



## **EQUITY RESEARCH**

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## DIALOGUE HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Dialogue To Be Acquired By Sun Life For \$5.15/Share

#### **Our Conclusion**

Sun Life and Dialogue Health announced this morning that Sun Life will acquire Dialogue for \$5.15 per share for a total equity value of \$365 million. The \$5.15/share price represents a 43.1% premium to the most recent closing price, and a 59.4% premium to the 20-day VWAP. Prior to the acquisition Sun Life owned 23% of Dialogue shares outstanding and we had viewed Sun Life as the most logical acquirer of Dialogue in the event it was taken over. The transaction is an all-cash offer that is not subject to any financing conditions and is expected to close in Q4 2023. With ~53% of votes already secured in favour of the deal from Sun Life, Dialogue management, White Star Capital and Portag3 Capital, we expect the transaction to close without issue despite requiring a majority of minority shareholders to approve the deal. Given the premium to Dialogue's pre-deal share price and our \$4 price target, we recommend tendering shares at the \$5.15 offer price. As such, we are updating our rating from Neutral to Tender and increasing our price target to the \$5.15 offer price.

## **Key Points**

**Transaction Details:** The offer is all-cash, with the deal price representing a 43.1% premium to the closing price as of July 25, and a 59.4% premium to the 20-day VWAP. The \$5.15 price is also in excess of Dialogue's 52-week high. The deal comes as the result of a strategic review process undertaken by Dialogue in response to an initial offer from Sun Life. As part of the strategic review Dialogue canvassed potential financial and strategic acquirers and determined that Sun Life would be the highest bidder.

**Board Recommendation & Shareholder Vote:** The transaction has been unanimously approved by the Board of Directors and remains subject to shareholder approval. The transaction must be approved by two-thirds of the votes cast by shareholders as well as the majority of votes cast by minority shareholders (excluding Sun Life and certain members of management). Both Portag3 Ventures and White Star Capital – which collectively own 21% of shares outstanding – and each of the directors and executive officers eligible to vote in the "majority of the minority" vote have committed to vote in favour of the deal, representing 30.5% of the minority voters.

**Expands On A Deep Relationship With Sun Life:** Sun Life currently owns 23% of Dialogue shares and is a major Dialogue customer, with Dialogue's solutions already being used for Sun Life's Canadian group benefits business. Dialogue also recently **announced** an expansion into the U.S. with an agreement to license its technology platform to Sun Life's U.S. business. Today's offer implies an equity value of \$277 million for the shares not currently owned by Sun Life. Dialogue will continue as a standalone entity backed by Sun Life, providing the company with more resources to deliver its solutions.

#### **Tender**

CARE-TSX, Sector: Information Technology
Current Price (7/26/23): C\$5.06
Price Target (12-18 mos.): ↑C\$5.15
Previous: C\$4.00

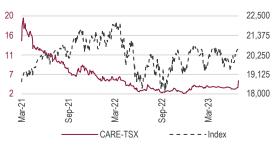
#### **CIBC Estimates and Valuation**

(Dec. 31)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenue(mln)	68.05A	92.20A	107.30E	131.02E
Adj. EBITDA(mln)	(21.3)A	(17.7)A	(3.5)E	5.4E
Revenue(mln)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2023	24.53A	26.09E	27.74E	28.94E
2022	20.69A	23.04A	23.61A	24.87A
Valuation	2021	2022	2023	2024
EV/Sales	4.2x	3.1x	2.6x	2.2x

#### **Stock Performance and Key Indicators**

Avg. Dly. Vol.:	22K	Shares O/S:	66.7M
Market Cap.:	C\$338M	Float:	45.0M
52-wk Range:	C\$2.10 - C\$5.06	Div. / Yield:	C\$0.00/0.00%

## TSX Composite Index vs. CARE-TSX



(Source: FactSet)

### Dialogue Health Technologies, Inc. (CARE-TSX) — Tender

Price (7/26/23) C\$5.06 12-18 mo. Price Target C\$5.15

Sector: Information Technology

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Key Financial Metrics	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Sales Growth	90.1%	35.5%	16.4%	22.1%
Per Share Data	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
EPS	(4.48)	(0.41)	(0.14)	(0.02)
Diluted EPS	(4.48)	(0.41)	(0.14)	(0.02)
Wgt Avg # of Shares	56,109.0	66,145.3	67,306.0	69,451.8
FD Number of Shares	56,109.0	66,145.3	67,306.0	69,451.8
Income Statement	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Revenue	68	92	107	131
Cost of Goods Sold	39	44	46	56
Gross Profit	29	46	61	75
Gross Margin %	42.33%	49.66%	56.87%	57.50%
SG&A	44	61	54	59
R&D	10	10	13	14
Tot Operating Exp	55	74	71	76
OpEx (% of Revenue)	81.45%	80.57%	65.83%	58.33%
EBITDA	(249)	(25)	(7)	2
EBITDA Margin	(366.52%)	(27.06%)	(6.15%)	1.47%
Adj. EBITDA	(21)	(18)	(3)	5
Adj EBITDA Margin	(31.3%)	(19.2%)	(3.2%)	4.1%
Net Income	(251)	(27)	(9)	(1)
Net Margin	(369.4%)	(29.3%)	(8.6%)	(0.9%)
Cash Flow Statement	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Net CFO	(23)	(16)	(8)	6
Net Cash Flow	62	(42)	(34)	5
Free Cash Flow	(25)	(17)	(9)	5
Balance Sheet	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Cash & ST Investment	104	63	28	34
Total Assets	135	119	104	110
Tot Curr Liab	11	20	11	16
Total Liabilities	15	22	13	17
Shareholders' Equity	120	97	91	93
Tot Liab & SE	135	119	104	110

## **Company Profile**

Dialogue is a B2B provider of virtual health and wellness solutions. Through its Integrated Health Platform, Dialogue offers a variety of services including primary care & mental health, EAP, OHS and iCBT.

### **Investment Thesis**

1) Virtual benefits are becoming a standard employee benefits offering as employers look to respond to employee concerns and reduce absenteeism; 2) Dialogue's IHP is a strong product that combines a number of employee benefit offerings into an easy-to-use application; 3) Dialogue's virtual-only offering puts it at a competitive disadvantage to its biggest competitor (TELUS Health) which offers virtual and in-person care; 4) market enthusiasm for small, unprofitable tech companies is at a low, which will likely remain an overhang for a number of guarters.

### Price Target (Base Case): C\$5.15

Our price target is based on Sun Life's cash offer price per share.

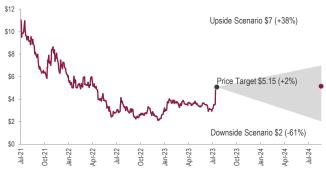
#### Upside Scenario: C\$7.00

Our upside scenario is calculated using 35% revenue growth in 2024 and a 2.5x EV/2023 Sales multiple.

#### Downside Scenario: C\$2.00

Our downside scenario is calculated using 15% revenue growth in 2024 and a 0.5x EV/2023 Sales multiple.

## Scenario Analysis:





## **Price Target Calculation**

We derive our price target of \$5.15 based on Sun Life's cash offer per share.

## **Key Risks To Price Target**

The primary risks to our price target include the following: 1) Faster-than-expected margin expansion as a result of operating leverage and price increases, 2) Faster-than-expected expansion in attach rates resulting from new services, 3) competitive pressure, leading to compressed PMPM rates, and 4) changes to the regulatory environment, which may impact service delivery.



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