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UNITED STATES
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FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission file number 001-34819

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 95-4766827
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (IRS Employer Identification No.)
3465 E. Foothill Blvd. (626) 765-2000
Pasadena, California 91107 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:
Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value New York Stock Exchange
(Title of each class) (Name of each exchange on which registered)
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.
Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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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

The aggregate market value of the common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant (assuming for these purposes, but without conceding, that all executive officers, directors and 10% or greater stockholders are "affiliates" of the registrant) as of June 30, 2018, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, was approximately \$2.6 billion (based on the closing sale price of the registrant's common stock on that date as reported on the New York Stock Exchange).

There were 52,959,479 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, as of January 31, 2019.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's proxy statement relating to the registrant's 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K where indicated.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains forward-looking statements regarding future events and our future results that are subject to the safe harbors created under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”). All statements other than statements of historical facts are statements that could be deemed to be forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the industries in which we operate and the beliefs and assumptions of our management. Words such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “targets,” “goals,” “projects,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “seeks,” “estimates,” “continues,” “endeavors,” “strives,” “assumes,” variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. In addition, any statements that refer to projections of our future financial performance, our anticipated growth and trends in our businesses, and other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned that these forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict, including those identified below, under “Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors,” and elsewhere herein. Therefore, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements for any reason.

In this report, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, “Green Dot,” “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to Green Dot Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries, the term “GPR cards” refers to general purpose reloadable prepaid debit cards, the term “prepaid cards” refers to prepaid debit cards and the term “our cards” refers to our Green Dot-branded and co-branded GPR cards. In addition, “prepaid financial services” refers to GPR cards and associated reload services, a segment of the prepaid card industry.

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PART I

ITEM 1. Business

Overview

Green Dot Corporation is a financial technology leader and bank holding company with a mission to reinvent banking for the masses. Our company's long-term strategy is to create a unique, sustainable and highly valuable fintech ecosystem, in part through the continued evolution of Green Dot's innovative "Banking as a Service" platform, that's intended to fuel the engine of innovation and growth for Green Dot and its many business partners for many years to come.

Enabled by proprietary technology, our wholly-owned commercial bank charter and our high-scale program management operating capability, our "Banking as a Service," or "BaaS" platform is used by a growing list of America's most prominent consumer and technology companies to design and deploy their own bespoke financial services solutions to their customers and partners, while we use that same integrated platform to design and deploy our own leading collection of banking and financial services products directly to consumers through what we believe to be the most broadly distributed, omni-channel branchless banking platforms in the United States. Our products are marketed under brand names such as Green Dot, GoBank, RapidPay and several other consumer brands and can be acquired through more than 100,000 retailers nationwide, thousands of corporate paycard partners, several "direct-2-consumer" branded websites, thousands of tax return preparation offices and accounting firms, thousands of neighborhood check cashing locations and both of the leading app stores. We are headquartered in Pasadena, California, with additional facilities throughout the United States and in Shanghai, China.

As the regulated entity and issuing bank for substantially all products and services we provide, whether our own or on behalf of a BaaS platform partner, we are directly accountable for all aspects of each program's integrity, inclusive of ensuring the program's compliance with all applicable banking regulations, applicable state and federal law and our various internal governance policies and procedures related to all areas of risk and compliance, in addition to deploying enterprise-class risk management practices and procedures to ensure each program's initial and ongoing safety and soundness.

Acquisitions

In February 2017, we acquired all the membership interests of UniRush, LLC to expand our online direct-to-consumer channel and our emergent corporate payroll card business. The fair value of the total consideration in connection with the acquisition was approximately \$163.7 million, which included cash and contingent consideration in the form of an earn-out. Additional information regarding the acquisition is included in the information set forth in Note 4 — Business Acquisitions of the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Our products and services

We offer consumers a broad collection of financial products and services managed through several diverse business lines which are then made available to consumers through a widely-available "branchless" distribution network in the United States. Many of the products and services we internally create and distribute are marketed under the Green Dot brand name, which we believe is both a well-known and highly trusted brand name for millions of consumers. Our branchless network consists of:

- distribution arrangements with more than 100,000 mostly major chain retail locations, which we refer to as "retail distributors" and thousands of neighborhood Financial Service Center locations;
- several differently branded, Green Dot-owned and operated direct-to-consumer online and direct mail customer acquisition platforms;
- corporate distribution partnerships with businesses that provide payroll cards to their employees to receive wage disbursements;
- more than 25,000 small and large tax preparation companies and individual tax preparers, which are sometimes referred to as electronic return originators, or "EROs", who are able to offer our products and services to their customers through the use of various tax preparation industry software packages with which our products are integrated;
- apps compatible with the iOS and Android operating systems downloaded through the corresponding app store; and

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platform partners' distribution channels that those partners use to acquire customers for their bespoke products and services that are powered by our BaaS Platform.

Our products and services include several deposit account programs, such as network-branded reloadable prepaid debit cards marketed under several leading consumer brand names, which we collectively refer to as "GPR cards," consumer checking accounts, small business checking accounts, network-branded gift cards (known as open-loop), secured credit cards and other financial services.

We also offer several products and services that specialize in facilitating the movement of cash on behalf of consumers and businesses. These products and services include: our proprietary swipe reload system for crediting cash onto an enabled payment card by swiping the payment card at the point-of-sale at any Green Dot Network participating retailer; MoneyPak, a product that allows a consumer to add funds to accounts we issue or accounts issued by other United States chartered and regulated third party banks; and e-cash remittance services, a service that allows a consumer to transfer funds to a smartphone for fulfillment at a Green Dot participating retailer. We refer to these services collectively as our cash transfer products. We also provide disbursement services through our Simply Paid platform that enables a payment solution for companies to pay their workforce and customers in the time and manner they desire and provide tax refund transfers that provide the processing technology to facilitate receipt of a taxpayers' refund proceeds.

Our BaaS Platform

Our BaaS Platform, which is used by several of America's largest retail, consumer, technology and financial services companies, includes the following products, services and bespoke capabilities:

- Mobile banking;
- Loan disbursement accounts;
- Mobile P2P services;
- Money transfer services;
- GPR cards;
- Network branded "open loop" gift cards;
- Instant payment and wage disbursements;
- Small business checking accounts and debit cards; and
- Consumer checking accounts.

Our Segments and Distribution Channels

Our products and services and BaaS Platform are divided among our two reportable segments: Account Services and Processing and Settlement Services. Each segment is comprised of multiple "revenue divisions" that each focus on a distinct set of products or distribution channels, as follows:

Account Services

Consumer Accounts

We offer several deposit account programs that can be acquired through our omni-channel distribution platform.

These products include:

• Network-branded reloadable prepaid debit cards marketed under several leading consumer brand names, collectively referred to as GPR cards;

• Innovative consumer and small business checking account products, such as our GoBank product, that allow customers to acquire and manage their checking account entirely through a mobile application available on smartphone devices; and

• Network-branded gift cards (known as open-loop) that are sold at participating retail stores.

Green Dot Direct

We also offer GPR cards, checking accounts products and secured credit cards directly to consumers through several different online direct-to-consumer websites. Our direct-to-consumer websites include: greendot.com; walmartmoneycard.com; rushcard.com; accountnow.com; achievecard.com; gobank.com; and ReadyDebit.com.

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Consumer Credit Card

We offer a secured credit card nationwide on a direct-to-consumer basis via both greendot.com/platinum and securedcardchoice.com. Our secured credit cards are designed to help people establish or rehabilitate their national credit bureau score. The credit line offered to the customer is backed by the customer's own security deposit held on deposit at Green Dot Bank or other banks in accounts held under our control. As such, we have no risk of material loss resulting from the customer's non-payment of their obligation. As the customer successfully uses their credit card and repays their obligations in accordance with the card's terms and conditions, that successful repayment history is reported to the national credit bureaus which, in turn, can help improve the customer's overall credit score. Customers have the option of funding their security deposits with cash and making monthly payments at Green Dot Network retail locations.

PayCard and Corporate Disbursement

We offer payroll cards and other wage disbursement services to over 2,500 corporate customers, such as Einstein Bagels, Nordstrom and Rite Aid. Our solutions address both the W-2 and 1099 work force.

Green Dot Bank

Through our subsidiary bank, Green Dot Bank, we offer issuing, settlement and capital management services principally to support those applicable products across all six revenue divisions in both reporting segments. Our banking services include:

• Issuing services as the payment network member bank and settlement bank for our GPR card, spend-based P2P programs, gift card and checking account products;

• Credit card issuing and capital lending services for our Green Dot Platinum Visa Secured Credit Card; and

• Settlement bank for our reload and tax refund services within our Processing and Settlement Services segment.

Green Dot Bank also generates interest income through the investment of funds from its capital and the increasing deposits it receives in respect of our products and services as well as the products and services we enable for our BaaS platform partners.

Products within our Account Services segment are generally issued by Green Dot Bank. As a result of acquisitions over the past few years, we also manage programs issued by third-party issuing banks.

Processing and Settlement Services

Money Processing

We offer several products and services that all specialize in facilitating the movement of funds on behalf of consumers and businesses. These products and services include:

Our "Reload@TheRegister" swipe reload service allows consumers to add funds to accounts we issue or manage and accounts issued by any third-party bank or program manager, which we refer to as network acceptance members, that has enabled its cards to accept funds through our processing system.

Our MoneyPak PIN product provides consumers the ability to add funds to accounts we issue or manage and accounts issued by any third party bank or program manager that has enabled its cards to accept funds through our processing system.

Our e-cash remittance service enables consumers to add funds to accounts we issue or manage and accounts issued by any third party bank or program manager that has enabled its accounts to accept funds through our processing system.

Consumers can also cash-out money sent to them by a business through the use of our e-cash remittance service when Green Dot sends a unique barcode to the customer's smartphone, which is then presented to a cashier at a participating retailer who then scans the barcode to fulfill the transfer.

Our Simply Paid Disbursement service that enables wages and any type of authorized funds disbursement to be sent to accounts we issue or manage and accounts issued by any third-party bank or program manager that has enabled its cards to accept funds through our processing system.

Tax Processing

We offer several services designed for participants in the tax industry. Those services include:

• Tax refund transfers that provide the processing technology to facilitate receipt of a taxpayers' refund proceeds. When a customer of a third-party tax preparation provider chooses to pay their tax preparation fees using our

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processing services, we deduct the tax preparation service fee and our processing service fee from the customer's refund and remit the remaining balance to the customer's account;

• Small business lending to independent tax preparation providers that seek small advances in order to help provide working capital prior to generating income during the tax filing season;

GPR card offerings that are integrated into the tax preparation software that enables a tax preparation provider to offer its customers a Green Dot Bank-issued GPR card for the purpose of receiving tax refunds more rapidly and securely than check disbursements; and

Fast Cash Advance, a consumer-friendly loan that enables tax refund recipients utilizing our tax processing services the opportunity to receive a portion of their expected tax refund amount in advance of receiving their actual tax refund.

Our Relationship with Walmart

Walmart is our largest retail distributor. Green Dot Corporation has been the provider of Walmart-branded GPR cards sold at Walmart since the initiation of the Walmart MoneyCard pilot program in 2006 and that product's national launch in 2007, and Green Dot Bank has been the issuer of those card accounts since early 2014. Pursuant to our agreement with Walmart, Green Dot designs and delivers the Walmart MoneyCard product and provides all ongoing program support, including network IT, regulatory and legal compliance, website functionality, customer service and loss management. Walmart provides us with shelf space to display and offer the card accounts to consumers. As the issuing bank, Green Dot Bank holds the associated FDIC-insured deposits. All Walmart MoneyCard products are reloadable exclusively on the Green Dot Network. In addition to Walmart MoneyCards, we offer our Green Dot-branded cards and our GoBank checking account product at Walmart, providing consumers the choice to purchase either Green Dot-branded products or Walmart MoneyCard products. Our operating revenues derived from the several products and services we offer through Walmart stores and other Walmart distribution avenues in aggregate represented approximately 37%, 40%, and 45% of our total operating revenues for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively.

Seasonality

In the industries for prepaid financial services and tax refund processing, companies commonly experience seasonal fluctuations in revenue. For example, in recent years, our results of operations for the first half of each year have been favorably affected by large numbers of taxpayers electing to receive their tax refunds via direct deposit on our cards, which caused our operating revenues to be typically higher in the first half of those years than they were in the corresponding second half of those years. Additionally, our tax refund processing services business is highly seasonal as it generates the substantial majority of its revenue in the first quarter, and substantially all of its revenue in the first half of each calendar year. We expect our revenue to continue to fluctuate based on seasonal factors that affect the prepaid financial services and tax refund processing industries as a whole.

Competition

Our core businesses include the offering of several deposit account programs, including prepaid cards of various types and for various purposes, demand deposit or "checking" accounts and debit cards, and various types of financial technology and transaction processing services to a wide range of consumers through a broad-based, national distribution platform. We also provide program management and other capabilities to our platform partners utilizing our BaaS platform. Consequently, we compete against companies and financial institutions across the retail banking, financial services, transaction processing, consumer technology and financial technology services industries and may compete with others in the market who may in the future provide offerings similar to ours. Furthermore, many of our competitors are entities substantially larger in size, more highly diversified in revenue and substantially more established with significantly more broadly known brand awareness than ours. As such, many of our competitors can leverage their size, robust networks, financial wherewithal, brand awareness, pricing power and technological assets to compete with us. Additionally, some of our current and potential competitors are subject to fewer regulations and restrictions than we are and thus may be able to respond more quickly in the face of regulatory and technological changes.

Our tax refund processing services compete directly with similar processing technologies and settlement capabilities offered by companies such as Refundo, Refund Advantage, Republic Bank and others. Furthermore, other entities,

like Jackson Hewitt and H&R Block, have either fully or partially internally-developed processing and settlement capabilities to self-provide services similar to ours. It is possible that our current or potentially new distribution partners may seek to develop their own internal capabilities that compete with our tax refund processing services. We compete primarily on the basis of the following:

• breadth of distribution;

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speed and quality of innovation;
reliability of system performance and security;
scalability of platform services;
quality of service;
compliance and regulatory capabilities;
brand recognition and reputation; and
pricing

We believe our products or platform services compete favorably with respect to these factors.

Intellectual Property

We rely on a combination of patent, trademark and copyright laws and trade secret protections in the United States, as well as confidentiality procedures and contractual provisions, to protect the intellectual property rights related to our products and services.

We own several trademarks, including Green Dot and GoBank. Through agreements with our network acceptance members, retail distributors and customers, we authorize and monitor the use of our trademarks in connection with their activities with us.

Our patent portfolio currently consists of 11 issued patents and 7 patent applications pending. The term of the patents we hold is, on average, 20 years. We feel our patents and applications are important to our business and help to differentiate our products and services from those of our competitors.

The industries in which we compete are characterized by rapidly changing technology, a large number of patents, and frequent claims and related litigation regarding patent and other intellectual property rights. There can be no assurance that our patents and other proprietary rights will not be challenged, invalidated, or circumvented; that others will not assert intellectual property rights to technologies that are relevant to us; or that our rights will give us a competitive advantage. In addition, the laws of some foreign countries may not protect our proprietary rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. The risks associated with patents and intellectual property are more fully discussed in “Item 1A. Risk Factors,” including the risk factors entitled “We may be unable to adequately protect our brand and our intellectual property rights related to our products and services or third parties may allege that we are infringing their intellectual property rights.”

Regulation and Supervision

General

Our business is heavily regulated by both federal and state agencies. We and our subsidiaries are subject to supervision, regulation and examination by various federal and state regulators, including the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the “Federal Reserve”), the Utah Department of Financial Institutions (the “Utah DFI”) and various other state regulatory agencies. The statutory and regulatory framework that governs us is generally intended to protect depositors and customers, the FDIC’s Deposit Insurance Fund (“DIF”), the U.S. banking and financial system, and financial markets as a whole.

Banking statutes, regulations and policies are continually under review by Congress, state legislatures and federal and state regulatory agencies. In addition to laws and regulations, federal and state bank regulatory agencies may issue policy statements, interpretive letters and similar written guidance applicable to Green Dot Corporation and its subsidiaries. Any change in the statutes, regulations or regulatory policies applicable to us, including changes in their interpretation or implementation, could have a material effect on our business.

Both the scope of the laws and regulations and the intensity of the supervision to which BHCs such as Green Dot Corporation are subject increased in response to the global financial crisis of 2008, as well as other factors such as technological and market changes. Regulatory enforcement and fines have also increased across the banking and financial services sector. Many of these changes occurred as a result of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protect Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) and its implementing regulations, most of which are now in place. While the regulatory environment has entered a period of tailoring and rebalancing of the post financial crisis framework, we expect that our business will remain subject to extensive regulation and supervision.

We are also subject to the disclosure and regulatory requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, both as administered by the SEC, as well as the rules of the New York

Stock Exchange that apply to companies with securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

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The following discussion describes certain elements of the comprehensive regulatory framework applicable to us. This discussion is not intended to describe all laws and regulations applicable to Green Dot Corporation, Green Dot Bank and our other subsidiaries. Any changes in applicable laws, regulations or the interpretations thereof could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Regulatory Agencies

In 2011 we completed our acquisition of Bonneville Bancorp and became a bank holding company (“BHC”) registered with the Federal Reserve under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (“BHC Act”). As a BHC, Green Dot Corporation is subject to the requirements of the BHC Act as well as supervision, regulation and examination by the Federal Reserve, which serves as the primary federal banking regulator of our consolidated organization.

As an FDIC-insured commercial bank that is chartered under the laws of Utah and a member of the Federal Reserve System, Green Dot Bank and its subsidiaries are subject to regulation, supervision and examination by the Federal Reserve and the Utah DFI.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”) has broad rulemaking authority over a wide range of federal consumer protection laws applicable to the business of Green Dot Bank. Because Green Dot Bank currently has less than \$10 billion in total consolidated assets, Green Dot Bank is subject to regulations adopted by the CFPB, but the Federal Reserve is primarily responsible for examining Green Dot Bank’s compliance with federal consumer financial laws and those CFPB regulations. The Utah DFI is responsible for examining and supervising Green Dot Bank’s compliance with state consumer protection laws and regulations.

Permissible Activities for Green Dot Corporation as a Financial Holding Company

In general, the BHC Act limits the business of BHCs to banking, managing or controlling banks and other activities that the Federal Reserve has determined to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident thereto. Under the BHC Act, BHCs that have qualified and elected to be treated as a financial holding company (“FHC”) generally may engage in a broader range of additional activities that are (i) financial in nature or incidental to such financial activities or (ii) complementary to a financial activity and do not pose a substantial risk to the safety and soundness of depository institutions or the financial system generally. A BHC qualifies to become an FHC if it and its subsidiary depository institutions are “well capitalized” and “well managed” and its subsidiary depository institutions have a rating under the Community Reinvestment Act (“CRA”) of at least “Satisfactory” at their most recent examination. We have qualified and elected to be an FHC under the BHC Act, although all the activities we currently conduct are permissible for a BHC.

If at any time we or Green Dot Bank fail to be “well capitalized” or “well managed,” the Federal Reserve may impose limitations or conditions on the conduct of our activities and we may not commence, or acquire any shares of a company engaged in, any activities only permissible for an FHC, without prior Federal Reserve approval. The restriction on our ability to commence, or acquire any shares of a company engaged in, any activities only permissible for an FHC, without prior Federal Reserve approval would also generally apply if Green Dot Bank received a CRA rating of less than “Satisfactory.”

In connection with our acquisition of Bonneville Bancorp in 2011 and our subsequent acquisition of certain assets and certain deposit liabilities of GE Capital Retail Bank in 2013, we submitted business plans to the Federal Reserve. Under commitments made to the Federal Reserve and the Utah DFI, we must obtain prior approval from the Federal Reserve for any major deviation or material change from the business plan we submitted in 2013. Accordingly, commitments made in connection with our business plan may limit our activities.

Permissible Activities for Banks

The activities of Green Dot Bank are limited to those specifically authorized under Utah banking laws and Utah DFI regulations and permissible under applicable federal law and Federal Reserve regulations.

Supervision, Examination and Enforcement

Bank regulators regularly examine the operations of BHCs and banks. Examination results are confidential and generally may not be disclosed. In addition, BHCs and banks are subject to periodic reporting and filing requirements. The Federal Reserve and Utah DFI have broad supervisory and enforcement authority with regard to BHCs and banks, including the power to conduct examinations and investigations, impose nonpublic supervisory agreements, issue cease and desist orders, impose fines and other civil and criminal penalties, terminate deposit insurance and appoint a

conservator or receiver.

Bank regulators have various remedies available if they determine that the financial condition, capital resources, asset quality, earnings prospects, management, liquidity or other aspects of a banking organization's operations are

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unsatisfactory. The regulators may also take action if they determine that the banking organization or its management is violating or has violated any law or regulation. The regulators have the power to, among other things, prohibit unsafe or unsound practices, require affirmative actions to correct any violation or practice, issue administrative orders that can be judicially enforced, direct increases in capital, direct the sale of subsidiaries or other assets, limit dividends and distributions, restrict growth, assess civil monetary penalties, remove officers and directors, and terminate deposit insurance.

Engaging in unsafe or unsound practices or failing to comply with applicable laws, regulations and supervisory agreements could subject Green Dot Corporation, its subsidiaries, including Green Dot Bank, and their respective officers, directors and institution-affiliated parties to the remedies described above and other sanctions. In addition, the FDIC may terminate a bank's deposit insurance upon a finding that the bank's financial condition is unsafe or unsound or that the bank has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices or has violated an applicable rule, regulation, order or condition enacted or imposed by the bank's regulatory agency.

Bank and BHC Acquisitions and Mergers

The BHC Act, the Bank Merger Act, Utah's Financial Institutions Act and other federal and state statutes regulate acquisitions of banks and other FDIC-insured depository institutions. Green Dot Corporation must obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve before (i) acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of any voting shares of any bank or BHC, if after such acquisition, it will directly or indirectly own or control 5% or more of any class of voting shares of the institution, (ii) acquiring all or substantially all of the assets of any bank (other than directly through Green Dot Bank) or (iii) merging or consolidating with any other BHC. Under the Bank Merger Act, the prior approval of the Federal Reserve is required for Green Dot Bank to merge with another bank or purchase all or substantially all of the assets or assume any of the deposits of another FDIC-insured depository institution. In reviewing applications seeking approval of merger and acquisition transactions, bank regulators consider, among other things, the competitive effect and public benefits of the transactions, the capital position and managerial resources of the combined organization, the risks to the stability of the U.S. banking or financial system, the applicant's performance record under the CRA, the applicant's compliance with fair housing and other consumer protection laws and the effectiveness of all organizations involved in combating money laundering activities. In addition, failure to implement or maintain adequate compliance programs could cause bank regulators not to approve an acquisition where regulatory approval is required or to prohibit an acquisition even if approval is not required.

Acquisitions of Ownership of Green Dot Corporation

The ability of a third party to acquire our stock is also limited under applicable U.S. banking laws, including regulatory approval requirements.

Federal Banking Law. The BHC Act requires any BHC to obtain the approval of the Federal Reserve before acquiring, directly or indirectly, more than 5% of our outstanding common stock. Any "company," as defined in the BHC Act, other than a BHC is required to obtain the approval of the Federal Reserve before acquiring "control" of us. "Control" generally means (i) the ownership or control of 25% or more of a class of voting securities, (ii) the ability to elect a majority of the directors or (iii) the ability otherwise to exercise a controlling influence over management and policies. An entity that controls us for purposes of the BHC Act is subject to regulation and supervision as a BHC under the BHC Act. In addition, under the Change in Bank Control Act of 1978, as amended (the "CIBC Act"), and the Federal Reserve's regulations thereunder, any person, either individually or acting through or in concert with one or more persons, is required to provide notice to the Federal Reserve prior to acquiring control, directly or indirectly, of a BHC such as Green Dot Corporation. For purposes of the CIBC Act, a rebuttable presumption of control applies to acquisitions of more than 10% of any class of a BHC's voting stock under certain circumstances including if, as is the case with Green Dot Corporation, the issuer has registered securities under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Utah Change in Control Restrictions. Utah's Financial Institutions Act generally requires prior approval of the Utah DFI before a person or entity may acquire, directly or indirectly, control of a depository institution or a depository institution holding company subject to its jurisdiction. The Utah DFI defines control to include, among other things, the power, directly or indirectly, or through or in concert with one or more persons, to vote more than 10% of any class of voting securities by a person other than an individual or to vote 20% or more of any class of voting securities

by an individual.

Capital and Liquidity Requirements

In General. The U.S. banking agencies have adopted regulatory capital rules to implement the Basel III regulatory capital framework developed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and related provisions in the Dodd-Frank Act (“U.S. Basel III Rules”). Under the U.S. Basel III Rules, Green Dot Corporation and Green Dot Bank are required to maintain minimum risk-based and leverage capital ratios. Green Dot Corporation and Green Dot Bank

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must also maintain a capital conservation buffer of 2.5% to avoid becoming subject to restrictions on capital distributions and certain discretionary bonus payments to management. For a discussion of applicable regulatory minimum and well-capitalized minimum capital ratios, as well as a description of relevant definitions related to capital amounts and ratios, see “Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations--Capital Requirements for Bank Holding Companies” and Note 22 — Regulatory Requirements to the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein, which are incorporated by reference in this Item 1.

The Federal Reserve may require BHCs, including us, to maintain capital substantially in excess of mandated minimum levels, depending upon general economic conditions and a BHC’s particular condition, risk profile and growth plans. The Federal Reserve may also require BHCs or their subsidiaries to make other capital or liquidity commitments. For example, in addition the above generally applicable requirements, Green Dot Bank is subject to commitments that it and Green Dot Corporation have made to the Federal Reserve and the Utah DFI. These commitments require Green Dot Bank to maintain cash and/or cash equivalents in an amount equal to no less than 100 percent of insured deposits generated by Green Dot Bank related to GPR cards.

Failure to be well-capitalized, to meet minimum capital requirements or to comply with the other commitments to which we and Green Dot Bank are subject could result in certain mandatory and possible additional discretionary actions by regulators, including restrictions on our and Green Dot Bank’s ability to pay dividends or otherwise distribute capital or to receive regulatory approval of applications, or other restrictions on growth.

As of December 31, 2018, our and Green Dot Bank’s regulatory capital ratios were above the well-capitalized standards and met the then-applicable capital conservation buffer. Based on current estimates, we believe that Green Dot Corporation and Green Dot Bank will continue to exceed all applicable well-capitalized regulatory capital requirements and the capital conservation buffer, on a fully phased-in basis.

FDICIA and Prompt Corrective Action

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (“FDICIA”) requires the federal bank regulatory agencies to take “prompt corrective action” in respect of FDIC-insured depository institutions that do not meet certain capital adequacy standards. FDICIA establishes five capital categories (“well-capitalized”, “adequately capitalized”, “undercapitalized”, “significantly undercapitalized” and “critically undercapitalized”), with a depository institution’s categorization for purposes of the prompt corrective action provisions depending upon its level of capitalization and certain other factors. An institution that fails to remain well-capitalized becomes subject to a series of restrictions that increase in severity as its capital condition weakens. Such restrictions may include a prohibition on capital distributions, restrictions on asset growth or restrictions on the ability to receive regulatory approval of applications. FDICIA also provides for enhanced supervisory authority over undercapitalized institutions, including authority for the appointment of a conservator or receiver for the institution. In certain instances, a BHC may be required to guarantee the performance of an undercapitalized subsidiary bank’s capital restoration plan.

Brokered Deposits

As discussed above under “Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors,” current FDIC guidance classifies the majority of Green Dot Bank’s deposits as brokered. Under FDIC regulations, only banks that are well-capitalized may accept brokered deposits without restriction. A bank that is adequately capitalized may not accept, renew or roll over any brokered deposit unless it has been granted a waiver by the FDIC. If such waiver is granted, the bank may not pay an interest rate on any deposit in excess of 75 basis points over certain prevailing market rates. Undercapitalized banks may not accept, renew or roll over any brokered deposits. Because a majority of Green Dot Bank’s deposits are brokered deposits, failure by Green Dot Bank to remain well-capitalized could negatively affect our operations or financial condition.

In December 2018, the FDIC released an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on its regulatory approach to brokered deposits and the interest rate caps that apply to banks that are not well-capitalized (“Brokered Deposit ANPR”). The Brokered Deposit ANPR is part of the FDIC’s comprehensive review of its brokered deposit and interest rate regulations in light of significant changes in technology, business models, the economic environment, and products since those regulations were initially adopted. We cannot predict whether the Brokered Deposit ANPR will result in any changes to the FDIC’s brokered deposit regulations or what the effects of any changes will be.

Safety and Soundness Guidelines

The federal banking agencies have adopted guidelines prescribing safety and soundness standards relating to internal controls, risk management, information systems, internal audit systems, loan documentation, credit underwriting, interest rate exposure, asset growth and compensation, fees and benefits. These guidelines in general require appropriate systems and practices to identify and manage specified risks and exposures. The guidelines also

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prohibit excessive compensation as an unsafe and unsound practice and characterize compensation as excessive when the amounts paid are unreasonable or disproportionate to the services performed by an executive officer or employee, director or principal shareholder. In addition, the agencies have adopted regulations that authorize but do not require an agency to order an institution that has been given notice by the agency that it is not in compliance with any of the safety and soundness standards to submit a compliance plan. If after being so notified, an institution fails to submit an acceptable compliance plan, the agency must issue an order directing action to correct the deficiency and may issue an order directing other actions of the types, including those that may limit growth or capital distributions. If an institution fails to comply with such an order, the bank regulator may seek to enforce such order in judicial proceedings and to impose civil money penalties.

Dividend and Share Repurchase Restrictions

Green Dot Corporation is a legal entity separate and distinct from Green Dot Bank and its other subsidiaries. There are limitations on the payment of dividends by Green Dot Bank to Green Dot Corporation, as well as by Green Dot Corporation to its shareholders, under applicable banking laws and regulations. In addition, under the U.S. Basel III Rules we must obtain prior approval from the Federal Reserve before we may redeem or repurchase our common stock.

Federal banking regulators are authorized to determine, under certain circumstances relating to the financial condition of a BHC or a bank, that the payment of dividends would be an unsafe or unsound practice and to prohibit payment thereof. In particular, federal banking regulators have stated that paying dividends that deplete a banking organization's capital base to an inadequate level would be an unsafe and unsound banking practice and that banking organizations should generally pay dividends only out of current operating earnings.

Under Utah's Financial Institutions Act, Utah-chartered commercial banks, such as Green Dot Bank, may, subject to certain conditions, declare and pay dividends out of their net profits, after providing for all expenses, losses, interest, and taxes accrued or due from the bank.

Green Dot Corporation and Green Dot Bank must maintain the applicable capital conservation buffer to avoid becoming subject to restrictions on capital distributions, including dividends and share repurchases. The capital conservation buffer is currently at its fully phased-in level of 2.5%.

In addition, Federal Reserve policy provides that BHC, such as Green Dot Corporation, should generally pay dividends to shareholders only if (i) the organization's net income available to common shareholders over the past year has been sufficient to fully fund the dividends; (ii) the prospective rate of earnings retention appears consistent with the organization's capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition and (iii) the organization will continue to meet minimum capital adequacy ratios. The policy also provides that a BHC should inform the Federal Reserve reasonably in advance of declaring or paying a dividend that exceeds earnings for the period for which the dividend is being paid or that could result in a material adverse change to the BHC's capital structure. BHCs also are required to consult with the Federal Reserve before materially increasing dividends and must receive approval before redeeming or repurchasing capital instruments. In addition, the Federal Reserve could prohibit or limit the payment of dividends by a BHC if it determines that payment of the dividend would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice.

