

# **Elevating While Simulating**





Market Cap	\$6.8 B
3/28 Close	\$21.29
52 Week Range	\$15.23-\$27.95
NTM EV/EBIT	18.5x
Operating Margin	9.5%

#### **Company Overview**

- CAE is a high-technology company that provides simulation training and critical operations support solutions to the civil aviation, defence and security, and healthcare markets globally.
  - Recommendation: BUY with a Price Target of \$29.83, representing an upside of 40.0% from 3/28 close

#### **Investment Thesis Overview**

- 1. CAE **monopolized** 3<sup>rd</sup> party pilot **training** amid travel demand recovery and a **structural shortage of pilots** 
  - 2. As airlines face challenging headwinds, CAE provides **cost savings** and flexibility through outsourced training

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\$30

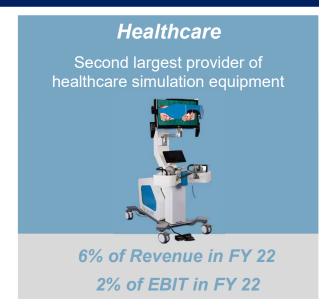
## Company Overview



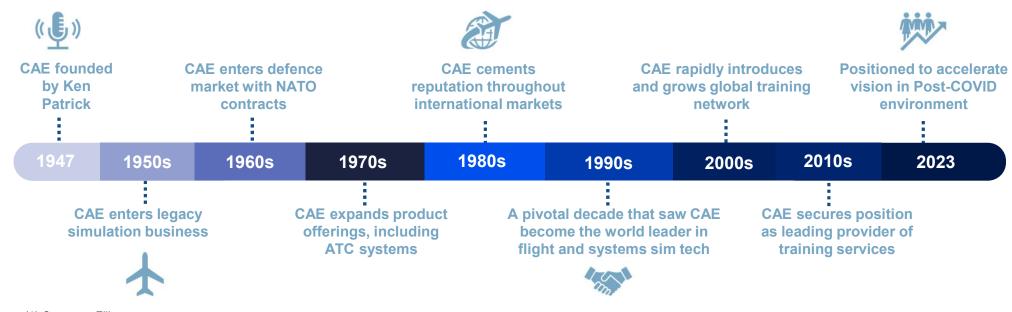
#### **CAE** Reports Revenue in 3 Main Segments:







#### CAE History and Acquisition Morphed into Industry Behemoth (1)



## **Industry Overview**

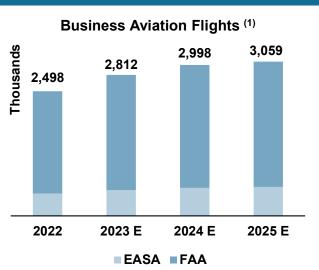


#### 1. Civil Aviation

#### **Business Jet**

# ~ 7% CAGR in business related aviation flights

**50% increase** in business flights FY22 vs FY21



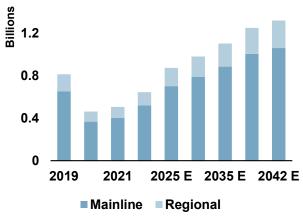
#### Commercial

~ 8% CAGR in commercial related aviation flights



**63% increase** in commercial flights FY22 vs FY21

Domestic Enplanements by Carrier Group (2)



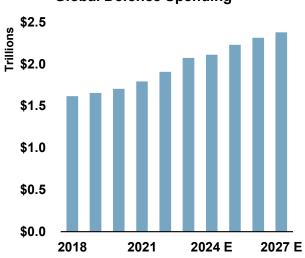
#### 2. Defence & Security

# ~4% CAGR allied global defence budget



CAE has ~14% market share, 2% less than Lockheed Martin

Global Defence Spending(3)



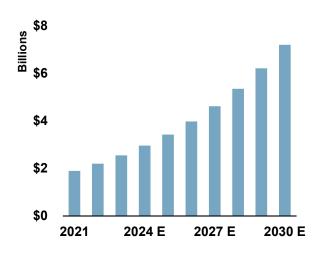
#### 3. Healthcare

~16.1% CAGR in global healthcare simulation market



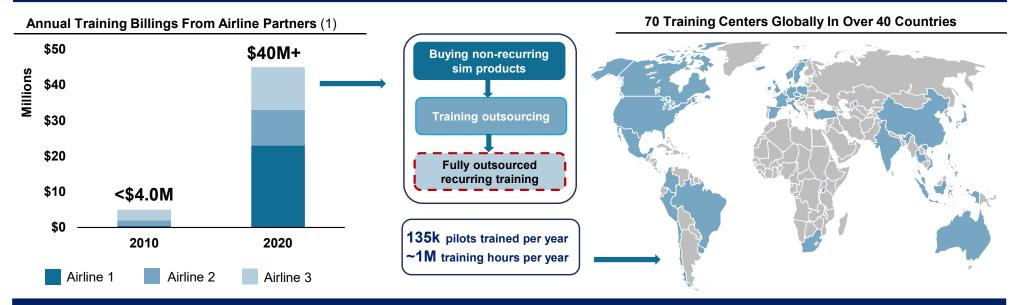
27.1% turnover rate for RN's leading to record demand for training new nurses

