



# The RealReal

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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Dear Stockholders,

Thank you for your interest in and support of The RealReal.

Last year was an incredible year for The RealReal. We successfully completed our Initial Public Offering in June and ended the year generating more than \$1 billion in gross merchandise volume. In addition, we remained laser focused on empowering consignors and buyers to extend the life cycle of luxury goods in a way that honors luxury brands.

We made significant progress on our path to profitability as our adjusted EBITDA margin improved by approximately 500 basis points year-on-year, while making important investments that position us to capitalize on the massive opportunity in front of us.

To our buyers and consignors: we thank you for actively contributing to that success. By supporting the circular economy, you're creating a more sustainable future and helping unlock the \$198 billion worth of luxury goods in U.S. homes.

Our team's commitment to excellence has made The RealReal the safest place to buy pre-owned luxury goods. Our employees work hard every day to deliver a level of service that sets us apart from the rest of the market and we would not be where we are today without their dedication.

The core pillars of our marketplace—trust, service and sustainability—drove our success in 2019, just as they have every year since inception. Even in this challenging environment, those pillars will be the foundation for our future success. However, we have had to considerably adjust our tactics. These adjustments will help us emerge from the current health crisis even stronger. Rather than discuss our past success, I want to share more about how we've prepared to weather the storm and emerge even stronger.

We were off to a strong start in Q1, on track to meet or exceed our Q1 guidance. With the spread of COVID-19, we were impacted by the new reality emerging from shelter-in-place and social distancing mandates. We've adapted our business by doubling down on digital experiences and implementing countless preventative measures to align with CDC and local government guidelines and ensure the health and safety of our community, including:

- Temporarily closing stores and Luxury Consignment Offices;
- Suspending all in-person White Glove consignment appointments;
- Social distancing in our e-commerce centers, including staggered shifts, reduced staffing, taped off six-foot boundaries, training, signage, etc. enforced by our safety officers;
- Cleaning and sanitizing during every hour of every shift;
- Providing personal protective equipment (PPE), including daily kits for every onsite employee with gloves and a mask;
- Ensuring sick employees stay home by providing additional PTO and performing daily wellness checks before shifts, including taking employee temperatures;

- Providing a transportation allowance for private transportation to work;
- Cleaning items received for consignment, including steam cleaning fine jewelry and watches, heat steaming ready-to-wear, and wiping down accessories and handbags;
- Consulting directly with a third-party medical expert to validate our approach and ensure every precaution is being taken to keep our small onsite teams safe.

As CEO, my job is to ensure the business is positioned to succeed under any scenario. Given the unknown duration of the pandemic and the limited near-term visibility it creates, we've prioritized measures that position The RealReal for long-term success. In early April, we implemented a comprehensive expense reduction initiative to realign our expense structure for the new reality, preserve liquidity and position the company for the long term, which included:

- Reduced marketing investments;
- Reduced overall headcount by approximately 10% and annual company payroll related expenses by approximately 15%, excluding the impact of furloughs;
- Furloughed approximately 15% of total headcount including employees in our e-commerce centers, retail stores, Luxury Consignment Offices, sales organization and headquarters;
- Renegotiated certain vendor contracts and deferred other expense payments;
- Instituted a hiring freeze;
- Postponed the opening of our Chicago store; and
- Deferred certain capital investments, reduced discretionary investments across the business and reduced executive salaries.

These actions are intended to result in operating expense reductions of more than \$70 million and capital expenditure reductions of approximately \$15 million in 2020 compared to previously planned levels. They are designed to enable us to support our employees through this health crisis and ensure our team is well positioned for a strong restart on the other side.

While our energy right now is primarily focused on managing through the crisis, I have never been more optimistic about the long-term opportunity and our leadership position in luxury resale. I am confident we will emerge from the pandemic a stronger company well positioned to capitalize on the massive opportunity in front of us. What's driving that confidence?

- **We have a long growth runway ahead of us:** our 2019 GMV of \$1+ billion represents less than 1% of our \$198 billion total addressable market opportunity;
- **COVID-19 will not change our customer loyalty:** buyers and consignors love our marketplace, as evidenced by our high NPS scores and high percentage of GMV from repeat buyers and consignors;
- **We're well positioned to drive customer acquisition in the midst of reduced marketing spend:** our unique flywheel where buyers become consignors and consignors become buyers fuels customer acquisition;
- **We will adapt and innovate:** as a data and technology driven company, we will evolve to support short- and long-term success (as we've done with launching virtual consignment appointments during COVID-19);

- **Value outperforms in recessions:** the secular tailwinds supporting luxury resale are likely to strengthen in a recessionary environment;
- **The groundswell of sustainability is just getting started:** secular tailwinds supporting sustainability and sustainable business models are in a very early stage of development;
- **We have a strong balance sheet:** our liquidity positions us to rebound strongly and fuel growth once the economy stabilizes;
- **The retail landscape is changing:** the pandemic will likely transform the competitive landscape to our benefit; and
- **We are a leader in corporate sustainability:** we empower our community to make sustainable choices, and we are committed to making them for our business — going carbon neutral, preserving natural resources, and promoting diversity and social responsibility.

As stockholders, you deserve the same trust and transparency that we are known for by our consignors and buyers. Despite this new era of uncertainty, long-term thinking is still inspiring our strategy and execution. We will continue to use data to drive our decisions, technology to make The RealReal more efficient, and excellent service to strengthen loyalty among our consignors and buyers. We will continue to take strategic risks, experiment, iterate and reduce friction for our customers. Our team thinks big, and COVID-19 will not change our ambition. Like the luxury brands we respect and honor, we aspire to become a truly global organization.

These are uncertain times but if you take one thing away from this letter, it's that we are well positioned to capitalize on the large opportunity in front of us. The future of luxury is circular.

Thank you for your continued support of The RealReal in our work to build an enduring brand of which we can all be proud.

Wishing health and safety to you and yours.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Wainwright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Wainwright  
April 29, 2020

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For The Transition Period From To

Commission File Number 001-38953

**The RealReal, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)  
55 Francisco Street Suite 600  
San Francisco, CA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

45-1234222  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

94133  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (855) 435-5893

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$0.00001 par value	REAL	The Nasdaq Global Select Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit such files). YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emerging growth company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES  NO

The aggregate market value of the common equity held by non-affiliates of the Registrant was approximately \$102,661,875 as of June 28, 2019, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, based on the closing price of the shares of common stock on The NASDAQ Stock Market reported for June 28, 2019. Excludes an aggregate of 6,143,210 shares of the registrant's common stock held by officers, directors, affiliated stockholders as of June 28, 2019.

The number of shares of Registrant's Common Stock outstanding as of February 21, 2020 was 86,526,187.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

List Part III incorporates information by reference from the definitive proxy statement for the registrant's 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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## CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. All statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including statements regarding our future results of operations and financial position, business strategy and plans, objectives of management for future operations, long term operating expenses, the opening of additional retail stores in the future, the development of our automation technology, expectations for capital requirements and the use of proceeds from our initial public offering, are forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as “may,” “should,” “expects,” “plans,” “anticipates,” “could,” “intends,” “target,” “projects,” “contemplates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “predicts,” “potential” or “continue” or the negative of these terms or other similar expressions. The forward-looking statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are only predictions. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions described in the section titled “Risk Factors” included under Part I, Item 1A below and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Because forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified, you should not rely on these forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. The events and circumstances reflected in our forward-looking statements may not be achieved or occur and actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Some of the key factors that could cause actual results to differ from our expectations include:

- our future financial performance, including our expectations regarding our revenue, cost of revenue, operating expenses, and our ability to achieve and maintain future profitability;
- our ability to effectively manage or sustain our growth and to effectively expand our operations;
- our strategies, plans, objectives and goals;
- the market demand for authenticated, pre-owned luxury goods and new and pre-owned luxury goods in general and the online market for luxury goods;
- our ability to compete with existing and new competitors in existing and new markets and offerings;
- our ability to attract and retain consignors and buyers;
- our ability to increase the supply of luxury goods offered through our online marketplace;
- our ability to timely and effectively scale our operations;
- our ability to enter international markets;
- our ability to optimize, operate and manage our merchandising and fulfillment facilities;
- our ability to develop and protect our brand;
- our ability to comply with laws and regulations;
- our expectations regarding outstanding litigation;
- our expectations and management of future growth;
- our expectations concerning relationships with third parties;
- economic and industry trends, projected growth or trend analysis;
- seasonal sales fluctuations;
- our ability to add capacity, capabilities and automation to our operations; and
- our ability to attract and retain key personnel.

In addition, statements such as “we believe” and similar statements reflect our beliefs and opinions on the relevant subject. These statements are based upon information available to us as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and, although we believe such information forms a reasonable basis for such statements, such information may be limited or incomplete, and our statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted a thorough inquiry into, or review of, all potentially available relevant information. These statements are inherently uncertain and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely upon these statements. Furthermore, if our forward-looking statements prove to be inaccurate, the inaccuracy may be material. In light of the significant uncertainties in these forward-looking statements, you should not regard these statements as a representation or warranty by us or any other person that we will achieve our objectives and plans in any specified time frame, or at all. Except as required by applicable law, we do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, whether as a result of any new information, future events or otherwise.

## PART I

### Item 1. Business.

#### Overview

The RealReal is the world's largest online marketplace for authenticated, consigned luxury goods. We are revolutionizing luxury resale by providing an end-to-end service that unlocks supply from consignors and creates a trusted, curated online marketplace for buyers globally. Over the past nine years, we have cultivated a loyal and engaged consignor and buyer base through continuous investment in our technology platform, logistics infrastructure and people. We aggregate and curate unique, pre-owned luxury supply that is exclusive to The RealReal across multiple categories, including women's, men's, kids', jewelry and watches, and home and art. We have built a vibrant online marketplace that we believe expands the overall luxury market, promotes the recirculation of luxury goods and contributes to a more sustainable world.

The existing luxury resale market is outdated, fragmented, difficult to access and laden with counterfeit goods. Primarily due to these challenges, a vast quantity of consignable luxury goods languishes in homes, and buyers can be hesitant to purchase pre-owned luxury goods. We are transforming the luxury resale experience by addressing these challenges.

- ***We provide a seamless consignment experience enabled by our proprietary technology platform and data.*** We leverage our proprietary technology and data analytics to provide world-class service, making consignment easy, convenient, reliable and fast. As a result, we unlock luxury supply from first-time consignors, convert consignors who typically consign at local brick-and-mortar shops to our online marketplace and drive high repeat consignment rates. We leverage data from millions of previous transactions and current market data to optimize pricing and sales velocity for our consignors.
- ***We offer buyers a vast, yet curated supply of pre-owned luxury goods and instill trust in the buying process.*** We build trust in our buyer base by thoroughly inspecting the quality and condition of every item and putting every item through our authentication process. This trust drives repeat purchases from our buyer base and instills confidence in first-time buyers to purchase pre-owned luxury goods.

A strong network effect drives the growth of our online marketplace. As we bring more consignors onto our platform, we unlock more high-quality, luxury supply, which increases our merchandise assortment and attracts more buyers. This, in turn, increases sales velocity and commissions for our consignors. In addition, a meaningful share of our consignors become buyers and vice versa, which creates a differentiated flywheel that enhances the network effect of our online marketplace.

#### ***Unique Service Model to Unlock Pre-owned Luxury Supply***

By making consignment easy, convenient, reliable and fast, we are able to unlock a vast quantity of desirable, high-quality, pre-owned luxury goods. Our sales professionals remove friction from the consignment process and build lasting relationships with our consignors. In 2019, approximately 81% of our GMV came from repeat consignors. Our unique service model incentivizes consumers to consign by making the process easy.

Our sales and service organization, as of December 31, 2019, included more than 240 luxury managers serving more than 40 major metropolitan markets in the United States and is responsible for obtaining exclusive supply for our online marketplace. Our sales professionals generate a robust pipeline of new consignors and build lasting relationships, which cannot be easily replicated. They consult on the consignment process and leverage data to advise consignors on pricing, expected selling time and market trends.

- ***We deliver an end-to-end service experience.*** We remove friction from the consignment process by providing multiple consignment methods: White Glove in-home consultation and pickup; drop off at one of our ten luxury consignment offices, four of which are located in our retail stores; or complimentary shipping directly to our merchandising and fulfillment facilities.

- *We do the work on behalf of consignor.* Once consigned items reach one of our four merchandising and fulfillment facilities, we authenticate, write the associated copy, photograph, price, sell and handle all fulfillment and returns logistics, making the consignment process seamless.
- *We generate high commissions for consignors.* Our scale and global reach combined with our technology-driven online marketplace and proprietary data enable consignors to realize optimal value for their pre-owned luxury goods. Our consignors earn up to 85% in commissions and achieved an average commission rate of approximately 64% in 2019.
- *We drive rapid monetization.* Our online marketplace efficiently matches supply with demand resulting in exceptional sales velocity. In 2019 and 2018, approximately 60% and 80% of the products on our online marketplace sold within 30 days and 90 days, respectively. In addition to sales velocity, we measure the ratio of demand versus supply in a given period, which we refer to as our online marketplace sell-through ratio. Sell-through ratio is defined as GMV in the period divided by the aggregate initial value of items added to our online marketplace in that period. In 2019 and 2018, our online marketplace sell-through ratios were 94% and 96%, respectively.

### ***Exclusive, Authenticated Pre-owned Luxury Supply Drives Demand***

We make it easy for buyers to shop our vast, yet curated selection of authenticated, pre-owned luxury goods. In 2019, we had approximately 582,000 active buyers and approximately 83% of our GMV came from repeat buyers. As we continue to unlock exclusive luxury supply, we expect to attract new buyers and drive repeat purchases from our existing buyers.

- *We offer a seamless buying experience.* Buyers access our omni-channel online marketplace through our website, mobile app and retail stores, enabling them to purchase anytime, anywhere.
- *We build trust by putting every item through our authentication process.* We continue to invest and innovate in authentication. We believe we have the most rigorous authentication process in the marketplace overseen by our highly trained gemologists, horologists, brand experts or art curators. The impact of automation and technology has dramatically changed the authentication team's day-to-day activities, allowing them to process more products per person while also expanding the depth of our authentication process, training and quality control procedures.
- *We provide access to unique, highly coveted and exclusive products.* We provide buyers with access to a vast, yet curated selection of unique, authenticated, pre-owned luxury goods. In 2019, we sold goods bearing the brands of thousands of luxury and premium designers, including highly coveted items such as rare watches and handbags.

### ***Proprietary Technology Platform to Manage Complex Single-SKU Logistics***

Technology powers all aspects of our business, including our complex, single-SKU inventory management system. Our supply comes from thousands of individual consignors across the United States. Each item we sell is a truly unique, individual stock keeping unit ("single-SKU") and is exclusively available on our online marketplace. Given the complexity of our inventory model, we developed and continuously innovate specialized, proprietary applications to optimize inbound processes, such as authentication, copywriting, photography and photo-editing. We increasingly use our technology platform to automate pricing for goods sold through our online marketplace.

### ***Proprietary Data and Powerful Algorithms***

Our powerful data analytics capabilities enable us to improve both consignor and buyer experiences. Our online marketplace generates and aggregates hundreds of millions of unique data points, including data from approximately 640 million views of items on our online marketplace in 2019 by potential buyers, which we refer to as item views, and approximately 12.8 million item sales since inception. Each consigned item also has up to 50 unique attributes. Informed by this data, we have developed proprietary algorithms and business processes to optimize our operations, including supply sourcing, merchandising, authentication, pricing and marketing.

### ***Focus on Luxury to Expand the Market and Create a More Sustainable World***

We offer important benefits to both the new and resale luxury markets, including the following:

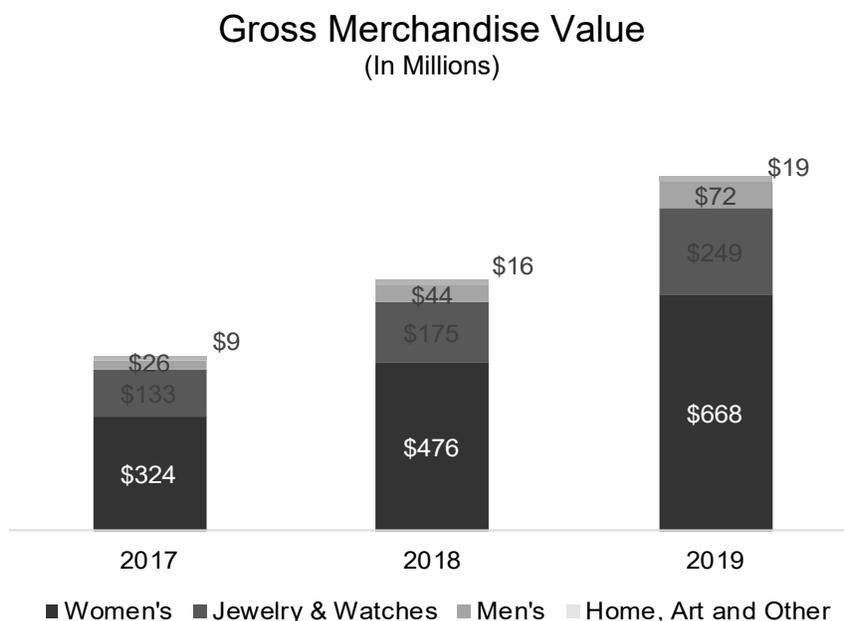
- *We provide a gateway to luxury brands.* We believe we are expanding the overall market for both new and pre-owned luxury goods, as the ability to experience and engage with luxury brands through our online marketplace results in an earlier appreciation for high-quality, well-crafted items, and inspires consumers to purchase new luxury items. As of December 31, 2019, while we had no contractual or other affiliations with luxury brands other than our partnerships with Stella McCartney and Burberry, we believe our online marketplace cultivates customer relationships for luxury brands.
- *We promote sustainability and a circular economy.* We are committed to extending the lifecycle of luxury goods by promoting their recirculation, rather than creating waste. By creating a circular economy and reshaping consumer purchasing behavior, we contribute to a more sustainable world.

### ***Authentication***

We continue to invest and innovate in authentication. We believe we have the most rigorous authentication process in the marketplace. We employ more than 150 highly trained gemologists, horologists, brand experts and art curators who collectively inspect thousands of items each day. All items pass through a rigorous brand-specific authentication process before they are accepted for consignment. This process includes inspecting the item for attributes such as appropriate brand markings, date codes, serial tags and hologram stickers. Our gemologists and horologists authenticate and inspect our fine jewelry and watches, and each piece comes with an authentication certificate. In addition, our team of fine art curators and specialists research and validate art pieces for authenticity. We have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to counterfeit goods. Items that are deemed to be counterfeit are confiscated. We are working with the University of Arizona to develop proprietary technology to inspect gemstones faster and more accurately, without unmounting the stone.

### **Our Product Assortment**

We offer a wide selection of authenticated, pre-owned luxury goods on our online marketplace bearing the brands of thousands of luxury and premium designers. The top-selling luxury designers on our online marketplace include Cartier, Chanel, Christian Louboutin, Gucci, Hermès, Louis Vuitton, Prada, Rolex, Tiffany & Co. and Valentino. We offer products across multiple categories including women's, men's, kids', jewelry and watches, and home and art.



## Our Retail Stores

We operate a retail store in each of West Hollywood in Los Angeles, California, Union Square in San Francisco, California, and SoHo and Upper East Side in New York, New York. Our stores are located in highly desirable, densely populated locations with strong foot traffic. For consignors, our retail stores provide an alternative location to drop off consigned items and an opportunity to interact with our experts. Our buyers experience world-class service, surrounded by a beautifully designed space, where they can shop our dynamic curation of authenticated pre-owned luxury goods across all of our categories.

We are able to leverage the investment in our retail stores to improve the growth in a given market. In 2019, our retail stores generated more than \$65 million in GMV and approximately \$85 million in supply. Additionally, retail stores improve unit economics by acquiring higher value buyers and consignors, increasing lifetime value and lowering return rates. We also benefit from increased brand awareness that accelerates overall market growth.

## Our Sustainability Efforts

Sustainability is woven into the fabric of our business. We believe a growing awareness of the environmental impact of recirculating luxury goods significantly contributes to the appeal of consigning and purchasing on our online marketplace. Based on our survey data, approximately 50% of our consignors cite environmental impact or extending the lifecycle of luxury as key motivators for consigning with us.

Our sustainability efforts include:

- ***Ellen MacArthur Foundation.*** We are a member of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation Circular Economy 100 USA, which connects organizations that are rejecting the traditional linear economy in favor of a self-sustaining circular economy. This network brings together a diverse set of stakeholders to encourage collaboration on issues related to sustainability. The Ellen MacArthur Foundation advised us on the methodology used to create our proprietary Sustainability Calculator, which quantifies the greenhouse gasses, energy output and water usage offset by the most popular items consigned on our platform.
- ***United Nations Climate Change's Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action.*** In April 2019, we became the first company in the resale industry to join the UN Climate Change's Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action, which aims to limit global warming within the fashion industry and inspire climate action. The Charter endeavors to achieve a 30% reduction in carbon emissions in the fashion industry by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050. We are helping to create a clear path to achieve the actions outlined in the Charter by joining the Charter's working group on promoting broader climate action.
- ***National Consignment Day.*** We founded National Consignment Day as a national recognition day that occurs on the first Monday of October. National Consignment Day celebrates the positive impact consigning has on the environment. Each year we create a National Consignment Day campaign as an opportunity to encourage people to consign.
- ***Sustainability Calculator.*** In 2018, we launched our Sustainability Calculator on National Consignment day as a tool to quantify the positive impact consignment has on the planet. This calculator, vetted by sustainability experts, focused solely on women's apparel for which we have accurate fabric data and measured the impact of women's clothing items consigned to The RealReal since inception. As of December 31, 2019, we expanded our calculator to include Men's clothing, and we estimate that consignment with The RealReal has offset 13,300 metric tons of carbon and saved 608 million liters of water since inception.
- ***Carbon Neutral Pledge.*** In November 2019, we were the first company to take the pledge in the CEO Carbon Neutral Challenge issued by Gucci CEO Marco Bizzarri. The RealReal has pledged to be Carbon Neutral in 2021. To become fully carbon neutral in 2021, The RealReal has engaged third-party experts to accurately measure The RealReal's total GHG emissions, as part of the Challenge's guiding principles. Upon completion of measuring our total GHG emissions, we will chart a path to carbon neutrality by implementing reductions and annually offsetting emissions that can't be eliminated.

## **Employees**

As of December 31, 2019, we had 2,353 full-time equivalent employees. Additionally, we rely on independent contractors and temporary personnel to supplement our workforce, primarily in our fulfillment centers. None of our employees is represented by a labor union or covered by a collective bargaining agreement. We consider our relations with our employees to be good.

## **Seasonality**

We have observed trends in seasonality of supply and demand in our business that we believe will continue. Specifically, our supply increases in the third and fourth quarters, and our demand increases in the fourth quarter. As a result of this seasonality, we typically see stronger AOV and more rapid sell-through in the fourth quarter. We also typically incur higher operating expenses in the last four months of the year as we increase advertising spend to attract consignors and buyers and increase headcount in sales and operations to handle the higher volumes.

## **Intellectual Property**

Our intellectual property, including copyrights and trademarks, is an important component of our business. We rely on trademark, copyright, trade secrets, patents, confidentiality agreements and other practices to protect our brands, proprietary information, technologies and processes. We primarily rely on copyright and trade secret laws to protect our proprietary technologies and processes, including the algorithms we use throughout our business. Our principal trademark assets include the registered trademark “The RealReal” and our logos and taglines. Our trademarks are valuable assets that support our brand and consumers’ perception of our services and merchandise. We also hold the rights to the “therealreal.com” Internet domain name and various related domain names, which are subject to Internet regulatory bodies and trademark and other related laws of each applicable jurisdiction. We continually review our development efforts to assess the existence and patentability of new intellectual property and intend to pursue patent protection to the extent we believe it would be beneficial and cost-effective.

We control access to and use of our intellectual property through confidentiality procedures, non-disclosure agreements with third parties and our employment and contractor agreements. We rely on contractual provisions to protect our proprietary technology, brands and creative assets with consignors and buyers.

## **Corporate Information**

We were incorporated in the state of Delaware in March 2011. Our principal executive offices are located at 55 Francisco Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94133, and our telephone number is (855) 435-5893. You may access our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other reports (and amendments thereto) filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), as well as proxy statements filed by us, free of charge on our website at [www.therealreal.com](http://www.therealreal.com), as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. Information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated by reference into this or any other report we file with, or furnish to, the SEC, and you should not consider information on our website to be part of this or any other report we file with, or furnish to, the SEC. Such periodic reports, proxy statements and other information are also available at the SEC’s website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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## **Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

*Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should consider and read carefully all of the risks and uncertainties described below, as well as other information included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the sections titled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and our financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The risks described below are not the only ones we face. The occurrence of any of the following risks or additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. In such case, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment. This Annual Report on Form 10-K also contains forward-looking statements and estimates that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements as a result of specific factors, including the risks and uncertainties described below.*

### **Risks Relating to Our Business**

***If we fail to generate a sufficient amount of new and recurring supply of pre-owned luxury goods by attracting and retaining consignors, our business would be harmed.***

Our success depends on our ability to cost-effectively attract, retain and grow relationships with consignors, and in turn, our supply of luxury goods sold through our online marketplace. To expand our consignor base, we must appeal to and engage individuals new to consignment, or who have consigned through traditional brick-and-mortar shops but are unfamiliar with our business. We find new consignors by converting buyers utilizing our online marketplace, shopping in our four retail stores, utilizing our ten luxury consignment offices (“LCOs”), paid advertising, referral programs, organic word-of-mouth and other methods of discovery, such as mentions in the press, Internet search engine results and through our partnerships with Stella McCartney and Burberry. We recently increased our paid marketing expenses by investing more in television advertising and digital marketing and we expect to increase our spending on these and other paid marketing channels in the future. We cannot be certain that these efforts will yield more consignors or be cost-effective. Moreover, new consignors may not choose to consign with us a second time or consign as frequently, or consign as many items or the same value of items, as has historically been the case with existing consignors. Therefore, the revenue generated from new consignors may not be as high as the revenue generated historically from our existing consignors or as high as we expect. In addition, a significant number of our new and existing consignors greatly prefer our White Glove consultation method for consigning luxury goods, which involves our sales professionals meeting with our consignors in their homes. Threats to public health, such as the novel corona virus (COVID-19), could significantly impact our consignors’ willingness to allow our sales professionals into their homes or we may determine that it is in the best interests of our sales professionals to reduce or temporarily discontinue offering our White Glove consultation method. These new and existing consignors may not be as willing, or willing at all, to utilize our other methods for consignment. If we fail to attract new consignors, drive repeat consignments or other factors impact our consignment methods, our ability to grow our business would be adversely affected.

Our ability to drive growth also depends on our success in continuing to generate a high volume of consigned items from new and existing consignors. To accomplish this, we rely on our sales professionals to drive our supply of luxury goods by identifying, developing and maintaining relationships with our consignors. Our sales professionals source high-quality, coveted luxury goods from consignors through a variety of methods including White Glove consultation, meeting with potential consignors in one of our ten LCOs or shipping consigned goods to us from remote locations. The process of identifying and hiring sales professionals with the combination of skills and attributes required in these roles can be difficult and can require significant time. In addition, competition for qualified employees and personnel in the retail industry is intense and turnover amongst our sales professionals within a few years is not uncommon. Any shortage in sales professionals or delay in identifying and hiring quality sales professionals could have a negative impact on the business. If we are not successful in attracting and retaining effective sales professionals, the quantity and quality of the luxury goods sold through our online marketplace may be negatively impacted, which would have a material adverse effect on our business and operating results.