Source of Strength

Green Dot Corporation is required to serve as a source of financial and managerial strength to Green Dot Bank and, under appropriate conditions, to commit resources to support Green Dot Bank. This support may be required by the Federal Reserve at times when we might otherwise determine not to provide it or when doing so is not otherwise in the interests of Green Dot Corporation or our shareholders or creditors. The Federal Reserve may require a BHC to make capital injections into a troubled subsidiary bank and may charge the BHC with engaging in unsafe and unsound practices if the BHC fails to commit resources to such a subsidiary bank or if it undertakes actions that the Federal Reserve believes might jeopardize the BHC's ability to commit resources to such subsidiary bank.

Under these requirements, Green Dot Corporation may in the future be required to provide financial assistance to Green Dot Bank should it experience financial distress. Capital loans by Green Dot Corporation to Green Dot Bank, if any, would be subordinate in right of payment to deposits and certain other debts of Green Dot Bank. In the event of Green Dot Corporation's bankruptcy, any commitment by Green Dot Corporation to a federal banking regulator to maintain the capital of Green Dot Bank would be assumed by the bankruptcy trustee and entitled to a priority of

payment.

Receivership or Conservatorship of Green Dot Bank

Upon the insolvency of an insured depository institution, such as Green Dot Bank, the FDIC may be appointed as the conservator or receiver of the institution. Acting as a conservator or receiver, the FDIC would have broad powers to transfer any assets or liabilities of the institution without the approval of the institution's creditors or shareholders.

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Separately, the Commissioner of the Utah DFI also has the authority to take possession of or appoint a receiver or liquidator of any Utah state-chartered bank, such as Green Dot Bank, under specified circumstances, including where the bank (i) is not in a safe and sound condition to transact its business, (ii) has failed to maintain an adequate level of capital or (iii) is conducting its business in an unauthorized or unsafe manner.

Depositor Preference

The Federal Deposit Insurance Act provides that, in the event of the liquidation or other resolution of an insured depository institution, including Green Dot Bank, the claims of depositors of the institution (including the claims of the FDIC as subrogee of insured depositors) and certain claims for administrative expenses of the FDIC as a receiver would have priority over other general unsecured claims against the institution. If Green Dot Bank were to fail, insured and uninsured depositors, along with the FDIC, would have priority in payment ahead of unsecured, non-deposit creditors, including Green Dot Bank if it were a creditor at that time, with respect to any extensions of credit they have made to such insured depository institution.

Transactions between a Bank and its Affiliates

Federal banking laws and regulations impose qualitative standards and quantitative limitations upon certain transactions between a bank, such as Green Dot Bank, and its affiliates, including between a bank and its holding company and companies that control the BHC or that the BHC may be deemed to control for these purposes.

Transactions covered by these provisions must be on terms that are at least as favorable to the bank as those that it could obtain in a comparable transaction with a non-affiliate, and cannot exceed certain amounts that are determined with reference to the bank's regulatory capital. Moreover, if the transaction is a loan or other extension of credit, it must be secured by collateral in an amount and quality expressly prescribed by statute, and if the affiliate is unable to pledge sufficient collateral, the BHC may be required to provide it.

Federal banking laws also place similar restrictions on loans and other extensions of credit by FDIC-insured banks, such as Green Dot Bank, and their subsidiaries to their directors, executive officers and principal shareholders, as well as to entities controlled by such persons.

Community Reinvestment Act

Under the CRA, an insured depository institution, such as Green Dot Bank, has a continuing and affirmative obligation to help meet the credit needs of its entire community, including low and moderate-income neighborhoods. The CRA does not establish specific lending requirements or programs for insured depository institutions, nor does it limit an insured depository institution's discretion to develop the types of products and services that it believes are best suited to its particular community, consistent with the CRA. However, insured depository institutions are rated on their performance in meeting the needs of their communities.

The CRA requires the appropriate federal banking agency to take an insured depository institution's CRA record into account when evaluating certain applications by the insured depository institution or its holding company, including applications for charters, branches and other deposit facilities, relocations, mergers, consolidations, acquisitions of assets or assumptions of liabilities, and bank and savings association acquisitions. An unsatisfactory record of performance may be the basis for denying or conditioning approval of an application by an insured depository institution or its holding company. The CRA also requires that all institutions publicly disclose their CRA ratings. Green Dot Bank's CRA compliance is currently evaluated under a CRA strategic plan. Green Dot Bank's strategic plan for 2018 through 2020 focuses on supporting the credit needs of its defined assessment area primarily through direct community development lending, small business lending, and investments and services in Green Dot Bank's designated Metropolitan Statistical Area of Utah and Juab Counties and the state of Utah.

Leaders of the federal banking agencies recently have indicated their support for revising the CRA regulatory framework, and on August 28, 2018, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to solicit ideas for building a new CRA framework. We cannot predict whether any changes will be made to applicable CRA requirements.

Insurance of Deposit Accounts

The deposits of Green Dot Bank are insured by the DIF up to the standard maximum deposit insurance amount of \$250,000 per depositor. Green Dot Bank is subject to deposit insurance assessments based on the risk it poses to the DIF, as determined by the capital category and supervisory category to which it is assigned. Brokered deposits are

subject to an assessment rate adjustment of up to 10 basis points, and therefore are generally assessed at a higher rate. The FDIC has authority to raise or lower assessment rates on insured deposits in order to achieve statutorily required reserve ratios in the DIF and to impose special additional assessments. There is a risk that Green Dot Bank's deposit insurance premiums will increase if failures of insured depository institutions deplete the DIF or if the FDIC

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changes its view of the risk Green Dot Bank poses to the DIF or increases the assessment rate adjustment applicable to Green Dot Bank's brokered deposits.

Relationships with Third-Party Issuing Banks

While Green Dot Bank acts as our banking partner for most of our products and services, we offer some products and services through arrangements with federally- or state-chartered third-party banks. We are subject to contractual requirements with those banks and are indirectly subject to the oversight of our banking partners' regulators with respect to the laws and regulations that apply to each such product or service. These types of third-party relationships are subject to increasingly demanding regulatory requirements and attention by federal banking regulators. Regulatory guidance requires financial institutions to enhance their due diligence, ongoing monitoring and control over their third party vendors and other ongoing third party business relationships.

As a result, our relationships with third-party banks may require us to undertake compliance actions similar to those that we or Green Dot Bank must perform for the products and services issued by Green Dot Bank.

Anti-Money Laundering Rules

The Bank Secrecy Act ("BSA"), the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 and other laws and regulations require financial institutions, among other duties, to institute and maintain an effective anti-money laundering ("AML") program and file suspicious activity and currency transaction reports when appropriate. Among other things, these laws and regulations require Green Dot Corporation and Green Dot Bank to take steps to prevent the use of Green Dot Bank to facilitate the flow of illegal or illicit money, to report large currency transactions and to file suspicious activity reports. We also are required to develop and implement a comprehensive AML compliance program and must also have in place appropriate "know your customer" policies and procedures. We have adopted policies and procedures to comply with these requirements.

The bank regulatory agencies have increased the regulatory scrutiny of the BSA and anti-money laundering programs maintained by financial institutions. Significant penalties and fines, as well as other supervisory orders may be imposed on a financial institution for non-compliance with BSA/AML requirements.

Office of Foreign Assets Control Regulation

OFAC is responsible for administering economic sanctions that affect transactions with designated foreign countries, nationals and others, as defined by various Executive Orders and Acts of Congress. OFAC-administered sanctions take many different forms. OFAC also publishes lists of persons, organizations and countries suspected of aiding, harboring or engaging in terrorist acts, known as Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons. Blocked assets (e.g., property and bank deposits) cannot be paid out, withdrawn, set off or transferred in any manner without a license from OFAC. Failure to comply with these sanctions could have serious legal and reputational consequences.

Privacy and Data Security Laws

Green Dot Bank is subject to a variety of federal and state privacy and data security laws, which govern the collection, safeguarding, sharing and use of customer information, and require that financial institutions have in place policies regarding information privacy and security. For example, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 ("GLBA") requires all financial institutions offering financial products or services to retail customers to provide such customers with the financial institution's privacy policy and practices for sharing nonpublic information with third parties, provide advance notice of any changes to the policies and provide such customers the opportunity to "opt out" of the sharing of certain personal financial information with unaffiliated third parties. It also requires banks to safeguard personal information of consumer customers.

Some state laws also protect the privacy of information of state residents and require adequate security for such data, and certain state laws may, in some circumstances, require Green Dot Bank to notify affected individuals of security breaches of computer databases that contain their personal information. These laws may also require Green Dot Bank to notify law enforcement, regulators or consumer reporting agencies in the event of a data breach, as well as businesses and governmental agencies that own data.

Data privacy and data security are areas of increasing state legislative focus. For example, in June of 2018, the Governor of California signed into law the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 ("CCPA"). The CCPA, which becomes effective on January 1, 2020, applies to for-profit businesses that conduct business in California and meet certain revenue or data collection thresholds. The CCPA will give consumers the right to request disclosure of

information collected about them, and whether that information has been sold or shared with others, the right to request deletion of personal information (subject to certain exceptions), the right to opt out of the sale of the consumer's personal information and the right not to be discriminated against for exercising these rights. The CCPA contains several exemptions, including an exemption applicable to information that is collected, processed, sold or disclosed pursuant

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to the GLBA. The California Attorney General has not yet proposed or adopted regulations implementing the CCPA, and the California State Legislature has amended the Act since its passage. Because we have a physical footprint in California, we will be required to comply with the CCPA. The impact of the CCPA on our business is yet to be determined. In addition, laws similar to the CCPA may be adopted by other states where we do business and the federal government may also pass data privacy or data security legislation.

Like other lenders, Green Dot Bank and other of our subsidiaries use credit bureau data in their underwriting activities. Use of such data is regulated under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”), and the FCRA also regulates reporting information to credit bureaus, prescreening individuals for credit offers, sharing of information between affiliates and using affiliate data for marketing purposes. Similar state laws may impose additional requirements on Green Dot Corporation and Green Dot Bank.

Consumer Protection Laws

The CFPB has broad rulemaking authority over a wide range of federal consumer protection laws that apply to banks and other providers of financial products and services, including the authority to prohibit “unfair, deceptive or abusive” acts and practices. For example, our deposit operations are subject to the following federal laws, among others: the Truth in Savings Act and Regulation DD issued by the CFPB, which require disclosure of deposit terms to consumers;

Regulation CC issued by the Federal Reserve, which relates to the availability of deposit funds to consumers; the Right to Financial Privacy Act, which imposes a duty to maintain the confidentiality of consumer financial records and prescribes procedures for complying with administrative subpoenas of financial records; and the Electronic Fund Transfer Act and Regulation E issued by the CFPB, which govern automatic deposits to and withdrawals from deposit accounts and customers’ rights and liabilities arising from the use of automated teller machines and other electronic banking services.

The CFPB has also adopted amendments to Regulation E and Regulation Z to add protections for prepaid accounts (“CFPB Prepaid Rule”). The CFPB Prepaid Rule includes requirements related to treatment of funds on lost or stolen cards, error resolution and investigation, upfront fee disclosures, access to account information, and overdraft features if offered in conjunction with prepaid accounts. The CFPB Prepaid Rule becomes effective April 1, 2019.

Because it has less than \$10 billion in total consolidated assets, the Federal Reserve, and not the CFPB, is responsible for examining and supervising Green Dot Bank’s compliance with these and other federal consumer financial laws and regulations. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act authorizes state attorneys general and state regulators to enforce consumer protection rules issued by the CFPB. State authorities have recently increased their focus on and enforcement of consumer protection rules.

Money Transmission Licensing and Regulation

Regulations promulgated by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“FinCEN”) require certain persons to register at the federal level as a money services business (“MSB”) and comply with anti-money laundering laws and regulations. In addition, most U.S. states require licenses for persons engaged in the business of money transmission. These U.S. state licensing laws may subject money transmitters to periodic examinations and may require them and their agents to comply with federal and/or state anti-money laundering laws and regulations.

We have registered with FinCEN as an MSB and have obtained licenses to operate as a money transmitter in all U.S. jurisdictions in which such a license is required for us to conduct our business.

Payment Networks

In order to provide our products and services, we, as well as Green Dot Bank, are contracted members with Visa and MasterCard. Therefore, we and Green Dot Bank are subject to Visa and MasterCard’s respective payment network rules and standards. These rules and standards implicate a variety of our activities and services, including by imposing data security obligations, allocating liability for certain acts or omissions (including liability in the event of a data breach) and providing rules governing how consumers and merchants may use their cards. Payment networks may, and routinely do, modify these rules and standards as they determine in their sole discretion and with or without advance notice to us. These modifications may impose additional costs and expenses on, or may otherwise be disadvantageous to, our business. In addition, we are subject to audit by various payment networks. The payment

networks may fine or penalize us or suspend our registration if those audits find that we have failed to comply with applicable rules and standards.

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Escheatment Laws

Unclaimed property laws of every U.S. jurisdiction require that we track certain information on our card products and services and that, if customer funds are unclaimed at the end of an applicable statutory abandonment period, the proceeds of the unclaimed property be remitted to the appropriate jurisdiction. We manage escheatment law compliance with respect to our card products and services and have an ongoing program to comply with those laws.

Statutory abandonment periods applicable to our card products and services typically range from three to seven years.

Employees

As of December 31, 2018, we had approximately 1,100 employees globally. None of our employees is represented by a labor union or is covered by a collective bargaining agreement. We have never experienced any employment-related work stoppages and consider relations with our employees to be good.

Other Information

We were incorporated in Delaware in 1999 and became a bank holding company under the BHC Act and a member bank of the Federal Reserve System in December 2011.

Our principal executive offices are located at 3465 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California 91107, and our telephone number is (626) 765-2000.

We maintain a website at www.greendot.com. We make available free of charge, on or through our website via the Investor Relations section at ir.greendot.com, our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after filing such material electronically or otherwise furnishing it to the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. References to website addresses in this report are intended to be inactive textual references only, and none of the information contained on our website is part of this report or incorporated in this report by reference.

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ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

Risks Related to Our Business

Our operating results may fluctuate in the future, which could cause our stock price to decline.

Our quarterly and annual results of operations may fluctuate in the future as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are outside of our control. If our results of operations fall below the expectations of investors or any securities analysts who follow our Class A common stock, the trading price of our Class A common stock could decline substantially. Fluctuations in our quarterly or annual results of operations might result from a number of factors, including, but not limited to:

- the timing and volume of purchases and use of our products and services;
- the timing and volume of tax refunds processed by us, including the impact of any general delays in tax refund disbursements from the U.S. and State Treasuries;
- the timing and success of new product or service introductions by us or our competitors;
- seasonality in the purchase or use of our products and services;
- changes in the level of interchange rates that can be charged;
- fluctuations in customer retention rates;
- changes in the mix of products and services that we sell;
- changes in the mix of retail distributors through which we sell our products and services;
- the timing of commencement, renegotiation or termination of relationships with significant retail distributors and BaaS platform partners;
- the timing of commencement of new product development and initiatives, the timing of costs of existing product roll-outs and the length of time we must invest in those new products, channels or retail distributors before they generate material operating revenues;
- our ability to effectively sell our products through direct-to-consumer initiatives;
- changes in our or our competitors' pricing policies or sales terms;
- costs associated with significant changes in our risk policies and controls;
- the amount and timing of costs related to fraud losses;
- the amount and timing of commencement and termination of major advertising campaigns, including sponsorships;
- the amount and timing of costs related to the acquisition of complementary businesses;
- the amount and timing of costs of any major litigation to which we are a party;
- disruptions in the performance of our products and services, including interruptions in the services we provide to other businesses, and the associated financial impact thereof;
- the amount and timing of capital expenditures and operating costs related to the maintenance and expansion of our business, operations and infrastructure;
- continued low interest rate environment or interest rate volatility;
- accounting charges related to impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets;
- our ability to control costs, including third-party service provider costs and sales and marketing expenses in an increasingly competitive market;
- volatility in the trading price of our Class A common stock, which may lead to higher or lower stock-based compensation expenses; and
- changes in the political or regulatory environment affecting the banking, electronic payments or tax refund processing industries.

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The loss of operating revenues from Walmart or any of our largest retail distributors would adversely affect our business.

A significant portion of our operating revenues are derived from the products and services sold at our four largest retail distributors. As a percentage of total operating revenues, operating revenues derived from products and services sold at the store locations of Walmart was approximately 37% for the year ended December 31, 2018. We expect that Walmart will continue to have a significant impact on our operating revenues in future periods, particularly in our Account Services segment. It would be difficult to replace Walmart and the operating revenues derived from products and services sold at their stores. Accordingly, the loss of Walmart would have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. In addition, any publicity associated with the loss of any of our large retail distributors could harm our reputation, making it more difficult to attract and retain consumers and other retail distributors, and could lessen our negotiating power with our remaining and prospective retail distributors.

The term of our Walmart Money Card agreement (which governs the MoneyCard program) expires on May 1, 2020, unless renewed under its automatic renewal provision which provides for a two-year extension. Our contracts with our three other largest retail distributors have terms that expire at various dates through 2021. Our contracts with Walmart and our three other largest retail distributors can in limited circumstances, such as our material breach or insolvency or, in the case of Walmart, our failure to meet agreed-upon service levels, certain changes in control, and our inability or unwillingness to agree to requested pricing changes, be terminated by these retail distributors on relatively short notice. There can be no assurance that we will be able to continue our relationships with our largest retail distributors on the same or more favorable terms in future periods or that our relationships will continue beyond the terms of our existing contracts with them. Our operating revenues and results of operations could suffer if, among other things, any of our retail distributors renegotiates, terminates or fails to renew, or to renew on similar or favorable terms, its agreement with us or otherwise chooses to modify the level of support it provides for our products.

Our base of tax preparation partners is concentrated and the performance of our Processing and Settlement Services segment depends in part on our ability to retain existing partners.

If one or more of our major tax preparation partners were to substantially reduce or stop offering our services to their customers, our tax refund processing services business, a component of our Processing and Settlement Services segment, results of operations and financial condition would be harmed. Substantially all the revenues we generate from our tax refund processing services business have come from sales through a relatively small number of tax preparation firms. We do not have long-term contractual commitments from any of our current tax preparation partners and our tax preparation partners may elect to not renew their contracts with us with little or no advance notice. As a result, we cannot be assured that any of our current tax preparation partners will continue to partner with us past the terms in their current agreements. A termination of our relationships with certain tax preparation partners that provide commercial tax preparation software would result in lost revenue and the loss of the ability to secure future relationships with new or existing tax preparation firms that use such tax software.

Our future success depends upon the active and effective promotion of our products and services by retail distributors and tax preparation partners, but their interests and operational decisions might not always align with our interests. Most of our operating revenues are derived from our products and services sold at the stores of our retail distributors. In addition, a large portion of our Processing and Settlement Services revenues are dependent on tax preparation partners as the revenues we generate from our tax refund processing services are largely derived from products and services sold through retail tax preparation businesses and income tax software providers. Revenues from our retail distributors and tax preparation partners depend on a number of factors outside our control and may vary from period to period. Because we compete with many other providers of products and services, including competing prepaid cards and tax refund processing services, for placement and promotion of products in the stores of our retail distributors or in conjunction with the delivery of tax preparation services by our tax preparation providers, our success depends on our retail distributors and tax preparation partners and their willingness to promote our products and services successfully. In general, our contracts with these third parties allow them to exercise significant discretion over the placement and promotion of our products and services; they could give higher priority to the products and services of other companies for a variety of reasons. Accordingly, losing the support of our retail distributors and tax preparation partners might limit or reduce the sales of our products and services. Our operating

revenues and operating expenses may also be negatively affected by operational decisions by our retail distributors and tax preparation partners. For example, if a retail distributor reduces shelf space for our products or implements changes in its systems that disrupt the integration between its systems and ours, our product sales could be reduced or decline and we may incur additional merchandising costs to ensure our products are appropriately stocked. Similarly, for a variety of reasons, many of our tax preparation partners that provide commercial income tax preparation software offer their customers several types for tax refund processing services, including those of our competitors. Even if our retail distributors and tax preparation

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partners actively and effectively promote our products and services, there can be no assurance that their efforts will maintain or result in growth of our operating revenues.

We make significant investments in products and services that may not be successful.

Our prospects for growth depend on our ability to innovate by offering new, and adding value to our existing, product and service offerings and on our ability to effectively commercialize such innovations. We will continue to make investments in research, development, and marketing for new products and services. Investments in new products and services are speculative. Commercial success depends on many factors, including innovativeness, price, the competitive environment and effective distribution and marketing. If customers do not perceive our new offerings as providing significant value, they may fail to accept our new products and services, which would negatively impact our operating revenues. We may not achieve significant operating revenues from new product and service investments for a number of years, if at all. Moreover, new products and services may not be profitable, and even if they are profitable, operating margins for new products and services may not be as high as the margins we have experienced in the past.

Future revenue growth depends on our ability to retain and attract new long-term users of our products.

Our ability to increase account usage and account holder retention and to attract new long-term users of our products can have a significant impact on our operating revenues. We may be unable to generate increases in account usage, account holder retention or attract new long-term users of our products for a number of reasons, including if we are unable to maintain our existing distribution channels, predict accurately consumer preferences or industry changes and to modify our products and services on a timely basis in response thereto, produce new features and services that appeal to existing and prospective customers, and influence account holder behavior through cardholder retention and usage incentives. Our results of operations could vary materially from period to period based on the degree to which we are successful in increasing usage and retention and attracting long-term users of our products.

Seasonal fluctuations in the use of our products and services impact our results of operations and cash flows.

Our results of operations and cash flows vary from quarter to quarter, and periodically decline, due to the seasonal nature of the use of our products and services. For example, our results of operations for the first half of each year have been favorably affected by large numbers of taxpayers electing to receive their tax refunds via direct deposit on our accounts, which caused our operating revenues to be typically higher in the first half of those years than they were in the corresponding second half of those years. Our tax refund processing services business is also highly seasonal as it generates the substantial majority of its revenue in the first quarter, and substantially all of its revenue in the first half of each calendar year. To the extent that seasonal fluctuations become more pronounced, or are not offset by other factors, our results of operations and cash flows from operating activities could fluctuate materially from period to period.

The industries in which we compete are highly competitive, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

The industries in which we compete are highly competitive and subject to rapid and significant changes. We compete against companies and financial institutions across the retail banking, financial services, transaction processing, consumer technology and financial technology services industries and may compete with others in the market who may in the future provide offerings similar to ours, particularly vendors who may provide program management and other services through a platform similar to our BaaS platform. These and other competitors in the banking and electronic payments industries are introducing innovative products and services that may compete with ours. We expect that this competition will continue as banking and electronic payments industries continue to evolve, particularly if non-traditional payments processors and other parties gain greater market share in these industries. If we are unable to differentiate our products and platform from and successfully compete with those of our competitors, our business, results of operations and financial condition will be materially and adversely affected.

Many existing and potential competitors are entities substantially larger in size, more highly diversified in revenue and substantially more established with significantly more broadly known brand awareness than ours. As such, many of our competitors can leverage their size, robust networks, financial wherewithal, brand awareness, pricing power and technological assets to compete with us. Additionally, some of our current and potential competitors are subject to fewer regulations and restrictions than we are and thus may be able to respond more quickly in the face of regulatory and technological changes. We could also experience increased price competition as a result of new entrants offering

free or low-cost alternatives to our products and services. If this happens, we expect that the purchase and use of our products and services would decline. If price competition materially intensifies, we may have to increase the incentives

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that we offer to our retail distributors and our tax preparation partners and decrease the prices of our products and services, any of which would likely adversely affect our results of operations.

Our long-term success depends on our ability to compete effectively against existing and potential competitors that seek to provide banking and electronic payment products and services or tax refund processing services. If we fail to compete effectively against these competitors, our revenues, results of operations, prospects for future growth and overall business could be materially and adversely affected.

Our business is dependent on the efficient and uninterrupted operation of computer network systems and data centers, including third party systems, and any disruption in the operations of these systems and data centers could materially and adversely affect our business.

Our ability to provide reliable service to customers and other network participants depends on the efficient and uninterrupted operation of our computer network systems and data centers as well as those of our retail distributors, network acceptance members and third-party processors. Our business involves the movement of large sums of money, processing of large numbers of transactions and management of the data necessary to do both. Our success in our account programs, including our BaaS programs, as well as our processing and settlement services, depends upon the efficient and error-free handling of the money that is collected, remitted or deposited in connection with the provision of our products and services. We rely on the ability of our employees, systems and processes and those of the banks that issue our cards, our retail distributors, tax refund preparation partners, other business partners and third-party processors to process and facilitate these transactions in an efficient, uninterrupted and error-free manner. Their failure to do so could materially and adversely impact our operating revenues and results of operations, particularly during the tax season, when we derive substantially all of operating revenues for our tax refund processing services and a significant portion of our other operating revenues.

Our systems and the systems of third-party processors are susceptible to outages and interruptions due to fire, natural disaster, power loss, telecommunications failures, software or hardware defects, terrorist attacks and similar events. We use both internally developed and third-party systems, including cloud computing and storage systems, for our services and certain aspects of transaction processing. Interruptions in our service may result for a number of reasons. For example, the data center hosting facilities that we use could be closed without adequate notice or suffer unanticipated problems resulting in lengthy interruptions in our service. Moreover, as we continue to add data centers and add capacity in our existing data centers, we could experience problems transferring customer accounts and data, impairing the delivery of our service.

Any damage to, or failure of, our processes or systems generally, or those of our vendors (including as a result of disruptions at our third-party data center hosting facilities and cloud providers), or an improper action by our employees, agents or third-party vendors, could result in interruptions in our service, causing customers, retail distributors and other partners to become dissatisfied with our products and services or obligate us to issue credits or pay fines or other penalties to them. Sustained or repeated process or system failures could reduce the attractiveness of our products and services, including our BaaS platform, and result in contract terminations, thereby reducing operating revenue and harming our results of operations. Further, negative publicity arising from these types of disruptions could be damaging to our reputation and may adversely impact use of our products and services, including our BaaS platform, and adversely affect our ability to attract new customers and business partners. Additionally, some of our contracts with retail distributors, including our contract with Walmart, contain service level standards pertaining to the operation of our systems, and provide the retail distributor with the right to collect damages and potentially to terminate its contract with us for system downtime exceeding stated limits. If we face system interruptions or failures, our business interruption insurance may not be adequate to cover the losses or damages that we incur.

If we are unable to keep pace with the rapid technological developments in our industry and the larger electronic payments industry necessary to continue providing our BaaS platform partners and cardholders with new and innovative products and services, the use of our cards and other products and services could decline.

The electronic payments industry is subject to rapid and significant technological changes. We cannot predict the effect of technological changes on our business. We rely in part on third parties for the development of, and access to, new technologies. We expect that new services and technologies applicable to our industry will continue to emerge,

and these new services and technologies may be superior to, or render obsolete, the technologies we currently utilize in our products and services. Additionally, we may make future investments in, or enter into strategic alliances to develop, new technologies and services or to implement infrastructure change to further our strategic objectives, strengthen our existing businesses and remain competitive. However, our ability to transition to new services and technologies that we develop may be inhibited by a lack of industry-wide standards, by resistance from our retail distributors, BaaS platform partners, third-party processors or consumers to these changes, or by the intellectual

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property rights of third parties. Our future success will depend, in part, on our ability to develop new technologies and adapt to technological changes and evolving industry standards. These initiatives are inherently risky, and they may not be successful or may have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Fraudulent and other illegal activity involving our products and services could lead to reputational damage to us, reduce the use and acceptance of our cards and reload network, reduce the use of our tax refund processing services, and may adversely affect our financial position and results of operations.

Criminals are using increasingly sophisticated methods to engage in illegal activities using deposit account products (including prepaid cards), reload products, or customer information. Illegal activities involving our products and services often include malicious social engineering schemes. Illegal activities may also include fraudulent payment or refund schemes and identity theft. We rely upon third parties for transaction processing services, which subjects us and our customers to risks related to the vulnerabilities of those third parties. A single significant incident of fraud, or increases in the overall level of fraud, involving our cards and other products and services, have in the past and could in the future result in reputational damage to us. Such damage could reduce the use and acceptance of our cards and other products and services, cause retail distributors to cease doing business with us or lead to greater regulation that would increase our compliance costs. Fraudulent activity could also result in the imposition of regulatory sanctions, including significant monetary fines, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, to address the challenges we face with respect to fraudulent activity, we have implemented risk control mechanisms that have made it more difficult for all customers, including legitimate customers, to obtain and use our products and services. We believe it is likely that our risk control mechanisms may continue to adversely affect our new card activations for the foreseeable future and that our operating revenues will be negatively impacted as a result. As a bank holding company, we are subject to extensive and potentially changing regulation and may be required to serve as a source of strength for Green Dot Bank, which may adversely affect our business, financial position and results of operations.

As a bank holding company, we are subject to comprehensive supervision and examination by the Federal Reserve Board and the State of Utah Department of Financial Institutions and must comply with applicable regulations and other commitments we have agreed to, including financial commitments in respect to minimum capital and leverage requirements. If we fail to comply with any of these requirements, we may become subject to formal or informal enforcement actions, proceedings, or investigations, which could result in regulatory orders, restrictions on our business operations or requirements to take corrective actions, which may, individually or in the aggregate, affect our results of operations and restrict our ability to grow. If we fail to comply with the applicable capital and leverage requirements, or if our subsidiary bank fails to comply with its applicable capital and leverage commitments, the Federal Reserve Board may limit our ability to pay dividends or fund stock repurchases, or if we become less than adequately capitalized, require us to raise additional capital. In addition, as a bank holding company and a financial holding company, we are generally prohibited from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any activities other than those permissible for bank holding companies and financial holding companies. This restriction might limit our ability to pursue future business opportunities which we might otherwise consider but which might fall outside the scope of permissible activities.

A substantial portion of Green Dot Bank's deposit liabilities are currently classified as brokered deposits, and the failure by Green Dot Bank to maintain its status as a "well-capitalized" institution could have a serious adverse effect on Green Dot Bank's ability to conduct key portions of its current deposit-taking activity.

In January 2015, the FDIC published industry guidance in the form of Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") with respect to, among other things, the categorization of deposit liabilities as "brokered" deposits. This guidance was later supplemented in November 2015 and June 2016. Based on this guidance, a vast majority of Green Dot Bank's deposits are currently classified as brokered. If Green Dot Bank ceases to be categorized as "well capitalized" under banking regulations, it could be prohibited from accepting, renewing or rolling over brokered deposits without the consent of the FDIC. In such a case, the FDIC's refusal to grant consent to our accepting, renewing or rolling over brokered deposits could materially adversely affect the financial condition and operations of Green Dot Bank and the Company and could effectively restrict the ability of Green Dot Bank to operate its business lines as presently conducted.

We operate in a highly regulated environment, and failure by us, the banks that issue our cards, the businesses that participate in our reload network, the banks that assist with our tax refund processing services, and our tax preparation partners to comply with applicable laws and regulations could have an adverse effect on our business, financial position and results of operations.

We operate in a highly regulated environment, and failure by us, the banks that issue our cards or the businesses that participate in our reload network or other business partners to comply with the laws and regulations to which we are subject could negatively impact our business. We are subject to state money transmission licensing requirements

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and a wide range of federal and other state laws and regulations. In particular, our products and services are subject to an increasingly strict set of legal and regulatory requirements intended to protect consumers and to help detect and prevent money laundering, terrorist financing and other illicit activities. For example, we are subject to the anti-money laundering reporting and recordkeeping requirements the Bank Secrecy Act (“BSA”), as amended by the PATRIOT Act. In addition, legal requirements relating to the collection, storage, handling, use, disclosure, transfer, and security of personal data continue to increase, along with enforcement actions and investigations by regulatory authorities related to data security incidents and privacy violations.

Many of these laws and regulations are evolving, can be unclear and inconsistent across various jurisdictions, and ensuring compliance with them is difficult and costly. Failure by us or those businesses to comply with the laws and regulations to which we are or may become subject could result in fines, penalties or limitations on our ability to conduct our business, or federal or state actions, any of which could significantly harm our reputation with consumers, banks that issue our cards and regulators, and could materially and adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition.

Changes in laws and regulations to which we are subject, or to which we may become subject, may increase our costs of operation, decrease our operating revenues and disrupt our business.

