

## Research Report – Update

*Investors should consider this report as only a single factor in making their investment decision.*

### Unique Fabricating, Inc.

**Speculative Buy**

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**UFAB \$1.52 — (NYSE)**

	<u>2020A</u>	<u>2021A</u>	<u>2022E</u>	<u>2023E</u>
Revenues (millions)	\$120.2	\$125.7	\$147.3	\$174.0
Earnings (loss) per share	\$(0.58)	\$(0.67)	\$(0.17)	\$0.39

52-Week range	\$5.00 – \$0.96	Fiscal year ends:	December
Common shares out a/o 4/29/22	11.7 million	Revenue per share (TTM)	\$11.68
Approximate float	8.1 million	Price/Sales (TTM)	0.1X
Market capitalization	\$18 million	Price/Sales (FY2023)E	0.1X
Tangible book value/share	\$0.76	Price/Earnings (TTM)	NMF
Price/tangible book value	2.0X	Price/Earnings (FY2022)E	3.9X

Headquartered in Auburn Hills, MI, Unique Fabricating (UFAB) is engaged in the engineering and manufacturing of components for use in the transportation, appliance, medical, and consumer markets. The company's products are comprised of multi-material foam, rubber, and plastic components and are used for noise, vibration and harshness management, and water and air sealing.

#### Key investment considerations:

**Reiterating Speculative Buy rating on Unique Fabricating, Inc. but lowering our twelve-month price target to \$3.50 per share from \$4.00.**

**The COVID-19 pandemic's adverse impact on the global economy has persisted into 2022. Supply chain constraints, increasing raw material costs, and limited labor availability have continued to hinder the company's financial results.**

**In response to the current adverse conditions within the global automotive industry, UFAB has taken actions to reduce costs and increase financial flexibility which include actively managing costs, capital expenditures, and working capital.**

**The company's product sales and programs are highly correlated with new vehicle production in North America. According to LMC Automotive, North American vehicle production is projected to grow to 15.3 million in 2022, approximately 16.3 million in 2023, and 16.6 million in 2024. Growing North American vehicle production along with the trend of reducing a vehicle's weight should result in sales growth for UFAB through our forecast period.**

**For 2022, we project a 17.2% increase in revenue to \$147.3 million and a loss of \$(0.17) per share. We previously forecast revenue of \$148.5 million and a loss of \$(0.20) per share. Our revised projections reflect 1Q22 results and company guidance.**

**For 2023, we project an 18.1% increase in revenue to \$174 million and EPS of \$0.39 (both unchanged) driven by growth in North American vehicle production, pent-up demand, and improving supply chain conditions.**

**UFAB reported (on 5/12/22) a 1Q22 loss of \$(0.05) per share on a 1.5% increase in revenue to \$35.3 million. UFAB reported a loss of \$(0.11) per share on revenue of \$34.8 million in 1Q21. We projected 1Q22 revenue of \$34.5 million and a loss of \$(0.11) per share.**

***\*Please view our disclosures on pages 12 - 14.***

## ***Recommendation and Valuation***

### **Reiterating Speculative Buy rating on Unique Fabricating, Inc. but lowering our twelve-month price target to \$3.50 per share from \$4.00.**

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The company's product sales and programs are highly correlated with new vehicle production in North America. According to LMC Automotive, North American production remained flat at 12.9 million in 2021. Projections are for North American annual vehicle production to grow to 15.3 million in 2022, approximately 16.3 million in 2023, and 16.6 million in 2024. Growing North American vehicle production along with the trend of reducing a vehicle's weight and increasing passenger comfort should result in sales growth for UFAB through our forecast period.

UFAB currently trades at a trailing twelve-month P/S multiple of 0.1X (0.2X previously). Company peers trade at a multiple of 0.3X (unchanged) trailing twelve-month sales. We believe UFAB'S valuation should improve based on our projected revenue growth. We applied a multiple of 0.25X (down from 0.3X previously to adjust for diminished valuation) to our FY23 revenue projection of \$14.83 per share, discounted to account for execution risk, to obtain a year-ahead value of approximately \$3.50 per share.

