



Universal Music Group N.V. Reports Financial Results for the Second Quarter and Half Year Ended June 30, 2022

Summary Q2 2022 Results¹

- Revenue of €2,535 million, representing growth of 17.3% year-over-year in constant currency, driven by strong growth across all segments.
- Adjusted EBITDA increased 8.3% year-over-year in constant currency as certain one-time items, discussed below, and a rebound in lower-margin merchandising revenue, impacted EBITDA growth rates relative to revenue.
- Recorded Music top sellers represented a geographically diverse set of artists including BTS, King & Prince, Rammstein, Olivia Rodrigo and INI, while Music Publishing benefited largely from growth in subscription and streaming revenue and Merchandising and Other saw a strong rebound in touring revenue.

Summary H1 2022 Results¹

- Revenue of €4,734 million, representing growth of 16.9% year-over-year in constant currency, driven by strong growth across all segments.
- Adjusted EBITDA increased 11.0% year-over-year in constant currency as certain one-time items, discussed below, and a rebound in lower-margin merchandising revenue, impacted EBITDA growth rates relative to revenue.
- Net cash provided by operating activities before income tax paid of €605 million compared to €470 million in H1 2021.
- Interim dividend of €435 million, or €0.24 per share.

Hilversum, The Netherlands, July 27, 2022 -- Universal Music Group N.V. ("UMG" or "the Company") today announced its financial results for the second quarter and half year ended June 30, 2022. A detailed financial review and financial statements are available on our investor relations website at investors.universalmusic.com.

Sir Lucian Grainge, UMG's Chairman and CEO, said, "Our strong performance across diversified revenue streams is fuelled by the successful partnerships we've formed with our artists—both new and established—in markets around the world. The widespread growth we are producing throughout UMG demonstrates that our strategy is progressing as planned, underscoring the strength and resilience of our business and our ability to deliver for our artists and our shareholders alike."

"We're driving incremental revenue and EBITDA through a range of compelling monetization opportunities, which in turn enables us to thoughtfully reinvest in the business's long-term growth", said Boyd Muir, UMG's EVP, CFO and President of Operations.

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UMG Results

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	June 30,		%	%	June 30,		%	%
	2022	2021	YoY	const.	2022	2021	YoY	const.
(€ millions)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)			(unaudited)	(unaudited)		
Revenue	€ 2,535	€ 2,022	25.4%	17.3%	€ 4,734	€ 3,831	23.6%	16.9%
EBITDA	€ 507	€ 427	18.7%	8.8%	€ 960	€ 822	16.8%	11.1%
EBITDA margin	20.0%	21.1%	(1.1pp)		20.3%	21.5%	(1.2pp)	
Adjusted EBITDA	€ 507	€ 429	18.2%	8.3%	€ 962	€ 825	16.6%	11.0%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	20.0%	21.2%	(1.2pp)		20.3%	21.5%	(1.2pp)	
Operating Profit					€ 765	€ 684	11.8%	6.7%
Net profit attributable to equity holders of the parent					€ 241	€ 452	(46.7%)	
Adjusted Net Profit					€ 763	€ 578	32.0%	
Net cash provided by operating activities before income tax paid					€ 605	€ 470		
Free Cash Flow					€ 104	€ 280		
Weighted Average Number of Shares Outstanding					1,813	1,813		
EPS					0.13	0.25		
Adjusted EPS					0.42	0.32		
					As at			
					June 30,	December		
					2022	31, 2021		
Net Debt					€ (2,283)	€ (2,010)	13.6%	

Note: % YoY indicates % change year-over-year; % const. indicates % change year-over-year adjusted for constant currency. Constant currency change is calculated by taking current year results and comparing against prior year results restated at current year rates.

Q2 2022 Results

Revenue for the second quarter of 2022 (“Q2 2022”) was €2,535 million, an increase of 25.4% year-over-year, or 17.3% in constant currency. UMG’s Recorded Music, Music Publishing and Merchandising and Other segments all had strong revenue growth, as discussed further below.

