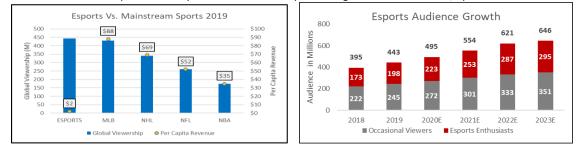




## The Long-Term Investment Opportunity that is Esports

## Esports is a large global business, growing dramatically, but so far, w/minimal per-cap spending compared to regular sports

- The total global audience for Esports is almost 500M and expected to reach 650M by 2023
- o Global viewership exceeds any US sport incl NFL; and far exceeds Netflix, the largest streaming svc w/190M subscribers at 2Q20
- o The newness of Esports is best illustrated by its per-capita revenue, which is tiny compared to major US sports
- Global revenue for Esports was only \$1.1B in 2019 but expected to grow to \$1.7B in 2021, up 55%



Game publishers dominate and are highly profitable; companies focused on Esports infrastructure, events and tournaments, fan engagement and betting are just getting started; Esports teams are most prominent, but not yet profitable

Importance and value of Esports venues and infrastructure, where tournaments are organized, content is created and various secondary businesses that promote fan engagement (betting and analytics) evolve, are likely to increase

Game Publishers	Ticker	Price	Market	Enterprise			EV/	Esports		Shares	Price	Market	Enterprise	Reve	enue	EV / Re	venue
	Symbol	8/14/2020	Сар	Value	Revenue	EBITDA	EBITDA	Companies	Ticker	Outstanding	8/14/2020	Сар	Value	LTM	2021E	LTM	2021E
Tencent Holdings	700	\$66.05	\$630,758	\$636,145	56,465	20,164	31.5X	Modern Times Group MTG AB	MTG.A-SE	68	\$13.95	949	934	454	599	2.1x	1.6x
Activision Blizzard	ATVI	\$82.28	\$63,356	\$60,056	6,450	2,060	29.2X	Enthusiast Gaming Holdings Inc	EGLX-CA	73	\$1.25	92	107	19	35	5.5x	3.1x
Nintendo	7974	\$501.09	\$59,680	\$48,372	12,160	3,364	14.4X	Esports Entertainment Group Inc	GMBL	11	\$5.48	60	64	0	NA	NA	NA
Netease Games	NTES	\$480.24	\$61,951	\$56,122	10,431	1,939	28.9X	Astralis Group A/S	ASTGRP-DK	57	\$0.84	47	63	7	NA	8.6x	NA
Electronic Arts	EA	\$141.30	\$41.257	\$36.513	5,540	1.610	22.7X	Allied Esports Entertainment, Inc.	AESE	29	\$1.59	46	47	23	31	2.0x	1.6x
Take Two Interactive	ттwo	\$174.43	\$19.772	\$17.967	2.870	431	41.7X	Axion Ventures Inc	AXV-CA	213	\$0.15	32	45	8	NA	5.6x	NA
Bandai Namco Holdings	7832	\$62.20	\$13.672	\$12.131	6.774	985	12.3X	Versus Systems Inc	VS-CA	150	\$0.17	25	25	0	19	NM	1.3x
Ubisoft Entertainment	UBI	\$68.94	\$8,314	\$8,982	1,780	918	9.8X	Super League Gaming, Inc.	SLGG	10	\$2.25	24	18	1	6	15.7x	3.0x
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Konami Holdings	9766	\$36.61	\$4,877	\$4,010	2,442	535	7.5X	ePlay Digital Inc.	EPY-CA	72	\$0.02	2	2	0	NA	NM	NA
Median			\$41,257	\$36,513	\$6,450	\$1,610	22.7X	Median				39	46	4	31	5.6x	1.6x

- o The average market capitalization of public company game publishers, excluding TenCent, is \$31B
- Pure-play Esports companies have gone public to raise their profile, facilitate M&A, and enable further capital raising but, due to lack of profitability, valuations are still based on multiples of forward revenues – average market cap ex. MTG is only \$37M
- Pro League franchises for games like Overwatch have sold for as much as \$60M; with no revenue sharing currently, the ROI proposition for league affiliated franchise owners is theoretical appreciation in the value of the teams

Betting could catalyze interest and growth in Esports and become the intersection point with the casino gaming industry

- According to Venture Beat, \$8B was wagered on Esports in 2019 (mostly Europe), equating to ~\$560M in GGR assuming 7% hold
- A Q2 survey which looked at how wagering behavior in the UK changed because of Covid19 found that 36% of respondents made a wager on Esports; 30% of those started to do so within the last month
  - Nevada authorized wagering on the CS GO Pro League Tournament in March of 2020 including head to head wagers, and match winners; however, in-play wagering was excluded
  - New Jersey, which allowed Esports wagering on League of Legends Championship Series in November 2019, is considering
    a legislative bill that would allow broad wagering on Esports
  - Other states where esports wagering is either allowed or not expressly prohibited include: CO, MT, NH, RI, TN, WA, WV
  - Further expansion of sports wagering in US states is also likely to spur inclusion of more Esports wagering
- Pre-Covid, casinos were increasingly hosting Esports events and are likely to return to that strategy once large gatherings can again occur

NOTE: Spectrum Gaming Capital and Spectrum Esports Advisors recently published a whitepaper titled: *"Investing in Esports"*. Please email us at <u>info@spectrumgamingcapital.com</u> for a free copy. Comparisons of valuation metrics for public Esports companies, updated weekly, can be found at <u>https://www.spectrumgamingcapital.com/analytics</u>

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