## ***Business***

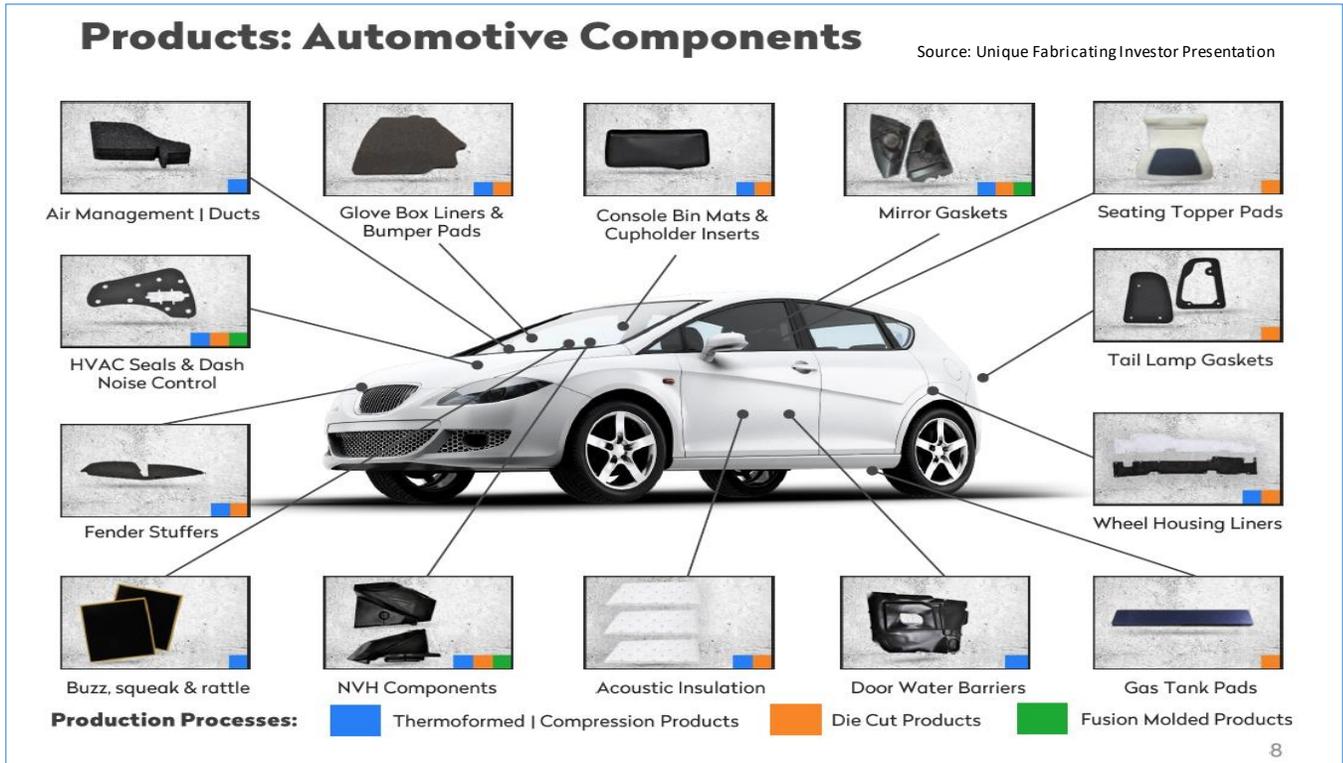
Headquartered in Auburn Hills, MI, Unique Fabricating (UFAB) is engaged in the engineering and manufacturing of components for use in the transportation, appliance, medical, and consumer markets. The company's products are comprised of multi-material foam, rubber, and plastic components and are used for noise, vibration and harshness management, acoustical management, water and air sealing, decorative and other functional applications.

Unique manufactures air management products, heating ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) products, seals, fender stuffers, air ducts, acoustical insulation, door water shields, gas tank pads, light gaskets, topper pads, mirror gaskets, glove box liners, personal protection equipment, and packaging.

UFAB's products are sold mainly to the North American transportation market (approximately 89% of total sales in 2021), which includes automotive and heavy-duty trucks. The company also serves the appliance, medical, and consumer markets.

By sealing out air, noise and water intrusion, and by providing sound absorption and blocking, Unique's products improve the interior comfort of a vehicle. Unique's products perform similar functions for appliances, water heaters and HVAC systems, improving thermal characteristics, reducing noise and prolonging equipment life.

Pictured at the top of the next page are UFAB's products used by automotive customers.



**Industry**

UFAB engineers and manufactures multi-material foam, rubber, and plastic components.

Urethane Foam Products Manufacturing

Products made with this type of foam are used to insulate objects, reduce shock in packaging, seat cushioning, carpet cushioning, car interiors, fluid filtration systems, and anti-noise and vibration systems.

The Urethane Foam Manufacturing industry fell annually by an estimated 0.1% to \$11.8 billion in 2021 from 2016. This projection includes an estimated decrease of 4.3% in 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted key downstream markets. IBISWorld projects average annual revenue growth of 1.4% to \$12.6 billion in 2026. With automotive at 11.6% of the total market, this would equate to a \$1.5 billion market for automotive and automotive parts manufacturers by 2026 assuming the current percentages hold.