EBITDA for the quarter grew 18.7% year-over-year, or 8.8% in constant currency, to €507 million, driven by revenue growth. EBITDA margin was 20.0%, compared to 21.1% in the second quarter of 2021 (“Q2 2021”). EBITDA and EBITDA margin in Q2 2021 were impacted by a net €2 million of share-based compensation and expenses related to UMG’s listing on Euronext Amsterdam. Excluding these expenses, Adjusted EBITDA for the quarter was up 18.2% year-over-year, or 8.3% in constant currency, driven by revenue growth. Adjusted EBITDA margin was 20.0%, compared to 21.2% in the second quarter of 2021.

As disclosed in the UMG Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, UMG adjusted its accounting policy in relation to certain revenues that are collected through societies (the “Change in Society Accounting”). In prior years, these revenues were recognised when the relevant collection society notified UMG of the usage by the end customer and collectability was assured. Recognition of that revenue is now based on an accrual for the best available estimate of when the usage occurs and the amount of consideration which is probable to be collected. This has affected the timing of the recognition of certain revenues across financial reporting quarters, with a benefit of €98 million in revenue and €17 million in both EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for the second quarter of 2022.

In addition, as previously disclosed, Q2 2021 benefited from a catch-up payment from a digital service provider (the “DSP Catch-Up Payment”), amounting to €41 million in revenue and €26 million in both EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA.

Excluding the Change in Society Accounting and DSP Catch-Up Payment, Adjusted EBITDA margin was 20.1% in Q2 2022, compared to 20.3% in Q2 2021.

The remaining decline in Adjusted EBITDA margin was driven by revenue mix, as lower-margin merchandising revenues benefited from a strong rebound in touring, while higher-margin revenue streams continued to exhibit solid growth.

H1 2022 Results

In the half year ended June 30, 2022 (“H1 2022”), UMG’s revenues of €4,734 million increased by 23.6%, or 16.9% in constant currency, compared to the half year ended June 30, 2021 (“H1 2021”). This increase was driven by double-digit improvements across all segments, as discussed further below.

Cost of revenues, consisting of artist and product costs, increased by 27.4% to €2,608 million in H1 2022, reflecting higher revenues and revenue mix. Cost of revenues as a percentage of revenues increased to 55.1% from 53.4% driven by higher artist costs from a greater proportion of Music Publishing revenues in H1 2022 as well as the impact of the DSP Catch-Up Payment and a previously disclosed exceptional recovery of an advance provision and release of historic royalties (the “Exceptional Recovery and Release”) in the first quarter of 2021 (with a €20 million impact) that all benefited artists costs relative to revenues in the prior year period.

Operating profit improved 11.8% year-over-year, or 6.7% in constant currency, to €765 million in H1 2022 driven by the growth in revenues. EBITDA amounted to €960 million, an increase of 16.8%, or 11.1% in constant currency, compared to H1 2021, also as a result of the growth in revenues.

EBITDA and EBITDA margin were impacted by share-based compensation of €2 million during H1 2022 and by €3 million of expenses related to UMG’s listing on Euronext Amsterdam during H1 2021. Excluding these amounts, Adjusted EBITDA for H1 2022 was €962 million, up 16.6% compared to H1 2021, or 11.0% in constant currency, driven by revenue growth. Adjusted EBITDA margin contracted 1.2pp year-over-year to 20.3%.

Revenue, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for H1 2022 benefited from the Change in Society Accounting discussed above, amounting to €144 million in revenue and €34 million in both EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA.

Revenue for H1 2021 benefited from the DSP Catch-Up Payment described above, while EBITDA for H1 2021 benefited from the DSP Catch-Up Payment and the Exceptional Recovery and Release described above.

Excluding these items, Adjusted EBITDA margin was 20.2% in H1 2022, compared to 20.6% in H1 2021.

