# The Real Real

# The RealReal Announces Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2022 Results

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Q4 and FY 2022 Gross Merchandise Value Increased Year-Over-Year 13% and 23%, respectively Q4 and FY 2022 Total Revenue Increased Year-Over-Year 10% and 29%, respectively Cash & Cash Equivalents at Year-End was \$294 million

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The RealReal (Nasdaq: REAL)—the world's largest online marketplace for authenticated, resale luxury goods—today reported financial results for its fourth quarter and full year endedDecember 31, 2022. Fourth quarter and full year 2022 gross merchandise value (GMV) increased 13% and 23%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2021.

"We are pleased to announce solid financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2022, including improved gross profit and Adjusted EBITDA loss on a year-over-year basis," said Rati Levesque, President and Chief Operating Officer of The RealReal. "During the fourth quarter and into 2023, we continue to focus on our key initiatives: (1) update our consignor commission structure, (2) improve efficiency and cut costs, (3) optimize product pricing, and (4) pursue potential new revenue streams. We continue to believe these actions will move the business forward. Additionally, we are pleased with the recent addition of John Koryl as Chief Executive Officer; his leadership will be invaluable as we drive toward profitability."

Robert Julian, Chief Financial Officer of The RealReal, stated, "The fourth quarter results demonstrated the financial progress we have made throughout 2022. In particular, shrinking the unprofitable direct business and growing the profitable consignment business resulted in a 490-basis-point improvement in gross margin in the fourth quarter of 2022 compared to the fourth quarter of 2021. This change also benefited our balance sheet. As of the end of 2022, net inventory decreased \$28 million year-over-year, and we anticipate that our inventory balance will continue to decline in 2023. Also, we improved cash used in operating, investing, and financing activities in the fourth quarter of 2022 to \$(7) million, compared to \$(57) million in the first quarter, \$(45) million in the second quarter, and \$(15) million in third quarter of 2022."

# Fourth Quarter Financial Highlights

- GMV was \$493 million, an increase of 13% compared to the same period in 2021
- Total Revenue was \$160 million, an increase of 10% compared to the same period in 2021
- Net Loss was \$39 million compared to \$52 million in the same period in 2021
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$(20.2) million or (12.6)% of total revenue compared \$(26.9) million or (18.5)% of total revenue in the fourth guarter of 2021
- GAAP basic and diluted net loss per share was \$(0.39) compared to \$(0.56) in the prior year period
- Non-GAAP basic and diluted net loss per share was \$(0.29) compared to \$(0.42) in the prior year period
- Top-line-related Metrics
  - Trailing 12-months active buyers reached 998,000, an increase of 25% compared to the same period in 2021
  - Orders reached 993,000, an increase of 15% compared to the same period in 2021
  - Average order value (AOV) was \$496, a decrease of 2% compared to the same period in 2021
  - Lower AOV was driven by a 2% decrease in average selling prices (ASPs)
  - o GMV from repeat buyers was 84%, which was consistent with the fourth quarter of 2021

# Full Year 2022 Financial Highlights

- GMV was \$1.8 billion, an increase of 23% compared to full year 2021
- Total Revenue was \$603 million, an increase of 29% compared to full year 2021
- Net Loss was \$196 million compared to \$236 million in 2021
- Adjusted EBITDA was \$(112.4) million or (18.6)% of total revenue compared to \$(126.9) million or (27.1)% of total revenue for full year 2021
- GAAP basic and diluted net loss per share was \$(2.05) compared to \$(2.58) in the prior year
- Non-GAAP basic and diluted net loss per share was \$(1.53) compared to \$(1.88) in the prior year
- At the end of 2022, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$294 million

### Q1 2023 Guidance

Based on market conditions as of February 28, 2023, we are providing guidance for GMV, total revenue and Adjusted EBITDA, which is a Non-GAAP financial measure.

We have not reconciled forward-looking Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP measure, because we cannot predict with reasonable certainty the ultimate outcome of certain components of such reconciliations, including payroll tax expense on employee stock transactions, that are not within our control, or other components that may arise, without unreasonable effort. For these reasons, we are unable to assess the probable significance of the unavailable information, which could materially impact the amount of future net income (loss).