***We may not be able to attract, train and retain specialized personnel and skilled employees to effectively manage the merchandising operations required to authenticate, process and sell consigned luxury goods or identify and lease merchandising and fulfillment facilities in geographic regions that enable us to effectively scale our operations.***

We lease facilities to store and accommodate the logistics infrastructure required to merchandise and ship the pre-owned luxury goods we sell through our online marketplace. To grow our business, we must continue to improve and expand our merchandising and fulfillment operations, information systems and skilled personnel in the jurisdictions in which we operate so that we have the skilled talent necessary to effectively operate our business. The operation of our business is complex and requires the coordination of multiple functions that are highly dependent on numerous employees and personnel. Each luxury item that we offer through our online marketplace is unique and requires multiple touch points, including inspection, evaluation, authentication, photography, pricing, copywriting, application of a unique single-SKU and fulfillment. We have rapidly increased our operations employee headcount to support the growth of our business. The market for these employees is increasingly competitive and is highly dependent on geographic location. Some of our employees have specific knowledge and skills that would make it more difficult to hire replacement personnel capable of effectively performing the same tasks without substantial training. We also provide specific training to our employees in each of our business functions in order to provide our consignors and buyers with a consistent luxury experience. If we fail to effectively locate, hire, train and retain such personnel, our operations would be negatively impacted, which would have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

Our ability to successfully grow our business also depends on the availability and cost of leasing additional merchandising and fulfillment facilities that meet our criteria for a geographic location with access to a large, qualified talent pool, square footage, cost and other factors. We currently have four merchandising and fulfillment facilities—one in California and three in New Jersey. Optimal space is becoming increasingly scarce, and where it is available, the lease terms offered by landlords are increasingly competitive. Incentives currently offered by local, state and federal entities to offset operating expenses may be reduced or become unavailable. Companies who have more financial resources and negotiating leverage than us may be more attractive tenants and, as a result, may outbid us for the facilities we seek. We also may be unable to renew our existing leases or renew them on satisfactory terms. Failure to identify and secure adequate new merchandising and fulfillment facilities in optimal geographic locations or maintain our current merchandising and fulfillment facilities could have an adverse effect on our business and operating results.

***We have a history of losses and we may not achieve or maintain profitability in the future.***

We experienced net losses of \$96.7 million, \$75.8 million, and \$52.3 million in 2019, 2018, and 2017, respectively, and as of December 31, 2019 we had an accumulated deficit of \$354.5 million. We believe there is substantial opportunity for growth in our business and our market and intend to invest aggressively to capitalize on this opportunity. As a result of these investments, we expect to incur additional losses for the foreseeable future. In particular, we are making significant investments in our marketing initiatives, expanding our operations and infrastructure, developing and introducing new technologies and automation and hiring additional personnel. These efforts may be more costly than we expect and may not result in revenue growth. In addition, in connection with operating as a public company, we are incurring additional significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. If our investments do not prove successful or our market does not develop as we expect, we may continue to experience losses over the long term. Any failure to increase our revenue sufficiently to keep pace with our investments and other expenses could prevent us from achieving or maintaining profitability or positive cash flow on a consistent basis. If we are unable to successfully address these risks and challenges as we encounter them, our business, financial condition and operating results could be adversely affected. We cannot assure you that we will ever achieve or sustain profitability and may continue to incur significant losses going forward.

***We may not be able to sustain our revenue growth rate or effectively manage growth.***

Our recent revenue growth should not be considered indicative of our future performance. As we grow our business, we expect our future revenue growth rates may slow due to a number of factors, including the maturation of our business, increased market adoption against which future growth will be measured, increasing competition or our failure to capitalize on growth opportunities. Additionally, consignors may opt to consign less with us to the extent we take steps, such as increasing our take rates, that make our online marketplace appear less attractive to them. Alternatively, the emergence of direct competitors may force us to decrease our take rates to remain competitive to attract consignors, which will have a negative impact on our financial performance.

We have experienced, and expect to continue to experience, rapid growth, which has placed, and will continue to place, significant demands on our management and our operational and financial infrastructure. Continued growth could also strain our ability to maintain reliable service levels for our consignors and buyers, develop and improve our operational, financial and management controls, enhance our reporting systems and procedures and recruit, train and retain highly skilled personnel. To support anticipated growth, we are committing substantial financial, operational and technical resources. Failure to effectively manage the growth of our business and operations would negatively affect our reputation and brand, business, financial condition and operating results.

***National retailers and brands set their own retail prices and promotional discounts on new luxury goods, which could adversely affect our value proposition to consumers.***

National retailers and brands set pricing for new luxury goods. Promotional pricing by these parties may adversely affect the value of products consigned with us and our inventory, and, in turn, GMV and operating results. In order to attract buyers to our online marketplace, the prices for the pre-owned luxury goods sold through our online marketplace may need to be lowered in order to compete with these pricing strategies, which could negatively affect gross merchandise value and in turn, our revenue. We have experienced a reduction in our GMV and AOV in the past due to fluctuations in the price of new luxury goods sold by retailers and brands, and we anticipate similar reductions and fluctuations in the future. However, the timing and magnitude of such discounting can be difficult to predict. Any of the foregoing risks could adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

***We have a relatively short operating history in an evolving industry and, as a result, our past results may not be indicative of future operating performance.***

Our online marketplace represents a substantial departure from the traditional resale market for luxury goods. While our business has grown rapidly, the resale market for luxury goods may not continue to develop in a manner that we expect or that otherwise would be favorable to our business. Our relatively short operating history and the changes in our market make it difficult to assess our future performance. You should consider our business and prospects in light of the risks and difficulties we may encounter.

Our future success will depend in large part upon our ability to, among other things:

- cost-effectively acquire and engage with new and existing consignors and buyers and grow our supply of high-quality, coveted luxury goods for sale through our online marketplace;
- scale our revenue and achieve the operating efficiencies necessary to achieve and maintain profitability;
- increase consignor and buyer awareness of our brand;
- anticipate and respond to changing consignor and buyer preferences;
- manage and improve our business processes in response to changing business needs;
- anticipate and respond to macroeconomic changes generally, including changes in both the primary and secondary market for luxury goods;
- effectively scale our operations while maintaining high service quality and consignor and buyer satisfaction;
- hire, train and retain talented people at all levels of our business;

- avoid or manage interruptions in our business from information technology downtime, cybersecurity breaches and other factors affecting our physical and digital infrastructure;
- fulfill and deliver orders in a timely manner and in accordance with customer expectations, which may change over time;
- maintain the quality of our technology and operations infrastructure;
- develop new technology or services to enhance the consignor and buyer experience; and
- comply with regulations applicable to our business.

If we fail to address the risks and difficulties that we face, including those associated with the challenges listed above as well as those described elsewhere in this “Risk Factors” section, our business and our operating results would be adversely affected.

***We rely on consumer discretionary spending and may be adversely affected by economic downturns and other macroeconomic conditions or trends.***

Our business and operating results are subject to global economic conditions and their impact on consumer discretionary spending, particularly in the luxury goods market. Some of the factors that may negatively influence consumer spending on luxury goods include high levels of unemployment, higher consumer debt levels, reductions in net worth, and declines in asset values and related market uncertainty, home foreclosures and reductions in home values, fluctuating interest rates and credit availability, fluctuating fuel and other energy costs, fluctuating commodity prices and general uncertainty regarding the overall future political and economic environment. Economic conditions in certain regions may also be affected by natural disasters, such as earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires, and threats to public health, such as the recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Consumer purchases of new luxury goods have declined during periods of economic uncertainty, when disposable income is reduced or when there is a reduction in consumer confidence. Such economic uncertainty and decrease in the rate of luxury purchases in the primary market may slow the rate at which individuals choose to consign their goods with us which could result in a decrease of items available in our online marketplace.

***As an online marketplace for pre-owned luxury goods, our success depends on the accuracy of our authentication process. Failure by us to identify counterfeit goods could adversely affect our reputation, subject us to adverse publicity, and expose us to liability for the sale of counterfeit goods.***

Our success depends on our ability to accurately and cost-effectively determine whether an item offered for consignment is an authentic product, a genuine gemstone or piece of jewelry or work of art. From time to time, we receive counterfeit goods for consignment. While we continue to invest and innovate in our authentication processes, and we reject any goods we believe to be counterfeit, we cannot be certain that we will identify every counterfeit item that is consigned to us. As the sophistication of counterfeiters increases, it may be increasingly difficult to identify counterfeit products. We refund the cost of a product to a buyer if the buyer questions its authenticity and returns the item. The sale of any counterfeit goods may damage our reputation as a trusted online marketplace for authenticated, pre-owned luxury goods which may impact our ability to attract and maintain consignors and buyers. Additionally, we have been and may in the future be subject to public allegations that our authentication processes are inadequate. Such controversy could negatively impact our reputation and brand and harm our business and operating results. Any material failure or perceived failure in our authentication operations could cause buyers and consignors to lose confidence in our platform and adversely affect our revenue.

***We may not succeed in promoting and sustaining our brand, which could have an adverse effect on our business and future growth.***

We believe that maintaining The RealReal brand is critical to driving consignor and buyer engagement. An important goal of our brand promotion strategy is establishing trust with our consignors and buyers. Maintaining our brand will depend largely on our ability to continue providing our consignors with service that is consistent with the level of luxury associated with the goods they are consigning and delivering value for the goods they consign, all in a timely and consistent manner. Our success depends in part on the quality of our sales professionals who represent our brand to new and existing consignors. Sales professionals cultivate relationships with our consignor base by making in-home visits to evaluate the luxury goods that our consignors want to consign. While we require that all sales professionals undergo a background check, this may not prevent illegal, improper or otherwise inappropriate actions by such employees, such as theft or physical assault, from occurring in connection with our services. Any negative publicity related to the foregoing could adversely affect our reputation and brand or public perception of our model of luxury consignment, which could negatively affect demand for our services and harm our business, financial condition and operating results.

For buyers, maintaining our brand requires that we foster trust through authentication, timely and reliable fulfillment of orders, and responsive and effective customer service. If we fail to provide consignors or buyers with the service and experience they expect, or experience consignor or buyer complaints or negative publicity about our online marketplace services, merchandise, delivery times or customer support, whether justified or not, the value of our brand would be harmed and our business may suffer.

***Our continued growth depends on attracting new and retaining repeat buyers.***

To expand our buyer base, we must appeal to and attract buyers who do not typically purchase luxury goods, who have historically purchased only new luxury goods or who used other means to purchase pre-owned luxury goods, such as traditional brick-and-mortar consignment shops, auction houses and the websites of other secondary marketplaces. We reach new buyers through television and digital advertising, other paid marketing, press coverage, referral programs, organic word of mouth and other methods of discovery, such as converting consignors to buyers. We expect to continue investing heavily in these and other marketing channels in the future and cannot be certain that these efforts will yield more buyers or be cost-effective. Moreover, new buyers may not purchase through our online marketplace as frequently or spend as much with us as historically has been the case with existing buyers. As a result, the revenue generated from new buyer transactions may not be as high as the revenue generated from transactions with our existing buyers. Failure to attract new buyers and to maintain relationships with existing buyers would adversely affect our operating results and our ability to attract and retain consignors.

***We are currently, and may be in the future, party to lawsuits and other claims that are expensive and time consuming, could lead to adverse publicity, and, if resolved adversely, could have a significant impact on our business, financial condition or operating results.***

We rely on the fair use doctrine when we routinely refer to third-party intellectual property, such as trademarks, on our platform. Third parties may dispute the scope of that doctrine and challenge our ability to reference their intellectual property in the course of our business. For instance, from time to time, we are contacted by companies controlling brands of goods consignors sell, demanding that we cease referencing those brands in connection with such sales, whether in advertising or on our website. We have consistently responded by reference to the holding in *Tiffany (NY), Inc. v. eBay* that factual use of a brand to describe and sell a used good is not false advertising. These matters have generally been resolved with no further communications, but some have resulted in litigation against us. For example, in November 2018, Chanel, Inc. (“Chanel”) filed a lawsuit against us in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York bringing various trademark and advertising-related claims under the Lanham Act and New York state law analogues. Chanel alleges, among other things, that we have misrepresented certain counterfeit Chanel products as authentic Chanel products, that our resale of Chanel products confuses consumers into believing that Chanel is affiliated with us and involved in authenticating consignors’ goods and that only Chanel is capable of authenticating second-hand Chanel goods. This litigation is in its early stages and the final outcome, including our liability, if any, with respect to Chanel’s claims, is uncertain. Chanel could in the future assert additional trademark and advertising or other claims against us in this or other proceedings. An unfavorable outcome in this or similar litigation could adversely affect our business and could lead to other similar lawsuits.

We are also at risk of claims by others that we have infringed their copyrights, trademarks or patents or improperly used or disclosed their trade secrets. In particular, third parties may allege that goods consigned to us are counterfeit or that by offering goods of a particular brand we are suggesting that we are sponsored by or affiliated with that brand. The costs of resolving any litigation or disputes related to these claims can be considerable, and we cannot assure you that we will achieve a favorable outcome of any such claim.

In addition, the Company, its officers and directors and the underwriters of the Company’s initial public offering (“IPO”) have been named as defendants in numerous purported securities class actions in connection with the Company’s IPO (the “Securities Litigation”). See “Item 3 – Legal Proceedings” for a description of the Securities Litigation.

In addition, we have in the past and could face in the future a variety of employee claims against us, including but not limited to general discrimination, privacy, wage and hour, labor and employment, ERISA and disability claims. Any claims could also result in litigation against us or regulatory proceedings being brought against us by various federal and state agencies that regulate our business, including the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Often these cases raise complex factual and legal issues and create risks and uncertainties.

Defending litigation is costly and can impose a significant burden on management and employees, and there can be no assurances that favorable final outcomes will be obtained. The results of any such litigation, investigations and other legal proceedings are inherently unpredictable and expensive. Although we have insurance, it provides for a substantial retention of liability and is subject to limitations. As a result, it may not cover a significant portion, or any, of the expenses we may incur or be subject to in connection with shareholder class action or other litigation to which we are party. In addition, plaintiffs may seek, and we may become subject to, preliminary or provisional rulings in the course of any such litigation, including potential preliminary injunctions requiring us to cease some or all of our operations. We may decide to settle such lawsuits and disputes on terms that are unfavorable to us. Similarly, if any litigation to which we are a party is resolved adversely, we may be subject to an unfavorable judgment that may not be reversed upon appeal. The terms of such a settlement or judgment may require us to cease some or all of our operations or pay substantial amounts to the other party. In addition, we may have to seek a license to continue practices found to be in violation of a third-party's rights, which may not be available on reasonable terms or at all, and may significantly increase our operating costs and expenses. As a result, we may also be required to develop alternative practices or discontinue the practices. The development of alternative practices could require significant effort and expense or may not be feasible. Our business, financial condition or operating results could be adversely affected as a result of an unfavorable resolution of the disputes and litigation referred to above.

***The operations of our facilities and our retail stores could be affected by the recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).***

We currently have four merchandising and fulfillment facilities- one in California and three in New Jersey. In addition, we operate retail stores in California and New York. Our business depends on the uninterrupted operation of facilities.

The recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) could pose public health risks that could reach epidemic or global pandemic proportions. This outbreak could directly threaten the health of our employees, our consignors and our customers. The operation of all of our facilities is critically dependent on our employees who staff these locations. In addition, the federal or state governments, or both, could impose restrictions ranging from limitations on public interaction to mandatory quarantine in affected areas.

Any events that threaten the operation of our facilities or retail stores, including the recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), could have a material adverse effect on our business and operating results.

***If we are unable to successfully leverage technology to automate and drive efficiencies in our operations, our business could be adversely affected.***

We are building automation, machine learning and other capabilities to drive efficiencies in our merchandising and fulfillment operations. As we continue to add capacity, capabilities and automation, our operations will become increasingly complex and challenging. While we expect these technologies to improve productivity in many of our merchandising operations, including pricing, copywriting, authentication, photography and photo retouching, any flaws or failures of such technologies could cause interruptions in and delays to our operations which may harm our business. We are increasing our investment in technology to support these efforts but they may not be effective in driving productivity, maintaining or improving the experience for buyers and consignors or providing a positive return on investment. We have created our own purpose-built technology to operate our business, but we also rely on technology from third parties. If these technologies do not perform in accordance with our expectations, third parties change the terms and conditions that govern their relationships with us, or if competition increases for the technology and services provided by third parties, our business may be harmed. In addition, if we are unable to add automation to our operations, we may be unable to reduce the costs of processing consignments and fulfilling orders, which could cause delays in buyers receiving their purchases. Any of these outcomes could harm our reputation and our relationships with our consignors and buyers.

***Our advertising activity may fail to efficiently drive growth in consignors and buyers.***

Our future growth and profitability will depend in large part upon the effectiveness and efficiency of our advertising, promotion, public relations and marketing programs and we are investing heavily in these activities. These brand promotion activities may not yield increased revenue and the efficacy of these activities will depend on a number of factors, including our ability to do the following:

- determine the effective creative message and media mix for advertising, marketing and promotional expenditures;
- select the right markets, media and specific media vehicles in which to advertise;
- identify the most effective and efficient level of spending in each market, media and specific media vehicle; and
- effectively manage marketing costs, including creative and media expenses, to maintain acceptable consignor and buyer acquisition costs.

We closely monitor the effectiveness of our advertising campaigns and changes in the advertising market, and adjust or re-allocate our advertising spend across channels, customer segments and geographic markets in real-time to optimize the effectiveness of these activities. We expect to increase advertising spend in future periods to continue driving our growth. Increases in the pricing of one or more of our marketing and advertising channels could increase our marketing and advertising expenses or cause us to choose less expensive but possibly less effective marketing and advertising channels. If we implement new marketing and advertising strategies, we may incur significantly higher costs than our current channels, which, in turn, could adversely affect our operating results.

Implementing new marketing and advertising strategies also could increase the risk of devoting significant capital and other resources to endeavors that do not prove to be cost effective. We also may incur marketing and advertising expenses significantly in advance of the time we anticipate recognizing revenue associated with such expenses and our marketing and advertising expenditures may not generate sufficient levels of brand awareness or result in increased revenue. Even if our marketing and advertising expenses result in increased sales, the increase might not offset our related expenditures. If we are unable to maintain our marketing and advertising channels on cost-effective terms or replace or supplement existing marketing and advertising channels with similarly or more effective channels, our marketing and advertising expenses could increase substantially, our consignor and buyer base could be adversely affected, and our business, operating results, financial condition and brand could suffer.

***We may experience damage or destruction to our merchandising and fulfillment facilities or retail stores in which we store all of the consigned luxury goods we offer through our online marketplace which may materially adversely impact our business and operating results.***

We store the majority of the luxury goods we offer through our online marketplace in our merchandising and fulfillment facilities in California and New Jersey, with a small portion of luxury goods offered for sale in our four retail stores. Our merchandising and fulfillment facilities are located in areas that have a history of natural disasters, such as earthquakes and severe weather events, rendering our merchandising and fulfillment facilities vulnerable to damage. Any large scale damage to or catastrophic loss of goods stored in such merchandising and fulfillment facilities or retail stores, due to natural disasters or man-made disasters such as arson or theft or otherwise would result in liability to our consignors for the expected commission liability for the lost items, reduction in the value of our inventory and a significant disruption to our business. Additionally, given the nature of the unique consigned luxury goods we offer on our online marketplace, our ability to restore the supply of consigned luxury goods on our online marketplace would take time and would result in a limitation and delay of available supply for buyers which would negatively impact our revenue and operating results. While we carry insurance for the consigned luxury goods stored in these merchandising and fulfillment facilities, the number of carriers which provide for such insurance has declined, which has resulted in increased premiums and deductibles. The insurance we do carry may not continue to be available on commercially reasonable terms and, in any event, may not be adequate to cover all possible losses that our business could suffer. In the event that we suffer a catastrophic loss of any or all of our merchandising and fulfillment facilities and the consigned luxury goods stored in such facilities, our liabilities may exceed the maximum insurance coverage amount which would materially adversely impact our business and operating results.

***We have experienced seasonal and quarterly variations in our revenue and operating results and, as a result, our quarterly results may fluctuate and could be below expectations.***

Our business is seasonal and historically we have realized a disproportionate amount of our revenue and earnings for the year in the fourth quarter as a result of the holiday season and seasonal promotions. We expect this to continue in the future. In anticipation of increased activity during the fourth quarter, we incur significant additional expenses, including additional marketing and staffing in our sales and customer support operations. In addition, we may experience an increase in our shipping costs due to complimentary upgrades, split-shipments and additional long-zone shipments necessary to ensure timely delivery for the holiday season. At peak periods, there could also be further delays in processing consigned goods or fulfilling buyer orders, which could lead to lower consignor and/or buyer satisfaction. As a result of increased expenses or delays in shipping, if we experience lower than expected revenue during any fourth quarter, it may have a disproportionately large impact on our operating results and financial condition for that year. Any factors that harm our fourth quarter operating results, including disruptions in our consignors' willingness to consign or unfavorable economic conditions, or adverse weather could have a disproportionate effect on our operating results for our entire fiscal year. In the future, our seasonal sales patterns may become more pronounced, may strain our personnel and may cause a shortfall in revenue related to expenses in a given period, which could substantially harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

***Our industry is highly competitive and if we do not compete effectively our operating results could be adversely affected.***

The resale market for luxury goods is highly competitive. We compete with vendors of new and pre-owned luxury goods, including branded luxury goods stores, department stores, traditional brick-and-mortar consignment stores, pawn shops, auction houses, specialty retailers, discount chains, independent retail stores, the online offerings of these traditional retail competitors, resale players focused on niche or single categories, as well as technology-enabled marketplaces that may offer the same or similar luxury goods and services that we offer. We believe our ability to compete depends on many factors within and beyond our control, including:

- engaging and enhancing our relationships with existing consignors and buyers and attracting new consignors and buyers;
- further developing our data science capabilities;
- maintaining favorable brand recognition and effectively delivering our online marketplace to consignors and buyers;
- identifying and delivering authentic luxury goods;
- maintaining and increasing the amount, diversity and quality of brands and luxury goods that we or our competitors offer;
- our ability to expand the categories of luxury goods our consignors consign and sell;
- the price at which consigned, authenticated luxury goods through our online marketplace are offered;
- the speed and cost at which we can authenticate and make available consigned luxury goods and deliver purchased goods to our buyers; and
- the ease with which our consignors and buyers can consign, purchase and return goods.

Failure to adequately meet these demands may cause us to lose potential consignors and buyers which could harm our business.

Many of our competitors have longer operating histories, larger fulfillment infrastructures, greater brand recognition and technical capabilities, faster shipping times, lower-cost shipping, larger databases, greater financial, marketing, institutional and other resources and larger buyer bases than we do. As the market evolves, competitors may emerge. For example, Farfetch Ltd recently announced the launch of a new consignment service. Some of our competitors may have greater resources than we do, which may allow them to derive greater revenue and profits from their existing buyer bases, acquire consignors at lower costs or respond more quickly than we can to new or emerging technologies and changes in consumer shopping behavior. These competitors may engage in more extensive research and development efforts, enter the business of online luxury consignment, undertake more far-reaching marketing campaigns and adopt more aggressive pricing policies, which may allow them to build larger consignor or buyer bases or generate revenue from their existing buyer bases more effectively than we do. If we fail to compete effectively, our business and operating results may be adversely affected.

***We rely on third parties to host our website and mobile app and to process payments made by buyers or to consignors on our online marketplace. Any significant disruption in service provided by, or termination of our relationship with, such third parties could damage our reputation and result in loss of buyers and consignors, which would harm our business and results of operations.***

Our brand and ability to attract and retain consignors and buyers depends in part on the reliable performance of our network infrastructure and content delivery process. We have experienced, and expect that in the future we will experience, interruptions, delays and outages in service and availability from time to time due to a variety of factors, including infrastructure changes, human or software errors, website hosting disruptions and capacity constraints which could affect the availability of services on our platform and prevent or inhibit the ability of buyers to access our online marketplace or complete purchases on our website and app. We currently host our platform and support our operations using Amazon Web Services (“AWS”). We do not have control over the operations of the facilities of AWS that we use. AWS’ facilities are vulnerable to damage or interruption from natural disasters, cybersecurity attacks, terrorist attacks, power outages and similar events or acts of misconduct. The continuing and uninterrupted performance of our online marketplace is critical to our success. Volume of traffic and activity on our online marketplace spikes on certain days and during certain periods of the year, such as during a Black Friday promotion and generally during the fourth quarter due to the seasonality of our business, and any interruption would be particularly problematic if it were to occur at such a high volume time. We also use Google services for our business emails, file storage and communications. Any disruption or failure in the services we receive from Google could harm our ability to run our business.

We rely on third-party payment processors to process payments made by buyers or to consignors on our online marketplace. If our third-party payment processors terminate their relationships with us or refuse to renew their agreements with us on commercially reasonable terms, we would need to find an alternate payment processor and may not be able to secure similar terms or replace such payment processors in an acceptable timeframe. Further, the software and services provided by our third-party payment processors may not meet our expectations, contain errors or vulnerabilities, be compromised or experience outages. Any of these risks could cause us to lose our ability to accept online payments, make payments to consignors or conduct other payment transactions, any of which could make our platform less convenient and attractive and adversely affect our ability to attract and retain buyers and consignors.

***We must successfully gauge and respond to changing preferences among our consignors and buyers.***

Our success is in large part dependent upon our ability to anticipate and identify trends in the market for pre-owned luxury goods in a timely manner and to obtain consignments of luxury goods that address those trends. We use data science to predict consignor and buyer preferences, and there can be no assurance that our data science will accurately anticipate consignor or buyer requirements. Lead times relating to these changing preferences may make it difficult for us to respond rapidly to new or changing trends. We have begun to expand our offerings and the impact on our business from these new offerings is not clear as it is difficult to accurately predict consignor and buyer preferences. To the extent we do not accurately predict the evolving preferences of our consignors and buyers, our ability to grow our business and our operating results would be adversely affected.

***Failure to comply with applicable laws or regulations, including those relating to the sale of secondhand goods, may subject us to fines, penalties, loss of licensure, registration, facility closures and approval or other governmental enforcement action.***

The sale of consigned goods through our online marketplace is subject to regulation, including by regulatory bodies such as the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other international, federal, state and local governments and regulatory authorities. These laws and regulations are complex, vary from state to state and change often. We monitor these laws and regulations and adjust our business practices as warranted to comply. We receive luxury goods on consignment from numerous consignors located in all 50 U.S. states and Puerto Rico, and the goods we receive from our consignors may contain materials such as fur, python, ivory and other exotic animal product components, that are subject to regulation. Our standard consignor terms and conditions require consignors to comply with applicable laws when consigning their goods. Failure of our consignors to comply with applicable laws, regulations and contractual requirements could lead to litigation or other claims against us, resulting in increased legal expenses and costs. Moreover, failure by us to effectively monitor the application of these laws and regulations to our business, and to comply with such laws and regulations, may negatively affect our brand and subject us to penalties and fines.

Numerous U.S. states and municipalities, including the States of California, New York and Florida, have regulations regarding the handling and sale of secondhand goods, and licensing requirements for secondhand dealers. Such government regulations could require us to change the way we conduct business, or our buyers to conduct their purchases in ways that increase costs or reduce revenues, such as prohibiting or otherwise restricting the sale or shipment of certain items in some locations. We could also be subject to business interruption, fines or other penalties which in the aggregate could harm our business. To the extent we fail to comply with requirements for secondhand dealers, we may experience unanticipated permanent or temporary shutdowns of our facilities which may negatively affect our ability to increase the supply of our goods, result in negative publicity and subject us to penalties and fines.

