



PayPal (NASDAQ: PYPL)



PayPal Company Overview



Totaling over 435 million active accounts across its platforms, PayPal provides a complete payment system to both consumers and merchants.



Merchant Services

Risk Management and Fraud Protection

Payouts

Zettle

Revenue Collection

Historical Revenue (\$M) / Market Share

	Consumer	Merchant					\$27,518
P PayPal	2.9% + \$0.30 credit card fee 1.75% instant transfer fee Variable FX fees Up to 1.50% crypto fee	3.49% + \$0.49 US fee Additional 1.50% Intl. fee 1.50% withdrawal fee 2% on all payouts	32%	\$17,772	\$21,454	\$25,371	38%
V	2.9% + \$0.30 credit card fee 1.75% instant transfer fee Variable FX fees Up to 1.50% crypto fee		\$15,451				
Braintree A PayPal Service		2.59% +\$0.49 credit card fee 3.49% + 0.49 Venmo fee 0.75% ACH direct debit fee 2% on all payouts	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022

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End-to-End Platform

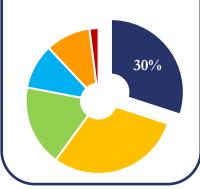


PayPal's suite of products take in revenue from every facet of digital payment transactions.

Branded Checkout



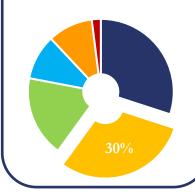
PayPal allows customer to safely checkout anywhere on the internet using an easy login and saved payment details



Unbranded
Payment Processing

Braintree

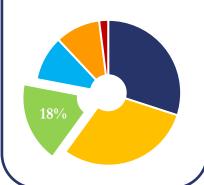
Braintree processes all payments for large enterprises like Airbnb and GrubHub across multiple platforms



Peer-to-Peer Payments



PayPal earns revenue on cross-border payments, transfers to bank accounts, and currency conversions



Merchant Services

Zettle

Zettle and other merchant services allow vendors to process in-person transactions and view payment analytics



(% of TPV)

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Ecommerce Continues to Grow



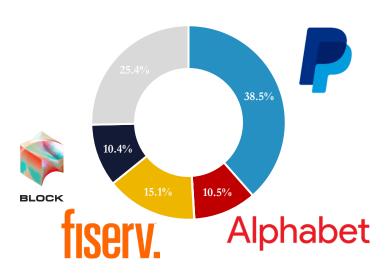
Online payment processing is a rapidly growing industry with many players spurred by ecommerce and digital wallet usage.

Supply Chain



Major Players by Revenue

Mobile Wallet Transactions Market Size (\$B)





Sources: Statista, IBISW orld

Investment Thesis



The market has failed to recognize PayPal's recession resilience relative to its FinTech competitors. As a result, PYPL trades at a very attractive price (\$74.66) and multiple (EV/EBITDA: 16.6x).

- PayPal's complete payment system paired with increased digital wallet usage worldwide makes **PayPal the leading player within a growing industry**
- Full stack integration of Braintree in larger enterprises allows for PayPal to attain a more recurring revenue stream and an economic moat, especially in an economic downturn
- Activist investor Elliott Management's recent \$2B acquired stake in PayPal will ignite company's **strategic shift towards expense management**, allowing for cost savings and gross margin growth

Valuation

Recommendation: BUY

Price Target: **\$104.58**

Investment Upside: 40.2%



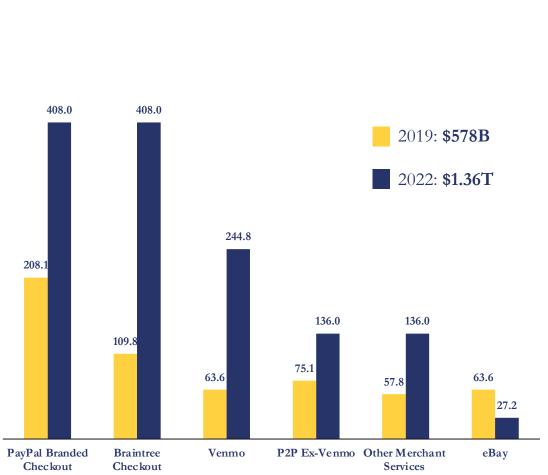
Economic Moat

Payment Suite Integration Drives TPV Growth



PayPal has seen growth in every aspect of its payment services suite, generating constant TPV growth.





