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On September 6, 2022, Zendesk, Inc. issued the following press release:

Zendesk Outlines Superior Value Provided by Proposed Transaction with Consortium Led by Hellman & Friedman and Permira

Consortium Acquisition Provides Immediate and Certain Value to All Zendesk Stockholders and Zendesk Board Continues to Believe It Represents Best Path

Forward

Recent Business Deceleration Creates Significant Risk for Zendesk Stockholders in Pursuing a Standalone Alternative as a Public Company

Special Meeting of Zendesk Stockholders to be Held on September 19, 2022, and Zendesk Board Encourages Stockholders to Vote for the Proposed Transaction

SAN FRANCISCO—September 6, 2022—Zendesk, Inc. (NYSE: ZEN) ("Zendesk" or the "Company") today released an investor presentation [LINK] that provides significant additional information to stockholders in connection with the proposed transaction with the consortium led by Hellman & Friedman and Permira (the "Consortium").

The Company stated: "Our Board believes that the acquisition by the Consortium is the best path forward for Zendesk and our stockholders. It is important for stockholders to understand the challenges facing the Zendesk business, including the significant deceleration of key leading indicators and measures of Zendesk's business performance. To ensure full transparency and help investors make an informed decision, we disclosed certain recent monthly performance metrics so that Zendesk stockholders are able to understand that the standalone alternative, under any structure, carries material risk for Zendesk stockholders given Zendesk-specific performance challenges, as well as a challenging market and macroeconomic environment. The Board conducted a thorough and extensive strategic review process before determining to enter into the Consortium transaction, which the Board believes offers immediate and certain value that is superior to the standalone alternatives, including the recapitalization proposal from Light Street Capital."

The presentation notes the following:

- Zendesk's business momentum continues to deteriorate, both operationally and financially, with preliminary net bookings having sequentially declined for six months and having declined 63% year-over-year since the announcement of the Consortium transaction (June through August), resulting in ARR growth of only \$2 million between June and the end of August 2022.
- The Board engaged in an extensive strategic review process that included several months of engagement with 26 prospective acquirors (including 16 strategics and 10 financial sponsors). Process participants were heavily focused on the net bookings trends described above. The Consortium proposal represented the only final, fully-financed proposal received as a result of the process.
- The Board considered feedback from stockholders, including JANA Partners, which indicated support for pursuing a transaction that resulted from a robust strategic review process. JANA, when provided information about the process and Consortium transaction under a confidentiality agreement, indicated that it would not oppose the transaction.

- During the process, Zendesk's business performance resulted in a much sharper reduction in near-and long-term outlook relative to the rest of the market, with the Company's June 2022 projections implying a 9% decrease in growth relative to the March 2022 projections. Notably, software companies that have recently provided guidance between 0% to 5% below Street expectations have seen reductions in value of between 17% and 42%.
- The Company has underperformed its projections, generating \$65MM less ARR than the assumptions underlying the revised June 2022 projections to-date. This shortfall creates downside risk for the June 2022 revenue projections and associated revenue growth rates for FY22 and FY23. Moreover, it validates the reasonableness of the Board utilizing the revised June 2022 projections, which were lower than the prior March 2022 projections, to compare the Consortium transaction to the standalone alternative.
- The Company believes the performance of comparable cloud software indices and companies implies a current hypothetical unaffected stock price for Zendesk well below the value of the Consortium transaction, with significant potential downside relative to peers given Zendesk's slowing momentum and the trading multiples of software companies that have experienced similar decelerations in growth.

The Company is continuing to advance toward completing the transaction with the Consortium, subject to customary closing conditions. A special meeting of Zendesk stockholders to vote on the transaction will be held on September 19, 2022 (the "Special Meeting").

The Board unanimously recommends that stockholders vote "FOR" the Consortium transaction.

Stockholders' votes are very important, regardless of the number of shares owned. To complete the Consortium transaction, the merger agreement must be adopted by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Zendesk common stock entitled to vote at the Special Meeting.

If stockholders have any questions or need assistance voting their shares, please contact Zendesk's proxy solicitor:

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Qatalyst Partners and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC are serving as financial advisors to Zendesk. Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz is serving as Zendesk's legal advisor.

About Zendesk

Zendesk started the customer experience revolution in 2007 by enabling any business around the world to take their customer service online. Today, Zendesk is the champion of great service everywhere for everyone, and powers billions of conversations, connecting more than 100,000 brands with hundreds of millions of customers over telephony, chat, email, messaging, social channels, communities, review sites and help centers. Zendesk products are built with love to be loved. The company was conceived in Copenhagen, Denmark, built and grown in California, taken public in New York City, and today employs more than 6,000 people across the world. Learn more at www.zendesk.com.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication relates to the proposed transaction involving Zendesk, Inc. ("Zendesk"). In connection with the proposed transaction, Zendesk has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A (the "Proxy Statement"). The Proxy Statement was first mailed to Zendesk's stockholders on or about August 8, 2022. This communication is not a substitute for the Proxy Statement or for any other document that Zendesk may file with the SEC and send to its stockholders in connection with the proposed transaction. The proposed transaction will be submitted to Zendesk's stockholders for their consideration. Before making any voting decision, Zendesk's stockholders are urged to read all relevant documents filed or to be filed with the SEC, including the Proxy Statement, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, when they become available because they will contain important information about the proposed transaction.

