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Smith Micro Software, Inc. (NASDAQ: SMSI)

May 6, 2021

Buy: Q1 Results; Increase Price Target to \$11.40

We reiterate our Buy recommendation of Smith Micro Software and increase our price target to \$11.40 per share from \$11.10 per share. With the acquisitions of its two major competitors, Smith is an undisputed market-share leader in family safety services for the wireless market. The recently completed purchase of the Family Safety Mobile business from Avast reduces customer concentration, adds important intellectual property, provides a base for expansion into international markets, and sets up the potential for product line expansion, particularly into home and IoT services.

Q1 revenue and EBITDA exceeded our expectations. Revenue of \$11.4 million was higher than our \$11.0 estimate and EBITDA of \$887 thousand was better than our \$681 thousand estimate.

We have raised our revenue estimates for this year and next. For this year, we are now expecting revenue of \$60.6 million versus our prior estimate of \$60.4 million, and for 2022, our estimated revenue is increased to \$82.4 million from \$79.7 million. The higher revenue estimate for 2022 results in an increased price target, using the same EV/sales multiple of 7.1x.

We expect the key growth driver to be the Family Safety business, which comprises the SafePath platform and the Family Safety business acquired from Avast. Revenue from the Avast acquisition should begin this quarter, and the company is optimistic it can accelerate revenue with the platform's major customer, Verizon. SafePath 7.0 will launch at T-Mobile in the coming weeks or months, and this should accelerate growth at that customer. We also expect the launch to stave off the decline recently experienced by customers migrating from the Sprint network to the T-Mobile network as those customers will now have the option of continuing their family safety plan on the T-Mobile network.

We have adjusted our gross margin estimates downward to reflect a greater than expected contribution from the acquired Avast business and higher than expected costs for SafePath 7.0. However, we expect gross margins to improve beginning Q3 and ultimately approach or achieve the 90% level seen in 2019 and 2020.

Valuation: Our price target of \$11.40 is based on an EV/Sales multiple of 7.1x our 2022 revenue estimate of \$82.4 million. Shares of a comp group of other software and software-as-a-service vendors trade between 1.9x and 9.3x FTM sales (based on FactSet estimates). We have chosen a target multiple towards the higher end of the range because of Smith's dominance in its sector and a robust outlook.

Risks: Risks to achieving our price target include declines in the CommSuite product line, disruptions from the T- Mobile acquisition of Sprint, integration of the Family Safety business, continuing impacts of the COVID pandemic and customer concentration.

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Current Price						\$5.36
Price Target						\$11.40
Estimates	F	2020A	F	2021E	F	2022E
Revenues (\$000s)	\$	51,300	\$ (60,634 E	\$	82,356
1Q March	\$	13,322		l1,381 A	\$	18,320
2Q June	\$	12,933		15,094 E	\$	19,611
3Q September	\$	12,629		16,465 E	\$	21,300
4Q December	\$	12,416		17,694 E	\$	23,125
		2020A		2021E		2022E
EBITDA (\$000s)	\$	11,093	\$	2,095 E	\$	15,828
1Q March	\$	4,153	\$	887 A	\$	1,735
2Q June	\$	3,204	\$	(995)E	\$	2,966
3Q September	\$	2,030	\$	548 E	\$	4,663
4Q December	\$	1,706	\$	1,656 E	\$	6,464
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EPS-GAAP	\$	0.10	\$	(0.31)	\$	(0.05)
EPS-PF	\$	0.26	\$	0.02	\$	0.27
Stock Data		4				
52-Week Range		\$3.50		-		\$8.05
Shares Outstanding (mil.)						53.2
Market Capitalization (mil	.)					\$285
Enterprise Value (mil.)						\$262
Debt to Capital						8%
Book Value/Share						\$1.42
Price/Book						3.8x
Average Three Months Tra	adiı	ng Volun	ne (K)		1,274
Insider Ownership						14.6%
Institutional Ownership						21.3%
Short interest (mil.)						2.6%
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O1 Results

Q1 revenue and EBITDA exceeded our expectations. Revenue of \$11.4 million was higher than our \$11.0 estimate and EBITDA of \$887 thousand was better than our \$681 thousand estimate. Gross margin was lower than forecast as costs were higher to launch SafePath 7.0. Opex was higher than we modeled by \$2.3 million. \$1.5 million of this delta was driven by the accelerated amortization of intangible assets related to the modification of a customer contract. This modification also resulted in a \$600 thousand benefit to revenue.

