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Price: \$1.52

# **HeartCore Enterprises, Inc.**

(HTCR) (NASDAQ)

### Highlight HTCR's CXM Expansion, Go IPO Challenges, And Financial Strength As We Enter 2025

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Key Statistics	
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Market Cap (Mil)	\$29
Enterprise Value (Mil)	\$25
52-Week Range	0.46-3.38
5-Year EPS CAGR	NA
Avg. Daily Trading Volume	366,190
Shares Out (Mil)	20.864
Float Shares (Mil)	5.134
Insider Ownership	75%
Institutional Holdings	25%
Date of IPO	02/11/22
Price of IPO	\$5.06
FCF Per Share (2026E)	\$0.12
FCF Yield (2026E)	9.6%
Net Cash Per Share (2026E)	\$0.09
Price to Book Value	11.0x
Return on Equity (2026E)	NM
Total Debt to Capital	74%
Interest Coverage Ratio	NM
Russell 2000	2285
Russell 2000 - Last 12 Months	13.59%
HTCR – Last 12 Months	172.9%
Auditor – MaloneBailey, LLP	
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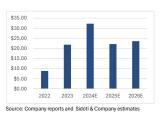
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HeartCore Enterprises, Inc. (HTCR), with headquarters in Japan, provides expertise in software as a service (SaaS) solutions to large enterprises and government clients locally and globally. The company has a customer experience management platform and a digital transformation business. The company also provides consulting services to companies based in Japan to help them list on U.S. exchanges. To date, the company has signed 14 clients, four of which have completed initial offerings.

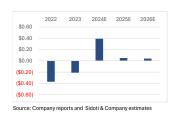
EPS EST	<b>TIMATES</b>							
	2023	2024E	202	5E	2026E			
			OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW		
Mar.	\$0.10	(\$0.06)A	(\$0.01)			\$0.00		
June	(0.04)	(0.09)A	(0.01)			\$0.00		
Sep.	(0.11)	0.53A	0.03			\$0.02		
Dec.	(0.14)	0.02	0.04			\$0.02		
EPS	(\$0.21)	\$0.39	\$0.05			\$0.04		
P/E		3.9x	30.4x			38.0x		



**Price Chart** 



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#### **INVESTMENT SUMMARY**

- In 2025, we estimate 20% year-over-year revenue growth in the customer experience management (CXM) segment, driven by HeartCore's transition to a software as a service (SaaS) model and multiyear licensing agreement. We believe the SaaS model offers scalability, flexibility, and advanced functionalities to clients without requiring extensive technical expertise.
- We believe collaboration with Amazon Web Solutions (AWS) will enable critical Content Management System (CMS) upgrades, including a redesigned user interface and enhanced management tools, broadening the addressable market and creating a steady stream of recurring revenue for long-term CXM growth.
- We believe proactive client engagement strategies (e.g., Health Check) strengthen customer relationships, optimize CMS usage, and create new revenue streams through consulting services and cross-selling opportunities.
- We estimate an 82% decline in Go IPO revenue in 2025 due to a tough comparison, and a lack of new deals. However, the company projects four signed companies will go public in early 2025, suggesting a potential rebound, once regulatory hurdles ease.
- As of September 30, 2024, HeartCore's net working capital increased to \$5.7 million, reversing the previous quarter's negative position and improving the company's current ratio to 1.9, up from 0.7 in the prior quarter.
- Overall, we estimate \$22.2 million in revenue for 2025, down 31%, driven by tough comparisons in the consulting business, partially offset by continued growth in the CXM business. We maintain our EPS estimate of \$0.05.

Enhancing the CXM platform through SaaS expansion and strategic licensing. HeartCore's recent initiatives to expand the CMS platform into a SaaS delivery model, combined with a shift toward multiyear licensing agreements, are set to significantly enhance the CXM line. We estimate CXM revenue grows 20% in 2025, driven by the scalability and flexibility of the SaaS model. HeartCore's clients can access advanced CMS functionalities without requiring extensive technical expertise. We expect these initiatives to bring new growth opportunities for HTCR from its existing clients. In addition, the partnership with AWS has enabled critical upgrades, such as a redesigned user interface and enhanced management tools, ensuring seamless site management for clients. This strategic transition not only broadens the addressable market but also establishes a steady stream of recurring revenue, positioning the CXM line for long-term growth.

