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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 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 0-24531

CoStar Group, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
Delaware 52-2091509
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1331 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

(202) 346-6500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(877) 739-0486
(Registrant's facsimile number, including area code)

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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted 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 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 Securities Exchange Act of

1934.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

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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

As of October 19, 2018, there were 36,419,787 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

COSTAR GROUP, INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
 (in thousands, except per share data)
 (unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Revenues | \$305,525 | \$247,533 | \$876,261 | \$711,239 |
| Cost of revenues | 72,072 | 55,483 | 201,685 | 162,102 |
| Gross profit | 233,453 | 192,050 | 674,576 | 549,137 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Selling and marketing (excluding customer base amortization) | 89,251 | 72,705 | 290,706 | 240,833 |
| Software development | 26,173 | 21,536 | 75,357 | 67,054 |
| General and administrative | 39,012 | 35,998 | 117,658 | 104,550 |
| Customer base amortization | 8,329 | 4,298 | 22,948 | 13,642 |
| | 162,765 | 134,537 | 506,669 | 426,079 |
| Income from operations | 70,688 | 57,513 | 167,907 | 123,058 |
| Interest and other income | 3,035 | 555 | 8,674 | 1,589 |
| Interest and other expense | (717) | (2,901) | (2,135) | (8,280) |
| Income before income taxes | 73,006 | 55,167 | 174,446 | 116,367 |
| Income tax expense | 14,247 | 20,990 | 19,621 | 37,876 |
| Net income | \$58,759 | \$34,177 | \$154,825 | \$78,491 |
| Net income per share - basic | \$1.63 | \$1.05 | \$4.30 | \$2.42 |
| Net income per share - diluted | \$1.61 | \$1.04 | \$4.25 | \$2.40 |
| Weighted average outstanding shares - basic | 36,129 | 32,444 | 36,032 | 32,375 |
| Weighted average outstanding shares - diluted | 36,518 | 32,814 | 36,439 | 32,705 |

See accompanying notes.

COSTAR GROUP, INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 (in thousands)
 (unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net income | \$58,759 | \$34,177 | \$154,825 | \$78,491 |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | (361) | 1,190 | (1,469) | 3,432 |
| Total other comprehensive (loss) income | (361) | 1,190 | (1,469) | 3,432 |
| Total comprehensive income | \$58,398 | \$35,367 | \$153,356 | \$81,923 |

See accompanying notes.

COSTAR GROUP, INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (in thousands)

| | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | (unaudited) | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,071,786 | \$ 1,211,463 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$5,668 and \$6,469 as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively | 82,279 | 60,900 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 25,203 | 15,572 |
| Total current assets | 1,179,268 | 1,287,935 |
| Long-term investments | 10,070 | 10,070 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 2,679 | 5,431 |
| Property and equipment, net | 81,937 | 84,496 |
| Goodwill | 1,548,976 | 1,283,457 |
| Intangible assets, net | 285,958 | 182,892 |
| Deferred commission costs, net | 76,062 | — |
| Deposits and other assets | 7,394 | 6,179 |
| Income tax receivable | 14,878 | 12,981 |
| Total assets | \$ 3,207,222 | \$ 2,873,441 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 10,114 | \$ 9,262 |
| Accrued wages and commissions | 50,483 | 54,104 |
| Accrued expenses | 33,500 | 22,193 |
| Deferred gain on the sale of building | 2,523 | 2,523 |
| Income taxes payable | 1,269 | 8,166 |
| Deferred rent | 5,386 | 4,732 |
| Deferred revenue | 50,195 | 45,686 |
| Total current liabilities | 153,470 | 146,666 |
| Deferred gain on the sale of building | 14,299 | 16,192 |
| Deferred rent | 31,146 | 33,909 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 64,865 | 12,070 |
| Income taxes payable | 15,128 | 13,354 |
| Total liabilities | 278,908 | 222,191 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 2,928,314 | 2,651,250 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 3,207,222 | \$ 2,873,441 |
| See accompanying notes. | | |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

| | Common Stock | | Additional Paid-In Capital | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Retained Earnings | Total Stockholders' Equity |
|---|--------------|--------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Shares | Amount | | | | |
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | 36,107 | \$ 361 | \$2,339,253 | \$ (9,020) | \$320,656 | \$2,651,250 |
| Cumulative effect of adoption of new accounting standard, net of tax | — | — | — | — | 54,464 | 54,464 |
| Balance at January 1, 2018 | 36,107 | \$ 361 | \$2,339,253 | \$ (9,020) | \$375,120 | \$2,705,714 |
| Net income | — | — | — | — | 154,825 | 154,825 |
| Other comprehensive loss | — | — | — | (1,469) | — | (1,469) |
| Exercise of stock options | 176 | 2 | 21,954 | — | — | 21,956 |
| Restricted stock grants | 138 | 1 | (1) | — | — | — |
| Restricted stock grants surrendered | (109) | (1) | (23,665) | — | — | (23,666) |
| Stock-based compensation expense | — | — | 30,353 | — | — | 30,353 |
| Employee stock purchase plan | 11 | — | 4,235 | — | — | 4,235 |
| Stock issued for acquisitions | 103 | 1 | 36,365 | — | — | 36,366 |
| Balance at September 30, 2018 | 36,426 | \$ 364 | \$2,408,494 | \$ (10,489) | \$529,945 | \$2,928,314 |

See accompanying notes.

COSTAR GROUP, INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (in thousands)
 (unaudited)

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 154,825 | \$ 78,491 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 58,000 | 48,277 |
| Amortization of deferred commissions costs | 36,242 | — |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs | 657 | 2,157 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 30,593 | 29,203 |
| Deferred income tax expense, net | 7,644 | 6,087 |
| Bad debt expense | 4,519 | 3,992 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (19,038 |) (15,809) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (2,952 |) (3,561) |
| Deferred commissions | (41,421 |) — |
| Deposits and other assets | (1,396 |) (3,387) |
| Accounts payable and other liabilities | (13,443 |) 11,888 |
| Deferred revenue | 6,454 | 5,969 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 220,684 | 163,307 |
| Investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment and other assets | (21,801 |) (19,754) |
| Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired | (340,074 |) (47,767) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (361,875 |) (67,521) |
| Financing activities: | | |
| Payments of long-term debt | — | (35,000) |
| Payments of debt issuance costs | — | (643) |
| Repurchase of restricted stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations | (23,666 |) (14,309) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options and employee stock purchase plan | 25,768 | 9,058 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 2,102 | (40,894) |
| Effect of foreign currency exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents | (588 |) 880 |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (139,677 |) 55,772 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period | 1,211,463 | 567,223 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period | \$ 1,071,786 | \$ 622,995 |
| Supplemental cash flow disclosures: | | |
| Interest paid | \$ 999 | \$ 6,121 |
| Income taxes paid | 25,544 | 26,263 |
| Supplemental non-cash investing and financing activities: | | |
| Stock issued in connection with acquisition - ForRent | \$ 36,366 | \$ — |
| See accompanying notes. | | |

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

1. ORGANIZATION

CoStar Group, Inc. (the “Company” or “CoStar”) provides information, analytics and online marketplace services to the commercial real estate and related business community through its comprehensive, proprietary database of commercial real estate information covering the United States (“U.S.”), the United Kingdom (“U.K.”), and parts of Canada, Spain, Germany and France. The Company provides online marketplaces for commercial real estate, apartment rentals, lands for sale and businesses for sale. The Company operates within two operating segments, North America and International, and its services are typically distributed to its clients under subscription-based license agreements that renew automatically, a majority of which have a term of one year.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Accounting policies are consistent for each operating segment.

Interim Financial Statements

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) for interim financial information. In the opinion of the Company’s management, the financial statements reflect all adjustments necessary to present fairly the Company’s financial position at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the results of its operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, its comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, its changes in stockholders' equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, and its cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. These adjustments are of a normal recurring nature.

Certain notes and other information have been condensed or omitted from the interim financial statements presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Therefore, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates its estimates and assumptions, including those related to revenue recognition, allowance for doubtful accounts, useful lives of property and equipment, intangible assets and deferred commissions, recoverability of long-lived assets and intangible assets with definite lives, goodwill, income taxes, fair value of equity instruments, fair value of auction rate securities (“ARS”), accounting for business combinations and loss contingencies, among others. The Company bases these estimates on historical and anticipated results, trends, and various other assumptions that it believes are reasonable, including assumptions as to future events. These estimates form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities and recorded revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Revenue Recognition

Subsequent to the Adoption of Accounting Standards Codification Revenue from Contracts with Customers (“ASC 606”) on January 1, 2018

The Company derives revenues primarily by (i) providing access to its proprietary database of commercial real estate information and (ii) providing an online marketplace for professional property management companies, property owners, brokers, and landlords typically through a fixed monthly fee for its subscription-based services. The Company's subscription-based services consist primarily of information, analytics and online marketplace services offered over the Internet to commercial real estate industry and related professionals. Subscription contract rates are based on the number of sites, number of users, organization size, the client’s business focus, geography, the number and types of services to which a client subscribes, the number of properties a client advertises and the prominence and placement of a client's advertised properties in the search results. A majority of the subscription-based license agreements have a term of one year and renew automatically.

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The Company analyzes contracts to determine the appropriate revenue recognition using the following steps: (i) identification of contracts with customers, (ii) identification of distinct performance obligations in the contract, (iii) determination of contract transaction price, (iv) allocation of contract transaction price to the performance obligations and (v) determination of revenue recognition based on timing of satisfaction of the performance obligation(s).

The Company recognizes revenues upon the satisfaction of its performance obligation(s) (upon transfer of control of promised services to its customers) in an amount that reflects the consideration to which it expects to be entitled to in exchange for those services. Revenues from subscription-based services are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the agreement.

The Company's contracts with customers often include promises to transfer multiple services. For these contracts, the Company accounts for individual performance obligations separately if they are distinct. Determining whether services are considered distinct performance obligations may require significant judgment. Judgment is required to determine the standalone selling price ("SSP") for each distinct performance obligation. In instances where SSP is not directly observable, such as when the Company does not sell the service separately, the Company determines the SSP using information that may include market conditions and other observable inputs.

Deferred revenue results from amounts billed in advance to customers or cash received from customers in advance of the sale of subscription licenses and is recognized over the term of the license agreement.

Contract assets represent a conditional right to consideration for satisfied performance obligations that become a receivable when the conditions are satisfied. Contract assets are generated when contractual billing schedules differ from revenue recognition timing.

Certain sales commissions are considered incremental and recoverable costs of obtaining a contract with a customer. Sales commissions incurred for obtaining new contracts are deferred and then amortized as selling and marketing expenses on a straight-line basis over a period of benefit that the Company has determined to be three years. The three-year amortization period was determined based on several factors, including the nature of the technology and proprietary data underlying the services being purchased, customer contract renewal rates, and industry competition. Certain commissions costs are not capitalized as they do not represent incremental costs of obtaining a contract. See Note 3 for further discussion on the impact of the adoption of ASC 606.

For details about the Company's revenue recognition policy prior to the adoption of ASC 606, refer to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Cost of Revenues

Cost of revenues principally consists of salaries, benefits, bonuses and stock-based compensation expenses for the Company's researchers who collect and analyze the commercial real estate data that is the basis for the Company's information, analytics and online marketplaces. Additionally, cost of revenues includes the cost of data from third-party data sources, credit card and other transactions fees relating to processing customer transactions, which are expensed as incurred, and the amortization of acquired trade names and other intangible assets and database technology.

Advertising Costs

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred. Advertising costs include e-commerce, television, radio, print and other media advertising. Advertising costs were approximately \$38 million and \$25 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Advertising costs were approximately \$108 million and \$87 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

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Foreign Currency

The Company's functional currency in its foreign locations is the local currency. Assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars using the exchange rates as of the balance sheet dates. Revenues, expenses, gains and losses are translated at the average exchange rates in effect during each period. Gains and losses resulting from translation are included in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Currency gains and losses on the translation of intercompany loans made to foreign subsidiaries that are of a long-term investment nature are also included in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Net gains or losses resulting from foreign currency exchange transactions are included in the condensed consolidated statements of operations. There were no material gains or losses from foreign currency exchange transactions for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes were as follows (in thousands):

| | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | \$ (9,759) | \$ (8,290) |
| Accumulated net unrealized loss on investments | (730) | (730) |
| Total accumulated other comprehensive loss | \$ (10,489) | \$ (9,020) |

There were no amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive loss to the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. The foreign currency translation adjustment includes intra-entity foreign currency transactions that are of a long-term investment nature.

Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes result from temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and the basis reported in the Company's consolidated financial statements. Deferred tax liabilities and assets are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and the tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted rates in effect during the year in which the Company expects differences to reverse. Valuation allowances are provided against assets, including net operating losses, if the Company anticipates that some or all of an asset may not be realized through future taxable earnings or implementation of tax planning strategies. Interest and penalties related to income tax matters are recognized in income tax expense. See Note 10 for additional information regarding income taxes.

Net Income Per Share

Net income per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period on a basic and diluted basis. The Company's potentially dilutive securities include outstanding stock options, unvested performance-based restricted stock and restricted stock units. Diluted net income per share considers the impact of potentially dilutive securities except in periods in which there is a net loss, as the inclusion of the potentially dilutive common shares would have an anti-dilutive effect.

