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ASM Commentary Lowers FY25 Growth Target

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At its 2024 Annual Shareholder Meeting (ASM), ikeGPS Group (IKE) tempered the growth outlook for its Subscription segment, representing ~55% of 1Q25 sales. Subscription revenue for FY25 is now expected to grow at '40% or greater vs pcp to ~\$15m per annum or greater', as compared to '50% or greater vs pcp to ~\$16m per annum or greater' when it released its FY24 results in May 2024. No explanation was provided for the reduction. While guidance has been lowered by only NZ\$1m at the lower end, we now have reduced confidence in the near-term growth trajectory for Subscription revenues, despite the rate of new customer wins tracking ahead of one new enterprise customer per week. A lower level of sales will place increased pressure on IKE's balance sheet, with further cost out likely required for IKE to reach cash flow breakeven without external capital, unless sales reaccelerate faster than our expectations. The long-term opportunity in front of IKE remains significant, underpinned by: (1) new contract wins for its next-generation PoleForeman product, (2) the continued growth of its core IKE Office Pro product, and (3) the release of new Al products. However, IKE needs to deliver on its guidance and targets to rebuild investor confidence. We lower our Subscription revenue assumptions and include recently issued ESOP options, seeing our blended spot valuation falling -5% to NZ\$0.83.

NZX code	IKE	Financials: Mar/	24A	25E	26E	27E	Valuation (x)	24A	25E	26E	27E
Share price	NZ\$0.60	Rev (NZ\$m)	21.5	26.8	34.1	42.0	PE	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Spot Valuation	NZ\$0.83 (from 0.87)	NPAT* (NZ\$m)	-15.0	-9.5	-4.5	0.6	EV/EBIT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Risk rating	High	EPS* (NZc)	-9.4	-5.9	-2.7	0.4	EV/EBITDA	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.3
Issued shares	160.7m	DPS (NZc)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Price / NTA	13.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Market cap	NZ\$96.4m	Imputation (%)	100	0	0	0	Cash div yld (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Avg daily turnover	33.5k (NZ\$18k)	*Based on normalised profits					Gross div yld (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

What's changed?

- Earnings: Our EBITDA estimates fall by -NZ\$1m, in FY25 and FY26, to a -NZ\$5m loss and a EBITDA NZ\$0.7m profit respectively.
- **Spot valuation:** We lower our spot valuation -4cps to NZ\$0.83 due to pulling back our Subscription revenue estimates and including additional recently issued ESOP options.

Estimates pulled back: Subscription guidance lowered, Transactions unchanged

While Subscription revenue growth guidance was lowered, the outlook for IKE's Transaction segment is broadly unchanged. Transaction revenues are expected to grow from FY24 to FY25, in line with our existing forecasts, albeit with a wide range of potential outcomes. Transaction revenue has been volatile historically and was the main driver of the significant fall in revenue in FY24. We lower our FY25 assumption for Subscription revenue by -\$1.5m or -9% to NZ\$15.5m. We now envisage that for IKE to achieve its aim of achieving cash flow breakeven, with its current level of balance sheet cash, further cost out will be required or growth will need to accelerate above our expectations. IKE ended 1Q25 (30 June 2024) with NZ\$10.0m in cash and no debt. Our forecasts now see much of this cash being utilised over FY25 and into FY26, before getting to cash flow positive sometime in FY27.

Innovation continues

Over the last week, IKE has launched additional AI based product IKE Insight, including its capability in resolving issues with 'double wood' pole networks. Double wood pole networks are those where old and new poles stand together due to delayed equipment transfers. This creates a safety hazard and liability for utilities if not addressed. IKE Insight streamlines the process of identifying double wood networks, reducing operational costs, and improving asset management for its utility customers.



ikeGPS Group (IKE)

