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Business Model Overview & Financial Outlook



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Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin are non-GAAP financial measures and represent key metrics used by management and our board of directors to measure the operational strength and performance of our business, to establish budgets, and to develop operational goals for managing our business. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net loss, excluding the impact of net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interests, income tax provision, interest expense, net, other income, net, depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, change in fair value of warrant liabilities, change in fair value of derivative liability, restructuring costs, transaction-related costs, public company readiness costs, and other non-cash and non-recurring items that management believes are not indicative of ongoing operations. Adjusted EBITDA margin is calculated by dividing Adjusted EBITDA by revenue for the same period.

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Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin should not be considered a substitute for measures prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Definition of Time Spent

We define "Time Spent" as the time audiences spend engaging with our content across our owned and operated US sites, as well as YouTube and Apple News in the US, as measured by Comscore and on Facebook, as reported by Facebook.

(Excludes platforms for which we do not have advertising capabilities that materially contribute to our revenues, including TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter.)

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Building a **Content Engine** for the Future of Digital Media

JONAH PERETTI

Founder & CEO

WE HAVE A PORTFOLIO OF PREMIUM BRANDS AND IP THAT DEFINE CULTURE

DATA-DRIVEN CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

PREMIUM IP DEVELOPMENT

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... AND A MASSIVE, LOYAL AND HIGHLY ENGAGED YOUNG AUDIENCE

OUR MISSION



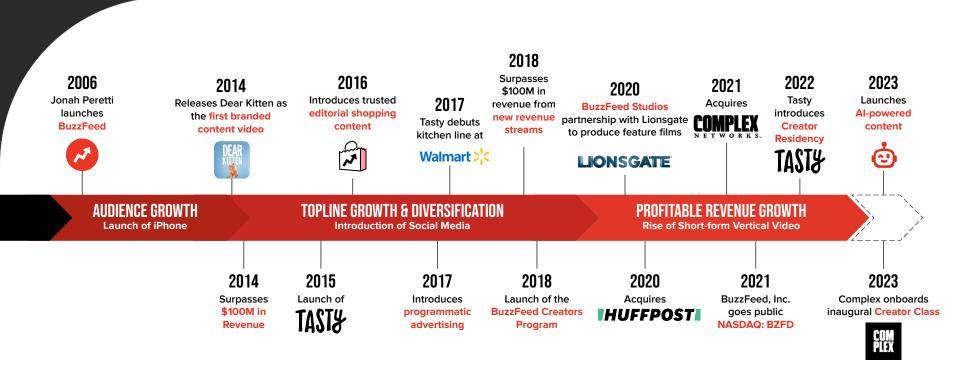




BUZZFEED, INC. STRIVES TO SPREAD TRUTH, JOY, AND CREATIVITY ON THE INTERNET.



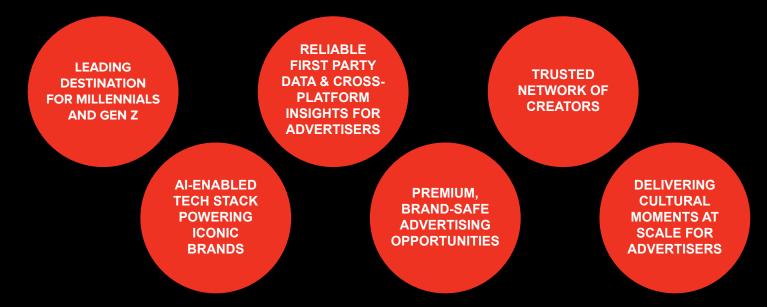
ADAPTATION IS IN OUR DNA



THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL MEDIA WILL BE DEFINED BY CREATORS AND AI, AND CULTURAL MOMENTS WILL BE THE NEW CURRENCY



BUZZFEED, INC. HAS ESTABLISHED A STRATEGIC POSITION AND CORE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES IN THE ECOSYSTEM OF AUDIENCES, ADVERTISERS, PLATFORMS, AND CREATORS



