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November 2019



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# Our mission: Connecting people with great local businesses



**4.8 million**

Active claimed local  
business locations<sup>1, 2</sup>



**199 million**

Cumulative reviews<sup>1</sup>



**38 million**

App unique devices<sup>3</sup>



**563,000**

Paying advertising  
locations<sup>4</sup>



**2.6 million**

Seated diners via Yelp<sup>3</sup>



**2.2 million**

Request-a-quote  
leads delivered<sup>3</sup>



1. As of September 30, 2019

2. Represents the number of claimed local business locations that are both (a) active on Yelp and (b) associated with an active business account as of a given date. We consider a claimed local business to be active if it has not closed, been removed from our platform, or merged with another claimed local business location.

3. Monthly average for Q3 2019

4. All business locations associated with a business account from which Yelp recognized advertising revenue in a given month, averaged over Q3 2019.

Our powerful, self-reinforcing network delivers **significant value** to consumers and businesses



## Consumers

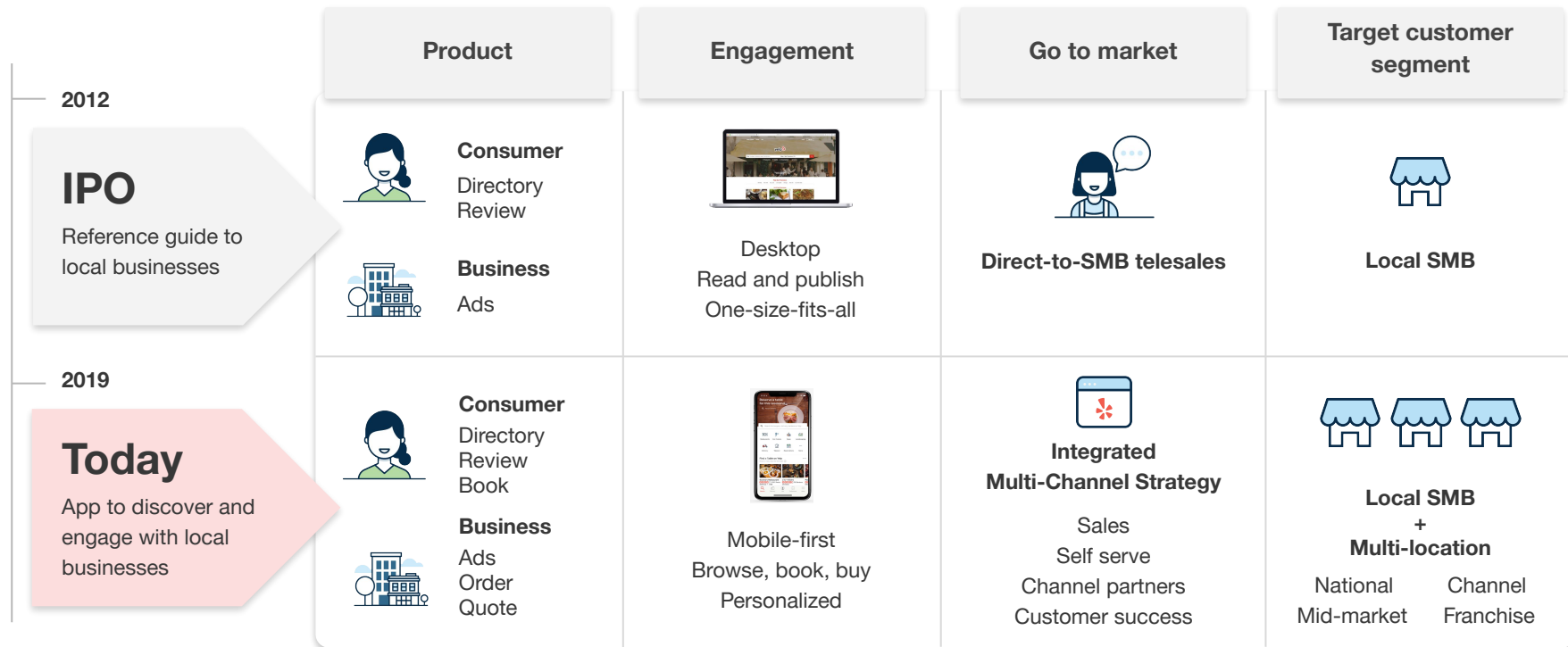
- Trusted source
- Personalized discovery
- Convenient transaction capabilities
- Saves time & money

