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LendingTree, Inc.

(Nasdaq: TREE)

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### **About LendingTree, Inc.**

LendingTree, Inc. (NASDAQ: TREE) operates the nation's leading online loan marketplace and provides consumers with an array of online tools and information to help them find the best loans for their needs. LendingTree's online marketplace connects consumers with multiple lenders that compete for their business, empowering consumers as they comparison-shop across a full suite of loans and credit-based offerings. Since its inception, LendingTree has facilitated more than 55 million loan requests. LendingTree provides access to lenders offering home loans, home equity loans/lines of credit, reverse mortgages, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, credit cards, student loans and more.

LendingTree, Inc. is headquartered in Charlotte, NC and maintains operations solely in the United States.

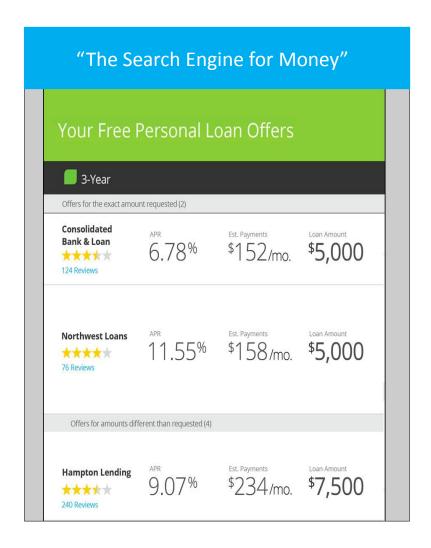


### A True Online Marketplace

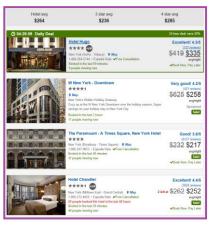
Enabling consumers and lenders to shop for... each other

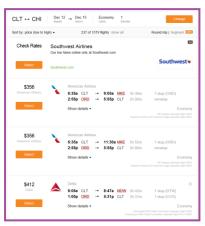


### Where Consumers Shop for Money

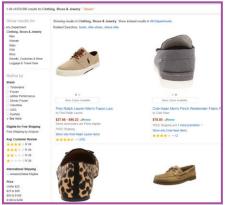


## Similar to Other Marketplace Models in Travel, Retail, etc.









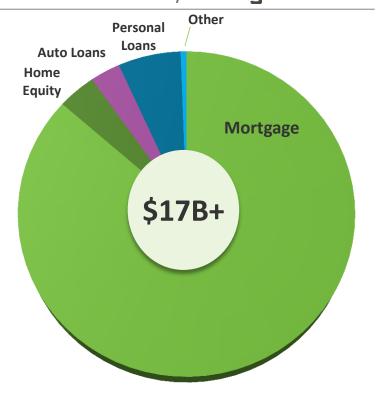
### Working With Top-Tier Lenders...

### ...of all models...



### ...across all loan categories





<sup>1)</sup> Annual run-rate based on lender-reported funding data and internal estimates.



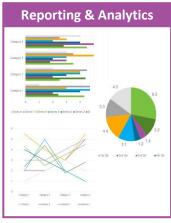
### Providing Value to Both Borrowers and Lenders

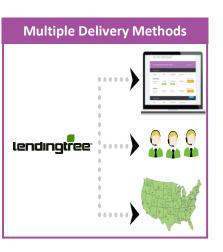
Borrowers save by comparison-shopping



**Lenders** receive predictable, targeted, cost-efficient borrower acquisition







<sup>1)</sup> Source: LT press release (10/15/14) – "In the third quarter, borrowers with a 'good' credit rating (as measured by a credit score between 690 and 719) seeking a \$10,000, 36-month personal loan who received offers from at least two lenders experienced an average interest rate differential of 4.74 percentage points, or 474 basis points, between the highest and lowest offers presented to them in their My LendingTree accounts."



