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Kalkine Group is a prominent name in the subscription & media sales line of business. A renowned equity market research, investor relations and media house firm, Kalkine caters to the share markets of Australia, the UK, Canada, and New Zealand. The Company will soon spread its wings in the American share market and has also sets its eyes on the growing Ireland market.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Earlier, masks were used to disguise one's identity but today each one of us is wearing a mask for safety and to stay alive. The year 2021 is sadly the second year of COVID-19, this time more devastating as ever. The coronavirus has changed our lives in ways we never ever thought it would. Economies have been reshaped, and so have been the education system, healthcare, entertainment; overall life in general has turned upside down. As we navigate the uncharted road ahead of us, nothing other than health and safety is the priority.

Businesses and markets have now settled into the current volatile market conditions and have adapted to the trends that have emerged. Governments, across the world, have opened the taps to inject money and keep businesses stay nurtured and survive the second year into the pandemic.

The Scott Morrison government announced the Federal Budget 2021-22, which is indeed a pre-election budget. There is still a lot of debate on whether the budget was a populist one or need of the hour. Don't miss the exclusive coverage and key announcements of the Federal Budget 2021.

In the May issue of Kalkine Magazine, we feature exclusive insights into businesses and markets in the pandemic recovery phase. Australia's prestigious housing market has been running hot since the start of 2021, sparking fears of a potential burst in the property bubble if the runaway price rises continue. The housing prices grew at their fastest pace in over 30 years in March 2021, setting the nation for the "biggest ever property boom". At a time when property

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prices are growing at a breakneck speed in Australia, we have picked up some potential winners in the housing market boom.

A couple of special features on Kalkine Clients - Spacetalk Limited and Fiducian Group – offer a quick view on these companies' latest initiatives and future plans.

The cryptocurrency market has caught everyone's attention during the pandemic. In the issue, we talk about the crypto exchanges around the world. On April 14, Coinbase became the first US-based cryptocurrency exchange platform to go public on the Nasdaq stock exchange. Quite often, a cloud of suspicion hovers over the cryptocurrency exchange platforms. However, the Coinbase IPO is a step towards its legitimacy and might just get an upper hand being an early mover for the large-scale operations.

The meltdown at Archegos Capital Management has left everyone in the world of finance with more of questions than answers. We discuss in detail how the Archegos meltdown wiped off billions off the market, revealing the murky underbelly of financial markets in the issue and is a must read.

The issue includes a special feature on Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic's noteworthy diet, as he celebrates his "biggest ever achievement" by holding the No. 1 singles rank for a record number of weeks.

Do not miss catching hold of the May issue of Kalkine Magazine. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as the team Kalkine enjoyed creating it.

Team Kalkine

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Kalkine Media is helping investors take sound and rational investment decisions in volatile markets while dodging cognitive biases, come rain or shine by offering hot stories and updates across diversified markets and sectors.

Kalkine's Digital Media platform is striving with utmost diligence to keep its readers abreast of the latest developments across equity, debt, currency and commodity markets through publication of relevant and trending market, economic and financial news and work products.

As per Google Analytics, the media platform has clocked a whopping 3.7 million pageviews in the last one year. Besides, organic impressions in the past year stood at an impressive 6.8 million.

On the B2B/sponsored side of business, Kalkine Media has upped the ante by expanding its offerings based on the model of Advertiser-Publisher firm. So much so, the Group has catered to over 130 exclusive clients over past one year , with 65 active clients currently leveraging our services.

Kalkine Media has jumped through hoops, building various cross-functional teams to expand its wings further across the globe. Tapping the burgeoning marketing opportunities amid the virus crisis, Kalkine Media expanded its presence in the UK and New Zealand last year. The Group has recently expanded in the attractive US market, while eyeing to establish a strong footprint in Ireland in the near term.

Recently, Kalkine Media ventured into Kalkine TV - an online streaming financial and stock market news channel, airing a blend of live and recording videos. It covers breaking stories and trending news across equity, commodity, currency, economic and political space, along with educational series. There are also exclusive in-depth interviews from market experts and in-house sector specialists.

Besides, Kalkine Media conducts several comprehensive Investor Events and Webinars, aiming to be a reliable intermediary between investors and sector specialists and ensuring flow of market and business at a dedicated platform. Kalkine Media further aims to spread its wings into different markets and offer a plethora of products providing dedicated guidance to its clients while staying ahead of the curve amidst pandemic-induced volatile scenario.