## Local businesses

- Expanded reach
- Differentiated offerings
- High intent consumers
- Fine-tuned operations



# We have built a comprehensive local platform and we are just getting started



# Where we plan to go

## Pillars of our next phase of growth



Increase focus on  
**advertisers** and  
**business owners**



**Enhance our  
go-to-market strategy** by  
integrating product and  
product marketing with  
sales efforts



**Execute our established  
long-term targets** for  
growth, profitability and  
capital return



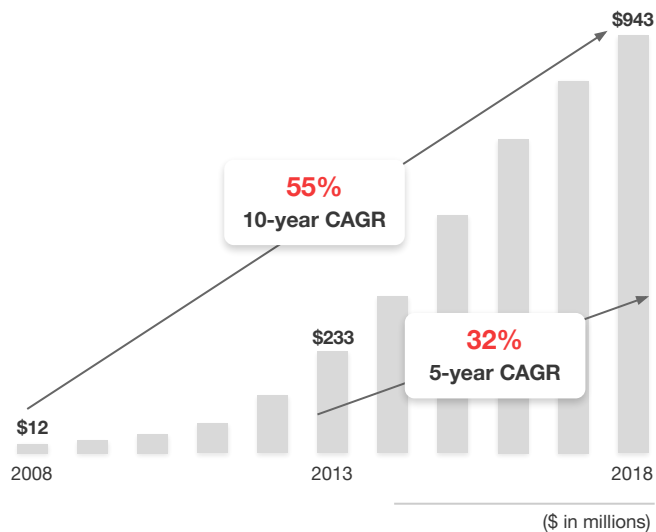
## Planned steps to create **long-term shareholder value**

- 1 Deliver **mid-teens revenue CAGR** from 2019 through 2023
- 2 Drive **margin expansion** and **optimize cost structure**
- 3 Accelerate strategy through **effective partnerships**
- 4 Align capital allocation with **shareholder value creation**
- 5 Continually **develop our talent** and **Board of Directors**

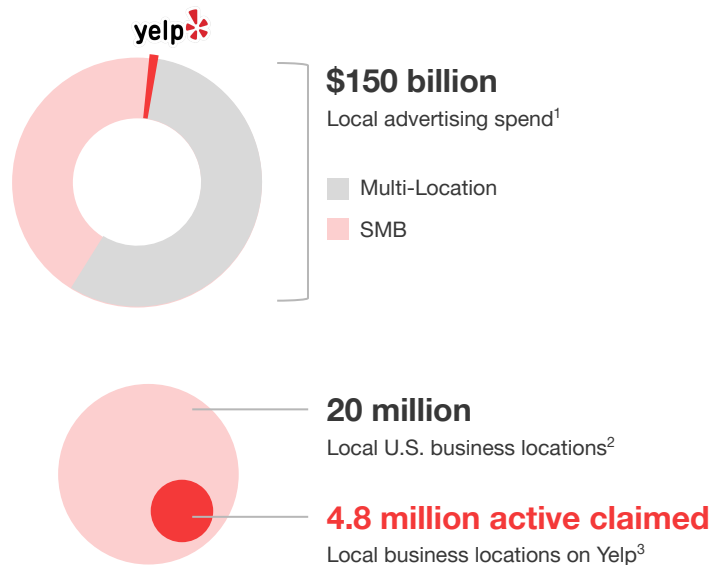


# 1 Deliver **mid-teens revenue CAGR** from 2019 through 2023

Strong track record for **growing revenue...**



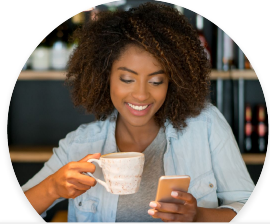
...with a **large market opportunity** to sustain long-term growth



1. BIA Kelsey, *U.S. Local Advertising Forecast 2018*; BIA Kelsey, *What's Next?* BIA/Kelsey 2017 Analyst Predictions Webinar, Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
2. U.S. Small Business Administration  
3. As of September 30, 2019