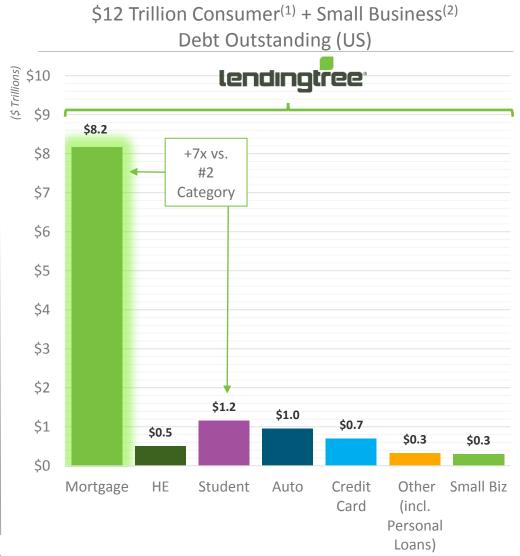
### Consumer Lending: A Massive Market Ripe for Disruption

LendingTree is well-positioned to capture market-share across all consumer lending categories

Lenders tell us:

## Borrower acquisition is the key constraint to growth

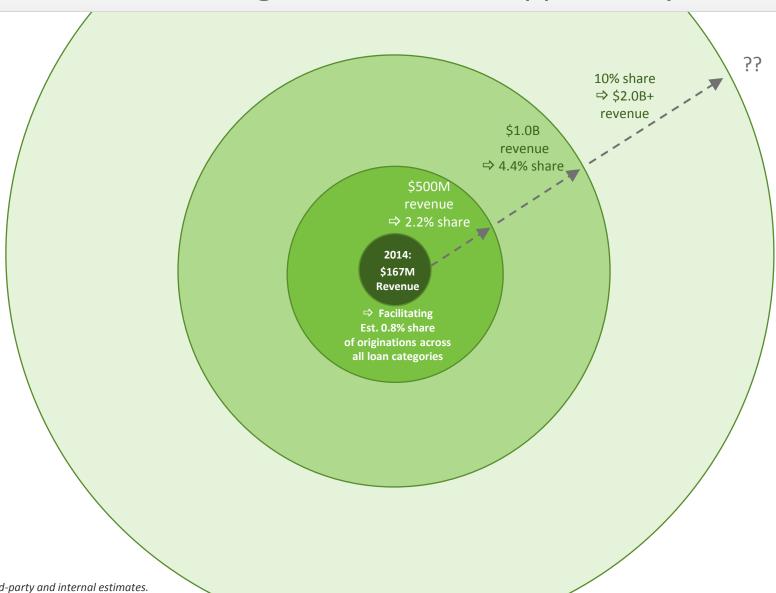
- Unique in driving customer acquisition across full spectrum of loan categories
- Mortgage: +7x the #2 loan category
- Alternative lending platforms driving growth/innovation in previously underserved markets
  - Personal Loans
  - Small Business Loans
  - Student Loan Refinancing



<sup>1)</sup> FRB of NY – Quarterly Report on Household Debt & Credit, February 2015.

<sup>2)</sup> FDIC Statistics on Depository Institutions Report (C&I loans of \$1.0M or less to U.S. addressees) as of 12/31/14.

## Market Share & Long-Term Revenue Opportunity



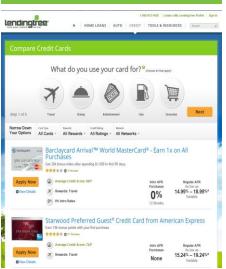
Source: Third-party and internal estimates.

Assumes \$1.9T annual industry loan originations across Mortgage, Home Equity, Student, Auto, Credit Card, Unsecured/Personal & Small Business and current LendingTree economics.