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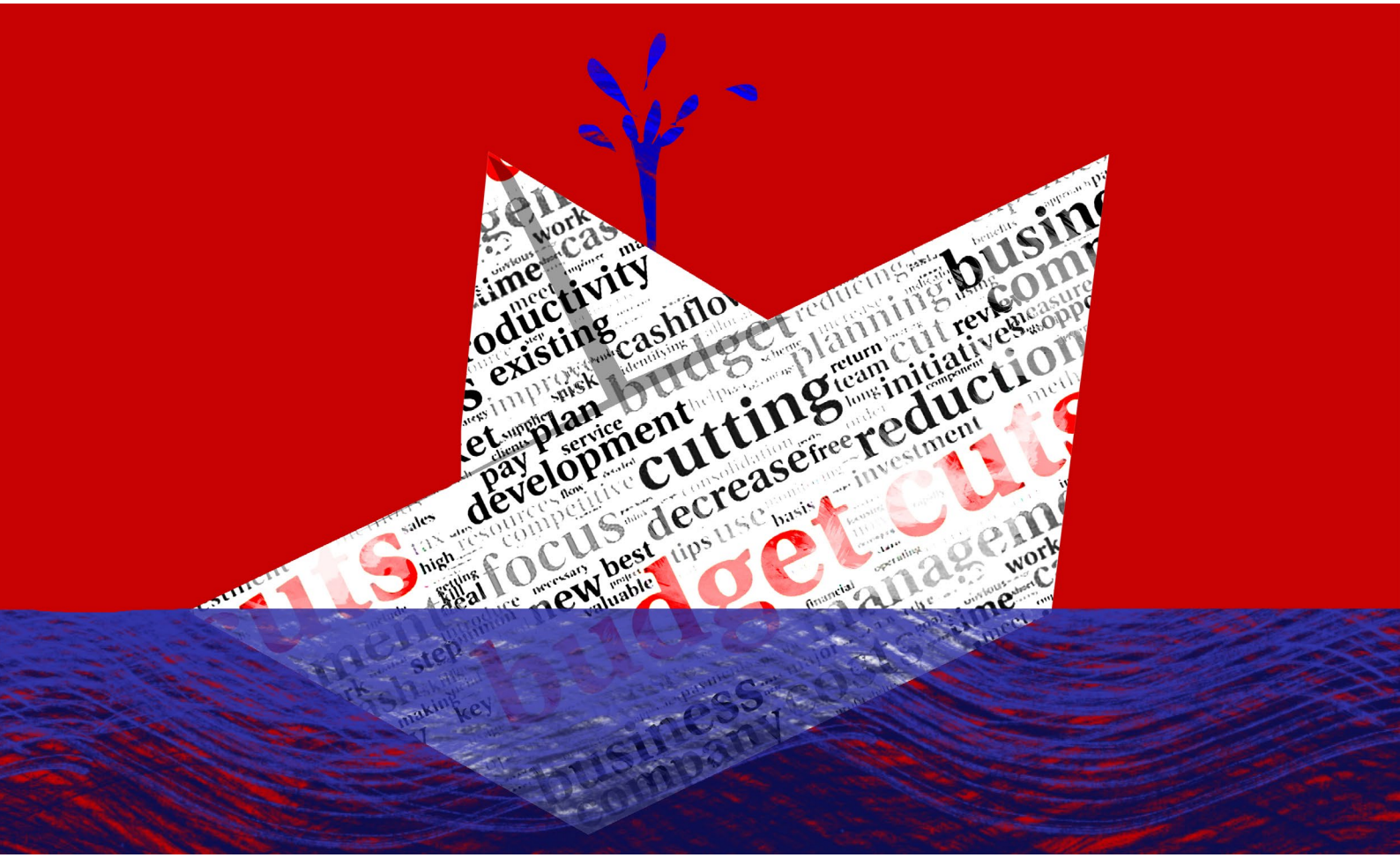

With 35.6% of the AU$589.3 billion Federal Budget 2021-22 by the Scott Morrison government targeted towards the social sector and welfare, some critics suggest that it is a populist budget.

However, in a contrary opinion, it is not. What is a populist budget? A populistic budget, usually aimed at appeasing political voter base, is replete with freebie schemes that do not have any enduring positive impact on the economy or wealth creation.

Notably, the next Australian federal election is slated to be held in or before 2022 – in which people across the country would vote to elect members of the 47th Parliament of Australia. That said, the mandate this time, would be more on how the government has managed the COVID-19 situation.

Not very long ago, Donald Trump's pitch of hypernationalism fell flat in the US,

as his administration goofed up on the COVID-19 mess. In India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has openly batted for Mr Trump's re-election, is facing intense public ire – even within his own party – due to mismanagement of the pandemic. On the contrary, in capitalist South Korea, centre-left President Moon Jae-in, won a resounding mandate as he bid for re-election in 2020: because he managed the situation way better.

Looking at Australia, where the government has performed better than most other countries in battling the pandemic, it is highly unlikely that perceived 'sops' doled out might have an impact on the election. Mr Morrison seems to have quietly strengthened his position amid the pandemic.