1 Deliver **mid-teens revenue CAGR** from 2019 through 2023

**Multiple initiatives** tailored to help connect consumers and businesses and drive accelerated growth



**Consumers**

Save time & money



**Local businesses**

Indispensable partner

**Win in key categories**

**Expand offerings**

**Drive more value to business customers**

**Enhance consumer experience**

**Capture multi-location opportunity**

**Mid-teens**

Long-term revenue CAGR target



# 1 Deliver **mid-teens revenue CAGR** from 2019 through 2023

## Win in key categories

Optimize **traffic** and **monetization**



**Restaurants**

High traffic

High engagement



**Home services**

High value

High monetization

## Expand offerings

Meet the specific **needs of every business**

More **choices**  
More **price points**  
More **functionality**

### Objective targeting

Set Your Goal

★ Let Yelp optimize

☎ More phone calls

💻 More website clicks

### Yelp verified

Make your business stand out

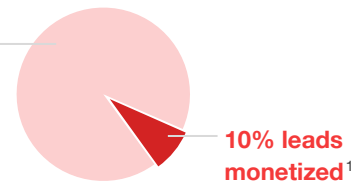
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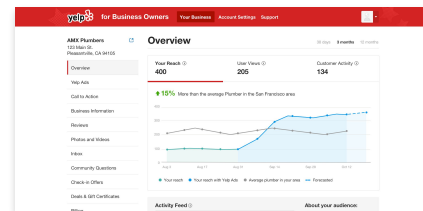
## Drive more value to business customers

Underscore **value** / enhance **monetization**

**Opportunity:**  
More leads to  
advertisers



### Greater control, attribution and reporting

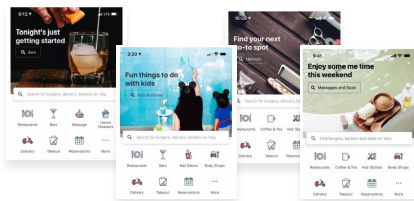


# 1 Deliver **mid-teens revenue CAGR** from 2019 through 2023

Enhance consumer  
experience

Grow **audience** and **engagement**

Personalization



“Yelp-only”

yelp  waitlist

yelp  reservations

Capture multi-  
location opportunity

Open up large **untapped market**

Product **innovation**

Focused **go-to-market organization**

Expanding **strategic channel partnerships**

**20%+**

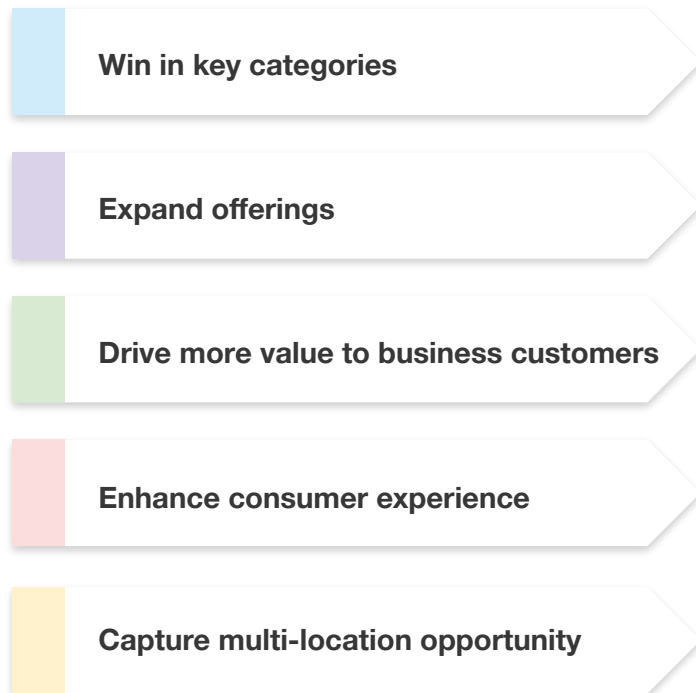
Planned increase  
in Multi-loc sales  
team in 2019