Zendesk's stockholders will be able to obtain a free copy of the Proxy Statement, as well as other filings containing information about Zendesk, without charge, at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). Copies of the Proxy Statement and the filings with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference therein can also be obtained, without charge, by directing a request to Zendesk, Inc., 989 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, Attention: Investor Relations, email: ir@zendesk.com, or from Zendesk's website www.zendesk.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

Zendesk and certain of its directors, executive officers and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding Zendesk's directors and executive officers is available in Zendesk's proxy statement on Schedule 14A for the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on July 11, 2022. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the Proxy Statement and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction when they become available. Free copies of the Proxy Statement and such other materials may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraph.

Forward-Looking Statements

This communication includes information that could constitute forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provision of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include those set forth above relating to the proposed transaction as well as those that may be identified by words such as "will," "intend," "expect," "anticipate," "should," "could" and similar expressions. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, and actual results and events could differ materially from what presently is expected, including regarding the proposed transaction. Factors leading thereto may include, without limitation, the risks related to the Ukraine conflict or the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and financial markets; the uncertainties relating to the impact of the Ukraine conflict or the COVID-19 pandemic on Zendesk's business; economic or other conditions in the markets Zendesk is engaged in; impacts of actions and behaviors of customers, suppliers and competitors; technological developments, as well as legal and regulatory rules and processes affecting Zendesk's business: the timing, receipt and terms and conditions of any required governmental and regulatory approvals of the proposed transaction that could reduce anticipated benefits or cause the parties to abandon the proposed transaction; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement entered into pursuant to the proposed transaction; the possibility that Zendesk stockholders may not approve the proposed transaction; the risk that the parties to the merger agreement may not be able to satisfy the conditions to the proposed transaction in a timely manner or at all; risks related to disruption of management time from ongoing business operations due to the proposed transaction; the risk that any announcements relating to the proposed transaction could have adverse effects on the market price of Zendesk's common stock; the risk of any unexpected costs or expenses resulting from the proposed transaction; the risk of any litigation relating to the proposed transaction; the risk that the proposed transaction and its announcement could have an adverse effect on the ability of Zendesk to retain customers and retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with customers, suppliers, employees, stockholders and other business relationships and on its operating results and business generally; the risk the pending proposed transaction could distract management of Zendesk; and other specific risk factors that are outlined in Zendesk's disclosure filings and materials, which you can find on www.zendesk.com, such as its 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K reports that have been filed with the SEC. Please consult these documents for a more complete understanding of these risks and uncertainties. This list of factors is not intended to be exhaustive. Such forward-looking statements only speak as of the date of these materials, and Zendesk assumes no obligation to update any written or oral forward-looking statement made by Zendesk or on its behalf as a result of new information, future events or other factors, except as required by law.

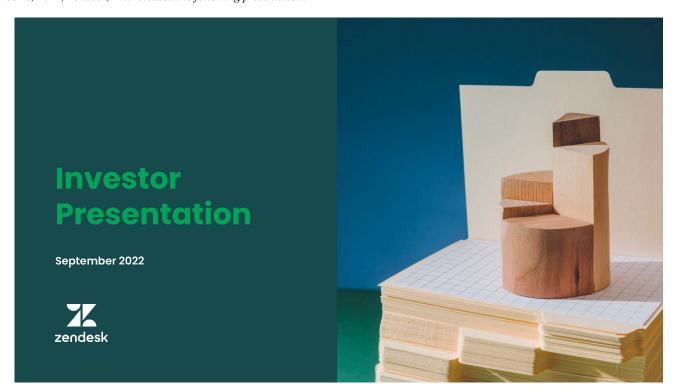
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Executive summary

Zendesk's Board recommends that shareholders vote FOR the acquisition by a consortium led by Hellman & Friedman and Permira for \$77.50 per share