Market Data (NZ\$)						Spot valuation (NZ\$)					0.83
Priced as at 29 Sep 2024					0.60	DCF					0.85
52 week high / low				C	0.77 / 0.40	EV/sales relative					0.82
Market capitalisation (NZ\$m)					96.4						
Key WACC assumptions						DCF valuation summary					
Risk free rate					5.00%	Total firm value					134.8
Equity beta					1.30	(Net debt)/cash					10.0
WACC					11.5%	Less: Capitalised operating leases					-4.7
Terminal growth					2.0%	Value of equity					140.1
Profit and Loss Account (NZ\$m)	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E	Valuation Ratios	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	31.1	21.5	26.8	34.1	42.0	EV/Sales (x)	2.4	3.9	3.4	2.8	2.3
Normalised EBITDA	(2.1)	(10.7)	(5.0)	0.6	6.2	EV/EBITDA (x)	n/a	n/a	n/a	>100x	15.3
Depreciation and amortisation	(3.6)	(4.6)	(4.6)	(5.0)	(5.4)	EV/EBIT (x)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	>100x
Normalised EBIT	(7.8)	(15.2)	(9.6)	(4.5)	0.7	PE (x)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	>100x
Net interest	(0.1)	0.2	0.1	(0.0)	(0.1)	Price/NTA (x)	4.6	13.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Associate income	0	0	0	0	0	Free cash flow yield (%)	-8.1	-9.1	-7.5	-3.5	-0.8
Tax	0.0	0	0	0	0	Adj. free cash flow yield (%)	-2.8	-5.1	-3.5	8.0	3.8
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	Gross dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Normalised NPAT	(7.9)	(15.0)	(9.5)	(4.5)	0.6	Net dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Abnormals/other	0	0	0	0	0						
Reported NPAT	(7.9)	(15.0)	(9.5)	(4.5)	0.6	Capital Structure	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Normalised EPS (cps)	(4.9)	(9.4)	(5.9)	(2.7)	0.4	Interest cover EBIT (x)	n/a	76.6	>100x	n/a	7.2
DPS (cps)	0	0	0	0	0	Interest cover EBITDA (x)	n/a	53.7	55.6	14.4	60.3
						Net debt/ND+E (%)	-113.5	-100.6	-50.6	-11.4	-6.2
Growth Rates	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E	Net debt/EBITDA (x)	8.6	1.0	0.7	n/a	n/a
Revenue (%)	93.9	-30.7	24.6	27.1	23.2						
EBITDA (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	>100	Key Ratios	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
EBIT (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Return on assets (%)	-17.9	-42.2	-35.9	-19.8	3.1
Normalised NPAT (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Return on equity (%)	-23.2	-73.7	-91.7	-70.8	8.6
Normalised EPS (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Return on funds employed (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ordinary DPS (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	EBITDA margin (%)	-6.8	-49.6	-18.6	1.6	14.7
						EBIT margin (%)	-25.0	-70.8	-35.8	-13.1	1.8
Cash Flow (NZ\$m)	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E	Capex to sales (%)	16.5	17.8	14.6	12.0	10.4
EBITDA	(2.1)	(10.7)	(5.0)	0.6	6.2	Capex to depreciation (%)	378	248	229	216	210
Working capital change	(1.2)	(0.4)	1.9	0.6	(2.0)	Imputation (%)	0	100	0	0	0
Interest & tax paid	(0.1)	0.2	0.1	(0.0)	(0.1)	Pay-out ratio (%)	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0.9	6.2	0	0	0						
Operating cash flow	(2.5)	(4.6)	(3.0)	1.1	4.0	Operating Performance	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Capital expenditure	(5.1)	(3.8)	(3.9)	(4.1)	(4.4)	Subscriptions revenue	8.8	10.7	15.5	21.9	28.7
(Acquisitions)/divestments	0	0	0	0	0	Transactions revenue	18.7	7.3	8.1	9.3	10.7
Other	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	Hardware revenue	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.3
Funding available/(required)	(7.5)	(8.3)	(6.8)	(2.8)	(0.2)	Total Revenues	30.8	21.1	26.5	33.7	41.7
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0						
Equity raised/(returned)	0	0	0	0	0	Subscriptions gross profit	7.7	9.2	13.7	19.4	25.5
(Increase)/decrease in net debt	(7.5)	(8.3)	(6.8)	(2.8)	(0.2)	Transactions gross profit	7.2	1.8	2.9	3.4	4.0
						Hardware gross profit	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4
Balance Sheet (NZ\$m)	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E	Total gross profit	16.3	12.7	18.3	24.3	30.9
Working capital	5.4	5.8	3.9	3.3	5.3						
Fixed assets	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	Subscriptions gross margin (%)	87.5	86.1	88.6	88.8	89.0
Intangibles	13.1	13.1	12.7	12.1	11.5	Transactions gross margin (%)	38.4	23.9	36.0	37.0	38.0
Right of use asset	0	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	Hardware gross margin (%)	43.9	56.0	56.0	57.0	58.0
Other assets	1.6	1.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	Total gross margin (%)	53.1	60.1	69.0	72.1	74.2
Total funds employed	22.9	24.6	21.3	19.9	21.3						
Net debt/(cash)	(18.0)	(10.2)	(3.5)	(0.6)	(0.4)						
Lease liability	0	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8						
Other liabilities	7.0	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4						
Shareholder's funds	33.9	20.4	10.4	6.3	7.4						
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0						
Total funding sources	22.9	24.6	21.3	19.9	21.3						