**5x+**

Revenue per  
National rep vs.  
Local rep

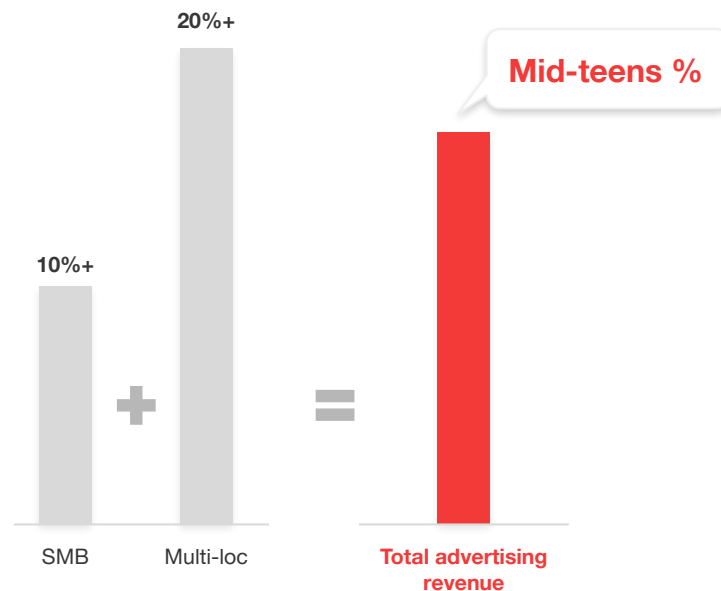


# 1 Deliver **mid-teens revenue CAGR** from 2019 through 2023



## Drive growth across SMB and multi-location customers

Target 2019 - 2023 revenue CAGR



## 2 Drive **margin expansion** and **optimize cost structure**

Shift emphasis to most **efficient sales channels**

Hold Local sales headcount steady and **drive rep productivity**

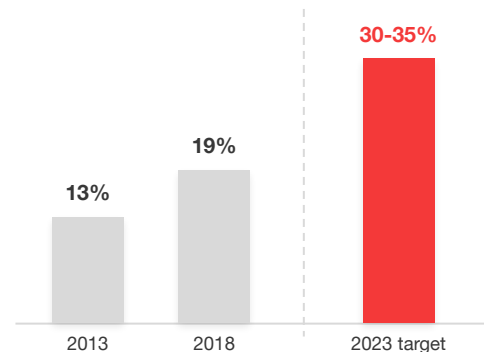
Relocate sales out of San Francisco to **save ~\$10 million/year** once complete

Optimize consumer marketing spend to **save ~\$15 million in 2019**

Reduce / **control other corporate expenses**

We have delivered profitable growth and target further **margin expansion**

*Adjusted EBITDA Margin<sup>1</sup>*



Net (loss) income: \$(10.1) million      \$55.4 million

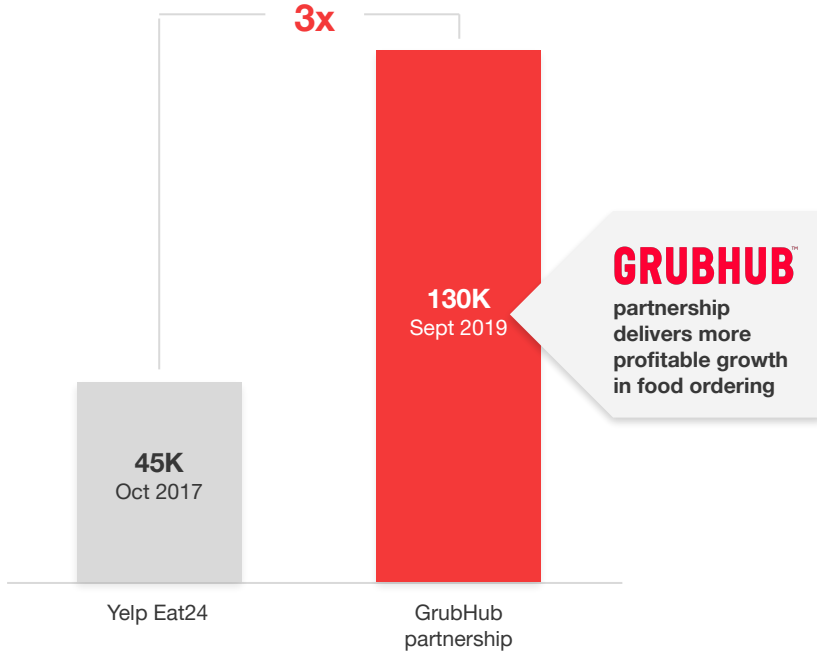
**Over 6.5 percentage points of adjusted EBITDA margin expansion between 2013 - 2018**



