## **Spotify Technology (NYSE: SPOT)**

### **Discussion Materials**

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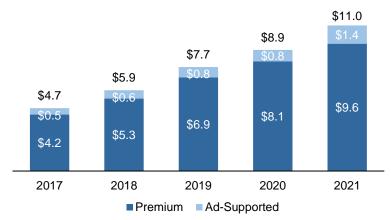
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# Spotify is a Swedish audio streaming and media services provider; it is the one of the largest music streaming provider with over 406 million monthly active users

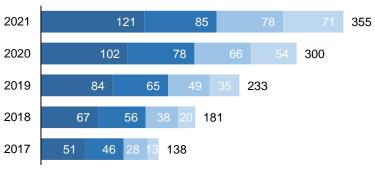
#### **Business Overview**

- Spotify (NYSE: SPOT) is a digital music, podcast and video service that provides access to content from creators globally
- Spotify has 381 million users with 172 million premium subscribers across 184 countries
- Spotify offers two forms of subscription plans; premium subscription and free ad-supported model
- On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Spotify acquired Megaphone LLC for a total purchase consideration of ~\$235 million
- On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Spotify acquired Bill Simmons Media Group, LLC (The Ringer) for a total purchase consideration of ~\$196 million
- On February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Spotify acquired Gimlet Media Inc. for a total purchase consideration of ~\$194 million
- On February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Spotify acquired Anchor FM Inc. for a total purchase consideration of ~\$153 million
- On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, Spotify listed on the NYSE at \$132.00 per share under the ticker SPOT
- Founded in 2006 and headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden

#### Revenue by Segment (\$USD bn)



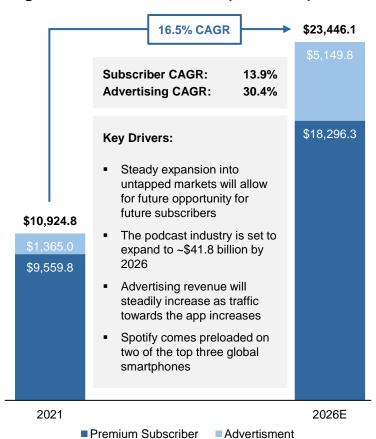
#### **User by Region**



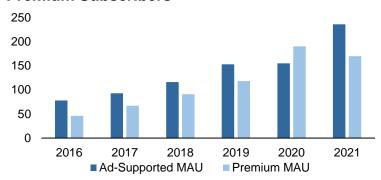
■ Europe ■ North America ■ Latin America ■ Rest of the world

# Spotify is projected to reach ~\$23 billion in revenue by 2026 with premium subscribers accounting for ~87.5% of revenues in 2021

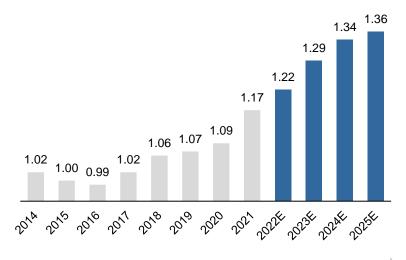
#### Segmented Revenue Growth (\$USD mm)

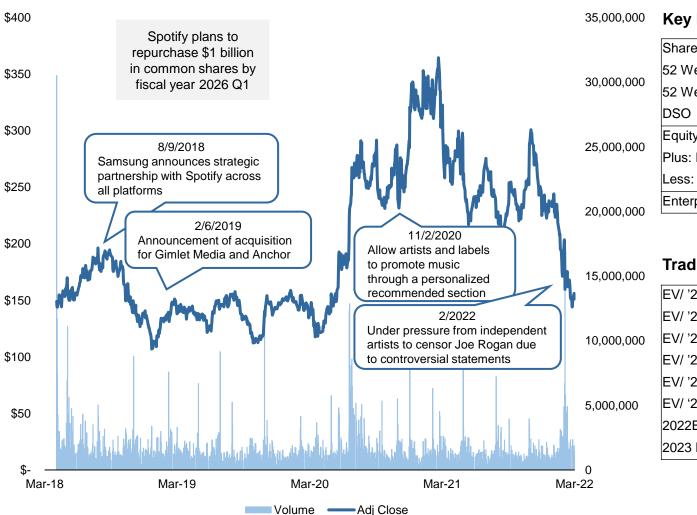


#### **Premium Subscribers**



#### Advertising as Percent of GDP





#### Key Metrics (\$USD mm)

Share Price	\$149.00
52 Week High	\$305.60
52 Week Low	\$135.55
DSO	\$193.94
Equity Value	\$28,897.57
Plus: Debt	\$1,333.40
Less: Cash	\$3,100.72
Enterprise Value	\$27,130.25