The remaining decline in Adjusted EBITDA margin was driven by revenue mix, as lower-margin merchandising revenues benefited from a strong rebound in touring, while higher-margin revenue streams continued to exhibit solid growth.

Net profit attributable to equity holders of the parent for H1 2022 amounted to €241 million compared to €452 million in H1 2021, resulting in EPS of €0.13 in H1 2022, compared to €0.25 in H1 2021. The decline in Net profit attributable to equity holders of the parent was due to the variance in revaluation of investments in listed companies (including Spotify and Tencent Music Entertainment) and other financial investments that was an expense in H1 2022 of €567 million compared to a net expense in H1 2021 of €170 million. Adjusted net profit, which adjusts for the revaluation of investments amongst other items, amounted to €763 million in H1 2022, compared to €578 million in H1 2021, resulting in Adjusted EPS of €0.42 in H1 2022, compared to €0.32 in H1 2021. The increase in Adjusted net profit was driven by the growth in EBITDA and a decline in interest and income tax expense, both driven by a €100 million benefit from two tax litigations finalized in H1 2022.

Net debt, defined as total debt minus cash and equivalents, at the end of H1 2022 was €2,283 million compared to €2,010 million at December 31, 2021.

Net cash provided by operating activities before income tax paid improved to €605 million in H1 2022 compared to €470 million in H1 2021, an increase of 28.7%, mainly as a result of the growth in EBITDA and favourable working capital movements. Royalty advance payments, net of recoupments grew to €223 million in H1 2022 from €130 million in H1 2021, due to the timing of major artist renewals partly offset by higher recoupment.

Free cash flow decreased to €104 million in H1 2022 compared to €280 million in H1 2021, mainly as a result of the timing of catalogue acquisitions (-€221 million), whilst the prior half year benefited from the disposal of Alamo Records (-€102 million). This was partly offset by the improvement in net cash provided by operating activities (+€122 million).

UMG's dividend policy is to pay a dividend of 50% of adjusted net profit. UMG's Board of Directors declared an interim dividend for H1 2022 of €435 million, or €0.24 per share. The ex-dividend date will be on October 5, 2022, the record date will be on October 6, 2022 and the payment date will be on October 28, 2022.

Recorded Music

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	June 30,		%	%	June 30,		%	%
	2022	2021	YoY	const.	2022	2021	YoY	const.
(€ millions)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)			(unaudited)	(unaudited)		
Subscription Revenue	€ 966	€ 843	14.6%	7.0%	€ 1,866	€ 1,604	16.3%	10.0%
Streaming Revenue	€ 348	€ 279	24.7%	15.6%	€ 658	€ 526	25.1%	17.1%
Downloads and Other Digital Revenue	€ 69	€ 72	(4.2%)	(12.7%)	€ 137	€ 153	(10.5%)	(16.0%)
Physical Revenue	€ 303	€ 250	21.2%	17.4%	€ 540	€ 463	16.6%	13.4%
License and Other Revenue	€ 236	€ 210	12.4%	6.3%	€ 442	€ 391	13.0%	7.8%
Recorded Music Revenue	€ 1,922	€ 1,654	16.2%	9.0%	€ 3,643	€ 3,137	16.1%	10.1%
Recorded Music EBITDA					€ 842	€ 749	12.4%	6.9%
Recorded Music EBITDA margin					23.1%	23.9%	(0.8pp)	

Note: % YoY indicates % change year-over-year; % const. indicates % change year-over-year adjusted for constant currency.

Q2 2022 Results

Recorded Music revenues for the second quarter of 2022 were €1,922 million, up 16.2% compared to the second quarter of 2021, or 9.0% in constant currency. Subscription revenue of €966 million grew 14.6% year-over-year, or 7.0% in constant currency. Subscription revenue in Q2 2021 benefited from the DSP Catch-Up Payment. Excluding this item, subscription revenue in the second quarter of 2022 grew 20.4% year-over-year, or 12.1% in constant currency. Ad-supported streaming revenue of €348 million grew 24.7% year-over-year, or 15.6% in constant currency, due to the ongoing improvement in ad-based monetization and enhanced deals in social media.