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Revenue COGS	\$	11,381 1,545	\$	11,016 1,212	3%
Gross Profit		9,836 86%		9,804 89%	0%
SG&A R&D G&A		4,232 5,183		2,781 5,000 3,060	
Opex		3,658 13,073		10,847	21%
Operating Income	\$	(3,237)	\$		-210%
Interest Income		8		129	
Other Income (Expense)		4		0	
Pretax Income		(3,225)		(915)	-252%
Taxes		0		25	
Net Income		(3,225)		(940)	
Basic Shares		43,368		46,516	
Diluted Shares		45,892		46,516	
Basic EPS	\$	(0.07)	\$	(0.02)	
Diluted EPS	\$	(0.07)	\$	(0.02)	-250%
Stock Comp		1,016		812	
Amortization		2,298		715	
Other		611		0	
Non-GAAP Net Income Non-GAAP EPS	\$	700 0.02	\$	587 0.01	
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Operating Income		(3,237)		(1,043)	
Depreciation & Amortization		2,497		906	
Stock Comp		1,016		812	
Other EBITDA	\$	611 887	\$	6 681	30%
Margin	ų.	7.8%	Ψ	6.2%	30.76

Source: Smith Micro Software, Inc. and Dawson James Securities estimates.

Outlook

We have modeled SafePath at T-Mobile to decline in the first half of this year and resume growth in the second half. This is partly driven by the waning impacts of the pandemic but mostly from the introduction of SafePath 7.0 to the combined Sprint/T-Mobile customer base. CommSuite is modeled to decline this year and next, but to date, Smith has done an excellent job staving off the expected decline.

Revenue. \$ in M	2020A		2021E		2022E	
Family Safety *	\$	28.0	\$	40.9	\$	65.1
CommSuite	\$	18.2	\$	14.9	\$	12.1
ViewSpot	\$	4.2	\$	4.7	\$	5.1
Other	\$	0.9	\$	0.1	\$	0.1
Total	\$	51.3	\$	60.6	\$	82.4

^{*}The Family Safety segment includes SafePath and the Avast Family Safety business

Source: Smith Micro Software, Inc. and Dawson James Securities estimates.



We assume continued growth in 2022. This is partly due to the assumed elimination of the pandemic on the economy as well as the Fed's loose monetary policy driving robust economic growth. There are three new customers for SafePath launching this year that should provide a meaningful revenue contribution in 2022.

The integration of the Family Safety business acquired from Avast presents some managerial and modeling challenges. The Avast Family Safety Mobile business in 2020 generated \$36.6 million in revenue from five mobile operators. Smith estimates recurring revenue this year of \$18 to \$19 million. Recurring revenue excludes any contribution from Sprint, which has been migrating to SafePath, and AT&T. EBITDA for the Family Safety business was about \$6 million in 2020. This excludes a \$1.2 million restructuring expense and was down sharply from \$13 million in 2019. The decline reflects a drop in revenues from \$44 million in 2019 to \$37 million in 2020, while expenses, excluding the restructuring charge, were mostly fixed.

Much of the decline in the Family Safety business was due to the loss of the Sprint contract to Smith Micro. Combining the Family Safety revenue with the SafePath revenue, the pro forma combined revenue (excluding ViewSpot and CommSuite) in 2019 was \$62 million and in 2020 \$65 million. This is 5% growth in a year impacted by the pandemic.

One of the major challenges for Smith Micro will be expense control as the legacy contracts acquired from Avast expire. In our model, we have included only recurring revenue beginning in Q2 and have assumed some reduction in the expense run rate due to the restructuring actions taken prior to the acquisition as well as assumed expense reduction as revenue from legacy customers wanes. However, expenses are typically stickier than revenue, so it is possible we have been too optimistic on our expenses. We believe if this is the case, it will be offset by our omission of legacy revenue this year, which will be greater than what we have included in our estimates. That is, greater than zero.

For this year, we assume more than \$15 million in revenue from the Family Safety acquisition for the almost three quarters of the year it is owned by Smith. For now, we are assuming a minimal incremental EBITDA contribution. As pointed out above, we have assumed some expense reduction of the Family Safety business from the 2020 levels and zero contribution from legacy contracts. A non-zero revenue contribution from legacy should provide some revenue and EBITDA upside to our estimates.

We expect 2022 to be a growth year as the pandemic is put behind us and the Fed's loose monetary policy drives robust growth.

