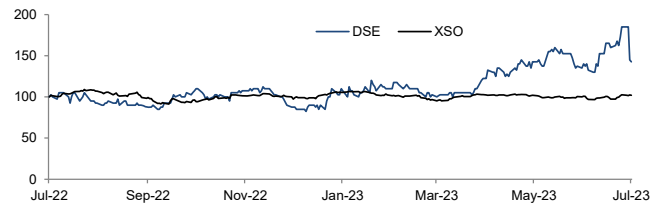
## Analysis

### Dropsuite Year End December

#### MARKET DATA

Recommendation		Buy
Price	A\$	0.29
Price target (12-month)	A\$	0.31
52 week high / low	A\$	0.16 - 0.39
Market capitalisation	A\$m	197.4
Shares on issue (basic)	no.	692.7
Performance rights	no.	16.8
Other equity	no.	0.0
Shares on issue (diluted)	no.	709.5

#### 12-MONTH SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE



#### INVESTMENT FUNDAMENTALS

	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F	
Underlying net profit	\$m (0.0)	1.5	1.7	2.4	4.4	
<b>Reported net profit</b>	<b>\$m (0.0)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	
Reported EPS (diluted)	¢ (0.0)	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	
<b>Normalised EPS (diluted)</b>	<b>¢ (0.0)</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	
....Growth	% 98.7	>100.0	14.5	37.4	84.9	
<b>Normalised diluted PER</b>	<b>x nm</b>	<b>137.3</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>85.4</b>	<b>46.2</b>	
Adjusted Op. CF per share	¢ 0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	
Adjusted FCF per share	¢ 0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	
<b>Price to free cash flow per share</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>912.1</b>	<b>234.3</b>	<b>141.4</b>	<b>115.8</b>	<b>48.0</b>
Free cash flow yield	%	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.9	2.1
<b>Dividend per share</b>	<b>¢</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Payout ratio	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Yield</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Franking	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

<b>Enterprise value</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>162.8</b>	<b>177.0</b>	<b>178.5</b>	<b>177.1</b>	<b>175.4</b>
EV/EBITDA	x nm	141.5	85.3	59.7	30.8	
EV/EBIT	x nm	148.6	88.6	61.4	31.3	
Price to book (NAV)	x	8.9	8.1	7.3	6.5	5.4
Price to NTA	x	8.9	8.1	7.3	6.5	5.4

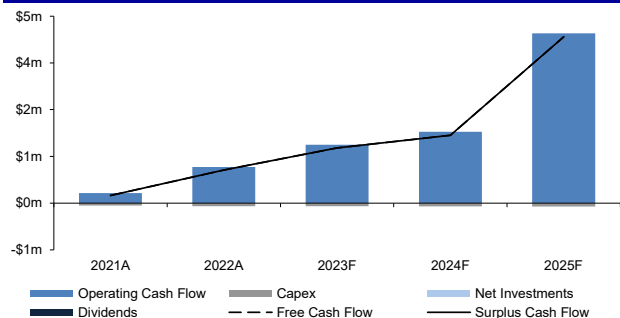
#### KEY RATIOS

	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
EBITDA margin	% 0.0	6.0	6.8	7.1	11.0
EBIT margin	% (0.3)	5.8	6.5	6.9	10.8
Underlying net profit margin	% (0.3)	7.0	5.5	5.7	8.6
Return on average equity	% 16.1	17.5	17.6	17.2	16.4
Return on average assets	% 17.0	18.7	18.9	18.8	18.0
Net tangible assets per share	¢ 3.2	3.5	3.9	4.4	5.3
Net debt /(cash)	\$m (21.6)	(22.3)	(25.1)	(28.7)	(35.1)
Interest cover (EBIT / net interest)	x n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leverage (net debt / EBITDA)	x n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gearing (net debt / net debt plus equity)	% n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

#### DUPONT ANALYSIS

	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Net Profit Margin	% 11.3	13.5	15.1	16.7	17.9
Asset Turnover	x 1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8
Return on Assets	% 13.4	14.6	14.8	14.7	14.2
Financial Leverage	x 1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
<b>Return on Equity</b>	<b>% 16.1</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>16.4</b>

#### CASH FLOW SUMMARY



#### PROFIT AND LOSS

	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Total revenue	\$m 11.7	20.7	30.9	41.7	51.7
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$m 0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Depreciation & amortisation	\$m 0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
EBIT	\$m (0.0)	1.2	2.0	2.9	5.6
Net interest	\$m (0.0)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Non-operating income	\$m 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax Profit	\$m (0.0)	1.5	2.3	3.2	5.9
Tax expense	\$m 0.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	1.5
Minorities	\$m 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Reported NPAT</b>	<b>\$m (0.0)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Significant items	\$m 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Underlying NPAT	\$m (0.0)	1.5	1.7	2.4	4.4

#### GROWTH PROFILE

	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Operating revenue	% 64.6	76.8	49.4	34.8	24.1
EBITDA	% >100.0	>100.0	67.2	41.8	91.7
EBIT	% 98.4	>100.0	69.2	43.1	94.1
Operating NPAT	% 98.5	>100.0	16.5	40.0	87.7
Normalised EPS	% 98.7	>100.0	14.5	37.4	84.9
DPS	% 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

#### BALANCE SHEET

	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Cash	\$m 21.6	22.3	25.1	28.7	35.1
Receivables	\$m 2.2	4.1	6.2	8.3	10.3
Inventory	\$m 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	\$m 0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Current	\$m 24.0	26.8	31.7	37.4	45.8
Prop, plant & equip	\$m 0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Goodwill	\$m 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	\$m 0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Non current	\$m 0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$m 24.1</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>46.0</b>
Accounts Payable	\$m 2.0	2.5	3.9	5.2	6.5
Borrowings	\$m 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	\$m 0.2	0.2	0.7	0.9	1.5
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$m 2.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Net assets	\$m 21.9	24.2	27.3	31.5	38.1
Equity	\$m 21.9	24.2	27.3	31.5	38.1
Minorities	\$m 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Shareholder's equity</b>	<b>\$m 21.9</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>38.1</b>
Shares on issue	m 681.9	689.9	701.9	716.0	723.5

#### CASH FLOW

	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
EBITDA	\$m 0.0	1.3	2.1	3.0	5.7
Change in working capital	\$m (0.0)	(1.4)	(0.7)	(0.8)	(0.8)
Net interest	\$m 0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Tax paid	\$m 0.0	0.0	(0.1)	(0.6)	(0.9)
Other	\$m 0.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Operating cash flow</b>	<b>\$m 0.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Capital expenditure	\$m (0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Acquisitions/divestment/other	\$m 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Investing cash flow</b>	<b>\$m (0.1)</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>\$m 0.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Equity	\$m 18.9	0.0	1.4	1.8	2.1
Increase / (decrease) in borrowings	\$m 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend/other	\$m 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Financing cash flow</b>	<b>\$m 18.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Net cash flow</b>	<b>\$m 19.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>6.4</b>

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