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The following table sets forth the calculation of basic and diluted net income per share (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 | |
|--|--|----------|---|----------|
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Net income | \$58,759 | \$34,177 | \$154,825 | \$78,491 |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Denominator for basic net income per share — weighted average outstanding shares | 36,129 | 32,444 | 36,032 | 32,375 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | | |
| Stock options and restricted stock awards | 389 | 370 | 407 | 330 |
| Denominator for diluted net income per share — weighted average outstanding shares | 36,518 | 32,814 | 36,439 | 32,705 |
| Net income per share — basic | \$1.63 | \$1.05 | \$4.30 | \$2.42 |
| Net income per share — diluted | \$1.61 | \$1.04 | \$4.25 | \$2.40 |

Stock options to purchase approximately 39,000 shares that were outstanding for the three months ended September 30, 2018, were not included in the computation of diluted net income per share because the inclusion of the potentially dilutive common shares would have an anti-dilutive effect. There were no anti-dilutive stock options outstanding for the three months ended September 30, 2017. Stock options to purchase approximately 76,000 and 116,000 shares that were outstanding for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, were not included in the computation of diluted net income per share because the inclusion of the potentially dilutive common shares would have an anti-dilutive effect. Shares underlying restricted common stock awards that vest based on Company performance, market and service conditions that have not been achieved as of the end of the period are not included in the computation of basic or diluted earnings per share. Shares underlying restricted stock units that vest based on Company service conditions that have not been achieved as of the end of the period are not included in the computation of basic or diluted earnings per share.

The following table summarizes the shares underlying the performance-based restricted stock awards and service-based restricted stock units excluded from the basic and diluted calculation (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 | |
|---|--|----|---|----|
| Performance-based restricted stock awards | 76 | 85 | 76 | 85 |
| Service-based restricted stock units | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total shares excluded from computation | 77 | 86 | 77 | 86 |

Stock-Based Compensation

Equity instruments issued in exchange for services performed by officers, employees, and directors of the Company are accounted for using a fair-value based method and the fair value of such equity instruments is recognized as expense in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

Stock-based compensation expense is measured at the grant date of the stock-based awards that vest over set time periods based on their fair values, and is recognized on a straight line basis as expense over the vesting periods of the awards, net of an estimated forfeiture rate. For equity instruments that vest based on performance, the Company assesses the probability of the achievement of the performance conditions at the end of each reporting period, or more frequently based upon the occurrence of events that may change the probability of whether the performance conditions would be met. If the Company's initial estimates of the achievement of the performance conditions change, the related stock-based compensation expense and timing of recognition may fluctuate from period to period based on those estimates. For equity instruments that vest based on a performance condition and a market condition, the Company estimates the fair value of each equity instrument granted on the date of grant using a Monte-

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Carlo simulation model. This pricing model uses multiple simulations to evaluate the probability of achieving the market condition to calculate the fair value of the awards. Stock-based compensation expense is updated based on the expected achievement of the related performance conditions at the end of each reporting period. If the performance conditions are not met, no stock-based compensation expense will be recognized, and any previously recognized stock-based compensation expense will be reversed.

Stock-based compensation expense for stock options, performance-based restricted stock awards, restricted stock units issued under equity incentive plans and stock purchases under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan included in the Company's results of operations were as follows (in thousands):

| | Three Months | | Nine Months | |
|--|---------------|---------|---------------|----------|
| | Ended | | Ended | |
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Cost of revenues | \$1,382 | \$1,201 | \$4,410 | \$3,711 |
| Selling and marketing | 1,632 | 1,862 | 5,305 | 5,401 |
| Software development | 1,824 | 1,665 | 5,490 | 5,315 |
| General and administrative | 4,115 | 5,015 | 15,388 | 14,776 |
| Total stock-based compensation expense | \$8,953 | \$9,743 | \$30,593 | \$29,203 |

Stock options to purchase 53,516 and 3,532 shares were exercised during the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Stock options to purchase 176,291 and 81,815 shares were exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Debt Issuance Costs

Debt issuance costs incurred in connection with the Company's revolving credit facility are deferred and amortized as interest expense on a straight-line basis. These amounts are reflected in the consolidated balance sheets as long-term assets. Upon a refinancing or amendment, previously capitalized debt issuance costs are expensed and included in loss on extinguishment of debt if the Company determines that there has been a substantial modification of the related debt. If the Company determines that there has not been a substantial modification of the related debt, any previously capitalized debt issuance costs are amortized as interest expense over the term of the new debt instrument using the appropriate method. On October 19, 2017, the Company entered into an amended and restated credit agreement (the "2017 Credit Agreement"), which amended and restated in its entirety the existing credit agreement dated April 1, 2014 (the "2014 Credit Agreement"). The Company had capitalized debt issuance costs, net of amortization, of approximately \$4 million and \$4 million as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. The debt issuance costs are associated with the 2014 Credit Agreement and the 2017 Credit Agreement. The Company amortized debt issuance costs and commitment fees of approximately \$1 million and \$1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The Company amortized debt issuance costs and commitment fees of approximately \$2 million and \$3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. See Note 9 for additional information regarding the revolving credit facility.

Business Combinations

The Company allocates the purchase consideration to the tangible assets acquired, liabilities assumed and intangible assets acquired based on their estimated fair values. The excess of the fair value of purchase consideration over the fair values of these identifiable assets and liabilities is recorded as goodwill. Such valuations require management to make significant estimates and assumptions, especially with respect to intangible assets and contingent liabilities.

Significant estimates in valuing certain intangible assets include, but are not limited to, future expected cash flows from acquired customer bases, acquired database technology, acquired trade names and building photography, useful lives and discount rates. Any adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period are recorded in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. Upon the conclusion of the measurement period, any subsequent adjustments are recorded to earnings.

For a given acquisition, the Company may identify certain pre-acquisition contingencies as of the acquisition date and may extend its review and evaluation of these pre-acquisition contingencies throughout the measurement period in order to obtain sufficient information to assess whether the Company includes these contingencies as a part of the fair value estimates of assets acquired and liabilities assumed and, if so, to determine their estimated amounts.

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If the Company cannot reasonably determine the fair value of a pre-acquisition contingency (non-income tax related) by the end of the measurement period, which is generally the case given the nature of such matters, the Company will recognize an asset or a liability for such pre-acquisition contingency if: (i) it is probable that an asset existed or a liability had been incurred at the acquisition date and (ii) the amount of the asset or liability can be reasonably estimated. Subsequent to the measurement period, changes in the Company's estimates of such contingencies will affect earnings and could have a material effect on its results of operations and financial position.

In addition, uncertain tax positions and tax related valuation allowances assumed in connection with a business combination are initially estimated as of the acquisition date. The Company reevaluates these items based upon facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date with any adjustments to its preliminary estimates being recorded to goodwill provided that the Company is within the measurement period. Subsequent to the measurement period, changes to these uncertain tax positions and tax related valuation allowances will affect the Company's provision for income taxes in its consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income and could have a material impact on its results of operations and financial position.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

There have been no developments to the Recent Accounting Pronouncements discussion included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, including the expected dates of adoption and estimated effects on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements, except for the following:

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") and International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") jointly issued a new revenue recognition standard, Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASC 606) that is designed to improve financial reporting by creating common recognition guidance for GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). This guidance provides a robust framework for addressing revenue issues, improves the comparability of revenue recognition practices across industries, provides useful information to users of financial statements through improved disclosure requirements and simplifies the presentation of financial statements. The core principle of the guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those services.

On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASC 606, using the modified retrospective method. Results for reporting periods beginning subsequent to December 31, 2017 are presented under ASC 606, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with the Company's historical accounting policies prior to adoption. In adopting the guidance, the Company applied the guidance to all customer contracts and used several available practical expedients including assessing contracts with similar terms and conditions on a "portfolio" basis and not including contracts with a duration of one year or less in the unsatisfied performance obligations disclosure.

The Company recorded a net cumulative increase to beginning retained earnings of \$54 million. The Company adjusted the condensed consolidated financial statements from amounts previously reported due to the adoption of ASC 606. Select condensed consolidated balance sheet line items which were adjusted upon adoption were as follows (in thousands):

| As of | ASC 606 Adjustments | As of |
|-------|------------------------|-------|
|-------|------------------------|-------|

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| | December | | January |
|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | 31, 2017 | | 1, 2018 |
| Assets | | | |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts | \$ 60,900 | \$ (1,867) | \$ 59,033 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 15,572 | 1,867 | 17,439 |
| Deferred commissions costs, net | — | 71,118 | 71,118 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Deferred revenue | \$ 45,686 | \$ (1,716) | \$ 43,970 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 12,070 | 18,370 | 30,440 |
| Retained earnings | 320,656 | 54,464 | 375,120 |

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The impact of the adoption of ASC 606 on the condensed financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2018 was as follows (in thousands):

| | As of September 30, 2018 without adoption of ASC 606 | ASC 606 Adjustments | As Reported as of September 30, 2018 |
|---|--|------------------------|--|
| Assets | | | |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts | \$ 85,048 | \$ (2,769) | \$ 82,279 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 22,434 | 2,769 | 25,203 |
| Deferred commissions costs, net | — | 76,062 | 76,062 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Deferred revenue | \$ 54,831 | \$ (4,636) | \$ 50,195 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 44,448 | 20,417 | 64,865 |
| Retained earnings | 469,664 | 60,281 | 529,945 |

If the Company had not adopted ASC 606, revenue recognized would have been \$1 million lower and selling and marketing expense would have been \$0.1 million lower for the three months ended September 30, 2018. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, revenue recognized would have been \$3 million lower and selling and marketing expense would have been \$5 million higher. The impact on net income and basic and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended September 30, 2018 would have been a decrease of approximately \$1 million or \$0.03 per share. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, the impact on net income and basic and diluted earnings per share would have been a decrease of approximately \$6 million or \$0.17 per share.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, which is designed to reduce the existing diversity in how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the consolidated statements of cash flows. This guidance is effective on a retrospective basis for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted this guidance and the adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business, which is designed to clarify the definition of a business to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. The guidance indicates that when substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired (or disposed of) is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or a group of similar identifiable assets, the set of assets is not a business. This guidance is effective on a prospective basis for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted this guidance and the adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-09, Compensation- Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Scope of Modification Accounting, which is designed to reduce the existing diversity and complexity in the accounting for changes to terms or conditions of a share-based payment award. This guidance clarifies that an entity will not apply modification accounting to a share-based payment award if all of the following are the same immediately before and

after the change: (i) the fair value of the award, (ii) the vesting conditions of the award, and (iii) the classification of the award as an equity instrument or liability instrument. This guidance is effective on a prospective basis for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted this guidance and the adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), to increase transparency and comparability among organizations' accounting for leases. The guidance requires a company to recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet, as well as disclose key quantitative and qualitative information about leasing arrangements. This guidance is effective on a modified retrospective basis for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. As

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permitted by the guidance, the Company currently expects to retain the original lease classification and historical accounting for initial direct costs for leases existing prior to the adoption date. Furthermore, the Company will not have to reassess contracts entered into prior to the adoption date for the existence of a lease. The Company also expects that it will elect not to restate prior periods for the impact of the adoption of the new standard and will instead recognize a cumulative-effect adjustment to beginning retained earnings in the period of adoption. The Company is evaluating the changes required to support the adoption of the new standard, as well as the quantitative impact this guidance will have on its financial statements and related disclosures, however, the Company expects that the adoption of this standard will result in a material increase in assets and liabilities on its consolidated balance sheets, primarily as a result of recognizing assets and liabilities associated with existing office leases.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, Fair Value Measurements (subsequent to adoption of ASU 2018-13, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820)). The ASU was issued to eliminate certain disclosure requirements for fair value measurements, and add and modify other disclosure requirements, as part of its disclosure framework project, including additional requirements for public companies to disclose certain information about the significant unobservable inputs for Level 3 fair value measurements. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019 and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-15, Intangibles - Goodwill and Other - Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer's Accounting for Implementation Costs Incurred in a Cloud Computing Arrangement That Is a Service Contract. ASU 2018-15 requires a customer in a cloud computing arrangement that is a service contract to follow the internal-use software guidance in Accounting Standards Codification 350-40 to determine which implementation costs to defer and recognize as an asset. For public business entities, the guidance is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its financial statements.

3. REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

Disaggregated Revenue

The Company provides information, analytics and online marketplaces to the commercial real estate industry and related professionals. The revenues by operating segment and type of service consist of the following (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| | 2018 | | | 2017 | | |
| | North America | International | Total | North America | International | Total |
| Information and analytics | | | | | | |
| CoStar Suite | \$132,700 | \$ 6,384 | \$139,084 | \$111,452 | \$ 5,862 | \$117,314 |
| Information services | 15,310 | 2,225 | 17,535 | 16,582 | 2,134 | 18,716 |
| Online marketplaces | | | | | | |
| Multifamily | 104,778 | — | 104,778 | 72,257 | — | 72,257 |
| Commercial property and land | 44,128 | — | 44,128 | 39,246 | — | 39,246 |
| Total revenues | \$296,916 | \$ 8,609 | \$305,525 | \$239,537 | \$ 7,996 | \$247,533 |

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| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| | 2018 | | | 2017 | | |
| | North America | International | Total | North America | International | Total |
| Information and analytics | | | | | | |
| CoStar Suite | \$383,876 | \$ 19,381 | \$403,257 | \$324,713 | \$ 16,374 | \$341,087 |
| Information services | 41,544 | 6,881 | 48,425 | 49,203 | 6,161 | 55,364 |
| Online marketplaces | | | | | | |
| Multifamily | 297,254 | — | 297,254 | 204,324 | — | 204,324 |
| Commercial property and land | 127,325 | — | 127,325 | 110,464 | — | 110,464 |
| Total revenues | \$849,999 | \$ 26,262 | \$876,261 | \$688,704 | \$ 22,535 | \$711,239 |

Deferred Revenue

Changes in deferred revenue for the period were as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | \$45,686 |
| Cumulative effect of adoption of ASC 606 | (1,716) |
| Balance at January 1, 2018 | 43,970 |
| Revenue recognized in the current period from the amounts in the beginning balance | (42,275) |
| New deferrals, net of amounts recognized in the current period | 48,719 |
| Effects of foreign currency translation | (219) |
| Balance at September 30, 2018 | \$50,195 |

Contract Assets

The Company had contract assets of \$3 million and \$2 million as of September 30, 2018 and January 1, 2018, respectively, which are generated when contractual billing schedules differ from revenue recognition timing. Contract assets represent a conditional right to consideration for satisfied performance obligations that becomes a receivable when the conditions are satisfied.

