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# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION SECTION

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Is that our queue? Yeah, it seems like that's our queue. Hey, everyone. I'm Pinjalim Bora. SMID Cap Software Analyst at JPMorgan. I'm delighted to have here with me, Dennis Woodside, CEO and President of Freshworks. Dennis, welcome to the conference.

### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Thanks. Thanks for having me and thanks, everybody.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

So let's start with a little bit of introduction about yourself. You're new into the CEO role. Maybe talk a little bit about yourself and a few words on Freshworks for the people in the audience that might not know about the story.

## Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Sure. So I'm Dennis Woodside. I've been at Freshworks now for about 18 months. I've spent a lot of time in technology. It's been about 20 years, 11 years at Google. I ran sales in North and South America for Google. I ran a company, we bought called Motorola Mobility and then was the COO of Dropbox. Helped take Dropbox public. Grew that business from about \$200 million to about \$1.4 billion in revenue when I was there.

Freshworks, so Freshworks was started in 2010 in Chennai, India. The first product that Girish Mathrubootham built was a Freshdesk product, which is for customer support. That was kind of in the earlier days of SaaS and really took off among SMBs. So the first customers for Freshdesk were international from day one. As that business grew, the company realized that Freshdesk was being used in IT department. So Girish built a separate

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product called Freshservice to handle helpdesk needs in IT and eventually moved from ITSM, added operations management, added asset management, and then more recently added ESM for teams outside of IT.

So the business initially started as SMB, but companies dragged us into bigger and bigger accounts. So today, we have 67,000 customers around the world. We have a business that's basically equally balanced between our ITSM business for our service and our customer support business, which is anchored in Freshdesk. We have large accounts like Sony Music, Viessmann in Europe, many others, but we also serve SMBs with larger accounts now being about 60% of our overall business.

So that's a quick thumbnail sketch of me and of Freshworks.

# **QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION**

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

That's great. Thank you. I intended to say this before, but I forgot. Congratulations on the new CEO role.

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Thank you.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

You said 18 months about in the new role. Maybe talk about what is working really well at this point within Freshworks and where do you think there is some room for improvement?

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

So what attracted me to the company in the first place is that, we built software that every company in the world needs. Every company that has a customer support team, a sales and marketing team or an IT team, needs to automate the business processes that those teams have, needs to automate the workflows that those teams use every day. So Freshworks has successfully moved from single-product company to multi-product company and one of the big shifts which I talked about earlier is this shift up-market.

Most of our growth now is coming from accounts that are spending more than \$50,000 a year with us. That cohort, which we disclose is growing at about 29% year-over-year. We categorize our customers into SMBs, which are 250 employees and under and then mid-market enterprise, which is 250 and up. Our business is increasingly being driven by that larger account segment 250 and up. We've successfully made a shift from inbound-only sales model, relying entirely on web, try-to-buy type of sales motion to one that's both inbound and outbound with a global field sales force, primarily based in the US and Europe, but also in Asia-Pac. And that motion up-market is creating lots and lots of additional opportunities for us to expand to find new opportunities in business to serve them.

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So an example, there is our recent acquisition of Device42, which provides very advanced IT asset management capabilities, which larger and larger customers are asking us to bring in when we're competing. So what's exciting to me is that, move up-market is working quite well that shift into from a single-product company to multi-product and in particular in IT, continues to work really well. That IT business for us is very profitable. All the dynamics are great in terms of expansion and retention. So we like that a lot. And in the meantime, the support business continues to chug along very profitable business as well. And you see that in the cash flow along for the year.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. So as you go into this new year, talk about some of the priorities that you have, more tactically in the nearterm and maybe strategically over the next two years or so.

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

So one of the things, when I joined that we really focused on was that shift and is that shift up-market. And one of the things that I realized is that, that inbound business is very different than that field-driven outbound business. So one of the tactical changes that we've made is splitting leadership of those two business units and having two leaders assigned to each. Abe Smith joined us from Zoom, he leads Field Sales and Mika Yamamoto joined us from F5, she leads both marketing and that inbound SMB business.