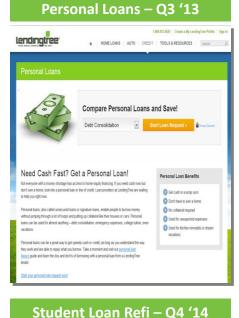
### A Culture of Continuous Product Innovation

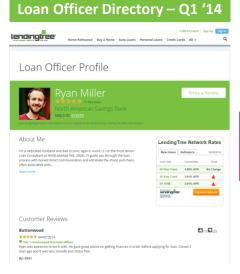
Credit Cards - Q2 '13

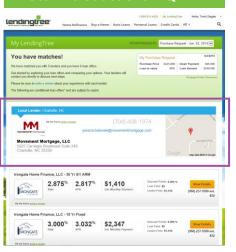






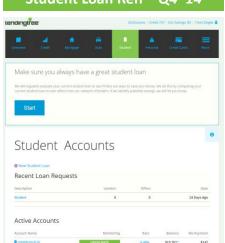






Local Introductions - Q1 '14

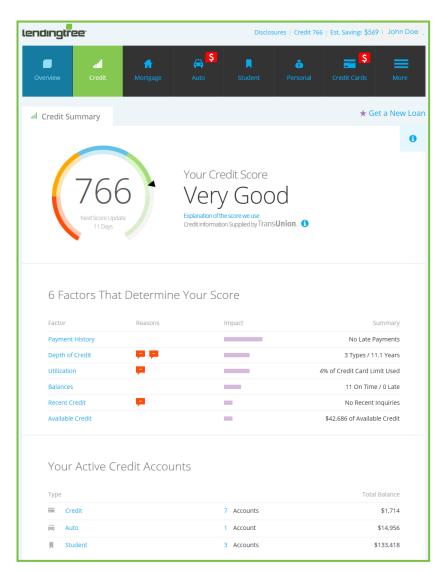




### All-New My LendingTree

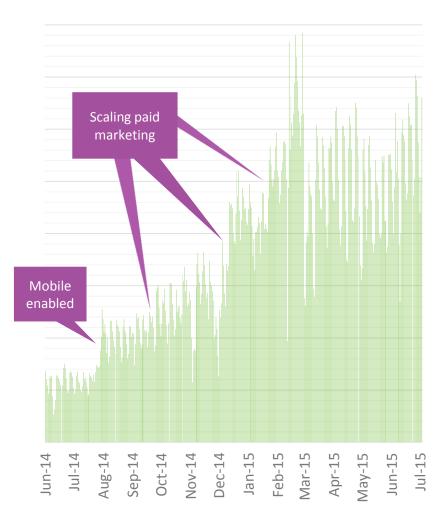
### 100% free credit score... "with a brain"

- Free credit score for consumers enables:
  - Proactive, market-based savings alerts to consumers
    - Timely
    - Relevant
    - Quantifiable
  - Exposure to broader set of LT offerings
- Reduces dependence on paid marketing
  - Drives repeat engagement & lifetime value
- 1.4+ million users enrolled<sup>(1)</sup>
- Launched late Q2 '14

