



Reddit Inc

Community-driven social media platform



Target Price: \$76.15

Current Price: \$118.79

Downside Potential: -35.9%

Recommendation: SELL

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Share Price Performance







Reddit's post-IPO share price rally, driven by investor sentiment, was followed by an initial market correction



- [1] October 2024 (+49%): First profitable quarter, driven by strong advertising revenue, Al licensing deals, and a 68% YoY revenue jump.
- [2] February 2025 (+190%): Bullish sentiment around Al-related revenue potential sends the stock into an unreasonably high rally
- [3] April 2025 (-65%): Investor concerns over overvaluation, insider stock sales, and doubts about the **sustainability** of its rapid revenue growth
- [4] May 2025 (-27%): Google's new **Al search** features raised fears of reduced traffic, leading to analyst downgrades and investor concern

IPO: March 20, 2024 at 34\$

First-day closing price: 50\$

■ 52-week range: \$49.13 – \$230.41

Market capitalization: \$21.81 bn

Investment Thesis

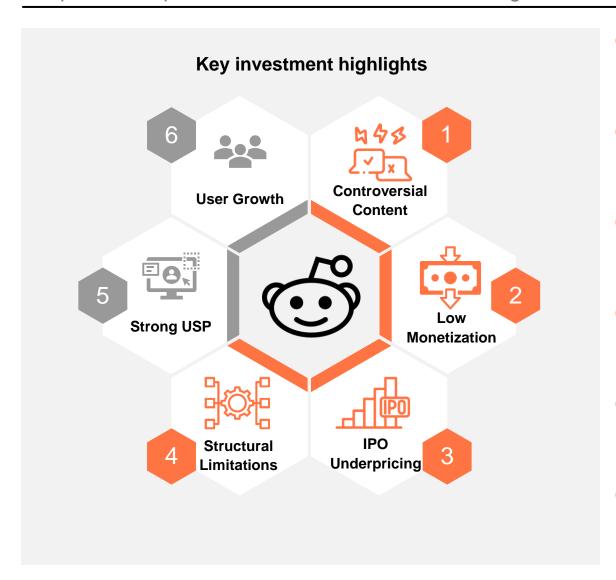
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Despite its unique business model and robust DAU growth, the company faces severe constraints on further expansion



Controversial Content

Reddit's permissive moderation practices have contributed to its image as a hub for sensitive and controversial content

Low Monetization

The company has the lowest ARPU among peers, with weak growth prospects due to U.S. saturation and low international monetization

IPO Underpricing

Ample academic evidence links investor sentiment-driven overvaluation of young public companies to long-term underperformance

Structural Limitations

Reddit is missing the three most important pillars of long-term success in the market lacking video infrastructure, creator economy and scalable ads

Strong USP

Reddit's unique business model blends social media, forums, and niche communities, fostering user-driven content and discussions

Compared to its peers, Reddit leads in DAU growth and sees users spending significantly more time on the platform

User Growth



Company Overview









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Reddit is a rapidly growing platform focused on niche communities, enabled by a high level of unchecked anonymity

Company Description

Reddit is a **social media platform** centered on **user-generated content** and **discussions** within interest-based forums. It emphasizes **anonymity**, **community moderation** and **niche group engagement**.



HeadquartersSan Francisco, CA



Foundation 2005



Employees 2,233 worldwide



User Base 1.21 billion monthly

Executive Management



Steven HuffmanChief Executive Officer since 2015

Co-founded Reddit at age 21



Drew VolleroChief Financial Officer since 2021

Previously CFO at Snap Inc.



Jennifer WongChief Operating Officer since 2008

Responsible for advertising business



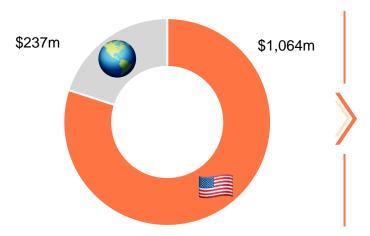
Christopher Slowe Chief Technology Officer since 2017

> Reddit's first employee

Key Financials

in \$m	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
Revenue	228.9	484.9	666.7	804.0	1,300.2
YoY Growth	73.4%	11.8%	37.5%	20.6%	61.7%
Gross Profit	173.8	412.4	562.0	693.0	1,176.6
EBITDA	(60.6)	(124.4)	(164.1)	(126.5)	(545.0)
EBIT	(62.5)	(127.2)	(172.2)	(140.2)	(560.6)
Net Income	(59.2)	(127.9)	(158.6)	(90.8)	(484.3)

Revenue Split by Geography



Notable user nations include:

s India

United Kingdom

Canada

🔯 Brazil

Germany

Australia

Business Model I









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Despite its unique business concept, Reddit relies heavily on advertising revenue



Online community platform that enables **conversations** and builds **communities**



DAUq **108m**+ WAUq **401m**+ Active Subreddits **100k**+

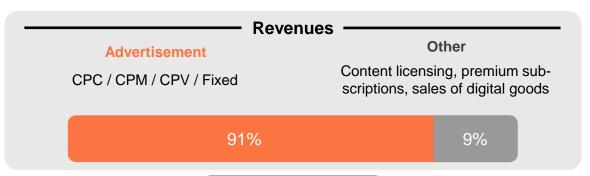
Reddit

Combines **Social News Feed** with **Forum** and chat function



User-generated structure: Subreddits are built and moderated **independently**







Mods can establish their own **Subreddit Guidelines**

No sign in necessary to gain and consume knowledge

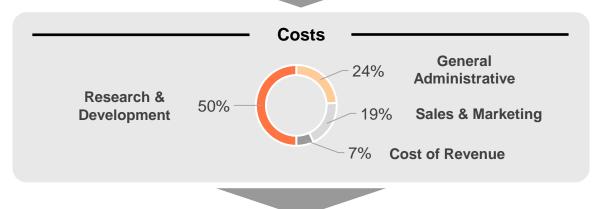
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Offers a platform for controversial and niche topics



R&D



Machine Learning
Translating Reddit content
in different languages



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Using related reddit
conversations to answer
individual requests

Business Model II

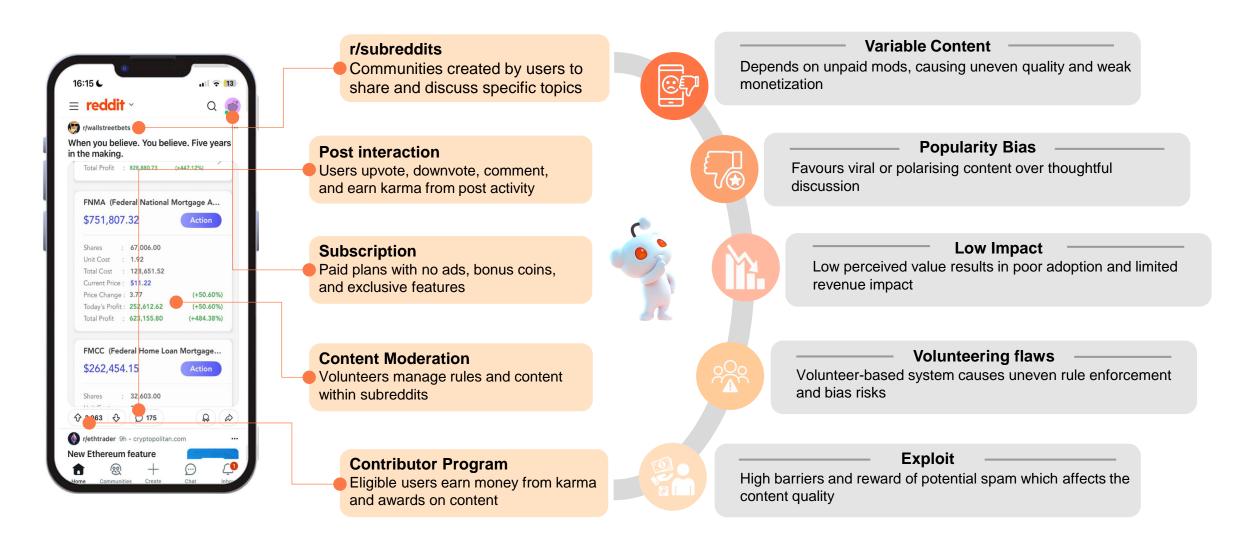






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Reddit is widely known for hosting controversial content and for its inconsistent approach to content moderation



Strategy I





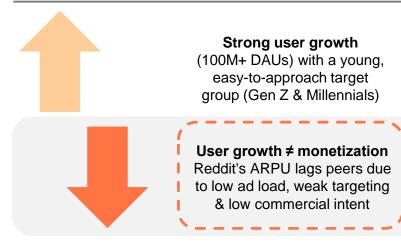




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Reddit faces rising user dissatisfaction and limited ARPU growth potential outside the U.S., where it seeks to expand