#### **Trading Multiples**

EV/ '22E Rev	2.12x
EV/ '23E Rev	1.81x
EV/ '22E EBITDA	45.58x
EV/ '23E EBITDA	35.69x
EV/ '22E EBIT	57.09x
EV/ '23E EBIT	43.79x
2022E P/E	25.40x
2023 P/E	20.95x

# The global audio streaming industry had an estimated market size of ~\$30.9 billion in 2021 with a projected 14.7% CAGR through 2026 to reach a market size of ~\$60.3 billion

#### **Global Audio Streaming Industry**

- ~33% of Americans listen to music through streaming subscriptions
- International markets like Asia Pacific, Latin America and rest of the world will drive 71% of global subscriber growth
- 523.9 million people are subscribed to a music streaming service globally as of Q2 2021, a 26.4% increase since the previous year

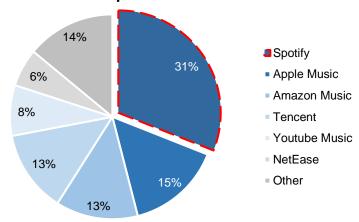
#### **Podcast Industry**

- The podcast industry is expected to reach an estimated value globally of ~\$41.8 billion by 2026
- U.S podcast advertising will double to ~\$2.2 billion by 2023
- Podcasts are widely used in teaching and educational learning as it offers an effortless delivery of audio learning
- There will be over 144 million podcast listeners in the US by the end of 2025
- 82.4% of podcast listeners spend more than seven hours a week listening to podcasts
- 56% of under-35 age demographic are listening to podcasts

#### **Projected Industry Growth (\$USD bn)**



#### **Market Landscape**



### Spotify represents a unique opportunity



### **Global Expansion**

Spotify has made multiple strategic partnerships to position itself for significant growth in markets yet to be penetrated



## **Rapid Expansion into Podcast Industry**

- Spotify has positioned itself well to reap the benefits of growth within the podcast industry
- Spotify has invested nearly \$930 million into their podcast services between 2019 to 2021

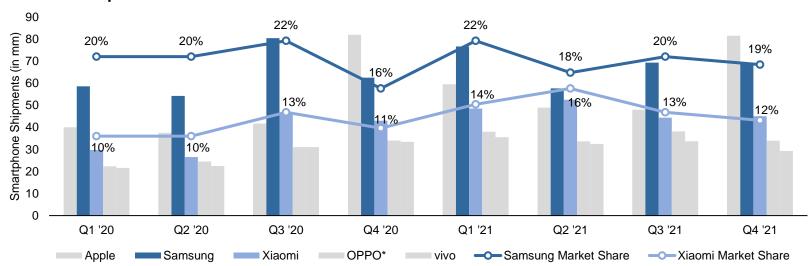
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## Premium Subscriber Growth

 Through the firms' many acquisitions and exclusive partnerships, user and subscriber growth has been rapid and will continue to be exponentially

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#### **Global Smartphone Market**



#### **Preloaded on Prominent Smartphones**

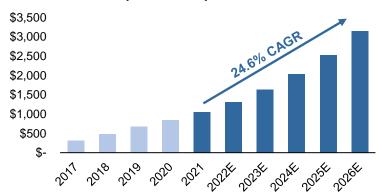
- In 2018, Spotify announced a strategic partnership with Samsung to have Spotify preloaded across all platforms
  - Samsung is Apple's closest competitor and holds ~18% - 22% market share of the industry
- In Q4 2021, Spotify started becoming preloaded on all Xiaomi phones
  - Xiaomi is consistently the third most shipped smartphone while holding ~12% - 16% market share of the industry

#### **Increased Traffic**

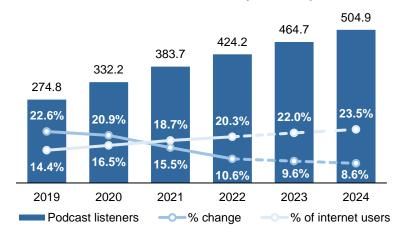
- MAU will increase significantly in the new few years for Spotify due to increase in traffic from preloaded platforms
- Xiaomi is mostly distributed throughout the Asian-Pacific region, leading to growth in market share within the region
  - Growth in Asia-Pacific market share will directly lead to increase in advertising revenue

# Spotify has positioned itself well to reap the benefits of growth within the podcast industry; the industry is expected to reach a market value of ~\$3.2 billion by 2026

