# **EXAMPLE SPORTS MANAGEMENT** Investment Proposal

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### **ECSM**

### **Overview**

- > Who is EC Sports Management?
- Value Propositions
- Market Growth
- Next Steps
- Financial Projections
- Investment Options



### Who is ECSM?

EC Sports Management is					
Experienced	Established August 2020, Rebranded October 2021; 60+ years experience in football, soccer & motorsports				
Team-Driven	4 contractors, 2 consultants, & 1 full-time				
<b>Client-Centric</b>	Racing – 13 drivers & teams Soccer – 33 players & coaches				
Service-Based	Client-Agent & NIL/sponsorship collaboration				
<b>Mission-Focused</b>	Provide representation and business insights for client success				



### **Executive Team**

### Founder & President Aaron Studwell, Ph.D.

30+ years of experience in leading teams and building strong professional relationships; Established three companies; Worked in leadership roles at six separate organizations; Signed agreement with Pierucci Publishing; Scheduled appearance on The Blox (2024) – Entrepreneurial reality show; University of Michigan football team (1984–1987)

### NFL Consultant Glenn "Shemy" Schembechler

President of GES Advisory Company; Spent the majority of his life and professional career in the football industry; 20+ years evaluating talent for highly successful sports organizations

### **Chief Marketing Officer Eric Fransen**

Marketing executive with 25+ years; Trusted industry leader; Merges strategy and innovation, bolstering brands across sectors. Enhances ROI with precise marketing and insights







## **Value Propositions**

- Poised for continued expansion with strong business partners, growing client base, and recognition as a leader in sports management
- American Football

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- Partnership of Schembechler & Studwell brings decades of experiences & connections in professional & college football
- Working with established consulting group, Inside the League, to provide NFLPA agent candidates & hiring guidance
- > NIL (Name, Image & Likeness)
  - Formed in-industry strategic alliances
  - > Established a network of interested student-athletes, i.e., clients



### **Value Propositions**

### Motorsports

- Diverse and young client base across several disciplines of auto racing
- > 20 years experience; Studwell is a trusted figure among drivers, media, and race teams
- Soccer
  - Listed as the top agency in US Soccer Federation list of certified intermediaries
  - Connections with clients, clubs, national teams, and partner agencies from 24 countries across five continents



### **Football Market Growth**

- Unprecedented valuation increases
  - Denver Broncos Purchased for \$4.65B August 2022
  - Washington Commanders Purchased for \$6.05B July 2023
- > NFL market value of ~\$143B (+55% since 2019)
- 2021 Media Rights Contributed to increasing salaries
  - > 11 years, \$110B over 5 broadcast outlets
  - > 2023 Salary cap (per team) \$224.8MM (+8% YoY)
  - > 2025 Salary cap (per team) \$280MM (+25% since 2023)
  - 2022 Roster Expansion Game day squad: 53 to 55; Practice squad: 14 to 16



### **NIL Market Growth**

- How did we get here?
  - Lawsuit around EA Sports' NCAA Basketball '09 Use of players likeness without compensation
  - > 2019 California enacted the "Fair Pay to Play" Act
  - > Established by NCAA on July 1, 2021
- > NIL Legislature passed 32 states and Washington DC
- > 2023 NIL market \$1.17B (+6% YoY)
- > 2025 NIL market \$3 to 4B (est.)



### **Motorsports Market Growth**

- IMSA Growth in field size & manufacturers participation
  - 2023 "24 Hours of Daytona" 61 entrants
     (Same as 2022, +22% over 2021, +60% over 2020)
  - > 2024 Adding new class Mustang Challenge
- NASCAR More teams competing in top three National Series
- > Open Wheel IndyCar & Formula 1
  - 2023 restructure of Road to Indy ladder has increased field size and overall driver numbers
  - > 2024 restructure of Formula 1 feeder system should increase team participation
  - Across all series, increasing team costs result in need for additional sponsorship dollars



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### **Soccer Market Growth**

- Increasing popularity in United States
  - In 2022, MLS posted record attendance figures
    - > Total season attendance 9.96 million
    - > Average match attendance 21,000 (+25% YoY)
  - 2022 World Cup finals 26 million U.S. viewers (+47% from 2018 World Cup)
- > 2023 MLS average team valuation \$579MM (+85% since 2019)
- Average MLS salary \$530K p.a (+3.5% YoY, +27% since 2021)
- American Player Salaries \$75K p.a. (Top 3 tiers)
- European Player Salaries \$38K p.a. (Top 4 tiers)



### **Revenue Model**

- > 90+% commission, remainder: NIL & racing projects
- Commission Football 2.5%, Soccer 5%, Motorsports & NIL – 10 to 15%
- Commission limits mandated by NFLPA & FIFA





### What's Next?

- Sustain growth in "Name, Image, & Likeness" (NIL)
- Continue to integrate cutting-edge technology
- Establish strong "American football" segment
- Commit more employees to motorsports
- Build European soccer & motorsports presence