FX Neutral Growth

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PayPal Branded Checkout	26%	5%
Braintree Checkout	40%	40%
Venmo	55%	7%
P2P Ex-Venmo	20%	(1%)
Other Merchant Services	27%	15%
eBay	(11%)	(31%)
Total	29%	13%

Two-Sided Network Effect Creates Moat



Both consumers and vendors benefit from PayPal's large network of users

Ease of Checkout

As more merchants adopt PayPal, consumers are able to more safely and easily checkout at ecommerce vendors across the internet

Customers

Full Wallet Integration

Integration of PayPal and Venmo allows users to easily use P2P funds in online purchases without relocating funds



Increased Customer Conversion

Consumers are 3x more likely to complete their purchase when PayPal checkout is available, and businesses see an average sales conversion increase of 28%

Vendors

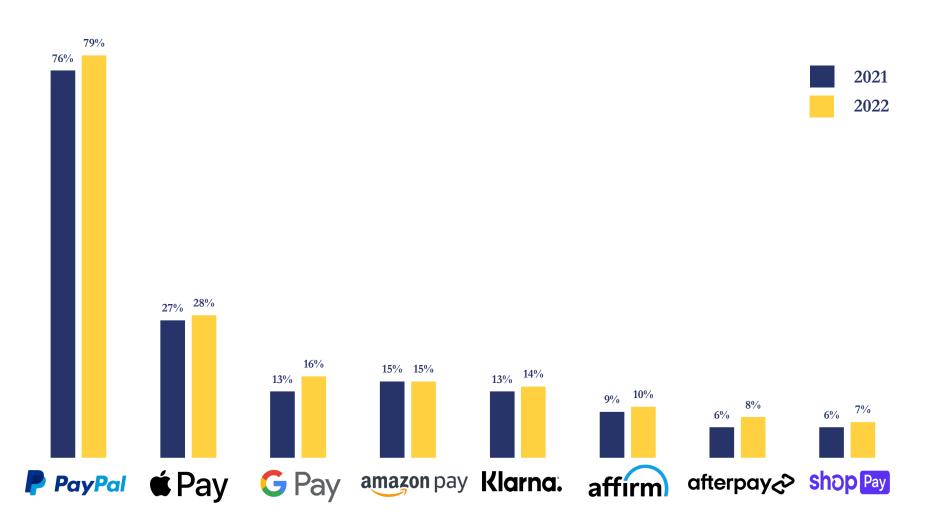
Increased Customer Insights

Braintree and PayPal checkout provides vendors with strategic insights about customer information and spending habits

Continuing Acceptance and Dominance



Digital wallet acceptance among 1,500 largest online retailers across North America and Europe





Activist Investment

Best in Class Expertise from Elliott Management



Elliott Management (\$55.7B AUM) recently took a \$2B stake in PayPal which will lead to a more diversified revenue stream and considerable margin expansion in 2023

Jesse Cohn

- Equity and Managing Partner most involved in PayPal investment
- 2. Wharton '04; MS M&A Analyst
- 3. "PayPal has an unmatched and industry-leading footprint across its payments businesses"

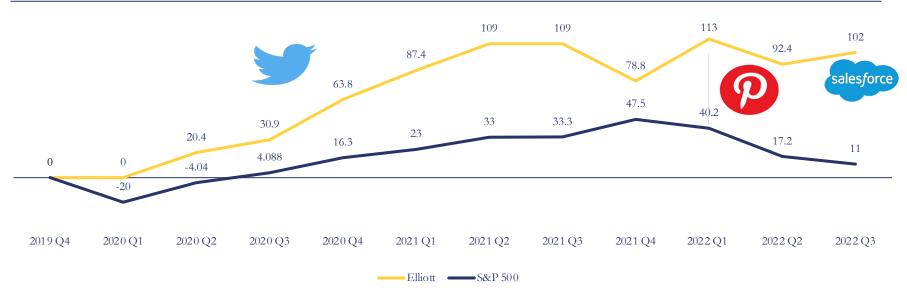
Cost Cuts

- 1. Targeting **\$1.3B** cost savings plan 2023
- 2. Renegotiating transaction costs with financial institutions.
- 3. Recently shed 7% of workforce

Diversification

- Expansion and integration of Braintree into market segmentation
- 2. Productivity improvements in servicing, marketing, and engineering functions
- 3. Projects margin expansion at 10% in 2023