- The proposed acquisition of Zendesk by the Consortium provides immediate, certain, cash value to 100% of Zendesk shareholders at a 34% premium to the unaffected price (which had not yet reflected worsening business performance)
- Zendesk's Board conducted an extensive three-month strategic review process, which included engagement with 16 strategic and 10 financial parties and ultimately culminated in the current transaction
- The standalone alternative, under any structure, carries material risk for Zendesk shareholders given challenging market and macro environment
- The business continues to underperform post-announcement both operationally (e.g., significant attrition) and financially (net bookings have sequentially declined for 6 months and have declined 63% y-o-y since announcement, resulting in ARR growth of only \$2MM between June and the end of August 2022⁽¹⁾)
- Absent a transaction, performance of relevant indices and comparable companies suggests a current hypothetical unaffected price of \$54-60, with additional downside given the likely impact of Zendesk-specific reduced growth expectations
- Light Street's proposed recapitalization lacks any committed financing, reflects zero inside diligence, provides no specific operational improvement plans and would materially degrade governance even as it increases financial and operational risk
- Zendesk's Board has evaluated Light Street's proposed recapitalization and determined that the proposal is unlikely to deliver value superior to the proposed sale to the Consortium

Transaction overview

Transaction Summary	\$77.50 cash per share for 100% of outstanding shares	\$10.2 billion equity value	34% premium over unaffected (which had not yet reflected worsening business performance)
About zendesk	industry, the ability to deliver a transparen	customer relationship management company, t, responsive and empowering customer experi- nnichannel customer service and customize and	ence
Comprehensive Process	The strategic review process was undertal shareholder feedback encouraging the p standalone plan Process included three months of engage Incorporating feedback from sharehold engagement with 26 prospective acqu	ive process led by an independent and experie ken in response to the unsolicited proposal rec- ursuit of a strategic review process and the Bo ment with prospective acquirors and fulsome e- ders, the Zendesk Board and its independent ad- uirors, including 16 strategics and 10 financial so only final, fully-financed proposal received du	eived from an investor group, significant ard's concerns regarding the risks of the evaluation of standalone opportunities visors ran a robust process, which included ponsors
Timing and Approvals			

Observations Regarding the Consortium Transaction Process



The Consortium transaction delivers compelling, certain value to all Zendesk shareholders

Cash consideration provides immediate certainty of value and liquidity to 100% of Zendesk shareholders

The transaction price represents a **compelling 34% premium to the unaffected price (which had not yet reflected worsening business performance)** and an **attractive value relative to the standalone prospects of Zendesk** in the current and prospective business environment

Removes risks and uncertainties for shareholders related to an extremely challenging business environment and a business turnaround

Slowing net bookings and annual recurring revenue momentum both pre- and post-announcement signals **significant challenges in go-forward growth.** Net bookings have now declined for 6 sequential months with worsening performance post-announcement, and ARR has essentially remained flat between June and the end of August 2022⁽¹⁾

The transaction with the Consortium represents the culmination of a comprehensive process

Shareholder feedback indicated strong preference for pursuing the strategic review and accepting the proposal

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(1) August ARR and net bookings are preliminary

Shareholder feedback informed both the strategic review process and the decision to enter into the Consortium transaction

Shareholder feedback informed Board's decision to pursue a process

The Board engaged extensively with a wide range of shareholders in the context of both the Momentive transaction and the proxy contest by JANA, and received substantial feedback

JANA, a major shareholder, sent an open letter to the Board in which it stated its **belief that** Zendesk should engage with interested **strategic and financial buyers to explore a sale** of the Company

A wide range of other shareholders indicated interest in Zendesk pursuing a strategic review and indicated they were supportive when rumors of a potential process emerged

Feedback indicated that shareholders (including JANA) supported pursuing a transaction at a value that resulted from a sufficiently robust process Based on shareholder feedback, Zendesk's Board decided to undertake a strategic review that ultimated in the decision to enter into the Consortium transaction

Feedback on Consortium transaction

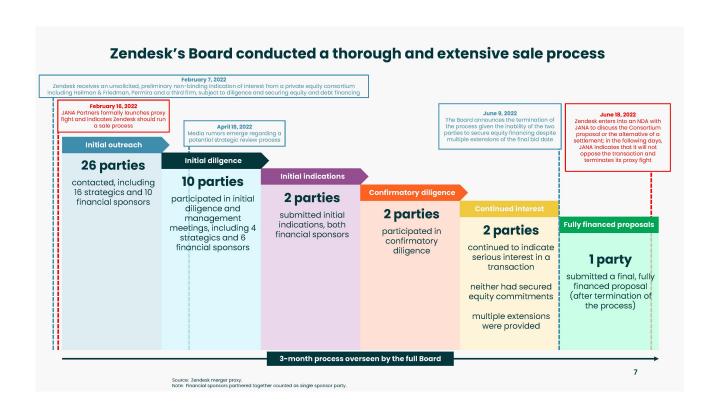
Upon receipt of final proposal, Zendesk entered into an NDA and **met with representatives of JANA to discuss the proposal**