The banking, financial technology, transaction processing and tax refund processing services industries are highly regulated and, from time to time, the federal and state laws and regulations affecting these industries, and the manner in which they are interpreted, are subject to change and legal action. Accordingly, changes in laws and regulations or the interpretation or enforcement thereof may occur that could increase our compliance and other costs of doing business, require significant systems redevelopment, or render our products or services less profitable or obsolete, any of which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. For example, we could face more stringent anti-money laundering rules and regulations, as well as more stringent licensing rules and regulations, compliance with which could be expensive and time consuming. In addition, adverse rulings relating to the industries in which we participate could cause our products and services to be subject to additional laws and regulations, which could make our products and services less profitable.

If additional regulatory requirements were imposed on the sale of our products and services and our bank, the requirements could lead to a loss of retail distributors, tax preparation partners or other business partners, which, in turn, could materially and adversely impact our operations. Moreover, if our products are adversely impacted by the interpretation or enforcement of these regulations or we or any of our retail distributors or tax preparation partners were unwilling or unable to make any such operational changes to comply with the interpretation or enforcement thereof, we would no longer be able to sell our products and services through that noncompliant retail distributor or tax preparation partner, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position and results of operations.

From time to time, federal and state legislators and regulatory authorities, including state attorneys general, increase their focus on the banking, consumer financial services and tax preparation industries and may propose and adopt new legislation that could result in significant adverse changes in the regulatory landscape for financial institutions and financial services companies.

If new regulations or laws result in changes in the way we are regulated, these regulations could expose us to increased regulatory oversight, more burdensome regulation of our business, and increased litigation risk, each of which could increase our costs and decrease our operating revenues. Furthermore, limitations placed on fees we charge or the disclosures that must be provided with respect to our products and services could increase our costs and decrease our operating revenues.

Changes in rules or standards set by the payment networks, such as Visa and MasterCard, or changes in debit network fees or products or interchange rates, could adversely affect our business, financial position and results of operations. We are subject to association rules that could subject us to a variety of fines or penalties that may be levied by the card associations or networks for acts or omissions by us or businesses that work with us, including card processors, such as MasterCard PTS. The termination of the card association registrations held by us or any changes in card association or other debit network rules or standards, including interpretation and implementation of existing rules or standards, that increase the cost of doing business or limit our ability to provide our products and services could have an adverse

effect on our business, operating results and financial condition. In addition, from time to time, card associations may increase the fees that they charge, which could increase our operating expenses, reduce our profit margin and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

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Furthermore, a substantial portion of our operating revenues is derived from interchange fees. For the year ended December 31, 2018, interchange revenues represented 29.8% of our total operating revenues, and we expect interchange revenues to continue to represent a significant percentage of our total operating revenues. The amount of interchange revenues that we earn is highly dependent on the interchange rates that the payment networks set and adjust from time to time.

The enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act required the Federal Reserve Board to implement regulations that have substantially limited interchange fees for many issuers. While the interchange rates that may be earned by us and our subsidiary bank are exempt from the limitations imposed by the Dodd-Frank Act, there can be no assurance that future regulation or changes by the payment networks will not impact our interchange revenues substantially. If interchange rates decline, whether due to actions by the payment networks or future regulation, we would likely need to change our fee structure to offset the loss of interchange revenues. However, our ability to make these changes is limited by the terms of our contracts and other commercial factors, such as price competition. To the extent we increase the pricing of our products and services, we might find it more difficult to acquire consumers and to maintain or grow card usage and customer retention, and we could suffer reputational damage and become subject to greater regulatory scrutiny. We also might have to discontinue certain products or services. As a result, our total operating revenues, operating results, prospects for future growth and overall business could be materially and adversely affected.

Our actual operating results may differ significantly from our guidance.

From time to time, we issue guidance in our quarterly earnings conference calls, or otherwise, regarding our future performance that represents our management's estimates as of the date of release. This guidance, which constitutes forward-looking statements, is based upon a number of management's assumptions and estimates that, while presented with numerical specificity, are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control, and are based upon specific assumptions with respect to future business decisions, some of which will change. While we have stated and we intend to continue to state possible outcomes as high and low ranges that are intended to provide a sensitivity analysis as variables are changed, we can provide no assurances that actual results will not fall outside of the suggested ranges.

The principal reason that we release guidance is to provide a basis for our management to discuss our business outlook with analysts and investors. We do not accept any responsibility for any projections or reports published by any of these persons.

Guidance is necessarily speculative in nature, and it can be expected that some or all of the assumptions underlying the guidance furnished by us will prove to be incorrect or will vary significantly from actual results. For example, on a number of occasions over the last several years we adjusted our revenue guidance when actual results varied from our assumptions. Accordingly, our guidance is only an estimate of what management believes is realizable as of the date of release. Actual results will vary from our guidance and the variations may be material.

Any failure to implement our operating strategy successfully or the occurrence of any of the events or circumstances set forth in this Item 1A could result in our actual operating results being different from our guidance, and such differences may be adverse and material.

We receive important services from third-party vendors. Replacing them would be difficult and disruptive to our business.

Some services relating to our business, including fraud management and other customer verification services, transaction processing and settlement, card production, and customer service, are outsourced to third-party vendors. We also depend on third-party banks to assist with our tax refund processing services. It would be difficult to replace some of our third-party vendors in a timely manner if they were unwilling or unable to provide us with these services during the term of their agreements with us and our business and operations could be adversely affected. In particular, due to the seasonality in our business, any material service interruptions or service delays with key vendors during the tax season could result in losses that have an even greater adverse effect on that business than would be the case with our overall business.

Our business could suffer if there is a decline in the use of prepaid cards as a payment mechanism or there are adverse developments with respect to the prepaid financial services industry in general.

As the prepaid financial services industry evolves, consumers may find prepaid financial services to be less attractive than traditional or other financial services. Consumers might not use prepaid financial services for any number of reasons, including the general perception of our industry, new technologies and a decrease in our distribution partners' willingness to sell these products as a result of a more challenging regulatory environment. If consumers do not continue or increase their usage of prepaid cards, including making changes in the way prepaid cards are loaded, our operating revenues may decline. Any projected growth for the industry may not occur or may occur more slowly than estimated.

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If consumer acceptance of prepaid financial services does not continue to develop or develops more slowly than expected or if there is a shift in the mix of payment forms, such as cash, credit cards, traditional debit cards and prepaid cards, away from our products and services, it could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

A data security breach could expose us to liability and protracted and costly litigation, and could adversely affect our reputation and operating revenues.

We and our retail distributors, tax preparation partners, network acceptance members, third-party processors and the merchants that accept our cards receive, transmit and store confidential customer and other information in connection with the sale and use of our products and services. Our encryption software and the other technologies we use to provide security for storage, processing and transmission of confidential customer and other information may not be effective to protect against data security breaches by third parties. The risk of unauthorized circumvention of our security measures has been heightened by advances in computer capabilities and the increasing sophistication of hackers. Our retail distributors, tax preparation partners, network acceptance members, other business partners, third-party processors and the merchants that accept our cards also may experience similar security breaches involving the receipt, transmission and storage of our confidential customer and other information. Improper access to our or these third parties' systems or databases could result in the theft, publication, deletion or modification of confidential customer and other information.

A data security breach of the systems on which sensitive cardholder or other customer or end-customer data and account information are stored could lead to fraudulent activity involving our products and services, reputational damage and claims or regulatory actions against us. If we are sued in connection with any data security breach, we could be involved in protracted and costly litigation. If unsuccessful in defending that litigation, we might be forced to pay damages and/or change our business practices, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our operating revenues and profitability. We would also likely have to pay (or indemnify the banks that issue our cards for) fines, penalties and/or other assessments imposed by Visa or MasterCard as a result of any data security breach. Further, a significant data security breach could lead to additional regulation, which could impose new and costly compliance obligations. In addition, a data security breach at one of the third-party banks that issue our cards or at our retail distributors, tax preparation partners, network acceptance members, other business partners, third-party processors or the merchants that accept our cards could result in significant reputational harm to us and cause the use and acceptance of our cards or other products and services to decline, either of which could have a significant adverse impact on our operating revenues and future growth prospects. Moreover, it may require substantial financial resources to address and remediate any such breach, including additional costs for replacement cards, manufacturing, distribution, re-stocking fees, fraud monitoring and other added security measures, among others, which could have a significant adverse impact on our operating results.

Litigation or investigations could result in significant settlements, fines or penalties.

We are subject to regulatory oversight in the normal course of our business and have been and from time to time may be subject to securities class actions and other litigation or regulatory or judicial proceedings or investigations. The outcome of litigation and regulatory or judicial proceedings or investigations is difficult to predict. Plaintiffs or regulatory agencies or authorities in these matters may seek recovery of very large or indeterminate amounts, seek to have aspects of our business suspended or modified or seek to impose sanctions, including significant monetary fines. The monetary and other impact of these actions, litigations, proceedings or investigations may remain unknown for substantial periods of time. The cost to defend, settle or otherwise resolve these matters may be significant. Further, an unfavorable resolution of litigation, proceedings or investigations against us could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, or financial condition. In this regard, such costs could make it more difficult to maintain the capital, leverage and other financial commitments at levels we have agreed to with the Federal Reserve Board and the Utah Department of Financial Institutions. If regulatory or judicial proceedings or investigations were to be initiated against us by private or governmental entities, adverse publicity that may be associated with these proceedings or investigations could negatively impact our relationships with retail distributors, tax preparation partners, network acceptance members, other business partners and card processors and decrease acceptance and use of, and loyalty to, our products and related services, and could impact the price of our Class A common stock. In

addition, such proceedings or investigations could increase the risk that we will be involved in litigation. The outcome of any such litigation is difficult to predict and the cost to defend, settle or otherwise resolve these matters may be significant. For the foregoing reasons, if regulatory or judicial proceedings or investigations were to be initiated against us by private or governmental entities, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected or our stock price could decline.

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We may be unable to adequately protect our brand and our intellectual property rights related to our products and services and third parties may allege that we are infringing their intellectual property rights.

The Green Dot, GoBank, MoneyPak, TPG and other brands and marks are important to our business, and we utilize trademark registrations and other means to protect them. Our business would be harmed if we were unable to protect our brand against infringement and its value was to decrease as a result.

We rely on a combination of patent, trademark and copyright laws, trade secret protection and confidentiality and license agreements to protect the intellectual property rights related to our products and services. We currently have 11 issued patents and 7 patent applications pending. Although we generally seek patent protection for inventions and improvements that we anticipate will be incorporated into our products and services, there is always a chance that our patents or patent applications could be challenged, invalidated or circumvented, or that an issued patent will not adequately cover the scope of our inventions or improvements incorporated into our products or services.

Additionally, our patents could be circumvented by third-parties.

We may unknowingly violate the intellectual property or other proprietary rights of others and, thus, may be subject to claims by third parties. These assertions may increase over time as a result of our growth and the general increase in the pace of patent claims assertions, particularly in the United States. Because of the existence of a large number of patents in the mobile technology field, the secrecy of some pending patents, and the rapid rate of issuance of new patents, it is not economically practical or even possible to determine in advance whether a product or any of its elements infringes or will infringe on the patent rights of others. Regardless of the merit of these claims, we may be required to devote significant time and resources to defending against these claims or to protecting and enforcing our own rights. We might also be required to develop a non-infringing technology or enter into license agreements and there can be no assurance that licenses will be available on acceptable terms and conditions, if at all. Some of our intellectual property rights may not be protected by intellectual property laws, particularly in foreign jurisdictions. The loss of our intellectual property or the inability to secure or enforce our intellectual property rights or to defend successfully against an infringement action could harm our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

We are exposed to losses from customer accounts.

Fraudulent activity involving our products may lead to customer disputed transactions, for which we may be liable under banking regulations and payment network rules. Our fraud detection and risk control mechanisms may not prevent all fraudulent or illegal activity. To the extent we incur losses from disputed transactions, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

Additionally, our cardholders can incur charges in excess of the funds available in their accounts, and we may become liable for these overdrafts. While we decline authorization attempts for amounts that exceed the available balance in a cardholder's account, the application of card association rules, the timing of the settlement of transactions and the assessment of the card's monthly maintenance fee, among other things, can result in overdrawn accounts.

Maintenance fee assessment overdrafts occur as a result of our charging a cardholder, pursuant to the card's terms and conditions, the monthly maintenance fee at a time when he or she does not have sufficient funds in his or her account.

Our remaining overdraft exposure arises primarily from late-posting. A late-post occurs when a merchant posts a transaction within a payment network-permitted timeframe but subsequent to our release of the authorization for that transaction, as permitted by card association rules. Under card association rules, we may be liable for the amount of the transaction even if the cardholder has made additional purchases in the intervening period and funds are no longer available on the card at the time the transaction is posted.

We consider overdrawn account balances to be our receivables due from cardholders. We maintain reserves to cover the risk that we may not recover these receivables due from our cardholders, but our exposure may increase above these reserves for a variety of reasons, including our failure to predict the actual recovery rate accurately. To the extent we incur losses from overdrafts above our reserves or we determine that it is necessary to increase our reserves substantially, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

Acquisitions or investments could disrupt our business and harm our financial condition.

We have in the past acquired, and we expect to acquire in the future, other businesses and technologies. The process of integrating an acquired business, product, service or technology can involve a number of special risks and

challenges, including:

- increased regulatory and compliance requirements;
- implementation or remediation of controls, procedures and policies at the acquired company;
- diversion of management time and focus from operation of our then-existing business;

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- integration and coordination of product, sales, marketing, program and systems management functions;
- transition of the acquired company's users and customers onto our systems;
- integration of the acquired company's accounting, information management, human resource and other administrative systems and operations generally with ours;
- integration of employees from the acquired company into our organization;
- loss or termination of employees, including costs associated with the termination or replacement of those employees;
- liability for activities of the acquired company prior to the acquisition, including violations of law, commercial disputes, and tax and other known and unknown liabilities; and
- increased litigation or other claims in connection with the acquired company, including claims brought by terminated employees, customers, former stockholders or other third parties.

If we are unable to successfully integrate an acquired business or technology or otherwise address these special risks and challenges or other problems encountered in connection with an acquisition, we might not realize the anticipated benefits of that acquisition, we might incur unanticipated liabilities or we might otherwise suffer harm to our business generally. Unanticipated costs, delays or other operational or financial problems related to integrating the acquired company and business with our company may result in the diversion of our management's attention from other business issues and opportunities. To integrate acquired businesses, we must implement our technology systems in the acquired operations and integrate and manage the personnel of the acquired operations. We also must effectively integrate the different cultures of acquired business organizations into our own in a way that aligns various interests and may need to enter new markets in which we have no or limited experience and where competitors in such markets have stronger market positions. Failures or difficulties in integrating the operations of the businesses that we acquire, including their personnel, technology, compliance programs, risk management systems, financial systems, distribution and general business operations and procedures, marketing, promotion and other relationships, may affect our ability to grow and may result in us incurring asset impairment or restructuring charges. Furthermore, acquisitions and investments are often speculative in nature and the actual benefits we derive from them could be lower or take longer to materialize than we expect.

To the extent we pay the consideration for any future acquisitions or investments in cash, it would reduce the amount of cash available to us for other purposes. Future acquisitions or investments could also result in dilutive issuances of our equity securities or the incurrence of debt, contingent liabilities, amortization expenses, or goodwill impairment charges, any of which could harm our financial condition and negatively impact our stockholders.

An impairment charge of goodwill or other intangible assets could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

Because we have grown in part through acquisitions, our net goodwill and intangible assets represent a significant portion of our consolidated assets. Our net goodwill and intangible assets were \$551.1 million as of December 31, 2018. Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or U.S. GAAP, we are required to test the carrying value of goodwill and intangible assets at least annually or sooner if events occur that indicate impairment could exist. These events or circumstances could include a significant change in the business climate, including a significant sustained decline in a reporting unit's fair value, legal and regulatory factors, operating performance indicators, competition and other factors.

U.S. GAAP requires us to assign and then test goodwill at the reporting unit level. If over a sustained period of time we experience a decrease in our stock price and market capitalization, which may serve as an estimate of the fair value of our reporting unit, this may be an indication of impairment. If the fair value of our reporting unit is less than its net book value, we may be required to record goodwill impairment charges in the future. In addition, if the revenue and cash flows generated from any of our other intangible assets is not sufficient to support its net book value, we may be required to record an impairment charge. The amount of any impairment charge could be significant and could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations for the period in which the charge is taken.

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We face settlement risks from our distributors and banking partners, which may increase during an economic downturn.

The majority of our business is conducted through retail distributors that sell our products and services to consumers at their store locations. Our retail distributors collect funds from the consumers who purchase our products and services and then must remit these funds directly to accounts established for the benefit of these consumers at the banks that issue our cards. The remittance of these funds by the retail distributor takes on average two business days. If a retail distributor becomes insolvent, files for bankruptcy, commits fraud or otherwise fails to remit proceeds to our card issuing bank from the sales of our products and services, we are liable for any amounts owed to our customers. As of December 31, 2018, we had assets subject to settlement risk of \$154.0 million. Given the possibility of recurring volatility in global financial markets, the approaches we use to assess and monitor the creditworthiness of our retail distributors may be inadequate, and we may be unable to detect and take steps to mitigate an increased credit risk in a timely manner.

Economic downturns could result in settlement losses, whether or not directly related to our business. We are not insured against these risks. Significant settlement losses could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Economic, political and other conditions may adversely affect trends in consumer spending.

The electronic payments industry, including the prepaid financial services segment within that industry, depends heavily upon the overall level of consumer spending. If conditions in the United States become uncertain or deteriorate, we may experience a reduction in the number of our accounts that are purchased or reloaded, the number of transactions involving our cards and the use of our reload network and related services. A sustained reduction in the use of our products and related services, either as a result of a general reduction in consumer spending or as a result of a disproportionate reduction in the use of card-based payment systems, would materially harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We must be able to operate and scale our technology effectively.

Our ability to continue to provide our products and services to network participants, as well as to enhance our existing products and services and offer new products and services, is dependent on our information technology systems. If we are unable to manage and scale the technology associated with our business effectively, we could experience increased costs, reductions in system availability and losses of our network participants. Any failure of our systems in scalability and functionality would adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our future success depends on our ability to attract, integrate, retain and incentivize key personnel.

Our future success will depend, to a significant extent, on our ability to attract, integrate, retain and recognize key personnel, namely our management team and experienced sales, marketing and program and technology development personnel. Replacing departing key personnel can involve organizational disruption and uncertainty. We experience transitions among our executive officers from time to time. If we fail to manage any future transitions successfully, we could experience significant delays or difficulty in the achievement of our development and strategic objectives and our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely harmed. We must retain and motivate existing personnel, and we must also attract, assimilate and motivate additional highly-qualified employees. We may experience difficulty in managing transitions and assimilating our newly-hired personnel, which may adversely affect our business. Competition for qualified management, sales, marketing and program and technology development personnel can be intense. Competitors have in the past and may in the future attempt to recruit our top management and employees. If we fail to attract, integrate, retain and incentivize key personnel, our ability to manage and grow our business could be harmed.

We might require additional capital to support our business in the future, and this capital might not be available on acceptable terms, or at all.

If our unrestricted cash and cash equivalents balances and any cash generated from operations are not sufficient to meet our future cash requirements, we will need to access additional capital to fund our operations. We may also need to raise additional capital to take advantage of new business or acquisition opportunities. We may seek to raise capital by, among other things:

- issuing additional shares of our Class A common stock or other equity securities;

issuing convertible or other debt securities; and
borrowing funds under a credit facility.

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We may not be able to raise needed cash in a timely basis on terms acceptable to us or at all. Financings, if available, may be on terms that are dilutive or potentially dilutive to our stockholders. The holders of new securities may also receive rights, preferences or privileges that are senior to those of existing holders of our Class A common stock. In addition, if we were to raise cash through a debt financing, the terms of the financing might impose additional conditions or restrictions on our operations that could adversely affect our business. If we require new sources of financing but they are insufficient or unavailable, we would be required to modify our operating plans to take into account the limitations of available funding, which would harm our ability to maintain or grow our business. Some of our operations, including a significant portion of our software development operations, are located outside of the United States, which subjects us to additional risks, including increased complexity and costs of managing international operations and geopolitical instability.

Since 2015, we have significantly expanded our software development operations in Shanghai, China and we expect to continue to increase headcount and infrastructure as we scale our operations in this region. A prolonged disruption at our China facility for any reason due to natural- or man-made disasters or other events outside of our control, such as equipment malfunction or large-scale outages or interruptions of service from utilities or telecommunications providers, could potentially delay our ability to launch new products or services, which could materially and adversely affect our business. Additionally, as a result of our international operations, we face numerous other challenges and risks, including:

- increased complexity and costs of managing international operations;
- regional economic instability;
- geopolitical instability and military conflicts;
- limited protection of our intellectual property and other assets;
- compliance with local laws and regulations and unanticipated changes in local laws and regulations, including tax laws and regulations;
- foreign currency exchange fluctuations relating to our international operating activities;
- local business and cultural factors that differ from our normal standards and practices; and
- differing employment practices and labor relations.

The occurrence of catastrophic events could damage our facilities or the facilities of third parties on which we depend, which could force us to curtail our operations.

We and some of the third-party service providers on which we depend for various support functions, such as customer service and card processing, are vulnerable to damage from catastrophic events, such as power loss, natural disasters, terrorism and similar unforeseen events beyond our control. Our principal offices, for example, are situated in southern California near known earthquake fault zones. If any catastrophic event were to occur, our ability to operate our business could be seriously impaired. In addition, we might not have adequate insurance to cover our losses resulting from catastrophic events or other significant business interruptions. Any significant losses that are not recoverable under our insurance policies, as well as the damage to, or interruption of, our infrastructure and processes, could seriously impair our business and financial condition.

If we fail to maintain proper and effective internal controls, our ability to produce accurate financial statements on a timely basis could be impaired, which could result in a loss of investor confidence in our financial reports and have an adverse effect on our stock price.

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. GAAP. If we are unable to maintain adequate internal control over financial reporting, we might be unable to report our financial information on a timely basis and might suffer adverse regulatory consequences or violate NYSE listing standards. There could also be a negative reaction in the financial markets due to a loss of investor confidence in us and the reliability of our financial statements. We have in the past and may in the future discover areas of our internal financial and accounting controls and procedures that need improvement. Our internal control over financial reporting will not prevent or detect all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system will be met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no

evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within our company will be detected. If we are unable to maintain proper and effective internal controls, we may not be able to produce accurate financial statements on a timely basis, which could adversely affect our ability to operate our business and

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could result in regulatory action, and could require us to restate, our financial statements. Any such restatement could result in a loss of public confidence in the reliability of our financial statements and sanctions imposed on us by the SEC.

Changes in accounting standards or inaccurate estimates or assumptions in the application of accounting policies could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Our accounting policies and methods are fundamental to how we record and report our financial condition and results of operations. Some of these policies require use of estimates and assumptions that may affect the reported value of our assets or liabilities and results of operations and are critical because they require management to make difficult, subjective and complex judgments about matters that are inherently uncertain. If those assumptions, estimates or judgments were incorrectly made, we could be required to correct and restate prior period financial statements.

Accounting standard-setters and those who interpret the accounting standards (such as the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the SEC and banking regulators) may also amend or even reverse their previous interpretations or positions on how various standards should be applied. These changes can be difficult to predict and can materially impact how we record and report our financial condition and results of operations. In some cases, we could be required to apply a new or revised standard retroactively, resulting in the need to revise and republish prior period financial statements.

Our debt agreements contain restrictive covenants and financial ratio tests that restrict or prohibit our ability to engage in or enter into a variety of transactions. If we fail to comply with these covenants or tests, our indebtedness under these agreements could become accelerated, which could adversely affect us.

In October 2014 we entered into a \$225.0 million term credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, and other lenders. This agreement contains various covenants that may have the effect of limiting, among other things, our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to: merge with other entities, enter into a transaction resulting in a change in control, create new liens, incur additional indebtedness, sell assets outside of the ordinary course of business, enter into transactions with affiliates (other than subsidiaries) or substantially change the general nature of our and our subsidiaries' business, taken as a whole, make certain investments, enter into restrictive agreements, or make certain dividends or other distributions. These restrictions could limit our ability to take advantage of financing, merger, acquisition or other opportunities, to fund our business operations or to fully implement our current and future operating strategies. Under the agreement, we have agreed to maintain compliance with a maximum consolidated leverage ratio and a minimum consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.75 and 1.25, respectively, at the end of any fiscal quarter. Our ability to meet these financial ratios and tests will be dependent upon our future performance and may be affected by events beyond our control (including factors discussed in this "Risk Factors" section). If we fail to satisfy these requirements, our indebtedness under these agreements could become accelerated and payable at a time when we are unable to pay them. This would adversely affect our ability to implement our operating strategies and would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

Risks Related to Ownership of Our Class A Common Stock

The price of our Class A common stock may be volatile.

In the recent past, stocks generally, and financial services company stocks in particular, have experienced high levels of volatility. The trading price of our Class A common stock has been highly volatile since our initial public offering and may continue to be subject to wide fluctuations. The trading price of our Class A common stock depends on a number of factors, including those described in this "Risk Factors" section, many of which are beyond our control and may not be related to our operating performance. Factors that could cause fluctuations in the trading price of our Class A common stock include the following:

- price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market from time to time;
- significant volatility in the market prices and trading volumes of financial services company stocks;
- actual or anticipated changes in our results of operations or fluctuations in our operating results;
- actual or anticipated changes in the expectations of investors or the recommendations of any securities analysts who follow our Class A common stock;

actual or anticipated developments in our business or our competitors' businesses or the competitive landscape generally;
the public's reaction to our press releases, other public announcements and filings with the SEC;

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- business disruptions and costs related to shareholder activism;
- litigation and investigations or proceedings involving us, our industry or both or investigations by regulators into our operations or those of our competitors;
- new laws or regulations or new interpretations of existing laws or regulations applicable to our business;
- changes in accounting standards, policies, guidelines, interpretations or principles;
- general economic conditions;
- changes to the indices in which our Class A common stock is included;
- and
- sales of shares of our Class A common stock by us or our stockholders.

In the past, many companies that have experienced volatility in the market price of their stock have become subject to securities class action litigation. We may be the target of this type of litigation in the future. Securities litigation against us could result in substantial costs and divert our management's attention from other business concerns, which could seriously harm our business.

Our charter documents, Delaware law and our status as bank holding company could discourage, delay or prevent a takeover that stockholders consider favorable and could also reduce the market price of our stock.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could delay or prevent a change in control of our company. These provisions could also make it more difficult for stockholders to nominate directors for election to our board of directors and take other corporate actions. These provisions, among other things:

- provide for non-cumulative voting in the election of directors;
- authorize our board of directors, without stockholder approval, to issue preferred stock with terms determined by our board of directors and to issue additional shares of our Class A common stock;
- limit the voting power of a holder, or group of affiliated holders, of more than 24.9% of our common stock to 14.9%;
- provide that only our board of directors may set the number of directors constituting our board of directors or fill vacant directorships;
- prohibit stockholder action by written consent and limit who may call a special meeting of stockholders; and
- require advance notification of stockholder nominations for election to our board of directors and of stockholder proposals.

These and other provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as well as provisions under Delaware law, could discourage potential takeover attempts, reduce the price that investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our Class A common stock and result in the trading price of our Class A common stock being lower than it otherwise would be.

In addition to the foregoing, under the BHC Act and the Change in Bank Control Act, and their respective implementing regulations, Federal Reserve Board approval is necessary prior to any person or company acquiring control of a bank or bank holding company, subject to certain exceptions. Control, among other considerations, exists if an individual or company acquires 25% or more of any class of voting securities, and may be presumed to exist if a person acquires 10% or more of any class of voting securities. These restrictions could affect the willingness or ability of a third party to acquire control of us for so long as we are a bank holding company.

If securities analysts do not continue to publish research or reports about our business or if they publish negative evaluations of our Class A common stock, the trading price of our Class A common stock could decline.

We expect that the trading price for our Class A common stock will be affected by any research or reports that securities analysts publish about us or our business. If one or more of the analysts who currently cover us or our business downgrade their evaluations of our Class A common stock, the price of our Class A common stock would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our company, we could lose visibility in the market for our Class A common stock, which in turn could cause our stock price to decline.

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ITEM 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

ITEM 2. Properties

Our headquarters is located in Pasadena, California where we lease approximately 140,000 square feet. We own the real property where our subsidiary bank's only office is located in Provo, Utah. Through our wholly owned subsidiaries, we lease office facilities in Birmingham, Alabama; San Diego, California; San Ramon, California; Cincinnati, Ohio; Sandy, Utah; and Shanghai, China. We also lease additional technology development and sale and support offices in Tampa, Florida; Rogers, Arkansas; Kingston, New Jersey; West Chester, Pennsylvania and Manila, Philippines. We believe that our existing and planned facilities are adequate to support our existing operations and that, as needed, we will be able to obtain suitable additional facilities on commercially reasonable terms.

ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings

Information with respect to this item may be found under the caption "Litigation and Claims" in Note 20 — Commitments and Contingencies to the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein, which information is incorporated into this Item 3 by reference.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

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PART II

ITEM 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Market Information

Our Class A common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "GDOT."

Holders of Record

As of January 31, 2019, we had 73 holders of record of our Class A common stock. The actual number of stockholders is greater than this number of record holders, and includes stockholders who are beneficial owners, but whose shares are held in street name by brokers and other nominees. This number of holders of record also does not include stockholders whose shares may be held in trust by other entities.

Dividends

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our capital stock, and we do not currently intend to pay any cash dividends on our Class A common stock for the foreseeable future. As a bank holding company, the Federal Reserve Board's risk-based and leverage capital requirements, as well as other federal laws applicable to banks and bank holding companies, could limit our ability to pay dividends. We expect to retain future earnings, if any, to fund the development and future growth of our business. Additionally, our ability to pay dividends on our Class A common stock is limited by restrictions on our ability to pay dividends or make distributions under the terms of our existing credit facility. Any future determination to pay dividends on our Class A common stock, if permissible, will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon, among other factors, our financial condition, operating results, current and anticipated cash needs, plans for expansion and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant.

Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

We had no repurchase activity during the year ended December 31, 2018.

In May 2017, our Board of Directors authorized, subject to regulatory approval, expansion of our stock repurchase program by an additional \$150 million. However, any additional stock repurchases contemplated and certain other uses of capital are subject to regulatory approval and compliance with our internal and regulatory capital and liquidity requirements.

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Stock Performance Graph

This performance graph shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Green Dot Corporation under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

The graph and table below compare the cumulative total stockholder return of Green Dot Corporation Class A common stock, the Russell 2000 Index, the S&P Small Cap 600 Index and the S&P 500 Financials Index for the period beginning on the close of trading on the NYSE on December 31, 2013 and ending on the close of trading on the NYSE on December 31, 2018. The graph assumes a \$100 investment in our Class A common stock and each of the indices, and the reinvestment of dividends.

The comparisons in the graph and table below are based on historical data and are not intended to forecast the possible future performance of our Class A common stock.

Total Return to Shareholders (Includes reinvestment of dividends)

Company/ Index	Base Period 12/31/13	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Green Dot Corporation	\$ 100	\$81	\$65	\$94	\$240	\$316
Russell 2000	\$ 100	\$105	\$100	\$122	\$139	\$124
S&P Smallcap 600	\$ 100	\$106	\$104	\$131	\$149	\$136
S&P Financials	\$ 100	\$115	\$113	\$139	\$170	\$148

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ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data

The following tables present selected historical financial data for our business. This information should be read in conjunction with Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of this report. The selected consolidated financial data in this section is not intended to replace the financial statements and is qualified in its entirety by the consolidated financial statements and related notes.