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## **NFLPA Agent Services**

- > NFLPA agent & marketing representation services
- Player recruitment by Schembechler, Agent, & Studwell
- Goals
  - > 2024 Hire NFLPA-licensed agent
  - 2024 Represent 4 players in the 2024 NFL Draft -Day 3 draftees from Group of 5 conferences
  - 2025 Represent 5 players in the 2025 NFL Draft Day 2 & 3 draftees from Power 5 & Group of 5 conferences
  - YoY growth Add clients annually Existing NIL clients, Sign newly draft-eligible & clients from other agencies; Yearly increase in average draft position, i.e., salaries



## **NIL Representation**

- Precursor to American football expansion plans;
   Complimentary to existing ECSM business
- Build pipeline of high-quality football & soccer talent through campus connections & online marketing
- Work with universities to establish & manage their collectives
- > Goals
  - > 2024 Hire full-time sales representative (NIL & motorsports)
  - > 2025 Hire full-time NIL sales representative
  - > Transition athletes to NFLPA & FIFA agent services
  - YoY growth Increase revenue by adding clients, i.e., more clients to generate commission–based revenue

### **Motorsports Services**

- B2B programs & sponsorship acquisition
- > 2024 client base requires \$7.5MM sponsorship
- Goals
  - > 2024 Hire full-time sales representative (NIL & motorsports)
  - 2024 and beyond Add team & driver clients from North America and Europe
  - > 2026 Hire full-time European motorsports sales rep
  - YoY growth Increasing sales, due to increase in both client base and cost of racing









### **FIFA Agent Services**

- FIFA agent & marketing representation services
- Player recruitment has not been required ECSM contacted multiple times weekly – 85% rejection rate

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- > Goals
  - 2024 Hire experienced FIFA-licensed agent in European market
  - YoY growth Add clients annually Existing NIL clients, Sign new clients; Yearly increase in average salaries





June 2020 – ExoConsulting founded August 2020 - Sports Management work started October 2020 - First client signed October 2021 – Rebranded to EC Sports Management December 2021 – Fifth client signed May 2022 - First fútbol player signed February 2023 – 20<sup>th</sup> client signed October 2023 – Hire FIFA agent in N American market Jan 2024 – Studwell: Agreement with Pierucci Publishing Winter 2024 – Hire NFLPA agent; Hire sales rep Feb 2024 – 50<sup>th</sup> client signed Mar 2024 – Hire FIFA agent in European market April 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> NFL client drafted May 2024 – Studwell recording the Blox 2025 – Hire NIL sales rep 2026 - Hire motorsports sales rep

## **ECSM** TIMELINE

### **Technology Implementations**

	Adobe Sensei	GPT-4	HubSpot Al	SEO.AI	ZoomInfo
Client & Sales Management			X		Х
Marketing	Х	Х	Х		
Prospecting		Х	Х		Х
Social Media	Х	Х			
Search Engine Optimization	X	X		X	



### **Employment Outlook**

	Current	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E		
Full-Time	1	5	6	7	7		
Contractors	4	3	2	2	2		
Consultants	2	2	2	2	2		
TOTAL	7	10	10	11	11		
Hiring Plan and Schedule							
Full-time NFLPA-licensed agent 2024 Full-time sales representative (Motorsports/NIL) Full-time FIFA-licensed agent in European market							
2025	Full-time NIL sales representative in North American market						
2026	Full-time motorsports sales representative in European market						



### **Financials**

	2021A	2022A	2023A/E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Clients	6	28	50	70	80	85	90
Income	\$60	\$84	\$97	\$986	\$1,326	\$1,571	\$1,734
Expenses	\$51	\$61	\$73	\$540	\$653	\$774	\$826
Salaries <sup>(2)</sup>	\$9	\$15	\$20	\$296	\$342	\$417	\$438
Commissions	N/A	N/A	\$9	\$154	\$213	\$250	\$272
Operations	\$42	\$31	\$44	\$90	\$98	\$107	\$116
TOTAL <sup>(1,3,4)</sup>	\$9	\$23	\$24	\$446	\$653	\$797	\$908
NOTES	<ol> <li>Dollars in thousands; 2) Presumes Employment Outlook is accomplished;</li> <li>Does not include investor re-payments; 4) 2028 estimates available upon request</li> </ol>						



### **Investment Options**

Investment Goals 2024: \$350,000 Overall: \$750,000 Minimum Investment: \$10,000 (0.5%)

400 shares issued, 171 shares available - \$5,000 each

EBITDA sector ratio: 10–12 => 2028 ECSM valuation - \$21-25MM

Projected returns: 5-year: 14x, 10-year: 27x

Exit Strategy – Investor's equity value realized upon a potential acquisition (ca. 2031-33) or through shares sold in the private market



### Challenges

- Talent acquisition & retention Growth is predicated on hiring & keeping the right people; Same applies to clients
- Change in market dynamics Global pandemic
- Small fish in a big pond How do we stand out versus the Wasserman's and CAA's of the world?
- Economies of scale Sales/marketing is not inherently scalable – Early adoption & consistent use of technology required



## Why Invest with Us?

### Exciting market opportunities

- Establish global presence in soccer & motorsports
- Diversify into NIL and NFL sectors
- > Assembling a team to realize our growth & financial objectives
- Forging strategic partnerships globally to advance our market leadership ambitions
- Growth in corporate valuation and annual dividends will yield
   5-year investment returns of 14x



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