Commissions

The Company recognized \$12 million and \$36 million of amortization of deferred commissions included in selling and marketing expense during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively. The Company determined that no deferred commissions were impaired as of September 30, 2018.

Commissions expense activity for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 was as follows (in thousands):

| | September 30, 2018 | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | Three Months Ended | Nine Months Ended |
| Commissions incurred | \$15,311 | \$56,700 |
| Commissions capitalized in the current period | (11,876) | (41,421) |
| Amortization of deferred commissions costs | 11,967 | 36,242 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Total commissions expense | \$15,402 | \$51,521 |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|

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Unsatisfied Performance Obligations

Remaining contract consideration for which revenue has not been recognized due to unsatisfied performance obligations was approximately \$90 million at September 30, 2018, which the Company expects to recognize over the next three years. This amount does not include contract consideration for contracts with a duration of one year or less.

4. ACQUISITIONS

On February 21, 2018 (the "Acquisition Date"), the Company acquired all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of DE Holdings, Inc., including its ForRent division ("ForRent"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Dominion Enterprises ("Seller"), for a purchase price of approximately \$376 million. The purchase price was comprised of approximately \$340 million in cash and 103,280 shares of Company common stock, valued at approximately \$36 million. ForRent's primary service is digital advertising provided through a network of four multifamily websites. The acquisition is expected to yield increased revenue, significant cost synergies and an improved competitive position in the industry. The Company applied the acquisition method to account for the ForRent transaction, which requires that assets acquired and liabilities assumed be recorded at their fair values as of the acquisition date.

The following table summarizes the amounts recorded for acquired assets and assumed liabilities recorded at their fair values as of the acquisition date (in thousands):

| | Preliminary: February 21, 2018 | Measurement Period Adjustments | Adjusted: February 21, 2018 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 59 | \$ — | \$ 59 |
| Accounts receivable | 8,769 | — | 8,769 |
| Indemnification asset | 5,443 | — | 5,443 |
| Goodwill | 266,720 | (207) | 266,513 |
| Intangible assets | 141,300 | — | 141,300 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | (34,032) | — | (34,032) |
| Contingent sales tax liability | (6,260) | — | (6,260) |
| State uncertain income tax position liability | (2,047) | — | (2,047) |
| Other assets and liabilities | (3,453) | — | (3,453) |
| Fair value of identifiable net assets acquired | \$ 376,499 | \$ (207) | \$ 376,292 |

The net assets of ForRent were recorded at their estimated fair values. In valuing acquired assets and assumed liabilities, fair value estimates were based primarily on future expected cash flows, market rate assumptions for contractual obligations, and appropriate discount rates. Measurement period adjustments relate to the determination of working capital as of the acquisition date. The estimated fair values are preliminary, subject to the completion of the assessment of the fair value of certain acquired intangible assets.

The acquired customer base for the acquisition is composed of acquired customer contracts and the related customer relationships, and has a weighted average estimated useful life of ten years. The acquired database technology had an estimated useful life of three years. The acquired trade name has a weighted average estimated useful life of ten years.

The acquired building photography had an estimated useful life of one year. Amortization of the acquired customer base is recognized on an accelerated basis related to the expected economic benefit of the intangible asset, while amortization of the acquired database technology, acquired building photography and acquired trade names and other intangible assets is recognized on a straight-line basis over their respective estimated useful lives. Goodwill recorded in connection with this acquisition is not amortized, but is subject to annual impairment tests. The \$267 million of goodwill recorded as part of the acquisition is associated with the Company's North America operating segment. \$8 million of the goodwill recognized is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes in future periods.

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Goodwill is calculated as the excess of the consideration transferred over the net assets recognized and represents the future economic benefits arising from other assets acquired that could not be individually identified and separately recognized. Specifically, the goodwill recorded as part of the ForRent acquisition includes but is not limited to: (i) the expected synergies and other benefits that the Company believes will result from combining its operations with ForRent's operations; and (ii) any intangible assets that do not qualify for separate recognition, such as the assembled workforce.

Upon acquisition, the Company assessed the (i) probability of a contingent sales tax liability and (ii) a state uncertain income tax position liability due to apportionment factors, and recorded accruals of \$6 million and \$2 million, respectively. The Company could not determine the fair value for the pre-acquisition state sales tax liability and therefore estimated a liability in accordance with ASC 450, using a state-by-state assessment. The uncertain income tax position was determined in accordance with the provisions of ASC 740 and was recorded as part of purchase price allocation. The Seller has provided an indemnity for tax liabilities related to periods prior to the acquisition. Seller's indemnification for sales taxes in the state of Texas is limited to approximately \$2 million. The total indemnification asset established as of the acquisition date is \$5 million. \$1 million of the uncertain income tax position liability and related indemnification asset recognized as of the acquisition date were reversed during the three months ended September 30, 2018, upon expiration of the statute of limitations applicable to the uncertain income tax position.

As part of the ForRent acquisition, the Company incurred \$3 million of transaction costs. Additionally, the Company paid \$12 million cash into a cash escrow account for retention compensation for certain ForRent employees, payable if they remained employed by the Company for a defined six-month period following the acquisition or were earlier terminated without cause or resigned for good reason. In the event some or all of those employees are not entitled to their retention bonus, those funds will be remitted to the Seller. The Company expensed the retention compensation as the services were performed in the post-combination period.

The unaudited pro forma financial information presented below summarizes the combined results of operations for the Company and ForRent as though the companies were combined as of January 1, 2017. The unaudited pro forma financial information for all periods presented include amortization charges from acquired intangible assets, retention compensation for stay pay, as referenced above, and the related tax effects, along with certain other accounting effects, but excludes the impacts of any expected operational synergies. The unaudited pro forma financial information as presented below is for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that would have been achieved if the acquisition had taken place on January 1, 2017.

The unaudited pro forma financial information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 combine the historical results of the Company for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 and the historical results of ForRent for the period January 1, 2018 through February 20, 2018 and three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and the effects of the pro forma adjustments listed above.

The unaudited pro forma financial information was as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Revenue | \$305,525 | \$272,961 | \$890,013 | \$788,959 |
| Net income | \$62,723 | \$31,960 | \$166,553 | \$61,892 |
| Net income per share - basic | \$1.74 | \$0.98 | \$4.62 | \$1.91 |
| Net income per share - diluted | \$1.72 | \$0.97 | \$4.57 | \$1.89 |

Revenue attributable to ForRent from February 21, 2018 through September 30, 2018 was approximately \$50 million. Subsequent to the acquisition, the Company executed an integration plan which includes transitioning ForRent customers to arrangements in which the customer is able to advertise across the Company's network of multifamily listing sites, including the legacy ForRent sites, for a single price. These arrangements do not specify revenues by site, however, all increases and decreases in combined revenue were allocated to ForRent for purposes of this disclosure. This amount represents an estimate of ForRent revenue and is not necessarily indicative of how ForRent would have performed on a stand-alone basis.

The Company began integrating the sales force and operations after the closing of the acquisition in an effort to create operating synergies. As a result of these integration activities, it is impracticable to disclose earnings from ForRent for the period subsequent

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to the acquisition date. As the integration is completed in subsequent periods, the Company will continue to lose visibility into the operations of ForRent on a stand-alone basis and may no longer be able to provide disclosure of revenue attributable to ForRent.

5. INVESTMENTS

The Company determines the appropriate classification of debt investments at the time of purchase and re-evaluates such designation as of each balance sheet date. The Company considers all of its investments to be available-for-sale. The Company's investments consist of long-term variable rate debt instruments with an auction reset feature, referred to as ARS. Investments are carried at fair value.

Scheduled maturities of investments classified as available-for-sale as of September 30, 2018 are as follows (in thousands):

| Maturity | Fair Value |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Due: | |
| October 1, 2018 — September 30, 2019 | \$— |
| October 1, 2019 — September 30, 2023 | — |
| October 1, 2023 — September 30, 2028 | — |
| After September 30, 2028 | 10,070 |
| Available-for-sale investments | \$10,070 |

The Company had no realized gains or losses on its investments for each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Realized gains and losses from the sale of available-for-sale securities are determined on a specific-identification basis.

Changes in unrealized holding gains and losses, net of the related tax effect, on available-for-sale securities are excluded from earnings and are reported as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in stockholders' equity until realized. A decline in market value of any available-for-sale security below cost that is deemed to be other-than-temporary results in a reduction in carrying amount to fair value. The impairment is charged to earnings and a new cost basis for the security is established. Dividend and interest income are recognized when earned.

As of September 30, 2018, the amortized cost basis and fair value of investments classified as available-for-sale were as follows (in thousands):

| | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Auction rate securities | \$ 10,800 | \$ | —\$ (730) | \$10,070 |
| Available-for-sale investments | \$ 10,800 | \$ | —\$ (730) | \$10,070 |

As of December 31, 2017, the amortized cost basis and fair value of investments classified as available-for-sale were as follows (in thousands):

| | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Auction rate securities | \$ 10,800 | \$ | —\$ (730) | \$10,070 |
| Available-for-sale investments | \$ 10,800 | \$ | —\$ (730) | \$10,070 |

The unrealized losses on the Company's investments as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 were generated primarily from changes in interest rates and ARS that failed to settle at auction, due to adverse conditions in the global credit markets. The losses are considered temporary, as the contractual terms of these investments do not permit the issuer to settle the security at a price less than the amortized cost of the investment. Because the Company does not intend to sell these instruments and it is not more likely than not that the Company will be required to sell these instruments prior to anticipated recovery, which

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may be at maturity, the Company does not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017. See Note 6 for further discussion of the fair value of the Company's financial assets.

The components of the Company's investments in an unrealized loss position for twelve months or longer were as follows (in thousands):

| | September 30, 2018 | | December 31, 2017 | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Aggregate Fair Value | Gross Unrealized Losses | Aggregate Fair Value | Gross Unrealized Losses |
| Auction rate securities | \$10,070 | \$ (730) | \$10,070 | \$ (730) |
| Investments in an unrealized loss position | \$10,070 | \$ (730) | \$10,070 | \$ (730) |

The Company did not have any investments in an unrealized loss position for less than twelve months as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

6. FAIR VALUE

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received in the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. There is a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which categorizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include: Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities; Level 2, defined as inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs for which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions.

The following table represents the Company's fair value hierarchy for its financial assets (cash equivalents and investments) measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2018 (in thousands):

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Assets: | | | | |
| Money market | \$387,018 | \$ — | \$ — | \$387,018 |
| Auction rate securities | — | — | 10,070 | 10,070 |
| Total assets measured at fair value | \$387,018 | \$ — | -\$10,070 | \$397,088 |

The following table represents the Company's fair value hierarchy for its financial assets (cash equivalents and investments) measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2017 (in thousands):

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|---------|-----------|
| Assets: | | | | |
| Money market | \$586,084 | \$ — | \$ — | \$586,084 |
| Auction rate securities | — | — | 10,070 | 10,070 |

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Total assets measured at fair value \$586,084 \$ —\$10,070 \$596,154

The Company's Level 3 assets consist of ARS, whose underlying assets are primarily student loan securities supported by guarantees from the Federal Family Education Loan Program ("FFELP") of the U.S. Department of Education.

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The following tables summarize changes in fair value of the Company's Level 3 assets for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 (in thousands):

| | Three Months | | Nine Months | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Ended | | Ended | |
| | September 30, | September 30, | September 30, | September 30, |
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$10,070 | \$9,952 | \$10,070 | \$9,952 |
| Decrease in unrealized loss included in accumulated other comprehensive loss | — | — | — | — |
| Settlements | — | — | — | — |
| Balance at end of period | \$10,070 | \$9,952 | \$10,070 | \$9,952 |

The following table summarizes changes in fair value of the Company's Level 3 assets from December 31, 2016 to September 30, 2018 (in thousands):

| | Auction Rate Securities |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2016 | \$ 9,952 |
| Decrease in unrealized loss included in accumulated other comprehensive loss | 118 |
| Balance at December 31, 2017 | 10,070 |
| Decrease in unrealized loss included in accumulated other comprehensive loss | — |
| Settlements | — |
| Balance at September 30, 2018 | \$ 10,070 |

ARS are variable rate debt instruments whose interest rates are reset approximately every 28 days. The majority of the underlying securities have contractual maturities greater than twenty years. The ARS are recorded at fair value.

As of September 30, 2018, the Company held ARS with \$11 million par value, all of which failed to settle at auction. The investments are of high credit quality and are primarily student loan securities supported by guarantees from the FFELP of the U.S. Department of Education. The Company may not be able to liquidate and fully recover the carrying value of the ARS in the near term. As a result, these securities are classified as long-term investments in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2018. See Note 5 for the scheduled maturities of investments classified as available-for-sale.