Additionally, the luxury goods our consignors sell could be subject to recalls and other remedial actions and product safety, labeling and licensing concerns may require us to voluntarily remove selected goods from our online marketplace. Such recalls or voluntary removal of goods can result in, among other things, lost sales, diverted resources, potential harm to our reputation and increased customer service costs and legal expenses, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

Some of the luxury goods sold through our online marketplace on behalf of our consignors may expose us to product liability claims and litigation or regulatory action relating to personal injury, environmental or property damage. We cannot be certain that our insurance coverage will be adequate for liabilities actually incurred or that insurance will continue to be available to us on economically reasonable terms or at all. In addition, while all of our vendor agreements contain a standard indemnification provision, certain vendors may not have sufficient resources or insurance to satisfy their indemnity and defense obligations which may harm our business.

***We rely on third parties to drive traffic to our website, and these providers may change their algorithms or pricing in ways that could negatively impact our business, operations, financial condition and prospects.***

We rely in part on digital advertising, including search engine marketing, to promote awareness of our online marketplace, grow our business, attract new consignors and buyers and increase engagement with existing consignors and buyers. In particular, we rely on search engines, such as Google, and the major mobile app stores as important marketing channels. Search engine companies change their search algorithms periodically, and our ranking in searches may be adversely impacted by those changes. Search engine companies or app stores may also determine that we are not in compliance with their guidelines and penalize us as a result. If search engines change their algorithms, terms of service, display or the featuring of search results, determine we are out of compliance with their terms of service or if competition increases for advertisements, we may be unable to cost-effectively add consignors and buyers to our website and apps. Our relationships with our marketing vendors are not long term in nature and do not require any specific performance commitments. In addition, many of our online advertising vendors provide advertising services to other companies, including companies with whom we may compete. As competition for online advertising has increased, the cost for some of these services has also increased. Our marketing initiatives may become increasingly expensive and generating a return on those initiatives may be difficult. Even if we successfully increase revenue as a result of our paid marketing efforts, such increase may not offset the additional marketing expenses we incur.

***Greater than expected product returns could have a negative impact on our revenue.***

We generally allow buyers to return certain purchases from our website and retail stores under our return policy. We record a reserve for returns against proceeds to us from the sale of goods on our online marketplace in calculating revenue. We estimate this reserve based on historical return trends. The introduction of new products in the retail market, changes in consumer confidence or other competitive and general economic conditions may also cause actual returns to exceed our reserve for returns. We believe adverse economic conditions in the past have resulted in an increase in our returns, and we have also experienced higher than expected returns in connection with fourth quarter holiday buying. Additionally, most of the consigned luxury goods are valuable and require special handling and delivery. From time to time, such goods are damaged in transit which can increase return rates, increase our costs and harm our brand. Returned goods may also be damaged in transit as part of the return process which can significantly impact the price we are able to charge for such goods on our online marketplace. Any significant increase in returns that exceeds our reserves could adversely affect our revenue and operating results.

***Compromises of our data security could cause us to incur unexpected expenses, compromise our data assets and may materially harm our reputation and operating results.***

In the ordinary course of our business, we collect, process and store certain personal information and other data relating to individuals, such as our consignors, buyers and employees. We also maintain other information, such as our trade secrets and confidential business information, that is sensitive and that we seek to protect. We rely substantially on commercially available systems, software, tools and monitoring to provide security for our processing, transmission and storage of personal information and other confidential information. We or our vendors could be the subject of hacking, social engineering, phishing attacks or other attacks. Due to these or other causes, we or our vendors may suffer a data breach or other security incident, which may allow hackers or other unauthorized parties to gain access to personal information or other data, including payment card data or confidential business information, and we might not discover such issues for an extended period. The techniques used to obtain unauthorized access or to sabotage systems change frequently and generally are not identified until they are launched against a target. As a result, we and our vendors may be unable to anticipate these techniques or to implement adequate preventative measures. In addition, our employees, contractors, vendors or other third parties with whom we do business may attempt to circumvent security measures in order to misappropriate such personal information, confidential information or other data, or may inadvertently release or compromise such data. We and our vendors have faced these attacks previously and regularly must defend against or respond to such incidents. We expect to incur ongoing costs associated with the detection and prevention of security breaches and other security-related incidents. We may incur additional costs in the event of a security breach or other security-related incident. Any actual or perceived compromise of our systems or data security measures or those of third parties with whom we do business, or any failure to prevent or mitigate the loss of personal or other confidential information and delays in detecting or providing notice of any such compromise or loss could disrupt our operations, harm the perception of our security measures, damage our reputation, cause some participants to decrease or stop their use of our online marketplace and subject us to litigation, government action, increased transaction fees, regulatory fines or penalties or other additional costs and liabilities that could adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

We cannot be certain that our insurance coverage will be adequate for data handling or data security liabilities, that insurance will continue to be available to us on economically reasonable terms, or at all, or that any insurer will not deny coverage as to any future claim. The successful assertion of one or more large claims against us that exceed available insurance coverage or the occurrence of changes in our insurance policies, including premium increases or the imposition of large deductible or co-insurance requirements, could have a material and adverse effect on our business, including our financial condition, operating results and reputation.

***Our use and other processing of personal information and other data is subject to laws and obligations relating to privacy and data protection, and our failure to comply with such laws and obligations could harm our business.***

Numerous state, federal and international laws, rules and regulations govern privacy, data protection and the collection, use and protection of personal information and other types of data we collect, use, disclose and otherwise process. These laws, rules and regulations are constantly evolving, and we expect that there will continue to be new proposed laws, regulations and industry standards concerning privacy, data protection and information security in the United States, the EU and other jurisdictions. For example, California enacted legislation that came into effect January 2020, the California Consumer Privacy Act (the “CCPA”), that requires covered companies to provide new disclosures to California consumers and afford such consumers qualified new privacy rights, such as rights of access, deletion and to opt-out of the sales of their personal information. The CCPA includes provisions that sunset at the end of 2020, may be amended or replaced, and Attorney General regulations have not yet been finalized. It remains unclear what, if any, modifications will be made to the CCPA or how it will be interpreted. The CCPA may require us to modify our data processing practices and policies and to incur substantial costs and expenses in an effort to comply. Similarly, the European Commission adopted a General Data Protection Regulation (the “GDPR”) that became fully effective on May 25, 2018, imposing stringent EU data protection requirements.

We cannot yet fully determine the impact these or future laws, rules and regulations may have on our business or operations. These laws, rules and regulations may be inconsistent from one jurisdiction to another, subject to differing interpretations and may be interpreted to conflict with our practices. Additionally, we may be bound by contractual requirements applicable to our collection, use, processing and disclosure of various types of data, including personal information, and may be bound by, or voluntarily comply with, self-regulatory or other industry standards relating to these matters.

Any failure or perceived failure by us or any third parties with which we do business to comply with these laws, rules and regulations, or with other obligations to which we or such third parties are or may become subject, may result in actions against us by governmental entities, private claims and litigation, the expenditure of legal and other costs and of substantial time and resources, and fines, penalties or other liabilities. Any such action would be expensive to defend, may require the expenditure of substantial legal and other costs and substantial time and resources and likely would damage our reputation and adversely affect our business and operating results.

Further, in view of new or modified federal, state or foreign laws and regulations, industry standards, contractual obligations and other legal obligations, or any changes in their interpretation, we may find it necessary or desirable to fundamentally change our business activities and practices or to expend significant resources to modify our product and otherwise adapt to these changes. We may be unable to make such changes and modifications in a commercially reasonable manner or at all, and our ability to develop new products and features could be limited. Privacy, data protection and information security concerns, whether valid or not valid, may inhibit the use and growth of our online marketplace, particularly in certain foreign countries.

***If we fail to attract and retain key personnel on our executive team or to effectively manage leadership succession, our business, financial condition and operating results could be adversely impacted.***

Our success depends in part on our ability to attract and retain key personnel on our executive team. Senior employees have left our company in the past and others may in the future. We often cannot anticipate such departures, and may not be able to promptly replace key leadership personnel. The loss of one or more of our key personnel or the inability to promptly identify a suitable successor to a key role could have an adverse effect on our business. In particular, our Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Julie Wainwright, has unique and valuable experience from creating and leading our company from its inception through today. If she were to depart or otherwise reduce her focus on The RealReal, our business may be disrupted.

***Labor-related matters, including labor disputes, may adversely affect our operations.***

None of our employees are currently represented by a union. If our employees decide to form or affiliate with a union, we cannot predict the negative effects such future organizational activities will have on our business and operations. If we were to become subject to work stoppages, we could experience disruption in our operations, including delays in merchandising operations and shipping, and increases in our labor costs which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

***Expansion of our operations internationally will require management attention and resources, involves additional risks and may be unsuccessful.***

We have members from outside the United States who purchase items from our online marketplace, but we have not expanded our physical operations outside the United States. If we choose to expand our physical operations internationally, we would need to adapt to different local cultures, languages, standards, laws and regulations and policies. The online marketplace consignment business model we employ may not appeal to consignors and buyers outside of the United States. Furthermore, to succeed with clients in international locations, it will be necessary to locate merchandising and fulfillment facilities in foreign markets and hire local employees in those markets, and we may have to invest in such facilities before demonstrating that we can successfully run operations outside of the United States. We may not be successful in expanding into international markets or in generating revenue from foreign operations for a variety of reasons, including:

- our failure to localize our luxury consignment business model, including translation into foreign languages and adaptation for local cultures and customs;
- different buyer demand dynamics, which may make our model and the merchandise we offer less successful compared to the United States;
- competition from local firms that understand the local market and may operate more effectively;
- regulatory requirements, taxes, trade laws, trade sanctions and economic embargoes, tariffs, export quotas, import laws and regulations, custom duties, shipping of pre-owned goods from or into the U.S. or other trade restrictions or any unexpected changes thereto;
- differing labor regulations where labor laws may be more advantageous to employees as compared to the United States and increased labor costs;

- more stringent regulations relating to privacy and data security and access to, or use of, commercial and personal information, particularly in Europe;
- changes in a specific country's or region's political or economic conditions; and
- risks resulting from changes in currency exchange rates.

If we invest substantial time and resources to establish and expand our operations internationally and are unable to do so successfully and in a timely manner, our operating results would suffer.

***Our inability to replicate our business model for newer categories of consigned luxury goods in a timely and cost-effective manner may damage our business, financial condition and operating results.***

Our women's category accounted for approximately 66% of our GMV in 2019. We intend to deepen our penetration in other high-value categories such as men's, jewelry and watches, and home and art. We continue to explore additional categories of luxury goods to serve our existing consignors and buyers and to attract new consignors and buyers. These additional category offerings may not have the same success, or gain traction with consignors and buyers as quickly, as our women's offerings. If these additional categories of pre-owned luxury goods are not accepted by our existing consignors or buyers, or if such categories do not attract new consignors or buyers, our revenues may fall short of expectations, our brand and reputation could be adversely affected and we may incur expenses that are not offset by revenues. In addition, our business may be adversely affected if we are unable to attract new and repeat consignors that supply the necessary high-quality, appropriately priced and in-demand luxury merchandise in these additional categories, and these categories of goods may also have a different range of margin profiles than the goods currently sold through our online marketplace. Additionally, as we enter into new categories, potential consignors may demand higher commissions than our current categories, which would adversely affect our take rate and operating results. Expansion of our offerings may also strain our management and operational resources, specifically the need to hire and manage additional authentication and market experts. We may also face greater competition in specific categories from companies that are more focused on these categories. If any of these were to occur, it could damage our reputation, limit our growth and have an adverse effect on our operating results.

***Our business, including our costs and supply of consigned goods, is subject to risks associated with sourcing, processing, warehousing and shipping.***

Nearly all of the luxury goods we offer through our online marketplace are initially sourced from consignors who are individuals. As a result, we may be subject to periodic fluctuations in the number, brands and quality of goods sold through our online marketplace on behalf of our consignors. Our operating results could be negatively impacted by these fluctuations. In addition, as we expand into new categories of luxury goods, our payments to our consignors may rise relative to our existing categories, which could adversely affect our operating results.

We can make no assurance that goods we receive from consignors will be of sufficient quality or free from damage, or that such goods will not be damaged during shipping, while stored in one of our merchandising and fulfillment facilities or when shipped to buyers. While we take measures to avoid damage, conduct inspections of consigned goods and inspect returned products, we cannot control items while they are out of our possession or prevent all damage while in our merchandising and fulfillment facilities. For example, we have in the past and may in the future experience contamination, such as mold, bacteria, insects and other pests, in the goods shipped to us by our consignors, which may cause contamination of the goods stored in our merchandising and fulfillment facilities or while shipping to buyers. If we are unable to detect and quarantine such contaminants at the time such goods are initially received in our merchandising and fulfillment facilities, some or all of the goods stored in such facilities could be contaminated. We may incur additional expenses and our reputation could be harmed if clients and potential clients believe that the luxury goods we offer on behalf of our consignors is not of high-quality or may be damaged or contain contaminants.

***We could be liable for fraudulent or unlawful activities of consignors.***

We may fail to prevent consignors from consigning stolen goods. Government regulators and law enforcement officials may allege that our services violate, or aid and abet violations of certain laws, including laws restricting or prohibiting the transferability and, by extension, the resale, of stolen goods. Our form of consignor agreement includes a representation that the consignor has the necessary right and title to the goods they may consign, and we include such a rule and requirement in our terms of service prohibiting the listing of stolen or otherwise illegal products. In addition, we have implemented other protective measures to detect such products. If these measures prove inadequate, we may be required to spend substantial resources to take additional protective measures which could negatively impact our operations. Any costs incurred as a result of potential liability relating to the alleged or actual sale of stolen goods could harm our business. In addition, negative publicity relating to the actual or perceived

listing or sale of stolen goods using our services could damage our reputation, and make our consignors and buyers reluctant to use our services. To the extent any of this occurs, it could harm our business or damage our reputation and we could face liability for such unlawful activities. Despite measures taken by us to detect stolen goods, to cooperate fully with law enforcement, and to respond to inquiries regarding potentially stolen goods, any resulting claims or liabilities could harm our business.

***Shipping is a critical part of our business and any changes in our shipping arrangements or any interruptions in shipping could adversely affect our operating results.***

We currently rely on major vendors for our shipping. If we are not able to negotiate acceptable pricing and other terms with these vendors or they experience performance problems or other difficulties, it could negatively impact our operating results and our consignors' and buyers' experience. In addition, our ability to receive inbound consignments efficiently and ship luxury goods to buyers may be negatively affected by inclement weather, fire, flood, power loss, earthquakes, labor disputes, acts of war or terrorism and similar factors. Because of the seasonality of our business, we tend to ship more goods in the fourth quarter than any other quarter. Disruption to delivery services due to winter weather in the fourth quarter could result in delays that could adversely affect our reputation or operational results. If our goods are not delivered in a timely fashion or are damaged or lost during the consignment or the delivery process, our consignors or buyers could become dissatisfied and cease using our services, which would adversely affect our business and operating results.

***We may incur significant losses from fraud.***

We have in the past incurred and may in the future incur losses from various types of fraudulent transactions, including the use of stolen credit card numbers, claims that a consignment of a good was not authorized and that a buyer did not authorize a purchase. In addition to the direct costs of such losses, if the fraud is related to credit card transactions and becomes excessive, it could result in us paying higher fees or losing the right to accept credit cards for payment. Under current credit card practices, we are liable for fraudulent credit card transactions because we do not obtain a cardholder's signature. Our failure to adequately prevent fraudulent transactions could damage our reputation, result in litigation or regulatory action or lead to expenses that could substantially impact our operating results.

***Use of social media, emails and text messages may adversely impact our reputation or subject us to fines or other penalties.***

We use social media, emails, push notifications and text messages as part of our omni-channel approach to marketing. As laws and regulations evolve to govern the use of these channels, the failure by us, our employees or third parties acting at our direction to comply with applicable laws and regulations in the use of these channels could adversely affect our reputation or subject us to fines or other penalties. In addition, our employees or third parties acting at our direction may knowingly or inadvertently make use of social media in ways that could lead to the loss or infringement of intellectual property, as well as the public disclosure of proprietary, confidential or sensitive personal information of our business, employees, consumers or others. Information concerning us or our consignors and brands, whether accurate or not, may be posted on social media platforms at any time and may have an adverse impact on our brand, reputation or business. The harm may be immediate without affording us an opportunity for redress or correction and could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, business, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

***We may not accurately forecast revenue and appropriately plan our expenses.***

We rely on constant replenishment of consigned goods to sustain and grow our revenue, and our revenue in a given period can be difficult to predict. Additionally, our business is affected by general economic and business conditions. A downturn in the United States or global economies may result in decreased consumer disposable income and decreased purchases. We make certain assumptions when planning our expenses based on our expected revenue. These assumptions are partly based on historical results. Because our operating expenses are relatively fixed in the short term, any failure to achieve our revenue expectations would have a direct, adverse effect on our operating results. If actual results differ from our estimates, the trading price of our common stock may be adversely affected.

***If we cannot successfully protect our intellectual property, our business could suffer.***

We rely on a combination of intellectual property rights, contractual protections and other practices to protect our brand, proprietary information, technologies and processes. We primarily rely on copyright and trade secret laws to protect our proprietary technologies and processes, including the algorithms we use throughout our business. Others may independently develop the same or similar technologies and processes, or may improperly acquire and use information about our technologies and processes, which may allow them to provide a service similar to ours, which could harm our competitive position. Our principal trademark assets include the registered trademark “The RealReal” and our logos and taglines. Our trademarks are valuable assets that support our brand and consumers’ perception of our services and merchandise. We also hold the rights to the “therealreal.com” Internet domain name and various related domain names, which are subject to Internet regulatory bodies and trademark and other related laws of each applicable jurisdiction. If we are unable to protect our trademarks or domain names, our brand recognition and reputation would suffer, we would incur significant expense establishing new brands and our operating results would be adversely impacted. Further, to the extent we pursue patent protection for our innovations, patents we may apply for may not issue, and patents that do issue or that we acquire may not provide us with any competitive advantages or may be challenged by third parties. There can be no assurance that any patents we obtain will adequately protect our inventions or survive a legal challenge, as the legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of patent and other intellectual property rights are uncertain. We may be required to spend significant resources to monitor and protect our intellectual property rights, and the efforts we take to protect our proprietary rights may not be sufficient.

***We could be required to pay or collect sales taxes in jurisdictions in which we do not currently do so, with respect to past or future sales. This could adversely affect our business and operating results.***

An increasing number of states have considered or adopted laws that impose tax collection obligations on out-of-state sellers of goods. Additionally, the Supreme Court of the United States recently ruled in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc. et al* (“Wayfair”), that online sellers can be required to collect sales tax despite not having a physical presence in the state of the customer. In response to Wayfair, or otherwise, states or local governments and taxing authorities may adopt, or begin to enforce, laws requiring us to calculate, collect and remit taxes on sales in their jurisdictions. While we collect and remit sales taxes in every state that requires sales taxes to be collected, including states where we do not have a physical presence, the adoption of new laws by, or a successful assertion by the taxing authorities of, one or more state or local governments requiring us to collect taxes where we presently do not do so, or to collect more taxes in a jurisdiction in which we currently do collect some taxes, could result in substantial tax liabilities, including taxes on past sales, as well as penalties and interest. The imposition by state governments and taxing authorities of sales tax collection obligations on out-of-state ecommerce businesses could also create additional administrative burdens for us, put us at a competitive disadvantage if they do not impose similar obligations on our competitors and decrease our future sales, which could have a materially adverse impact on our business and operating results.

***Application of existing tax laws, rules or regulations are subject to interpretation by taxing authorities.***

The application of the income and tax laws is subject to interpretation. Although we believe our tax methodologies are compliant, a taxing authority’s final determination in the event of a tax audit could materially differ from our past or current methods for determining and complying with our tax obligations, including the calculation of our tax provisions and accruals, in which case we may be subject to additional tax liabilities, possibly including interest and penalties. Furthermore, taxing authorities have become more aggressive in their interpretation and enforcement of such laws, rules and regulations over time, as governments are increasingly focused on ways to increase revenues. This has contributed to an increase in audit activity and stricter enforcement by taxing authorities. As such, additional taxes or other assessments may be in excess of our current tax reserves or may require us to modify our business practices to reduce our exposure to additional taxes going forward, any of which may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Amendments to existing tax laws, rules or regulations or enactment of new unfavorable tax laws, rules or regulations could have an adverse effect on our business and operating results.***

Many of the underlying laws, rules and regulations imposing taxes and other obligations were established before the growth of the Internet and ecommerce. U.S. federal, state and local taxing authorities are currently reviewing the appropriate treatment of companies engaged in Internet commerce and considering changes to existing tax or other laws that could levy sales, income, consumption, use or other taxes relating to our activities, and/or impose obligations on us to collect such taxes. If such tax or other laws, rules or regulations are amended, or if new unfavorable laws, rules or regulations are enacted, the results could increase our tax payments or other obligations, prospectively or retrospectively, subject us to interest and penalties, decrease the demand for our services if we pass on such costs to our buyers or consignors, result in increased costs to update or expand our technical or administrative infrastructure or effectively limit the scope of our business activities if we decided not to conduct business in particular jurisdictions. As a result, these changes may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

Recently enacted legislation commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 made a number of significant changes to the current U.S. federal income tax rules, including reducing the generally applicable corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%, imposing additional limitations on the deductibility of interest, placing limits on the utilization of net operating losses and making substantial changes to the international tax rules. Many of the provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act still require guidance through the issuance and/or finalization of regulations by the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to fully assess their effect, and there may be substantial delays before such regulations are promulgated and/or finalized, increasing the uncertainty as to the ultimate effect of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on us and our stockholders. There also may be technical corrections legislation or other legislative changes proposed with respect to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the effect of which cannot be predicted and may be adverse to us or our stockholders.

***Our ability to use our net operating loss carryforwards and certain other tax attributes may be limited.***

We have incurred substantial net operating losses (“NOLs”), during our history. Unused NOLs may carry forward to offset future taxable income if we achieve profitability in the future, unless such NOLs expire under applicable tax laws. However, under the rules of Sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), if a corporation undergoes an “ownership change,” generally defined as a greater than 50% change (by value) in its equity ownership over a three-year period, the corporation’s ability to use its NOLs and other pre-change tax attributes to offset its post-change taxable income or taxes may be limited. The applicable rules generally operate by focusing on changes in ownership among stockholders considered by the rules as owning, directly or indirectly, 5% or more of the stock of a company, as well as changes in ownership arising from new issuances of stock by the company. During 2019, we analyzed whether any of the reported net operating losses would be limited because of these rules. Based on our analysis we believe \$3.3 million of the Federal and \$2.1 million of California net operating losses will not be available to offset future taxable income because of the limitation. The reported net operating losses have been adjusted based on this analysis. In addition, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act imposes certain limitations on the deduction of NOLs generated in tax years that began on or after January 1, 2018, including a limitation on use of NOLs to offset 80% of taxable income and the disallowance of NOL carryback. Although NOLs generated in tax years before 2018 may still be used to offset future income without limitation, the recent legislation may limit our ability to use our NOLs to offset any future taxable income.

***We may require additional capital to support business growth, and this capital might not be available or may be available only by diluting existing stockholders.***

We intend to continue making investments to support our growth and may require additional funds to support this growth and respond to business challenges, including the need to develop our online marketplace services, expand our categories of pre-owned luxury goods, enhance our operating infrastructure, expand the markets in which we operate and potentially acquire complementary businesses and technologies. Accordingly, we may need to engage in equity or debt financings to secure additional funds. If we raise additional funds through further issuances of equity or convertible debt securities, our existing stockholders could suffer significant dilution, and any new equity securities we issue could have rights, preferences and privileges superior to those of holders of our common stock. Any debt financing secured by us in the future could involve restrictive covenants relating to our capital-

raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for us to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities. In addition, we may not be able to obtain additional financing on terms favorable to us, if at all. If we are unable to obtain financing on terms satisfactory to us when we require it, our ability to continue to support our business growth and to respond to business challenges could be significantly limited, and our business and prospects could fail or be adversely affected.

***Our reported results of operations may be adversely affected by changes in generally accepted accounting principles.***

Generally accepted accounting principles are subject to interpretation by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”), the SEC and various bodies formed to promulgate and interpret appropriate accounting principles. A change in these principles or interpretations could have a significant effect on our reported results of operations and could affect the reporting of transactions completed before the announcement of a change. It is difficult to predict the impact of future changes to accounting principles or our accounting policies, any of which could negatively affect our reported results of operations.

***If our internal control over financial reporting or our disclosure controls and procedures are not effective, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results, prevent fraud or file our periodic reports in a timely manner, which may cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information and may lead to a decline in our stock price.***

We are required to comply with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”), following the later of the date we are deemed to be an “accelerated filer” or a “large accelerated filer,” each as defined in the Exchange Act, or the date we are no longer an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the “JOBS Act”). Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires that we maintain effective internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures. In particular, we must perform system and process evaluations, document our controls and perform testing of our key controls over financial reporting to allow management and our independent public accounting firm to report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. Our testing, or the subsequent testing by our independent public accounting firm, may reveal deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting that are deemed to be material weaknesses. If we are not able to comply with the requirements of Section 404 in a timely manner, or if we or our accounting firm identify deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting that are deemed to be material weaknesses, the market price of our stock would likely decline and we could be subject to lawsuits, sanctions or investigations by regulatory authorities, which would require additional financial and management resources.

We may encounter difficulties in the timely and accurate reporting of our financial results, which would impact our ability to provide our investors with information in a timely manner. As a result, our investors could lose confidence in our reported financial information, and our stock price could decline.

## **Risks Relating to Ownership of Our Common Stock**

***The market price of our common stock may be volatile or may decline steeply or suddenly regardless of our operating performance and we may not be able to meet investor or analyst expectations. You may not be able to resell your shares at or above the price you paid and may lose all or part of your investment.***

If you purchase shares of our common stock, you may not be able to resell those shares at or above the price you paid. We cannot assure you that the market price of our shares will equal or exceed prices in privately negotiated transactions of our shares that have occurred from time to time before our IPO. The market price of our common stock may fluctuate or decline significantly in response to numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control, including:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our consignor or buyer base, the level of consignor and buyer engagement, revenue or other operating results;
- variations between our actual operating results and the expectations of securities analysts, investors and the financial community;
- any forward-looking financial or operating information we may provide to the public or securities analysts, any changes in this information or our failure to meet expectations based on this information;

- actions of securities analysts who initiate or maintain coverage of us, changes in financial estimates by any securities analysts who follow our company or our failure to meet these estimates or the expectations of investors;
- additional shares of our common stock being sold into the market by us or our existing stockholders, or the anticipation of such sales, including if existing stockholders sell shares into the market when the applicable “lock-up” periods associated with our IPO ends;
- hedging activities by market participants;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant products or features, technical innovations, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments;
- changes in operating performance and stock market valuations of companies in our industry, including our competitors;
- price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market, including as a result of trends in the economy as a whole;
- lawsuits threatened or filed against us;
- developments in new legislation and pending lawsuits or regulatory actions, including interim or final rulings by judicial or regulatory bodies; and
- other events or factors, including those resulting from war or incidents of terrorism, or responses to these events or threats to public health, such as the recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

In addition, price and volume fluctuations in the stock markets have affected and continue to affect many online marketplace and other technology companies’ stock prices. Stock prices often fluctuate in ways unrelated or disproportionate to the companies’ operating performance. In the past, stockholders have filed securities class action litigation following periods of market volatility. We have been the target of litigation associated with these fluctuations and market volatility and may be the target of this type of litigation in the future. Securities litigation against us could result in substantial costs and divert our management’s attention from other business concerns, which could harm our business. See the risk factor entitled “*We are currently, and may be in the future, party to lawsuits and other claims that are expensive and time consuming, could lead to adverse publicity, and, if resolved adversely, could have a significant impact on our business, financial condition or operating results.*”

Moreover, because of these fluctuations, comparing our operating results on a period-to-period basis may not be meaningful. You should not rely on our past results as an indication of our future performance. This variability and unpredictability could also result in our failing to meet the expectations of industry or financial analysts or investors for any period. If our revenue or operating results fall below the expectations of analysts or investors or below any forecasts we may provide to the market, or if the forecasts we provide to the market are below the expectations of analysts or investors, the price of our common stock could decline substantially. Such a stock price decline could occur even when we have met any previously publicly stated revenue or earnings forecasts that we may provide.