Analysts' Expectations vs Reality



Deep engagement

Niche, interest-based communities fuel long session times & loyal users

Rising user dissatisfaction
– over 60% of mods and
users expressed frustration
over platform changes in
2024

High-growth regions

India & SEA: ad spend +10% YoY → low-cost scale opportunity for Reddit

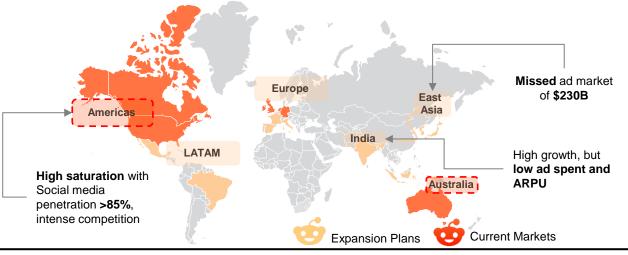
Global Expansion Limits
U.S. ARPU ≈ \$3.90, rest of
world < \$0.80/user requires
5x+ users abroad for equal
revenue

Unique market position

At the intersection of forums, social media & real-time news

Saturated U.S. market 44% of Reddit's users are U.S.-based, leaving limited room for domestic DAU growth

Current User Hotspots and Expansion Plans



Blocked in China No access to the w

No access to the world's largest internet market

No local ad infrastructure

No regional sales teams or localized ad formats

Subreddit culture doesn't scale

Brand safety risks limit global advertiser uptake

Strategy II



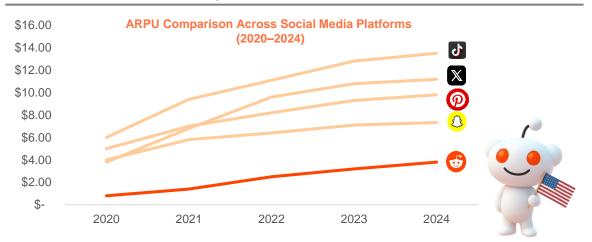




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Globally, Reddit monetizes less effectively than its peers, with weak ARPU growth outlook and low diversification prospects

ARPU – Performance Comparison



ARPU gap is structural, not temporary



Severely lagging ARPU

Reddit: \$3.80/user vs. Pinterest \$7.33, TikTok \$11.18

Impact: Significantly limits revenue growth potential & investor confidence in monetization model



No monetization leverage

DAUs >100M up, but ARPU remains at **~\$0.60** since 2022 **Impact**: Highlights inefficiency - Reddit fails to capitalize on its user base

despite scale



Underdeveloped ad tech = monetization ceiling

Without sophisticated targeting & measurement tools, Reddit can't close the ARPU gap

Impact: Scaling DAUs will not translate to profit without ad product innovation

Revenue Driver or not?

Revenue Drivers & Strategic Flaws



U.S. Revenue Concentration = Strategic Risk

~90% of ad revenue from U.S., but only 44% of DAUs Any dip in U.S. ad spend (e.g. recession) hits revenue hard



Reddit Premium = Low Impact

Contributes <5% of revenue

No engagement uplift, no retention effects

No freemium funnel like Spotify/YouTube



Reddit Pro = Weak Ad Platform

Launched 2023, lacks targeting & automation **No global ad sales** or DSP integrations CPMs stay low (**\$0.30–\$0.60** vs Meta **\$4–5**)



Subreddit Culture Blocks Monetization

Only ~30% of subreddits allow ads Monetization faces community resistance Limited inventory = weak ROAS & low scale



IPO Implications









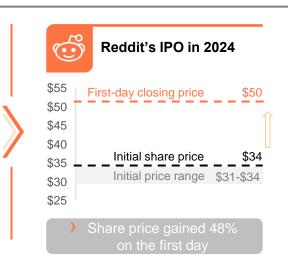
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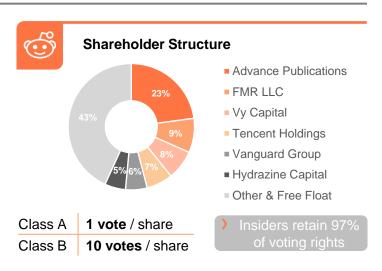
Ample academic evidence of long-term underperformance following strong initial investor sentiment in IPOs

IPO Pitfalls – Underpricing and Long-Term Underperformance

- · Historically, investors' euphoria pushes share prices to extreme levels
- IPO market picked up again in 2024, together with investors' overoptimism
- · Tech stocks are especially often affected

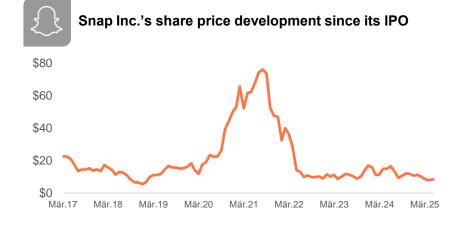






Snapchat's successful IPO and long-term underperformance







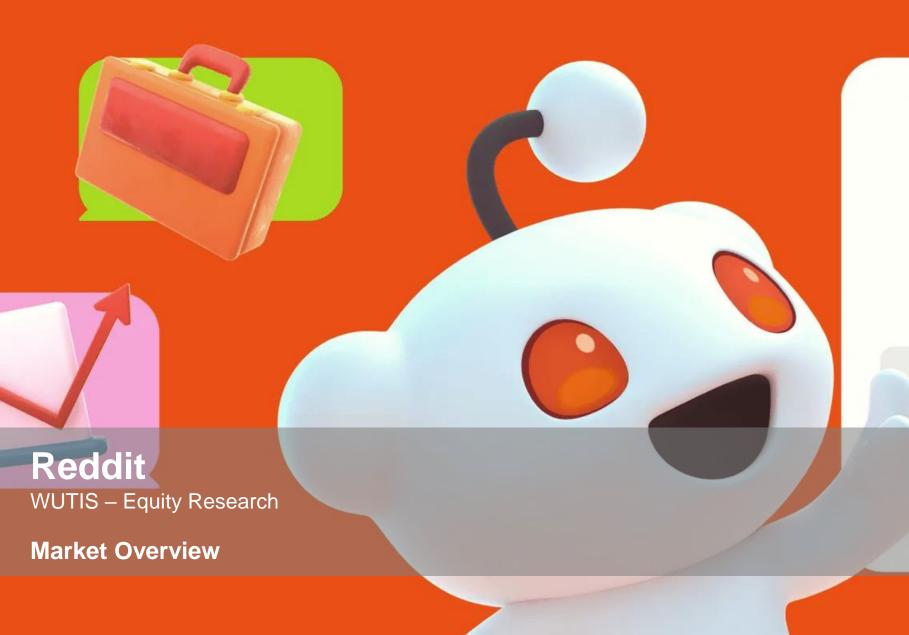
Long-Term Underperformance: Although the company enjoyed considerable enthusiasm when it IPOed, its shares trade lower than the initial share price today



Poor International Ad Monetization: Snapchat's business model relies mainly on ad revenues, however, ARPU is much lower than its peers' and failed to pick up



Stagnant User Growth: Despite analyst's high growth expectations, user growth plateaued post-IPO due to tough competition in the social media market



REDDIT PRO



Dashboard



Performance



Conversations



Trendspotter



Trends



Communities

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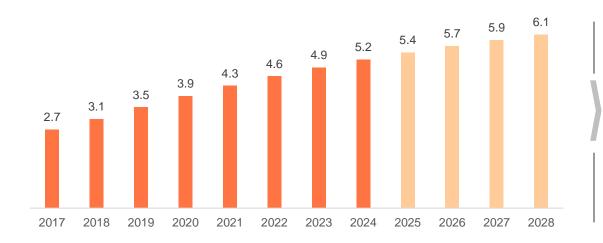


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With social media market growth slowing, where can Reddit expand to meet the growth expectations currently priced in?

Social Media Users per Year in \$bn



Emerging Market Trends

Regulatory risk escalating

Rising global scrutiny on data, algorithms, and content creates strategic and financial headwinds.

Monetisation pressure rising

With slowing user growth, platforms must extract more value per user driving innovation in ads, commerce, and AI.

Shift Toward Enclosed Ecosystems

Platforms are **locking users into in-app** shopping, payments, and media raising the bar for engagement and monetization.

Growth Plateau



While user **growth rates** were at 10% from 2019 to 2020, rates are now standing **at only around 3%.** With growth in more recent year being as low as 2.1% year over year



Not only is the growth of users on social media **stagnating** also the **spend in USD per ad** of companies is forecasted to stagnate in the next years limiting topline growth



More than 87% of "adult" audiences aged 18 and above already use at least one social media platform each month, underlining that growth potential is shrinking

Expansion Potential?