Top 20 Holdings Weighted Performance vs. S&P 500





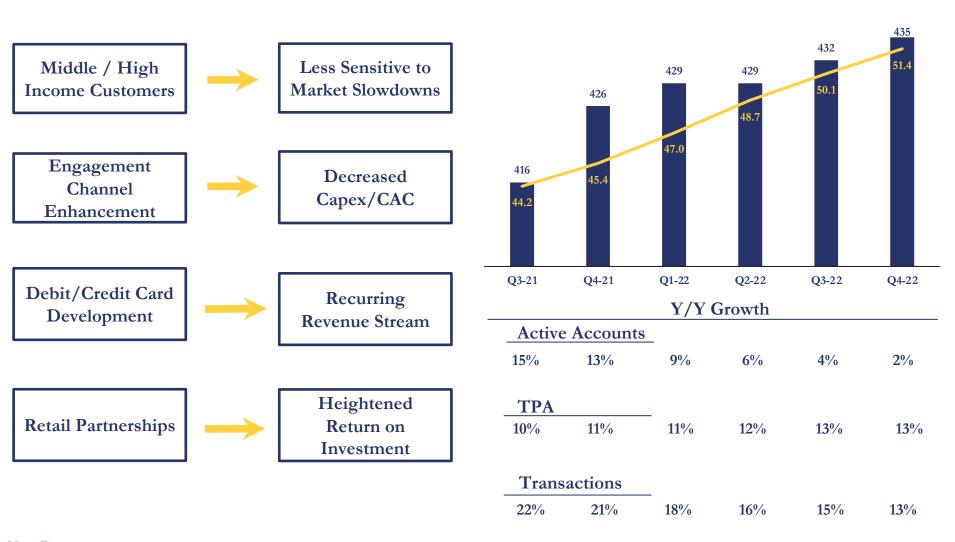
Strategic Shift: High Value Customer Acquisition



PayPal has shifted its company strategy from total user growth to high-value customer acquisition and engagement channels.

Points of Emphasis

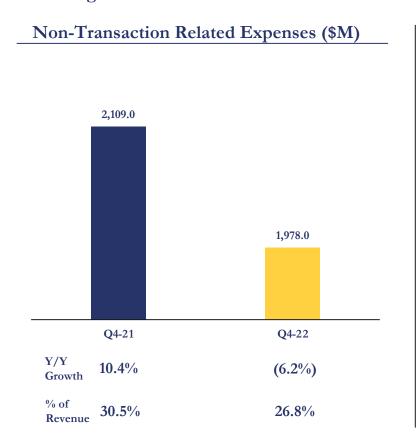
Accounts (M) & Transactions per Account (TPA)

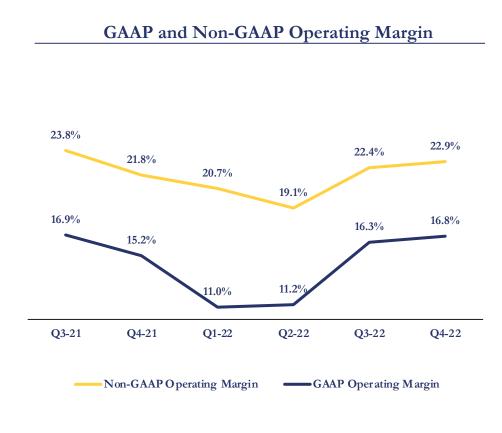


Return to Operating Margin Expansion



Non-GAAP operating margin expansion of about 115 bps is largely driven by newfound expense leverage.





- Non-transaction related expenses **decline 6%** vs Q4-21, driven by an increased focus on **cost control** with leverage across customer support & operations, general & administrative, sales & marketing, and technology & development
- Non-GAAP operating margin expanded about 115bps vs. Q4-21



Market Misconceptions

#1: Underappreciation of Braintree





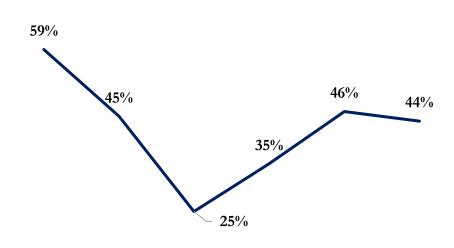
Street Consensus

Increase in Braintree revenue will continue to harm PYPL's gross margins because of the favorable terms that large enterprises obtain from PYPL

Variant View

The downside of margin contraction is outweighed by benefit of payment diversification across sectors, allowing PYPL to maintain large TPV in downturn

YoY Braintree TPV Growth



2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
2017	2010	2017	2020	2021	2022