So that is creating greater focus on both of those motions. We're building out all the teams. If you think about field that you need to support a larger and larger scale field operation, larger and larger accounts and customers, things like our partner business, our professional services, and so forth. And then, on inbound, we have some work to do to improve the try-to-buy experience which Mika is leading.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

#### Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. Got it. So let's take a step back. And this is a question that we hear from some investors. Freshworks is working both in the front office on the support side, helping your end customer – the customers' end customers, as well as, working in the back office, helping your customers' employees, right. So, what, from your perspective, what is your vision longer term? Does Freshworks become like a one-stop-shop across both front office, back office for SMBs? Or would you lean more into the back office because ITSM is really working well for you? Maybe talk about that.

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

So we are leaning very much into the back office, because IT is working very well for us. We see a huge opportunity there. In that market you have ServiceNow, which competes very well in very large, complex enterprises, and then you have legacy on-prem solutions like Ivanti Cherwell who have become more cloud-focused and you have Atlassian who's coming at it from a developer standpoint.

But there's a big space in the middle for a company with 20,000 employees or so that has a sophisticated IT department, has sophisticated needs, but doesn't need the complexity that a ServiceNow brings, need something that's easier to deploy, faster time to value overall lower total costs. That's what we provide and that's where we're having great success. And that market is very large. So we're very much focused on driving success there and

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continue to expand there, investing there with Device42 as a acquisition that will help us win more share there as well as provide a natural upsell to our existing accounts.

In customer support, that business for us skews more SMB and much more inbound. That has different dynamics. We are earlier in the shift up-market there We are having success in moving into larger accounts, like a Stitch Fix, which has about 5,000 employees moved from a competitor onto our system – for the same reasons, easier to deploy, faster time to value, AI-enabled, and – but that business has different dynamics and that's been more affected by macro around SMB for certain.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

#### Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. Interesting. I want to go into a debate that we are hearing more on the CS side, but maybe a little bit on the ITSM side too. But there's debate around bots and seats. And it seems like, if you have – you are largely seatbased at this point, that's my understanding. But it seems like there's a leaning towards at least from a customer's point of view, with GenAI being the topic of discussion towards bots over time, better bot-based deflection lowers the need to have more seats.

But then, on the other hand, you can probably capture more value using bot sessions versus seats. But the flipside of that is, do we see more competition on the bot-based solutions from third parties outside of the incumbents and that might lower the ability for you to capture more values on the bot side versus the seat side. How do you think all that plays out if you look at, I don't know, the next couple of years?

### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Yeah. So let's step back and just give a quick refresh on our AI strategy. So we have two products in market now. One, our moniker [ph] for, in AI (09:36) is called Freddy. So we have Freddy [ph] Self-serve (09:38), which is the bot product that a consumer would encounter if they're looking for where's my order. That sort of question of a customer of ours. And then, we have Freddy Copilot, which is agent-facing, which suggests answers to the agent, enhances the tone of those responses, summarizes conversations for escalations, and so forth.

Copilot went into [ph] GA (10:01) in the middle of Q1 and Freddy [ph] Self-serve (10:05) has been available since around the summer of last year, but we've had bots for much longer than that. We're just building – or we just started building in GenAl functionality last summer. So both of those have traction in very different use cases and markets in for bots and Freddy [ph] Self-serve (10:20) we're seeing great traction in consumer-facing businesses as you'd expect.

So customers of ours that have millions of customers of their own, that have frequently recurring types of queries like, where's my order or I need a refund and the AI-enabled bots handle those queries quite well. The customer satisfaction actually is as high or better than human-answered queries. The time to resolve is faster typically. The way we monetize that product is through consumption.

So we sell bot packs. You buy a thousand bot sessions. A session equates to a back and forth with a customer over a 24-hour period. And so, as usage of those bots and that AI scales, so does our revenue stream. On the Copilot side, we charge \$29 per seat adder on top of the seat license. So we launched that product in beta last summer and offered it for free up until February, saw quite a bit of adoption and now we're converting those customers to paying customers. So in terms of the debate, like how does this play out?

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Most of our customers, they're looking for a single solution to provide ticket deflection and we've been in the ticket deflection business for years. We've had bots for years. They're looking to continue that relationship with a provider that provides that kind of support, but they also need the typical escalation capabilities that Freshdesk provides on the customer service side. They need the answer center. They need all the analytics that is built into that. And they want their AI to also be enabled and specific for them and trained on their data. And that's what we do. So you'll get some customers who might say build their own or might separate the ticket capacity or ticket functionality from the bot itself.