	Q1 2023
GMV	\$430 - \$460 million
Total Revenue	\$135 - \$145 million
Adjusted EBITDA	\$(35) - \$(31) million

We expect to provide full year guidance on our next earnings call.

#### Webcast and Conference Call

The RealReal will post a stockholder letter on its investor relations website at <u>investor.therealreal.com/financial-information/quarterly-results</u> and host a conference call at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time (5:00 p.m. Eastern Time) to answer questions regarding its fourth quarter and full year 2022 results. Investors and analysts can access the call via the following link: <u>https://register.vevent.com/register/BI79b9f8053dba42d19df97d2b66ff5eb3</u>. The call will also be available via live webcast at <u>investor.therealreal.com</u> along with the stockholder letter and supporting slides.

An archive of the webcast conference call will be available shortly after the call ends at investor.therealreal.com.

#### About The RealReal, Inc.

The RealReal is the world's largest online marketplace for authenticated, resale luxury goods, with more than 31 million members. With a rigorous authentication process overseen by experts, The RealReal provides a safe and reliable platform for consumers to buy and sell their luxury items. We have hundreds of in-house gemologists, horologists and brand authenticators who inspect thousands of items each day. As a sustainable company, we give new life to pieces by thousands of brands across numerous categories—including women's and men's fashion, fine jewelry and watches, art and home—in support of the circular economy. We make selling effortless with free virtual appointments, in-home pickup, drop-off and direct shipping. We do all of the work for consignors, including authenticating, using AI and machine learning to determine optimal pricing, photographing and listing their items, as well as handling shipping and customer service.

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# **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release 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 and financial results, including our strategies, plans, commitments, objectives and goals, in particular in the context of the recent geopolitical events and uncertainty surrounding macroeconomic trends, inflation and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, our ability to achieve anticipated savings in connection with our real estate reduction plan and associated workforce reduction; financial guidance, timeline to profitability, 2025 vision and long-range financial projections. 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, the impact of r COVID-19 pandemic on our operations and our business environment, inflation, macroeconomic uncertainty, geopolitical instability, 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, labor shortages 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 company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, copies of which may be obtained by visiting the company's Investor Relations website at <a href="https://investor.therealreal.com">https://investor.therealreal.com</a> or the SEC's website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>. 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.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

To supplement our unaudited and condensed financial statements presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), this earnings release and the accompanying tables and the related earnings conference call contain certain non-GAAP financial measures, including Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of total revenue ("Adjusted EBITDA Margin"), non-GAAP net loss attributable to common stockholders, and non-GAAP net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted. We have provided a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures in this earnings release.

We do not, nor do we suggest that investors should, consider such non-GAAP financial measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Investors should also note that non-GAAP financial measures we use may not be the same non-GAAP financial measures, and may not be calculated in the same manner, as that of other companies, including other companies in our industry.

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, other (income) expense net, provision (benefit) for income taxes, depreciation and amortization, further adjusted to exclude stock-based compensation, employer payroll tax on employee stock transactions, and certain one-time expenses. The employer payroll tax expense related to employee stock transactions are tied to the vesting or exercise of underlying equity awards and the price of our common stock at the time of vesting, which may vary from period to period independent of the operating performance of our business. 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.

In particular, the exclusion of certain expenses in calculating Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin facilitates operating performance comparisons on a period-to-period basis and, in the case of exclusion of the impact of stock-based compensation and the related employer payroll tax on employee stock transactions, excludes an item that we do not consider to be indicative of our core operating performance. Investors should, however, understand that stock-based compensation and the related employer payroll tax will be a significant recurring expense in our business and an important part of the compensation provided to our employees. Accordingly, we believe that Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors.

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP financial measure that is calculated as net cash (used in) provided by operating activities less net cash used to purchase property and equipment and capitalized proprietary software development costs. We believe free cash flow is an important indicator of our business performance, as it measures the amount of cash we generate. Accordingly, we believe that free cash flow provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management.