We have increased our revenue estimates for this year and next but lowered our EPS and EBITDA estimates. The lower estimated gross margin is the primary cause of the reduced EPS and EBITDA estimates. We also believe we have been conservative in our modeling of expenses and believe there could be upside to our EPS and EBITDA estimates if the company controls expenses more aggressively than we forecast.

	2021E							
	Old		New		Old	New		
Revenue (\$M)	\$ 60.4	\$	60.6	\$	79.7	\$	82.4	
Non-GAAP EPS	\$ 0.10	\$	0.02	\$	0.31	\$	0.27	
EBITDA (\$M)	\$ 5.7	\$	2.1	\$	17.1	\$	15.8	

Source: Dawson James Securities estimates.



Valuation

Our price target of \$11.40 is based on an EV/Sales multiple of 7.1x our 2022 revenue estimate of \$79.7 million. Shares of a comp group of other software and software-as-a-service vendors trade between 1.9x and 9.3x FTM sales (based on FactSet estimates). We have chosen a target multiple towards the higher end of the range because of Smith's dominance in its sector and a robust outlook.

				F	Rev. EstFTM	EV/	EBITDA Est.	EV/
	Company Name	Price	EV (\$M)		(\$M)	FTM Sales	FTM (\$M)	FTM EBITDA
PTC	PTC Inc.	\$ 130.90	\$ 16,568.5	\$	1,780.9	9.3	\$ 564.8	29.3
PHUN	Phunware, Inc.	\$ 1.46	\$ 112.7	\$	13.00	8.7	\$ (8.19)	(13.8)
CRM	salesforce.com, inc.	\$ 215.40	\$ 194,465.8	\$	25,777.7	7.5	\$ 7,607.0	25.6
VERI	Veritone, Inc.	\$ 19.58	\$ 539.5	\$	85.4	6.3	\$ (21.9)	(24.7)
UPLD	Upland Software, Inc.	\$ 46.61	\$ 1,708.0	\$	308.9	5.5	\$ 99.7	17.1
VMW	VMware, Inc. Class A	\$ 160.04	\$ 68,595.4	\$	12,740.8	5.4	\$ 4,423.1	15.5
ECOM	Channeladvisor Corporation	\$ 21.22	\$ 545.1	\$	155.6	3.5	\$ 33.3	16.4
EGAN	eGain Corporation	\$ 9.40	\$ 243.3	\$	79.8	3.0	\$ 2.8	86.0
SEAC	SeaChange International, Inc.	\$ 1.07	\$ 54.0	\$	25.2	2.1	\$ (12.9)	(4.2)
QUMU	Qumu Corporation	\$ 5.44	\$ 69.9	\$	36.8	1.9	\$ (10.3)	(6.8)
SMSI	Smith Micro Software, Inc.	\$ 5.36	\$ 261.7	\$	68.1	3.8	\$ 6.8	38.5

Source: FactSet and Dawson James Securities estimates.

Risk Analysis

Risks to achieving our price target include declines in the CommSuite product line, disruptions from the T- Mobile acquisition of Sprint, integration of the Family Safety business, continuing impacts of the COVID pandemic and customer concentration.