The state of the US automotive industry, including domestic production volumes, affects demand for foam products. The automotive industry uses polyurethane foam in car seats and insulation applications with demand directly correlated to automobile production levels. When more vehicles are manufactured, more foam products will be purchased by the automotive industry for inputs into their vehicles and their components. A greater focus on fuel efficiency will result in more prevalent use of foam in automobile production, given its light weight. According to LMC Automotive, North American production remained flat at 12.9 million in 2021. Projections are for North American annual vehicle production to grow to 15.3 million in 2022, approximately 16.3 million in 2023, and 16.6 million in 2024.

Rubber Products Manufacturing

The rubber products manufacturing industry generated sales of approximately \$18.5 billion in 2020 (according to IBISWorld), down 3.6% from 2019 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Approximately 25.2% or \$4.7 billion of industry revenue is from the automotive segment. IBISWorld projects overall industry revenue growth at an annualized rate of 1.1% reaching \$21.4 billion over the five years to 2026. Increased demand for rubber products from key markets and consumers, likely heightened in 2021 and 2022 due to pent-up demand following the

economic slowdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, are expected to drive industry growth with the construction and automotive markets expected to rebound and help overall industry growth.

***Plastic Products Manufacturing***

Revenue for the Plastic Products Miscellaneous Manufacturing industry declined 12.4% to \$93.9 billion in 2020 as a result of lower new car sales and the value of construction falling due to COVID-19. IBISWorld projects the overall industry to grow at an annualized rate of 0.9% to \$108 billion in 2026 driven by rising demand from the domestic construction and automobile manufacturing markets.

Automotive manufacturers are the industry’s largest market segment at 23.3%. Plastic offers automobile manufacturers an inexpensive, lightweight and corrosive-free material that can be used inside and outside the vehicle. While the overall segment has declined over the five years to 2020, plastic product usage in automobiles has expanded as manufacturers have increasingly sought to improve vehicle fuel efficiency.

Federal regulations requiring cars to have an average fuel economy of 40.4 miles per gallon by 2026 could increase the usage of plastic materials instead of steel in vehicle production.

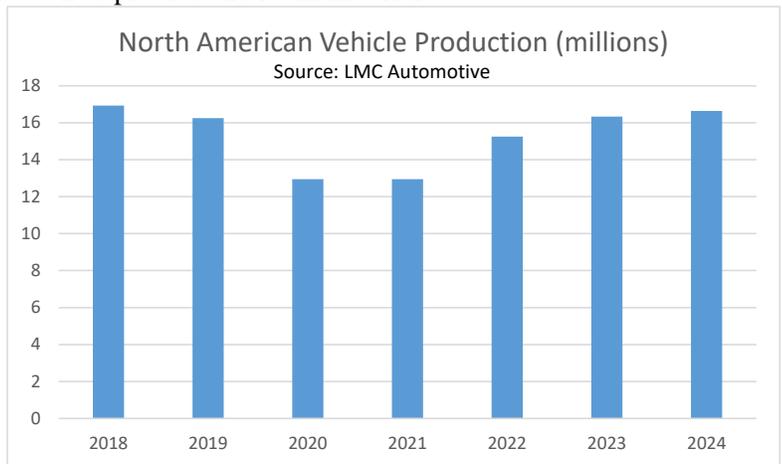
***Primary End Market***

The automotive parts industry provides components, systems, subsystems and modules to OEMs for the manufacture of new vehicles. Within the automotive parts industry, North America is UFAB’s core market.

Demand for automotive parts in the OEM market is generally a function of the number of new vehicles produced. Although OEM demand is tied to actual vehicle production, participants in the automotive parts industry also have the opportunity to grow through increasing product content per vehicle. We believe that the current trend of increasing fuel efficiency and lowering vehicle weight should help drive increased usage of parts produced by UFAB.

The evolution of materials utilized in vehicles is moving away from conventional steel and is expected to be increasingly replaced by lighter weight materials such as plastics and foam materials.

The outbreak and subsequent spread of COVID-19 had an adverse impact on North American vehicle production with most vehicle manufacturers having had some form of a shutdown at their facilities. According to LMC Automotive, North American production remained flat at 12.9 million in 2021. Projections are for North American annual vehicle production to grow to 15.3 million in 2022, approximately 16.3 million in 2023, and 16.6 million in 2024 (see chart at right).



***1Q22 Financial Results***

***1Q22*** – The net loss was \$569,000 or \$(0.05) per share on a 1.5% increase in revenue to \$35.3 million. UFAB reported a net loss of \$1.1 million or \$(0.11) per share on revenue of \$34.8 million in 1Q21. We projected 1Q22 revenue of \$34.5 million and a net loss of \$1.3 million or \$(0.11) per share.

The increase in revenue was primarily driven by the company’s cost recovery efforts (increased selling prices). Gross profit decreased to \$4.8 million from \$5.9 million with gross margins decreasing to 13.5% from 16.8%.

The decrease in gross margins was primarily due to higher raw material, freight, and labor costs partially offset by the company's cost recovery efforts.