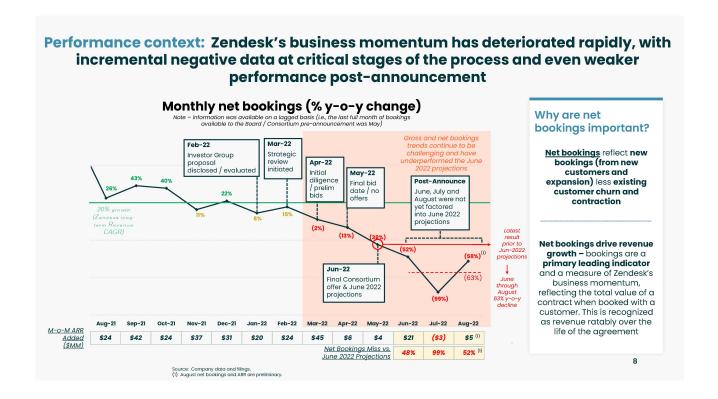
Zendesk had already reached the final stages of a potential settlement with JANA where it would receive Board representation; however, under NDA, JANA was given information about the terms of the transaction and indicated that if the company entered into a transaction on those terms, it would not oppose the transaction

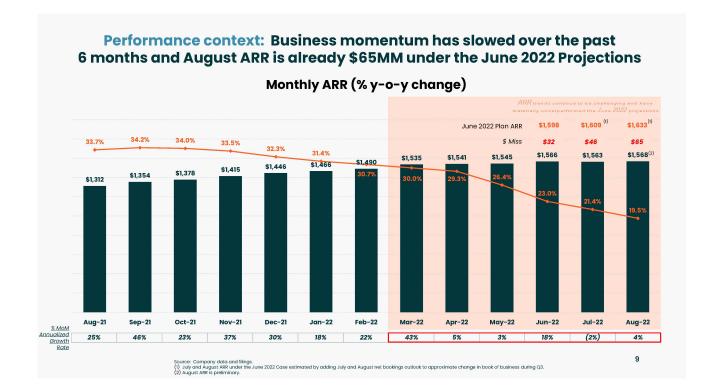
The Board considered the feedback from JANA and other significant Zendesk shareholders received during the strategic review process when deciding to proceed with the Consortium transaction and put it to a shareholder vote

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Performance context: Zendesk's business momentum resulted in decreased nearand long-term outlook for the Company and process participants

During the sale process, **overall market growth expectations declined** – however, **Zendesk's business performance resulted in a much sharper reduction in near- and long-term outlook** relative to the rest of the market **(against which the Company has underperformed)**



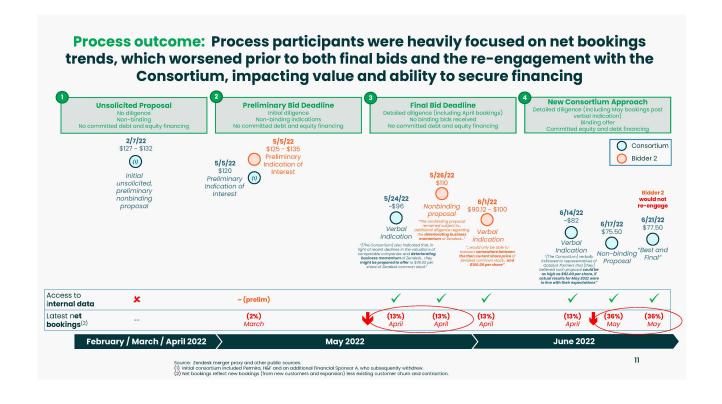


- Zendesk provided long-term projections in October 2021 in connection with the Momentive traction
- The October 2021 projections were updated in March 2022 based on interim performance, but before business momentum challenges became clear
- From March 2022 to June 2022, the management team, Board and the Consortium became acutely aware of the changes in the overall market and in Zendesk's business momentum
- In June 2022, Zendesk revised its long-term projections to reflect the challenging business realities of the past several months



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Source: FactSet. Data points are as of the first date each month that the Bessemer Emerging Cloud Index Growth Rate is available.
(1) Selected companies include Adobe, Blackline, Box, Coupa, Docusign, Dropbox, Five9, Freshworks, HubSpot, Instructure, Intuit, Qualtrics, RingCentral, Salesforce, TeamViewer, Workday and Zoom.



Process outcome: At no point prior to June 17 did process participants submit a binding, financed offer that the Board could accept

	Unsolicited Proposal No diligence Non-binding No committed debt and equity financing	Preliminary Bid Deadline Initial diligence Non-binding indications No committed debt and equity financing		Final Bid Deadline Detailed diligence (Including April bookings) No binding bids received No committed debt and equity financing			New Consortium Approach Detailed diligence (including May bookings post verbal indication) Binding offer Committed equity and debt financing		
	Consortium ⁽¹⁾ Unsolicited Proposal	Consortium ⁽¹⁾ Indication of Interest	Bidder 2 Indication of Interest	Consortium Verbal Indication	Bidder 2 Nonbinding Proposal		Consortium Verbal Indication	Consortium	Consortium Best & Final
Binding proposal	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓
Firm value	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓
Committed equity financing	×	×	×	×	×	×	~	Likely	✓
Committed debt financing	×	×	×	x	x	×	Likely	Likely	✓

