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# July Business Update Sezzle Continues to Close the Gap to Profitability

Sezzle Inc. (ASX:SZL) (Sezzle or Company) // Purpose-driven installment payment platform, Sezzle, is pleased to provide the market with an update on key financial metrics for the month ended 31 July 2022.<sup>1</sup>

- Underlying Merchant Sales (UMS) for July 2022 UMS increased 9.5% MoM to US\$141.2M (A\$202.1M²), with Total Income growing 4.0% MoM to US\$10.2M (A\$14.5M²).
- The Company's current initiatives, expected to generate US\$40.0 million in annualized revenue and cost savings, continue to help drive the Company towards positive free cash flow and profitability.
  - Initiatives include: 1) offboarded or renegotiated rates with merchants and network partners, 2) reduction in workforce, 3) scaled back efforts in Europe and Brazil, 4) ceased payment processing in India, 5) reduced third-party spend, and 6) launched the Sezzle Premium subscription product.
  - As a result of these initiatives, July cash burn, defined as Total Income less Transaction Related Costs<sup>3</sup> less Adjusted Operating Expenses<sup>4</sup>, decreased to US\$1.8M (A\$2.6M<sup>2</sup>).
- Consumer adoption and usage of Sezzle Premium (launched in June 2022) remains strong with 64,000 subscribers as of 16 August 2022.
- Sezzle is preparing the launch of a Convenience Fee for U.S. consumers who prefer to use a debit or credit card for installment payments 2-4. Consumers will still have the option to pay via ACH for installments 2-4 for no additional cost. The Company plans to test the initiative over the coming months with full rollout planned for 4Q22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> July results are unaudited.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A\$ to US\$ exchange rate of \$0.69874 as of 31 July 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Total Income less Transaction Related Costs is a non-GAAP financial measure equal to Total Income less the sum of Transaction Expense, Provision for Uncollectible Accounts, and Net Interest Expense.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Adjusted Operating Expense is a non-GAAP measure equal to the sum of Personnel (excluding equity-based compensation), third-party tech & data, marketing & tradeshows, adjusted general & administrative expense (excluding depreciation, amortization, impairments, and non-recurring expenses).

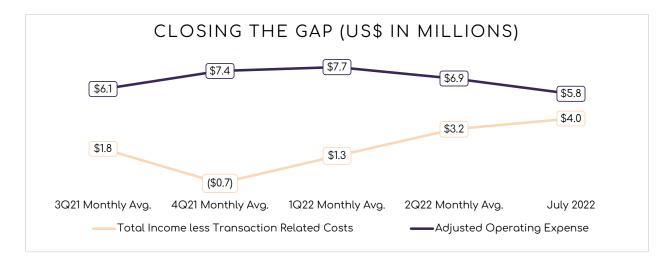


"July's results demonstrate the progress and success of our initiatives in Sezzle's evolution to be a profitable and positive free cash flow business by year end," noted Charlie Youakim, Sezzle's Chairman and CEO. "We understand the impact these initiatives have on growth, so teams are moving expeditiously to achieve profitability before refocusing efforts back to growth."

## Key Activity During the Quarter:

UMS and Total Income. UMS reached US\$141.2 million in July, representing a 9.5% increase over June 2022. The growth is primarily driven by increased volume within the Sezzle Premium program and long-term volume increasing over 100% MoM, as the Company expands merchant adoption alongside its lending partner Bread.

Total Income grew 4.0% MoM to US\$10.2 million for July. Recent initiatives continue to elevate Total Income as a percentage of UMS above 7.0%, including offboarding unprofitable merchants and renegotiating merchant and network partner contracts. In addition, significant uptake in Sezzle Premium adoption contributed incremental revenue to the Company's Total Income.



Total Income less Transaction Related Costs improved month over month, driven by a shift towards ACH as the primary repayment method and a reduced Provision for Uncollectible Accounts resulting from refined underwriting strategies. Additionally, the Company lowered its Adjusted Operating Expense further via a decrease in General & Administrative, Marketing, Advertising, and Tradeshow expenses.



As a result, the Company reduced its gap between Total Income less Transaction Related Costs and Adjusted Operating Expense to \$1.8 million in July 2022 from \$3.7 million in 2Q22 (average monthly cash burn). The Company expects to continue to experience sequential improvement as it targets profitability by year end.

- Sezzle Premium Update. The subscription product is off to a strong start with over 64,000 active subscribers through the first 75 days. Subscribers are enjoying shopping at blue chip brands like Walmart, Amazon, Instacart, and Nike, resulting in Sezzle Premium UMS accounting for over 10% of total UMS in July 2022. The Company plans to continue adding value and growing the program by launching new product features and adding exclusive merchants for premium subscribers.
- Payment Convenience Fee. Sezzle is preparing to launch a Convenience Fee for U.S. consumers who prefer to use a debit or credit card for installment payments 2-4 through the core pay-in-four product. The fee will not apply to the first installment; consumers are still required to pay with a card. Additionally, consumers will have the option to pay via ACH for installments 2-4 for no additional cost. The Company expects this initiative to motivate consumers to pay using lower-cost ACH processing, in turn significantly improving unit economics. The Convenience Fee will be rolled out in tests toward the end of 3Q22 with the intention of a full launch in 4Q22.

This July business update has been approved by the Company's Executive Chairman and CEO, Charlie Youakim, on behalf of the Sezzle Inc. Board.

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## About Sezzle Inc.

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