

Investment Analysis for Intelligent Investors

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## Kidoz Inc. (TSXV: KIDZ) – Q3 Revenues up 55% QoQ, and 3,004% YoY

**Sector/Industry: Mobile Games** 

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### Market Data (as of November 29, 2019)

C\$0.40
C\$0.95
BUY
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C\$0.20 - C\$0.61
131,124,989
C\$52.45 mm
N/A
N/A
N/A
-16.7%
-9.8%

\*see back of report for rating and risk definitions
\*All the figures are in US\$ unless otherwise specified.



## **Highlights**

- ➤ In Q3-2019, Kidoz Inc. **beat our expectations** and generated \$1.27 million in revenues, up 55% QoQ, and 3,004% YoY.
- As a result of the Kidoz Ltd. acquisition in March, revenues in the first nine months of 2019 were \$2.40 million, up from just \$90k in the first nine months of 2018.
- ➤ Monthly Active Users (MAU) on the KIDOZ network crossed 100 million across 3,500+ apps.
- Approximately 92% of the revenues in Q3-2019 came from ad revenues (71% in Q2-2019).
- Management is focused on ramping up ad revenues, and is transitioning to an ad-focused business model rather than focusing on generating gaming / content revenues. As per PwC, the global kids (under 13 years) digital ad market is expected to grow by approximately 22% p.a. from 2018 (\$0.9 billion) to 2021 (\$1.7 billion).
- ➤ Kidoz reported gross margins of 41% in Q3-2019, up from 30% in Q2-2019.
- ➤ Operating costs (excluding stock based compensation) in Q3-2019 were \$0.64 million, down 10% QoQ.
- As a result of higher revenues and lower costs, EBITDA improved from -\$0.46 million in Q2-2019, to -\$0.12 million in Q3-2019.
- At the end of Q3-2019, the company had \$0.81 million in cash, \$2.11 million in working capital, with no debt.

Key Financial Data (FYE - Dec 31)						
(US\$)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019E	2020E
Cash	570,086	60,190	478,397	641,536	607,689	363,990
Working Capital	454,447	13,896	345,184	662,573	1,471,446	1,225,101
Total Assets	1,129,526	129,093	557,853	769,633	21,791,754	21,605,874
LT Debt to Capital	0.0%	928.0%	125.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Revenues	111,610	278,921	93,475	106,978	3,899,420	6,147,750
Net Income	(2,965,682)	(3,156,302)	(1,741,951)	(2,592,831)	(1,021,081)	(226,390)
EPS	-0.05	-0.05	-0.03	-0.04	-0.01	0.00



# Q3 Revenues Up 55% QoQ

Q3-2019 revenues were up 55% QoQ, and 3,004% YoY, to \$1.27 million. Revenues in the first nine months of 2019 were \$2.40 million, up from just \$90k in the first nine months of 2018, as a result of the Kidoz Ltd. acquisition in Q1-2019. Approximately 92% of the revenues in Q3-2019 came from ad revenues (71% in Q2-2019). The remaining 8% came from content revenues, primarily including subscriptions of Rooplay, in-app purchases on social bingo sites, and Rooplay Originals.



Revenues	Q1-2018	Q1-2019	Q2-2018	Q2-2019	Q3-2018	Q3-2019	2018-9M	2019-9M
Ad Revenues		230,862		579,052		1,165,609		1,975,523
Content Revenues	24,351	75,094	24,343	239,234	40,942	105,419	89,636	419,747
Total Revenues	24,351	305,956	24,343	818,286	40,942	1,271,028	89,636	2,395,270

Source: Company Data / FRC

# Growing Focus on Kids-Safe Compliant Ads

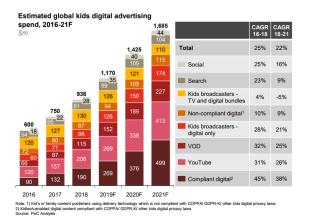
Kidoz reported annualized revenues of \$3 - \$3.5 million in Q1 and Q2, and then \$5 million in Q3, which is in line with our original estimate, when the acquisition was completed in March 2019. Management **attributed the significant increase in revenues in Q3** partially to the certification of the KIDOZ Safe Ad Network, as one of only 11 approved advertising networks for apps targeting kids, by Google (Nasdaq: GOOG) in June 2019. Also, Apple's App Store and Google Play recently made announcements pertaining to app developers; these platforms are now only allowing ad networks that adhere to guidelines that ensure children's safety, privacy, and security. Youtube was recently fined \$170 million for allegedly violating the U.S. Child Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA"). **Note that KIDOZ is COPPA and GDPR** (**European equivalent of the U.S. COPPA) compliant.** A few reasons that make Kidoz attractive to the parents of children using the network are listed below:

- ➤ No behavioral targeting & remarketing
- Campaign data is deleted after 60 days
- Personal information is not shared with advertisers

Source: Company

The following chart shows the estimated ad spend by platform. As shown, PwC estimates that kid tech-enabled digital content compliant with the COPPA, GDPR, and other kids digital privacy laws are expected to capture the largest share (30% by 2021).