***Short sellers of our stock may be manipulative and may drive down the market price of our common stock.***

Short selling is the practice of selling securities that the seller does not own but rather has borrowed or intends to borrow from a third party with the intention of buying identical securities at a later date to return to the lender. A short seller hopes to profit from a decline in the value of the securities between the sale of the borrowed securities and the purchase of the replacement shares, as the short seller expects to pay less in that purchase than it received in the sale. As it is therefore in the short seller’s interest for the price of the stock to decline, some short sellers publish, or arrange for the publication of, opinions or characterizations regarding the relevant issuer, its business prospects and similar matters calculated to or which may create negative market momentum, which may permit them to obtain profits for themselves as a result of selling the stock short. Issuers, like us, whose securities have historically had limited trading volumes and/or have been susceptible to relatively high volatility levels can be particularly vulnerable to such short seller attacks. The publication of such commentary has, and may in the future, cause a temporary, or possibly long term, decline in the market price of our common stock. No assurances can be made that declines in the market price of our common stock will not occur in the future in connection with such commentary by short sellers or otherwise.

***If securities or industry analysts either do not publish research about us or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about us, our business or our market, or if they change their recommendations regarding our common stock adversely, the trading price or trading volume of our common stock could decline.***

The trading market for our common stock is influenced in part by the research and reports that securities or industry analysts may publish about us, our business, our market or our competitors. If one or more analysts initiate research with an unfavorable rating or downgrade our common stock, provide a more favorable recommendation about our competitors or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our common stock price would likely decline. If any analyst who covers us, or may cover us, were to cease coverage of us or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause the trading price or trading volume of our common stock to decline.

***Delaware law and provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws could make a merger, tender offer or proxy contest difficult, thereby depressing the trading price of our common stock.***

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could depress the trading price of our common stock by acting to discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company or changes in our management that the stockholders of our company may deem advantageous. These provisions include the following:

- establish a classified board of directors so that not all members of our board of directors are elected at one time;
- permit the board of directors to establish the number of directors and fill any vacancies and newly-created directorships;
- provide that directors may only be removed for cause;
- require super-majority voting to amend some provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws;
- authorize the issuance of “blank check” preferred stock that our board of directors could use to implement a stockholder rights plan;
- prohibit stockholders from calling special meetings of stockholders;
- prohibit stockholder action by written consent, which requires all stockholder actions to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders;
- provide that the board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal our bylaws;
- restrict the forum for certain litigation against us to Delaware; and
- establish advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at annual stockholder meetings.

Any provision of our certificate of incorporation or bylaws or Delaware law that has the effect of delaying or deterring a change in control could limit the opportunity for our stockholders to receive a premium for their shares of our common stock, and could also affect the price that some investors are willing to pay for our common stock.

***Our certificate of incorporation designates the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware located within the State of Delaware as the exclusive forum for substantially all disputes between us and our stockholders, which could limit our stockholders’ ability to choose the judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers or employees.***

Our certificate of incorporation provides that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or, if the Court of Chancery does not have jurisdiction, another state court located within the State of Delaware or, if no court located within the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware) shall be the sole and exclusive forum for (1) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf under Delaware law, (2) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any of our directors, officers or other employees to us or our stockholders, (3) any action arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law (“DGCL”), our certificate of incorporation or our bylaws, (4) any other action asserting a claim that is governed by

the internal affairs doctrine shall be the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or, if the Court of Chancery does not have jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware) or (5) any other action asserting an “internal corporate claim,” as defined in Section 115 of the DGCL, in all cases subject to the court having jurisdiction over indispensable parties named as defendants. These exclusive-forum provisions do not apply to claims under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in any of our securities shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to this provision. This exclusive-forum provision may limit a stockholder’s ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum of its choosing for disputes with us or our directors, officers or other employees, which may discourage lawsuits against us and our directors, officers and other employees. If a court were to find the exclusive-forum provision in our certificate of incorporation to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving the dispute in other jurisdictions, which could harm our results of operations.

#### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.**

None.

#### **Item 2. Properties.**

Our corporate headquarters are located in San Francisco, California and are leased for a term that expires in 2027 with a right of renewal. We lease an aggregate of approximately 1 million square feet of space for storage, merchandising operations and fulfillment located in California and New Jersey. The lease to our California facility expires in 2021 and leases to our New Jersey facilities each expire in 2029, all with a right of renewal. We lease additional offices located in Los Angeles and New York City and LCOs located in Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San Francisco and Washington D.C. We also have four retail stores located in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York. We believe that our properties are suitable to meet our needs for the foreseeable future. In addition, to the extent we require additional space in the future, we believe that it would be available on commercially reasonable terms.

#### **Item 3. Legal Proceedings.**

We are from time to time subject to, and are presently involved in, litigation and other legal proceedings and from time to time, we receive inquiries from government agencies. See “Note 11—Commitments and Contingencies” in the notes to the audited financial statements. This item should be read in conjunction with the Legal Proceedings disclosures in our final prospectus related to our IPO filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act.

In November 2018, Chanel filed a lawsuit against us in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York bringing various trademark and advertising-related claims under the Lanham Act and New York state law analogues. Chanel alleges, among other things, that we have misrepresented certain counterfeit Chanel products as authentic Chanel products, that our resale of Chanel products confuses consumers into believing that Chanel is affiliated with us and involved in authenticating consignors’ goods and that only Chanel is capable of authenticating second-hand Chanel goods. This litigation is in its early stages and the final outcome, including our liability, if any, with respect to Chanel’s claims, is uncertain. Chanel could in the future assert additional trademark and advertising or other claims against us in this or other proceedings. An unfavorable outcome in this or similar litigation could adversely affect our business and could lead to other similar lawsuits.

On September 10, 2019, a purported shareholder class action complaint was filed against us, our officers and directors and the underwriters of our IPO in the Superior Court of the State of California in the County of San Mateo. Three additional purported class actions, also alleging claims arising from the IPO were subsequently filed in Marin County and San Francisco County Superior Courts. The San Mateo case was voluntarily dismissed, refiled in Marin County Superior Court and consolidated with the cases there. On January 10, 2020, the Marin County plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint and defendants’ demurrer is due on March 13, 2020. The plaintiffs in the San Francisco Superior Court case have filed a request for dismissal. Separately an additional purported class action was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on November 25, 2019. On February 12, 2020, a lead plaintiff was appointed in the federal action and on February 18, 2020, the Court ordered a schedule for the filing of an amended complaint and any motion to dismiss that amended

complaint. These complaints allege claims under the Securities Act of 1933 on behalf of a purported class of those who acquired our stock pursuant to or traceable to the registration statement for our IPO. The complaints allege, among other things, that the defendants violated federal securities laws by issuing false or misleading statements in the registration statement regarding certain of our key financial and operating metrics, and related to the Company's authentication processes. The complaints seek, among other things, damages and interest, rescission, and attorneys' fees and costs. While we intend to vigorously defend against this litigation, the cases are at a very early stage and there can be no assurance that we will be successful in our defense. For this same reason, we cannot currently estimate the loss or the range of possible losses we may experience in connection with this litigation.

We are currently involved in, and may in the future be involved in, legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business. While it is not possible to determine the outcome of any legal proceedings brought against us, we believe that, except for the matters described above, the resolution of all such matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position or liquidity, but could be material to our results of operations in any one accounting period. Regardless of final outcomes, however, any such legal proceedings may nonetheless impose a significant burden on management and employees and may come with costly defense costs or unfavorable preliminary and interim rulings. There are inherent uncertainties in these legal matters, some of which are beyond management's control, making the ultimate outcomes difficult to predict. Moreover, management's views and estimates related to these matters may change in the future, as new events and circumstances arise and as the matters continue to develop.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.**

None.

## PART II

### **Item 5. Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.**

#### **Market Information**

Our common stock, par value \$0.00001 per share, is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, under the symbol “REAL” and began trading on June 28, 2019. Prior to that date, there was no public trading market for our common stock

#### **Stockholders**

As of the close of business on February 21, 2020, there were 314 stockholders of record of our common stock. The actual number of holders of our common stock is greater than this number of record holders, and includes stockholders who are beneficial owners, but whose shares are held in street name by brokers or other nominees. This number of holders of record also does not include stockholders whose shares may be held in trust by other entities.

#### **Dividend Policy**

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our capital stock. We currently intend to retain all available funds and future earnings, if any, to fund the development and expansion of our business, and we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination regarding the declaration and payment of dividends, if any, will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on then-existing conditions, including our financial condition, operating results, contractual restrictions, capital requirements, business prospects and other factors our board of directors may deem relevant. Our ability to pay cash dividends on our capital stock is limited by the terms of our existing term loans and may be limited by any future debt instruments or preferred securities.

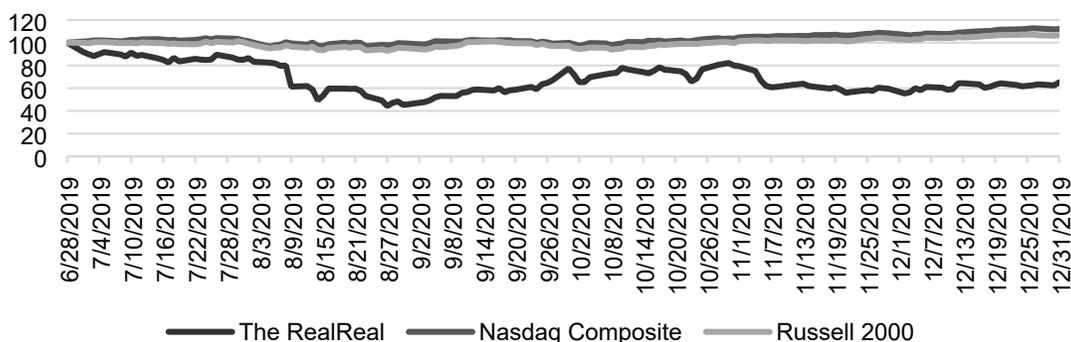
#### **Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans**

The information required by this item with respect to our equity compensation plans is incorporated by reference to our 2020 proxy statement set forth in the section titled “Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans” to be filed with the SEC within 120 days of the year ended December 31, 2019 (the “Proxy Statement”).

## Stock Performance Graph

We have presented below the cumulative total return to our stockholders in comparison to the Nasdaq Composite Index (Nasdaq Composite) and Russell 2000. All values assume a \$100 initial investment on June 28, 2019, the date our common stock began trading on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, through December 31, 2019 and data for the Nasdaq Composite and Russell 2000 assume reinvestment of dividends. The comparisons are based on historical data and are not indicative of, nor intended to forecast, the future performance of our common stock.

### Comparison of Cumulative Total Return



## Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

None.

## Use of Proceeds from our IPO

The offer and sale of the shares in the IPO was registered under the Securities Act pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No.333-231891), which was declared effective by the SEC on June 27, 2019. The remainder of the information required by this item regarding the use of our initial public offering proceeds has been omitted pursuant to SEC rules because such information has not changed since our last periodic report was filed.

## Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

None.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

The selected statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018, and 2017 and the selected balance sheet data as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 are derived from our audited financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report. The selected balance sheet data as of December 31, 2017 is derived from audited financial statements that are not included in this Annual Report. We have included, in our opinion, all adjustments that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of the financial information set forth in those statements. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected in any future period. You should read the following selected financial and other data in conjunction with the section titled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and our financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report.

## Statement of Operations Data

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
	(In thousands, except share and per share data)		
Revenue:			
Consignment and service revenue <sup>(1)</sup> .....	\$ 267,412	\$ 180,607	\$ 119,341
Direct revenue <sup>(1)</sup> .....	50,625	33,125	18,180
Total revenue.....	<u>318,037</u>	<u>213,732</u>	<u>137,521</u>
Cost of revenue:			
Cost of consignment and service revenue .....	73,579	50,855	35,657
Cost of direct revenue <sup>(1)</sup> .....	41,252	25,959	14,222
Total cost of revenue.....	<u>114,831</u>	<u>76,814</u>	<u>49,879</u>
Gross profit .....	<u>203,206</u>	<u>136,918</u>	<u>87,642</u>
Operating expenses <sup>(2)</sup> :			
Marketing.....	47,734	42,165	36,711
Operations and technology .....	143,231	104,929	58,680
Selling, general and administrative .....	110,663	63,728	44,035
Total operating expenses.....	<u>301,628</u>	<u>210,822</u>	<u>139,426</u>
Loss from operations.....	(98,422)	(73,904)	(51,784)
Interest income .....	4,593	1,046	355
Interest expense .....	(616)	(1,152)	(762)
Other expense, net.....	(2,102)	(1,656)	(60)
Loss before provision for income taxes .....	(96,547)	(75,666)	(52,251)
Provision for income taxes.....	199	99	57
Net loss.....	<u>\$ (96,746)</u>	<u>\$ (75,765)</u>	<u>\$ (52,308)</u>
Accretion of redeemable convertible preferred stock to redemption value .....	(3,355)	(8,922)	(2,610)
Net loss attributable to common stockholders .....	<u>\$ (100,101)</u>	<u>\$ (84,687)</u>	<u>\$ (54,918)</u>
Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted <sup>(3)</sup> .....	<u>\$ (2.11)</u>	<u>\$ (10.12)</u>	<u>\$ (6.74)</u>
Shares used to compute net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted <sup>(3)</sup> .....	<u>47,478,544</u>	<u>8,365,344</u>	<u>8,145,787</u>

(1) See Note 2 to our financial statements for an explanation of the immaterial correction of errors in 2018 and 2017 related to the presentation of certain sale transactions recorded on a net basis within consignment and service revenue which have been corrected to be presented on a gross basis within direct revenue and related cost of direct revenue.

(2) Operating expenses include stock-based compensation expense as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
	(In thousands)		
Marketing .....	\$ 392	\$ 164	\$ 129
Operations and technology.....	3,148	1,160	625
Selling, general and administrative .....	4,990	2,434	1,099
Total.....	<u>\$ 8,530</u>	<u>\$ 3,758</u>	<u>\$ 1,853</u>

(3) See Notes 2 and 13 to our financial statements for an explanation of the calculations of our basic and diluted net loss per share attributable to common stockholders and the weighted-average number of shares used in the computation of the per share amounts.

## Balance Sheet Data

	As of December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
	(In thousands)		
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 154,446	\$ 34,393	\$ 16,486
Short-term investments .....	208,811	27,131	12,421
Total assets .....	466,930	135,417	75,965
Total liabilities .....	128,002	98,907	79,594
Redeemable convertible preferred stock.....	—	151,381	50,367
Convertible preferred stock.....	—	142,819	122,990
Accumulated deficit .....	(354,506)	(257,665)	(181,571)
Total stockholders' equity (deficit).....	\$ 338,928	\$ (257,690)	\$ (176,986)

## Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Adjusted EBITDA is a key performance measure that our management uses to assess our operating performance. Because Adjusted EBITDA facilitates internal comparisons of our historical operating performance on a more consistent basis, we use this measure as an overall assessment of our performance, to evaluate the effectiveness of our business strategies and for business planning purposes. Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled metrics of other companies.

We calculate Adjusted EBITDA as net loss before interest income, interest expense, net other expense, income tax provision and depreciation and amortization, further adjusted to exclude stock-based compensation and certain one-time expenses. Adjusted EBITDA has certain limitations as the measure excludes the impact of certain expenses that are included in our statements of operations that are necessary to run our business and should not be considered as an alternative to net loss or any other measure of financial performance calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

The following table presents a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA from net loss for 2019, 2018, and 2017:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
	(In thousands)		
<b>Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation:</b>			
Net loss.....	\$ (96,746)	\$ (75,765)	\$ (52,308)
Add (deduct):			
Depreciation and amortization.....	13,408	9,290	5,634
Stock-based compensation .....	7,711	2,911	1,853
Compensation expense related to stock sales by current and former employees .....	819	847	—
Vendor services settlement.....	—	2,000	—
Abandoned offering costs.....	293	—	—
Donation to TRR Foundation .....	3,155	—	—
Interest income .....	(4,593)	(1,046)	(355)
Interest expense .....	616	1,152	762
Other expense, net .....	2,102	1,656	60
Provision for income taxes .....	199	99	57
Adjusted EBITDA.....	<u>\$ (73,036)</u>	<u>\$ (58,856)</u>	<u>\$ (44,297)</u>

## Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

*The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should be read together with our financial statements and related notes and other financial information included in this Annual Report. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates and beliefs. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include those discussed below and elsewhere in this Annual Report, particularly in the section titled "Risk Factors." Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any period in the future.*

### Overview

We are the world's largest online marketplace for authenticated, consigned luxury goods. We are revolutionizing luxury resale by providing an end-to-end service that unlocks supply from consignors and creates a trusted, curated online marketplace for buyers globally. Over the past nine years, we have cultivated a loyal and engaged consignor and buyer base through continuous investment in our technology platform, logistics infrastructure and people. We aggregate and curate unique, pre-owned luxury supply that is exclusive to The RealReal across multiple categories, including women's, men's, kids', jewelry and watches, and home and art. We have built a vibrant online marketplace that we believe expands the overall luxury market, promotes the recirculation of luxury goods and contributes to a more sustainable world.

We have transformed the luxury consignment experience by removing the friction and pain points inherent in the traditional consignment model. For consignors, we provide White Glove in-home consultation and pickup, drop off at one of our ten LCOs, four of which are located in our retail stores, or complimentary shipping directly to our merchandising and fulfillment facilities. We leverage our proprietary transactional database and market insights from approximately 12.8 million item sales since inception to deliver optimal pricing and rapid sell-through. For buyers, we offer highly coveted and exclusive authenticated pre-owned luxury goods at attractive values, as well as a high-quality experience befitting the products we offer. Our online marketplace is powered by our proprietary technology platform, including consumer facing applications and purpose-built software that supports our complex, single-SKU inventory model and merchandising operations.

The substantial majority of our revenue is generated by consignment sales. We also generate revenue from other services and direct sales.

- **Consignment and service revenue.** When we sell goods through our online marketplace on behalf of our consignors, we retain a percentage of the proceeds, which we refer to as our take rate. Take rates vary depending on the total value of goods sold through our online marketplace on behalf of a particular consignor as well as the category and price point of the items. In 2019 and 2018, our take rate on consigned goods was 36.3% and 35.5% respectively. Additionally, we earn revenue from shipping fees and from our subscription program, *First Look*, in which we offer buyers early access to the items we sell in exchange for a monthly fee.
- **Direct revenue.** In certain cases, such as when we accept an out of policy returns from buyers, we take ownership of goods and retain 100% of the proceeds when the goods subsequently resell through our online marketplace.

We generate revenue from orders processed through our website, mobile app and four retail stores located in New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Our omni-channel experience enables buyers to purchase anytime and anywhere. We have a global base of more than 15 million members as of December 31, 2019. We count as a member any user who has registered an email address on our website or downloaded our mobile app, thereby agreeing to our terms of service.

Through December 31, 2019, we have cumulatively paid more than \$1.3 billion in commissions to our consignors. In 2019 and 2018, our GMV was \$1.0 billion and \$710.8 million, respectively, representing an annual growth rate of 42% in 2019. In 2019 and 2018, our total revenue was \$318.0 million and \$213.7 million, respectively, representing an annual growth rate of 49% in 2019. In 2019 and 2018, our gross profit was \$203.2 million and \$136.9 million, respectively, representing an annual growth rate of 48% in 2019.

## Factors Affecting Our Performance

To analyze our business performance, determine financial forecasts and help develop long-term strategic plans, we focus on the factors described below. While each of these factors presents significant opportunity for our business, collectively, they also pose important challenges that we must successfully address in order to sustain our growth, improve our operating results and achieve and maintain our profitability.

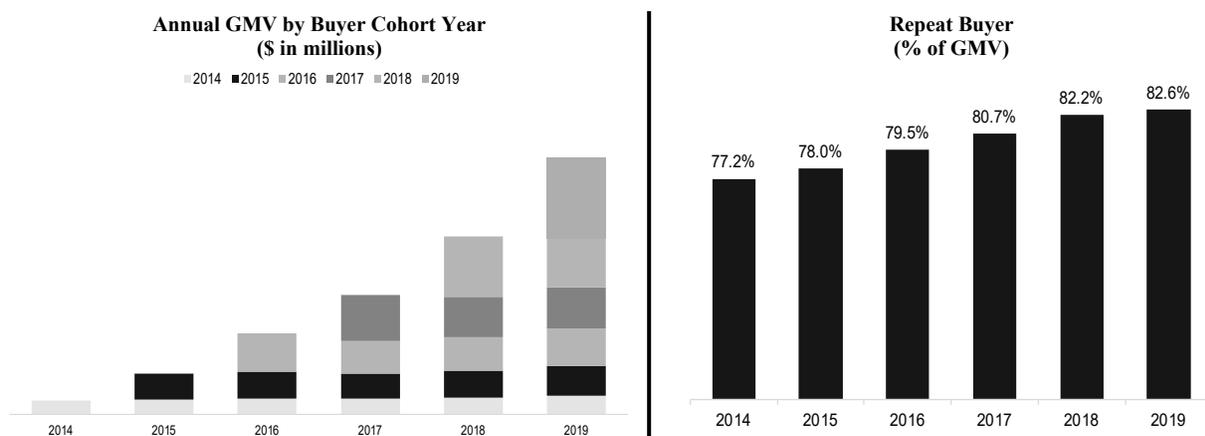
### Supply and Demand

*Consignor growth and retention.* We grow our sales by increasing the supply of luxury goods offered through our consignment online marketplace. In 2019 and 2018, approximately 60% and 80% of the products on our online marketplace sold within 30 days and 90 days, respectively. In addition to sales velocity, we measure the ratio of demand versus supply in a given period, which we refer to as our online marketplace sell-through ratio. Sell-through ratio is defined as GMV in the period divided by the aggregate initial value of items added to our online marketplace in the period. In 2019 and 2018, our marketplace sell-through ratios were 94% and 96%, respectively.

Our growth has been driven in significant part by repeat sales by existing consignors concurrent with growth of our consignor base. In 2019, repeat consignors accounted for approximately 81% of GMV.

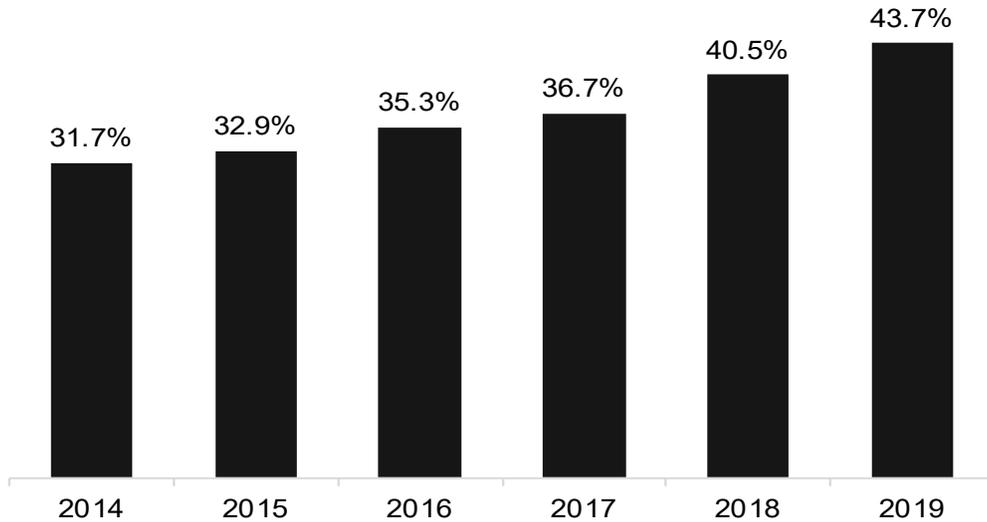
*Buyer growth and retention.* We grow our business by attracting and retaining buyers. We attract and retain buyers by offering highly coveted, authenticated, pre-owned luxury goods at attractive values and delivering a high-quality, luxury experience. We measure our success in attracting and retaining buyers by tracking buyer satisfaction and purchasing activity over time. We have experienced high buyer satisfaction, as evidenced by our buyer net promoter score of 71 in 2019. If we fail to continue to attract and retain our buyer base to our online marketplace, our operating results would be adversely affected.

The graph on the left shows trends in purchasing activity for buyer cohorts for each year beginning in 2014. Each cohort represents all buyers that first purchased across our online marketplace in the designated year and the aggregate GMV purchased by such cohort for the initial year and each year thereafter. As illustrated in the graph below, we have seen consistent retention of buyer activity across cohorts for all periods presented. The graph on the right shows the percentage of GMV in each year from our repeat buyers. GMV from repeat buyers reflects purchases made after their initial purchase month.



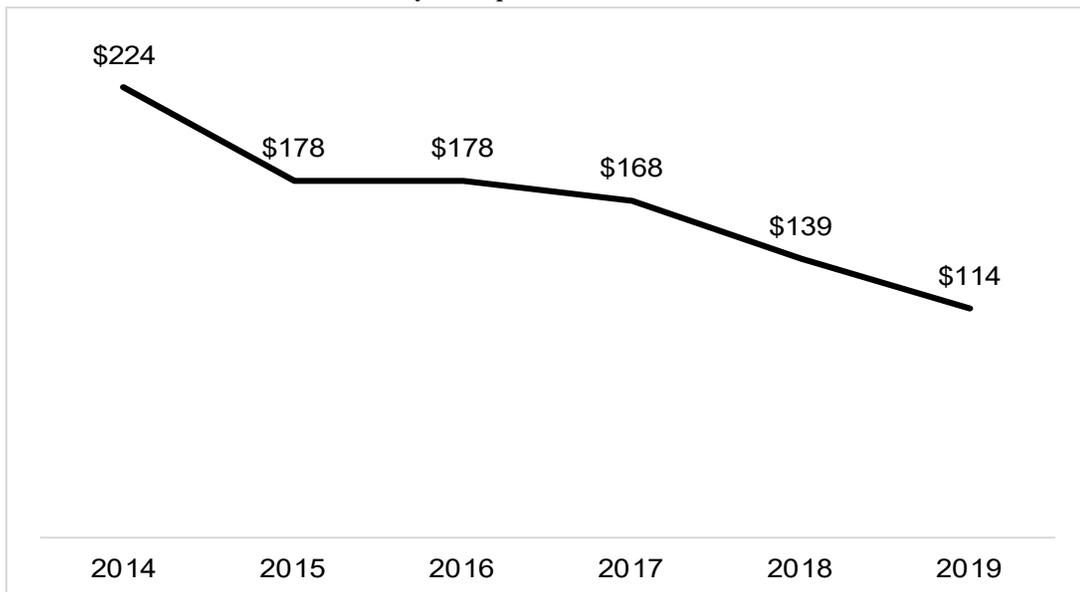
We believe there is substantial opportunity to grow our business by having buyers also become consignors and vice versa. As of December 31, 2019, 13% of our buyers had become consignors and 54% of our consignors had become buyers. The graph below shows the percentage of GMV in each year from buyers who have participated as both buyers and consignors on our online marketplace. GMV attributable to consigning activity of such buyers is not included.

