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Certain Principles of Financial Reporting

LendingTree reports Variable Marketing Margin, Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization, as adjusted for certain items discussed below ("Adjusted EBITDA"), and free cash flow from continuing operations as non-GAAP measures supplemental to GAAP.

Variable Marketing Margin is defined as revenue less Variable Marketing Expense. Variable Marketing Expense is defined as the expense attributable to variable costs paid for advertising, direct marketing and related expenses, including the portion of cost of revenue attributable to costs paid for advertising re-sold to third parties, and excluding overhead, fixed costs and personnel-related expenses. The majority of these variable advertising costs are expressly intended to drive traffic to our websites and these variable advertising costs are included in selling and marketing expense on the company's consolidated statements of operations and consolidated income. Variable Marketing Margin is a measure of the operating efficiency of the Company's operating model, measuring revenue after subtracting variable marketing and advertising costs that directly influence revenue. The Company's operating model is highly sensitive to the amount and efficiency of variable marketing expenditures, and the Company's proprietary systems are able to make rapidly changing decisions concerning the deployment of variable marketing expenditures (primarily but not exclusively online and mobile advertising placement) based on proprietary and sophisticated analytics. Variable Marketing Margin is a primary metric by which the Company measures the effectiveness of its marketing efforts.

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EBITDA is defined as net income from continuing operations excluding interest, income taxes, amortization of intangibles and depreciation. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA excluding (1) non-cash compensation expense, (2) non-cash impairment charges, (3) gain/loss on disposal of assets, (4) gain/loss on investments, (5) restructuring and severance expenses, (6) litigation settlements and contingencies, (7) acquisitions and dispositions income or expense (including with respect to changes in fair value of contingent consideration), and (8) one-time items. Adjusted EBITDA is a primary metric by which LendingTree evaluates the operating performance of its businesses, on which its marketing expenditures and internal budgets are based and, in the case of adjusted EBITDA, by which management and many employees are compensated in most years.

Free cash flow from continuing operations is defined as "Net cash provided by operating activities attributable to continuing operations" (as stated in our Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows) reduced by capital expenditures.

The most directly comparable GAAP measure for both Variable Marketing Margin and Adjusted EBITDA is net income from continuing operations, and the most directly comparable GAAP measure for free cash flow from continuing operations is net cash provided by operating activities attributable to continuing operations.

LendingTree endeavors to compensate for the limitations of these non-GAAP measures by also providing the comparable GAAP measures with equal or greater prominence and descriptions of the reconciling items, including quantifying such items, to derive the non-GAAP measures. However, LendingTree is not able to provide a reconciliation of projected Variable Marketing Margin or Adjusted EBITDA to the most directly comparable expected GAAP results due to the unknown effect, timing and potential significance of the effects of legal matters, tax considerations, and income and expense from changes in fair value of contingent consideration from acquisitions. Expenses associated with legal matters, tax consequences, and income and expense from changes in fair value of contingent consideration from acquisitions have in the past, and may in the future, significantly affect GAAP results in a particular period. These non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

About LendingTree, Inc

LendingTree (NASDAQ: TREE) is the nation's leading online marketplace that connects consumers with the choices they need to be confident in their financial decisions. LendingTree empowers consumers to shop for financial services the same way they would shop for airline tickets or hotel stays, by comparing multiple offers from a nationwide network of over 500 partners in one simple search and choosing the option that best fits their financial needs. Services include mortgage loans, mortgage refinances, auto loans, personal loans, business loans, student refinances, credit cards, insurance and more. Through the My LendingTree platform, consumers receive free credit scores, credit monitoring and recommendations to improve credit health. My LendingTree proactively compares consumers' credit accounts against offers on our network and notifies consumers when there is an opportunity to save money. In short, LendingTree's purpose is to help simplify financial decisions for life's meaningful moments through choice, education and support.

LendingTree, Inc. is headquartered in Charlotte, NC. For more information, please visit www.lendingtree.com.