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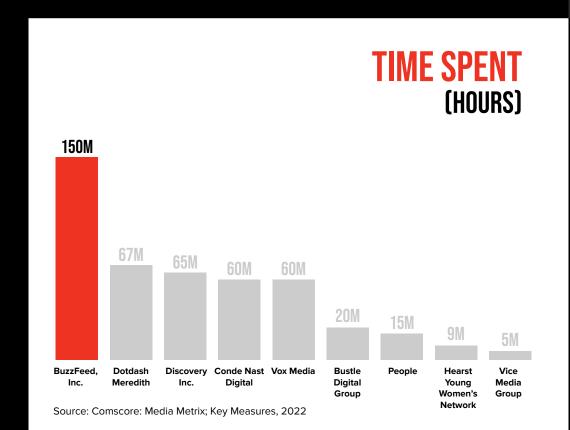
Building a **Robust Operating Model**for Digital Media

MARCELA MARTIN

President

LEADING DESTINATION FOR GEN Z AND MILLENNIALS

US Gen Z and Millennials spend vastly more time consuming our content than that of other digital media companies in our competitive set, according to Comscore.



PREMIUM, BRAND-SAFE ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

As platforms continue to struggle with the policing of user-generated content and the impact to advertisers on their platforms, BuzzFeed has become a trusted partner in providing high-quality, brand-safe content at scale to serve advertiser demand. Our iconic, category-leading brands have loyal, highly engaged audiences — from food lovers to sneakerheads to parents — and everyone in between.

FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES TRUST BUZZFEED, INC. TO SAFELY REPRESENT THEIR BRAND









































TRUSTED NETWORK OF CREATORS

As an advertiser, it can be difficult to navigate the world of influencers and creators. Our platform brings together contextual alignment with hard-to-reach audience demographics, a trusted network of creator talent, and a comprehensive suite of tools, technology and resources for creators to power their entire content creation and monetization engine — all of which enable advertisers to tap into lucrative, influencer-led advertising opportunities.



partner with us to create content for our brands



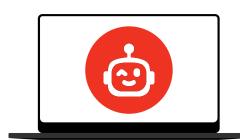
featuring our creators were **published** across our network in 2022



generated by our Tasty creator-led short-form videos

AI-ENABLED TECH STACK POWERING ICONIC BRANDS

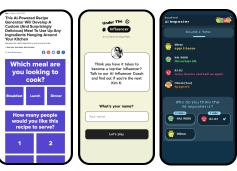
Our proprietary technology stack is powered by artificial intelligence and machine learning, and trained on BuzzFeed proprietary data to optimize publishing across our owned and operated and third-party platforms. This enables us to attract larger, more engaged audiences and capture deeper, more reliable insights — delivering high-quality content at massive scale and low cost.

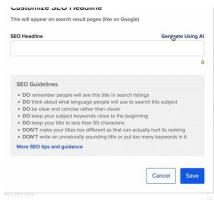


AI-POWERED CONTENT FORMATS



AI-DRIVEN HEADLINE OPTIMIZATION





EXPANDING OUR FIRST PARTY DATA SOLUTIONS WITH THE HELP OF AI

With a broad and diverse audience and scaled distribution across platforms, we capture rich first party data and third-party platform insights across our audience — offering advertisers the contextual alignment and tools they need to effectively and efficiently reach massive young audiences — particularly as the internet continues to move toward a cookieless future. By leaning further into Al, we see the opportunity to capture and better understand a much bigger data set around our audience and the performance of our content.









DELIVERING CULTURAL MOMENTS AT SCALE FOR ADVERTISERS

Moments are defined as having a combination of scarcity and unaided demand. Moments can be homegrown or they can be part of the pop culture calendar. Very few partners can deliver Voice and Scale together in one package. BuzzFeed, Inc. is a one-stop shop for big moments in culture that marketers can plan for and advertise around. And, by leaning into our combined brand portfolio, we see an opportunity to deliver even bigger moments for our audiences and advertising partners.



