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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2018

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: 001-35362

TRIPADVISOR, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 80-0743202
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

400 1st Avenue

Needham, MA 02494

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(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(781) 800-5000

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 and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted 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 and post 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

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

(Do not check if a small reporting company) Small reporting company

Emerging growth company

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

| Class | Outstanding Shares at July 25, 2018 |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share | 124,747,282 shares |
| Class B common stock, \$0.001 par value per share | 12,799,999 shares |

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

TRIPADVISOR, INC.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in millions, except per share amounts)

| | Three months ended June 30, | | Six months ended June 30, | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Revenue (Note 3) | \$433 | \$424 | \$811 | \$796 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Cost of revenue (1) | 24 | 20 | 44 | 37 |
| Selling and marketing (2) | 217 | 229 | 416 | 436 |
| Technology and content (2) | 68 | 64 | 135 | 123 |
| General and administrative (2) | 46 | 38 | 88 | 73 |
| Depreciation | 21 | 19 | 41 | 38 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 8 | 8 | 16 | 16 |
| Total costs and expenses: | 384 | 378 | 740 | 723 |
| Operating income | 49 | 46 | 71 | 73 |
| Other income (expense): | | | | |
| Interest expense | (3) | (4) | (6) | (7) |
| Interest income and other, net | (4) | 2 | (2) | 3 |
| Total other income (expense), net | (7) | (2) | (8) | (4) |
| Income before income taxes | 42 | 44 | 63 | 69 |
| Provision for income taxes | (10) | (17) | (27) | (29) |
| Net income | \$32 | \$27 | \$36 | \$40 |
| Earnings per share attributable to common stockholders (Note 4): | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.23 | \$0.19 | \$0.26 | \$0.28 |
| Diluted | \$0.23 | \$0.19 | \$0.26 | \$0.28 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding (Note 4): | | | | |
| Basic | 138 | 140 | 139 | 142 |
| Diluted | 140 | 141 | 140 | 143 |
| (1) Excludes amortization as follows: | | | | |
| Amortization of acquired technology included in amortization of intangible assets | \$2 | \$2 | \$4 | \$4 |
| Amortization of website development costs included in depreciation | 15 | 13 | 30 | 25 |
| | \$17 | \$15 | \$34 | \$29 |

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(2) Includes stock-based compensation expense as follows (Note 5):

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Selling and marketing | \$5 | \$6 | \$11 | \$11 |
| Technology and content | \$13 | \$13 | \$26 | \$20 |
| General and administrative | \$13 | \$9 | \$24 | \$16 |

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

TRIPADVISOR, INC.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(in millions)

| | Three months ended June 30, 2018 2017 | | Six months ended June 30, 2018 2017 | |
|--|---|-------|--|-------|
| Net income | \$32 | \$ 27 | \$36 | \$ 40 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments (1) | (17) | 13 | (9) | 20 |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss) | (17) | 13 | (9) | 20 |
| Comprehensive income | \$15 | \$ 40 | \$27 | \$ 60 |

(1) Foreign currency translation adjustments exclude income taxes due to our intention to indefinitely reinvest the earnings of our foreign subsidiaries in those operations.
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

TRIPADVISOR, INC.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in millions, except number of shares and per share amounts)

| | June 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents (Note 6) | \$ 666 | \$ 673 |
| Short-term marketable securities (Note 6) | 12 | 35 |
| Accounts receivable and contract assets, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$18 and \$16, respectively | 300 | 230 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 62 | 55 |
| Total current assets | 1,040 | 993 |
| Long-term marketable securities (Note 6) | 2 | 27 |
| Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$216 and \$177, respectively | 258 | 263 |
| Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$124 and \$112, respectively | 138 | 142 |
| Goodwill | 763 | 758 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 21 | 16 |
| Other long-term assets | 82 | 73 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 2,304 | \$ 2,272 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 10 | \$ 8 |
| Deferred merchant payables | 354 | 156 |
| Deferred revenue | 104 | 60 |
| Current portion of debt (Note 7) | - | 7 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 163 | 141 |
| Total current liabilities | 631 | 372 |
| Long-term debt (Note 7) | - | 230 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 19 | 14 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 307 | 293 |
| Total Liabilities | 957 | 909 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 9) | | |
| Stockholders' equity: (Note 10) | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value | - | - |
| Authorized shares: 100,000,000 | | |
| Shares issued and outstanding: 0 and 0 | | |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value | - | - |
| Authorized shares: 1,600,000,000 | | |
| Shares issued: 136,778,032 and 135,617,263, respectively | | |

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|---|----------|----------|
| Shares outstanding: 124,721,344 and 126,142,773, respectively | | |
| Class B common stock, \$0.001 par value | - | - |
| Authorized shares: 400,000,000 | | |
| Shares issued and outstanding: 12,799,999 and 12,799,999, respectively | | |
| Additional paid-in capital | 979 | 926 |
| Retained earnings | 966 | 926 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (51) | (42) |
| Treasury stock-common stock, at cost, 12,056,688 and 9,474,490 shares, respectively | (547) | (447) |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | 1,347 | 1,363 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | \$ 2,304 | \$ 2,272 |

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

TRIPADVISOR, INC.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

(in millions, except number of shares)

| | Common stock | | Class B common stock | | Additional paid-in capital | Retained earnings | Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | Treasury Stock | Total | |
|---|--------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------|----------|----------|
| | Shares | Amount | Shares | Amount | | | | Shares | Amount | |
| Balance as of December 31, 2017 | 135,617,263 | \$ - | 12,799,999 | \$ - | \$ 926 | \$ 926 | \$ (42) | (9,474,490) | \$(447) | \$ 1,363 |
| Net income | | | | | | 36 | | | | 36 |
| Cumulative effect adjustment from adoption of new accounting guidance (Note 2) | | | | | | 4 | | | | 4 |
| Other comprehensive loss | | | | | | | (9) | | | (9) |
| Issuance of common stock related to exercises of options and vesting of RSUs | 1,160,769 | - | | | 3 | | | | | 3 |
| Repurchase of common stock | | | | | | | | (2,582,198) | (100) | (100) |
| Withholding taxes on net share settlements of equity awards | | | | | (18) | | | | | (18) |
| Stock-based compensation | | | | | 68 | | | | | 68 |
| Balance as of June 30, 2018 | 136,778,032 | \$ - | 12,799,999 | \$ - | \$ 979 | \$ 966 | \$ (51) | (12,056,688) | \$(547) | \$ 1,347 |

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

TRIPADVISOR, INC.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in millions)

| | Six months ended June 30, | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$36 | \$40 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation of property and equipment, including amortization of internal-use software and website development | 41 | 38 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 16 | 16 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 61 | 47 |
| Other, net | 8 | (2) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions: | | |
| Accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and other assets | (82) | (51) |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities | 29 | 29 |
| Deferred merchant payables | 201 | 208 |
| Income tax receivables/payables, net | 5 | 5 |
| Deferred revenue | 45 | 25 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 360 | 355 |
| Investing activities: | | |
| Capital expenditures, including internal-use software and website development | (31) | (35) |
| Purchases of marketable securities | (1) | (7) |
| Sales of marketable securities | 45 | 103 |
| Maturities of marketable securities | 5 | 17 |
| Acquisitions and other investments, net of cash acquired | (23) | - |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities | (5) | 78 |
| Financing activities: | | |
| Repurchase of common stock | (100) | (250) |
| Proceeds from 2015 credit facility, net of financing costs | 5 | 373 |
| Payments to 2015 credit facility | (235) | (206) |
| Payments to 2016 credit facility | - | (73) |
| Proceeds from Chinese credit facilities | 2 | - |
| Payments to Chinese credit facilities | (10) | - |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 3 | 3 |
| Payment of withholding taxes on net share settlements of equity awards | (18) | (14) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (353) | (167) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | (9) | 9 |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | (7) | 275 |

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|---|-------|-------|
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period | 673 | 612 |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period | \$666 | \$887 |

Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:

| | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| Stock-based compensation capitalized with internal-use software and website development costs | \$7 | \$6 |
|---|-----|-----|

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

TRIPADVISOR, INC.

NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: BUSINESS DESCRIPTION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

We refer to TripAdvisor, Inc. and our wholly-owned subsidiaries as “TripAdvisor”, “the Company”, “us”, “we” and “our” in these notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Description of Business

TripAdvisor is an online travel company and our mission is to help people around the world to plan, book and experience the perfect trip. We seek to achieve our mission by providing users and travel partners a global platform about destinations, accommodations, travel activities and experiences, and restaurants that encompasses rich user-generated content, price comparison tools and online reservation and related services.

TripAdvisor, Inc., by and through its subsidiaries, owns and operates a portfolio of leading online travel brands. Our flagship brand is TripAdvisor. TripAdvisor-branded websites include tripadvisor.com in the United States and localized versions of the website in 48 markets and 28 languages worldwide. In addition to the flagship TripAdvisor brand, we manage and operate the following more than 20 other travel media brands, connected by the common goal of providing users the most comprehensive travel-planning and trip-taking resources in the travel industry: www.airfarewatchdog.com, www.bokun.io, www.bookingbuddy.com, www.citymaps.com, www.cruise critic.com, www.familyvacationcritic.com, www.flipkey.com, www.thefork.com (including www.lafourchette.com, www.eltenedor.com, www.iens.nl, and www.dimmi.com.au), www.gateguru.com, www.holidaylettings.co.uk, www.holidaywatchdog.com, www.housetrip.com, www.jetsetter.com, www.niumba.com, www.onetime.com, www.oyster.com, www.seatguru.com, www.smartertravel.com, www.tingo.com, www.vacationhomerentals.com, and www.viator.com.

We manage our business in two reportable segments: Hotel and Non-Hotel. Our Non-Hotel segment consists of our Experiences, Restaurants, and Rentals offerings. During the first quarter of 2018 we renamed Attractions as “Experiences” and Vacation Rentals as “Rentals.” These changes had no impact on the composition of our segments or on any financial information. For further information on our segments and principal revenue streams within these segments refer to “Note 3: Revenue Recognition” and “Note 12: Segment Information”.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements present our results of operations, financial position and cash flows on a consolidated basis. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include TripAdvisor, our wholly-owned subsidiaries, and entities we control, or in which we have a variable interest and are the primary beneficiary of expected cash profits or losses. All inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. One of our subsidiaries that operates in China has variable interests in affiliated entities in China in order to comply with Chinese laws and regulations, which restrict foreign investment in Internet content provision businesses. Although we do not own the capital stock of these Chinese affiliates, we consolidate their results as we are the primary beneficiary of the cash losses or profits of these variable interest affiliates and have the power to direct the activity of these affiliates. Our variable interest entities’ financials were not material for all periods presented.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) and include all normal and recurring adjustments that management of the Company considers necessary for a fair presentation of its financial position and operating results. We prepared the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements following the requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) for interim reporting. As permitted under those rules, we condensed or omitted certain footnotes or other financial information that are normally required by GAAP for annual financial statements. Additionally, certain prior period amounts have been reclassified for comparability with the current period presentation. Our interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for any other interim period or for the full year. These interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, previously filed with the SEC. The unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2017 included herein was derived from the audited consolidated financial statements as of that date, but does not include all disclosures including notes required by GAAP.

Accounting Estimates

We use estimates and assumptions in the preparation of our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. These estimates and

assumptions also affect the reported amount of net income or loss during any period. Our actual financial results could differ significantly from these estimates. The significant estimates underlying our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include: (i) recognition and recoverability of goodwill, definite-lived intangibles and other long-lived assets; and (ii) accounting for income taxes.

Seasonality

Traveler expenditures in the global travel market tend to follow a seasonal pattern. As such, expenditures by travel partners/advertisers to market to potential travelers and, therefore our financial performance, or revenue and profits, tend to be seasonal as well. Our financial performance tends to be seasonally highest in the second and third quarters of a year, as it is a key period for leisure travel research and trip-taking, which includes the seasonal peak in traveler hotel and rental stays, and tours and experiences taken, compared to the first and fourth quarters which represent seasonal low points. Further significant shifts in our business mix or adverse economic conditions could result in future seasonal patterns that are different from historical trends.