LendingTree at a Glance



- 1) FY 2021
- 2) Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP metric. See appendix for reconciliation.
- 3) CAGR from 2016-2

4) Based on provider-reported funding data and internal estimates.

Leading Platform and Brand Built Over 20+ Years



1996	•	2000	•	2003
Founded		IPO		Sale to IAC



2008 • 2012 •

Spun out Exited Mortgage from IAC Origination Business

Diversified Consumer Offerings

2013-2018

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Today

Leading Online

Marketplace for

financial services

Tomorrow

Strengthening the consumer relationship

- More Options
- Personalization
- Deeper Engagement

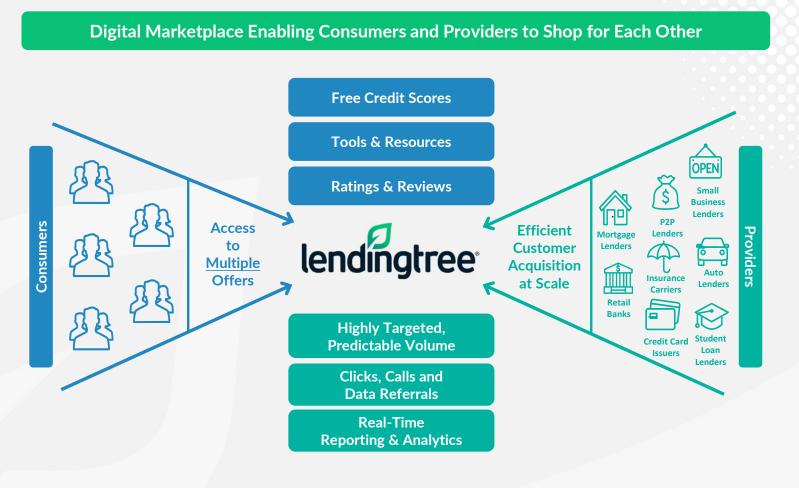


\$43.4bn U.S. financial services ad spend estimated based on eMarketer, digital ad spend / traditional ad spend ratio of 1.7:1 and \$27.0bn financial services digital ad spend in 2021.
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Reflects FY 2021 revenue.