Investments in customer success and cross-selling opportunities further strengthen the CXM line in addition to expanding HeartCore's market opportunities. The introduction of the "Health Check" program facilitates personalized consultations, system optimizations, and feedback-driven enhancements, ensuring the CMS platform aligns with evolving client needs. By proactively engaging clients and offering complementary solutions such as consulting services, the company is fostering deeper relationships and unlocking new revenue streams. We expect these initiatives, coupled with a strong customer retention rate, to drive sustainable financial growth and solidify the CXM line's role as a cornerstone of the software business.

Navigating Go IPO revenue decline and future growth prospects. For 2025, we estimate an 82% year-over-year decline in Go IPO revenue due to a tough comparison and a lack of recently signed deals. Despite this, HTCR's CEO highlighted a strong pipeline during our November micro-cap conference, indicating the potential for four additional contracts to close out 2024. However, these deals have likely been pushed into the first half of 2025 due to stricter SEC regulations and unpredictable audit timelines. HeartCore has taken four companies public, with two beginning trading in 3Q:24. In addition, HTCR has four already signed companies that it expects to go public in early 2025. While the near-term revenue outlook for Go IPO remains challenged, the pending deals suggest a potential rebound once regulatory hurdles are cleared and audit processes are completed.

**Go IPO listings strengthened HTCR's financial position and liquidity.** As of September 30, 2024, HeartCore had \$7.3 million in marketable securities and warrants from its Go IPO clients, which are either held as investment or sold as a source of capital. In addition, it had \$1.2 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$770,000 in net accounts receivable. Total debt was approximately \$1.8 million, \$1.4 million of which was classified as long-term debt. Due to the NASDAQ listing of two companies in 3Q:24, HeartCore's net working capital increased to \$5.7 million, reversing the previous quarter's negative position and improving the company's current ratio to 1.9, up from 0.7 in the prior quarter.

Looking at the income statement as we head into 2025 and establishing 2026 estimates. For 2025, we estimate \$22.2 million in revenue for the year, down 31%, driven by tough comparisons in the consulting business, partially offset by growth in the CXM business. We estimate \$19.2 million in revenue from the software segment, which would equate to three consecutive years of double-digit growth. We maintain our 2025 EPS estimate of \$0.05. For 2026, we now estimate revenue of \$23.6 million (up 6%), with EPS of \$0.04, reflecting persistent growth in the Software segment. Our estimate is a base case scenario where we assume continued growth on the CXM platform and no new deals are signed or additional companies begin to trade on NASDAQ. However, any new deals could provide upside potential to our revenue estimates.

Overall, we view HTCR as having a higher risk profile given the nature of its business; but this risk also comes with potentially higher rewards. HeartCore's revenue is highly influenced by exchange rates, with 60% of revenue generated by its Japanese subsidiary. In addition, the company operates in the highly competitive and fragmented digital transformation market, which could affect its ability to sustain growth in its software franchise. Also, the surge in companies seeking Nasdaq listings has slowed significantly in 2024. As with any capital markets related business, this operating environment is highly cyclical by nature. Also, HTCR's long-term success with Go IPO is inherently tied to its ability to secure relationships with enterprises that are themselves successful and season well in the public markets.