NOTE 2: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

New Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standard Board (“FASB”) issued new accounting guidance on the measurement of credit losses for financial assets measured at amortized cost, which includes accounts receivable, and available-for-sale debt securities. For financial assets measured at amortized cost, this new guidance requires an entity to: (1) estimate its lifetime expected credit losses upon recognition of the financial assets and establish an allowance to present the net amount expected to be collected; (2) recognize this allowance and changes in the allowance during subsequent periods through net income; and (3) consider relevant information about past events, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts in assessing the lifetime expected credit losses. For available-for-sale debt securities, this new guidance made several targeted amendments to the existing other-than-temporary impairment model, including: (1) requiring disclosure of the allowance for credit losses; (2) allowing reversals of the previously recognized credit losses until the entity has the intent to sell, is more-likely-than-not required to sell the securities or the maturity of the securities; (3) limiting impairment to the difference between the amortized cost basis and fair value; and (4) not allowing entities to consider the length of time that fair value has been less than amortized cost as a factor in evaluating whether a credit loss exists. This guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019, with early adoption permitted, including interim periods within those fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. We are currently considering our timing of adoption and in the process of evaluating the impact of adopting this guidance on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In February 2016, the FASB issued new guidance related to accounting for leases. The new standard requires the recognition of assets (right-of-use-assets) and liabilities arising from lease transactions on the balance sheet and the disclosure of key information about leasing arrangements. Accordingly, a lessee will recognize a lease asset for its right to use the underlying asset and a lease liability for the corresponding lease obligation. Both the asset and liability will initially be measured at the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term. The new guidance will classify leases as either finance or operating leases, with classification determining the presentation of

expenses and cash flows on our consolidated financial statements. Initial costs directly attributable to negotiating and arranging the lease will be included in the asset. For leases with a term of 12 months or less, a lessee can make an accounting policy election by class of underlying asset to not recognize an asset and corresponding liability. The transition guidance also provides specific guidance for sale and leaseback transactions, build-to-suit leases and amounts previously recognized in accordance with the business combinations guidance for leases. We will also be required to provide additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures regarding the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases which include, among other things, the computation and disclosure of our weighted average remaining lease term and discount rate, cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities, and supplemental non-cash information on lease liabilities arising from obtaining the right-of-use assets. These disclosures are intended to provide supplemental information to the amounts recorded in the financial statements so that users can better understand the nature of an entity's leasing activities. This guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. We anticipate adopting this new guidance in the first quarter of 2019. The new guidance requires the recognition and measurement of leases at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements using a modified retrospective approach, with an option to apply the transition provisions of the new guidance at the adoption date without adjusting the comparative periods presented. We are still considering our method of transition upon adoption of this guidance.

We continue to evaluate the new lease guidance and are in the process of updating accounting policies and accounting position memos, and evaluating our existing population of contracts to ensure all contracts that meet the definition of a lease contract under the new standard are identified. We are also in the process of implementing additional lease software to support our accounting and reporting process, including the new quantitative and qualitative financial disclosure requirements. In addition, we are evaluating the

impact of the system implementation and new accounting guidance on our internal controls. We will continue to provide updates on our assessment of the effect that this new lease guidance will have on our consolidated financial statements, disclosures, systems and related internal controls, and will disclose material effects, if any, when known.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2017, the FASB issued new accounting guidance that clarifies when changes to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award must be accounted for as modifications which will reduce diversity in practice. Under the new guidance, an entity will not apply modification accounting to a share-based payment award if the award's fair value (or calculated value or intrinsic value, if those measurement methods are used), the award's vesting conditions, and the award's classification as an equity or liability instrument are the same immediately before and after the change. The guidance also states that an entity is not required to estimate the value of the award immediately before and after the change if the change does not affect any of the inputs to the model used to value the award. We adopted this guidance prospectively in the first quarter of 2018. We believe the new guidance will likely result in fewer changes to the terms of an award being accounted for as modifications.

In January 2017, the FASB issued new accounting guidance to clarify the definition of a business and provide additional guidance to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as asset acquisitions (or asset disposals) or business combinations (or disposals of a business). Under this new guidance, an entity first determines whether substantially all of the fair value of the assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or a group of similar identifiable assets. If this criterion is met, the transaction should be accounted for as an asset acquisition as opposed to a business combination. This distinction is important because the accounting for an asset acquisition significantly differs from the accounting for a business combination. This new guidance eliminates the requirement to evaluate whether a market participant could replace missing elements (e.g. inputs or processes), narrows the definition of outputs and requires that a business include, at a minimum, an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs. We adopted this guidance in the first quarter of 2018 and it will be applied prospectively to any transactions occurring within and after the adoption date.

In November 2016, the FASB issued new accounting guidance on the classification and presentation of restricted cash in the statement of cash flows to address the diversity in practice. This new guidance requires entities to show changes in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash on a combined basis in the statement of cash flows. In addition, this accounting guidance requires a reconciliation of the total cash, cash equivalent and restricted cash in the statement of cash flows to the related captions in the balance sheet if cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash are presented in more than one line item in the balance sheet. We adopted this guidance in the first quarter of 2018 and applied it retrospectively to all prior periods presented in the financial statements as required under the new guidance. The adoption did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In October 2016, the FASB issued new accounting guidance on income tax accounting associated with intra-entity transfers of assets other than inventory. This accounting update, which is part of the FASB's simplification initiative,

is intended to reduce diversity in practice and the complexity of tax accounting, particularly for those transfers involving intellectual property. This new guidance requires an entity to recognize the income tax consequences of an intra-entity transfer of an asset other than inventory when the transfer occurs. We adopted this new guidance in the first quarter of 2018 on a modified retrospective basis. Accordingly, we recognized the cumulative effect of initial application of this new guidance as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings, which was not material to our consolidated financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued new accounting guidance which clarifies how companies present and classify certain cash receipts and cash payments in the statement of cash flows. The new guidance specifically addresses the following cash flow topics in an effort to reduce diversity in practice: (1) debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs; (2) settlement of zero-coupon bonds; (3) contingent consideration payments made after a business combination; (4) proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims; (5) proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance policies, including bank-owned life insurance policies; (6) distributions received from equity method investees; (7) beneficial interests in securitization transactions; and (8) separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle. We adopted this new guidance in the first quarter of 2018 retrospectively and the adoption did not have an impact on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In January 2016, the FASB issued new accounting guidance which amends the standard on the recognition and measurement of financial instruments. The FASB clarified certain aspects of this guidance by issuing an update for technical corrections and improvements related to this guidance in February 2018. The guidance (1) requires an entity to measure equity investments (except those accounted for under the equity method or those that result in consolidation of the investee) at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income rather than accumulated other comprehensive income on the balance sheet; (2) allows an entity to elect to measure the equity investments that do not have a readily determinable fair value using a new measurement alternative which measure these equity investments at cost less impairment, if any, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or a similar investment of the same issuer; (3) simplifies the impairment assessment of equity

investments without readily determinable fair values by requiring a qualitative assessment to identify impairment; and (4) clarifies that an entity should evaluate the need for a valuation allowance on a deferred tax asset related to available-for-sale securities in combination with the entity's evaluation of their other deferred tax assets. We adopted this guidance in the first quarter of 2018 and elected to prospectively account for our investments in equity securities of privately-held companies that do not have a readily determinable fair value using the measurement alternative. The adoption did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB issued new accounting guidance on revenue from contracts with customers, or ASC 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASC 606"), which replaced numerous requirements in GAAP, and provides companies with a single model for recognizing revenue from contracts with customers. The core principle of the new standard is that a company should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This guidance also requires additional disclosures about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments and assets recognized from costs incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. In addition, the FASB has also issued several amendments to the standard, which clarifies certain aspects of the guidance, including principal versus agent considerations and identifying performance obligations.

In the first quarter of 2018, we adopted ASC 606 under the modified retrospective method for all contracts that were not completed as of January 1, 2018. Results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2018 are presented under the new revenue guidance, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with our previous accounting policies under the historical revenue guidance, or ASC 605, Revenue Recognition.

We evaluated each of our revenue streams and applied ASC 606 as further discussed in "Note 3: Revenue Recognition." As a result of adoption of the new revenue guidance, certain revenue streams, such as the instant booking revenue recorded under the consumption model which we previously recorded upon completion of the traveler stay, is now recognized upon booking. The amount of the recognized transaction price is recorded as revenue net of the impact of estimated cancellations. We also recorded an adjustment to capitalize certain costs to obtain contracts for existing arrangements as of the implementation date. We expect the adoption of this new revenue standard will not have a material impact, either on an annual or quarterly basis, to our consolidated financial statements on an ongoing basis. Our systems and internal controls were not significantly impacted as a result of the accounting changes and we have made the necessary changes to our accounting policies and internal processes to support the new revenue recognition standard, including the related disclosures.

We recognized the cumulative effect of initial application of ASC 606 as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. We recorded a net increase in opening retained earnings of \$4 million as of January 1, 2018 due to the cumulative impact of adoption of the new revenue guidance and all other accounts were not materially impacted.

There have been no changes to our significant accounting policies since December 31, 2017, other than noted above. See "Note 3: Revenue Recognition" for further discussion about our revenue recognition policies under ASC 606. For additional information about our significant accounting policies and estimates, refer to "Note 2: Significant Accounting

Policies”, in the notes to consolidated financial statements in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

NOTE 3: REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue Recognition under ASC 606

We generate all of our revenue from contracts with customers. We recognize revenue when we satisfy a performance obligation by transferring control of the promised services to a customer in an amount that reflects the consideration that we expect to receive in exchange for those services. When we act as an agent in the transaction under ASC 606, we recognize revenue for only our commission on the arrangement. We determine revenue recognition through the following steps:

- (1) Identification of the contract, or contracts, with a customer
- (2) Identification of the performance obligations in the contract
- (3) Determination of the transaction price
- (4) Allocation of the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract
- (5) Recognition of revenue when, or as, we satisfy a performance obligation.

At contract inception, we assess the services promised in our contracts with customers and identify a performance obligation for each promise to transfer to the customer a service (or bundle of services) that is distinct. To identify the performance obligations, we

consider all of the services promised in the contract regardless of whether they are explicitly stated or are implied by customary business practices. We have provided qualitative information about our performance obligations for our principal revenue streams discussed below. There was no significant revenue recognized in the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 related to performance obligations satisfied in prior periods. We have applied a practical expedient and do not disclose the value of unsatisfied performance obligations that have an original expected duration of less than one year, and we do not have any material unsatisfied performance obligations over one year. The value related to our remaining or partially satisfied performance obligations relates to subscription services that are satisfied over time or services that are recognized at a point in time, but not yet achieved. Our timing of services, invoicing and payments are discussed in more detail below and do not include a significant financing component. Our customer invoices are generally due 30 days from the time of invoicing.

We recognize an asset for the incremental costs of obtaining a contract with a customer if we expect the benefit of those costs to be longer than one year. We have determined that certain sales incentive programs meet the requirements to be capitalized. Total capitalized costs to obtain a contract were approximately \$1 million as of June 30, 2018. We amortize these contract costs on a straight-line basis over the estimated customer life, which is based on historical data. Amortization expense recorded to sales and marketing during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 was not material. We assess such assets for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

The recognition of revenue may require the application of judgment related to the determination of the performance obligations, the timing of when the performance obligations are satisfied and other areas. The determination of our performance obligations does not require significant judgment given that we generally do not provide multiple services to a customer in a given transaction, and the point in which control is transferred to the customer is readily determinable. In instances where we recognize revenue over time, we generally have either a subscription service that is recognized over time on a straight-line basis using the time-elapsed output method, or based on other output measures that provide a faithful depiction of the transfer of our services. When an estimate for cancellations is included in the transaction price, we base our estimate on historical data. The estimate is not material. Taxes assessed by a government authority that are both imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue-producing transaction, that are collected by us from a customer, are reported on a net basis, or in other words excluded from revenue on our consolidated financial statements, which is consistent with prior periods. The application of our revenue recognition policies and a description of our principal activities, organized by segment, from which we generate our revenue, are presented below.

Hotel Segment

TripAdvisor-branded Click-based Advertising and Transaction Revenue. Our largest source of Hotel segment revenue is generated from click-based advertising on TripAdvisor-branded websites, which is primarily comprised of contextually-relevant booking links to our travel partners' sites. Our click-based travel partners are predominantly online travel agencies, or OTAs, and direct suppliers in the hotel category. Click-based advertising is generally priced on a cost-per-click, or "CPC", basis, with payments from advertisers determined by the number of users who click on a link multiplied by the price that partner is willing to pay for that click, or hotel shopper lead. CPC rates that our travel partners are willing to pay are determined in a dynamic, competitive auction process, or metasearch auction. We record click-based advertising revenue as the click occurs and traveler leads are sent to the travel partner websites as our performance obligation is fulfilled at that time. Click-based revenue is generally billed to our travel partners on a monthly basis consistent with the timing of the service.

Transaction revenue is generated from our instant booking feature, which enables hotel shoppers to book directly with a travel partner, or the merchant of record, without leaving our website. We earn a commission from our travel partner for a user that completes a hotel reservation on our website. Our instant booking revenue includes arrangements where commissions are billable on all instant booking hotel reservations and also includes arrangements where the commission is billable only upon the completion of the traveler's stay resulting from the reservation. Our performance obligation in both arrangements is complete at the time of the booking and the commission earned is recognized upon booking, as we have no post-booking service obligations. The amount of revenue recognized for commissions which are billable contingent upon a traveler's stay requires an estimate of the impact of cancellations using historical cancellation rates. Contract assets are recognized at the time of booking for commissions that are billable at the time of stay. We are the agent in these transactions under ASC 606.

TripAdvisor-branded Display-based Advertising and Subscription Revenue. Travel partners can promote their brands in a contextually-relevant manner through a variety of display-based advertising placements on our websites. Our display-based advertising clients are predominately direct suppliers of hotels, airlines and cruises, as well as destination marketing organizations. We also sell display-based advertising to OTAs and other travel related businesses, as well as advertisers from non-travel categories. Display-based advertising is sold predominantly on a cost per thousand impressions, or CPM, basis. The performance obligation in our display-based advertising business is to display a number of advertising impressions on our websites and we recognize revenue for impressions as they are delivered. Services are generally billed monthly. We have applied the practical expedient to measure progress

toward completion, as we have the right to invoice the customer in an amount that directly corresponds with the value to the customer of our performance to date, which is measured based on impressions delivered.

