## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 5, 2022

# The RealReal, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-38953 (Commission File Number) 45-1234222 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

55 Francisco Street Suite 600 San Francisco, CA 94133

(855) 435-5893

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instructions A.2. below):

0 Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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0 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company O

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. O

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 5, 2022, The RealReal, Inc. issued a press release providing a business update in accordance with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's disclosure guidance with respect to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This business update included preliminary information for gross merchandise value and average order value for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	The RealReal Provides Business Update
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the inline XBRL document)

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

The RealReal, Inc.

Date: January 5, 2022

By:

/s/ Robert Julian Robert Julian

**Chief Financial Officer** 

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#### THE REALREAL PROVIDES MONTHLY BUSINESS UPDATE

**SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5, 2022** — The RealReal (Nasdaq: REAL)—the world's largest online marketplace for authenticated, resale luxury goods—today provided a business update. December gross merchandise value (GMV) was approximately \$153 million, an increase of 40% and 49% compared to the same periods in 2020 and 2019, respectively.

December average order value (AOV) was approximately \$518, an increase of 10% and 4% compared to the same periods in 2020 and 2019, respectively. Watches, Women's Shoes and Women's Apparel were the fastest growing categories in December.

The RealReal believed that disclosing monthly GMV and AOV provided additional transparency regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on its business. Consistent with SEC guidance regarding the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the company provided monthly GMV and AOV through the end of 2021. The company plans to return to a more typical quarterly and annual guidance cadence in 2022 and will no longer provide monthly business updates going forward.

The following table represents GMV and AOV growth rates for October, November, December and fourth quarter 2021, 2020 and 2019: 2021 vs. 2020

	2021 VS. 2020				2021 VS. 2015			
	October	November	December	Q4	October	November	December	Q4
GMV	45 %	51 %	40 %	45 %	38 %	46 %	49 %	44 %
AOV	13 %	17 %	10 %	13 %	7 %	10 %	4 %	7 %

The information in this press release reflects preliminary information available as of the date of this release.

#### About The RealReal, Inc.

The RealReal is the world's largest online marketplace for authenticated, resale luxury goods, with more than 24 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. At our 18 retail locations, including our 15 shoppable stores, customers can sell, meet with our experts and receive free valuations.

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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 results, including the amounts of our operating expense and capital expenditure reductions and our strategies, plans, commitments, objectives and goals, in particular in the context of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent social unrest. 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 the COVID-19 pandemic on our operations, 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 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 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. 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.