POP CULTURE MOMENTS





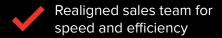


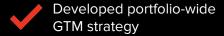






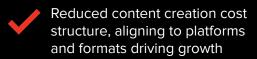
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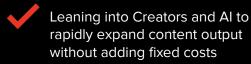




Increased audience engagement around new platforms and formats

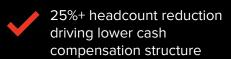


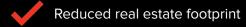




Begin closure of BuzzFeed News







Streamlined operating expenses across our S&M, R&D and G&A cost structures

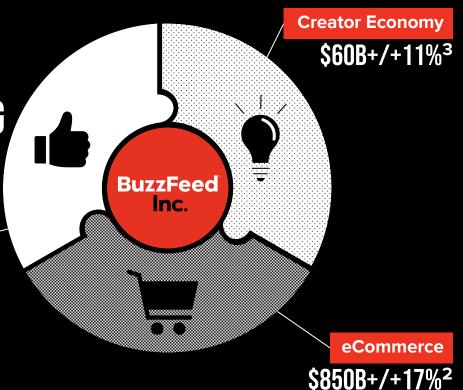


BUZZFEED, INC. IS POSITIONED AT THE INTERSECTION OF MULTIPLE LARGE AND GROWING MARKETS

Digital Advertising

\$250B+/+8%1

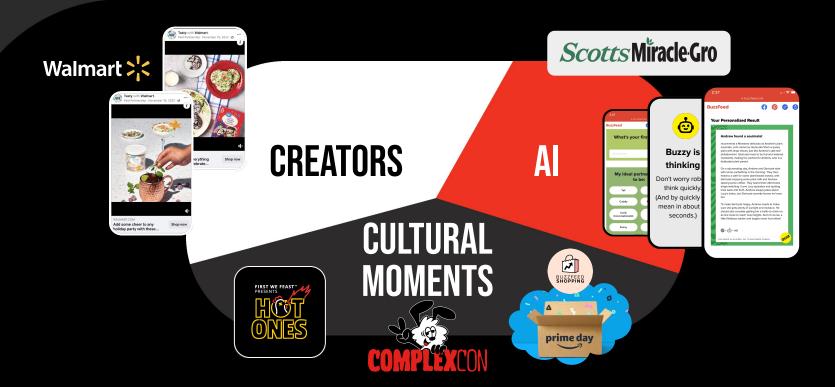
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS EXPECTED TO DRIVE MORE THAN **\$80B** In Market expansion by 2025⁴



GROWTH DRIVERS: 1. INCREASE AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT

Creator content sees a Infinity Quizzes generate 40% 2x+ lift in reach and engagement higher time spent per user, on when posted on Tasty channels average, as compared to our traditional quiz format **Tasty Residents** grew their **CREATORS** followers by up to **50**% Our chatbot game delivered 4x time spent vs. static content **CULTURAL MOMENTS** Hot Ones featuring ComplexCon brings together tens of Jenna Ortega earned thousands of fans willing to spend 100M+ views across hundreds of dollars per person, on average platforms