In addition, we offer subscription-based advertising to hotels, B&Bs and other specialty lodging properties. Our performance obligation is generally to enable subscribers to advertise their business on our website, including such information as a website URL, email address and phone number, as well as other information. Subscription advertising services are predominantly sold for a flat fee for a contracted period of time of one year or less and revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis over the period of the subscription service as efforts are expended evenly throughout the contract period. Subscription advertising services are generally billed in advance of service. When prepayments are received, we recognize deferred revenue for the amount of prepayment in excess of revenue recognized until the performance obligation is satisfied.

Other Hotel Revenue. Our other Hotel revenue primarily includes revenue from non-TripAdvisor-branded websites, such as www.bookingbuddy.com, www.cruisecritic.com, and www.onetime.com, which primarily includes click-based advertising and display-based advertising revenue. The performance obligations and timing of customer payments for these brands and methods of recognizing revenue are generally consistent with click-based advertising or display-based advertising revenue, as described above.

Non-Hotel Segment

We provide information and services for users to research, book and experience activities and attractions in popular travel destinations both through Viator, our dedicated Experiences offering, and on our TripAdvisor website and applications. We also power travel activities and experiences booking capabilities to users for affiliate partners, including some of the world's top airlines, hotel chains and online and offline travel agencies. We work with local tour or travel activities/experiences operators ("the supplier") to provide our users with access to book tours, activities and experiences ("the activity") in popular destinations worldwide. We generate commissions for each booking transaction we facilitate through our online reservation system. We provide post-booking service to the user until the time of the activity, which is the completion of the performance obligation. Revenue is recognized at the time that the activity occurs. We are an agent in the transaction, under ASC 606, for nearly all of these transactions. We generally collect payment from the user at the time of booking that includes both our commission revenue and the amount due to the supplier. Our commission revenue is recorded as deferred revenue until revenue is recognized, and the amount due to the supplier is recorded to deferred merchant payables on our consolidated balance sheet, until payment is made to the supplier after the completion of the activity. To a lesser extent, we earn commissions from third-party merchant partners, who display and promote our supplier activities on their websites to generate bookings. In these transactions, where we are not the merchant of record, we generally invoice and receive commissions directly from the third-party merchant partners. Our performance obligation is to allow the third-party merchant partners to display and promote our supplier activities on their website and we earn a commission when users book and complete an activity. Our performance obligation is complete and revenue is recognized at the time of the booking, as we have no post-booking obligations. We recognize this revenue net of an estimate of the impact of cancellations using historical cancellation rates. Contract assets are recognized for commissions that are billable contingent upon completion of the activity. We are an agent in these transactions, under ASC 606.

We also provide information and services for users to research and book restaurants in popular travel destinations through our dedicated restaurant reservations offering, TheFork, and on our TripAdvisor website and applications. TheFork is an online restaurant booking platform operating on a number of websites (including www.lafourchette.com, www.eltenedor.com, www.iens.nl and www.dimmi.com.au), with a network of restaurant partners located primarily across Europe and Australia. Our bookable restaurants are available on www.thefork.com and on TripAdvisor-branded websites and mobile applications. We primarily generate transaction fees (or per seated diner fees) that are paid by restaurants for diners seated primarily from bookings through TheFork's online reservation

system. The transaction fee is recognized as revenue after the reservation is fulfilled, or as diners are seated by our restaurant customers. Revenue is billed monthly when the transaction fees are payable, which is at the time the diner is seated. To a lesser extent, we also generate subscription fees for access to certain online reservation management services and marketing analytic tools provided by TheFork and TripAdvisor. As the performance obligation is to provide restaurants with access to these services over the subscription period, subscription fee revenue is recognized over the period of the subscription service on a straight-line basis as efforts are expended evenly throughout the contract period. Subscription fees are generally billable in advance of service. When prepayments are received, we recognize deferred revenue for the amount of prepayment in excess of revenue recognized until the performance obligation is satisfied.

In addition, we provide information and services for users to research and book vacation and short-term rental properties, including full home rentals, condominiums, villas, beach rentals, cabins and cottages. Our Rentals offering generates revenue primarily by offering individual property owners and managers the ability to list their properties on our websites and mobile applications thereby connecting homeowners with travelers through a free-to-list, commission-based option or, to a lesser extent, by an annual subscription-based fee structure. These properties are listed on www.flipkey.com, www.holidaylettings.co.uk, www.housetrip.com, www.niumba.com, and www.vacationhomerentals.com, and on our TripAdvisor-branded websites and mobile

applications. We earn commissions associated with rental transactions through our free-to-list model from both the traveler and the property owner or manager. We provide post-booking service to the travelers, property owners and managers until the time the rental commences, which is the time the performance obligation is completed. Revenue from transaction fees is recognized at the time that the rental commences. We are an agent in these transactions, under ASC 606. We generally collect payment from the traveler at the time of booking that includes our commissions, which is recorded as deferred revenue until revenue is recognized, and the amount due to the property owner, which is recorded in deferred merchant payables on our consolidated balance sheet, until payment is made to the property owner after the completion of the rental. Payments for term-based subscription fees related to online advertising services for the listing of rental properties are generally due in advance. As the performance obligation is the listing service provided to the property owner or manager over the subscription period, revenue is recognized over the period of the subscription service on a straight-line basis as efforts are expended evenly throughout the contract period. We recognize deferred revenue for the amount of prepayment in excess of revenue recognized until the performance obligation is satisfied.

Practical Expedients and Exemptions

We expense costs to obtain a contract as incurred, such as sales commissions, when the amortization period would have been one year or less.

We do not disclose the value of unsatisfied performance obligations for (i) contracts with an original expected length of one year or less and (ii) contracts for which we recognize revenue at the amount to which we have the right to invoice for services performed.

Impact of Adoption of ASC 606

The impact of this new revenue recognition guidance on our unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 was as follows:

| | Three months ended June 30, 2018 | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| | As Reported | | |
| | - | | |
| | ASC 606 | | |
| | June | Impact of | Adjusted |
| | 30, | Accounting | - ASC |
| | 2018 | ASC 606 | 605 June |
| | 30, 2018 | | |
| | (in millions) | | |
| INCOME STATEMENT | | | |
| Revenue | \$433 | \$ (2) | \$ 431 |
| Operating income | 49 | (2) | 47 |
| Income before income taxes | 42 | (2) | 40 |
| Provision for income taxes | (10) | - | (10) |

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| | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Net income | 32 | (2 |) | 30 |
| | Six months ended June 30, 2018 | | | |
| | As Reported | | | |
| | - | | | |
| | ASC 606 | | | |
| | June 30, 2018 | Impact of Accounting ASC 606 | Adjusted - ASC 605 | June 30, 2018 |
| INCOME STATEMENT | (in millions) | | | |
| Revenue | \$811 | \$ (6 |) | \$ 805 |
| Operating income | 71 | (6 |) | 65 |
| Income before income taxes | 63 | (6 |) | 57 |
| Provision for income taxes | (27 |) | 1 | (26 |
| Net income | 36 | (5 |) | 31 |

The impact of the new guidance was not meaningful as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2018 for the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet and unaudited condensed consolidated statement of cash flows, respectively.

Disaggregation of Revenue

We disaggregate revenue from contracts with customers into major products/revenue sources. We have determined that disaggregating revenue into these categories achieves the disclosure objective to depict how the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows are affected by economic factors. As noted in “Note 12: Segment Information”, our business consists of two reportable segments – Hotel and Non-Hotel. A reconciliation of disaggregated revenue to segment revenue is also included below.

| | Three months ended June 30, 2018 | Six months ended June 30, 2018 |
|--|--|--|
| Major products/revenue sources: | (in millions) | |
| Click-based advertising and transaction revenue | \$ 199 | \$ 389 |
| Display-based advertising and subscription revenue | 80 | 150 |
| Other hotel revenue | 34 | 73 |
| Total Hotel Revenue (1) | 313 | 612 |
| Non-Hotel Revenue (1) | 120 | 199 |
| Total Revenue | \$433 | \$ 811 |

(1) Our revenue is recognized primarily at a point in time for both our Hotel and Non-Hotel segments.

Contract Balances

The following table provides information about the opening and closing balances of accounts receivables and contract assets from contracts with customers (in millions):

| | June 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Accounts receivable | 285 | 230 |
| Contract assets | 15 | - |
| Total | \$ 300 | \$ 230 |

Accounts receivable are recognized when the right to consideration becomes unconditional. Contract assets are rights to consideration in exchange for services that we have transferred to a customer when that right is conditional on something other than the passage of time, such as commission payments that are contingent upon the completion of the service by the principal in the transaction. Contract liabilities generally include payments received in advance of performance under the contract, and are realized as revenue as the performance obligation to the customer is satisfied, which we present as deferred revenue on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet. As of January 1, 2018, we had \$59 million recorded as deferred revenue on our consolidated balance sheet, of which \$13 million and \$45 million was recognized in revenue, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively. The difference between the opening and closing balances of our contract assets and deferred revenue primarily results from the timing differences between when we receive customer payments and the time in which we satisfy our performance obligations. There were no significant changes in contract assets or deferred revenue during the six months ended June 30, 2018 related to business combinations, impairments, cumulative catch-ups or other material adjustments.

NOTE 4: EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic Earnings Per Share Attributable to Common Stockholders

We compute basic earnings per share, or Basic EPS, by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. We compute the weighted average number of common shares

outstanding during the reporting period using the total of common stock and Class B common stock outstanding as of the last day of the previous year end reporting period plus the weighted average of any additional shares issued and outstanding less the weighted average of any common shares repurchased during the reporting period.

Diluted Earnings Per Share Attributable to Common Stockholders

Diluted earnings per share, or Diluted EPS, includes the potential dilution of common equivalent shares outstanding that could occur from stock-based awards and other stock-based commitments using the treasury stock method. We compute Diluted EPS by dividing net income by the sum of the weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding during the period. We computed the weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding during the period using the sum of (i) the number of shares of common stock and Class B common stock used in the basic earnings per share calculation as indicated above, and (ii) if dilutive, the incremental weighted average common stock that we would issue upon the assumed exercise of outstanding common equivalent shares, primarily related to stock options and the vesting of restricted stock units using the treasury stock method, and (iii) if dilutive, performance-based and market-based awards based on the number of shares that would be issuable as of the end of the reporting period assuming the end of the reporting period was also the end of the contingency period.

Under the treasury stock method, the assumed proceeds calculation includes the actual proceeds to be received from the employee upon exercise of outstanding equity awards and the average unrecognized compensation cost during the period. The treasury

stock method assumes that a company uses the proceeds from the exercise of an equity award to repurchase common stock at the average market price for the reporting period.

Below is a reconciliation of the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding in calculating Diluted EPS (shares in thousands and dollars in millions, except per share amounts) for the periods presented:

| | Three months ended June 30, | | Six months ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Net income | \$32 | \$27 | \$36 | \$40 |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Weighted average shares used to compute Basic EPS | 137,831 | 140,472 | 138,572 | 142,052 |
| Weighted average effect of dilutive securities: | | | | |
| Stock options | 278 | 228 | 198 | 372 |
| RSUs/MSUs | 1,510 | 237 | 1,201 | 403 |
| Weighted average shares used to compute Diluted EPS | 139,619 | 140,937 | 139,971 | 142,827 |
| Basic EPS | \$0.23 | \$0.19 | \$0.26 | \$0.28 |
| Diluted EPS | \$0.23 | \$0.19 | \$0.26 | \$0.28 |

Potential common shares, consisting of outstanding stock options and restricted stock units (“RSUs”), totaling approximately 6.0 million shares and 9.0 million shares for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, have been excluded from the calculation of Diluted EPS because their effect would have been antidilutive. In addition, potential common shares, consisting of performance-based awards and market-based restricted stock units (“MSUs”), totaling approximately 0.8 million shares for both the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, for which all targets required to trigger vesting had not been achieved, were excluded from the calculation of weighted average shares used to compute Diluted EPS for those reporting periods. Potential common shares, consisting of outstanding stock options and RSUs, totaling approximately 6.9 million shares and 6.6 million shares for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, have been excluded from the calculation of Diluted EPS because their effect would have been antidilutive. In addition, potential common shares, consisting of performance-based awards, totaling approximately 0.1 million shares for both the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, for which all targets required to trigger vesting had not been achieved, were excluded from the calculation of weighted average shares used to compute Diluted EPS for those reporting periods.

The earnings per share amounts are the same for common stock and Class B common stock because the holders of each class are legally entitled to equal per share distributions whether through dividends or in liquidation.

NOTE 5: STOCK BASED AWARDS AND OTHER EQUITY INSTRUMENTS

On June 21, 2018, our stockholders approved the 2018 Stock and Annual Incentive Plan (the “2018 Plan”) primarily for the purpose of providing sufficient reserves of shares of our common stock to ensure our ability to continue to provide new hires, employees and management with equity incentives. The number of shares reserved and available for issuance under the 2018 Plan is 6,000,000 plus the number of shares available for issuance (and not subject to outstanding awards) under the TripAdvisor, Inc. Amended and Restated 2011 Stock and Annual Incentive Plan (the “2011 Plan”), as of the effective date of the 2018 Plan. Both plans provide for the grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, and other stock-based awards.