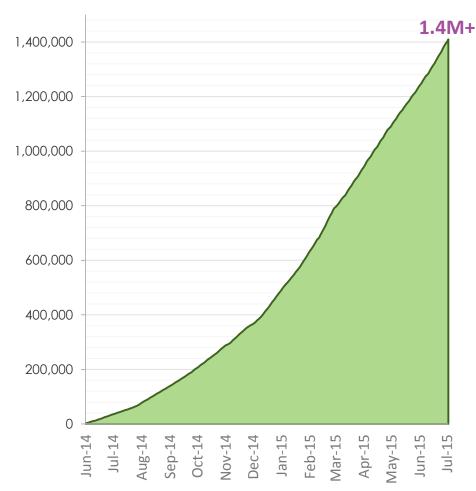


## My LendingTree: 1.4+ Million Users Enrolled





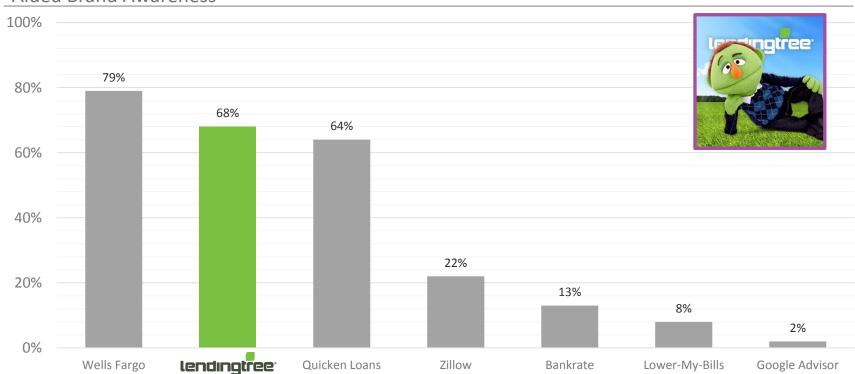
### **Cumulative New Users**



## The Iconic **lendingtree** Brand

- 68% brand awareness
- \$1+ billion lifetime investment

#### Aided Brand Awareness<sup>(1)</sup>



Source: LendingTree Consumer Research Study conducted by S. Radoff Associates, LLC, February 2015. 1,722 online surveys. Prospects defined as creditworthy current or prospective homeowners who are in the market for either a primary mortgage or refinancing.

1) Awareness and familiarity of selected companies within category defined by companies that offer mortgages online.



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**Financial Profile** 

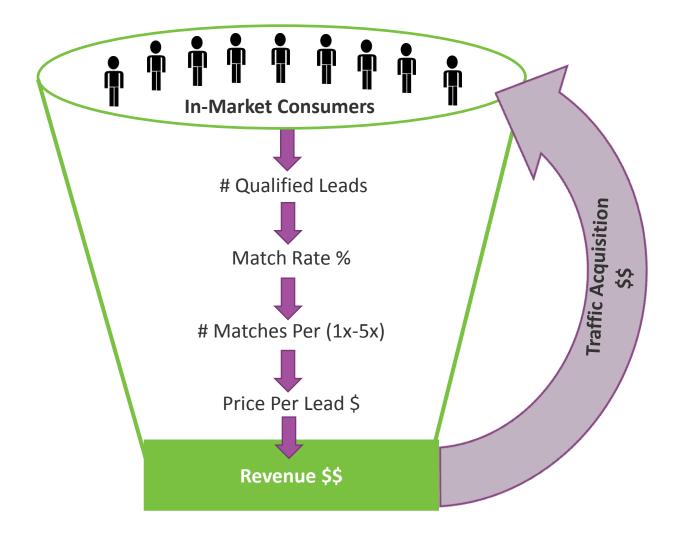
## How We Make Money

### Facilitating cost-efficient loan volume for our marketplace lenders

Conversion of leads into funded transactions is key

Illustrative Lender Economics						
Product	Avg Match Fee	Avg Close Fee	# of Leads Purchased	Conversion Rate (lead to fund)	Avg Loan Size	Cost per Funded Loan (bps)
Refinance Mortgage	\$1 - \$130	n/a				50 – 150
Purchase Mortgage	\$1 – \$80	n/a				50 – 150
Home Equity	\$10 - \$40	n/a				50 – 150
Auto Loans	\$1 - \$15	\$125 - \$225				70 – 250
Personal Loans	\$1 - \$15	\$2 - \$200				200 – 500
Small Biz Loans	n/a	\$200-\$1000				100 – 400