Strongest US market is already heavily saturated with low growth rates across all platforms minimising growth potential.



Growth in Asia would be imperative, but low brand awareness, and strong local competition, making growth uncertain despite large potential.

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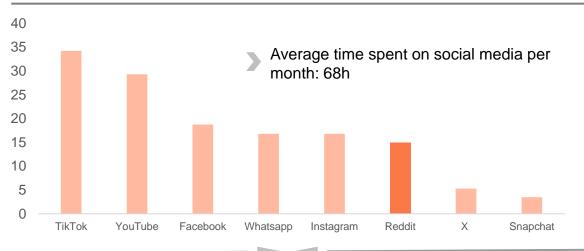


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While essential for revenue generation, total daily screen time per user is limited, and platform competition is intense

Average Time Per User Spend Per Month





Reddit is **losing the battle for user time**, weakening its position in the ad-driven attention economy.



Connected with the fact that average time spent on social media has gone down in the last quarter and the fierce market competition screentime cannibalization can be expected to even worsen.



Low time share signals **weak content stickiness**, suggesting challenges in fostering addictive, high-retention user behavior critical for monetization.

Company Specific Struggles

Revenue demographic

Struggling to capture markets outside its core and to effectively monetise these users

→ High dependence on the US, highlights under-monetization of its international audience

User activity

Reddit only receives **8.6 out of a 100** in **user activity** index

→ struggles to keep users active, undermining its monetization potential and competitiveness

Ad audience

In comparison to peers Reddit only has the 8th biggest ad audience

→ does not serve as the first choice for brands to efficiently market

Audience overlap

Reddit has just 0.1% unique users, with over **79% overlap** with Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook.

→ Reddit **lacks a distinct audience** making it less essential for advertisers targeting incremental reach









Reddit lacks key industry value drivers and is falling behind its competitors

Success Sits On Three Pillars







Creator economy support

Scalable ad marketplace



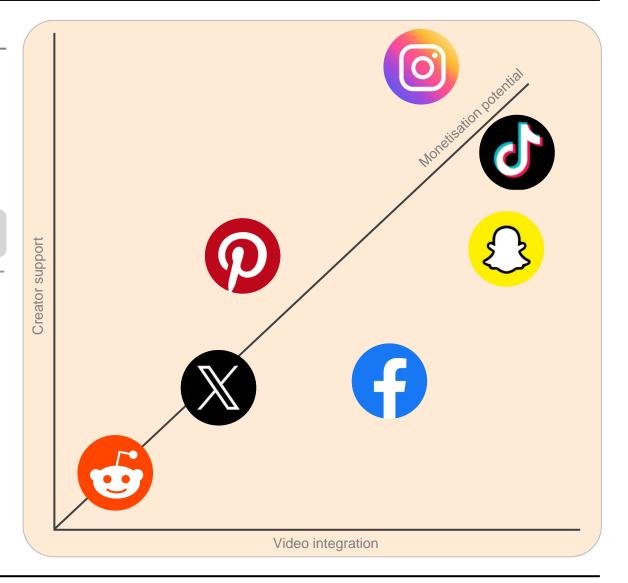
Ad Monetization Limits: Reddit's engagement is fragmented across niche subreddits, many of which actively resist commercialization, making it hard to scale ads effectively.



Missing Creator Incentives: Without creator incentives or tools, Reddit struggles to retain high-quality contributors or compete for attention against platforms like YouTube or TikTok.



No Scalable Video Format: Reddit lacks scalable video formats, cutting it off from the fastest-growing segment of user engagement and digital ad spend.



Market Overview IV









Reddit has been moving in a different direction than the rest of the market, thereby missing out on trends

Market Trends

Reddit

Focus on real-name identity and friend networks Introduction of visual profiles, "likes", and status sharing rise

Mobile-first: image/video-sharing dominates (Instagram, Snapchat) Influencer culture and algorithmic feeds emerge

Short-form video (TikTok) and livestreaming explode Story formats and real-time engagement normalize

Al-powered discovery and creator monetization take over Platforms centralize control and prioritize brand safety

Early 2000s



2015-2020

2020-2025





Reddit intentionally promotes pseudonymity.

Structured around topicbased communities friend networks. Instead of like upvotes/downvotes are



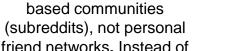
Reddit focuses on textbased content.



Reddit introduced some online video integration.



Reddit leans on decentralized mod-led governance.



used.



Discourages selfpromotion; influencerstyle content is often downvoted



Launched RPAN (Reddit Public Access Network) for livestreaming, but no introduction of "stories like Instagram or Snapchat



Uses some machine learning to power content recommendations, and content moderation.

Qualitative Peer Benchmarking

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Reddit leads in community depth, but moderation remains a key challenge

Peer Comparison 🕝 reddit |X|0 Pinterest gutefrage 新浪微博 weibo.com Gutefrage **Pinterest** Instagram **Facebook** Reddit Quora Weibo **Features** Community Depth Content Real-time Q&A Algorithm Subreddits Algorithm Q&A Feeds Trending Discovery User Content Transparency Moderation Centralized Centralized Decentralized Centralized Centralized Centralized Centralized Centralized Style Focused **Topic Scope** Very Broad Narrow **Broad** Moderate **Broad Broad Broad** (Knowledge) 70% 74% 69% N/A N/A 76% 69% N/A Satisfaction strong average weak

Key Takeaways

Reddit's decentralized moderation style can lead to inconsistent content standards across communities

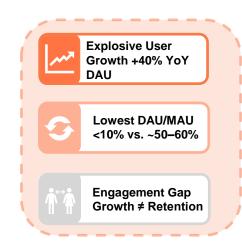
Anonymity encourages open expression but also increases the risk of abuse and misinformation

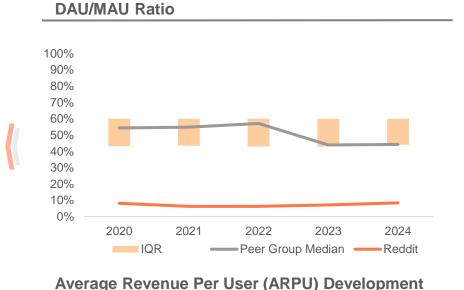
Content discovery is very broad, making it harder to casually navigate as there is no algorithm

Quantitative Peer Benchmarking

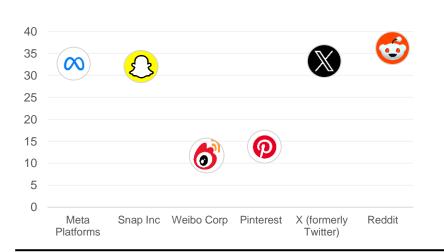
Reddit leads in DAU growth and time spent, while falling behind in retention and monetization

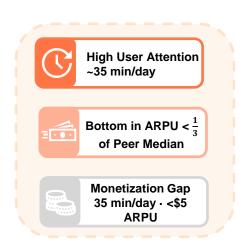
Daily Active User (DAU) Development 45% 40% 35% 30% 25% 20% 15% 10% 5% 0% 2021 2023 2022 2024 --- Median --- Reddit IQR Snap Inc

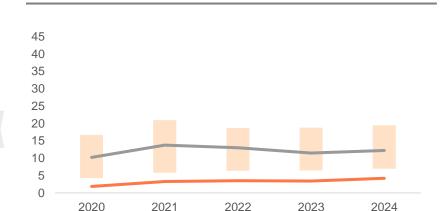




Average Daily Time Spent (Minutes)







Peer Group Median

IQR

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Profitability Analysis (in USDm)



Reddit has experienced structural losses and monetization issues

Deep Dive



Growth Fails to Translate into Profitability

Reddit grew revenue by 60% in 2024 but posted a \$484M net loss, underscoring poor monetization.



Negative Free Cash Flow Highlights Operational Inefficiency

Reddit's positive FCF post-IPO stems from external capital, not operations, amid weak cash generation and heavy investment outflows.



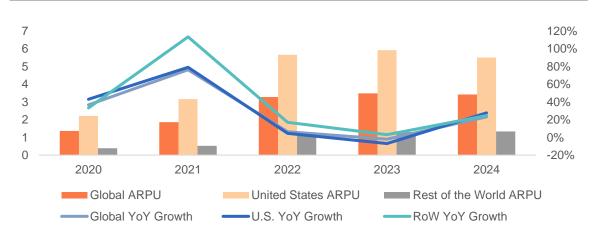
Monetization Gap and U.S. Overdependence

With ARPU outside the U.S. below \$2 and 82% of domestic revenue, Reddit remains exposed to U.S. ad cycles and lacks global diversification.