While the Company continues to earn interest on its ARS investments at the contractual rate, these investments are not currently actively trading and therefore do not currently have a readily determinable market value. The estimated fair value of the ARS no longer approximates par value. The Company obtained a third party valuation which used a discounted cash flow model to determine the estimated fair value of its investment in ARS as of September 30, 2018. The assumptions used in preparing the discounted cash flow model include estimates for interest rates, credit spreads, timing and amount of contractual cash flows, liquidity risk premiums, expected holding periods and default risk. The Company updates the discounted cash flow model on a quarterly basis to reflect any changes in the assumptions used in the model and settlements of ARS investments that occurred during the period.

The only significant unobservable input in the discounted cash flow model is the discount rate. The discount rate used represents the Company's estimate of the yield expected by a market participant from the ARS investments. The weighted average discount rate used in the discounted cash flow model as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 was approximately 6%. Selecting another discount rate within the range used in the discounted cash flow model would not result in a significant change to the fair value of the ARS.

Based on this assessment of fair value, as of September 30, 2018, the Company determined there was no decline in the fair value of its ARS investments. In addition, while the ARS are of high credit quality, if the issuers are unable to successfully close future auctions and/or their credit ratings deteriorate, then the Company may be required to record additional unrealized losses in accumulated other comprehensive loss or an other-than-temporary impairment charge to earnings on these investments.

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7. GOODWILL

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by operating segment consist of the following (in thousands):

| | North America | International | Total |
|--|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Goodwill, December 31, 2016 | \$ 1,227,777 | \$ 27,089 | \$ 1,254,866 |
| Acquisitions | 25,717 | — | 25,717 |
| Effect of foreign currency translation | — | 2,874 | 2,874 |
| Goodwill, December 31, 2017 | 1,253,494 | 29,963 | 1,283,457 |
| Acquisition | 266,513 | — | 266,513 |
| Effect of foreign currency translation | — | (994 |) (994 |
| Goodwill, September 30, 2018 | \$ 1,520,007 | \$ 28,969 | \$ 1,548,976 |

The Company recorded goodwill of approximately \$8 million in connection with the January 31, 2017 acquisition of Koa Lei, Inc. (doing business as Westside Rentals and now known as Westside Rentals, LLC), an online marketplace specializing in Southern California real estate rentals, and its affiliated entity Westside Credit Services, LLC, a provider of credit checks and tenant screening for landlords in the Southern California real estate rental market. The Company recorded goodwill of approximately \$15 million in connection with the May 10, 2017 acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities from Datasphere Technologies, Inc., in each case, related to the LandWatch.com® business (collectively referred to as “LandWatch”), a leading listing site dedicated to land and rural properties. The Company recorded goodwill of approximately \$2 million in connection with the July 18, 2017 acquisition of The Screening Pros, LLC, an online apartment leasing platform that includes tenant screening services, rental applications and payments processing and lease renewals. The Company recorded goodwill of approximately \$267 million in connection with the February 21, 2018 acquisition of ForRent, a digital advertising service provided through a network of four multifamily websites.

8. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands, except amortization period data):

| | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 | Weighted- Average Amortization Period (in years) |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| Capitalized product development cost | \$ 2,173 | \$ 2,275 | 4 |
| Accumulated amortization | (2,170 |) (2,262 |) |
| Capitalized product development cost, net | 3 | 13 | |
| Building photography | 9,086 | 18,739 | 2 |
| Accumulated amortization | (8,744 |) (18,212 |) |
| Building photography, net | 342 | 527 | |
| Acquired database technology | 93,369 | 83,469 | 4 |
| Accumulated amortization | (83,536 |) (79,188 |) |
| Acquired database technology, net | 9,833 | 4,281 | |

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|---|------------|------------|----|
| Acquired customer base | 335,431 | 225,879 | 10 |
| Accumulated amortization | (191,692) | (169,157) |) |
| Acquired customer base, net | 143,739 | 56,722 | |
| Acquired trade names and other intangible assets | 188,589 | 167,718 | 13 |
| Accumulated amortization | (56,548) | (46,369) |) |
| Acquired trade names and other intangible assets, net | 132,041 | 121,349 | |
| Intangible assets, net | \$ 285,958 | \$ 182,892 | |

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9. LONG-TERM DEBT

On October 19, 2017, the Company entered into an amended and restated 2017 Credit Agreement, which amended and restated in its entirety, the existing 2014 Credit Agreement dated April 1, 2014. The 2017 Credit Agreement provides for a \$750 million revolving credit facility with a term of five years from a syndicate of financial institutions as lenders and issuing banks. The 2017 facility may be used for working capital and other general corporate purposes of the Company and its subsidiaries. In connection with the transaction, the Company incurred \$4 million of issuance costs. Those costs, along with \$4 million of unamortized costs related to the 2014 Credit Agreement, were allocated between the extinguishment of the 2014 Credit Agreement and the 2017 Credit Agreement. This allocation resulted in the Company recognizing a loss of \$4 million on the extinguishment with the remaining \$4 million being deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis as interest expense over the term of the 2017 Credit Agreement.

Up to \$20 million of the revolving credit facility is available for the issuance of letters of credit. The Company had an irrevocable standby letter of credit outstanding totaling \$0.2 million as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, which was required to secure its San Francisco office lease. The letter of credit was established in 2014 and automatically renews through January 31, 2025.

The loans under the 2017 Credit Agreement bear interest during any interest period selected by the Company, at either (i) the London interbank offered rate for deposits in U.S. dollars with a maturity comparable to such interest period, adjusted for statutory reserves ("LIBOR"), plus an initial spread of 1.25% per annum, subject to adjustment based on the First Lien Secured Leverage Ratio (as defined in the 2017 Credit Agreement) of the Company, or (ii) at the greatest of (x) the prime rate from time to time announced by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., (y) the federal funds effective rate plus $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% and (z) LIBOR for a one-month interest period plus 1.00%, plus an initial spread of 0.25% per annum, subject to adjustment based on the First Lien Secured Leverage Ratio of the Company. If an event of default occurs under the 2017 Credit Agreement, the interest rate on overdue amounts will increase by 2.00% per annum. The obligations under the 2017 Credit Agreement are guaranteed by all material subsidiaries of the Company and are secured by a lien on substantially all of the assets of the Company and its material subsidiaries, in each case subject to certain exceptions, pursuant to security and guarantee agreements entered into on the closing date of the 2017 Credit Agreement.

The 2017 Credit Agreement requires the Company to maintain (i) a First Lien Secured Leverage Ratio not exceeding 3.50 to 1.00 and (ii) after the incurrence of additional indebtedness under certain specified exceptions in the 2017 Credit Agreement, a Total Leverage Ratio (as defined in the 2017 Credit Agreement) not exceeding 4.50 to 1.00. The 2017 Credit Agreement also includes other covenants, including covenants that, subject to certain exceptions, restrict the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to (i) incur additional indebtedness, (ii) create, incur, assume or permit to exist any liens, (iii) enter into mergers, consolidations or similar transactions, (iv) make investments and acquisitions, (v) make certain dispositions of assets, (vi) make dividends, distributions and prepayments of certain indebtedness, and (vii) enter into certain transactions with affiliates. The Company was in compliance with the covenants in the 2017 Credit Agreement as of September 30, 2018.

The Company had no outstanding long-term debt at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, the Company recognized interest expense, consisting of amortization of debt issuance costs and commitment fees, on its revolving credit facility of approximately \$1 million and \$2 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company incurred interest expense for the term loan and revolving credit facility of approximately \$3 million and \$8 million, respectively, including amortization of debt issuance costs and commitment fees of approximately \$1 million and \$3 million, respectively.

The Company had \$4 million and \$4 million of deferred debt issuance costs included in deposits and other assets at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

10.INCOME TAXES

The income tax provision for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 reflects an effective tax rate of approximately 20% and 38%, respectively. The income tax provision for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 reflects an effective tax rate of approximately 11% and 33%, respectively. The decrease in the effective tax rate for both periods was primarily due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act"), which reduced the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018, and discrete items including excess tax benefits on share-based payments. The effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was further reduced due to state research and development tax credits.

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The Company's accounting for the tax effects of the Tax Act is incomplete. The Securities and Exchange Commission staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin 118, Income Tax Accounting Implications of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, ("SAB 118"), which provides guidance on accounting for the tax effects of the Tax Act. SAB 118 provides a measurement period that should not extend beyond one year from the Tax Act enactment date for companies to complete the accounting under Accounting Standards Codification Topic 740, ("ASC 740"). In accordance with SAB 118, a company must reflect the income tax effects of those aspects of the Tax Act for which the accounting under ASC 740 is complete. To the extent that a company's accounting for certain income tax effects of the Tax Act is incomplete but it is able to determine a reasonable estimate, it must record a provisional estimate in the financial statements. If a company cannot determine a provisional estimate to be included in the financial statements, it should continue to apply ASC 740 on the basis of the provisions of the tax laws that were in effect immediately before the enactment of the Tax Act. As noted in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, at year-end, the Company was able to reasonably estimate certain tax effects of the Tax Act and, therefore, recorded provisional adjustments.

The Company has not made any additional measurement-period adjustments related to the tax effects of the Tax Act during the nine months ended September 30, 2018. The Company is continuing to gather additional information to complete its accounting for the tax effects of the Tax Act and expects to complete such accounting within the prescribed measurement period of up to one year from the enactment of the Tax Act.

11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company leases office facilities under various non-cancelable operating leases. The leases contain various renewal options.

Currently, and from time to time, the Company is involved in litigation incidental to the conduct of its business. The Company records a provision for a liability when it is both probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. At the present time, while it is reasonably possible that an unfavorable outcome may occur as a result of one or more of the Company's current litigation matters, management has concluded that it is not probable that a loss has been incurred in connection with the Company's current litigation. In addition, the Company is unable to estimate the possible loss or range of loss that could result from an unfavorable outcome in the Company's current litigation and accordingly, the Company has not recognized any liability in the condensed consolidated financial statements for potential losses, if any. Legal defense costs are expensed as incurred.

12. SEGMENT REPORTING

Segment Information

The Company manages its business geographically in two operating segments, with the primary areas of measurement and decision-making being North America, which includes the U.S. and Canada, and International, which includes the U.K., Spain, Germany and France. The Company and its subsidiaries' subscription-based services consist primarily of information, analytics and online marketplace services offered over the internet to commercial real estate industry and related professionals. CoStar Suite® is the Company's primary service offering in the North America and International operating segments. Management relies on an internal management reporting process that provides revenue and operating segment net income before interest, loss on debt extinguishment, income taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"). Management believes that operating segment EBITDA is an appropriate measure for

evaluating the operational performance of the Company's operating segments. EBITDA is used by management to internally measure operating and management performance and to evaluate the performance of the business. However, this measure should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for or superior to, income from operations or other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Intersegment revenues recorded were attributable to services performed for the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, CoStar Portfolio Strategy, by Grecom S.A.S. ("Grecom"), a wholly owned subsidiary of CoStar Limited, the Company's wholly owned U.K. holding company. Intersegment revenues are recorded at an amount the Company believes approximates fair value. North America EBITDA includes a corresponding cost for the services performed by Grecom for CoStar Portfolio Strategy.

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Summarized information by operating segment consists of the following (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| EBITDA | | | | |
| North America | \$94,088 | \$72,267 | \$229,905 | \$170,064 |
| International | (2,967) | 365 | (3,998) | 1,271 |
| Total EBITDA | \$91,121 | \$72,632 | \$225,907 | \$171,335 |

The reconciliation of net income to EBITDA consists of the following (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 | |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net income | \$58,759 | \$34,177 | \$154,825 | \$78,491 |
| Amortization of acquired intangible assets in cost of revenues | 5,310 | 4,200 | 15,242 | 15,089 |
| Amortization of acquired intangible assets in operating expenses | 8,329 | 4,298 | 22,948 | 13,642 |
| Depreciation and other amortization | 6,794 | 6,621 | 19,810 | 19,546 |
| Interest and other income | (3,035) | (555) | (8,674) | (1,589) |
| Interest and other expense | 717 | 2,901 | 2,135 | 8,280 |
| Income tax expense | 14,247 | 20,990 | 19,621 | 37,876 |
| EBITDA | \$91,121 | \$72,632 | \$225,907 | \$171,335 |

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Summarized information by operating segment consists of the following (in thousands):

| | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Property and equipment, net | | |
| North America | \$ 77,990 | \$ 79,736 |
| International | 3,947 | 4,760 |
| Total property and equipment, net | \$ 81,937 | \$ 84,496 |
| Goodwill | | |
| North America | \$ 1,520,007 | \$ 1,253,494 |
| International | 28,969 | 29,963 |
| Total goodwill | \$ 1,548,976 | \$ 1,283,457 |
| Assets | | |
| North America | \$ 3,159,700 | \$ 2,816,156 |
| International | 47,522 | 57,285 |
| Total assets | \$ 3,207,222 | \$ 2,873,441 |
| Liabilities | | |
| North America | \$ 261,722 | \$ 201,831 |
| International | 17,186 | 20,360 |
| Total liabilities | \$ 278,908 | \$ 222,191 |

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On October 12, 2018, the Company acquired all of the issued share capital of Realla Ltd., the operator of a commercial property-specific listings and data management platform in the U.K., including a free-to-list search engine for commercial property listings. The determination of the final purchase price is subject to customary working capital and other post-closing adjustments.

