

Inuvo (NYSE: INUV)

# **Shareholder Briefing Sheet**

### **BUSINESS THESIS:**

Programmatic advertising is a **\$200 billion annual marketplace** that complements the Google and Facebook walled gardens. Hundreds of companies depend on this market using technologies based on identifying who consumers are through various digital IDs.

Legislative & technological changes driven by consumer privacy concerns are **making existing methods for finding, targeting and measuring audiences obsolete** leading to performance decline. These methods include using 1st & 3rd party cookie IDs, IP & email addresses, device fingerprinting, link tracking and other AdTech techniques for determining the identity of consumers.

Inuvo believes it is the **only company to commercialize large language generative artificial intelligence** in a manner that changes the paradigm from **targeting individual identities based on the personal data of people to the reasons behind why audiences are interested**, without requiring any consumer information. Consequently, Inuvo also believes there exists an industry changing opportunity to take market share and become the standard for advertising technology.

### COMPANY BACKGROUND:

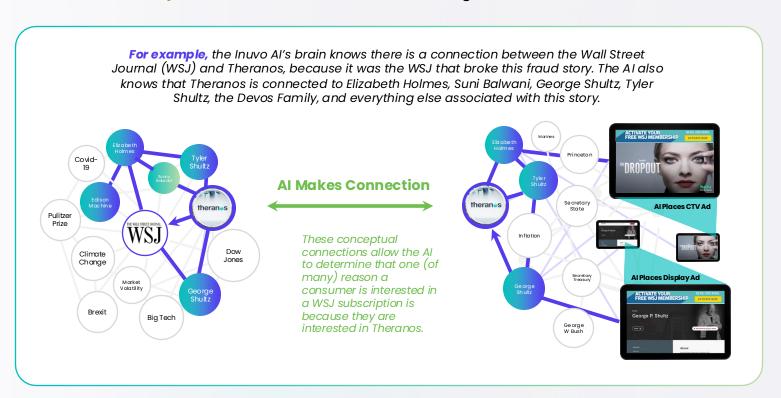
- Roughly \$80 million in trailing 12-month revenue with principal offices in Little Rock, AR and San Jose, CA with a compounded quarterly growth rate of 6.6% over the last 5-years versus a median of 2.4% for microcap companies between \$50 & \$100M in Revenue.
- Inuvo approaches the cash generation tipping point required to overcome the expenses associated with the development, maintenance, delivery, support and sales of its AI products which is estimated to be roughly \$25M in quarterly revenue.
- The Inuvo team has been involved in a number of billion-dollar successes, most recently Acxiom Corporation (NYSE: ACXM), the company that invented current behavioral targeting methods based on persistently identifying and targeting consumers for advertising.
- Charles Morgan, Acxiom founder, is Inuvo's lead independent director and shareholder. Inuvo's Chairman and CEO, Rich Howe was Chief Strategy Officer at Acxiom.

- Clients include a top 3 (in the world) Technology, Auto and Retail company.
- Target clients include Agencies, Brands and Platforms who require AdTech media & data products and/or services. Inuvo offers a managed service and a self-service product.
- Inuvo has 19 issued and 6 pending technology patents. Inuvo believes it is the only company in the world to commercialize large language generative artificial intelligence to identify, target and measure audiences for advertising.
- IntentKey® is the brand name for Inuvo's Al and was created because Inuvo predicted that both legislative and technological changes would make the methods that have been used to identify and target audiences online obsolete as a result of consumer privacy.
- Current advertising technologies identify consumers, then use their personal data to make targeting decisions based on who they are.