Exhibit 1. Income Statement

\$ in 000's	FY2018		FY2019	FY2020		Q1 21A	(Q2 21E	(Q3 21E	C	Q4 21 E	F	Y2021E	F	Y2022E
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Revenue	\$ 26,28		\$ 43,346	\$ 51,300	\$	11,381	\$	15,094	\$	16,465	\$	17,694	\$	60,634	\$	82,356
COGS	4,33		3,926	5,190		1,545		2,670		2,799		2,920		9,934		11,910
Gross Profit	21,9		39,420	46,110		9,836		12,424		13,666		14,774		50,700		70,446
	84	1%	91%	89.9%		86.4%		82.3%		83.0%		83.5%		83.6%		85.5%
SG&A	5,78	34	7,517	10,704		4,232		5,925		5,625		5,625		21,406		23,668
R&D	8,60		11,682	19,076		5,183		7,256		7,256		7,256		26,952		29,025
G&A	8,60	200	9,922	12,795		3,658		5,121		5,121		4,871		18,772		20,459
Restructuring	17	3	194	15		0		0		0		0		0		0
Opex	23,16	66	29,315	42,590		13,073		18,302		18,002		17,752		67,130		73,152
Operating Income	\$ (1,2	3)	\$ 10,105	\$ 3,520	\$	(3,237)	\$	(5,878)	\$	(4,336)	\$	(2,978)	\$	(16,429)	\$	(2,706
Interest Income		0	229	97		8		223		77		80		388		321
Interest Expense	(47		0	0		0		0		0		0		0		021
Change in Warrant Liability	(8		0	ő		0		0		0		0		0		0
Other Income (Expense)	(23	2.5	468	709		4		0		0		0		4		0
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Pretax Income	(2,72		10,802	4,326		(3,225)		(5,655)		(4,259)		(2,898)		(16,037)		(2,385
Taxes	The state of the s	2	80	161		0		25		25		25		75		100
Net Income	(2,74	2005	10,722	4,165		(3,225)		(5,680)		(4,284)		(2,923)		(16,112)		(2,485
Preferred Dividends	(40		(120)	0	-	0		0	_	0		0		0		0
Net to Common	\$ (3,14	4)	\$ 10,602	\$ 4,165	\$	(3,225)	\$	(5,680)	\$	(4,284)	\$	(2,923)	\$	(16,112)	\$	(2,485
Basic Shares	22,32	2	34,490	40,806		43,368		52,468		53,248		53,348		50,608		53,699
Diluted Shares	22,32	10000	36,968	42,901		45,892		52,468		53,248		53,348		51,239		53,699
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Basic EPS	\$ (0.	2)	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.10	\$	(0.07)	\$	(0.11)	\$	(80.0)	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.32)	\$	(0.05
Diluted EPS	\$ (0.	2)	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.10	\$	(0.07)	\$	(0.11)	\$	(80.0)	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.31)	\$	(0.05
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Stock Comp	93		1,494	3,063		1,016		1,524		1,524		1,524		5,588		6,096
Amortization	24		932	2,920		2,298		3,023		3,023		2,773		11,117		11,092
Other	1,89	7000	(212)	918		611		0		0		1 274		611		14 702
Non-GAAP Net Income Non-GAAP EPS		(7) (0)	12,816 \$ 0.35	11,066 \$ 0.26	\$	700	•	(1,133)	•	263 0.00	2	1,374	\$	1,204	\$	14,703 0.27
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Operating Income	(1,2	3)	10,105	3,520		(3,237)		(5,878)		(4,336)		(2,978)		(16,429)		(2,706
Depreciation & Amort.	7	1000	1,341	3,582		2,497		3,360		3,360		3,110		12,326		12,438
Stock Comp	93	35	1,494	3,064		1,016		1,524		1,524		1,524		5,588		6,096
Other	17	3	194	927		611		0		0		0		611		0
EBITDA	\$ 6		\$ 13,134	\$ 11,093	\$	887	\$	(995)	\$	548	\$	1,656		2,095	\$	15,828
Margin	2.6	6%	30.3%	21.6%		7.8%		-6.6%		3.3%		9.4%		3.5%		19.2%
	FY2018		FY2019	FY2020	(Q1 21A	(Q2 21E	(Q3 21E	C	Q4 21 E	F	Y2021E	F	Y2022E
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Revenue COGS	100.0		100.0% 9.1%			100.0% 13.6%		100.0% 17.7%		100.0% 17.0%		100.0% 16.5%		100.0% 16.4%		100.0% 14.5%
Gross Profit	83.5		90.9%	89.9%		86.4%		82.3%		83.0%		83.5%		83.6%		85.5%
SG&A	22.0		17.3%			37.2%		39.3%		34.2%		31.8%		35.3%		28.7%
R&D	32.7		27.0%	37.2%		45.5%		48.1%		44.1%		41.0%	1	44.4%		35.2%
G&A	32.7		22.9%			32.1%		33.9%		31.1%		27.5%		31.0%		24.8%
Opex Operating Income	88.		67.6%			114.9%		121.3%		109.3%		100.3% -16.8%		110.7%		88.8%
Operating income	-4.6	70	23.3%	6.9%		-28.4%		-38.9%		-26.3%		-10.8%		-27.1%		-3.3%
Interest Income	0.0)%	0.5%	0.2%		0.1%		1.5%		0.5%		0.5%		0.6%		0.4%
Interest Expense	-1.8	200	0.0%			0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.09
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Pretax Income	-10.4	(0.05)	24.9%	8.4%		-28.3%		-37.5%		-25.9%		-16.4%		-26.4%		-2.9%
Tax Rate Net Income	-0.4 -10.4	2010	0.7% 24.7%	7.00		0.0%		-0.4% -37.6%		-0.6% -26.0%		-0.9% -16.5%	1	-0.5% -26.6%		-4.2% -3.0%
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Y/Y																
Revenue	14.4		64.9%			-14.6%		16.7%		30.4%		42.5%		18.2%		35.8%
Opex	-1.7		26.5%			28.3%		77.9%		62.1%		61.3%	1	57.6%		9.0%
Operating Income	78.6		933.1%			-265.2%		-526.9%		Lge		Lge		-566.7%		-83.5%
Net Income	58.9	1%	491.3%	-61.2%	I	-257.7%		-511.9%		Lge		-603.9%	1	-486.8%		84.6%