Stock-Based Compensation Expense

The following table presents the amount of stock-based compensation expense related to stock-based awards, primarily stock options and RSUs, on our unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations during the periods presented:

| | Three months ended | | Six months ended | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| | June 30, 2018 | June 30, 2017 | June 30, 2018 | June 30, 2017 |
| | (in millions) | | (in millions) | |
| Selling and marketing | \$5 | \$6 | \$11 | \$11 |
| Technology and content | 13 | 13 | 26 | 20 |
| General and administrative | 13 | 9 | 24 | 16 |
| Total stock-based compensation | 31 | 28 | 61 | 47 |
| Income tax benefit from stock-based compensation | (8) | (10) | (15) | (17) |
| Total stock-based compensation, net of tax effect | \$23 | \$18 | \$46 | \$30 |

We capitalized \$4 million and \$7 million of stock-based compensation expense as internal-use software and website development costs during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, and \$3 million and \$6 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively.

Stock-Based Award Activity and Valuation

2018 Stock Option Activity

During the six months ended June 30, 2018, we granted 621,204 service-based non-qualified stock options under the 2011 Plan. Our stock options generally have a term of ten years from the date of grant and typically vest equally over a four-year requisite service period.

A summary of our stock option activity during the six months ended June 30, 2018, is presented below:

| | |
|----------|----------|
| Weighted | Weighted |
| Average | Average |

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| | Options Outstanding (in thousands) | Exercise Price Per Share | Remaining Contractual Life (in years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions) |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Options outstanding at December 31, 2017 | 6,853 | \$ 52.78 | | |
| Granted | 621 | 41.61 | | |
| Exercised (1) | (532) | 35.72 | | |
| Cancelled or expired | (190) | 51.34 | | |
| Options outstanding at June 30, 2018 | 6,752 | \$ 53.13 | 6.5 | \$ 65 |
| Exercisable as of June 30, 2018 | 3,265 | \$ 55.96 | 4.7 | \$ 28 |
| Vested and expected to vest after June 30, 2018 (2) | 6,752 | \$ 53.13 | 6.5 | \$ 65 |

- (1) Inclusive of 390,168 options which were not converted into shares due to net share settlement in order to cover the aggregate exercise price and the required amount of employee withholding taxes. Potential shares that had been convertible under stock options that were withheld under net share settlement remain in the authorized but unissued pool under the 2011 Plan and can be reissued by the Company. Total payments for the employees' tax obligations to the taxing authorities due to net share settlements are reflected as a financing activity within the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.
- (2) The Company accounts for forfeitures as they occur, rather than estimate expected forfeitures as allowed under GAAP and therefore do not include a forfeiture rate in our vested and expected to vest calculation unless necessary for a performance condition award.

Aggregate intrinsic value represents the difference between the closing stock price of our common stock and the exercise price of outstanding, in-the-money options. Our closing stock price as reported on NASDAQ as of June 30, 2018 was \$55.71. The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised was \$6 million for both the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

The fair value of stock option grants has been estimated at the date of grant using the Black–Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions for the periods presented:

| | Three months ended | | Six months ended | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| | June 30, 2018 | 2017 | June 30, 2018 | 2017 |
| Risk free interest rate | 2.71 % | 1.87 % | 2.66 % | 1.91 % |
| Expected term (in years) | 5.45 | 5.32 | 5.45 | 5.35 |
| Expected volatility | 42.08 % | 40.93 % | 42.29 % | 41.52 % |
| Expected dividend yield | — % | — % | — % | — % |

The weighted-average grant date fair value of options granted was \$19.27 and \$17.62 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively. The weighted-average grant date fair value of options granted was \$16.56 and \$17.19 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively. The total fair value of stock options vested was \$12 million and \$15 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Cash received from stock option exercises was \$3 million for both the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

2018 RSU Activity

During the six months ended June 30, 2018, we granted 3,088,233 of primarily service-based RSUs under the 2011 Plan which typically vest over a four-year requisite service period. A summary of our RSU activity for service-based and performance-based awards during the six months ended June 30, 2018, is presented below:

| | RSUs Outstanding (in thousands) | Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value Per Share | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions) |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Unvested RSUs outstanding as of December 31, 2017 (1) | 6,015 | \$ 48.14 | |
| Transfer (1) | (213) | 30.04 | |
| Granted | 3,088 | 41.43 | |
| Vested and released (2) | (1,372) | 53.22 | |
| Cancelled | (401) | 46.79 | |
| Unvested RSUs outstanding as of June 30, 2018 | 7,117 | \$ 44.87 | \$ 397 |
| Expected to vest after June 30, 2018 (3) | 7,117 | \$ 44.87 | \$ 397 |

(1)RSUs outstanding as of December 31, 2017 include 213,000 MSUs awarded to the Company’s CEO in November 2017. This award has been transferred to the MSU activity table below.

(2)Inclusive of 356,127 RSUs withheld due to net share settlement to satisfy required employee tax withholding requirements. Potential shares which had been convertible under RSUs that were withheld under net share

settlement remain in the authorized but unissued pool under the 2011 Plan and can be reissued by the Company. Total payments for the employees' tax obligations to the taxing authorities due to net share settlements are reflected as a financing activity within the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

- (3) The Company accounts for forfeitures as they occur, rather than estimate expected forfeitures as allowed under GAAP and therefore do not include a forfeiture rate in our expected to vest calculation unless necessary for a performance condition award.

A summary of our RSU activity for MSUs, during the six months ended June 30, 2018 is presented below:

| | MSUs Outstanding (in thousands) | Weighted Average Grant- Date Fair Value Per Share | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions) |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Unvested MSUs outstanding as of December 31, 2017 (1) | 213 | \$ 30.04 | |
| Granted (2) | 71 | 59.40 | |
| Vested and released | | | |
| Cancelled | | | |
| Unvested MSUs outstanding as of June 30, 2018 | 284 | \$ 37.41 | \$ 16 |

(1) Represents 213,000 MSUs awarded to the Company's CEO in November 2017.

(2) MSUs provide for vesting based upon the Company's total shareholder return, or TSR, performance over the period commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 relative to the TSR performance of the Nasdaq Composite Total Return Index. A Monte-Carlo simulation model, which simulated the present value of the potential outcomes of future stock prices and TSR of the Company and the Nasdaq Composite Total Return Index over the performance period, was used to calculate the grant-date fair value of these awards. The estimated grant-date fair value of these awards is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period through December 31, 2020. Based upon actual attainment relative to the target performance metric, the grantee has the ability to receive up to 200% of the target number of MSUs originally granted, or to be issued none at all. These MSUs were granted under the 2011 Plan.

Total current income tax benefits associated with the exercise or settlement of TripAdvisor stock-based awards held by our employees were \$5 million and \$9 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively and \$1 million and \$15 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively.

Unrecognized Stock-Based Compensation

A summary of our remaining unrecognized stock-based compensation expense and the weighted average remaining amortization period at June 30, 2018 related to our non-vested equity awards is presented below (in millions, except in years information):

| | Stock Options | RSUs | MSUs |
|--|------------------|--------|------|
| Unrecognized compensation expense | \$ 46 | \$ 275 | \$ 9 |
| Weighted average period remaining (in years) | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.5 |

NOTE 6: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Cash, Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash and Marketable Securities

The following tables show our cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and short-term and long-term available-for-sale marketable debt securities, by major security type, that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and were

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categorized using the fair value hierarchy, as well as their classification on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets, as of the periods presented (in millions):

| | June 30, 2018 | | | | Cash, Cash | Short-Term | Long-Term |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| | Amortized | Unrealized | Unrealized | Fair | Equivalents and | Marketable | Marketable |
| | Cost | Gains | Losses | Value | Restricted Cash | Securities | Securities |
| Cash and restricted cash (1) | \$475 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 475 | \$ 475 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Level 1: | | | | | | | |
| Money market funds | 191 | - | - | 191 | 191 | - | - |
| Level 2: | | | | | | | |
| U.S. agency securities | 3 | - | - | 3 | - | 3 | - |
| Certificates of deposit | 2 | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Corporate debt securities | 9 | - | - | 9 | - | 7 | 2 |
| Subtotal | 14 | - | - | 14 | - | 12 | 2 |
| Total | \$680 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 680 | \$ 666 | \$ 12 | \$ 2 |

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| | December 31, 2017 | | | | Cash, Cash | Short-Term | Long-Term |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|--------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| | Amortized | Unrealized | Unrealized | Fair | Equivalents and | Marketable | Marketable |
| | Cost | Gains | Losses | Value | Restricted Cash | Securities | Securities |
| Cash and restricted cash (1) | \$663 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 663 | \$ 663 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Level 1: | | | | | | | |
| Money market funds | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Level 2: | | | | | | | |
| U.S. agency securities | 11 | - | - | 11 | - | 6 | 5 |
| U.S. treasury securities | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Certificates of deposit | 2 | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| Commercial paper | 11 | - | - | 11 | 9 | 2 | - |
| Corporate debt securities | 46 | - | - | 46 | - | 24 | 22 |
| Subtotal | 71 | - | - | 71 | 9 | 35 | 27 |
| Total | \$735 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 735 | \$ 673 | \$ 35 | \$ 27 |

(1) As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, our restricted cash which primarily consists of escrowed security deposits, was not material and is included in other long-term assets on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Our cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand in global financial institutions, money market funds and marketable securities with maturities of 90 days or less at the date of purchase. The remaining maturities of our long-term marketable securities range from one to three years and our short-term marketable securities include maturities that were greater than 90 days at the date purchased and have 12 months or less remaining at June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

For assets and liabilities required to be reported at fair value, GAAP provides a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

Level 1—Valuations are based on quoted market prices for identical assets and liabilities in active markets.

Level 2—Valuations are based on observable inputs other than quoted market prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3—Valuations are based on unobservable inputs reflecting our own assumptions, consistent with reasonably available assumptions made by other market participants. These valuations require significant judgment.

We classify our cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and marketable securities within Level 1 and Level 2 as we value these financial instruments using quoted market prices (Level 1) or alternative pricing sources (Level 2). The valuation technique we used to measure the fair value of money market funds was derived from quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Fair values for Level 2 marketable securities are considered “Level 2” valuations because they are obtained from independent pricing sources for identical or comparable instruments, rather than direct observations of quoted prices in active markets. Our procedures include controls to ensure that appropriate fair values are recorded, including comparing the fair values obtained from our independent pricing services against fair values obtained from another independent source.

There were no material realized gains or losses related to sales of our marketable securities for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Realized gains and losses on the sale of securities are determined by specific identification of each security's cost basis. We consider any unrealized loss position in our available-for-sale marketable debt securities to be temporary in nature and do not consider any of these investments other-than-temporarily impaired as of June 30, 2018.

Derivative Financial Instruments

In certain circumstances, we enter into foreign currency forward contracts to reduce the effects of fluctuating foreign currency exchange rates on our cash flows denominated in foreign currencies. We do not use derivatives for trading or speculative purposes.

Our forward contracts, which we have entered into to date, have not been designated as hedges and typically have maturities of less than 90 days. Derivative financial instruments are carried at fair value on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets. Any gain or loss resulting from the change in fair value of the foreign currency forward contracts was recognized in our unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations in interest income and other, net, and was a net loss of \$3 million for both the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively and was not material for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively.

The Company had four outstanding derivative contracts as of June 30, 2018 and no outstanding derivative contracts as of December 31, 2017.

The following table shows the fair value and classification on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet, as well as the notional principal amounts of our outstanding or unsettled derivative instruments that are not designated as hedging instruments as of June 30, 2018:

| Balance Sheet Caption | June 30, 2018 | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Fair Value of Derivative (2) | Notional amount |
| | Assets | Liability |
| | (in millions) | |
| Foreign currency-forward contracts (1) Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | \$- | \$ 1 \$ 26 |

(1) Derivative contracts address the effects of foreign currency exchange fluctuations for the Euro versus the U.S. dollar.

(2) We measure the fair value of our outstanding or unsettled derivatives using Level 2 fair value inputs, as we use a pricing model that takes into account the contract terms as well as current foreign currency exchange rates in active markets.

Counterparties to foreign currency exchange derivatives consist of major international financial institutions. We monitor our positions and the credit ratings of the counterparties involved and, by policy limits, the amount of credit exposure to any one party. While we may be exposed to potential losses due to the credit risk of non-performance by these counterparties, losses are not anticipated and any credit risk amounts associated with our outstanding or unsettled derivative instruments are deemed to be not material for any period presented.

Other Financial Instruments

Other financial instruments not measured at fair value on a recurring basis include accounts receivable and contract assets, accounts payable, deferred merchant payables, short-term debt, accrued expenses and other current liabilities and long-term debt. The carrying amount of these financial instruments, with the exception of long-term debt, approximate their fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments as reported on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017. The carrying value of the long-term debt from our 2015 Credit Facility bears interest at a variable rate and therefore is also considered to approximate its fair value.