#### Global Healthcare Simulation Market<sup>(4)</sup>



# Understanding the Civil Aviation Industry - CAE's Strong Suit

#### **CAE Is The #1 Civil Aviation Training Company In The World**



#### **CAE's Flexible Partnership Style Creates Lasting Customer Relationships**



#### **Full Flight Simulators**

# CAE sells simulator to airlines and carriers

- \$15-25 m per simulator
- One-time Sale
- Lowest margin
- \$6 bn in backlog



**Dry Training** 

#### Airlines rent CAE simulators

- Higher margin
- Recurring revenue
- Airline controls content
- Popular for bigger airlines



**Joint Ventures** 

# CAE handles portion of training hours

- JVs with 40+ airlines
- CAE builds client trust
- Sticky customer relationship



Wet Training

# Full outsourcing using CAE instructors and facilities

- Highest margin
- Stickiest relationship
- Popular for Private and LC Carriers

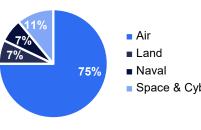
# Understanding the Defence Industry



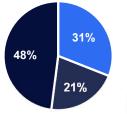
#### CAE Defence & Security: Advancing Legacy Business Through Strategic Repositioning

# CAE Addressable Markets In D&S

~\$14B **CORE Market** Military Training & Simulation Market



~\$24B **Adjacent Market Operations Support** Market



Space & Cyber

Analytics & Systems Engineering

■ Mission Planning & Support Services

Mission Operations

#### **Competitive Landscape in CORE Market**

**OEM** Est. Market Share ~35% **OEMs transitioning away from vertical** integration and seeking training & simulation partnerships

Mid Tier / Other Est. Market **Share ~29%** 

The demand for Multi-Domain Solutions hurts ability to compete and reach customers worldwide

**Small Business** Est. Market **Share ~22%** 

Difficult to offer the complex solutions and high-level technological capabilities of the bigger players

#### **CAE Advantage**



14% Market Share in Core Market



Presence in 50+ countries



Capabilities fully aligned with customer priorities



The only global pureplay, platform-agnostic training and simulation company in the world

#### L3Harris Technologies' Military Training Acquisition



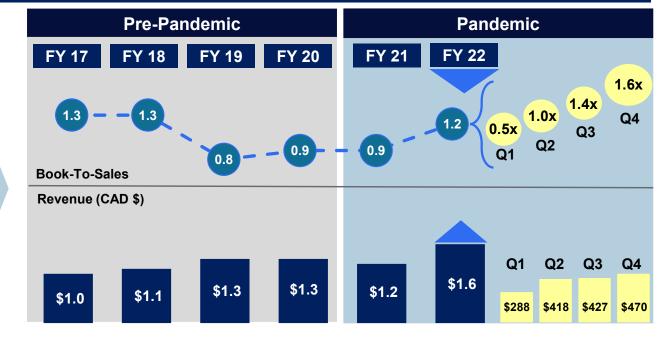
All- cash purchase price of US \$1.05B

~13.5x L3H Military Technologies' Adjusted 2020 EBITDA

EPS increased from (.42) to .25 one year post-acquisition close

3 Founding Fathers of Military Simulation Training Now Under One Roof in CAE

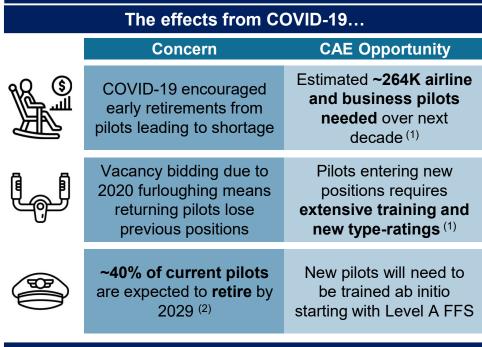
Key L3H MT Platforms: Link Simulation & Training, Doss Aviation, and AMI