We derived the statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively, and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 from our audited consolidated financial statements included in Item 8 of this report. We derived the statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and balance sheet data as of December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this report. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of our results to be expected in any future period.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands, except per share data)				
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:					
Operating revenues:					
Card revenues and other fees	\$482,881	\$414,775	\$337,821	\$318,083	\$253,155
Processing and settlement service revenues	247,958	217,454	184,342	182,614	179,289
Interchange revenues	310,919	257,922	196,611	196,523	178,040
Stock-based retailer incentive compensation(1)	—	—	—	(2,520)	(8,932)
Total operating revenues	1,041,758	890,151	718,774	694,700	601,552
Operating expenses:					
Sales and marketing expenses	326,333	280,561	249,096	230,441	235,227
Compensation and benefits expenses(2)	221,627	194,654	159,456	168,226	123,083
Processing expenses	181,160	161,011	107,556	102,144	79,053
Other general and administrative expenses	206,040	155,601	139,350	134,560	105,200
Total operating expenses	935,160	791,827	655,458	635,371	542,563
Operating income	106,598	98,324	63,316	59,329	58,989
Interest income	23,701	11,243	7,367	4,737	4,064
Interest expense	(6,482)	(6,109)	(9,122)	(5,944)	(1,276)
Other income	—	—	—	—	7,129
Income before income taxes	123,817	103,458	61,561	58,122	68,906
Income tax expense	5,114	17,571	19,961	19,707	26,213
Net income	118,703	85,887	41,600	38,415	42,693
Income attributable to preferred stock	—	—	(802)	(1,102)	(4,842)
Net income allocated to common stockholders	\$118,703	\$85,887	\$40,798	\$37,313	\$37,851
Basic earnings per common share:					
Class A common stock	\$2.27	\$1.70	\$0.82	\$0.73	\$0.92
Basic weighted-average common shares issued and outstanding:					
Class A common stock	52,222	50,482	49,535	51,332	40,907
Diluted earnings per common share:					
Class A common stock	\$2.18	\$1.61	\$0.80	\$0.72	\$0.90
Diluted weighted-average common shares issued and outstanding:					
Class A common stock	54,481	53,198	50,797	51,875	41,770

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	As of December 31,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands)				
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:					
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash(3)	\$ 1,095,218	\$ 1,010,095	\$ 744,761	\$ 777,922	\$ 728,805
Investment securities, available-for-sale	201,183	153,509	208,426	181,539	120,431
Settlement assets(4)	153,992	209,399	137,083	69,165	148,694
Loans to bank customers	21,363	18,570	6,059	6,279	6,550
Total assets	2,287,118	2,197,531	1,740,344	1,691,448	1,614,288
Deposits	1,005,485	1,022,180	737,414	652,145	565,401
Obligations to customers(4)	58,370	95,354	46,043	61,300	98,052
Settlement obligations(4)	5,788	6,956	4,877	5,074	4,484
Short-term debt	58,705	20,906	20,966	20,966	20,966
Long-term debt	—	58,705	79,720	100,686	121,651
Total liabilities	1,377,306	1,432,981	1,056,611	1,028,126	985,298
Total stockholders' equity	909,812	764,550	683,733	663,322	628,990

Represents the recorded fair value of the shares for which our right to repurchase lapsed during the specified period (1) pursuant to the terms of the agreement under which we issued 2,208,552 shares of our Class A common stock to Walmart. Our right to repurchase these shares fully lapsed in May 2015.

(2) Includes stock-based compensation expense of \$50.1 million, \$40.7 million, \$28.3 million, \$27.0 million, and \$20.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

(3) Includes \$0.5 million, \$90.9 million, \$12.1 million, \$5.8 million, and \$4.2 million of restricted cash as of December 31, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, and 2014, respectively. Also includes \$0.5 million of federal funds sold as of December 31, 2014. There were no federal funds sold as of December 31, 2018, 2017, 2016, and 2015.

Our retail distributors collect customer funds for purchases of new cards and reloads at the point of sale and then remit these funds directly to bank accounts established for the benefit of these customers by the banks that issue our cards. Our retail distributors' remittance of these funds takes an average of two business days. Settlement assets represent the amounts due from our retail distributors and partners for customer funds collected at the point of sale (4) that have not yet been received by our subsidiary bank. Also included in this balance are payroll amounts funded in advance (up to two days early) to certain cardholders who are eligible to participate in our early direct deposit programs. Obligations to customers represent customer funds collected from or to be remitted by our retail distributors for which the underlying products have not been activated. Settlement obligations represent the customer funds received by our subsidiary bank that are due to third-party card issuing banks upon activation.

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ITEM 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This Annual Report on Form 10-K, including this Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, contains forward-looking statements regarding future events and our future results that are subject to the safe harbors created under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”). All statements other than statements of historical facts are statements that could be deemed to be forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the industries in which we operate and the beliefs and assumptions of our management. Words such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “targets,” “goals,” “projects,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “seeks,” “estimates,” “continues,” “endeavors,” “strives,” “assumes,” variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. In addition, any statements that refer to projections of our future financial performance, our anticipated growth and trends in our businesses, and other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned that these forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict, including those identified below, under “Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors,” and elsewhere herein. Therefore, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements for any reason.

In this Annual Report, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, “Green Dot,” “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to Green Dot Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Overview

Green Dot Corporation is a financial technology leader and bank holding company with a mission to power the banking industry’s branchless future. Enabled by proprietary technology and our wholly-owned commercial bank charter, our “Banking as a Service,” or “BaaS” platform is used by a growing list of America’s most prominent consumer and technology companies to design and deploy their own bespoke banking solutions to their customers and partners, while we use that same integrated technology and banking platform to design and deploy our own leading collection of banking and financial services products directly to consumers through one of the largest retail banking distribution platforms in America. Our products are marketed under brand names such as Green Dot, GoBank, MoneyPak, AccountNow, RushCard and RapidPay, and can be acquired through more than 100,000 retailers nationwide, thousands of corporate paycard partners, several “direct-2-consumer” branded websites, thousands of tax return preparation offices and accounting firms, thousands of neighborhood check cashing locations and both of the leading app stores. We are headquartered in Pasadena, California, with additional facilities throughout the United States and in Shanghai, China.

As the regulated entity and issuing bank for substantially all products and services we provide, whether our own or on behalf of a BaaS platform partner, we are directly accountable for all aspects of each program’s integrity, inclusive of ensuring the program’s compliance with all applicable banking regulations, applicable state and federal law and our various internal governance policies and procedures related to all areas of risk and compliance, in addition to deploying enterprise-class risk management practices and procedures to ensure each program’s initial and ongoing safety and soundness.

Financial Results and Trends

Our results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

	Year Ended			
	December 31,			
	2018	2017	Change	%
	(In thousands, except percentages)			
Total operating revenues	\$1,041,758	\$890,151	\$151,607	17.0%
Total operating expenses	935,160	791,827	143,333	18.1%
Net income	118,703	85,887	32,816	38.2%

Total operating revenues

Our total operating revenues for the year ended December 31, 2018 increased 17.0% over the prior year. Our growth was driven by year-over-year increases in both our Account Services and Processing and Settlement Services segments. Within our Account Services segment, revenue growth was driven primarily by year-over-year increases in

active accounts throughout the year and the continuation of greater customer engagement of our new product lines as evidenced by growth in gross dollar volume, purchase volume and ATM transactions. Within our Processing and Settlement Services segment, total operating revenues also increased as a result of year-over-year growth in the total

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number of cash transfers and tax refunds processed, as well as the number of disbursements from our Simply Paid platform.

Total operating expenses

Our total operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2018 increased 18.1% over the prior year. This increase was the result of several factors, including higher sales and marketing expenses attributable to the year-over-year increases in operating revenues generated from products that are subject to revenue share payments to our distributors and partners, higher processing expenses as a result of increased transactional usage and higher compensation and benefits expenses attributable to a growth in employee headcount, principally in late 2017, and third-party contractor costs to support our growth initiatives in 2018. We also incurred higher transaction losses, a component of other general and administrative expenses, as a result of our increased purchase volume.

Our operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2018 also increased over the prior year, in part as a result of the resolution of the final performance period payment under an earn-out provision for the 2014 acquisition of our tax refund processing business. We agreed to a payment of \$13.5 million, which is reflected as a component of other general and administrative expenses on our consolidated income statement for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Income taxes

Income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2018 decreased \$12.5 million from the prior year as a result of a lower effective tax rate. This decrease was principally the result of a lower effective tax rate due to enactment in December 2017 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act"), which reduced the U.S. federal corporate tax rate for 2018 from 35% to 21%.

Key Metrics

We review a number of metrics to help us monitor the performance of, and identify trends affecting, our business. We believe the following measures are the primary indicators of our quarterly and annual revenues.

Gross Dollar Volume — represents the total dollar volume of funds loaded to our account products. Our dollar volume was \$40.0 billion, \$31.1 billion, and \$21.9 billion for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. We use this metric to analyze the total amount of money moving onto our account programs and determine the overall engagement and usage patterns of our account holder base. We believe it serves as a leading indicator of revenue generated through our Account Services segment products, inclusive of interest income generated on deposits held at Green Dot Bank, fees charged to account holders and interchange revenues generated through the spending of account balances. The increase in gross dollar volume of 29% during the year ended December 31, 2018 from the comparable prior year period was principally driven by higher dollar volume from direct deposit onto our products and the launch of several new programs.

Number of Active Accounts — represents any bank account within our Account Services segment that is subject to United States PATRIOT Act compliance and therefore, requires customer identity verification prior to use and is intended to accept ongoing customer cash or ACH deposits. This includes general purpose reloadable prepaid card accounts, demand deposit or "checking" accounts, and credit card accounts in our portfolio that had a purchase, deposit or ATM withdrawal transaction during the applicable quarter. We had 5.34 million, 5.30 million, and 4.13 million active accounts outstanding as of December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. We use this metric to analyze the overall size of our active customer base and to analyze multiple metrics expressed as an average across this active account base. The increase in the number of active accounts was primarily driven by the launch of several new programs in 2018 and growth from our existing account programs. Additionally, a subset of our active account base is comprised of accountholders that are enrolled in direct deposit ("direct deposit active accounts"). We experienced year-over-year double digit growth in our direct deposit active accounts.

Purchase Volume — represents the total dollar volume of purchase transactions made by our account holders. This metric excludes the dollar volume of ATM withdrawals. Our purchase volume was \$26.0 billion, \$21.6 billion, and \$16.3 billion for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. We use this metric to analyze interchange revenue, which is a key component of our financial performance. The increase in purchase volume of 20% during the year ended December 31, 2018, from the comparable prior year periods was driven by an increase in Gross Dollar Volume, as described above.

Number of Cash Transfers — represents the total number of cash transfer transactions conducted by consumers, such as a point-of-sale swipe reload transaction, the purchase of a MoneyPak or an e-cash mobile remittance transaction marketed under various brand names, that we conducted through our retail distributors in a specified period. This metric excludes disbursements made through our Simply Paid wage disbursement platform. We processed 42.25

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million, 38.60 million, and 37.79 million reload transactions for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. We review this metric as a measure of the size and scale of our retail cash processing network, as an indicator of customer engagement and usage of our products and services, and to analyze cash transfer revenue, which is a key component of our financial performance. Our cash transfers increased 9% during the year ended December 31, 2018 over the prior year primarily due to year-over-year growth in our swipe reload services and our MoneyPak PIN product utilized by our accounts holders, as well as third-party programs, partially offset by an increase in direct deposit penetration in our active account portfolio as direct deposit customers, on average, perform fewer cash reloads.

Number of Tax Refunds Processed — represents the total number of tax refunds processed in a specified period. We processed 11.71 million, 11.17 million and 10.52 million tax refund transactions for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. We review this metric as a measure of the size and scale of our tax refund processing platform and as an indicator of customer engagement and usage of our products and services. The increase in the number of tax refunds processed of 5% for the year ended December 31, 2018 from the comparable prior year period was primarily driven by an increase of refunds processed through online tax filing software platforms, partially offset by a decrease in the number of refunds processed by traditional tax preparation providers.

Key components of our results of operations

Operating Revenues

We currently classify our operating revenues into the following three categories. Beginning with the first quarter of 2019, we will also present net interest income generated at Green Dot Bank from the investment of customer deposits as a component of total operating revenues.

Card Revenues and Other Fees — Card revenues consist of monthly maintenance fees, ATM fees, new card fees and other revenues. We charge maintenance fees on GPR cards, checking accounts and certain cash transfer products, such as MoneyPak, pursuant to the terms and conditions in our customer agreements. We charge ATM fees to cardholders when they withdraw money at certain ATMs in accordance with the terms and conditions in our cardholder agreements. We charge new card fees, if applicable, when a consumer purchases a GPR card, gift card, or a checking account product. Other revenues consist primarily of revenue associated with our gift card program, annual fees associated with our secured credit card portfolio, transaction-based fees and fees associated with optional products or services, which we offer to cardholders from time to time.

Our aggregate monthly maintenance fee revenues vary primarily based upon the number of active accounts in our portfolio and the average fee assessed per account. Our average monthly maintenance fee per active account depends upon the mix of products in our portfolio at any given point in time and upon the extent to which fees are waived based on various incentives provided to customers in an effort to encourage higher usage and retention. Our aggregate ATM fee revenues vary based upon the number of cardholder ATM transactions and the average fee per ATM transaction. The average fee per ATM transaction depends upon the mix of products in our portfolio at any given point in time and the extent to which cardholders use ATMs within our free network that carry no fee for cash withdrawal transactions. Our aggregate new card fee revenues vary based upon the number of GPR cards and checking accounts activated and the average new card fee. The average new card fee depends primarily upon the mix of products that we sell since there are variations in new account fees based on the product and/or the location or source where our products are purchased. Our aggregate other fees vary primarily based upon account sales of all types, gift card sales, purchase transactions and the number of active accounts in our portfolio.

Processing and Settlement Service Revenues — Processing and settlement service revenues consist of cash transfer revenues, tax refund processing service revenues and Simply Paid disbursement revenues. We earn cash transfer revenues when consumers fund their cards through a reload transaction at a Green Dot Network retail location. Our aggregate cash transfer revenues vary based upon the mix of locations where reload transactions occur, since reload fees vary by location. We earn tax refund processing service revenues at the point in time when a customer of a third party tax preparation company chooses to pay their tax preparation fee through the use of our tax refund processing services. We earn Simply Paid disbursement fees from our business partners at the point in time payment disbursements are made.

Interchange Revenues — We earn interchange revenues from fees remitted by the merchant’s bank, which are based on rates established by the payment networks, at the point in time when customers make purchase transactions using our products. Our aggregate interchange revenues vary based primarily on the number of active accounts in our portfolio, the average transactional volume of the active accounts in our portfolio and on the mix of cardholder purchases between those using signature identification technologies and those using personal identification numbers and the corresponding rates.

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Operating Expenses

We classify our operating expenses into the following four categories:

Sales and Marketing Expenses — Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of the commissions we pay to our retail distributors, brokers and platform partners, advertising and marketing expenses, and the costs of manufacturing and distributing card packages, placards and promotional materials to our retail distributors and personalized GPR and GoBank cards to consumers who have activated their cards. We generally establish commission percentages in long-term distribution agreements with our retail distributors and platform partners. Aggregate commissions with our retail distributors are determined by the number of prepaid cards, checking account products and cash transfers sold at their respective retail stores. Commissions with our platform partners and, in certain cases, our retail distributors are determined by the revenue generated from the ongoing use of the associated card programs. We incur advertising and marketing expenses for television, sponsorships, online and in-store promotions. Advertising and marketing expenses are recognized as incurred and typically deliver a benefit over an extended period of time. For this reason, these expenses do not always track changes in our operating revenues. Our manufacturing and distribution costs vary primarily based on the number of GPR and GoBank accounts activated by consumers.

Compensation and Benefits Expenses — Compensation and benefits expenses represent the compensation and benefits that we provide to our employees and the payments we make to third-party contractors. While we have an in-house customer service function, we employ third-party contractors to conduct call center operations, handle routine customer service inquiries and provide consulting support in the area of IT operations and elsewhere. Compensation and benefits expenses associated with our customer service and loss management functions generally vary in line with the size of our active account portfolio, while the expenses associated with other functions do not.

Processing Expenses — Processing expenses consist primarily of the fees charged to us by the payment networks, which process transactions for us, the third-party card processors that maintains the records of our customers' accounts and processes transaction authorizations and postings for us and the third-party banks that issue our accounts. These costs generally vary based on the total number of active accounts in our portfolio and gross dollar volume transacted by those accounts. Also included in processing expenses are bank fees associated with our tax refund processing services and gateway and network fees associated with our Simply Paid disbursement services. Bank fees generally vary based on the total number of tax refund transfers processed and gateway and network fees vary based on the numbers of disbursements made.

Other General and Administrative Expenses — Other general and administrative expenses consist primarily of professional service fees, telephone and communication costs, depreciation and amortization of our property and equipment and intangible assets, changes in contingent consideration, transaction losses (losses from customer disputed transactions, unrecovered customer purchase transaction overdrafts and fraud), rent and utilities, and insurance. We incur telephone and communication costs primarily from customers contacting us through our toll-free telephone numbers. These costs vary with the total number of active accounts in our portfolio, as do losses from customer disputed transactions, unrecovered customer purchase transaction overdrafts and fraud. Costs associated with professional services, depreciation and amortization of our property and equipment, amortization of our acquired intangible assets, rent and utilities vary based upon our investment in infrastructure, business development, risk management and internal controls and are generally not correlated with our operating revenues or other transaction metrics.

Income Tax Expense

Our income tax expense consists of the federal and state corporate income taxes accrued on income resulting from the sale of our products and services.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of our consolidated financial statements requires our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, costs and expenses and related disclosures. We base our estimates on historical experience, current circumstances and various other assumptions that our management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. In many instances, we could reasonably use different accounting estimates, and in some instances changes in the accounting estimates are reasonably likely to occur from period to period. Accordingly, actual results

could differ significantly from the estimates made by our management. To the extent that there are differences between our estimates and actual results, our future financial statement presentation, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows will be affected. We believe that the accounting policies discussed below are critical to understanding our historical and future performance, as these policies relate to the more significant areas involving management's judgments and estimates.

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Revenue Recognition

As prescribed under our recent adoption of Accounting Standards Codification 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, we recognize revenues when control of the promised goods or services is transferred to our customers in an amount that reflects the consideration we expect to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services, as determined under a five-step process.

Our new card fee provides our cardholders a material right and accordingly we defer and recognize new card fee revenues on a straight-line basis over the period commensurate with our performance obligation to our customers. We consider the performance obligation period to be the average card lifetime, which is currently less than one year for our GPR cards and gift cards. For GPR cards, average card lifetime is determined based on recent historical data using the period from sale (or activation) of the card through the date of last positive balance. We reassess average card lifetime quarterly. Average card lifetimes may vary in the future as cardholder behavior changes relative to historical experience because customers are influenced by changes in the pricing of our services, the availability of substitute products, and other factors.

We also defer commissions paid to retail distributors related to new card sales as costs to obtain contracts and expense ratably over the average card lifetime commensurate with our GPR and gift cards.

Transaction prices related to our account services are based on stand-alone fees stated within the terms and conditions and may also include certain elements of variable consideration depending upon the product's features, such as cardholder incentives, monthly fee concessions and reserves on accounts that may become overdrawn. We estimate such amounts using historical data and customer behavior patterns to determine these estimates which are recorded as a reduction to the corresponding fee revenue. Additionally, while the number of transactions that a cardholder may perform is unknown, any uncertainty is resolved at the end of each daily service contract.

We report our different types of revenues on a gross or net basis based on our assessment of whether we act as a principal or an agent in the transaction. To the extent we act as a principal in the transaction, we report revenues on a gross basis. In concluding whether or not we act as a principal or an agent, we evaluate whether we obtain control of the good or service prior to the good or service being transferred to the customer. For all our significant revenue-generating arrangements, we record revenues on a gross basis except for our tax refund processing service revenues which are recorded on a net basis.

Stock-Based Compensation

We record employee stock-based compensation expense based on the grant-date fair value. For stock options and stock purchases under our employee stock purchase plan, we base compensation expense on fair values estimated at the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. For stock awards, including restricted stock units, we base compensation expense on the fair value of our Class A common stock at the grant date. We recognize compensation expense for awards with only service conditions that have graded vesting schedules on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the award. Vesting is based upon continued service to our company.

For performance based awards, we recognize compensation cost for the restricted stock units if and when we conclude it is probable that the performance will be satisfied, over the requisite service period based on the grant-date fair value of the stock. We reassess the probability of vesting at each reporting period and adjust compensation expense based on the probability assessment. For market based restricted stock units, we base compensation expense on the fair value estimated at the date of grant using a Monte Carlo simulation or similar lattice model. We recognize compensation expense over the requisite service period regardless of the market condition being satisfied, provided that the requisite service has been provided, since the estimated grant date fair value already incorporates the probability of outcomes that the market condition will be achieved.

We measure the fair value of equity instruments issued to non-employees as of the earlier of the date a performance commitment has been reached by the counterparty or the date performance is completed by the counterparty. We determine the fair value using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model or the fair value of our Class A common stock, as applicable, and recognize related expense in the same periods that the goods or services are received.

Reserve for Uncollectible Overdrawn Accounts

Our cardholder accounts may become overdrawn as a result of maintenance fee assessments or from purchase transactions that we honor, in each case in excess of the funds in the cardholder's account. While we decline

authorization attempts for amounts that exceed the available balance in a cardholder's account, the application of card association rules, the timing of the settlement of transactions and the assessment of the card's monthly maintenance fee, among other things, can result in overdrawn accounts. Overdrawn account balances are deemed to be our receivables due from cardholders, and we include them as a component of accounts receivable, net, on our consolidated

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balance sheets. We generally recover overdrawn account balances from those cardholders that perform a reload transaction. In addition, we recover some overdrawn account balances related to purchase transaction through enforcement of payment network rules, which allow us to recover the amounts from the merchant where the purchase transaction was conducted. However, we are exposed to losses from any unrecovered overdrawn account balances. The probability of recovering these amounts is primarily related to the number of days that have elapsed since an account had activity, such as a purchase, ATM transaction or fee assessment. Generally, we recover 50-60% of overdrawn account balances in accounts that have had activity in the last 30 days, less than 15% in accounts that have had activity in the last 30 to 60 days, and less than 10% when more than 60 days have elapsed.

We establish a reserve for uncollectible overdrawn accounts. We classify overdrawn accounts into age groups based on the number of days since the account last had activity. We then calculate a reserve factor for each age group based on the average recovery rate for the most recent six months. These factors are applied to these age groups to estimate our overall reserve. We rely on these historical rates because they have remained relatively consistent over time. When more than 90 days have passed without any activity in an account, we consider recovery to be remote and charge off the full amount of the overdrawn account balance against the reserve for uncollectible overdrawn accounts. Our actual recovery rates and related estimates thereof may change in the future in response to factors such as customer behavior, product pricing and features that impact the frequency and velocity of reloads and other deposits to such accounts.

We include our provision for uncollectible overdrawn accounts related to maintenance fees and purchase transactions as an offset to card revenues and other fees and in other general and administrative expenses, respectively, in our consolidated statements of operations.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

We review the recoverability of goodwill at least annually or whenever significant events or changes occur, which might impair the recovery of recorded costs. Factors that may be considered a change in circumstances indicating that the carrying value of our goodwill may not be recoverable include a decline in our stock price and market capitalization, declines in the market conditions of our products, reductions in our future cash flow estimates, and significant adverse industry or economic market trends. We test for impairment of goodwill by assessing various qualitative factors with respect to developments in our business and the overall economy and calculating the fair value of a reporting unit using the discounted cash flow method, as necessary. In the event that the carrying value of assets is determined to be unrecoverable, we would estimate the fair value of the reporting unit and record an impairment charge for the excess of the carrying value over the fair value. The estimate of fair value requires management to make a number of assumptions and projections, which could include, but would not be limited to, future revenues, earnings and the probability of certain outcomes.

Intangible and other long lived-assets subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Certain factors which may occur and indicate that an impairment exists include, but are not limited to, the following: significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results; significant changes in the manner of use of the underlying assets; and significant adverse industry or market economic trends. In reviewing for impairment, we compare the carrying value of such assets to the estimated undiscounted future net cash flows expected from the use of the assets and their eventual disposition. In the event that the carrying value of assets is determined to be unrecoverable, we would estimate the fair value of the assets and record an impairment charge for the excess of the carrying value over the fair value. The estimate of fair value requires management to make a number of assumptions and projections, which could include, but would not be limited to, future revenues, earnings and the probability of certain outcomes. We completed our annual goodwill impairment test as of September 30, 2018. Based on the results of step one of the annual goodwill impairment test, we determined that step two was not required for each of our reporting units as their fair values exceeded their carrying values indicating there was no impairment. No impairment charges were recognized related to goodwill or intangible assets for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016.

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Comparison of Consolidated Results for the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

Operating Revenues

The following table presents a breakdown of our operating revenues among card revenues and other fees, processing and settlement service revenues and interchange revenues:

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	Amount	% of Total Operating Revenues	Amount	% of Total Operating Revenues
(In thousands, except percentages)				
Operating revenues:				
Card revenues and other fees	\$482,881	46.4 %	\$414,775	46.6 %
Processing and settlement service revenues	247,958	23.8	217,454	24.4
Interchange revenues	310,919	29.8	257,922	29.0
Total operating revenues	\$1,041,758	100.0 %	\$890,151	100.0 %

Card Revenues and Other Fees — Card revenues and other fees totaled \$482.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, an increase of \$68.1 million, or 16%, from the comparable prior year period. The increase is attributable to the year-over-year growth in the number of active accounts throughout the year and greater engagement by our account holders, resulting in increased revenues associated with ATM fees, monthly maintenance fees, and transaction-based fees earned within our Account Services segment.

Processing and Settlement Service Revenues — Processing and settlement service revenues totaled \$248.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, an increase of \$30.5 million, or 14%, from the comparable prior year period. The increase was driven primarily by a higher volume of cash transfers and revenue earned per cash transfer, as well as an increase in disbursement transactions processed by our Simply Paid platform.

Interchange Revenues — Interchange revenues totaled \$310.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, an increase of \$53.0 million, or 21%, from the comparable prior year period. The increase was primarily due to year-over-year growth in purchase volume from our account holders.

Operating Expenses

The following table presents a breakdown of our operating expenses among sales and marketing, compensation and benefits, processing, and other general and administrative expenses:

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	Amount	% of Total Operating Revenues	Amount	% of Total Operating Revenues
(In thousands, except percentages)				
Operating expenses:				
Sales and marketing expenses	\$326,333	31.3 %	\$280,561	31.5 %
Compensation and benefits expenses	221,627	21.3	194,654	21.9
Processing expenses	181,160	17.4	161,011	18.1
Other general and administrative expenses	206,040	19.8	155,601	17.5
Total operating expenses	\$935,160	89.8 %	\$791,827	89.0 %

Sales and Marketing Expenses — Sales and marketing expenses totaled \$326.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, an increase of \$45.7 million, or 16% compared to the year ended December 31, 2017. This increase was primarily driven by an increase in sales commissions associated with higher revenues generated from products that are subject to revenue-sharing agreements, partially offset by a year-over-year decrease of \$1.9 million in advertising expenses and \$1.5 million in cost of materials.

Compensation and Benefits Expenses — Compensation and benefits expenses totaled \$221.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, an increase of \$26.9 million, or 14%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2017. The increase was primarily the result of higher salaries and wages and third-party contractor expenses of \$15.8 million in support of our growth initiatives in 2018 and \$9.4 million increase in employee stock-based compensation expenses.

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Processing Expenses — Processing expenses totaled \$181.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, an increase of \$20.2 million, or 13%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2017. This increase was principally the result of higher volume of ATM and purchase transactions initiated by our account holders and higher merchant acquiring costs associated with peer-to-peer payment activity on our mobile-only accounts by our account holders within our Account Services segment. The year-over-year increase was also attributable to the growth in disbursement transactions processed by our Simply Paid platform within our Processing and Settlement Services segment.

Other General and Administrative Expenses — Other general and administrative expenses totaled \$206.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, an increase of \$50.4 million, or 32%, from the comparable prior year period. During the year ended December 31, 2018, we recorded a \$13.5 million expense related to the resolution of the final earn-out calculation with the selling shareholders of our tax refund processing business, as well as a \$3.3 million expense as a result of an estimated change in fair value of our contingent consideration for UniRush. Other general and administrative expenses for the comparable prior year period also benefited from \$9.7 million in gains associated with the change in fair value of contingent consideration related to these acquisitions. The remainder of the increase in other general and administrative expenses was due to an increase in transaction losses correlated with the increase in purchase volume relative to the comparable prior year period and \$5.1 million in higher depreciation and amortization of property and equipment.

Income Tax Expense

The following table presents a breakdown of our effective tax rate among federal, state and other:

	Year Ended	
	December 31,	
	2018	2017
U.S. federal statutory tax rate	21.0 %	35.0 %
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	(0.5)	(2.3)
General business credits	(2.2)	(2.8)
Employee stock-based compensation	(17.1)	(12.4)
Tax Cuts and Jobs Act remeasurement	0.2	(5.0)
IRC 162(m) limitation	2.2	1.5
Other	0.5	3.0
Effective tax rate	4.1 %	17.0 %

Our income tax expense amounted to \$5.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, a decrease of \$12.5 million from the prior year period due to a decrease in our effective tax rate from 17.0% to 4.1%. This decrease is primarily due to the Tax Act, which reduced the U.S. federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% and the recognition of significant excess tax benefits related to our employee stock-based compensation expense. The Tax Act also repealed the performance-based exception to the limitation on executive compensation under IRC 162(m) which resulted in an increased IRC 162(m) limitation for the year ended December 31, 2018. Refer to Note 14 — Income Taxes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for additional information about income tax expense and the impact of the Tax Act.

The "Other" category in our effective tax rate consists of a variety of permanent differences, none of which were individually significant.

Results of Operations by Segment

Information with respect to the results of operations for each of our reportable segments may be found under Note 24 — Segment Information to the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

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Comparison of Consolidated Results for the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

Operating Revenues

The following table presents a breakdown of our operating revenues among card revenues and other fees, processing and settlement service revenues, and interchange revenues:

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	Amount	% of Total Operating Revenues	Amount	% of Total Operating Revenues
(In thousands, except percentages)				
Operating revenues:				
Card revenues and other fees	\$414,775	46.6 %	\$337,821	47.0 %
Processing and settlement service revenues	217,454	24.4	184,342	25.6
Interchange revenues	257,922	29.0	196,611	27.4
Total operating revenues	\$890,151	100.0 %	\$718,774	100.0 %

Card Revenues and Other Fees — Card revenues and other fees totaled \$414.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of \$77.0 million, or 23%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2016. We believe this increase in revenue reflects the increasing quality of customers within our active card base and improved unit economics on our suite of prepaid card products, which increased monthly maintenance fees and ATM fees earned within our Account Services segment, as well as our acquisition of UniRush on February 28, 2017.

Processing and Settlement Service Revenues — Processing and settlement service revenues totaled \$217.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of \$33.2 million, or 18%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2016. The increase was driven primarily by a higher volume and revenues earned per cash transfer and tax refunds processed, as well as a year-over-year increase in disbursement revenues associated with our Simply Paid disbursements program.

Interchange Revenues — Interchange revenues totaled \$257.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of \$61.3 million, or 31%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2016. The increase was primarily due to year-over-year growth in purchase volume, driven by our acquisition of UniRush and higher purchase volume per number of active cards as a result of the increasing quality of customers within our active card base.