#### HEARTCORE ENTERPRISES, INC.

## HeartCore Enterprises

Income Statement						Quarterly Ea	_							ınual Earniı	-		
US\$ in thousands	31-Mar	30-Jun	30-Sep	31-Dec	31-Mar	30-Jun	30-Sep	31-Dec	31-Mar	30-Jun	30-Sep	31-Dec	31-Dec		31-Dec	31-Dec	'23-'2
_	1Q24A	2Q24A	3Q24A	4Q24E	1Q25E	2Q25E	3Q25E	4Q25E	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	4Q26E	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E	CAGI
Revenue	\$ 5,047	\$ 4,066	\$ 17,850	\$ 5,294	,	\$ 5,254 \$	. ,	+ -,	\$ 5,888	\$ 5,593	, .	\$ 6,157	\$ 21,846		\$ 22,162	\$ 23,595	3%
Cost of sales	3,015	3,261	3,433	2,912	3,308	3,415	2,931	3,051	3,533	3,300	3,376	3,386	13,778		12,706	13,594	
Gross profit	2,032		14,417	2,382	2,205	1,839	2,706	2,706	2,355	2,293	2,582	2,771	8,067		9,456	10,000	
Sales and marketing expenses	220	179	243	159	386	368	169	173	334	317	258	239	1,516		1,096	1,148	
General and administrative expenses	2,406	2,022	1,967	2,012	2,205	1,944	2,086	1,842	2,257	2,125	2,105	2,203	9,651		8,077	8,690	
Research and development expenses	89	111	108	90	110	105	113	115	112	112	119	121	1,019		443	464	=0
Total operating expenses	2,715		2,317	2,261	2,702	2,417	2,368	2,130	2,703	2,554	2,482	2,563	12,187		9,616	10,302	-5%
Operating Profit/ (Loss)	-683	-1,507	12,100	122	-496	-578	338	576	-347	-261	99	207	-4,119		-160	-302	
Change in fair value of investments in marketable securities	-234	-196	122	122	122	122	122	122	122	122	122	122	-616		489	489	
Interest income	3	2	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	71		44	44	
Interest expenses	-37	-37	-31	-31	-31	-31	-31	-31	-31	-31	-31	-31	-163		-126	-126	
Government grants	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77		0	0	
Other income	97	38	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	366		96	96	
Other expenses	-25	-24	-82	-82	-82	-82	-82	-82	-82	-82	-82	-82	-125		-330	-330	
Total other income (expenses)	-875		-1,058	43	43	43	43	43	44	45	46	47	-891		174	184	
Earnings before Tax	-1,558	-2,283	11,042	165	-453	-535	382	619	-303	-216	146	255	-5,010		13	-118	
Income tax expense (benefit)	-80	-72	225	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	-134	93	80	80	
Income tax rate	NA	NA	2%										NA				
Net Income (Loss)	-1,478	-2,211	10,817	145	-473	-555	362	599	-323	-236	126	235	-4,877	7,273	-67	-198	
Net loss attributable to non-controlling interests	-145	-260	-241	-260	-260	-260	-260	-260	-260	-260	-260	-260	-687	-906	-1,040	-1,040	
Net Income (Loss) attributable to HTCR	\$ (1,333)	\$ (1,951)	\$ 11,058	\$ 405	\$ (213)	\$ (295) \$	622	\$ 859	\$ (63)	\$ 24	\$ 386	\$ 495	\$ (4,190)	\$ 8,179	\$ 973	\$ 842	
EPS attributable to HTCR	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.09)	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01) \$	0.03	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.21)	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.04	
Diluted S/O	20,855	20,864	20,864	20,864	20,864	20,864	20,864	20,864	20,864	20,864	20,864	20,864	20,405	20,862	20,864	20,864	
Margin Analysis																	
Gross Margin	40%	20%	81%	45%	40%	35%	48%	47%	40%	41%	43%	45%	37%	61%	43%	42%	
Operating Margin	NA	NA	68%	2%	NA	NA	6%	10%	NA	NA	2%	3%	NA		NA	NA	
Pretax Margin	NA	NA	62%	3%	NA	NA	7%	11%	NA	NA	2%	4%	NA NA		0%	NA	
Net Margin	NA		62%	8%	NA	NA	11%	15%	NA	0%	6%	8%	NA		4%	4%	
As a % of Revenue																	
Cost of sales	60%	80%	19%	55%	60%	65%	52%	53%	60%	59%	57%	55%	63%	39%	57%	58%	
	4%	4%		33%		7%	3%	3%			4%	4%		2%	5%	5%	
Sales & marketing expenses	48%	50%	1% 11%	3% 38%	7% 40%	37%	3% 37%	3% 32%	6% 38%	6% 38%	35%	36%	7% 44%	26%	36%	37%	
General & admin expenses Research & development expenses	2%	3%	11%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	5%	1%	2%	2%	
Y/Y Growth	4000	2061	20101	5061	Oc.	200/	6061	061	TC:			70/	* ****	4007	2121	661	
Revenue	-42%	-20%	281%	59%	9%	29%	-68%	9%	7%	6%	6%	7%	148%	48%	-31%	6%	
Cost of sales	-3%	-9%	-11%	-10%	10%	5%	-15%	5%	7%	-3%	15%	11%	152%	-8%	1%	7%	
Gross profit	-64%	-47%	1640%	2350%	9%	128%	-81%	14%	7%	25%	-5%	2%	141%	143%	-52%	6%	
Sales and marketing expenses	-61%	-63%	-11%	-14%	76%	105%	-30%	9%	-14%	-14%	53%	39%	-46%	-47%	37%	5%	
General and administrative expenses	-10%	-17%	-9%	-14%	-8%	-4%	6%	-8%	2%	9%	1%	20%	47%	-13%	-4%	8%	
Research and development expenses	12%	181%	-37%	-88%	24%	-6%	5%	28%	1%	6%	6%	5%	59%	-61%	11%	5%	
Total operating expenses	-19%	-22%	-11%	-31%	0%	4%	2%	-6%	0%	6%	5%	20%	21%	-21%	0%	7%	