Recession Resilience



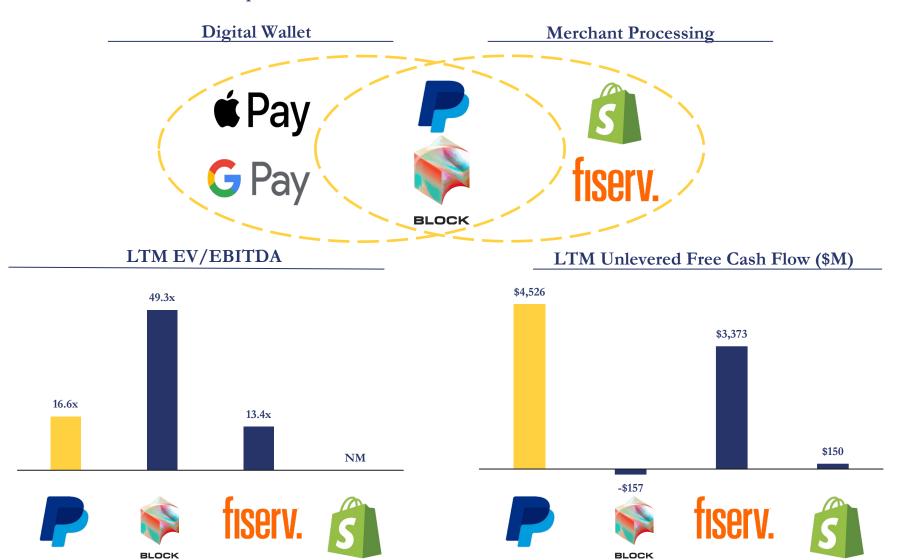
PayPal is suited to endure recessionary headwinds because of payment source diversification through Braintree.

 	Braintree Payment Processing	PayPal / Venmo Branded Checkout
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	Adobe Dropbox	salesforce Microsoft
	UBER oirbnb eventbrite	TikTok
	BONOBOS Brandy ♥ Melville	patagonia

#2: Complete Payment Suite & Cash Generation



PayPal's current valuation is lucrative considering its complete suite of products and ability to manage its cash relative to the FinTech space.



Sources: CapIQ

Cheap Valuation Yields Opportunity



As a result of the macroeconomic headwinds and the recent FinTech sell-off, PayPal is nearly trading at its most attractive in the company's history.

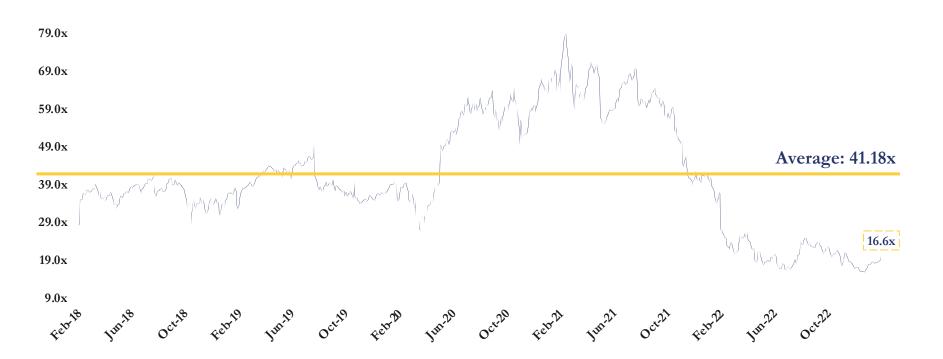
Market Close 2/17

 Share Price:
 \$74.66

 EV/EBITDA:
 16.6x

 52 Week High:
 26.59x

 52 Week Low (All-Time):
 15.65x



Base Case DCF Output



A blended share price of \$107.93 in the base case represents a 44.7% upside

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	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	31,275	34,421	37,769	41,336	45,085
% Growth	13.7%	10.1%	9.7%	9.4%	9.1%
(-) COGS	15,700.1	17,365.4	19,149.0	20,957.4	22,858.1
(-) Operating Expenses	10,917.6	11,878.0	12,882.4	13,933.6	15,016.9
EBITDA	4,657.5	5,177.6	5,737.9	6,445.1	7,210.0
% Margin	14.9%	15.0%	15.2%	15.6%	16.0%
(-) D&A	1,496.8	1,647.4	1,807.6	1,978.3	2,157.7
EBIT	6,154.3	6,825.0	7,545.5	8,423.4	9,367.7
% Margin	19.7%	19.8%	20.0%	20.4%	20.8%
(-) Tax	781.0	962.5	1,067.0	1,191.9	1,333.2
Tax Rate	18.0%	18.0%	18.0%	18.0%	18.0%
NOPAT	5,373.3	5,862.5	6,478.6	7,231.6	8,034.5
(-) Capex	(875.7)	(929.4)	(982.0)	(1,033.4)	(1,127.1)
(+) D&A	1,496.8	1,647.4	1,807.6	1,978.3	2,157.7
(-) Delta NWC	1,082.8	(2,344.5)	(81.4)	(106.8)	(168.2)
UFCF	\$4,911.6	\$8,925.0	\$7,385.6	\$8,283.3	\$9,233.3
(-) Stub-Year	668.52				
FCF For Discounting	\$4,243.1	\$8,925.0	\$7,385.6	\$8,283.3	\$9,233.3
Growth Rate	8.5%	81.7%	(17.2%)	12.2%	11.5%
Period	0.36	1.36	2.36	3.36	4.36
PV of UFCF	\$4,094.5	\$7,809.0	\$5,859.2	\$5,958.3	\$6,021.9

