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Price: $5.70
Price Target: $15.00

Industry
Retail Technology

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Stock Data

52-Week Range	$4.97/$8.73
Avg. Daily Volume	437,217
Market Cap. (MM)	$251
Shares Out. (MM)	44.0
Float	85.3%
Cash Per Share	$0.42
Debt-to-Capital	6.7%
Book Value Per Share	$1.45
Dividend Yield	0.00%
Shares Short	4,293,674
Insider Ownership	14.7%
Institutional Ownership	44.3%
FY End	Dec

Source: Factset

Revenue Estimates ($M)

	2025	2026	2027
1Q	1.5A	3.3A	--
2Q	1.2A	5.9A	--
3Q	1.5A	8.0E	--
4Q	3.6A	17.0E	--
FY	7.9A	34.2E	108.2E
P/S	31.8x	7.3x	2.3x

EBITDA ($M)

	2025	2026	2027
1Q	(3.6)A	(5.9)A	--
2Q	(3.9)A	(5.4)A	--
3Q	(2.4)A	(3.8)E	--
4Q	(7.5)A	1.5E	--
FY	(17.2)A	(13.6)E	38.0E

EPS Estimates ($)

	2025	2026	2027
1Q	(0.17)A	(0.18)A	--
2Q	(0.36)A	(0.16)A	--
3Q	(0.07)A	(0.15)E	--
4Q	(0.42)A	(0.03)E	--
FY	(1.06)A	(0.52)E	0.55E
P/E	NM	NM	10.4x

A2Z Cust2Mate Solutions (AZ)

Hedia's Commercial Engine Accelerates Retail Media Business Capabilities

Summary

We like AZ's recent strategic acquisition of Hedia, Israel's leading in-store retail media company, which immediately expands its retail media sales and campaign execution capabilities. Hedia's commercial engine meaningfully accelerates the development of AZ's retail media solution, which is positioned to benefit from advertiser relationships with leading retailers / global brands, sales expertise, and campaign planning / execution at scale, which could have taken years to develop organically.

Key Points

Founded in 1988, Hedia has since become the largest retail media business in Israel, working with major global brands and advertisers such as Unilever, Procter & Gamble, Kimberly-Clark, Nike, and Henkel. As the dominant player within the in-store / physical point-of-sale marketing space in the country, the company holds exclusive nationwide advertising rights for many major retail venues like supermarket and drugstore chains, along with other venues like train stations.

Hedia's sizable footprint in Israel traditionally includes digital signage, floor stickers, in-store posters, and electronic shelf labels (ESLs), which it uses to manage in-store marketing campaigns across the nation. We believe Hedia's combination with AZ indicates that Hedia fundamentally believes that smart carts will redefine the retail media landscape. Instead of fighting that battle, Hedia believed combining with AZ was the best course of action – something we view as a major vote of confidence in AZ's growth opportunity and expanding footprint of smart carts.

With a staff of ~85 employees, Hedia delivered ~$20M of revenue in 2025, with AZ estimated to have contributed ~$2.3M of annual adjusted EBITDA. It was reported that the transaction equates to a total initial consideration of ~$15M, comprised of $8.4M in cash and 833,333 of restricted common shares (locked up for 36 months). Approximately $7M of the cash consideration is expected to be funded by a term loan from a commercial bank, with AZ expecting to service the bank financing primarily from cash flows generated by Hedia. An additional performance-based consideration of up to $6.7M is subject to the achievement of agreed targets in 2027 and 2028, which we believe are considerably higher than Hedia's current run-rate performance.

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We like the acquisition and the strategic rationale, given its intention to create a combined business that 1) accelerates the development of AZ's retail media solution, 2) expands AZ's retail media sales and campaign execution capabilities, 3) monetizes AZ's retail media inventory through Hedia's network of global advertisers, and 4) enables the creation of new retail media offerings across smart carts, digital screens, ESLs, and in-store activations.

We expect management to update its financial guidance when the company reports its Q3:26 earnings results, and we will reassess / update our 2027 projections upon receiving additional insight into AZ's growth expectations with Hedia. That said, we are incrementally confident in AZ's ability to capture the attractive retail media growth opportunity that is presented by the company's growing network of smart carts, which we now expect to occur at an accelerated pace.