GROWTH DRIVERS: 2. EXPAND CUSTOMER BASE



GROWTH DRIVERS: 3. EXTEND IP ACROSS MULTIPLE REVENUE STREAMS



- Film
- Podcasts
- TV
- FAST Channels





- Affiliate
- Experiential
- Licensing











• Scaling through partnerships











MEASURING SUCCESS

OPERATIONAL KPIS

CONTENT

Time Spent

ADVERTISING

of Advertisers

Advertising Spend Retention %

BuzzFeed Studios Feature Film Slate

FINANCIAL KPIS

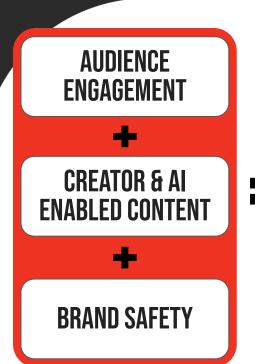
Revenue Growth % vs. Public Peers

Adjusted EBITDA¹ \$

Adjusted EBITDA¹ Margin %

Cash Flow

KEYS TO BUILDING A BETTER DIGITAL MEDIA BUSINESS





Great entertainment for our **audiences**



Massive audience engagement for advertisers



Significant operating leverage

for our **shareholders**





MASTERING THE ART OF DATA-DRIVEN STORYTELLING



From Posting Quotes On Your Story To Unfollowing Coworkers, Here Are 44 Rules For How To Act On Instagram In 2023











I Went To Taylor Swift's Eras Tou On Opening Night To Ask Real Life Fans How Much They Actually Paid For Tickets And How They Even Afforded Them





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BuzzFeed's quiz of the future uses the magic of AI to create infinite results uniquely personalized to you.









Jess' RomCom:

Our main character, Jess Sopramo (played by Gretz Gerwig) has an eye-catching beauty with wavy auburn hair, captivating deep hazel eyes, and a statusegue figure. The is on a quest to find the good side of the internet for a living and she simply can't sit still for too long. As for her on-and-off lows interest, Cher, she is a talented signature trademark.

One night, when Jess is at her rustic cabin with Cher in bed talking about their dreams and aspirations. Cher suddenly has an epiphany. She said all this teal kabout love made her realize what she wanted to do - make a big romantic gesture so when they look back on this moment they can laugh and feel emberrassed together because it is so crippe. Cher; gets out of Ded and calls everyone they know to gather outside while she everyone they know to gather outside while she with most of the companies of the companie

Things take an unexpected turn when Ron Tortellini shows up -a wealthy man who previously was betrothed to Cher. As at turns out, Ron is a broke, fialling actor trying to using Cher to further his career. With this twist, our two horiones must battle these obstacles to be together against all odds - and have a fighting chance.

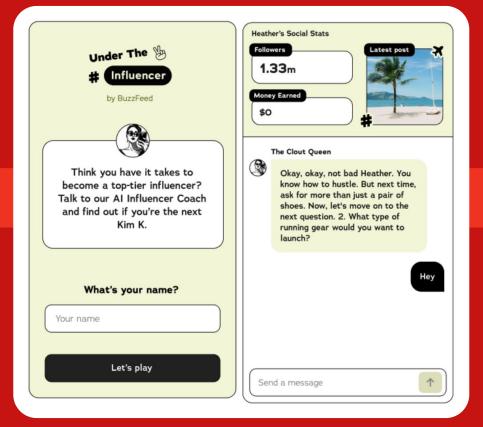
QUIZ.



Audience time spent

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HIGHER
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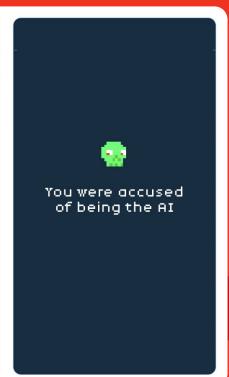


AI IMPOSTER: A MULTIPLAYER CHAT GAME TO GUESS WHICH PLAYER IS THE AI









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EXTENDED UNIVERSE OF IP ENABLES RAPID PROTOTYPING, **ENGAGES AUDIENCES AROUND** CULTURAL **MOMENTS**