## Revenue Model & Traffic Acquisition





## **Operating Model**

Revenue	% of Revenue <sup>(1)</sup> <b>100%</b>	<ul> <li>Match Fees</li> <li>Closed Loan Fees</li> <li>Hybrid</li> <li>Click Revenue</li> <li>Call Transfer Fees</li> </ul>
- Working Media Expense	59%	<ul> <li>TV</li> <li>Paid Search</li> <li>Radio</li> <li>Organic Search</li> <li>Print</li> <li>Display</li> <li>Email</li> </ul>
- Non-Media Expense	2%	<ul> <li>Ad Serving</li> <li>Creative Production</li> <li>Agency Fees</li> <li>Free Credit Scores (My LendingTree)</li> </ul>
= Variable Marketing Margin	39%	
- Cost of Revenue <sup>(2)</sup>	4%	<ul> <li>Internal/External Call Center</li> <li>Credit Scoring</li> <li>Credit Card Processing</li> <li>Lead Verification</li> <li>Server Hosting</li> <li>Licensing</li> </ul>
- Selling & Marketing <sup>(2)</sup>	5%	Personnel
- Product Development <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	4%	<ul><li>Personnel</li><li>Outsourced Software Development</li></ul>
- General & Administrative <sup>(2)(4)</sup>	10%	<ul> <li>Corporate Personnel</li> <li>Professional Fees</li> <li>Technology Infrastructure</li> <li>Office Expenses</li> <li>HR &amp; Recruiting</li> <li>Taxes &amp; Insurance</li> </ul>
= Adjusted EBITDA	16%	

<sup>1)</sup> Reflects the three months ended 6/30/15.

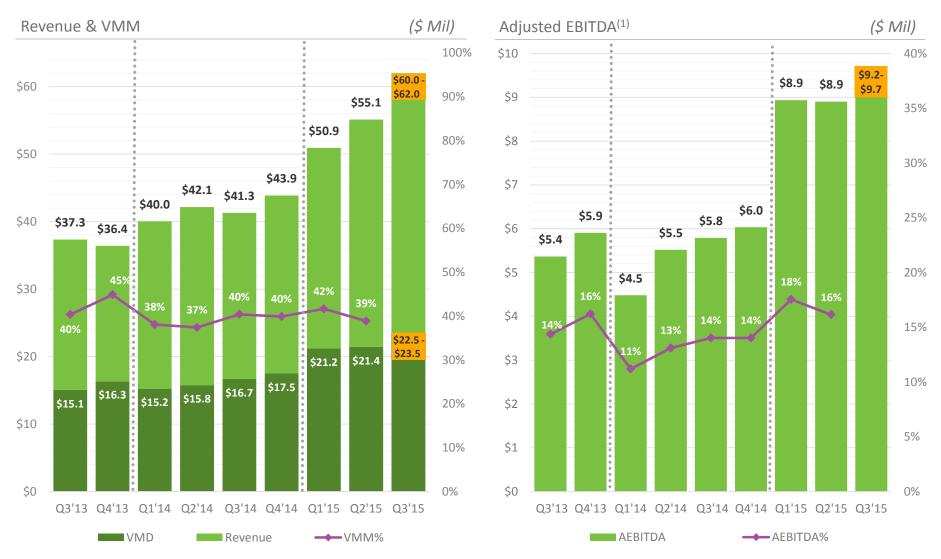
<sup>4)</sup> Excludes certain adjusted items. Please see LendingTree's "Definition of Adjusted EBITDA" in our form 10-Q for the period ended 3/31/15.



<sup>2)</sup> Excludes non-cash compensation.

<sup>3)</sup> Net of capitalized software development expense.

### Quarterly Financial Performance



<sup>1)</sup> Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure. Please see our definition of adjusted EBITDA and our reconciliation of non-GAAP measures to GAAP in our form 10-Q for the period ended 3/31/15 and in our other SEC filings.



