

Comfortably Soft
Touch Removable Cups

Gentle Lift & Support

**Buttery Soft Breathable** 

Viscose made from Bamboo

**Hidden Elastic Pouch** 

No adjustment needed

**Moisture-Wicking Tech** 

Keeps you Cool and Dry

Anti-Chafe Technology

Thigh-Saving Panel

1H25 INVESTOR PRESENTATION



### **1H25** RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS

### Resilient result, prioritising profitable growth

**Revenue** \$48.1m

Up 6.8% vs pcp

**Gross Margin** 

78.0%

Down 3.2% vs pcp

Women's Revenue<sup>1</sup>

14.8% of Revenue

Up 19.1% vs pcp

**Indirect Revenue** 

7.9% of Revenue

Up 38.0% vs pcp

**EBITDA** 

\$11.2m

23.2% of revenue Up 10.4% vs pcp

Cash

\$43.8m

Up 12.4% from Jun 24

**Advertising** 

29.0% of Revenue

Improved 5.1 pp vs pcp

**Interim Dividend** 

4.4 cents per share

100% payout

### PROFITABLE GROWTH STRATEGY

Four pillars of profitable growth



#### **PRODUCTS**

Transform the innerwear category with innovative, functional, ethical and comfortable products and grow through:

- Expand Women's and Men's SKUs
- Expansion into logical adjacencies

# **CUSTOMER ACQUISITION**

Recruit new customers through direct channels and partners who have large customer databases and loyal followings:

- DTC DNA
- Large membershipbased organisations
- Sporting codes, clubs and athletes

#### INDIRECT CHANNELS

Growth through trusted and established retail and ecommerce channels:

- Marketplaces: Amazon, Tik Tok Shop
- Retailers: John Lewis



#### **FOOTPRINT**

Scaling in global markets where there is demand, leveraging expertise and product developments:

- Balancing growth and profitability
- AU: grow market share in all categories
- UK: short-term priority
- US: long-term priority

### STRATEGY IN ACTION

### **Strategy execution in 1H25**



# **CUSTOMER ACQUISITION**

- Athlete ambassadors are generating authentic content
- Natural fit to partner with STEPtember



#### **CHANNELS**

 Progressing the contractual and technical integration to sell on new channels





#### **FOOTPRINT**

- Balancing growth and profitability
- Leveraging learnings; increased presence in the UK, broadening brand awareness

MARKET <sup>1</sup>	MEN'S	WOMEN'S
Australia	\$ 0.6 Bn	\$ 1.1Bn
United Kingdom	\$ 2.1Bn	\$ 5.1 Bn
United States	\$ 10.0 Bn	\$ 21.7 Bn
Total	\$12.7 Bn	\$27.9 Bn

### **NEW PRODUCT**

# CLOUDMESH



LIGHT SWEAT-WICKING MESH FABRIC



TECH PANELS



HIGH PERFORMANCE UNDERWEAR



3D ELASTIC POUCH

#### COOL. LIGHT. BREATHABLE.

CLOUD MESH is engineered for airflow. Keeping you cool, no matter the challenge. Unstoppable comfort, wherever you go.

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### **OPERATIONS BY REGION**

Localised, targeted responses to global macro challenges



# United States of America

- · Longer-term opportunity
- Continue market presence through existing capital light partnerships including affiliate marketing and Amazon;
- Minimising direct advertising investment / paid media

#### Responding to the global market

- Prioritisation of value led advertising
- Heightened top of funnel costs
- Progressing product pipeline
- Expanding channels



#### **United Kingdom**

- · Profitable and growing
- Organic and capital efficient sales traction in Europe using both UK Direct and UK Amazon fulfillment
- On-the-ground marketing resources to tailor strategies; utilising influencers to broaden awareness
- John Lewis in-store launch
- Tik Tok Shop opportunity