Another way to look at it is from the perspective of allocation.

The aged care sector has got a fresh infusion of AU$17.7 billion funding over the next four years with an aim of creating 80,000 new home care packages, bringing the total to 275,000 home care packages available. If it were a populist budget, the government would have preferred sops for younger population, who are more likely to vote going forth – just like the most populist budgets across the globe do. A lot of potential beneficiaries of this additional would not be in a position to vote – including the reasons of death and sickness.

Another key highlight of the budget has been a sharper focus on the women-related issues, with the federal government committing AU$3.4 billion over the next five years. As part of its pledge to deliver a more women-centric budget, half of this additional allocation would go towards boosting childcare subsidies. This, in a way, is investing in the future of the country – for sure, not a populistic measure.

Also, the federal government committed that up to 10 million middle-class people will receive yet another tax offset of up to AU$1,080 in refunds as the scheme has been extended to 2023. Well, in normal economic conditions, this would have been a populist measure. But, as on date, the world is trying to crawl out of a major recession, and middle class, through its consumption spree, has a role to play in it. The billionaire business moguls multiplied their wealth during the pandemic as stimulus got diverted towards stock markets. On the other hand, the working class – which mostly belong to the middle class – was one of the most vulnerable sections of society: they either faced paycuts, job losses, or at least did not get pay hikes. So, pushing for more equitable income distribution should not be seen as a populist measure.

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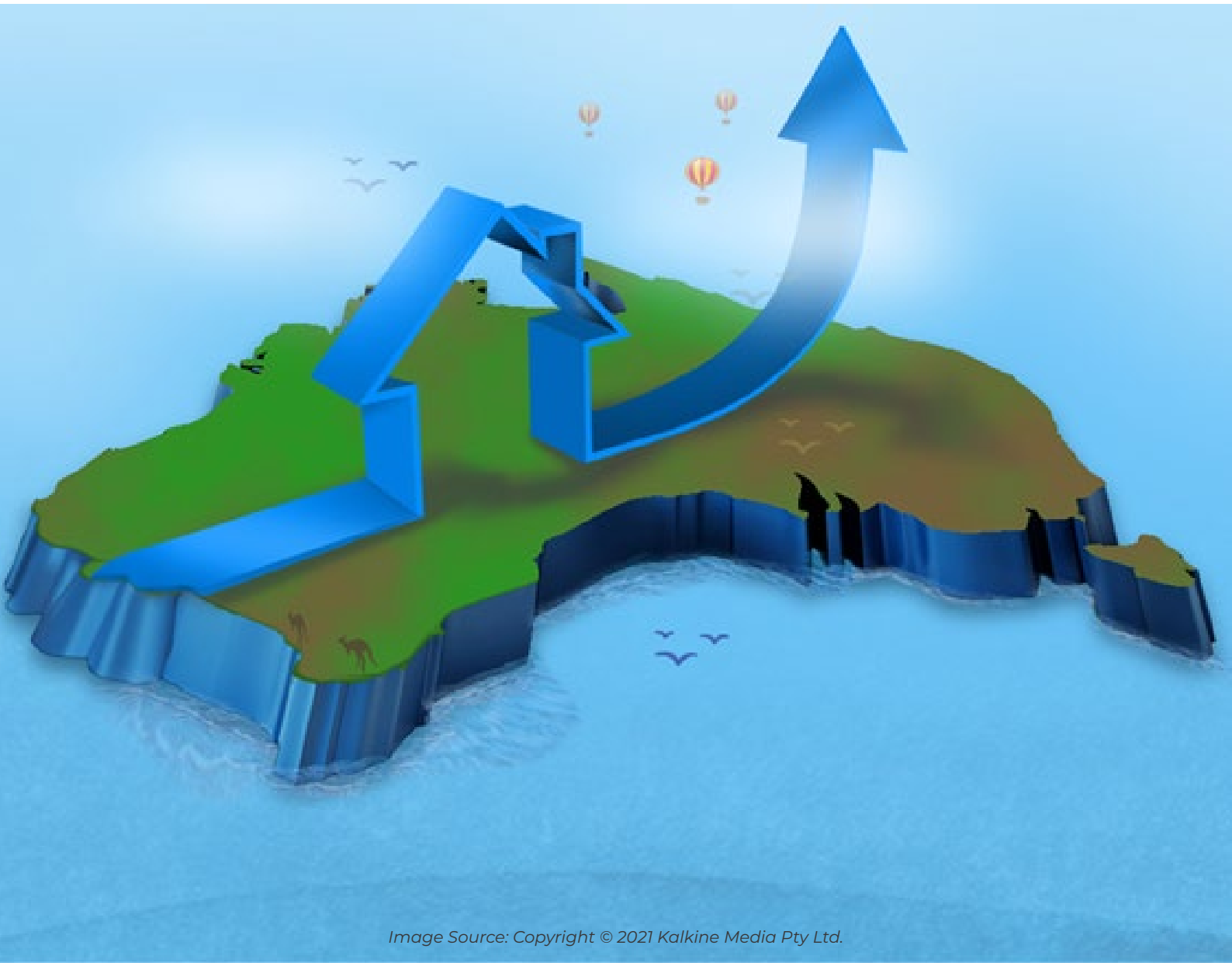
3. AUSTRALIAN PROPERTY MARKET ON FIRE; STOCKS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Australia's prestigious housing market has been running hot since the start of 2021, sparking fears of a potential burst in the property bubble if the runaway price rises continue. The housing prices grew at their fastest pace in over 30 years in March 2021, setting the nation for the "biggest ever property boom".