Industry's Most Comprehensive Offering



Top-Tier Providers Across the Spectrum

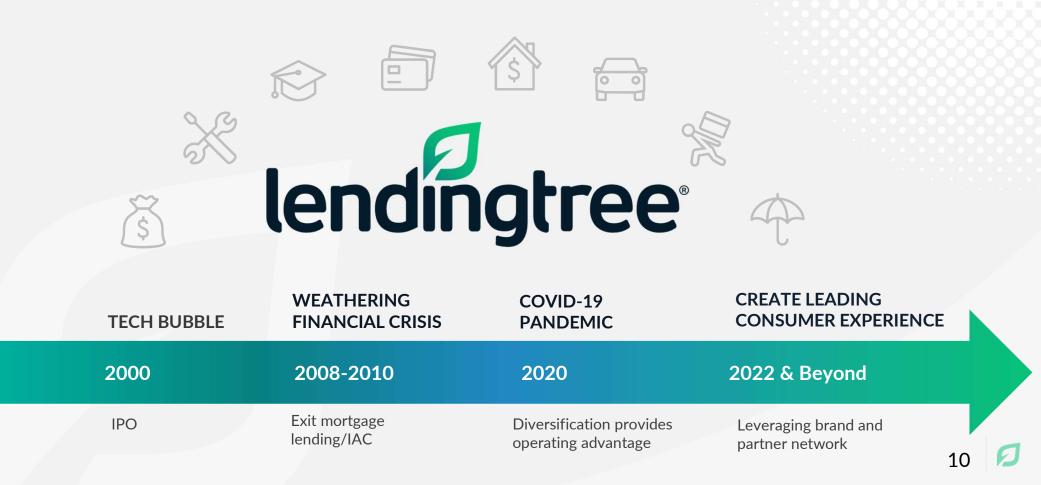


MyLendingTree - Helping Customers Achieve Financial Progress

TODAY	TOMORROW					
<image/> <complex-block><equation-block><equation-block><equation-block><equation-block><image/><text></text></equation-block></equation-block></equation-block></equation-block></complex-block>	Digital Digital Advisor	 Helping Make Finance Easy Give consumers more confidence and control to make financial choices with content that activates their best options Help consumers initiate behaviors that improve their financial profile for lenders and insurers, without sacrificing their current position Reward consumers for the momentum they are building by automating savings and repayment for their linked accounts 				

Our experiences will help consumers become more confident with their money

Third Time We Have Navigated a Recession



Financial Overview

LendingTree Segments

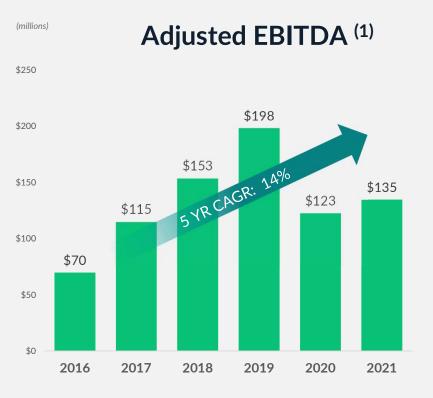
Non-GAAP Income Statement									
Revenue									
<u>Home</u>	Consumer	Insurance	<u>Other</u>						
Purchase Mortgage	Credit Cards	• Auto	• Other						
Refinance Mortgage	Personal Loans	• Home							
Home Equity Loans	Small Business Loans	• Health							
Reverse Mortgage Loans	Student Loans								
• Real Estate	Auto Loans								
	Deposits Accounts								
	Credit Repair								
	Тс	otal Revenue							
(Segment Marketing Expense)	(Segment Marketing Expense)	(Segment Marketing Expense)	(Segment Marketing Expense)						
Segment Margin	Segment Margin	Segment Margin	Segment Margin						
	(Brand	Marketing Expense)							
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	(Op	erating Expense)							
	Adju	usted EBITDA							

Strong Track Record of Growth & Financial Performance

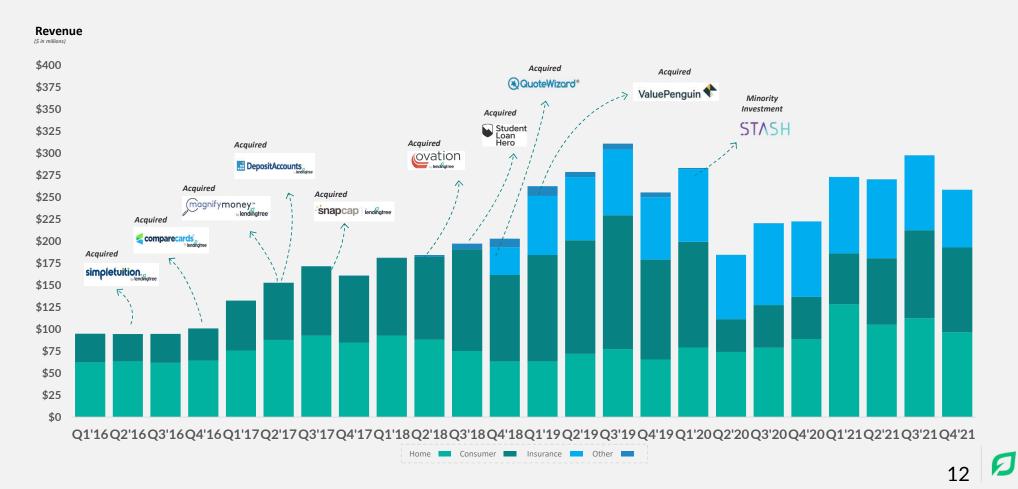
Pandemic-driven disruption is behind us as we carry momentum into 2022 and beyond