February / March / April 2022 >

May 2022

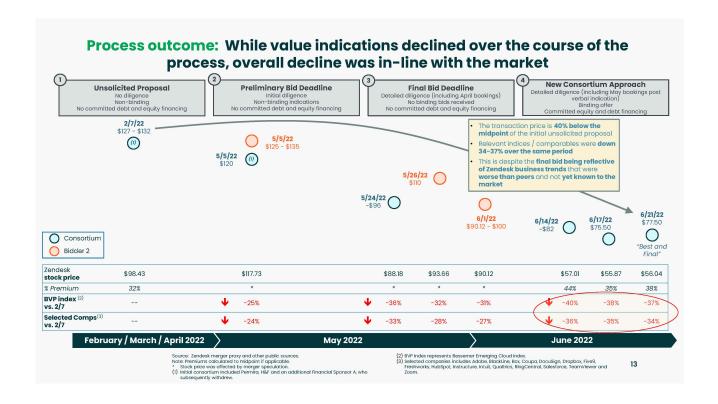
der 2 was contacted but declined to re-engage, citing concerns over

June 2022

egative business momentum and challenges relating to the overall economic environment

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Source: Zendesk merger proxy and other public sources.
(1) Initial consortium included Permira, H&F and an additional Financial Sponsor A, who subsequently withdrev



Process outcome: Why was the process terminated? Why did Zendesk re-engage with the Consortium?

At the time of termination, there were no reliable indicators that the Consortium or Bidder 2 were progressing to submit a binding and fully-financed bid

Indicators of a deadlocked process

- Both parties were unable to meet the May 25th final bid deadline
- Both parties indicated the need for additional time and were not able to provide a specific timeframe
- Even though granted additional time on multiple occasions, neither party was able to submit a fully financed proposal prior to June 8, 2022 (the day prior to termination of the strategic review process)
- Both parties indicated that their ability to progress was dependent on further diligence of business momentum
- The Consortium had lost significant equity co-investors
- Market volatility persisted

Absent a reasonable likelihood of a transaction and in the face of rapidly deteriorating business fundamentals, the Board concluded that terminating the process would allow Zendesk to re-focus on running the Company and work with JANA to resolve the outstanding proxy contest

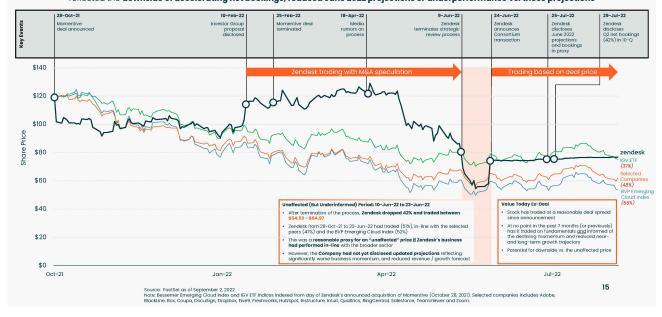
At the time of the Consortium's new approach, the Board had a <u>fiduciary duty to review a credible offer</u> for the Company that could provide superior value to the standalone alternative

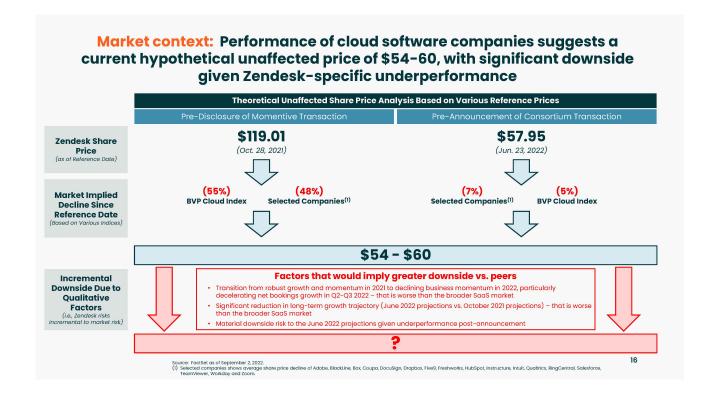
What changed in 2 weeks?