**Buyers Who Are Also Consignors  
(% of GMV)**



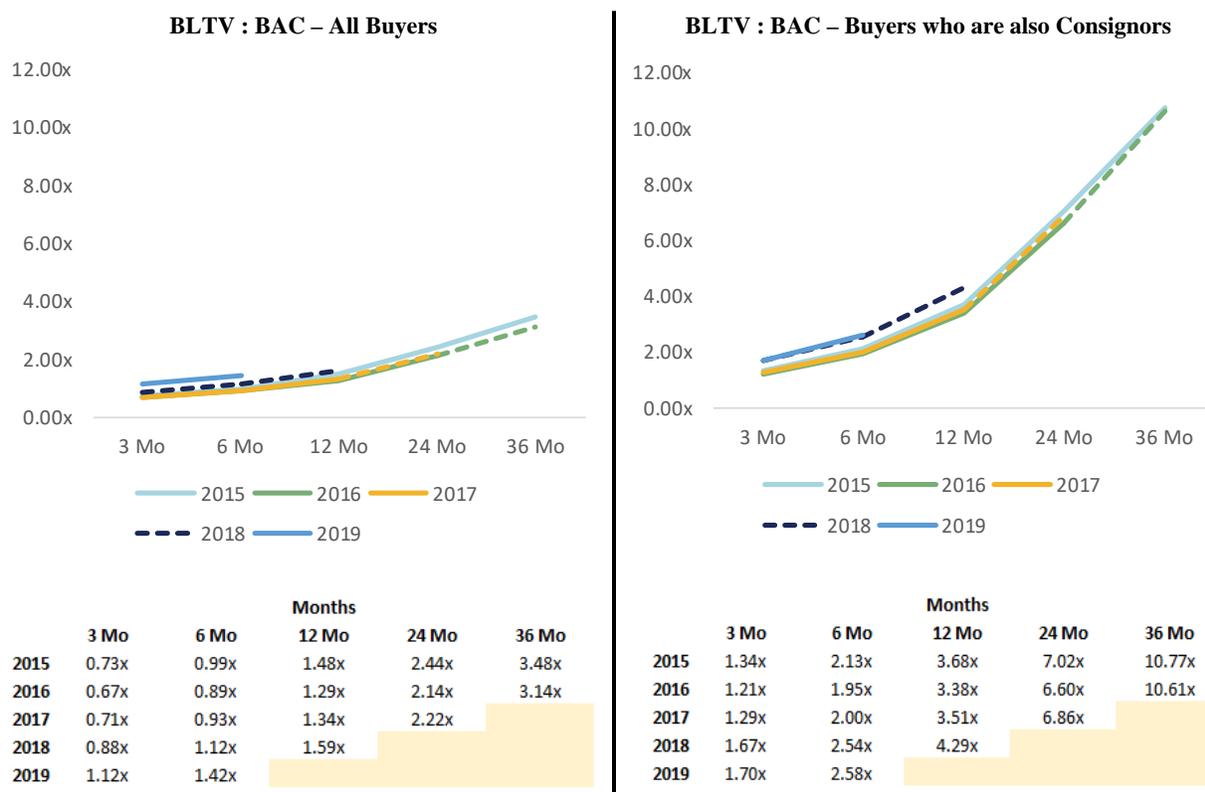
*Buyer acquisition cost.* Our financial performance depends on effectively managing the expenses we incur to attract and retain buyers. We closely monitor our efficiency in acquiring new buyers. Our buyer acquisition cost (“BAC”) for a given period is comprised of our total advertising spend, which is principally the cost of television, digital and direct mail advertising, divided by the number of buyers acquired in that period. We adjust or re-allocate our advertising in real-time to optimize our spend across channels, buyer demographics and geographies to improve our return on advertising spend. Our BAC has declined over time as we have achieved greater efficiency from our marketing spend.

**Buyer Acquisition Cost**



We also evaluate the success of our buyer acquisition activity by comparing the lifetime value of buyers (“BLTV”) attracted in a given period to the aggregate BAC in that same period. We calculate BLTV as the cumulative gross profit attributable to purchases by such buyers. The BLTV to BAC ratio in excess of 1.0 for all cohorts presented after 12 months reflects that each cohort has achieved payback at least equal to BAC within 1 year after acquisition. We have observed that BLTV for buyers who are also consignors is significantly higher than for buyers who have not also consigned.

The following graphs depict the BLTV to BAC ratio by annual cohort since 2015 in the aggregate and for buyers who are also consignors, respectively. BLTV in the graph on the right includes only gross profit attributable to transactions in which the members participated as buyers who are also consignors and does not include gross profit attributable to transactions in which the member participated as a consignor.



*Scaling operations and technology.* To support the future growth of our business, we are expanding our capacity through investments in physical infrastructure, talent and technology. We principally conduct our intake, authentication, merchandising and fulfillment operations in our four leased merchandising and fulfillment facilities located in California and New Jersey comprising an aggregate of approximately 1 million square feet of space. We secured leases on more than half of this space in 2018. The market for real estate to support operations centers such as ours is competitive, and we will need to continue to secure and efficiently bring online additional capacity to support future growth. The opening of our retail stores in New York in late 2017 and Los Angeles in mid-2018 significantly contributed to the increase in operations and technology expense in 2018. We opened a second retail store in New York in May 2019. We opened our fourth retail store in San Francisco in March 2020 and we intend to open additional retail stores in the future. In addition to scaling our physical infrastructure, growing our single-SKU business operations requires that we attract, train and retain highly-skilled personnel for purposes of authentication, copywriting, merchandising, pricing and fulfilling orders. We are also investing substantially in technology to automate our operations and support growth. While we expect our operations and technology development expenses to increase in absolute dollars as we continue to grow, we expect such expenses to decrease as a percentage of total revenue over the longer-term.

*Seasonality.* We have observed trends in seasonality of supply and demand in our business that we believe will continue. Specifically, our supply increases in the third and fourth quarters, and our demand increases in the fourth quarter. As a result of this seasonality, we typically see stronger AOV and more rapid sell-through in the fourth quarter. We also incur higher operating expenses in the last four months of the year as we increase advertising spend to attract consignors and buyers and increase headcount in sales and operations to handle the higher volumes.

### Key Financial and Operating Metrics

The key operating and financial metrics that we use to assess the performance of our business are set forth below for 2019, 2018 and 2017.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
	(In thousands, except AOV and percentages)		
GMV.....	\$ 1,008,344	\$ 710,750	\$ 492,205
NMV.....	\$ 731,445	\$ 506,589	\$ 349,229
Number of orders.....	2,217	1,595	1,123
Take rate .....	36.3%	35.5%	33.7%
Active buyers.....	582	416	291
AOV .....	\$ 455	\$ 446	\$ 438
Adjusted EBITDA.....	\$ (73,036)	\$ (58,856)	\$ (44,297)

#### **GMV**

GMV represents the total amount paid for goods across our online marketplace in a given period. We do not reduce GMV to reflect product returns or order cancellations, which totaled 27.5%, 28.7% and 29.0% of GMV in 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively. GMV includes amounts paid for both consigned goods and our inventory net of platform-wide discounts and excludes the effect of direct buyer incentives, shipping fees and sales tax. Buyer incentives consist of coupons or promotions that offer credits in connection with purchases on our platform. We believe this is the primary measure of the scale and growth of our online marketplace and the key indicator of the health of our consignor ecosystem. We monitor trends in GMV to inform budgeting and operational decisions to support and promote growth in our business and to monitor our success in adapting our business to meet the needs of our consignors and buyers. While GMV is the primary driver of our revenue, it is not a proxy for revenue or revenue growth.

#### **NMV**

NMV, or net merchandise value, represents GMV less product returns and order cancellations and directed buyer incentives. NMV includes amounts paid for both consigned goods and our inventory. We believe NMV is a useful supplemental measure of the scale and growth of our online marketplace as it is the basis for calculating consignor commissions and is therefore an important indicator of the health of our consignor ecosystem for investors. Like GMV, NMV is not a proxy for revenue or revenue growth.

#### **Number of Orders**

Number of orders means the total number of orders placed across our online marketplace in a given period. We do not reduce number of orders to reflect product returns or order cancellations.

### ***Take Rate***

Take rate is a key driver of our revenue and provides comparability to other marketplaces. The numerator used to calculate our take rate is equal to GAAP consignment and service revenue, excluding certain buyer incentives, shipping and subscription service revenue, and other adjustments. The denominator is equal to the numerator plus consignor commissions. We exclude direct revenue from our calculation of take rate because direct revenue represents the sale of inventory owned by us, which costs are included in cost of direct revenue. See the subsection titled “—Components of our Operating Results—Revenue” for further discussion of consignment and service revenue and direct revenue. Our take rate reflects the high level of service that we provide to our consignors across multiple touch points and the consistently high velocity of sales for their goods. Our take rate structure is a tiered commission structure for consignors, where the more they sell the higher percent commission they earn. Consignors start at a 55% commission (which equals a 45% take rate for us) and can earn up to a 70% commission. This tiered structure applies unless it is overridden by a commission exception.

Commission exceptions are used to incentivize our sales team, optimize supply and drive take rate changes. Examples of current commission exceptions include a flat 40% commission on all items under \$145, and an 85% commission on watches over \$2,500. Management assesses changes in take rates by monitoring the volume of GMV and take rate across each discrete commission grouping, encompassing commission tiers and exceptions.

### ***Active Buyers***

Active buyers include buyers who purchased goods through our online marketplace during the 12 months ended on the last day of the period presented, irrespective of returns or cancellations. We believe this metric reflects scale, brand awareness, buyer acquisition and engagement.

### ***Average Order Value (“AOV”)***

Average order value (“AOV”) means the average value of all orders placed across our online marketplace, excluding shipping fees and sales taxes. Our focus on luxury goods across multiple categories drives a consistently high AOV. Our AOV reflects both the average price of items sold as well as the number of items per order. Our high AOV is a key driver of our operating leverage.

### ***Adjusted EBITDA***

Adjusted EBITDA means net loss before interest income, interest expense, net other expense, income tax provision and depreciation and amortization, further adjusted to exclude stock-based compensation and certain one-time expenses. Adjusted EBITDA provides a basis for comparison of our business operations between current, past and future periods by excluding items that we do not believe are indicative of our core operating performance. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure. Please see the section titled “Selected Financial and Other Data—Non-GAAP Financial Measures” for information regarding our use of Adjusted EBITDA and its reconciliation to net loss.

## **Components of our Operating Results**

### ***Revenue***

Our revenue is comprised of consignment and service revenue and direct revenue.

- *Consignment and service revenue.* We generate the substantial majority of our revenue from the sale of pre-owned luxury goods through our online marketplace on behalf of consignors. For consignment sales, we retain a percentage of the proceeds received, which we refer to as our take rate. We recognize consignment revenue, net of allowances for product returns, order cancellations and certain buyer incentives. Additionally, we generate revenue from shipping fees we charge to buyers. We also generate service revenue from subscription fees paid by buyers for early access to products, but to date our subscription revenue has not been material.

- *Direct revenue.* We generate direct revenue from the sale of items that we own, which we refer to as our inventory. We generally acquire inventory when we accept returns from buyers after title has transferred for returned goods from the consignor to the buyer. As such, growth in direct sales is generally a byproduct of growth in our consignment business. We recognize direct revenue based on the gross purchase price paid by buyers, net of allowances for product returns and certain buyer incentives.

### ***Cost of Revenue***

Cost of consignment and services revenue consists of shipping costs, credit card fees, packaging, customer service personnel-related costs, and website hosting services. Cost of direct revenue consists of the cost of goods sold, credit card fees, packaging, customer service personnel-related costs, and website hosting services.

### ***Marketing***

Marketing expense comprises the cost of acquiring new consignors and buyers, including the cost of television, digital and direct mail advertising. Marketing expense also includes personnel-related costs for employees engaged in these activities. We intend to increase marketing spend as we invest to drive the growth of our business, though these expenses are expected to decrease as a percentage of revenue over the longer term.

### ***Operations and Technology***

Operations and technology expense principally includes personnel-related costs for employees involved with the authentication, merchandising and fulfillment of goods sold through our online marketplace, as well as our general information technology expense. Operations and technology expense also includes allocated facility and overhead costs, costs related to our retail stores, facility supplies and depreciation of hardware and equipment, as well as research and development expense for technology associated with managing and improving our operations. We capitalize a portion of our proprietary software and technology development costs. As such, operations and technology expense also includes amortization of capitalized technology development costs. We expect operations and technology expense to increase in future periods to support our growth, including bringing on additional merchandising and fulfillment facilities and continuing to invest in automation and other technology improvements to support and drive efficiency in our operations. These expenses may vary from year to year as a percentage of revenue, depending primarily upon when we choose to make more significant investments. We expect these expenses to decrease as a percentage of revenue over the longer term.

### ***Selling, General and Administrative***

Selling, general and administrative expense is principally comprised of personnel-related costs for our sales professionals and employees involved in finance and administration. Selling, general and administrative expense also includes allocated facilities and overhead costs and professional services, including accounting and legal advisors. We expect to increase selling, general and administrative expense as we grow our infrastructure to support operating as a public company and the overall growth in our business. While these expenses may vary from year to year as a percentage of revenue, we expect them to decrease as a percentage of revenue over the longer term.

### ***Income Tax Provision***

Our provision for income taxes consists primarily of state minimum taxes in the United States. We have a full valuation allowance for our net deferred tax assets primarily consisting of net operating loss carryforwards, accruals and reserves. We expect to maintain this full valuation allowance for the foreseeable future.

## Results of Operations

The results of operations presented below should be reviewed in conjunction with the financial statements and notes included elsewhere in the Annual Report. Prior year comparisons are included in our prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on June 28, 2019. The following tables set forth our results of operations and such data as a percentage of revenue for the periods presented:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
	(In thousands)		
Revenue:			
Consignment and service revenue <sup>(1)</sup> .....	\$ 267,412	\$ 180,607	\$ 119,341
Direct revenue <sup>(1)</sup> .....	50,625	33,125	18,180
Total revenue.....	<u>318,037</u>	<u>213,732</u>	<u>137,521</u>
Cost of revenue:			
Cost of consignment and service revenue .....	73,579	50,855	35,657
Cost of direct revenue <sup>(1)</sup> .....	41,252	25,959	14,222
Total cost of revenue.....	<u>114,831</u>	<u>76,814</u>	<u>49,879</u>
Gross profit .....	<u>203,206</u>	<u>136,918</u>	<u>87,642</u>
Operating expenses:			
Marketing.....	47,734	42,165	36,711
Operations and technology .....	143,231	104,929	58,680
Selling, general and administrative .....	110,663	63,728	44,035
Total operating expenses.....	<u>301,628</u>	<u>210,822</u>	<u>139,426</u>
Loss from operations.....	(98,422)	(73,904)	(51,784)
Interest income .....	4,593	1,046	355
Interest expense.....	(616)	(1,152)	(762)
Other expense, net.....	(2,102)	(1,656)	(60)
Loss before provision for income taxes .....	(96,547)	(75,666)	(52,251)
Provision for income taxes.....	199	99	57
Net loss.....	<u>\$ (96,746)</u>	<u>\$ (75,765)</u>	<u>\$ (52,308)</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> See Note 2 to our financial statements for an explanation of the immaterial correction of errors in 2018 and 2017 related to the presentation of certain sale transactions recorded on a net basis within consignment and service revenue which have been corrected to be presented on a gross basis within direct revenue and related cost of direct revenue.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Revenue:			
Consignment and service revenue .....	84%	85%	87%
Direct revenue.....	16	15	13
Total revenue.....	100	100	100
Cost of Revenue:			
Cost of consignment and service revenue .....	23	24	26
Cost of direct revenue.....	13	12	10
Total cost of revenue .....	36	36	36
Gross profit.....	64	64	64
Operating expenses:			
Marketing.....	15	20	27
Operations and technology .....	45	49	43
Selling, general and administrative.....	35	30	32
Total operating expenses .....	95	99	102
Loss from operations.....	(31)	(35)	(38)
Interest income .....	1	—	—
Interest expense .....	—	—	—
Other expense, net .....	—	—	—
Loss before provision for income taxes .....	(30)	(35)	(38)
Provision for income taxes.....	—	—	—
Net loss.....	<u>(30)%</u>	<u>(35)%</u>	<u>(38)%</u>

## Comparison of 2019 and 2018

### *Consignment and Service Revenue*

	Year Ended December 31,		Change	
	2019	2018	Amount	%
(In thousands, except percentage)				
Consignment and service revenue, net.....	\$ 267,412	\$ 180,607	\$ 86,805	48%

Consignment and service revenue increased by \$86.8 million, or 48%, in 2019 compared to 2018. The growth in revenue was driven primarily by a 42% increase in GMV resulting from growth in both active consignors and active buyers in 2019 compared to 2018, as well as an improvement from 35.5% to 36.3% in our take rate due to changes to our commission structure that yielded a higher take rate on lower-priced items. GMV growth was driven by a 40% increase in active buyers, as well as a 2% increase in AOV. Active buyer growth was driven by an increase in new buyers due to the combination of our effective marketing spend and consignors becoming buyers, and an increase in repeat buyer orders as a percentage of total orders.

### *Direct Revenue*

	Year Ended December 31,		Change	
	2019	2018	Amount	%
(In thousands, except percentage)				
Direct revenue .....	\$ 50,625	\$ 33,125	\$ 17,500	53%

Direct revenue increased by \$17.5 million, or 53%, in 2019 compared to 2018. The increase was driven in part by an increase in our owned-inventory as a result of a higher volume of returns received after title had transferred from the consignor to the buyer. The subsequent sale of our owned-inventory drove the increase in direct revenue both on an absolute basis and as a percent of total revenue.

### ***Cost of Consignment and Service Revenue***

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		<u>Change</u>	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
	(In thousands, except percentage)			
Cost of consignment and service revenue .....	\$ 73,579	\$ 50,855	\$ 22,724	45%
As a percent of consignment and service revenue.....	28%	28%		

Cost of consignment and service revenue increased by \$22.7 million, or 45%, in 2019 compared to 2018. The increase was primarily attributable to the fulfillment of a larger number of orders driven by growth in our business.

### ***Cost of Direct Revenue***

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		<u>Change</u>	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
	(In thousands, except percentage)			
Cost of direct revenue .....	\$ 41,252	\$ 25,959	\$ 15,293	59%
As a percent of direct revenue .....	81%	78%		

Cost of direct revenue increased by \$15.3 million, or 59%, in 2019 compared to 2018, consistent with the increase in direct revenue. As a percentage of direct revenue, cost of direct revenue increased to 81% in 2019 from 78% in 2018.

### ***Marketing***

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		<u>Change</u>	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
	(In thousands, except percentage)			
Marketing .....	\$ 47,734	\$ 42,165	\$ 5,569	13%

Marketing expense increased by \$5.6 million, or 13%, in 2019 compared to 2018. The increase was primarily due to increases in advertising costs and marketing program expenses as we seek to grow the number of buyers and consignors using our online marketplace. As a percent of revenue, marketing expense decreased to 15% in 2019 from 20% in 2018, reflecting greater scale in our business and efficiency in our buyer and consignor acquisition and retention activities.

### ***Operations and Technology***

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		<u>Change</u>	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
	(In thousands, except percentage)			
Operations and technology.....	\$ 143,231	\$ 104,929	\$ 38,302	37%

Operations and technology expense increased by \$38.3 million, or 37%, in 2019 compared to 2018. The increase was primarily due to investments to support our growth and drive long-term operational efficiencies, including investments to significantly expand our merchandising and fulfillment facilities, grow our talent including authentication and technology expertise and support our retail operations. As a percent of revenue, operations and technology expense decreased to 45% in 2019 from 49% in 2018, reflecting improved efficiencies from inbound and outbound operations and fixed expense leverage. We expect these expenses to continue to decrease as a percentage of revenue over the longer term.

***Selling, General and Administrative***

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		<u>Change</u>	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
	<b>(In thousands, except percentage)</b>			
Selling, general and administrative .....	\$ 110,663	\$ 63,728	\$ 46,935	74%

Selling, general and administrative expense increased by \$46.9 million, or 74%, in 2019 compared to 2018. The increase was due to investments to support the growth of our sales organization and scale our general and administrative functions as necessary to operate as a public company including accounting, consulting and legal fees and insurance costs. The increase also includes a \$3.2 million donation to The RealReal Foundation. As a percent of revenue, selling, general and administrative expense increased to 35% in 2019 from 30% in 2018 as we invested in the growth of the sales organization and expanded our administrative functions. We expect these expenses to decrease as a percentage of revenue over the long term.

## Quarterly Results of Operations and Key Metrics

The following tables set forth certain unaudited financial data for each fiscal quarter for the periods indicated in dollars and as a percentage of revenue. The information for each quarter has been prepared on a basis consistent with our audited financial statements included in this Annual Report and reflect all adjustments that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of the financial information contained in those statements. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year or any other period in the future. The following quarterly financial information should be read in conjunction with our audited financial statements and related notes included in this Annual Report.

	Quarter Ended							
	December 31, 2019 (2)	September 30, 2019 (1)	June 30, 2019 (1)	March 31, 2019 (1)	December 31, 2018 (1)	September 30, 2018 (1)	June 30, 2018 (1)	March 31, 2018 (1)
	(In thousands)							
Revenue:								
Consignment and service revenue (a)(c).....	\$ 82,522	\$ 69,245	\$ 60,070	\$ 55,575	\$ 53,894	\$ 44,968	\$ 41,426	\$ 40,319
Direct revenue (b).....	11,209	12,271	12,139	15,007	10,449	8,255	7,021	7,400
Total revenue.....	<u>93,731</u>	<u>81,516</u>	<u>72,209</u>	<u>70,582</u>	<u>64,343</u>	<u>53,223</u>	<u>48,447</u>	<u>47,719</u>
Cost of revenue:								
Cost of consignment and service revenue.....	20,987	19,446	17,200	15,946	13,772	13,157	12,349	11,577
Cost of direct revenue (b).....	10,197	9,842	8,959	12,254	8,367	6,736	5,319	5,537
Total cost of revenue.....	<u>31,184</u>	<u>29,288</u>	<u>26,159</u>	<u>28,200</u>	<u>22,139</u>	<u>19,893</u>	<u>17,668</u>	<u>17,114</u>
Gross profit.....	<u>62,547</u>	<u>52,228</u>	<u>46,050</u>	<u>42,382</u>	<u>42,204</u>	<u>33,330</u>	<u>30,779</u>	<u>30,605</u>
Operating expenses:								
Marketing.....	10,896	13,390	11,715	11,733	12,631	10,624	9,276	9,634
Operations and technology.....	39,960	37,407	34,320	31,544	32,343	28,257	22,997	21,332
Selling, general and administrative.....	34,553	28,436	25,355	22,319	19,502	16,325	14,377	13,524
Total operating expenses.....	<u>85,409</u>	<u>79,233</u>	<u>71,390</u>	<u>65,596</u>	<u>64,476</u>	<u>55,206</u>	<u>46,650</u>	<u>44,490</u>
Loss from operations.....	<u>(22,862)</u>	<u>(27,005)</u>	<u>(25,340)</u>	<u>(23,214)</u>	<u>(22,272)</u>	<u>(21,876)</u>	<u>(15,871)</u>	<u>(13,885)</u>
Interest income.....	1,675	1,902	610	405	444	437	81	84
Interest expense.....	(45)	(60)	(380)	(131)	(225)	(204)	(526)	(197)
Other income (expense), net.....	5	(119)	(1,706)	(282)	(64)	(205)	(1,279)	(108)
Loss before provision for income taxes.....	<u>(21,227)</u>	<u>(25,282)</u>	<u>(26,816)</u>	<u>(23,222)</u>	<u>(22,117)</u>	<u>(21,848)</u>	<u>(17,595)</u>	<u>(14,106)</u>
Provision (benefit) for income taxes....	147	(8)	59	—	62	37	—	—
Net loss.....	<u>\$ (21,374)</u>	<u>\$ (25,274)</u>	<u>\$ (26,875)</u>	<u>\$ (23,222)</u>	<u>\$ (22,179)</u>	<u>\$ (21,885)</u>	<u>\$ (17,595)</u>	<u>\$ (14,106)</u>
Accretion of redeemable convertible preferred stock to redemption value.....	—	—	—	(3,355)	(3,271)	(3,200)	(1,342)	(1,109)
Net loss attributable to common stockholders.....	<u>\$ (21,374)</u>	<u>\$ (25,274)</u>	<u>\$ (26,875)</u>	<u>\$ (26,577)</u>	<u>\$ (25,450)</u>	<u>\$ (25,085)</u>	<u>\$ (18,937)</u>	<u>\$ (15,215)</u>
Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted.....	<u>\$ (0.25)</u>	<u>\$ (0.30)</u>	<u>\$ (2.83)</u>	<u>\$ (3.05)</u>	<u>\$ (3.00)</u>	<u>\$ (3.00)</u>	<u>\$ (2.28)</u>	<u>\$ (1.83)</u>
Shares used to compute net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted.....	<u>85,823,352</u>	<u>84,634,956</u>	<u>9,494,447</u>	<u>8,705,664</u>	<u>8,496,051</u>	<u>8,349,403</u>	<u>8,314,251</u>	<u>8,299,688</u>

(1) During the quarter ended December 31, 2019, the Company identified errors related to the presentation of certain sale transactions recorded on a net basis within consignment and service revenue which have been corrected to be presented on a gross basis within direct revenue and related cost of direct revenue. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 250, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, we evaluated the materiality of the errors from quantitative and qualitative perspectives, and concluded that the errors were immaterial to the Company's prior period interim and annual financial statements. Since these revisions were not material to any prior period interim or annual financial statements, no amendments to previously filed interim or annual periods reports are required. Consequently, the Company has adjusted for these errors by revising its historical financial periods presented herein. The correction of these immaterial errors resulted in the following:

(a) Consignment and service revenue reflects a decrease of \$0.5 million, \$0.6 million, \$0.6 million, \$1.2 million, \$0.8 million, \$0.8 million, and \$0.7 million for the interim periods ended September 30, 2019, June 30, 2019, March 31, 2019, December 31, 2018, September 30, 2018, June 30, 2018, and March 31, 2018, respectively.

(b) Direct revenue include an increase of approximately \$1.6 million, \$1.9 million, \$2.0 million, \$3.4 million, \$2.2 million, \$2.2 million, and \$1.9 million, with a corresponding increase in cost of direct revenue of approximately \$1.0 million, \$1.2 million, \$1.3 million, \$2.3 million, \$1.4 million, \$1.5 million and \$1.3 million for the interim periods ended September 30, 2019, June 30, 2019, March 31, 2019, December 31, 2018, September 30, 2018, June 30, 2018, and March 31, 2018, respectively.

(2)(c) During the quarter ended December 31, 2019, we corrected certain immaterial errors resulting in an increase in consignment and service revenue of \$2.8 million, of which, \$2.2 million related to periods prior to 2019.