Source: PwC

The company is aggressively engaging new publishers (to constantly expand content), while seeking new brands worldwide to ramp up ad revenues.

When the acquisition was completed in March 2019, the KIDOZ network was stated to have approximately **50 million Monthly Active Users (MAU)**, and hundreds of brands (a few listed below) that advertise on the network. However, in the latest press release, the company stated that the network **crossed 100 million MAU across 3,500+ apps.** 

## A Few of the Brands Advertising on the Kidoz Network











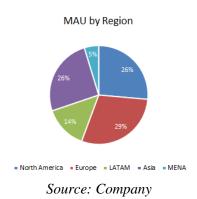






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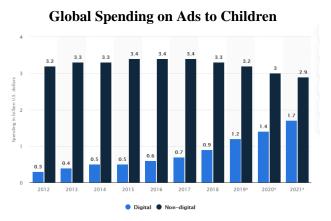
The following chart shows the geographical split of current users; which we believe is evenly spread out and well diversified.





Kids – One of the Fastest Growing Online Audience

One of the fastest-growing online audience are kids. Approximately one-third of the internet users globally are kids. According to PwC, approximately 40% of the new internet users in 2018 were kids, or 62 million kids globally. The global kids (under 13 years) digital ad market will grow by approximately 22% p.a. from 2018 (\$0.9 billion) to 2021 (\$1.7 billion).



Source: Statista

A key challenge with the company's previous business model (publishing / developing gaming apps) was the lack of sufficient marketing dollars to attract users. However, Kidoz' business model does not need a significant marketing budget to grow; growth can be achieved by engaging new publishers (to expand content and distribution), and adding new brands to join their ad network.

Business
Model to Grow
Without a
Significant
Marketing
Budget

Here is a simplistic explanation of Kidoz's model: basically, KIDOZ's Software Development Kit (SDK) is integrated with kids' apps / games to connect with KIDOZ's ad network. Kidoz typically gets paid when a user clicks on an ad; similar to how Youtube generates revenues through ads. Just like Youtube, a percentage of this ad revenue is passed on to publishers / developers, providing them incentive to incorporate ad SDKs and monetize their apps.

However, this is a **highly competitive space** with a number of players offering their ad SDKs, including Google's AdMob. An app typically uses 3 to 5 monetization SDKs. Ads from various SDKs are usually prioritized by price; which is the share of ad revenues offered to publishers by SDKs. KIDOZ management believes they will be able to gain traction through their following key advantages:

- ➤ KIDOZ is COPPA and GDPR compliant. Note the Google has only approved 11 advertising networks as Safe Ad Networks for kids.
- ➤ KIDOZ is customizable to fit any app, looks native and non-intrusive.
- Ability to target ads based on location, age and interests.
- Management also indicated that one of their main advantages over AdMob is that, unlike AdMob, they curate all ad campaigns to ensure safety for kids



As mentioned earlier, Kidoz's Q3-2019 revenues implied an annual run rate of \$5 million, based on an average of approximately 75 million MAU, **implying annual revenues of \$0.067 per user.** We believe this is in line with the industry. For example, a leading ad SDK, named Startapp, has over 1 billion MAUs, and has annual revenue of \$69 million (Source: Owler), or \$0.069 per user. Our revenue projections for Kidoz are presented later in this report.

# Gross Margins Improve QoQ

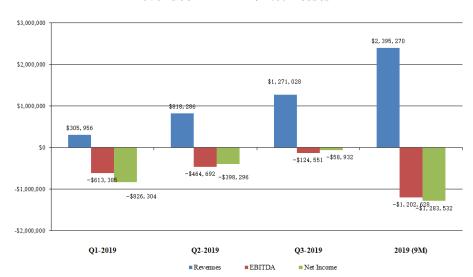
Continuing our discussion on Kidoz's Q3 financials, **gross margins were 41% in Q3-2019**; they had not reported COGS in the same period last year. Operating costs (excluding stock based compensation) were \$0.64 million, up 45% YoY, and down 10% QoQ. The QoQ drop was because Q2 costs were unusually higher due to reorganization costs associated with the acquisition.