Cash Flow Development (in USDm)



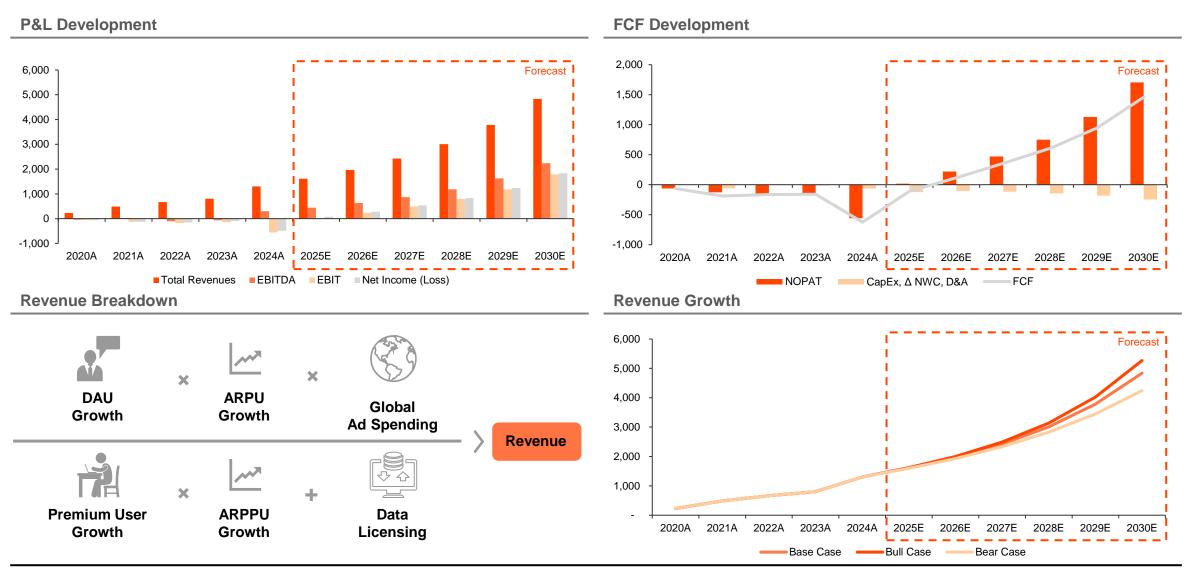
Average Revenue Per User Development



Valuation I



Forecasted growth heavily dependent on unproven levers











Al hype, DAU/ARPU expectations and margin outpace financial reality

Key Assumptions

(%) WACC: 9.2%

Growth Rate: 2.0%

> Beta: 1.03



Bull Case

Al-driven growth, strong margin improvement. DAU and ARPU rise, growth in licensing and subscriptions.



Base Case

Moderate AI growth, steady margins. DAU and ARPU in line, solid licensing and subscription growth.



Bear Case

Slower AI growth, modest margins. DAU and ARPU lag slightly, licensing and subscription grow slower.

Key Highlights



DCF Assumptions

Al Boom

Reddit entered data licensing agreements in 2024 and is benefiting from monetizing its user-generated content.



Advertisement Growth

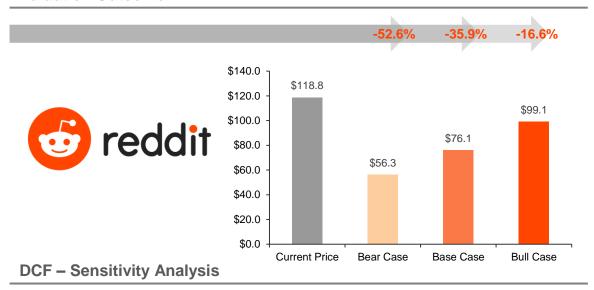
Both daily active users (DAUs) and advertising efficiency are expected to grow, but their extent and long-term outlook remain uncertain.



Financing

Although Reddit has raised significant capital over time, its cash reserves have historically declined.

Valuation Outcome



			Teri	minal Growth	Rate	
		1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%
	7.7%	92.5	96.0	99.8	103.9	108.5
	8.2%	84.6	87.5	90.6	94.0	97.7
ပ္ပ	8.7%	77.7	80.2	82.8	85.7	88.7
WACC	9.2%	71.8	73.9	76.1	78.5	81.1
>	9.7%	66.6	68.4	70.4	72.4	74.6
	10.2%	62.1	63.6	65.3	67.1	68.9
	10.7%	58.0	59.4	60.8	62.4	64.0



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Conclusion



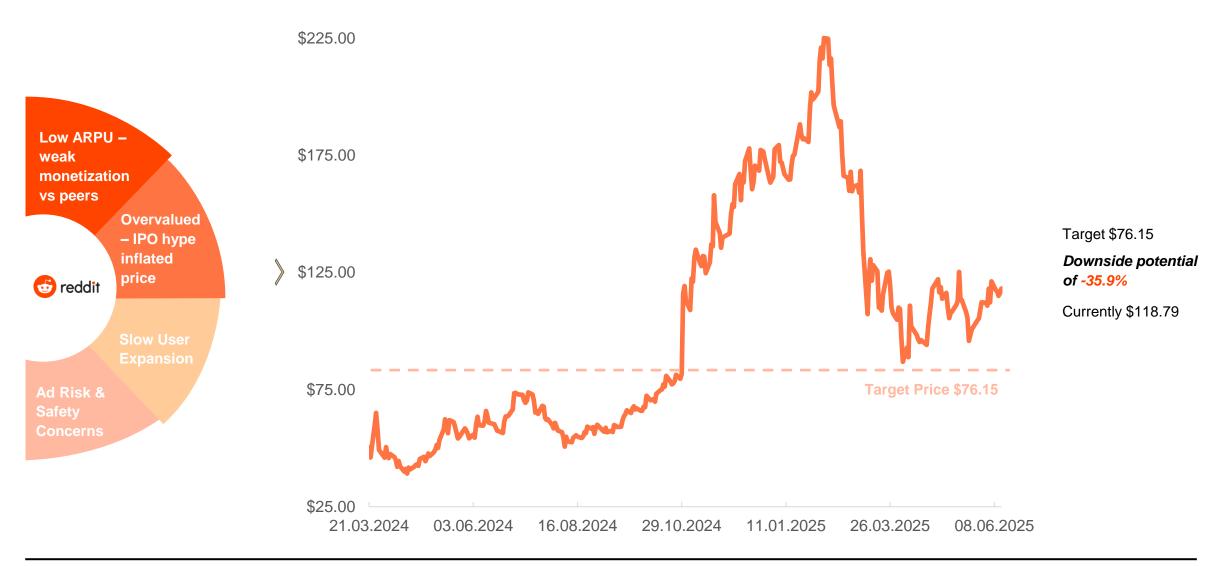








Reddit shows weak monetization, slowing growth & an inflated valuation



Appendix



Appendix – Strategy

Global expansion without monetization backbone







Growth Narrative vs. Reality

Strategic Plan

International User Expansion

- >50% DAU outside U.S.
- Expansion plans not tied to revenue strategy
- >90% Revenue comes from Ads

Ad Infrastructure Development

- Ads live in 20+ countries
- No programmatic ad
- structure
- Limited sales teams outside U.S.

Al-Based Innovation

- Support moderation & translation
- Misses cultural nuances Rollout fragmented across region
- Ad experiences poorly localized → fuels dissatisfaction

User Growth

- Significant international DAU share
- **Engagement quality** unknown — DAU/MAU only scratch the surface

Ad Performance Data

No CPM/CTR by region Limited visibility into ad effectiveness outside U.S.