- The Consortium delivered a binding proposal with committed equity and debt financing
- Business momentum decelerated more rapidly in May than in the prior months of 2022, and underperformance relative to plan was more significant
- While Zendesk stock price declined to a level in-line with relevant indices, there appeared to be material downside risk due to decelerating bookings performance
- Feedback received from JANA under NDA after it received information regarding the process and proposed transaction
- Bidder 2 declined to submit a new proposal

Market context: Zendesk's unaffected price did not incorporate recent performance

Zendesk has traded on fundamentals for ~2 weeks in the past 7 months during a significant tech downturn – and at no point has Zendesk's trading price reflected the downside of decelerating net bookings, reduced June 2022 projections or underperformance vs. those projections





Market context: Significant downside risk to hypothetical unaffected price range of \$54-60 based on lowering of guidance

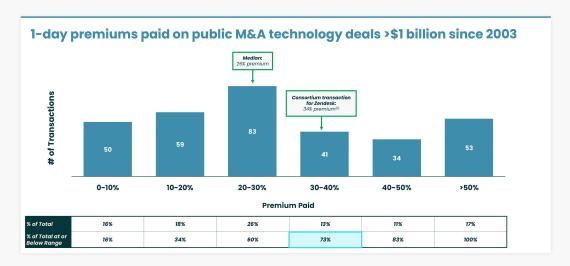
Following the deal announcement, there has been further underperformance relative to the June 2022 Projections that is still not known by the market and which will have negative implications for FY23 growth. There was a 9% reduction in FY23 growth between the October 2021 Projections and the June 2022 Projections that was not known to the market until after the deal was announced

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Guidance Updates	Q4 FY'22 / March 14, 2022 (4%) (3%) FY23 Revenue Revenue Guidance Below Street Expectations Expectations	Q3 FY'22 / December 2, 2021 (0%) (3%) FY22 Revenue Q4 FY22 Guidance Revenue Below Street Guidance Expectations Below Street Expectations	Q2 FY'23 August 31, 2022 (0%) (0%) FY23 Q3 FY23 Revenue Revenue Guidance Below Street Below Street Expectations Expectations Withdrew >35% annual growth target (\$48h in revenue by FY26)	Q2FY'23 / August 22, 2022 (3%) (5%) FY23 Q3 FY23 Revenue Revenue Guidance Below Street Expectations Expectations	Over (9%) FY23 Revenue Guidance Revised Downwards from October2021 Projections to the June 2021 Projections Post-Annoncement Underperformance Relative to the
1-Day Price Reaction	(19%)	(42%)	(34%)	(17%)	June Projections
Management Commentary		"We saw demand slow and the urgency of customers' buying patterns temper the environment shifted more quickly than we anticipated." -Dan Springer (former CEO)	"We produced better-than- expected profitability but our top line metrics were not where we wanted them to be due to challenges related to the integration of the Authû and Okta sales organizations as well as modest macro headwinds." -Todd McKinnon (Chairman & CEO)	"Weaker new online sales and to a lesser extent, back-end linearity in the quarter, were the biggest factors contributing to the miss." -Kelly Steckelberg (CFO & Treasurer)	

Market context: Software companies experiencing growth deceleration comparable to Zendesk are trading in an EV/CY23 revenue multiple range of approximately 2-4x

Company	Actual CY20-21 Revenue Growth	Expected CY22- 23 Revenue Growth	Implied Growth Deceleration	CY23E LFCF Margin	CY23E Rule of 40	EV/CY23E Revenue		
ualtrics	41%	19%	(22%)	1%	20%	4.1x		
ocuSign	47%	11%	(36%)	17%	28%	4.1x		
om	67%	9%	(58%)	28%	36%	4.0x		
erbridge ⁽¹⁾	36%	14%	(22%)	11%	25%	3.8x		
gCommerce	44%	21%	(24%)	(10%)	11%	3.6x		
serTesting	44%	19%	(25%)	(13%)	7%	2.2x		
'ix	29%	11%	(18%)	5%	16%	2.0x		
vePerson	28%	11%	(17%)	9%	20%	1.7x		
ean	42%	14%	(28%)	6%	20%	3.2x		ndesk share p and valuation
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Market context: Proposal provides significant premium to the unaffected price at the time of the deal



Source: FactSet.

Note: Based on FactSet premia and unaffected dates for technology M&A transactions >\$1 billion enterprise value since 2003.

(1) Based on Zendesk unaffected share price as of June 23, 2022.

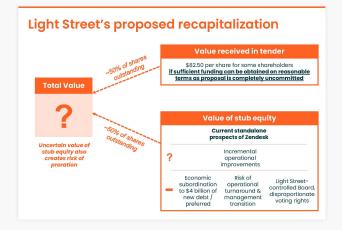
Observations Regarding Light Street's Alternative Proposal



The Board determined that the Consortium transaction is superior to Light Street's proposed recapitalization

- The Consortium transaction offers immediate, attractive and certain value to 100% of Zendesk shareholders
- Light Street's proposed recapitalization would leave 50% of Zendesk's equity subordinated to \$4 billion of senior debt and preferred equity, subject to control of the preferred shares' governance rights and bearing the residual risk of an operational turnaround and management transition

Tinancing commitments in place \$77.50 per share



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Source: Size of financing, financing terms and structure and governance rights based on Light Street's letter dated August 28, 2022.