Terminal Value	
Exit Multiple Method	
2027 EBITDA	7,210.0
Exit Multiple	15.0x
Terminal Value	108,149.4
PV of Terminal Value	108,149.4

Terminal Value			
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Enterprise Value					
Exit Multiple Method					
PV of Projection Metho	29,742.8				
PV of Terminal Value	108,149.4				
Implied EV	137,892.2				
(-) Debt	10,417.0				
(+) Cash	7,776.0				
Implied Equity Value	135,251.2				
Shares Outstanding	1,154.0				
Implied Share Price	\$117.20				

Enterprise Value					
Perpetuity Growth Method					
PV of Projection Method	29,742.8				
PV of Terminal Value	79,237.1				
Implied EV	108,979.8				
(-) Debt	10,417.0				
(+) Cash	7,776.0				
Implied Equity Value	106,338.8				
Shares Outstanding	1,154.0				
Implied Share Price	\$92.15				

Blended Implied Share Price	:
Perpetuity Growth Method	\$92.15
Exit Multiple Method	\$117.20
Blended Share Price	\$104.68

Upside/Downside	
Blended Implied Share Price	\$104.68
Current Share Price	\$74.66
% Change	40.2%

Base Case Assumptions

Conservative Revenue Growth & Gross Margin Contraction – Projected revenue growth is significantly below historical averages, and gross margin contracts each year due to increasing Braintree share of revenue mix Conservative Terminal Valuation and Equity Outlook – 15.0x EV/EBITDA represents PYPL's historic minimum since going public, and 1.154 bn shares outstanding does not reflect future stock repurchases

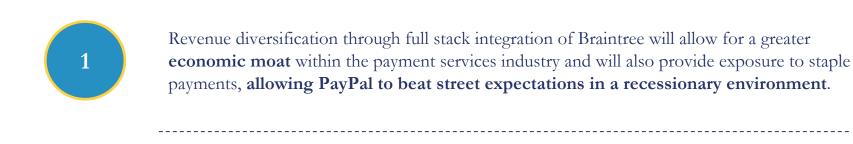
10.29%

WACC

Catalysts



PayPal should see significant tailwinds in both the immediate future and in a 1-5 year time horizon.



Secular trends will result in the continual growth of ecommerce spending across all sectors, driving PayPal's total payment volume.

Operating margins and EBITDA margins will expand in 2023 due to the implementation of an expense management plan through PayPal's partnership with **Elliott Management** and renegotiated transaction expense rates.





Appendix

Looking at Braintree



Online payment processing is a rapidly growing industry with many players spurred by ecommerce and digital wallet usage.

Braintree's Place in the Checkout Process

Braintree

A PayPal Service

- Acquired for \$800m in 2013
- Volume of payments processed increased from \$12bn to \$470bn since integration
- Competes with Stripe, Ayden, and other payment processing companies



Merchant Contract Processing Business Analytics Payout



~1-3 years Switching Costs Data Transfer Fee Merchant Account Credit Card
2.59% +\$0.49
Venmo
3.49% + 0.49

ACH Direct Debit









e.g. driver transferring earned funds to bank account

CEO Dan Schulman to step down after 2023



PayPal has an entire year to search for a successor that aligns with Elliott Management's direction.



Schulman will remain President and CEO until 12/31/2023 where he continue to serve on the board of directors

Schulman will assist the board of directors and Elliott Management in the national search for a successor

Dan Schulman
President and CEO



Jesse Cohn Elliott Management Schulman did not experience any pressure from Jesse Cohn or Elliott Management to step down

The board of directors have hired a search firm to look both across the company and externally

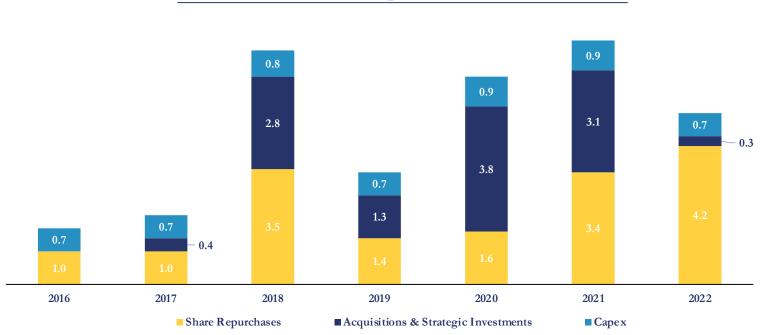
Sources: CNBC, Finextra

Shareholder Focused Capital



PayPal is adopting a strategic shift to allocate its Free Cash Flow in a manner that is more favorable to medium and long-term shareholders.