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When the COVID-19 pandemic took hold a year ago, several experts projected a house price rout. However, the record-low interest rates and unprecedented government stimulus offered in response to the pandemic turned the tables in favour of the property market. In addition, the government initiatives for first-time home buyers and undersupply of new houses delivered a leg up to the property prices.

Will policymakers step in to cool the booming property market?

The exponential rise in Australian property prices over the recent months has piqued the concerns of the central bank and the government. In the latest Financial Stability Review, the central bank highlighted that a surge in asset prices (including property) beyond fundamental values, along with weaker lending standards and significant growth in borrowing, would pose a risk to Australia's financial stability.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) has frequently been expressing concerns over mounting property prices in its monthly Monetary Policy meetings. Looking forward, the RBA would be carefully monitoring trends in the maintenance of lending standards and housing borrowing amidst low-interest rates and surging property prices.

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Additionally, the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) is also keeping a close watch on the property market boom. However, the prudential regulator does not see a need for an immediate intervention amid the current level of mortgage debt and house price growth.

Going forth, it will be interesting to see whether the regulators will use macroprudential tools to cool the red-hot property market or retain the current policy settings to stimulate the economy.

Stocks to watch out for

At a time when property prices are growing at a breakneck speed in Australia, the following ASX-listed stocks can emerge as potential winners in the housing market boom.

Bank stocks

The rock-bottom home loan rates, which have been driving the demand for new houses and property prices in the COVID-19 era, are anticipated to boost mortgage profits of financial institutions. Australia's largest lender Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ASX:CBA), expects an increase of 5 per cent in its home loan book this year, backed by buoyant demand for mortgages.

Potential growth in home loan book is expected to keep the shares of Big Four banks - **Westpac Banking Group (ASX:WBC), National Australia Bank Limited (ASX:NAB), Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ASX:CBA) and Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd (ASX:ANZ)** - in focus in the near future.

Real estate stocks

With property prices soaring to record-high levels, not everyone can afford to buy a house right now. However, one can still jump on the bandwagon by tapping high-quality real estate stocks. Interestingly, the S&P/ASX 200 A-REIT index has delivered an impressive return of over 28 per cent in the last one year despite COVID-19 headwinds.

Investors can keep an eye out on the following ASX-listed REITs and real estate agency stocks in 2021: **Goodman Group (ASX:GMG), Scentre Group (ASX:SCG), Dexus (ASX:DXS), Domain Holdings Australia Limited (ASX:DHG) and PropTech Group (ASX:PTG)**.

Alternative real estate stocks

With the property market putting up a great show for the last few months, investors can also beef up their portfolio with alternative real estate shares instead of traditional ones. Alternative real estate shares are centred around assets like schools, industrial facilities, infrastructure, hospitals, and data centres.

Some of the prominent data centre and logistics shares listed on the ASX include Centuria Industrial REIT (ASX:CIP) and NextDC Ltd (ASX: NXT).

Interestingly, rising property prices have also bolstered the prospects of dividend payments by companies. This has unfurled a promising opportunity for income-seeking investors who faced an uphill struggle due to reduced/eliminated dividends during the pandemic.

3. INSIGHTS FROM A FEW KALKINE CLIENTS

Spacetalk Ltd. (ASX:SPA)

Innovative technologies developer Spacetalk Ltd (ASX:SPA) is a global provider of secure communication solutions for families to stay connected and protected.

Spacetalk offers a range of all-in-one smartphone GPS watches for children and seniors equipped with personalised features, design qualities and best-practice data encryption and privacy technologies to ensure that families remain connected securely.

Telstra partnership

In March 2021 Spacetalk was onboarded by Telstra, Australia's largest MNO, featuring Spacetalk's Adventurer kids smartphone watch in Telstra's core wearables range. Upon completing exhaustive device testing and Telstra certification, Adventurer is now being ranged across all Telstra retail stores in Australia and Telstra online channels.