	Quarter Ended							
	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	September 30, 2018	June 30, 2018	March 31, 2018
Revenue:								
Consignment and service revenue .....	88 %	85 %	83 %	79 %	84 %	84 %	86 %	84 %
Direct revenue .....	12	15	17	21	16	16	14	16
Total revenue .....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Cost of revenue:								
Cost of consignment and service revenue .	22	24	24	23	21	25	25	24
Cost of direct revenue.	11	12	12	17	13	13	11	12
Total cost of revenue.....	33	36	36	40	34	37	36	36
Gross profit.....	67	64	64	60	66	63	64	64
Operating expenses:								
Marketing .....	11	16	16	17	20	20	19	20
Operations and technology .....	43	46	48	45	50	53	47	45
Selling, general and administrative .....	37	35	35	31	30	31	30	28
Total operating expenses.....	91	97	99	93	100	104	96	93
Loss from operations .....	(24)	(33)	(35)	(33)	(34)	(41)	(32)	(29)
Interest income .....	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
Interest expense .....	—	—	(1)	—	—	—	(1)	(1)
Other income (expense), net .....	—	—	(2)	—	—	—	(3)	—
Loss before provision for income taxes .....	(23)	(31)	(37)	(33)	(34)	(41)	(36)	(30)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net loss .....	(23)%	(31)%	(37)%	(33)%	(34)%	(41)%	(36)%	(30)%

## Key Financial and Operating Metrics

	2019				2018			
	Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter
	(In thousands, except AOV and percentages)							
GMV .....	\$ 302,975	\$ 252,766	\$ 228,487	\$ 224,116	\$ 218,495	\$ 170,923	\$ 162,954	\$ 158,378
NMV .....	\$ 219,508	\$ 186,617	\$ 164,782	\$ 160,538	\$ 153,776	\$ 123,550	\$ 115,916	\$ 113,347
Number of Orders .....	637	577	505	498	471	409	359	356
Take Rate .....	36.2%	36.8%	36.6%	35.3%	34.9%	36.4%	35.5%	35.1%
Active Buyers.....	582	543	492	456	416	379	352	326
AOV.....	\$ 476	\$ 438	\$ 453	\$ 450	\$ 464	\$ 418	\$ 453	\$ 445
Adjusted EBITDA .....	\$ (12,749)	\$ (20,940)	\$ (20,868)	\$ (18,478)	\$ (18,526)	\$ (15,936)	\$ (13,052)	\$ (11,342)

The following table presents a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA from net loss:

	Quarter Ended							
	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	September 30, 2018	June 30, 2018	March 31, 2018
	(In thousands)							
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>								
<b>Reconciliation:</b>								
Net loss.....	\$ (21,374)	\$ (25,274)	\$ (26,875)	\$ (23,222)	\$ (22,179)	\$ (21,885)	\$ (17,595)	\$ (14,106)
Add (deduct):								
Depreciation and amortization..	3,870	3,545	3,185	2,808	2,801	2,353	2,138	1,998
Stock-based compensation.....	2,795	2,520	1,287	1,109	945	740	681	545
Vendor services settlement .....	—	—	—	—	—	2,000	—	—
Abandoned offering costs .....	293	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Donation to TRR Foundation....	3,155	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Compensation expense related to stock sales by current and former employees.....	—	—	—	819	—	847	—	—
Interest income.....	(1,675)	(1,902)	(610)	(405)	(444)	(437)	(81)	(84)
Interest expense.....	45	60	380	131	225	204	526	197
Other (income) expense, net .....	(5)	119	1,706	282	64	205	1,279	108
Provision (benefit) for income taxes .....	147	(8)	59	—	62	37	—	—
<b>Adjusted EBITDA.....</b>	<b>\$ (12,749)</b>	<b>\$ (20,940)</b>	<b>\$ (20,868)</b>	<b>\$ (18,478)</b>	<b>\$ (18,526)</b>	<b>\$ (15,936)</b>	<b>\$ (13,052)</b>	<b>\$ (11,342)</b>

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2019, we had cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments of \$363.3 million and an accumulated deficit of \$354.5 million. Since inception, we have generated negative cash flows from operations and have primarily financed our operations through equity financings. In July 2019, we received net proceeds of \$315.5 million upon completion of our IPO on July 2, 2019.

We expect that operating losses and negative cash flows from operations could continue in the foreseeable future as we continue to invest in expansion activities. We believe our existing cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments as of December 31, 2019 will be sufficient to meet our working capital and capital expenditures needs for at least the next 12 months.

Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including, but not limited to, our ability to grow our revenues and the timing of investments to support growth in our business, such as the build-out of new fulfillment centers and, to a lesser extent, the opening of new retail stores. We may seek additional equity or debt financing. In the event that additional financing is required from outside sources, we may not be able to raise it on terms acceptable to us or at all. If we are unable to raise additional capital when desired, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

## Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our cash flows for the periods indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
	(In thousands)		
Net cash (used in) provide by:			
Operating activities .....	\$ (54,490)	\$ (47,195)	\$ (38,574)
Investing activities .....	(215,356)	(33,923)	(11,303)
Financing activities .....	378,665	106,085	46,719
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash.....	<u>\$ 108,819</u>	<u>\$ 24,967</u>	<u>\$ (3,158)</u>

### ***Net Cash Used in Operating Activities***

During 2019, net cash used in operating activities was \$54.5 million, which consisted of a net loss of \$96.7 million, adjusted by non-cash charges of \$25.2 million and cash inflows due to a net change of \$17.1 million in our operating assets and liabilities. The net change in our operating assets and liabilities was primarily the result of cash inflows due to increases of \$17.6 million in accrued consignee payable, \$10.7 million in other accrued and current liabilities, and a \$6.2 million in accounts payable as a result of our growth, partially offset by cash outflows due to increases of \$13.2 million in inventory and \$4.1 million in prepaid expenses and other current assets.

During 2018, net cash used in operating activities was \$47.2 million, which consisted of a net loss of \$75.8 million, partially offset by non-cash charges of \$16.5 million and cash inflows due to a net change of \$12.1 million in our operating assets and liabilities. The net change in our operating assets and liabilities was primarily the result of cash inflows due to an increase of \$15.7 million in other accrued and current liabilities driven by our growth, \$6.6 million in accrued consignee payable, and \$3.4 million in other non-current liabilities, partially offset by cash outflows due to increases of \$5.3 million in prepaid expenses and other current assets and \$3.7 million in inventory, net.

### ***Net Cash Used in Investing Activities***

During 2019, net cash used in investing activities was \$215.4 million, which consisted of \$220.6 million for purchases of investments, \$24.8 million for purchases of property and equipment, net, including leasehold improvements, and \$9.3 million for capitalized proprietary software costs offset by the proceeds of \$39.3 million from maturities of short-term investments.

During 2018, net cash used in investing activities was \$33.9 million, which consisted of \$31.5 million for purchases of short-term investments, \$13.4 million for purchases of property and equipment, net, including leasehold improvements, and \$5.7 million for capitalized proprietary software costs, partially offset by the proceeds of \$9.6 million from maturities on short-term investments and proceeds of \$7.0 million from the sale of short-term investments.

### ***Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities***

During 2019, net cash provided by financing activities was \$378.7 million, which primarily consisted of proceeds of \$315.5 million from the initial public offering, net of issuance costs, \$69.8 million from the issuance of redeemable convertible preferred stock and convertible preferred stock, net of issuance costs, and proceeds of \$2.7 million from the exercise of stock options and warrants partially offset \$9.3 million for repayment of debt.

During 2018, net cash provided by financing activities was \$106.1 million, which primarily consisted of proceeds of \$96.3 million from the issuance of convertible and redeemable convertible preferred stock, net of issuance costs, and proceeds of \$14.3 million from the issuance of convertible notes, net of issuance costs, partially offset by \$4.5 million for repayments of debt.

### **Contractual Obligations and Commitments**

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations and commitments as of December 31, 2019:

	Payment Due by Period				
	Total	Less Than 1 Year	1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	More Than 5 Years
			(In thousands)		
Operating leases <sup>(1)</sup> .....	\$ 165,671	\$ 20,530	\$ 41,669	\$ 36,264	\$ 67,208
Unconditional endowment grant <sup>(2)</sup> .....	1,000	500	500	—	—
Capital leases .....	207	98	99	10	—
Non-cancellable purchase commitments .....	7,052	3,911	3,141	—	—
Total .....	<u>\$ 173,930</u>	<u>\$ 25,039</u>	<u>\$ 45,409</u>	<u>\$ 36,274</u>	<u>\$ 67,208</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> This table does not include the noncancelable operating lease we entered into in January 2020 to extend and expand the existing lease in New York, NY. The additional minimum lease payments over the eight-year term total \$14.7 million.

- (2) In January 2018, we entered into an agreement with the University of Arizona Foundation to endow a gemology degree program in the Department of Geosciences. We committed to endow a total of \$2.0 million, of which \$1.0 million remained to be funded as of December 31, 2019.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We did not have during the periods presented, and we do not currently have, any off-balance sheet financing arrangements or any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, including entities sometimes referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, that were established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these financial statements requires our management to make judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported revenue generated, and expenses incurred during the reporting periods. Our estimates are based on our historical experience and on various other factors that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these judgments and estimates under different assumptions or conditions and any such differences may be material. We believe that the accounting policies discussed below are critical to understanding our historical and future performance, as these policies relate to the more significant areas involving management's judgments and estimates.

#### ***Revenue Recognition***

##### *Consignment and Service Revenue*

We generate the majority of our revenue from consignment services for the sale of pre-owned luxury goods on behalf of consignors through our online consignment marketplace. For consignment sales, we retain a portion of the proceeds received, which we refer to as our take rate, and remit the balance to the consignors. We recognize consignment revenue upon purchase of the goods by the buyer based on our take rate, net of allowances for product returns and order cancellations and certain incentives.

We also generate revenue from shipping fees to buyers and have elected to treat shipping and handling activities performed after control transfers to the buyer as fulfillment activities. Accordingly, we recognized shipping fees as revenue upon the first shipment associated with an order. We also generate service revenue from our *First Look* subscription program, through which buyers pay a monthly fee for early access to our listings. Subscription fees are recognized on a monthly basis.

Certain transactions provide consignors with a material right resulting from the tiered consignor commission plan. Under this plan, the amount an individual consignor receives for future sales of consigned goods may be dependent on previous consignment sales for that consignor. Accordingly, in certain consignment transactions, a small portion of our consignment service revenue is allocated to such material right using the portfolio method, as applicable. Such deferred revenue is recorded as deferred revenue and recognized based on the pattern of exercise.

We recognize a returns reserve in the period that the related revenue is recorded based on historical experience. Historically, our estimate for returns has not varied materially from our actual returns. We monitor changes in returns activity and they are adjusted prospectively based upon such periodic evaluation.

##### *Direct Revenue*

We also generate revenue from the sales of company-owned inventory. We recognize direct revenue upon shipment of the goods through our online marketplace, based on the gross purchase price net of allowances for product returns and certain buyer incentives.

### ***Stock-based Compensation***

We estimate the fair value of stock options granted to employees, non-employees and directors using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The fair value of stock options that is expected to vest is recognized as compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period.

The Black-Scholes model considers several variables and assumptions in estimating the fair value of stock-based awards. These variables include per share fair value of the underlying common stock, exercise price, expected term, risk-free interest rate, expected annual dividend yield and expected stock price volatility over the expected term. For all stock options granted to date, we calculated the expected term using the simplified method for “plain vanilla” stock option awards. We determine volatility using the historical volatility of the stock price of similar publicly traded peer companies. The risk-free interest rate is based on the yield available on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues similar in duration to the expected term of the equity-settled award.

Prior to our initial public offering, the fair value of the shares of common stock underlying the stock options was determined by our board of directors, with assistance by management and using contemporaneous third-party valuations, as there was no public market for the common stock. Following the closing of our initial public offering, the fair value per share of our common stock for purposes of determining stock-based compensation is the closing price of our common stock as reported on the applicable grant date.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 2, “Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” to our financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for recently issued accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **JOBS Act Accounting Election**

We are an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the JOBS Act. Under the JOBS Act, emerging growth companies can delay adopting new or revised accounting standards issued subsequent to the enactment of the JOBS Act until such time as those standards apply to private companies. We have elected to use this extended transition period to enable us to comply with new or revised accounting standards that have different effective dates for public and private companies until the earlier of the date we (1) are no longer an emerging growth company or (2) affirmatively and irrevocably opt out of the extended transition period provided in the JOBS Act. We can choose to adopt new or revised accounting standards earlier than such time those standards apply to private companies and retain our election for the extended transition period, if early adoption is permitted for all entities. As a result, our financial statements may not be comparable to companies that comply with new or revised accounting pronouncements as of public company effective dates.

### **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.**

We are exposed to market risks in the ordinary course of our business, including fluctuations in interest rates. Such fluctuations to date have not been significant.

As of December 31, 2019, we had unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments of approximately \$363.3 million, which carry a degree of interest rate risk. A hypothetical 10% change in interest rates would not have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations due to the short-term nature of our investment portfolio.

We do not believe that inflation has had a material effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. Nonetheless, if our costs were to become subject to significant inflationary pressures, we may not be able to fully offset such higher costs. Our inability or failure to do so could harm our business, results of operations or financial condition.

## **Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.**

Please refer to the Financial Statements and Notes to Financial Statements in this Form 10-K which is incorporated herein by reference.

## **Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.**

None.

## **Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.**

### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of December 31, 2019. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of December 31, 2019, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level in ensuring that (a) the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and (b) such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

### **Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

This annual report does not include a report of management's assessment regarding internal control over financial reporting or an attestation report of the company's registered public accounting firm due to a transition period established by rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission for newly public companies. Additionally, our auditors will not be required to formally opine on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404 until we are no longer an “emerging growth company” as defined in the JOBS Act.

### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by Rule 13a-15(d) and 15d-15(d) of the Exchange Act that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2019 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### **Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls**

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, believes that our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and are effective at the reasonable assurance level. However, our management does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of a simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by the collusion of two or more people or by management override of controls. The design of any system of controls is also based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

## **Item 9B. Other Information.**

None.

## **PART III**

### **Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.**

Information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Directors,” “Corporate Governance,” “Executive Officers” and “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” in our 2020 proxy statement to be filed with the SEC within 120 days of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 (the “Proxy Statement”).

### **Item 11. Executive Compensation.**

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the caption “Executive Compensation,” in our Proxy Statement.

### **Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.**

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” and “Equity Compensation Plan Information” in our Proxy Statement.

### **Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.**

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions” and “Corporate Governance” in our Proxy Statement.

### **Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services.**

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the caption “Proposal No. 2—Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” in our Proxy Statement.

## **PART IV**

### **Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.**

- (a) Please refer to the Financial Statements, Notes to Financial Statements and the Exhibit Index in this Form 10-K which is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) Please refer to the Exhibit Index in this Form 10-K which is incorporated herein by reference.

### **Item 16. Form 10-K Summary**

None.

## Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number	Description	Form	File No.	Incorporated by Reference		Filed Herewith
				Exhibit	Filing Date	
3.1	Form of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of The RealReal, Inc., as currently in effect.	S-1	333-231891	3.2	June 17, 2019	
3.2	Form of Amended and Restated Bylaws of The RealReal, Inc. as currently in effect.	S-1	333-231891	3.4	June 6, 2019	
4.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate.	S-1	333-231891	4.1	June 17, 2019	
4.7	Seventh Amended and Restated Investor Rights Agreement, dated March 22, 2019 among The RealReal, Inc. and certain holders of its capital stock.	S-1	333-231891	4.7	May 31, 2019	
10.1+	The RealReal, Inc. 2011 Equity Incentive Plan and related form agreements.	S-1	333-231891	10.1	May 31, 2019	
10.2+	Form of Indemnification Agreement entered into by and between The RealReal, Inc. and its directors and executive officers.	S-1	333-231891	10.2	June 17, 2019	
10.3#	Loan and Security Agreement dated as of September 19, 2013 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Square 1 Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.3	May 31, 2019	
10.4#	First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of March 13, 2014 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Square 1 Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.4	May 31, 2019	
10.5#	Second Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of August 5, 2014 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Square 1 Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.5	May 31, 2019	
10.6#	Third Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of September 25, 2014 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Square 1 Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.6	May 31, 2019	
10.7#	Fourth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of December 28, 2015 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Pacific Western Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.7	May 31, 2019	
10.8#	Fifth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of July 18, 2016 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Pacific Western Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.8	May 31, 2019	
10.9#	Sixth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of September 16, 2016 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Pacific Western Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.9	May 31, 2019	
10.10#	Seventh Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of March 28, 2017 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Pacific Western Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.10	May 31, 2019	

Exhibit Number	Description	Form	File No.	Incorporated by Reference		Filed Herewith
				Exhibit	Filing Date	
10.11#	Eighth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of July 27, 2017 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Pacific Western Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.11	May 31, 2019	
10.12#	Ninth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of March 5, 2018 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Pacific Western Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.12	May 31, 2019	
10.13#	Tenth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of July 25, 2018 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Pacific Western Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.13	May 31, 2019	
10.14#	Eleventh Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of August 9, 2018 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Pacific Western Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.14	May 31, 2019	
10.15#	Twelfth Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of December 19, 2018 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Pacific Western Bank.	S-1	333-231891	10.15	May 31, 2019	
10.16#	Lease Agreement dated as of March 18, 2014 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and 35 Enterprise Avenue, L.L.C.	S-1	333-231891	10.16	May 31, 2019	
10.17#	Lease Modification Agreement dated as of March 8, 2018 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and 35 Enterprise Avenue, L.L.C.	S-1	333-231891	10.17	May 31, 2019	
10.18#	Lease Agreement dated as of March 14, 2016 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and M&L Associates.	S-1	333-231891	10.18	May 31, 2019	
10.19#	Lease Agreement dated as of June 5, 2018 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Hartz Enterprise LLC.	S-1	333-231891	10.19	May 31, 2019	
10.20#	Lease Agreement dated as of September 14, 2018 by and between The RealReal, Inc. and Prologis Perth Amboy Associates, LLC.	S-1	333-231891	10.20	May 31, 2019	
10.21+	The RealReal, Inc. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan.	S-1	333-231891	10.21	June 17, 2019	
10.22+	The RealReal, Inc. 2019 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.	S-1	333-231891	10.22	June 17, 2019	
10.23+	The RealReal, Inc. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan Stock Option Agreement and related form agreements.	10-Q	001-38953	10.1	August 14, 2019	
10.24+	The RealReal, Inc. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement and related form agreements.	10-Q	001-38953	10.2	August 14, 2019	

Exhibit Number	Description	Form	File No.	Incorporated by Reference		Filed Herewith
				Exhibit	Filing Date	
10.25+	The RealReal, Inc. 2019 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended and restated on February 19, 2020.					X
23.1*	Consent of KPMG, LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm					X
31.1*	Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
31.2*	Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
32.1*	Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
32.2*	Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document					
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document					
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document					
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document					
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document					
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document					

\* Filed herewith.

+ Indicates management contract or compensatory plan.

# Portions of the exhibit have been excluded because it both (i) is not material and (ii) would be competitively harmful if publicly disclosed.



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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors  
The RealReal, Inc.:

### *Opinion on the Financial Statements*

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of The RealReal, Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the related statements of operations, comprehensive loss, redeemable convertible preferred stock, convertible preferred stock and stockholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes (collectively, the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2019, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

### *Basis for Opinion*

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ KPMG

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2013.

San Francisco, California  
March 11, 2020

**THE REALREAL, INC.**  
**Balance Sheets**

*(In thousands, except share and per share data)*

	<b>December 31, 2019</b>	<b>December 31, 2018</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents .....	\$ 154,446	\$ 34,393
Short-term investments .....	208,811	27,131
Accounts receivable .....	7,779	7,571
Inventory, net .....	23,599	10,355
Prepaid expenses and other current assets .....	13,804	9,696
Total current assets .....	408,439	89,146
Property and equipment, net .....	55,831	33,286
Restricted cash .....	—	11,234
Other assets .....	2,660	1,751
Total assets .....	\$ 466,930	\$ 135,417
<b>Liabilities, Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock, Convertible Preferred Stock and Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable .....	\$ 11,159	\$ 5,149
Accrued consignor payable .....	52,820	35,259
Other accrued and current liabilities .....	54,567	41,956
Long-term debt, current portion .....	—	5,990
Total current liabilities .....	118,546	88,354
Long-term debt, net of current portion .....	—	3,249
Other noncurrent liabilities .....	9,456	7,304
Total liabilities .....	128,002	98,907
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11) .....		
Redeemable convertible preferred stock, \$0.00001 par value; no and 31,053,601 shares authorized as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively; no and 31,053,601 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively .....	—	151,381
Convertible preferred stock \$0.00001 par value; no and 73,950,153 shares authorized as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively; no and 73,724,645 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively .....	—	142,819
Stockholders' equity (deficit):		
Common stock, \$0.00001 par value; 500,000,000 and 145,467,774 shares authorized as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively; 85,872,320 and 8,593,077 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively .....	1	—
Additional paid-in capital .....	693,426	—
Accumulated comprehensive income (loss) .....	7	(25)
Accumulated deficit .....	(354,506)	(257,665)
Total stockholders' equity (deficit) .....	338,928	(257,690)
Total liabilities, redeemable convertible preferred stock, convertible preferred stock and stockholders' equity (deficit) .....	\$ 466,930	\$ 135,417

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**THE REALREAL, INC.**  
**Statements of Operations**

*(In thousands, except share and per share data)*

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Revenue:			
Consignment and service revenue.....	\$ 267,412	\$ 180,607	\$ 119,341
Direct revenue .....	50,625	33,125	18,180
Total revenue .....	<u>318,037</u>	<u>213,732</u>	<u>137,521</u>
Cost of revenue:			
Cost of consignment and service revenue.....	73,579	50,855	35,657
Cost of direct revenue .....	41,252	25,959	14,222
Total cost of revenue .....	<u>114,831</u>	<u>76,814</u>	<u>49,879</u>
Gross profit.....	<u>203,206</u>	<u>136,918</u>	<u>87,642</u>
Operating expenses:			
Marketing .....	47,734	42,165	36,711
Operations and technology.....	143,231	104,929	58,680
Selling, general and administrative.....	110,663	63,728	44,035
Total operating expenses .....	<u>301,628</u>	<u>210,822</u>	<u>139,426</u>
Loss from operations .....	(98,422)	(73,904)	(51,784)
Interest income .....	4,593	1,046	355
Interest expense .....	(616)	(1,152)	(762)
Other expense, net .....	(2,102)	(1,656)	(60)
Loss before provision for income taxes.....	(96,547)	(75,666)	(52,251)
Provision for income taxes .....	199	99	57
Net loss .....	<u>\$ (96,746)</u>	<u>\$ (75,765)</u>	<u>\$ (52,308)</u>
Accretion of redeemable convertible preferred stock to redemption value .....	\$ (3,355)	\$ (8,922)	\$ (2,610)
Net loss attributable to common stockholders.....	<u>\$ (100,101)</u>	<u>\$ (84,687)</u>	<u>\$ (54,918)</u>
Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted .....	<u>\$ (2.11)</u>	<u>\$ (10.12)</u>	<u>\$ (6.74)</u>
Shares used to compute net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted.....	<u>47,478,544</u>	<u>8,365,344</u>	<u>8,145,787</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**THE REALREAL, INC.**  
**Statements of Comprehensive Loss**  
*(In thousands)*

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Net loss .....	\$ (96,746)	\$ (75,765)	\$ (52,308)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:			
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments .....	32	(19)	16
Comprehensive loss .....	\$ (96,714)	\$ (75,784)	\$ (52,292)

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**THE REALREAL, INC.**  
**Statements of Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock, Convertible Preferred Stock and Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)**  
*(In thousands, except share amounts)*

	Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock		Convertible Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Gain (Loss)		Accumulated Deficit		Total Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Gain (Loss)	Deficit	Gain (Loss)	Deficit	Equity	(Deficit)
Balances as of December 31, 2016.....	—	\$ —	69,834,789	\$ 122,990	8,074,637	\$ —	5,093	\$ (22)	\$ (127,995)	\$ (122,924)				
Impact of adopting new accounting standard.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of Series F redeemable convertible preferred stock, net of issuance costs of \$2,243 .....	12,956,724	47,757	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Accretion of redeemable convertible preferred stock to redemption value.....	—	2,610	—	—	—	—	(2,610)	—	—	—	—	—	(2,610)	—
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of options ..	—	—	—	—	213,346	—	212	—	—	—	—	—	212	—
Issuance of common stock warrants.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	—	—	—	—	—	43	—
Stock-based compensation expense .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,853	—	—	—	—	—	1,853	—
Other comprehensive income .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	16	—
Net loss .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(52,308)	—	—	(52,308)	—
Balances as of December 31, 2017.....	12,956,724	50,367	69,834,789	122,990	8,287,983	—	4,591	(6)	(181,571)	(176,986)				
Issuance of Series G redeemable convertible preferred stock upon conversion of notes, net of issuance costs of \$190.....	1,067,550	5,452	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of Series G convertible preferred stock upon conversion of notes, net of issuance costs of \$355.....	—	—	1,997,709	10,202	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Loss on extinguishment of convertible notes (Note 7).....	—	—	—	—	—	—	(370)	—	—	—	—	—	(370)	—
Issuance of Series G redeemable convertible preferred stock, net of issuance costs of \$3,360 .....	17,029,327	86,640	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of Series G convertible preferred stock, net of issuance costs of \$373.....	—	—	1,892,147	9,627	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Accretion of redeemable convertible preferred stock to redemption value.....	—	8,922	—	—	—	—	(8,593)	—	—	(329)	—	—	(8,922)	—
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of options ..	—	—	—	—	247,797	—	481	—	—	—	—	—	481	—
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of warrants	—	—	—	—	57,297	—	133	—	—	—	—	—	133	—
Compensation expense related to stock sales by current and former employees.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	847	—	—	—	—	—	847	—
Stock-based compensation expense .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,911	—	—	—	—	—	2,911	—
Other comprehensive loss.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(19)	—	—	—	—	(19)	—
Net loss .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(75,765)	—	—	(75,765)	—
Balances as of December 31, 2018 .....	31,053,601	151,381	73,724,645	142,819	8,593,077	—	—	(25)	(257,665)	(257,690)				
Issuance of Series H redeemable convertible preferred stock net of issuance costs of \$166.....	6,350,345	43,492	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of Series H convertible preferred stock net of issuance costs of \$59.....	—	—	3,831,766	26,283	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock		Convertible Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Gain (Loss)	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount				
Accretion of redeemable convertible preferred stock to redemption value.....	—	3,355	—	—	—	—	(3,260)	—	(95)	(3,355)
Conversion of redeemable convertible preferred stock to common stock in connection with initial public offering.....	(37,403,946)	(198,228)	—	—	19,585,426	—	198,228	—	—	198,228
Conversion of convertible preferred stock to common stock in connection with initial public offering.....	—	—	(77,556,411)	(169,102)	38,778,180	—	169,102	—	—	169,102
Conversion of convertible preferred stock warrants to common stock warrants in connection with initial public offering.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,710	—	—	2,710
Issuance of common stock in connection with initial public offering, net of issuance costs of \$5,333.....	—	—	—	—	17,250,000	—	315,518	—	—	315,518
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of options ..	—	—	—	—	1,551,313	1	2,695	—	—	2,696
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of warrants	—	—	—	—	10,677	—	33	—	—	33
Issuance of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock units, net of shares withheld for employee taxes.....	—	—	—	—	14,105	—	(130)	—	—	(130)
Issuance of common stock for cashless exercise of warrants.....	—	—	—	—	89,542	—	—	—	—	—
Compensation expense related to stock sales by current and former employees.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	819	—	—	819
Stock-based compensation expense .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,711	—	—	7,711
Other comprehensive gain .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	—	32
Net loss .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(96,746)	(96,746)
Balance as of December 31, 2019 .....	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	85,872,320	\$ 1	\$ 693,426	\$ 7	\$ (354,506)	\$ 338,928

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**THE REALREAL, INC.**  
**Statements of Cash Flows**

*(in thousands)*

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net loss.....	\$ (96,746)	\$ (75,765)	\$ (52,308)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to cash used in operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization .....	13,408	9,290	5,634
Stock-based compensation expense .....	7,711	2,911	1,853
Change in fair value of convertible note derivative liability.....	—	1,248	—
Bad debt expense.....	1,371	999	636
Compensation expense related to stock sales by current and former employees .....	819	847	—
Change in fair value of convertible preferred stock warrant liability .....	2,100	450	—
Accrued interest on convertible notes .....	—	223	—
Loss on retirement of property and equipment .....	—	203	140
Accretion of unconditional endowment grant liability .....	94	118	—
Accretion of debt discounts.....	11	104	27
Amortization of premiums (discounts) on short-term investments.....	(320)	78	157
Issuance of common stock warrant to third-party service provider .....	—	—	43
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable .....	(1,579)	(1,572)	(4,206)
Inventory, net .....	(13,244)	(3,741)	(3,913)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets.....	(4,108)	(5,338)	(2,386)
Other assets .....	(1,026)	(318)	(802)
Accounts payable .....	6,010	(2,576)	(88)
Accrued consignor payable .....	17,561	6,587	10,462
Other accrued and current liabilities .....	10,686	15,681	6,144
Other noncurrent liabilities.....	2,762	3,376	33
Net cash used in operating activities .....	(54,490)	(47,195)	(38,574)
<b>Cash flow from investing activities:</b>			
Purchases of short-term investments .....	(220,609)	(31,454)	(27,521)
Proceeds from maturities of short-term investments .....	39,281	9,624	30,338
Proceeds from sale of short-term investments .....	—	7,023	—
Capitalized proprietary software development costs .....	(9,267)	(5,724)	(2,521)
Purchases of property and equipment.....	(24,761)	(13,392)	(11,599)
Net cash used in investing activities .....	(215,356)	(33,923)	(11,303)
<b>Cash flow from financing activities:</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of common stock in initial public offering, net of issuance costs ....	315,541	—	—
Proceeds from issuance of redeemable convertible preferred stock, net of issuance costs ....	43,492	86,640	47,757
Proceeds from issuance of convertible preferred stock, net of issuance costs.....	26,283	9,627	—
Proceeds from issuance of convertible notes, net of issuance costs .....	—	14,273	—
Proceeds from exercise of stock options and common stock warrants.....	2,729	614	212
Payment of deferred offering costs .....	—	(24)	—
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards.....	(130)	—	—
Issuance cost paid related to conversion of convertible notes .....	—	(545)	—
Repayment of debt .....	(9,250)	(4,500)	(1,250)
Net cash provided by financing activities .....	378,665	106,085	46,719
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash.....	108,819	24,967	(3,158)
<b>Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash</b>			
Beginning of period.....	45,627	20,660	23,818
End of period.....	<u>\$ 154,446</u>	<u>\$ 45,627</u>	<u>\$ 20,660</u>
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information</b>			
Cash paid for interest .....	\$ 553	\$ 666	\$ 704
Cash paid for income taxes.....	102	49	22
<b>Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities</b>			
Issuance of convertible preferred stock upon extinguishment of convertible notes.....	—	10,557	—
Issuance of redeemable convertible preferred stock upon extinguishment of convertible notes ...	—	5,642	—
Accretion of redeemable convertible preferred stock to redemption value .....	3,355	8,922	2,610
Loss on extinguishment of convertible notes .....	—	370	—
Purchases of property and equipment included in accounts payable.....	1,841	158	196
Deferred offering costs in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.....	(10)	10	—
Reclassification of deferred offering costs .....	5,333	—	—
Conversion of convertible preferred stock warrants in connection with IPO.....	2,710	—	—
Conversion of redeemable convertible preferred stock in connection with IPO.....	198,228	—	—
Conversion of convertible preferred stock in connection with IPO .....	169,102	—	—

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**THE REALREAL, INC.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

**Note 1. Description of Business and Basis of Presentation**

***Organization and Description of Business***

The RealReal, Inc. (the “Company”) is an online marketplace for authenticated, consigned luxury goods across multiple categories, including women’s, men’s, kids’, jewelry and watches, and home and art. The Company was incorporated in the state of Delaware on March 29, 2011 and is headquartered in San Francisco, California.

***Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) and, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments necessary to state fairly the Company’s financial position, results of operations, comprehensive loss, redeemable convertible preferred stock, convertible preferred stock, and stockholders’ equity (deficit), and cash flows for the periods presented. Certain corrections to reclassify amounts in the prior periods have been made to conform to the current period presentation, as described in Note 2. The Company’s functional and reporting currency is the U.S. dollar.

***Initial Public Offering***

The Company’s registration statement on Form S-1 (the “IPO Registration Statement”) related to its initial public offering (“IPO”) was declared effective on June 27, 2019, and the Company’s common stock began trading on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on June 28, 2019. On July 2, 2019, the Company completed its IPO, selling 15,000,000 shares of common stock at a price to the public of \$20.00 per share, plus an additional 2,250,000 shares of common stock at a price to the public of \$20.00 per share pursuant to the exercise of the underwriters’ option to purchase additional shares. The Company received aggregate net proceeds of \$315.5 million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions of \$24.1 million and issuance costs of \$5.3 million.

Immediately prior to the completion of the IPO, the Company filed its Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which authorizes a total of 500,000,000 shares of common stock and 50,000,000 shares of undesignated preferred stock.

The Company recorded the conversion of 114,960,357 shares of convertible preferred stock and redeemable convertible preferred stock then outstanding into 58,363,606 shares of common stock to additional paid-in capital. All outstanding preferred stock warrants converted into an aggregate of 103,563 common stock warrants.

***Reverse Stock Split***

On June 13, 2019, the Company effected a reverse split of shares of the Company’s common stock on a 1-for-2 basis (the “Reverse Stock Split”). All issued and outstanding shares of common stock, warrants for common stock, options to purchase common stock and the related per share amounts contained in the financial statements have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this Reverse Stock Split for all periods presented. The par value and authorized shares of common stock were not adjusted as a result of the Reverse Stock Split. Additionally, the authorized, issued and outstanding shares of redeemable convertible preferred stock and convertible preferred stock and their related per share amounts, other than the conversion price per share, were not adjusted as a result of the Reverse Stock Split.

## **Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### ***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include those related to revenue recognition, including the returns reserve and material right related to the Company's tiered consignor commission plan, valuation of inventory, stock-based compensation, redemption value of redeemable convertible preferred stock, valuation of deferred taxes, and other contingencies. The Company evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors and adjusts those estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### ***Net Loss per Share Attributable to Common Stockholders***

The Company follows the two-class method when computing net loss per common share when shares are issued that meet the definition of participating securities. The two-class method determines net loss per common share for each class of common stock and participating securities according to dividends declared or accumulated and participation rights in undistributed earnings. The two-class method requires income (loss) available or attributable to common stockholders for the period to be allocated between common stock and participating securities based upon their respective rights to receive dividends as if all income for the period had been distributed. Before the IPO, the Company's redeemable convertible preferred stock and convertible preferred stock were considered participating securities. However, the holders of such shares did not have a contractual obligation to participate in the Company's losses.

For periods in which the Company reports net losses, diluted net loss per common share attributable to common stockholders is the same as basic net loss per common share attributable to common stockholders, because potentially dilutive common shares are not assumed to have been issued within the calculation, if their effect is anti-dilutive.

### ***Segments***

The Company has one operating segment and one reportable segment as its chief operating decision maker, who is its Chief Executive Officer, reviews financial information on a consolidated basis for purposes of allocating resources and evaluating financial performance. All long-lived assets are located in the United States and substantially all revenue is attributed to consignors and buyers based in the United States.

### ***Revenue Recognition***

The Company generates revenue from the sale of pre-owned luxury goods through its online marketplace and retail locations.

### ***Consignment and Service Revenue***

The Company provides a service to sell pre-owned luxury goods on behalf of consignors to buyers through its online marketplace and retail locations. The Company retains a percentage of the proceeds received as payment for its consignment service, which the Company refers to as its take rate. The Company reports consignment revenue on a net basis as an agent and not the gross amount collected from the buyer. Title to the consigned goods remain with the consignor until transferred to the buyer subsequent to purchase of the consigned goods and expiration of the allotted return period. The Company does not take title of consigned goods at any time except in certain cases where returned goods become Company-owned inventory.

The Company recognizes consignment revenue upon purchase of the consigned good by the buyer as its performance obligation of providing consignment services to the consignor is satisfied at that point. Consignment revenue is recognized net of certain buyer incentives and estimated returns and cancellations. The Company recognizes a returns reserve based on historical experience, which is recorded in other accrued and current liabilities on the balance sheets (see Note 5). Sales tax assessed by governmental authorities is excluded from revenue.

Certain transactions provide consignors with a material right resulting from the tiered consignor commission plan. Under this plan, the amount an individual consignor receives for future sales of consigned goods may be dependent on previous consignment sales for that consignor within his/her consignment period. Accordingly, in certain consignment transactions, a small portion of the Company's consignment revenue is allocated to such material right using the portfolio method and recorded as deferred revenue, which is recorded in other accrued and current liabilities on the balance sheets.

The Company charges shipping fees to buyers and has elected to treat shipping and handling activities performed after control transfers to the buyer as fulfillment activities. All outbound shipping and handling costs are accounted for as fulfillment costs in cost of consignment and service revenue at the time revenue is recognized.

The Company also generates subscription revenue from monthly memberships allowing buyers early access to shop for luxury goods. The buyers receive the early access and other benefits over the term of the subscription period, which represents a single stand-ready performance obligation. Therefore, the subscription fees paid by the buyer are recognized over the monthly subscription period. Subscription revenue was not material in 2019, 2018, and 2017.

#### *Direct Revenue*

The Company generates direct revenue from the sale of Company-owned inventory. The Company recognizes direct revenue on a gross basis upon shipment of the purchased good to the buyer as the Company acts as the principal in the transaction. Direct revenue is recognized net of incentives and estimated returns. Sales tax assessed by governmental authorities is excluded from revenue. Cost of direct revenue is also recognized upon shipment to the buyer in an amount equal to that paid to the consignor from the original consignment sale.

#### *Incentives*

Promotional incentives, which include basket promotional code discounts and other credits, may periodically be offered to consignors and buyers. These are treated as a reduction of consignment and service revenue and direct revenue. Additionally, the Company may offer site credits to buyers on current transactions to be applied towards future transactions, which are accounted as deferred revenue and included in other accrued and current liabilities on the balance sheets.

#### *Contract Liabilities*

The Company's contractual liabilities consist of deferred revenue for material rights primarily related to the tiered consignor commission plan totaling \$3.5 million and \$2.7 million as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, which are recognized as revenue using a portfolio approach based on the pattern of exercise, and certain unredeemed site credits, which were immaterial as of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018. Contract liabilities are recorded in other accrued and current liabilities on the balance sheets and are generally expected to be recognized within one year.

#### *Cost of Revenue*

Cost of consignment and service revenue consist of shipping costs, credit card fees, packaging, customer service personnel-related costs, and website hosting services. Cost of direct revenue consists of the cost of goods sold, credit card fees, packaging, customer service personnel-related costs, and website hosting services.

### ***Marketing***

Marketing expense is comprised of the cost of acquiring new consignors and buyers for our online platform and physical stores, including the cost of television, digital and direct mail advertising. Marketing expense also includes personnel-related costs, including stock-based compensation, of employees engaged in these activities. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and were \$40.5 million, \$36.6 million, and \$32.1 million in 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

### ***Operations and Technology***

Operations and technology expense is comprised of costs associated with the authentication, merchandising and fulfillment of goods sold through our online marketplace, as well as general information technology expense. The principal component of operations and technology expense is personnel-related costs, including stock-based compensation, of employees engaged in these activities. Operations and technology expense also includes allocated facility and overhead costs, costs related to our retail stores, facility supplies and depreciation of hardware and equipment, as well as research and development expense for technology associated with managing and improving our operations. In 2019, 2018 and 2017, the Company capitalized proprietary software development costs of \$9.3 million, \$5.7 million, and \$2.5 million, respectively. As such, operations and technology expense also includes amortization of capitalized technology development costs, which is taken on straight-line basis over three years once the technology is ready for its intended use.

### ***Selling, General and Administrative***

Selling, general and administrative expense is principally comprised of the personnel-related costs for employees involved in sales, finance and administration, and includes stock-based compensation expense. Selling, general and administrative expense also includes allocated facility and overhead costs and professional services, including accounting and legal advisors.

### ***Stock-based Compensation***

Stock-based compensation expense related to employees is measured based on the grant-date fair value of the awards. Compensation expense is recognized in the statements of operations over the period during which the employee is required to perform services in exchange for the award (the vesting period of the applicable award) using the straight-line method. The Company estimates the fair value of stock options granted using the Black-Scholes option pricing model and accounts for forfeitures as they occur. The fair value of restricted stock units (“RSUs”) is estimated based on the fair market value of the Company’s common stock on the date of grant, which is determined based on the closing price of the Company’s common stock.

Certain employees have sold their shares of the Company’s common stock to the Company’s existing investors. In such secondary sale transactions, the Company recorded the difference in purchase price and the fair value of such shares as compensation expense in the statements of operations and a corresponding credit to additional paid-in capital.

### ***Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash***

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with original maturities of three months or less from the purchase date to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents consist primarily of amounts invested in U.S. treasury securities.

Restricted cash consists of cash deposited with a financial institution as collateral for the Company’s letters of credit for its facility leases and the Company’s credit cards. As of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the Company had restricted cash in the amounts of zero and \$11.2 million, respectively.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash that sum to the total of the same amounts shown in the statements of cash flows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 154,446	\$ 34,393	\$ 16,486
Restricted cash .....	—	11,234	4,174
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash .....	<u>\$ 154,446</u>	<u>\$ 45,627</u>	<u>\$ 20,660</u>

### ***Short-term Investments***

The Company has classified and accounted for its short-term investments as available-for-sale which are carried at fair value on its balance sheets. Available-for-sale securities with remaining maturities of 12 months or less are classified as short term and available-for-sale securities with remaining maturities greater than 12 months are classified as long term. The Company records any unrealized gains and losses within accumulated other comprehensive gain (loss) as a component of stockholders' equity (deficit), except for unrealized losses determined to be other than temporary, of which there were none as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

The Company evaluates its short-term investments periodically for possible impairment. A decline in the fair value below the amortized costs of the short-term investment is considered an other-than-temporary impairment if the Company has the intent to sell the short-term investments or it is more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell the short-term investment before recovery of the entire amortized cost basis.

### ***Accounts Receivable***

Accounts receivables are recorded at the amounts billed to buyers and do not bear interest. Accounts receivables result from credit card transactions, the majority of which are settled within two business days.

### ***Inventory, Net***

Inventory primarily consists of finished goods arising from goods returned after the title has transferred from the buyer to the Company in an amount equal to that paid to the consignor. The Company also periodically purchases finished goods directly from vendors. Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value using the specific identification method and the Company records provisions, as appropriate, to write down obsolete and excess inventory to estimated net realizable value. After the inventory value is reduced, adjustments are not made to increase it from the estimated net realizable value.

Our provisions to write down obsolete and excess inventory to net realizable value have not been material for 2019 and 2018.

### ***Property and Equipment, Net***

Property and equipment, net is recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Repair and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

The estimated useful lives of our assets are as follows:

Proprietary software.....	3 years
Furniture and equipment.....	3-5 years
Vehicles .....	5 years
Leasehold improvements .....	Shorter of lease term or estimated useful life

### ***Software Development Costs***

Proprietary software includes the costs of developing the Company's internal proprietary business platform and automation projects. The Company capitalizes qualifying proprietary software development costs that are incurred during the application development stage. Capitalization of costs begins when two criteria are met: (1) the preliminary project stage is completed and (2) it is probable that the software will be completed and used for its intended function. Such costs are capitalized in the period incurred. Capitalization ceases and amortization begins when the software is substantially complete and ready for its intended use, including the completion of all significant testing. Costs related to preliminary project activities and post-implementation operating activities are expensed as incurred.

### ***Impairment of Long-lived Assets***

The carrying amounts of long-lived assets, including property and equipment, net and capitalized proprietary software, are periodically reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable or that the useful life is shorter than originally estimated. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by comparing the carrying amount of assets to future undiscounted net cash flows the assets are expected to generate over their remaining life.

If the assets are considered to be impaired, the amount of any impairment is measured as the difference between the carrying value and the fair value of the impaired assets. If the useful life is shorter than originally estimated, the Company amortizes the remaining carrying value over the revised shorter useful life.

### ***Deferred Offering Costs***

Deferred offering costs, which consist of direct incremental legal, consulting, banking and accounting fees relating to the anticipated equity offering, are capitalized and offset against proceeds upon the consummation of the offering. In the event an anticipated offering is abandoned, deferred offering costs will be expensed. In 2019, offering costs of \$0.3 million were expensed. As of December 31, 2019, \$5.3 million deferred offering costs were offset against the offering proceeds within stockholders' equity (deficit) on the balance sheets. As of December 31, 2018 deferred offering costs of \$34,000 were capitalized and included in other assets on the balance sheets.

### ***Accretion of Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock***

The carrying value of the redeemable convertible preferred stock that is probable of redemption is accreted to redemption value from the date of issuance to the earliest redemption date using the effective interest method until redemption is no longer probable. Increases to the carrying value of redeemable convertible preferred stock recognized in each period are charged to additional paid-in capital, or in the absence of additional paid-in capital, charged to accumulated deficit.

### ***Convertible Preferred Stock Warrant Liability***

The Company issued convertible preferred stock warrants in conjunction with the issuance of debt. Such warrants were recorded as other noncurrent liabilities on the balance sheets at their estimated fair value because the shares underlying the warrants may obligate the Company to transfer assets to the holders at a future date under certain circumstances such as a deemed liquidation event. The warrants are subject to re-measurement at each balance sheet date and the change in fair value, if any, is included in other expense, net. The Company continued to remeasure these warrants until the earlier of the expiration, exercise or conversion of the convertible preferred stock warrants into common warrants, which occurred upon the completion of the IPO on July 2, 2019. In connection with the completion of the IPO, the convertible preferred stock warrants automatically converted into common stock warrants. Upon conversion of the convertible preferred stock warrants, the related convertible preferred stock warrant liability was reclassified to additional paid-in capital.

### ***Leases***

Leases are reviewed for classification as operating or capital leases. For operating leases, the Company recognizes rent on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The Company records the difference between cash payments and rent expense recognized as a deferred rent liability included in other accrued and current liabilities and other noncurrent liabilities on the balance sheets. Incentives granted under the Company's facility leases, including allowances to fund leasehold improvements, are deferred and are recognized as adjustments to rental expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

### ***Income Taxes***

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in loss in the period of enactment. The Company recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which the change in judgment occurs.

### ***Concentrations of Credit Risks***

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts receivable, and investments. At times, such amount may exceed federally-insured limits. The Company reduces credit risk by placing its cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, and investments with major financial institutions within the United States.

As of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, there were no customers that represented 10% or more of the Company's accounts receivable balance and there were no customers that individually exceeded 10% of the Company's total revenue for each of the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018, and 2017.

### ***Immaterial Correction of an Error in Prior Periods***

During the quarter ended December 31, 2019, the Company identified errors related to the presentation of certain sale transactions recorded on a net basis within consignment and service revenue which have been corrected to be presented on a gross basis within direct revenue and related cost of direct revenue. In accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification 250, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, we evaluated the materiality of the errors from quantitative and qualitative perspectives, and concluded that the errors were immaterial to the Company's prior period interim and annual financial statements. Since these revisions were not material to any prior period interim or annual financial statements, no amendments to previously filed interim or annual periodic reports are required. Consequently, the Company has adjusted for these errors by revising its historical financial statements presented herein. The Company recognized the effect of the error in 2018 by increasing direct revenue and cost of revenue by approximately \$9.7 million and \$6.4 million, respectively, and recording a corresponding decrease in consignment and service revenue of \$3.4 million. The effect of the error correction in 2017 was an increase in direct revenue and cost of revenue by approximately \$5.5 million and \$3.7 million, respectively, with a corresponding decrease in consignment and service revenue of \$1.9 million.

The following table presents the effects of the immaterial error correction on the statements of operations for the period indicated (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31, 2018		
	As previously reported	Adjustments	As Adjusted
Revenue:			
Consignment and service revenue.....	\$ 183,991	\$ (3,384)	\$ 180,607
Direct revenue .....	23,385	9,740	33,125
Total revenue .....	<u>207,376</u>	<u>6,356</u>	<u>213,732</u>
Cost of revenue:			
Cost of consignment and service revenue .....	50,855	—	50,855
Cost of direct revenue .....	19,603	6,356	25,959
Total cost of revenue .....	<u>70,458</u>	<u>6,356</u>	<u>76,814</u>
Gross profit .....	<u>136,918</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>136,918</u>
Year Ended December 31, 2017			
	As previously reported	Adjustments	As Adjusted
Revenue:			
Consignment and service revenue.....	\$ 121,210	\$ (1,869)	\$ 119,341
Direct revenue .....	12,661	5,519	18,180
Total revenue .....	<u>133,871</u>	<u>3,650</u>	<u>137,521</u>
Cost of revenue:			
Cost of consignment and service revenue .....	35,657	—	35,657
Cost of direct revenue .....	10,572	3,650	14,222
Total cost of revenue .....	<u>46,229</u>	<u>3,650</u>	<u>49,879</u>
Gross profit .....	<u>87,642</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>87,642</u>

The Company's statements of comprehensive loss, statements of redeemable convertible preferred stock, convertible preferred stock, and stockholders' equity (deficit), and statements of cash flows for the above periods were not impacted by this immaterial correction of an error.

### ***Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements***

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. ASU 2016-02 is aimed at making leasing activities more transparent and comparable and requires substantially all leases to be recognized by lessees on their balance sheets as a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability, including leases currently accounted for as operating leases. The new standard is effective for non-public entities in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020 and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021. Early adoption is permitted for all entities. As an "emerging growth company" as defined in the JOBS Act, the new standard is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2021. Under the JOBS Act, emerging growth companies can delay adopting new or revised accounting standards issued subsequent to the enactment of the JOBS Act until such time as those standards apply to private companies. The Company will adopt the standard on January 1, 2020 using the modified retrospective approach whereby the new standard will be applied to all existing leases as of the adoption date. Results and disclosures for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2020 will be presented under Topic 842, while prior period amounts will remain unadjusted in accordance with legacy accounting under Topic 840. In addition, the Company plans to elect the package of practical expedients permitted under the transition guidance within the new standard which allows it to carry forward historical lease classification. The Company has completed the process of identifying the arrangements subject to the new standard and is currently in the process of applying the new guidance to those arrangements, including the determination of the incremental borrowing rate for each arrangement. Based on the adoption process completed to date, the Company expects to record a material increase to total assets and total liabilities on the Company's balance sheets upon adoption resulting from the recording of right of use assets and lease liabilities for operating leases. The Company does not believe the new standard will have a material impact on the statements of operations.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments—Credit Losses: Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments (Topic 326)*. The standard amends guidance on reporting credit losses for assets held at amortized cost basis and available for sale debt securities. For available for sale debt securities, credit losses will be presented as an allowance rather than as a write-down. This standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted for all entities. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on the operating results.

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-07, *Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718)*, which expands the scope of Topic 718 to include share-based payment transactions for acquiring goods and services from non-employees. The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. Early adoption is permitted, but no earlier than the Company’s adoption date of ASC 606. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on the operating results.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820)*. This standard modifies disclosure requirements related to fair value measurement and is effective for all entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted. Implementation on a prospective or retrospective basis varies by specific disclosure requirement. The standard also allows for early adoption of any removed or modified disclosures upon issuance while delaying adoption of the additional disclosures until their effective date. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on its financial statements.

### Note 3. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Short-term Investments

The following tables summarize the estimated value of the Company’s cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments (in thousands):

	December 31, 2019			
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gain	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value
Cash and cash equivalents:				
Cash.....	\$ 111,319	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 111,319
U.S. Treasury securities .....	29,981	—	—	29,981
Money market fund .....	5,399	—	—	5,399
Corporate bonds .....	3,749	—	—	3,749
Agency bonds .....	2,000	—	—	2,000
Commercial paper .....	1,998	—	—	1,998
Total cash and cash equivalents.....	<u>\$ 154,446</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 154,446</u>
Short-term investments:				
U.S. Treasury securities .....	\$ 151,857	\$ 13	\$ —	\$ 151,870
Corporate bonds .....	38,149	—	(5)	38,144
Agency bonds .....	11,028	—	(2)	11,026
Commercial paper .....	7,770	1	—	7,771
Total short-term investments .....	<u>\$ 208,804</u>	<u>\$ 14</u>	<u>\$ (7)</u>	<u>\$ 208,811</u>

	December 31, 2018			
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gain	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value
Cash and cash equivalents:				
Cash.....	\$ 10,253	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 10,253
Money market fund.....	140	—	—	140
Reverse repurchase agreements .....	24,000	—	—	24,000
Total cash and cash equivalents.....	<u>\$ 34,393</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 34,393</u>
Short-term investments:				
Corporate bonds .....	\$ 27,156	\$ —	\$ (25)	\$ 27,131
Total short-term investments .....	<u>\$ 27,156</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (25)</u>	<u>\$ 27,131</u>

As of December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the contractual maturity for the short-term investments is less than one year. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company recognized no material realized gains or losses on short-term investments.

#### Note 4. Fair Value Measurement

Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis on the balance sheets are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair values. Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or an exit price that would be paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Valuation techniques used to measure fair value must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The authoritative guidance on fair value measurements establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements as follows:

Level 1—Observable inputs such as unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.

Level 2—Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets and quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active.

Level 3—Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

There were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy during the periods presented.

The following tables provide the financial instruments measured at fair value (in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2019</b>			
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash equivalents:				
U.S. Treasury securities .....	\$ 29,981	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 29,981
Money market fund .....	5,399	—	—	5,399
Corporate bonds .....	—	3,749	—	3,749
Agency bonds .....	—	2,000	—	2,000
Commercial paper .....	—	1,998	—	1,998
Total cash equivalents.....	<u>\$ 35,380</u>	<u>\$ 7,747</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 43,127</u>
Short-term investments:				
U.S. Treasury securities .....	\$ 151,870	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 151,870
Corporate bonds .....	—	38,144	—	38,144
Agency bonds .....	—	11,026	—	11,026
Commercial paper .....	—	7,771	—	7,771
Total short-term investments .....	<u>\$ 151,870</u>	<u>\$ 56,941</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 208,811</u>
	<b>December 31, 2018</b>			
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash equivalents:				
Money market fund .....	\$ 140	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 140
Reverse repurchase agreements.....	—	24,000	—	24,000
Total cash equivalents.....	<u>\$ 140</u>	<u>\$ 24,000</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 24,140</u>
Short-term investments:				
Corporate bonds .....	\$ —	\$ 27,131	\$ —	\$ 27,131
Total short-term investments .....	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 27,131</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 27,131</u>
Total assets.....	<u>\$ 140</u>	<u>\$ 51,131</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 51,271</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Convertible preferred stock warrant liability .....	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 610	\$ 610
Total liabilities .....	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 610</u>	<u>\$ 610</u>

The fair value of the convertible preferred stock warrant liability on the date of issuance and each re-measurement date was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Inputs used to determine the estimated fair value as of each valuation date included expected term of the warrants, the risk-free interest rate, volatility, and the fair value of underlying shares. The fair value of the convertible notes derivative liability on the date of issuance, each re-measurement date, and immediately prior to extinguishment was estimated using a probability weighted expected return. Due to the nature of these valuation models, the valuations of the warrants and the convertible notes derivative liability are considered a Level 3 measurements. The following table presents a rollforward of the fair value of the level 3 liabilities recorded at fair value (in thousands):

	<b>Convertible Preferred Stock Warrant Liability</b>	<b>Convertible Notes Derivative Liability</b>
Balance as of December 31, 2017 .....	\$ 160	\$ —
Recognition of derivative liability in connection with issuance of convertible notes ....	—	372
Changes in estimated fair value .....	450	1,248
Extinguishment of derivative liability on conversion of convertible notes.....	—	(1,620)
Balance as of December 31, 2018 .....	610	—
Changes in estimated fair value .....	2,100	—
Reclass to additional paid-in capital upon conversion to common stock warrants .....	(2,710)	—
Balance as of December 31, 2019 .....	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

## Note 5. Balance Sheet Components

### *Property and Equipment, Net*

Property and equipment, net is recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Property and equipment, net consists of the following (in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2019</b>	<b>December 31, 2018</b>
Proprietary software .....	\$ 23,318	\$ 14,052
Furniture and equipment .....	21,083	12,665
Automobiles .....	718	346
Leasehold improvements.....	43,505	25,702
	88,624	52,765
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization .....	(32,793)	(19,479)
Property and equipment, net .....	<u>\$ 55,831</u>	<u>\$ 33,286</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense on property and equipment was \$13.4 million, \$9.3 million, and \$5.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

### ***Other Accrued and Current Liabilities***

Other accrued and current liabilities consist of the following (in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2019</b>	<b>December 31, 2018</b>
Returns reserve .....	\$ 17,005	\$ 14,311
Accrued compensation .....	11,626	8,078
Accrued marketing and outside services .....	6,830	4,152
Site credit liability .....	5,080	4,700
Accrued sales tax and other taxes .....	6,132	4,476
Deferred revenue .....	4,767	3,184
Other .....	3,127	3,055
Other accrued and current liabilities .....	<u>\$ 54,567</u>	<u>\$ 41,956</u>

### **Note 6. Debt and Convertible Preferred Stock Warrants**

#### ***Term Loans***

In 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to obtain a term loan facility (“Term Loan Facility”) in the amount of \$5.0 million for general corporate purposes and working capital expenditures. In 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Company amended its Term Loan Facility to increase the amount borrowed under the facility by \$11.6 million. The Term Loan Facility is secured by liens on substantially all of the Company’s present and future assets.