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

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains "forward-looking statements," including statements about our beliefs and expectations. There are many risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Potential factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in any forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed in "Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements" at the end of this Item 2 and "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of Part II of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as those described from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

All forward-looking statements are based on information available to us on the date of this filing and we assume no obligation to update such statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Overview

CoStar Group, Inc. (the "Company" or "CoStar") is the number one provider of information, analytics and online marketplaces to the commercial real estate industry in the United States ("U.S.") and the United Kingdom ("U.K.") based on the fact that we offer the most comprehensive commercial real estate database available; have the largest research department in the industry; own and operate leading online marketplaces for commercial real estate and apartment listings in the U.S. based on the numbers of unique visitors and site visits per month; provide more information, analytics and marketing services than any of our competitors and believe that we generate more revenues than any of our commercial real estate information and online marketplace competitors. We created and compiled our standardized platform of information, analytics and online marketplace services where industry professionals and consumers of commercial real estate, including apartments, and the related business communities can continuously interact and facilitate transactions by efficiently accessing and exchanging accurate and standardized real estate-related information.

Subscription-Based Services

Our subscription-based services consist primarily of information, analytics and online marketplace services offered over the internet to commercial real estate industry and related professionals. Our services are typically distributed to our clients under subscription-based license agreements that renew automatically, a majority of which have a term of one year. Upon renewal, subscription contract rates may change in accordance with contract provisions or as a result of contract renegotiations. To encourage clients to use our services regularly, we generally charge a fixed monthly amount for our subscription-based services rather than charging fees based on actual system usage or number of paid clicks. Our service offerings span all commercial property types, including office, retail, industrial, multifamily, commercial land, mixed-use and hospitality. Depending on the type of service, contract rates are generally based on the number of sites, number of users, organization size, the client's business focus, geography, the number and types of services to which a client subscribes, the number of properties a client advertises and the prominence and placement of a client's advertised properties in the search results, as applicable. Our subscription clients generally pay contract fees in advance on a monthly basis, but in some cases may pay us in advance on a quarterly or annual basis.

Our principal information, analytics and online marketplace services are described in the following paragraphs by type of service:

Information and Analytics

CoStar Suite®. Our subscription-based information services consist primarily of CoStar Suite services. CoStar Suite is sold as a platform of service offerings consisting of CoStar Property Professional®, CoStar COMPS Professional® and CoStar Tenant® and through our mobile application, CoStar Go®. Our integrated suite of online service offerings includes information about space available for lease, comparable sales information, information about properties for sale, tenant information, internet marketing services, analytical capabilities, information for clients' websites, information about industry professionals and their business relationships and industry news. We provide market research, consulting and analysis for commercial real estate investors and lenders via our CoStar Portfolio Strategy and CoStar Suite service offerings. The 2018 revenue growth rates for our CoStar Suite services are expected to be consistent with historical rates.

Information services. We provide portfolio and debt analysis, management and reporting capabilities through our CoStar Investment Analysis and CoStar Risk Analytics service offerings; and, real estate and lease management solutions, including lease

administration and abstraction services, through our CoStar Real Estate Manager service offerings. We also provide information services internationally, through our Grecam, Belbex and Thomas Daily businesses in France, Spain and Germany, respectively. Revenue for our information services is expected to be lower than the prior year due to the elimination or phase out of the LoopNet information services as we seek to convert LoopNet information customers to higher value, more profitable annual subscription CoStar Suite information services.

Online Marketplaces

Multifamily. Apartments.comTM is part of our network of apartment marketing sites, which also includes ApartmentFinder.comTM, ForRent.com®, ApartmentHomeLiving.comTM, WestsideRentals.com®, AFTER55.com®, CorporateHousing.comTM, ForRentUniversity.com® and Apartamentos.comTM, our apartment-listing site offered exclusively in Spanish. Our apartment marketing network of subscription-based services offers renters a searchable database of apartment listings and provides professional property management companies and landlords with an advertising destination. On February 21, 2018, we completed the acquisition of ForRent, a division of Dominion Enterprises, including the ForRent.com, AFTER55.com, CorporateHousing.com and ForRentUniversity.com apartment marketing sites. We continue to integrate, develop and cross-sell the services offered by ForRent. Multifamily revenue growth rates are expected to continue to remain consistent through the end of 2018.

Commercial property and land. Our LoopNet subscription-based, online marketplace services enable commercial property owners, landlords and real estate agents working on their behalf to list properties for sale or for lease and to submit detailed information about property listings. Commercial real estate agents, buyers and tenants also use LoopNet's online marketplace services to search for available property listings that meet their criteria. On October 12, 2018, we acquired all of the issued share capital of Realla Ltd. ("Realla"), the operator of a commercial property-specific listings and data management platform in the U.K., including a free-to-list search engine for commercial property listings. See Note 13 to the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further discussion of the acquisition of Realla. Our BizBuySell services, which include BizQuest®, provide an online marketplace for businesses for sale. Our Land.com network of sites, which provide online marketplaces for rural lands for sale, includes LandsofAmerica, LandAndFarm and LandWatch®.

As of September 30, 2018 and 2017, our annualized net bookings of subscription-based services on all contracts were approximately \$40 million and \$34 million, respectively, calculated based on the annualized amount of change in our sales resulting from all new subscription-based contracts or upsales on all existing subscription-based contracts, less write downs and cancellations, for the period reported. We recognize subscription revenues on a straight-line basis over the life of the contract. Our net bookings is a quantitative measurement that is typically closely correlated with our subscription revenue results. Net bookings is considered a key indicator of future subscription revenue growth and also serves as a metric of salesforce productivity by management and investors.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 our contract renewal rate for existing CoStar subscription-based services on annual contracts was approximately 90%, consistent with the nine months ended September 30, 2017, and therefore our cancellation rate for those services was approximately 10% for the same time periods. Our contract renewal rate is a quantitative measurement that is typically closely correlated with our revenue results. As a result, management also believes that the rate may be a reliable indicator of short-term and long-term performance. Our trailing twelve-month contract renewal rate may decline if, among other reasons, negative economic conditions lead to greater business failures and/or consolidations among our clients, reductions in customer spending, or decreases in our customer base.

Development, Investments and Expansion

We are committed to supporting, improving and enhancing our information, news, analytics and online marketplace solutions, including expanding and improving our offerings for property managers and renters. We expect to continue our software development efforts to improve existing services, introduce new services, integrate and cross-sell services, and expand and develop supporting technologies for our research, sales and marketing organizations. We have been, and plan to continue, integrating, further developing and cross-selling our services, including Apartments.com, ApartmentFinder.com, ForRent.com and CoStar Market Analytics. To generate brand awareness and site traffic for our listing sites, we utilize a variety of marketing campaigns, including television and radio advertising, online/digital advertising, social media and out-of-home ads, and search engine marketing. We expect to continue to invest in sales and marketing to promote our listing sites. As we continue to assess the success and effectiveness of our marketing campaign, we will continue to work to determine the optimal level of marketing investment for our services for future periods.

Our key priorities for 2018 include:

Continuing to develop and cross-sell the services offered by ForRent, as part of our Apartments.com network. We have completed the majority of the integration of ForRent, including integration of the ForRent sales team and the services offered by ForRent and have worked to secure the existing revenue from ForRent customers. ForRent.com is expected to remain a distinct, complementary brand to Apartments.com, giving property managers and owners more exposure for their listings.

Continuing to convert LoopNet information customers to the higher value, more profitable annual subscription CoStar Suite information services following migration of all our commercial real estate information capabilities to our flagship CoStar Suite service and winding down of the legacy LoopNet information services. We continue to invest in the LoopNet marketplace as we transition LoopNet to a pure pay-to-list marketing site for commercial real estate. We are also expanding our LoopNet marketplace offering into Canada.

Continuing to invest in the growth of our international business. On October 12, 2018, we acquired all of the issued share capital of Realla Ltd. We plan to integrate Realla with our CoStar U.K. operations, including development of a single point of data entry to allow our clients to display their commercial real estate listings through the CoStar Suite service offering and to make them visible to prospective tenants and investors through Realla's marketing portal.

- Continuing to develop new, and improve existing, online rental property service offerings for the apartments industry. In particular, we expect to implement the ability for renters to apply for leases online, for landlords to run tenant credit and background checks online and, eventually, for landlords and tenants to generate and enter into leases and to make and process payments online.

Continuing to invest in our research operations to support continued growth of our information and analytics offerings. We established our research operations headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, in December 2016, which has developed into a technology innovation hub, powering software development necessary to support the content within our information, analytics and marketing services. Since the opening of our Richmond research headquarters, we have expanded our research team to continue to meet the growing content needs of our clients, while also consolidating certain research operations in Richmond in order to achieve cost efficiencies. We are also focused on centralizing management and aligning our global research and other operations and expect to continue to invest in our global research operations.

On October 19, 2017, we entered into an amended and restated credit agreement (the "2017 Credit Agreement"), which amended and restated in its entirety our existing 2014 Credit Agreement. The 2017 Credit Agreement provides for a \$750 million revolving credit facility with a term of five years from a syndicate of financial institutions as lenders and issuing banks. The 2017 revolving credit facility may be used for working capital and other general corporate purposes of the Company and its subsidiaries. We had no outstanding long-term debt at September 30, 2018. We expect the restructured credit facility, along with the net proceeds of approximately \$834 million from our October 2017 equity offering and cash generated by our business to support our continued growth and give us flexibility to act on strategic acquisition opportunities that may arise.

We intend to continue to assess the need for additional investments in our business, in addition to the investments discussed above, in order to develop and distribute new services within our current platform or expand the reach of our current service offerings. Any future product development or expansion of services, combination and coordination of services or elimination of services or corporate expansion, development or restructuring efforts could reduce our profitability and increase our capital expenditures. Any new investments, changes to our service offerings or other unforeseen events could result in reduced revenues, losses and negative cash flow from operations in the future. Any development efforts must comply with our credit facility, which contains restrictive covenants that restrict our

operations and use of our cash flow and may prevent us from taking certain actions that we believe could increase our profitability or otherwise enhance our business.

Property Developments

As we have done in the past, we expect to continue to identify new facilities and consolidate existing facilities to better accommodate the changing demands of our business operations and employees. As a result, we may incur additional lease restructuring charges for the abandonment of certain lease space and the impairment of leasehold improvements.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We prepare and publicly release quarterly unaudited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). We also disclose and discuss certain non-GAAP financial measures in our public releases,

investor conference calls and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The non-GAAP financial measures that we may disclose include net income before interest and other income (expense), loss on debt extinguishment, income taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”), adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share (also referred to as “non-GAAP EPS”). EBITDA is our net income before interest and other income (expense), loss on debt extinguishment, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. We typically disclose EBITDA on a consolidated and an operating segment basis in our earnings releases, investor conference calls and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Adjusted EBITDA is different from EBITDA because we further adjust EBITDA for stock-based compensation expense, acquisition- and integration-related costs, restructuring costs and settlements and impairments incurred outside our ordinary course of business. Non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share are similarly adjusted for stock-based compensation expense, acquisition- and integration-related costs, restructuring costs, settlement and impairment costs incurred outside our ordinary course of business and loss on debt extinguishment as well as amortization of acquired intangible assets and other related costs. We may disclose adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share on a consolidated basis in our earnings releases, investor conference calls and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The non-GAAP financial measures that we use may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. Also, in the future, we may disclose different non-GAAP financial measures in order to help our investors meaningfully evaluate and compare our results of operations to our previously reported results of operations or to those of other companies in our industry.

We view EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share as operating performance measures and as such we believe that the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is net income. In calculating EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share, we exclude from net income the financial items that we believe should be separately identified to provide additional analysis of the financial components of the day-to-day operation of our business. We have outlined below the type and scope of these exclusions and the material limitations on the use of these non-GAAP financial measures as a result of these exclusions. EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share are not measurements of financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as a measure of liquidity, as an alternative to net income or as an indicator of any other measure of performance derived in accordance with GAAP. Investors and potential investors in our securities should not rely on EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share as a substitute for any GAAP financial measure, including net income. In addition, we urge investors and potential investors in our securities to carefully review the GAAP financial information included as part of our Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q that are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as our quarterly earnings releases, and compare the GAAP financial information with our EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share.

EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share may be used by management to internally measure our operating and management performance and may be used by investors as supplemental financial measures to evaluate the performance of our business. We believe that these non-GAAP measures, when viewed with our GAAP results and the accompanying reconciliation, provide additional information that is useful to understand the factors and trends affecting our business. We have spent more than 30 years building our database of commercial real estate information and expanding our markets and services partially through acquisitions of complementary businesses. Due to the expansion of our information, analytics and online marketplace services, which has included acquisitions, our net income has included significant charges for amortization of acquired intangible assets, depreciation and other amortization, acquisition- and integration-related costs, restructuring costs, and loss on debt extinguishment. Adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share exclude these charges and provide meaningful information about the operating performance of our business, apart from charges for amortization of acquired intangible assets, depreciation and other amortization, acquisition- and integration-related costs, restructuring costs; settlement and impairment costs incurred outside our ordinary course of

business. We believe the disclosure of non-GAAP measures can help investors meaningfully evaluate and compare our performance from quarter to quarter and from year to year. We also believe the non-GAAP measures we disclose are measures of our ongoing operating performance because the isolation of non-cash charges, such as amortization and depreciation, and other items, such as interest, income taxes, stock-based compensation expenses, acquisition- and integration-related costs, restructuring costs; loss on debt extinguishment and settlement and impairment costs incurred outside our ordinary course of business, provides additional information about our cost structure, and, over time, helps track our operating progress. In addition, investors, securities analysts and others have regularly relied on EBITDA and may rely on adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income or non-GAAP net income per diluted share to provide a financial measure by which to compare our operating performance against that of other companies in our industry.