SG&A expenses decreased 14.5% to \$5 million from \$5.8 million due primarily to lower intangible asset amortization as certain intangible assets reached the end of their useful lives, and a reduction in salary expense. The operating loss was \$194,000 versus operating income of \$48,000 in 1Q21.

Interest expense decreased to \$481,000 from \$693,000 due to favorable mark-to-market adjustments on the company's interest rate swap.

*Liquidity* - As of March 31, 2022, the company had \$752,000 cash, a current ratio of 0.7, \$47 million of debt (of which is all current) for a debt/equity ratio of 1.5X, and approximately 29% of assets covered by equity.

In 1Q22, cash provided by operations was \$1.8 million consisting of cash earnings of \$391,000 and a \$1.4 million decrease in working capital. Cash used in investing activities of \$229,000 consisted primarily of capital expenditures. Cash used in financing of \$1.5 million consisted primarily of a net decrease in debt. Cash increased by \$10,000 to \$752,000 at March 31, 2022.

The company has a \$73 million credit agreement with Citizens Bank, NA. The credit agreement consists of a revolving line of credit of up to \$30 million, term loans totaling \$38 million, and a two year \$5 million line of credit dedicated to capital expenditures. The revolver and term loans mature on November 7, 2023 and bear interest at the greater of the prime rate or the federal funds rate plus a margin ranging from 1.75% to 3.25%, or LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 2.75% to 4.25%, based on senior leverage ratio thresholds measured quarterly. The effective interest rate as of March 31, 2022 was 5.5%.

In 4Q21 and 1Q22, the company was in violation of its financial covenants. The defaults, if not waived by the company's lenders, allows the lenders to accelerate the maturity of debt making it immediately due and payable. Accordingly, all debt subject to the credit agreement has been classified as current as of March 31, 2022.

On June 13, 2022, UFAB entered into an eighth amendment to the forbearance agreement which extends the forbearance period from June 13 2022, to July 14, 2022. The company intends to use the short-term extension of its forbearance agreement to continue negotiations with the lenders, including to pursue a cure or waiver of financial covenant defaults and to amend the credit agreement.

### ***Economic Outlook***

As Unique's customers are principally engaged in the North American automotive industry (approximately 89% of 2021 sales), the economic outlook for this region should have a direct influence on its sales.

In April 2022, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) revised its global economic growth estimates to an increase of 3.6% for 2022 and 2023, down from its January 2022 projection calling for 4.6% growth in 2022 and 3.8% growth in 2023. The downward revisions primarily reflect the economic damage from the war in Ukraine resulting in elevated inflation and rising interest rates.

The IMF revised its economic growth estimate for the US to an increase of 3.7% for 2022 and 2.3% for 2023. In January 2022, the IMF projected US economic growth of 4% and 2.6% for 2022 and 2023, respectively.

The second estimate of US GDP growth (released on May 26, 2022) showed the US economy decreased at an annual rate of 1.5% in 1Q22, down from the 6.9% increase reported in 4Q21. The 1Q22 US GDP estimate primarily reflects decreases in inventory investment, exports, federal government spending, and state and local government spending.

## ***Projections***

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FY22 - We project a 17.2% increase in revenue to \$147.3 million and a net loss of \$2 million \$(0.17) per share. We previously forecast revenue of \$148.5 million and a net loss of \$2.4 million or \$(0.20) per share. Our revised projections reflect 1Q22 results and company guidance.

We project gross profit increasing 22.1% to \$20.4 million due primarily to revenue growth and gross margin expansion to 13.9% from 13.3% on greater overhead coverage offset in part by higher material costs.

SG&A expenses are projected to decrease to \$20.1 million from \$22.6 million as the company's cost cutting efforts continue. SG&A margins should decrease to 13.6% from 18%. Operating income is projected to increase to \$339,000 from a loss of \$5.8 million in 2021 (excludes a \$5.1 million impairment charge).

We project interest expense decreasing to \$2.4 million from \$3 million as the company pays down debt. We project the company paying minimal taxes.

We project UFAB should generate \$4.2 million cash from operations on cash earnings of \$2.7 million and a \$1.5 million decrease in working capital. Cash from operations should cover projected capital expenditures and repayment of debt, increasing cash by \$14,000 to \$756,000 at December 31, 2022.

FY23 - We project an 18.1% increase in revenue to \$174 million (unchanged) and net income of \$4.6 million \$0.39 per share (unchanged) driven primarily by growth in North American vehicle production, pent-up demand, and improving supply chain conditions.

We project gross profit increasing 45.2% to \$29.6 million due primarily to revenue growth and gross margin expansion to 17% from 13.9% on greater overhead coverage.

SG&A expenses are projected to increase to \$21 million from \$20.1 million to support sales growth. SG&A margins should decrease to 12.1% from 13.6%. Operating income is projected to increase to \$8.6 million from an estimated \$339,000 in 2022.

