DocuSign deep dive (June 2021)

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Background

- Global leader in e-signatures
- Mission: simplify and accelerate the way organizations and individuals come to agreement
- Vision is embodied by the "Agreement Cloud", a suite of services covering the entire life cycle of a digital agreement prepare, sign, act, and manage
- Founded in 2003, IPO in Apr 2018 with initial valuation of \$4.4B. Current market cap is \$54B, 7x from IPO (3 years) with P/S ratio of 32

Tailwinds

- Use of digital agreements has been increasing as countries around the world enact legislation to enable e-signatures in legally-binding agreements
- The pandemic accelerated the transition to e-signatures and digital agreements as remote working and virtual meetings became the norm
- DocuSign has dubbed this the "Anywhere Economy" the megatrend of workers having the option to do anything from anywhere
- Digital documents are much easier to store, organise, distribute, and use than paper documents, and allow for improved automation and Al-assisted analysis

Leadership

- Daniel Springer has been CEO since Jan 2017, and was previously CEO of Responsys, a provider of email marketing software which was acquired by Oracle in 2013
- Glassdoor rating of 4.6 out of 5, and CEO approval rating of 98% for Springer
- Low insider ownership with CEO owning 0.8% and other insiders owning an additional 1%
- Headcount increased 40% to 6,000 employees in 2020, possibly reflecting expected growth in the business, may impact the culture

Customers

- Customer count has grown from 54,000 in 2012 to 892,000 by 2020, a CAGR of 42%
- As of Jun 2021, they have over 1M paying customers, with over 1B users in over 180 countries using DocuSign
- Customers include 13 of the top 15 Fortune 500 technology companies, 14 of the top 15 Fortune 500 healthcare companies, and all of the top 15 Fortune 500 financial companies
- Strong network effect where B2B use of DocuSign may bring in more customers as they experience firsthand the speed and convenience of digital agreements

Competitors

- Many competitors in e-signatures including Adobe Sign, HelloSign, signNow, OneSpan Sign, GetAccept, RightSignature and Zoho Sign. Despite this, DocuSign have 70% of this market
- Possibly its biggest competitor in e-signatures, Adobe have gone in a different direction and has stated that they do not want to be the system of record for documents
- DocuSign is the leader quadrant of the Gartner Magic Quadrant for Contract Life Cycle Management (May 2021). Other companies in this quadrant are Icertis, Conga and Agiloft. Adobe does not feature in the magic quadrant at all

Optionality

- Acquired Seal Software in Feb 2020, a provider of Al-powered contract analysis, which is now part of the Agreement Cloud as DocuSign Insight
- Acquired LiveOak in July 2020 and announced DocuSign Notary, a service that allows a notary public to act as an in-person witness to the e-signing of a digital agreement
- Acquired Clause in May 2021, who they have previously collaborated with to develop digital contract technologies to elevate digital contracts into "living documents" with interactivity and digital functionality
- Member of the Enterprise Ethereum Alliance, a group of industry leaders working together to find blockchain-based solutions

Total Addressable Market

- Market for digital transaction management (DTM) is estimated to be \$50B, roughly \$25B for e-signatures and \$25B for other services around digital agreements
- CEO Dan Springer estimates that DocuSign is well less than 10% penetrated in its markets

Financials

- FY2021 total revenue was \$1.5B, a 49% YoY increase
- FY2022 Q1 total revenue \$469M (+58% YoY), recurring subscription-based revenue was \$452M (+61% YoY). Q1 revenue beat forecasts made in previous quarter by 7.6%
- GAAP gross margin increased to 78% from 75% in the same period last year
- DBNRR was 125% and has been over 110% and trending upwards for the past 8 quarters
- Strong international growth at 84%
- Cash and cash equivalents of \$876M at the end of the quarter
- Q2 revenue projected at \$485M (+3% QoQ and +42% YoY). Guidance for the full year raised to \$2.04B (+40% YoY) from guidance of \$1.97B given in previous quarter