Set forth below are descriptions of financial items that have been excluded from net income to calculate EBITDA and the material limitations associated with using this non-GAAP financial measure as compared to net income:

Amortization of acquired intangible assets in cost of revenues may be useful for investors to consider because it represents the diminishing value of any acquired trade names and other intangible assets and the use of our acquired database

technology, which is one of the sources of information for our database of commercial real estate information. We do not believe these charges necessarily reflect the current and ongoing cash charges related to our operating cost structure.

Amortization of acquired intangible assets in operating expenses may be useful for investors to consider because it represents the estimated attrition of our acquired customer base. We do not believe these charges necessarily reflect the current and ongoing cash charges related to our operating cost structure.

Depreciation and other amortization may be useful for investors to consider because they generally represent the wear and tear on our property and equipment used in our operations. We do not believe these charges necessarily reflect the current and ongoing cash charges related to our operating cost structure.

The amount of interest and other income we generate may be useful for investors to consider and may result in current cash inflows. However, we do not consider the amount of interest and other income to be a representative component of the day-to-day operating performance of our business.

The amount of interest and other expense we incur may be useful for investors to consider and may result in current cash outflows. However, we do not consider the amount of interest and other expense to be a representative component of the day-to-day operating performance of our business.

Income tax expense may be useful for investors to consider because it generally represents the taxes which may be payable for the period and the change in deferred income taxes during the period and may reduce the amount of funds otherwise available for use in our business. However, we do not consider the amount of income tax expense to be a representative component of the day-to-day operating performance of our business.

The amount of loss on our debt extinguishment may be useful for investors to consider because it generally represents losses from the early extinguishment of debt. However, we do not consider the amount of the loss on debt extinguishment to be a representative component of the day-to-day operating performance of our business.

Set forth below are descriptions of additional financial items that have been excluded from EBITDA to calculate adjusted EBITDA and the material limitations associated with using this non-GAAP financial measure as compared to net income:

Stock-based compensation expense may be useful for investors to consider because it represents a portion of the compensation of our employees and executives. Determining the fair value of the stock-based instruments involves a high degree of judgment and estimation and the expenses recorded may bear little resemblance to the actual value realized upon the future exercise or termination of the related stock-based awards. Therefore, we believe it is useful to exclude stock-based compensation in order to better understand the long-term performance of our core business.

The amount of acquisition- and integration-related costs incurred may be useful for investors to consider because they generally represent professional service fees and direct expenses related to acquisitions. Because we do not acquire businesses on a predictable cycle, we do not consider the amount of acquisition- and integration-related costs to be a representative component of the day-to-day operating performance of our business.

The amount of restructuring costs incurred may be useful for investors to consider because such costs generally represent costs incurred in connection with a change in a contract or a change in the makeup of our properties or personnel. We do not consider the amount of restructuring related costs to be a representative component of the day-to-day operating performance of our business.

- The amount of settlement and impairment costs incurred outside of our ordinary course of business may be useful for investors to consider because they generally represent gains or losses from the settlement of litigation matters or impairments on acquired intangible assets. We do not believe these charges necessarily reflect the current and ongoing cash charges related to our operating cost structure.

The financial items that have been excluded from our net income to calculate non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share are amortization of acquired intangible assets and other related costs, stock-based compensation, acquisition- and integration-related costs, restructuring and related costs and settlement and impairment costs incurred outside our ordinary course of business. These items are discussed above with respect to the calculation of adjusted EBITDA together with the material limitations associated with using this non-GAAP financial measure as compared to net income. We subtract an assumed provision for income taxes to calculate non-GAAP net income. In 2018 and 2017, we assumed a 25% and 38% tax rate, respectively, which approximates our historical long-term statutory corporate tax rate, excluding the impact of discrete items. The 2018 rate

incorporates the effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("Tax Act") which reduced the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018.

Non-GAAP net income per diluted share is a non-GAAP financial measure that represents non-GAAP net income divided by the number of diluted shares outstanding for the period used in the calculation of GAAP net income per diluted share.

Management compensates for the above-described limitations of using non-GAAP measures by using a non-GAAP measure only to supplement our GAAP results and to provide additional information that is useful to understand the factors and trends affecting our business.

The following table shows our net income reconciled to our EBITDA and our net cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for the indicated periods (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net income | \$58,759 | \$34,177 | \$154,825 | \$78,491 |
| Amortization of acquired intangible assets in cost of revenues | 5,310 | 4,200 | 15,242 | 15,089 |
| Amortization of acquired intangible assets in operating expenses | 8,329 | 4,298 | 22,948 | 13,642 |
| Depreciation and other amortization | 6,794 | 6,621 | 19,810 | 19,546 |
| Interest and other income | (3,035) | (555) | (8,674) | (1,589) |
| Interest and other expense | 717 | 2,901 | 2,135 | 8,280 |
| Income tax expense | 14,247 | 20,990 | 19,621 | 37,876 |
| EBITDA | \$91,121 | \$72,632 | \$225,907 | \$171,335 |
| Net cash flows provided by (used in) | | | | |
| Operating activities | \$101,367 | \$67,944 | \$220,684 | \$163,307 |
| Investing activities | (5,950) | (9,779) | (361,875) | (67,521) |
| Financing activities | 10,282 | (121) | 2,102 | (40,894) |

Comparison of Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 and Three Months Ended September 30, 2017

The following table provides a comparison of our selected consolidated results of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Increase (Decrease) (\$) | Increase (Decrease) (%) |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| CoStar Suite | \$ 139,084 | \$ 117,314 | \$ 21,770 | 19 % |
| Information services | 17,535 | 18,716 | (1,181) | (6) |
| Multifamily | 104,778 | 72,257 | 32,521 | 45 |
| Commercial property and land | 44,128 | 39,246 | 4,882 | 12 |
| Total revenues | 305,525 | 247,533 | 57,992 | 23 |
| Cost of revenues | 72,072 | 55,483 | 16,589 | 30 |
| Gross profit | 233,453 | 192,050 | 41,403 | 22 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Selling and marketing (excluding customer base amortization) | 89,251 | 72,705 | 16,546 | 23 |
| Software development | 26,173 | 21,536 | 4,637 | 22 |
| General and administrative | 39,012 | 35,998 | 3,014 | 8 |
| Customer base amortization | 8,329 | 4,298 | 4,031 | 94 |
| Total operating expenses | 162,765 | 134,537 | 28,228 | 21 |
| Income from operations | 70,688 | 57,513 | 13,175 | 23 |
| Interest and other income | 3,035 | 555 | 2,480 | NM |
| Interest and other expense | (717) | (2,901) | (2,184) | (75) |
| Income before income taxes | 73,006 | 55,167 | 17,839 | 32 |
| Income tax expense | 14,247 | 20,990 | (6,743) | (32) |
| Net income | \$58,759 | \$34,177 | \$ 24,582 | 72 |

NM - Not meaningful

Revenues. Revenues increased to \$306 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, from \$248 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The \$58 million increase was primarily attributable to increased revenues of approximately \$22 million or 19% from continued organic growth of CoStar Suite as well as the conversion of our LoopNet customers to our CoStar platform as a result of integration of the LoopNet and CoStar databases.

Information Services revenue decreased to \$18 million, or 6%, for the three months ended September 30, 2018 from \$19 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 primarily due to continued wind down of LoopNet information services including Premium Searcher of \$8 million, partially offset by an increase of \$6 million in our CoStar Real Estate Manager offering. Multifamily revenue increased \$33 million or 45%, compared to the third quarter of 2017, driven by the ForRent acquisition. Commercial Property and Land revenue increased \$5 million or 12% compared to the third quarter of 2017 primarily due to growth in our online marketplace services of \$3 million as well as growth in our land for sale products of \$2 million.

Gross Profit. Gross profit increased to \$233 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, from \$192 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The gross profit percentage was 76% for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 78% for the three months ended September 30, 2017. Investment in research to further support our products and services led to an increase in costs of revenues of \$17 million during the third quarter of 2018 compared to the third quarter of 2017. The increase was primarily due to additional research personnel costs of \$7 million, \$3 million in additional direct costs partially due to the acquisition of ForRent, \$1 million in additional software licensing costs and \$1 million in additional occupancy related charges. Additionally, cost of revenues increased \$1 million due to amortization from the acquisition of ForRent. Gross margins are impacted by the amortization of certain intangible assets acquired through acquisitions.

Selling and Marketing Expenses. Selling and marketing expenses increased to \$89 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, from \$73 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, and remained the same as a percentage of revenues at 29% for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The increase in the amount of selling and marketing expenses in the third quarter of 2018 was primarily due to a \$13 million increase in marketing costs of which \$8 million was mainly due to additional advertising production costs in the third quarter of 2018 and \$5 million in search engine marketing costs due to the acquisition of ForRent. In addition, we had a \$2 million increase in personal costs primarily related to the acquisition of ForRent, which included additional salaries, commissions, retention and severance costs.

Software Development Expenses. Software development expenses increased to \$26 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, from \$22 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, and remained the same as a percentage of revenues at 9% for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The increase in the amount of software development expense was primarily due to a \$4 million increase in personnel costs, of which \$3 million was due to the acquisition of ForRent.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased to \$39 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, from \$36 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, and decreased as a percentage of revenues to 13% for the three months ended September 30, 2018 compared to 15% for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The increase was primarily due to an increase in administrative personnel costs of \$3 million to support the ongoing growth of the business and a \$2 million increase in software licensing costs, offset by a \$2 million reduction in professional services which includes legal fees and implementation costs for our financial systems.

Customer Base Amortization Expense. Customer base amortization expense increased to \$8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, from \$4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, and increased as a percentage of revenues to 3% for the three months ended September 30, 2018 compared to 2% for the three months ended September 30, 2017. Customer base amortization increased approximately \$5 million related to the ForRent acquisition, partially offset by lower amortization of existing customer base intangible assets as a result of applying an accelerated amortization methodology.

Interest and Other Income. Interest and other income increased to \$3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, from \$1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The increase was primarily due to our higher average cash and cash equivalent balances during the three months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2017.

Interest and Other Expense. Interest and other expense decreased to \$1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 from \$3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The decrease was primarily a result of the repayment of outstanding debt in October 2017 in connection with the 2017 Credit Agreement. Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2018 consisted of commitment fees and amortization of debt issuance costs. Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2017 consisted of interest expense on our outstanding debt, commitment fees and amortization of debt issuance costs.

Income Tax Expense. Income tax expense decreased to \$14 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, from \$21 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. This decrease was primarily due to the Tax Act which reduced the federal corporate income tax rate effective January 1, 2018 from 35% to 21%, and discrete items including excess tax benefits on share payments for the three months ended September 30, 2018. The effective tax rate was 20% and 38% for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The income tax rate may continue to fluctuate during 2018 due to discrete items such as excess tax benefits and research and development

credits.

Comparison of Business Segment Results for Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 and Three Months Ended September 30, 2017

We manage our business geographically in two operating segments, with our primary areas of measurement and decision-making being North America, which includes the U.S. and Canada, and International, which includes the U.K., Spain, Germany and France. Management relies on an internal management reporting process that provides revenues and operating segment EBITDA, which is our net income before interest and other income (expense), loss on debt extinguishment, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. Management believes that operating segment EBITDA is an appropriate measure for evaluating the operational performance of our operating segments. EBITDA is used by management to internally measure our operating and management performance and to evaluate the performance of our business. However, this measure should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for or superior to, income from operations or other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

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Segment Revenues. North America revenues increased to \$297 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, from \$240 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. This increase in North America revenues was primarily due to continued organic growth in CoStar Suite revenues as well as an increase in Multifamily revenues from the acquisition of ForRent, which closed in February 2018. International revenues increased to approximately \$9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, from approximately \$8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017, primarily due to an increase in revenues from further penetration of our subscription-based services.

Segment EBITDA. North America EBITDA increased to \$94 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 from \$72 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The increase in North America EBITDA was primarily due to an increase in revenues. International EBITDA decreased to a loss of \$3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 compared to a profit of \$0.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The decrease in International EBITDA was primarily due to the continued investment in our International research operations in the U.K. along with higher occupancy related costs and additional professional services costs.

Comparison of Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

The following table provides a comparison of our selected condensed consolidated results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 (in thousands):

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | Increase (Decrease) (\$) | Increase (Decrease) (%) |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| CoStar Suite | \$403,257 | \$341,087 | \$ 62,170 | 18 % |
| Information services | 48,425 | 55,364 | (6,939) | (13) |
| Multifamily | 297,254 | 204,324 | 92,930 | 45 |
| Commercial property and land | 127,325 | 110,464 | 16,861 | 15 |
| Total revenues | 876,261 | 711,239 | 165,022 | 23 |
| Cost of revenues | 201,685 | 162,102 | 39,583 | 24 |
| Gross profit | 674,576 | 549,137 | 125,439 | 23 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Selling and marketing (excluding customer base amortization) | 290,706 | 240,833 | 49,873 | 21 |
| Software development | 75,357 | 67,054 | 8,303 | 12 |
| General and administrative | 117,658 | 104,550 | 13,108 | 13 |
| Customer base amortization | 22,948 | 13,642 | 9,306 | 68 |
| Total operating expenses | 506,669 | 426,079 | 80,590 | 19 |
| Income from operations | 167,907 | 123,058 | 44,849 | 36 |
| Interest and other income | 8,674 | 1,589 | 7,085 | NM |
| Interest and other expense | (2,135) | (8,280) | (6,145) | 74 |
| Income before income taxes | 174,446 | 116,367 | 58,079 | 50 |
| Income tax expense | 19,621 | 37,876 | (18,255) | (48) |
| Net income | \$ 154,825 | \$ 78,491 | \$ 76,334 | 97 |

NM - Not meaningful

Revenues. Revenues increased to \$876 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, from \$711 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The \$165 million increase was primarily attributable to increased revenues of approximately \$62 million or 18% from continued organic growth of CoStar Suite as well as conversion of our LoopNet customers to our CoStar platform as a result of integration of the LoopNet and CoStar databases. Information Services revenue decreased \$7 million or 13% primarily due to continued wind down of LoopNet information services including Premium Searcher resulting in a loss of \$22 million of revenues, partially offset by a \$14 million increase in revenues from our CoStar Real Estate Manager offering. Multifamily revenue increased \$93 million or 45%, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2017, driven by the ForRent

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acquisition. Commercial Property and Land revenue increased \$17 million or 15% over the nine months ended September 30, 2017, primarily due to growth in our online marketplace services of \$8 million as well as growth in our land for sale products of \$7 million.