We're not seeing a lot of that right now. Like I said, our customer base tends to want one place to buy their customer support software. And the way we've set up our pricing as and when seats decline, because more and more of that activity is automated, we benefit from the consumption pricing that will be increasing as a result. So that's how we're seeing the market right now, but it's still quite early.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

So if somebody is leaning in on bots versus seats from a unit price perspective, is that a little bit positive for you?

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Yeah. So we've structured the pricing such that if a seat is eliminated and we've calculated what we think the number of queries that a human can handle in a year would be and set the price for the bot, so that we actually wind up making more money. It's basically, from the customer support leader's standpoint, they're looking at a \$60,000 plus agent, right, or they're looking at another \$2,000 in software spend. So the trade is pretty straightforward for them and the economic value is there for us as well.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. Not to harp on this point too long, but recently, you talked about some pretty good stats, 40% deflection rates among your customers, I believe, using Freddy Self-service, 30% productivity increases among agents. What are you hearing from those customers when they see such deflection rates? Are they reducing agent count at this point or are they slowing down hiring of agents? What is their customer – your customer behavior when they see such deflection?

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Really, I mean, so we serve every industry and customers of all different sizes. So I wouldn't say that there is a singular behavior that we're seeing amongst all of those customers today. So you have some customers that are saying, I want to redeploy my service reps into more sales-facing roles. I want them to be able to drive upsell and cross-sell. So when a customer calls in, they make that customer more aware of all the other offerings of the company.

You've others who are just saying, no, I want to reduce my investment in support or in people and rely more on machines. And then, you have others that are going through massive business transformation, either growth consolidation and it's a combination of the two. So I don't think that there's any one singular approach that you can generalize across basically the entire economy at this point.

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#### Pinjalim Bora

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. Understood. So ...

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

And then, there's a class of customers that have very technical products what they're looking to do is, just use the AI to enhance the ability of the agent to answer those technical questions that often would take a very long time researching and responding to and provide higher level of service to their customers.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. This entire debate started because one of your customers who's still a customer in the L2 side created something on the L1 side on their own and we can discuss about that. But the point I'm trying to figure out is, how difficult is it for somebody to go that route? Because most of your customers are mid-market customers. They don't have the capital or the resources to focus on this problem entirely. Let's talk about how difficult is it?

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Yeah.

#### Pinjalim Bora

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah.

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Well, so let me talk about what we've built. So we have close to 2,000 engineers and product managers who are focused on building and supporting all of our products. We've been building AI products since about 2018 and the current crop of AI products consist of 60-plus separate [ph] circuits (16:06).

So, an example is summarization of a conversation or suggesting an answer based on what the AI knows about our answer center and prior inbound queries. So, 60 discrete services that add up to Freddy Copilot or Freddy [ph] Self-serve (16:23). We have built 30 machine learning models to actually deliver those services. We partner with not just one, but I think it's something like 15 different outside providers, both OpenSource and like Azure for our GenAI capability.

So, to deliver a service, it's not just build once and you're done. And these models are changing all the time, the models that are available, OpenSource are changing all the time. So that's what our engineers do. They are on top of that. And whenever a new model pops up, that's accessible to us that we can use to improve the service that we deliver, we can pop that model into our system.

We've architected it such that it's very easy for us to do that to improve the service that the customer experiences. So, yes, someone can go out and build a one-time project to deliver a bot, but to keep it current, to keep it secure, to keep it safe, all those things are very hard.

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#### Pinjalim Bora

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

And lastly, one thing that I don't hear investors who are thinking about this as a bear thesis is the data that you have, right. Talk about that data being a moat? How significant is that for the L1 side of the business?