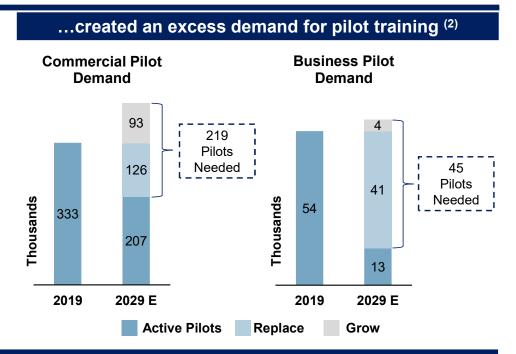


(1) FY 22 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

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# Pilot Shortage Yields High Training Demand Within Changing Environment

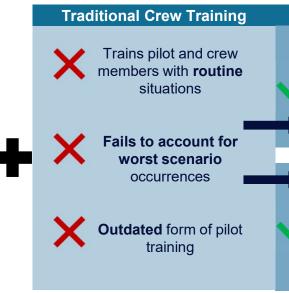




#### Stricter Regulatory Requirements Fortifying Recurring Revenue

# Pilots are required to attend recurrent training sessions throughout their career Pilots retrain in monthly intervals depending on airline, aircraft, and authority

**Training Overview** 



# FAA Advanced Qualification Program (AQP) - data driven analysis, integrates crew management, scenariobased

**New Training Framework** 

# EASA/ICAO Evidence Based Training (EBT)- emphasizes behavioral competencies of pilots, higher exposure to adverse conditions

#### **CAE Opportunity**

"I can't think of one (airline) that isn't in some process of moving towards AQP training, and that actually triggers a little bit higher number of training events annually. So it (hours on simulator) would increase" (3)

"I know ICAO is driving towards every airline moving towards a full evidence-based training program...that directly benefit CAE because they could charge more for hours" (4)

## CAE's Portfolio Convinces Airlines to Outsource and Transition to JV

20%-30% Airline Cost savings with

CAE JV

0.75% Fuel Savings

with CAE Flight

Management

25-year-life of CAE

Full Flight

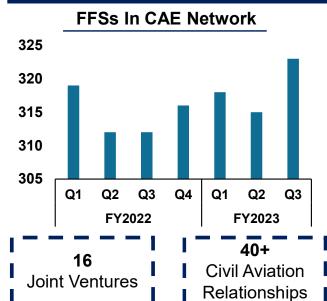
**Simulators** 

airasia



- **Training Operations Solutions**
- Flight Simulation Training Devices
- Ab Initio Pilot Training & Crew Sourcing Systems
- End-to-End Digitally-Enabled Crew Management
- 5 **Optimization Software**

#### **CAE Network Scope**



(1) CAE Investor Day Presentation (2) Forbes



Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4

2020

**FFS** Sale

Dry **Training** 

Outsourcing with CAE is Cheaper and Utilization Rates Rebounding (1)

Joint Venture

2021

**CAE Civil Aviation Training Center Utilization Rates** 

CY2020

Initial

**COVID** 

Shutdown



2022

Wet Training

Q1 Q2 Q3

2023

2000s

80%

60%

40%

20%

0%

Equipment and service sales

2011

JV agreement 2017

Full outsourcina from AirAsia Training for 20 years

2018

Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4

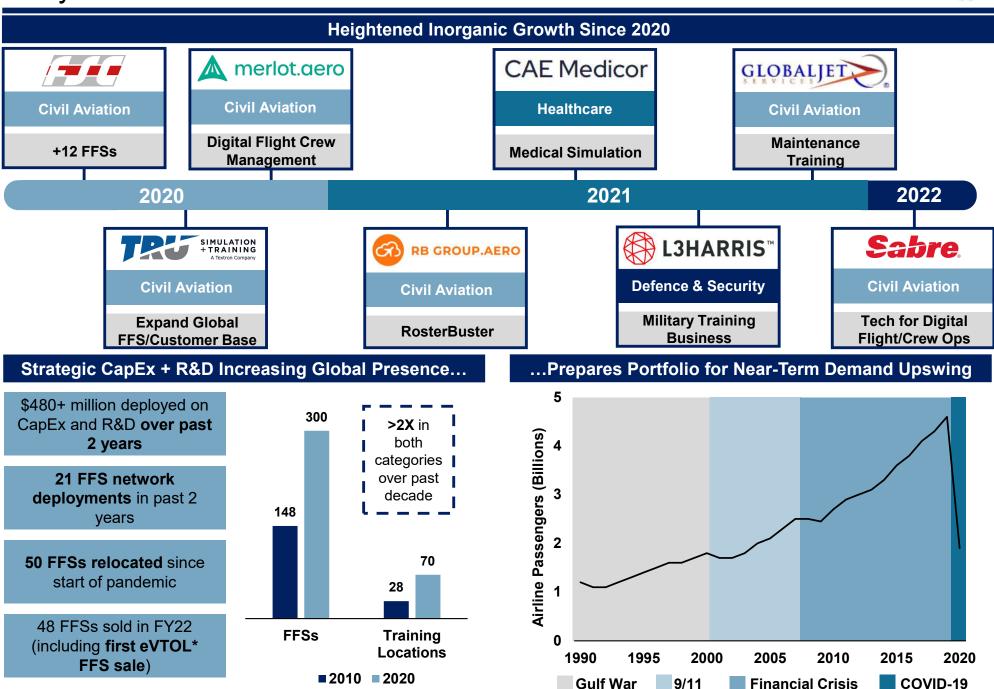
Announces launch of CAE Rise to he employed with AirAsia