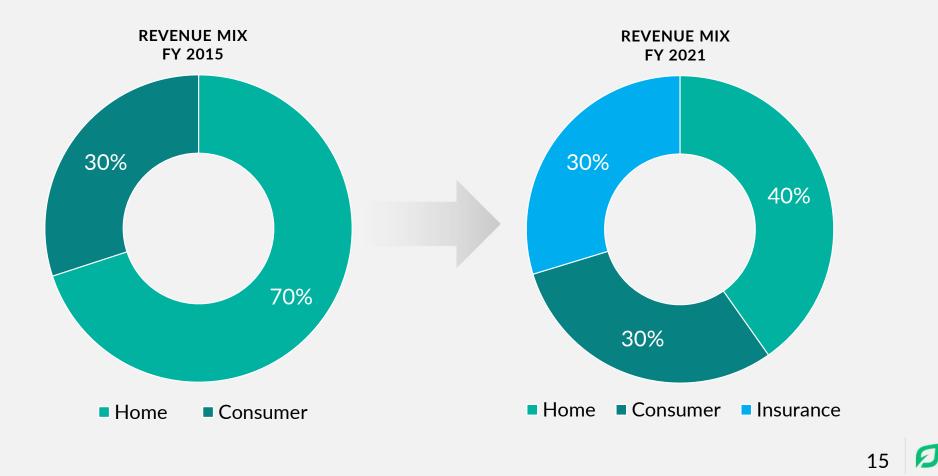
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Strategic Diversification: A Competitive Advantage

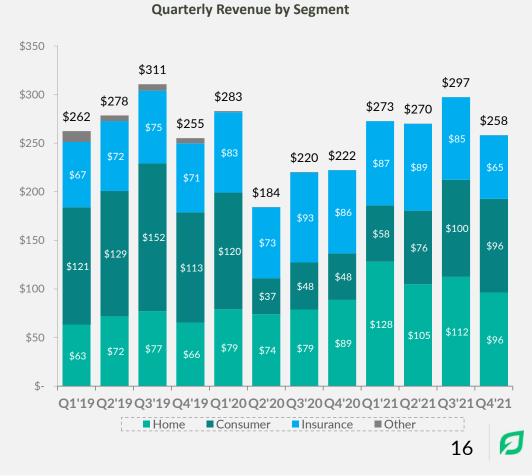


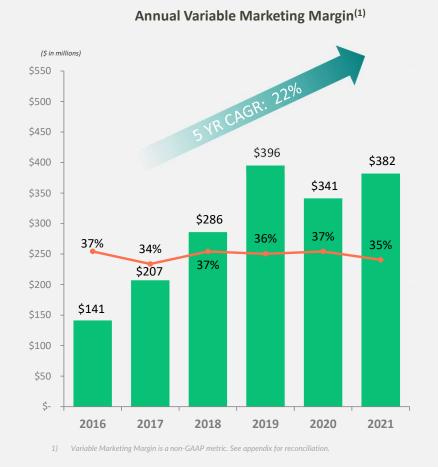
Impact on LendingTree – Revenue Diversification