Operating Expenses

The following table presents a breakdown of our operating expenses among sales and marketing, compensation and benefits, processing, and other general and administrative expenses:

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	Amount	% of Total Operating Revenues	Amount	% of Total Operating Revenues
(In thousands, except percentages)				
Operating expenses:				
Sales and marketing expenses	\$280,561	31.5 %	\$249,096	34.7 %
Compensation and benefits expenses	194,654	21.9	159,456	22.2
Processing expenses	161,011	18.1	107,556	15.0
Other general and administrative expenses	155,601	17.5	139,350	19.3
Total operating expenses	\$791,827	89.0 %	\$655,458	91.2 %

Sales and Marketing Expenses — Sales and marketing expenses totaled \$280.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of \$31.5 million, or 13%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2016. This increase was the result of an increase of \$26.1 million in sales commissions principally associated with higher organic revenues

year-over-year generated from products that are subject to revenue-sharing agreements and an increase of \$13.2 million in marketing expenses primarily driven by the acquisition of UniRush, partially offset by a decrease of \$7.9 million in cost of materials. The decline in costs of materials relates to our 2016 roll out of our new suite of Green Dot branded prepaid and gift card products at our retailer distributors resulting in incremental costs of manufacturing and distributing card packages; there were no such roll out expenses in 2017.

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Compensation and Benefits Expenses — Compensation and benefits expenses totaled \$194.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of \$35.2 million, or 22%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2016. The increase was primarily the result of higher salaries and wages and third-party contractor expenses of \$16.2 million and \$3.7 million, respectively, driven by our acquisition of UniRush, and a \$12.4 million increase in stock-based compensation expense.

Processing Expenses — Processing expenses totaled \$161.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of \$53.4 million, or 50%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2016. This increase was principally the result of our acquisition of UniRush, a higher volume of purchase and ATM transactions initiated by our cardholders and a higher volume of disbursement services, partially offset by a \$6.5 million repayment of incremental processing expenses incurred during the first half of 2017 associated with our need to continue to support customer accounts on our legacy third-party card processor.

Other General and Administrative Expenses — Other general and administrative expenses totaled \$155.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of \$16.2 million, or 12%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2016, primarily due to increases of \$8.3 million of professional fees, \$8.1 million in amortization of acquired intangible assets driven by the acquisition of UniRush, \$5.8 million in transaction losses correlated with the increase in purchase volume, a \$3.5 million expense in connection with the settlement of a lawsuit, \$2.3 million of telecommunication expenses and \$1.2 million of impairment charges related to internal-use software. These increases were partially offset by a year-over-year increase of \$7.2 million in gains associated with the change in fair value of contingent consideration, principally related to acquisition of our tax refund processing business, and a decrease of \$6.0 million in depreciation and amortization of property and equipment.

Income Tax Expense

The following table presents a breakdown of our effective tax rate among federal, state and other:

	Year Ended	
	December 31,	
	2017	2016
U.S. federal statutory tax rate	35.0 %	35.0 %
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	(2.3)	0.4
General business credits	(2.8)	(3.4)
Employee stock-based compensation	(12.4)	0.3
Tax Cuts and Jobs Act remeasurement	(5.0)	—
IRC 162(m) limitation	1.5	—
Other	3.0	0.1
Effective tax rate	17.0 %	32.4 %

Our income tax expense amounted to \$17.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, a decrease of \$2.4 million compared to the prior year, principally due to a decrease in our effective tax rate from 32.4% to 17.0%. This decrease is primarily due to the impact of our adoption of ASU 2016-09, the remeasurement of our deferred tax assets and liabilities associated with the Tax Act, and the release of reserves for uncertain tax positions upon the completion of tax examinations and the expiration of the statute of limitations with certain taxing jurisdictions. Under ASU 2016-09, all excess tax benefits and tax deficiencies related to stock compensation are now recognized as income tax benefit or expense, respectively, in the statement of operations instead of additional paid-in capital on the consolidated balance sheets. Refer to Note 14 — Income Taxes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for additional information.

The "Other" category in our effective tax rate consists of a variety of permanent differences, none of which were individually significant.

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Capital Requirements for Bank Holding Companies

Our subsidiary bank, Green Dot Bank, is a member bank of the Federal Reserve System and our primary regulators are the Federal Reserve Board and the Utah DFI. We and Green Dot Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on our financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines, we and Green Dot Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors.

In July 2013, the Federal Reserve and other U.S. banking regulators approved final rules regarding new risk-based capital, leverage and liquidity standards, known as "Basel III." The Basel III rules, which became effective for us and our bank on January 1, 2015, are subject to certain phase-in periods that occur over several years. The U.S. Basel III rules contain new capital standards that change the composition of capital, increase minimum capital ratios and strengthen counter-party credit risk capital requirements. The Basel III rules also include a new definition of common equity Tier 1 capital and require that certain levels of such common equity Tier 1 capital be maintained. The rules also include a new capital conservation buffer, which impose a common equity requirement above the new minimum that can be depleted under stress and could result in restrictions on capital distributions and discretionary bonuses under certain circumstances, as well as a new standardized approach for calculating risk-weighted assets. Under the Basel III rules, we must maintain a ratio of common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 4.5%, a ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 6%, a ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 8% and a minimum Tier 1 leverage ratio of 4.0%.

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, we and Green Dot Bank were categorized as "well capitalized" under applicable regulatory standards. To be categorized as "well capitalized," we and Green Dot Bank must maintain specific total risk-based, Tier 1 risk-based and Tier 1 leverage ratios as set forth in the table below. There were no conditions or events since December 31, 2018 which management believes would have changed our category as "well capitalized." The definitions associated with the amounts and ratios below are as follows:

Ratio	Definition
Tier 1 leverage ratio	Tier 1 capital divided by average total assets
Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio	Common equity Tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets
Tier 1 capital ratio	Tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets
Total risk-based capital ratio	Total capital divided by risk-weighted assets

Terms	Definition
Tier 1 capital and Common equity Tier 1 capital	Primarily includes common stock, retained earnings and accumulated OCI, net of deductions and adjustments primarily related to goodwill, deferred tax assets and intangibles. Under the regulatory capital rules, certain deductions and adjustments to these capital figures are phased in through January 1, 2018.
Total capital	Tier 1 capital plus supplemental capital items such as the allowance for loan losses, subject to certain limits
Average total assets	Average total consolidated assets during the period less deductions and adjustments primarily related to goodwill, deferred tax assets and intangibles assets
Risk-weighted assets	Represents the amount of assets or exposure multiplied by the standardized risk weight (%) associated with that type of asset or exposure. The standardized risk weights are prescribed in the bank capital rules and reflect regulatory judgment regarding the riskiness of a type of asset or exposure

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The actual amounts and ratios, and required "well capitalized" minimum capital amounts and ratios at December 31, 2018 and 2017, were as follows:

	December 31, 2018						
	Amount	Ratio	Regulatory		"Well-capitalized"		
			Minimum	Minimum	Minimum	Minimum	
	(In thousands, except ratios)						
Green Dot Corporation:							
Tier 1 leverage	\$353,047	20.1	% 4.0	%	n/a		
Common equity Tier 1 capital	\$353,047	88.8	% 4.5	%	n/a		
Tier 1 capital	\$353,047	88.8	% 6.0	%	6.0		%
Total risk-based capital	\$357,092	89.8	% 8.0	%	10.0		%

Green Dot Bank:							
Tier 1 leverage	\$172,518	11.7	% 4.0	%	5.0		%
Common equity Tier 1 capital	\$172,518	100.8	% 4.5	%	6.5		%
Tier 1 capital	\$172,518	100.8	% 6.0	%	8.0		%
Total risk-based capital	\$173,838	101.5	% 8.0	%	10.0		%

	December 31, 2017						
	Amount	Ratio	Regulatory		"Well-capitalized"		
			Minimum	Minimum	Minimum	Minimum	
	(In thousands, except ratios)						
Green Dot Corporation:							
Tier 1 leverage	\$236,885	15.6	% 4.0	%	n/a		
Common equity Tier 1 capital	\$236,885	45.3	% 4.5	%	n/a		
Tier 1 capital	\$236,885	45.3	% 6.0	%	6.0		%
Total risk-based capital	\$240,509	46.0	% 8.0	%	10.0		%

Green Dot Bank:							
Tier 1 leverage	\$95,461	10.2	% 4.0	%	5.0		%
Common equity Tier 1 capital	\$95,461	37.5	% 4.5	%	6.5		%
Tier 1 capital	\$95,461	37.5	% 6.0	%	8.0		%
Total risk-based capital	\$95,752	37.6	% 8.0	%	10.0		%

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table summarizes our major sources and uses of cash for the periods presented:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands)		
Total cash provided by (used in)			
Operating activities	\$251,051	\$218,310	\$114,515
Investing activities	(114,967)	(145,163)	(71,999)
Financing activities	(50,961)	192,187	(75,677)
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$85,123	\$265,334	\$(33,161)

During the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 we financed our operations primarily through our cash flows provided by operating activities. Additionally, during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, we financed certain investing activities through our borrowings under our senior credit facility. At December 31, 2018, our primary source of liquidity was unrestricted cash and cash equivalents totaling \$1.1 billion. We also consider our \$201.2 million of investment securities available-for-sale to be highly-liquid instruments.

We use trend and variance analysis as well as our detailed budgets and forecasts to project future cash needs, making adjustments to the projections when needed. We believe that our current unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, cash flows from operations and borrowing capacity under our senior credit facility will be sufficient to meet our working capital, capital expenditure, debt service requirements and any other capital needs for at least the next 12 months.

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Our \$251.1 million of net cash provided by operating activities in the year ended December 31, 2018 principally resulted from \$118.7 million of net income, adjusted for certain non-cash operating expenses of \$128.1 million, and an increase in net changes in working capital assets and liabilities of \$4.3 million, driven principally by the timing of payments of our accounts payable and accrued liabilities and the settlement of outstanding accounts receivables. Our \$218.3 million of net cash provided by operating activities in the year ended December 31, 2017 principally resulted from \$85.9 million of net income, adjusted for certain non-cash operating expenses of \$102.8 million and an increase in our net changes in working capital assets and liabilities of \$29.6 million, driven principally by the timing of payments of our accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Our \$114.5 million of net cash provided by operating activities in the year ended December 31, 2016 principally resulted from \$41.6 million of net income, adjusted for certain non-cash operating expenses of \$92.6 million, offset by a decrease in our net changes in our operating assets and liabilities of \$19.7 million, driven primarily by a decrease in our accounts payable and accrued liabilities and an increase in tax payments made during the year.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Our \$115.0 million of net cash used in investing activities in the year ended December 31, 2018 primarily reflects payments for acquisition of property and equipment of \$61.0 million and purchases of available-for-sale investment securities, net of proceeds from sales and maturities of \$48.1 million. Our \$145.2 million of net cash used in investing activities in the year ended December 31, 2017 primarily reflects payment for our acquisition of UniRush, LLC of \$141.5 million, net of cash acquired, and payments for acquisition of property and equipment of \$44.1 million, offset by proceeds from sales and maturities of available-for-sale investment securities, net of purchases, of \$53.0 million. Our \$72.0 million of net cash used in investing activities in the year ended December 31, 2016 primarily reflects payments for acquisition of property and equipment of \$43.3 million, and purchases of available-for-sale investment securities, net of proceeds from sales and maturities of \$28.9 million.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Our \$51.0 million of net cash used in financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2018 was primarily the result of \$46.0 million in taxes paid from net settled equity awards and \$22.5 million in repayments of our note payable, offset by \$21.9 million from stock option exercise and employee stock purchase plan proceeds. Our \$192.2 million of net cash provided by financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2017 was primarily the result of a \$284.8 million net increase in deposits associated with our card programs and \$24.2 million from stock option exercise and employee stock purchase plan proceeds, offset by \$52.0 million used for our stock repurchase program,

\$22.5 million in repayments of our note payable, \$18.1 million in taxes paid from net settled equity awards, and a \$20.9 million decrease in obligations to our customers. Our \$75.7 million of net cash used in financing activities in the year ended December 31, 2016 was primarily the result of an \$83.4 million decrease in obligations to customers, \$59.0 million used for our stock

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repurchase program, \$22.5 million in repayments of our note payable, and \$8.2 million in taxes paid from net settled equity awards, offset by increases of \$85.3 million in deposits to customers associated with our GPR card program and \$14.9 million from stock option exercise and employee stock purchase plan proceeds.

Commitments

We anticipate that we will continue to purchase property and equipment as necessary in the normal course of our business. The amount and timing of these purchases and the related cash outflows in future periods is difficult to predict and is dependent on a number of factors including the hiring of employees, the rate of change of computer hardware and software used in our business and our business outlook. During 2019, we intend to continue to invest in new products and programs, new features for our existing products and IT infrastructure to scale and operate effectively to meet our strategic objectives. We expect these capital expenditures will exceed the amount of our capital expenditures in 2018 as we reinvest a portion of the incremental cash flow generated from operations.

We have used cash to acquire businesses and technologies and we anticipate that we may continue to do so in the future. The nature of these transactions makes it difficult to predict the amount and timing of such cash requirements. We may also be required to raise additional financing to complete future acquisitions. As discussed above in Note 4 — Business Acquisitions to the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein, in connection with the completion of our acquisition of all the membership interests of UniRush in February 2017, we agreed to pay an annual earn-out payment of at least \$4 million for five years following the closing. The earn-out payments will be made in each of the first five years after closing, with the minimum payment potentially becoming greater if certain revenue growth targets for the RushCard GPR card program are met in a given year, although any potential increase is not expected to be material to the overall purchase price.

Additionally, we may make periodic cash contributions to our subsidiary bank, Green Dot Bank, to maintain its capital, leverage and other financial commitments at levels we have agreed to with our regulators.

Senior Credit Facility

In October 2014, we entered into a \$225 million credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, and other lenders party thereto. The agreement provides for (i) a \$75 million five-year revolving facility (the “Revolving Facility”) and (ii) a five-year \$150 million term loan facility (the “Term Facility” and, together with the Revolving Facility, the “Senior Credit Facility”). At our election, loans made under the credit agreement bear interest at (1) a LIBOR rate or (2) a base rate as defined in the agreement, plus an applicable margin (5.02% as of December 31, 2018). The balance outstanding on the Term Facility was \$58.7 million at December 31, 2018, net of deferred financing fees. Quarterly principal payments of \$5.6 million are payable on the loans under the Term Facility. The loans made under the Term Facility mature and all amounts then outstanding thereunder are payable on October 23, 2019. There were no borrowings on the Revolving Facility at December 31, 2018. We are also subject to certain financial covenants, which include maintaining a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and a maximum consolidated leverage ratio at the end of each fiscal quarter, as defined in the agreement, as amended. At December 31, 2018, we were in compliance with all such covenants.

Share Repurchase Program

Over the course of 2015 through 2017, we repurchased 6.5 million shares of our Class A Common Stock at an average price of approximately \$23 under our then authorized \$150 million stock repurchase program. In May 2017, our Board of Directors authorized, subject to regulatory approval, expansion of our stock repurchase program by an additional \$150 million. Management and our Board of Directors periodically review opportunities for responsible and prudent capital allocation, including investing capital to support our strategic initiatives. Any stock repurchases and certain other uses of capital are subject to regulatory approval and compliance with our internal and regulatory capital and liquidity requirements.

Contractual Obligations

Our contractual commitments will have an impact on our future liquidity. The following table summarizes our contractual obligations, including both on and off-balance sheet transactions that represent material expected or contractually committed future obligations, at December 31, 2018. We believe that we will be able to fund these obligations through cash generated from operations and from our existing cash balances.

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	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
	(In thousands)				
Debt obligations	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$—	\$—	\$ —
Operating lease obligations	27,917	7,927	14,618	5,372	—
Purchase obligations(1)	26,300	13,882	11,643	775	—
Total	\$114,217	\$81,809	\$26,261	\$6,147	\$ —

(1) Primarily future minimum payments under agreements with vendors and our retail distributors. See Note 20 — Commitments and Contingencies of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In addition to the above contractual obligations, our definitive agreement to acquire all of the equity interests of UniRush provides for a minimum \$4 million annual earn-out payment for five years following the closing, ending in February 2022.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

During the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016 we did not have any relationships with unconsolidated organizations or financial partnerships, such as structured finance or special purpose entities that would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes.

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Statistical Disclosure by Bank Holding Companies

As discussed in Part I, Item 1. Business, we became a bank holding company in December 2011. This section presents information required by the SEC's Industry Guide 3, "Statistical Disclosure by Bank Holding Companies." The tables in this section include Green Dot Bank information only.

Distribution of Assets, Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

The following table presents average balance data and interest income and expense data for our banking operations, as well as the related interest yields and rates for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and average balance data for the period ended December 31, 2016:

	Year ended December 31,						Period ended
	2018			2017			December 31, 2016
	Average balance	Interest income/expense	Yield/rate	Average balance	Interest income/expense	Yield/rate	Average balance
(In thousands, except percentages)							
Assets							
Interest-bearing assets							
Loans (1)	\$21,742	\$1,847	8.5 %	\$11,835	\$1,420	12.0 %	\$6,806
Taxable investment securities	208,359	3,958	1.9	153,276	2,464	1.6	152,941
Non-taxable investment securities	423	15	3.5	296	2	0.7	677
Federal reserve stock	3,722	199	5.3	3,512	212	6.0	3,953
Fee advances	7,641	931	12.2	689	291	42.2	—
Cash	992,138	18,940	1.9	590,203	6,522	1.1	585,701
Total interest-bearing assets	1,234,025	25,890	2.1 %	759,811	10,911	1.4 %	750,078
Non-interest bearing assets	236,254			147,530			127,809
Total assets	\$1,470,279			\$907,341			\$877,887
Liabilities							
Interest-bearing liabilities							
Checking accounts	\$75,674	\$1,346	1.8 %	\$21,645	\$19	0.1 %	\$1,107
Savings deposits	15,244	112	0.7	9,983	23	0.2	11,926
Time deposits, denominations greater than or equal to \$100	4,172	32	0.8	4,946	37	0.7	6,217
Time deposits, denominations less than \$100	1,297	9	0.7	1,489	9	0.6	1,834
Total interest-bearing liabilities	96,387	1,499	1.6 %	38,063	88	0.2 %	21,084
Non-interest bearing liabilities	1,214,396			760,922			696,747
Total liabilities	1,310,783			798,985			717,831
Total stockholders' equity	159,496			108,356			160,056
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,470,279			\$907,341			\$877,887
Net interest income/yield on earning assets		\$24,391	0.5 %		\$10,823	1.2 %	

(1) Non-performing loans and leases are included in the respective average loan and lease balances. Income, if any, on such loans and leases is recognized on a cash basis.

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The following table presents the rate/volume variance in interest income and expense for the year ended December 31, 2018:

	December 31, 2018		
	Total	Change	Change
	Change	Due to	Due to
	in	Rate (1)	Volume
	Interest		(1)
	Income/		
	Expense		
	(In thousands)		
Loans	\$427	\$(356)	\$783
Taxable investment securities	1,494	448	1,046
Non-taxable investment securities	13	8	5
Federal reserve stock	(13)	(24)	11
Fee advances	640	(207)	847
Cash	12,418	4,745	7,673
	\$14,979	\$4,614	\$10,365
Checking accounts	\$1,327	\$366	\$961
Savings deposits	89	50	39
Time deposits, denominations greater than or equal to \$100	(5)	1	(6)
Time deposits, denominations less than \$100	—	1	(1)
	\$1,411	\$418	\$993

(1) The change in interest income and expense not solely due to changes in volume or rate has been allocated on a pro-rata basis to the volume and rate columns.

Investment Portfolio

The following table presents the amortized cost and fair value of Green Dot Bank's investment portfolio at December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016:

	December 31, 2018		December 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	Amortized	Fair	Amortized	Fair	Amortized	Fair
	Cost	Value	Cost	Value	Cost	Value
	(In thousands)					
Corporate bonds	\$—	\$—	\$1,000	\$999	\$15,952	\$15,958
Negotiable certificate of deposit	15,000	15,000	—	—	—	—
Agency bond securities	19,723	19,693	—	—	—	—
Agency mortgage-backed securities	87,156	86,813	121,036	120,034	117,990	117,490
Municipal bonds	507	483	742	739	1,460	1,430
Asset-backed securities	79,274	79,194	20,952	20,861	26,614	26,458
Total fixed-income securities	\$201,660	\$201,183	\$143,730	\$142,633	\$162,016	\$161,336

The following table shows the scheduled maturities, by amortized cost, and average yields for Green Dot Bank's investment portfolio at December 31, 2018:

	Due in	Due after	Due after	Due after	Total
	one year	one year	five years	ten years	
	or less	through	through	ten years	
		five years	ten years		
	(In thousands, except percentages)				
Negotiable certificate of deposit	\$15,000	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$15,000
Agency bond securities	4,973	14,750	—	—	19,723

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Agency mortgage-backed securities	—	—	7,465	79,691	87,156	
Municipal bonds	—	—	—	507	507	
Asset-backed securities	—	74,248	5,026	—	79,274	
Total fixed-income securities	\$19,973	\$88,998	\$12,491	\$80,198	\$201,660	
Weighted-average yield	2.63	% 2.72	% 2.99	% 3.11	% 2.88	%

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Deposits

The following table shows Green Dot Bank's average deposits and the annualized average rate paid on those deposits for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016:

	December 31, 2018			December 31, 2017			December 31, 2016		
	Average Balance	Weighted-Average Rate		Average Balance	Weighted-Average Rate		Average Balance	Weighted-Average Rate	
	(In thousands, except percentages)								
Interest-bearing deposit accounts									
Checking accounts	\$75,674	1.8	%	\$21,645	0.1	%	\$1,107	0.1	%
Savings deposits	15,244	0.7		9,983	0.2		11,926	0.1	
Time deposits, denominations greater than or equal to \$100	4,172	0.8		4,946	0.7		6,217	0.8	
Time deposits, denominations less than \$100	1,297	0.7		1,489	0.6		1,834	0.7	
Total interest-bearing deposit accounts	96,387	1.6	%	38,063	0.2	%	21,084	0.4	%
Non-interest bearing deposit accounts	943,464			527,202			509,777		
Total deposits	\$1,039,851			\$565,265			\$530,861		

The following table shows the scheduled maturities for Green Dot Bank's time deposits portfolio greater than \$100,000 at December 31, 2018:

	December 31, 2018 (In thousands)
Less than 3 months	\$ 104
3 through 6 months	413
6 through 12 months	209
Greater than 12 months	3,070
	\$ 3,796

Key Financial Ratios

The following table shows certain of Green Dot Bank's key financial ratios for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016:

	December 31, 2018		December 31, 2017		December 31, 2016	
Net return on assets	2.3	%	1.7	%	1.3	%
Net return on equity	21.0		14.0		7.2	
Equity to assets ratio	10.9		11.9		18.2	

ITEM 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Market risk is the potential for economic losses from changes in market factors such as foreign currency exchange rates, credit, interest rates and equity prices. We believe that we have limited exposure to risks associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices. We have no significant foreign operations. We do not hold or enter into derivatives or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Interest rates

We do not consider our cash and cash equivalents or our investment securities to be subject to significant interest rate risk due to their short duration.

As of December 31, 2018, we had a \$58.7 million term loan outstanding under our \$225.0 million credit agreement. Refer to Note 11 — Note Payable to the Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for additional information. Our term loan and revolving credit facility are, and are expected to be, at variable rates of interest and expose us to interest rate risk. If interest rates increase, our debt service obligations on the variable rate indebtedness would increase even though the amount borrowed remained the same, and our net income would decrease. Although any

short-term borrowings under our revolving credit facility would likely be insensitive to interest rate changes, interest expense on short-term borrowings will increase and decrease with changes in the underlying short-term interest rates. Assuming our credit agreement is drawn up to its maximum borrowing capacity of \$225.0 million, based on the applicable LIBOR and margin in effect as of December 31, 2018, each quarter point of change in interest rates would result in a \$0.6

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million change in our annual interest expense. We actively monitor our interest rate exposure and our objective is to reduce, where we deem appropriate to do so, fluctuations in earnings and cash flows associated with changes in interest rates. In order to accomplish this objective, we may enter into derivative financial instruments, such as forward contracts and interest rate hedge contracts only to the extent necessary to manage our exposure. We do not hold or enter into derivatives or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Credit and liquidity risk

We do have exposure to credit and liquidity risk associated with the financial institutions that hold our cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, available-for-sale investment securities, settlement assets due from our Simply Paid distribution partners and retail distributors that collect funds and fees from our customers, and amounts due from our issuing banks for fees collected on our behalf.

We manage the credit and liquidity risk associated with our cash and cash equivalents, available-for-sale investment securities and amounts due from issuing banks by maintaining an investment policy that restricts our correspondent banking relationships to approved, well capitalized institutions and restricts investments to highly liquid, low credit risk assets. Our policy has limits related to liquidity ratios, the concentration that we may have with a single institution or issuer and effective maturity dates as well as restrictions on the type of assets that we may invest in. The management Asset Liability Committee is responsible for monitoring compliance with our Capital Asset Liability Management policy and related limits on an ongoing basis, and reports regularly to the risk committee of our board of directors.

Our exposure to credit risk associated with our retail distributors and Simply Paid distribution partners is mitigated due to the short time period, currently an average of two days that retailer settlement assets are outstanding. We perform an initial credit review and assign a credit limit to each new retail distributor and Simply Paid distribution partner. We monitor each retail distributor's and Simply Paid distribution partner's settlement asset exposure and its compliance with its specified contractual settlement terms on a daily basis and assess their credit limit and financial condition on a periodic basis. Our management's Enterprise Risk Management Committee is responsible for monitoring our retail distributor and Simply Paid distribution partner exposure and assigning credit limits and reports regularly to the risk committee of our board of directors.

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All financial statement schedules have been omitted, since the required information is not applicable or is not present in amounts sufficient to require submission of the schedule, or because the information required is included in the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Green Dot Corporation

Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited Green Dot Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control- Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the "COSO criteria"). In our opinion, Green Dot Corporation (the "Company") maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"), the 2018 consolidated financial statements of the Company and our report dated February 26, 2019 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying report of management on internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB. We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Los Angeles, California
February 26, 2019

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Green Dot Corporation

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Green Dot Corporation (the "Company") as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2018, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated February 26, 2019 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2005.

Los Angeles, California

February 26, 2019

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands, except par value)	
Assets		
Current assets:		
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,094,728	\$ 919,243
Restricted cash	490	90,852
Investment securities available-for-sale, at fair value	19,960	11,889
Settlement assets	153,992	209,399
Accounts receivable, net	40,942	35,277
Prepaid expenses and other assets	57,070	47,086
Income tax receivable	8,772	7,459
Total current assets	1,375,954	1,321,205
Investment securities available-for-sale, at fair value	181,223	141,620
Loans to bank customers, net of allowance for loan losses of \$1,144 and \$291 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively	21,363	18,570
Prepaid expenses and other assets	8,125	8,179
Property and equipment, net	120,269	97,282
Deferred expenses	21,201	21,791
Net deferred tax assets	7,867	6,507
Goodwill and intangible assets	551,116	582,377
Total assets	\$ 2,287,118	\$ 2,197,531
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 38,631	\$ 34,863
Deposits	1,005,485	1,022,180
Obligations to customers	58,370	95,354
Settlement obligations	5,788	6,956
Amounts due to card issuing banks for overdrawn accounts	1,681	1,371
Other accrued liabilities	134,000	123,397
Deferred revenue	34,607	30,875
Note payable	58,705	20,906
Income tax payable	67	74
Total current liabilities	1,337,334	1,335,976
Other accrued liabilities	30,927	30,520
Note payable	—	58,705
Net deferred tax liabilities	9,045	7,780
Total liabilities	1,377,306	1,432,981
Commitments and contingencies (Note 20)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Class A common stock, \$0.001 par value; 100,000 shares authorized as of December 31, 2018 and 2017; 52,917 and 51,136 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively	53	51
Additional paid-in capital	380,753	354,789
Retained earnings	529,143	410,440
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(137	) (730)
Total stockholders' equity	909,812	764,550

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$2,287,118	\$2,197,531
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands, except per share data)		
Operating revenues:			
Card revenues and other fees	\$482,881	\$414,775	\$337,821
Processing and settlement service revenues	247,958	217,454	184,342
Interchange revenues	310,919	257,922	196,611
Total operating revenues	1,041,758	890,151	718,774
Operating expenses:			
Sales and marketing expenses	326,333	280,561	249,096
Compensation and benefits expenses	221,627	194,654	159,456
Processing expenses	181,160	161,011	107,556
Other general and administrative expenses	206,040	155,601	139,350
Total operating expenses	935,160	791,827	655,458
Operating income	106,598	98,324	63,316
Interest income	23,701	11,243	7,367
Interest expense	(6,482)	(6,109)	(9,122)
Income before income taxes	123,817	103,458	61,561
Income tax expense	5,114	17,571	19,961
Net income	118,703	85,887	41,600
Income attributable to preferred stock	—	—	(802)
Net income available to common stockholders	\$118,703	\$85,887	\$40,798
Basic earnings per common share:	\$2.27	\$1.70	\$0.82
Diluted earnings per common share:	\$2.18	\$1.61	\$0.80
Basic weighted-average common shares issued and outstanding:	52,222	50,482	49,535
Diluted weighted-average common shares issued and outstanding:	54,481	53,198	50,797
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands)		
Net income	\$118,703	\$85,887	\$41,600
Other comprehensive income (loss)			
Unrealized holding income (loss), net of tax	593	(549)	34
Comprehensive income	\$119,296	\$85,338	\$41,634
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Convertible Preferred Stock	Class A Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Stockholders' Equity		
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount				
	(In thousands)							
Balance at December 31, 2015	2	\$ 2	50,502	\$ 51	\$379,376	\$284,108	\$ (215)	\$ 663,322
Common stock issued under stock plans, net of withholdings and related tax effects	—	—	1,716	1	8,803	—	—	8,804
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	28,321	—	—	28,321
Conversion of preferred stock	(2)	(2)	1,519	2	—	—	—	—
Repurchases of Class A common stock	—	—	(3,224)	(3)	(58,345)	—	—	(58,348)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	41,600	—	41,600
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	34
Balance at December 31, 2016	—	\$ —	50,513	\$ 51	\$358,155	\$325,708	\$ (181)	\$ 683,733
Common stock issued under stock plans, net of withholdings and related tax effects	—	—	1,949	1	6,083	—	—	6,084
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	40,734	—	—	40,734
Repurchases of Class A common stock	—	—	(1,326)	(1)	(51,968)	—	—	(51,969)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	85,887	—	85,887
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	(549)	(549)
Cumulative effect of accounting change and tax reform	—	—	—	—	1,785	(1,155)	—	630
Balance at December 31, 2017	—	\$ —	51,136	\$ 51	\$354,789	\$410,440	\$ (730)	\$ 764,550
Common stock issued under stock plans, net of withholdings and related tax effects	—	—	1,781	2	(24,129)	—	—	(24,127)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	50,093	—	—	50,093
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	118,703	—	118,703
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—	593	593
Balance at December 31, 2018	—	\$ —	52,917	\$ 53	\$380,753	\$529,143	\$ (137)	\$ 909,812

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands)		
Operating activities			
Net income	\$118,703	\$85,887	\$41,600
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment	38,581	33,470	39,460
Amortization of intangible assets	32,761	31,110	23,021
Provision for uncollectible overdrawn accounts	79,790	77,145	74,841
Employee stock-based compensation	50,093	40,734	28,321
Amortization of premium on available-for-sale investment securities	1,042	1,510	1,357
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	3,298	(9,672)	(2,500)
Amortization of deferred financing costs	1,594	1,589	1,534
Impairment of capitalized software	922	1,326	142
Deferred income tax (benefit) expense	(234)	) 2,780	1,270
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable, net	(85,455)	) (68,368)	) (74,851)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(9,930)	) (16,841)	) 1,131
Deferred expenses	590	(2,098)	) (2,138)
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	12,471	27,982	(19,156)
Deferred revenue	4,675	4,689	2,004
Income tax receivable/payable	(1,253)	) 5,067	(3,662)
Other, net	3,403	2,000	2,141
Net cash provided by operating activities	251,051	218,310	114,515
Investing activities			
Purchases of available-for-sale investment securities	(186,884)	) (58,665)	) (135,920)
Proceeds from maturities of available-for-sale securities	60,449	71,338	105,544
Proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities	78,385	40,310	1,430
Payments for acquisition of property and equipment	(61,030)	) (44,142)	) (43,273)
Net (increase) decrease in loans	(5,887)	) (12,511)	) 220
Acquisition, net of cash acquired	—	(141,493)) —
Net cash used in investing activities	(114,967)	) (145,163)	) (71,999)
Financing activities			
Borrowings from notes payable	—	20,000	—
Repayments of borrowings from notes payable	(22,500)	) (42,500)	) (22,500)
Borrowings on revolving line of credit	—	335,000	145,000
Repayments on revolving line of credit	—	(335,000)	) (145,000)
Proceeds from exercise of options	21,880	24,161	14,917
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards	(46,007)	) (18,077)	) (8,223)
Net (decrease) increase in deposits	(16,733)	) 284,766	85,269
Net increase (decrease) in obligations to customers	17,255	(20,926)	) (83,372)
Contingent consideration payments	(4,856)	) (3,104)	) (2,755)
Repurchase of Class A common stock	—	(51,969)) (59,013)
Deferred financing costs	—	(164)) —

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Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(50,961) 192,187	(75,677)
Net increase (decrease) in unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	85,123	265,334	(33,161)
Unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	1,010,095	744,761	777,922
Unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$1,095,218	\$1,010,095	\$744,761
Cash paid for interest	\$4,888	\$4,520	\$7,586
Cash paid for income taxes	\$6,233	\$9,603	\$22,316
Reconciliation of unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period:			
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	\$1,094,728	\$919,243	\$732,676
Restricted cash	490	90,852	12,085
Total unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$1,095,218	\$1,010,095	\$744,761
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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1—Organization

Green Dot Corporation (“we,” “our,” or “us” refer to Green Dot Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries), is a financial technology leader and bank holding company with a mission to power the banking industry’s branchless future. Enabled by proprietary technology and our wholly-owned commercial bank charter, our “Banking as a Service,” or “BaaS” platform is used by a growing list of America’s most prominent consumer and technology companies to design and deploy their own bespoke banking solutions to their customers and partners, while we use that same integrated technology and banking platform to design and deploy our own leading collection of banking and financial services products directly to consumers through one of the largest retail banking distribution platforms in America. Our products are marketed under brand names such as Green Dot, GoBank, MoneyPak, AccountNow, RushCard and RapidPay, and can be acquired through more than 100,000 retailers nationwide, thousands of corporate paycard partners, several “direct-2-consumer” branded websites, thousands of tax return preparation offices and accounting firms, thousands of neighborhood check cashing locations and both of the leading app stores. We are headquartered in Pasadena, California, with additional facilities throughout the United States and in Shanghai, China.