Non-GAAP net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted is a non-GAAP financial measure that is calculated as GAAP net loss plus stock-based compensation expense, provision (benefit) for income taxes, employer payroll tax on employee stock transactions and non-recurring items divided by weighted average shares outstanding. We believe that adding back stock-based compensation expense, employer payroll tax on employee stock transactions, provision (benefit) for income taxes, and non-recurring items as adjustments to our GAAP net loss, before calculating per share amounts for all periods presented provides a more meaningful comparison between our operating results from period to period.

### THE REALREAL, INC. Statements of Operations (In thousands, except share and per share data)

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	т	hree Months E	Ende 81,	d December	Year Ended December 31,					
		2022		2021		2022		2021		
Revenue:										
Consignment revenue	\$	110,199	\$	86,508	\$	384,979	\$	302,221		
Direct revenue		33,252		45,262		158,726		120,844		
Shipping services revenue		16,204		13,355		59,788		44,627		
Total revenue		159,655		145,125		603,493		467,692		
Cost of revenue:										
Cost of consignment revenue		13,770		14,764		56,963		44,985		
Cost of direct revenue		36,246		36,062		141,661		101,427		
Cost of shipping services revenue		13,029		13,672		56,178		47,803		
Total cost of revenue		63,045		64,498		254,802		194,215		
Gross profit		96,610		80,627		348,691		273,477		
Operating expenses:										
Marketing		14,659		18,371		63,128		62,749		
Operations and technology		71,799		62,923		279,110		235,829		
Selling, general and administrative		48,097		43,914		195,160		176,418		
Legal settlement		—		1,601		456		13,389		
Total operating expenses <sup>(1)</sup>		134,555		126,809		537,854		488,385		
Loss from operations		(37,945)		(46,182)		(189,163)		(214,908)		
Interest income		1,831		116		3,191		365		
Interest expense		(2,458)		(6,157)		(10,472)		(21,531)		
Other income (expense), net		38		1		171		23		
Loss before provision for income taxes		(38,534)		(52,222)		(196,273)		(236,051)		
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		76		(27)		172		56		
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$	(38,610)	\$	(52,195)	\$	(196,445)	\$	(236,107)		
Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	\$	(0.39)	\$	(0.56)	\$	(2.05)	\$	(2.58)		
Weighted average shares used to compute net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	_	98,546,282	_	92,634,986		95,921,246	_	91,409,624		
<sup>(1)</sup> Includes stock-based compensation as follows:										
Marketing	\$	435	\$	633	\$	2,209	\$	2,557		
Operations and technology		3,919	•	5,606		19,822		21,395		
Selling, general and administrative		4,764		6,239		24,107		24,850		
Total	\$	9,118	\$	12,478	\$	46,138	\$	48,802		

# THE REALREAL, INC. Condensed Balance Sheets

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

. (Unaudited)

	[	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	293,793	\$ 418,171
Accounts receivable		12,207	7,767
Inventory, net		42,967	71,015
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		23,291	 20,859
Total current assets		372,258	517,812
Property and equipment, net		112,679	89,286
Operating lease right-of-use assets		127,955	145,311
Other assets		2,749	 2,535
Total assets	\$	615,641	\$ 754,944
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	11,902	\$ 4,503
Accrued consignor payable		81,543	71,042
Operating lease liabilities, current portion		20,776	18,253
Other accrued and current liabilities		93,292	 94,188
Total current liabilities		207,513	187,986
Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion		125,118	143,159
Convertible senior notes, net		449,848	348,380
Other noncurrent liabilities		3,254	 2,291
Total liabilities		785,733	 681,816
Stockholders' equity (deficit):			
Common stock, \$0.00001 par value; 500,000,000 shares authorized as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021; 99,088,172 and 92,960,066 shares issued and outstanding			
as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively		1	1
Additional paid-in capital		781,060	841,255
Accumulated deficit		(951,153)	 (768,128)
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)		(170,092)	 73,128
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity (deficit)	\$	615,641	\$ 754,944