Strong and Consistent Revenue Growth





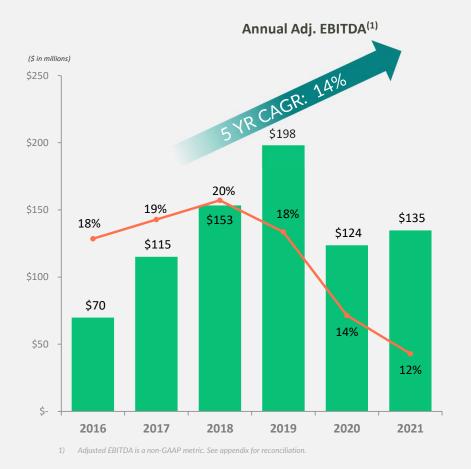


Focus on Growing VMM Dollars



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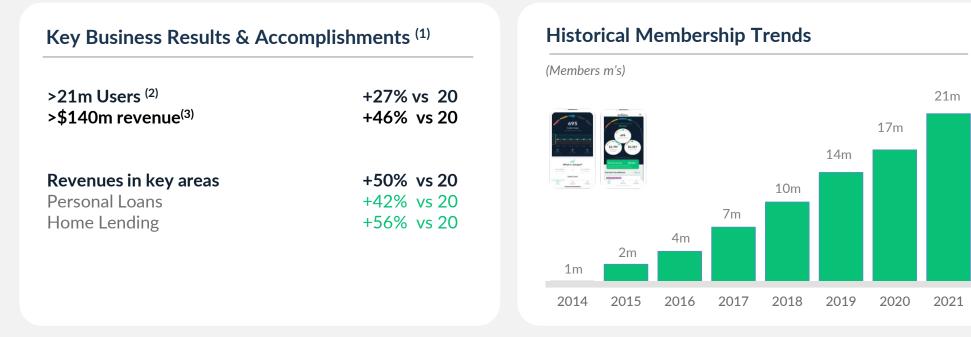
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Recovering EBITDA & Margin Profile



2021 | A Good Year for MyLendingTree



Membership scale, growth and revenue development are sources of progress for MyLendingTree

- LendingTree Internal Reports 2021
-) As of December 31, 2021

FY 2021; Revenue includes revenue generated by registered MyLT members across the LT platform, both in-App and outside of the App

2022 Guidance

(\$millions)	Full-Year 2021	2022 Guidance ⁽¹⁾
Revenue	\$1,098	\$1,200 - \$1,250
Y/Y Growth	21%	9% - 14%
VMM ⁽²⁾	\$382	\$445 - \$475
VMM%	35%	36% - 40%
Y/Y Growth	12%	17% - 24%
AEBITDA ⁽³⁾	\$135	\$160 - \$180
% of Revenue	12%	13% - 15%
Y/Y Growth	9%	19% - 34%

1) News Release issued February 25, 2022.

Variable Marketing Margin is a non-GAAP metric. See appendix for 2021 reconciliation

3) Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP metric. See appendix for 2021 reconciliation

- Double-digit revenue growth despite Mortgage headwinds
- VMM expansion driven by:
 - Product mix: growth in high-margin Consumer businesses
 - Continued integration of products with installed user base
- Adjusted EBITDA margin expansion driven by:
 - VMM expansion
 - Targeted workforce reduction (~\$15M annualized savings)

- Ongoing cost discipline
- Partially offset by concerted 2022 investments in:
 - Insurance agency capabilities
 - SEO content library
 - Data infrastructure and capabilities
 - Talent attraction and retention

2022 Segment Guidance

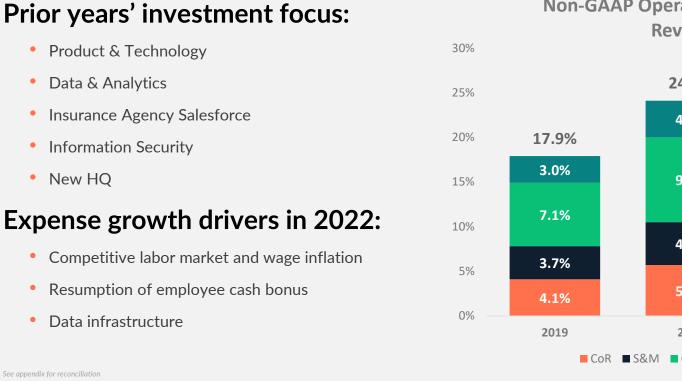
(\$millions)	2019	2020	2021	2022
НОМЕ				
Revenue	\$278	\$321	\$442	
Y/Y Growth	(13%)	15%	38%	(15-25%)
Segment Profit	\$103	\$132	\$153	
% of Revenue	37%	41%	35%	35-40%
CONSUMER				
Revenue	\$515	\$253	\$330	
Y/Y Growth	30%	(51%)	30%	45-55%
Segment Profit	\$213	\$107	\$143	
% of Revenue	41%	42%	44%	42-50%
INSURANCE				
Revenue	\$285	\$334	\$326	
Y/Y Growth	PF 55%	17%	(2%)	10-20%
Segment Profit	\$115	\$131	\$113	
% of Revenue	40%	39%	35%	32-40%