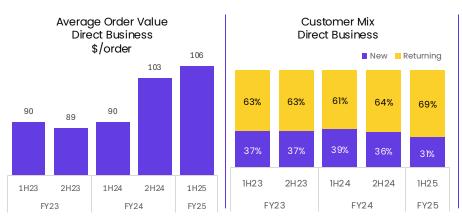


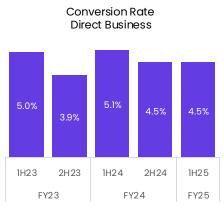
#### **Australia**

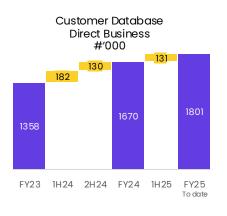
- Strong brand awareness driving continued earnings momentum
- Collaborations and ambassador advocacy delivering customer growth
- Pursue efficient marketing opportunities
- Product innovation to drive newness in the range

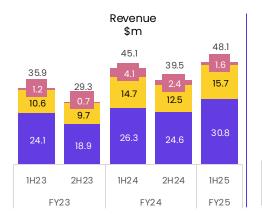
Step One is a global company with local distribution

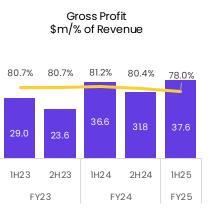
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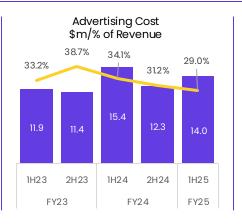


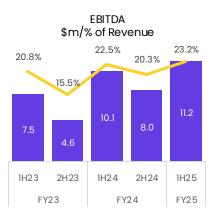












### **INCOME STATEMENT**

	1H25	1H24	Move	ment
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Australia	30,847	26,264	4,583	17.4%
UK	15,675	14,652	1,023	7.0%
USA	1,596	4,136	(2,540)	-61.4%
Revenue	48,118	45,052	3,066	6.8%
Cost of sales	10,568	8,480	2,088	24.6%
Gross profit	37,550	36,572	978	2.7%
Gross Margin %	78.0%	81.2%		-3.2 pp
Advertising & marketing <sup>1</sup>	13,969	15,379	(1,410)	-9.2%
Advertising as percent of revenue	29.0%	34.1%		-5.1 pp
Distribution & fulfilment	6,602	5,274	1,328	25.2%
Distribution as percent of revenue	13.7%	11.7%		2.0 pp
Merchant and transaction fees	1,937	1,643	294	17.9%
Transaction fees as % of Revenue	4.0%	3.6%		0.4 pp
Contribution profit	15,042	14,276	766	5.4%
Contribution as percent of revenue	31.3%	31.7%		-0.4 pp
Overhead	4,879	3,638	1,241	34.1%
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(1,016)	508	(1,524)	300.0%
EBITDA 1	11,179	10,130	1,049	10.4%
EBITDA as % of Revenue	23.2%	22.5%		0.7 pp
PBT	11,814	10,508	1,306	12.4%
Income tax expense	3,633	3,401	232	6.8%
NPAT	8,181	7,107	1,074	15.1%

#### COMMENTARY

- Resilient revenue growth of 17.4% in core
   Australian market reflects strength of Step One's strategy and diversification
- Global revenue up 6.8% driven by a strategic focus on profitability amid challenging trading conditions
- Revenue from Women's and Indirect channels grew by 19.1% and 38.0% respectively
- Gross margin declined slightly to 78.0%, reflecting pivot to attracting the value customer through the sale periods
- Efficient marketers with advertising reducing to 29.0% of revenue, which offset the GM% decline and is a key feature of the business model
- Cost pressure on global logistics and distribution remain

### **BALANCE SHEET**

	As at 31 Dec 2024	As at 30 Jun 2024	Variance		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	
Assets					
Cash and financial assets	43,770	38,952	4,818	12.4%	
Receivables	1,631	972	659	67.8%	
Inventory	22,645	18,959	3,686	19.4%	
Intangible	36	39	(3)	-7.6%	
Tax asset	2,432	1,818	614	33.8%	
Fitout and equipment	133	174	(41)	-23.3%	
Property lease asset	165	274	(109)	-39.9%	
Other	1,486	852	634	74.4%	
Assets	72,298	62,040	10,258	16.5%	
Liabilities					
Liabilities to factories	4,179	4,409	(230)	-5.2%	
Taxes	4,244	2,319	1,925	83.0%	
Deferred revenue	2,583	686	1,897	276.5%	
Lease liability	178	293	(115)	-39.3%	
Other liabilities	5,404	2,063	3,341	162.0%	
Liabilities	16,588	9,770	6,818	69.8%	
Net Assets	55,710	52,270	3,440	6.6%	
Equity					
Capital	50,925	50,925	_	-	
Retained Earnings (post IPO)	8,202	5,190	3,012	58.0%	
Reserves and Other	(3,417)	(3,845)	428	-11.1%	
Equity	55,710	52,270	3,440	6.6%	

