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A few edits in yellow. Thanks Theo for better organizing and improving. JIM



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Management Opinion:

and with several offers of interested parties. In offer words, triving is aligned. Management believes we should take advantage of this opportunity. A double valuation play would be preferred with a partial deal now and a second event in 2-5 years.

Deal Option			S
Preference	Preferred	Preferred but time to pull off deal may be too long and we may miss a window of opportunity	Least Preferred
Pros	Double Valuation Play possibility for both Sandler and Management. Stay Independent to build out distribution and PSS components Immediate valuation gain due to increased scale and credibility; i.e. less chance of being 'taken out' by GDS Possibility to add deal as part of, or after, concluding this deal to gain further scale and credibility – and valuation	Same Pros as Added credibility of investment and involvement. Vore a filance and position is a decided and the control of the co	Quick and least complicated deal Research to the second
Cons	Fugure upsets hist due toless of control	Likely complicated and time consuming deal. Need S to stay engaged to make airline deal happen	One-off deal Won't be able to take advantage of a secondary valuation event
Approach	In a small face-to-face top management meeting: Provide general update of numbers / financials (only for purpose to make them aware and to avoid 'surprises' during due diligence) Provide arguments why their proposal is too low and engage in a discussion:	Push aggressively for response to Term Sheet (delivered Monday Aug 13) • Emphasize through all channels of communications with appropriate management that this is 'urgent' and that 'time is of the essence', signaling a deal will be done soon. More specifically:	In a small face-to-face top management meeting: • Provide general, high level update of numbers / financials (only for purpose to make them aware and to avoid 'surprises' during due diligence) • Provide a 'take-it-or-leave-it' walk-away price of \$350M

 Focus discussion around synergies and strategy on creating upside by focusing on One Order, NextGen PSS and GDS, rather than a focus on EBITDA Open a discussion around a "merger" where Sandler/FLX retain a minority and have develop a few scenarios Focus discussion/negotiation on a valuation of \$350M with a partial deal. 	Set up a call to discuss the following:	 No further price negotiations or conditions other than extraordinary due diligence discovery Emphasize that we believe company could be valuable to S primarily for technology, tech team, customer set, taking out a strong competitor vs. continued competition and price pressure in market. Propose how 'prime key employees' (Jim and Tim) and other key employees (tbd by S) will stay involved
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