KEY ASSUMPTIONS	WHAT TO WATCH
 Industry refi originations down >60% Purchase to grow modestly Home Equity continues to emerge Reduced lender capacity as refi volume wanes 	 Interest rate fluctuations Non-bank mortgage payrolls Gain-on-sale margins Digital acceleration
 Sustained growth & momentum across key categories Consumer credit trends normalize TreeQual rollout begins to yield results 	 PL growth & credit expansion Card issuer behavior & profitability CARES Act could affect Student Lending
 Carrier recovery throughout 1H 2022 Incremental P&C agency investment Sustained Medicare agency investment Investments largely EBITDA neutral 	 P&C carrier profitability Competitive dynamics Enhanced integration with core LendingTree marketplace & myLT

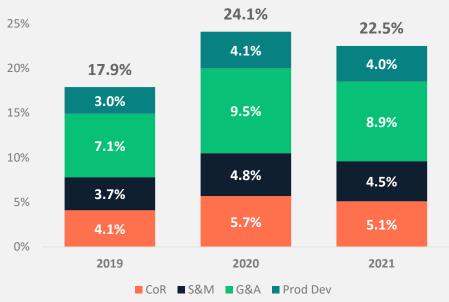
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Expect Continued Operating Leverage Moving Forward

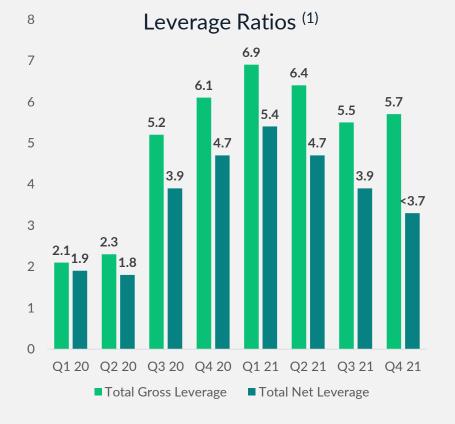
Necessary & concerted investment has driven OpEx growth; future discipline is a priority



Non-GAAP Operating Expenses, % of Revenue (1)



Balance Sheet Strength Affords Opportunity



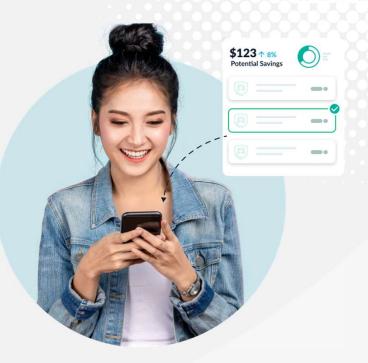
• Organic de-levering as trailing EBITDA recovers

- Net Leverage well-below 4x and improving
- Near-term maturities addressed and extended
 - New Term Loan B addresses 2022 Convertible Notes
 - No unaddressed debt maturities until 2025
- Retain minority Stash investment valued at \$158M
- Federal NOL of \$220.1 million as of 12/31/21
 - Unlimited carryforward to offset future federal income tax liabilities
- Repurchased 334k shares for \$40M, in Q421
- \$251M in cash on hand at year end
- Capex to normalize at ~\$25M annually, down from \$35-\$40 last 2 years as HQ is complete

1) Total Gross Leverage = Total Debt / TTM Adjusted EBITDA; Total Net Leverage = (Total Debt less Unrestricted Cash) / TTM Adjusted EBITDA