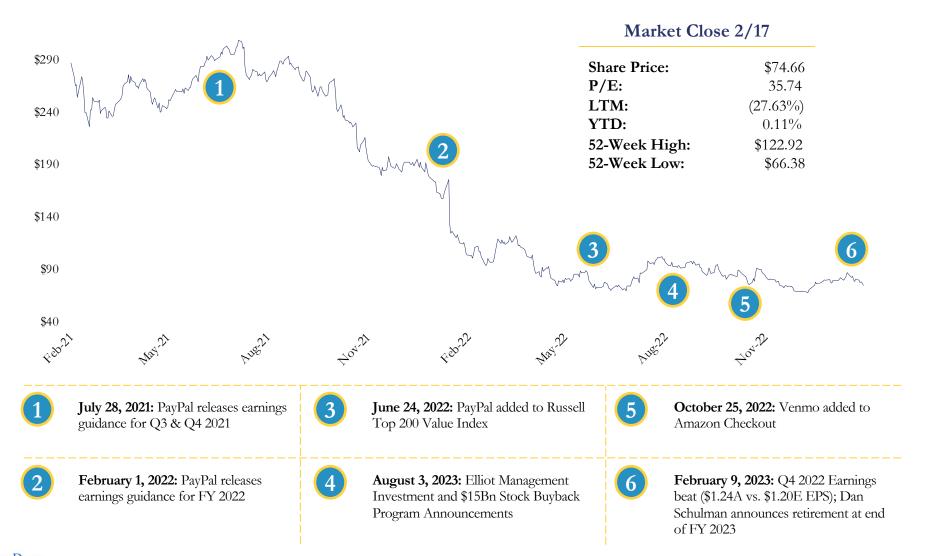


- \$15B stock buyback program (August 2022) with no expiration. Expected to run through 2024.
- Analyst day in Q1 '23 to discuss medium-term capital development strategy with rumors of **introducing** a dividend.
- M&A of substantial size is likely **off the table for the foreseeable future**, despite Pinterest & Elliott Management rumors.

Annotated Stock Chart



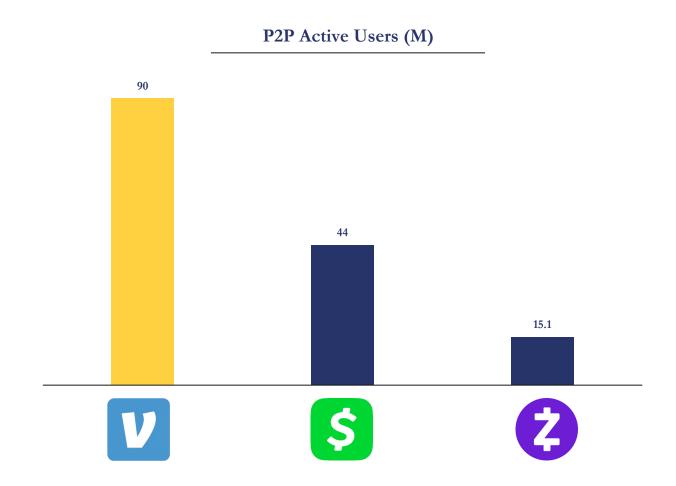
PayPal's recent earnings beat after Elliot Management's investment gives the stock momentum even amidst a CEO change.



Just Venmo Me



Venmo is by far the dominant player in a growing P2P industry that will look to find uniformity it the years ahead



PayPal Buy Now Pay Later Expansion



PayPal has seen significant growth in its Buy Now Pay Later platform as it looks to horizontally integrate

FY 2022 BNPL Trends



Since launching BNPL in 2020, PayPal has issued over **200M** loans to nearly **30M** customers



PYPL who adopt BNPL solutions spend >30% more with PayPal and are 10% less likely to churn



More than 90% of PayPal BNPL first-time users are existing PayPal customers



Nine different Pay Later product offerings available in seven markets + Paidy in Japan

FY 2022 BNPL Results

\$20.3B (160% y/y)

(100 / 0 y / y)

Transaction Volume

147M

(200% y/y)

BNPL Transactions

25M

(105% y/y)

Customers

2M

(200% y/y)