Telstra is investing considerably in Adventurer's go-to-market, with -

- Joint marketing involving PR, influencer activity, digital marketing and eDM's.
- Spacetalk being included in the Telstra Champions program, involving approximately 100 self-nominated staff members, trained as experts on Spacetalk who will help to drive product knowledge and sales in retail stores.
- High impact retail digital displays and billboards at Telstra's icon stores in Sydney and Melbourne.

Source: SPA Website

Adventurer devices will initially be available for outright purchase or on a Telstra hardware repayment option, significantly reducing the friction of the buying experience – ie. where Telstra customers with a new or existing Telstra service (mobile plan, ADSL, NBN) can add a Spacetalk device to their Telstra account and pay for the Spacetalk devices on their bill over 12 or 24 months.

Telstra is working with Spacetalk towards building a compelling monthly SIM service plan specifically for Spacetalk devices, which will simplify the offering for Spacetalk customers and allow Telstra to add new mobile service subscribers to their network.

B2B2C channel launch for Spacetalk LIFE seniors device

Spacetalk recently opened a B2B2C distribution channel for its LIFE smartphone watch for older people, initially partnering with leading aged care and home care provider ACH Group. The partnership with the ACH Group will expand access to the ground-breaking and affordable Spacetalk LIFE smartphone watch to older Australians; as a wearable safety device eligible for Government funding through the Home Care Program (HCP), Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) or NDIS.

Source: SPA Announcement (19 April 2021)

LIFE features include SOS alert, GPS locator, 4G phone, water (shower) proof, medication and other reminders, step counter, wearer's medical history information for emergency responders, and a carer-family app to allow easy communication and enhanced interactions at the wearer's discretion. Spacetalk announced that on 30 May 2021, LIFE will be enabled with Artificial Intelligence-Enhanced Fall Detection and Medical History Alert functionalities via an over-the-air software update.

LIFE retails for AU$399, c.40% less than other comparable devices. The price reduction will enable the device to be entirely funded by the government under the CHSP, HCP or NDIS.

Besides the B2B2C launch with the ACH Group, LIFE continues to sell retail at JB Hi Fi and Harvey Norman.

Spacetalk's product range:

- **Spacetalk Kids** is the Company's original award-winning all-in-one smartphone watch with GPS for kids aged 5-12, with an approximate 88% market share in the category.
- **Spacetalk Adventurer** the new 4G upgraded kids smartphone watch, with enhanced battery, video and family chat functionalities, providing a new level of independence, peace of mind, and safety for both kids and parents. It is now the market's #1 selling device for kids.
- **Spacetalk Life** is the all-in-one smartphone watch with GPS for older Australians, aimed at supporting the journey of ageing – enhancing independence, healthy living, social connectivity, and safety while providing reassurance and peace of mind to family and friends. It has attracted significant interest from aged care and home care providers, NDIS providers and Occupational Therapists.

Source: SPA Website

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New UK channel partners and imminent US market launch

Whilst cementing its market share leadership in Australia, Spacetalk is now looking to the global market opportunity. In the UK, SPA is advancing brick and mortar rollout and onboarding new mobile network operators (MNOs), spearheaded by the new UK Country Head.

The Company has also flagged US launch plans that remain on track with ongoing partner discussions and go-to-market scheduled for CY2021.

Spacetalk's key objectives

- Growing the top-line with its expanded product suite – original Kids, Adventurer and Life; and channels – bricks and mortar retail, MNO and new geographies.
- Expanding Spacetalk Life for seniors distribution to a B2B2C model, where there is strong partnering interest from aged care and home care providers, NDIS providers and OTs.
- Advancing the Spacetalk App and leveraging the ecosystem's network effect to enhance user engagement and grow both device sales and Annualized Recurring Revenues (ARR).
- Growing into the global market opportunity - in the UK, progressing a launch with substantial new mobile network operators and/or bricks and mortar retail; and in the USA with an exciting go-to-market planned for CY21.
- Improving operating cost efficiencies, with the aim of acquiring new customers at a lower cost.

Fiducian Group Ltd. (ASX:FID)

The Fiducian Group Limited (ASX:FID) is an ASX-listed specialist financial services organisation that continues to deliver premium wealth services and solutions to its clients. The Company is listed on the ASX with a market cap of over A$200 million.

In an exclusive interview with Kalkine, Fiducian's Executive Chairman Inderjit Singh and Head of Financial Planning Robby Southall break down the pandemic's impact on financial advice industry and explain how the company enjoys a unique position with FORCe software being its USP.