The Term Loan Facility includes affirmative, negative and financial covenants that restrict the Company’s ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness, make investments, sell or otherwise dispose of assets, pay dividends or repurchase stock. The Term Loan Facility’s financial covenants required the Company to achieve at least 80% of its forecasted gross revenue and a liquidity ratio on a monthly basis.

In 2017, the Company executed the eighth amendment (“Eight Amendment”) to the Term Loan Facility. The Eighth Amendment refinanced the \$15.0 million repayment schedule to be two term loans, which included a \$7.5 million interest only term loan with a maturity date of January 31, 2019 (“Term Loan I”), and the remaining \$7.5 million under the existing Term Loan Facility with a maturity date of January 1, 2020 (“Term Loan II”) (together the “Term Loans”).

In 2018, the Company entered into the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth amendment (“Ninth Amendment,” “Tenth Amendment,” “Eleventh Amendment” and “Twelfth Amendment”) to the existing Term Loans. The Ninth Amendment removed the liquidity ratio covenant, amended Term Loan I to be due in 30 equal monthly installments, plus all accrued interest, beginning July 31, 2018, increased the variable annual interest rate from 0.10% above the prime rate to 0.35% above the prime rate and extended the maturity date of Term Loan I to January 31, 2021.

The Eighth Amendment and Ninth Amendment required the Company to pay a combined success fee of \$0.3 million upon (1) any sale or licensing of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets, (2) any change in control of the Company, or (3) an initial public offering of the Company’s equity securities. The Ninth Amendment also required the Company to pay an additional success fee of \$0.1 million upon the sale or issuance of the Company’s equity securities or subordinated debt securities for net cash proceeds of at least \$50.0 million on or prior to June 30, 2018. The Company paid the \$0.1 million success fee upon the Series G convertible preferred stock financing in June 2018 and the \$0.3 million success fee related to its IPO in July 2019.

The Tenth and Twelfth Amendments adjusted and waived certain covenant violations which were subsequently amended and met. The Eleventh Amendment provided an additional letter of credit of \$1.5 million for corporate credit cards with a maturity date of August 1, 2019.

On July 26, 2019 the Company fully repaid the principal of its Terms Loans in the amount of \$6.5 million. With the repayment of the term loans, the Company was no longer subject to debt covenants as of December 31, 2019. During the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017, the Company recorded interest expense related to the Term Loans of \$0.3 million, \$0.7 million, and \$0.6 million, respectively.

### ***Warrants Issued with Term Loan Facility***

During the period from 2013 to 2016, in connection with the Term Loan Facility, the Company issued convertible preferred stock warrants, which included warrants to purchase 131,652 shares of its Series B convertible preferred stock with an exercise price of \$1.03 per share, 6,868 shares of its Series C convertible preferred stock with an exercise price of \$2.18 per share, 43,010 shares of its Series D convertible preferred stock with an exercise price of \$2.79 per share and 25,597 shares of its Series E convertible preferred stock with an exercise price of \$2.93 per share (together the “Convertible Preferred Stock Warrants”). The Convertible Preferred Stock Warrants were exercisable from the date of issuance and have a 10-year term. The initial estimated fair value of the Convertible Preferred Stock Warrants was recorded as convertible preferred stock warrant liability with an offset to the debt discount associated with the Term Loan Facility. The debt discount is amortized to interest expense over the repayment period of the loan using the effective-interest method. All convertible Preferred Stock Warrants were converted to common stock warrants and exercised through net share settlement in July 2019. No warrants were outstanding as of December 31, 2019.

### **Note 7. Convertible Notes**

In April 2018, the Company issued \$14.4 million in convertible notes (“Convertible Notes”) to existing shareholders of redeemable convertible and convertible preferred stock. Interest accrued on the principal balance at an annual rate of 8%. Principal and accrued interest were due at the earliest of (1) the one-year anniversary of the issuance date, (2) event of default and (3) a change of control, defined as either a merger, sale of stock or assets or other form of transaction.

The Convertible Notes contained certain qualified financing and non-qualified financing redemption features which were determined to be a compound embedded derivative requiring bifurcation and separate accounting at its estimated fair value. On issuance of the Convertible Notes, the Company recognized a liability of \$0.4 million for the estimated fair value of the embedded derivative and incurred \$0.1 million in debt issuance costs, both of which were recorded as a debt discount associated with the Convertible Notes.

In June 2018, the outstanding balance of principal and accrued interest on the Convertible Notes of \$14.6 million converted into 1,067,550 and 1,997,709 shares of the Company’s Series G redeemable convertible and convertible preferred stock, respectively, at a price of \$4.7565 per share. The conversion of the Convertible Notes into Series G redeemable convertible preferred stock and Series G convertible preferred stock was accounted for as an extinguishment. The extinguishment of the Convertible Notes was considered a capital transaction and accordingly, the Company recognized a \$0.4 million loss on extinguishment through additional paid in capital equal to the unamortized debt discount at the date of conversion.

### **Note 8. Convertible Preferred Stock and Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock**

At December 31, 2018, convertible preferred stock and redeemable convertible preferred stock consisted of the following (in thousands, except share amounts):

	<b>December 31, 2018</b>			
	<b>Shares Authorized</b>	<b>Shares Issued and Outstanding</b>	<b>Net Carrying Value</b>	<b>Aggregate Liquidation Preference</b>
Series A .....	18,960,000	18,941,619	\$ 9,161	\$ 9,217
Series B .....	13,784,443	13,652,791	13,774	14,000
Series C .....	9,335,659	9,328,791	20,289	20,374
Series D .....	14,367,652	14,324,642	39,886	40,000
Series E .....	13,612,543	13,586,946	39,880	40,000
Series F .....	12,956,724	12,956,724	54,968	57,211
Series G .....	21,986,733	21,986,733	116,242	120,544
Total .....	<u>105,003,754</u>	<u>104,778,246</u>	<u>\$ 294,200</u>	<u>\$ 301,346</u>

In March 2019, the Company sold 6,350,345 shares of Series H redeemable convertible preferred stock and 3,831,766 shares of Series H convertible preferred stock at \$6.8748 per share to new and existing investors for aggregate gross proceeds of \$70.0 million.

On July 2, 2019 and immediately prior to the completion of the IPO, all outstanding shares of convertible preferred stock and redeemable convertible preferred stock then outstanding converted into 58,363,606 shares of common stock. The carrying value of the redeemable convertible preferred stock was accreted to redemption value from the date of issuance to the earliest redemption date using the effective interest method. As of March 31, 2019, the Company determined that redemption of the redeemable convertible preferred stock was not probable and as such, did not record any additional accretion after March 31, 2019.

## Note 9. Common Stock

The Company had reserved shares of common stock for issuance, on an as-converted basis, as follows:

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2018</u>
Convertible preferred stock outstanding.....	—	36,862,298
Redeemable convertible preferred stock outstanding...	—	16,410,256
Options issued and outstanding .....	9,171,756	9,672,102
Shares available for future stock option issuances .....	8,073,515	1,124,482
Restricted stock units.....	789,817	—
Warrants to purchase convertible preferred stock .....	—	103,563
Warrants to purchase common stock.....	—	10,677
Total .....	<u>18,035,088</u>	<u>64,183,378</u>

## Note 10. Share-based Compensation Plans

### *2011 Equity Incentive Plan*

In 2011, the Company adopted the Equity Incentive Plan (2011 Plan) authorizing the granting of incentive stock options (ISOs) and non-statutory stock options (NSOs) to eligible participants for up to 12,987,255 shares of common stock. Under the 2011 Plan, incentive stock options and non-statutory stock options are to be granted at an exercise price that is no less than 100% of the fair value of the stock at the date of grant. Options generally vest over four years and are exercisable for up to 10 years after the date of grant. Incentive stock options granted to stockholders who own more than 10% of the outstanding stock of the Company at the time of grant must be issued at an exercise price no less than 110% of the fair value of the stock on the date of grant. The 2011 Plan has been replaced by the Company's 2019 Plan as defined below with respect to future equity awards.

### *2019 Equity Incentive Plan*

In connection with the Company's initial public offering, the Company adopted the 2019 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2019 Plan"). The 2019 Plan allows the Company to grant stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units and performance awards to participants. Subject to the terms and conditions of the 2019 Plan, the initial number of shares authorized for grants under the 2019 Plan is 8,000,000.

Activity under the Company's stock option plan is set forth below:

	<u>Options Available for Grant</u>	<u>Number of Options</u>	<u>Weighted- Average Exercise Price Per Share</u>	<u>Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life (years)</u>	<u>Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)</u>
Balances at December 31, 2018 .....	1,124,482	9,672,102	3.00	7.1	44,883
Options authorized .....	8,000,000				
Options granted .....	(2,025,475)	2,025,475	13.30		
Options exercised .....	—	(1,551,313)	1.76		
Options cancelled .....	974,508	(974,508)	6.29		
Balances at December 31, 2019 .....	<u>8,073,515</u>	<u>9,171,756</u>	5.14	6.8	128,079
Options vested and exercisable— December 31, 2019 .....		<u>5,526,316</u>	2.63	5.6	89,784

The weighted average grant date fair value of options granted during the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018, and 2017 was \$8.60 per share, \$3.36 per share, and \$1.26 per share, respectively. The aggregate intrinsic value of options exercised for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018, and 2017 was \$16.2 million, \$1.4 million, and \$0.4 million, respectively. The aggregate intrinsic value of options exercised is the difference between the fair value of the underlying common stock on the date of exercise and the exercise price for in-the-money stock options.

### **RSUs**

A summary of RSU activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 is as follows:

	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Restricted Stock Units Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value</u>	<u>Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)</u>
Unvested December 31, 2018 .....	—	\$ —	\$ —
Granted.....	851,770	23.65	
Vested .....	(21,701)	24.69	
Forfeited.....	(40,252)	24.26	
Unvested December 31, 2019 .....	<u>789,817</u>	<u>\$ 23.59</u>	<u>\$ 14,888</u>

The total fair value of RSUs vested during the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$0.5 million.

### ***Employee Stock Purchase Plan***

In connection with the Company's initial public offering, the Company adopted the Employee Stock Purchase Plan. The Employee Stock Purchase Plan permits employees to purchase shares of common stock during six-month offering periods at a purchase price equal to the lesser of (1) 85% of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the first business day of such offering period and (2) 85% of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the last business day of such offering period. The plan is considered compensatory and, as such, the purchase discount from market price purchased by employees will be recorded as stock-based compensation expense. As of December 31, 2019, the maximum number of shares of common stock that can be issued under the employee stock purchase plan was 1,750,000 shares. No offering period started during the year ended December 31, 2019 and thus there was no activity associated with the plan in 2019.

### ***Stock-based Compensation***

In determining the fair value of the stock-based awards, the Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and assumptions discussed below. Each of these inputs is subjective and generally requires significant judgment.

*Fair Value of Common Stock*—The fair value of the shares of common stock has historically been determined by the Company's board of directors as there was no public market for the common stock. Subsequent to our IPO, the fair value per share of common stock is the closing price of the Company's common stock as reported on the applicable grant date.

*Expected Term*—The expected term represents the period that the Company's stock options are expected to be outstanding and is determined using the simplified method (based on the mid-point between the vesting date and the end of the contractual term) as the Company has concluded that its stock option exercise history does not provide a reasonable basis upon which to estimate expected term.

*Volatility*—Because the Company was privately held and did not have an active trading market for its common stock for a sufficient period of time, the expected volatility was estimated based on the average volatility for comparable publicly-traded companies, over a period equal to the expected term of the stock option grants.

*Risk-free Rate*—The risk-free rate assumption is based on the U.S. Treasury zero coupon issues in effect at the time of grant for periods corresponding with the expected term of the option.

*Dividends*—The Company has never paid dividends on its common stock and does not anticipate paying dividends on common stock. Therefore, the Company uses an expected dividend yield of zero.

The following assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of stock options granted:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Expected term (in years) .....	5.0 – 6.1	5.2 – 6.2	5.0 – 6.9
Expected volatility .....	44.2% – 47.8%	46.6% – 48.1%	47.0% – 50.3%
Average risk-free rate.....	1.9% – 2.6%	2.7% – 2.9%	1.7% – 2.2%
Dividend yield.....	—	—	—

As of December 31, 2019, total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to options was \$19.4 million, respectively. These costs are expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.7 years as of December 31, 2019.

As of December 31, 2019, the Company had approximately \$17.1 million of unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to RSUs, which the Company expects to recognize over the remaining weighted-average vesting period of approximately 3.6 years.

Total stock-based compensation expense, excluding compensation expense related to stock sales by current and former employees, by function was as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Marketing .....	\$ 392	\$ 164	\$ 129
Operations and technology.....	3,148	1,160	625
Selling, general and administrative.....	4,171	1,587	1,099
Total.....	<u>\$ 7,711</u>	<u>\$ 2,911</u>	<u>\$ 1,853</u>

The amounts presented in the above table exclude compensation expense related to the stock sales by current and former employees. In September 2018, executives of the Company sold an aggregate of 432,270 shares of the Company's common stock at a price of \$9.0902 per share for an aggregate amount of \$3.9 million to certain of the Company's existing investors. The Company determined that the purchase price was in excess of the fair value of such shares. As a result, during the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company recorded the excess of the purchase price above fair value of \$0.8 million as compensation expense in the statements of operations and a corresponding credit to additional paid-in capital.

Additionally, in March 2019, executives of the Company sold an aggregate of 382,477 shares of the Company's common stock at a price of \$12.72 per share for an aggregate amount of \$4.9 million to certain of the Company's existing investors. The Company determined that the purchase price was in excess of the fair value of such shares. As a result, during the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company recorded the excess of the purchase price above fair value of \$0.8 million as compensation expense in the statement of operations and a corresponding credit to additional paid-in capital.

## **Note 11. Commitments and Contingencies**

### ***Leases***

The Company leases its corporate offices, retail spaces and merchandising and fulfillment facilities under various noncancelable operating leases with terms ranging from one year to eleven years. Rent expense from operating leases totaled \$18.1 million, \$10.4 million, and \$7.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The current portion of deferred rent was \$0.8 million and \$0.7 million as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively and is included in other accrued and current liabilities on the balance sheets. The noncurrent portion of deferred rent was \$8.0 million and \$5.3 million as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively and is included in other noncurrent liabilities on the balance sheets.

The Company has capital lease obligations for certain vehicles and equipment which totaled \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Interest expense related to capital leases was not material in the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018, and 2017.

As of December 31, 2019, the Company's future minimum lease payments under the noncancelable leases are as follows (in thousands):

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Operating Leases</u>
2020.....	\$ 20,530
2021.....	22,059
2022.....	19,610
2023.....	18,307
2024.....	17,957
Thereafter.....	<u>67,208</u>
Total future minimum payments.....	<u>\$ 165,671</u>

### ***Noncancelable Purchase Commitments***

As of December 31, 2019, the future minimum payments under the Company's noncancelable purchase commitments were as follows (in thousands):

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Purchase Commitments</u>
2020 .....	\$ 3,911
2021 .....	2,334
2022 .....	807
2023 .....	—
2024 .....	—
Total future minimum payments .....	<u>\$ 7,052</u>

### ***Other Commitments***

In January 2018, the Company and the University of Arizona Foundation entered into an endowment agreement (the "Endowment Agreement") to establish a fund (the "Fund") to create and grow a gemology degree program in the Department of Geosciences at the University of Arizona (the "University"). The Company agreed to donate a total of \$2.0 million, payable in four annual installments of \$0.5 million. The first installment was paid in January 2018 on execution of the Endowment Agreement. The second installment was made in 2019.

There are no conditions that the University must meet to receive the funds nor any penalties to the University for nonperformance. The Endowment Agreement directs the use of the funds but contains no binding restrictions on the use of the funds. On the execution of the Endowment Agreement, the Company recognized \$1.7 million expense for the estimated fair value of the grant, using a discount rate of 10%, to selling, general and administrative expenses in the statements of operations. The Company recognized a corresponding liability for the remaining installment payments and will recognize accretion of the liability as interest expense over the remaining term of the Endowment Agreement.

Interest expense related to the accretion of the grant liability was not material in the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018. As of December 31, 2019, the outstanding liability was \$0.9 million, of which \$0.5 million is included in other accrued and current liabilities on the balance sheets and \$0.4 million is included in other noncurrent liabilities on the balance sheets. As of December 31, 2018, the outstanding liability was \$1.4 million, of which \$0.5 million is included in other accrued and current liabilities on the balance sheets and \$0.9 million is included in other noncurrent liabilities on the balance sheets.

### ***Contingencies***

From time to time, the Company is subject to, and it is presently involved in, litigation and other legal proceedings and from time to time, the Company receives inquiries from government agencies. Accounting for contingencies requires the Company to use judgment related to both the likelihood of a loss and the estimate of the amount or range of loss. The Company records a loss contingency when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The Company discloses material contingencies when a loss is not probable but reasonably possible.

On November 14, 2018, Chanel, Inc. (“Chanel”) filed a lawsuit against the Company in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York bringing various trademark and advertising-related claims under the Lanham Act and New York state law analogues. Chanel alleges, among other things, that the Company has misrepresented certain counterfeit Chanel products as authentic Chanel products, that the Company’s resale of Chanel products confuses consumers into believing that Chanel is affiliated with the Company and involved in authenticating consignors’ goods and that only Chanel is capable of authenticating second-hand Chanel goods. This litigation is in its early stages and the final outcome, including the Company’s liability, if any, with respect to Chanel’s claims, is uncertain. Chanel could in the future assert additional trademark and advertising or other claims against the Company in this or other proceedings. An unfavorable outcome in this or similar litigation could adversely affect our business and could lead to other similar lawsuits. The Company is not able to predict or reasonably estimate the ultimate outcome or possible losses relating to this claim.

On September 10, 2019, a purported shareholder class action complaint was filed against the Company, its officers and directors and the underwriters of its IPO in the Superior Court of the State of California in the County of San Mateo. Three additional purported class actions, also alleging claims arising from the IPO were subsequently filed in Marin County and San Francisco County Superior Courts. The San Mateo case was voluntarily dismissed, refiled in Marin County Superior Court and consolidated with the cases there. On January 10, 2020, the Marin County plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint and defendants’ demurrer is due on March 13, 2020. The plaintiffs in the San Francisco Superior Court case have filed a request for dismissal. Separately, an additional purported class action was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on November 25, 2019. On February 12, 2020, a lead plaintiff was appointed in the federal action and on February 18, 2020, the Court ordered a schedule for the filing of an amended complaint and any motion to dismiss that amended complaint. These complaints allege claims under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“Securities Act”) on behalf of a purported class of those who acquired the Company’s stock pursuant to or traceable to the registration statement for the Company’s IPO. The complaints allege, among other things, that the defendants violated federal securities laws by issuing false or misleading statements in the registration statement regarding certain of the Company’s key financial and operating metrics, and related to the Company’s authentication processes. The complaints seek, among other things, damages and interest, rescission, and attorneys’ fees and costs. While the Company intends to vigorously defend against this litigation, the cases are at a very early stage and there can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in its defense. For this same reason, the Company cannot currently estimate the loss or the range of possible losses it may experience in connection with this litigation.

### ***Indemnifications***

In the ordinary course of business, the Company may provide indemnifications of varying scope and terms to vendors, directors, officers and other parties with respect to certain matters including, but not limited to, losses arising out of the breach of such agreements, intellectual property infringement claims made by third parties and other liabilities relating to or arising from the Company's various services, or its acts or omissions. The Company has not incurred any material costs as a result of such indemnifications and have not accrued any liabilities related to such obligations in its financial statements.

## Note 12. Income Taxes

The components of the Company's income tax provision consisted of (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Current:			
Federal .....	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
State .....	199	99	57
Total current tax expense .....	<u>199</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>57</u>
Deferred:			
Federal .....	—	—	—
State .....	—	—	—
Total deferred tax expense .....	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total provision for income taxes.....	<u>\$ 199</u>	<u>\$ 99</u>	<u>\$ 57</u>

The reconciliation of the Federal statutory income tax provision for the Company's effective income tax provision (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Tax at federal statutory rate .....	\$ (20,272)	\$ (15,890)	\$ (17,637)
State taxes, net of federal effect .....	(5,170)	(4,280)	(2,150)
Non-deductible items .....	1,429	537	618
Valuation allowance .....	24,212	19,732	19,226
Provision for income taxes.....	<u>\$ 199</u>	<u>\$ 99</u>	<u>\$ 57</u>

The Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2019	2018
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss carryforwards .....	\$ 78,875	\$ 61,173
Fixed assets and intangibles .....	2,747	1,380
Accruals and reserves.....	8,430	3,702
Gross deferred tax assets .....	90,052	66,255
Less: valuation allowance .....	(88,450)	(65,611)
Total deferred tax assets .....	<u>1,602</u>	<u>644</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Fixed assets and intangibles .....	(1,602)	(644)
Gross deferred tax liabilities.....	<u>(1,602)</u>	<u>(644)</u>
Net deferred tax assets .....	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, the Company evaluates all available positive and negative evidence by considering whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be recognized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon future taxable income, future reversals of existing taxable temporary difference, taxable income in carryback years and tax-planning strategies. The Company believes it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets in the U.S. will not be realized; accordingly, a valuation allowance has been established against our U.S. deferred tax assets. The net change in the valuation allowance for the years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 was an increase of \$22.8 million and an increase of \$21.0 million, respectively.

As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company has a net operating loss carryforward of \$302.2 million and \$232.2 million for federal tax purposes, respectively, and \$260.7 million and \$199.8 million for state tax purposes, respectively. If not utilized, these losses will expire beginning in 2032 for California purposes. Based on the available positive and negative evidence, management believes it is more likely than not that the net deferred tax assets will not be fully realizable. However, beginning in tax year 2018 and forward, the Federal law has changed such that net operating losses generated after December 31, 2017 may be carried forward indefinitely. Accordingly, \$168.2 million of the federal net operating losses will begin to expire in 2032. However, \$134.0 million of the federal net operating losses will not expire.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 limits the use of net operating losses and tax credit carryforwards in certain situations where changes occur in the stock ownership of a company. During 2019, we analyzed whether any of the reported net operating losses would be limited because of these rules. Based on our analysis we believe \$3.3 million of the Federal and \$2.1 million of California net operating losses will not be available to offset future taxable income because of the limitation. The reported net operating losses have been adjusted based on this analysis.

The Company files tax returns as prescribed by the tax laws of the jurisdictions in which it operates. In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to examination by federal, state and local, jurisdictions, where applicable. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, all years generally remain open to examination. Additionally, net operating loss carryforwards are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax Board for up to three years after utilization.

As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company does not have uncertain tax positions for which it has recorded as a liability. The Company's policy is to include interest and penalties as a component to the statements of operations. There were no material tax penalties or interest during the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018, and 2017.

### Note 13. Net Loss Per Share Attributable to Common Stockholders

A reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used in the calculation of the basic and diluted net loss per share attributable to common stockholders is as follows (in thousands, except share and per share data):

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Numerator</b>			
Net loss attributable to common stockholders .....	\$ (100,101)	\$ (84,687)	\$ (54,918)
<b>Denominator</b>			
Weighted-average common shares outstanding used to calculate net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted.....	<u>47,478,544</u>	<u>8,365,344</u>	<u>8,145,787</u>
Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted.....	<u>\$ (2.11)</u>	<u>\$ (10.12)</u>	<u>\$ (6.74)</u>

The following securities were excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share attributable to common stockholders for the periods presented, because including them would have been anti-dilutive (on an as-converted basis):

	<u>December 31,</u>		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Convertible preferred stock .....	—	36,862,298	34,917,375
Redeemable convertible preferred stock .....	—	16,410,256	7,361,818
Options to purchase common stock .....	9,171,756	9,672,102	7,798,568
Restricted stock units .....	789,817	—	—
Warrants to purchase convertible preferred stock .....	—	103,563	103,563
Warrant to purchase common stock .....	—	10,677	67,974
Total .....	<u>9,961,573</u>	<u>63,058,896</u>	<u>50,249,298</u>

#### **14. Retirement Plan**

The Company has a defined-contribution 401(k) retirement plan covering substantially all of its employees. Eligible employees are permitted to contribute up to an amount not to exceed an annual statutory maximum. The Company matches employee contributions at a rate of 25% of vested contributions, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per participant per year. The Company's contributions to the 401(k) plan were immaterial for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2018, and 2017.

#### **15. Related Parties**

Julie Wainwright, President and Chief Executive Officer, is a board member of the RealReal Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, which is not a consolidated entity of the Company. During the year ended December 31, 2019, the Company donated \$3.2 million to the RealReal Foundation.

#### **16. Subsequent Events**

In January 2020, the Company signed a noncancelable operating lease to extend and expand the existing lease in New York, NY to a 96-month term ending January 2028. The minimum lease payments for the extension are \$14.7 million.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

This Annual Report to Stockholders contains forward-looking statements relating to, among other things, the future performance of The RealReal that are based on the company's current expectations, forecasts and assumptions and involve risks and uncertainties. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "intend," "potential," "continue," "ongoing" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements about future operating results, including the amounts of our operating expense and capital expenditure reductions and our strategies, plans, commitments, objectives and goals. Actual results could differ materially from those predicted or implied and reported results should not be considered as an indication of future performance. Other factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, any failure to generate a supply of consigned goods, pricing pressure on the consignment market resulting from discounting in the market for new goods, failure to efficiently and effectively operate our merchandising and fulfillment operations, the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on our operations and other reasons.

More information about factors that could affect the company's operating results is included under the captions "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, copies of which may be obtained by visiting the company's Investor Relations website at <https://investor.therealreal.com> or the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements in this press release, which are based on information available to the company on the date hereof. The company assumes no obligation to update such statements.