In addition, we also hold investments in equity securities of privately-held companies that do not have a readily determinable fair value. As of both June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the total carrying value of our equity investments in these privately-held companies were \$12 million and are included in other long-term assets on our unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet. Our policy is to measure these investments at cost less impairment, if any, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or a similar investment of the same issuer. On a quarterly basis, we perform a qualitative assessment considering impairment indicators to evaluate whether these investments are impaired and also monitor for any observable price changes. During the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, we did not have any impairment loss on these equity investments.

The Company did not have assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using the Level 3 unobservable inputs at both June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

NOTE 7: DEBT

2015 Credit Facility

We are party to a five year credit agreement with a group of lenders which, among other things, provides for a \$1.2 billion unsecured revolving credit facility (the “2015 Credit Facility”) with a maturity date of May 12, 2022. Borrowings under the 2015 Credit Facility generally bear interest, at the Company’s option, at a rate per annum equal to either (i) the Eurocurrency Borrowing rate, or the adjusted LIBO rate for the interest period in effect for such borrowing; plus an applicable margin ranging from 1.25% to 2.00% (“Eurocurrency Spread”), based on the Company’s leverage ratio; or (ii) the Alternate Base Rate (“ABR”) Borrowing, which is the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the New York Fed Bank Rate in effect on such day plus 1/2 of 1.00% per annum and (c) the Adjusted LIBO Rate (or LIBO rate multiplied by the Statutory Reserve Rate) for an interest period of one month plus 1.00%; in addition to an applicable margin ranging from 0.25% to 1.00% (“ABR Spread”), based on the Company’s leverage ratio. The Company may borrow from the 2015 Credit Facility in U.S. dollars, Euros and British pound sterling.

During the six months ended June 30, 2018, the Company borrowed an additional \$5 million and repaid \$235 million of our outstanding borrowings on the 2015 Credit Facility. These net repayments were primarily made from a one-time cash repatriation of

\$325 million of foreign earnings to the United States during the first quarter of 2018. As of June 30, 2018, there were no outstanding borrowings under the 2015 Credit Facility. We are required to pay a quarterly commitment fee, at an applicable rate ranging from 0.15% to 0.30%, on the daily unused portion of the revolving credit facility for each fiscal quarter and additional fees in connection with the issuance of letters of credit. As of June 30, 2018, our unused revolver capacity was subject to a commitment fee of 0.15%, given the Company's leverage ratio. The 2015 Credit Facility includes \$15 million of borrowing capacity available for letters of credit and \$40 million for Swing Line borrowings on same-day notice. As of June 30, 2018, we had issued \$3 million of outstanding letters of credit under the 2015 Credit Facility. We recorded total interest expense and commitment fees on our 2015 Credit Facility of \$1 million and \$2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively and \$2 million and \$3 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, to interest expense on our unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations. All unpaid interest and commitment fee amounts as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, were not material.

There is no specific repayment date prior to the maturity date for borrowings under this credit agreement. We may voluntarily repay any outstanding borrowing under the 2015 Credit Facility at any time without premium or penalty, other than customary breakage costs with respect to Eurocurrency loans. Additionally, the Company believes that the likelihood of the lender exercising any subjective acceleration rights, which would permit the lenders to accelerate repayment of any outstanding borrowings, is remote. As such, we classify any borrowings under this facility as long-term debt. The 2015 Credit Facility contains a number of covenants that, among other things, restrict our ability to: incur additional indebtedness, create liens, enter into sale and leaseback transactions, engage in mergers or consolidations, sell or transfer assets, pay dividends and distributions, make investments, loans or advances, prepay certain subordinated indebtedness, make certain acquisitions, engage in certain transactions with affiliates, amend material agreements governing certain subordinated indebtedness, and change our fiscal year. The 2015 Credit Facility also requires us to maintain a maximum leverage ratio and contains certain customary affirmative covenants and events of default, including a change of control. If an event of default occurs, the lenders under the 2015 Credit Facility will be entitled to take various actions, including the acceleration of all amounts due under the 2015 Credit Facility. As of June 30, 2018, we were in compliance with all of our debt covenants.

2016 Credit Facility

We were party to an uncommitted facility agreement which provided for a \$73 million unsecured revolving credit facility (the "2016 Credit Facility") with no specific expiration date. We initially borrowed \$73 million from this uncommitted credit facility in 2016 and repaid the full amount during the three months ended March 31, 2017. As of December 31, 2017, there were no outstanding borrowings under the 2016 Credit Facility. In June 2018, the Company terminated the 2016 Credit Facility. We had no outstanding borrowings under the 2016 Credit Facility at the time of termination.

Chinese Credit Facilities

As of June 30, 2018, in addition to our 2015 Credit Facility, we maintain two credit facilities in China (jointly, the "Chinese Credit Facilities").

We are party to a \$30 million, one-year revolving credit facility with Bank of America (the "Chinese Credit Facility—BOA") that is currently subject to review on a periodic basis with no specific expiration period. Borrowings under our Chinese Credit Facility – BOA generally bear interest at a rate based on People's Bank of China benchmark, including certain adjustments which may be made in accordance with market conditions at the time of borrowing. As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were no outstanding borrowings under our Chinese Credit Facility—BOA.

We are also party to a RMB 70,000,000 (approximately \$11 million) one-year revolving credit facility with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank (“Chinese Credit Facility-JPM”). Our Chinese Credit Facility—JPM generally bears interest at a rate based on People’s Bank of China benchmark, including certain adjustments which may be made in accordance with market conditions at the time of borrowing. As of December 31, 2017, we had \$7 million of outstanding borrowings from the Chinese Credit Facility – JPM at a weighted average rate of 5.00%. During the six months ended June 30, 2018, we borrowed an additional \$2 million and repaid in full the outstanding borrowings under our Chinese Credit Facility-JPM of \$10 million. As of June 30, 2018, there were no outstanding borrowings under our Chinese Credit Facility—JPM.

NOTE 8: INCOME TAXES

Each interim period is considered an integral part of the annual period and, accordingly, we measure our income tax expense using an estimated annual effective tax rate. An enterprise is required, at the end of each interim reporting period, to make its best estimate of the annual effective tax rate for the full fiscal year and use that rate to provide for income taxes on a current year-to-date basis, as adjusted for discrete taxable events that occur during the interim period.

Our effective tax rate for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 was 23.8% and 42.9%, respectively. Our effective tax rate for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 was 38.6% and 42.0%, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, the effective tax rate was greater than the federal statutory rate primarily due to foreign valuation allowances and the income tax effects of the accounting for share-based compensation. The change in the effective tax rate for the three months ended June 30, 2018 when compared to the same periods in 2017 was primarily due to the rate reduction from the enactment of the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (“2017 Tax Act”), as discussed below. The change in the effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2018 when compared to the same periods in 2017 was due to a change in jurisdictional earnings, partially offset by the impact of the 2017 Tax Act.

The 2017 Tax Act introduced significant changes to U.S. income tax law. Changes include, but are not limited to, a corporate tax rate decrease from 35% to 21% effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, the transition of U.S. international taxation from a worldwide tax system to a territorial system, and a one-time tax on the mandatory deemed repatriation of cumulative foreign earnings (the “Transition Tax”) as of December 31, 2017.

On December 22, 2017, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118, or SAB 118, which allows us to record provisional amounts during a measurement period not to extend beyond one year of the enactment date. The measurement period is deemed to have ended earlier when the registrant has obtained, prepared, and analyzed the information necessary to finalize its accounting. During the measurement period, impacts of the law are expected to be recorded at the time a reasonable estimate for all or a portion of the effects can be made, and provisional amounts can be recognized and adjusted as information becomes available, prepared, or analyzed.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, we recorded a \$5 million income tax benefit and a \$0 net income tax expense, respectively, related to the Transition Tax, which reflects additional information that we obtained during the first half of 2018 related to uncertain tax positions, earnings and profits, foreign tax credits, and state taxes. Additional work is still necessary for a more detailed analysis of our historical foreign earnings. Any subsequent adjustment to these amounts will be recorded to current tax expense in the quarter of 2018 when the analysis is complete.

We are subject to additional requirements of the 2017 Tax Act during the year ended December 31, 2018. Those provisions include a tax on global intangible low-taxed income (“GILTI”), a limitation of certain executive compensation, and a deduction for foreign derived intangible income (“FDII”). We have elected to account for GILTI as a period cost, and therefore included GILTI expense in the effective tax rate calculation. Our 2018 effective tax rate includes our estimates of these new provisions, with a net tax benefit of \$2 million and \$3 million recorded during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively. Our estimates may be revised in future periods as we obtain additional data, and as the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) issues new guidance implementing the law changes.

Our policy is to recognize accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits and income tax liabilities as part of our income tax expense. As of June 30, 2018, accrued interest was \$12 million, net of federal and state benefit, and no penalties have been accrued.

By virtue of consolidated income tax returns previously filed with Expedia, we are currently under an IRS audit for the 2009, 2010 and short-period 2011 tax years, and have various ongoing audits for state income tax returns. We are separately under examination by the IRS for the short-period 2011, 2012 and 2013 tax years and under an employment tax audit by the IRS for the 2013 and 2014 tax years. These audits include questions about the timing and the amount

of income and deductions and the allocation of income among various tax jurisdictions. These examinations may lead to proposed or ordinary course adjustments to our taxes. We are no longer subject to tax examinations by tax authorities for years prior to 2009. As of June 30, 2018, no material assessments have resulted, except as noted below regarding our 2009 and 2010 IRS audit with Expedia.

In January 2017, as part of the IRS audit of Expedia, we received Notices of Proposed Adjustment from the IRS for the 2009 and 2010 tax years. These proposed adjustments are related to certain transfer pricing arrangements with our foreign subsidiaries, and would result in an increase to our worldwide income tax expense in an estimated range of \$10 million to \$14 million after consideration of competent authority relief, exclusive of interest and penalties. We disagree with the proposed adjustments and we intend to defend our position through applicable administrative and, if necessary, judicial remedies. Our policy is to review and update tax reserves as facts and circumstances change. Based on our interpretation of the regulations and available case law, we believe the position we have taken with regard to transfer pricing with our foreign subsidiaries is sustainable. In addition to the risk of additional tax for 2009 and 2010 transactions, if the IRS were to seek transfer pricing adjustments of a similar nature for transactions in subsequent years, we would be subject to significant additional tax liabilities.

In July 2015, the United States Tax Court (the “Court”) issued an opinion favorable to Altera Corporation (“Altera”) with respect to Altera’s litigation with the IRS. This opinion was submitted as a final decision under Tax Court Rule 155 during December 2015. The litigation relates to the treatment of stock-based compensation expense in an inter-company cost-sharing arrangement with

Altera's foreign subsidiary. In its opinion, the Court accepted Altera's position of excluding stock-based compensation from its inter-company cost-sharing arrangement. The IRS appealed the Court decision on February 19, 2016. At this time, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has not withdrawn the requirement from its regulations to include stock-based compensation in intercompany cost-sharing arrangements. The Company recorded an income tax benefit of \$1 million during both the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, and an income tax benefit of \$1 million and \$3 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, in its unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations. Since the Court's 2015 opinion the Company has taken total income tax benefits of \$14 million to date as of June 30, 2018. On July 24, 2018, subsequent to the quarter ended June 30, 2018, the IRS won the appeals court case at the Ninth Circuit. While we have taken an income tax benefit based on the Court's 2015 opinion, as discussed above, we will review the latest decision on the case and its impact to our consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 9: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

There have been no material changes to our commitments and contingencies since December 31, 2017. Refer to "Note 13: Commitments and Contingencies," in the notes to our consolidated financial statements in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Legal Proceedings

In the ordinary course of business, we are parties to regulatory and legal matters arising out of our operations. These matters may involve claims involving patent and intellectual property rights (including alleged infringement of third-party intellectual property rights), tax matters (including value-added, excise, transient occupancy and accommodation taxes), regulatory compliance (including competition and consumer matters), defamation and other claims. Periodically, we review the status of all significant outstanding matters to assess any potential financial exposure. When (i) it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred; and (ii) the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated, we record the estimated loss in our consolidated statements of operations. We provide disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements for loss contingencies that do not meet both of these conditions if there is a reasonable probability that a loss may have been incurred and whether such loss is reasonably estimable. We base accruals on the best information available at the time which can be highly subjective. Although occasional adverse decisions or settlements may occur, we do not believe that the final disposition of any of these matters will have a material adverse effect on our business. However, the final outcome of these matters could vary significantly from our estimates. Finally, there may be claims or actions pending or threatened against us of which we are currently not aware and the ultimate disposition of which could have a material adverse effect on us.

Income Taxes

We are under audit by the IRS and various other domestic and foreign tax authorities with regards to income tax matters. We have reserved for potential adjustments to our provision for income taxes that may result from examinations by, or any negotiated agreements with, these tax authorities. Although we believe our tax estimates are reasonable, the final determination of audits could be materially different from our historical income tax provisions and accruals. The results of an audit could have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in the period for which that determination is made.

We continue to accumulate cash flows, in foreign jurisdictions which we consider indefinitely reinvested, although we will continue to evaluate the impact of the 2017 Tax Act on our capital deployment within and outside the U.S. Any repatriation of funds currently held in foreign jurisdictions may result in withholding taxes and state taxes. Refer to "Note 8: Income Taxes" for further information on potential contingencies surrounding income taxes.

