

# **Chair's Address and Management Presentation at AGM**

# Melbourne, Australia; 28 October 2020

Attached is the text of the Chair's Address delivered by Anne Ward and Management Presentation delivered by Martin Hosking (CEO) and Emma Clark (CFO), at Redbubble Limited's (ASX:RBL) Annual General Meeting today, 28 October 2020.

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Over the Covid crisis the diversity in the network has meant we have been able to continue to serve all markets. Continuing to build out and localise the network remains a focus area and just this week mask production has been localised in Australia reducing delivery times from 2 weeks to a few days.

The fulfillment network not only accelerates the flywheel by improving the customer experience but by creating the platform for product scope expansion. As you can see on the left of this slide, each new product we add creates immediate value but then this value then continues to grow over time. With our diversity and depth, no other company can add as many products as efficiently on a global basis.

Further, the existence of the image library means we can immediately compete in new product categories. When the Group launched Facemasks in early April we did not do so with a few designs but with millions of designs. Some were created specifically for face masks but many more images already existed on the sites.

This is shown on the right hand side chart. Last year 4.1 million unique images were sold on 9.4 million product types. In effect, our image library increases in value the more products we add. Typically when the Group enters any new category whether that be facemask, jigsaw puzzles or

aprons we immediately become the largest provider of products on the Internet with those images. Thus our scale begets ever greater scale. The wonder of the flywheel.

And as I noted at the start, this fulfilment network comes at no capital cost and with the on-demand model we hold no inventory and have no wastage. The Redbubble group is fundamentally disrupting traditional retail with economics and product types they cannot match. This existed pre-covid and will endure post-covid.

And how far can it go? Well at 117 products we are just beginning to scrape the surface. 16 new products were added last year.

The Group currently utilises **11** different printing technologies to print on the current range of products. When we started only a few technologies existed as print-on-demand was in its infancy. New technology, and new applications for existing technologies, are being created every year. They have enabled very large products, such as doona covers and small complex products such as socks and satchels.

The tech has moved from just printing on blanks, such as t-shirts, to print-cut-sew techniques that allow for more fashion and pattern products, such as dresses. The areas of expansion for the group extend in all our category areas: apparel, accessories, home and wall art and electronics as well as new categories such as home office, nursery and baby and even pets.

This is a virtual cycle because we have the demand and the content which means all the fulfillers want to work with us to create the best, newest and most interesting products.

As the new products are added, reliance on any given product line or category has diminished. Thus the marketplace gets ever more resilient. It is particularly pleasing to me, to see the very strong recent growth in some of our older categories – homewares and artwork – as more customers are realising Redbubble provides a compelling home decoration solution.

And clearly the standout winner in recent times has been facemasks. Redbubble was able to rapidly enter this new market because of the content we have and our relationships with fulfillers and blank providers. The masks have provided material sales to the group during the historically weaker 4th quarter. Many of the customers who have come for masks will be targets for our full product set as we enter the holiday season and beyond.

I will now pass over to Emma Clark to take you through the FY2020 results in more detail.

#### Emma Clark, CFO:

Thank you Martin.

We are proud of the FY20 result that Redbubble Group has delivered including the Group's first EBITDA profit and first positive free cash flow since our IPO.

Even during a long running global pandemic, with our teams continuing to work from home, the business has shown both it's resilience and longer term potential.

Full year marketplace revenue was \$349 million, up 36%. Revenue growth accelerated during the last quarter, and has continued to date. Strong growth rates have been experienced at both Redbubble and TeePublic markerplaces, and also across all core geographies, and product categories.

As Martin has already mentioned, the strength of FY20's topline results is also reflected in growth across the flywheel as we recorded approximately 511,000 selling artists, up 51% YoY, who sold to 6.8 million unique customers, up 30%. Repeat sales accounted for 40% of the total.

In fact, the Group has demonstrated a strong track record of growth since our IPO. This has been reflected across all lines of the P&L, with marketplace revenue growing at a compound annual growth rate of 32% over the last 5 years. This has been generated whilst increasing productivity within the Group, which is reflected in our increasing revenue generation per employee.

Consistently over the last five years, growth at the topline has flowed through to the rest of the profit and loss, with both gross profit and gross profit after paid acquisition growing in line with topline CAGRSs. In FY2020 and particularly in the fourth quarter, gross profit and gross profit after paid acquisition margins have improved further from prior years and this has pleasingly continued into Q1 of the current year.