We project interest expense remaining flat at \$2.4 million. We project a 26% tax rate.

We project UFAB should generate \$6.8 million cash from operations on cash earnings of \$9 million and a \$2.1 million increase in working capital. Cash from operations is unlikely to cover projected capital expenditures and repayment of debt, reducing cash by \$9,000 to \$746,000 at December 31, 2023.

## ***Risks***

In our view, these are the principal risks underlying the stock.

*Substantial debt level, going concern* - As of March 31, 2022, UFAB had approximately \$47 million of debt outstanding which has been classified as current due to certain financial covenant defaults. The company does not have sufficient cash or available liquidity to repay such debt through the next twelve months which raises substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern.

*Pandemic concerns* – COVID-19 has had, and could continue to have, a material adverse effect on UFAB’s business, financial condition and results of operations.

*Major customers may exert significant influence* - The vehicle component supply industry is highly fragmented and serves a limited number of large OEMs that have a significant amount of leverage over their suppliers. The company’s contracts with major OEM and Tier 1 customers frequently provide for annual productivity cost reductions which UFAB has been able to offset through product design changes, increased productivity and similar programs with its suppliers. If UFAB is unable to generate sufficient production cost savings to offset price reductions, its gross margins and profitability would be adversely affected.

*Competition* – The vehicle component supply industry is highly competitive. UFAB’S products primarily compete on the basis of price, breadth of product offerings, product quality, technical expertise and development capability, product delivery and product service. Increased competition may lead to price reductions resulting in reduced gross margins and loss of market share.

*Supply chain risks* – The company’s reliance on suppliers to secure raw materials exposes UFAB to volatility in the prices and availability of raw materials and components. A disruption in deliveries from suppliers could have a material adverse effect on the company’s ability to meet its commitments to customers or could increase its operating costs.

*Exchange rate risks* – UFAB has two manufacturing facilities in Mexico and one in Canada. Because a portion of the company’s manufacturing costs are incurred in Mexican pesos and Canadian dollars, fluctuations in the US dollar/Mexican peso, and US dollar/Canadian dollar exchange rates, may have a material effect on profitability, cash flows, and financial position.

*Cyclical nature of business* - The demand for the company’s products is largely dependent on North American production of automobiles. UFAB’s business is cyclical in nature as new vehicle demand is dependent on, among other things, consumer spending, which is closely tied to the overall strength of the economy. A weakening economy would likely lead to declines in vehicle production and adversely impact the company’s financial condition. A potential disruption of US economic conditions lies in the global spread of the coronavirus that is likely to cause supply chain and demand issues which could adversely impact corporate operating results.

*Liquidity risk* - Shares of Unique Fabricating have risks common to those of the microcap segment of the market. Often these risks cause microcap stocks to trade at discounts to their peers. The most common of these risks is liquidity risk, which is typically caused by small trading floats and very low trading volume and can lead to large spreads and high volatility in stock price. There are 8.1 million shares in the float and the average daily volume is approximately 13,000 shares.

*Miscellaneous risk* - The company's ability to maintain its dividend and its financial results and equity values are subject to other risks and uncertainties including competition, operations, financial markets, regulatory risk, and/or other events. These risks may cause actual results to differ from expected results.

Unique Fabricating, Inc.

Consolidated Balance Sheets  
(in thousands \$)

	<u>FY19A</u>	<u>FY20A</u>	<u>FY21A</u>	<u>3/22A</u>	<u>FY22E</u>	<u>FY23E</u>
Cash	650	760	742	752	756	746
Accounts receivable	24,701	23,759	23,469	26,566	24,552	26,583
Inventory	13,047	11,951	13,770	13,477	14,421	16,406
Prepaid expenses and other	4,160	9,670	7,008	7,441	7,441	7,441
Total current assets	42,558	46,140	44,989	48,236	47,169	51,176
Property, plant and equipment	23,415	22,383	22,567	21,981	21,747	21,093
Goodwill	22,111	22,111	16,996	16,996	16,996	16,996
Intangible assets	11,625	7,605	5,161	4,700	3,856	2,877
Other assets	1,959	12,941	13,964	13,965	13,965	13,965
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>101,668</u></b>	<b><u>111,180</u></b>	<b><u>103,677</u></b>	<b><u>105,878</u></b>	<b><u>103,733</u></b>	<b><u>106,107</u></b>
Accounts payable	9,324	10,892	10,056	14,117	13,395	15,239
Current portion of long-term debt	2,847	35,864	28,884	27,713	24,741	20,541
Income taxes payable	-	204	303	311	311	311
Revolver - current portion	-	11,494	19,541	19,336	21,917	21,617
Accrued compensation	1,225	792	1,149	1,709	1,709	1,709
Other accrued liabilities	1,979	4,551	3,478	3,237	3,237	3,237
Total current liabilities	15,375	63,797	63,411	66,423	65,310	62,654
Long-term debt	33,220	2,999	-	-	-	-
Line of credit	11,418	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	2,195	10,519	9,139	8,856	8,856	8,856
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>62,208</u></b>	<b><u>77,315</u></b>	<b><u>72,550</u></b>	<b><u>75,279</u></b>	<b><u>74,166</u></b>	<b><u>71,510</u></b>
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b><u>39,460</u></b>	<b><u>33,865</u></b>	<b><u>31,127</u></b>	<b><u>30,599</u></b>	<b><u>29,567</u></b>	<b><u>34,597</u></b>
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Source: Company filings and Taglich Brothers' estimates