NOTE 10: STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

On January 31, 2018, our Board of Directors authorized up to \$250 million of share repurchases. Our Board of Directors authorized and directed management, working with the Executive Committee of our Board of Directors, to affect the share repurchase program in compliance with applicable legal requirements. This repurchase program has no expiration date but may be suspended or terminated by the Board of Directors at any time.

During the six months ended June 30, 2018, we repurchased 2,582,198 shares of outstanding common stock under the share repurchase program at an aggregate cost of \$100 million, or an average share price of \$38.73. As of June 30, 2018, we had a remaining balance of \$150 million available to repurchase shares of our common stock under the share repurchase program.

NOTE 11: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

We consider Liberty TripAdvisor Holdings, Inc. ("LTRIP") a related party. As of June 30, 2018, LTRIP beneficially owned approximately 18.2 million shares of our common stock and 12.8 million shares of our Class B common stock, which shares constitute

14.6% of the outstanding shares of common stock and 100% of the outstanding shares of Class B common stock. Assuming the conversion of all of LTRIP's shares of Class B common stock into common stock, LTRIP would beneficially own 22.5% of the outstanding common stock. Because each share of Class B common stock generally is entitled to ten votes per share and each share of common stock is entitled to one vote per share, LTRIP may be deemed to beneficially own equity securities representing 57.8% of our voting power.

We had no related party transactions with LTRIP during both the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

NOTE 12: SEGMENT INFORMATION

Our reporting structure includes two reportable segments: Hotel and Non-Hotel. Our Non-Hotel segment consists of the aggregation of three operating segments: Experiences, Restaurants and Rentals. The nature of the services provided are summarized in "Note 3: Revenue Recognition".

Our operating segments are determined based on how our chief operating decision maker manages our business, regularly assesses information and evaluates performance for operating decision-making purposes, including allocation of resources. The chief operating decision maker for the Company is our CEO.

Adjusted EBITDA is our segment profit measure and a key measure used by our management and board of directors to understand and evaluate the operating performance of our business and on which internal budgets and forecasts are based and approved. In particular, the exclusion of certain expenses in calculating Adjusted EBITDA can provide a useful measure for period-to-period comparisons of our core business. Accordingly, we believe that Adjusted EBITDA provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our management and board of directors. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) plus: (1) provision for income taxes; (2) other income (expense), net; (3) depreciation of property and equipment, including amortization of internal use software and website development; (4) amortization of intangible assets; (5) stock-based compensation and other stock-settled obligations; (6) goodwill, long-lived asset and intangible asset impairments; and (7) non-recurring expenses and income.

The following tables present our segment information for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 and include a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Net Income. We record depreciation of property and equipment, including amortization of internal-use software and website development, amortization of intangible assets, stock-based compensation and other stock-settled obligations, other income (expense), net, other non-recurring expenses and income, net, and income taxes, which are excluded from segment operating performance, in corporate and unallocated. In addition, we do not report our assets, capital expenditures and related depreciation expense by segment as our chief operating decision maker does not use this information to evaluate operating segments. Accordingly, we do not regularly provide such information by segment to our chief operating decision maker. Intersegment revenue is not material and, in addition, already eliminated in the information by segment provided to our chief operating decision maker. Our consolidated general and administrative expenses, excluding stock-based compensation costs, are shared by all operating segments. Each operating segment receives an allocated charge based on the segment's percentage of the Company's total personnel costs.

| Three months ended June 30, 2018 | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| Corporate and | | | |
| Hotel | Non-Hotel | Unallocated | Total |
| (in millions) | | | |

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| | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Revenue | \$313 | \$ 120 | \$ - | \$433 |
| Adjusted EBITDA (1) | 89 | 20 | - | 109 |
| Depreciation | | | (21) | (21) |
| Amortization of intangible assets | | | (8) | (8) |
| Stock-based compensation | | | (31) | (31) |
| Operating income (loss) | | | | 49 |
| Other expense, net | | | | (7) |
| Income before income taxes | | | | 42 |
| Provision for income taxes | | | | (10) |
| Net income | | | | \$32 |

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| | Three months ended June 30, 2017 | | | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Hotel | Non-Hotel | Corporate and Unallocated | |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Revenue | \$326 | \$ 98 | \$ - | \$424 |
| Adjusted EBITDA (2) | 84 | 17 | - | 101 |
| Depreciation | | | (19) | (19) |
| Amortization of intangible assets | | | (8) | (8) |
| Stock-based compensation | | | (28) | (28) |
| Operating income (loss) | | | | 46 |
| Other expense, net | | | | (2) |
| Income before income taxes | | | | 44 |
| Provision for income taxes | | | | (17) |
| Net income | | | | \$27 |

| | Six months ended June 30, 2018 | | | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Hotel | Non-Hotel | Corporate and Unallocated | |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Revenue | \$612 | \$ 199 | \$ - | \$811 |
| Adjusted EBITDA (1) | 177 | 12 | - | 189 |
| Depreciation | | | (41) | (41) |
| Amortization of intangible assets | | | (16) | (16) |
| Stock-based compensation | | | (61) | (61) |
| Operating income (loss) | | | | 71 |
| Other expense, net | | | | (8) |
| Income before income taxes | | | | 63 |
| Provision for income taxes | | | | (27) |
| Net income | | | | \$36 |

| | Six months ended June 30, 2017 | | | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Hotel | Non-Hotel | Corporate and Unallocated | |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Revenue | \$640 | \$ 156 | \$ - | \$796 |
| Adjusted EBITDA (2) | 172 | 2 | - | 174 |
| Depreciation | | | (38) | (38) |
| Amortization of intangible assets | | | (16) | (16) |
| Stock-based compensation | | | (47) | (47) |
| Operating income (loss) | | | | 73 |
| Other expense, net | | | | (4) |
| Income before income taxes | | | | 69 |
| Provision for income taxes | | | | (29) |
| Net income | | | | \$40 |

(1) Includes allocated general and administrative expenses in our Hotel segment of \$20 million and \$40 million; and in our Non-Hotel segment of \$13 million and \$24 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively.

(2) Includes allocated general and administrative expenses in our Hotel segment of \$20 million and \$38 million; and in our Non-Hotel segment of \$10 million and \$19 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The information included in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes, as well as Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements reflect the views of our management regarding current expectations and projections about future events and are based on currently available information. Actual results could differ materially from those contained in these forward-looking statements for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to, those discussed in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 including, but not limited to, those discussed in Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors." Other unknown or unpredictable factors also could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The use of words such as "anticipates," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "plans" and "believes," among others, generally identify forward-looking statements; however, these words are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. In addition, any statements that refer to expectations, projections or other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are inherently subject to uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. We are not under any obligation to, and do not intend to, publicly update or review any of these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, even if experience or future events make it clear that any expected results expressed or implied by those forward-looking statements will not be realized. Please carefully review and consider the various disclosures made in this report and in our other reports filed with the SEC that attempt to advise interested parties of the risks and factors that may affect our business, prospects and results of operations.

Overview

TripAdvisor is an online travel company and our mission is to help people around the world to plan, book and experience the perfect trip. We seek to achieve our mission by providing users and travel partners a global platform about destinations, accommodations, travel activities and experiences, and restaurants that includes rich user-generated content, price comparison tools and online reservation and related services.

TripAdvisor, Inc., by and through its subsidiaries, owns and operates a portfolio of leading online travel brands. Our flagship brand, TripAdvisor, is the world's largest travel site based on monthly unique visitors, which reached 456 million during the quarter ended June 30, 2018, according to our internal log files. Our TripAdvisor-branded websites include tripadvisor.com in the United States and localized versions of the TripAdvisor website in 48 markets and 28 languages worldwide. TripAdvisor features approximately 661 million reviews and opinions on approximately 7.7 million places to stay, places to eat and things to do – including approximately 1.2 million hotels, inns, B&Bs and specialty lodging, 855,000 rental properties, 4.7 million restaurants and 975,000 travel activities and experiences worldwide. We also enable users to compare prices and/or book a number of these travel experiences on either a TripAdvisor site or mobile app, or on the site or app of one of our travel partners.

In addition to the flagship TripAdvisor brand, we manage and operate the following more than 20 other travel media brands, connected by the common goal of providing users the most comprehensive travel-planning and trip-taking resources in the travel industry: www.airfarewatchdog.com, www.bokun.io, www.bookingbuddy.com,

www.citymaps.com, www.cruise critic.com, www.familyvacationcritic.com, www.flipkey.com, www.thefork.com (including www.lafourchette.com, www.eltenedor.com, www.iens.nl, and www.dimmi.com.au), www.gateguru.com, www.holidaylettings.co.uk, www.holidaywatchdog.com, www.housetrip.com, www.jetsetter.com, www.niumba.com, www.onetime.com, www.oyster.com, www.seatguru.com, www.smartertravel.com, www.tingo.com, www.vacationhomerentals.com, and www.viator.com.

Our reporting structure includes two reportable segments: Hotel and Non-Hotel. Our Non-Hotel reportable segment consists of our Experiences, Restaurants and Rentals offerings. During the first quarter of 2018, we renamed Attractions as “Experiences” and Vacation Rentals as “Rentals.” These changes had no impact on the composition of our segments or on any financial information. Financial information and additional descriptive information related to our segments is contained in “Note 12: Segment Information” and “Note 3: Revenue Recognition,” in the notes to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Executive Financial Summary and Trends

As the world’s largest online travel platform, as measured by unique monthly visitors, TripAdvisor represents an attractive platform for travel advertisers—including hotel chains, independent hoteliers, online travel agencies or OTAs, destination marketing organizations, and other travel-related and non-travel related product and service providers—who seek to market and sell their

products and services to our large user base. Our product offerings and platform enable users to find, research and price shop for hotels, flights, cruises, rental properties, tours, travel activities and experiences, and restaurants, and book these travel events either directly on our websites or mobile apps, or on our travel partners' websites or mobile apps. The key drivers of our financial results are described below, including a summary of our long-term growth strategy, current trends affecting our business, and our segment information.

Our Long-Term Growth Strategy

Our mission is to help people around the world plan, book and experience the perfect trip. We seek to deliver this by: leveraging our user-generated content and global brand to attract users to our websites and applications; providing users with the best user experience throughout all phases of the travel journey; deepening our partnerships with travel partners by providing them with a global platform of advertising opportunities to generate qualified leads and bookings; and investing in technology, product development, marketing, and other strategic areas that we believe can improve our long-term business prospects.

◆ Drive user engagement with our platform. Since our founding, the TripAdvisor brand has become a globally-recognized travel brand, one that is synonymous with travel reviews and travel research. We believe that our user-generated content and our brand have enabled us to build a large, highly engaged and loyal community of travelers who view TripAdvisor as a valuable resource to help them discover, plan, and book their travel experiences, and for millions of users, TripAdvisor gives them an interactive platform to share their travel experiences. We seek to amplify our global brand and raise user awareness about, and engagement with, our end-to-end product offerings, such as the ability to price shop and book, as we aim to attract users to our websites and applications through various channels, including domain direct and various online and offline marketing channels, including search engines through search engine optimization, or SEO, and search engine marketing, or SEM, and recently, through television brand advertising.

◆ Deliver the best user experience possible on our platform. We believe that giving users more value throughout their TripAdvisor experience is key to our future success. To accomplish this, we have made and will continue to make product improvements in order to provide a more enjoyable and engaging end-to-end user experience throughout all phases of the travel journey – from inspiration and discovery, to researching, price shopping and booking, to in-destination activities and places to eat and finally to sharing the details of these travel experiences on TripAdvisor. These enhancements include growing the number of hotels, inns, B&Bs and specialty lodging, rental properties, restaurants, travel activities and experiences listed on our platform to approximately 7.7 million worldwide as of June 30, 2018. In addition to listings and content, we have provided users more options to price compare and book their travel experiences. During 2017, we launched a more engaging hotel shopping experience that focused on helping hotel shoppers find the best prices on a redesigned TripAdvisor website and mobile application. In order to better serve travelers' needs when they are in-destination, we have continued to rapidly expand our bookable supply in Experiences and Restaurants. We believe that our continued focus on delivering an increasingly more robust user experience will ultimately result in more repeat usage on our platform, more value for our partners, and greater monetization for our business. We seek to quickly deliver product enhancements to our users and identify what users need to conduct their travel research and bookings.

◆ Deepen relationships with our travel partners. We are a global platform consisting of listing and advertising opportunities that help generate impressions, brand awareness, qualified leads and bookings for travel partners. As of June 30, 2018, TripAdvisor had approximately 1.2 million hotels, inns, B&Bs and specialty lodging, 855,000 rental properties, 4.7 million restaurants, and 975,000 travel activities and experiences worldwide. We believe that continuing to grow the number of listings and bookable supply, especially in our in-destination Experiences and Restaurants offerings, will enable TripAdvisor to not only delight users in more moments during more trips, but also help partners drive transactions for their business. We are also increasingly providing business-to-business services

that are designed to help our partners grow their business. For example, TripAdvisor's Business Advantage and Premium for Restaurants offer hoteliers and restaurateurs, respectively, affordable marketing analytics tools to help them attract customers and more effectively manage their business pages on TripAdvisor.