DAUs: 73 million MAUs: 267 million

- Strong absolute growth YoY
- Growth is user-driven, not revenue-driven

User Dissatisfaction:

- **Moderator Tensions &** Content Restrictions
- Top-down changes without community input

Focus Regions: EU, LATAM, India

- Clear international expansion strategy
- >500 million app installs
- globally Limited local operations and
- ad sales presence User growth ≠ monetization potential



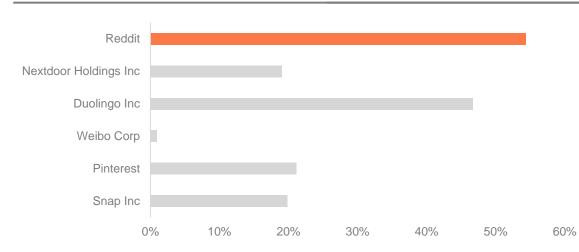
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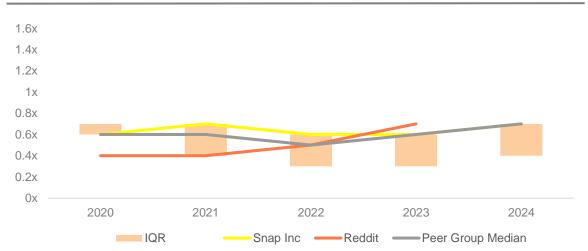


Revenue growth & asset utilization

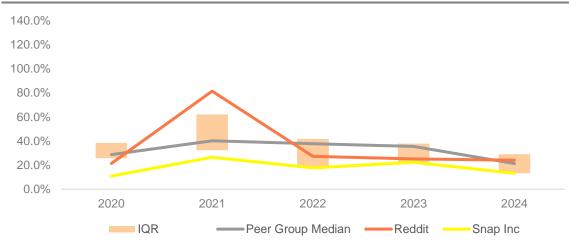
Total Revenue Growth (5Y CAGR)



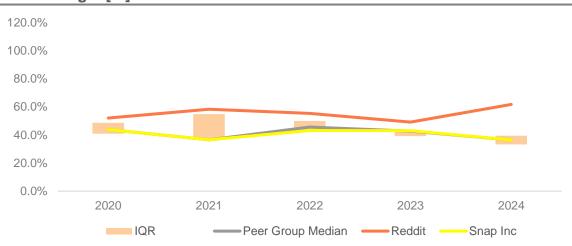
Total Asset Turnover



Cash / Total Assets [%]



SG&A Margin [%]



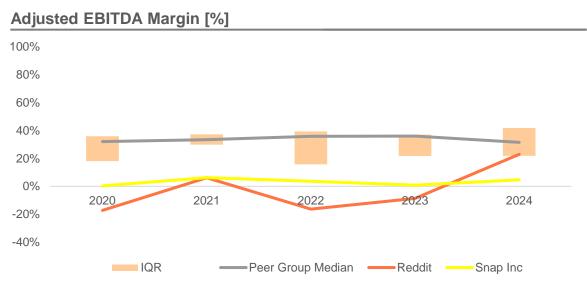
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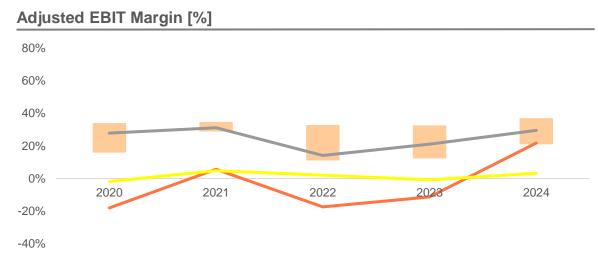




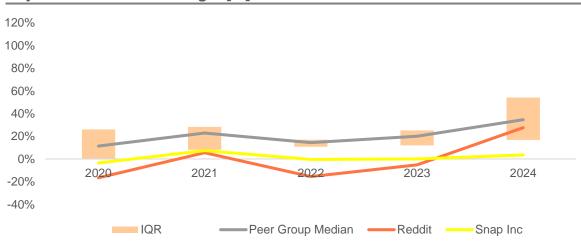


Operating profitability metrics



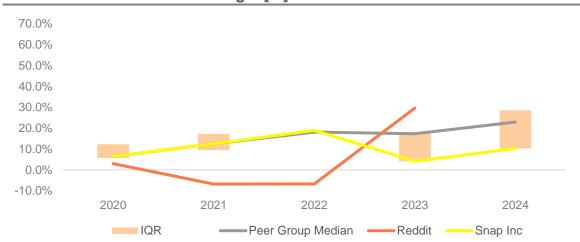


Adjusted Net Income Margin [%]



Unlevered Free Cash Flow Margin [%]

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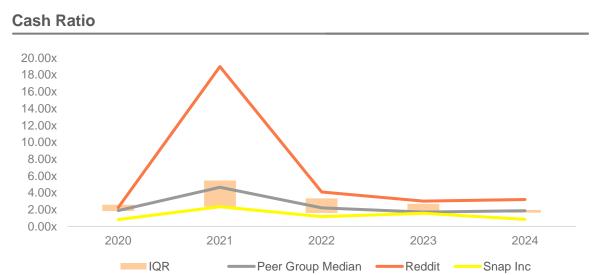
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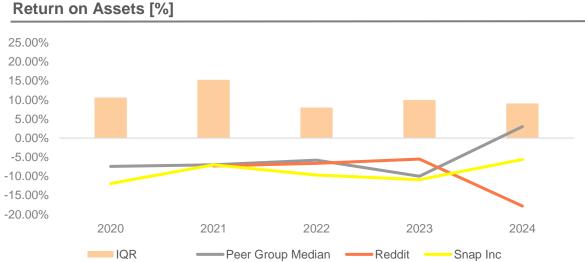
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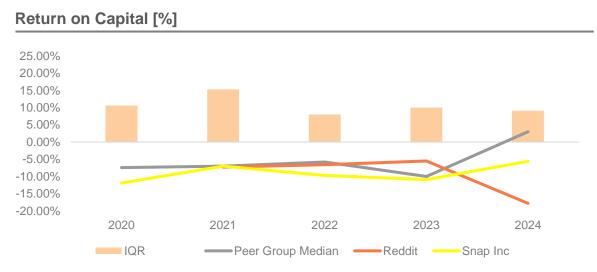
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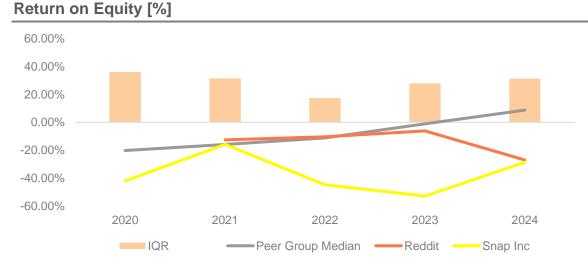


Cash ratio & return performance analysis









Appendix – Google Partnerships









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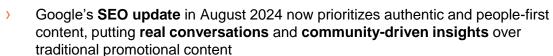
Data licensing & SEO

Google-Reddit Data Licensing Agreement



- In February 2024, Reddit signed a **licensing agreement** with Google worth approximately **\$60 million per year**
- The agreement grants Google access to Reddit's Data API, allowing it to use Reddit content to train and improve its AI models, including the Gemini large language model.

Changes to Google's SEO



Google's Al-driven search tools like the **Search Generative Experience** (SGE) provides users with concise, **conversational** answers sourced from platforms like Reddit, integrating its content directly into **search snippets**



3 major implications for Reddit



The \$60M/year deal offers Reddit a **non-advertising revenue source.** This helps diversify away from its heavy dependence on ads.



Despite increased traffic from Google's SEO changes, the effect may be shortlived as Al-generated answers could reduce user click-throughs to Reddit over time



Growing reliance on
Google's algorithms makes
Reddit vulnerable to future
SEO or product changes that
could sharply impact traffic
and revenue

Appendix – CCA





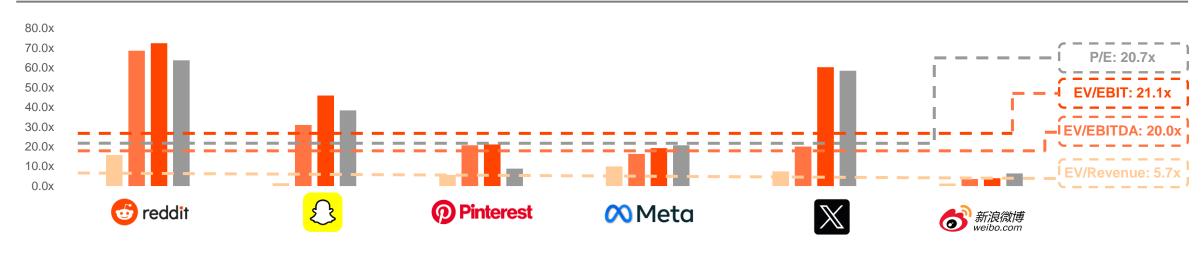




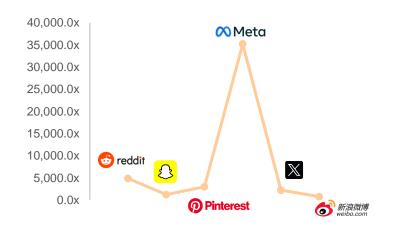
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Multiples show Reddit's overvaluation

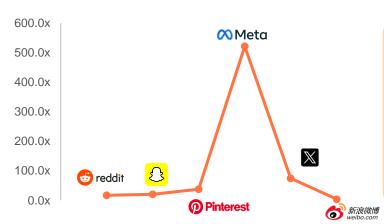
Peer Multiples



EV/ARPU EV/MAU



- Despite having the greatest ARPU, Meta's sky-high valuation pushes its multiple far above peers
- Reddit's valuation appears stretched, with the 2nd-lowest ARPU but second highest EV/ARPU multiple compared with more profitable peers



- Meta's efficient user monetization result in a standout EV/MAU multiple attributable to a high EV
- › Lower MAU multiples for peers reflect limited scale, lower margins, and weaker monetization

Appendix – Legal Landscape









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Reddit walks on very fine lines when it comes to legal implications

Key Laws

Section 230 (U.S. - Communications Decency Act)

 Platforms are not liable for user content but must cooperate with legal orders

18 U.S.C. § 2258A

· Reddit must report CSAM or face penalties

Digital Services Act (EU)

 Fast takedown of user content violating guidelines, transparency, risk mitigation

Online Safety Act (UK)

• Pushes for identity verification & illegal content response.

