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### Outperformer

L-TSX, Sector: Health Care	WELI
e (7/13/23): C\$4.45	Current Price
2-18 mos.): <b>个C\$7.50</b>	Price Target (12
Previous: C\$7.00	

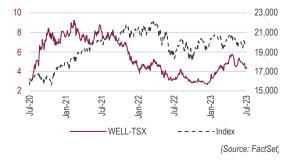
#### **CIBC Estimates and Valuation**

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(Dec. 31)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenue(mln)	302.32A	569.14A	741.20E	862.67E
Prior			701.20E	771.47E
Adj. EBITDA(mln)	60.4A	104.6A	115.7E	140.7E
Prior			115.2E	130.5E
Revenue(mln)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2023	169.43A	169.05E	195.32E	207.40E
Prior			175.32E	187.40E
2022	126.51A	140.33A	145.79A	156.51A
Adj. EBITDA(mln)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2023	26.7A	25.8E	30.5E	32.8E
Prior			30.0E	
2022	23.5A	26.4A	27.5A	27.2A
Valuation	2021	2022	2023	2024
EV/Sales	3.3x	1.8x	1.4x	1.2x
EV/EBITDA	16.7x	9.7x	8.7x	7.2x

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

Avg. Dly. Vol.:	1,127K	Shares O/S:	229.1M
Market Cap .:	C\$1,020M	Float:	210.0M
52-wk Range:	C\$2.63 - C\$5.86	Div. / Yield:	C\$0.00/0.00%

TSX Composite Index vs. WELL-TSX



# Earnings Update

# WELL HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES CORP.

Announces CarePlus Acquisition & Increases 2023 Revenue Guidance

#### **Our Conclusion**

July 13, 2023

WELL Health announced the acquisition of CarePlus Management, a provider of recruiting, services, and revenue cycle management for the anesthesia market. CarePlus was acquired through WELL's CRH Medical subsidiary with cash on hand, and further terms of the acquisition were not provided. However, in connection with the deal WELL increased 2023 annual revenue guidance, with revenue now expected to be \$740MM-\$760MM, 7% above the midpoint of the previous guide of \$690MM-\$710MM. We expect that revenue from CarePlus is the primary source of the increased guidance, implying that CarePlus will contribute ~\$100MM in annual revenue. Adjusted EBITDA guidance of 10%+ growth is unchanged, further implying CarePlus will contribute minimal EBITDA and that the deal will be margin dilutive to CRH and to WELL's consolidated business. We expect further details on potential synergies between CarePlus and CRH, future margin potential across CarePlus, and consideration paid during WELL's Q2 earnings call. Our sum of the parts valuation uses an EBITDA multiple on the CRH business and despite the 12% increase to our 2024E revenue forecast, our price target increases 7% from \$7.00 to \$7.50 given the more limited EBITDA contribution from CarePlus.

#### **Key Points**

**About CarePlus:** CarePlus is headquartered in Atlanta and has three primary businesses: 1) RADAR Healthcare Providers, a full-service recruitment company that provides temporary and permanent placement anesthesia staffing solutions. The RADAR division contributes the majority of CarePlus' revenue, and CRH plans to expand the scope of RADAR to other specialties and healthcare professionals. 2) An anesthesia services division, similar to CRH's existing business, which operates in 18 ASC locations across nine states, including South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, South Dakota and Illinois, where CRH previously did not operate. We expect Anesthesia services to generate the majority of CarePlus' limited EBITDA. 3) Premier Choice Billing, which provides billing, revenue cycle management (RCM) and collection services for healthcare entities. RCM is a newer business and is the smallest of the three segments, likely contributing negative EBITDA as it looks to grow its footprint.

**Guidance Increased:** In connection with the acquisition announcement, WELL Health increased 2023 annual revenue guidance to \$740MM-\$760MM, 7% ahead the midpoint of the previous guide of \$690MM-\$710MM, and 7% ahead of consensus and our estimate based on the midpoint. Adjusted EBITDA guidance of 10%+ growth is unchanged, implying limited EBITDA contribution from the CarePlus business. While we expect limited EBITDA from CarePlus, we also believe that a number of WELL's businesses - including Circle Medical and WISP - are facing increased costs and margins are unlikely to return to the 18%+ levels seen prior to 2023.