As the regulated entity and issuing bank for substantially all products and services we provide, whether our own or on behalf of a BaaS platform partner, we are directly accountable for all aspects of each program’s integrity, inclusive of ensuring the program’s compliance with all applicable banking regulations, applicable state and federal law and our various internal governance policies and procedures related to all areas of risk and compliance, in addition to deploying enterprise-class risk management practices and procedures to ensure each program’s initial and ongoing safety and soundness.

Our products and services:

We offer consumers a broad collection of financial products and services managed through several diverse business lines which are then made available to consumers through a widely-available “branchless” distribution network in the United States. Many of the products and services we internally create and distribute are marketed under the Green Dot brand name, which we believe is both a well-known and highly trusted brand name for millions of consumers. Our branchless network consists of:

- distribution arrangements with more than 100,000 mostly major chain retail locations, which we refer to as “retail distributors” and thousands of neighborhood Financial Service Center locations;
- several differently branded, Green Dot-owned and operated direct-to-consumer online and direct mail customer acquisition platforms;
- corporate distribution partnerships with businesses that provide payroll cards to their employees to receive wage disbursements;
- more than 25,000 small and large tax preparation companies and individual tax preparers, which are sometimes referred to as electronic return originators, or “EROs”, who are able to offer our products and services to their customers through the use of various tax preparation industry software packages with which our products are integrated;
- apps compatible with the iOS and Android operating systems downloaded through the corresponding app store; and
- platform partners’ distribution channels that those partners use to acquire customers for their bespoke products and services that are powered by our BaaS Platform.

Our products and services include several deposit account programs, such as network-branded reloadable prepaid debit cards marketed under several leading consumer brand names, which we collectively refer to as “GPR cards,” consumer checking accounts, small business checking accounts, network-branded gift cards (known as open-loop), secured credit cards and other financial services.

We also offer several products and services that specialize in facilitating the movement of cash on behalf of consumers and businesses. These products and services include: our proprietary swipe reload system for crediting cash onto an enabled payment card by swiping the payment card at the point of sale at any Green Dot Network participating retailer; MoneyPak, a product that allows a consumer to add funds to accounts we issue or accounts issued by affiliated United States chartered and regulated third party banks; and e-cash remittance services, a service that allows a consumer to transfer money to a smartphone for fulfillment at a Green Dot participating retailer. We

refer to these services collectively as our cash transfer products. We also provide disbursement services through our Simply Paid platform that enables a payment solution for companies to pay their workforce and customers in the time and

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Note 1—Organization (continued)

manner they desire and provide tax refund transfers that provide the processing technology to facilitate receipt of a taxpayers' refund proceeds.

Our BaaS Platform:

Through our BaaS Platform, we currently offer the following types of products and services on behalf of several of America's largest retail, consumer, technology and financial services companies:

• Mobile banking;

• Loan disbursement accounts;

• Spend-based Mobile P2P services, such as Apple Pay Cash;

• Money transfer services;

• GPR cards;

• Network branded "open loop" gift cards;

• Instant payment and wage disbursements;

• Small business checking accounts and debit cards; and

• Consumer checking accounts.

Note 2—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation and Basis of Presentation

Our consolidated financial statements include the results of Green Dot Corporation and our wholly-owned subsidiaries. We prepared the accompanying consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, or GAAP. We eliminate all significant intercompany balances and transactions on consolidation. We include the results of operations of acquired companies from the date of acquisition.

Use of Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements, including the accompanying notes. We base our estimates and assumptions on historical factors, current circumstances, and the experience and judgment of management. We evaluate our estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Unrestricted Cash and Cash Equivalents

We consider all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be unrestricted cash and cash equivalents.

Investment Securities

Our investment portfolio is primarily comprised of fixed income securities. We classify these securities as available-for-sale and report them at fair value with the related unrealized gains and losses, net of tax, included in accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of stockholders' equity. We classify investment securities with maturities less than or equal to 365 days as current assets.

We regularly evaluate each fixed income security where the value has declined below amortized cost to assess whether the decline in fair value is other-than-temporary. In determining whether an impairment is other-than-temporary, we consider the severity and duration of the decline in fair value, the length of time expected for recovery, the financial condition of the issuer, and other qualitative factors, as well as whether we either plan to sell the security or it is more likely-than-not that we will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost. If the impairment of the investment security is credit-related, an other-than-temporary impairment is recorded in earnings. We recognize non-credit-related impairment in accumulated other comprehensive income. If we intend to sell an investment security

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Note 2—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

or believe we will more-likely-than-not be required to sell a security, we record the full amount of the impairment as an other-than-temporary impairment.

Interest on fixed income securities, including amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts, is included in interest income.

Obligations to Customers and Settlement Assets and Obligations

At the point of sale, our retail distributors collect customer funds for purchases of new cards and balance reloads and then remit these funds directly to the banks that issue our cards. Our retail distributors' remittance of these funds takes an average of two business days.

Settlement assets represent the amounts due from our retail distributors and other partners for customer funds collected at the point of sale that have not yet been received by our subsidiary bank. Also included in this balance are payroll amounts funded in advance (up to two days early) to certain cardholders who are eligible to participate in our early direct deposit programs. Obligations to customers represent customer funds collected from (or to be remitted by) our retail distributors for which the underlying products have not been activated. Once the underlying products have been activated, the customer funds are reclassified as deposits in a bank account established for the benefit of the customer. Settlement obligations represent the customer funds received by our subsidiary bank that are due to third-party card issuing banks upon activation.

Accounts Receivable, net

Accounts receivable is comprised principally of receivables due from card issuing banks, overdrawn account balances due from cardholders, trade accounts receivable, fee advances and other receivables. We record accounts receivable net of reserves for estimated uncollectible accounts. Receivables due from card issuing banks primarily represent revenue-related funds held at the third-party card issuing banks related to our gift card program that have yet to be remitted to us. These receivables are generally collected within a short period of time based on the remittance terms in our agreements with the third-party card issuing banks. Fee advances represent short-term advances to in-person tax return preparation companies made prior to and during tax season. These advances are collateralized by their clients' tax preparation fees and are generally collected within a short period of time as the in-person tax preparation companies begin preparing and processing their clients' tax refunds.

Overdrawn Account Balances Due from Cardholders and Reserve for Uncollectible Overdrawn Accounts

Our cardholder accounts may become overdrawn as a result of maintenance fee assessments or from purchase transactions that we honor, in excess of the funds in a cardholder's account. We are exposed to losses from any unrecovered overdrawn account balances. We establish a reserve for uncollectible overdrawn accounts. We classify overdrawn accounts into age groups based on the number of days that have elapsed since an account last had activity, such as a purchase, ATM transaction or maintenance fee assessment. We calculate a reserve factor for each age group based on the average recovery rate for the most recent six months. These factors are applied to these age groups to estimate our overall reserve. When more than 90 days have passed without activity in an account, we write off the full amount of the overdrawn account balance. We include our provision for uncollectible overdrawn accounts related to maintenance fees and purchase transactions as an offset to card revenues and other fees and in other general and administrative expenses, respectively, in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Restricted Cash

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, restricted cash amounted to \$0.5 million and \$90.9 million, respectively.

Restricted cash as of December 31, 2017 primarily consisted of funds required to collateralize a pre-funding obligation with a counter-party. We are no longer restricted by this pre-funding obligation as of December 31, 2018.

Loans to Bank Customers

We report loans measured at historical cost at their outstanding principal balances, net of any charge-offs, and for purchased loans, net of any unaccreted discounts. We recognize interest income as it is earned.

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Note 2—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Nonperforming Loans

Nonperforming loans generally include loans that have been placed on nonaccrual status. We generally place loans on nonaccrual status when they are past due 90 days or more. We reverse the related accrued interest receivable and apply interest collections on nonaccrual loans as principal reductions; otherwise, we credit such collections to interest income when received. These loans may be restored to accrual status when all principal and interest is current and full repayment of the remaining contractual principal and interest is expected. For our secured credit card portfolio, when an account is past due 90 days, collateral deposits are applied against outstanding credit card balances. Any balance in excess of the collateral balance is charged off at 120 days.

We consider a loan to be impaired when it is probable that we will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Once we determine a loan to be impaired, we measure the impairment based on the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate. We may also measure impairment based on observable market prices, or for loans that are solely dependent on the collateral for repayment, the estimated fair value of the collateral less estimated costs to sell. If the recorded investment in impaired loans exceeds this amount, we establish a specific allowance as a component of the allowance for loan losses or by adjusting an existing valuation allowance for the impaired loan.

Allowance for Loan Losses

We establish an allowance for loan losses to account for estimated credit losses inherent in our loan portfolio, including our secured credit cards. For each portfolio of loans, our estimate of inherent losses is separately calculated on an aggregate basis for groups of loans and are considered to have similar credit characteristics and risk of loss. We analyze historical loss rates for these groups to determine a loss rate for each group of loans. We then adjust the rates for qualitative factors which in our judgment affect the expected inherent losses. Qualitative considerations include, but are not limited to, prevailing economic or market conditions, changes in the loan grading and underwriting process, changes in the estimated value of the underlying collateral for collateral dependent loans, delinquency and nonaccrual status, problem loan trends, and geographic concentrations. We separately establish specific allowances for impaired loans based on the present value of changes in cash flows expected to be collected, or for impaired loans that are considered collateral dependent, the estimated fair value of the collateral.

Property and Equipment

We carry our property and equipment at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. We generally compute depreciation on property and equipment using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, except for land, which is not depreciated. We generally compute amortization on tenant improvements using the straight-line method over the shorter of the related lease term or estimated useful lives of the improvements. We expense expenditures for maintenance and repairs as incurred.

We capitalize certain internal and external costs incurred to develop internal-use software during the application development stage. We also capitalize the cost of specified upgrades and enhancements to internal-use software that result in additional functionality. Once a development project is substantially complete and the software is ready for its intended use, we begin depreciating these costs on a straight-line basis over the internal-use software's estimated useful life.

The estimated useful lives of the respective classes of assets are as follows:

Land	N/A
Building	30 years
Computer equipment, furniture and office equipment	3-10 years
Computer software purchased	3 years
Capitalized internal-use software	3-7 years
Tenant improvements	

Shorter of the useful life or the lease
term

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Note 2—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Impairment of Long Lived Assets

We evaluate long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the sum of expected undiscounted future cash flows from an asset is less than the carrying amount of the asset, we estimate the fair value of the assets. We measure the loss as the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds its fair value calculated using the present value of estimated net future cash flows. We recorded impairment charges of \$0.9 million, \$1.3 million and \$0.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, associated with capitalized internal-use software we determined to no longer be utilized and any remaining carrying value was written off. These impairment charges are included in other general and administrative expenses in our consolidated statements of operations.

Business Acquisitions

We allocate the purchase price of business acquisitions to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair value. The excess of the purchase price over estimated fair value of the net identifiable assets is allocated to goodwill. Determining the fair value of assets and liabilities requires various assumptions and estimates. These estimates and assumptions are refined with adjustments recorded to goodwill as information is gathered and final valuations are completed over a one-year measurement period. The changes in these estimates or different assumptions used in determining these estimates could impact the amount of assets, including goodwill, and liabilities recorded on our consolidated balance sheet and could impact our operating results subsequent to such acquisition.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill is the purchase premium after adjusting for the fair value of net assets acquired. Goodwill is not amortized but is reviewed for potential impairment on an annual basis, or when events or circumstances indicate a potential impairment, at the reporting unit level. A reporting unit, as defined under applicable accounting guidance, is an operating segment or one level below an operating segment, referred to as a component. We may in any given period bypass the qualitative assessment and proceed directly to a two-step method to assess and measure impairment of the reporting unit's goodwill. We first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely-than-not (i.e., a likelihood of more than 50 percent) that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value. This step serves as the basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step quantitative impairment test. The first step of the quantitative impairment test involves a comparison of the estimated fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the estimated fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying amount, goodwill of the reporting unit is not impaired; however, if the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its estimated fair value, then the second step of the quantitative impairment test must be performed. The second step compares the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill with its carrying amount to measure the amount of impairment loss, if any.

The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in the same manner as the amount of goodwill recognized in a business combination. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess.

For intangible assets subject to amortization, we recognize an impairment loss if the carrying amount of the intangible asset is not recoverable and exceeds its estimated fair value. The carrying amount of the intangible asset is considered not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset.

No impairment charges were recognized related to goodwill or intangible assets for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, which is our best estimate of the pattern of economic benefit, based on legal, contractual, and other provisions. The estimated useful lives of the intangible assets, which consist primarily of customer relationships and trade names, range from 3-15 years.

Amounts Due to Card Issuing Banks for Overdrawn Accounts

Third-party card issuing banks fund overdrawn cardholder account balances on our behalf. Amounts funded are due from us to the card issuing banks based on terms specified in the agreements with the card issuing banks. Generally, we expect to settle these obligations within two months.

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Fair Value

Under applicable accounting guidance, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability. As such, fair value reflects an exit price in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date.

We determine the fair values of our financial instruments based on the fair value hierarchy established under applicable accounting guidance, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The following describes the three-level hierarchy:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 1 assets and liabilities include debt and equity securities and derivative contracts that are traded in an active exchange market, as well as certain U.S. Treasury securities that are highly liquid and are actively traded in over-the-counter markets.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Level 2 assets and liabilities include fixed income securities with quoted prices that are traded less frequently than exchange-traded instruments. This category generally includes U.S. government and agency mortgage-backed fixed income securities and corporate fixed income securities.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the overall fair value of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation. The fair value for such assets and liabilities is generally determined using pricing models, market comparables, discounted cash flow methodologies or similar techniques that incorporate the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability.

This category generally includes certain private equity investments and certain asset-backed securities.

Revenue Recognition

Our operating revenues consist of card revenues and other fees, processing and settlement service revenues and interchange revenues. The core principle of the recent revenue standard is that these revenues will be recognized when control of the promised goods or services is transferred to our customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration we expect to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services, as determined under a five-step process.

A description of our principal revenue generating activities is as follows:

Card Revenues and Other Fees

Card revenues and other fees consist of monthly maintenance fees, new card fees, ATM fees, and other card revenues. We earn these fees based upon the underlying terms and conditions with each of our cardholders that obligate us to stand ready to provide account services to each of our cardholders over the contract term. Agreements with our cardholders are considered daily service contracts as they are not fixed in duration.

We charge maintenance fees on a monthly basis pursuant to the terms and conditions in the applicable cardholder agreements. We recognize monthly maintenance fees ratably over each day in the monthly bill cycle in which the fee is assessed, which represents the period our cardholders receive the benefits of our services and our performance obligation is satisfied.

We charge new card fees when a consumer purchases a new card in a retail store. The new card fee provides our cardholders a material right and accordingly, we defer and recognize new card fee revenues on a straight-line basis over our average card lifetime, which is currently less than one year for our GPR cards and gift cards. For GPR cards, average card lifetime is determined based on recent historical data using the period from sale (or activation) of the card through the date of last positive balance. We reassess average card lifetime quarterly. We report the unearned portion of new card fees as a component of deferred revenue in our consolidated balance sheets. See Contract Balances discussed in Note 3 — Revenues, for further information.

We charge ATM fees to cardholders when they withdraw money at certain ATMs in accordance with the terms and conditions in our cardholder agreements. We recognize ATM fees when the withdrawal is made by the cardholder, which is the point in time our performance obligation is satisfied and service is performed. Since our cardholder agreements are considered daily service contracts, our performance obligations for these types of transactional based fees are satisfied on a daily basis, or as each transaction occurs.

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Other revenues consist primarily of revenue associated with our gift card program, transaction-based fees and fees associated with optional products or services, which we offer our cardholders at their election. Since our performance obligations are settled daily, we recognize most of these fees at the point in time the transactions occur which is when the underlying performance obligation is satisfied. In the case of our gift card program, we record the related revenues using the redemption method.

Substantially all our fees are collected from our cardholders at the time the fees are assessed and debited from their account balance.

Processing and Settlement Service Revenues

Our processing and settlement services consist of cash transfer revenues, Simply Paid disbursement revenues, and tax refund processing service revenues.

We generate cash transfer revenues when consumers purchase our cash transfer products (reload services) in a retail store. Our reload services are subject to the same terms and conditions in each of the applicable cardholder agreements as discussed above. We recognize these revenues at the point in time the reload services are completed. Similarly, we earn Simply Paid disbursement fees from our business partners as payment disbursements are made.

We earn tax refund processing service revenues when a customer of a third-party tax preparation company chooses to pay their tax preparation fee through the use of our tax refund processing services. Revenues we earn from these services are generated from our contractual relationships with the tax software transmitters. These contracts may be multi-year agreements and vary in length, however, our underlying promise obligates us to process each refund transfer on a transaction by transaction basis as elected by the taxpayer. Accordingly, we recognize tax refund processing service revenues at the point in time we satisfy our performance obligation by remitting each taxpayer's proceeds from his or her tax return.

Interchange

We earn interchange revenues from fees remitted by the merchant's bank, which are based on rates established by the payment networks, such as Visa and MasterCard, when account holders make purchase transactions using our card products and services. We recognize interchange revenues at the point in time the transactions occur, as our performance obligation is satisfied.

Principal vs Agent

For all our significant revenue-generating arrangements, we record revenues on a gross basis except for our tax refund processing service revenues which are recorded on a net basis.

Sales and Marketing Expenses

Sales and marketing expenses primarily consist of sales commissions, advertising and marketing expenses, and the costs of manufacturing and distributing card packages, placards, promotional materials to our retail distributors' locations and personalized GPR cards to consumers who have activated their cards.

We pay our retail distributors and brokers commissions based on sales of our prepaid debit cards and cash transfer products in their stores. We defer and expense commissions related to new cards sales ratably over the average card lifetime, which is currently less than one year for our GPR and gift cards. Absent a new card fee, we expense the related commissions immediately. We expense commissions related to cash transfer products when the cash transfer transactions are completed. We expense costs for the production of advertising as incurred. The cost of media advertising is expensed when the advertising first takes place. We record the costs associated with card packages and placards as prepaid expenses, and we record the costs associated with personalized GPR cards as deferred expenses. We recognize the prepaid cost of card packages and placards over the related sales period, and we amortize the deferred cost of personalized GPR cards, when activated, over the average card lifetime.

Included in sales and marketing expenses are advertising and marketing expenses of \$23.2 million, \$25.1 million and \$11.9 million and shipping and handling costs of \$2.0 million, \$3.0 million and \$3.7 million for the years ended

December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Also included in sales and marketing expenses were liabilities that we incurred for use tax to various states related to purchases of materials since we do not charge sales tax to customers when new cards or cash transfer transactions are purchased.

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Employee Stock-Based Compensation

We record employee stock-based compensation expense based on the grant-date fair value of the award. For stock options and stock purchases under our employee stock purchase plan, or ESPP, we base compensation expense on fair values estimated at the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. For stock awards, including restricted stock units, we base compensation expense on the fair value of our common stock at the grant date. We recognize compensation expense for awards with only service conditions that have graded vesting schedules on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the award. Vesting is based upon continued service to our company.

We have issued performance based and market based restricted stock units to our executive officers and employees. For performance based awards, we recognize compensation cost for the restricted stock units if and when we conclude it is probable that the performance will be satisfied, over the requisite service period based on the grant-date fair value of the stock. We reassess the probability of vesting at each reporting period and adjust compensation expense based on the probability assessment. For market based restricted stock units, we base compensation expense on the fair value estimated at the date of grant using a Monte Carlo simulation or similar lattice model. We recognize compensation expense over the requisite service period regardless of the market condition being satisfied, provided that the requisite service has been provided, since the estimated grant date fair value incorporates the probability of outcomes that the market condition will be achieved.

In April 2018, the compensation committee of our board of directors adopted a policy applicable to all employees that provides for vesting of equity awards in connection with a qualifying retirement (as defined in the policy), with the settlement or payout of those awards to be made in accordance with the applicable vesting schedule pertaining to such awards. The policy applies only with respect to restricted stock units and performance-based restricted stock units granted after January 1, 2018. Under the policy, following a qualified retirement, any substantial risk of forfeiture of the award by the eligible employee is eliminated. Accordingly, the related compensation expense is recognized immediately for awards granted to eligible employees or over the period from the grant date to the date a qualifying retirement is achieved, if less than the stated vesting period.

Income Taxes

Our income tax expense is comprised of current and deferred income tax expense. Current income tax expense approximates taxes to be paid or refunded for the current period. Deferred income tax expense results from the changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the periods. These gross deferred tax assets and liabilities represent decreases or increases in taxes expected to be paid in the future because of future reversals of temporary differences between the basis of assets and liabilities as measured by tax laws and their basis as reported in our consolidated financial statements. We also recognize deferred tax assets for tax attributes such as net operating loss carryforwards and tax credit carryforwards. We record valuation allowances to reduce deferred tax assets to the amounts we conclude are more likely-than-not to be realized in the foreseeable future.

We recognize and measure income tax benefits based upon a two-step model: 1) a tax position must be more likely-than-not to be sustained based solely on its technical merits in order to be recognized, and 2) the benefit is measured as the largest dollar amount of that position that is more likely-than-not to be sustained upon settlement. The difference between the benefit recognized for a position and the tax benefit claimed on a tax return is referred to as an unrecognized tax benefit. We accrue income tax related interest and penalties, if applicable, within income tax expense.

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was signed into law and made significant changes to U.S. income tax law. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act reduced the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, required companies to pay a one-time transition tax on earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries that were previously tax deferred, created new taxes on certain foreign-sourced earnings, eliminated certain deductions, and enhanced and extended through 2026 the option to claim accelerated depreciation deductions on qualified property. As of

December 31, 2018, we have completed our accounting for all enactment date income tax effects of the Tax Act, which resulted in a \$0.3 million tax expense, or an increase in our effective tax rate by 0.2%. Refer to Note 14 — Income Taxes for additional information.

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Earnings Per Common Share

For the periods applicable, we apply the two-class method in calculating earnings per common share, or EPS, because our preferred stockholders are entitled to participate with our common stockholders in the distributions of earnings through dividends. The two-class method requires net income, after deduction of any preferred stock dividends, deemed dividends on preferred stock redemptions, and accretions in the carrying value on preferred stock, to be allocated between each class or series of common and preferred stockholders based on their respective rights to receive dividends, whether or not declared. Basic EPS is then calculated by dividing net income allocated to each class of common stockholders by the respective weighted-average common shares issued and outstanding.

We divide adjusted net income for each class of common stock by the respective weighted-average number of the common shares issued and outstanding for each period plus amounts representing the dilutive effect of outstanding stock options, restricted stock units (including performance based restricted stock units), shares to be purchased under our employee stock purchase plan and the dilution resulting from the conversion of convertible securities, if applicable. We exclude the effects of convertible securities, restricted stock units and stock options from the computation of diluted EPS in periods in which the effect would be anti-dilutive. Additionally, we have excluded any performance based restricted stock units for which the performance contingency has not been met as of the end of the period. We calculate dilutive potential common shares using the treasury stock method, if-converted method and the two-class method, as applicable.

Regulatory Matters and Capital Adequacy

As a bank holding company, we are subject to comprehensive supervision and examination by the Federal Reserve Board and must comply with applicable regulations, including minimum capital and leverage requirements. If we fail to comply with any of these requirements, we may become subject to formal or informal enforcement actions, proceedings, or investigations, which could result in regulatory orders, restrictions on our business operations or requirements to take corrective actions, which may, individually or in the aggregate, affect our results of operations and restrict our ability to grow. If we fail to comply with the applicable capital and leverage requirements, or if our subsidiary bank fails to comply with its applicable capital and leverage requirements, the Federal Reserve Board may limit our or Green Dot Bank's ability to pay dividends. In addition, as a bank holding company and a financial holding company, we are generally prohibited from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any activities other than those permissible for bank holding companies and financial holding companies. This restriction might limit our ability to pursue future business opportunities which we might otherwise consider but which might fall outside the scope of permissible activities. We may also be required to serve as a “source of strength” to Green Dot Bank if it becomes less than adequately capitalized.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Recently issued accounting pronouncements not yet adopted

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-15, Customer’s Accounting for Implementation Costs Incurred in a Cloud Computing Arrangement That Is a Service Contract (“ASU 2018-15”), which amends ASC 350-40 to address implementation costs incurred in a cloud computing arrangement (CCA) that is a service contract. ASU 2018-15 aligns the accounting for costs incurred to implement a CCA that is a service arrangement with the guidance on capitalizing costs associated with developing or obtaining internal-use software. As a result, certain implementation costs incurred by companies under hosting arrangements will be deferred and amortized. ASU 2018-15 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. We intend to early adopt the standard effective January 1, 2019 on a prospective basis, the effect of which we do not expect to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-04, Intangibles - Goodwill and Other (“ASU 2017-04”): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment, which simplifies the existing two-step guidance for goodwill

impairment testing by eliminating the second step resulting in a write-down to goodwill equal to the initial amount of impairment determined in step one. The ASU is to be applied prospectively for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. We are currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of ASU 2017-04 on our consolidated financial statements; however, we do not anticipate it will have any impact upon adoption.

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In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments ("ASU 2016-13") that requires financial assets measured at amortized cost be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. Credit losses on available-for-sale debt securities should be recorded through an allowance for credit losses limited by the amount that the fair value is less than amortized cost. ASU 2016-13 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of ASU 2016-13 on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) ("ASU 2016-02") in order to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet for those leases classified as operating leases under previous GAAP. The guidance has been modified through additional technical corrections since its original issuance, including optional transition relief as provided for under ASU No. 2018-11- Leases (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements. ASU 2016-02 requires that a lessee should recognize a liability to make lease payments and a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset for leases with a term greater than 12 months. ASU 2016-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those periods.

We will adopt the new lease standard effective January 1, 2019 on a prospective basis and have substantially completed our assessment of the impact on our consolidated financial statements. We have elected the package of practical expedients, the short-term lease exemption, as well as the election to not separate lease and non-lease components, as applicable, for selected classes of assets. We have not identified any adjustments related to classification of our operating lease contracts and therefore, no adjustment to retained earnings is expected upon adoption. Based on our current assessment, we expect the gross up effect to our consolidated balance sheet upon adoption to be in the range of approximately \$25 million, which we do not believe to be material. We will provide expanded lease disclosures and the final quantitative impact as required beginning in the first quarter of 2019.

Recently adopted accounting pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) ("ASU 2014-09"), which has been modified through additional technical corrections since its original issuance (collectively ASC 606). ASU 2014-09 superseded nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under then current GAAP. The core principle of ASU 2014-09 is to recognize revenues when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled for those goods or services. The standard defines a five step process to achieve this core principle and, in doing so, more judgment and estimates may be required within the revenue recognition process than are required under previous GAAP. The standard allowed companies to apply either a full retrospective approach, which requires applying the standard to each prior year reporting period presented, or a modified retrospective approach with a cumulative effect adjustment recognized upon adoption. We adopted the provisions of the standard on January 1, 2018 using the modified retrospective approach, which did not result in any cumulative adjustment to opening retained earnings nor did it have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. The adoption of ASU 2014-09, however, requires expanded disclosures under the new guidance. See Note 3 — Revenues for further information and additional discussion around changes identified to our policies under the new accounting pronouncement.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, Financial Instruments – Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities ("ASU 2016-01"). ASU 2016-01 revises the classification and measurement of investments in certain equity investments and the presentation of certain fair value changes for certain financial liabilities measured at fair value. ASU 2016-01 requires the change in fair value of many equity investments to be recognized in net income. We adopted the provisions of ASU 2016-01 on January 1, 2018, the result of which did not have any impact upon our consolidated financial statements.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-18, Restricted Cash ("ASU 2016-18"), to require that restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total cash amounts shown on the statement of cash flows. Consequently, transfers between cash and restricted cash will not be presented as a separate line item in the operating, investing or financing sections of the cash flow statement. The amendments should be applied retrospectively to each period presented. We adopted the provisions of ASU 2016-18 on January 1, 2018, the effect of which resulted in an immaterial reclassification in presentation on our statement of cash flows and had no effect on our consolidated financial results.

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Note 3—Revenues

Adoption of ASC 606

On January 1, 2018, we adopted ASC 606 using the modified retrospective method applied to contracts which were not completed upon adoption, the impact of which did not result in any cumulative adjustment to our retained earnings. Results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2018 are presented under ASC 606, while prior period amounts have not been adjusted and continue to be reported in accordance with our historical accounting policies.

The impact of our adoption of ASC 606 was limited to a change in presentation of certain incentive agreements. Prior to the adoption of ASC 606, incentive payments with our retail distributors and other partners had generally been recorded as a reduction to revenues over the related period of benefit the incentive payment related. Upon the adoption of ASC 606, such payments are classified as sales and marketing expenses since these contractual arrangements have been determined to be outside the scope of contracts with our customers under the new accounting standard. The total amount of incentive payments recognized was \$7.1 million, \$4.8 million and \$3.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively.

Disaggregation of Revenues

Our products and services are offered only to customers within the United States. We determine our operating segments based on how our chief operating decision maker manages our operations, makes operating decisions and evaluates operating performance. Within our segments, we believe that the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of our revenue and cash flows and how they are affected by economic factors can be further illustrated based on the timing in which revenue for each of our products and services is recognized.