2022

AirAsia India first airline to adopt **CAE** Rise Training System

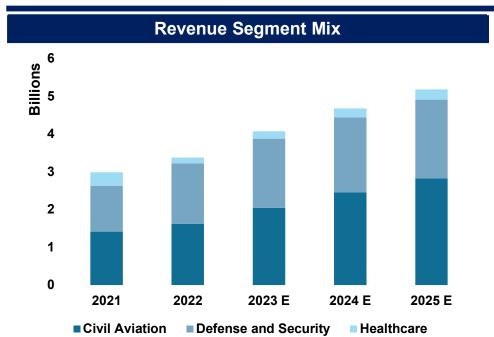
# Why Now?





### Our Thesis in the Model & Risks







**EBIT and EBIT Margins** 

#### **CAE's Bear Case**

- Airlines elect to train pilots in-house, particularly larger, American players
- CAE fails to transition relationships from dry to wet training
- Airlines prioritize efficient capacity initiatives that decrease aircraft usage and pilot demand
- Prolonged air traffic weakness from pandemic and recessionary environment
- CAE fails to integrate L3H effectively and does not realize EPS accretion to extent of management guidance

#### **Our View**



Outsourcing provides up to 20-30% of cost savings compared to in-house training and allows airlines to transition sizable costs from fixed to variable



Multiple partnership evolutions prove that CAE successfully transitions to wet training, especially in economic downturns



Flight revenues have increased 70% from 2021-2022 and pent-up demand from COVID-19 still drives travel activity<sup>1</sup>



CAE has made 9 accretive deals in 3 years and we have confidence in increased EPS from L3H acquisition due to cost synergies and defense exposure

# **Prepare For Takeoff**



#### **Valuation**

**Recommendation: Buy** Price Target: \$29.83 **Upside: 40.0%** 

#### **Summary**

- CAE **monopolized** 3<sup>rd</sup> party pilot training amid travel demand recovery and a structural shortage of pilots
  - · As airlines face challenging headwinds, CAE provides cost savings and flexibility through outsourced training
  - New regulations require increased training hours and fewer providers, increasing CAE's moat
  - CAE will see increased margins as more of their revenue transitions to training services
  - · CAE is well positioned to meet increased demand following aggressive M&A and CapEx