Financial Priorities for 2022 & Beyond

- Sustained double-digit organic revenue growth
- VMM expansion through increased organic traffic acquisition
- Drive non-marketing OpEx below 20% of revenue
- Maintain balance sheet strength to enable M&A execution
- Reduce net leverage in-line with historical levels



Appendix

Non-GAAP Variable Marketing Margin

Annual Reconciliation

	Twelve Months Ended										
	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2021					
	(in millions, except percentages)										
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 31	\$ 19	\$ 109	\$ 39	\$ (23)	\$ 73					
Net income from continuing operations % of revenue	8%	3%	14%	4%	(2)%	7%					
Adjustments to reconcile variable marketing margin:											
Cost of revenue	14	17	36	68	54	57					
Cost of advertising re-sold to third parties (1)	-	-	(9)	(23)	(1)	-					
Non-variable selling and marketing expense (2)	18	22	30	47	50	57					
General and administrative expense	37	72	101	117	129	153					
Product development	14	18	27	40	44	53					
Depreciation	5	7	7	11	14	18					
Amortization of intangibles	1	13	23	55	53	43					
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	-	24	11	28	5	(8)					
Severance	-	-	2	1	-	-					
Litigation settlements and contingencies	-	1	-	-	(1)	-					
Interest expense, net	1	7	12	20	36	47					
Other (income) expense	-	-	-	(1)	-	(123)					
Income tax (benefit) expense	20	6	(66)	(8)	(20)	11					
Variable marketing margin	\$ 141	\$ 207	\$286	\$396	\$341	\$382					
Variable marketing margin % of revenue	37%	34%	37%	36%	37%	35%					

1) Represents the portion of cost of revenue attributable to costs paid for advertising re-sold to third parties. Excludes overhead, fixed costs, and personnel-related expenses.

2) Represents the portion of selling and marketing expense not attributable to variable costs paid for advertising, direct marketing and related expenses. Includes overhead, fixed costs and personnel-related expenses.



Non-GAAP Variable Marketing Margin

Quarterly Reconciliation

	Three Months Ended											
	Mar 31, 2019	Jun 30, 2019	Sep 30, 2019	Dec 31, 2019	Mar 31, 2020	Jun 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	Dec 30, 2020	Mar 31, 2021	Jun 30, 2021	Sep 30, 2021	Dec 31, 2021
						(in millions, excep	ot percentages)					
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 1	\$ 13	\$ 24	\$ 1	\$ 19	\$ (9)	\$ (25)	\$ (8)	\$ 19	\$ 10	\$ (4)	\$ 48
Net income from continuing operations % of revenue	- %	5%	8%	1%	7%	(5)%	(11)%	(4)%	7%	4%	(1)%	19%
Adjustments to reconcile to variable marketing margin:												
Cost of revenue	18	16	18	17	14	13	13	13	14	14	15	14
Cost of advertising re-sold to third parties (1)	(7)	(5)	(6)	(5)	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-variable selling and marketing expense (2)	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	13	14	14	15	15
General and administrative expense	31	28	30	27	32	28	34	35	35	40	40	39
Product development	10	10	10	9	11	11	11	10	12	13	13	14
Depreciation	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5
Amortization of intangibles	13	14	14	14	14	14	13	12	11	11	10	10
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	15	3	4	7	(8)	9	7	(2)	1	(9)	-	-
Severance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Litigation settlements and contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense, net	5	5	5	5	5	5	17	10	10	10	12	15
Other (income) expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(40)	-	-	(83)
Income tax (benefit) expense	(8)	(6)	2	3	(3)	(4)	(8)	(5)	9	(9)	-	12
Variable marketing margin	\$ 92	\$ 94	\$ 116	\$ 94	\$ 98	\$83	\$ 78	\$ 82	\$ 89	\$ 98	\$ 106	\$ 88
Variable marketing margin % of revenue	35%	34%	37%	37%	35%	45%	35%	37%	33%	36%	36%	34%