We believe Light Street's interests are not aligned with public shareholders

<u>Light Street's</u> <u>Economic Return</u> <u>Profile</u>

Light Street and the preferred investors would receive preferred shares with a conversion price of \$82.50

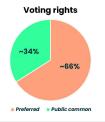


Light Street's proposal provides asymmetric returns – insulating the preferred holders from downside risk but leaving public Zendesk shareholders as the holders of residual risk

<u>Light Street's</u> <u>Governance Rights</u>

Light Street and the preferred investors would have disproportionate governance rights, relegating public investors to minority rights





Despite contributing ~26% of the equity capital, Light Street and the preferred investors would have supermajority voting control AND immediate control of the Board and special committee

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Source: Size of financing, financing terms and structure and governance rights based on Light Street's letter dated August 28, 2022.

(1) Not specified in Light Street proposal; based on typical structure of preferred liquidation preference.

Even if actionable, Light Street's Alternative Proposal is likely to deliver a discount to the Consortium transaction (and little difference to the standalone alternative) (\$MM, unless per share) Hypothetical Enterprise Value of Zendesk Standalone Represents the midpoint of theoretical unaffected share prices shown on page 16 **Unaffected Stock Price** \$57 (*) Fully Diluted Shares (MM) 130 **Equity Value** \$7,412 Net debt calculated as \$1,649MM in cash and \$1,299MM in debt as of June 30, 2022, per Zendesk filings (+) Net Debt (\$350) Implied Enterprise Value \$7.062 Implied Value to Zendesk Shareholders Under Light Street Recapitalization Proposal Net debt calculated as \$268MM in cash (net of \$1.4Bn used for the tender offer and various transaction fees) and \$5.4Bn in debt (inclusive of \$2Bn of incremental debt and \$2Bn of preferred equity) Implied Enterprise Value \$7.062 (-) Net Debt \$5,031 **Equity Value** \$2,031 Conversion of preferred equity at a price above \$82.50 per share would add an incremental 24MM shares to the -69MM and decrease net debt by \$28n (\$58n tender implies -\$41 for each of the 123MM outstanding Zendesk common shares) (*) Fully Diluted Shares (MM) 69 Implied Trading Price Per Share \$29 **Pro Rata Consideration** Cash received per common share in tender offer; does not include the material reduction in cash available if the \$1.3Bn of convertible notes outstanding exercise their change of control put right Cash \$41 Shares \$15 Light Street's alternative proposal implies a **significant discount to the Consortium transaction** and a **discount to standalone value** when Blended Value Per Share \$55 incorporating correct capital structure and transaction cost assumptions

(29%)

% Discount to Consortium Proposal

Source: Company Filings and Light Street Alternative Proposal.

We believe that despite having months to prepare, Light Street's proposal remains unfunded, structurally unsound and unlikely to deliver value

No plan for success

No committed financing

- Light Street does not have the capital or committed partners to fund the preferred financing
- Light Street has not secured a highly confident letter, let alone commitments for the debt financing

No credible operating plan

- The 21% margin operating "plan" is a mathematical plug, not a plan: six-year average Rule of 40 of 38% minus 17% growth for FY23
- No strategy to achieve incremental 300bps of annual margin improvement thereafter
- No specific plans, just generalized gestures toward marketing efficiency, R&D and real estate

No identified team - of directors or executives

- Light Street has not identified a CEO candidate or outlined a search process, other than having its appointed directors lead the process
- Light Street has identified none of the 5 director candidates it insists on appointing to the Board

Highly uncertain value

Significantly increases financial risk

- The remaining publicly-held "stub" equity will be subordinate to \$4 billion of debt and preferred, while bearing the lion's share of residual risk
- Unclear whether the current business can service the incremental interest and preferred dividend

Significantly increases operational risk

Attempting an operational restructuring and management transition, particularly in the absence of any actionable plans, will only exacerbate the existing standalone risks related to Zendesk's business momentum, forward trajectory and macroeconomic conditions.

Significant risk that tendering shareholders will not be able to sell out (proration)

- Even if the recapitalization secures funding, at most only half the outstanding shares could exit
- The alternative a much riskier "stub" equity would strongly incentivize all shareholders to tender
- Any tender would then be subject to proration, leaving shareholders with the same risky "stub" equity they were trying to avoid by tendering

Unfair to public investors

Cedes Board and voting control to minority

- The preferred shares would amount to ~26% of Zendesk's pro forma shares outstanding
- In exchange for investing ~26% of the pro forma shares outstanding, preferred holders would:
 - O Receive ~66% of the voting power
 - O Appoint 50% of the Board
 - O Control the Special Committee

Creates incentives and protections for the controlling shareholders at the expense of the current shareholders

- Preferred shares have no conversion premium to the tender price - immediately extracting a portion of upside above \$82.50 from common shareholders
- Preferred holders have downside protection below \$82.50, while common shareholders are fully exposed to leveraged downside risk
- The preferred shareholders, who control the Board and vote, would be incented to take risks which may not be in the interests of other shareholders

Selected questions regarding the Light Street proposal

Would the Board's determination be different if Light Street had committed financing?