Margins	Q1-2018	Q1-2019	Q2-2018	Q2-2019	Q3-2018	Q3-2019	2018-9M	2019-9M
Gross	100.0%	41.8%	100.0%	29.8%	100.00%	40.68%	100.00%	37.11%
EBITDA	-2684.8%	-200.5%	-4836.7%	-56.8%	-982.07%	-9.80%	-2491.45%	-50.21%
EBIT	-2689.3%	-201.1%	-4842.4%	-57.4%	-985.72%	-10.20%	-2495.90%	-50.69%
Net	-3430.5%	-270.1%	-4064.7%	-48.7%	-970.09%	-4.64%	-2478.93%	-53.59%
Expenses / Sales	Q1-2018	Q1-2019	Q2-2018	Q2-2019	Q3-2018	Q3-2019	2018-9M	2019-9M
Selling & Marketing	645.5%	28.2%	474.5%	11.7%	89.9%	7.4%	345.3%	11.5%
Development								
Development	1111.3%	83.2%	1090.4%	34.9%	506.8%	21.3%	829.5%	33.8%
Stock Based Compensation	1111.3% 15.2%	83.2% 1.6%	1090.4% 2402.3%	34.9% 0.6%	506.8% 8.7%	21.3% 0.4%	829.5% 660.5%	33.8% 0.6%
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Stock Based Compensation	15.2%	1.6%	2402.3%	0.6%	8.7%	0.4%	660.5%	0.6%

Source: Company Data / FRC

**EBITDA** in Q3-2019 was -\$0.12 million versus -\$0.40 million in Q3-2018, and -\$0.46 million in Q2-2019. Net losses in Q3-2019 were \$0.06 million (EPS: -\$0.00) versus \$0.40 million (EPS: -\$0.01) in Q3-2018, and \$0.40 million (EPS: -\$0.00) in Q2-2019.

### Revenue / EBITDA / Net Losses



Source: Company Data / FRC



As a result of the improvement in operating cash flows, free cash flows were -\$1.24 million in the first nine months of 2019 versus -\$1.76 million in the comparable period in the previous year.

Summary of Cash Flows	2018 (9M)	2019 (9M)
Cash Flows from Operations	(1,752,786)	(1,408,578)
Cash Flows from Investing	(8,720)	169,388
Cash Flows from Financing	2,284,819	1,410,131
Net Change	523,313	170,941
Free Cash Flows	(1,761,506)	(1,239,190)

Healthy Balance Sheet/ No Debt At the end of Q3-2019, the company had \$0.81 million in cash, \$2.11 million in working capital, with no debt.

Liquidity Analysis	2018	Q1-2019	Q2-2019	Q3-2019
Cash	\$641,536	\$1,831,085	\$1,049,044	\$812,477
Working Capital	\$662,573	\$2,236,001	\$2,052,983	\$2,108,850
Current Ratio	8.30	3.80	3.59	3.85
Debt / Capital	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%
LT Debt / Capital	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EBIT Interest Coverage Ratio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: Company Data / FRC

Stock Options and Warrants

The company has 3.33 million options (weighted average exercise price of \$0.45) and nil warrants outstanding. None of the options are in the money.

FRC Projections and Valuation As Q3 revenues beat our expectations, and due to the significant increase in MAU to 100 million, we are adjusting our revenue forecast for 2019 from \$2.96 million to \$3.90 million, and for 2020, from \$5.37 million to \$6.15 million. We are also adjusting our 2019 earnings estimate from -\$1.71 million (EPS: -\$0.01) to -\$1.02 million (EPS: -\$0.01), and our 2020 estimate from -\$0.74 million (EPS: -\$0.00). to -\$0.23 million (EPS: -\$0.00).