The following table disaggregates our revenues by the timing in which the revenue is recognized:

	Year Ended	
	December 31, 2018	
	Processing	
Account and		
Services	Settlement	
	Services	

Timing of revenue recognition (In thousands)

Transferred at a point in time	\$ 500,629	\$ 247,942
Transferred over time	289,714	3,473
Operating revenues	\$ 790,343	\$ 251,415

Within our Account Services segment, revenues recognized at a point in time are comprised of ATM fees, interchange, and other similar transaction-based fees. Revenues recognized over time consists of new card fees, monthly maintenance fees and revenue earned from gift cards. Substantially all of our processing and settlement services are recognized at a point in time.

Refer to Note 24 — Segment Information for our revenues disaggregated by our products and services and the components to our total operating revenues on our consolidated statements of operations for additional information.

Significant Judgments and Estimates

Transaction prices related to our account services are based on stand-alone fees stated within the terms and conditions and may also include certain elements of variable consideration depending upon the product's features, such as cardholder incentives, monthly fee concessions and reserves on accounts that may become overdrawn. We estimate such amounts using historical data and customer behavior patterns to determine these estimates which are recorded as a reduction to the corresponding fee revenue. Additionally, while the number of transactions that a cardholder may perform is unknown, any uncertainty is resolved at the end of each daily service contract.

Contract Balances

As disclosed on our consolidated balance sheets, we record deferred revenue for any upfront payments received in advance of our performance obligations being satisfied. These contract liabilities consist principally of unearned new card fees and monthly maintenance fees. We recognized approximately \$28.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, or substantially all of the amount of contract liabilities included in deferred revenue at the beginning of the period and did not recognize any revenue during these periods from performance obligations satisfied in previous periods.

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Changes in the deferred revenue balance are driven primarily by the amount of new card fees recognized during the period, offset by the deferral of new card fees associated with cards sold during the period.

Costs to Obtain or Fulfill a Contract

Our incremental direct costs of obtaining a contract consist primarily of revenue share payments we make to our retail partners associated with new card sales. These commissions are generally capitalized upon payment and expensed over the period the corresponding revenue is recognized. These deferred commissions are not material and are included in deferred expenses on our consolidated balance sheets.

Practical Expedients and Exemptions

Any unsatisfied performance obligations at the end of the period relate to contracts with customers that either have an original expected length of one year or less or are contracts for which we recognize revenue at the amount to which we have the right to invoice for services performed. Therefore, no additional disclosure is provided for these performance obligations.

Note 4—Business Acquisitions

On February 28, 2017, we completed our acquisition of all the membership interests of UniRush, LLC ("UniRush"), an online direct-to-consumer GPR card and corporate payroll card provider. The fair value of the total consideration in connection with the acquisition was approximately \$163.7 million, which included cash and contingent consideration in the form of an earn-out. We paid for the transaction with \$142.2 million in cash, of which \$95 million was raised from a combination of our Revolving Facility, as discussed in Note 11 — Note Payable, and subordinated notes payable of \$20 million to the selling shareholders of UniRush. The subordinated notes were repaid shortly after close of the acquisition during the three months ended March 31, 2017. The transaction terms include an earn-out equal to the greater of (i) a specified percentage of the revenue generated by the online direct-to-consumer GPR card portfolio for the five-year period following the closing or (ii) \$20 million, payable quarterly over the five years.

The following table summarizes the fair value of consideration transferred:

	Consideration (In thousands)
Cash, including proceeds from notes payable	\$ 142,154
Fair value of contingent consideration	21,500
Total consideration	\$ 163,654

The allocation of the purchase price is as follows:

	February 28, 2017 (In thousands)
Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 656
Accounts receivable, net	5,745
Prepaid expenses and other assets	5,146
Property and equipment, net	4,233
Intangible assets	69,000
Goodwill	93,435
Total assets:	178,215

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	10,861
Other liabilities	3,700
Total liabilities:	14,561
Net assets acquired	\$ 163,654

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Note 4—Business Acquisitions (continued)

Goodwill of approximately \$93.4 million represents the excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair value of the underlying identifiable tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The goodwill arises from the opportunity for synergies and economies of scale from the combined companies and expanding our reach into the online direct-to-consumer and corporate payroll distribution channels. Although the goodwill will not be amortized for financial reporting purposes, it is anticipated that substantially all of the goodwill will be deductible for federal tax purposes over the statutory period of 15 years.

Intangible assets consist primarily of customer relationships and trade name of approximately \$58.5 million and \$5.5 million, respectively. The customer relationships will be amortized over its estimated useful life of 5-10 years and the trade name will be amortized over a period of 15 years.

Our acquisition of UniRush was accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting, with the operating results of UniRush included in our consolidated statements of operations beginning March 1, 2017. Transaction costs incurred in connection with the acquisition were not material.

Unaudited pro forma financial information

The following unaudited pro forma summary financial results present the consolidated results of operations as if the acquisition of UniRush had occurred as of January 1, 2016, after the effect of certain adjustments, including interest expense on the debt used to fund the purchase, amortization of certain identifiable intangible assets, income and expense items not attributable to ongoing operations and related tax effects. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of operations does not include any adjustments for any restructuring activities, operating efficiencies or cost savings. The pro forma results have been presented for comparative purposes only and are not indicative of what would have occurred had the UniRush acquisition been made as of January 1, 2016, or of any potential results which may occur in the future.

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
	(In thousands, except per share data) (Pro Forma)	
Net revenues	\$909,436	\$821,987
Net income attributable to common stock	\$77,471	\$45,871
Basic earnings per common share	\$1.53	\$0.93
Diluted earnings per common share	\$1.46	\$0.90
Basic weighted-average common shares issued and outstanding	50,482	49,535
Diluted weighted-average common shares issued and outstanding	53,198	50,797

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Note 5—Investment Securities

Our available-for-sale investment securities were as follows:

	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Fair value
	(In thousands)			
December 31, 2018				
Negotiable certificate of deposit	\$ 15,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15,000
Agency bond securities	19,723	6	(36)	19,693
Agency mortgage-backed securities	87,156	53	(396)	86,813
Municipal bonds	507	—	(24)	483
Asset-backed securities	79,274	14	(94)	79,194
Total investment securities	\$ 201,660	\$ 73	\$ (550)	\$ 201,183

December 31, 2017

Corporate bonds	\$ 1,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,000
U.S. Treasury notes	10,921	—	(46)	10,875
Agency mortgage-backed securities	121,037	52	(1,055)	120,034
Municipal bonds	742	4	(7)	739
Asset-backed securities	20,952	—	(91)	20,861
Total investment securities	\$ 154,652	\$ 56	\$ (1,199)	\$ 153,509

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the gross unrealized losses and fair values of available-for-sale investment securities that were in unrealized loss positions were as follows:

	Less than 12 months		12 months or more		Total fair value	Total unrealized loss
	Fair value	Unrealized loss	Fair value	Unrealized loss		
	(In thousands)					
December 31, 2018						
Agency bond securities	\$ 14,937	\$ (36)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 14,937	\$ (36)
Agency mortgage-backed securities	28,939	(103)	8,743	(293)	37,682	(396)
Municipal bonds	353	(14)	130	(10)	483	(24)
Asset-backed securities	50,980	(70)	7,333	(24)	58,313	(94)
Total investment securities	\$ 95,209	\$ (223)	\$ 16,206	\$ (327)	\$ 111,415	\$ (550)

December 31, 2017

U.S. Treasury notes	\$ 4,588	\$ (21)	\$ 6,288	\$ (25)	\$ 10,876	\$ (46)
Agency mortgage-backed securities	62,683	(453)	44,159	(602)	106,842	(1,055)
Municipal bonds	—	—	193	(7)	193	(7)
Asset-backed securities	2,134	(2)	18,727	(89)	20,861	(91)
Total investment securities	\$ 69,405	\$ (476)	\$ 69,367	\$ (723)	\$ 138,772	\$ (1,199)

We did not record any other-than-temporary impairment losses during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 on our available-for-sale investment securities. We do not intend to sell these investments and we have determined that it is more likely than not that we will not be required to sell these investments before recovery of their amortized cost bases, which may be at maturity.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, we recorded a realized loss of approximately \$1.5 million as a result of the sale of certain investment securities. Any gross realized gains or losses for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 were de minimis.

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Note 5—Investment Securities (continued)

As of December 31, 2018, the contractual maturities of our available-for-sale investment securities were as follows:

	Amortized cost	Fair value
	(In thousands)	
Due in one year or less	\$19,973	\$19,960
Due after one year through five years	14,750	14,733
Due after five years through ten years	—	—
Due after ten years	507	483
Mortgage and asset-backed securities	166,430	166,007
Total investment securities	\$201,660	\$201,183

The expected payments on mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities may not coincide with their contractual maturities because the issuers have the right to call or prepay certain obligations.

Note 6—Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable, net consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Overdrawn account balances due from cardholders	\$17,848	\$17,856
Reserve for uncollectible overdrawn accounts	(13,888)	(14,471)
Net overdrawn account balances due from cardholders	3,960	3,385
Trade receivables	6,505	4,231
Reserve for uncollectible trade receivables	(59)	(3)
Net trade receivables	6,446	4,228
Receivables due from card issuing banks	6,688	6,309
Fee advances	19,576	16,194
Other receivables	4,272	5,161
Accounts receivable, net	\$40,942	\$35,277

Activity in the reserve for uncollectible overdrawn accounts consisted of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands)		
Balance, beginning of period	\$14,471	\$11,932	\$7,999
Provision for uncollectible overdrawn accounts:			
Fees	67,348	69,912	67,798
Purchase transactions	12,442	7,233	7,043
Charge-offs	(80,373)	(74,606)	(70,908)
Balance, end of period	\$13,888	\$14,471	\$11,932

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Note 7—Loans to Bank Customers

The following table presents total outstanding loans, gross of the related allowance for loan losses, and a summary of the related payment status:

	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	Total Past Due	Total Current or Less Than 30 Days Past Due	Total Outstanding
(In thousands)						
December 31, 2018						
Residential	\$2	\$—	\$7	\$9	\$3,329	\$ 3,338
Commercial	—	—	—	—	193	193
Installment	—	2	—	2	905	907
Secured credit card	1,383	1,315	1,114	3,812	14,257	18,069
Total loans	\$1,385	\$1,317	\$1,121	\$3,823	\$18,684	\$ 22,507

Percentage of outstanding	6.2	% 5.9	% 5.0	% 17.0	% 83.0	% 100.0	%
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December 31, 2017

Residential	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$3,554	\$ 3,554
Commercial	—	—	—	—	315	315
Installment	1	—	—	1	1,378	1,379
Secured credit card	1,223	593	424	2,240	11,373	13,613
Total loans	\$1,224	\$593	\$424	\$2,241	\$16,620	\$ 18,861

Percentage of outstanding	6.5	% 3.1	% 2.3	% 11.9	% 88.1	% 100.0	%
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Nonperforming Loans

The following table presents the carrying value, gross of the related allowance for loan losses, of our nonperforming loans. See Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies for further information on the criteria for classification as nonperforming.

	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
(In thousands)		
Residential	\$403	\$ 502
Installment	169	191
Secured credit card	1,114	424
Total loans	\$1,686	\$ 1,117

Credit Quality Indicators

We closely monitor and assess the credit quality and credit risk of our loan portfolio on an ongoing basis. We continuously review and update loan risk classifications. We evaluate our loans using non-classified or classified as the primary credit quality indicator. Classified loans are those loans that have demonstrated credit weakness where we believe there is a heightened risk of principal loss, including all impaired loans. Classified loans are generally internally categorized as substandard, doubtful, or loss, consistent with regulatory guidelines.

The table below presents the carrying value, gross of the related allowance for loan losses, of our loans within the primary credit quality indicators related to our loan portfolio:

	December 31, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Non-Classified	Classified	Non-Classified	Classified
	(In thousands)			
Residential	\$2,935	\$ 403	\$3,038	\$ 516
Commercial	193	—	315	—
Installment	632	275	1,059	320
Secured credit card	16,955	1,114	13,189	424
Total loans	\$20,715	\$ 1,792	\$17,601	\$ 1,260

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Note 7—Loans to Bank Customers (continued)

Impaired Loans and Troubled Debt Restructurings

When, for economic or legal reasons related to a borrower's financial difficulties, we grant a concession for other than an insignificant period of time to a borrower that we would not otherwise consider, the related loan is classified as a Troubled Debt Restructuring, or TDR. Our TDR modifications related to extensions of the maturity dates at a stated interest rate lower than the current market rate for new debt with similar risk. The following table presents our impaired loans and loans that we modified as TDRs as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	December 31, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Unpaid Principal Balance	Carrying Value	Unpaid Principal Balance	Carrying Value
Residential	\$403	\$ 329	\$ 516	\$ 452
Installment	190	53	262	120

(In thousands)

Allowance for Loan Losses

Activity in the allowance for loan losses consisted of the following:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands)		
Balance, beginning of period	\$291	\$277	\$426
Provision (benefit) for loans	3,094	430	(151)
Loans charged off	(2,657)	(472)	(25)
Recoveries of loans previously charged off	416	56	27
Balance, end of period	\$1,144	\$291	\$277

Note 8—Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Land	\$205	\$205
Building	1,105	1,105
Computer equipment, furniture, and office equipment	60,110	52,132
Computer software purchased	27,276	25,579
Capitalized internal-use software	187,723	157,477
Tenant improvements	12,533	10,030
	288,952	246,528
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(168,683)	(149,246)
Property and equipment, net	\$120,269	\$97,282

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$38.6 million, \$33.5 million and \$39.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Included in those amounts are depreciation expense related to internal-use software of \$25.5 million, \$20.0 million and \$25.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. We recorded impairment charges of \$0.9 million, \$1.3 million and \$0.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, associated with capitalized internal-use software we

determined to no longer be utilized and any remaining carrying value was written off. The net carrying value of capitalized internal-use software was \$93.8 million and \$69.9 million at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

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Note 9—Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill and intangible assets on our consolidated balance sheets consisted of the following:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Goodwill	\$301,790	\$301,790
Intangible assets, net	249,326	280,587
Goodwill and intangible assets	\$551,116	\$582,377

Goodwill

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill were as follows:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Balance, beginning of period	\$301,790	\$208,355
Acquisitions	—	93,435
Balance, end of period	\$301,790	\$301,790

We completed our annual goodwill impairment test as of September 30, 2018. Based on the results of step one of the annual goodwill impairment test, we determined that step two was not required for each of our reporting units as their fair values exceeded their carrying values indicating there was no impairment.

Intangible Assets

The gross carrying amounts and accumulated amortization related to intangibles assets were as follows:

	December 31, 2018			December 31, 2017			
	Gross Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Gross Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Weighted Average Useful Lives
	(In thousands)			(In thousands)			(Years)
Customer relationships	\$309,773	\$ (98,305)	\$211,468	\$309,773	\$ (70,295)	\$239,478	12.8
Trade names	44,086	(12,517)	31,569	44,086	(9,347)	34,739	14.6
Patents	3,000	(1,091)	1,909	3,000	(818)	2,182	11.0
Other	7,464	(3,084)	4,380	5,964	(1,776)	4,188	4.6
Total intangible assets	\$364,323	\$ (114,997)	\$249,326	\$362,823	\$ (82,236)	\$280,587	

Amortization expense on finite-lived intangibles, a component of other general and administrative expenses, was \$32.8 million, \$31.1 million, and \$23.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively.

None of our intangible assets were considered impaired as of December 31, 2018 or 2017.

The following table shows our estimated amortization expense for intangible assets for each of the next five succeeding years and thereafter:

	December 31, (In thousands)
2019	\$ 33,496
2020	28,867
2021	28,588

2022	28,088
2023	28,088
Thereafter	102,199
Total	\$ 249,326

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Note 10—Deposits

Deposits are categorized as non-interest or interest-bearing deposits as follows:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Non-interest bearing deposit accounts		
GPR deposits	\$817,124	\$803,549
Other demand deposits	97,442	61,264
Total non-interest bearing deposit accounts	914,566	864,813
Interest-bearing deposit accounts		
Checking accounts	67,758	140,555
Savings	8,894	10,523
GPR deposits	9,224	—
Time deposits, denominations greater than or equal to \$100	3,796	4,752
Time deposits, denominations less than \$100	1,247	1,537
Total interest-bearing deposit accounts	90,919	157,367
Total deposits	\$1,005,485	\$1,022,180

The scheduled contractual maturities for total time deposits are presented in the table below:

	December 31, (In thousands)
Due in 2019	\$ 1,425
Due in 2020	1,448
Due in 2021	1,040
Due in 2022	790
Due in 2023	340
Total time deposits	\$ 5,043

As of December 31, 2018, we had aggregate time deposits of \$1.5 million in denominations that met or exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance limit.

Note 11—Note Payable

In October 2014, we entered into a \$225.0 million credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A., as an administrative agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, and the other lenders party thereto. The credit agreement provides for 1) a \$75.0 million five-year revolving facility (the "Revolving Facility") and 2) a five-year \$150.0 million term loan facility ("Term Facility" and, together with the Revolving Facility, the "Senior Credit Facility"). The credit agreement also includes an accordion feature that, subject to securing additional commitments from existing lenders or new lending institutions, will allow us to increase the aggregate amount of these facilities by up to an additional \$50.0 million. We use the proceeds of any borrowings under the Revolving Facility for working capital and other general corporate purposes, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the credit agreement.

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, our outstanding debt consisted of the following, net of deferred financing costs of \$1.3 million and \$2.9 million, respectively:

	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
	(In thousands)	
Term facility	\$58,705	\$ 79,611
Revolving facility	—	—

Total notes payable \$58,705 \$ 79,611

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Note 11—Note Payable (continued)

Interest and other fees

At our election, loans made under the credit agreement bear interest at 1) a LIBOR rate (the “LIBOR Rate”) or 2) a base rate determined by reference to the highest of (a) the Bank of America prime rate, (b) the United States federal funds rate plus 0.50% and (c) a daily rate equal to one-month LIBOR rate plus 1.0% (the “Base Rate”), plus in either case an applicable margin. The applicable margin for borrowings depends on our total leverage ratio and varies from 2.50% to 3.00% for LIBOR Rate loans and 1.50% to 2.00% for Base Rate loans. The effective interest rate on borrowings outstanding as of December 31, 2018 was 5.02%. Cash interest expense related to our Senior Credit Facility was \$3.5 million, \$4.1 million, and \$4.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

We also pay a commitment fee, which varies from 0.30% to 0.40% per annum on the actual daily unused portions of the Revolving Facility. Letter of credit fees are payable in respect of outstanding letters of credit at a rate per annum equal to the applicable margin for LIBOR Rate loans.

Maturity and payments

The Revolving Facility matures, the commitments thereunder terminate, and all amounts then outstanding thereunder are payable on October 23, 2019. Quarterly principal payments of \$5.6 million are payable on the loans under the Term Facility. The loans made under the Term Facility mature and all amounts then outstanding thereunder also become payable on October 23, 2019.

We have the option to prepay the borrowings under the Senior Credit Facility without premium or penalty (other than customary breakage costs). The credit agreement requires us to repay certain amounts outstanding thereunder with (1) net cash proceeds of certain asset sales or other dispositions that exceed certain thresholds, to the extent such proceeds are not reinvested or committed to be reinvested in the business in accordance with customary reinvestment provisions and (2) net cash proceeds of the incurrence of certain indebtedness. Borrowings under the Senior Credit Facility are guaranteed by each of our domestic subsidiaries (the “Guarantor”), other than certain excluded subsidiaries (including bank subsidiaries) and subject to certain other exceptions set forth in the credit agreement. Obligations under the Senior Credit Facility are secured by first priority liens on, and security interests in, substantially all of our assets and each Guarantor, subject to certain customary exceptions.

Covenants and restrictions

The Senior Credit Facility contains customary representations and warranties relating to us and our subsidiaries. The Senior Credit Facility also contains certain affirmative and negative covenants including negative covenants that limit or restrict, among other things, liens, indebtedness, investments and acquisitions, mergers and fundamental changes, asset sales, restricted payments, changes in the nature of the business, transactions with affiliates and other matters customarily restricted in such agreements. We must maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and a maximum consolidated leverage ratio at the end of each fiscal quarter, as set forth in the credit agreement. At December 31, 2018, we were in compliance with all such covenants.

If an event of default shall occur and be continuing under the Senior Credit Facility, the commitments may be terminated and the principal amounts outstanding under the Senior Credit Facility, together with all accrued unpaid interest and other amounts owing in respect thereof, may be declared immediately due and payable.

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Note 12—Stockholders' Equity

Convertible Preferred Stock

In December 2011, we filed a restated Certificate of Incorporation that authorized 10,085 shares of Series A Convertible Junior Participating Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, or Series A Preferred Stock. We then entered into and completed a share exchange with a significant shareholder, whereby 6,859,000 shares of our Class B common stock were exchanged for 6,859 shares of our newly created series of preferred stock.

As of December 31, 2016, all shares of our Series A Preferred shares were converted into equivalent shares of Class A Common Stock.

Common Stock

Our Certificate of Incorporation specifies the following rights, preferences, and privileges for our common stockholders.

Voting

Holders of our Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share.

We have not provided for cumulative voting for the election of directors in our restated Certificate of Incorporation. In addition, our Certificate of Incorporation provides that a holder, or group of affiliated holders, of more than 24.9% of our common stock may not vote shares representing more than 14.9% of the voting power represented by the outstanding shares of our Class A common stock.

Dividends

Subject to preferences that may apply to any shares of preferred stock outstanding at the time, the holders of outstanding shares of our Class A common stock are entitled to receive dividends out of funds legally available at the times and in the amounts that our board of directors may determine. In the event a dividend is paid in the form of shares of common stock or rights to acquire shares of common stock, the holders of Class A common stock will receive Class A common stock, or rights to acquire Class A common stock, as the case may be.

Liquidation

Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, the assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders would be distributable ratably among the holders of our Class A common stock and any participating preferred stock outstanding at that time after payment of liquidation preferences, if any, on any outstanding shares of our preferred stock and payment of other claims of creditors.

Preemptive or Similar Rights

Our Class A common stock is not entitled to preemptive rights or subject to redemption.

Comprehensive Income

The tax impact on unrealized losses on investment securities available-for-sale for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was approximately \$0.1 million, \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

Stock Repurchase Program

In June 2015, our Board of Directors authorized, subject to regulatory approval, a repurchase of shares of our Class A Common Stock in an amount up to \$150 million under a stock repurchase program ("Repurchase Program") with no expiration date. As of December 31, 2017 we completed our repurchase of all \$150 million of Class A Common Stock authorized under the Repurchase Program.

Accelerated Share Repurchases

We have entered into accelerated share repurchase arrangements ("ASRs") with a financial institution from time to time under the Repurchase Program. The following table summarizes our ASR activity since inception of the Repurchase Program:

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Note 12—Stockholders' Equity (continued)

	Purchase Period End Date	Number of Shares (In thousands)	Average repurchase price per share	ASR Amount (In thousands)	
March 2017 ASR	November 2017	1,326	\$ 38.64	\$ 50,000	(1)
April 2016 ASR	October 2016	2,219	\$ 22.54	\$ 50,000	
September 2015 ASR	January 2016	2,342	\$ 17.08	\$ 40,000	

(1) We elected to cash settle approximately \$2.0 million worth of shares owed back to the counterparty under our March 2017 accelerated share repurchase agreement.

In exchange for an up-front payment, the financial institution delivers shares of our Class A Common Stock during the purchase periods of each ASR. Upon settlement, we either receive additional shares from the financial institution or we may be required to deliver additional shares or cash to the financial institution, at our election. The final number of shares received upon settlement for the ASR is determined based on the volume-weighted average price of our common stock over the term of the agreement less an agreed upon discount and subject to adjustments pursuant to the terms and conditions of the ASR.

The up-front payments are accounted for as a reduction to shareholders' equity on our consolidated balance sheets in the periods the payments are made. The ASRs are accounted for in two separate transactions: 1) a treasury stock repurchase for the initial shares received and 2) a forward stock purchase contract indexed to our own stock for the unsettled portion of the ASR. The par value of the shares received are recorded as a reduction to common stock with the remainder recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital and retained earnings. The ASRs meet all of the applicable criteria for equity classification, and therefore are not accounted for as derivative instruments. The initial repurchase of shares resulted in an immediate reduction of the outstanding shares used to calculate the weighted-average common shares outstanding for basic and diluted earnings per share. The shares are retired upon repurchase, but remain authorized for registration and issuance in the future.

Other

In connection with the Repurchase Program, we entered into a repurchase plan in December 2015 under Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act for \$10 million. The timing, nature and amount of purchases depend on a variety of factors, including market conditions and the volume limit defined by Rule 10b-18. We completed all repurchases under this plan during the first quarter of 2016 and total repurchases amounted to approximately 0.6 million shares at an average price of \$16.15.

Note 13—Employee Stock-Based Compensation**Employee Stock-Based Compensation**

In June 2010, our board of directors adopted, and in July 2010 our stockholders approved, the 2010 Equity Incentive Plan, which replaced our 2001 Stock Plan, and the 2010 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. The 2010 Equity Incentive Plan authorizes the award of stock options, restricted stock awards, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock units, performance shares and stock bonuses. Options granted under the 2010 Equity Incentive Plan generally vest over four years and expire five years or ten years from the date of grant. The 2010 Employee Stock Purchase Plan enables eligible employees to purchase shares of our Class A common stock periodically at a discount. Our 2010 Employee Stock Purchase Plan is intended to qualify as an employee stock purchase plan under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code. At our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, our stockholders approved amendments to our 2010 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares reserved for issuance by 2.8 million. Approximately 2.6 million shares are available for grant under the 2010 Equity Incentive Plan as of December 31, 2018.

Stock-based compensation for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016 includes expense related to awards of stock options, performance and service based restricted stock units and purchases under the 2010 Employee Stock

Purchase Plan. Total stock-based compensation expense and the related income tax benefit were as follows:

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Note 13—Employee Stock-Based Compensation (continued)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands)		
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$50,093	\$40,734	\$28,321
Related income tax benefit	3,783	9,440	9,167

Restricted Stock Units

The following table summarizes restricted stock units with only service conditions granted under our 2010 Equity Incentive Plan:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands, except per share data)		
Restricted stock units granted	452	656	1,416
Weighted-average grant-date fair value	\$74.33	\$48.72	\$22.59

Restricted stock unit activity for the year ended December 31, 2018 was as follows:

	Weighted-Average	
	Shares	Grant-Date Fair Value
	(In thousands, except per share data)	
Outstanding at December 31, 2017	2,223	\$ 28.64
Restricted stock units granted	452	\$ 74.33
Restricted stock units vested	(906)	\$ 25.74
Restricted stock units canceled	(215)	\$ 22.77
Outstanding at December 31, 2018	1,554	\$ 44.38

The total fair value of restricted stock vested for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$67.5 million, \$41.5 million and \$23.2 million, respectively, based on the price of our Class A common stock on the vesting date.

Performance Based Restricted Stock Units

We grant performance-based restricted stock units to certain employees which are subject to the attainment of minimum pre-established annual performance targets. The majority of these awards are tied to the achievement of an annual non-GAAP earnings per share target for the grant year. The actual number of shares subject to the award is determined at the end of the annual performance period and may range from zero to 150% percent of the target shares granted. These awards contain an additional service component after each annual performance period is concluded and the unvested balance of the shares determined at the end of the annual performance period will vest over the remaining requisite service period. Compensation expense related to these awards is recognized using the accelerated attribution method over the four-year vesting period based on the fair value of the closing market price of our Class A common stock on the date of the grant and the estimated performance that is expected to be achieved. In the case of our Chief Executive Officer, vesting of performance awards is based on the achievement of a total shareholder return ("TSR") relative to the S&P 600 index over a three-year performance period. Compensation expense related to these awards is recognized over the performance period based on the grant date fair value through the use of a Monte Carlo simulation and are not subsequently re-measured.

The following table summarizes the performance-based restricted stock units granted under our 2010 Equity Incentive Plan:

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Note 13—Employee Stock-Based Compensation (continued)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands, except per share data)		

Performance based restricted stock units granted	276	616	287
Weighted-average grant-date fair value	\$71.70	\$36.13	\$25.24

Performance based restricted stock unit activity for the year ended December 31, 2018 was as follows:

	Weighted-Average Shares Grant-Date Fair Value	
	(In thousands, except per share data)	
Outstanding at December 31, 2017	924	\$ 30.20
Performance restricted stock units granted (at target)	276	\$ 71.70
Performance restricted stock units vested	(632)	\$ 28.23
Performance restricted stock units canceled	(67)	\$ 40.22
Actual adjustment for certified performance periods	336	\$ 30.42
Outstanding at December 31, 2018	837	\$ 45.41

The total fair value of performance based restricted stock vested for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 was \$45.1 million, \$4.4 million and \$0 million, respectively, based on the price of our Class A common stock on the vesting date.

Stock Options

Stock option activity for the year ended December 31, 2018 was as follows:

	Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Life (in Years)	Remaining Contractual	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
	(In thousands, except per share data and years)				
Outstanding at December 31, 2017	1,023	\$ 21.05			
Options exercised	(771)	21.19			
Options canceled	(1)	23.54			
Outstanding at December 31, 2018	251	\$ 20.63	3.38		\$ 14,759
Exercisable at December 31, 2018	251	20.63	3.38		\$ 14,759

The total intrinsic value of options exercised was \$36.2 million, \$24.1 million and \$6.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively.

We have not issued any new stock option awards from our equity plan since the year ended December 31, 2014.

Accordingly, any additional required disclosures with respect to fair value assumptions of our stock options have been omitted for the periods presented on these consolidated financial statements.

As of December 31, 2018, there was \$76.1 million of aggregate unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock units (including performance based awards) expected to be recognized in compensation expense in future periods, with a weighted-average period of 2.67 years. As of December 31, 2018, we had no unvested stock options and thus, no remaining unrecognized compensation cost.

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Note 14—Income Taxes

The components of income tax expense included in our consolidated statements of operations were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands)		
Current:			
Federal	\$4,011	\$15,545	\$16,540
State	894	(1,122)	1,934
Foreign	443	368	217
Current income tax expense	5,348	14,791	18,691
Deferred:			
Federal	1,136	4,596	2,362
State	(1,370)	(1,816)	(1,142)
Foreign	—	—	50
Deferred income tax (benefit) expense	(234)	2,780	1,270
Income tax expense	\$5,114	\$17,571	\$19,961

Income tax expense differs from the amount computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate to income before income taxes. The sources and tax effects of the differences are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
U.S. federal statutory tax rate	21.0 %	35.0 %	35.0 %
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	(0.5)	(2.3)	0.4
General business credits	(2.2)	(2.8)	(3.4)
Employee stock-based compensation	(17.1)	(12.4)	0.3
Tax Cuts and Jobs Act remeasurement	0.2	(5.0)	—
IRC 162(m) limitation	2.2	1.5	—
Other	0.5	3.0	0.1
Effective tax rate	4.1 %	17.0 %	32.4 %

On December 22, 2017 (the “enactment date”), H.R. 1, known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act") was signed into law and made significant changes to U.S. income tax law. The Tax Act reduced the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, required companies to pay a one-time transition tax on earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries that were previously tax deferred, created new taxes on certain foreign-sourced earnings, eliminated certain deductions, and enhanced and extended through 2026 the option to claim accelerated depreciation deductions on qualified property.

As of December 31, 2017 and through the period ending September 30, 2018, we recorded provisional amounts for certain enactment date effects of the Tax Act by applying the guidance under Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118 (“SAB 118”) as we had not yet completed our enactment date accounting for these effects. As of December 31, 2017, we had not completed our accounting for all of the enactment date income tax effects of the Tax Act under Accounting Standards Codification 740, Income Taxes (“ASC 740”), for the following aspects: application of the Tax Act's transition rule for IRC 162(m) limitations, one-time transition tax, and tax on global intangible low-taxed income (“GILTI”). During the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, we recorded tax expense related to the enactment date effects of the Tax Act that included adjusting deferred tax assets and liabilities, adjusting limitations under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC 162(m)”) in accordance with transition rule guidance, and recording a one-time transition tax liability related to undistributed earnings of our foreign subsidiary that was not previously

subject to U.S. tax.