- **Covid-19 has structurally changed the way many businesses operate, how is the financial advice industry coping?**

Following radical industry structural change, Fiducian believes that the financial advice profession will emerge stronger, leaner and full of opportunities for dedicated, high quality financial advisers to prosper. We see massive opportunities for financial planners who have previously been hamstrung as employees of big licensees. Many are keen to now run their own business, others may choose a new home and for others, given the new educational requirements, they may be looking to sell. For Fiducian, this translates into an acceleration of the expansion strategy it launched around four years ago to acquire client bases and as well, welcome good advisers and practices that can benefit from Fiducian's expertise gained over 25 years of successful compliant business operations.

- **How does technological capability of advice businesses benefit a company like Fiducian?**

Perhaps resulting from a reassessment of personal priorities during the COVID pandemic or the stress of industry upheaval, lifestyle flexibility is increasingly important to many advice professionals. The technological capability of advice businesses like Fiducian, with its in-house investment team, proprietary software and adviser-led design process can benefit not only ambitious advisers keen to build a business but also those looking to maximize revenue opportunities.

Robby Southall
Head of Financial Planning

"From a purely commercial view, our operating model enables advisers to help more clients achieve their financial goals in a more compliant way and generate more revenue for themselves," says Robby Southall head of financial planning.

However, not all advisers want that. And because our systems and support make them more productive, they have **flexibility** to do more of whatever's important – whether it's spending more time with their kids or more time with

family or attaining greater work/life balance."

- **What is the USP of the Fiducian Adviser Software FORce? How does it uniquely position your company?**

FORCe is a Fiducian proprietary advice software solution for financial advisers. While FORCe provides the full range of strategic financial plan construction tools, CRM and reporting functionalities it is significantly more affordable than other systems and better suited to boutique AFSLs. FORCe is easy to setup. It generates advice documents, provides workflow modules to control and manage client relationships and is one of a few systems that directly interacts with platforms and portfolio reporting systems.

Inderjit (Indy) Singh
Executive Chairman

The Fiducian Platform "FASTrack" is a robust and proven efficient platform system that helps financial planners to engage with and manage their client portfolios, with push button B to C transaction execution and ongoing reviews. Powerful modules provide compliance alerts and enable client-adviser communication for full control of investments.

- **How is Fiducian unique in terms of the support structure to aid the financial planners?**

Fiducian has the structure to support financial planners with big, small or growing client bases. Training, practice management, legal assistance, compliance, researched top performing investment products, development of marketing programs to generate new leads, personalised website construction, financial assistance to help advisers leverage up the scale of their businesses and other services are provided to advisers who wish to deliver a higher level of skilful service to their clients and maximize their own revenue opportunities.

4. IMPORTANT CRYPTO EXCHANGES ACROSS THE WORLD

Cryptocurrency Exchange	Country
Binance	China
XT	Hong Kong
Upbit	South Korea
ZG.com	Singapore
Huboi Global	China
Bitforex	US
Coinbase	US
Kraken	US
Gemini	US
Bitfinex	China
Bitbuy	Canada
Bithumb	South Korea
CEX.io	UK
Bitbank	Japan

5. COINBASE LISTING: THE HOTTEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE CRYPTO SPACE

On April 14, Coinbase became the first US-based cryptocurrency exchange platform to go public on the Nasdaq stock exchange under the ticker 'COIN'. Nearly a week before its listing, the company posted total revenue of US$1.8 billion.

The investors' sentiment around the much-anticipated listing of Coinbase received an impetus after the company released its first-quarter earnings on Tuesday (April 6). The impressive revenue numbers clocked by the US-based company paved the way for a strong debut on the Nasdaq, according to market analysts.

When it went public, the company had approximately 261.3 million shares outstanding, which included all Class A and B shares, plus all outstanding stock options and restricted stock units.

Class A and B shares are identical, the only difference being that class B shares have greater voting rights and are convertible to class A shares by the holder at any point in time.

The company went public via an eagerly

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awaited direct listing route, shying away from the traditional route of IPO. The direct listing route allows the company to start selling its shares directly in the secondary market instead of raising cash by selling new shares to a group of institutional investors in the primary market.

For this, NASDAQ set the reference price of US$250 for the company's share price for direct listing, valuing it at around US$65.3 billion.

What does the company do?

Founded in 2012 by former Goldman Sachs Group Inc trader Fred Ehrsam and former Airbnb Inc engineer Brian Armstrong, Coinbase provides a platform for the buying and selling of Bitcoin along with 29 other cryptocurrencies. Valued at $65.3 billion just prior to the listing, the company makes money by charging a transaction fee every time a user buys, sells, or exchanges cryptocurrency.

Coinbase value skyrocketed at listing

Quite often, a cloud of suspicion hovers over the cryptocurrency exchange platforms for a number of reasons like shady operations, technical glitches, suspicious trading activity, etc. However, the Coinbase IPO is a step towards its legitimacy and might just get an upper hand being an early mover for the large-scale operations. Further, the more-than-healthy revenue figures speak volumes for this only listed crypto player.