#### COMMENTARY

- Debt free with cash and financial assets held with licensed banks across a variety of terms
- Inventory increased by \$3.7m due to the strategic expansion of the product range
- Aligned with the Group's inventory strategy, turnover remains at approximately 1.2 years.
   While inventory is neither perishable nor seasonal, a provision of 5% is maintained to reduce older SKU ranges
- Deferred revenue represents sales made in late December that were not delivered prior to 31 December 2024
- A lease asset and liability relates to the head office lease
- Step One remains a capital light business model

### **CASHFLOW**

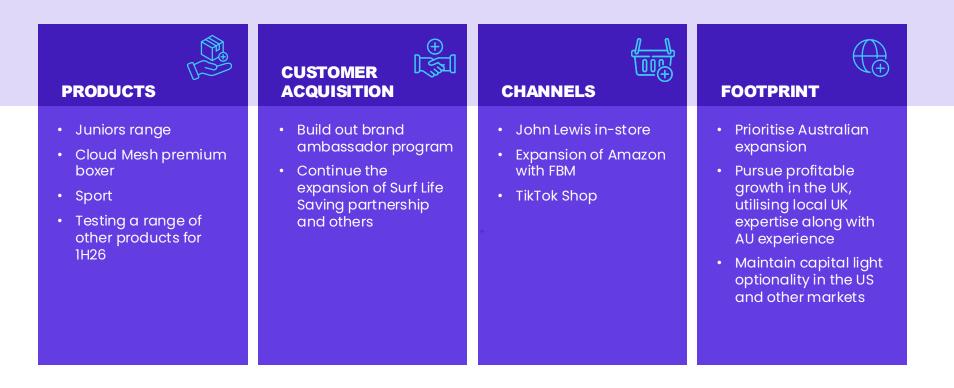
	1H25	1H24	Varia	nce
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Operating cashflows				
Receipts	56,516	52,689	3,827	7.3%
Payments	(44,481)	(35,333)	(9,148)	25.9%
	12,035	17,356	(5,321)	-30.7%
Interest	808	458	350	76.4%
Tax	(2,987)	(2,870)	(27)	0.9%
	9,946	14,944	(4,998)	-33.4%
Investing cashflows				
Term Deposit	(7,503)	0	(7,503)	-
Asset purchases	(20)	(215)	195	-90.7%
•	(7,523)	(215)	(7,308)	3399.1%
Financing cashflows				
Dividends paid	(5,173)	(9,231)	4,058	-44.0%
Lease	(115)	(30)	(85)	283.3%
	(5,288)	(9,261)	(3,973)	42.9%
Net cashflow	(2,865)	5,468	(8,333)	-152.4%
Opening cash	28,952	38,313	(9,361)	-24.4%
FX movements	180	154	26	16.9%
Closing cash	26,267	43,935	(17,668)	-40.2%

#### COMMENTARY

- Strong cash flow generation with cash receipts increasing in line with revenue growth
- Outflows reflect higher inventory levels, aligned with the Group's strategy
- Dividends totalling \$5.2m paid; distributing 100% of earnings while retaining growth capacity
- Note term deposits with a duration of greater than 3 months have been classified as investments. Adjusting for this, cashflow was positive \$4.6m.
- Strong financial position with cash and term deposits totalling \$43.8m, all held with licenced Australian Banks
- The business remains capital light

### STRATEGY - PLAN OF ACTION

### **Execution planned for 2H25**



### **LOOKING FORWARD**

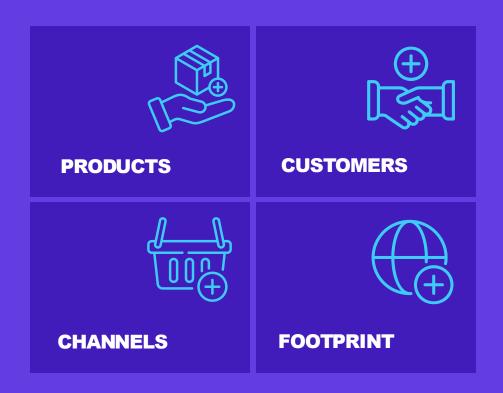
#### Step One will continue to balance growth and profitability

Step One remains confident in its ability to execute on the Company's strategy.