Merchants with PayPal BNPL Transactions

Bear Case DCF Output



A blended share price of \$80.15 in the bear case represents a 7.4% upside

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	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	29,719	32,246	34,825	37,437	39,683
% Growth	8.0%	8.5%	8.0%	7.5%	6.0%
(-) COGS	15,127.2	16,429.1	17,830.5	19,167.8	20,317.9
(-) Operating Expenses	10,875.6	11,671.1	12,465.5	13,250.6	13,886.9
EBITDA	3,716.6	4,145.4	4,529.2	5,018.7	5,478.5
% Margin	12.5%	12.9%	13.0%	13.4%	13.8%
(-) D&A	1,441.4	1,563.9	1,689.0	1,815.7	1,924.6
EBIT	5,158.0	5,709.3	6,218.3	6,834.4	7,403.2
% Margin	17.4%	17.7%	17.9%	18.3%	18.7%
(-) Tax	595.5	682.5	763.4	862.4	962.7
Tax Rate	18.5%	18.5%	18.5%	18.5%	18.5%
NOPAT	4,562.5	5,026.8	5,454.8	5,972.0	6,440.5
(-) Capex	(1,040.2)	(1,128.6)	(1,218.9)	(1,310.3)	(1,388.9)
(+) D&A	1,441.4	1,563.9	1,689.0	1,815.7	1,924.6
(-) Delta NWC	761.0	(2,243.9)	(128.8)	(155.6)	(234.2)
UFCF	\$4,202.7	\$7,706.0	\$6,053.7	\$6,633.0	\$7,210.4
(-) Stub-Year	572.03				
FCF For Discounting	\$3,630.7	\$7,706.0	\$6,053.7	\$6,633.0	\$7,210.4
Growth Rate	(7.1%)	83.4%	(21.4%)	9.6%	8.7%
Period	0.36	1.36	2.36	3.36	4.36
PV of UFCF	\$3,503.5	\$6,742.4	\$4,802.6	\$4,771.2	\$4,702.6

Terminal Value	
Exit Multiple Method	
2027 EBITDA	5,478.5
Exit Multiple	15.0x
Terminal Value	82,178.0
PV of Terminal Value	82,178.0

Enterprise Value	
Exit Multiple Method	
PV of Projection Metho	24,522.3
PV of Terminal Value	82,178.0
Implied EV	106,700.3
(-) Debt	10,417.0
(+) Cash	7,776.0
Implied Equity Value	104,059.3
Shares Outstanding	1,154.0
Implied Share Price	\$90.17
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Blended Implied Share Price	
Perpetuity Growth Method	\$72.58
Exit Multiple Method	\$90.17
Blended Share Price	\$81.38

Terminal Value		
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2.50%		
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Enterprise Value	
Perpetuity Growth Method	
PV of Projection Methoc	24,522.3
PV of Terminal Value	61,877.2
mplied EV	86,399.4
-) Debt	10,417.0
+) Cash	7,776.0
mplied Equity Value	83,758.4
Shares Outstanding	1,154.0
mplied Share Price	\$72.58

Upside/Downside	
Blended Implied Share Price	\$81.38
Current Share Price	\$74.66
% Change	9.0%

WACC	10.29%
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Bull Case DCF Output



A blended share price of \$127.56 in the bear case represents a 70.9% upside

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	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	31,563	35,982	40,300	45,136	50,101
% Growth	14.7%	14.0%	12.0%	12.0%	11.0%
(-) COGS	15,750.0	18,116.9	20,391.7	22,838.7	25,351.0
(-) Operating Expenses	10,517.5	11,918.0	13,187.0	14,588.8	15,993.2
EBITDA	5,295.6	5,947.1	6,721.2	7,708.2	8,756.6
% Margin	16.8%	16.5%	16.7%	17.1%	17.5%
(-) D&A	1,451.9	1,655.2	1,853.8	2,076.2	2,304.6
EBIT	6,747.5	7,602.2	8,575.0	9,784.5	11,061.2
% Margin	21.4%	21.1%	21.3%	21.7%	22.1%
(-) Tax	883.2	1,053.6	1,208.2	1,394.5	1,604.3
Tax Rate	17.0%	17.0%	17.0%	17.0%	17.0%
NOPAT	5,864.3	6,548.6	7,366.7	8,390.0	9,456.8
(-) Capex	(789.1)	(899.5)	(1,007.5)	(1,128.4)	(1,252.5)
(+) D&A	1,451.9	1,655.2	1,853.8	2,076.2	2,304.6
(-) Delta NWC	1,146.7	(2,253.2)	(16.8)	(37.6)	(129.6)
UFCF	\$5,380.4	\$9,557.4	\$8,229.8	\$9,375.4	\$10,638.5
(-) Stub-Year	732.33				
FCF For Discounting	\$4,648.1	\$9,557.4	\$8,229.8	\$9,375.4	\$10,638.5
Growth Rate	18.9%	77.6%	(13.9%)	13.9%	13.5%
Period	0.36	1.36	2.36	3.36	4.36
PV of UFCF	\$4,485.3	\$8,362.3	\$6,528.9	\$6,743.8	\$6,938.4