#### All figures in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

Please see "Price Target Calculation and Key Risks to Price Target" information on page 5. For required regulatory disclosures please refer to "Important Disclosures" beginning on page 6.

#### WELL Health Technologies Corp. (WELL-TSX) — Outperformer

Price (7/13/23) C\$4.45 12-18 mo. Price Target C\$7.50 Sector: Health Care Scott Fletcher, CPA, CA +1 416-956-3229 Scott.Fletcher@cibc.com

Per Share Data	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
EPS	(0.23)	0.01	(0.16)	(0.10)
Diluted EPS	(0.23)	0.01	(0.16)	(0.10)
Adj. EPS Dil.	0.06	0.25	0.25	0.33
Wgt Avg # of Shares	190.9	220.7	232.3	232.7
FD Number of Shares	190.9	220.7	232.3	232.7
Income Statement	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Revenue	302	569	741	863
Cost of Goods Sold	149	266	360	414
Gross Profit	154	303	381	449
Gross Margin %	50.84%	53.29%	51.45%	52.00%
Tot Operating Exp	128	225	270	302
Adj. EBITDA	60	105	116	141
Adj EBITDA Margin	20.0%	18.4%	15.6%	16.3%
thereof Depreciation	38	55	66	78
thereof Amortization	0	0	0	0
Net Income	(44)	1	(38)	(22)
Adjusted Net Income	11	55	58	76
Cash Flow Statement	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Net CFO	22	77	82	113
Capex	(3)	(6)	(8)	(8)
Acquisitions	(491)	0	(41)	0
Net CFI	(500)	(38)	(56)	(8)
Change in Debt	66	(49)	(15)	(20)
Equity Raised	298	32	0	0
Net CFF	453	(53)	(55)	(60)
Net Cash Flow	(25)	(14)	(30)	45
Free Cash Flow	6	38	33	65
Balance Sheet	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Cash & ST Investment	62	49	19	64
Accounts Receivable	66	79	104	121
Total Current Assets	142	151	146	207
Net PP&E	83	83	84	82
Intangible Assets	1,037	1,071	1,052	965
Total Assets	1,277	1,319	1,298	1,270
Tot Curr Liab	137	137	151	175
LT Int-Bearing Debt	291	263	254	234
Total Liabilities	569	504	493	469
Shareholders' Equity	708	815	805	801
Minority Interest	90	83	75	63

Source: Company reports, FactSet, and CIBC World Markets Inc.

#### **Company Profile**

WELL Health operates with a goal of consolidating and modernizing the primary healthcare space through the use of technology-enabled services and digital experiences.

#### **Investment Thesis**

1) Strategic M&A In The Primary Care Space Drives Accretive Growth 2) CRH Acquisition Provides Cash Flow To Fund Growth Initiatives; 3) Virtual Services Businesses Continue To Grow At Elevated Rates With Improving Profitability; 4) Benefitting from increased Canadian government healthcare funding.

#### Price Target (Base Case): C\$7.50

Our price target is based on a sum-of-the-parts valuation on our 2024E forecasts that values the scaled up clinical and technology businesses at 11.0x EV/Adj. EBITDA and the higher growth Circle Medical and WISP virtual services business at 3.0x EV/Sales.

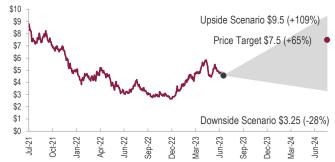
#### Upside Scenario: C\$9.50

Our upside scenario is based on 13x EV/2024E Adj. EBITDA on the scaled clinical and technology business and a 4.0x EV/2024E Sales on the Circle Medical and WISP virtual services revenue.

#### Downside Scenario: C\$3.25

Our downside scenario is based on 8x EV/2024E Adj. EBITDA on the scaled clinical and technology business and a 1.0x EV/2024E Sales on the Circle Medical and WISP virtual services revenue.