The focus remains on expanding the range and acquiring new customers through partnerships and direct advertising.

The Company will continue to balance growth and profitability and test new channels where Step One is gaining traction.

No guidance is being provided for FY25.



### **APPENDIX**

#### **AT A GLANCE**

(AT 18 FEBRUARY 2025)

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Listed on the ASX:	2021 - STP
Industry Sector:	Retail (online)
Fiscal year end:	June 30
Market cap:	\$240m, \$1.425 per share
Valuation multiple:	14x EBITDA (based on FY24 EBITDA)
Securities Issued:	185,340,291
Founder holds:	123,959,496 (67%)
Free Float:	27.9%
Dividends:	100% payout, 100% franked
Sustainable / Ethical Investment	ESG Report, Certified Supply Chain, Modern Day Slavery compliance, GHG Emissions disclosed and reduction plan provided

Step One Clothing (ASX:STP) Step One is a leading direct-to-consumer online retailer of underwear. Step One offers a range of high quality, certified sustainable and ethically manufactured underwear that suits a broad range of body types. Step One has transformed the underwear market with an innovative design and strong customer following which is behind its growth into a multinational company operating in Australia, the US and the UK.





Founder led, entrepreneurial, inhouse capability to create content and opportunities for brand exposure and product design



Innovative product with strong customer connection and customer advocacy



Online DTC, 100% brand owned & outsourced and flexible manufacturing process, globally scalable business model



Customer centric and proactive social media management encourages feedback on marketing and product designs



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF STEP ONE

### Founder-led business with scalable business model & track record of growth

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (so far)	
	Step One is born	Scalable production	Scalable logistics	UK market entry	US market entry	Amazon AU, UK, US	Supply Chain Certification	Retailer Partnership	TikTok Shop	
	NY * •									
Channels	<u>s</u>			GBP	USD	. S Amazon		JOHN LEWIS & PART NERS GBP	TikTokShop GBP	
Supply Chain & Logistics	lst Manufacturer	2nd Manufacturer	Aust 3PL	UK 3PL	US 3PL		FSC® Chain-of-custody certification FSC(R) C183245			
Men's										
	Boxer, Trunk			Boxer/fly	Long Johns	Sports			Cloud Mesh	
Women's						Body Shorts	Bikini Brief Smoothfit: Brief, Bikini, Thong	Smoothfit: Boy Short, Bralet		