Invest in technology, product, marketing and other strategic areas. Continuous product testing and speed to market are two of our most important priorities, as they enable us to create a richer user experience. We operate on a regular product release cycle, where releases contain new product features for our websites and mobile applications. For example, innovating and improving our mobile phone offerings are key priorities since mobile phone adoption continues to scale and consumers increasingly conduct more internet searches and commerce on these devices than on desktop or tablet devices. During the quarter ended June 30, 2018, more than half of our average monthly unique visitors came from mobile phones, according to our internal log files. We anticipate that the growth rate in mobile phone monthly unique visitors will continue to exceed the growth rate of our overall monthly unique visitors, resulting in an increased proportion of users continuing to use their mobile phones to access the full range of services available on our websites and applications. We are investing significant resources to improve the features, functionality, engagement, and commercialization of our travel products on our mobile websites and applications.

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Current Trends in Our Business

The online travel industry in which we operate, is large and growing, and also remains highly dynamic and competitive.

Hotel Segment

We have made – and will continue to make – product enhancements in order to provide users with a comprehensive hotel shopping experience by increasing content on destinations and on properties and room types, optimizing the price discovery and room selection process and helping users find and book the best room prices through our hotelier and OTA partners. On the supply side, we continue to focus on adding partners to our platform who possess unique consumer brands, unique accommodations supply and/or competitive room prices. We continue to believe in providing consumers with a robust selection of accommodations in order to drive higher repeat usage, conversion of hotel shoppers to bookers and higher cost-per-click rates on our platform.

We continue to compete with other travel companies and search engines who also seek to attract hotel shoppers to their websites and apps. In any given period, we aim to maximize the number of hotel shoppers, which we define as the users who view either a listing of hotels in a city or on a specific hotel page on our platform, as long as the expected return on these investments meet – or exceed – our desired marketing efficiency targets. In recent quarters, we have leveraged improved tracking capabilities to focus our online traffic acquisition efforts on maximizing the ultimate booking value these leads generate for our hotelier and OTA partners, and we believe we have increased the quality of our hotel shoppers on our platform. This has been one of the important steps we have taken to optimize our paid marketing investments.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2018, we continued to make product improvements as well as invest in a number of marketing channels, both paid and unpaid, in order to increase user awareness of – and long-term engagement with – TripAdvisor's price shopping tools. Operating our online performance marketing campaigns to maximize the value of leads we deliver to our partners has enabled us to reduce our direct selling and marketing investments on our least-profitable paid online marketing campaigns. At the same time, we have made investments in offline marketing channels, such as our TripAdvisor-branded television advertising campaign launched in June 2017. In recent quarters, this has generated improved year-over-year profitability in our Hotel segment while also coming with expected trade-offs, or declines, to monthly unique hotel shopper growth and TripAdvisor-branded click-based and transaction revenue growth. We believe the ongoing progress of our product and marketing initiatives will enable TripAdvisor to establish a more durable, long-lasting direct relationship with users, which, in turn, will enhance the long-term growth profile of our business.

We also aim to maximize the click-based revenue per hotel shopper on our platform, though in recent periods, revenue per hotel shopper has declined year-over-year primarily due to lower partner CPCs in our metasearch auction in the second half of 2017. While this has significantly impacted revenue per hotel shopper performance during the first half of 2018, we have also seen metasearch auction stability during the same time period. Other contributing factors to revenue per hotel shopper declines include our aforementioned reduced investment on least-profitable traffic on paid online marketing channels as well as continued strong hotel shopper growth on mobile phones. Mobile phones has a significantly lower revenue per hotel shopper than hotel shoppers on desktop and tablet, therefore the continued hotel shopper growth on mobile phones has slowed our TripAdvisor-branded click-based and transaction revenue growth and revenue per hotel shopper growth.

User growth and engagement on mobile phones continues to drive overall average monthly unique visitor growth on our platform. We continue to prioritize delivering users a cleaner user experience over maximizing the number of advertising impressions we can sell in a given period and, while this may limit our ability to grow

TripAdvisor-branded display-based advertising revenue, we continue working on a number of product enhancements and media ad products that we believe can deliver increased value to users and partners.

Non-Hotel Segment

We are a global travel platform with a wide spectrum of travel products that help users find and book great travel experiences. We are creating a comprehensive, end-to-end user experience through our Non-Hotel offerings – Experiences, Restaurants and Rentals. Over the past few years, we have seen continued user demand growth for Experiences and Restaurants offerings. Monthly unique users to these pages on our websites and applications in this segment continued to grow during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, particularly on mobile phones, which helped drive bookings growth in Experiences and Restaurants. Our key ongoing strategic objectives for this segment are to deliver product enhancements, grow users and demand, to grow bookable supply in our marketplaces and to help drive bookings and marketing opportunities for more partners on our platform. During the year, we have continued to enhance our product and supply initiatives. For example, we have enhanced the overall user experience on all devices in our Experiences offering, including the development of a more contextual user experience by delivering recommendations tailored to a visitor and a more efficient shopping and checkout experience. We have also continued to increasingly leverage strong user growth on the TripAdvisor-branded platform to drive increased bookings in Experiences, while on the supply side, we have continued to grow bookable Experiences products, as well as the number of bookable Restaurants listings. Our Rentals offering continues to move from a subscription model to a free-to-list model, and we continue to focus on delivering users a larger selection of high-quality alternative accommodation listings in order to deliver a better user experience through more selection, which in turn helps support higher conversion on our platform.

Continued successful execution of our key strategic objectives and also increased operating efficiencies primarily contributed to this segment's revenue growth and improved profitability during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, as compared to the same periods in 2017. We remain focused on our ongoing strategic objectives of driving user demand growth and increased engagement with these offerings, delivering product enhancements, and growing bookable supply as we aim to drive bookings, revenue growth and market share gains in this segment.

Segments

Refer to "Note 12: Segment Information" and "Note 3: Revenue Recognition" in the notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for financial information and additional descriptive information related to our segments.

Employees

As of June 30, 2018, we had 3,250 employees. Of these employees, approximately 50% were based in the United States. We believe we have good relationships with our employees, including relationships with employees represented by international works councils or other similar organizations.

Seasonality

Traveler expenditures in the global travel market tend to follow a seasonal pattern. As such, expenditures by travel partners/advertisers to market to potential travelers and, therefore, our financial performance, or revenue and profits, tend to be seasonal as well. Our financial performance tends to be seasonally highest in the second and third quarters of a year, as it is a key period for leisure travel research and trip-taking, which includes the seasonal peak in traveler hotel and rental stays, and tours and experiences taken, compared to the first and fourth quarters which represent seasonal low points. Further significant shifts in our business mix or adverse economic conditions could result in future seasonal patterns that are different from historical trends.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Critical accounting policies and estimates are those that we believe are important in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements because they require that management use judgment and estimates in applying those policies. We prepare our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes in accordance with GAAP. Preparation of the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes requires that management make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements as well as revenue and expenses during the periods reported. Management bases its estimates on historical experience, when applicable and other assumptions that it believes are reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

There are certain critical estimates that we believe require significant judgment in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. We consider an accounting estimate to be critical if:

It requires us to make an assumption because information was not available at the time or it included matters that were highly uncertain at the time we were making the estimate; and

- Changes in the estimate or different estimates that we could have selected may have had a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

There have been no material changes to our critical accounting policies and estimates as compared to the critical accounting policies and estimates described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

Significant Accounting Policies and New Accounting Pronouncements

Refer to “Note 2: Significant Accounting Policies” in the notes to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for an overview of new accounting pronouncements that we have adopted or that we plan to adopt that have had or may have an impact on our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Notably, in the first quarter of 2018, we adopted new revenue guidance, or ASC 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The core principle of the new standard is that a company should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or

services. This guidance also requires additional disclosures about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments and assets recognized from costs incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. Results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2018 are presented under the new revenue guidance, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with our previous accounting policies under the historical revenue guidance, or ASC 605, Revenue Recognition. Refer to “Note 2: Significant Accounting Policies” and “Note 3: Revenue Recognition” in the notes to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further discussion about our new revenue recognition policy and its impact to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements under this new revenue guidance.

There have been no other significant changes to our significant accounting policies and estimates, other than revenue recognition, as discussed above, as compared to the significant accounting policies and estimates described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. For additional information about our accounting policies and estimates, refer to “Note 2: Significant Accounting Policies” in the notes to our consolidated financial statements in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Statement of Operations

Selected Financial Data

(in millions, except percentages)

| | Three months ended | | % | Change 2018 vs. 2017 | Six months ended | | % | Change 2018 vs. 2017 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|--------|----------------------|
| | June 30, 2018 | June 30, 2017 | | | June 30, 2018 | June 30, 2017 | | |
| Revenue | \$433 | \$424 | 2 | % | \$811 | \$796 | 2 | % |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | | | | |
| Cost of revenue | 24 | 20 | 20 | % | 44 | 37 | 19 | % |
| Selling and marketing | 217 | 229 | (5) |)% | 416 | 436 | (5) |)% |
| Technology and content | 68 | 64 | 6 | % | 135 | 123 | 10 | % |
| General and administrative | 46 | 38 | 21 | % | 88 | 73 | 21 | % |
| Depreciation | 21 | 19 | 11 | % | 41 | 38 | 8 | % |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 8 | 8 | 0 | % | 16 | 16 | 0 | % |
| Total costs and expenses: | 384 | 378 | 2 | % | 740 | 723 | 2 | % |
| Operating income | 49 | 46 | 7 | % | 71 | 73 | (3) |)% |
| Other income (expense): | | | | | | | | |
| Interest expense | (3) | (4) | (25) |)% | (6) | (7) | (14) |)% |
| Interest income and other, net | (4) | 2 | (300) |)% | (2) | 3 | (167) |)% |
| Total other income (expense), net | (7) | (2) | 250 | % | (8) | (4) | 100 | % |
| Income before income taxes | 42 | 44 | (5) |)% | 63 | 69 | (9) |)% |
| Provision for income taxes | (10) | (17) | (41) |)% | (27) | (29) | (7) |)% |

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|------------|------|------|----|---|------|------|-----|----|
| Net income | \$32 | \$27 | 19 | % | \$36 | \$40 | (10 |)% |
|------------|------|------|----|---|------|------|-----|----|

Other Financial Data:

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|---|---|-------|-------|---|---|
| Adjusted EBITDA (1) | \$109 | \$101 | 8 | % | \$189 | \$174 | 9 | % |
|---------------------|-------|-------|---|---|-------|-------|---|---|

(1) See “Adjusted EBITDA” discussion below for more information and for a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income for the periods presented.

Revenue and Segment Information

| | Three months ended | | | Six months ended | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------|-------|------------------------|--|
| | June 30, 2018 | 2017 | % Change 2018 vs. 2017 | June 30, 2018 | 2017 | % Change 2018 vs. 2017 | |
| Revenue by Segment: | (in millions) | | | (in millions) | | | |
| Hotel | \$313 | \$326 | (4)% | \$612 | \$640 | (4)% | |
| Non-Hotel | 120 | 98 | 22% | 199 | 156 | 28% | |
| Total revenue | \$433 | \$424 | 2% | \$811 | \$796 | 2% | |
| Adjusted EBITDA by Segment (1): | | | | | | | |
| Hotel | \$89 | \$84 | 6% | \$177 | \$172 | 3% | |
| Non-Hotel | 20 | 17 | 18% | 12 | 2 | 500% | |
| Total Adjusted EBITDA | \$109 | \$101 | 8% | \$189 | \$174 | 9% | |
| Adjusted EBITDA Margin by Segment (2): | | | | | | | |
| Hotel | 28% | 26% | | 29% | 27% | | |
| Non-Hotel | 17% | 17% | | 6% | 1% | | |

(1) Included in Adjusted EBITDA is a general and administrative expense allocation for each segment, which is based on the segment's percentage of our total personnel costs, excluding stock-based compensation. Refer to "Note 12: Segment Information," in the notes to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for more

information.
 (2) We define
 “Adjusted
 EBITDA
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 EBITDA by
 segment
 divided by
 revenue by
 segment.
 Hotel Segment

Our Hotel segment revenue decreased by \$13 million and \$28 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily due to a \$15 million and \$35 million decrease in TripAdvisor-branded click-based and transaction revenue, respectively, as well as a \$4 million decrease in other Hotel revenue during both the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, partially offset by an increase of \$6 million and \$11 million in TripAdvisor-branded display-based advertising and subscription revenue, respectively, all of which are discussed below.

Hotel segment Adjusted EBITDA increased \$5 million during both the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily due to a decrease in our direct selling and marketing expenses related to traffic acquisition as we optimized our marketing investment mix between online and offline channels, partially offset by a decrease in Hotel segment revenue.