### Revenue Growth: Mortgage vs. Non-Mortgage

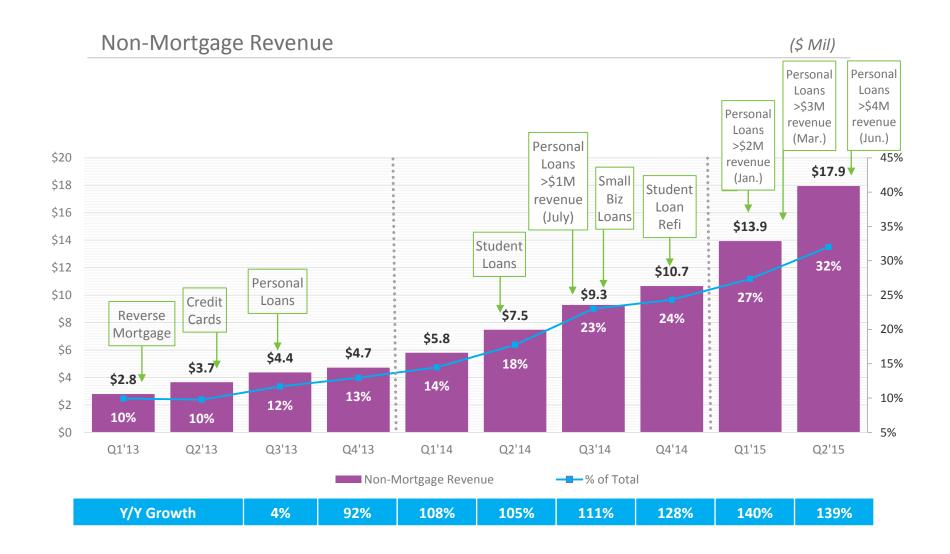


- Q2 '15 total revenue +31% Y/Y
  - Mortgage Products +7%
  - Non-Mortgage Products +139%
- Product innovation and diversification
  - New and re-launched loan & credit categories
  - Product enhancements for consumers and lenders
- Marketing machine + analytics optimization
- New growth engines emerging
  - Credit Cards, Small Biz, Student Loans

<sup>1)</sup> Reflects certain marketing services revenue recorded in our Corporate segment.



### Non-Mortgage: Innovation & Diversification





### Mortgage: Innovation & Market Penetration

### Mtge Products Revenue vs. Industry Originations



<sup>1)</sup> Source: Mortgage Bankers Association



### Selected Balance Sheet Items

	(\$ Mil)
	6/30/15
Cash & Equivalents	\$93.0
Restricted Cash & Equivalents	18.6 <sup>(1)</sup>
Accounts Receivable	20.5
Total Current Assets	133.5
PP&E	6.6
Goodwill	3.6
Intangible Assets	11.0
Total Assets	\$154.9
Accounts Payable	\$2.6
Accrued Expenses & Other Current	28.4
Current Liabilities of Discontinued Ops	13.7
Total Current Liabilities	44.7
Total Liabilities	49.6
Shareholders' Equity	105.3
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity	\$154.9

- Working capital of \$88.7M<sup>(2)</sup>
- Significant NOLs<sup>(3)</sup>
  - \$36M Federal
  - \$316M State

<sup>3)</sup> As of 12/31/14.



<sup>1) \$12.1</sup>M of restricted cash expected to be released in December 2015.

<sup>2)</sup> Defined as current assets minus current liabilities.

## **Guidance Summary**

	Q3 2015		
Revenue	\$60.0	-	\$62.0
Y/Y Growth	45%	-	50%
VMM \$	\$22.5	-	\$23.5
Y/Y Growth	35%	-	41%
Adj. EBITDA	\$9.2	-	\$9.7
Y/Y Growth	59%	-	67%

	FY 2015		
Revenue	\$225.0	-	\$230.0
Y/Y Growth	34%	-	37%
VMM \$	\$86.0	-	\$89.0
Y/Y Growth	32%	-	37%
Adj. EBITDA	\$35.0	-	\$36.0
Y/Y Growth	60%	-	65%

### Investment Highlights

- "The Search Engine for Money"
- Providing value to both consumers & lenders
- Leader in largest loan category Mortgage
- At forefront of high-growth lending categories
- Iconic lendingtree\* brand
- Cutting-edge marketing & analytics
- Continuous product innovation
- New My LendingTree personalization platform
- Sound financial model

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