Unique Fabricating, Inc.

Income Statements for the Fiscal Years Ended  
(in thousands \$)

	<u>2019A</u>	<u>2020A</u>	<u>2021A</u>	<u>2022E</u>	<u>2023E</u>
Sales	152,489	120,214	125,669	147,312	174,000
Cost of sales	<u>120,981</u>	<u>99,543</u>	<u>108,950</u>	<u>126,902</u>	<u>144,370</u>
Gross profit	31,507	20,671	16,719	20,411	29,630
Selling, general, and administrative Restructuring / impairment expenses	<u>26,751</u> <u>9,512</u>	<u>25,484</u> <u>1,230</u>	<u>22,566</u> <u>5,115</u>	<u>20,072</u> <u>-</u>	<u>21,000</u> <u>-</u>
Operating income (loss)	(4,755)	(6,043)	(10,962)	339	8,630
Other income (expense)	11	157	6,153	(59)	-
Interest expense	<u>(4,287)</u>	<u>(3,608)</u>	<u>(3,006)</u>	<u>(2,425)</u>	<u>(2,442)</u>
Income before income taxes	<u>(9,031)</u>	<u>(9,494)</u>	<u>(7,815)</u>	<u>(2,146)</u>	<u>6,188</u>
Income tax (benefit)	37	(3,784)	(852)	(136)	1,609
Net income	<u>(9,068)</u>	<u>(5,710)</u>	<u>(6,963)</u>	<u>(2,010)</u>	<u>4,579</u>
EPS	<u>(0.93)</u>	<u>(0.58)</u>	<u>(0.67)</u>	<u>(0.17)</u>	<u>0.39</u>
Shares Outstanding	9,779	9,780	10,316	11,733	11,733
EBITDA	2,119	1,199	790	4,705	8,630
<u>Margin Analysis</u>					
Gross margin	20.7%	17.2%	13.3%	13.9%	17.0%
SG&A	17.5%	21.2%	18.0%	13.6%	12.1%
Operating margin	(3.1)%	(5.0)%	(8.7)%	0.2%	5.0%
Tax rate	(0.4)%	39.9%	NMF	NMF	26.0%
Net margin	(5.9)%	(4.7)%	(5.5)%	(1.4)%	2.6%
<u>Year / Year Growth</u>					
Total Revenues	(12.8)%	(21.2)%	4.5%	17.2%	18.1%

Source: Company filings and Taglich Brothers' estimates

Unique Fabricating, Inc.

Quarterly Income Statement 2021A to 2023E  
(in thousands \$)