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Recommendation: BUY

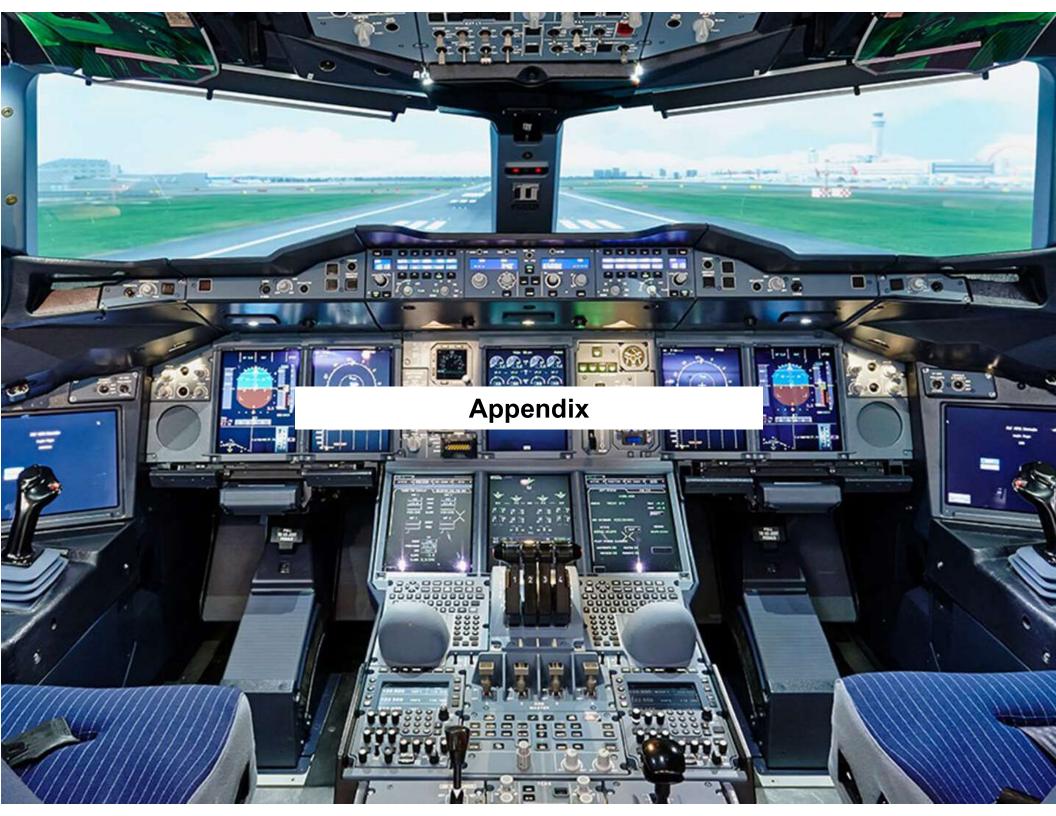
DCF	
Discount Rate	10.3%
LTGR	2.0%
Sum of PV	\$6,141
Terminal Value	\$10,099
EV	\$16,240
(+) Cash	\$192
(-) Debt	\$ 3,265
Equity Value	\$13,167
Diluted Shares Out	318
Implied Value	\$41.42
Exchange Rate	0.72
Implied Value (USD)	\$29.83
Current Price	\$21.31
P/V	0.71
Upside	40.0%

WACC Calcula	tion
Risk Free Rate	3.52%
Market Return	10%
Equity Beta	1.57
Interest Rate	4.9%
Tax Rate	21%
Current Price	521
Basic Share Count	318
Cost of Equity	13.70%
Cost of Debt	4.86%
Equity Amount (\$)	\$6,774
Debt Amount (\$)	\$3,486
Total	\$10,259
WACC	10.3%

Sensitivity Table					
- 10	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%	2.75%	3.00%
9.0%	\$34	\$35	\$36	\$38	539
9.5%	\$32	\$33	\$34	\$35	\$37
10.0%	\$31	\$32	\$33	\$33	\$34
10.5%	\$29	\$30	\$31	\$32	\$33
11.0%	\$28	\$29	\$30	\$30	\$31

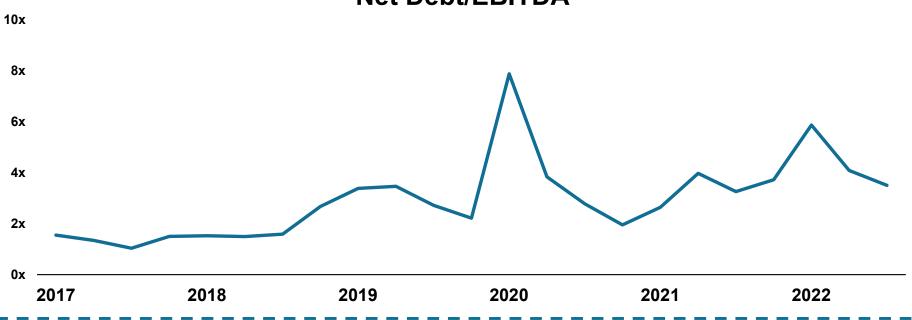
Constants				
Price	\$	21.31		
Cash	5	192		
OLL	5	221		
Debt	\$	3,265		
DSO		318		

Weighted-Average Debt Calculation							
	Repay Date	Current	Non-current	Total	Rate or LIBOR	Interest	
Unsecured senior notes	- 42.0						
U.S. dollar, fixed rate - 3.60% to 4.90%	2022-2034	\$17	\$1,177	\$1,194	4.90%	\$59	
Canadian dollar, fixed rate - 4.15%	2022-2027	\$3	\$24	\$27	4.15%	\$1	
Term loans							
U.S. dollar, variable rate	2022-2025	\$70	\$443	\$513	4.80%	\$25	
Canadian dollar, variable rate	2022-2028	\$6	\$29	\$35	4.80%	\$2	
Other	2022-2026	\$14	\$58	\$73	4.80%	\$3	
Total Actual Debt				\$1,841		\$89	
Weighted Average Interest Rate						4.9%	









Management guiding to <3x Net Debt/EBITDA by mid CY2023