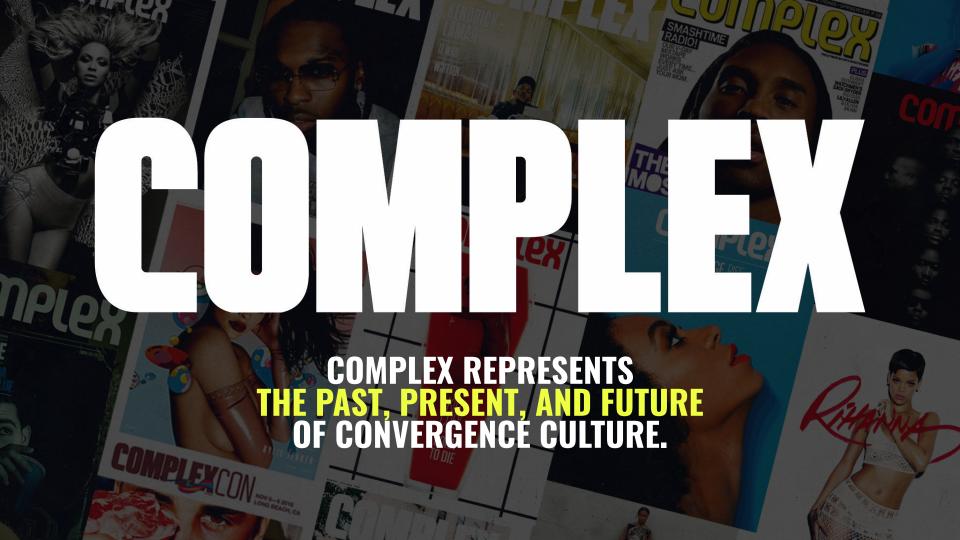




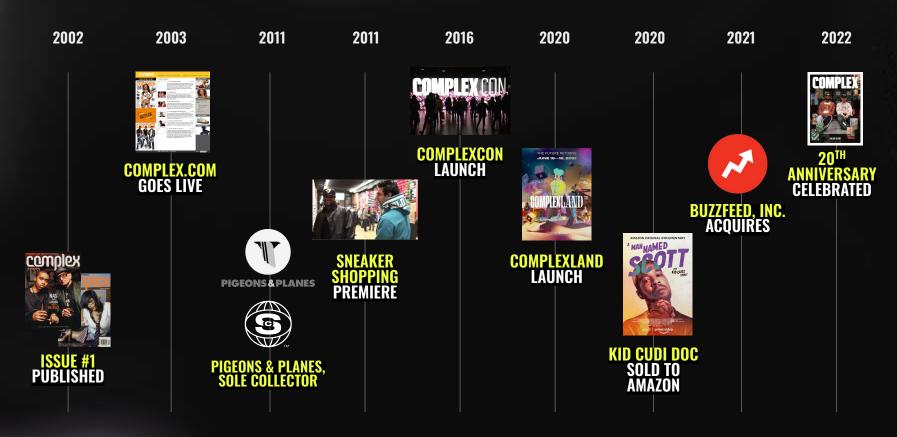








A BRIEF HISTORY OF COMPLEX



BRAND-DRIVEN TENTPOLES DRIVE MOMENTS IN CULTURE







INTRODUCING THE COMPLEX **NETWORKS CREATORS**



ALANA YZOLA @alanamyzola



PIERCE SIMPSON

@pierce.simpson



DREA OPPAN @dreaoeverywhere



AIDAN GALASSETTI @aidangalassetti



CLAIRE ATEKU @claireateku



ROCKY COLLINS

@therockycollins



FRENCHY @aofrenchy



DIPIKA DUTT @itspikaaa



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@cvrilrovpalmer



ROSS MAC



KAYCE KIRIHARA @infamouskavce



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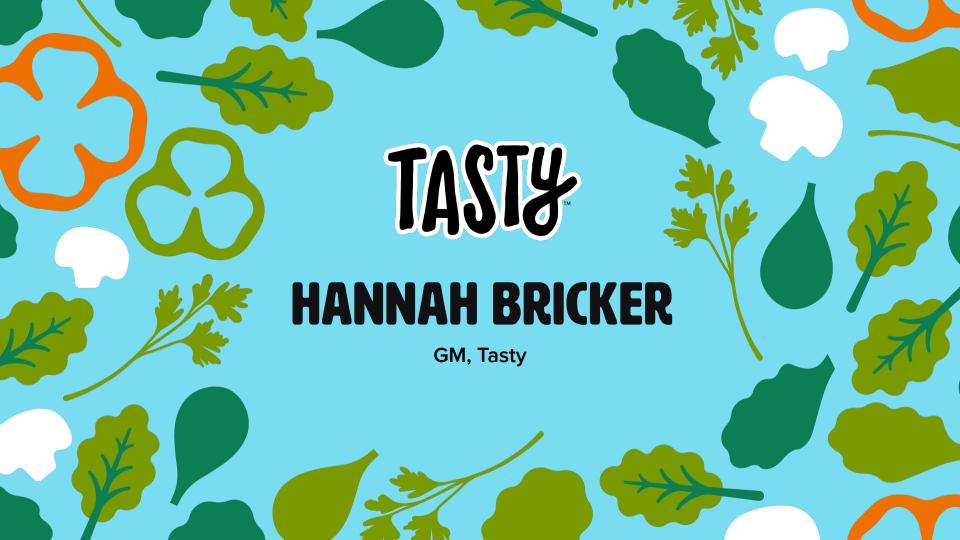
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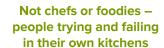


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Two-way conversation









More than utility: Inspiration, escape, entertainment







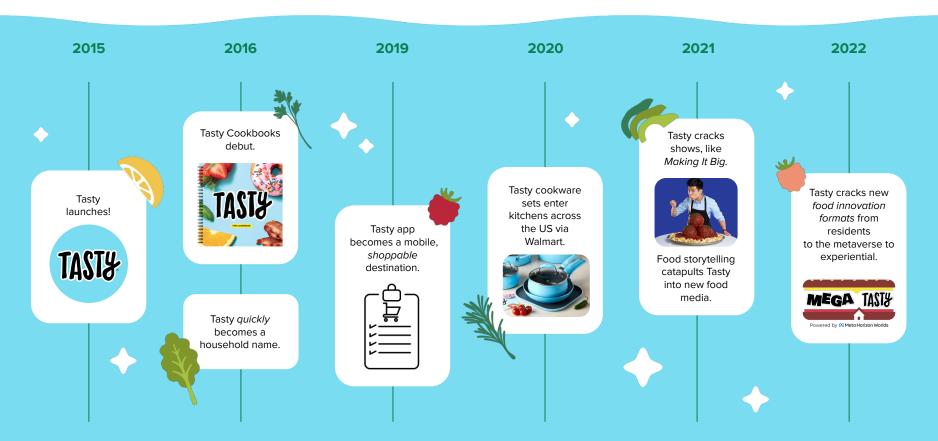


First launched in 2015,
Tasty has grown into the
largest, most engaged food
community on the internet with
tens of millions of followers
across platforms¹

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members of our audience actually try a recipe after seeing it on Tasty²