Nearly a week before its listing, the company posted healthy revenue of US$1.8 billion and a net income of approximately US$730 million to US$800 million. It also confirmed an ever-growing user base of 56 million verified customers.

The Q1 revenue figures which were higher than what the company made in the last two years combined, established a strong narrative around the Coinbase listing and might have influenced the value of its shares. In simple words, revenue was not much of a big deal as compared to its timing (just before the listing).

Also, investors are valuing the company more than many analysts on Wall Street. On the listing day, Coinbase shares ended their first day of trading at US$328.28 apiece, falling below their opening price of US$381.

Coinbase's closing level on the first day of listing gave it a fully diluted valuation of nearly US$86 billion. Earlier in the day, the stock's valuation easily exceeded US$100 billion, after touching an astounding high of US$429.54 within minutes of its opening trade.

These high valuations could also be attributed to the fact that there are no alternatives for retail investors in the listed space as of now.

6. ARCHEGOS MELTDOWN REVEALS THE MURKY UNDERBELLY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS

The meltdown at Archegos Capital Management, which revealed the underbelly of the Wall Street, has left everyone in the world of finance with more of questions than answers.

In late March, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley started selling multibillion-dollar positions in US and Chinese stocks – which were on behalf of an unnamed investment fund that had failed a "margin call". Much of these positions were reported to be in the form of derivates. As selling started, the shares tumbled, and the banks that dealt with "the investment fund" started facing losses. Later, the fund in question was revealed to be Archegos.

Archegos is founded by Bill Hwang, a former Tiger Management hedge fund manager. The Korean-born and New York-based investor is famous for employing high degrees of leverage. His risk-taking appetite seems to be more to be on the higher side – way higher. After suffering heavy losses in the 2008 global financial crisis, he was embroiled in an insider trading scandal. In 2012, he had to cough up US$44 million as settlement charges to the US Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) for the case. Again in 2014, he was barred from trading in Hong Kong for four years.

In spite of Archegos being a completely opaque family office with a founder of dubious reputation (who had a history of regulatory run-ins), some of the world's largest investment banks -- Credit Suisse Group AG, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Deutsche Bank, Nomura Holdings Inc – allowed it hefty leverage to the tune of billions of dollars. Till now, the losses from this meltdown have topped US$7.7 for just three of these bulge-bracket banks.

Credit Suisse booked losses of CHF4.4 billion (US$4.8 billion) from this meltdown, while Nomura has pegged the losses to be around US$2 billion. The bloodbath cost Morgan Stanley US$911 million.

Most Wall Street banks came under scrutiny after the global financial crisis. However, it is worth wondering, what were these banking thinking while letting Mr Hwang leverage billions of dollars.