Lawsuits

Maya Amerson vs. Reddit

• suing Reddit for work-related trauma and insufficient accommodations



- platform liability is not limited to content
- while platforms aren't forced to unmask users, they are responsible for protecting their staff's mental health during moderation tasks.

Reddit Labour Settlement - April 2024

Agreed to pay \$525K to ~120 California moderators for overtime violations



Legal exposure from working conditions in content moderation

Implications

Anonymity is conditional



Reddit logs user activity; identity traceable via legal process Pseudonymity ≠ legal immunity.

Legal Responsibility



Users remain **individually liable** for illegal content. Reddit must **remove** illegal posts & **comply** with authorities.

Global Regulatory Shift



Platforms likely to face **stricter user verification** or traceability requirements.

Laws are moving toward **faster removal**, **algorithm transparency**, and **moderation accountability**..

Future Outlook



Anonymity weakened on large platforms.

Legal liability standards tighten, especially outside the U.S.

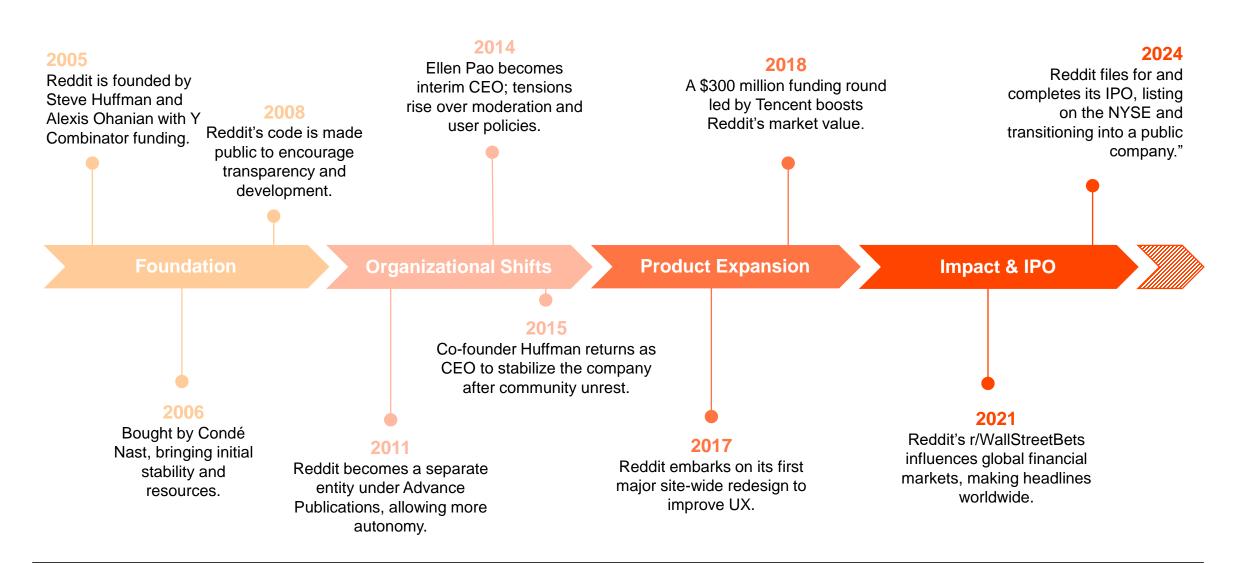
Balance between free speech and harm prevention becomes central

Appendix – Reddit Company History





Reddit's development over the years



Appendix – Analyst Sentiment

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Analysts are mostly very confident in Reddit

Date	Firm	Target	Upside/Downside	Rating
03/06/2025	Capital Markets	\$125	11.50%	Sector Outperform
21/05/2025	BAIRD	\$120	13.59%	Neutral
05/05/2025	Seaport Global	\$165	44.95%	Buy
28/04/2025	Deutsche Bank	\$180	52.41%	Buy
30/03/2025	WELLS FARGO	\$158	46.67%	Buy
13/02/2025	J.P.Morgan	\$185	-14.54%	Neutral
13/02/2025	NB NeedhamBank	220\$	1.63%	Buy

Appendix – Risks

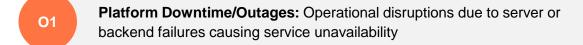






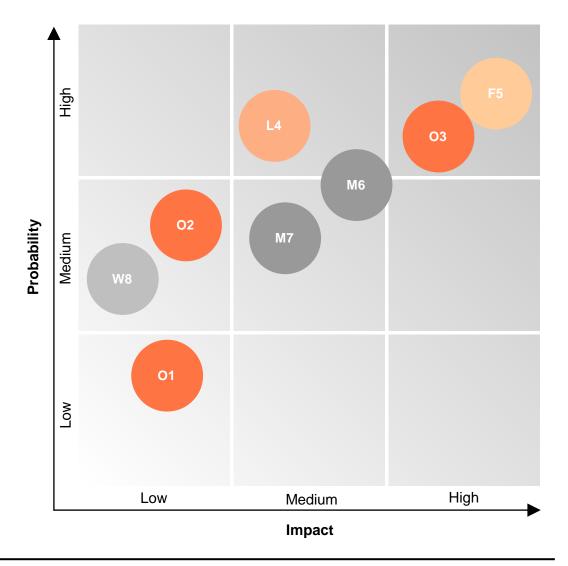


Key operational & strategic risks



- Weak AdTech Infrastructure: Missing global ad stack, no programmatic DSP integration; CPMs remain far below peers
- Content Moderation Failures: Volunteer-based, decentralized system leads to inconsistent enforcement, brand safety concerns, and legal liability
- Regulatory Scrutiny: Increasing legislation around content liability, data privacy (e.g., GDPR, DSA), and algorithm transparency
- Revenue Concentration Risk: Heavy reliance on digital ad revenue with limited diversification (e.g., lack of subscriptions or commerce income)
- Brand Damage via Controversial Subreddits: Reputation damage from association with toxic communities or harmful content
- Competitive Threats from Social Platforms: Intense competition from X, Meta, Discord, and niche forums reducing Reddit's user & advertiser base
- Reliance on Volunteer Moderators: Heavy dependence on unpaid moderators can lead to inconsistent content standards, limited scalability

Operations (O) – Market (M) – Financial (F) – Legislation (L) – Workforce (W)



Appendix – PESTEL Analysis

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Reddit's exposure to external pressure

			Impact			
High	Medium	Low		Low	Medium	High
Online Safety Act, & p	Pressure: Laws like the EU Di cotential U.S. reforms (Section ion, transparency, and user ve	230) demand stricter	Р		ollowing the IPO, insiders retain rights and raises red flags for	<u> </u>
U.S., although only a	Ads: Approximately 90% of rearound 44% of users are domestowdown would hit Reddit has	estic - U.S. ad market	E	•	eddit's ARPU (~\$3.80) trails p 3), reflecting weak targeting, l platform ROI	,
	Over 60% of mods and users ed anonymity, top-down chan pushback	•	S		tation: Only ~30% of commund inconsistent rules limit sca	
	Reddit Pro lacks advanced tar oal ad systems. Low CPMs (\$0 inefficiencies	0	Т		reator Tools: No scalable vid lit missed major engagement elsewhere	·
	Lawsuits & Labour Claims: lity risks tied to emotional dis moderation		L	perceived anonymity.	bility Risks : Reddit logs user Global pressure for identity valeddit's core value proposition	rerification (e.g. UK law)
	eddit provides no sustainability becomes key for institutional		E		Reddit's Al features increase les, this creates reputational a	

Appendix – SWOT Analysis

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STRENGTHS

 Rich, user-generated content: Massive archive of authentic discussions across thousands of niche communities

Reddit's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats

- Strong Community model: Topic-based subreddits with volunteer moderation and pseudonymous users foster deep engagement
- Al & data monetization: Agreements licensing content to Google, OpenAl (~\$325M over three years) and value in evolving search and ad tools

