



#### WELCOME

# Today's Presenters



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# Why are metrics vital to a SaaS business?

#### GAAP financial statements have their drawbacks

- SaaS = Sales and Marketing spend leads to annuity revenue and delayed gratification
- "Matching" is a cornerstone of GAAP accounting
  - SaaS spending emphasizes "acquiring the customer"
  - S&M spend is Op Ex, not Cost of Goods
  - Cost of Goods are matched with revenue, Op Ex is not
- Result: SaaS P&L statements can look bleak. Maybe they are, maybe they are not?

#### Losing money: A fine or a bad ideat, depending on metrics!

- Losing money with good metrics = ultimate success
  - Spend more, lose more now and make more later
- Losing money with bad metrics = road to ruin. Dive in and fix your business

#### Metrics are as important as Financial Statements for SaaS businesses

Can you imagine not creating and understanding your Financial Statements?



Communication

# Metrics – The Language of SaaS

- You must speak the language if you want to grow
  - o Investors, bankers, and potential acquirers will all expect you to be fluent
- Your vocabulary should change over time
  - o Size
  - Growth rate
  - Business Model (B2B, B2C, Distribution, Platform vs. Services)
- Benchmarking and metrics guidance is plentiful
- Calculating Metrics is not enough
  - o Define, understand, and benchmark your metrics for accuracy and context
  - Manage your metrics "pulling levers" with considered action
  - Your management team must be fluent, and they must "converse" (CLV)



Knowledge

## SaaS Metrics 101

## The "Meta Metrics" – CLV and CAC

- How much does it cost to acquire a customer?
- What is a customer worth over time?

### Breaking the "Meta Metrics" down

- CAC Sales efficiency, "Time is Money"
- CLV contract structure, expansion and churn

# Cash is always king, especially for SaaS

- Burn, Baby, Burn...if the metrics look good!
- Finance is key vigilance, modeling and forecasting is needed for optimization

# There are a million metrics under the sun – be selective

- Chose the metrics that are most important to your business
- Maintain them, know how to "move them", and track progress

## If you could use some help

SaaStrack –
 Track #1 – SaaS
 Metrics
 evaluation



# Thank you for attending

## Additional Questions?

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#### WHAT STAGE ARE YOU IN?

# Business Lifecycle Stages

 Accounting function set-up

- Staffing or outsourcing services
- Individual & corporate tax planning
- Business structuring

 Initial audit or review of financial statements

- Tax provision and state/local tax compliance
- ERP, budgeting and equity compensation tools
- Revenue recognition & valuation planning

 Audits, contract assurance & royalty audits

- Global & local tax compliance
- Enterprise risk & controls assessment
- ERP, CRM, budgeting & business intelligence tools

Technology companies go through recognizable life stages, each with its own set of common needs on the finance organization.

- M&A, expansion & IPO due diligence
- International & SALT compliance
- Internal controls & SOX prep
- ERP, CRM, budgeting & business intelligence tools
- Business Outsourcing Services



- Audit & tax
- Internal controls and SOX
- Stock option administration



Early Stage

Emerging

Late/Growth Stage



Mature SEC

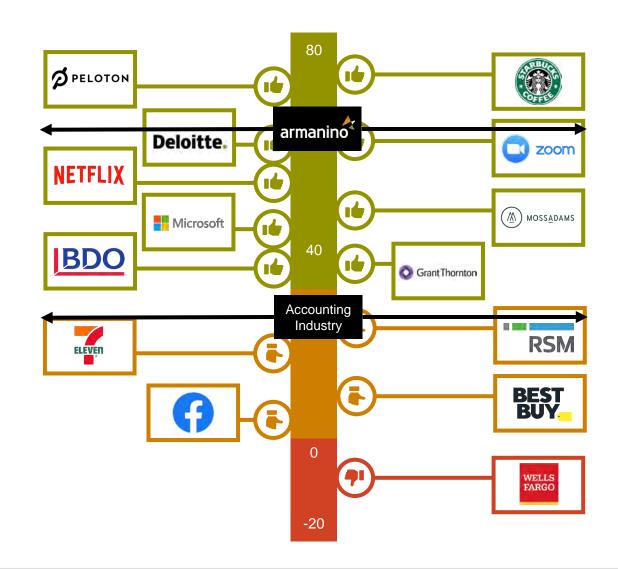


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