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Yeah. So, we have every single day a million plus kind of customer inquiries, queries coming in, in the form of questions from our customers' customers. And for our models, we have access to that data to tune them and to make sure that the answer that any specific customer is getting is specific to them and is trained on their answer center data and prior query data stream, that's not accessible to a start-up. That's not accessible to someone who's trying to do this for the very first time. That platform really matters and it allows us to execute quite well.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. So moving on to macro. SMB prints have not been really great overall in software. In Q1, it seems a little bit of a downtick, frankly. And a lot of surveys are saying the same thing. So maybe talk about kind of your sense of the macro environment at this point from talking to customers, how do you characterize kind of the [ph] demand now (18:44)?

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Well, I would say, remember, 60% of our business is not SMB, it's mid-market and up. And that buying behavior really hasn't changed. We continue to see traction in, particular on that IT side, where IT departments are looking at whatever they've deployed, maybe they made a decision three years ago. They're at the end of their contract. Three years ago, our product wasn't as mature.

We're now in the RFP process in those deals, competing for those deals and winning those deals. So that remains the same. SMB has been challenged for a while and we've talked about this in the past and we're seeing it in terms of lower net adds. We're seeing it in terms of slightly elevated churn in SMB in particular. And 40% of our business is on that SMB side.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. Understood. So let's talk about the go-to-market changes that you talked about, right. You have two different leaders. Talk about what has changed exactly in terms of processes. Are you doing more of the same in the outbound channel? In the inbound channel, what needs to be changed? How long it's going to take?

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

I think on the outbound field sales side, we're just in more and more larger deals. So a year ago, \$100,000 net new deal, new customer, never worked with them before. That was a big deal. Now, it's pretty routine. And \$200,000, \$300,000 lands are more the norm. A year ago, a \$200,000 expansion was a big deal. Now, it's more – we're seeing more and more of those as well.

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So that requires a different level of skill, different reps. So we've changed out about a quarter of our overall team over the last 18 months at the leadership level, bringing in people with more experience at the Salesforces, Zendesks, and ServiceNows of this world, because that complex sale is very different than where we grew up, which was inbound. That is working well.

We're now focused on building out our partnership ecosystem. We did a deal with AWS where we're one of their preferred partners. They're bringing us into more deals. We can offer retirement of AWS credits. When someone purchases software from us, which is a big deal. You buy through the marketplace. And we're expanding our set of service providers that can help with post-sales implementation. So that's also something that's super important when you get into that enterprise.

All those things are helping us push into larger and larger accounts, like in [ph] A+E Networks (21:06) or Sony Music, and when deals that otherwise would be competed for primarily by ServiceNow or like an Ivanti Cherwell player. On the SMB side, Mika has been here now just a couple of months, but we're very much focused on the try-to-buy process. So we have plenty of trials every quarter. Where we need to improve is converting a higher percentage of those trial lists to buy. And that means re-engineering our product to make it easier to discover value and to get the value faster for typically a smaller business.

So that's another area of focus for us. And then, lastly, on the CX side, moving up-market more aggressively. We've created an overlay team that just focuses on CX deals that's had success in winning deals like Stitch Fix. Last quarter, we had a customer called Big Lots, which is a retailer here in the US. Those are the kinds of successes that are getting us more and more up-market success. So those are some of the tactical things we've changed.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. That takes me to the cross-sell point. A quarter of your customers, I think you're using two different – or two or more different solutions, I believe. But that step, I think is more around CX than CX plus ITSM is my understanding. You are starting to see, though, some of these ITSM customers buy CX, says Stitch Fix, you are talking about. Is there a different motion there? Because those seems like two different buyers overall.

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Yeah. They are two different buyers. So over half of our Top 20 customers are both IT and CX customers. And typically what happens is a customer will come in, either the CIO will buy us for Freshservice or the head of support will us for Freshdesk or the Customer Support Suite. They'll have success with that product and we will learn that their contract for the other products set is coming up for renewal. We'll ask for an introduction and we'll get into an RFP that way.

So it's more of a referral sale than the same center of power within the organization making the decision. But we are having success. Stitch Fix being an example of a long time Freshservice customer. I think, they were a customer for seven years on the IT side, referring us and they weren't happy with their prior provider of customer support software and us getting involved in that deal, getting into a competitive RFP, and winning that deal. And that's fairly becoming more and more common as well.

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#### Pinjalim Bora

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

One thing we have not touched is, the sales and marketing part of the business, which is pretty small for you at this point. Talk about that part of the business, what needs to be done for that to ramp more quickly?