OPPORTUNITIES

- International growth: Rising global ad revenue (e.g., 50% YoY growth in Australia), multilingual expansion, and translation efforts
- Al-enhanced search & discovery: Growth in search integration and "Reddit Answers" can boost engagement and new user acquisition
- New revenue streams: Expansion into premium subscriptions, user economy (coins, avatars), and content licensing beyond advertisers

- Revenue concentration: Heavy reliance on advertising (~91%) and limited revenue diversification
- Moderation inconsistencies: Volunteer moderators result in uneven content quality and rule enforcement
- Vulnerability to spam & misinformation: Echo chambers, brigading, and Al-generated disinformation can erode trust
- brigading, and Al-generated disinformation can erode

- Al content dilution: Risk of Al-generated posts undermining Reddit's human-first platform ethos
- Intense Ad Competition: Meta and TikTok offer better ad targeting and ROI tools, making them advertisers' top choice
- Valuation Pressure: Despite strong, the stock's +170% post-IPO rally may be overheating expectations

THREATS

WEAKNESSES

Appendix – Profit & Loss Statement











\$ in thousands			Historicals					Foreca	sted		
	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
Profit and Loss Statement											
Advertising Revenue	220,973	471,835	652,562	788,782	1,185,456	1,433,467	1,698,079	1,999,612	2,340,737	2,723,856	3,155,185
Other Revenue	7,935	13,081	14,139	15,247	114,749	175,113	271,217	424,312	668,539	1,058,527	1,681,672
Total Revenues	228,908	484,916	666,701	804,029	1,300,205	1,608,580	1,969,296	2,423,924	3,009,276	3,782,383	4,836,857
Cost of Revenue (COGS)	(55,026)	(72,565)	(104,799)	(111,011)	(123,595)	(147,989)	(172,238)	(201,298)	(237,151)	(282,218)	(340,438)
Gross Profit	173,882	412,351	561,902	693,018	1,176,610	1,460,592	1,797,059	2,222,625	2,772,125	3,500,165	4,496,419
Research & Development	(117,526)	(256,975)	(365,164)	(438,346)	(935,152)	(756,644)	(816,693)	(895,290)	(1,019,320)	(1,180,262)	(1,365,319)
Sales & Marketing	(75,396)	(137,867)	(225,078)	(230,175)	(350,579)	(363,488)	(409,282)	(466,151)	(543,273)	(642,079)	(765,163)
General & Administrative	(43,517)	(144,722)	(143,822)	(164,658)	(451,447)	(319,671)	(338,377)	(366,714)	(420,835)	(494,881)	(580,069)
EBIT	(62,557)	(127,213)	(172,162)	(140,161)	(560,568)	20,788	232,707	494,470	788,698	1,182,943	1,785,869
Net Other Income/Expense	3,486	(343)	14,234	53,138	75,361	60,244	61,865	66,059	81,181	105,626	128,568
EBT	(59,071)	(127,556)	(157,928)	(87,023)	(485,207)	81,033	294,572	560,529	869,879	1,288,569	1,914,437
Income Tax Benefit/Expense	(102)	(340)	(622)	(3,801)	931	(3,779)	(12,938)	(24,276)	(37,419)	(54,918)	(81,406)
Net Income (Loss)	(59,173)	(127,896)	(158,550)	(90,824)	(484,276)	77,253	281,634	536,253	832,460	1,233,651	1,833,031
D&A	1,934	2,813	8,000	13,702	15,643	37,741	59,923	85,382	102,074	129,507	155,235
Stock-based compensation	21,246	154,354	55,768	49,086	842,932	385,604	334,672	289,874	291,802	309,313	293,980
Restructuring costs	-	-	-	8,098	-	-	-	<u> </u>		-	
EBITDA	(39,377)	29,954	(108,394)	(69,275)	298,007	444,134	627,303	869,726	1,182,574	1,621,764	2,235,084

Appendix – Balance Sheet











\$ in thousands			Historicals					Foreca	sted		
	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
Balance Sheet											
Cash & Cash Equivalents	111,947	1,337,798	435,810	401,176	562,092	500,031	410,131	458,465	417,625	439,731	490,921
Marketable Securities	250,690	75,334	830,734	811,946	1,278,717	1,278,717	1,528,717	1,878,717	2,578,717	3,578,717	5,078,717
Accounts Receivable	86,515	161,675	191,987	245,279	349,534	432,434	529,406	651,623	808,983	1,016,818	1,300,292
Prepaid Expenses & Other Current Assets	24,551	26,065	25,396	21,286	33,058	39,664	48,558	59,768	74,201	93,264	119,265
Total Current Assets	473,703	1,600,872	1,483,927	1,479,687	2,223,401	2,250,846	2,516,812	3,048,573	3,879,527	5,128,530	6,989,195
Property, Plants & Equipment (PPE)	4,475	5,372	7,192	14,946	12,652	67,460	118,518	164,657	204,444	236,149	271,006
Marketable Securities (Non-Current)	4,602	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Lease Right of Use Assets	24,898	17,460	23,352	24,008	23,249	27,289	29,492	31,015	33,202	43,103	56,226
Intangible Assets	760	5,662	41,237	32,147	25,424	17,076	9,079	983	4,966	9,004	13,370
Goodwill	6,471	6,471	26,299	26,299	42,174	42,174	42,174	42,174	42,174	42,174	42,174
Other Non-Current Assets	9,230	9,272	17,704	19,380	9,695	9,695	9,695	9,695	9,695	9,695	9,695
Total Non-Current Assets	50,436	44,237	115,784	116,780	113,194	163,695	208,959	248,524	294,482	340,126	392,470
Total Assets	524,139	1,645,109	1,599,711	1,596,467	2,336,595	2,414,541	2,725,771	3,297,097	4,174,008	5,468,656	7,381,665

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	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
alance Sheet											
Accounts Payable	9,348	22,892	32,944	46,514	45,423	54,388	63,300	73,980	87,156	103,719	125,116
Operating Lease Liabilities	6,464	6,854	7,802	3,707	6,137	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities	33,935	40,710	65,711	83,349	124,464	113,525	132,128	154,421	181,924	216,496	261,158
Total Current Liabilities	49,747	70,456	106,457	133,570	176,024	167,913	195,428	228,401	269,080	320,215	386,274
Operating Lease Liabilities (Non-Current)	13,461	6,606	11,690	22,040	20,565	29,368	31,450	33,551	37,322	47,184	61,103
Other Non-Current Liabilities	1,800	568	7,136	287	9,257	9,257	9,257	9,257	9,257	9,257	9,257
Total Non-Current Liabilities	15,261	7,174	18,826	22,327	29,822	38,625	40,707	42,808	46,579	56,441	70,360
Total Liabilities	65,008	77,630	125,283	155,897	205,846	206,539	236,134	271,208	315,659	376,656	456,634
Convertible Preferred Stock (CPS)	610,744	1,853,492	1,853,492	1,853,492	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preferred Stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Class A Common Stock	-	-	-	-	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Class B Common Stock	5	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Class C Common Stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Treasury Stock (at cost)	(10,302)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Paid-In Capital	105,502	181,407	250,460	302,820	3,331,546	3,331,546	3,331,546	3,331,546	3,331,546	3,331,546	3,331,546
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/Loss	196	(238)	(3,792)	814	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Accumulated Deficit	(247,014)	(467,188)	(625,738)	(716,562)	(1,200,838)	(1,123,585)	(841,951)	(305,698)	526,762	1,760,413	3,593,445
Total Shareholder's Equity/Deficit	(151,613)	(286,013)	(379,064)	(412,922)	2,130,749	2,208,002	2,489,636	3,025,889	3,858,349	5,092,000	6,925,032
Total Liabilities, CPS, and Shareholder's Equity	524,139	1,645,109	1,599,711	1,596,467	2,336,595	2,414,541	2,725,771	3,297,097	4,174,008	5,468,656	7,381,665