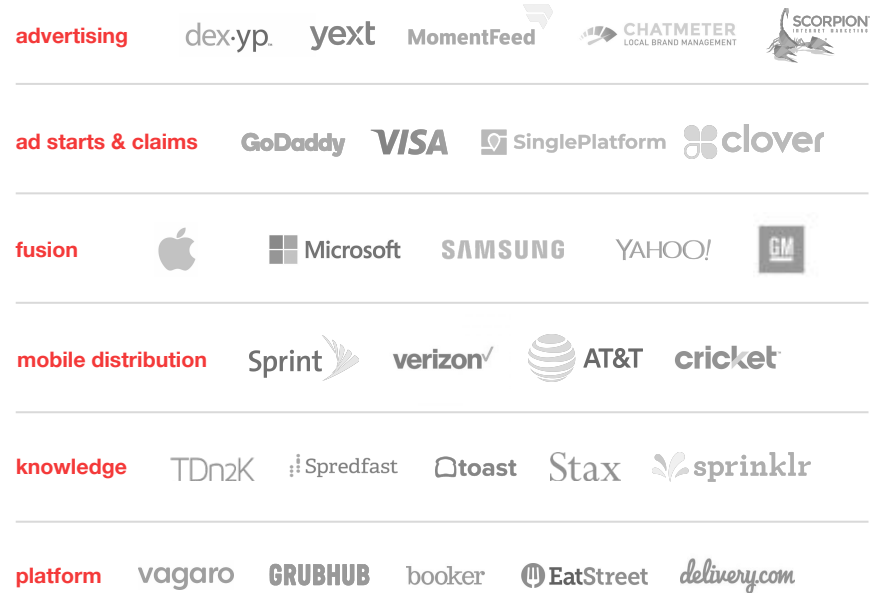
1. See slide 20 for reconciliation to GAAP net income (loss) for the periods presented and for information about the limitations of adjusted EBITDA as an analytical tool