### **BUSINESS MODEL**

#### Step One is an online DTC company, with a capital light scalable operation and strong ESG credentials

	GLOBAL COMPANY Local operations	<ul> <li>Head office in Australia with only 25 employees</li> <li>Subsidiaries in UK and US which hold inventory locally (in scalable 3PLs)</li> <li>Staff in other countries are customer focused and supported by local experts</li> <li>Ability to export to other countries and use global marketplaces</li> </ul>
Ţ	EXCEPTIONAL UNDERWEAR Unparalleled function & comfort	<ul> <li>Underwear offers functional benefits of UltraGlyde® anti-chafe panels, moisture wicking viscose made from bamboo material, elastic 3D pouch for anatomical support</li> <li>Quality in design and manufacturing – backed by a 1-year warranty</li> <li>Flexible ability to modify design to accommodate specific market segments (eg Sports)</li> <li>Underwear is our priority, with adjacent products representing future opportunity</li> </ul>
4	CAPITAL LIGHT & FLEXIBLE Focus remains on design, customers & marketing	<ul> <li>Equity funded, no debt, brand owner, 100% online (no store leases)</li> <li>Outsource manufacturing to best-in-class manufacturing facilities which are scalable</li> <li>Outsource warehouse and distribution to established 3PL who are best in class and scalable</li> <li>Executive attention directed to customer interaction and product design</li> </ul>
Ø	<b>ESG CERTIFIED</b> Competitive advantage	<ul> <li>FSC® certification of supply chain ensures responsible sourcing and ethical manufacturing</li> <li>The journey to a low emissions future well advanced. Emissions offsetting being evaluated</li> <li>ESG credentials are valued by customers and hard for competitors to catch-up</li> </ul>
c <sub>t</sub> M:	MARKETING Strategic & direct	<ul> <li>In-house capability producing video, content &amp; marketing</li> <li>Skills managing content localisation or local production</li> <li>Intelligent management of paid media, social media &amp; influencer channels</li> <li>Creativity and digital advertising skills are in our DNA and hard to replicate</li> </ul>
त्रेप	CHANNELS & PARTNERSHIPS Opportunity for growth	<ul> <li>Active management of marketplace channels like Amazon to expand customer reach</li> <li>Partnership with John Lewis to elevate product positioning</li> <li>Exceptional partnerships like SLSA to expand customer acquisition</li> <li>Ambassadors are shareholders. Advocacy is authentic</li> </ul>
<b>&amp;</b>	CUSTOMER CENTRIC Conversion & Retention	<ul> <li>Online and primarily DTC with active social media management keeps us close to customer feedback</li> <li>30-Day First Pair Guarantee which allows a full refund on a first purchase plus Free shipping reduce barriers to first purchase</li> <li>High customer retention rates</li> </ul>