^{*} Forsyth Barr target prices reflect valuation rolled forward at cost of equity less the next 12-months dividend** Information on Forsyth Barr's Carbon and ESG (CESG) ratings can be found at www.forsythbarr.co.nz/corporate-news-events/cesg-report



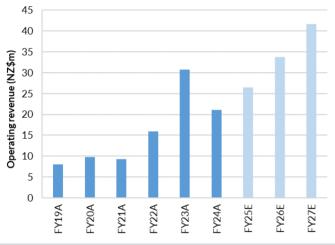
Earnings revisions and key charts

Figure 1. Earnings revisions

		FY25			FY26			FY27	
	Old	New	Change	Old	New	Change	Old	New	Change
Operating Revenue	28.0	26.5	-5%	35.3	33.7	-4%	43.6	41.7	-4%
Cost of sales	(8.4)	(8.2)	-2%	(9.6)	(9.4)	-2%	(11.0)	(10.8)	-2%
Gross profit	19.6	18.3	-7%	25.7	24.3	-5%	32.6	30.9	-5%
Total other income	0.4	0.4	n/a	0.4	0.4	n/a	0.4	0.4	n/a
'Support costs'/Other operating expenses	(1.4)	(1.4)	+0%	(1.4)	(1.4)	+0%	(1.5)	(1.5)	+0%
Sales & marketing expenses	(10.9)	(10.6)	-3%	(11.5)	(11.1)	-3%	(12.0)	(11.7)	-3%
Research & engineering expenses	(10.1)	(10.1)	-0%	(10.2)	(10.2)	-0%	(10.5)	(10.8)	+4%
'Corporate Costs'/General & Admin expenses	(6.2)	(6.2)	+0%	(6.4)	(6.4)	+0%	(6.6)	(6.6)	+0%
Total operating expenses	(28.6)	(28.2)	-1%	(29.5)	(29.1)	-1%	(30.5)	(30.5)	+0%
Operating profit (loss)	(9.0)	(10.0)	-11%	(3.8)	(4.8)	-26%	2.1	0.4	-82%
Finance costs	0.1	0.1	n/a	(0.0)	(0.0)	n/a	(0.1)	(0.1)	n/a
Income tax	0.0	0.0	n/a	0.0	0.0	n/a	0.0	0.0	n/a
Net Profit (Loss) for the Year	(8.5)	(9.5)	-12%	(3.5)	(4.5)	-30%	2.4	0.6	-74%
Operating EBITDA (\$m)	(4.0)	(5.0)	-25%	1.6	0.6	-64%	7.9	6.2	-22%

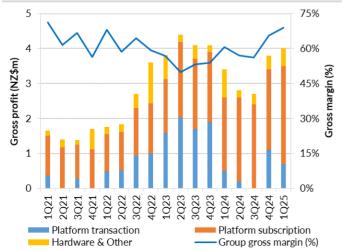
Source: Forsyth Barr analysis

Figure 2. IKE - Operating revenues (NZ\$m)



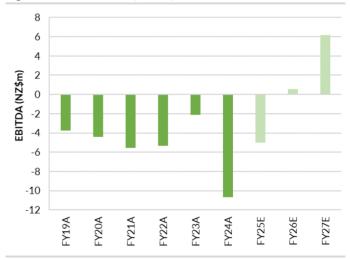
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Figure 4. IKE — Quarterly gross margin by segment and margin



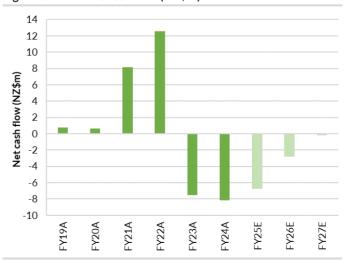
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Figure 3. IKE - EBITDA (NZ\$m)



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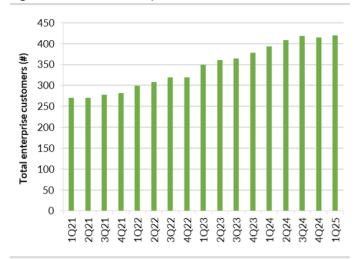
Figure 5. IKE — Net cash flow (NZ\$m)