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

So sales and marketing is – or CRM is a newer product line. It's our newest product line. We shared at our Investor Day, it's about 5% of our overall business. So it's quite small. We think that there's promise there in that a lot of our support teams are asking for a sales and marketing tool. They're asking for something that's integrated into the support system, single customer record. There's a lot of work that we need to do to continue to build that product to make it ready for those larger and larger enterprises that are in the support side as well. And it's still early, but I think we have some opportunity there.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. 10 minutes left. Let me see if people have questions. Okay, we need the mic, please just talk...

[indiscernible] (24:40-24:45)

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Can you repeat the question?

Pinjalim Bora Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. [indiscernible] (24:47).

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#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Yeah. One of the big players. Yeah.

Thanks a lot for taking the time. Just on the CX business, what insights can you share that help us understand why you characterize the weakness there as an SMB macro issue when we haven't seen a clear kind of SMB signal across SMB-focused software businesses this quarter, how much of that is a product category issue versus a macro? And how do you differentiate the two? Thanks.

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

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Yeah. So I think it's a bit of product category and a bit of macro. So for that business for us is, over 60% is from SMB, from 250 and under employee companies. So relatively small customers. We do think that it is partly macro and we have seen other companies report similar weaknesses. So if we look at the reasons for a churn, for example, a large reason for churn for us is just going out of business.

And that to us indicates that that there is some macro element there. There's definitely a category issue as well and there's an execution issue on our side, which I've talked about, which is, we have to get better at helping customers understand early what the value is from the software, getting them into the trial, getting them up and running faster and having them see the real value of the software earlier. That's something that Mika is very much focused on and we've sort of lost sight of over the last couple of years while we've been focused on up-market.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Anybody else?

I think [ph] you were touching on it a (26:27) little bit. The speculation is that, this seat-based model is going to be vulnerable over time, because if you think about ITSM in customer service, if I'm a company, my goal is to reduce [ph] used AI (26:43), to reduce what I'm spending overall, whether it's people or software. How do you know [ph] this guide down (26:50) that that may already be happening in your business? Do you have enough data with your customers to determine [indiscernible] (26:55)? I think that's a speculation.

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Yeah. We've not seen that to-date. And at the end of the day, the arbitrage is between the \$60,000 a year customer support rep and spending \$2,000 a year in software.

[indiscernible] (27:13)

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

But there's still – but there's – you still need the software, so there needs to be some way of monetizing. The way we monetize is based on consumption. So in that model, if that [ph] seat (27:25) goes away entirely, that's where we make our money on consumption. And I think, we're going to have to see how it all plays out. But so far, that's not what we're seeing in our business at least.

#### Pinjalim Bora

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Anyone else? [indiscernible] (27:43) hold on a minute for the mic.

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It's just a continuation on that question. Earlier, you were walking through the concept, how you're pricing your bots to make sure that you make more money if a seat is cut. Could you just lay it out in simple terms for me?

### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

So the pricing for the bots is \$100 for a 1,000 sessions. And the way that we arrived at \$100 is, and our estimate of how many sessions would a human be able to serve in the course of a year? And then, we kept 10% of that value, so to speak, for ourselves, and shared the rest back with the customer. That's how the math works at a rough level. Now, we'll have to see how all this plays out, right, because the customer base that we're dealing with is very broad and wide. In some cases, customer support reps may be handling far more queries than what we estimated and some far less. But that's how we came up with the pricing at a high level.

[indiscernible] (28:54-29:03)?

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

No, no, no. The way that we set the price, right, is that we're going to share value for, with the customer such that they're saving \$60,000 on a seat, right. We're going to drive about 10% of that back to us in the terms of licensing and consumption revenue associated with the bots.

[ph] And so, what does that mean on a net basis (29:32)?

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

It depends. Again, it depends on lots of different variables. The rough estimate that we come up with is somewhere between 10% to 15% lift on a per customer basis. But again, we're dealing with hypothetical estimates before we've seen the actual data. Yeah.