A BRIEF HISTORY OF TASTY



OVER THE LAST YEAR, TASTY HAS BECOME THE ULTIMATE CREATOR PLATFORM



HOW WE STARTED

As vertical video took off, the Tasty audience sought deeper connections with more Creators who reflected their perspectives

HOW WE SCALED

Tasty launched a residency program to propel Emerging Voices into Foodtok talent – solving creator pain points through Tasty's insights and content expertise

WHAT'S NEXT

In 2023, we're expanding the residency to bring on more talent and broadening our Creator Footprint





Creator content performed above our audience benchmarks,

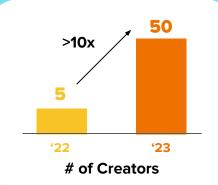
driving higher views on TikTok and Instagram



More than

1B+ VIEWS

of Creator-led Reels in 2022



TASTY RESIDENTS

Our Residency program onboards emerging creators for a 40-week experience to grow their audiences and create content for Tasty Platforms



Gideon General @gidsgids



Jeri Mobley @whisperofyum



Toni Chapman @themoodyfoody



@alexawhatsfordinner



Jasmine and Tea @jasmineandtea



Sarah Bành @groovyfoodiess



@blessitsjeff

TASTY'S BRAINTRUST ACCELERATES CREATORS' INFLUENCE.