Terminal Value	
Exit Multiple Method	
2027 EBITDA	8,756.6
Exit Multiple	15.0x
Terminal Value	131,348.3
PV of Terminal Value	131,348.3

Terminal Value		
Perpetuity Growth Method		
2027 FCFF	6,938.4	
Terminal Growth Rate	2.50%	
Terminal Value	91,296.6	
PV of Terminal Value	91,296.6	

Enterprise Value	
Exit Multiple Method	
PV of Projection Metho	33,058.8
PV of Terminal Value	131,348.3
Implied EV	164,407.1
(-) Debt	10,417.0
(+) Cash	7,776.0
Implied Equity Value	161,766.1
Shares Outstanding	1,154.0
Implied Share Price	\$140.18

Enterprise Value			
Perpetuity Growth Method			
PV of Projection Method	33,058.8		
PV of Terminal Value	91,296.6		
Implied EV	124,355.4		
(-) Debt	10,417.0		
(+) Cash	7,776.0		
Implied Equity Value	121,714.4		
Shares Outstanding	1,154.0		
Implied Share Price	\$105.47		

Blended Implied Share Price					
Perpetuity Growth Method	\$105.47				
Exit Multiple Method	\$140.18				
Blended Share Price	\$122.83				

Upside/Downside	
Blended Implied Share Price	\$122.83
Current Share Price	\$74.66
% Change	64.5%

WACC 10.29

Revenue Build



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PYPL Revenue Build							
	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E
PayPal Core Volume	453,000	475,650	494,676	521,883	547,977	569,896	598,391
Y/Y Growth		5.0%	4.0%	5.5%	5.0%	4.0%	5.0%
Braintree Core Volume	308,000	431,200	564,872	723,262	918,543	1,148,178.6	1,400,777.9
Y/Y Growth		40.0%	31.0%	28.0%	27.0%	25.0%	22.0%
P2P: Other	131,000	129,690	140,065	149,169	156,628	164,459	172,682
Y/Y Growth		-1.0%	8.0%	6.5%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
P2P: Venmo	226,000	241,820	270,838	303,447	330,758	360,526	396,578
Y/Y Growth		7.0%	12.0%	12.0%	9.0%	9.0%	10.0%
еВау	44,000	30,360	24,288	20,645	19,613	19,613	19,613
Y/Y Growth		-31.0%	-20.0%	-15.0%	-5.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other Merchant Services	112,774	129,690	149,143.5	171,515.0	188,666.5	203,759.8	215,985.4
Y/Y Growth		15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	10.0%	8.0%	6.0%
Total Payment Volume	1,293,000	1,438,410	1,634,805	1,867,576	2,130,146	2,427,132	2,760,725
Revenue	25,371	27,518	31,275	34,421	37,769	41,336	45,085
Y/Y Growth	18.3%	8.5%	13.7%	10.1%	9.7%	9.4%	9.1%
Net Take Rate	196 bps	191 bps	191 bps	184 bps	177 bps	170 bps	163 bps

WACC & Beta Analysis



САРМ	
Risk Free Rate	3.8%
Market Risk Premium	5.8%
Re-Levered Beta	1.22
Cost of Equity	10.8%

Capital Structure	
PYPL Debt/Equity	12.2%
% Debt	10.9%
% Equity	89.1%

Debt	
Cost of Debt	5.9%
Tax Rate	18.0%
WACC	10.29%

Beta Analysis								
		Levered			Total Debt/			Unlevered
Company Name	Ticker	Beta (5 YR)	Total Debt	Market Cap	Equity	Capital	Tax Rate*	Beta
Fisery, Inc.	Nasdaq:GS: FISV	0.86	21,375	67,745	0.3x	24.0%	20.6%	0.69
Block, Inc.	NYSE: SQ	2.33	5,518	49,036	0.1x	10.1%	-%	2.09
Global Payments, Inc.	NYSE: GPN	1.00	13,889	30,480	0.5x	31.3%	14.6%	0.72
Fleetcor Technologies, Inc.	NYSE: FLT	1.21	7,221	15,400	0.5x	31.9%	24.3%	0.89
Adyen	ENXTAM: ADYEN	1.15	18	48,405	0.0x	0.0%	21.5%	1.15
PayPal, Inc.	Nasdaq: PYPL	1.30	11,377	92,900	0.1x	10.9%	18.0%	1.18
Average		1.31	9,604	42,213	0.3x	19.5%	20.2%	1.11
Median		1.15	7,221	48,405	0.3x	24.0%	20.6%	0.89

^{*}Effective Tax Rate has been used