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Model (Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31)

$ in millions except EPS and shares	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	1Q26	2Q26	3Q26E	4Q26E	FY26E	FY27E
Total Revenue	**9.4**	**9.2**	**5.4**	**7.9**	**3.3**	**5.9**	**8.0**	**17.0**	**34.2**	**108.2**
COGS	7.5	8.0	3.5	6.8	3.2	3.4	4.2	7.0	17.7	38.0
Gross Profit	**1.8**	**1.3**	**1.9**	**1.1**	**0.1**	**2.5**	**3.8**	**10.0**	**16.5**	**70.2**
Operating expenses:										
Research and development costs	4.5	4.1	3.9	9.9	2.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	15.2	12.9
Sales and marketing costs	0.5	1.4	1.2	3.9	2.2	2.7	3.2	3.7	11.8	16.2
General and administration expense	13.6	13.1	7.9	23.7	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.9	14.0	16.2
Loss on impairment		1.0	1.7							
Total Operating Expenses	**18.5**	**19.6**	**14.7**	**37.6**	**8.2**	**10.1**	**10.9**	**11.8**	**41.0**	**45.4**
Operating Income	**(16.7)**	**(18.3)**	**(12.9)**	**(36.5)**	**(8.0)**	**(7.6)**	**(7.1)**	**(1.8)**	**(24.5)**	**24.8**
Other Expenses / Income:										
Loss (gain) on revaluation of warrant liability	0.3	(1.3)	4.4	(1.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest Expense (Income)	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.3	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.5)	(1.0)
Other nonoperating expenses/(income)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings before Taxes	**(18.3)**	**(17.2)**	**(17.4)**	**(36.1)**	**(8.3)**	**(7.3)**	**(6.8)**	**(1.6)**	**(24.0)**	**25.8**
Discontinued operations	0.0	(0.8)	(1.8)	(2.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	**0.0**
Provision for income tax	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Income (Loss)	**(18.3)**	**(18.1)**	**(19.3)**	**(38.5)**	**(8.3)**	**(7.3)**	**(6.8)**	**(1.6)**	**(24.0)**	**25.8**
Non-controlling interest	1.8	2.0	2.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Translation adjustment	0.9	0.3	0.8	(1.3)	0.6	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Income Available to Common Shareholders	**(17.5)**	**(15.8)**	**(16.2)**	**(39.1)**	**(8.1)**	**(5.1)**	**(6.8)**	**(1.6)**	**(23.6)**	**25.8**
Diluted EPS	**($1.58)**	**($1.13)**	**($0.76)**	**($1.06)**	**($0.18)**	**($0.16)**	**($0.15)**	**($0.03)**	**($0.52)**	**$0.55**
Diluted Shares Outstanding	11.1	13.9	21.4	37.0	44.5	44.7	45.2	45.6	45.0	46.8

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Company Description

A2Z Cust2Mate Solutions Corp. (NASDAQCM: AZ) is a retail technology company focused on the development and sale of AI-enabled smart shopping carts designed to modernize the in-store shopping experience for grocery stores, supermarkets, and other brick-and-mortar retailers. Through its platform, the company enables mobile self-checkout, real-time shopper engagement, and data driven store optimization, bringing the ease of digital shopping into in-person retail environments. AZ's target customers include all stores that are looking to modernize the shopping experience and are using shopping carts, including large grocery chains and supermarkets, where checkout friction, lack of labor, and theft remain structural problem areas.

Cust2Mate 3.0 is a modular, retro-fit-ready smart cart system that combines cameras, AI, barcode scanning, additional security features, and a touchscreen monitor to automatically recognize items that are placed into the cart, display real time totals and product information, and enable in-cart checkouts. Shoppers can "pick & go", bypassing cashier lines entirely, while retailers benefit from improved throughput, reduced theft, optimization of their labor force, and an improved shopper experience. AZ has been able to show that for every 100 smart carts that are in the store, you can reduce the number of checkout lanes by five.

The smart cart also functions as a digital advertisement channel, allowing for personalized promotions, coupons, and other engagement tools, all within the user interface. This channel allows companies to advertise their products at the most crucial time, when the customer is making the buying decision. Each cart's screen serves as digital real estate that engages with the shopper as they are making the decision to purchase, enabling retailers and brands to provide personalized promotions and advertisements in real time. The platform is designed to be able to integrate with existing store functions, allowing retailers to easily implement the solution while minimizing space requirements. While the company's corporate headquarters are in Vancouver, its core operations and primary operational hub is located in Giv'atayim, Israel. AZ was uplisted to Nasdaq in 2022.