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Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA Margin

Annual Reconciliation

	Twelve Months Ended									
	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2021				
	(in millions, except percentages)									
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 31	\$ 19	\$ 109	\$ 39	\$ (23)	\$ 73				
Net income from continuing operations % of revenue	8%	3%	14%	4%	(2)%	7%				
Adjustments to reconcile adjusted EBITDA:										
Amortization of intangibles	1	13	23	55	53	43				
Depreciation	5	7	7	11	14	18				
Severance			2	1	-	-				
Loss (gain) on impairments and disposal of assets	1	1	2	(1)	1	3				
Non-cash compensation	10	23	44	52	54	69				
Gain on investments	-	-	-	-	-	(123)				
Contribution to LendingTree Foundation	-	10	-	-	-	-				
Cost of secondary public offering	-	-	-	-	1	-				
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	-	24	11	28	5	(8)				
Acquisition expense	1	2	6	-	2	2				
Litigation settlements and contingencies		1	-	-	(1)	-				
Interest expense, net	1	7	12	20	36	47				
Rental depreciation and amortization of intangibles	-	1	1	-	-	-				
Income tax (benefit) expense	20	6	(66)	(8)	(20)	11				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 70	\$ 115	\$ 153	\$ 198	\$ 124	\$ 135				
Adjusted EBITDA % of revenue	18%	19%	20%	18%	14%	12%				

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Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA Margin

Quarterly Reconciliation

	Three Months Ended											
	Mar 31, 2019	Jun 30, 2019	Sep 30, 2019	Dec 31, 2019	Mar 31, 2020	Jun 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	Dec 31, 2020	Mar 31, 2021	Jun 30, 2021	Sep 30, 2021	Dec 31, 2021
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Adjustments to reconcile adjusted EBITDA:												
Amortization of intangibles	13	14	14	14	14	14	13	12	11	11	10	10
Depreciation	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5
Severance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on impairments and disposal of assets	-	(2)	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Non-cash compensation	14	16	11	11	12	13	14	14	17	18	17	17
Costs of secondary public offering	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	15	3	4	7	(8)	9	7	(2)	1	(9)	-	-
Acquisition expense	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Litigation settlements and contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense, net	5	5	5	5	5	5	17	10	10	10	12	15
Gain in investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(40)	-	-	(83)
Income tax (benefit) expense	(8)	(6)	2	3	(3)	(4)	(8)	(5)	9	(9)	-	12
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 43	\$ 46	\$ 63	\$ 46	\$ 45	\$ 31	\$ 22	\$ 26	\$ 31	\$ 38	\$ 41	\$ 25
Adjusted EBITDA % of revenue	16%	17%	20%	18%	16%	17%	10%	12%	11%	14%	14%	10%

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Non-GAAP Operating Expenses

Annual Reconciliation

	Twelve Months Ended					
	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2021			
		(in millions, except percentages)				
Net income from continuing operations	\$39	\$(23)	\$73			
Net income from continuing operations % of revenue	4%	-2%	7%			
Adjustments to reconcile non-GAAP operating expenses:						
Revenue	(1,107)	(910)	(1,098)			
Variable marketing expense	711	569	717			
Depreciation	11	14	18			
Amortization of intangibles	55	53	43			
Non-cash compensation	52	54	69			
Restructuring and severance	1		-			
Litigation settlements and contingencies	-	(1)	-			
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of assets	(1)	1	4			
Acquisition expense	-	2	2			
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	28	5	(8)			
Interest (income) expense	20	36	47			
Other income	(1)	-				
Income tax (benefit) expense	(8)	(20)	11			
(Gain)/Loss on investments	-	-	(123)			
Non-GAAP operating expenses	\$ (198)	\$(219)	\$(247)			
Non-GAAP operating expenses % of revenue	18%	24%	23%			

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Thank you