Backed by the publishing power of Tasty from ideation, format development, and content distribution, creators are able to access a shared eager-to-cook audience that pays off in stronger content performance on every channel.

Reach & Engagement Superboost

The same creator content sees a **2x+ lift in reach and engagement** when posted on Tasty channels.¹



Instant Series Adoption

Tasty formats + creator break the internet! Series led to **110x views**than standard creator content.²



Stardom-level Growth

Tasty Residents increased their audiences, growing their followers by up to 50%.³



CHRIS SCHONBERGER

GM, FIRST WE FEAST

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FIRST WE FEAST

















ACROSS 20 SEASONS AND MORE THAN 300 EPISODES, HOT ONES HAS DRIVEN MANY POP CULTURE MOMENTS



MONETIZING HOT ONES ACROSS MULTIPLE CHANNELS





EXTENDING THE HOT ONES IP UNIVERSE ... WHAT'S NEXT?









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Bringing the

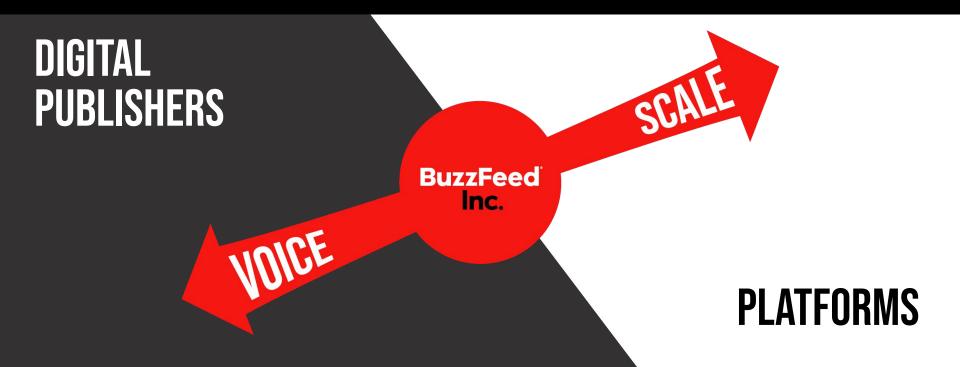
Combined Brand

Portfolio to Market

ANDREW GUENDJOIAN

Head of Sales

BUZZFEED, INC. IS A RARE DIGITAL COMPANY WITH BOTH VOICE AND SCALE



OUR COMBINATION OF VOICE AND SCALE ATTRACTS MASSIVE HOUSEHOLD BRANDS ACROSS SOME OF THE LARGEST ADVERTISING CATEGORIES













RE-ACCELERATING REVENUE GROWTH WITH A STREAMLINED ORG STRUCTURE

1

Working horizontally across the full brand portfolio

2

Driving increased focus on five core revenue verticals

3

Maximizing new business with greater sales coverage

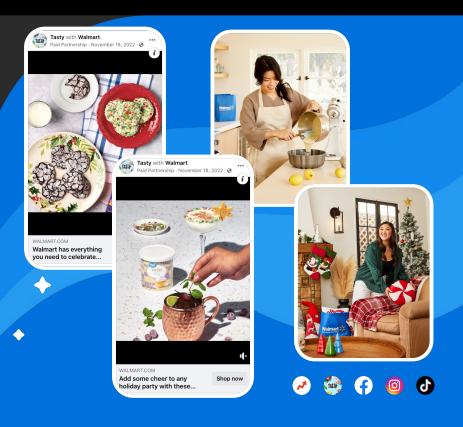
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Accelerating knowledge transfer