# THE REALREAL, INC. Condensed Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Year Ended December 31,					
		2022		2021		
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Net loss	\$	(196,445)	\$	(236,107)		
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to cash used in operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		27,669		23,531		
Stock-based compensation expense		46,138		48,802		
Reduction of operating lease right-of-use assets		19,602		19,439		
Bad debt expense		1,680		1,034		
Accrued interest on convertible notes		_		950		
Accretion of debt discounts and issuance costs		2,368		13,989		
Loss on disposal of property and equipment and impairment of capitalized proprietary						
software		702		546		
Other adjustments		—		10		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:						
Accounts receivable		(6,120)		(1,588)		
Inventory, net		28,048		(28,694)		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(2,952)		(4,009)		
Other assets		(409)		(638)		

Operating lease liability	(17,764)	(15,285)
Accounts payable	4,947	(9,989)
Accrued consignor payable	10,501	13,989
Other accrued and current liabilities	(9,823)	30,922
Other noncurrent liabilities	 301	 947
Net cash used in operating activities	(91,557)	(142,151)
Cash flow from investing activities:		
Proceeds from maturities of short-term investments	—	4,000
Capitalized proprietary software development costs	(14,061)	(9,967)
Purchases of property and equipment	 (22,861)	 (37,470)
Net cash used in investing activities	(36,922)	(43,437)
Cash flow from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of 2028 convertible senior notes, net of issuance costs	—	278,234
Purchase of capped calls in conjunction with the issuance of the 2028 convertible senior notes	—	(33,666)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,906	6,009
Proceeds from issuance of stock in connection with the Employee Stock Purchase Program	1,400	2,341
Taxes paid related to restricted stock vesting	 (205)	 (5)
Net cash provided by financing activities	 4,101	 252,913
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(124,378)	67,325
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of period	 418,171	 350,846
End of period	\$ 293,793	\$ 418,171

The following table reflects the reconciliation of net loss to Adjusted EBITDA for each of the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Thr	ree Months E 3	Inded	_	Year Ended	Decei	mber 31,	
	2022 2021					2022		2021
Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation:								
Net loss	\$	(38,610)	\$	(52,195)	\$	(196,445)	\$	(236,107)
Depreciation and amortization		7,414		5,691		27,669		23,531
Interest income		(1,831)		(116)		(3,191)		(365)
Interest expense		2,458		6,157		10,472		21,531
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		76		(27)		172		56
EBITDA		(30,493)		(40,490)		(161,323)		(191,354)
Stock-based compensation <sup>(1)</sup>		9,118		12,478		46,138		48,802
CEO separation benefits <sup>(2)</sup>		46		_		948		—
CEO transition costs <sup>(3)</sup>		533		_		1,551		—
Payroll tax expense on employee stock transactions		39		201		451		1,168
Legal fees reimbursement benefit <sup>(4)</sup>		_		(704)		(1,400)		(1,204)
Legal settlements <sup>(5)</sup>		_		1,601		456		13,389
Restructuring charges <sup>(6)</sup>		621		_		896		2,314
Other (income) expense, net		(38)		(1)		(171)		(23)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	(20,174)	\$	(26,915)	\$	(112,454)	\$	(126,908)

(1) The stock-based compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 includes a one-time charge of \$1.0 million related to the modification of certain equity awards pursuant to the terms of the transition and separation agreement entered into with our founder, Julie Wainwright, in connection with her resignation as Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") on June 6, 2022 (the "Separation Agreement").

(2) The separation benefit charges for the year ended December 31, 2022 consists of base salary, bonus and benefits for the 2022 fiscal year, as well as an additional twelve months of base salary and benefits payable to Julie Wainwright pursuant to the Separation Agreement. In addition, see footnote 1 for disclosure regarding the incremental stock-based compensation expense incurred in connection with the Separation Agreement.

(3) The CEO transition charges for the year ended December 31, 2022 consist of general and administrative fees, including legal and recruiting expenses, as well as retention bonuses for certain executives incurred in connection with our founder's resignation on June 6, 2022.

(4) During the year ended December 31, 2022, we received insurance reimbursement of \$1.4 million related to a legal settlement expense. During the year ended December 31, 2021, we received insurance reimbursement of \$4.3 million related to legal fees for a certain matter, of which \$3.1 million were applied to legal expenses for the year ended December 31, 2021.

(5) The legal settlement charges for the year ended December 31, 2021 reflects legal settlement expenses arising from the settlement of a putative shareholder class action and derivative case.