The Group's profitability has increased along with topline momentum as during the year we expanded margins whilst controlling opex growth. Operating expenses were \$79.3m for the full year, including a one off \$2.2m provision as a result of the organisational restructure announced in June. The reorganisation exercise has structurally reset our cost base to a lower level which sets us up well to continue to generate profitable growth.

Speaking of profitable growth, the Group has demonstrated its profitability with a full year Operating EBITDA of \$15.3 million. Compared to the 2019 result of \$6.3 million, this represented a 141% improvement. It is also pleasing to report that we delivered our first positive EBITDA profit of \$5.1 million.

The cash generative power of the Group's capital light business model is also quite apparent. Our strong earnings combined with high levels of working capital advantage meant that the full year generated a positive cash flow result of \$38 million, we ended the year with \$58 million of cash providing a very solid balance sheet position. Our take rate continues to be higher than many other global marketplaces.

It's an exciting time for the Group, and we are making the most of it.

Thank you and I will now pass back to Martin.

### Martin Hosking, CEO

Thank you Emma.

As we look towards 2021 we see a year of promise. The flywheel for the group is turning faster as we become more mainstream. Other marketplaces have shown that when this occurs you need to step on the gas to seize the opportunity. We will do so in 4 areas:

- 1. Artist activation and retention at Group level. This is to ensure we are the natural home for all artists on the Internet. We need to attract, retain and develop them as they are the foundation for the differentiated consumer experience
- User acquisition and transaction optimisation. We have unique assets in the vast content library and diverse product types. This allows us to attract customers in a low cost way but it requires ongoing development activity as we are doing something that is genuinely unique
- 3. Customer understanding, loyalty and brand building: This is the biggest single opportunity for the Company. The improvements in loyalty we are seeing are encouraging. Both the Redbubble and Tee Public have very loyal customers and the brands are being built. We will be doubling down in this area in both marketplaces. The scale of the opportunity is vast as we are not talking about 25 million Australians but something like a billion in our core geographies.
- 4. Finally, new physical products and network expansion. We can add 100s of products and many more fulfilment partners. The technology is ever expanding and what seemed fanciful only a few years ago is now everyday. Adding new products and partners will increase the scale and scope of the marketplaces, attracting and satisfying more customers.

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Over the Covid crisis the diversity in the network has meant we have been able to continue to serve all markets. Continuing to build out and localise the network remains a focus area and just this week mask production has been localised in Australia reducing delivery times from 2 weeks to a few days.

The fulfillment network not only accelerates the flywheel by improving the customer experience but by creating the platform for product scope expansion. As you can see on the left of this slide, each new product we add creates immediate value but then this value then continues to grow over time. With our diversity and depth, no other company can add as many products as efficiently on a global basis.

Further, the existence of the image library means we can immediately compete in new product categories. When the Group launched Facemasks in early April we did not do so with a few designs but with millions of designs. Some were created specifically for face masks but many more images already existed on the sites.

This is shown on the right hand side chart. Last year 4.1 million unique images were sold on 9.4 million product types. In effect, our image library increases in value the more products we add. Typically when the Group enters any new category whether that be facemask, jigsaw puzzles or

aprons we immediately become the largest provider of products on the Internet with those images. Thus our scale begets ever greater scale. The wonder of the flywheel.

And as I noted at the start, this fulfilment network comes at no capital cost and with the on-demand model we hold no inventory and have no wastage. The Redbubble group is fundamentally disrupting traditional retail with economics and product types they cannot match. This existed pre-covid and will endure post-covid.

And how far can it go? Well at 117 products we are just beginning to scrape the surface. 16 new products were added last year.

The Group currently utilises **11** different printing technologies to print on the current range of products. When we started only a few technologies existed as print-on-demand was in its infancy. New technology, and new applications for existing technologies, are being created every year. They have enabled very large products, such as doona covers and small complex products such as socks and satchels.

The tech has moved from just printing on blanks, such as t-shirts, to print-cut-sew techniques that allow for more fashion and pattern products, such as dresses. The areas of expansion for the group extend in all our category areas: apparel, accessories, home and wall art and electronics as well as new categories such as home office, nursery and baby and even pets.

This is a virtual cycle because we have the demand and the content which means all the fulfillers want to work with us to create the best, newest and most interesting products.