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Cash Flow Statement																
US\$ in thousands	31-Mar	30-Jun	30-Sep	31-Dec	31-Mar	30-Jun	30-Sep	31-Dec	31-Mar	30-Jun	30-Sep	31-Dec	31-Dec	31-Dec	31-Dec	31-Dec
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Cash flows from operating activities Net income (loss)	-1,478	-2,211	10,817	145	-473	-555	362	599	-323	-236	126	235	-4,877	7,273	-67	-198
	-1,478 188	-2,211 187	10,817	143	-473 187	-555 187	362 187	187	-323 187	-236 187	187	233 187	-4,877 683	7,273	-67 747	-198 747
Depreciation and amortization expenses				187	187	187	187	187	187	187	187	187			747	/4/
Warrants received as noncash consideration	0	0	-12,970										-3,764	-12,970		
Changes in fair value of investments in marketable securities	234	196	-122										616	308		
Changes in fair value of investments in warrants	679	559	-2,869										501	-1,632		
Marketable Securities received as noncash consideration	0	0	-572										0	-572		
Loss on sale of warrants	0	0	3,971										0	3,971		
Changes in assets and liabilities:													0	0		
Accounts receivable	-523	-25	-137	726	-352	-422	936	-324	-267	132	32	-156	-338	40	-162	-259
Prepaid expenses	-3,258	3,416	-230	663	768	-924	-19	-6	244	-176	1	13	359	591	-182	82
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	296	-1	-231	-294	206	227	-247	-480	608	-123	-5	-59	533	-231	-294	420
Accrued payroll and other employee costs	-150	-129	210	-51	79	21	50	-428	357	-54	1	-57	152	-119	-277	247
Operating lease liabilities	-90	-93	-93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-328	-276	0	0
Income tax payables	-2	-150	171	-25	20	5	-83	-27	71	-19	-11	1	162	-7	-85	43
Deferred revenue	-300	465	-370	190	915	120	511	366	-350	-80	300	138	553	-15	1,912	8
Other liabilities	5.061	-4.502	-19										64	540	0	0
Net cash from operating activities	\$741	-\$2,202	-\$2,039	\$1,541	\$1,349	-\$1,341	\$1,697	-\$113	\$543	-\$368	\$631	\$300	-\$4,331	-\$1,959	\$1,593	\$1,106
Cash flows from investing activities																
Purchases of property and equipment	0	-4	0	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50	-526	-54	-200	-200
Proceeds from disposal of PPE	0	-35	35										25	0		
Repayment of loan provided to related party	11	10	10										45	31		
Payment for acquisition of subsidiary, net of cash acquired	0	0	0										-725	0		
Net cash from investing activities	\$11	\$5,261	\$46	-\$50	-\$50	-\$50	-\$50	-\$50	-\$50	-\$50	-\$50	-\$50	-\$1,781	\$5,267	-\$200	-\$200
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Cash flows from financing activities																
Payments for finance leases	-4	-4	-4										-22	-13		
Proceeds from short-term & long-term debt	68	0	0										710	68		
Repayment of short-term and long-term debts	-207	-74	-172										-711	-453		
Repayment of insurance premium financing	-15	-45	-47										-389	-107		
Net proceeds from factoring arrangement	0	0	0										563	0		
Net repayment of factoring arrangement	-383	141	-15										0	-257		
Distribution of dividends	0	-417	-417	-417	-417	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,252	-417	
Net cash from financing activities	-\$475	-\$399	-\$655	-\$417	-\$417	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$136	-\$1,947	-\$417	\$0