(6) The restructuring charges for the year ended December 31, 2022 consists of employee severance payments and benefits. The restructuring

charges for the year ended December 31, 2021 consist of the costs to transition operations from the Brisbane warehouse to our new Phoenix warehouse.

A reconciliation of GAAP net loss to non-GAAP net loss attributable to common stockholders, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, in order to calculate non-GAAP net loss attributable to common stockholders per share, basic and diluted, is as follows (in thousands, except share and per share data):

	Т	hree Months E	Inde	d December						
		3	51,			Year Ended	December 31,			
		2022		2021		2022		2021		
Net loss	\$	(38,610)	\$	(52,195)	\$	(196,445)	\$	(236,107)		
Stock-based compensation		9,118		12,478		46,138		48,802		
CEO separation benefits		46				948		—		
CEO transition costs		533				1,551		—		
Payroll tax expense on employee stock transactions		39		201		451		1,168		
Legal fees reimbursement benefit		—		(704)		(1,400)		(1,204)		
Legal settlement		—		1,601		456		13,389		
Restructuring charges		621				896		2,314		
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		76		(27)		172		56		
Non-GAAP net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$	(28,177)	\$	(38,646)	\$	(147,233)	\$	(171,582)		
Weighted-average common shares outstanding used to calculate Non-GAAP net loss attributable to common stockholders per share,		00 540 000		00 004 000		05 004 040		04 400 004		
basic and diluted	_	98,546,282		92,634,986	_	95,921,246	_	91,409,624		
Non-GAAP net loss attributable to common stockholders per share, basic and diluted	\$	(0.29)	\$	(0.42)	\$	(1.53)	\$	(1.88)		

The following table presents a reconciliation of net cash used in operating activities to free cash flow for each of the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Th	ree Months E 3	Endec 81,	l December		mber 31,		
		2022	2021			2022		2021
Net cash used in operating activities Purchase of property and equipment and capitalized proprietary	\$	3,698	\$	(18,764)	\$	(91,557)	\$	(142,151)
software development costs		(10,667)		(9,679)		(36,922)		(47,437)
Free Cash Flow	\$	(6,969)	\$	(28,443)	\$	(128,479)	\$	(189,588)

Key Financial and Operating Metrics:

	Decem 31, 2020	N	March 31, 2021		June 30, 2021	30		. 30		ecember 31, 2021	March 31, 2022						,			June 30, 2022	S	eptember 30, 2022	D	ecember 31, 2022
					(In	the	ousands, e	exc	ept AOV a	nd	percentag	es)	)											
GMV	\$ 301,2 <sup>-</sup>	19 \$	327,327	\$ :	350,001	\$	367,925	\$	437,179	\$	428,206	\$	454,163	\$	440,659	\$	492,955							
NMV	\$ 223,39	90 \$	244,162	\$ 2	256,509	\$	273,417	\$	318,265	\$	310,511	\$	332,508	\$	325,105	\$	367,382							
Consignment Revenue	\$ 61,28	35 \$	64,887	\$	72,452	\$	78,373	\$	86,508	\$	83,989	\$	96,917	\$	93,874	\$	110,199							
Direct Revenue	\$ 15,5 <sup>-</sup>	12 \$	23,735	\$	22,460	\$	29,387	\$	45,262	\$	48,823	\$	42,646	\$	34,005	\$	33,252							
Shipping Services																								
Revenue	\$ 10,03	35 \$	10,195	\$	10,000	\$	11,078	\$	13,355	\$	13,888	\$	14,872	\$	14,824	\$	16,204							
Number of Orders	67	71	690		673		757		861		878		934		952		993							
Take Rate	35	.7%	34.3%		34.5%		34.9%		35.0%		35.7%		36.1%		36.0%		35.7%							
Active Buyers	64	19	687		730		772		797		828		889		950		998							
AOV	\$ 44	49 \$	474	\$	520	\$	486	\$	508	\$	487	\$	486	\$	463	\$	496							
% of GMV from Repeat																								
Buyers	82	.4%	83.6%		84.5%		84.1%		83.8%		85.0%		84.7%		84.2%		84.0%							

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