Physical revenue showed another quarter of strong growth, increasing by 21.2% year-over-year, or 17.4% in constant currency, mainly driven by strong sales from BTS and King & Prince. Downloads and other digital revenue were down 4.2% year-over-year, or 12.7% in constant currency on the continued industry-wide decline in downloads. License and other revenue improved 12.4% year-over-year, or 6.3% in constant currency, as a result of higher synchronisation and live income. Top sellers for the quarter included BTS, King & Prince, Rammstein, Olivia Rodrigo and INI, while top sellers in the prior-year quarter included BTS, Justin Bieber, Olivia Rodrigo, The Weeknd and Morgan Wallen.

H1 2022 Results

In H1 2022, Recorded Music revenues were €3,643 million, up 16.1% compared to H1 2021, or 10.1% in constant currency. Subscription revenue of €1,866 million grew 16.3% year-over-year, or 10.0% in constant currency. Subscription revenue in H1 2021 benefited from the DSP Catch-Up Payment. Excluding this item, subscription

revenue grew 19.4% year-over-year, or 12.7% in constant currency. Ad-supported streaming revenue of €658 million grew 25.1% year-over-year, or 17.1% in constant currency.

Physical revenue grew 16.6% year-over-year, or 13.4% in constant currency, driven by strong vinyl demand as well as continued CD sales, particularly from BTS and King & Prince. Downloads and other digital revenue fell 10.5% year-over-year, or 16.0% in constant currency, on the continued industry-wide decline in download sales. License and other revenue improved 13.0% year-over-year, or 7.8% in constant currency, as a result of improvements in synchronisation, live and brand deals. Top sellers for H1 2022 included BTS, the Encanto soundtrack, Olivia Rodrigo, The Weeknd and King & Prince while top sellers in H1 2021 included BTS, Justin Bieber, Olivia Rodrigo, The Weeknd and Morgan Wallen.

Recorded Music EBITDA in H1 2022 was €842 million, up 12.4% year-over-year, or 6.9% in constant currency, driven by the growth in revenues. Recorded Music EBITDA margin declined by 0.8pp to 23.1% from 23.9% in H1 2021 as a result of the DSP Catch-Up Payment and the Exceptional Recovery and Release. Excluding these items, Adjusted EBITDA margin grew 0.4pp to 23.1% from 22.7%.

Music Publishing

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	June 30,		%	%	June 30,		%	%
	2022	2021		const.	2022	2021	YoY	const.
(€ millions)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)			(unaudited)	(unaudited)		
Performance	€ 36	€ 54	(33.3%)	(40.0%)	€ 127	€ 130	(2.3%)	(8.0%)
Synchronisation	€ 59	€ 45	31.1%	20.4%	€ 120	€ 91	31.9%	23.7%
Digital	€ 346	€ 156	121.8%	104.7%	€ 537	€ 282	90.4%	78.4%
Mechanical	€ 23	€ 20	15.0%	9.5%	€ 46	€ 38	21.1%	15.0%
Other	€ 12	€ 18	(33.3%)	(29.4%)	€ 21	€ 23	(8.7%)	(8.7%)
Music Publishing Revenue	€ 476	€ 293	62.5%	50.6%	€ 851	€ 564	50.9%	42.1%
Music Publishing EBITDA					€ 200	€ 134	49.3%	39.9%
Music Publishing EBITDA margin					23.5%	23.8%	(0.3pp)	

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Q2 2022 Results

Music Publishing revenue amounted to €476 million in the second quarter of 2022, up 62.5% year-over-year, or 50.6% in constant currency. Music Publishing revenue benefited from the Change in Society Accounting discussed above. Excluding this benefit, Music Publishing revenue grew 29.0% year-over-year, or 19.6% in constant currency, as a result of organic growth trends, fueled by healthy growth from streaming and subscription, the broadening monetization of music publishing rights, a continued rebound in physical sales, as well as initial contributions from catalogue acquisitions made in prior years.