	<u>3/21A</u>	<u>6/21A</u>	<u>9/21A</u>	<u>12/21A</u>	<u>2021A</u>	<u>3/22A</u>	<u>6/22E</u>	<u>9/22E</u>	<u>12/22E</u>	<u>2022E</u>	<u>3/23E</u>	<u>6/23E</u>	<u>9/23E</u>	<u>12/23E</u>	<u>2023E</u>
Sales	34,798	30,896	29,909	30,066	125,669	35,312	35,000	38,000	39,000	147,312	45,000	44,000	43,000	42,000	174,000
Cost of sales	<u>28,936</u>	<u>26,280</u>	<u>26,629</u>	<u>27,105</u>	<u>108,950</u>	<u>30,534</u>	<u>30,538</u>	<u>32,680</u>	<u>33,150</u>	<u>126,902</u>	<u>36,675</u>	<u>36,300</u>	<u>35,905</u>	<u>35,490</u>	<u>144,370</u>
Gross profit	5,862	4,616	3,280	2,961	16,719	4,778	4,463	5,320	5,850	20,411	8,325	7,700	7,095	6,510	29,630
Selling, general, and administrative	5,814	6,081	5,741	4,930	22,566	4,972	5,000	5,000	5,100	20,072	5,400	5,300	5,200	5,100	21,000
Restructuring / impairment expenses	-	-	5,115	-	5,115	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating income (loss)	48	(1,465)	(7,576)	(1,969)	(10,962)	(194)	(538)	320	750	339	2,925	2,400	1,895	1,410	8,630
Other income (expense)	18	21	6,041	73	6,153	(59)	-	-	-	(59)	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	<u>(693)</u>	<u>(769)</u>	<u>(843)</u>	<u>(701)</u>	<u>(3,006)</u>	<u>(481)</u>	<u>(658)</u>	<u>(648)</u>	<u>(638)</u>	<u>(2,425)</u>	<u>(627)</u>	<u>(615)</u>	<u>(605)</u>	<u>(595)</u>	<u>(2,442)</u>
Income before income taxes	<u>(627)</u>	<u>(2,213)</u>	<u>(2,378)</u>	<u>(2,597)</u>	<u>(7,815)</u>	<u>(734)</u>	<u>(1,196)</u>	<u>(328)</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>(2,146)</u>	<u>2,298</u>	<u>1,785</u>	<u>1,290</u>	<u>815</u>	<u>6,188</u>
Income tax (benefit)	442	296	(522)	(1,068)	(852)	(165)	-	-	29	(136)	597	464	335	212	1,609
Net income	<u>(1,069)</u>	<u>(2,509)</u>	<u>(1,856)</u>	<u>(1,529)</u>	<u>(6,963)</u>	<u>(569)</u>	<u>(1,196)</u>	<u>(328)</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>(2,010)</u>	<u>1,701</u>	<u>1,321</u>	<u>955</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>4,579</u>
EPS	<u>(0.11)</u>	<u>(0.26)</u>	<u>(0.19)</u>	<u>(0.13)</u>	<u>(0.67)</u>	<u>(0.05)</u>	<u>(0.10)</u>	<u>(0.03)</u>	<u>0.01</u>	<u>(0.17)</u>	<u>0.14</u>	<u>0.11</u>	<u>0.08</u>	<u>0.05</u>	<u>0.39</u>
Shares Outstanding	9,780	9,780	9,970	11,733	10,316	11,733	11,733	11,733	11,733	11,733	11,733	11,733	11,733	11,733	11,733
EBITDA					790					4,705					8,630
<u>Margin Analysis</u>															
Gross margin	16.8%	14.9%	11.0%	9.8%	13.3%	13.5%	12.8%	14.0%	15.0%	13.9%	18.5%	17.5%	16.5%	15.5%	17.0%
SG&A	16.7%	19.7%	19.2%	16.4%	18.0%	14.1%	19.8%	13.2%	13.1%	13.6%	12.0%	19.8%	12.1%	12.1%	12.1%
Operating margin	0.1%	(4.7)%	(25.3)%	(6.5)%	(8.7)%	(0.5)%	(1.5)%	0.8%	1.9%	0.2%	6.5%	5.5%	4.4%	3.4%	5.0%
Tax rate	(70.5)%	(13.4)%	22.0%	41.1%	NMF	22.5%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%	NMF	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%
Net margin	(3.1)%	(8.1)%	(6.2)%	(5.1)%	(5.5)%	(1.6)%	(3.4)%	(0.9)%	0.2%	(1.4)%	3.8%	3.0%	2.2%	1.4%	2.6%
<u>Year / Year Growth</u>															
Total Revenues	0.4%	106.3%	(15.9)%	(14.2)%	4.5%	1.5%	13.3%	27.1%	29.7%	17.2%	27.4%	25.7%	13.2%	7.7%	18.1%

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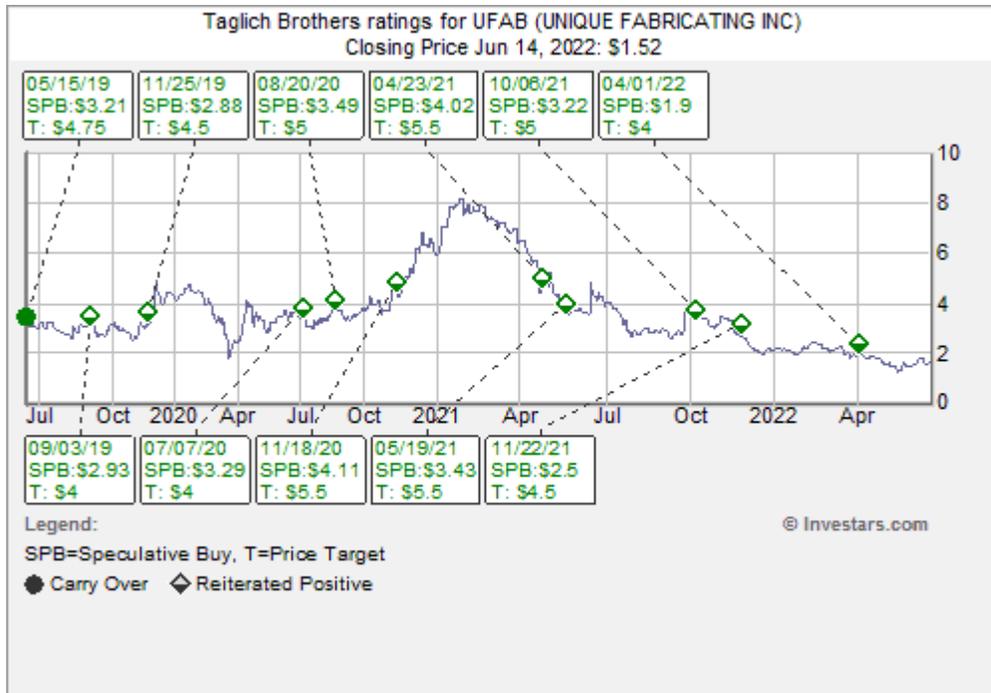
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Statement of Cash Flows for the Periods Ended  
(in thousands \$)