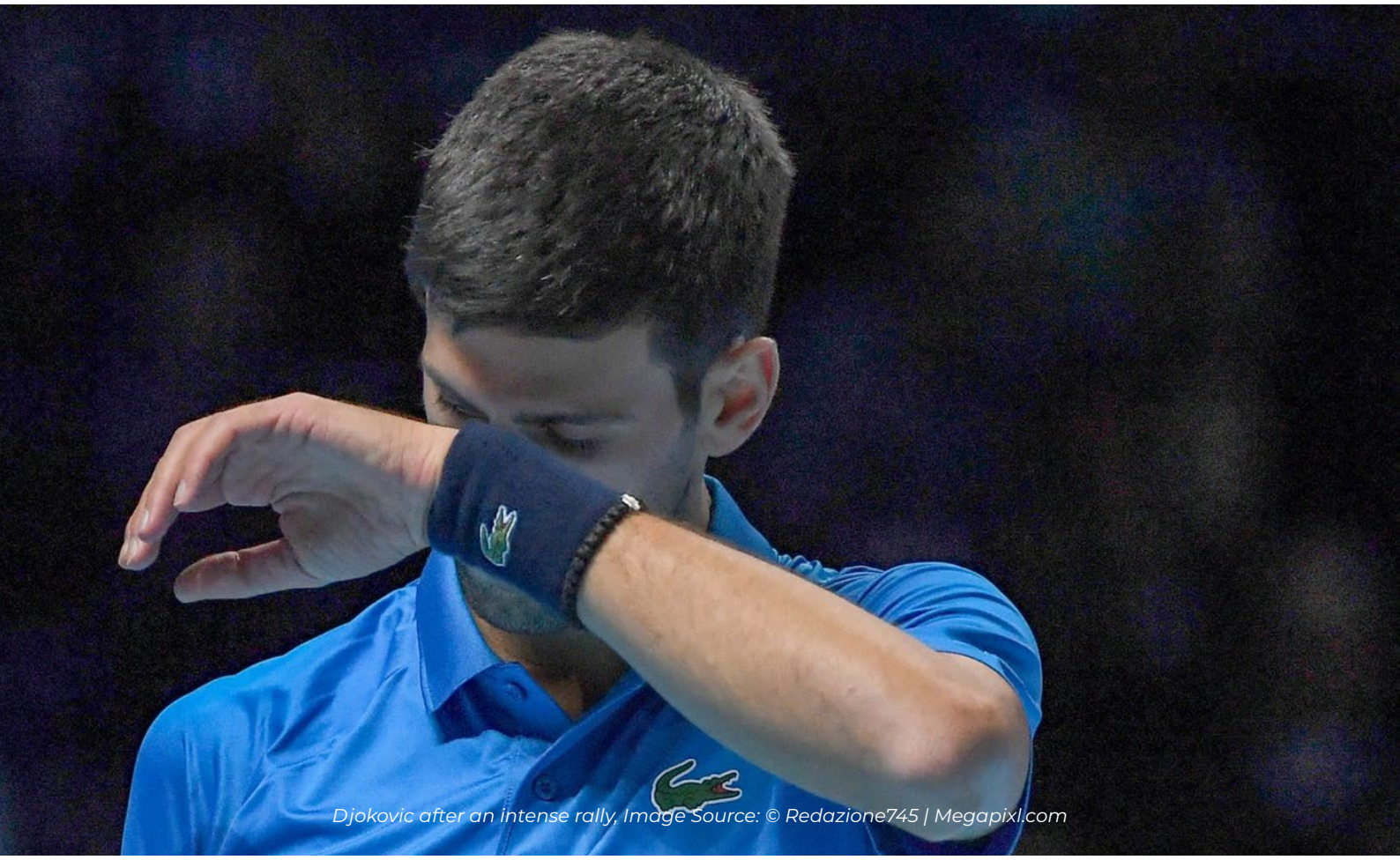
While the losses from the meltdown are still being calculated, the estimates peg it to be the biggest hedge fund meltdown in at least 23 years since the Long-Term Capital Management fiasco.

7. TENNIS SUPER STAR DJOKOVIC'S SECRET SAUCE HAS NO GLUTEN IN IT!

They say one right move is better than several large steps taken haphazardly in the wrong direction. The maxim seems to be downright valid for the Serbian tennis star, Novak Djokovic, who celebrates his "biggest ever achievement" by holding the No. 1 singles rank for a record number of weeks.

Undoubtedly, Djokovic, who is one of the greatest players in the history of tennis, had an abundance of skills and incredible movement on the court. But it didn't satiate his appetite to the rule the tennis world. Despite that, he thought it was necessary to make some crucial diet changes. Now known as the secret sauce for his success, the dietary shift allowed him to overcome the exigencies of fitness he lacked to slam the door on his opponents during the critical matches.

2018 Us Open Champion Novak Djokovic Of Serbia Posing With Us Open Trophy During Trophy, Image Source: © Zhukovsky | Megapixl.com



Djokovic after an intense rally, Image Source: © Redazione745 | Megapixl.com

What was the Sticking Point?

In his book 'Serve to Win', Novak Djokovic unveiled how his diet served as a decisive factor to overcome health issues faced during the matches. He later quoted it as 'formula' rather than 'secret elixir or potion' that has carved his success story.

However, before the diet changes, several health impediments caused Djokovic to collapse and even retire when he was feeling ill. But it does not mean that he was not into some strict fitness regime needed to be a top-rank professional athlete.

From workouts to food and drink, everything was a part of a typical program meant for keeping him in a perfect shape. Nevertheless, he faced exhaustion, affecting his overall performance and journey to become the top tennis star.

In response, Djokovic undertook several counteractive measures such as changing trainers, taking up medications, and even undergoing nasal surgery to eliminate the issue, but to no avail.

How One Change Brought A Major Transformation?

The shift followed one critical diagnosis, which highlighted Djokovic's allergy to wheat products. Thus, he ousted both gluten and dairy products from his foods and instead focussed on vegetables, lean meat, fish, healthy nuts, and oils.

Gluten Free Food, Image Source: © Baibaz | Megapixl.com

However, the tennis star, who rose to fame on the back of consistent efforts and strict adherence, does not depend on one particular strategy when it comes to diet. Instead, the overall mantra is woven around nutritional value. Furthermore, workouts, training sessions, and stretching performed without fail, continue to bolster Djokovic's legacy in the tennis world.

It has been several years since Djokovic got accustomed to the new dietary lifestyle, yet the 18-time Grand Slam winner continues to break world records. While following such a rigorous lifestyle may be out of the question for most of us, the consistency of hard work and dedication towards his goal is a massive source of inspiration.

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