Within Music Publishing, digital revenue grew 121.8% year-over-year, or 104.7% in constant currency, reflecting the Change in Society Accounting, as well as continued growth of streaming and subscription. Synchronisation revenue grew 31.1% year-over-year, or 20.4% in constant currency, as a result of increased income from advertising, TV and motion pictures. Performance revenue declined 33.3% year-over-year, or 40.0% in constant currency, reflecting the Change in Society Accounting. Mechanical revenue grew 15.0% year-over-year, or 9.5% in constant currency, driven by the Change in Society Accounting, as well as the recent growth in industry-wide physical sales.

H1 2022 Results

Music Publishing revenue amounted to €851 million in H1 2022, up 50.9% year-over-year, or 42.1% in constant currency. Revenues benefited from the Change in Society Accounting discussed above. Excluding this benefit, Music Publishing revenue grew 25.4% year-over-year, or 18.0% in constant currency, as a result of organic growth trends, fueled by healthy growth from streaming and subscription, the broadening monetization of music publishing rights, a continued rebound in physical sales, as well as initial contributions from catalogue acquisitions made in prior years.

Within Music Publishing, digital revenue grew 90.4% year-over-year or 78.4% in constant currency, reflecting the Change in Society Accounting, as well as continued growth of streaming and subscription. Synchronisation revenue grew 31.9% year-over-year, or 23.7% in constant currency, as a result of increased income from advertising, TV and motion pictures. Performance revenue declined 2.3% year-over-year, or 8.0% in constant currency, reflecting the Change in Society Accounting. Mechanical revenue grew 21.1% year-over-year, or 15.0% in constant currency, driven by the Change in Society Accounting, as well as the recent growth in industry-wide physical sales.

Music Publishing EBITDA of €200 million was up 49.3% year-over-year, or 39.9% in constant currency. EBITDA benefited from the Change in Society Accounting discussed above. Excluding this benefit, Music Publishing EBITDA grew 23.9% year-over-year, or 16.1% in constant currency, as a result of organic growth trends and initial contributions from catalogue acquisitions made in prior years. Music Publishing EBITDA margin was down 0.3pp to 23.5% compared to 23.8% in H1 2021 as a result of the revenue mix shift in Music Publishing away from higher-margin performance revenue.

Merchandising and Other

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	June 30,		%	%	June 30,		%	%
	2022	2021	YoY	const.	2022	2021	YoY	const.
(€ millions)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)			(unaudited)	(unaudited)		
Merchandising and Other Revenue	€ 141	€ 79	78.5%	65.9%	€ 248	€ 138	79.7%	67.6%
Merchandising and Other EBITDA					€ 14	€ 0	n/m	n/m
Merchandising and Other EBITDA margin					5.6%	0.0%	5.6pp	

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Q2 2022 Results

Merchandising and Other revenue grew to €141 million, up 78.5% year-over-year, or 65.9% in constant currency, as touring-related merchandising revenue rebounded following a COVID related slow-down in live touring in the prior year period.

H1 2022 Results

Merchandising and Other revenue grew to €248 million, up 79.7% year-over-year, or 67.6% in constant currency, as touring-related merchandising revenue rebounded following a COVID related slow-down in live touring in the prior year period.

Merchandising and Other EBITDA in H1 2022 of €14 million was up from €0 in H1 2021. EBITDA margin of 5.6% improved from zero due to the timing of artist expenses.

Conference Call Details

The Company will host a conference call to discuss these results on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 6:15PM CEST. A link to the live audio webcast will be available on investors.universalmusic.com and a link to the replay will be available after the call.

While listeners may use the webcast, a dial-in telephone number is required for investors and analysts to ask questions. Investors and analysts interested in asking questions can pre-register for a dial-in line at investors.universalmusic.com under the "Financial Reports" tab.

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