As the new products are added, reliance on any given product line or category has diminished. Thus the marketplace gets ever more resilient. It is particularly pleasing to me, to see the very strong recent growth in some of our older categories – homewares and artwork – as more customers are realising Redbubble provides a compelling home decoration solution.

And clearly the standout winner in recent times has been facemasks. Redbubble was able to rapidly enter this new market because of the content we have and our relationships with fulfillers and blank providers. The masks have provided material sales to the group during the historically weaker 4th quarter. Many of the customers who have come for masks will be targets for our full product set as we enter the holiday season and beyond.

I will now pass over to Emma Clark to take you through the FY2020 results in more detail.

#### Emma Clark, CFO:

Thank you Martin.

We are proud of the FY20 result that Redbubble Group has delivered including the Group's first EBITDA profit and first positive free cash flow since our IPO.

Even during a long running global pandemic, with our teams continuing to work from home, the business has shown both it's resilience and longer term potential.

Full year marketplace revenue was \$349 million, up 36%. Revenue growth accelerated during the last quarter, and has continued to date. Strong growth rates have been experienced at both Redbubble and TeePublic markerplaces, and also across all core geographies, and product categories.

As Martin has already mentioned, the strength of FY20's topline results is also reflected in growth across the flywheel as we recorded approximately 511,000 selling artists, up 51% YoY, who sold to 6.8 million unique customers, up 30%. Repeat sales accounted for 40% of the total.

In fact, the Group has demonstrated a strong track record of growth since our IPO. This has been reflected across all lines of the P&L, with marketplace revenue growing at a compound annual growth rate of 32% over the last 5 years. This has been generated whilst increasing productivity within the Group, which is reflected in our increasing revenue generation per employee.

Consistently over the last five years, growth at the topline has flowed through to the rest of the profit and loss, with both gross profit and gross profit after paid acquisition growing in line with topline CAGRSs. In FY2020 and particularly in the fourth quarter, gross profit and gross profit after paid acquisition margins have improved further from prior years and this has pleasingly continued into Q1 of the current year.

The Group's profitability has increased along with topline momentum as during the year we expanded margins whilst controlling opex growth. Operating expenses were \$79.3m for the full year, including a one off \$2.2m provision as a result of the organisational restructure announced in June. The reorganisation exercise has structurally reset our cost base to a lower level which sets us up well to continue to generate profitable growth.

Speaking of profitable growth, the Group has demonstrated its profitability with a full year Operating EBITDA of \$15.3 million. Compared to the 2019 result of \$6.3 million, this represented a 141% improvement. It is also pleasing to report that we delivered our first positive EBITDA profit of \$5.1 million.

The cash generative power of the Group's capital light business model is also quite apparent. Our strong earnings combined with high levels of working capital advantage meant that the full year generated a positive cash flow result of \$38 million, we ended the year with \$58 million of cash providing a very solid balance sheet position. Our take rate continues to be higher than many other global marketplaces.

It's an exciting time for the Group, and we are making the most of it.

Thank you and I will now pass back to Martin.

### **Martin Hosking, CEO**

Thank you Emma.

As we look towards 2021 we see a year of promise. The flywheel for the group is turning faster as we become more mainstream. Other marketplaces have shown that when this occurs you need to step on the gas to seize the opportunity. We will do so in 4 areas:

- 1. Artist activation and retention at Group level. This is to ensure we are the natural home for all artists on the Internet. We need to attract, retain and develop them as they are the foundation for the differentiated consumer experience
- User acquisition and transaction optimisation. We have unique assets in the vast content library and diverse product types. This allows us to attract customers in a low cost way but it requires ongoing development activity as we are doing something that is genuinely unique
- 3. Customer understanding, loyalty and brand building: This is the biggest single opportunity for the Company. The improvements in loyalty we are seeing are encouraging. Both the Redbubble and Tee Public have very loyal customers and the brands are being built. We will be doubling down in this area in both marketplaces. The scale of the opportunity is vast as we are not talking about 25 million Australians but something like a billion in our core geographies.
- 4. Finally, new physical products and network expansion. We can add 100s of products and many more fulfilment partners. The technology is ever expanding and what seemed fanciful only a few years ago is now everyday. Adding new products and partners will increase the scale and scope of the marketplaces, attracting and satisfying more customers.

Thank you.

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