As of December 31, 2018, we have completed our accounting for all enactment date income tax effects of the Tax Act, which resulted in a \$0.3 million tax expense, or an increase in our effective tax rate by 0.2% and is included as a component of income tax expense on our consolidated statement of operations.

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Note 14—Income Taxes (continued)

The Tax Act subjects a US shareholder to tax on GILTI earned by certain foreign subsidiaries. Under FASB Staff Q&A, Topic 740, No. 5, Accounting for Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income, an entity can make an accounting policy election to either recognize deferred taxes for temporary basis differences expected to reverse as GILTI in future years or provide for the tax expense related to GILTI in the year the tax is incurred. We have made a policy election to account for GILTI in the year the tax is incurred. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the provision for GILTI expense was not material to our financial statements.

The decrease in the effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2017 is primarily due to the Tax Act, which reduced the U.S. federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% and the recognition of significant excess tax benefits related to our employee stock-based compensation expense. The Tax Act also repealed the performance-based exception to the limitation on executive compensation under IRC 162(m) which resulted in an increased IRC 162(m) limitation for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The tax effects of temporary difference that give rise to significant portions of our deferred tax assets and liabilities were as follows:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
	(In thousands)	
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$7,379	\$7,746
Stock-based compensation	8,007	9,137
Reserve for overdrawn accounts	3,838	3,516
Accrued liabilities	11,206	8,782
Tax credit carryforwards	7,014	5,873
Other	—	10
Total deferred tax assets	\$37,444	\$35,064
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Internal-use software costs	\$22,351	\$16,860
Property and equipment, net	2,803	1,274
Deferred expenses	4,909	4,418
Intangible assets	6,246	11,901
Gift card revenue	1,413	1,884
Other	900	—
Total deferred tax liabilities	38,622	36,337
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$(1,178)	\$(1,273)

We establish a valuation allowance when we consider it more-likely-than-not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. As of December 31, 2018, we do not have a valuation allowance on any of our deferred tax assets as we believe it is more-likely-than-not that we will realize the benefits of our deferred tax assets.

We are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, and various state tax authorities. We remain subject to examination of our federal income tax returns for the years ended December 31, 2015 through 2017. We generally remain subject to examination of our various state income tax returns for a period of four to five years from the respective dates the returns were filed.

As of December 31, 2018, we have net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$34.7 million and \$33.7 million for federal and state tax purposes, respectively, which will be available to offset future income. If not used, these carryforwards will expire between 2020 and 2035. These net operating losses are subject to an annual IRC Section 382 limitation which restricts their utilization against taxable income in future periods. In addition, we have state

business tax credits of approximately \$11.7 million that can be carried forward indefinitely and other state business tax credits of approximately \$1.1 million that will expire between 2023 and 2027.

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Note 14—Income Taxes (continued)

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, we had a liability of \$6.9 million and \$5.6 million, respectively, for unrecognized tax benefits related to various federal and state income tax matters excluding interest, penalties and related tax benefits. The reconciliation of the beginning unrecognized tax benefits balance to the ending balance is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands)		
Beginning balance	\$5,560	\$7,314	\$7,371
Increases related to positions taken during prior years	462	404	134
Increases related to positions taken during the current year	1,607	1,099	1,023
Decreases related to positions settled with tax authorities	—	(1,865)	(1,105)
Decreases due to a lapse of applicable statute of limitations	(664)	(1,392)	(109)
Ending balance	\$6,965	\$5,560	\$7,314

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate \$6,918 \$5,560 \$7,314

We recognized accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, of approximately \$0.3 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

Note 15—Earnings per Common Share

The calculation of basic and diluted EPS was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands, except per share data)		
Basic earnings per Class A common share			
Net income	\$118,703	\$85,887	\$41,600
Income attributable to preferred stock	—	—	(802)
Net income allocated to Class A common stockholders	\$118,703	\$85,887	\$40,798
Weighted-average Class A shares issued and outstanding	52,222	50,482	49,535
Basic earnings per Class A common share	\$2.27	\$1.70	\$0.82
Diluted earnings per Class A common share			
Net income allocated to Class A common stockholders	\$118,703	\$85,887	\$40,798
Re-allocated earnings	—	—	20
Diluted net income allocated to Class A common stockholders	\$118,703	\$85,887	\$40,818
Weighted-average Class A shares issued and outstanding	52,222	50,482	49,535
Dilutive potential common shares:			
Stock options	327	809	507
Service based restricted stock units	1,135	1,445	650
Performance based restricted stock units	796	462	103
Employee stock purchase plan	1	—	2
Diluted weighted-average Class A shares issued and outstanding	54,481	53,198	50,797
Diluted earnings per Class A common share	\$2.18	\$1.61	\$0.80

For the periods presented, we excluded all shares of convertible preferred stock and certain restricted stock units and stock options outstanding, which could potentially dilute basic EPS in the future, from the computation of diluted EPS

as their effect was anti-dilutive. Additionally, we have excluded any performance based restricted stock units for which the performance contingency has not been met as of the end of the period, or whereby the result of including such awards was anti-dilutive. The following table shows the weighted-average number of anti-dilutive shares excluded from the diluted EPS calculation:

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Note 15—Earnings per Common Share (continued)

	Year Ended		
	December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands)		
Class A common stock			
Options to purchase Class A common stock	—	56	124
Service based restricted stock units	20	20	2
Performance based restricted stock units	143	199	67
Conversion of convertible preferred stock	—	—	974
Total options, restricted stock units and convertible preferred stock	163	275	1,167

Note 16—Fair Value Measurements

We determine the fair values of our financial instruments based on the fair value hierarchy established under applicable accounting guidance which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. There are three levels of inputs used to measure fair value. For more information regarding the fair value hierarchy and how we measure fair value, see Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, our assets and liabilities carried at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value
December 31, 2018	(In thousands)			
Assets				
Negotiable certificate of deposit	\$—	\$15,000	\$—	\$15,000
Agency bond securities	—	19,693	—	19,693
Agency mortgage-backed securities	—	86,813	—	86,813
Municipal bonds	—	483	—	483
Asset-backed securities	—	79,194	—	79,194
Total assets	\$—	\$201,183	\$—	\$201,183
Liabilities				
Contingent consideration	\$—	\$—	\$15,800	\$15,800
December 31, 2017				
Assets				
Corporate bonds	\$—	\$1,000	\$—	\$1,000
U.S. Treasury notes	—	10,875	—	10,875
Agency mortgage-backed securities	—	120,034	—	120,034
Municipal bonds	—	739	—	739
Asset-backed securities	—	20,861	—	20,861
Total assets	\$—	\$153,509	\$—	\$153,509
Liabilities				
Contingent consideration	\$—	\$—	\$17,358	\$17,358

We based the fair value of our fixed income securities held as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 on quoted prices in active markets for similar assets. We had no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 assets or liabilities during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017.

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Note 16—Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The following table presents changes in our contingent consideration payable for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, which is categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
	(In thousands)		
Balance, beginning of period	\$17,358	\$8,634	\$13,889
Issuance	—	21,500	—
Payments of contingent consideration	(4,856)	(3,104)	(2,755)
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	3,298	(9,672)	(2,500)
Balance, end of period	\$15,800	\$17,358	\$8,634

Note 17—Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following describes the valuation technique for determining the fair value of financial instruments, whether or not such instruments are carried at fair value on our consolidated balance sheets.

Short-term Financial Instruments

Our short-term financial instruments consist principally of unrestricted and restricted cash and cash equivalents, settlement assets and obligations, and obligations to customers. These financial instruments are short-term in nature, and, accordingly, we believe their carrying amounts approximate their fair values. Under the fair value hierarchy, these instruments are classified as Level 1.

Investment Securities

The fair values of investment securities have been derived using methodologies referenced in Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. Under the fair value hierarchy, our investment securities are classified as Level 2.

Loans

We determined the fair values of loans by discounting both principal and interest cash flows expected to be collected using a discount rate commensurate with the risk that we believe a market participant would consider in determining fair value. Under the fair value hierarchy, our loans are classified as Level 3.

Deposits

The fair value of demand and interest checking deposits and savings deposits is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. We determined the fair value of time deposits by discounting expected future cash flows using market-derived rates based on our market yields on certificates of deposit, by maturity, at the measurement date. Under the fair value hierarchy, our deposits are classified as Level 2.

Contingent Consideration

The fair value of contingent consideration obligations are estimated through valuation models designed to estimate the probability of such contingent payments based on various assumptions. Estimated payments are discounted using present value techniques to arrive at an estimated fair value. Our contingent consideration payable is classified as Level 3 because we use unobservable inputs to estimate fair value, including the probability of achieving certain earnings thresholds and appropriate discount rates. Changes in fair value of contingent consideration are recorded through operating expenses.

Note Payable

The fair value of our note payable is based on borrowing rates currently required of loans with similar terms, maturity and credit risk. The carrying amount of our note payable approximates fair value because the base interest rate charged varies with market conditions and the credit spread is commensurate with current market spreads for issuers of similar risk. The fair value of the note payable is classified as a Level 2 liability in the fair value hierarchy.

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Note 17—Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying values and fair values of certain financial instruments that were not carried at fair value, excluding short-term financial instruments for which the carrying value approximates fair value, at December 31, 2018 and 2017 are presented in the table below.

	December 31, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
(In thousands)				
Financial Assets				
Loans to bank customers, net of allowance	\$21,363	\$21,088	\$18,570	\$18,102
Financial Liabilities				
Deposits	\$1,005,485	\$1,005,435	\$1,022,180	\$1,022,102
Note payable	\$58,705	\$58,705	\$79,611	\$79,611

Note 18—Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that subject us to concentration of credit risk consist primarily of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, investment securities, accounts receivable, loans and settlement assets. We deposit our unrestricted cash and cash equivalents and our restricted cash with regional and national banking institutions that we periodically monitor and evaluate for creditworthiness. Credit risk for our investment securities is mitigated by the types of investment securities in our portfolio, which must comply with strict investment guidelines that we believe appropriately ensures the preservation of invested capital. Credit risk for our accounts receivable is concentrated with card issuing banks and our customers, and this risk is mitigated by the relatively short collection period and our large customer base. We do not require or maintain collateral for accounts receivable. We maintain reserves for uncollectible overdrawn accounts and uncollectible trade receivables. With respect to our loan portfolio (excluding secured credit cards), approximately 92.8% of our borrowers reside in the state of Utah and approximately 43.3% in the city of Provo. Consequently, this loan portfolio is susceptible to any adverse market or environmental conditions that may impact this specific geographic region. Credit risk associated with our secured credit card portfolio is mitigated by collateral provided by the borrower in the amount of their credit limit. Credit risk for our settlement assets is concentrated with our retail distributors, which we periodically monitor.

Note 19—Defined Contribution Plan

On January 1, 2004, we established a defined contribution savings plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Employees who have attained at least 21 years of age are generally eligible to participate in the plan on the first day of the calendar month following the month in which they commence service with us. Participants may make pre-tax contributions to the plan from their eligible earnings up to the statutorily prescribed annual limit on pre-tax contributions under the code. We may contribute to the plan at the discretion of our board of directors. Currently, employer contributions amount to 50% of the first 5% of a participant's eligible compensation. Our contributions are allocated in the same manner as that of the participant's elective contributions. We made contributions to the plan of \$1.7 million, \$1.1 million, and \$0.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Note 20—Commitments and Contingencies

In December 2011, we entered into a ten-year office lease for 140,000 square feet of office space in Pasadena, California. This facility serves as our corporate headquarters. The initial term of the lease is ten years and is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2022. Through our wholly owned subsidiaries, we also lease various office facilities and maintain smaller administrative or project offices. Our total rental expense for these and former leases amounted to \$7.6 million, \$7.2 million and \$8.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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Note 20—Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

At December 31, 2018, the future minimum aggregate rental commitment under all operating leases and minimum annual payments through various agreements with vendors and retail distributors was as follows:

Year ending December 31,	Operating Leases	Vendor/Retail Distributor Commitments
	(In thousands)	
2019	\$7,927	\$ 13,882
2020	7,929	7,486
2021	6,689	4,157
2022	5,372	450
2023	—	325
Total of future commitments	\$27,917	\$ 26,300

In the event we terminate our processing services agreement for convenience, we are required to pay a single lump sum equal to any minimum payments remaining on the date of termination. These future minimum obligations are included in our vendor and retail distributor commitments.

In addition to the above contractual obligations, our definitive agreement to acquire all of the equity interests of UniRush provides for a minimum \$4 million annual earn-out payment for five years following the closing, ending in February 2022. As of December 31, 2018, the estimated fair value of our remaining earn-out payments amounted to \$15.8 million.

Litigation and Claims

In the ordinary course of business, we are a party to various legal proceedings, including, from time to time, actions which are asserted to be maintainable as class action suits. We review these actions on an ongoing basis to determine whether it is probable and estimable that a loss has occurred and use that information when making accrual and disclosure decisions. We have provided reserves where necessary for all claims and, based on current knowledge and in part upon the advice of legal counsel, all matters are believed to be adequately covered by insurance, or, if not covered, we do not expect the outcome in any legal proceedings, individually or collectively, to have a material adverse impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

The third and final performance period under an earn-out provision for the acquisition of our tax refund processing business ended on June 30, 2017. We believed that our tax refund processing business did not achieve its earn-out performance target for the fiscal year performance period based on the provisions of the contract and therefore, the total potential payout of \$26 million had not been accrued in any period subsequent to June 30, 2017. We were in the process of resolving the final earn-out calculation with the selling shareholders with the assistance of a neutral third party pursuant to the terms of the contract. Prior to the final outcome of that process, we and the sellers mutually agreed to a payment of \$13.5 million. This payment was made in October of 2018 and is reflected as a component of other general and administrative expenses on our consolidated income statement for the year ended December 31, 2018.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2016, we were in the process of our planned conversion of customer files from our legacy third-party card processor to our current third-party card processor. As part of the conversion process, a small percentage of our active account holders experienced limited disruptions in service, which resulted in two putative class action complaints filed during the second quarter of 2016. We previously recorded an accrual of approximately \$2.3 million, which represented our portion of the estimated total settlement amount, all of which our insurance carrier agreed to reimburse us. As of December 31, 2018, substantially all payments have been made to members of the class for open claims and the matter is considered resolved.

Other Matters

We monitor the laws of all 50 states to identify state laws or regulations that apply (or may apply) to our products and services. We have obtained money transmitter licenses (or similar such licenses) where applicable, based on advice of counsel or when we have been requested to do so. If we were found to be in violation of any laws and regulations governing banking, money transmitters, electronic fund transfers, or money laundering in the United States or abroad, we could be subject to penalties or could be forced to change our business practices.

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Note 20—Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

From time to time we enter into contracts containing provisions that contingently require us to indemnify various parties against claims from third parties. These contracts primarily relate to: (i) contracts with our card issuing banks, under which we are responsible to them for any unrecovered overdrafts on cardholders' accounts; (ii) certain real estate leases, under which we may be required to indemnify property owners for environmental and other liabilities, and other claims arising from our use of the premises; (iii) certain agreements with our officers, directors, and employees, under which we may be required to indemnify these persons for liabilities arising out of their relationship with us; and (iv) contracts under which we may be required to indemnify our retail distributors, suppliers, vendors and other parties with whom we have contracts against claims arising from certain of our actions, omissions, violations of law and/or infringement of patents, trademarks, copyrights and/or other intellectual property rights.

Generally, a maximum obligation under these contracts is not explicitly stated. Because the obligated amounts associated with these types of agreements are not explicitly stated, the overall maximum amount of the obligation cannot be reasonably estimated. With the exception of overdrafts on cardholders' accounts, historically, we have not been required to make payments under these and similar contingent obligations, and no liabilities have been recorded for these obligations in our consolidated balance sheets.

For additional information regarding overdrafts on cardholders' accounts, refer to Note 6 — Accounts Receivable.

Note 21—Significant Customer Concentration

A credit concentration may exist if customers are involved in similar industries, economic sectors, and geographic regions. Our retail distributors operate in similar economic sectors but diverse domestic geographic regions. The loss of a significant retail distributor could have a material adverse effect upon our card sales, profitability, and revenue growth.

Revenue Concentrations

Revenues derived from our products sold at retail distributors constituting greater than 10% of our total operating revenues were as follows:

	Year Ended		
	December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016

Walmart	37%	40%	45%
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No other retail distributor or partner made up greater than 10% of our total operating revenues for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016.

Settlement Asset Concentrations

Settlement assets derived from our products sold at retail distributors constituting greater than 10% of the settlement assets outstanding on our consolidated balance sheets were as follows:

	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
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Walmart	18%	33%
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Note 22—Regulatory Requirements

Our subsidiary bank, Green Dot Bank, is a member bank of the Federal Reserve System and our primary regulator is the Federal Reserve Board. We and Green Dot Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on our financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines, we and Green Dot Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors.

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Note 22—Regulatory Requirements (continued)

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, we and Green Dot Bank were categorized as "well capitalized" under applicable regulatory standards. There were no conditions or events since December 31, 2018 which management believes would have caused us or Green Dot Bank not to be considered "well capitalized." Our capital ratios and related regulatory requirements were as follows:

	December 31, 2018						
	Amount	Ratio	Regulatory Minimum		"Well-capitalized" Minimum		
	(In thousands, except ratios)						
Green Dot Corporation:							
Tier 1 leverage	\$353,047	20.1	%	4.0	%	n/a	
Common equity Tier 1 capital	\$353,047	88.8	%	4.5	%	n/a	
Tier 1 capital	\$353,047	88.8	%	6.0	%	6.0	%
Total risk-based capital	\$357,092	89.8	%	8.0	%	10.0	%
Green Dot Bank:							
Tier 1 leverage	\$172,518	11.7	%	4.0	%	5.0	%
Common equity Tier 1 capital	\$172,518	100.8	%	4.5	%	6.5	%
Tier 1 capital	\$172,518	100.8	%	6.0	%	8.0	%
Total risk-based capital	\$173,838	101.5	%	8.0	%	10.0	%
	December 31, 2017						
	Amount	Ratio	Regulatory Minimum		"Well-capitalized" Minimum		
	(In thousands, except ratios)						
Green Dot Corporation:							
Tier 1 leverage	\$236,885	15.6	%	4.0	%	n/a	
Common equity Tier 1 capital	\$236,885	45.3	%	4.5	%	n/a	
Tier 1 capital	\$236,885	45.3	%	6.0	%	6.0	%
Total risk-based capital	\$240,509	46.0	%	8.0	%	10.0	%
Green Dot Bank:							
Tier 1 leverage	\$95,461	10.2	%	4.0	%	5.0	%
Common equity Tier 1 capital	\$95,461	37.5	%	4.5	%	6.5	%
Tier 1 capital	\$95,461	37.5	%	6.0	%	8.0	%
Total risk-based capital	\$95,752	37.6	%	8.0	%	10.0	%

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Note 23—Selected Unaudited Quarterly Financial Information

The following tables set forth a summary of our quarterly financial information for each of the four quarters in 2018 and 2017:

	2018			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Total operating revenues	\$237,834	\$230,577	\$258,349	\$314,998
Total operating expenses	229,712	235,662	231,168	238,618
Operating income (loss)	8,122	(5,085)	27,181	76,380
Interest income, net	4,207	4,765	4,163	4,084
Income (loss) before income taxes	12,329	(320)	31,344	80,464
Income tax (benefit) expense	(1,943)	(4,893)	1,517	10,433
Net income	\$14,272	\$4,573	\$29,827	\$70,031
Earnings per common share				
Basic				
Class A common stock	\$0.27	\$0.09	\$0.57	\$1.36
Diluted				
Class A common stock	\$0.26	\$0.08	\$0.55	\$1.29
	2017			
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Total operating revenues	\$212,989	\$201,613	\$222,548	\$253,001
Total operating expenses	209,284	188,561	202,357	191,625
Operating income	3,705	13,052	20,191	61,376
Interest income, net	1,917	1,238	790	1,189
Income before income taxes	5,622	14,290	20,981	62,565
Income tax (benefit) expense	(6,606)	651	1,715	21,811
Net income	\$12,228	\$13,639	\$19,266	\$40,754
Earnings per common share				
Basic				
Class A common stock	\$0.24	\$0.27	\$0.39	\$0.81
Diluted				
Class A common stock	\$0.23	\$0.26	\$0.37	\$0.78

Note 24—Segment Information

Our operations are comprised of two reportable segments: 1) Account Services and 2) Processing and Settlement Services. We identified our reportable segments based on factors such as how we manage our operations and how our chief operating decision maker views results. Our chief operating decision maker organizes and manages our business primarily on the basis of product and service offerings and uses operating income to assess profitability.

The Account Services segment consists of revenues and expenses derived from our deposit account programs, such as prepaid cards, debit cards, consumer and small business checking accounts, secured credit cards, payroll debit cards and gift cards. These deposit account programs are marketed under several of our leading consumer brand names and under the brand names of our Banking as a Service, or "BaaS," partners. The Processing and Settlement Services segment consists of revenues and expenses derived from our products and services that specialize in facilitating the movement of cash on behalf of consumers and businesses, such as consumer cash processing services, wage disbursements and tax refund processing services. The Corporate and Other segment primarily consists of eliminations

of intersegment revenues and expenses, unallocated corporate expenses, depreciation and amortization, and other costs that are not considered when management evaluates segment performance. We do not evaluate performance or allocate resources based on segment asset data, and therefore such information is not presented.

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Note 24—Segment Information (continued)

The following tables present certain financial information for each of our reportable segments for the periods then ended:

	Year Ended December 31, 2018			
	Processing			
	Account	and	Corporate	Total
	Services	Settlement	and Other	
	Services			
	(In thousands)			
Operating revenues	\$820,539	\$ 252,909	\$(31,690)	\$1,041,758
Operating expenses	642,506	180,245	112,409	935,160
Operating income	\$178,033	\$ 72,664	\$(144,099)	\$106,598
	Year Ended December 31, 2017			
	Processing			
	Account	and	Corporate	Total
	Services	Settlement	and Other	
	Services			
	(In thousands)			
Operating revenues	\$693,103	\$ 228,444	\$(31,396)	\$890,151
Operating expenses	549,375	166,444	76,008	791,827
Operating income	\$143,728	\$ 62,000	\$(107,404)	\$98,324
	Year Ended December 31, 2016			
	Processing			
	Account	and	Corporate	Total
	Services	Settlement	and Other	
	Services			
	(In thousands)			
Operating revenues	\$544,271	\$ 203,569	\$(29,066)	\$718,774
Operating expenses	454,187	137,296	63,975	655,458
Operating income	\$90,084	\$ 66,273	\$(93,041)	\$63,316

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ITEM 9. Changes in and Disagreement With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

ITEM 9A. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures — Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 13d-15(e)), and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) at the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, at the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Report of management on internal control over financial reporting — Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for Green Dot Corporation. Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework).

Our management concluded that, as of December 31, 2018, our internal control over financial reporting was effective based on these criteria.

Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has issued an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, which is included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Change in internal control over financial reporting — There was no material change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) during the three months ended December 31, 2018 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls — Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal controls will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within our company have been detected.

ITEM 9B. Other Information

None.

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PART III

ITEM 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from our proxy statement for our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders under the captions “Proposal No. 1 Election of Directors,” “Our Executive Officers,” “Corporate Governance and Director Independence -- Code of Business Conduct and Ethics,” “Corporate Governance and Director Independence - Committees of Our Board of Directors - Audit Committee,” “Additional Information -- Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance.”

ITEM 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from our proxy statement for our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders under the caption “Executive Compensation” excluding the sub-caption “Equity Compensation Plan Information.”

ITEM 12. Securities Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from our proxy statement for our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders under the captions “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” and “Executive Compensation - Equity Compensation Plan Information”.

ITEM 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from our proxy statement for our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders under the captions “Corporate Governance and Director Independence of Directors” and “Transactions with Related Parties, Founders and Control Persons.”

ITEM 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference from our proxy statement for our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders under the caption “Proposal No. 2 Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm - Principal Accountant Fees and Services.”

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PART IV

ITEM 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

(a) The following documents are filed as exhibits to this report:

1. Financial Statements

The Index to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of this report is incorporated herein by reference as the list of financial statements required as part of this report.

2. Financial Statement Schedules

All financial statement schedules have been omitted, since the required information is not applicable or is not present in amounts sufficient to require submission of the schedule, or because the information required is included in the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

3. Exhibits: The following exhibits are filed as part of or furnished with this annual report on Form 10-K as applicable:

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Title	Incorporated by Reference			Filed Herewith
		Form	Date	Number	
3.1	<u>Tenth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant.</u>	S-1(A2)	April 26, 2010	3.02	
3.2	<u>Certificate of Amendment to Tenth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Green Dot Corporation.</u>	8-K	May 31, 2017	3.1	
3.3	<u>Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant.</u>	8-K	December 19, 2016	3.1	
3.4	<u>Certificate of Designations of Series A Convertible Junior Participating Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock of Green Dot Corporation dated as of December 8, 2011.</u>	8-K	December 14, 2011	3.01	
10.1*	<u>Form of Indemnity Agreement.</u>	S-1(A4)	June 29, 2010	10.01	
10.2*	<u>Second Amended and Restated 2001 Stock Plan and forms of notice of stock option grant, stock option agreement and stock option exercise letter.</u>	S-1(A3)	June 2, 2010	10.02	
10.3*	<u>Green Dot Corporation 2010 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (including related form agreements).</u>	8-K	May 31, 2017	10.1	
10.4*	<u>2010 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.</u>	S-1(A4)	June 29, 2010	10.19	
10.5	<u>Lease Agreement between the Registrant and Wells REIT II - Pasadena Corporate Park L.P., dated December 5, 2011</u>	10-K	February 29, 2012	10.8	
10.6†	<u>Amended and Restated Walmart MoneyCard Program Agreement dated as of May 1, 2015 by and among the Registrant, Green Dot Bank, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Walmart Stores Texas L.P., Wal-Mart Louisiana, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores</u>	10-Q	August 10, 2015	10.01	

Arkansas, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P. and Wal-Mart Puerto Rico, Inc.

10.7† Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Walmart MoneyCard Program Agreement dated as of May 2, 2016 by and among the Registrant, Green Dot Bank, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Texas LLC, Wal-Mart Louisiana, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores Arkansas, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P., and Wal-Mart Puerto Rico, Inc. 10-K February 27, 2018 10.7

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Exhibit Number	Exhibit Title	Incorporated by Reference			Filed Herewith
		Form	Date	Number	
10.8†	<u>Amendment No. 2 to Amended and Restated Walmart MoneyCard Program Agreement dated as of June 20, 2016 by and among the Registrant, Green Dot Bank, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Texas LLC, Wal-Mart Louisiana, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores Arkansas, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P., and Wal-Mart Puerto Rico, Inc.</u>	10-K	February 27, 2018	10.8	
10.9†	<u>Amendment No. 3 to Amended and Restated Walmart MoneyCard Program Agreement dated as of August 1, 2017 by and among the Registrant, Green Dot Bank, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Texas LLC, Wal-Mart Louisiana, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores Arkansas, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P., and Wal-Mart Puerto Rico, Inc.</u>	10-K	February 27, 2018	10.9	
10.10	<u>Amendment No. 4 to Amended and Restated Walmart MoneyCard Program Agreement dated as of September 15, 2017 by and among the Registrant, Green Dot Bank, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Texas LLC, Wal-Mart Louisiana, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores Arkansas, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P., and Wal-Mart Puerto Rico, Inc.</u>	10-K	February 27, 2018	10.10	
10.11†	<u>Amendment No. 5 to Amended and Restated Walmart MoneyCard Program Agreement dated as of March 8, 2018 by and among Green Dot Corporation, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Texas L.L.C., Wal-Mart Louisiana, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores Arkansas, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P., and Wal-Mart Puerto Rico, Inc. and Green Dot Bank.</u>	10-Q	May 10, 2018	10.1	
10.12†	<u>Amendment No. 6 to Amended and Restated Walmart MoneyCard Program Agreement dated as of May 1, 2018 by and among Green Dot Corporation, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Texas L.L.C., Wal-Mart Louisiana, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores Arkansas, LLC, Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P., and Wal-Mart Puerto Rico, Inc. and Green Dot Bank.</u>	10-Q	August 9, 2018	10.1	
10.13†	<u>Processing Services Agreement dated as of December 19, 2013 by and among the Registrant and MasterCard International Incorporated.</u>	10-Q/A	June 7, 2017	10.1	
10.14†	<u>Amendment to the Processing Services Agreement dated as of September 10, 2018 by and among the Registrant and MasterCard International Incorporated.</u>	10-Q	November 9, 2018	10.1	
10.15*	<u>Employment letter agreement, dated September 16, 2016, between the Registrant and Steven W. Streit.</u>	8-K	September 22, 2016	10.01	

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10.16*	<u>Employment letter agreement, dated April 13, 2017, between the Registrant and Mark L. Shifke.</u>	8-K	April 17, 2017	10.01
10.17*	<u>Employment letter agreement, dated November 3, 2016, between the Registrant and Brett Narlinger.</u>	10-K	February 27, 2018	10.19
10.18*	<u>Employment letter agreement, dated September 29, 2017, between the Registrant and Konrad Alt.</u>	10-K	February 27, 2018	10.20
10.19*	<u>Form of Executive Severance Agreement.</u>	S-1(A2)	April 26, 2010	10.12
10.20*	<u>Performance-based restricted stock units award agreement between the Registrant and Steven W. Streit.</u>	8-K	March 31, 2016	10.02

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		Form	Date	Number	
10.21*	<u>Performance-based restricted stock units award agreement between the Registrant and Steven W. Streit.</u>	8-K	April 5, 2017	10.02	
10.22*	<u>Green Dot Corporation Corporate Transaction Policy.</u>	8-K	April 9, 2015	10.01	
10.23*	<u>2018 Executive Officer Incentive Bonus Plan.</u>	8-K	March 20, 2018	10.01	
21.1	<u>Subsidiaries of Green Dot Corporation.</u>				X
23.1	<u>Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm.</u>				X
24.1	<u>Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Annual Report on Form 10-K).</u>				X
31.1	<u>Certification of Steven W. Streit, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>				X
31.2	<u>Certification of Mark Shifke, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>				X
32.1**	<u>Certification of Steven W. Streit, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>				X
32.2**	<u>Certification of Mark Shifke, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>				X
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.				X
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.				X
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.				X
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.				X
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.				X
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.				X

*Indicates management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

**Furnished, not filed.

Registrant has omitted portions of the referenced exhibit and filed such exhibit separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a grant of confidential treatment under Rule 406 or Rule 24b-2 promulgated under the Securities Act or Rule 24b-2 promulgated under the Exchange Act.

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ITEM 16. Form 10-K Summary

None.

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SIGNATURE

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.

Green Dot Corporation

Date: February 26, 2019 By: /s/ Steven W. Streit

Name: Steven W. Streit

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer, Director

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that each individual whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Steven W. Streit, John C. Ricci, and Mark Shifke, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents with full power of substitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or his, her or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done or by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
By: /s/ Steven W. Streit Name: Steven W. Streit	President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	February 26, 2019
By: /s/ Mark Shifke Name: Mark Shifke	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 26, 2019
By: /s/ Jess Unruh Name: Jess Unruh	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 26, 2019
By: /s/ William I. Jacobs Name: William I. Jacobs	Chairman/Presiding Director	February 26, 2019
By: /s/ Kenneth C. Aldrich Name: Kenneth C. Aldrich	Director	February 26, 2019
By: /s/ J. Chris Brewster Name: J. Chris Brewster	Director	February 26, 2019
By: /s/ Glinda Bridgforth Hodges Name: Glinda Bridgforth Hodges	Director	February 26, 2019

By: /s/ Rajeev V. Date Director
Name: Rajeev V. Date

February 26,
2019

By: /s/ Saturnino Fanlo Director
Name: Saturnino Fanlo

February 26,
2019

By: /s/ George W. Gresham Director
Name: George W. Gresham

February 26,
2019

By: /s/ George T. Shaheen Director
Name: George T. Shaheen

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