Valuation

From a valuation perspective, we believe AZ does not have solid public comps to measure and justify valuation multiples relative to peers. Given the company remains in an early growth stage, valuation becomes subjective. That said, we believe an appropriate multiple should account for the favorable unit / cart economics, a strong pipeline of opportunities, a currently sub-scale business that does not capture the margin profile potential, a highly under-penetrated and meaningful TAM, and an early mover advantage with a competitive offering. We also note that Caper was reportedly acquired by Instacart for ~35x LTM revenue in 2021.

For these reasons, we believe ~15x 2027 EBITDA is fair for a base case multiple, while ~20x and ~10x multiples represent bull and bear cases, respectively, when considering a reasonable range. **Our $15.00 price target equates to a ~15x EV/EBITDA multiple applied to our 2027 EBITDA multiple of $38M, while the stock currently trades at ~6x 2027 EBITDA. Our price target equates to a ~5x EV/Revenue multiple on our 2027 revenue estimate of $108M, and the stock currently trades at ~2x 2027 revenue.**

Risks to the achievement of price target

Competition Risk – While there are a limited number of key / relevant players in the space, AZ operates in a highly competitive market with multiple products representing similar offerings. The inability of AZ to effectively maintain a foothold relative to competitors could negatively impact AZ's operations and financial condition. Further, if competing products that do not satisfy customer demands, it could have a negative effect on the greater industry and make it more difficult for AZ to market its offerings.

Customer Concentration Risk – Because AZ is currently in an early growth stage and in its initial stages of ramping the customers it announced last year, the company's current business / financial health depends on one (and now a couple) customer that is in the process of deploying for a significant portion of the company's smart-cart revenues. Significant reductions in sales to major customers or the loss of a major customer could have significant adverse effects on the company's financial condition.

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Geopolitical Risk – AZ is headquartered in Israel, and a significant amount of the company's customers are in Israel today. Any worsening of political, economic, or military instability in Israel or the Middle East (or other markets where AZ operates) could negatively impact the company's financial conditions.

Contracting / Execution Risk – Announced deals / contracts with customers may not come to fruition as initially expected or could be unexpectedly terminated. The pace and timing of retailer / store rollouts is also difficult to predict for a variety of contracting or operational reasons. Additionally, if AZ does not satisfy customer demands or expectations when installing and ramping its fleet of carts, it may materially impact the relationship with the customer and possibly incrementally challenge its ability to contract with other customers in the future.

Exchange Rate Risk – AZ's reporting currency is the US Dollar while its functional currency is the New Israeli Shekel ("NIS"). Key revenues and expenses are both in NIS and USD, and the company has received funding in CAD, USD, and NIS. As a result, AZ is exposed to currency fluctuation risks, which could have a material adverse effect on the company's operations / results.

Technology Risk – AZ is exposed to errors and bugs in its technology that it may only be able to fix after products are deployed. These errors could negatively impact AZ's brand image, which could adversely affect the company's operations. With respect to its technology relative to competitors, if AZ's technology becomes outdated or inferior, demand for its offerings could be severely impacted.

Balance Sheet / Liquidity Risk – As an early-stage growth company, if AZ's growth opportunity does not materialize as expected, the company may continue to burn cash and require additional financing requirements or face insolvency.

Regulatory Risk – AZ operates in a regulated environment and must comply with various requirements relating to data protection, privacy, and intellectual property laws. The inability to comply with these regulations could lead to legal actions, fines, reputational damage, or disruption of business operations.

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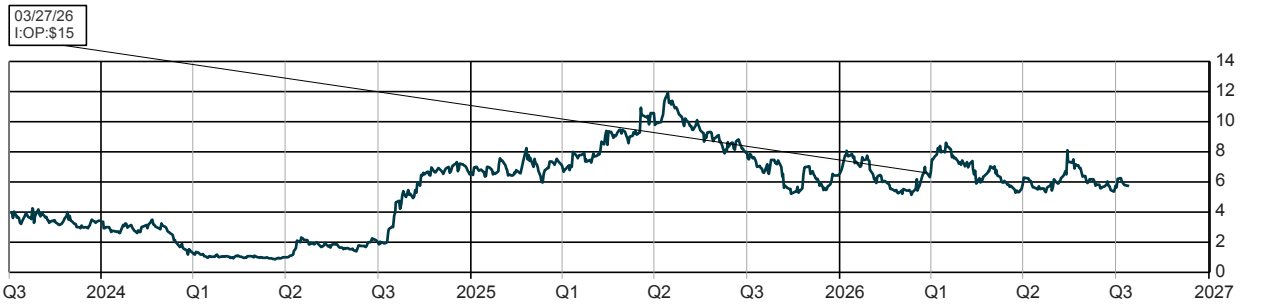

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