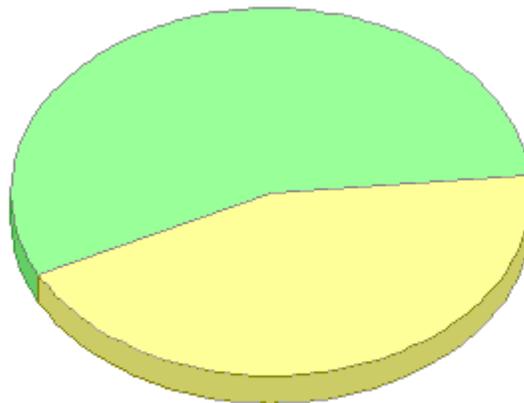
	FY19A	FY20A	FY21A	3M22A	FY22E	FY23E
Net income (loss)	(9,068)	(5,710)	(6,963)	(569)	(2,010)	4,579
Impairment of goodwill	6,760	-	5,115	-	-	-
Inventory allowance	1,742	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	6,863	7,085	5,599	1,276	4,425	3,933
Amortization of debt issuance costs	177	189	214	56	224	224
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	68	464	(12)	-	-	-
Bad debt adjustment	243	740	(307)	(72)	(72)	-
Loss (gain) on derivative instruments	578	329	(625)	(380)	(380)	-
Gain on forgiveness of debt	-	-	(6,000)	-	-	-
Stock option expense	130	115	388	41	450	450
Accrued in-kind interest on long-term debt	-	-	121	39	156	156
Deferred taxes	(1,153)	(1,539)	(1,486)	-	(61)	(379)
Cash earnings (loss)	6,340	1,673	(3,956)	391	2,732	8,963
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>						
Accounts receivable	5,888	202	597	(3,025)	(1,083)	(2,031)
Inventory	2,584	1,096	(1,819)	293	(651)	(1,985)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(570)	(6,864)	2,486	(452)	(433)	-
Accounts payable	(1,104)	1,236	(25)	4,107	3,339	1,844
Other liabilities	(1,117)	1,287	(935)	444	319	-
(Increase) decrease in working capital	5,681	(3,043)	304	1,367	1,492	(2,172)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operations</b>	<b>12,021</b>	<b>(1,370)</b>	<b>(3,652)</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>4,224</b>	<b>6,791</b>
Purchase of property and equipment	(2,759)	(2,425)	(3,429)	(229)	(2,300)	(2,300)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	119	889	100	-	-	-
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing</b>	<b>(2,640)</b>	<b>(1,536)</b>	<b>(3,329)</b>	<b>(229)</b>	<b>(2,300)</b>	<b>(2,300)</b>
Net change in bank overdraft	(1,036)	332	(811)	(46)	(46)	-
Proceeds from debt	1,300	-	-	-	-	-
Payments on term loans	(3,350)	(3,161)	(4,200)	(1,228)	(4,200)	(4,200)
Proceeds from (payments on) revolving facilities	(6,565)	(3)	7,930	(245)	2,336	(300)
Debt issuance costs	-	(151)	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from the issuance of stock and warrants	-	-	4,044	-	-	-
Proceeds from PPP loan	-	5,999	-	-	-	-
Distribution of cash dividends	(490)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing</b>	<b>(10,141)</b>	<b>3,016</b>	<b>6,963</b>	<b>(1,519)</b>	<b>(1,910)</b>	<b>(4,500)</b>
<b>Net change in cash</b>	<b>(760)</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>(18)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>(9)</b>
<b>Cash - beginning of period</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>756</b>
<b>Cash - end of period</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>746</b>

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**Price Chart**



**Taglich Brothers' Current Ratings Distribution**



56 % Buy | 44 % Hold

Investment Banking Services for Companies Covered in the Past 12 Months			
Rating		#	%
Buy		5	25
Hold			
Sell			
Not Rated			

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