Appendix – Cashflow Statement





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\$ in thousands			Historicals					Foreca	sted		
	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
shflow Statement											
Net Income	(59,173)	(127,896)	(158,550)	(90,824)	(484,276)	77,253	281,634	536,253	832,460	1,233,651	1,833,031
Depreciation & Amortization	1,934	2,813	8,000	13,702	15,643	37,741	59,923	85,382	102,074	129,507	155,235
Non-Cash Operating Lease Costs	9,078	8,663	10,464	11,359	4,110	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amortization of Premium (on Debt purchased)	601	1,544	(3,264)	(27,442)	(43,400)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stock-Based Compensation Expense	21,246	48,730	55,310	47,598	801,646	385,604	334,672	289,874	291,802	309,313	293,980
Other Adjustments	33	(300)	4,099	484	(4,187)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cashflow from Earnings	(26,281)	(66,446)	(83,941)	(45,123)	289,536	500,599	676,229	911,509	1,226,336	1,672,472	2,282,246
Accounts Receivable	(43,285)	(74,992)	(30,230)	(53,318)	(104,280)	(82,900)	(96,971)	(122,217)	(157,360)	(207,834)	(283,474)
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	(1,118)	2,903	(1,911)	3,878	(19,485)	(6,606)	(8,894)	(11,210)	(14,433)	(19,063)	(26,001)
Operating Lease Right-Of-Use Assets & Liabilities	(14,306)	(7,478)	(10,325)	(5,758)	(2,397)	(8,594)	(11,704)	(14,866)	(17,294)	(16,615)	(19,939)
Accounts Payable	2,694	11,732	10,905	12,470	(570)	8,965	8,912	10,680	13,176	16,563	21,397
Other Non-Current Liabilities	-	(1,232)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	20,453	5,326	21,481	12,737	59,264	(10,939)	18,602	22,293	27,503	34,572	44,662
Cashflow from Operating Activities	(61,843)	(130,187)	(94,021)	(75,114)	222,068	400,525	586,174	796,188	1,077,929	1,480,094	2,018,891
Purchases of Property, Plant & Equipment (PPE)	(3,050)	(2,299)	(6,233)	(9,724)	(6,248)	(71,673)	(84,904)	(99,981)	(117,037)	(136,193)	(157,759)
Cashflow related to marketable securities	84,231	177,979	(755,690)	50,843	(423,123)	-	(250,000)	(350,000)	(700,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,500,000)
Stock-Based Compensation	(21,246)	(48,730)	(55,310)	(47,598)	(801,646)	(385,604)	(334,672)	(289,874)	(291,802)	(309,313)	(293,980)
Other Investing Activities	-	-	(64)	172	(1,048)	(5,308)	(6,499)	(7,999)	(9,931)	(12,482)	(15,962)
Cashflow from Investing Activites	81,181	170,684	(804,183)	41,291	(440,687)	(462,586)	(676,075)	(747,853)	(1,118,769)	(1,457,988)	(1,967,701)
Net proceeds from issuance of preferred stock	-	1,242,748	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Class A Common Stock Issuance in IPO	-	-	-	-	600,022	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options	8,333	38,981	7,034	8,428	88,972	88,909	88,909	88,909	88,318	-	-
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of RSU	-	-	-	(4,320)	(294,573)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments of initial public offering costs	-	-	-	(1,441)	(8,775)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisition of Treasury Stock	-	(95,186)	-	=	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other financing activities	-	-	(1,022)	-	-	(88,909)	(88,909)	(88,909)	(88,318)	-	-
Cashflow from Financing Activities	8,333	1,182,194	(3,784)	(811)	379,535	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cashflows	27,671	1,222,691	(901,988)	(34,634)	160,916	(62,061)	(89,901)	48,335	(40,841)	22,106	51,190

Appendix – WACC









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WACC

General	
Valuation Date	13.06.2025
Market Cap as at 13.06.2025	23,910,051
Net Debt	26,550
Capital Structure Assumption	Constant D/E
Cost of Equity	
Risk-Free Rate (Rf)	4.41%
Unlevered Beta (βUL)	1.03
Equity Risk Premium	4.63%
Country Risk Premium (CoE)	0.00%
Cost of Debt	
Credit Spread	5.97%
U.S. Corporate Income Tax Rate	21.00%
Country Risk Premium (CoD)	0.00%
WACC	
Cost of Equity	9.19%
Weight of Equity	99.89%
After tax cost of Debt	4.72%
Weight of Debt	0.11%

Appendix – DCF Analysis





DCF

DCF-Analysis												
						0.75	1.75	2.75	3.75	4.75	5.75	5.75
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	2020A	2021A	Historicals 2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E	Forecasted 2028E	2029E	2030E	Termina
Revenue	228,908	484,916	666,701	804,029	1,300,205	1,608,580	1,969,296	2,423,924	3,009,276	3,782,383	4,836,857	
Kevenue % growth	228,908	111.8%	37.5%	20.6%	61.7%	23.7%	22.4%	2,423,924	3,009,276 24.1%	3,762,363 25.7%	4,030,057 27.9%	
EBITDA	(39,377)	29,954	(108,394)	(69,275)	298,007	444,134	627,303	869,726	1,182,574	1,621,764	2,235,084	
% margin	-17.2%	6.2%	-16.3%	-8.6%	22.9%	27.6%	31.9%	35.9%	39.3%	42.9%	46.2%	
Fotal D&A	(1,934)	(2,813)	(8,000)	(13,702)	(15,643)	(37,741)	(59,923)	(85,382)	(102,074)	(129,507)	(155,235)	
% of sales	-0.8%	-0.6%	-1.2%	-1.7%	-1.2%	-2.3%	-3.0%	-3.5%	-3.4%	-3.4%	-3.2%	
Total SBC	(21,246)	(154,354)	(55,768)	(49,086)	(842,932)	(385,604)	(334,672)	(289,874)	(291,802)	(309,313)	(293,980)	
% of sales	-9.3%	-31.8%	-8.4%	-6.1%	-64.8%	-24.0%	-17.0%	-12.0%	-9.7%	-8.2%	-6.1%	
Total Restructuring costs	-	-	-	(8,098)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
% of sales	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
EBIT	(62,557)	(127,213)	(172,162)	(140,161)	(560,568)	20,788	232,707	494,470	788,698	1,182,943	1,785,869	
% margin	-27.3%	-26.2%	-25.8%	-17.4%	-43.1%	1.3%	11.8%	20.4%	26.2%	31.3%	36.9%	
Taxes	(102)	(340)	(622)	(3,801)	931	(3,779)	(12,938)	(24,276)	(37,419)	(54,918)	(81,406)	
NOPAT	(62,659)	(127,553)	(172,784)	(143,962)	(559,637)	17,009	219,768	470,194	751,279	1,128,026	1,704,463	
% of sales	-27.4%	-26.3%	-25.9%	-17.9%	-43.0%	1.1%	11.2%	19.4%	25.0%	29.8%	35.2%	
- Total Capex	(3,050)	(7,295)	(6,233)	(9,724)	(6,248)	(71,673)	(84,904)	(99,981)	(117,037)	(136,193)	(157,759)	
% of sales	-1.3%	-1.5%	-0.9%	-1.2%	-0.5%	-4.5%	-4.3%	-4.1%	-3.9%	-3.6%	-3.3%	
- Δ NWC		(56,355)	5,410	(17,974)	(76,003)	(91,480)	(78,351)	(100,454)	(131,114)	(175,763)	(243,416)	
% of change in sales		-11.6%	0.8%	-2.2%	-5.8%	-5.7%	-4.0%	-4.1%	-4.4%	-4.6%	-5.0%	
+ Total D&A % of sales	1,934 <i>0.8%</i>	2,813 <i>0.6%</i>	8,000 <i>1.2%</i>	13,702 <i>1.7%</i>	15,643 <i>1.2%</i>	37,741 2.3%	59,923 3.0%	85,382 <i>3.5%</i>	102,074 3.4%	129,507 3.4%	155,235 3.2%	
% or sales Unlevered FCF												20.740.527
Unlevered FCF Discount Factor	(63,775)	(188,390)	(165,607)	(157,958)	(626,245)	(108,403) 0.94	116,436 0.86	355,141 0.79	605,202 0.72	945,577 0.66	1,458,523 0.60	20,716,537 0.60
PV of FCF						(101,492)	99,846	278,929	435,358	623,010	880,163	12,501,647

Appendix – DCF Analysis











DCF

TEV build	
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Enterprise Value	
PV of Terminal Value	12,501,647
PV of projections	2,215,815
EV	14,717,462
Discounted TV as % of EV	84.9%
Implied EV/EBITDA 24F	49.4x
Implied EV/EBITDA 25F	33.1x
Equity bridge	
Total EV	14,717,462
- interest bearing debt	(26,550)
- interest bearing debt + Cash and Cash Equivalents	(26,550) 635,727
- interest bearing debt	(26,550)
- interest bearing debt + Cash and Cash Equivalents Equity Value	(26,550) 635,727 15,326,639
- interest bearing debt + Cash and Cash Equivalents Equity Value Shares Outstanding	(26,550) 635,727 15,326,639 201,280
- interest bearing debt + Cash and Cash Equivalents Equity Value Shares Outstanding Implied Equity Value per Share	(26,550) 635,727 15,326,639 201,280 76.1
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