Effect of exchange rate changes	-71	-72	74										-189	-69	0	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	\$207	\$2,587	-\$2,574	\$1,073	\$882	-\$1,391	\$1,647	-\$163	\$493	-\$418	\$581	\$250	-\$6,165	\$1,293	\$976	\$906
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of the period	\$1,012	\$1,219	\$3,806	\$1,232	\$2,306	\$3,187	\$1,797	\$3,444	\$3,281	\$3,774	\$3,356	\$3,936	\$7,177	\$1,012	\$2,306	\$3,281
Cash and cash equivalents - end of the period	\$1,219	\$3,806	\$1,232	\$2,306	\$3,187	\$1,797	\$3,444	\$3,281	\$3,774	\$3,356	\$3,936	\$4,187	\$1,012	\$2,306	\$3,281	\$4,187
FCF	\$929	-\$2,011	-\$1,852	\$1,777	\$1,586	-\$1,104	\$1,934	\$124	\$780	-\$132	\$867	\$537	-\$3,122	-\$1,156	\$2,540	\$2,052
FCF per share	\$0.04	-\$0.10	-\$0.09	\$0.09	\$0.08	-\$0.05	\$0.09	\$0.01	\$0.04	-\$0.01	\$0.04	\$0.03	-\$0.15	-\$0.06	\$0.12	\$0.10
Source: Company Reports and Sidoti & Co., LLC estimates	Ψ0.04	Ψ0.10	Ψ0.07	Ψ0.07	Ψ0.00	Ψ0.05	Ψ0.07	ψ0.01	ψ0.04	Ψ0.01	Ψ0.04	Ψ0.03	Ψ0.15	Ψ0.00	Ψ0.12	Ψ0.10
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Balance Sheet																
US\$ in thousands	31-Mar	30-Jun	30-Sep	31-Dec	31-Mar	30-Jun	30-Sep	31-Dec	31-Mar	30-Jun	30-Sep	31-Dec	31-Dec	31-Dec	31-Dec	31-Dec
	1Q24A	2Q24A	3Q24A	4Q24E	1Q25E	2Q25E	3Q25E	4Q25E	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E	4Q26E	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Current assets																
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,219	\$ 3,806	\$ 1,232	\$ 2,306	\$ 3,187	\$ 1,797	\$ 3,444	\$ 3,281	\$ 3,774	\$ 3,356	\$ 3,936	\$ 4,187	\$ 1,012	\$ 2,306	\$ 3,281	\$ 4,187
Accounts receivable	3,086	2,441	2,579	1,853	2,205	2,627	1,691	2,015	2,282	2,150	2,118	2,274	2,624	1,853	2,015	2,274
Investments in marketable securities	408	435	7,350	1059	551	1051	282	345	604	577	470	530	642	1,059	345	530
Prepaid expenses	3,942	3,877	769	106	-662	263	282	288	44	220	219	206	537	106	288	206
Current-portion of long term note receivable	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Due from related party	42	40	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	45	44	44	44
Other current assets	223	199	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	177	235	177	177	177
Total current assets	\$9,021	\$10,900	\$12,251	\$5,644	\$5,604	\$6,059	\$6,020	\$6,251	\$7,025	\$6,624	\$7,064	\$7,518	\$5,495	\$5,644	\$6,251	7,518
Non-current assets																0
Property & equipment, net	689	641	663	427	190	-47	-283	-520	-757	-994	-1,230	-1,467	764	427	-520	-1,467
Operating lease right-of-use assets	2,272	2,106	2,184	2,184	2,184	2,184	2,184	2,184	2,184	2,184	2,184	2,184	2,468	2,184	2,184	2,184
Intangible asset, net	4,356	4,197	4,038	4,038	4,038	4,038	4,038	4,038	4,038	4,038	4,038	4,038	4,516	4,038	4,038	4,038
Goodwill	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276	3,276
Long-term investment in equity securities & SAFE	300	300	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	650	0	650	650	650
Long-term investments in warrants	1,325	543	552	552	552	552	552	552	552	552	552	552	2,004	552	552	552
Long-term note receivable	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Total non-current assets	\$13,309	\$13,176	\$13,221	\$12,218	\$11,981	\$11,744	\$11,508	\$11,271	\$10,143	\$9,907	\$9,670	\$9,433	\$14,129	\$12,218	\$11,271	\$9,433