[indiscernible] (29:51-29:58)

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

We'll have to see how adoption goes. And I think, it's going to be some time, because we have a very broad set of customers. Some are jumping right in and want to automate right now. Others are much more kind of backward











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leaning and waiting for others to take the lead. So, I think it's going to be some time. And I think the whole industry is going through this. And there hasn't been much that's been sort of shared at this point for that reason.

Sorry. Just one follow-up on the same issue. Those economics assume kind of a 100% capture from existing customers and to your Self-service part. How do you think about monitoring that conversion rate and what have you seen thus far?

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Yeah. So we look at a couple of things. We look at conversion, remember, there's two different aspects. On Copilot, we look at conversion from our beta program into paid. And then, on the [ph] Self-serve (30:51) side, it's converting from the non-AI bots into AI bots first. And then ultimately how does that reflect in seat count. So again, it's still pretty early for us to share any meaningful data there, as to how that's going to play out. But we think that equation actually looks pretty good in the long run.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Anyone else? Okay. We haven't talked about one thing which you have not released yet, which is Freddy Insights, which seems like almost a way to let the software create bots, which manager can look at queries and say, okay, here is a query that is getting, or a use case that is getting a lot of queries and is being handled by agents and these answers are pretty standard and you can actually convert that into a broad, in a very easy [ph] ways is my (31:49) understanding. Help us understand how is that going to feed into kind of this AI story and your consumption of bot sessions.

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Sure. So, the problem that Freddy Insights is solving for is really think of the manager who's coming in to work on Monday and trying to understand, let's say, at an e-commerce company what happened over the weekend. Maybe it's a big holiday weekend. How did we handle our overall support load, where [indiscernible] (32:12) weak spots? Where were their strength? Now today, that manager would have to hunt-and-peck through a bunch of Power BI reports or spreadsheets to try to understand the dynamics of the business.

Freddy Insights is designed to solve that problem, because you have all the information already coming in to our systems about performance of different regions, reps at the product level, which products are coming back with lots of issues and which products are not. So, we can ingest all that data and then surface insights to the manager that don't require a human to go hunt-and-peck around a bunch of dashboards. So, that's in beta now. Early signs are promising. It's a hard problem, because you have to train the Al on what would a manager actually want to understand. But we're excited about where it could go, for sure.

#### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Yeah. So, I'll ask you about the growth equation for the company from here, right. You have one business which is probably growing in the 30s, would be my guess. And then, you have another business which is slowing down. I don't know where the growth rate is. Maybe you highlighted about in the Analyst Day it's...

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Dennis M. Woodside Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.	4
Yeah.	
Pinjalim Bora Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC 5% or so.	2
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Yeah. We shared we shared at our Investor Day that our IT business was growing in the high-30s and our customer support business was growing in the low-teens.	
Pinjalim Bora         Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC         Is that still the case?	Ç
Dennis M. Woodside Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc. Generally, yes. It's	4
Pinjalim Bora Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC Okay.	כ
Dennis M. Woodside Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc. Yeah.	4
Pinjalim Bora Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC	Ç
Okay. So then, looking forward, how do you see those two kind of trend? You're saying at this point, it's been on year since the Analyst Day, would you still say that framework that you gave us that CX business will slow to, I think, mid-single digits? And then, ITSM is going to continue at 30%. Does that still hold?	ıe
Dennis M. Woodside Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc. Yeah. It's been nine months and that framework still holds. So on our Analyst Day, we said that our goal is to be	4

\$1 billion business in 2026 and that goal still holds. Our business will increasingly be as IT and our business will

increasingly come from the mid-market and enterprise customer. And those trends are all true.

Pinjalim Bora

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

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Okay. And lastly, this is more tactical, but this year, it seems like there's a ramp in billings in the second half. So I've been getting a lot of question, what gives you confidence on that. Maybe talk about that.

#### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

Well, we already have insight into renewals that are coming up that gives us some confidence as well. We have good insight into the trends that we're seeing in our book of business or pipeline, those sorts of things, especially, on the larger account side. Those things give us confidence.

### **Pinjalim Bora**

Analyst, JPMorgan Securities LLC

Great. We have 10 seconds. Anybody want to take a shot at a question? No. I guess, we can end it there. Thank you so much, Dennis.

### Dennis M. Woodside

Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, Freshworks, Inc.

All right. Thank you, Pinjalim.

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