The following is a detailed discussion of the revenue sources within our Hotel segment:

| | Three months ended | | | Six months ended | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------|--|
| | June 30, 2018 | 2017 | % Change 2018 vs. 2017 | June 30, 2018 | 2017 | % Change 2018 vs. 2017 | |
| | (in millions) | | | (in millions) | | | |
| Hotel: | | | | | | | |
| TripAdvisor-branded click-based and transaction | \$199 | \$214 | (7 %) | \$389 | \$424 | (8 %) | |
| TripAdvisor-branded display-based advertising and subscription | 80 | 74 | 8 % | 150 | 139 | 8 % | |
| Other hotel revenue | 34 | 38 | (11 %) | 73 | 77 | (5 %) | |
| Total Hotel revenue | \$313 | \$326 | (4 %) | \$612 | \$640 | (4 %) | |
| TripAdvisor-branded Click-based and Transaction Revenue | | | | | | | |

TripAdvisor-branded click-based and transaction revenue includes cost-per-click-based advertising revenue from our TripAdvisor-branded websites as well as transaction-based revenue from our hotel instant booking feature. For both the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, 64% of our total Hotel segment revenue was derived from our TripAdvisor-branded click-based and transaction revenue. For both the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, 66% of our total Hotel segment revenue was derived from our TripAdvisor-branded click-based and transaction revenue. TripAdvisor-branded click-based and transaction revenue during the

three and six months ended June 30, 2018 decreased \$15 million or 7% and \$35 million or 8%, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily due to a decrease in revenue per hotel shopper of 6% and 9%, respectively, which is explained below.

Our largest source of Hotel segment revenue is click-based advertising revenue from our TripAdvisor-branded websites, which include links to our travel partners' sites and contextually-relevant branded and related text links. Click-based advertising is generated primarily through our metasearch auction, a description of which follows. Our click-based travel partners are predominantly OTAs and hoteliers. Click-based advertising is generally priced on a cost-per-click, or CPC basis, with payments to us from advertisers based on the number of user clicks on each type of link, or in other words, the conversion of a hotel shopper to a paid click. CPC is the price that a partner is willing to pay us for a hotel shopper lead and is determined in a competitive process that enables our partners to submit CPC bids to have their rates and availability listed on our site. When a CPC bid is submitted, the partner agrees to pay us the bid amount each time a user subsequently clicks on the link to that partner's website. Bids can be submitted periodically – as often as daily – on a property-by-property basis. Primary factors used to determine the placement of partner links on our site include, but are not limited to, nightly room rate, the size of the bid relative to other bids, and other variables. CPCs are generally lower in markets outside the U.S. market, and hotel shoppers visiting via mobile phones currently monetize at a significantly lower rate than hotel shoppers visiting via desktop or tablet. Our Hotel segment transaction-based revenue is comprised of revenue from our hotel instant booking feature, which enables the merchant of record, generally an OTA or hotel partner, to pay a commission to TripAdvisor for a user that completes a hotel reservation via our website.

The key drivers of TripAdvisor-branded click-based and transaction revenue include average monthly unique hotel shoppers and revenue per hotel shopper, the latter of which measures how effectively we convert our hotel shoppers into revenue. We measure performance by calculating revenue per hotel shopper on an aggregate basis by dividing total TripAdvisor-branded click-based and transaction revenue by total average monthly unique hotel shoppers on TripAdvisor-branded websites for the periods presented.

While we believe that total traffic growth, or growth in monthly visits from unique visitors, is reflective of our overall brand growth, we also track and analyze sub-segments of our traffic and their correlation to revenue generation and utilize data regarding hotel shoppers as one of the key indicators of revenue growth. Hotel shoppers are visitors who view either a listing of hotels in a city or on a specific hotel page. The number of hotel shoppers tends to vary based on seasonality of the travel industry and general economic conditions, as well as other factors outside of our control. Given these factors, as well as the trend towards increased usage on mobile phones, quarterly and annual hotel shopper growth is a difficult metric to forecast.

The table below summarizes our revenue per hotel shopper calculation and growth rate, in the aggregate, for the periods presented (in millions, except calculated revenue per hotel shopper and percentages):

| | Three months ended | | | Six months ended | | |
|---|--------------------|--------|------------------------|------------------|--------|------------------------|
| | June 30, 2018 | 2017 | % Change 2018 vs. 2017 | June 30, 2018 | 2017 | % Change 2018 vs. 2017 |
| Revenue per hotel shopper: | | | | | | |
| TripAdvisor-branded click-based and transaction revenue | \$199 | \$214 | (7 %) | \$389 | \$424 | (8 %) |
| Divided by: Total average monthly unique hotel shoppers for the quarter | 448 | 460 | (3 %) | 895 | 908 | (1 %) |
| | \$0.44 | \$0.47 | (6 %) | \$0.43 | \$0.47 | (9 %) |

Revenue per hotel shopper decreased 6% and 9% during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, according to our internal log files. The decrease was primarily driven by

lower CPCs in our metasearch auction as compared to the same periods in 2017, as well as the continued optimization of our marketing investment mix from paid online marketing to offline channels, as discussed above, and the general trend of a greater percentage of hotel shoppers visiting TripAdvisor-branded websites and apps on mobile phones.

Our aggregate average monthly unique hotel shoppers on TripAdvisor-branded websites decreased by 3% and 1% during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, according to our internal log files. The decrease was primarily due to the continued optimization of our marketing investment mix between online and offline channels, which we believe limits our ability to grow hotel shoppers in the near term, as discussed above, partially offset by the general trend of an increasing number of hotel shoppers visiting our websites and apps on mobile phones which we continued to experience during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018.

TripAdvisor-branded Display-based Advertising and Subscription Revenue

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, 26% and 25%, respectively, of our Hotel segment revenue was derived from our TripAdvisor-branded display-based advertising and subscription revenue, which primarily consists of revenue from display-based advertising and subscription-based hotel advertising revenue. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, 23% and 22%, respectively, of our Hotel segment revenue was derived from our TripAdvisor-branded display-based advertising and subscription revenue.

Our TripAdvisor-branded display-based advertising and subscription revenue increased by \$6 million or 8%, and \$11 million or 8% during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily attributed to our new media ad product, which enables hotels to enhance their visibility on TripAdvisor hotel pages. The increase was partially offset by the general trend of an increasing percentage of our traffic visiting our websites and apps on mobile phones.

Other Hotel Revenue

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, 11% and 12%, respectively, of our Hotel segment revenue was derived from other Hotel revenue. For both the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, 12% of our Hotel segment revenue was derived from other Hotel revenue. Our other Hotel revenue primarily includes revenue from non-TripAdvisor branded websites, such as www.bookingbuddy.com, www.cruise critic.com and www.onetime.com, primarily through click-based advertising revenue and display-based advertising revenue generated through these websites. Our other Hotel revenue decreased \$4 million during both the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily due to continued focus on return on marketing spend from paid marketing channels within this revenue stream.

Non-Hotel Segment

Our Non-Hotel segment revenue increased by \$22 million or 22%, and \$43 million or 28% during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily driven by increased bookings in Experiences and Restaurants.

Experiences offerings continued to generate strong revenue growth driven by the following factors: growth in bookings sourced by TripAdvisor and bookable supply growth, as well as increased demand growth. Another contributing factor is the improved shopping experience from the new features in Experiences, such as instant booking for mobile phone, which enables users to purchase tickets and tours seamlessly as well as other key feature improvements. Continued strong revenue growth in Restaurants offerings was primarily due to seated diner growth, mobile bookings growth, user experience improvements, and increased bookable supply of restaurant listings as well as increased transaction and advertising revenue from TripAdvisor websites. Rentals' revenue during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 decreased slightly when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily due to the continued migration of our subscription model to our free-to-list model, which we believe will have a longer term return, partially offset by the growth in our free-to-list revenues during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 when compared to the same periods in 2017.

Adjusted EBITDA in our Non-Hotel segment increased \$3 million or 18%, and \$10 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017. This increase was primarily driven by the increase in our Non-Hotel segment revenue as well as increased operational efficiencies, partially offset by increased personnel and overhead costs of \$11 million and \$19 million, respectively, to support growth in this

segment during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, as well as an increase in offline advertising costs.

Consolidated Expenses

Cost of Revenue

Cost of revenue consists of expenses that are directly related or closely correlated to revenue generation, including direct costs, such as credit card and other booking transaction payment fees, data center costs, costs associated with prepaid Experiences tickets, ad serving fees, flight search fees, and other transaction costs. In addition, cost of revenue includes personnel and overhead expenses, including salaries, benefits, stock-based compensation and bonuses for certain customer support personnel who are directly involved in revenue generation.

| | Three months ended | | | Six months ended | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|------|---------------|------------------|------|---------------|---|
| | June 30, | | % Change | June 30, | | % Change | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 vs. 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 vs. 2017 | |
| | (in millions) | | | (in millions) | | | |
| Direct costs | \$19 | \$15 | 27 | % \$34 | \$27 | 26 | % |
| Personnel and overhead | 5 | 5 | 0 | % 10 | 10 | 0 | % |
| Total cost of revenue | \$24 | \$20 | 20 | % \$44 | \$37 | 19 | % |
| % of revenue | 5.5% | 4.7% | | 5.4% | 4.6% | | |

Cost of revenue increased \$4 million and \$7 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily due to increased direct costs from credit card and other transaction payment fees as a result of revenue growth in our Non-Hotel segment, and costs associated with prepaid Experiences tickets, as well as an increase in other transaction costs related to revenue generation in our Hotel segment.

Selling and Marketing

Selling and marketing expenses primarily consist of direct costs, including traffic generation costs from SEM and other online traffic acquisition costs, syndication costs and affiliate program commissions, social media costs, brand advertising, television and other offline advertising, promotions and public relations. In addition, our sales and marketing expenses consist of indirect costs such as personnel and overhead expenses, including salaries, commissions, benefits, stock-based compensation expense and bonuses for sales, sales support, customer support and marketing employees.

| | Three months ended June 30, | | | Six months ended June 30, | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------|---------------|----------|----|
| | 2018 | | % Change | 2018 | | % Change | |
| | 2017 | 2018 vs. 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 vs. 2017 | | |
| | (in millions) | | | (in millions) | | | |
| Direct costs | \$159 | \$176 | (10 | %) \$301 | \$331 | (9 | %) |
| Personnel and overhead | 58 | 53 | 9 | % 115 | 105 | 10 | % |
| Total selling and marketing | \$217 | \$229 | (5 | %) \$416 | \$436 | (5 | %) |
| % of revenue | 50.1% | 54.0% | | 51.3% | 54.8% | | |

Direct selling and marketing costs decreased \$17 million and \$30 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily due to decreased SEM and online traffic acquisition costs in our Hotel segment, partially offset by increased television advertising campaign spend of \$17 million and \$41 million in our Hotel segment during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017. Personnel and overhead costs increased \$5 million and \$10 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily due to an increase in headcount in our Non-Hotel segment to support business growth.

Technology and Content

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Technology and content expenses consist primarily of personnel and overhead expenses, including salaries and benefits, stock-based compensation expense and bonuses for salaried employees and contractors engaged in the design, development, testing, content support, and maintenance of our websites and mobile apps. Other costs include licensing, maintenance expense, computer supplies, telecom costs, content translation costs, and consulting costs.

| | Three months | | | Six months | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------|---------------------------|---|
| | ended June 30, 2018 | 2017 | % Change 2018 vs. 2017 | ended June 30, 2018 | 2017 | % Change 2018 vs. 2017 | |
| | (in millions) | | | (in millions) | | | |
| Personnel and overhead | \$61 | \$58 | 5 | % \$122 | \$111 | 10 | % |
| Other | 7 | 6 | 17 | % 13 | 12 | 8 | % |
| Total technology and content | \$68 | \$64 | 6 | % \$135 | \$123 | 10 | % |
| % of revenue | 15.7% | 15.1% | | 16.6% | 15.5% | | |

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Technology and content costs increased \$4 million and \$12 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily due to increased personnel costs to support the business growth in our Non-Hotel segment, as well as an increase in stock-based compensation of \$6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018.

General and Administrative

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of personnel and related overhead costs, including personnel engaged in executive leadership, finance, legal, and human resources, as well as stock-based compensation expense for those same personnel. General and administrative costs also include professional service fees and other fees including audit, legal, tax and accounting, and other costs including bad debt expense, non-income taxes, such as sales, use and other non-income related taxes.

| | Three months ended | | | Six months ended | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------|------------------------|------------------|------|------------------------|---|
| | June 30, 2018 | 2017 | % Change 2018 vs. 2017 | June 30, 2018 | 2017 | % Change 2018 vs. 2017 | |
| | (in millions) | | | (in millions) | | | |
| Personnel and overhead | \$34 | \$29 | 17 | % \$67 | \$57 | 18 | % |
| Professional service fees and other | 12 | 9 | 33 | % 21 | 16 | 31 | % |
| Total general and administrative | \$46 | \$38 | 21 | % \$88 | \$73 | 21 | % |
| % of revenue | 10.6% | 9.0% | | 10.9% | 9.2% | | |

General and administrative costs increased \$8 million and \$15 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017. Personnel and overhead costs increased \$5 million and \$10 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily related to an increase in stock-based compensation of \$4 million and \$8 million, respectively. Professional service fees and other increased \$3 million and \$5 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2017, primarily due to an increase in bad debt expense and consulting costs.

Depreciation

Depreciation expense consists of depreciation on computer equipment, leasehold improvements, furniture, office equipment and other assets, our corporate headquarters building and amortization of capitalized software and website development costs.

| | Three months ended | Six months ended |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| | June 30, 2018 | June 30, 2017 |
| | | |