BRINGING THE COMBINED BRAND PORTFOLIO TO MARKET



MONETIZING CREATORS







CAMPAIGN EXCEEDED INDUSTRY BENCHMARKS FOR:

- Click-through rate
- Time spent
 - Video completion rate

SURPASSED CLIENT EXPECTATIONS FOR:

- **Brand awareness**
- Audience reach

MONETIZING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

BuzzFeed × **Scotts**MiracleGro





MONETIZING CULTURAL MOMENTS

SPOTLIGHT: LATINE HERITAGE MONTH











Fashion & Streetwear Brands

FOOD MUSIC TRAVEL STYLE AND MORE.







EXTENDING THESE REVENUE BLUEPRINTS ACROSS OUR BRAND PORTFOLIO



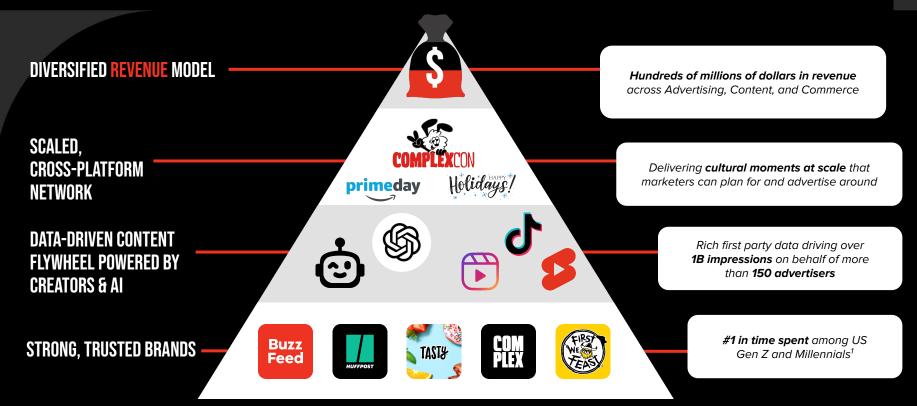
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Business Model
Overview &
Financial Outlook

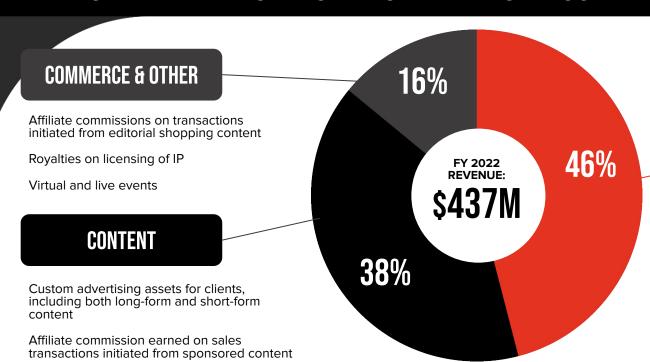
FELICIA DELLAFORTUNA

CFO

BUILDING A STRONG, PROFITABLE DIGITAL MEDIA COMPANY



DIVERSIFIED REVENUE MODEL OPERATING AT SCALE



ADVERTISING

Ads distributed against our editorial and news content, including display, pre-roll and mid-roll advertising, sold directly to clients as well as programmatically

Feature films and content licensing

REVENUE DRIVERS

ADVERTISING

Volume: Audience Traffic

Price: Direct vs. Programmatic

CONTENT

of Advertisers (>\$250k Annual Spend)

Average Deal Size

Advertiser Spend Retention

Feature Film Slate

COMMERCE & OTHER

Audience Traffic

Conversion

EXPANDING MARGINS AND GENERATING CASH



FY 2023

Adjusted EBITDA¹ in the high teens millions



Adjusted EBITDA¹
Margin Expansion in 2024 and 2025



Cash Flow Positive