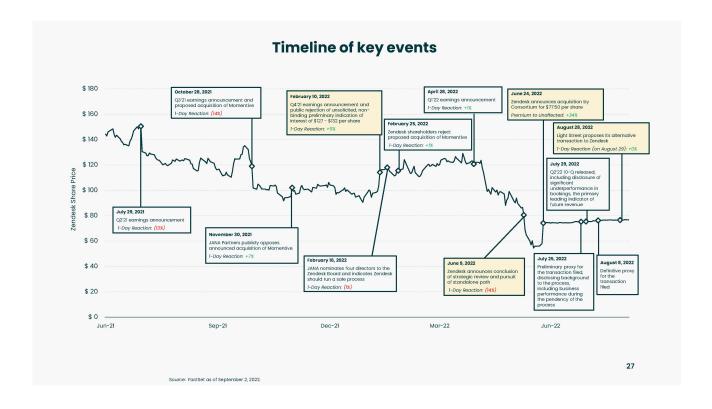
- · The lack of committed financing is not the primary factor for the Board's determination
- The Board has determined that the **Consortium transaction provides superior, risk-adjusted value versus Zendesk's <u>standalone prospects</u>**
- The Light Street proposal is a derivative of the <u>standalone prospects</u> considered by the Board in its initial determination to approve the Consortium transaction
- With Zendesk's <u>standalone prospects</u> as a baseline, while there could be potential (for as-yet-unspecified) operational improvement to add value, we believe the Light Street proposal would adversely impact <u>standalone value</u> by adding operational risk of a business and management transition and a significantly heightened leverage profile (due to the senior preferred and debt), combined with the governance risks associated with giving control to preferred holders through the high-vote (relative to economic interest) stock

Why does the Board not engage with Light Street?

- Zendesk and the Board would have welcomed the opportunity to engage with Light Street regarding its views
 on the Consortium proposal and would have been able to do so if Light Street had approached Zendesk in
 its capacity as a shareholder
- However, Light Street chose to specify in its initial approach that it was interested in making an Alternative Proposal – thereby triggering the customary provisions in the merger agreement that require the Board to first make a determination that the Alternative Proposal is or is reasonably likely to lead to a Superior Proposal prior to engaging
- Light Street knew, or should have known, that its actions were likely to prevent dialogue when it made its approach

Appendix





Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication relates to the proposed transaction involving Zendesk, Inc. ("Zendesk"). In connection with the proposed transaction, Zendesk has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A (the "Proxy Statement"). The Proxy Statement was first mailed to Zendesk's stockholders on or about August 8, 2022. This communication is not a substitute for the Proxy Statement or for any other document that Zendesk may file with the SEC and send to its stockholders in connection with the proposed transaction. The proposed transaction will be submitted to Zendesk's stockholders for their consideration. Before making any voting decision, Zendesk's stockholders are urged to read all relevant documents filed or to be filed with the SEC, including the Proxy Statement, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, when they become available because they will contain important information about the proposed transaction.

Zendesk's stockholders will be able to obtain a free copy of the Proxy Statement, as well as other filings containing information about Zendesk, without charge, at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). Copies of the Proxy Statement and the filings with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference therein can also be obtained, without charge, by directing a request to Zendesk, Inc., 989 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, Attention: Investor Relations, email: ir@zendesk.com, or from Zendesk's website www.zendesk.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

Zendesk and certain of its directors, executive officers and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding Zendesk's directors and executive officers is available in Zendesk's proxy statement on Schedule 14A for the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on July 11, 2022. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the Proxy Statement and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction when they become available. Free copies of the Proxy Statement and such other materials may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraph.

Forward-Looking Statements

This communication includes information that could constitute forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provision of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include those set forth above relating to the proposed transaction as well as those that may be identified by words such as "will," "intend," "expect," "anticipate," "should," "could" and similar expressions. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, and actual results and events could lifer materially from what presently is expected, including regarding the proposed transaction. Factors leading thereto may include, without limitation, the risks related to the Ukraine conflict or the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and financial markets; the uncertainties relating to the impact of the Ukraine conflict or the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and financial markets; the uncertainties relating to the impact of the Ukraine conflict or the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and financial markets; the uncertainties relating to the impact of the Ukraine conflict or the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and financial markets; the uncertainties relating to the impact of the Ukraine conflict or the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and financial markets; the uncertainties relating to the impact of the Ukraine conflict or the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and financial markets; the uncertainties relating to the proposed transaction and behaviors of actions and behaviors of autorities and conflictions of any required governmental and regulatory approvals of the proposed transaction that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement may not be able to satisfy the conditions to the proposed transaction; the proposed transaction in a timely manner or at all; risks related to disruption of management time from ongoing business operations due to the proposed transaction; the risk that any announcements relating to the proposed transaction could have adverse