Gross Profit. Gross profit increased to \$675 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, from \$549 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The gross profit percentage remained consistent at 77% for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. Investment in research to further support our products and services led to an increase in costs of revenues of \$40 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The increase was primarily due to additional research personnel costs of \$26 million, \$2 million in occupancy related costs in connection with our new research office in Richmond, Virginia, an increase of \$5 million in direct costs partially due to the ForRent acquisition and an increase in software licensing expense of \$2 million.

Selling and Marketing Expenses. Selling and marketing expenses increased to \$291 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, from \$241 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, and decreased as a percentage of revenues to 33% for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, compared to 34% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The increase in the amount of selling and marketing expenses was primarily due to a \$22 million increase in sales personnel costs during the nine months ended September 30, 2018, related to the acquisition of ForRent, which included additional salaries, commissions and retention compensation and a \$22 million increase in marketing related expenses during the nine months ended September 30, 2018, primarily due to increased search engine marketing costs due to the acquisition of ForRent and increased advertising production costs. In addition, sales conference and travel related costs increased \$2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Software Development Expenses. Software development expenses increased to \$75 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, from \$67 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, and remained the same as a percentage of revenues at 9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and nine months ended September 30, 2017. The increase in the amount of software development expense was primarily due to a \$11 million increase in personnel costs during the nine months ended September 30, 2018, of which \$5 million was due to the acquisition of ForRent. These increases were partially offset by a \$2 million decrease in both professional services and recruiting costs during the same period.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased to \$118 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, from \$105 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, and decreased as a percentage of revenues to 13% for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, compared to 15% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The increase was primarily due to an increase in administrative personnel costs of \$8 million to support the ongoing growth of the business and a \$4 million increase in software licensing costs, partially offset by a \$1 million decrease in professional services during the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Customer Base Amortization Expense. Customer base amortization expense increased to \$23 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, compared to \$14 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, and increased as a percentage of revenues to 3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, compared to 2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. Customer base amortization increased approximately \$12 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 as a result of the ForRent acquisition, partially offset by lower amortization of existing customer base intangible assets as a result of applying an accelerated amortization methodology.

Interest and Other Income. Interest and other income increased to approximately \$9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, compared to approximately \$2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The increase was primarily due to our higher average cash and cash equivalent balances during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Interest and Other Expense. Interest and other expense decreased to \$2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 from \$8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The decrease was primarily as result of the repayment of outstanding debt in October 2017 in connection with the 2017 Credit Agreement. Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 consisted of commitment fees and amortization of debt issuance costs. Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 consisted of interest expense on our outstanding debt, commitment fees and amortization of debt issuance costs.

Income Tax Expense. Income tax expense decreased to \$20 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, from \$38 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. This decrease was primarily due to the Tax Act which reduced the federal corporate income tax rate effective January 1, 2018, from 35% to 21% and excess tax benefits on share payments and state research and development tax credits, for the nine months ended September 30, 2018. The effective tax rate was 11% and 33% for the nine

months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The income tax rate may continue to fluctuate during 2018 due to discrete items such as excess tax benefits and research and development (R&D) credits.

Comparison of Business Segment Results for Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

Segment Revenues. North America revenues increased to \$850 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, from \$689 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. This increase in North America revenues was primarily due to continued organic growth in CoStar Suite revenues as well as an increase in Multifamily revenues from the acquisition of ForRent which closed in February 2018. International revenues increased to approximately \$26 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 from approximately \$23 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, primarily due to an increase in revenues from further penetration of our subscription-based services and to a lesser extent fluctuations in foreign currency.

Segment EBITDA. North America EBITDA increased to \$230 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, from \$170 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The increase in North America EBITDA was primarily due to an increase in revenues. International EBITDA decreased to a loss of \$4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, from a profit of \$1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The decrease in International EBITDA was primarily due to the continued investment in our International research operations in the U.K. along with higher occupancy related costs, additional travel and professional services costs.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal sources of liquidity are cash and cash equivalents, cash from operations and the availability of funds from our revolving credit facility. Total cash and cash equivalents decreased to \$1,072 million as of September 30, 2018, compared to cash and cash equivalents of \$1,211 million as of December 31, 2017. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to purchase price and employee retention compensation payments made in connection with the acquisition of ForRent of approximately \$352 million, cash paid for purchases of property and equipment of \$22 million and repurchases of restricted stock to satisfy employee tax withholding obligations upon vesting of restricted stock awards valued at approximately \$24 million, offset by proceeds from the exercise of employee stock options of approximately \$26 million and cash generated from operations of \$221 million.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was approximately \$221 million compared to approximately \$163 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. This \$58 million increase was mainly due to an increase in EBITDA of \$55 million, partially offset by changes in net working capital.

Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was approximately \$362 million compared to approximately \$68 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. This \$294 million increase in cash used in investing activities was primarily due to approximately \$340 million cash paid to acquire ForRent during the nine months ended September 30, 2018, compared to \$48 million cash paid to acquire Westside Rentals, LandWatch and The Screening Pros during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, we incurred capital expenditures of approximately \$22 million compared to approximately \$20 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Net cash provided by financing activities was approximately \$2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, compared to net cash used in financing activities of approximately \$41 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. This \$43 million increase in net cash provided by financing activities was primarily due to \$35 million in payments of long-term debt during the nine months ended September 30, 2017; there were no repayments

of long-term debt for the nine months ended September 30, 2018. In addition, during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 we had a \$17 million increase in proceeds from stock option exercises offset by \$9 million in repurchases of restricted stock to satisfy tax withholdings.

Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including, among others, our operating results, expansion and integration efforts, and our level of acquisition activity or other strategic transactions. To date, we have grown in part by acquiring other companies, and we expect to continue to make acquisitions. On October 12, 2018, we acquired all of the issued share capital of Realla Ltd. Any future acquisitions may vary in size and could be material to our current operations. We may use cash, stock, debt or other means of funding to make any future acquisitions.

Based on current plans, we believe that our available cash combined with positive cash flow provided by operating activities should be sufficient to fund our operations for at least the next 12 months.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and revenues and expenses during the period reported. The following accounting policies involve a “critical accounting estimate” because they are particularly dependent on estimates and assumptions made by management about matters that are highly uncertain at the time the accounting estimates are made. In addition, while we have used our best estimates based on facts and circumstances available to us at the time, different acceptable assumptions would yield different results. Changes in the accounting estimates are reasonably likely to occur from period to period, which may have a material impact on the presentation of our financial condition and results of operations. We review these estimates and assumptions periodically and reflect the effects of revisions in the period that they are determined to be necessary.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenues upon the satisfaction of our performance obligations (upon transfer of control of promised services to our customers) in an amount that reflects the consideration to which we expect to be entitled to in exchange for those services. Revenues from subscription-based services are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the agreement.

We derive revenues primarily by (i) providing access to our proprietary database of commercial real estate information and (ii) providing an online marketplace for professional property management companies, property owners, brokers, and landlords typically through a fixed monthly fee for our subscription-based services. Our subscription-based services consist primarily of information, analytics and online marketplace services offered over the Internet to commercial real estate industry and related professionals. Subscription contract rates are based on the number of sites, number of users, organization size, the client’s business focus, geography, the number and types of services to which a client subscribes, the number of properties a client advertises and the prominence and placement of a client's advertised properties in the search results, as applicable. A majority of the subscription-based license agreements have a term of one year and renew automatically.

We analyze contracts to determine the appropriate revenue recognition using the following steps: (i) identification of contracts with customers, (ii) identification of distinct performance obligations in the contract, (iii) determination of contract transaction price, (iv) allocation of contract transaction price to the performance obligations and (v) determination of revenue recognition based on timing of satisfaction of the performance obligation(s).

We recognize revenues upon the satisfaction of our performance obligation(s) (upon transfer of control of promised services to our customers) in an amount that reflects the consideration to which we expect to be entitled to in exchange for those services. Revenues from subscription-based services are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the agreement.

Our contracts with customers often include promises to transfer multiple services. For these contracts, we account for individual performance obligations separately if they are distinct. Determining whether services are considered distinct performance obligations may require significant judgment. Judgment is required to determine the standalone selling price (“SSP”) for each distinct performance obligation. In instances where SSP is not directly observable, such as when we do not sell the service separately, we determine the SSP using information that may include market conditions and other observable inputs.

Deferred revenue results from amounts billed in advance to customers or cash received from customers in advance from the sale of subscription licenses and is recognized over the term of the license agreement.

Contract assets represent a conditional right to consideration for satisfied performance obligations that become a receivable when the conditions are satisfied. Contract assets are generated when contractual billing schedules differ from revenue recognition timing.

Certain sales commissions are considered incremental and recoverable costs of obtaining a contract with a customer. Sales commissions for contracts are generally deferred and then amortized as selling and marketing expenses on a straight-line basis over a period of benefit that we have determined to be three years. The three-year amortization period was determined based on several factors, including the nature of the technology and proprietary data underlying the services being purchased; customer contract renewals rates; and industry competition.

Accounting for Income Taxes

As part of the process of preparing our condensed consolidated financial statements, we are required to estimate our income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. This process requires us to estimate our current tax exposure and assess the temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items, such as deductibility of certain intangible assets, for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within our condensed consolidated balance sheets. We must then also assess the likelihood that our deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income, and, to the extent we believe that it is more likely than not that some portion or all of our deferred tax assets will not be realized, we must establish a valuation allowance. To the extent we establish a valuation allowance or change the allowance in a period, we must reflect the corresponding increase or decrease within the tax provision in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

We generally recognize the effect of tax law changes in the period of enactment. Changes in existing tax laws and rates, their related interpretations, and the uncertainty generated by the current economic environment may affect the amounts of our deferred tax liabilities or the valuations of our deferred tax assets over time. Our accounting for deferred tax consequences represent management's best estimate of future events that can be appropriately reflected in the accounting estimates. In accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin 118, Income Tax accounting Implications of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, we report provisional amounts if we are able to determine a reasonable estimate but do not have the necessary information available, prepare, and analyzed in reasonable detail to complete the accounting for the tax effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. We may revise our estimates as we finalize our accounting during a measurement period of up to one year from the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Business Combinations

We allocate the purchase consideration to the tangible assets acquired, liabilities assumed and intangible assets acquired based on their estimated fair values. The excess of the fair value of purchase consideration over the fair values of these identifiable assets and liabilities is recorded as goodwill. Such valuations require management to make significant estimates and assumptions, especially with respect to intangible assets and contingent liabilities. Significant estimates in valuing certain intangible assets include, but are not limited to, future expected cash flows from acquired customer bases, acquired database technology, acquired trade names and building photography, useful lives and discount rates. Any adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period are recorded in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. Upon the conclusion of the measurement period, any subsequent adjustments are recorded to earnings.

For a given acquisition, we may identify certain pre-acquisition contingencies as of the acquisition date and may extend our review and evaluation of these pre-acquisition contingencies throughout the measurement period in order to obtain sufficient information to assess whether we include these contingencies as a part of the fair value estimates of assets acquired and liabilities assumed and, if so, to determine their estimated amounts.

If we cannot reasonably determine the fair value of a pre-acquisition contingency (non-income tax related) by the end of the measurement period, which is generally the case given the nature of such matters, we will recognize an asset or a liability for such pre-acquisition contingency if: (i) it is probable that an asset existed or a liability had been incurred at the acquisition date and (ii) the amount of the asset or liability can be reasonably estimated. Subsequent to the measurement period, changes in our estimates of such contingencies will affect earnings and could have a material effect on our results of operations and financial position.

In addition, uncertain tax positions and tax related valuation allowances assumed in connection with a business combination are initially estimated as of the acquisition date. We reevaluate these items based upon facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date with any adjustments to our preliminary estimates being recorded

to goodwill provided that we are within the measurement period. Subsequent to the measurement period, changes to these uncertain tax positions and tax related valuation allowances will affect our provision for income taxes in our consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss and could have a material impact on our results of operations and financial position.

Valuation of Long-Lived and Intangible Assets and Goodwill

We assess the impairment of long-lived assets, identifiable intangibles and goodwill whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Judgments made by management relate to the expected useful lives of long-lived assets and our ability to recover the carrying value of such assets. The accuracy of these judgments may be adversely affected by several factors, including the factors listed below:

- § Significant underperformance relative to historical or projected future operating results;
- § Significant changes in the manner of our use of the acquired assets or the strategy for our overall business;
- § Significant negative industry or economic trends; or
- § Significant decline in our market capitalization relative to net book value for a sustained period.