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### TECHNOLOGY & DIFFERENTIATION:

- The technology that underpins Inuvo's AI was first developed in a **UCLA machine learning lab.**Inuvo purchased the **patents and commercialized the technology** for the advertising use case.
- Inuvo's proprietary AI is similar to the technology of OpenAI and Google Gemini in that it is a model of the human language, with the caveat that this model is proprietary to Inuvo. Inuvo's AI was not built on top of anyone else's technology. Inuvo's use case is much narrower than these larger players who built their AI in part to replace Search. To build and maintain this model, Inuvo has consumed the collective wisdom of humanity as represented by the 100s of billions of pages of content on the internet.
- Online advertising is set up much like stock trading, where there is a buyer (advertiser) and a seller (the website). Inuvo has integrated its AI into that bidding environment and, consequently, processes and evaluates roughly 150 billion transactions daily.
- The cornerstone of the Inuvo AI is built around a **model of the brain** that posits the brain to be a giant library where the interconnected neurons are the books in that library.
- The brain has a mechanism wherein it can determine and adjust the probabilities between all the books. Inuvo has built a digital model of this structure with concepts as neurons A concept can be a person, a place, a product, a company, words and ideas. Concepts define the world around us and are the building block behind cognition.
- What this construct has allowed Inuvo to do is determine for any product, brand or company, the reasons why consumer are interested in those things.



This ability to change the audience targeting paradigm to why consumers are interested as opposed to who is interested forms the foundation of how the IntentKey works.

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#### MARKET OPPORTUNITY:

- The commodity being exchanged within online advertising is an individual's personal data. i.e., the *who*. For the last 3 decades, individual consumer activity around the internet has been tracked and stored in databases where it is augmented with other data about that consumer i.e., age, income, race, presence of children, interests and other demographics.
- Consequently, all the systems, technologies, platforms and consumer data providers have built technologies designed around targeting and reporting about audiences based on the identities of consumers. e.g., "I want to buy and target a list of plumbers who make \$50K per year"
- Legislative changes in Europe (GDPR) and America (CCPA and 13 other states) are limiting and penalizing the use of a consumer's identity and data.
- Technological changes by Apple with their Safari browser are preventing the use of consumers identity and data. Apple has 55% of the mobile browser share in the USA. Google, with their Chrome browser is on the verge of following Apple's approach.
- These legislative and technological changes prevent the sharing of consumer data and
  therefore disable the ability to identify these "plumbers" at scale. 100's of companies and a
  roughly \$200 billion programmatic advertising market are being impacted by these changes,
  where performance of advertising, as measured by the Return on Advertising Spend (ROAS)
  continues to decline because the quantity of these identity mechanisms are declining in numbers.
- The identity mechanism is generally known in the market is the "cookie". Adverting
  transactions are in essence the purchase of cookie IDs (a list of actual plumbers). As cookie
  IDs decline in numbers and demand for cookies continues, the price to buy an advertising
  transaction will go up and bring ROAS down in accordance with demand / supply economics.
- Inuvo's AI requires none of these identity and consumer data methods and performs better than the best of the existing methods. Inuvo has run hundreds of client campaigns and never lost in apples-to-apples head-to-head tests.
- Inuvo believes it is years ahead of any other player trying to solve this identity paradigm change, and the ones that are in the race are generally using outdated contextual technologies designed in the 90's.
- The way Inuvo facilitates a media purchase decision is based on Inuvo's AI knowing all the reasons why consumers are interested in any product, service or Brand, and then matching that against that same AI's knowledge about why someone is in front of any screen. When the reasons why match, Inuvo places the advertisement for its client.

### PRODUCT PRICING MODELS:

- Managed Services are negotiated and priced on a cost-per-thousand (CPM) advertisements placed for the Inuvo client. Inuvo's margins are built into the CPM.
- 2. Self-Service clients access our AI through their campaign system of choice where they allocate as much or as little budget as they desire. Inuvo margin is automatically applied to the bill they receive from their campaign vendor.
- Platform clients
  generally pay
  Inuvo on a
  revenue-per-click
  basis for every
  click we deliver to
  their clients.



### COMPARABLE STOCKS:

NYSE: RAMP (LiveRamp) Valued at approximately \$1.8B on \$700M of Revenue.

NASDAQ: DSP (Viant) Valued at approximately \$1.1B on \$250M of Revenue.

NASDAQ: CRTO (Criteo) Valued at approximately \$2B on \$2B of Revenue.

NASDAQ: MGNI (Magnite) Valued at approximately \$2.2B on \$660M of Revenue.

**Verve Group SE** Valued at approximately \$750M on \$360M of Revenue.

AdTheorent Acquired in 2024 for \$324M, roughly 2 times 2023 Revenue.

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