#### Market Growth (\$USD mm)



#### **Podcast Listeners Worldwide (millions)**

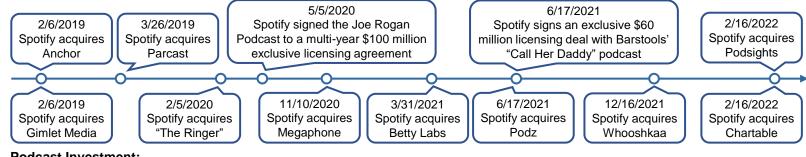


#### **Growth of Spotify Podcasts**

- With acquisition of Podsights, Spotify will be able to help advertisers understand how podcast advertisements drive actions that matter to their business
- Number of podcast titles has increased by nearly 20-fold
- Measurement and attribution remain the two biggest unsolved challenges for podcast advertisers
- Spotify's SPAN allows advertisers to run targeted audio ads on podcast ads and ad-supported music. To grow this industry, Spotify must build tools to help podcasts grow and connect advertisers with the right audience
- Chartable will integrate directly into Megaphone
- In 2021, Spotify generated \$1.4 billion in advertising supported revenue, a 62% year-over-year increase
- CEO Daniel Elk believes it could potentially count for up to 40% in revenue in 5-10 years, up 15% from its recent quarter
- Spotify has 3.6 million podcasts, up around 13% from 3.2 million at end of Q3
- Reported organic growth of 100% in podcast ad revenue
- Spotify acquires more data than their competitors which will allow their recommendation algorithms to become more personalized and predictive over time<sup>1</sup>

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#### **Spotify Podcast Timeline**

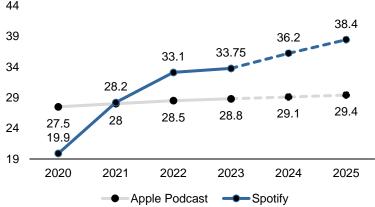


2020: \$430 million

#### Podcast Investment:

## US Spotify vs Apple Podcast Users (\$USD mm)

2019: \$396 million



Source: Company information and Market research.

Data includes; listening patterns and app engagement patterns.

#### **Exclusive Spotify Podcasts**

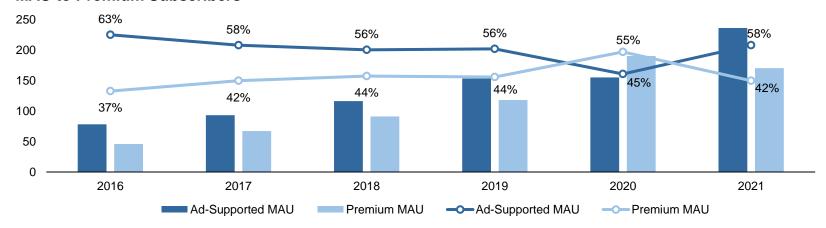
■ The Joe Rogan Experience Podcast – a long form conversation hosted by comedian Joe Rogan

2021: \$103.5 million

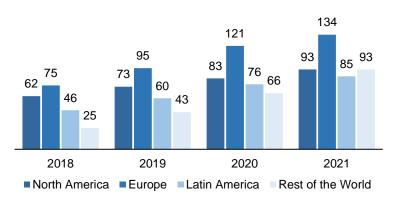
- 11 million listeners per episode, 5% of total listeners
- **Armchair Expert** a weekly podcast hosted by American actors Dax Shepard and Monica Padman
  - 20 million monthly listeners
- Heavyweight a Gimlet Media podcast created by humorist Jonathan Goldstein
  - 7 million listeners
- **Call Her Daddy** started in 2018 as a relationship and sex advice podcast
  - 3 million monthly listeners

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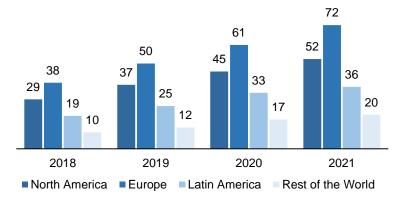
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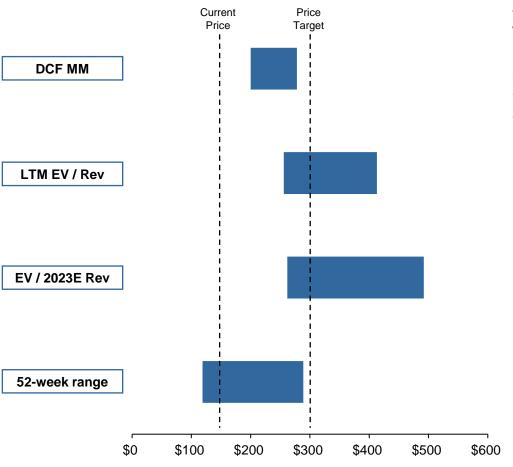
#### MAU Growth by Region (\$USD mm)



#### **Subscriber Growth by Region (\$USD mm)**



### Preliminary analysis suggests that a price target of ~\$300; representing a ~101% premium to current share price; is a fair valuation of Spotify stock



#### **Assumptions (\$USD mm)**

WACC	14.75%
Revenue Multiple	4.0x
Beta	1.65
'22 Revenue	\$12,798
'23 Revenue	\$15.005

## **Questions?**