### **5.5 YEAR INCOME STATEMENT**

				5.5 year view, by reporting period							5.5 ye ar view							
	FY2		FY2		FY2	_	FY2		FY2		FY2							
P&L	1H2O	2H20	1H21	2H21	1H22	2H22	1H23	2H23	1H24	2H24	1H25	2H25	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25 YTD
Proforma	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Australia	9,304	11,943	23,359	17,309	25,601	20,995	24,113	18,893	26,264	24,609	30,847		21,247	40,668	46,596	43,006	50,873	30,847
UK	0	1,000	10,726	10,323	11,031	11,013	10,619	9,748	14,652	12,477	15,675		1,000	21,049	22,044	20,367	27,129	15,675
USA	0	0	0	0	1,444	2,103	1,161	650	4,136	2,410	1,596		0	0	3,5 47	1,811	6,546	1,596
Revenue	9,304	12,943	34,085	27,632	38,076	34,1∏	35,893	29,291	45,052	39,496	48,∏8		22,247	61 <i>,7</i> 17	72,187	65,184	84,548	48,118
Cost of sales	(1,713)	(2,383)	(6,094)	(4,638)	(6,424)	(6,590)	(6,925)	(5,655)	(8,480)	(7,735)	(10,568)		(4,096)	(10,732)	(13,014)	(12,580)	(16,215)	(10,568)
Gross profit	7,591	10,560	27,991	22,994	31,6 52	27,5 <i>2</i> 1	28,968	23,636	36,572	31,761	37,5 50		18,151	50,985	59,173	52,604	68,333	37,5 50
Gross Margin %	81.6%	81.6%	82.1%	83.2%	83.1%	80.7%	80.7%	80.7%	81.2%	80.4%	78.0%		81.6%	82.6%	82.0%	80.7%	80.8%	78.0%
Advertising & marketing	(3,014)	(5,280)	(12,378)	(15,696)	(14,930)	(17,159)	(11,916)	(11,350)	(15, 379)	(12,307)	(13,969)		(8,294)	(28,074)	(32,089)	(23,266)	(27,686)	(13,969)
Advertising as % of Revenue	32.4%	40.8%	36.3%	56.8%	39.2%	50.3%	33.2%	38.7%	34.1%	31.2%	29.0%		37.3%	45.5%	44.5%	35.7%	32.7%	29.0%
Distribution & fulfilment	(636)	(1,118)	(3,057)	(3,137)	(4,415)	(4,431)	(4,472)	(3,852)	(5,274)	(5,865)	(6,602)		(1,754)	(6,194)	(8,846)	(8,324)	(11,139)	(6,602)
Distribution as % of Revenue	6.8%	8.6%	9.0%	11.4%	11.6%	13.0%	12.5 %	13.2%	11.7%	14.8%	13.7%		7.9%	10.0%	12.3%	12.8 %	13.2%	13.7%
Merchant & transaction fees	(177)	(499)	(736)	(666)	(947)	(910)	(1, 26 2)	(900)	(1,643)	(1,304)	(1,937)		(676)	(1,402)	(1,857)	(2,162)	(2,947)	(1,937)
Transaction fees as % of Revenue	1.9%	3.9%	2.2%	2.4%	2.5%	2.7%	3.5%	3.1%	3.6%	3.3%	4.0%		3.0%	2.3%	2.6%	3.3%	3.5 %	4.0%
Contribution profit	3,764	3,663	11,820	3,495	11,360	5,02	11,318	7,534	14,276	12,285	15,042		7,427	15,315	16,381	18,852	26,561	15,042
Contribution as % of Revenue	40.5%	28.3%	34.7%	12.6%	29.8%	14.7%	31.5%	25.7%	31.7%	31.1%	31.3%		33.4%	24.8%	22.7%	28.9%	31.4%	31.3%
Employee & contractor related expenses	(671)	(884)	(888)	(1,007)	(1,399)	(1,628)	(1,999)	(2,307)	(1,926)	(2,419)	(2,930)		(1,555)	(1,895)	(3,027)	(4,306)	(4,345)	(2,930)
Share based payments	(180)	(180)	(180)	(180)	(180)	(34)	(165)	50	(107)	(215)	(302)		(360)	(360)	(214)	(115)	(322)	(302)
Other operating expenses	(1,236)	(1,223)	(1,573)	(1.776)	(1,950)	(1,411)	(1,682)	(1,614)	(1,605)	(1,510)	(1,647)		(2,459)	(3.349)	(3.361)	(3,296)	(3.115)	(1.647)
ProformaOverhead	(2,087)	(2,287)	(2,641)	(2,963)	(3,529)	(3,073)	(3,846)	(3,871)	(3,638)	(4,144)	(4,879)		(4,374)	(5,604)	(6,602)	(7,717)	(7,782)	(4,879)
Foreign Exchange	0	0	(74)	97	(394)	(367)	1	887	(508)	(142)	1,016		0	23	(761)	888	(650)	1,016
Other non-operating income	2	46	74	(28)	(2)	17	0	0	0	0	0		48	46	15	0	0	0
ProformaEBITDA	1,679	1,422	9,179	601	7,435	1,598	7,473	4,550	10,130	7,9 99	11,179		3,101	9,780	9,033	12,023	18,129	11,179
EBITDA as % of Revenue	18.0%	11.0%	26.9%	2.2%	19.5%	4.7%	20.8%	15.5%	22.5%	20.3%	23.2%		13.9%	15.8%	12.5%	18.4%	21.4%	23.2%
Depreciation & amortisation & interest	(1)	0	0	(5)	(3)	9	100	315	378	201	635		(1)	(5)	6	415	579	635
ProformaPBT	1,678	1,422	9,179	596	7.432	1.607	7,573	4,865	10,508	8,200	11.814		3,100	9,775	9.039	12438	18.708	11,814
Income tax expense	(446)	(378)	(3.063)	(198)	(2,462)	(1,249)	(2.298)	(1.524)	(3,401)	(2.907)	(3.633)		(824)	(3.261)	(3.711)	(3.822)	(6.308)	(3,633)
ProformaNP AT	1,232	1,044	6,116	398	4,970	358	5,275	3,341	7,107	5,293	8,181		2,276	6,514	5,328	8,616	12,400	8,181
Proforma expense adj	1,008	931	(1,456)	(5,171)	(9,963)	650	0	0	0	0	0		1,939	(6,627)	(9,313)	0	0	0
Proforma tax adjustments	(292)	(325)	(96)	91	1,178	(195)	0	0	0	0	0		(617)	(5)	983	0	0	0
Statutory NPAT / (NLAT)	1,948	1,650	4,564	(4.682)	(3.815)	813	5.275	3.341	7.107	5.293	8.181		3,598	(118)	(3.002)	8.616	12400	8,181

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