Source: Smith Micro Software, Inc. and Dawson James Securities estimates



Exhibit 2. Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement

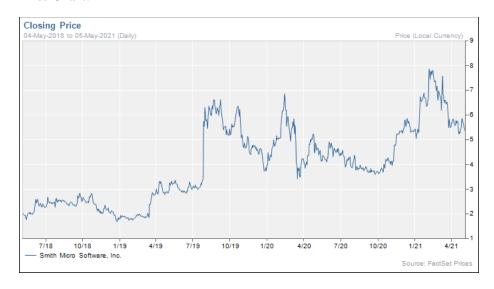
(\$ in 000's)										
	F	Y2018	F	Y2019	F	Y2020	F	Y2021E	F	Y2022E
Cook		12 150		20 260		25 754		24 572		50 110
Cash		12,159		28,268		25,754		34,573		50,118
A/R		7,130		10,894		12,347		16,482		21,541
Prepaid Expenses & Other	•	795	•	802	•	1,189	•	1,412	•	1,845
Current Assets	\$	20,084	\$	39,964	\$	39,290	\$	52,467	\$	73,504
Equipment & Improvements		865		2,109		2,170		2,361		1,190
Right-of-use asset		0		6,464		5,785		5,690		5,690
Deferred Tax Assets		191		94		0		0		0
Other		140		234		694		679		679
Intangible Assets		238		4,535		12,698		35,081		23,989
Goodwill		3,685		7,797		12,266		45,359		45,359
Total Assets	\$	25,203	\$	61,197	\$	72,903	\$	141,637	\$	150,411
A/P		1,160		2,050		2,282		3,190		4,169
Accrued Payroll & Benefits		1,745		2,107		2,867		6,851		8,953
Operating Lease		0		1,221		1,433		1,427		1,427
Other Accrued Liab.		450		244		216		3,512		4,590
Deferred Revenue		28		98		1,572		1,436		1,877
Current Liabilities	\$	3,383	\$	5,720	\$	8,370	\$	16,415	\$	21,016
Lease Liabilities		0		5,774		4,805		4,627		4,627
Deferred Rent		723		885		887		1,314		1,717
Other LT Liabilities		534		134		125		194		254
Equity	\$	20,563	\$	48,684	\$	58,716	\$	119,086	\$	122,797
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$	25,203	\$	61,197	\$	72,903	\$	141,637	\$	150,411
	F	Y2018	F	Y2019	F	-Y2020	F	Y2021E	F	Y2022E
Net Income		(2,740)		10,722		4,165		(16,112)		(2,485)
Depreciation & Amortization		779		1,341		3,582		12,326		12,438
Stock Comp		935		1,494		3,064		5,588		6,096
Working Capital & Other		(1,848)		(3,569)		(2,887)		3,281		(429)
Operating CF	\$	(2,874)	\$	9,988	\$	7,924	\$	5,083	\$	15,620
Сарх		(173)		(1,659)		(1,323)		(321)		(175)
Acquisitions		0		(3,974)		(13,500)		(56,000)		0
Other		0		370		142		11		0
Investing Activities	\$	(173)	\$	(5,263)	\$	(14,681)	\$	(56,310)	\$	(175)
Equity		17,605		11,503		4,214		60,013		100
Debt		(4,200)		0		0		0		0
Other		(404)		(119)		29		34		0
Financing	\$	13,001	\$	11,384	\$	4,243	\$	60,047	\$	100
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Source: Smith Micro Software, Inc. and Dawson James Securities estimates



Important Disclosures:

Price Chart:



Price target and ratings changes over the past three years:

Initiated – Buy – May 4, 2021 – Price Target \$11.10

Price Target Change – Buy – May 6, 2021 – Price Target changed from \$11.10 to \$11.40

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