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STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS								
Revenues	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E
Total Revenues	106,978	3,899,420	6,147,750	11,976,682	21,490,379	36,231,101	61,571,917	104,860,942
Cost of Sales		2,182,102	3,419,325	6,560,305	10,976,367	18,996,106	32,825,492	56,497,893
Gross Profit	106,978	1,717,318	2,728,425	5,416,377	10,514,011	17,234,996	28,746,425	48,363,049
Expenses								
Selling & Marketing	352,770	375,000	250,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Development	948,334	1,043,167	1,147,484	1,262,233	1,388,456	1,527,301	1,680,032	1,848,035
Stock Based Compensation	595,580	19,960	59,880	74,850	93,563	116,953	146,191	182,739
Compensation & Consulation	622,779	735,015	808,517	970,220	1,164,264	1,397,117	1,676,540	2,011,848
Provision for doubtful accounts								
Bad Debt Expense								
G & A	271,277	549,075	658,890	1,283,610	2,303,248	3,883,097	6,599,019	11,238,555
EBITDA	-2,683,762	-1,004,900	-196,346	1,325,465	5,064,481	9,810,527	18,144,643	32,581,872
Amortization	5,614	16,181	30,044	42,018	46,807	48,723	49,489	49,796
EBIT	-2,689,376	-1,021,081	-226,390	1,283,447	5,017,674	9,761,805	18,095,154	32,532,077
Interest & Bank Charges	-28,456							
Exchange rate and Unusual items	-9,092							
EBT	-2,726,924	-1,021,081	-226,390	1,283,447	5,017,674	9,761,805	18,095,154	32,532,077
Unusual gain or loss	44,572							
Income Taxes	-89,521				1,505,302	2,928,541	5,428,546	9,759,623
Net Earnings for the period	-2,592,831	-1,021,081	-226,390	1,283,447	3,512,372	6,833,263	12,666,608	22,772,454

Source: FRC

Due to the transition to an ad-focused business model, we are also lowering our long-term revenue forecasts from gaming / content revenues, and raising ad revenue forecasts. Our long-term forecasts for the KIDOZ network is based on achieving 1 billion MAUs by 2025. Revenues per user is estimated to increase to \$0.10 per year by 2025, up from the current \$0.07 per year. As a result of these changes, our revised DCF valuation on Kidoz is \$0.95 per share versus our previous estimate of \$0.97 per share. We are maintaining our BUY rating.

The following risks, though not exhaustive, may cause our estimates to differ from actual results:

- Any unfavorable changes in regulations in the future may impact the company's business.
- Ability to attract publishers and brands will be key to long-term growth.
- The company is operating in a highly competitive space.
- Kidoz may have to pursue equity financings, which may dilute existing shareholders.
- The average daily trading volume is relatively low as shares are thinly traded.

We are maintaining our risk rating at 4 (Speculative).

Risks



# **APPENDIX**

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS			
Revenues	2018	2019E	2020E
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Expenses			
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Development	948,334	1,043,167	1,147,484
Stock Based Compensation	595,580	19,960	59,880
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Income Taxes	-89,521		
Net Earnings for the period	-2,592,831	-1,021,081	-226,390
EPS	-0.04	-0.01	0.00



BALANCE SHEET			
(in US\$)- YE Dec 31st	2018	2019E	2020E
Assets			
Cash	641,536	607,689	363,990
Accounts receivable	12,103	1,373,854	1,364,213
Prepaid expenses	99,739	34,346	81,853
Current Assets	753,378	2,015,890	1,810,055
Property and equipment Other Assets	16,255	50,074	70,030
Goodwill and identified intangible assets		19,725,790	19,725,790
Total Assets	769,633	21,791,754	21,605,874
Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity			
Accounts payables & accrued liabilities Derivative	90,805	544,443	584,954
Related parties			
Current Liabilities	90,805	544,443	584,954
Loans payable Lease			
Shareholder's Equity			
Share Capital	26,552,468	48,142,031	48,142,031
Foreign Currency Translation	24,580	24,580	•
Deficit	-25,898,220	-26,919,301	-27,145,691
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' <u>Equity</u>	769,633	21,791,754	21,605,874



STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS			
(in US\$)- YE Dec 31st	2018	2019E	2020E
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Operating Activities			
Net earnings for the period	-2,592,831	-1,021,081	-226,390
Items not involving cash			
Depreciation	5,614	16,181	30,044
Trophy Bingo Amortization	5,014	10,101	50,044
Gain on sale of domain name/others	-7,482		
Stock Based Compensation	595,580		
Issuance of consultant stock options	393,300		
Loss on disposal of equipment / Others			
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Accounts Receivable	2,919	-1,361,751	9,642
Other Assets	_,,,,,,	-,,	2,2.2
Prepaid Expenses	-45.025	65,393	-47,506
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	-67,572	453,638	40,511
Changes in working capital	-109,678	-842,720	2,646
Changes in working capital	-109,076	-042,720	2,040
Cash from (used in) operations	-2,108,797	-1,847,620	-193,700
Financing activities			
Proceeds from secured borrowings, net	-1,923		
Private Placement	2,279,408	1,688,194	
Options / Warrants	6.600	-,,	
Cash provided by financing activities	-	1 (00 10 (	
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	2,284,085	1,688,194	-
Investing activities	2,284,085	1,088,194	-
Investing activities Acquisition of Equipment	<b>2,284,085</b> -12,149	-50,000	-50,000
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Acquisition of Equipment		-50,000	-50,000



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