

## A Scientific Approach to Valuing a Disruptive Technology Company

#### **CHALLENGE**

Aqua is a SaaS-enabled marketplace solution, operating in a large online business where the value chain patches together small- to midsized producers in multiple countries and a disparate set of importers, wholesalers, and retailers in the U.S.

Given Aqua's technology, the company was starting to gain interest from prospective buyers – even though it was on actively marketing itself.

Aqua's CEO asked the 375 Park team to submit a Valuation Opinion which would be used as the basis for ongoing negotiation.

#### **APPROACH**

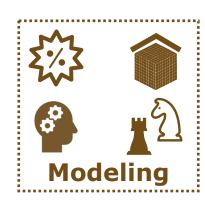
Our team put their expertise to work by scrutinizing the basis for valuing the company based on a scientific approach to determine the fair market value of the tangible and intangible assets of Aqua.

This included pulling the required data from the client's management team, developing a picture of the broader market, potential competitors, and examples of similar business models, and applying these learnings to multiple valuation models.

This included utilizing our proprietary Growth Opportunity Index $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$  - a robust AI-enabled decision-making engine based on insights into markets, technologies, and other factors – for analysis and modeling.







### **RESULTS**

The resulting Valuation Opinion provided Aqua's CEO with an in-depth overview of the fair market value for the company based on a variety of different methods.

Besides the opinion, the 375 Park team provided insights on negotiation strategies which have worked in the past and also helped to provide additional due diligence on the motivations of the likely buyers.

'We had just received an offer to buy a majority stake, and we needed a good, professional benchmark for discussions.

The 375 Park team was able to build a very complete and strong valuation within a couple of weeks.

The 375 Park team was always available to chat, and their assumptions and data sources were rock solid.

We'll definitely continue to seek their expertise as we need more financial analysis.'

Chief Executive Officer Aqua

# Median Valuation (based on all models)

\$19.6Mn

Median EBITDA Multiple

6.5x

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