### 3 Accelerate strategy through **effective partnerships**

#### Restaurants delivering on Yelp



#### Strong partner ecosystem

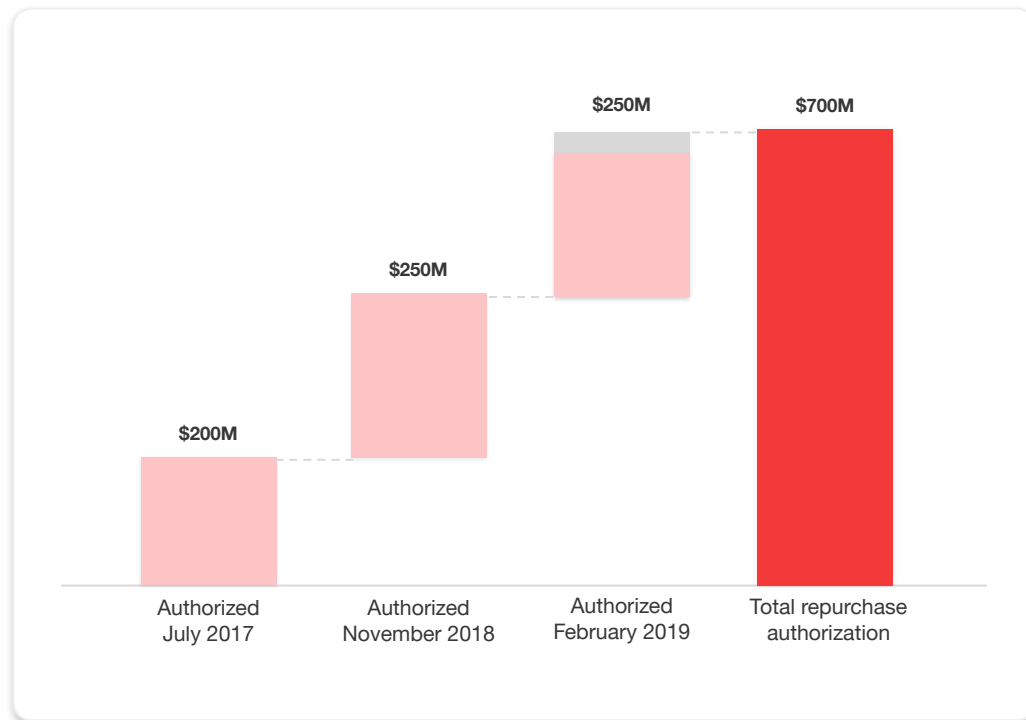


#### 4 Align capital allocation with **shareholder value creation**

Strong profitability and balance sheet allow **robust capital return plan**

\$475 million of stock repurchases **completed in the year to date**

**\$675 million** returned to **shareholders** via stock repurchases since July 2017



Completed as of September 30, 2019

## 5 Continually **develop our talent** and **Board of Directors**

### 8 experienced directors with a diverse skillset...

- 7 directors have been senior executives of major public companies
- 6 directors have technology experience
- 4 directors have online advertising/sales/marketing experience
- 4 directors have digital marketplace/e-commerce experience
- 3 directors have sold companies
- 4 directors with specific expertise in Yelp key categories<sup>1</sup>

### ...including three recently added, highly qualified, independent directors



**George Hu**  
**Chief Operating Officer, Twilio**

- High growth technology experience including 13 years as a leader at Salesforce
- Breadth of operational expertise including a background in product, applications and marketing



**Sharon Rothstein**  
**Former Chief Product & Marketing Officer, Starbucks**

- Significant marketing expertise, from senior positions at Starbucks, Sephora and Starwood Hotels
- Leadership experience at restaurant and hospitality companies



**Brian Sharples**  
**Co-Founder & Former CEO, HomeAway**

- Founded and grew HomeAway to a market leading hospitality company before selling to Expedia in 2015
- Expert in technology brand strategy



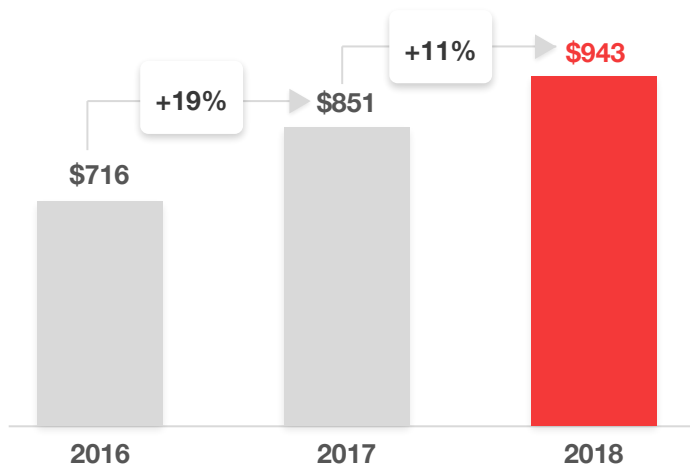
1. Includes restaurants, hospitality and home services

# Financial Outlook

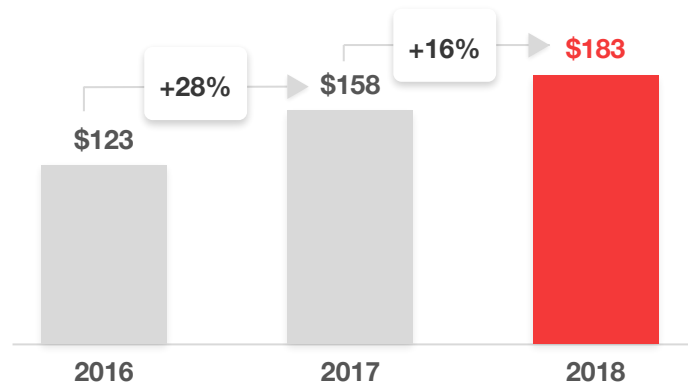


# Strong financial performance

Total net revenue (\$ in millions)



Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> (\$ in millions)



| Margin <sup>2</sup> | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|
|                     | 17%  | 19%  | 19%  |



1. Net Income (loss) for FY 2016 was a loss of \$1.7 million. Net Income for FY 2017 was \$153 million including a \$164 million pre-tax gain on the disposal of Eat24. Net Income for FY 2018 was \$55 million. See slide 20 for reconciliation to GAAP net income (loss) for the periods presented and for information about the limitations of adjusted EBITDA as an analytical tool
2. Margin calculated as Adjusted EBITDA divided by Net Revenue