When we determine that the carrying value of long-lived and identifiable intangible assets may not be recovered based upon the existence of one or more of the above indicators, we test for impairment.

Goodwill and identifiable intangible assets that are not subject to amortization are tested annually for impairment by each reporting unit on October 1 of each year and are also tested for impairment more frequently based upon the existence of one or more of the above indicators.

Goodwill represents the excess of costs over the fair value of assets of acquired businesses. Goodwill is not amortized, but instead tested for impairment, at least annually, by each reporting unit. We may first assess qualitative factors to evaluate whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount or elect to bypass such assessment. If it is determined that it is more likely than not that the fair value of each reporting unit is less than its carrying value, or the company elects to bypass such assessment, we then determine the fair value of each reporting unit. We estimate the fair value of each reporting unit based on a projected discounted cash flow model that includes significant assumptions and estimates including our discount rate, growth rate and future financial performance. Assumptions about the discount rate are based on a weighted average cost of capital for comparable companies. Assumptions about the growth rate and future financial performance of a reporting unit are based on our forecasts, business plans, economic projections and anticipated future cash flows. These assumptions are subject to change from period to period and could be adversely impacted by the uncertainty surrounding global market conditions, commercial real estate conditions, and the competitive environment in which we operate. Changes in these or other factors could negatively affect our reporting units' fair value and potentially result in impairment charges. Such impairment charges could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

The fair value of each reporting unit is compared to the carrying amount of the reporting unit. If the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds the fair value, then an impairment loss is recognized for the difference. We estimate the fair value of our reporting units based on a projected discounted cash flow method using a discount rate determined by our management to be commensurate with the risk in our current business model. As of October 1, 2017, the date of our most recent impairment analysis, the estimated fair value of each of our reporting units substantially exceeded the carrying value of our reporting units. There have been no events or changes in circumstances since the date of our impairment analysis on October 1, 2017 that would indicate that the carrying value of each reporting unit may not be recoverable.

Stock-Based Compensation

We account for equity instruments issued in exchange for employee services using a fair-value based method, and we recognize the fair value of such equity instruments as an expense in the condensed consolidated statements of operations. We estimate the fair value of each option granted on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, which requires us to estimate the dividend yield, expected volatility, risk-free interest rate and expected life of the stock option. For equity instruments that vest based on a market condition, we estimate the fair value of each equity instrument granted on the date of grant using a Monte-Carlo simulation model, which also requires us to estimate the dividend yield, expected volatility, risk-free interest rate and expected life of the equity instruments. These assumptions and the estimation of expected forfeitures are based on multiple factors, including historical employee behavior patterns of exercising options and post-employment termination behavior, expected future employee option exercise patterns, and the historical volatility of our stock price. For equity instruments that vest based on performance, we assess the probability of the achievement of the performance conditions at the end of

each reporting period, or more frequently based upon the occurrence of events that may change the probability of whether the performance conditions would be met. If our initial estimates of the achievement of the performance conditions change, the related stock-based compensation expense and timing of recognition may fluctuate from period to period based on those estimates. If the performance conditions are not met, no stock-based compensation expense will be recognized, and any previously recognized stock-based compensation expense will be reversed.

We do not expect any material changes in the near term to the underlying assumptions used to calculate stock-based compensation expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2018. However, if changes in these assumptions occur, and, should those changes be significant, they could have a material impact on our stock-based compensation expense.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2 to the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for information on recent accounting pronouncements, including the expected dates of adoption and estimated effects, if any, on our condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

We have made forward-looking statements in this Report and make forward-looking statements in our press releases, conference calls, annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission that are subject to risks and uncertainties.

Forward-looking statements include information that is not purely historic fact and include, without limitation, statements concerning our financial outlook for 2018 and beyond, our possible or assumed future results of operations generally, and other statements and information regarding assumptions about our revenues, revenue growth rates, gross profit percentage, net income, net income per share, fully diluted net income per share, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP net income per share, weighted-average outstanding shares, taxable income, cash flow from operating activities, available cash, use of proceeds from equity offerings, operating costs, amortization expense, intangible asset recovery, capital and other expenditures, legal proceedings and claims, legal costs, effective tax rate, equity compensation charges, future taxable income, the anticipated benefits of completed or proposed acquisitions, the anticipated benefits of cross-selling efforts, product development and release, planned service enhancements, sales and marketing campaigns, product integrations, elimination and de-emphasizing of services, contract renewal rates, the timing of future payments of principal under our \$750 million credit facility available to us under the 2017 Credit Agreement, expectations regarding our compliance with financial and restrictive covenants in the 2017 Credit Agreement, financing plans, geographic expansion, capital structure, contractual obligations, our database, database growth, services and facilities, employee relations, future economic performance, our ability to liquidate or realize our long-term investments, management's plans, goals and objectives for future operations, and growth and markets for our stock. Sections of this Report which contain forward-looking statements include the Financial Statements and related Notes, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk," "Controls and Procedures," "Legal Proceedings" and "Risk Factors."

Our forward-looking statements are also identified by words such as "hope," "anticipate," "may," "believe," "expect," "intend," "will," "should," "plan," "estimate," "predict," "continue" and "potential" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. You should understand that these forward-looking statements are estimates reflecting our judgment, beliefs and expectations, not guarantees of future performance. They are subject to a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. The following important factors, in addition to those discussed or referred to under the heading "Risk Factors," and other unforeseen events or circumstances, could affect our future results and could cause those results or other outcomes to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements: commercial real estate market conditions; general economic conditions, both domestic and international; our ability to identify and acquire acquisition candidates; our ability to realize the expected benefits, cost savings or other synergies from acquisitions, including ForRent and Realla, on a timely basis or at all; our ability to integrate and combine acquired businesses, including ForRent and Realla, with our existing operations successfully or in a timely and cost-efficient manner; business disruption relating to integration of acquired businesses, including ForRent and Realla, or other business initiatives; our ability to transition acquired service platforms to our model in a timely manner or at all; changes and developments in business plans; theft of any personally identifiable information we maintain, store or process; any actual or perceived failure to comply with privacy or data protection laws, regulations or standards; the amount of investment for sales and marketing and our ability to realize a return on investments in sales and marketing; our ability to effectively and strategically combine, eliminate or de-emphasize service offerings;

reductions in revenues as a result of service changes; the time and resources required to develop upgraded or new services and to expand service offerings; changes or consolidations within the commercial real estate industry; customer retention; our ability to attract new clients; our ability to sell additional services to existing clients; our ability to convert LoopNet information customers to higher value, more profitable annual subscription CoStar Suite information services; our ability to successfully transition LoopNet to a pure marketing site, where all listings are paid and searches are free, in a timely manner, and minimize the impact of that transition on revenue; our ability to integrate our North America and International product offerings; our ability to successfully introduce and cross-sell new products or upgraded services in U.S. and foreign markets, including, among others, new online rental property service offerings for the apartments industry; our ability to attract consumers to our online marketplaces; our ability to increase traffic on our network of sites; the success of our marketing campaigns in generating brand awareness and site traffic; our ability to protect and defend our intellectual property including unauthorized or unlicensed use of our services; competition; foreign currency fluctuations; global credit market conditions affecting investments; our ability to continue to expand successfully, timely and in a cost-efficient manner, including internationally; our ability to effectively penetrate and gain acceptance in new sectors and geographies; our ability to control costs; our ability to continue to develop our research operations headquarters in Richmond, Virginia as a technology innovation hub; litigation or government investigations

in which we become involved; changes in accounting policies or practices; release of new and upgraded services or entry into new markets by us or our competitors; data quality; expansion, growth, development or reorganization of our sales force; employee retention; technical problems with our services; managerial execution; changes in relationships with real estate brokers, property managers and other strategic partners; legal and regulatory issues; and successful adoption of and training on our services.

Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of, and are based on information available to us on, the date of this Report. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. We do not undertake any obligation to update any such statements or release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect new information or events or circumstances after the date of this Report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We provide information, analytics and online marketplace services to the commercial real estate and related business community in the U.S., the U.K., and parts of Canada, Spain, Germany and France. Our functional currency for our operations in the U.K., Canada, Spain, Germany, and France is the local currency. As such, fluctuations in the British Pound, Canadian dollar and Euro may have an impact on our business, results of operations and financial position. We currently do not use financial instruments to hedge our exposure to exchange rate fluctuations with respect to our foreign subsidiaries. We may seek to enter into hedging transactions in the future to reduce our exposure to exchange rate fluctuations, but we may be unable to enter into hedging transactions successfully, on acceptable terms or at all. As of September 30, 2018, accumulated other comprehensive loss included a loss from foreign currency translation adjustments of approximately \$10 million.

We do not have material exposure to market risks associated with changes in interest rates related to cash equivalent securities held as of September 30, 2018. As of September 30, 2018, we had \$1,072 million of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. If there is an increase or decrease in interest rates, there will be a corresponding increase or decrease in the amount of interest earned on our cash and cash equivalents.

As of September 30, 2018, we had no long-term debt borrowings. Based on the fact we had no outstanding borrowings as of September 30, 2018, an increase or decrease in the interest rate by 25 basis points would not currently impact interest expense annually. Based on our ability to access our cash and cash equivalents, and our expected operating cash flows, we do not believe that increases or decreases in interest rates will impact our ability to operate our business in the foreseeable future.

Included within our short-term and long-term investments are investments in mostly AAA-rated student loan ARS. These securities are primarily securities supported by guarantees from the FFELP of the U.S. Department of Education. As of September 30, 2018, \$11 million of our investments in ARS failed to settle at auction. As a result, we may not be able to sell these investments at par value until a future auction for these investments is successful. In the event we need to immediately liquidate these investments, we may have to locate a buyer outside the auction process, who may be unwilling to purchase the investments at par, resulting in a loss. Based on an assessment of fair value of these investments in ARS as of September 30, 2018, we determined that there was no decline in the fair value of our ARS investments. If the issuers are unable to successfully close future auctions and/or their credit ratings deteriorate, we may be required to adjust the carrying value of these investments as a temporary impairment and recognize a greater unrealized loss in accumulated other comprehensive loss or as an other-than-temporary impairment charge to earnings. Based on our ability to access our cash and cash equivalents, and our expected operating cash flows, we do not anticipate having to sell these securities below par value in order to operate our business in the foreseeable future. See Notes 5 and 6 to the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further discussion.

We had approximately \$2 billion in intangible assets, including goodwill, as of September 30, 2018. As of September 30, 2018, we believe our intangible assets will be recoverable, however, changes in the economy, the industry in which we operate and our own relative performance could change the assumptions used to evaluate intangible asset recoverability. In the event that we determine that an asset has been impaired, we would recognize an impairment charge equal to the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the asset. We continue to monitor these assumptions and their effect on the estimated recoverability of our intangible assets.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, and management is required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

As of September 30, 2018, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on the foregoing, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective and were operating at a reasonable assurance level.

During the third quarter of 2018, we continued to implement modules of a new financial system that is designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our operational and financial accounting processes. The implementation of this new system is expected to continue through 2020. Consistent with any process change that we implement, the design of the internal controls has and will continue to be evaluated for effectiveness as part of our overall assessment of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting.

Other than the implementation of the new financial system noted above, there have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during our most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Currently, and from time to time, we are involved in litigation incidental to the conduct of our business. We are not a party to any lawsuit or proceeding that, in the opinion of our management based on consultations with legal counsel, is likely to have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, “Item 1A Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 (the “2017 Form 10-K”) and our subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q (the “Form 10-Qs”), which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. The risks described in our 2017 Form 10-K and our Form 10-Qs are not the only risks facing our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or results of operations. There have been no material changes to the Risk Factors as previously disclosed in Part I, “Item 1A Risk Factors” in our 2017 Form 10-K and our Form 10-Qs.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table is a summary of our repurchases of common stock during each of the three months in the quarter ended September 30, 2018:

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

| Month, 2018 | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| July 1 through July 31 | 732 | \$420.64 | — | — |
| August 1 through August 31 | — | — | — | — |
| September 1 through September 30 | 2,668 | 433.13 | — | — |
| Total | 3,400 | \$430.44 | — | — |

(1) The number of shares purchased includes shares of common stock tendered by employees to the Company to satisfy the employees' minimum tax withholding obligations arising as a result of vesting of restricted stock grants under the Company's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2007 Plan"), and the Company's 2016 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, for which shares were purchased by the Company based on their fair market value on the trading day preceding the vesting date. The number of shares purchased also includes delivery of shares owned by an employee to the Company when exercising stock options granted under the 2007 Plan to satisfy the exercise price of the options. Those shares were purchased by the Company based on their fair market value on the exercise date. None of these share purchases were part of a publicly announced program to purchase common stock of the Company.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|----------------|--|
| <u>3.1</u> | Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on June 6, 2013). |
| <u>3.2</u> | Third Amended and Restated By-Laws (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on September 24, 2013). |
| <u>31.1</u> | Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith). |
| <u>31.2</u> | Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith). |
| <u>32.1</u> | Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith). |
| <u>32.2</u> | Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith). |
| 101 | The following materials from CoStar Group, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2018, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively; (ii) Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively; (iii) Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively; (iv) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity at September 30, 2018; (v) Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively; and (vi) Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements that have been detail tagged. |

SIGNATURES

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

COSTAR GROUP, INC.

Date: October 24, 2018 By: /s/ Scott T. Wheeler
Scott T. Wheeler
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer and Duly Authorized Officer)