#### **Scenario Analysis:**



### **Changes To Our Model**

We have updated our model to reflect the CarePlus acquisition and the increase to 2023 guidance. As a result of the increased revenue forecast with minimal margin contribution, our margin expectations for the CRH business decrease from 33% to 28%.

#### Exhibit 1: WELL – Changes To Our Model, 2022A-2024E

	Revenues (\$MM)	EBITDA - Operating (\$MM)	Cash Flow From Operations (\$MM)	Adjusted EPS
2022A	569	105	77	0.25
2023E				
CIBC est. – new	741	116	82	0.25
CIBC est. – prior	701	115	82	0.24
Consensus	700	116	84	0.26
2024E				
CIBC est. – new	863	141	113	0.33
CIBC est. – prior	771	131	105	0.29
Consensus	776	134	112	0.37

Source: Company reports, FactSet and CIBC World Markets Inc.

#### Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Metrics for WELL-TSX

CIBC ESG Metrics						
Governance Metrics	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Insider Ownership	NA	NA	NA	23%	10.3%	
Board Gender Diversity	NA	NA	NA	20%	20%	
Separation of Chair & CEO	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	
Dual-class Ownership?	NA	NA	NA	NO	NO	
Disclose ESG Data?	NA	NA	NA	NO	YES	
Social Metrics	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
CEO Comp./Mkt Cap*	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$3.7	
Diversity Targets	NA	NA	NA	NA	NO	
Women Managers	NA	NA	NA	NA	20%	
Environmental Metrics	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Emissions Intensity**	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Net-zero Targets?	NA	NA	NA	NA	NO	

\*CEO Compensation is shown as per thousand dollars of market capitalization

\*\*Emissions Itensity calculated as total emitted CO2e divided by million \$ of CAD revenue

#### **CIBC Quantitative Scorecard**

Within Sector			Within S&	P/TSX Com	p.
Style	Rank	Delta	Style	Rank	Delta
Value	4	0	Value	174	-8
Momentum	6	-3	Momentum	225	-38
Quality	3	0	Quality	144	+3
Market	7	0	Market	233	-1
Low Volatility	4	-1	Low Volatility	174	0
Growth	8	0	Growth	223	+4
Note: Ranking out of 8	stocks		Note: Ranking out of 23	39 stocks	
	General	Notes Behin	d the Quantitative Score	ecard	

Delta refers to the change in the ranking over the past month. Number of stocks "Within Sector" is defined by the number within the GICS. In the "Within S&P/TSX" category, we use all stocks in the S&P/TSX Composite. For detail on the Quant Factors included in each style above, please contact the CIBC Portfolio Strategy Team.

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#### Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating **Medium Risk** 22.4 -5.6 Momentum Updated on Oct 7, 2022 NEGL LOW MED HIGH SEVERE 0-10 10-20 20-30 30-40 40+

#### Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating Ranking

UNIVERSE	RANK	PERCENTILE
	(1 <sup>st</sup> = lowest risk)	(1 <sup>st</sup> = lowest risk)
Global Universe	<b>5432</b> /15361	36th
Healthcare INDUSTRY	<b>186</b> /604	31st
Medical Services SUBINDUSTRY	<b>48</b> /108	44th

#### **CIBC Technical Scorecard**

	TSM		TSM
Factor	Score	Factor	Score
TSM	4	Momentum	А
Beta	0.9	MACD	В
Volatility	7	Alpha (Sector)	А
Trend	$\uparrow$	Alpha (Index)	В
RSI	Neutral		

#### General Notes Behind the Technical Scorecard

TSM: The Trendspotting Matrix uses technical factors to score uptrend durability. Momentum and alpha metrics compare performance over one-month, one-quarter and one-year timeframes, outputting a rating from A to D.

Trend/Volatility metrics measure price deviations relative to underlying moving averages. RSI is an oscillator that provides mean-reversion estimations.

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### **Price Target Calculation**

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### Key Risks To Price Target

Risks include: 1) shifting valuation environment, 2) stagnating organic growth, 3) inability to cross-sell digital solutions, 4) the competitive environment worsens and 5) regulatory challenges in the healthcare business.

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