# Our long-term **financial targets**

|                                       | 2013-2018 | Long-term target |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Annual revenue growth                 | 32%       | Mid-teens        |
| Expenses as % of revenue <sup>1</sup> |           |                  |
| Cost of revenue                       | 6-9%      | ~6%              |
| Sales & marketing                     | 51-57%    | 36-40%           |
| Product development                   | 16-23%    | 20-22%           |
| G&A                                   | 13-18%    | 10-11%           |
| D&A                                   | ~5%       | ~4%              |
| Adjusted EBITDA Margin <sup>2</sup>   | 13-19%    | 30-35%           |

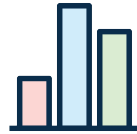


1. Calculated in accordance with GAAP, including stock-based compensation expense
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## Planned steps to create **long-term shareholder value**



**Mid-teens  
revenue CAGR**  
from 2019  
through 2023



Drive **margin  
expansion**



Effective  
**partnership  
strategies**



Experienced and  
**independent  
board**



Strong **return  
of capital**



# Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation

| (\$ in millions)                      | 2013 <sup>1</sup> | 2014 <sup>1</sup> | 2015 <sup>1</sup> | 2016           | 2017           | 2018           | 2017          |               |               |               | 2018          |               |               |               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                       |                   |                   |                   |                |                |                | Q1            | Q2            | Q3            | Q4            | Q1            | Q2            | Q3            | Q4            |
| Net Income / (Loss)                   | (\$10.1)          | \$36.5            | (\$32.9)          | (\$1.7)        | \$153.0        | \$55.4         | (\$4.0)       | \$7.9         | \$8.0         | \$141.1       | (\$2.3)       | \$10.7        | \$15.0        | \$31.9        |
| + Tax & Other Income                  | 1.2               | (25.4)            | 11.6              | (0.3)          | 26.6           | (29.5)         | (0.7)         | (0.7)         | (1.1)         | 29.2          | (2.5)         | (3.1)         | (4.6)         | (19.2)        |
| + Depreciation & Amortization         | 11.5              | 17.6              | 29.6              | 35.3           | 41.2           | 42.8           | 10.2          | 10.7          | 10.7          | 9.7           | 10.0          | 10.5          | 10.7          | 11.6          |
| + Stock Based Compensation            | 26.1              | 42.3              | 60.8              | 86.3           | 100.4          | 114.4          | 24.3          | 25.4          | 25.3          | 25.4          | 27.7          | 28.8          | 29.2          | 28.7          |
| - Gain on Disposal of a Business Unit | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0               | 0.0            | (163.7)        | 0.0            | 0.0           | 0.0           | 0.0           | (163.7)       | 0.0           | 0.0           | 0.0           | 0.0           |
| + Restructuring & Integration         | <u>0.7</u>        | <u>0.0</u>        | <u>0.0</u>        | <u>3.5</u>     | <u>0.3</u>     | <u>0.0</u>     | <u>0.2</u>    | <u>0.0</u>    | <u>0.0</u>    | <u>0.0</u>    | <u>0.0</u>    | <u>0.0</u>    | <u>0.0</u>    | <u>0.0</u>    |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>                | <b>\$29.4</b>     | <b>\$70.9</b>     | <b>\$69.1</b>     | <b>\$123.0</b> | <b>\$157.8</b> | <b>\$183.1</b> | <b>\$30.0</b> | <b>\$43.2</b> | <b>\$42.9</b> | <b>\$41.7</b> | <b>\$32.9</b> | <b>\$46.9</b> | <b>\$50.3</b> | <b>\$52.9</b> |
| / Net Revenue                         | \$233.0           | \$377.5           | \$549.7           | \$716.1        | \$850.8        | \$942.8        | \$198.2       | \$209.9       | \$223.3       | \$219.4       | \$223.1       | \$234.9       | \$241.1       | \$243.7       |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA Margin</b>         | <b>12.6%</b>      | <b>18.8%</b>      | <b>12.6%</b>      | <b>17.2%</b>   | <b>18.5%</b>   | <b>19.4%</b>   | <b>15.1%</b>  | <b>20.6%</b>  | <b>19.2%</b>  | <b>19.0%</b>  | <b>14.7%</b>  | <b>20.0%</b>  | <b>20.9%</b>  | <b>21.7%</b>  |

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1. Amounts have not been recast in accordance with Accounting Standards Update 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASC 606)."