Total assets	\$22,330	\$24,076	\$25,472	\$17,862	\$17,585	\$17,803	\$17,527	\$17,521	\$17,168	\$16,530	\$16,734	\$16,951	\$19,624	\$17,862	\$17,521	\$16,951
Current liabilities																
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,016	1,779	1,809	1,514	1,720	1,947	1,700	1,220	1,828	1,706	1,700	1,641	1,757	1,514	1,220	1,641
Accrued payroll and other employee costs	551	628	634	582	662	683	733	305	662	608	609	552	723	582	305	552
Current portion of long-term debts	447	509	462	462	462	462	0	0	0	0	0	0	372	462	0	0
Insurance premium financing	158	112	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	0	65	65	65
Factoring liability	179	321	305	305	305	305	305	305	305	305	305	305	563	305	305	305
Operating lease liabilities, current	375	358	383	383	383	383	383	383	383	383	383	383	397	383	383	383
Finance lease liabilities, current	17	16	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Income tax payables	150	1	170	146	165	171	88	61	132	113	103	104	163	146	61	104
Deferred revenue	1,792	2,207	1,928	2,118	3,032	3,153	3,664	4,030	3,680	3,600	3,900	4,038	2,166	2,118	4,030	4,038
Other current liabilities	5,268	9,261	757	757	757	757	757	757	757	757	757	757	216	757	757	757
Total current liabilities	\$11,018	\$15,193	\$6,531	\$6,351	\$7,571	\$7,944	\$7,714	\$7,146	\$7,832	\$7,557	\$7,841	\$7,863	\$6,512	\$6,351	\$7,146	\$7,863
Non-current liabilities																
Long-term debts	1,524	1,404	1,382	1,382	1,382	1,382	1,382	1,382	1,382	1,382	1,382	1,382	1,770	1,382	1,382	1,382
Operating lease liabilities, non-current	1,960	1,805	1,860	1,860	1,860	1,860	1,860	1,860	1,860	1,860	1,860	1,860	2,135	1,860	1,860	1,860
Deferred tax liabilities	1,220	1,175	1,131	1,131	1,131	1,131	1,131	1,131	1,131	1,131	1,131	1,131	1,264	1,131	1,131	1,131
Other non-current liabilities	192	685	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	201	209	201	201	201
Total non-current liabilities	\$4,954	\$5,121	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$5,445	\$4,625	\$4,625	\$4,625
Total liabilities	\$15,972	\$20,314	\$11,157	\$10,976	\$12,196	\$12,570	\$12,339	\$11,771	\$12,457	\$12,182	\$12,467	\$12,489	\$11,957	\$10,976	\$11,771	\$12,489
Equity																
Total Shareholders' Equity	\$6,358	\$3,762	\$14,316	\$6,886	\$5,388	\$5,233	\$5,188	\$5,751	\$4,711	\$4,348	\$4,267	\$4,462	\$7,667	\$6,886	\$5,751	\$4,462
Total liabilities and equity	\$22,330	\$24,076	\$25,472	\$17,862	\$17,585	\$17,803	\$17,527	\$17,521	\$17,168	\$16,530	\$16,734	\$16,951	\$19,624	\$17,862	\$17,521	\$16,951
Net Cash	-371	2,403	7,150	6,074	2,221	3,360	3,464	1,958	1,958	1,958	1,958	1,958	-894	6,074	1,958	1,958
Net Cash per share	-0.02	0.12	0.34	0.29	0.11	0.16	0.17	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	-0.04	0.29	0.09	0.09
Source: Company Reports and Sidoti & Co., LLC estimates																

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HeartCore Enterprises, Inc. (HTCR \$1.52) NR Risk Rating: H

Action	Date	Px	Rating	PT	Risk Rating
Initiation	10/8/24	0.7	NR	N/A	H



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NEUTRAL(a)	17	11.7%	1	5.9%
NOT RATED	0	0%	0	0.0%
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TOTAL	145	100%	5	3.4%

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November 2024		

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