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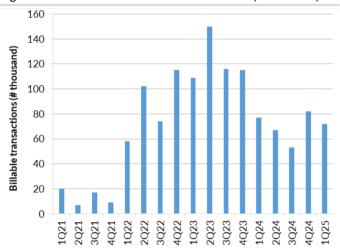


Figure 6. IKE - Total enterprise customers



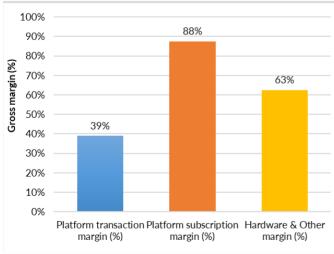
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Figure 8. IKE — Number of billable transactions (# thousand)



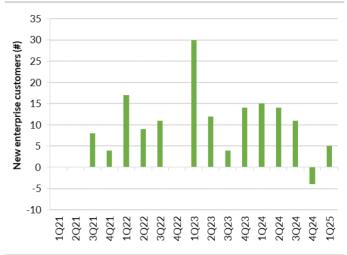
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Figure 10. IKE - Gross margin by segment 1Q25 (%)



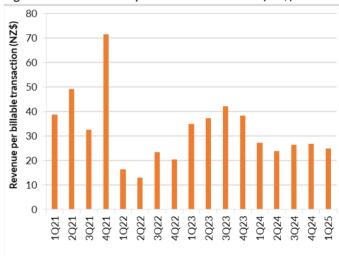
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Figure 7. IKE — new enterprise customers by quarter



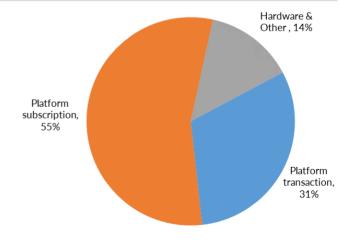
Source: Company, Forsyth Barr Analysis

Figure 9. IKE — Revenue per billable Transaction (NZ\$)



Source: Company, Forsyth Barr Analysis

Figure 11. IKE — Revenue breakdown by segment 1Q25



Source: Company, Forsyth Barr Analysis

Figure 12. Price performance



Source: Forsyth Barr analysis

Figure 13. Substantial shareholders

Shareholder	Latest Holding
Wilson Family Trust	16.7%
Scobie Ward	7.9%
TEK Trust	7.2%
K & M Douglas Trust	6.1%

Source: NZX, Forsyth Barr analysis, NOTE: based on SPH notices only

Figure 14. International valuation comparisons

Company	Code	Code Price Mkt Cap		PE		EV/EBITDA		EV/EBIT		Cash Yld	
			(m)	1yr	2yr	1yr	2yr	1yr	2yr	1yr	
Ikegps Group	IKE NZ	NZ\$0.60	NZ\$96	-19.4x	200.0x	-115.7x	17.6x	-17.3x	209.7x	0.0%	
Autodesk Inc	ADSK US	US\$268.00	US\$57,620	30.2x	26.4x	25.2x	21.9x	25.1x	22.0x	0.0%	
Altair Engineering Inc - A	ALTR US	US\$94.20	US\$8,055	69.9x	61.1x	49.1x	41.7x	51.6x	43.4x	0.0%	
Ansys Inc	ANSS US	US\$319.38	US\$27,910	30.5x	27.5x	24.5x	21.8x	24.7x	22.6x	0.0%	
Bentley Systems Inc-Class B	BSY US	US\$50.01	US\$16,615	42.8x	38.4x	35.1x	31.1x	35.8x	31.0x	0.6%	
Dassault Systemes Se	DSY FP	€35.70	€47,813	26.1x	23.8x	20.2x	18.3x	23.7x	21.8x	0.9%	
Hexagon Ab-B Shs	HEXAB SS	€104.00	€281,370	219.9x	197.7x	133.1x	121.4x	171.3x	156.4x	0.2%	
Rockwell Automation Inc	ROK US	US\$258.04	US\$29,279	24.1x	21.1x	17.3x	16.1x	19.6x	17.4x	2.2%	
Roper Technologies Inc	ROP US	US\$548.36	US\$58,783	28.1x	25.2x	21.9x	19.8x	30.3x	27.1x	0.6%	
Trimble Inc	TRMB US	US\$59.12	US\$14,438	20.0x	17.7x	17.7x	16.2x	19.2x	17.6x	0.0%	
EV = Mkt cap+net debt+lease liabili	ities+min interests-in	vestments									

Source: Forsyth Barr analysis, Bloomberg, NOTE: all multiples based on Bloomberg consensus estimates



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